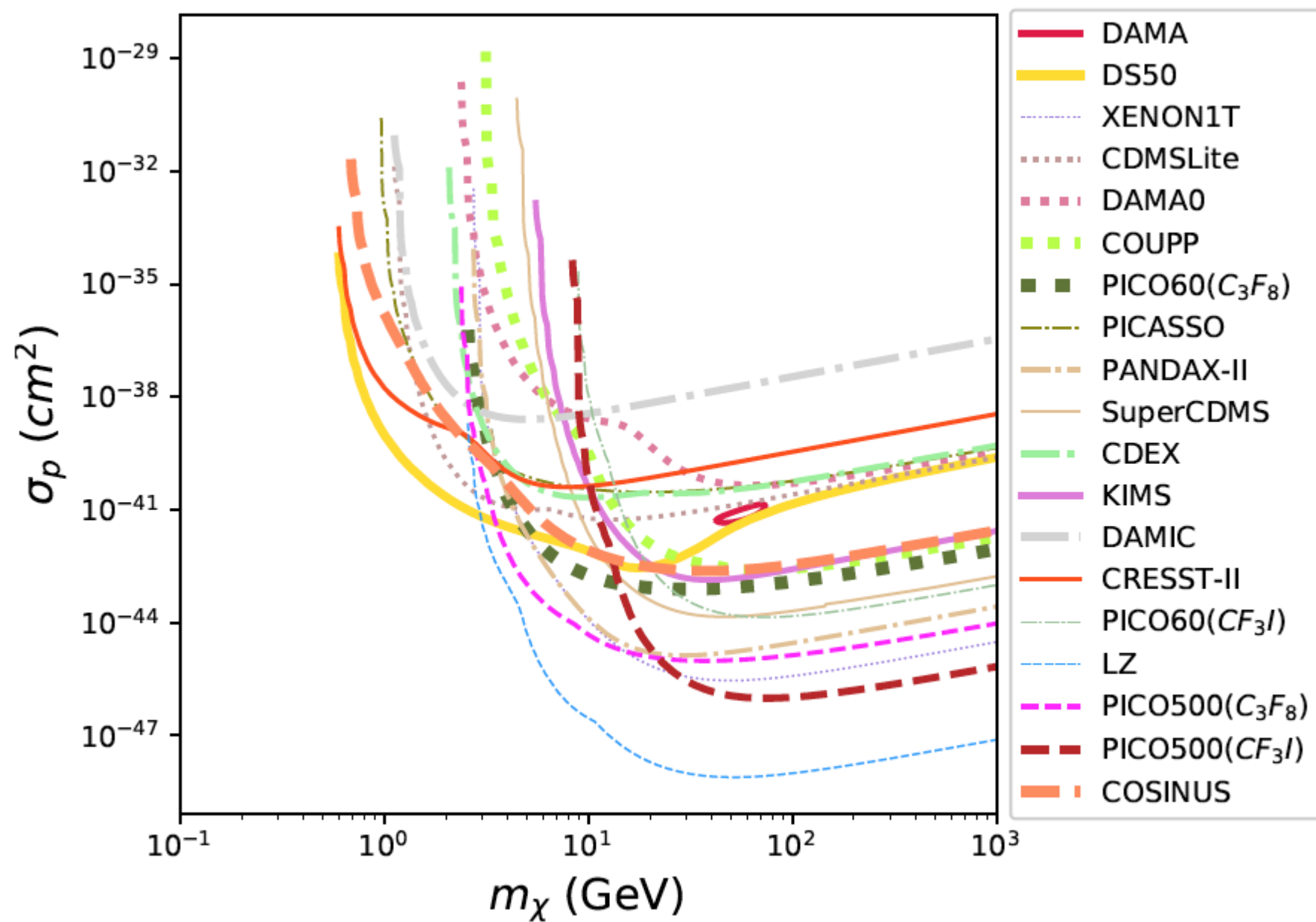


Present and projected sensitivities of Dark Matter direct detection experiments to effective WIMP-nucleus couplings

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N.B.: theoretical predictions for the WIMP direct detection rate depend on two main ingredients:

- 1) a scaling law for the cross section, in order to compare experiments using different targets

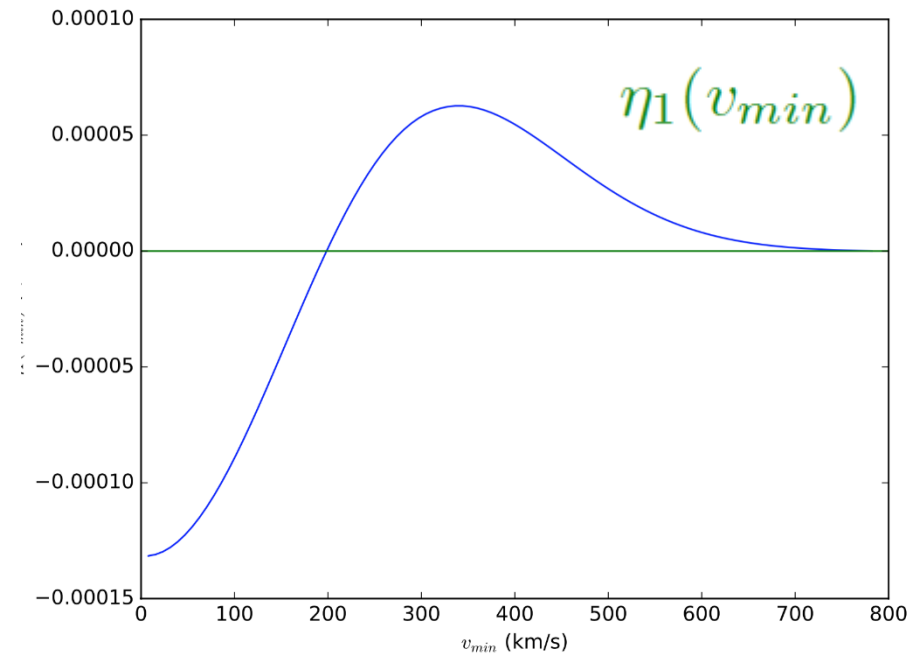
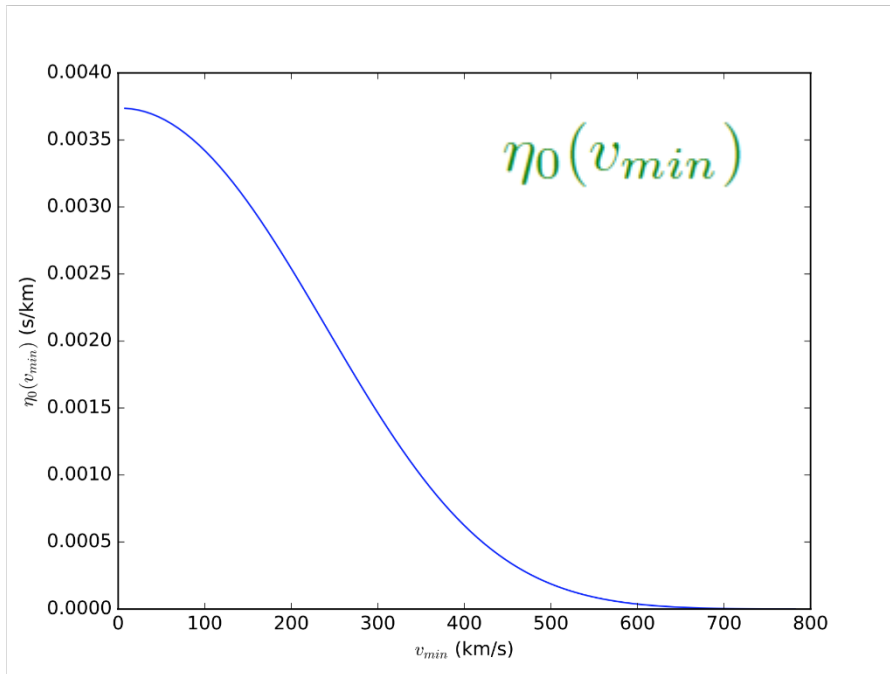
Traditionally spin-independent cross section (proportional to (atomic mass number)²) or spin-dependent cross section (proportional to the product $\mathbf{S}_{WIMP} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{nucleus}$) is assumed

- 2) a model for the velocity distribution of WIMPs

Traditionally a Maxwellian distribution is assumed

We focus on the issue of the scaling law, assuming for the WIMP velocity distribution a standard Maxwellian

$$\eta(v_{min}, t) = \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} \frac{f(v)}{v} dv = \eta_0(v_{min}) + \eta_1(v_{min}) \cos \omega(t - t_0)$$



Most general approach: consider all possible NR couplings, including those depending on velocity and momentum

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_i (c_i^0 + c_i^1 \tau_3) \mathcal{O}_i$$

τ_3 =nuclear isospin operator, i.e.

$$c_i^p = (c_i^0 + c_i^1)/2 \quad (\text{proton})$$

$$c_i^n = (c_i^0 - c_i^1)/2 \quad (\text{neutron})$$

(if $c_i^p = c_i^n \rightarrow c_i^1=0$)

N.R. operators \mathcal{O}_i guaranteed to be Hermitian if built out of the following four 3-vectors:

$$i \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N}, \quad \vec{v}^\perp, \quad \vec{S}_\chi, \quad \vec{S}_N$$

with:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{v}^\perp &= \vec{v} + \frac{\vec{q}}{2\mu_N} \\ \vec{v} &\equiv \vec{v}_{\chi,\text{in}} - \vec{v}_{N,\text{in}} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \vec{v}^\perp \cdot \vec{q} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{O}_1 = 1_\chi 1_N,$$

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

$$\mathcal{O}_3 = i \vec{S}_N \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}^\perp \right),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_4 = \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{S}_N,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_5 = i \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}^\perp \right),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_6 = \left(\vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right) \left(\vec{S}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_7 = \vec{S}_N \cdot \vec{v}^\perp,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_8 = \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{v}^\perp,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_9 = i \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \left(\vec{S}_N \times \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{10} = i \vec{S}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{11} = i \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N}.$$

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Additional operators that do not arise for traditional spin ≤ 1 mediators:

$$\mathcal{O}_{12} = \vec{S}_\chi \cdot (\vec{S}_N \times \vec{v}^\perp),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{13} = i(\vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{v}^\perp) \left(\vec{S}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{14} = i \left(\vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right) (\vec{S}_N \cdot \vec{v}^\perp),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{15} = - \left(\vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right) \left[(\vec{S}_N \times \vec{v}^\perp) \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{16} = - \left[(\vec{S}_\chi \times \vec{v}^\perp) \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right] \left(\vec{S}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right)$$

Factorization of WIMP physics and nuclear physics

In the expected rate WIMP physics (encoded in the R functions that depend on the c_i couplings) and the nuclear physics (contained in 8 (6+2) response functions W factorize in a simple way:

$$\frac{dR_{\chi T}}{dE_R}(t) = \sum_T N_T \frac{\rho_{\text{WIMP}}}{m_{\text{WIMP}}} \int_{v_{\min}} d^3 v_T f(\vec{v}_T, t) v_T \frac{d\sigma_T}{dE_R}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_T}{dE_R} = \frac{2m_T}{4\pi v_T^2} \left[\frac{1}{2j_\chi + 1} \frac{1}{2j_T + 1} |\mathcal{M}_T|^2 \right] \quad \text{T=target}$$

$$\frac{1}{2j_\chi + 1} \frac{1}{2j_T + 1} |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{4\pi}{2j_T + 1} \sum_{\tau=0,1} \sum_{\tau'=0,1} \sum_k \overset{\text{WIMP}}{\underbrace{R_k^{\tau\tau'}}} \left[c_j^\tau, (v_T^\perp)^2, \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \right] \overset{\text{NUCLEUS}}{\underbrace{W_{Tk}^{\tau\tau'}}}(y)$$

$k = M, \Phi'', \Phi''M, \tilde{\Phi}', \Sigma'', \Sigma', \Delta, \Delta\Sigma'$

$y \equiv (qb/2)^2$
b=nuclear size
q=momentum transfer

N.B.: besides usual spin-independent and spin-dependent terms new contributions arise, with explicit dependences on the transferred momentum q and the WIMP incoming velocity

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WIMPs response funtions

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_M^{\tau\tau'} \left(v_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \right) &= c_1^\tau c_1^{\tau'} + \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{3} \left[\frac{q^2}{m_N^2} v_T^{\perp 2} c_5^\tau c_5^{\tau'} + v_T^{\perp 2} c_8^\tau c_8^{\tau'} + \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} c_{11}^\tau c_{11}^{\tau'} \right] \\
 R_{\Phi''}^{\tau\tau'} \left(v_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \right) &= \left[\frac{q^2}{4m_N^2} c_3^\tau c_3^{\tau'} + \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{12} \left(c_{12}^\tau - \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} c_{15}^\tau \right) \left(c_{12}^{\tau'} - \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} c_{15}^{\tau'} \right) \right] \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \\
 R_{\Phi''M}^{\tau\tau'} \left(v_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \right) &= \left[c_3^\tau c_1^{\tau'} + \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{3} \left(c_{12}^\tau - \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} c_{15}^\tau \right) c_{11}^{\tau'} \right] \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \\
 R_{\tilde{\Phi}'}^{\tau\tau'} \left(v_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \right) &= \left[\frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{12} \left(c_{12}^\tau c_{12}^{\tau'} + \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} c_{13}^\tau c_{13}^{\tau'} \right) \right] \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \\
 R_{\Sigma''}^{\tau\tau'} \left(v_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \right) &= \frac{q^2}{4m_N^2} c_{10}^\tau c_{10}^{\tau'} + \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{12} \left[c_4^\tau c_4^{\tau'} + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} (c_4^\tau c_6^{\tau'} + c_6^\tau c_4^{\tau'}) + \frac{q^4}{m_N^4} c_6^\tau c_6^{\tau'} + v_T^{\perp 2} c_{12}^\tau c_{12}^{\tau'} + \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} v_T^{\perp 2} c_{13}^\tau c_{13}^{\tau'} \right] \\
 R_{\Sigma'}^{\tau\tau'} \left(v_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \right) &= \frac{1}{8} \left[\frac{q^2}{m_N^2} v_T^{\perp 2} c_3^\tau c_3^{\tau'} + v_T^{\perp 2} c_7^\tau c_7^{\tau'} \right] + \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{12} \left[c_4^\tau c_4^{\tau'} + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} c_9^\tau c_9^{\tau'} + \frac{v_T^{\perp 2}}{2} \left(c_{12}^\tau - \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} c_{15}^\tau \right) \left(c_{12}^{\tau'} - \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} c_{15}^{\tau'} \right) + \frac{q^2}{2m_N^2} v_T^{\perp 2} c_{14}^\tau c_{14}^{\tau'} \right] \\
 R_{\Delta}^{\tau\tau'} \left(v_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \right) &= \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{3} \left(\frac{q^2}{m_N^2} c_5^\tau c_5^{\tau'} + c_8^\tau c_8^{\tau'} \right) \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \\
 R_{\Delta\Sigma'}^{\tau\tau'} \left(v_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \right) &= \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{3} \left(c_5^\tau c_4^{\tau'} - c_8^\tau c_9^{\tau'} \right) \frac{q^2}{m_N^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

general form:

$$R_k^{\tau\tau'} = R_{0k}^{\tau\tau'} + R_{1k}^{\tau\tau'} \frac{(v_T^{\perp})^2}{c^2} = R_{0k}^{\tau\tau'} + R_{1k}^{\tau\tau'} \frac{v_T^2 - v_{min}^2}{c^2}$$

Nuclear response functions

Assuming one-body dark matter-nucleon interactions, the Hamiltonian density for dark matter-nucleus interactions is:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}_{ET}(\vec{x}) &= \sum_{i=1}^A l_0(i) \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i) + \sum_{i=1}^A l_0^A(i) \frac{1}{2M} \left[-\frac{1}{i} \overleftarrow{\nabla}_i \cdot \vec{\sigma}(i) \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i) + \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i) \vec{\sigma}(i) \cdot \frac{1}{i} \overrightarrow{\nabla}_i \right] \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^A \vec{l}_5(i) \cdot \vec{\sigma}(i) \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i) + \sum_{i=1}^A \vec{l}_M(i) \cdot \frac{1}{2M} \left[-\frac{1}{i} \overleftarrow{\nabla}_i \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i) + \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i) \frac{1}{i} \overrightarrow{\nabla}_i \right] \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^A \vec{l}_E(i) \cdot \frac{1}{2M} \left[\overleftarrow{\nabla}_i \times \vec{\sigma}(i) \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i) + \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i) \vec{\sigma}(i) \times \overrightarrow{\nabla}_i \right]\end{aligned}$$

So the WIMP-nucleus Hamiltonian has the general form:

$$\int d\vec{x} e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} \left[l_0 \langle J_i M_i | \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}) | J_i M_i \rangle - \vec{l} \cdot \langle J_i M_i | \hat{\vec{j}}(\vec{x}) | J_i M_i \rangle \right]$$

With:

$$\begin{aligned}e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}_i} &= \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{4\pi} [J] i^J j_J(qx_i) Y_{J0}(\Omega_{x_i}) \\ \hat{e}_{\lambda} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}_i} &= \begin{cases} \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{4\pi} [J] i^{J-1} \frac{\overrightarrow{\nabla}_i}{q} j_J(qx_i) Y_{J0}(\Omega_{x_i}), & \lambda = 0 \\ \sum_{J \geq 1}^{\infty} \sqrt{2\pi} [J] i^{J-2} \left[\lambda j_J(qx_i) \vec{Y}_{JJ1}^{\lambda}(\Omega_{x_i}) + \frac{\overrightarrow{\nabla}_i}{q} \times j_J(qx_i) \vec{Y}_{JJ1}^{\lambda}(\Omega_{x_i}) \right], & \lambda = \pm 1 \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

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which depends on the expectations of six distinct nuclear response functions, defined as:

$$M_{JM}(q\vec{x})$$

$$\Delta_{JM}(q\vec{x}) \equiv \vec{M}_{JJ}^M(q\vec{x}) \cdot \frac{1}{q} \vec{\nabla}$$

$$\Sigma'_{JM}(q\vec{x}) \equiv -i \left\{ \frac{1}{q} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{M}_{JJ}^M(q\vec{x}) \right\} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = [J]^{-1} \left\{ -\sqrt{J} \vec{M}_{JJ+1}^M(q\vec{x}) + \sqrt{J+1} \vec{M}_{JJ-1}^M(q\vec{x}) \right\} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

$$\Sigma''_{JM}(q\vec{x}) \equiv \left\{ \frac{1}{q} \vec{\nabla} M_{JM}(q\vec{x}) \right\} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = [J]^{-1} \left\{ \sqrt{J+1} \vec{M}_{JJ+1}^M(q\vec{x}) + \sqrt{J} \vec{M}_{JJ-1}^M(q\vec{x}) \right\} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

$$\tilde{\Phi}'_{JM}(q\vec{x}) \equiv \left(\frac{1}{q} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{M}_{JJ}^M(q\vec{x}) \right) \cdot \left(\vec{\sigma} \times \frac{1}{q} \vec{\nabla} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \vec{M}_{JJ}^M(q\vec{x}) \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

$$\Phi''_{JM}(q\vec{x}) \equiv i \left(\frac{1}{q} \vec{\nabla} M_{JM}(q\vec{x}) \right) \cdot \left(\vec{\sigma} \times \frac{1}{q} \vec{\nabla} \right)$$

with $M_{JM} = j_J Y_{JM}$ Bessel spherical harmonics and $\vec{M}_{JL}^M = j_J \vec{Y}_{JM}$ vector spherical harmonics.

- **M**= vector-charge (scalar, usual spin-independent part, non-vanishing for all nuclei)
- **Φ''**=vector-longitudinal, related to spin-orbit coupling $\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{l}$ (also spin-independent, non-vanishing for all nuclei)
- **Σ'** and **Σ''** = associated to longitudinal and transverse components of nuclear spin, their sum is the usual spin-dependent interaction, require nuclear spin $j > 0$
- **Δ**=associated to the orbital angular momentum operator l , also requires $j > 0$
- **Φ̃'**= related to a vector-longitudinal operator that transforms as a tensor under rotations, requires $j > 1/2$

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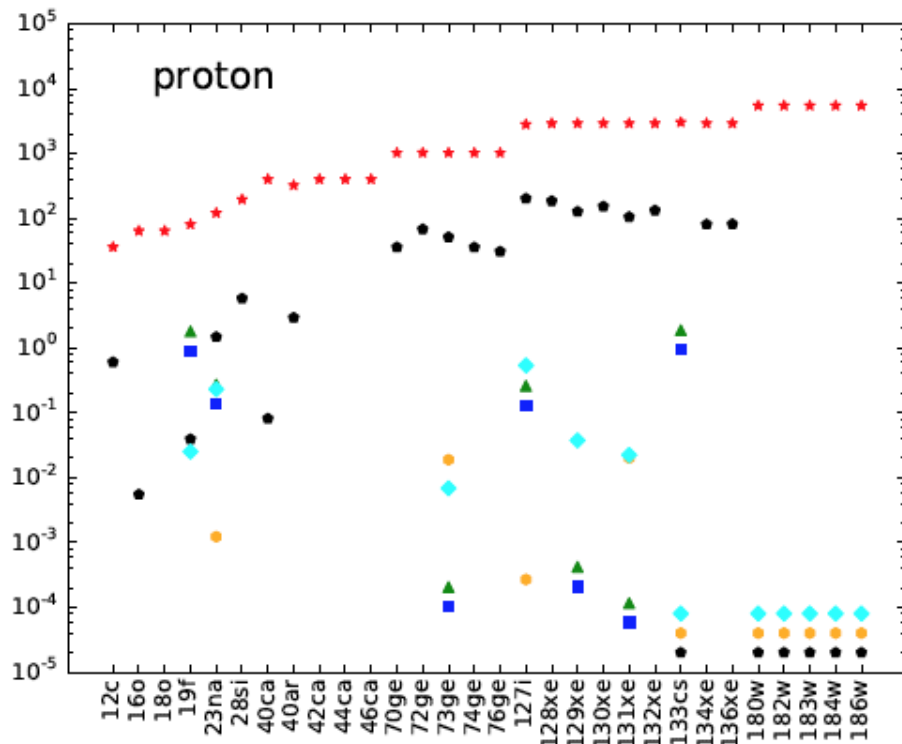
Coupling – nuclear response function correspondence

coupling	$R_{0k}^{\tau\tau'}$	$R_{1k}^{\tau\tau'}$	coupling	$R_{0k}^{\tau\tau'}$	$R_{1k}^{\tau\tau'}$
1	$M(q^0)$	-	3	$\Phi''(q^4)$	$\Sigma'(q^2)$
4	$\Sigma''(q^0), \Sigma'(q^0)$	-	5	$\Delta(q^4)$	$M(q^2)$
6	$\Sigma''(q^4)$	-	7	-	$\Sigma'(q^0)$
8	$\Delta(q^2)$	$M(q^0)$	9	$\Sigma'(q^2)$	-
10	$\Sigma''(q^2)$	-	11	$M(q^2)$	-
12	$\Phi''(q^2), \tilde{\Phi}'(q^2)$	$\Sigma''(q^0), \Sigma'(q^0)$	13	$\tilde{\Phi}'(q^4)$	$\Sigma''(q^2)$
14	-	$\Sigma'(q^2)$	15	$\Phi''(q^6)$	$\Sigma'(q^4)$

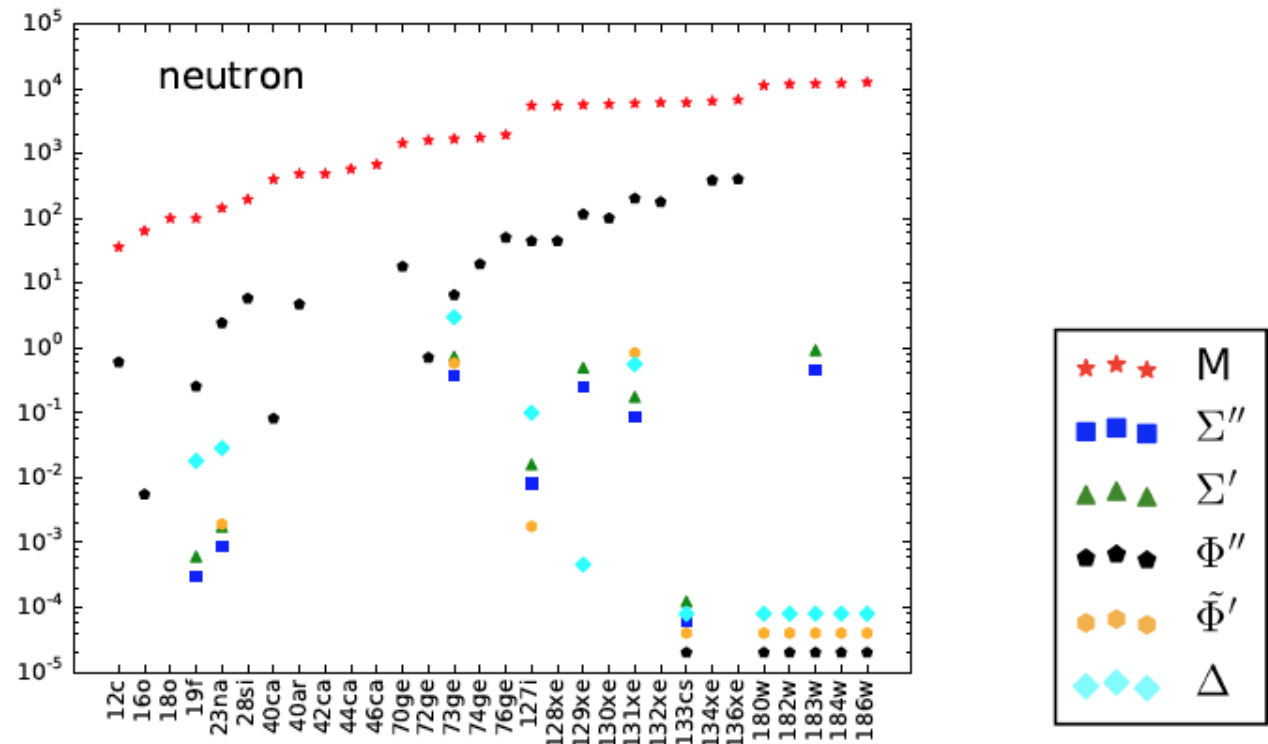
$$R_k^{\tau\tau'} = R_{0k}^{\tau\tau'} + R_{1k}^{\tau\tau'} \frac{(v_T^\perp)^2}{c^2} = R_{0k}^{\tau\tau'} + R_{1k}^{\tau\tau'} \frac{v_T^2 - v_{min}^2}{c^2}$$

Nuclear response functions at zero momentum transfer

$$\frac{16\pi}{(j_T + 1)} \times W_{Tk}^p(y = 0)$$



$$\frac{16\pi}{(j_T + 1)} \times W_{Tk}^n(y = 0)$$



Normalization of W's chosen so that:

$$\frac{16\pi}{(j_T + 1)} \times W_{TM}^p(y = 0) = Z_T$$

$$\frac{16\pi}{(j_T + 1)} \times W_{TM}^n(y = 0) = A_T - Z_T$$

N.B. different scalings of the WIMP-nucleus cross section with the target nuclei

Factorization of astrophysics

The expected rate in a direct detection experiment can be written as:

$$R = \int_0^\infty \mathcal{R}(v) \tilde{\eta}(v) dv = \int_0^\infty \mathcal{R}'(E_R) \tilde{\eta}'(E_R) dE_R$$

where R is a response function that depends on the experimental inputs and on the scaling law, while η is a halo function that depends on astrophysics (WIMP local density and velocity distribution):

$$\tilde{\eta}(v) = \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi} \sigma \eta(v), \quad \eta(v) = \int_v^{v_{esc}} \frac{f(v)}{v} dv,$$

For N large enough can approximate:

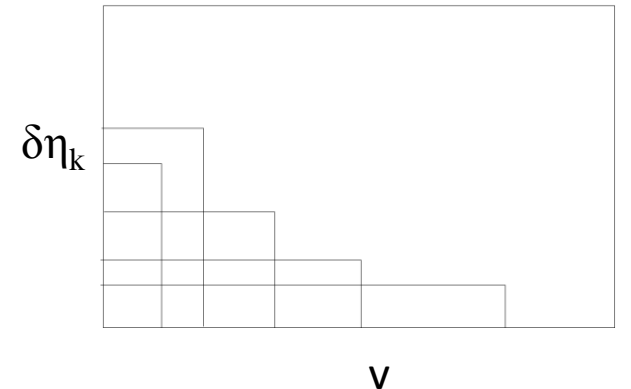
$$\tilde{\eta}(v) = \sum_{k=1}^N \delta \tilde{\eta}^k \theta(v_k - v)$$

and including explicit velocity dependence:

$$\mathcal{R}(v) = \mathcal{R}_0 + \mathcal{R}_1(v^2 - v_{min}^2)$$

with:

$$v_{min} = \frac{1}{2m_N E_R} \left| \frac{m_N E_R}{\mu_{\chi N}} + \delta \right|$$



The rate can be written as

$$R = \sum_{k=1}^N \delta \tilde{\eta}^k \times \left\{ \bar{\mathcal{R}}_0 [E_R^{max}(v_k)] + (v_k^2 - \frac{\delta}{\mu_{\chi N}}) \bar{\mathcal{R}}_1 [E_R^{max}(v_k)] - \frac{m_N}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2} \bar{\mathcal{R}}_{1E} [E_R^{max}(v_k)] - \frac{\delta^2}{2m_N} \bar{\mathcal{R}}_{1E^{-1}} [E_R^{max}(v_k)] \right\}$$

In terms of four response functions that do not depend on the WIMP mass or mass splitting:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathcal{R}}_{0,1}(E_R) &\equiv \int_0^{E_R} dE'_R \mathcal{R}_{0,1}(E'_R) \\ \bar{\mathcal{R}}_{1E}(E_R) &\equiv \int_0^{E_R} dE'_R E'_R \mathcal{R}_1(E'_R) \\ \bar{\mathcal{R}}_{1E^{-1}}(E_R) &\equiv \int_0^{E_R} dE'_R \frac{1}{E'_R} \mathcal{R}_1(E'_R) \end{aligned}$$

that can be tabulated for later use.

- We assume that one coupling dominates at a time (14 cases)
- We calculate exclusion plots from 15 existing experiments: XENON1T, PANDAX-II, KIMS, CDMSlite, SuperCDMS, COUPP, PICASSO, PICO-60 (using a CF₃I target and a C₃F₈ one) CRESST-II, DAMA modulation data), DAMA0 (average count rate), CDEX, DAMIC and DarkSide-50
- We include projections from LZ, COSINUS, PICO500 (a CF₃I target and a C₃F₈)

Sensitivity reach expressed in terms of 90% C.L. bounds on effective cross section:

$$\sigma_{\mathcal{N}} = \max(\sigma_p, \sigma_n)$$

$$\sigma_p = (c_j^p)^2 \frac{\mu_{\chi\mathcal{N}}^2}{\pi}$$

$$\sigma_n = (c_j^n)^2 \frac{\mu_{\chi\mathcal{N}}^2}{\pi}$$

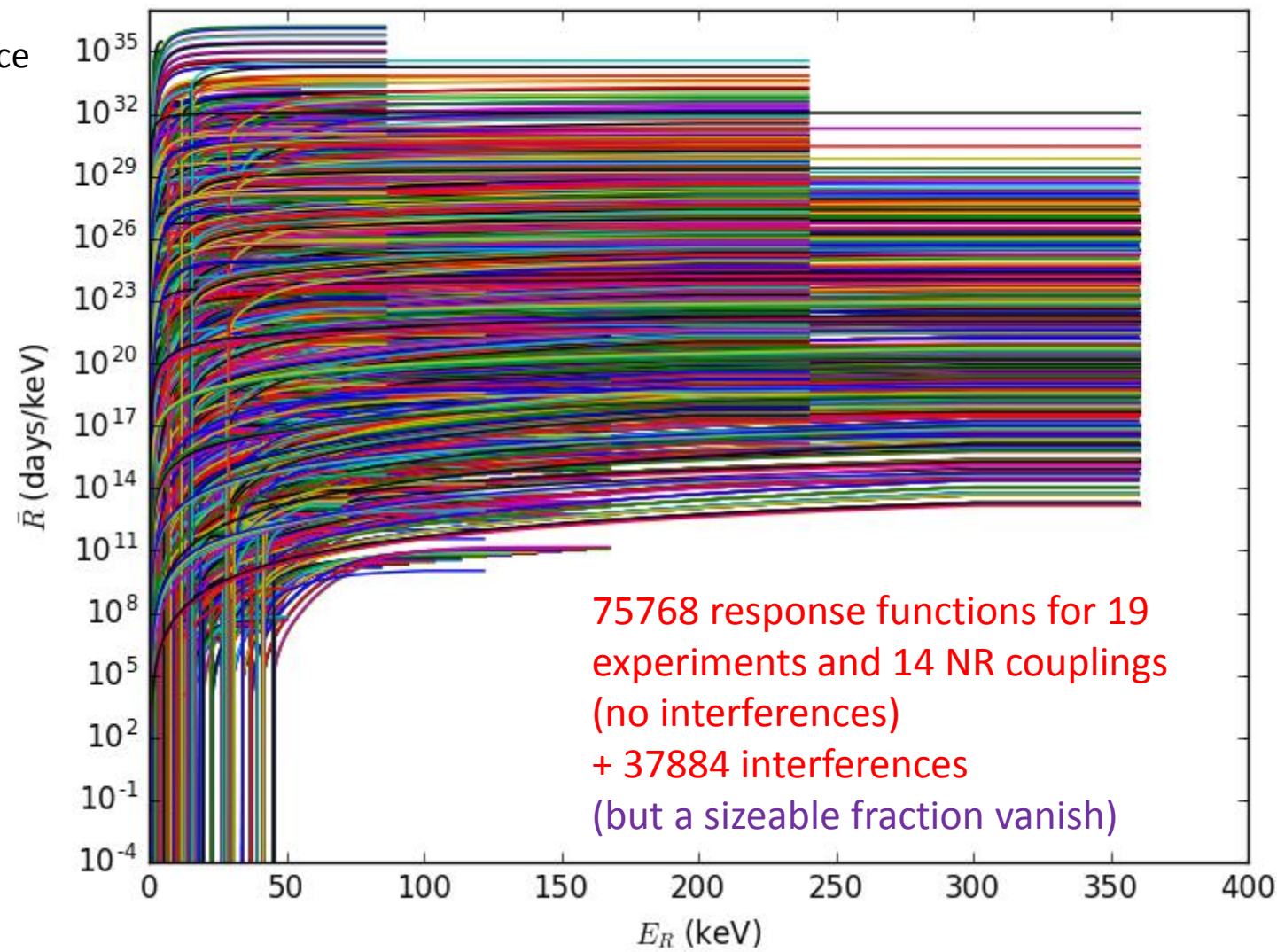
N.B. Corresponds to long-distance point-like cross section for standard SI and SD interactions. In other cases just a convenient alternative to directly parameterizing the interaction in terms of the c_j^p coupling.

Tabulate full calculation of R response function for each:

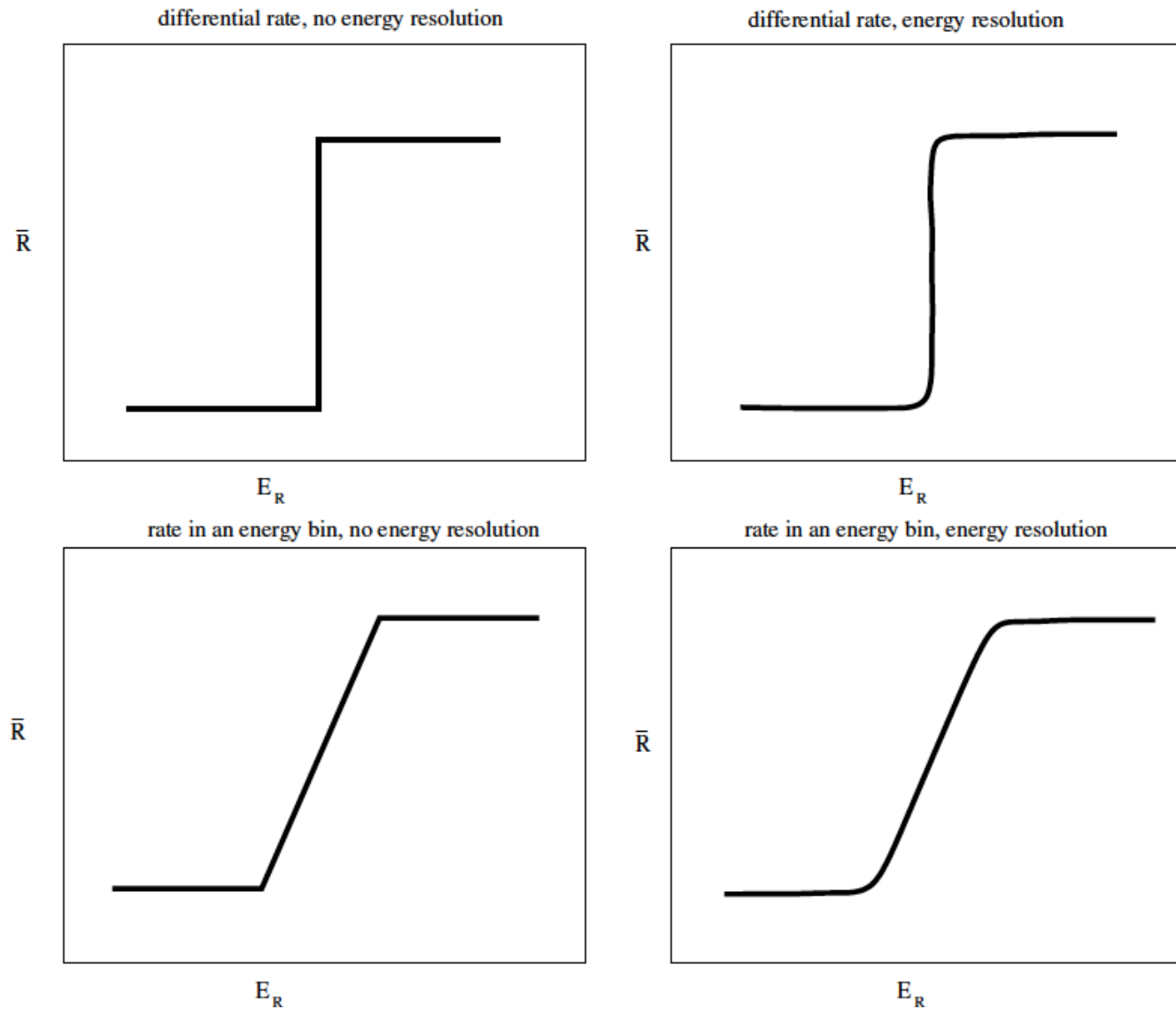
- 1) Experiment
- 2) Energy bin/energy threshold/energy value
- 3) Isospin value ($c_n/c_p=-1,0,1$)
- 4) Nuclear target (including all stable isotopes)
- 5) Effective coupling
- 6) 4 terms including explicit velocity dependence

Isospin rotation with $r=c^n/c^p$:

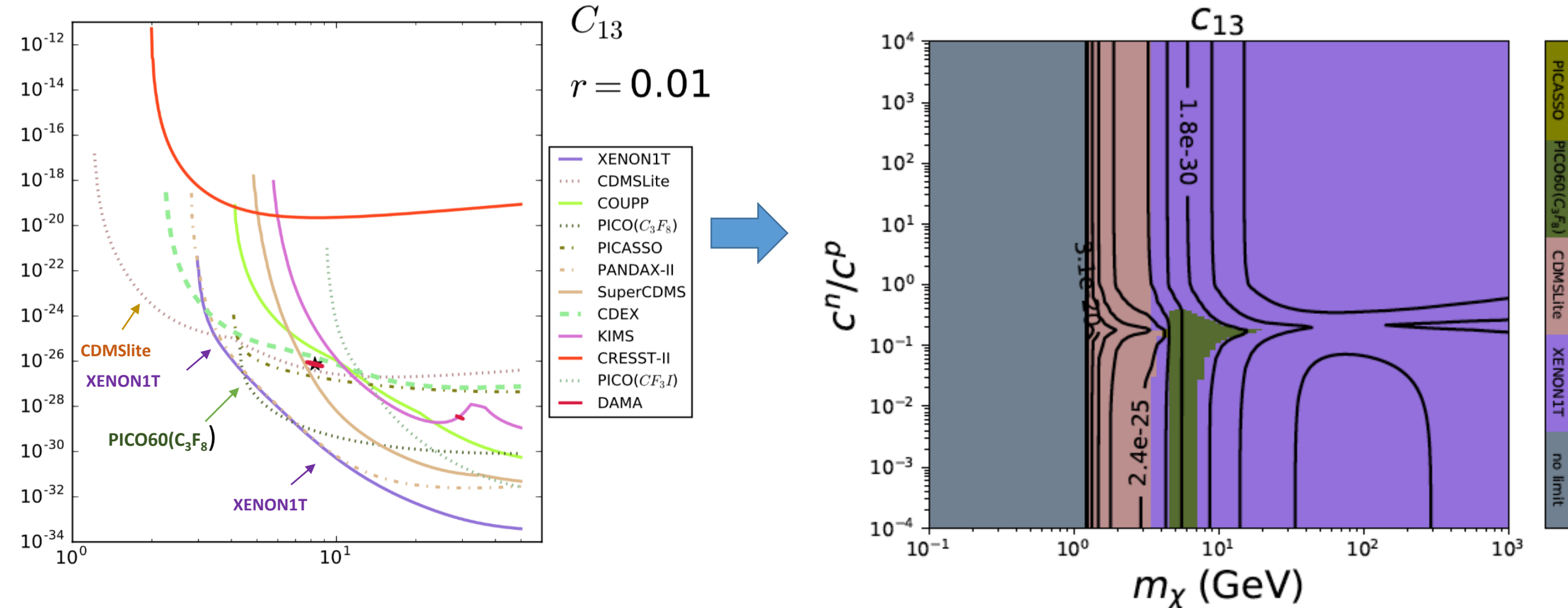
$$R(r) = \frac{r(r+1)}{2}R(r=1) + (1-r^2)R(r=0) + \frac{r(r-1)}{2}R(r=-1)$$

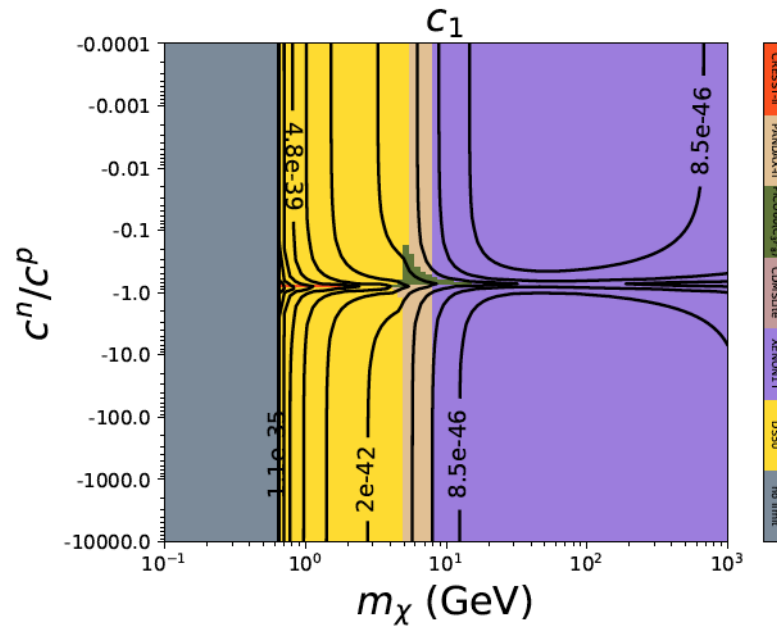
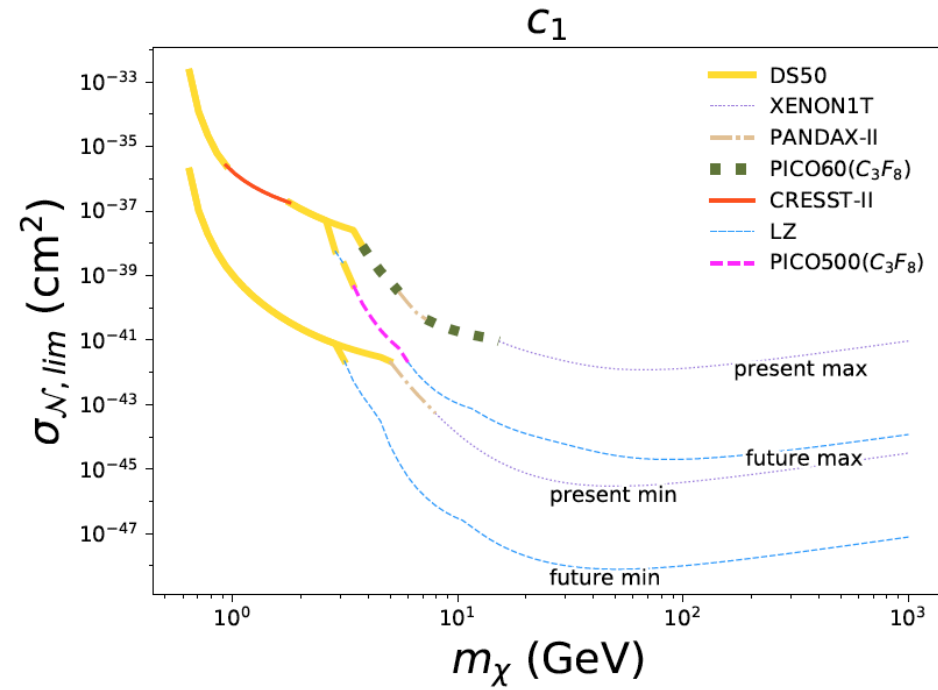
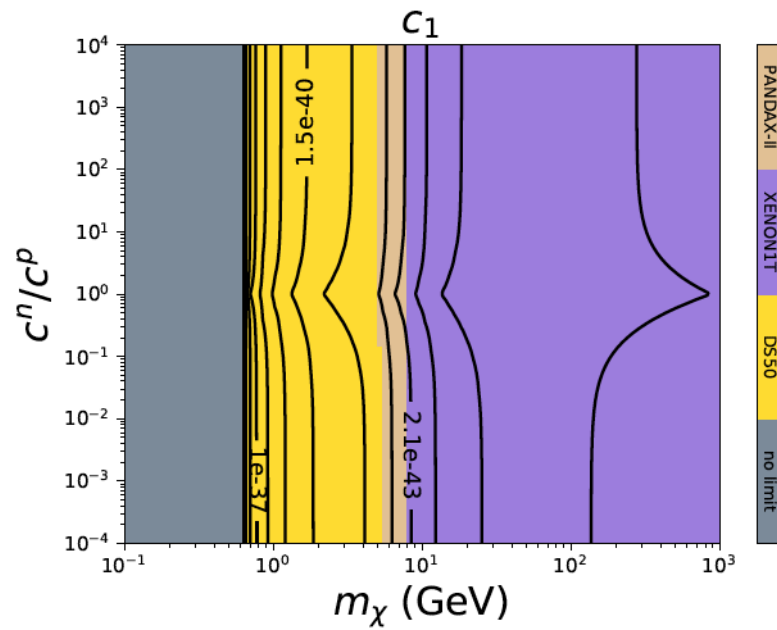


Schematic behaviors of the \bar{R}_0 functions

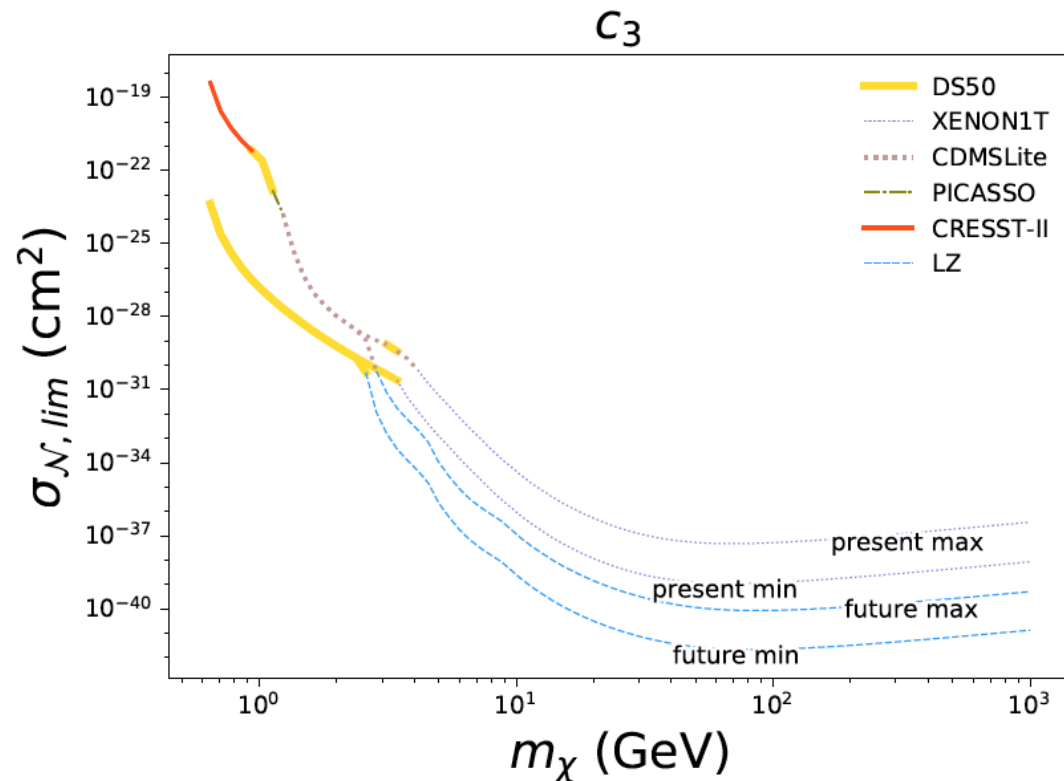
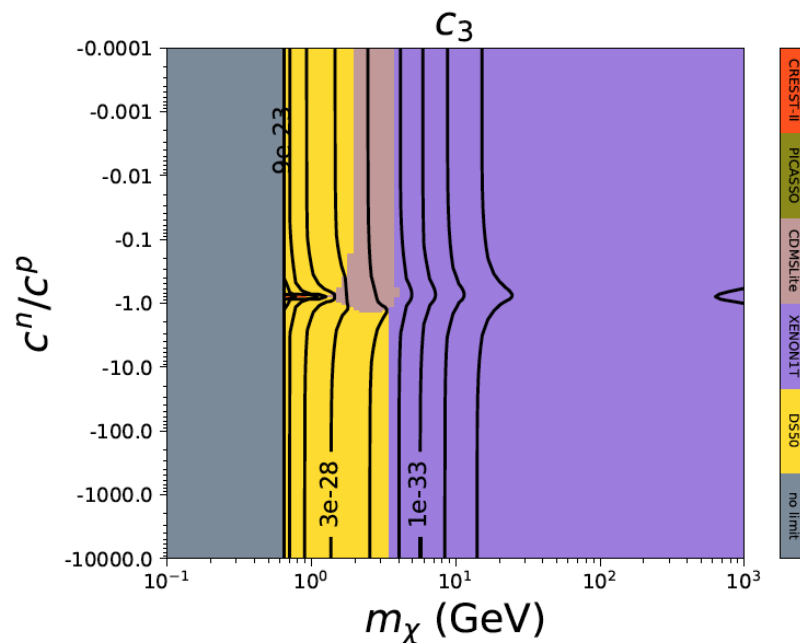
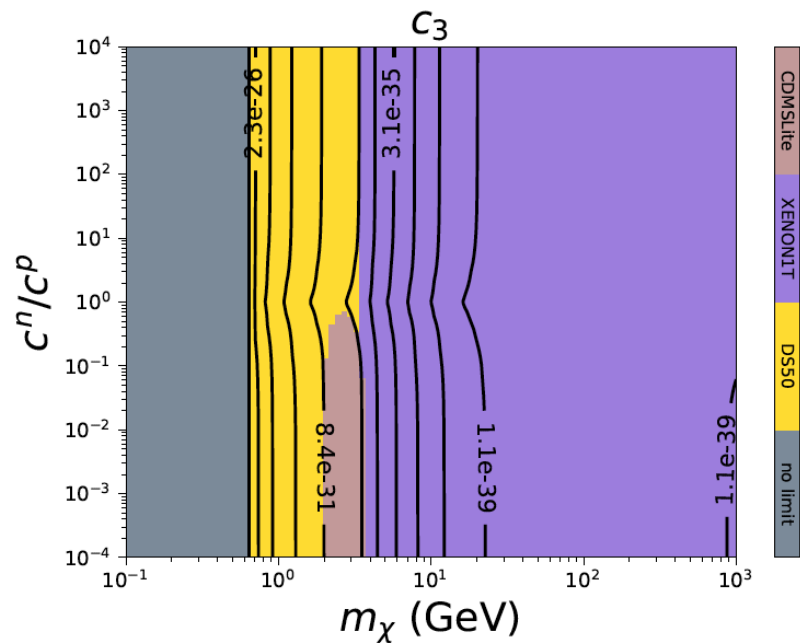


- Two free parameters: WIMP mass m_χ and $r=c^n/c^p$
- A different exclusion plot for each c^n/c^p
- We show contour plots in the m_χ and c^n/c^p plane of $\sigma_{N,\text{lim}}$ - also indicate with a different color code the most constraining experiment





Standard spin-independent coupling
 M nuclear response
 No velocity dependence in the cross section
 Favors heavy nuclei with the exception of low WIMP masses
 Similar behavior: $c_{11}(q^2)$

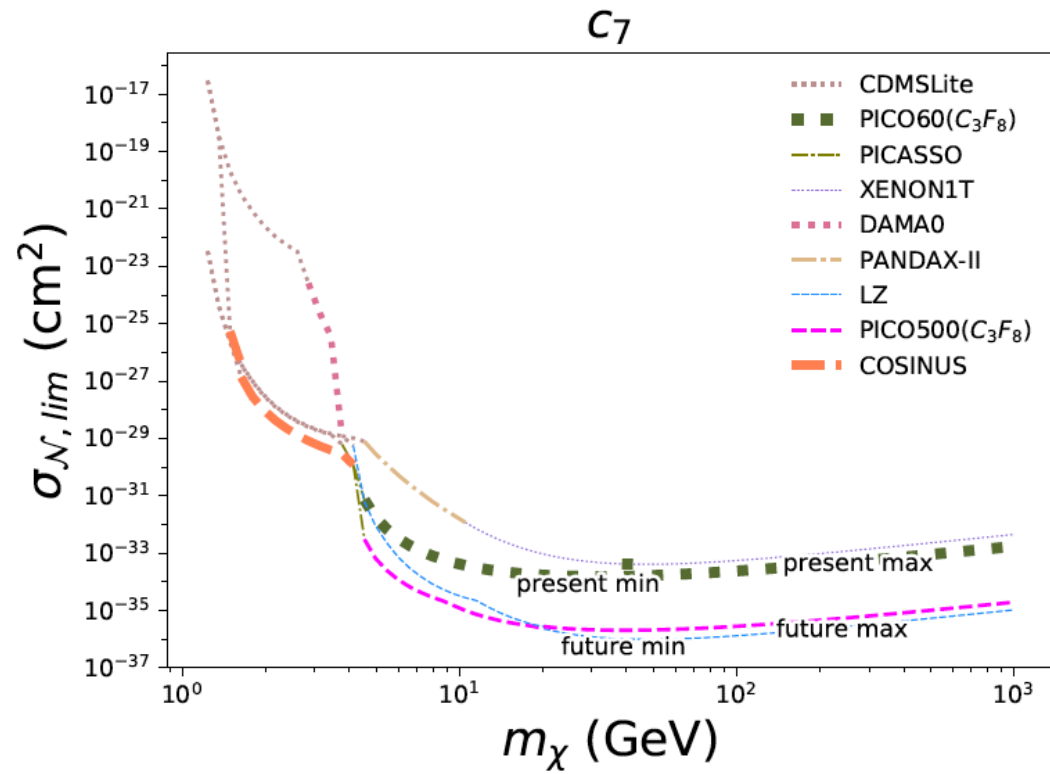
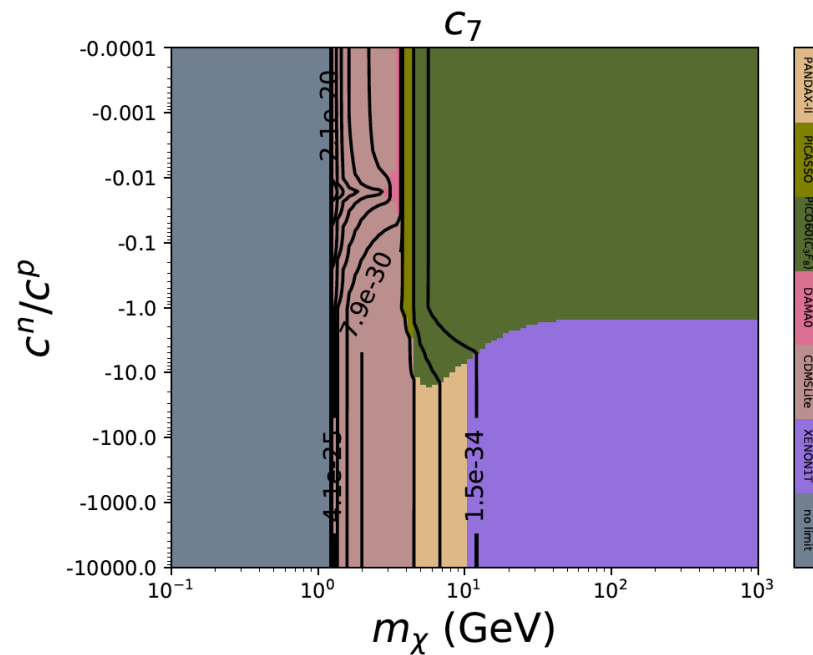
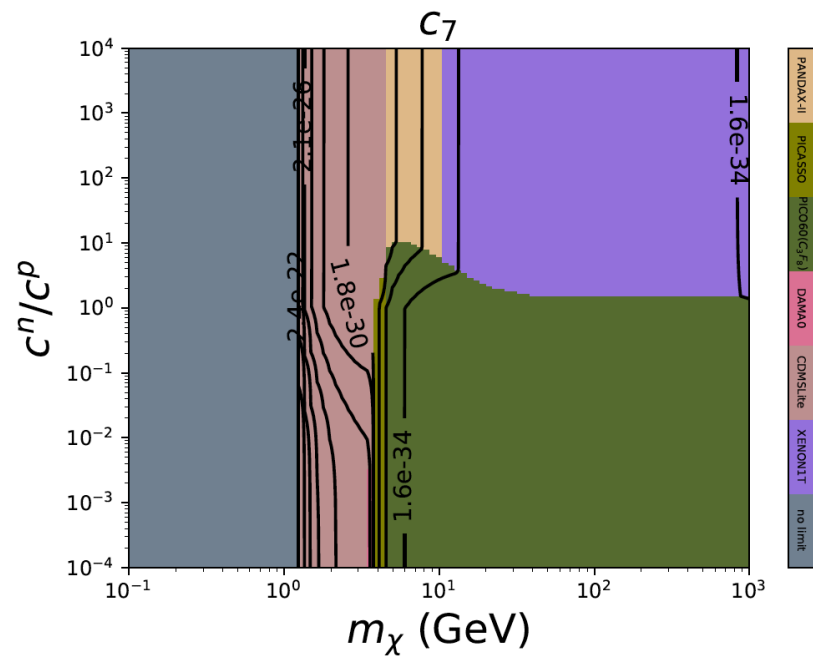


Φ'' response function (related to spin-orbit coupling, non vanishing for all nuclei)

Favors heavier elements (with the exception of low WIMP masses) with large nuclear shell model orbitals not fully occupied

Vanishes for semi-magic isotopes (e.g. ^{72}Ge , explains weakening of CDMSlite bound for $c^n/c^p > 1$)

Similar behavior: $c_{12}(q^2)$, $c_{15}(q^6)$



Σ' response function

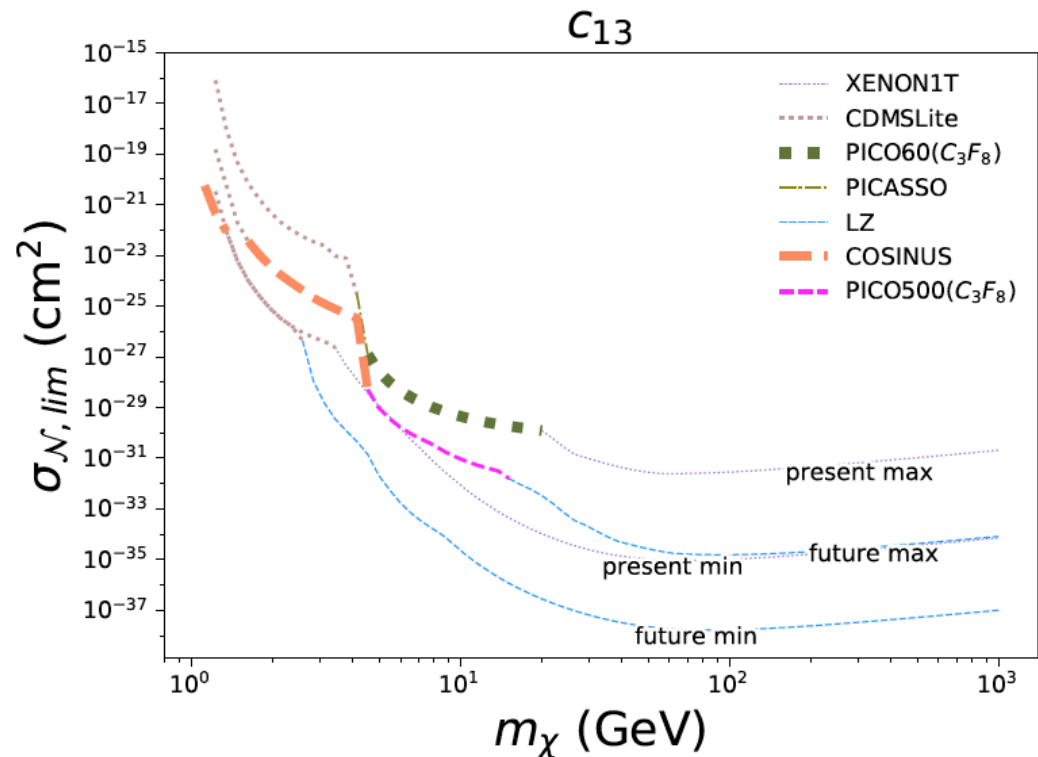
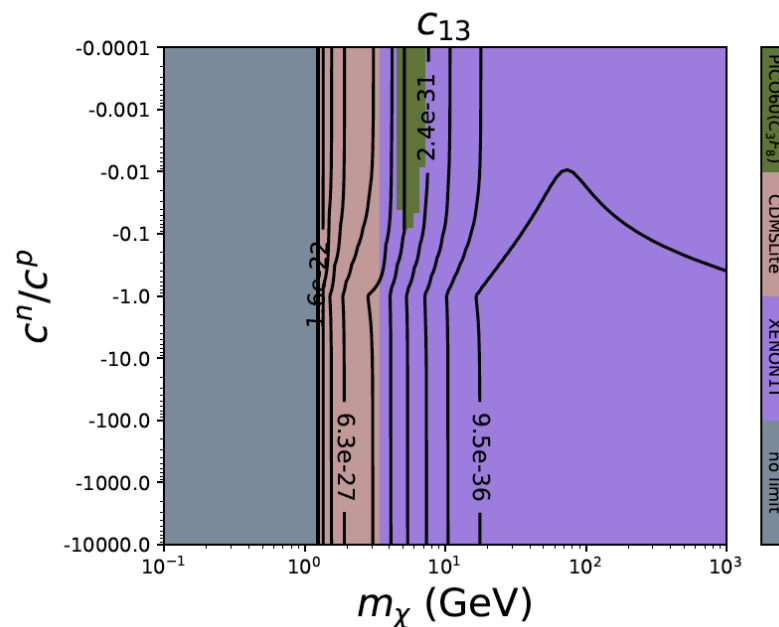
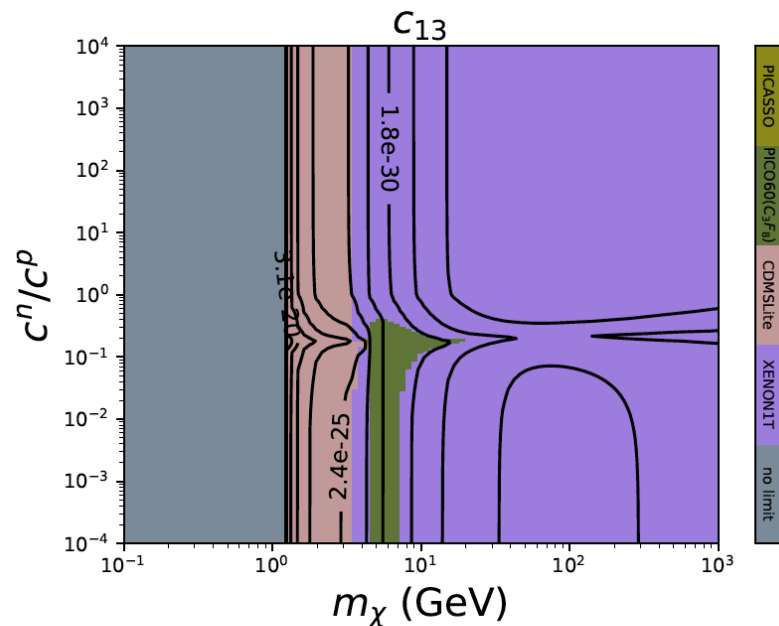
Favors proton-odd targets (fluorine, iodine) for $c^n/c^p < 1$

and neutron-odd targets (xenon, germanium) for $c^n/c^p > 1$

Only velocity dependent term in the cross section

(cfr. standard SD: low threshold less important, rate dominated by $v \gg v_{\min}$, explains reduced PICASSO sensitivity at low WIMP mass compared to c_4)

Similar behavior: $c_{14}(q^2)$



$\tilde{\Phi}''$ response function in velocity-independent part (related to vector-longitudinal operator that transforms as a tensor under rotations, requires nuclear spin $>1/2$, non-vanishing only for ^{23}Na , ^{73}Ge , ^{121}I and ^{131}Xe among available targets)

Velocity dependent terms off fluorine competitive to velocity-independent term in xenon, explains PICO60(C_3F_8) competitiveness.

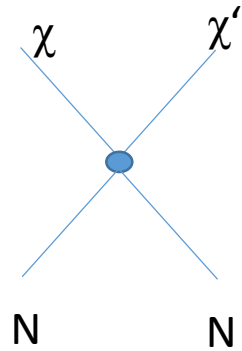
Coupling	Present		Future	
	m_χ (GeV)	$\sigma_{\mathcal{N},lim}(\text{cm}^2)$	m_χ (GeV)	$\sigma_{\mathcal{N},lim}(\text{cm}^2)$
c_1	50.9	2.9×10^{-46}	50.9	7.9×10^{-49}
c_3	67.3	1.1×10^{-39}	81.1	2.1×10^{-42}
c_4	29.1	1.7×10^{-40}	50.8	8.5×10^{-43}
c_5	61.4	2.9×10^{-37}	67.3	7.0×10^{-40}
c_6	73.9	2.1×10^{-35}	89.0	3.3×10^{-38}
c_7	32.0	1.5×10^{-34}	46.4	9.9×10^{-37}
c_8	50.9	1.2×10^{-39}	55.9	3.3×10^{-42}
c_9	55.9	1.9×10^{-37}	55.9	4.9×10^{-40}
c_{10}	61.4	3.3×10^{-38}	81.1	6.9×10^{-41}
c_{11}	61.4	2.8×10^{-43}	67.3	7.1×10^{-46}
c_{12}	61.3	2.6×10^{-41}	67.3	6.1×10^{-44}
c_{13}	67.3	9.5×10^{-36}	89.0	1.7×10^{-38}
c_{14}	55.9	4.2×10^{-31}	61.4	1.1×10^{-33}
c_{15}	73.9	6.3×10^{-37}	89.0	9.1×10^{-40}

Inelastic Dark Matter

D. Tucker-Smith and N. Weiner, Phys.Rev.D 64, 043502 (2001), hep-ph/0101138

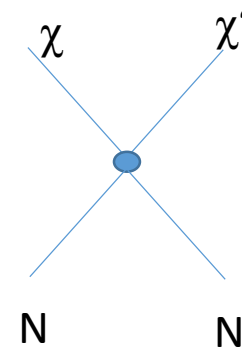
Two mass eigenstates χ and χ' very close in mass: $m_{\chi} - m_{\chi'} \equiv \delta$ with $\chi + N \rightarrow \chi + N$ forbidden

“Endothermic” scattering ($\delta > 0$)



Kinetic energy needed to “overcome” step \rightarrow rate no longer exponentially decaying with energy, maximum at finite energy E_*

“Exothermic” scattering ($\delta < 0$)

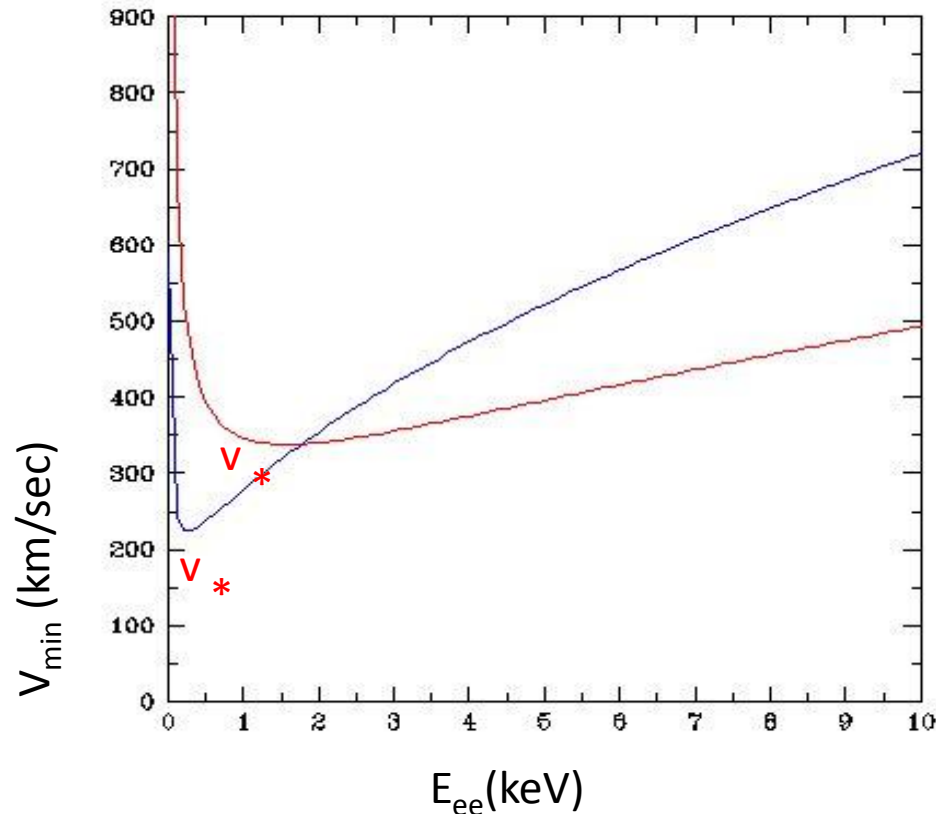


χ is metastable, δ energy deposited independently on initial kinetic energy (even for WIMPs at rest)

Can easily generalize the analysis **to inelastic scattering** (the response functions do not change, only the mapping between recoil energy and WIMP speed)

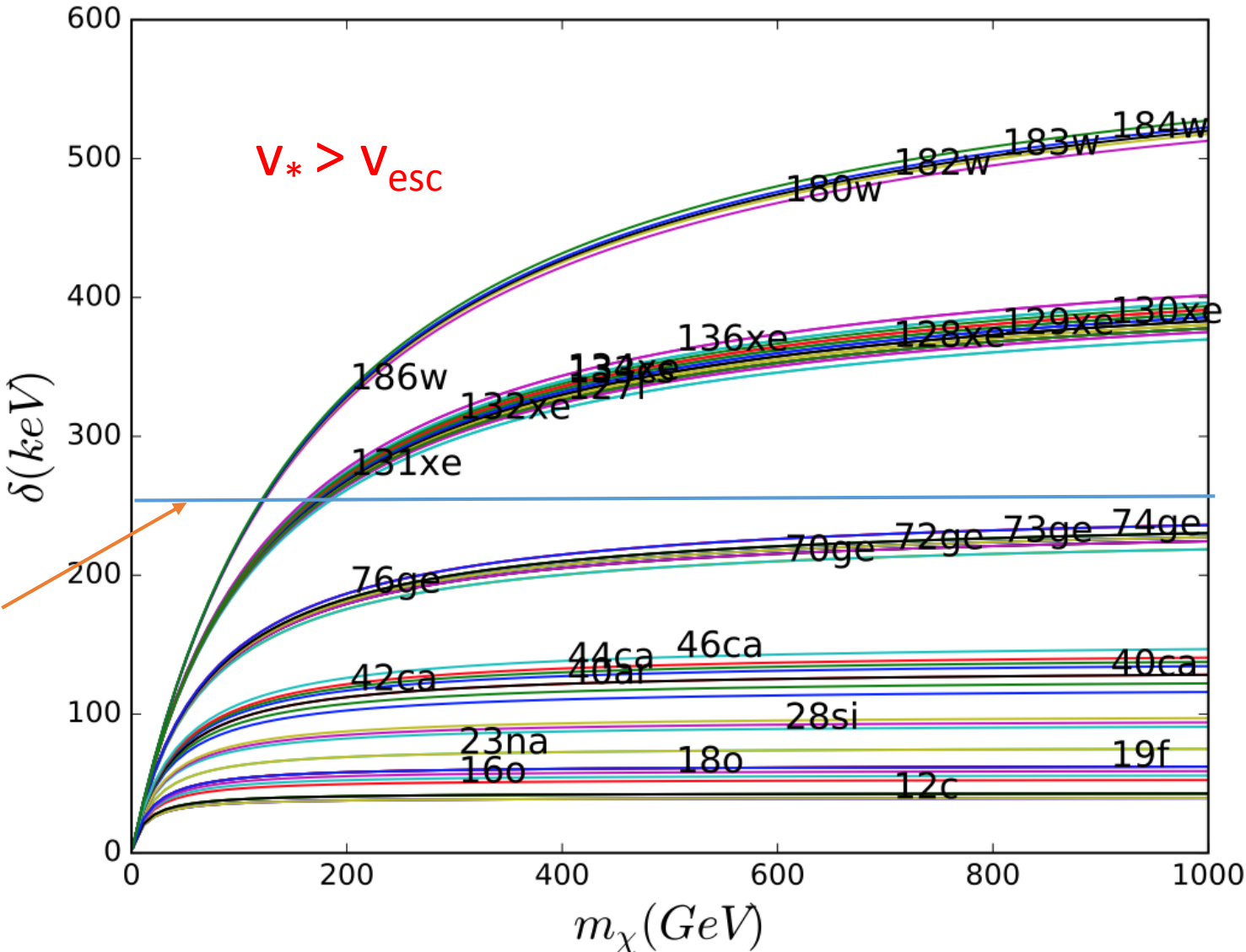
For inelastic DM the recoil energy E_R is no longer monotonically growing with v_{\min} , WIMPs need at least the speed $\min(v_{\min})=v_*$ to produce upscattering to heavy state

$$v_{\min} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m_N E_R}} \left(\frac{m_N E_R}{\mu} + \delta \right) = a \sqrt{E_r} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{E_R}}$$



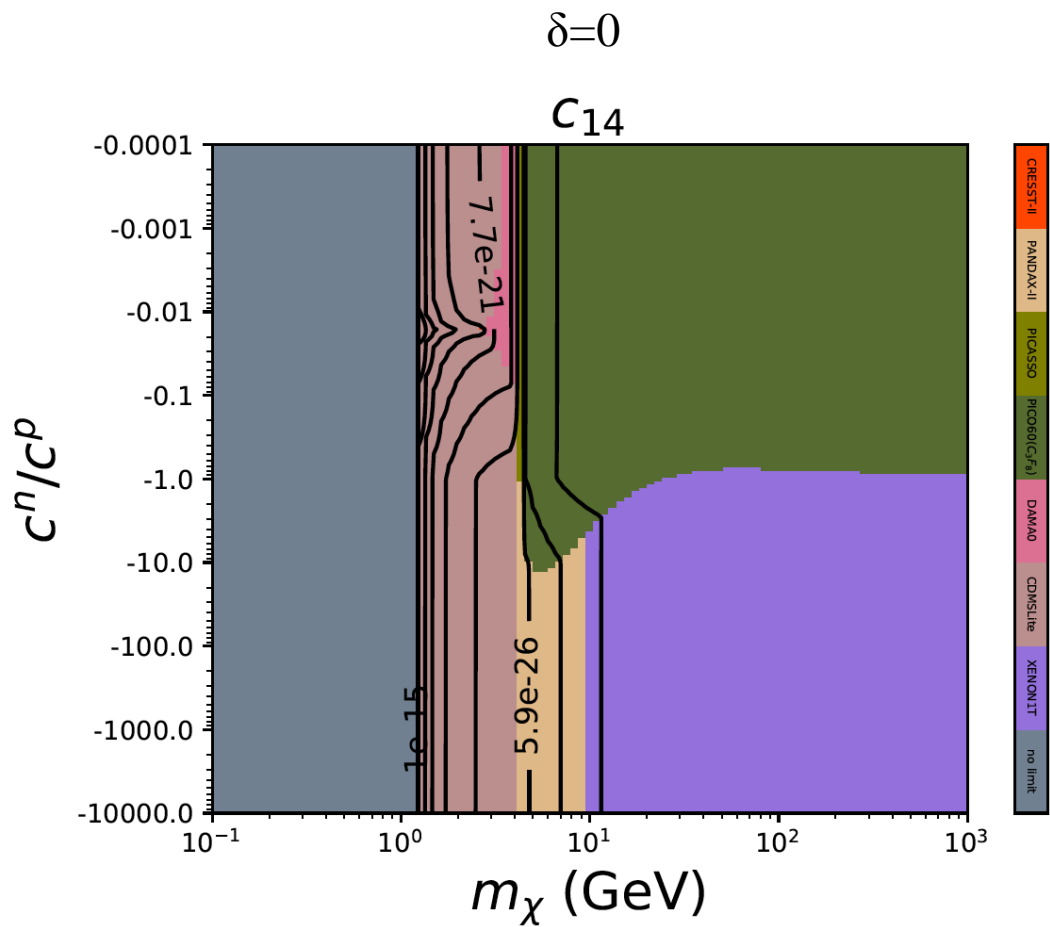
N.B. for $\delta > 0$ WIMPs need a minimal absolute incoming speed v_* to upscatter to the heavier state \rightarrow vanishing rate if $v_* > v_{\text{esc}}$ (escape velocity)

Inelastic scattering favors heavy elements, for each isotope inelastic upscatters become kinematically forbidden beyond maximal mass splitting δ corresponding to escape velocity in the Galaxy

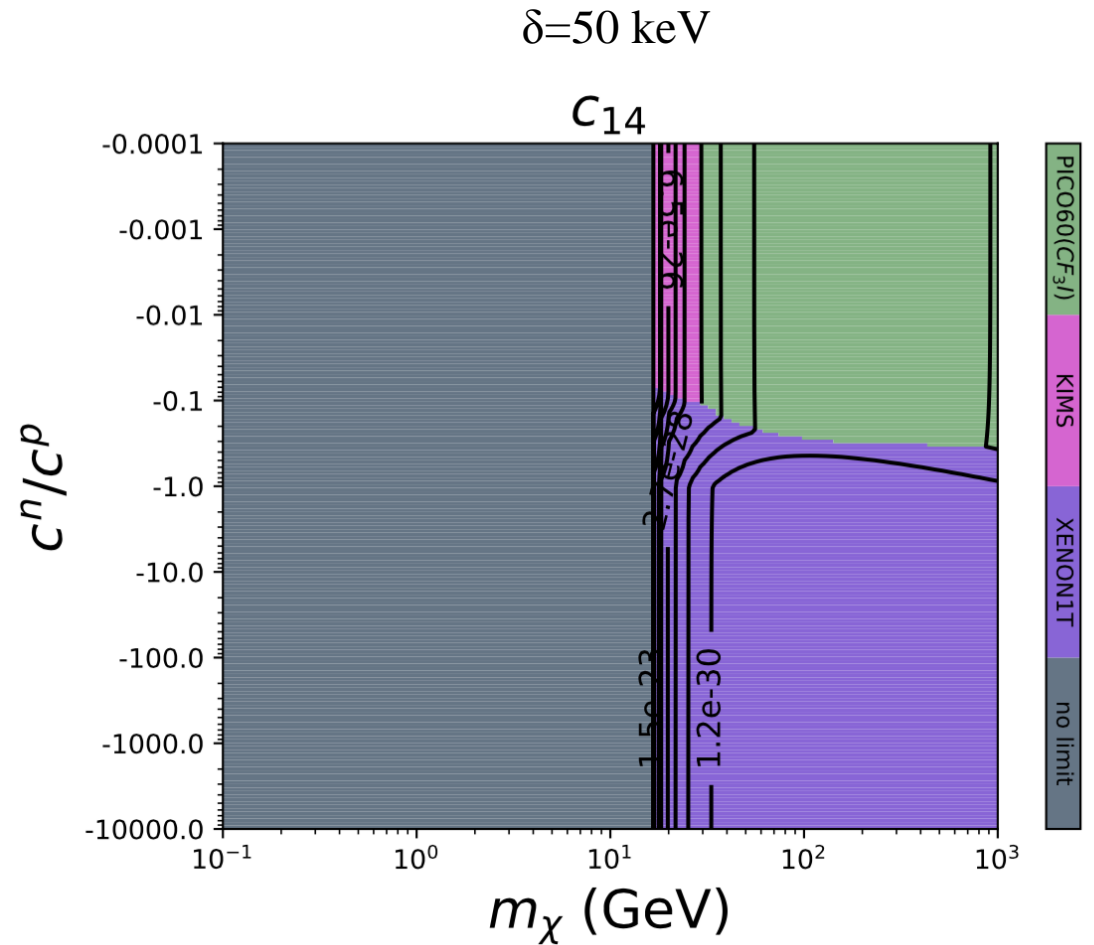


For instance, for $\delta > 250$ keV only Xenon, Iodine and Tungsten can detect IDM

Can easily generalize the analysis **to inelastic scattering** (the response functions do not change, only the mapping between recoil energy and WIMP speed)



fluorine \rightarrow iodine for $c^n/c^p > 1$

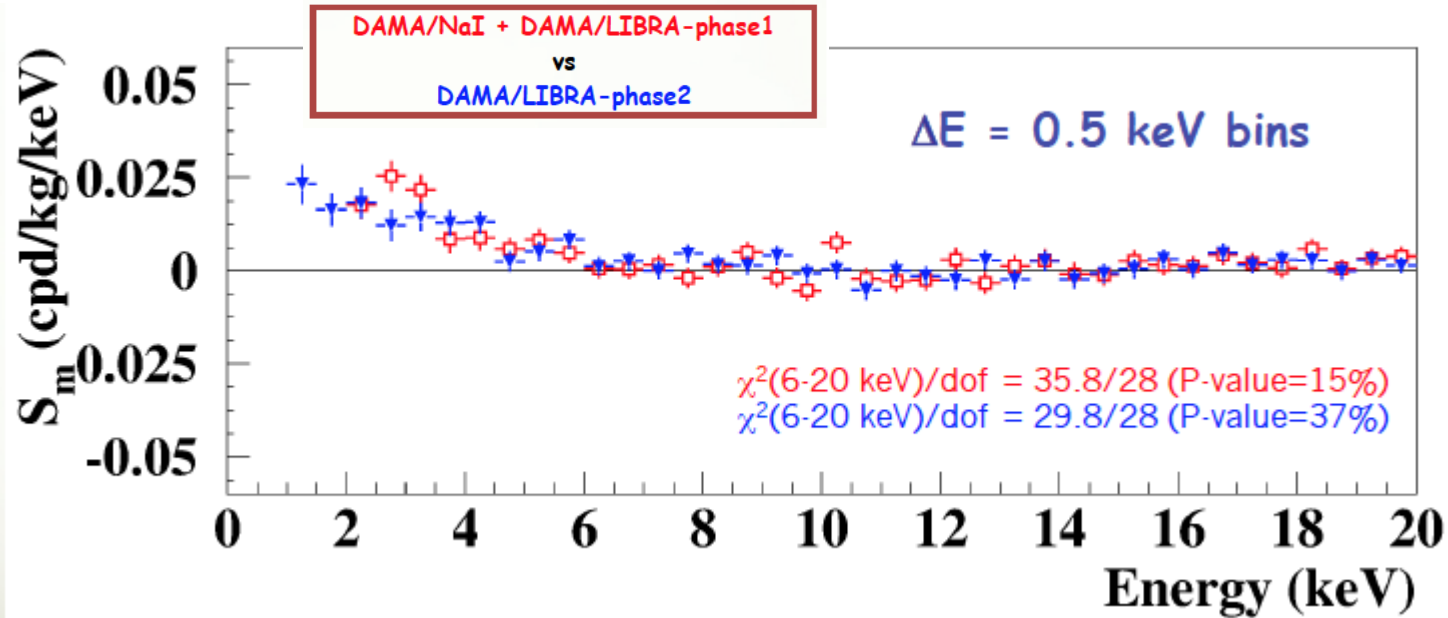
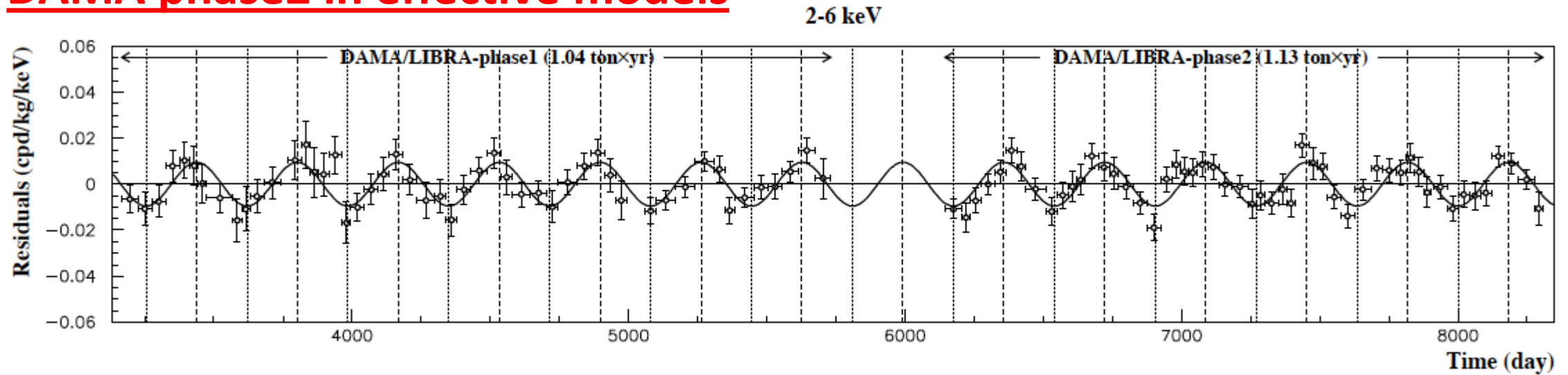


Sunghyun Kang, S.S., G. Tomar, J.H. Yoon, work in progress

- expected reach on $\sigma_{N,\text{lim}}$ varies by many orders of magnitude with the effective coupling.
- In most cases it is either driven by a
 - **xenon target**, as for $c_1, c_3, c_5, c_8, c_{11}, c_{12}, c_{13}$ and c_{15} (XENON1T among existing experiments and LZ among future ones)
 - **fluorine target** as for c_4 , and c_7 , (PICO-60 (C_3F_8) among existing experiments and PICO-500 (C_3F_8) among future ones).
- 9 present experiments out of the total of 15 considered provide the most stringent bound on some of the effective couplings for a given choice of $m_\chi, c^n / c^p$: XENON1T, PANDAX-II, CDMSlite, PICASSO, PICO-60 (C_3F_8) (CF_3I), PICO-60 (C_3F_8) , CRESST-II, DAMA0 (average count rate) and DarkSide-50 → complementarity of
- different target nuclei and/or different combinations of count-rates and energy thresholds when the search of a DM particle is extended to a wide range of possible interactions.
- The variation of the best reach on $\sigma_{N,\text{lim}}$ with c^n / c^p is about:
 - 3 orders of magnitude for c_1, c_{11} and c_{13}
 - 1 order of magnitude for $c_{13}, c_5, c_8, c_{12}, c_{15}$
 - order one for $c_4, c_6, c_7, c_9, c_{10}, c_{14}$
- For all couplings future experiments could improve the present best reach between two and three orders of magnitude.
- For inelastic DM WIMP-proton scatterings can be kinematically not accessible to Fluorine → Iodine becomes important in this case

- harder energy spectrum of the expected signal compared to the usual exponentially decaying case for non-standard interactions with a cross section which depends explicitly on the momentum transfer q . We included this effect when i) subtracting the background ii) applying the Optimal Interval method.
- Typically background subtraction plays a role in experiments with a low threshold that target light WIMPs. In this case the spectrum depends on the high-speed tail of the velocity distribution and momentum dependence has a limited effect on the spectral shape → limited effect on the exclusion plot.

DAMA phase2 in effective models

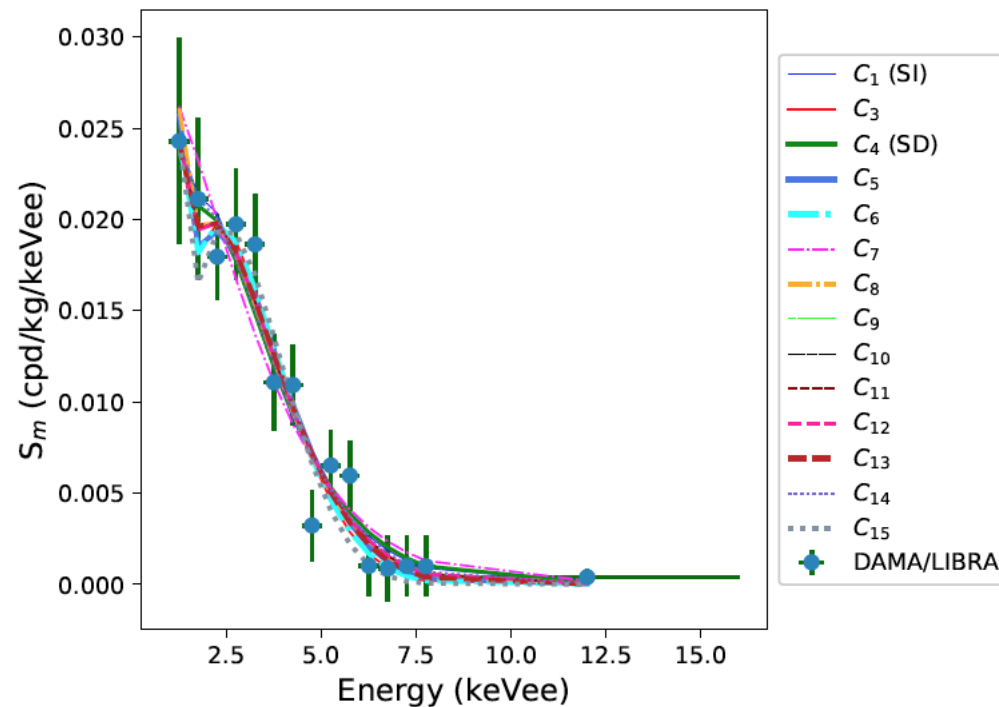


$$R(t) = S_0 + S_m \cos[\omega(t - t_0)]$$

$$\omega = 2\pi/(1 \text{ year})$$

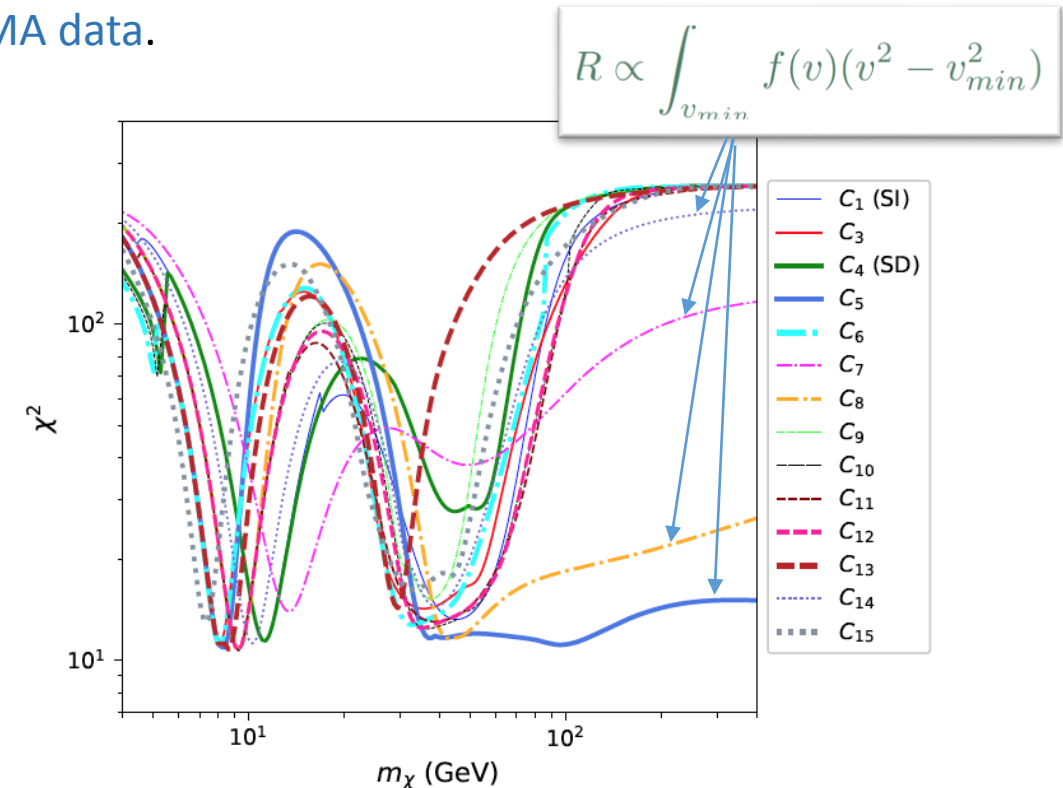
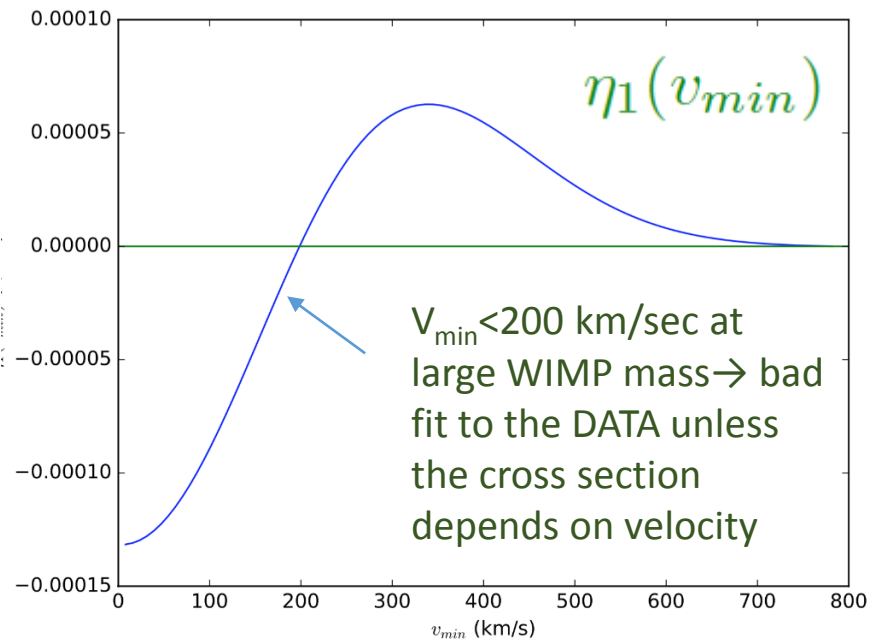
$$t_0 = 152.5 \text{ day}$$

- no fit of the DAMA result is available in the literature in terms of non-relativistic EFT models
- in addition to increasing the exposure, the phase2 result also includes a lower energy threshold, and the new spectrum of modulation amplitudes no longer shows a maximum, but is rather monotonically decreasing with energy
- We extended an assessment of the goodness of fit of the new DAMA result to NREFT scenarios
- Assume a standard Maxwellian for the WIMP velocity distribution in the Galaxy

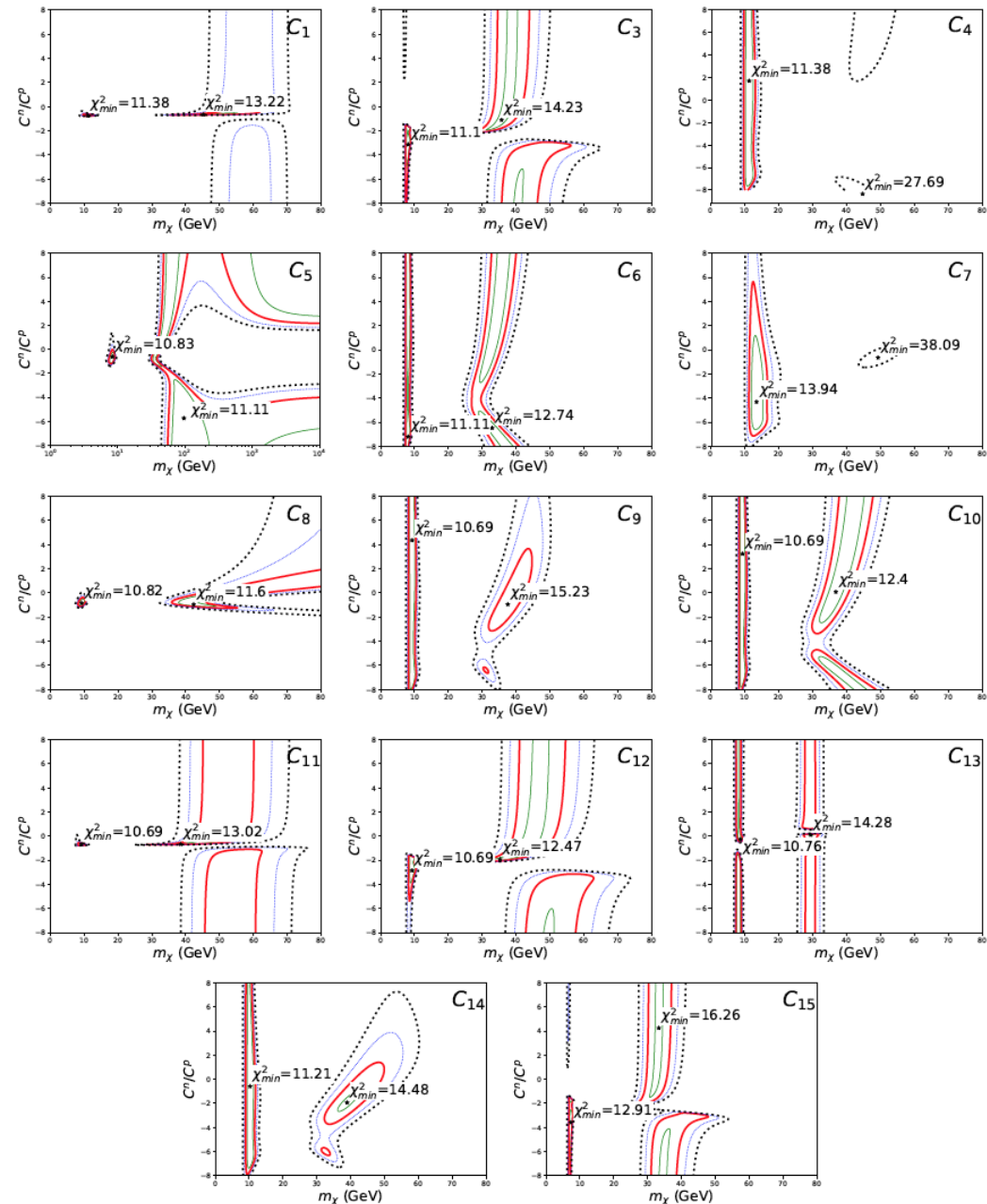


3-parameter fit (WIMP mass m_χ , WIMP-proton cross section σ_p , $r=c^n/c^p$) assuming that one of the EFT couplings dominates

- With a lower threshold now DAMA is sensitive to WIMP-Iodine scatterings also at low mass
- In the SI case Iodine contribution is large and steeply decaying with energy \rightarrow need to tune c^n/c^p to suppress Iodine contribution (S. Baum, K. Freese and C. Kelso, 1804.01231)
- if the WIMP–nucleus cross section is driven by other operators the fine tuning required to suppress iodine is reduced and/or the hierarchy between the WIMP–iodine and the WIMP–sodium cross section is less pronounced in the first place
- effective models for which the cross section depends explicitly on the WIMP incoming velocity show a different phase of the modulation amplitudes at large values of the WIMP mass compared to the standard velocity–independent cross–section, allowing to get a better fit of the DAMA data.



c_j	$m_{\chi, \min}$ (GeV)	$r_{\chi, \min}$	σ (cm ²)	χ^2_{\min}
c_1	11.17	-0.76	2.67e-38	11.38
	45.19	-0.66	1.60e-39	13.22
c_3	8.10	-3.14	2.27e-31	11.1
	35.68	-1.10	9.27e-35	14.23
c_4	11.22	1.71	2.95e-36	11.38
	44.71	-8.34	5.96e-36	27.7
c_5	8.34	-0.61	1.62e-29	10.83
	96.13	-5.74	3.63e-34	11.11
c_6	8.09	-7.20	5.05e-28	11.11
	32.9	-6.48	5.18e-31	12.74
c_7	13.41	-4.32	4.75e-30	13.94
	49.24	-0.65	1.35e-30	38.09
c_8	9.27	-0.84	8.67e-33	10.82
	42.33	-0.96	1.30e-34	11.6
c_9	9.3	4.36	8.29e-33	10.69
	37.51	-0.94	1.07e-33	15.23
c_{10}	9.29	3.25	4.74e-33	10.69
	36.81	0.09	2.25e-34	12.40
c_{11}	9.27	-0.67	1.15e-34	10.69
	38.51	-0.66	9.17e-37	13.02
c_{12}	9.26	-2.85	3.92e-34	10.69
	35.22	-1.93	2.40e-35	12.47
c_{13}	8.65	-0.26	1.21e-26	10.76
	29.42	0.10	5.88e-29	14.28
c_{14}	10.28	-0.59	2.61e-26	11.21
	38.88	-1.93	2.19e-27	14.48
c_{15}	7.32	-3.58	2.04e-27	12.91
	33.28	4.25	2.05e-33	16.26



- all models yield an acceptable χ^2
- in the worst case, i.e. c_7 , $(\chi^2)_{\min}=13.74$, with p-value $\simeq 0.25$ with 14-3 degrees of freedom.
- for all of them with the exception of c_7 and c_{15} the absolute minimum of the χ^2 is below or equal to that corresponding the standard SI interaction c_1
- All best-fit minima are in tension with the bounds from XENON1T and PICO60

DAMA best fit vs. Xenon1t and PICO60 exclusion plots

