

Robust

Signals of

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# Unknown unknowns and DM

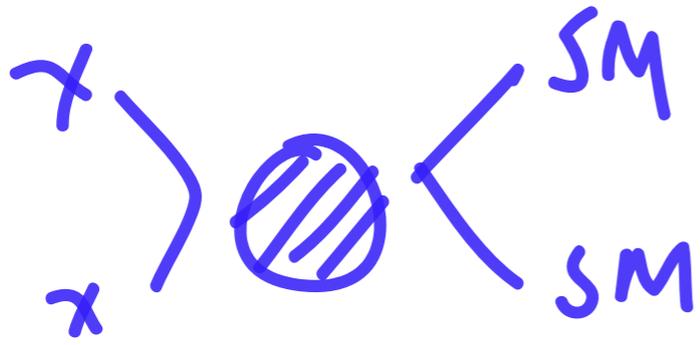
- We have enough uncertainties about DM
- What kinds of signals or constraints can we make that do not depend on so many things?

# Plan

- Robust signals of DM (what is the DM is not “the” DM?)
- Robust limits on DM (removing astrophysics)

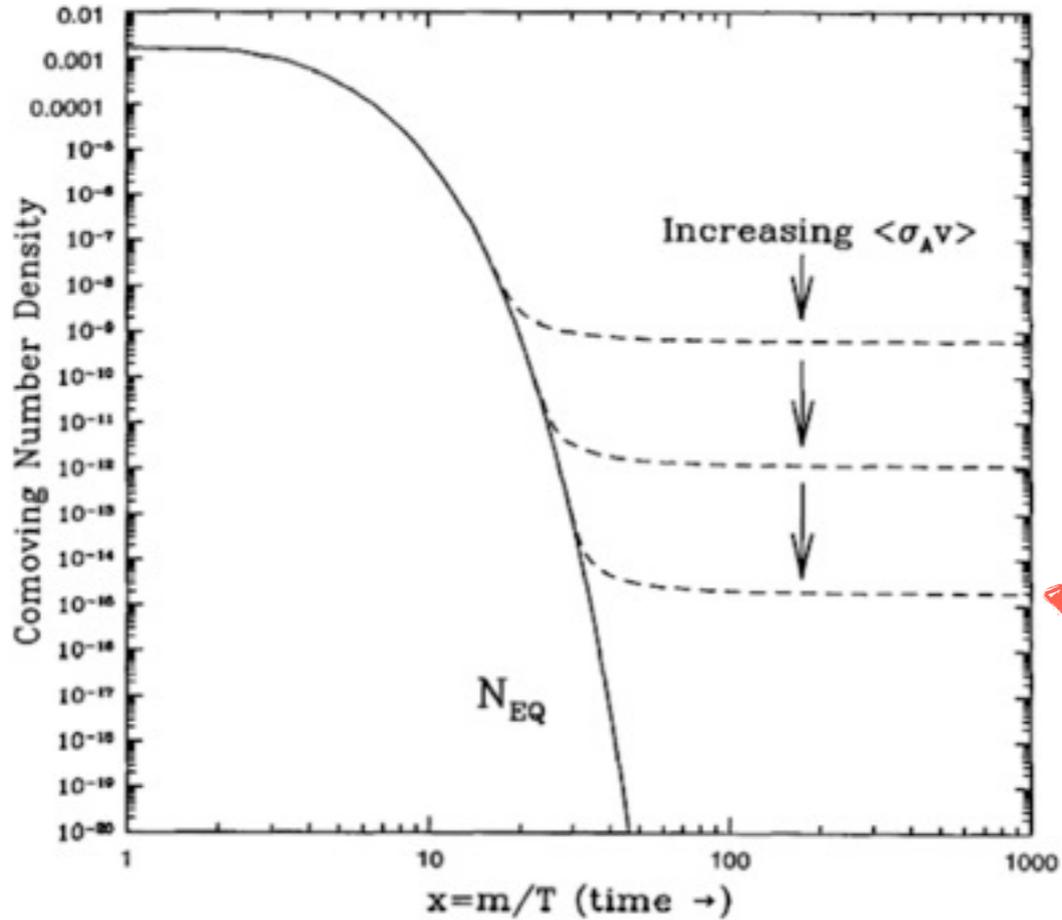
# Robust signals

- Why should we care about a WIMP that is not “the” DM?
- (Anthropic multiverse landscape discussion here)
- Already know 5 stable fundamental particles that are not “the” DM
- Know  $253+34$  composite particles that are cosmologically stable



$M_{\text{ann}}$

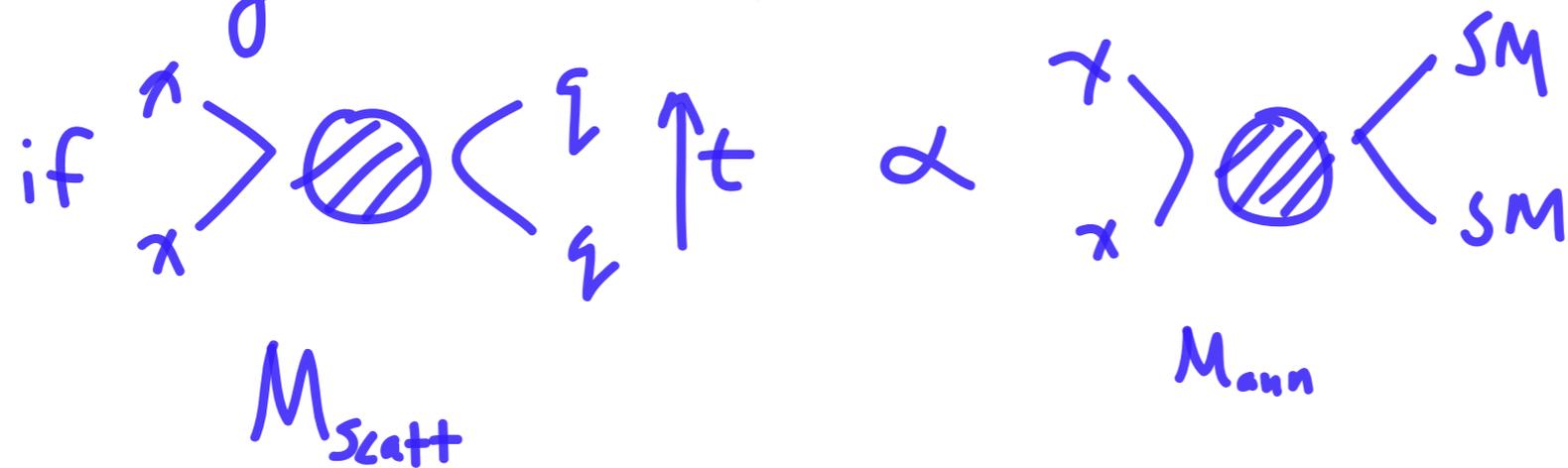
$$\rho_\nu \frac{1}{\sigma v} \sim \frac{1}{M_{\text{ann}}^2}$$



what about  
stable particles  
here?

what can we learn from  
simple scaling  
arguments?

Scaling relationships:



$$R \sim n_x \sigma \sim n_x M_{\text{scatt}}^2 \quad \rho \sim \frac{1}{\sigma v} \sim \frac{1}{M_{\text{ann}}^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow R \sim \frac{1}{M_{\text{ann}}^2} \times M_{\text{scatt}}^2 \sim \text{const}$$

Scattering rate is  
approximately  
invariant

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e.g. Duda & Gelmini  
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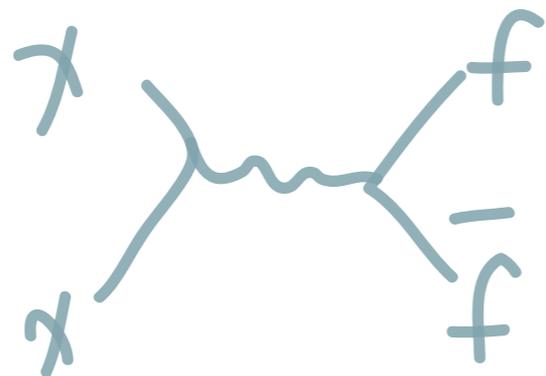
Even subdominant  
WIMPs are plausibly  
detectable

weak coupling  
more DM  $\longleftrightarrow$  strong coupling  
less DM

rate - constant

How true is this?

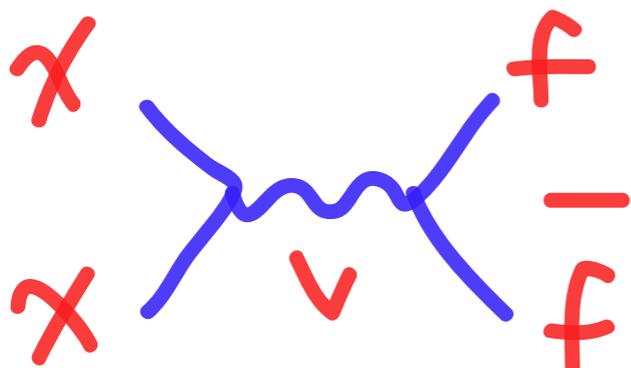
Consider vector exchange



$$\sigma = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi} \mu_{fn}^2 \frac{1}{A^2} ((1-4\sin^2\theta_w)Z - (A-Z))^2$$

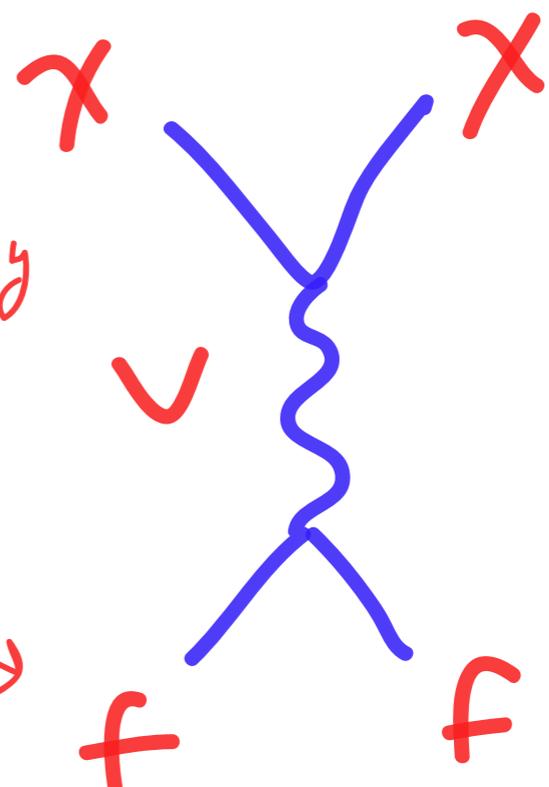
$\sim 10^{-39} \text{ cm}^2$   
 $\sim \text{const}$

Scaling is for dimensionless  
couplings

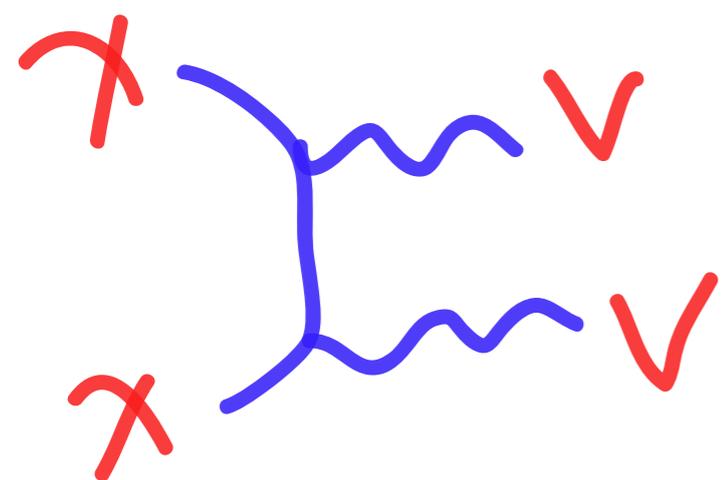


$$\frac{g_\chi^2 g_f^2 m_\chi^2}{m_\nu^4}$$

parametrically related



$$\frac{g_\chi^2 g_f^2 \mu^2}{m_\nu^4}$$



$$\frac{g_\chi^4}{m_\chi^2}$$

parametrically distinct

The heuristic argument that subdominant WIMPs have the same scattering rate as dominant WIMPs is limited

that said, the failure of the argument goes both ways (up or down) so the *qualitative* point that subdominant WIMPs are detectable seems robust

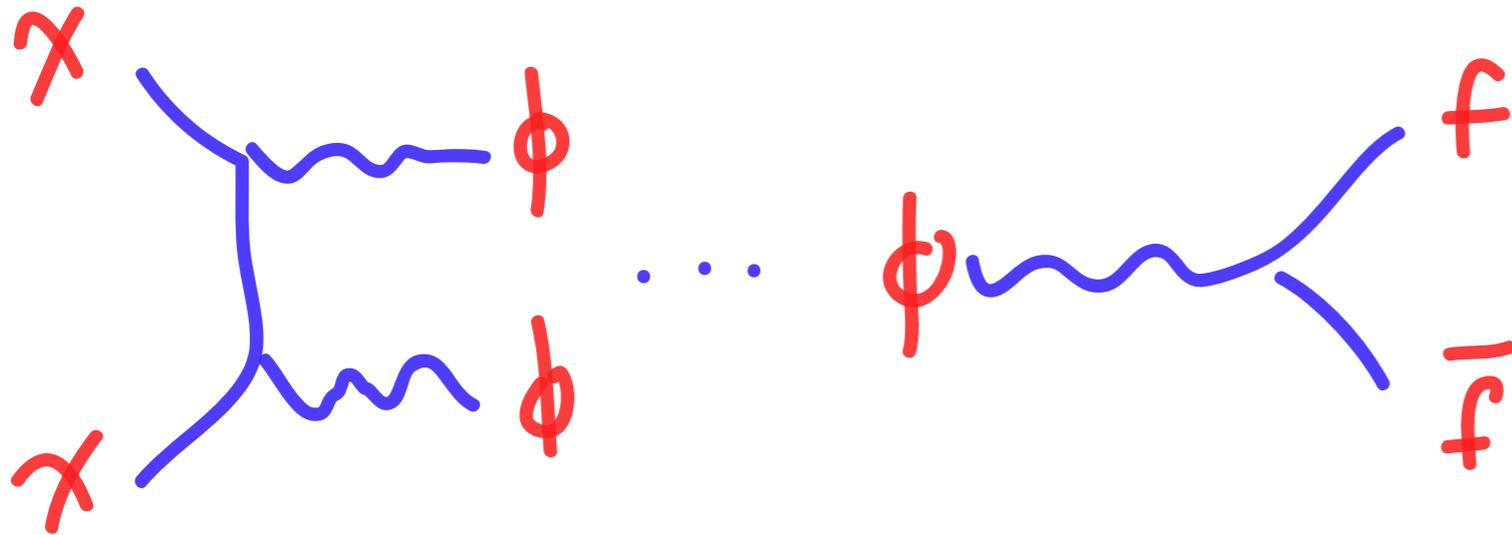
What about indirect detection?

$$\rho \sim \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{ann}}}$$

$$R \sim \rho^2 \sigma_{\text{ann}} \sim \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{ann}}^2} \sigma_{\text{ann}} \sim \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{ann}}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Seems to prefer low  $\sigma$   
i.e. "the" DM

Or does it...?



$$\sigma_{\text{ann}} \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{m^2}$$

$$\rho \sim \frac{1}{\sigma} \sim m^2 \Rightarrow n = \frac{\rho}{m} \sim m$$

$$R \sim n^2 \sigma \sim m^2 \times \frac{1}{m^2} \sim \text{const}$$

$\Rightarrow$  if a WIMP annihilates into a dark force, it can show up even if it is not "the" DM

An interesting example

Consider DM with a magnetic dipole

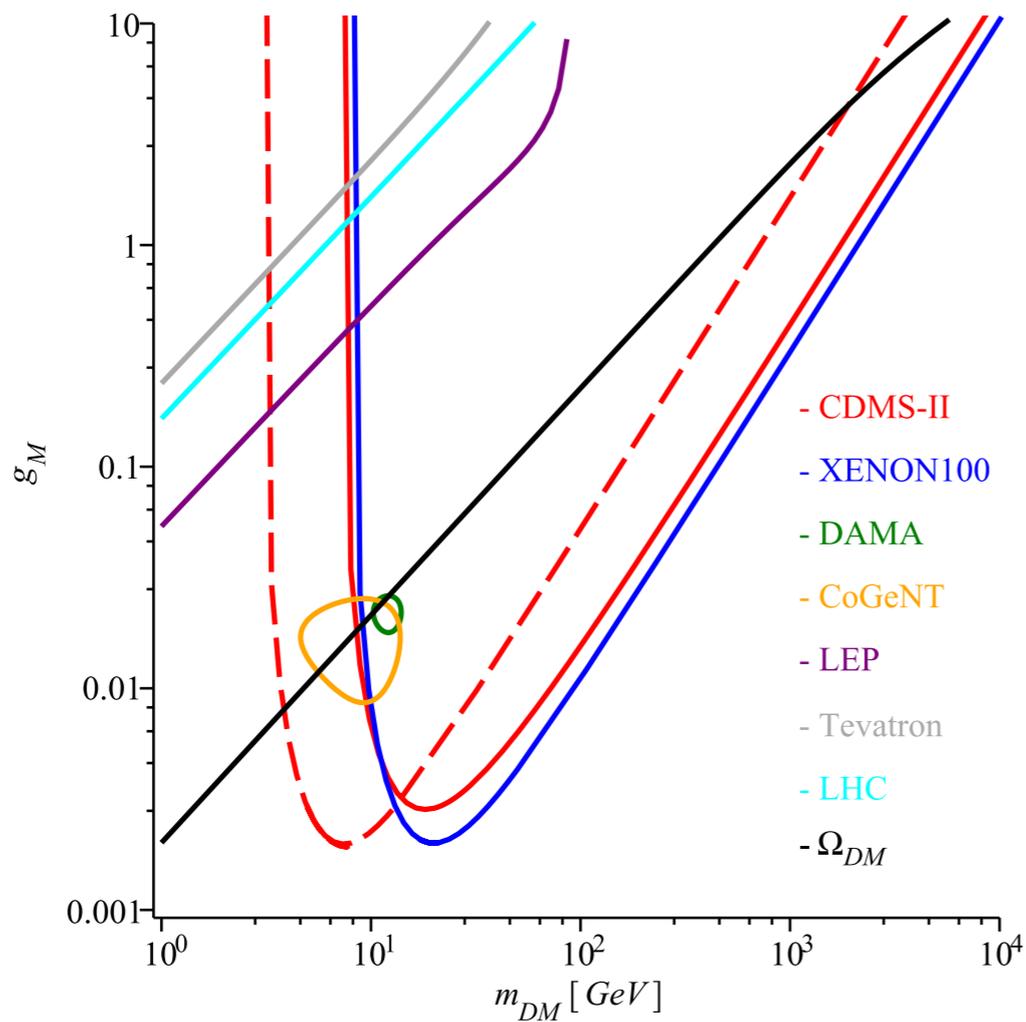
$$\mu_x \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi F_{\mu\nu}$$

NB: this operator is off-diagonal

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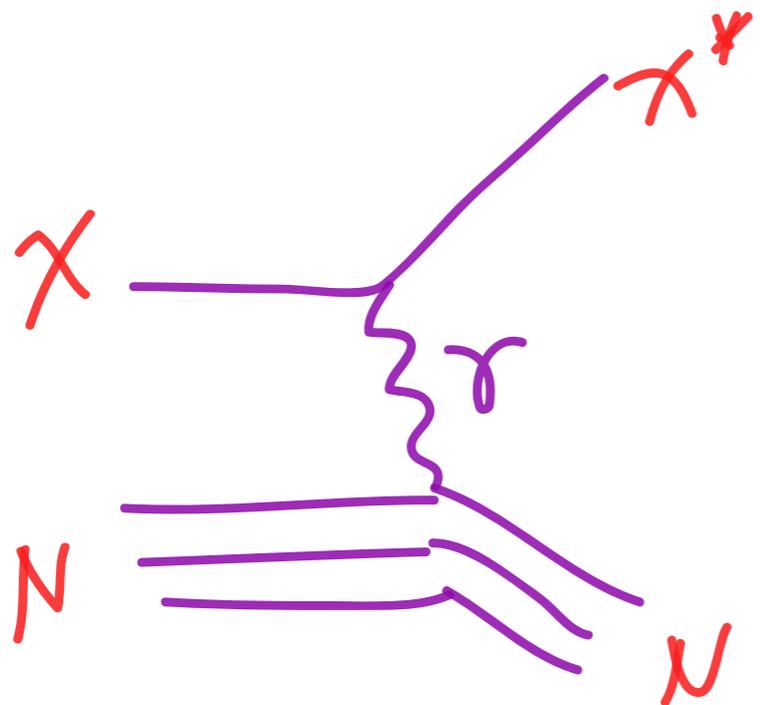
$$\chi_1 \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi_2 F_{\mu\nu}$$

IF  $m_{\chi_1} = m_{\chi_2}$  (i.e., it's Dirac)  
bad news

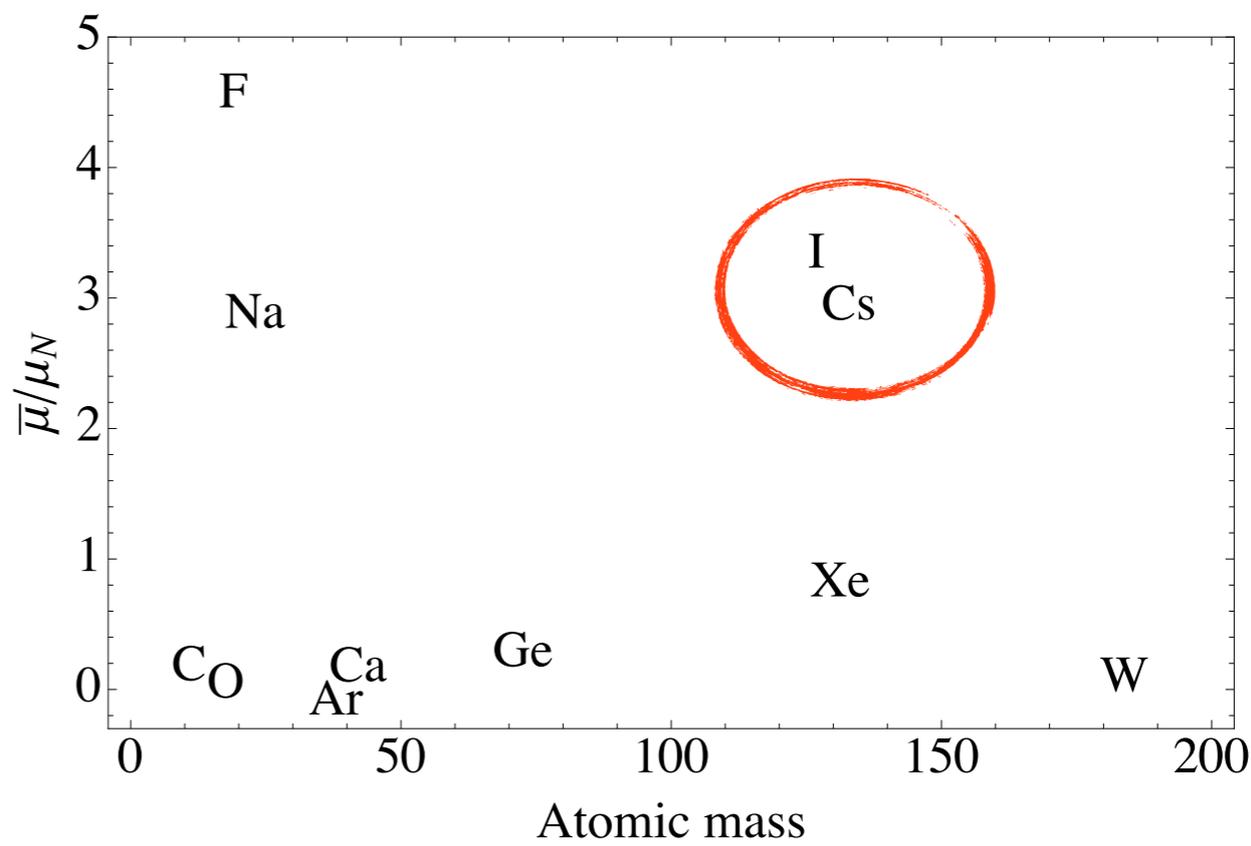
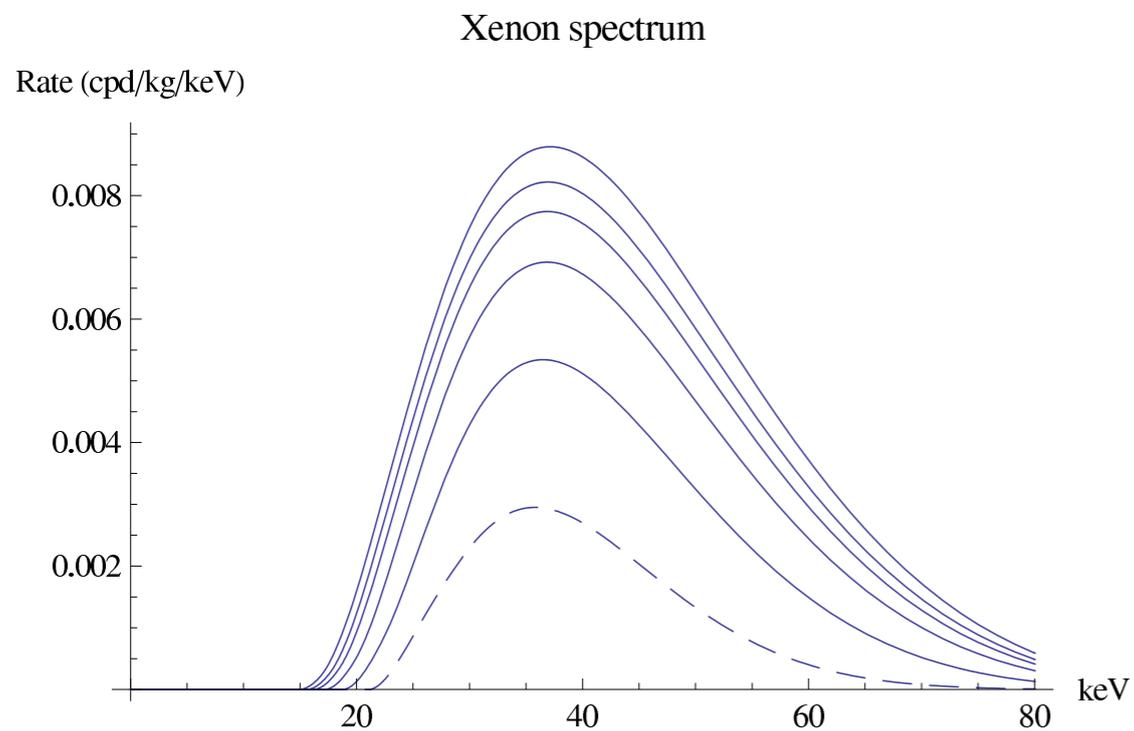


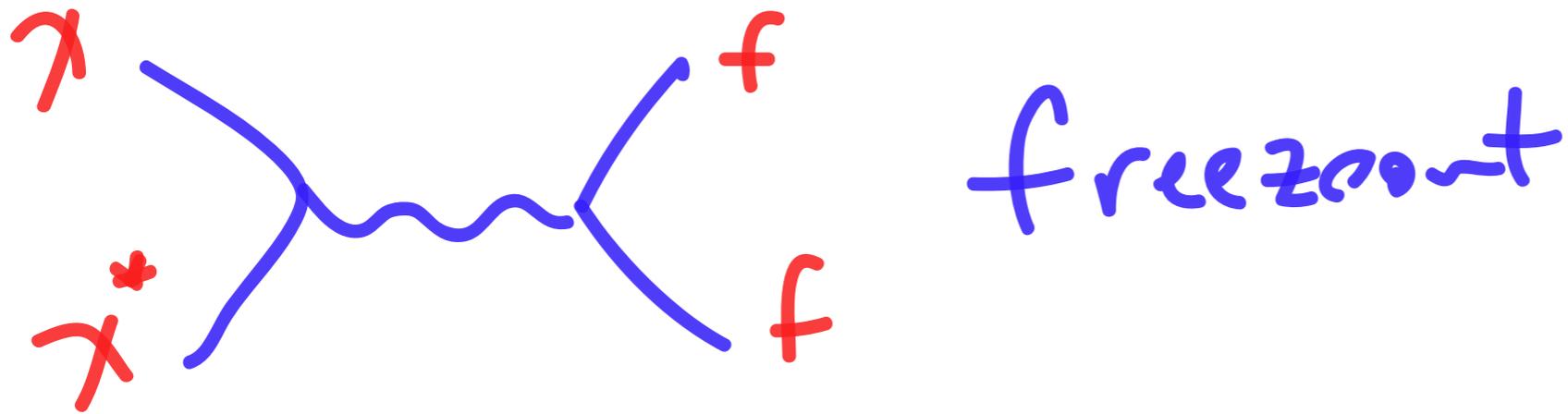
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If it is inelastic, good now

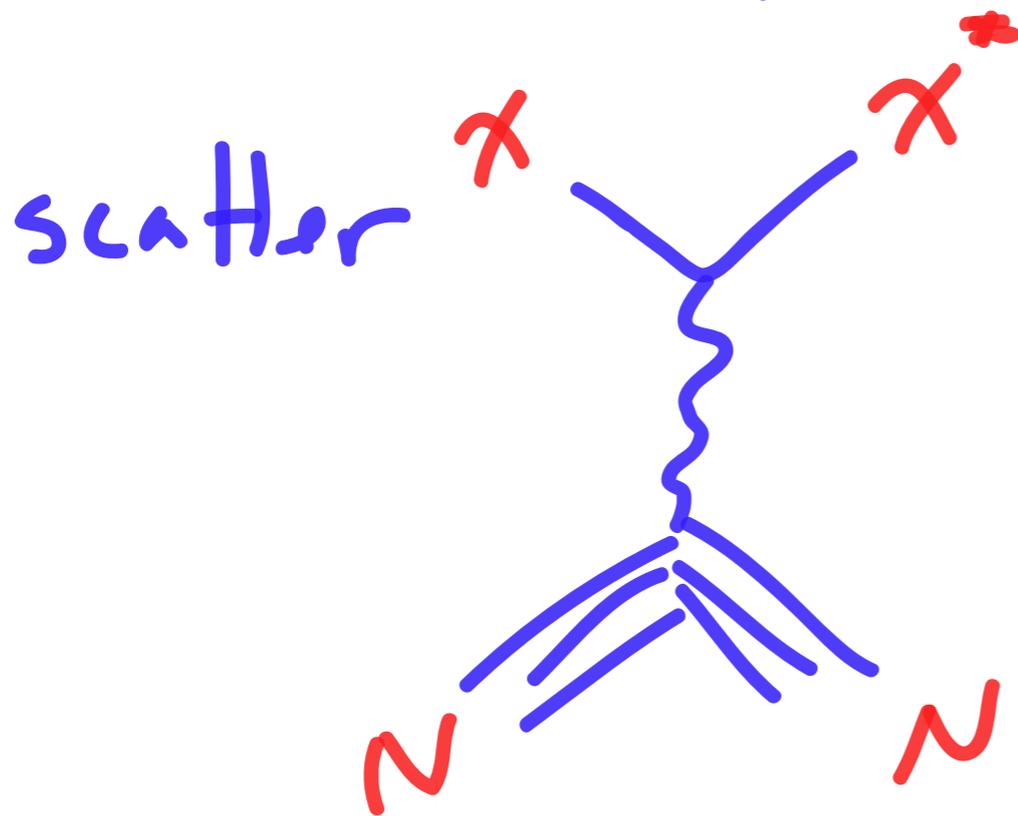


"magnetic inelastic"  
DM





$$\rho \sim \frac{1}{\mu_\chi^2}$$

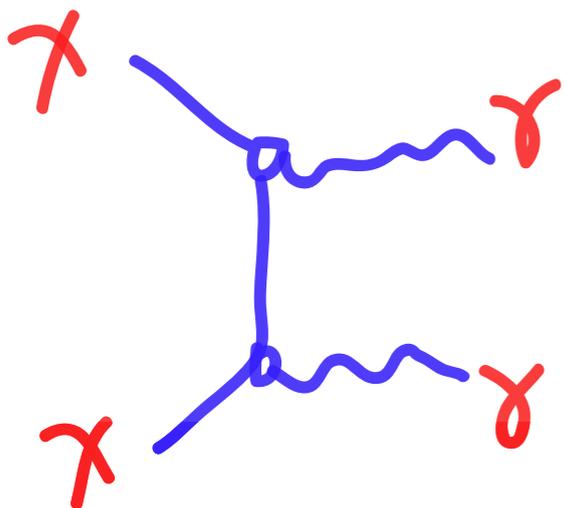


$$\sim \mu_\chi^2 \times \eta \sim \mu_\chi^2 \times \frac{1}{\mu_\chi^2}$$

$\sim$  constant

# Indirect signals

Goodman et al 1009.0008



$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

$$R \sim \rho^2 \sigma_{\gamma\gamma} \sim \left(\frac{1}{\mu_\chi^2}\right)^2 \mu_\chi^4$$

$\sim \text{const}$

$$\sim \sigma_{\gamma\gamma} \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-29} \text{ cm}^2$$

( $\sim$  bit small for the 130 GeV line, but can have O(1) corrections)

$$R_{DD} \propto n_{\chi} \mu_{\chi}^2 = \frac{\rho_0}{m_{\chi}} \frac{\mu_{\text{thermal}}^2}{\mu_{\chi}^2} \times \mu_{\chi}^2 = \frac{\rho_0}{m_{\chi}} \mu_{\text{thermal}}^2$$

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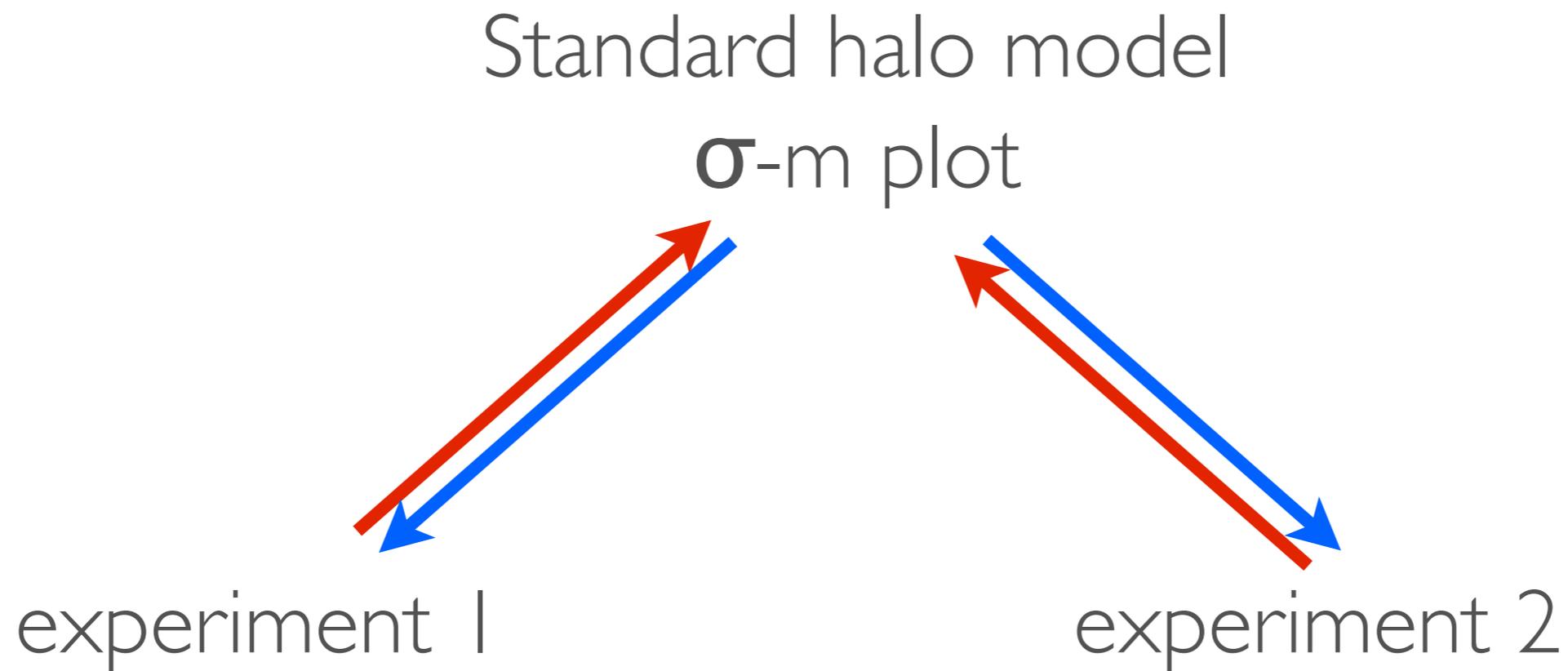
if an MiDM-like model exists, its  
signal sizes are pretty robust

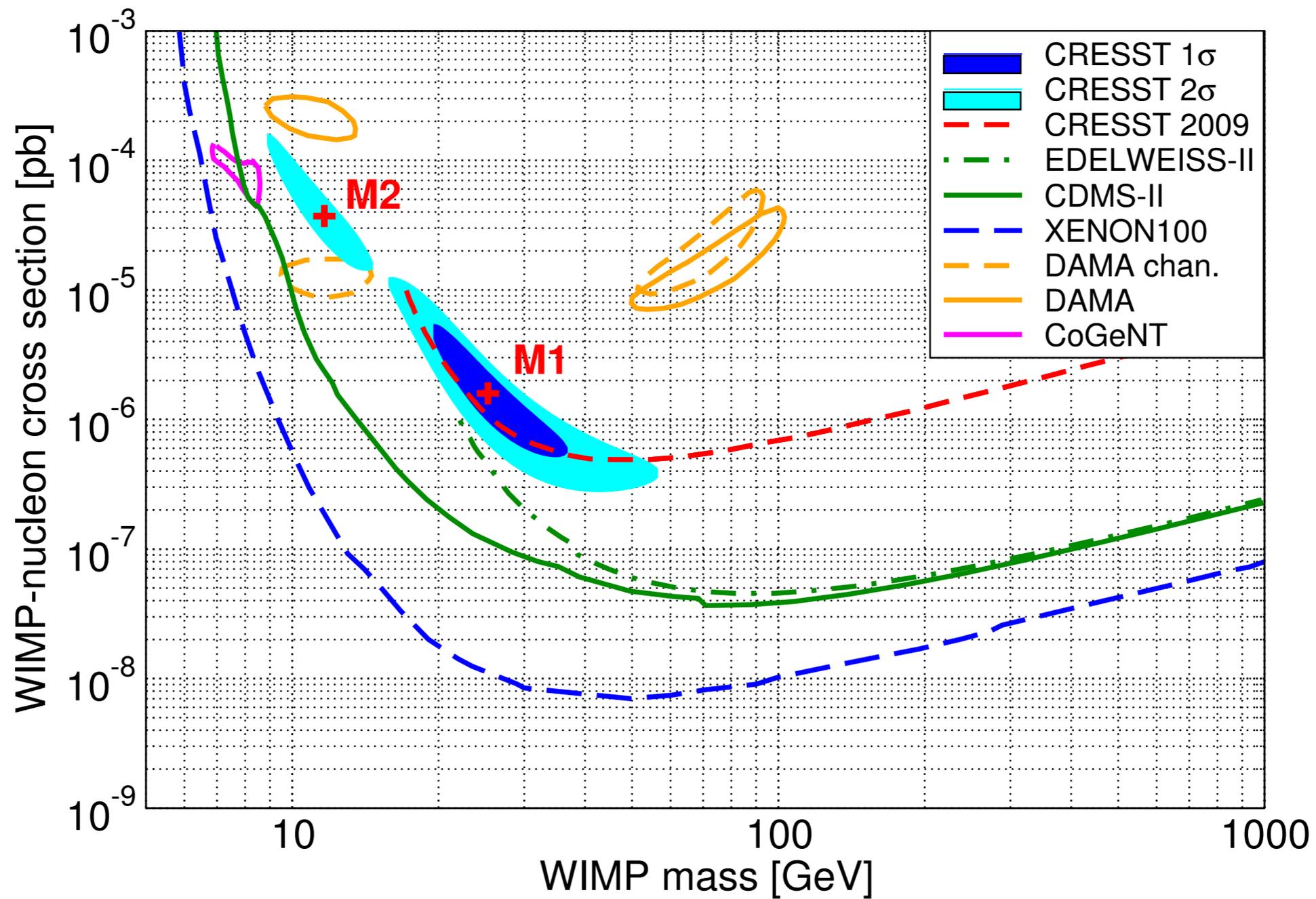
- Searches for DM are more robust than you'd have guessed
- DD signals pretty generic for stable WIMPs
- Sometimes ID signals (esp gamma gamma) are robust

**robust constraints on  
DM**



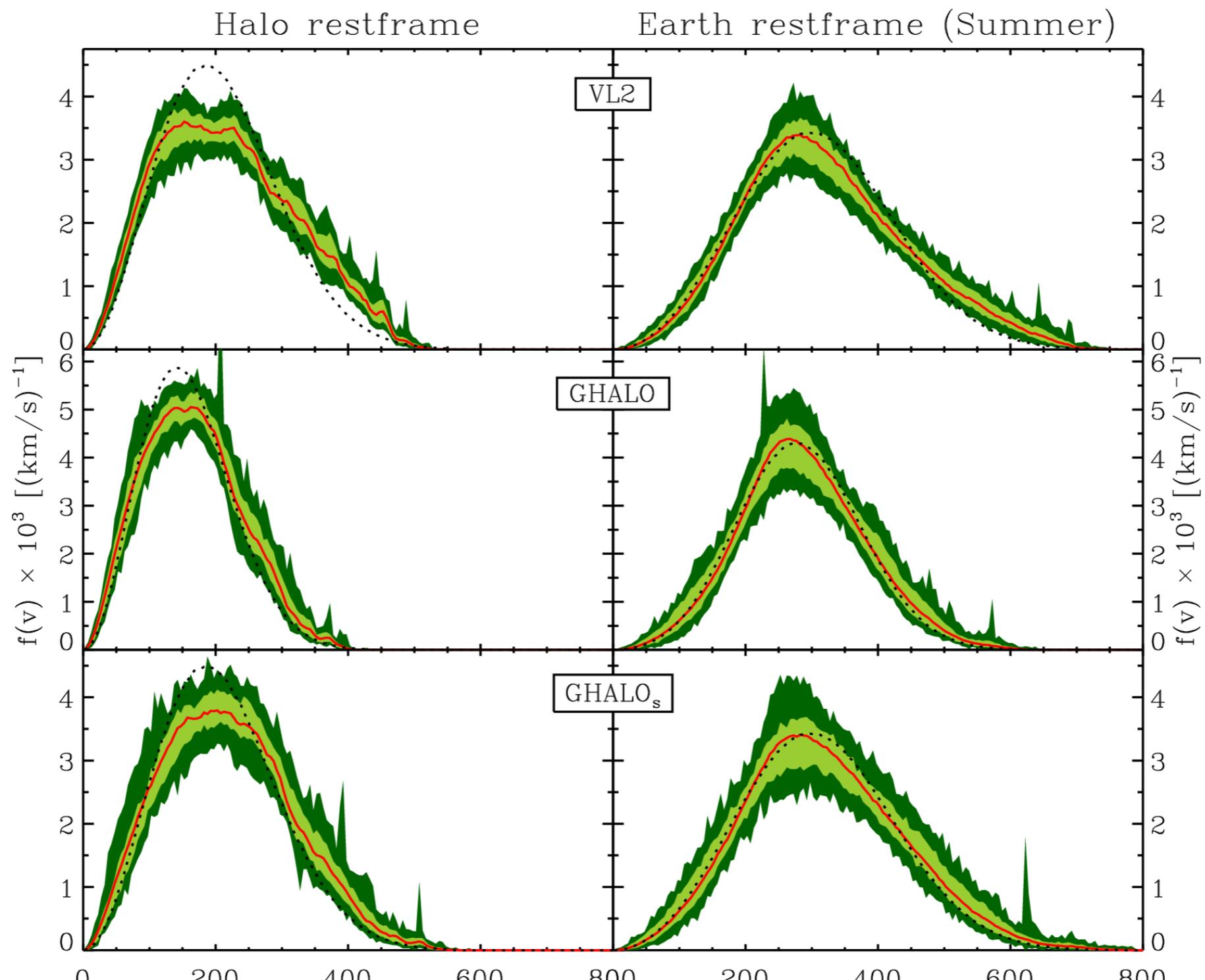
# the problem with our approach





# WANT MODEL INDEPENDENT CONSTRAINTS

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# The goal

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- Find Dark Matter / test claims
- Determine DM mass
- Determine DM interaction strength

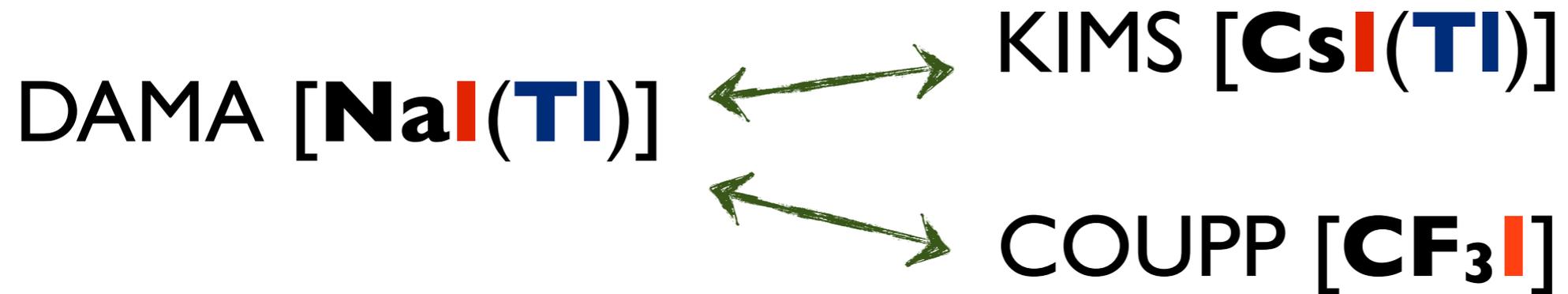
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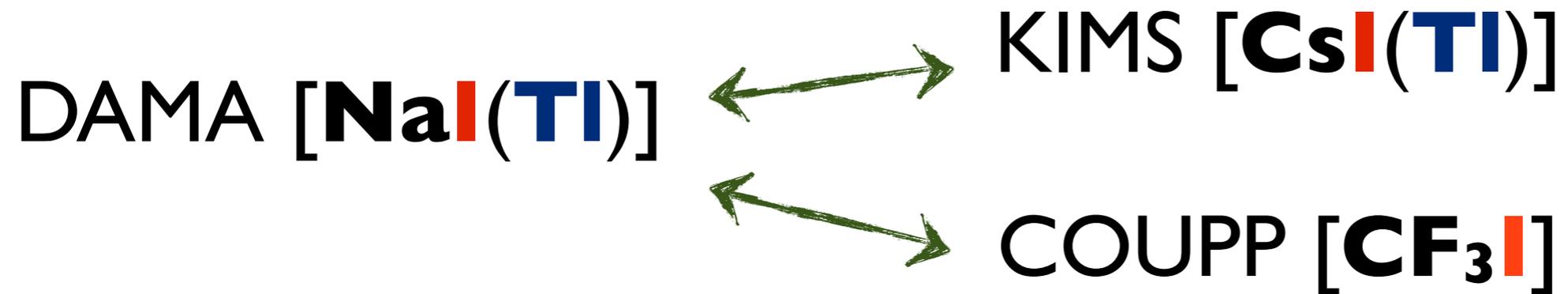
compare target to  
target

DAMA [**NaI(Tl)**]  KIMS [**CsI(Tl)**]

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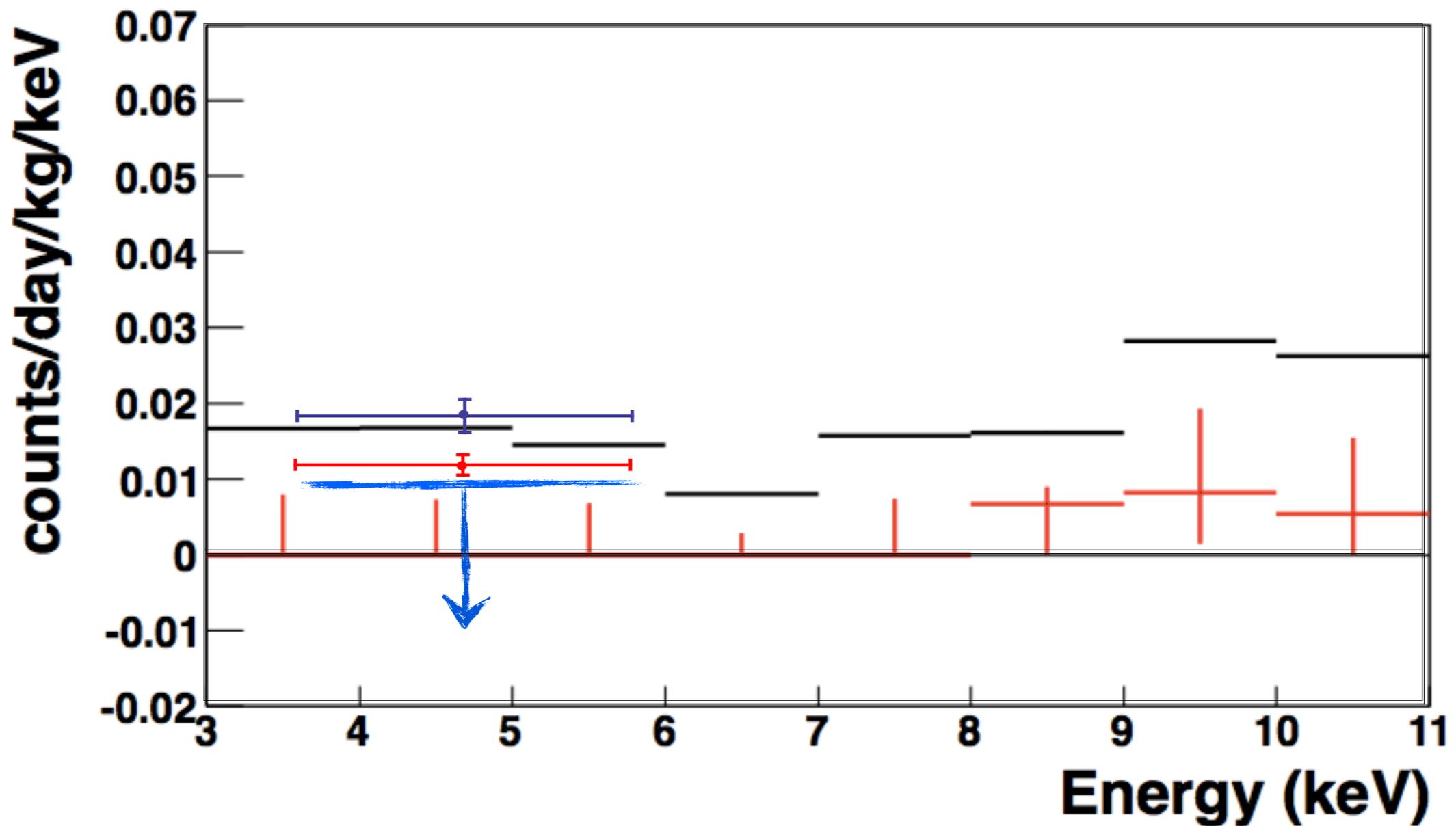


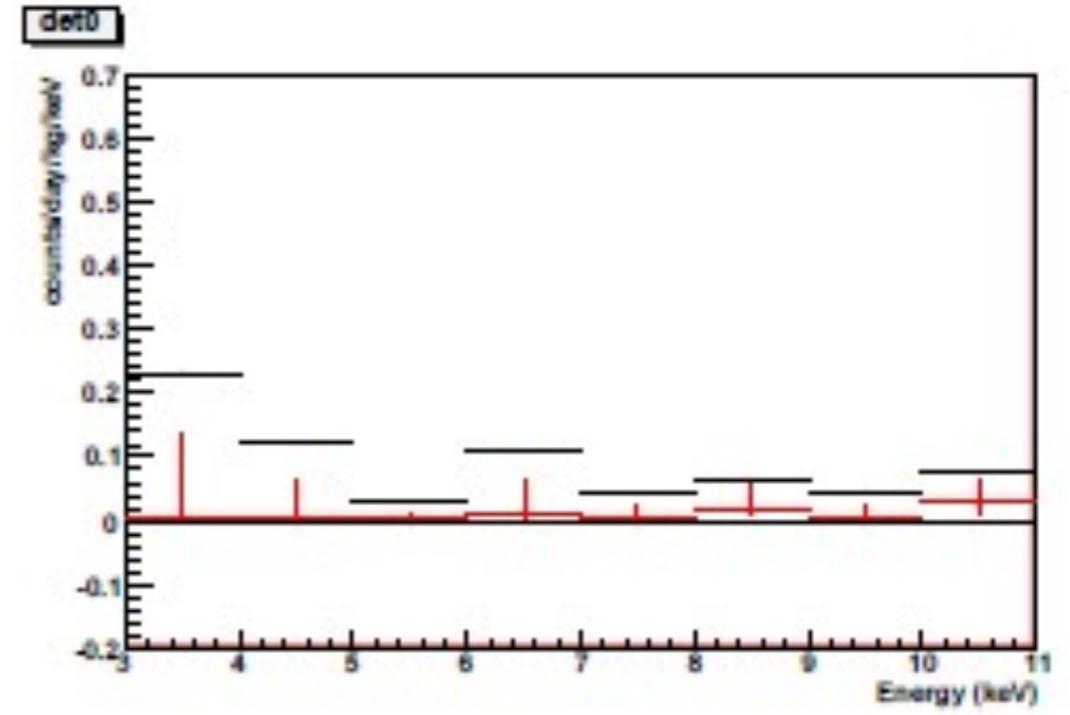
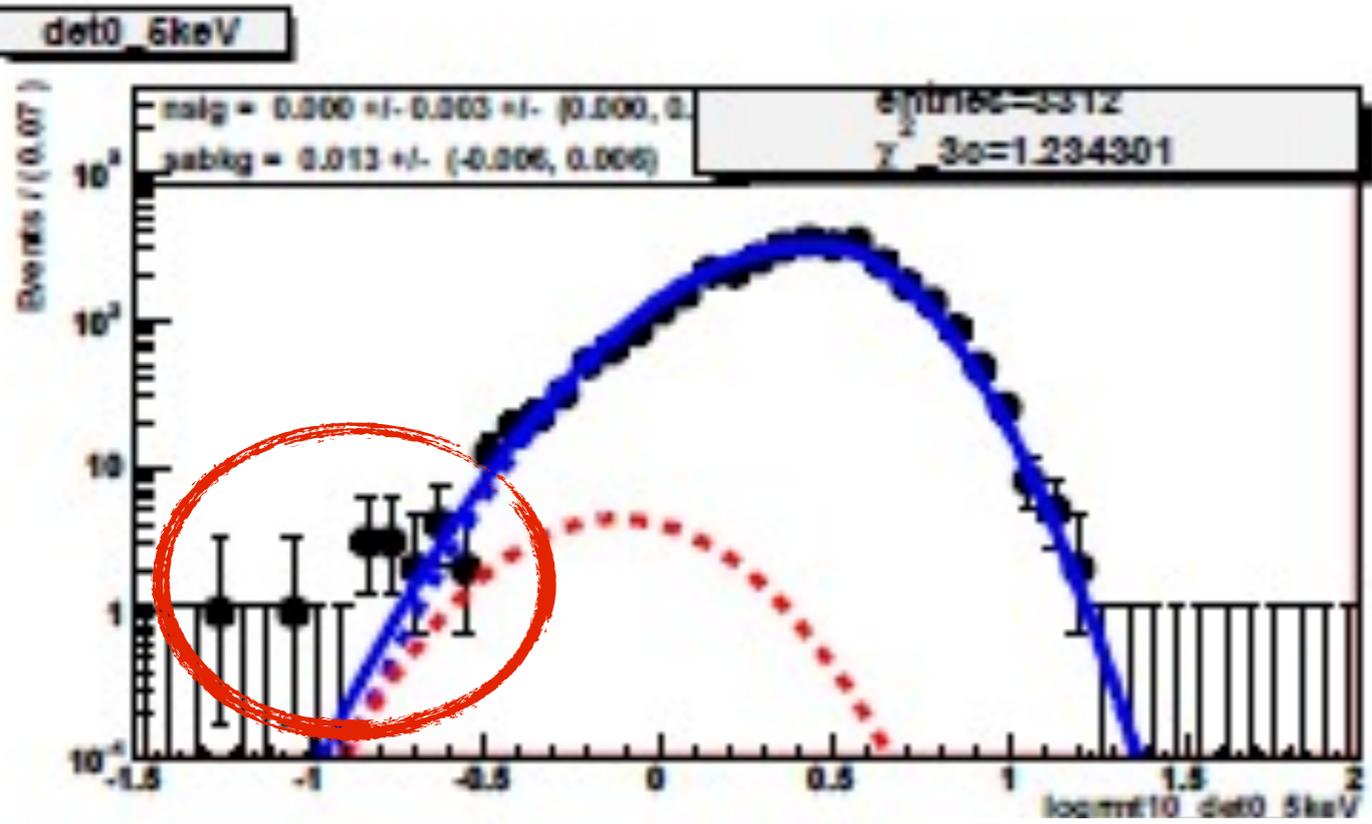
could DAMA come  
from Iodine?

Experiments with Iodine: KIMS, COUPP

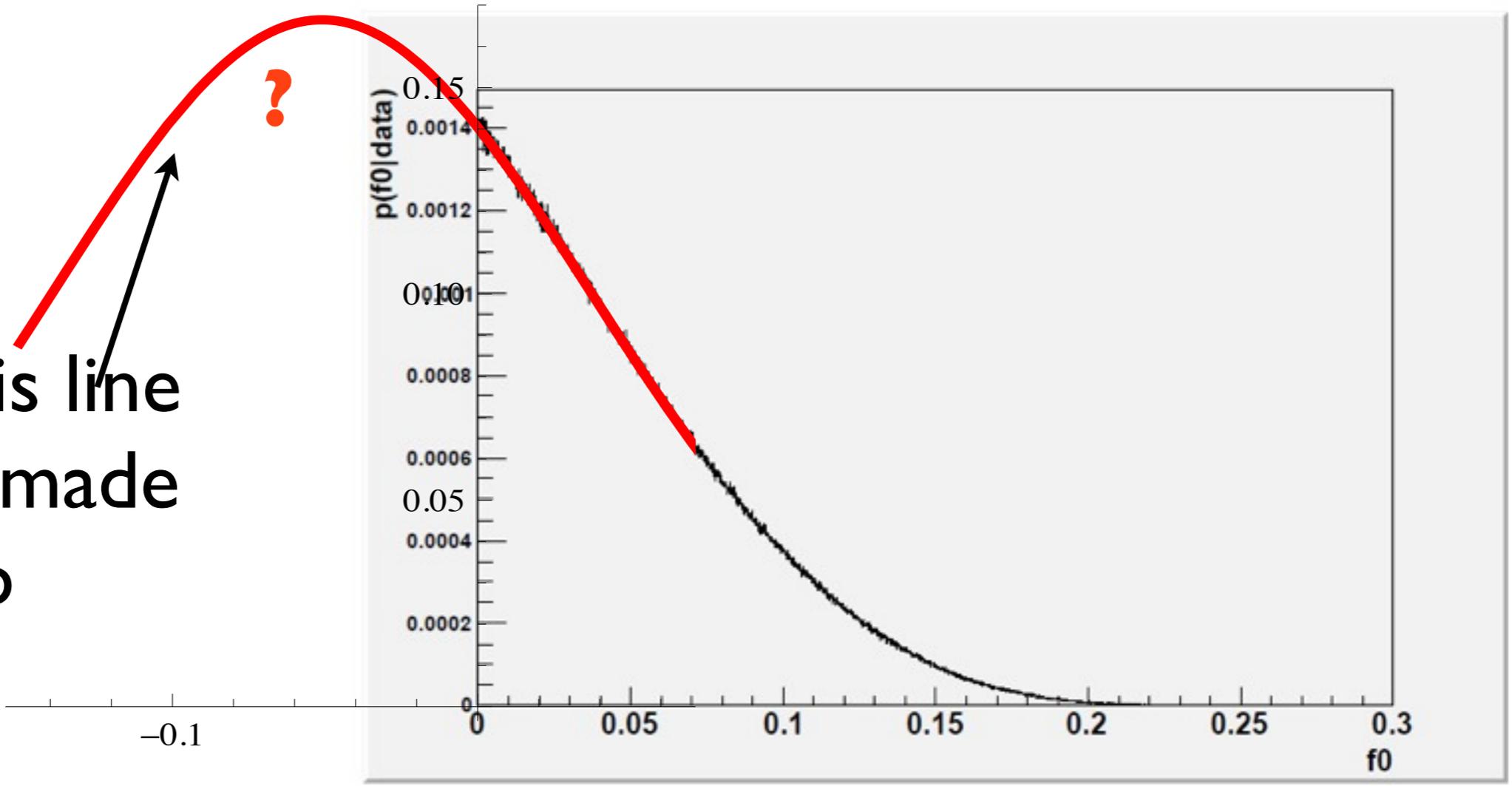
# KIMS

## KIMS Nuclear recoil event rate





NB: This line totally made up



# KIMS

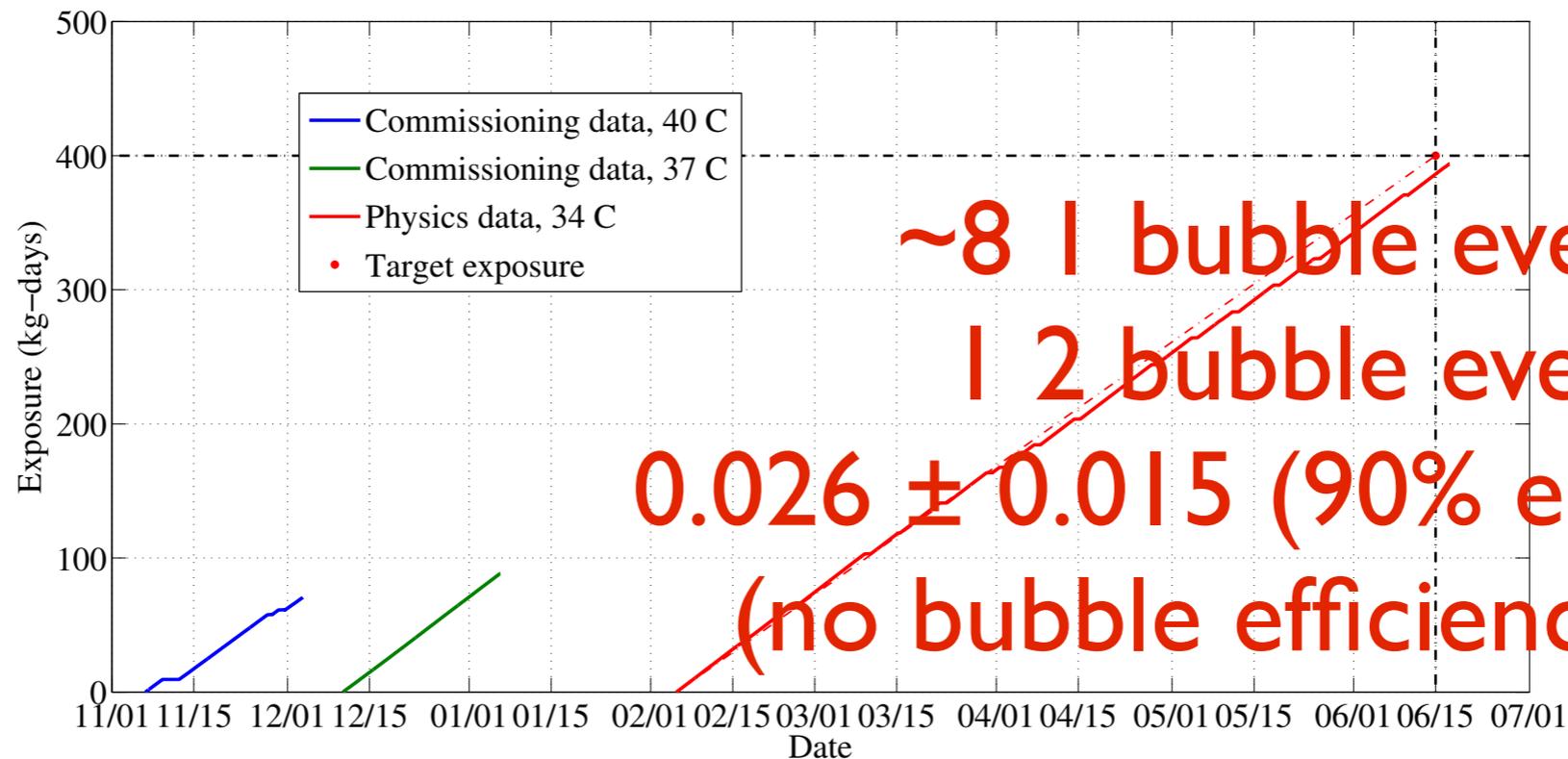
- KIMS potentially interesting constraints
- But concern about calibration/energy resolution/quenching factor - is this a limit on the fitting model or on a WIMP signal?
- Modulation analysis should be instructive

# COUPP

## COUPP-4 at SNOLAB

Talk by H.Lippincott TAUP 2011

- ▶ 17.4 live-days at 7 keV threshold
- ▶ 21.9 live-days at 10 keV threshold
- ▶ 97.3 live-days at 15 keV threshold ended June 16
- ▶ 79% acceptance for nuclear recoils after all cuts (including fiducial and acoustic)



For 100% DAMA modulation expect .  
 **$0.037 \pm 0.007$  (90% )**

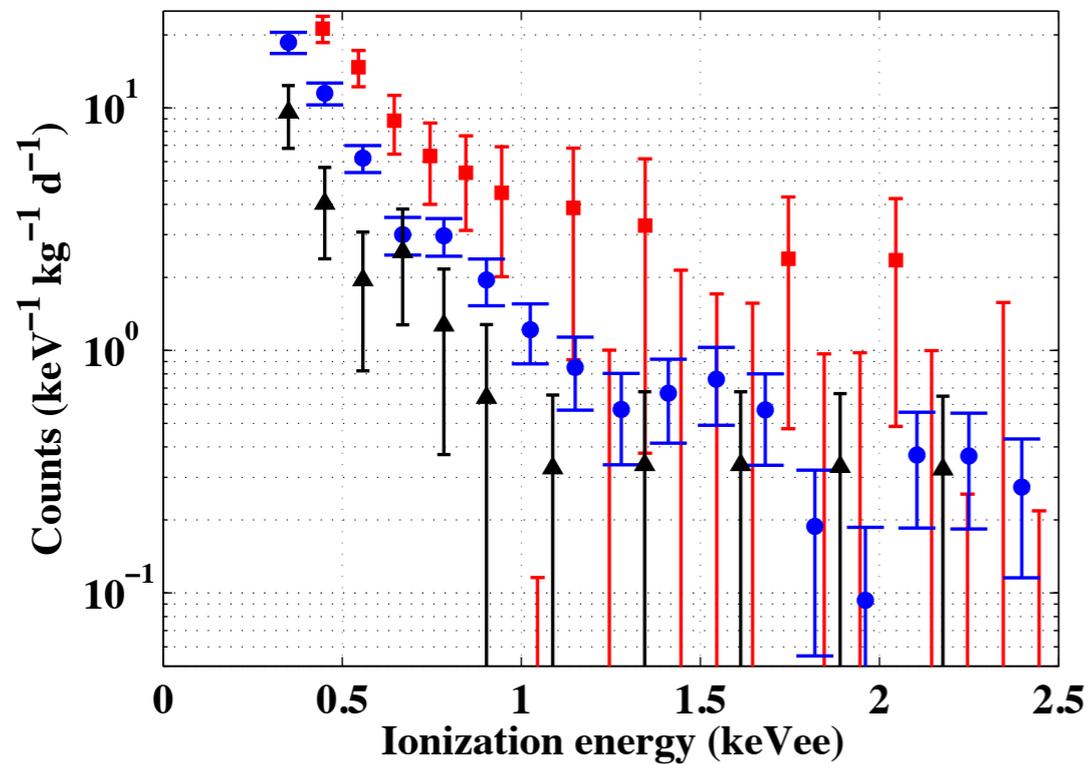
# DAMA-I

- Iodine rate from DAMA is marginal, but consistent for  $\sim O(I)$  modulated signal.
- Improvements in COUPP can definitively exclude the  $I$  interpretation

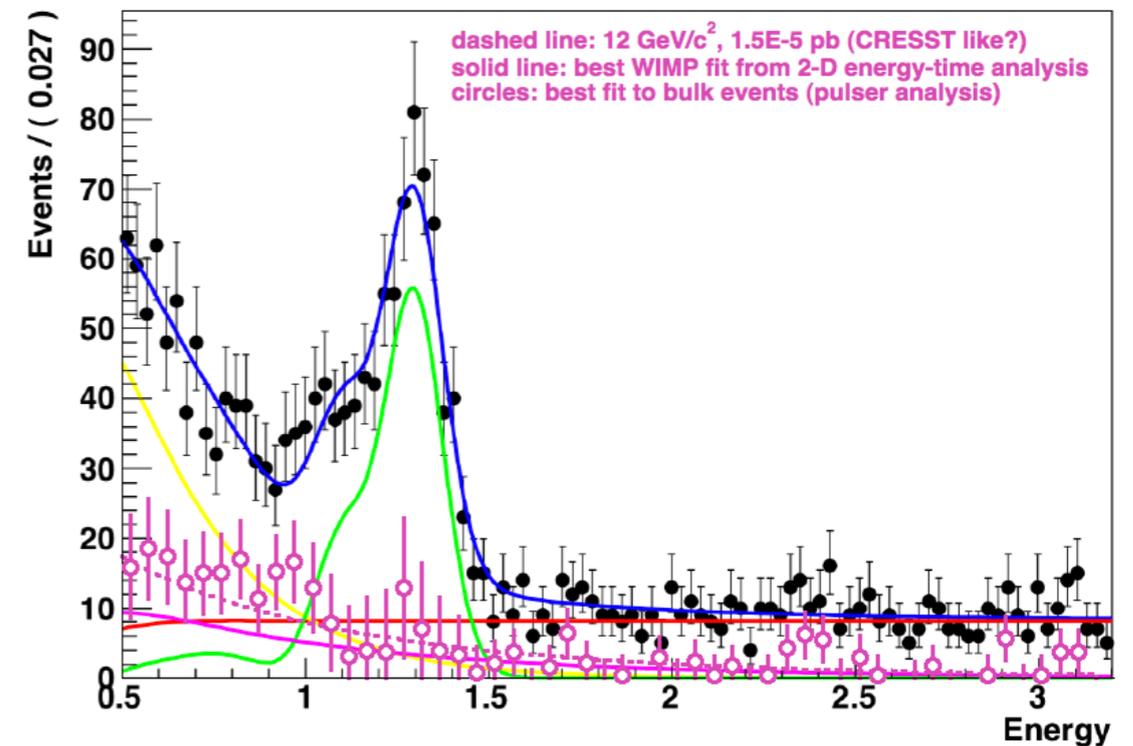
# Could CoGeNT be dark matter?

Experiments with Ge and low threshold: CDMS

# CoGent- $\rightarrow$ CDMS

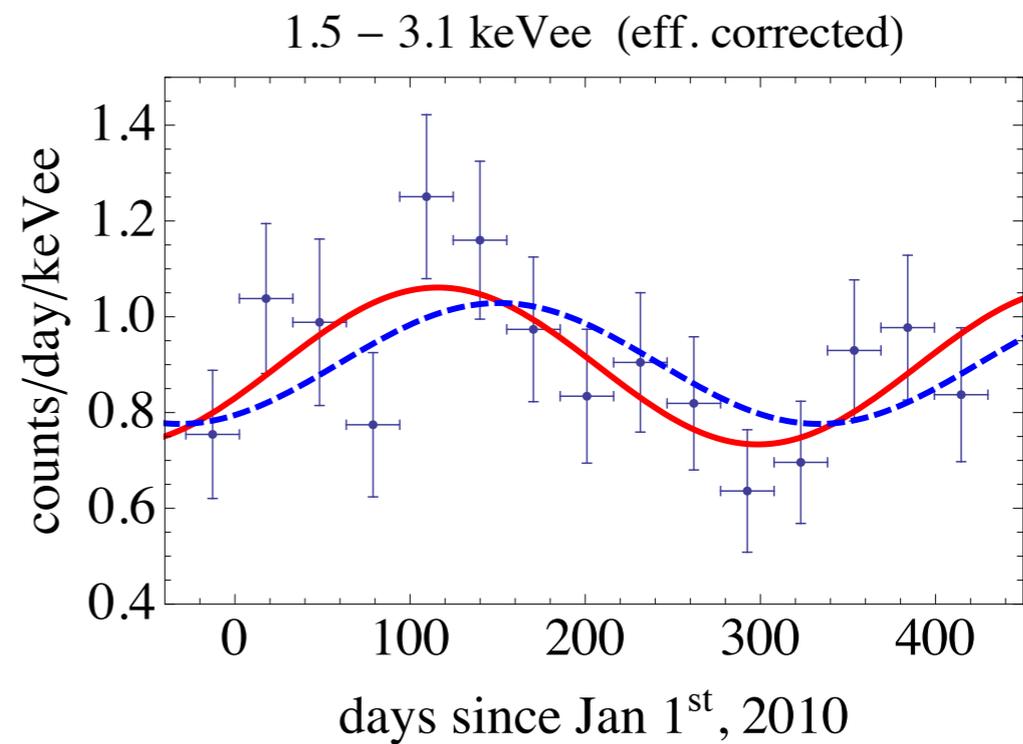
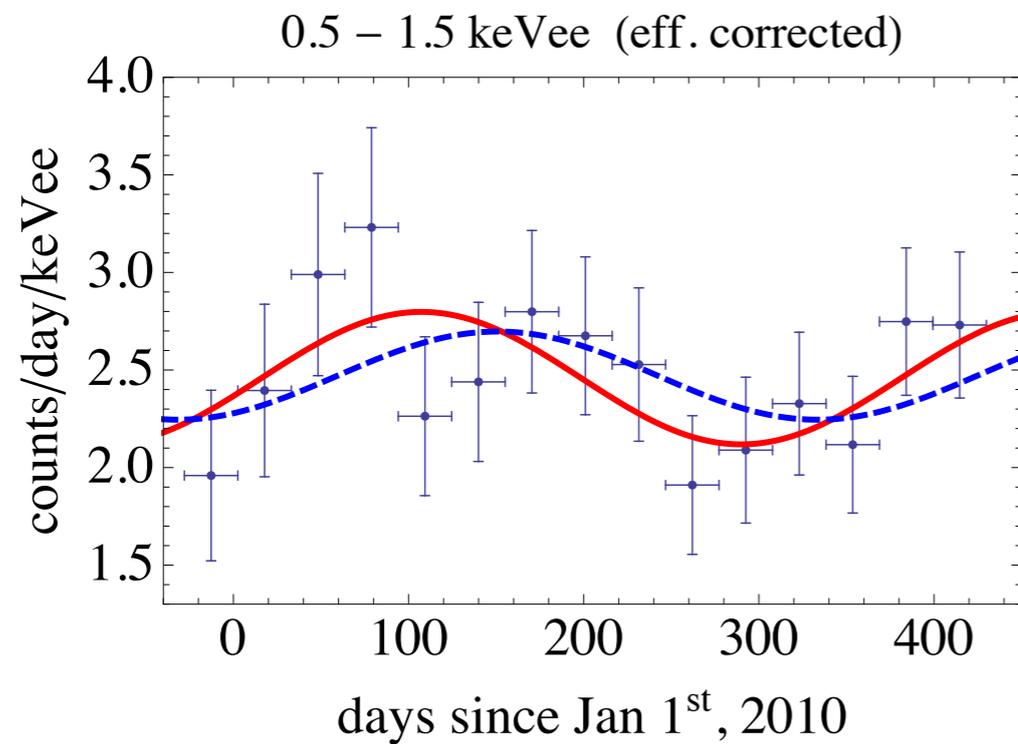


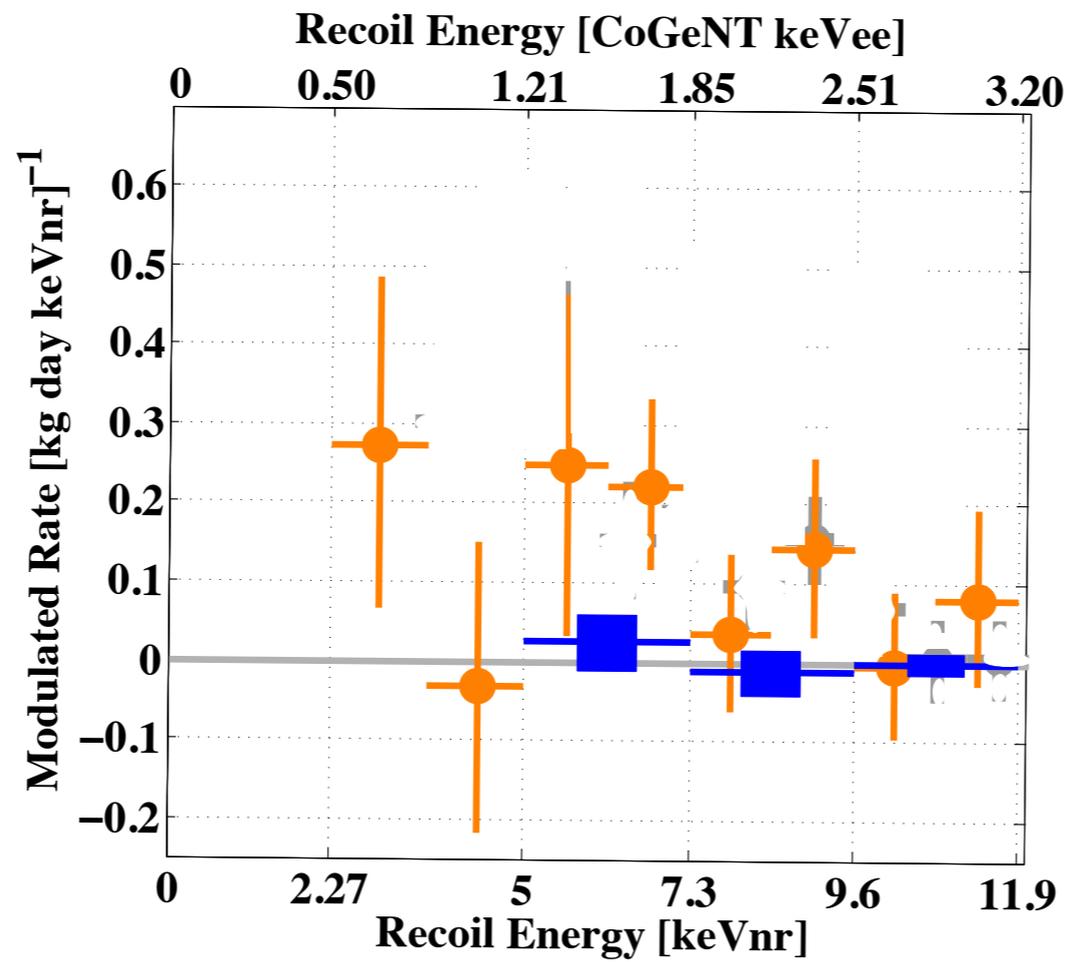
Data projected on energy PRELIMINARY (work in progress)



With surface event subtraction no a priori conflict

# CoGeNT modulation





**CoGeNT Mod**  
**CDMS Mod**

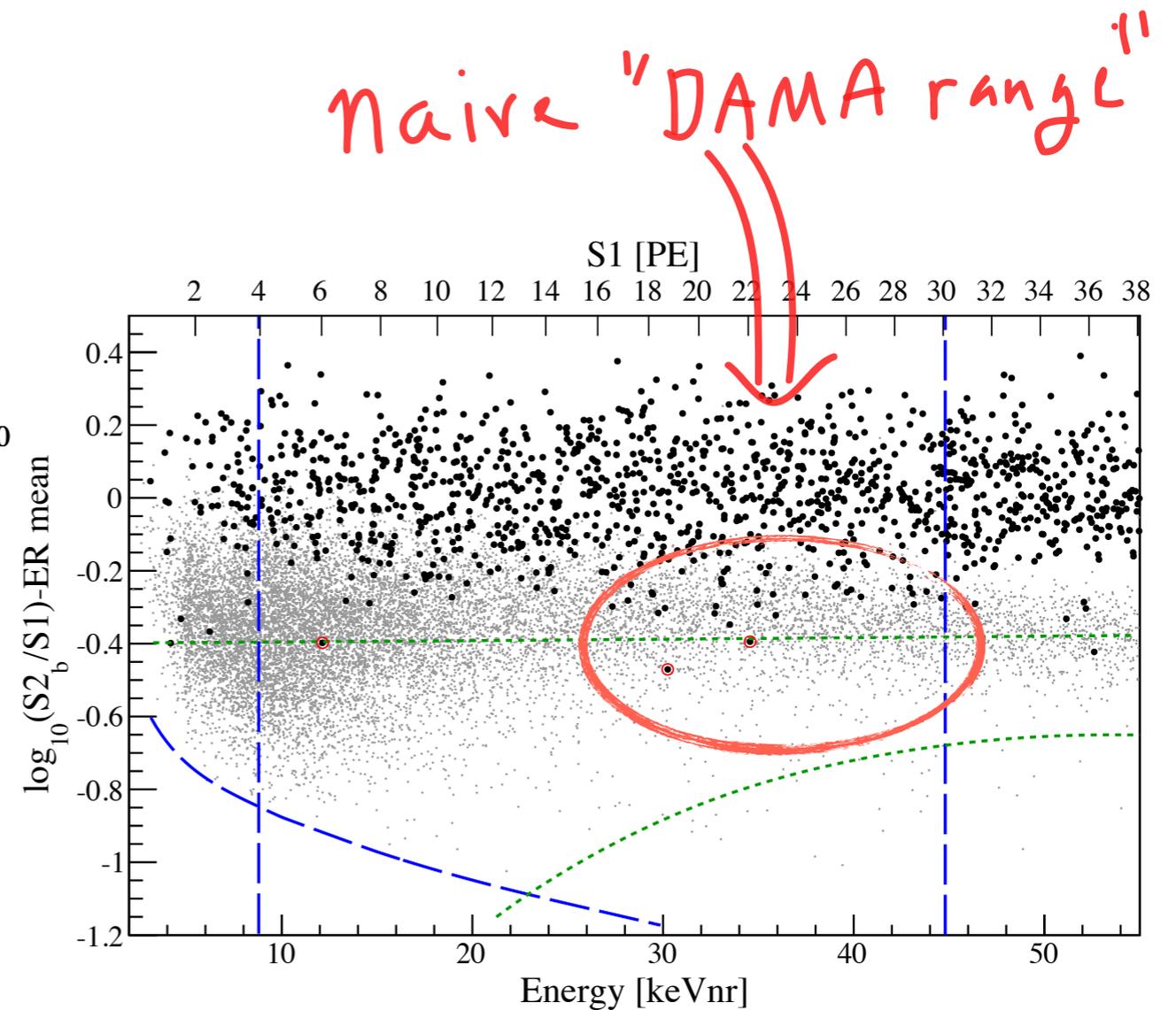
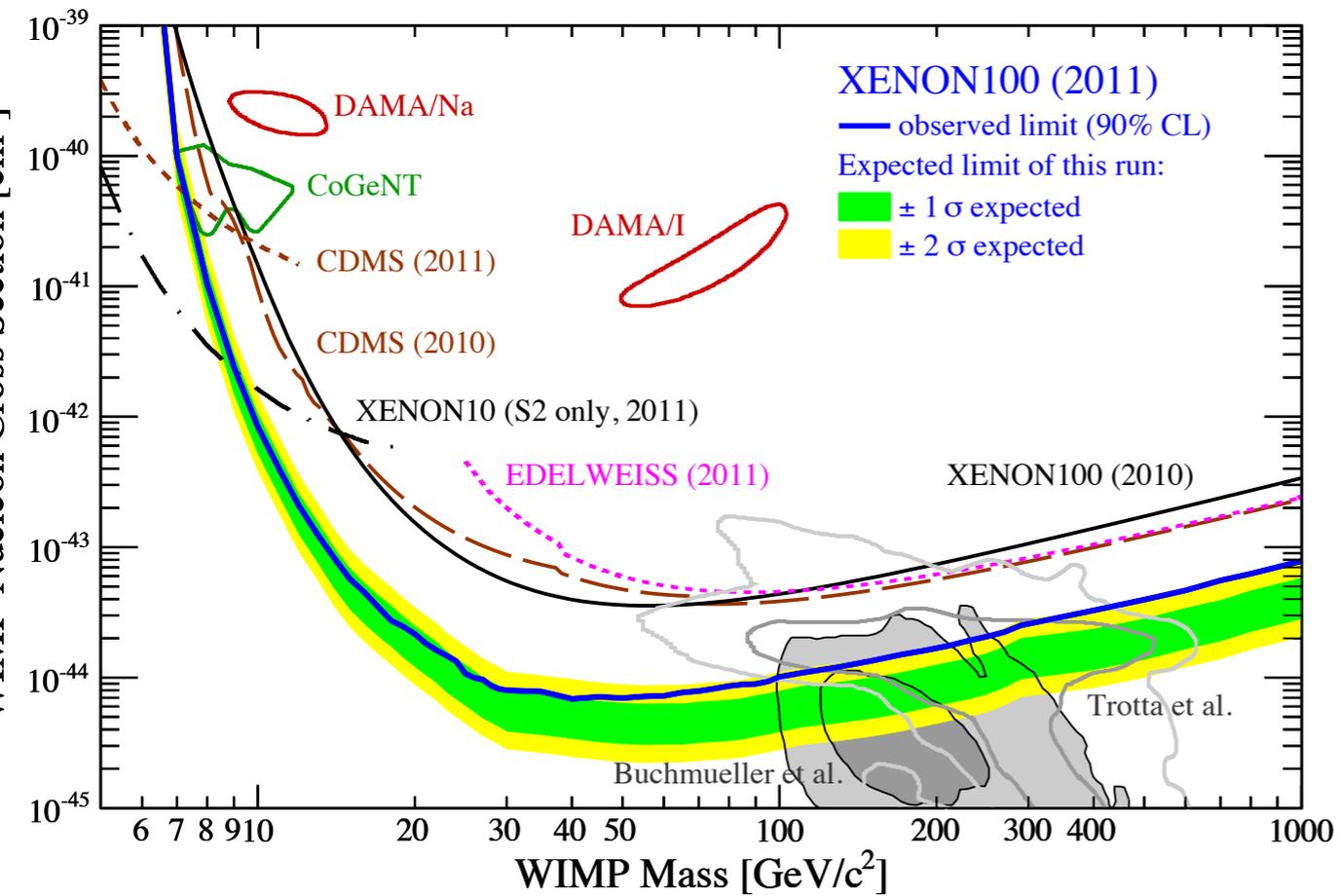
# Same target story

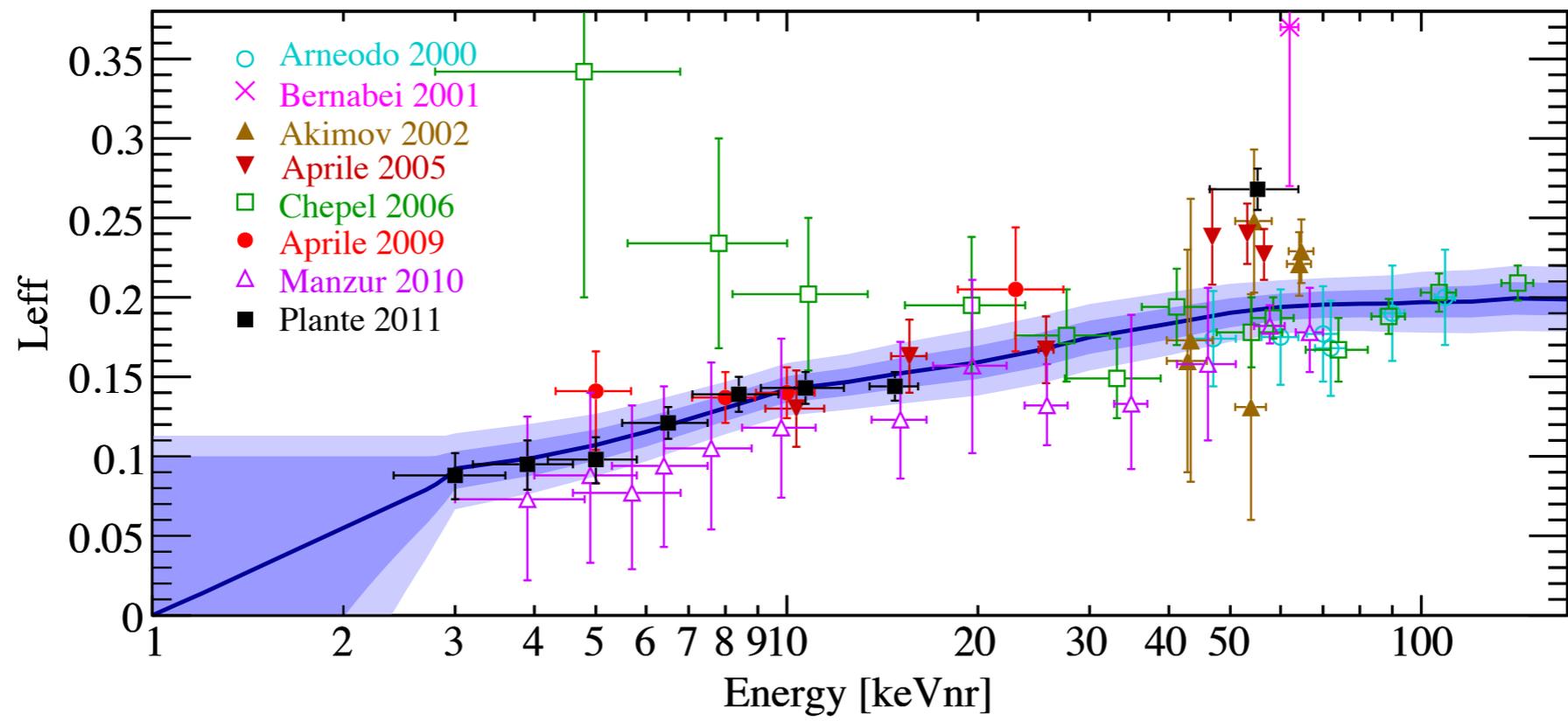
- DAMA - Iodine should be tested in the near future by COUPP+KIMS - already tense
- CoGeNT - Modulation tested by CDMS (none in higher energy range)

# but can we go between experiments?

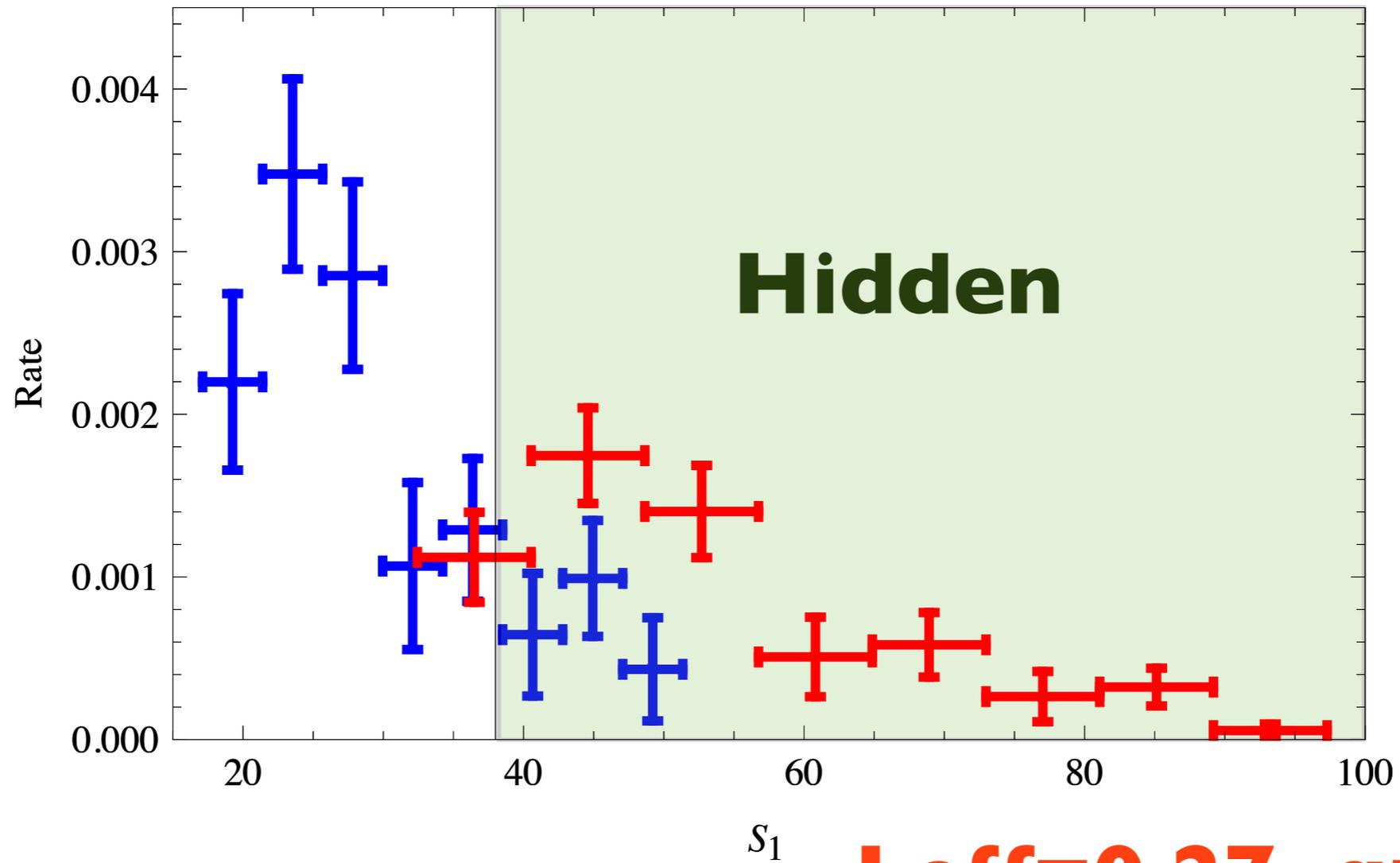
- If we see light WIMPs/WIMPs sensitive to the tail of velocity distribution, how do we compare experiments?

# a comparable mass target: XENON





**$L_{\text{eff}}=0.19, q=0.08$**



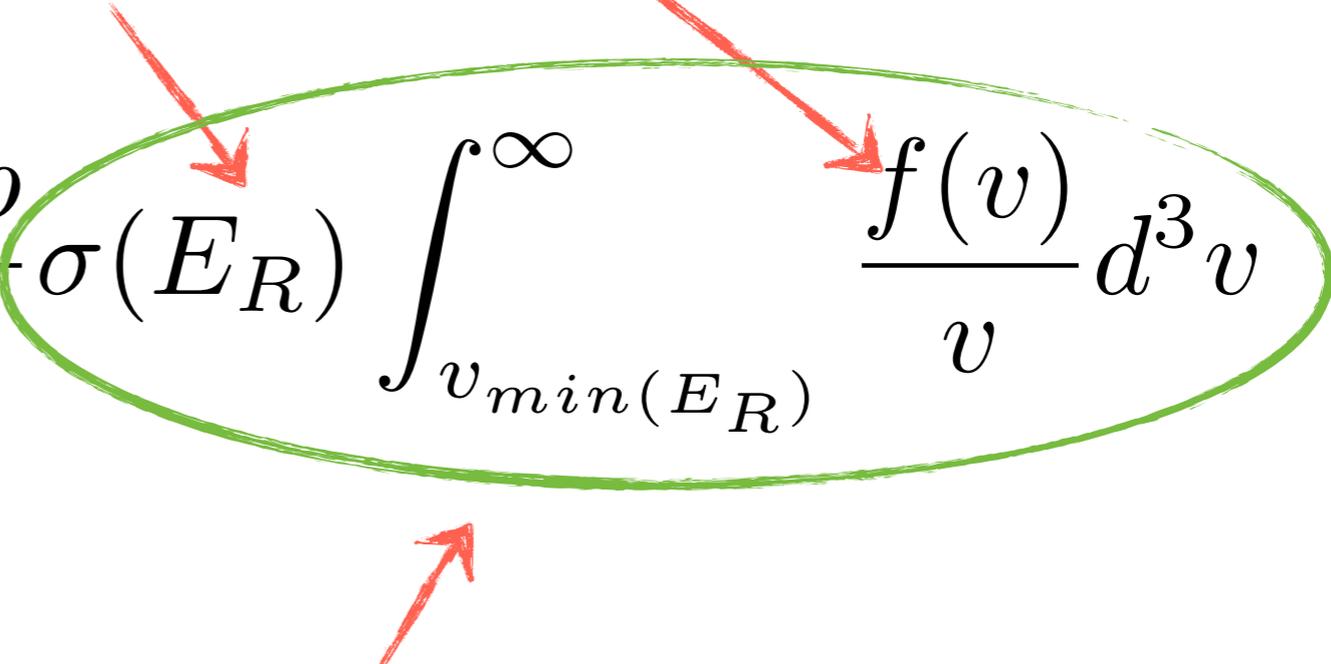
**$L_{\text{eff}}=0.27, q=0.06$**

important to view whole energy range

- simple kinematics can only take you so far

# WANT MODEL INDEPENDENT CONSTRAINTS

Usual: make assumptions on this  
set limits on this

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{N_T M_T \rho}{2m_\chi \mu^2} \sigma(E_R) \int_{v_{min}(E_R)}^{\infty} \frac{f(v)}{v} d^3v$$


Alternative: set limits on this

# Two key points

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{N_T M_T \rho}{2m_\chi \mu^2} \sigma(E_R) g(v_{min})$$



I) all the energy dependence is in two functions

$$g(v_{min}) = \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} d^3v \frac{f(\mathbf{v}, t)}{v} \quad \sigma_{SI}(E_R) = \sigma_p \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_{n\chi}^2} \frac{(f_p Z + f_n (A - Z))^2}{f_p^2} F^2(E_R)$$

$$v_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{M_T E_R}{2\mu^2}}$$

2) there is a 1-1 mapping between velocity and energy

Suppose you want to compare two experiments, 1 and 2

$$[E^1_{\text{low}}, E^1_{\text{high}}] \Rightarrow [v^{1,\text{low}}_{\text{min}}, v^{1,\text{high}}_{\text{min}}]$$

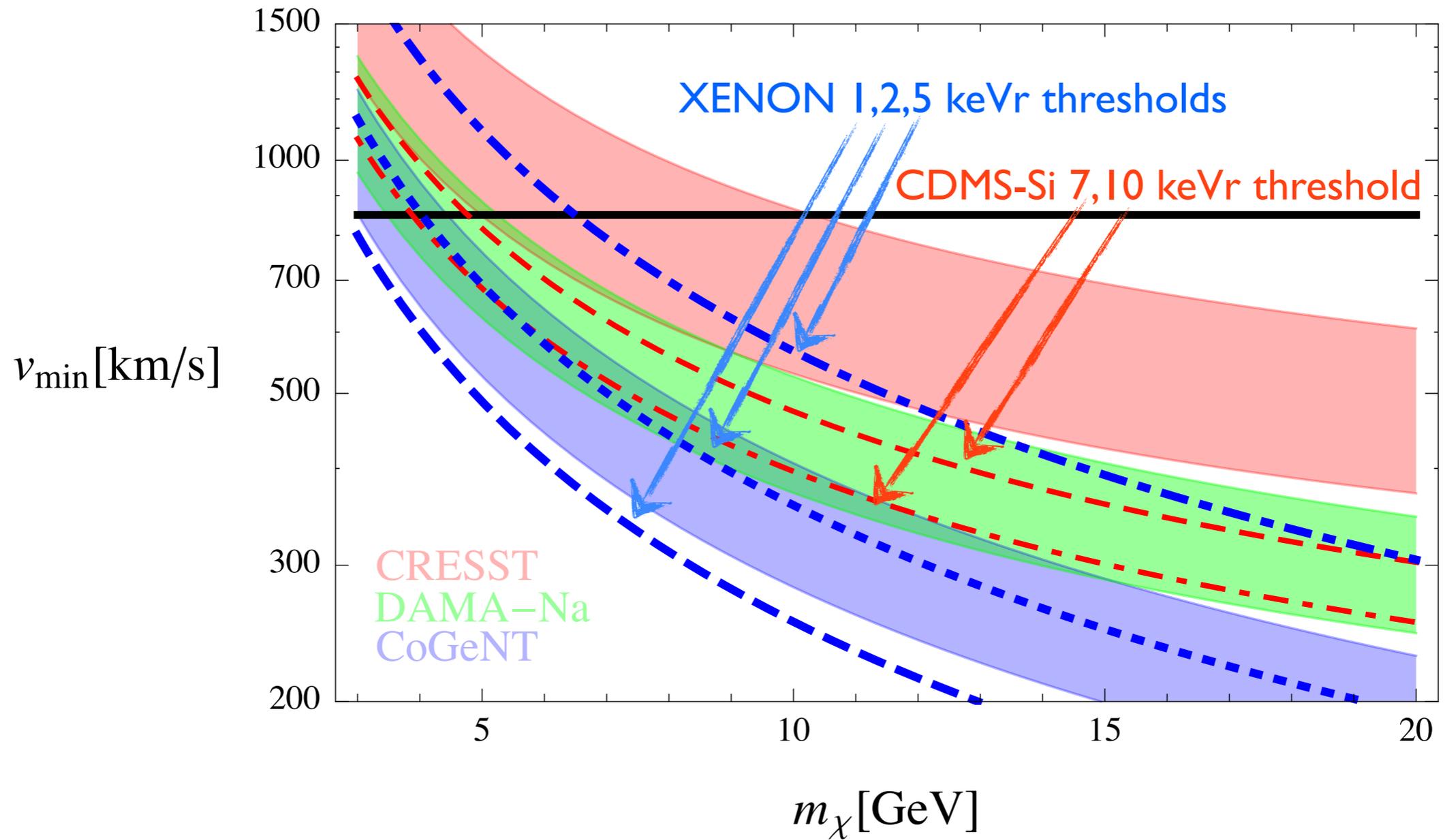
map the energy range studied in experiment 1 to a velocity space range

map velocity space range back to energy space for experiment 2

$$[v^{1,\text{low}}_{\text{min}}, v^{1,\text{high}}_{\text{min}}] \Rightarrow [E^2_{\text{low}}, E^2_{\text{high}}]$$

we now have an energy range where the experiments are studying the *same* particles

$$[E^1_{\text{low}}, E^1_{\text{high}}] \Leftrightarrow [E^2_{\text{low}}, E^2_{\text{high}}]$$



Approx. range	O	Na	Si	Ar	Ge	Xe
CoGeNT (Ge): 2 - 4	4.3 - 8.6	3.9 - 7.8	3.6 - 7.2	3.0 - 6.0	2 - 4	1.3 - 2.5
DAMA (Na): 6 - 13	6.6 - 14	6 - 13	5.5 - 12	4.6 - 10	3.1 - 6.7	1.9 - 4.2
CRESST (O): 15 - 40	15 - 40	14 - 36	12 - 33	10 - 28	6.9 - 19	4.3 - 12

TABLE I: Conversion of energy ranges (all in keV) between various experiments/targets for a 10 GeV DM particle, using the expression in (7).

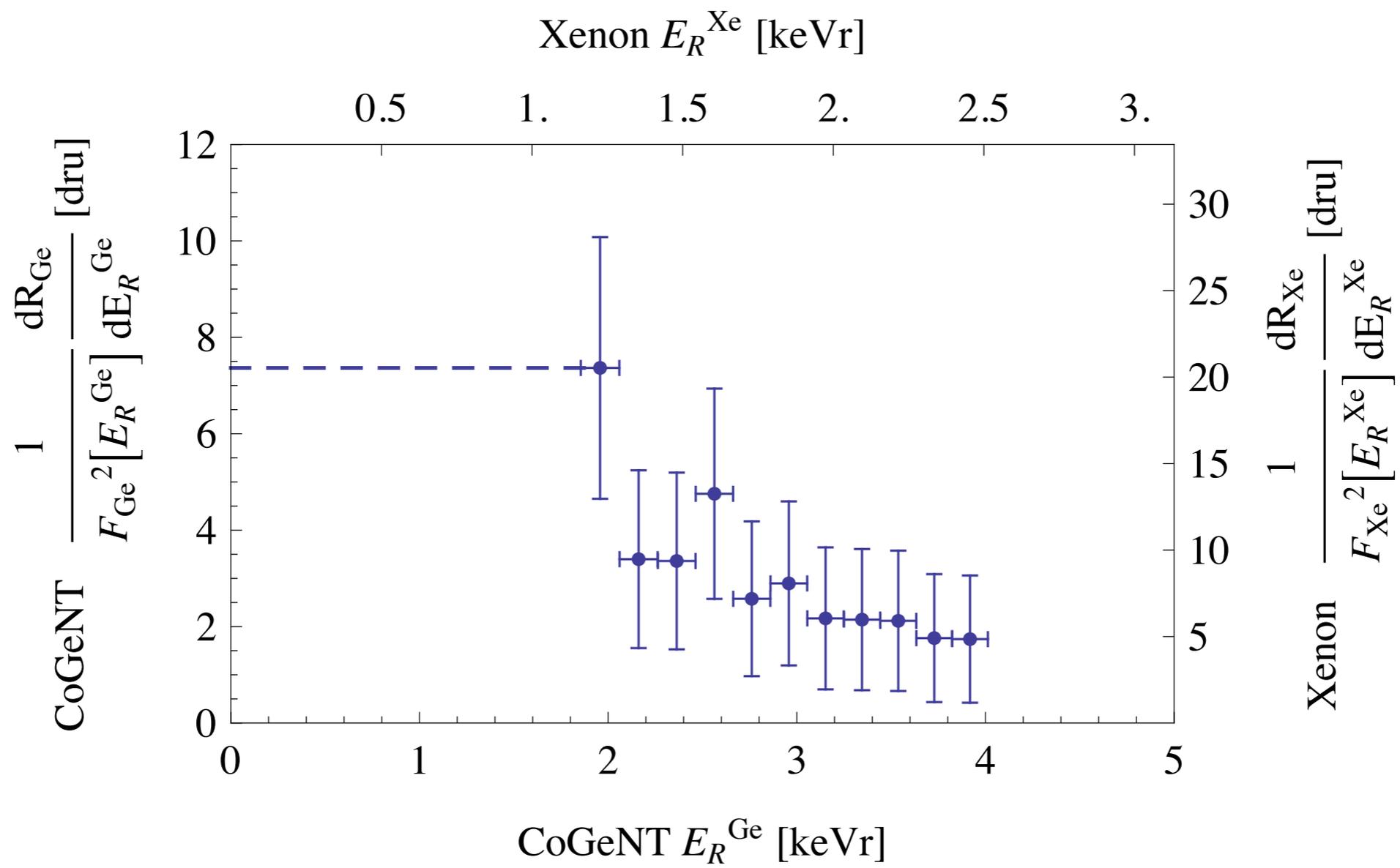
# step 2

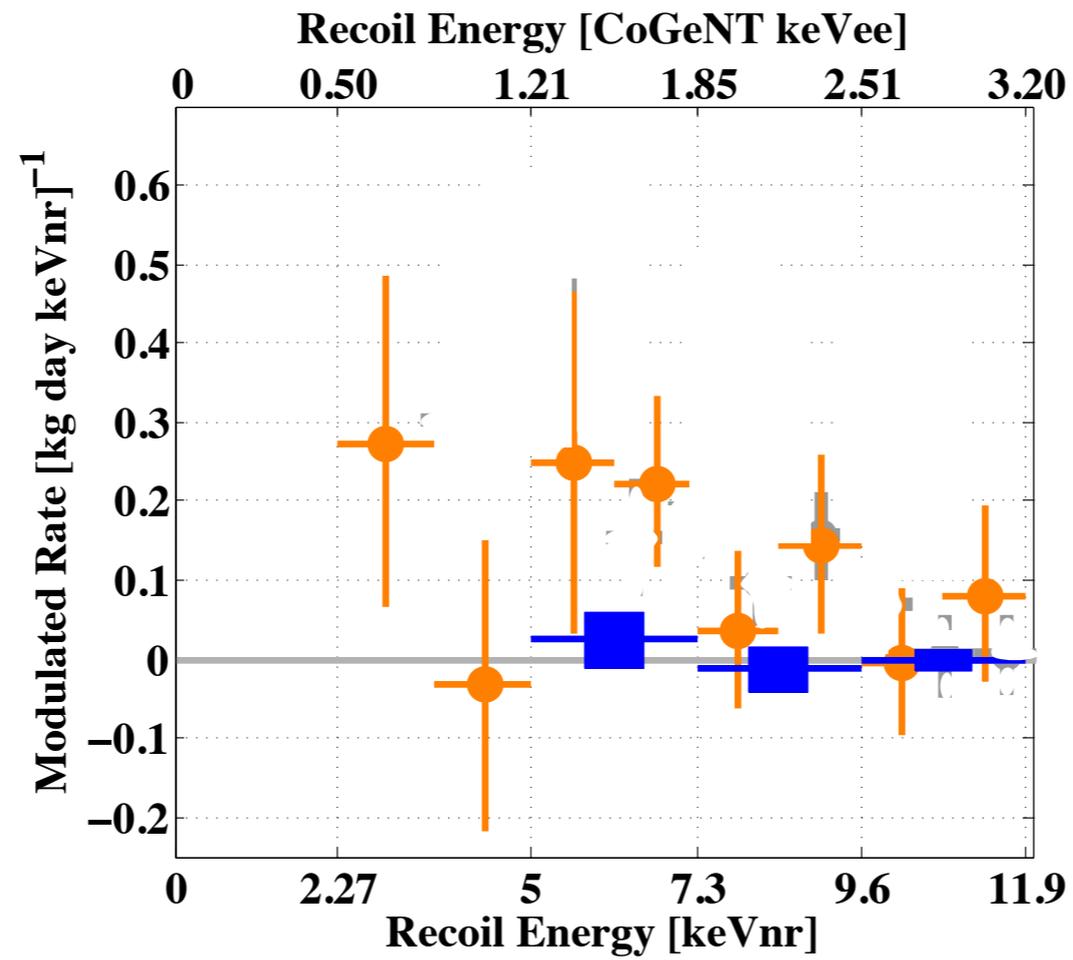
Invert:

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{N_T M_T \rho}{2m_\chi \mu^2} \sigma(E_R) g(v_{min}) \longrightarrow g(v) = \frac{2m_\chi \mu^2}{N_T M_T \rho \sigma(E_R)} \frac{dR_1}{dE_1}$$

$$\frac{dR_2}{dE_R}(E_2) = \frac{C_T^{(2)}}{C_T^{(1)}} \frac{F_2^2(E_2)}{F_1^2\left(\frac{\mu_1^2 M_T^{(2)}}{\mu_2^2 M_T^{(1)}} E_2\right)} \frac{dR_1}{dE_R}\left(\frac{\mu_1^2 M_T^{(2)}}{\mu_2^2 M_T^{(1)}} E_2\right)$$

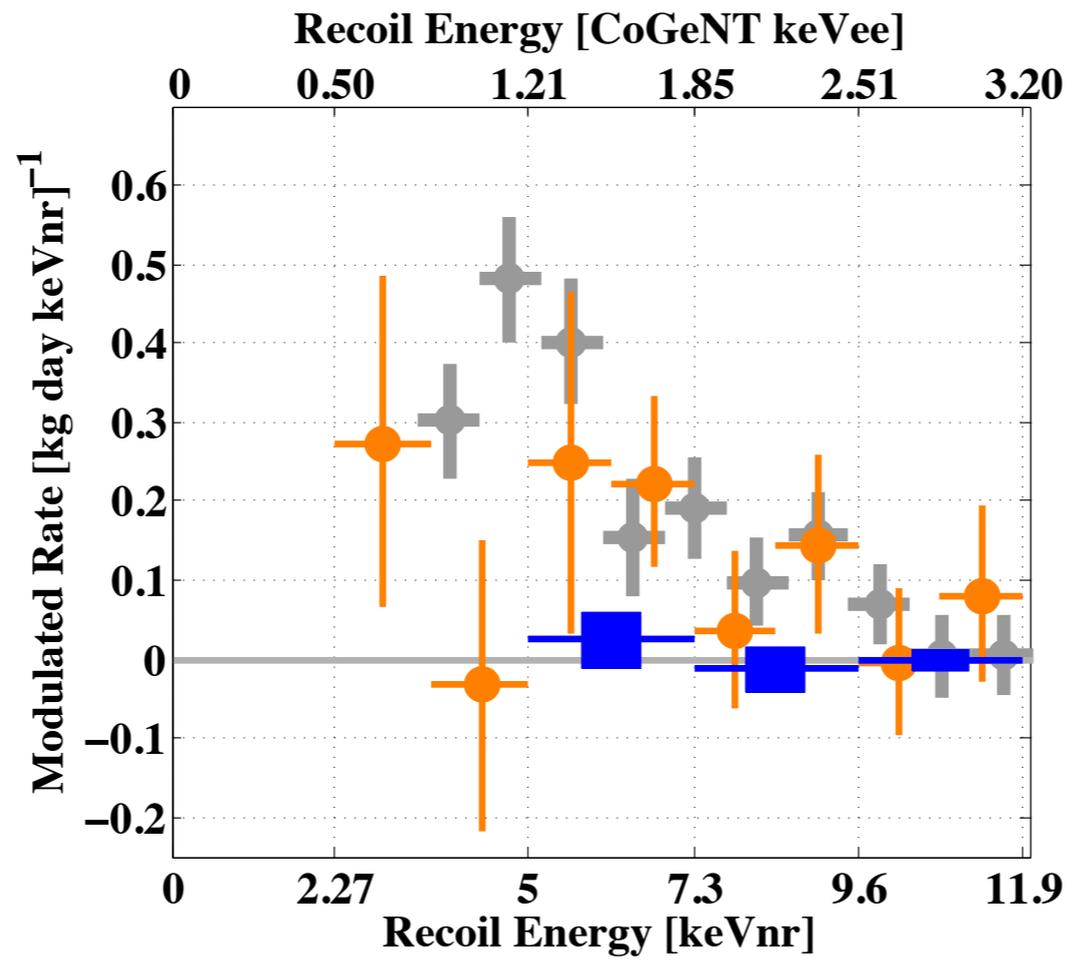
A direct prediction of the rate  
at experiment 2 from experiment 1





**CoGeNT Mod**  
**CDMS Mod**

10 GeV



**DAMA**

**CoGeNT Mod**

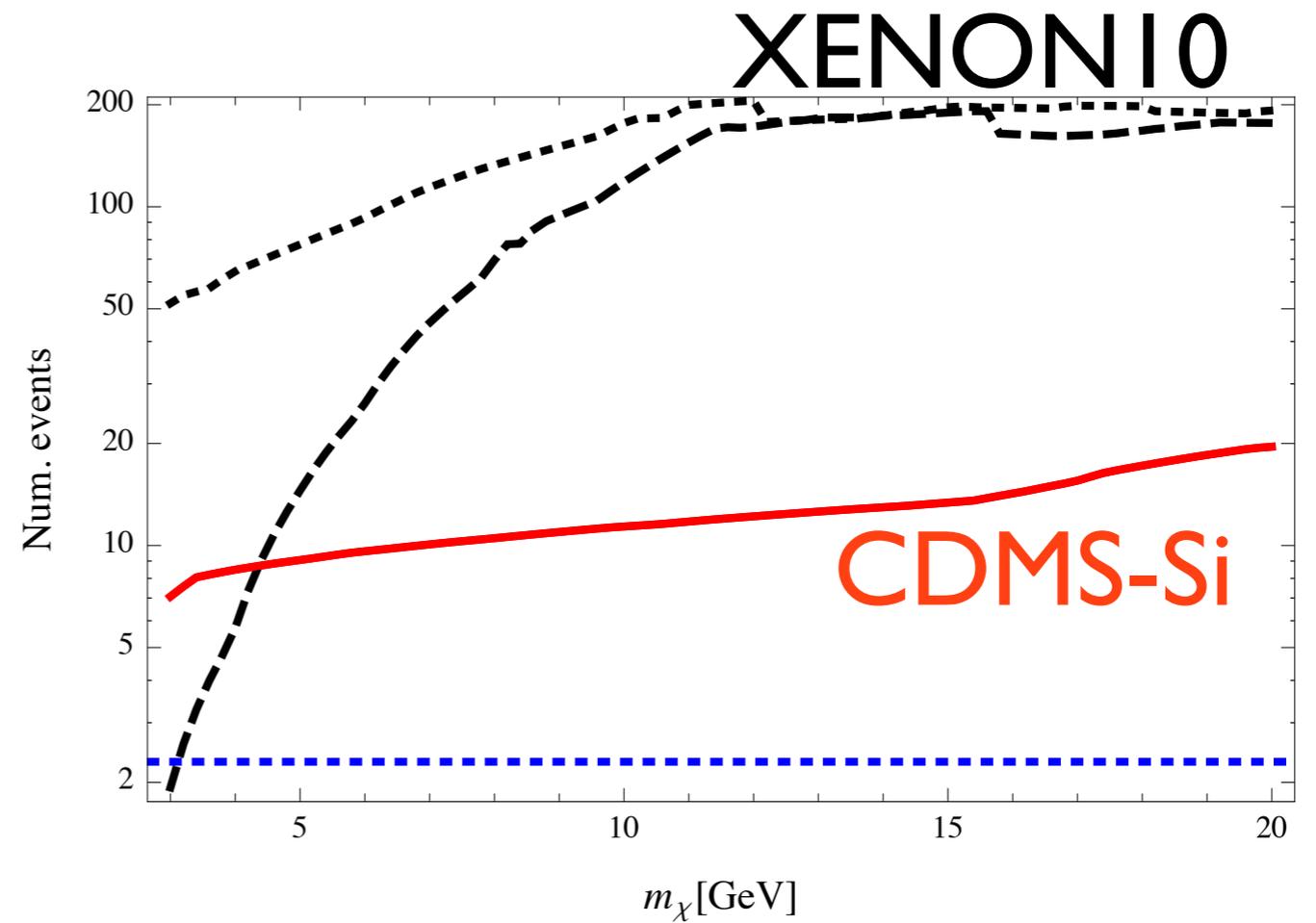
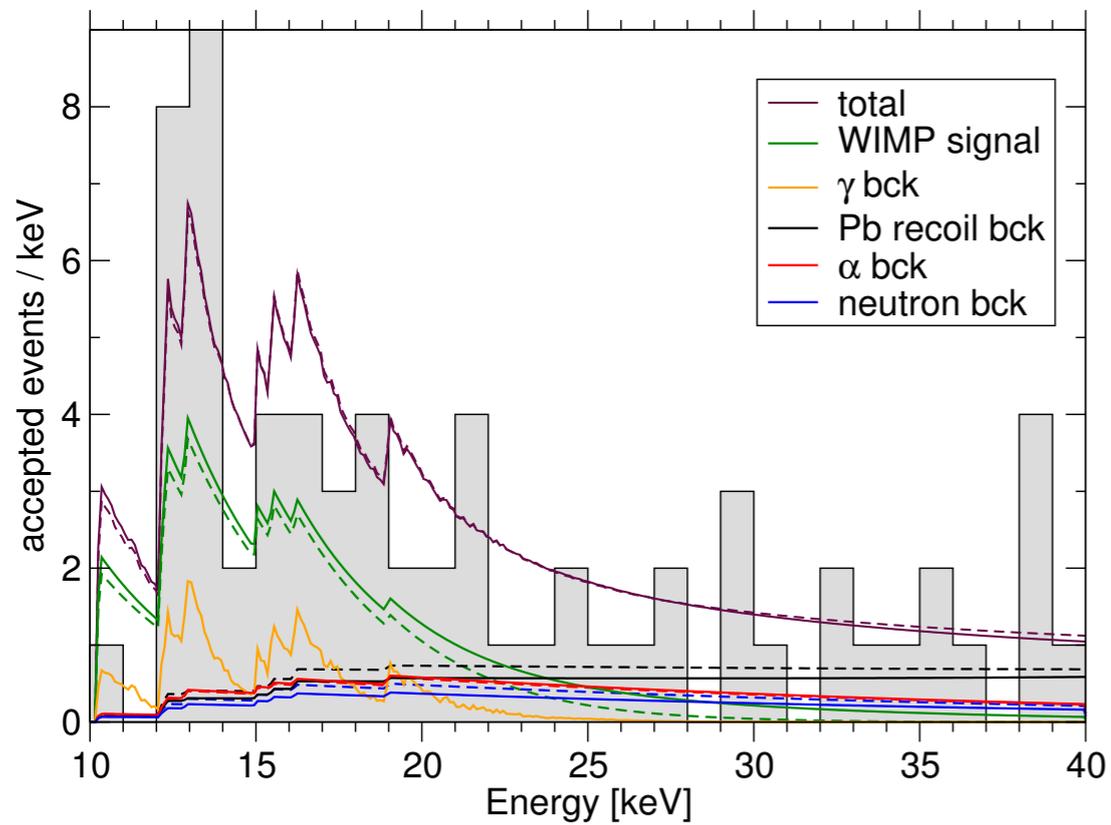
**CDMS Mod**

# CoGeNT “exponential” signal

Bin	CoGeNT	Ge	Na (Q=0.3)	Si	O	Xe
1	[0.5,0.9] $0.90 \pm 0.72$	[2.3,3.8] $0.23 \pm 0.18$	[1.5,2.5] $0.078 \pm 0.062$	[4.5,7.6] $0.035 \pm 0.028$	[5.8,9.9] $0.011 \pm 0.009$	[1.4,2.3] $0.72 \pm 0.58$
2	[0.9,1.5] $0.37 \pm 0.55$	[3.8,6.1] $0.1 \pm 0.149$	[2.5,4.0] $0.035 \pm 0.052$	[7.6,11.9] $0.015 \pm 0.023$	[9.9,15.6] $0.005 \pm 0.008$	[2.3,3.7] $0.31 \pm 0.46$
3	[1.5,2.3] $0.48 \pm 0.22$	[6.1,8.9] $0.136 \pm 0.063$	[4.0,5.8] $0.049 \pm 0.022$	[11.9,17.5] $0.021 \pm 0.01$	[15.6,22.8] $0.007 \pm 0.003$	[3.7,5.4] $0.41 \pm 0.19$
4	[2.3,3.1] $0.27 \pm 0.23$	[8.9,11.6] $0.08 \pm 0.068$	[5.8,7.6] $0.029 \pm 0.025$	[17.5,22.8] $0.013 \pm 0.011$	[22.8,29.8] $0.004 \pm 0.004$	[5.4,7] $0.23 \pm 0.2$

# CoGeNT modulation/CRESST signal

if 15 events at CRESST above 15 keV...



A side comment: don't forget CDMS-Si...

# Constraints?

What if your experiment

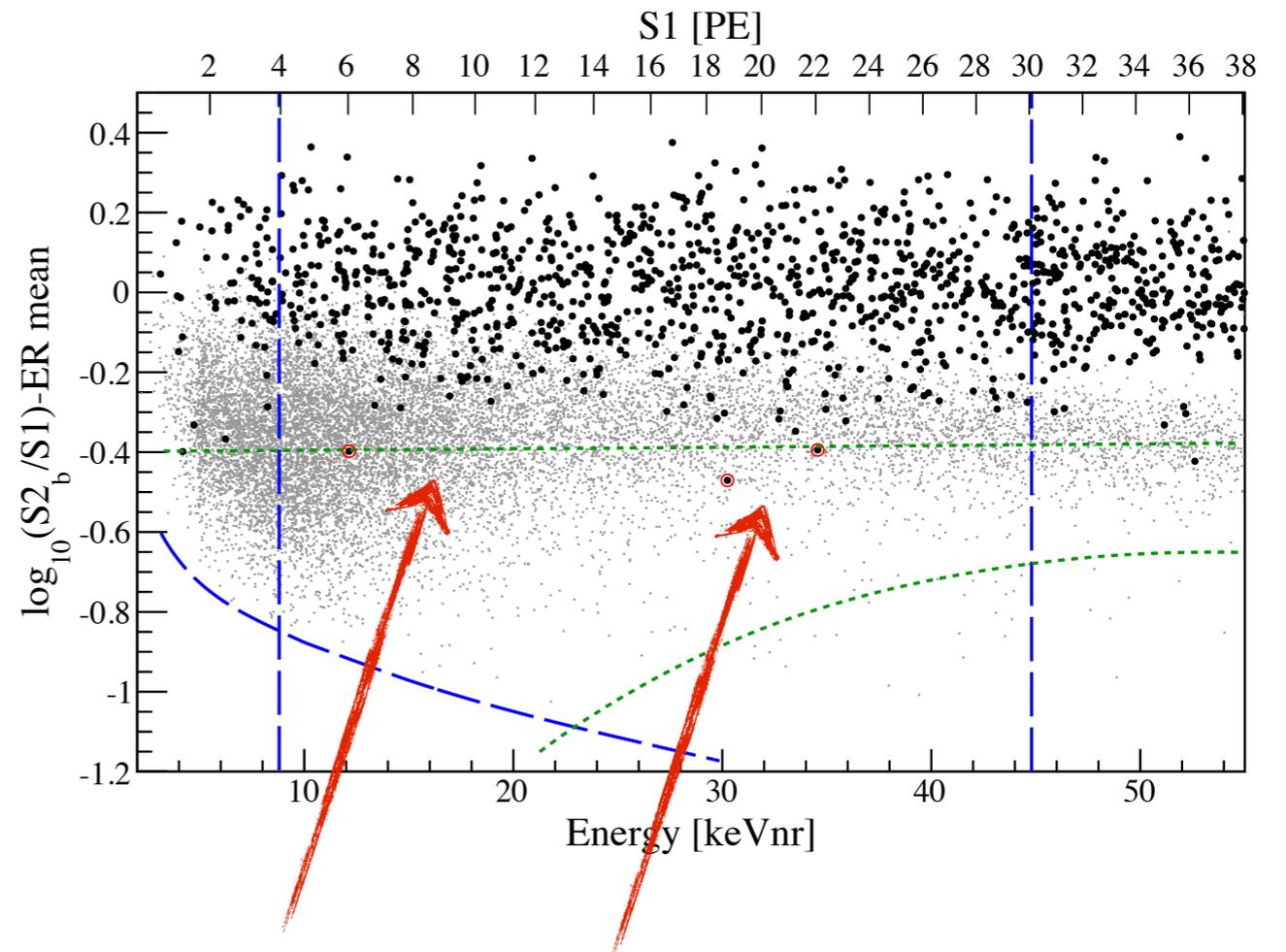
- a) doesn't probe the same  $v_{\min}$  space?
- b) doesn't see anything?

**Make a limit on  $g(\mathbf{v})$**

# limiting $g(v)$

Note:  $g(v)$  is monotonic!

$$g(v_{min}) = \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} d^3v \frac{f(\mathbf{v}, t)}{v}$$



also Fox, Kribs, Tait 1011.1910;  
McCabe 1107.0741; Frandsen et al  
1111.0292; Herrero-Garcia, Schwetz,  
Zupan 1112.1627, 1205.1345; Gelmini  
+ Gondolo 1202.6539

Lack of events Gives constraints  
at low E at high E

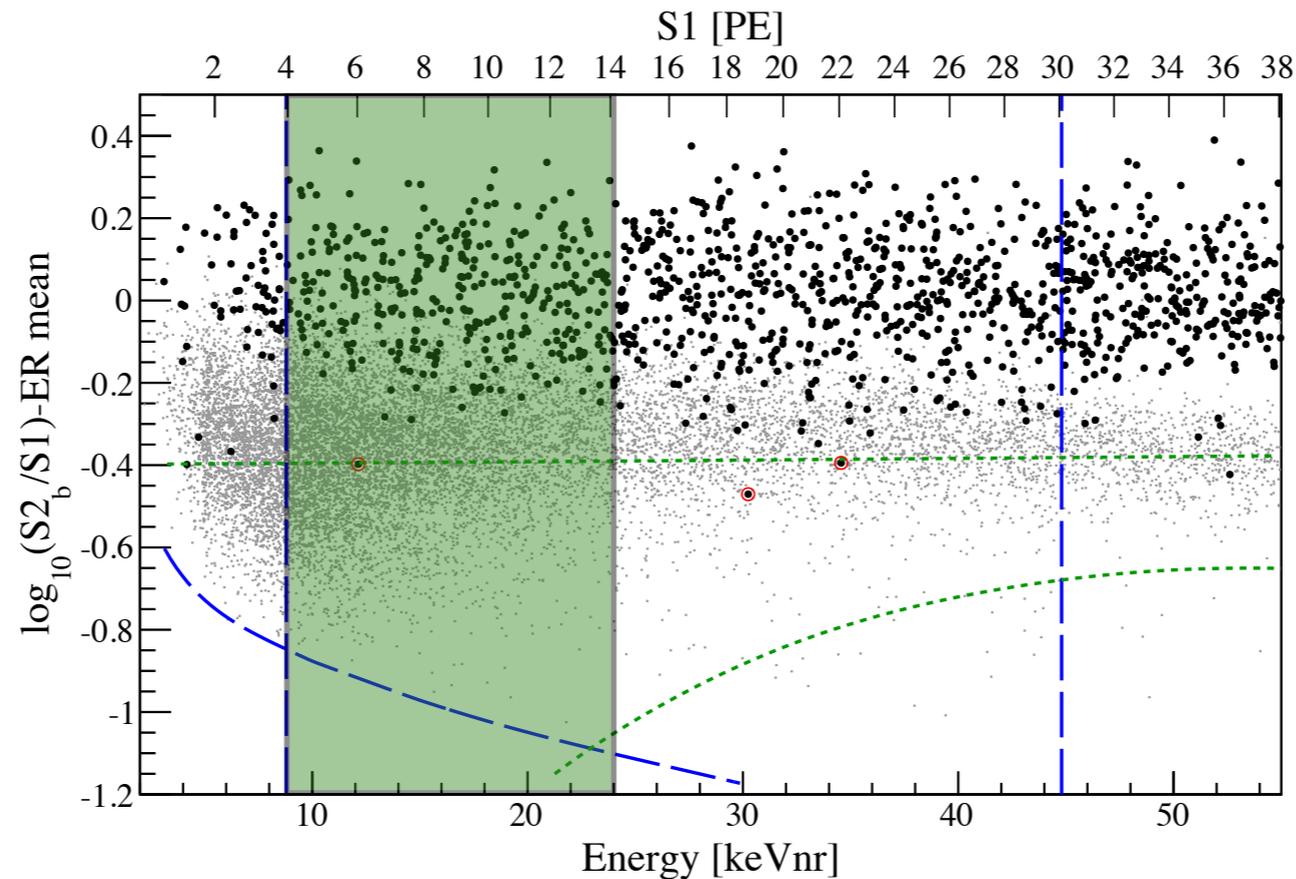
# limiting $g(v)$

Most conservative assumption is theta function

$$g(v; v_1) = g_1 \Theta(v_1 - v)$$

i.e., do not assume velocity extends to known but exponentially suppressed values at high velocity

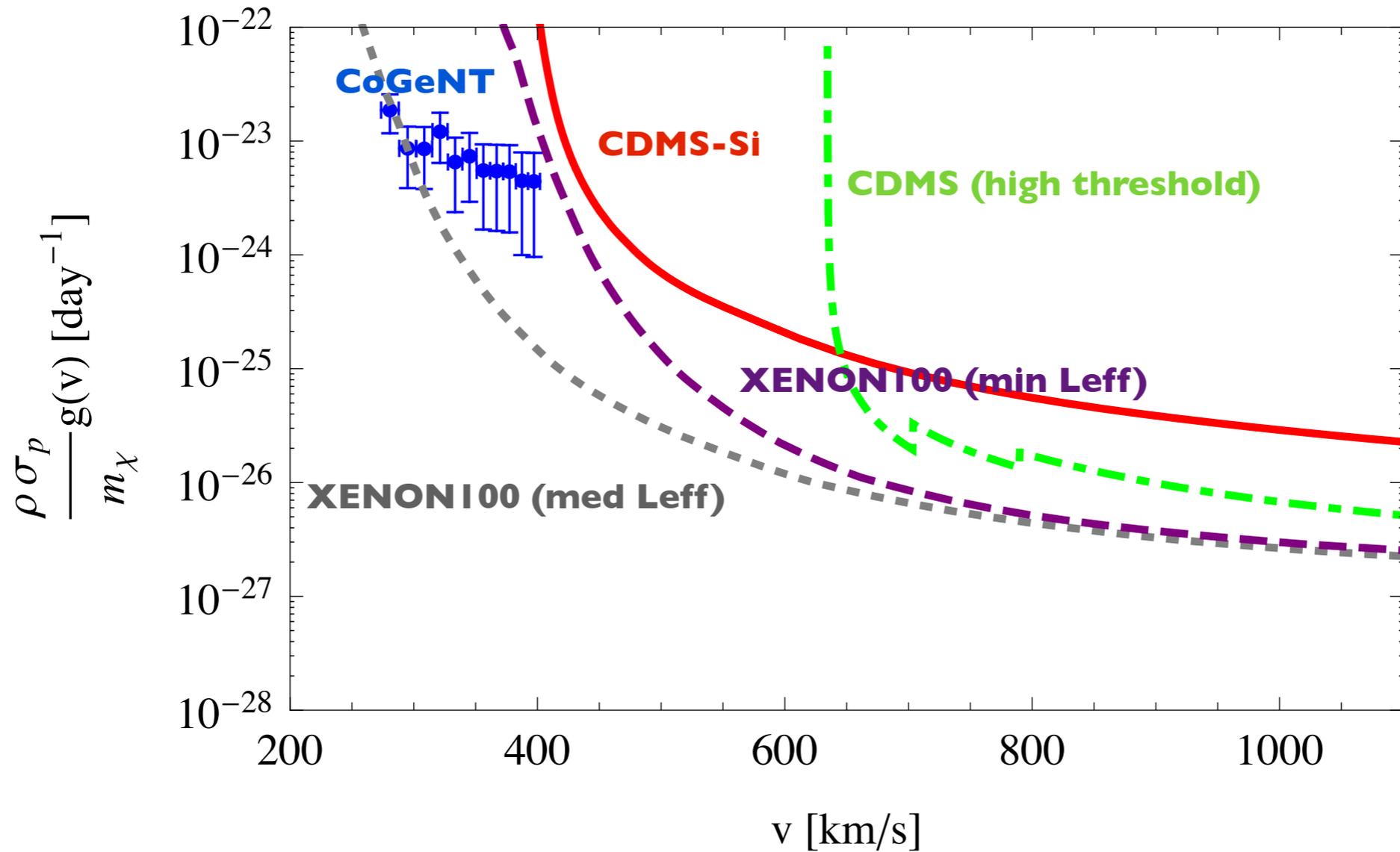
$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{N_T M_T \rho}{2m_\chi \mu^2} \sigma(E_R) g_1 \Theta(v_1 - v_{min}(E_R))$$

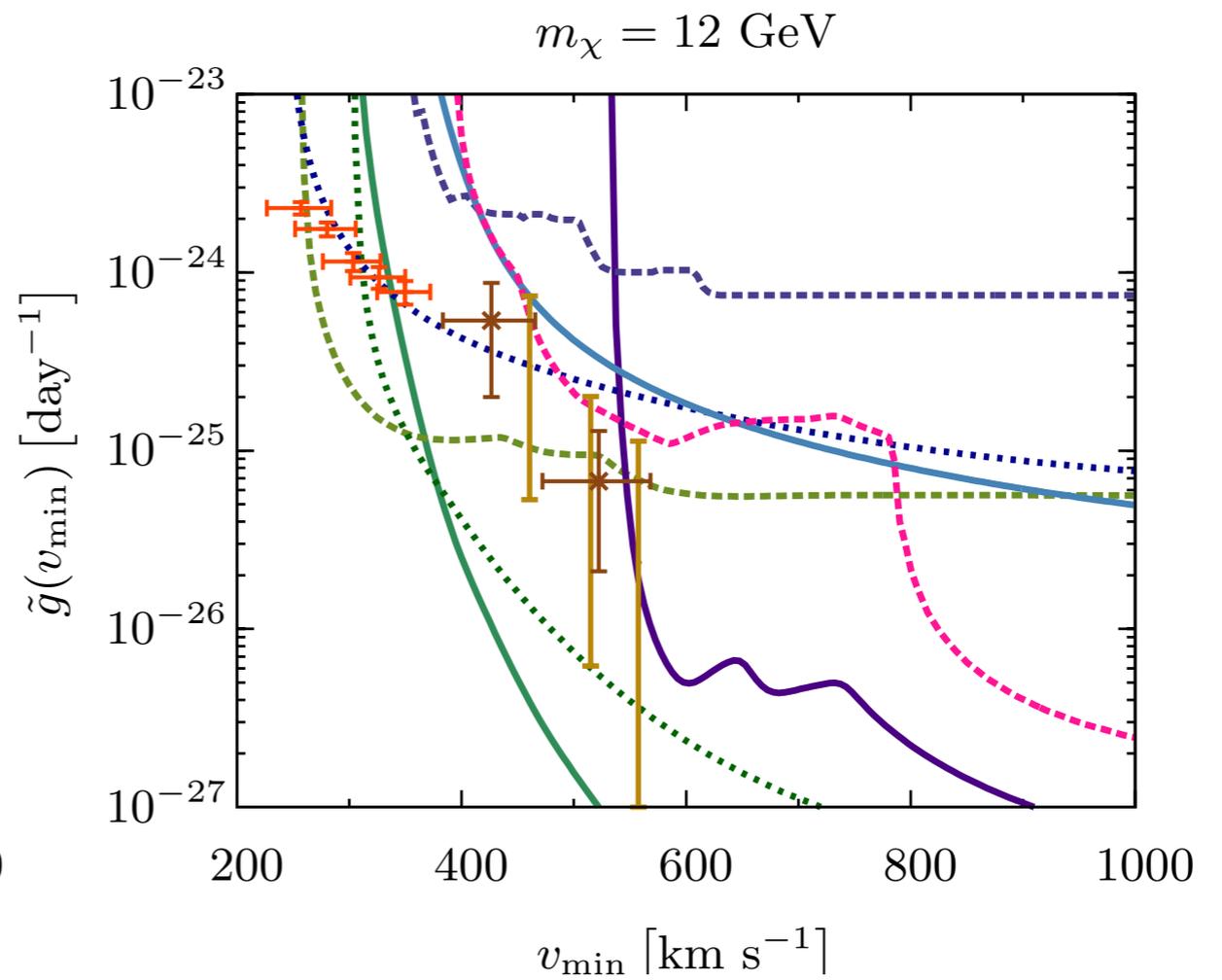
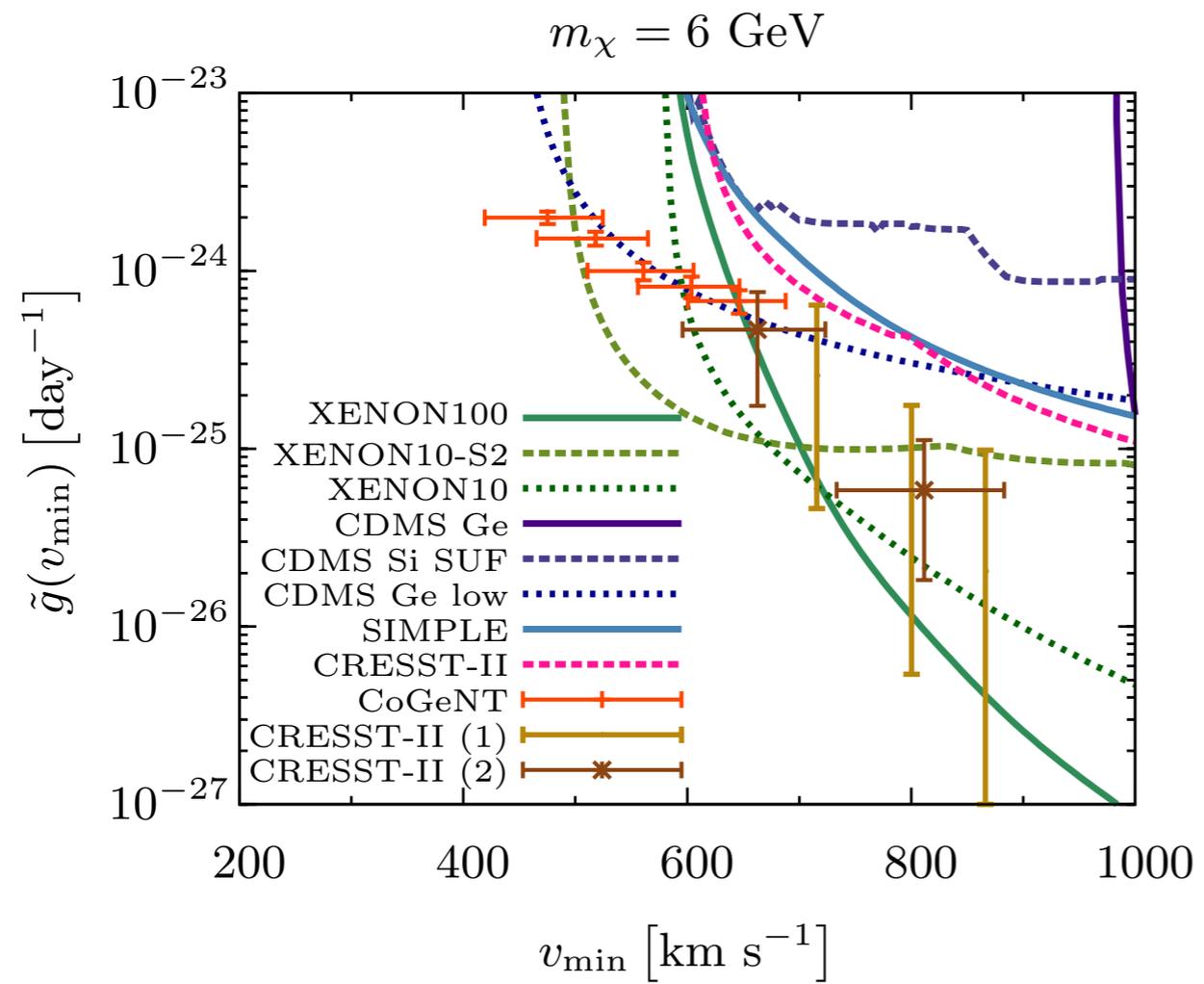


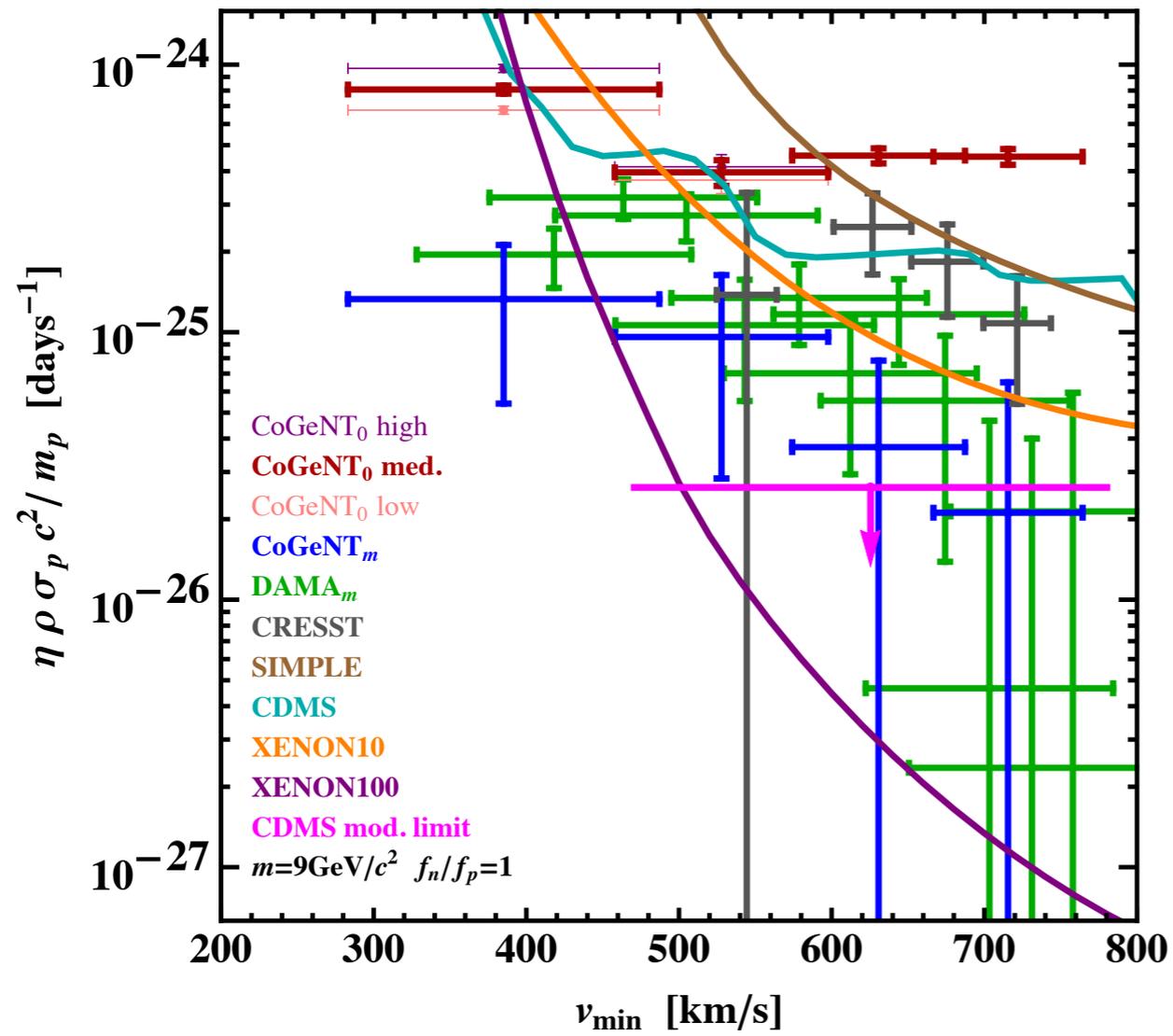
- (1) Pick some energy (velocity) upper bound
- (2) set a limit using your favorite technique (Poisson, Yellin...) for that velocity range on  $\rho\sigma g_1/m_\chi$
- (i.e., just replace the usual  $g(v)$  with a theta function)

# constraining $g(v)$

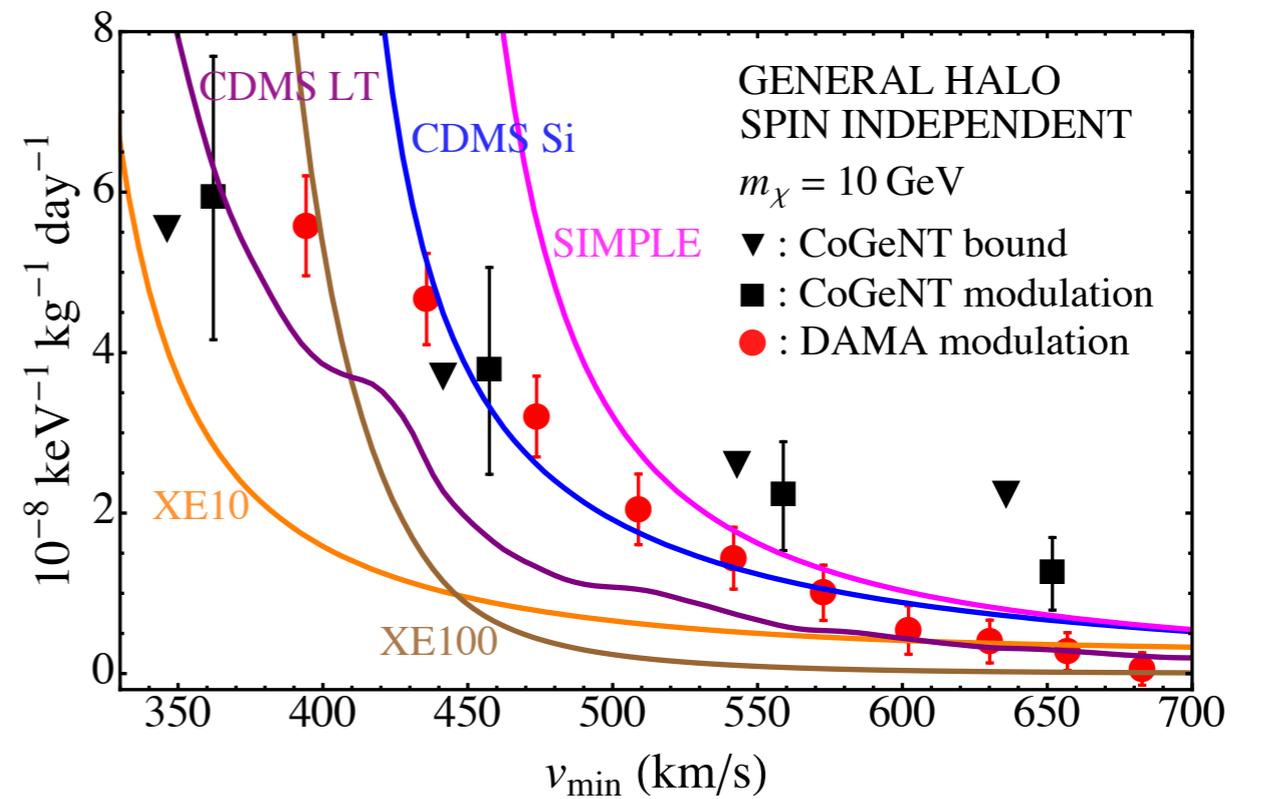
$$m_\chi = 10 \text{ GeV}$$







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# limiting $g(v)$

- you have to pick a mass
- but there is an unambiguous map between masses  $m_1 \Leftrightarrow m_2$
- Could easily be output as supplement to usual  $\sigma$ - $m$  plots

# in summary

- DM searches are more robust than we might have guessed
- Can find stable particles that are not “the” DM in both direct and indirect detection
- *As a complement* to standard  $\sigma$ - $m$  plots, we can directly compare direct detection experiments, in maps and  $g(v)$  limits

# in summary

- For astrophysics independent limits
  - iodine interpretations of DAMA are being squeezed
  - Important to see wide range of Xe energies to constrain scenarios (i.e., I can imagine  $10^{-1}$  suppression easily but not  $10^{-4}$ )
  - CDMS may not necessarily kill the possibility of a signal at CoGeNT but does seem to kill the consistency of CoGeNT and DAMA
  - Evading XENON signals pushes you into the arms of CDMS-Si

# in summary

- limits on  $g(v)$  are simple, clear baseline constraints
- Three final asides:
  - There is a certain intellectual honesty that is compelled by plotting things in many physical parameter spaces
  - “plots” need no longer be static things (e.g., DMtools)
  - Without these model independent constraints Subir will never pay up