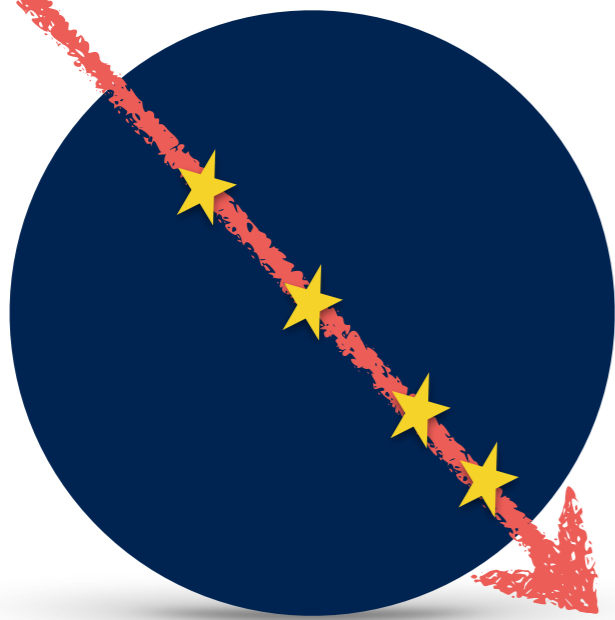
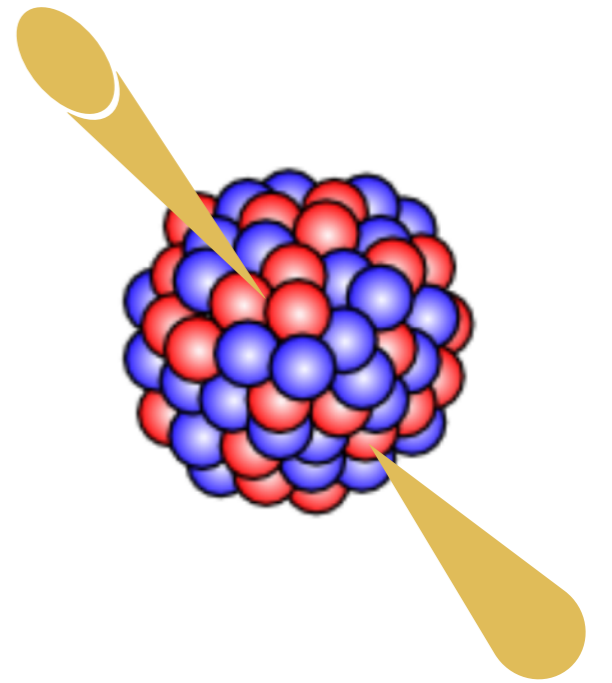
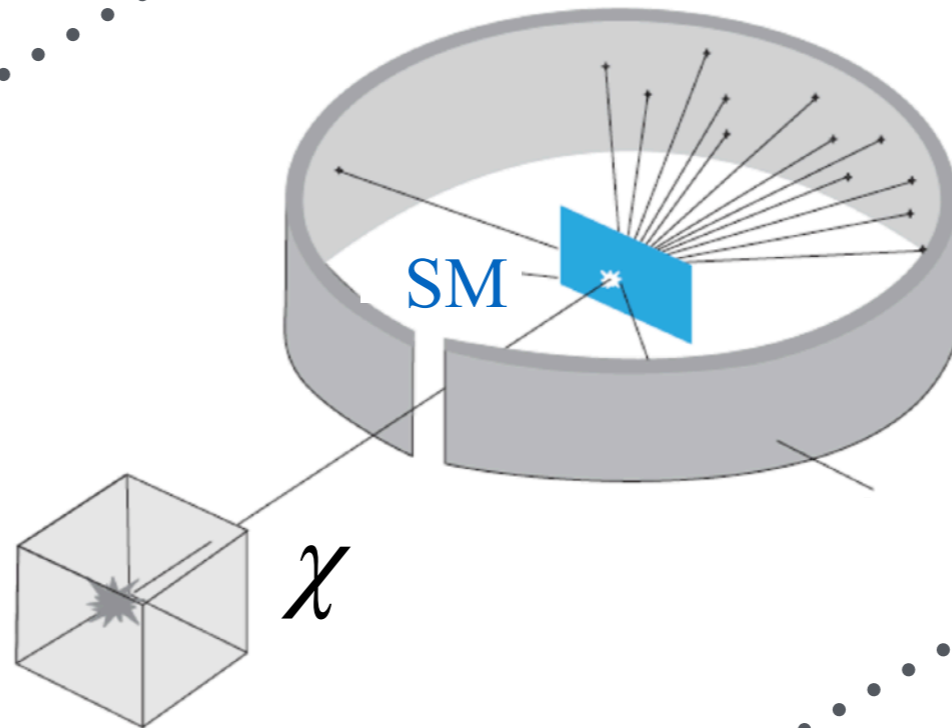


The Reverse Rutherford Era of Dark Matter

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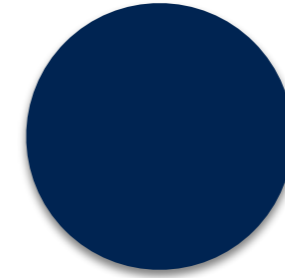


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INFN Cagliari**

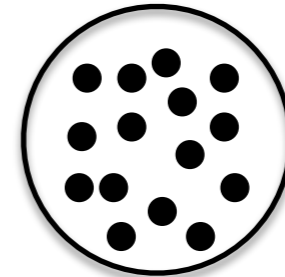
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Dark matter

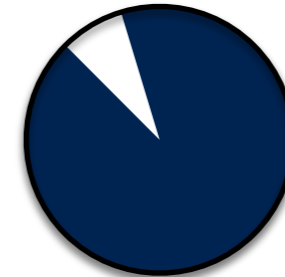
non-luminous



ubiquitous



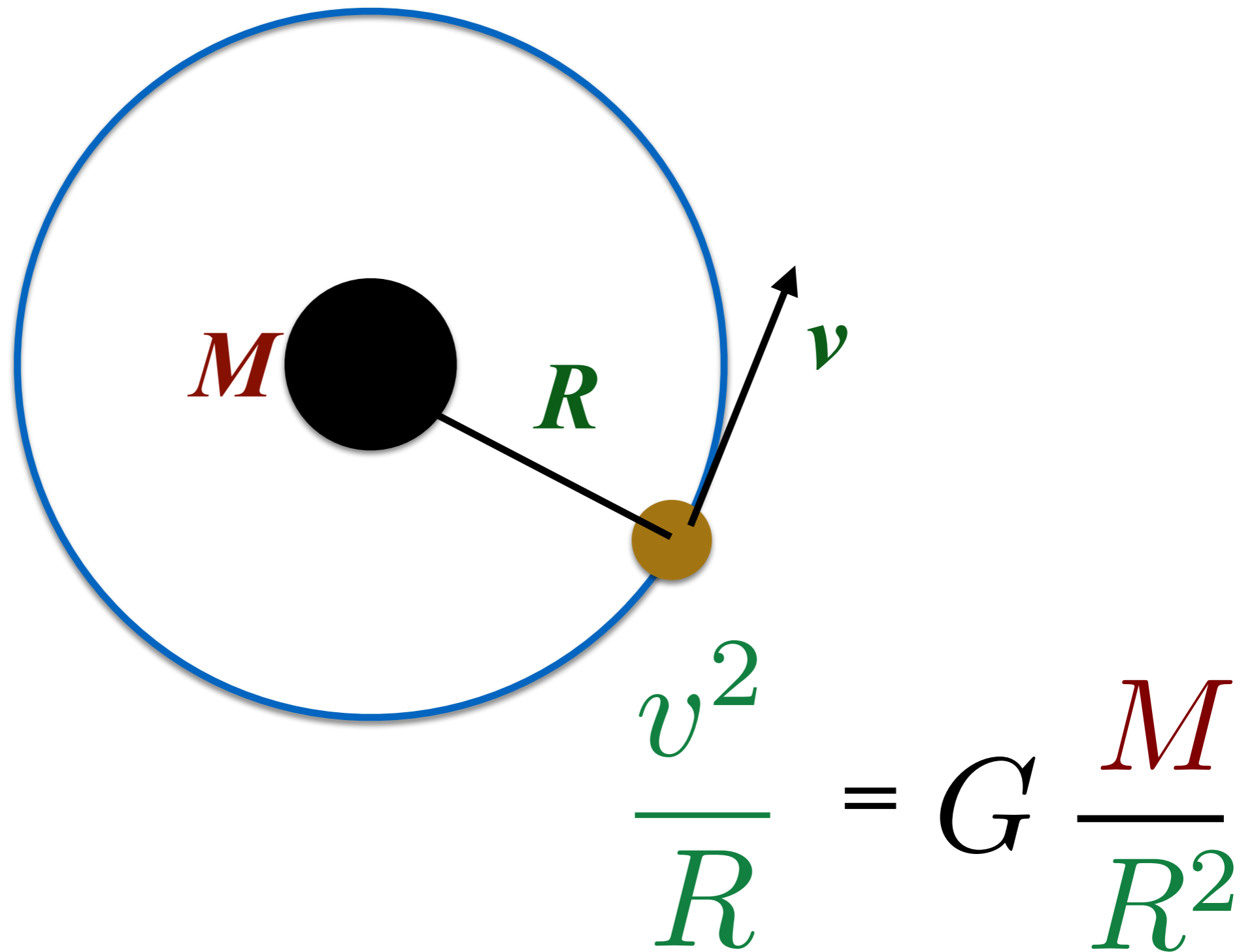
plentiful



mysterious



How we know it's there: effects of gravity



This is how we weighed the Sun!

Dark matter: 1930s



Fritz Zwicky

+



Coma Cluster

+

$$\frac{3}{5} \frac{GM}{R} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{k_B T}{m_p} = \frac{1}{2} v^2$$

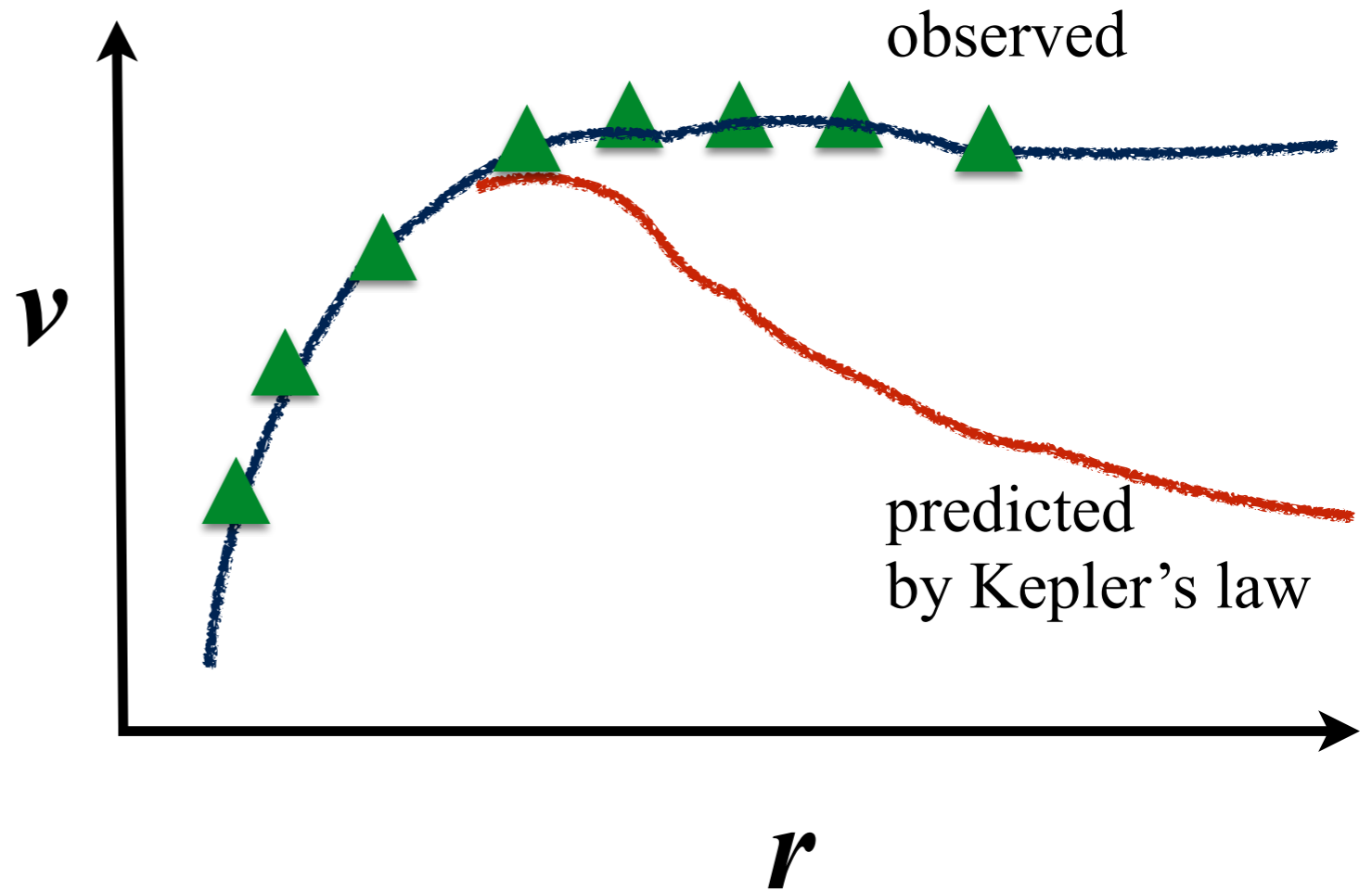
virial theorem

*“If this would be confirmed, we would get the surprising result that **dark matter** is present in much greater amount than luminous matter.”*

Dark matter: 1970s

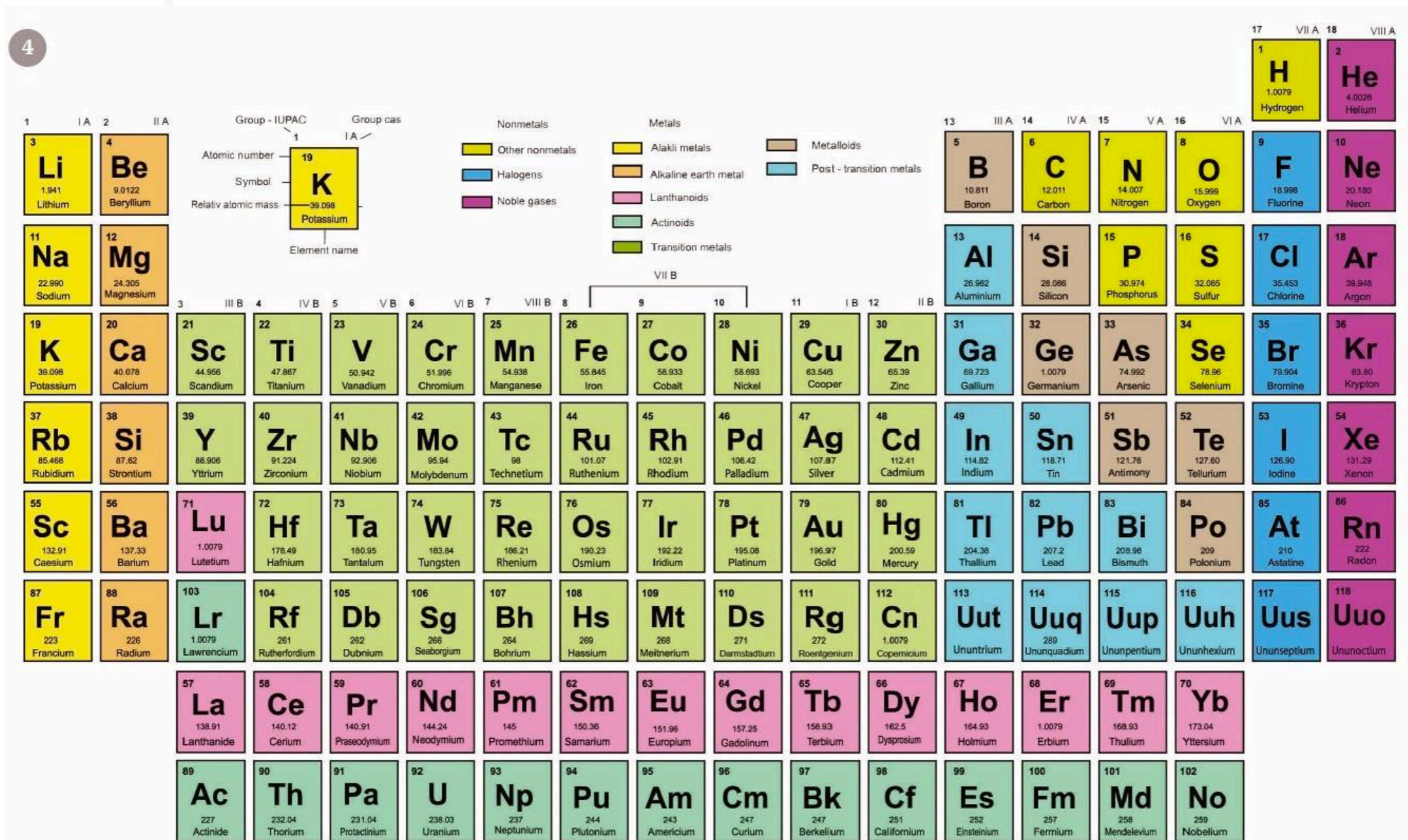


Vera Rubin
(+Kent Ford)



What is dark matter made of?

Until 1980s:



Stuff too faint to see:
planets, white/brown/red dwarfs, neutron stars, black holes

What is dark matter made of?

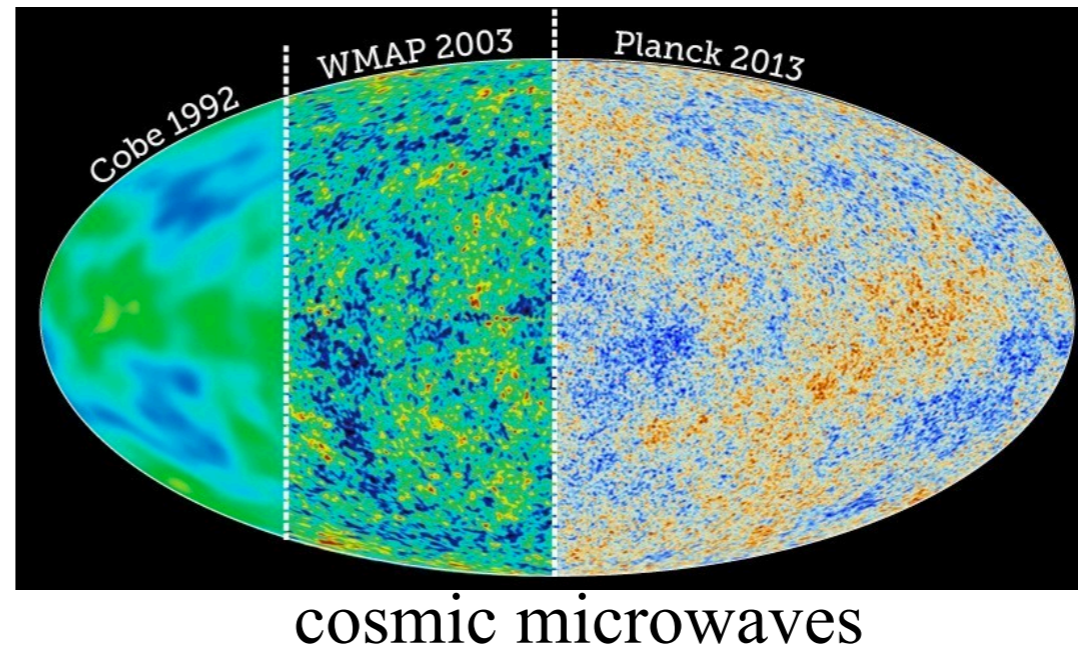
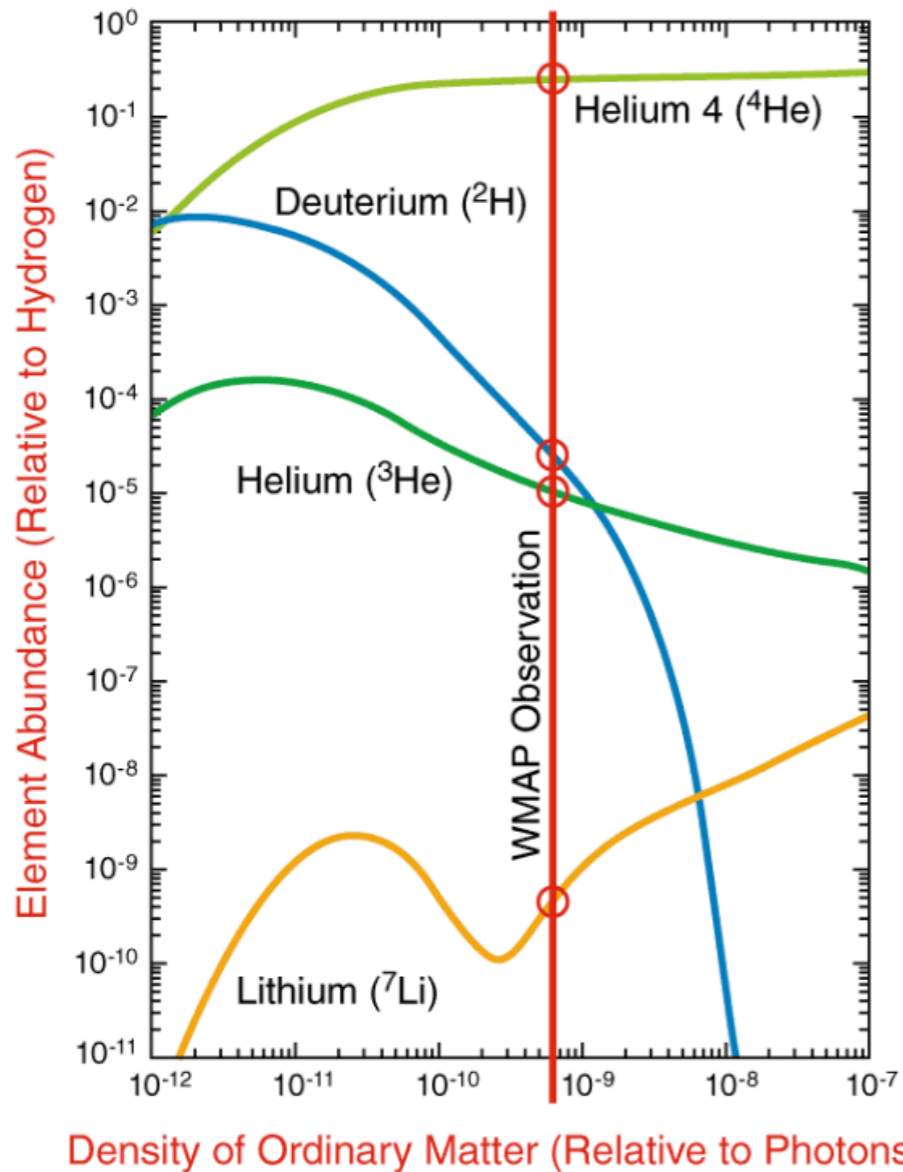
1990s — present

planets, white/brown/red dwarfs, neutron stars, black holes
missing in gravitational (micro)lensing surveys

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1990s — present

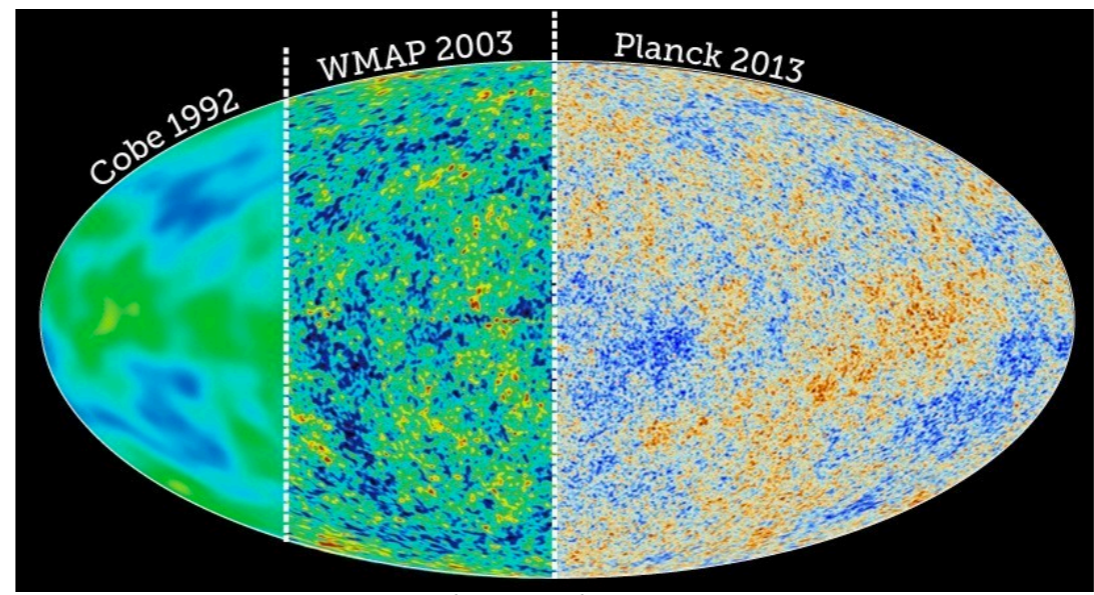
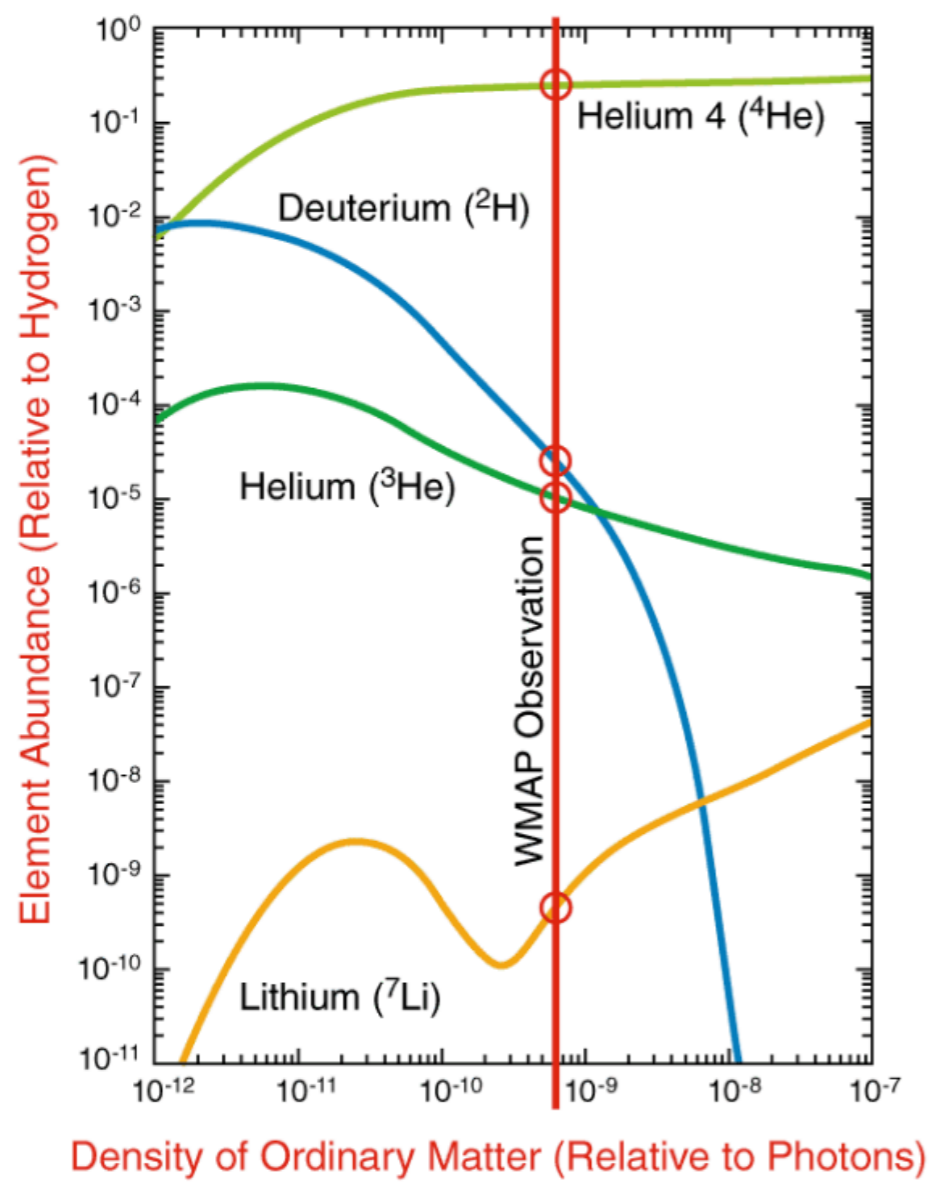
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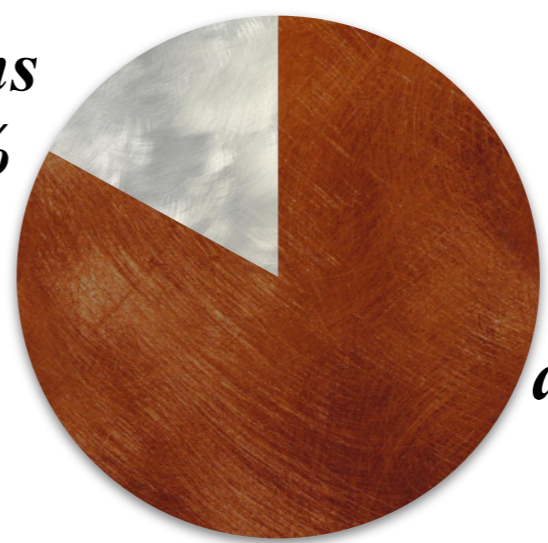
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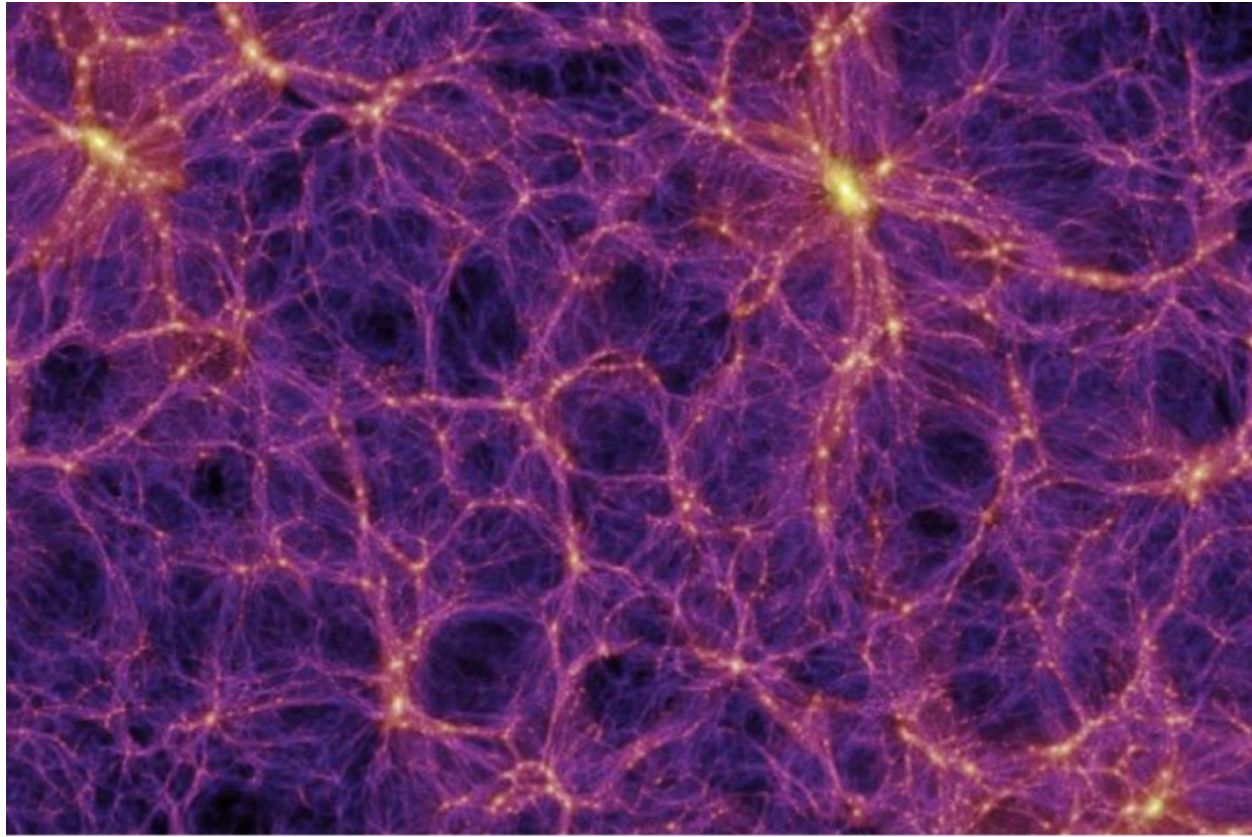
cosmic microwaves

atoms
17%

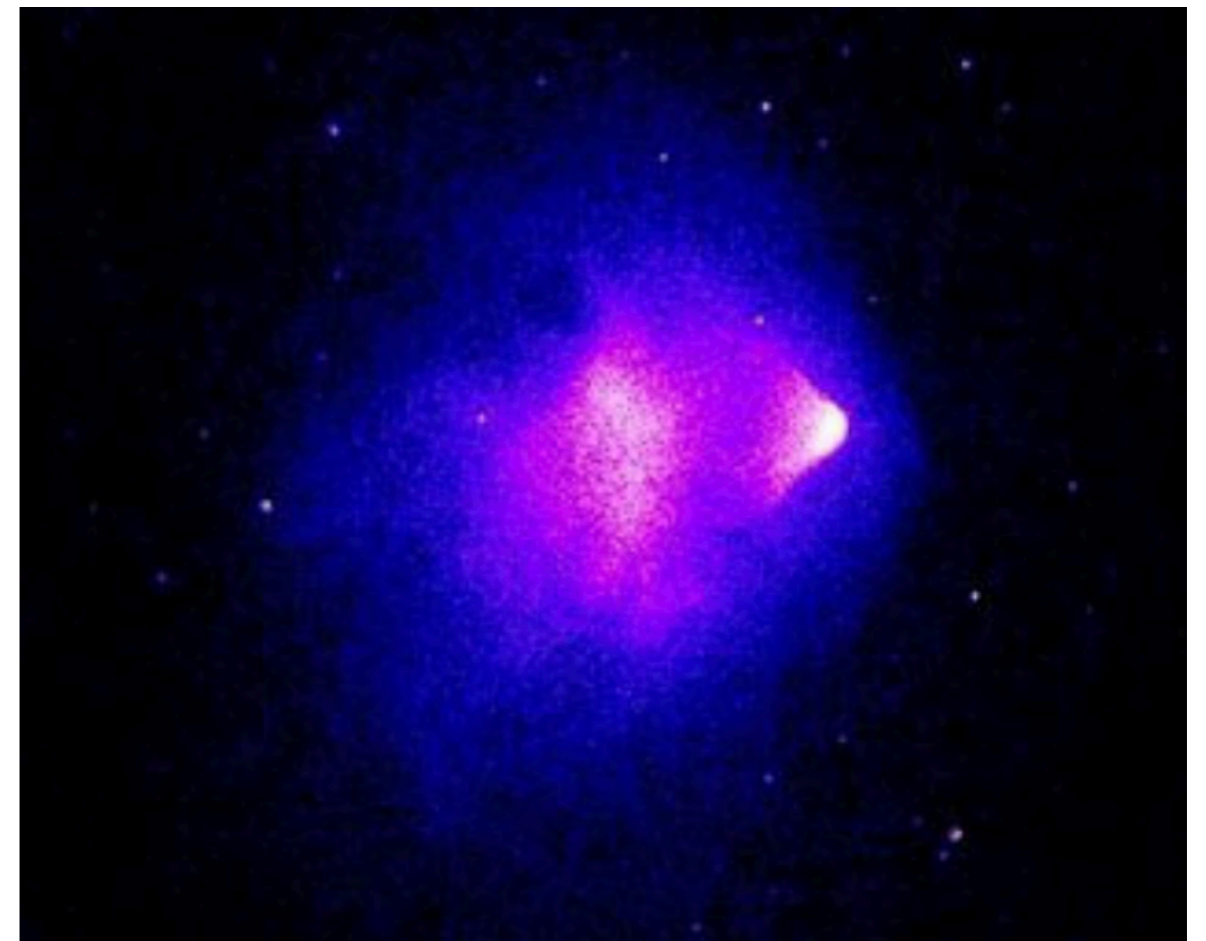


dark matter
83%

More evidence



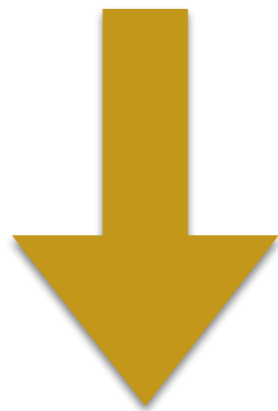
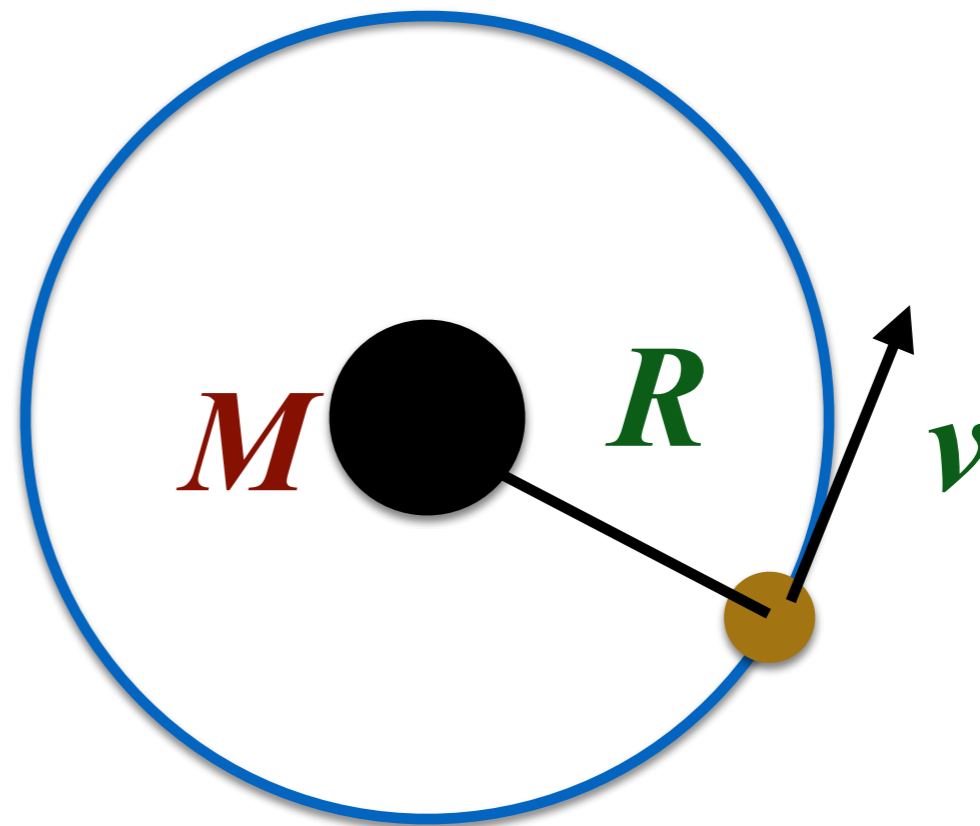
large scale structure



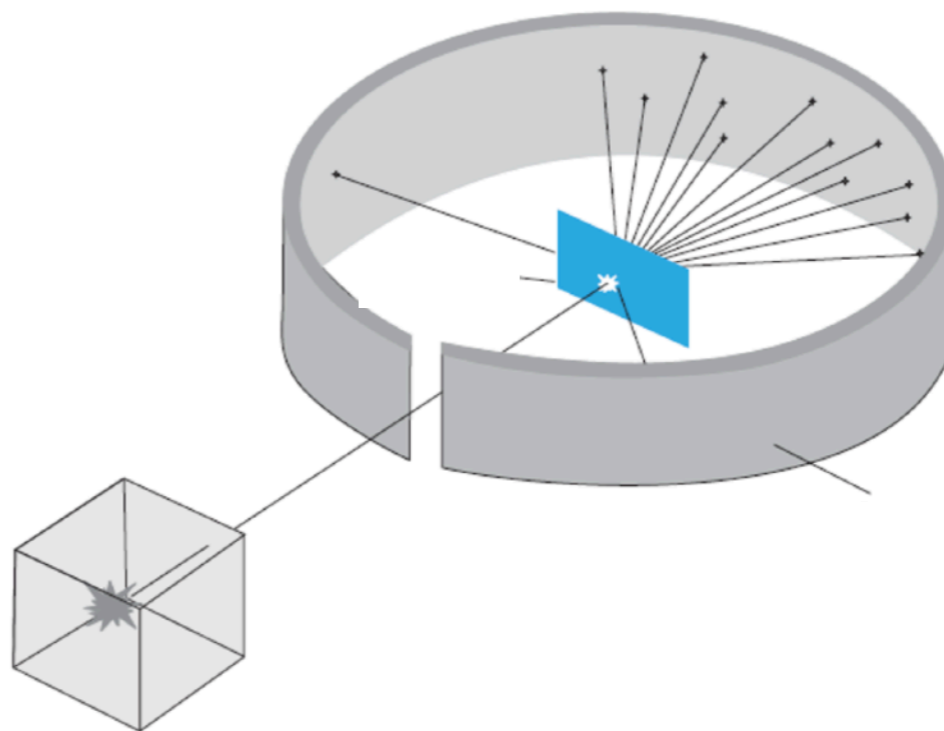
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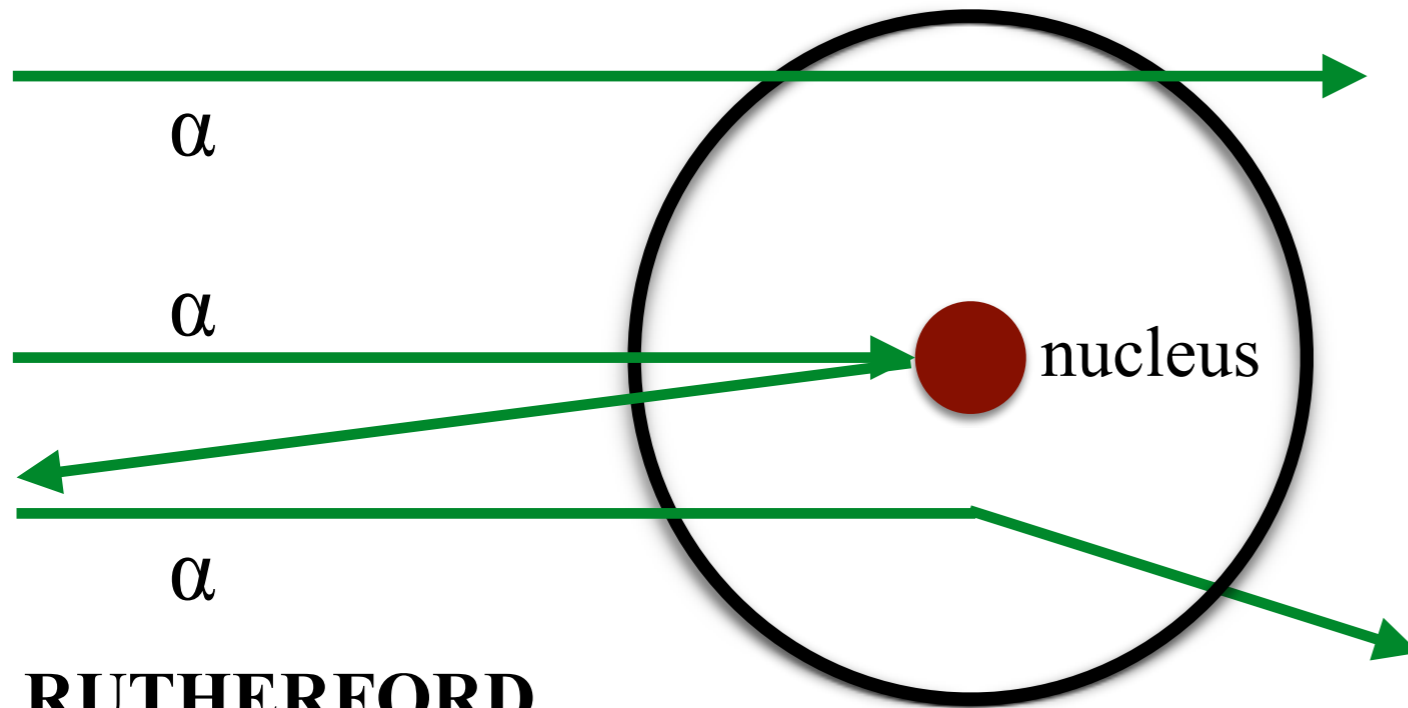
gravitational
evidence



particle physics
knowledge



Scattering!



RUTHERFORD

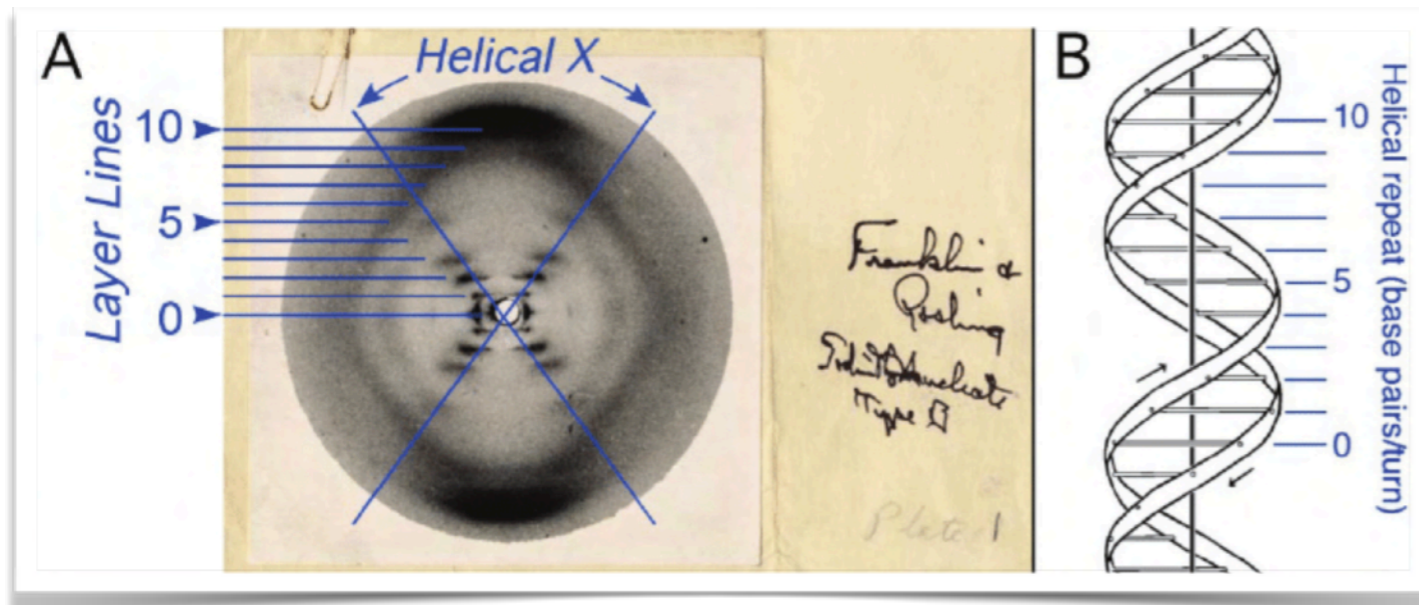
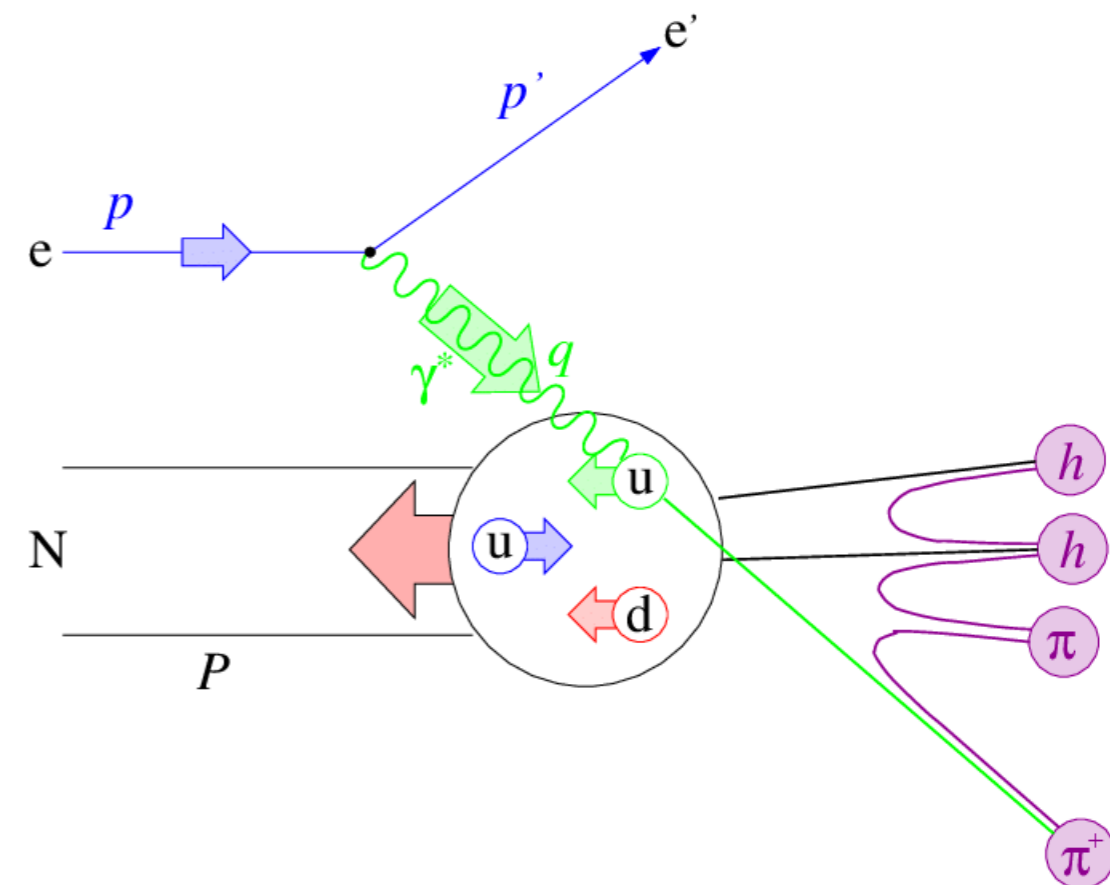
1909

Discovery: atomic nucleus

DEEP INELASTIC

1968 —

Discovery: quarks



X-RAY CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

1952

Discovery: DNA structure

How to pinpoint the identity of dark matter

goal

Determine
dark matter-on-nucleon scattering cross section

Intrinsic quantity: helps identify dark matter

strategy

Reverse Rutherford scattering

Beam of ambient dark matter (unknown species)
hits target of nuclei (well-understood species).

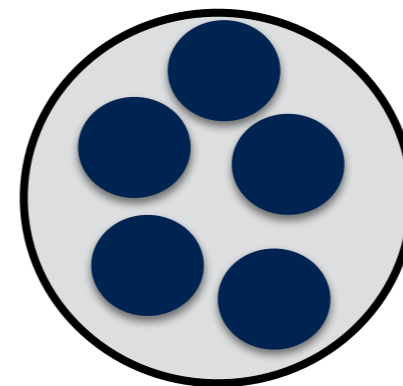
Energy and momentum transferred =>
study changes in target.

inputs

[inferred from
star motion]

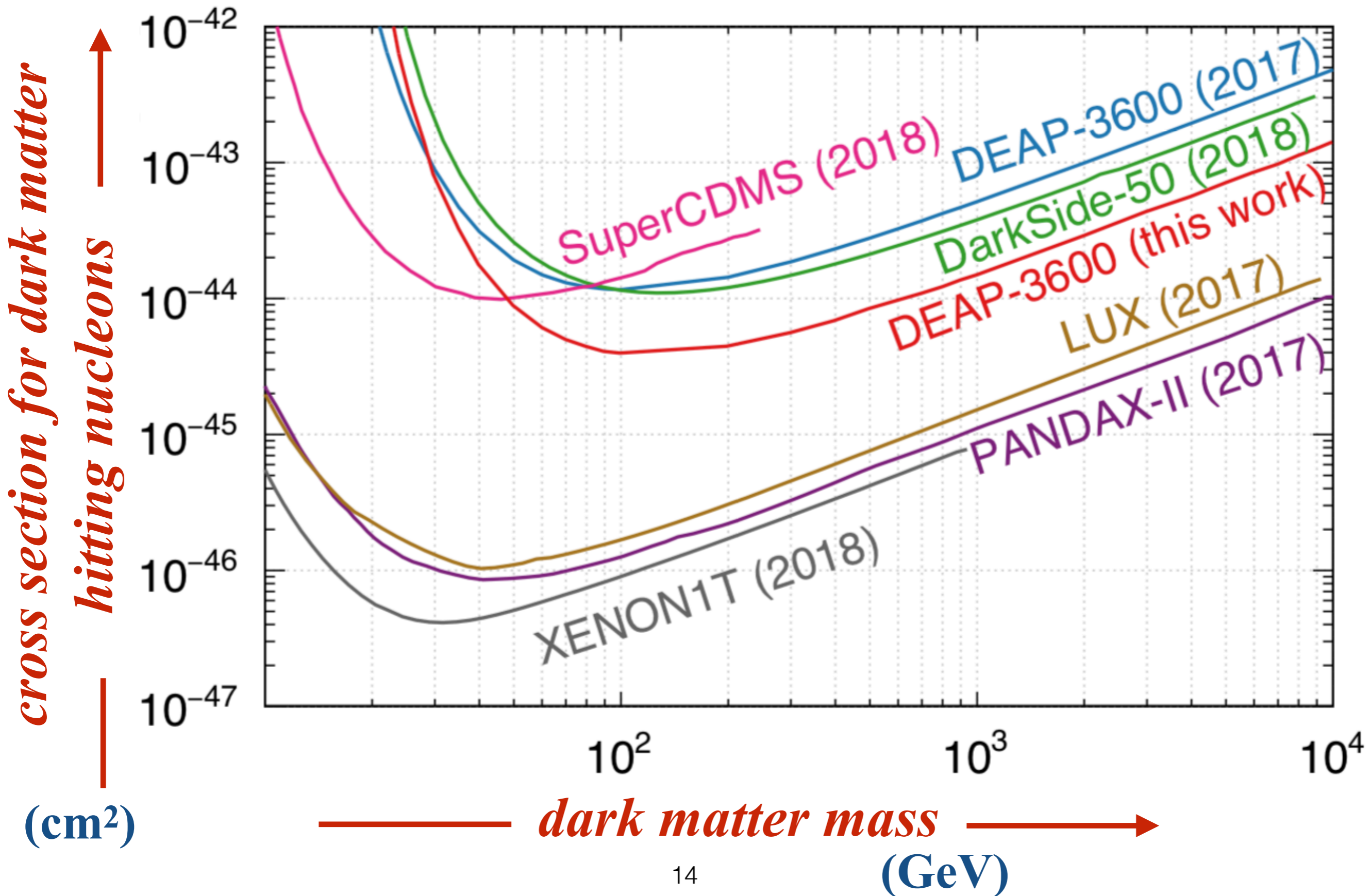


300 km/s

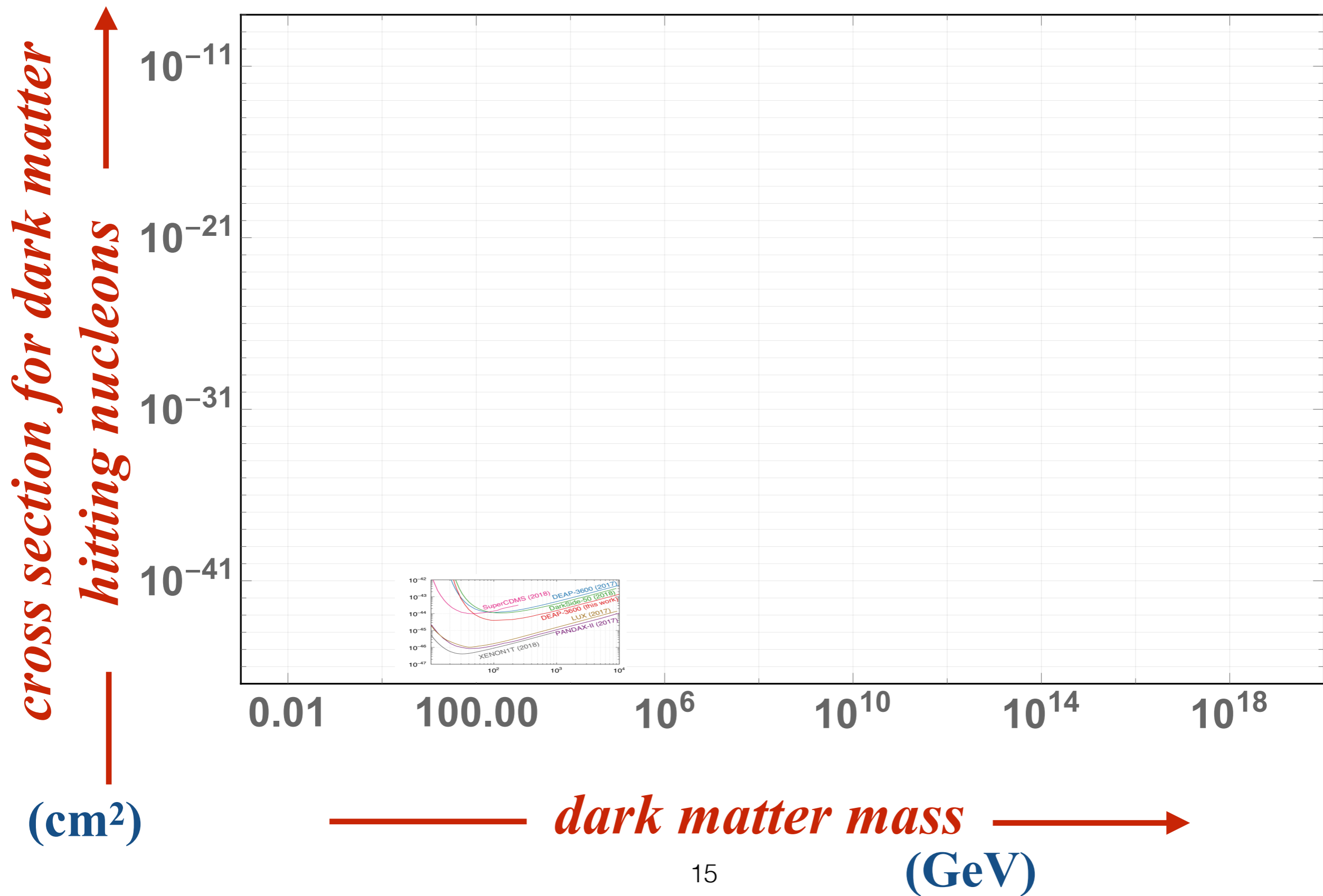


0.3 GeV/cm³

Preview: modern searches

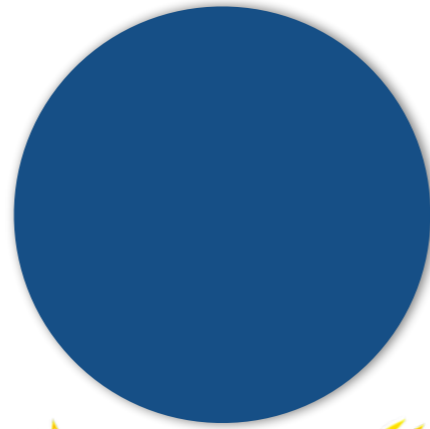


Bird's-eye view



Experiment 1: in space

cold
neutron star



dark matter

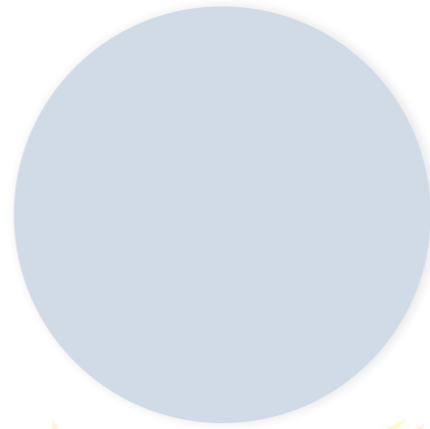


next-gen
telescopes

Reverse Rutherford experiments

Experiment 1: in space

cold
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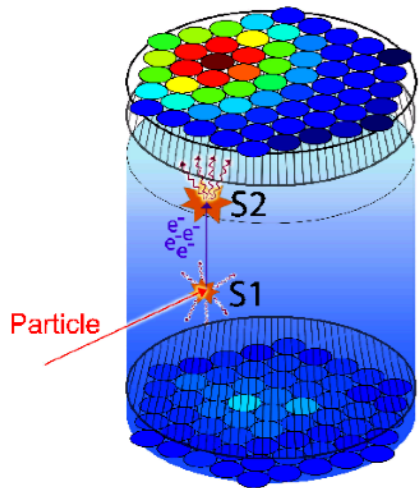


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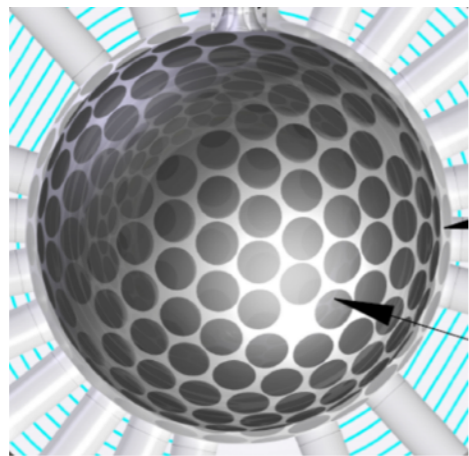


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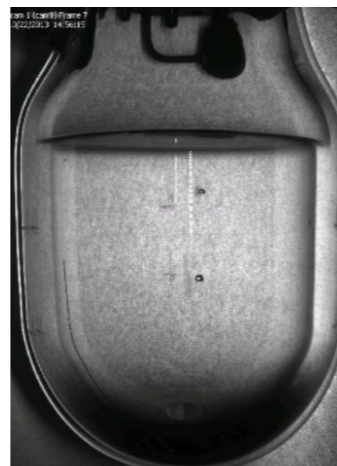
Experiment 2: Earth-based



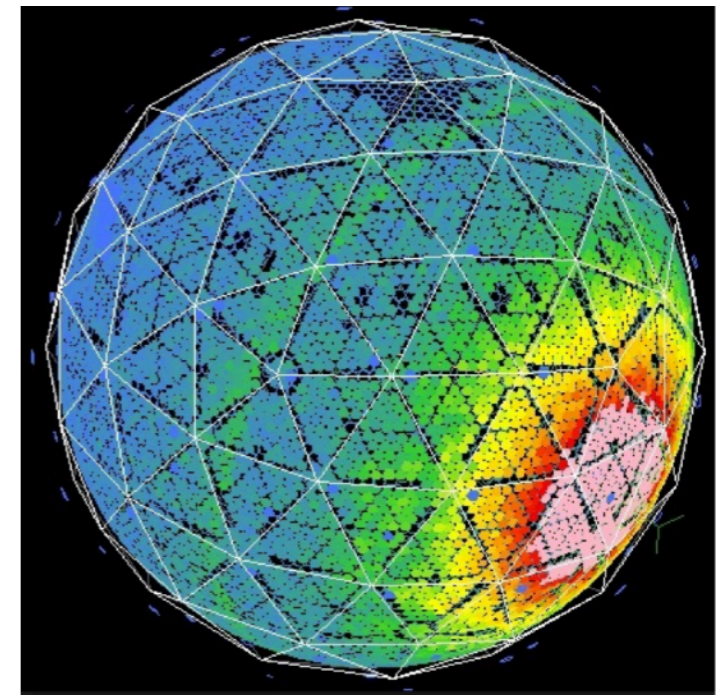
XENON1T



DEAP-3600



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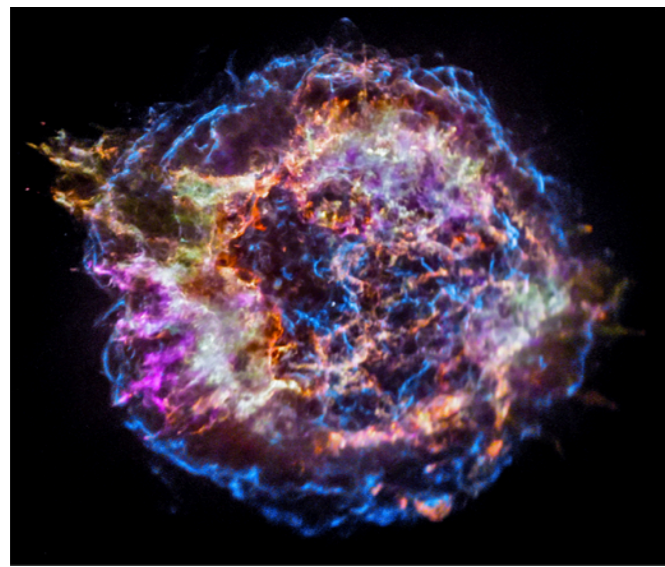


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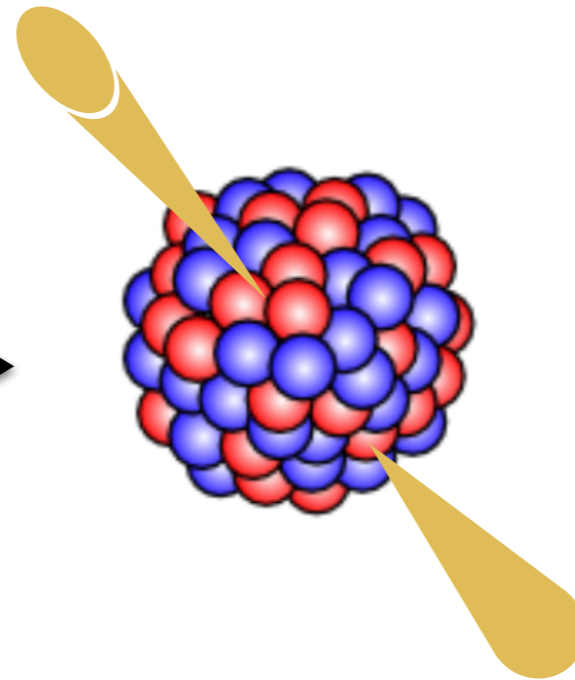
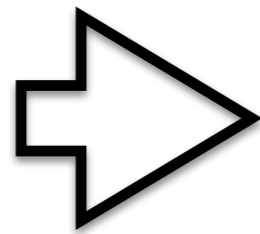
Experiment 1: a proposal

Use **neutron stars** as scattering targets

*M Baryakhtar, J Bramante,
S Li, T Linden, N Raj
Phys.Rev.Lett. (2017)*



core-collapse
supernova



neutron star

“detector” properties

diameter: 20 km

density: 10^{15} g/cm³

temperature:

100-1000 K

(if 10^9 yr old)

dark matter



1750 K



luminosity = kinetic power

(out)

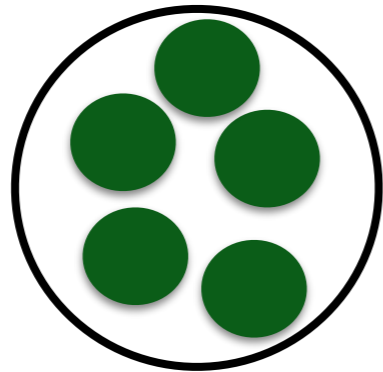
(in)

Zwicky misses the party

FROM LOCAL MEASUREMENTS



300 km/s



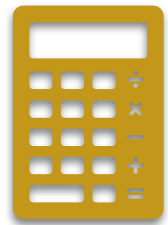
0.3 GeV/cm³

← unknown to
Zwicky →



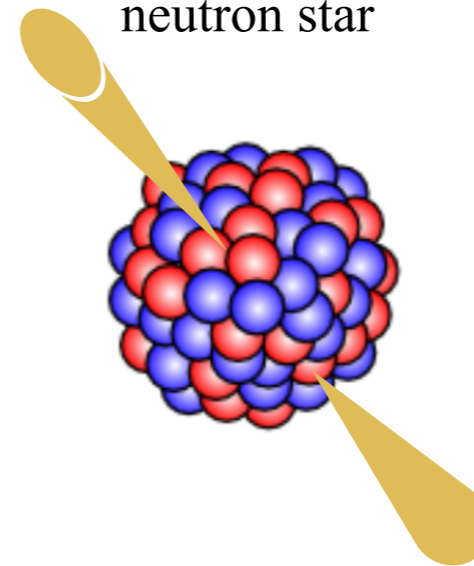
dark matter

1933



$$KE_{DM} \times \frac{dN_{DM}}{dt}$$

neutron star



1934

density: 7×10^{14} g/cm³

radius: 10 km

$T_{\text{effective}} \sim 100$ K

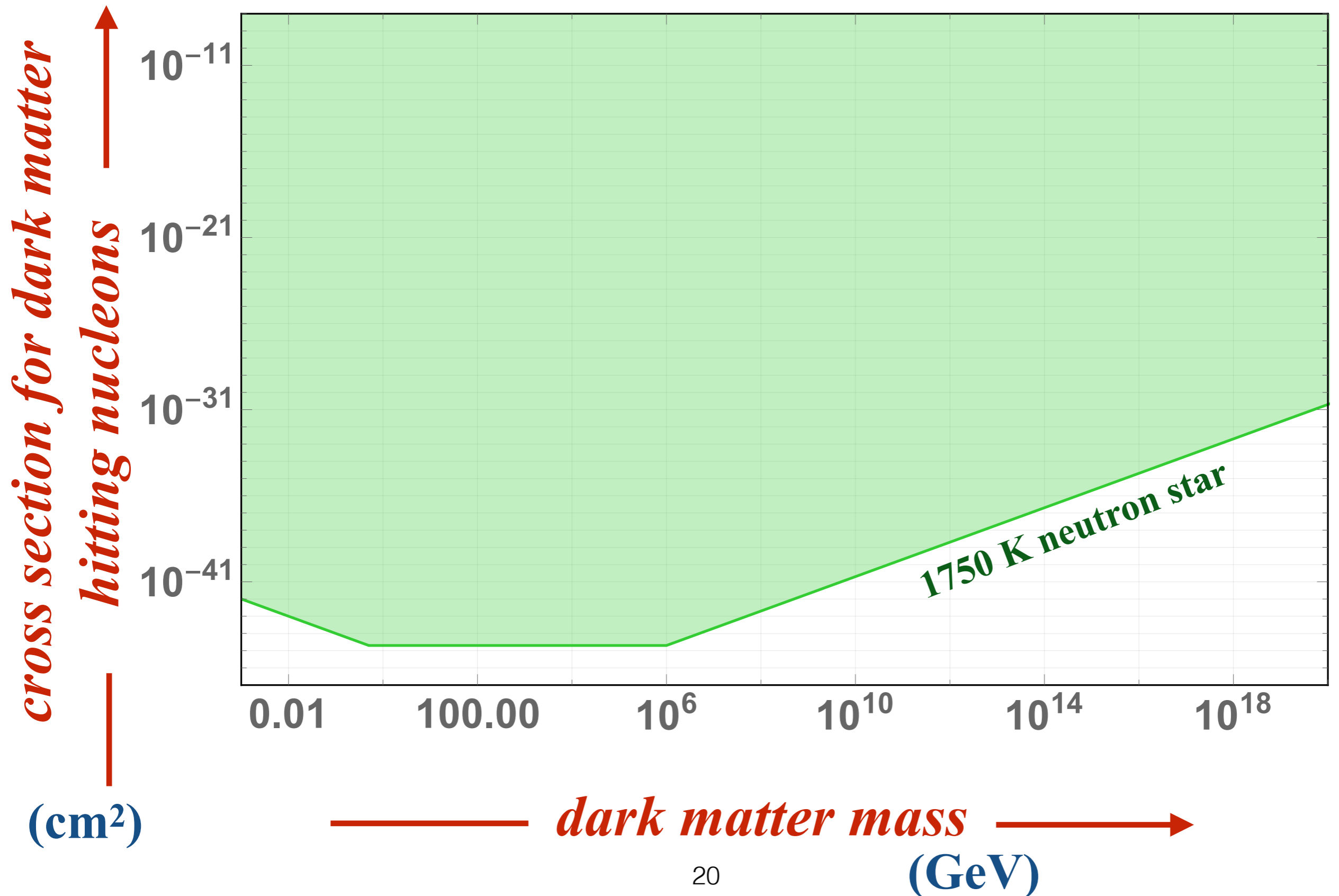
← estimable by
Zwicky →

*How hot can dark matter
keep my neutron star?*

Dark matter coverage

M Baryakhtar, J Bramante, S Li, T Linden, N. Raj
Phys.Rev.Lett. (2017)

N. Raj, P Tanedo, H-B Yu
Phys.Rev.D. (2017)



Observation prospects

Radio telescopes
(design: pulsar discovery)



CHIME

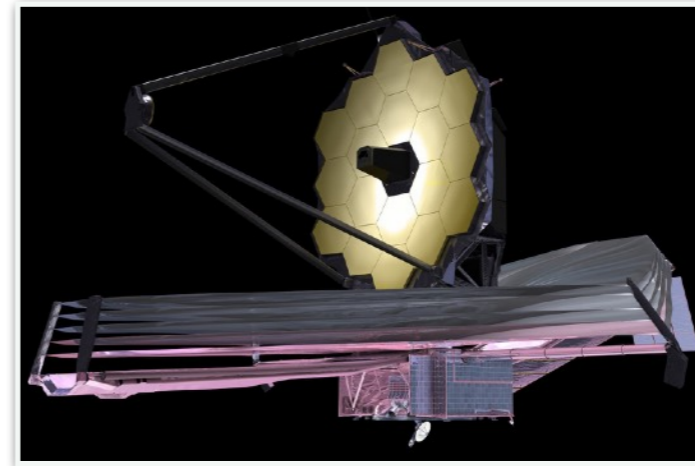


FAST

100 old, cold neutron stars
in the local 50 pc.

O. Blaes, P. Madau (1993)

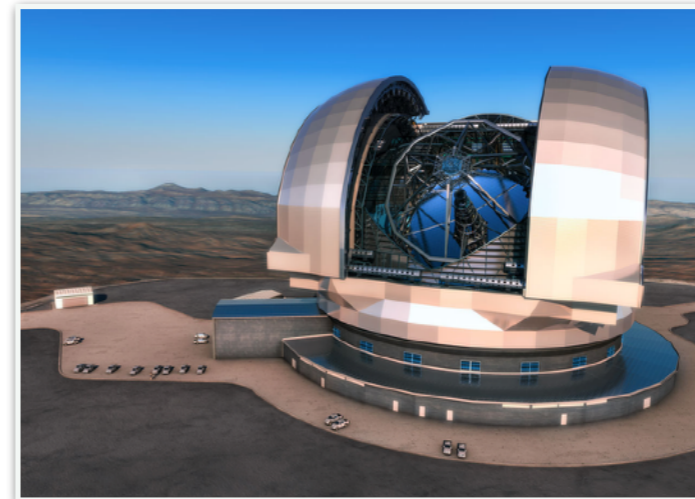
Infrared telescopes
(design: exoplanet atmosphere study)



James Webb



2021



Extremely Large



2025



Thirty Meter



2027

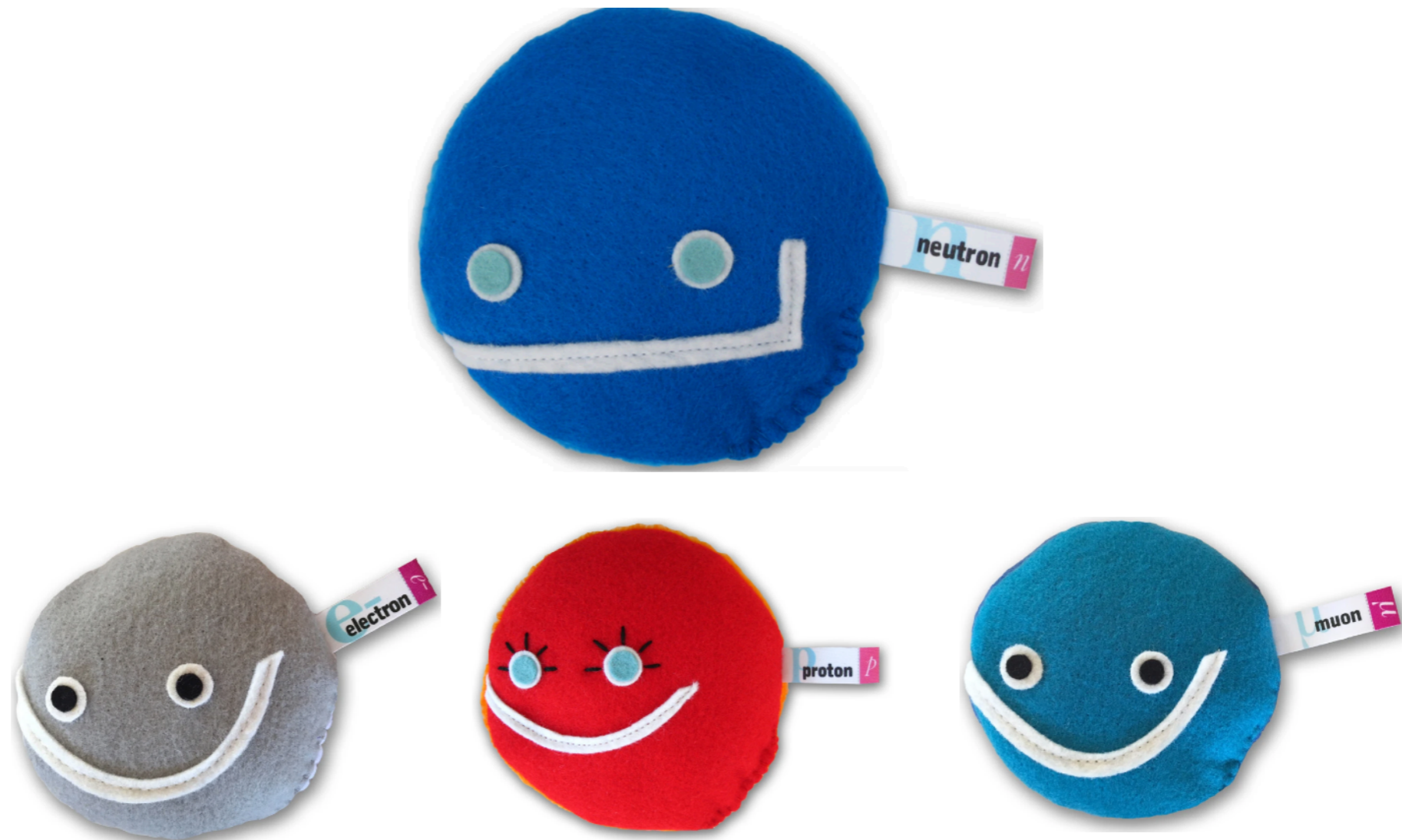
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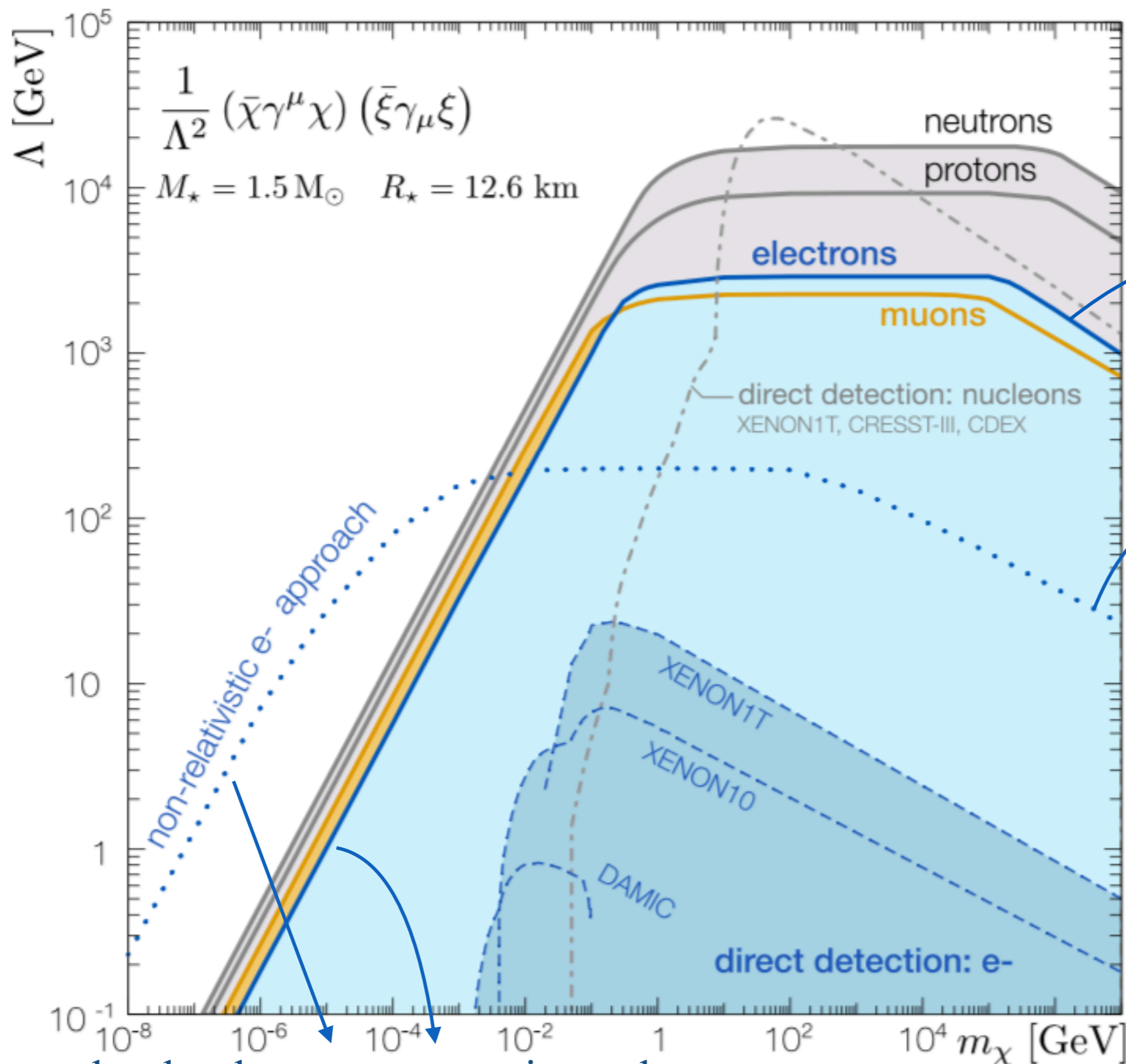
#1

Are we barking down
the wrong scattering target?

A Joglekar, N Raj, P Tanedo, H-B. Yu
PLB (2020) & 2004.09539



“Electron star” dark matter detection



cross section \propto Fermi energy²
 [(150 MeV)²]

cross section \propto electron mass²
 [(0.5 MeV)²]

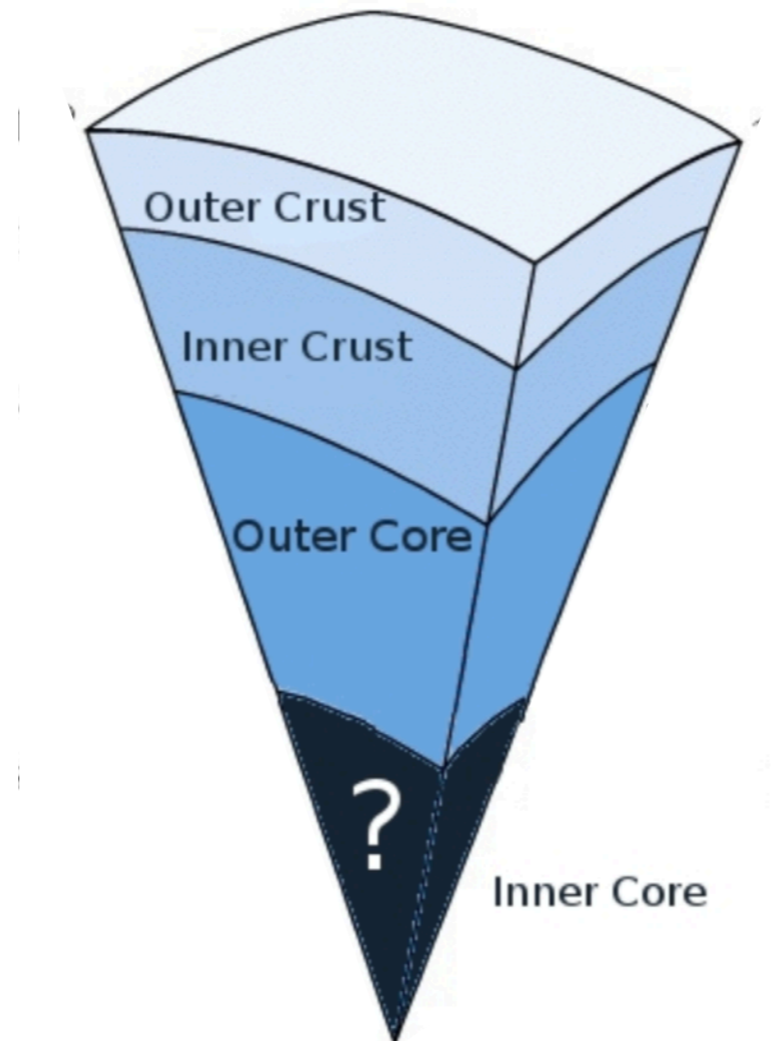
hard to lose energy to zippy electrons

Important variations on a theme

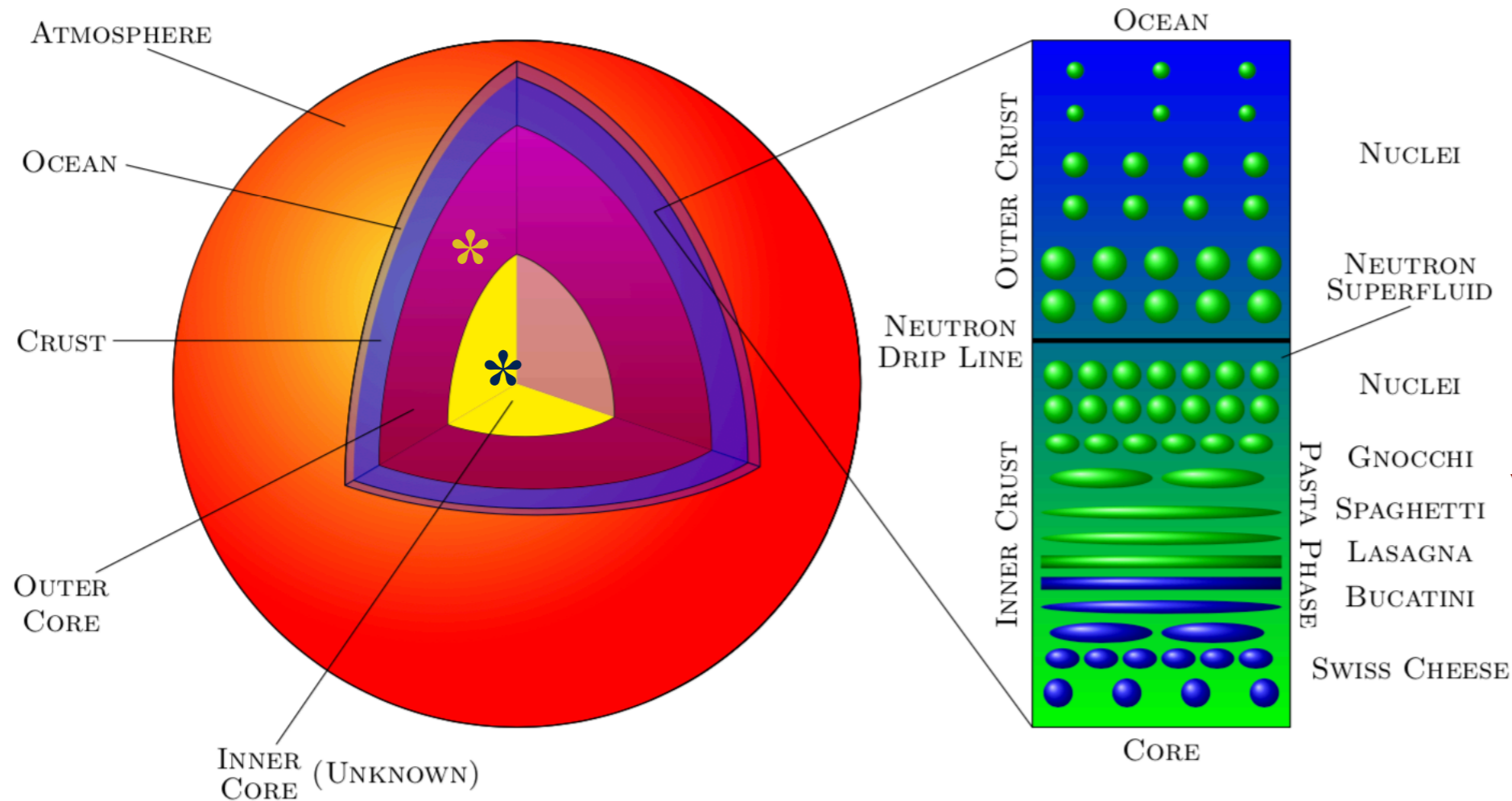
#2

Are we barking down
the wrong stellar region?

J Acevedo, J Bramante, R Leane, N Raj
JCAP (2020)



Neutron star structure



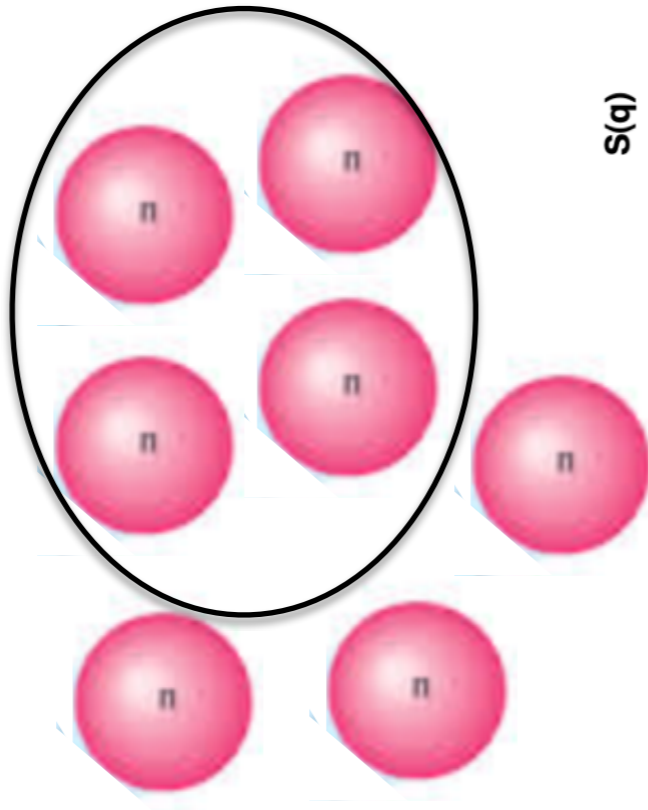
deeper =>
knowledge of structure
more uncertain

*better capture,
more dubious*

* may not be neutrons
(maybe quark matter, meson condensates, etc.)

Scattering on pasta

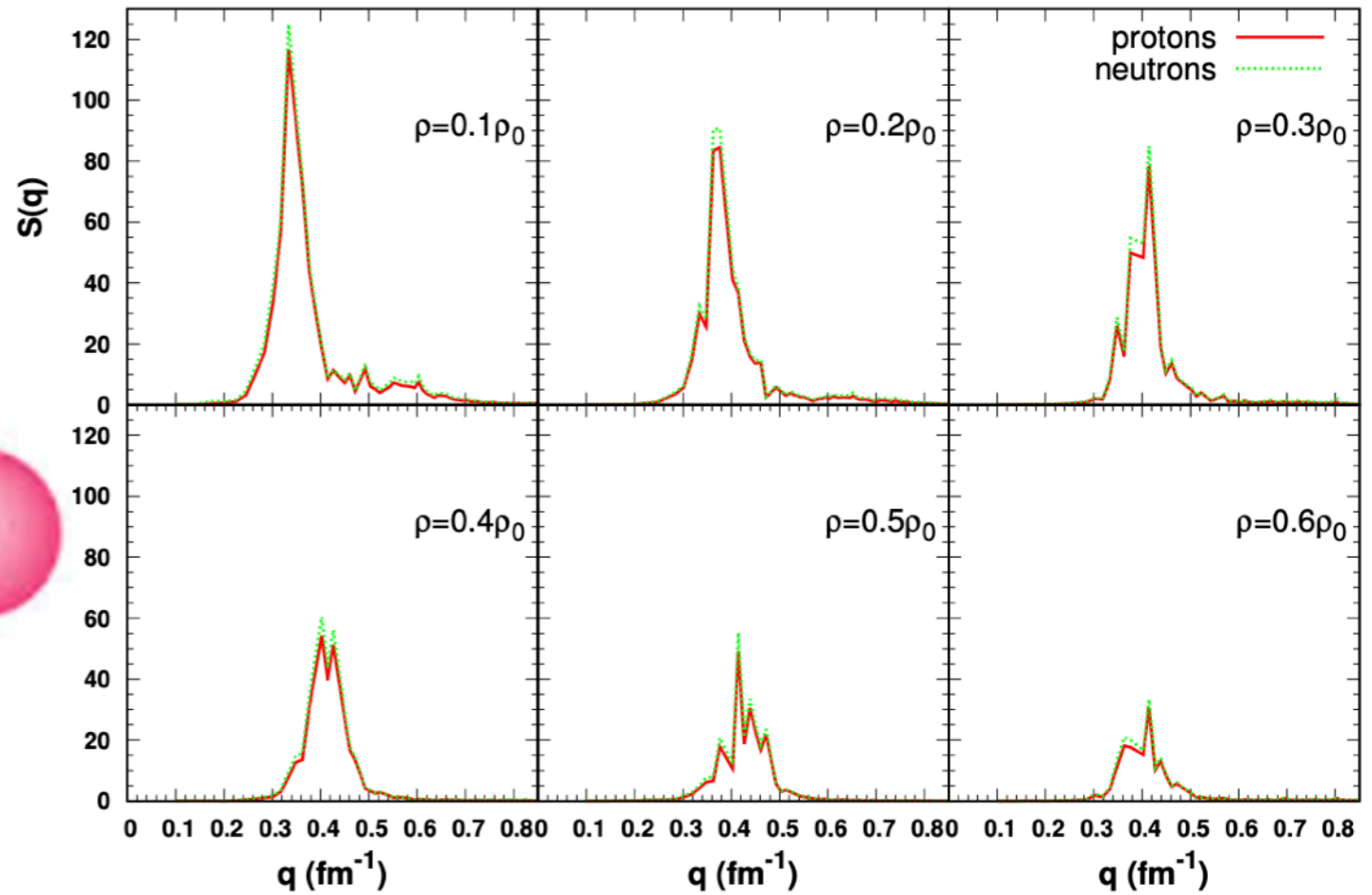
*low momenta:
coherent
scattering*



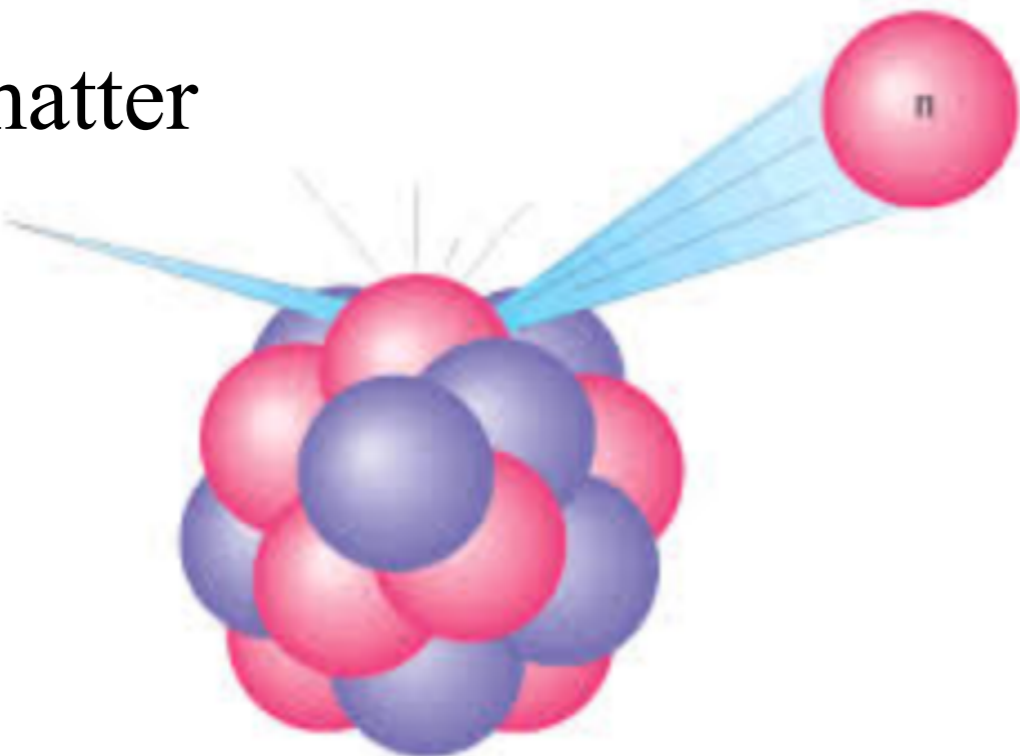
dark matter

response functions

Nandi & Schramm (2017)



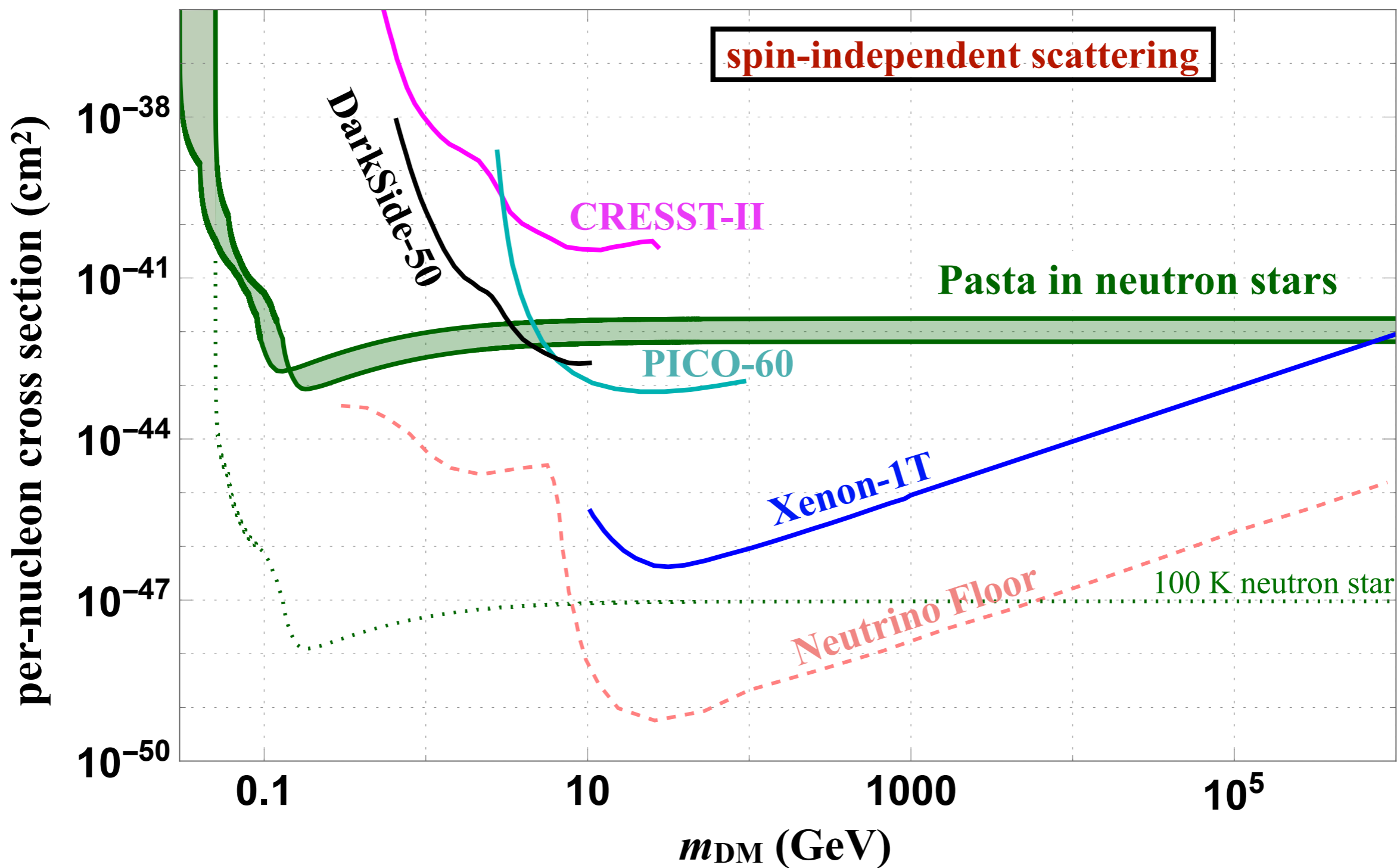
dark matter



$$\sigma_{\text{pasta}}(q) = S_{\text{pasta}}(q) \sigma_{n\chi}$$

*high momenta:
quasi-elastic
scattering*

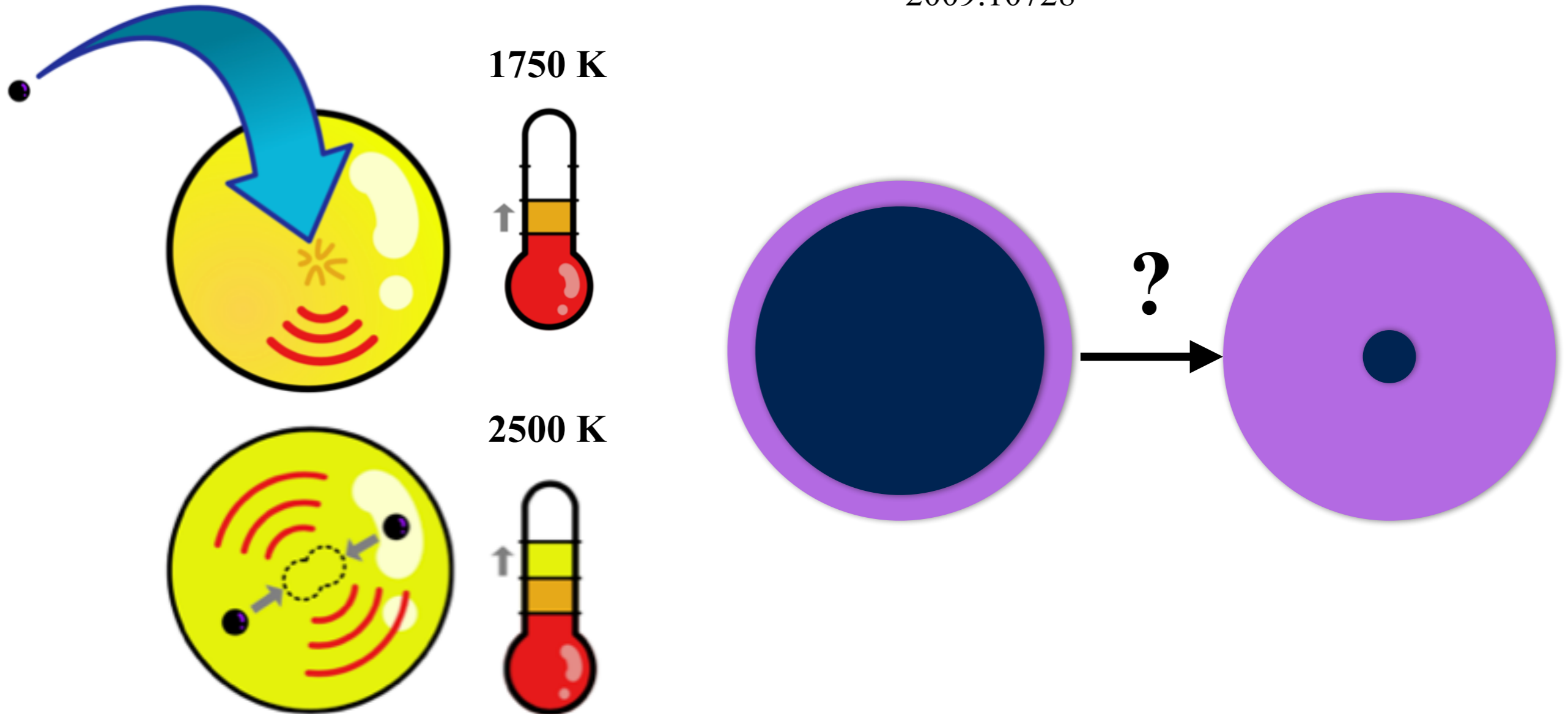
Sensitivities



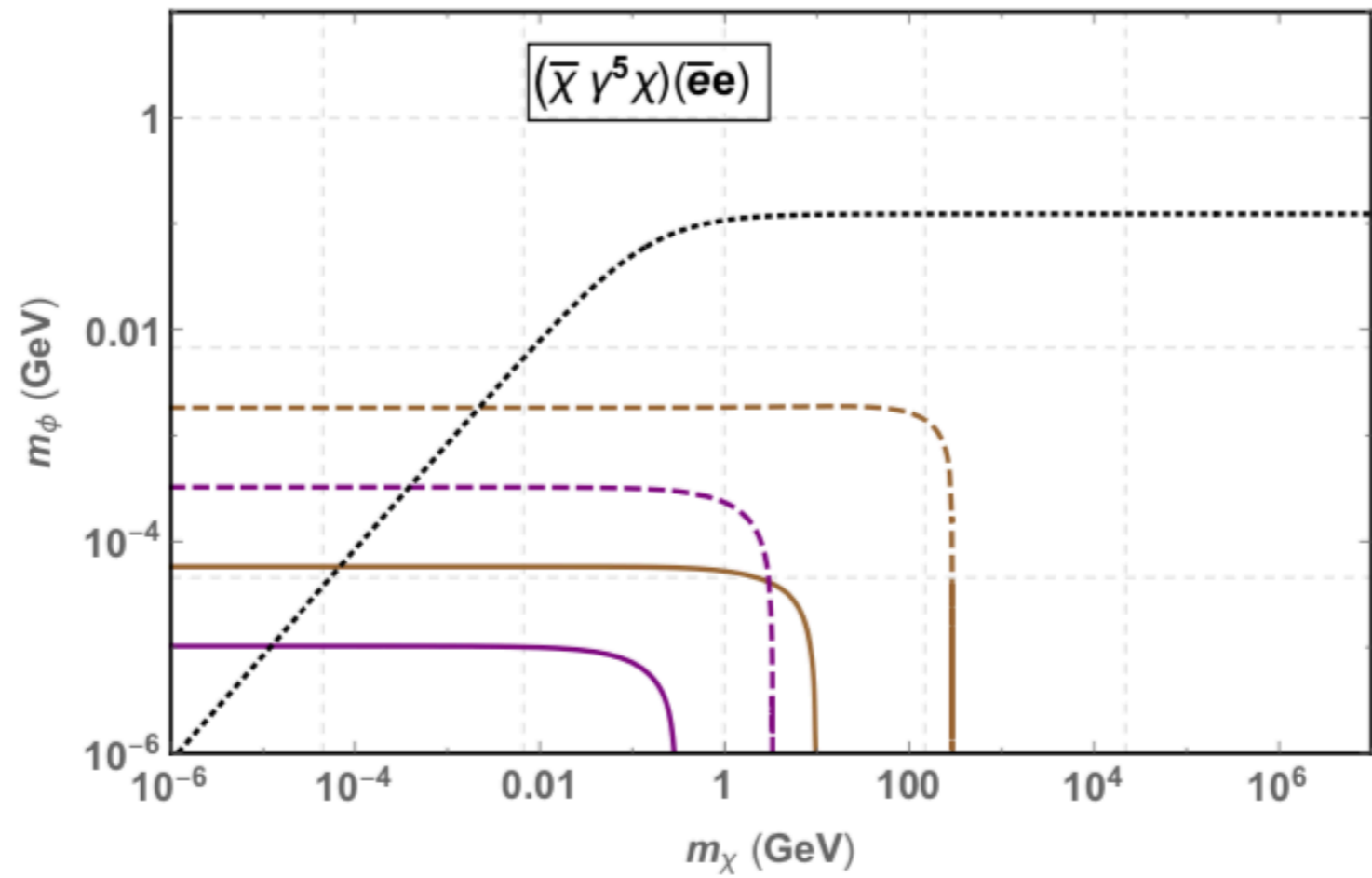
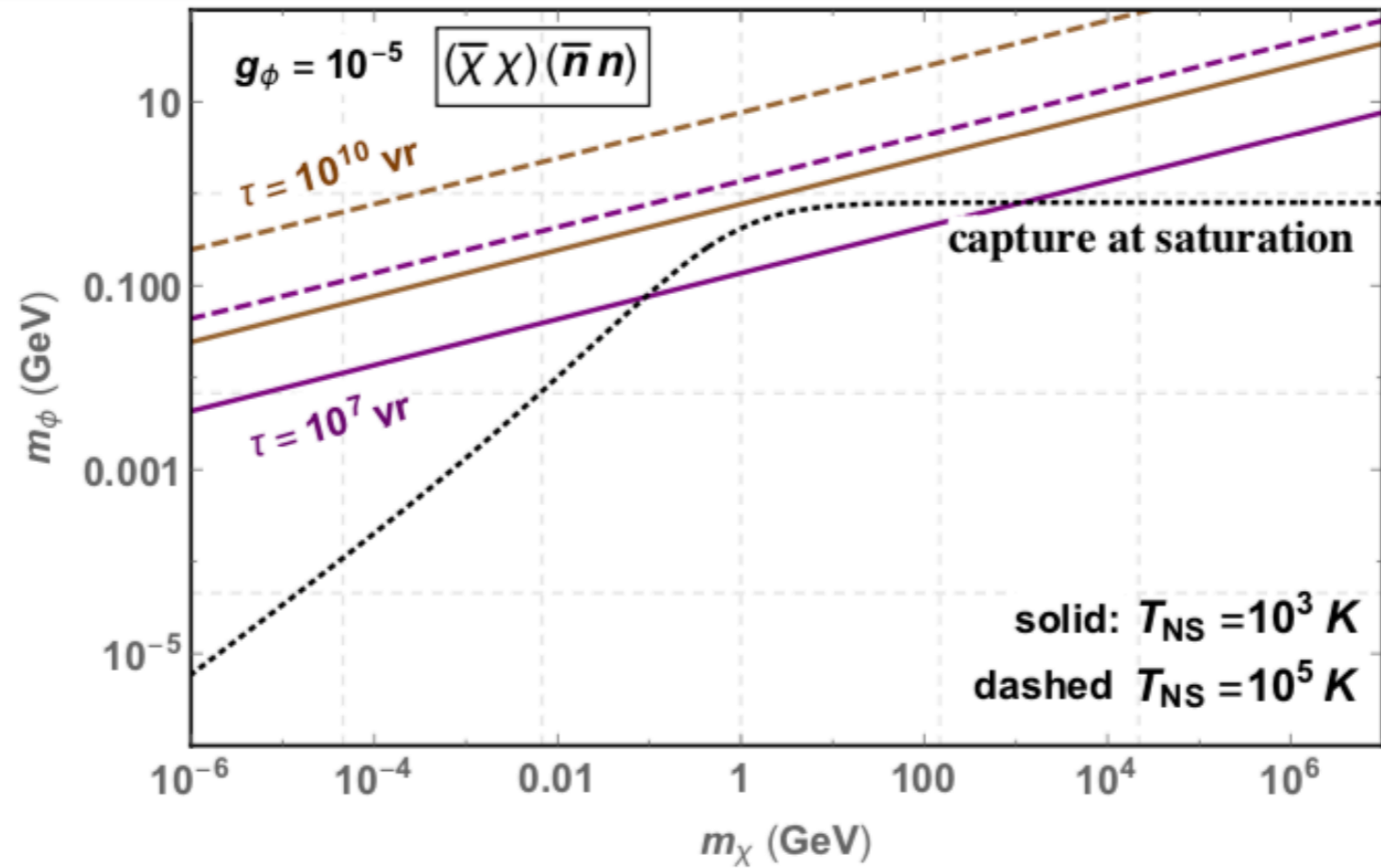
#3

Must we refrigerate dark matter
to see its effects?

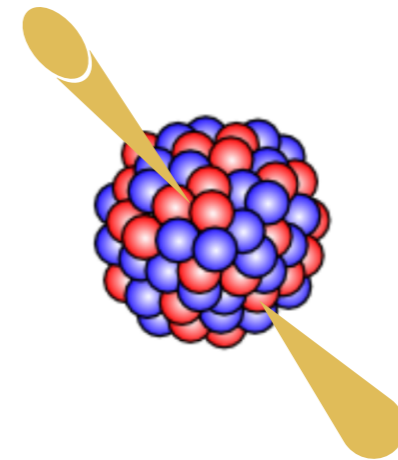
R Garani, A Gupta,, N Raj
2009.10728



Thermalization vs capture



Future promise



JWST  2021

EELT  2025

TMT  2027

dark matter
search

+ 5 - 10 yrs

Past and present probes



— **since 1985**

— **great swathes of
cross section vs mass space
already constrained**

How it began

PHYSICAL REVIEW D

VOLUME 30, NUMBER 11

1 DECEMBER 1984

Principles and applications of a neutral-current detector for neutrino physics and astronomy

A. Drukier and L. Stodolsky

*Max-Planck-Institut für Physik und Astrophysik, Werner-Heisenberg-Institut für Physik,
Munich, Federal Republic of Germany*

PHYSICAL REVIEW D

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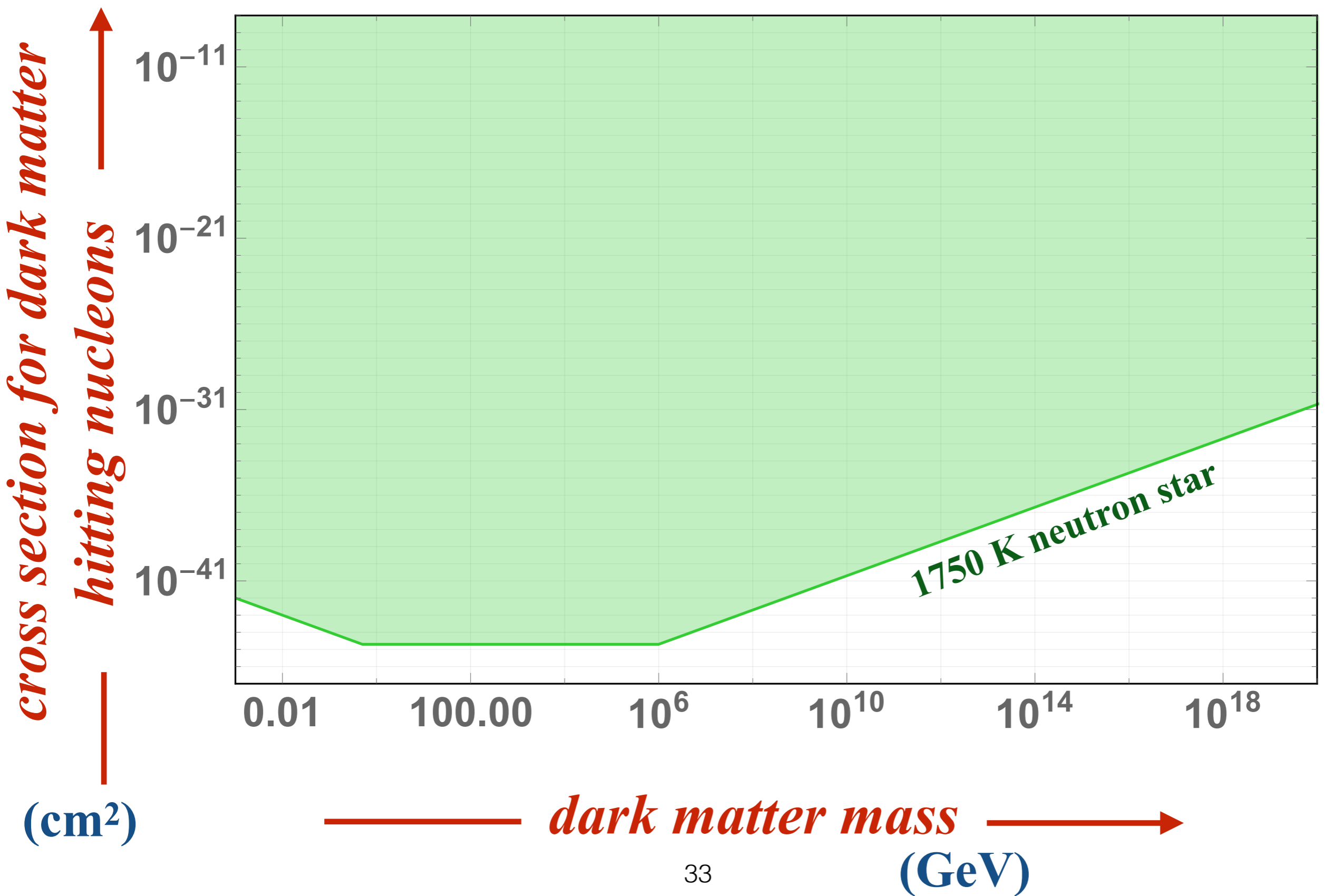
Detectability of certain dark-matter candidates

Mark W. Goodman and Edward Witten

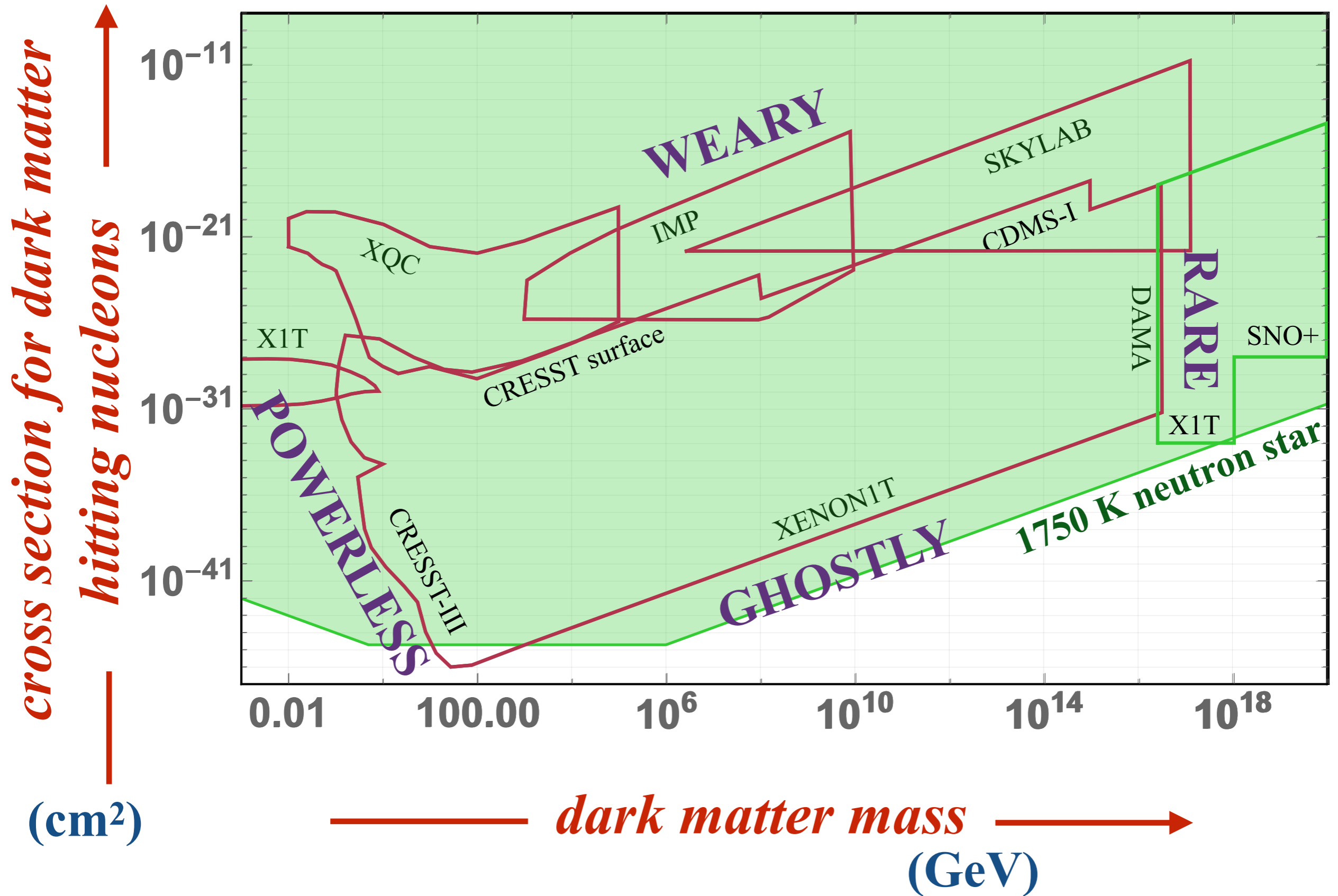
Joseph Henry Laboratories, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey 08544



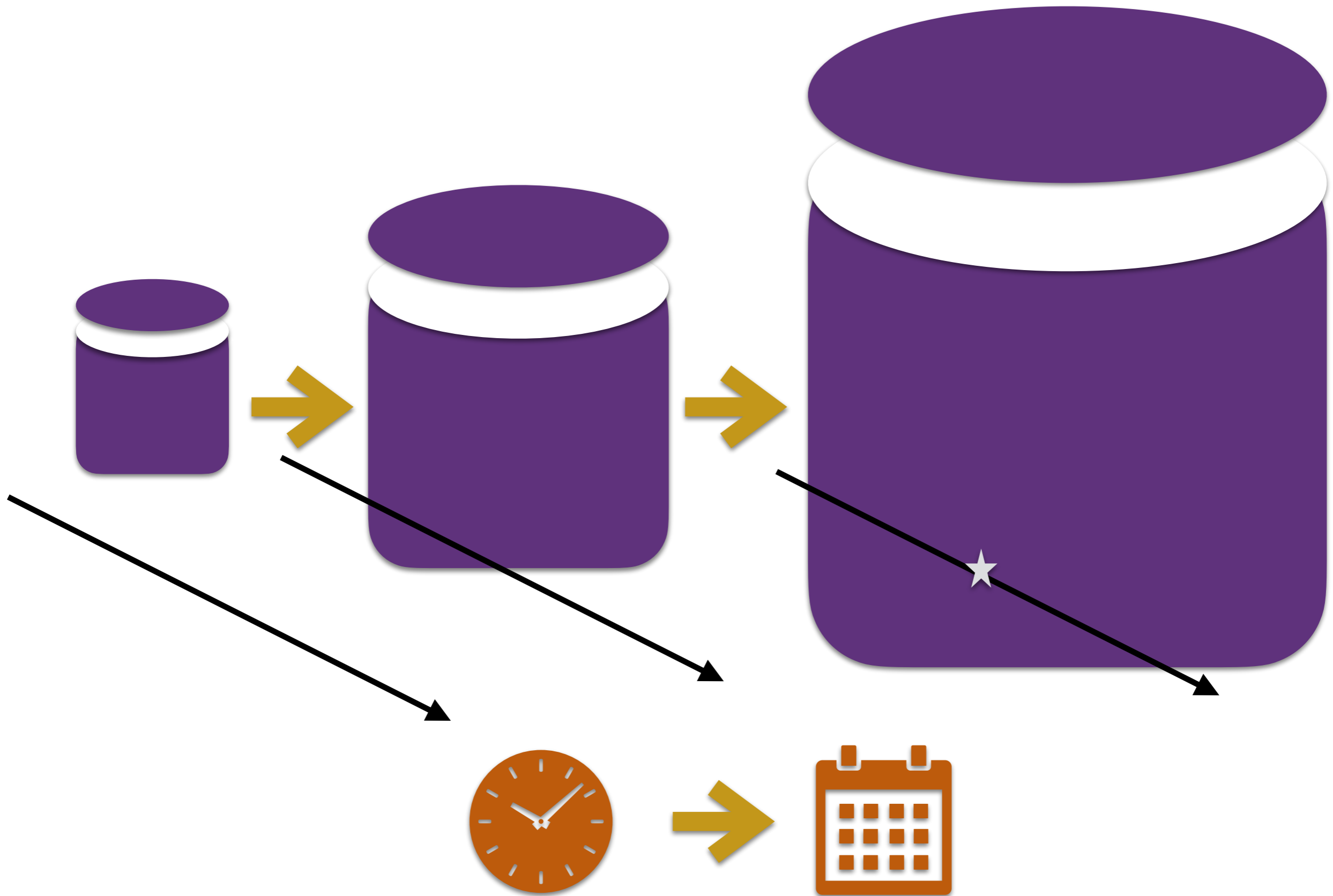
Where are we now on this?

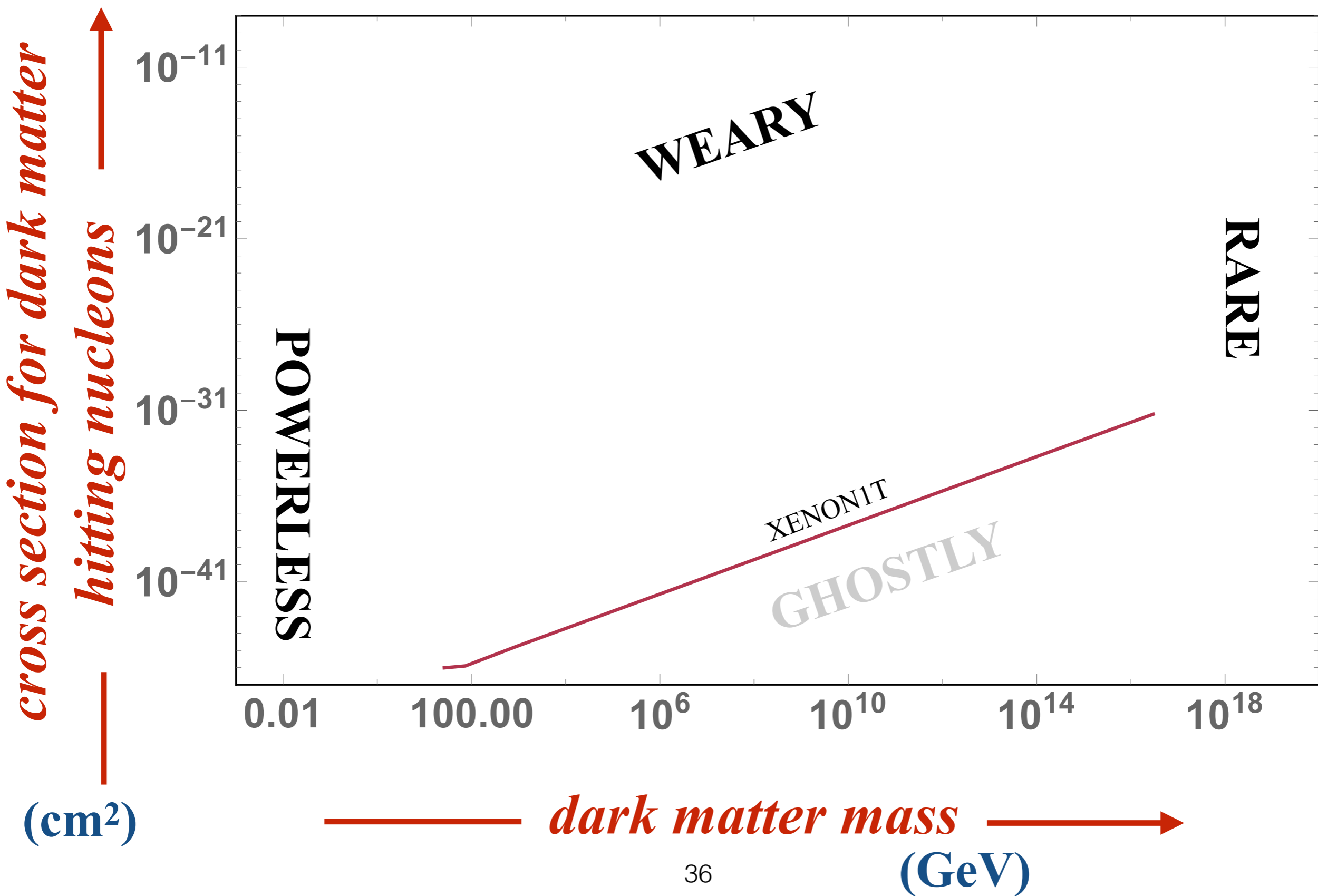


All Earth-based constraints



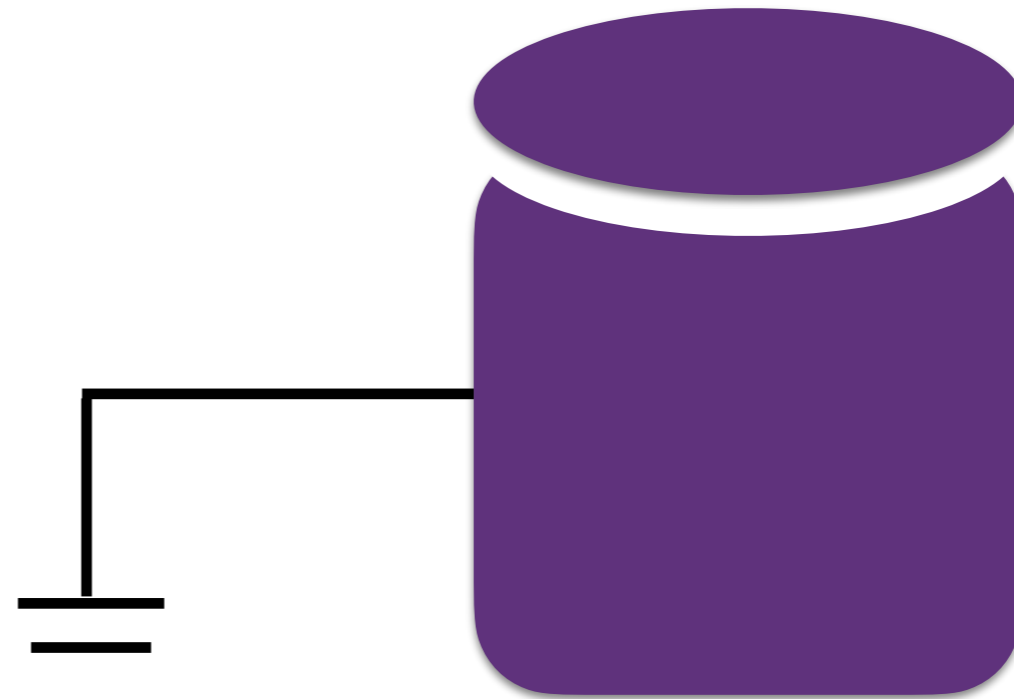
Hunting ghostlier dark matter



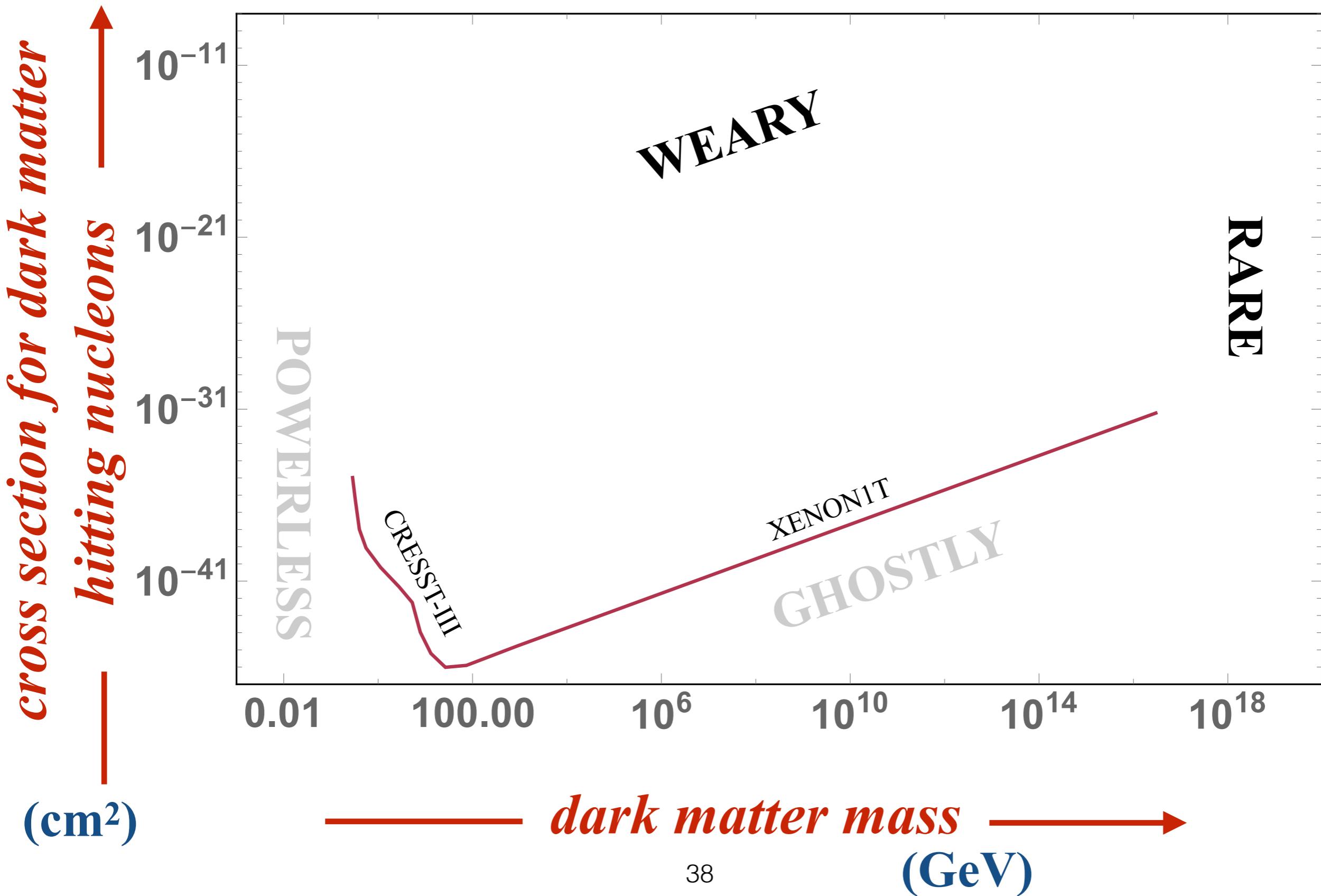


Reduce energy threshold of experiment

- Light elements
- Small detectors
- Sensitive readout



CRESST, SuperCDMS, SENSEI, DAMIC, ...



Hunting tired dark matter

Detector location

Earth surface



space



XQC



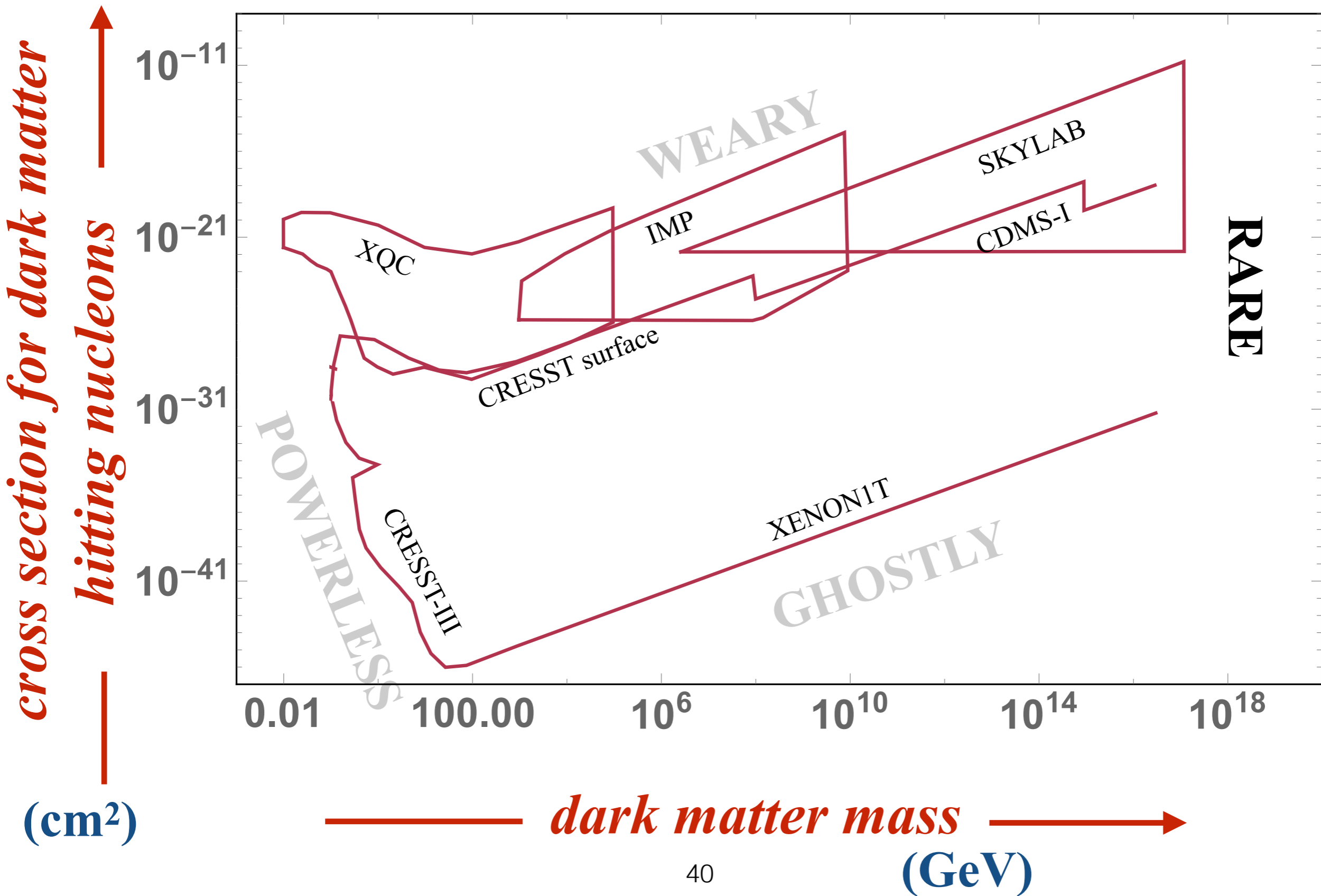
IMP-8

SKYLAB

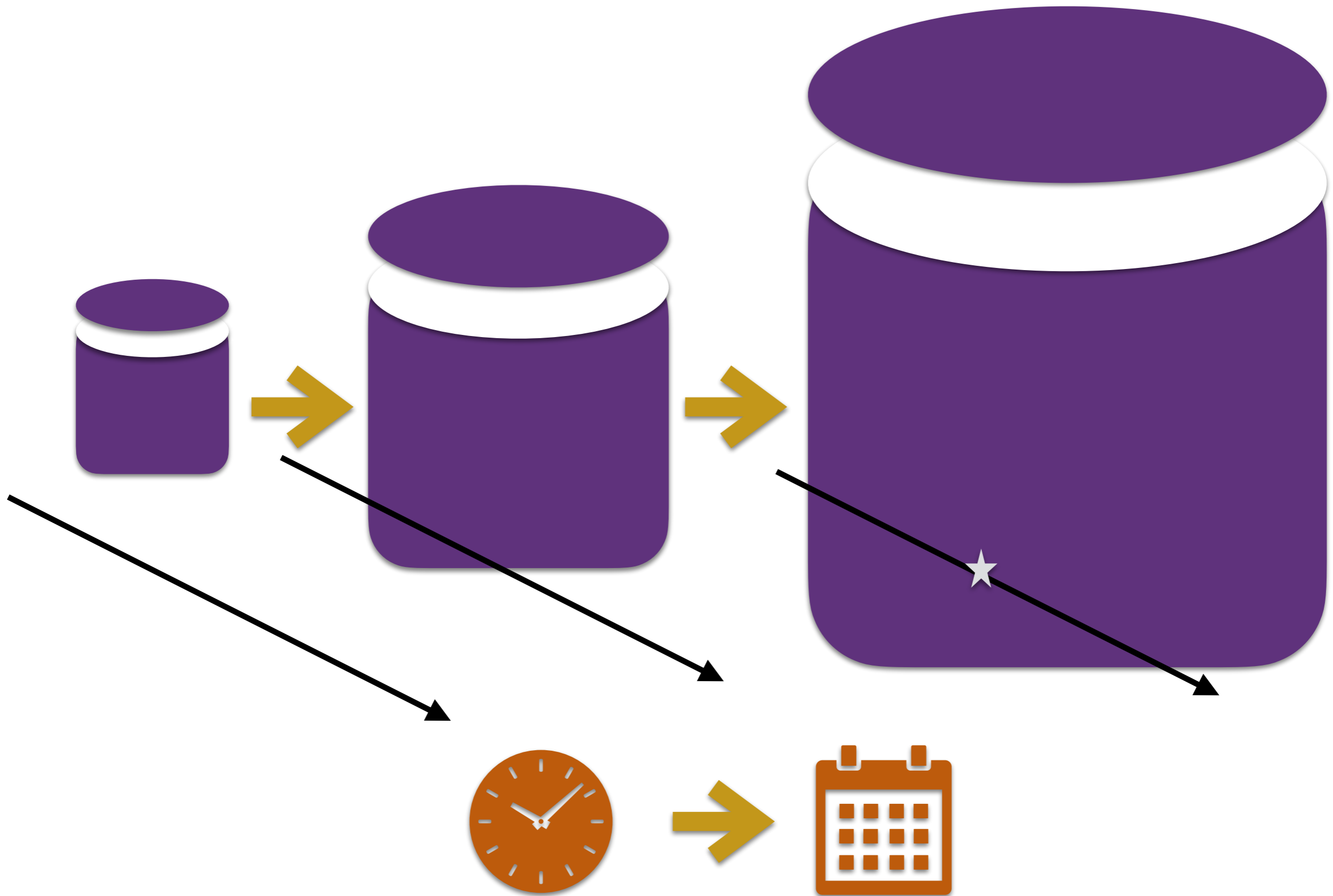
upper atmosphere



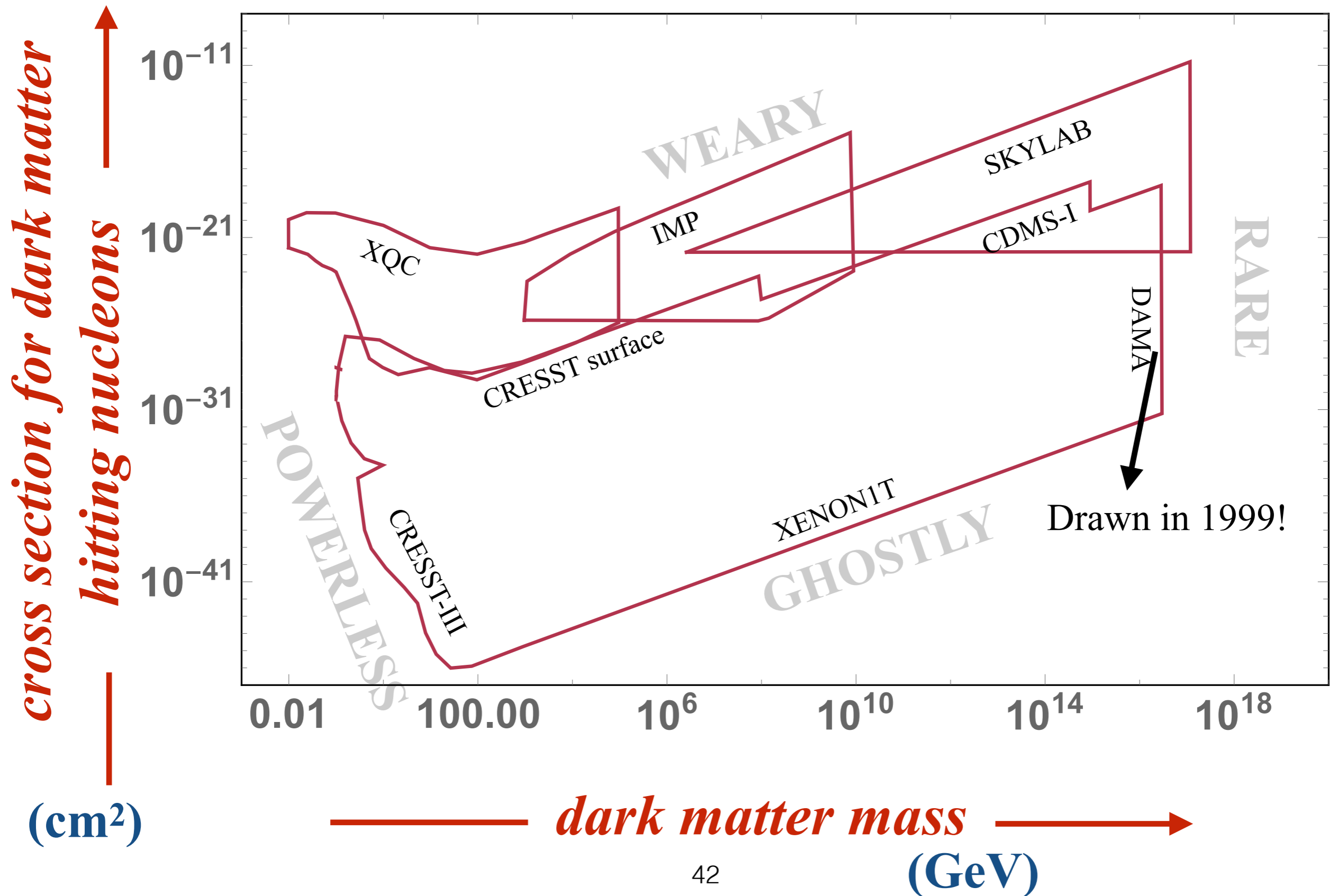
RRS



Hunting rarer dark matter



All the Earth-based constraints

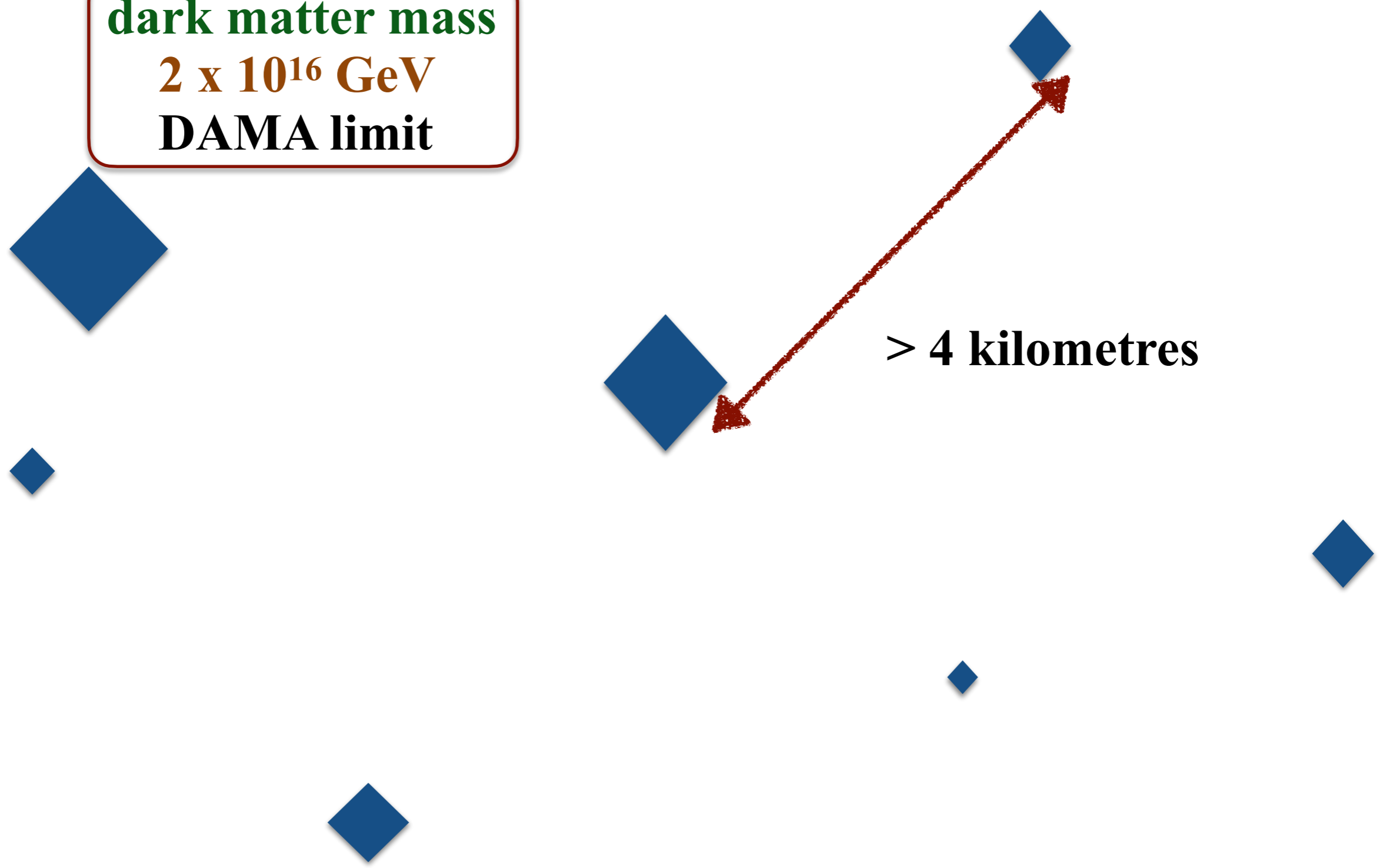


dark matter mass
100 GeV
WIMPs

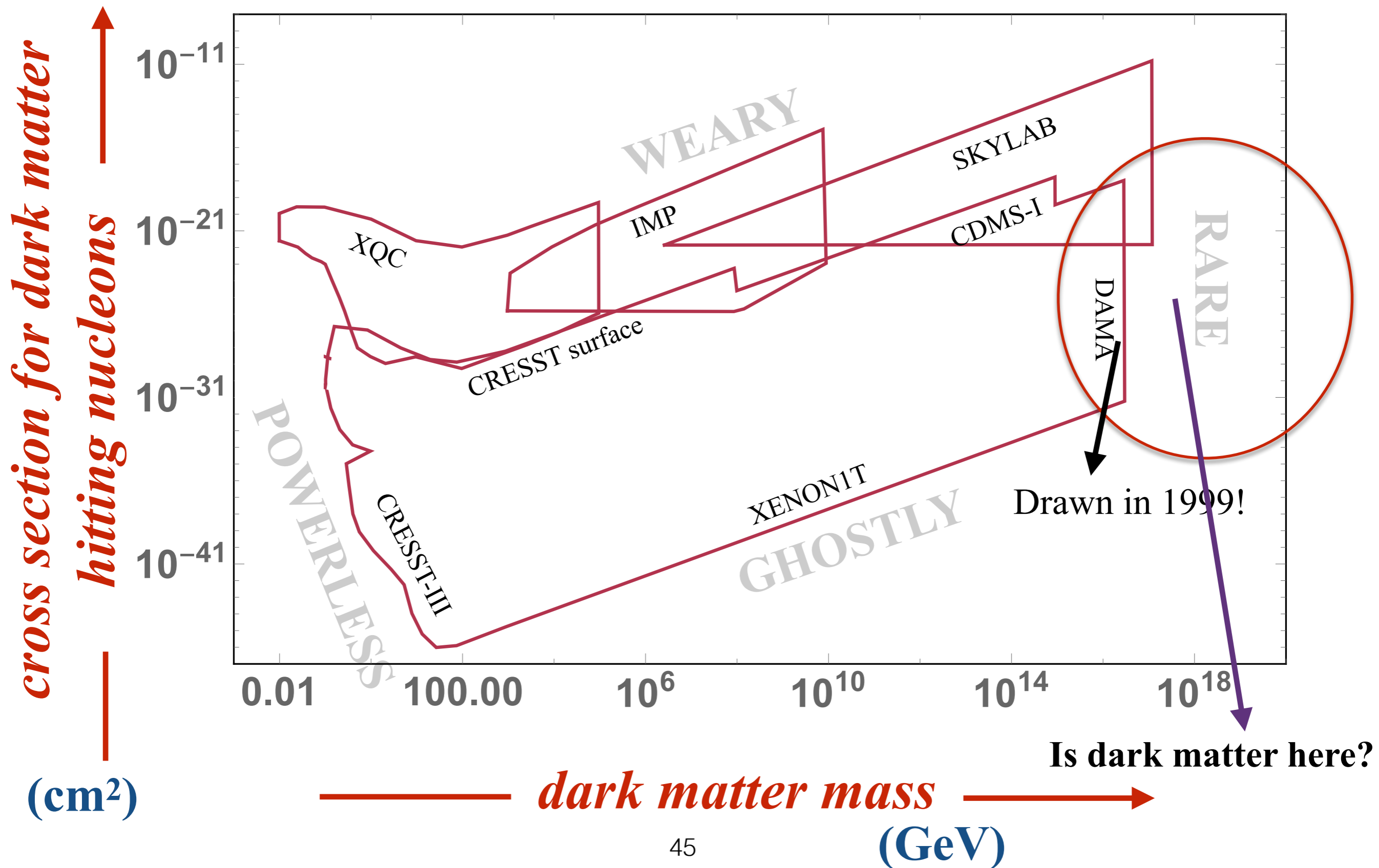
7 centimetres

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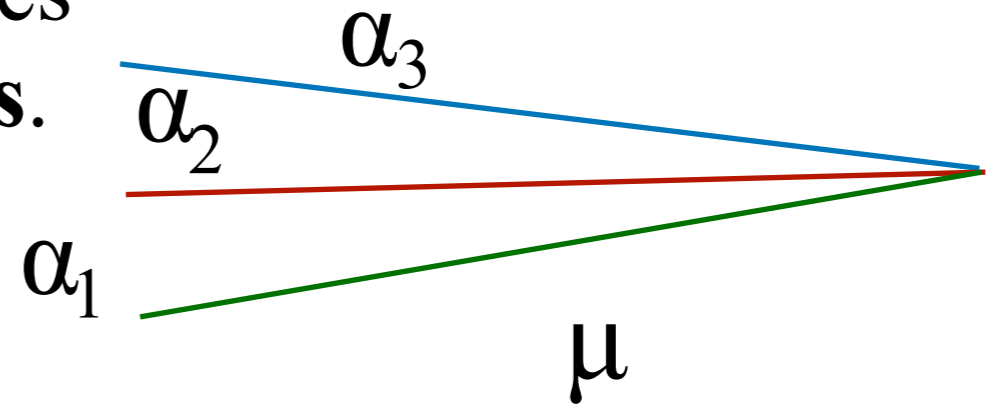
dark matter mass
 2×10^{16} GeV
DAMA limit



Hunting even rarer dark matter



- Super-heavy states appear in theories of **grand unification of forces**.



- Can make them in early universe:

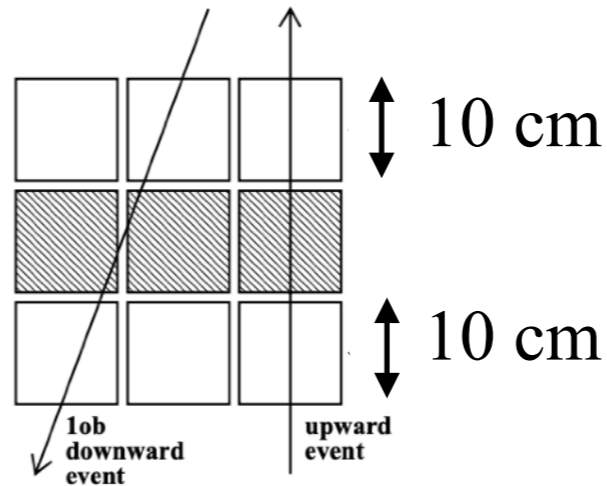
- * Hawking radiation from primordial black holes
Hooper, Krnjaic, McDermott (2019)

- * Gravitationally @ final stages of inflation
Chung, Crotty, Kolb, Riotto (2001), Harigaya, Lin, Lou (2016)

- * Pre-heating: parametric resonance \longrightarrow rapid decay of inflaton
Giudice, Peloso, Riotto, Tkachev (1999), Bai, Korwar, Orlofsky (2020)

- * Thermally!
Kim, Kuflik (2019)

**DAMA
1999
search**



350 days

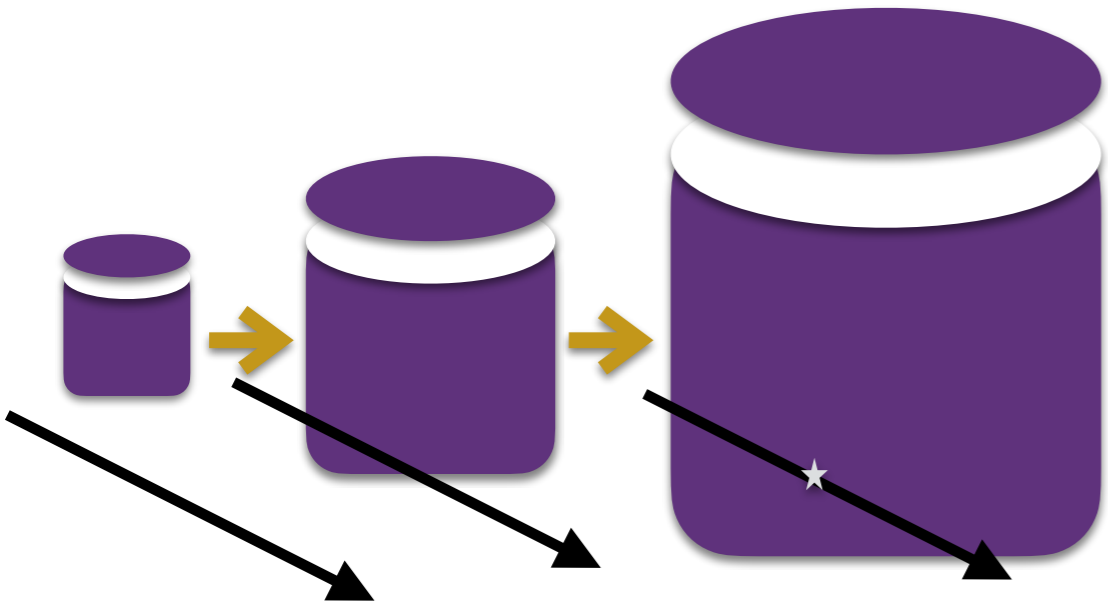
TODAY

(Q1) Can our **dark matter detectors** hunt the rarest huntable?

*B. Broerman, J. Bramante, R. Lang, **N. Raj**
*Phys.Rev.D. (2018)**

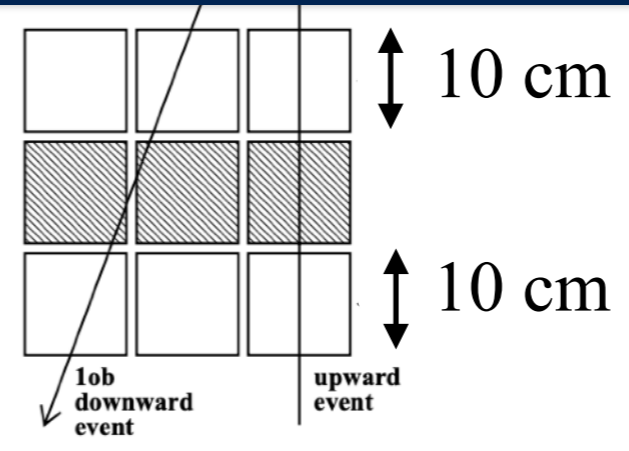
(Q2) Are there **bigger detectors** that can join the hunt?

*B. Broerman, J. Bramante, J. Kumar,
R. Lang, M. Pospelov, **N. Raj**
Phys.Rev.D. (2018)
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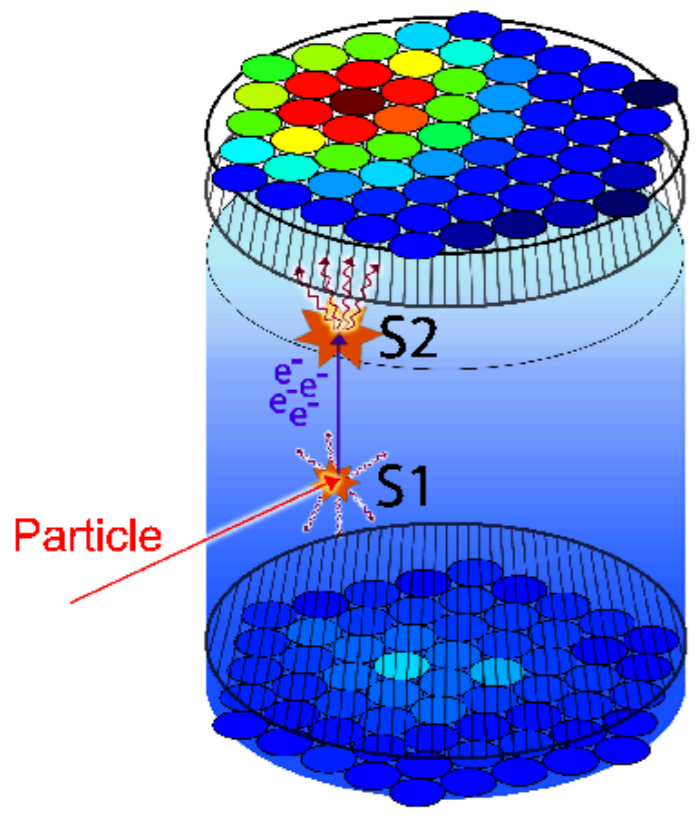


Today's dark matter detectors

DAMA
1999
search

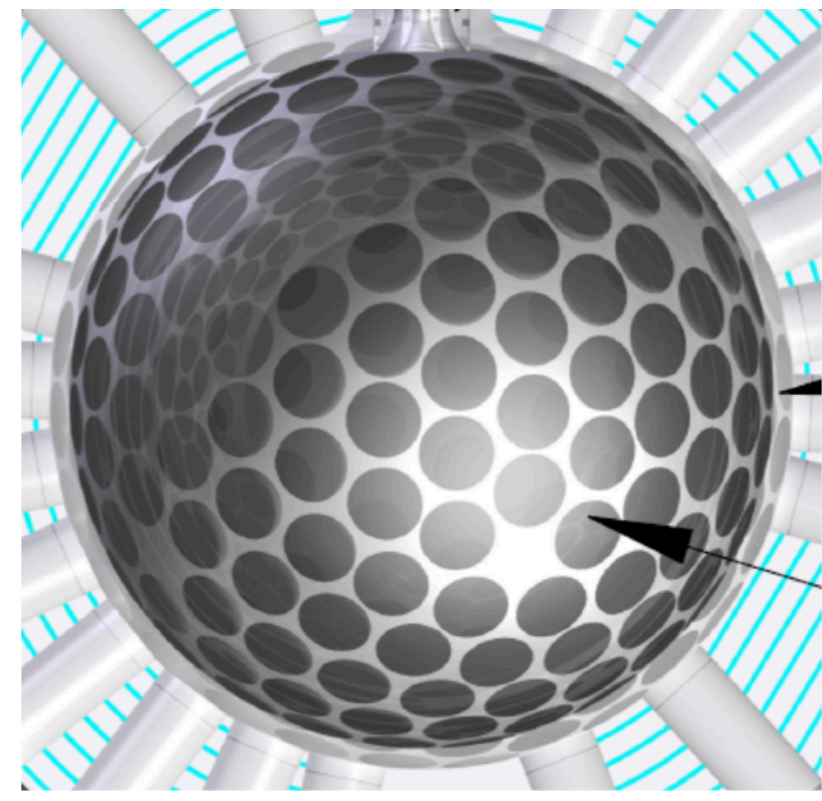


← 100 cm →



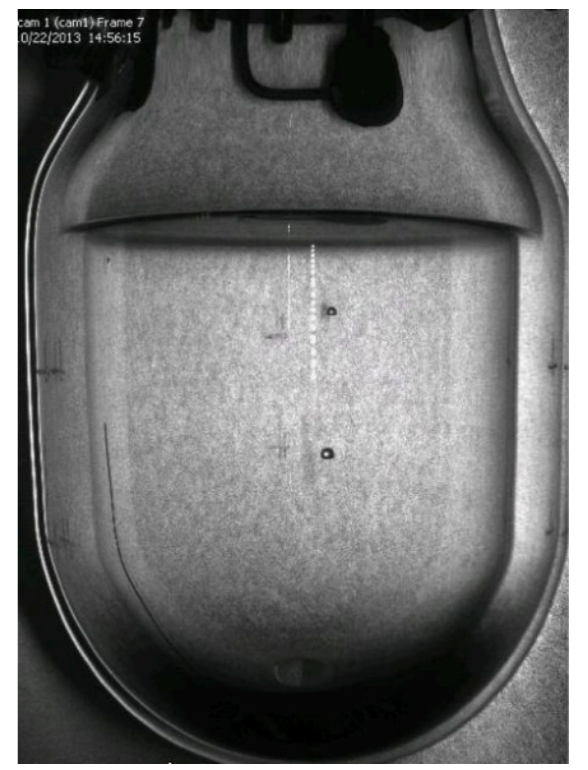
XENON1T/
LUX/
PANDAX-II

← 130 cm →



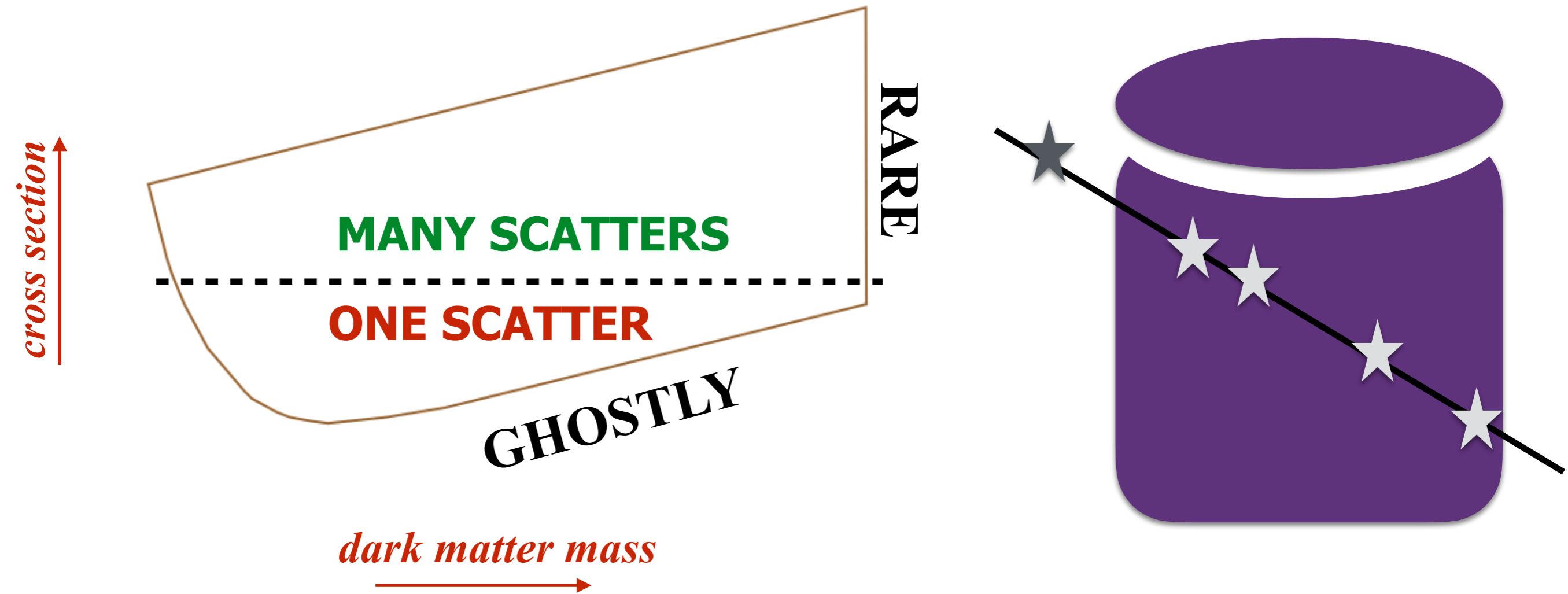
DEAP-3600

← 50 cm →



PICO-40L

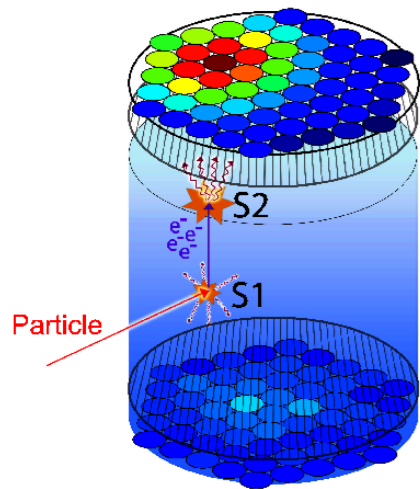
Multiscatter signatures essential



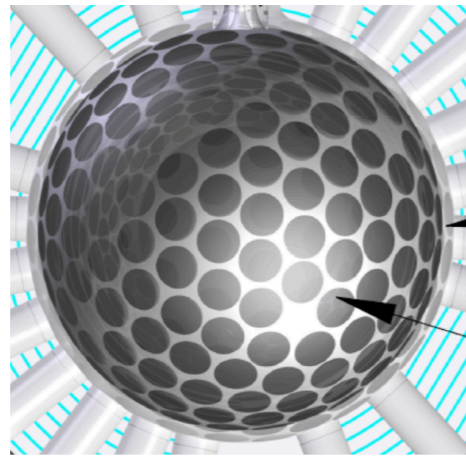
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(Q2) Are there **bigger detectors** that can join the hunt?

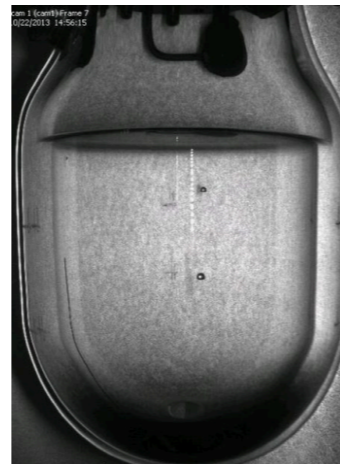
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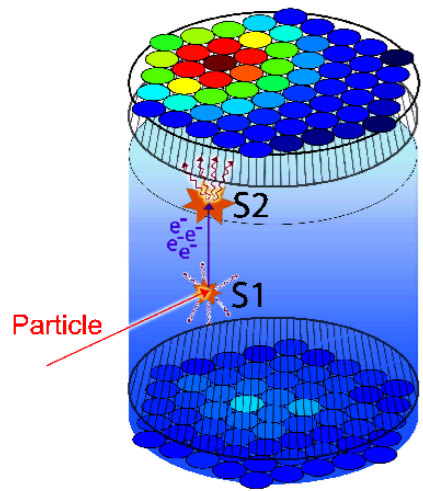


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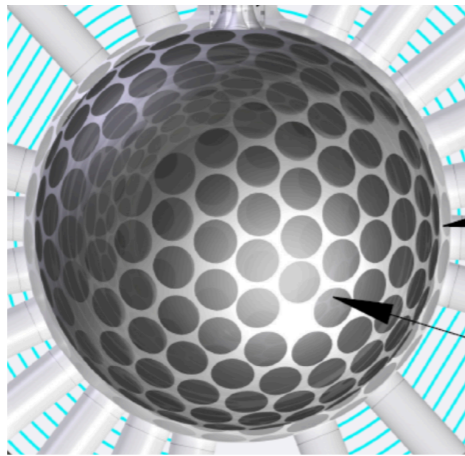


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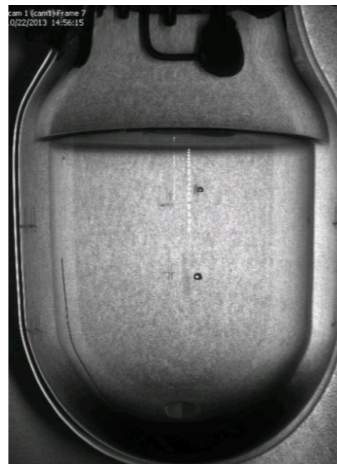
Experiment 2



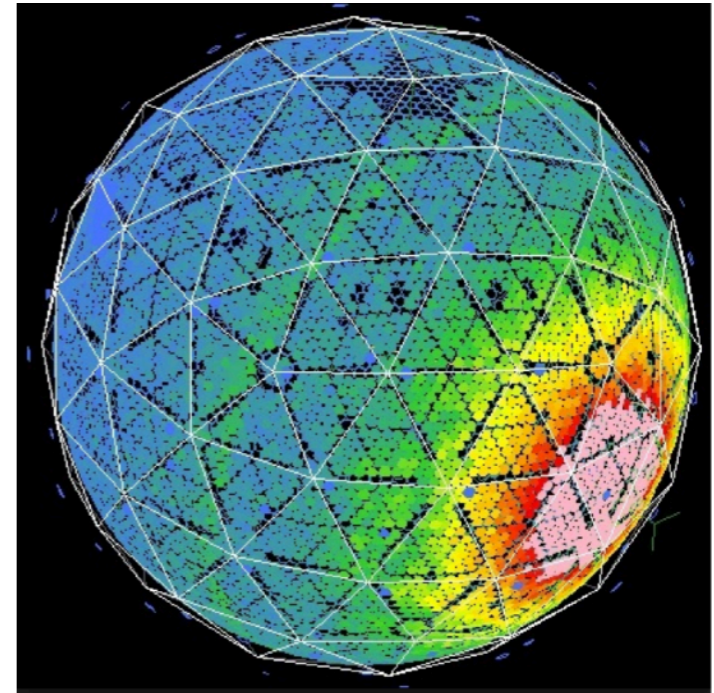
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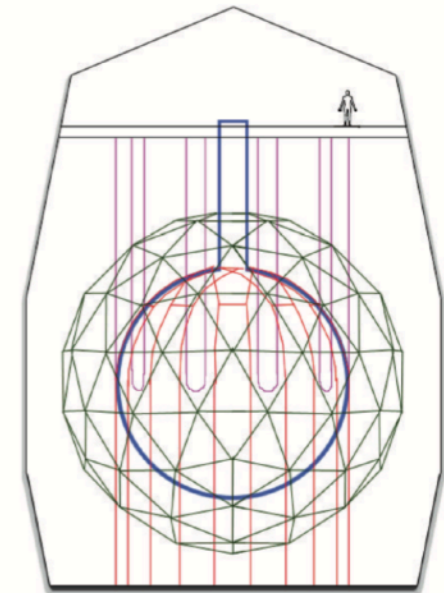
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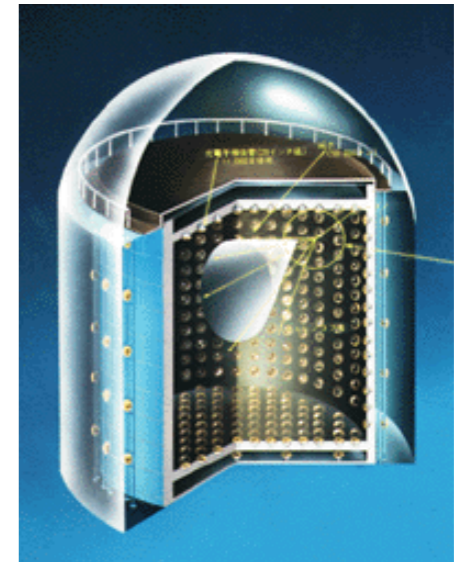
neutrino detectors

(Q2) Large volume neutrino detectors?

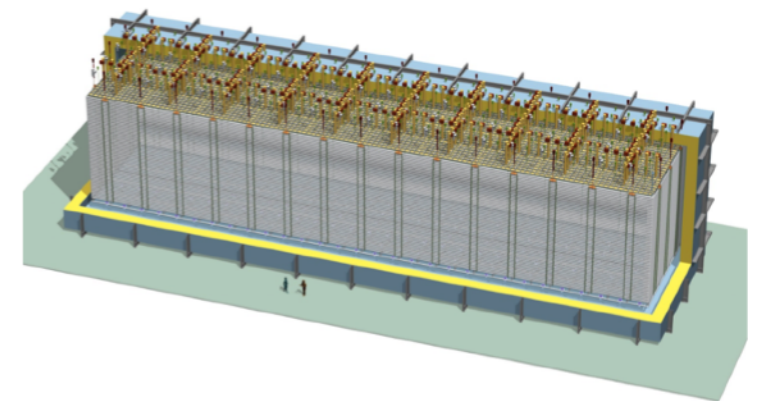
Organic liquid scintillator (SNO+, Borexino, etc.):
well-suited for dark matter search!
collect enough light in PMTs => in business



Water Cerenkov (Super-K, SNO, etc.) unsuitable:
non-relativistic scattering



Liquid argon TPCs (DUNE, etc.):
threshold too high

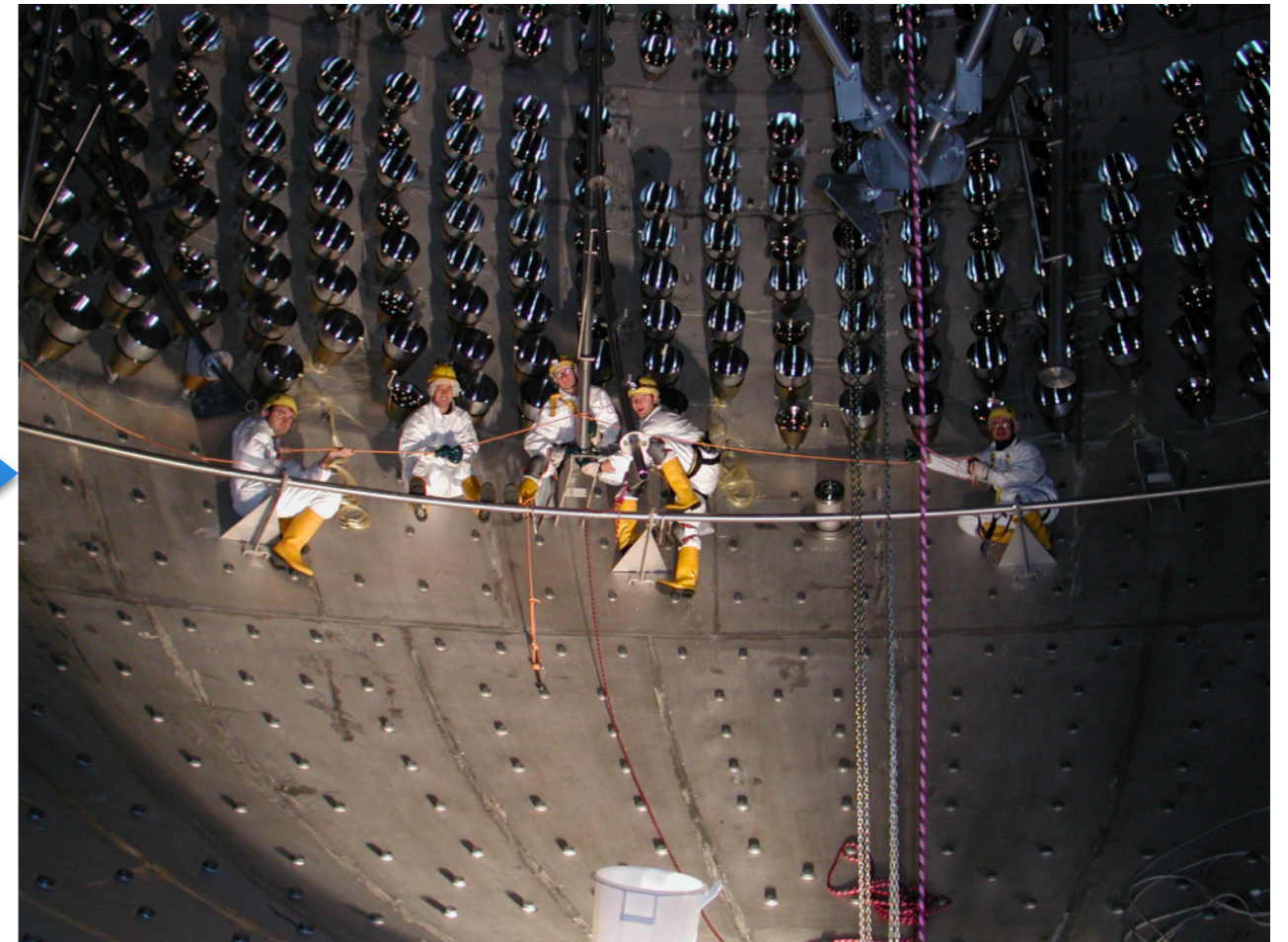


Liquid scintillator neutrino detectors

XENON1T, DEAP, PICO, ...



BOREXINO, SNO+, JUNO



Direct detection @ liq. scint. neutrino detectors

Mass sensitivity: dark matter fluxes at least 100 times greater

Cross section sensitivity: Satisfy selection trigger



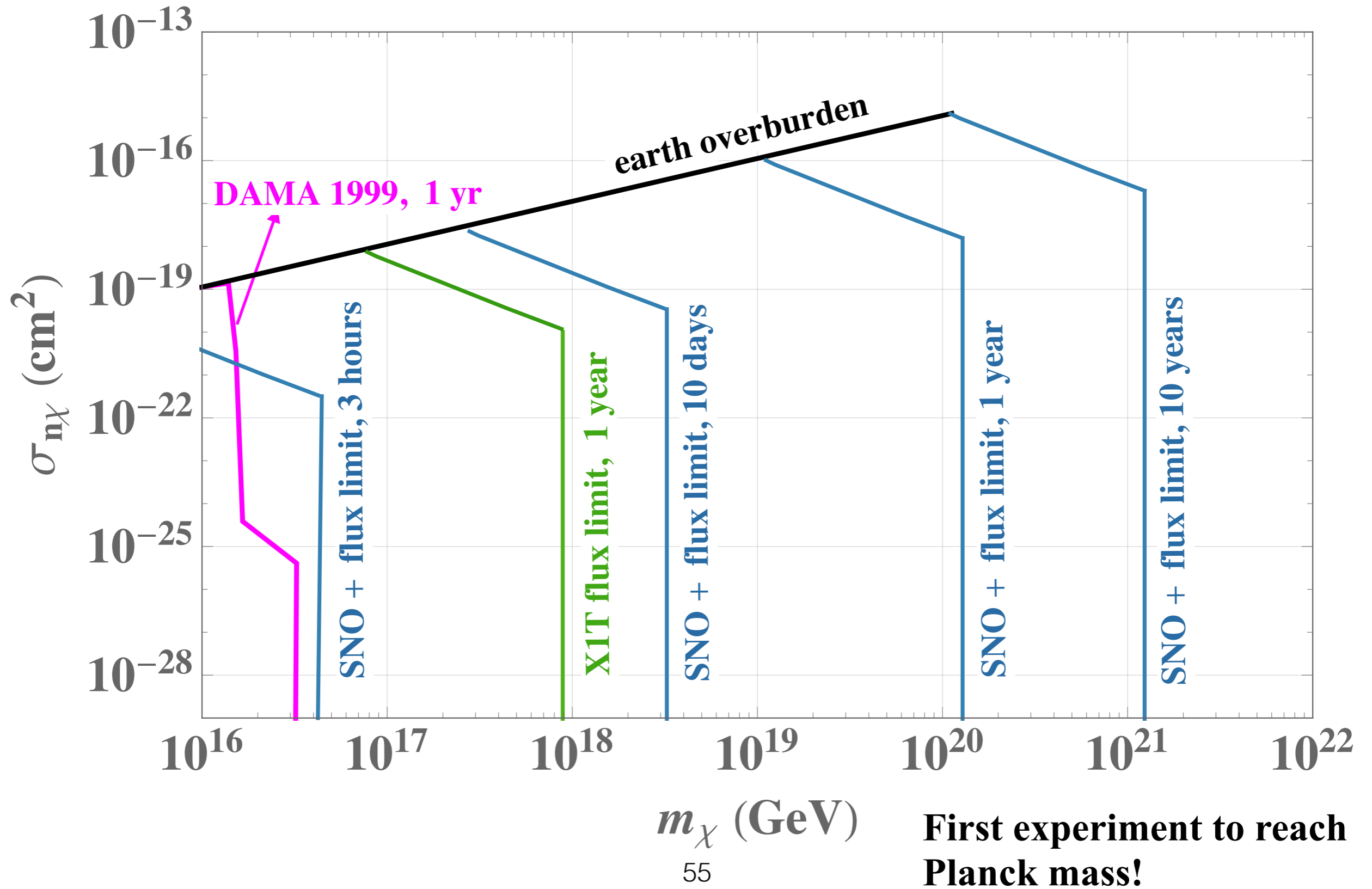
scale model @ SNOLAB



PMT selfie 2 km underground

SNO+ mass reach

“fiducial area” = 10^6 cm^2



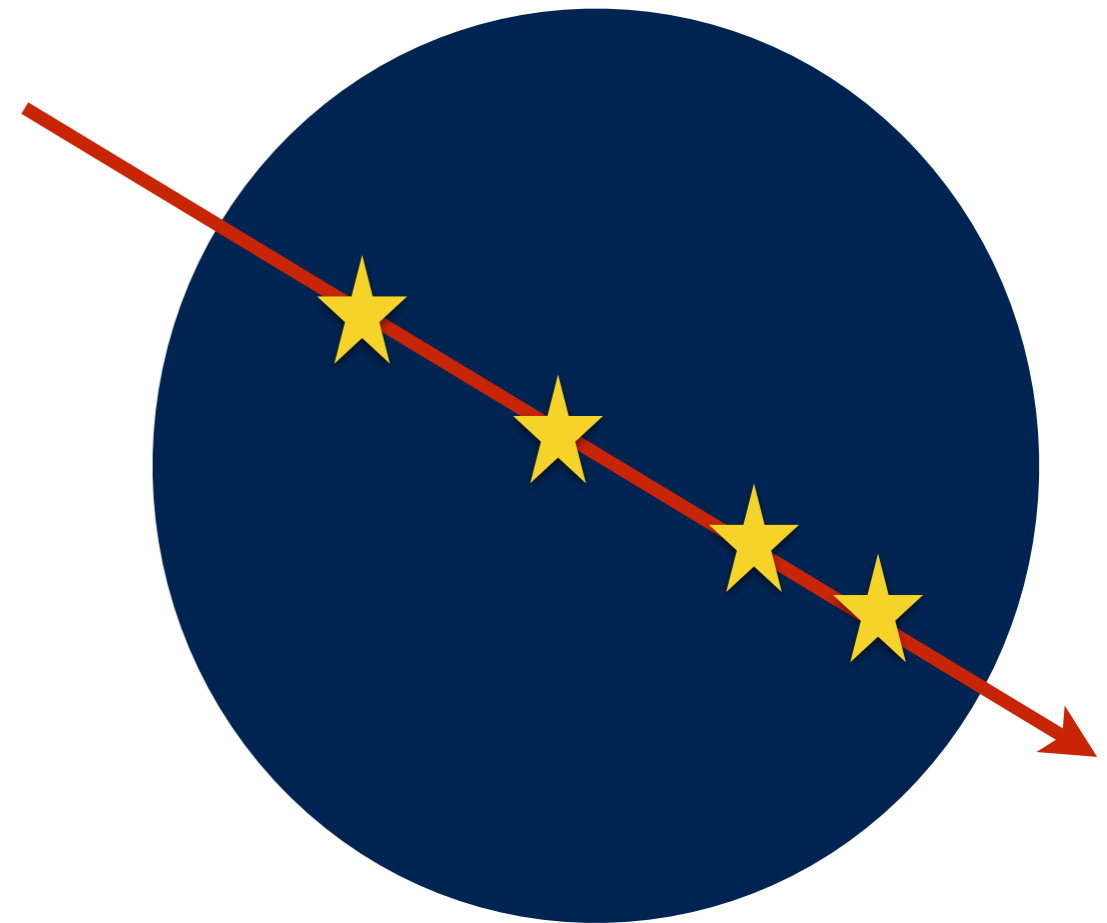
DM transit = 10 μ s

- Continuous deposition of photoelectrons over transit time

- Collinearity

$$\Delta\theta \lesssim \frac{m_T}{m_\chi} \simeq 10^{-16} \left(\frac{10^{17} \text{ GeV}}{m_\chi} \right) \left(\frac{m_T}{11 \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

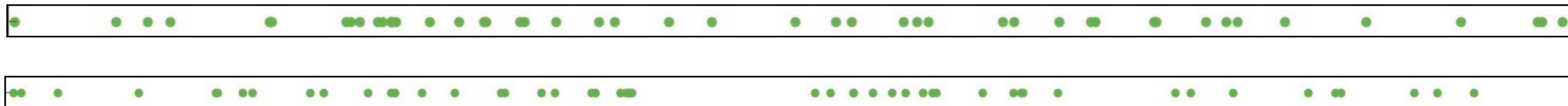
may be exploited with
vertex reconstruction/ timing information



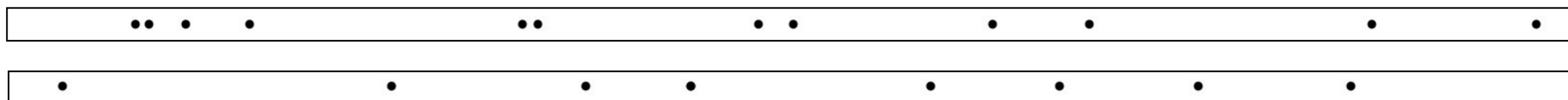
Signal vs background windows

BOREXINO, 10 μ s windows

dark matter signal, $\sigma_{nX} = 10^{-28} \text{ cm}^2$ (spin-independent)

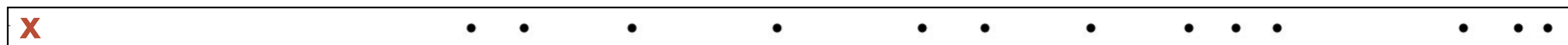


typical windows with dark counts

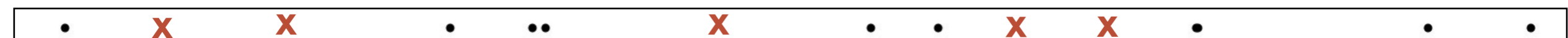


1 in 100 windows

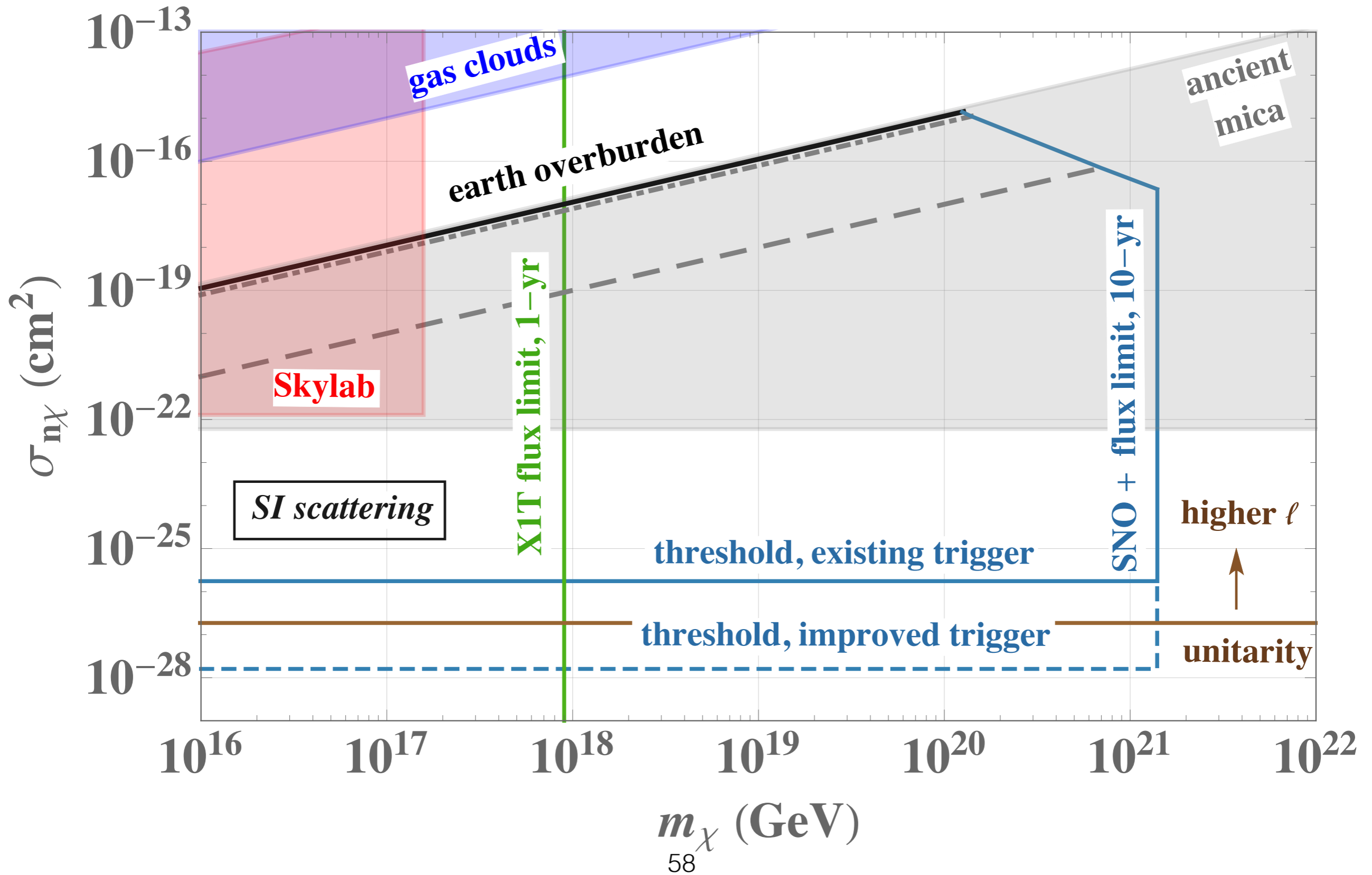
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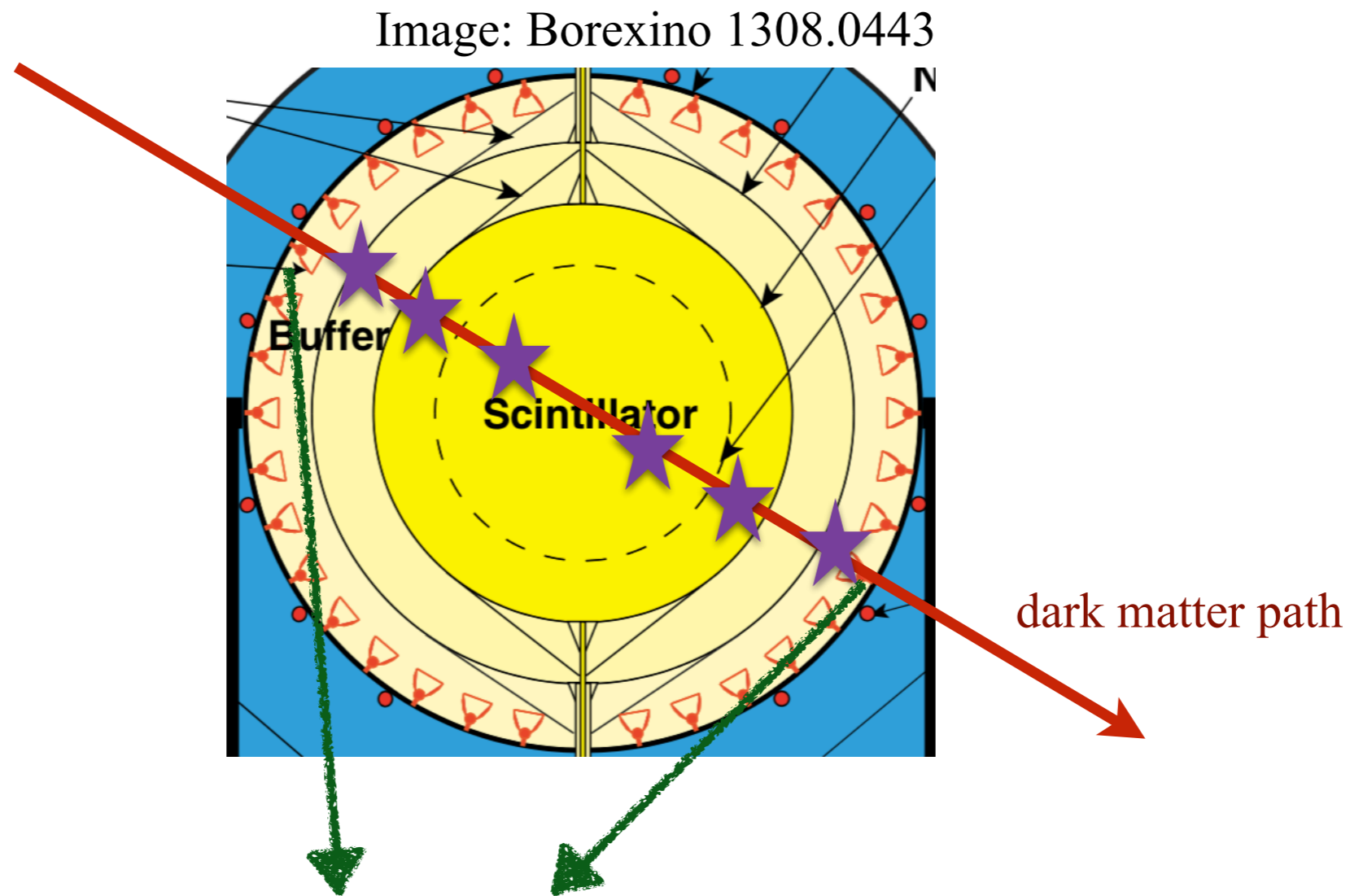
once in 10 years



SNO+ cross section reach



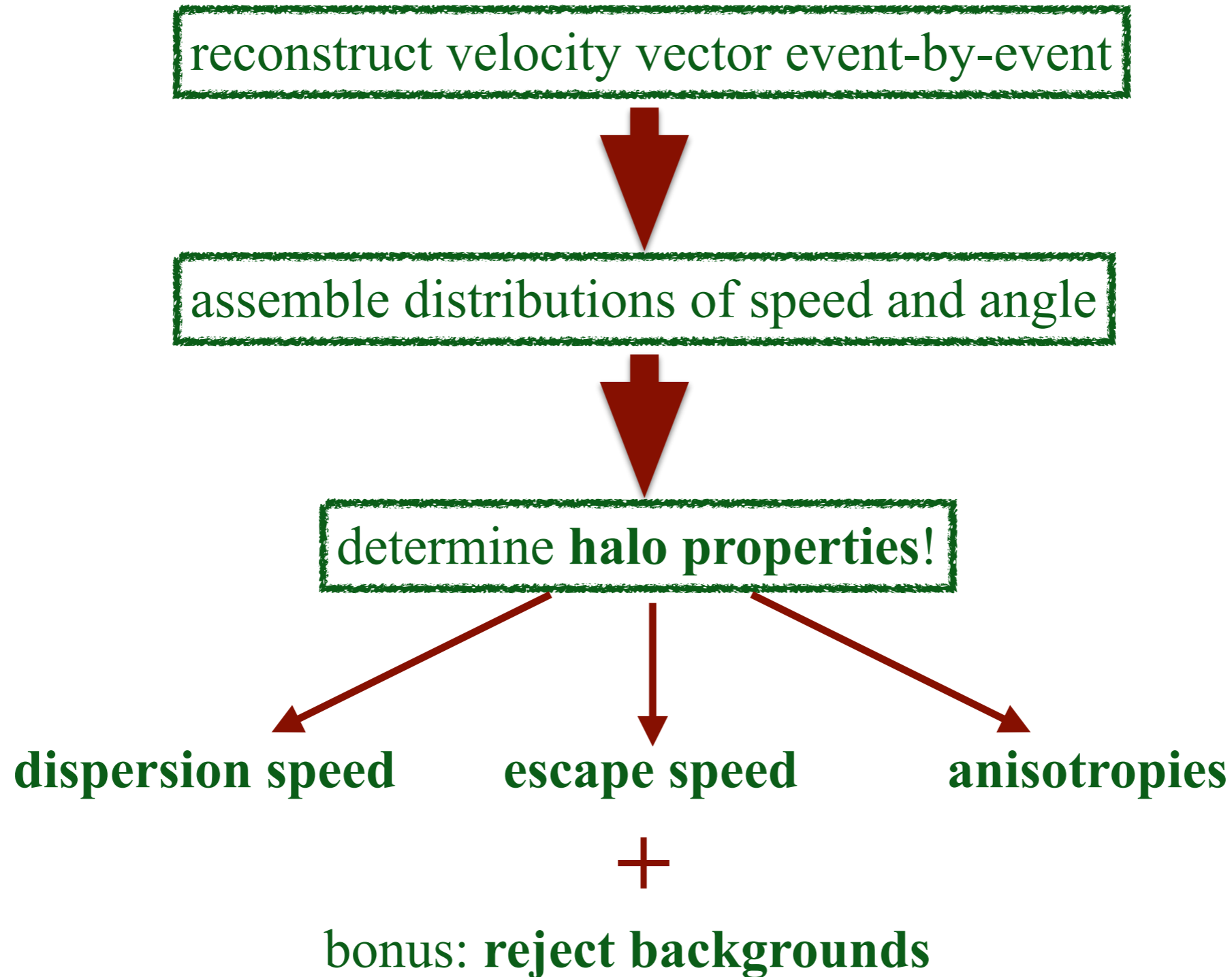
Reconstructing dark matter velocity vector



- PMT “hot spots”
with numerous illuminations
=> **dark matter direction & path length**
+ timestamps
- => **dark matter speed**

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Dark astrometry



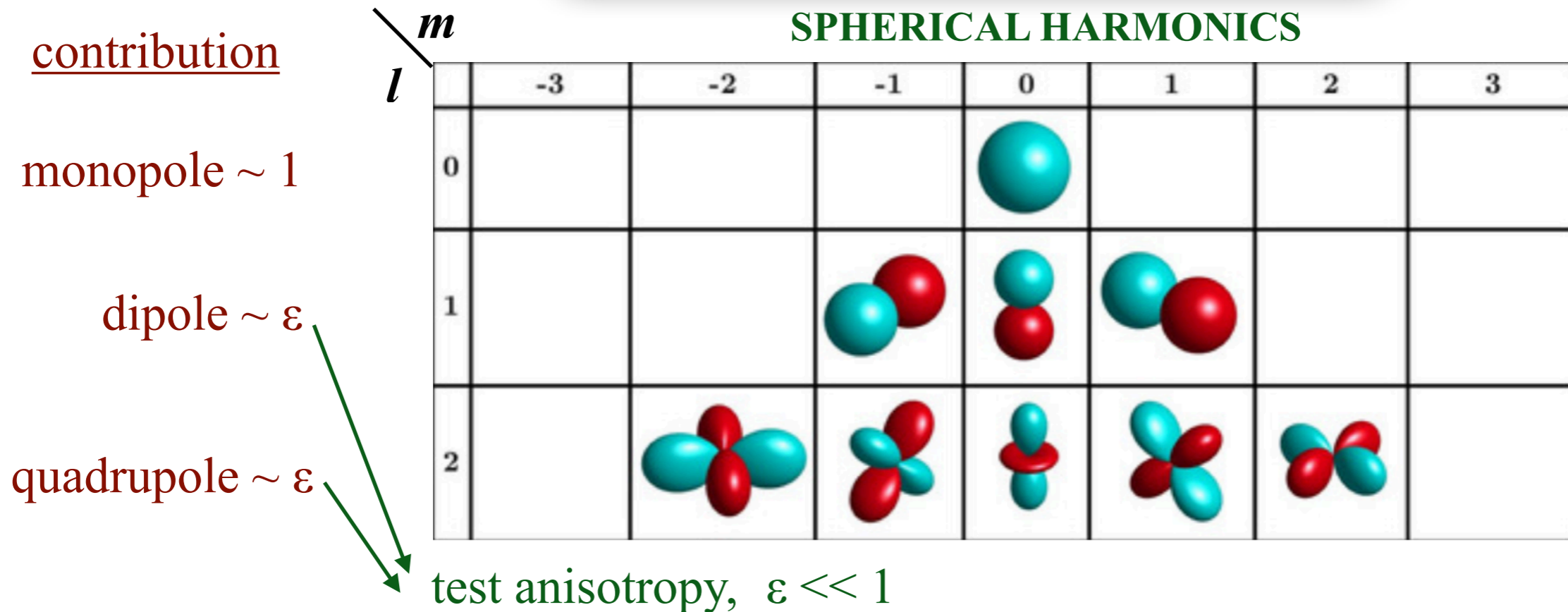
Testing velocity anisotropies

galactic frame

angular distribution:

$$g(\theta, \phi) = c_{00}Y_{00} + c_{\ell m} \sum_{\ell=1,2} Y_{\ell m}$$

SPHERICAL HARMONICS



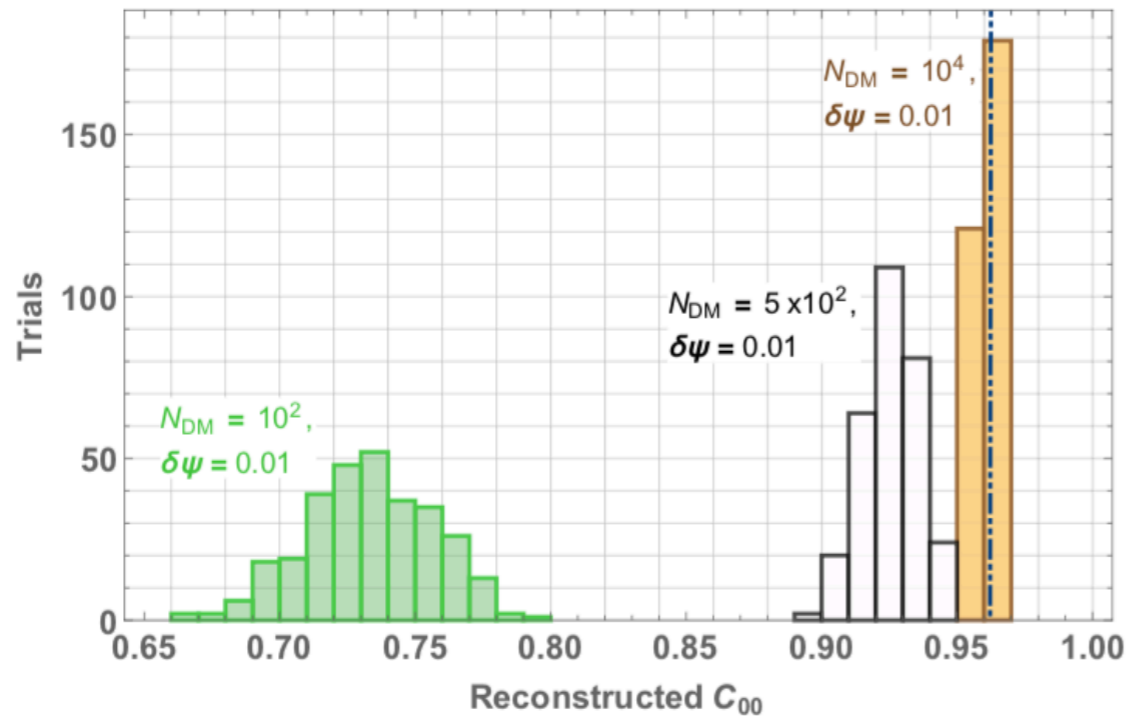
Benchmark:

$$\varepsilon = 0.1 \Rightarrow c_{\ell m} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2} / \sqrt{1 + 7\varepsilon^2} = 0.962; & \ell = 0, m = 0, \\ \varepsilon / \sqrt{1 + 7\varepsilon^2} = 0.097; & \ell \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

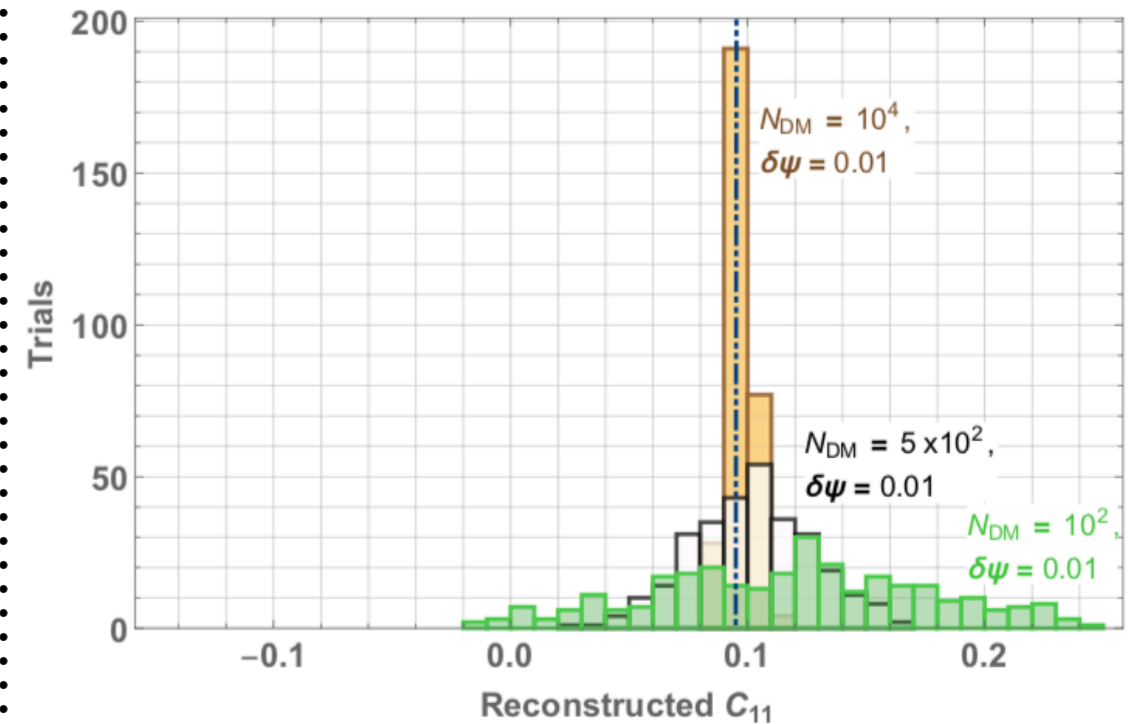
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Testing velocity anisotropies

monopole coefficient

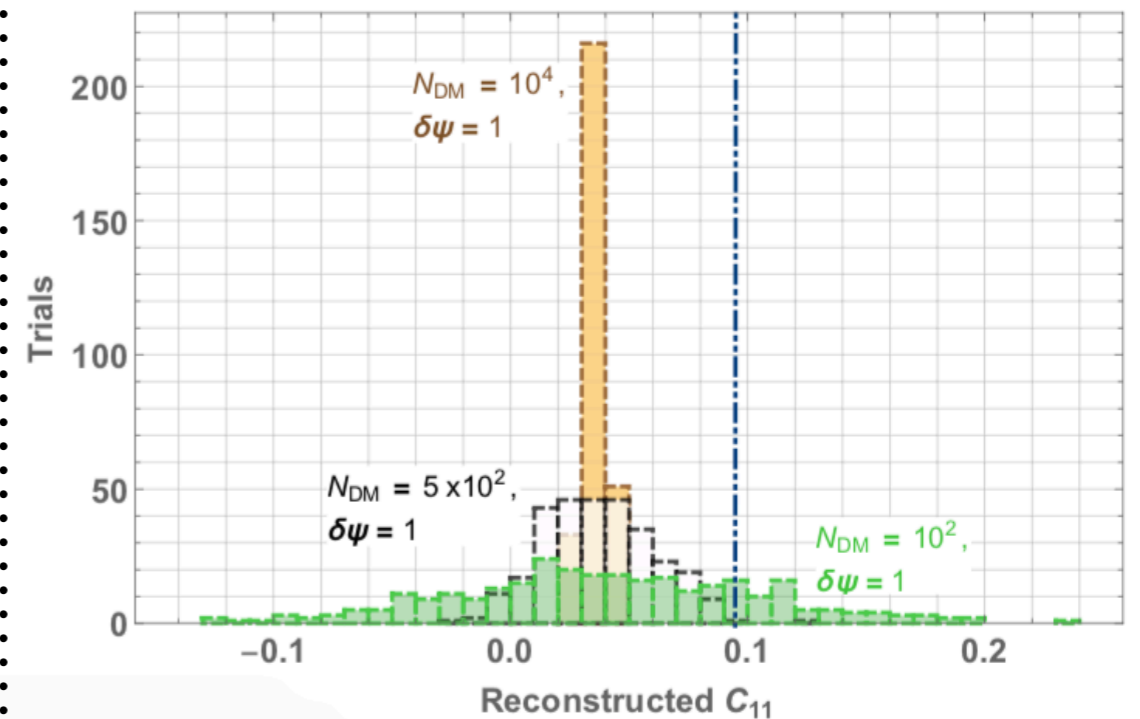
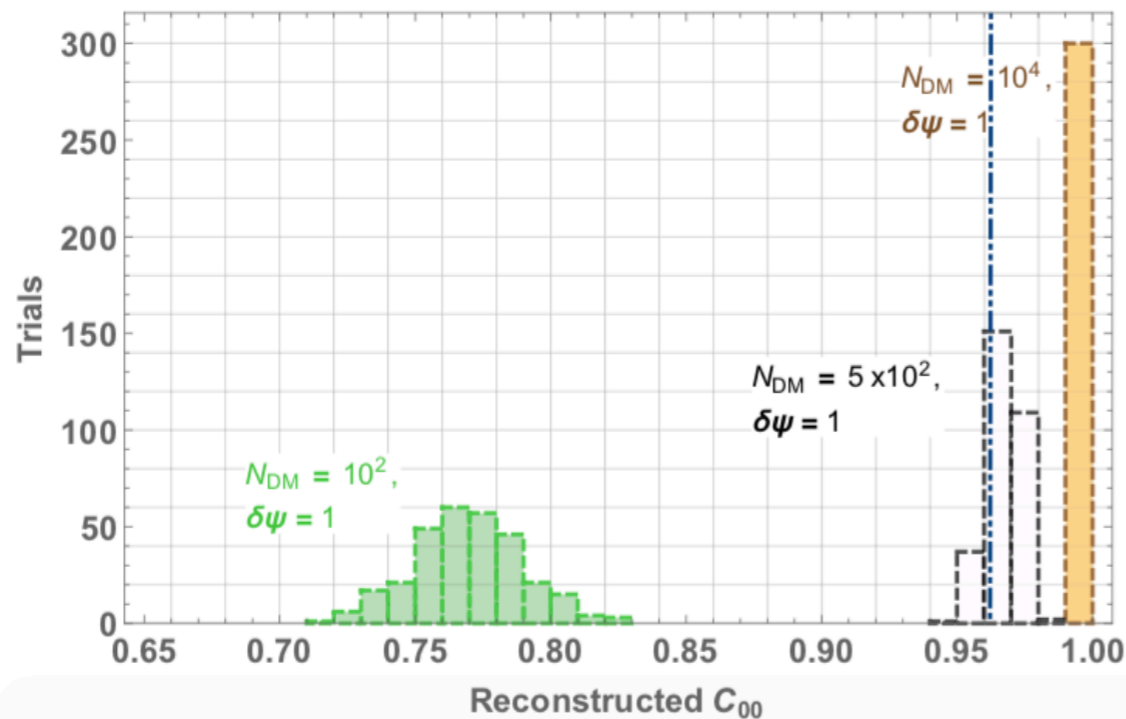


dipole coefficient



good
angular
resolution
(smearing
negligible)

poor
angular
resolution
(smearing
significant)

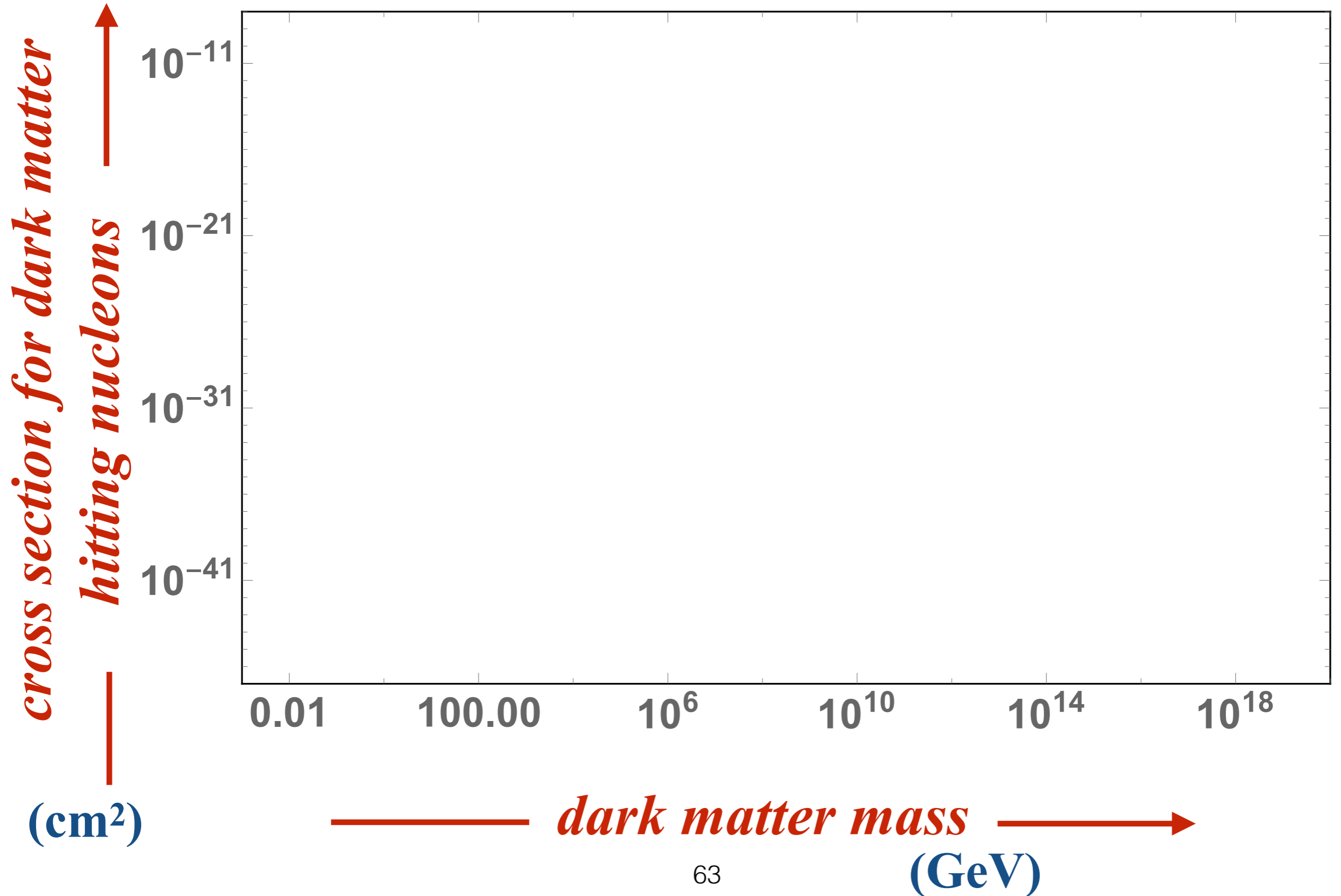


LESSONS: good statistics \Rightarrow accuracy & precision,
smearing \Rightarrow anisotropies wash out.

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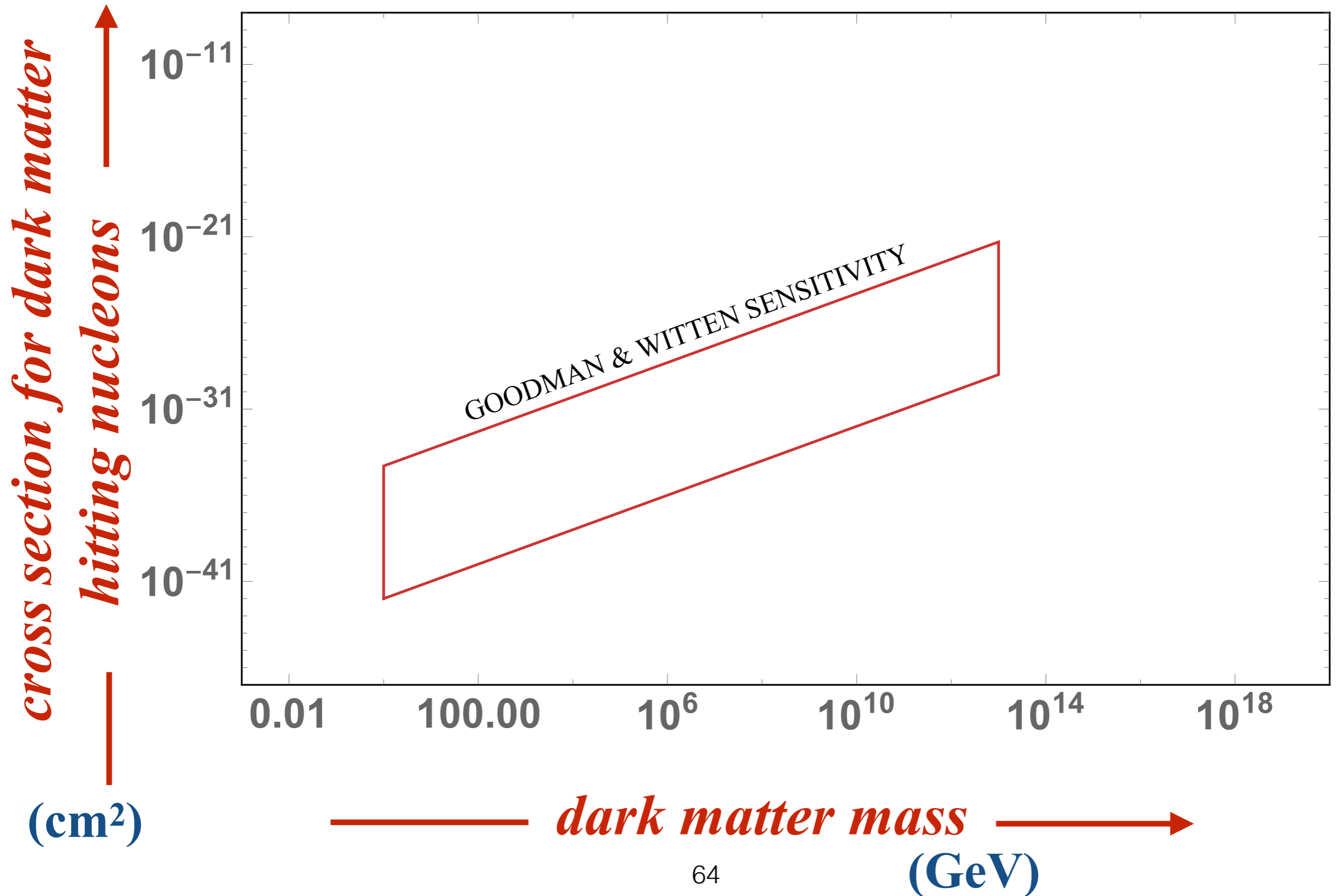
Summary

in the beginning...



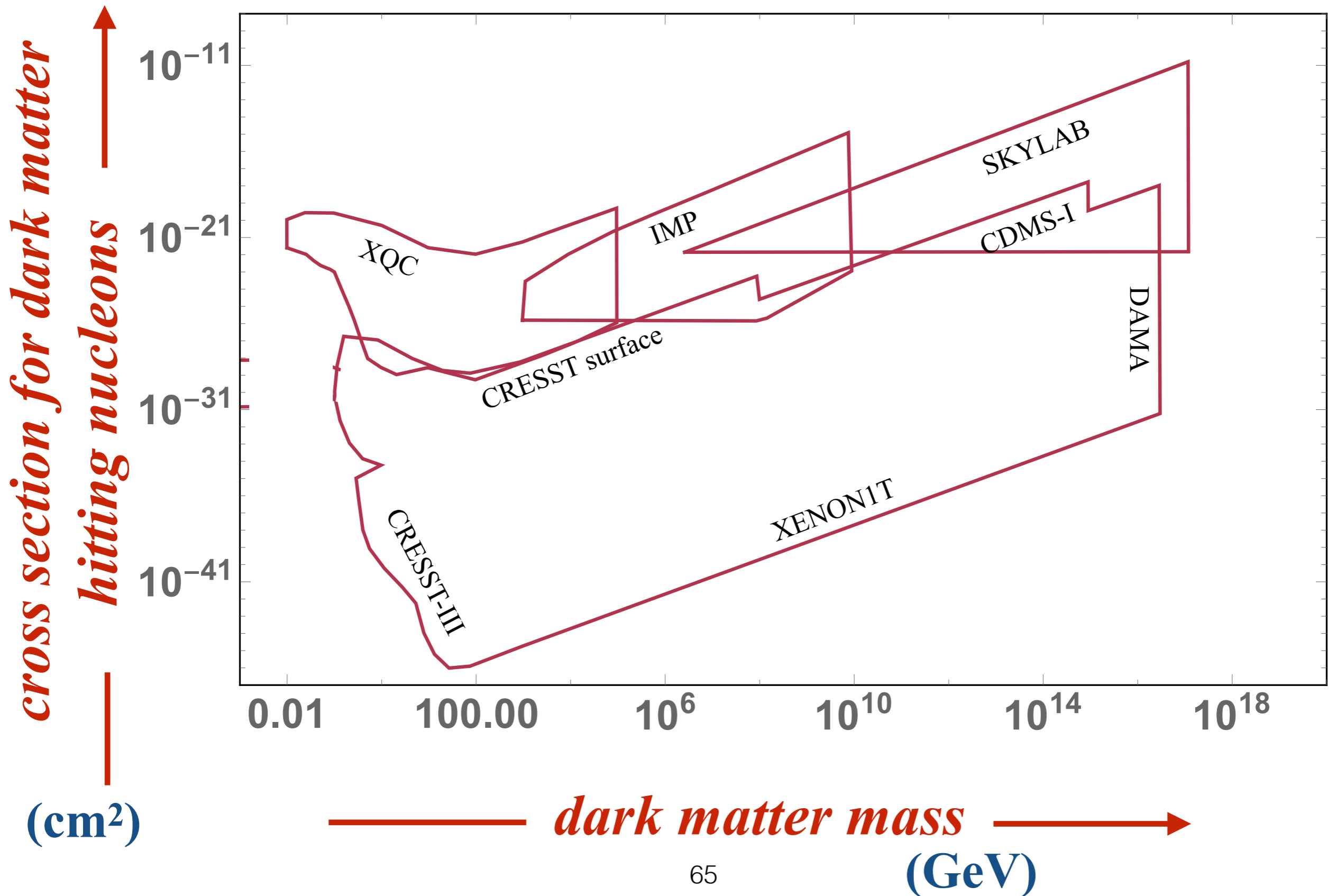
Summary

1985: enter Reverse Rutherford era of dark matter



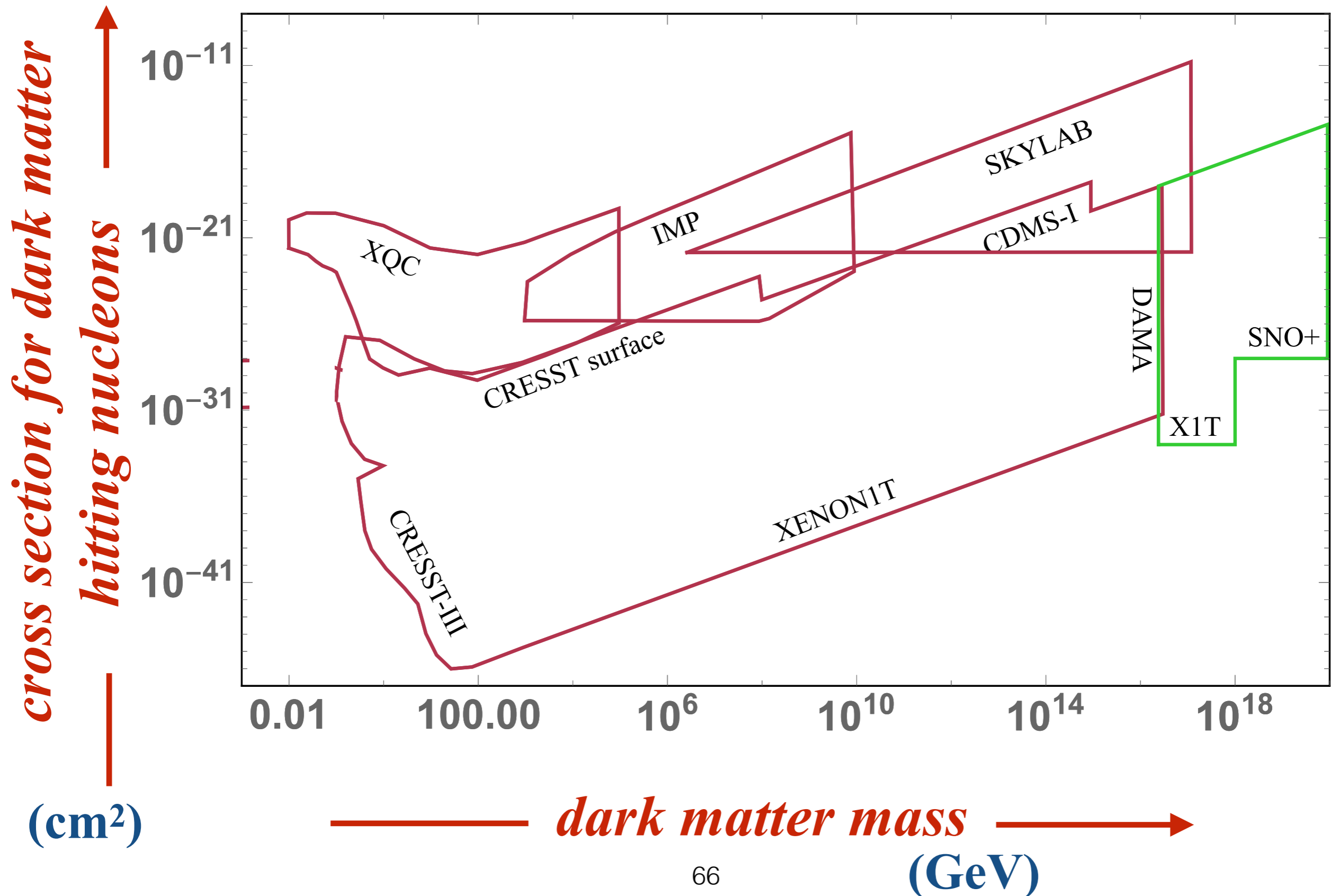
Summary

Today: thick of the Reverse Rutherford era



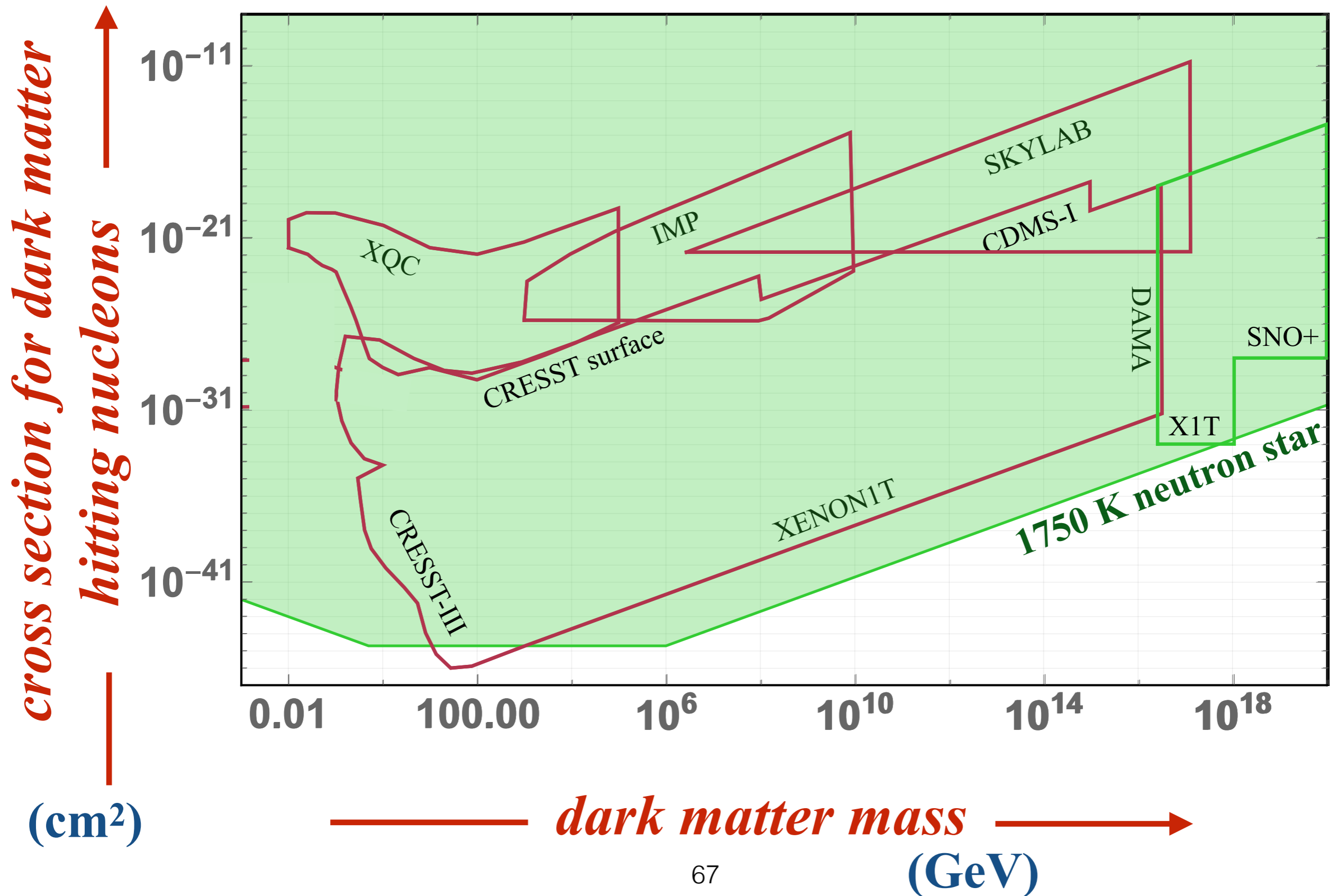
Summary

Near-future: multiscatter + repurposed neutrino detectors



Summary

Middle future: neutron star detectors



non-luminous

ubiquitous

plentiful

~~mysterious~~

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

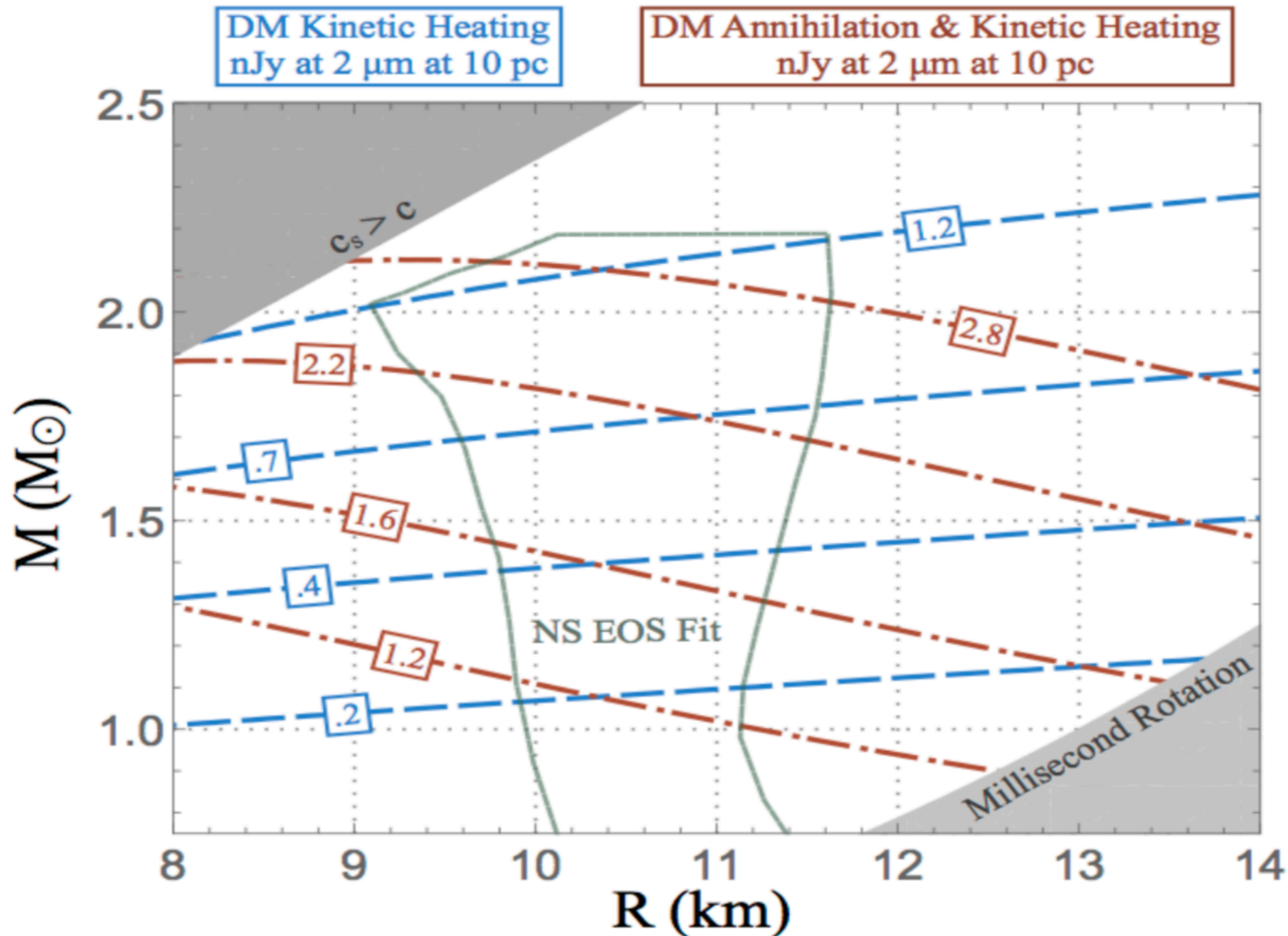
Detection: star brightness

$$\left(\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 2GM/R}} \right)$$

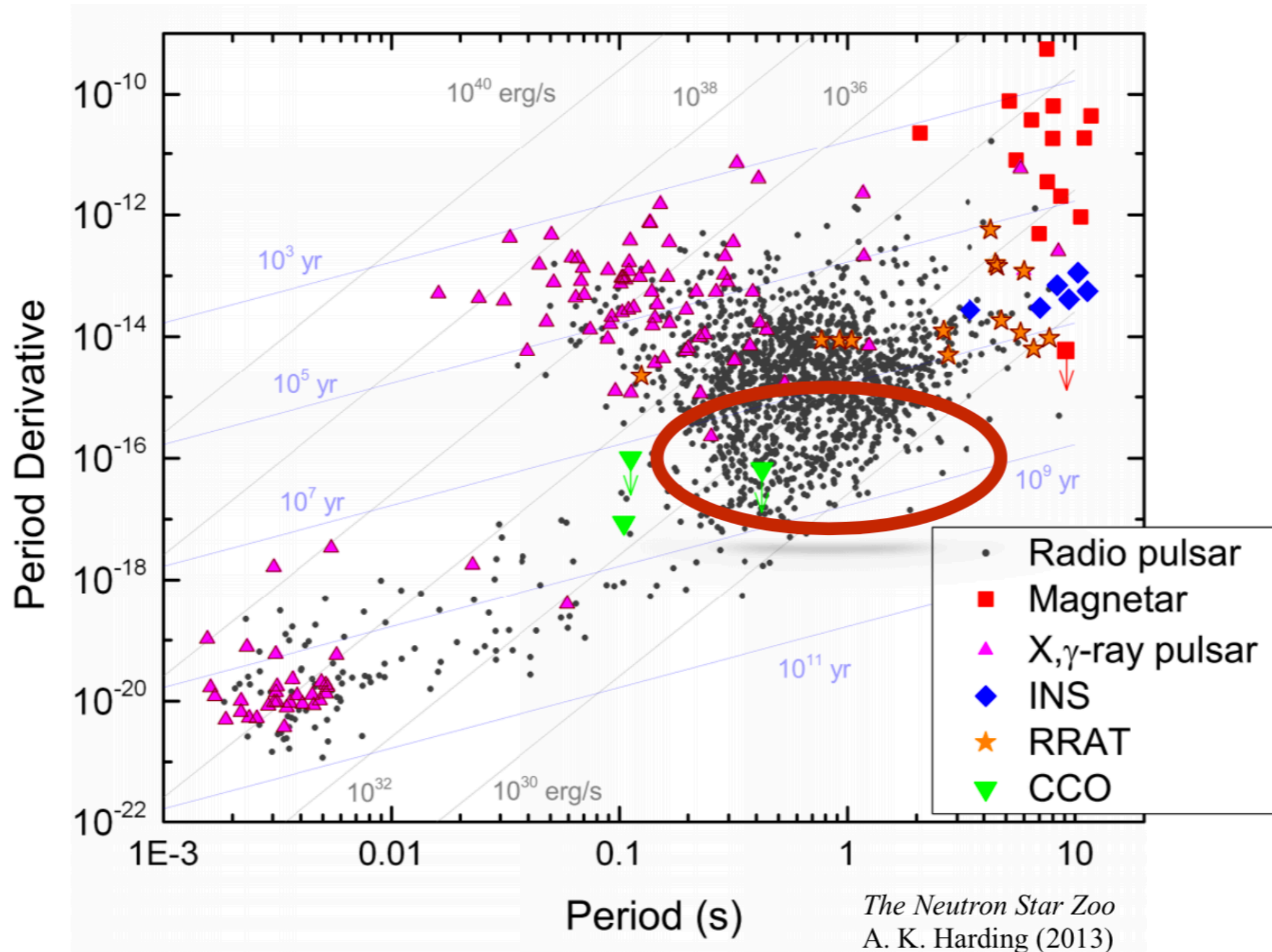
$$L \propto (\gamma - 1)m_{\text{DM}} + m_{\text{DM}}$$

kinetic heating

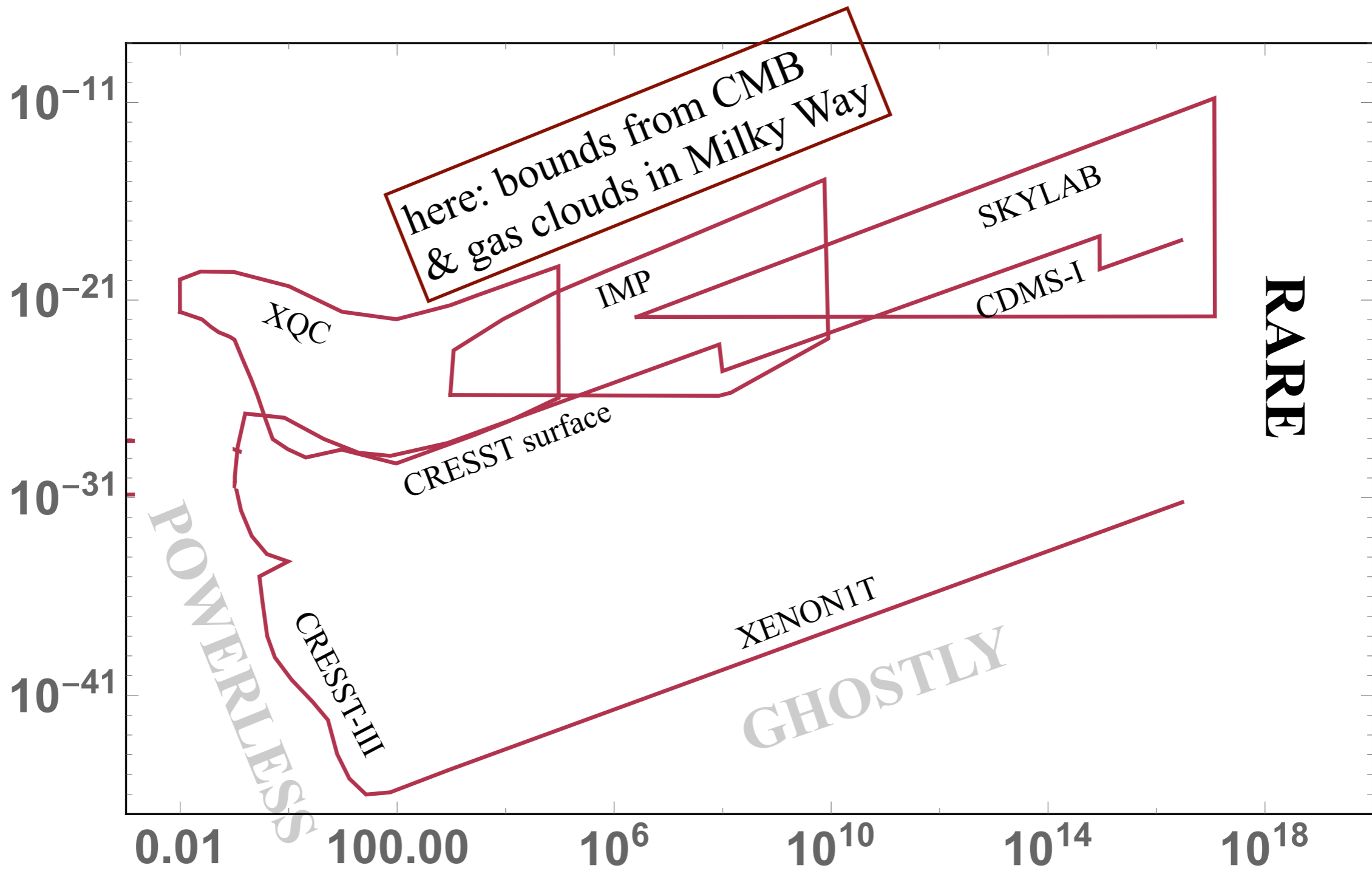
+ annihilation



Detection: radio pulsing



cross section for dark matter
hitting nucleons
 (sq cm)

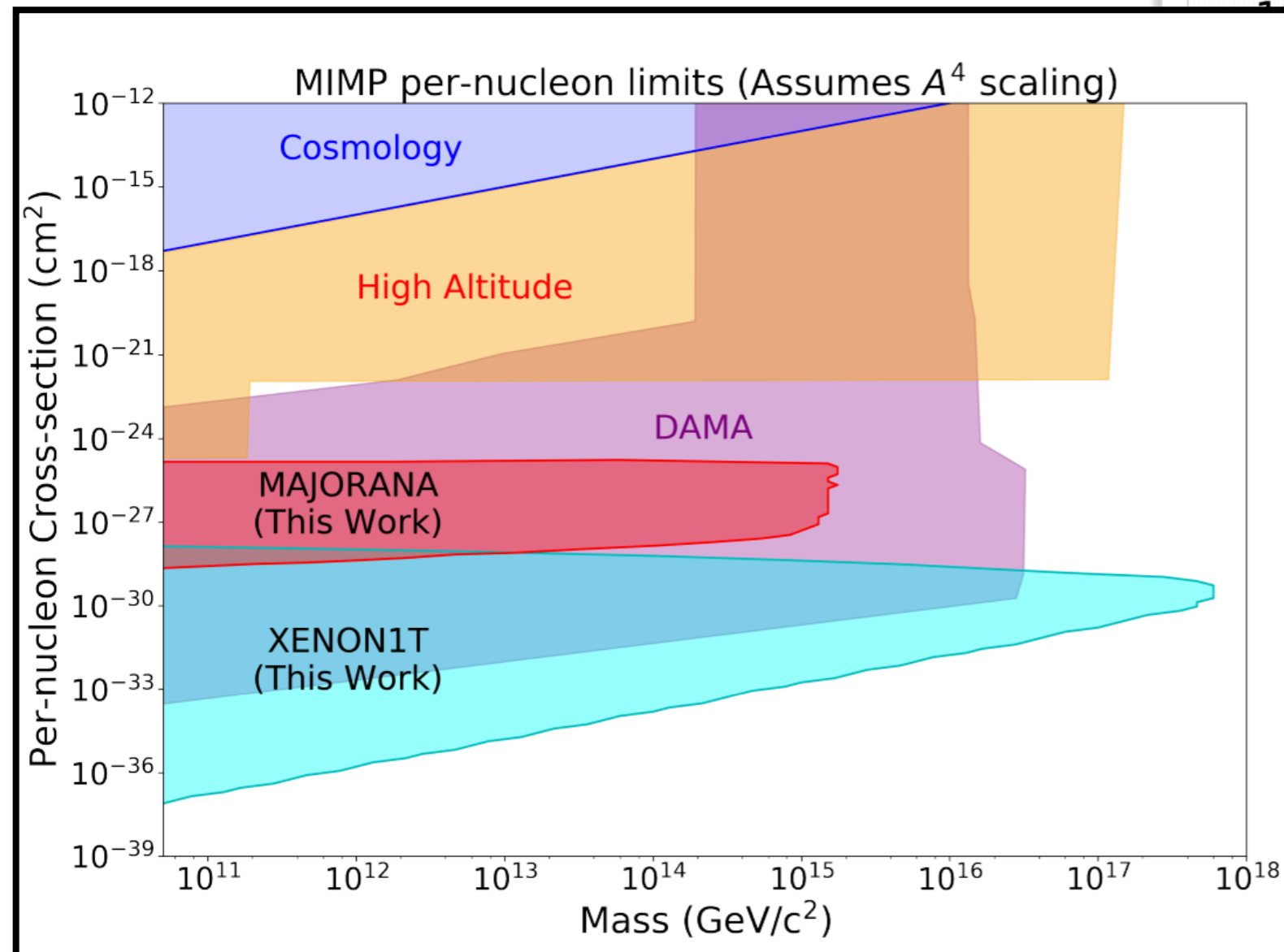
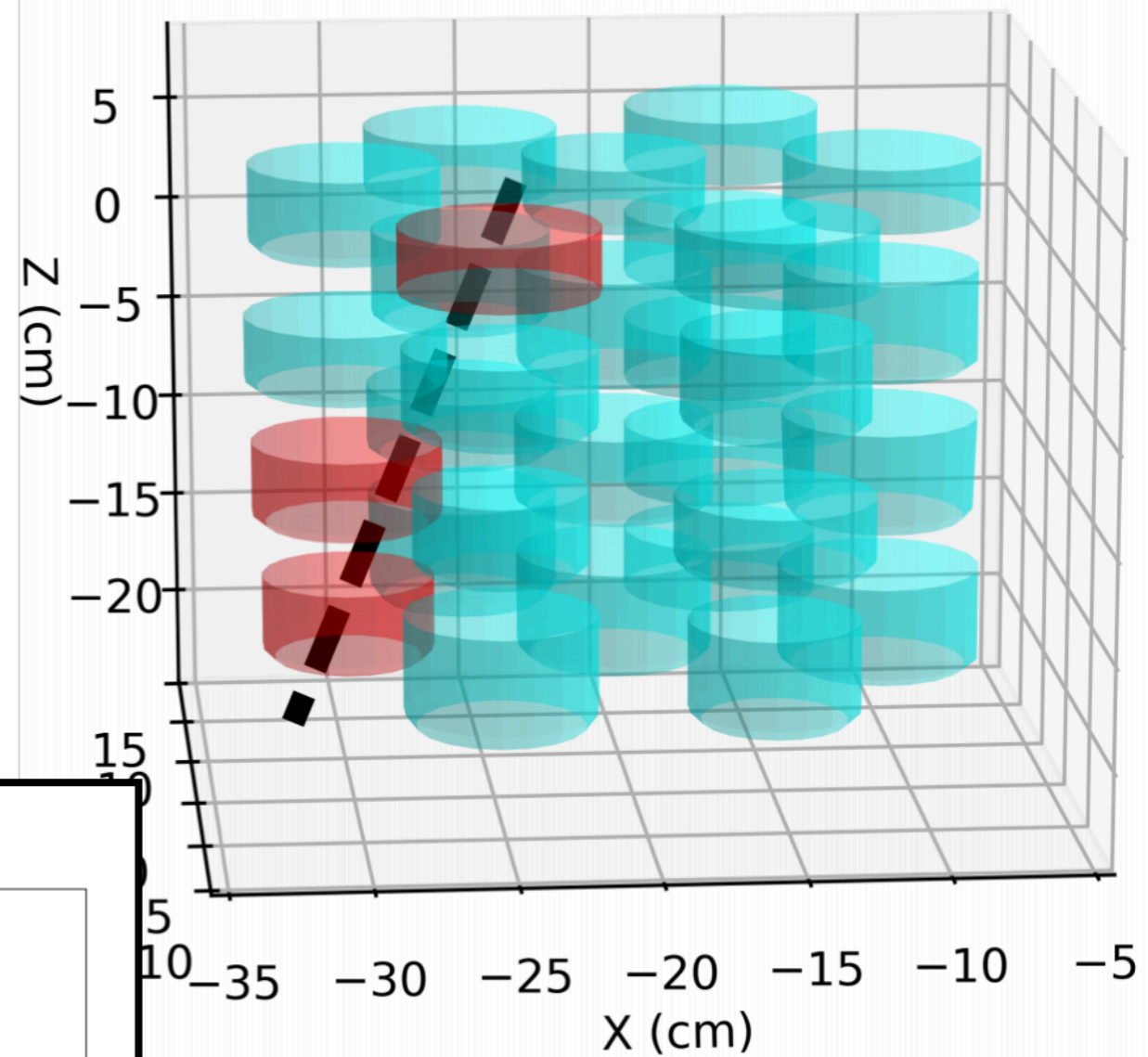


dark matter mass
 (GeV)

recasting

MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR

search for lightly ionizing particles



‘Direct Detection Limits on Heavy Dark Matter’

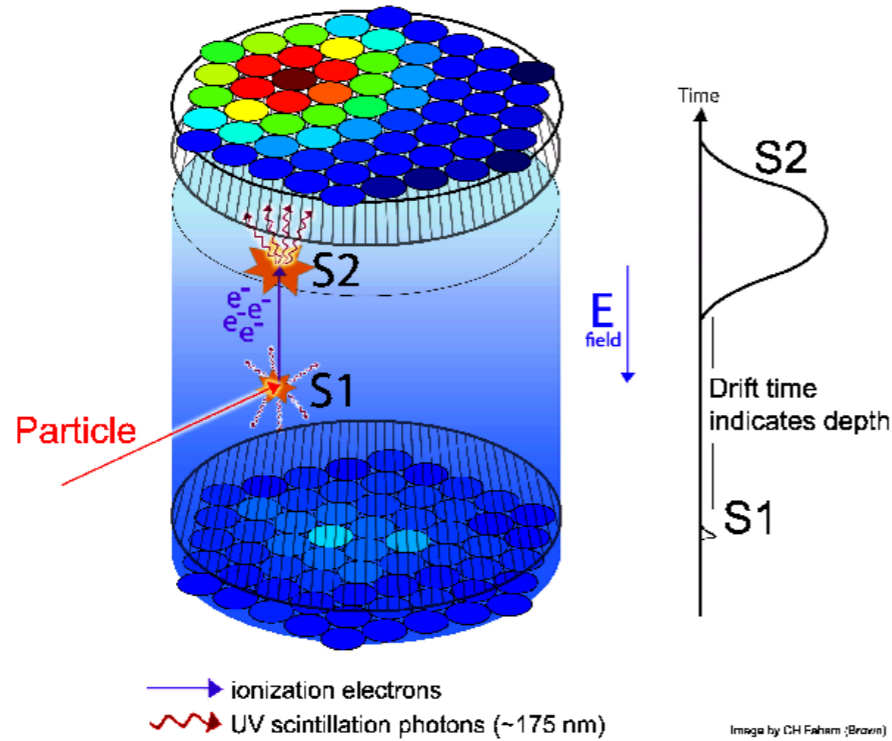
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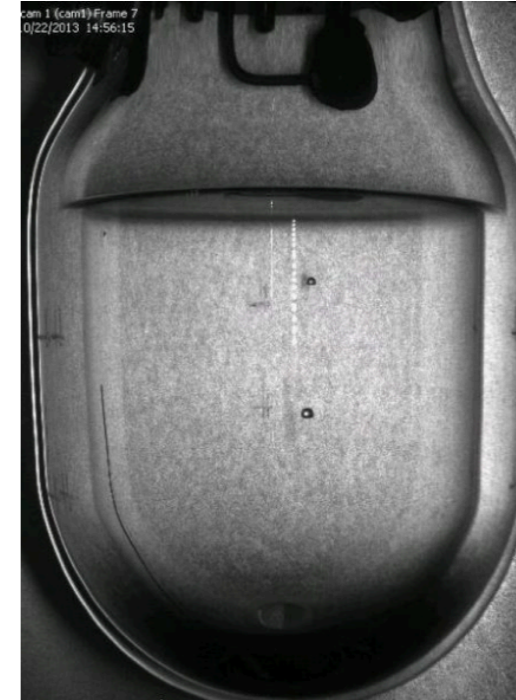
(Q1) Identifying multiscatterers

DM transit = 2.5 μ s

LUX/PANDAX/XENON1T



PICO-60



WIMP:

MIMP:

Train of scintillation pulses +
electroluminescence pulses

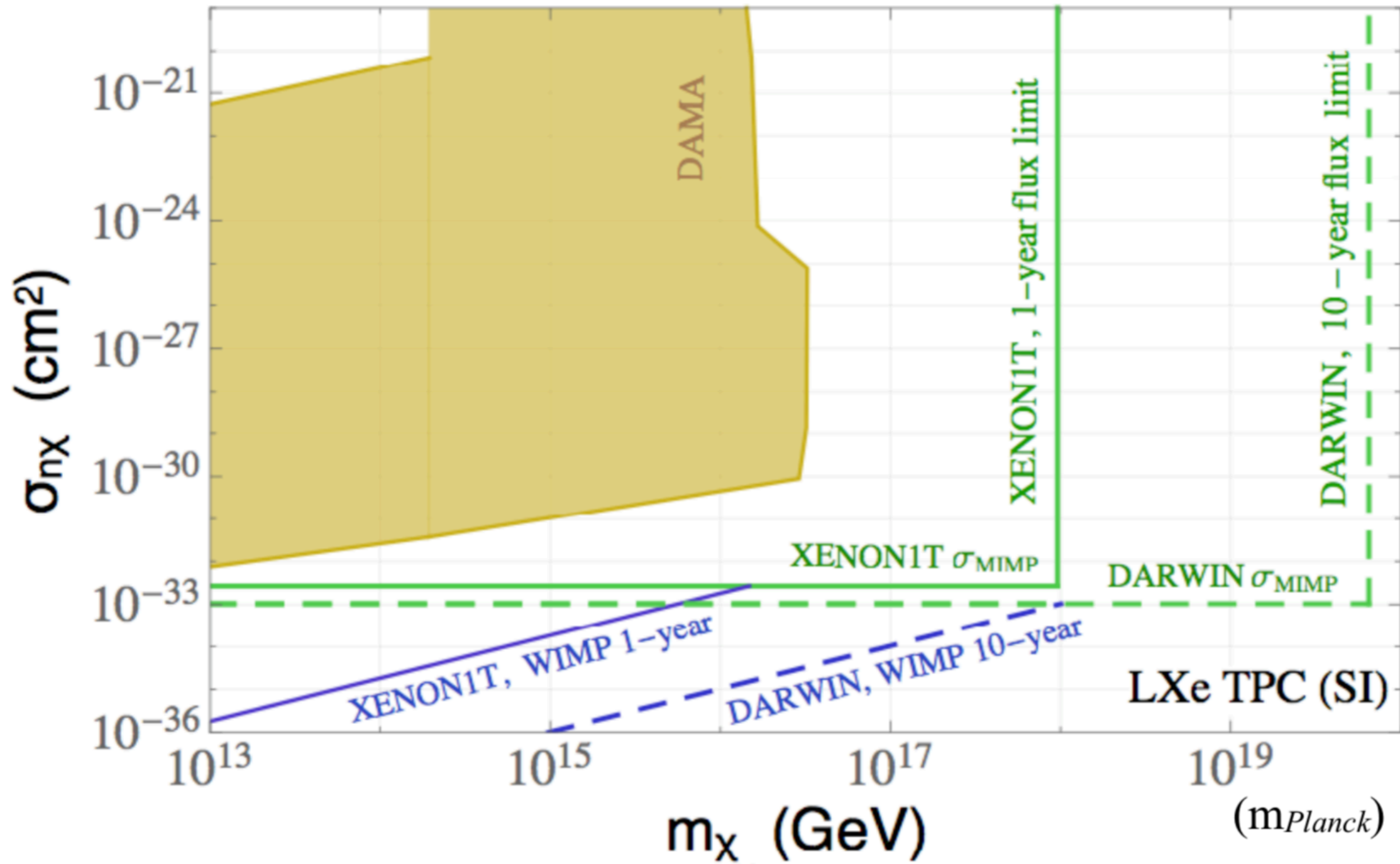
For multiplicity > 5 (>500), S2 (S1)
pulses merge into elongated pulses

Track of bubbles

Stereo cameras can image up to
100 bubbles (mm resolution)

- Background ~ 0 (from daughter neutrons of surrounding material & coincident electron recoils)

Multiscatter search in direct detection



Overburden

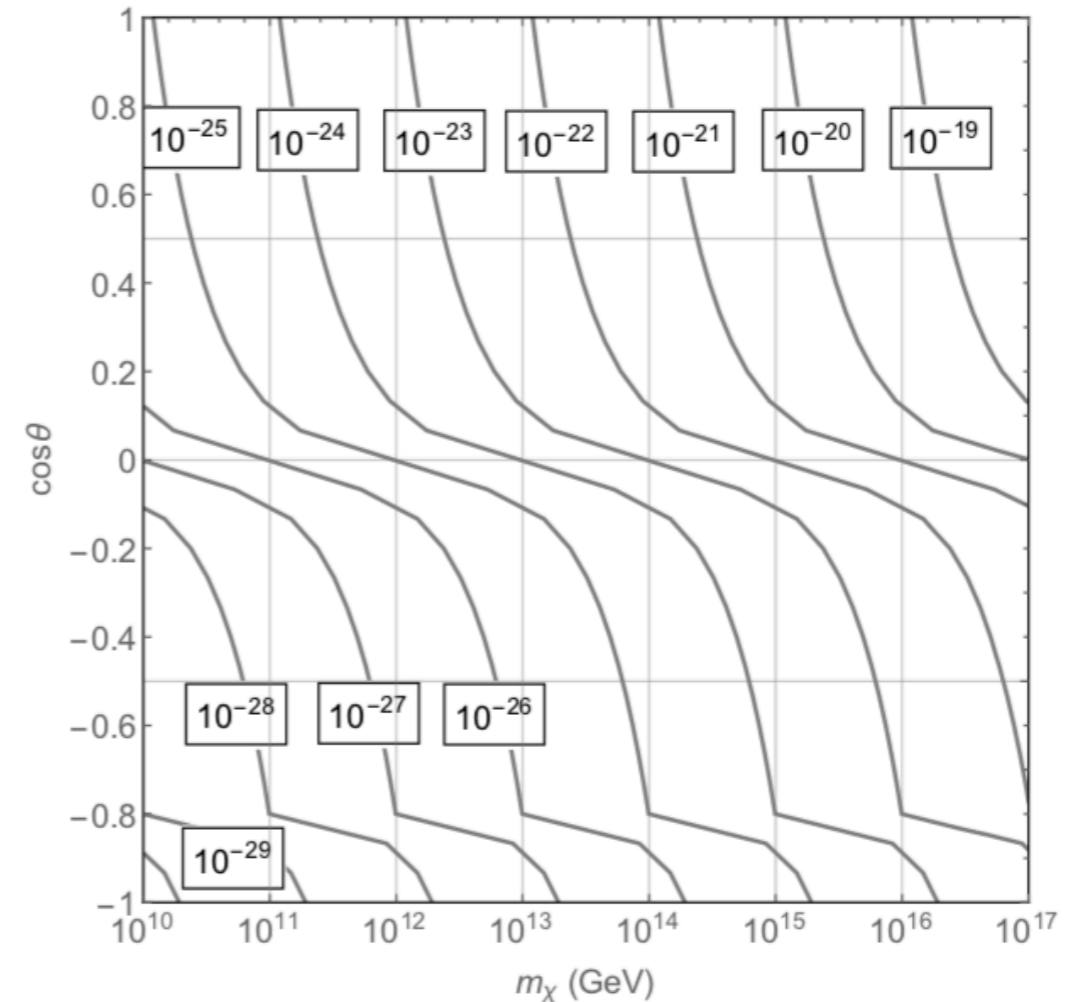
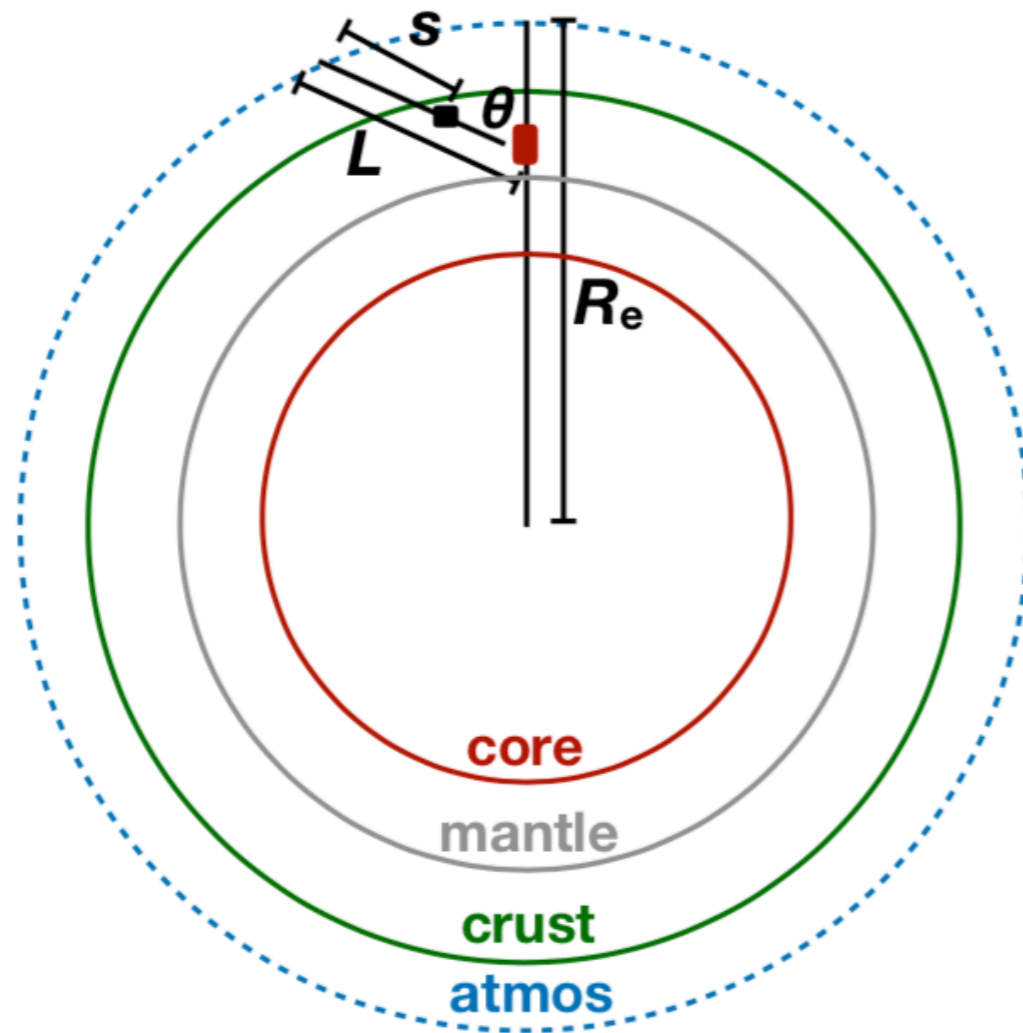


Figure 2. *Left.* Geometric schematic of a dark matter particle traveling along a straight path to a dark matter detector through the Earth's atmosphere and rock. This diagram is not to scale. *Right.* Contours in the $\cos\theta$ - m_χ plane, of the spin-independent per-nucleon cross sections (in cm^2) required for the Earth overburden to slow down dark matter below detector thresholds. This illustrative calculation assumes an isotropic dark matter distribution with a uniform speed = 220 km/s.

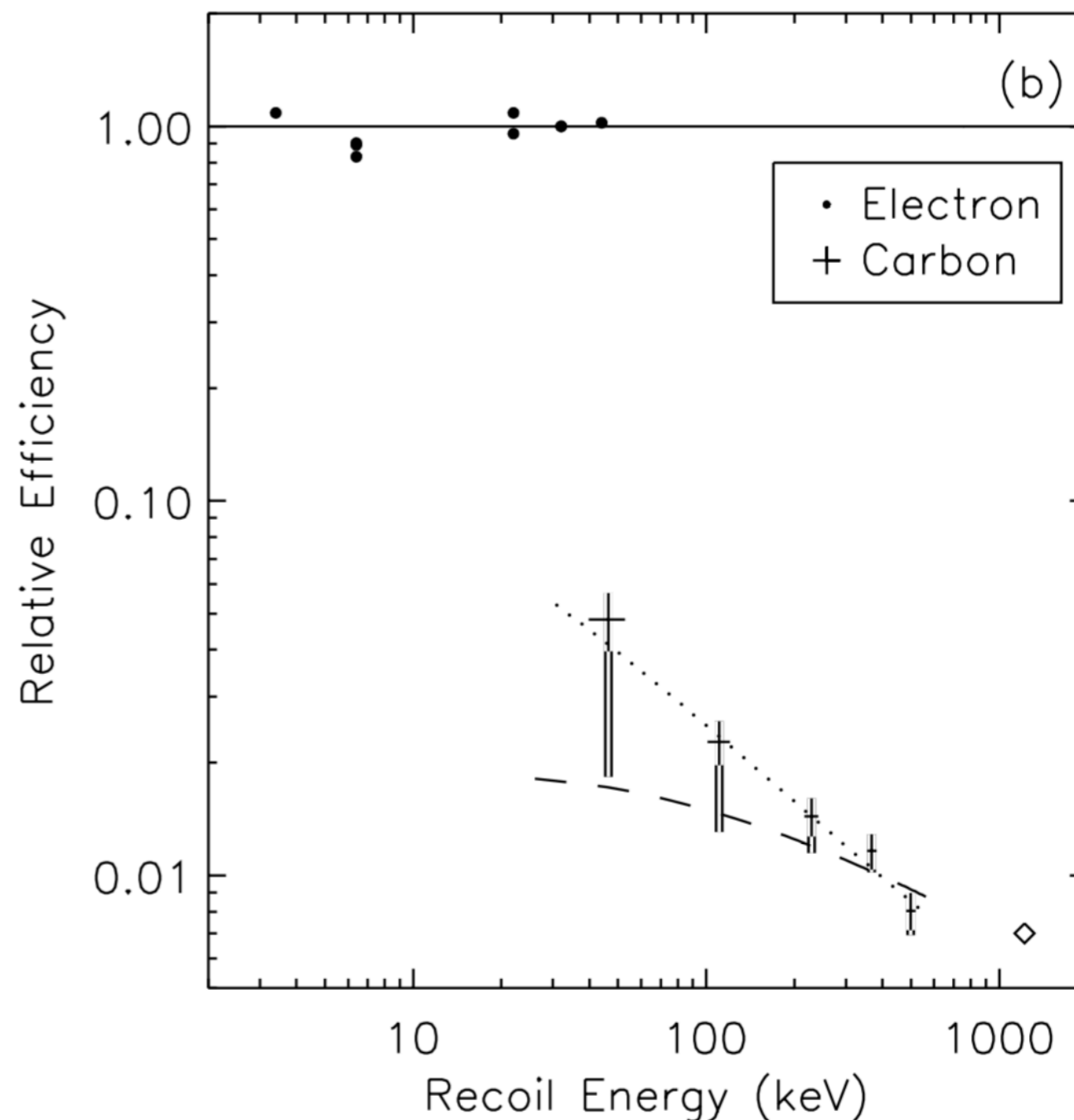
Existing @ BOREXINO

50 keV/ 100 ns =>
50 PE /100 ns, or
5000 PE/ 10 μ s.

The Scintillation Efficiency of Carbon and Hydrogen Recoils in an Organic Liquid Scintillator for Dark Matter Searches

Hong, Craig, Graham, Hailey,
Spooner, Tovey

[Bicron scintillator (BC505)]



DM transit = 10 μ s

Existing @ BOREXINO

50 PE /100 ns, or

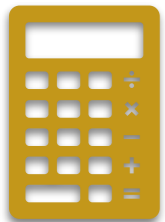
5000 PE/ 10 μ s.

Proposed improvement

42 PE/ 10 μ s.

Dark count rate reported by Borexino (1308.0443):

$$N_{\text{bg}} = \mathbf{10 \text{ PE/ } 10 \mu\text{s.}}$$



— Get required trigger from trial factors (solve for N_c)

$$\sum_{N_c}^{\infty} \frac{(N_{\text{bg}})^{N_c}}{N_c!} e^{-N_{\text{bg}}} = \frac{10 \mu\text{s}}{t_{\text{life}} \text{ (10 yr)}}$$



— Enhance cross section sensitivity by ~ 100 .

SNO+ cross section reach

