

A large iceberg floating in the ocean. The tip of the iceberg is visible above the water surface, while the much larger, submerged part is below. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

XENON & DARWIN

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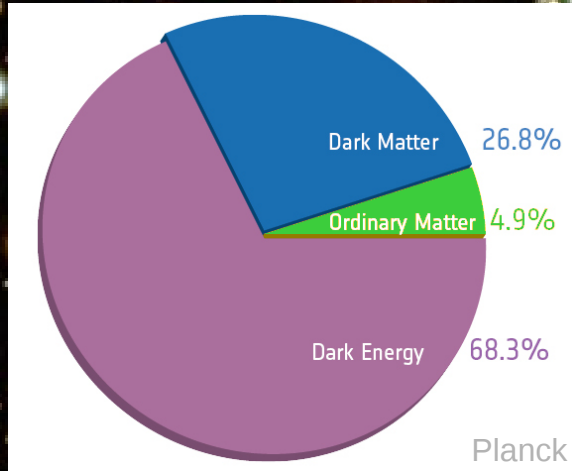
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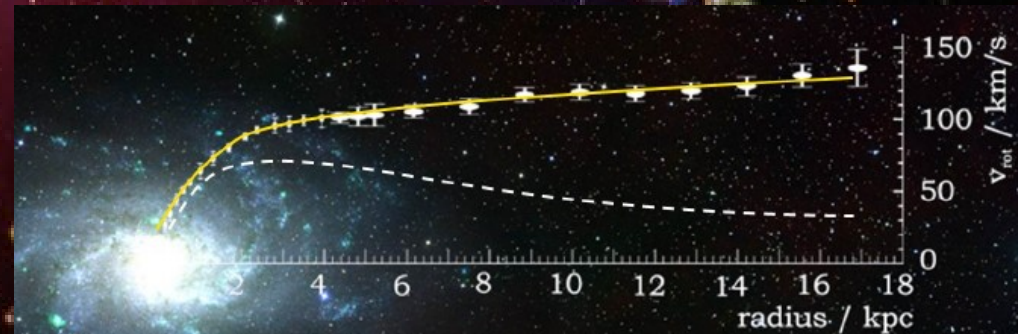
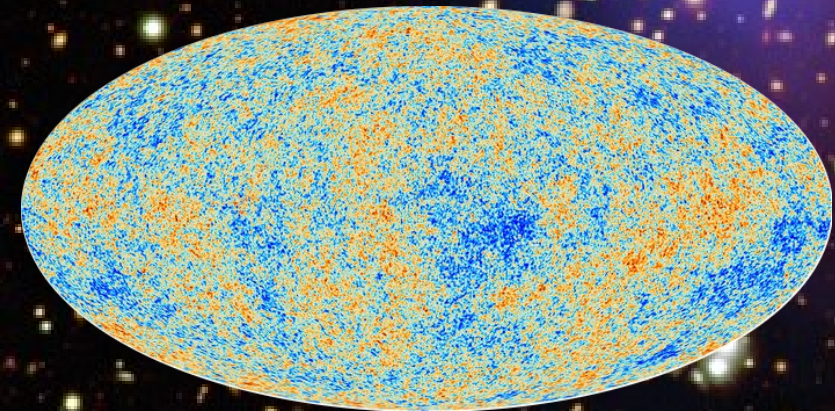
Dark Matter: (indirect) Evidence



The indirect evidence for the existence of dark matter is a clear indication for physics beyond the Standard Model

Planck 2018: [arXiv:1807.06209](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.06209)

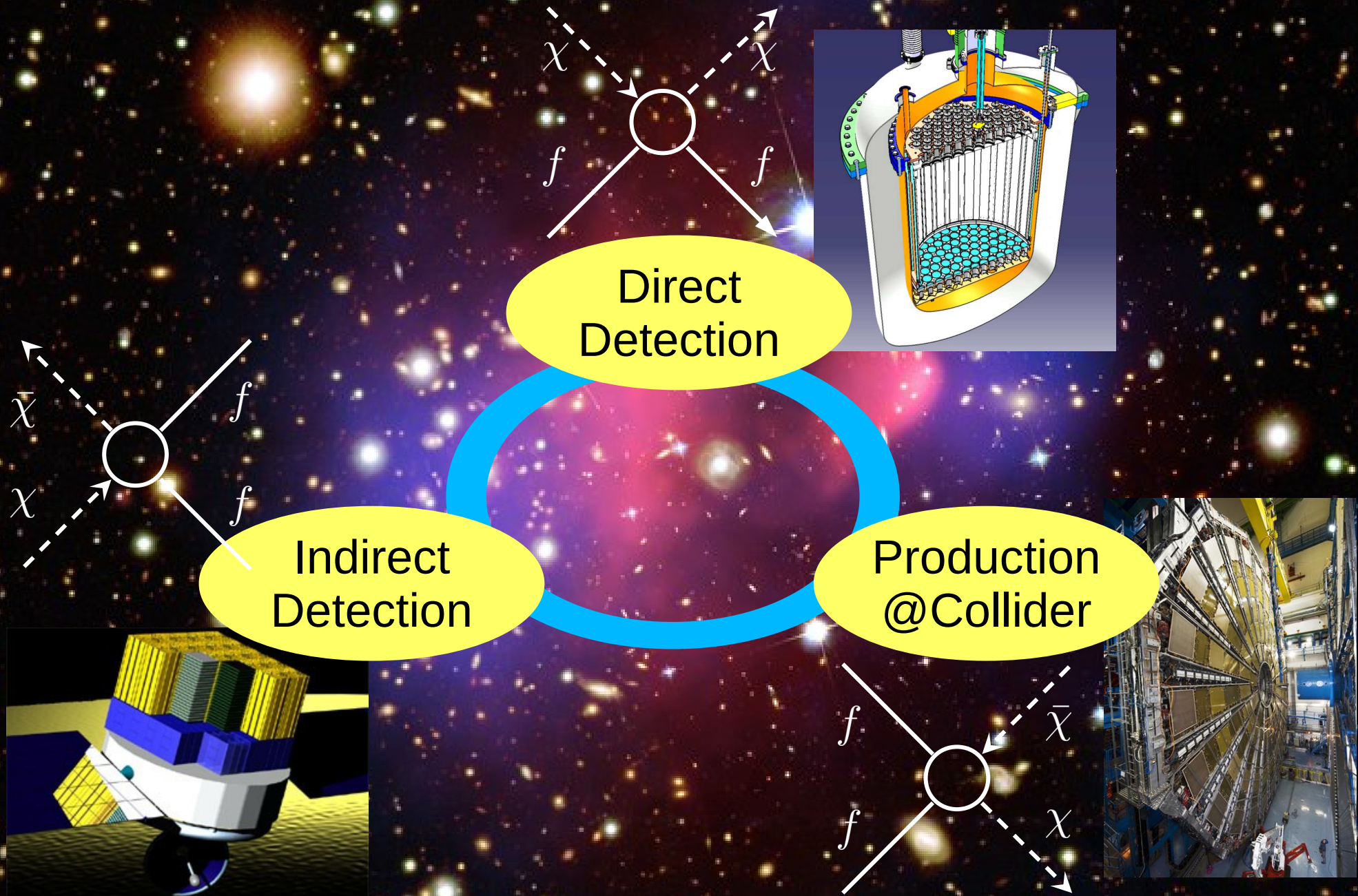
„We find no compelling evidence for extensions to the base- Λ CDM model.“



Take-home message

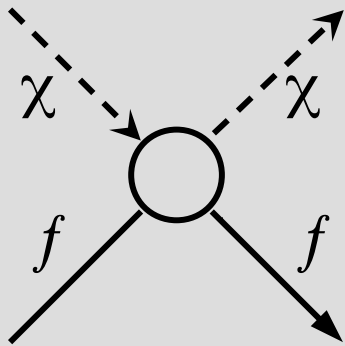
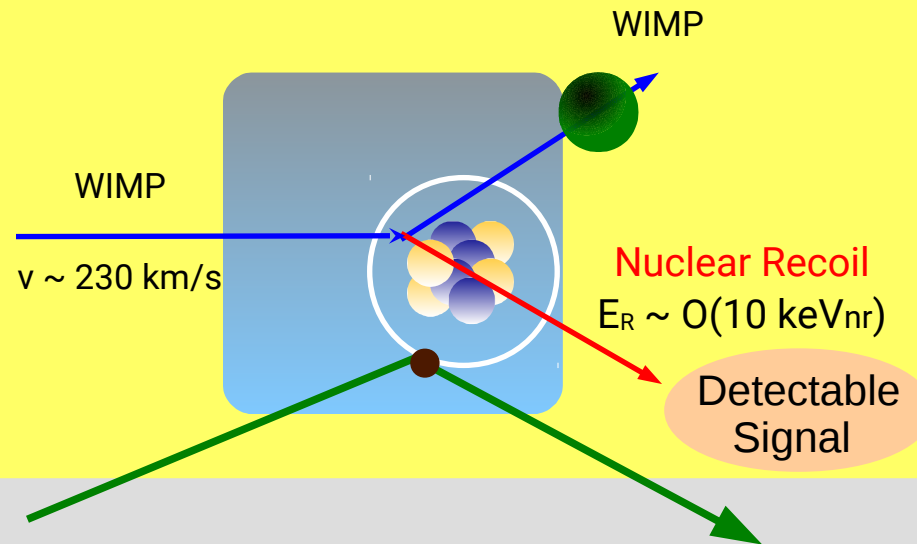
The most sensitive detectors to search for dark matter have a very broad science reach.

Dark Matter WIMP Search



Direct WIMP Search

Elastic Scattering of
WIMPs off target nuclei
→ nuclear recoil



gamma- and beta-particles
(background) interact with the
atomic electrons
→ **electronic recoil** [in keVee]

Direct WIMP Search

Direct Detection:

$$E_r < 100 \text{ keV}$$

$$R \ll 1 \text{ evt/kg/year}$$

Recoil Energy:

$$E_r \sim \mathcal{O}(10 \text{ keV})$$

Event Rate:

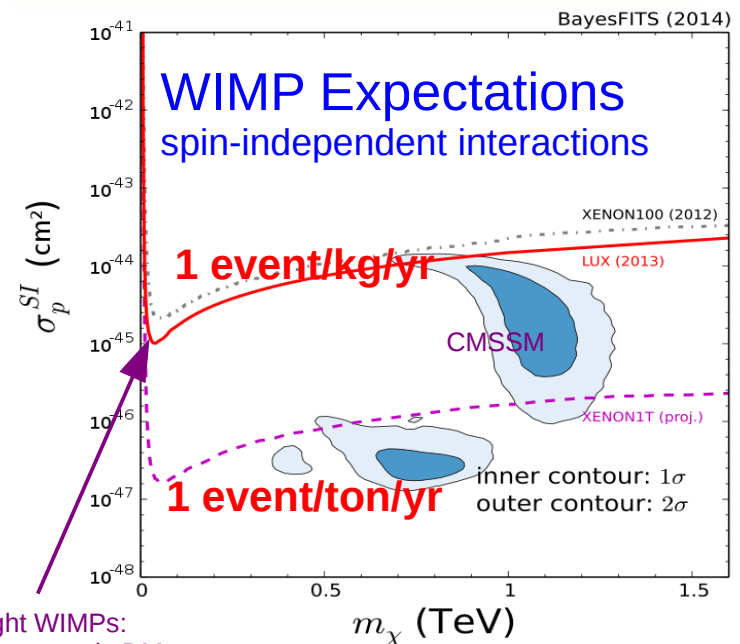
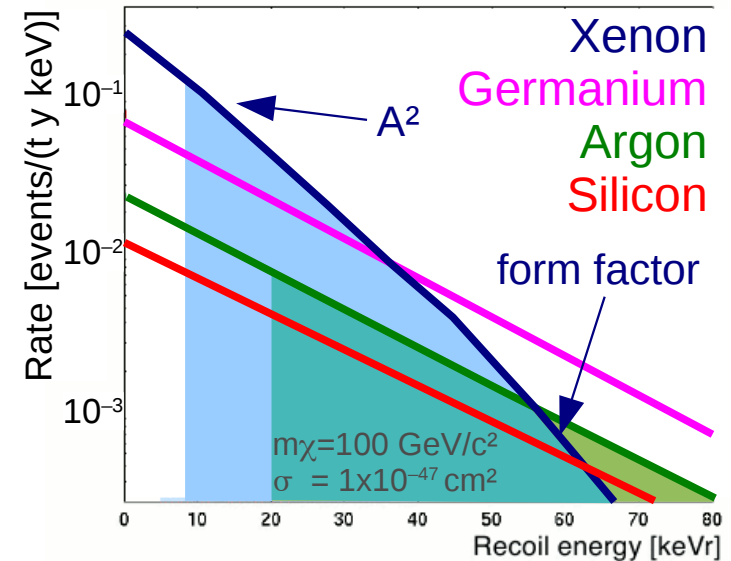
$$R \propto N \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi} \langle \sigma_{\chi-N} \rangle$$

Detector

Local DM
Density

Physics

$$\rho_\chi \sim 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$



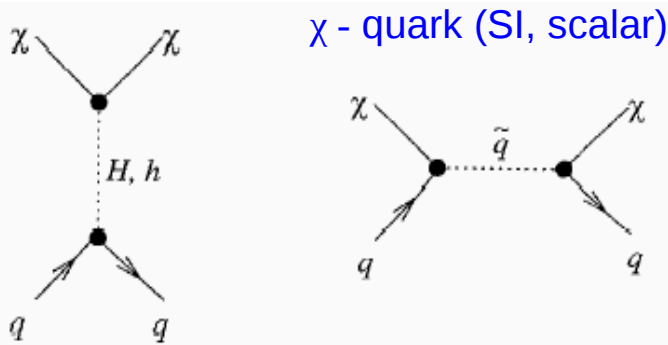
WIMP-Nucleon Interactions

A priori, we do not know how dark matter WIMPs interact with ordinary matter

Parametrization of interactions leading to WIMP-nucleus scattering:

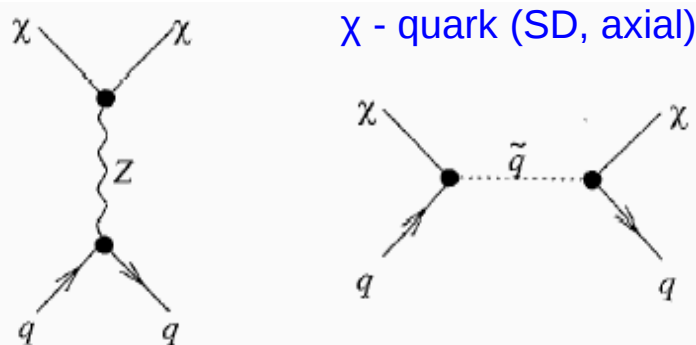
coupling to **matter**

Spin independent



$$\mathcal{L}_S \sim \tilde{\chi}\chi\bar{q}q \propto A^2$$

Spin dependent



$$\mathcal{L}_A \sim \tilde{\chi}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\chi\bar{q}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5q \propto J(J+1)$$

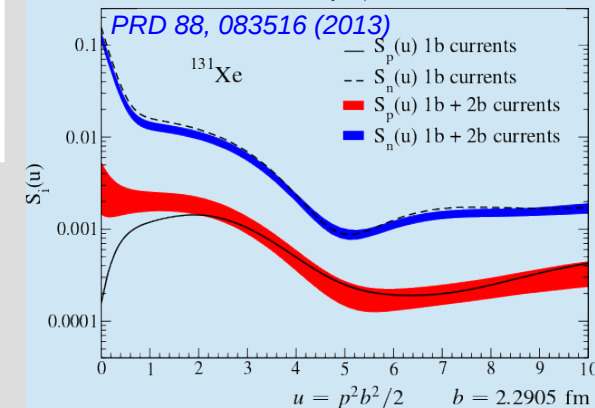
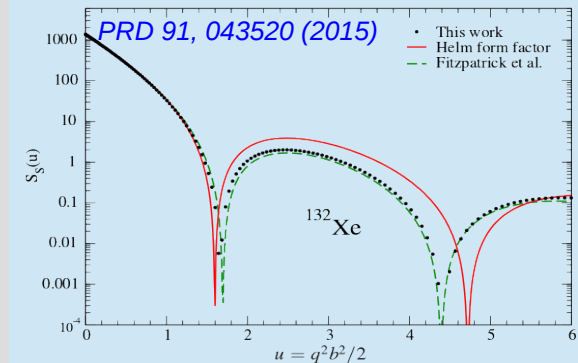
Jungmann et al. '96 Phys.Rep.

often: express SD results in **proton-only** or **neutron-only**

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d|\mathbf{q}|^2} = \frac{C_{spin}}{v^2} G_F^2 \frac{S(|\mathbf{q}|)}{S(0)}$$

$$C_{spin} = \frac{8}{\pi} [a_p \langle S_p \rangle + a_n \langle S_n \rangle]^2 \frac{J+1}{J}$$

Form factors describe loss of coherence
→ mainly for heavy targets and tail of v-distribution



Direct WIMP Search

Direct Detection:

$$E_r < 100 \text{ keV}$$

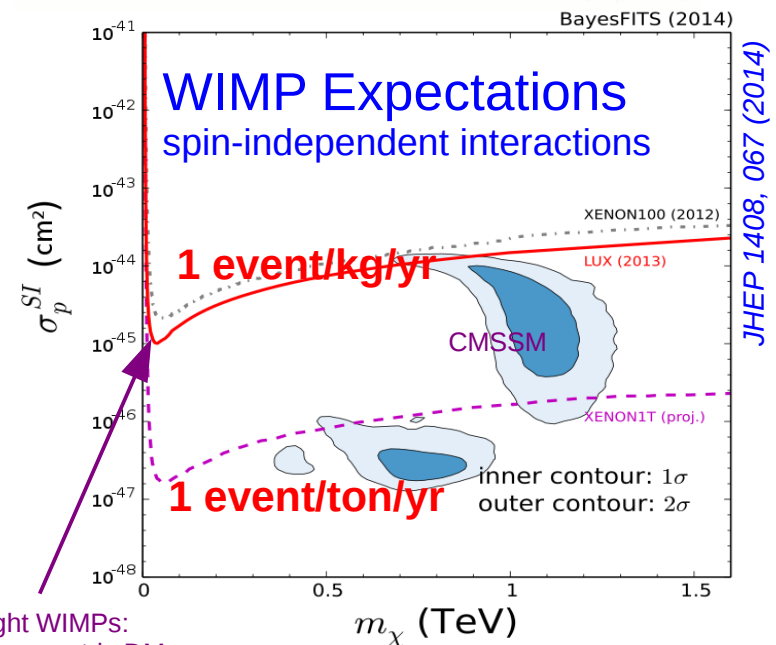
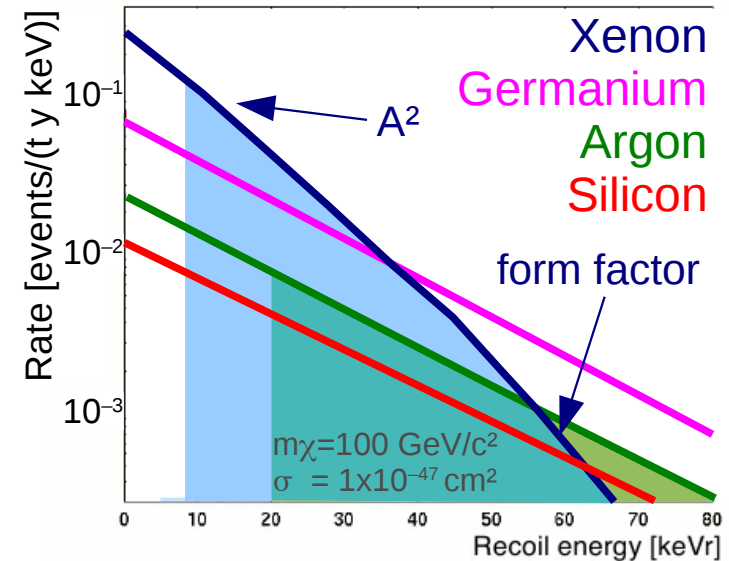
$$R \ll 1 \text{ evt/kg/year}$$

How to build a WIMP detector?

- large total mass, high A
- low energy threshold
- ultra low background
- good signal / background discrimination

We are dealing with

- extremely **low rates** ($O(1)$ Hz)
- very **low thresholds** (~ 1 keV)
- extremely **low radioactive** backgrounds



light WIMPs:
asymmetric DM,
sneutrinos, ...

JHEP 1408, 067 (2014)

Background Sources

muons

muon-induced neutrons

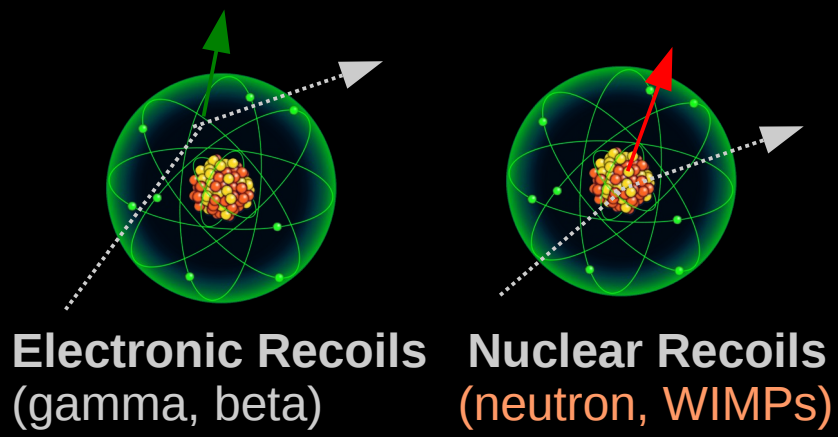
neutrons from (α, n) and sf

natural γ -bg

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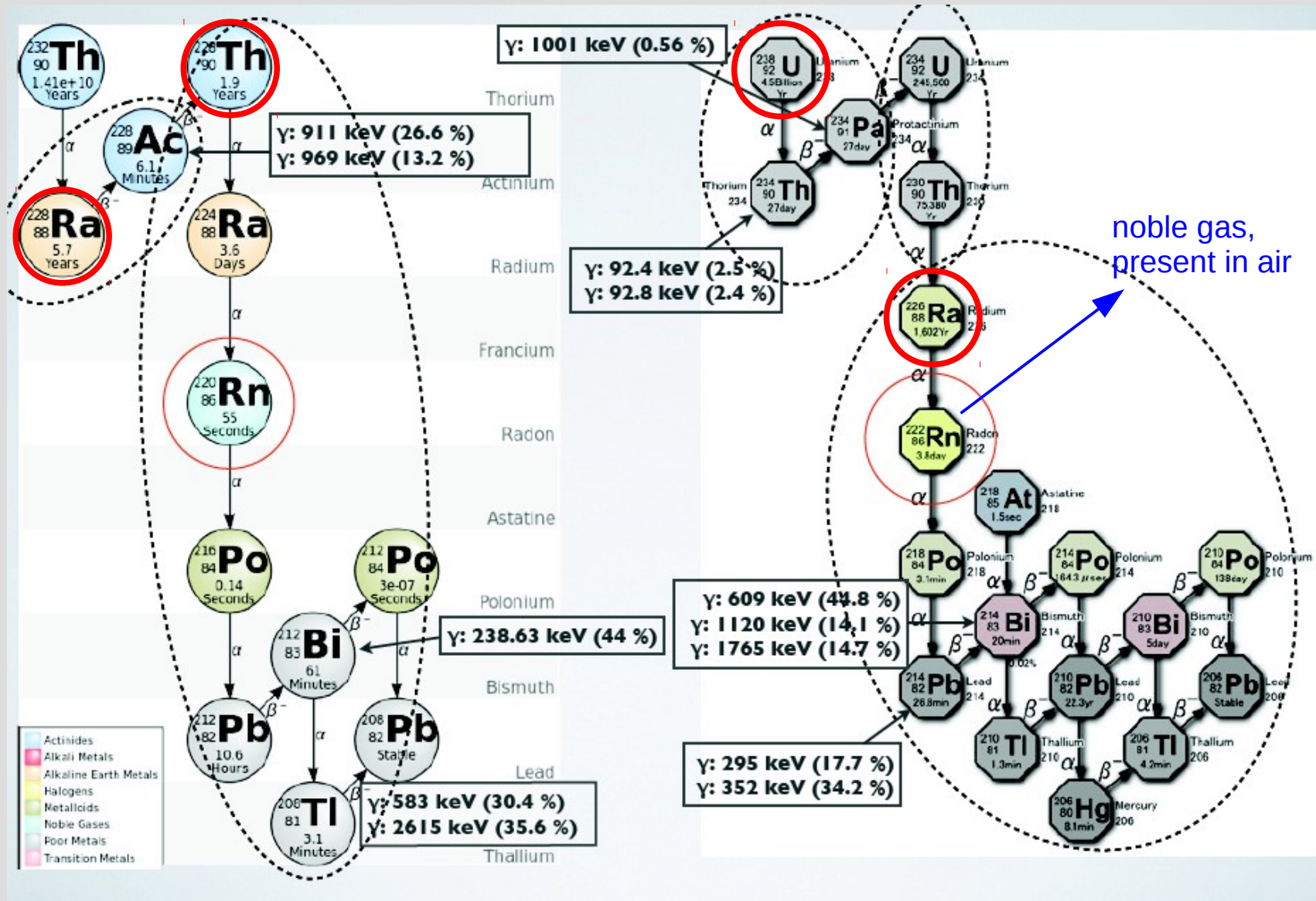
target-intrinsic bg:
 α -, β -, γ -radiation, n;
activation, impurities,
 $2\nu\beta\beta$



Electronic Recoils
(gamma, beta)

Nuclear Recoils
(neutron, WIMPs)

The U and Th Chains





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SPARE PARTS

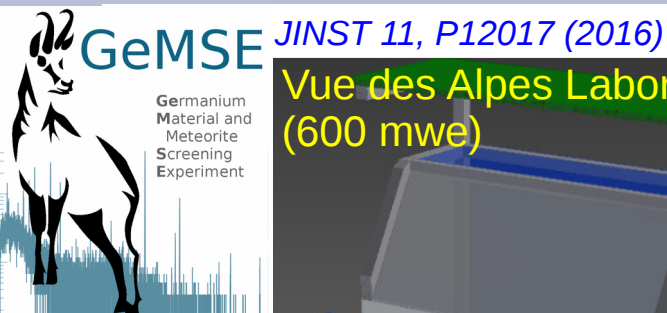
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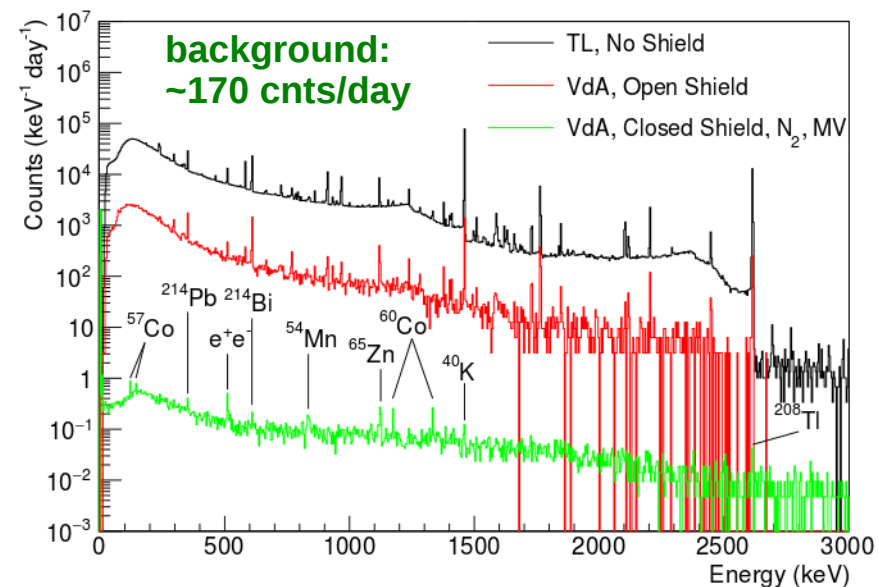
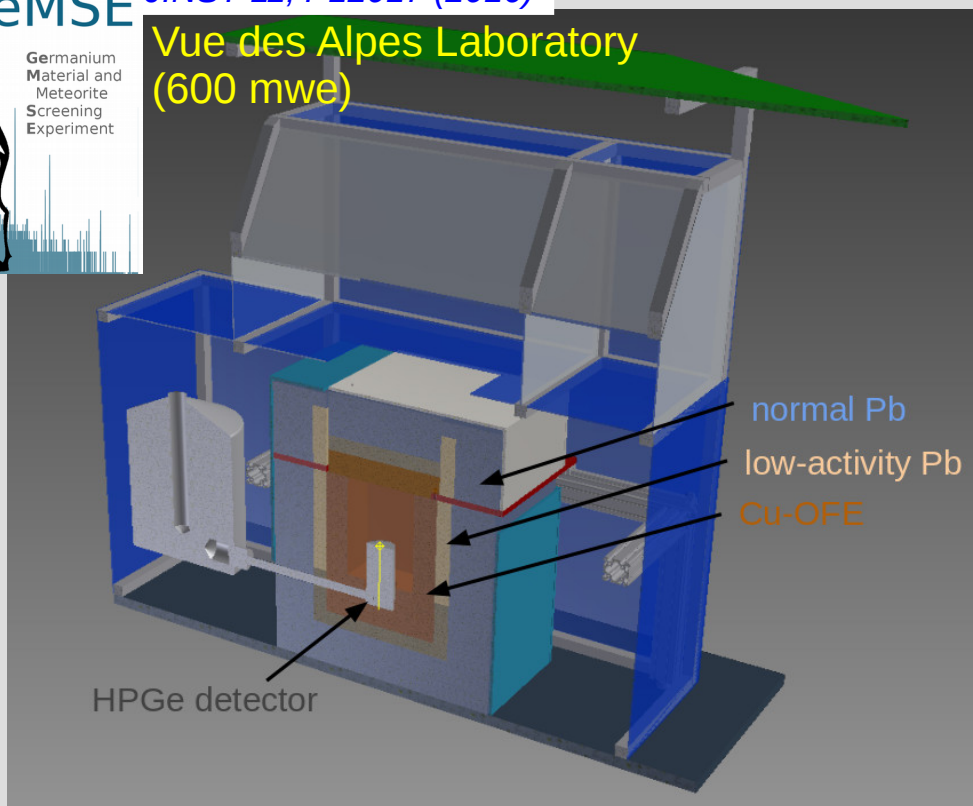
100lbs.)

GeMSE
Germanium
Material and
Meteorite
Screening
Experiment

Low-background Screening



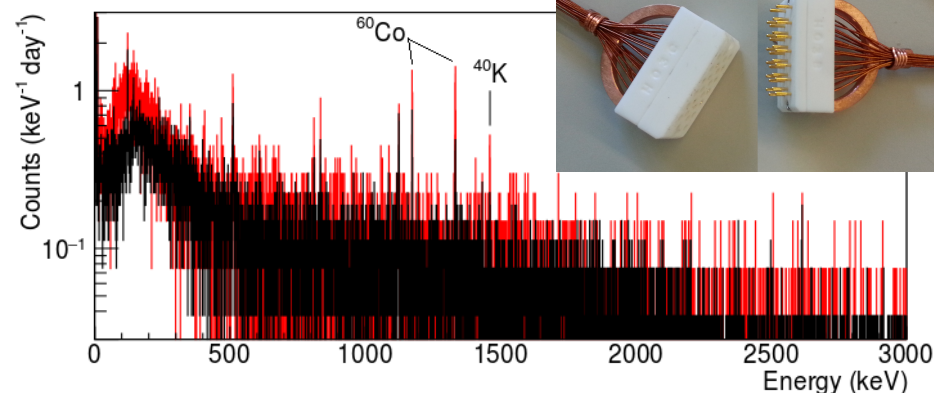
Vue des Alpes Laboratory
(600 mwe)



Identify materials with lowest radioactivity:

- γ -spectrometry using HPGe Detectors
- mass spectroscopy: ICP-MS, GDMS
- neutron activation analysis
- ^{222}Rn emanation

low-background HV connector



Background Sources

(for ton-scale detectors)

muons

muon-induced neutrons

pp+⁷Be neutrinos
→ ER signature

high-E neutrinos
→ CNNS bg
→ NR signature

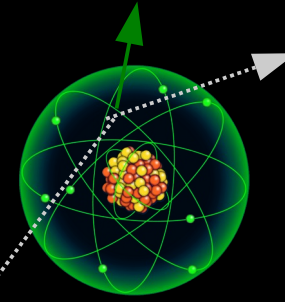
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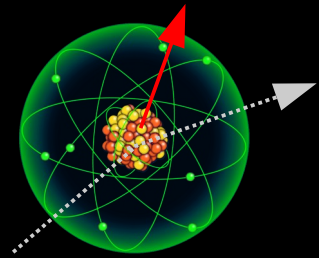
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activation, impurities,
2νββ



Electronic Recoils
(gamma, beta)



Nuclear Recoils
(neutron, WIMPs)

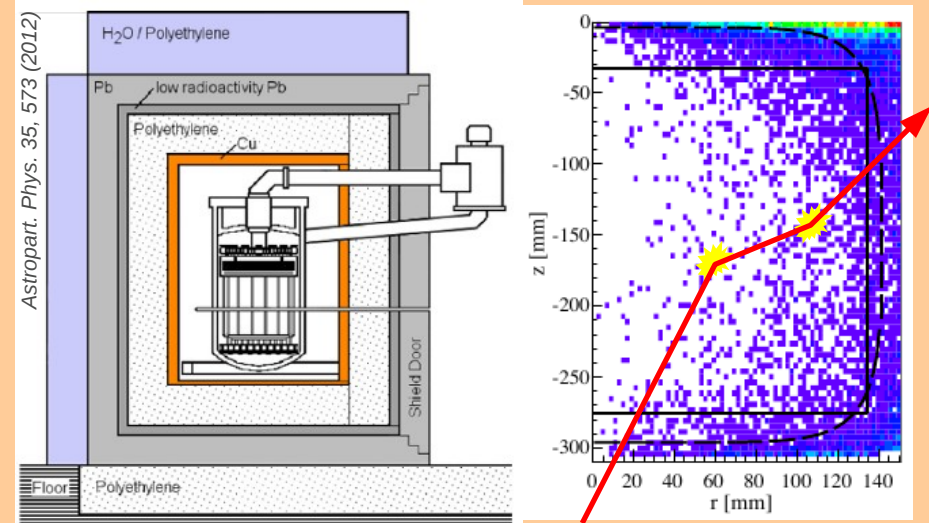
Background Suppression

A Avoid Backgrounds

Use of radiopure materials

Shielding

- deep underground location
- large shield (Pb, water, poly)
- active veto (μ , γ coincidence)
- self shielding \rightarrow fiducialization



B Use knowledge about expected WIMP signal

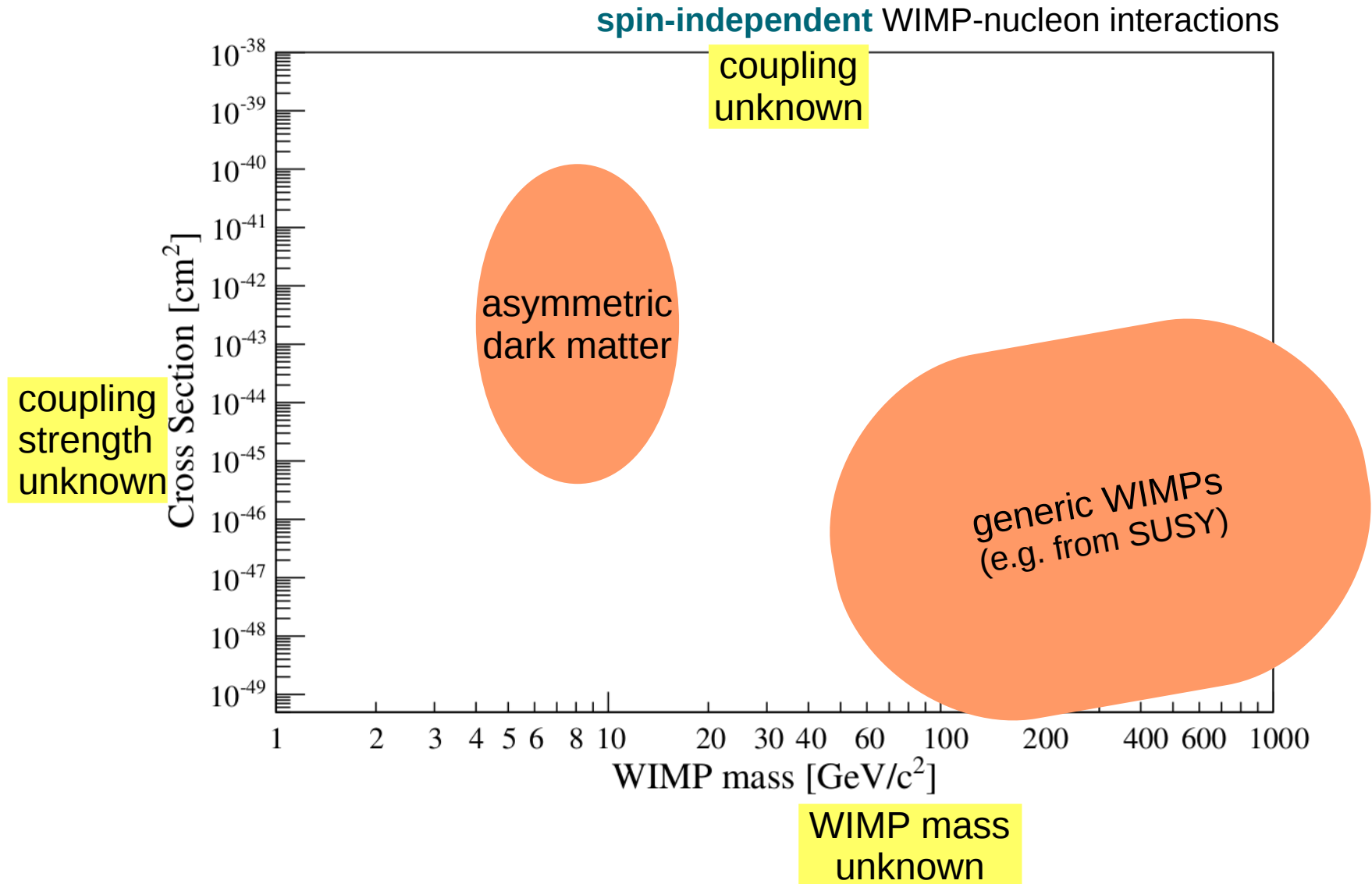
WIMPs interact only once

- \rightarrow single scatter selection
- require some position resolution

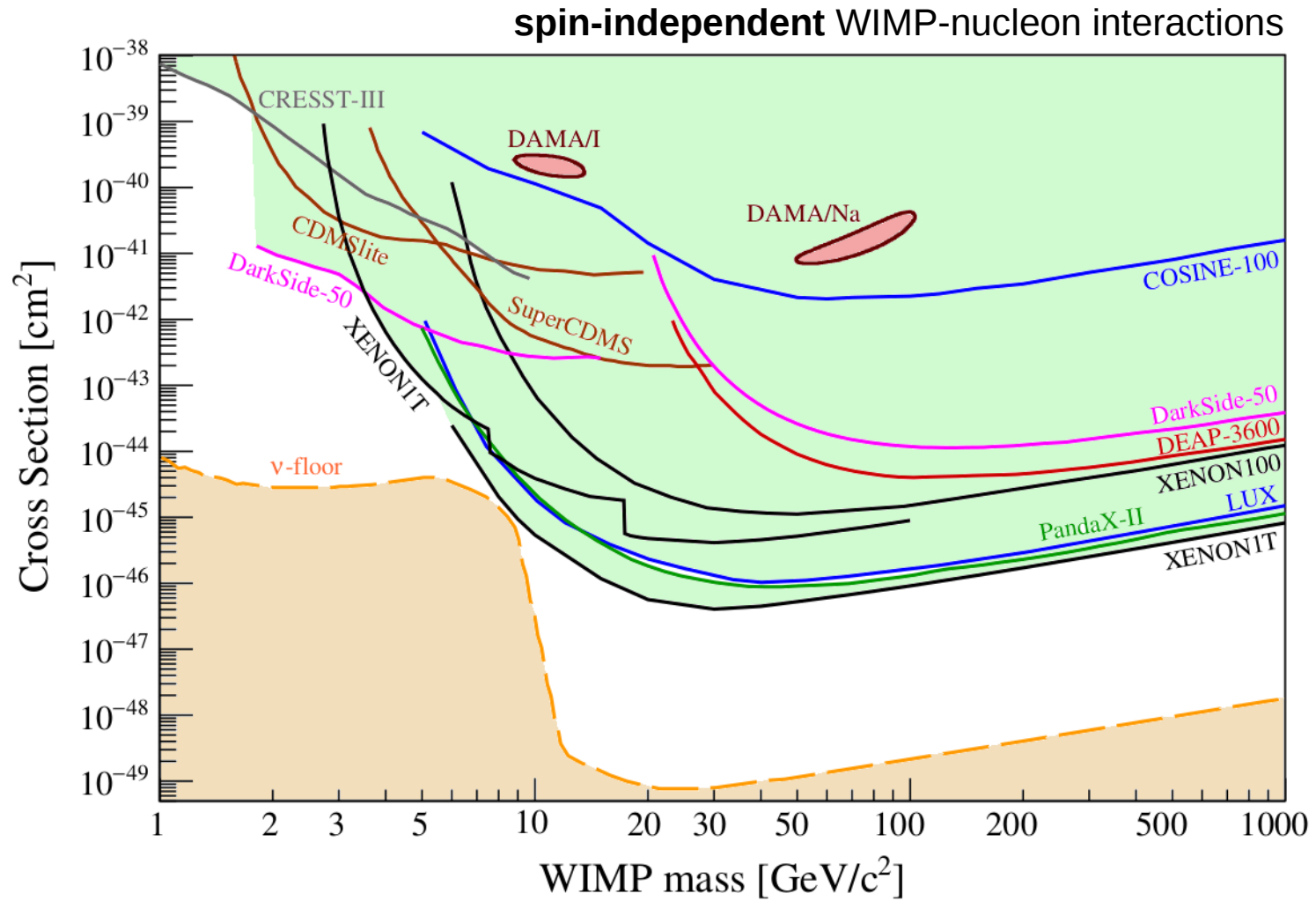
WIMPs interact with target nuclei

- \rightarrow nuclear recoils
- exploit different dE/dx from signal and background

The WIMP Parameter Space

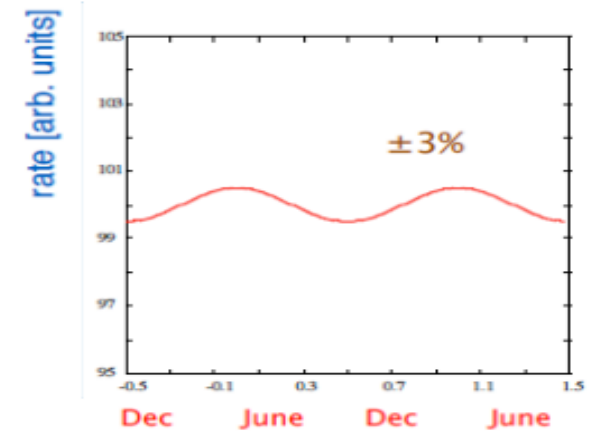
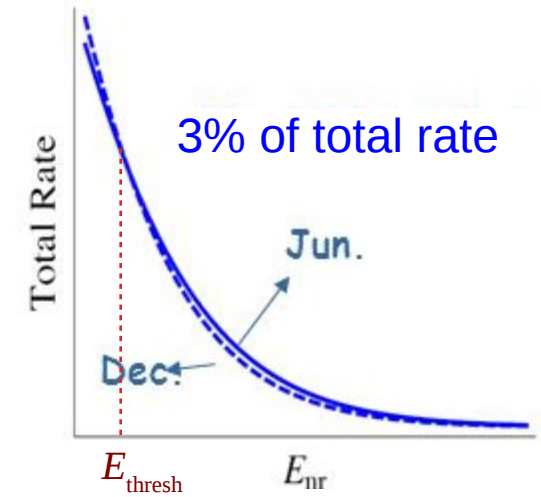
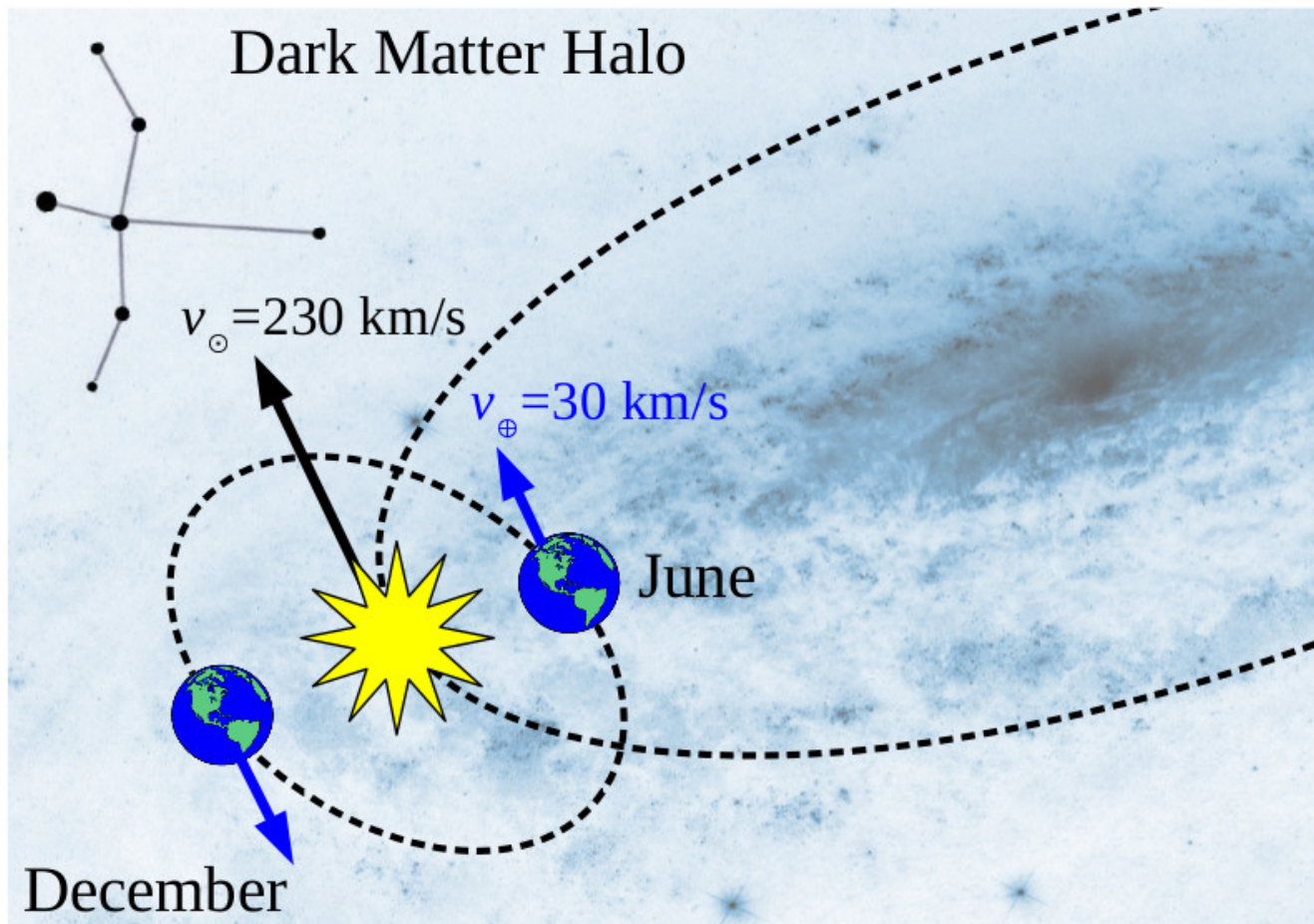


Current Status



some results are missing...

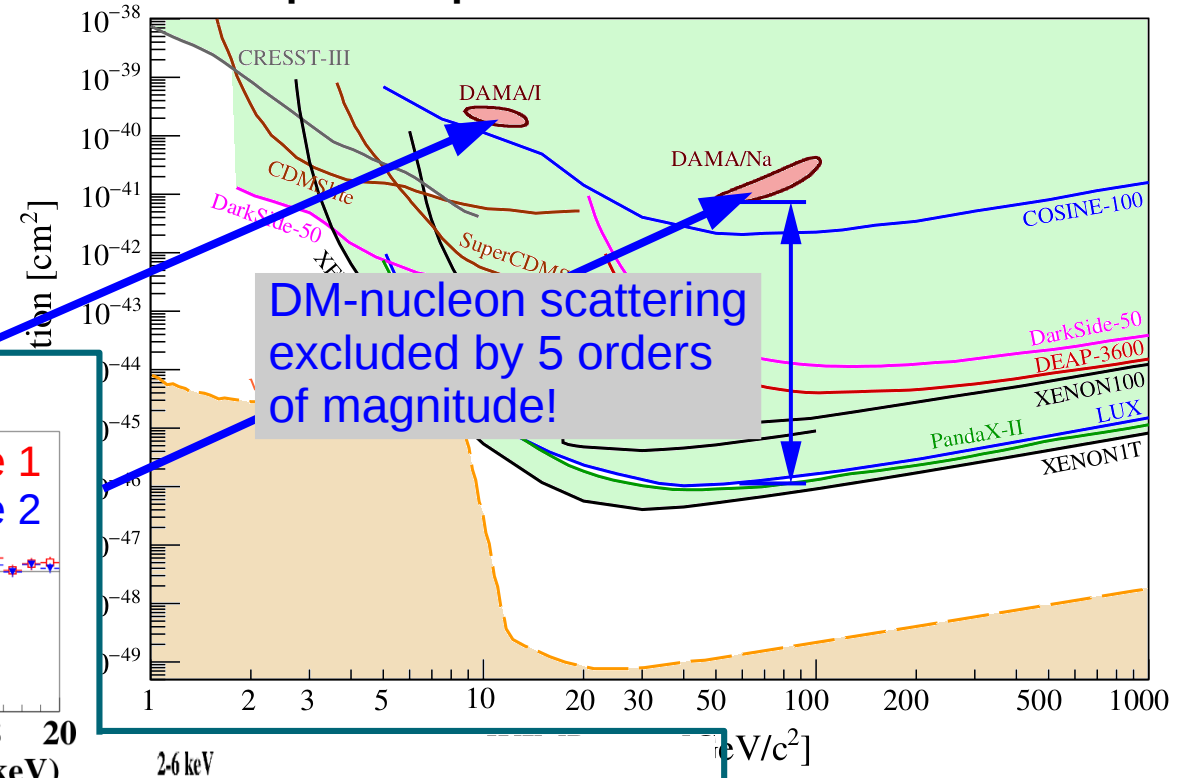
Annual Modulation



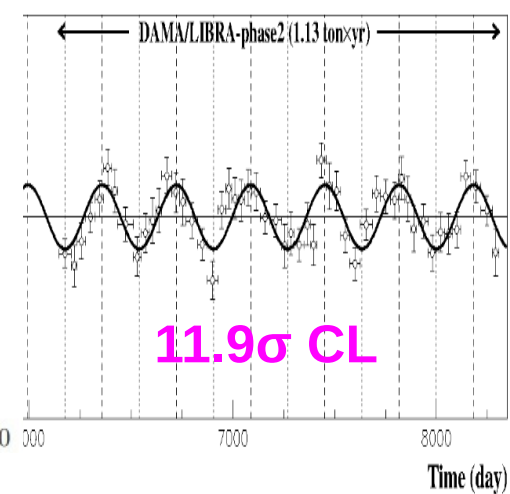
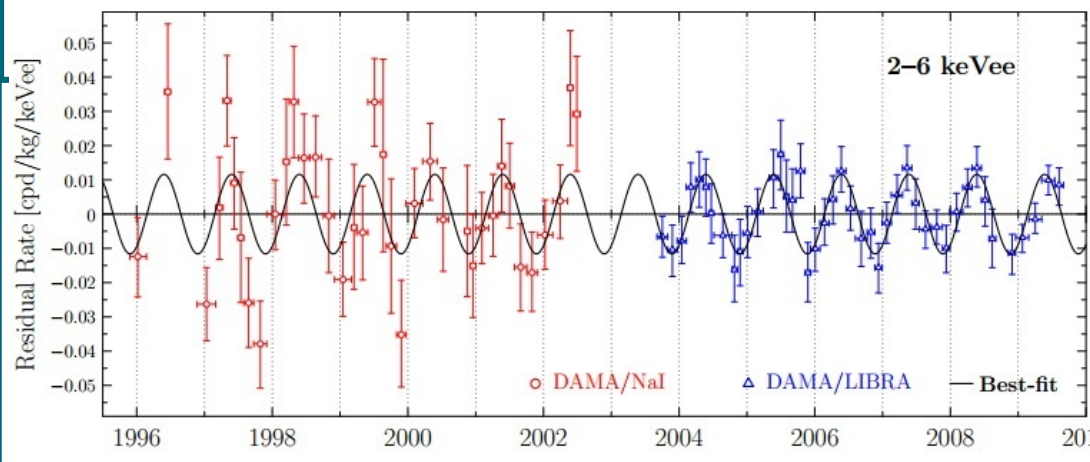
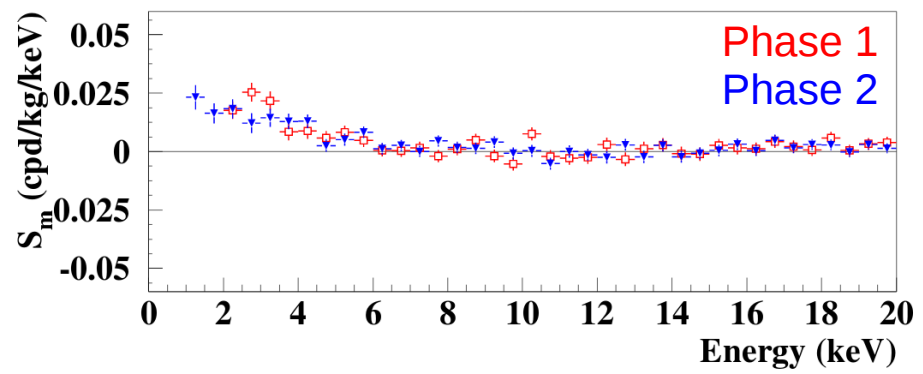
DAMA/LIBRA: New Results



spin-independent WIMP-nucleon interactions



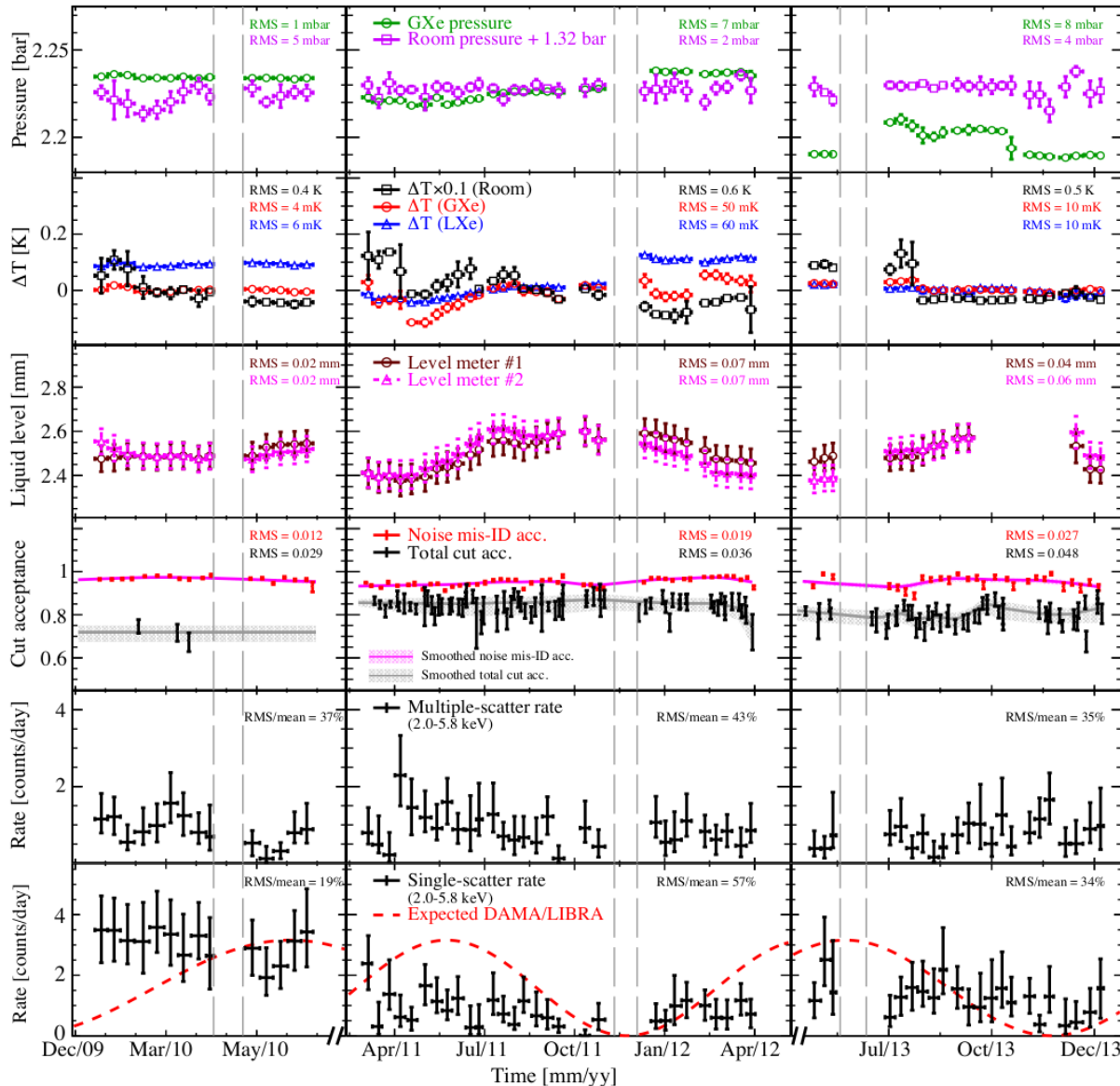
DAMA/LIBRA: Universe 4 (2018) 116



- ~250 kg NaI(Tl)
- New data:
 - 1 keVee threshold
 - 6 annual cycles

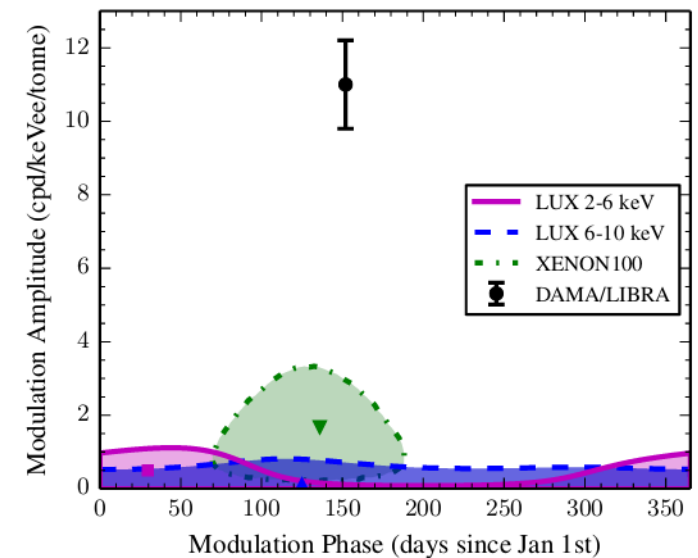
Annual Modulation Searches

XENON100: PRL 118, 101101 (2017)

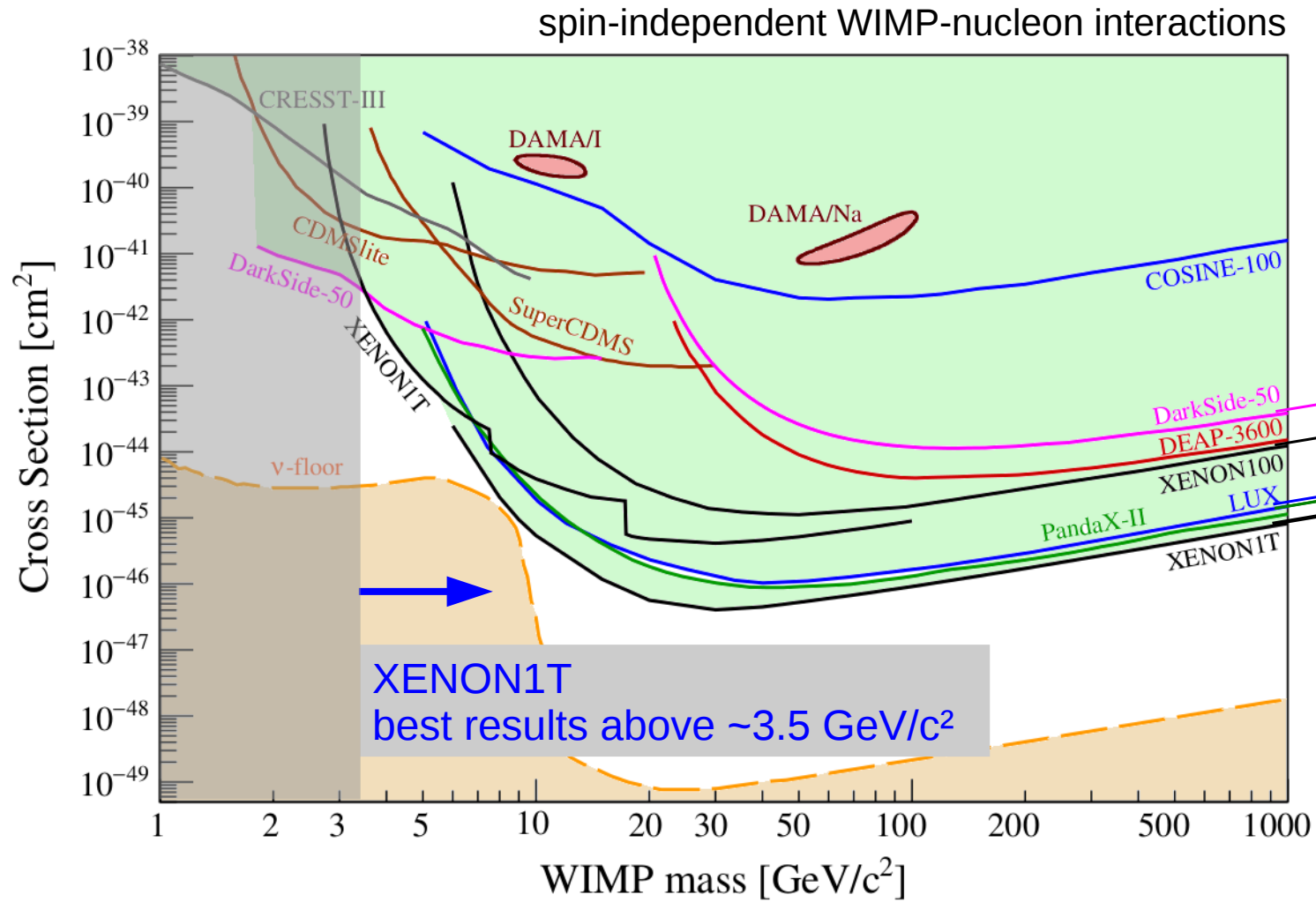


- dark matter–electron scattering
- **2-phase LXe TPCs** operated stably over long periods
 XENON100: 4 years
 LUX: 2 years
- challenges DAMA/LIBRA
 XENON100: 5.7σ
 LUX: 9.2σ

LUX: PRD 98, 062005 (2018)



Current Status



The XENON Collaboration

www.xenon1t.org



25 institutions
11 countries
3 continents
165 scientists

Columbia University
Columbia

Rensselaer Institute
RPI

Nikhef
Nikhef

WWU Münster
Muenster

KIT
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Stockholm University
Stockholm

JGU
Mainz

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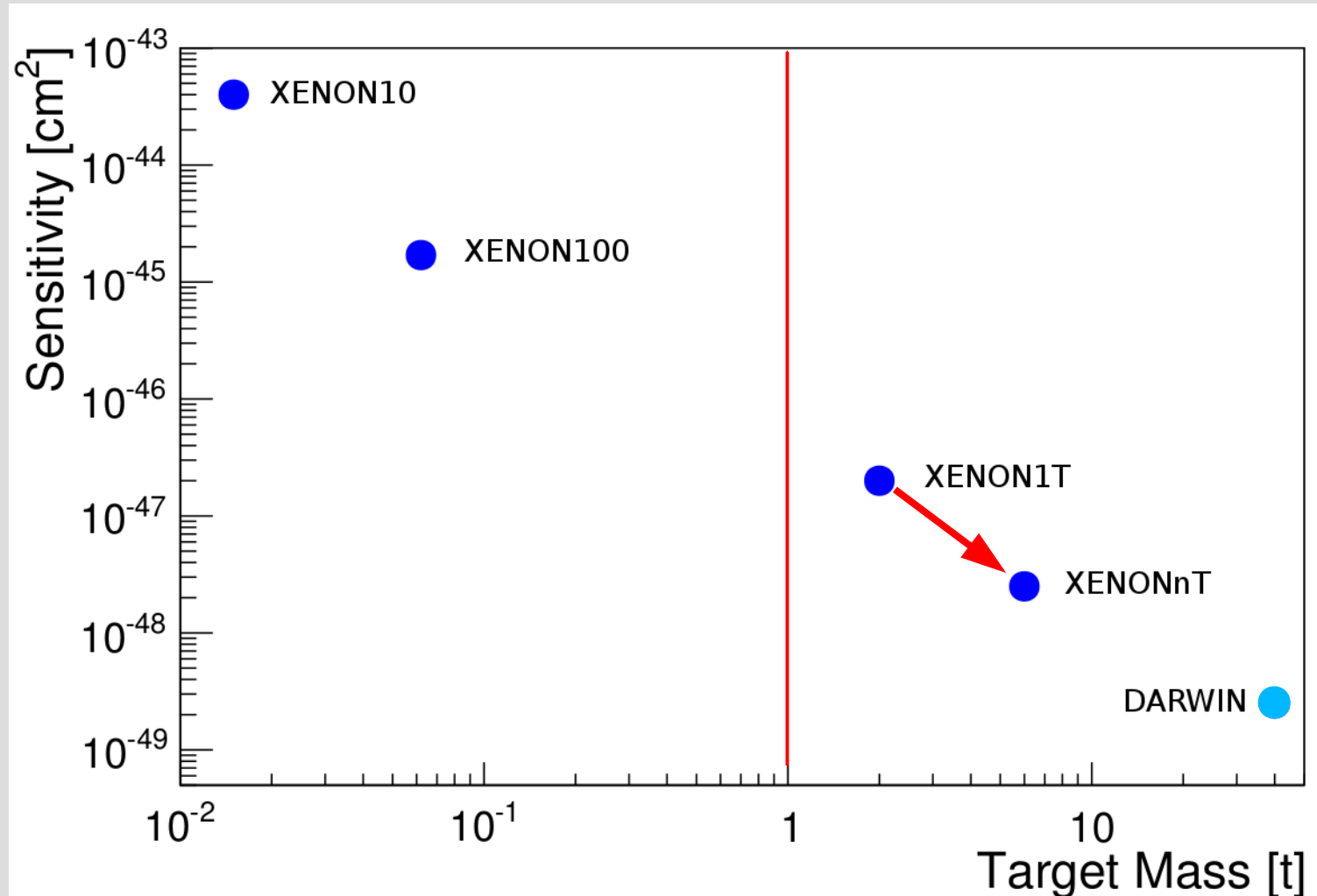
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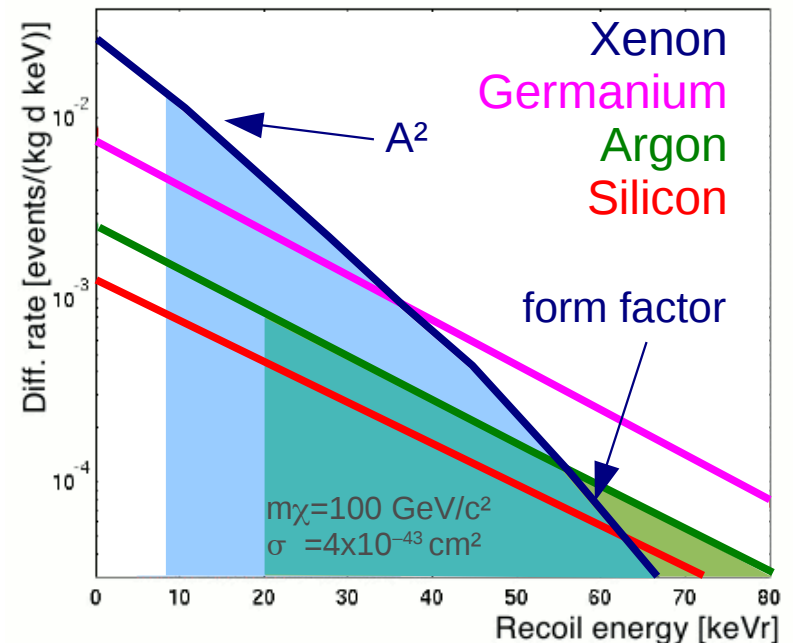
The XENON collaboration develops and operates dark matter detectors of increasing size and sensitivity

Why Xenon?

- + scintillation light in VUV (178nm)
- + high mass number $A \sim 131$
SI: high WIMP rate @ low threshold
- + high $Z=54$, high $\rho \sim 3$ kg/l:
self shielding, compact detector
- + 50% odd isotopes
- + "easy" cryogenics @ -100°C
- + scalability to larger detectors
- + no long lived Xe isotopes
two 2nd order weak decays
- + background discrimination
when measuring light and charge
- expensive
- only fair background rejection

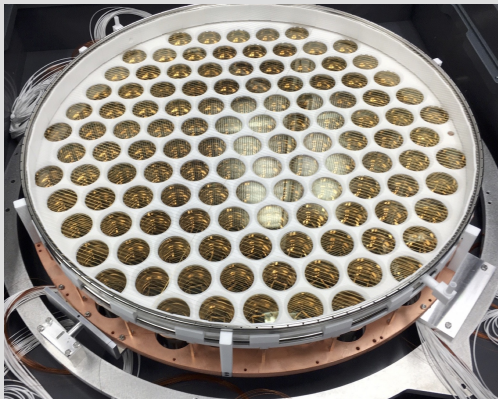
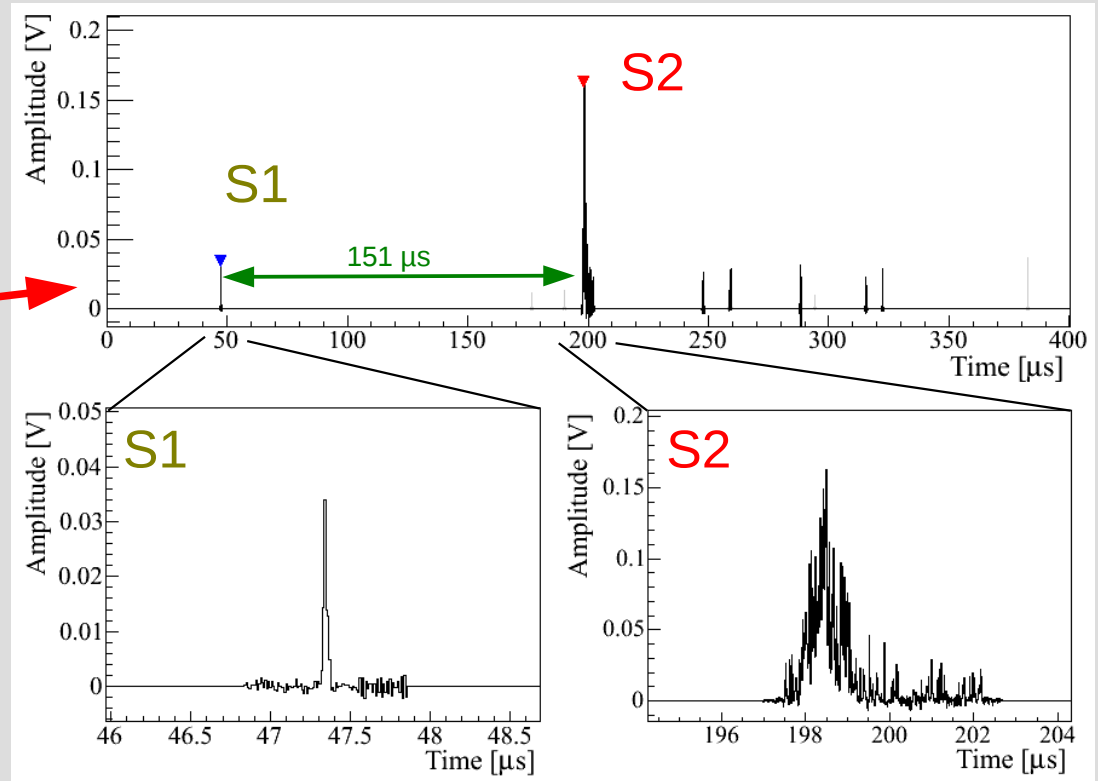
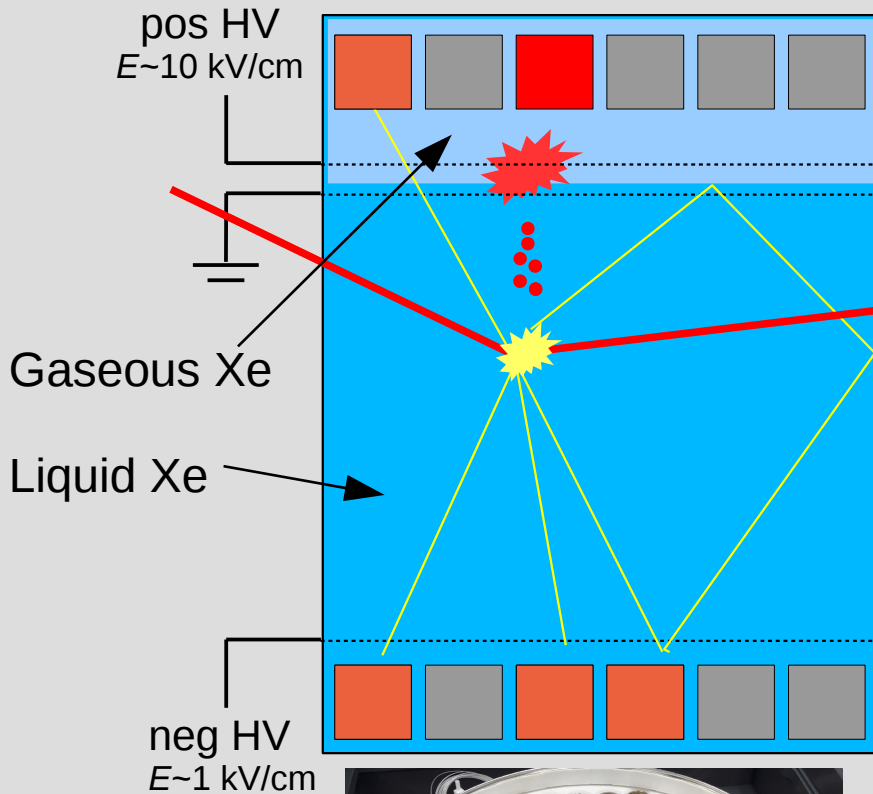
Legend:
■ Metall
■ Halbmetall
■ Nichtmetall

Labels:
 Ordnungszahl (Atomic Number)
 Symbol
 Atommasse (Atomic Mass)



Dual Phase TPC

Dolgoshein, Lebedenko, Rodionov, JETP Lett. 11, 513 (1970)



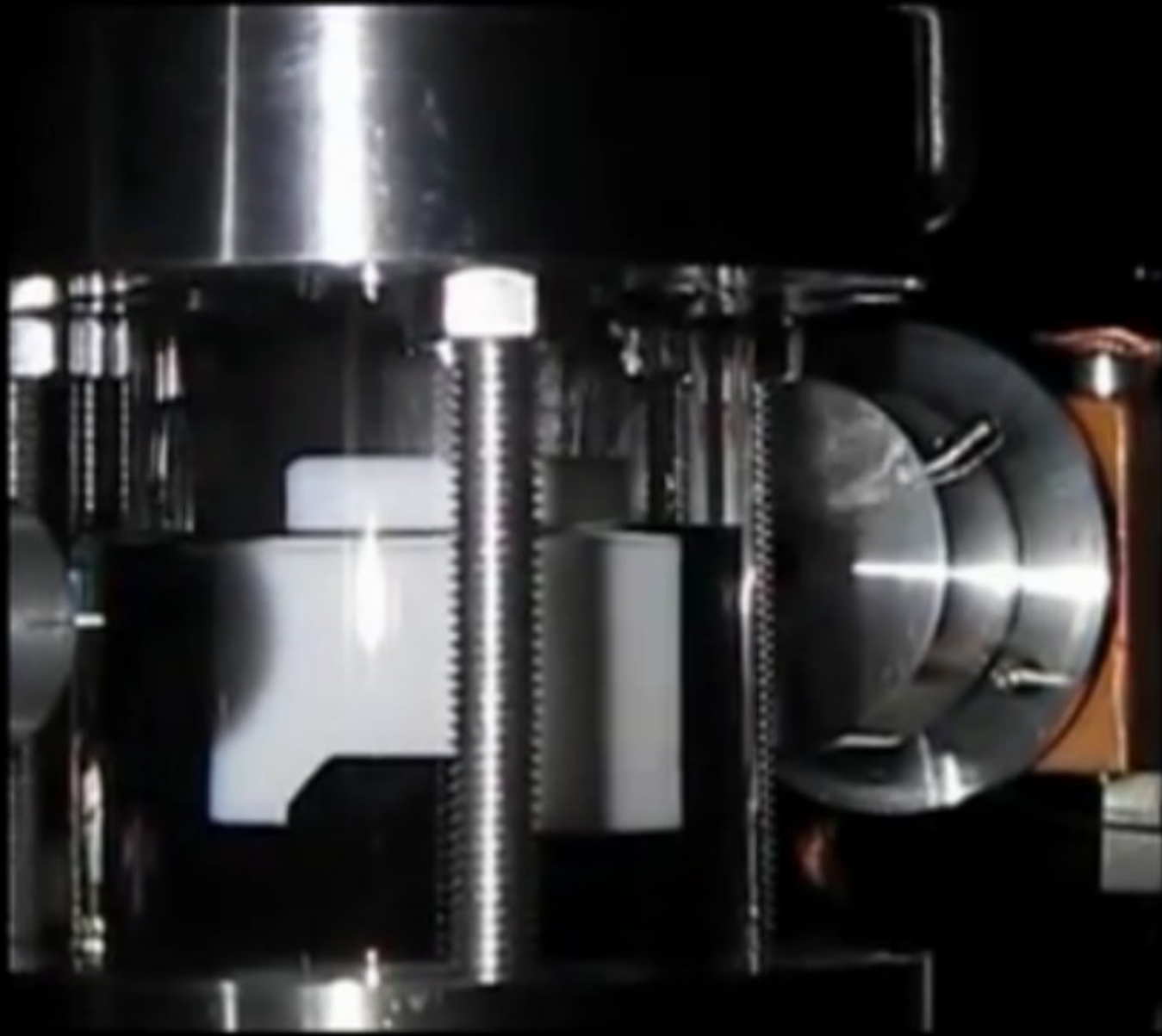
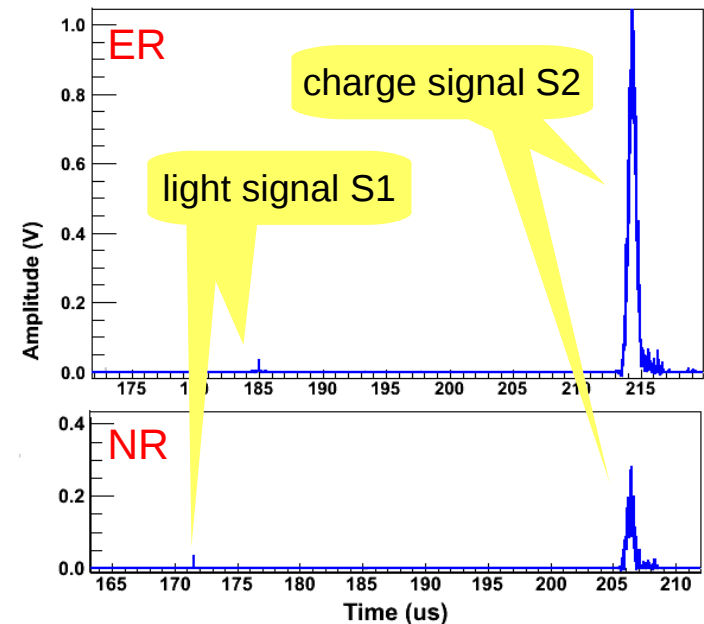
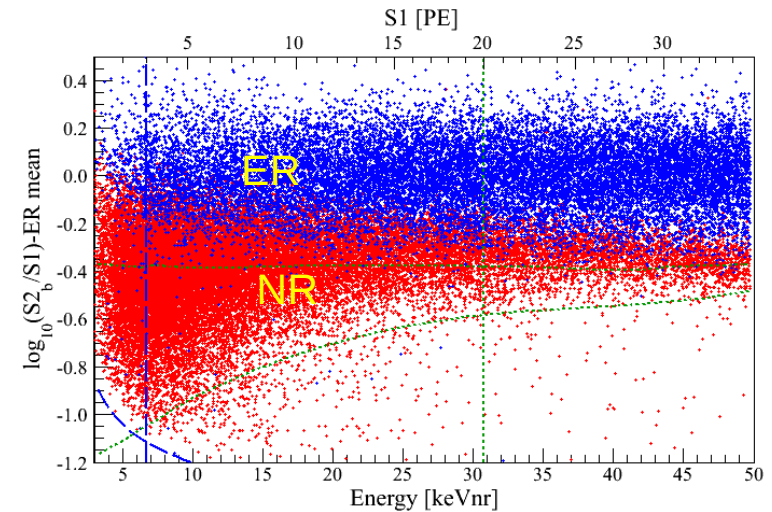


Image from C. Levy

Background Rejection

- 3dim vertex reconstruction
→ **fiducialization**
- multi-scatter rejection
- energy measurement
- **Charge-Light-Ratio (S2/S1):**
Signal partition in light/charge depends on dE/dx → the interaction type
 - ER background rejection
 - significant loss of acceptance

	Edrift [kV/cm]	LY @ 122 keV [PE/keV]	NR acc [%]	ER rej [%]
XENON100	0.53	3.8	40	2.5×10^{-3}
XENON100	0.53	3.8	30	1×10^{-3}
LUX	0.18	8.8	50	1.10×10^{-3}
XENON1T	0.125	~7.5	50	2.5×10^{-3}
ZEPLIN-III	3.4	4.2	50	1.3×10^{-4}
K. Ni <i>APP14</i>	0.2-0.7	10	50	$< 1 \times 10^{-4}$



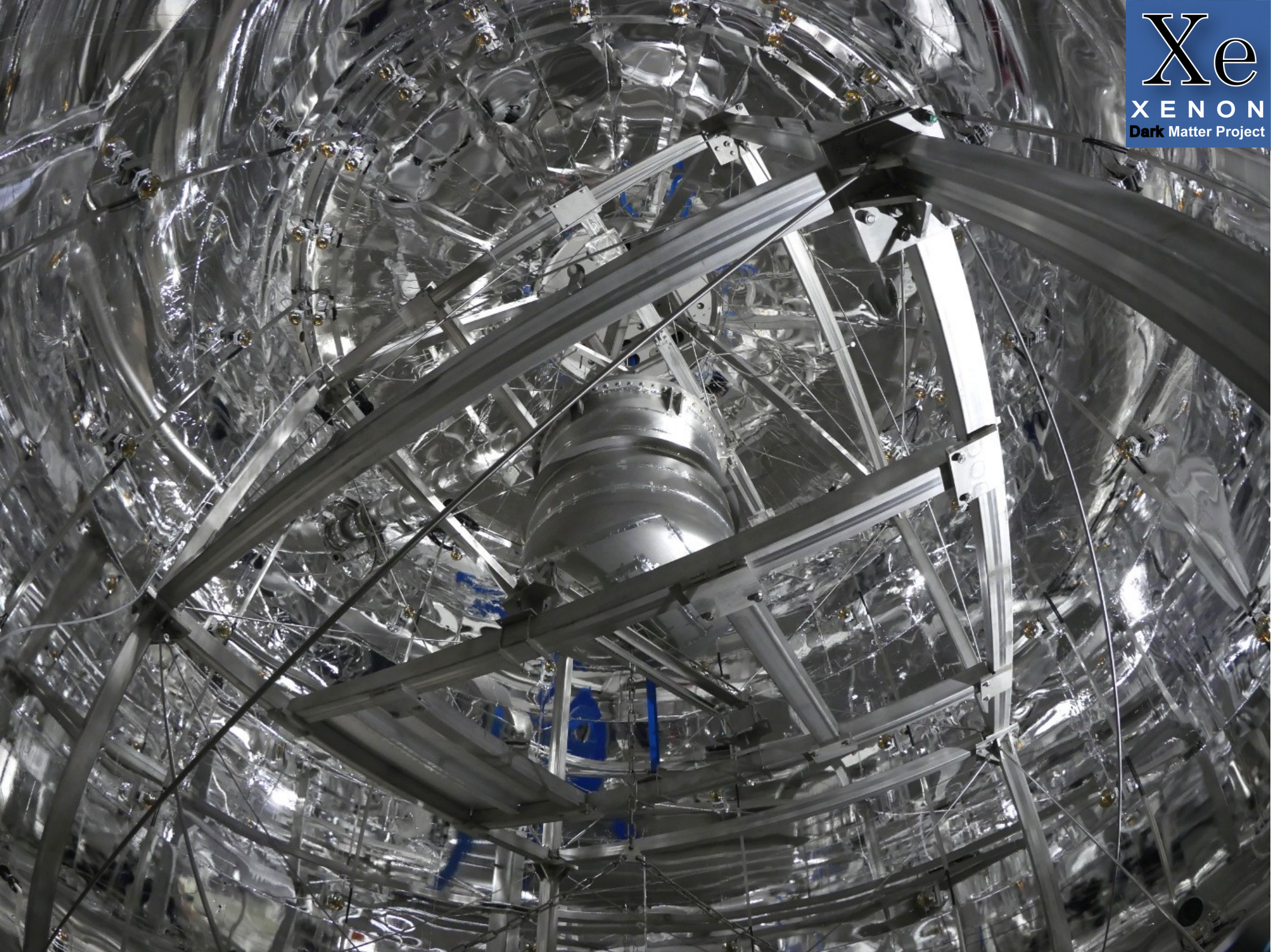
Figures: XENON100

XENON1T @ LNGS

Xe
XENON
Dark Matter Project

EPJ C 77, 991 (2017)

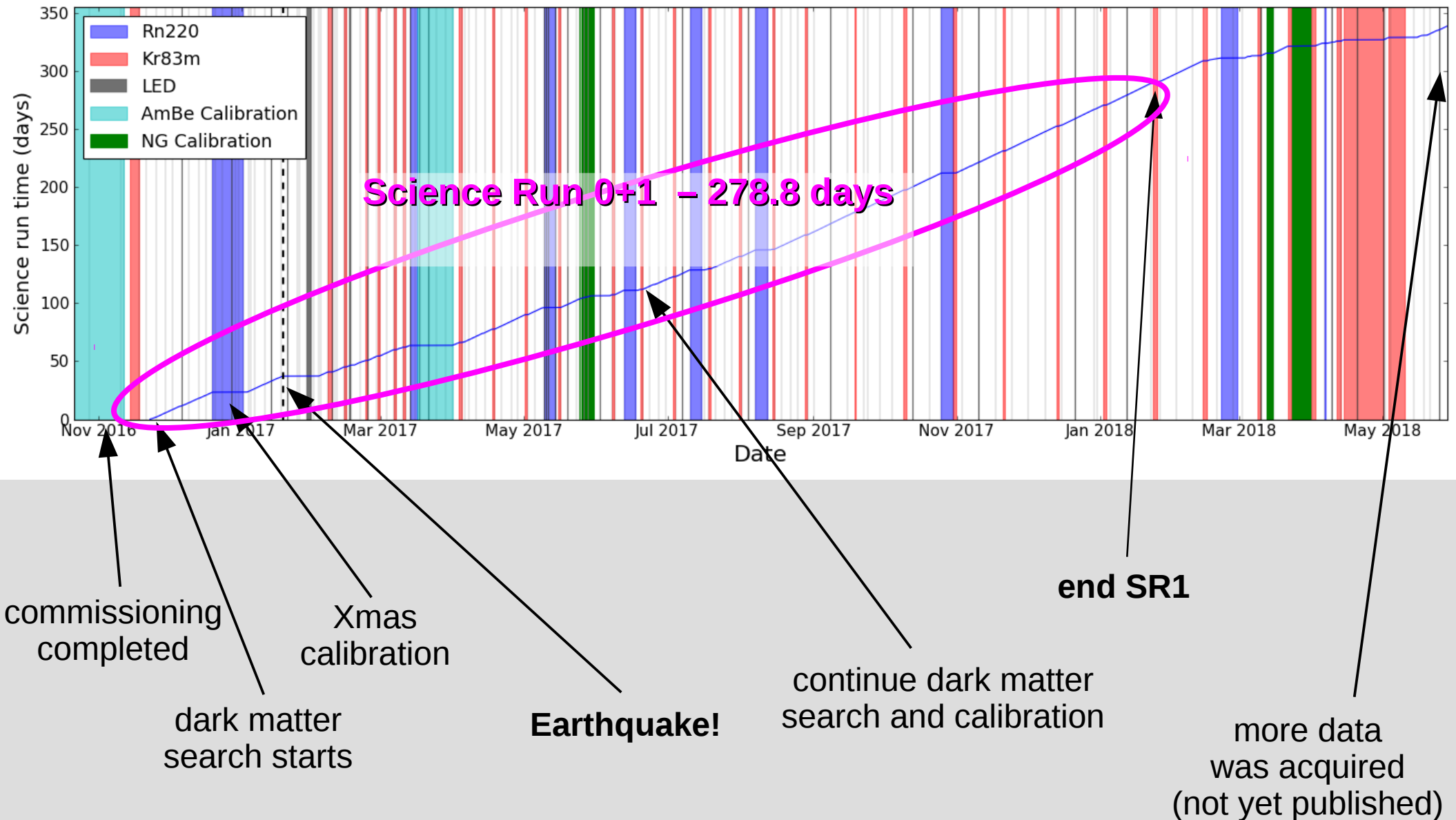






largest LXe TPC ever built
cylinder: 96 cm
active LXe target: 2.0t (3.2t total)
248 PMTs

Dark Matter Data Taking

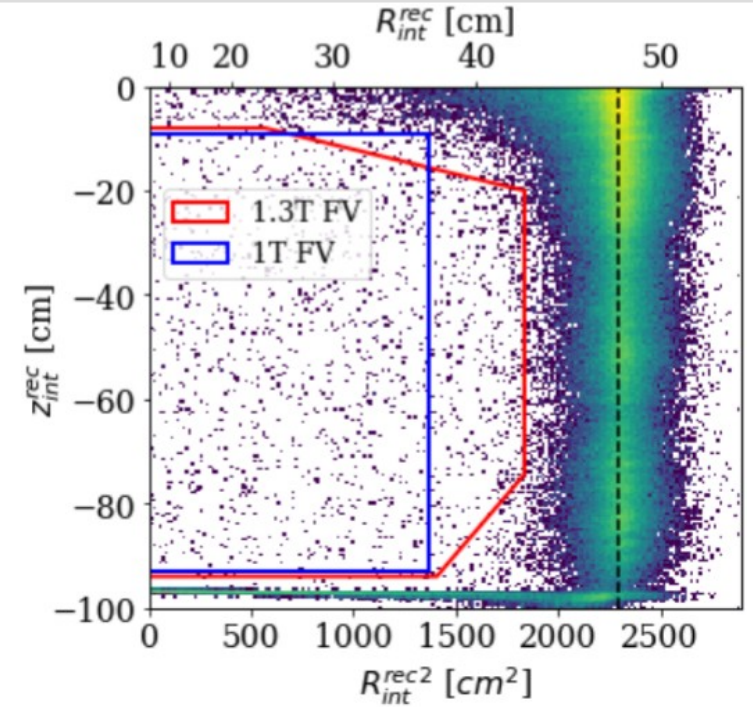
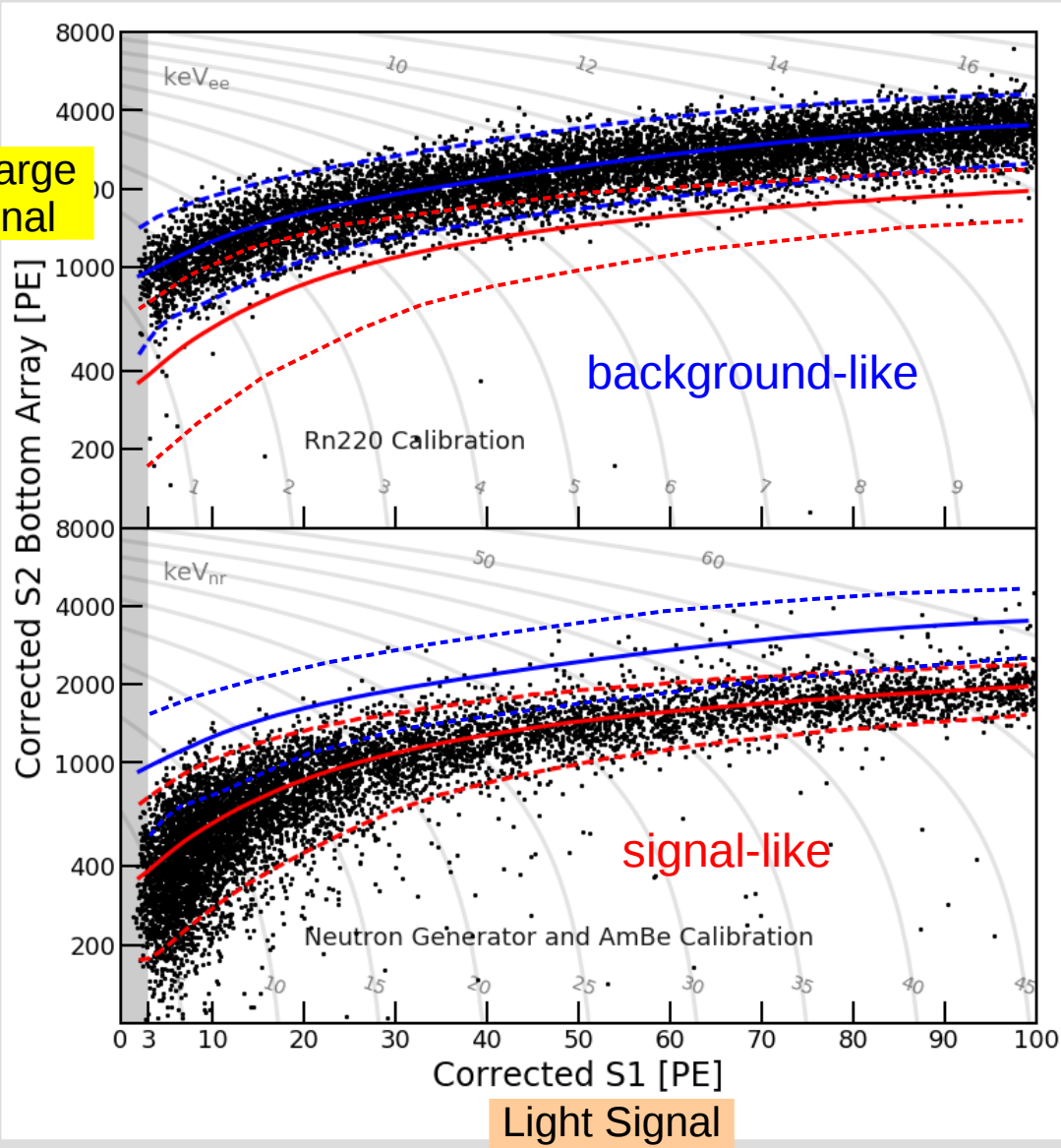


(Some) Results from XENON1T



Signal / Background Calibration

Charge
Signal



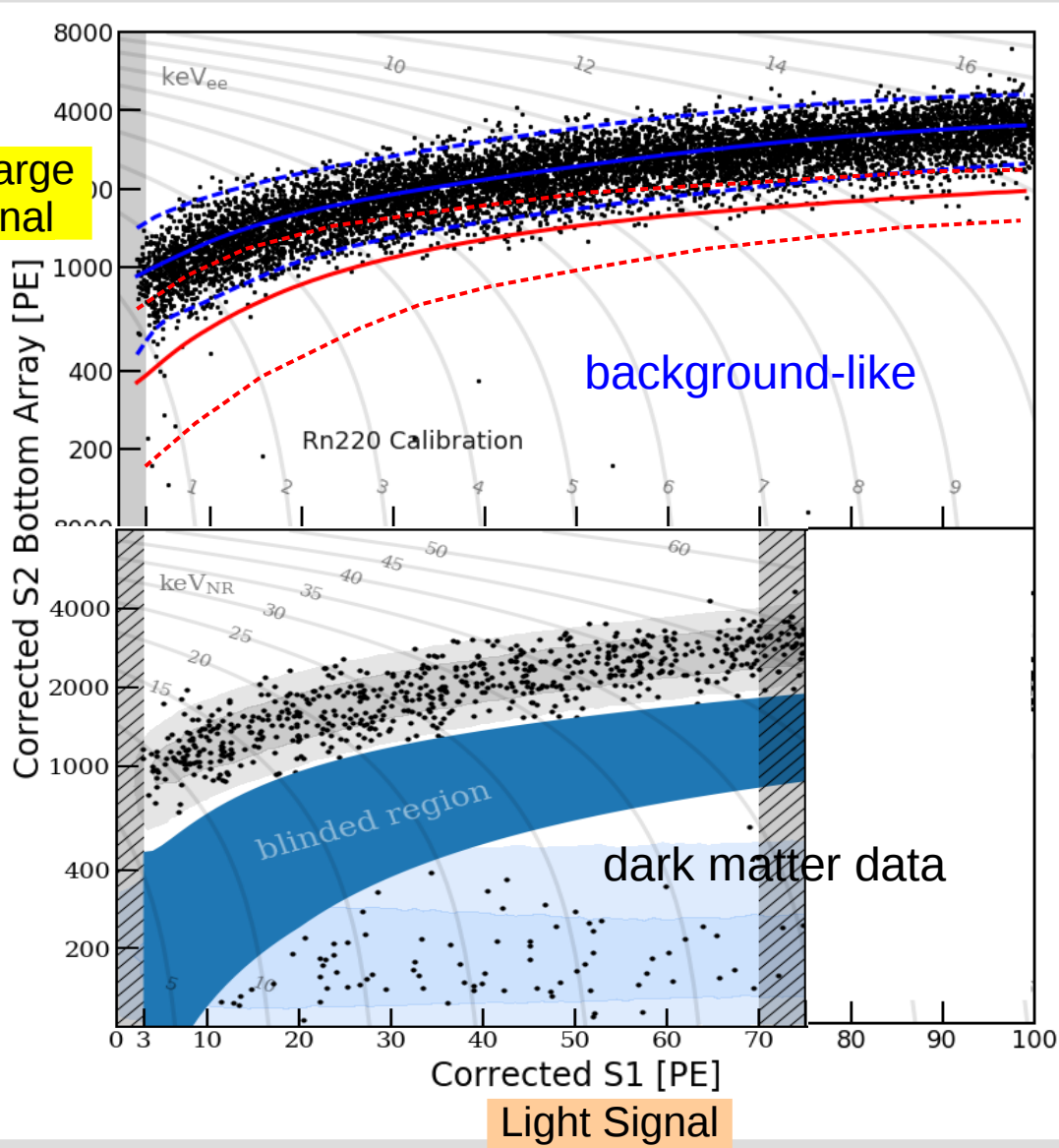
Used to construct **background** and **signal** models.

use **central 1.3 t** LXe for analysis

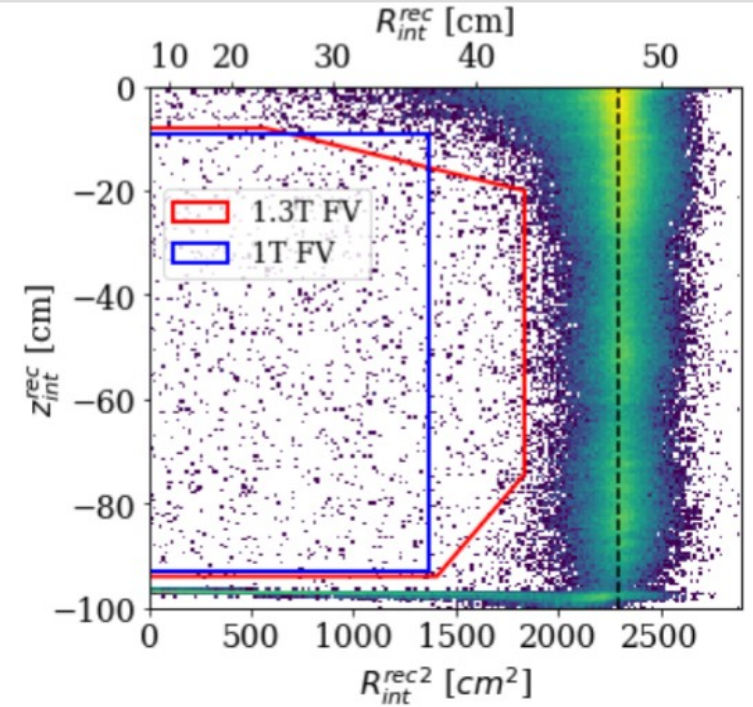
Exposure: 1.3 t × 278.8 d = **1.0 t** × y
→ **largest low-bg exposure ever**

Blinded Data

Charge
Signal



Light Signal



Used to construct **background** and **signal** models.

use **central 1.3 t** LXe for analysis

Blind analysis

= region of interest inaccessible during analysis to avoid human bias

Blinded Data

best-fit relative probabilities of signal/background components under best-fit model

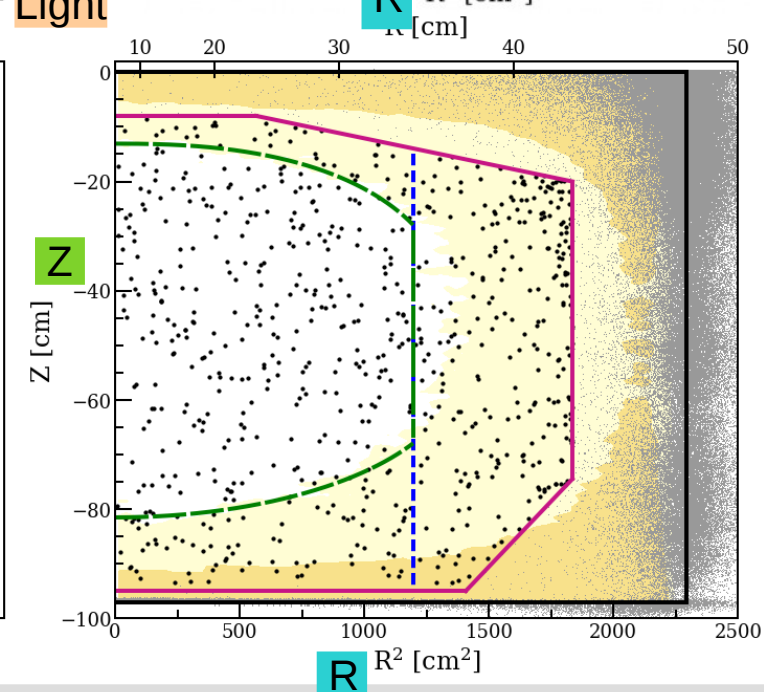
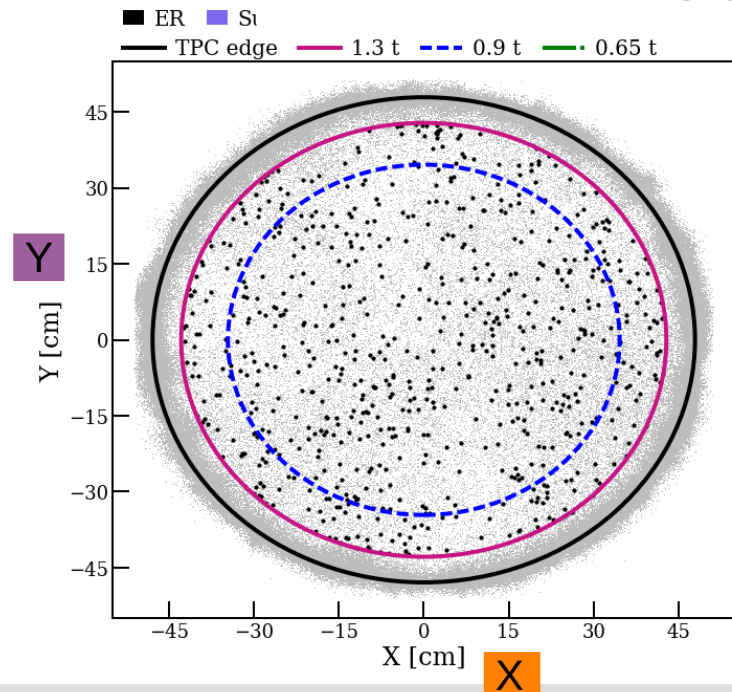
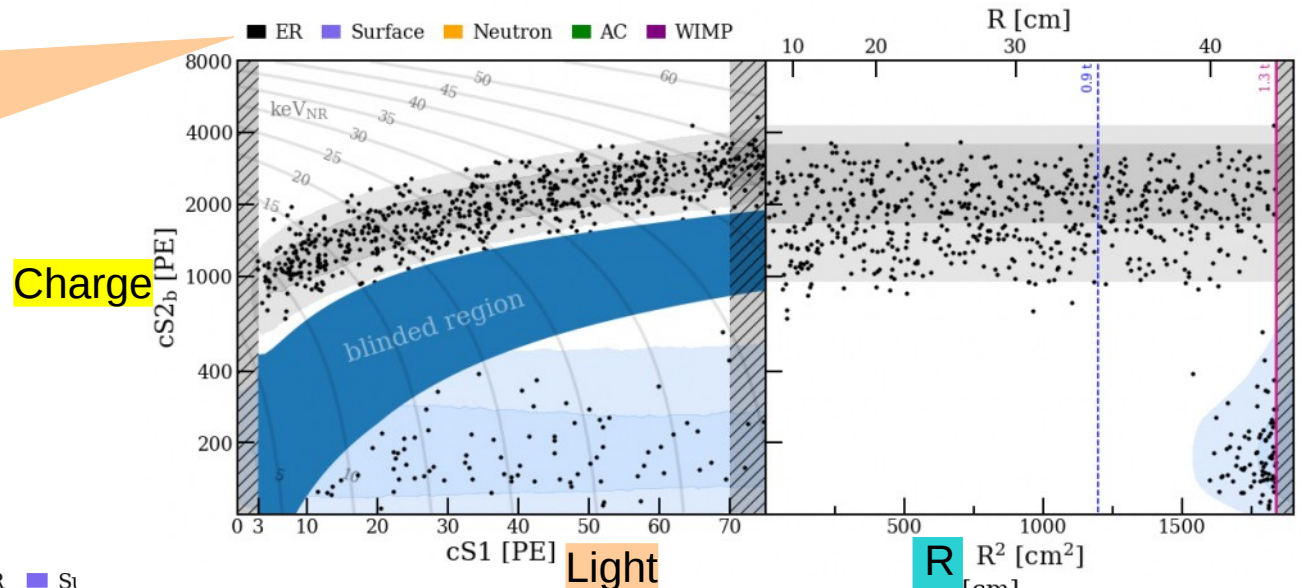
larger markers = more WIMP-like

Analysis done in

- signal (light, charge)
 - position (X, Y → R, „Z“)
- space

event cuts and „signal/background-like-ness“ defined using several parameters

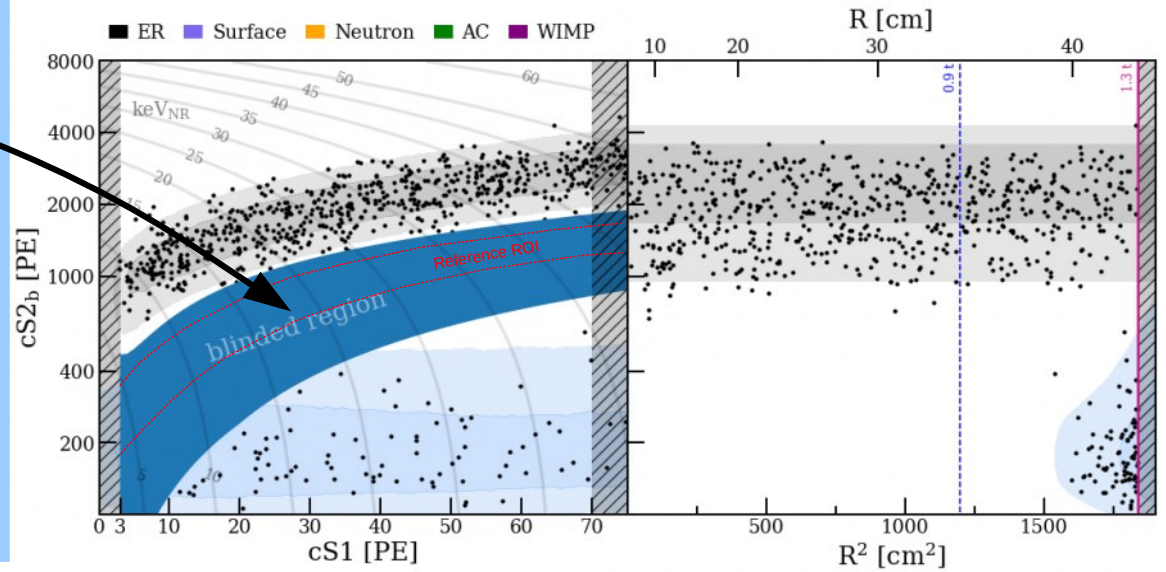
Full likelihood analysis.



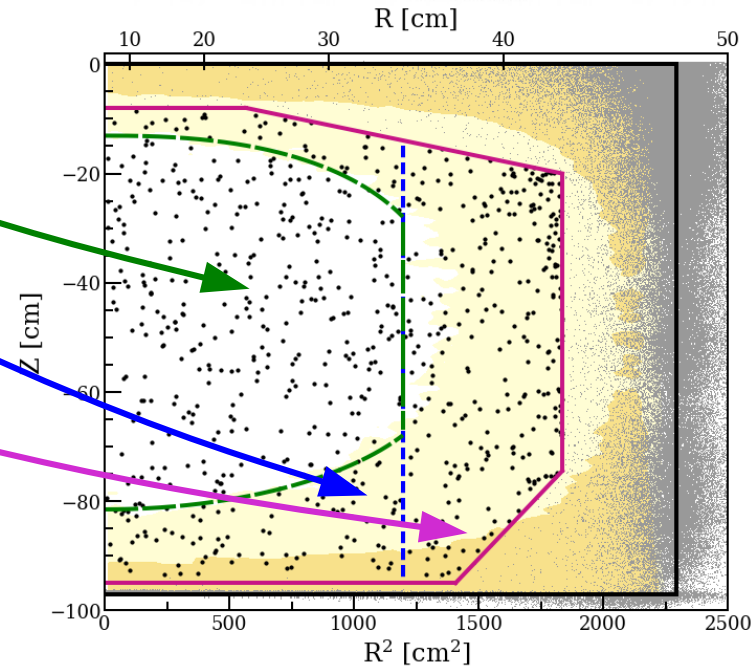
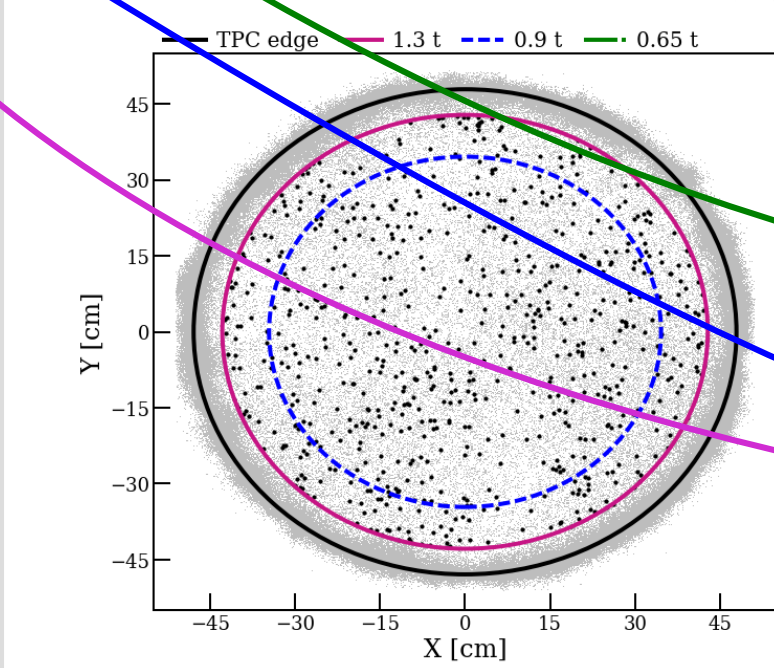
Background Prediction

What is expected here?
→ depends on Fiducial Mass

Mass (cS1, cS2 _b)	1.3 t Full	1.3 t Reference	0.9 t Reference	0.65 t Reference
ER	627±26	2.17±0.09	1.53±0.06	0.86±0.04
neutron	1.44±0.61	0.75±0.30	0.42±0.18	0.14±0.06
CEνNS	0.05±0.02	0.02±0.01	0.02±0.01	0.01
AC	0.47 ^{+0.29} _{-0.02}	0.10 ^{+0.06} _{-0.00}	0.05±0.02	0.04±0.01
Surface	106±11	5.36±0.54	0.02	0.01
BG	736±28	8.40±0.63	2.05±0.18	1.06±0.07



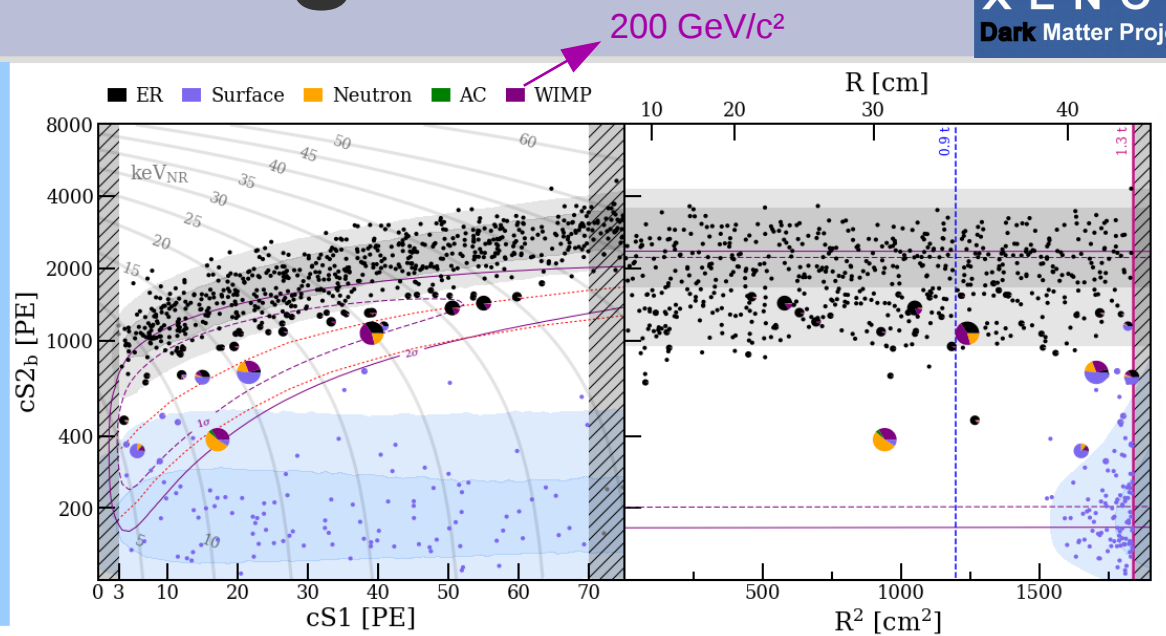
85 evts t⁻¹y⁻¹keV_{ee}⁻¹
→ lowest background ever achieved in dark matter experiment!



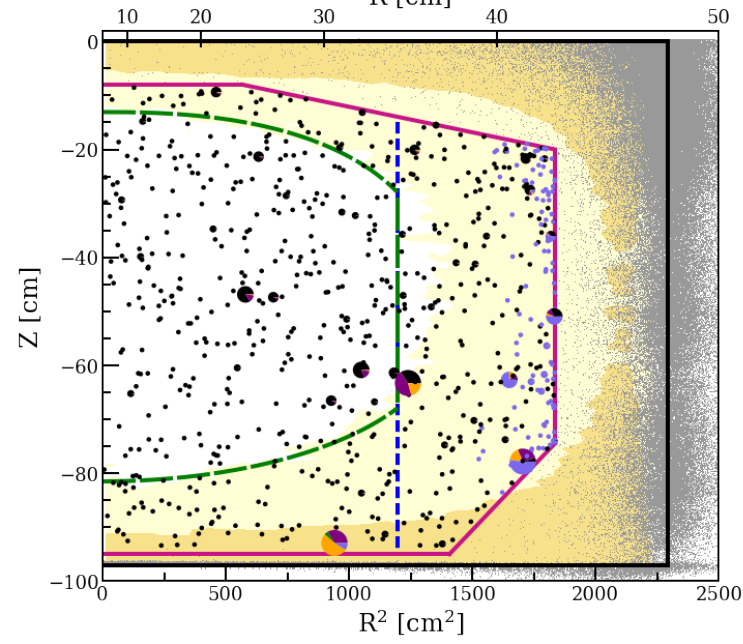
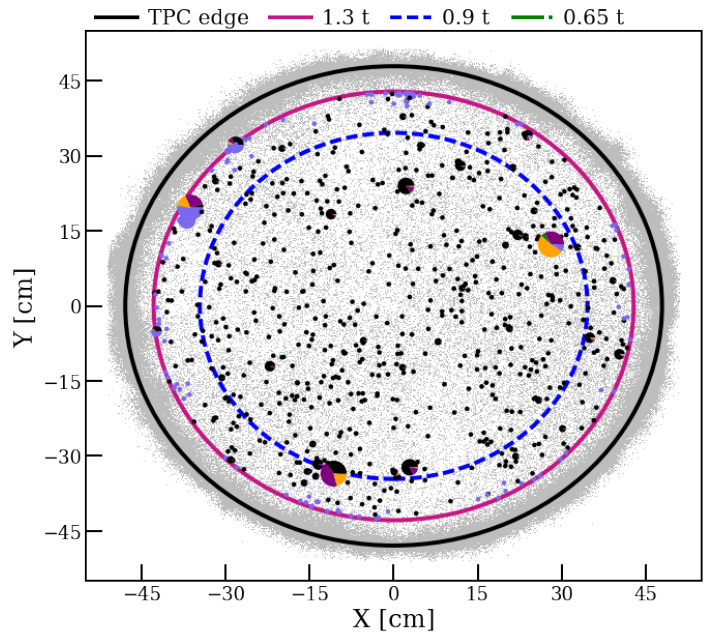
Unblinding

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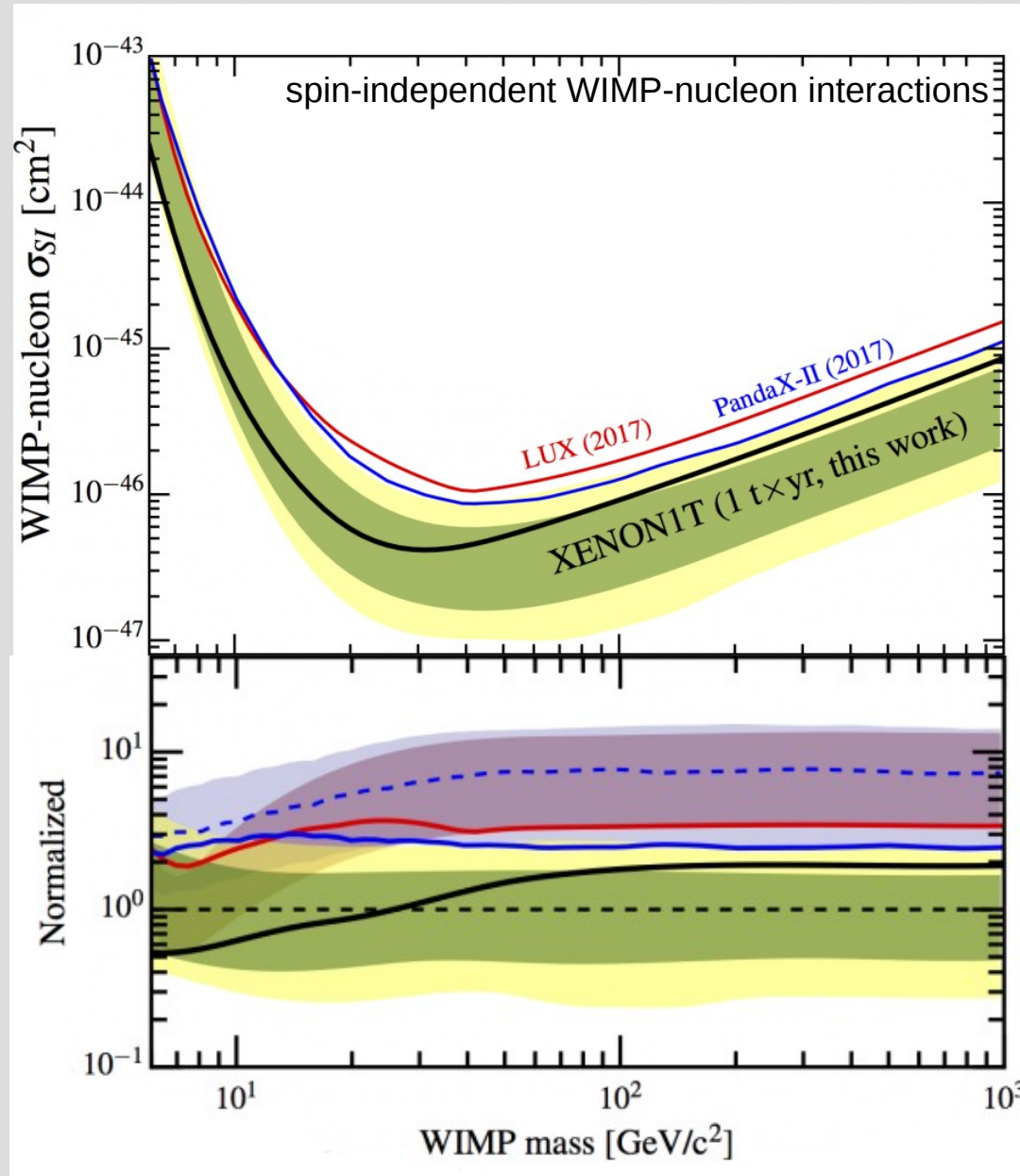


→ no statistically significant excess observed



No Signal \rightarrow Exclusion Limit

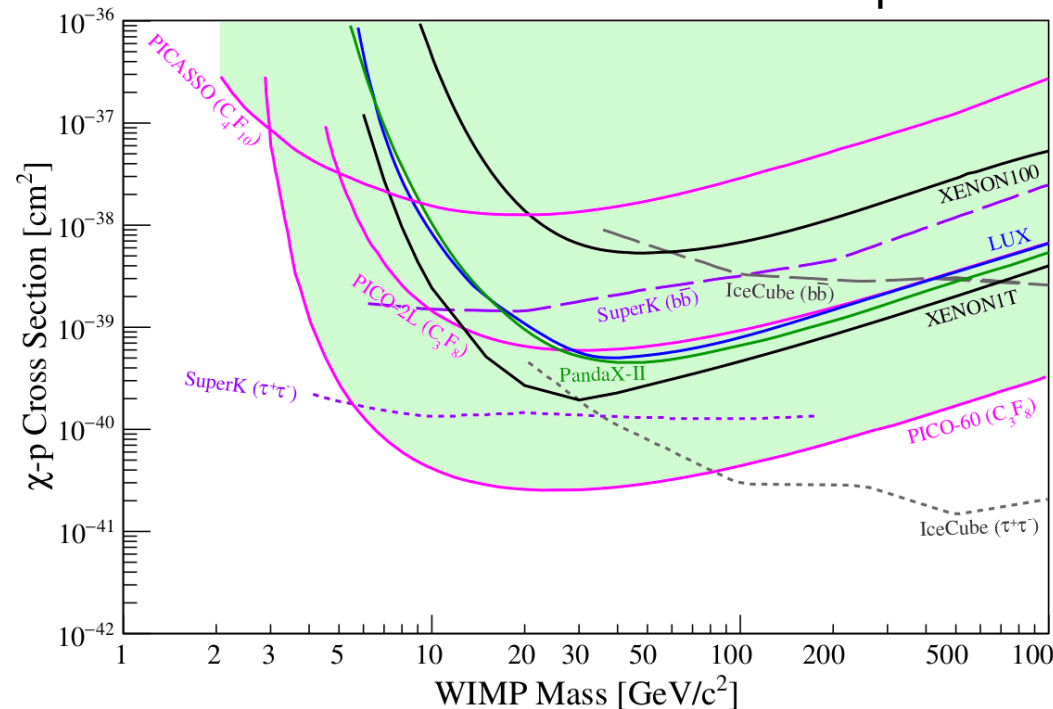
PRL 121, 111302 (2018)



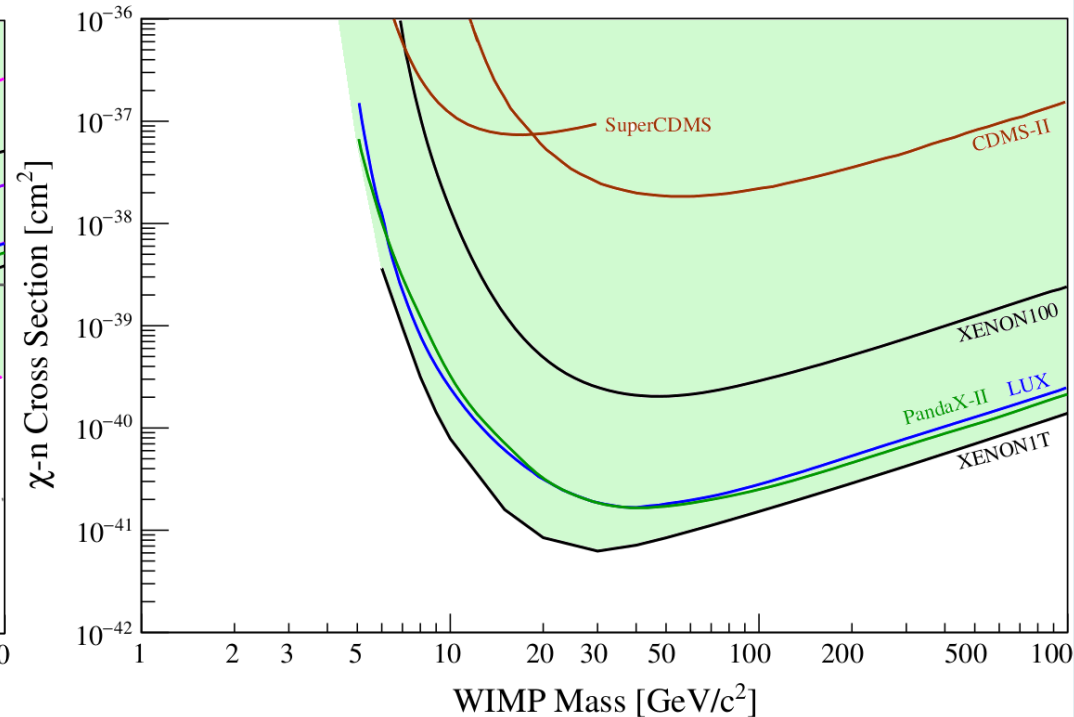
- coupling of WIMP to unpaired nucleon spins
- traditionally separated in proton-only and neutron-only
- same parameter space explored by indirect and collider searches

Isotope	Abundance	Spin	Unpaired Nucleon	Relative Strength
${}^7\text{Li}$	92.6%	3/2	proton	12.8
${}^{19}\text{F}$	100.0%	1/2	proton	100.0
${}^{23}\text{Na}$	100.0%	3/2	proton	1.3
${}^{29}\text{Si}$	4.7%	1/2	neutron	9.7
${}^{73}\text{Ge}$	7.7%	9/2	neutron	0.3
${}^{127}\text{I}$	100.0%	5/2	proton	0.3
${}^{131}\text{Xe}$	21.3%	3/2	neutron	1.7

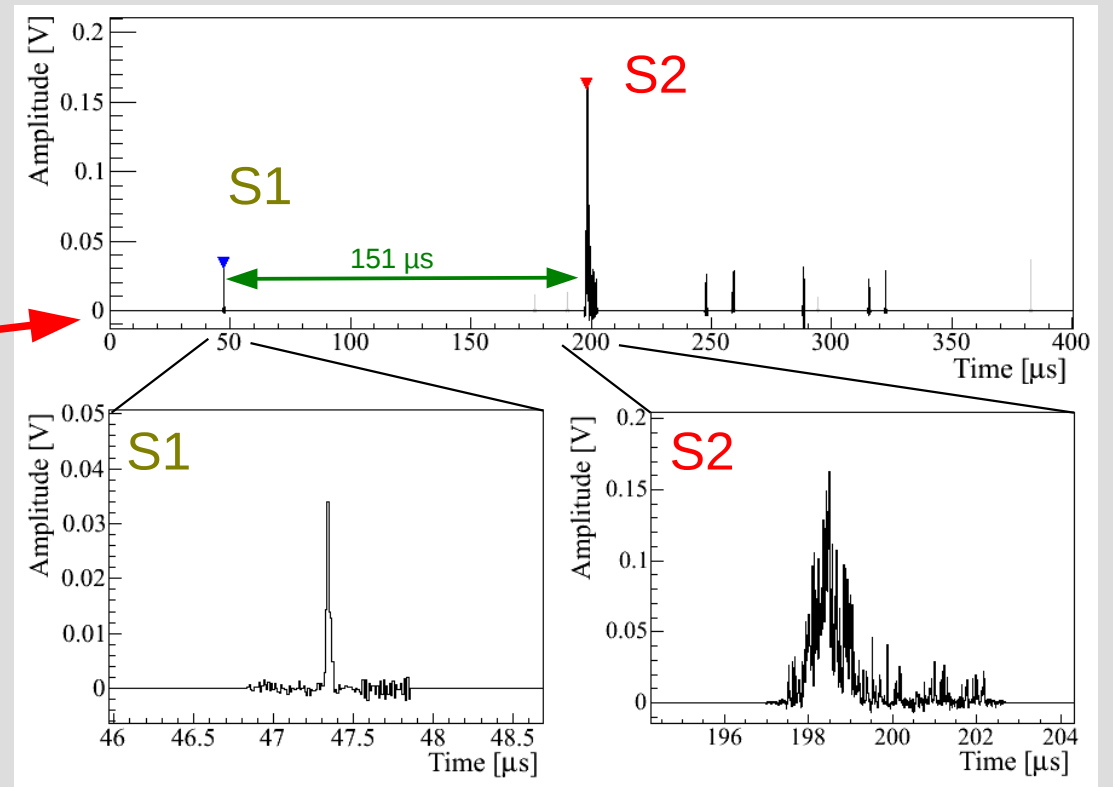
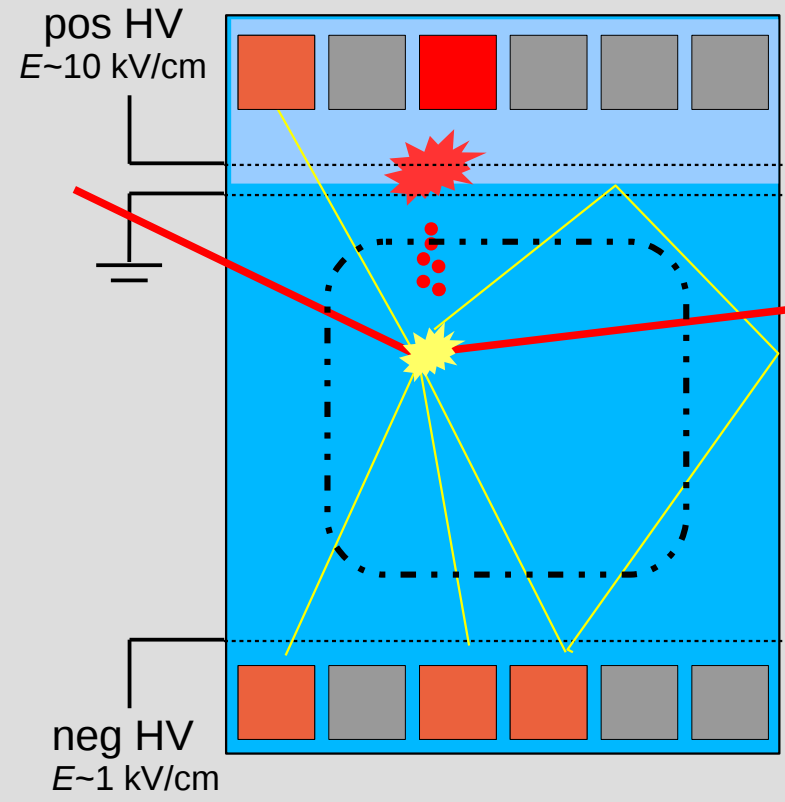
WIMP-proton



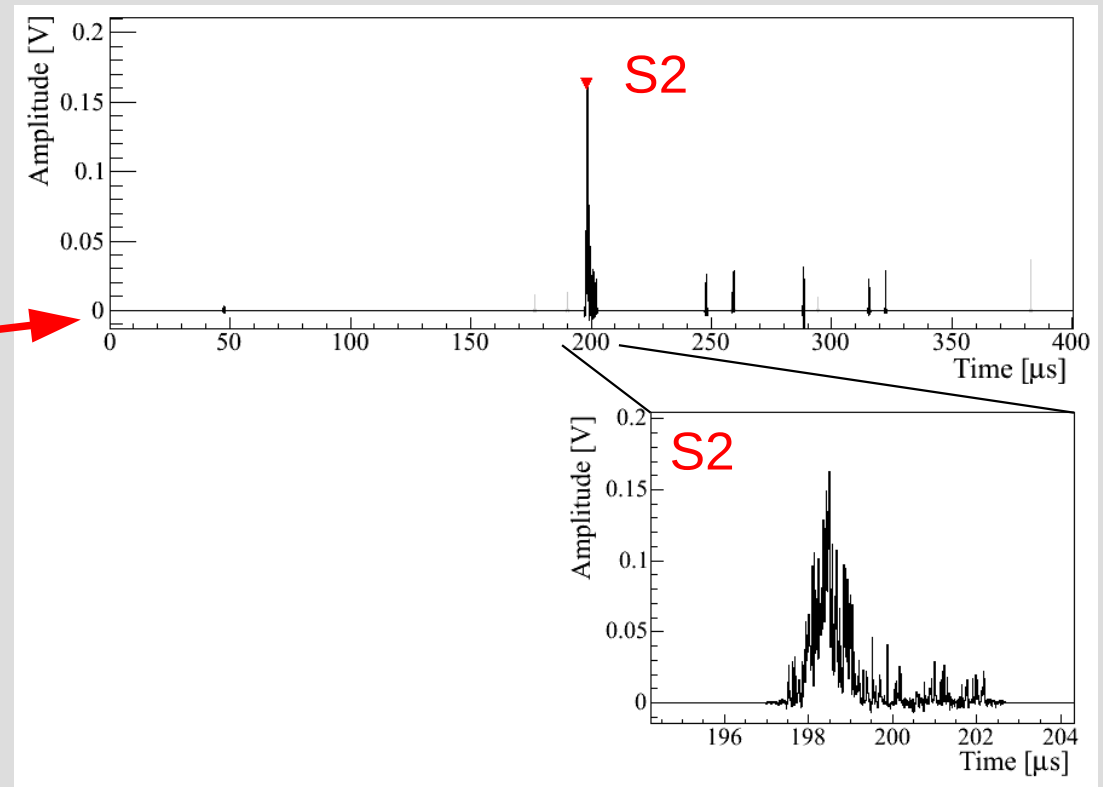
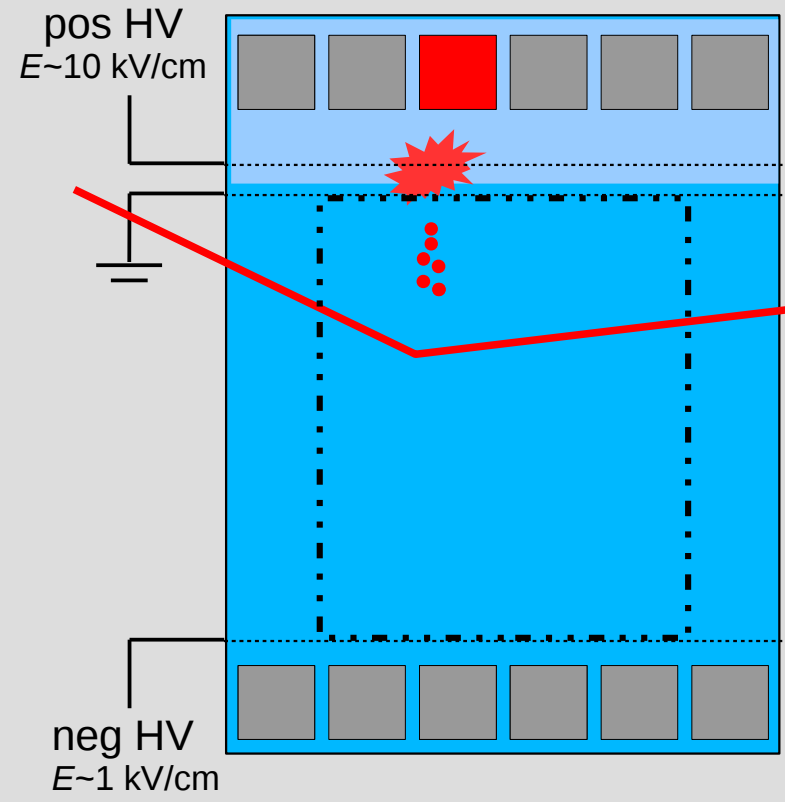
WIMP-neutron



Standard Analysis

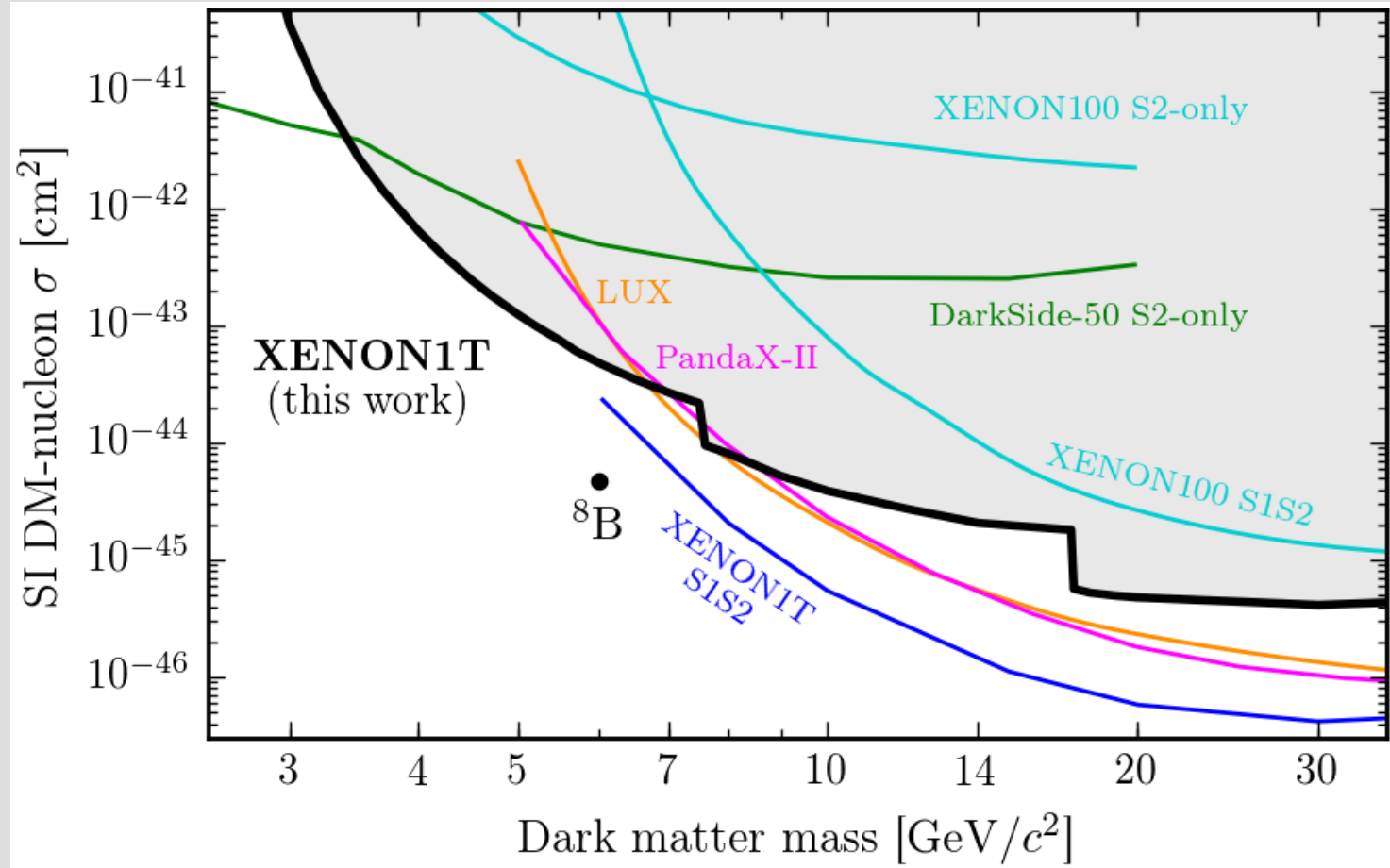


Charge-Only Analysis



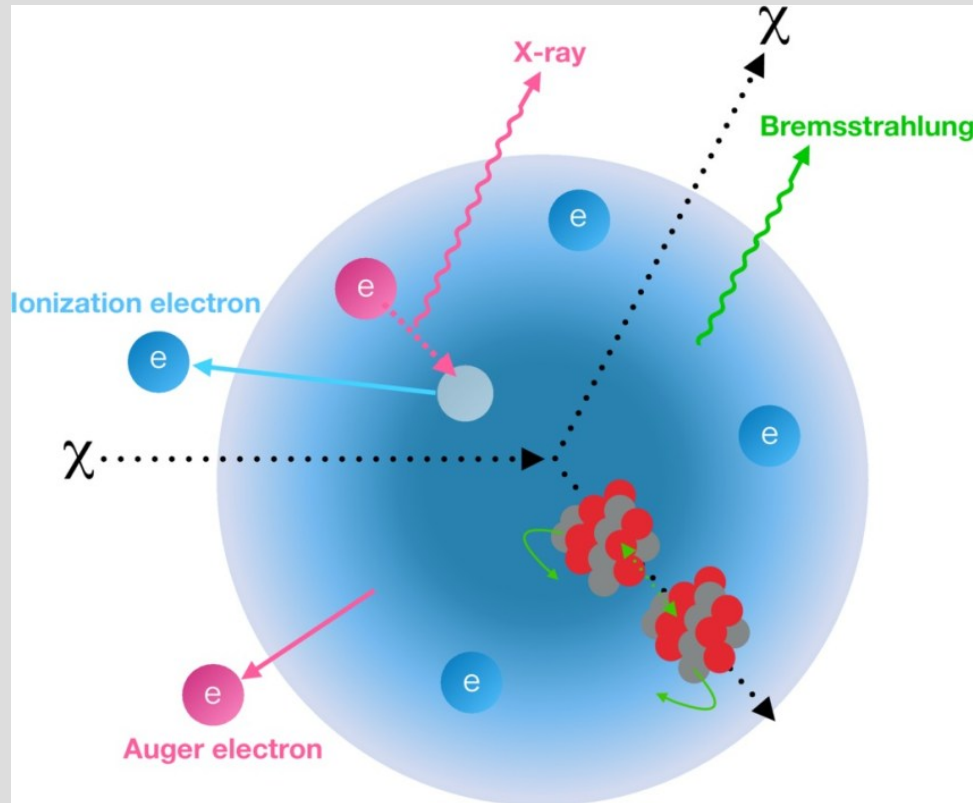
Charge-Only Analysis

arXiv:1907.11485

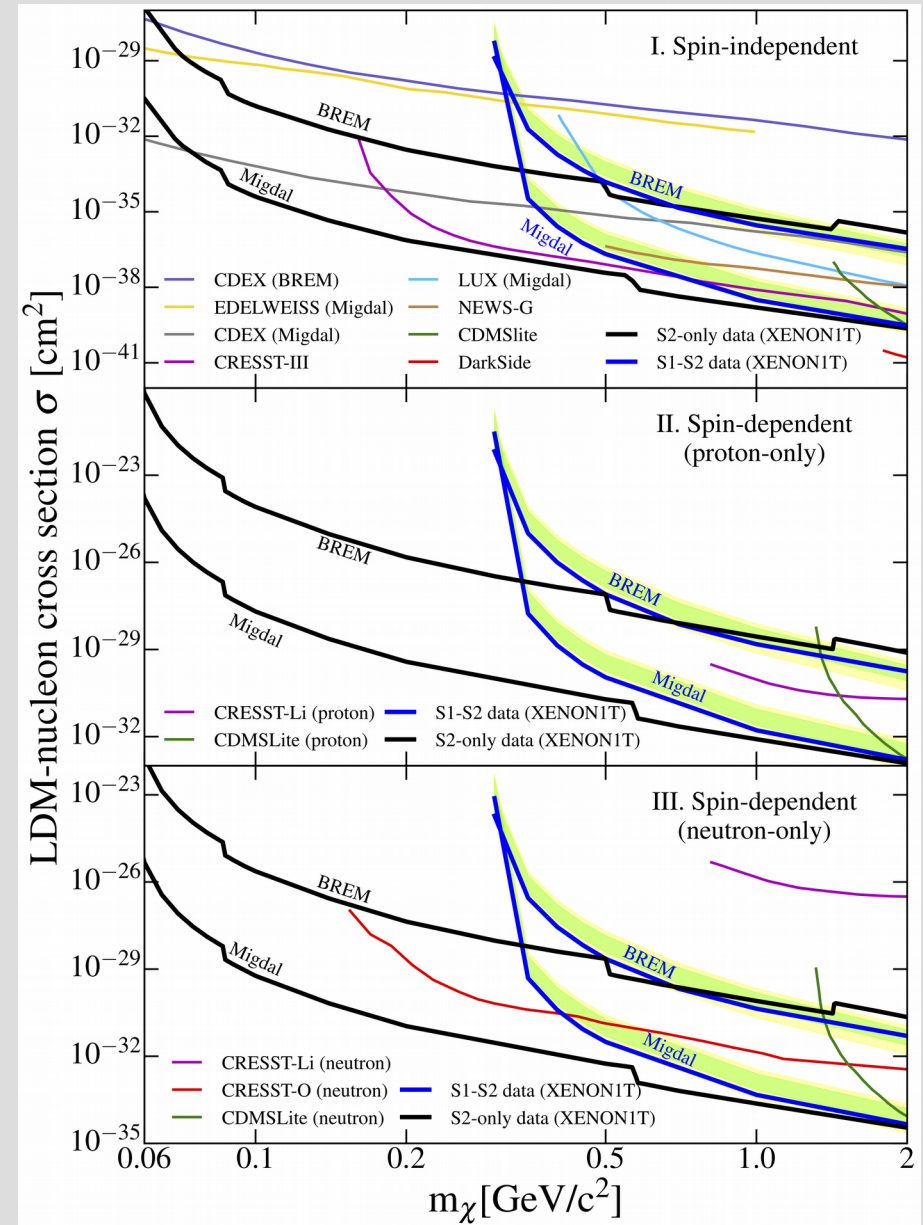


Migdal Effect, Bremsstrahlung

arXiv:1907.12771

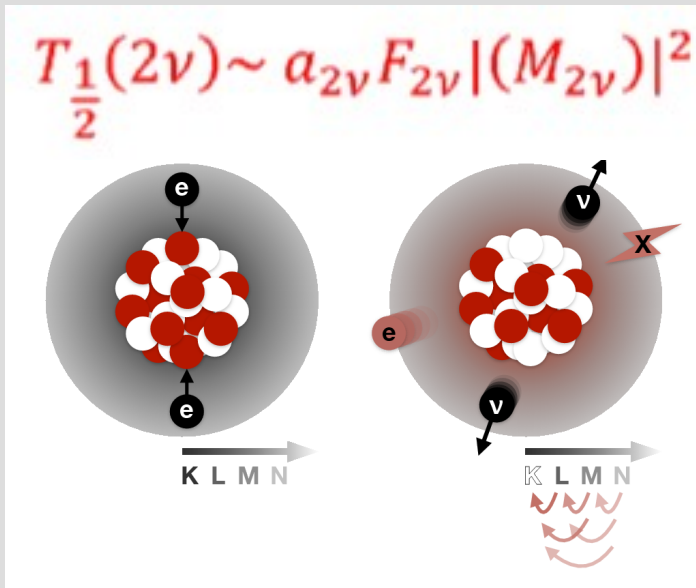


- exploit expected effects after nuclear recoil
- very low threshold
- caveat: effect not yet observed in calibration



Double Electron Capture of ^{124}Xe

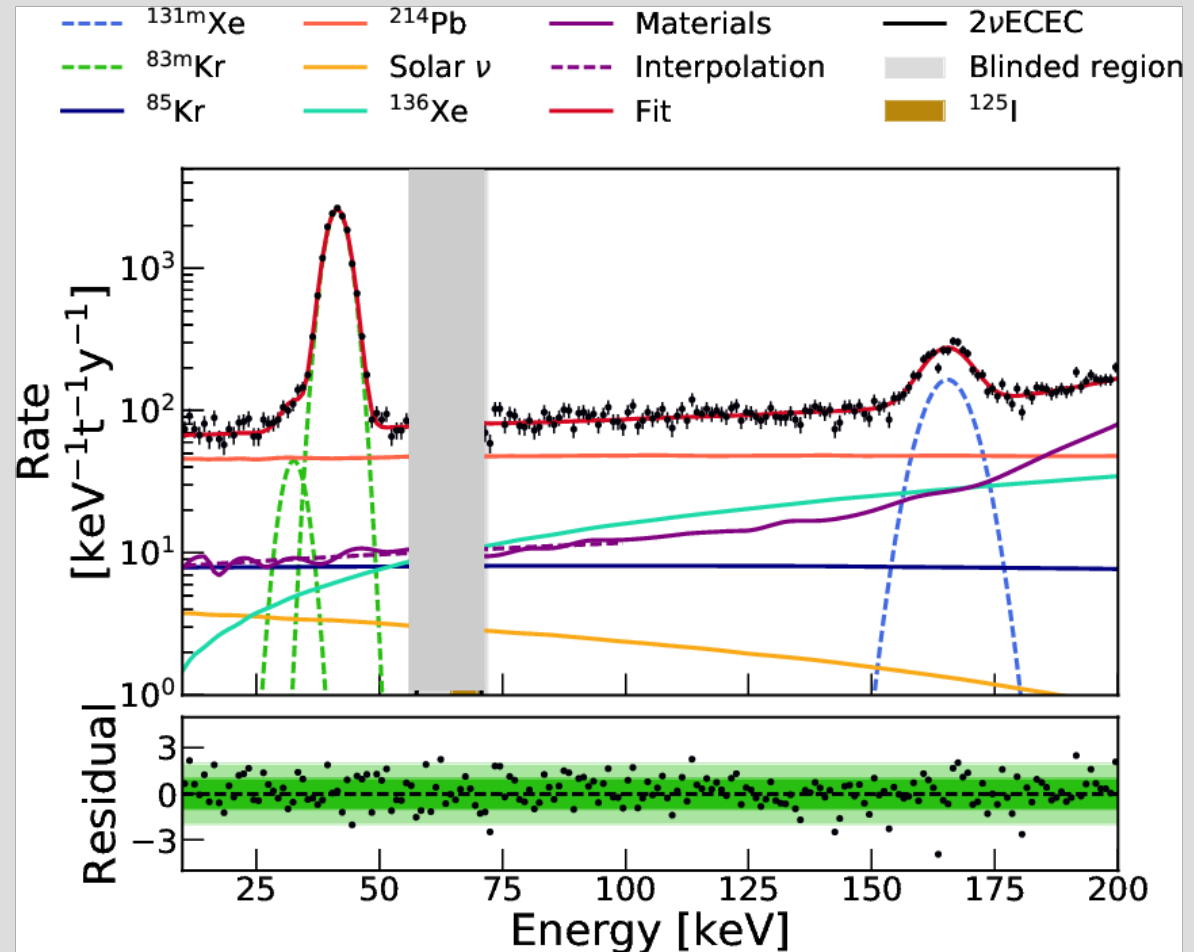
Nature 568, 532 (2019)



- 2nd order weak process with very long $T_{1/2}$
- so far only seen in ^{78}Kr , ^{130}Ba
- test of nuclear structure models
e.g., PLB 797, 134885 (2019)



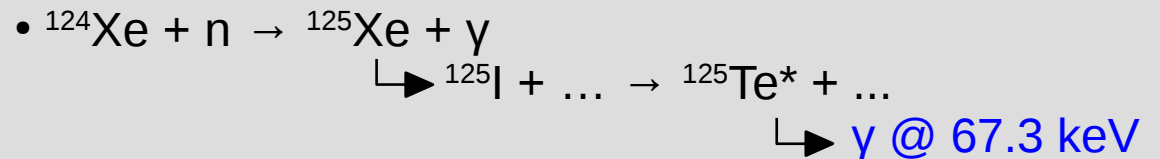
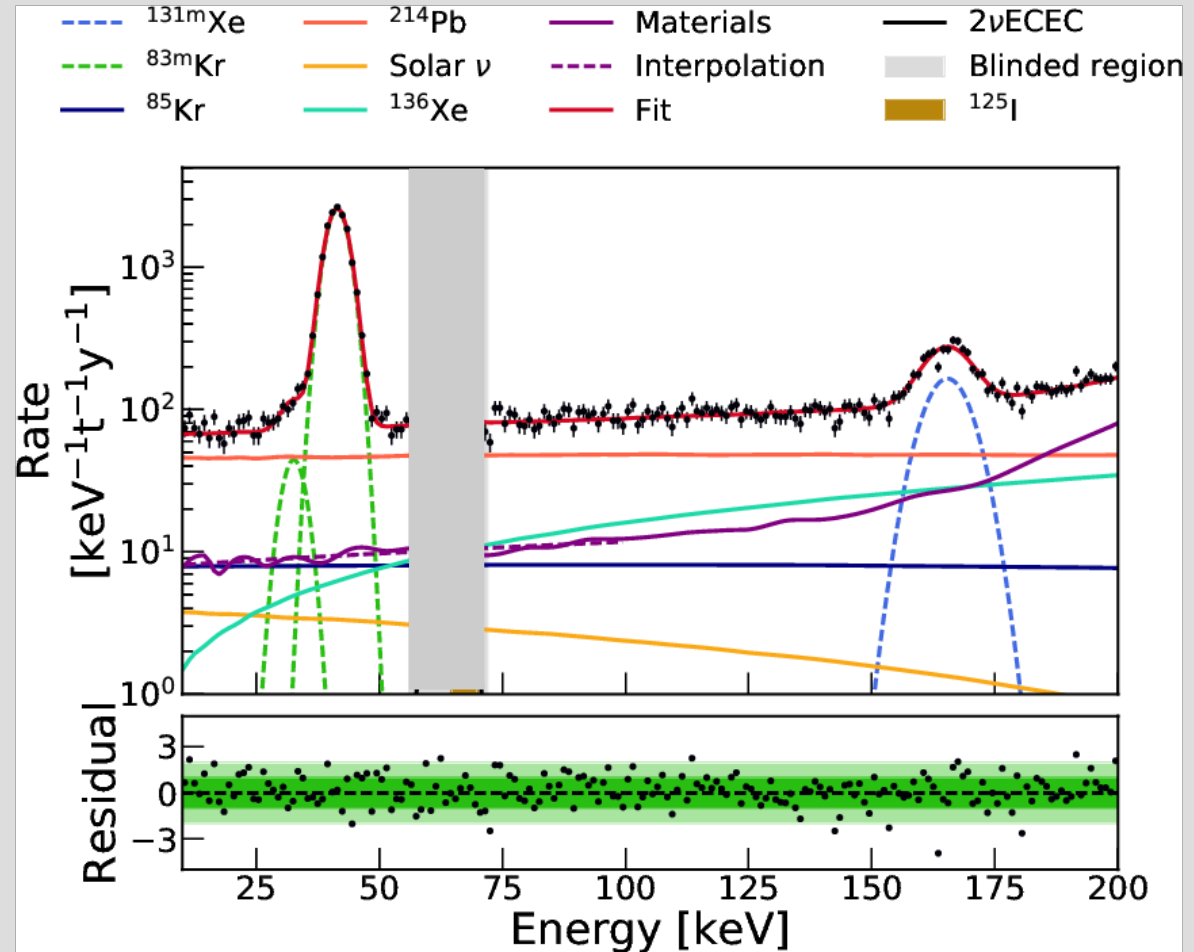
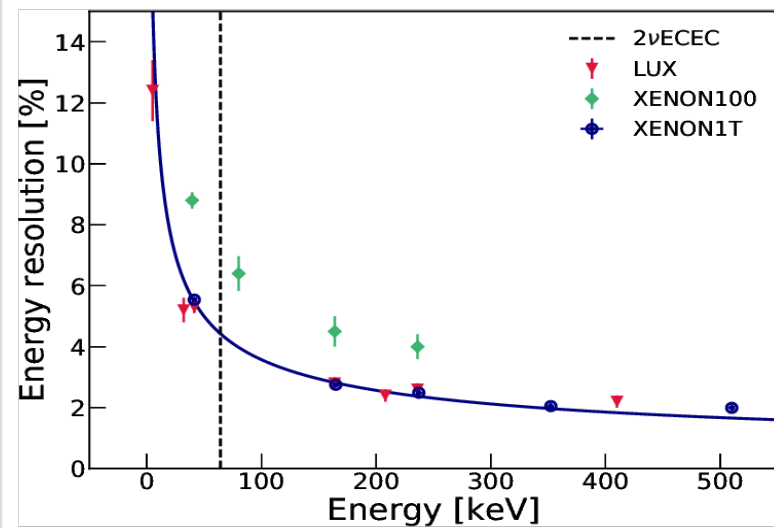
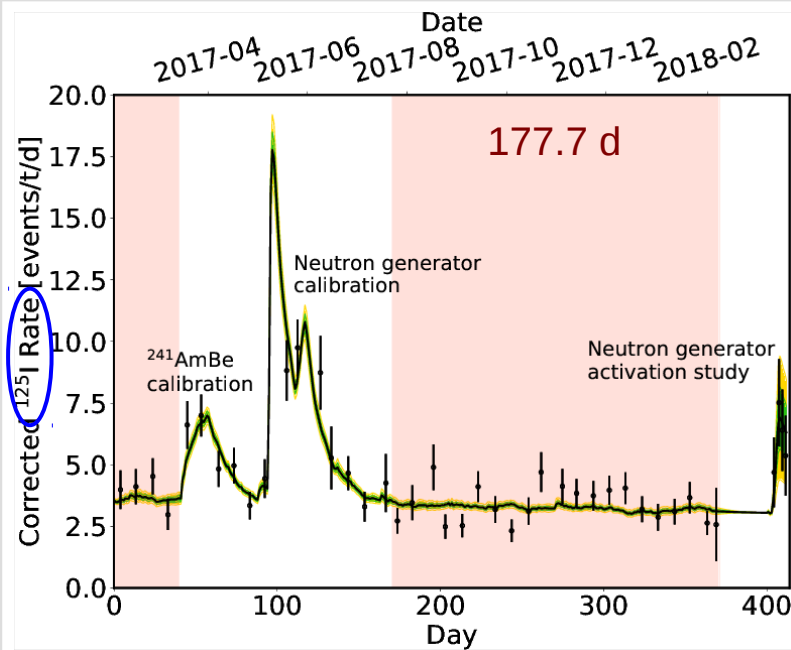
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line at 64.33 keV



$^{\text{nat}}\text{Xe}$ contains ~ 1 kg ^{124}Xe per tonne

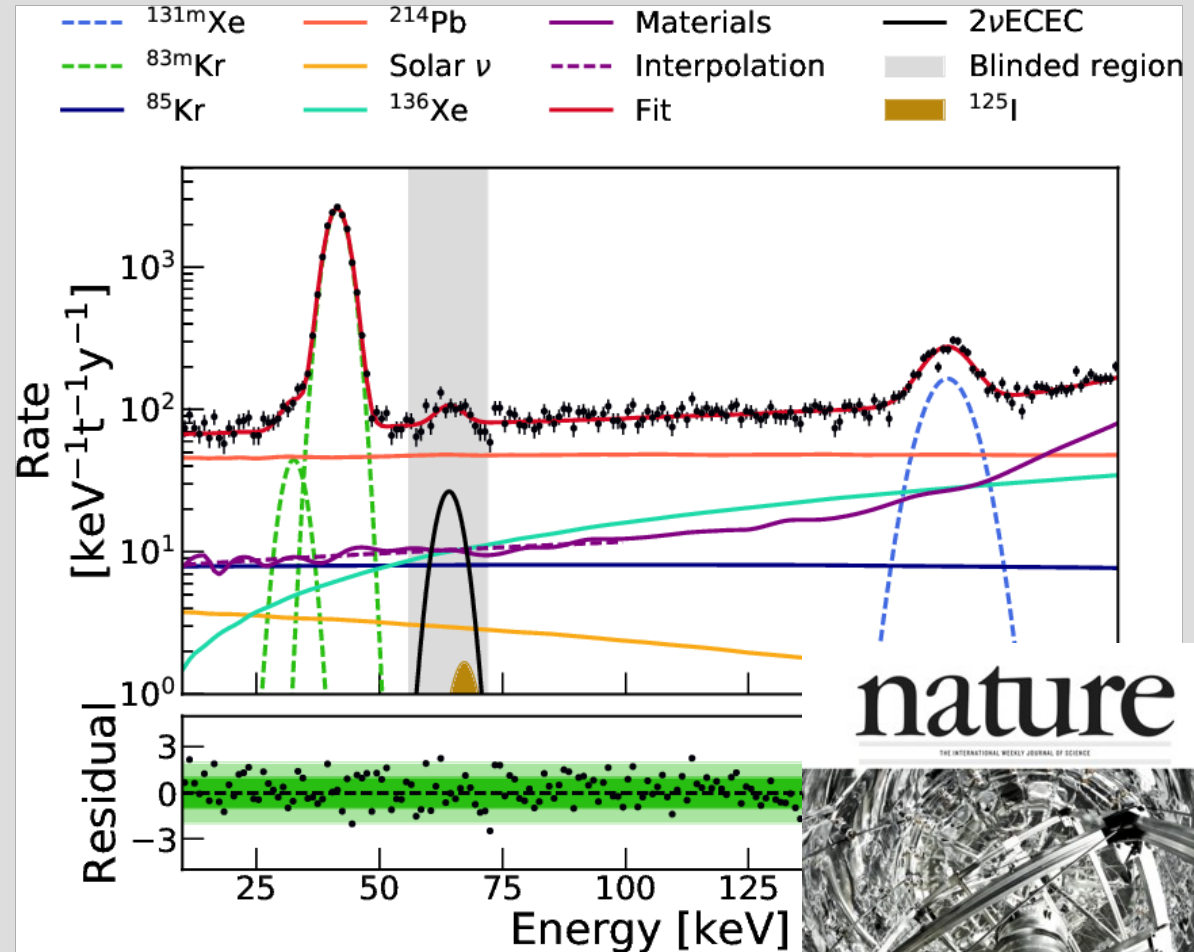
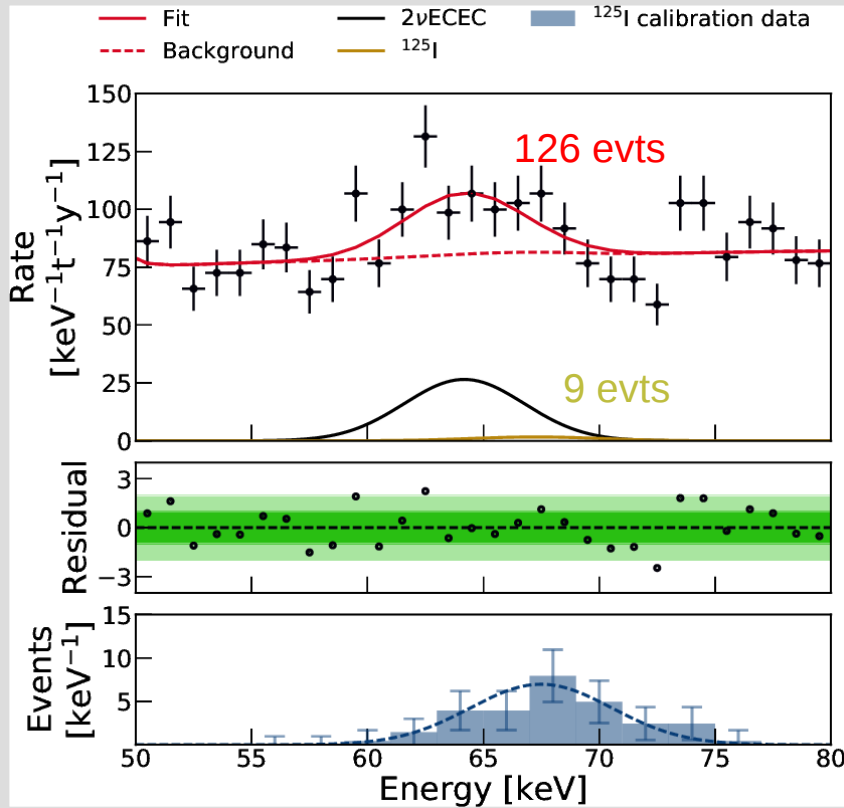
DEC of ^{124}Xe : ^{125}I Background

Nature 568, 532 (2019)



DEC of ^{124}Xe

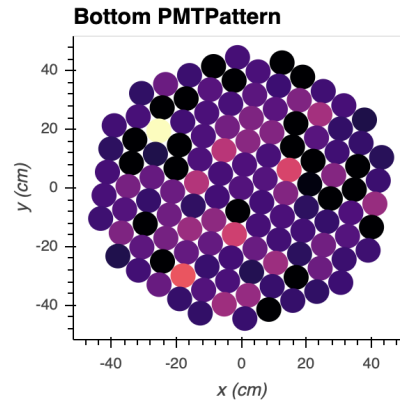
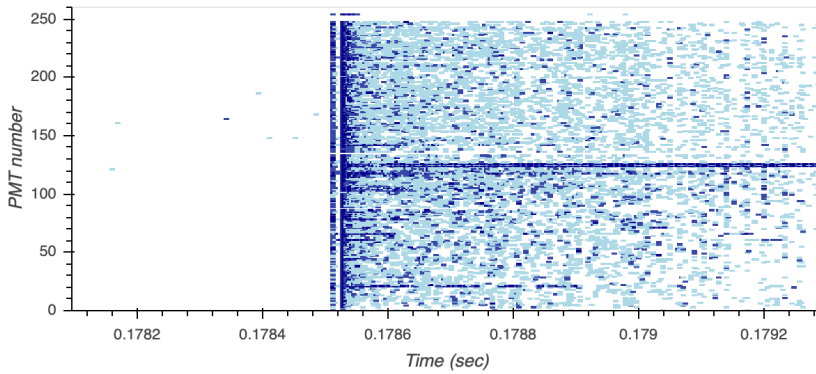
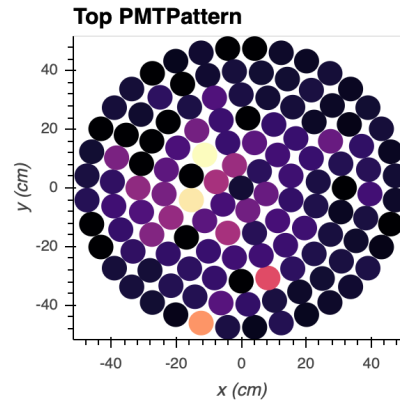
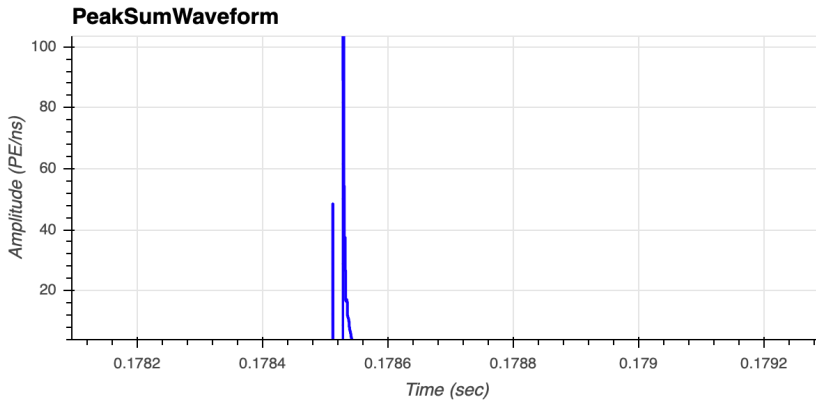
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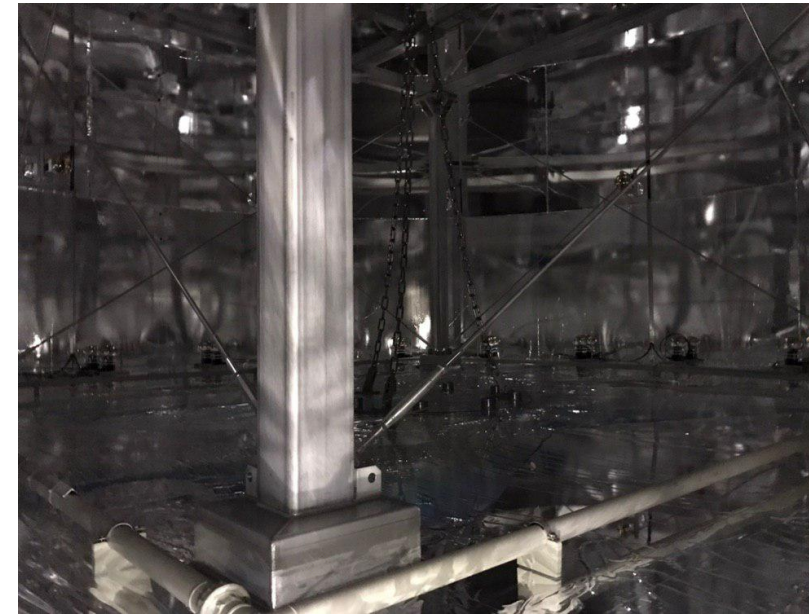
- 126 events above background observed in 1.5 t FV
- $T_{1/2}^{2\nu\text{ECEC}} = (1.8 \pm 0.5_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.1_{\text{sys}}) \times 10^{22} \text{y}$
- longest half-life ever measured directly



10.Dec 2018, 15:06:04 h

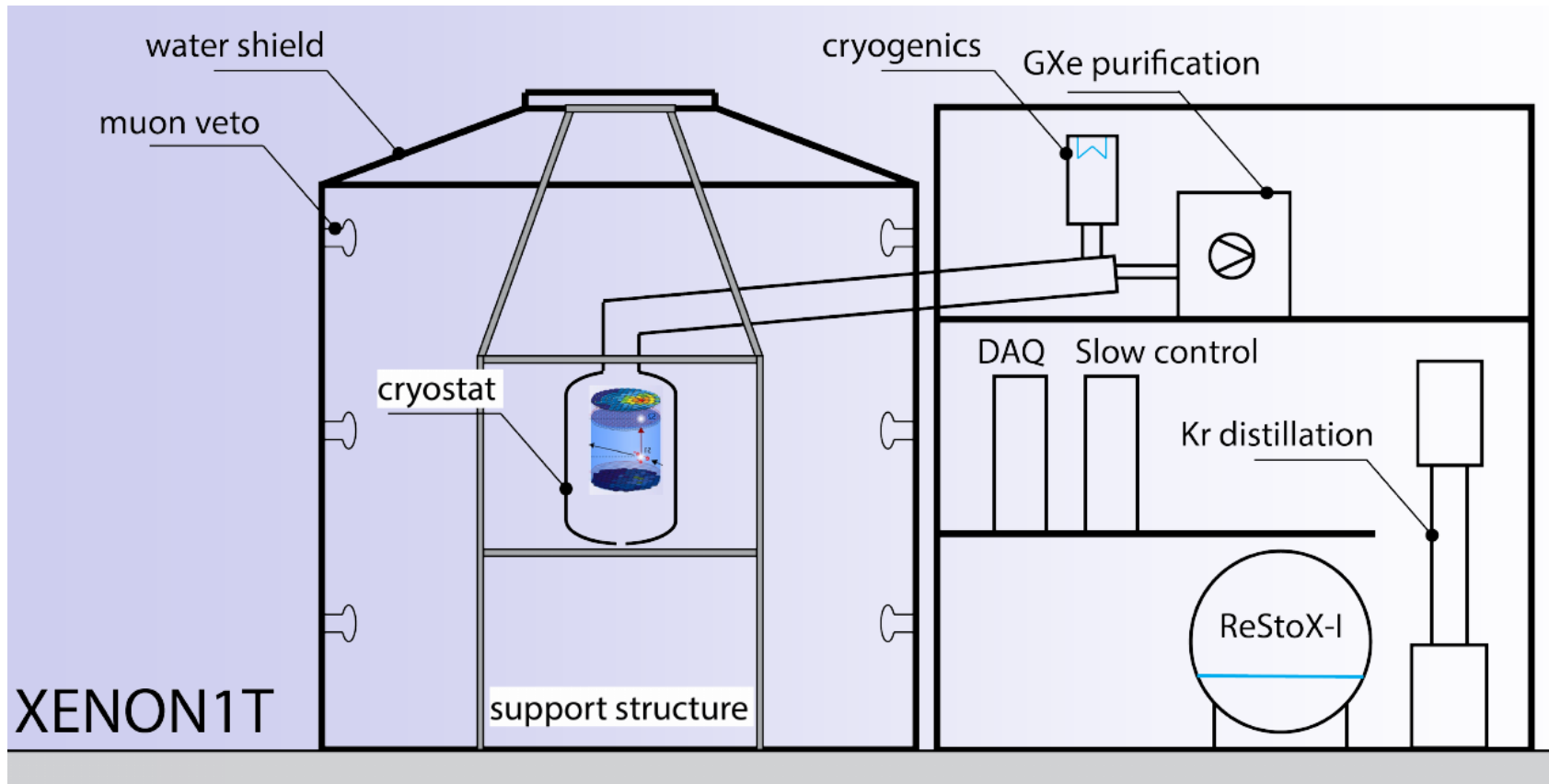


Last recorded event



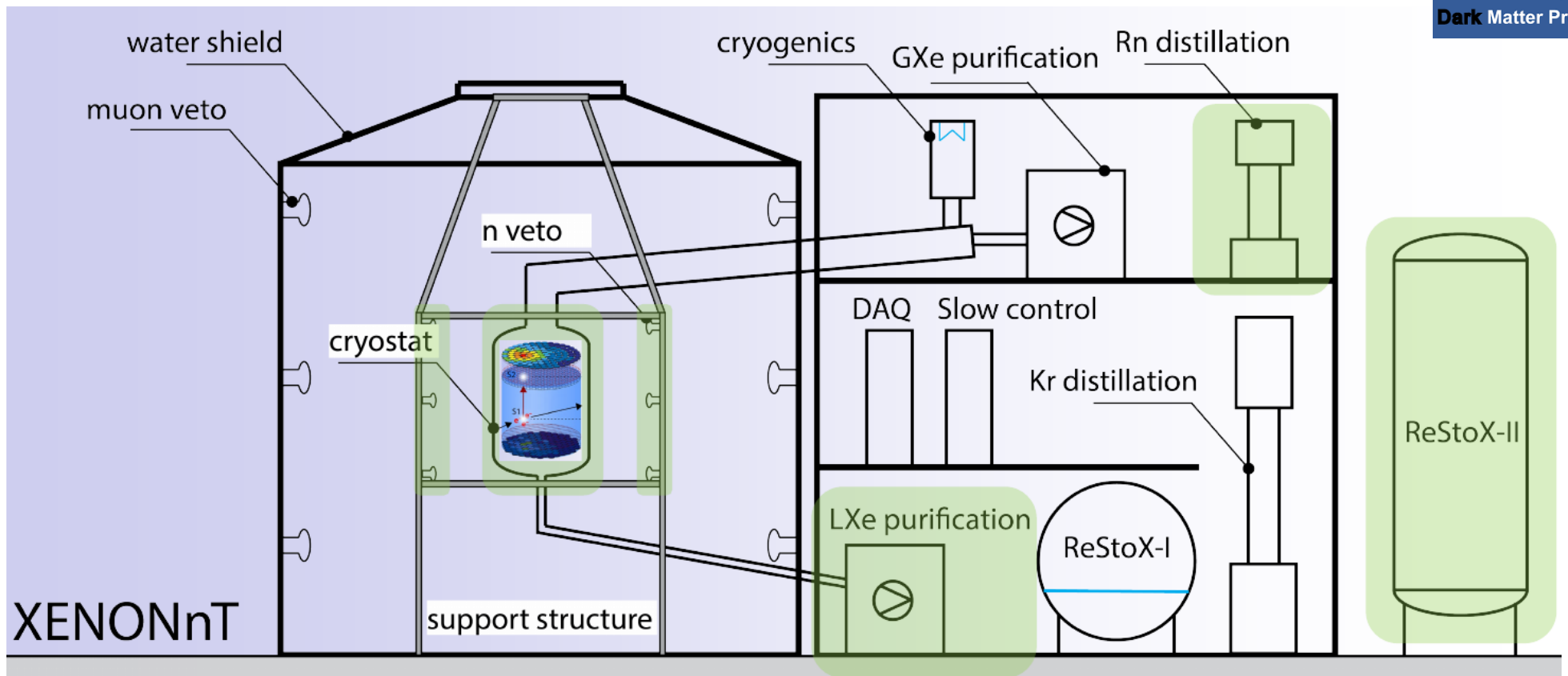
Water shield accessible again

From XENON1T



From XENON1T to XENONnT

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- **3x larger** than XENON1T

5.9t active LXe target

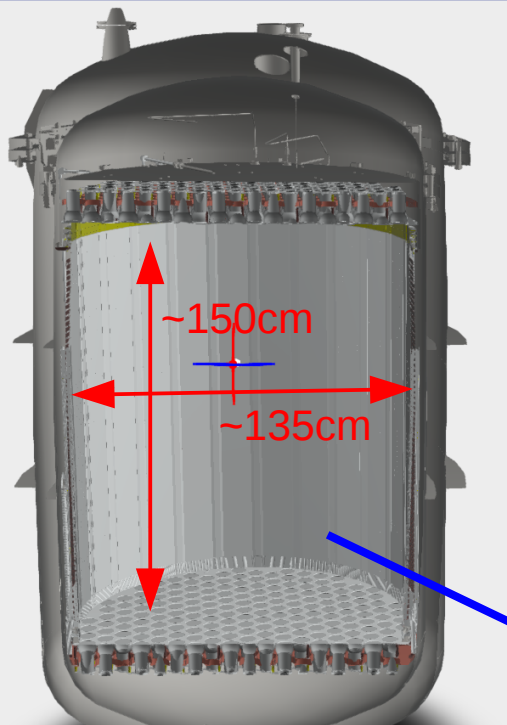
~8.5t total mass

- goal: ER bg reduced x0.1, 0.6 NR neutrons in 20 txy

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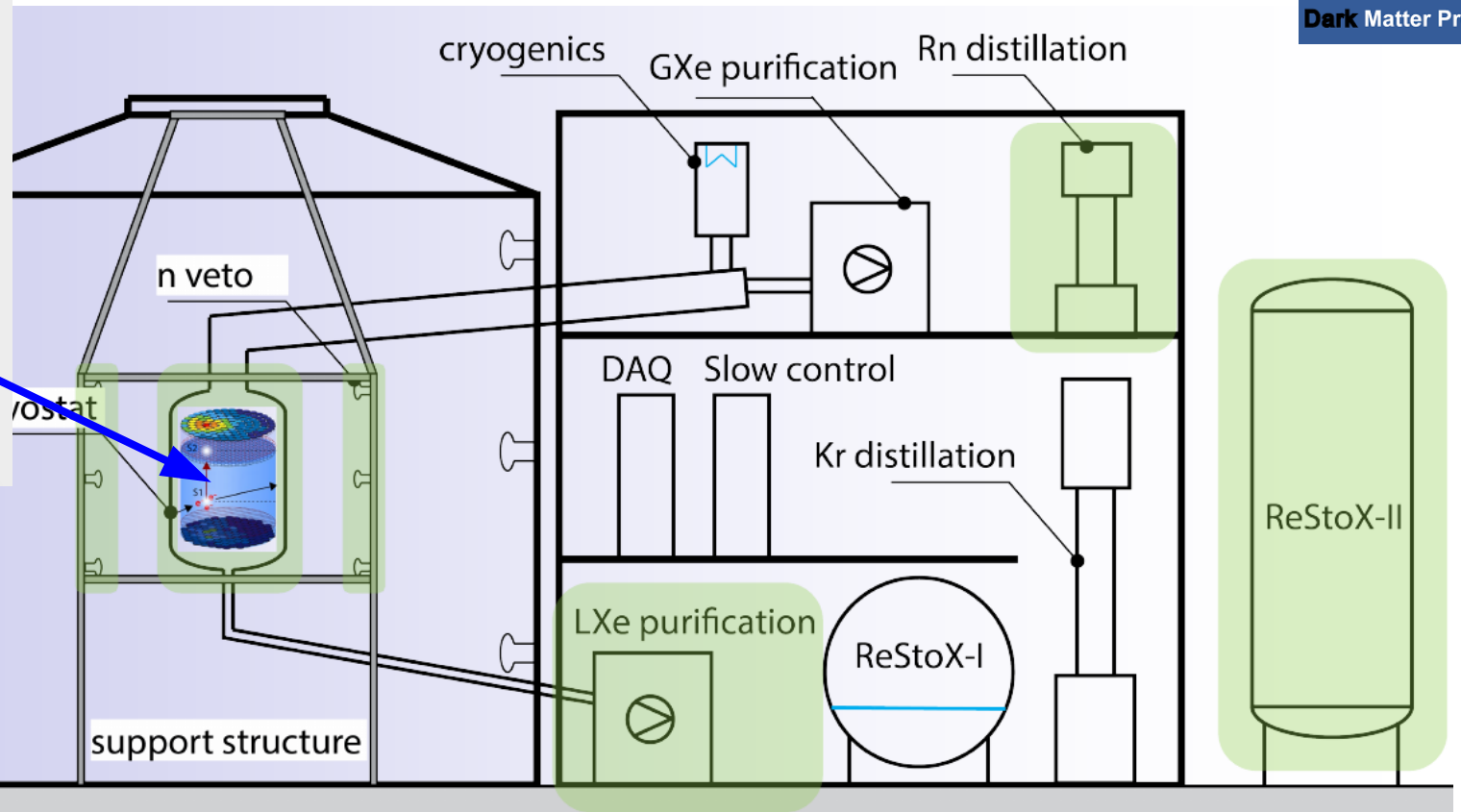
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Xe
XENON
Dark Matter Project



- low-background TPC
- novel field cage design
- 494 R11410-21 PMTs

XENONnT



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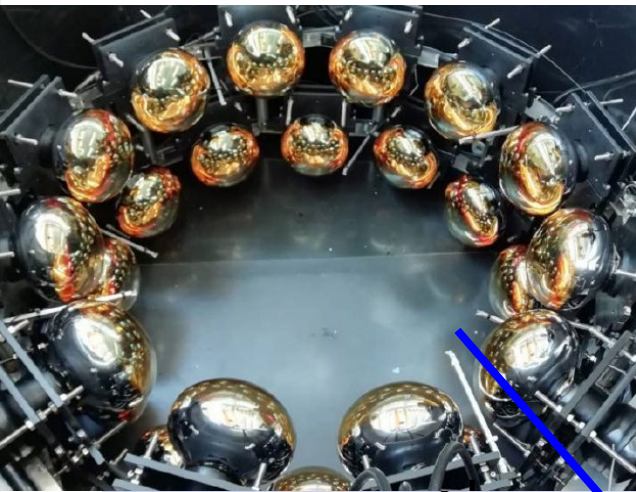
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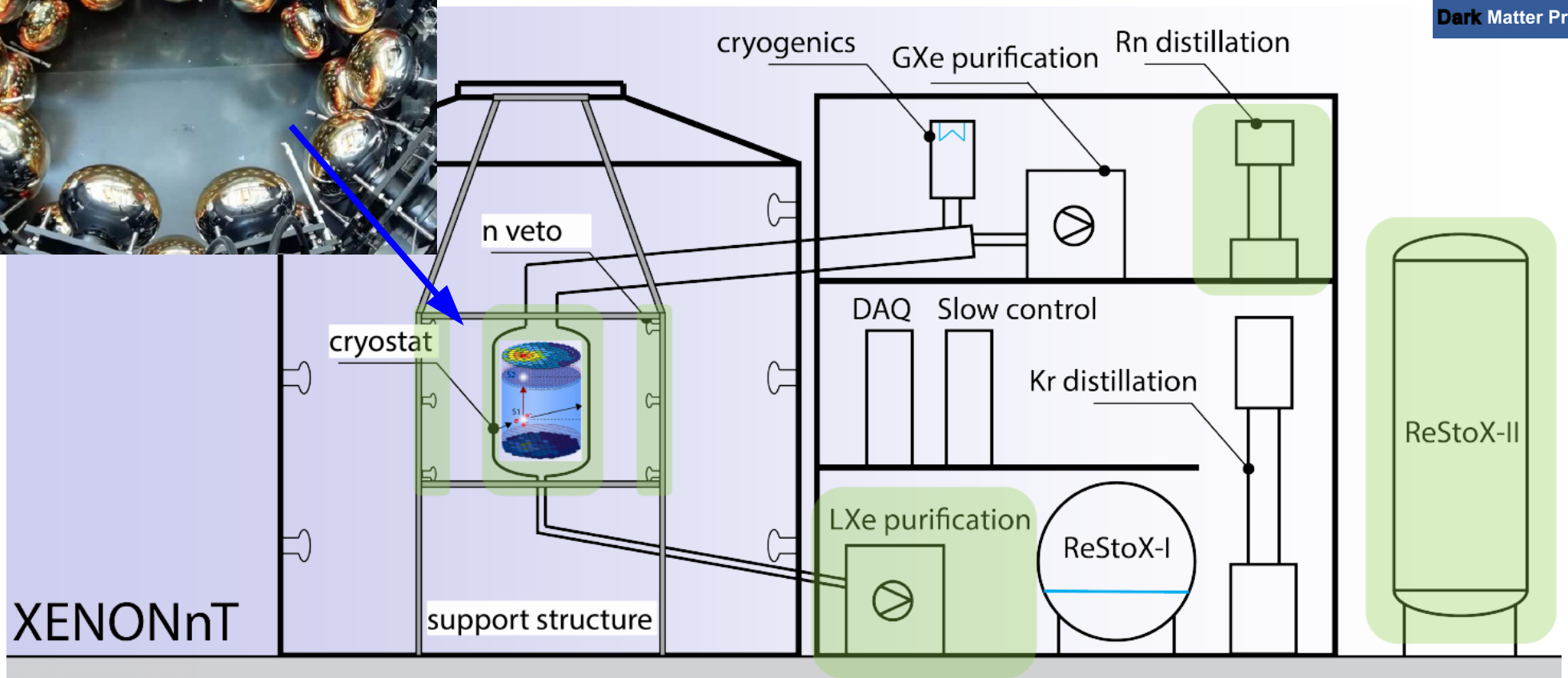
- goal: ER bg reduced x0.1, 0.6 NR neutrons in 20 txy

From XENON1T to XENONnT

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- Gd-loaded water (0.2%)
- technology from EGADS
- high LY in inner volume



- **3x larger** than XENON1T

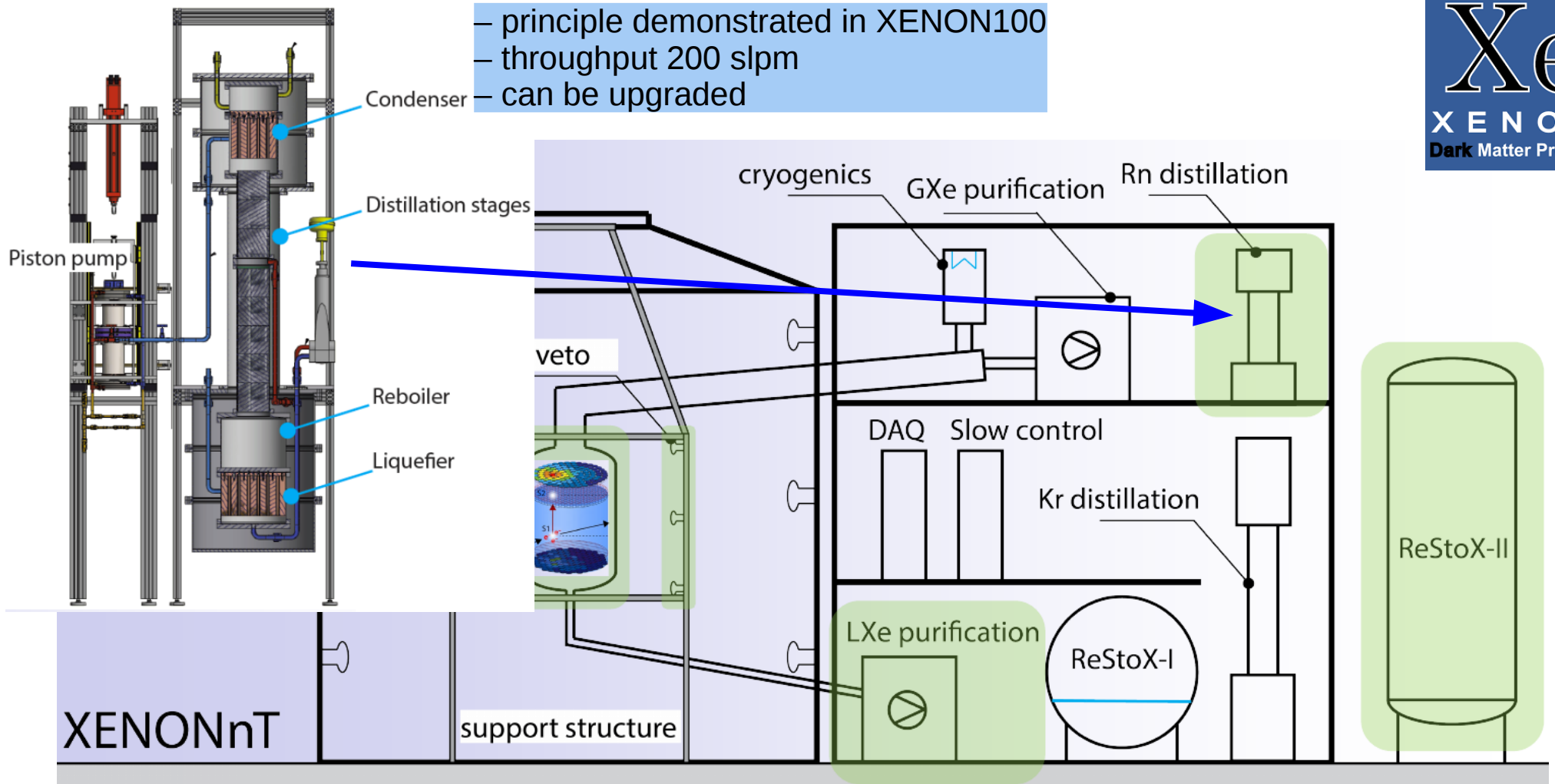
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~8.5t total mass

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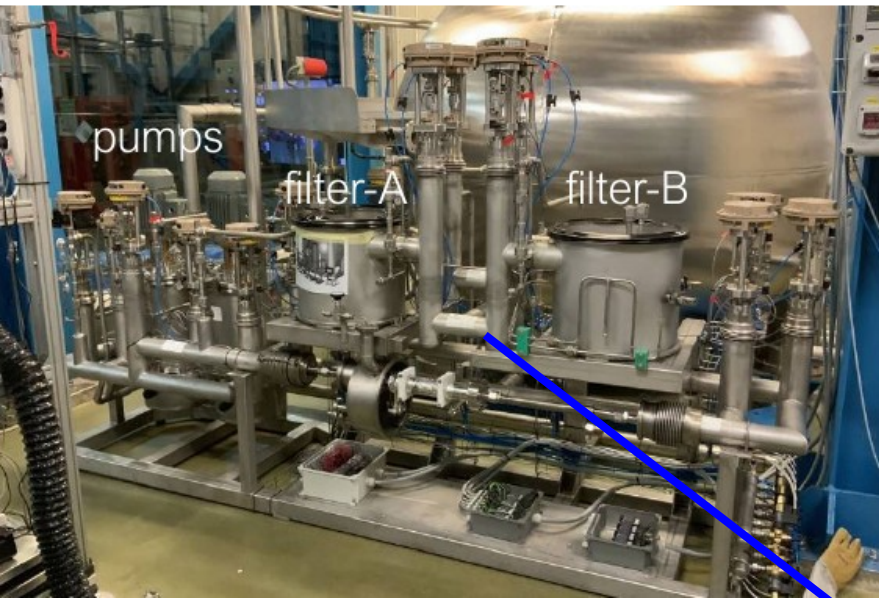
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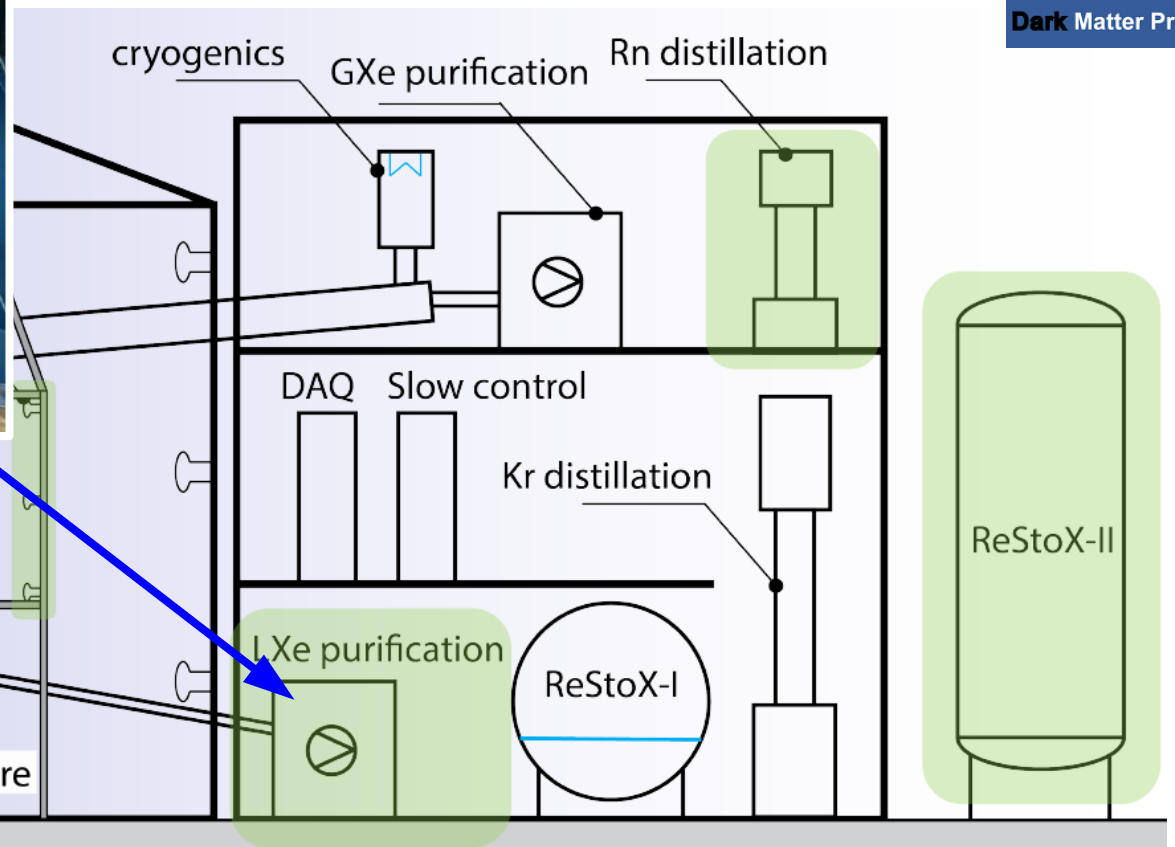
- goal: ER bg reduced x0.1, 0.6 NR neutrons in 20 txy

From XENON1T to XENONnT

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- efficient purification at 5 l/min
- $2 \text{ Cu} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ CuO}$
- LXe from bottom of cryostat



XENONnT

support structure

- **3x larger** than XENON1T

5.9t active LXe target

~8.5t total mass

- goal: ER bg reduced x0.1, 0.6 NR neutrons in 20 txy

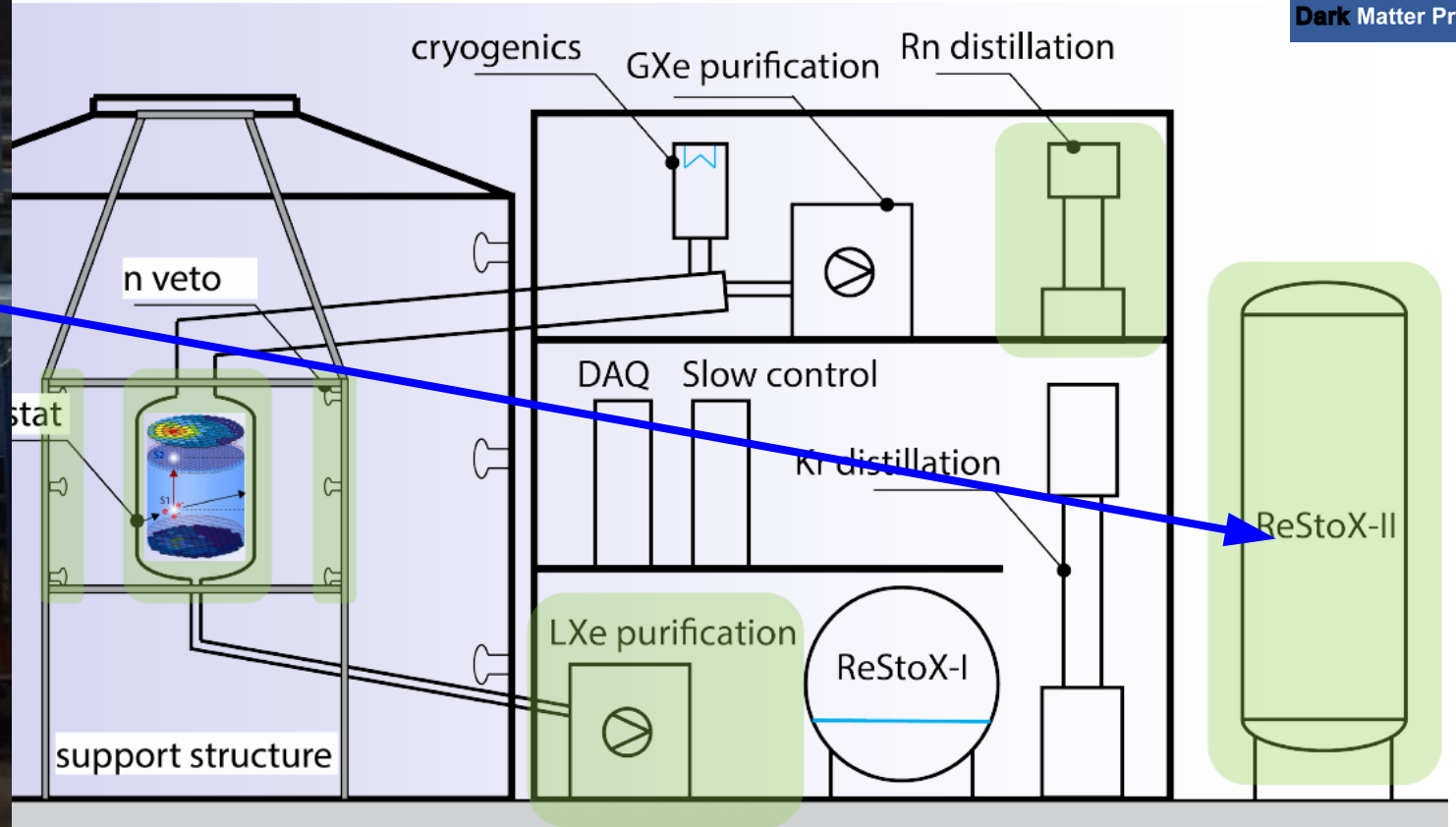
From XENON1T to XENONnT

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- store 10t of LXe or GXe
- currently: 8.3t of Xe in both storage systems



RestoX-II - 3x larger than XENON1T

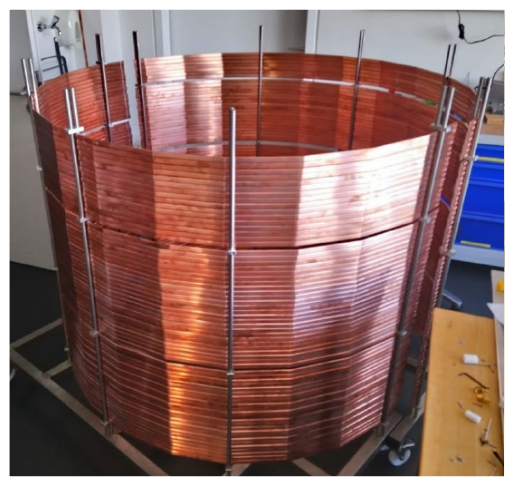
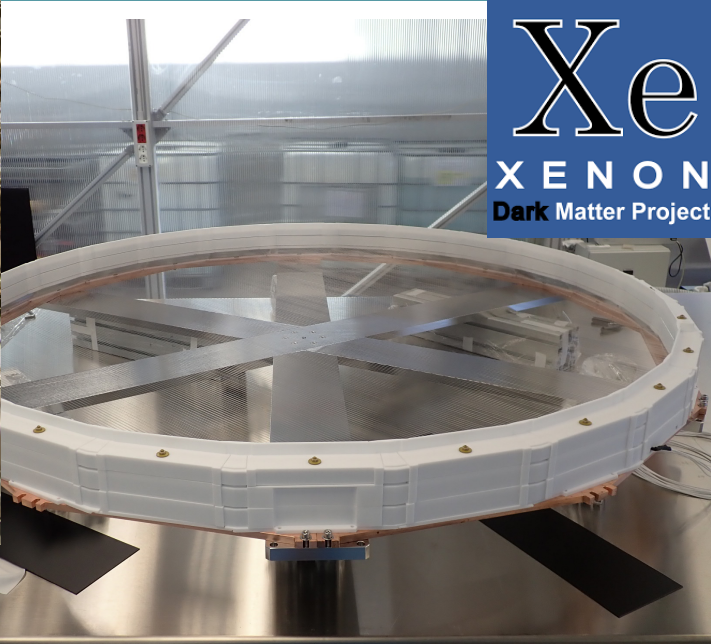


5.9t active LXe target
~8.5t total mass

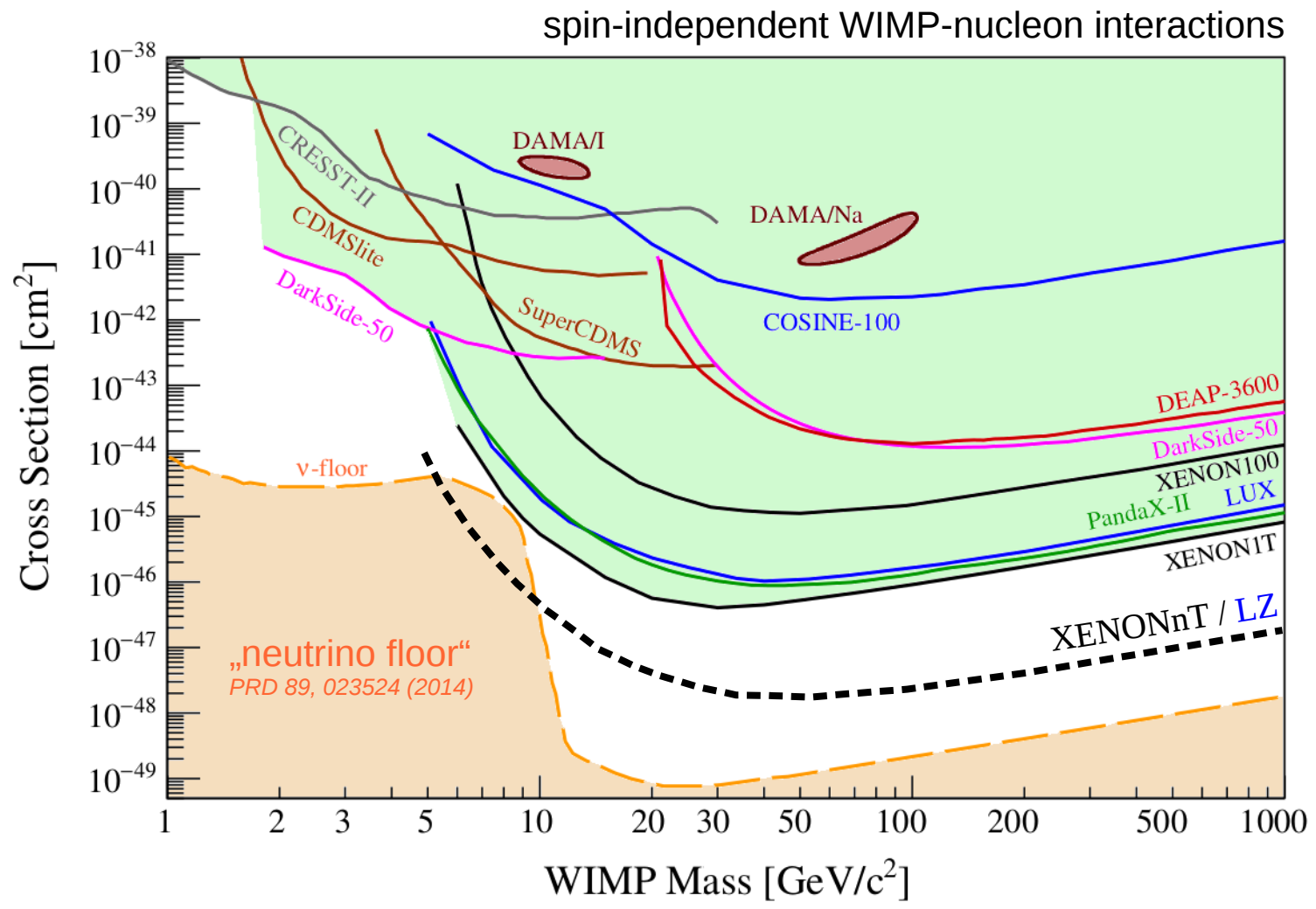
- goal: ER bg reduced x0.1, 0.6 NR neutrons in 20 txy

XENONnT: Busy Times....

Xe
XENON
Dark Matter Project

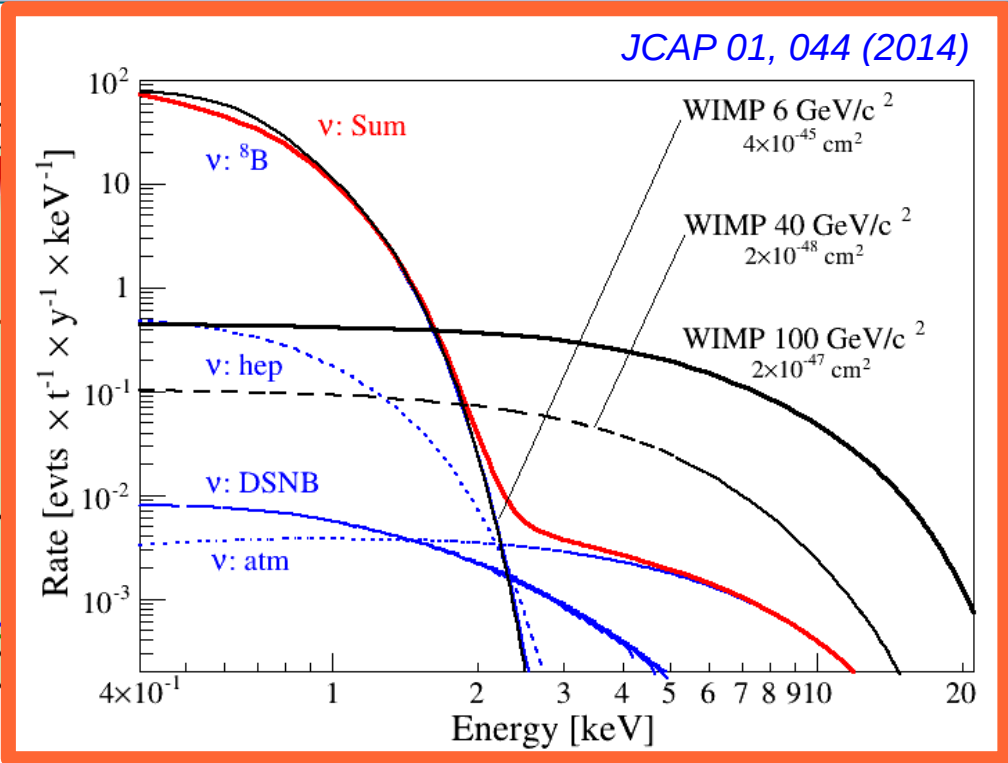
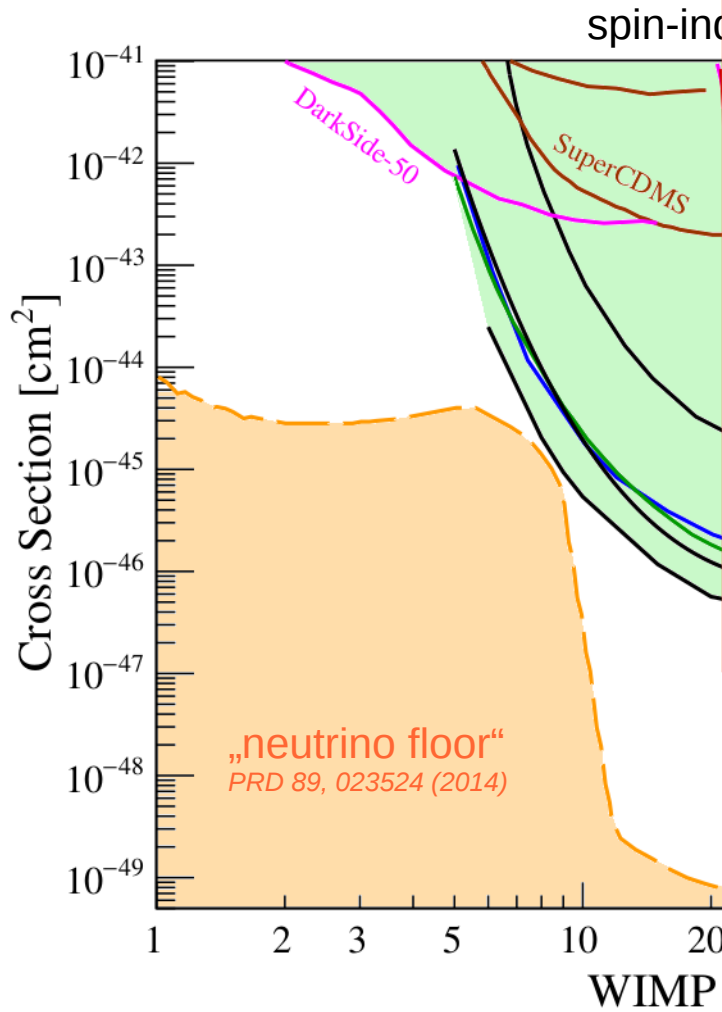


XENONnT Sensitivity Goal

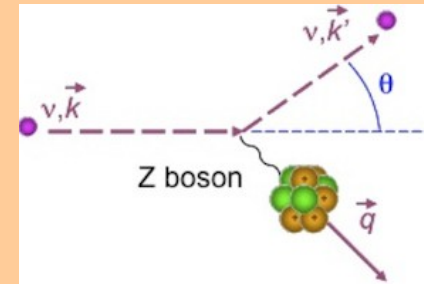


some results are missing...

The ultimate Limit

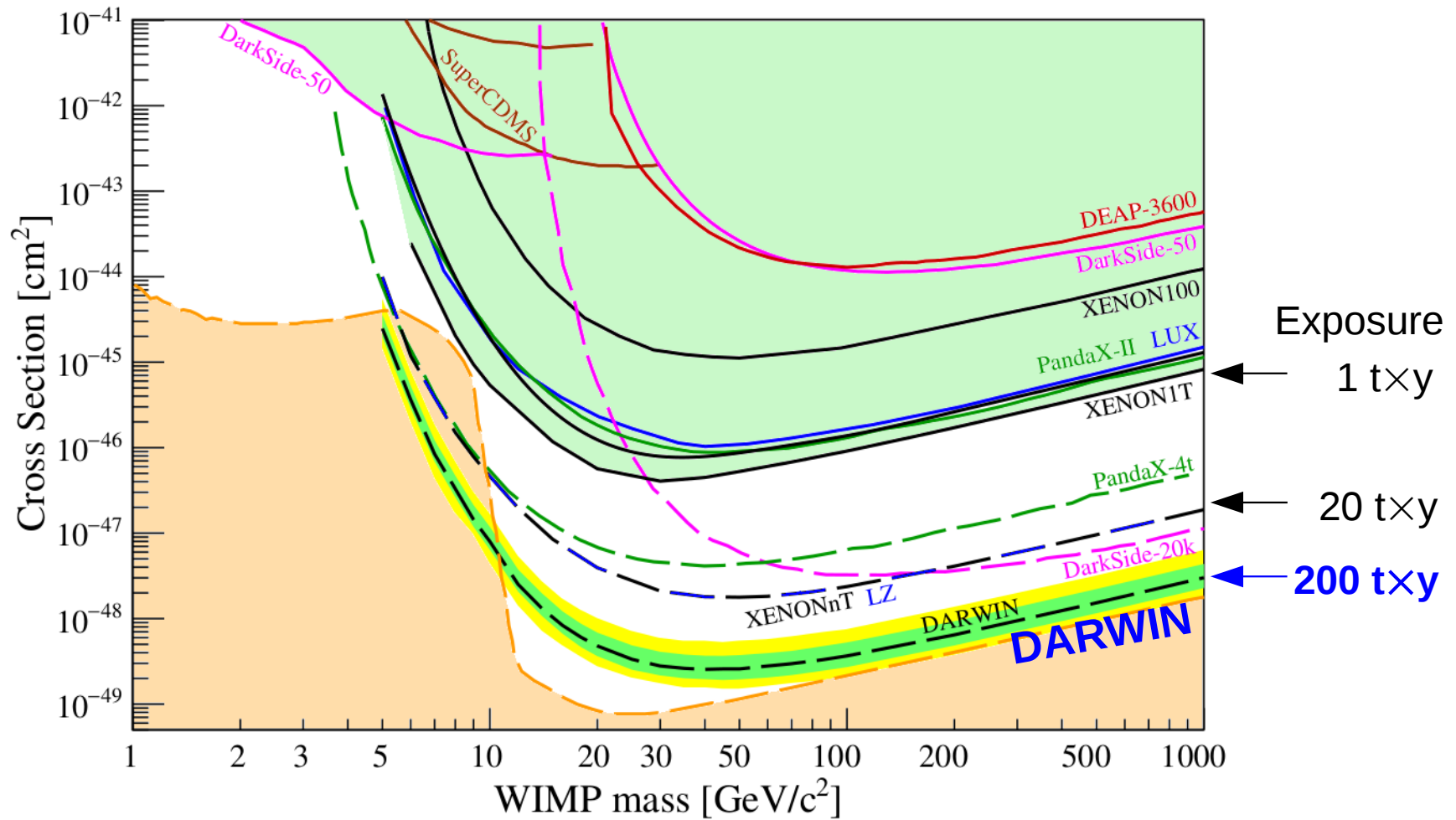


Interactions from coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering (CNNS) will dominate
 → **ultimate background** for direct detection



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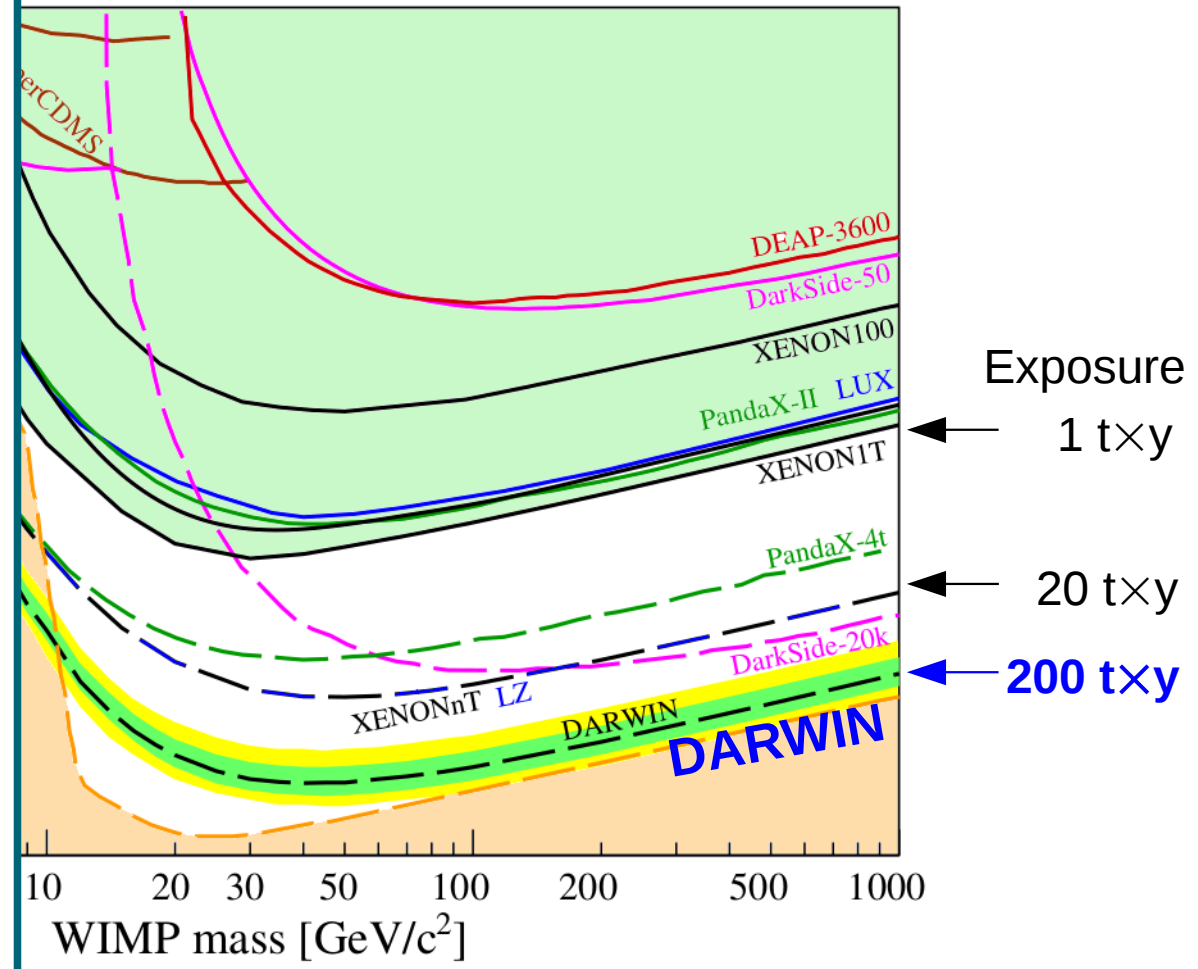
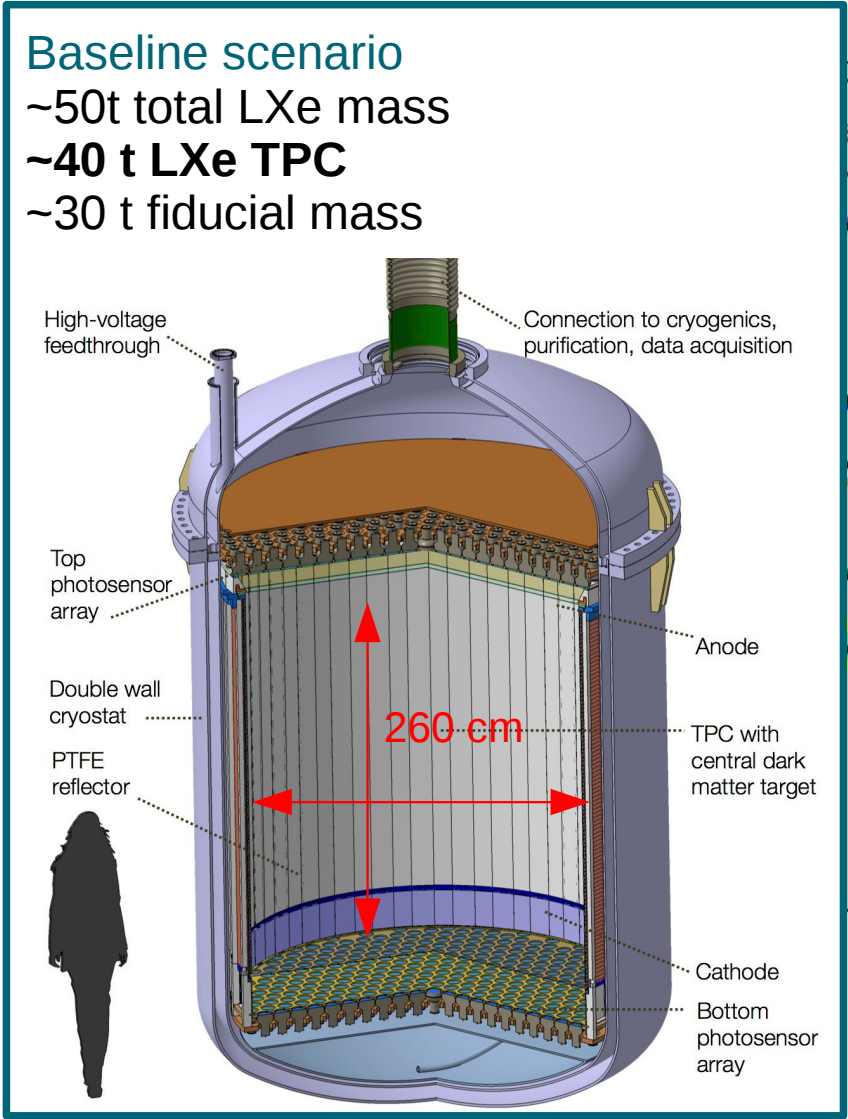
LXe-based



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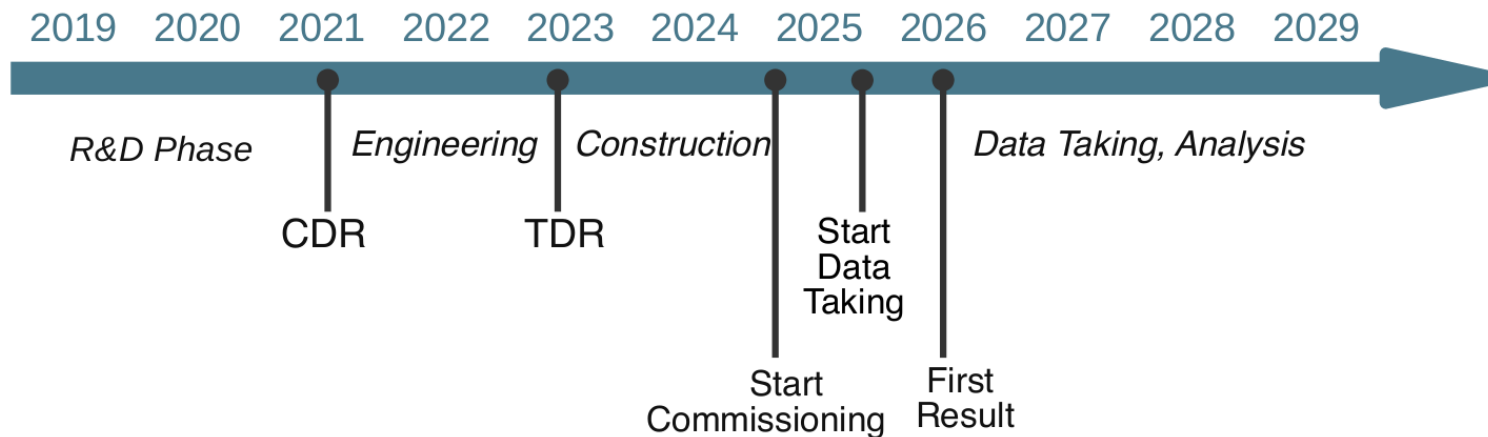
LXe-based

Baseline scenario
 ~50t total LXe mass
 ~40 t LXe TPC
 ~30 t fiducial mass





- aim at **sensitivity of a few 10^{-49} cm²**, limited by **irreducible ν -backgrounds**
- international collaboration, 26 groups, ~160 scientists
→ continuously growing
- endorsed by several national and international agencies
- LOI to LNGS submitted
- Timescale: start after XENONnT



DARWIN Backgrounds



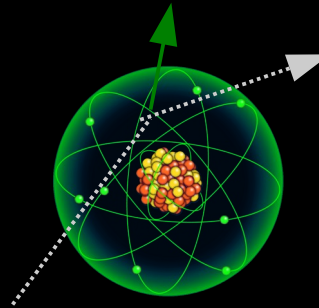
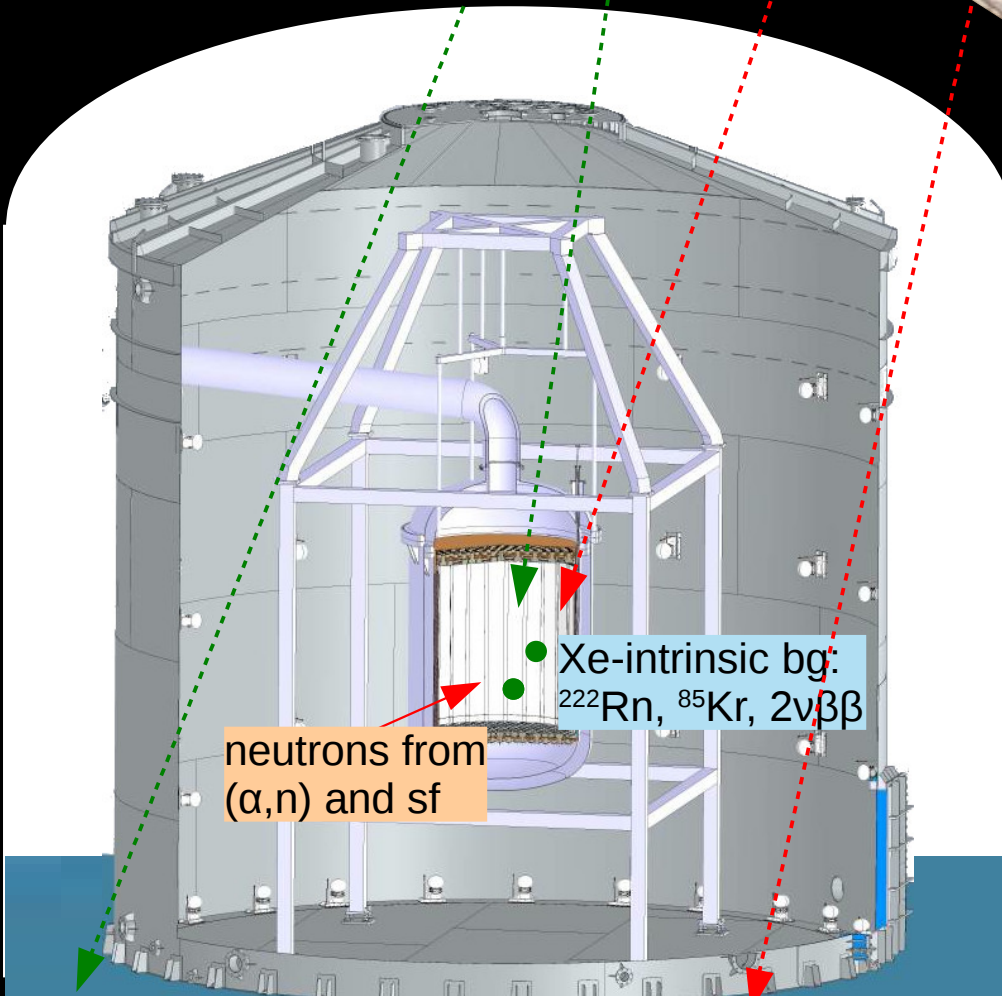
pp+⁷Be neutrinos
→ ER signature

high-E neutrinos
→ CNNS bg
→ NR signature

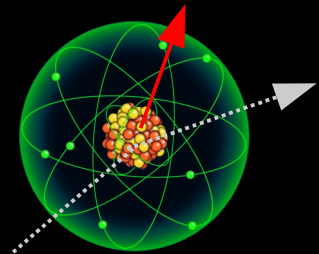
Remaining background sources:

- Neutrinos (→ ERs and NRs)
 - Detector materials (→ n)
 - Xe-intrinsic isotopes (→ e⁻)
- (assume 100% effective shield against μ-induced background)

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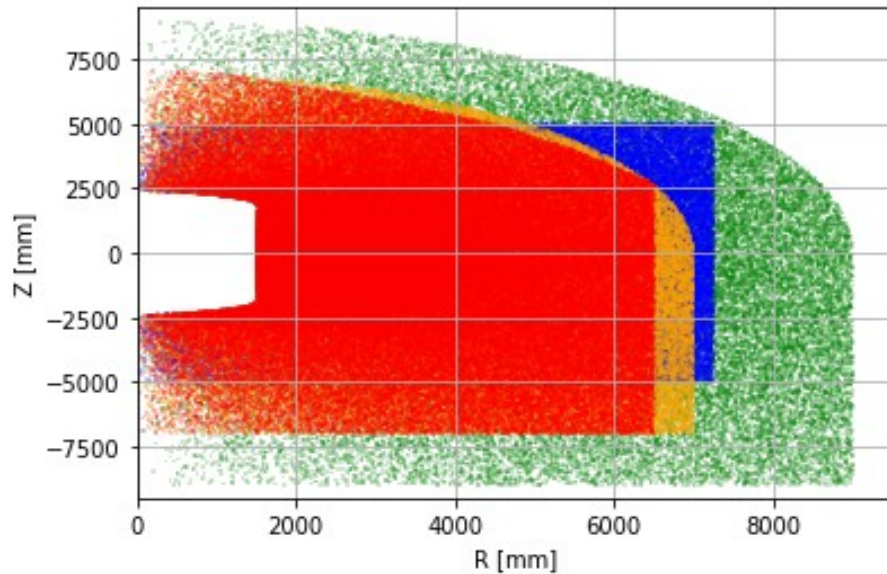
Electronic Recoils
(gamma, beta)



Nuclear Recoils
(neutron, WIMPs)

only single scatters

Water Shield Studies

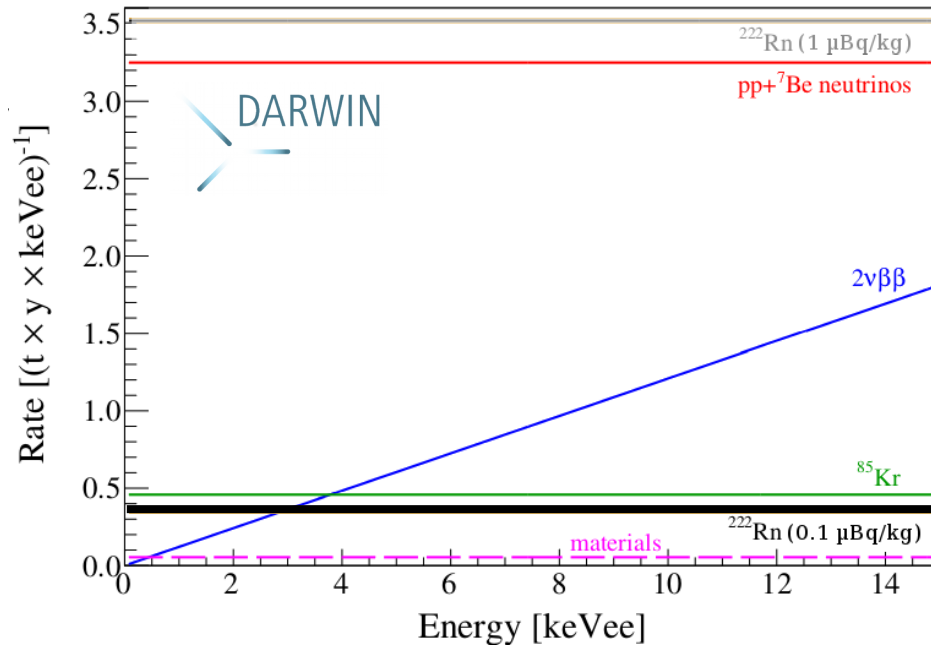


Various water shield geometries were studied for LNGS depth

→ the more shielding the better, but 12m appears sufficient



LXe: Radon Background

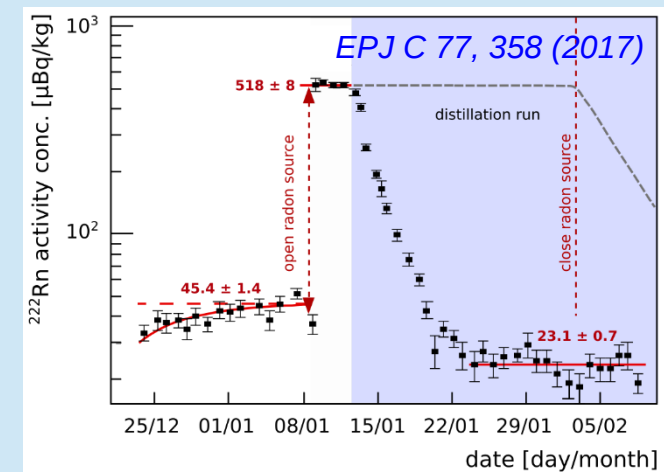


DARWIN goal:
ER background dominated
by solar neutrinos

^{222}Rn factor 100 below XENON1T
→ **this is the main background challenge**
(DEAP-3600 achieved 0.18 $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$)

Strategy XENONnT → DARWIN

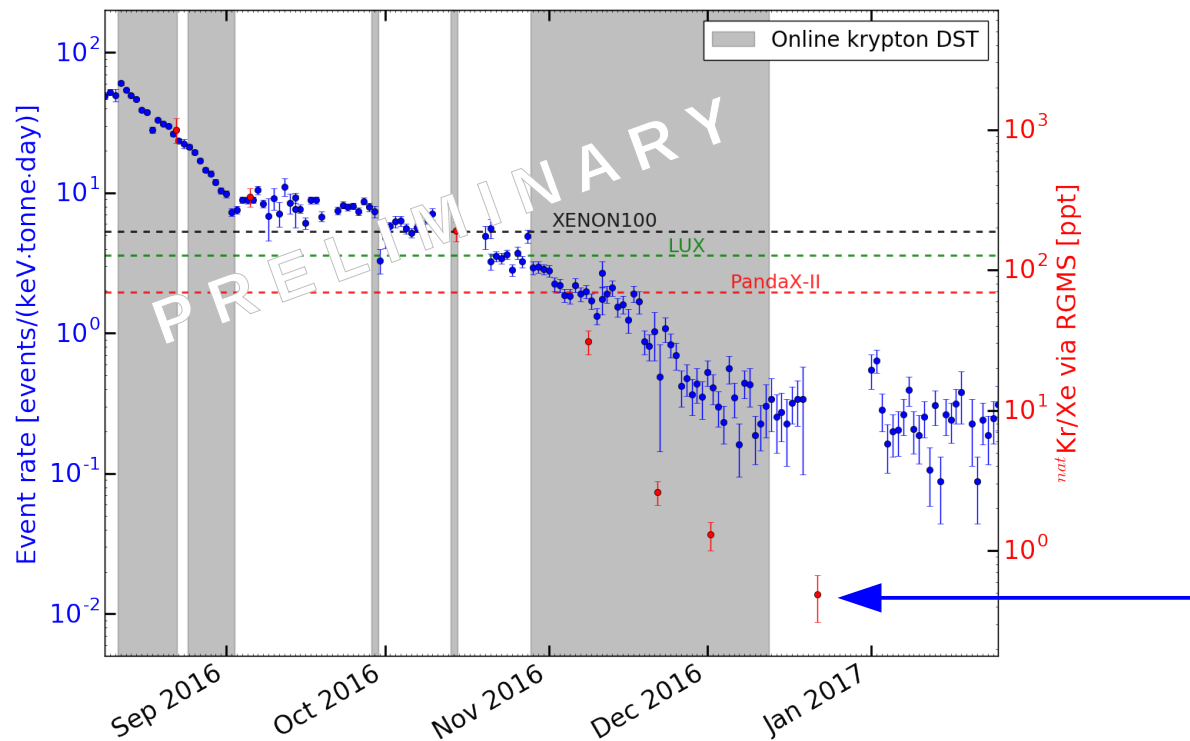
- avoid Rn by material selection + treatment
- avoid Rn by detector design
- NEW: **active Rn removal**
- **cryogenic distillation**
distillation column installed @ XENON100
 - demonstrated **reduction factor >27** (@ 95% CL)
 - dedicated column under development



LXe: Krypton Removal

- DARWIN goal: **0.03 ppt** ($\sim 0.1 \times$ pp-neutrinos)
- removal by cryogenic distillation

XENON1T: custom designed distillation column *EPJ. C 77, 275 (2017)*
 $^{\text{nat}}\text{Kr/Xe} = (0.6 \pm 0.1) \text{ ppt}$ achieved
 by novel *online* distillation
 → lowest value in LXe experiments ever



XENON1T column has produced
 gas sample **<0.026 ppt** = 2.6×10^{-14} (90% CL)
 → **DARWIN goal achieved**

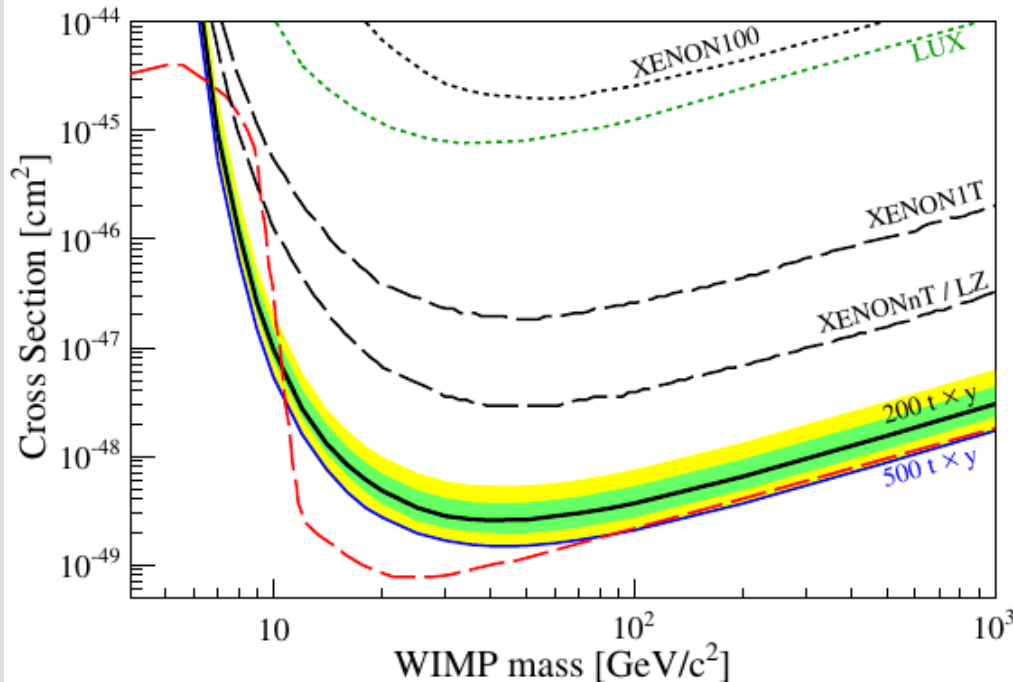


DARWIN WIMP Sensitivity

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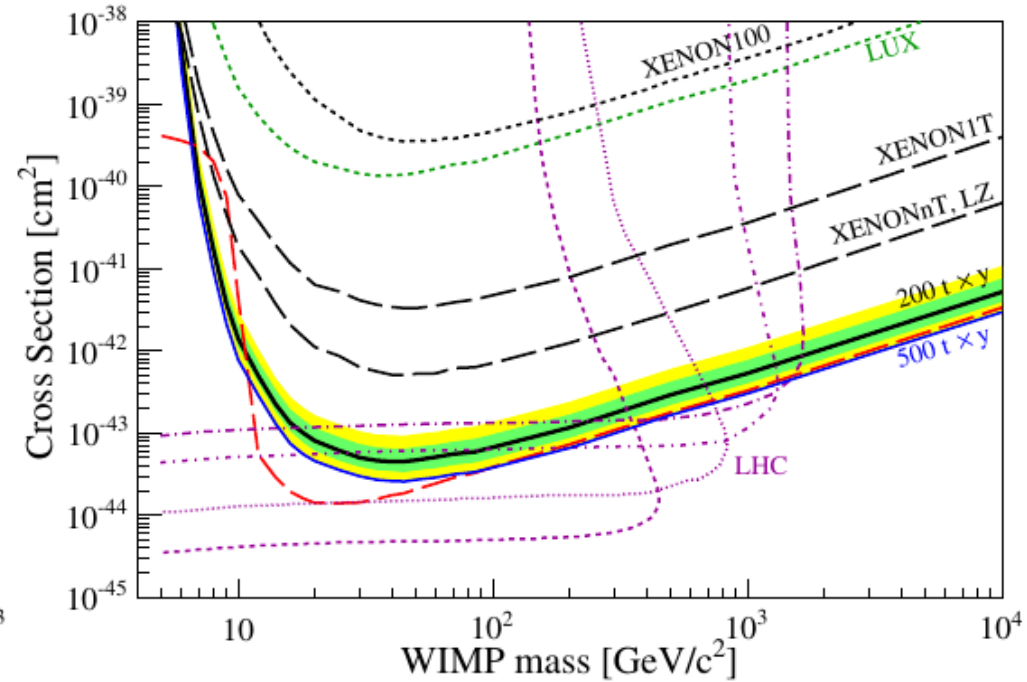
- exposure: 200 t × y; **all backgrounds included**
- **likelihood analysis**
- 99.98% ER rejection @ 30% NR acceptance, S1+S2 combined energy scale, LY=8 PE/keV, 5-35 keV_{nr} energy window

spin-independent couplings



200 t × y: $\sigma < 2.5 \times 10^{-49} \text{ cm}^2$ @ 40 GeV/c²

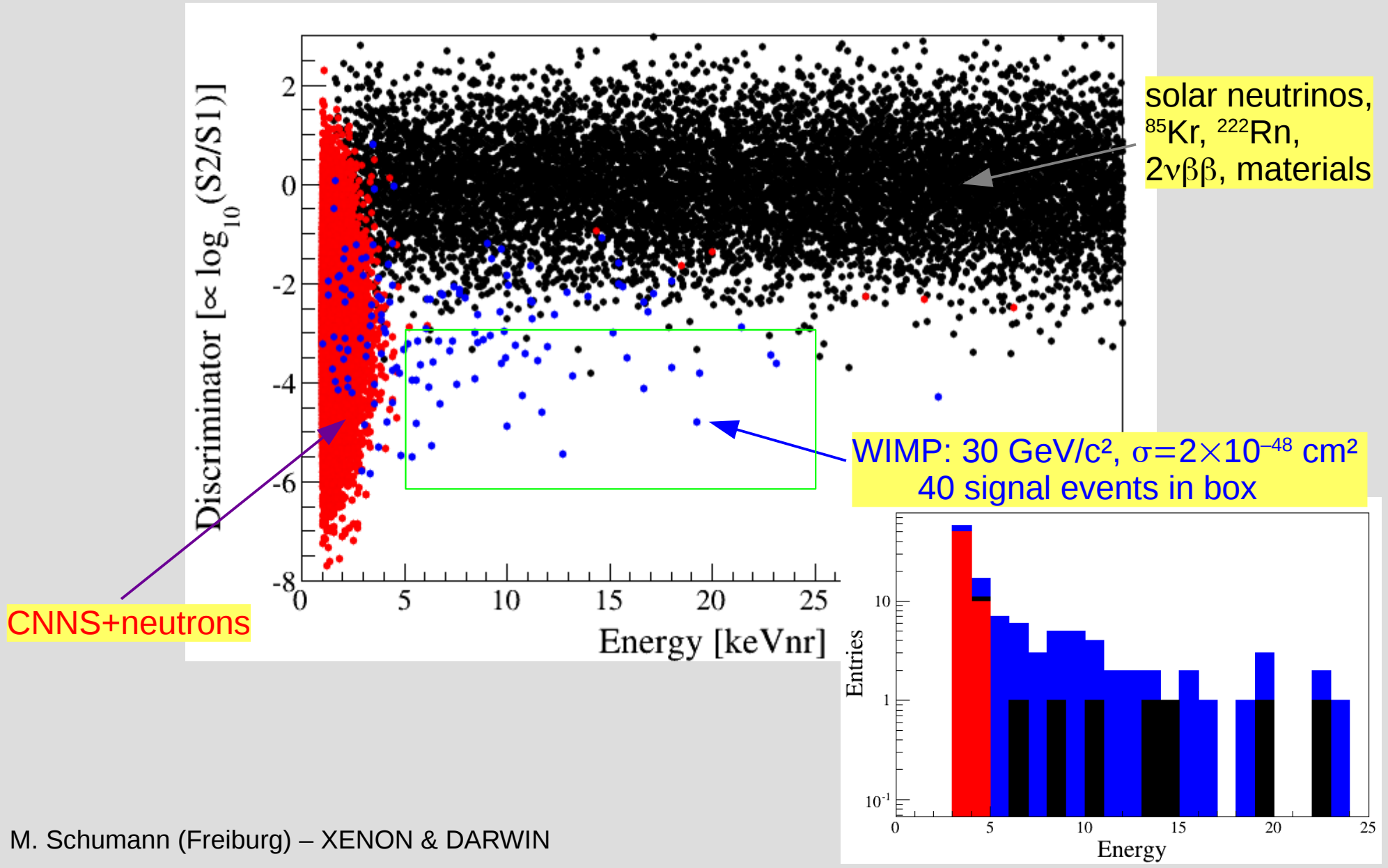
spin-dependent couplings (n-only)



excellent complementarity to LHC searches

Phys.Dark Univ. 9-10, 51 (2015).

WIMP Detection

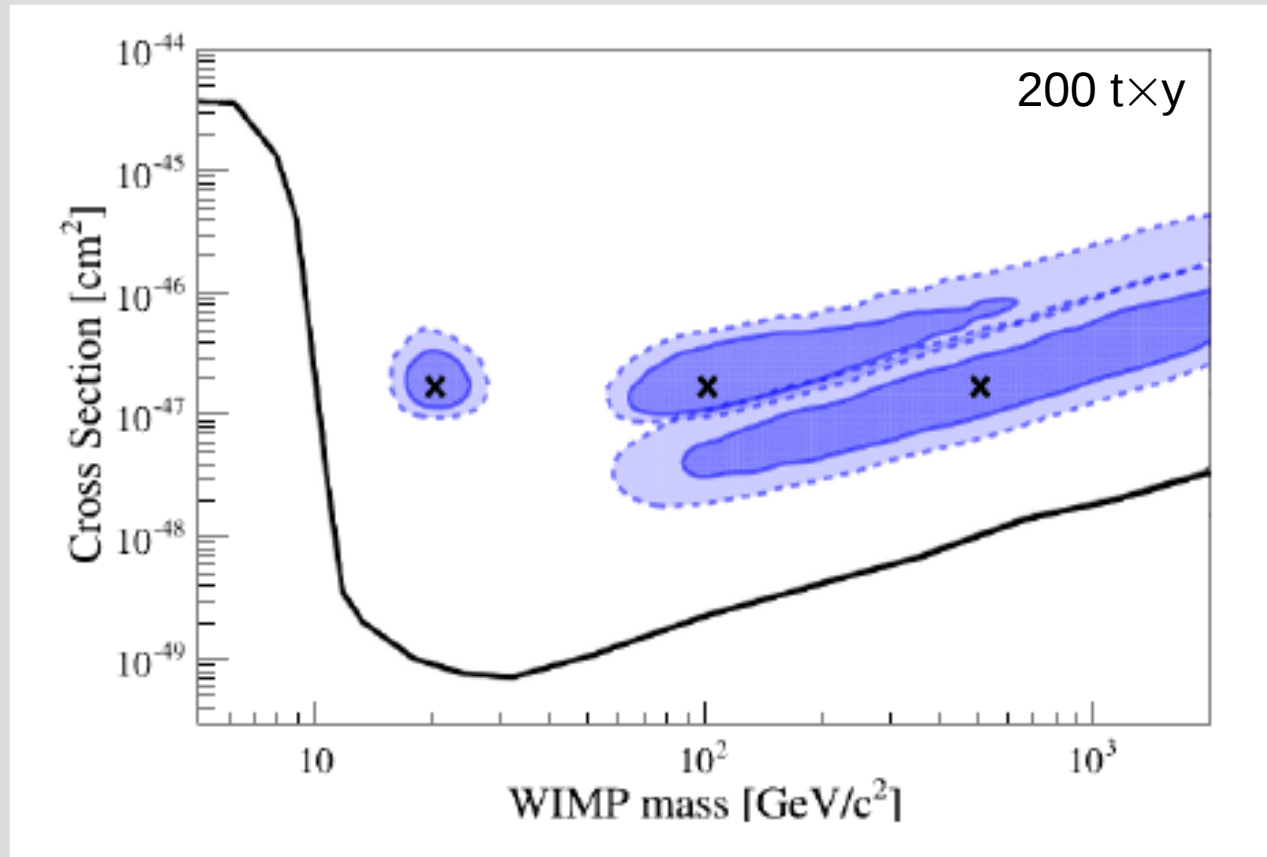


WIMP Spectroscopy

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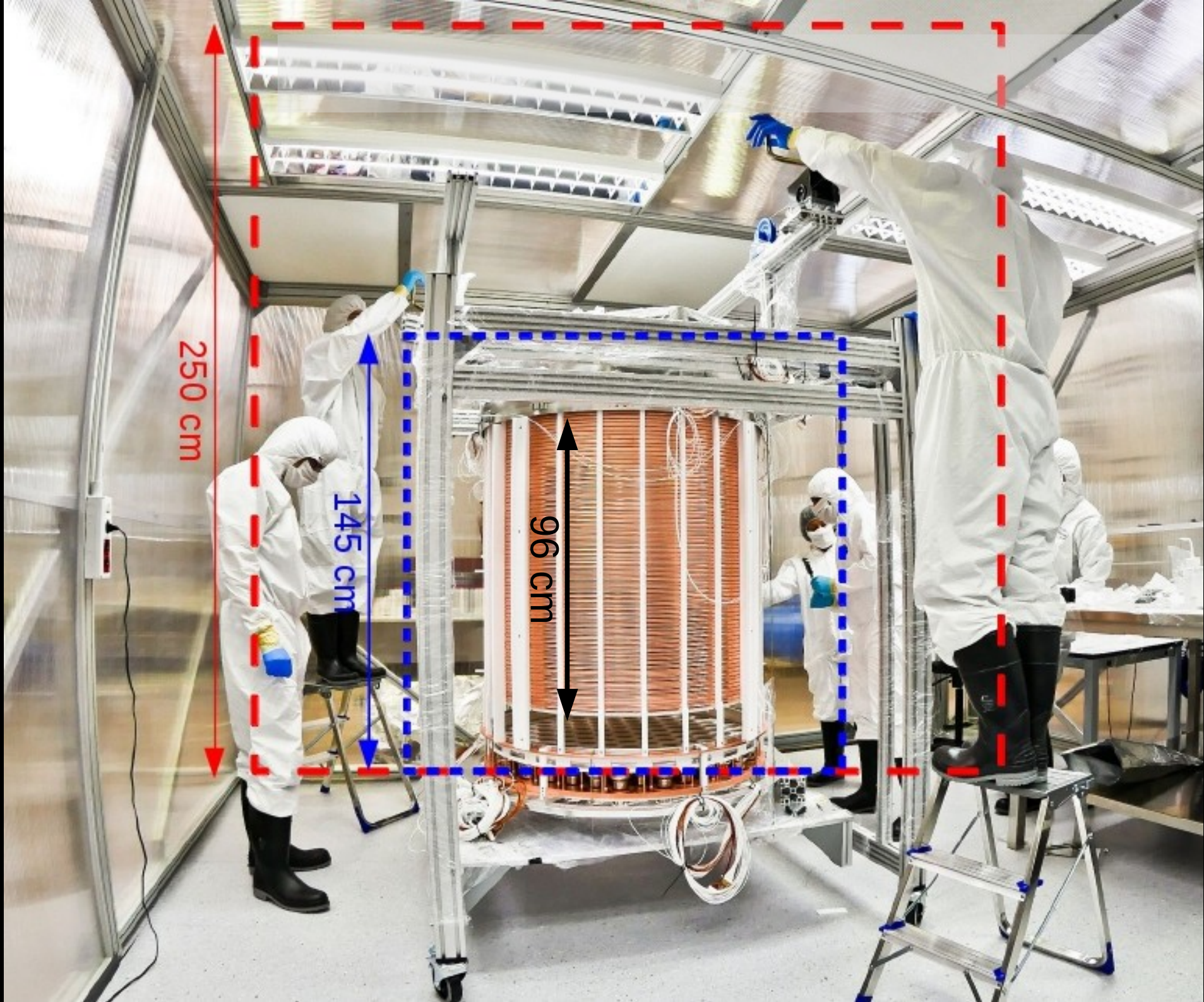


Reconstruction: $2 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$



Capability to reconstruct WIMP parameters

- $m_\chi = 20, 100, 500 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- $1\sigma/2\sigma$ CI, marginalized over astrophysical parameters
- due to flat WIMP spectra, no target can reconstruct masses $>500 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



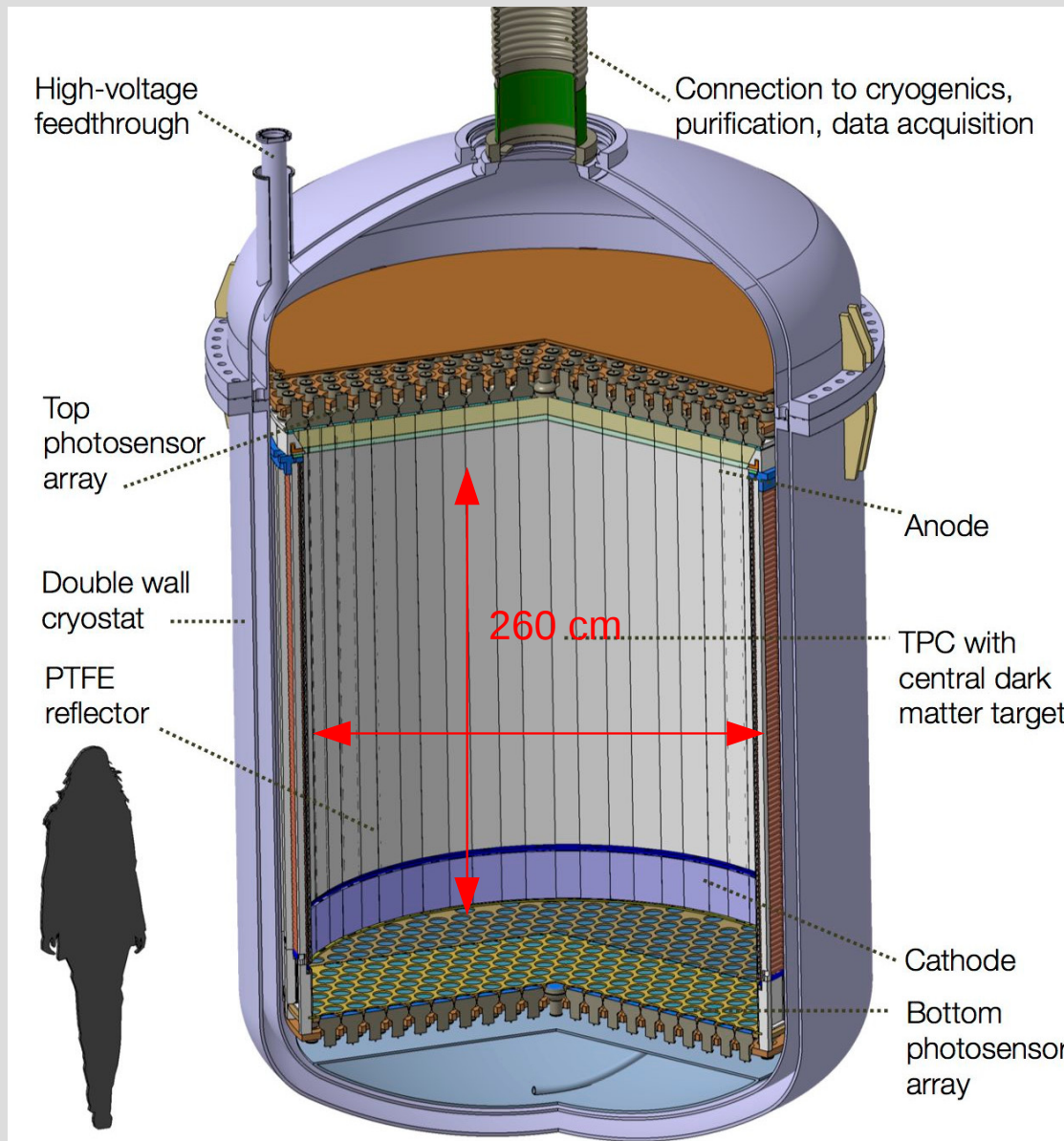
250 cm

145 cm

96 cm

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Challenges

- **Size**

- electron drift (HV)
- diameter (TPC electrodes)
- mass (LXe purification)
- dimensions (radioactivity)
- detector response (calibration, corrections)

- **Backgrounds**

- ^{222}Rn : factor 100 required
- (α, n) neutrons (from PTFE)

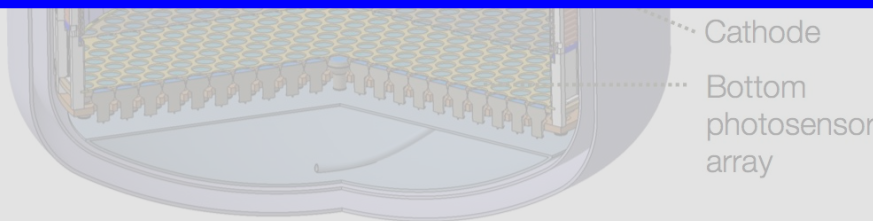
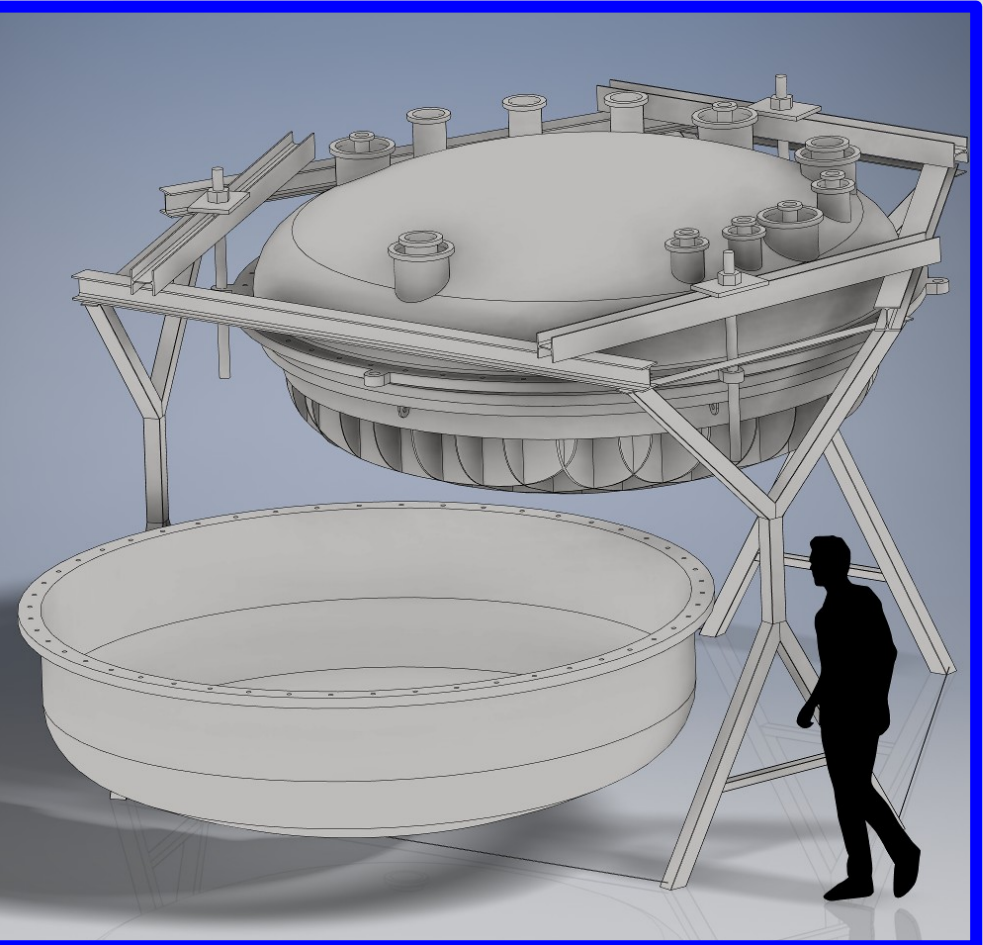
- **Photosensors**

- high light yield (QE)
- low radioactivity
- long-term stability

- etc etc

DARWIN The **ultimate** WIMP Detector

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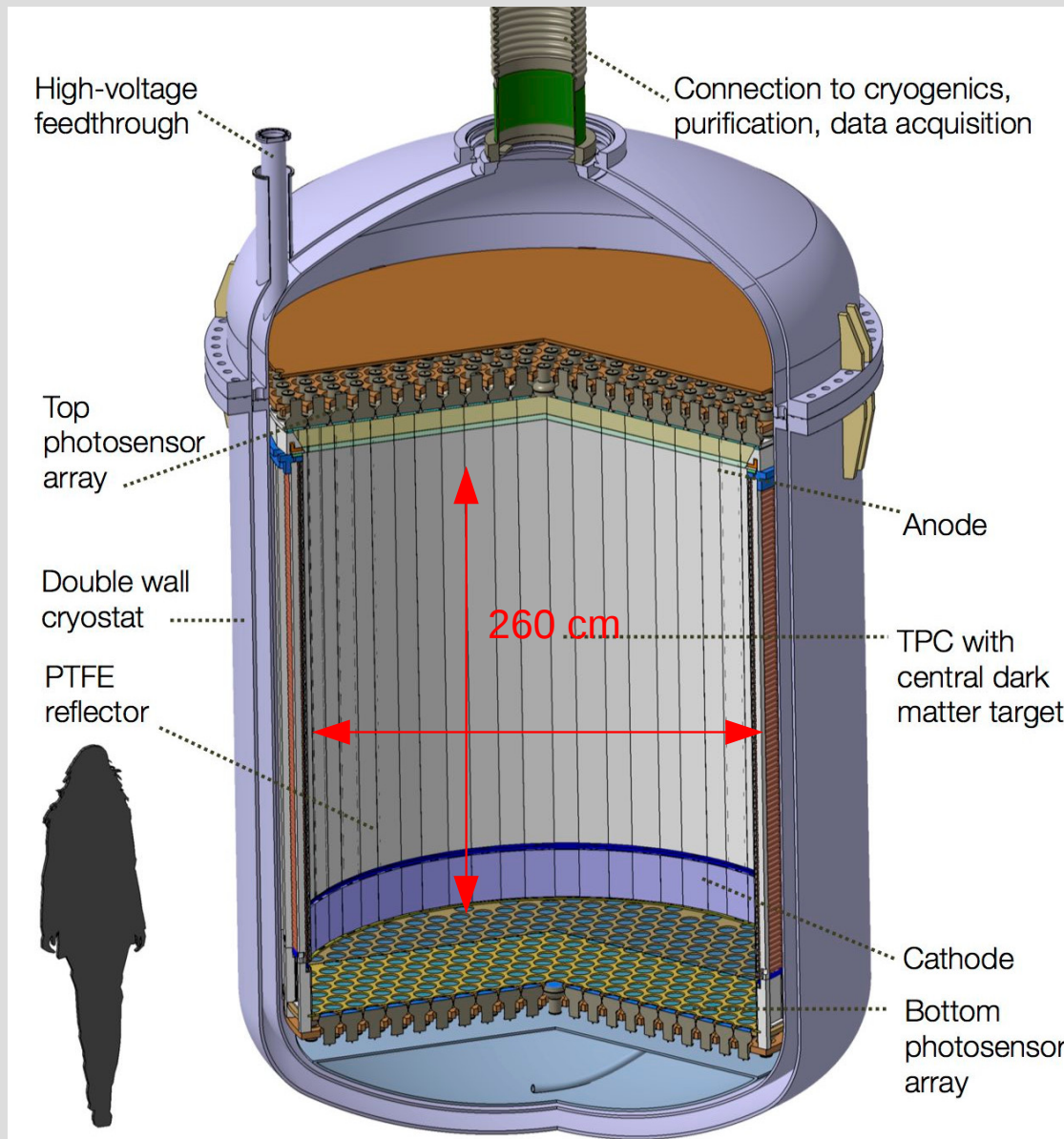


- R&D within XENON collaboration ++
- **two ERC projects**

ULTIMATE (Freiburg)
Xenoscope (Zürich)



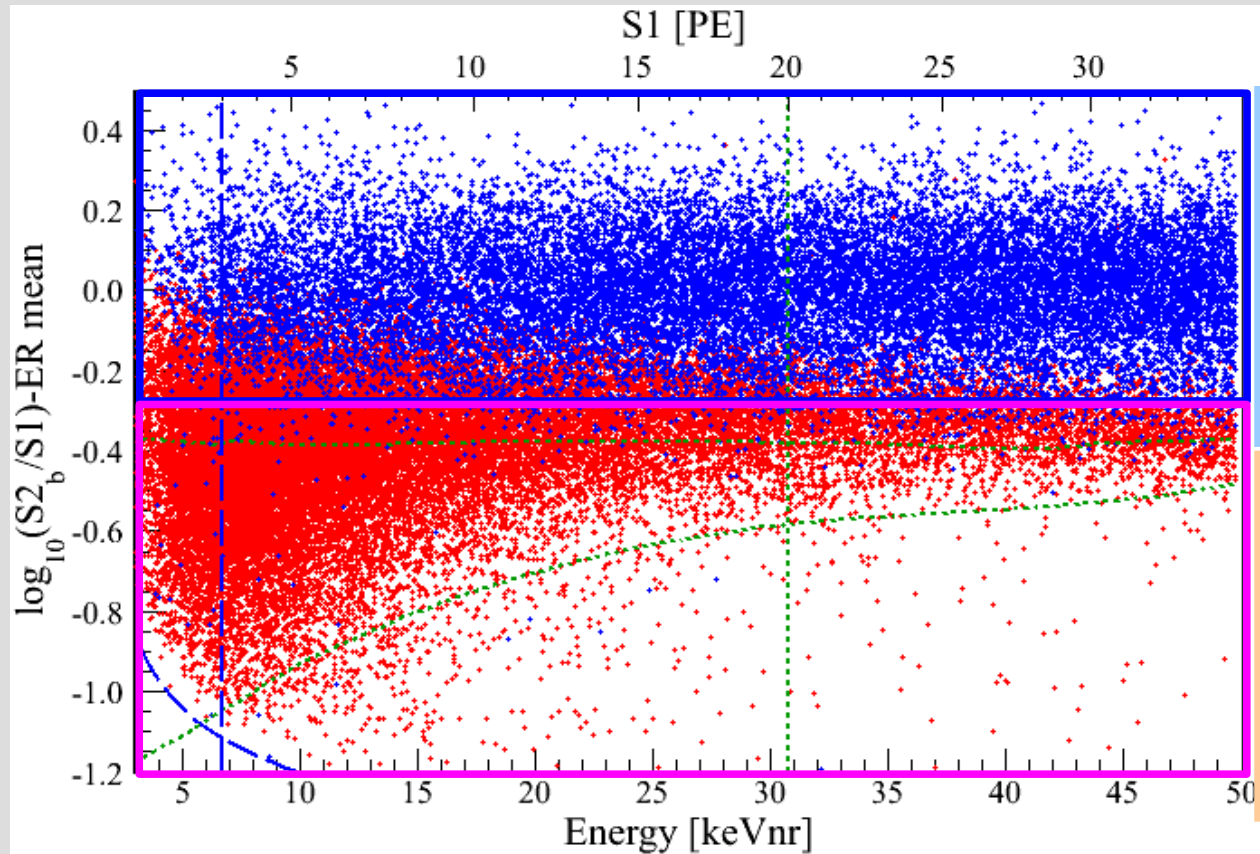
DARWIN The **ultimate** WIMP Detector



other than WIMPs

What **(else)** can we do with these instruments?

Interactions in LXe Detectors



scattering off atomic electrons, excitations etc.

→ **electronic recoil**

- rare processes detectable if ER background is low

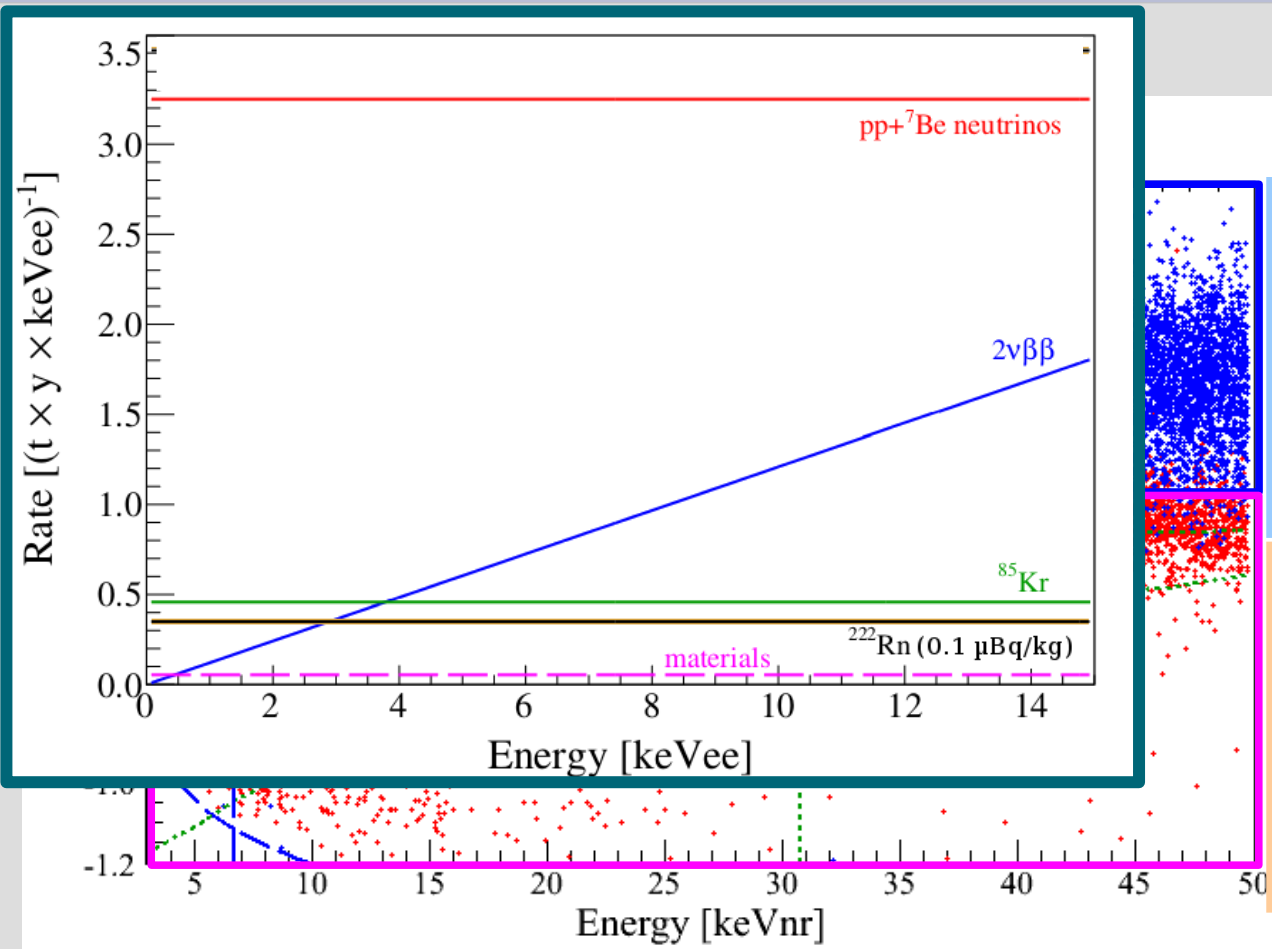
coherent scattering off xenon nucleus

→ **nuclear recoil**

- Dark Matter
- CNNS

↓
SM process, not yet measured.
Deviation from expectation
→ new physics?

Interactions in LXe Detectors



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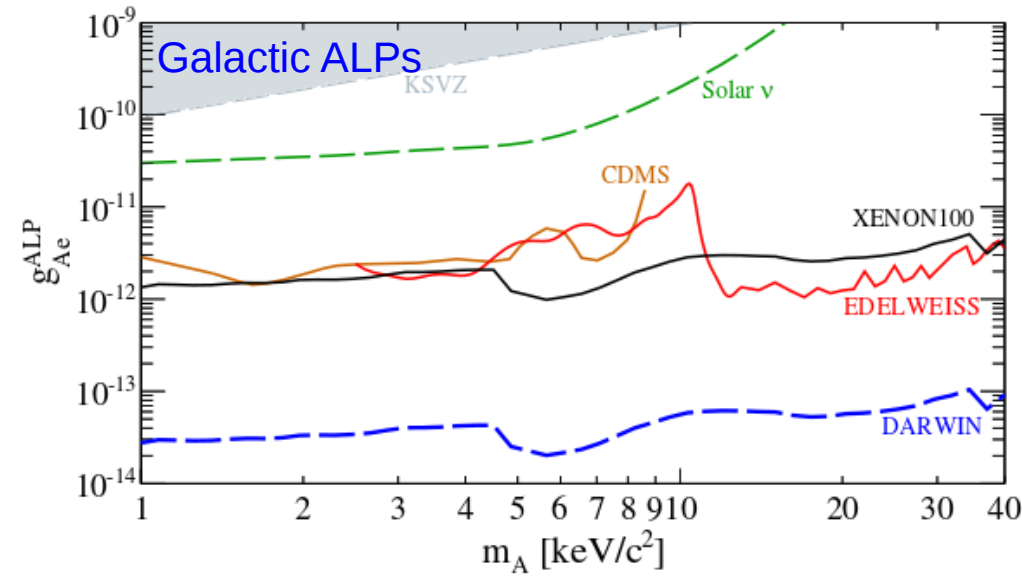
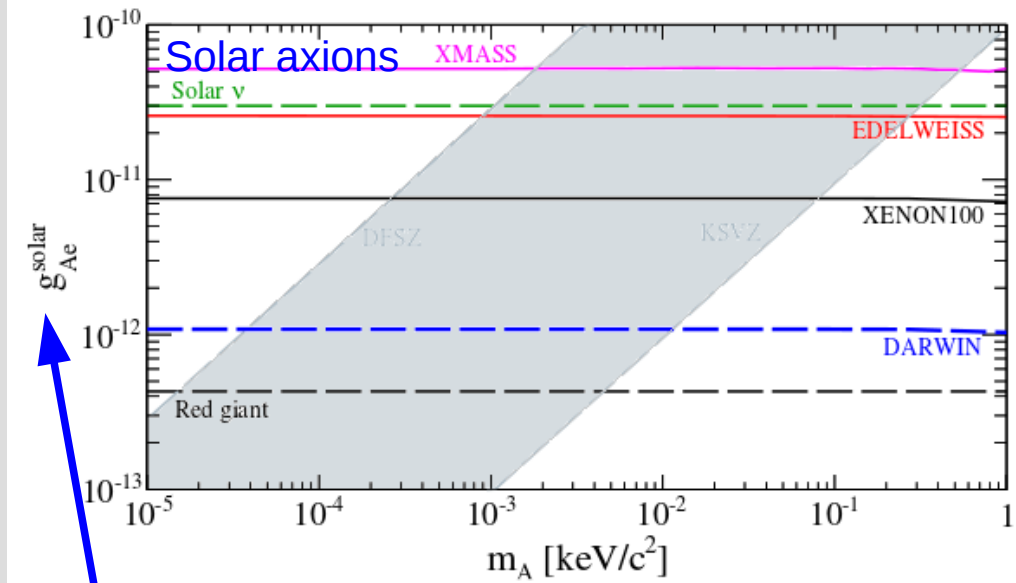
→ Many **science channels** are accessible

DARWIN = A low background, low threshold astroparticle physics observatory

Solar Axions, Dark Matter ALPs



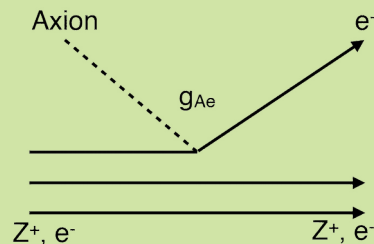
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Axions and ALPs couple to xenon via **axio-electric-effect**

$$\sigma_{Ae}(E_A) = \sigma_{pe}(E_A) \frac{g_{Ae}^2}{\beta_A} \frac{3E_A^2}{16\pi\alpha m_e^2} \left(1 - \frac{\beta_A}{3}\right)$$

→ axion ionizes a Xe atom



Axion

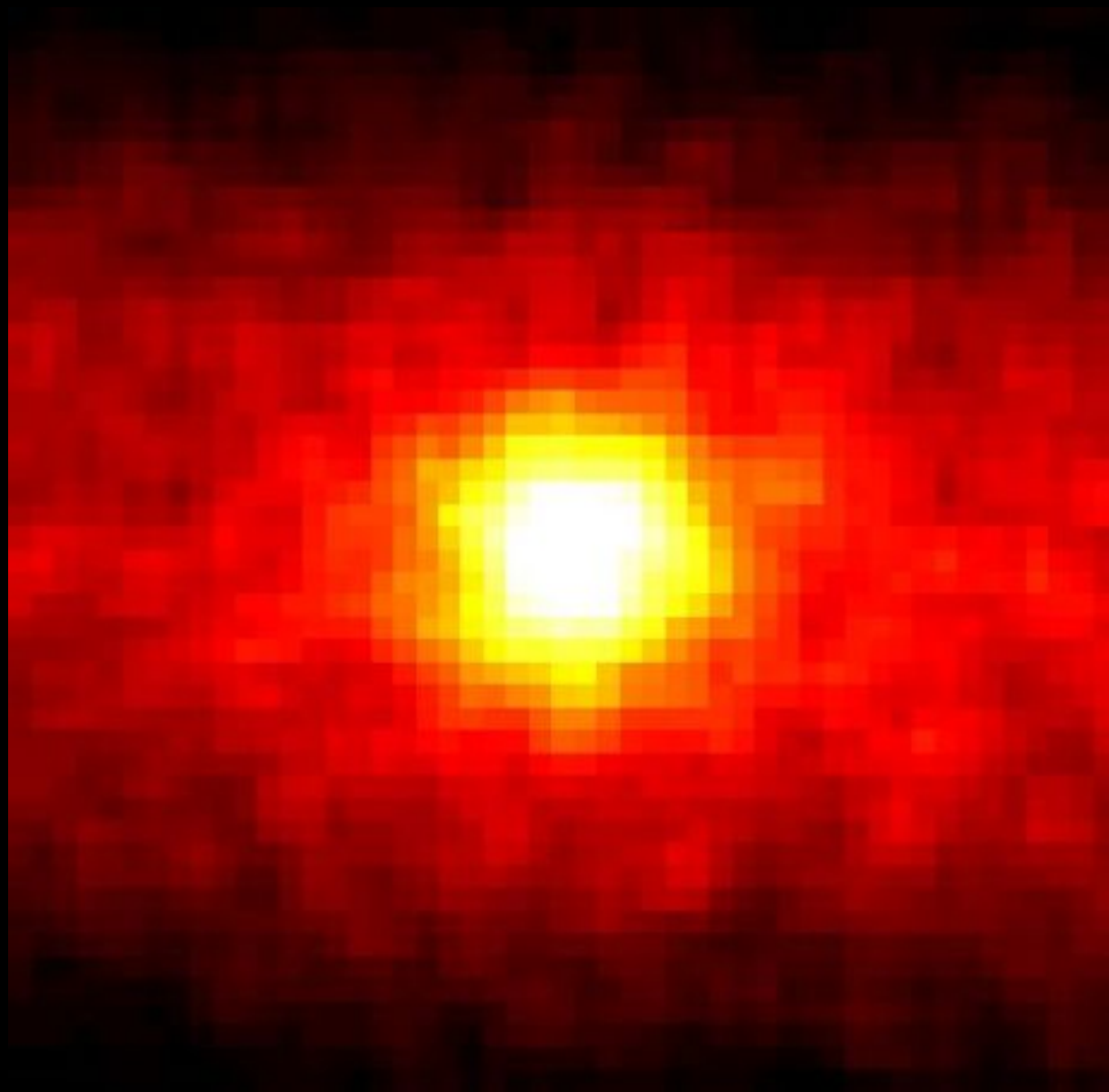
arises naturally in the Peccei-Quinn solution of the strong CP-problem

→ well-motivated dark matter candidate

Axion-like particle (ALP)

generalization of the axion concept, but without addressing strong CP problem

(ALPs = Nambu-Goldstone bosons from breaking of some global symmetry)

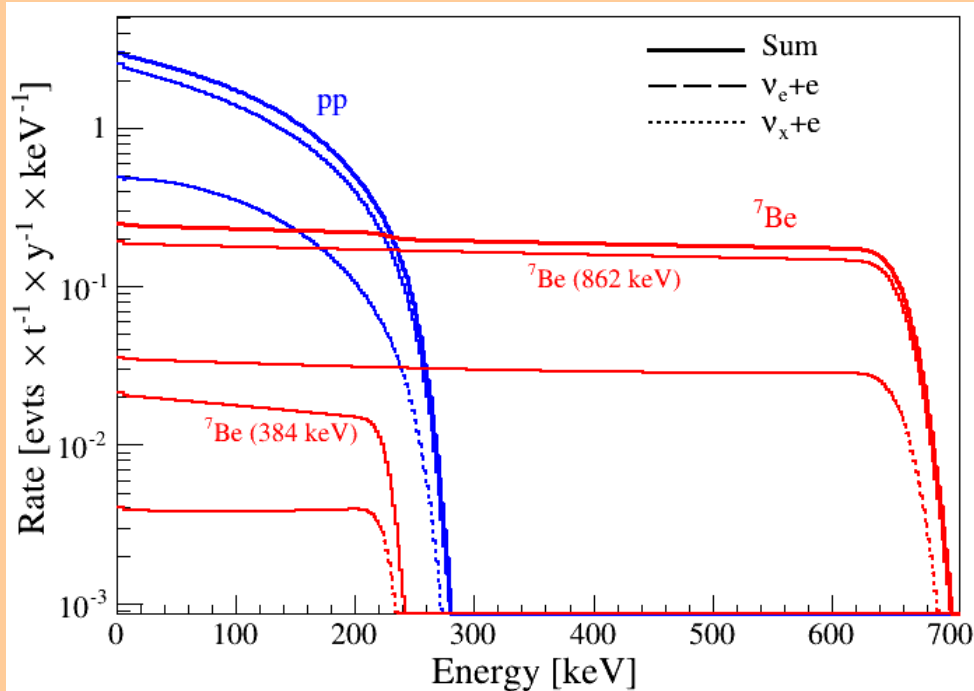


pp-Neutrinos in DARWIN

a background for the WIMP search

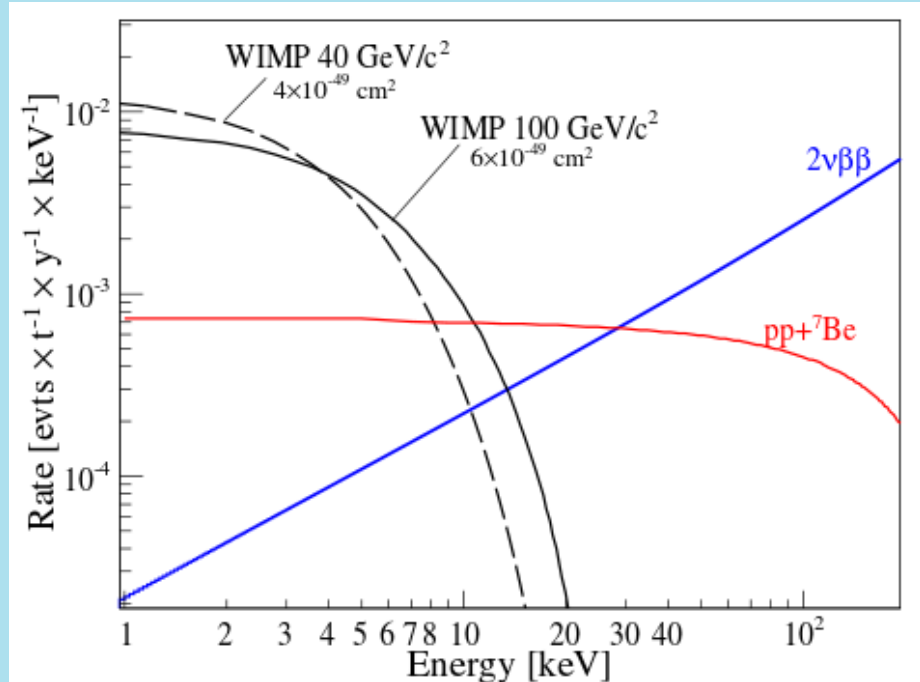
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Differential Recoil Spectrum in Xe



- neutrinos interact with Xe electrons
→ electronic recoil signature
- continuous recoil spectrum
→ largest rate at low E

Neutrino interactions



- ER rejection efficiencies $\sim 99.98\%$ at 30% NR efficiency are required to reduce to sub-dominant level

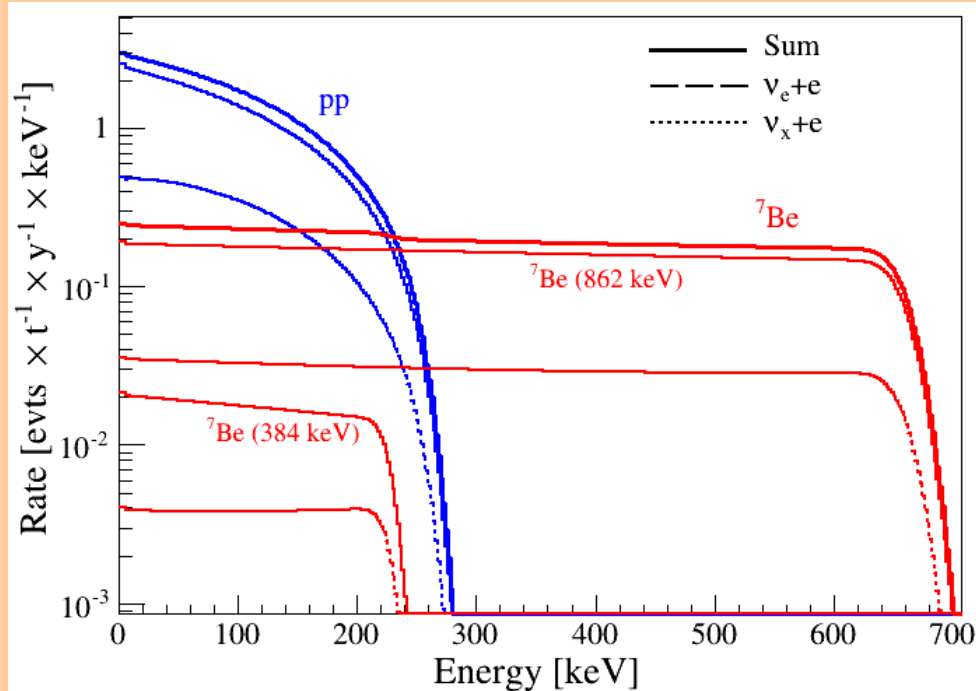
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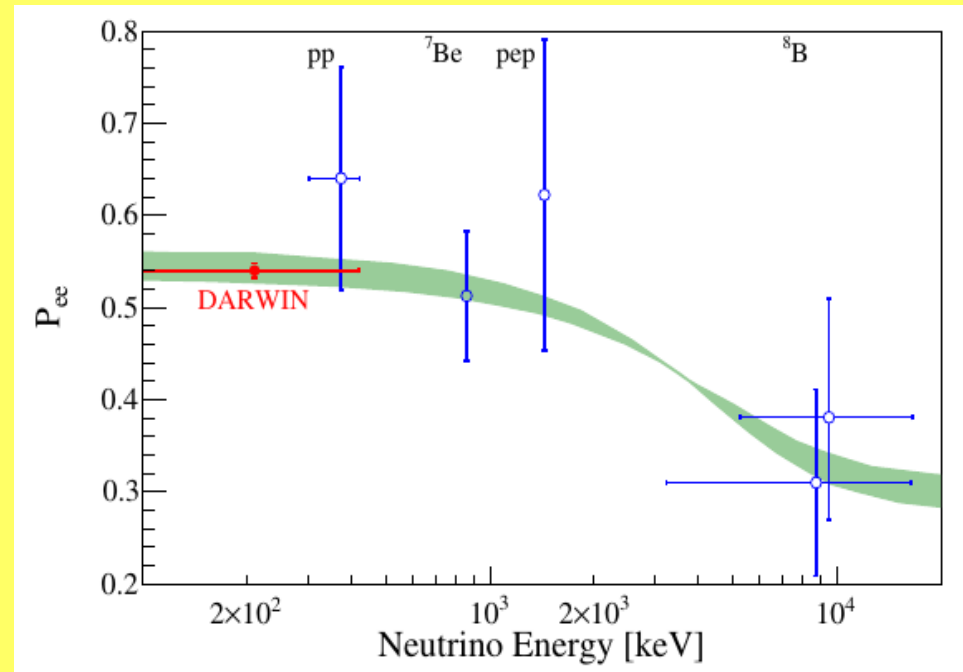
a new physics channel!

Differential Recoil Spectrum in Xe



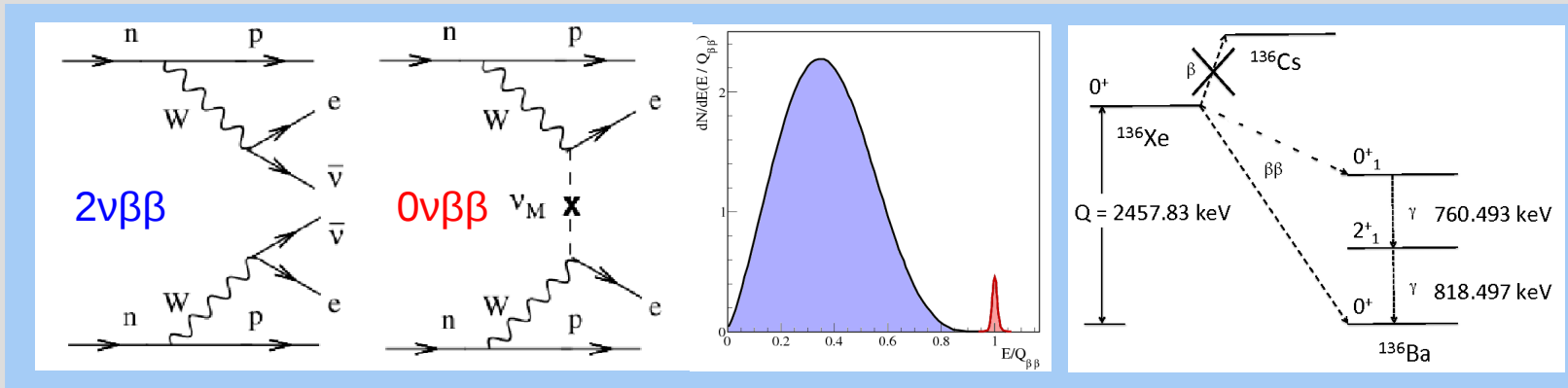
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→ $\sim 0.26 \nu$ evts/t/d in low-E region (2-30 keV)

Neutrino interactions



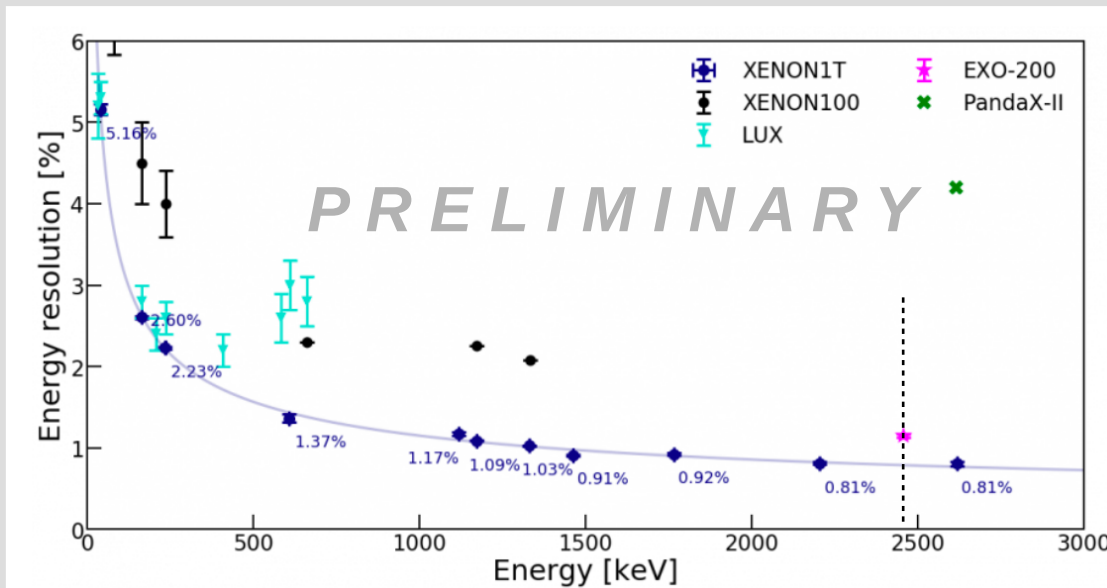
- 30t target mass, 2-30 keV window
→ 2850 neutrinos per year (89% pp)
→ achieve 1% statistical precision on pp-flux ($\rightarrow P_{ee}$) with 100 t \times y

^{136}Xe : 0ν double-beta Decay



$\Delta L \neq 0$

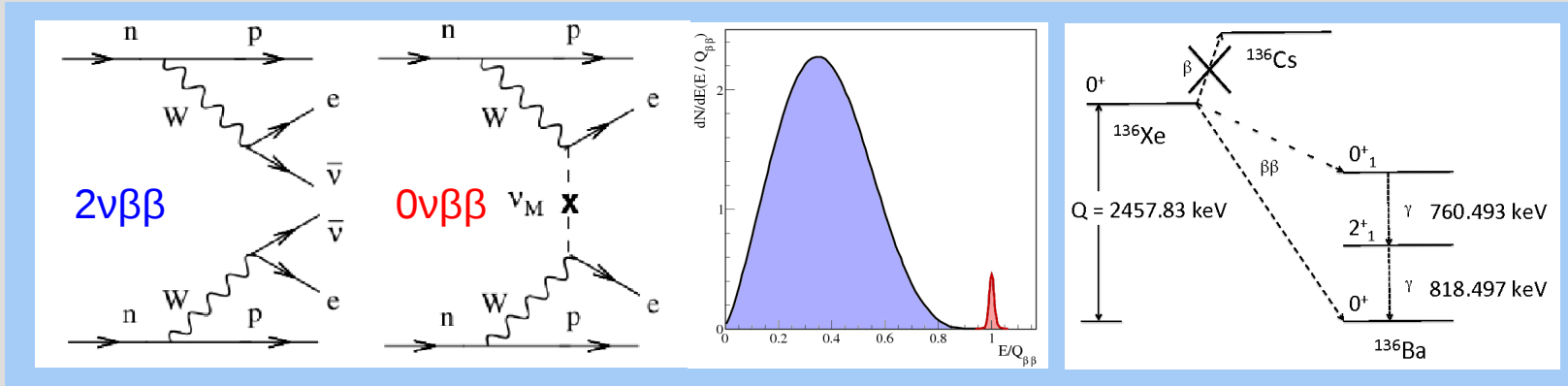
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Energy Resolution of XENON1T

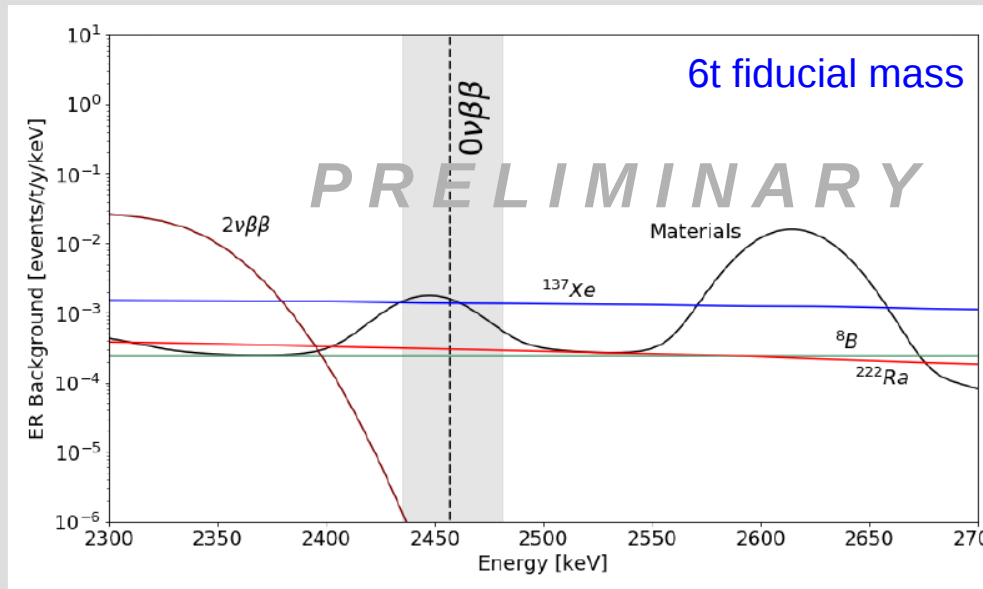
- Combine light and charge signals
- $\sigma/E \sim 0.8\%$ @ $Q_{\beta\beta}$
FWHM/E $\sim 1.9\%$ @ $Q_{\beta\beta}$

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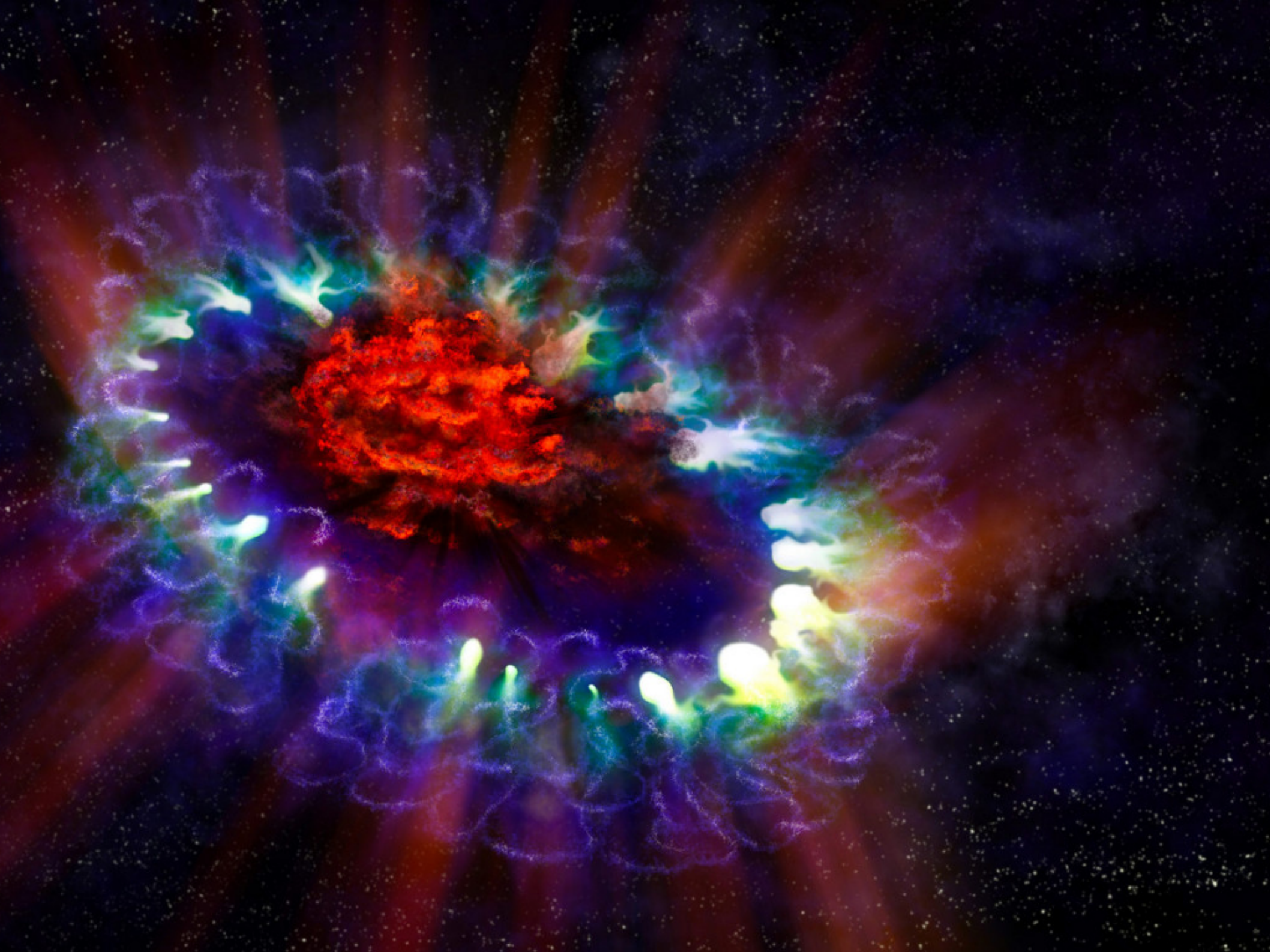
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Background Study is ongoing

- Material background depends on contamination and self-shielding
→ optimize sensitivity
- Important background from decays of neutron-activated ^{137}Xe
- Aim for **few $\times 10^{27}$ y sensitivity**



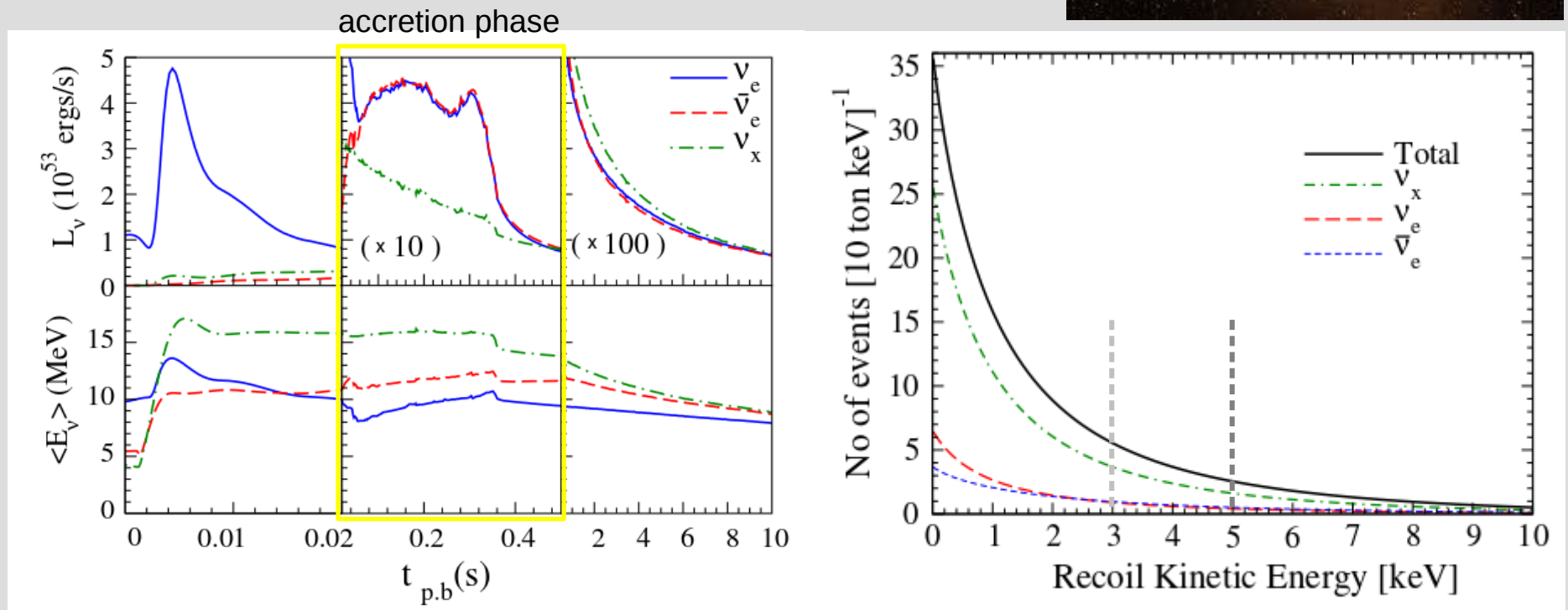
Supernova Neutrinos



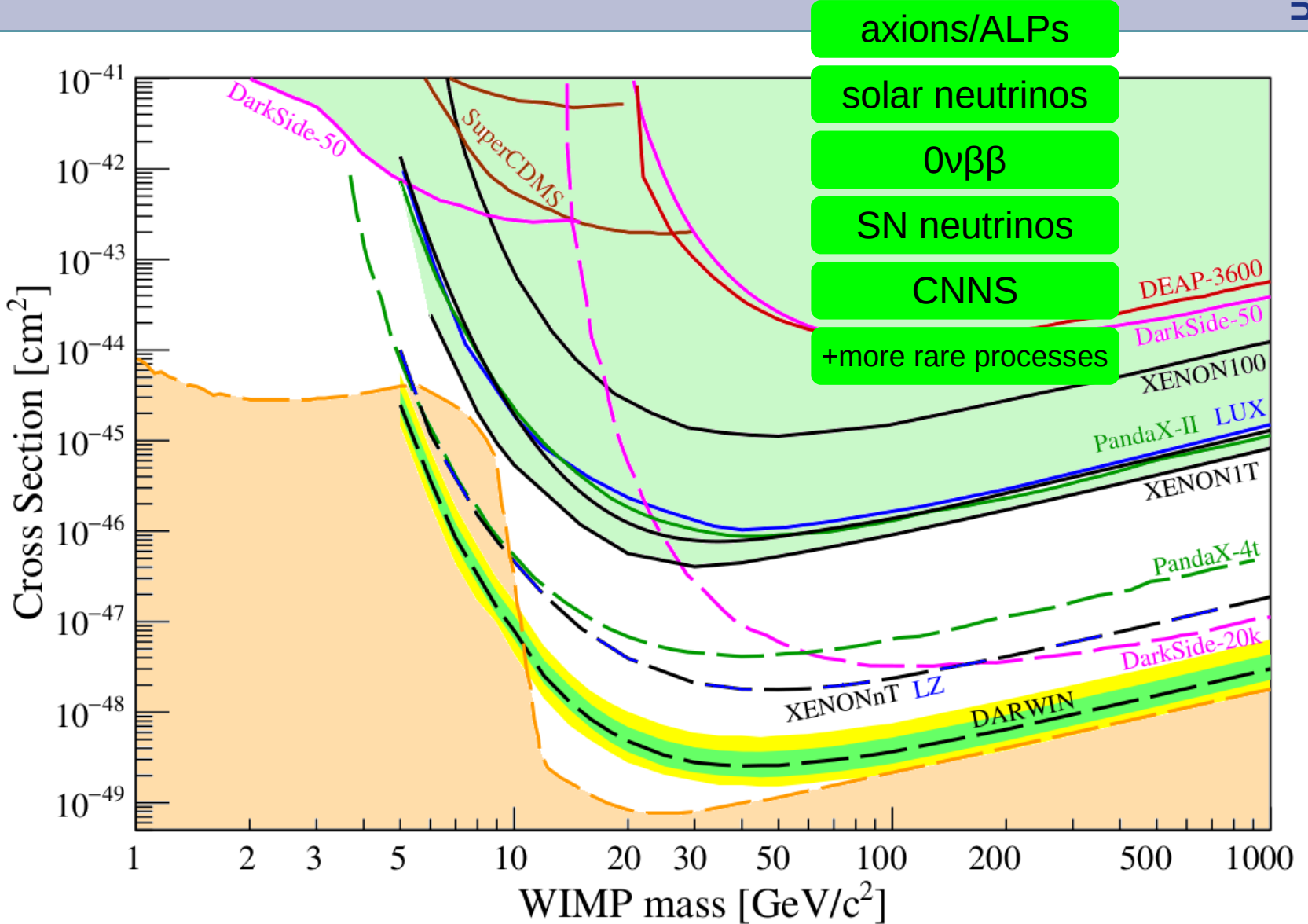
Chakraborty et al., PRD 89, 013011 (2014)

Lang et al., PRD 94, 103009 (2016)

- ν from supernovae could be detected via CNNS as well
- signal from accretion phase of a $\sim 18 M_{\text{sun}}$ supernova @ 10 kpc is visible in a 10t-LXe detector (=DARWIN)
- signal: NRs plus precise time information
- challenge: threshold



XENON & DARWIN: Exciting Times



DARWIN: A low-background, low threshold astroparticle observatory