

Toward a model-independent comparison of dark matter direct detection data

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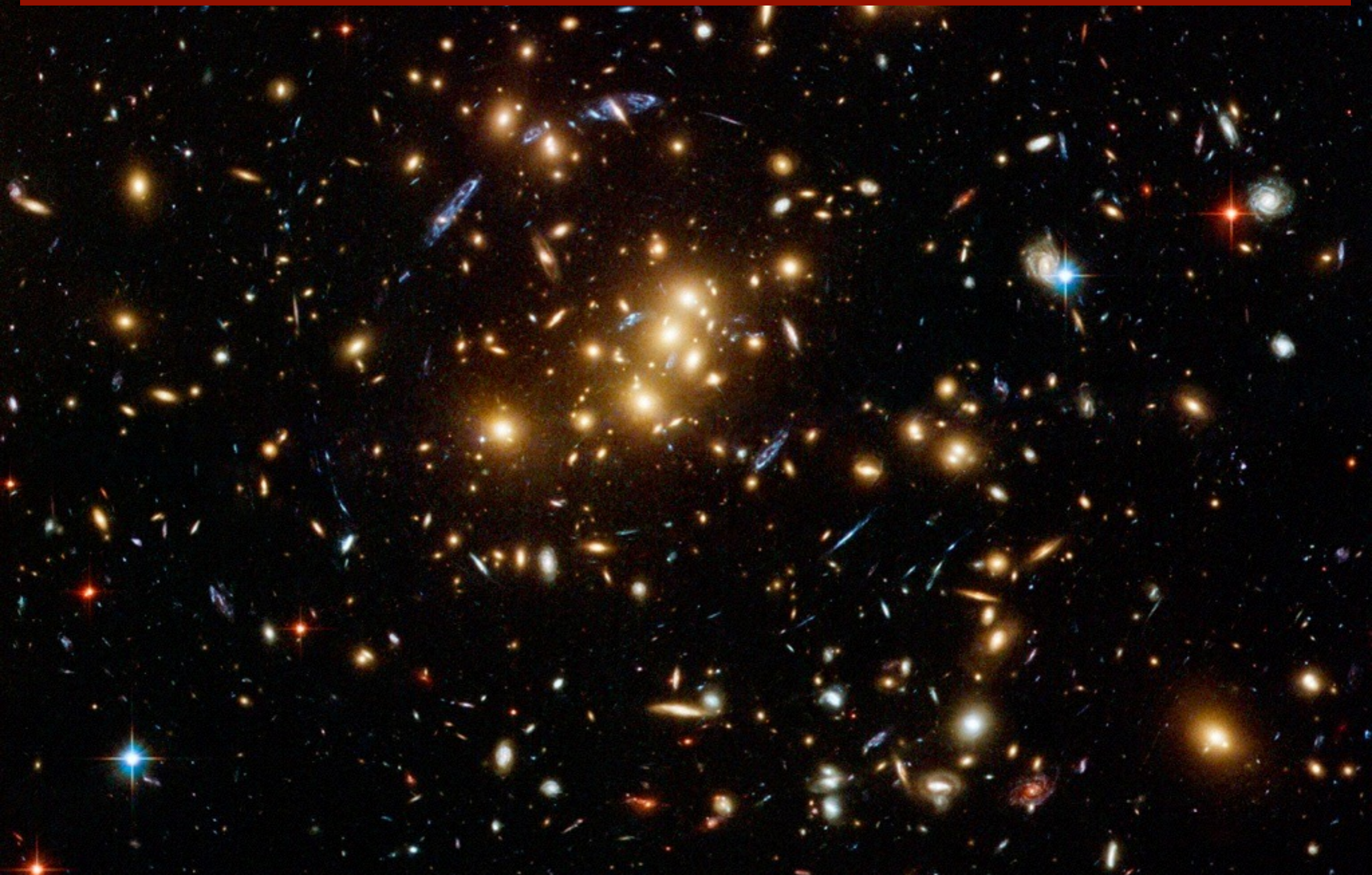
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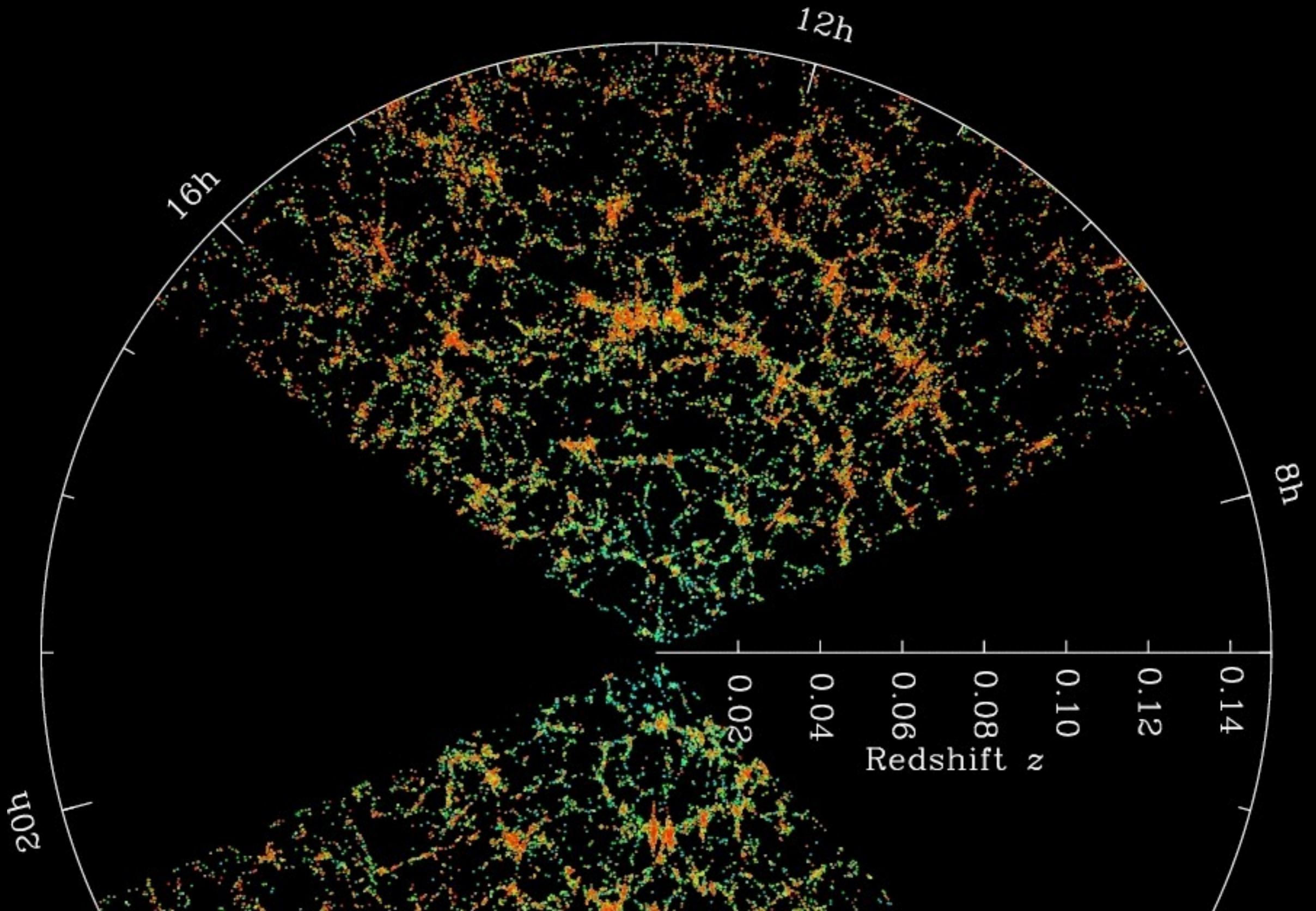
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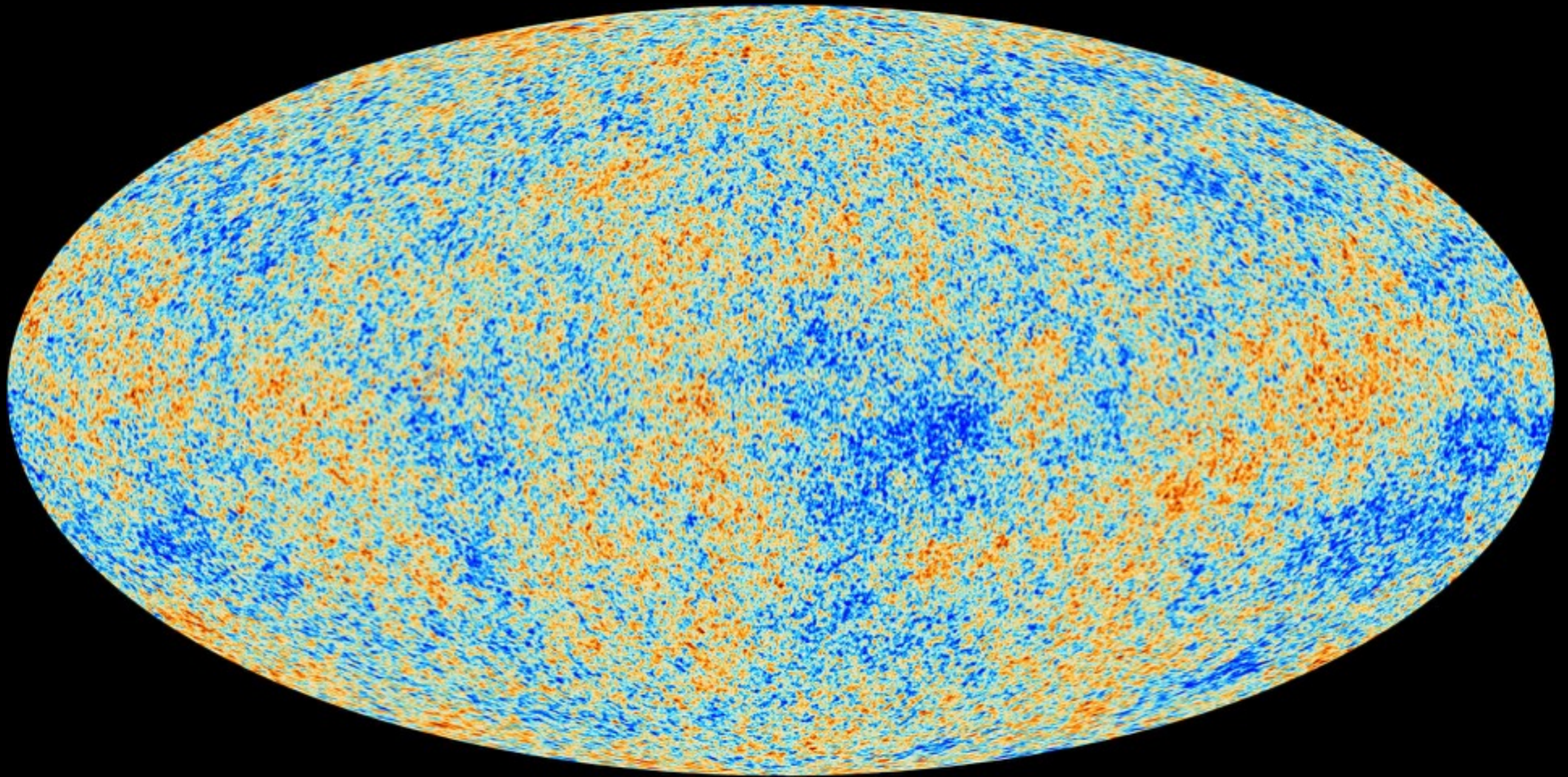
Lensing



Large scale structures



Cosmic Microwave Background

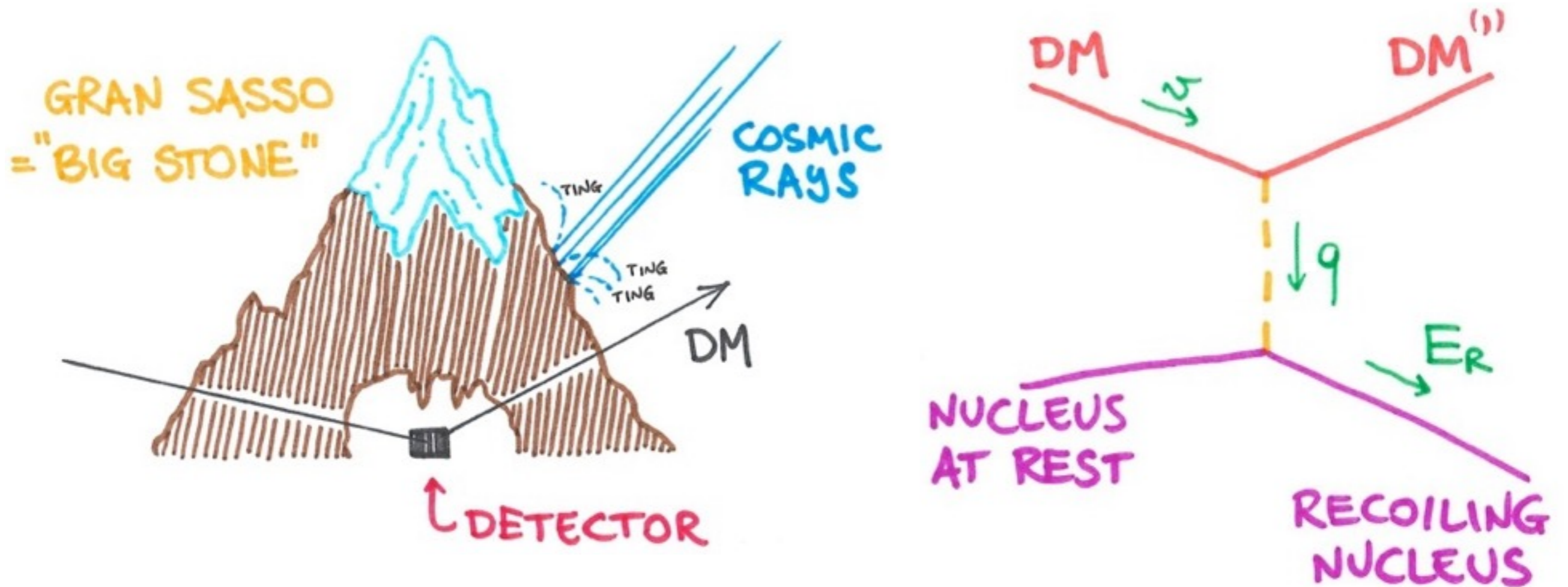


\$Assumptions

- **WIMPs: Weak-scale interacting DM particles**
non-relativistic, with mass $1 \text{ GeV} - 10 \text{ TeV}$
- **Actually, only one kind of particle**
like approximating $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$ as “just hydrogen”

DM direct detection

Basically explained by



$$\frac{dR_T}{dE_R} = n_T \Phi_{\text{DM}}(t) \frac{d\sigma_T}{dE_R}$$

DM direct detection

The basic ingredient is the recoil rate

$$\frac{dR_T}{dE_R} = n_T \Phi_{\text{DM}}(t) \frac{d\sigma_T}{dE_R}$$

Target density

DM-nucleus
cross section

$$\Phi_{\text{DM}} = \frac{\rho}{m_{\text{DM}}} v f(\vec{v}, t) d^3v$$

DM flux (has an annual modulation due to Earth's rotation around the sun)

Direct detection rate

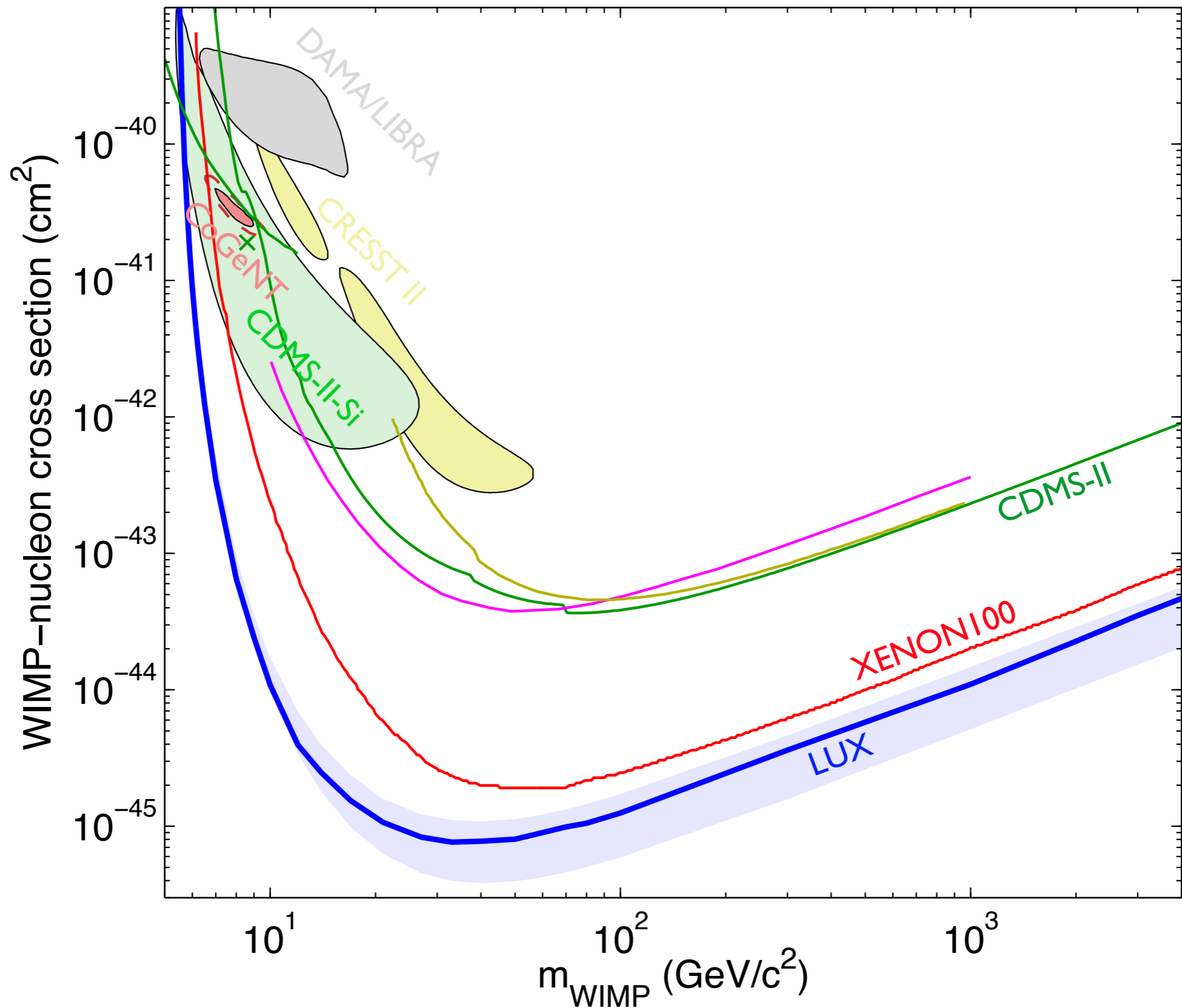
$$\frac{dR_T}{dE_R} = \frac{\xi_T}{m_T} \frac{\rho}{m_{\text{DM}}} \int_{v_{\min}(E_R)}^{v_{\text{esc}}} d^3v f(\vec{v}, t) v \frac{d\sigma_T}{dE_R}(E_R, \vec{v})$$

ρ DM local density $f(\vec{v}, t)$ DM velocity distribution
 ξ_T target mass fraction v_{esc} galactic escape velocity

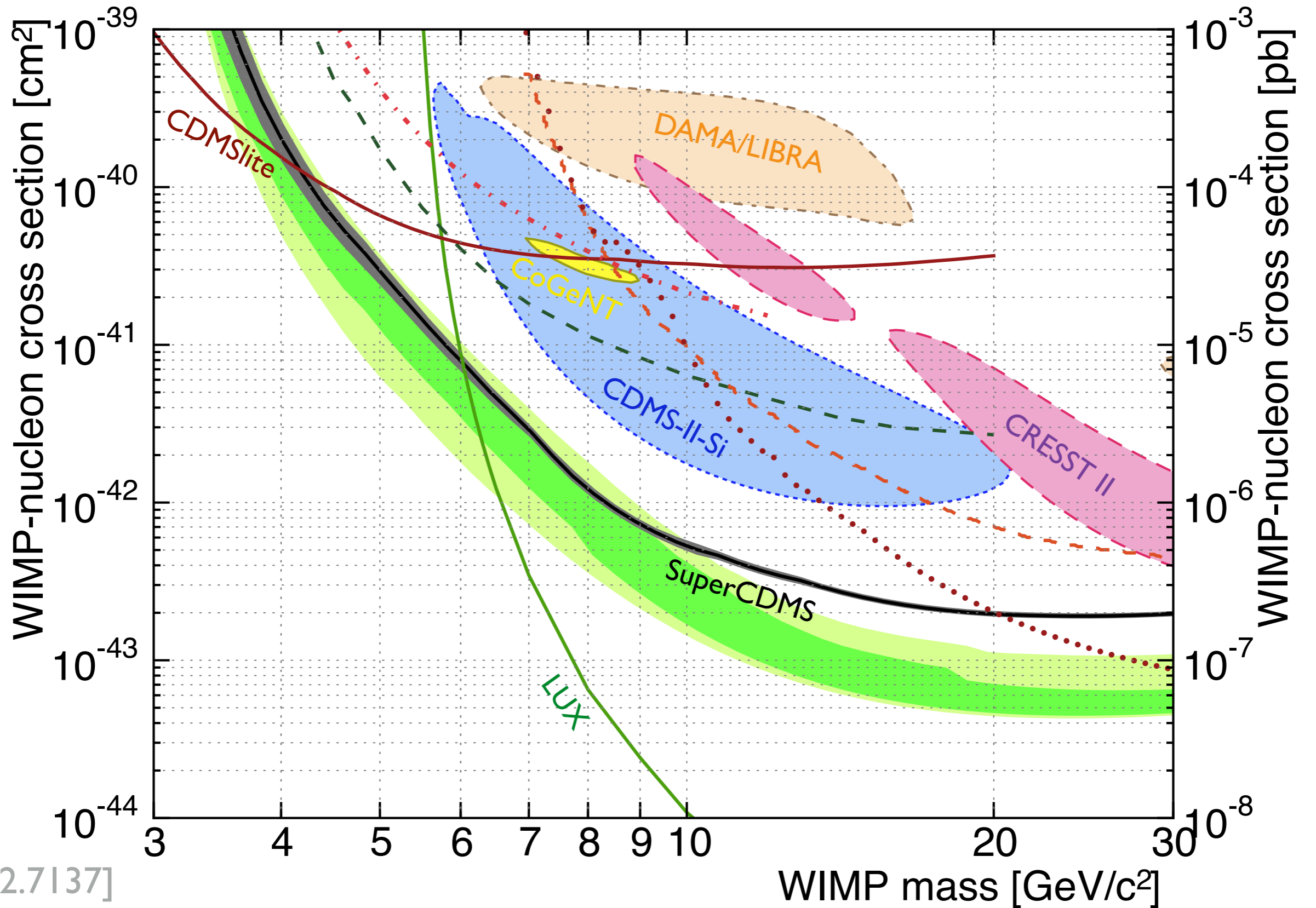
$$R_{[E'_1, E'_2]}(t) = \sum_T \int_{E'_1}^{E'_2} dE' \epsilon_1(E') \int_0^\infty dE_R \epsilon_2(E_R) G_T(E', qE_R) \frac{dR_T}{dE_R}$$

E' detected energy $G_T(E', qE_R)$ detector resolution
 ϵ_1, ϵ_2 efficiencies q quenching factor

Limits and fits



Limits and fits



Assumptions

- Spin-independent interaction:
in QFT language,

$$\mathcal{L} \propto \phi^\dagger \phi \bar{N} N \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{\chi} \chi \bar{N} N \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi \bar{N} \gamma_\mu N$$

(in the NR limit all these interactions look the same)

- Truncated Maxwell-Boltzmann velocity
distribution (Standard Halo Model, or SHM):

$$f(\vec{v}, t) = f_G(\vec{u} = \vec{v} + \vec{v}_E(t)) \quad \text{with} \quad f_G(\vec{u}) = \frac{\exp(-u^2/v_0^2)}{(v_0 \sqrt{\pi})^3 N_{\text{esc}}} \theta(v_{\text{esc}} - u)$$

Other interactions

One can imagine countless other interaction types

Effective operators

$$\bar{\chi} i\gamma^5 \chi \bar{N} N$$

$$\bar{\chi} \chi \bar{N} i\gamma^5 N$$

$$\phi^* \phi \bar{N} i\gamma^5 N$$

$$\bar{\chi} i\gamma^5 \chi \bar{N} i\gamma^5 N$$

$$\bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \bar{N} \gamma_\mu N$$

$$i (\phi^* \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu \phi) \bar{N} \gamma^\mu N$$

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$$\bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi \bar{N} \sigma_{\mu\nu} N$$

$$\bar{\chi} i \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^5 \chi \bar{N} \sigma_{\mu\nu} N$$

Electromagnetic DM

$$Q_\chi e \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi A_\mu$$

(millicharged DM)

$$\frac{\mu_\chi}{2} \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi F_{\mu\nu}$$

(anomalous DM magnetic moment)

$$\frac{d_\chi}{2} i \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^5 \chi F_{\mu\nu}$$

(DM electric dipole moment)

$$\frac{a_\chi}{2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \partial^\nu F_{\mu\nu}$$

(DM anapole moment)

etc.

A unified framework

- Fan, Reece, Wang - *Non-relativistic effective theory of dark matter direct detection* [1008.1591]
- Fitzpatrick, Haxton, Katz, Lubbers, Xu - *The Effective Field Theory of Dark Matter Direct Detection* [1203.3542]+ [1211.2818], [1308.6288]

Set the stage for an interaction-independent analysis of DM signals at direct detection experiments

Note: the DM-nucleus scattering is non-relativistic (NR) because $v \sim q/m \sim 10^{-3}$

Recipe

⊙ Expand $u^s(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p^\mu \sigma_\mu} \xi^s \\ \sqrt{p^\mu \bar{\sigma}_\mu} \xi^s \end{pmatrix}$ in powers of \vec{p} (NR limit)

⊙ Express $\mathcal{M}_{\text{nucleon}} = \sum_{i=1}^{12} (\mathbf{c}_i^p + \mathbf{c}_i^n) \mathcal{O}_i^{\text{NR}}$

$$\mathcal{O}_1^{\text{NR}} = \mathbf{1}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_3^{\text{NR}} = i \vec{s}_N \cdot (\vec{q} \times \vec{v})$$

$$\mathcal{O}_5^{\text{NR}} = i \vec{s}_\chi \cdot (\vec{q} \times \vec{v})$$

$$\mathcal{O}_7^{\text{NR}} = \vec{s}_N \cdot \vec{v}^\perp$$

$$\mathcal{O}_9^{\text{NR}} = i \vec{s}_\chi \cdot (\vec{s}_N \times \vec{q})$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{11}^{\text{NR}} = i \vec{s}_\chi \cdot \vec{q}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_2^{\text{NR}} = (v^\perp)^2$$

$$\mathcal{O}_4^{\text{NR}} = \vec{s}_\chi \cdot \vec{s}_N$$

$$\mathcal{O}_6^{\text{NR}} = (\vec{s}_\chi \cdot \vec{q})(\vec{s}_N \cdot \vec{q})$$

$$\mathcal{O}_8^{\text{NR}} = \vec{s}_\chi \cdot \vec{v}^\perp$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{10}^{\text{NR}} = i \vec{s}_N \cdot \vec{q}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{12}^{\text{NR}} = \vec{v}^\perp \cdot (\vec{s}_\chi \times \vec{s}_N)$$

$$\overline{|\mathcal{M}_{\text{nucleus}}|^2} = \frac{m_T^2}{m_N^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{12} \sum_{N,N'=p,n} \mathbf{c}_i^N \mathbf{c}_j^{N'} F_{i,j}^{(N,N')}$$

More than form factors

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The “form factors” $F_{i,j}^{(N,N')}$ are tabulated in
[1203.3542], [1308.6288]

They contain the nuclear physics associated to each
of the NR operators

They form a basis for writing ~any interaction

They provide a parametrization of the differential
cross section in terms of the coefficients c_i^N

Factorizing fun

$$\frac{d\sigma_T}{dE_R} = \frac{1}{32\pi} \frac{1}{m_\chi^2 m_T} \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{m_T^2}{m_N^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{12} \sum_{N,N'=p,n} \mathbf{c}_i^N \mathbf{c}_j^{N'} F_{i,j}^{(N,N')}$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i,j}^{(N,N')} \equiv C \sum_T \xi_T \int_{E'_{\min}}^{E'_{\max}} dE' \epsilon_1(E') \int_0^\infty dE_R \epsilon_2(E_R) G_T(E_R, E') \int_{v_{\min}(E_R)} d^3v \frac{1}{v} f_E(\vec{v}) F_{i,j}^{(N,N')}$$

$$R_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{12} \sum_{N,N'=p,n} \mathbf{c}_i^N(\lambda, m_{\text{DM}}) \mathbf{c}_j^{N'}(\lambda, m_{\text{DM}}) \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i,j}^{(N,N')}(m_{\text{DM}})$$

Contain
particle
physics

Contain astro+nuclear
+experimental physics

Benchmark bound & rescaling

Let us consider the benchmark model

$$\mathcal{M}_{p,B} = \lambda_B = \lambda_B \mathcal{O}_1^{\text{NR}} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad c_1^p = \lambda_B, \text{ all other } c_i^N = 0$$

e.g. from the QFT Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_B = \frac{\lambda_B}{4m_{\text{DM}}m_p} \bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi\bar{p}\gamma_\mu p$

So $R_{\text{tot},B} = \lambda_B^2 \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{1,1}^{(p,p)}(m_{\text{DM}})$. Now define $\lambda_B^{\text{lim}}(m_{\text{DM}})^2 \equiv \frac{R_{\text{lim}}}{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{1,1}^{(p,p)}(m_{\text{DM}})}$

A bound on another model is given by

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{12} \sum_{N,N'=p,n} c_i^N(\lambda, m_{\text{DM}}) c_j^{N'}(\lambda, m_{\text{DM}}) \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i,j}^{(N,N')}(m_{\text{DM}}) \leq R_{\text{lim}}$$

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where $y_{i,j}^{(N,N')}(m_{\text{DM}}) \equiv \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{i,j}^{(N,N')}(m_{\text{DM}})}{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{1,1}^{(p,p)}(m_{\text{DM}})}$

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The $y_{i,j}^{(N,N')}(m_{\text{DM}})$ functions and the $\lambda_B^{\text{lim}}(m_{\text{DM}})$ for different CL's are available on

<http://www.marcocirelli.net/NROpsDD.html>

Tools for model-independent bounds in direct dark matter searches

Data and Results from [1307.5955](#) [hep-ph], JCAP 10 (2013) 019.

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"Tools for model-independent bounds in direct dark matter searches",
arXiv 1307.5955, JCAP 10 (2013) 019.

This is **Release 3.0** (April 2014). Log of changes at the bottom of this page.

Test Statistic functions:

The [TS.m](#) file provides the tables of TS for the benchmark case (see the paper for the definition), for the six experiments that we consider [XENON100](#), [CDMS-Ge](#), [COUPP](#), [PICASSO](#), [LUX](#), [SuperCDMS](#).

Rescaling functions:

The [Y.m](#) file provides the rescaling functions $Y_{ij}^{(N,N')}$ and $Y_{ij}^{lr(N,N')}$ (see the paper for the definition).

Sample file:

The [Sample.nb](#) notebook shows how to load and use the above numerical products, and gives some examples.

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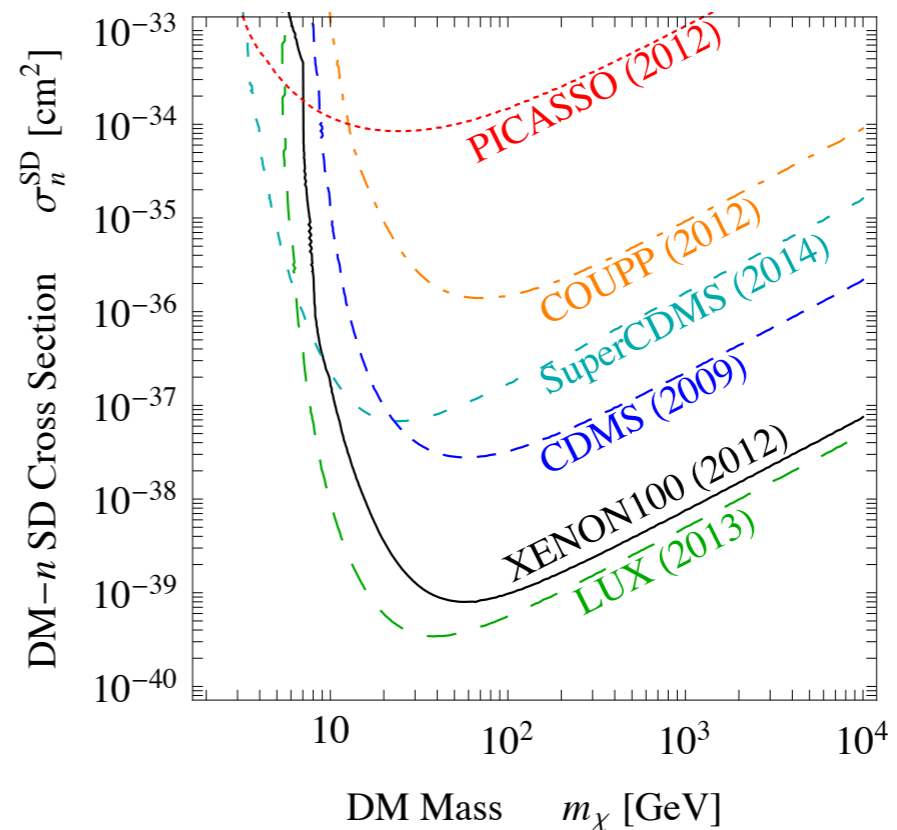
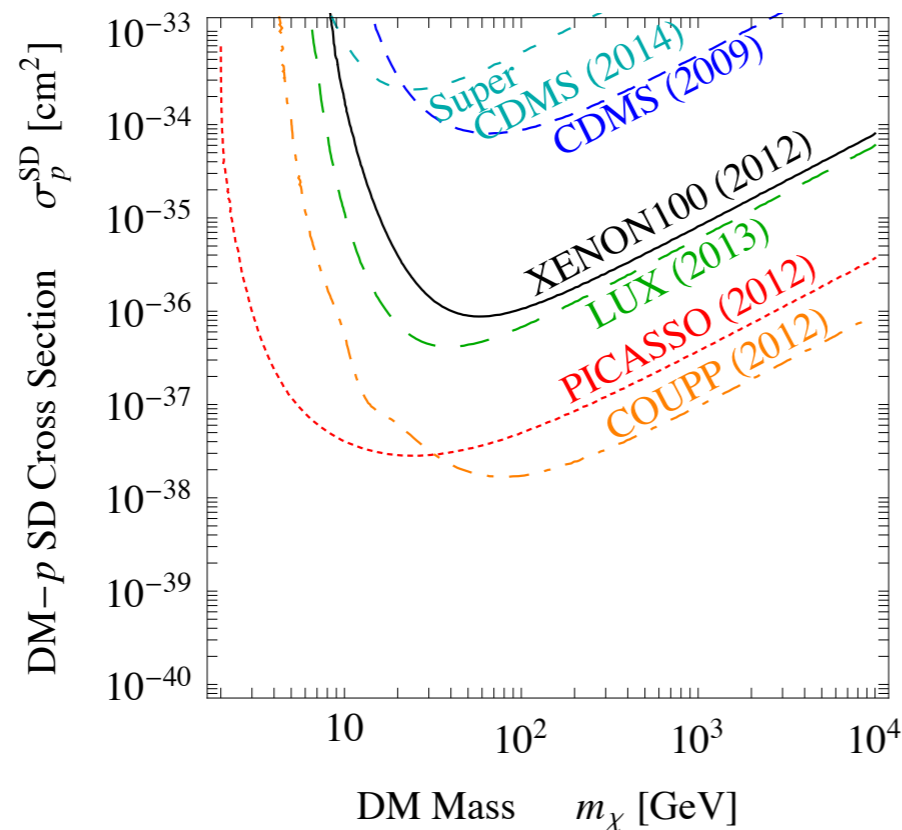
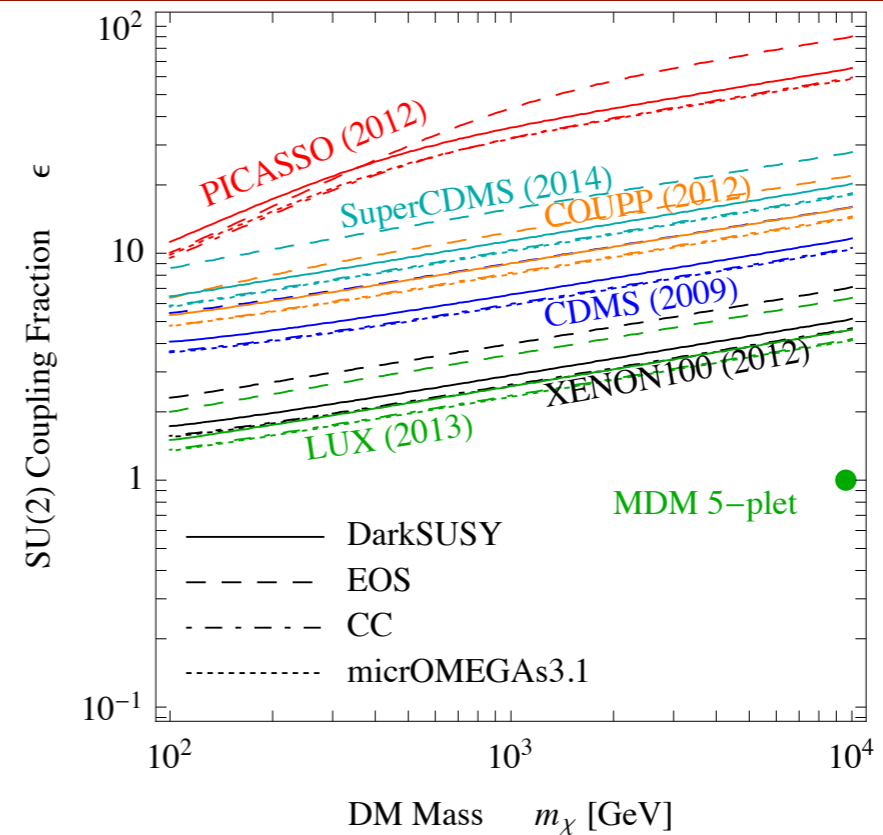
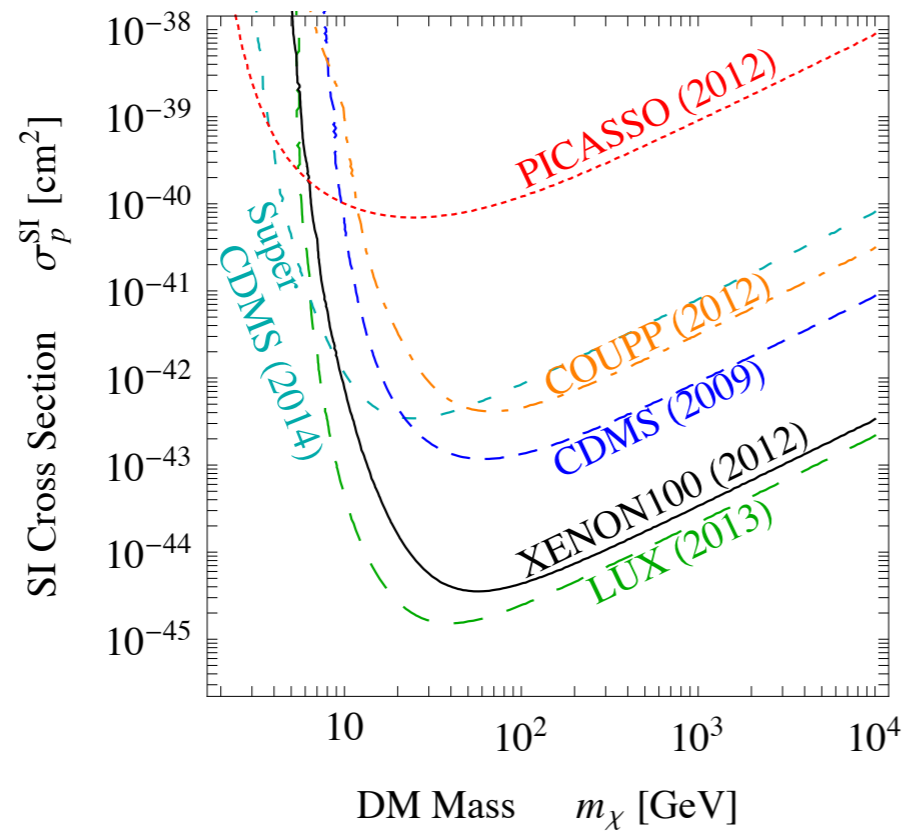
[23 jul 2013] First Release.

[08 oct 2013] Minor changes in the notations in Sample.nb, to match JCAP version. No new release.

[25 nov 2013] **New Release: 2.0**. Addition of LUX results. This release corresponds to **version 3** of [1307.5955](#) (with Addendum).

[03 apr 2014] **New Release: 3.0**. Addition of SuperCDMS results. This release corresponds to **version 4** of [1307.5955](#) (with two Addenda).

Some results



By-product

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -i \frac{g_{\text{DM}}}{\sqrt{2}} a \bar{\chi} \gamma_5 \chi - ig \sum_f \frac{g_f}{\sqrt{2}} a \bar{f} \gamma_5 f$$

Features

- Spin-dependent interaction
No A^2 enhancement, relax Xe bounds

- $g_p \gg g_n$ naturally
Further relax Xe, Ge bounds

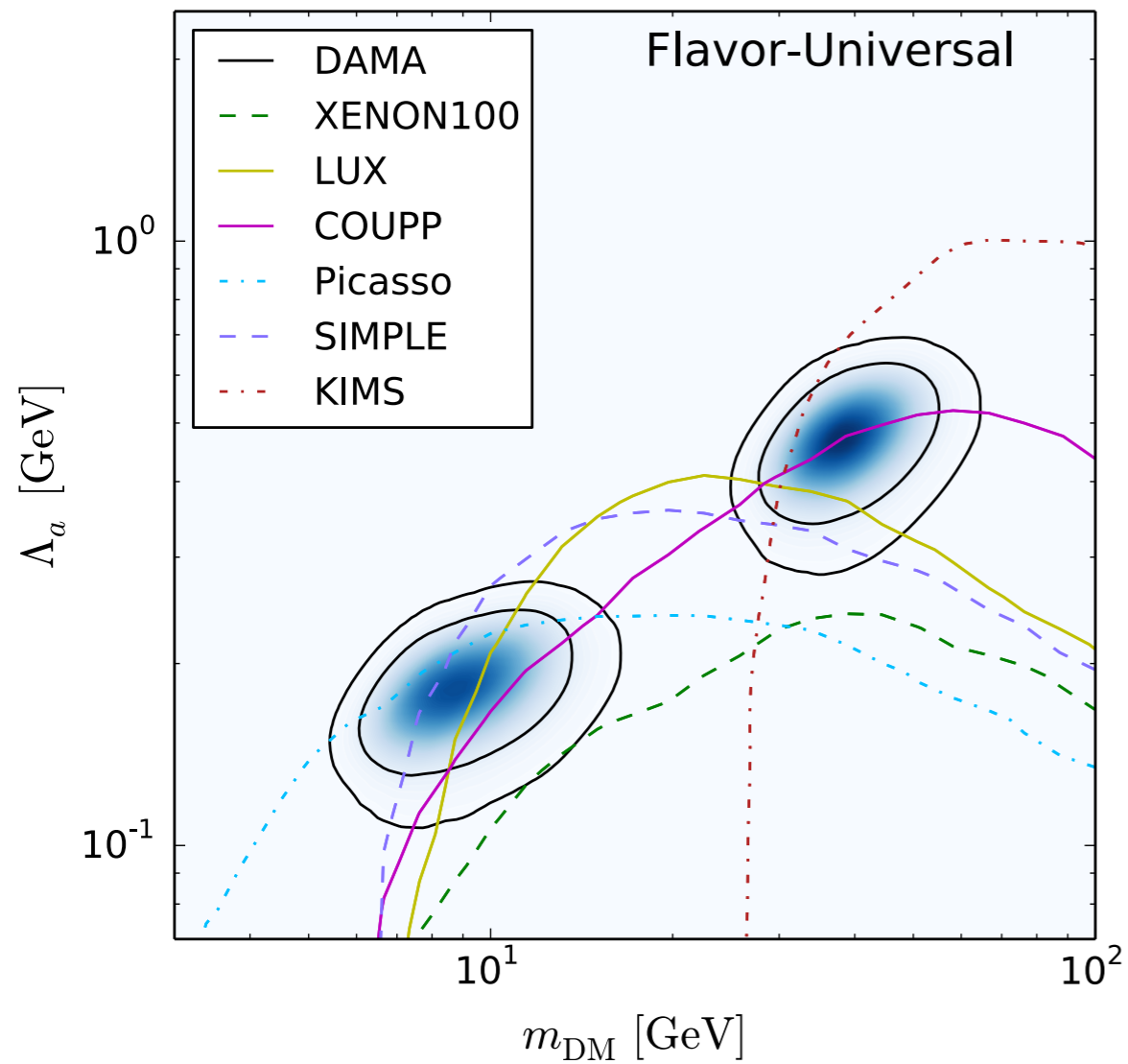
$$dR_T/dE_R \propto q^4$$

Nobody looked at this interaction before

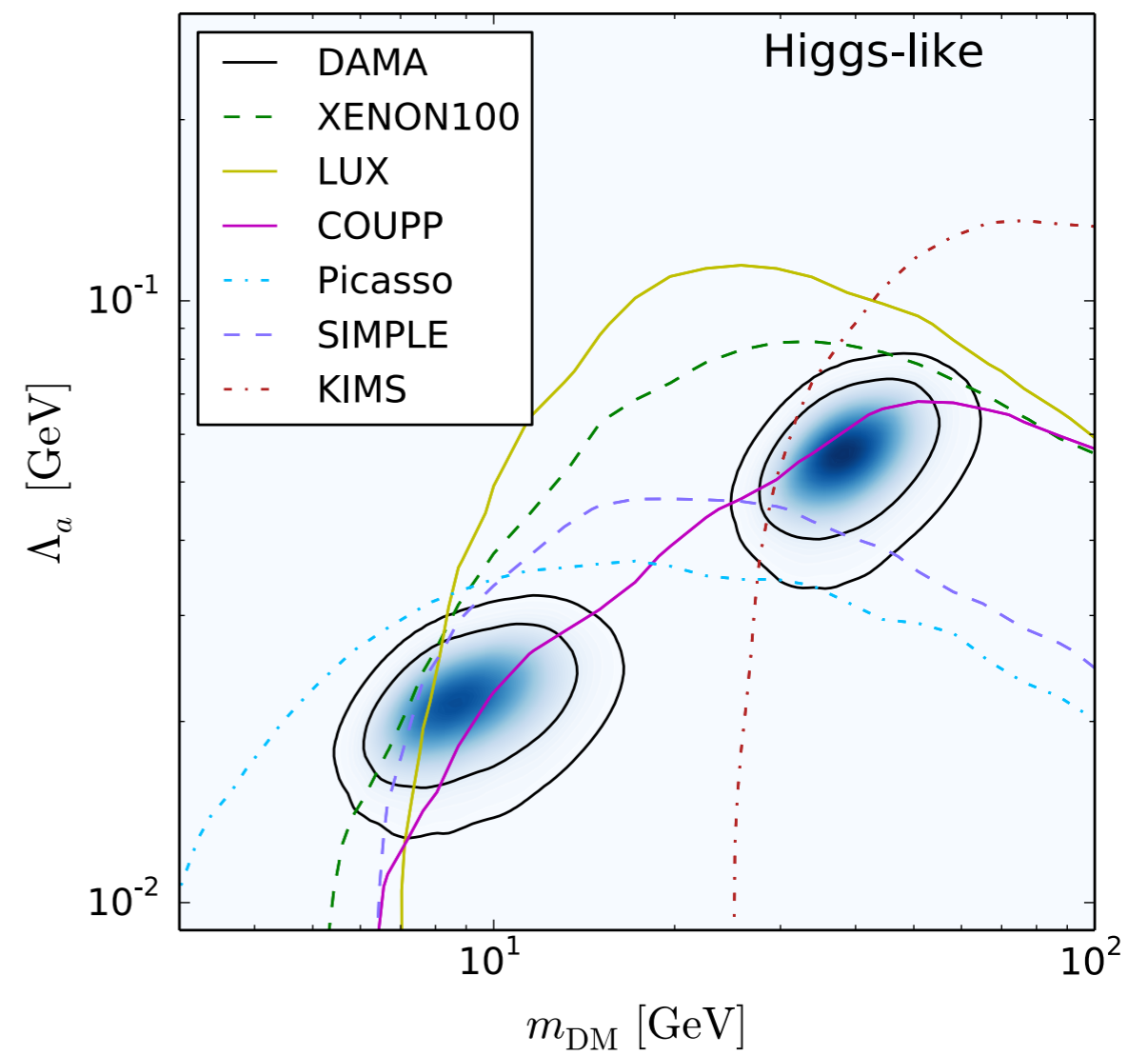
By-product

$$\Lambda_a \equiv m_a / \sqrt{g_{\text{DM}} g}$$

$$g_f = 1 \quad \forall f$$



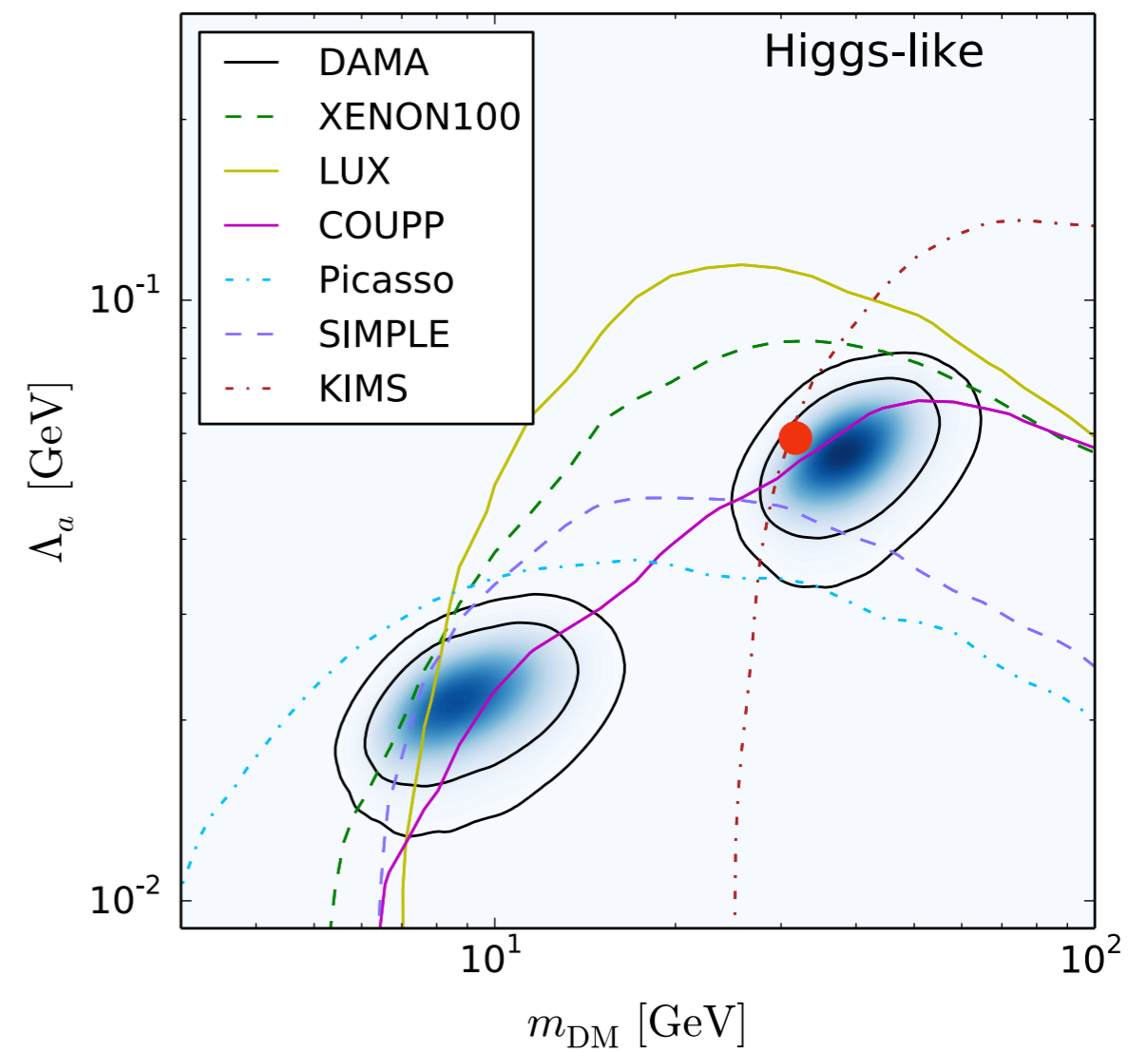
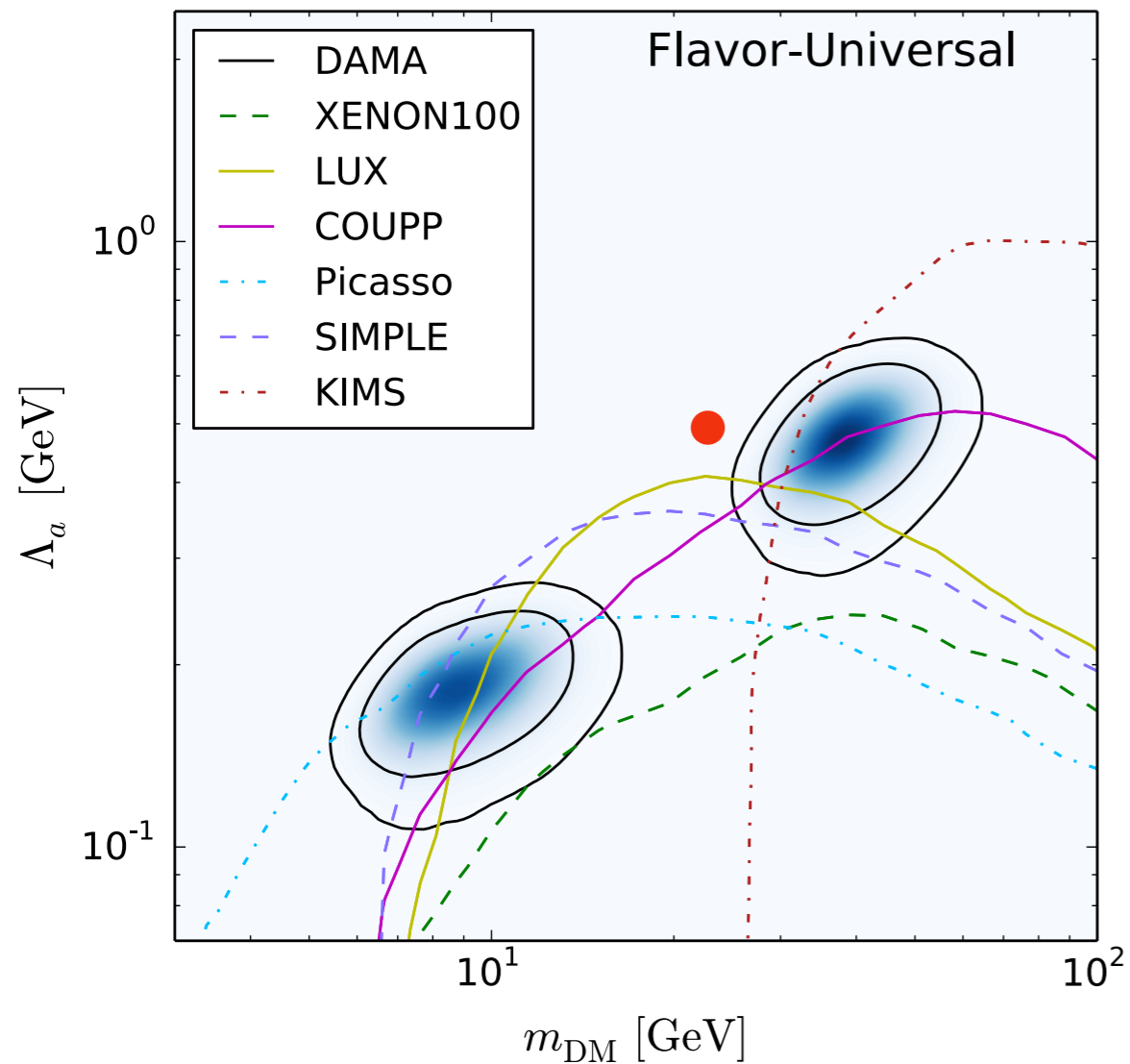
$$g_f = m_f / v$$



90% and 99% CL DAMA credible regions, 99% CL limits

Try-product

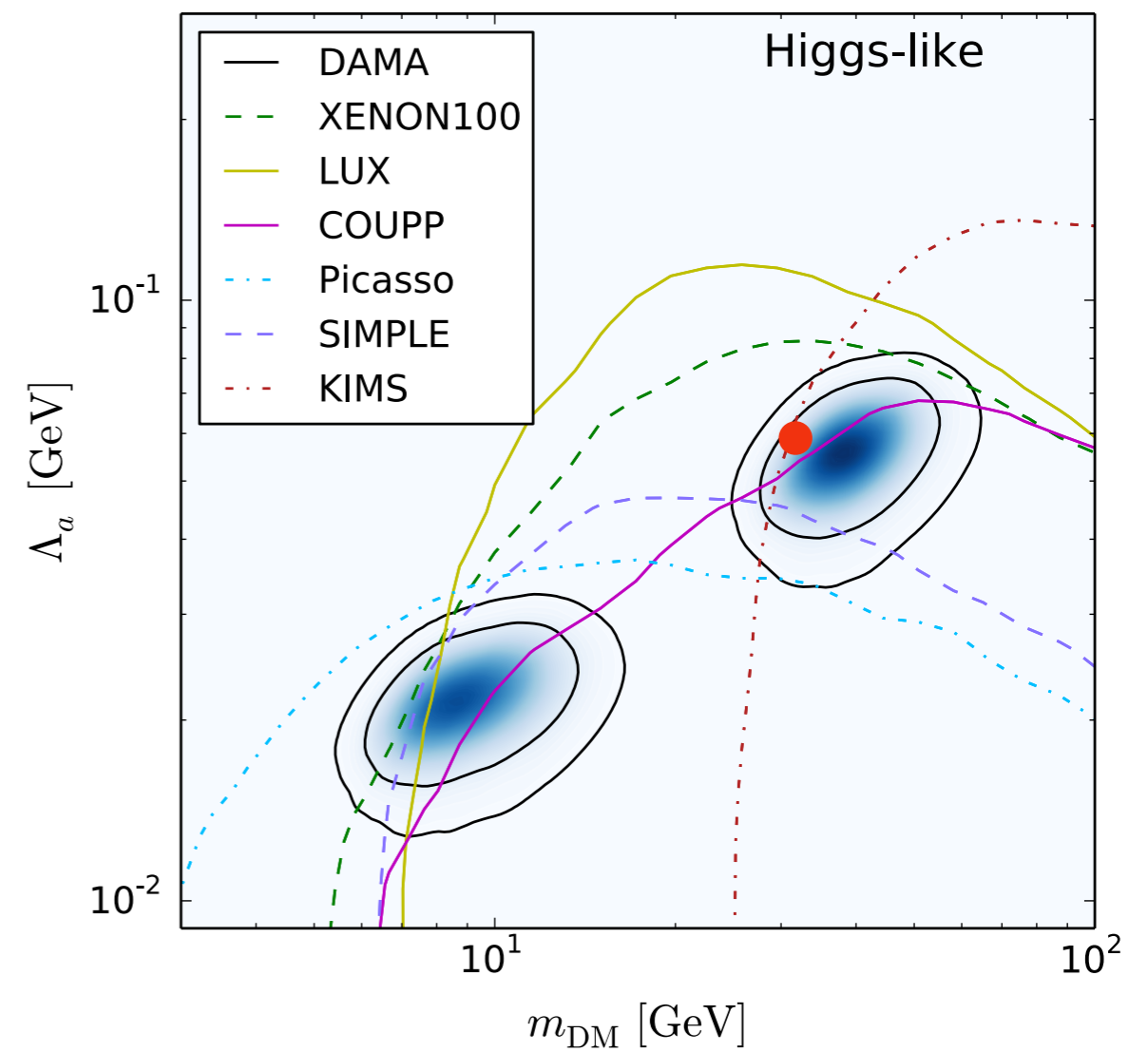
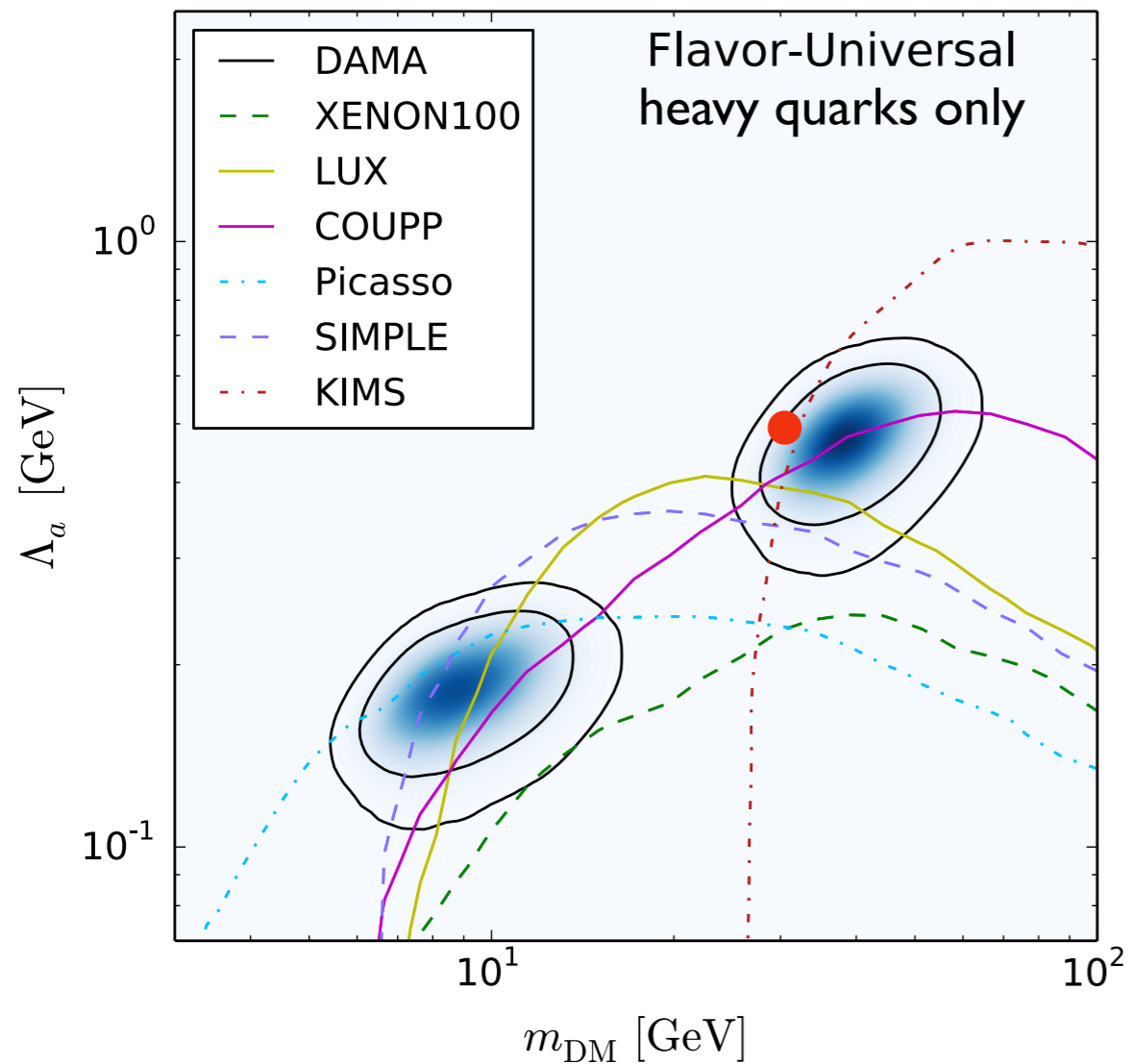
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Conclusions for this part

- ◎ The full scattering rate at direct DM search experiments can be factored in two pieces:
 - the coefficients c_i^N contain the information on the underlying particle physics model
 - the $y_{i,j}^{(N,N')}$ functions contain all the rest, and in principle can be delivered by the experimental collaborations themselves
- ◎ With these ingredients, a bound that would otherwise need a PhD student and weeks of coding to perform multiple numerical integrals is computed within minutes
- ◎ All the material + a Mathematica sample file is downloadable for instant fun at <http://www.marcocirelli.net/NROpsDD.html>

Halo-independent stuff

Direct detection rate

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ρ DM local density

$f(\vec{v}, t)$ DM velocity distribution

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E' detected energy

$G_T(E', qE_R)$ detector resolution

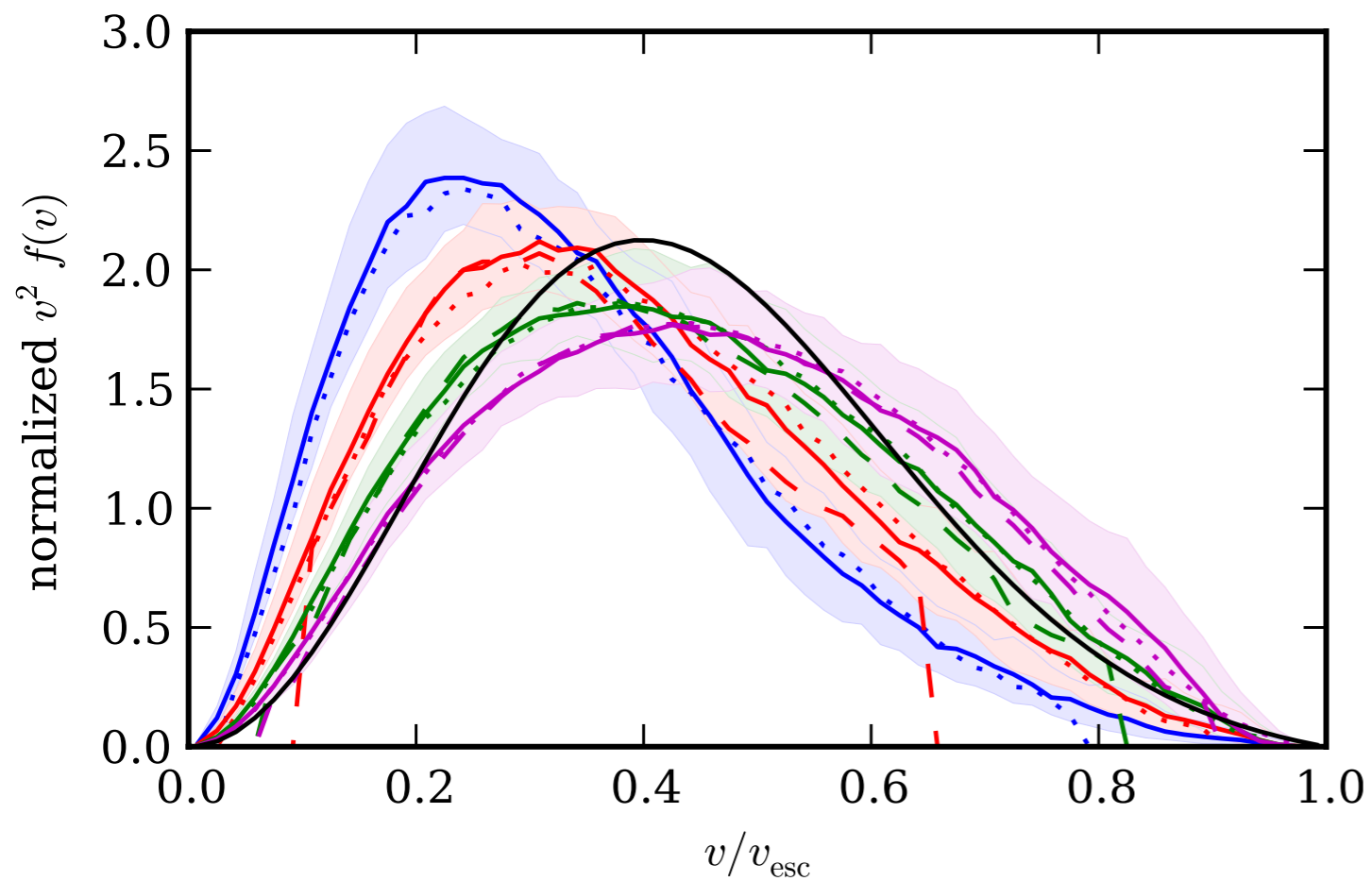
ϵ_1, ϵ_2 efficiencies

q quenching factor

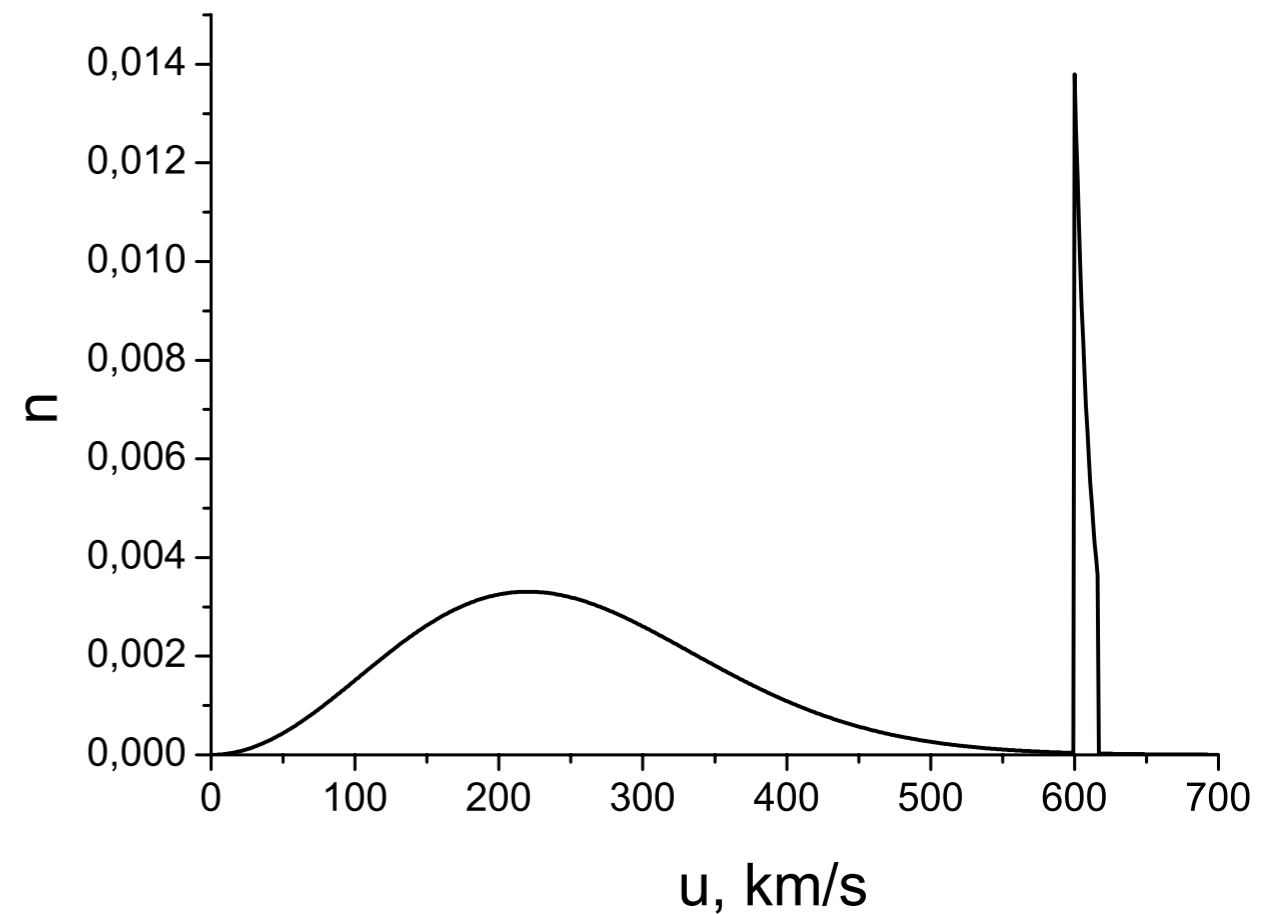
Astrophysical uncertainties

e.g.

Mao, Strigari, Wechsler, Wu, Hahn [1210.2721]



Baushev [1208.0392]



Three approaches

- **Marginalize over astrophysical uncertainties**
see e.g. Arina [1310.5718] and references therein
- **Try to find alternative halo models, either driven by physical arguments or by fitting simulations or observations**
see e.g. references in Freese, Lisanti, Savage [1209.3339]
- **Try to factor astrophysics out of your problem as much as you can**
Fox, Liu, Weiner [1011.1915], Frandsen, Kahlhoefer, McCabe, Sarkar, Schmidt-Hoberg [1111.0292][1304.6066], Gondolo, Gelmini [1202.6359] + Del Nobile, Huh [1304.6183][1306.5273][1311.4247][1401.4508], Herrero-Garcia, Schwetz, Zupan [1112.1627][1205.0134] + Bozorgnia [1305.3575], Feldstein, Kahlhoefer [1403.4606], Fox, Kahn, McCullough [1403.6830] + ...

Direct detection rate

$$R_{[E'_1, E'_2]}(t) = \frac{\rho}{m_{\text{DM}}} \sum_T \frac{\xi_T}{m_T} \int_{E'_1}^{E'_2} dE' \epsilon_1(E')$$

$$\times \int_0^\infty dE_{\text{R}} \epsilon_2(E_{\text{R}}) G_T(E', qE_{\text{R}})$$

$$\times \int_{v_{\text{min}}(E_{\text{R}})}^{v_{\text{esc}}} d^3v f(\vec{v}, t) v \frac{d\sigma_T}{dE_{\text{R}}}(E_{\text{R}}, \vec{v})$$

exchange
integrals



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Algebraic maquillage I

$$R_{[E'_1, E'_2]}(t) = \int_0^\infty d^3v \frac{\tilde{f}(\vec{v}, t)}{v} \mathcal{H}_{[E'_1, E'_2]}(\vec{v})$$

$$\tilde{f}(\vec{v}, t) \equiv \frac{\rho \sigma_{\text{ref}}}{m_{\text{DM}}} f(\vec{v}, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{[E'_1, E'_2]}(\vec{v}) \equiv & \sum_T \frac{\xi_T}{m_T} \int_{E_R^-(v)}^{E_R^+(v)} dE_R \frac{v^2}{\sigma_{\text{ref}}} \frac{d\sigma_T}{dE_R}(E_R, \vec{v}) \\ & \times \epsilon_2(E_R) \int_{E'_1}^{E'_2} dE' \epsilon_1(E') G_T(E', qE_R) \end{aligned}$$

Algebraic maquillage II

$$R_{[E'_1, E'_2]}(t) = \int_0^\infty dv_{\min} \tilde{\eta}(v_{\min}, t) \mathcal{R}_{[E'_1, E'_2]}(v_{\min})$$

$$\tilde{\eta}(v_{\min}, t) \equiv \int_{v_{\min}}^\infty d^3v \frac{\tilde{f}(\vec{v}, t)}{v}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{[E'_1, E'_2]}(v_{\min}) \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_{[E'_1, E'_2]}(v_{\min})}{\partial v_{\min}}$$

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detector-independent,
unknown function of v_{\min}
to be determined by data

known function
determined by:

- detector
- interaction
- DM mass

Bounds and fits

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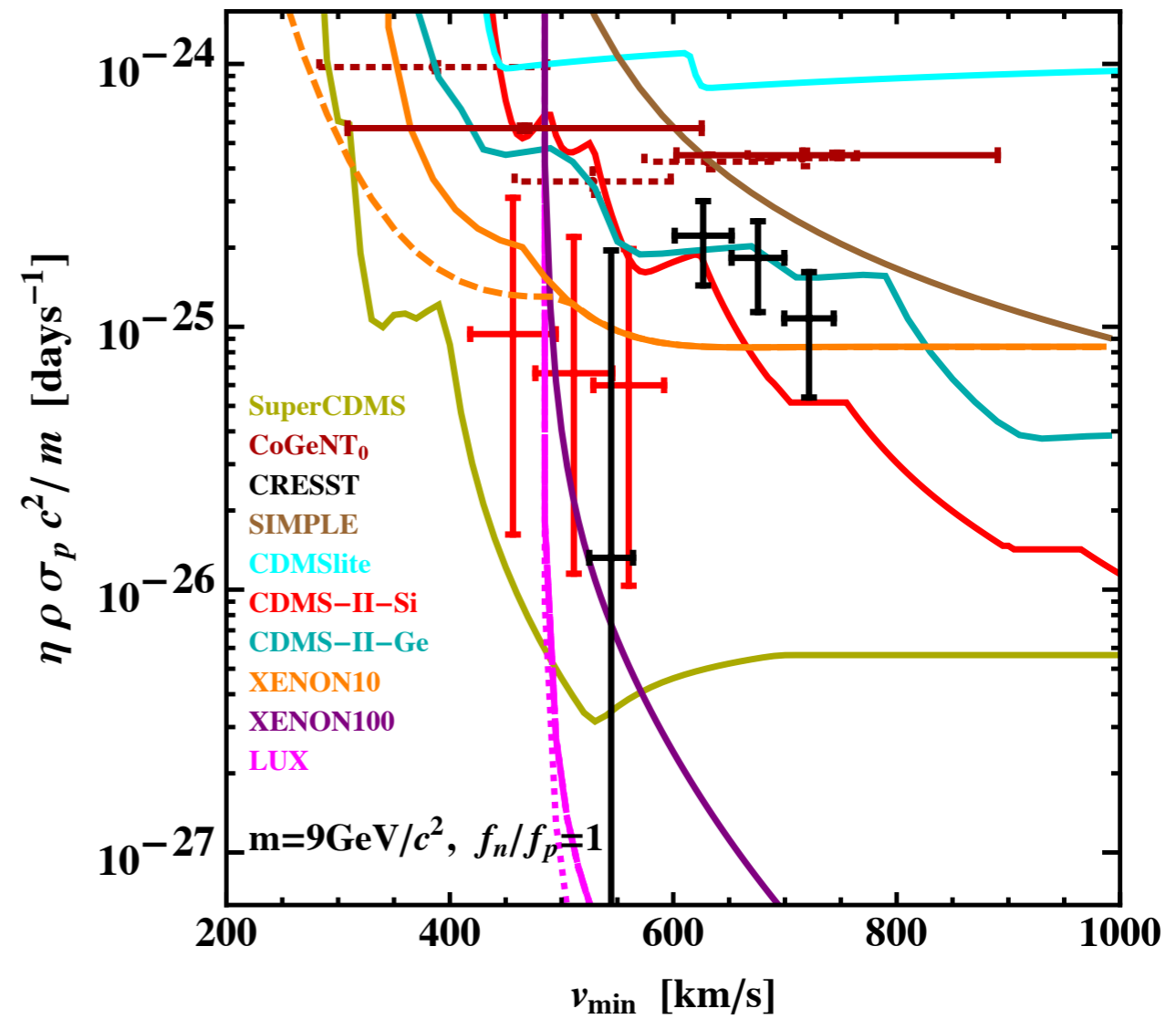
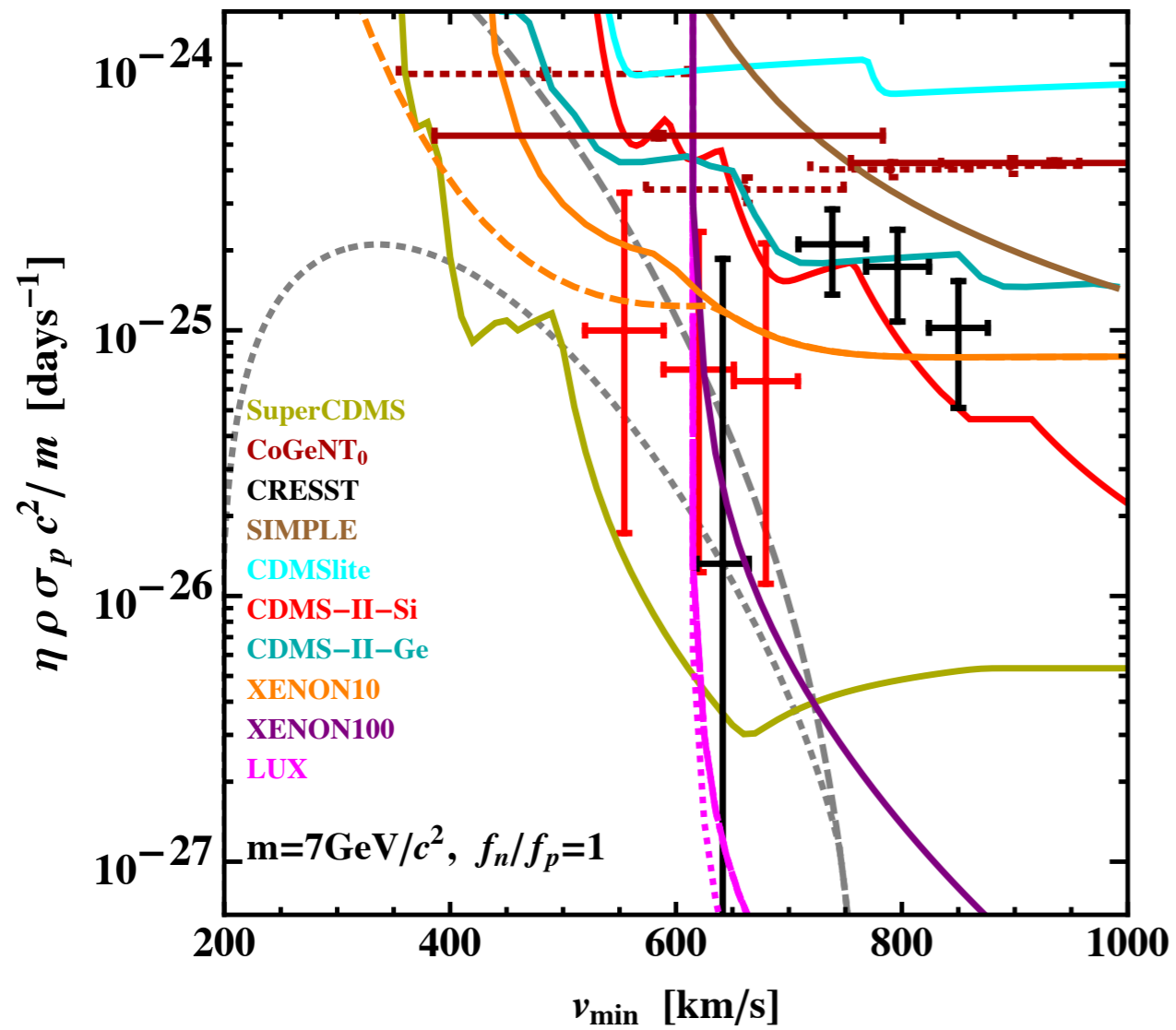
For (conservative) bounds on the unmodulated rate, use

$$\tilde{\eta}_{\text{unmod}}(v_0) \geq \tilde{\eta}_0 \theta(v_0 - v)$$

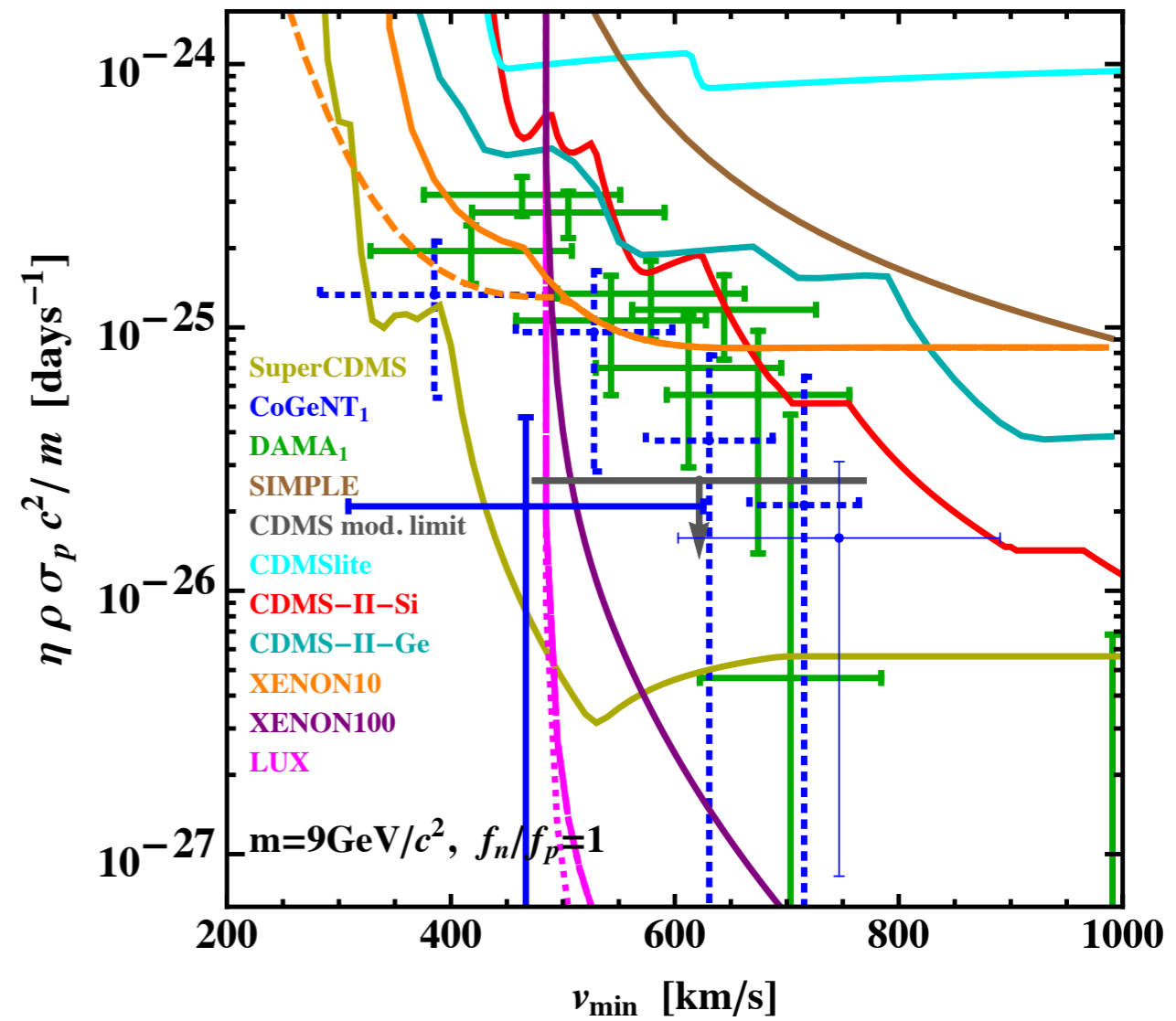
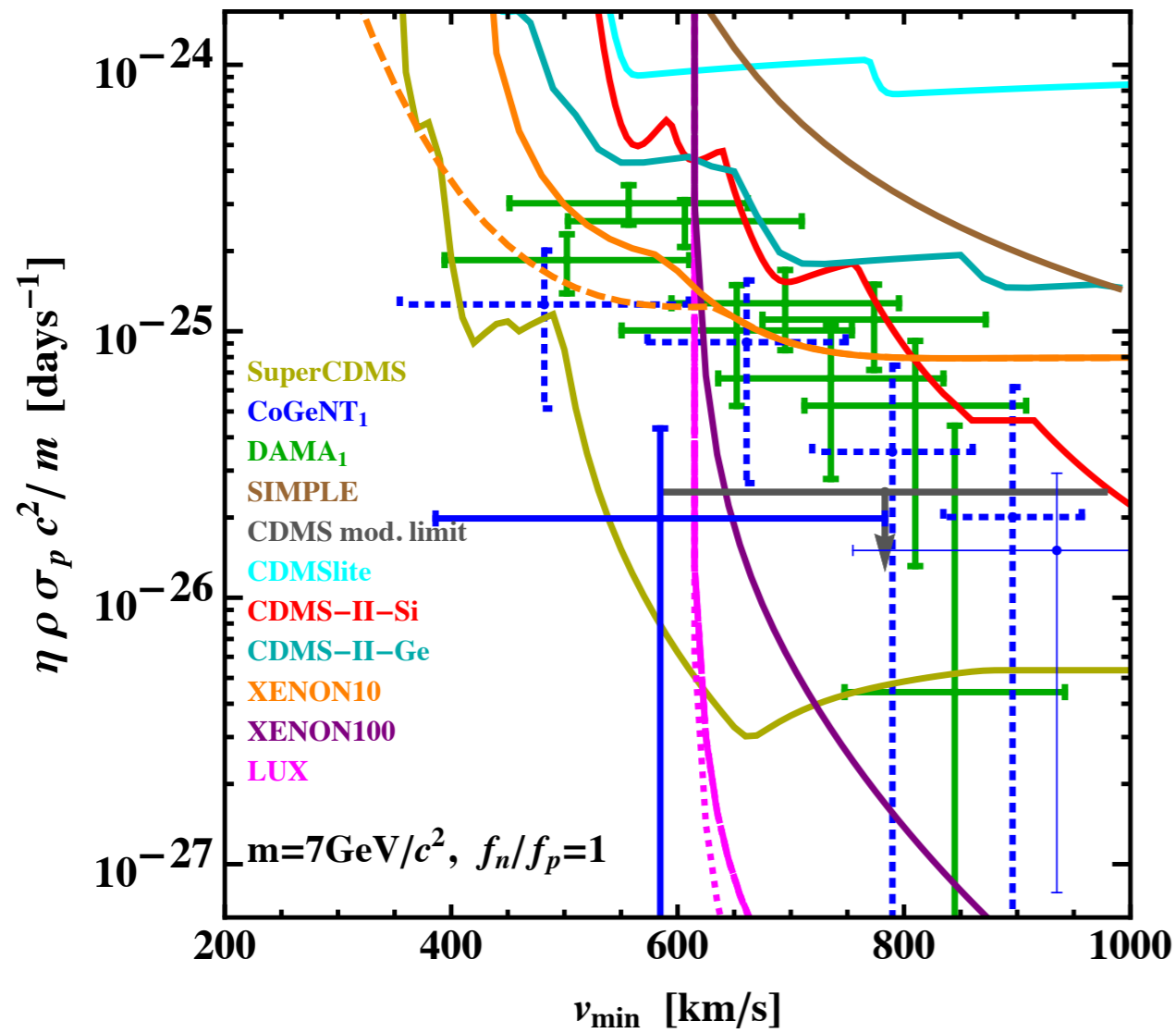
For “fits”, use

$$\overline{\tilde{\eta}_{[E'_1, E'_2]}(v_{\min})} \equiv \frac{R_{[E'_1, E'_2]}}{\int_0^\infty dv_{\min} \mathcal{R}_{[E'_1, E'_2]}(v_{\min})}$$

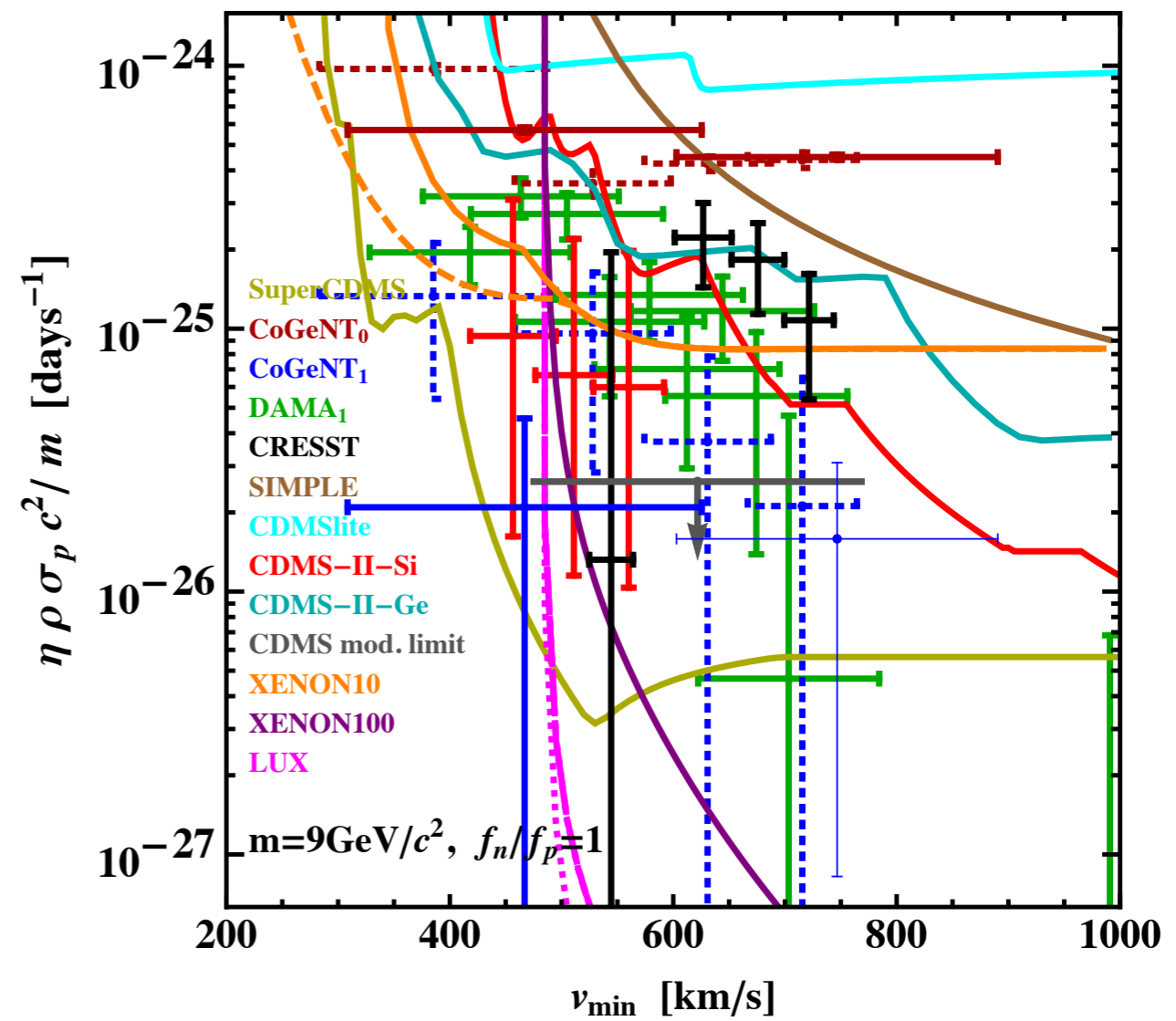
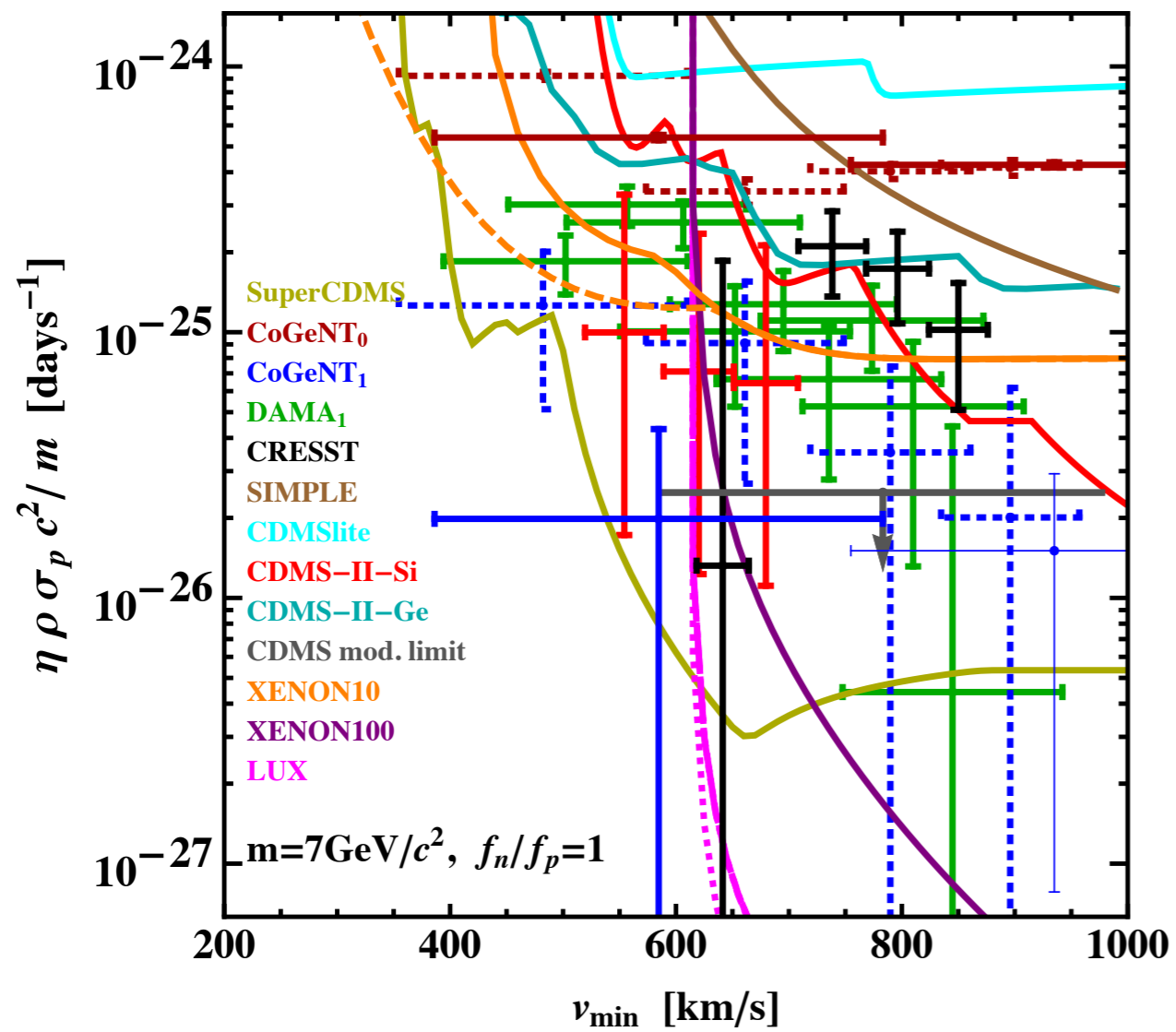
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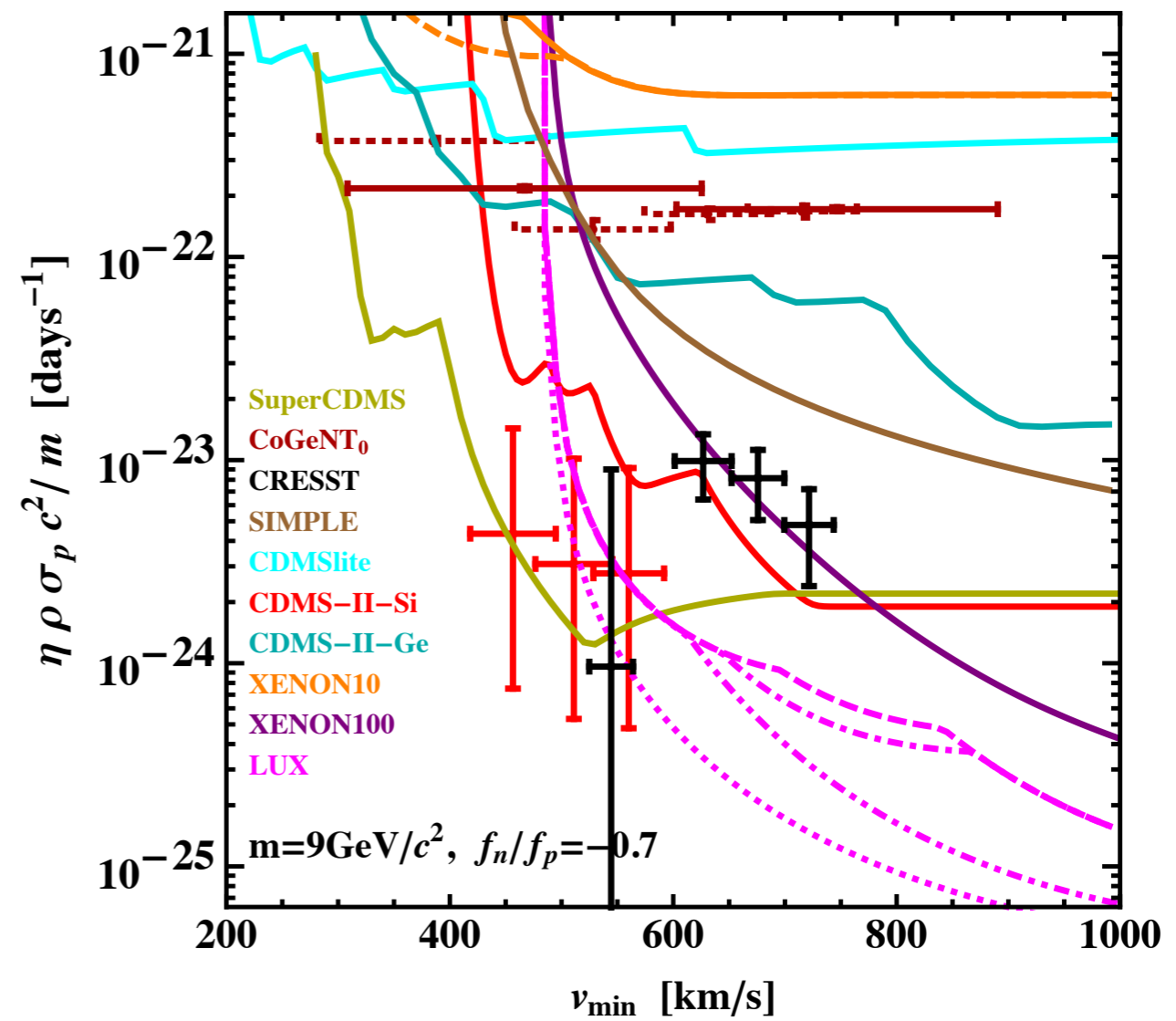
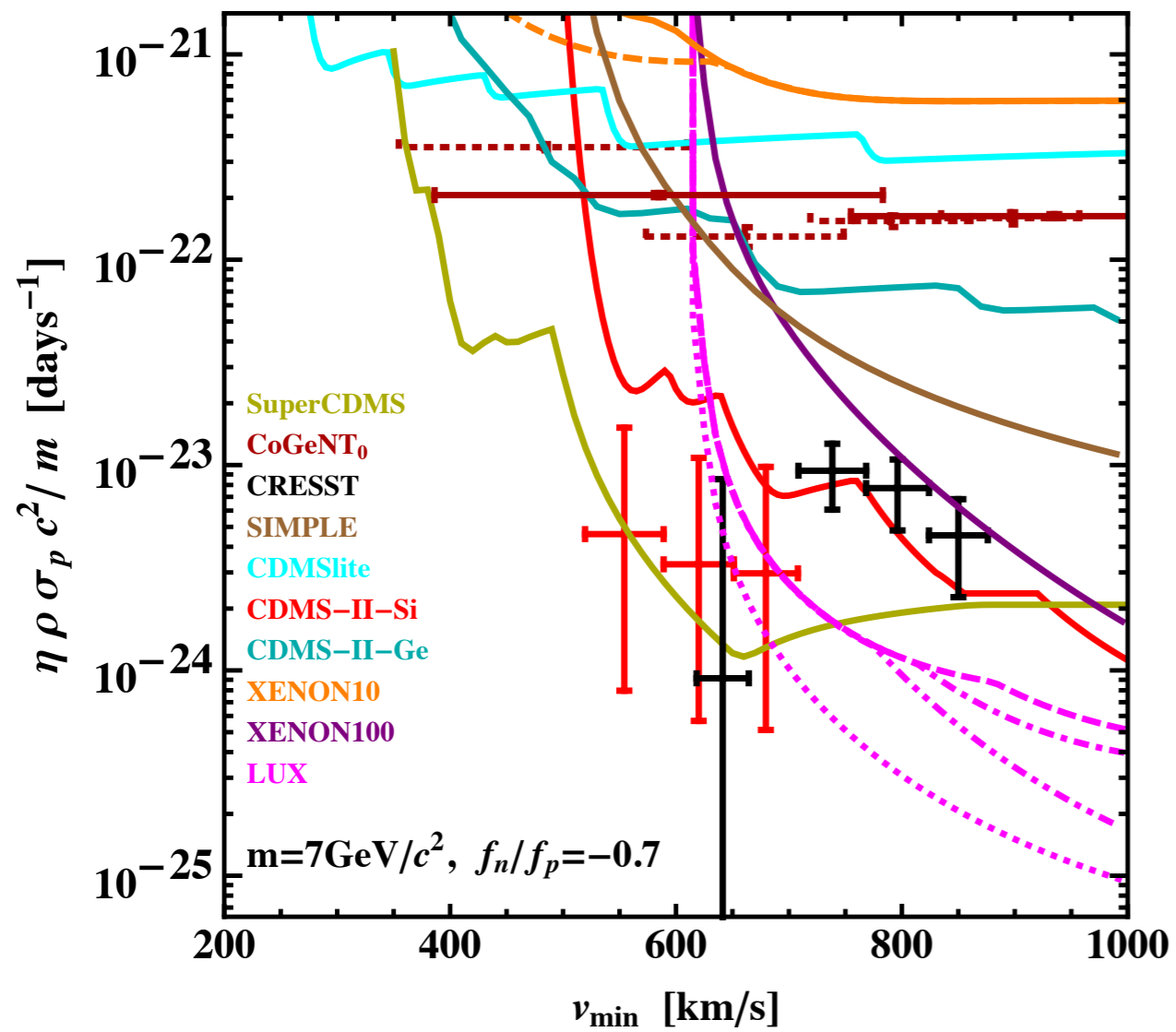
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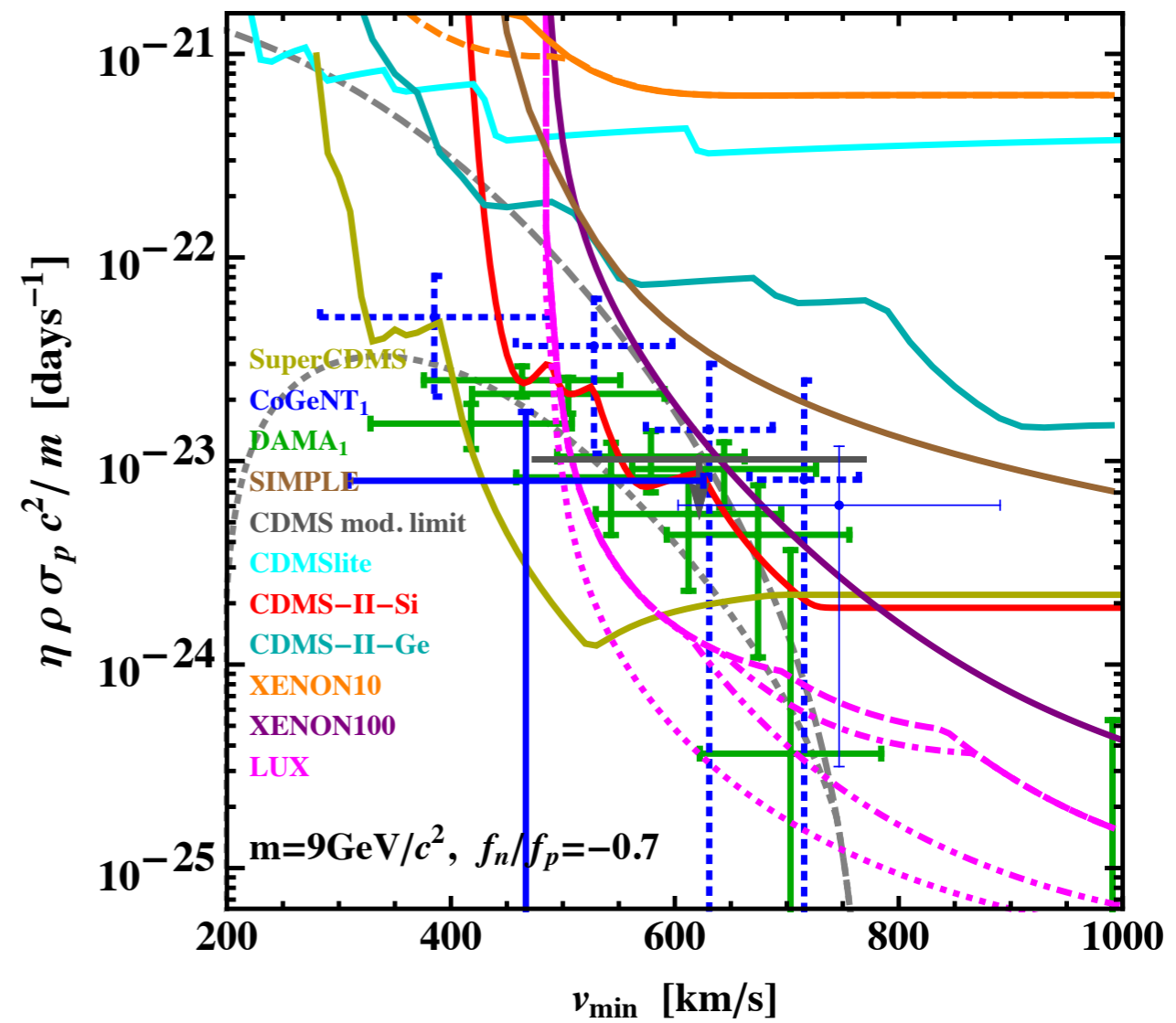
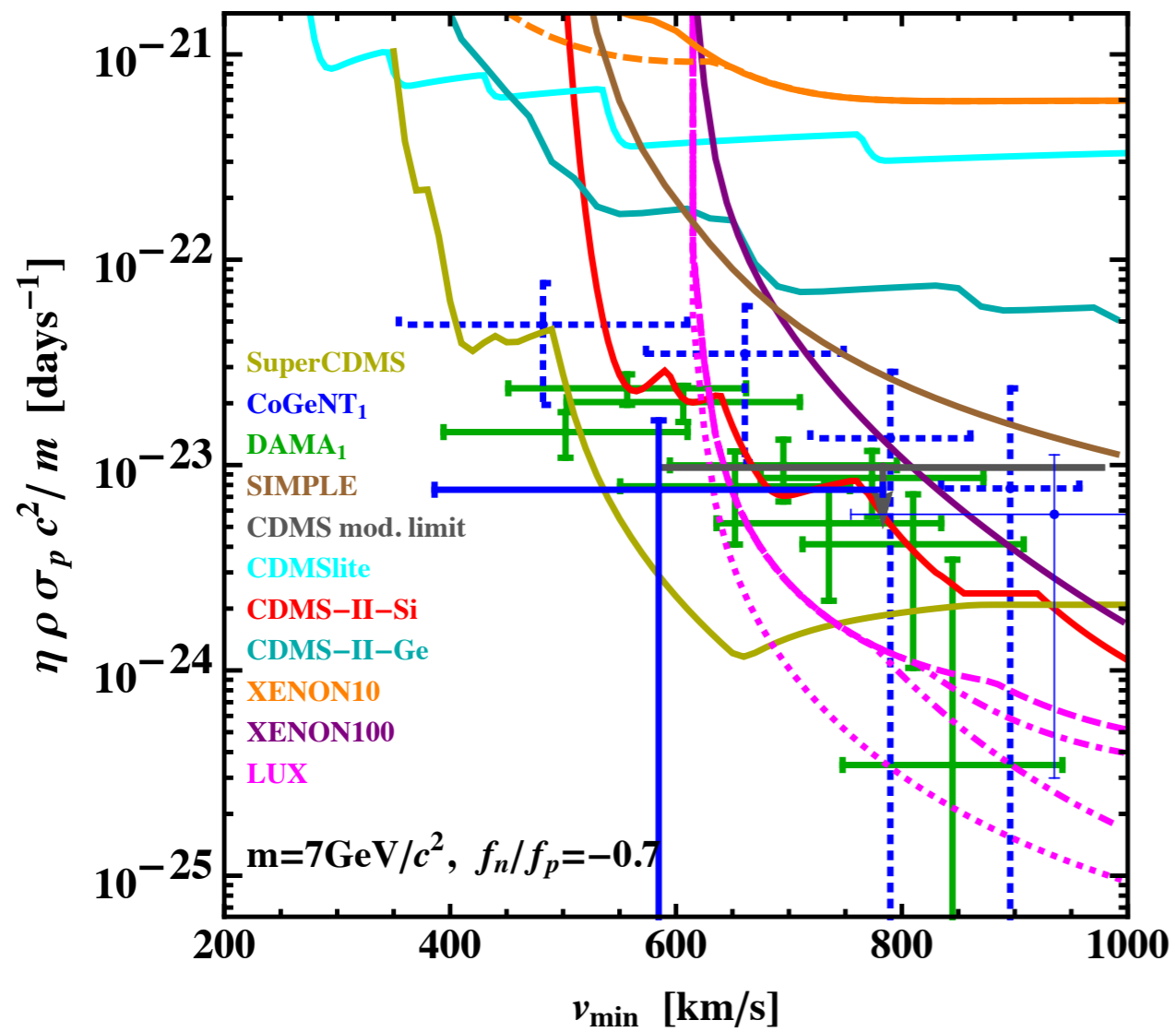
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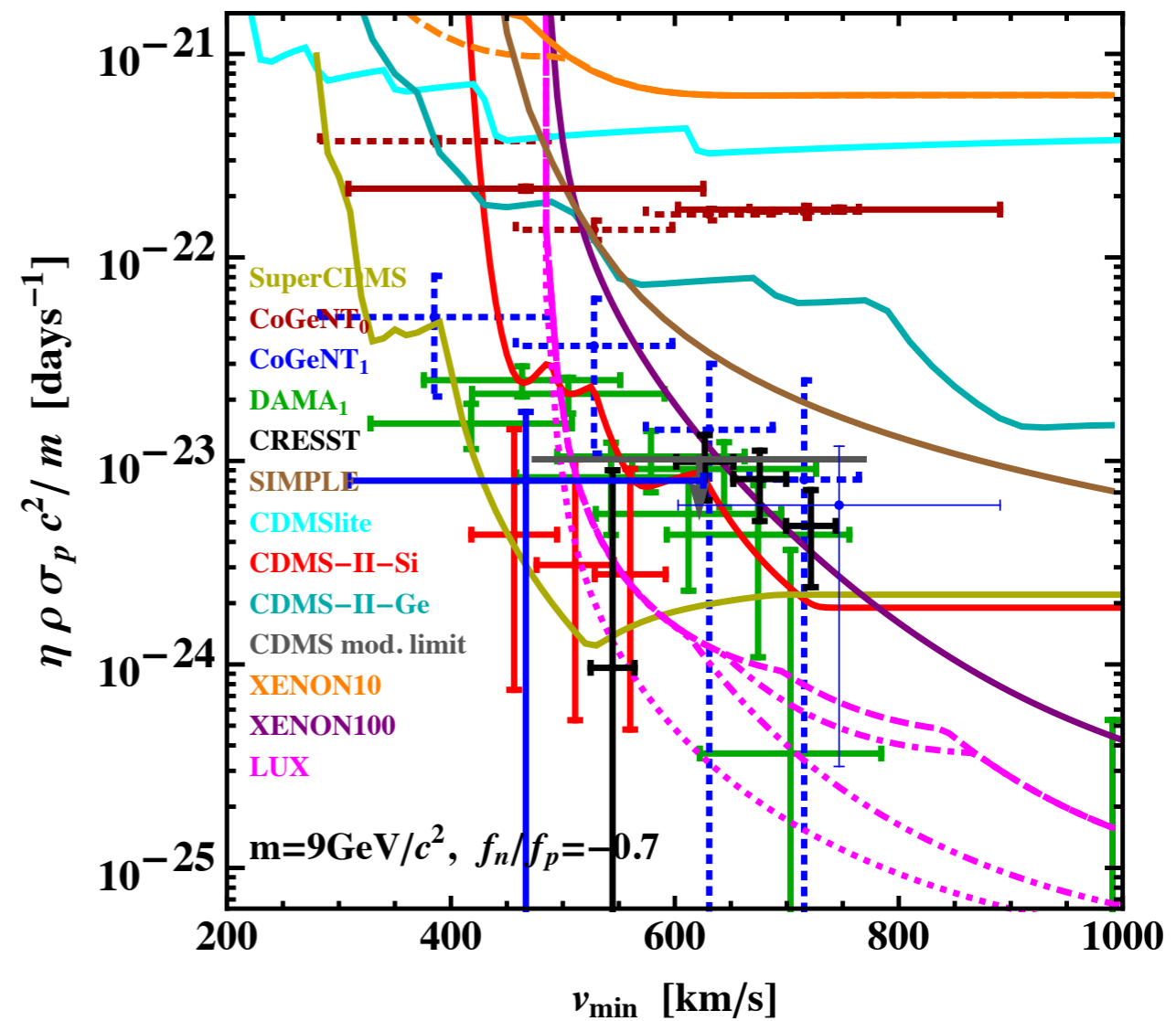
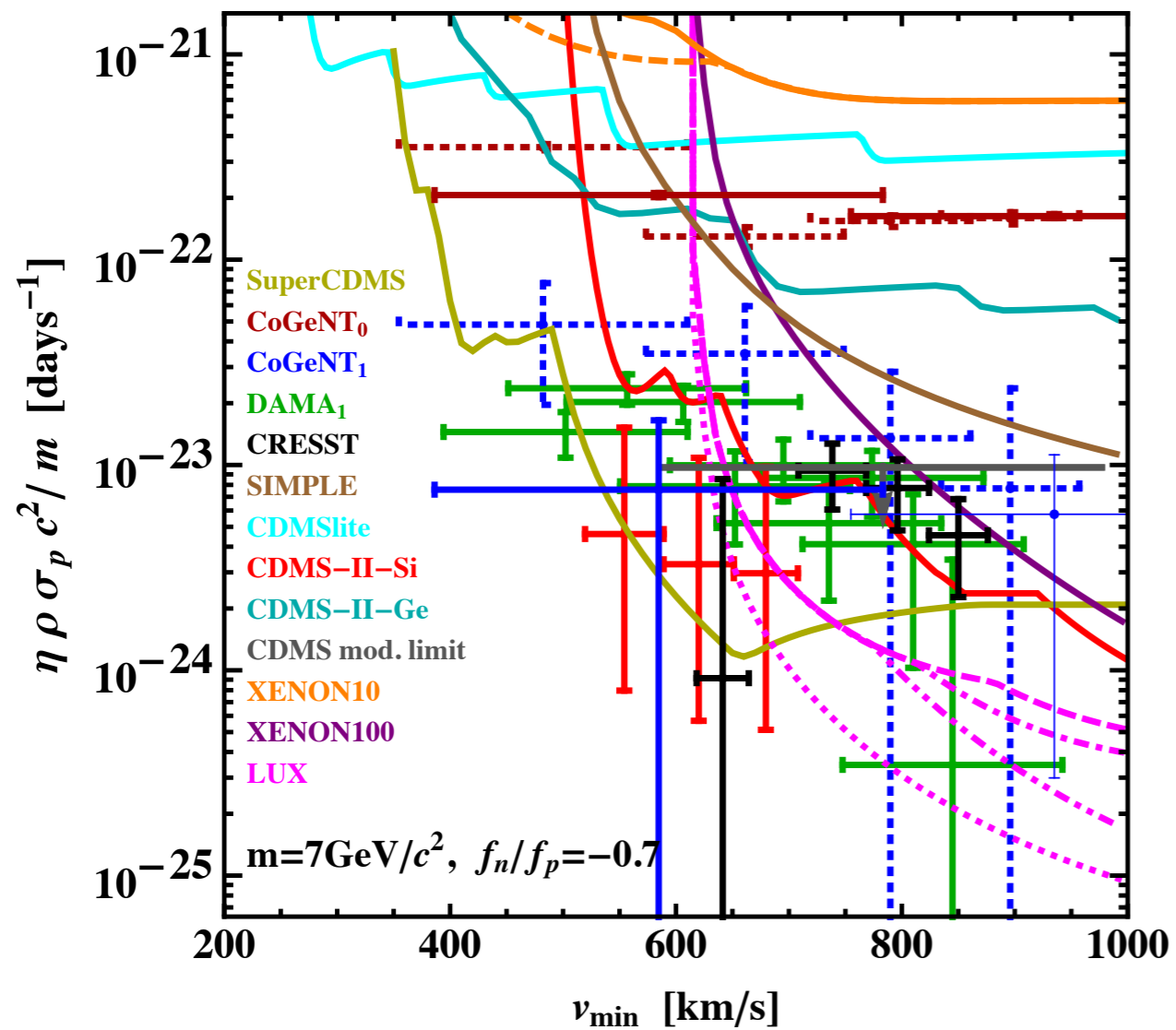
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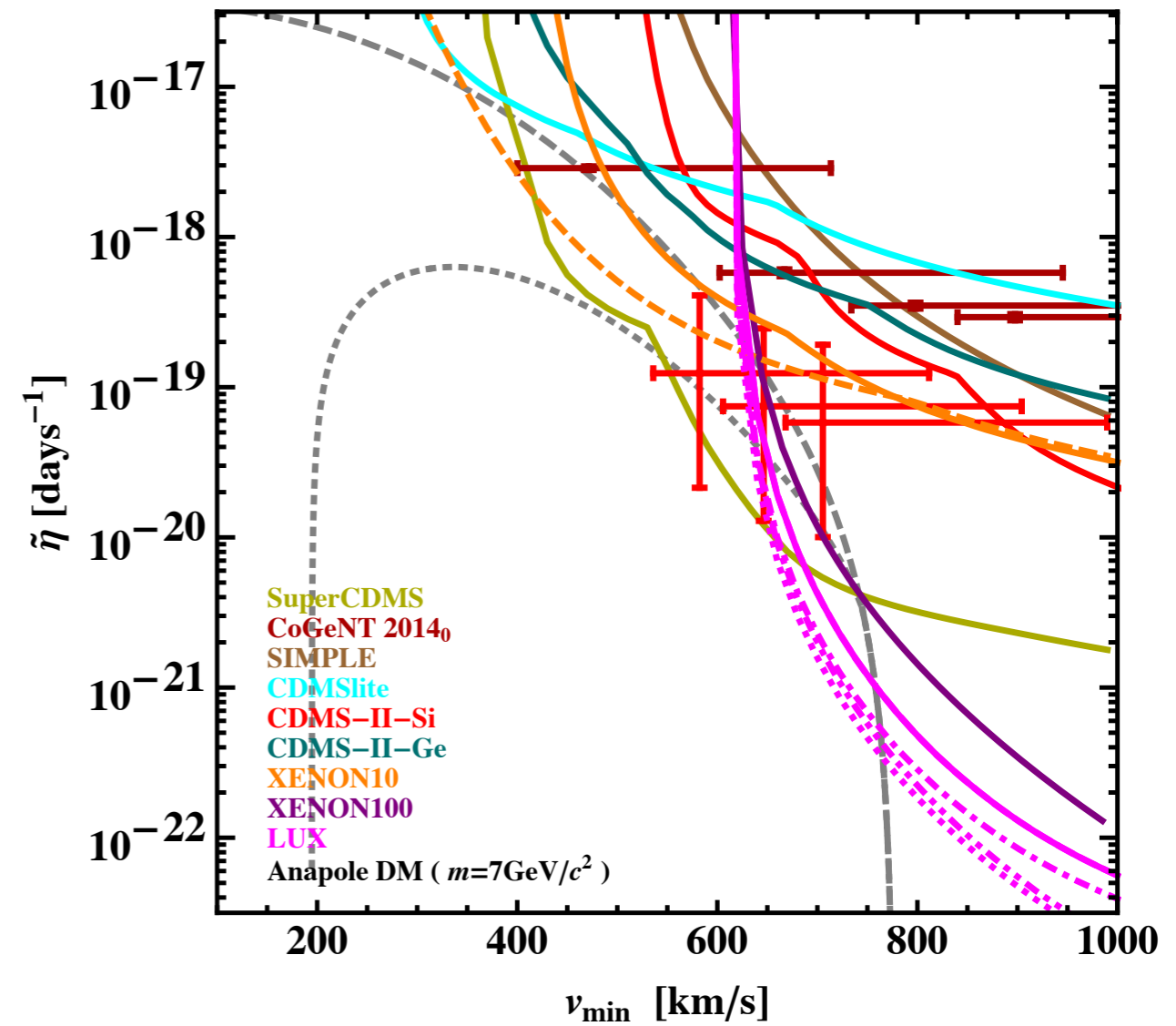
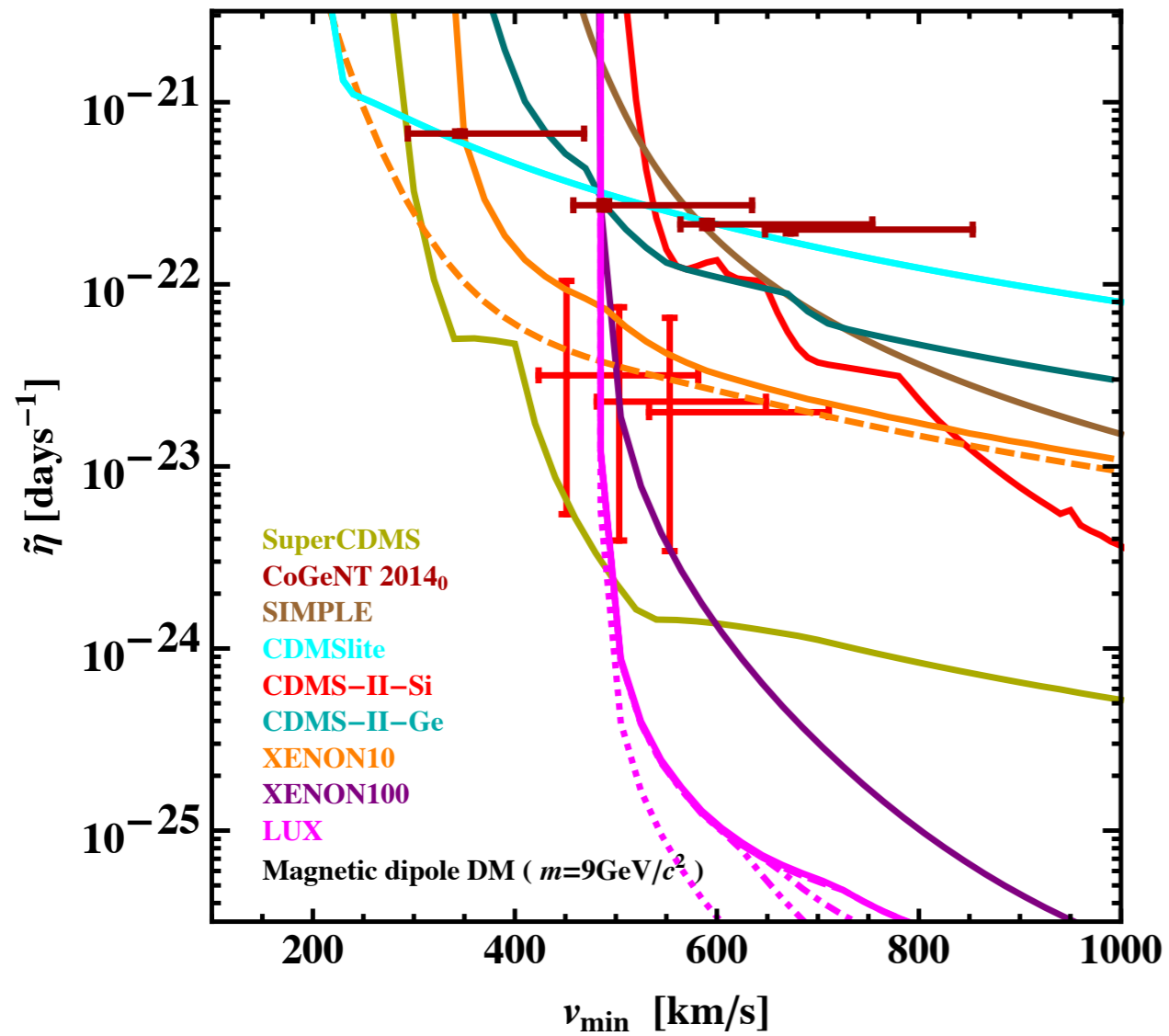
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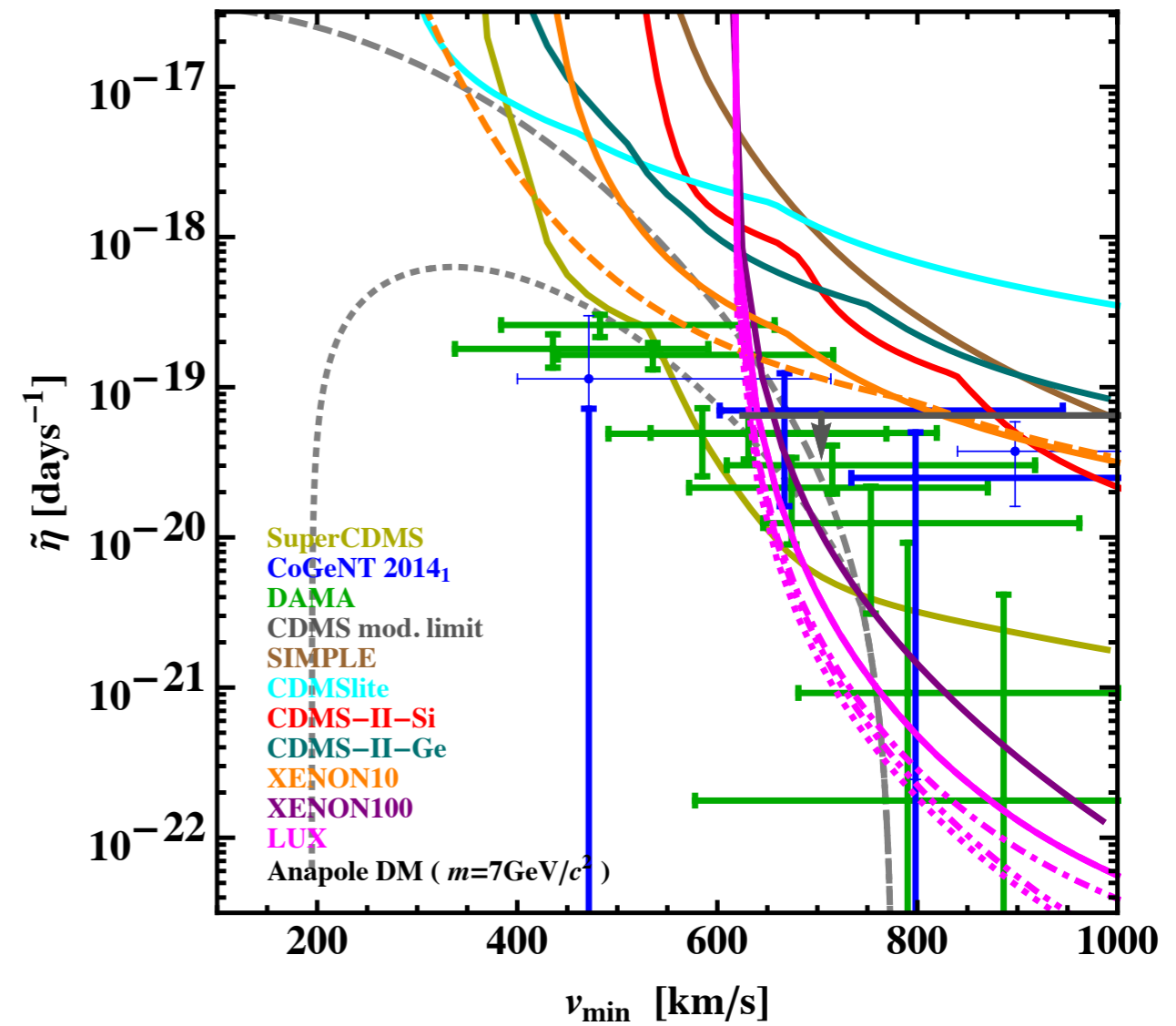
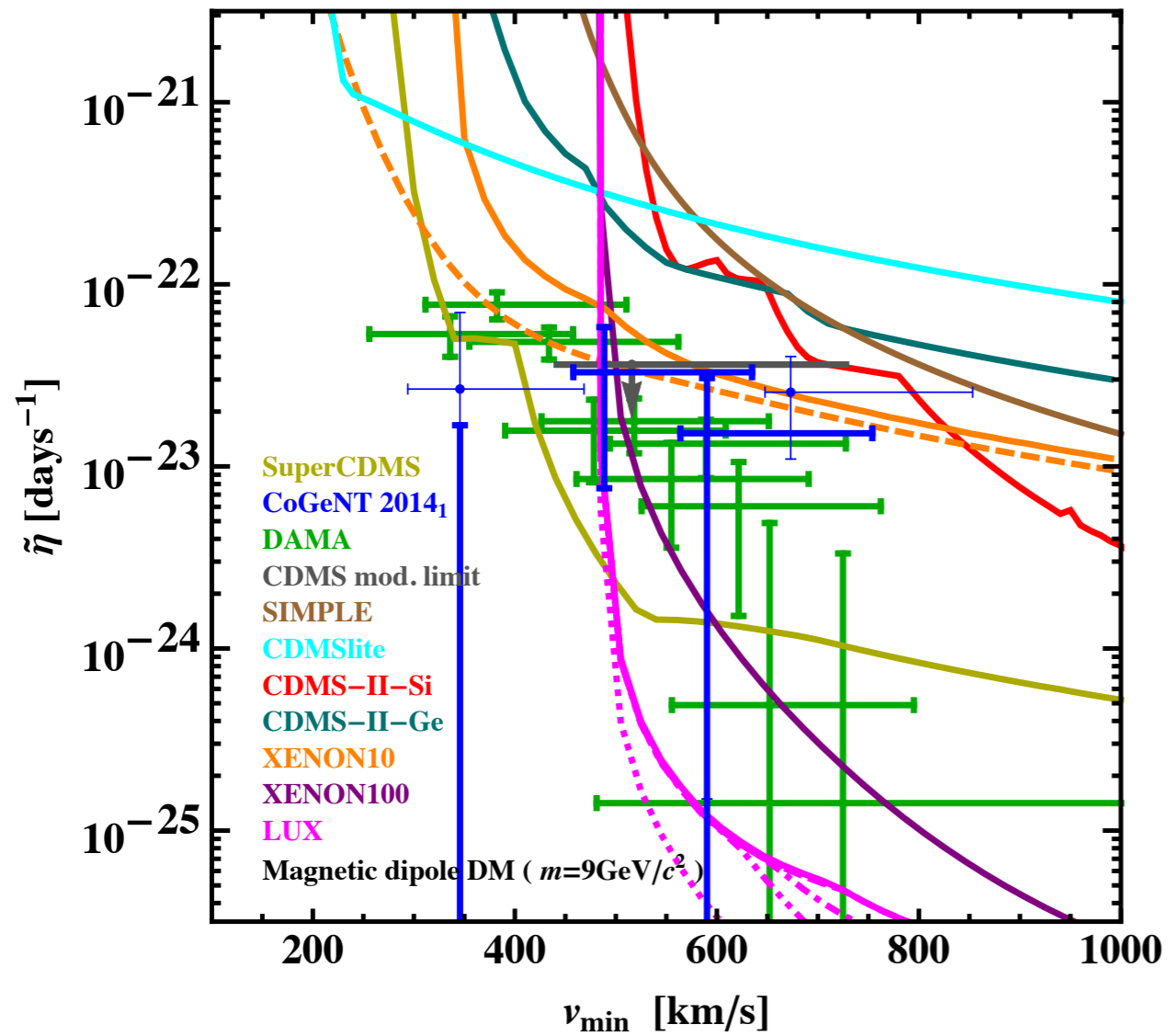
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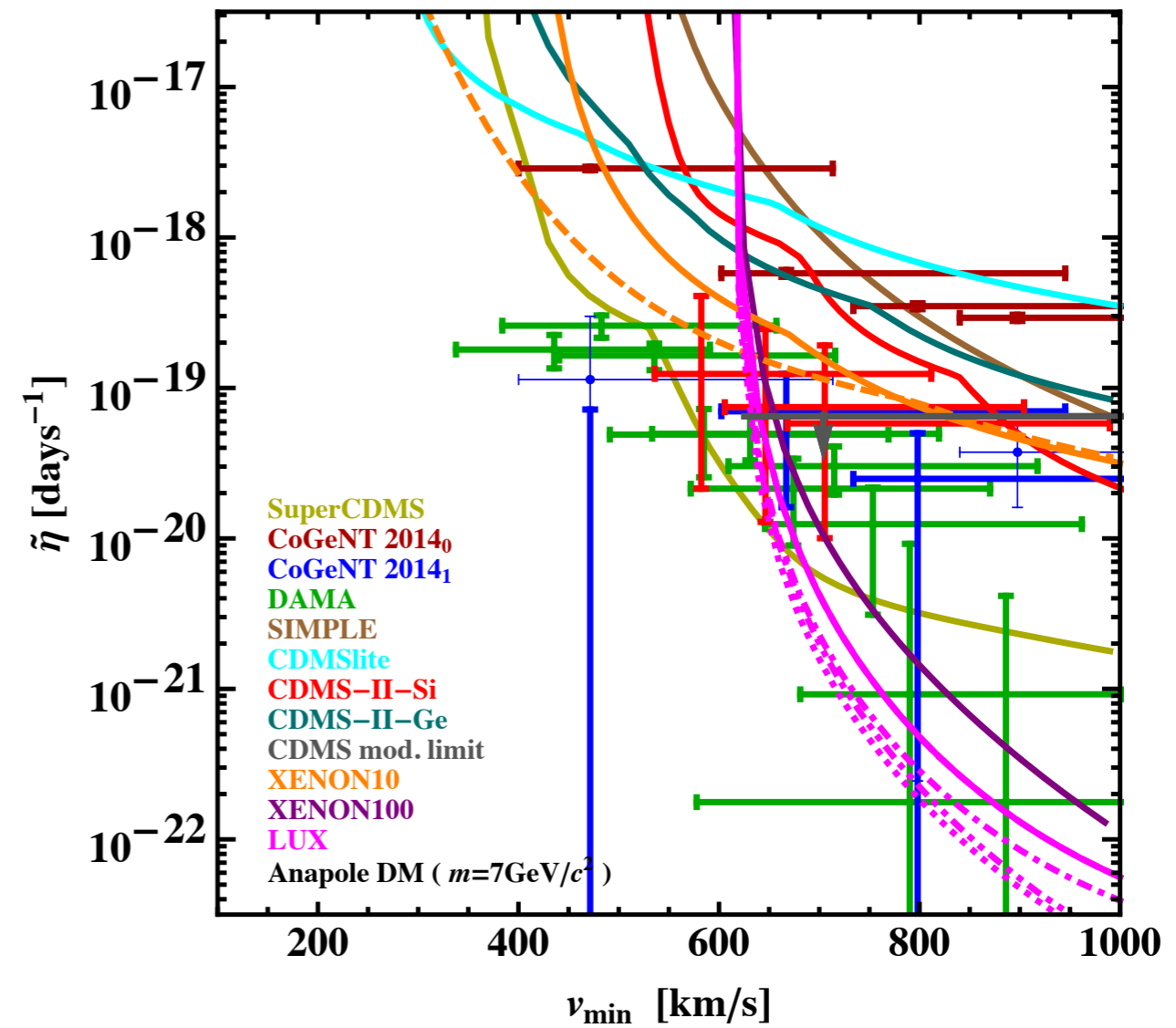
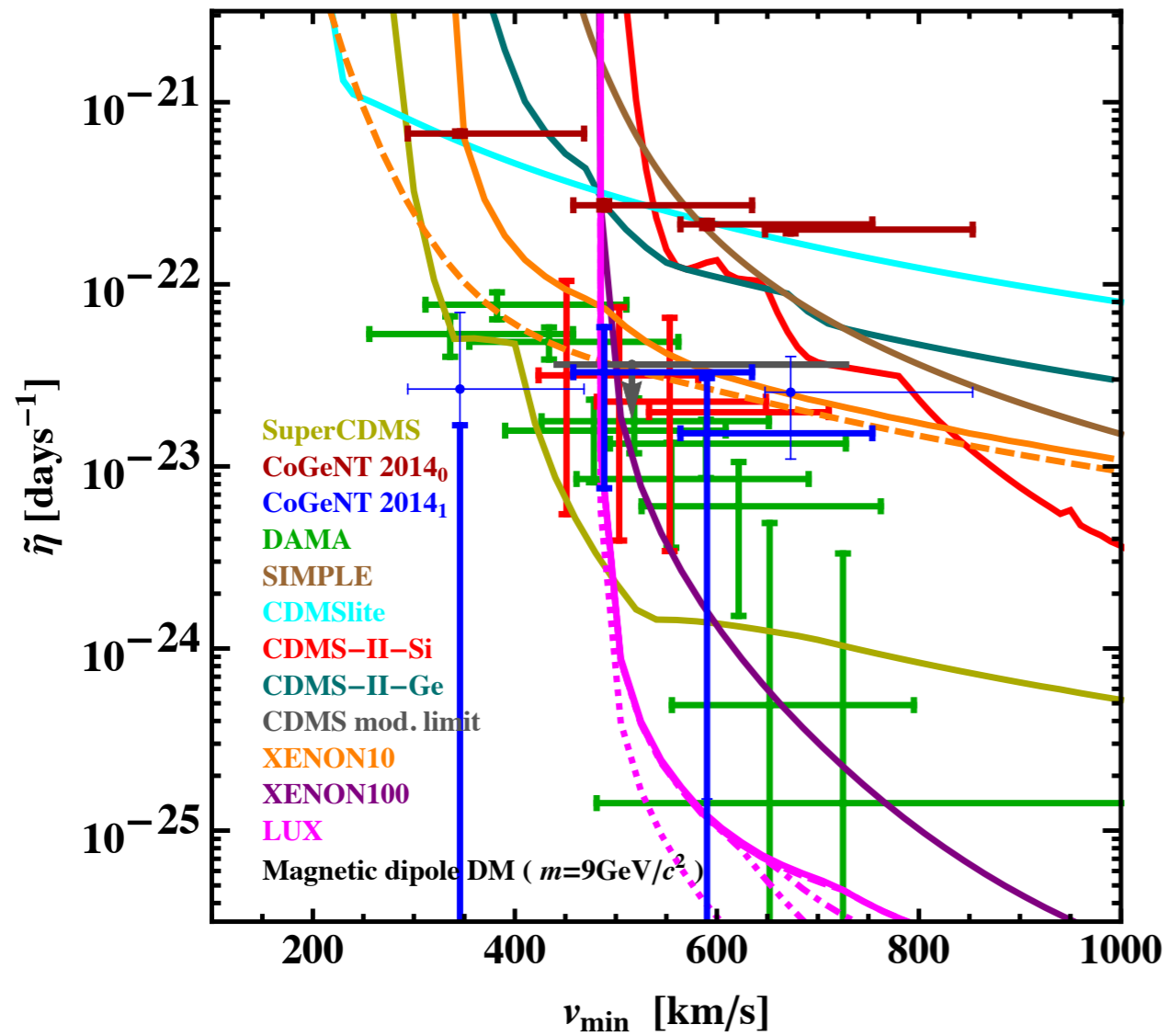
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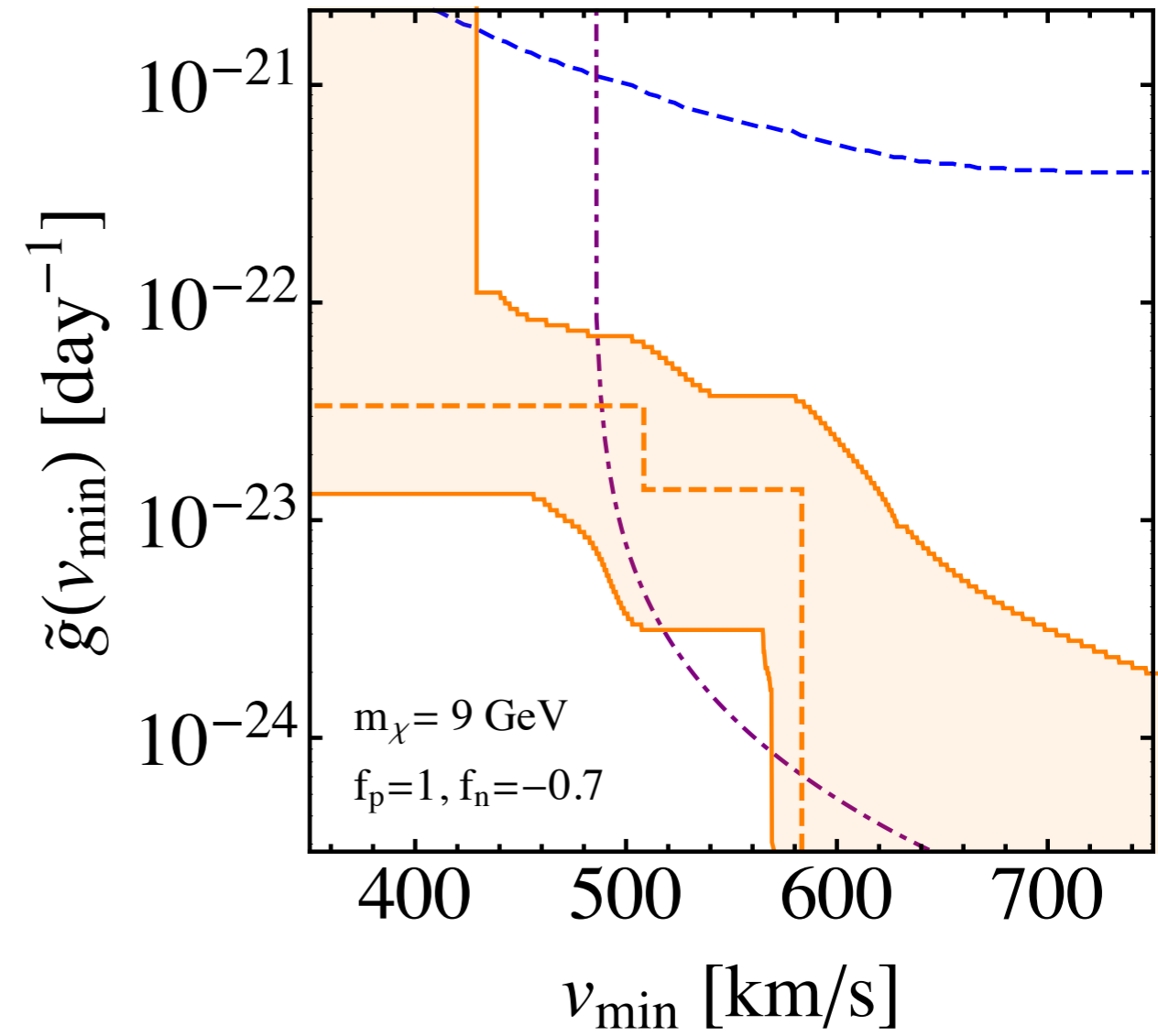
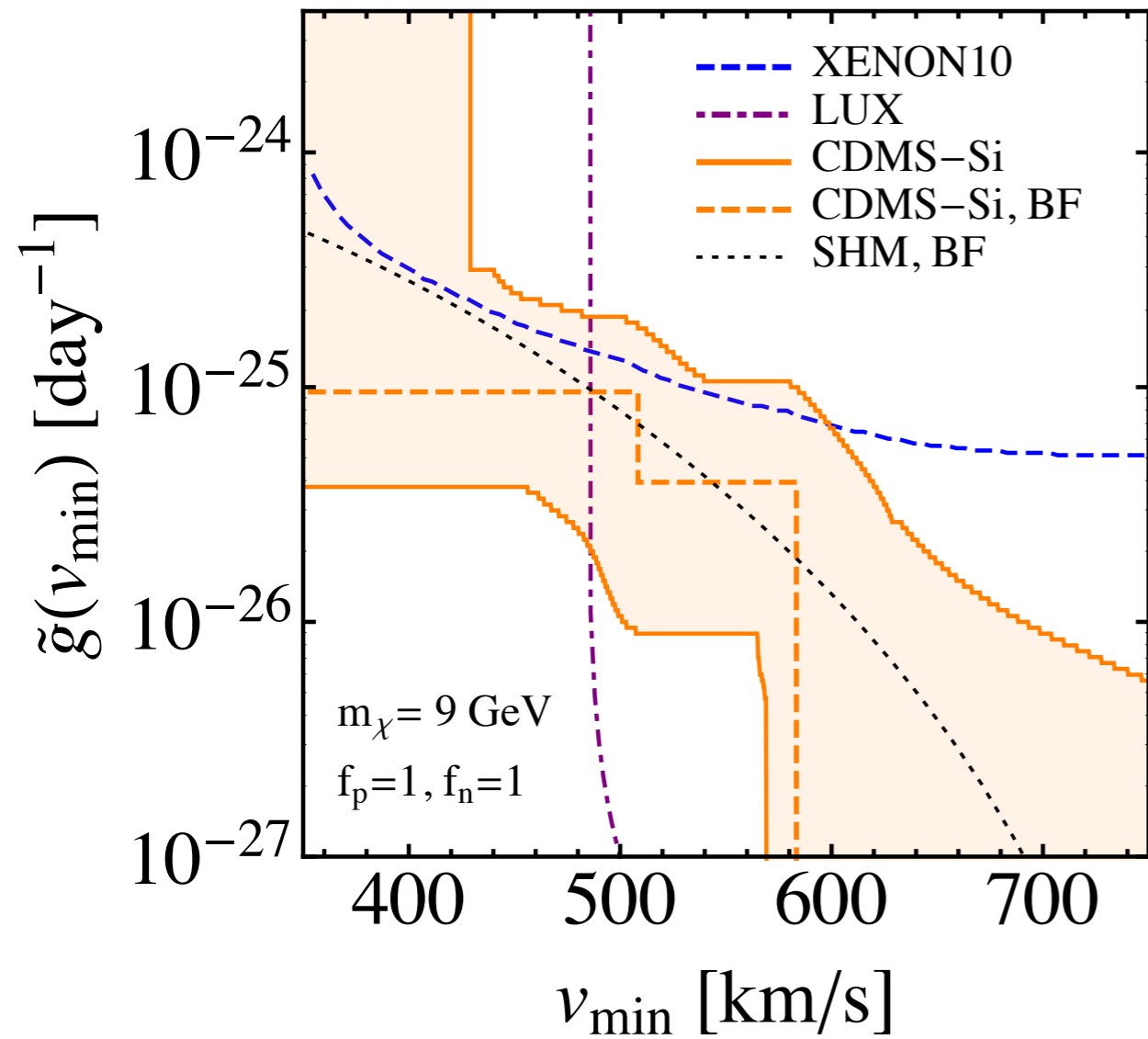
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Instead of crosses



Conclusions

- Promising framework to compare different direct detection experiments in a halo-independent way
- Allows to “compare spectra” of different experiments
- Allows to \sim fit the DM velocity distribution
- Quite solid in making (conservative) bounds
- So far it looks like astrophysical uncertainties alone cannot accommodate the discrepancies between different experiments

Drawbacks

(= hopefully future improvements)

- Non straightforward interpretation of the “crosses”
- Crosses lack a precise statistical meaning
- Difficult mapping of the rate onto v_{\min} -space for experiments with different nuclei, as DAMA (Na-I) and CRESST (Ca-W-O)
- No information on how compatible unmodulated and modulated signals are