Dark Matter Related Research and Activities

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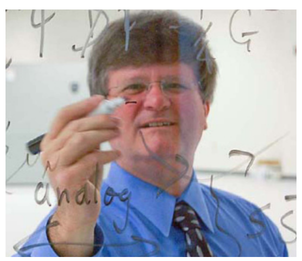

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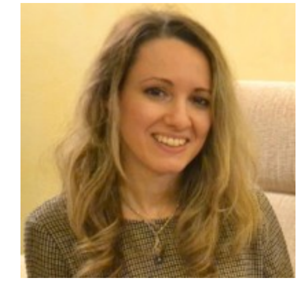
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Level B appointment
(direct detection
WIMP+Axion+
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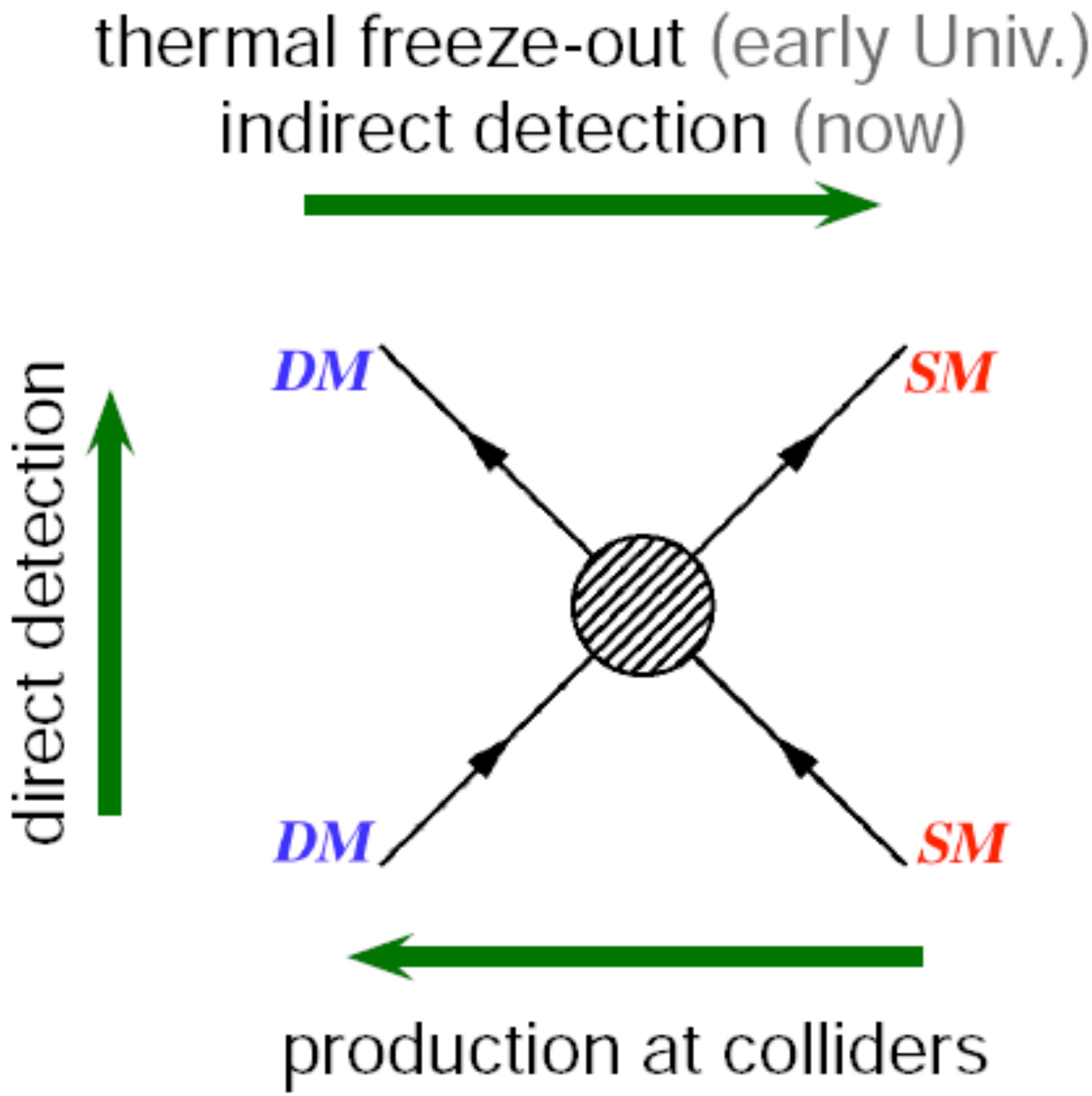
Searches for Dark Matter

Direct detection of Dark Matter is often done deep underground to minimize the cosmic ray background

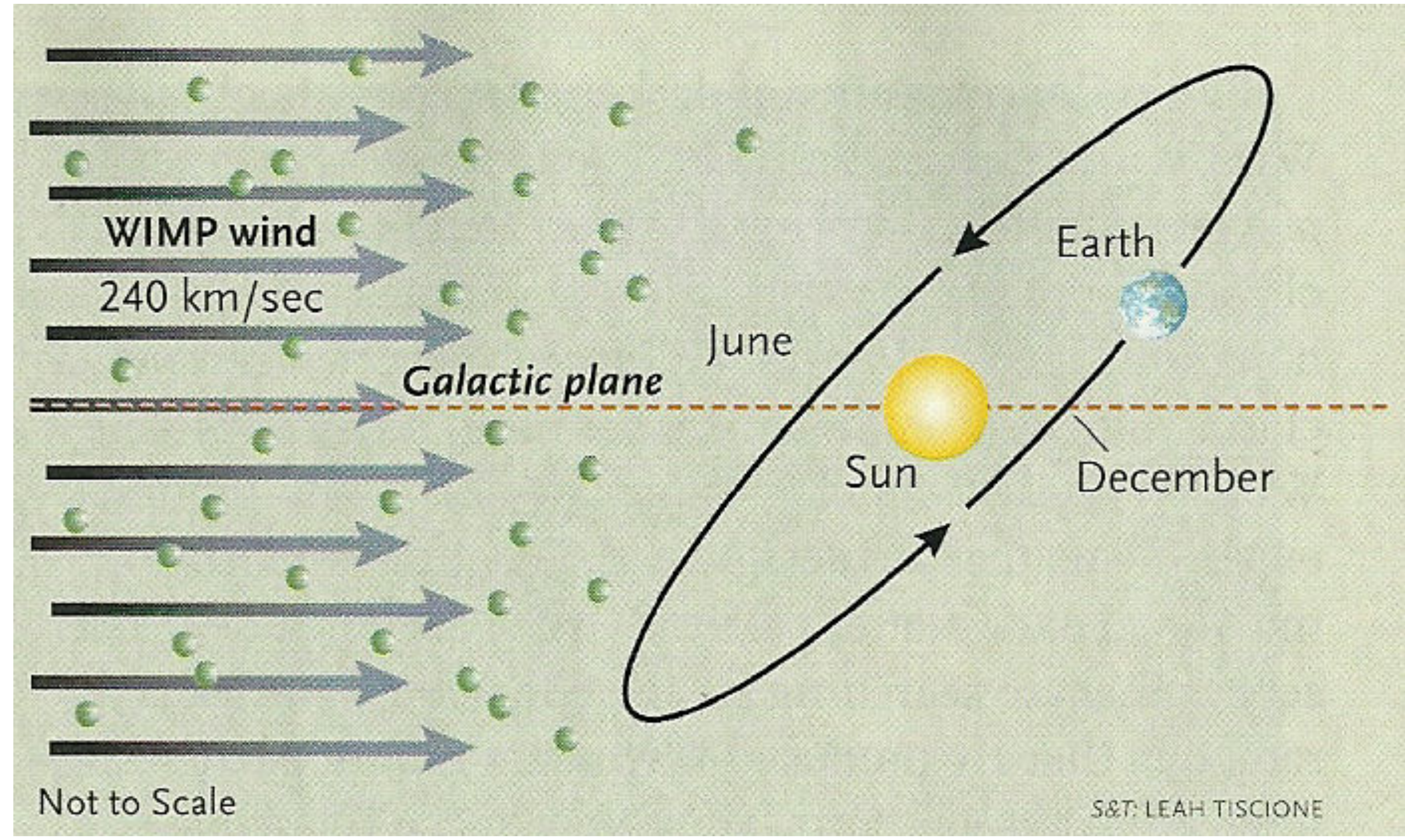


SUPL Excavation Complete -(SUPL Partners are U Melbourne, U Adelaide, ANU, Swinburne and ANSTO)

- Serving as University of Adelaide representative on SUPL Steering Committee since inception (circa 2015);
- Refer to talk by Amanda Western describing SUPL.

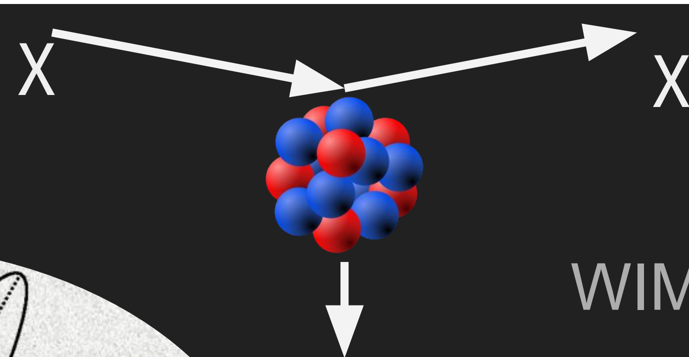
- SUPL = Stawell Underground Physics Laboratory
- SUPL is 1km beneath the surface in the Stawell Gold Mine;
- Looking into Main Hall (right) from loading bay;
- SABRE and other experiments at the back of Main Hall (10m high);
- 15km main road/tunnel to the surface (left) left, runs past SUPL;
- At back of Main Hall (behind tractor) to the left is the Annex that runs until it rejoins the road;
- Lab construction to be completed in 2021

Dark Matter Wind

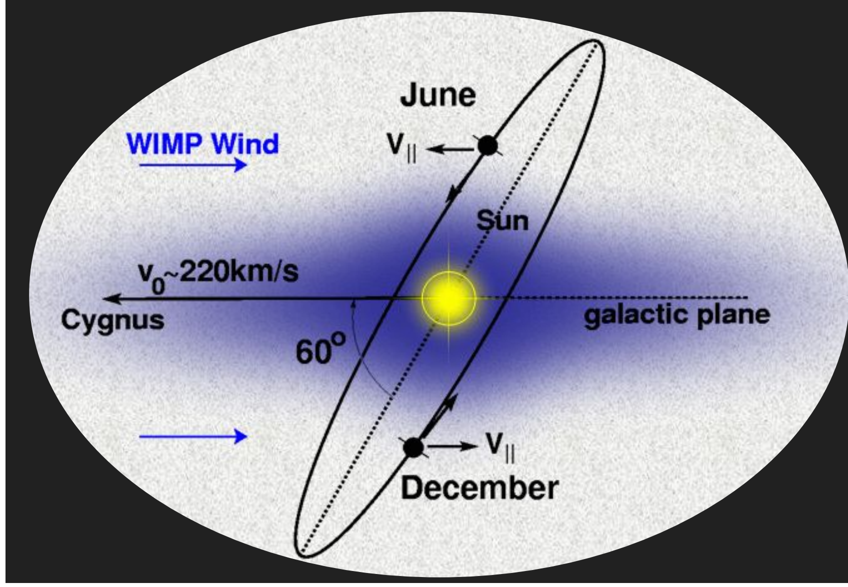


- Dark Matter (e.g., Weakly Interacting Massive Particles - WIMPs) are expected to form an approximately static halo around the galaxy (shown in blue); Is there small scale structure, turbulence?
- As the spiral galaxy rotates, the Sun experiences a wind of DM particles (appoximate direction is from the direction of Cygnus);
- As the earth rotates around the sun, the velocity of the Dark Matter wind passing through the earth changes accordingly.

DAMA/LIBRA enigma



Annual Modulation

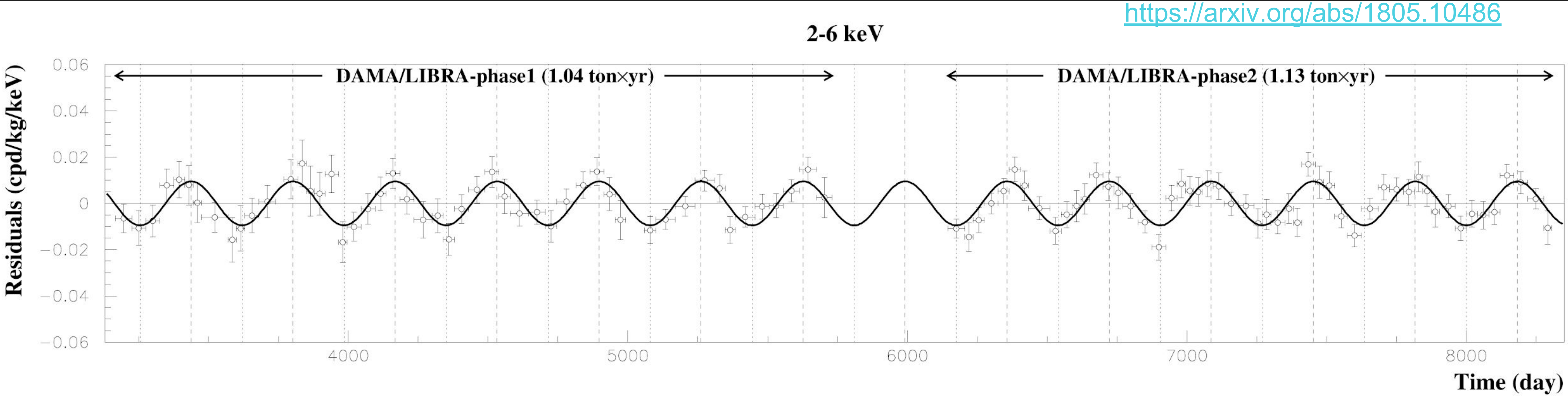


WIMP dark matter detection: elastic scattering.

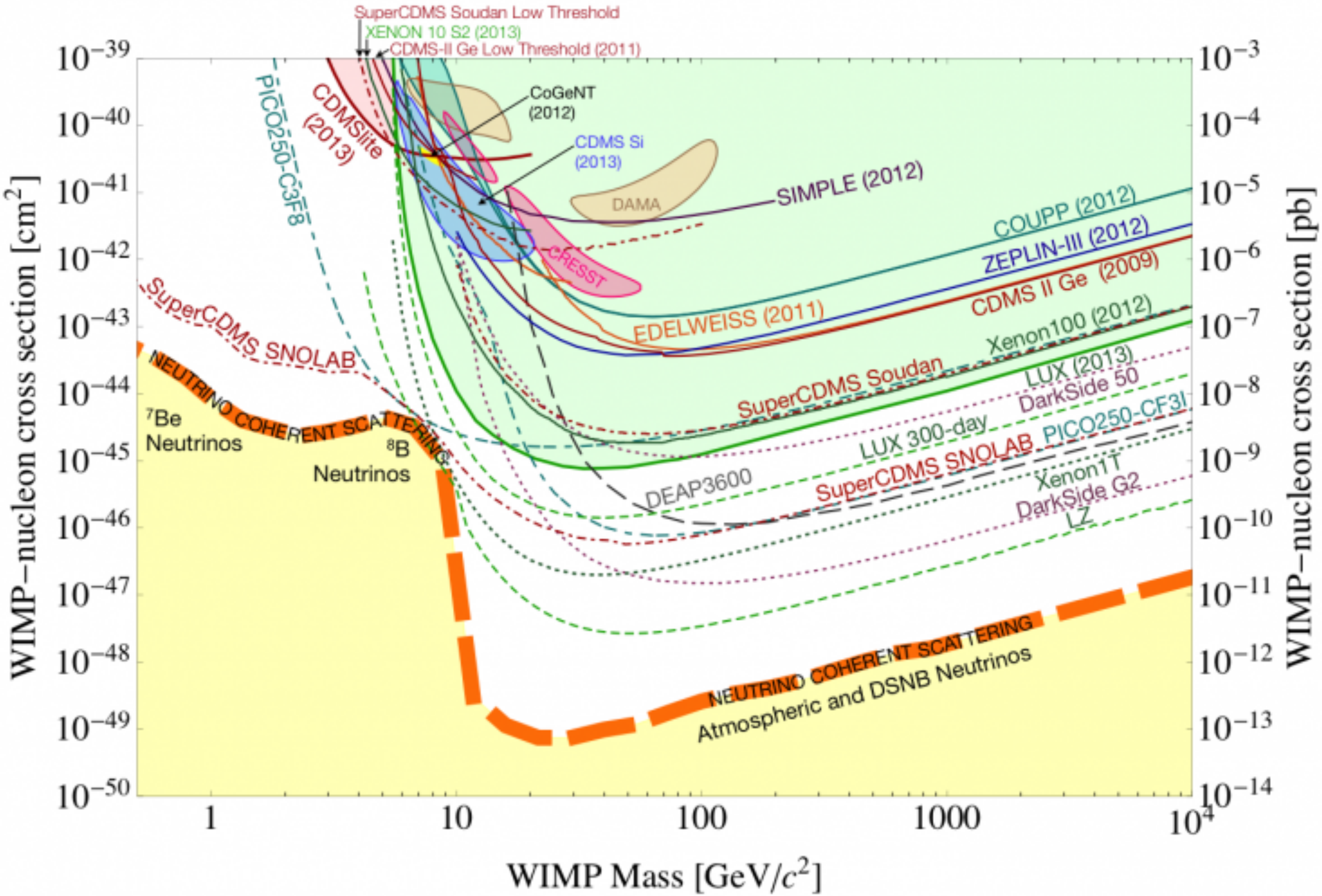
Flux (scatter rate) of dark matter modulates through the year

DAMA: reports a highly significant (11.9 σ) modulation signal consistent with dark matter.

https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.10486

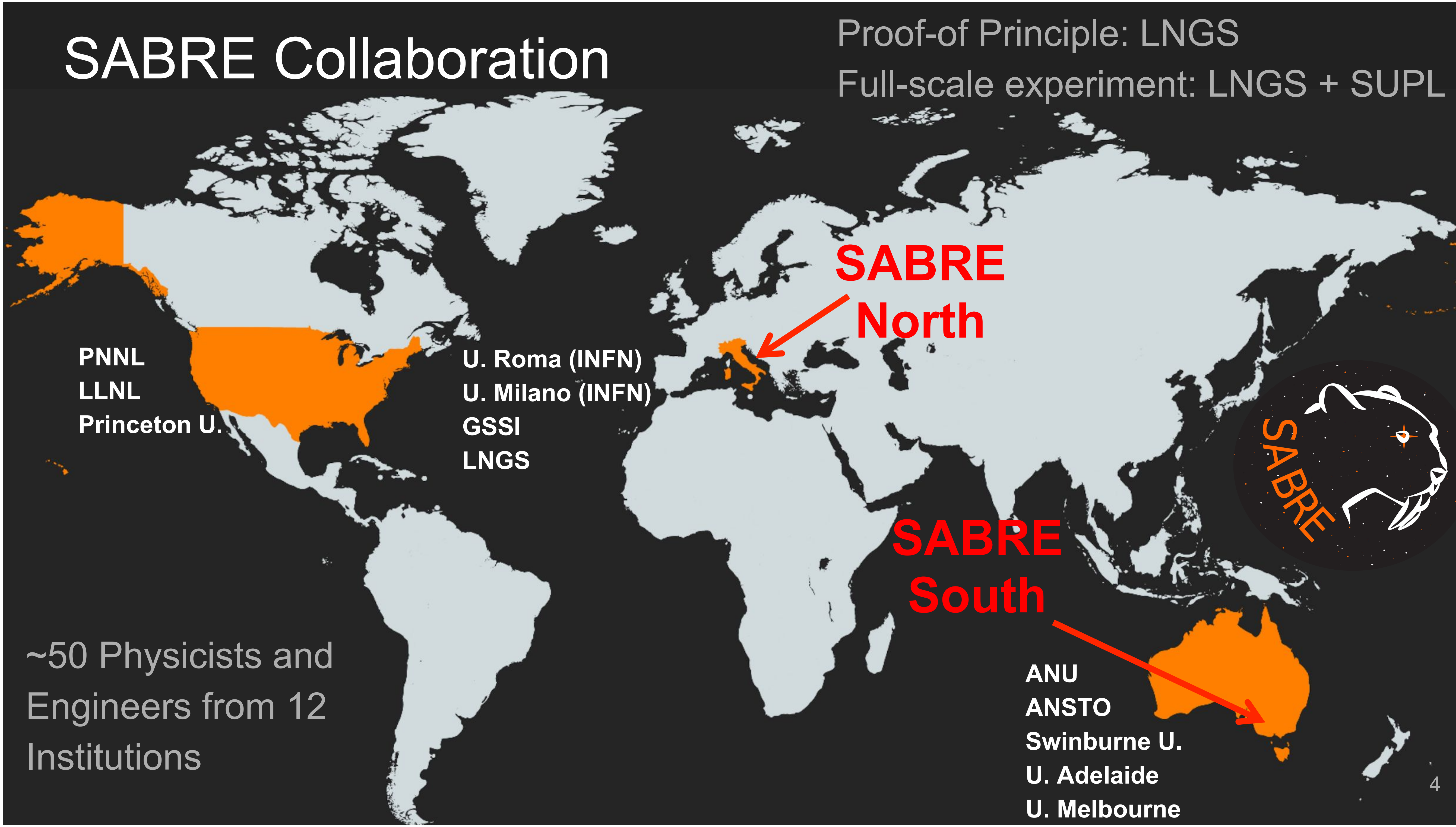


Simplest assumptions are inconsistent with all other experiments;
No known backgrounds appear to be able to explain it.



(Note: DSNB = Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background)

SABRE Collaboration



Direct detection experimental involvement

- First two SABRE publications, another in preparation

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The SABRE project and the SABRE Proof-of-Principle

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Monte Carlo simulation of the SABRE PoP background

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Direct detection theory publications

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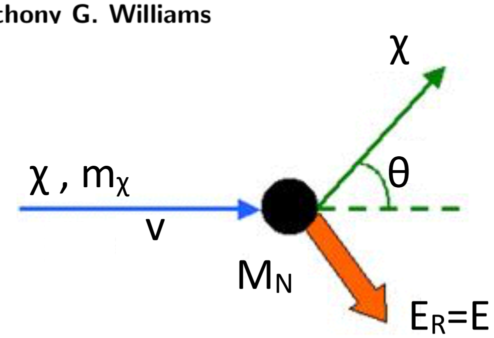
On the direct detection of multi-component dark matter: sensitivity studies and parameter estimation

Juan Herrero-Garcia, Andre Scaffidi, Martin White and Anthony G. Williams



- In nuclear recoil experiments we could detect two components of dark matter if masses are sufficiently different;
- Most sensitivity when "kink" is pronounced, which occurs when lighter DM particle mass is < 20 MeV or so.

$$r_\rho = r_\sigma = 1$$

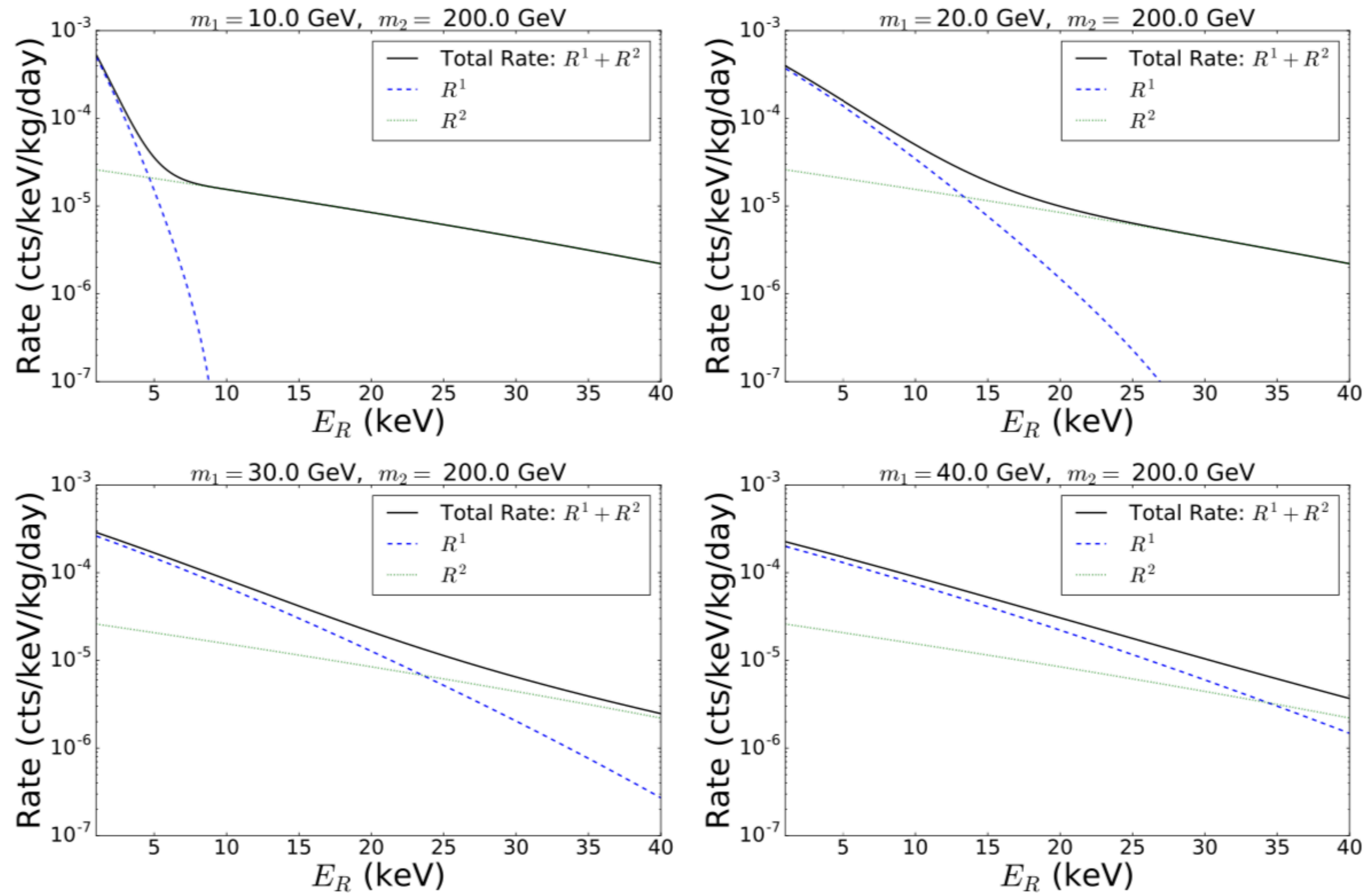


Figure 2. Total differential event rate for 2 DM particles (solid black), as well as their individual contributions (1 dashed blue, 2 dotted green) for a variety of DM mass splittings on the energy range [2, 30] keV. One should notice that the *kink* feature in the combined spectrum rapidly vanishes with smaller mass splittings.

$$\rho_1 + \rho_2 = \rho_{\rm loc} = \text{local DM mass density}$$

$$r_\sigma \equiv \frac{\sigma_1^p}{\sigma_2^p} \equiv \text{ratio of DM-proton cross-sections}$$

$$r_\rho \equiv \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} \equiv \text{ratio of mass densities}$$

Direct detection theory publications (continued)

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Time-dependent rate of multicomponent dark matter: Reproducing the DAMA/LIBRA phase-2 results

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On the direct detection of multi-component dark matter: implications of the relic abundance

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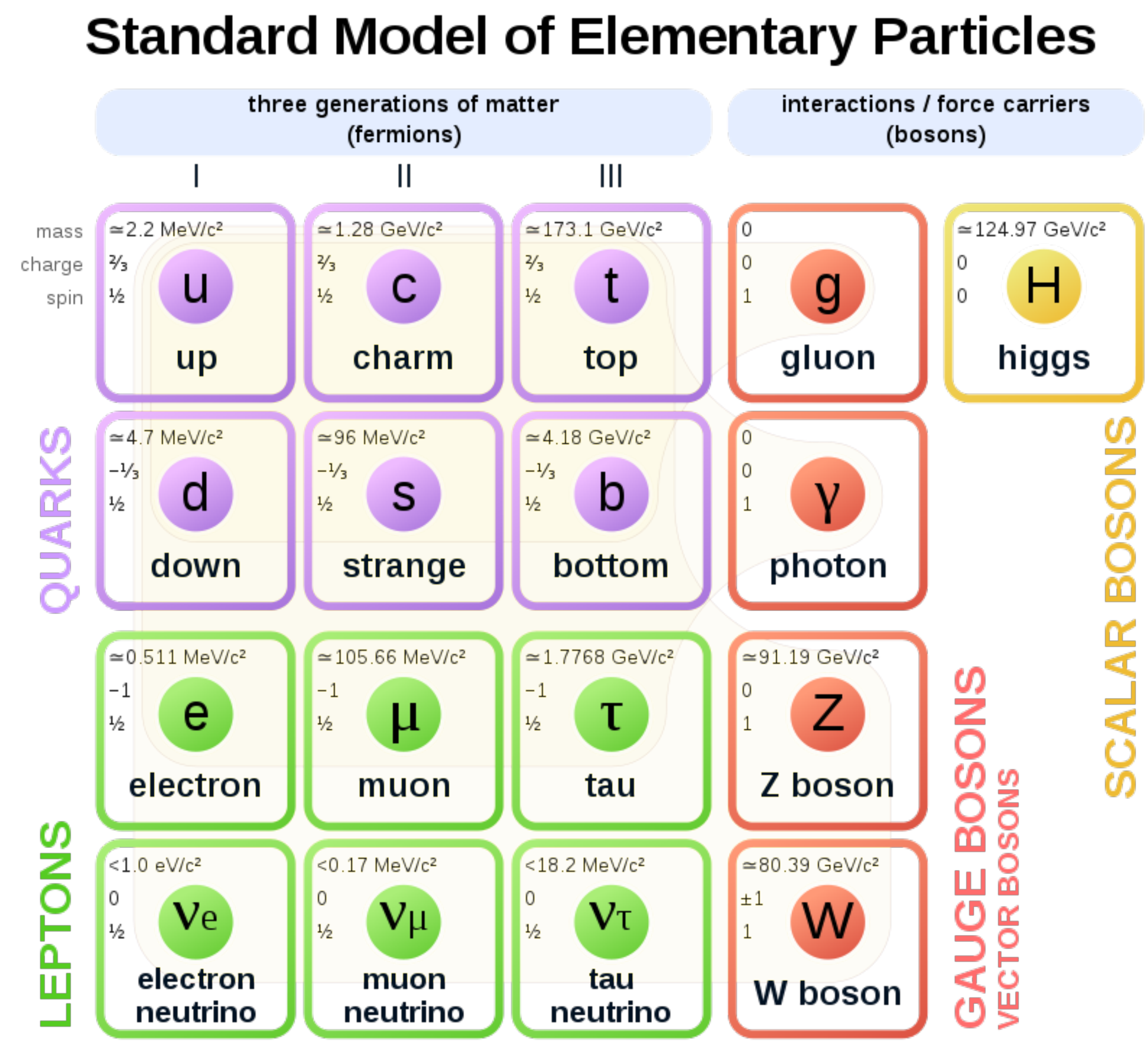
- The issue with DAMA/LIBRA being in tension with other searches remains - hence the motivation for the SABRE North and South experiments;
- In addition, after DAMA-LIBRA Phase-2 results were published it was argued that isospin conserving single component DM was ruled out *assuming* that DAMA-LIBRA had seen DM;
- We showed in the top left paper that with two DM components the DAMA-LIBRA phase 2 results could be consistent with isospin conservation;
- In the second paper (bottom left) we investigate two dark matter genesis scenarios: (a) asymmetric DM and (b) thermal freeze out. Both models constrain parameter space and tend to slightly smooth out kink behavior;
- However, regions of parameter space with a pronounced kink remain. So detection of two component DM remains possible in some regions of parameter space.

Beyond the Standard Model (BSM)

- Dark matter theory program:
  - dark matter candidates - what are the possible particle properties of dark matter consistent with observations?;
  - model building - extend the SM to various BSM theories to include DM;
  - dark matter phenomenology - experimental signatures for given models; and
  - dark matter & astroparticle physics and cosmology



Challenges for the SM and BSM theories:

- There are phenomena not explained by the Standard Model (SM):
  - Gravity and Dark Energy - A Theory of Everything includes gravity and remains a bridge too far;
  - Dark matter - the big challenge for our Centre. What is the particle nature of DM?;
  - Neutrino masses and neutrino oscillations - a simple extension of the SM that only needs the PMNS matrix for leptons to be included (analog of quark CKM matrix) - not really a problem;
  - Matter-antimatter asymmetry - we need additional sources of CP violation;
  - Why is the Higgs so light at ~125 GeV? - Naturalness/fine-tuning problem;
  - Strong CP problem - QCD can be extended to have a large CP violating term that would lead to a neutron dipole moment etc. Not seen at precision of ~ 10^{-9}. Why is this so tiny? Another naturalness/fine-tuning problem. Theoretical attempt to explain this leads to the Peccie-Quinn axion prediction;
  - The SM vacuum seems to become unstable/metastable at energies below the GUT scale of ~10^{16} GeV. Note that GUT = Grand Unified Theory such as
  - This suggests that the SM is an effective low-energy theory of some BSM/GUT theory.

$$\text{SM} = SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1) \subset SU(5)$$

- Examples of BSM theories:
  - Supersymmetry (SUSY) - symmetry between fermions and bosons and then softly break it;
  - Composite Higgs models - Higgs is a composite particle that is a pseudo-Goldstone boson if some BSM theory, which explains why the Higgs is light;
  - Two-Higgs doublet models (2HDM) - one of the simplest extensions of the SM. 2HDM models are one of the natural choices for BSM theories and contain two Higgs doublets instead of just one.

Some recent BSM-related theory papers

Strong first order electroweak phase transition in 2HDM confronting future Z & Higgs factories

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The ScotoSinglet Model: A Scalar Singlet Extension of the Scotogenic Model

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Ankit Beniwal,[a] Juan Herrero-García,[b] Nicholas Leerdam,[c] Martin White[c] and Anthony G. Williams[c]

Model-independent approach for incorporating interference effects in collider searches for new resonances

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Stefano Frixione[1], Lydia Roos[2], Edmund Ting[3], Eleni Vryonidou[4], Martin White[3], and Anthony G. Williams[3]

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Higgs quark flavor violation: simplified models and status of general Two-Higgs-Doublet Model

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Gravitational waves and electroweak baryogenesis in a global study of the extended scalar singlet model

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Global analyses of Higgs portal singlet dark matter models using GAMBIT

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Exploring fine-tuning of the Next-to-Minimal Composite Higgs Model

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Effect of a light sterile neutrino at NOνA and DUNE

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Triple top signal as a probe of charged Higgs in a 2HDM

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Constraining fine tuning in composite Higgs models with partially composite leptons

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Gravitational wave, collider and dark matter signals from a scalar singlet electroweak baryogenesis

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Conclusions

- I am still a theorist 95% of the time, but felt that it was important to contribute to helping SABRE and SUPL happening Australia;
- The new Centre lead by Elisabetta is a game-changing addition to this effort. It will strengthen dark matter research in Australia for the next 7 years and, through its legacy, well beyond;
- Whatever SABRE (North + South) finds will be interesting;
- The theory challenge: Construct BSM/GUT theories with a suitable Dark Matter candidate that are consistent with all known observations and hopefully explain other puzzles along the way.