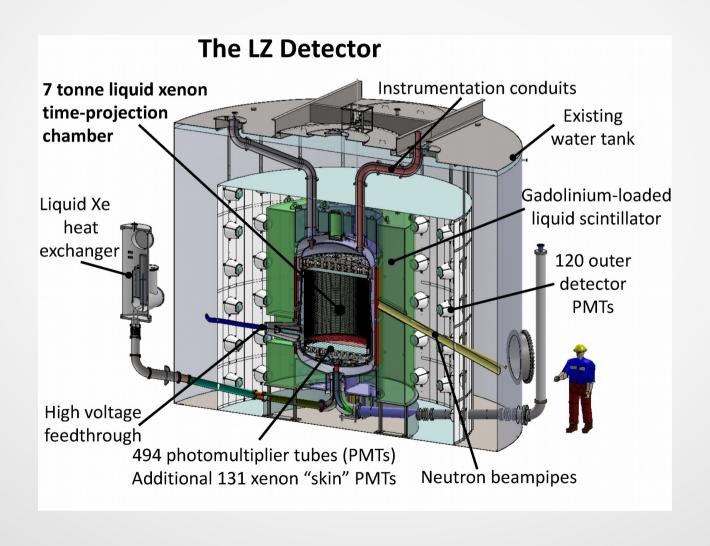
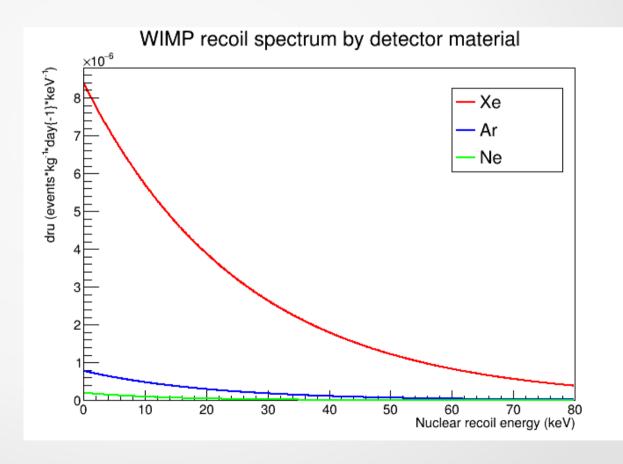
WIMP Nuclear Recoil Spectra

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Unmodified Spectrum

- Simple exponential model
- Measured in events kg⁻¹day⁻¹keV⁻¹
- Assume largest non-excluded WIMP cross section (10⁻⁴⁶ cm²)



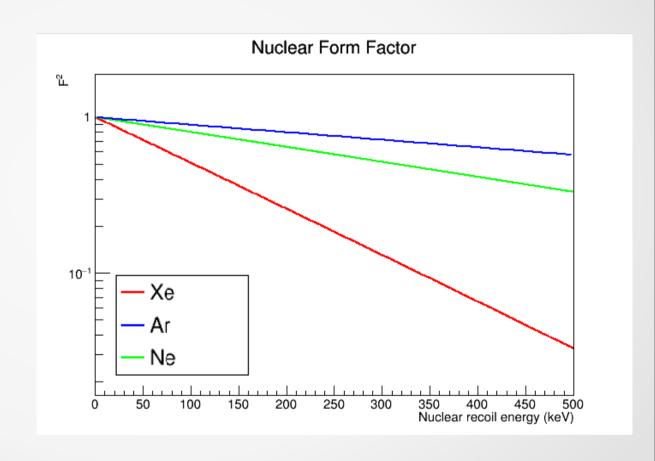
Modifications

Nuclear form factor

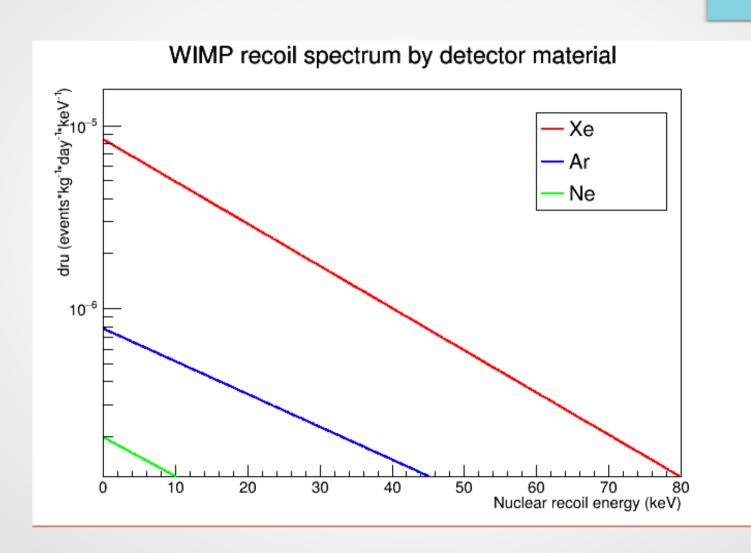
- Depends on momentum transfer
- Target atomic mass

Moving earth correction

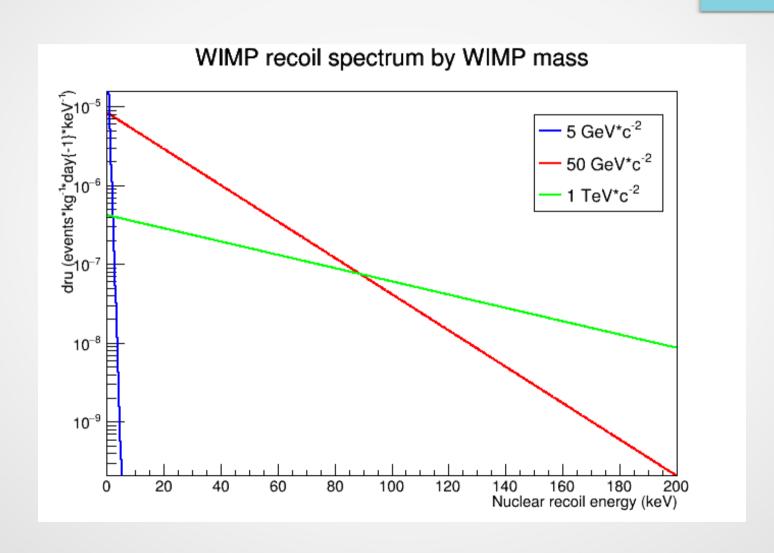
Finite min and max velocity



Spectra for various media

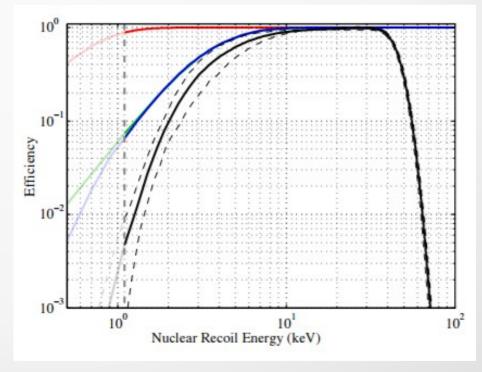


Spectra for various WIMP masses



Other Considerations

- Improve nuclear form factor
- Include detector efficiency
- Include spin dependence



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