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Long Range Plans for Direct Dark Matter Searches

Short term plans (mostly high mass)

Cleaning up the low mass region

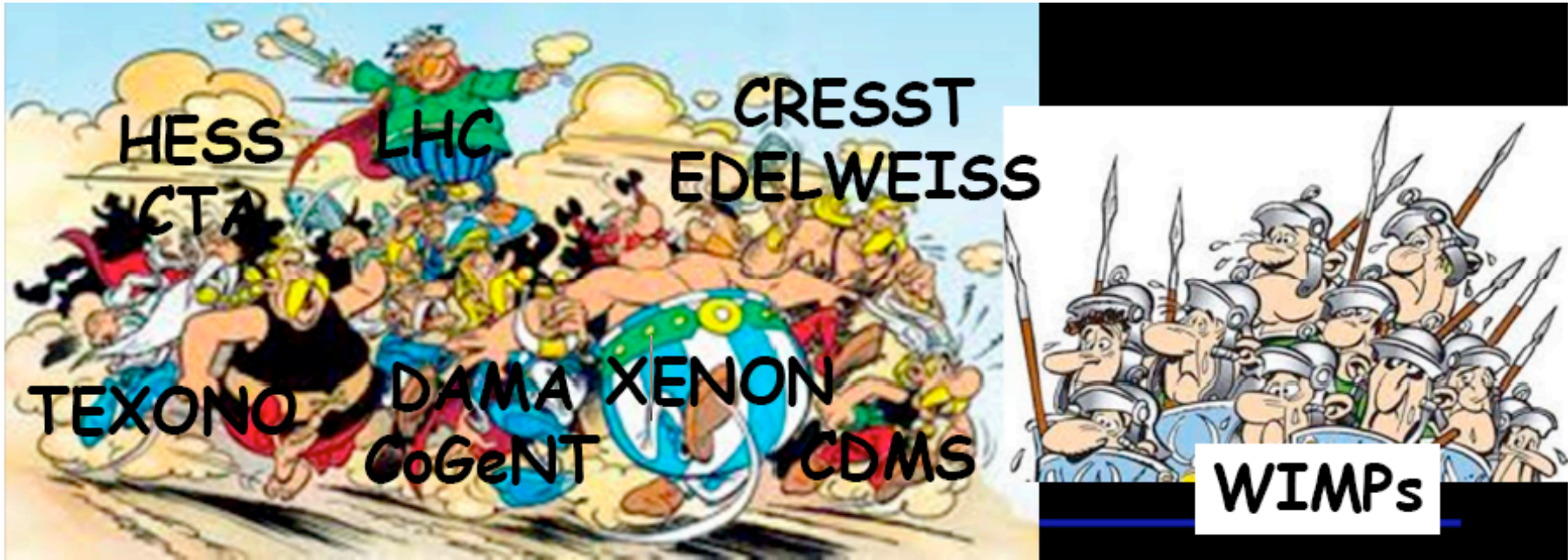
The medium term and long term

Disclaimer:

I am a member of CDMS

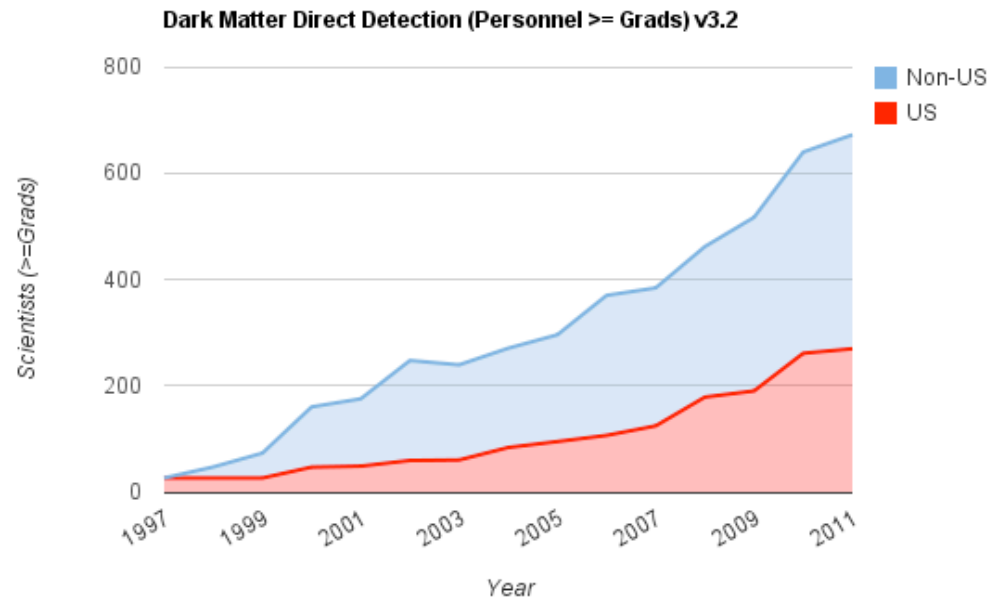
An Active Field

Credit: Joerg Jaeckel



Direct Detection An expanding community

US \approx 270 physicists \approx 70% FTE
 \approx 40% of world



Detection Challenge

A variety of novel and exciting techniques

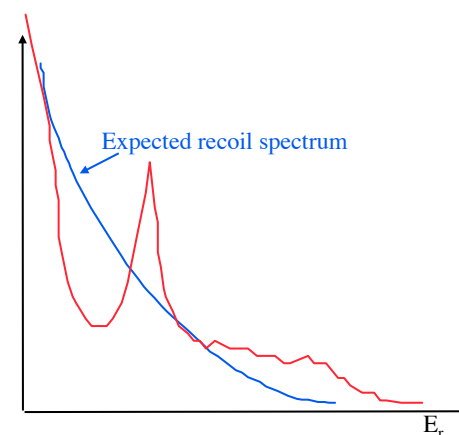
Exquisite energy sensitivity

3 D reconstruction => fiducial cuts (self shielding, bad regions)

At least two measurements to distinguish nuclear recoil from electron recoils => as much information as possible

Decrease neutrons to negligible level (radio-purity, cosmogenic)

dn/dE_r



	Liquid Xenon	Liquid Argon	Low temp. Ge	Bubble Chamber
Ionization	✓	✓	✓	high density
Scintillation	✓	✓		
Phonons			✓	
Other		Pulse shape	Pulse shape	Acoustic

+ 77K Ge, NaI

Challenges

$10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2/\text{nucleon} \approx 1 \text{ evt/ton/year}$ (e.g. 70 GeV/c², Ge, 10 keV threshold)

Liquid Xenon: Liquid purity, HV, radio-purity high enough for self-shielding

Liquid Argon: Liquid purity, HV, ³⁹Ar depletion

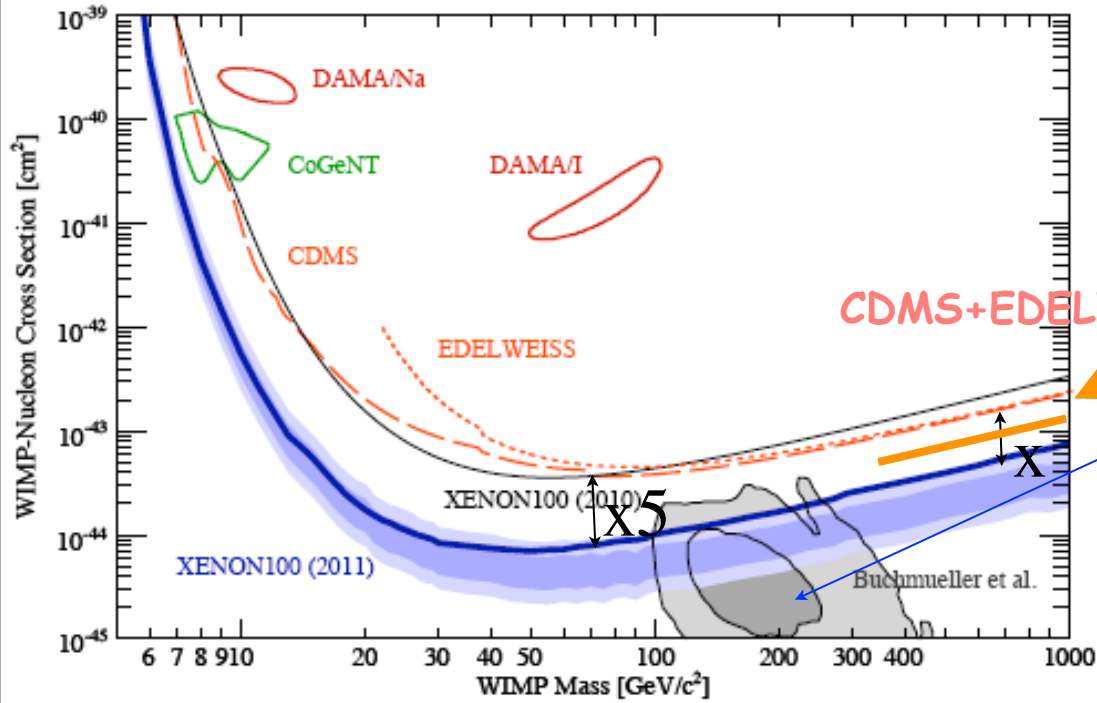
Low temp. Ge: Cost/yield for large # of detectors high \emptyset Ge

Bubble chamber: Liquid purity/stability, α acoustic rejection

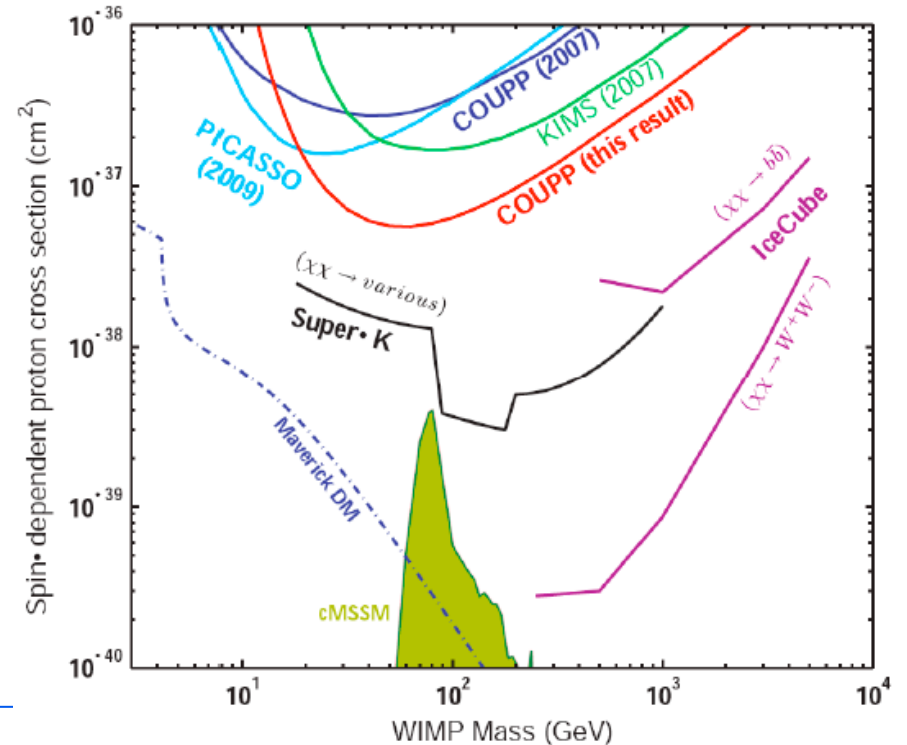
Directionality: How to get large enough mass at reasonable cost?

+ scale-up: engineering and safety

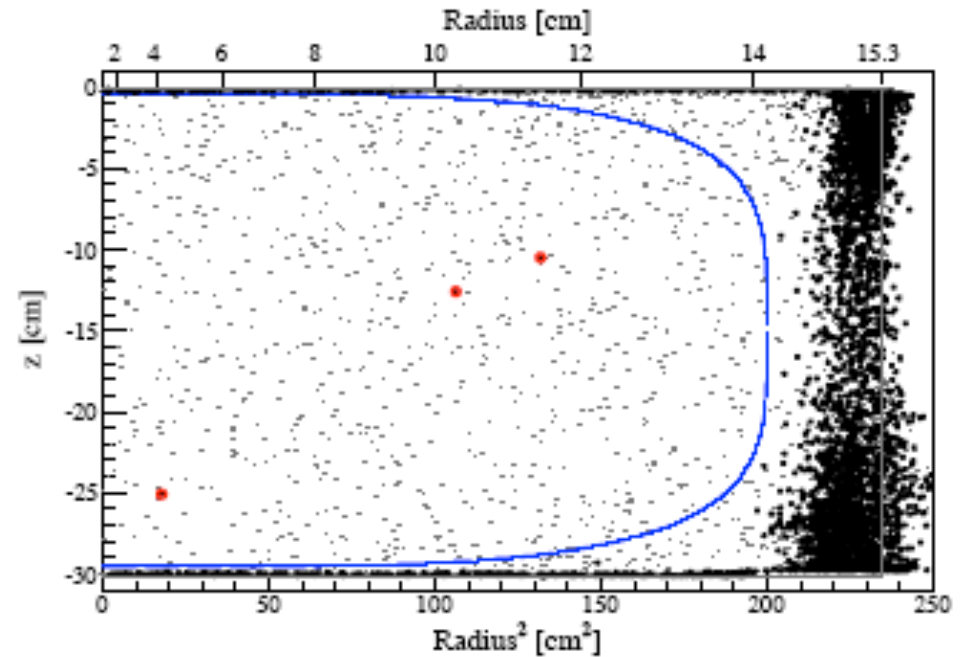
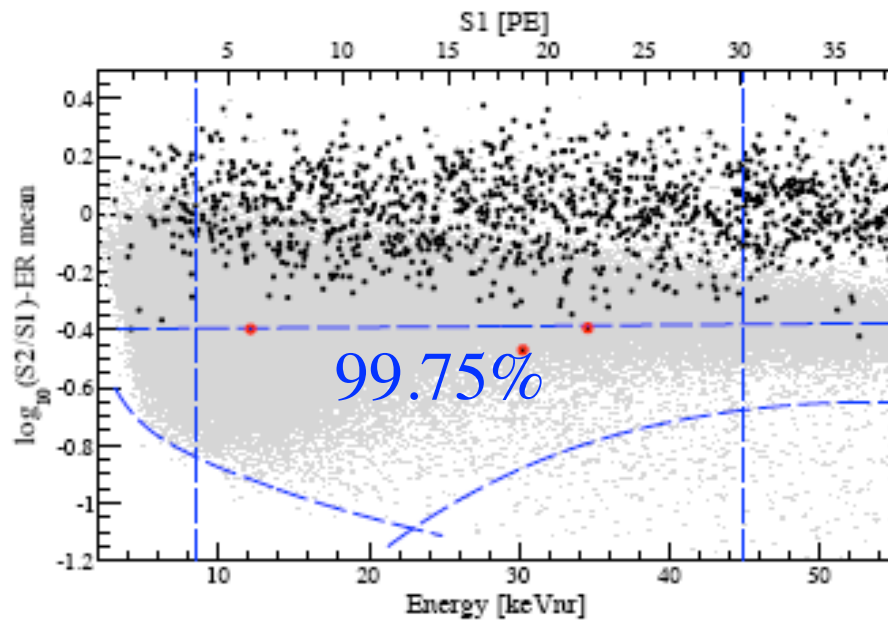
High Mass Region



CMSSM \approx mSUGRA Focal point region
No threshold for Direct Detection



Background!



Not yet suitable for tonne size!

Purification to decrease ^{85}Kr

Did not present 200 day result by APS meeting in April 2012

Technical progress

Super CDMS 10 kg running well at Soudan

8 → 5? 10^{-45} cm^2 depending on neutron background

COUPP 4kg at SNOLAB

Acoustic rejection of alphas
but neutrons due to PZT

60kg problems with CIF_3 dissociation
solved → SNOLAB

Liquid Xe

XMASS (800kg Xe)

first tests → results at Japanese Physical Society meeting: background from Cu

LUX 350kg, successful tests at the surface → underground this spring 2012

Xenon 2.4 tonne being reviewed US + Europe

Panda X 1 tonne China + US

Liquid Ar:

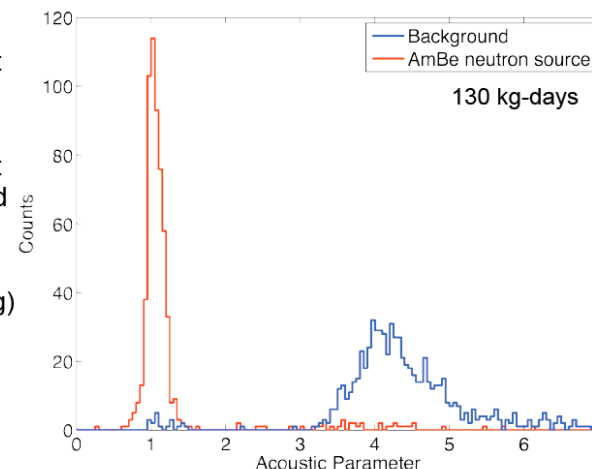
MiniCean (180kg), Deep/Clean

WARP → Dark Side in Borexino CTF

ArDM in Camfranc

COUPP 4kg @ SNOLAB

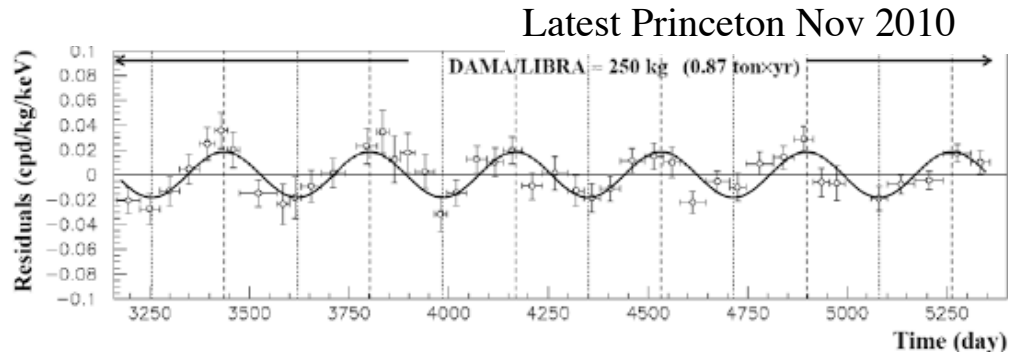
- 18.1 live-days at 7 keV threshold
- 21.5 live-days at 10 keV threshold
- 3.3 kg fiducial cut (out of 4.0 kg)



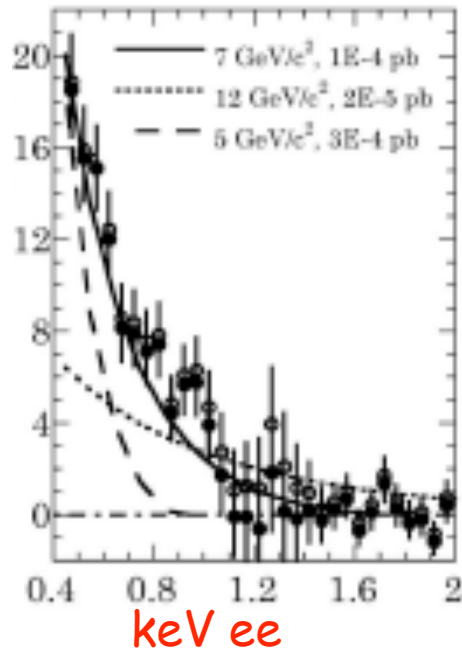
A Low Mass WIMP?

Experimental claims

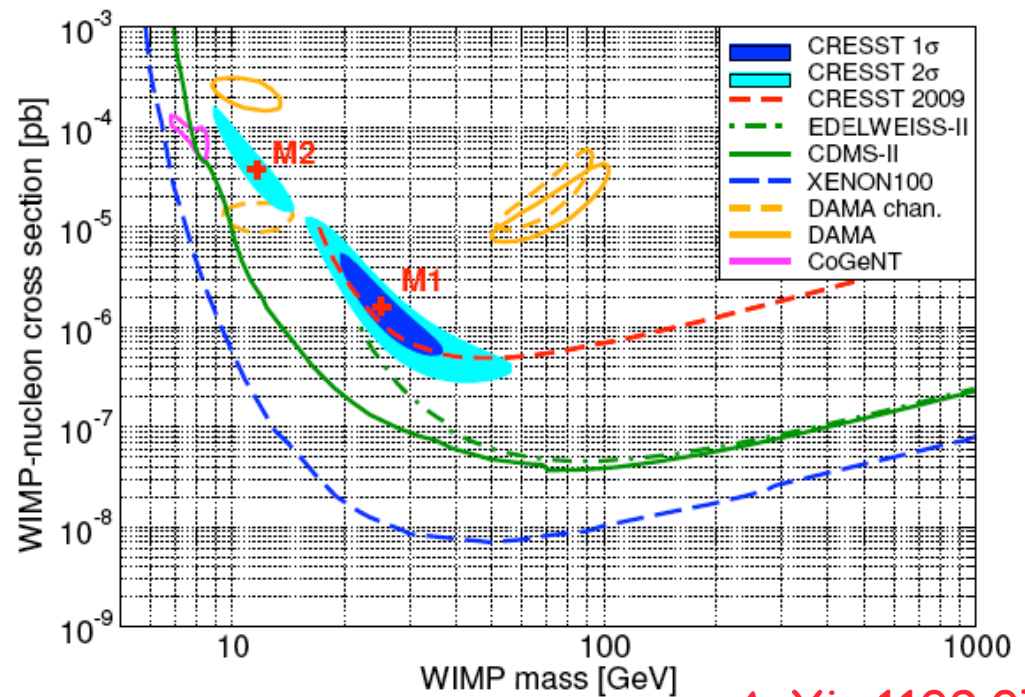
DAMA (NaI)



CoGeNT (Ge)



CRESST (Ge)



Aalseth et al. ArXiv: 11060650

L X ray peak subtracted

ArXiv:1109.0702

A Low Mass WIMP?

3 questions

Can this be the results of experimental issues?

A lot of discussions DAMA e.g. Nygren

CoGeNT: Collar

Eventually, if no convergence, an independent group will have to repeat the experiment on same material

DM Ice at the South Pole (also KIMS ANAIS, Princeton)

How to make it compatible with CDMS and Xenon?

Can this be unified (Hooper, Collar)?

Hooper, Collar, Hall, McKinsey arXiv 1007.1005

Theory: very natural for asymmetric dark matter

dark matter \neq anti dark matter (K. Zurek, L. Randal ...)

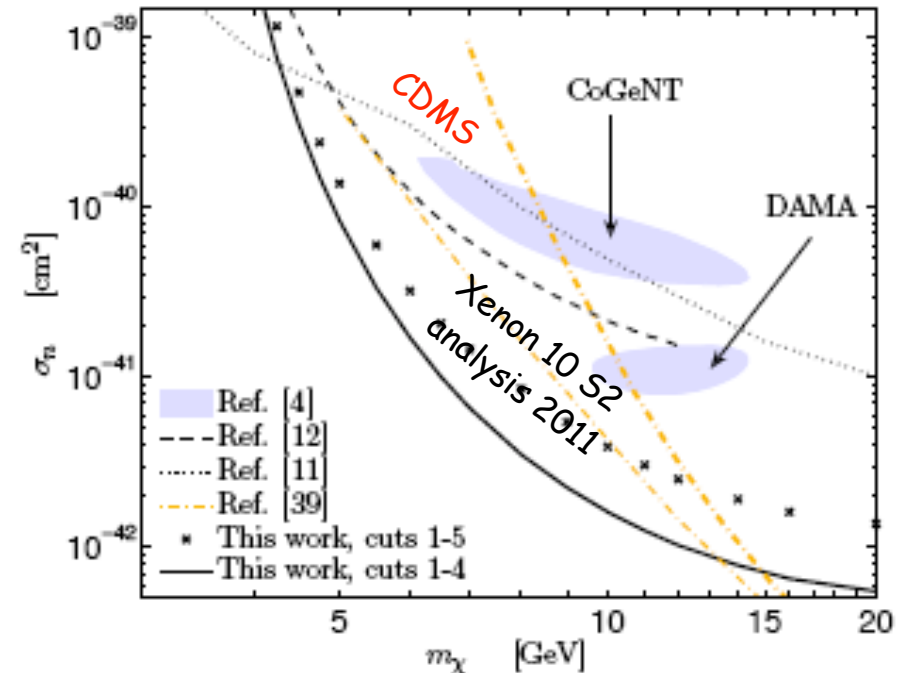
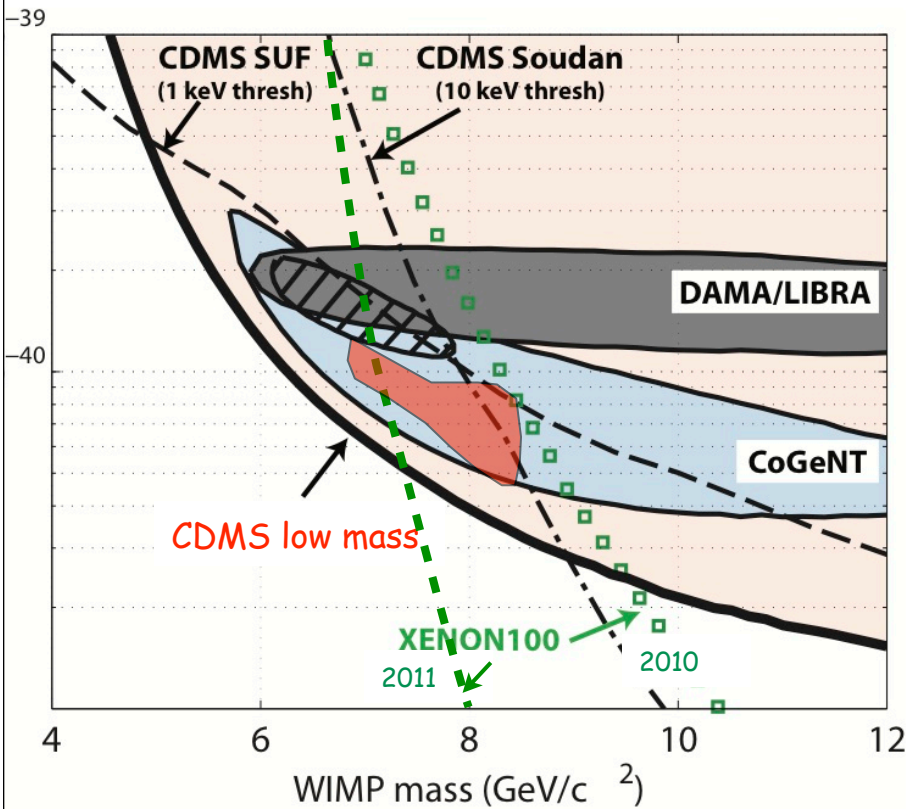
if baryon asymmetry coupled to dark matter asymmetry \approx equal

7 times more dark matter \rightarrow 7 GeV scale

Scattering through Higgs \rightarrow weak scale ????

How do you naturally have enough annihilation to wipe out the symmetric component?

Compatibility with other experiments with CoGeNT original "claim"



Xenon 10 S2 Analysis ArXiv:1104.3088
1 electron sensitivity level

Ahmed et al ArXiv:1011.2482
Very robust
Same material as CoGeNT

Collar: [arXiv:1106.0653](https://arxiv.org/abs/1106.0653) still excessive sensitivity
to calibration especially at few (5) electrons level

But CoGeNT shifting !

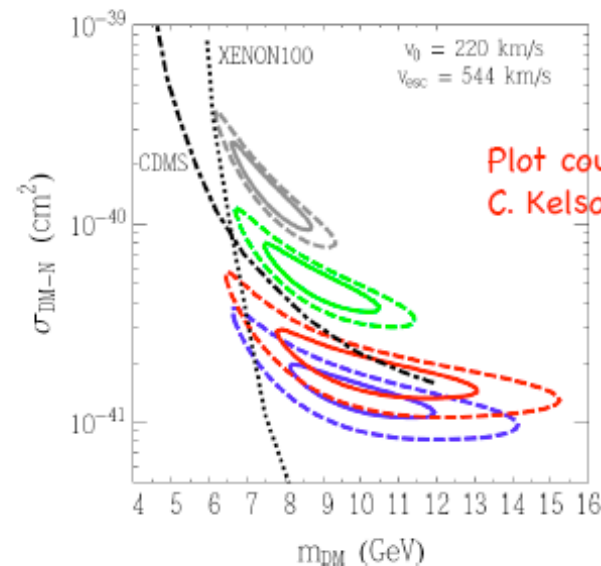
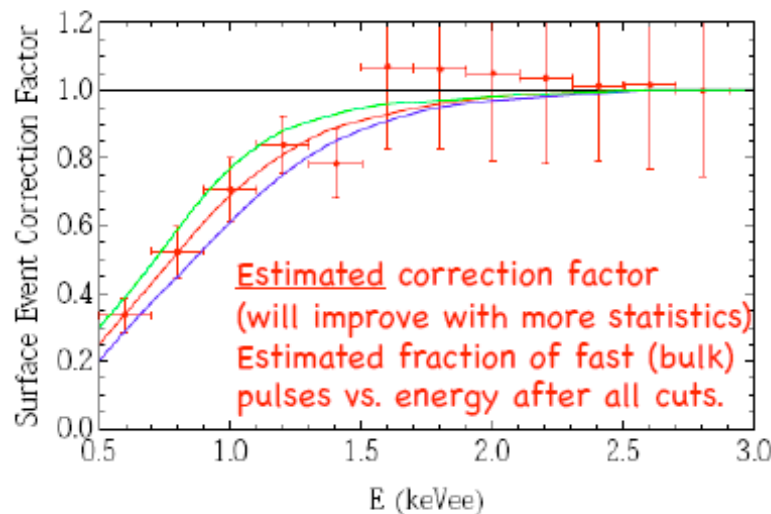
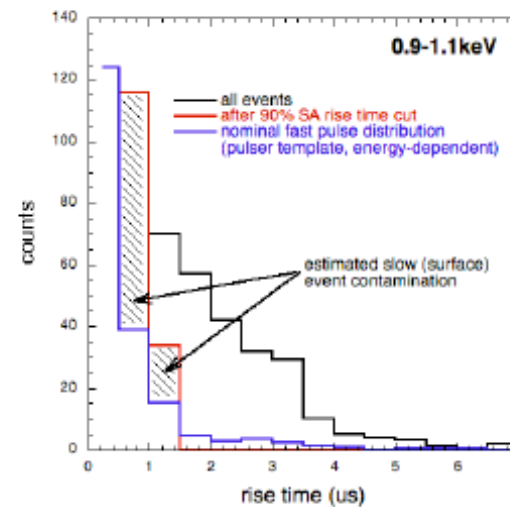
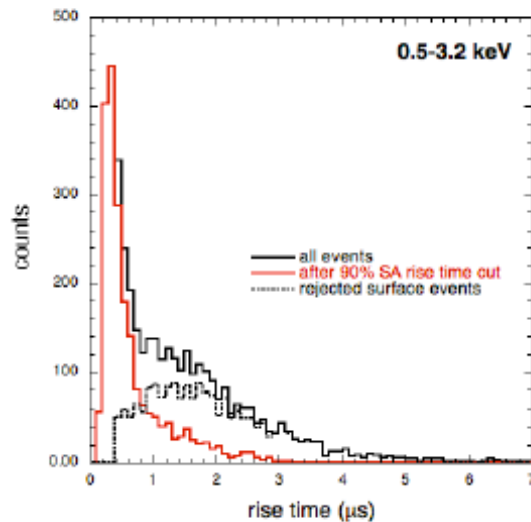
2/3 of events are surface events. Why not 100%?

CoGeNT Shift

CoGeNT uncertainties (e.g., surface event rejection next to threshold)

PRELIMINARY (work in progress, not an exact science yet)

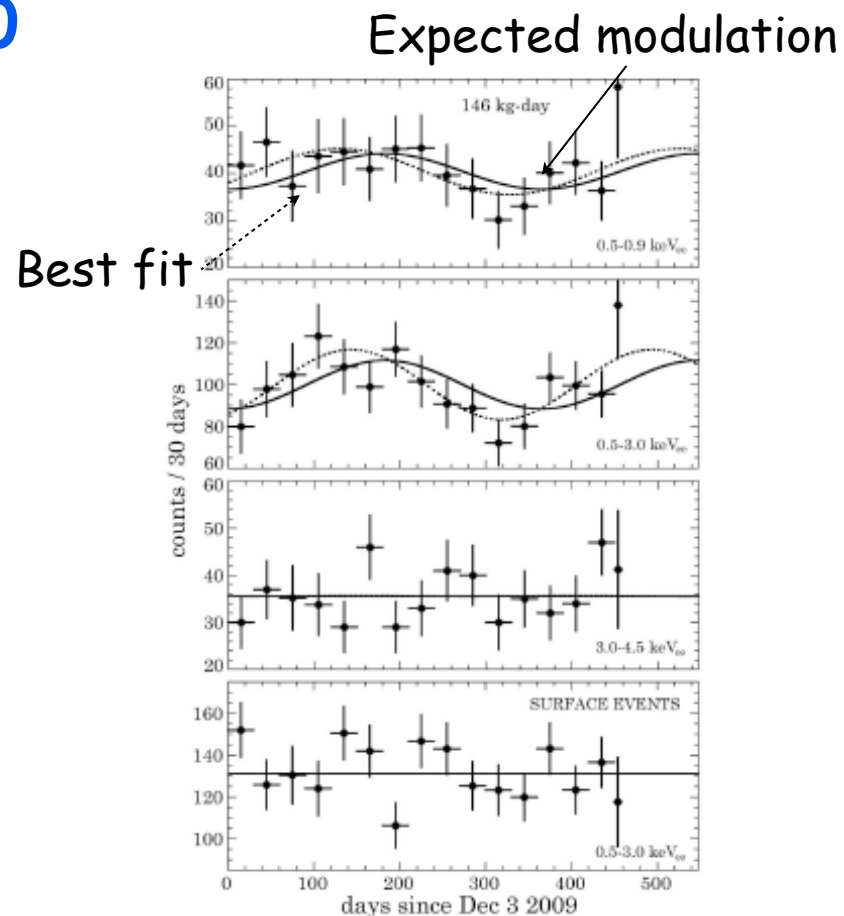
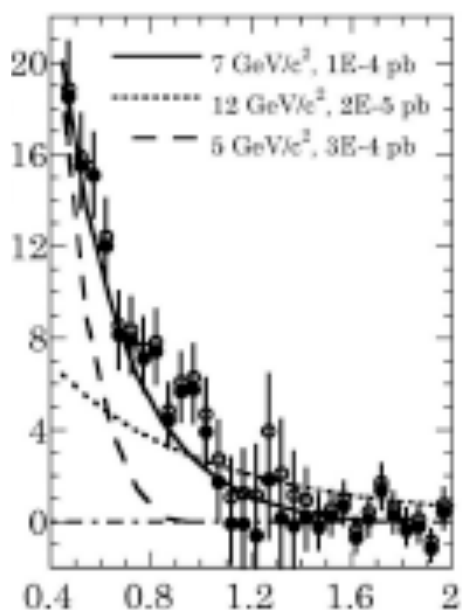
from Juan Collar



Modulation?

Aalseth et al. ArXiv: 11060650

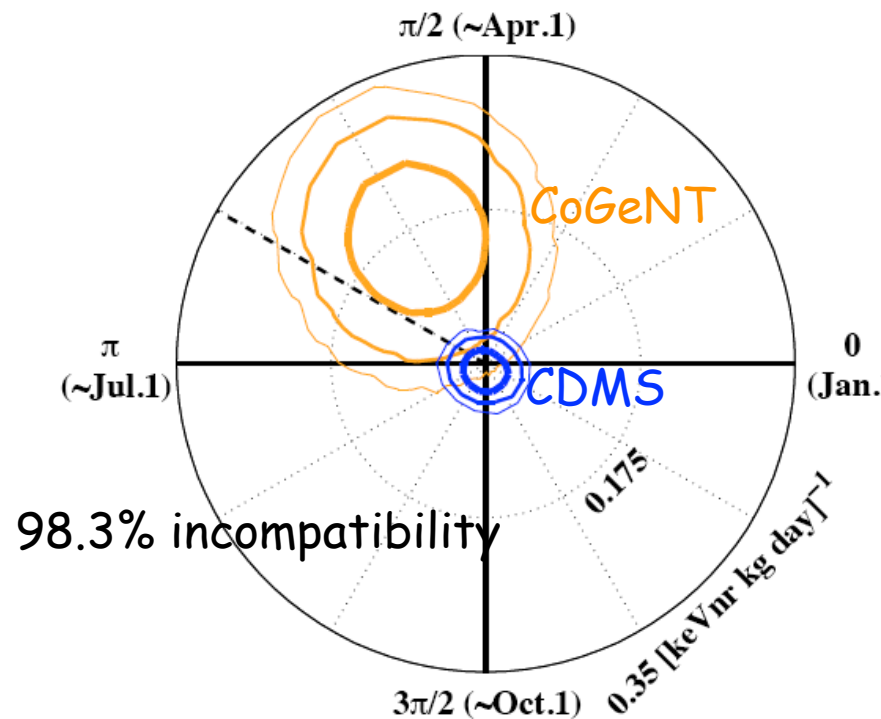
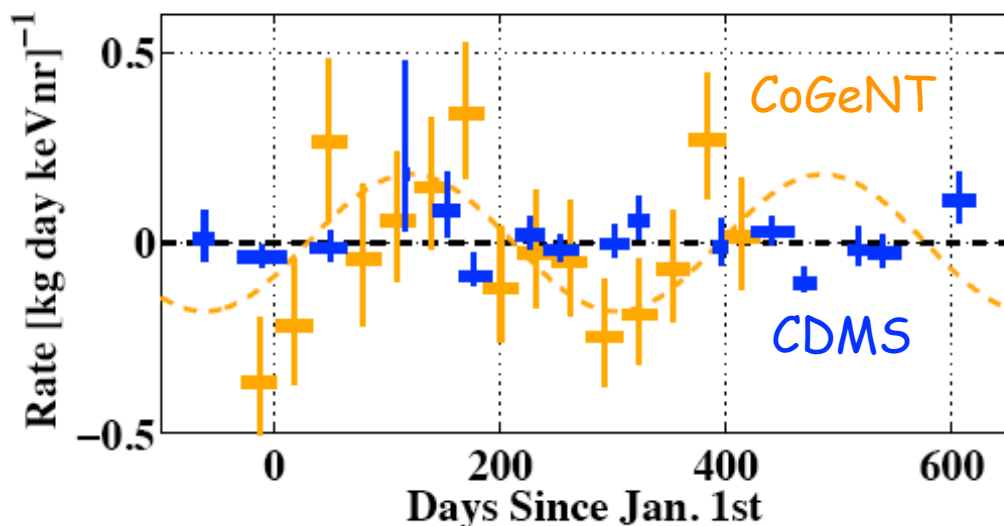
Modulation appears larger 0.9-3keV where there are very few events



CDMS (Marina del Rey)

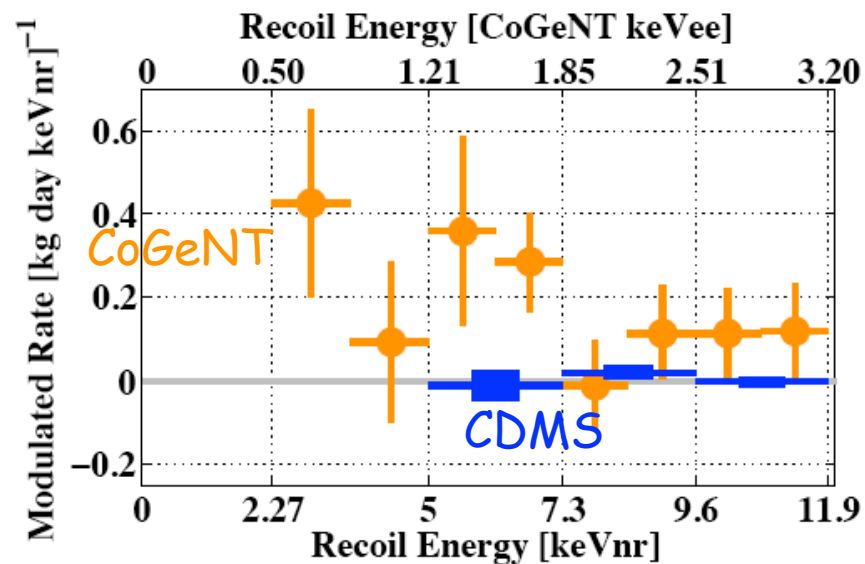
5 keV-11.9 keV nuclear recoil:

[arXiv:1203.1309](https://arxiv.org/abs/1203.1309)

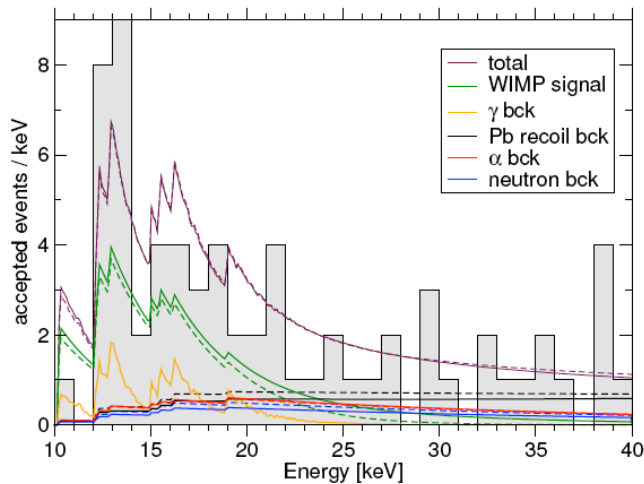
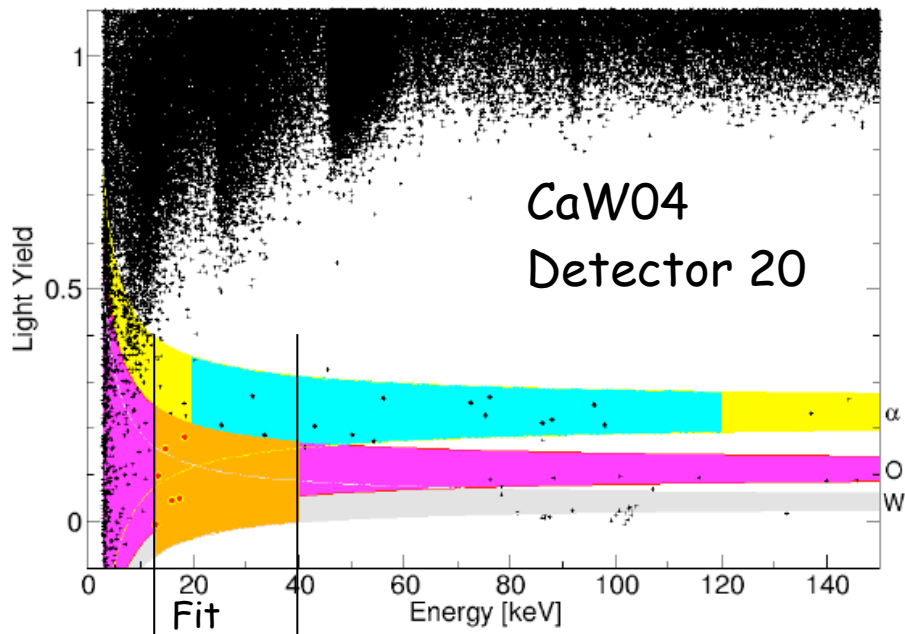


We are of course looking at lower energy

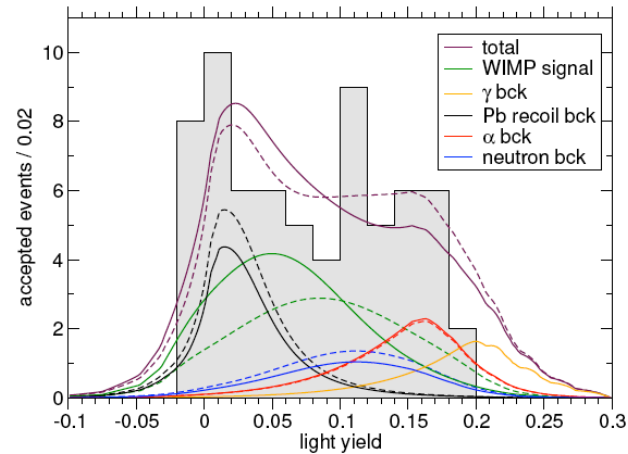
Hope to have a solid result at lower energy soon!



CRESST (1109.0702)



Detailed fit of recoil energy and scintillation distributions + multiplicity (neutrons)



Claim $>4 \sigma \neq$ rest of field

But 42-47 background, 29-24 signal EvtS

Maximum likelihood notoriously sensitive to assumed functional forms!

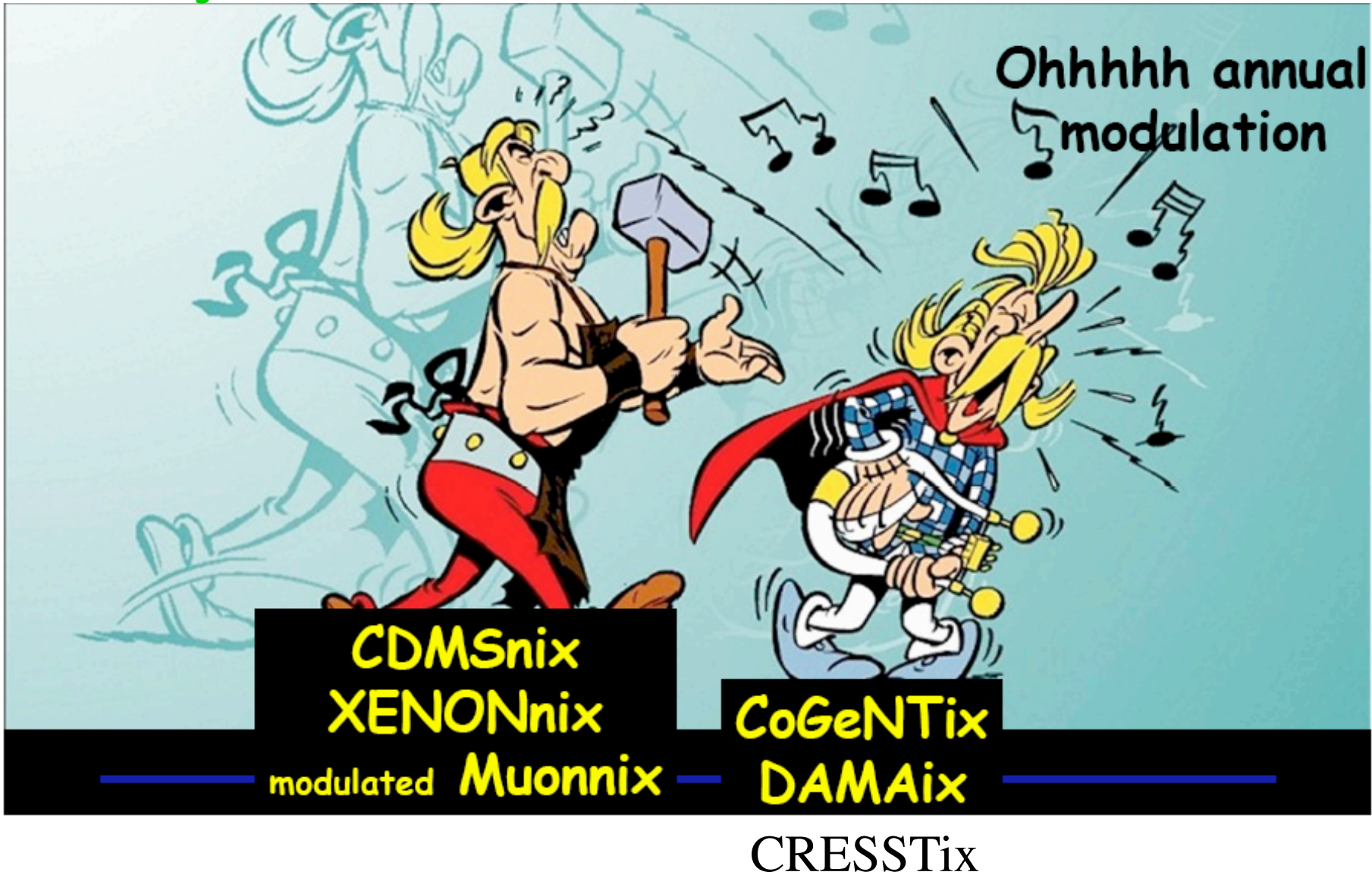
What if the shape assumed for the background is slightly wrong?

Not believable at this high level of background subtraction!

Team plans to reduce in next run!

Lively discussion

Credit: Joerg Jaeckel



Where do we go next?

Strong consensus

Sensitivity = Mass + background free.

Common roadmap

Generation 1 $\rightarrow 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$ Exploration of technology + science (Supersymmetry)

Generation 2 $\rightarrow 10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2$ Push the most promising technologies to their limit + science

Generation 3 $\rightarrow <10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$ 2 (US) 3or4 worldwide \rightarrow detailed understanding of the physics

In US:

Generation 2:

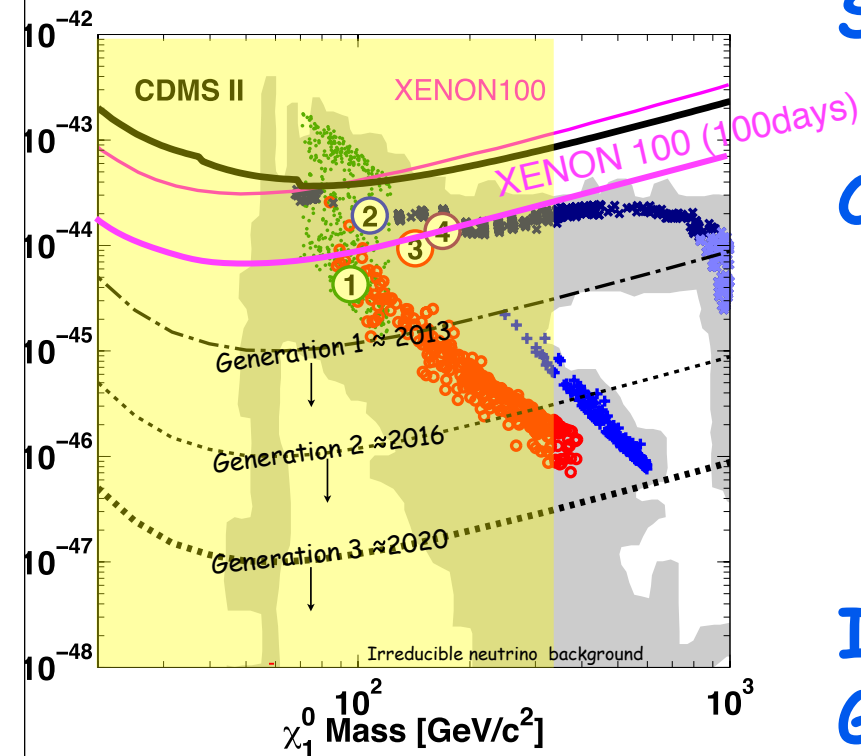
Separate NSF (May 1) and DOE (July 8) competition for 1 year R&D.

\rightarrow Project proposals to both agencies \approx October 20, 2013 \rightarrow CD1,CD2,CD3a by Summer 2014.

Generation 3:

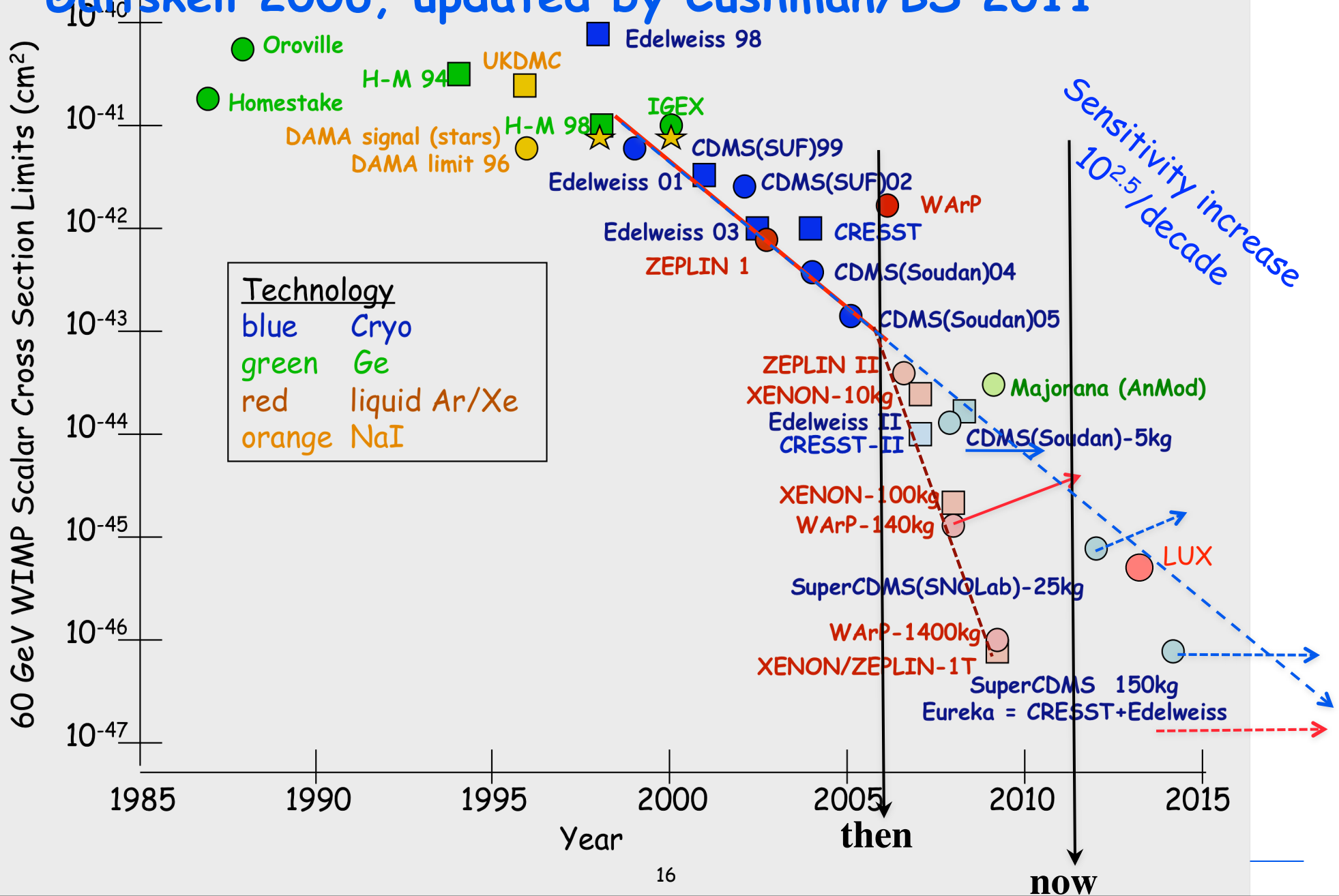
forming a Homestake Generation 3 Dark Matter Expt \approx LBNE Converge to 2 technologies

\approx 2015 technology choices for \approx 2019 deployment



Hopes and Progress

Gaitskell 2006, updated by Cushman/BS 2011



Convergence of the community

Credit: Joerg Jaeckel



Conclusions and questions

Next few years will be very important

Direct Dark Matter:

Establish at the current generation 1 the limits of the technologies

Clean up our act at low mass

Start in earnest on generation 2 in the US. Already Deep/Clean, XMass, and presumably Xe 1 tonne

LHC/Tevatron

Input on fundamental physics: Higgs, minimum SUSY/other scenario compatible with data.

How strongly current data push to high mass scenarios (heavy squarks, gluinos)?

Missing energy searches

Monojets searches (e.g. for light WIMP)

Don't exclude the possibility of a discovery.

A solid Higgs discovery would help!

Direct and/or indirect essential to prove that the stuff is stable.

Direct detection may help solving ambiguities (Baltz-Peskin-Vilanski 06)

Be careful not to send the wrong messages:

Importance of "generic" conclusions with clear domain of applicability

The exclusion of MSSM/mSUGRA is not a lack of progress.

The feverish exploration of exotic models should not betray despair

Longer term

Definitive results crossed checked across several experiments

Large statistics with negligible background => astrophysics

What are we missing in our program? How much emphasis on low mass?

When do we give up?