

CONSTRAINTS ON DARK MATTER FROM COMPACT STARS

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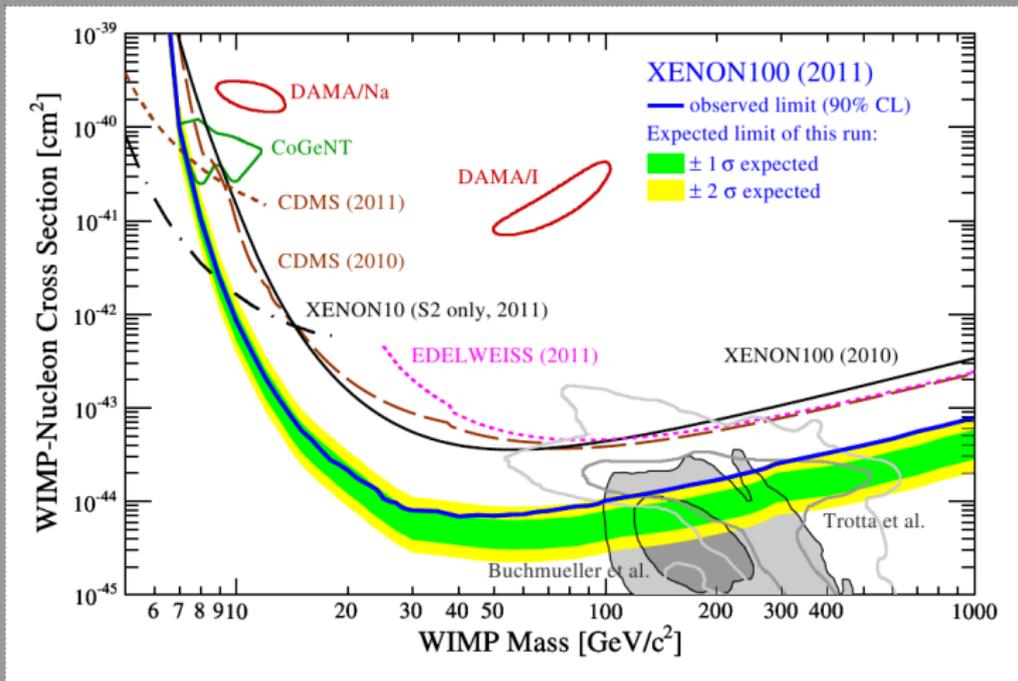
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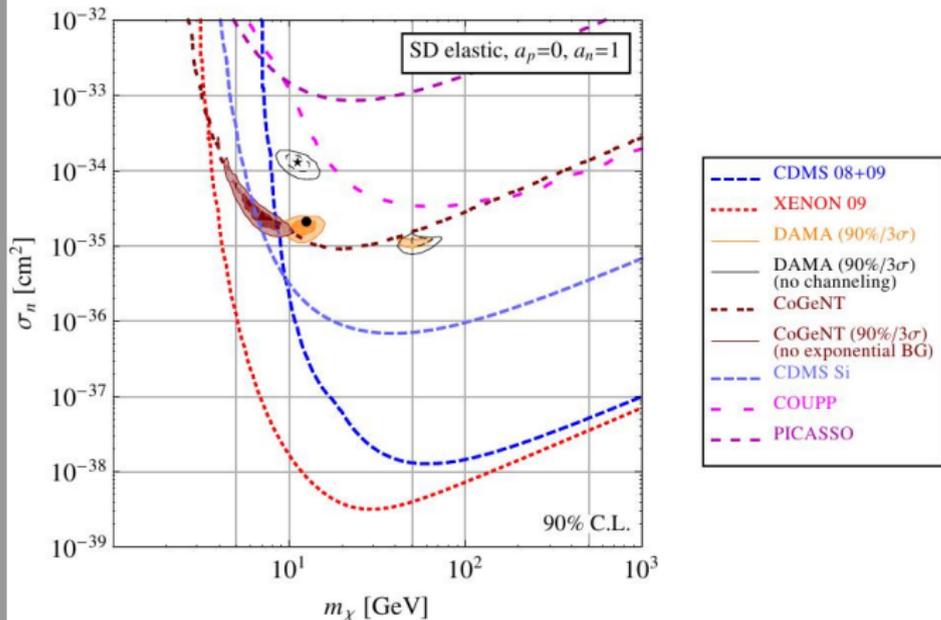
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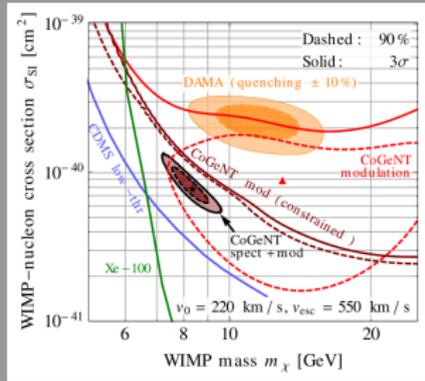
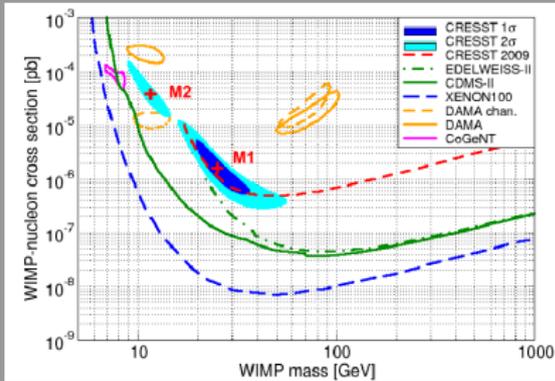
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Possible detection?



CRESST @ TAUP2011

Fox et al, arXiv:1107.0717

- ▶ DAMA, CoGeNT and CRESST results inspire models with a light DM with mass around 10 GeV
- ▶ An additional bonus in these models is the possibility to explain the coincidence, within a factor of 5, of the DM and baryon abundance. DM is assumed to have an asymmetry *à la* baryons, and is therefore non-annihilating

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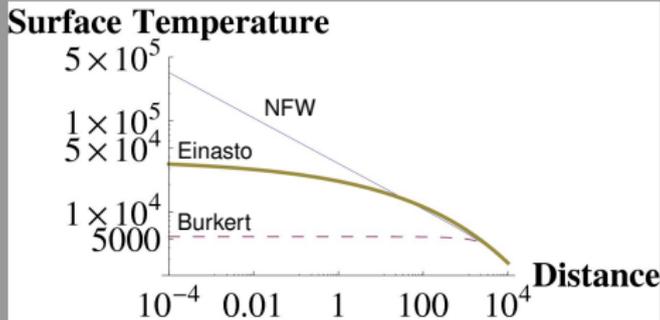
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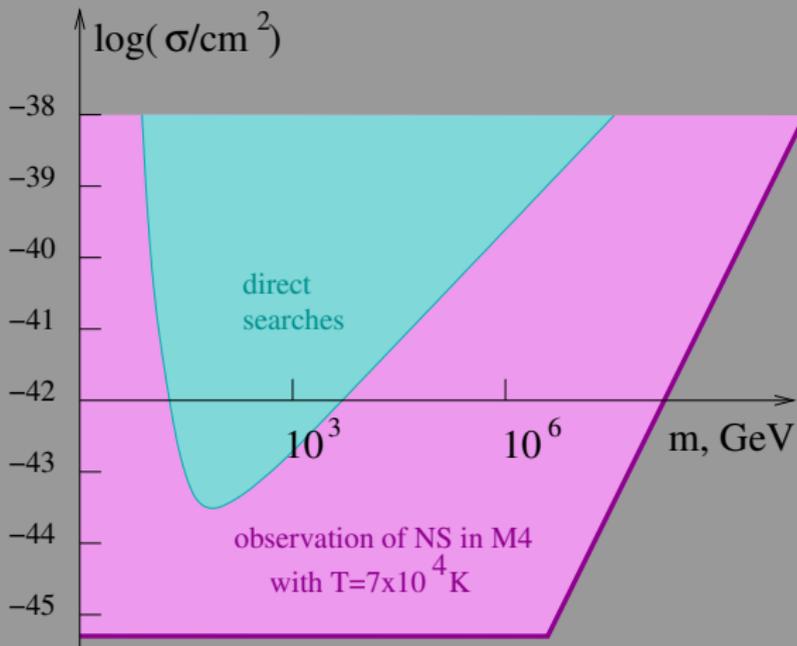
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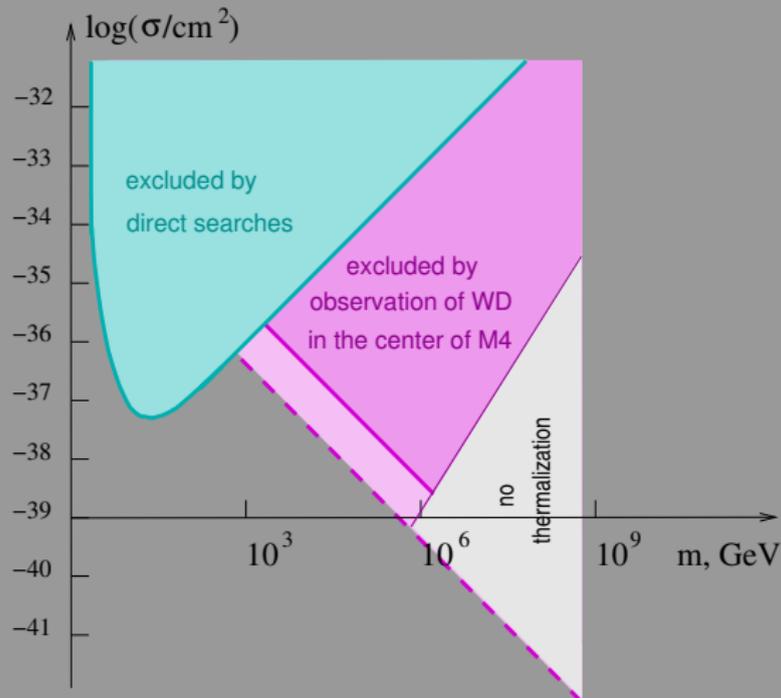
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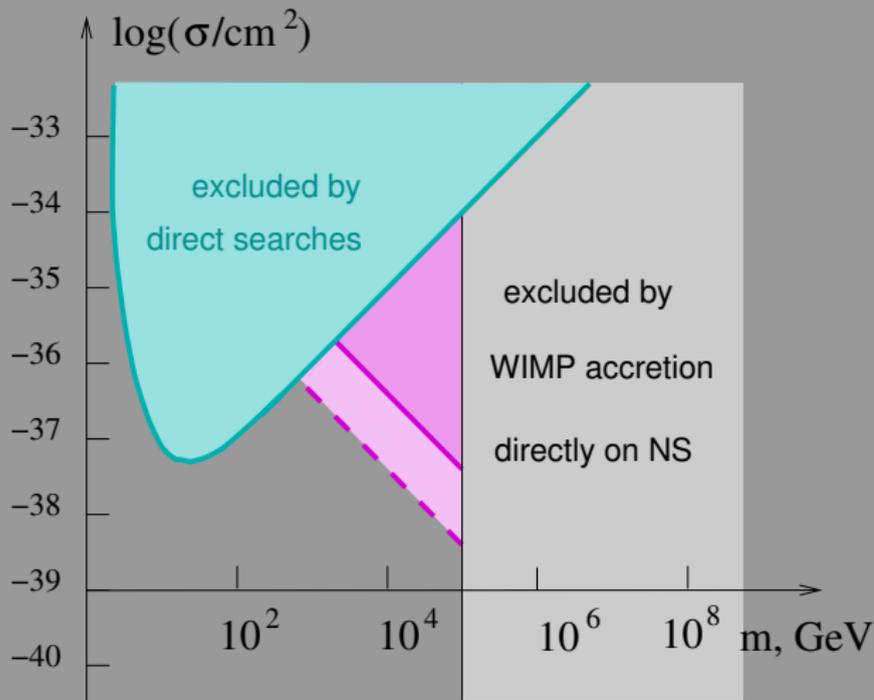
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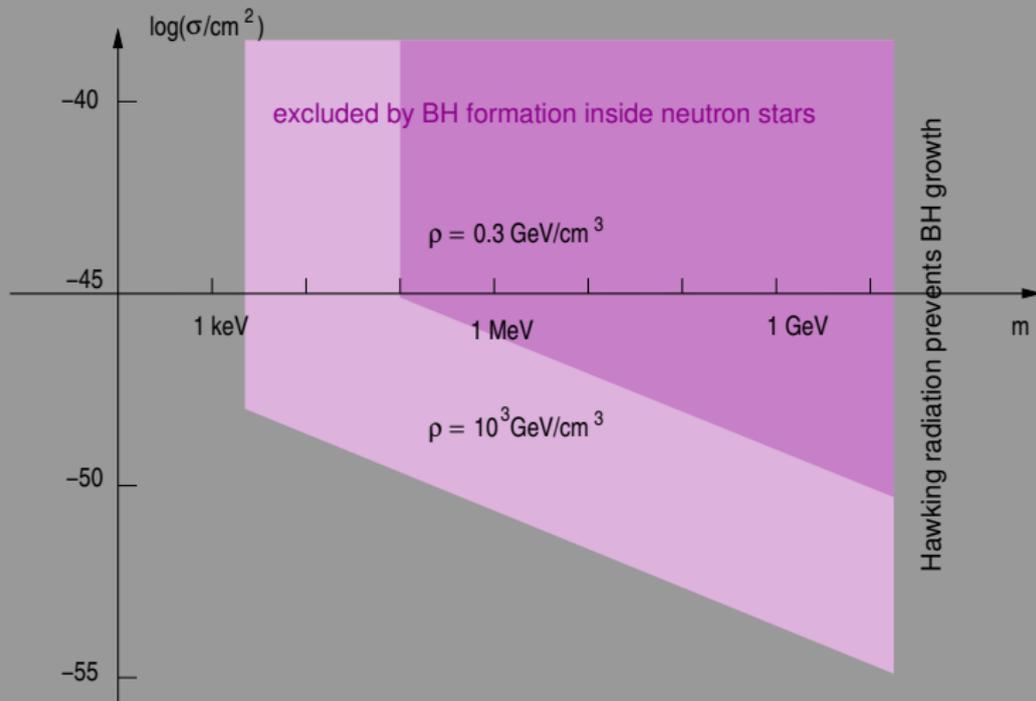
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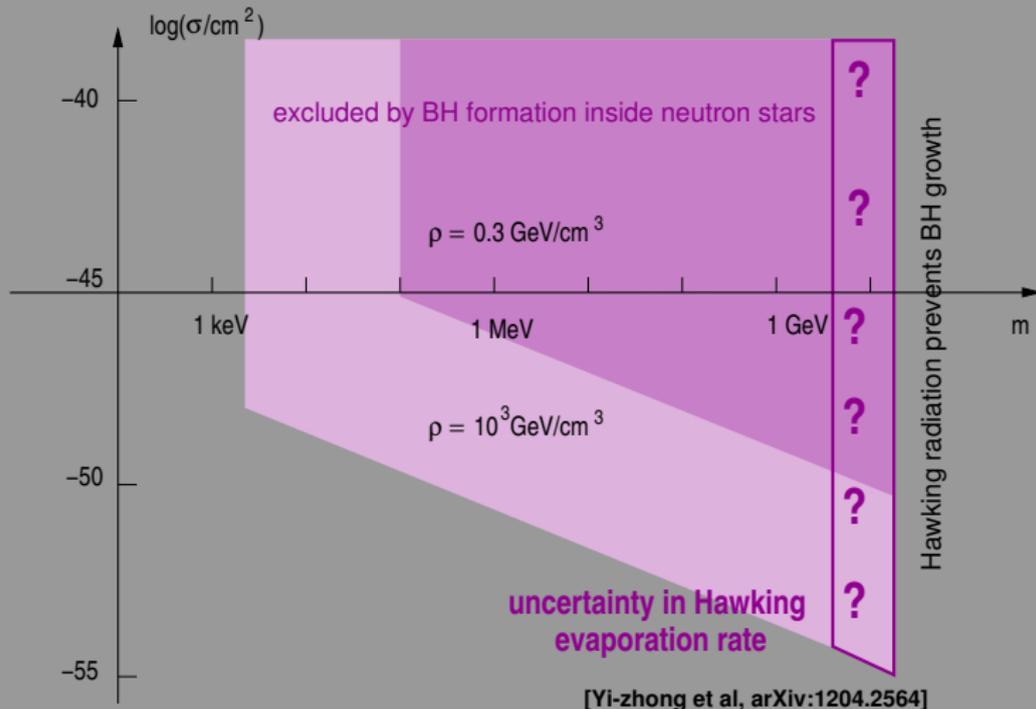
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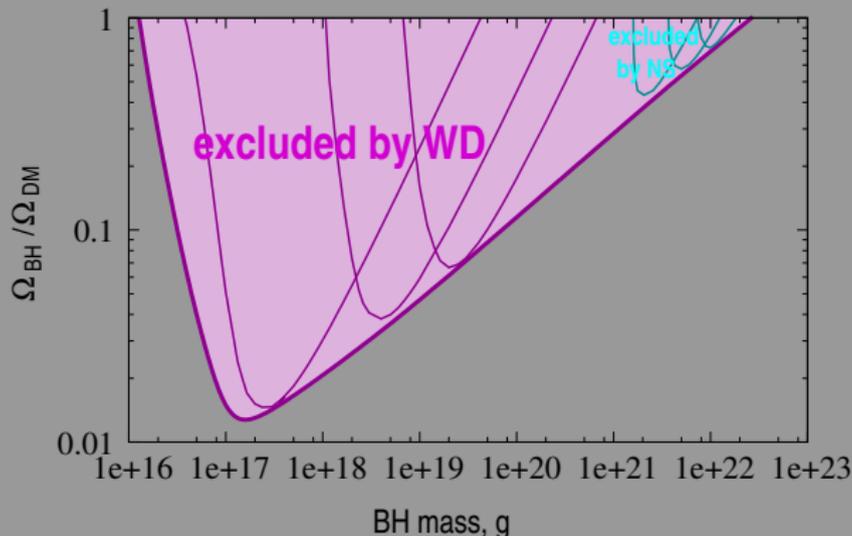
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