

# The effect of the LMC on non-standard interactions on dark matter direct detection experiments



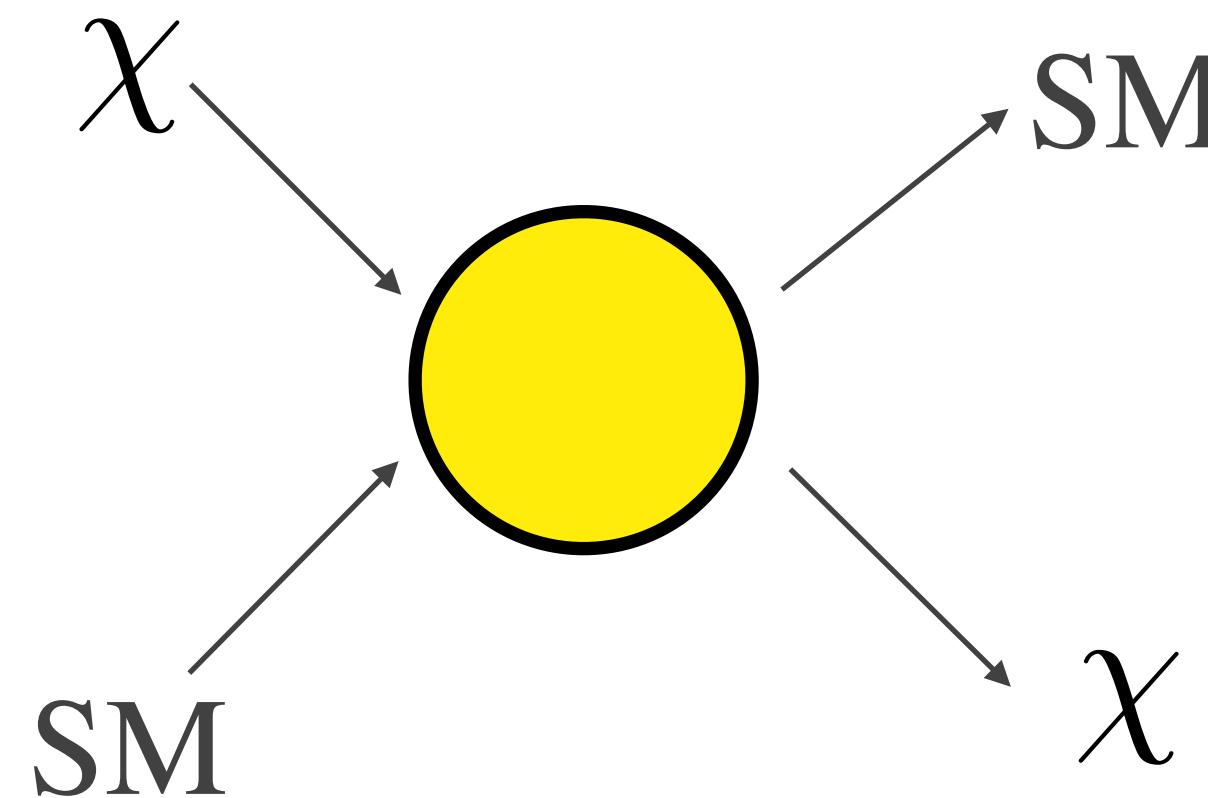
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# Introduction

## Direct detection terrestrial experiments

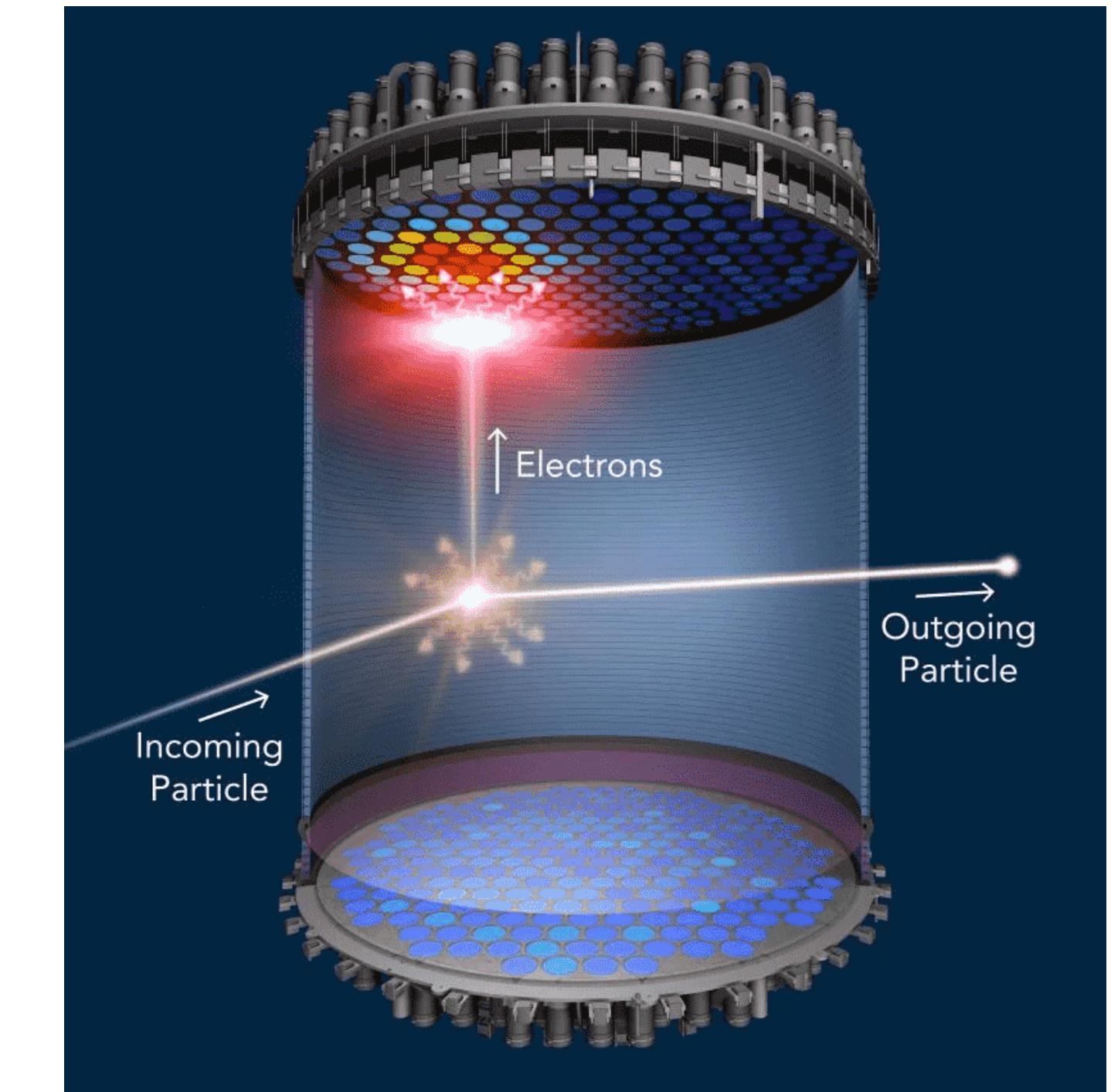


Differential event rate (per unit detector mass)

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{\rho_{\chi,0}}{m_\chi m_T} \int_{v > v_{\min}} d^3v \frac{d\sigma_{\chi N}}{dE_R} v f(\vec{v}, t)$$

Particle physics

Astrophysics



Direct detection experiments  
Event rate, astro components

$$v_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{m_T E_R}{2\mu_{\chi T}}}$$

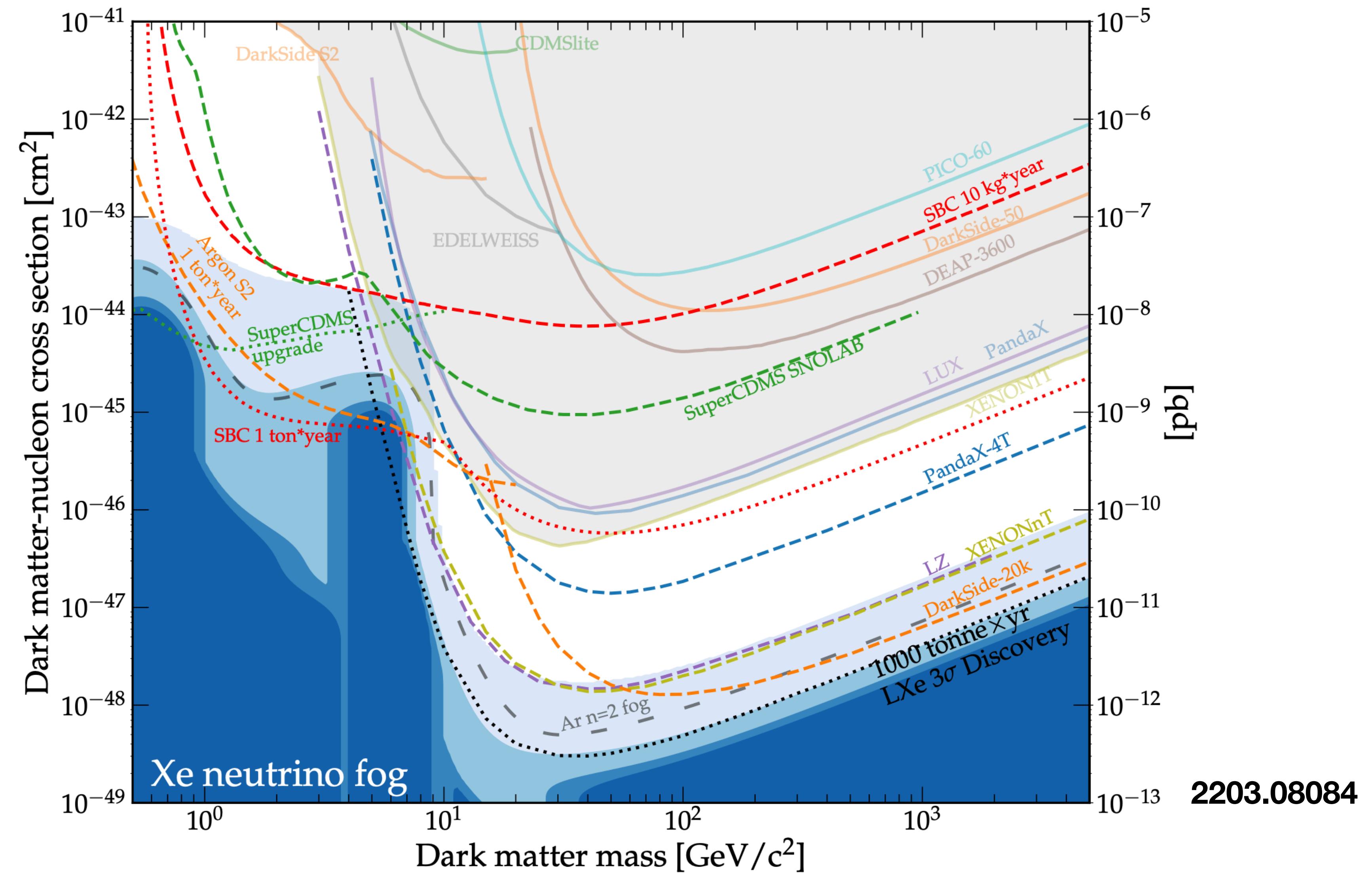
# Direct detection limits

$$\eta(v_{\min}) = \int_{v>v_{\min}} d^3v \frac{f(\vec{v}, t)}{v}$$

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Usual assumption:

Maxwell Boltzmann distribution

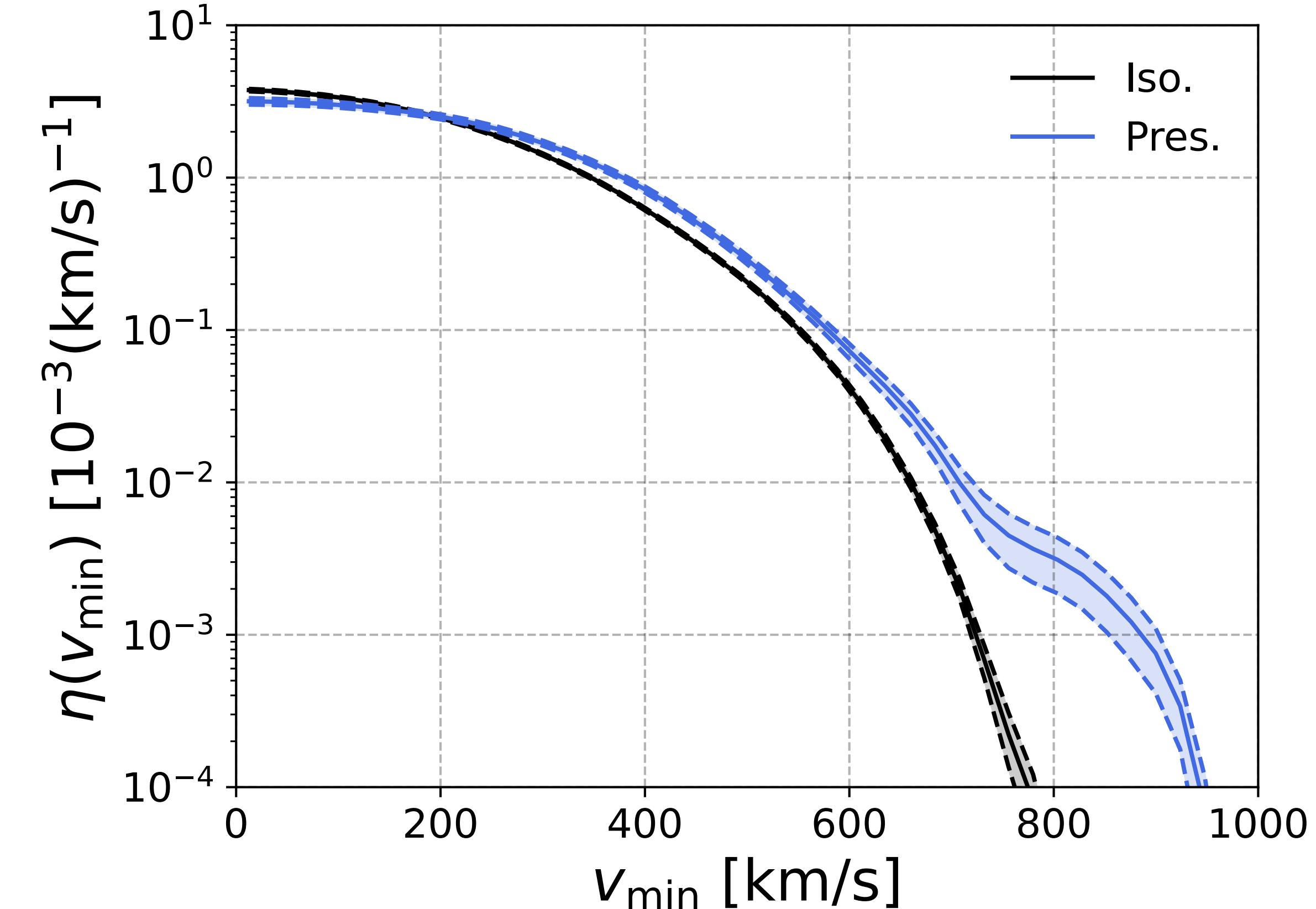
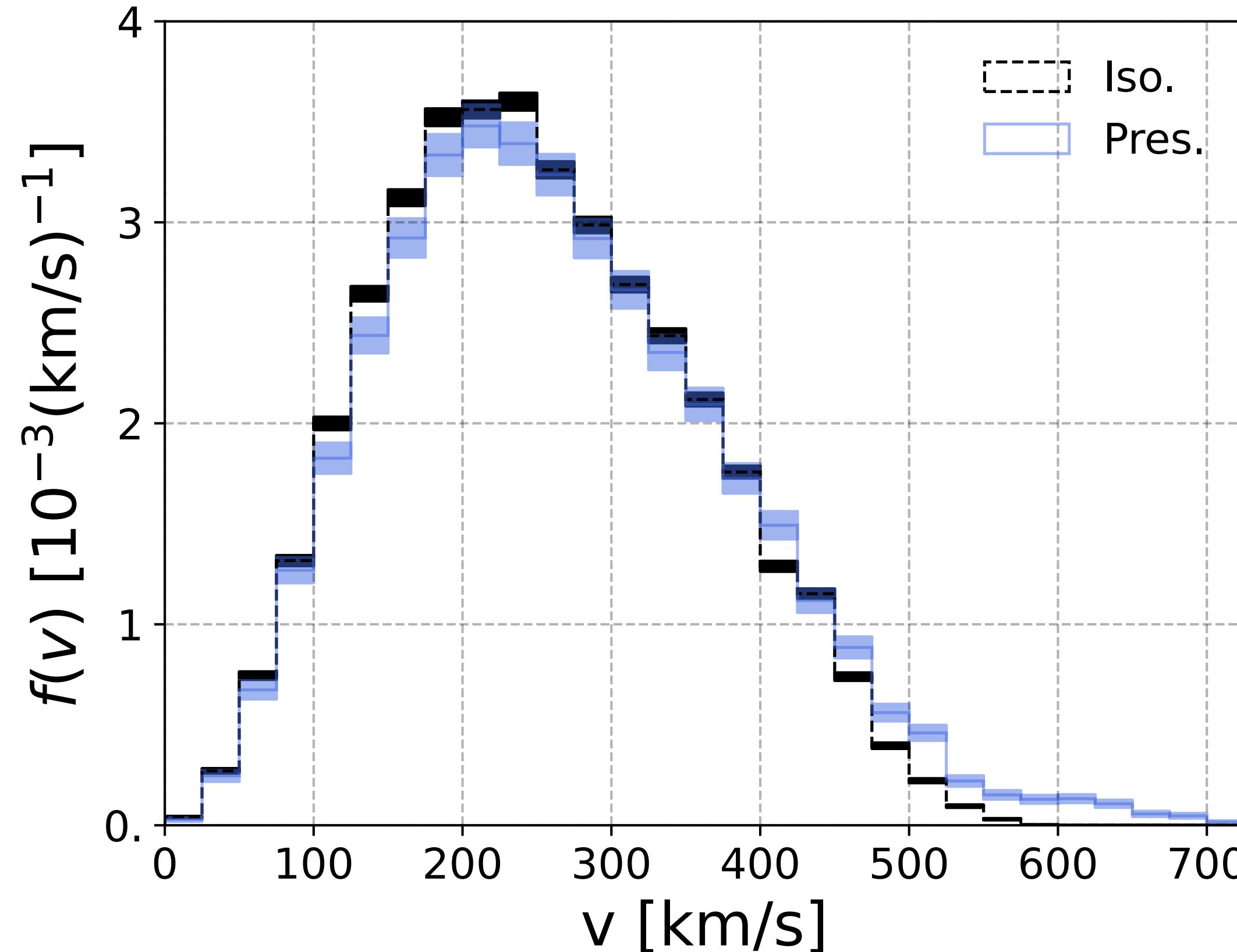


# Dark Matter velocity distribution

Auriga cosmological simulations

The LMC dominates the high speed tail of the speed distribution

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# Non standard interactions

In the case of generalized non standard interactions

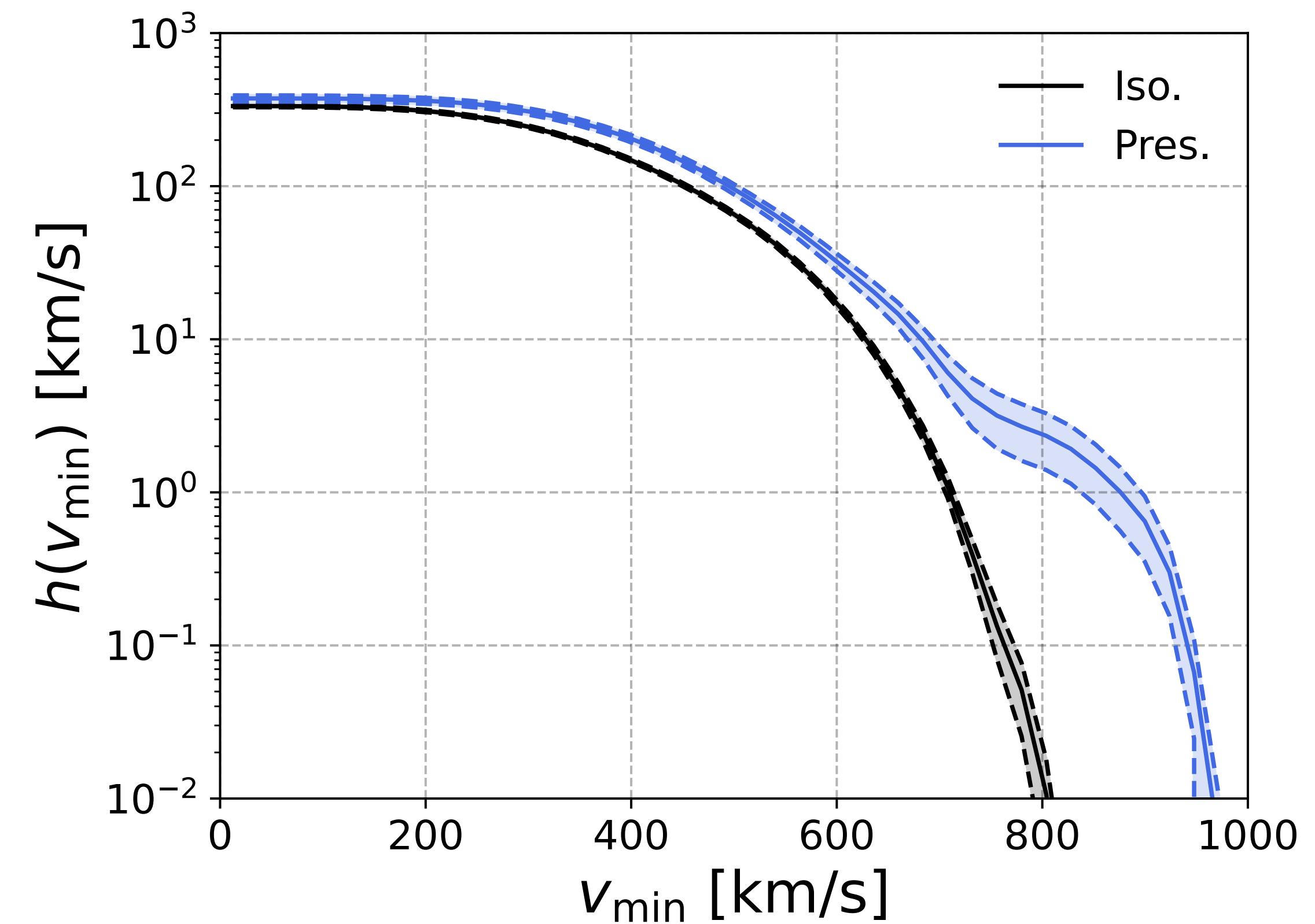
$$\frac{d\sigma_T}{dE_R} = \frac{d\sigma_1}{dE_R} \frac{1}{v^2} + \frac{d\sigma_2}{dE_R}$$

$h(v_{\min})$  is a new velocity integral defined as:

$$h(v_{\min}) = \int_{v>v_{\min}} d^3v \ v f(\vec{v}, t)$$

The rate can be expressed as

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{\rho}{m_\chi} \frac{1}{m_T} \left[ \frac{d\sigma_1}{dE_R} \eta(v_{\min}, t) + \frac{d\sigma_2}{dE_R} h(v_{\min}, t) \right]$$



# Non relativistic effective field theory (NREFT)

Parametrize all possible DM - nucleon interactions using the set of operators  $\{\mathcal{O}_i\}$

Operator	Scaling factor
$\mathcal{O}_1 = 1_\chi 1_N$	1
$\mathcal{O}_3 = i \vec{S}_N \cdot \left( \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}_\perp \right)$	$q^2 v_\perp^2, q^4$
$\mathcal{O}_4 = \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{S}_N$	1
$\mathcal{O}_5 = i \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \left( \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}_\perp \right)$	$q^2 v_\perp^2, q^4$
$\mathcal{O}_6 = \left( \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right) \left( \vec{S}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right)$	$q^4$
$\mathcal{O}_7 = \vec{S}_N \cdot \vec{v}_\perp$	$v_\perp^2$
$\mathcal{O}_8 = \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{v}_\perp$	$v_\perp^2, q^2$
$\mathcal{O}_9 = i \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \left( \vec{S}_N \times \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right)$	$q^2$
$\mathcal{O}_{10} = i \vec{S}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N}$	$q^2$
$\mathcal{O}_{11} = i \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N}$	$q^2$
$\mathcal{O}_{12} = \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \left( \vec{S}_N \times \vec{v}_\perp \right)$	$v_\perp^2, q^2$
$\mathcal{O}_{13} = i \left( \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{v}_\perp \right) \left( \vec{S}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right)$	$q^2 v_\perp^2, q^4$
$\mathcal{O}_{14} = i \left( \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right) \left( \vec{S}_N \cdot \vec{v}_\perp \right)$	$q^2 v_\perp^2$
$\mathcal{O}_{15} = - \left( \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right) \left( \left( \vec{S}_N \times \vec{v}_\perp \right) \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right)$	$q^4 v_\perp^2, q^6$

Contains momentum dependent and velocity dependent interactions

$$\frac{d\sigma_T}{dE_R} = \frac{2m_T}{v^2(2J+1)} \left[ \sum_{k=M,\Sigma',\Sigma''} R_k(v_\perp^2, q^2) W_k(q^2) + \frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \sum_{k=\Phi'',\tilde{\Phi}',\Delta} R_k(v_\perp^2, q^2) W_k(q^2) \right]$$

Isoscalar interactions  $c_i^p = c_i^n$

$$\sigma_{\chi p} \equiv \frac{(c_i^p \mu_p)^2}{\pi}$$

$\mathcal{O}_1$  corresponds to the standard spin-independent interaction  
but this is not true for the other operators

# Experiments

We focus on different target materials

**Darwin (Xenon)**

**DarkSide-20k (Argon)**

**NEWS-G (Neon + methane)**

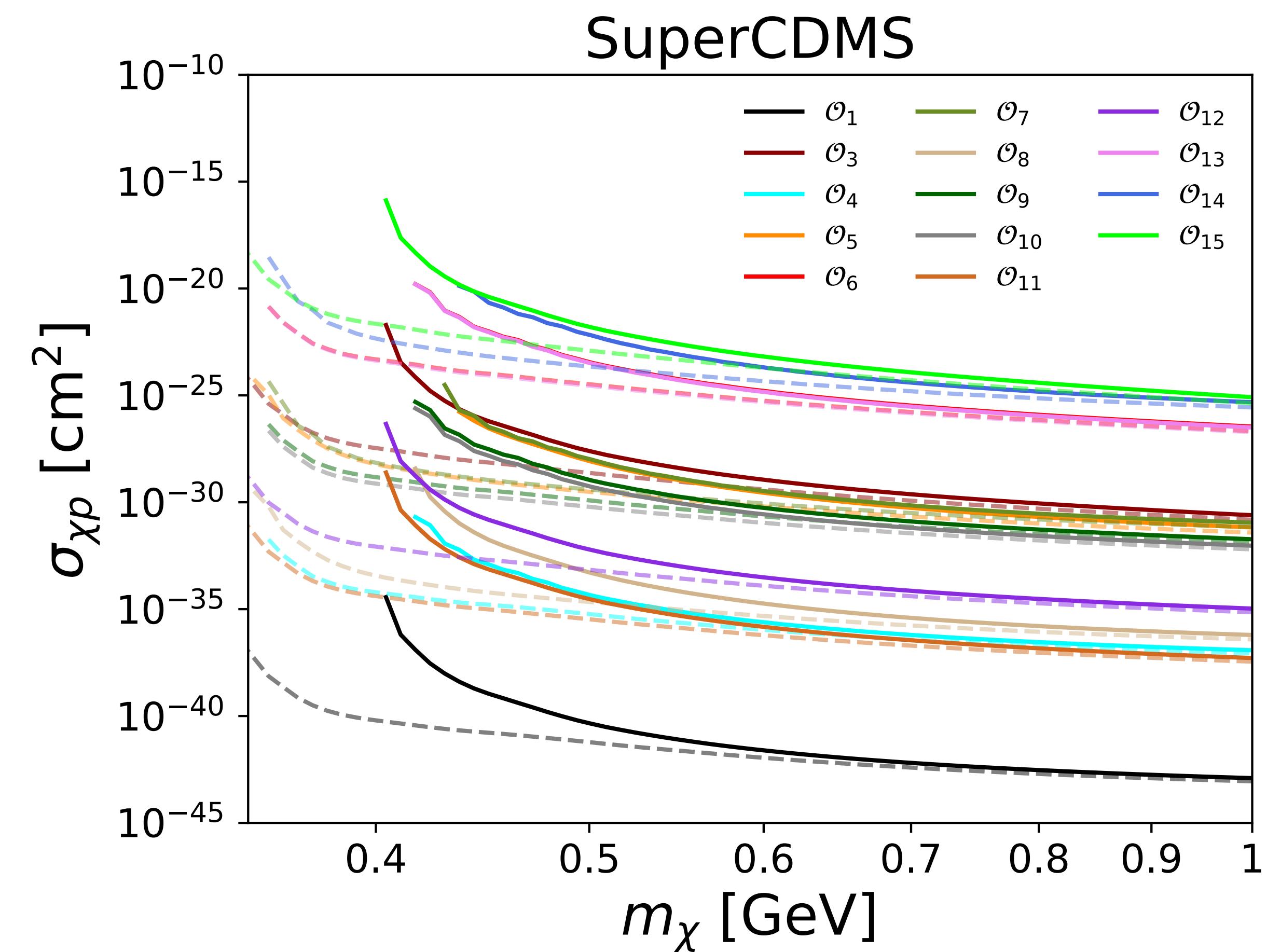
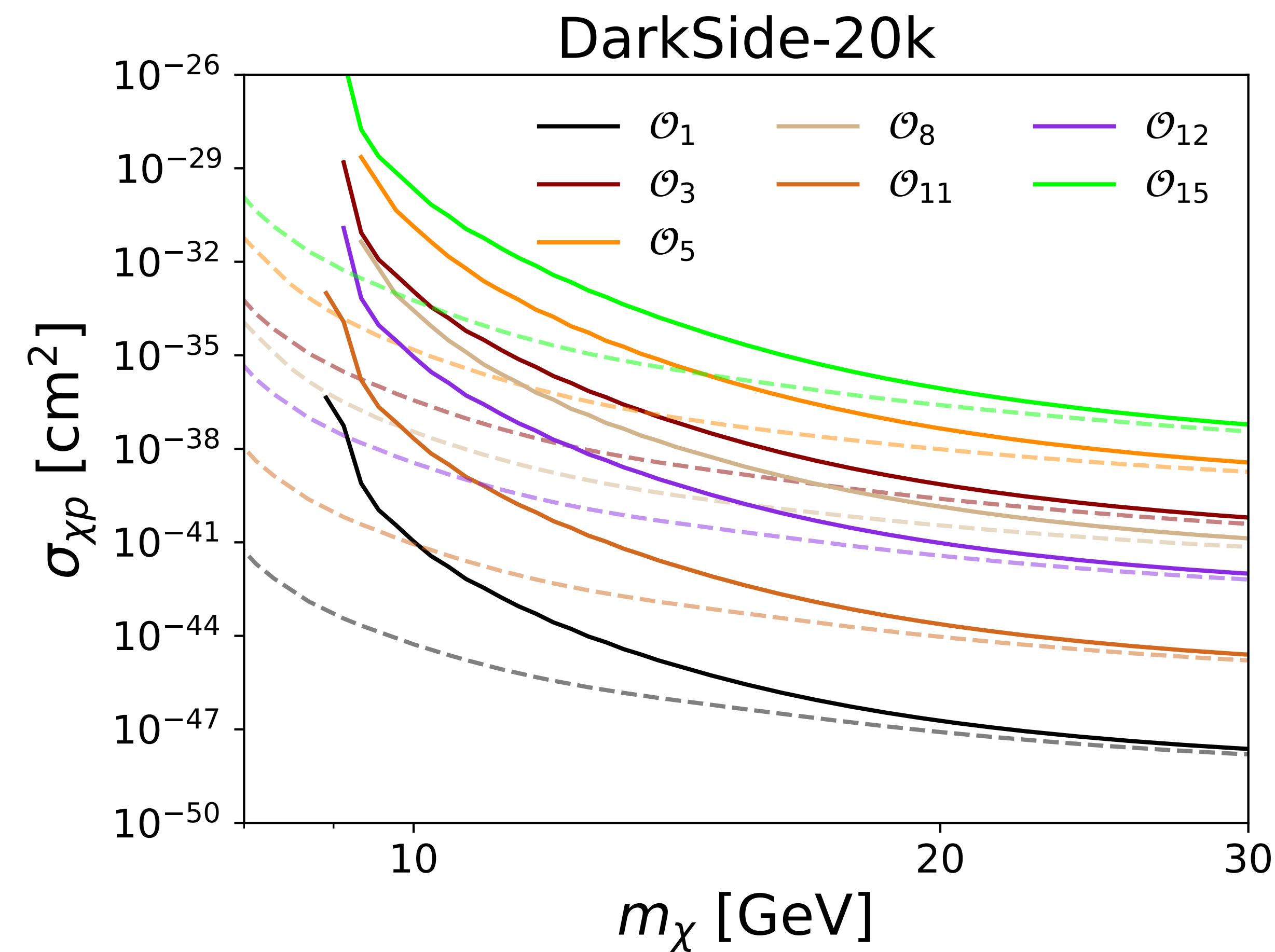
**SuperCDMS (Germanium)**

Experiment	Exposure [kg· d]	Energy threshold [keVnr]
DarkSide-20k	$3.65 \times 10^7$	30
Darwin	$7.3 \times 10^7$	1
NEWS-G	20	0.01
SuperCDMS	$1.6 \times 10^4$	0.04

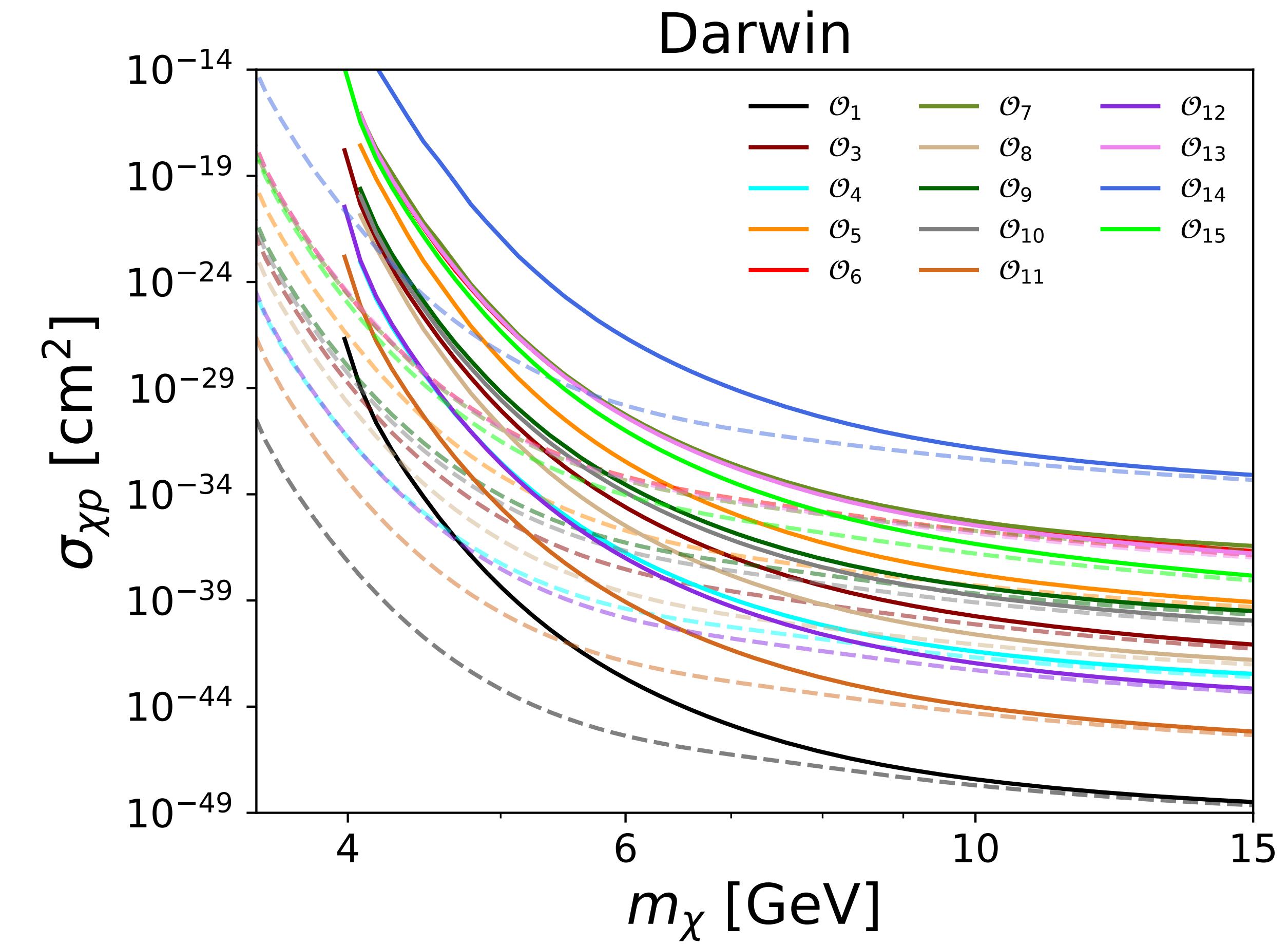
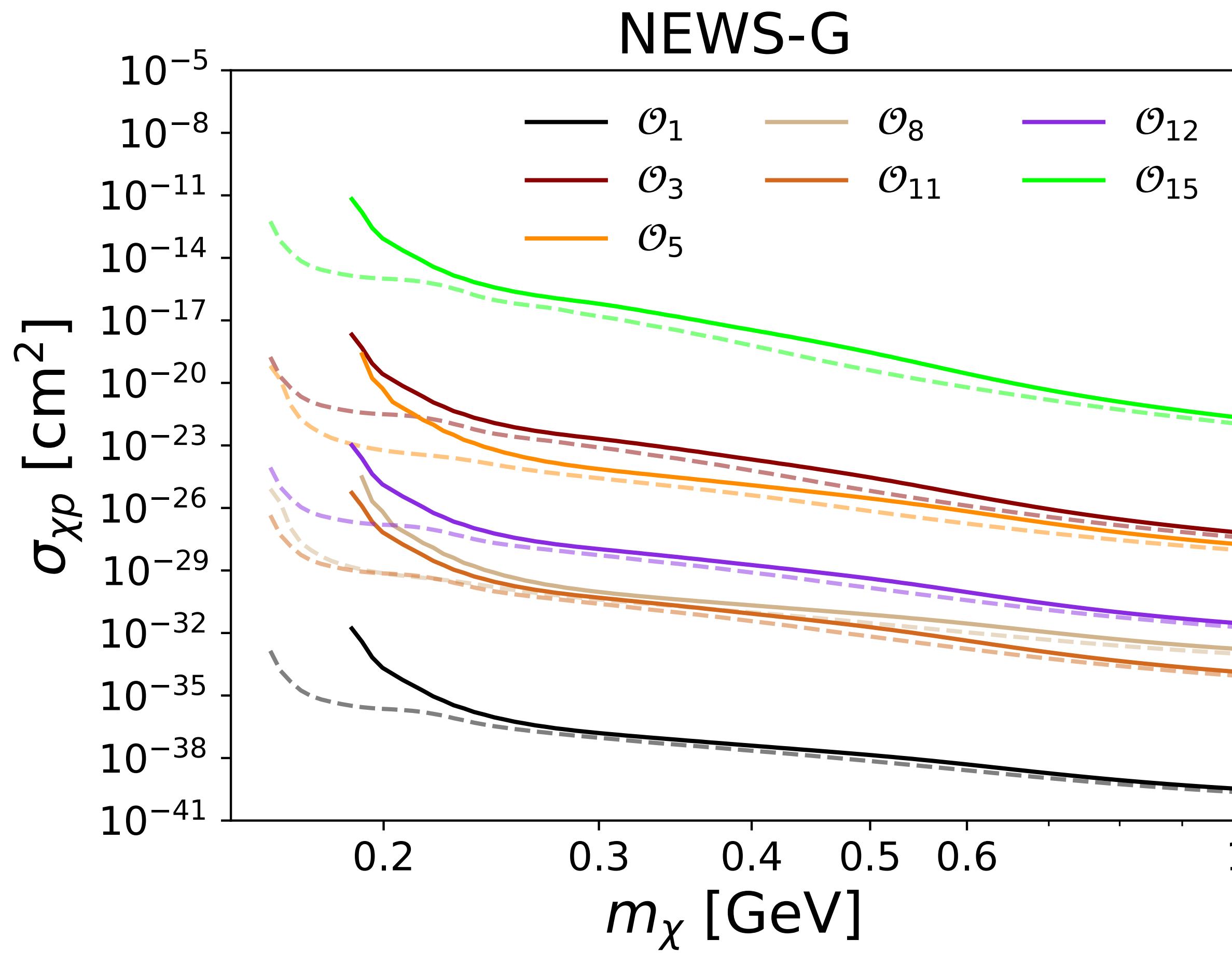
- We are also working to provide results for other experiments: SBC ([Argon](#)) and DarkSphere ([Helium](#))

# Results NREFT

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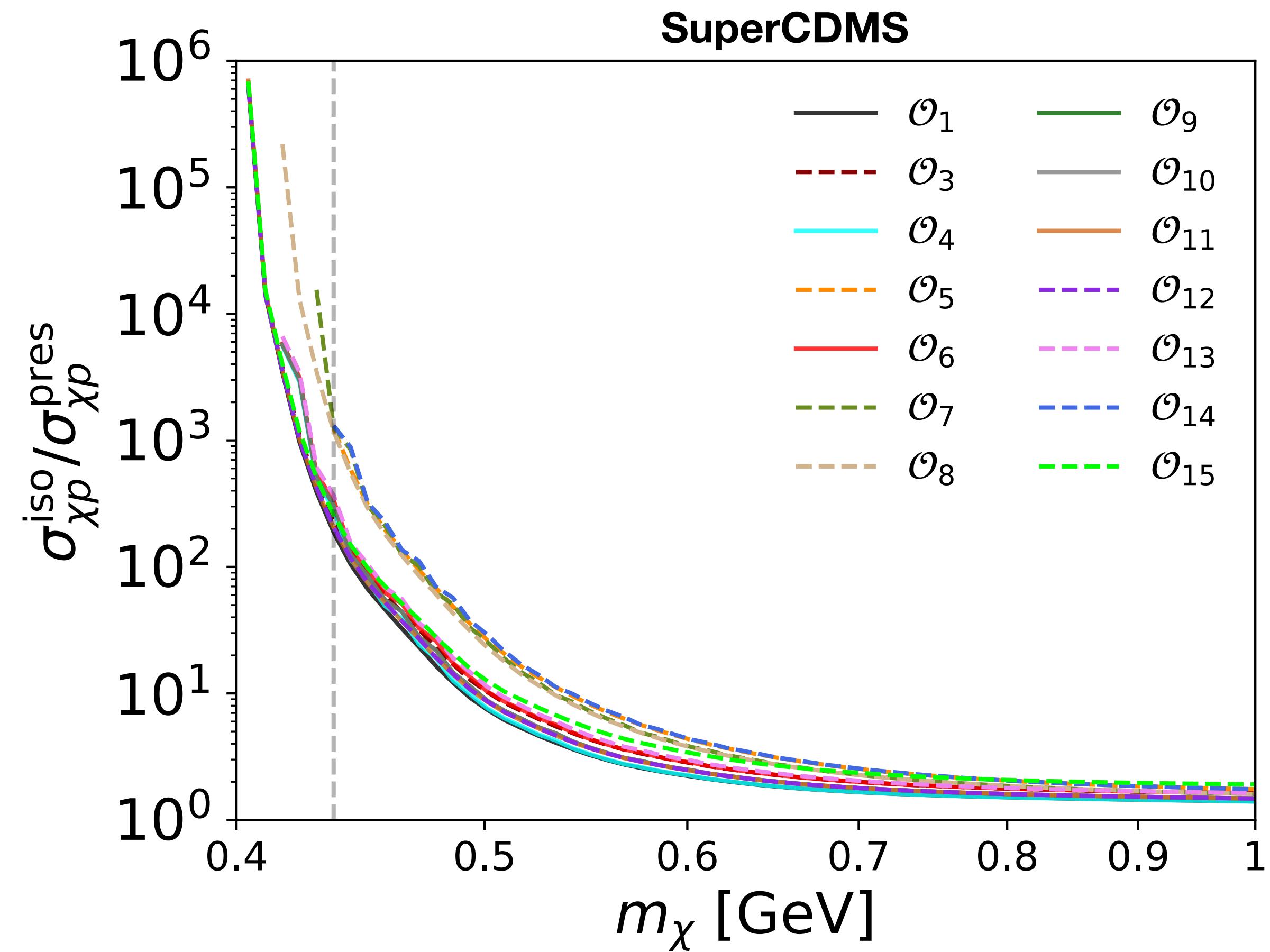
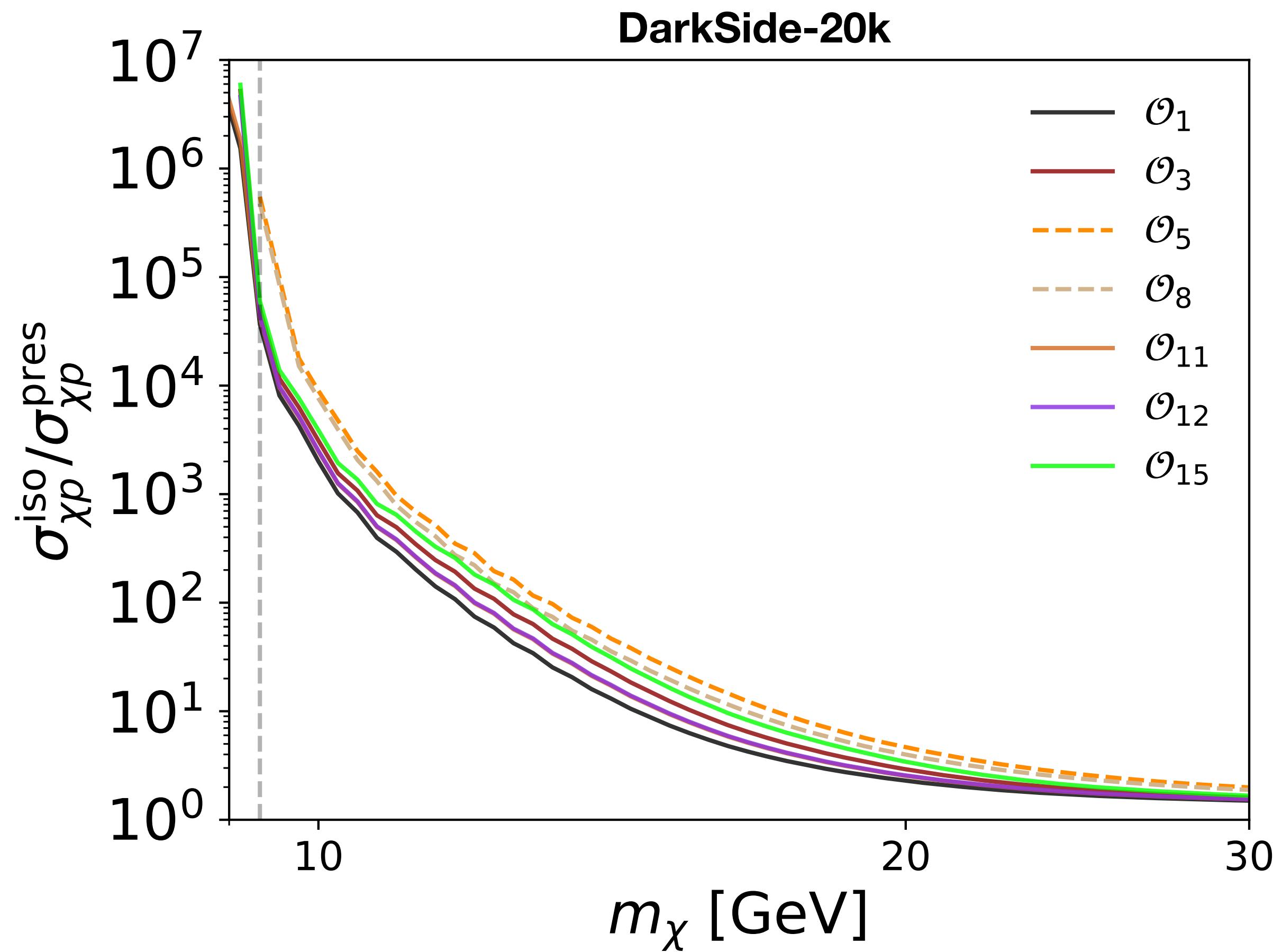


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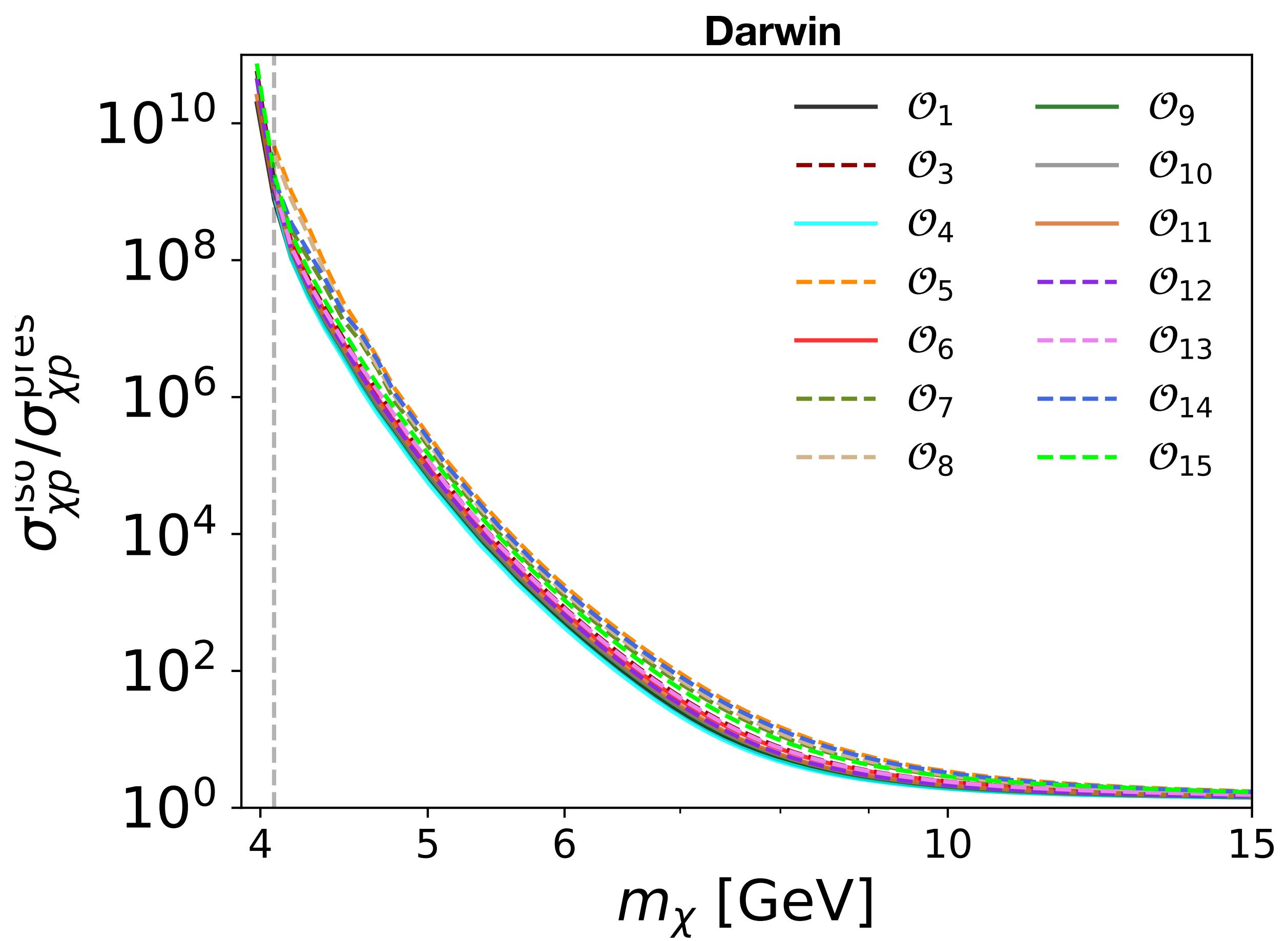
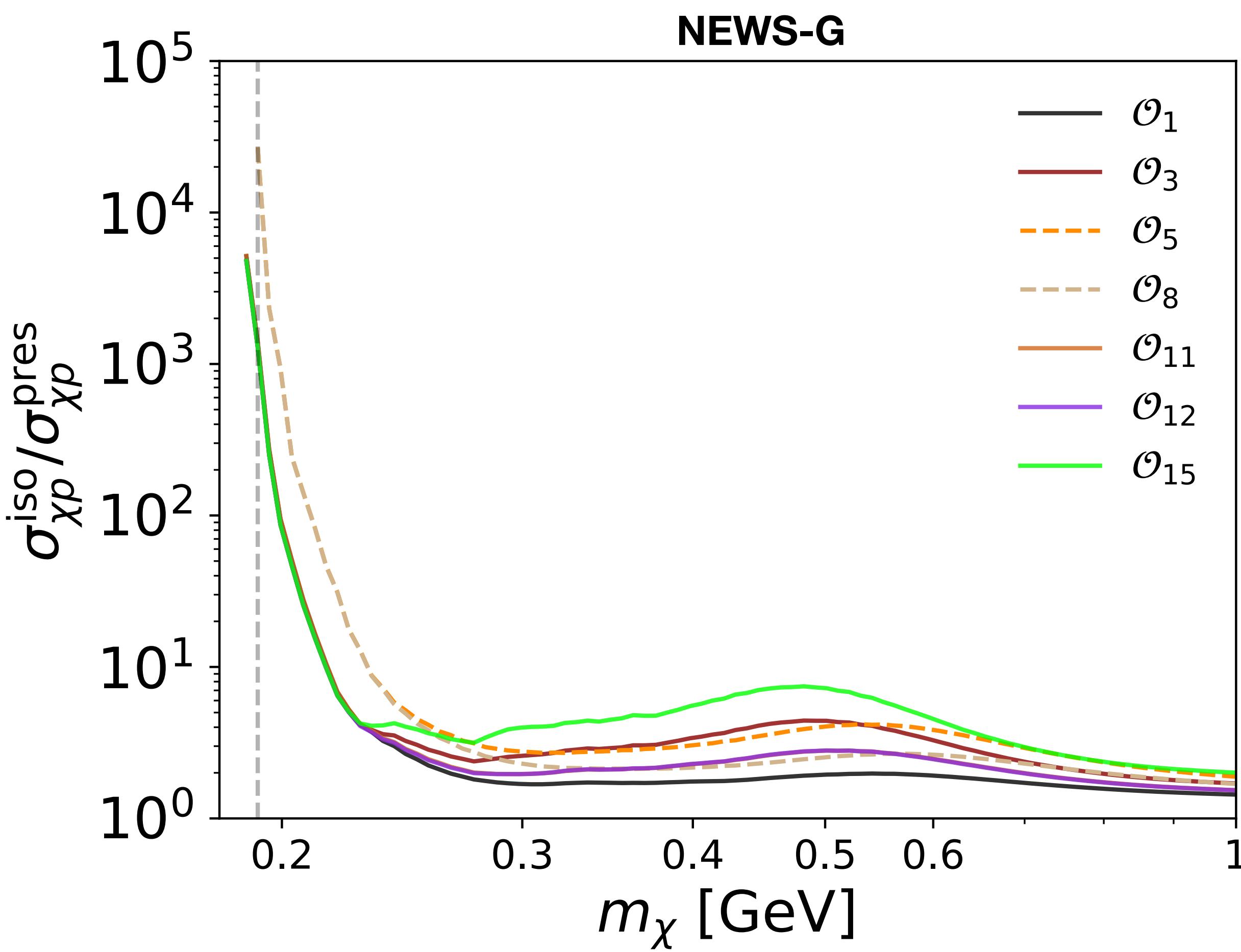
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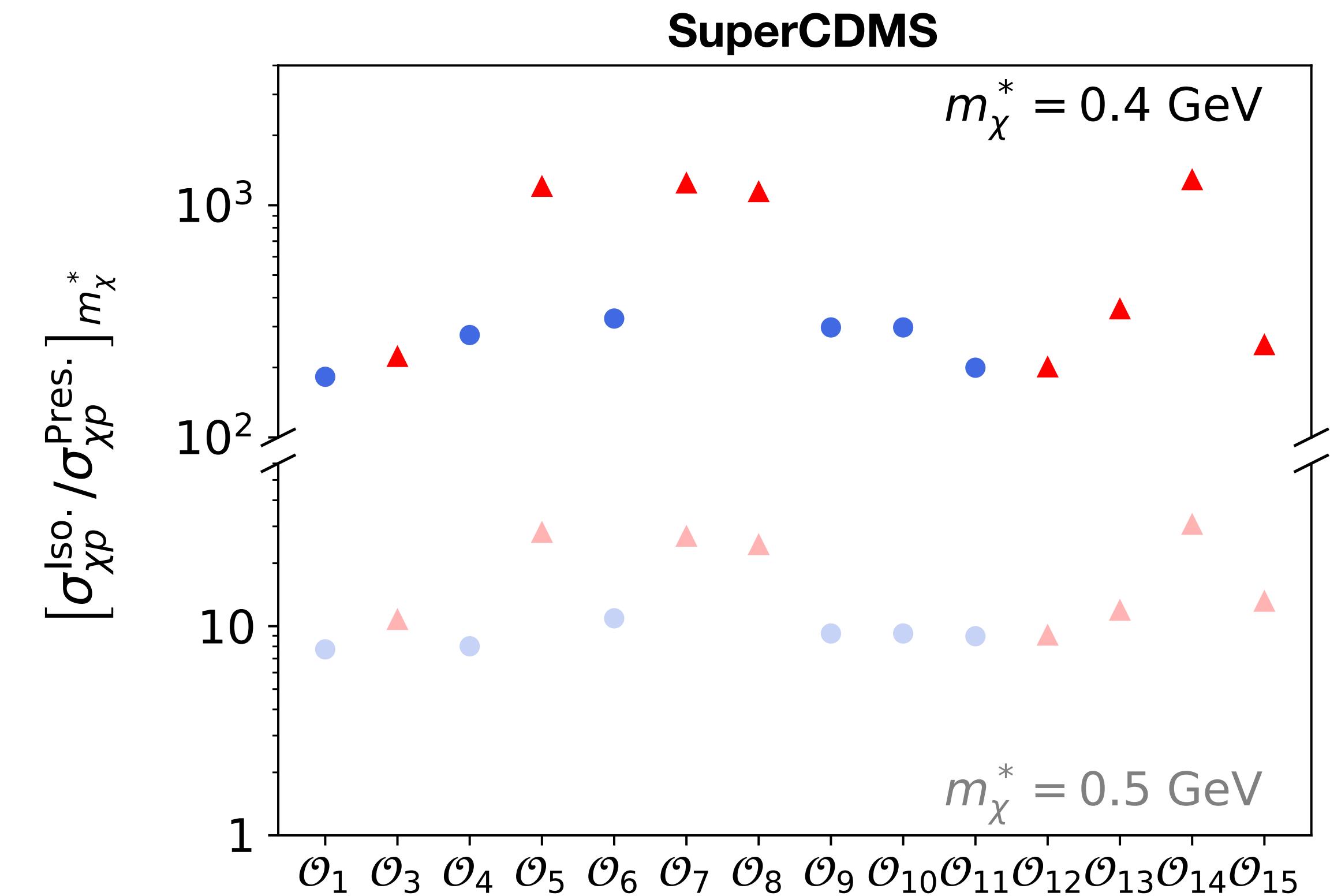
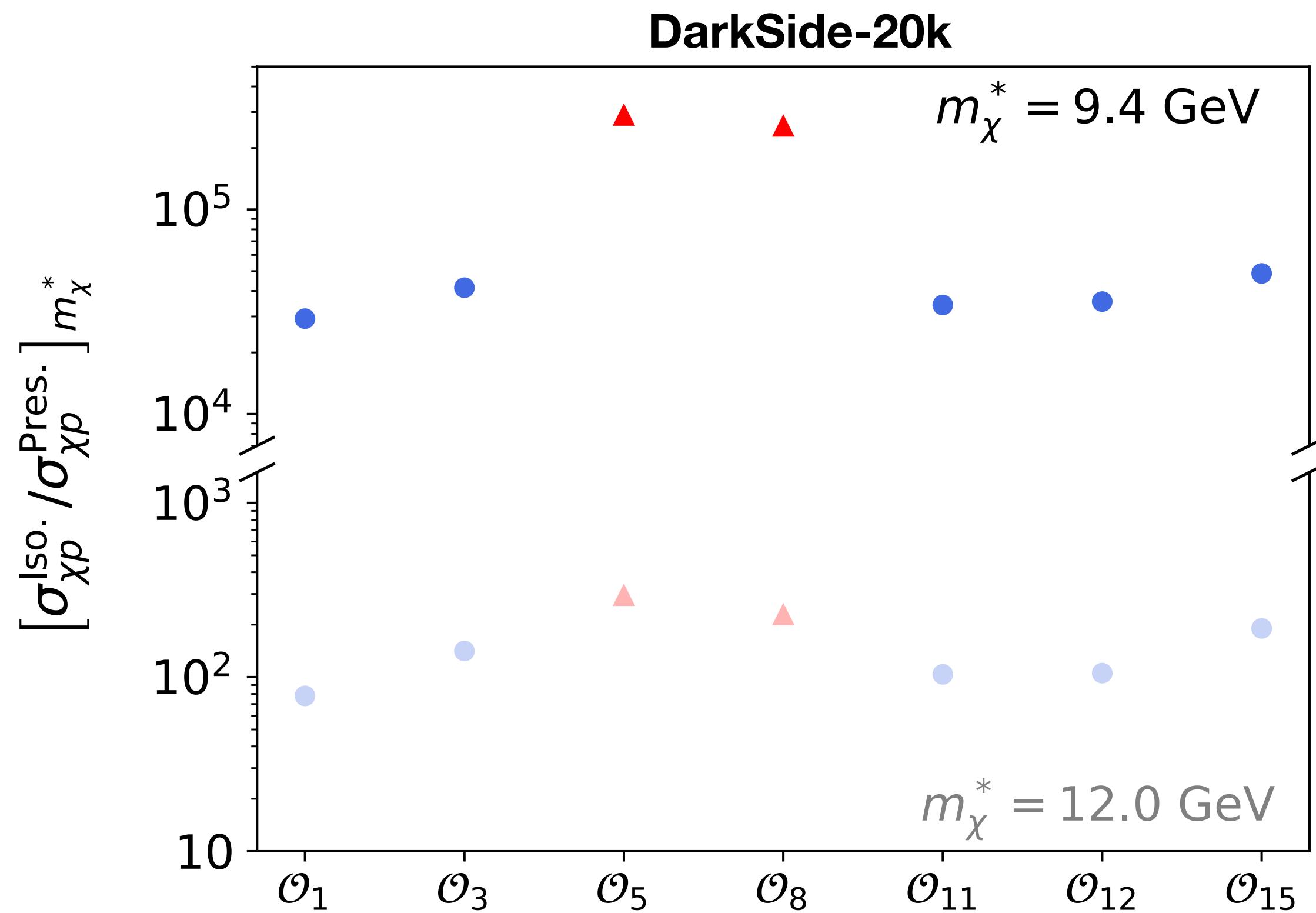
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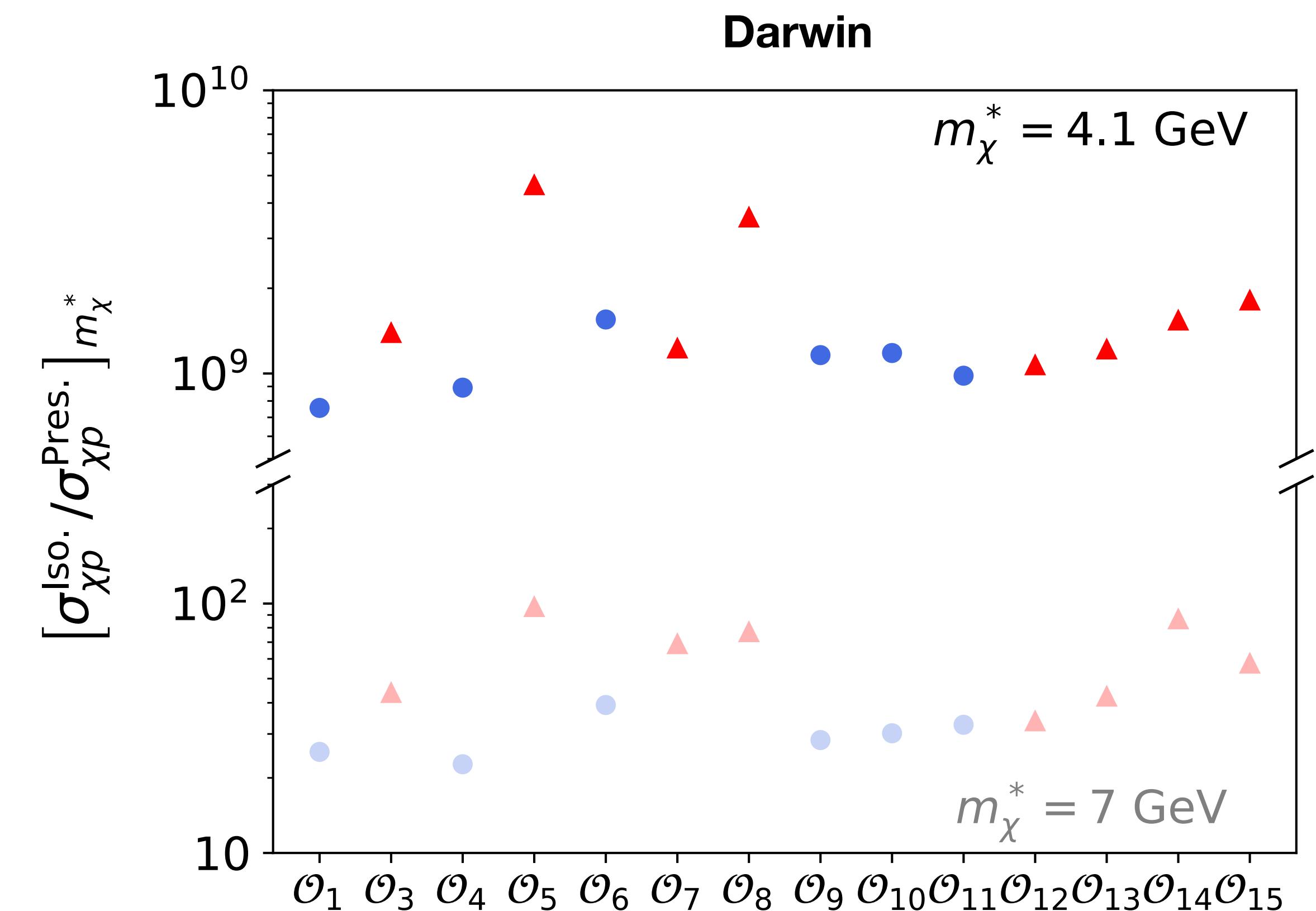
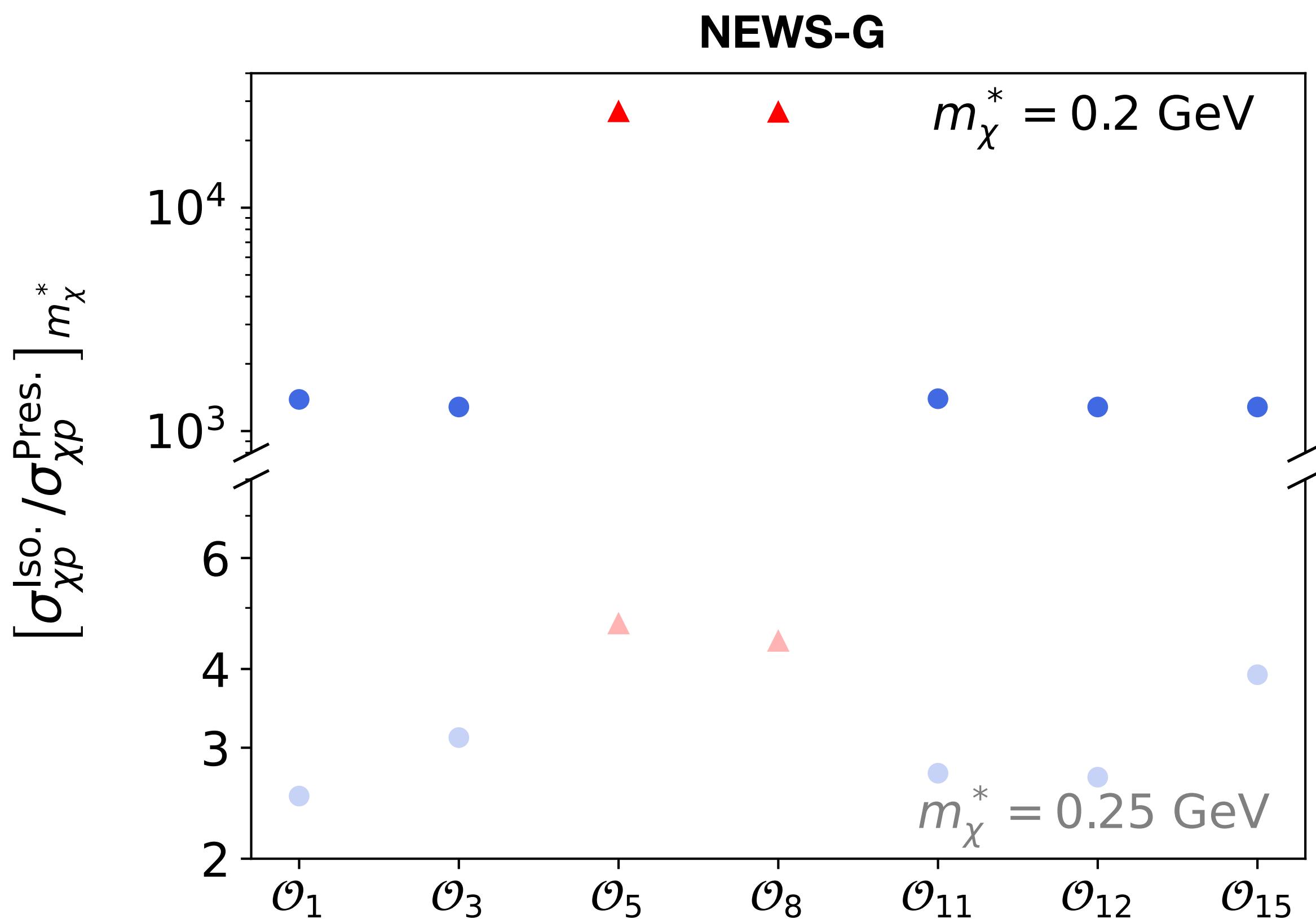
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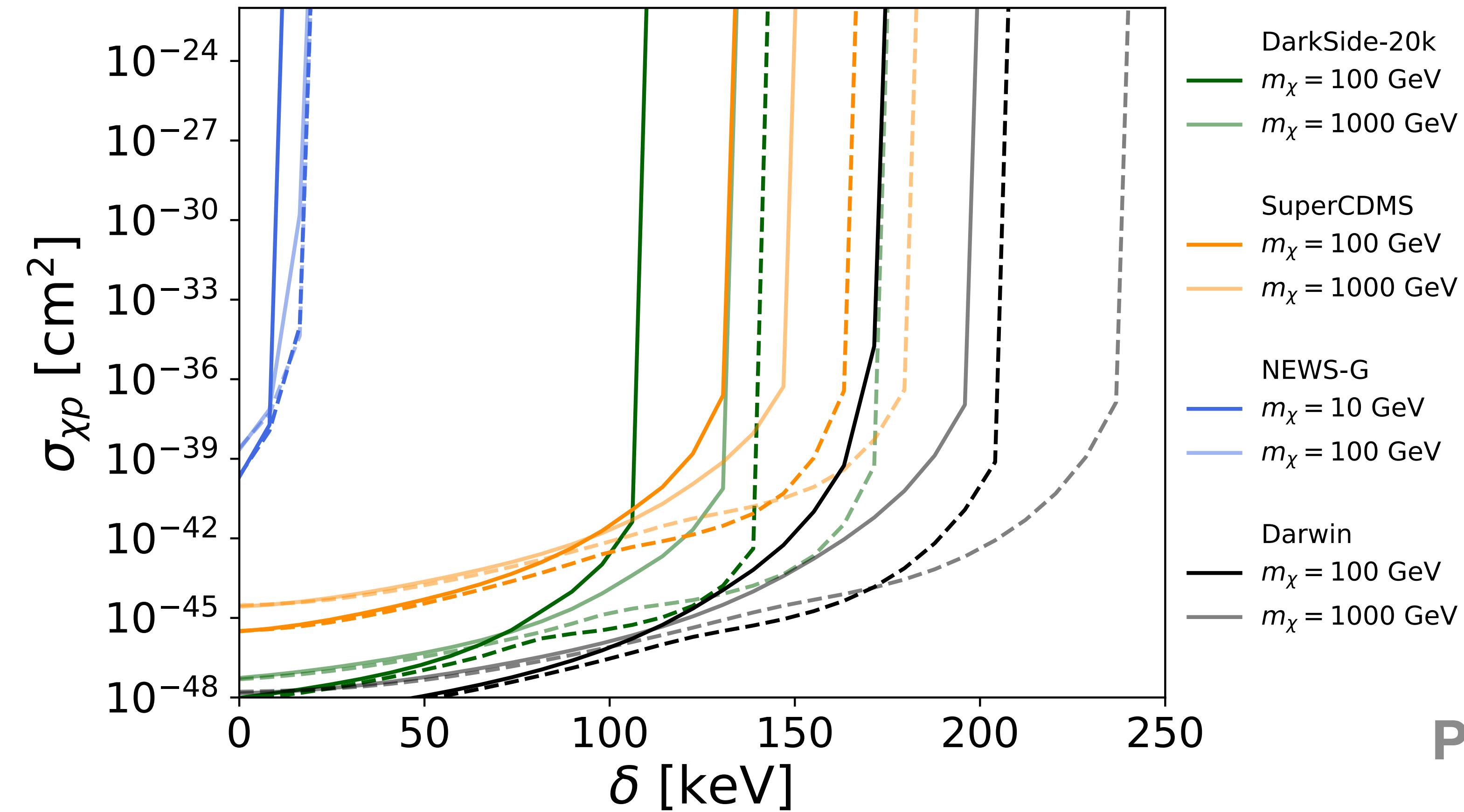


# Inelastic scattering

Dark matter scattering to heavier mass state

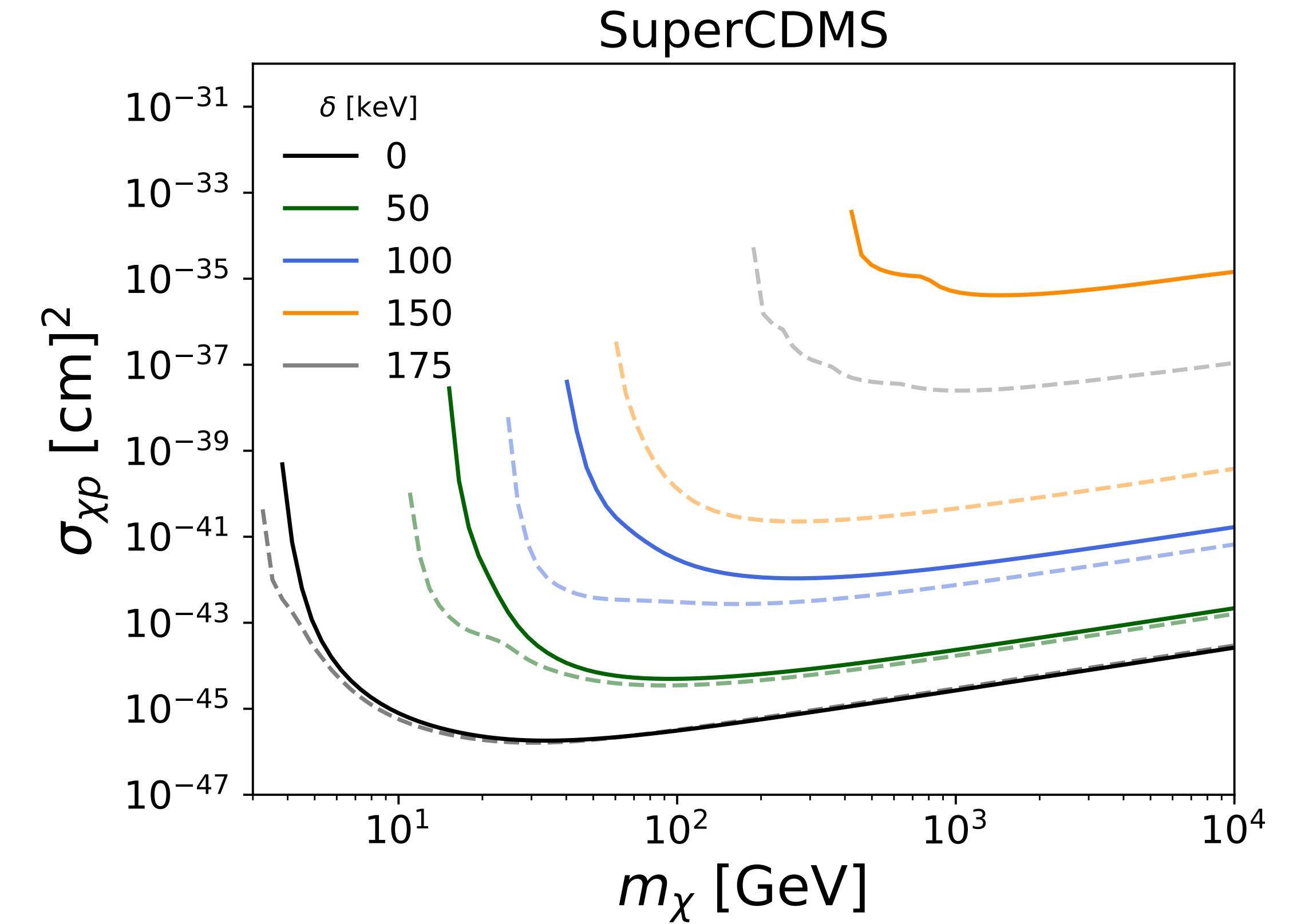
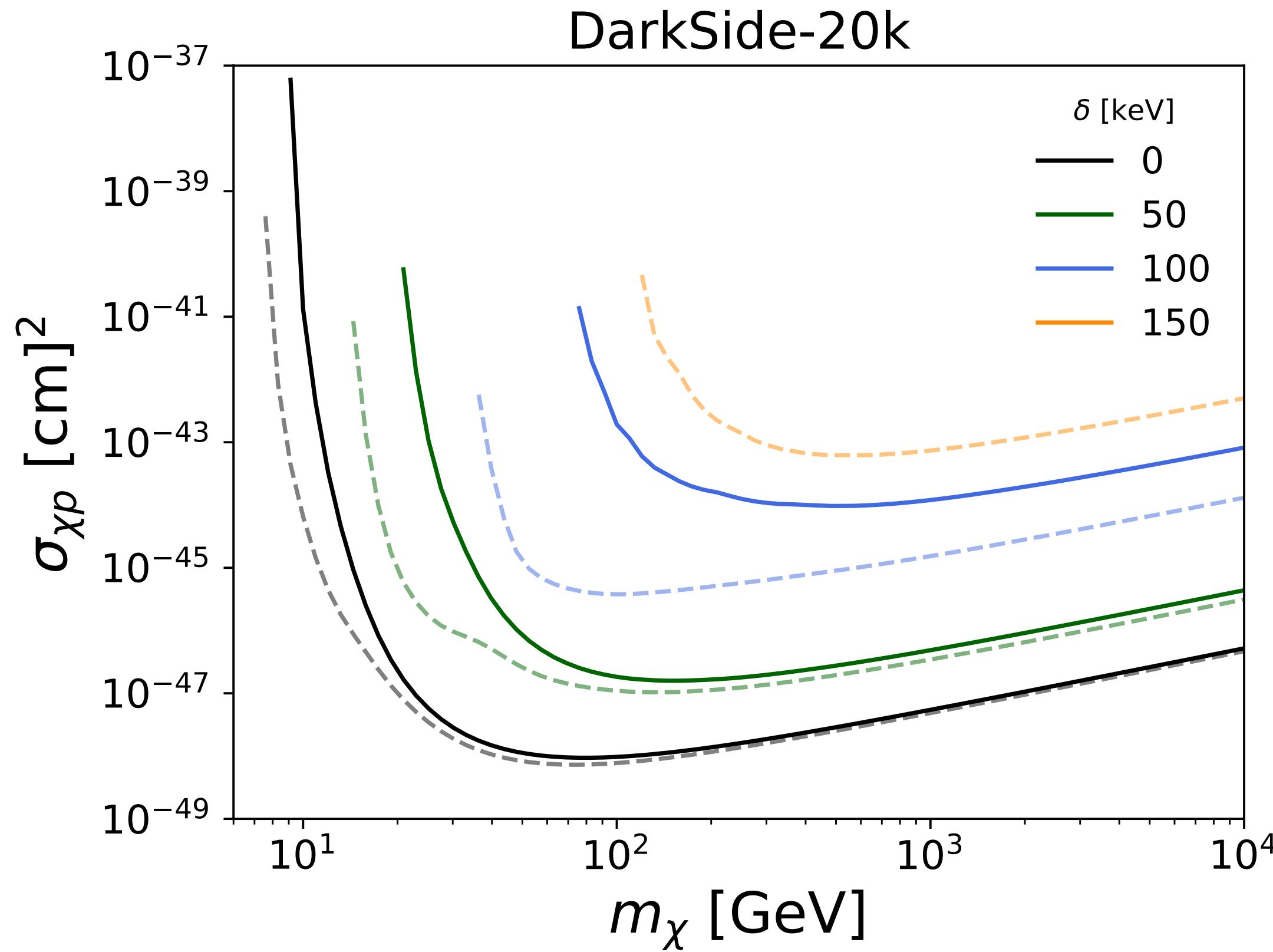
$$\delta = m_\chi^* - m_\chi$$

$$v_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2m_T E_R}} \left( \frac{m_T E_R}{\mu_{\chi T}} + \delta \right)$$



# Results Inelastic scattering

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# Conclusions

- We have studied the impact of the LMC on near-future direct detection experiments experiments using the Auriga simulations
- We have extended the standard SI (SD) interactions and consider non-standard interactions
- We have used different target materials
- We have found that the LMC has a greater impact on lower
- We have found that velocity-dependent operators tend to have greater impact when the LMC is considered in the velocity distribution (e.g  $\mathcal{O}_5$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_8$  for Ar and Ne)
- In the case of inelastic scattering, the presence of the LMC improves the sensitivity of the detector for greater values of the mass splitting parameter  $\delta$

# Backup

$$\mathcal{L}_i(N_{\text{p},i}|N_{\text{o},i}) = \frac{(b_i + N_{\text{p},i})^{N_{\text{o},i}} e^{-(b_i + N_{\text{p},i})}}{N_{\text{o},i}!}$$

**Poisson likelihood**

**DarkSide-20k: 0 events, 1  $\nu$  induced background event**

**Darwin: 1 observed event and 2.37 background events**

**NEWS-G: 1.67 kg<sup>-1</sup> d<sup>-1</sup> keV<sup>-1</sup> for the differential background with 0 expected events**

**SuperCDMS: 10 kg<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> keV<sup>-1</sup> differential background rate with 0 expected events**