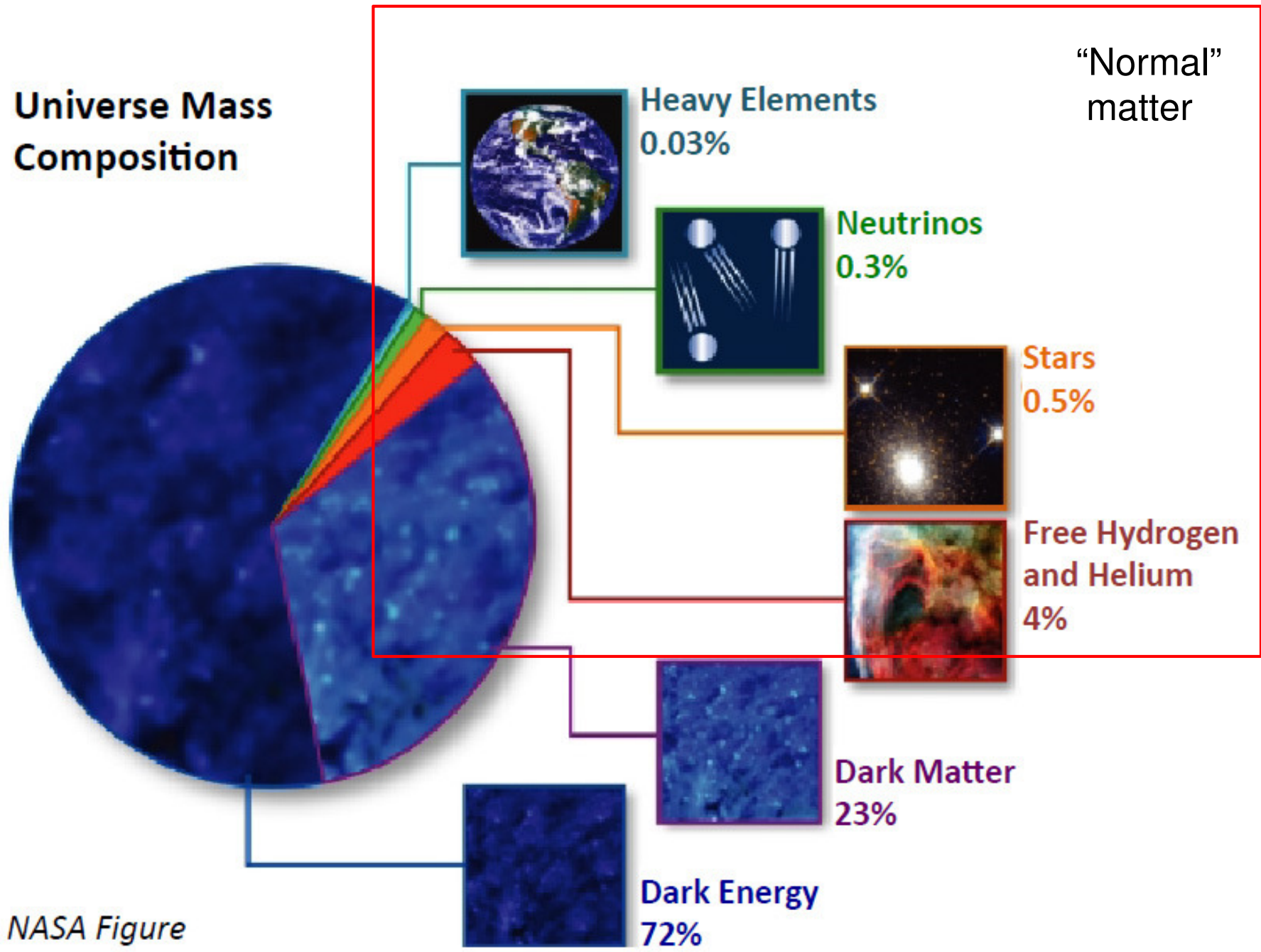


## **Part 2**

Dark matter: what is it?

Overview of searches for dark matter

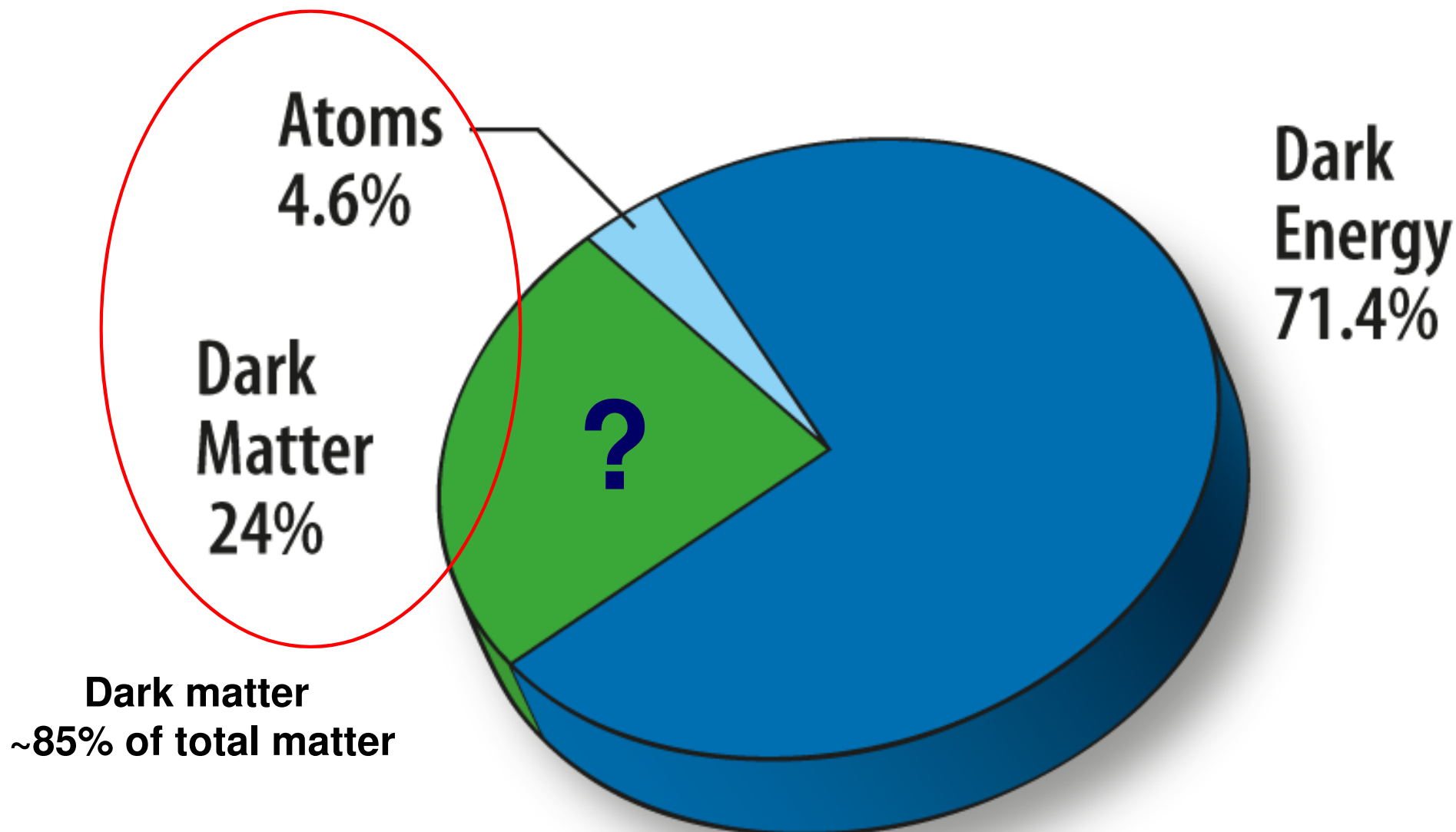
# Universe Mass Composition



NASA Figure

# Summary of dark matter evidence: 85% of matter in the universe is of unknown nature

Normal matter: ~15% of total matter



We know it is out there but we do not know what it is.

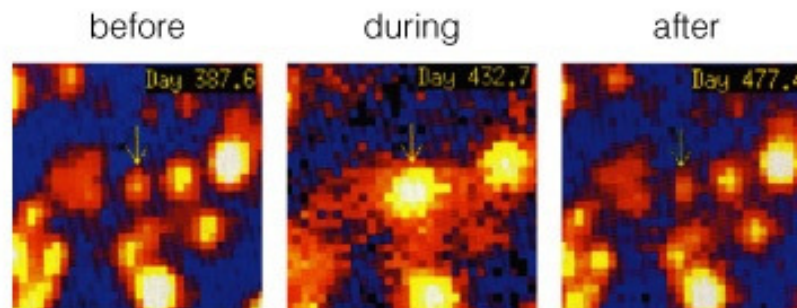
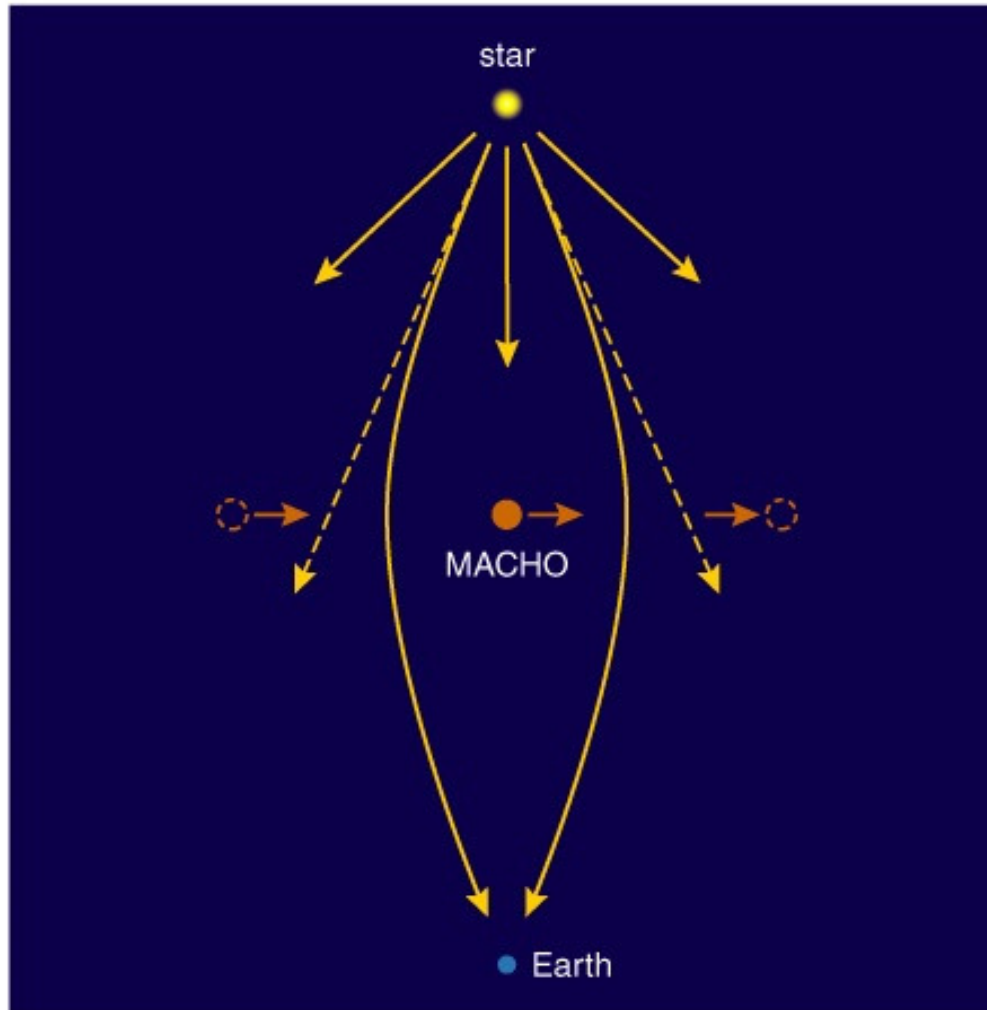
# What dark matter is not: MACHOS hypothesis have been ruled out

MACHOS: **M**Assive **C**ompact **H**alo **O**bjects:

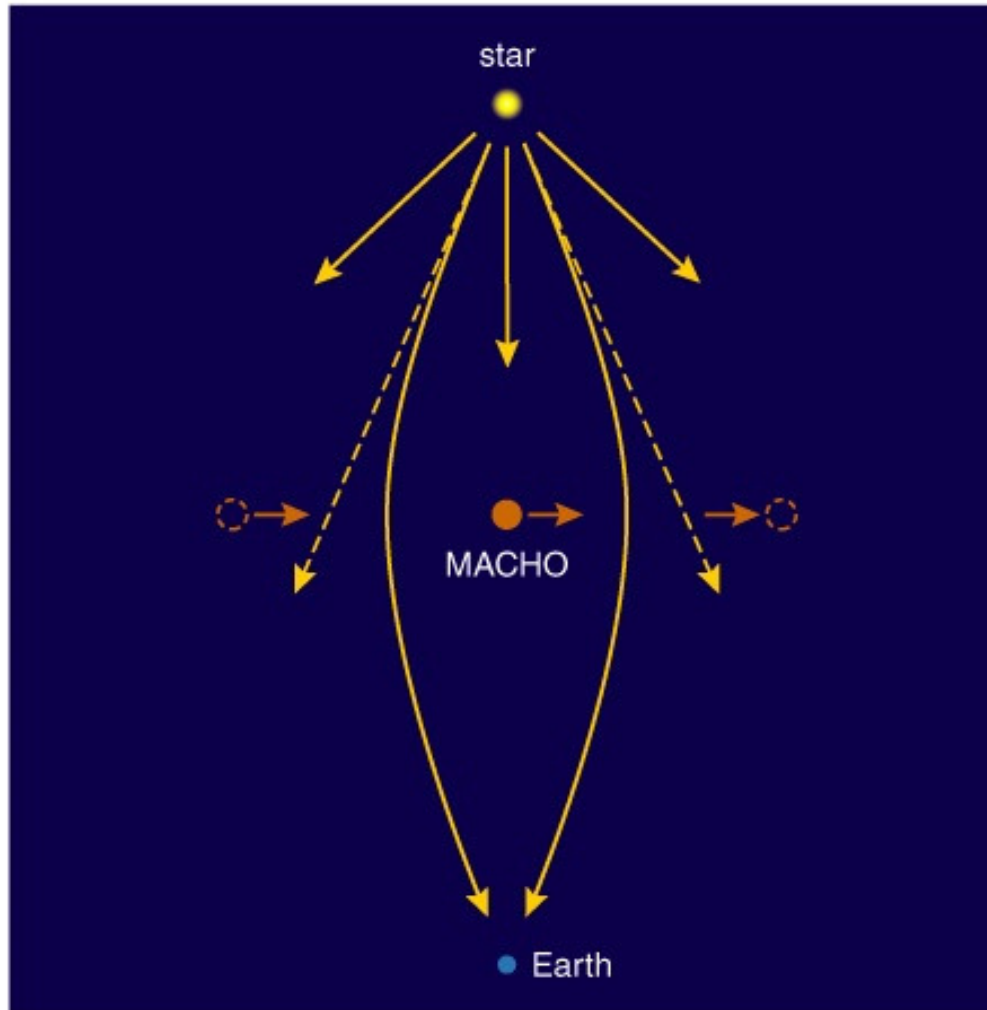
dim stars (white dwarfs, brown dwarfs, neutron stars), black holes, and Jupiter-sized planets,



# Searching for MACHOS with gravitational microlensing



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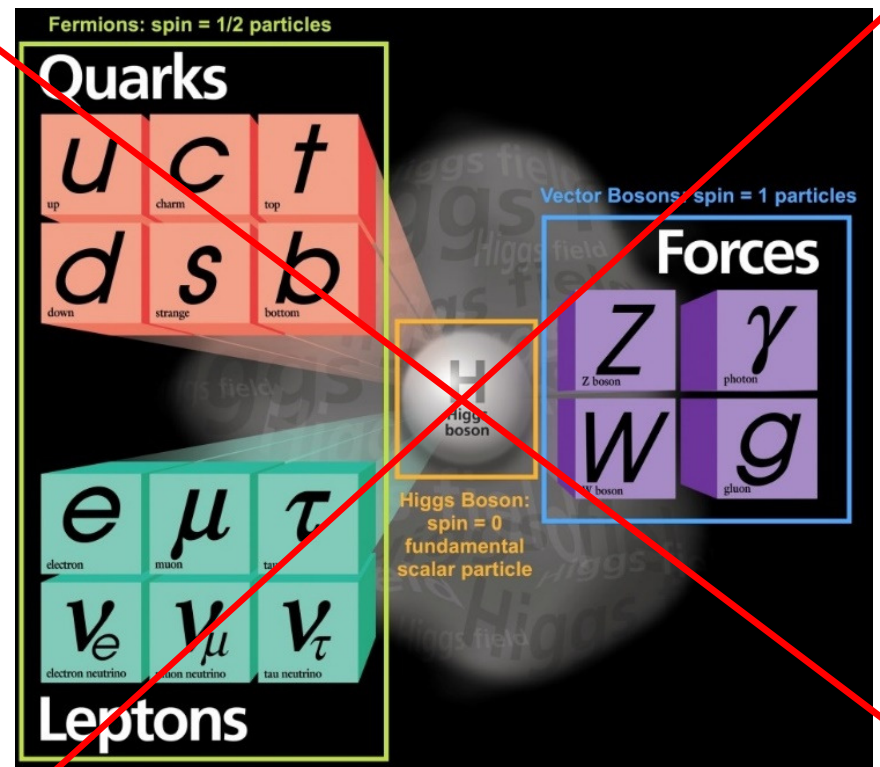


**Results: not enough MACHOS  
to make dark matter**

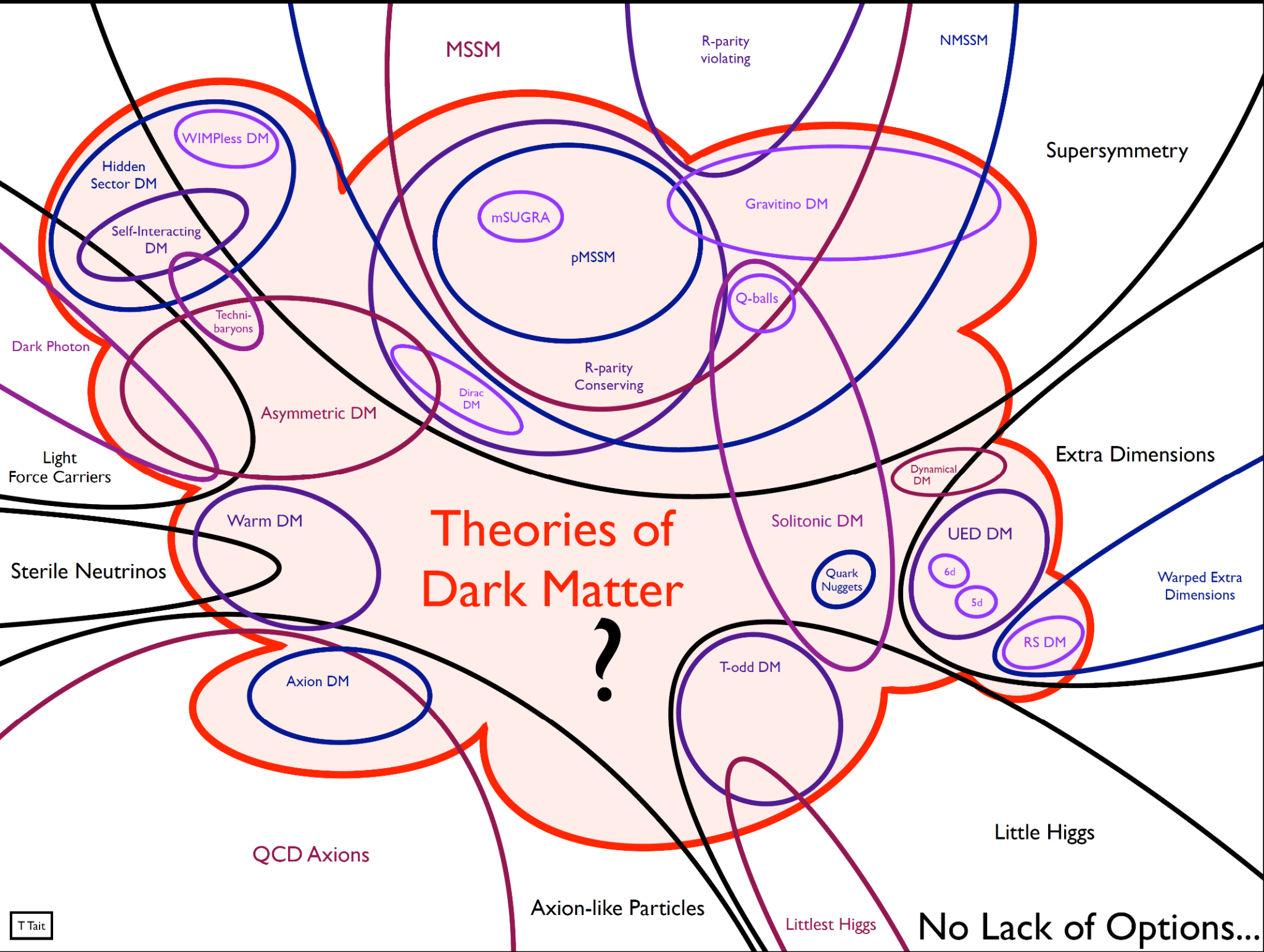
# What do we know about dark matter?

Mostly have “negative” information from astrophysics and searches for new particles:

- No electric charge
- No colour charge (property of quarks and gluons that is related to the particles' strong interactions)
- No strong self-interaction
- Does not seem to decay: stable, or very long-lived
- *Not a particle in the Standard Model of particle physics*



# Theories of Dark Matter





# Approaching dark matter theories

## **Top down:**

Begin with theory motivation (hierarchy problem, strong CP problem.)  
develop model (SUSY [supersymmetry], axion) look for stable, neutral  
particle (LSP [light supersymmetric particle], axion)

## **Bottom up:**

Motivated often by specific experimental anomalies, theories  
constructed. Implications for other experiments (and often SUSY)

**Phenomenological:** Motivated by considering whether a viable and  
detectable model could exist of a certain type.

## Our most **conservative idea** for dark matter:

**Some exotic particle that we have not yet detected**  
**[note: it does not have to be just one particle]**

Two most important parameters of such particles

### **(1) Mass**

Measured in electron volts divided by  $c^2$ : [ $1\text{eV}/c^2 = 1.782662 \times 10^{-36}\text{ kg}$ ]

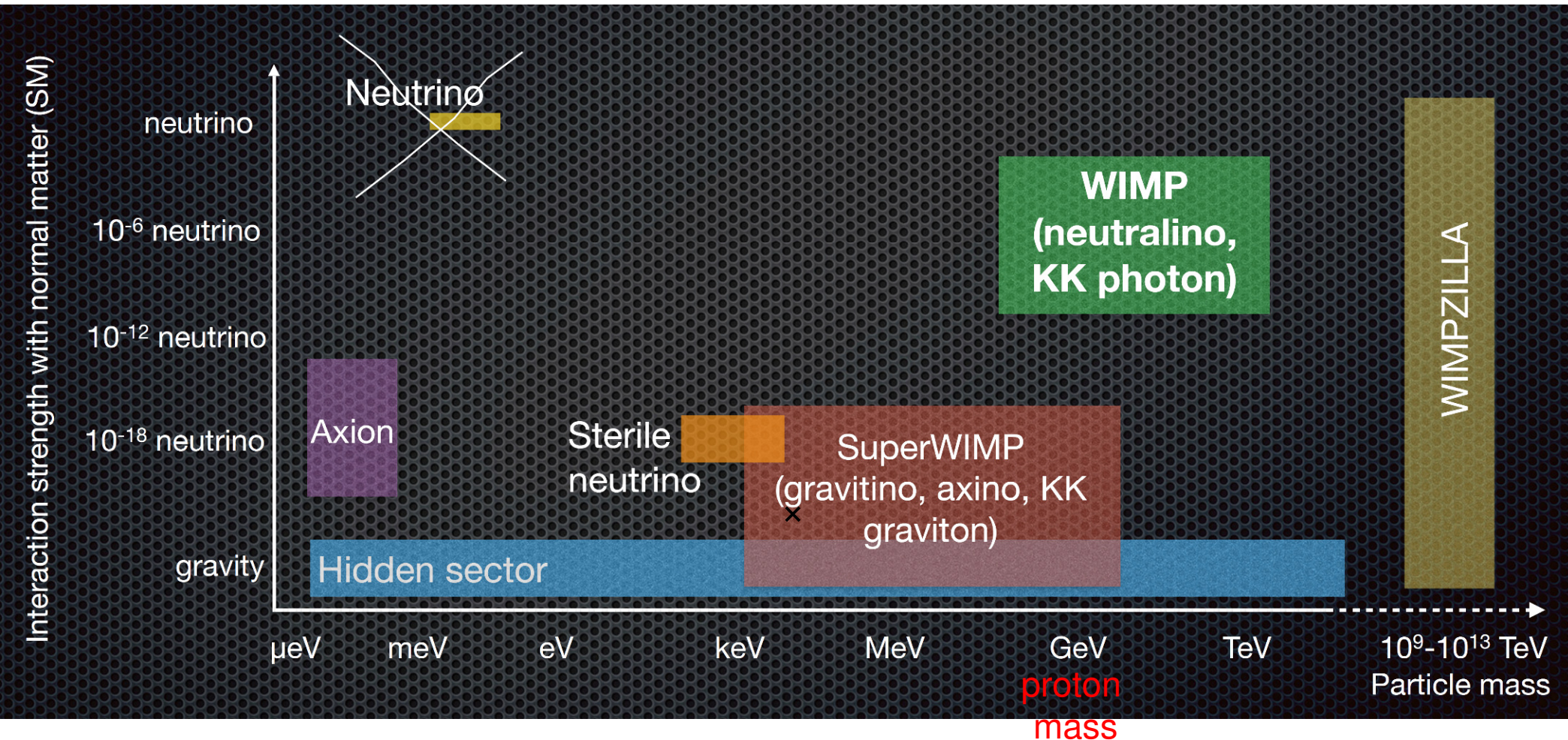
remember energy vs. mass  $E = mc^2$ , note that  $c^2$  is usually omitted

Examples: mass of proton is  $1.67 \times 10^{-27}\text{ kg} = 938 \times 10^6\text{eV} = 938\text{ MeV} \sim 1\text{GeV}$

mass of electron is  $0.511\text{ MeV}$

### **(2) Strength of interaction with normal matter**

# Dark matter candidate particle zoo



**WIMP: Weakly Interacting Massive Particle**

**SuperWIMPS:** superweakly-interacting massive particles produced in the late decays of other particles

**Axion, Peccei–Quinn symmetry**

**Kaluza-Klein (KK) photon and graviton** are from universal extra dimension models

**Neutralino and gravitino are particles of supersymmetric models**

**WIMPZILLA** (nonthermal dark matter)

# THE ZOOLOGY OF DARK MATTER


Three basic categories of dark matter:

Reasonable

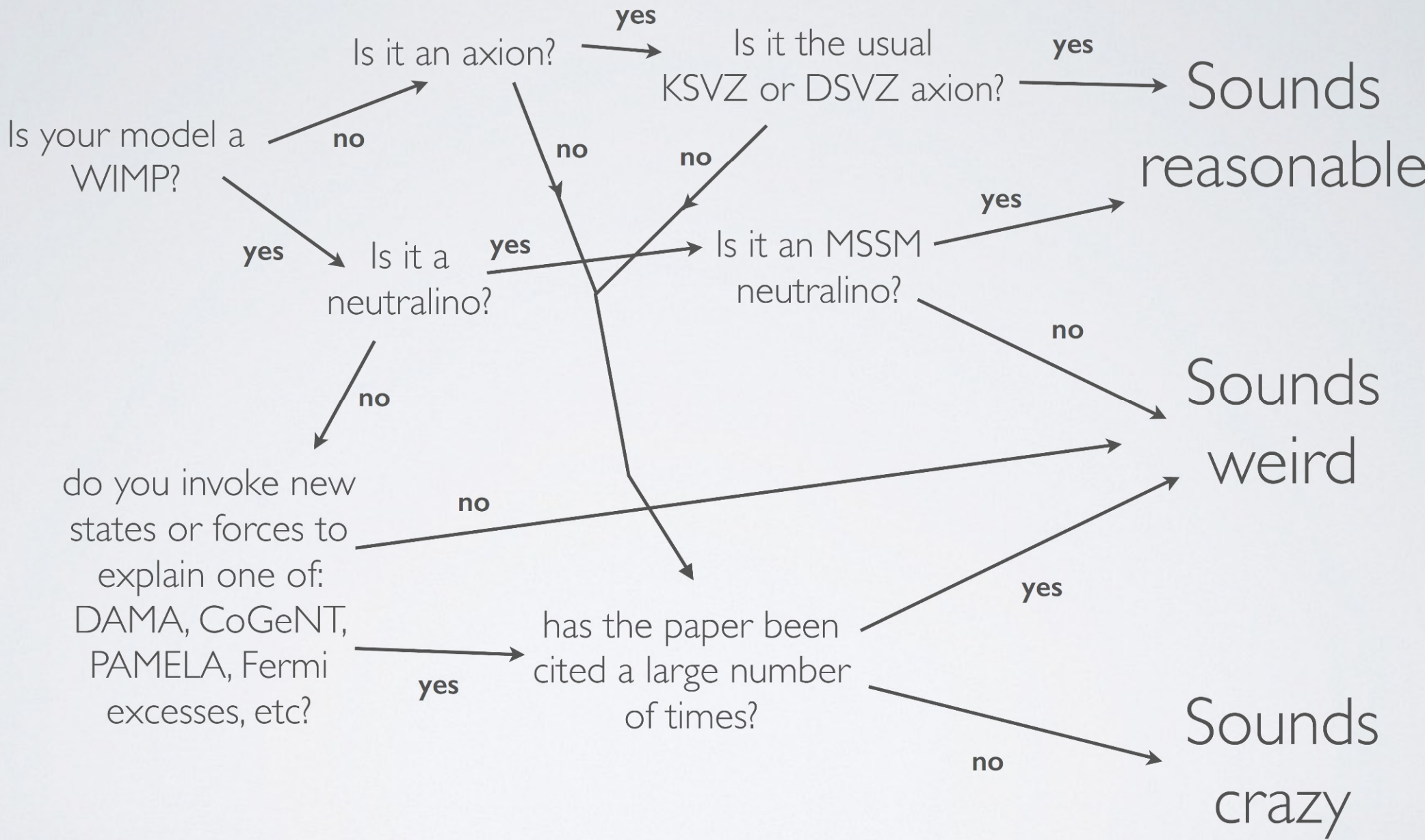
Weird

Crazy

sometimes also  
called “normal”



(also “obviously wrong”)



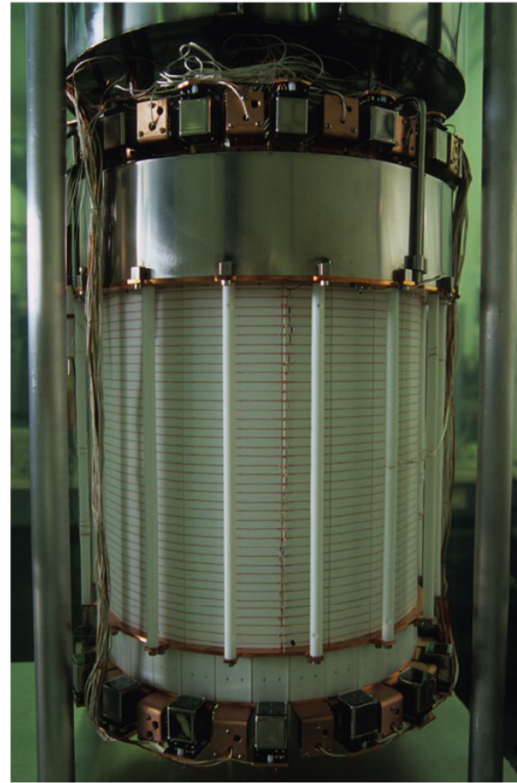
# How to search for dark matter particles

- Indirect detection

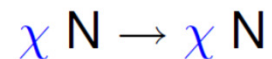


Search for things dark matter can decay to  
 $\chi\chi \rightarrow e^+e^-, p\bar{p}$

- Direct detection



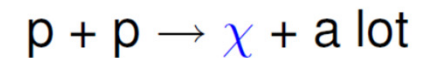
Build a trap for dark matter



- Production at LHC

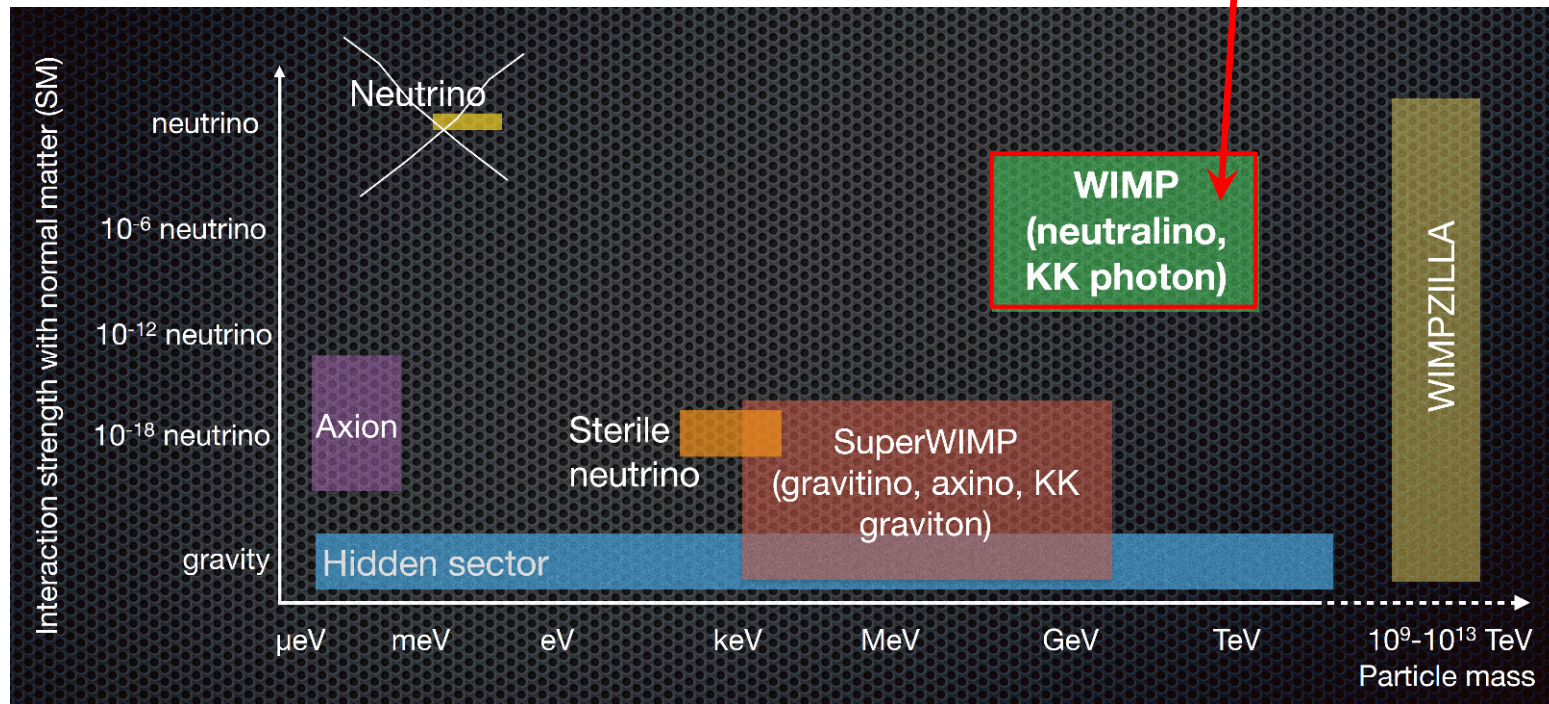


Make dark matter particles



# How to search for dark matter particles

1. Pick you favorite dark matter particle(s)
2. Decide how it can be detected (direct detection, indirect detection, produce the particle or a combination of these?)
3. Built your detector
4. Take measurements and see if you find it or rule it out the entire *“parameter space”*



**It is very difficult to completely rule out dark matter theories!**

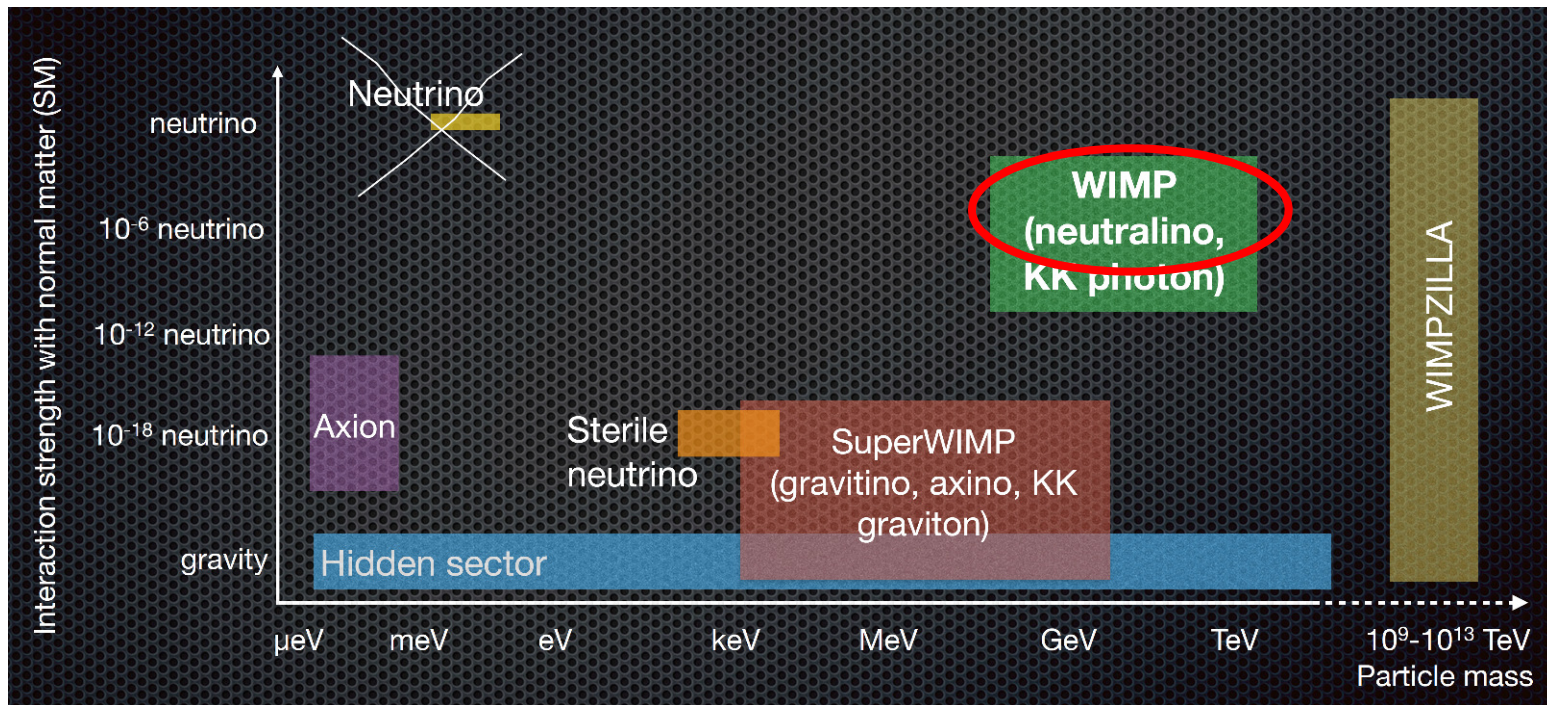
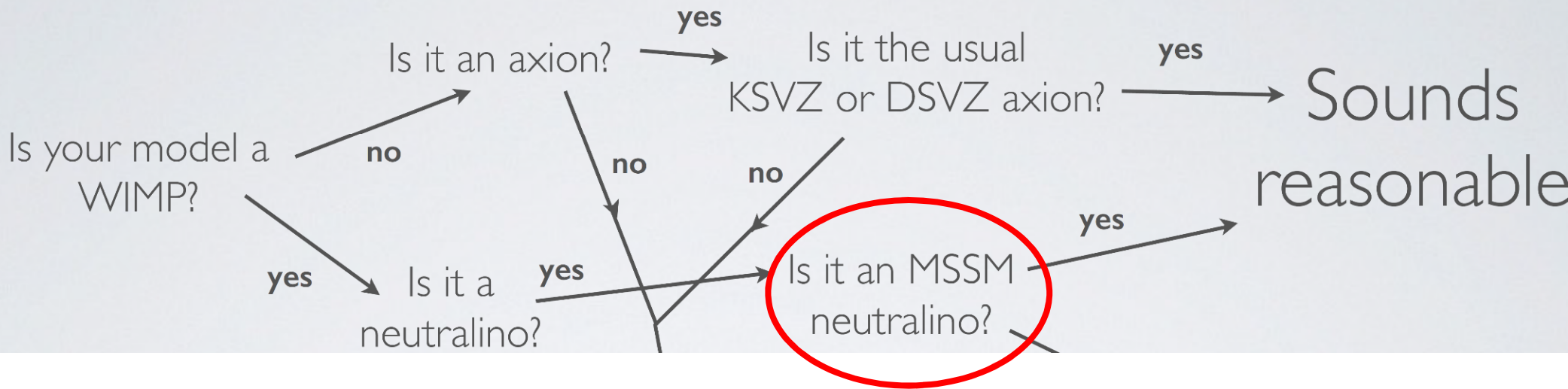




**Ruled out theories produce more other theories!**



# Supersymmetry: WIMPs



# Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)

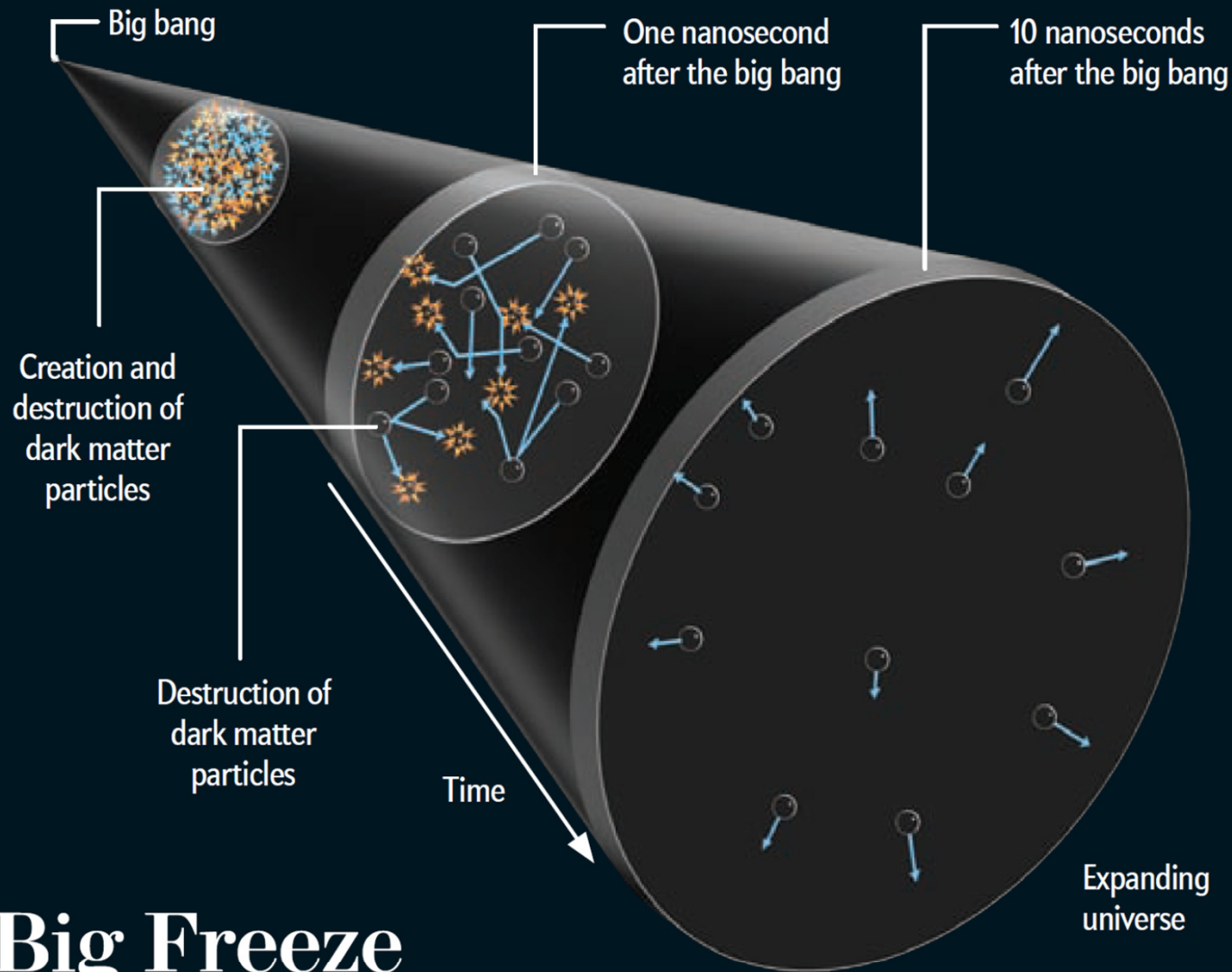
A fraction of a second after the Big Bang the universe was so hot that new particles (and antiparticles) were created and destroyed all the time, just like in a particle accelerator.

As the universe expanded and cooled these particles were no longer created, and eventually the leftovers annihilated or decayed, clearing the universe of these exotic states.

A weakly-interacting particle will not be able to completely annihilate and a residue of these particles will be left filling the universe.

It turns out that a stable particle of mass near 100 GeV and interacting via the weak force (just the kind of particle that particle physicists think exists anyway) will leave just about the right amount of "leftovers" to account for the observed dark matter density!

This class of natural dark matter candidates is generally called **weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs)**.



# Big Freeze

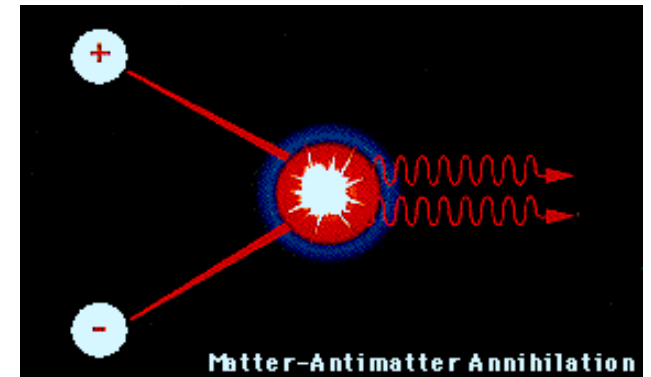
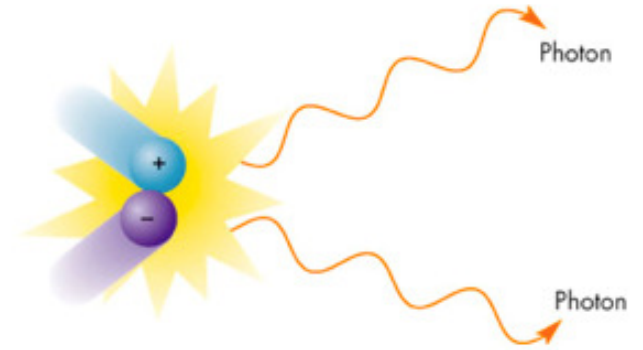
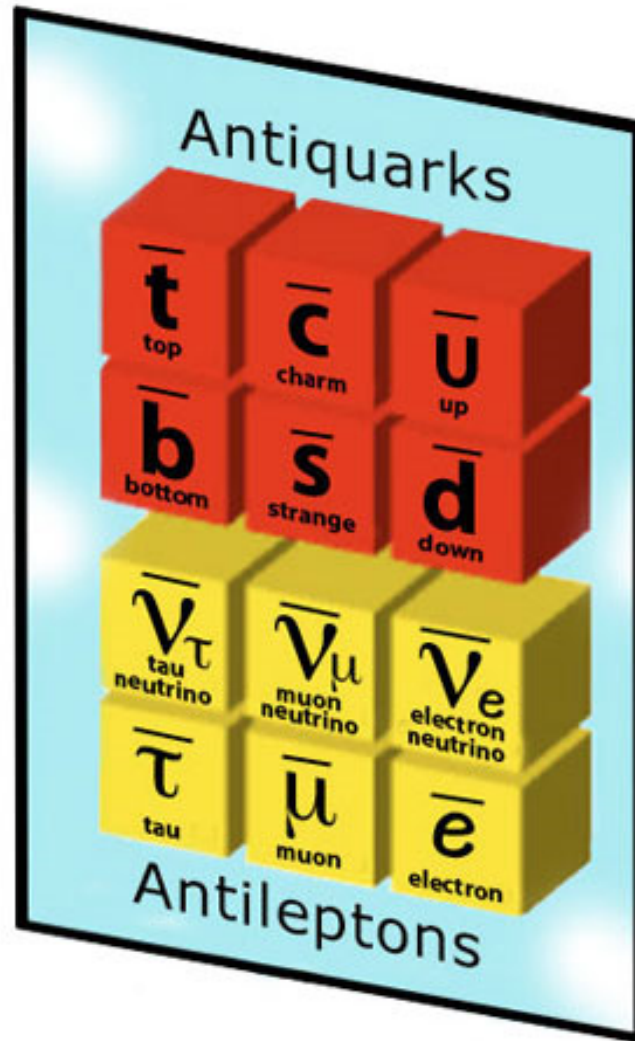
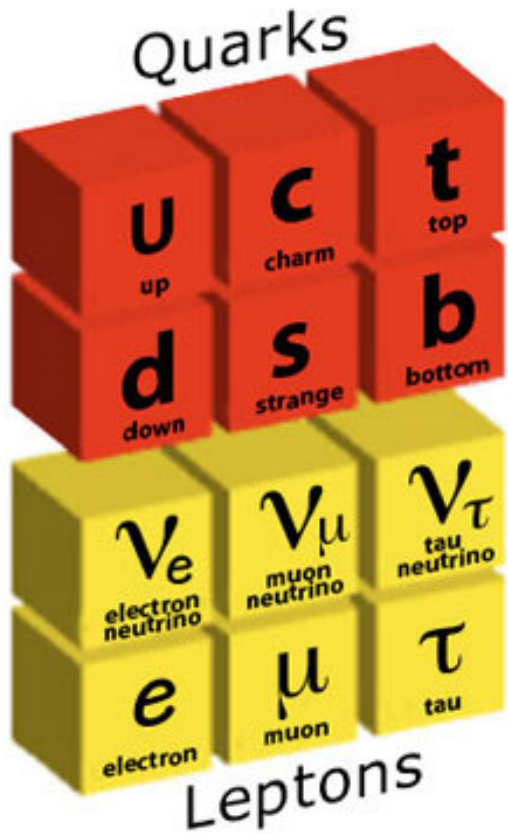
In the hot, dense early universe, dark matter particles such as WIMPs were created and destroyed in a dynamic equilibrium. As the cosmos expanded, it cooled and eventually was no longer able to create new particles. Those left over became so spread out that they ceased colliding and getting destroyed. For WIMPs, theory makes a firm prediction for the amount of material that survived, which is consistent with observations.

# WIMPs and Sypersymmetry

## Matter – Antimatter Asymmetry



# Matter-antimatter annihilation



[http://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/toolbox/gamma\\_generation.html](http://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/toolbox/gamma_generation.html)

<https://www.learner.org/courses/physics/unit/text.html?unit=1&secNum=7>

# Charge

$$q \rightarrow -q$$

# Parity

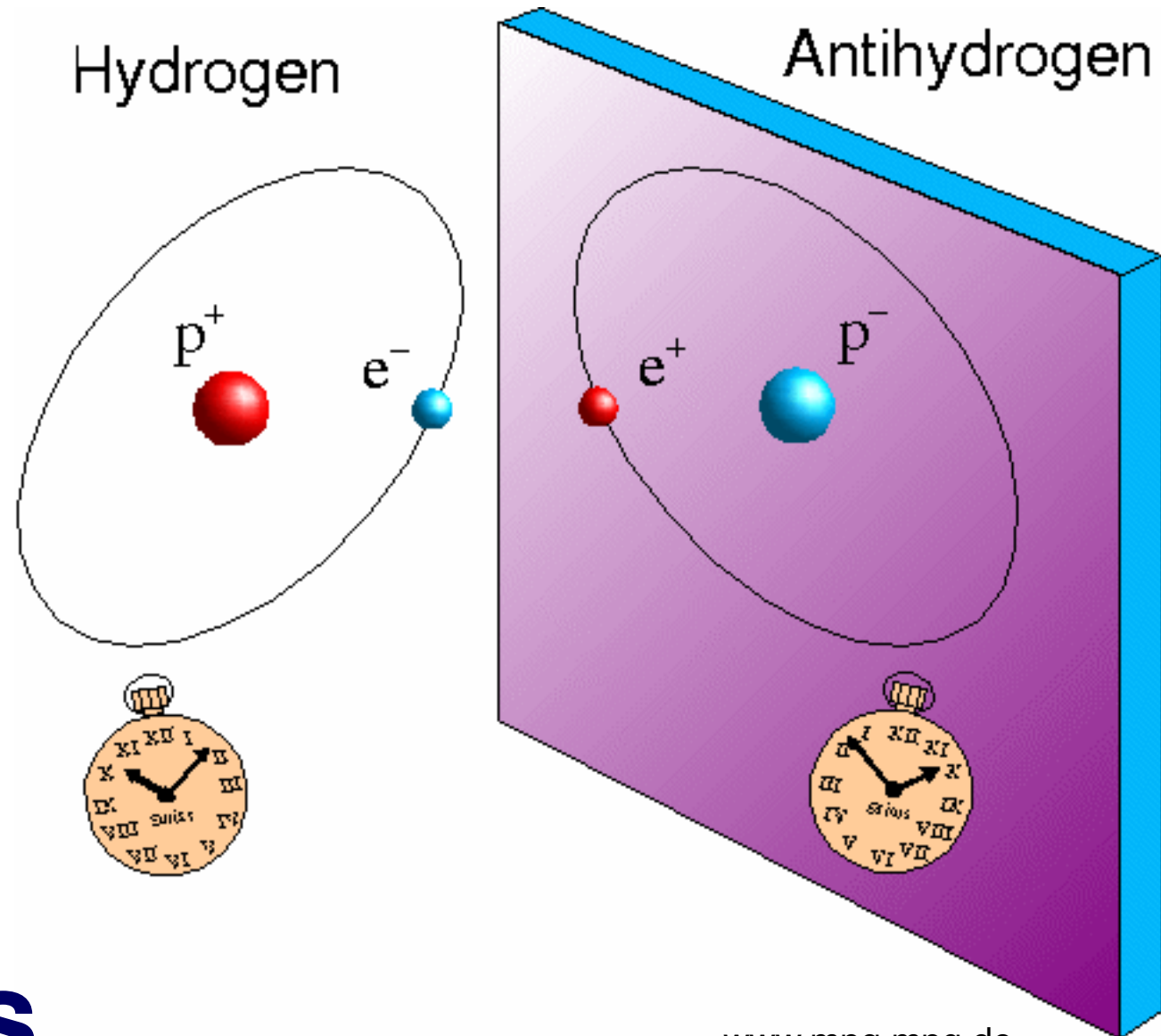
$$\vec{r} \rightarrow -\vec{r}$$

# Time

$$t \rightarrow -t$$

# Discrete Symmetries

If **CPT** symmetry holds, then  
T-violation  $\rightarrow$  CP-violation



# Problems with the Standard Model: Matter – Antimatter asymmetry



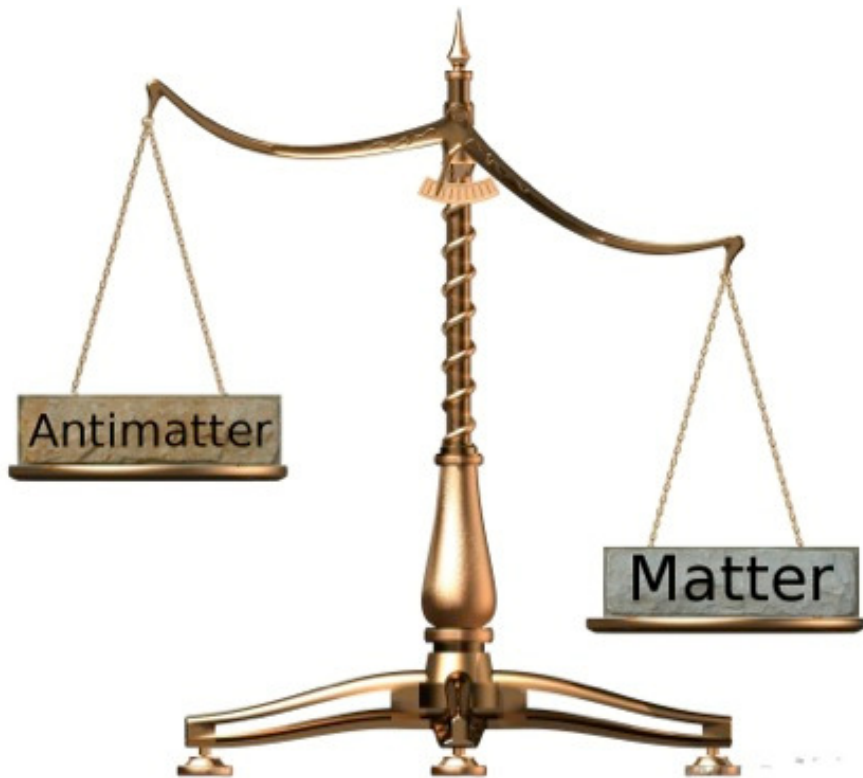
Andrei Sakharov (1967)

Need **CP-violation** for  
matter-antimatter  
asymmetry

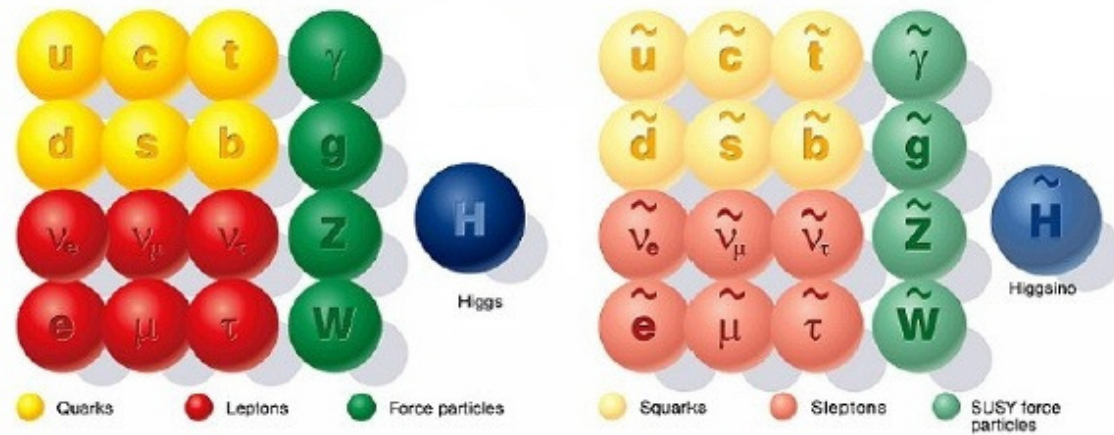
Standard Model  
CP-violation **is**  
**insufficient** to generate  
observed matter –  
antimatter asymmetry.



# Matter – Antimatter asymmetry: Need **new sources** of CP- (T-) violation



## SUPERSYMMETRY



Standard particles

SUSY particles

Extended gauge symmetry

Additional spacetime dimensions

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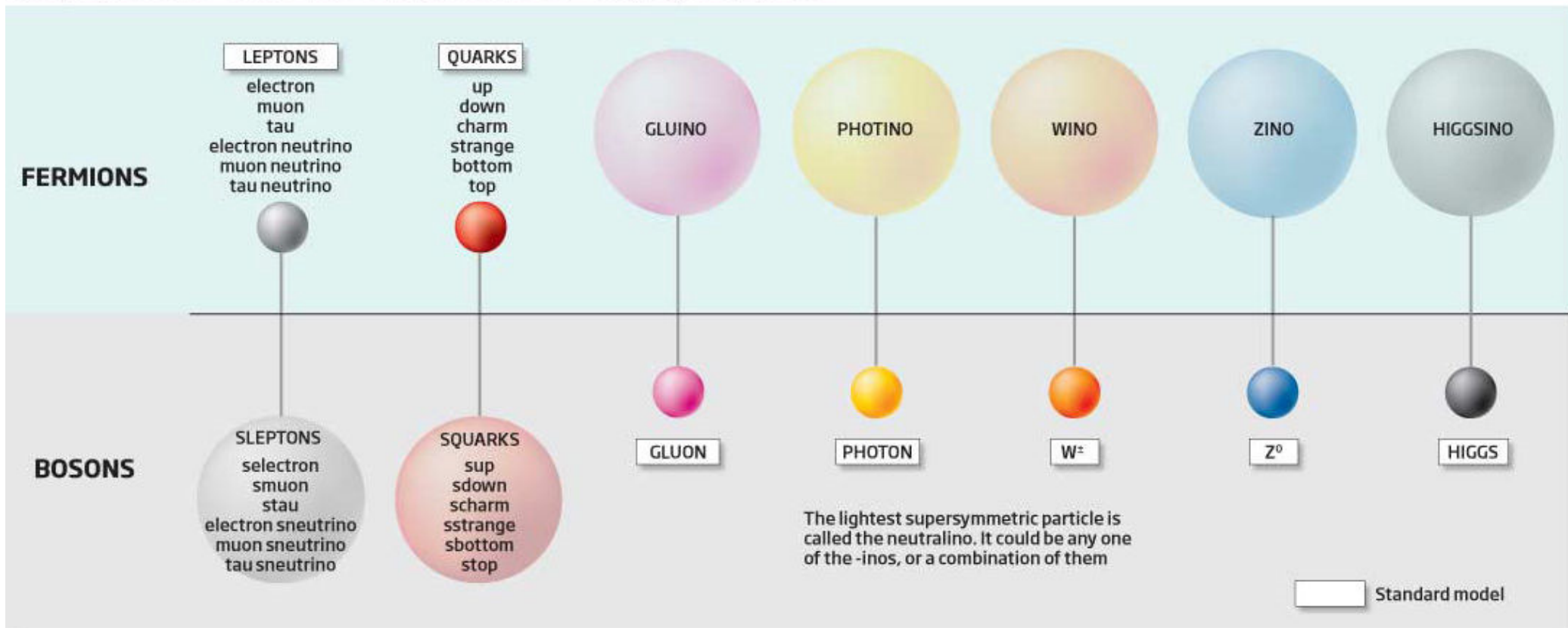
# Supersymmetry and WIMPs:

The lightest (stable) supersymmetry particle is your dark matter  
WIMP: neutralino (combination of  $\tilde{\nu}$ s)

## Particle zoo

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Particles are divided into two families called bosons and fermions. Among them are groups known as leptons, quarks and force-carrying particles like the photon. Supersymmetry doubles the number of particles, giving each fermion a massive boson as a super-partner and vice versa. The LHC is expected to find the first supersymmetric particle



## THE BESTIARY

Could shadowy super particles be lurking behind the standard model's observed fundamental particles and forces?



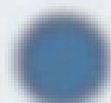
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Leptons



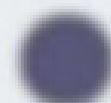
Force carriers



Squarks



Sleptons



Gauginos

## SUSY'S MID-LIFE CRISIS

1970-74

Several theorists independently develop SUSY

1981

Supersymmetric version of the standard model proposed

1983

SUSY used to explain dark matter

1990

SUSY suggested as a way to unify electroweak and strong forces

2000

Large Electron Positron collider (the LHC's predecessor) fails to find evidence of SUSY particles called sleptons

2008

Tevatron sets mass limits on supersymmetric quarks (squarks)

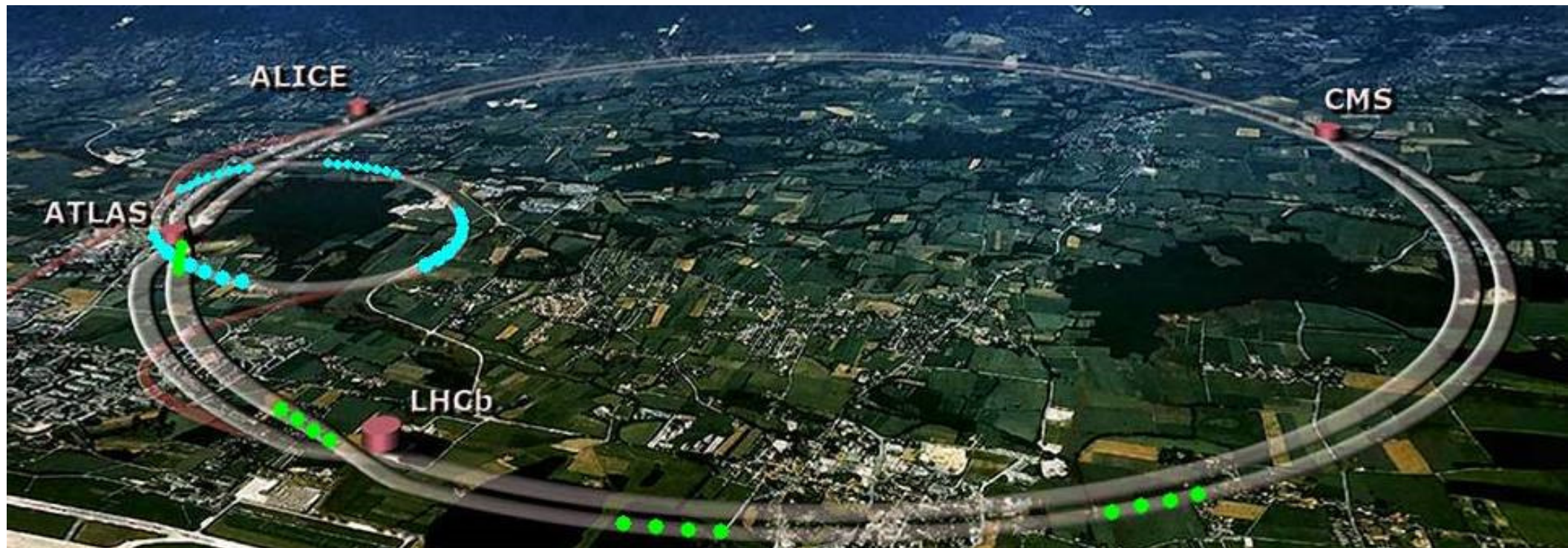
2011

LHC tightens limits on SUSY masses



# The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

CERN (*Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire*)



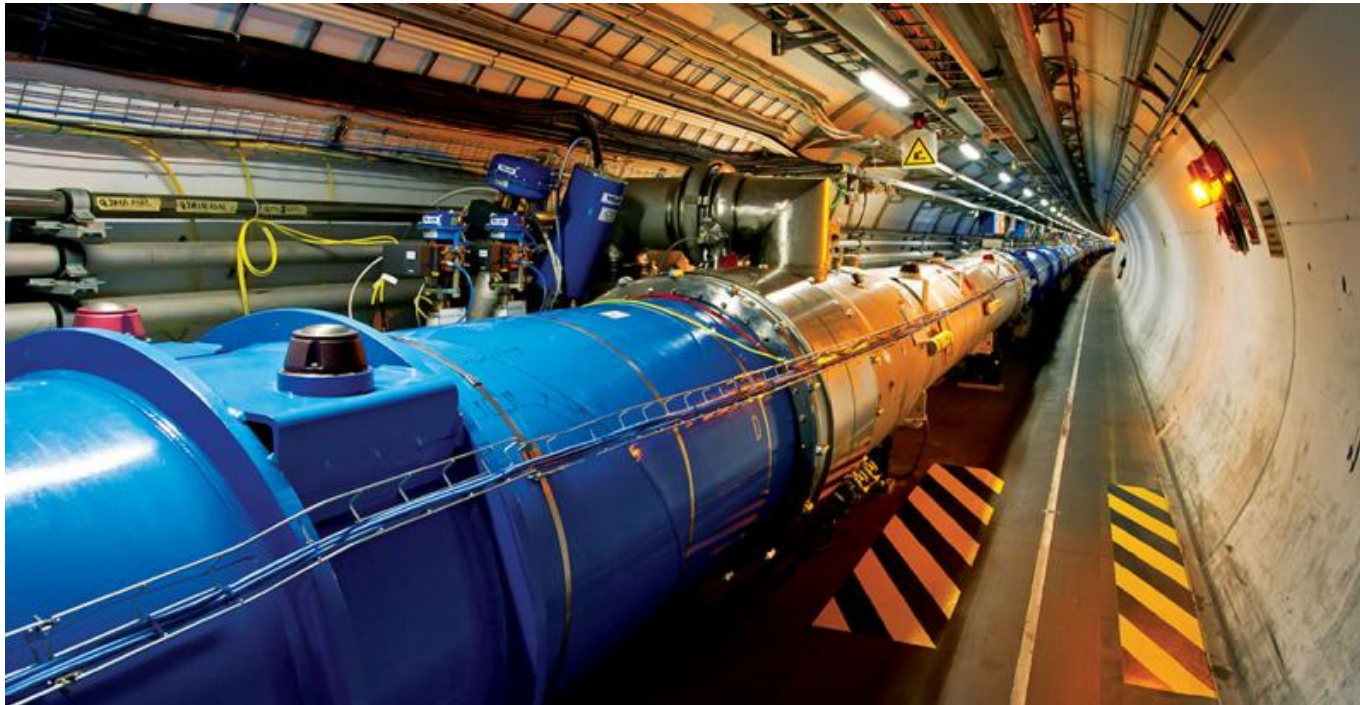
LHC: **27-kilometre ring** of superconducting magnets with a number of accelerating structures to boost the energy of the particles along the way.

The world's largest and most powerful particle collider: 13 TeV ( $10^{12}$  eV).

The largest, most complex experimental facility ever built.

The largest single machine in the world. Cost: 3 billion euro.

# The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



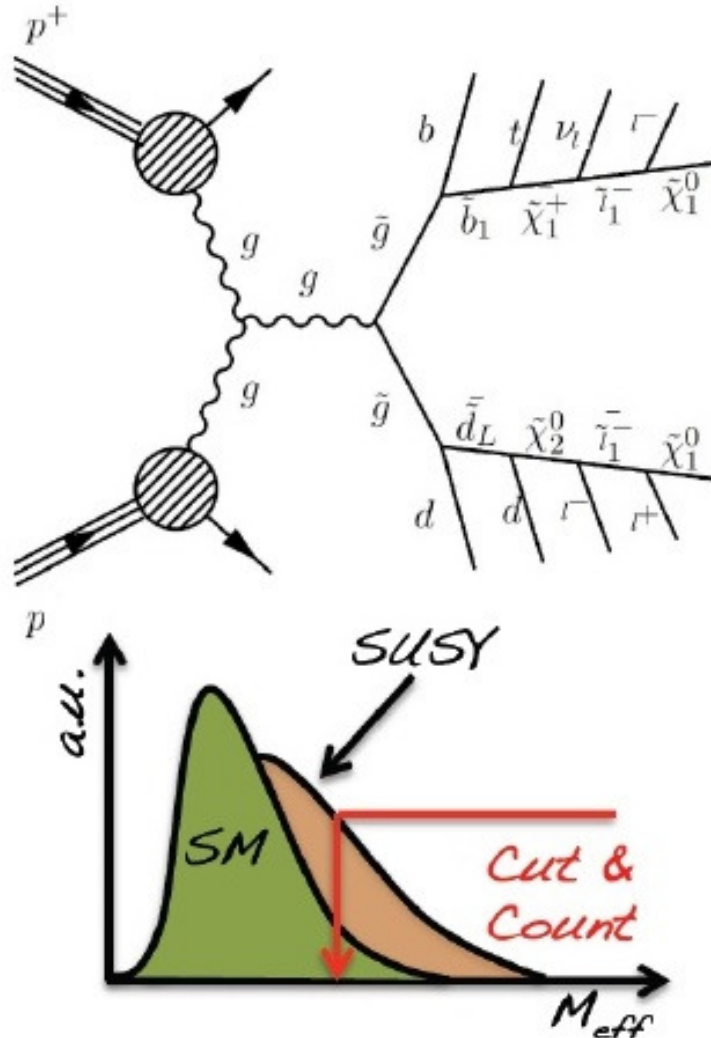
Inside the accelerator, two high-energy particle beams travel at close to the speed of light before they are made to collide.

Kinetic energy of a proton (K)	Speed (%c)	Accelerator
50 MeV	31.4	Linac 2
1.4 GeV	91.6	PS Booster
25 GeV	99.93	PS
450 GeV	99.9998	SPS
7 TeV	99.9999991	LHC

Relationship between kinetic energy and speed of a proton in the CERN machines. The rest mass of the proton is  $0.938 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

# Searches for SUSY at the LHC

## Characteristic SUSY production and decay.



In R-parity is conserved, SUSY particles are produced in pairs and the **lightest SUSY particle (LSP)** becomes stable

- $R = (-1)^{3(B-L)+2s}$
- No direct observation of SUSY particles, but only SM particles are reconstructed directly
  - No mass peaks
- LSP escapes the detector undetected producing a missing transverse energy ( $E_T^{miss}$ )
- Evidence of SUSY is done by establishing an excess of events in some region of phase space
  - Crucial to understand the contribution from SM processes

# ATLAS SUSY Searches\* - 95% CL Lower Limits

Status: SUSY 2013

ATLAS Preliminary

$$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (4.6 - 22.9) \text{ fb}^{-1} \quad \sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$$

Model	e, μ, τ, γ	Jets	E <sub>T</sub> <sup>miss</sup>	∫L dt [fb <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mass limit	Reference			
Inclusive Searches	MSUGRA/CMSSM	0	2-6 jets	Yes	20.3	$\tilde{q}, \tilde{g}$ 1.7 TeV	$m(\tilde{q})=m(\tilde{g})$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-047	
	MSUGRA/CMSSM	1 e, μ	3-6 jets	Yes	20.3	$\tilde{g}$ 1.2 TeV	any m( $\tilde{q}$ )	ATLAS-CONF-2013-062	
	MSUGRA/CMSSM	0	7-10 jets	Yes	20.3	$\tilde{g}$ 1.1 TeV	any m( $\tilde{q}$ )	1308.1841	
	$\tilde{q}\tilde{q}, \tilde{q} \rightarrow q\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	0	2-6 jets	Yes	20.3	$\tilde{q}$ 740 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=0 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-047	
	$\tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{g} \rightarrow q\tilde{q}\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	0	2-6 jets	Yes	20.3	$\tilde{g}$ 1.3 TeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=0 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-047	
	$\tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{g} \rightarrow qq\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \rightarrow qqW^{\pm}\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	1 e, μ	3-6 jets	Yes	20.3	$\tilde{g}$ 1.18 TeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) < 200 \text{ GeV}, m(\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}) = 0.5(m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) + m(\tilde{g}))$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-062	
	$\tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{g} \rightarrow qq(\ell\ell/\ell\nu/\nu\nu)\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	2 e, μ	0-3 jets	-	20.3	$\tilde{g}$ 1.12 TeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)=0 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-089	
	GMSB ( $\tilde{\ell}$ NLSP)	2 e, μ	2-4 jets	Yes	4.7	$\tilde{g}$ 1.24 TeV	$\tan\beta < 15$	1208.4688	
	GMSB ( $\tilde{\ell}$ NLSP)	1-2 τ	0-2 jets	Yes	20.7	$\tilde{g}$ 1.4 TeV	$\tan\beta > 18$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-026	
	GGM (bino NLSP)	2 γ	-	Yes	4.8	$\tilde{g}$ 1.07 TeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) > 50 \text{ GeV}$	1209.0753	
	GGM (wino NLSP)	1 e, μ + γ	-	Yes	4.8	$\tilde{g}$ 619 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) > 50 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2012-144	
GGM (higgsino-bino NLSP)	γ	1 b	Yes	4.8	$\tilde{g}$ 900 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) > 220 \text{ GeV}$	1211.1167		
GGM (higgsino NLSP)	2 e, μ (Z)	0-3 jets	Yes	5.8	$\tilde{g}$ 690 GeV	$m(\tilde{H}) > 200 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2012-152		
Gravitino LSP	0	mono-jet	Yes	10.5	F <sup>1/2</sup> scale 645 GeV	$m(\tilde{g}) > 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2012-147		
3 <sup>rd</sup> gen. $\tilde{g}$ med.	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow b\tilde{b}\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	0	3 b	Yes	20.1	$\tilde{g}$ 1.2 TeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) < 600 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-061	
	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow t\tilde{t}\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	0	7-10 jets	Yes	20.3	$\tilde{g}$ 1.1 TeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) < 350 \text{ GeV}$	1308.1841	
	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	0-1 e, μ	3 b	Yes	20.1	$\tilde{g}$ 1.34 TeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) < 400 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-061	
	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow b\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	0-1 e, μ	3 b	Yes	20.1	$\tilde{g}$ 1.3 TeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) < 300 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-061	
3 <sup>rd</sup> gen. squarks direct production	$\tilde{b}_1\tilde{b}_1, \tilde{b}_1 \rightarrow b\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	0	2 b	Yes	20.1	$\tilde{b}_1$ 100-620 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) < 90 \text{ GeV}$	1308.2631	
	$\tilde{b}_1\tilde{b}_1, \tilde{b}_1 \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	2 e, μ (SS)	0-3 b	Yes	20.7	$\tilde{b}_1$ 275-430 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 2 m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-007	
	$\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1$ (light), $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow b\tilde{\chi}_1^+$	1-2 e, μ	1-2 b	Yes	4.7	$\tilde{t}_1$ 110-167 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 55 \text{ GeV}$	1208.4305, 1209.2102	
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	$\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1$ (natural GMSB)	2 e, μ (Z)	1 b	Yes	20.7	$\tilde{t}_1$ 500 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) > 150 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-025	
	$\tilde{t}_2\tilde{t}_2, \tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 + Z$	3 e, μ (Z)	1 b	Yes	20.7	$\tilde{t}_2$ 271-520 GeV	$m(\tilde{t}_1) = m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) + 180 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-025	
	EW direct	$\tilde{\ell}_{L,R}\tilde{\ell}_{L,R}, \tilde{\ell} \rightarrow \ell\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	2 e, μ	0	Yes	20.3	$\tilde{\ell}$ 85-315 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 0 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-049
		$\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}, \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \rightarrow \tilde{\ell}\nu(\tilde{\ell}\bar{\nu})$	2 e, μ	0	Yes	20.3	$\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$ 125-450 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 0 \text{ GeV}, m(\tilde{\ell}, \bar{\nu}) = 0.5(m(\tilde{\chi}_1^+) + m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0))$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-049
$\tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_1^+, \tilde{\chi}_1^+ \rightarrow \tilde{\tau}\nu(\tilde{\tau}\bar{\nu})$		2 τ	-	Yes	20.7	$\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$ 180-330 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 0 \text{ GeV}, m(\tilde{\tau}, \bar{\nu}) = 0.5(m(\tilde{\chi}_1^+) + m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0))$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-028	
$\tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\ell}_1\nu\tilde{\ell}_1\ell(\bar{\nu}\nu), \tilde{\ell}\tilde{\nu}\tilde{\ell}_1\ell(\bar{\nu}\nu)$		3 e, μ	0	Yes	20.7	$\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}, \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ 600 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^+) = m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0), m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 0, m(\tilde{\ell}, \bar{\nu}) = 0.5(m(\tilde{\chi}_1^+) + m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0))$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-035	
$\tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow W\tilde{\chi}_1^0Z\tilde{\chi}_1^0$		3 e, μ	0	Yes	20.7	$\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}, \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ 315 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^+) = m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0), m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 0$ , sleptons decoupled	ATLAS-CONF-2013-035	
$\tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow W\tilde{\chi}_1^0h\tilde{\chi}_1^0$		1 e, μ	2 b	Yes	20.3	$\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}, \tilde{\chi}_2^0$ 285 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^+) = m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0), m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 0$ , sleptons decoupled	ATLAS-CONF-2013-093	
Long-lived particles	Direct $\tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_1^-$ prod., long-lived $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$	Disapp. trk	1 jet	Yes	20.3	$\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$ 270 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^+) - m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 160 \text{ MeV}, \tau(\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}) = 0.2 \text{ ns}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-069	
	Stable, stopped $\tilde{g}$ R-hadron	0	1-5 jets	Yes	22.9	$\tilde{g}$ 832 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 100 \text{ GeV}, 10 \mu\text{s} < \tau(\tilde{g}) < 1000 \text{ s}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-057	
	GMSB, stable $\tilde{\tau}, \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\tau}(\tilde{e}, \tilde{\mu}) + \tau(e, \mu)$	1-2 μ	-	-	15.9	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ 475 GeV	$10 < \tan\beta < 50$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-058	
	GMSB, $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \gamma\tilde{G}$ , long-lived $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	2 γ	-	Yes	4.7	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ 230 GeV	$0.4 < \tau(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) < 2 \text{ ns}$	1304.6310	
	$\tilde{q}\tilde{q}, \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow qq\mu$ (RPV)	1 μ, displ. vtx	-	-	20.3	$\tilde{q}$ 1.0 TeV	$1.5 < c\tau < 156 \text{ mm}, \text{BR}(\mu) = 1, m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) = 108 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-092	
RPV	LFV $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\nu}_\tau + X, \tilde{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow e + \mu$	2 e, μ	-	-	4.6	$\tilde{\nu}_\tau$ 1.61 TeV	$\lambda_{311} = 0.10, \lambda_{132} = 0.05$	1212.1272	
	LFV $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\nu}_\tau + X, \tilde{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow e(\mu) + \tau$	1 e, μ + τ	-	-	4.6	$\tilde{\nu}_\tau$ 1.1 TeV	$\lambda_{311} = 0.10, \lambda_{1(2)33} = 0.05$	1212.1272	
	Bilinear RPV CMSSM	1 e, μ	7 jets	Yes	4.7	$\tilde{q}, \tilde{g}$ 1.2 TeV	$m(\tilde{q}) = m(\tilde{g}), c\tau_{LSP} < 1 \text{ mm}$	ATLAS-CONF-2012-140	
	$\tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_1^-, \tilde{\chi}_1^+ \rightarrow W\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow ee\tilde{\nu}_\mu, e\mu\tilde{\nu}_e$	4 e, μ	-	Yes	20.7	$\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$ 760 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) > 300 \text{ GeV}, \lambda_{121} > 0$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-036	
	$\tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_1^-, \tilde{\chi}_1^+ \rightarrow W\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \tau\tilde{\nu}_e, e\tau\tilde{\nu}_\tau$	3 e, μ + τ	-	Yes	20.7	$\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$ 350 GeV	$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) > 80 \text{ GeV}, \lambda_{133} > 0$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-036	
	$\tilde{g} \rightarrow qq\tilde{q}$	0	6-7 jets	-	20.3	$\tilde{g}$ 916 GeV	$\text{BR}(t) = \text{BR}(b) = \text{BR}(c) = 0\%$	ATLAS-CONF-2013-091	
$\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 t, \tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow bs$	2 e, μ (SS)	0-3 b	Yes	20.7	$\tilde{g}$ 880 GeV	-	ATLAS-CONF-2013-007		
Other	Scalar gluon pair, sgluon $\rightarrow q\tilde{q}$	0	4 jets	-	4.6	sgluon 100-287 GeV	incl. limit from 1110.2693	1210.4826	
	Scalar gluon pair, sgluon $\rightarrow t\tilde{t}$	2 e, μ (SS)	1 b	Yes	14.3	sgluon 800 GeV	-	ATLAS-CONF-2013-051	
	WIMP interaction (D5, Dirac $\chi$ )	0	mono-jet	Yes	10.5	M* scale 704 GeV	$m(\chi) < 80 \text{ GeV}$ , limit of $< 687 \text{ GeV}$ for D8	ATLAS-CONF-2012-147	

√s = 7 TeV full data
√s = 8 TeV partial data
√s = 8 TeV full data

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Mass scale [TeV]

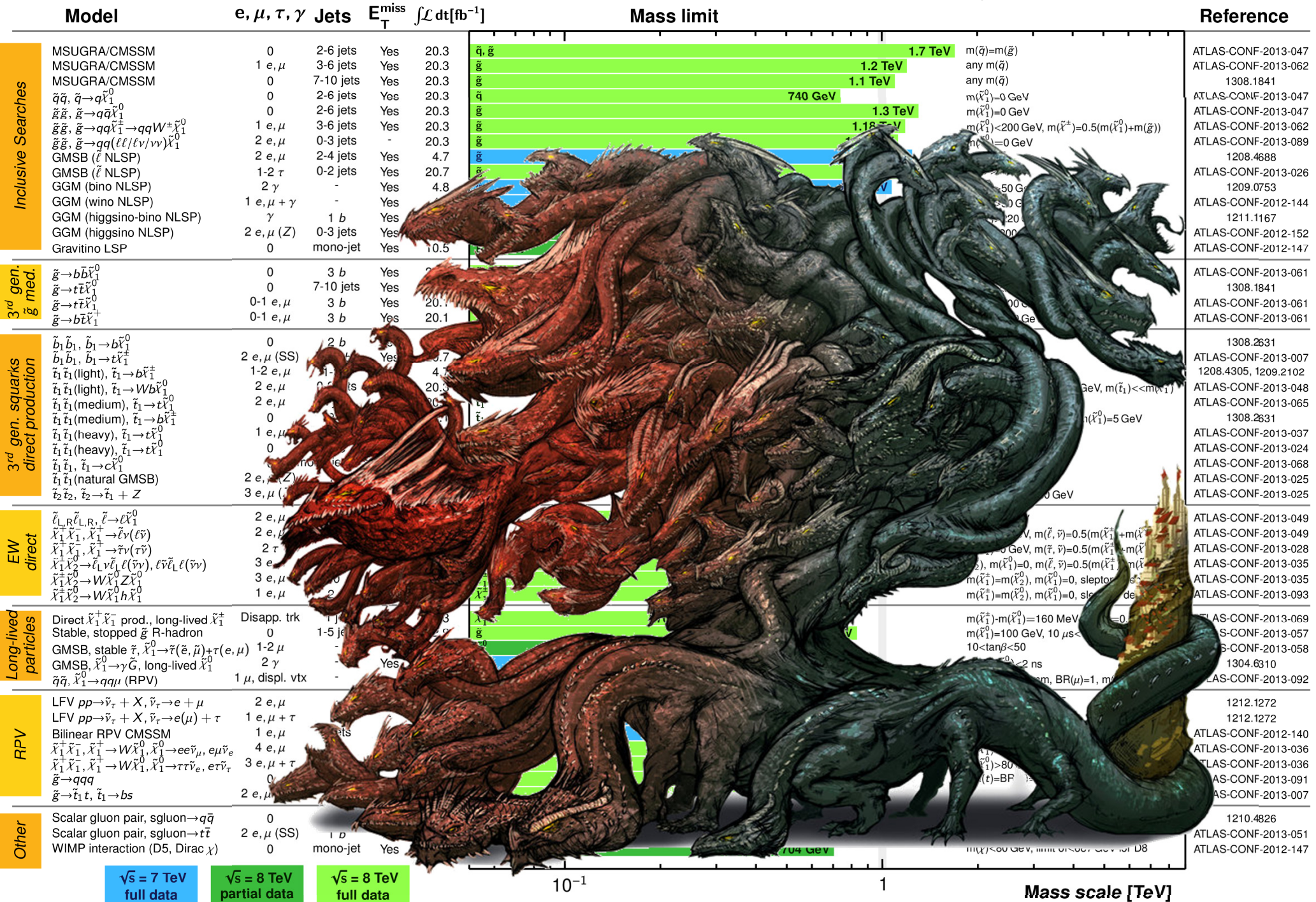
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# ATLAS SUSY Searches\* - 95% CL Lower Limits

Status: SUSY 2013

ATLAS Preliminary

$\int \mathcal{L} dt = (4.6 - 22.9) \text{ fb}^{-1}$   $\sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$



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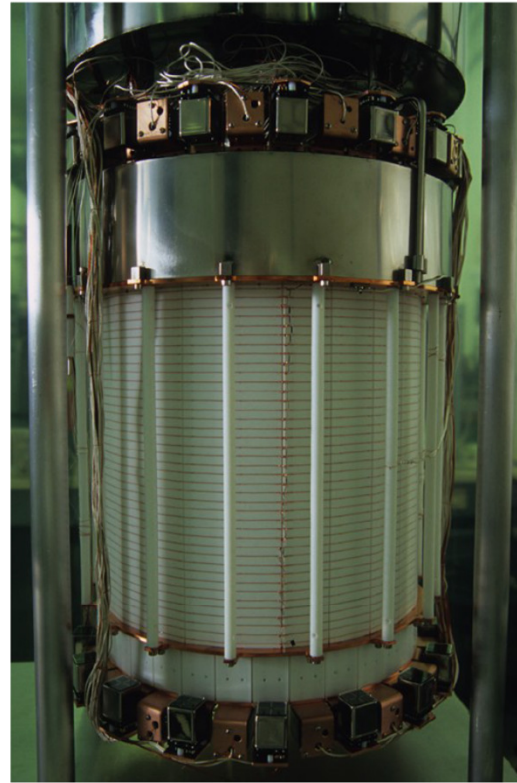
# How to search for dark matter particles

- Indirect detection

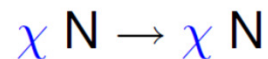


Search for things dark matter can decay to  
 $\chi\chi \rightarrow e^+e^-, p\bar{p}$

- Direct detection



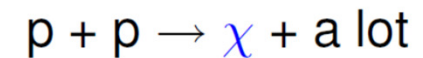
Build a trap for dark matter



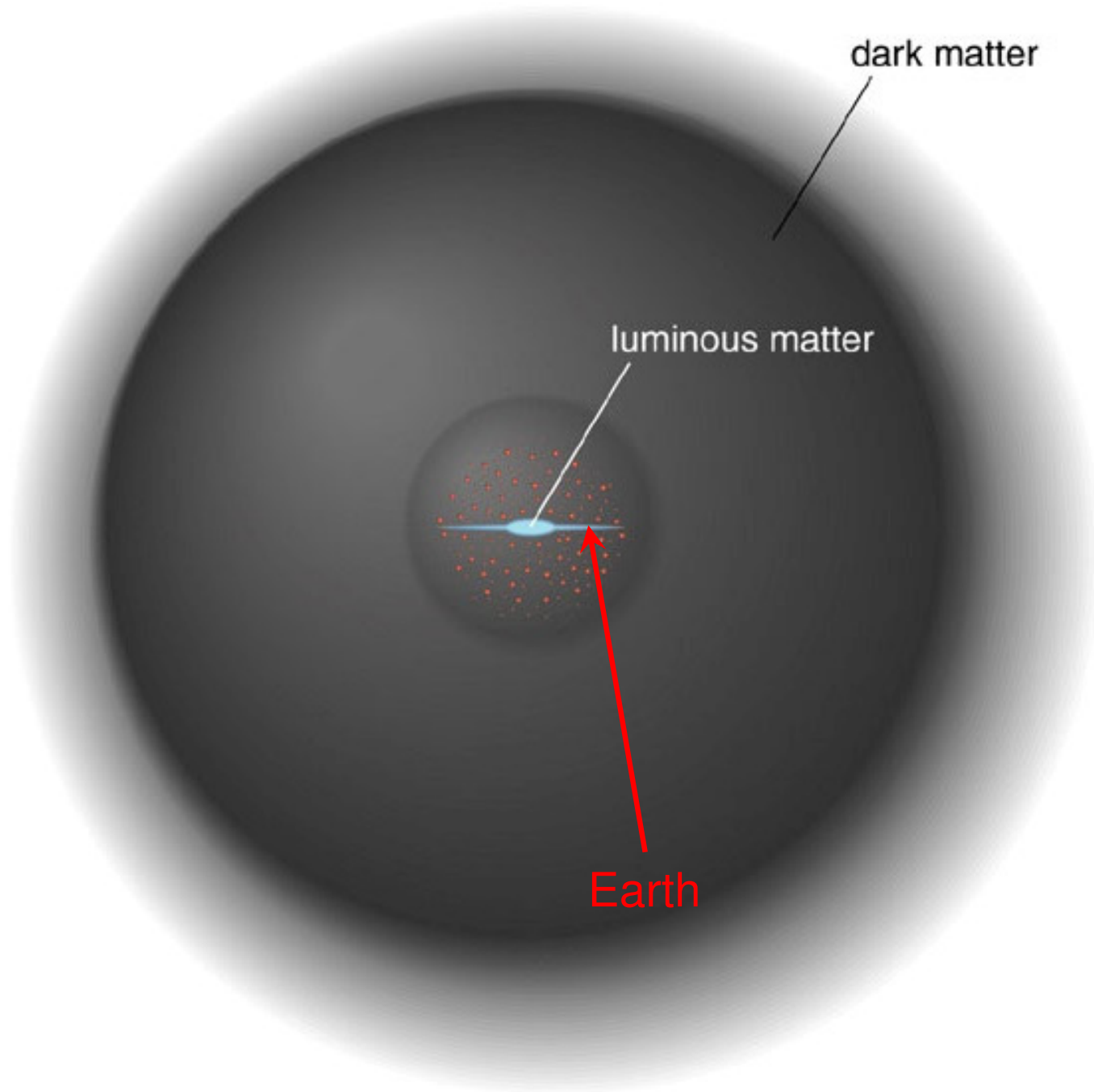
- Production at LHC



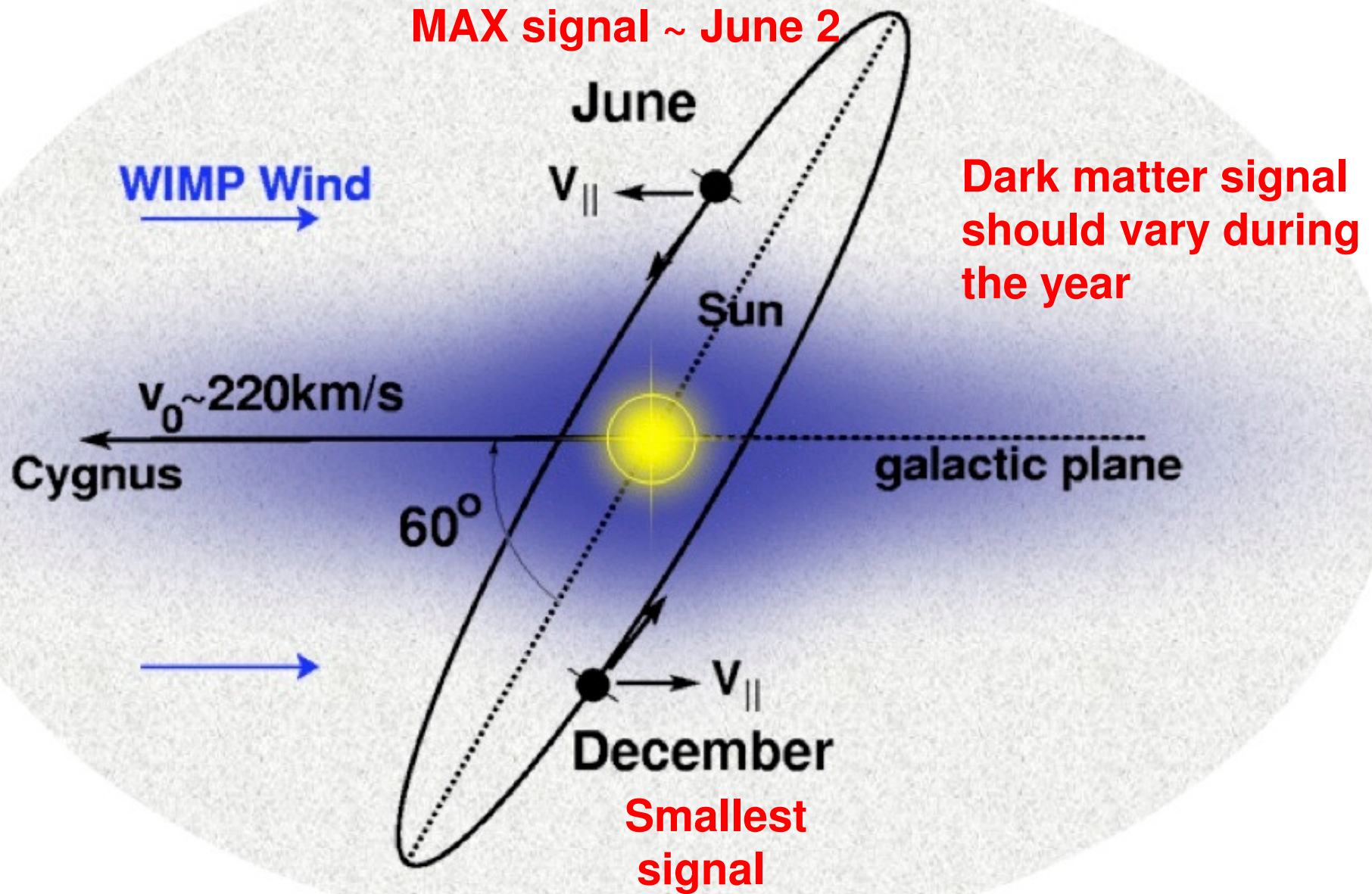
Make dark matter particles



**There should be dark matter on Earth for us to detect**

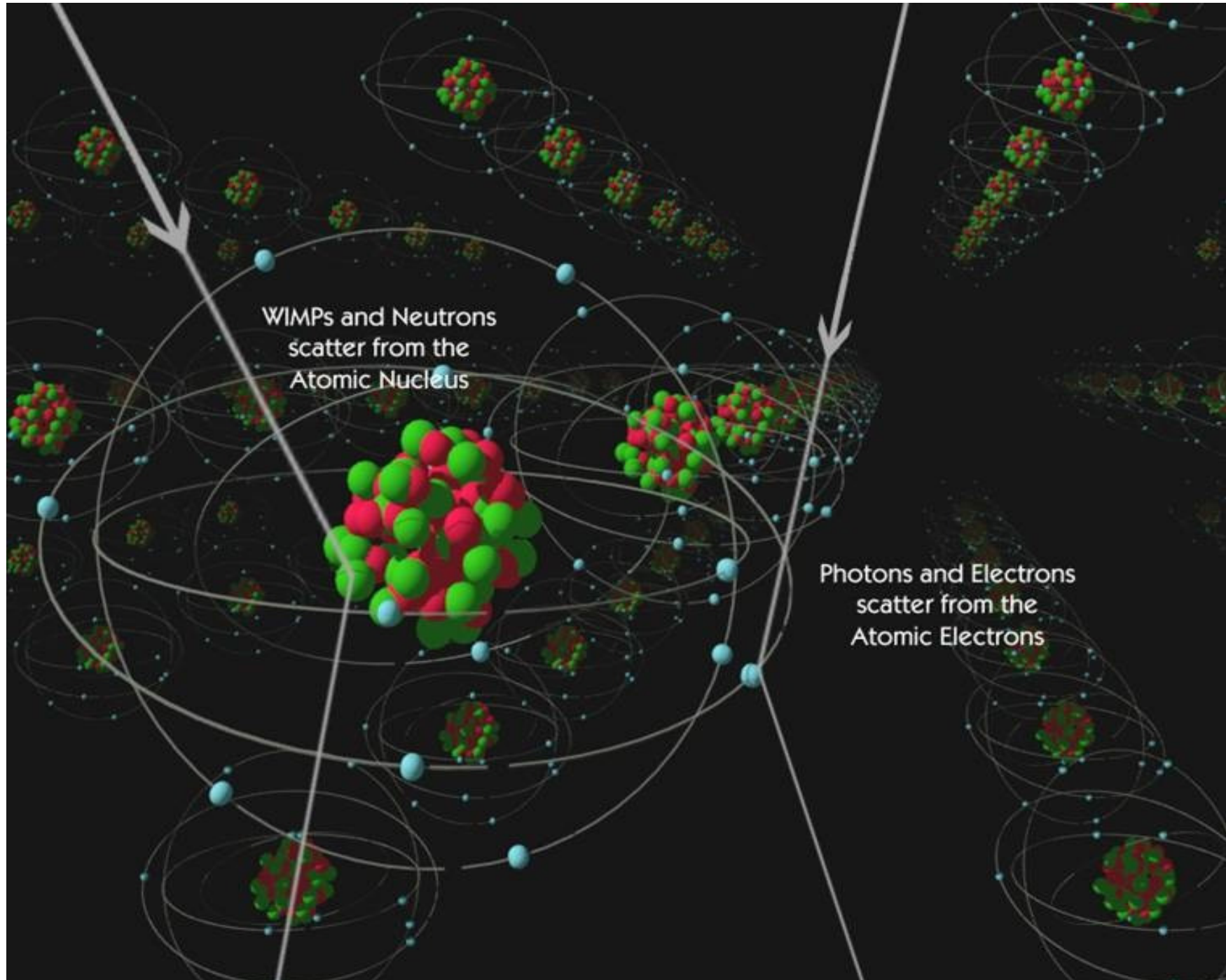


# Earth is moving through dark matter halo ( dark matter not moving)



Earth's orbital speed around the Sun is **30 km/s**

# Direct detection: How to detect WIMPs?



DARK MATTER  
PARTICLES

COLLISION  
WITH ATOM

RADIOACTIVE  
DECAY



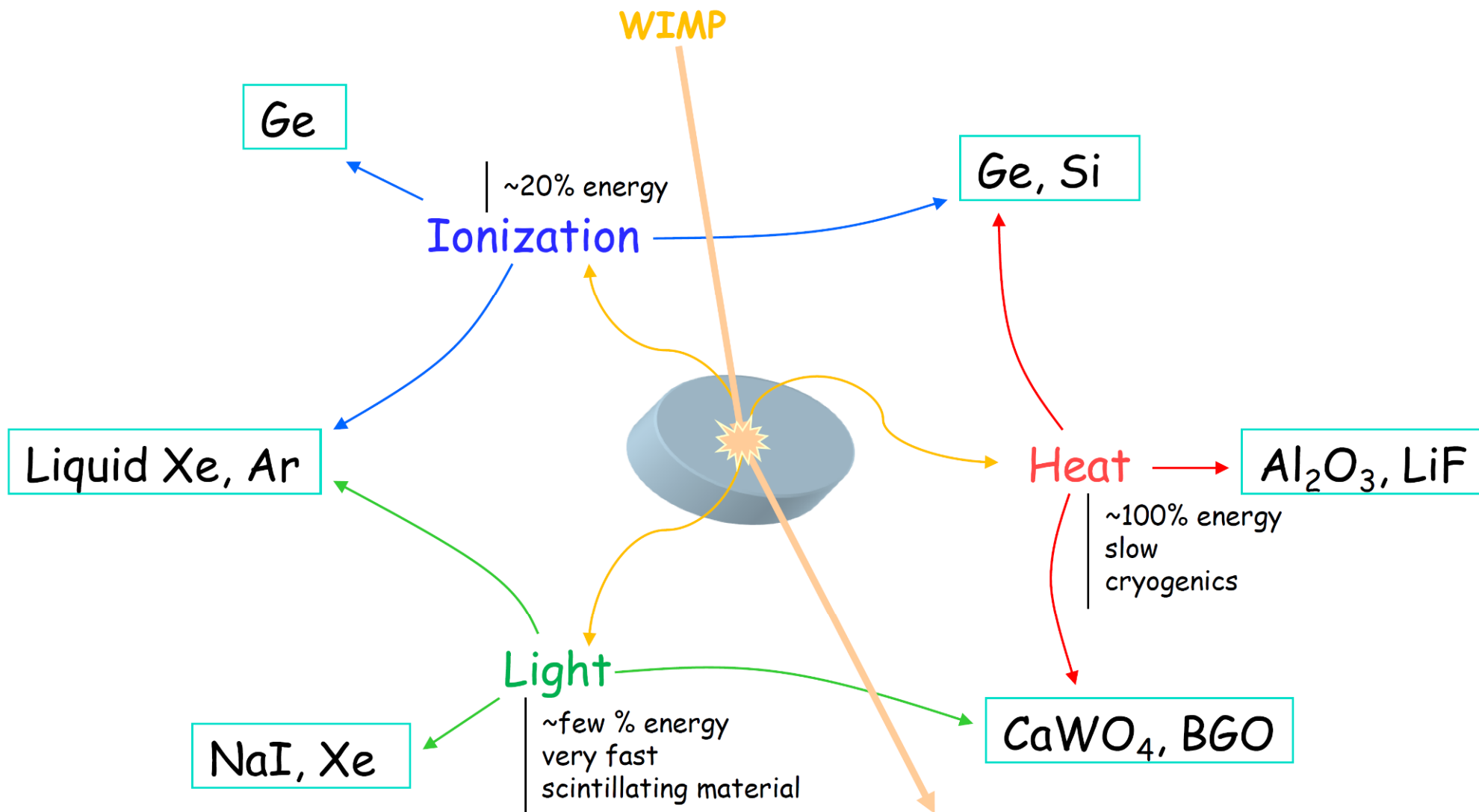
- Particles of dark matter, though reluctant to interact with ordinary atoms, should still do so occasionally. When such a particle ricochets off an atomic nucleus, the nucleus recoils, hits surrounding atoms and releases energy in the form of heat or light.
- The real trick is to distinguish this energy release from the effects of more prosaic processes, such as radioactive decay. Such effects may account for the only reported detection of dark matter to date.

Detection principle:

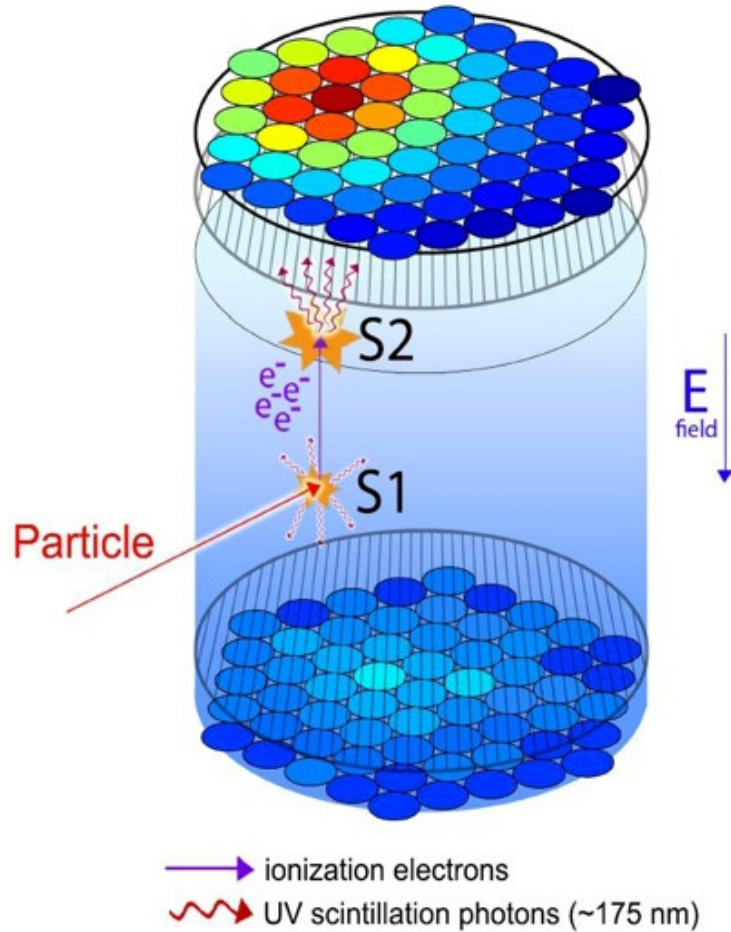
Measure the recoil energy imparted to detector nuclei through WIMP-nucleon collisions.

# Direct detection possibilities

## Selection of detection material

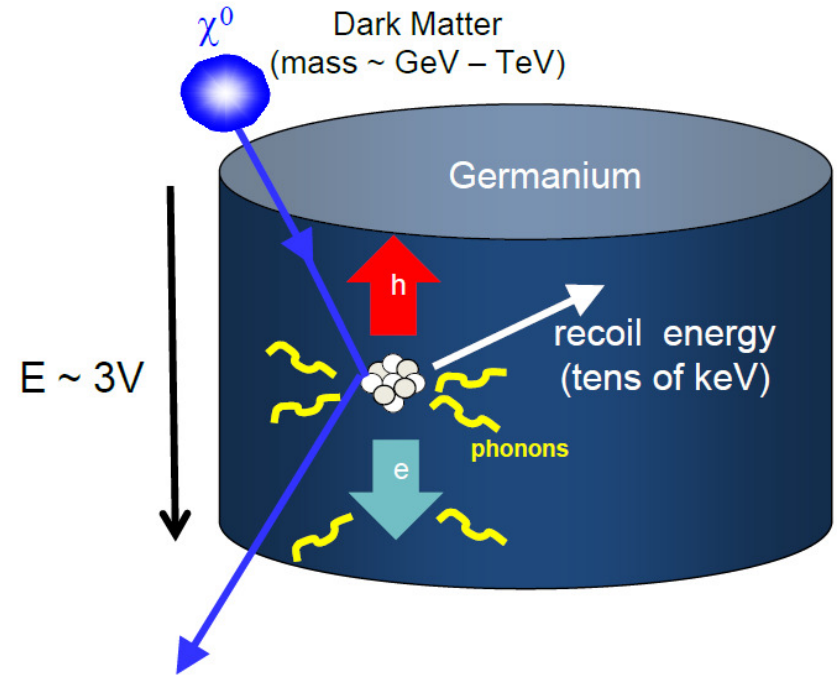


# Scintillation detectors



Principle: Looks for slight pulses of light triggered by dark matter passing through, liquid xenon or argon

# Cryogenic detectors

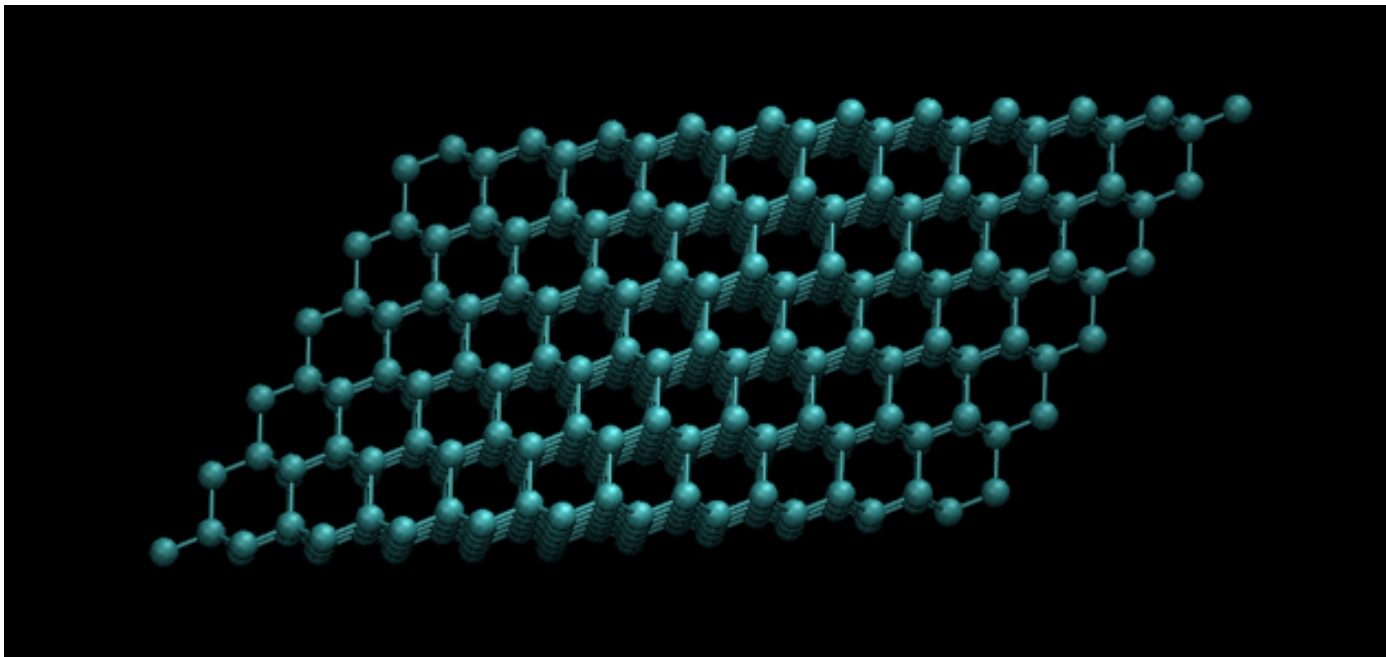


Principle: Looks for slight pulses of heat generated by dark matter passing through a supercooled crystal.

To understand how heat spreads through a material, consider that heat — as well as sound — is actually the motion or vibration of atoms and molecules.

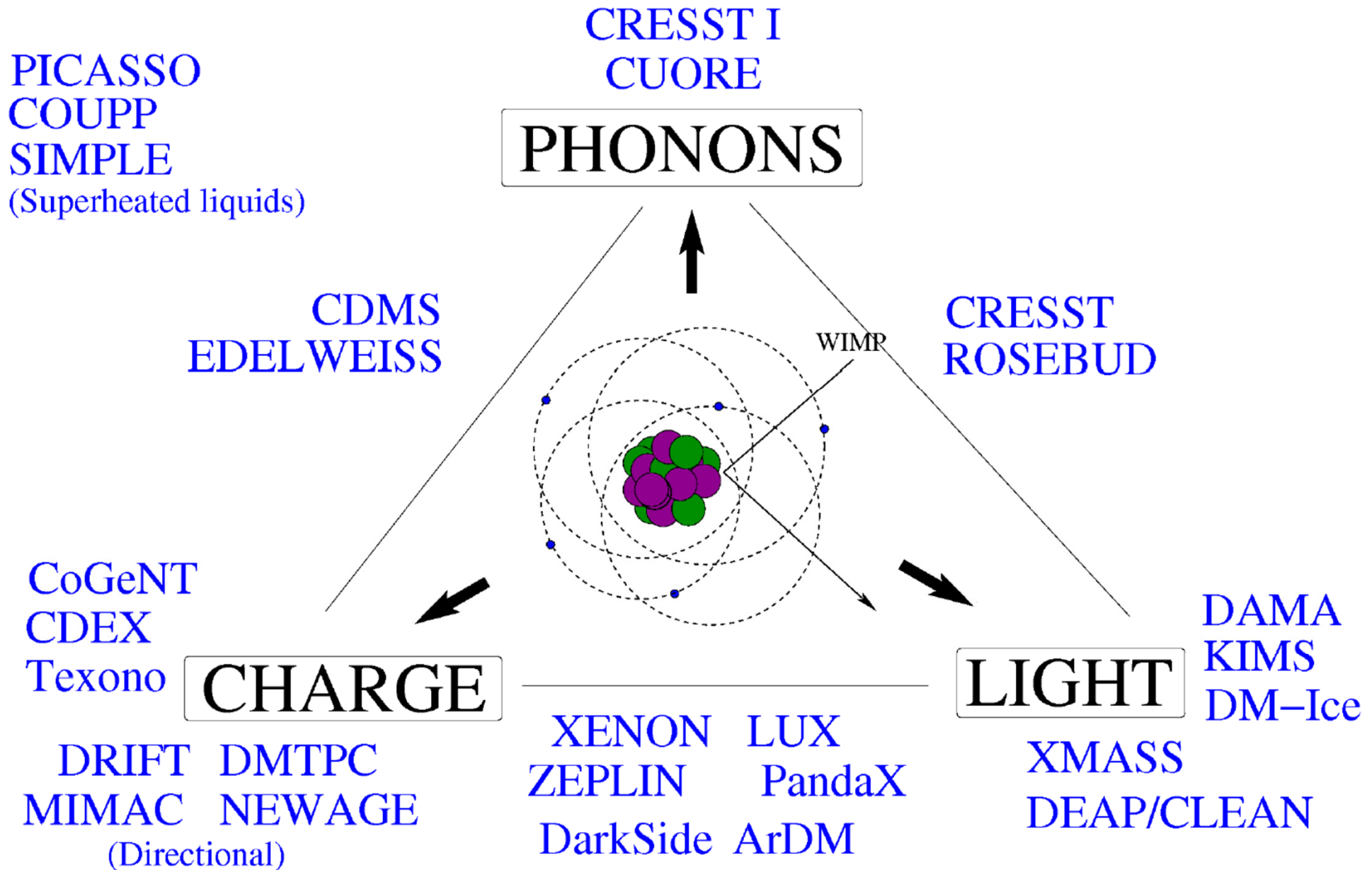
Low-frequency vibrations correspond to sound, while higher frequencies correspond to heat. At each frequency, quantum mechanics principles dictate that the vibrational energy must be a multiple of a basic amount of energy, called a quantum, that is proportional to the frequency.

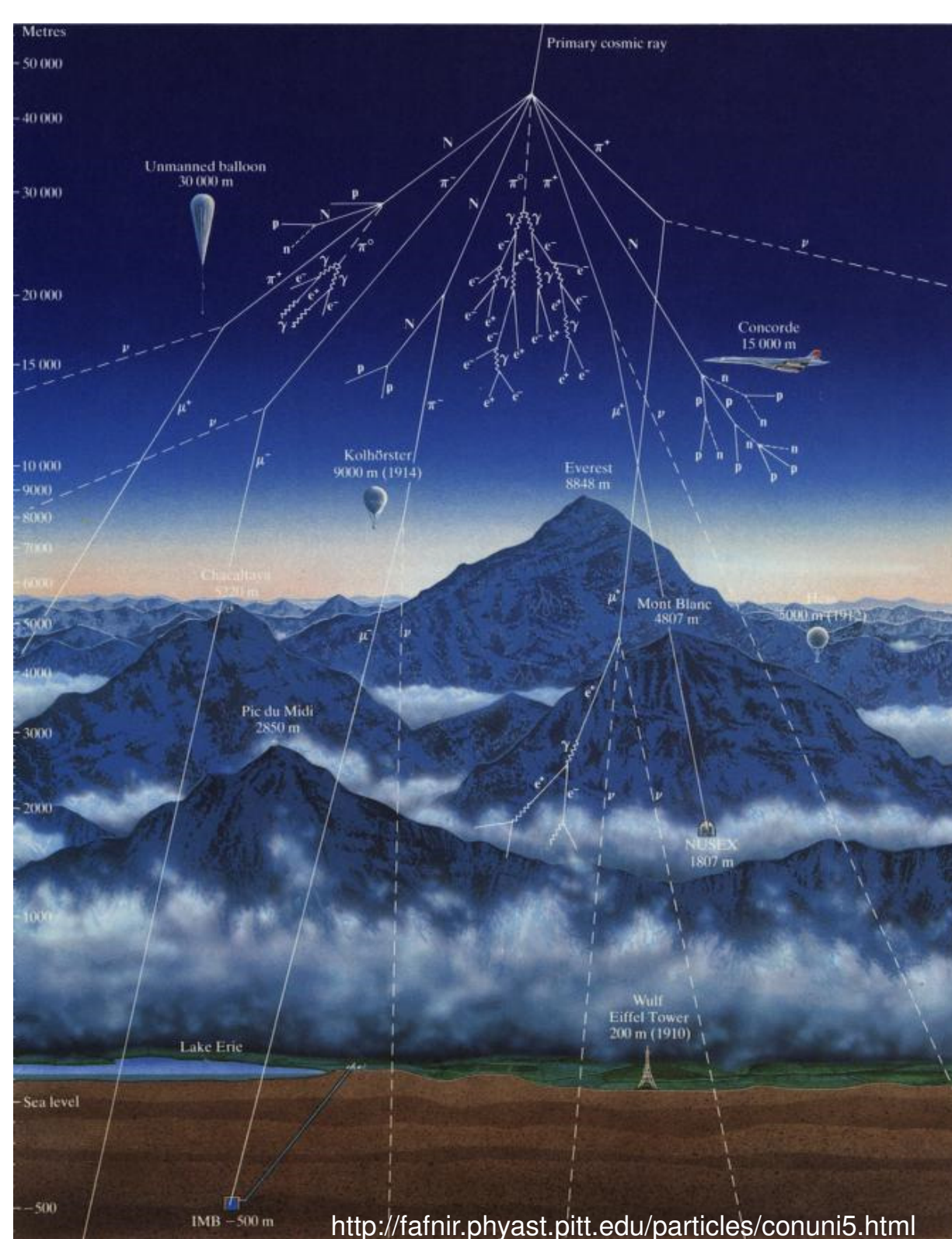
A **phonon** is a definite discrete unit or quantum of vibrational mechanical energy, just as a photon is a quantum of electromagnetic or light energy.



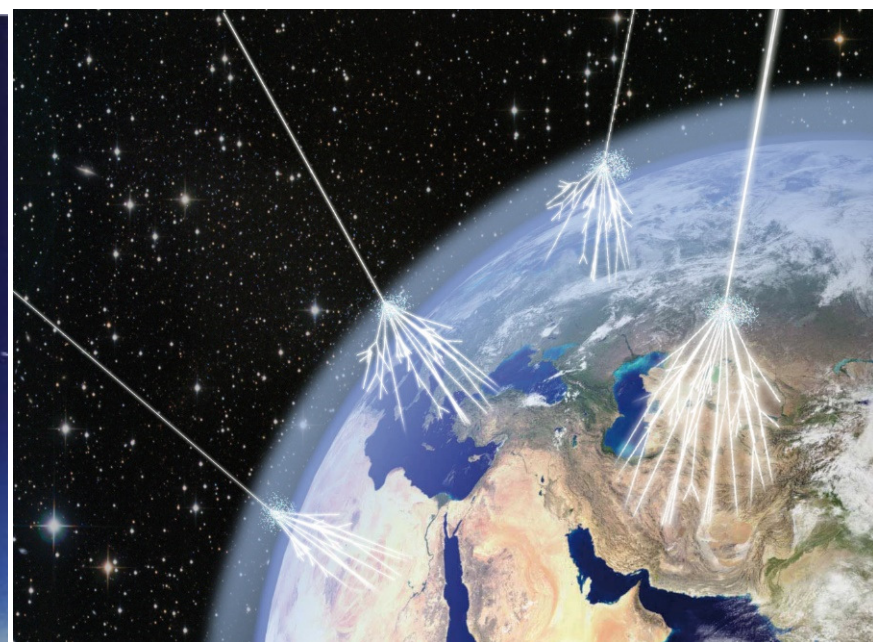


# Direct detection experiments





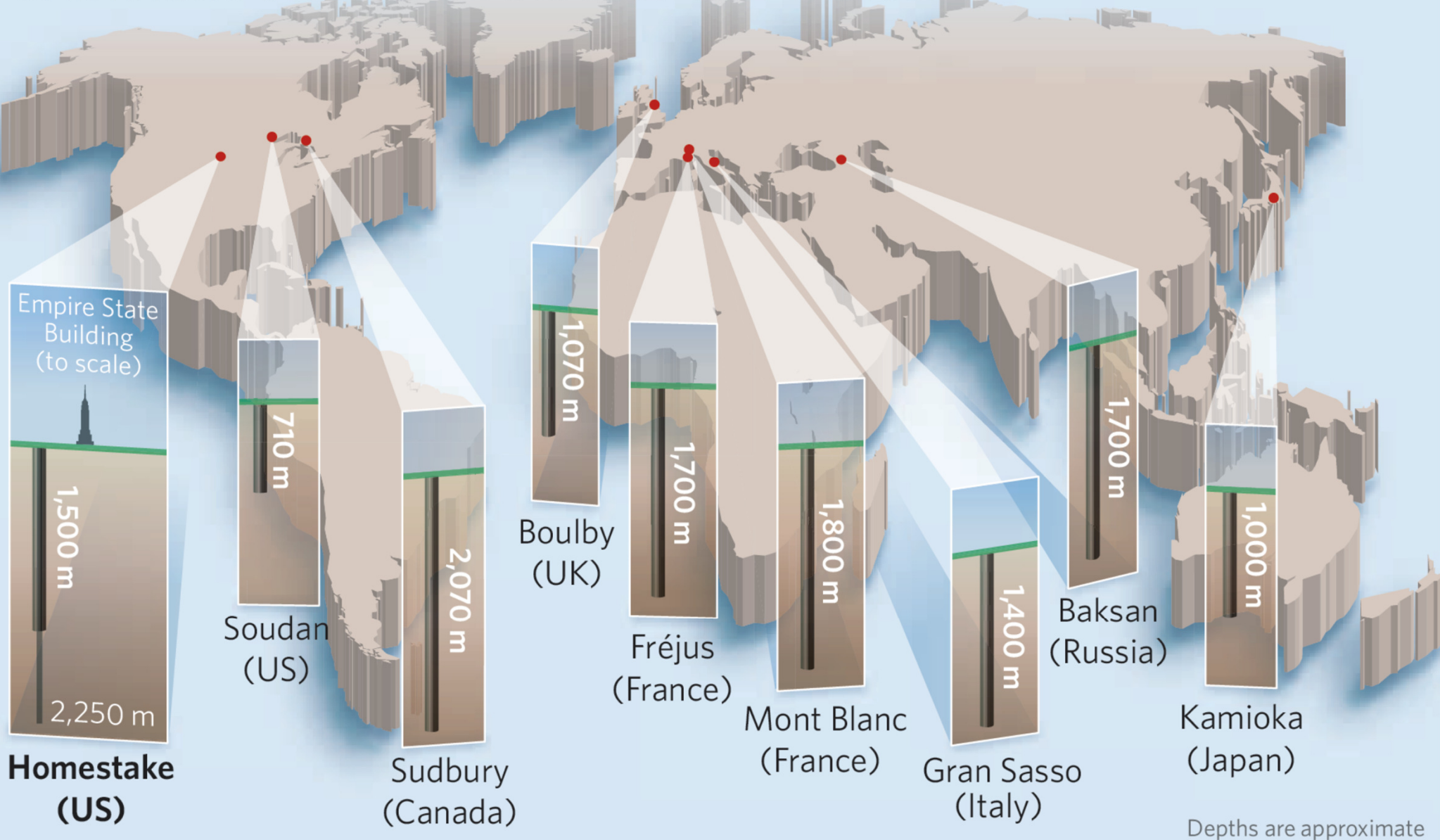
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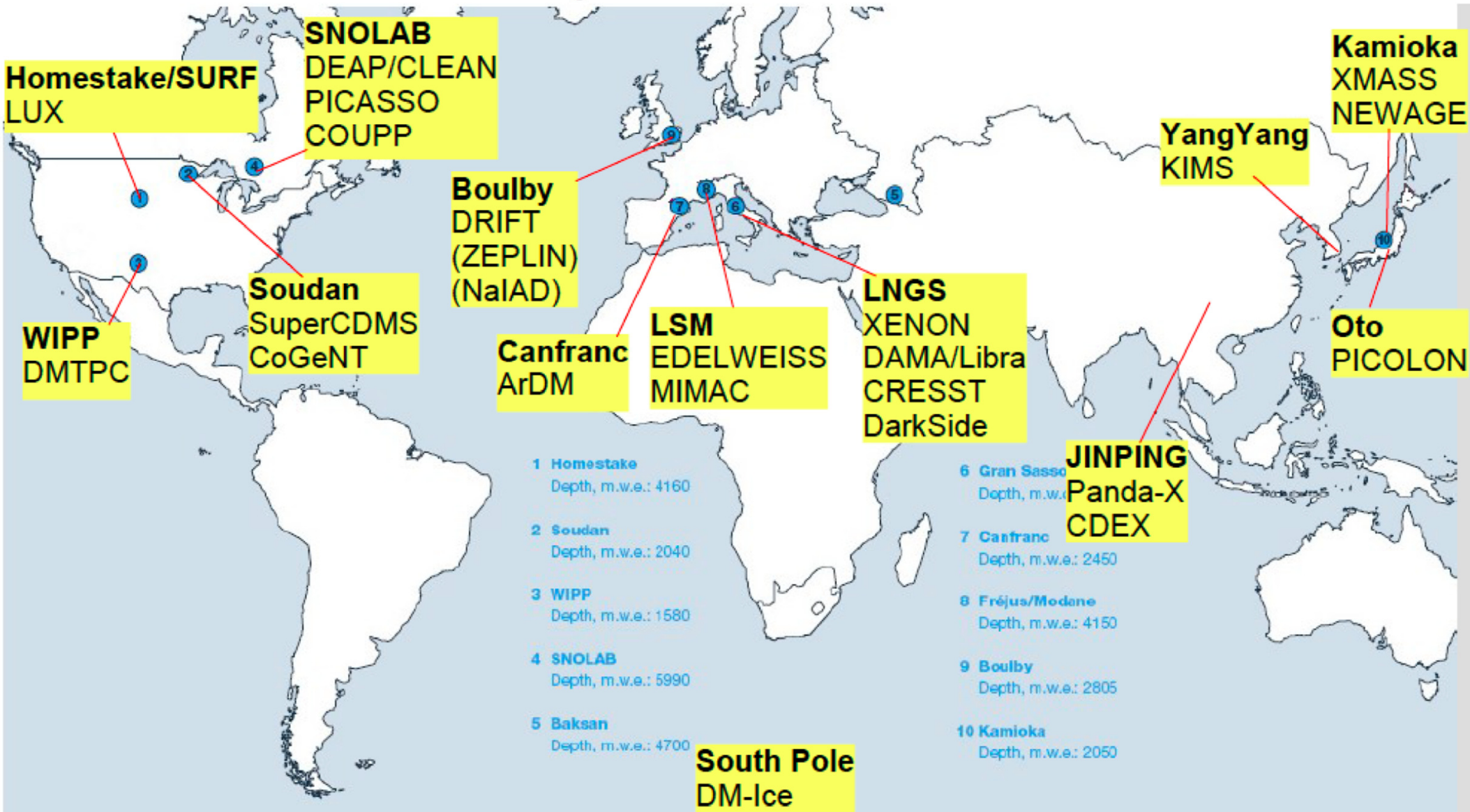
Need to shield dark matter detector from cosmic rays:

Go really deep underground.

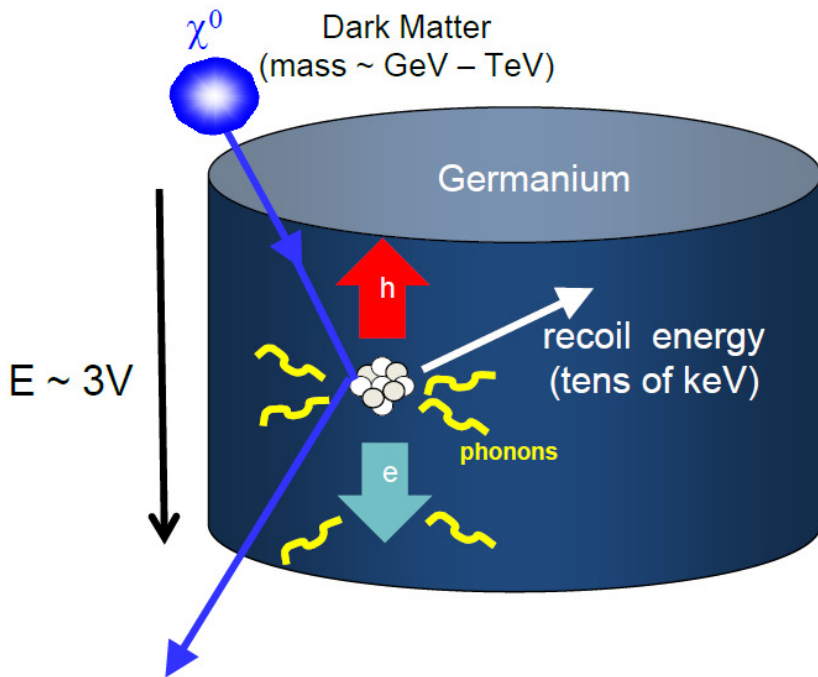
# UNDERGROUND LABS AROUND THE WORLD



# Underground laboratories



# Cryogenic Dark Matter Search (CDMS)



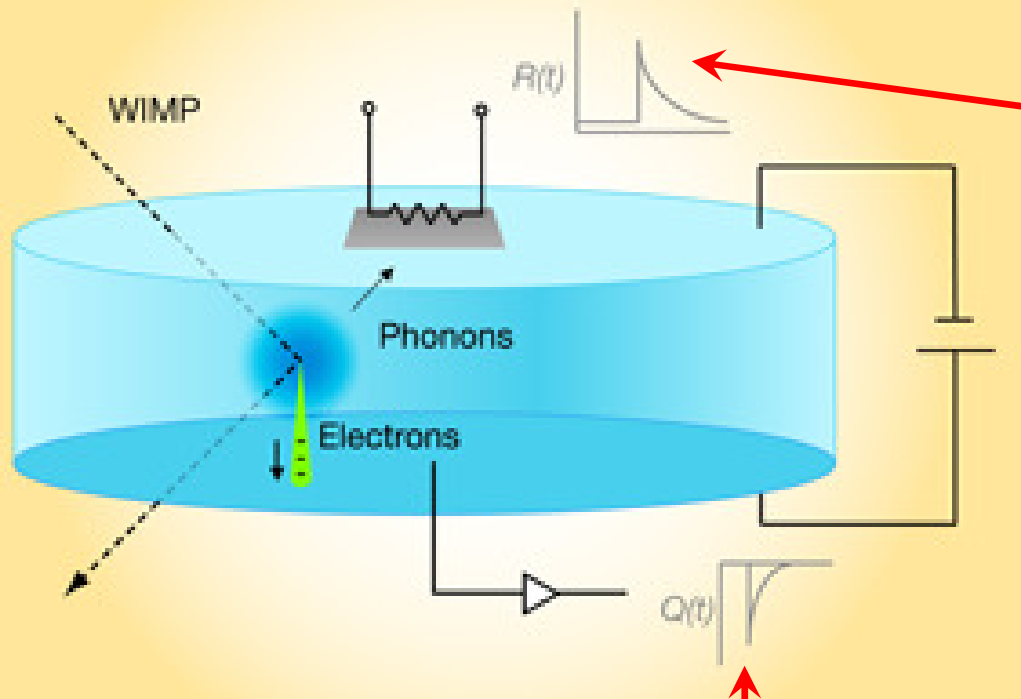
The CDMS experiment has pioneered the use of cryogenic silicon and germanium detectors to perform sensitive searches for dark matter.

The recoiling nucleus from a dark matter interaction produces crystal lattice vibrations (phonons) and also electron-hole pairs (“e” and “h”).

The phonon and charge signals are captured by electrodes applied to the face of the crystal using photolithography.

These detectors provide unique capabilities for background rejection and offer unmatched sensitivity for the very small energy deposits associated with low-mass dark matter interactions.

# Cryogenic Dark Matter Search (CDMS)



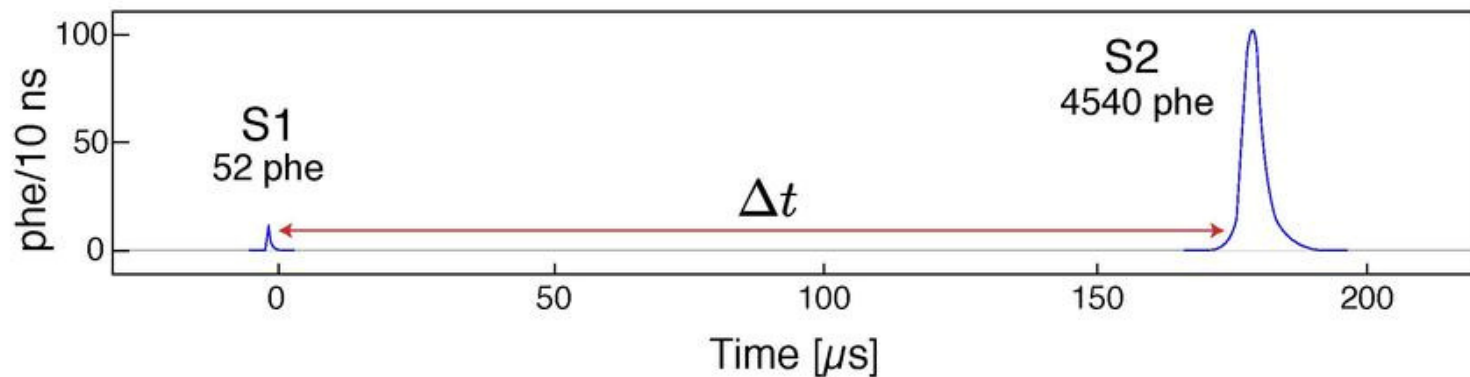
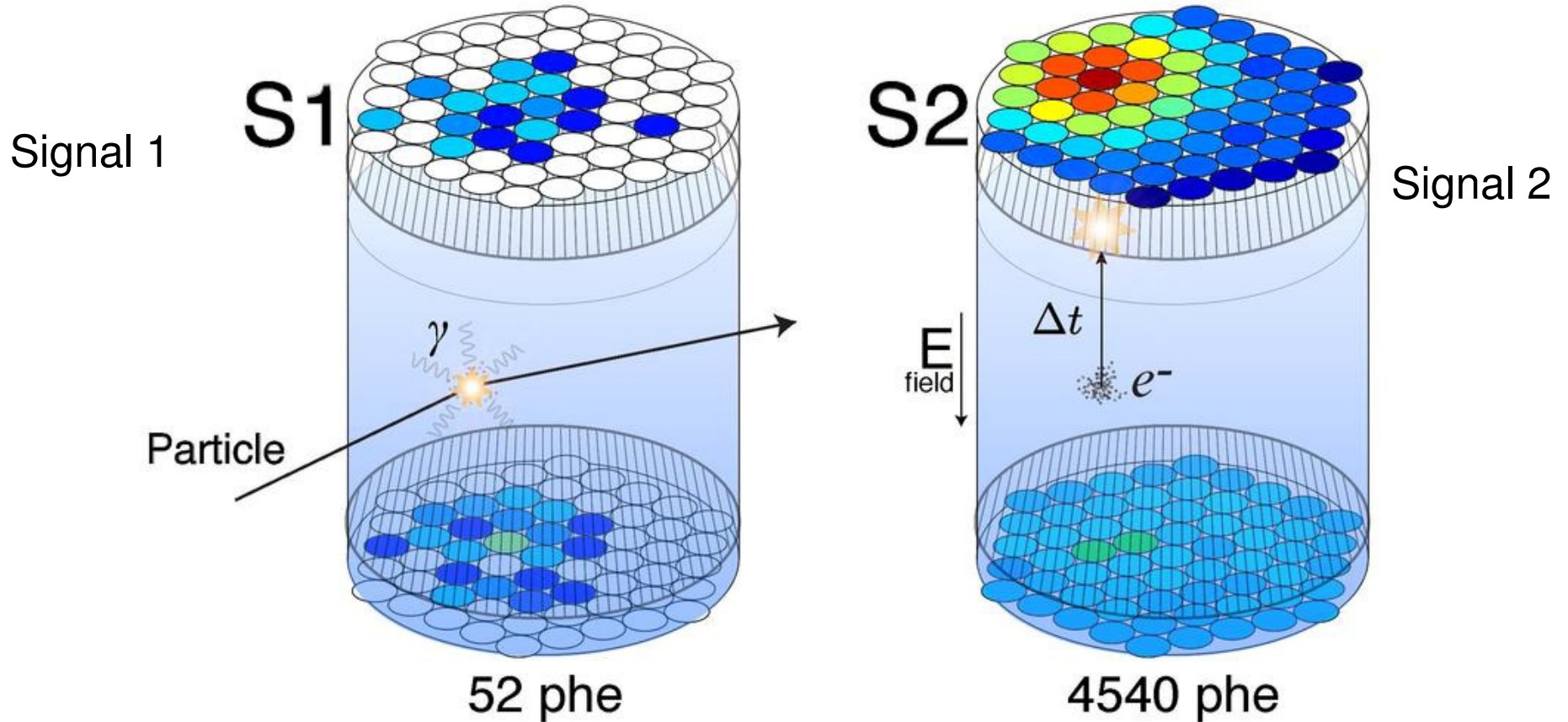
Phonons reaching one face of the detector face break Cooper pairs (weakly bound electron pairs) in a thin superconducting aluminum layer; the resulting quasiparticles heat a transition-edge sensor bonded to the aluminum layer, causing a measurable momentary change in its resistance  $R(t)$ .

Charge carriers drift out to one face of the detector under the influence of a small electric field, and are detected with a sensitive amplifier [signal shown as  $Q(t)$ ].

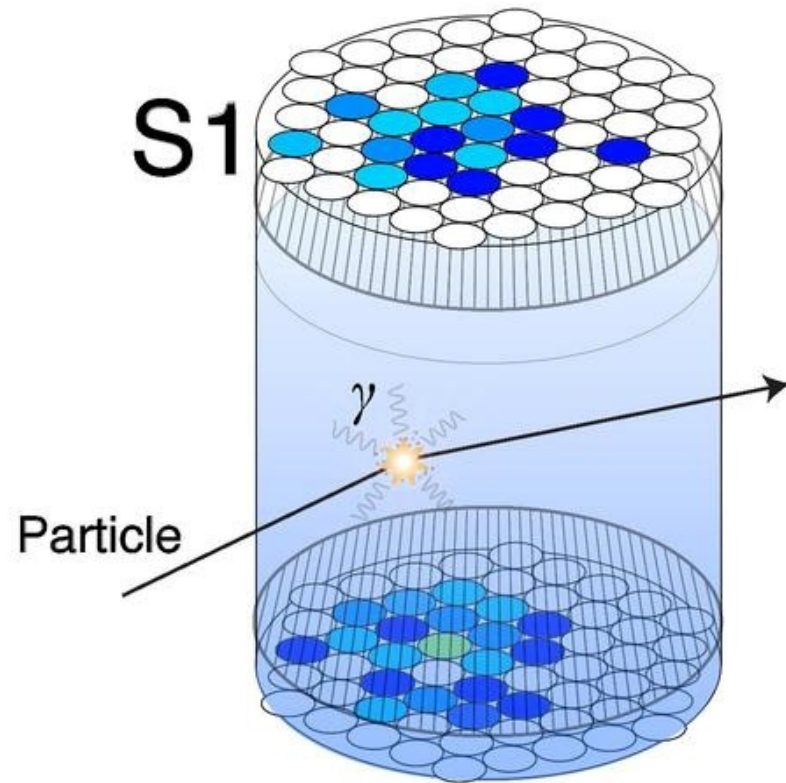
In reality, the readout elements on both sides are highly segmented, and the relative timing of the ionization and phonon signals recorded, to provide good event localization.

# Scintillation detectors

## The Large Underground Xenon (LUX) Experiment



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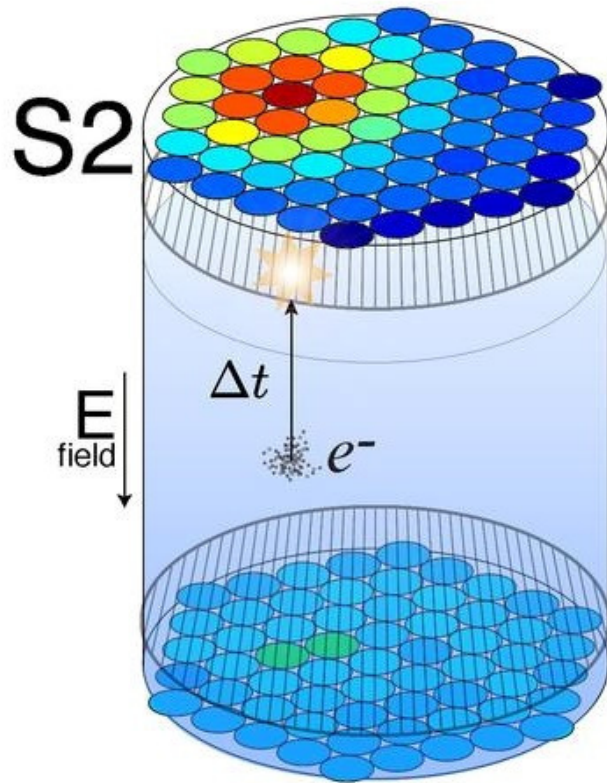


Particle interactions inside the LUX detector produce 175 nm ultraviolet photons and electrons.

The photons ( $\gamma$ ), moving at the speed of light, are quickly detected by the photomultiplier tubes. This photon signal is called S1.



# The Large Underground Xenon (LUX) Experiment



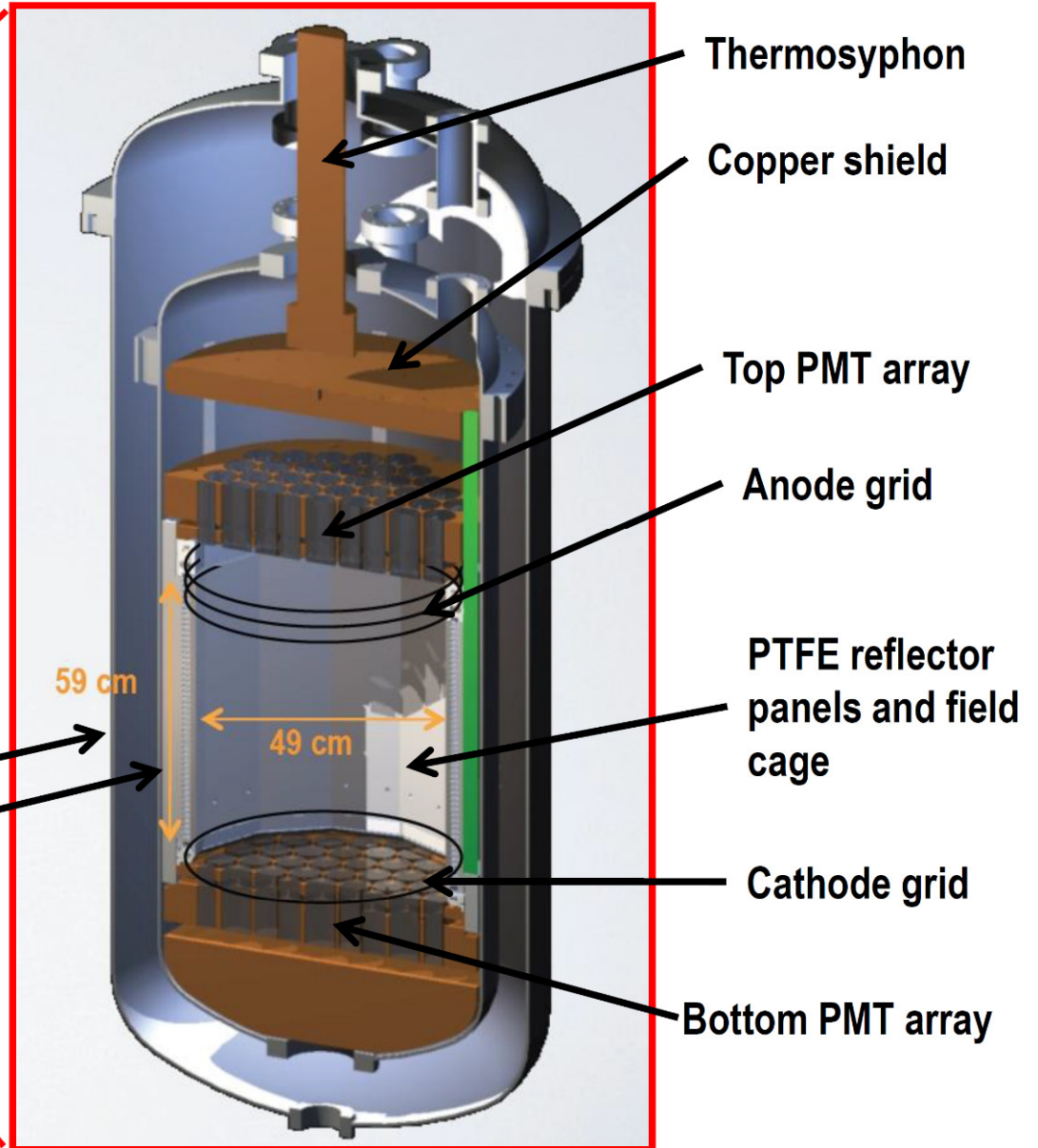
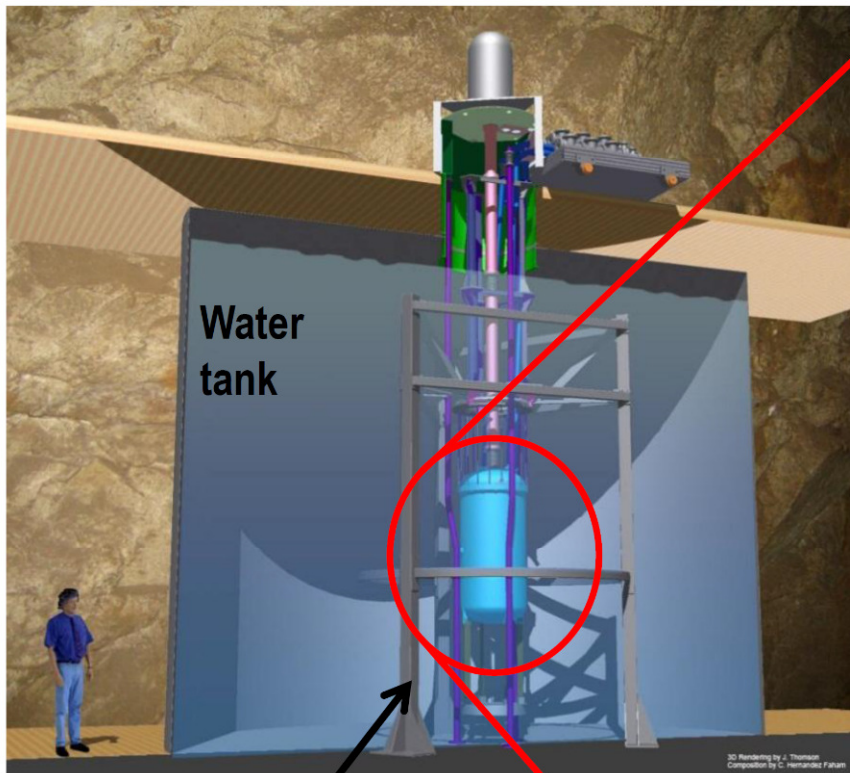
An electric field in the liquid xenon drifts the electrons towards the liquid surface.

A much higher electric field above the liquid surface pulls the electrons out of the liquid and into the gas, where they produce **electroluminescence** photons (in the same way that neon sign produces light).

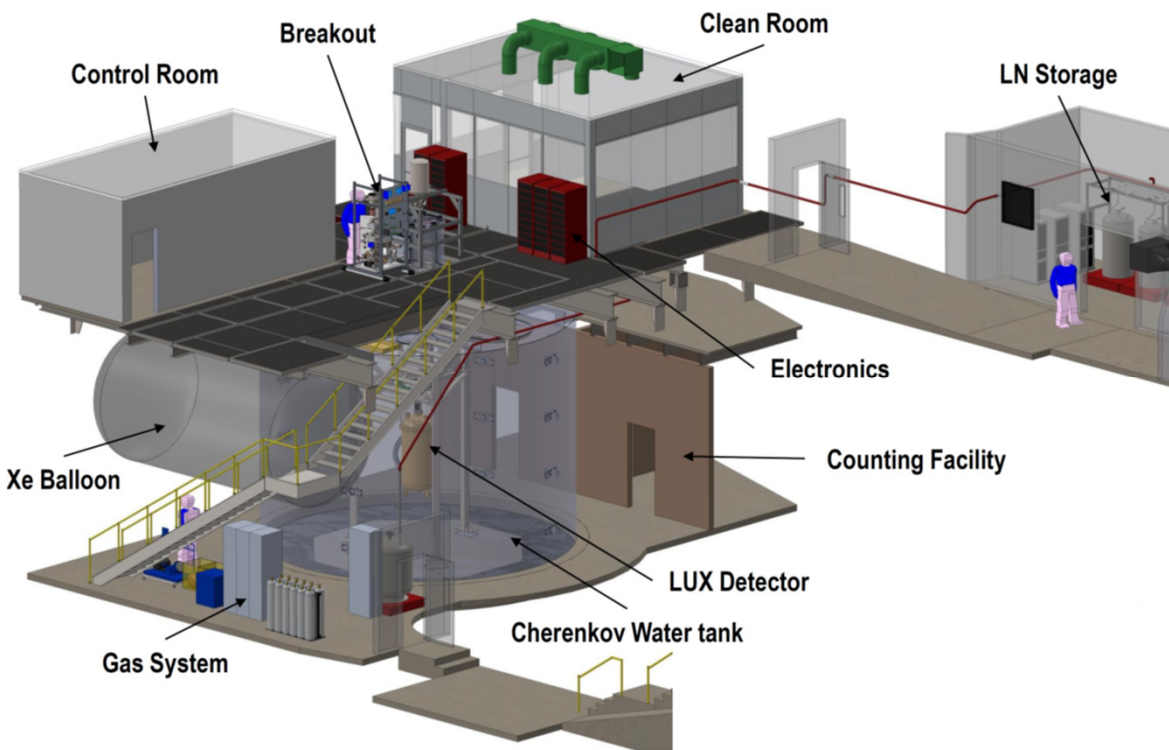
The electroluminescence photons are detected by the photomultiplier tubes as the S2 signal.

A single particle interaction in the liquid xenon can be identified by the pair of an S1 and an S2 signal. The detector is isolated from background particles by a surrounding water tank and above earth shielding that reduce cosmic rays and radiation interacting with the xenon.

# The LUX Experiment

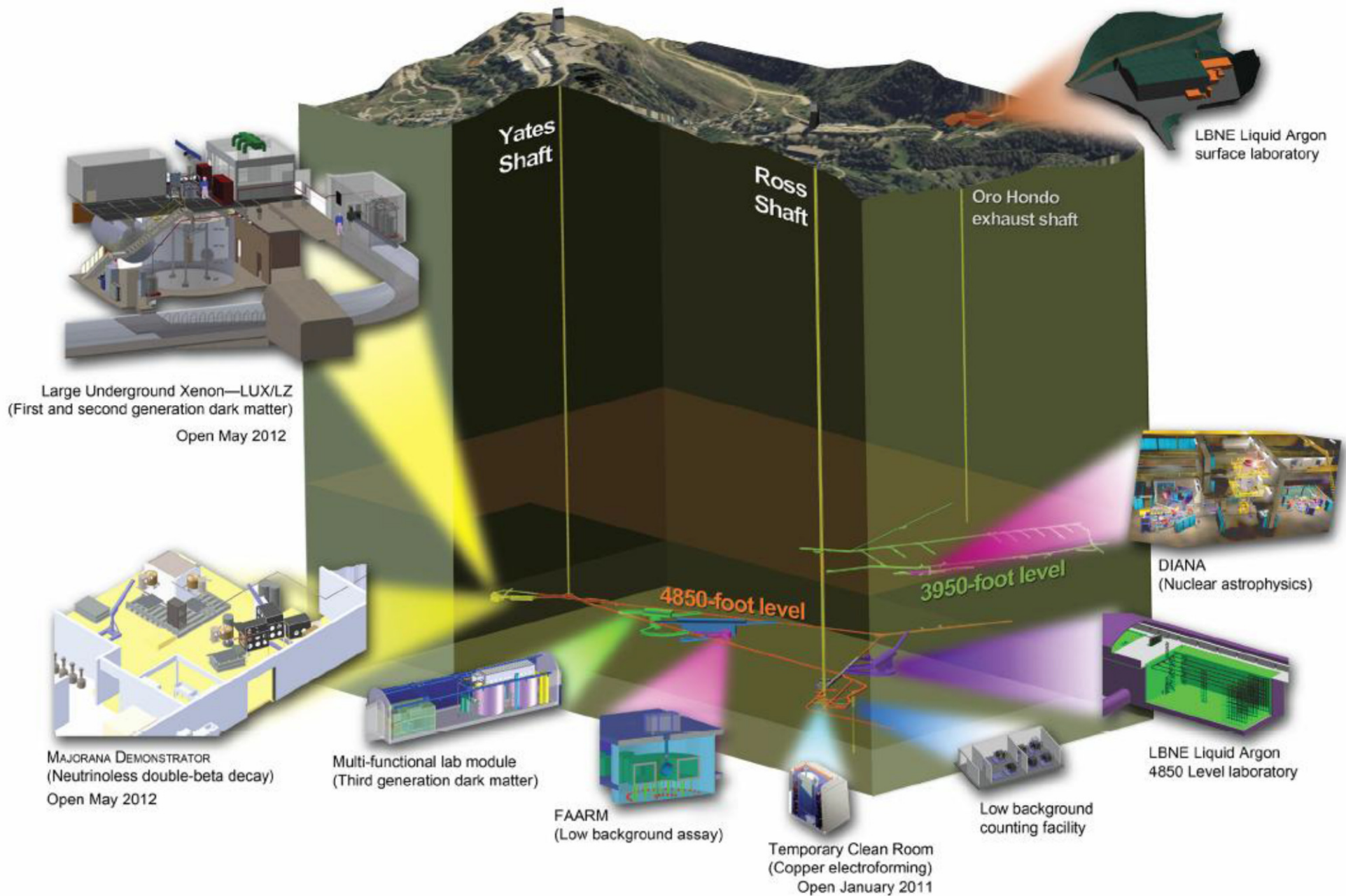


- 370 kg xenon
  - 300 kg active region
  - 100 kg fiducial
- 122 PMTs 2" round
- Low-background Ti cryostat



Access Tunnel to the Davis Underground Laboratory, Dec 2011

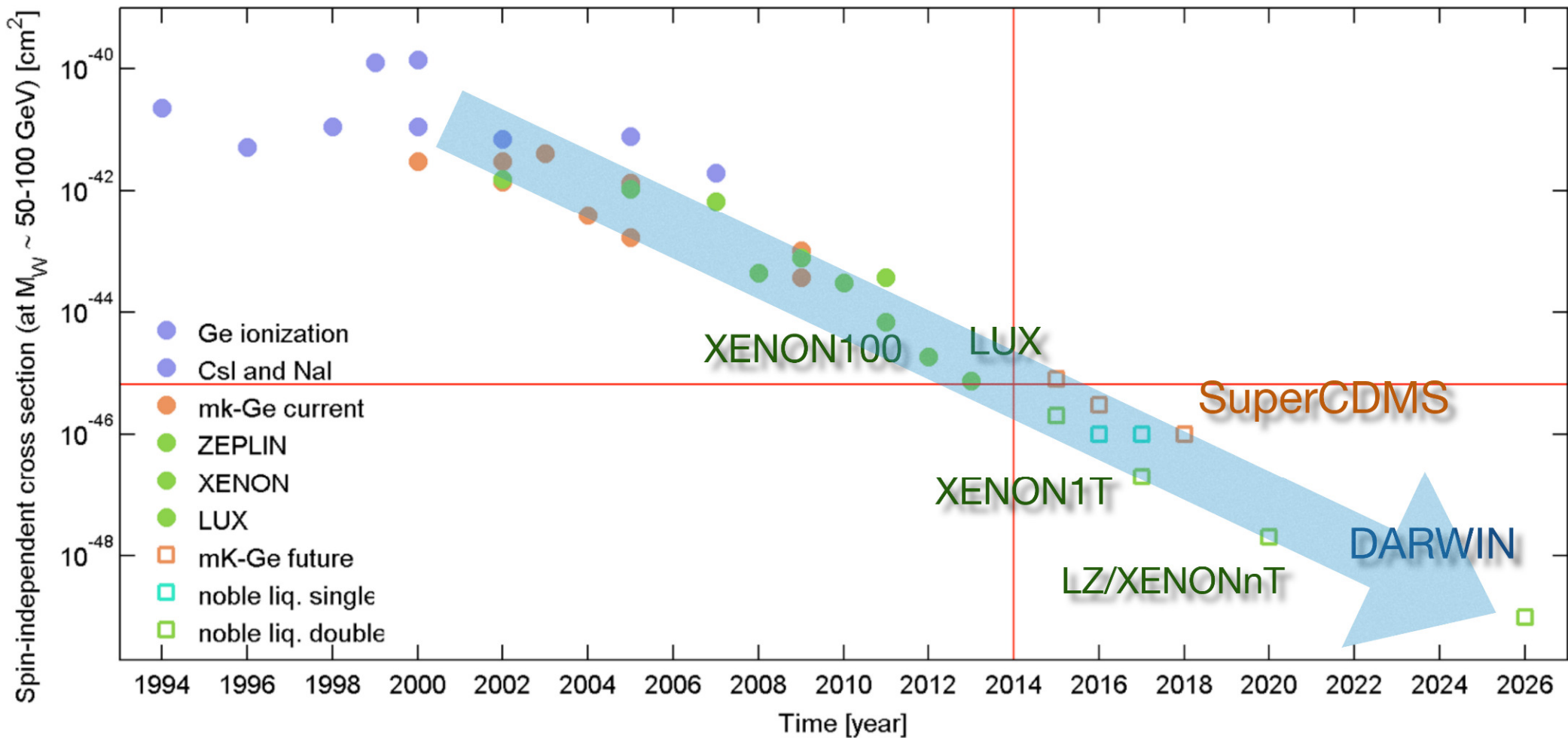
# Future of Sanford Lab



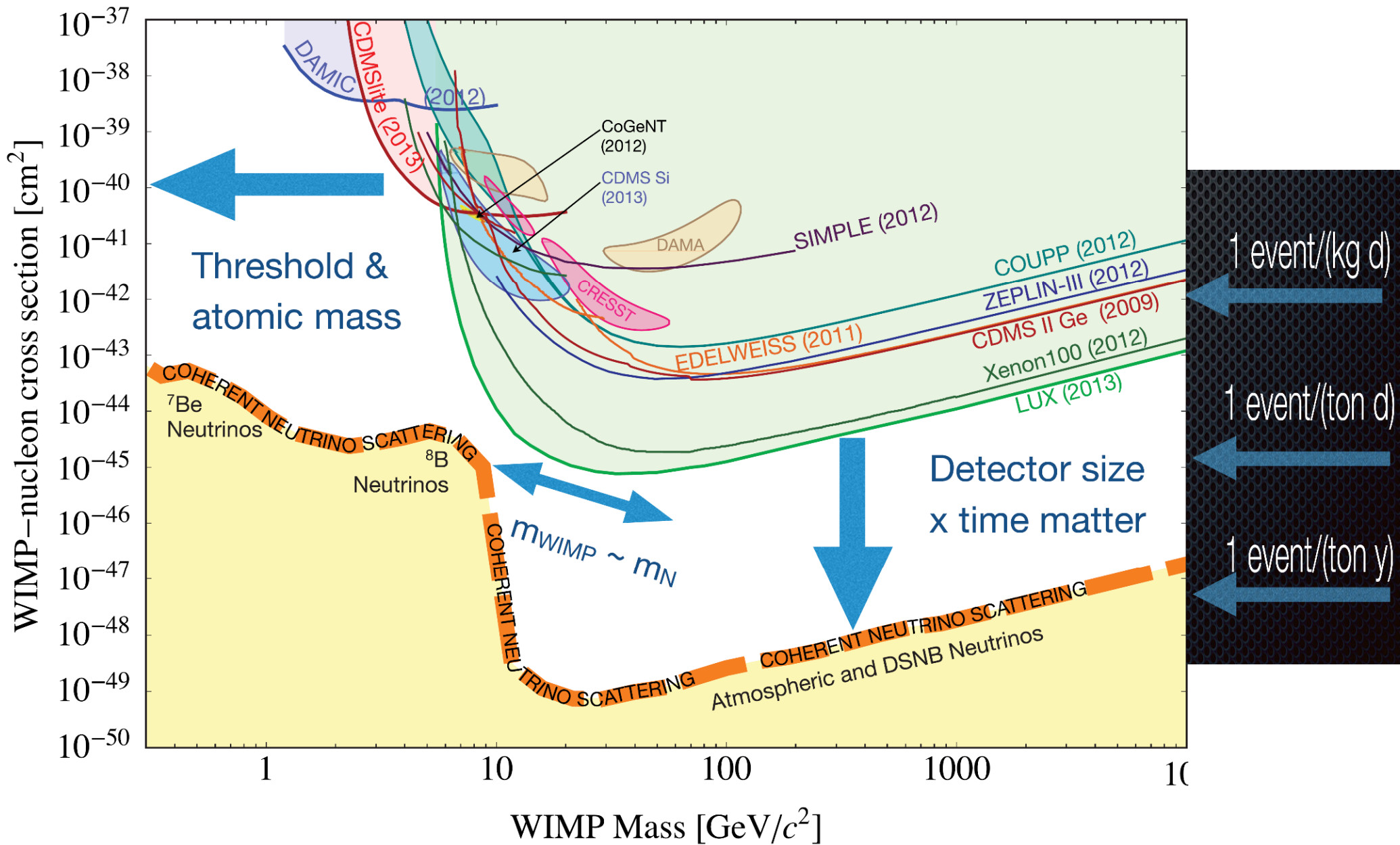
# Background sources

- Natural **U**, **Th** chains and  $^{40}\text{K}$ 
    - Electronic recoils:  $\beta$ 's and  $\gamma$ 's
    - $\alpha$ 's: high energy but still BG in some experiments
  - **Neutrons** → nuclear recoils
    - $(\alpha, n)$  reactions and spontaneous fission
    - From muon showers after a spallation process
  - **Rn** and  $^{85}\text{Kr}$ 
    - Rn emanation from various detector materials
    - Kr from the air ( $^{85}\text{Kr}$  produced at nuclear power plants)
- **Background suppression/removal** 1 part per quadrillion  $10^{15}$  pure Xe!
- Material screening and selection
  - Removal of Kr or Rn with dedicated devices
  - Shielding (underground lab, detector shield, active veto)

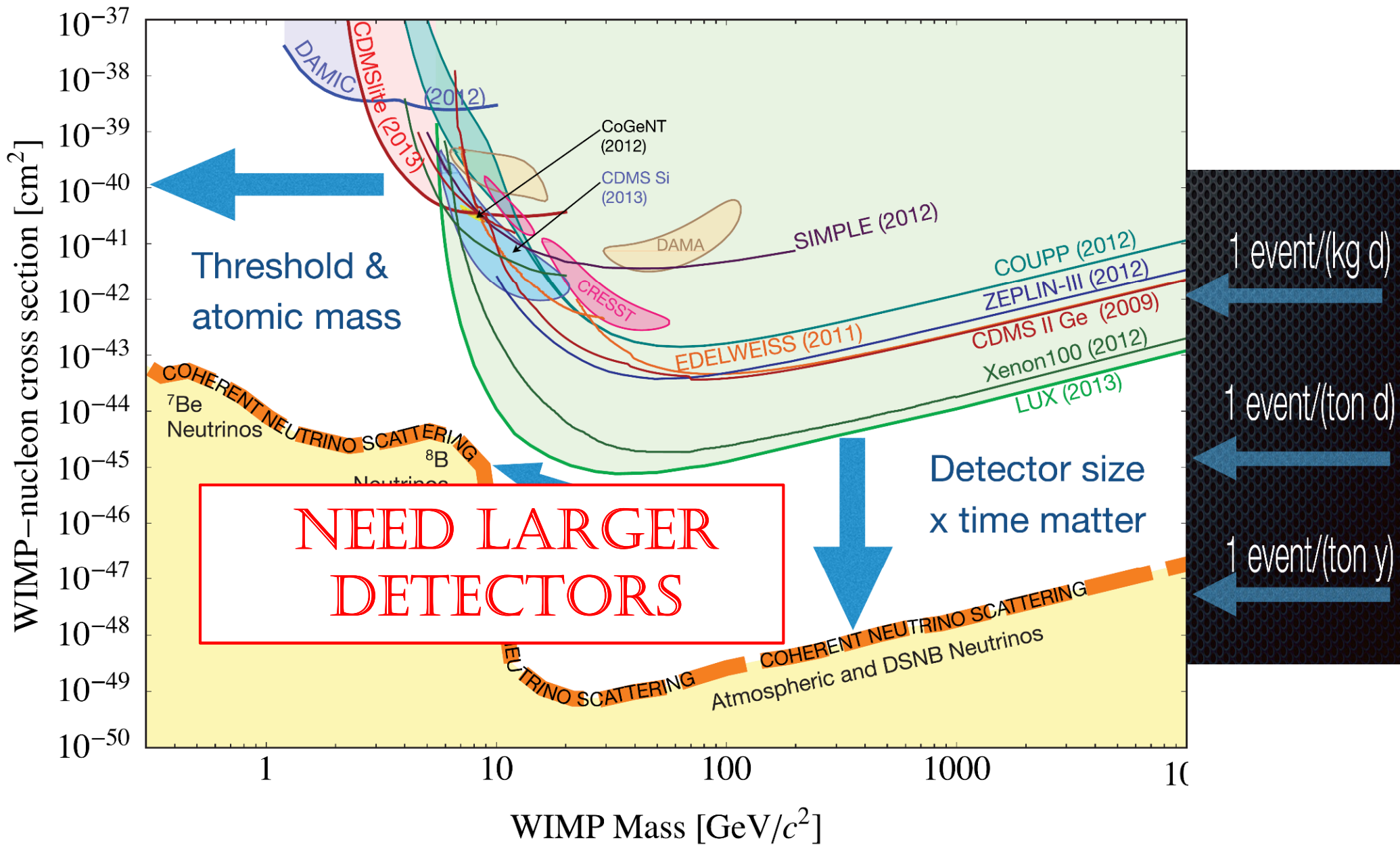
# A history and future projections of direct detection limits



# How to improve WIMP direct detection experiments?



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# The WIMP landscape: prospects

