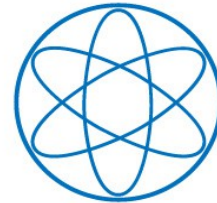


# Addressing theoretical uncertainties in direct dark matter searches

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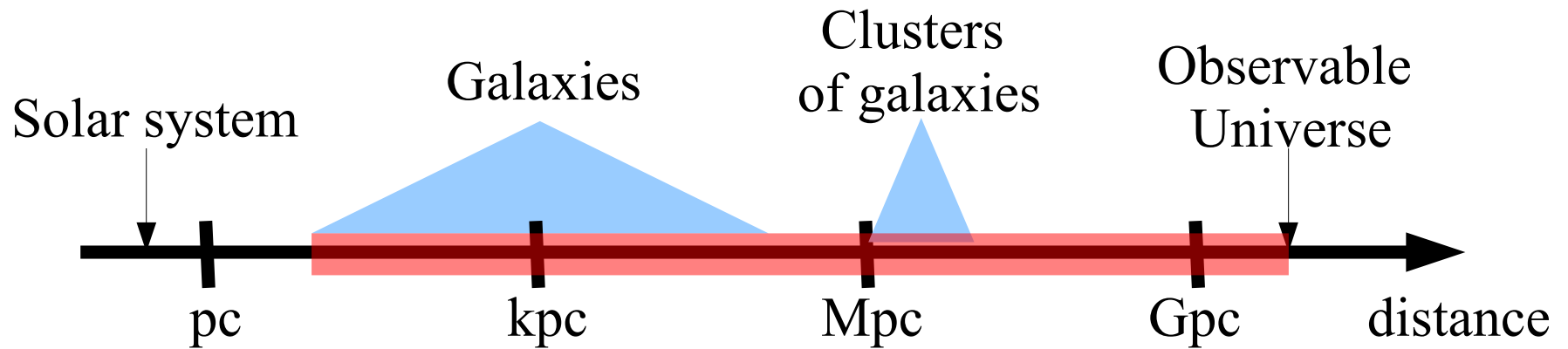
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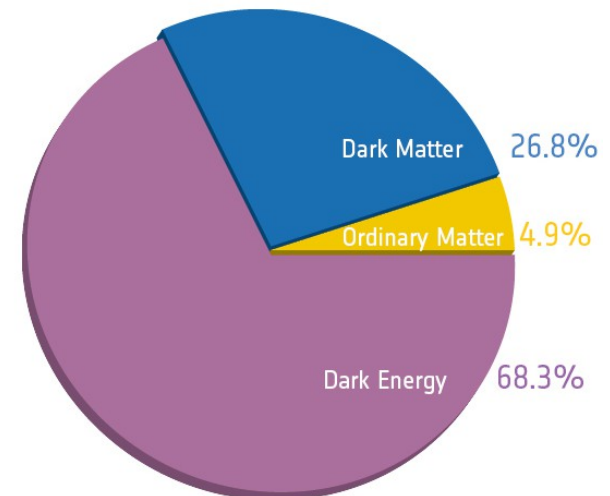
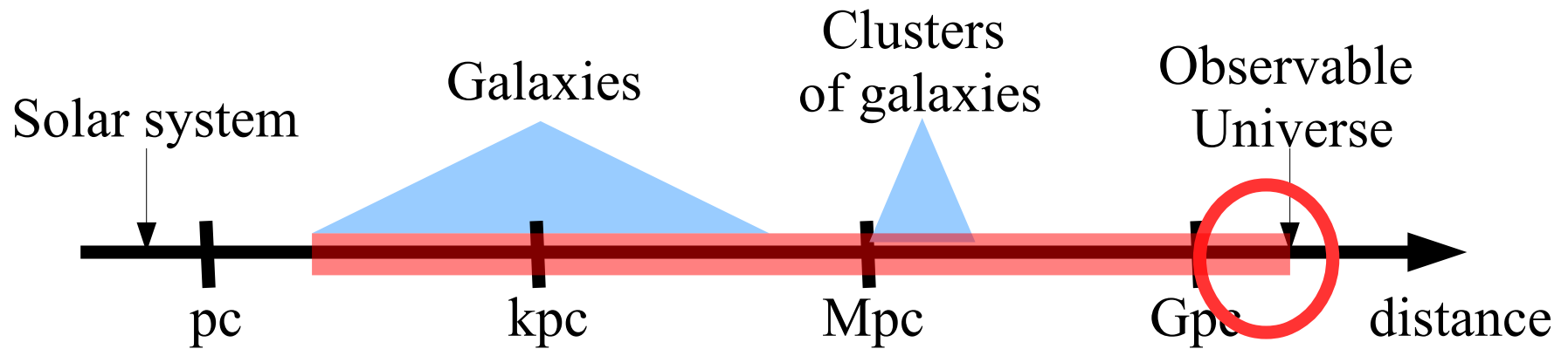
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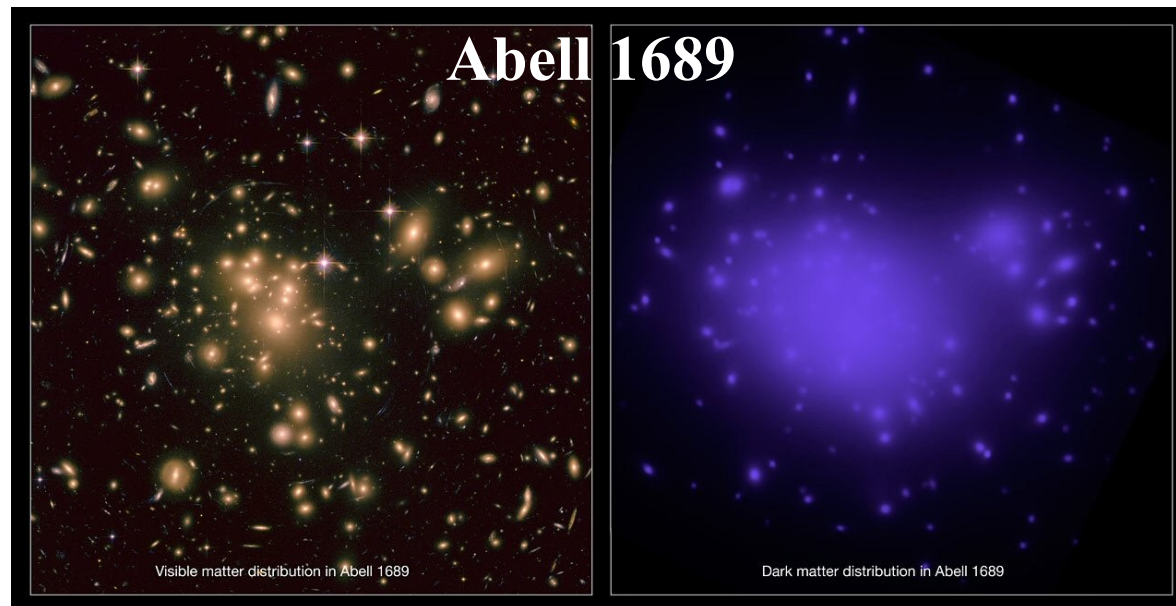
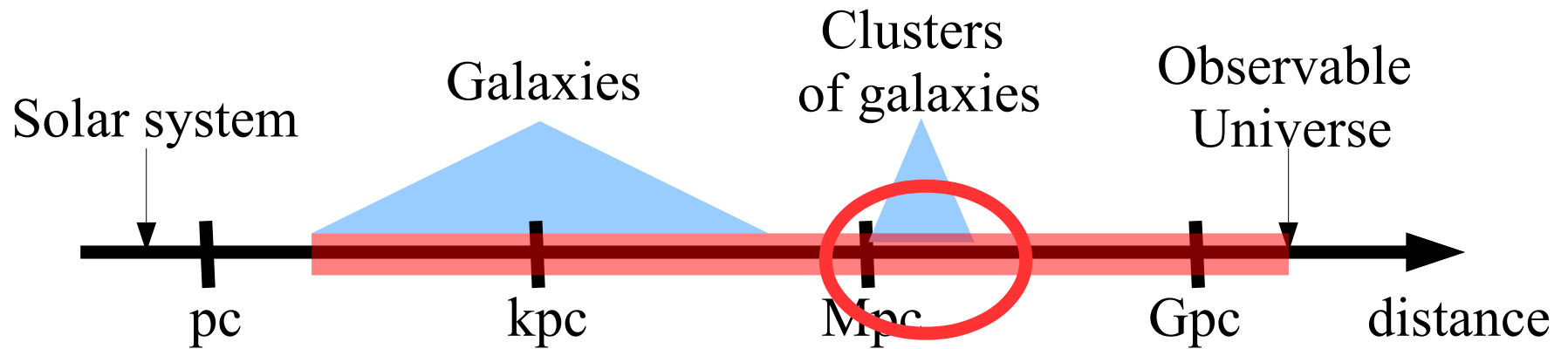
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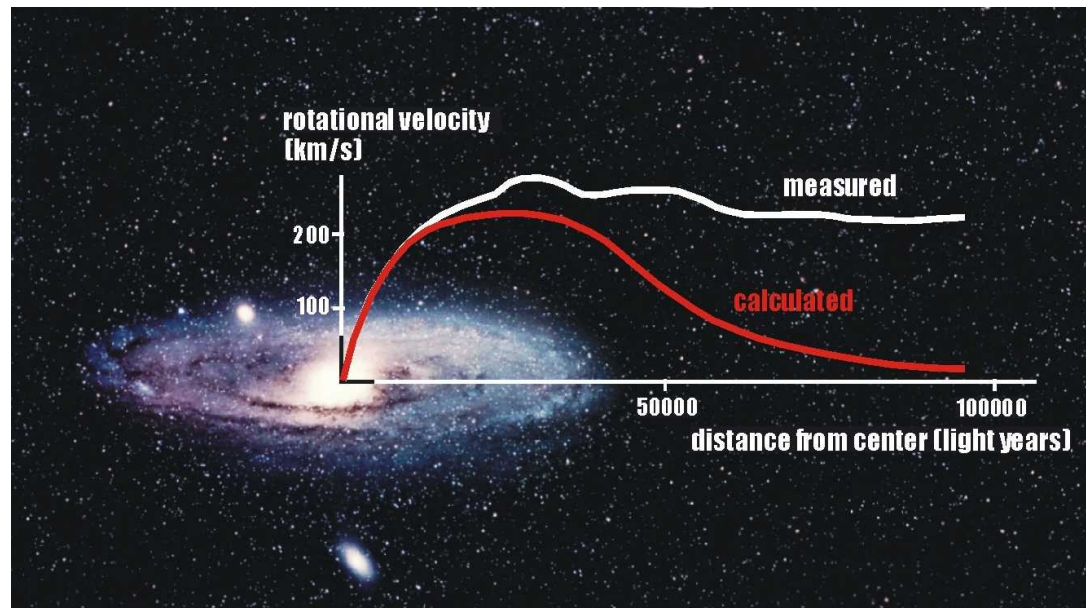
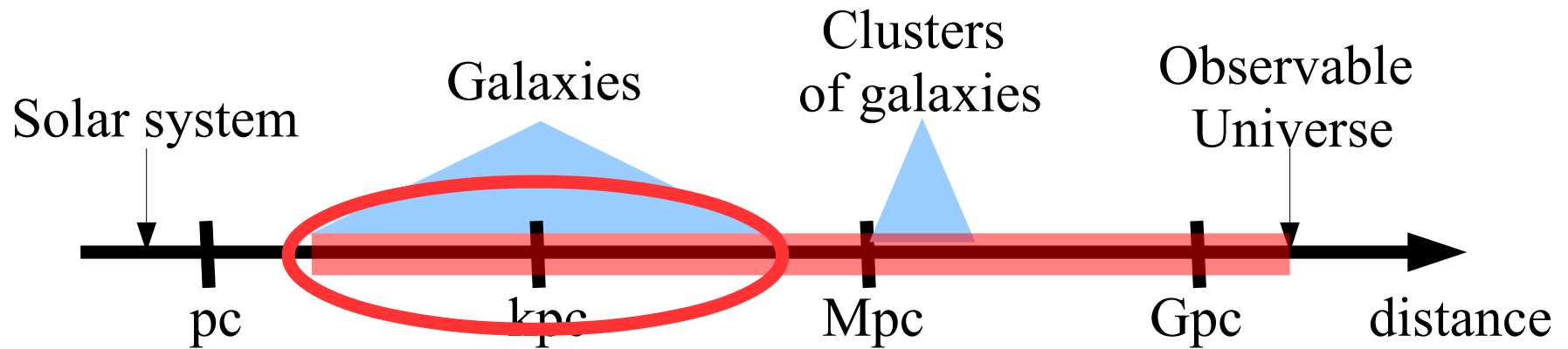
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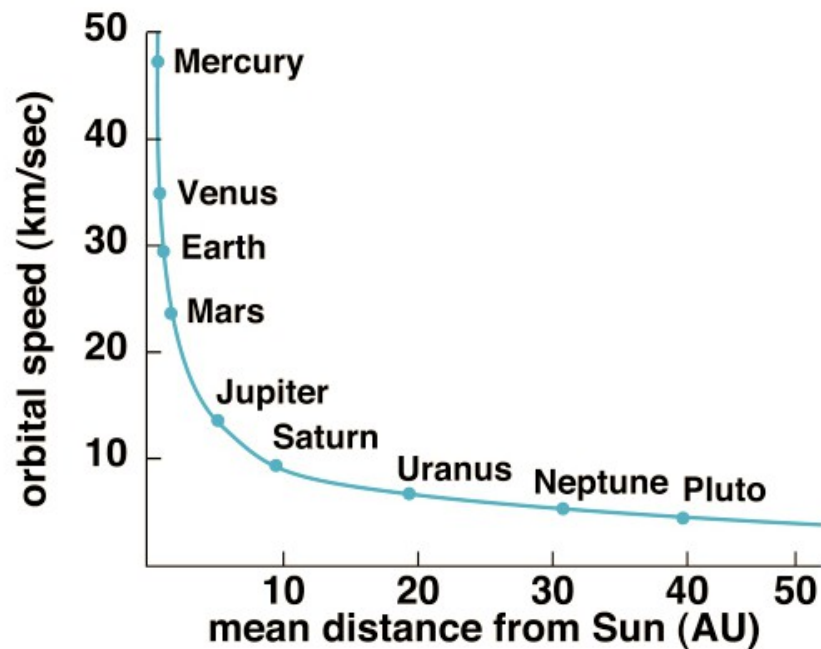
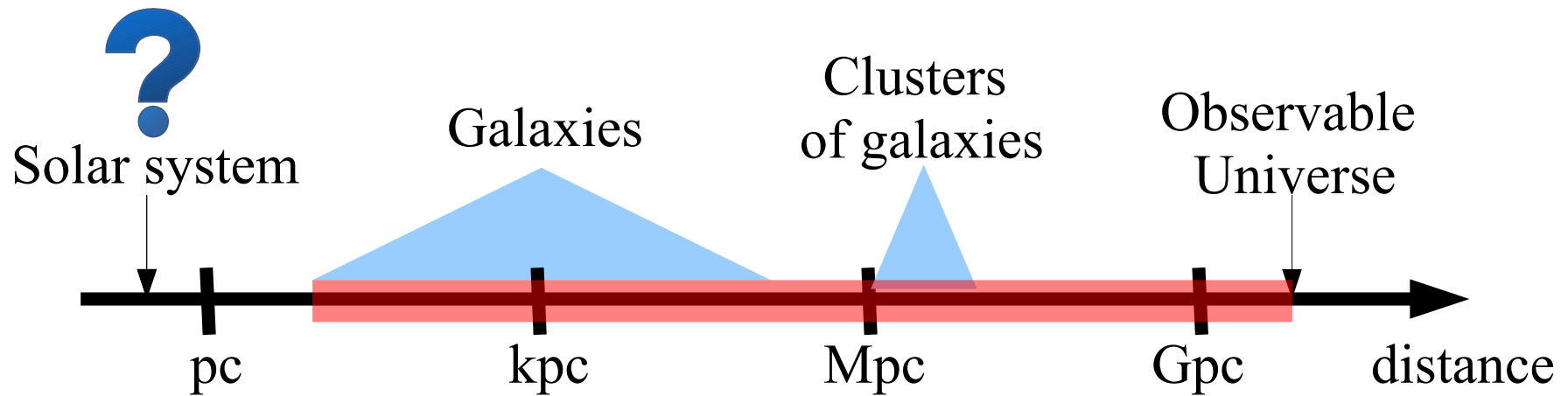
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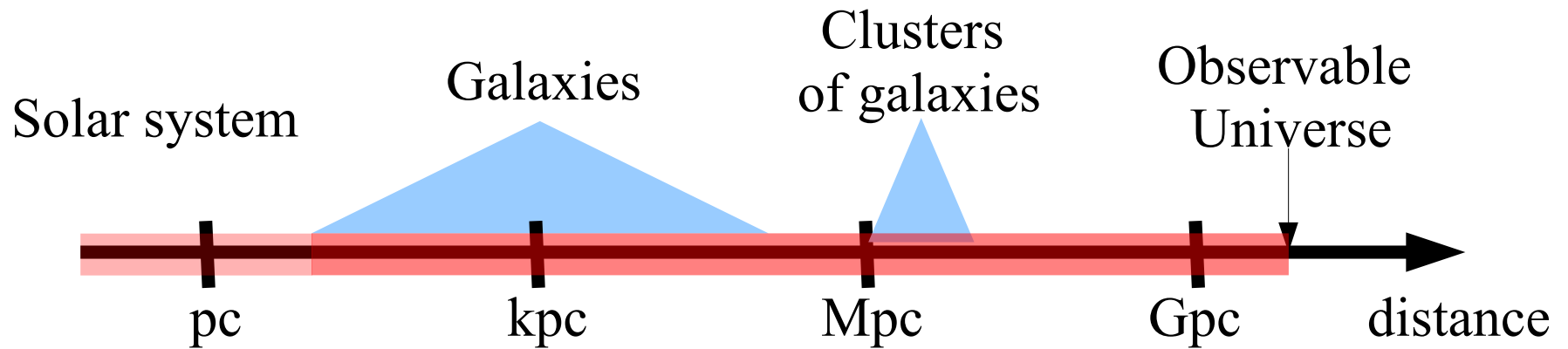
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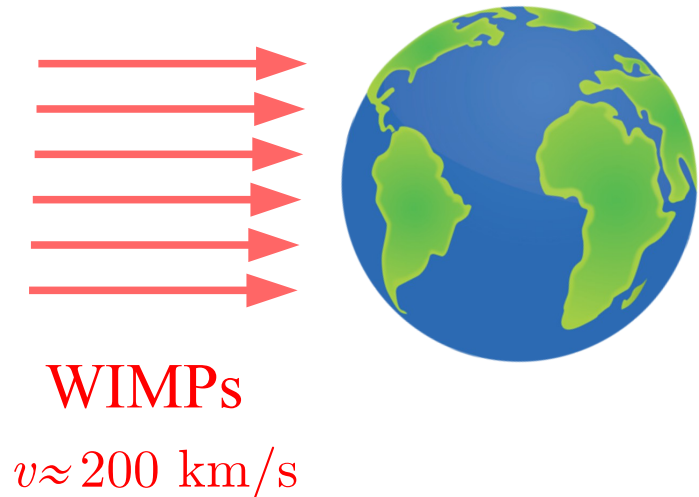
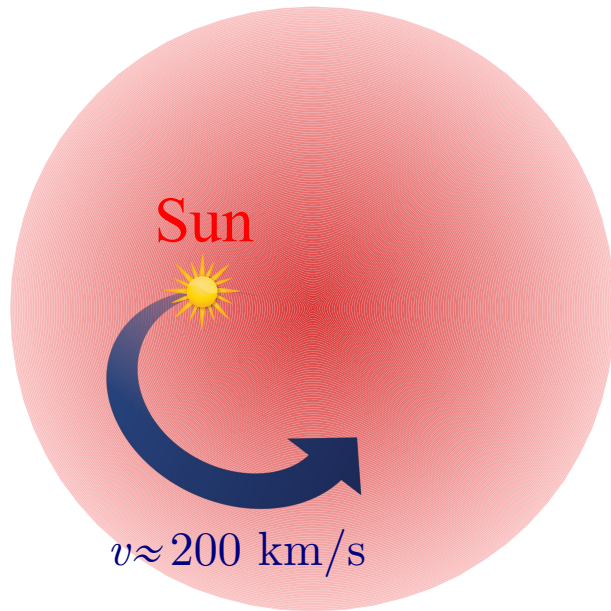
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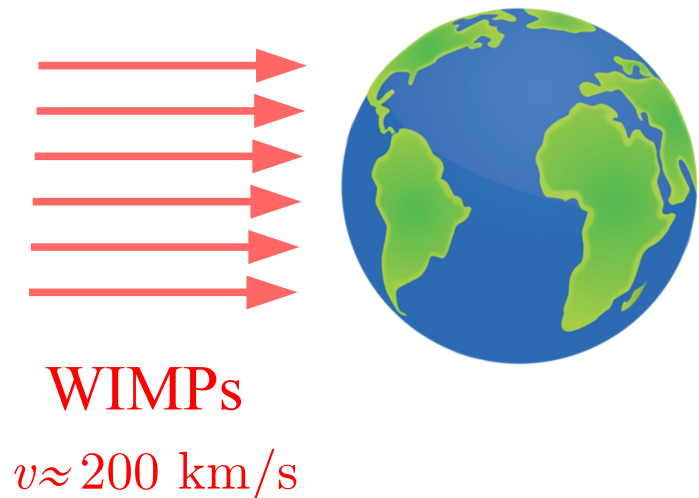
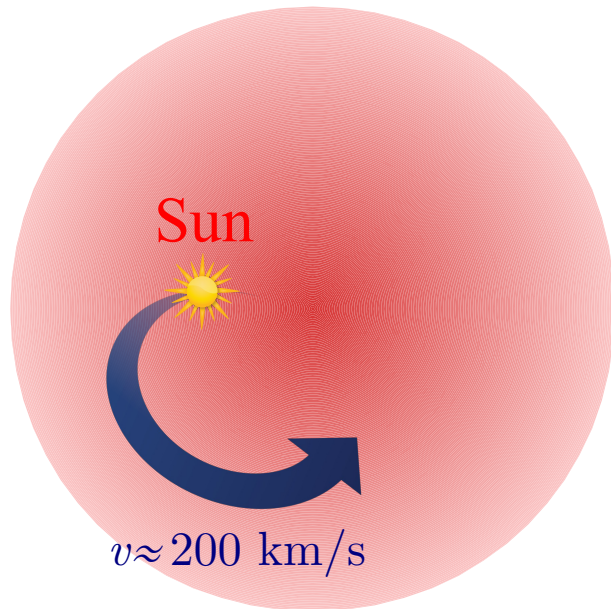
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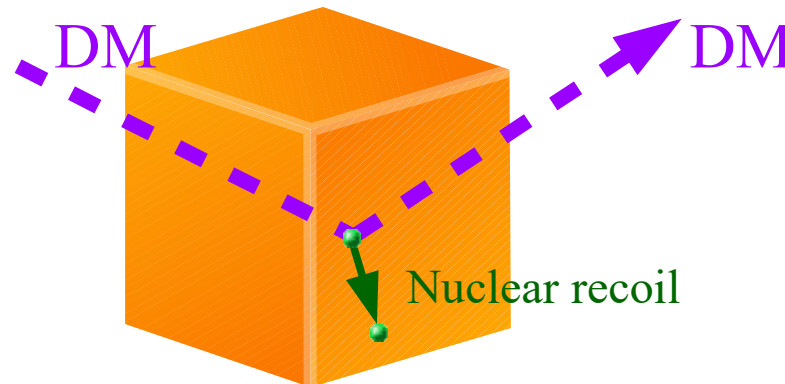


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Once in a while a dark matter particle will interact with a nucleus. The nucleus then recoils, producing vibrations, ionizations or scintillation light in the detector.



# Direct dark matter searches

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## First Dark Matter Search Results from the XENONIT Experiment

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## Dark Matter Results from 54-Ton-Day Exposure of PandaX-II Experiment

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DM-induced nuclear recoils

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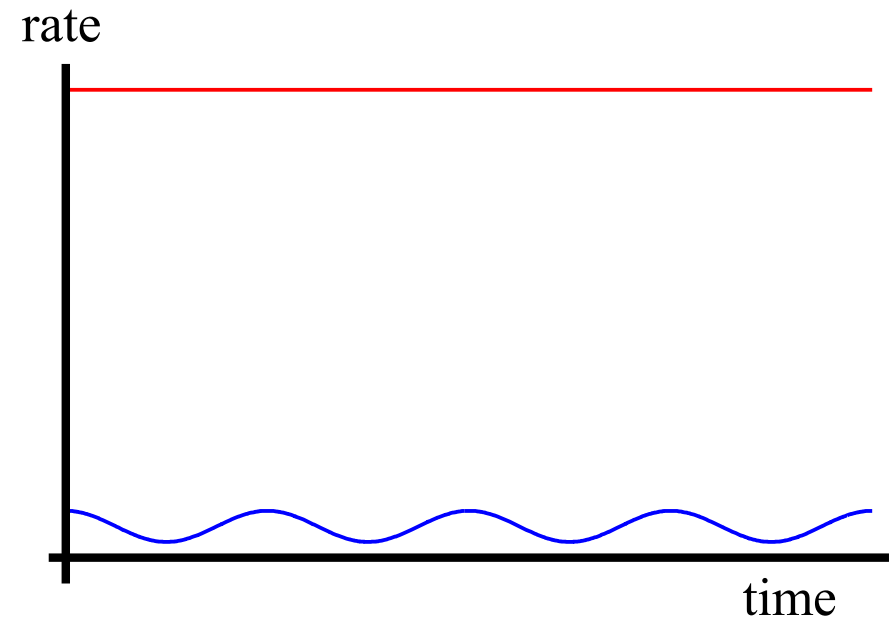
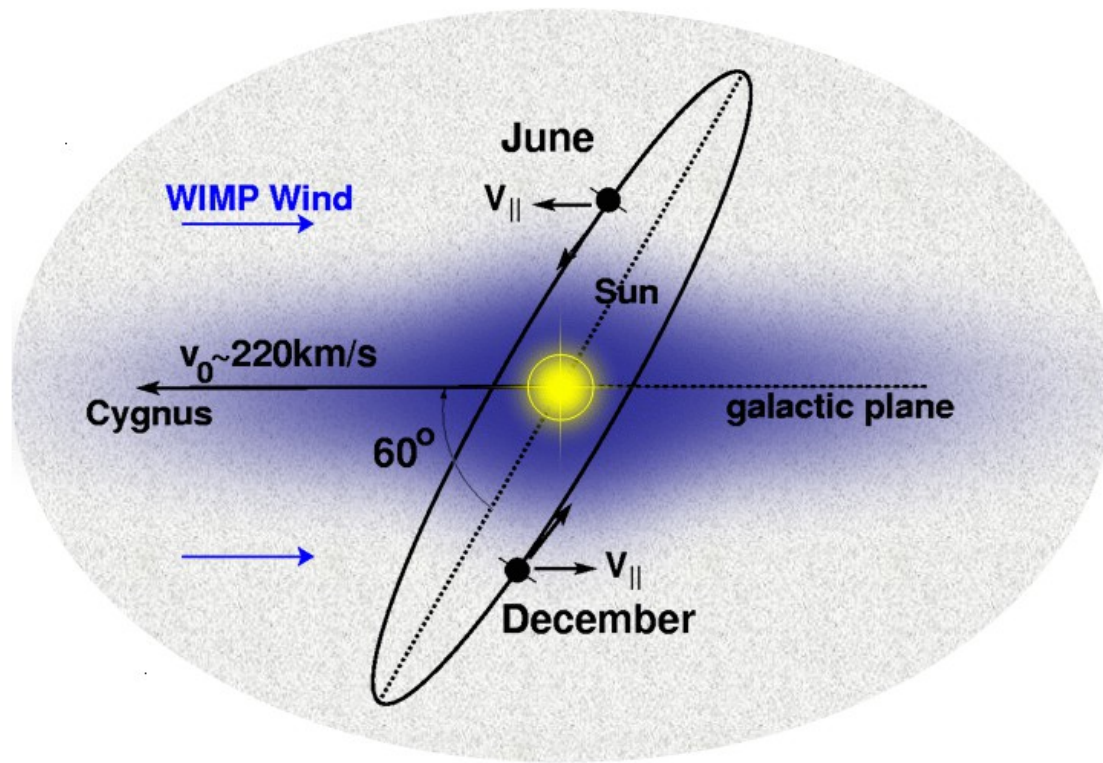
## Results from the Search for Low-Mass Weakly Interacting Massive Particles with the CDMS Low Ionization Threshold Experiment

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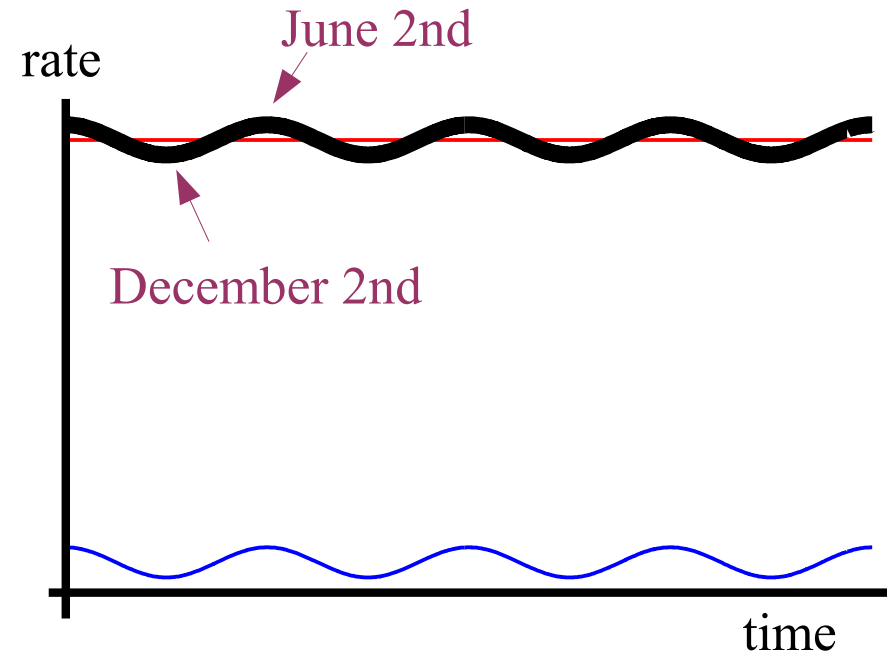
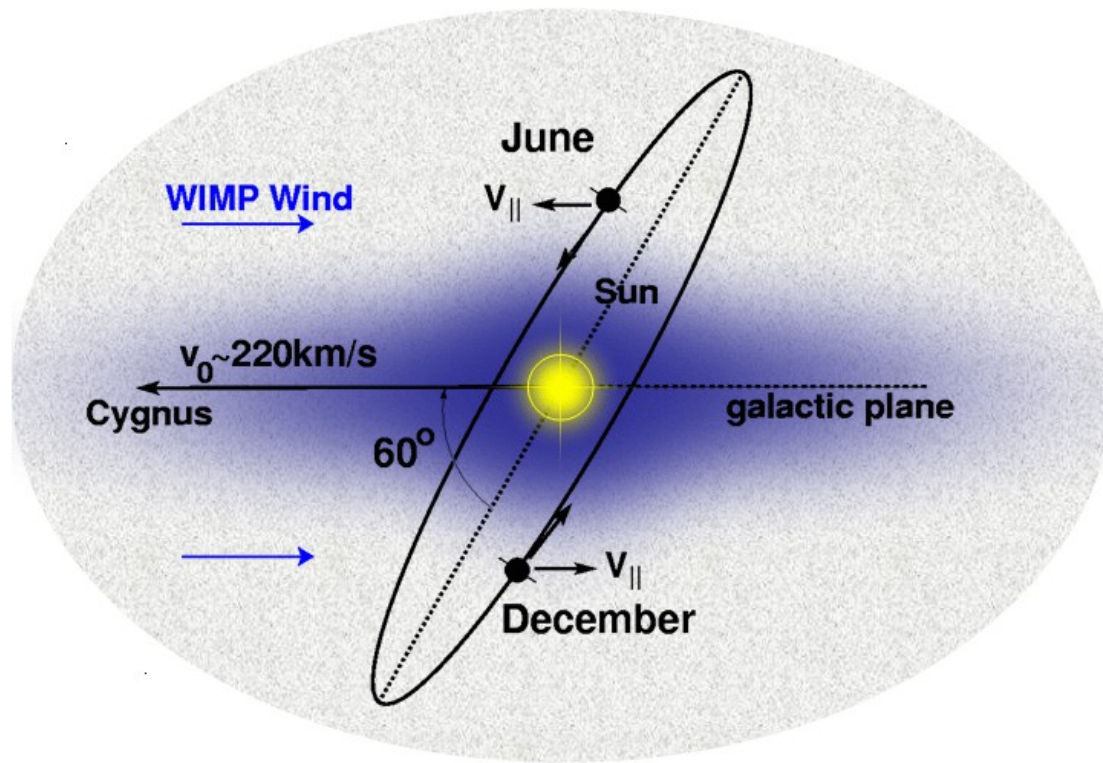
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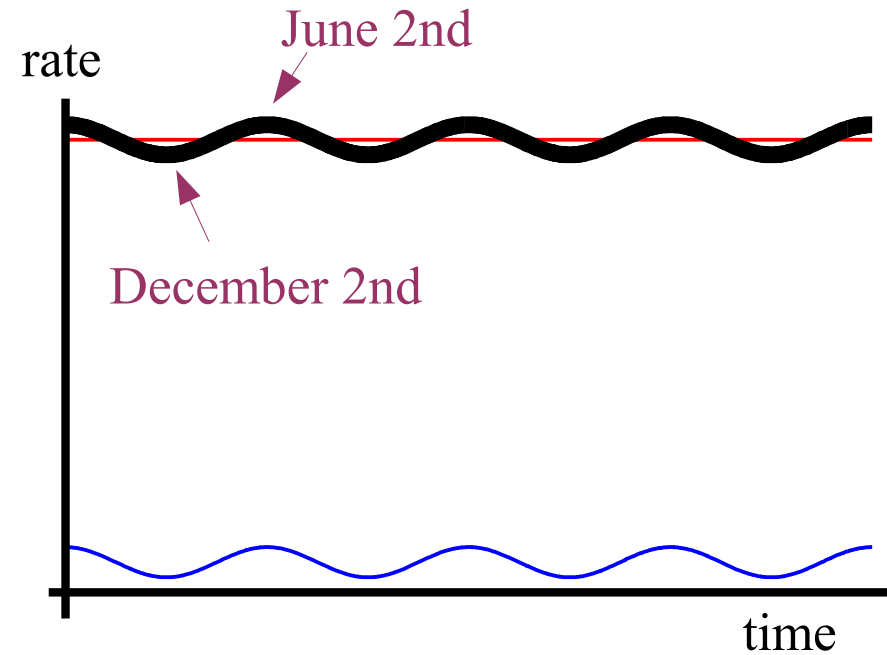
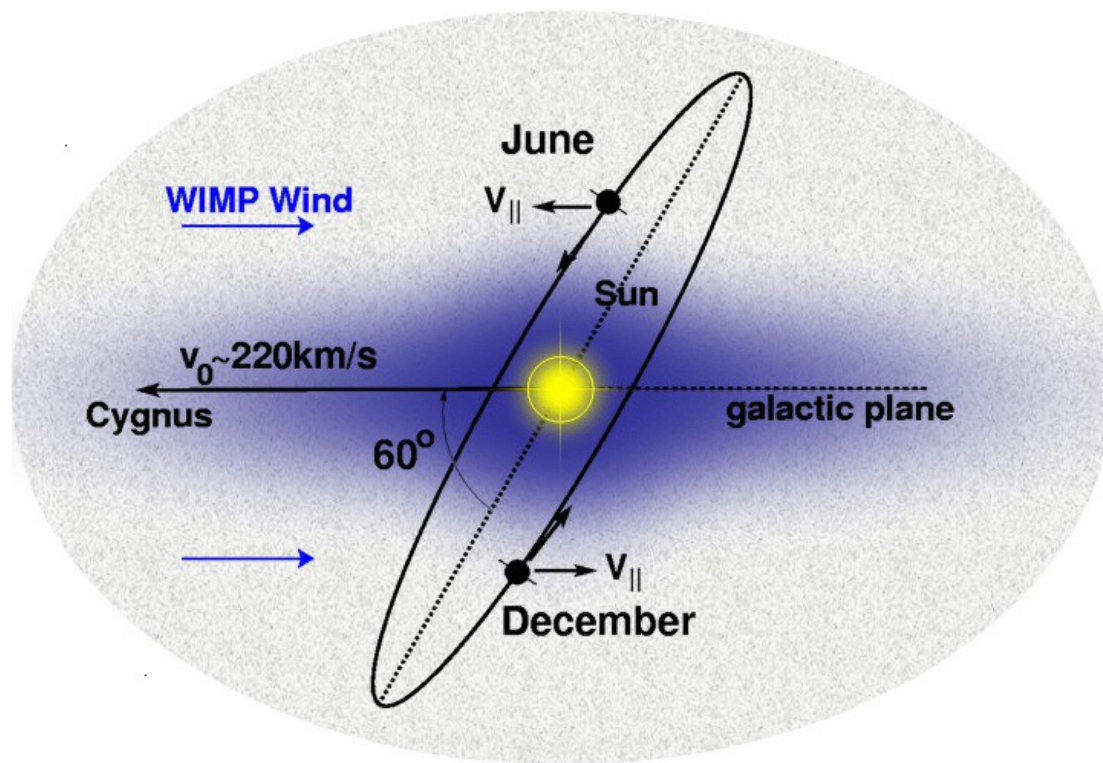
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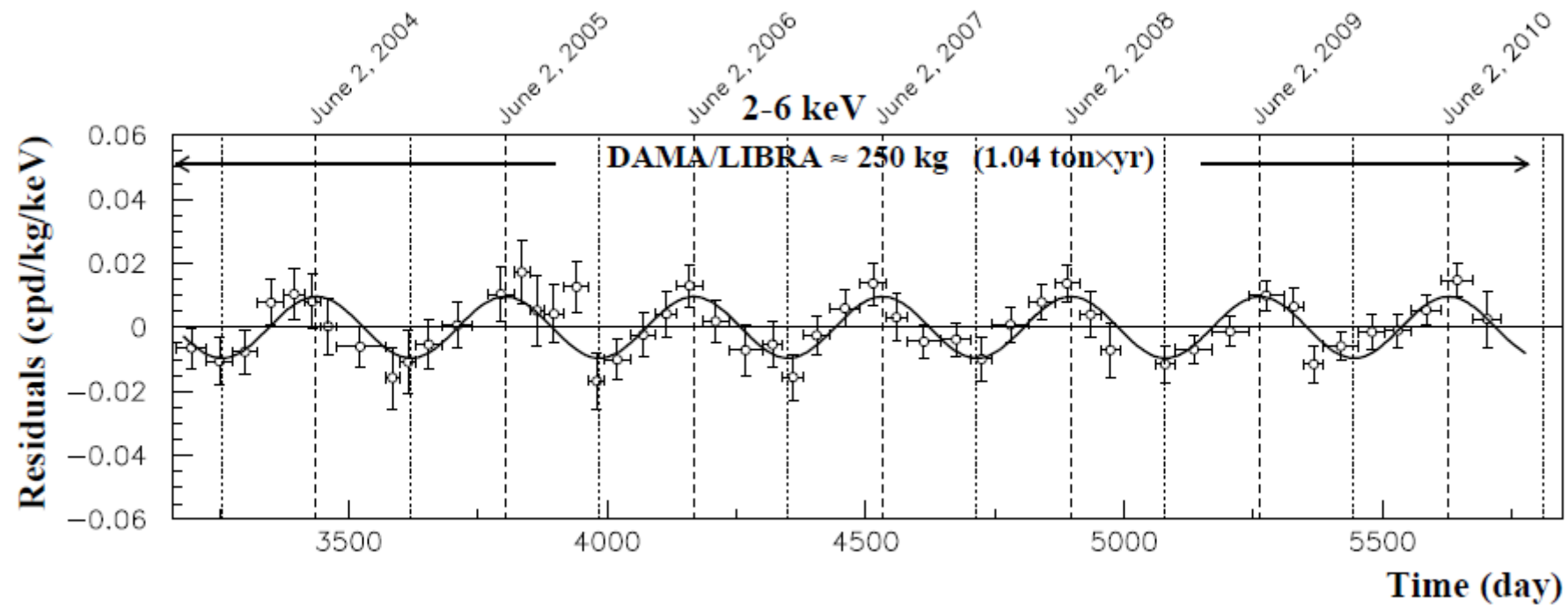
# Annual modulation



Modulation signal

$$S_{[E_-, E_+]} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{E_+ - E_-} \left( R_{[E_-, E_+]} \Big|_{\text{June 1st}} - R_{[E_-, E_+]} \Big|_{\text{Dec 1st}} \right)$$

# Annual modulation: the DAMA/LIBRA experiment



Modulation observed over 14 annual cycles, with a combined significance of  $9.3\sigma$ .

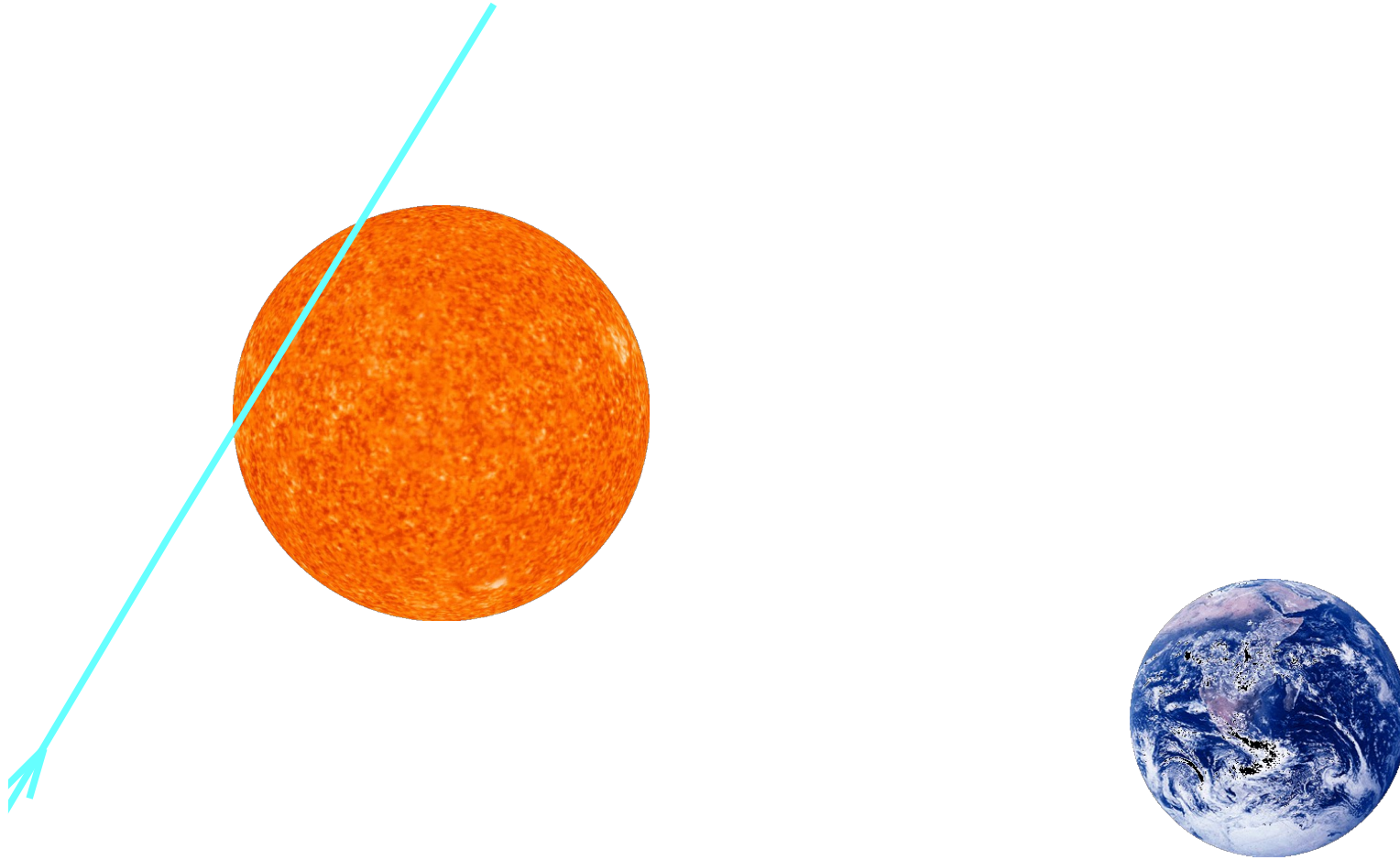
$$S_{[2.0,2.5]}^{(\text{DAMA})} = (1.75 \pm 0.37) \times 10^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ keV}^{-1}$$

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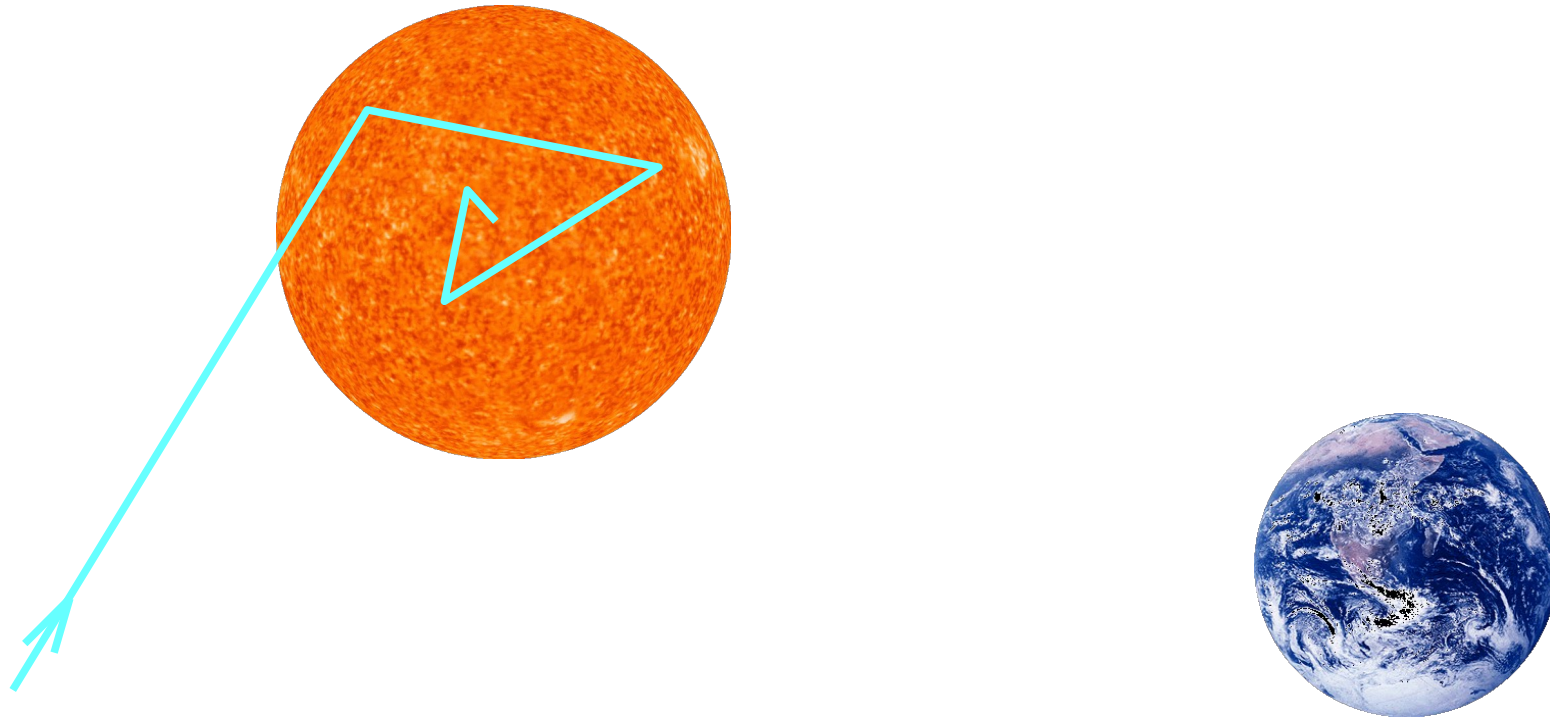
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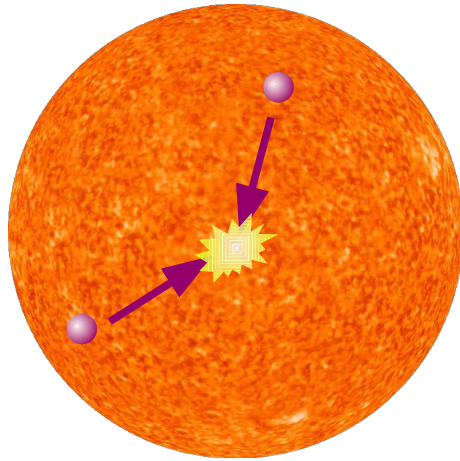
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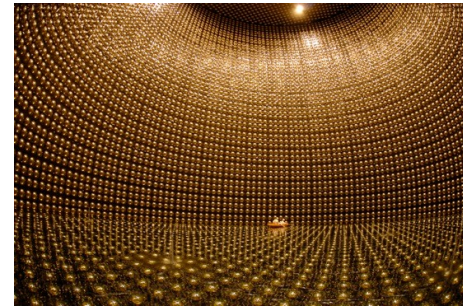
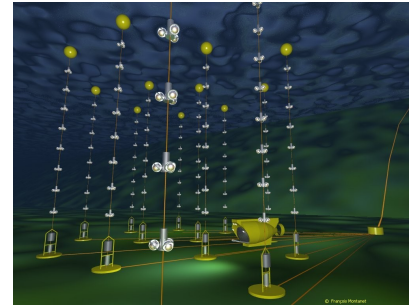
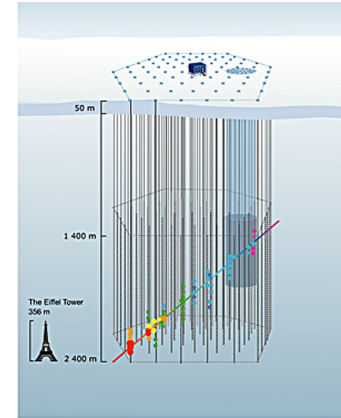
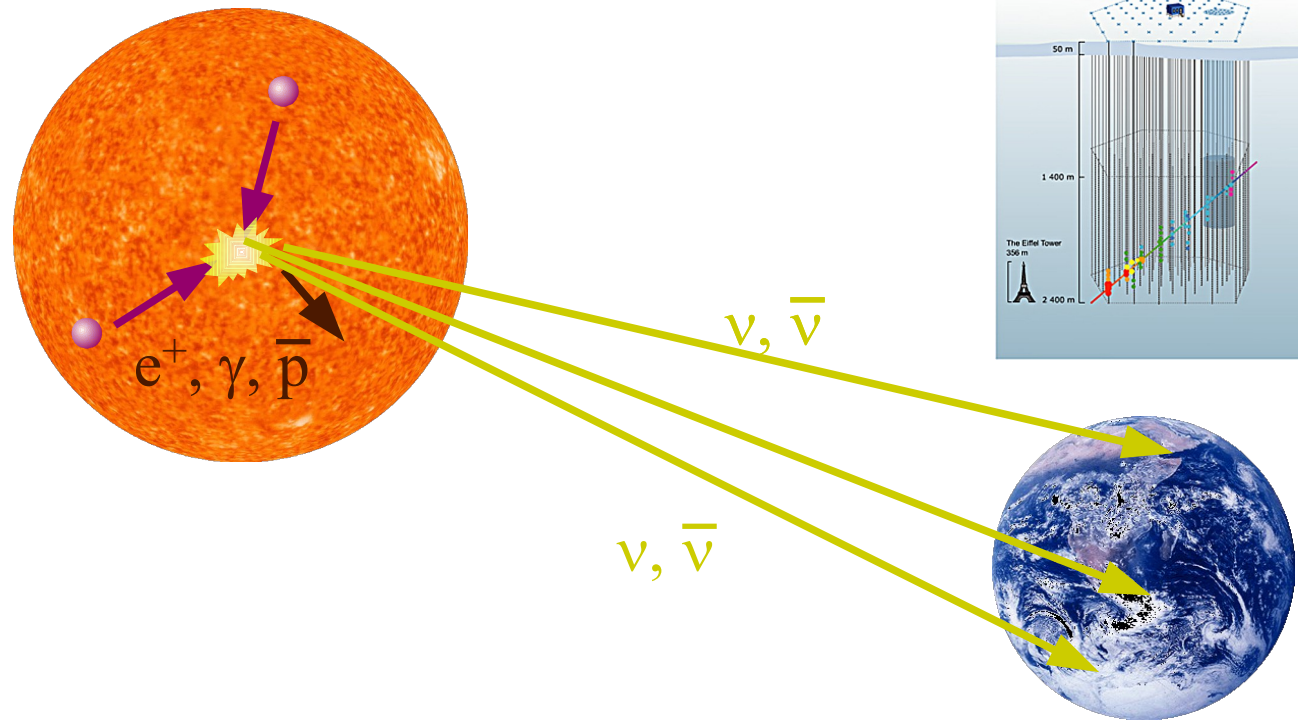
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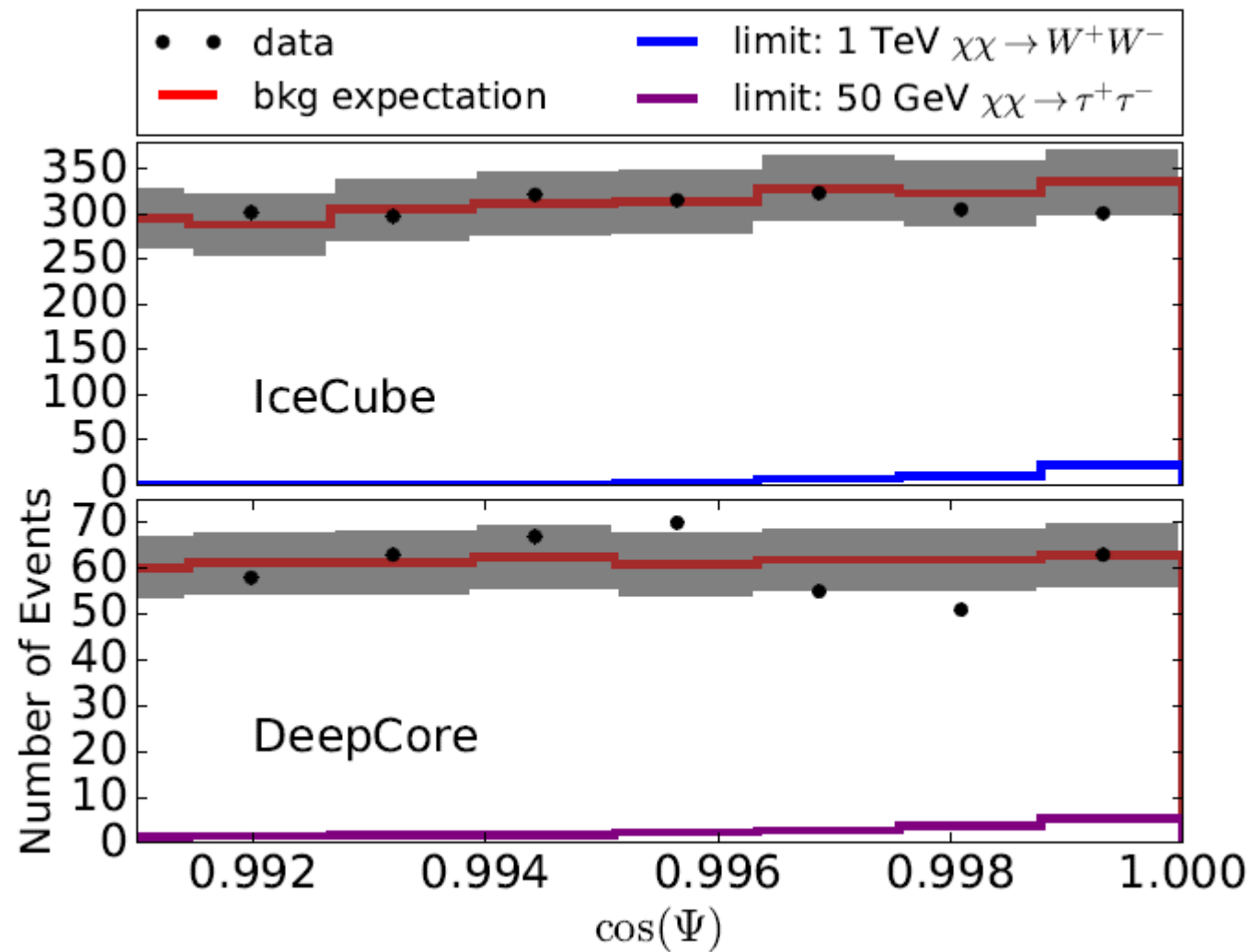


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Observations consistent with the background-only hypothesis



Theoretical interpretation  
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Uncertainties from **particle/nuclear physics**.

- **Dark matter mass?**

For thermally produced dark matter,  $m_{\text{DM}} = \text{few MeV} - 100 \text{ TeV}$

- **Differential cross section?**

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} = \frac{m_A}{2\mu_A^2 v^2} (\sigma_{\text{SI}} F_{\text{SI}}^2(E_R) + \sigma_{\text{SD}} F_{\text{SD}}^2(E_R))$$

Spin-independent and  
spin-dependent cross sections  
at zero momentum transfer

Nuclear form factors

(In some DM frameworks, other operators may also arise )

# Theoretical interpretation of the experimental results

## Uncertainties from astrophysics

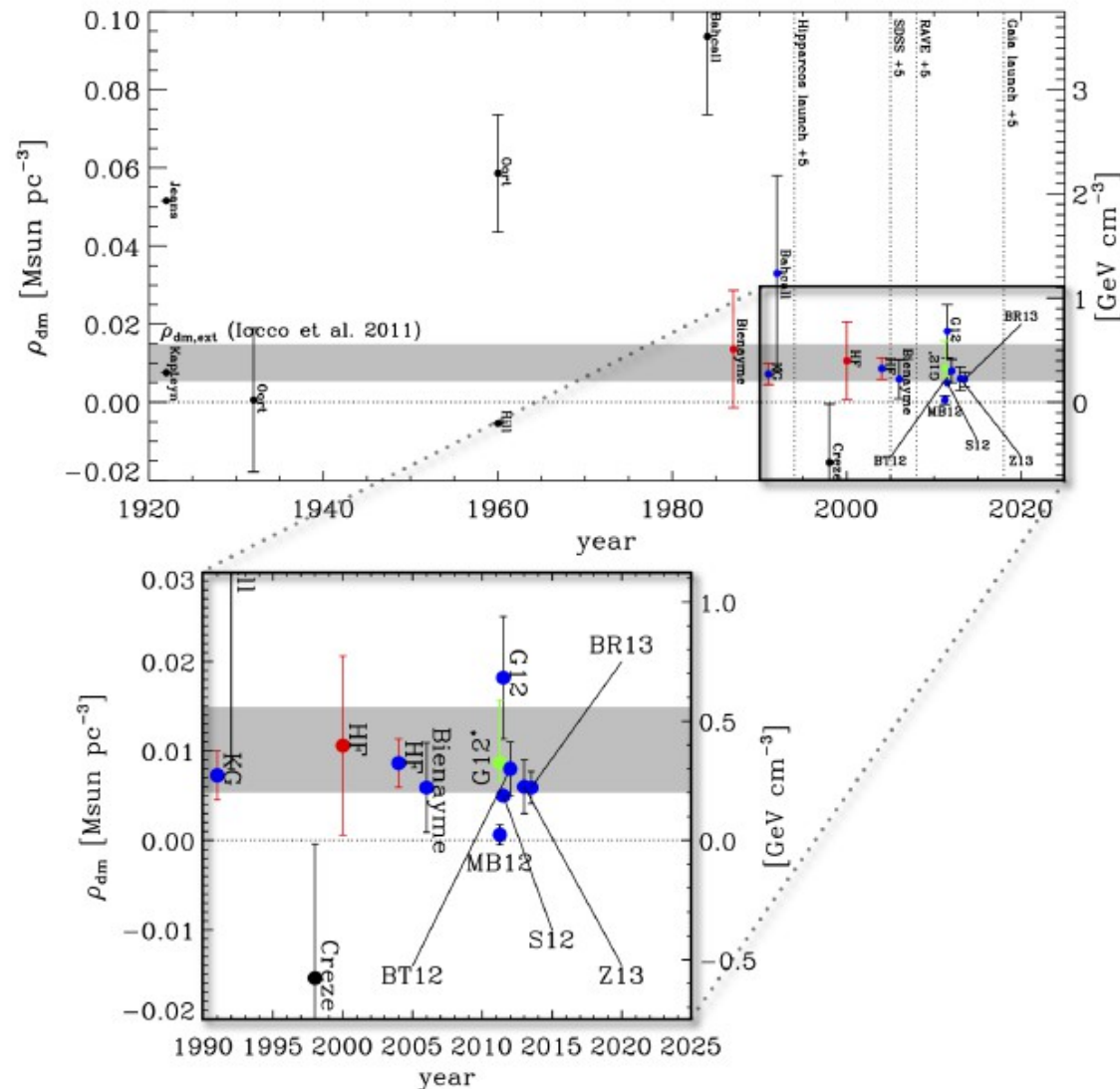
- Local dark matter density?

- “local measurements”:

From vertical kinematics of stars near ( $\sim 1$  kpc) the Sun

- “global measurements”:

From extrapolations of  $\rho(r)$  determined from rotation curves at large  $r$ , to the position of the Solar System.



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# Theoretical interpretation of the experimental results

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$$\rho(r) \sim \frac{1}{r^2} \longrightarrow f(v) \sim \exp(-v^2/v_0^2)$$

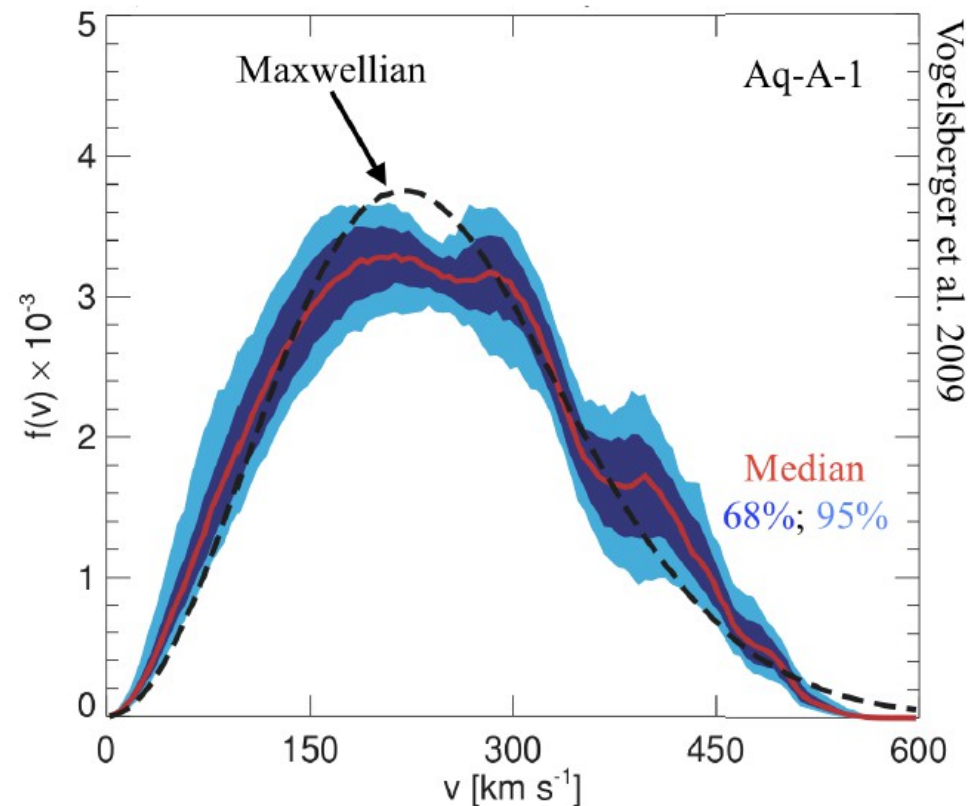
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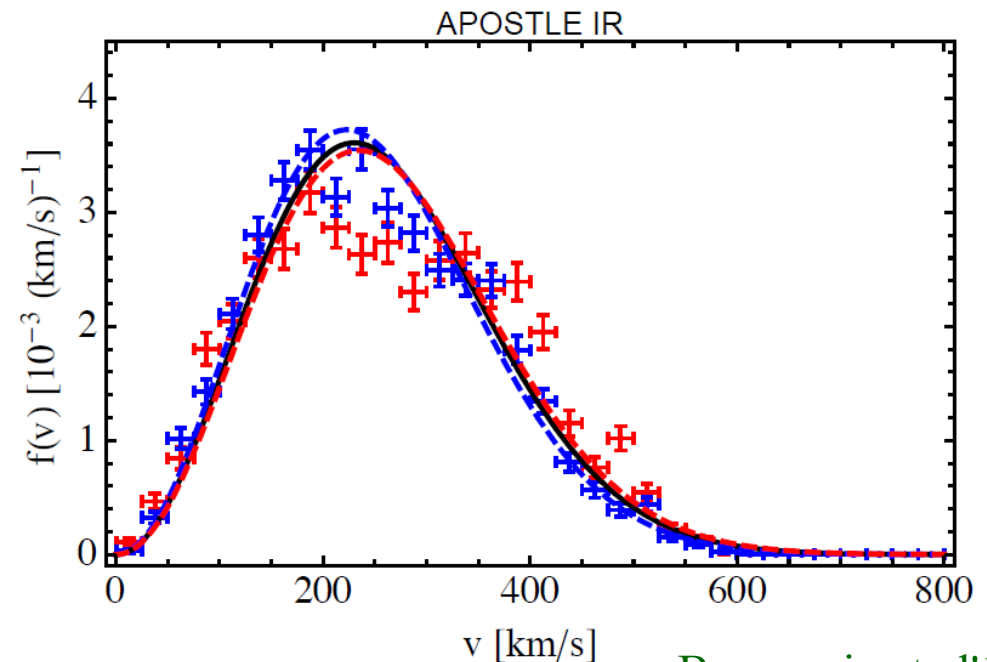
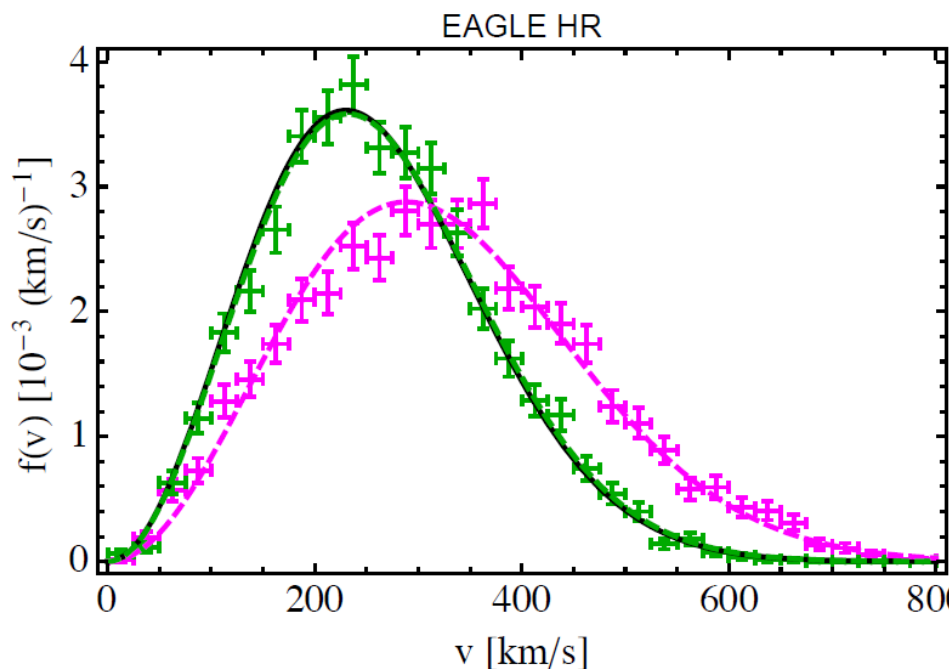
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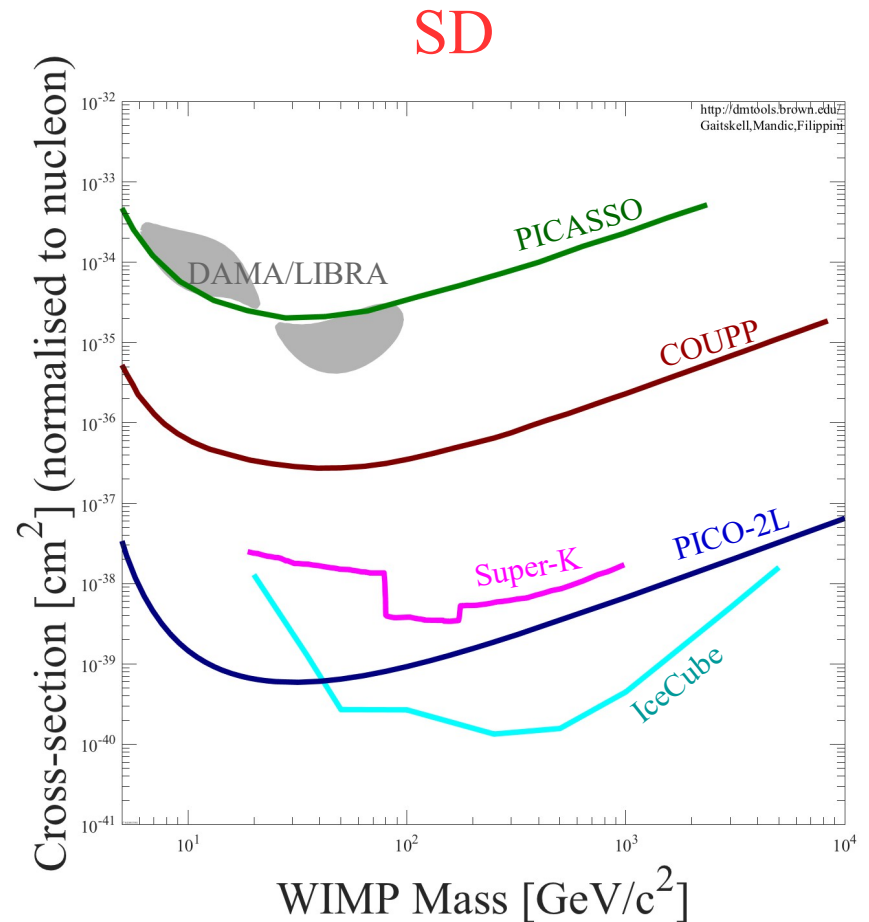
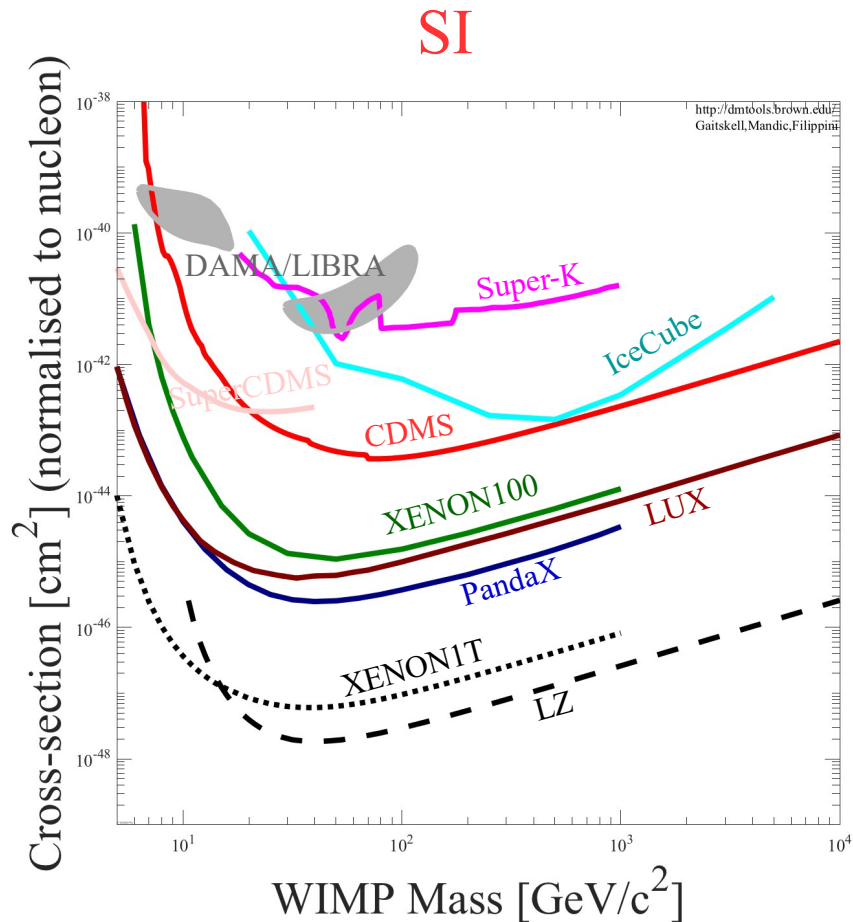
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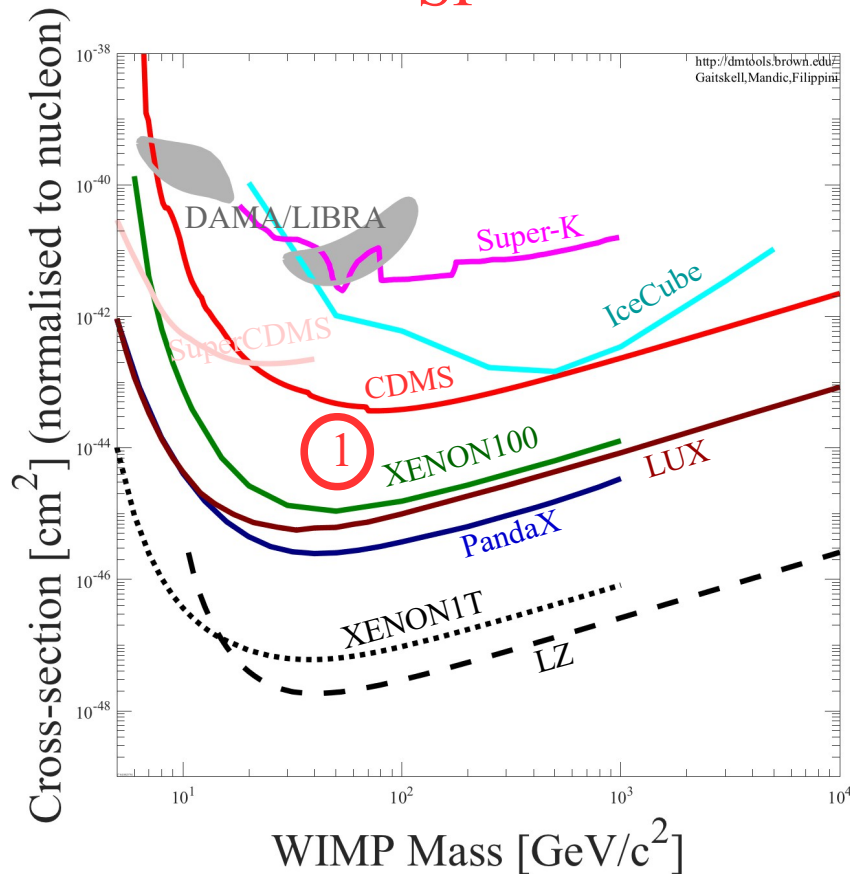
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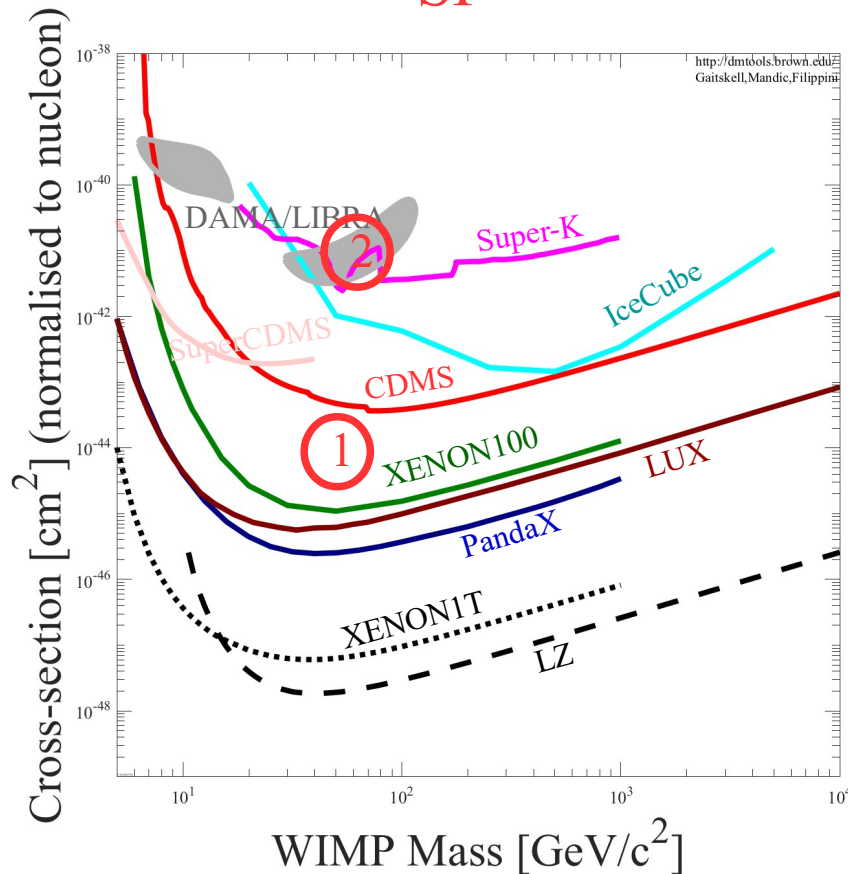


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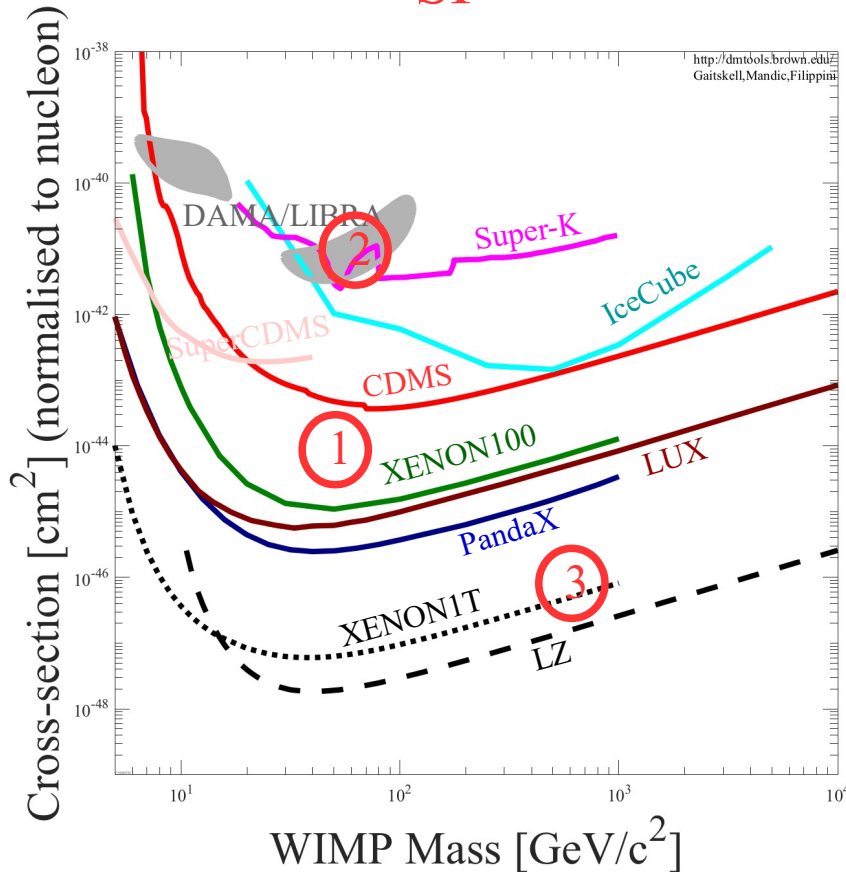
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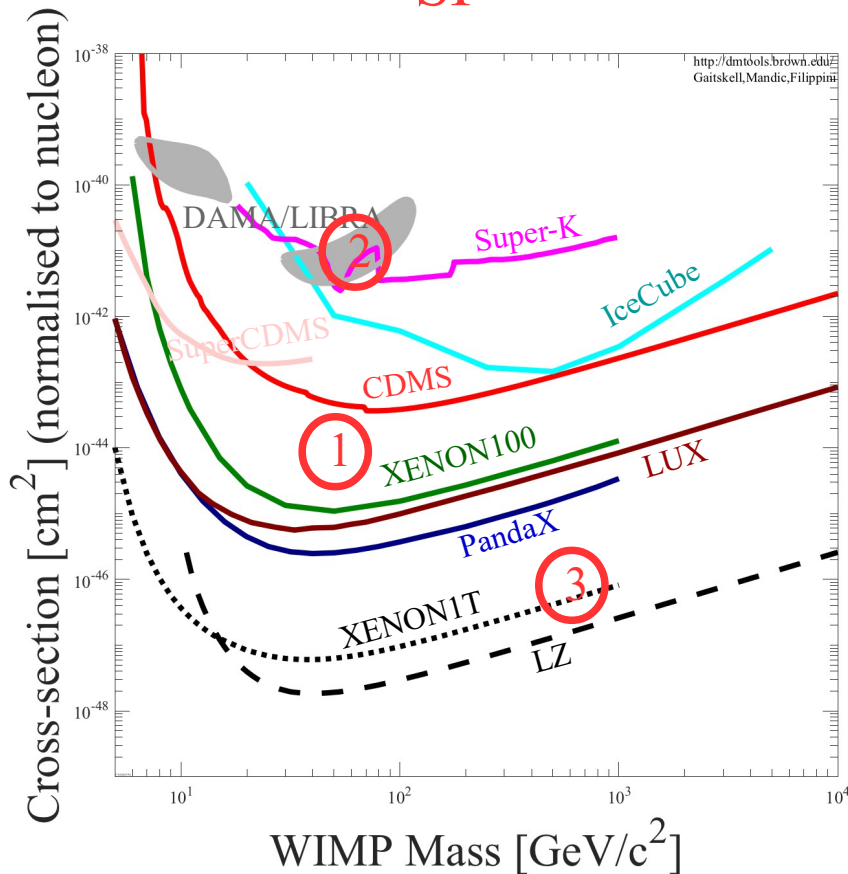


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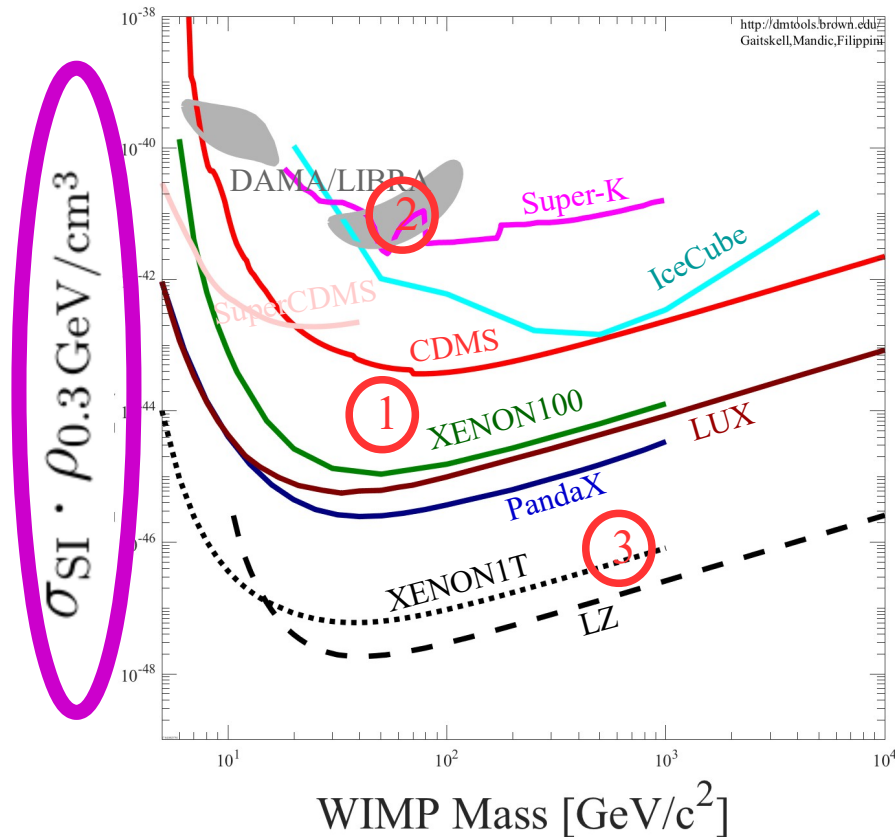
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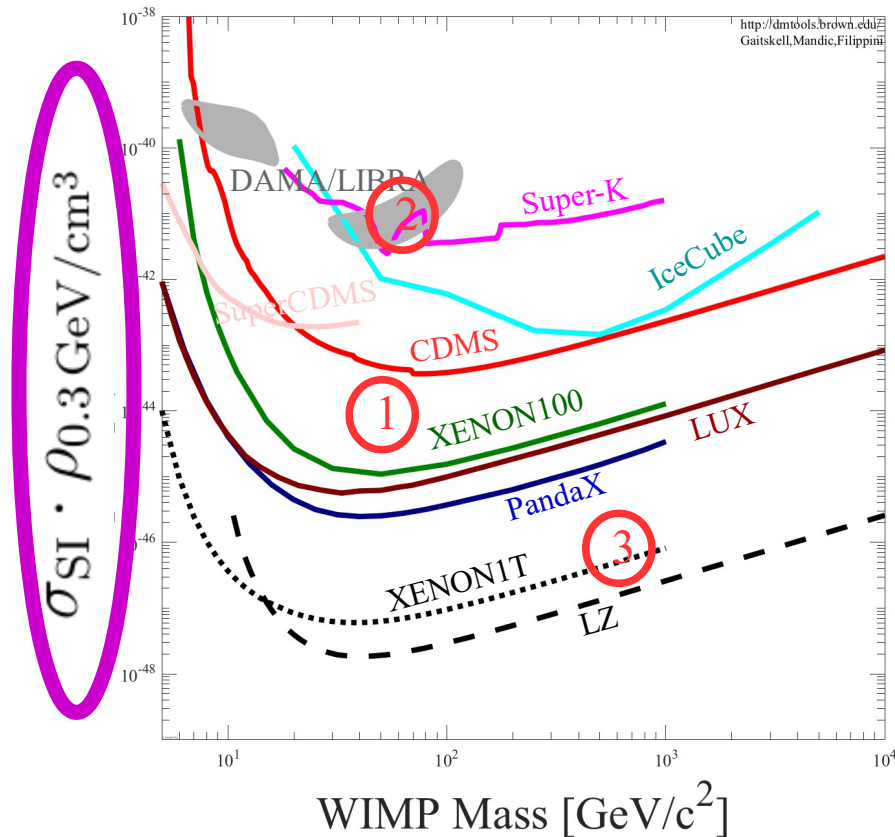
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# Addressing astrophysical uncertainties in dark matter detection

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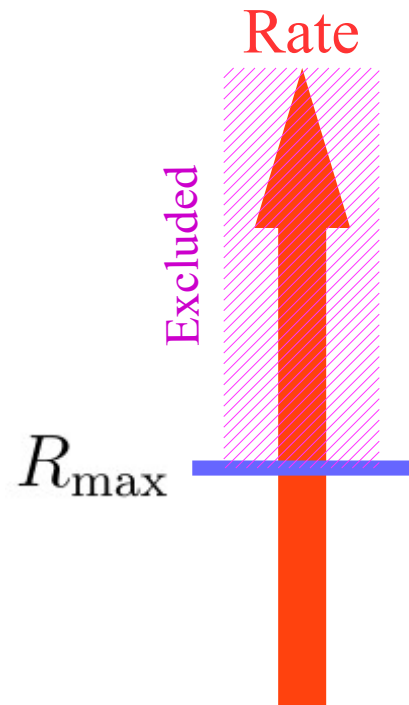
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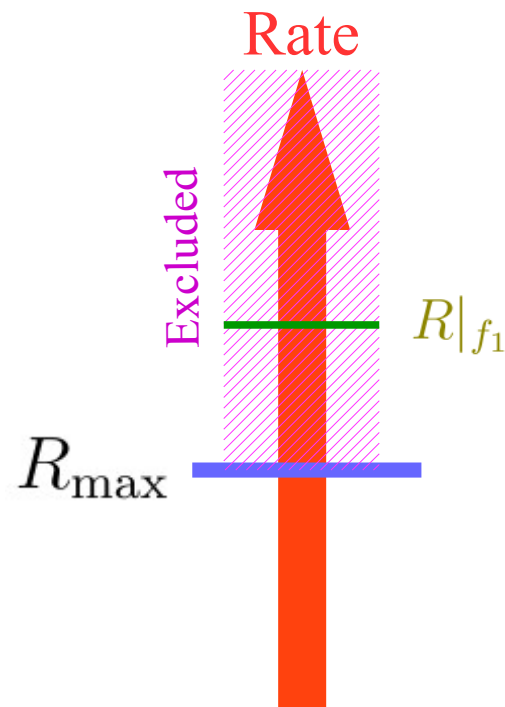


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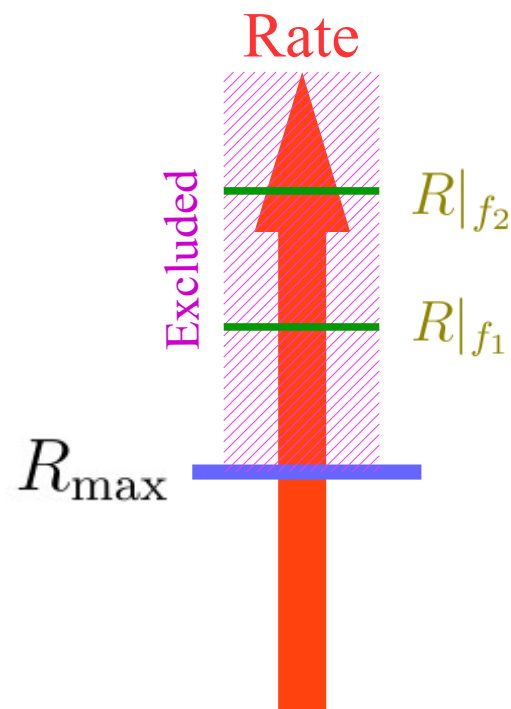


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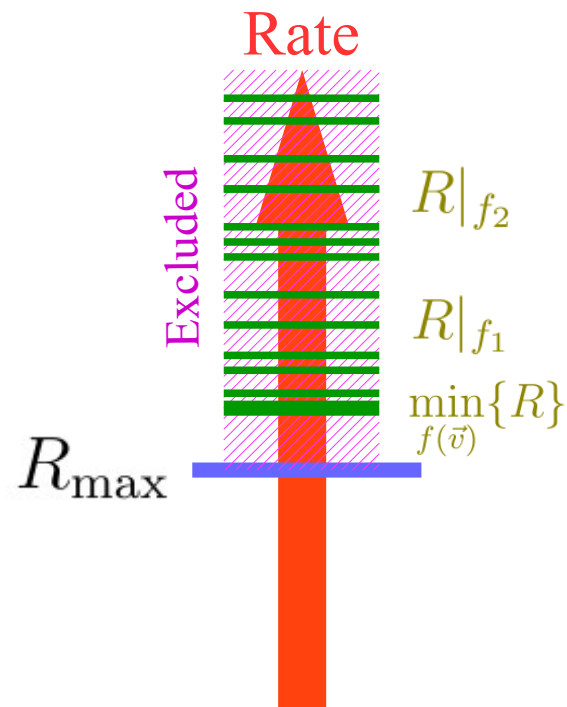


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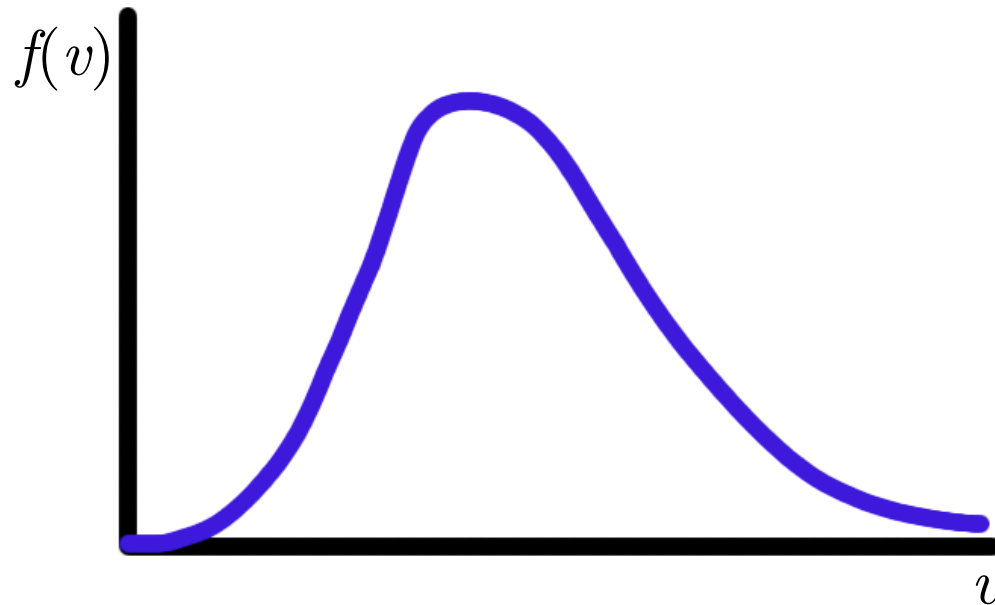


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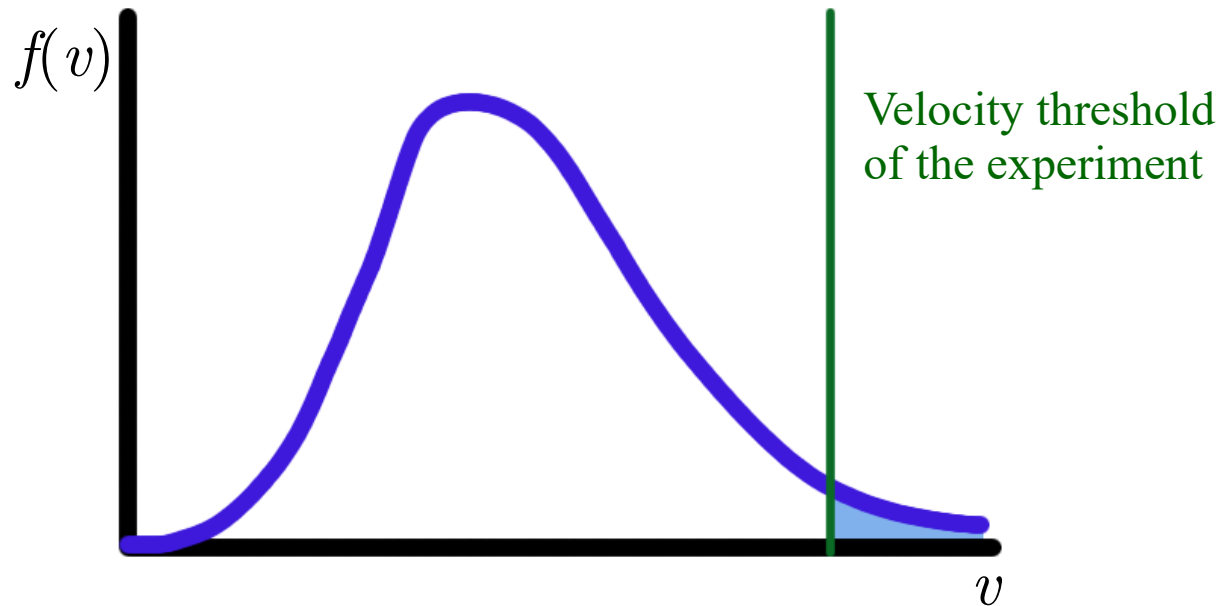


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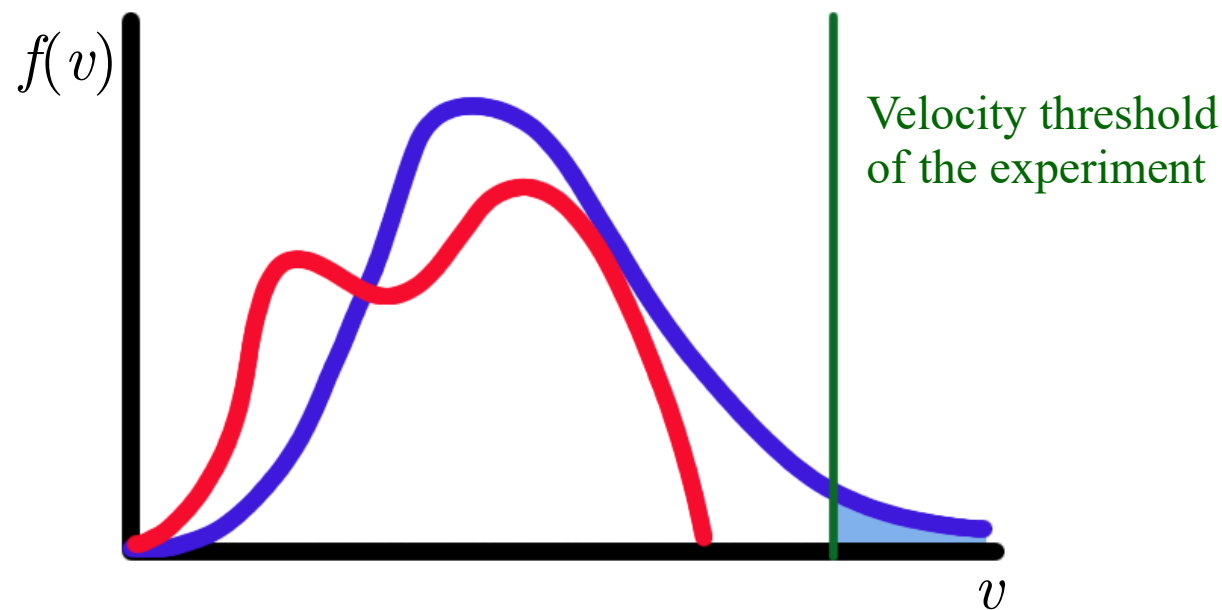


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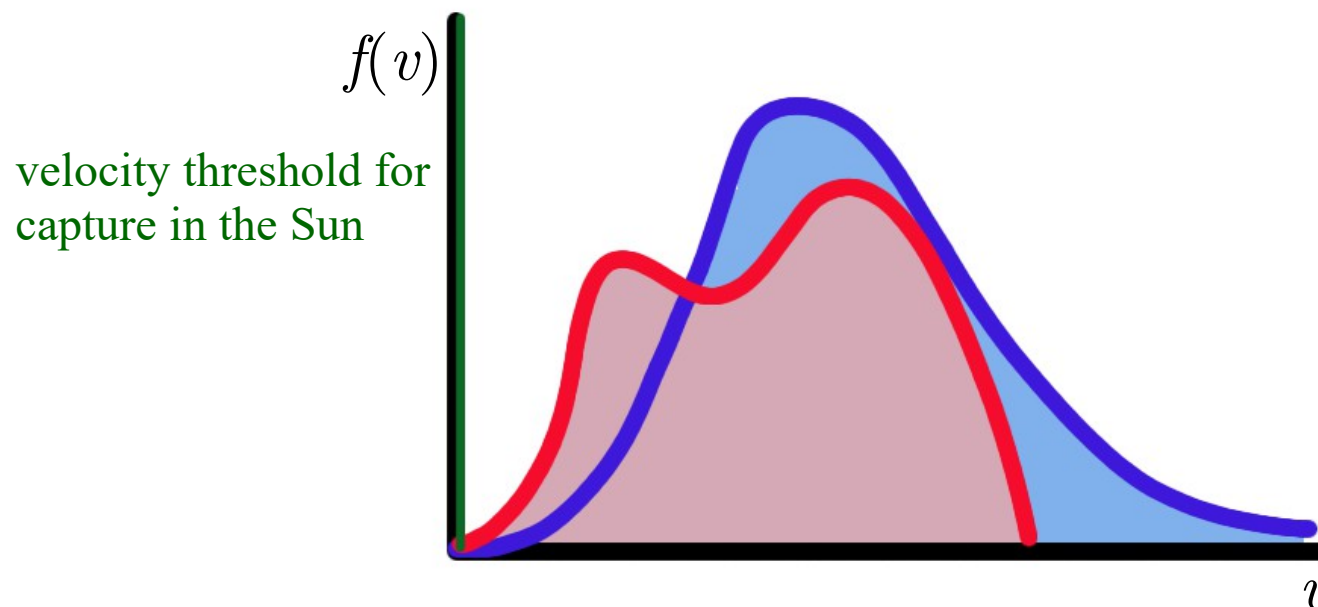
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Optimization problem with constraints

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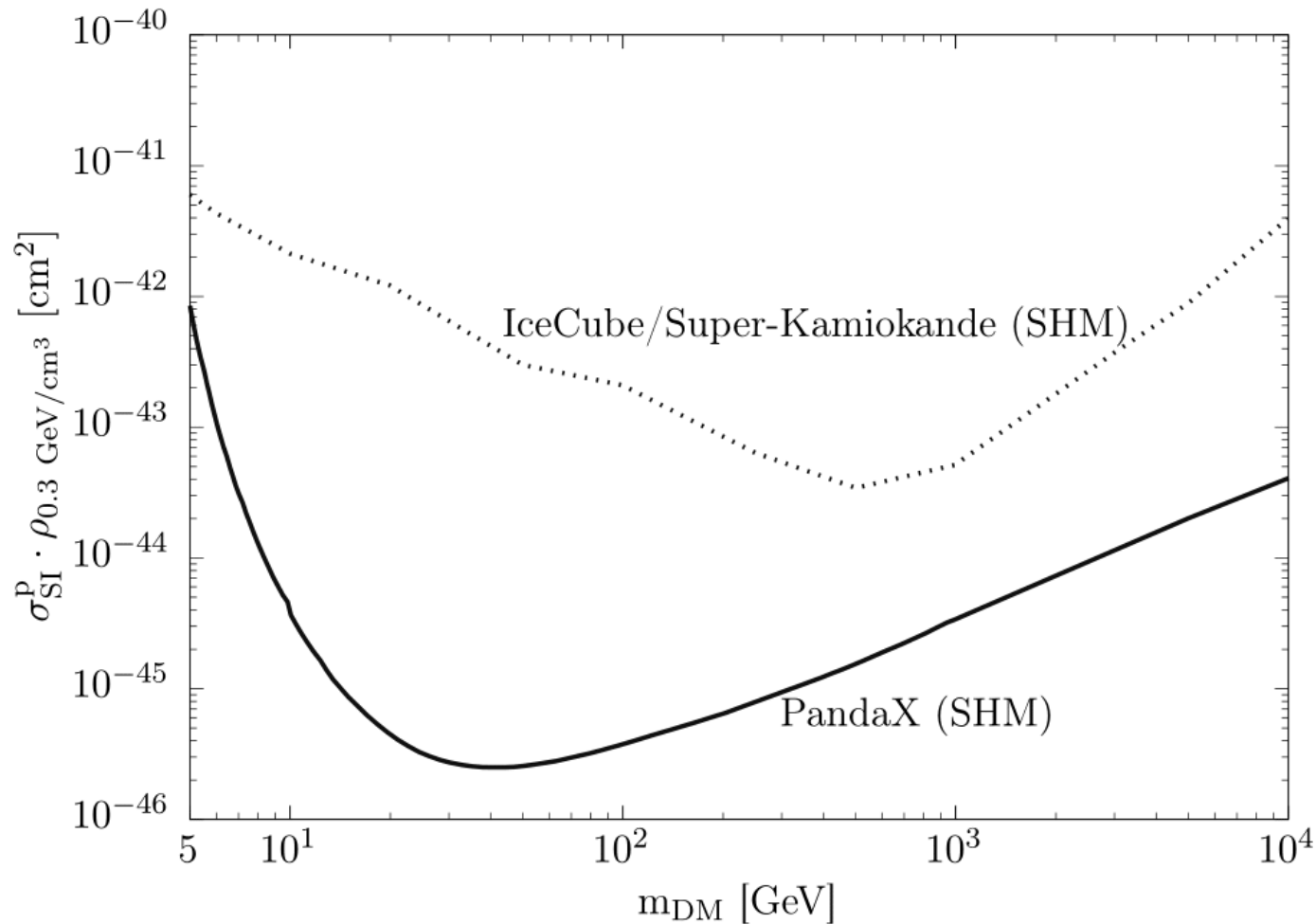
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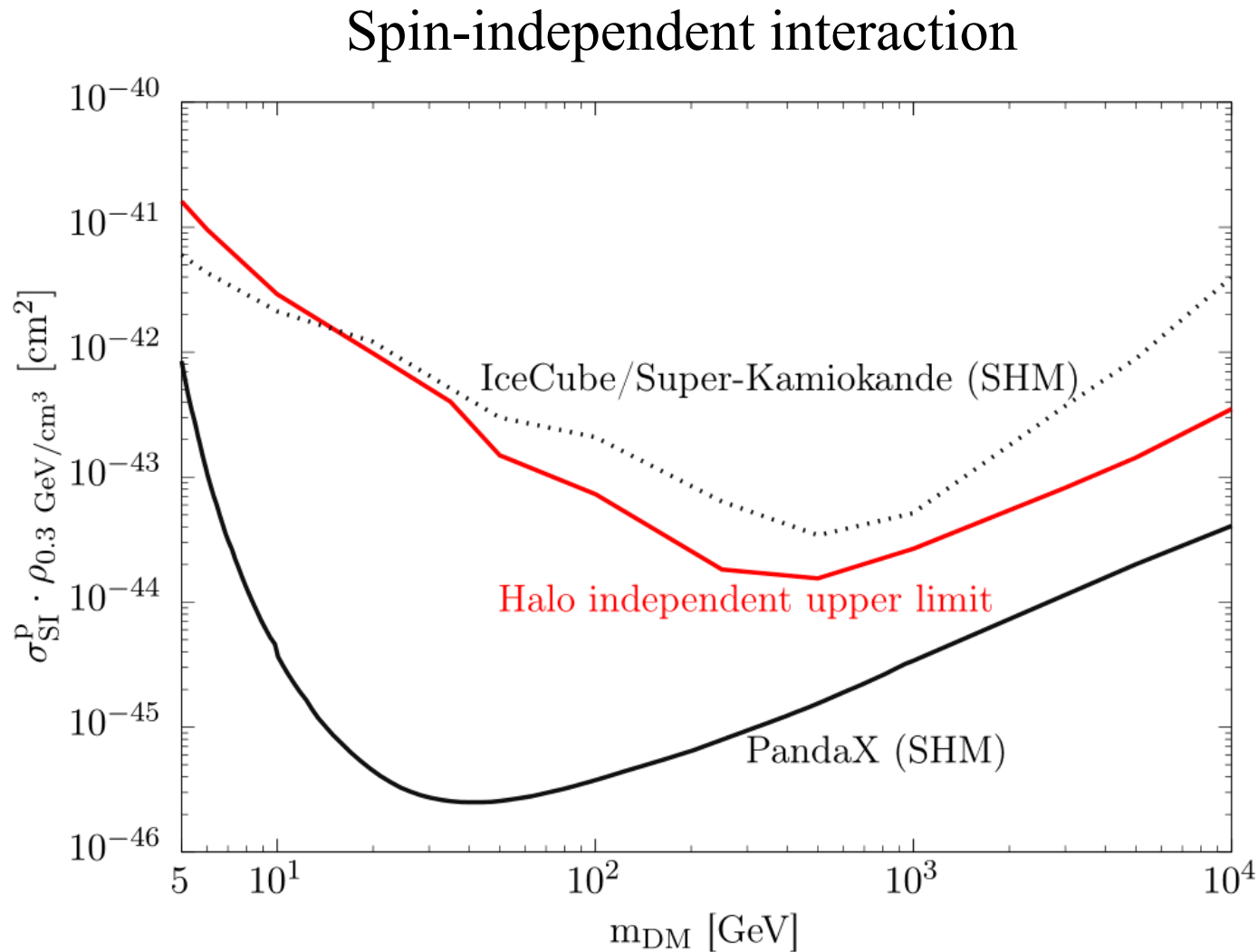
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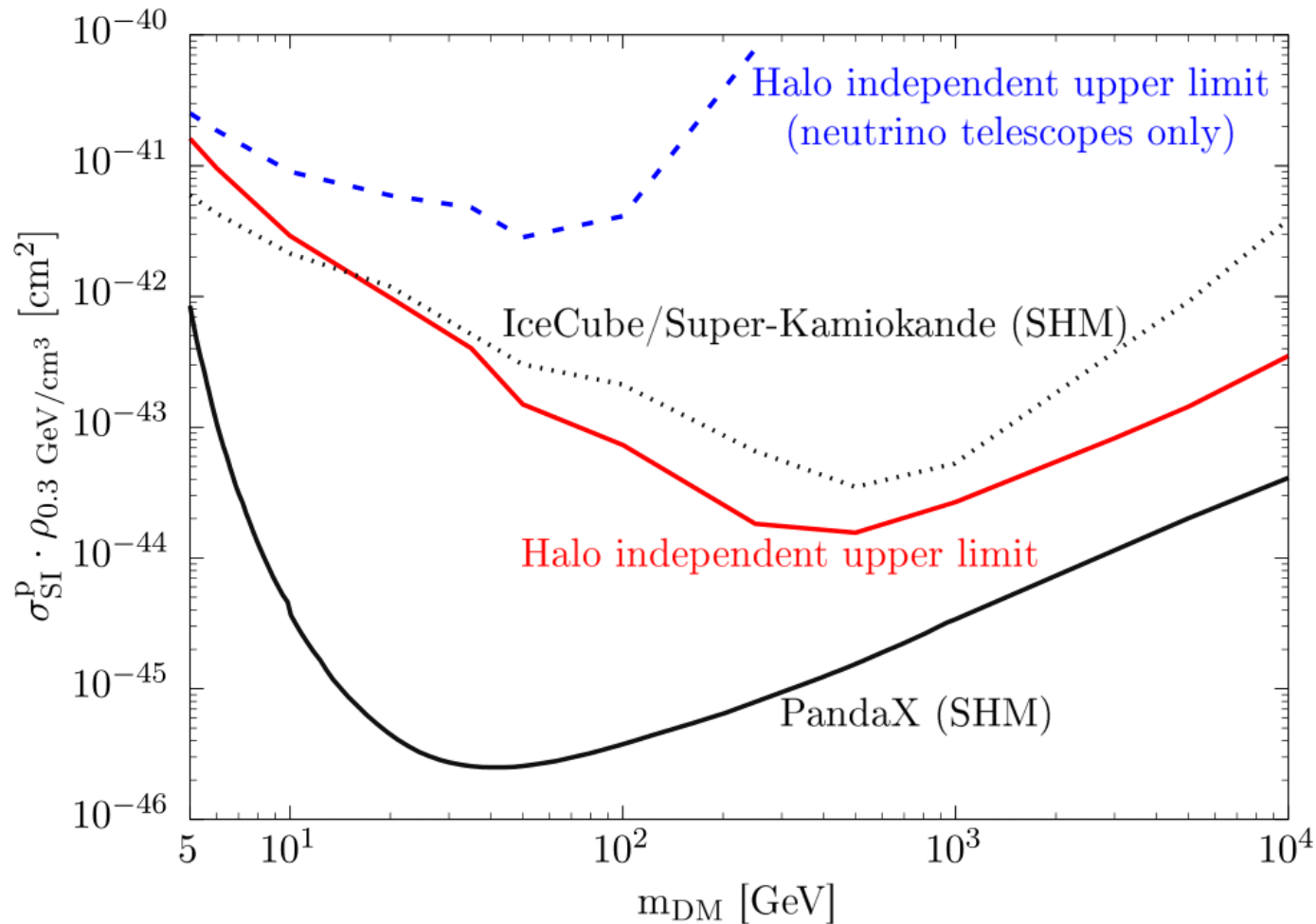
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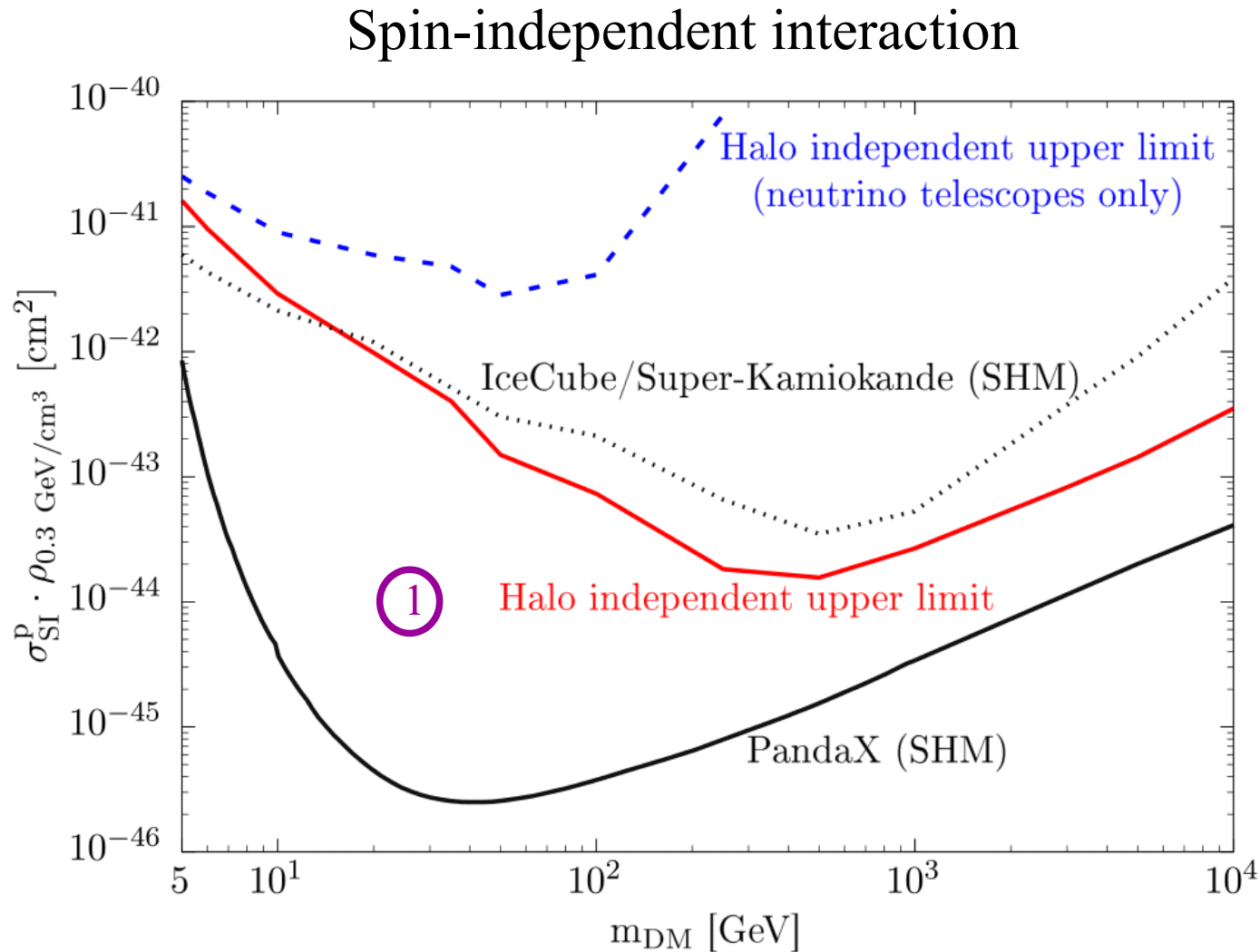
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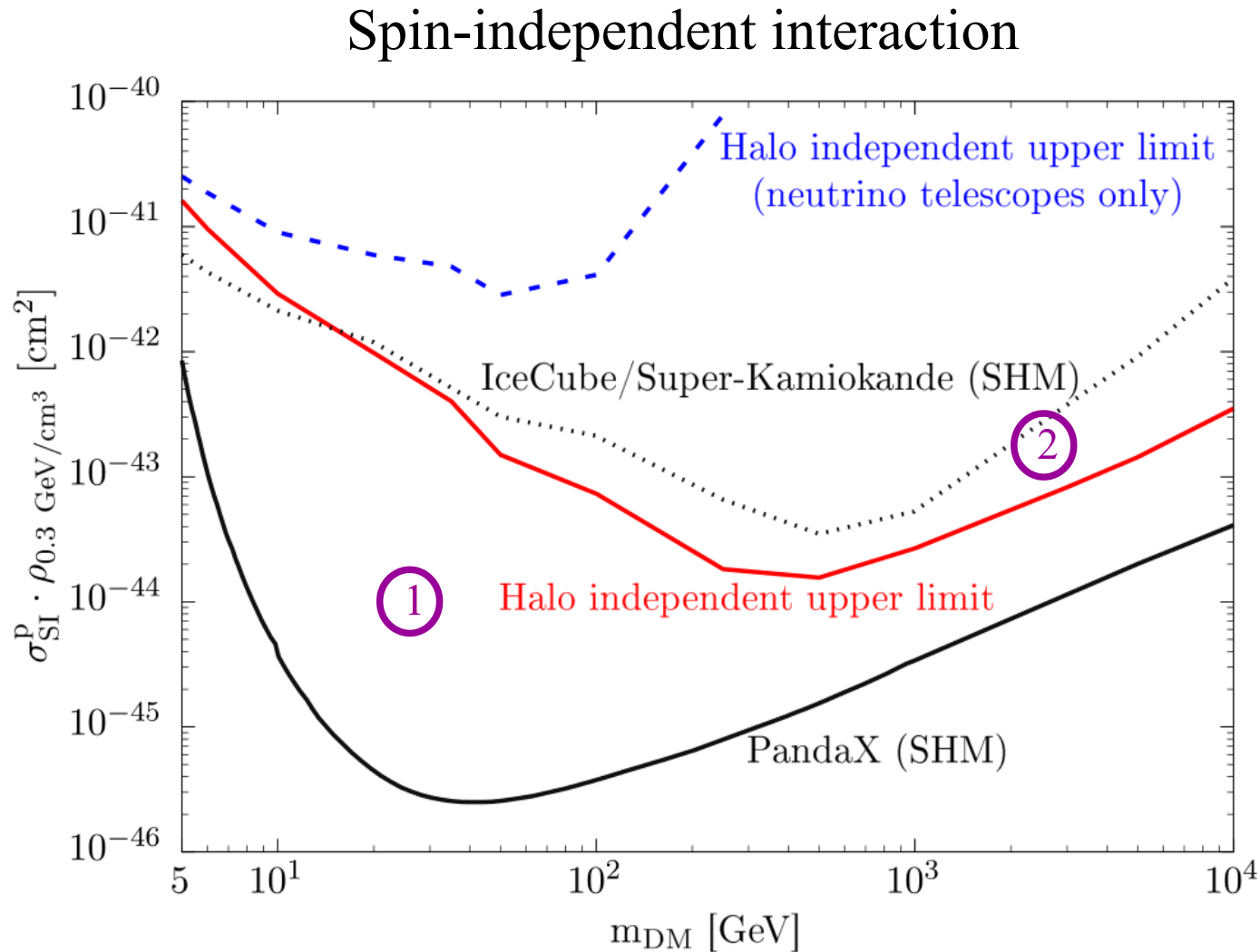


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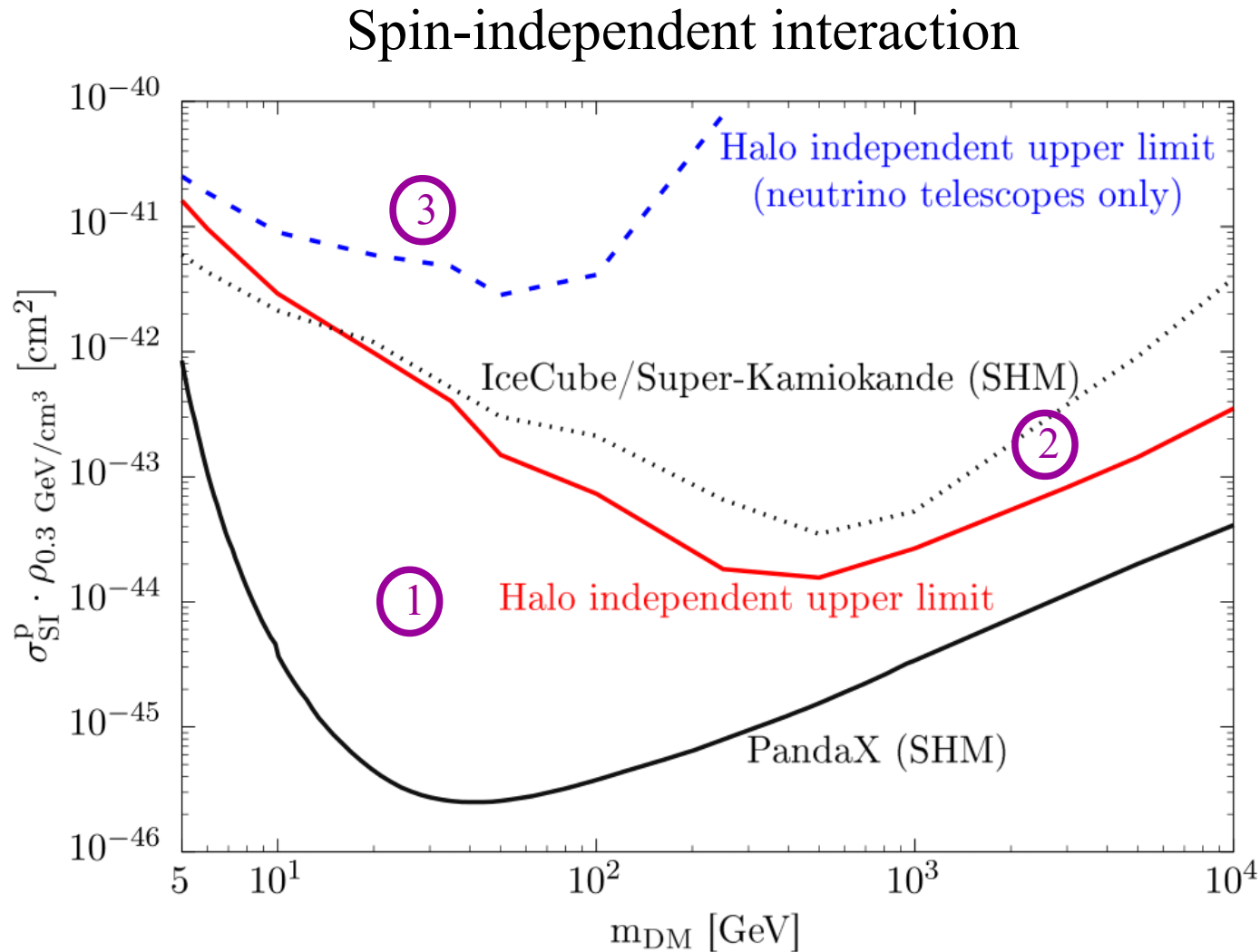
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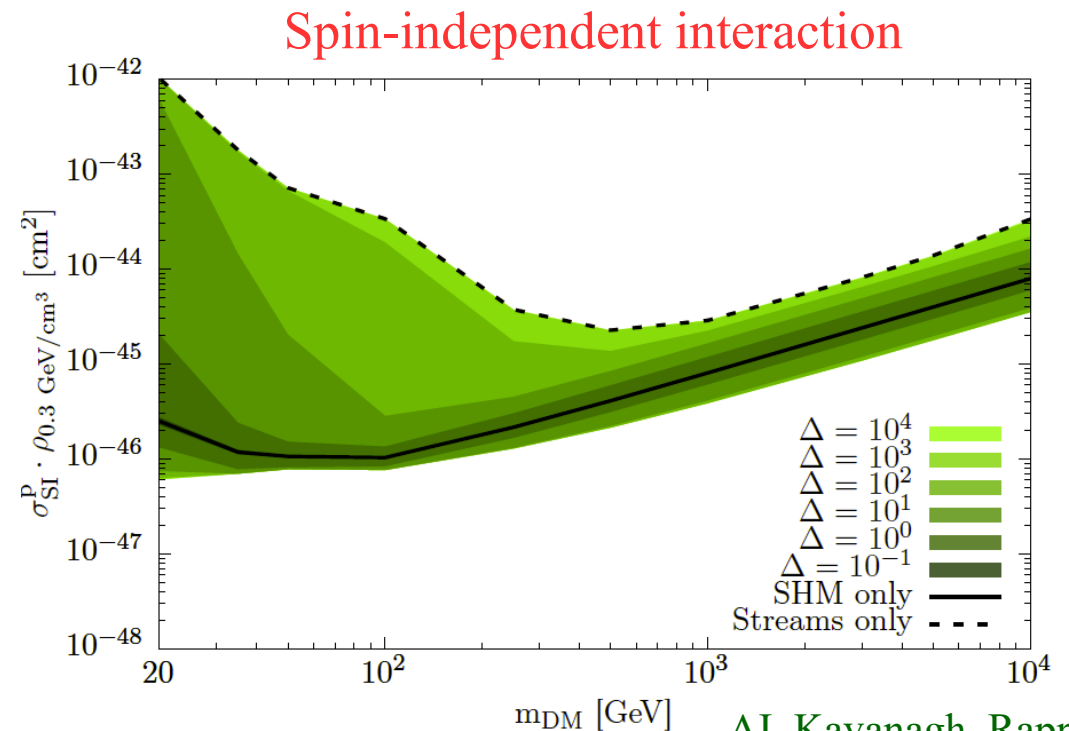
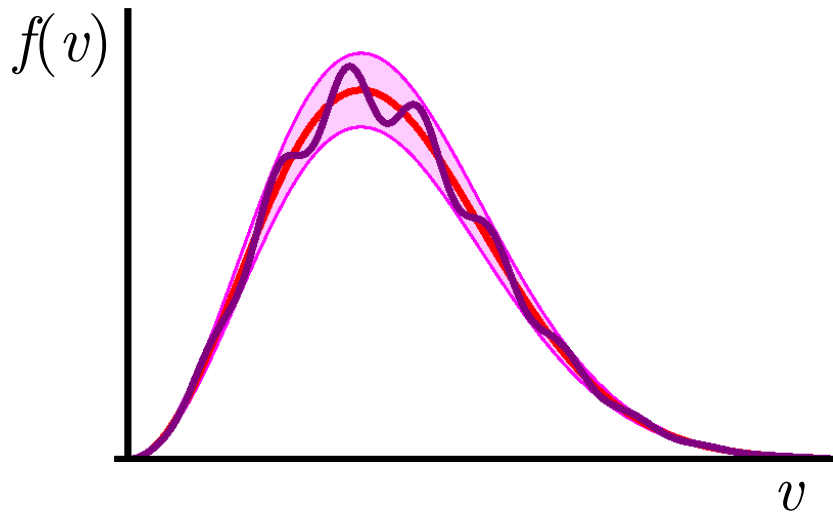
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It is unlikely that the halo independent upper limit saturates (it is unlikely that the velocity distribution consists just of two streams). Add physically plausible assumptions (e.g. MB distribution + “distortions”).



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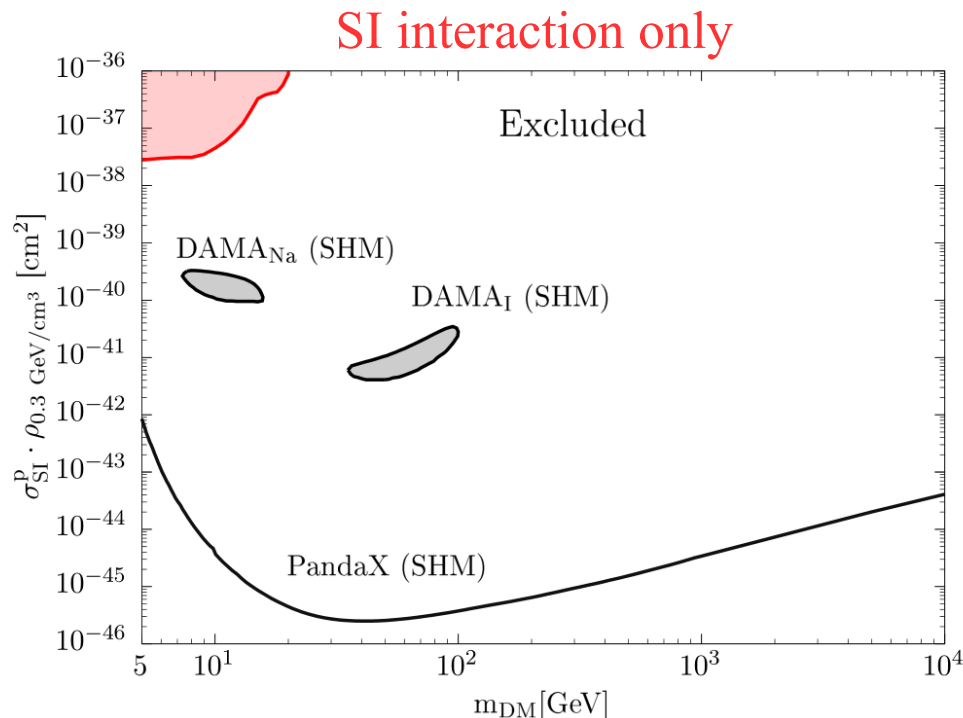


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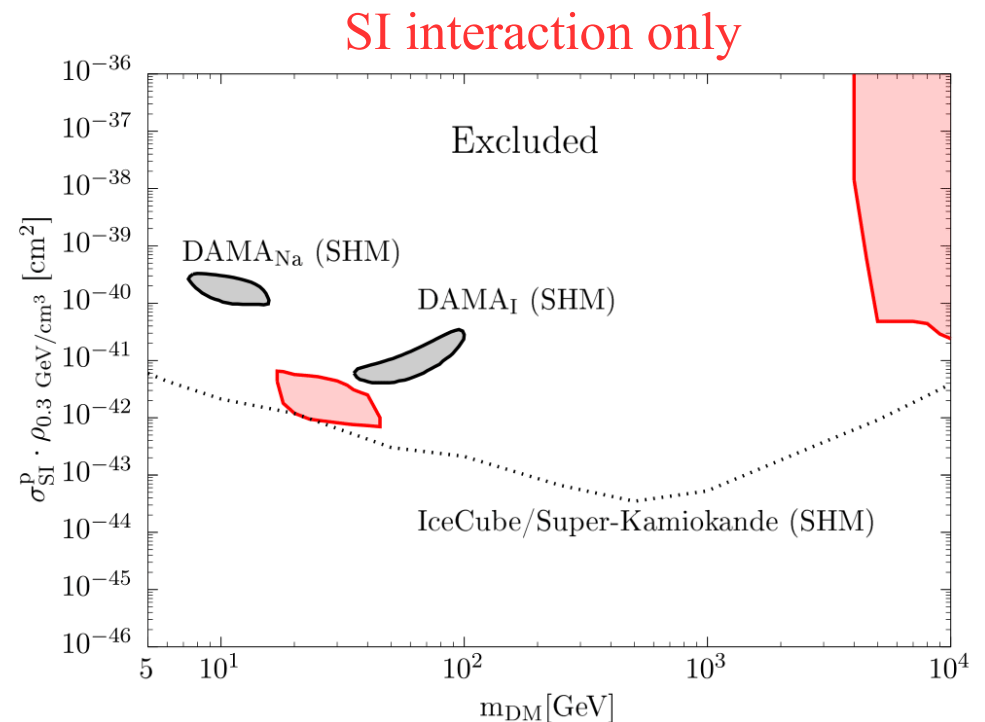
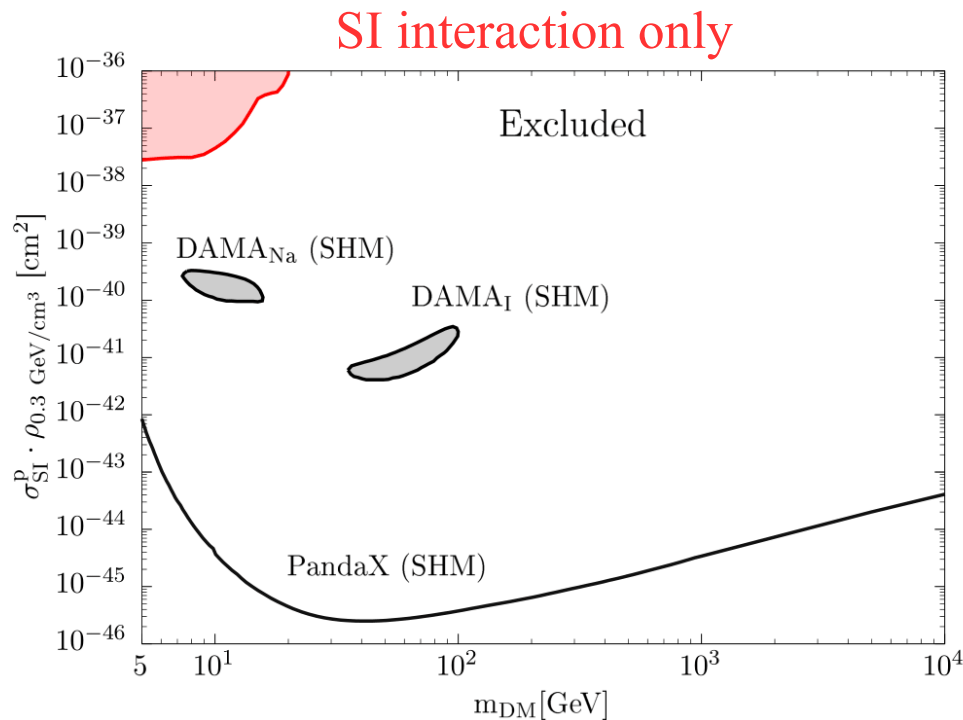


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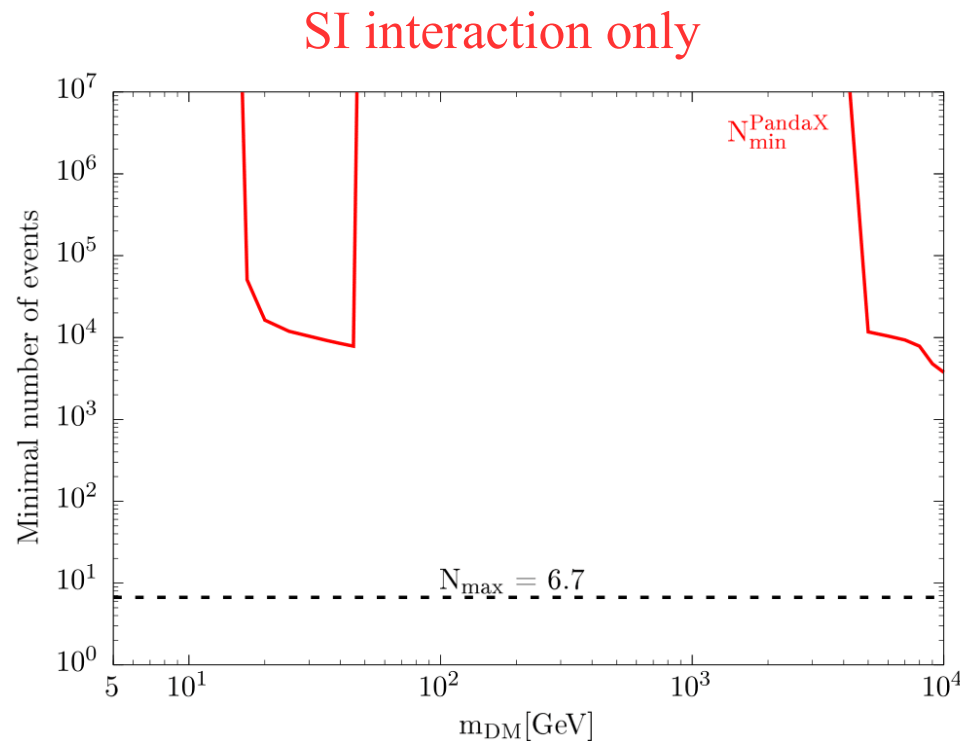


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## Halo independent prospects for future experiments

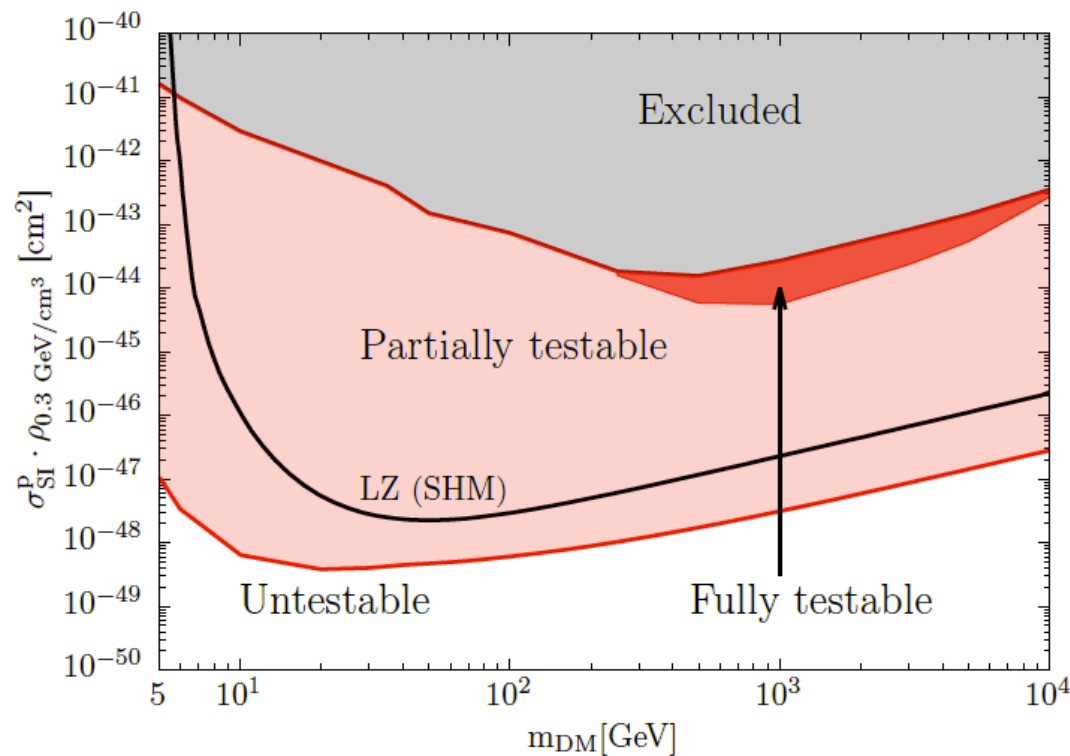
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LZ reach to the SI cross-section from null results at neutrino telescopes



# Conclusions

- The interpretation of any experiment probing the dark matter distribution inside the Solar System is subject to our ignorance of the local dark matter density and velocity distribution.
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- The method could be extended to include other dark matter interactions, or to account for more realistic velocity configurations.