

Direct Search for Dark Matter

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- **Astrophysical evidence for Dark Matter**
- **Dark Matter candidates**
- **WIMP interaction rates and experimental requirements**
- **Cryobolometer experiments**
- **Liquid noble gas experiments**
- **Conclusions**

There is **compelling evidence** on all astrophysical scales
(rotation curve of galaxies, gravitational lensing, CMB, structure formation, ..)
for non-baryonic dark matter
5 times more than baryonic matter !

Possible candidates are many:

presently top candidates:

WIMPs (weakly interaction massive particle)

twice motivated by WIMP miracle

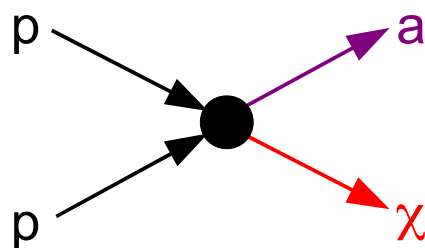
very light **axions**

keV neutrinos

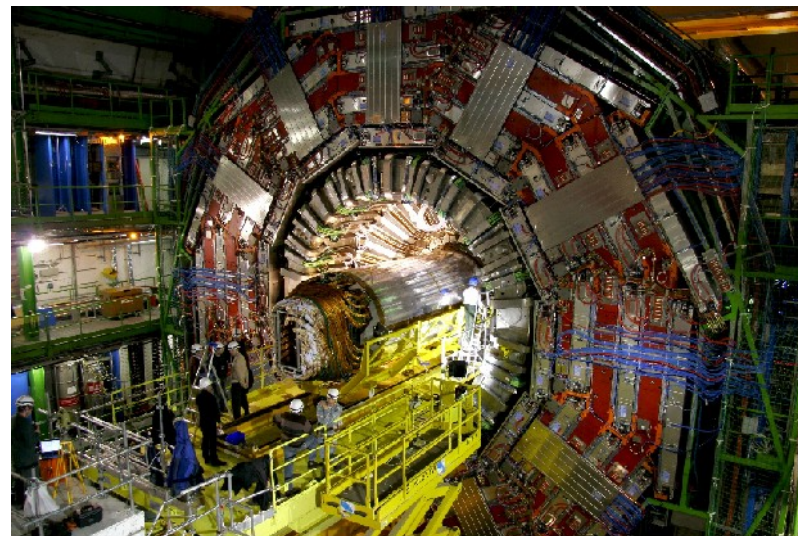
Experimental search for WIMPs I

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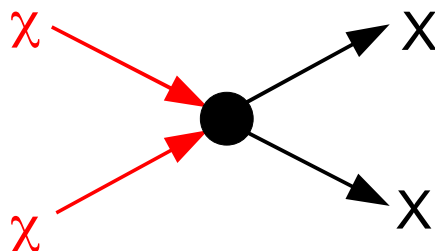
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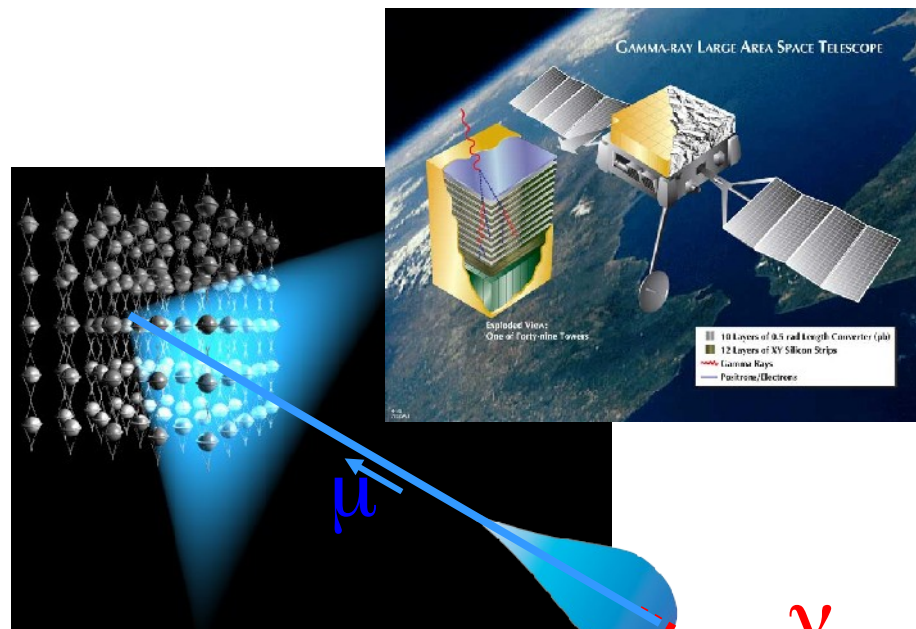
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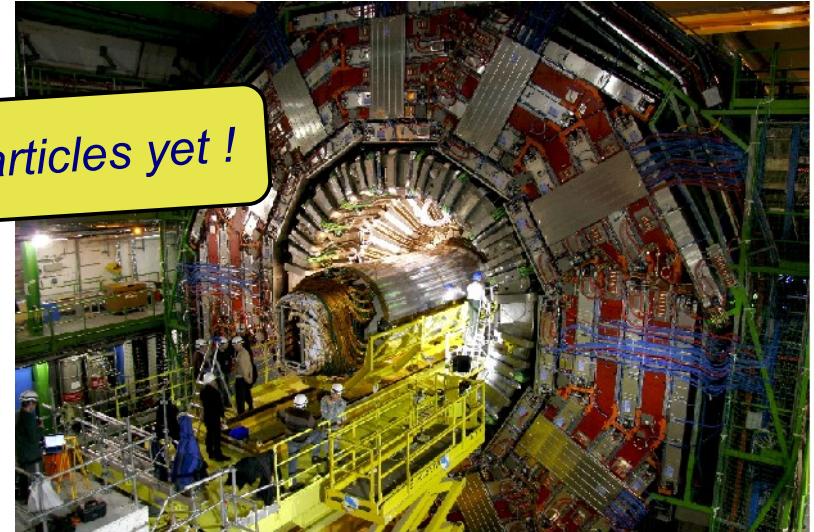


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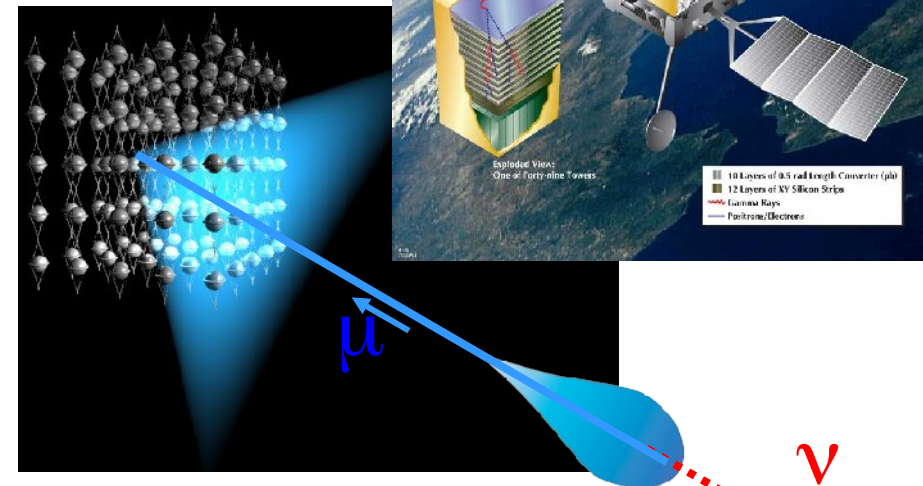


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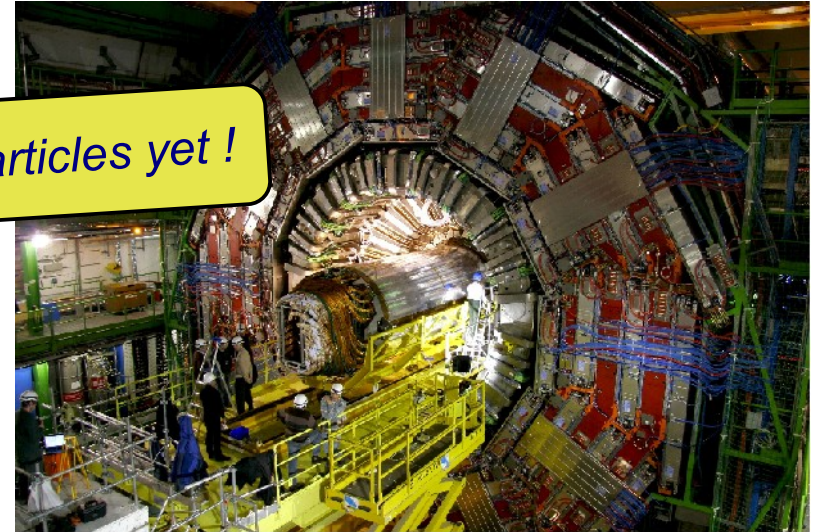


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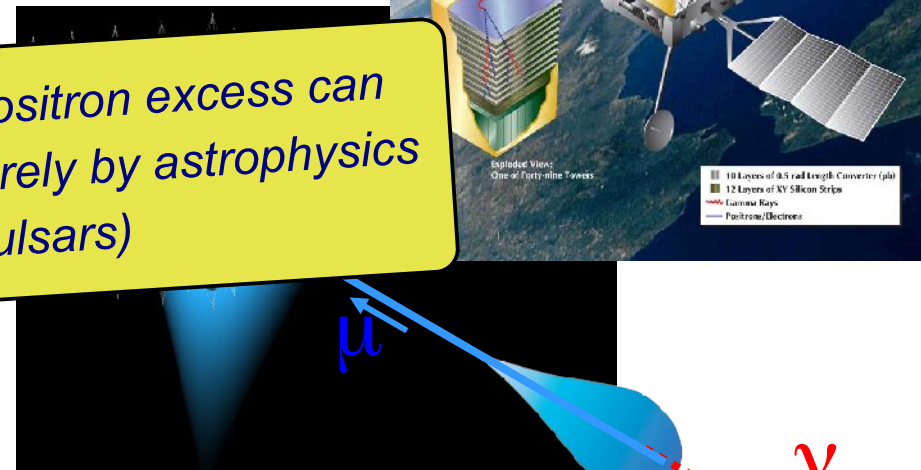
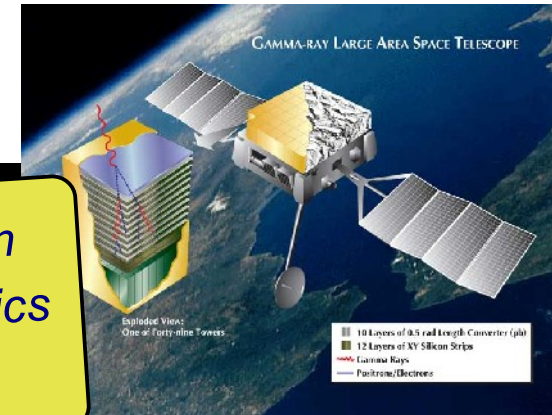
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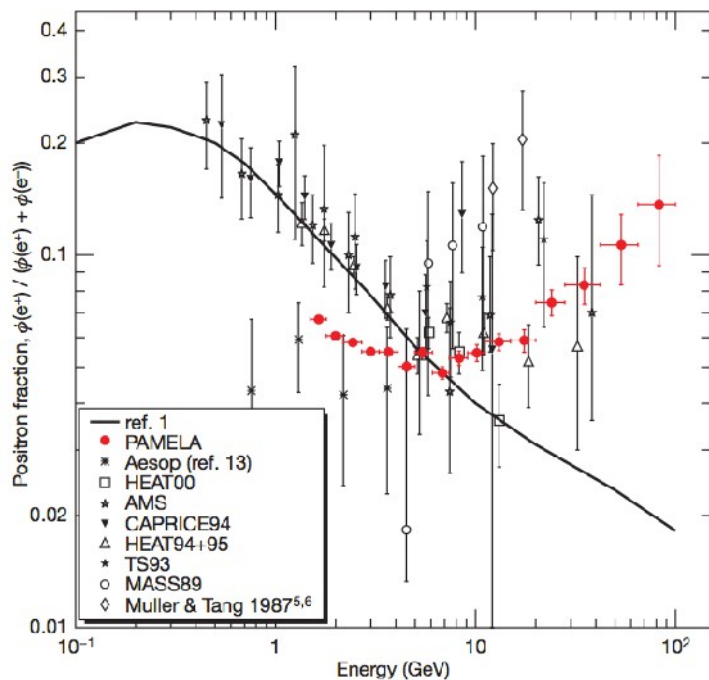
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*Claimed lepton or positron excess can
be also explained purely by astrophysics
(e.g. pulsars)*

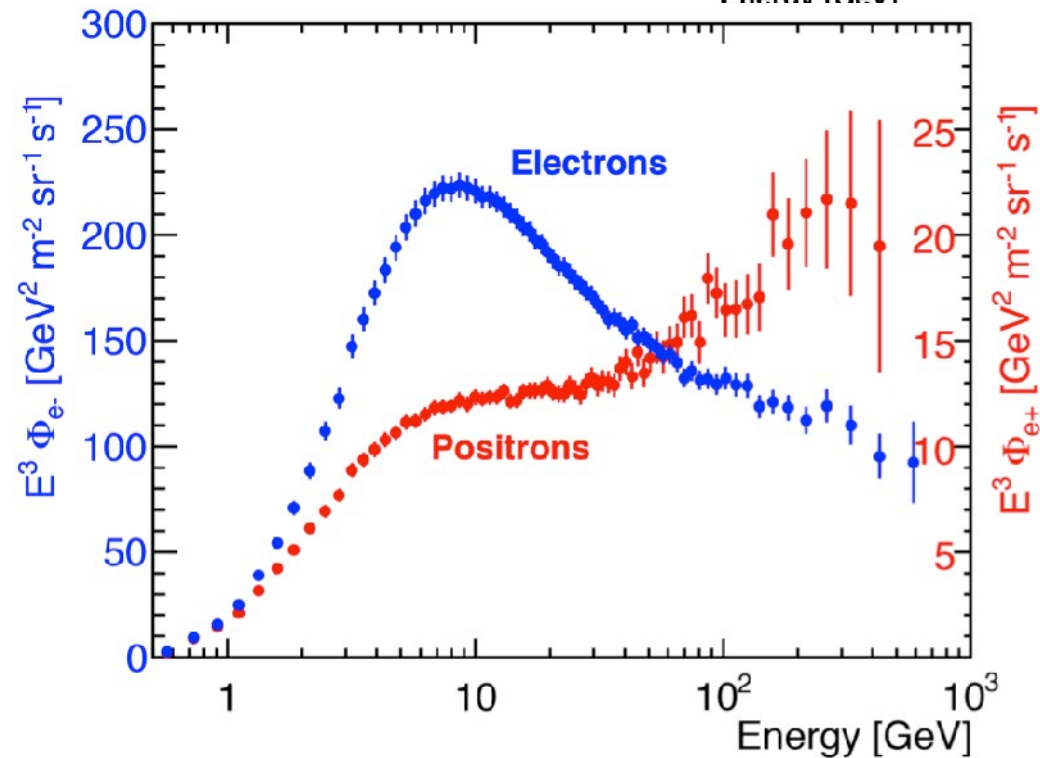
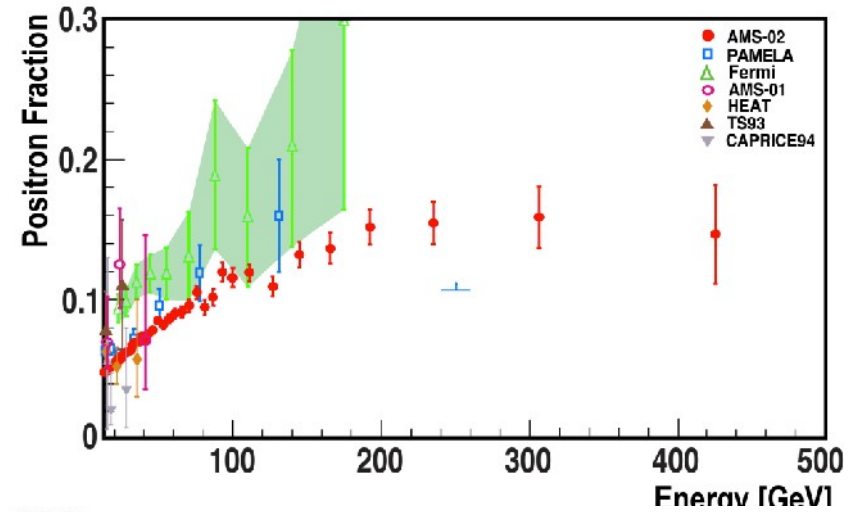
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Positron excess by PAMELA, latest results by AMS-II



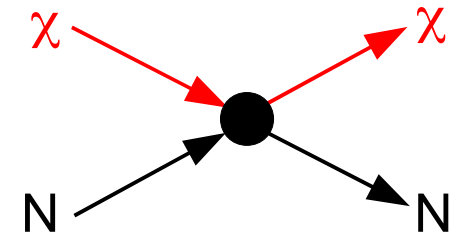
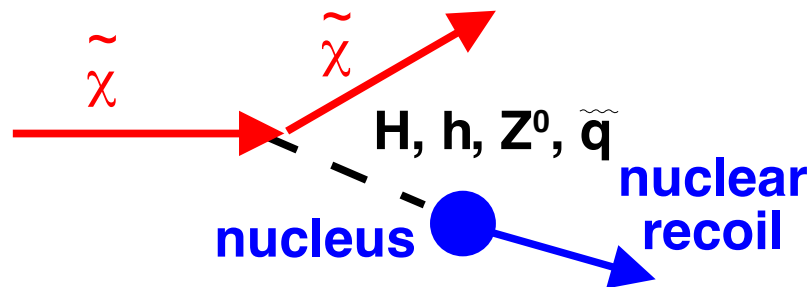
O. Adriani et al., Nature (2009)



**Excess is clearly confirmed
but origin still unclear !**

Experimental search for WIMPs II: Direct detection

c) Direct WIMP detection – search for nuclear recoil:



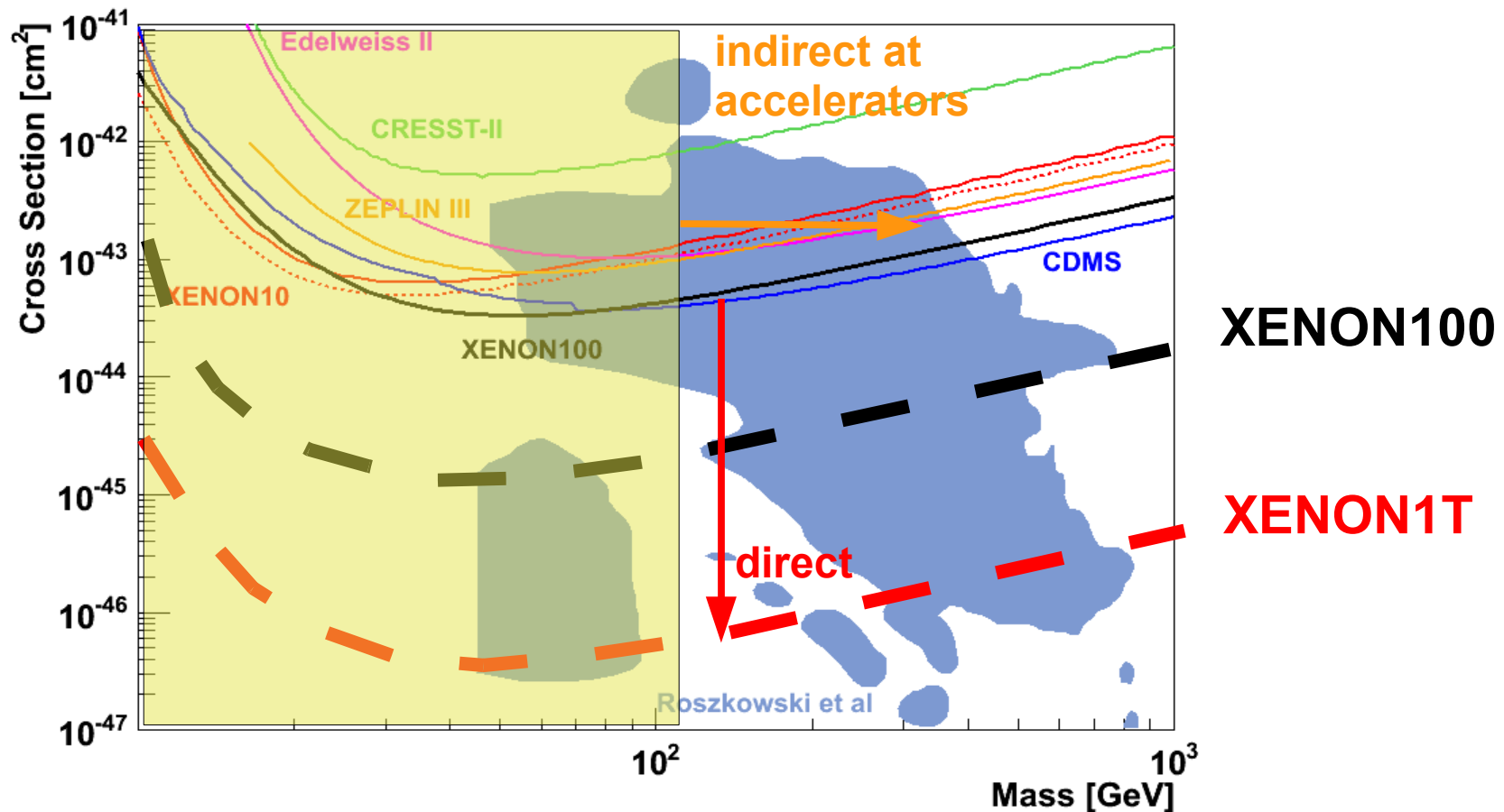
Signature:
energy transfer to nucleus
by "invisible particle"
similar to neutrino NC interaction

Elastic coherent scattering on the nucleus
mediated by H, h, Z, or \tilde{q} exchange.

Effectively a scalar spin-independent (SI)
or spin-dependent (SD) interaction

In principle even 6 couplings (+ 2 interference terms) to nuclear d.o.f.
possible (arXiv:1308.6288)

Direct versus indirect searches



Nothing found yet, but region of SUSY is being attacked !

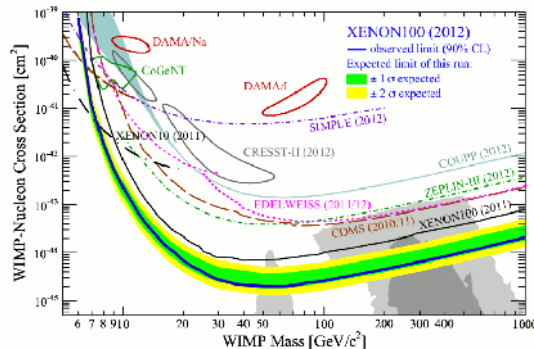
Theoretical WIMP cross section connected to experimental rate limit

1) elastic WIMP-quark interaction:

$$\sigma(\tilde{\chi} + q \rightarrow \tilde{\chi} + q)$$

theory/models
e.g. χ PT

2) elastic WIMP-nucleon interaction:



$$\sigma(\tilde{\chi} + N \rightarrow \tilde{\chi} + N)$$

nuclear model
distribution of
scattering objects:
Formfactors

3) elastic WIMP-nucleus interaction:

$$\sigma(\tilde{\chi} + A \rightarrow \tilde{\chi} + A)$$

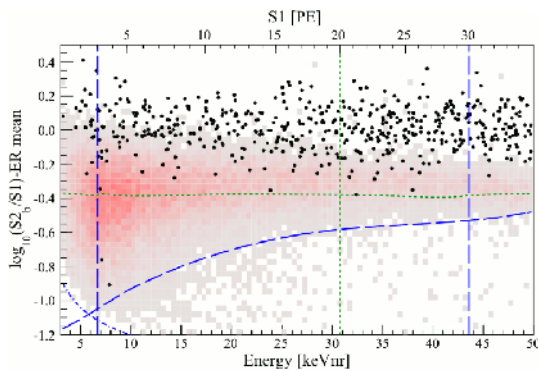
astrophysics of
WIMP halo:
 $\rho_0, \bar{v}, f(\mathbf{v})$

4) theoretical recoil energy spectrum:

$$\frac{dR}{dE_r}(\tilde{\chi} + A \rightarrow \tilde{\chi} + A)$$

particle physics: m_χ

5) detected recoil spectrum:



$$\frac{d^2 R}{dS_1 dS_2}(\tilde{\chi} + A \rightarrow \tilde{\chi} + A)$$

material &
detector
properties

Reviews:

Jungmann, Kamionkowski and Griest, Phys. Rep. 267 (1996) 195
Levin and Smith, Astroparticle Phys. 6 (1996) 87

Notations

$m_{\tilde{\chi}}$: mass of the WIMP

m_N : mass of the nucleon

m_A : mass of the nucleus

$\mu_r = \frac{m_{\tilde{\chi}} \cdot m_A}{m_{\tilde{\chi}} + m_A}$: reduced mass

E_r : recoil energy

Relativistic kinematics:

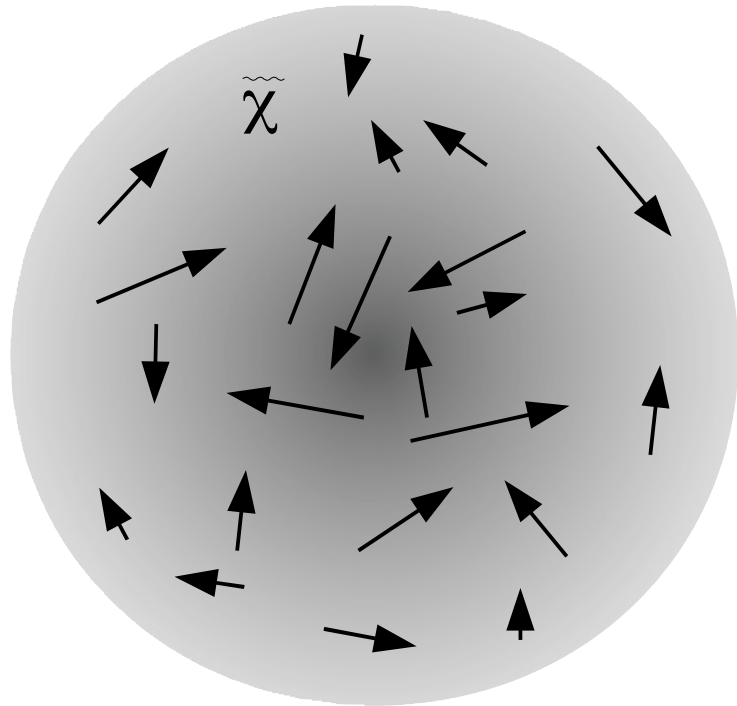
$$\mathbf{q}^2 = q_\mu q^\mu \quad \text{and} \quad Q^2 = -\mathbf{q}^2$$

But here non-relativistic case ($m_{\tilde{\chi}} \gg E_r$ and $m_{\tilde{\chi}}^2 \gg |\mathbf{q}^2|$):

$$q^2 := \vec{q}^2$$

often used : $Q = E_r$

WIMP velocity distribution



Assume a local 3-dim. Maxwellian WIMP velocity distribution:

$$f(\vec{v}) d^3v = \frac{1}{\pi^{3/2} v_0^3} \cdot e^{-v^2/v_0^2} d^3v \quad \text{with } v_0 = 220 \text{ km/s}$$

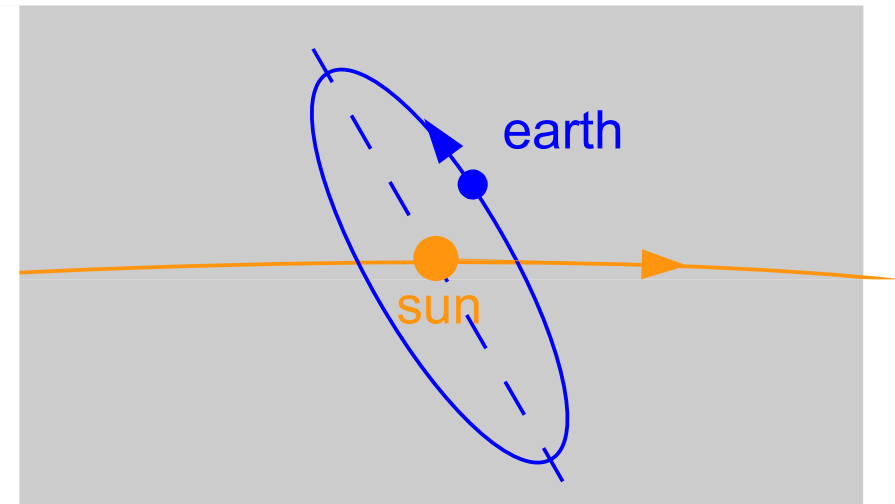
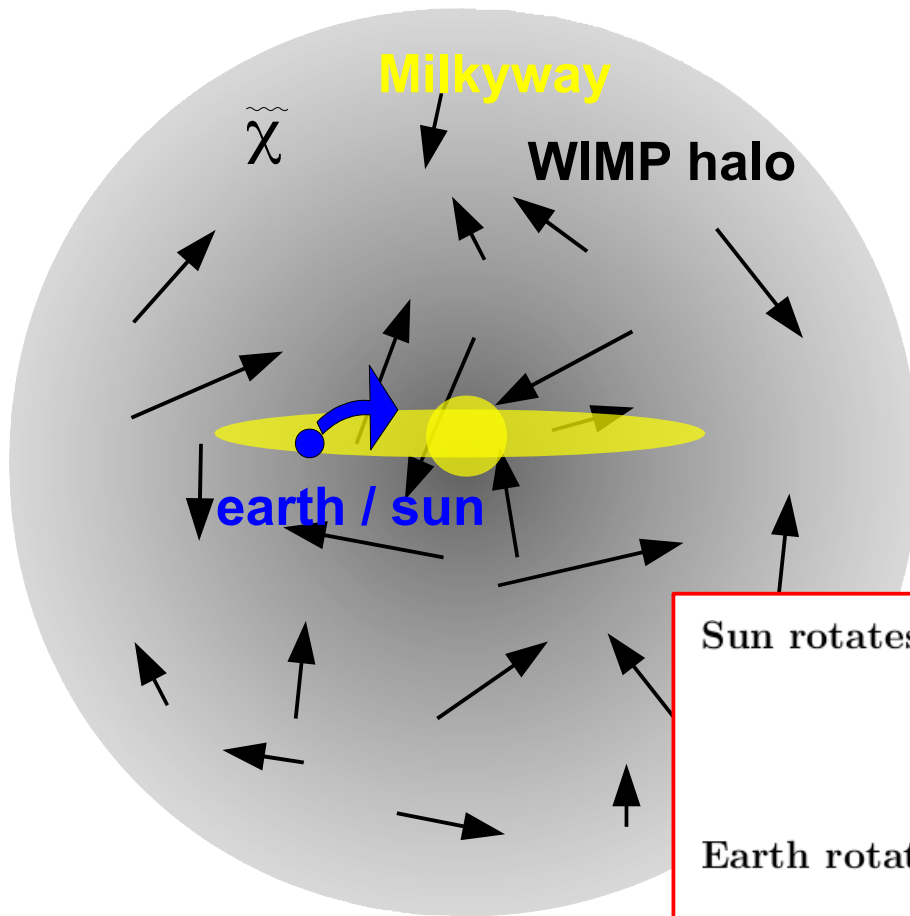
Remark: $\sigma_v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot v_0 \Rightarrow \int \int \int f(\vec{v}) d^3v = 1$

Turn this into a 1-dim. velocity distribution by assuming radial symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(\vec{v}) d^3v &= 4\pi \int_0^{\infty} \frac{v^2 \cdot e^{-v^2/v_0^2}}{\pi^{3/2} v_0^3} dv \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \underbrace{\frac{4v^2 \cdot e^{-v^2/v_0^2}}{\sqrt{\pi} v_0^3}}_{:=f_1(v)} dv \end{aligned}$$

Velocity dispersion \bar{v}

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{v}^2 = \langle v^2 \rangle &= \int_0^{\infty} v^2 f_1(v) dv = \frac{3}{2} v_0^2 \\ \Rightarrow \bar{v} &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} v_0 = 270 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}} \end{aligned}$$



Sun rotates around center of Milkyway with velocity

$$v_{\odot} = 230 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$$

Earth rotates around sun with velocity

$$v_e(t) = v_e \cdot \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \text{with} \quad v_e = 30 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 1 \text{ yr}$$

Velocity of earth w.r.t. center of Milkyway

$$\vec{v}_E(t) = \vec{v}_{\odot} + \vec{v}_e(t) \quad \text{with} \quad \angle(\vec{v}_{\odot}, \vec{v}_e) = 60^\circ$$

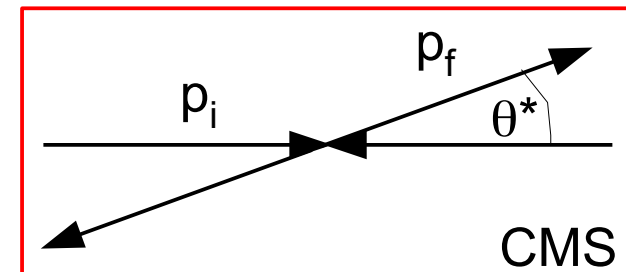
Describe elastic scattering in the center of mass system CMS with relative velocity v .

The center of mass moving with a velocity v_s is defined such, that the two momenta in CMS are equal (assume nucleus at rest in lab system)

$$m_{\tilde{\chi}} \cdot (v - v_s) = p = m_A \cdot v_s$$

$$\Rightarrow v_s = v \cdot \frac{m_{\tilde{\chi}}}{m_{\tilde{\chi}} + m_A}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = m_A \cdot v_s = \mu_r \cdot v \quad \text{momentum in CMS}$$



Momentum transfer

$$\vec{q} = \vec{p}_i - \vec{p}_f \quad \text{with} \quad |p_i| = |p_f| = p = \mu_r \cdot v \quad (\text{elastic scattering})$$

CMS scattering angle θ^*

$$\frac{q}{2} = p \cdot \sin \frac{\theta^*}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 = 4 \cdot p^2 \cdot \sin^2 \frac{\theta^*}{2} = 2 \cdot p^2 \cdot (1 - \cos \theta^*) = 2 \cdot \mu_r^2 \cdot v^2 \cdot (1 - \cos \theta^*)$$

Recoil energy

$$E_r = \frac{q^2}{2 \cdot m_A} = \frac{\mu_r^2 \cdot v^2}{m_A} \cdot (1 - \cos \theta^*) \quad \Rightarrow \quad 0 \leq E_r \leq \frac{2 \cdot \mu_r^2 \cdot v^2}{m_A}$$

$$\frac{dq^2}{dE_r} = 2 \cdot m_A$$

in 0th order:
assume s-wave scattering

Elastic scattering of a scalar (spin-independent) interaction:

⇒ angular distribution is uniformly distributed in the variable $\cos \theta^*$ within interval $[-1, 1]$

⇒ for a given WIMP velocity v the recoil energy E_r is uniformly distributed in interval $[0, \frac{2 \cdot \mu_r^2 \cdot v^2}{m_A}]$

with $E_{r, \max} = \frac{2 \cdot \mu_r^2 \cdot v^2}{m_A}$

Just to get a first estimate on the size of the recoil energy

Let us assume $m_{\tilde{\chi}} = 100 \text{ GeV} = m_A$ ($\Rightarrow \mu_r = 50 \text{ GeV}$)

and $\theta^* = 90^\circ$ and $v = v_0 \approx 0.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$

$$\Rightarrow E_r = \frac{(50 \text{ GeV})^2 \cdot (0.7 \cdot 10^{-3})^2}{100 \text{ GeV}} \cdot (1 - \cos 90^\circ) = 25 \text{ GeV} \cdot 0.5 \cdot 10^{-6} = 12.5 \text{ keV}$$

Basic relation between cross section σ and interaction probability P and incoming flux density j

$$P = j \cdot \sigma \quad \text{with} \quad \vec{j} = \underbrace{n}_{\text{incoming particle density}} \cdot \underbrace{\vec{v}}_{\text{incoming particle velocity}}$$

With N_T target objects

$$\dot{N}_T = j \cdot \sigma \cdot N_T = n \cdot v \cdot \sigma \cdot N_T$$

$$= n \cdot v \cdot \sigma \cdot \frac{M_T}{m_A} \quad \text{with} \quad M_T \text{ being the total target mass, e.g. 34 kg of fid. vol.}$$

Remark: This relation is only valid for non-opaque targets, i.e. dimensions \ll mean free path, which is usually fulfilled in weak interactions

The incoming WIMP density is given by the local (dark) matter density and the WIMP mass

$$n = n_{\tilde{\chi}} = \frac{\rho_0}{m_{\tilde{\chi}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow j \propto n \propto \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{\chi}}}$$

Usually we are interested in the interaction rate per mass unit R

$$R = \frac{\dot{N}_T}{M_T} = n \cdot v \cdot \sigma \cdot \frac{M_T}{m_A} \cdot \frac{1}{M_T} = \frac{n \cdot v \cdot \sigma}{m_A} = \frac{\rho_0 \cdot v \cdot \sigma}{m_{\tilde{\chi}} \cdot m_A}$$

The WIMP velocity v is not fixed but follows a velocity distribution.

We first neglect the velocity of the earth $\vec{v}_E(t)$ and assume a radial symmetric velocity distribution $f_1(v)$ over which we have to integrate

$$R = \int dR = \int \frac{\rho_0 \cdot v \cdot \sigma \cdot f_1(v)}{m_{\tilde{\chi}} \cdot m_A} dv$$

We assume that the scalar coherent elastic cross section does not depend on the velocity of the WIMP ($\sigma = \sigma_0$) except for loss of coherence for higher energies, which we will consider later by introducing a form factor.

Then we consider a differential rate dR for a defined velocity in the range $[v, v + dv]$

$$\frac{dR}{dv} = \frac{\rho_0 \cdot v \cdot \sigma \cdot f_1(v)}{m_{\tilde{\chi}} \cdot m_A}$$

We are interested in the differential rate also in terms of the recoil energy E_r . Since for a giving velocity a scalar elastic interaction results in a uniform distribution of the recoil energy E_r in the interval $[0, E_{r, \max}]$ we just divide $\frac{dR}{dv}$ by $E_{r, \max} = \frac{2 \cdot \mu_r^2 \cdot v^2}{m_A}$

$$\frac{d^2 R}{dv dE_r} = \frac{\rho_0 \cdot v \cdot \sigma \cdot f_1(v)}{m_{\tilde{\chi}} \cdot m_A \cdot E_{r, \max}} = \frac{\rho_0 \cdot \sigma \cdot f_1(v)}{2 \cdot m_{\tilde{\chi}} \cdot v \cdot \mu_r^2}$$

Integrating over the velocity distribution yields

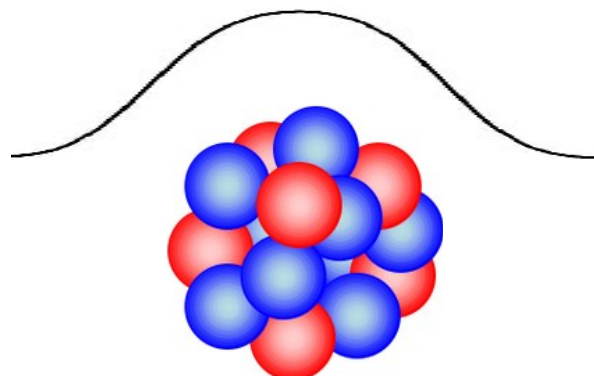
$$\frac{dR}{dE_r} = \frac{\rho_0 \cdot \sigma}{2 \cdot m_{\tilde{\chi}} \cdot \mu_r^2} \cdot \int \frac{1}{v} \cdot f_1(v) dv = \frac{\rho_0 \cdot \sigma}{2 \cdot m_{\tilde{\chi}} \cdot \mu_r^2} \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{v} \right\rangle$$

for simplification
assume here $v_E = 0$

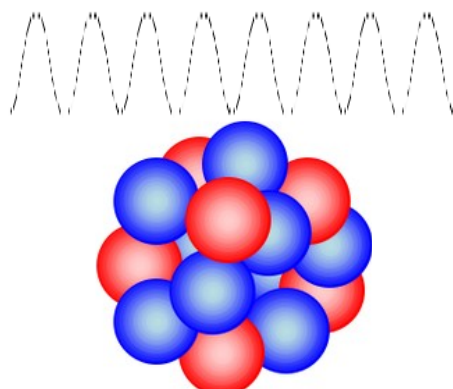
derivation can be
repeated with $v_E \neq 0$

in 0th order:
assume s-wave
scattering

Increasing q^2 : loss off coherence → Form factors



Long wavelength:
nucleus seen as one object



Short wavelength:
sub-structure of nucleus is resolved

de Broglie wave length of the
exchanged particle $\lambda = h / q$

We now consider the loss of coherence for larger q^2 by introducing the Formfactor $F(q^2)$

$$\sigma(q^2) = \sigma_0 \cdot F^2(q^2)$$

In low q^2 approximation the Formfactor is nothing

than the Fouriertransform of the spatial distribution of the scattering objects,

e.g. the charge distribution for EM interaction

(which corresponds inside a nucleon to the weak charge (isospin) distribution

for weak interactions from eN versus ν N deep inelastic scattering)

→ $F(q^2)$ has to be calculated by nuclear physics !

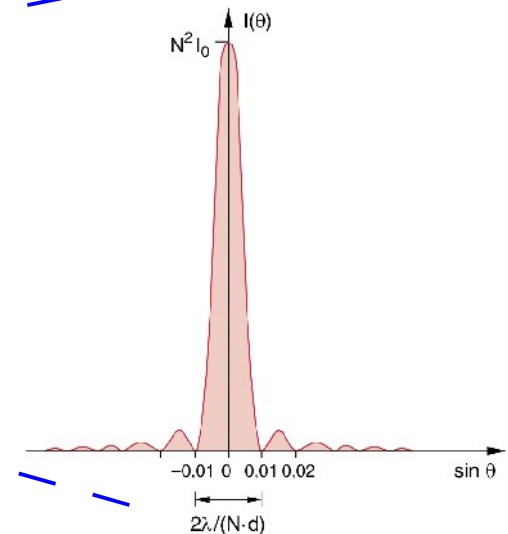
Form factors

Ladungsverteilung $\rho(r)$	Formfaktor $F(q)$	Beispiel
punktförmig	konstant	Elektron
exponentiell	Dipol	Proton
gaußförmig	gaußförmig	${}^6\text{Li}$
homogene Kugel	oszillierend	—
Kugel mit diffusem Rand	verwaschene Oszillation	${}^{40}\text{Ca}$

$r \longrightarrow$ $|q| \longrightarrow$

Ladungsverteilung $f(r)$	Formfaktor $F(q^2)$
Punkt $\delta(r)/4\pi$	1 konstant
exponentiell $(a^3/8\pi) \cdot \exp(-ar)$	$(1 + q^2/a^2\hbar^2)^{-2}$ Dipol
Gauß $(\alpha^2/2\pi)^{3/2} \cdot \exp(-\alpha^2 r^2/2)$	$\exp(-q^2/2\alpha^2\hbar^2)$ Gauß
homogene Kugel $\begin{cases} C \text{ für } r \leq R \\ 0 \text{ für } r > R \end{cases}$	$3\alpha^{-3}(\sin\alpha - \alpha\cos\alpha)$ oszillierend mit $\alpha = q R/\hbar$

compare to
interference pattern
behind slit



pictures from Povh, Rith, Scholtz, Zetsche, *Teilchen und Kerne*, Springer

picture from Demtröder, *Experimentalphysik, Band 2*, Springer

Spin-independent and spin-dependent cross sections

WIMP-nucleus spin-independent (SI) and spin-dependent (SD) cross sections

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{0,\text{SI}} &= \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \mu_{\text{r}}^2 \cdot (Z \cdot f_{\text{p}} + (A - Z) \cdot f_{\text{n}})^2 \\
 &= \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \mu_{\text{r}}^2 \cdot f^2 \cdot A^2 \quad \text{for } f_{\text{p}} = f_{\text{n}} \\
 &= \sigma_{\text{N,SI}} \cdot \frac{\mu_{\text{r}}^2}{m_{\text{N}}^2} \cdot A^2 \\
 \sigma_{\text{N,SI}} &= \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \left(\frac{m_{\text{N}} \cdot m_{\tilde{\chi}}}{m_{\text{N}} + m_{\tilde{\chi}}} \right)^2 \cdot f^2 = \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot m_{\text{N}}^2 \cdot f^2 \quad \text{for } m_{\tilde{\chi}} \gg m_{\text{N}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{0,\text{SD}} &= \frac{32 \cdot \mu_{\text{r}}^2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{J + 1}{J} \cdot (a_{\text{p}} \cdot \langle S_{\text{p}} \rangle + a_{\text{n}} \cdot \langle S_{\text{n}} \rangle)^2 \cdot \frac{S(q)}{S(0)} \\
 \text{with } S(q) &= a_0^2 \cdot S_{00}(q) + a_1^2 \cdot S_{11}(q) + a_0 \cdot a_1 \cdot S_{01}(q)
 \end{aligned}$$

with $\langle S_{\text{p}} \rangle$ ($\langle S_{\text{n}} \rangle$) being the expectation values of the spin content of the protons (neutrons) in the nucleus and with the spin form factors S_{ij}

Evaluate $\langle 1/v \rangle$ The intergral does not range from 0 to ∞ because there is a lower velocity limit v_{\min} to create a recoil of E_r

$$v_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{E_r \cdot m_A}{2\mu_r^2}}$$

There is also a maximum velocity $v_{\max} = v_{\text{esc}}$ with $498 \text{ km/s} < v_{\text{esc}} < 608 \text{ km/s}$ (PDG2012), which is less important

With still the simplification $v_E = 0$

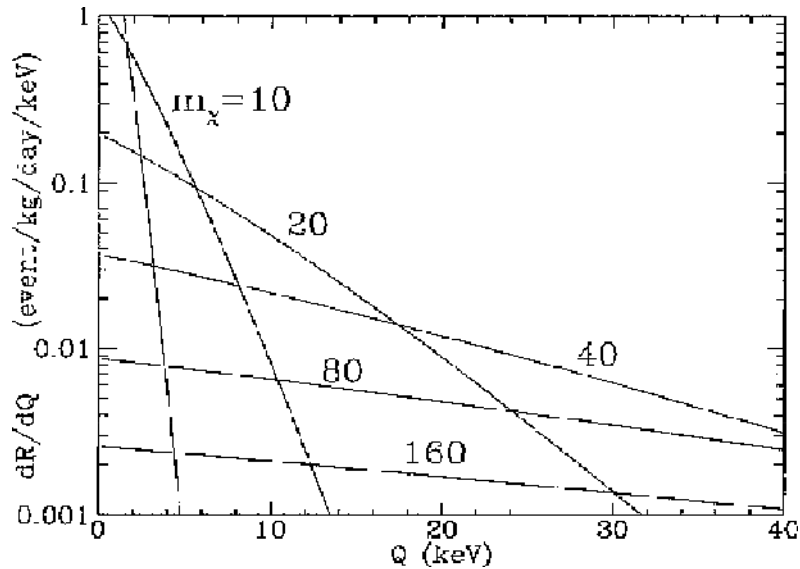
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The recoil spectrum gets:

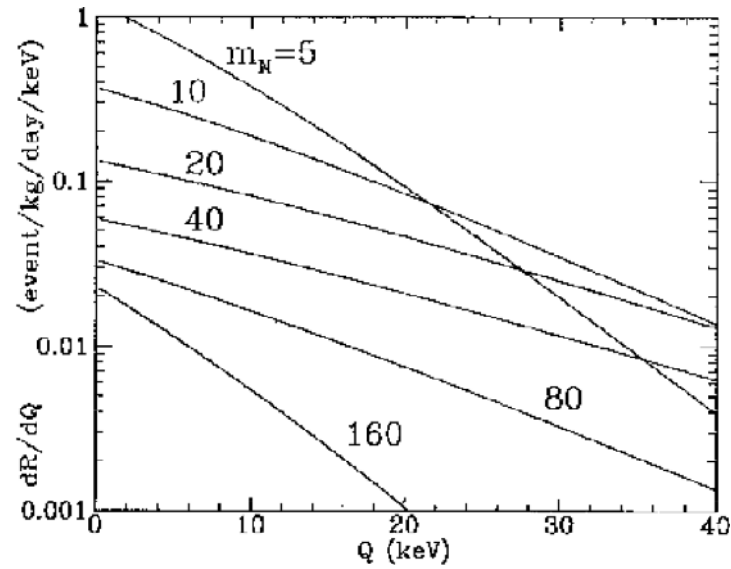
$$\frac{dR}{dE_r} = \frac{\rho_0 \cdot \sigma_0 \cdot F^2(q^2)}{2 \cdot m_{\tilde{\chi}} \cdot \mu_r^2} \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{v} \right\rangle = \frac{\rho_0 \cdot \sigma_0 \cdot F^2(q^2)}{\sqrt{\pi} \cdot m_{\tilde{\chi}} \cdot \mu_r^2 \cdot v_0} \cdot e^{-\frac{E_r \cdot m_A}{2 \cdot \mu_r^2 \cdot v_0^2}}$$



Expected recoil spectra II

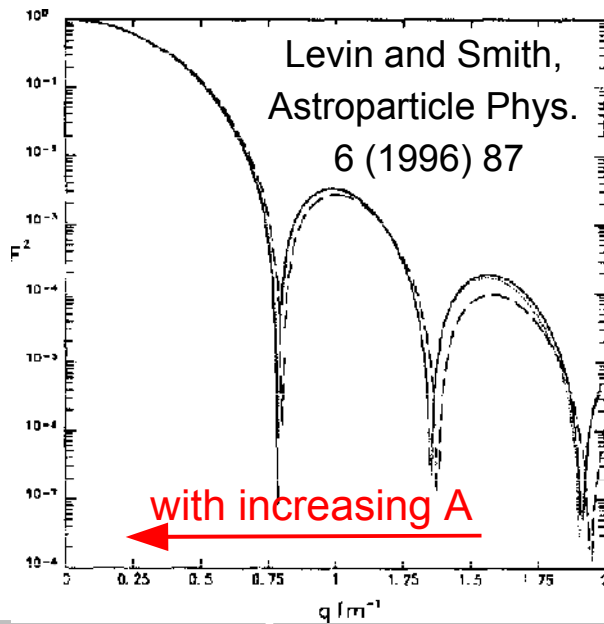


various m_χ , $m_A = m_{\text{Ge}}$, $\sigma_0 = 4 \cdot 10^{-36} \text{ cm}^2$



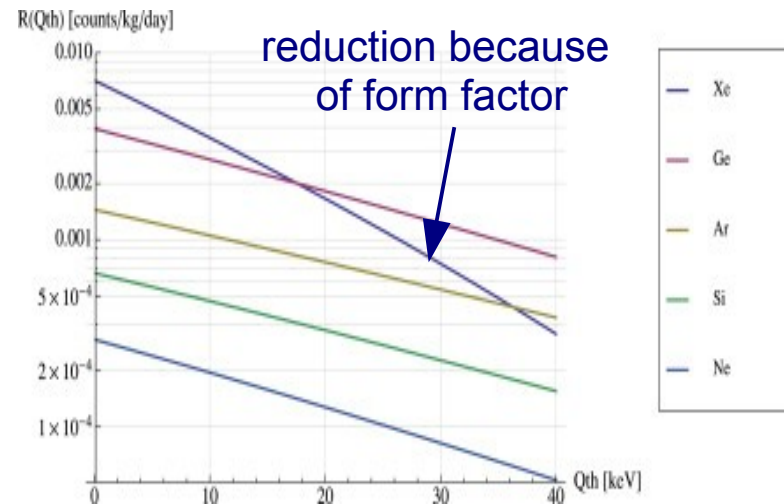
various m_A , $m_\chi = 40 \text{ GeV}$, $\sigma_0 = 4 \cdot 10^{-36} \text{ cm}^2$

but we can assume $\sigma_0 \sim A^2$



with increasing A

enhancement
because of
 $\sigma_0 \sim A^2$



pictures from review of Jungmann,
Kamionkowski and Griest,
Phys. Rep. 267 (1996) 195

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E. Figueroa-Feliciano,
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Expected nuclear recoil spectrum is a feature-less exponentially falling spectrum

$$\frac{dR}{dE_r} = \frac{\rho_0 \cdot \sigma_0 \cdot F^2(q^2)}{2 \cdot m_{\tilde{\chi}} \cdot \mu_r^2} \cdot \left\langle \frac{1}{v} \right\rangle = \frac{\rho_0 \cdot \sigma_0 \cdot F^2(q^2)}{\sqrt{\pi} \cdot m_{\tilde{\chi}} \cdot \mu_r^2 \cdot v_0} \cdot e^{-\frac{E_r \cdot m_A}{2 \cdot \mu_r^2 \cdot v_0^2}}$$

Including earth movement around sun leads to a annual modulation of the rate and the spectrum

Require experimental threshold of O(10 keV) !

Larger nucleus mass is preferred, since scalar coherent interaction (SI) scales with A^2 , but then smaller recoil energies !