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# Interpreting direct detection searches

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and work in progress

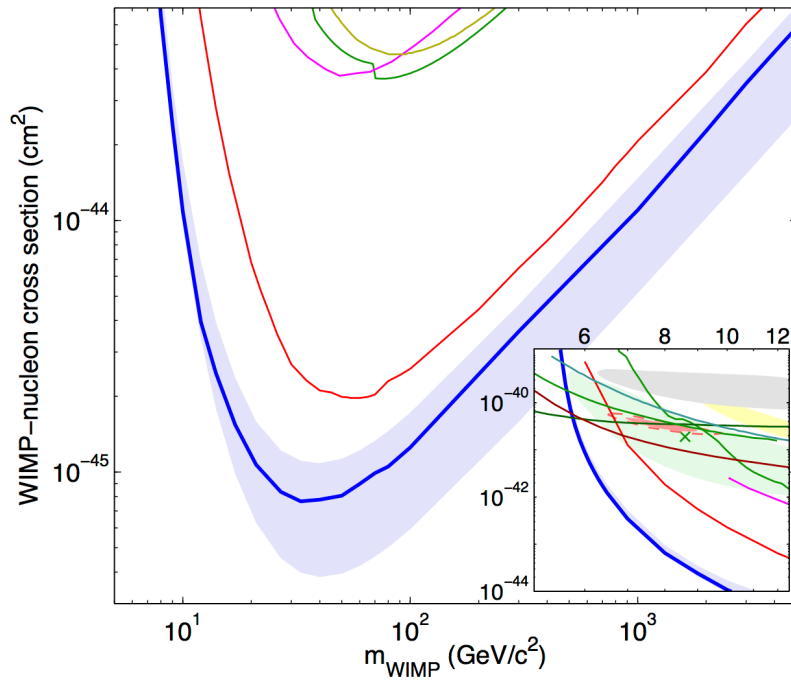
# Outline of this talk

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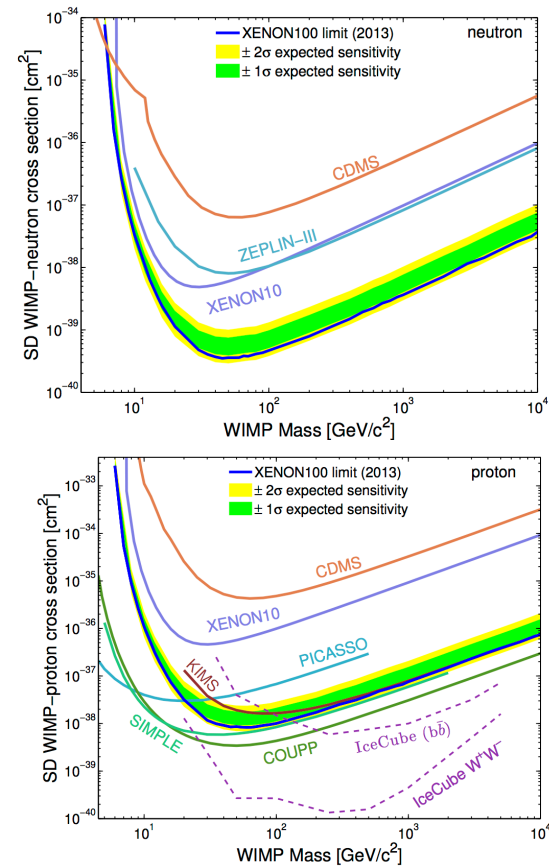
- Standard interpretation of direct detection results
- Application to simple models
- Comparing direct detection and LHC limits

# Direct detection results

## Spin-independent



## Spin-dependent



# Why constrain these parameters?

- Interactions that dark matter might have with quarks

Name	Operator	Coefficient
D1	$\bar{\chi}\chi\bar{q}q$	$m_q/M_*^3$
D2	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}q$	$im_q/M_*^3$
D3	$\bar{\chi}\chi\bar{q}\gamma^5q$	$im_q/M_*^3$
D4	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma^5q$	$m_q/M_*^3$
D5	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q$	$1/M_*^2$
D6	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q$	$1/M_*^2$
D7	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5q$	$1/M_*^2$
D8	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5q$	$1/M_*^2$
D9	$\bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\chi\bar{q}\sigma_{\mu\nu}q$	$1/M_*^2$
D10	$\bar{\chi}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\sigma_{\alpha\beta}q$	$i/M_*^2$
D11	$\bar{\chi}\chi G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$	$\alpha_s/4M_*^3$
D12	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$	$i\alpha_s/4M_*^3$
D13	$\bar{\chi}\chi G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$	$i\alpha_s/4M_*^3$
D14	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$	$\alpha_s/4M_*^3$

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C1	$\chi^\dagger\chi\bar{q}q$	$m_q/M_*^2$
C2	$\chi^\dagger\chi\bar{q}\gamma^5q$	$im_q/M_*^2$
C3	$\chi^\dagger\partial_\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q$	$1/M_*^2$
C4	$\chi^\dagger\partial_\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5q$	$1/M_*^2$
C5	$\chi^\dagger\chi G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$	$\alpha_s/4M_*^2$
C6	$\chi^\dagger\chi G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$	$i\alpha_s/4M_*^2$
R1	$\chi^2\bar{q}q$	$m_q/2M_*^2$
R2	$\chi^2\bar{q}\gamma^5q$	$im_q/2M_*^2$
R3	$\chi^2 G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$	$\alpha_s/8M_*^2$
R4	$\chi^2 G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$	$i\alpha_s/8M_*^2$

Goodman et al:1008.1783

- Using operators excellent approximation when  $M_{\text{med}} > 500 \text{ MeV}$

# Why constrain these parameters?

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- In the non-relativistic limit ( $v_{\text{DM}} \sim 10^{-3}$ )

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p \cdot \sigma} \xi \\ \sqrt{p \cdot \bar{\sigma}} \xi \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{NR limit}} \sqrt{m} \begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ \xi \end{pmatrix} \quad v = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p \cdot \sigma} \eta \\ -\sqrt{p \cdot \bar{\sigma}} \eta \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{NR limit}} \sqrt{m} \begin{pmatrix} \eta \\ -\eta \end{pmatrix}$$

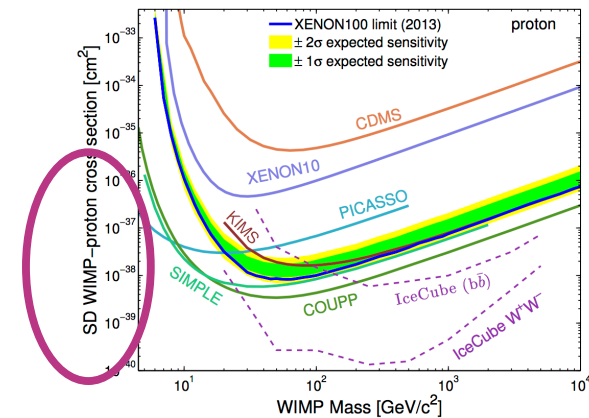
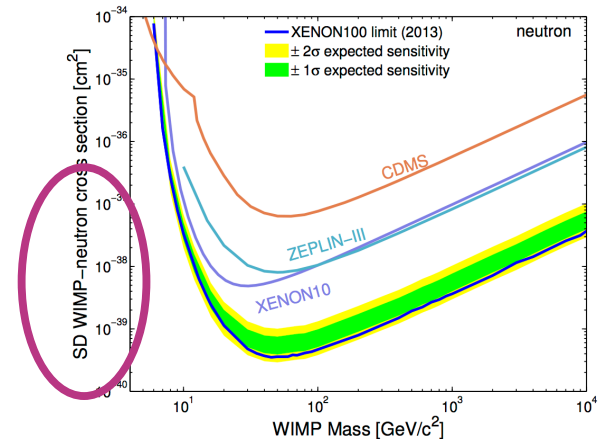
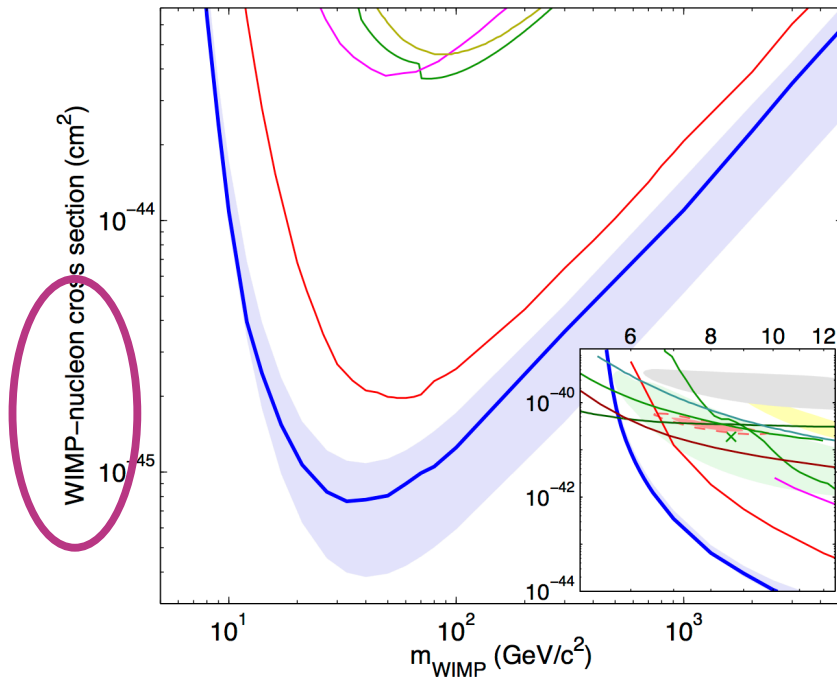
$$\bar{\chi} \chi \bar{q} q \propto \mathbb{I} + \mathcal{O}(v_{\text{DM}}^2) \quad \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma^5 q \propto \vec{s}_{\text{DM}} \cdot \vec{s}_{\text{N}} + \mathcal{O}(v_{\text{DM}}^2)$$

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- All interactions fall into two categories:  
spin-independent or spin-dependent

# Direct detection results

- Constrain the cross-section to scatter with nucleon



# Why constrain these parameters?

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- Dark matter scatters off the whole nucleus  
...but different experiments use different target nuclei
- Parameterising in terms of the nucleon cross-section allows an easy comparison of different experiments
- SI limits assume  $\sigma_N \propto A^2 \sigma_n$ 
  - more generally  $\sigma_N \propto (f_p Z + f_n (A - Z))^2 \sigma_n$
- SD limits assume the DM couples either to neutron or proton only – good approximation

# Mini summary

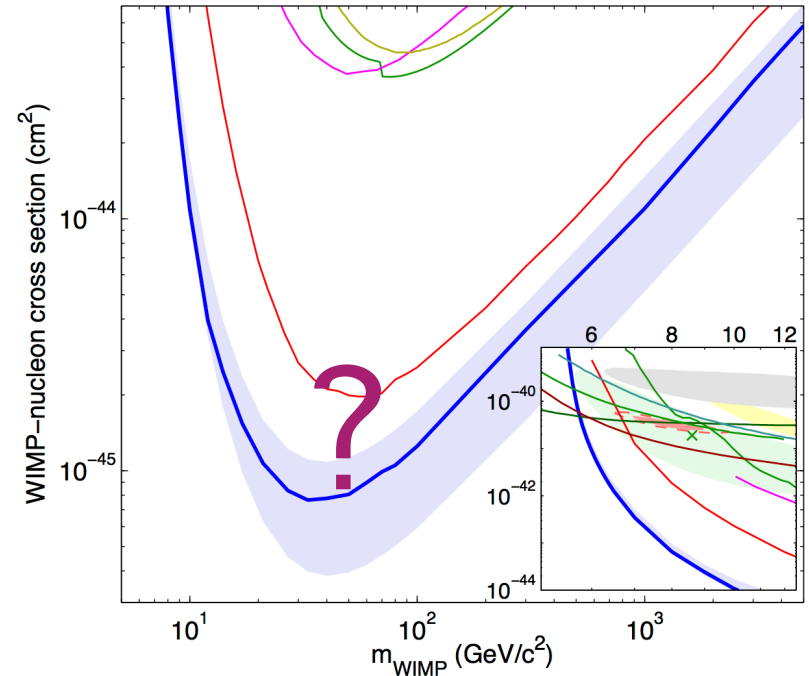
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- All interactions are either spin-independent or spin-dependent
  - Experiments place separate constraints on each
- Limit is on the cross-section to scatter of a nucleon (not the whole nucleus)
- SI limit – assumes equal coupling to protons and neutrons
- SD limit – separate limit for scattering on proton and neutron



# Uncertainties?

- How robust are these limits?
- Sources of uncertainty come from
  - Astrophysical parameters
  - Response of the detector
  - Nuclear physics



# Astrophysical parameters

- Cross-section is degenerate with the local DM density:

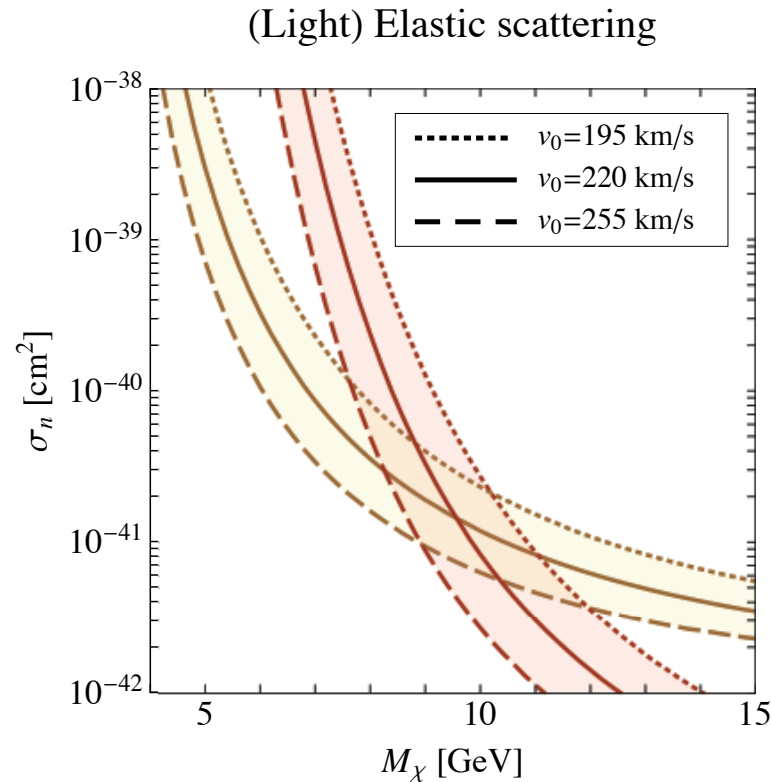
$$N_{\text{events}} \propto \rho_{\text{DM}} \sigma_n \quad \text{where} \quad \rho_{\text{DM}} = 0.3 \text{ GeV cm}^{-3}$$

Label	Reference	Description	Sampling	$\rho_{\text{dm}} [\text{M}_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-3}]$	$\rho_{\text{dm}} [\text{GeV cm}^{-3}]$
<b>a) Local measures (<math>\rho_{\text{dm}}</math>)</b>					
Kapteyn	<a href="#">Kapteyn (1922)</a>	–	–	0.0076	0.285
Jeans	<a href="#">Jeans (1922)</a>	–	–	0.051	1.935
Oort	<a href="#">Oort (1932)</a>	–	–	$0.0006 \pm 0.0184$	$0.0225 \pm 0.69$
Hill	<a href="#">Hill (1960)</a>	–	–	–0.0054	–0.202
Oort	<a href="#">Oort (1960)</a>	–	–	$0.0586 \pm 0.015$	$2.2 \pm 0.56$
Bahcall	<a href="#">Bahcall (1984a)</a>	–	–	$0.033 \pm 0.025$	$1.24 \pm 0.94$
Bienayme <sup>†</sup>	<a href="#">Bienayme et al. (1987)</a>	–	–	$0.006 \pm 0.005$	$0.22 \pm 0.187$
KG <sup>†</sup>	<a href="#">Kuijken &amp; Gilmore (1991)</a>	–	–	$0.0072 \pm 0.0027$	$0.27 \pm 0.102$
Bahcall	<a href="#">Bahcall et al. (1992)</a>	–	–	$0.033 \pm 0.025$	$1.24 \pm 0.94$
Creze	<a href="#">Creze et al. (1998)</a>	–	–	$-0.015 \pm 0.015$	$-0.58 \pm 0.56$
HF <sup>†</sup>	<a href="#">Holmberg &amp; Flynn (2000b)</a>	–	–	$0.011 \pm 0.01$	$0.4 \pm 0.375$
HF <sup>†</sup>	<a href="#">Holmberg &amp; Flynn (2004)</a>	–	–	$0.0086 \pm 0.0027$	$0.324 \pm 0.1$
Bienayme	<a href="#">Bienaymé et al. (2006)</a>	–	–	$0.0059 \pm 0.005$	$0.51 \pm 0.56$
<i>Latest measurements</i>					
MB12	<a href="#">Moni Bidin et al. (2012)</a>	CSF	412	$0.00062 \pm 0.001$ [0 ± 0.001]	$0.023 \pm 0.042$ [0 ± 0.042]
BT12	<a href="#">Bovy &amp; Tremaine (2012)</a>	CSF	412	$0.008 \pm 0.003$	$0.3 \pm 0.11$
G12	<a href="#">Garbari et al. (2012)</a>	VC	$2 \times 10^3$	$0.022^{+0.015}_{-0.013}$	$0.85^{+0.57}_{-0.5}$
G12*	<a href="#">Garbari et al. (2012)</a>	VC + $\Sigma_b$	$2 \times 10^3$	$0.0087^{+0.007}_{-0.002}$	$0.33^{+0.26}_{-0.075}$
S12	<a href="#">Smith et al. (2012)</a>	CSF	$10^4$	0.005 [no error] [0.015]	0.19 [0.57]
Z13	<a href="#">Zhang et al. (2013)</a>	CSF	$10^4$	$0.0065 \pm 0.0023$	$0.25 \pm 0.09$
BR13	<a href="#">Bovy &amp; Rix (2013)</a>	CSF + MAP	$10^4$	$0.006 \pm 0.0018$ [0.008 ± 0.0025]	$0.22 \pm 0.07$ [0.3 ± 0.094]

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# Astrophysical parameters

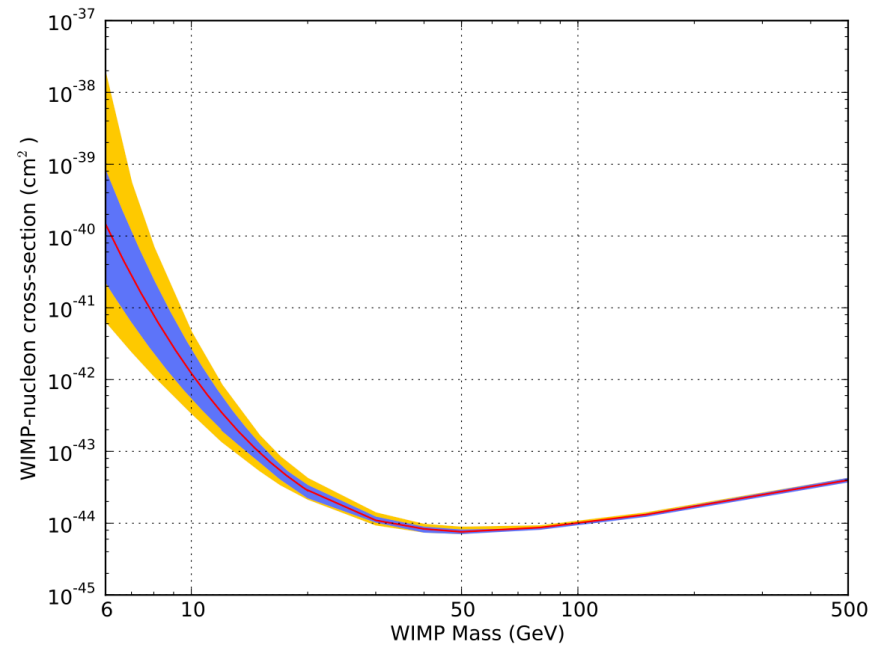
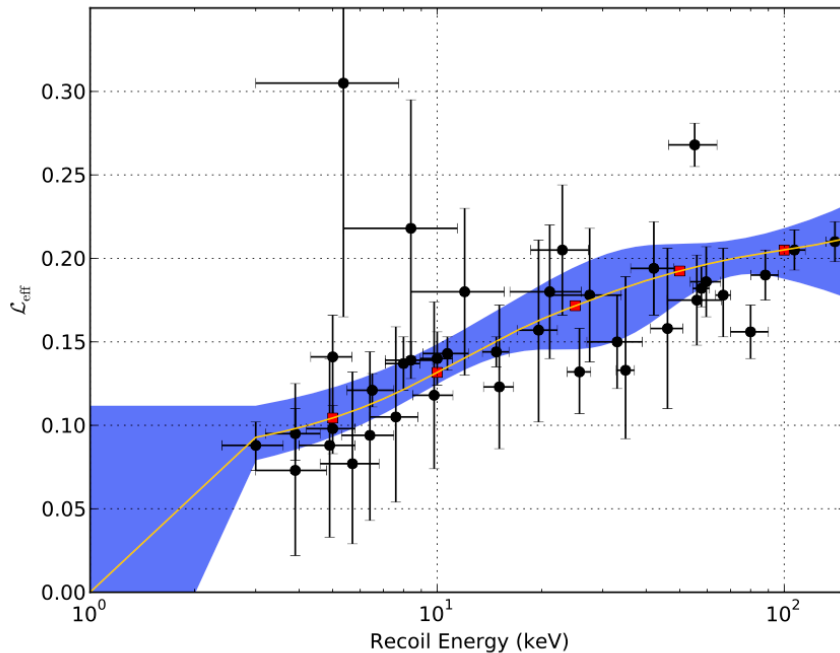
- Velocity parameters of Sun ( $v_0$ ) also has some influence
- Shifts the limit horizontally at low mass



McCabe:1005.0579

# Response of the detector

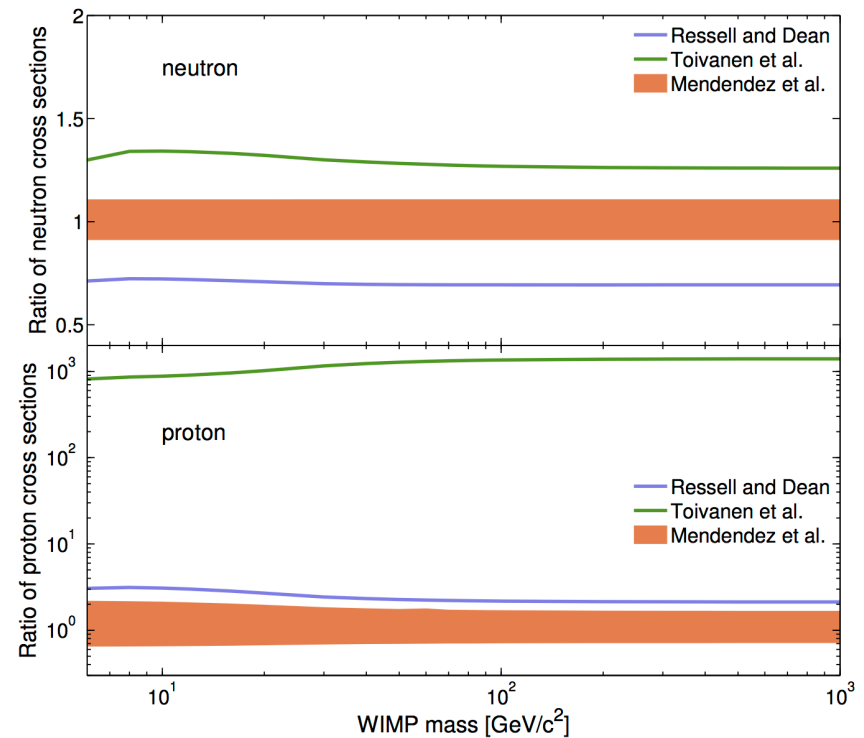
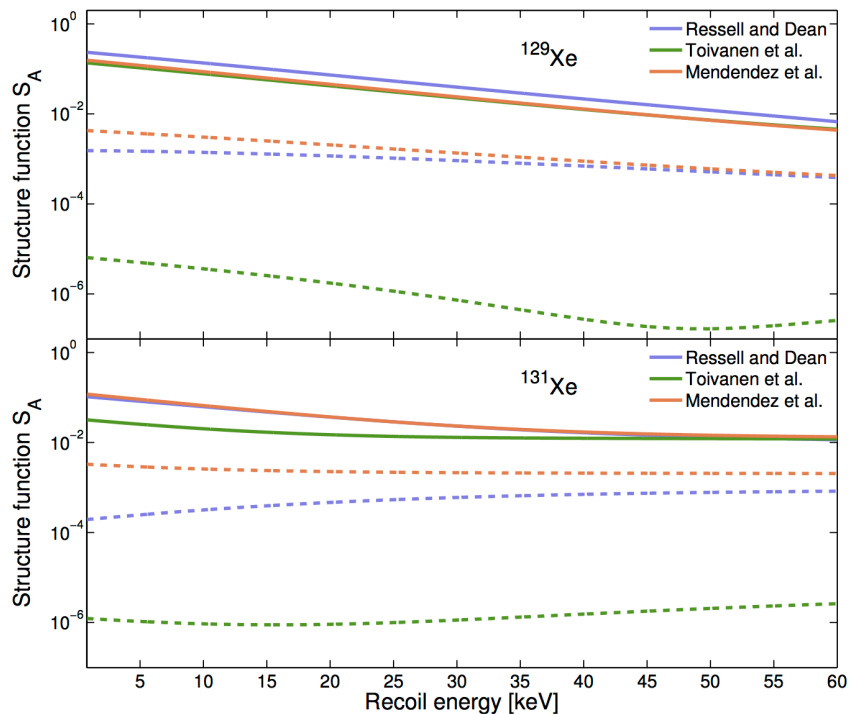
- Detector effects important near threshold  
eg light response of XENON100 (now understood better)



Davis et al:1203.6823

# Nuclear physics

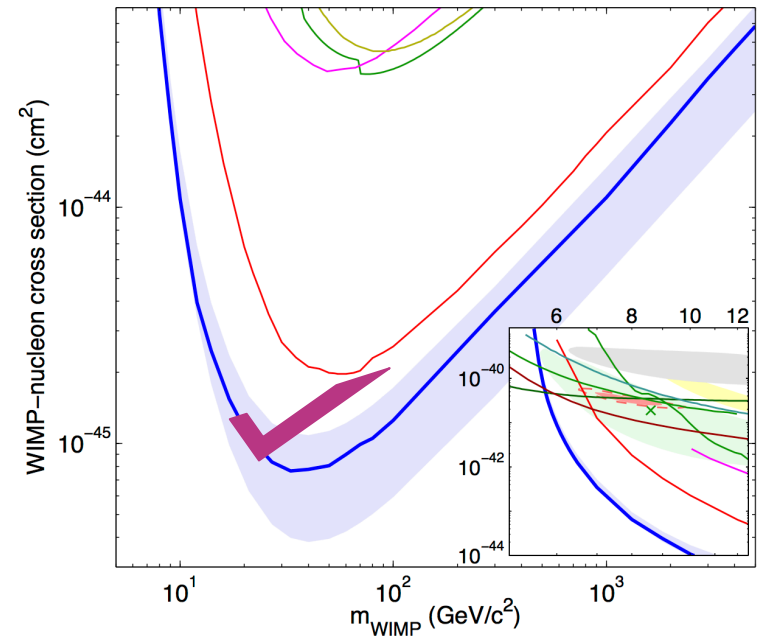
- Issue for SD: Spin structure functions not known well



XENON100:1301.6620

# Mini summary

- How robust are these limits?
- About a 30-50% uncertainty at 30 GeV and above
- Can be larger at low mass (near threshold)



# Application to simple models

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- Consider vector mediators

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu(a + b\gamma^5)\chi Z'_\mu + \bar{q}\gamma^\mu(c + d\gamma^5)q Z'_\mu$$

$$\sum_q \frac{ac}{M_{Z'}^2} \bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi \bar{q}\gamma_\mu q \quad \xrightarrow{\text{N.R.}} \quad \text{Spin-independent (SI)}$$

$$\sum_q \frac{bd}{M_{Z'}^2} \bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi \bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5 q \quad \xrightarrow{\text{N.R.}} \quad \text{Spin-dependent (SD)}$$

~~$$\sum_q \frac{bc}{M_{Z'}^2} \bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi \bar{q}\gamma_\mu q \quad \xrightarrow{\text{N.R.}} \quad \text{Suppressed by } v_{\text{DM}}^2 \sim 10^{-6}$$~~

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- If vector (SI) interaction is present, it will dominate
  - forbidden for Majorana fermions

# Vector interaction (SI)

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- The nucleon cross-section is  $\sigma_n = \frac{f^2 \mu^2}{\pi}$ 
  - For protons:  $f_p = \frac{(g_u + 2g_d)g_{\text{DM}}}{M_{Z'}^2}$
  - For neutrons:  $f_n = \frac{(g_u + 2g_d)g_{\text{DM}}}{M_{Z'}^2}$
- Only u, d coupling contributes
- Interactions with proton and neutron generally different
- Simplify problem by assuming all  $g_q$  equal



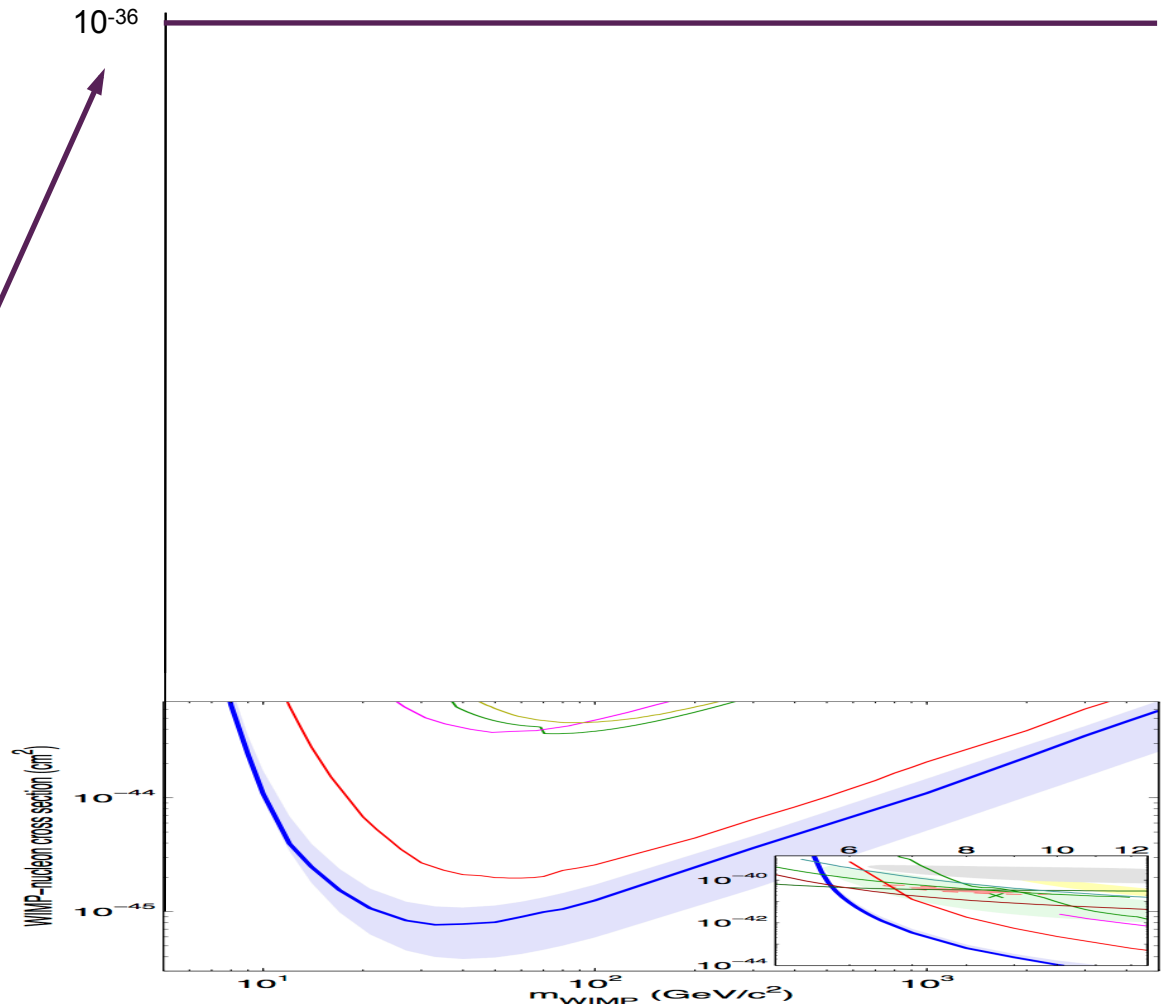
# Vector interaction (SI) – some intuition

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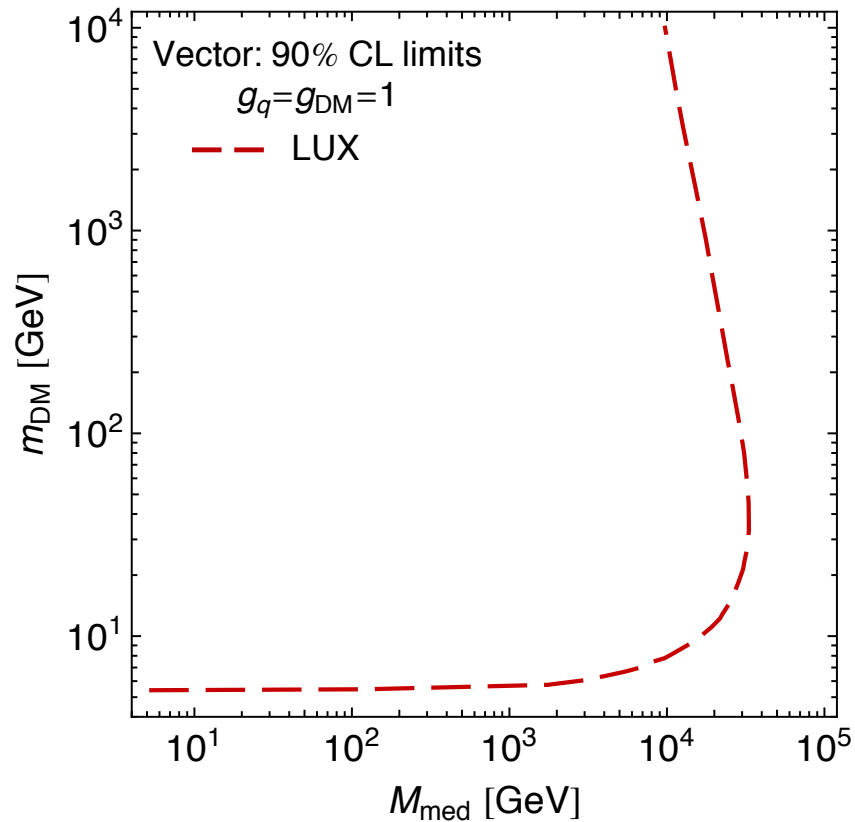
$$g_q \sim g_{\text{DM}} \sim 1$$

$$M_{Z'} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

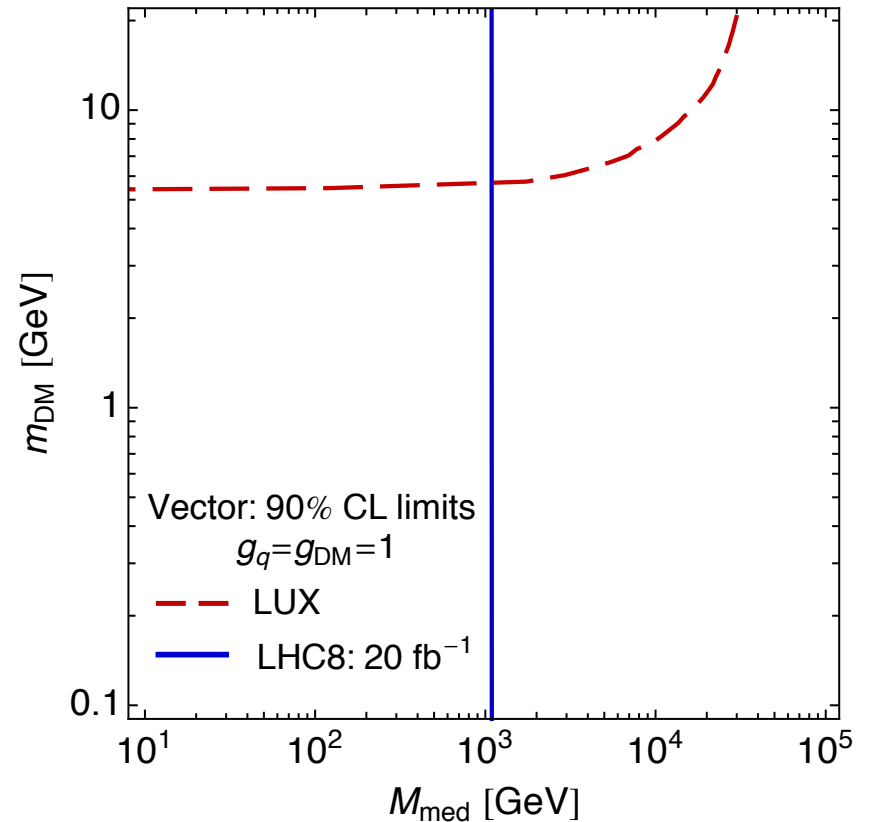
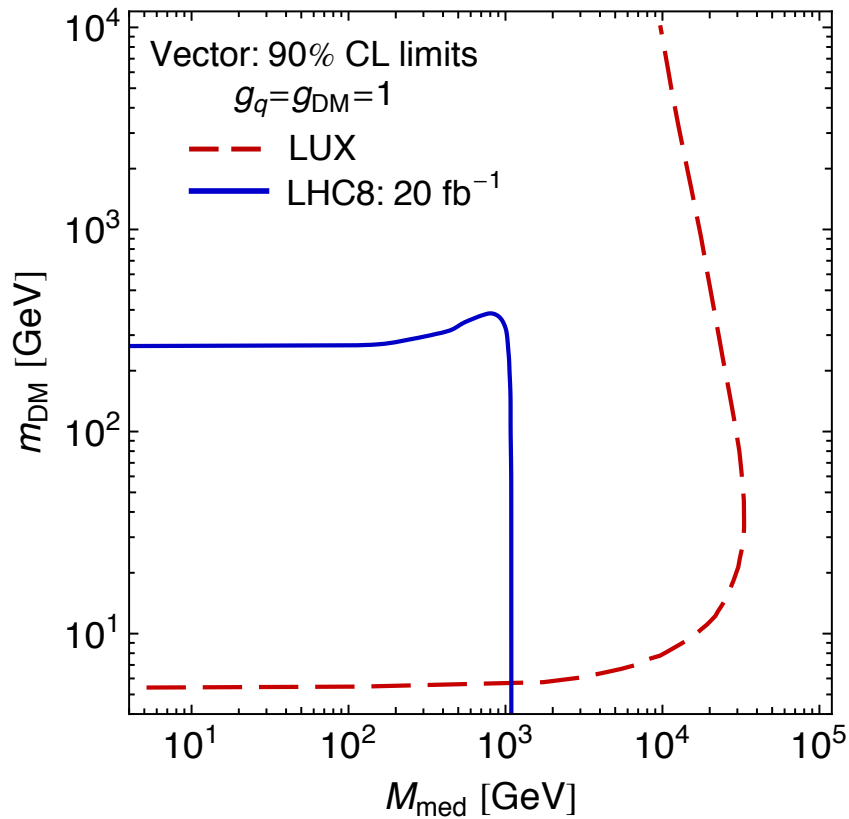
$$\sigma_n \approx 10^{-36} \text{ cm}^2$$



# Vector interaction (SI)



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# Axial-Vector interaction (SD)

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- The nucleon cross-section is  $\sigma_n = \frac{3f^2\mu^2}{\pi}$ 
    - For protons:  $f_p = \frac{g_{\text{DM}}}{M_{Z'}^2} \sum_{q=u,d,s} g_q \Delta_q^p$
    - For neutrons:  $f_n = \frac{g_{\text{DM}}}{M_{Z'}^2} \sum_{q=u,d,s} g_q \Delta_q^n$
- $\Delta_u^p = \Delta_d^n \approx 0.842$   
 $\Delta_d^p = \Delta_u^n \approx -0.427$   
 $\Delta_s^p \approx \Delta_s^n \approx -0.085$
- Only u, d, s coupling contributes
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# Axial-Vector interaction (SD)

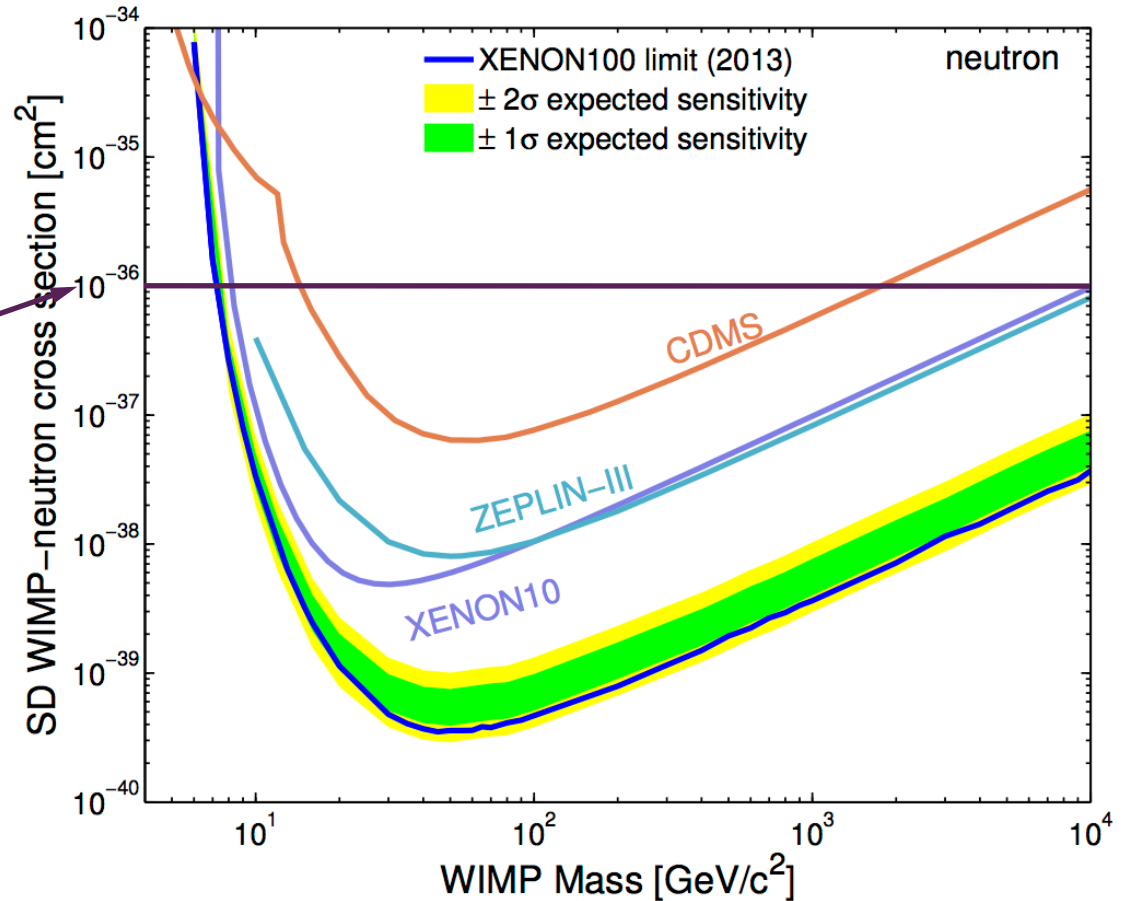
## – some intuition

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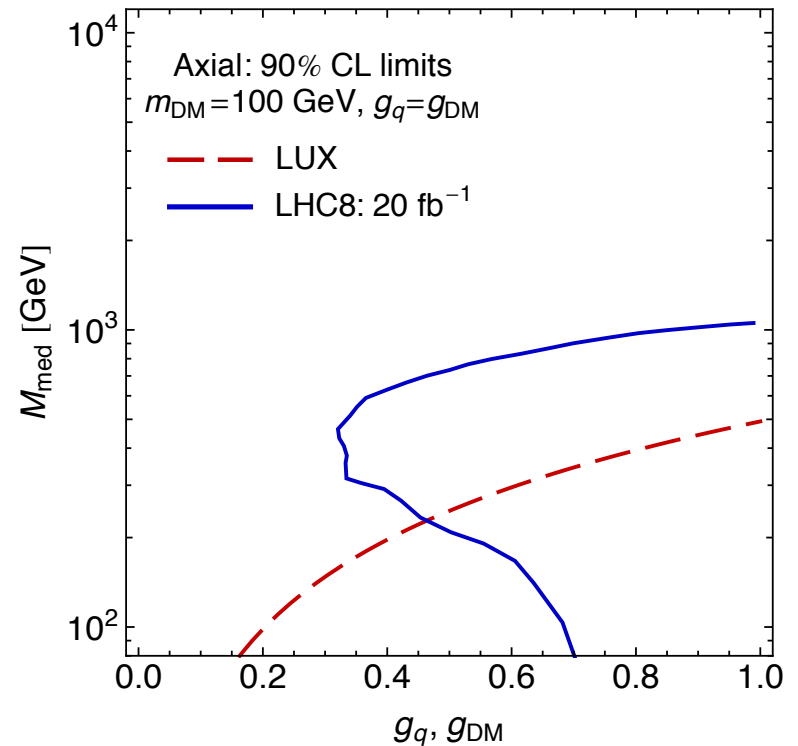
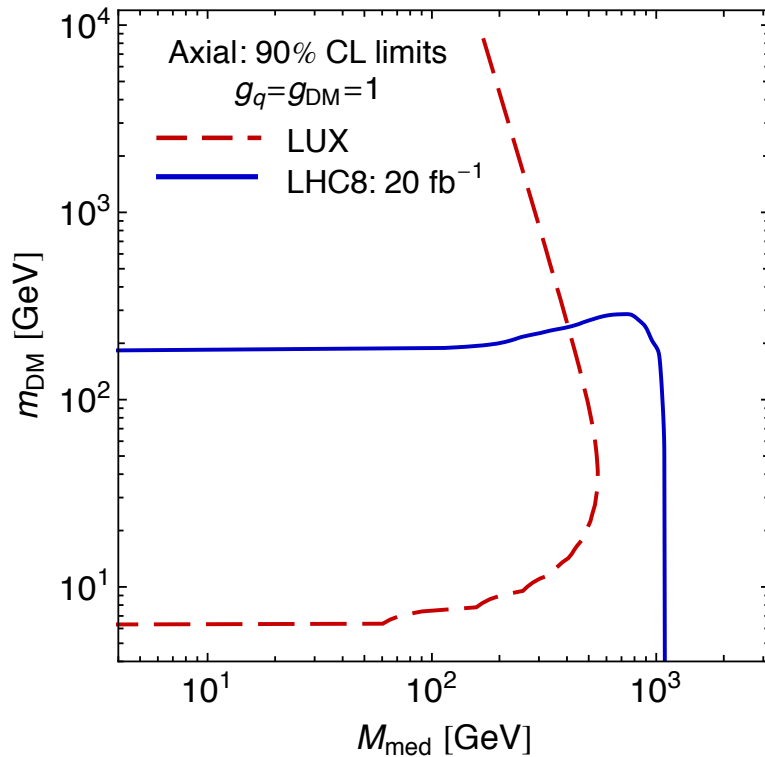
$$M_{Z'} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sigma_n \approx 10^{-36} \text{ cm}^2$$



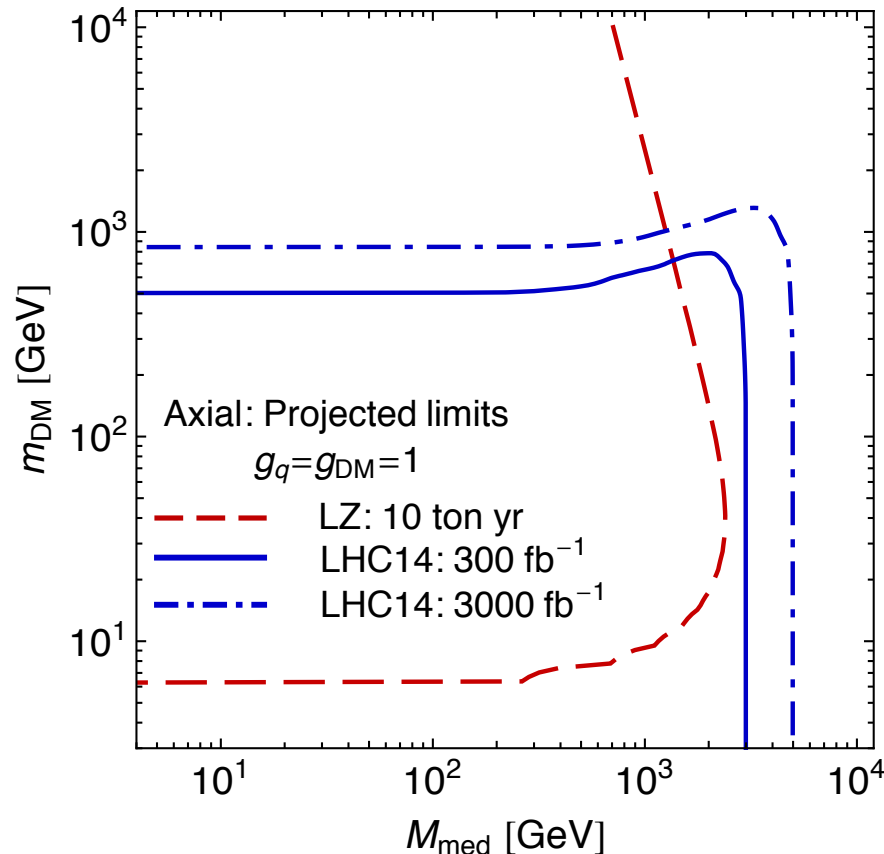
# Axial-Vector interaction (SD)

- Searches have comparable sensitivity and are complementary



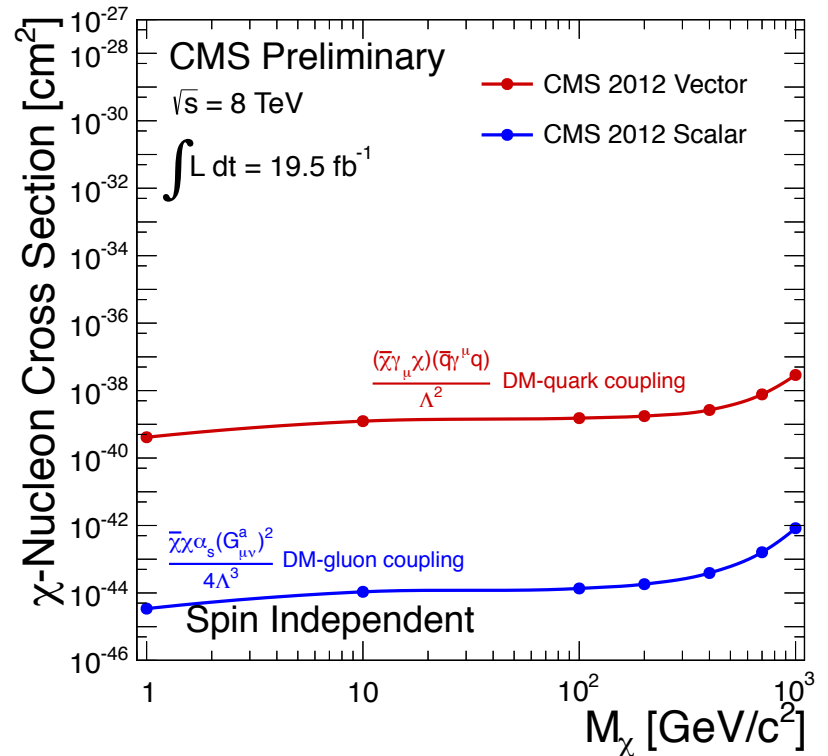
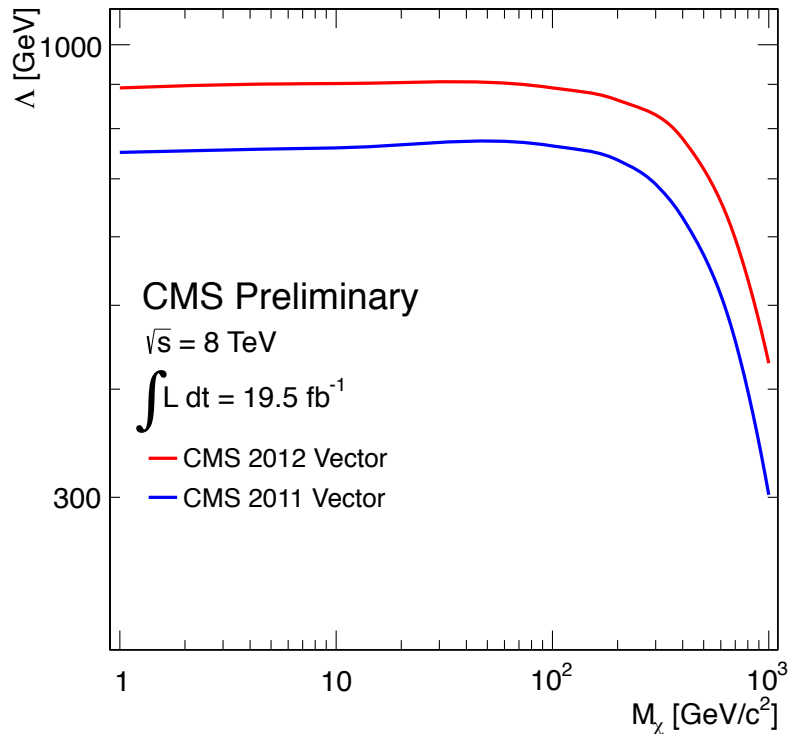
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# Problems with EFT approach

- Limit on  $\Lambda$  in the EFT approach for

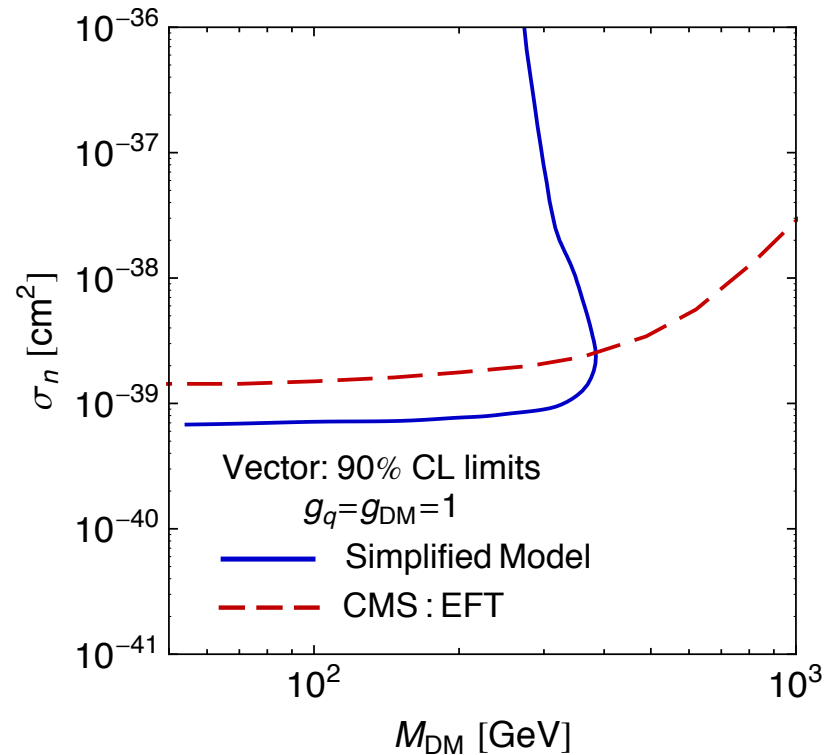
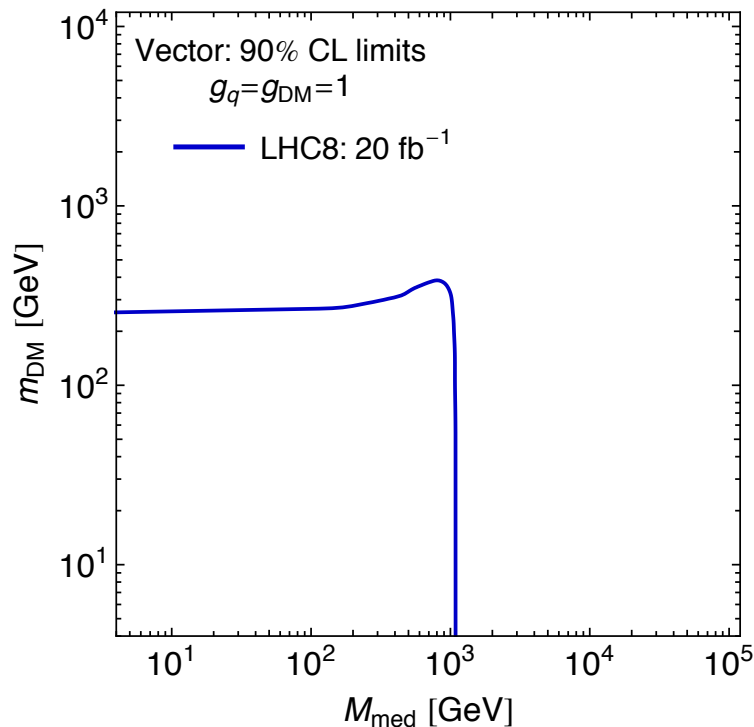


- Are these limits useful?



# Problems with EFT approach: Example

- Find limit in simplified model and map back onto direct detection plane:



- EFT limit gives misleading results

# Summary

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- Important to interpret dark matter searches in the right framework
- Direct detection experiments constrain the ‘WIMP-nucleon cross section’
  - Very useful: constrains a large number of theories
  - Straightforward to map limits into other forms
- LHC monojet searches have been interpreted in an EFT framework
  - Limited use: gives wrong constraints when applied to simple models
  - comparison with direct detection limits is misleading