

Direct detection of heavy dark matter particles ($> \sim 1$ GeV)

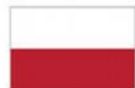
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Outline

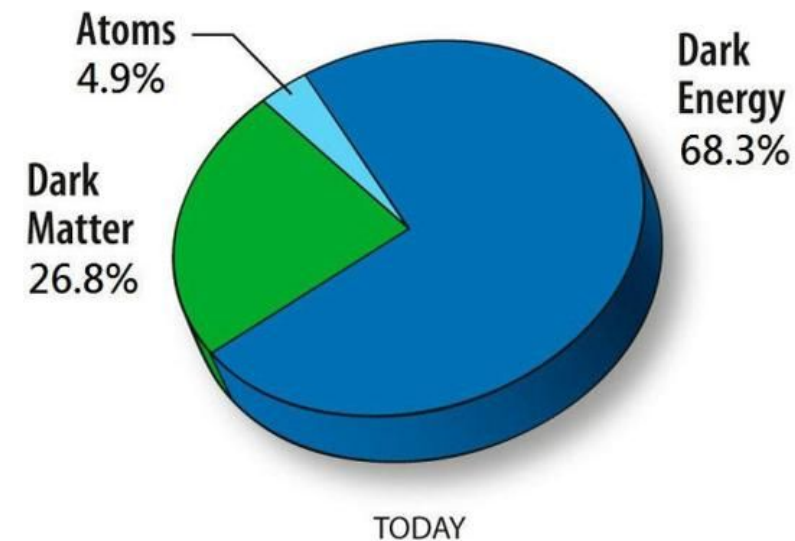
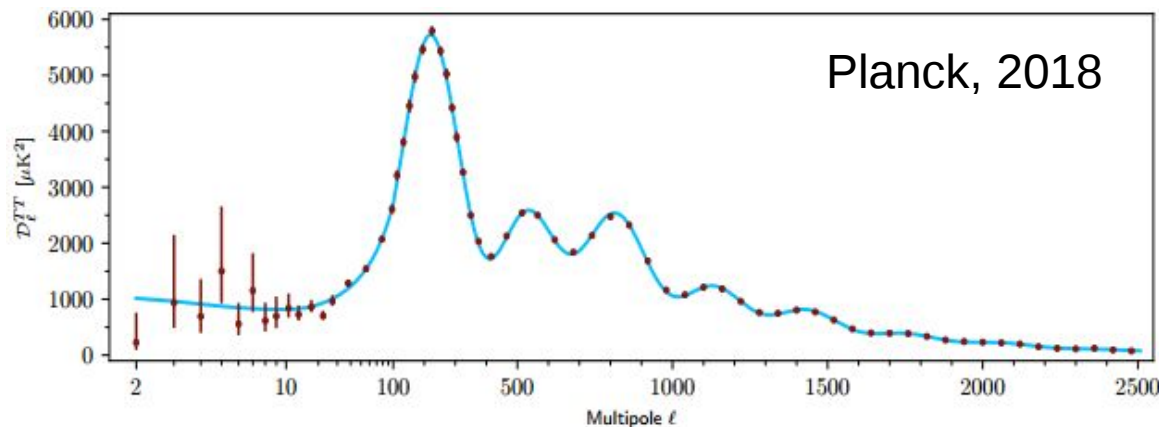
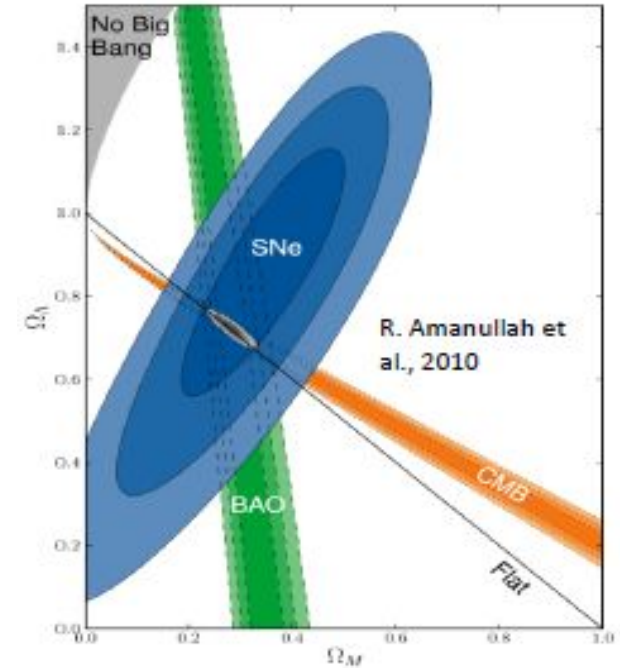
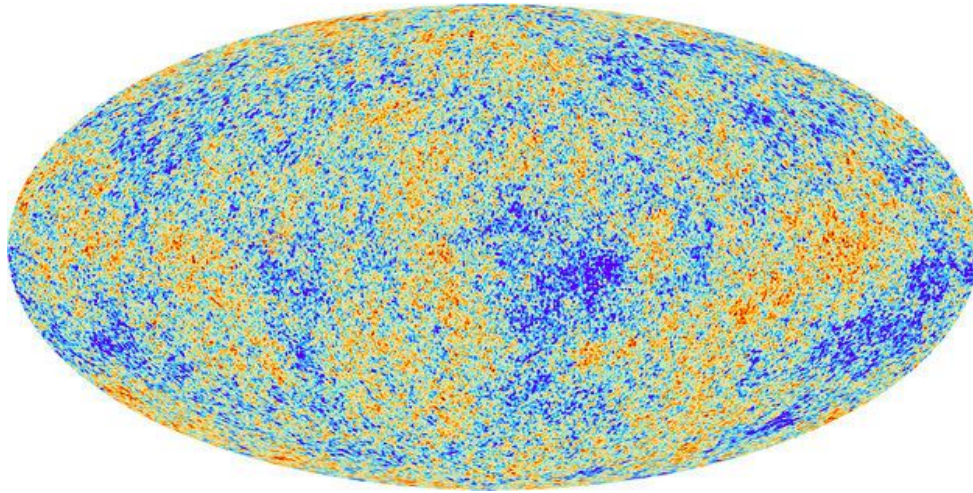
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- WIMP search methodology
- DAMA and new modulation searches
- Low-mass WIMP searches
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- Heavy WIMP searches
- EFT and exotic interactions
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- Towards the neutrino fog
- Directional searches
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- ECFA Detector R&D
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Very rich field

Limited and biased
selection of topics in this
talk

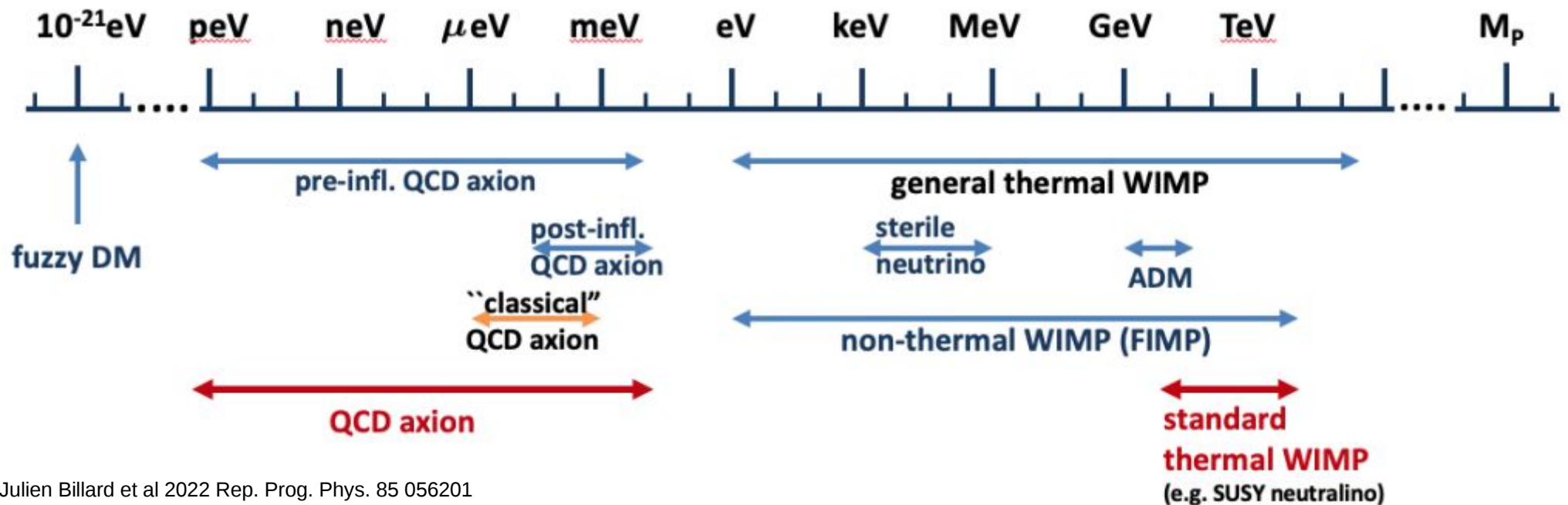
Evidence for Dark Matter

- Cosmic microwave background (CMB) observations, resulting in precise estimates (WMAP, Planck) supporting Λ CDM model



What is Dark Matter?

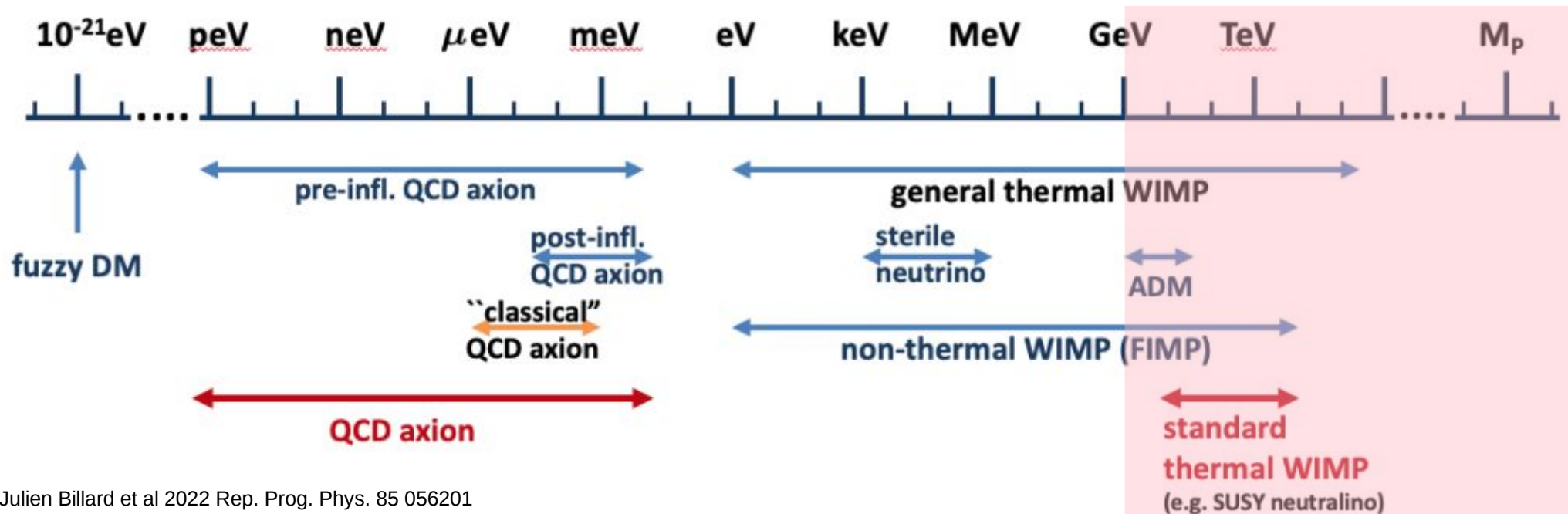
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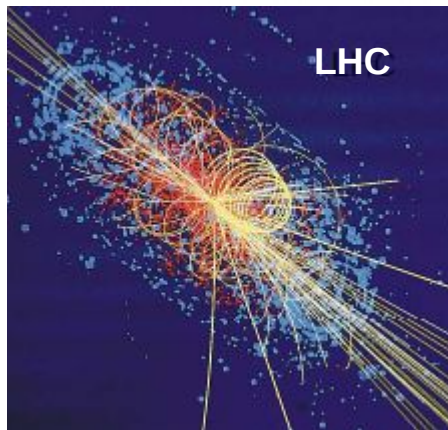
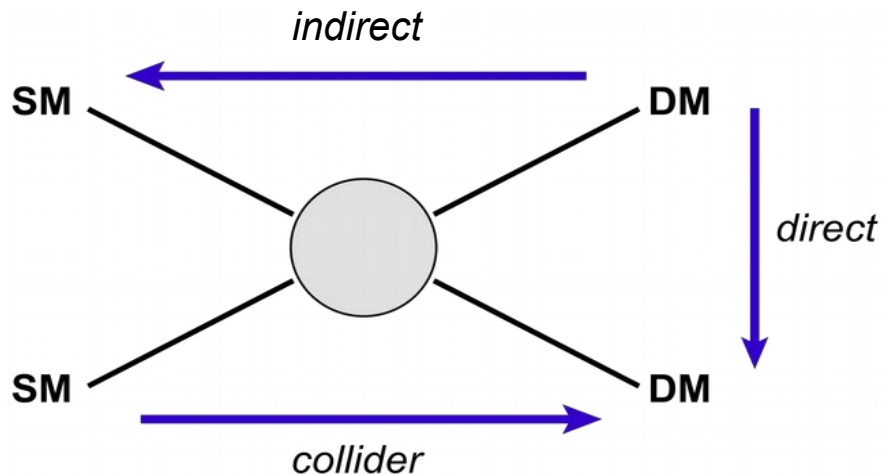
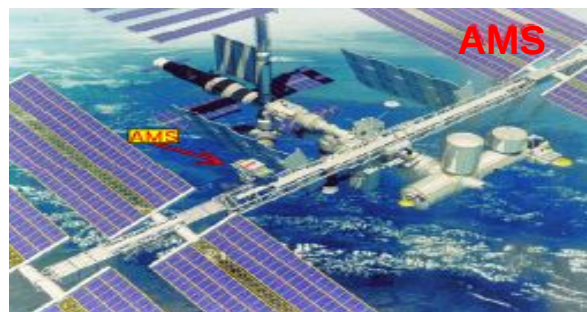
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 - Weakly Interactive Massive Particles (WIMP), Asymmetric DM, Feebly Interacting Massive Particles (FIMP)



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Ways to look for Dark Matter particles



- Indirectly via their annihilation in Sun, Earth, Galaxy
 - Neutrinos (IceCube, Antares/KM3NeT)
 - Positrons, antiprotons (AMS)
 - γ -rays (Fermi-LAT, CTA)
- **Direct detection**
- By producing them at accelerators (LHC, beam dump experiments)

Historical perspective

Direct dark matter detection started nearly 40 years ago from these 2 papers:

PHYSICAL REVIEW D

VOLUME 30, NUMBER 11

1 DECEMBER 1984

Principles and applications of a neutral-current detector for neutrino physics and astronomy

A. Drukier and L. Stodolsky

*Max-Planck-Institut für Physik und Astrophysik, Werner-Heisenberg-Institut für Physik,
Munich, Federal Republic of Germany*

(Received 21 November 1983)

We study detection of MeV-range neutrinos through elastic scattering on nuclei and identification of the recoil energy. The very large value of the neutral-current cross section due to coherence indicates a detector would be relatively light and suggests the possibility of a true “neutrino observatory.” The recoil energy which must be detected is very small ($10\text{--}10^3$ eV), however. We examine a realization in terms of the superconducting-grain idea, which appears, in principle, to be feasible through extension and extrapolation of currently known techniques. Such a detector could permit determination of the neutrino energy spectrum and should be insensitive to neutrino oscillations since it detects all neutrino types. Various applications and tests are discussed, including spallation sources, reactors, supernovas, and solar and terrestrial neutrinos. A preliminary estimate of the most difficult backgrounds is attempted.



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VOLUME 31, NUMBER 12

15 JUNE 1985

Detectability of certain dark-matter candidates

Mark W. Goodman and Edward Witten

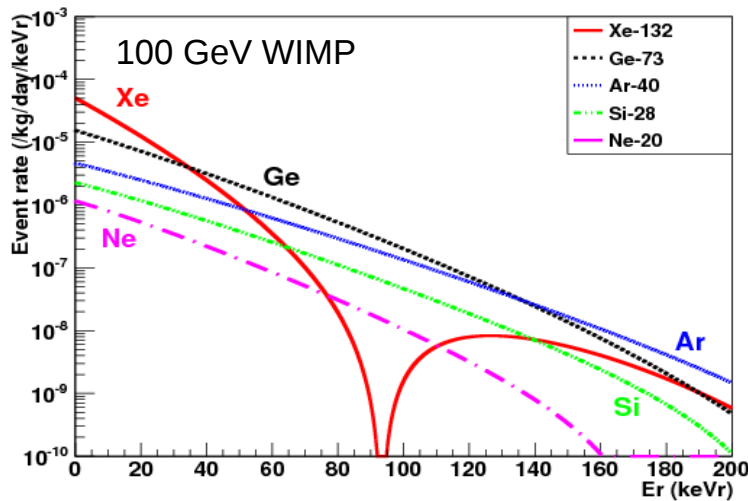
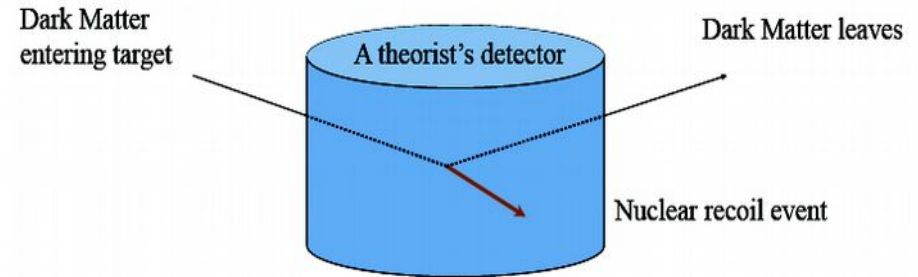
Joseph Henry Laboratories, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey 08544

(Received 7 January 1985)

We consider the possibility that the neutral-current neutrino detector recently proposed by Drukier and Stodolsky could be used to detect some possible candidates for the dark matter in galactic halos. This may be feasible if the galactic halos are made of particles with coherent weak interactions and masses $1\text{--}10^6$ GeV; particles with spin-dependent interactions of typical weak strength and masses $1\text{--}10^2$ GeV; or strongly interacting particles of masses $1\text{--}10^{13}$ GeV.

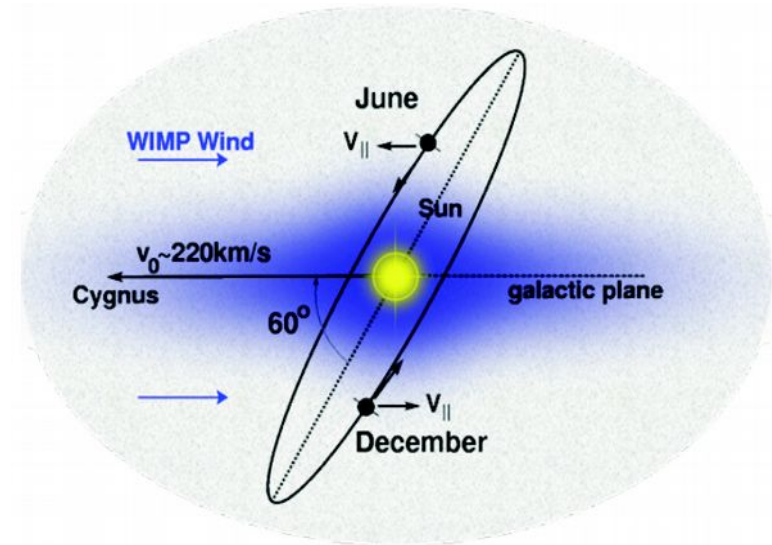
DM direct detection signature

- Only through rare interactions with ordinary matter
- After the interaction, recoiling nucleus deposits energy in the detector, which is detectable (**heat, light, electric charge, ...**)



Nuclear recoil spectrum

- featureless, \sim exponential
- lower threshold \rightarrow more sensitivity
- natural radioactivity is a background



Annual modulations in the event rate should be present!

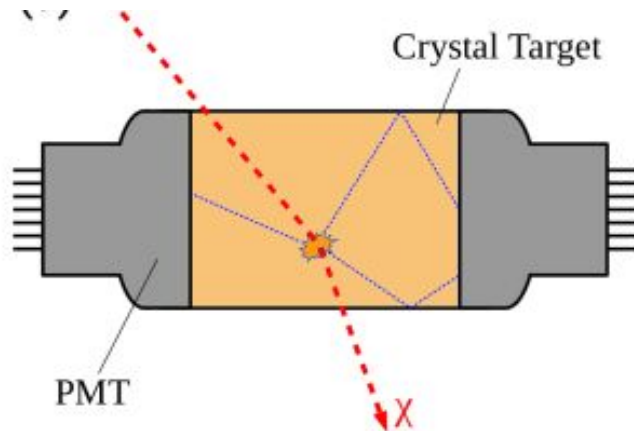
Directionality

\rightarrow annual modulation of the signal

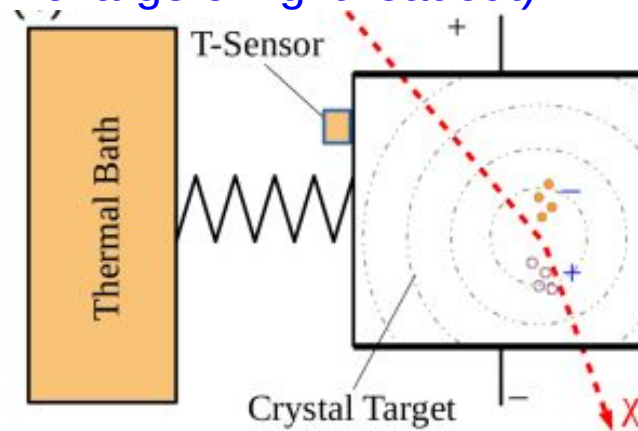
$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = N_T \int_{v_{\min}}^{\infty} dv v \overset{\text{astrophysics}}{\Phi(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}_E)} \overset{\text{particle/nuclear physics}}{\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R}} \overset{\text{detector response}}{\epsilon(E_R)}$$

Main detection techniques

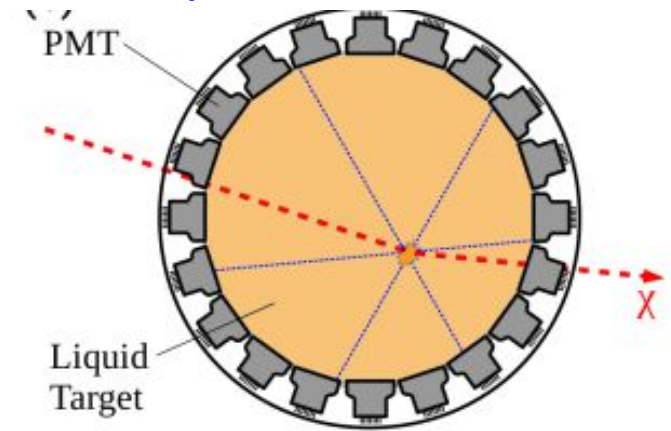
Scintillating crystal



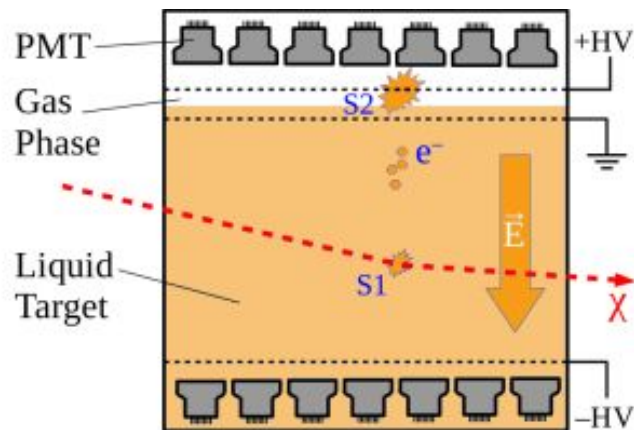
Cryogenic bolometer (with charge or light readout)



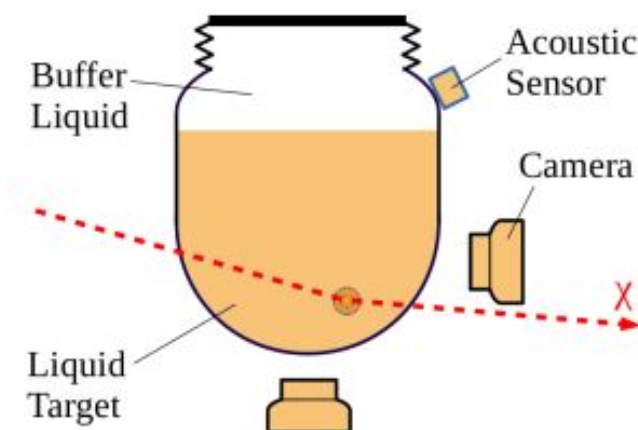
Single-phase noble liquid detector



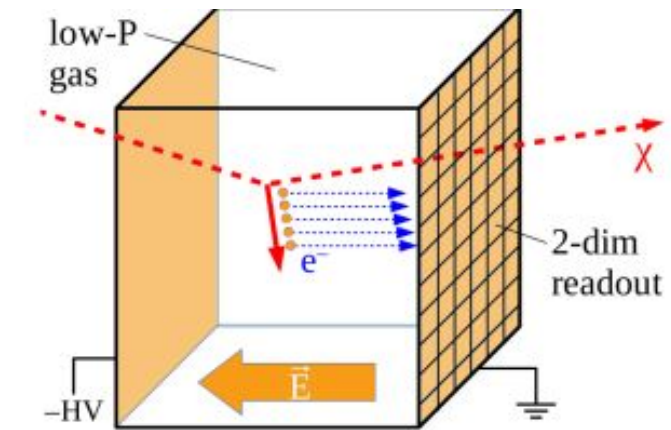
Dual-phase noble liquid detector



Bubble chamber (optionally scintillating)



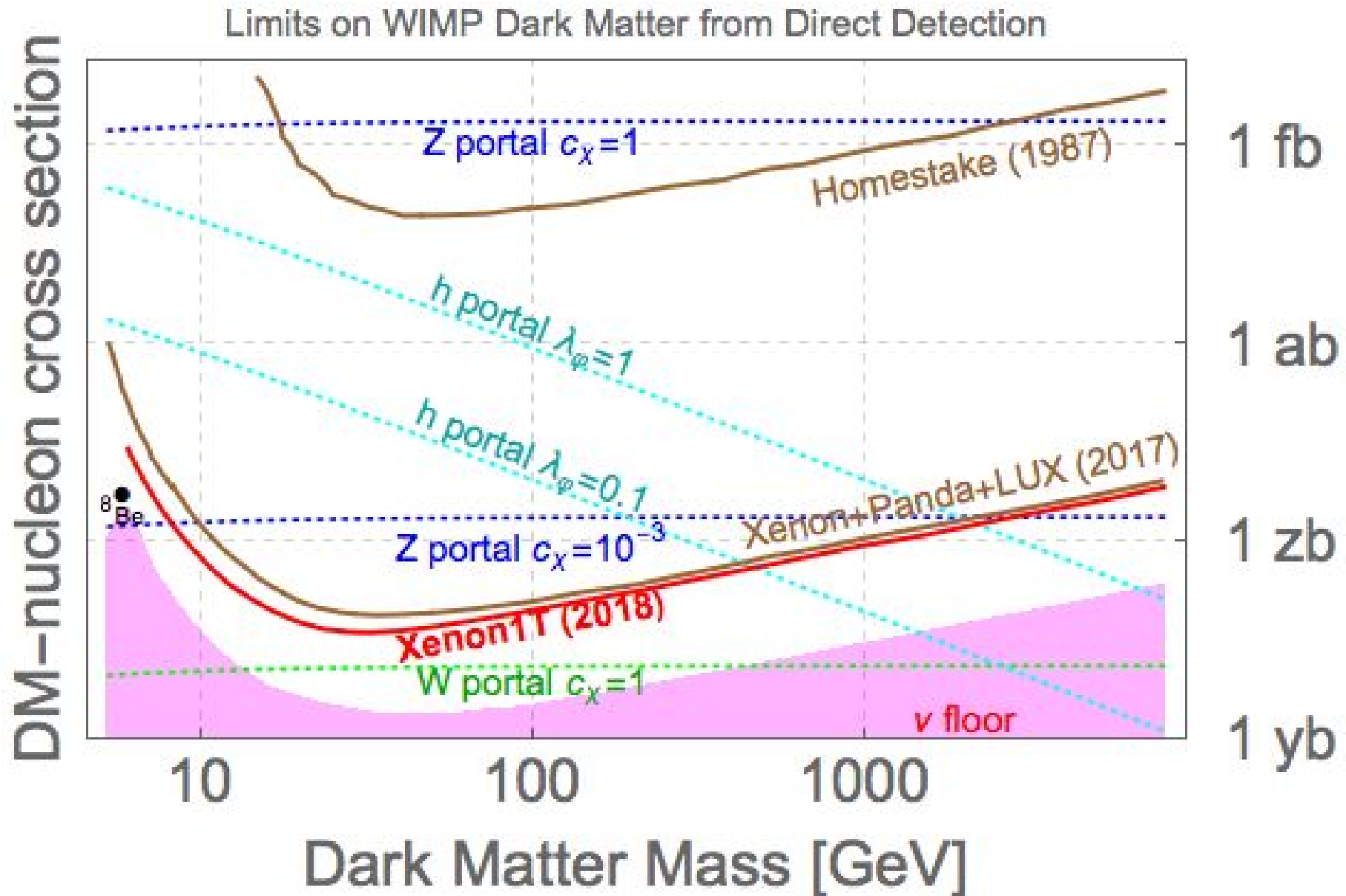
Directional detector



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- Bolometers and ionization detectors tend to provide lower energy threshold
- Not all techniques scalable to multi-tonne scales
- Sensitivity to multiple response channels helps to discriminate backgrounds

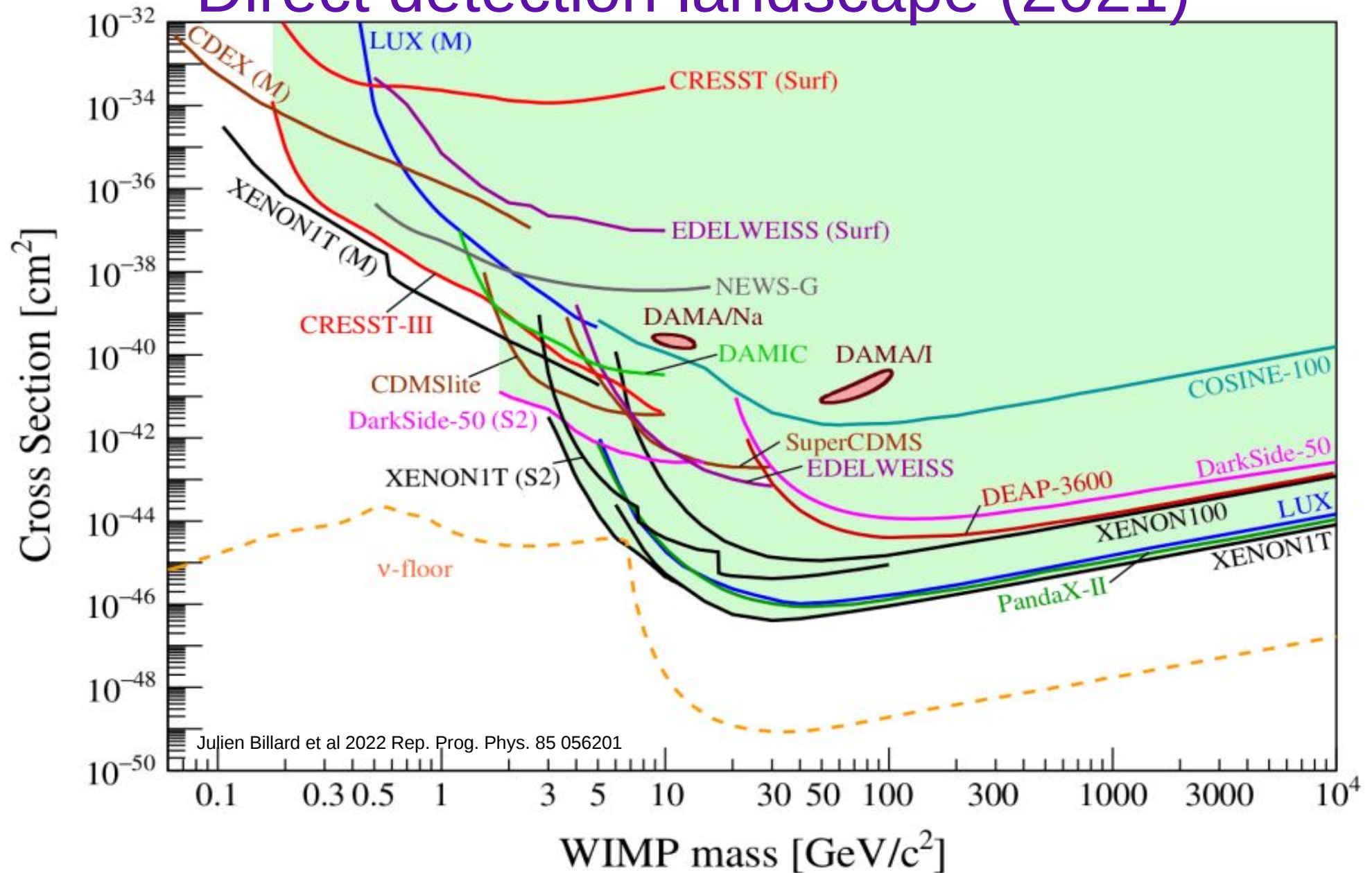
Explored so far...



Source: <http://resonaances.blogspot.com/2018/05/>

(1 yb = 10^{-12} pb = 10^{-48} cm²).

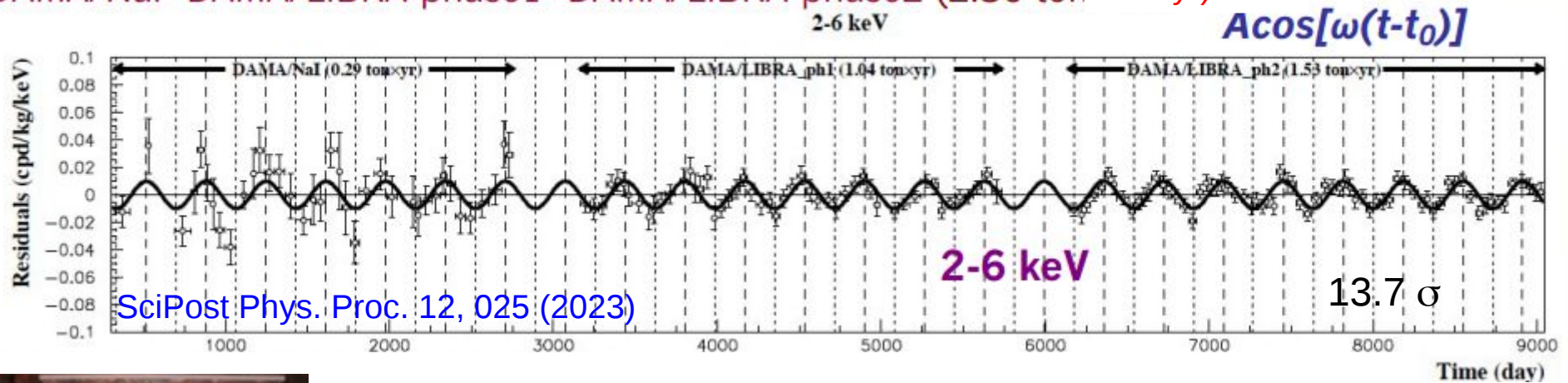
Direct detection landscape (2021)



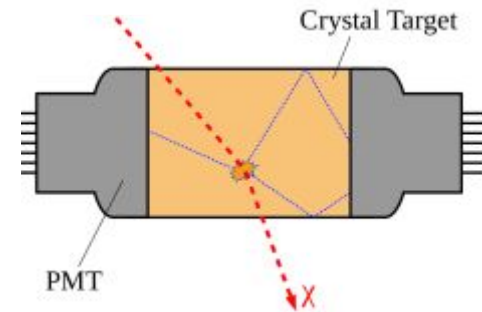
- Spin-independent, with the usual assumptions: Standard Halo Model, isospin parity
- **LAr and LXe dominate searches in the spin-independent sector $> \sim 2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$**
- Continued search towards the neutrino floor still very well motivated

DAMA and ANAIS-112

DAMA/NaI+DAMA/LIBRA-phase1+DAMA/LIBRA-phase2 (2.86 ton x 22 yr)
2-6 keV

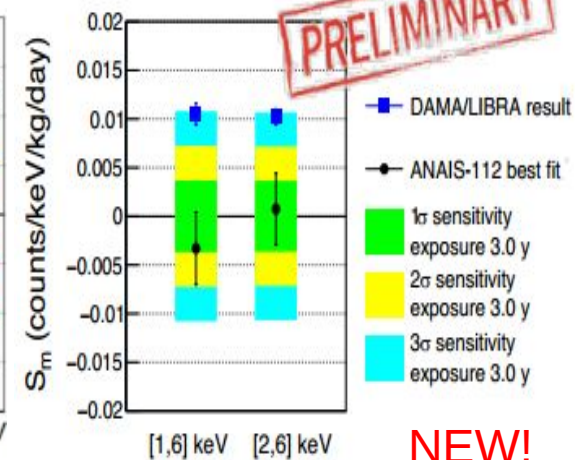
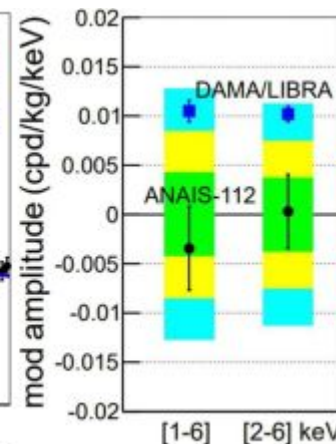
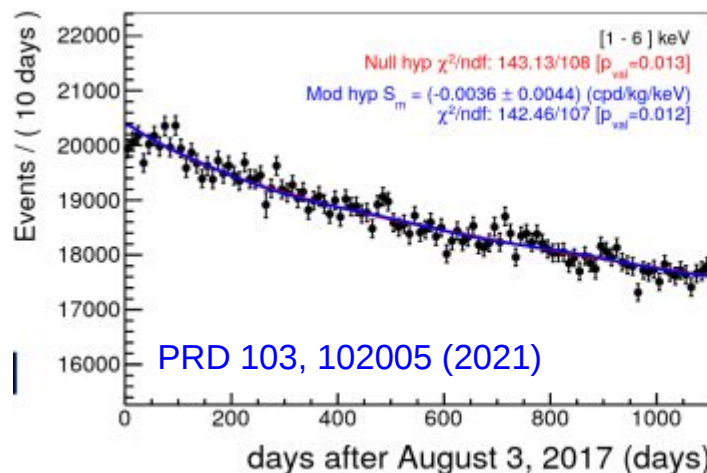


- Annual modulation can be a DM signature DM (or a tricky background)
- DAMA signal in tension with experiments using other target materials
- Several groups attempt to independently verify the claim using a similar NaI(Tl) scintillator technology
- Upgraded DAMA is taking data with reduced threshold



ANAIS-112:

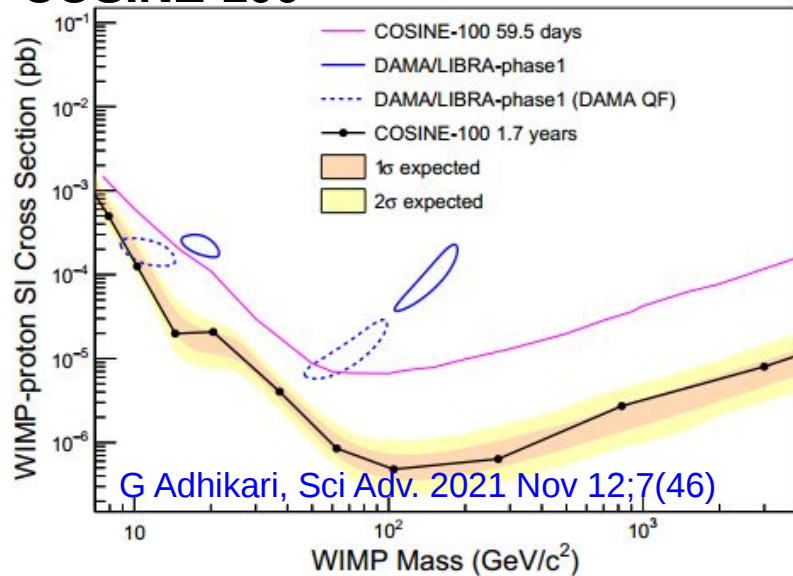
- First independent result with the same methodology
- Data incompatible with DAMA at $>2.5\sigma$, consistent with no modulation
- Ongoing important work on quenching factor systematics



NEW!

Other DAMA tests

COSINE-100

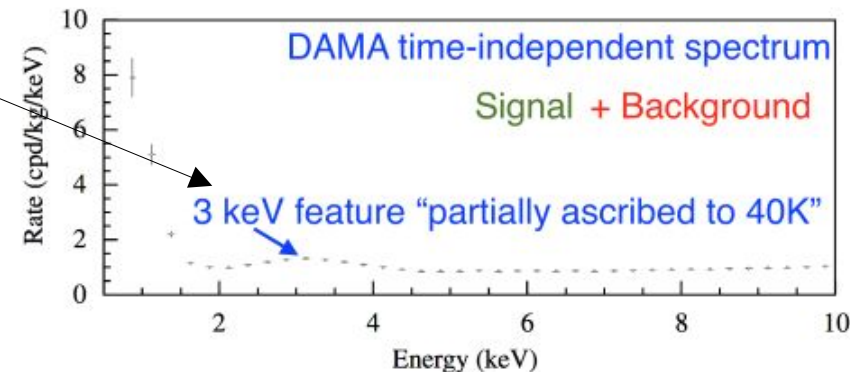


- Modulation search with 2.8 yr of data consistent with both DAMA and no modulation [PRD 106, 052005]
- New result soon (2x exposure and lower threshold)

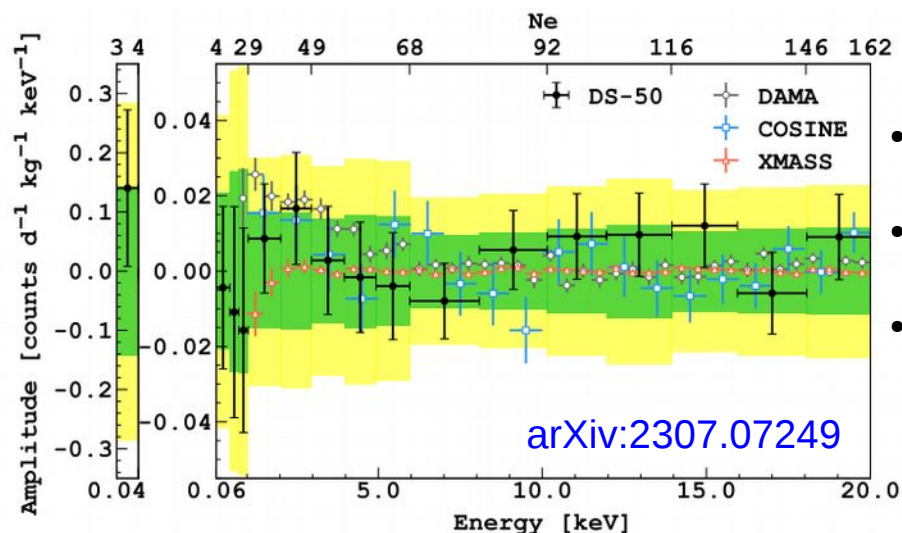
SABRE

- Same NaI technology as DAMA, independently purified crystals
- 2 detectors planned:
 - North: LNGS
 - South: Australia

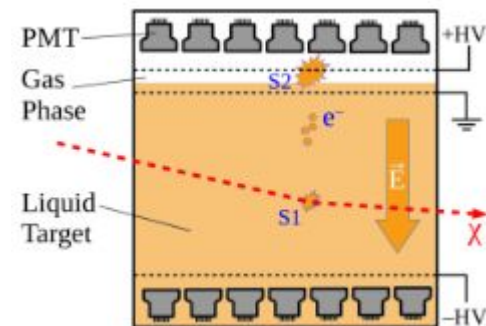
KDK: First measurement of direct-to-ground-state EC of ^{40}K , potential constraint on DM interpretation of DAMA
 → see M. Stukel's talk (Wednesday) [PRL 131, 052503 (2023)]



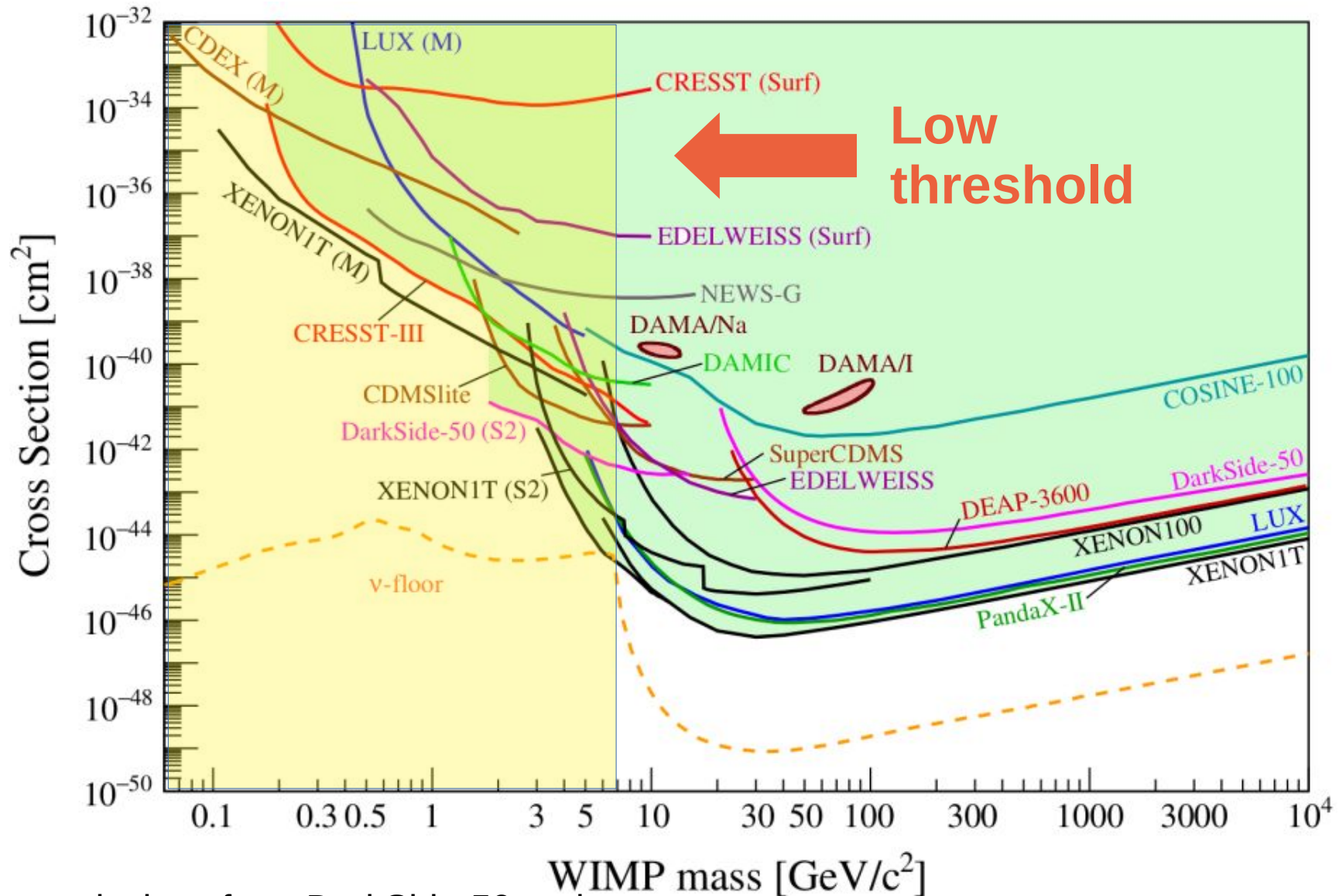
DarkSide-50



- First annual modulation search using argon
- The lowest energy threshold 0.04 keV
- Neither confirm nor reject DAMA
 → see T. Hugues' talk (Tuesday)



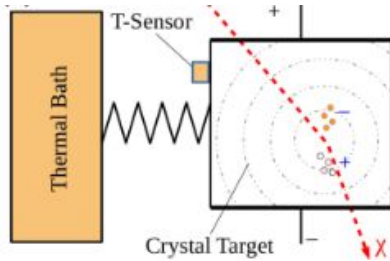
Status and prospects (1-10 GeV)



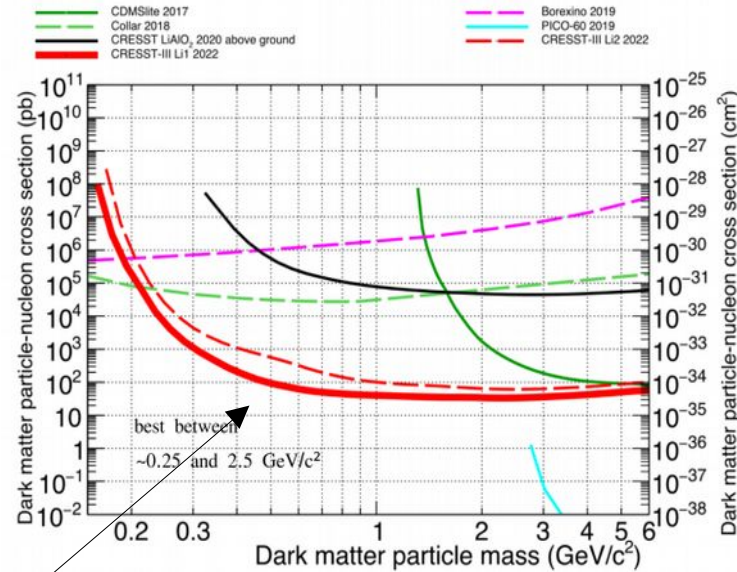
- Leading exclusions from DarkSide-50 and LXe (both S2-only) and CRESST
- Multiple noble liquid-based and other technologies still in play in different parts of the mass spectrum (SuperCDMS, NEWS-G, DAMIC)
- The neutrino floor soon within reach
- Work on low-energy calibration and backgrounds

Cryogenic bolometers: CRESST

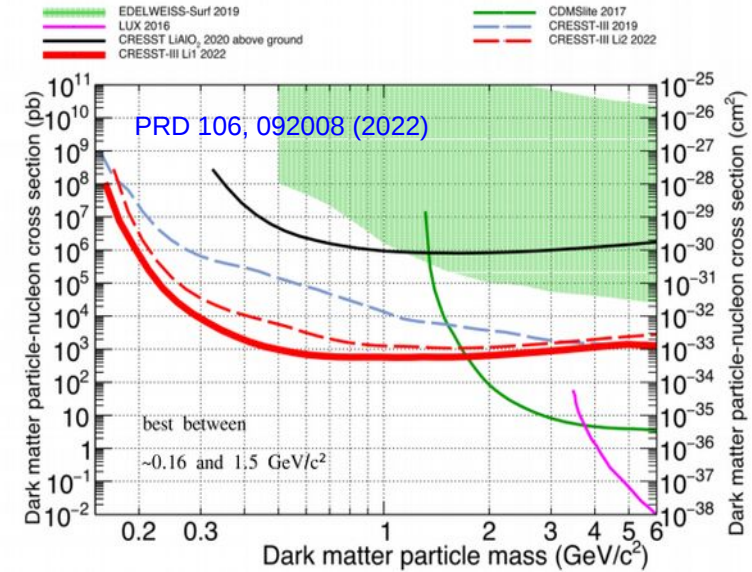
CRESST-III (@ LNGS)



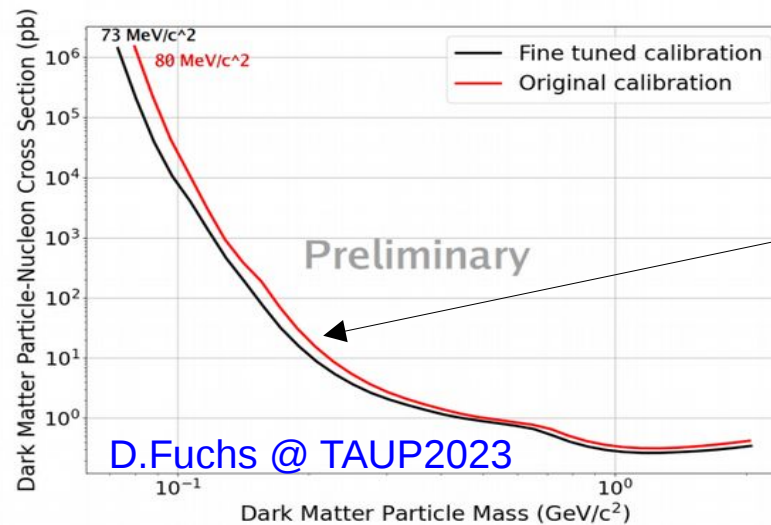
Proton



Neutron



- Phonon and light sensitive
- Leading spin-dependent limit
- Ongoing detector upgrade, before resuming data taking

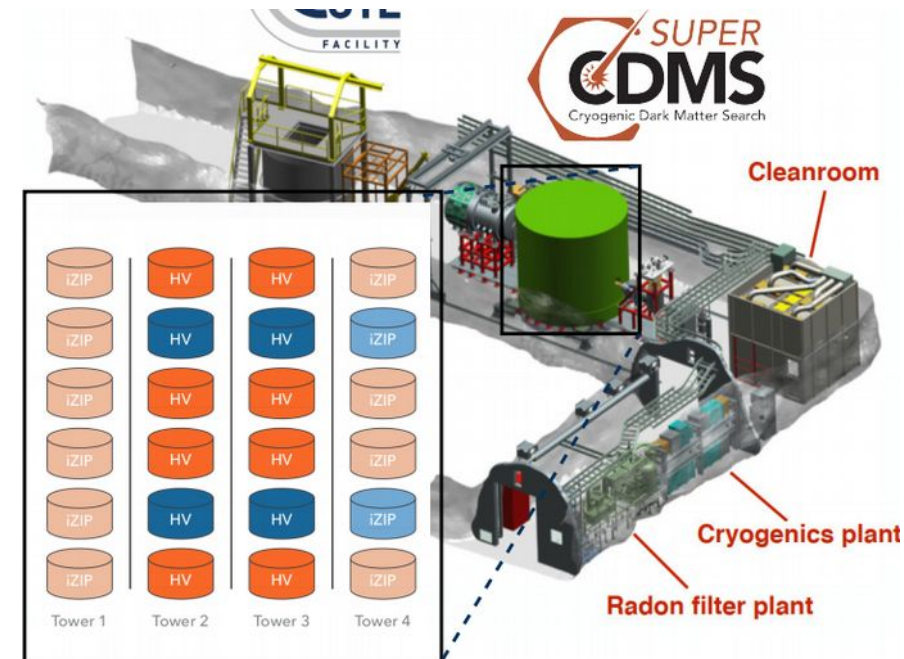
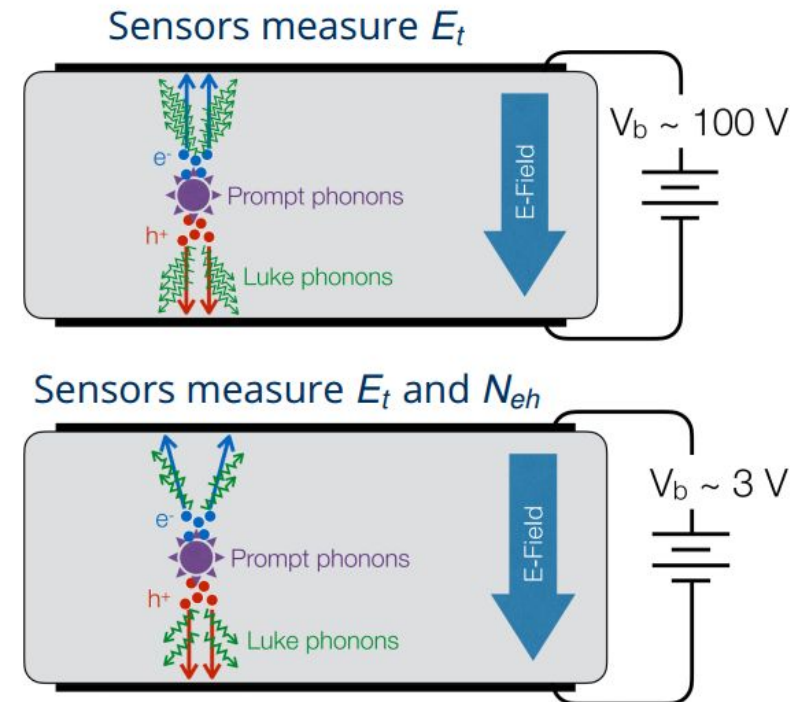
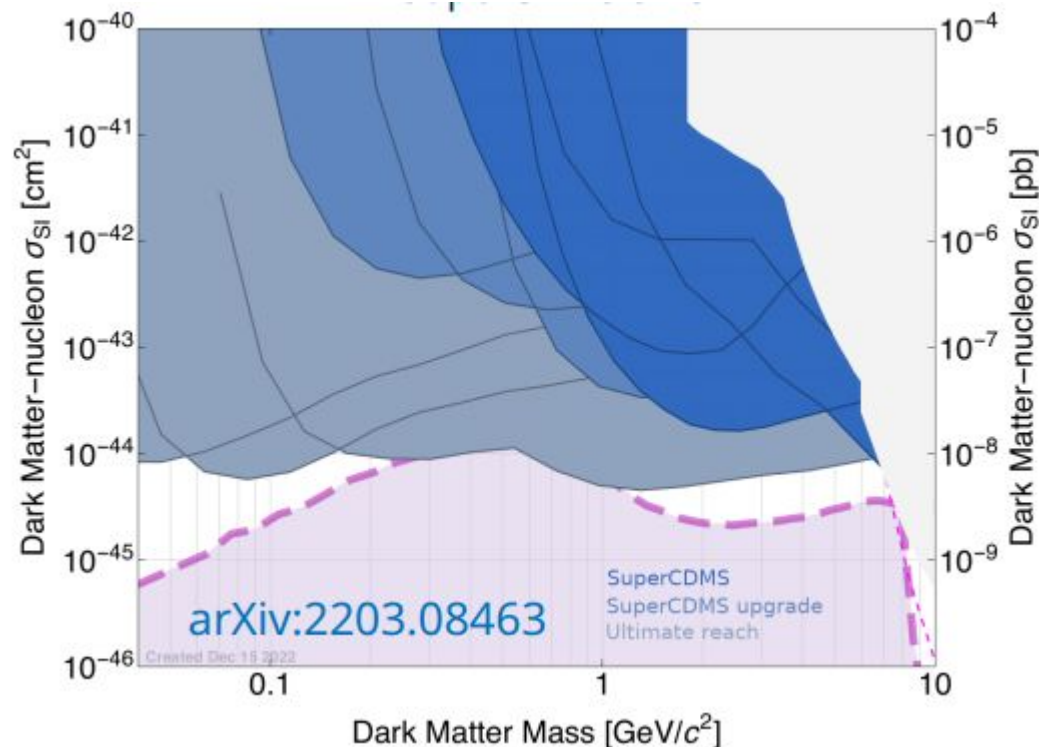


Better exclusion with improved energy calibration (so far demonstrated on one module)

Cryogenic bolometers: SuperCDMS

SuperCDMS @ SNOLAB

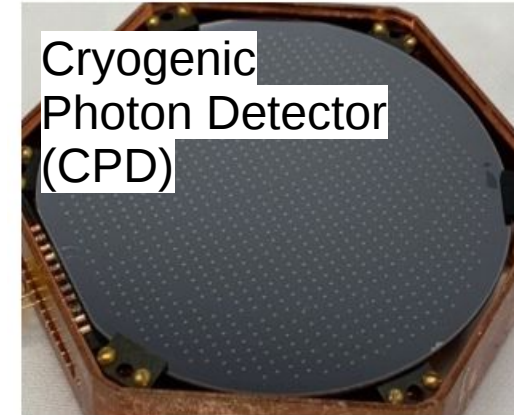
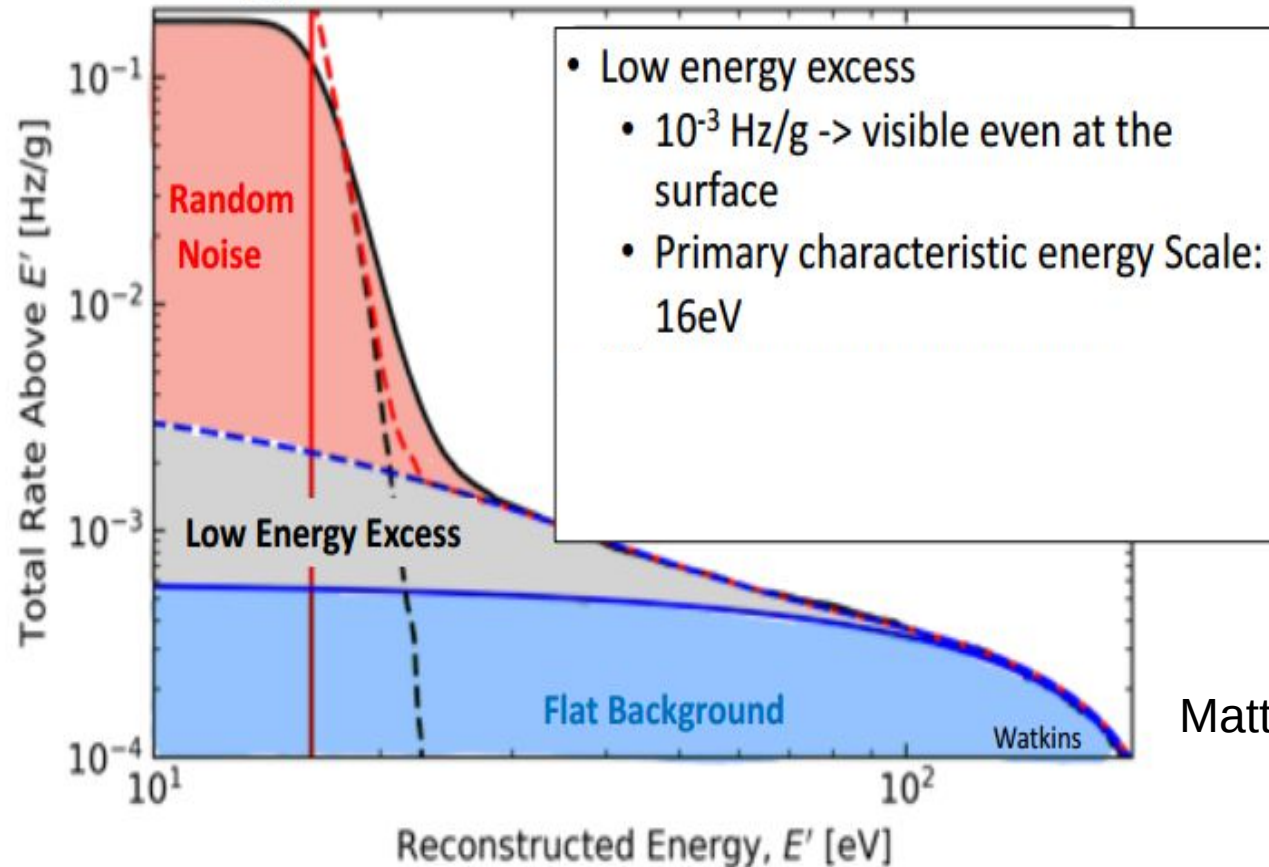
- Phonon and ionization sensitive
- Ongoing detector testing and installation at SNOLAB
- 2 types of detectors, optimized either for either low threshold or for background discrimination



Low energy excess

Observed in Edelweiss, CRESST, SuperCDMS-CPD ...

Low Energy Excess Event Rate: CPD

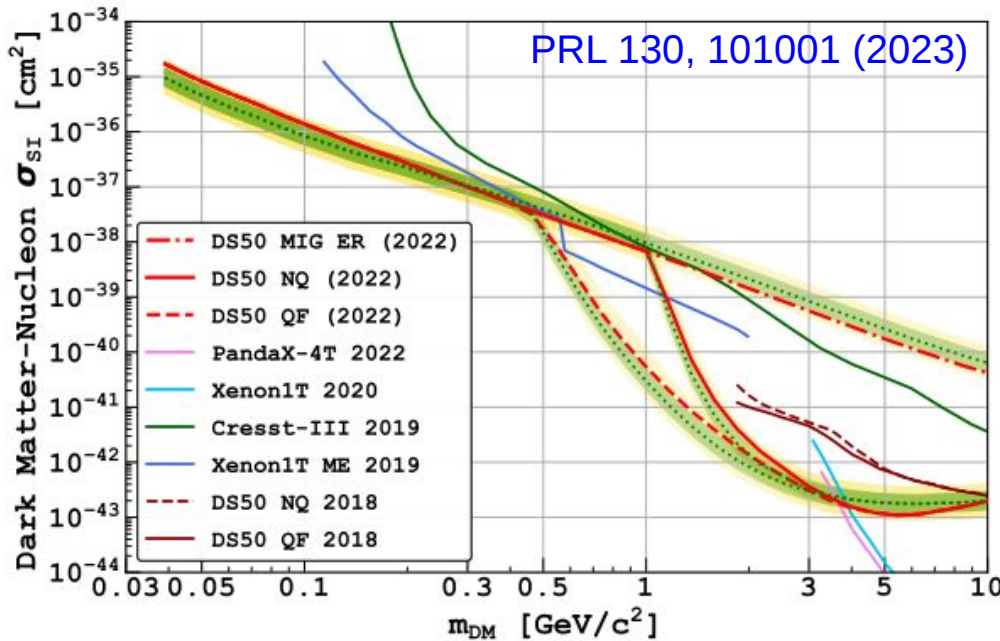


Matt Pyle, EXCESS 22

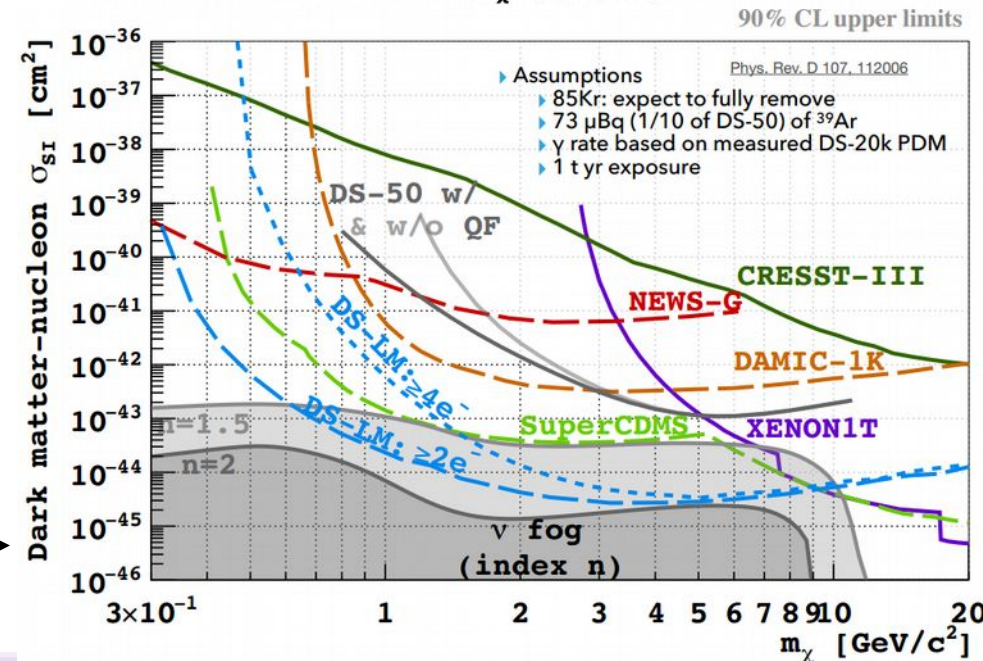
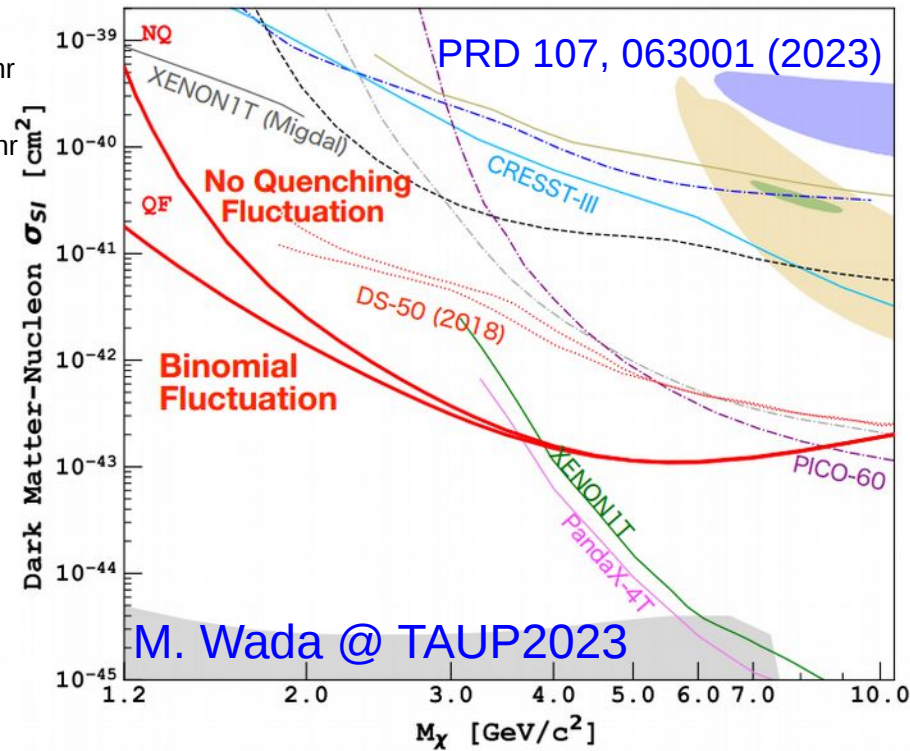
- Frequent cross-collaboration workshops (EXCESS) to tackle this issue, including at TAUP2023
- Great example for the community to follow when dealing with anomalies in the data
- No firm conclusion yet, but... not compatible with WIMPs and most likely not radiogenic

DarkSide-50 (charge only)

- Scintillation signal (S1): threshold at $\sim 2 \text{ keV}_{\text{ee}} / 6 \text{ keV}_{\text{nr}}$
- Ionization signal (S2): threshold $< 0.1 \text{ keV}_{\text{ee}} / 0.4 \text{ keV}_{\text{nr}}$
 → With S2 only can achieve lower threshold
- New best limit in this energy window
- Further improved with Migdal effect based limit

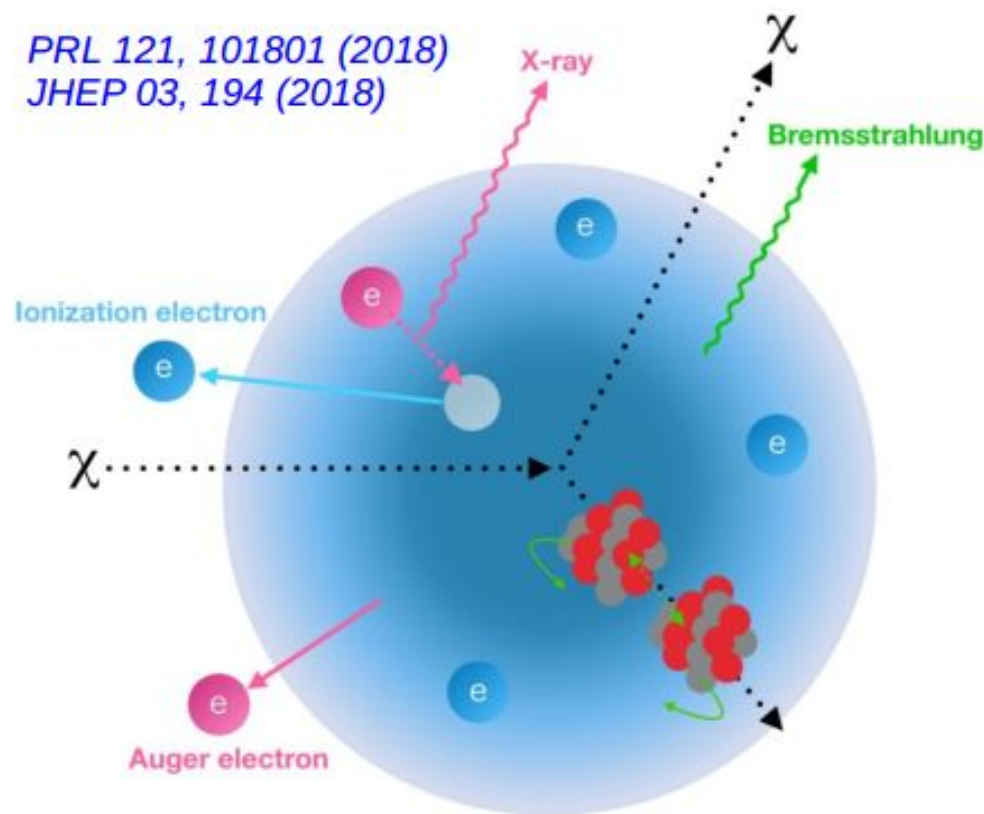


Sensitivity study and proposal for a dedicated 1-tonne scale LAr experiment DarkSide-LowMass to reach the neutrino floor in the 1-10 GeV window.



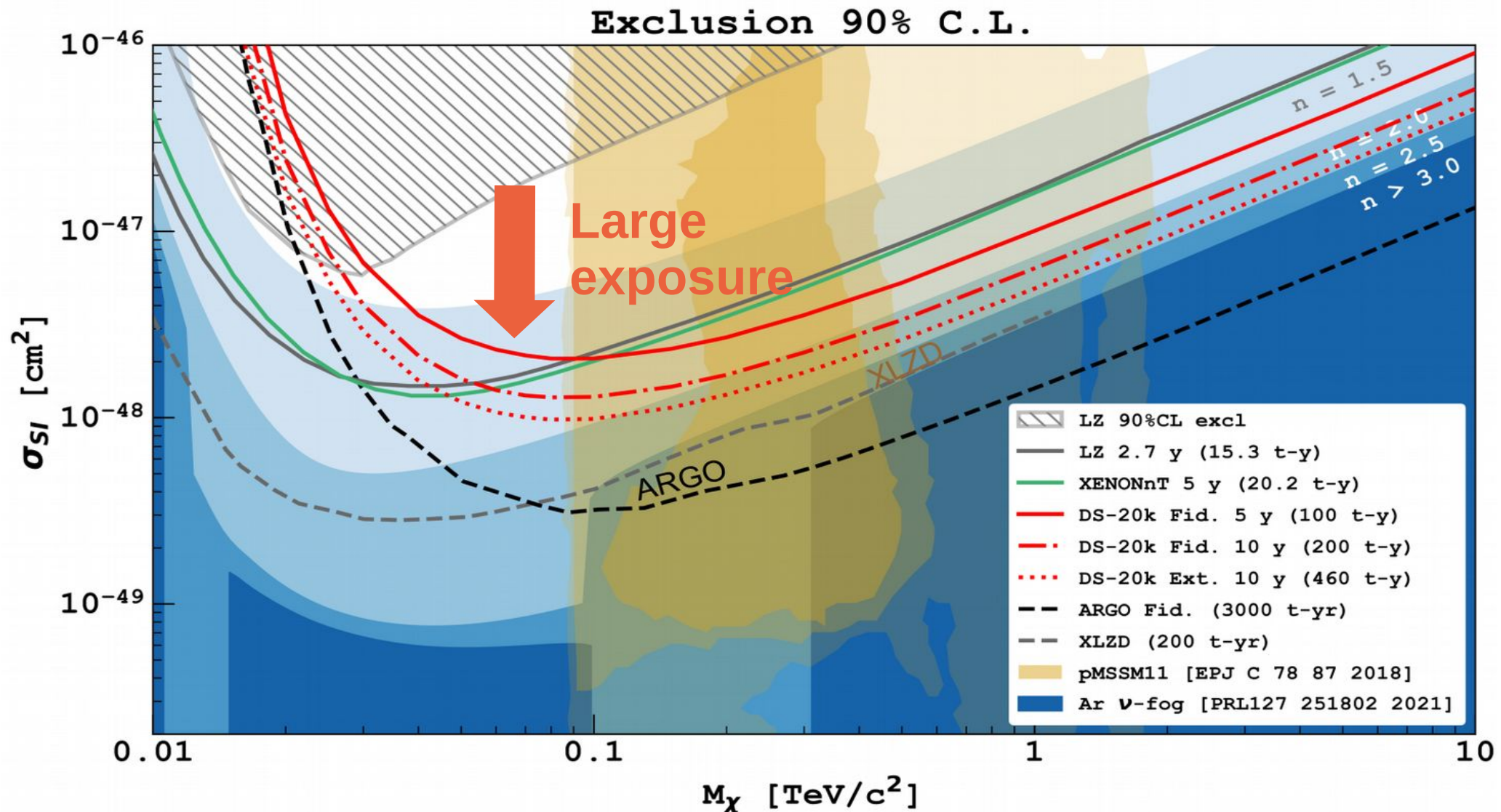
Migdal effect

- De-excitation or bremstrahlung from displacement between the electron cloud and nucleus after low energy recoil
- Expected to dominate over ionization at low energies
- Exploited to reduce energy threshold
- Migdal effect not yet observed



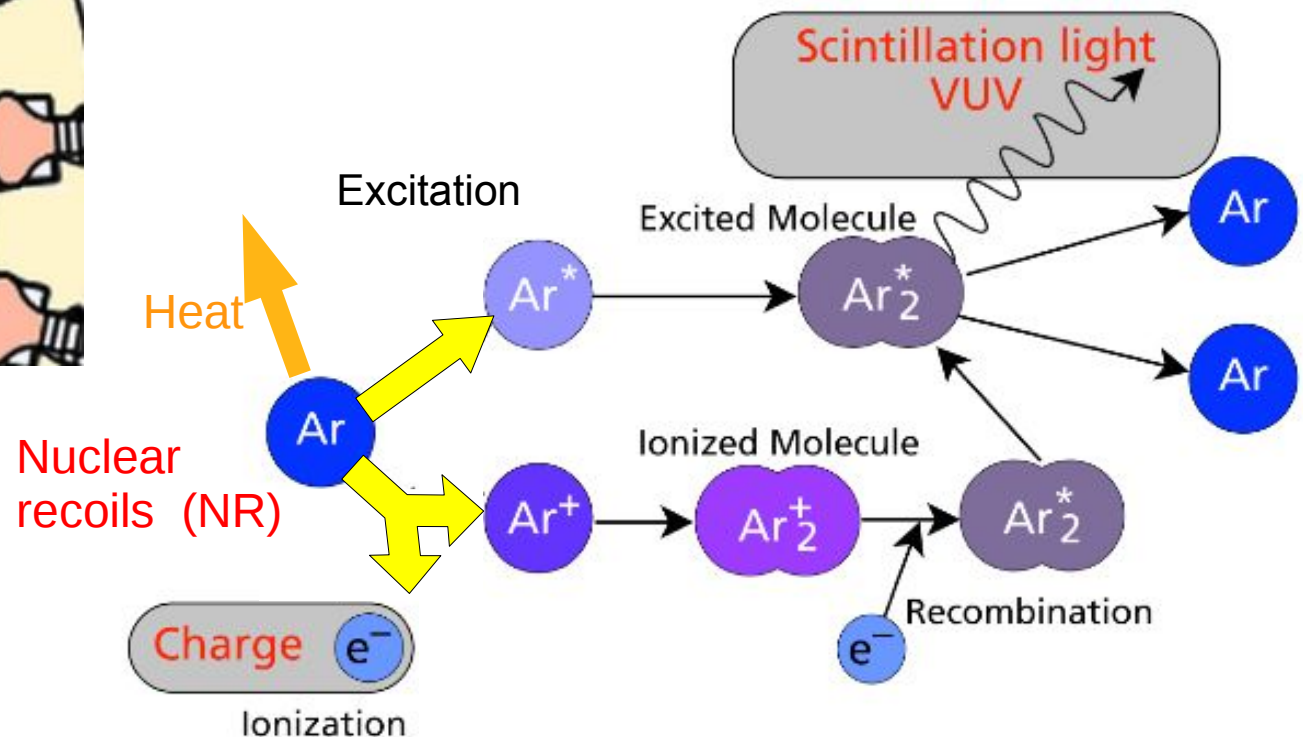
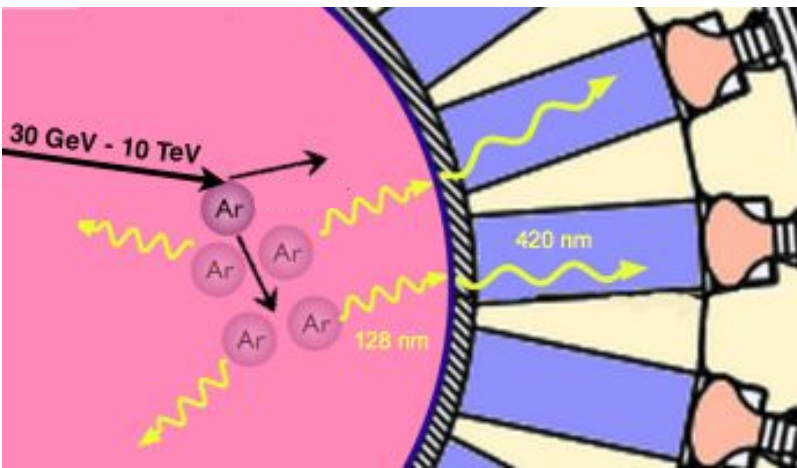
- First results from a Migdal effect search in LXe, see Jingke Xu's talk and [arXiv:2307.12952](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.12952) → **lack of Migdal events** at the predicted rate in the expected signal region!
 - Significant implications, if confirmed
 - Possible caveats: enhanced recombination, energy of the events
- Parallel effort by the MIGDAL collaboration; first science run completed (see P. Majewski's talk)

Status and prospects (>10 GeV)



- New results from LZ, XENON-nT and PandaX-4T
- Roadmap in place for reaching the neutrino floor
- **Global consolidation of efforts for the ultimate scale-up:**
 - LAr:** GADMC
 - LXe:** XENON + LZ + DARWIN = XLZD;
 - PandaX-xT**

Liquid noble detectors



Ar and Xe are used for WIMP detection.

- Ar inexpensive and advantageous for purification and background rejection

Why noble elements?

- High light yield, transparent to their own scintillation
- Easy to purify and scalable to very high masses
- (At least) two available detection channels: scintillation and ionization

LXe detectors

2010

XENON10 (LNGS)

ZEPLIN II (Boulby)

ZEPLIN III (Boulby)

10 kg



100 kg

XENON100 (LNGS)

LUX (250 kg, SURF)

PandaX

(500 kg, CJPL)

2015

XMASS

(0.8t, Kamioka)

1000 kg

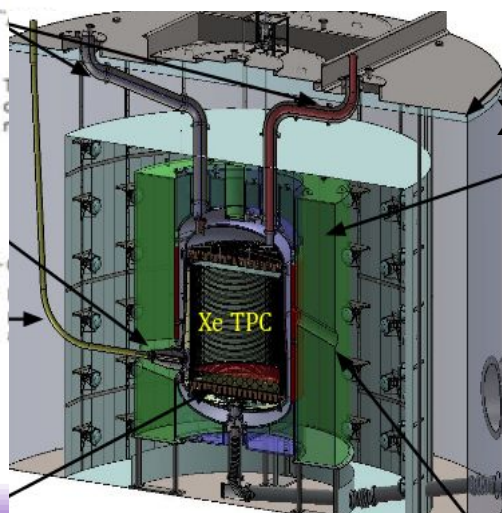
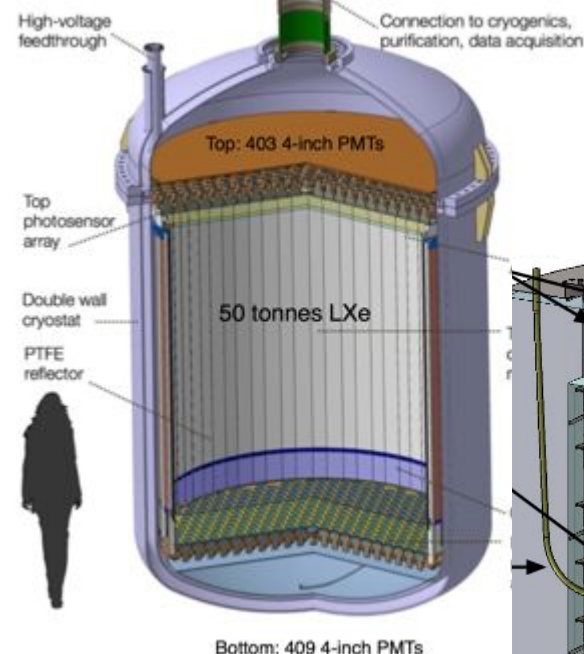
XENON1T

(1t, LNGS)



darwin-observatory.org

JCAP10(2015)016



PandaX-4T (4t, CJPL)

XENONnT: (6t, LNGS)

LZ: (7t, SURF)

2020

10000 kg

XLZD: 40-60 t

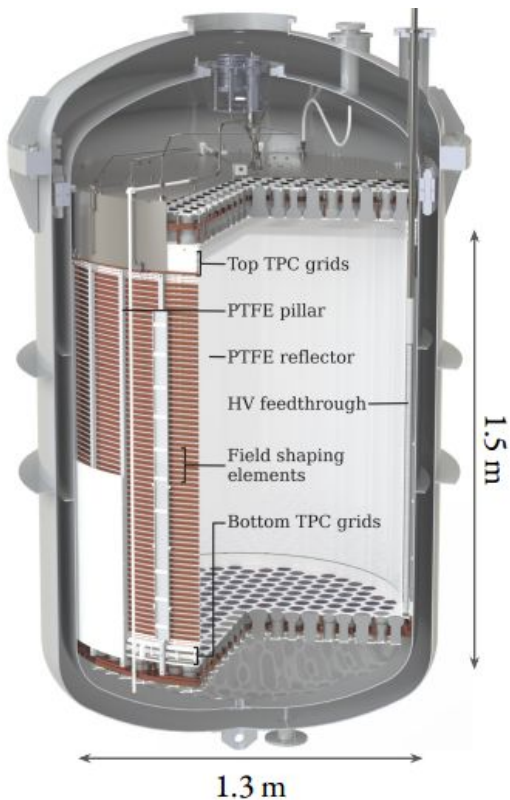
PandaX-xT: >30 t

Slide courtesy J. Monroe

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Spin-independent limit: XENONnT



Xe target mass ($\times 3$ XENON1T)

~ 6 tonne in active volume

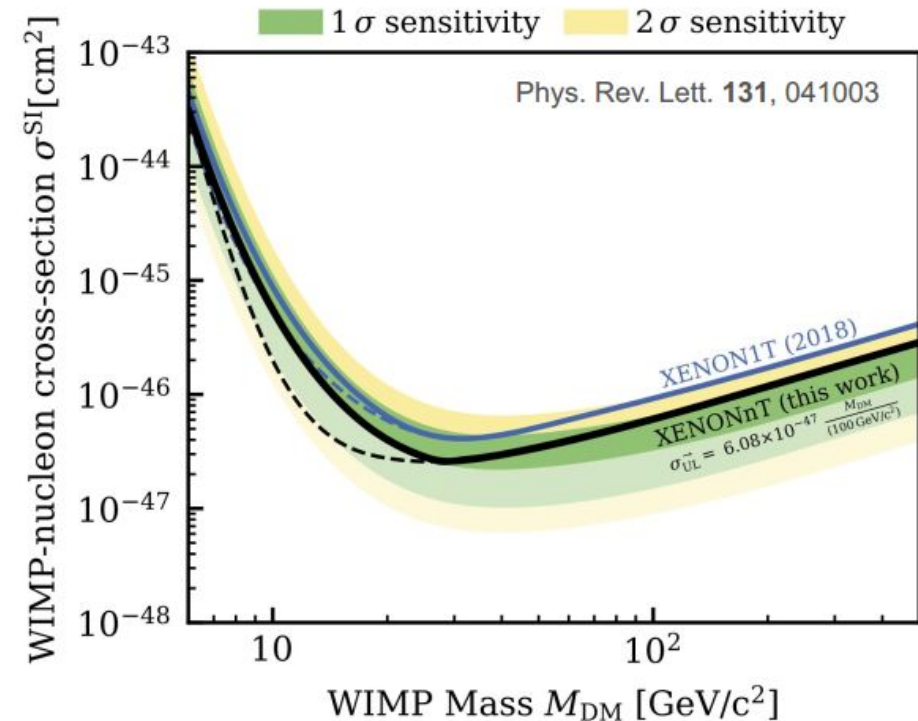
~ 4 tonne in SR0 WIMP fiducial volume

Electric fields

Drift field = 23 V/cm

Extraction field = 2.9 kV/cm

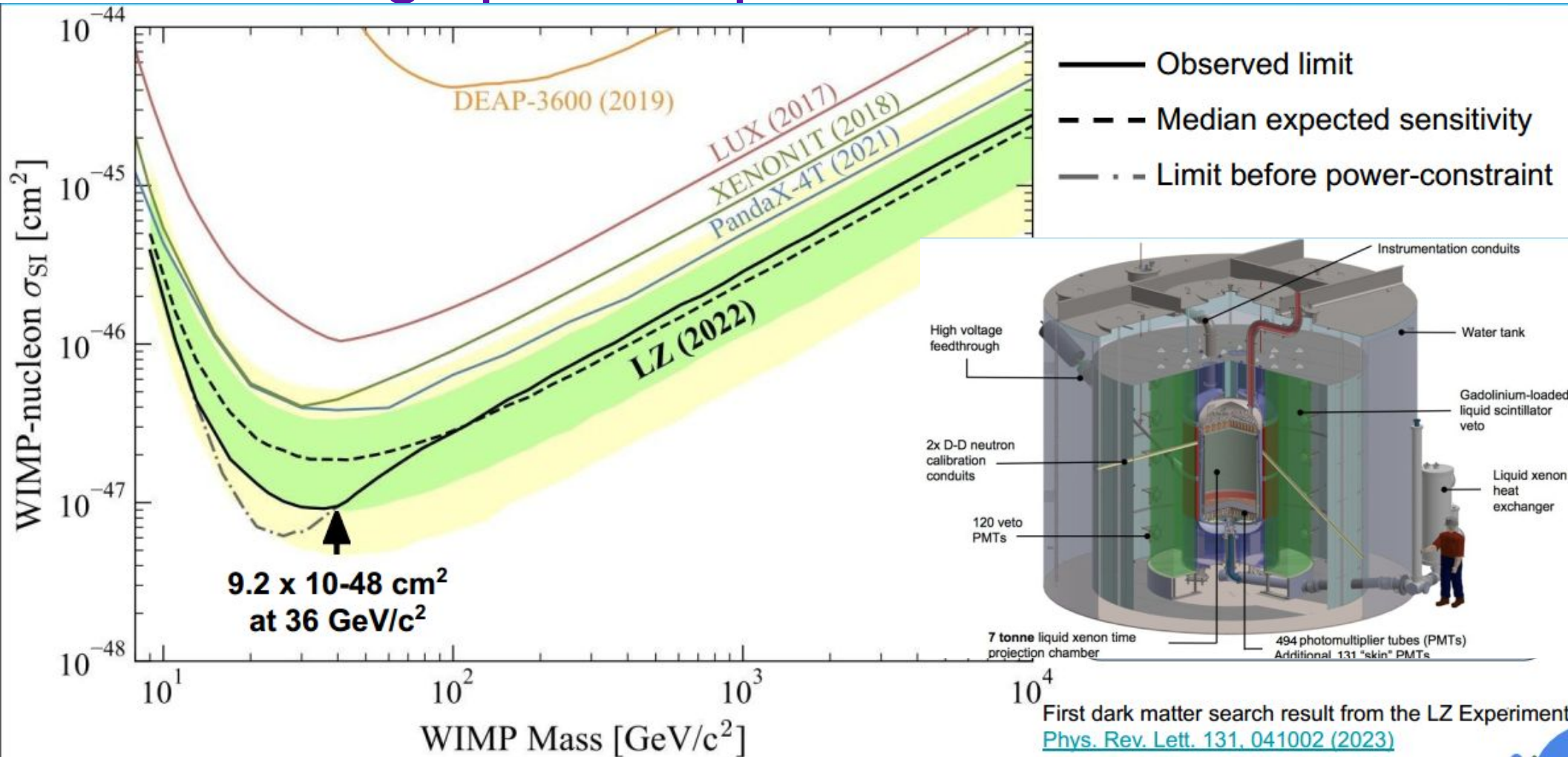
(extraction efficiency $\sim 50\%$)



XENONnT TPC

- Exposure = 4.2 tonne \times 95 days \sim total XENON1T exposure
 - Backgrounds within expectations
 - No significant excess is observed
 - Minimal upper limit is 2.58×10^{-47} cm² for 28 GeV / c² WIMP
 - Continued data taking ongoing; combined blind analysis on the way
- Zihao Xu @ TAUP2023

Leading spin-independent limit from LZ

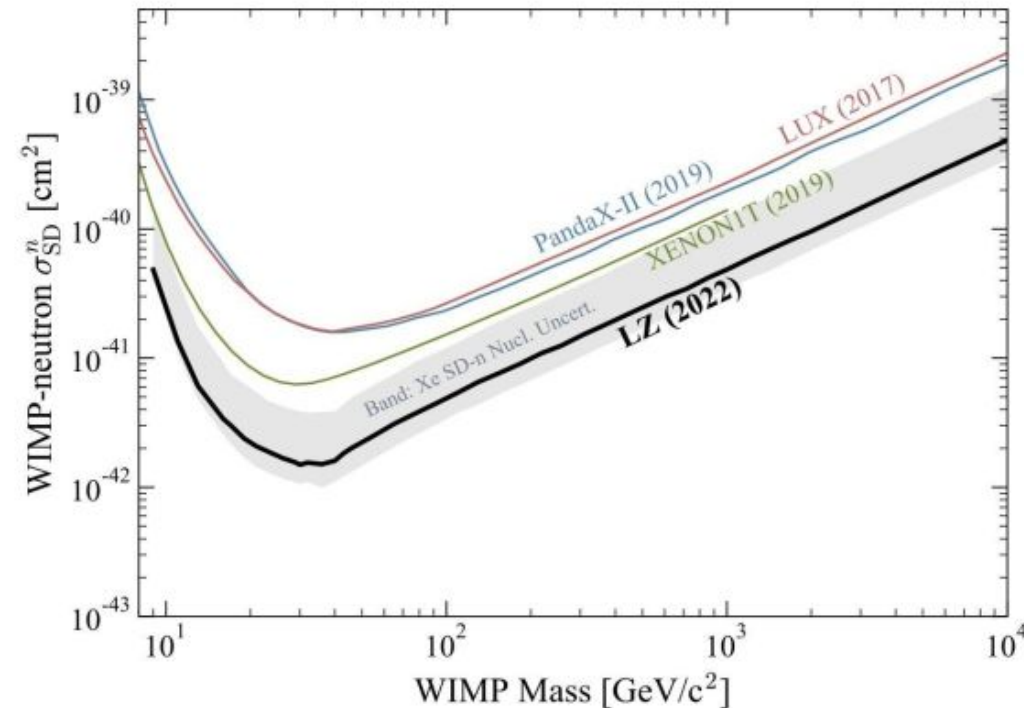


- Exposure = 5.5 tonne \times 60 days
- Backgrounds within expectations
- Planning for a total 1000 live days (x 17 more exposure)

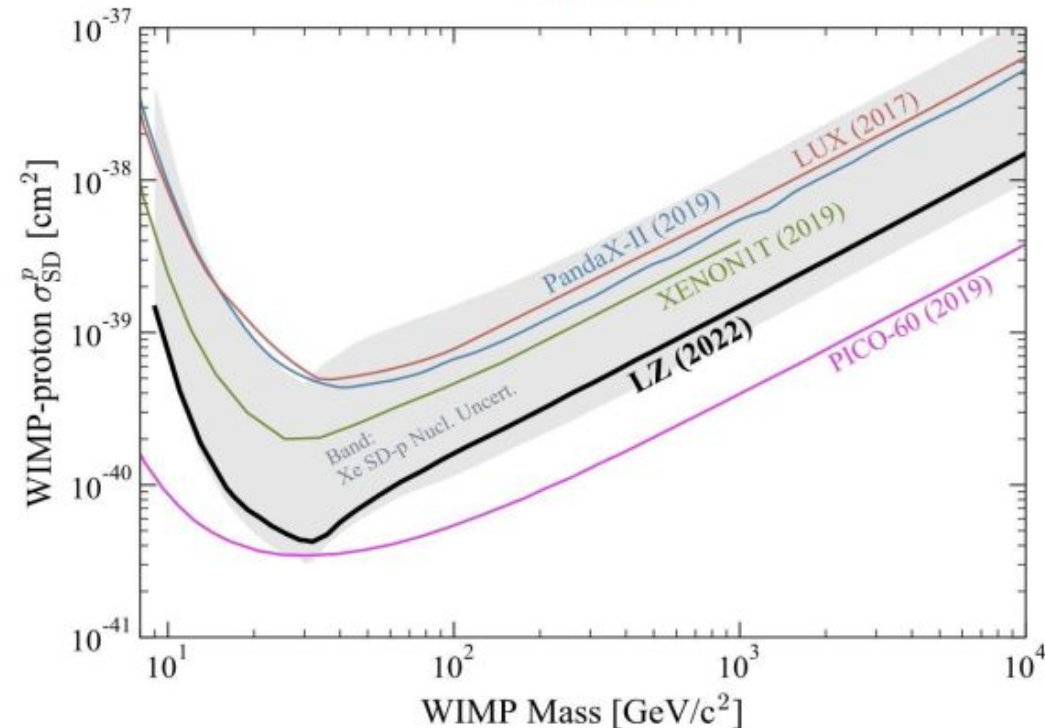
Billy Boxer @ TAUP2023

Spin-dependent limits

Spin-dependent WIMP-neutron scattering



Spin-dependent WIMP-proton scattering



B. Boxer @ TAUP 2023; PRL 131, 041002 (2023)

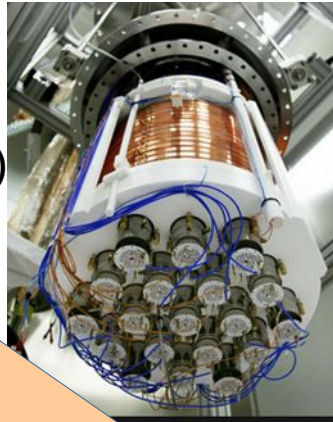
- Coupling of WIMP to unpaired nucleon spins
- Fluorine based target (PICO-60) remain on the lead for WIMP-proton cross-section
- LXe detectors dominate the WIMP-neutron sector
- Same parameter space explored by indirect and collider searches

Liquid argon detectors

2010

10 kg

DarkSide-50
(50 kg, LNGS)



100 kg

ArDM (1t, LSC)

- More than 300 scientists from 15 countries and 60 institutions
- Officially supported by underground labs: LNGS, LSC, and SNOLAB

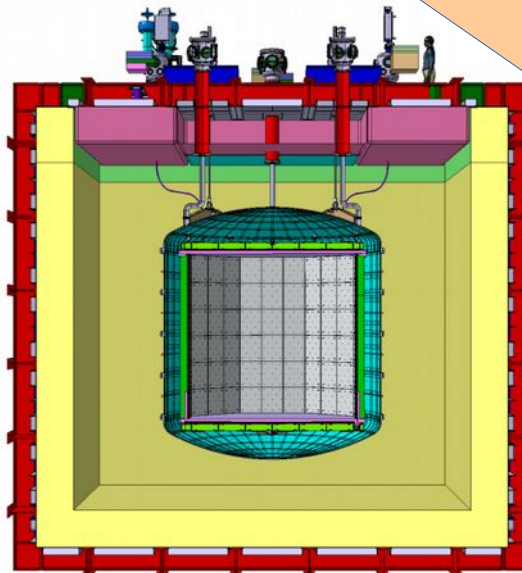
1000 kg

DEAP-3600 (3.3t, SNOLAB)



2015

Global Argon Dark Matter Collaboration formed



2020

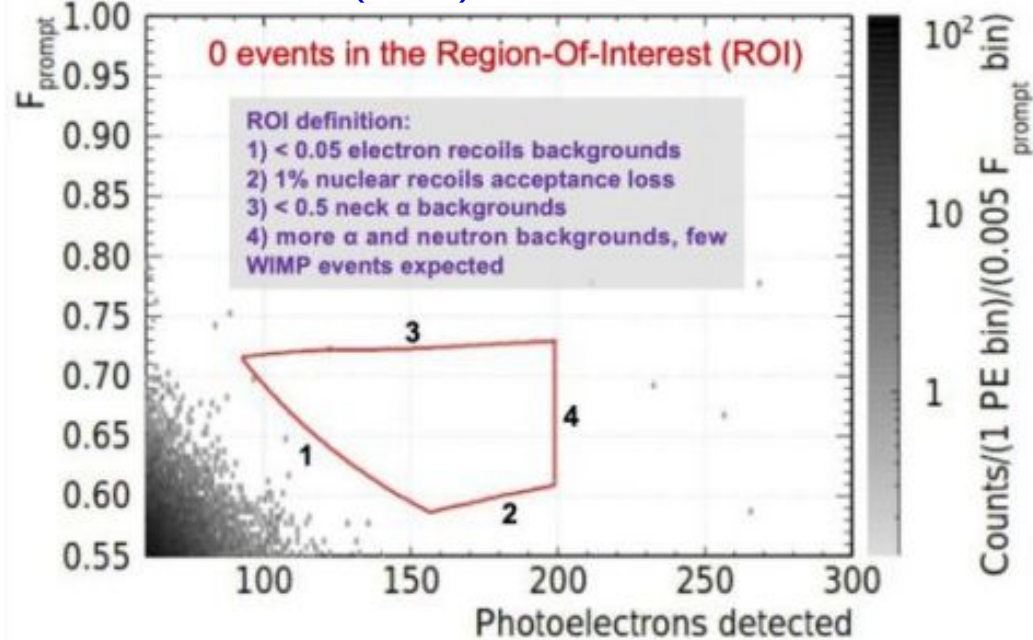
DarkSide-20k
(50t, LNGS)

100000 kg

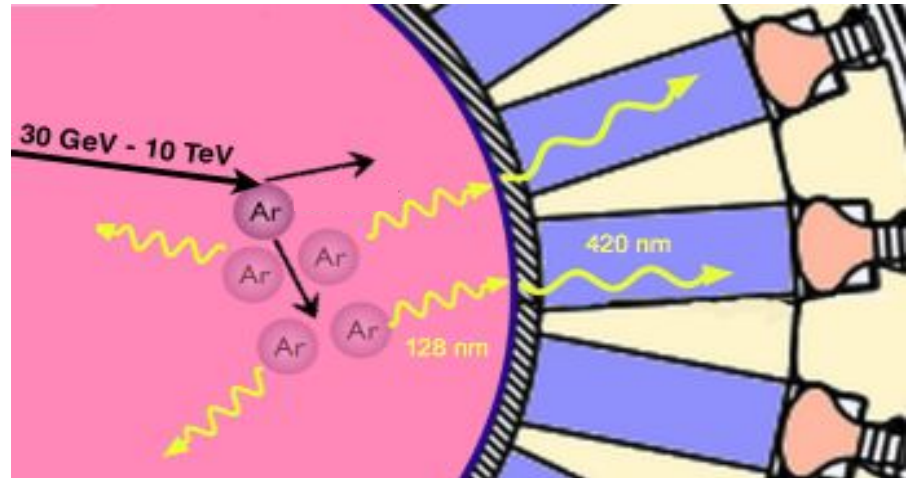
ARGO: 400 t

DEAP-3600 status

PRD, 100, 022004 (2019)



Single-phase, scintillation only, LAr target



- Zero observed backgrounds, leading exclusion with LAr
- Excellent control over main background types, leading edge among other experiments:
 - ^{222}Rn : 0.153(5) $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$
 - ^{220}Rn : 4.3(1.0) nBq/kg,
- Further sensitivity improvements **limited by backgrounds from alpha activity in the neck of the detector**: ongoing hardware fix to the alpha backgrounds problem
- Analysis on 388 live-days of open data almost ready to publish! Open+Blind analysis results based on 813 live-days of data will follow
- Other DM searches and physics analyses

Source	N^{CR}	N^{ROI}
β/γ 's		
ERs	2.44×10^9	0.03 ± 0.01
Cherenkov	$< 3.3 \times 10^5$	< 0.14
n 's		
Radiogenic	6 ± 4	$0.10^{+0.10}_{-0.09}$
Cosmogenic	< 0.2	< 0.11
α 's		
AV surface	< 3600	< 0.08
Neck FG	28^{+13}_{-10}	$0.49^{+0.27}_{-0.26}$
Total	N/A	$0.62^{+0.31}_{-0.28}$

Backgrounds budget

see Simon Viel @ TAUP 2023

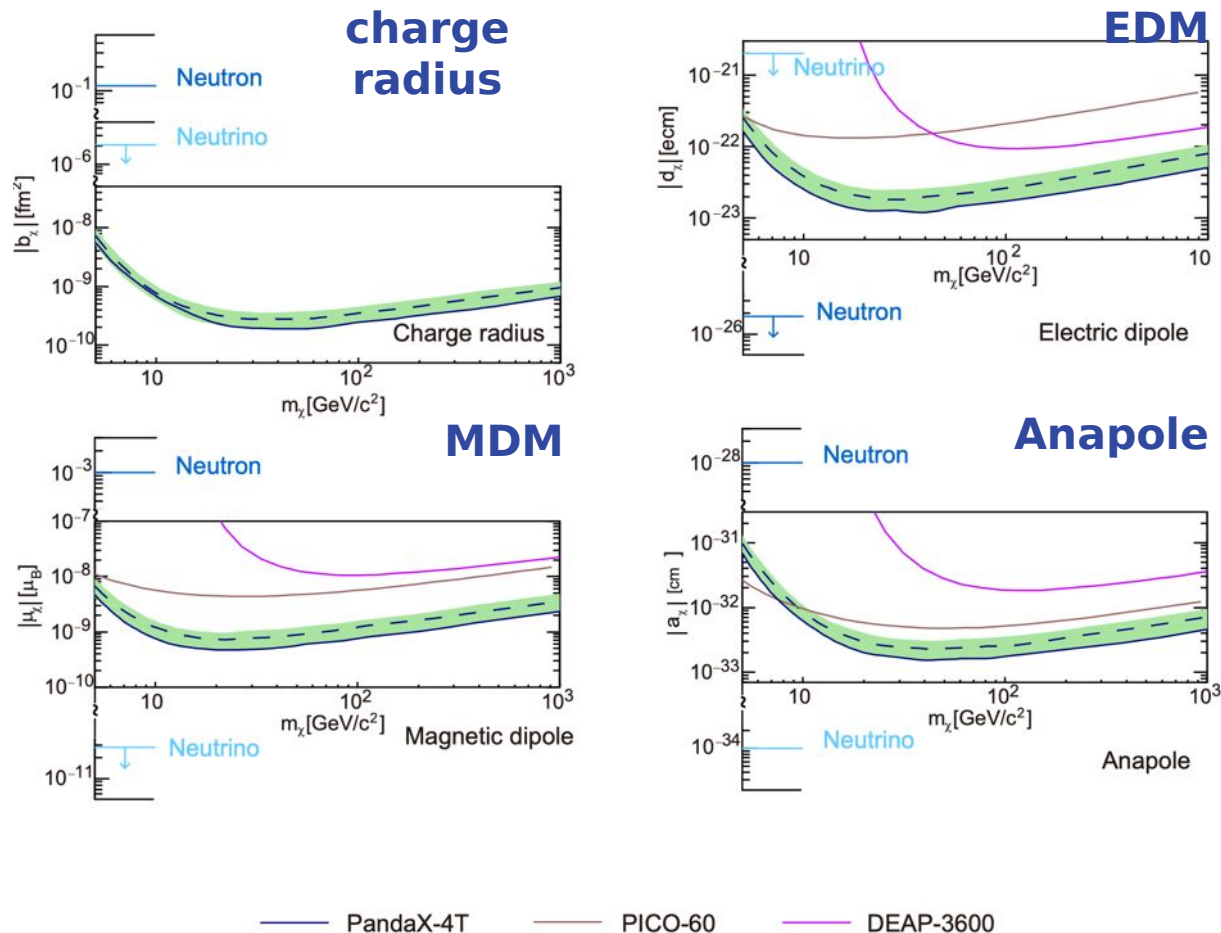
EFT and exotic interactions: PandaX-4T, LZ

Framework mapping and allowing to test all possible interactions of DM with nucleons.

- **PandaX-4T:** First experimental constraints on DM charge radius from PandaX

– 4 orders of magnitude smaller than neutrino

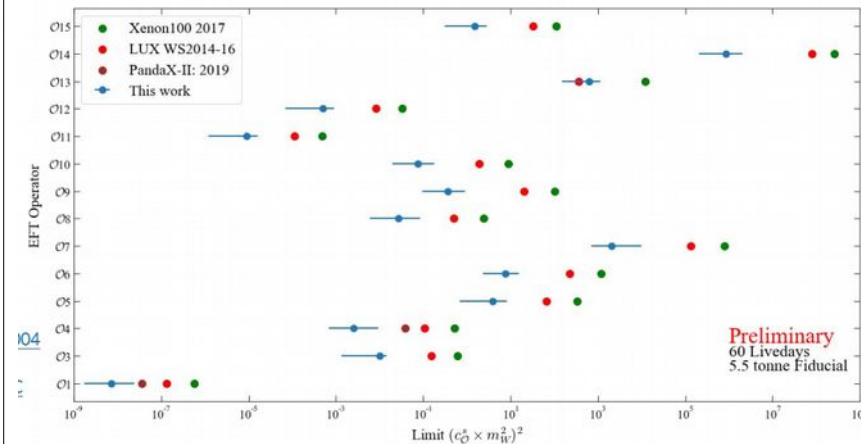
X. Ning et al. *Nature* 618, 47-50 (2023)



→ see Ning Zhou's talk on Monday

LZ:

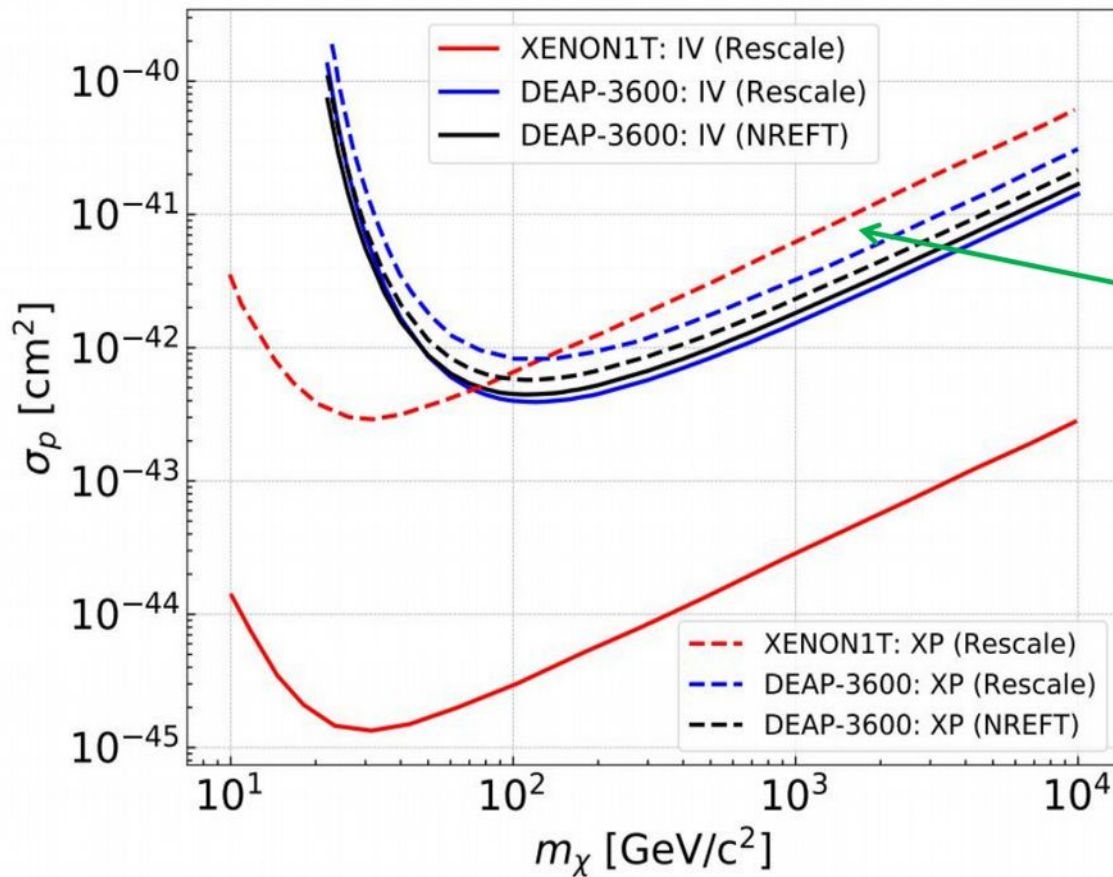
60 livedays LZ limits on elastic and inelastic operators, comparison with PandaX-II, LUX and XENON100



→ see Michael Williams' talk (Monday)

Effects of isospin parity breaking

P. Adhikari et al. (DEAP-3600 Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D **102**, 082001 (2020)

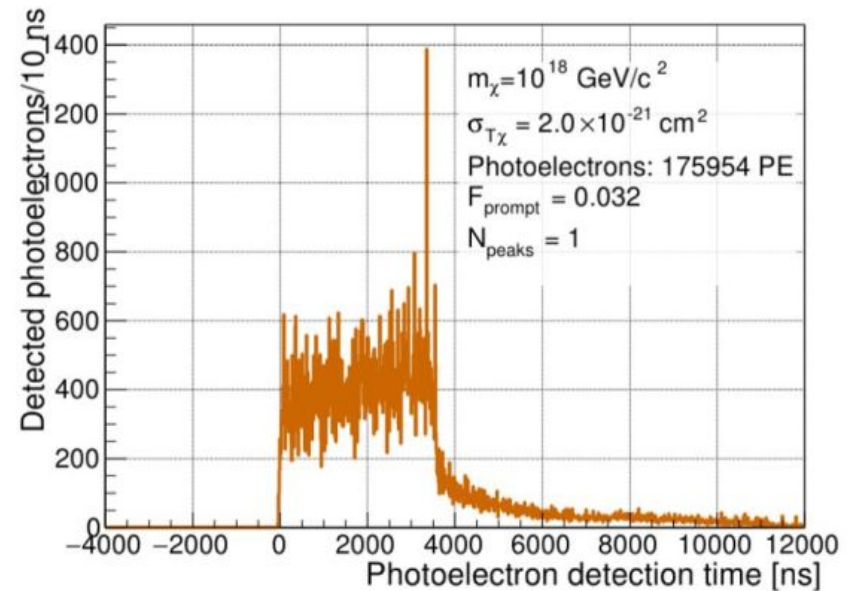
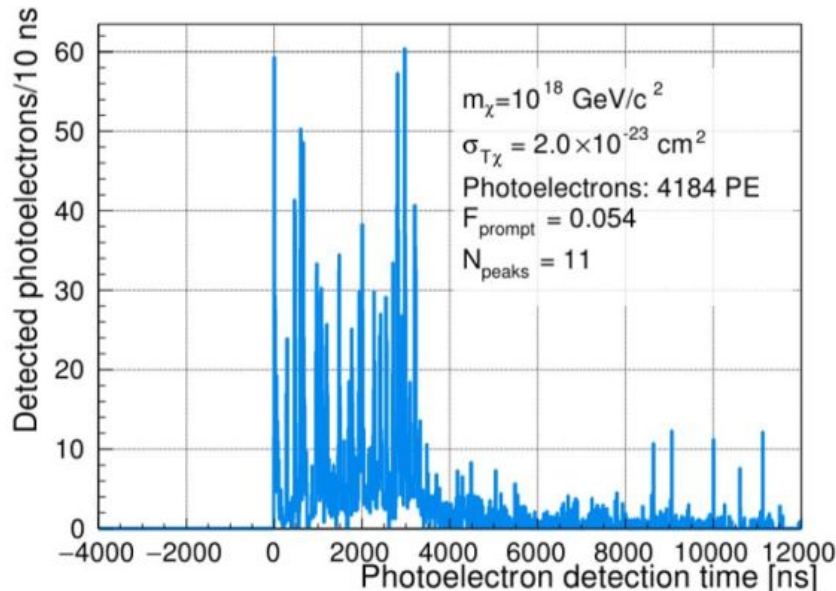
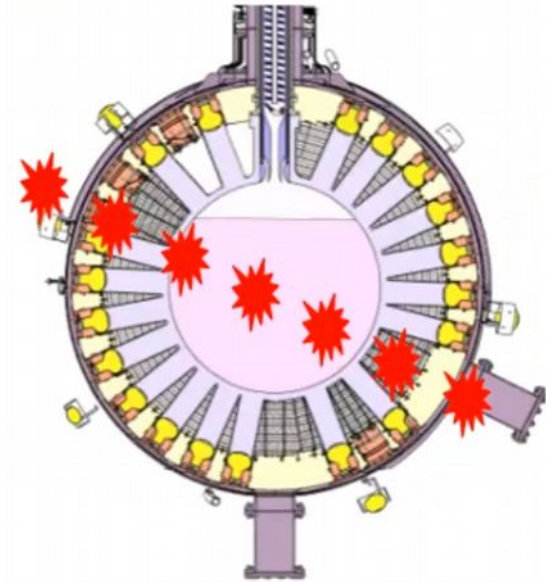


Region where DEAP-3600 sets stronger limits than XENON1T by considering the XP scenario.

Using NREFT + XP (black dash line), the region increases. While the Helm form factor doesn't change assuming $c_n \neq c_p$, in the NREFT formalism the form factor does.

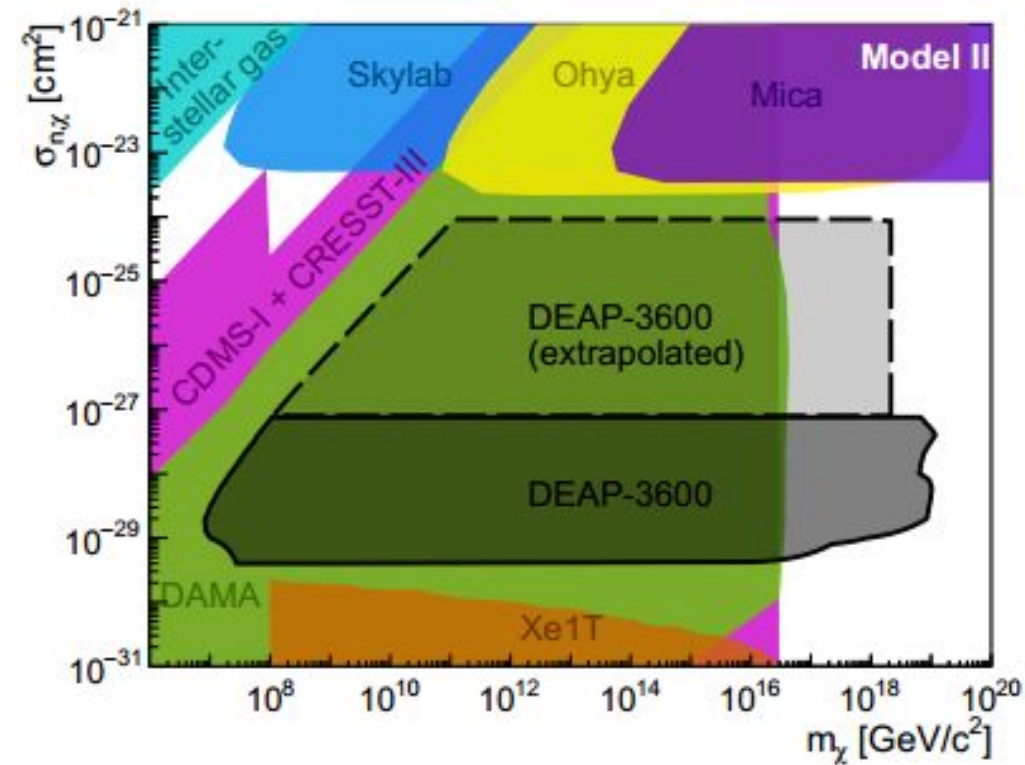
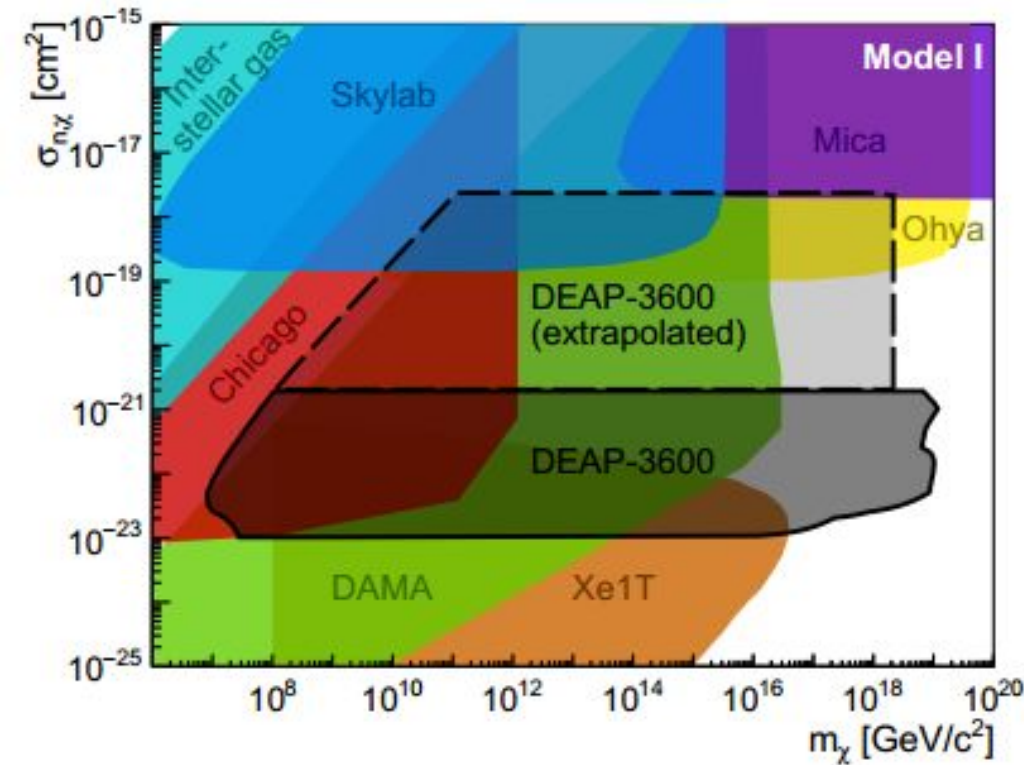
Planck-scale mass multi-scattering dark matter

- a.k.a multiply-interacting massive particles (MIMPs)
- DM candidates above $\sigma_{\chi\text{-}n} \cong 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2$ and $m_{\chi} \gtrsim 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$ lose a negligible amount of energy in the scatterings with the Earth nuclei and can reach underground detectors designed for WIMP search.
- Event signature:
 - Contains multiple nuclear recoil scatters
 - In LAr apparent electronic recoil-like event



Planck-scale mass DM exclusion

- P. Adhikari et al. (DEAP Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. 128, 011801 (2022)
- 813 live-days, blind analysis
- TAUP2021 exclusion for candidates at Planck-scale masses



$$\sigma_{T\chi} = \sigma_{n\chi} |F_T(q)|^2$$

(relevant for composite DM models)

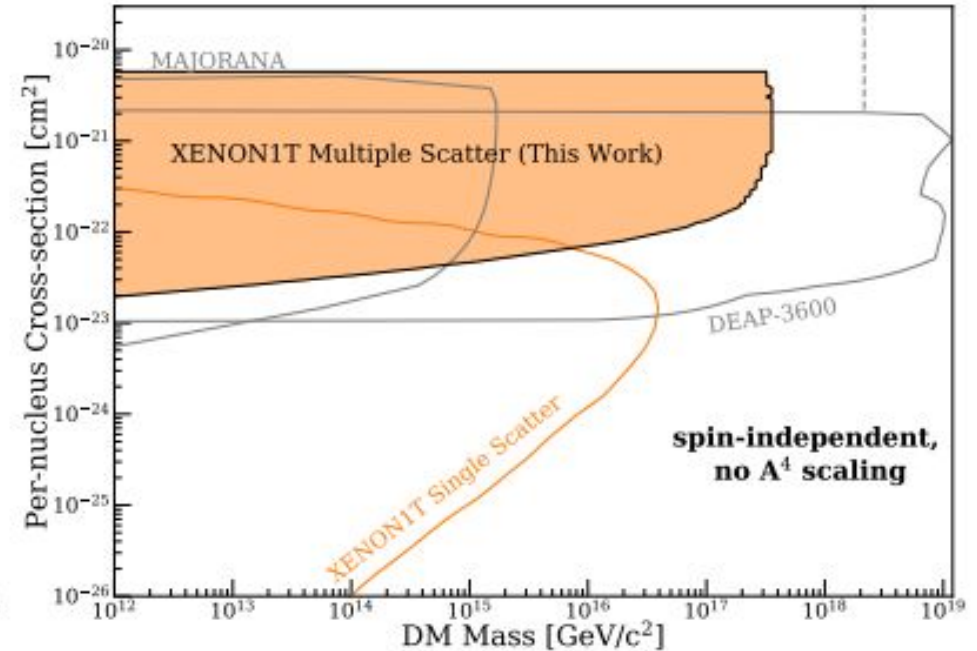
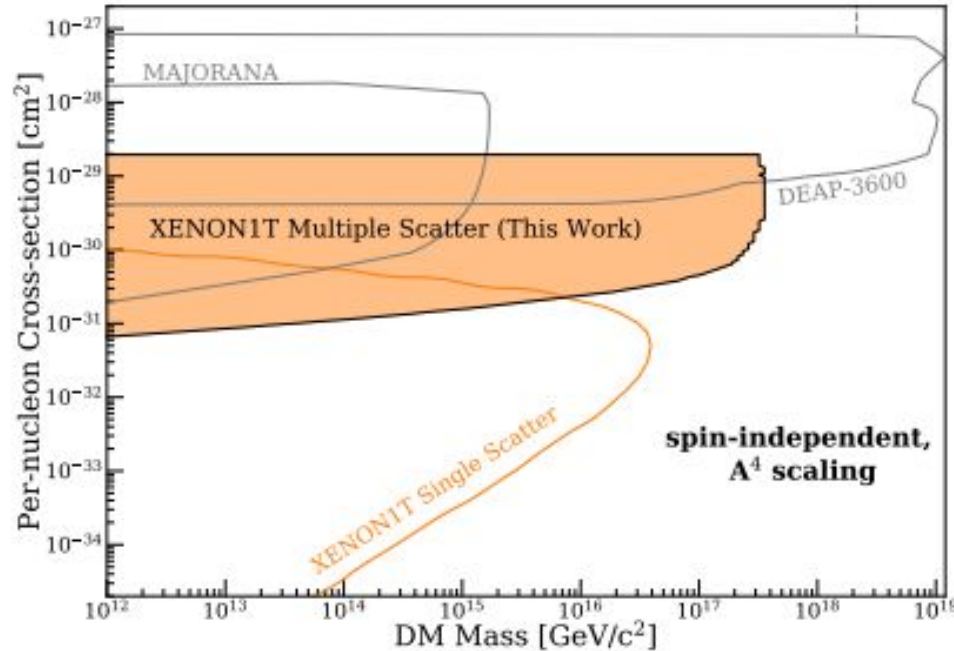
$$\sigma_{T\chi} \simeq \sigma_{n\chi} A^4 |F_T(q)|^2$$

New Planck-scale DM result from XENON1T

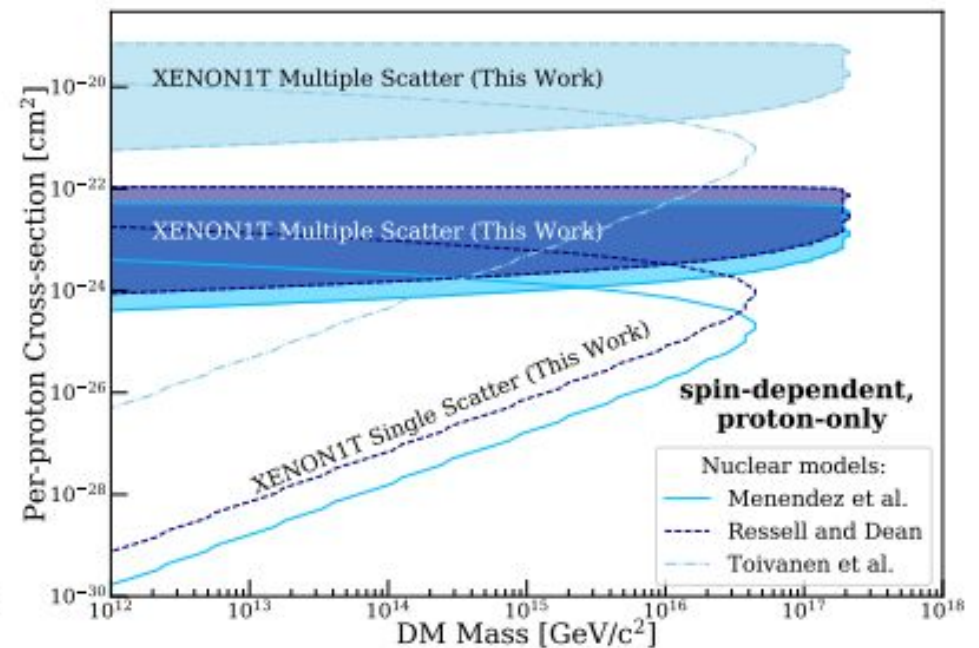
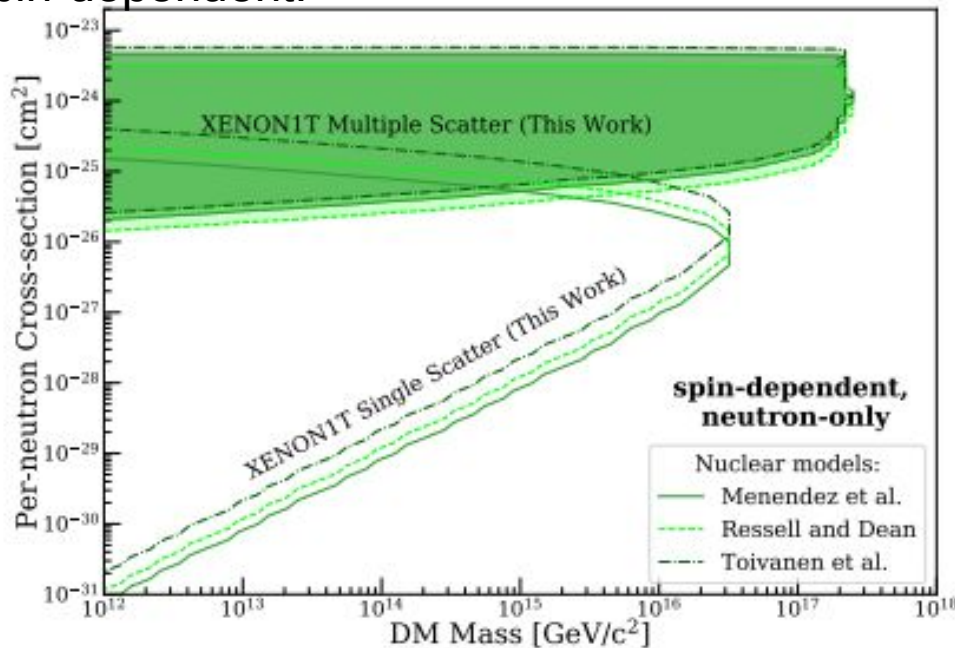
Spin-independent:

Talk by Shengchao Li at TAUP 2023

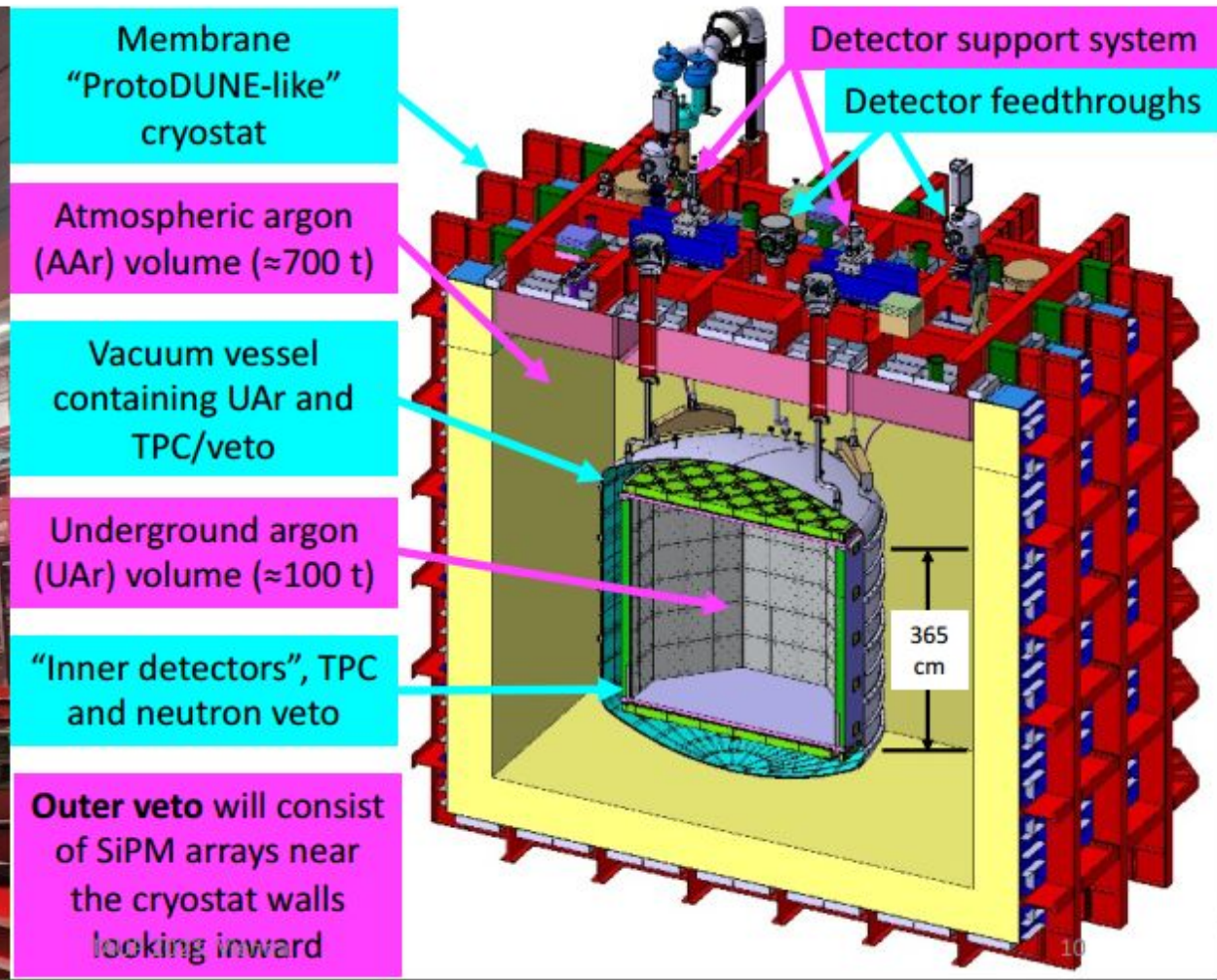
Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 261002 (2023)



Spin-dependent:



DarkSide-20k status



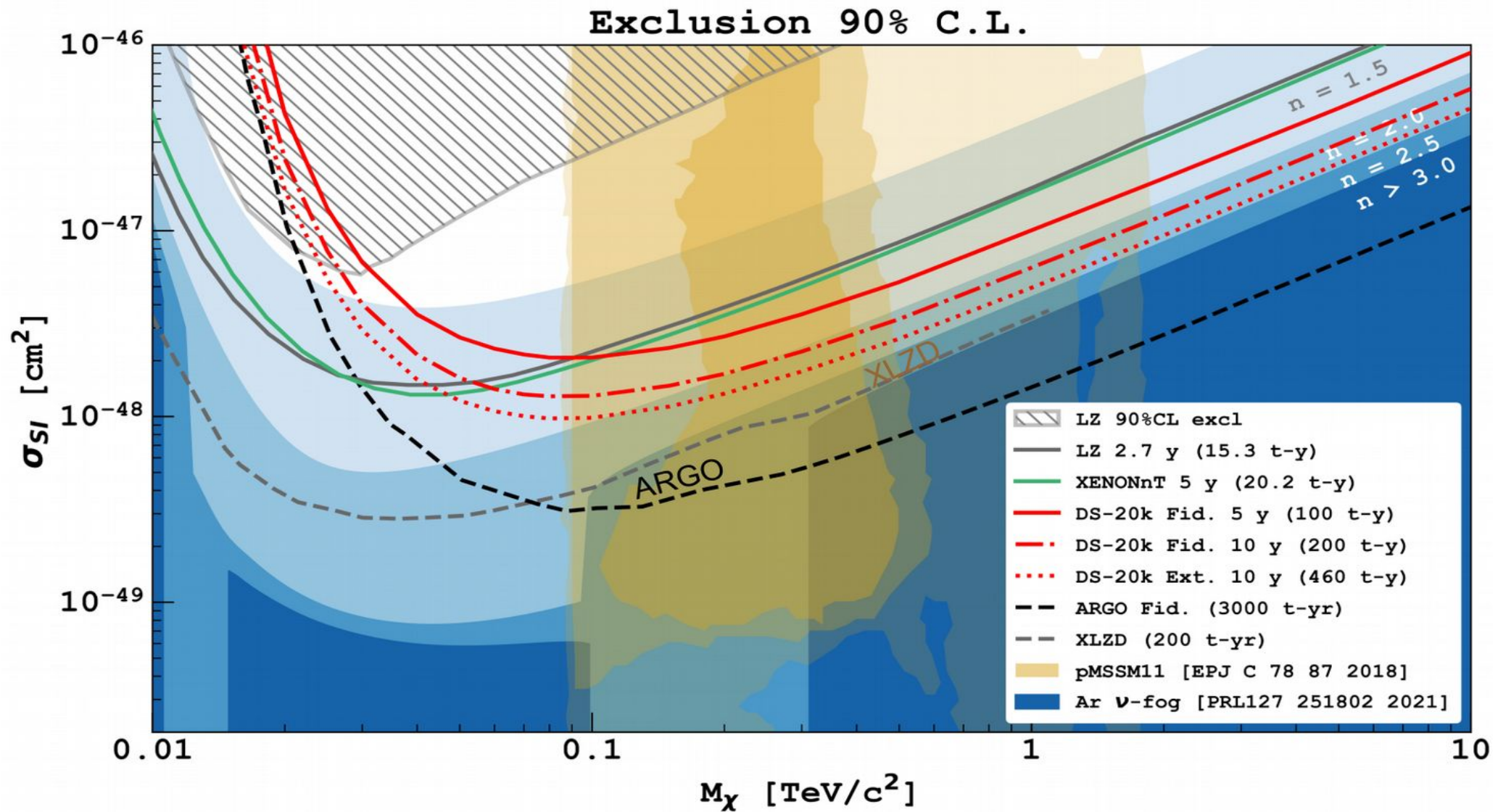
TPC + neutron veto:

- Octagonal shape dual phase argon TPC:
 - Active UAr mass: 49.7 tonnes;
 - Fiducial UAr mass: 20.2 tonnes;
- Neutron veto:
 - Active UAr mass: 32 tonnes

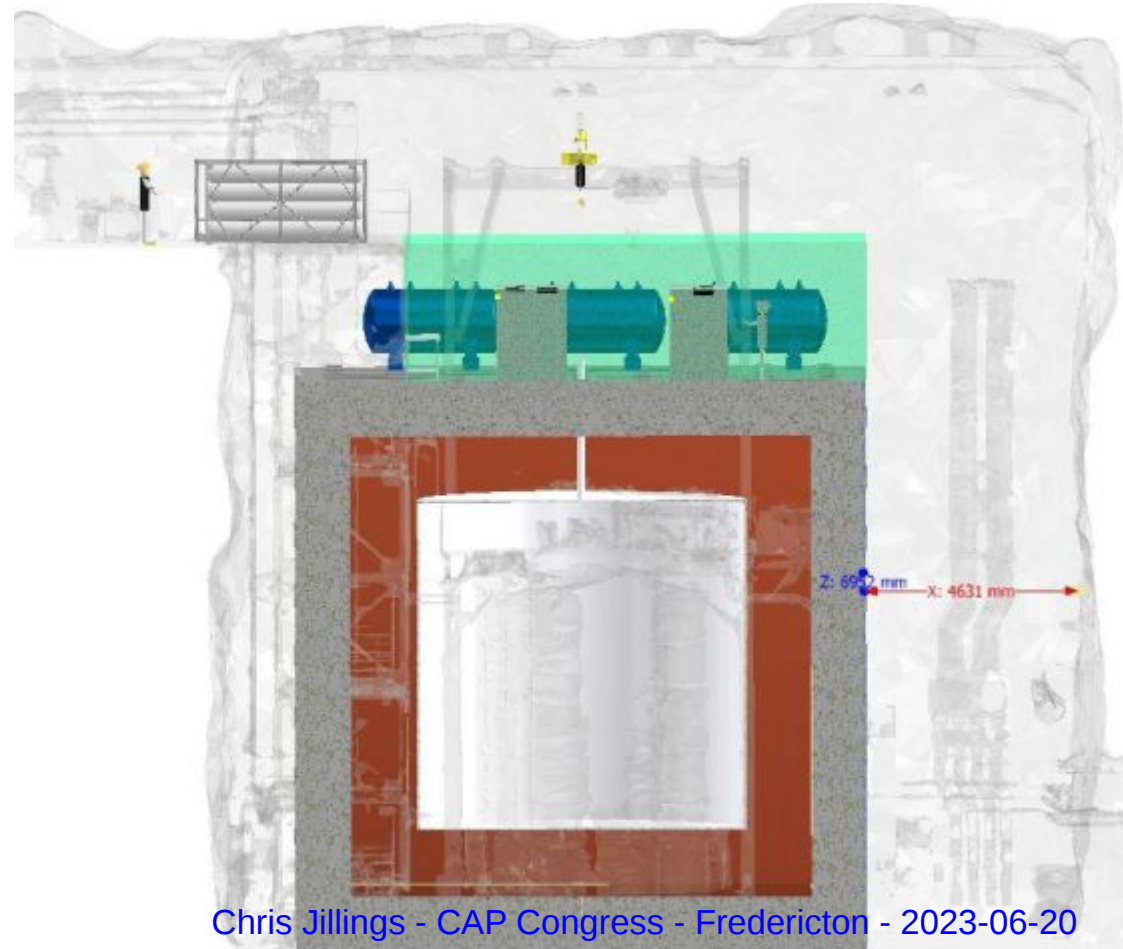
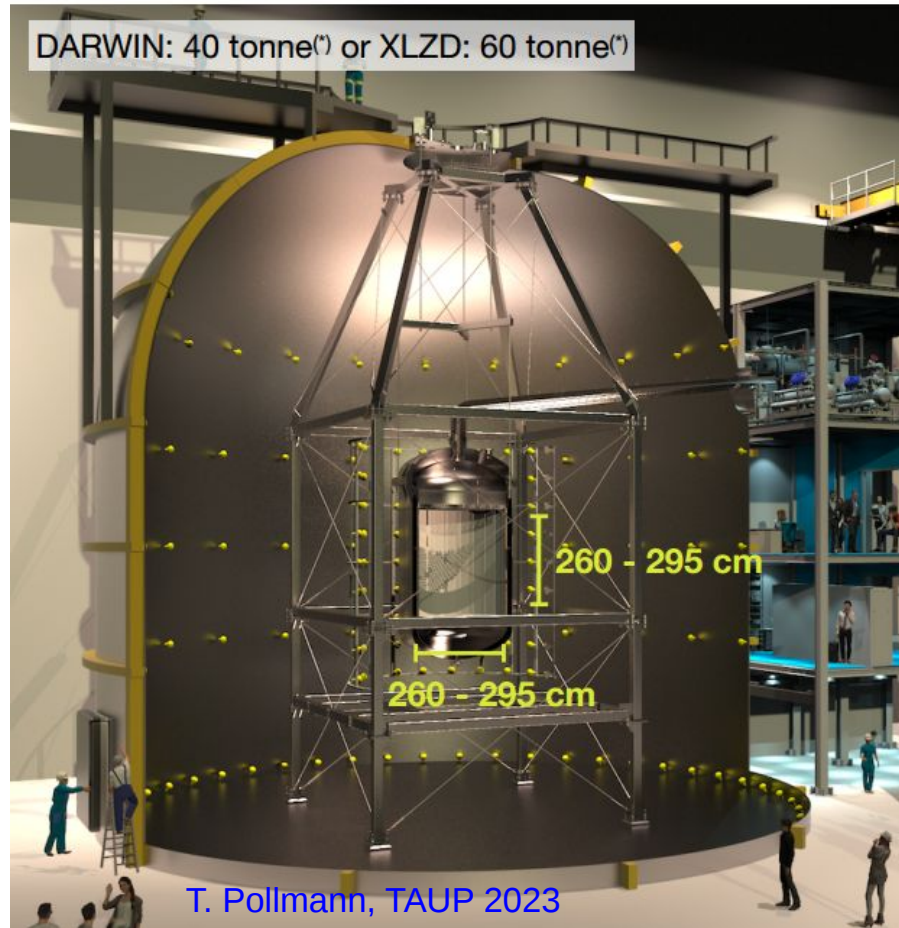
- DarkSide uses dual-phase argon TPC
- Underground Argon with reduced ^{39}Ar contamination
- DarkSide-20k is entering the construction phase;
- Will start filling the detector by the end of 2026

Yi Wang's talk at TAUP 2023

DarkSide-20k sensitivity projections



Ultimate detectors



XLZD:

If funding can be secured, DARWIN+LZ+XENON will form XLZD, which would enable a 60-tonne detector (instead of the 40 tonne option)

ARGO:

- 7 m diameter x 7m high acrylic vessel
- Underground argon
- Surrounded by atmospheric argon
- In a Proto-Dune style cryostat
- SNOLAB as the preferred site

Pulse shape discrimination (PSD)

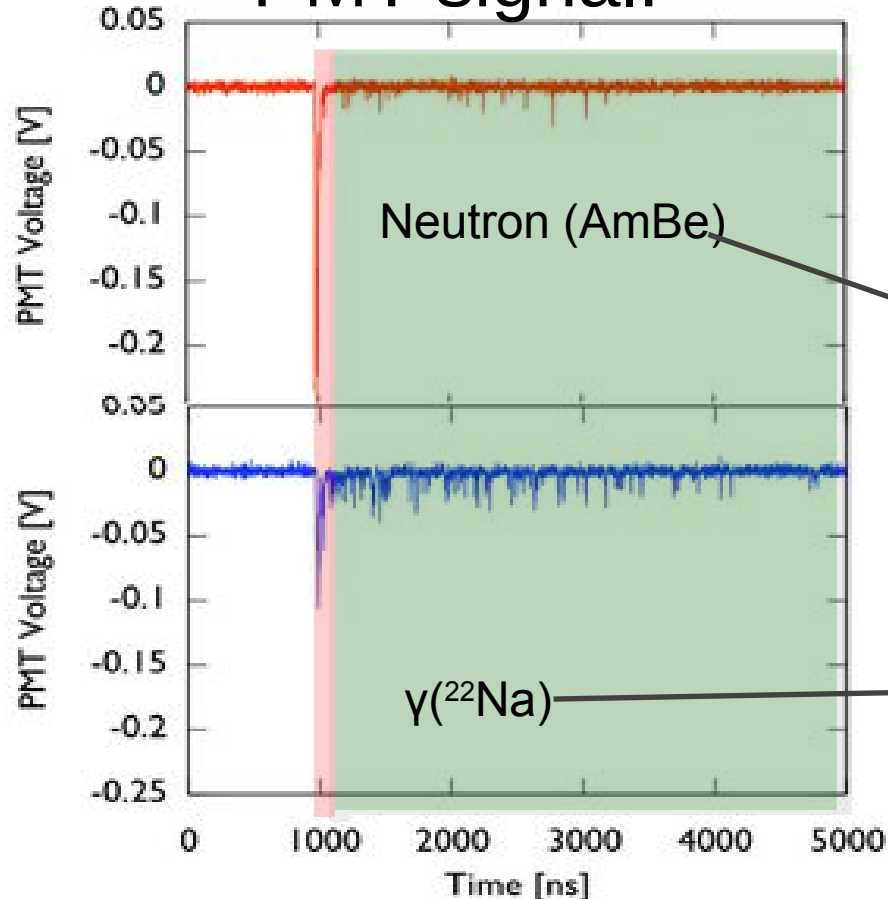
Ar singlet and triplet excited states have well separated lifetimes (6ns vs. $\sim 1.5\mu\text{s}$)

Single phase LAr:

scintillation channel is sufficient for β/γ rejection
no need for the ionization channel

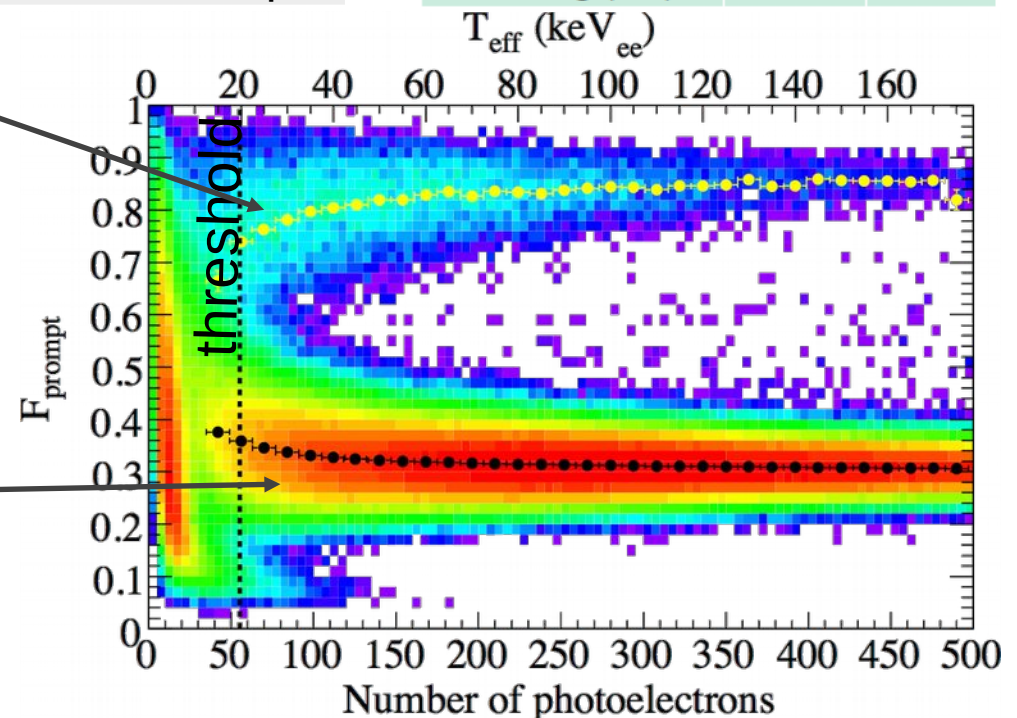
Parameter	Ar	Xe
Yield ($\times 10^4$ photons/MeV)	4	4.2
Prompt time constant τ_1	6 ns	2 ns
Late time constant τ_3	1.5 μs	21 ns
I_1/I_3 for electrons	0.3	0.3
I_1/I_3 for nuclear recoils	3	1.6
$\lambda(\text{peak})$ nm	128	174
Rayleigh scattering (cm)	90	30

PMT signal:

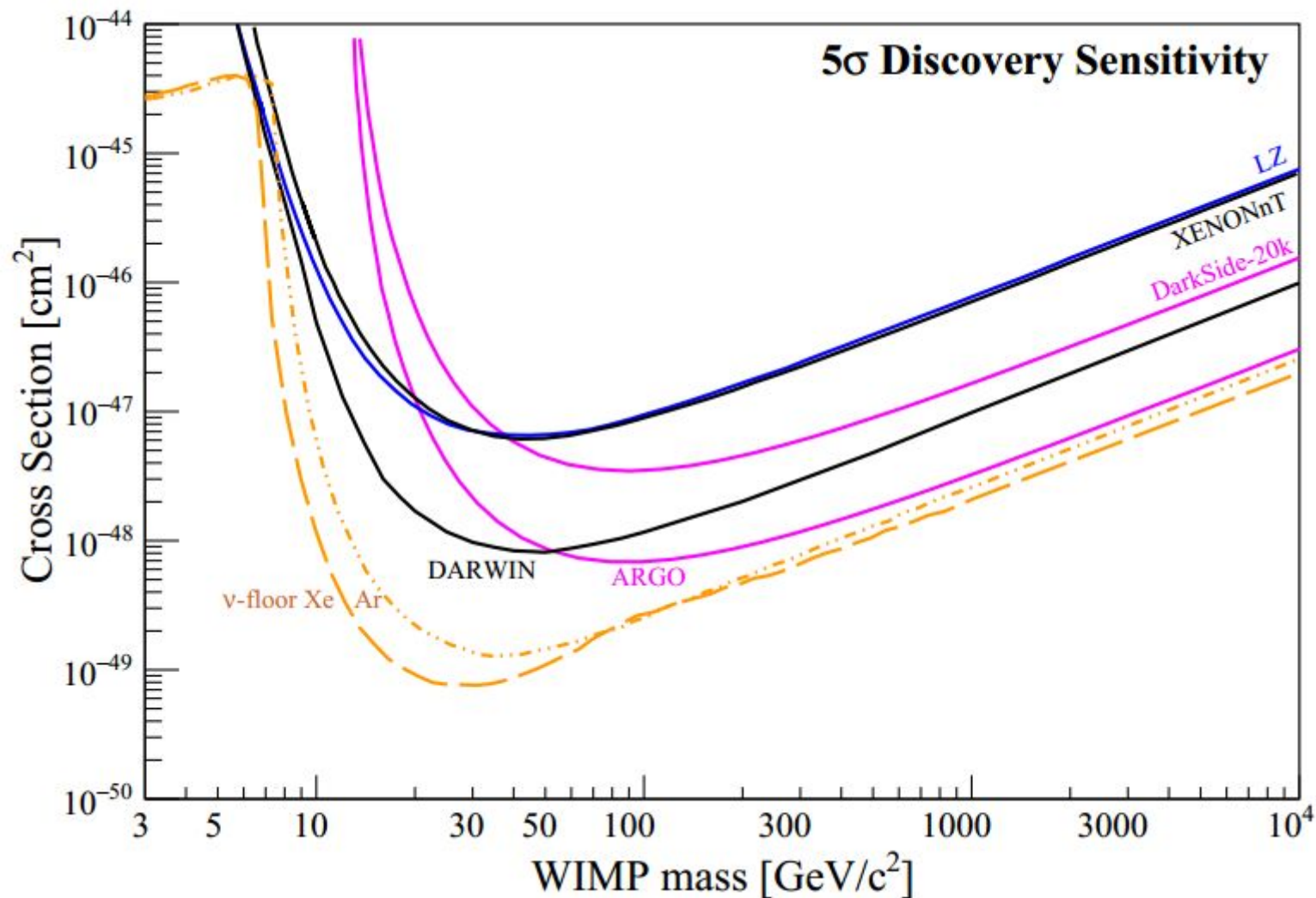


$$F_{\text{Prompt}} = \frac{N_{\text{prompt}}}{N_{\text{prompt}} + N_{\text{Late}}}$$

Prompt : 0-60ns
Late: 60ns-10 μs



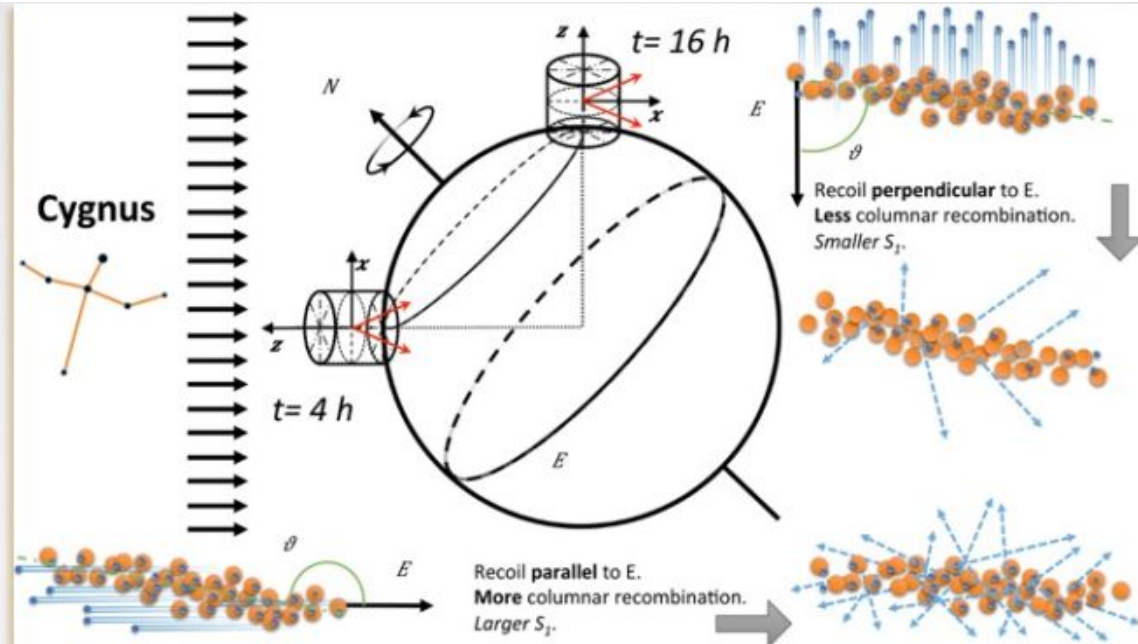
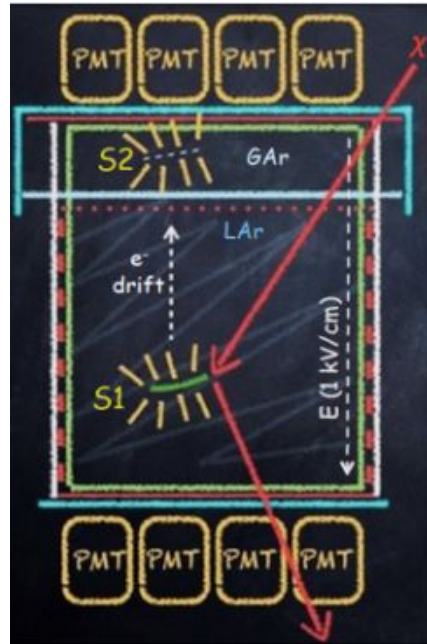
Discovery potential



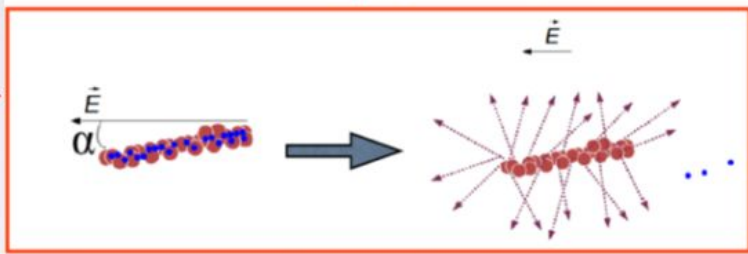
- Superior ER rejection in LAr (with PSD) allows to suppress background from elastic scattering of solar neutrinos on electrons
- Zero background paradigm results translate to better 5- σ discovery sensitivity
- **Need for both programs recognized by APPEC, P5, ESPPU**

Directional detection with LAr

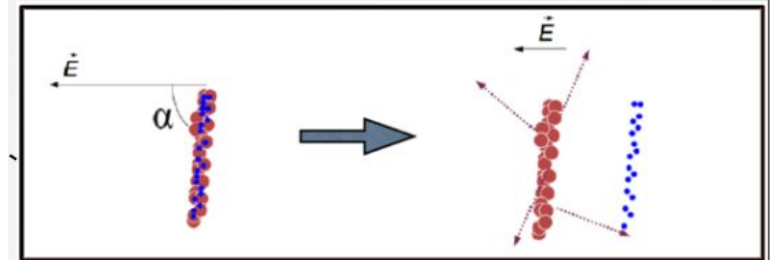
- Powerful means to mitigate backgrounds and reach beyond the neutrino fog
- Hopes to find columnarity effect in LAr (informed by hints from 2015 SCENE measurement)



Substantial CR: more light, less charge



CR small: less light, more charge



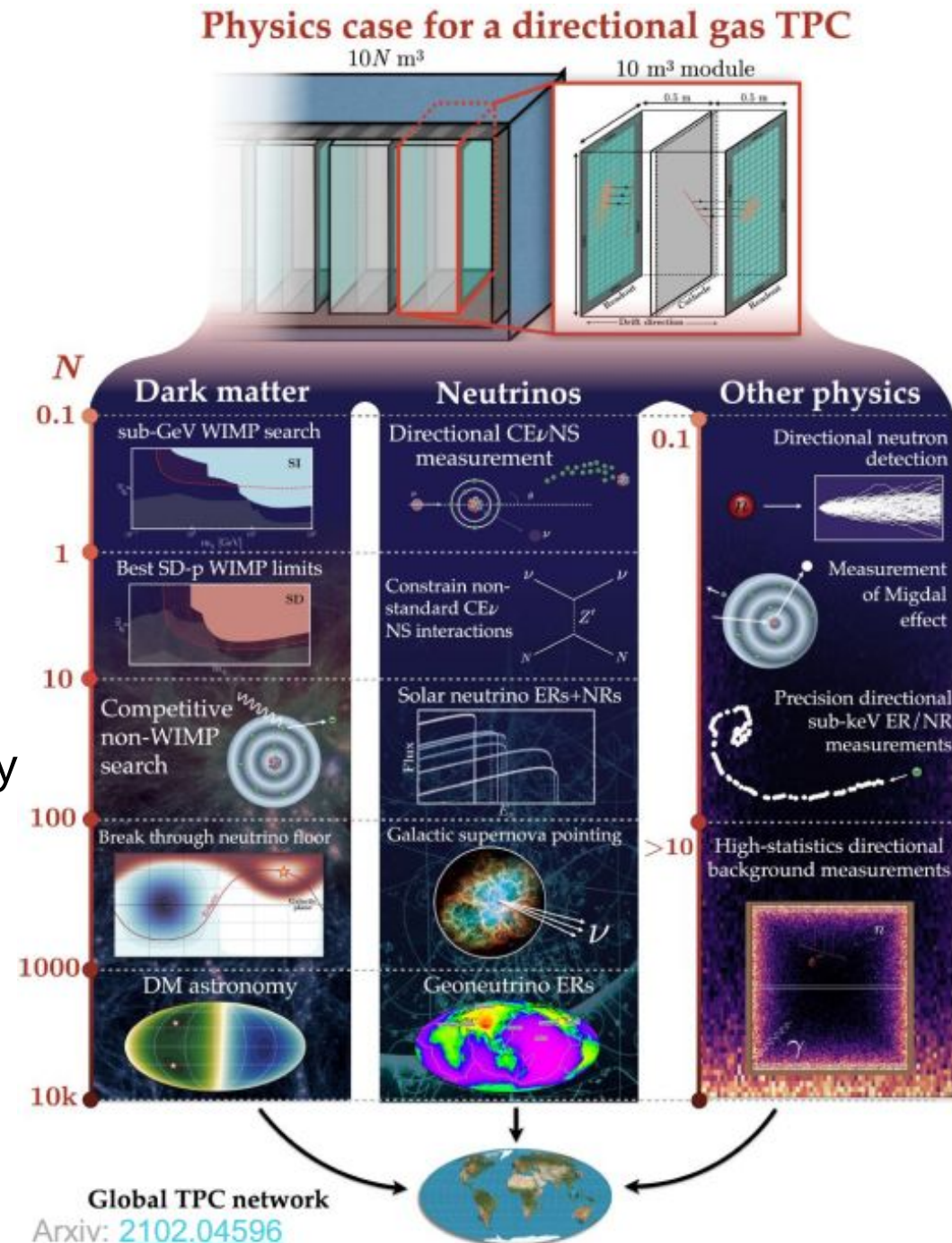
Recent result from ReD (Recoil Directionality) experiment finds **no significant directional effect** in LAr:

[DarkSide-20k Collaboration, arXiv:2307.15454 \(2023\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.15454)

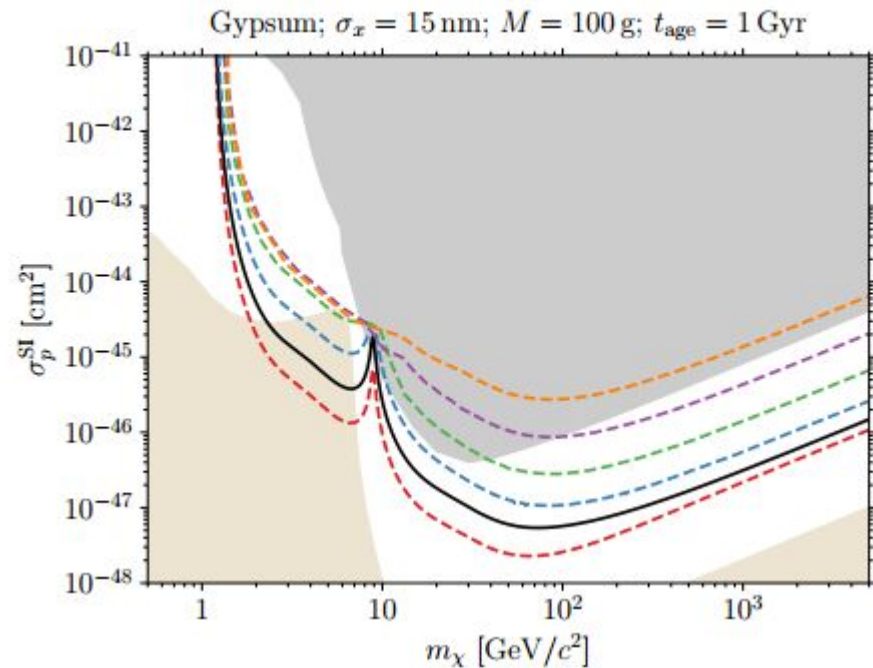
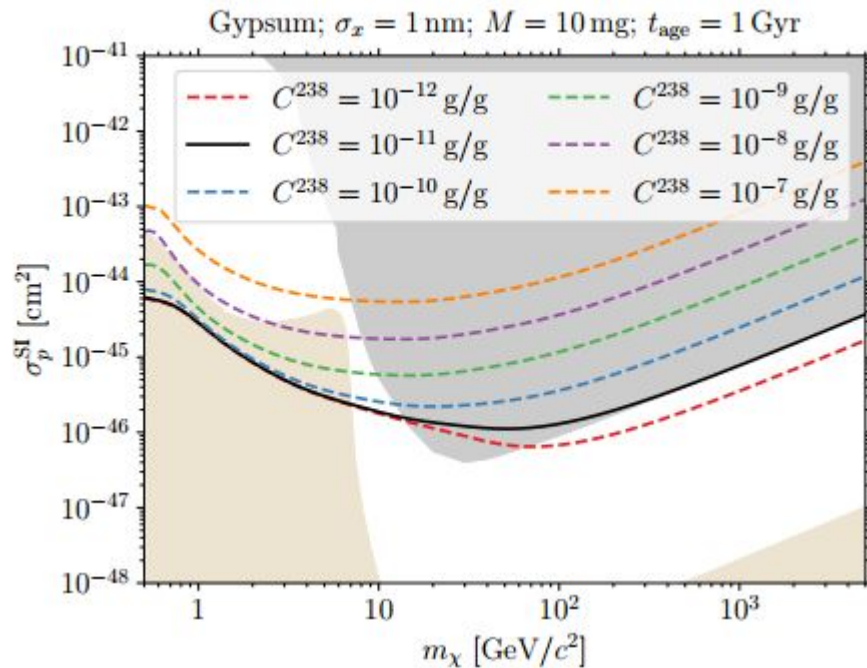
No other technology allowing for large target masses on the horizon.

Directional detectors

- Mainly gaseous detectors or emulsions
- Global consolidation of efforts
- While scale-up challenging, in some scenarios (spin-dependent, low mass) competitive sensitivities are feasible
- Dedicated TAUP 2023 session on Friday



Paleodetectors



Searching for Dark Matter with Paleo-Detectors, [Sebastian Baum](#), [Andrzej K. Drukier](#), [Katherine Freese](#), [Maciej Górski](#), [Patrick Stengel](#), Phys.Lett. B803 (2020) 135325

S. Baum et al., Instruments 2021, 5(2), 21

A completely different approach to direct detection:

- Look for damage from nuclear recoils in minerals
- Modest mass, extreme lifetime \rightarrow competitive exposure
- Some potential for directionality

see [S. Baum talk @ TAUP 2023](#)



Why the Best Place to Find Dark Matter May Be in a Rock | Quanta Magazine

ECFA Detector R&D initiative

- Scale-up to ultimate detectors is a technological challenge
- Community driven process to plan essential R&D for the coming years
- Direct detection mostly represented in TF1 (gaseous detectors) and TF2 (liquid detectors) subgroups
- Detector R&D proposals prepared with community feedback and currently under review

**ECFA**
European Committee for Future Accelerators



ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap

24 March 2021 to 30 July 2023
Europe/Zurich timezone

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Implementation of the ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap

After the publication of the ECFA Detector R&D Roadmap, CERN Council requested ECFA to develop the plan for its implementation.

The document approved by the SPC and CERN Council in September 2022 can be found at https://indico.cern.ch/event/1197445/contributions/5034860/attachments/2517863/4329123/spc-e-1190-c-e-3679-Implementation_Detector_Roadmap.pdf.

As proposed in the document, topic specific community meetings will now be held in the course of the coming months. To sign up for these and to register your interest in participating on the corresponding R&D Collaborations being developed please see the links below.

- TF1 Gaseous Detectors <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1214405/>
- TF2 Liquid Detectors <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1214404/>
- TF3 Solid State Detectors <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1214410/>
- TF4 Photon Detectors and PID <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1214407/>
- TF5 Quantum and Emerging Technologies <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1214411/>
- TF6 Calorimetry <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1213733/>
- TF7 Electronics and On-detector Processing <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1214423/>
- TF8 Integration <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1214428/>
- TF9 Training <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1214429/>

Summary

- Conclusive verification of DAMA result finally on the horizon
- Otherwise, no discovery or new detection claims. However...
- Many interesting new results and ideas over the last couple of years
 - Steady progress
 - Low-mass region (1-10 GeV/c²) increasingly competitive (LXe S2 only, LAr S2 only, LAr SBC, SuperCDMS)
 - Planck-mass scale
 - EFT result interpretations becoming a standard
- General paradigm change: leave no stone unturned
- Consolidation of efforts for high-mass WIMP searches towards to neutrino floor
 - ECFA detector R&D roadmap
 - Low energy excess workshops
 - Consolidation of directional search collaborations
 - LAr:
 - Global consolidation of efforts towards DarkSide-20k and the ultimate detector, Argo
 - Fruitful synergy with ProtoDUNE/DUNE
 - Novel materials to facilitate scale-up
 - Rapid growth of the SiPM technology
 - LXe:
 - XLZD
 - Successful progression of 2 phase LXe TPCs
 - Ongoing R&D for DARWIN

Backup

Main challenges moving beyond LZ/XENONnT/DS-20k

LXe

- Securing enough Xenon
- Rn mitigation
- ER rejection
- HV scalability/stability
- Other backgrounds

LAr

- Very large, highly efficient, photosensitive surface area
- UAr extraction/storage
- Scalable and robust wavelength shifter/light collection approach
- Backgrounds

Ar-Xe complementarity

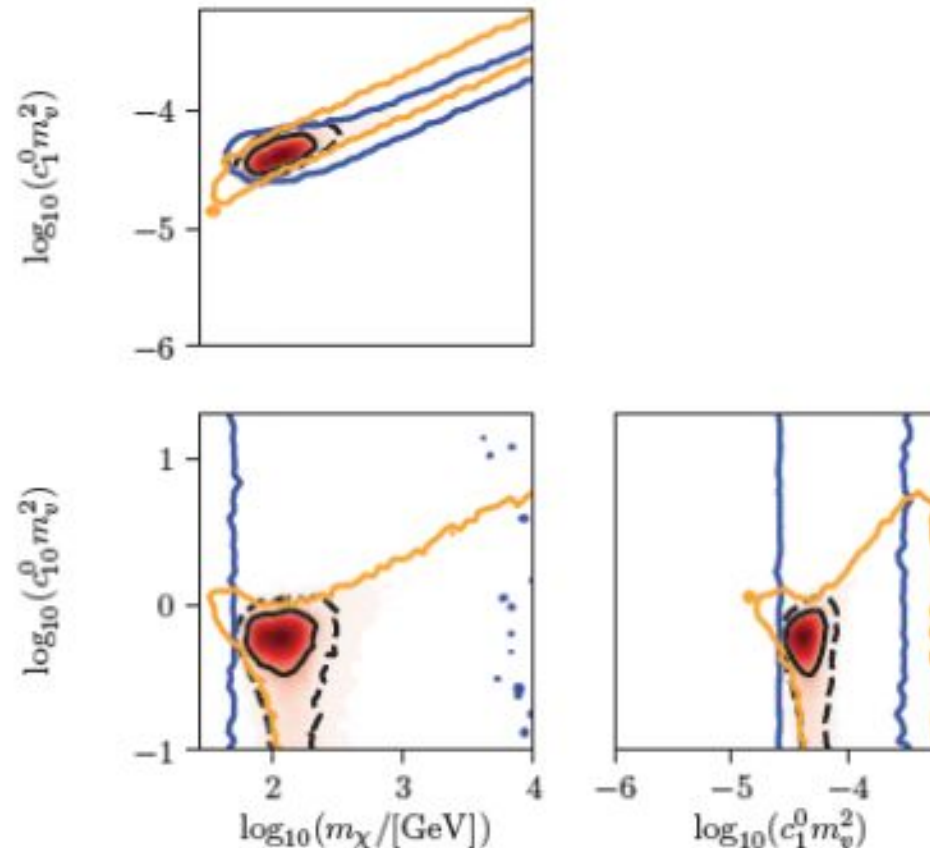
Example: Scalar DM – Scalar Mediator
 $m = 100 \text{ GeV}$

Newstead et al., PRD D 88, 076011 (2013)
DARWIN, JCAP 10 (2015) 016

A single target cannot determine the DM mass and couplings

The experimental response is very sensitive to the target

Combining data some degeneracies can be removed



Xe
Ar