

Latest Results of PandaX Experiment

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PandaX Collaboration



- **PandaX: particle and astrophysical xenon detector**
 - dark matter, Majorana neutrino, astrophysical neutrino

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Xe

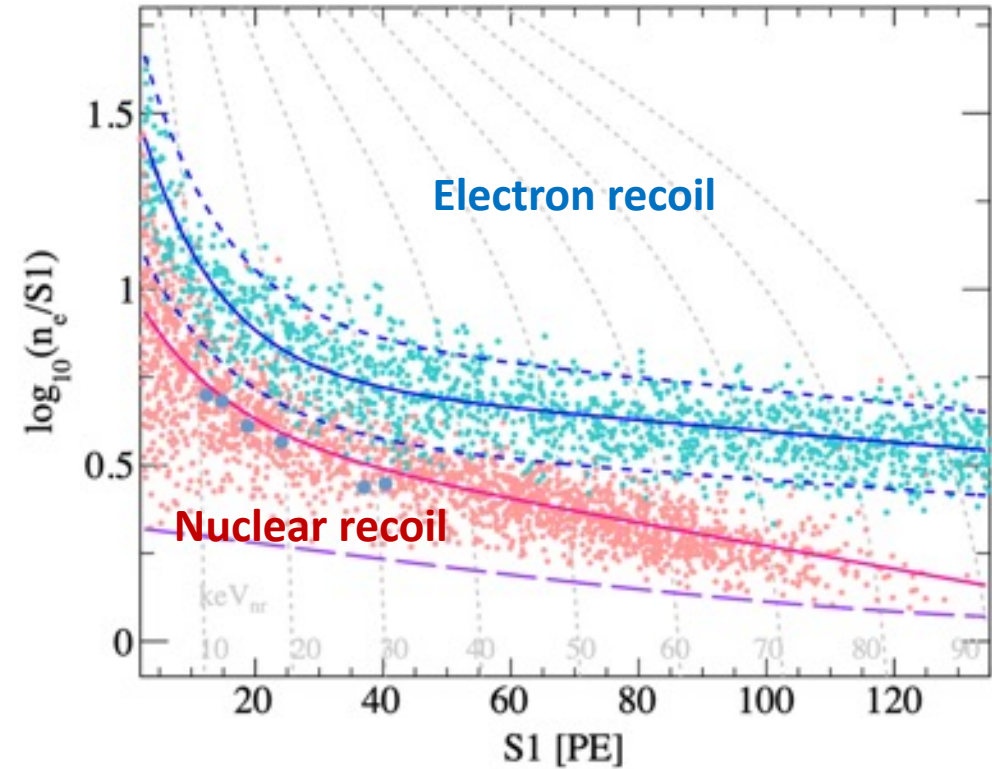
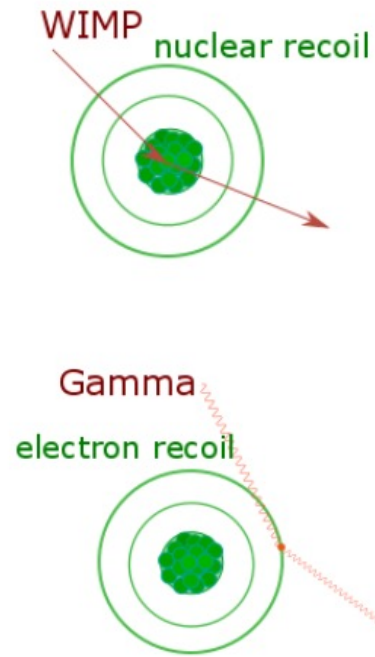
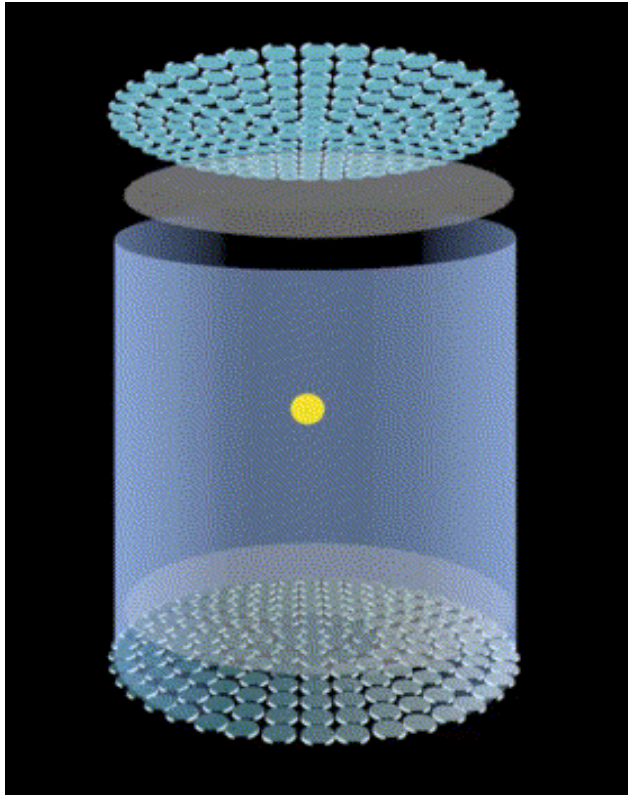
Xenon
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PandaX: Dual-phase xenon TPC



- **Paired scintillation (S1) and ionization (S2) signals**
 - Precise energy measurement and 3-D position reconstruction
 - Discrimination of nuclear recoil and electron recoil signals



PandaX Detectors



- Increasing the detector sensitive target volume
- Lowering radioactive background

PandaX start



2009

PandaX-I
120kg



2010-2014

PandaX-II
580kg



2015-2019

PandaX-4T
(3.7 tonne)

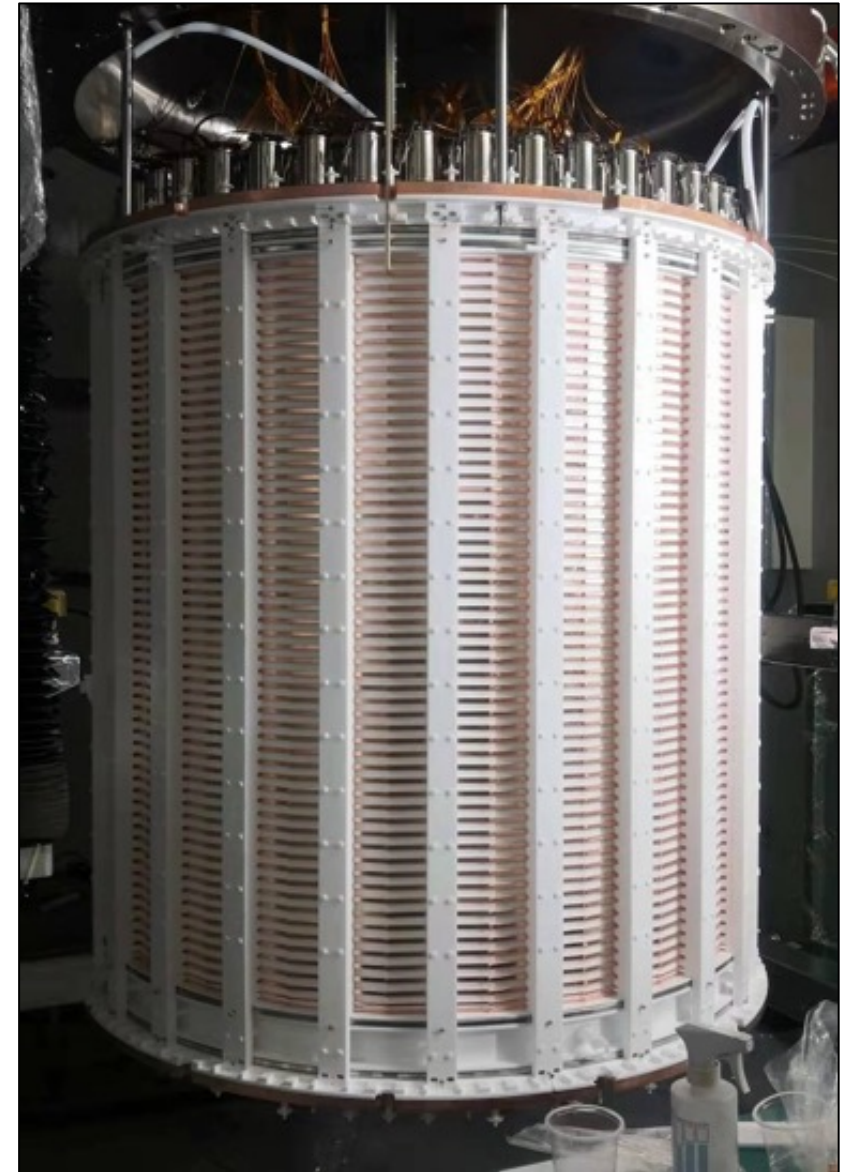


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PandaX-4T Experiment



- **Sensitive volume: 3.7 tonne xenon**
- **900m³ high-purity water shielding tank**
- **Commissioning started in 2020/11**
 - 95 days: ~0.6 tonne-year



How dark is dark matter?



Luminance of Dark Matter



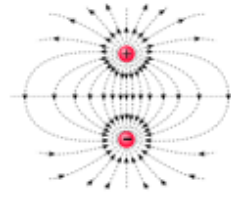
- Residual weak EM properties: coupling with photons



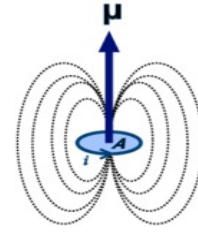
微弱电荷
millicharge



电荷半径
charge radius



电偶极矩
electric dipole



磁偶极矩
magnetic dipole



零极矩
anapole

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{Qe \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi A_\mu}_{\text{millicharge}} + \underbrace{\frac{\mu_\chi}{2} \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi F_{\mu\nu}}_{\text{magnetic dipole}} + \underbrace{i \frac{d_\chi}{2} \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^5 \chi F_{\mu\nu}}_{\text{electric dipole}} + \underbrace{b_\chi \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi \partial^\nu F_{\mu\nu}}_{\text{charge radius}} + \underbrace{a_\chi \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \partial^\nu F_{\mu\nu}}_{\text{anapole}}$$

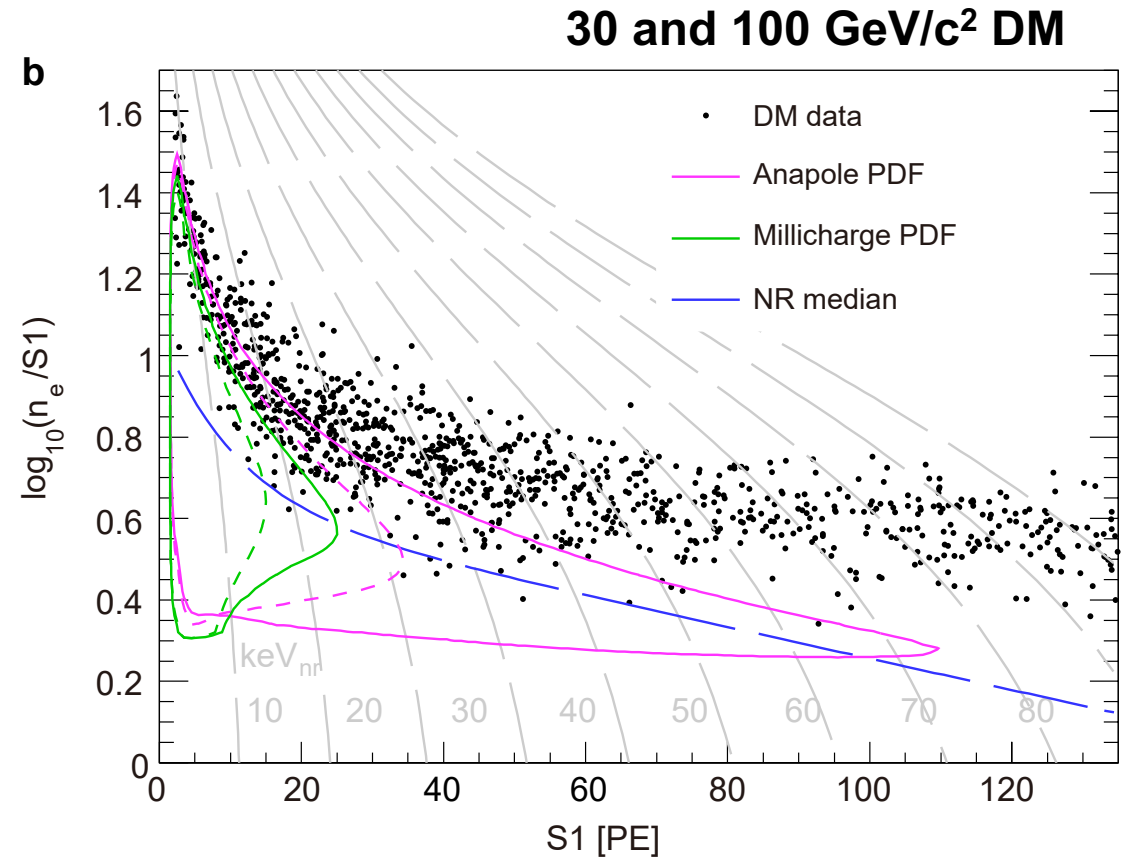
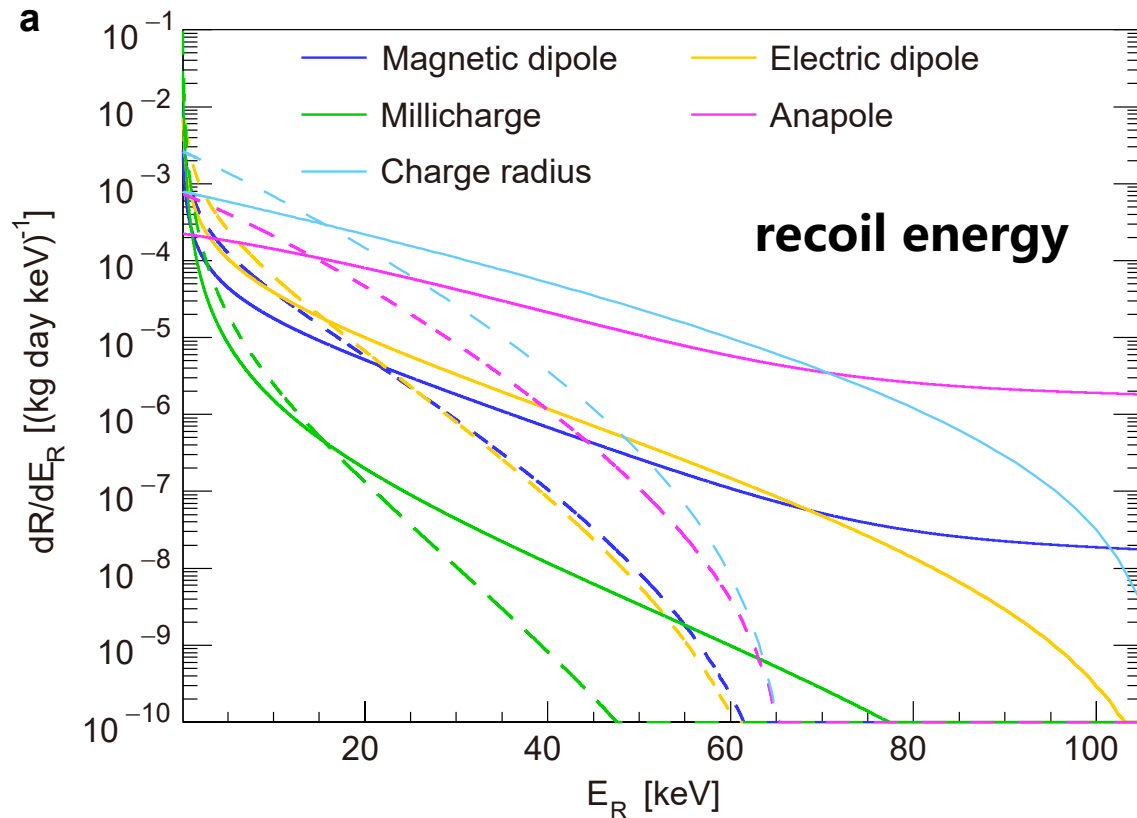
tree-level

higher-order loop-level

Photon-Mediated Interaction



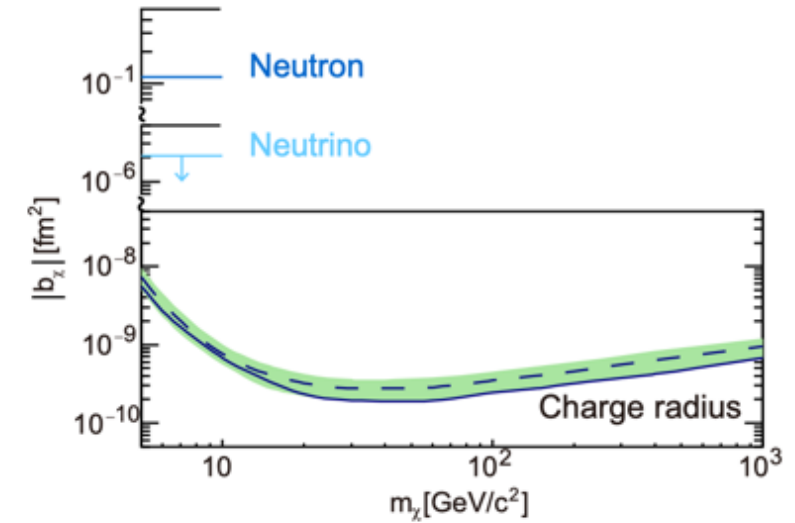
- Various nuclear recoil character
- Dedicated searches of these EM properties



Results from Xenon Recoil Data

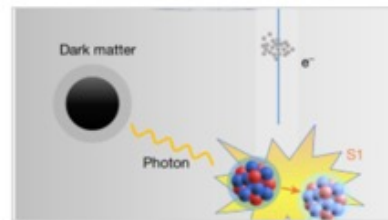


- **First experimental constraints on DM charge radius**
 - 4 orders of magnitude smaller than neutrino
- **Strong constraints on other EM properties**
 - up to 3 – 10 times improvement



Limits on the luminance of dark matter from xenon recoil data

A direct search for effective electromagnetic interactions between dark matter and xenon nuclei that produce a recoil of the latter is carried out and the first constraint on charge radius of dark matter is derived.



Xuyang Ning, Abdusalam Abdukerim ... Yubo Zhou

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Table 1 | Comparison of electromagnetic properties

	dark matter	neutrino	neutron
Charge radius (fm ²)	$<1.9 \times 10^{-10}$	$[-2.1, 3.3] \times 10^{-6}^*$	-0.1155^*
Millicharge (e)	$<2.6 \times 10^{-11}$	$<4 \times 10^{-35}^*$	$(-2 \pm 8) \times 10^{-22}^*$
Magnetic dipole (μ_B)	$<4.8 \times 10^{-10}$	$<2.8 \times 10^{-11}^*$	$-1 \times 10^{-3}^*$
Electric dipole (ecm)	$<1.2 \times 10^{-23}$	$<2 \times 10^{-21}^\dagger$	$<1.8 \times 10^{-26}^*$
Anapole (cm ²)	$<1.6 \times 10^{-33}$	$\sim 10^{-34}^\ddagger$	$\sim 10^{-28}^\S$

* Datas are taken from PDG [32]

† Taken from [31]

‡ Taken from [33]

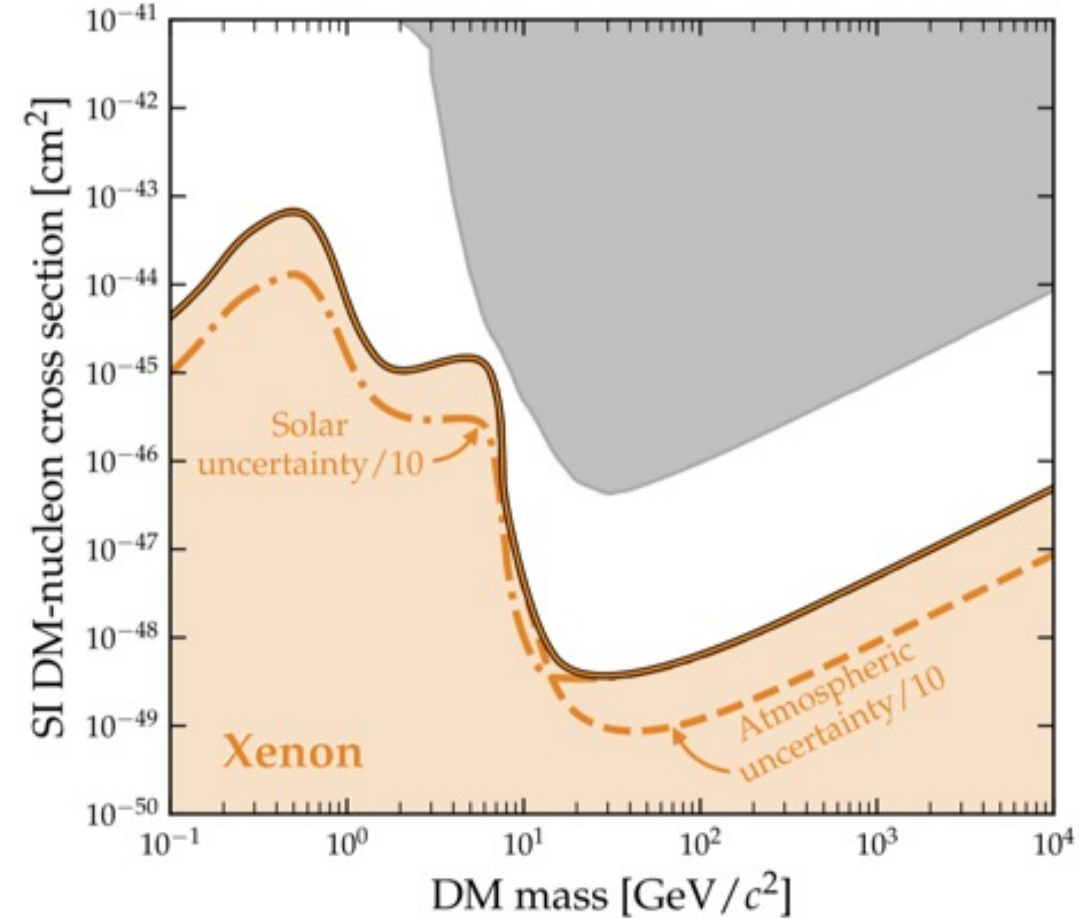
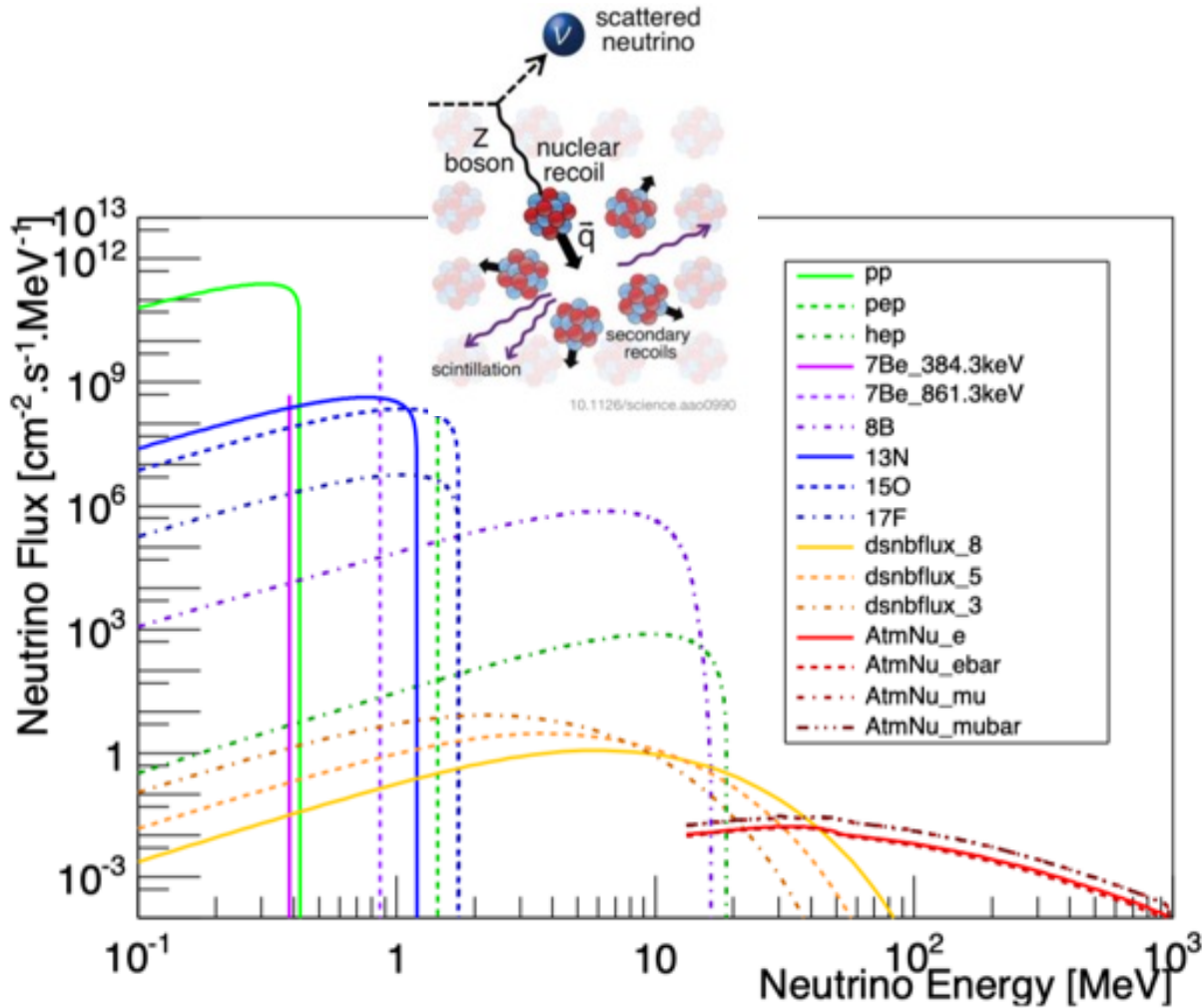
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Neutrino Floor



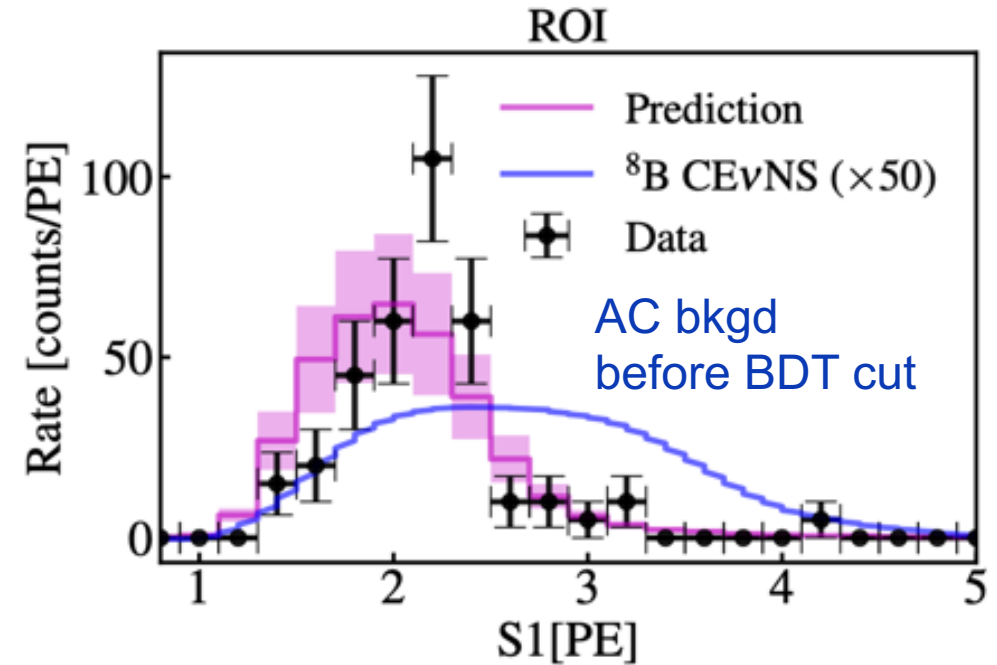
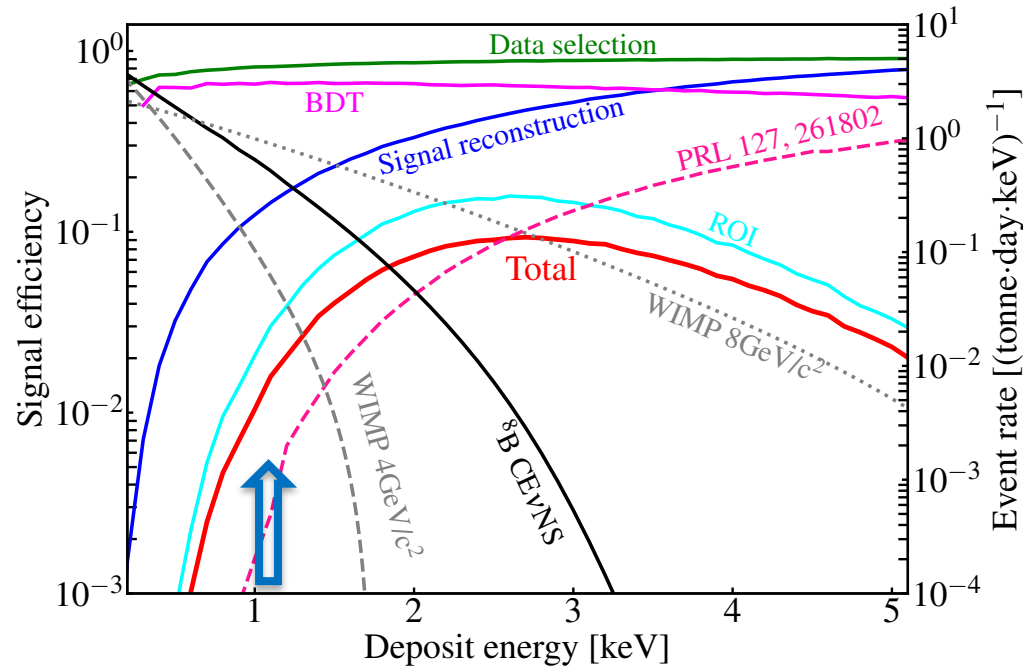
- **Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering (CEvNS)**



Towards the Neutrino Floor



- **Lowering selection threshold for solar B8 CEvNS**
 - Cut on the scintillation signal (S1) from 2 PE to 0.3 PE
 - Optimizing signal selection cuts with waveform simulation
- **Accidental paired (AC) background modeling and rejection**



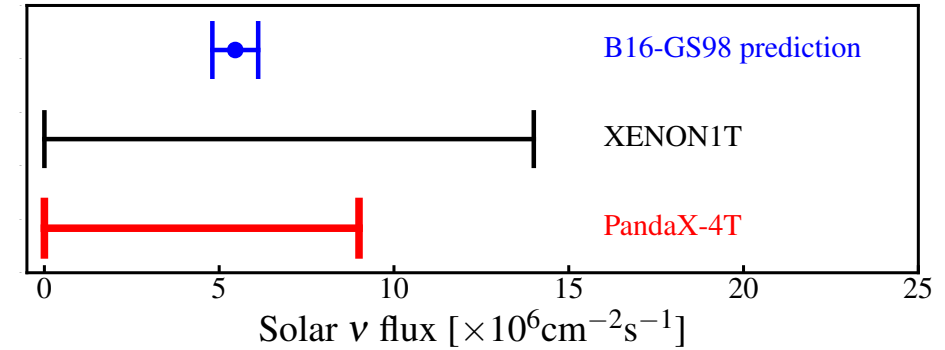
Constraints on B8 and WIMP



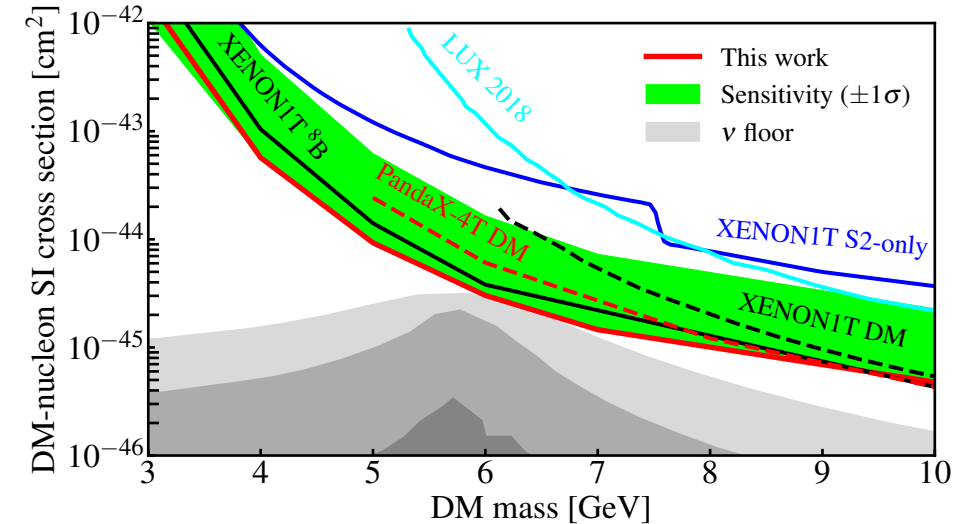
- **Blind analysis with 0.48 tonne-year data**

ROI (BDT applied)

ER+NR+AC	8B	Total prediction	Unblind data
1.46	1.42	2.88	1
0.04	0.29	0.33	0

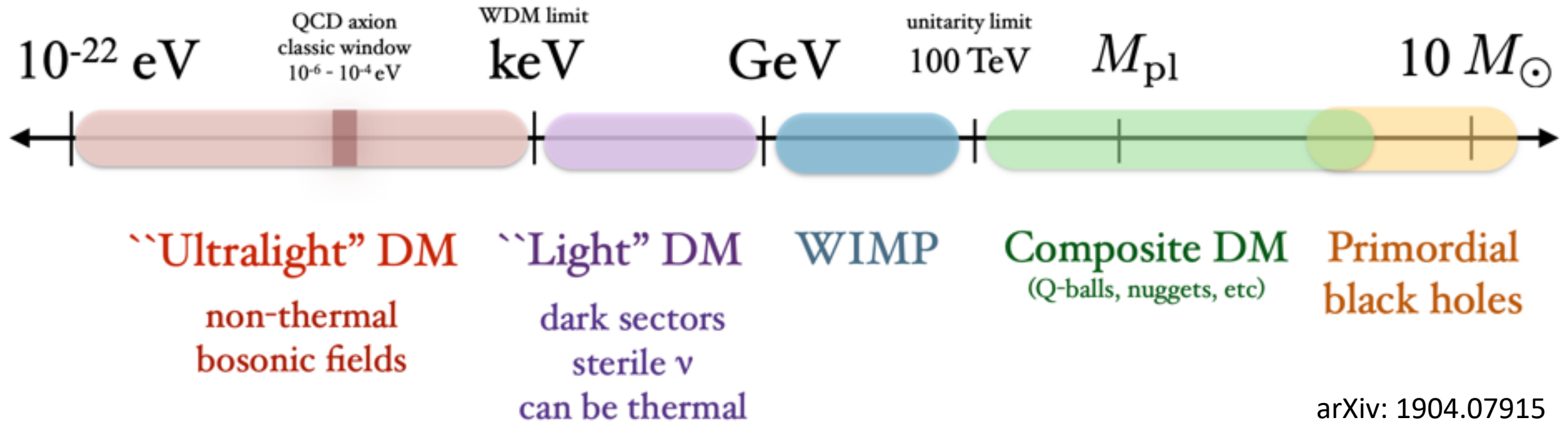


- **Leading constraint on B8 neutrino flux through CEvNS**
- **Strongest constraints on light WIMP of mass 3 -10 GeV/c²**



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Light dark matter

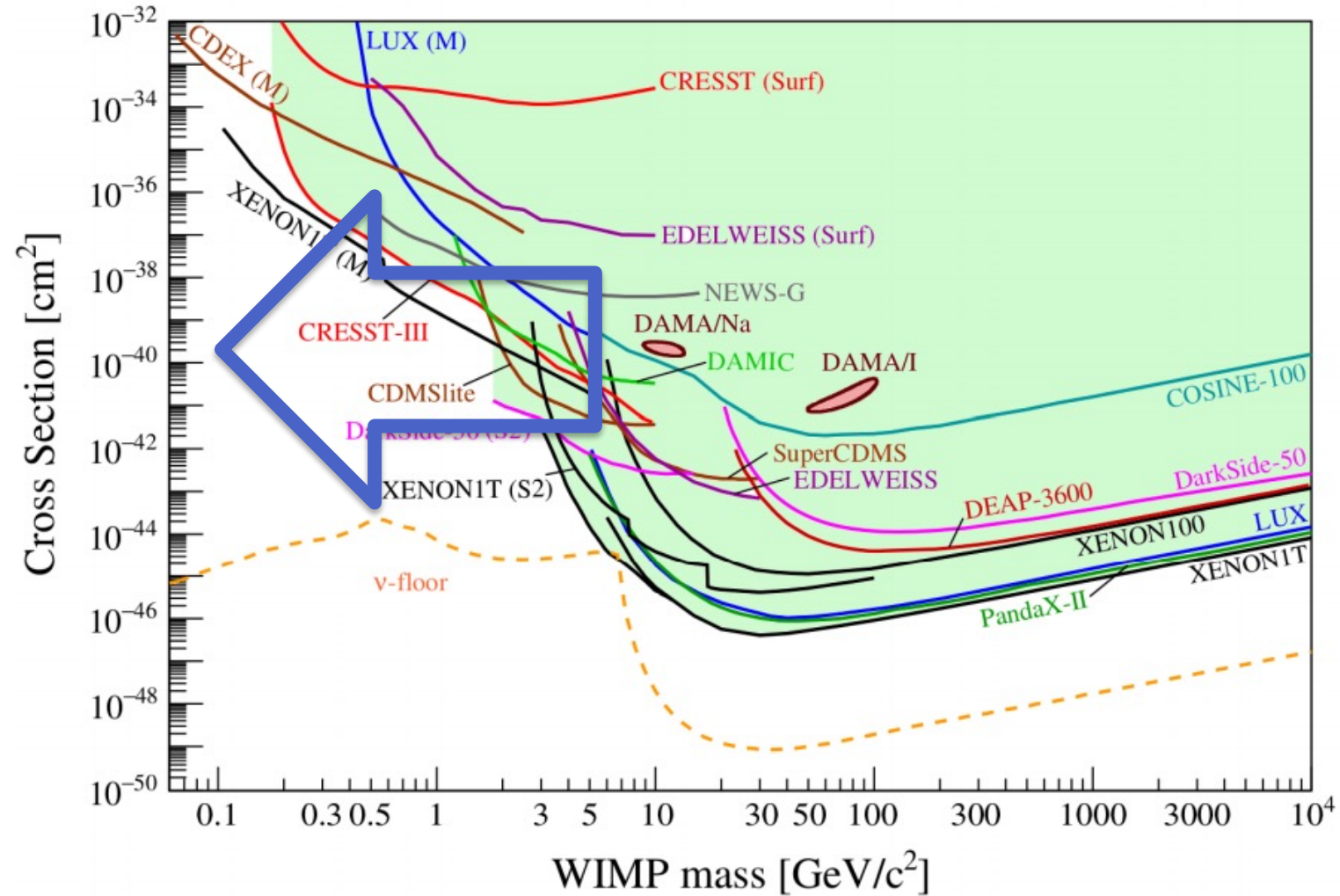


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Sub-GeV Dark Matter

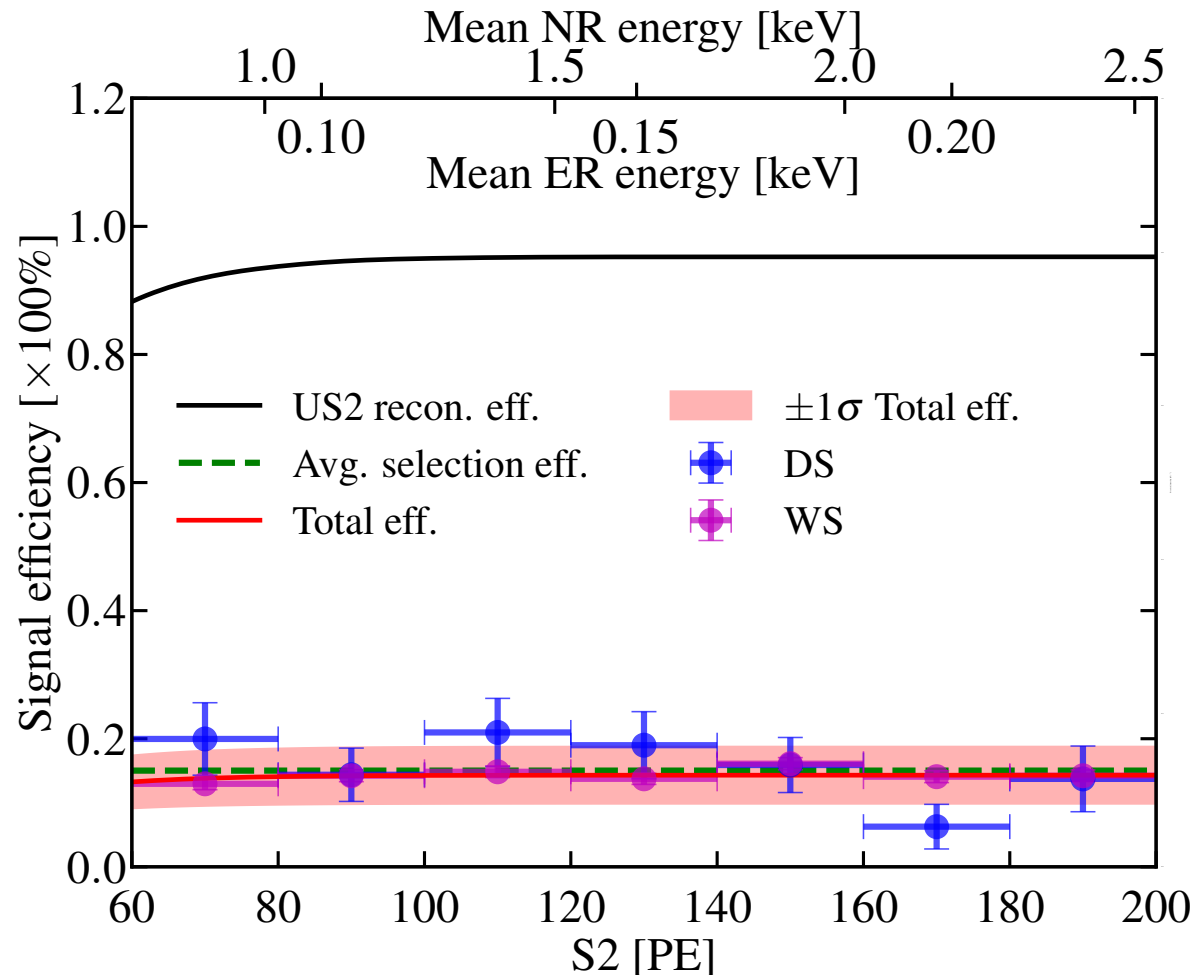


- **Traditional approach with energy threshold @ ~1keV**
 - very weak signals from light mass DM
- **New strategies for sub-GeV DM**
 - lowering threshold
 - kinetic boosting, etc





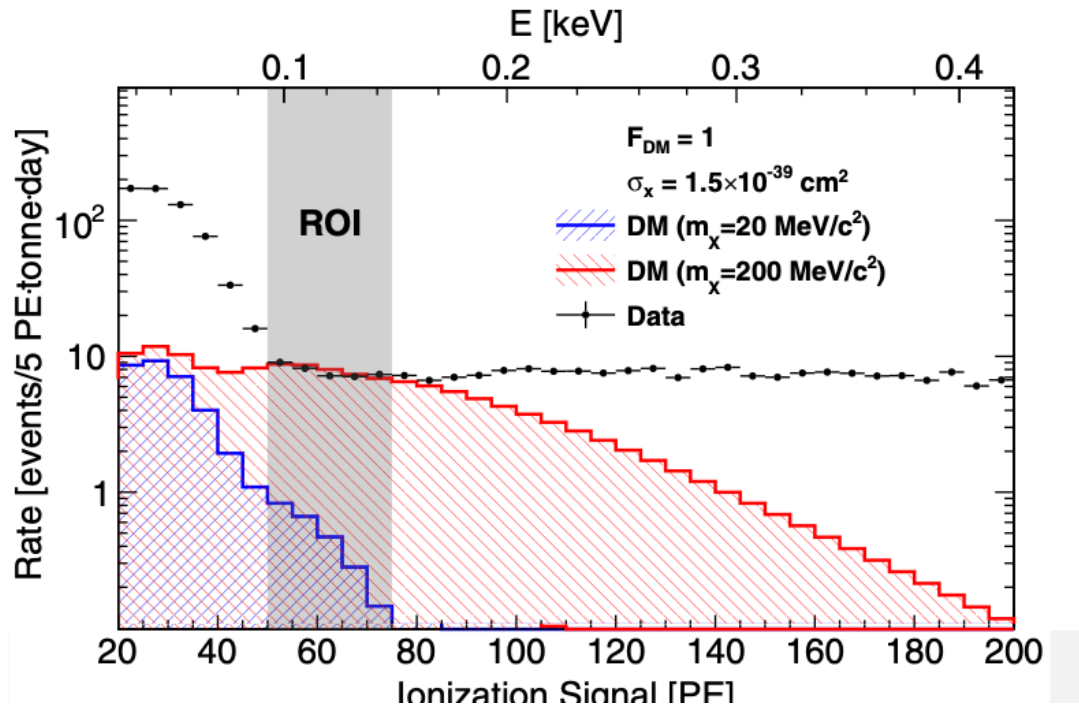
- **Ionization-Only: no scintillation signal requirement**
 - ROI S2 [60, 200]PE: threshold down to ~ 100 eV (from ~ 1 keV)



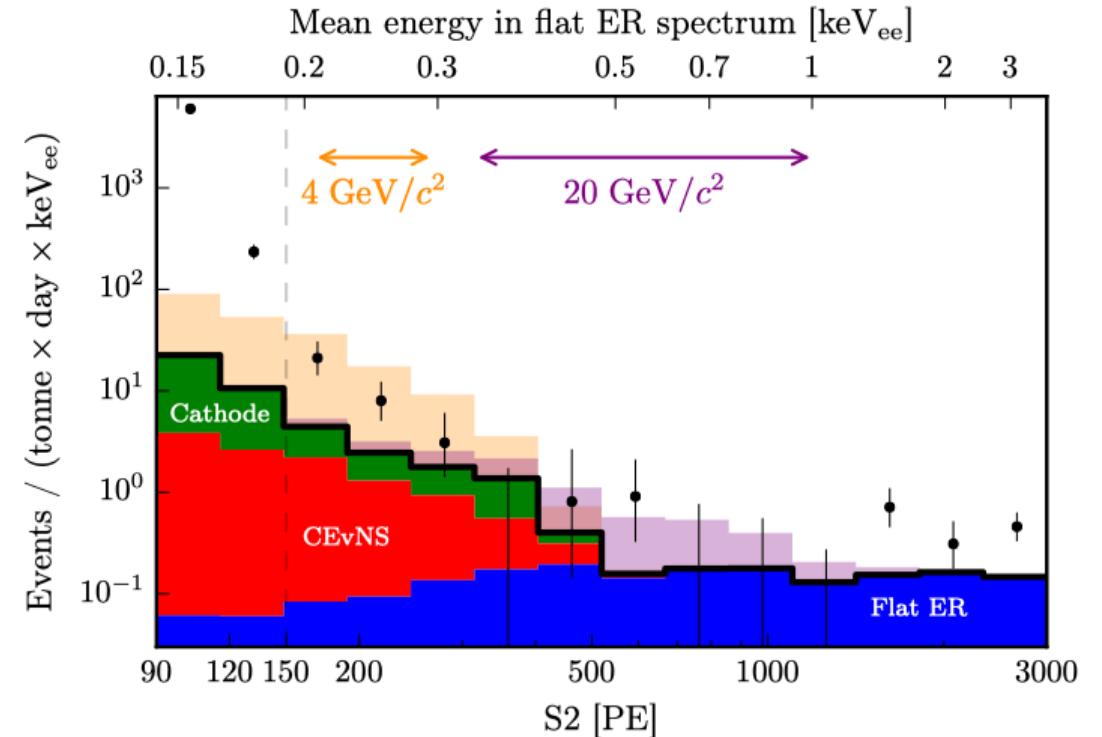
Ionization-only ROI



- **Key challenge: background components**
 - No full picture in previous xenon-based experiments
 - Conservative results only



PandaX-II PRL (2021)

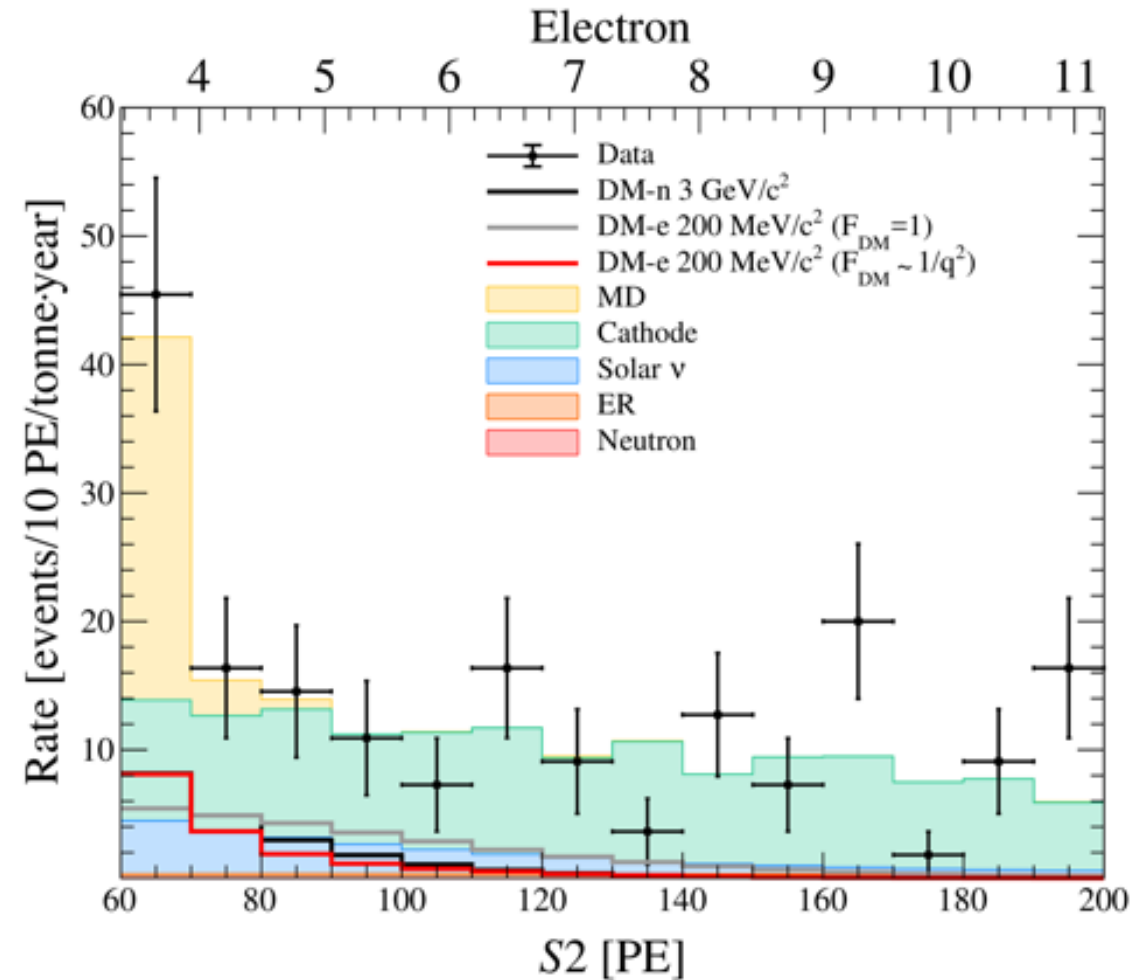


XENON1T PRL (2019)

Ionization-only Data



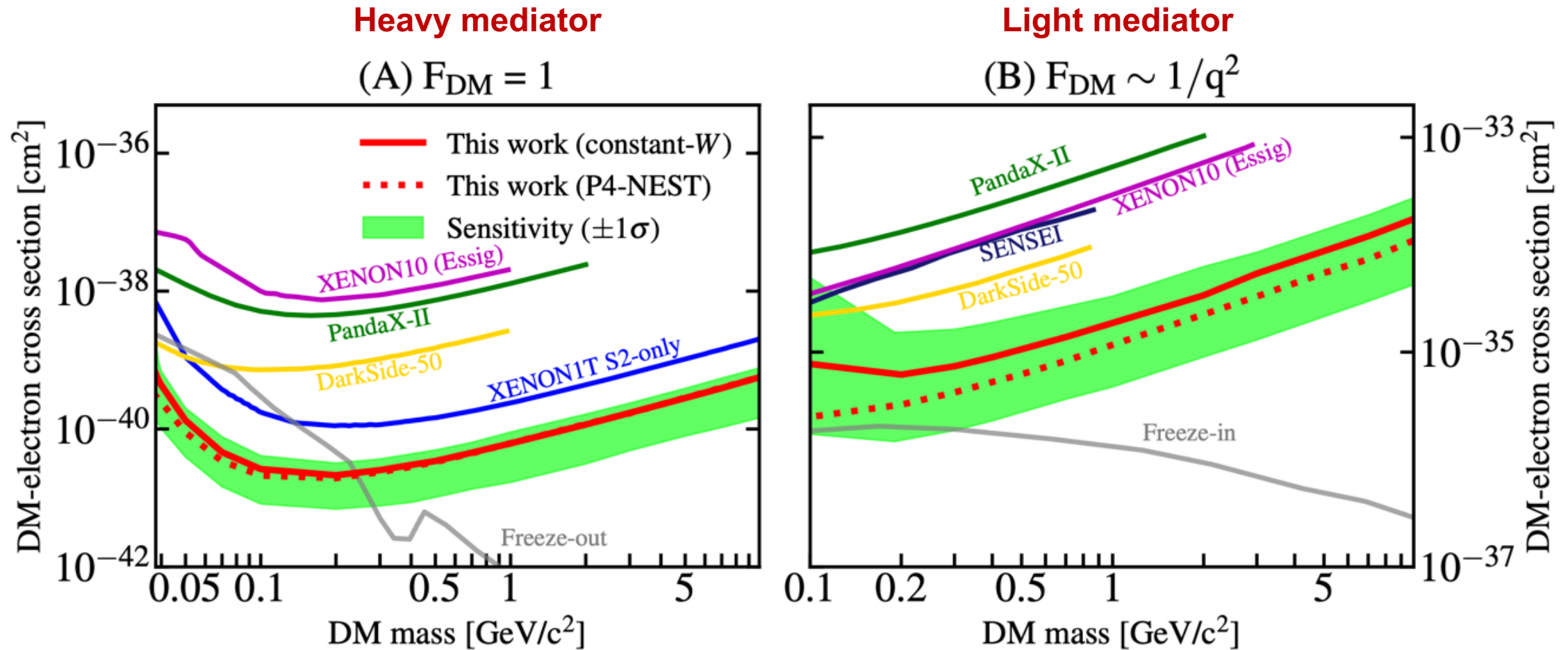
- **First complete understanding of all the main background**
 - Micro-discharging (MD)
 - Small charge, strong run-condition dependence
 - Cathode activity
 - Large charge, large pulse-shape width
- **Blind analysis of 0.55 tonne-year exposure**
 - 105 events
 - Best-fit background: 95.8 ± 11.3 events



Constraints on sub-GeV DM-electron scattering



- Most stringent constraints are derived

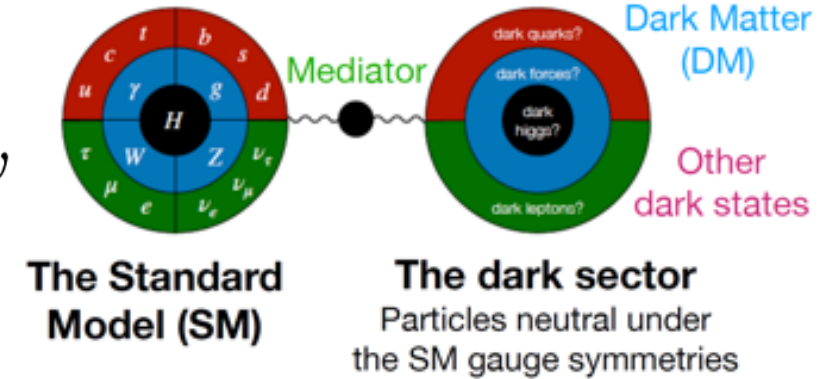


Migdal effect



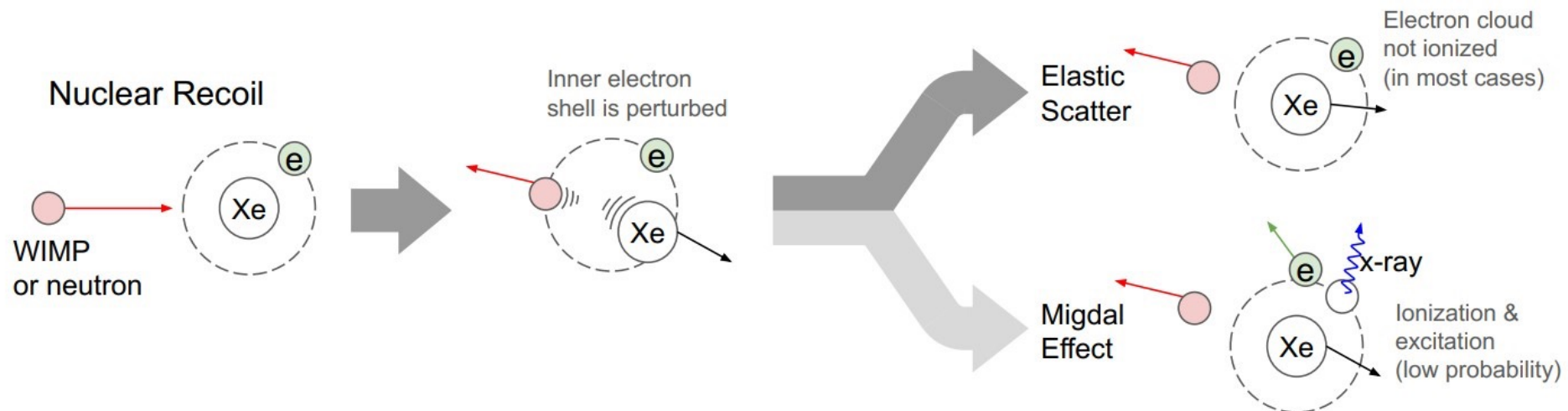
- **DM-nucleon interaction with a dark mediator / dark photon**

$$\frac{dR}{dE_{\text{NR}}} = \sigma|_{q^2=0} \frac{A^2}{\mu_p^2} \frac{m_\phi^4}{(m_\phi^2 + q^2)^2} F^2(q^2) \times \frac{\rho}{2m_\chi} \int_{v \geq v_{\text{min}}} \frac{f(v)}{v} d^3v$$



- **NR-induced ER signals by the Migdal effect**

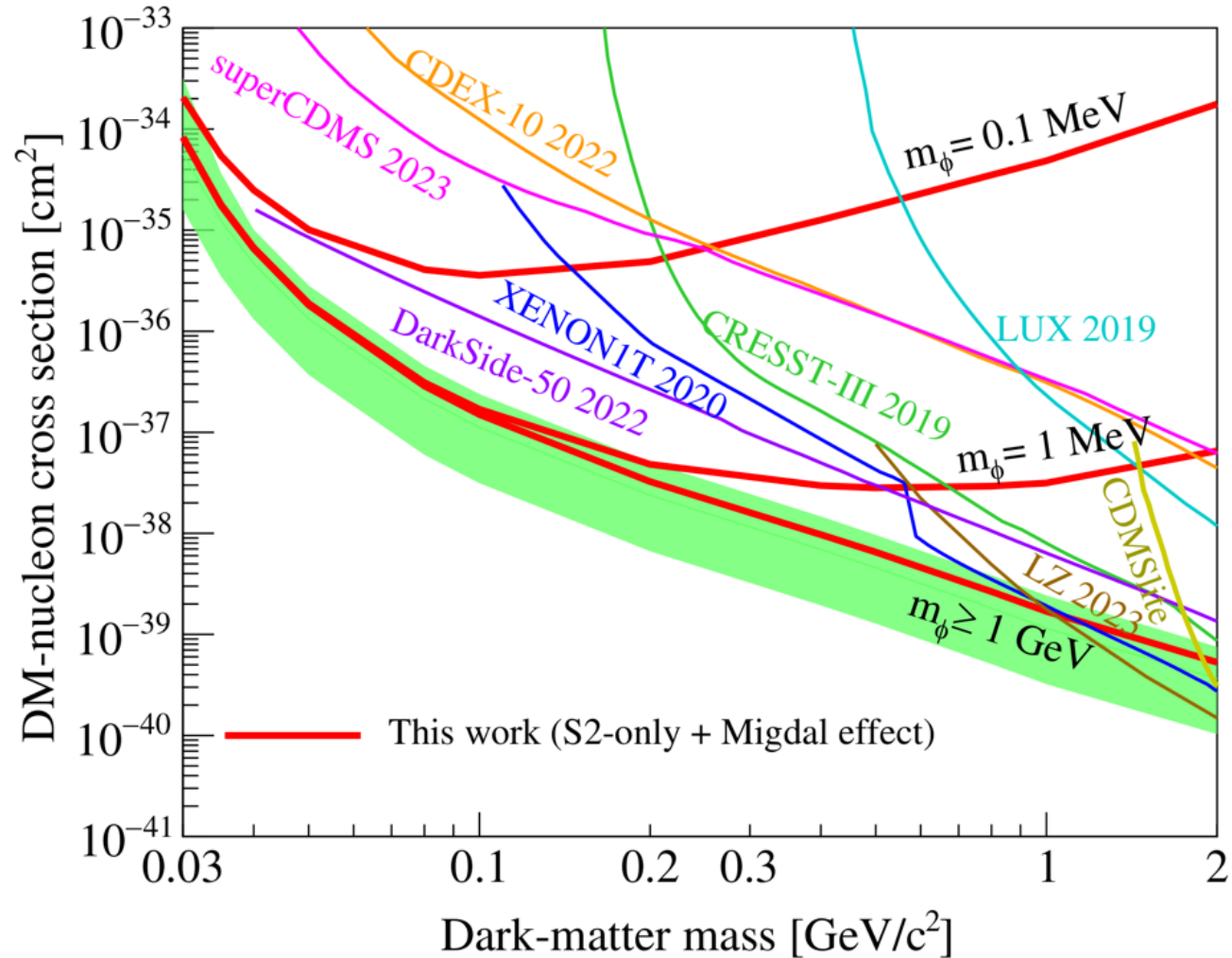
- probe low-mass DM via ER energy deposition



Constraints on sub-GeV DM-nucleon Scattering



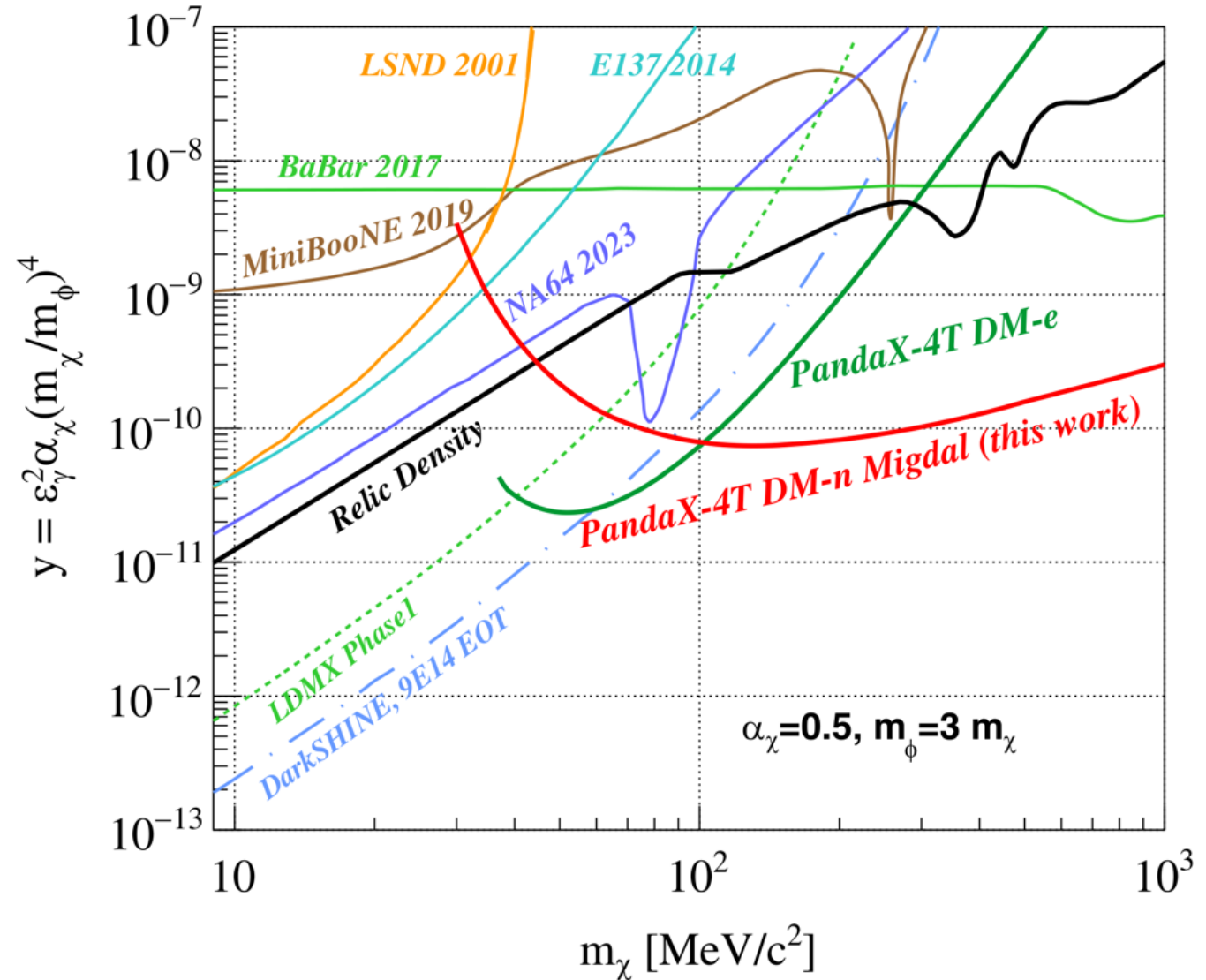
- **DM-nucleon interaction with dark mediator**
 - DM mass [30 MeV, 2 GeV]
- **From ionization-only data and Migdal effect, set most stringent constraints**



Constraints on Dark Photon



- **Assume dark mediator is a dark photon**
 - rule out significant parameter space of such thermal relic dark-matter model



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Can light dark matter be boosted?

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Dark Matter from Atmosphere



- **Hadrophilic scalar mediator**

- $L \supset -g_\chi S \bar{\chi}_L \chi_R - g_u S \bar{u}_L u_R + h.c.$

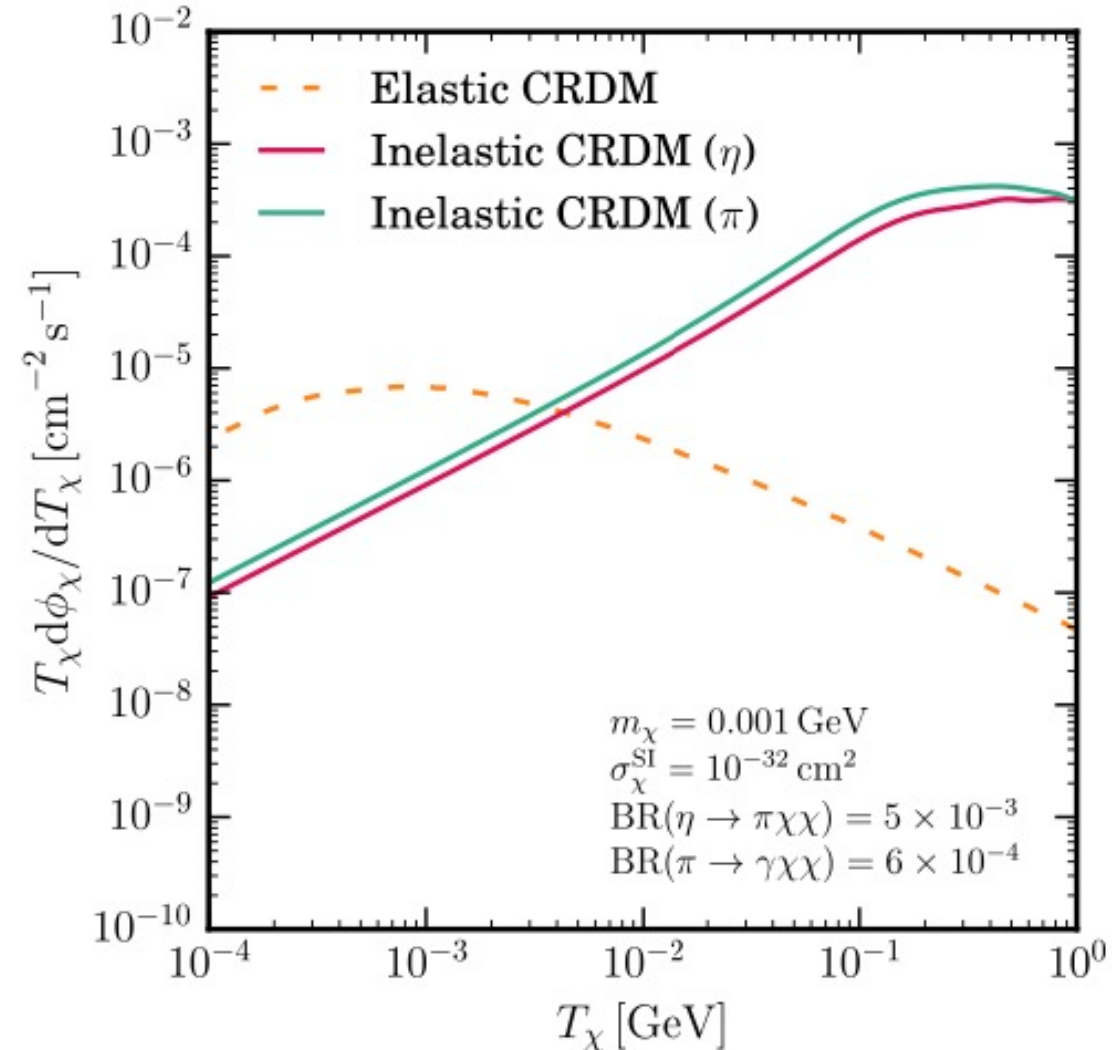
- Free parameters: g_χ, g_u, m_S, m_χ

- **Mesons from cosmic-ray beam dump in atmosphere**

- $BR(\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 S \rightarrow \pi^0 \chi \bar{\chi})$

- no dedicated measurements on this semi-invisible yet

- **Strongly boosted atmospheric dark matter**



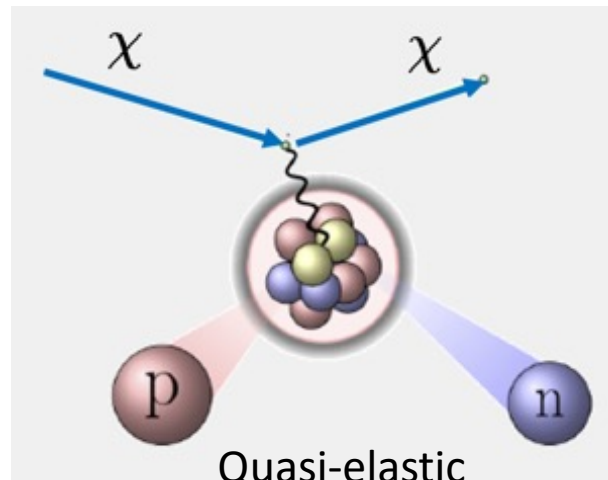
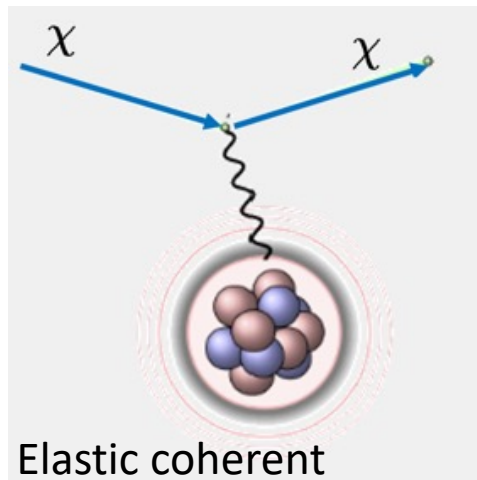
DM – Nucleus Interaction



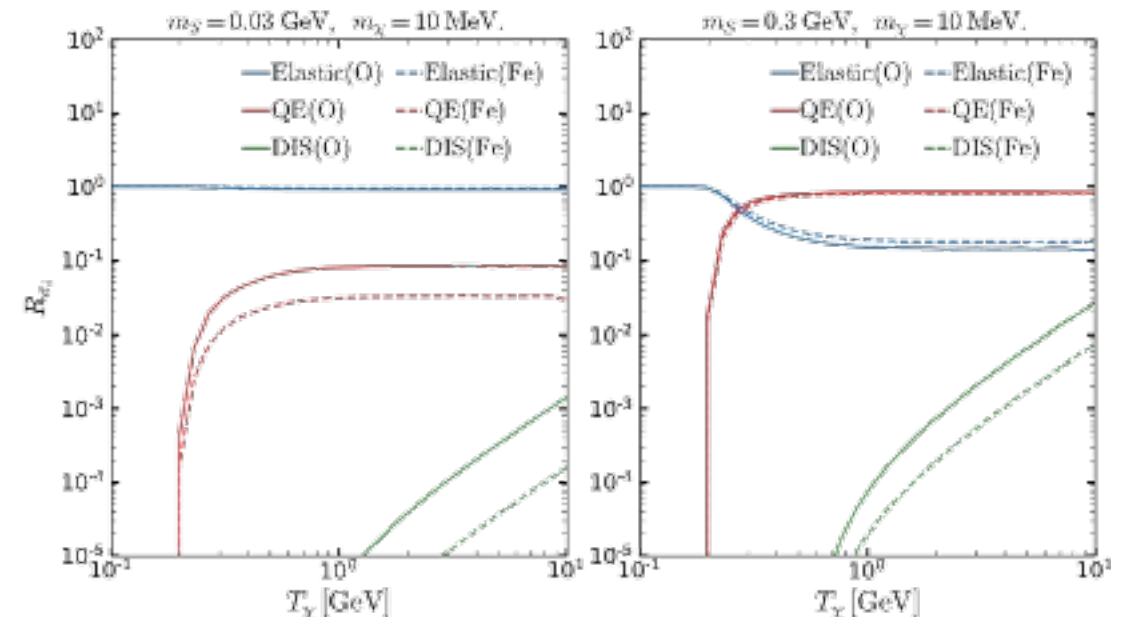
- **Elastic coherent, quasi-elastic (QE), and inelastic scatterings**
 - For $T_\chi > 0.2$ GeV, QE becomes significant
 - **Dedicated QE scattering calculation with light mediator**

$$\chi(k) + A(p_A) \rightarrow \chi(k') + X(\rightarrow n + Y)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{QE}}{dT'_\chi d\Omega} = Z \frac{d\sigma_p}{dT'_\chi d\Omega} + (A - Z) \frac{d\sigma_n}{dT'_\chi d\Omega},$$



$$R_{\sigma_i} = \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_{tot}}, \quad i = ES, QES, DIS$$



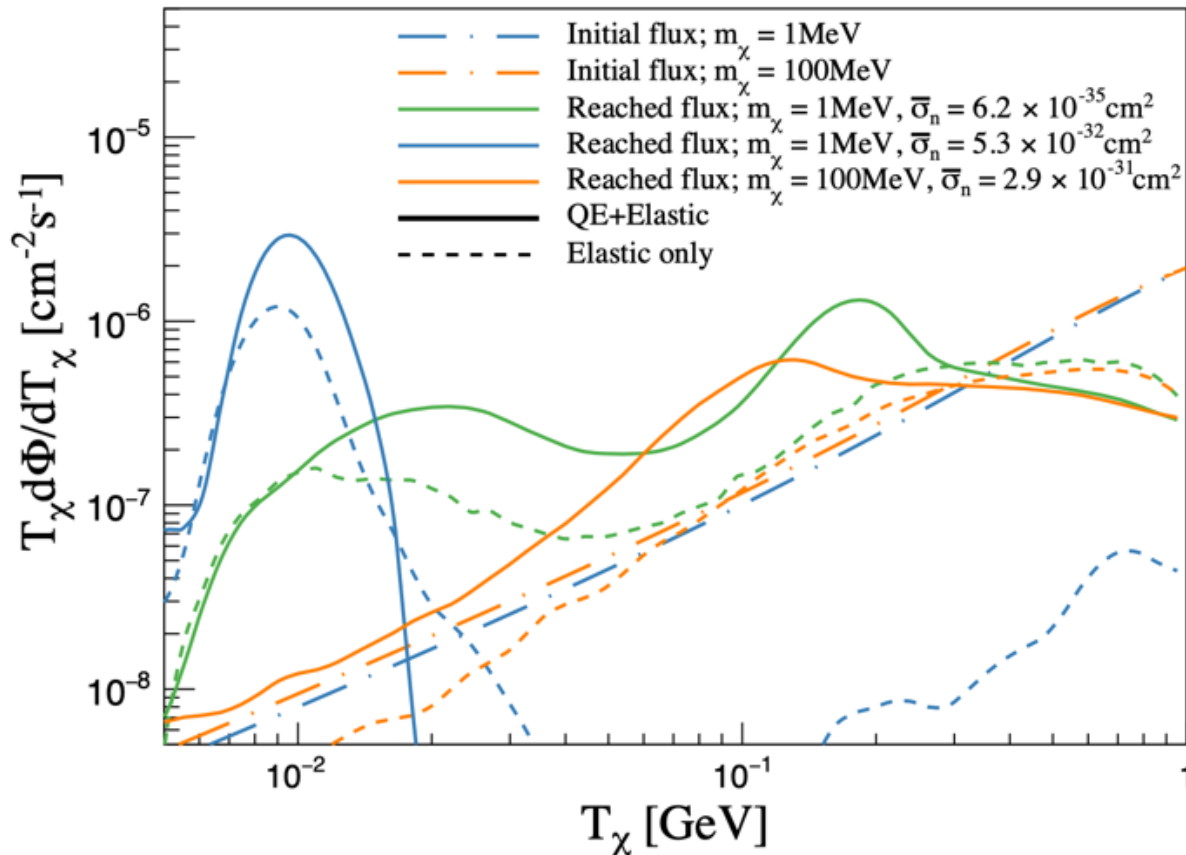
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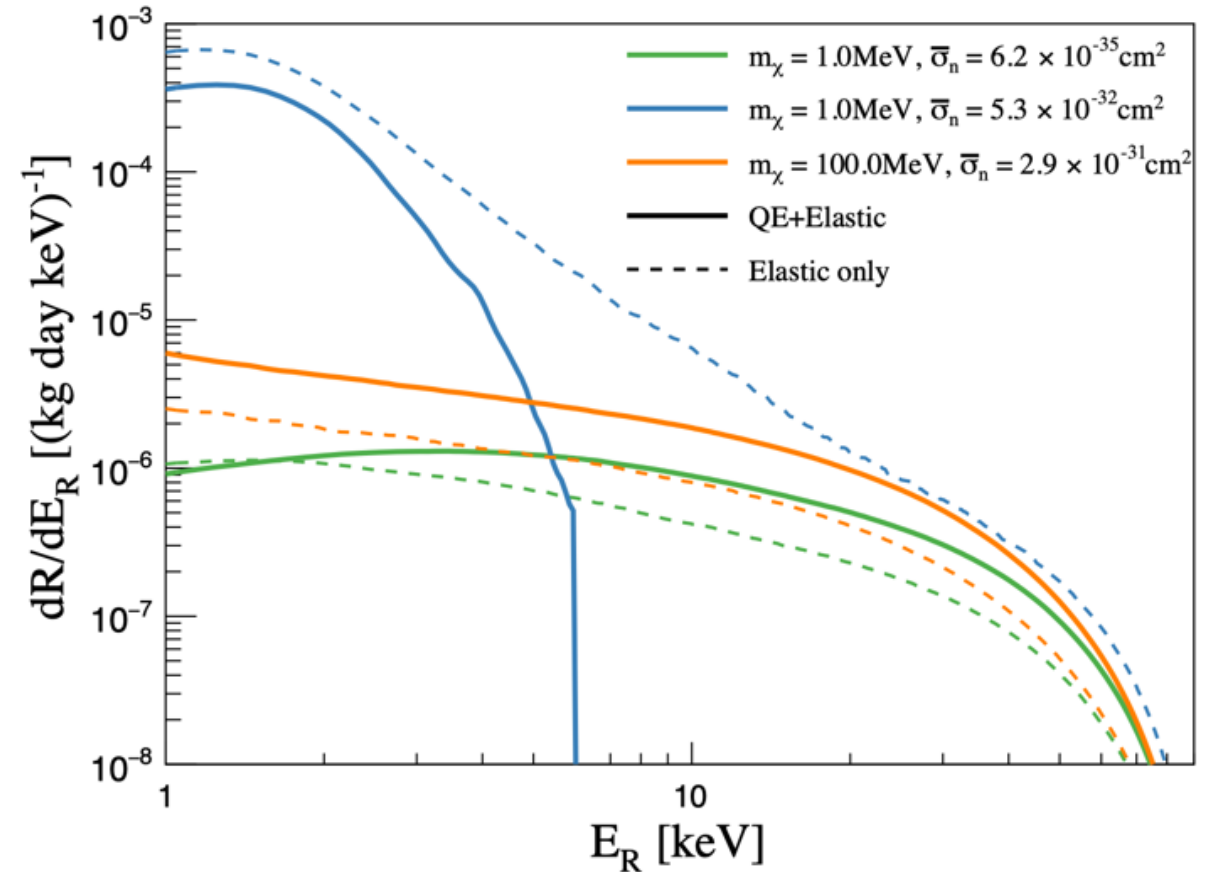
- **Earth attenuation**

- Monte Carlo simulation with both QE and elastic process included

DM flux



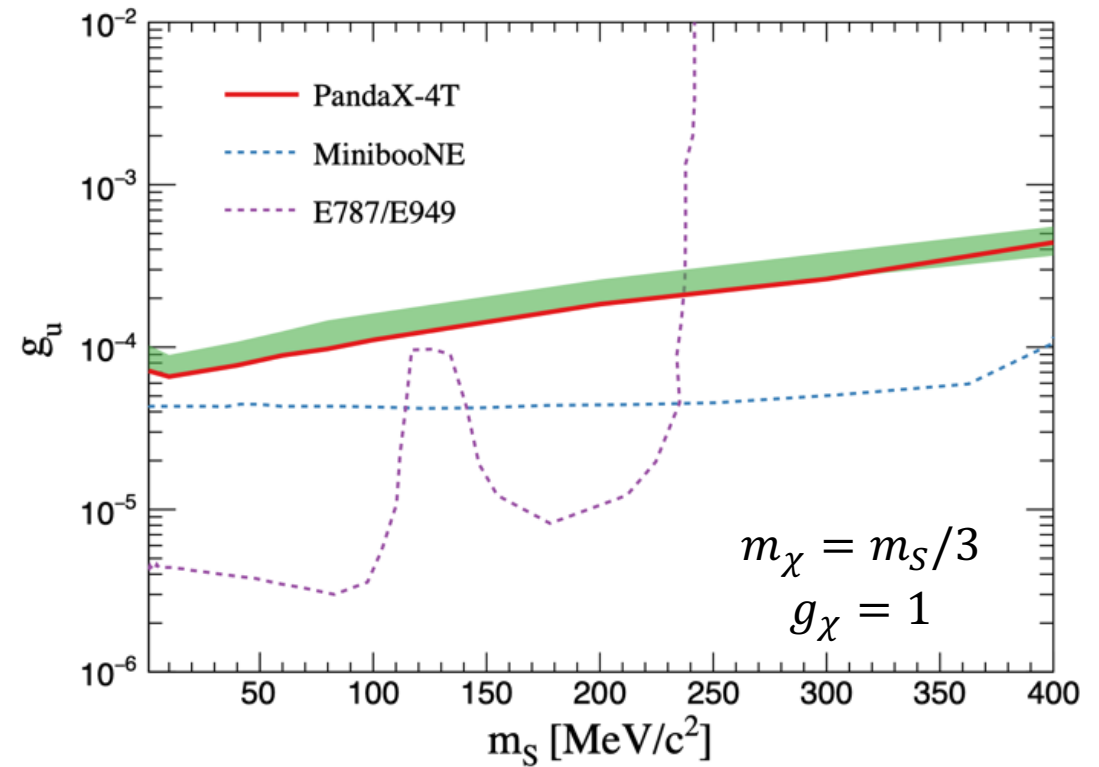
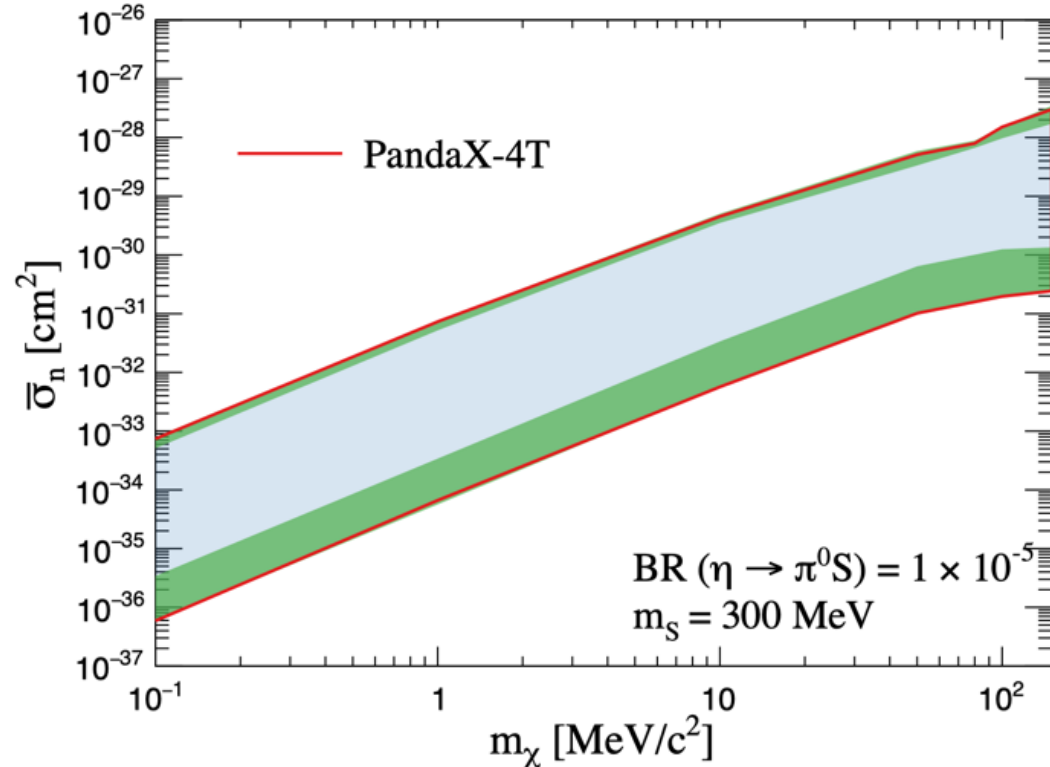
Nuclear recoil energy



Constraints on Coupling Strength



- Cosmic-ray beam-dump gives a unique window to search for this scalar mediated DM-nucleon interaction
- Same model could be tested in beam experiments

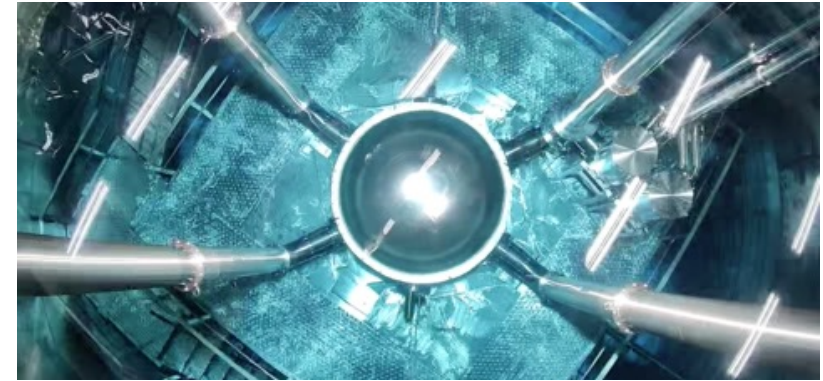


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Physics Run of PandaX-4T



2020/11 – 2021/04	Commissioning (Run 0) 95 days: ~0.6 tonne-year
2021/07 – 2021/10	Tritium removal xenon distillation, gas flushing, etc
2021/11 – 2022/05	Physics run (Run 1) 164 days: ~1.0 tonne-year
2022/09 – 2023/09	CJPL B2 hall construction xenon recuperation, detector upgrade
Expect to resume by the end of 2023	



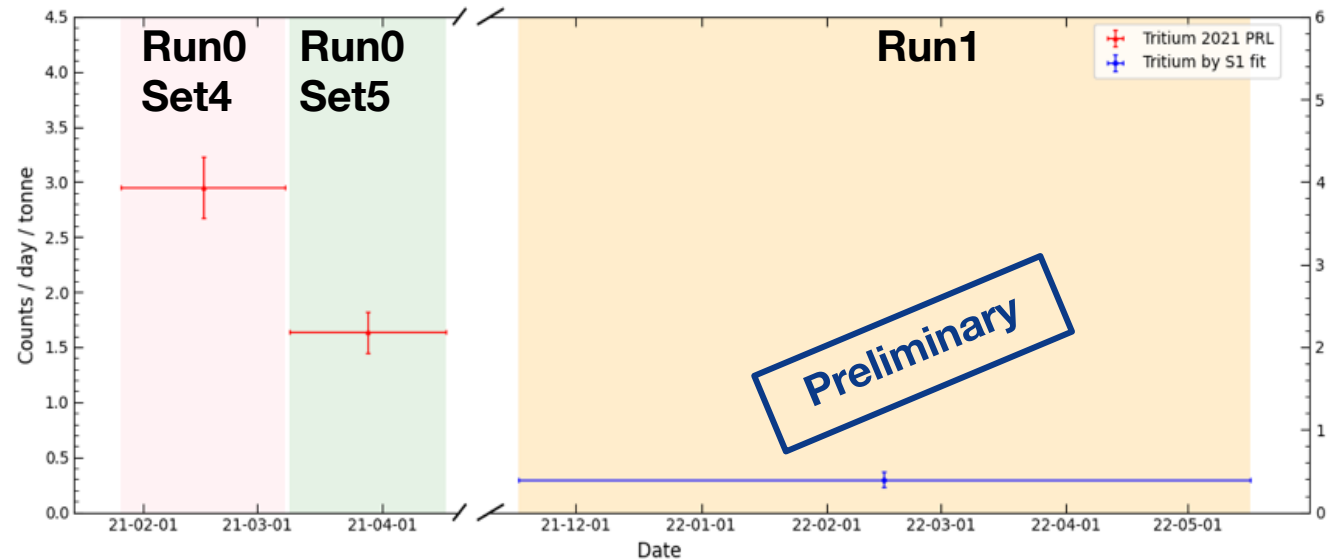
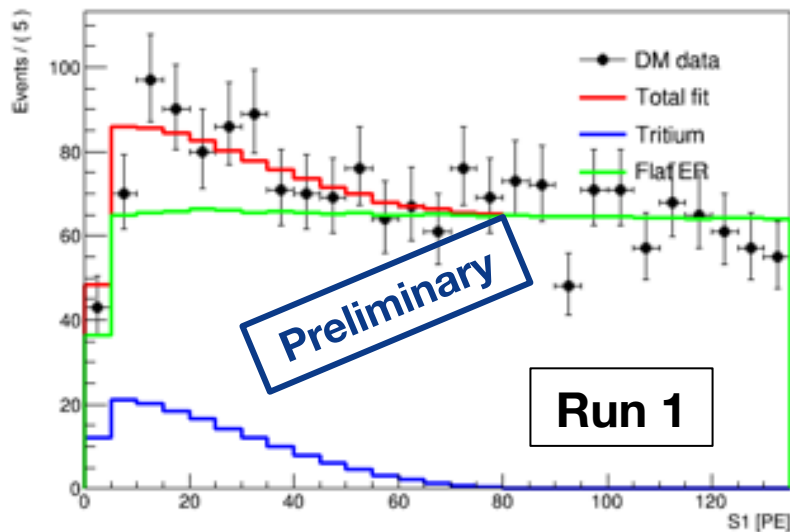
Tritium background in Run 1



- **Preliminary estimation of tritium level in Run 1**
 - fitting S1 spectrum, **keeping S2 blinded**

Tritium level	Run0 Set 4	Run0 Set 5	Run1
Counts/day/tonne	3.0 ± 0.3	1.6 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.1

- **Further extensive tritium measures planned for next run**



Data analysis on Run 1



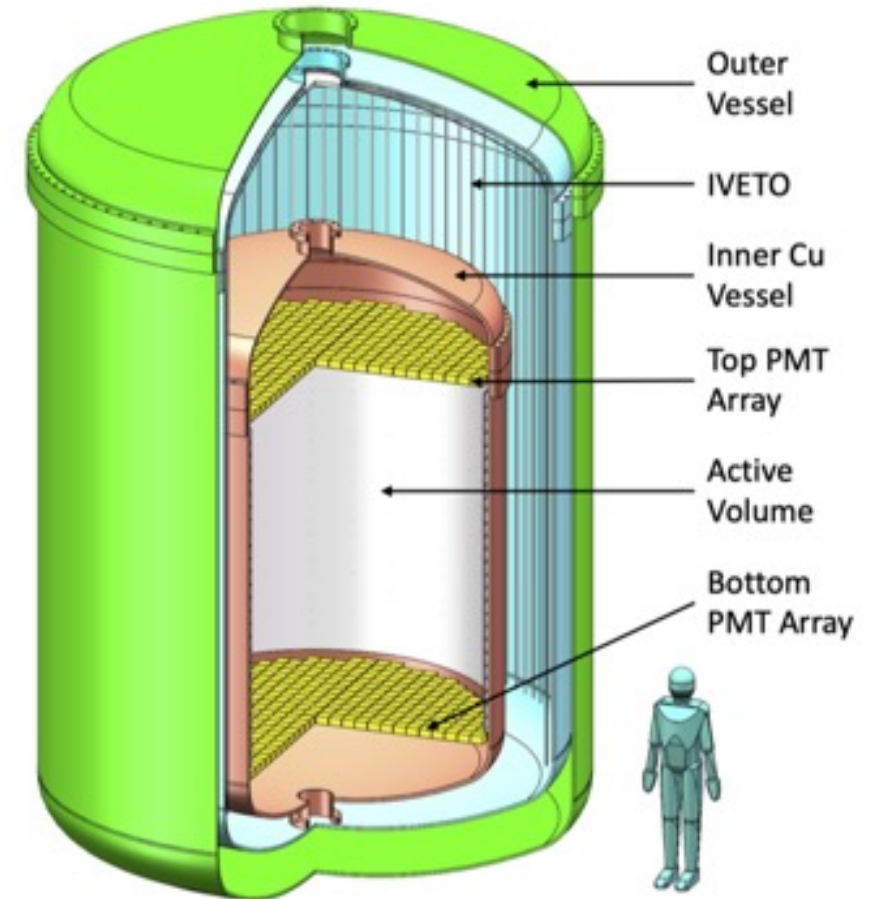
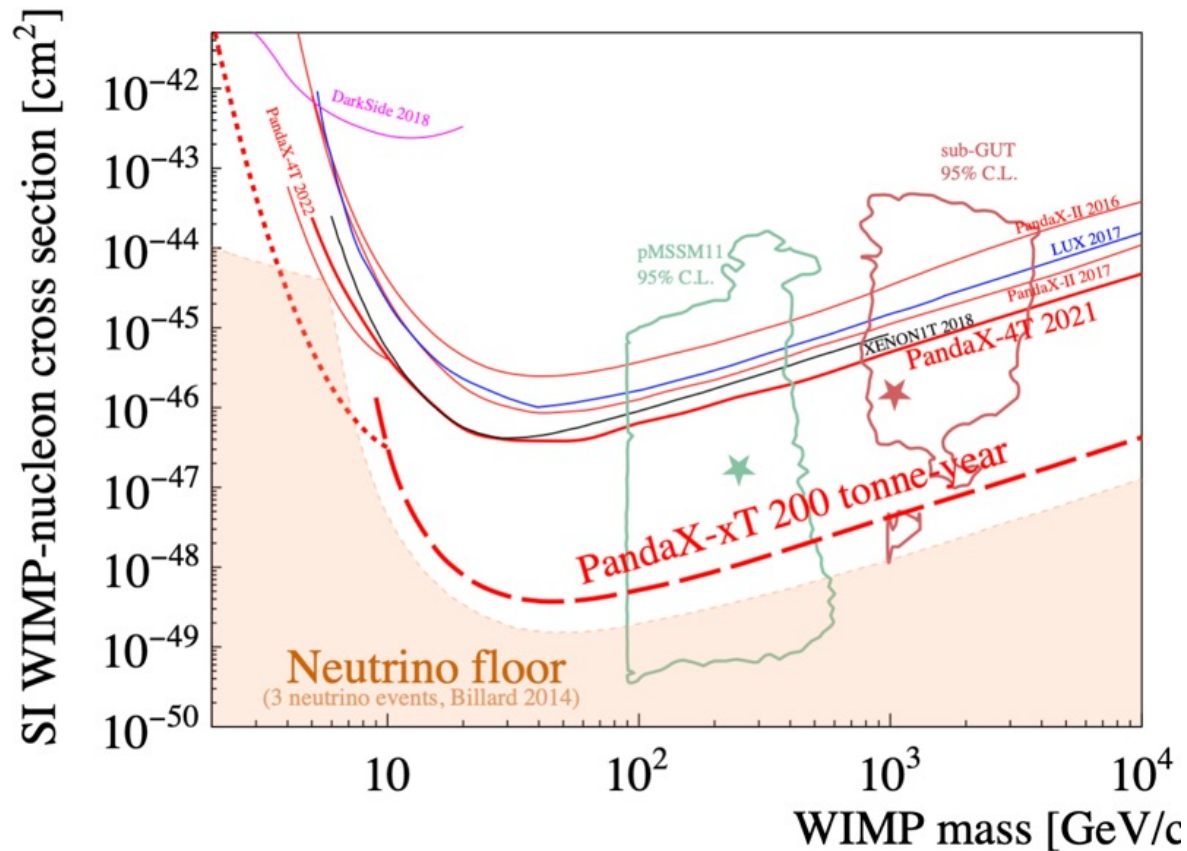
- **Preliminary estimation of background**
- **More results based on Run0+1 are work-in-progress**

Component	Run0: 0.6 tonne-year	Run1: 1.0 tonne-year
Tritium	2.3 ± 0.2 counts/day/tonne	0.4 ± 0.1 counts/day/tonne
Rn	7.1 ± 0.2 uBq/kg	8.7 ± 0.3 uBq/kg
Kr	0.5 ± 0.3 ppt	0.9 ± 0.3 ppt
Neutron	1.0 ± 0.2 events (total)	2.3 ± 0.4 events (total)
Surface	0.10 ± 0.06 events (total)	0.16 ± 0.09 events (total)
AC	work-in-progress	work-in-progress

Future plan: PandaX-xT



- **Next generation liquid xenon experiment**
 - with >30 tonne sensitive volume
 - decisive test on WIMP with 200 tonne-year





- **PandaX-4T is exploring various types of DM**
- **Novel probes are tested to expand the physics reach**
- **Combined analysis on Run 0+1 is work-in-progress**
- **Run 2 data-taking will start soon**
- **Planning future PandaX-xT project**

Thank You !