

# SuperCDMS and EURECA search for WIMPs : recent results and status of projects at SNOLAB

**Introduction**

**Cryogenic detectors**

**SuperCDMS LT and HV**

**EURECA in Europe**

**Plans at SNOLAB**

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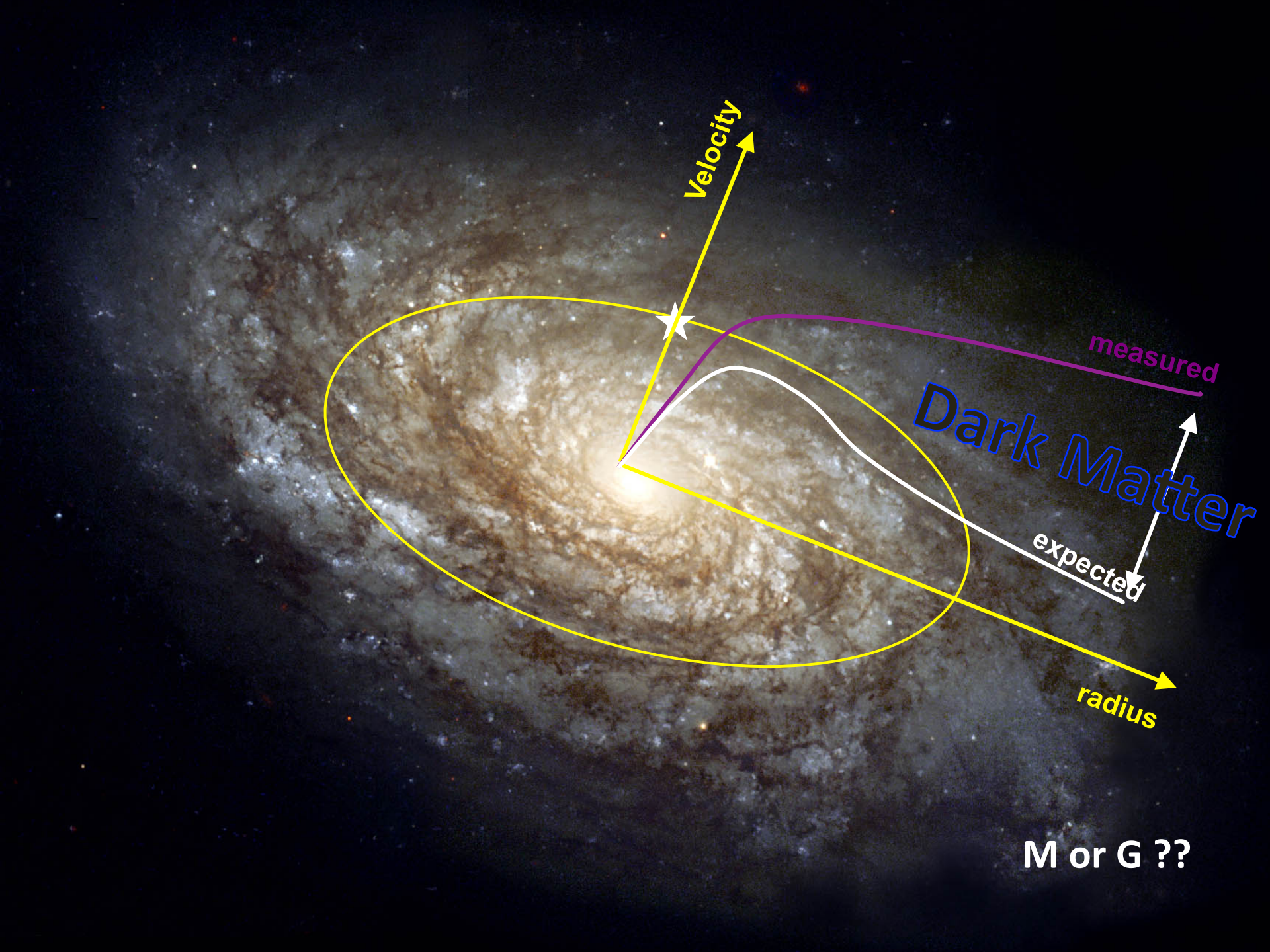


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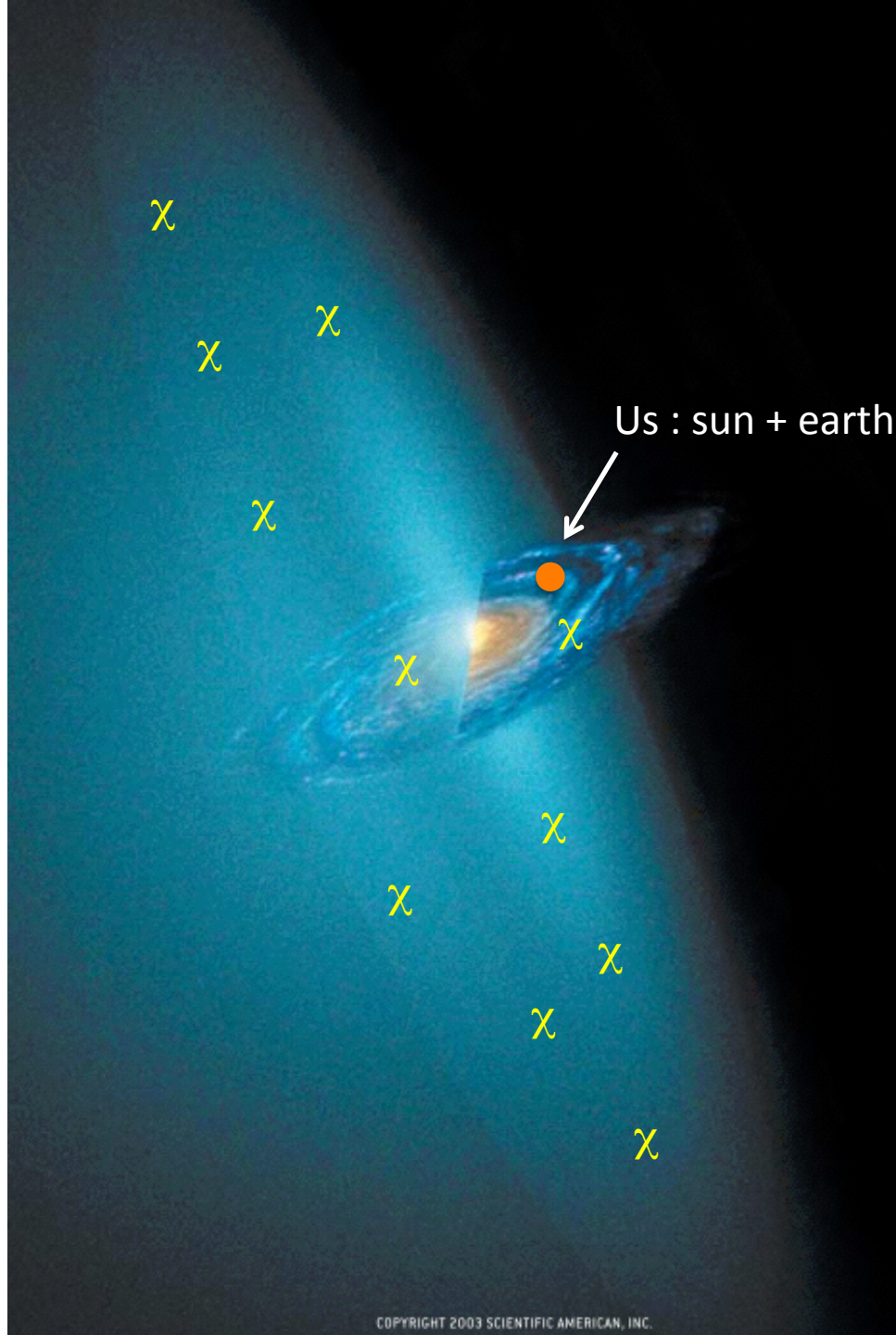




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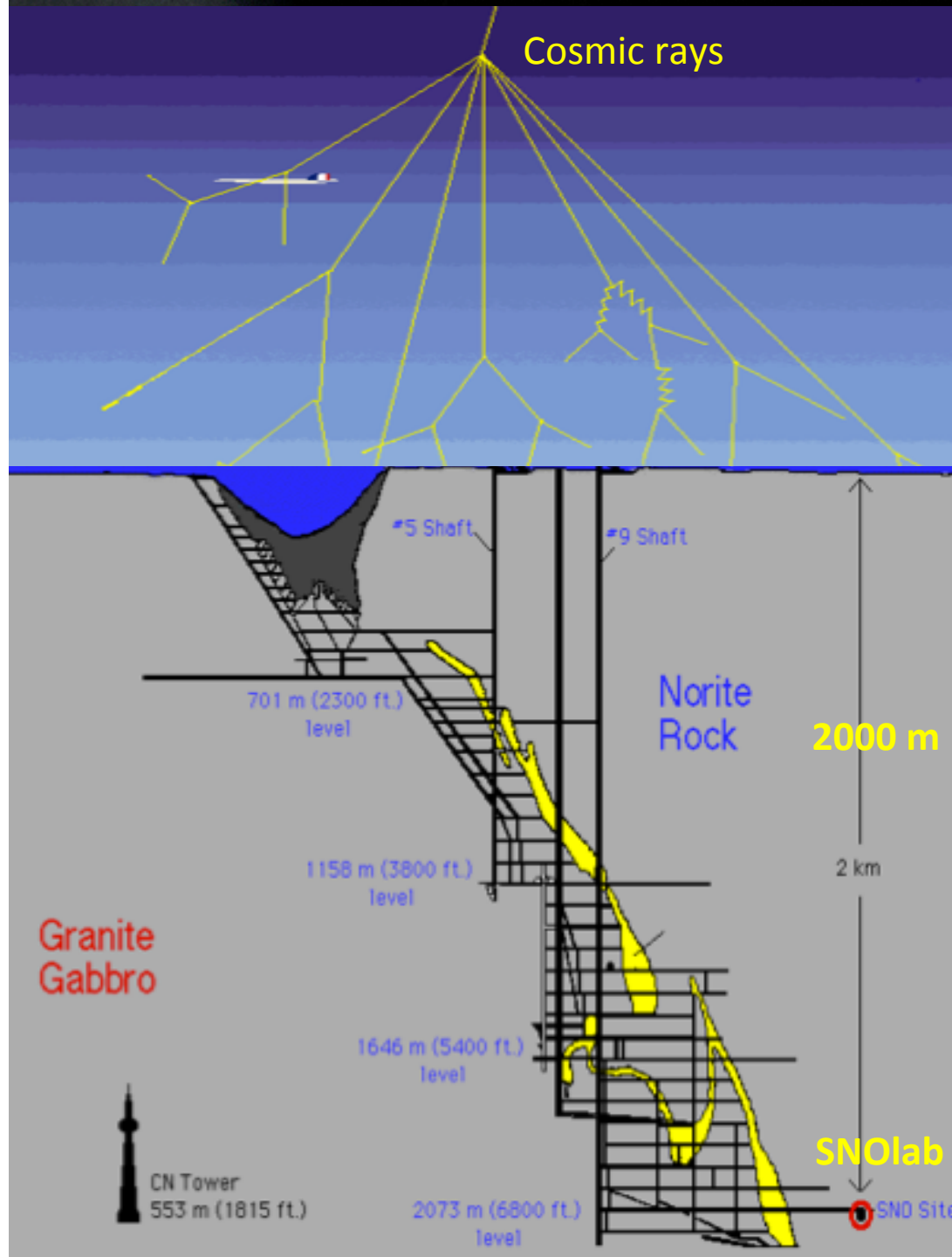
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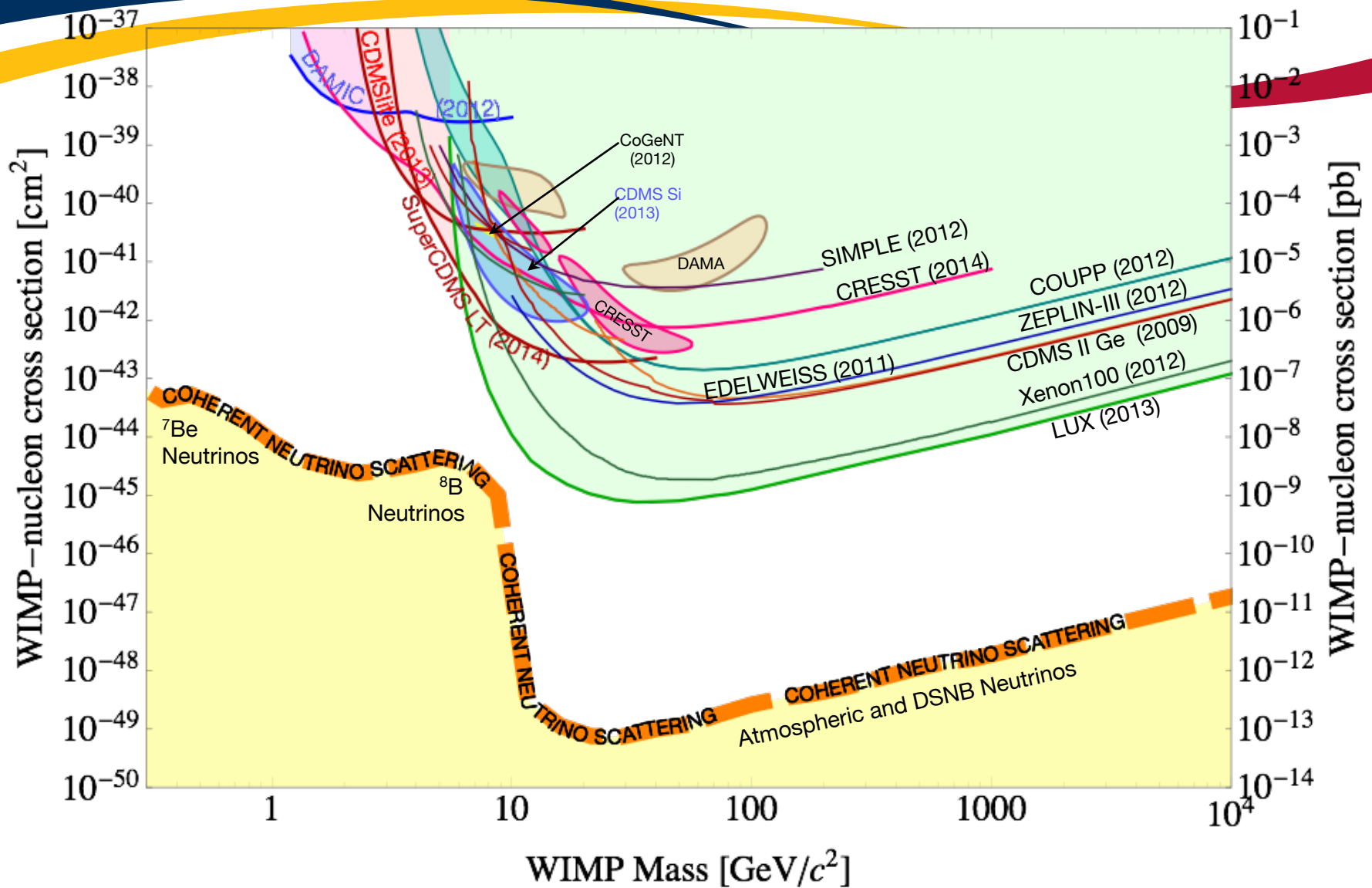


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Best worldwide is **SNOLab Ontario**

# Direct detection, SI, status at sept 2014



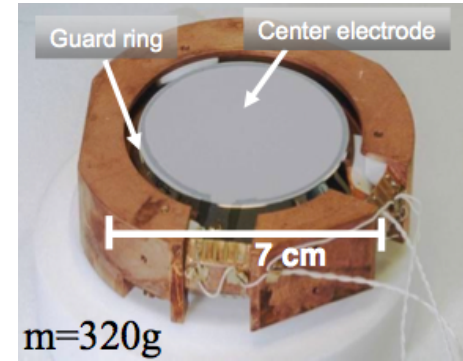
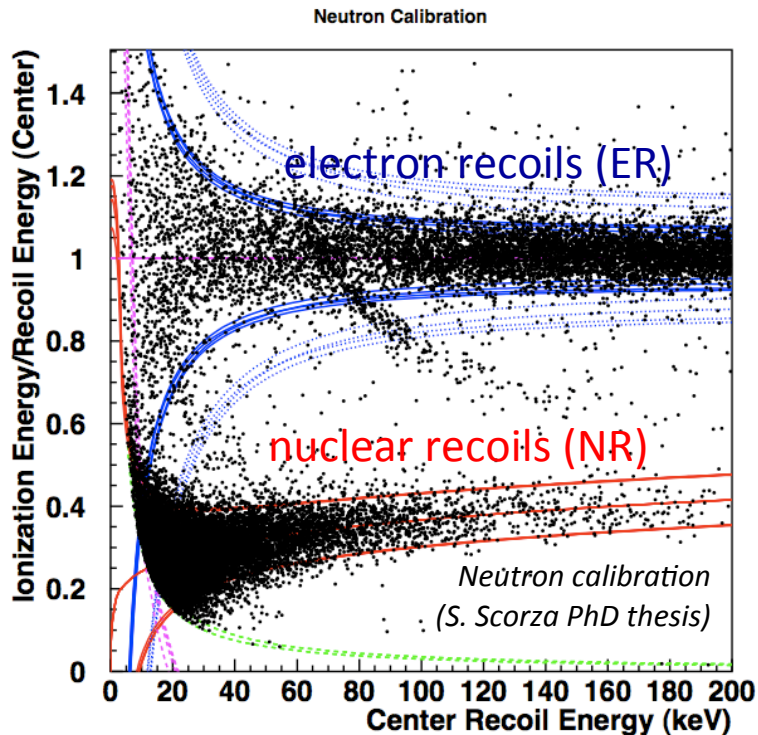
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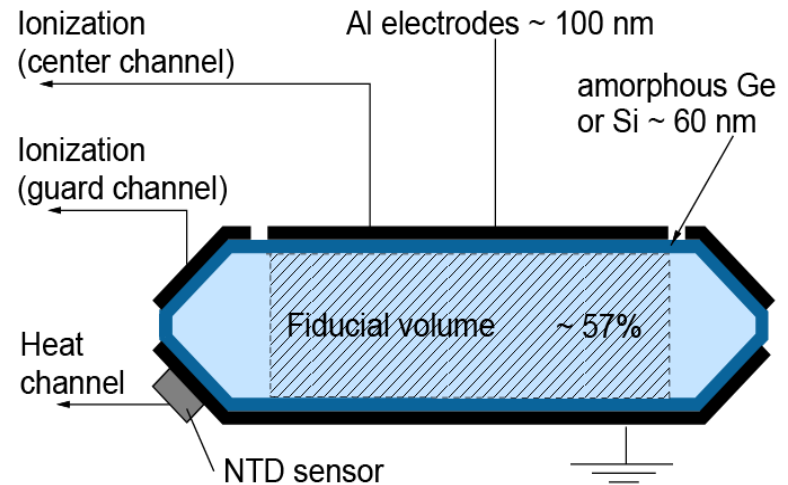
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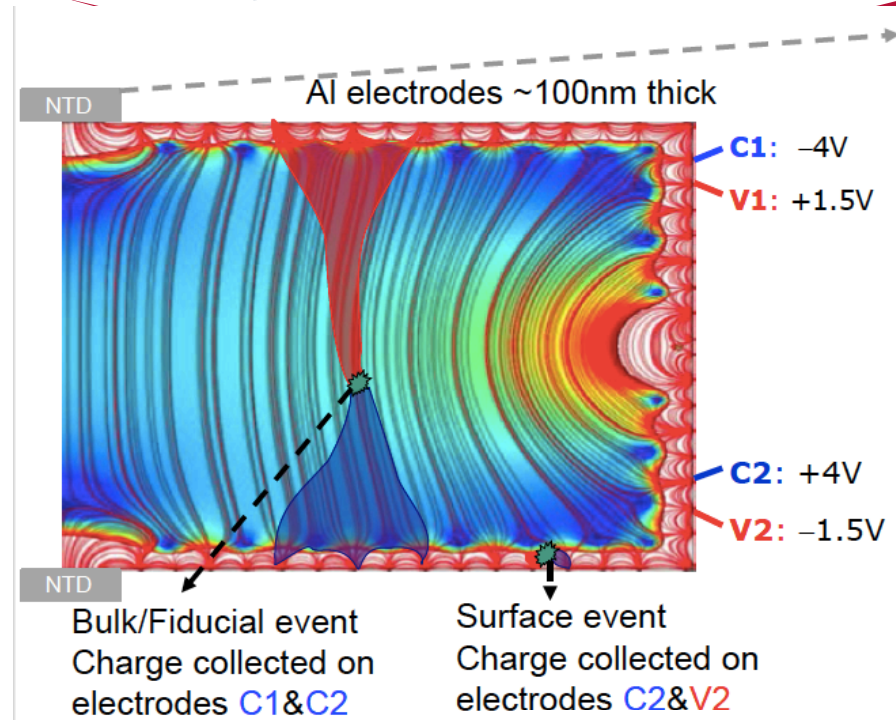
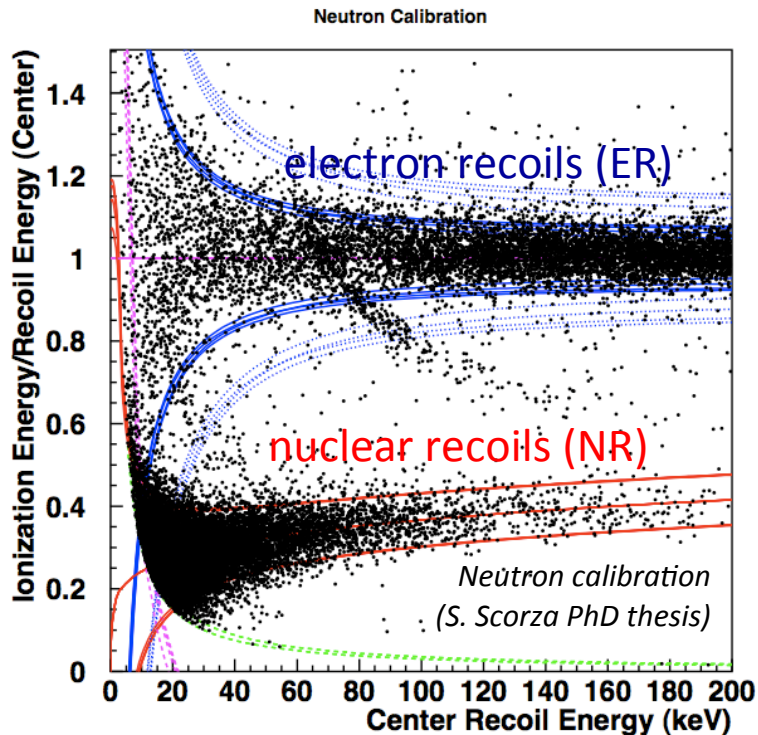


Old 300 g Ge planar electrodes

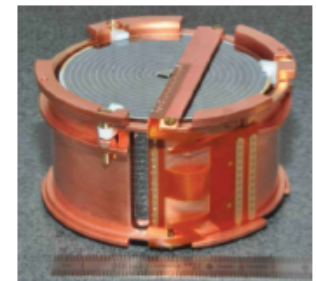
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800 g FID800 actual detectors



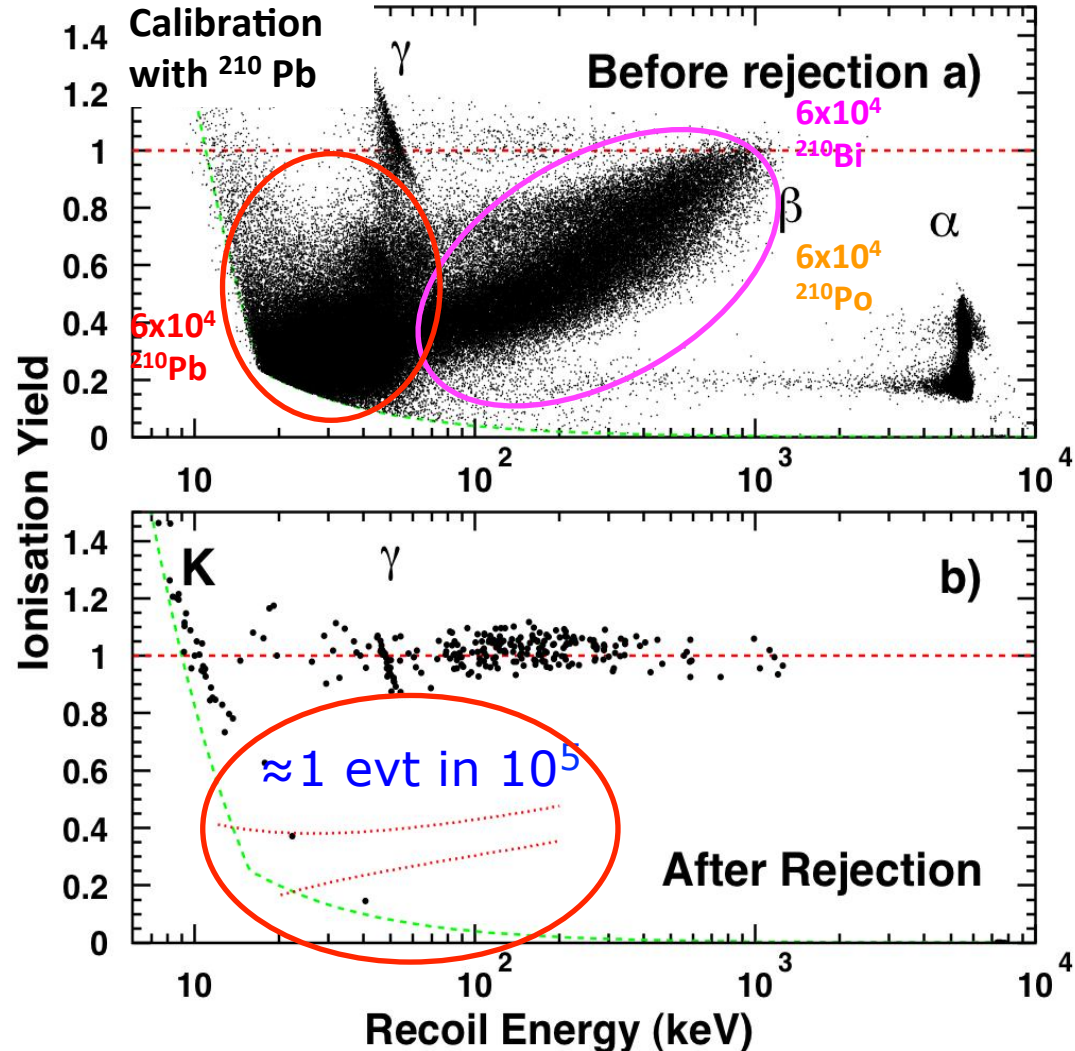
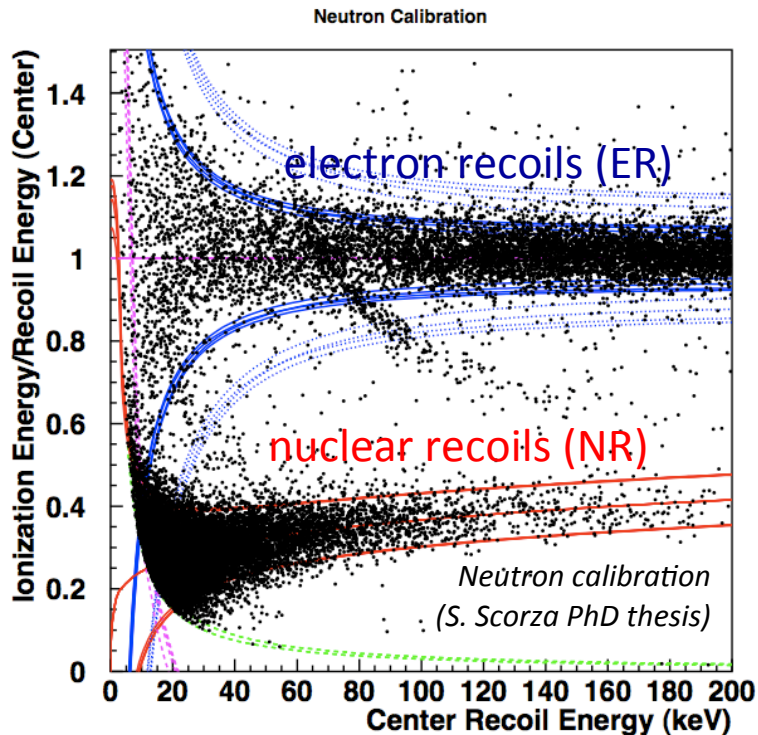
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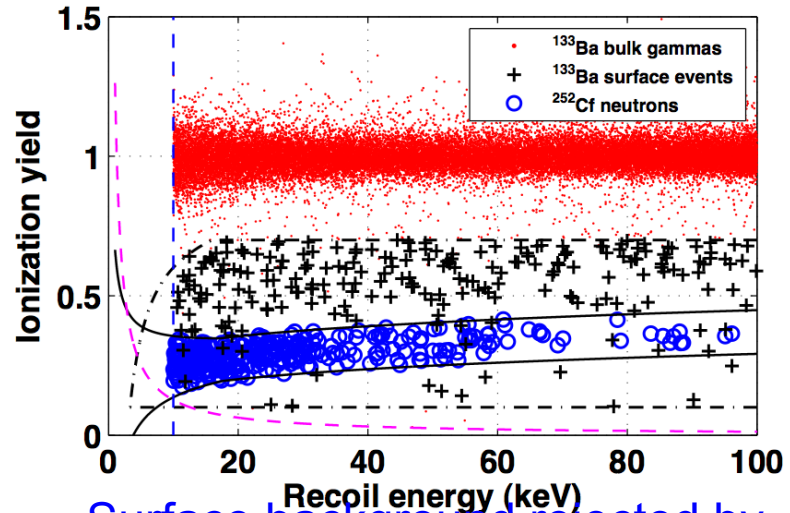




# SuperCDMS Soudan Detectors

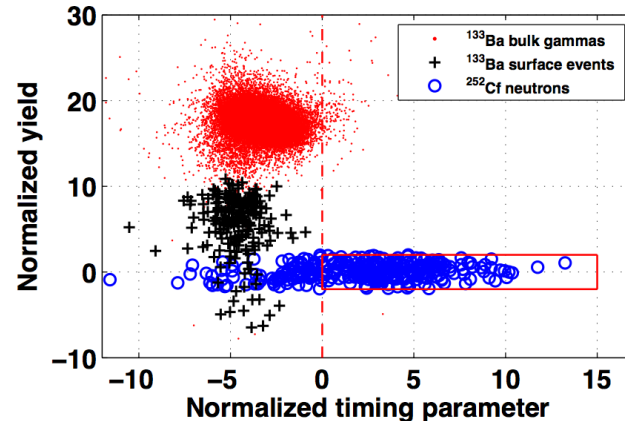
- 15 detectors deployed
- 600 g Ge each
- Operated at ~60 mK
- 2 x (2 charge + 4 phonon) readout

- Ionization yield → rejection of bulk background

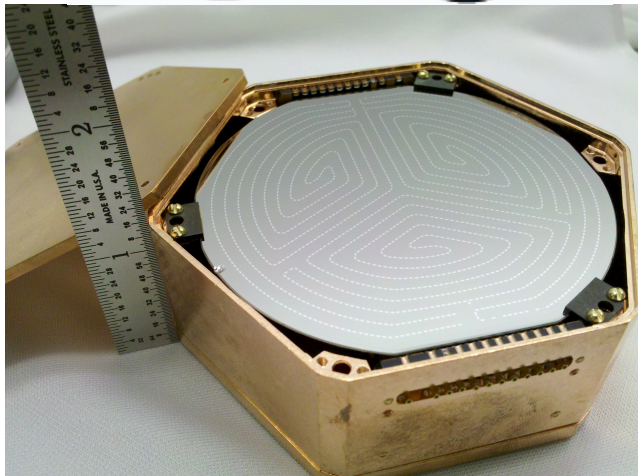


- Surface background rejected by

- Radial position
- Timing of phonon signal



- Added : interleaved electrodes (iZIPs), cf EDW

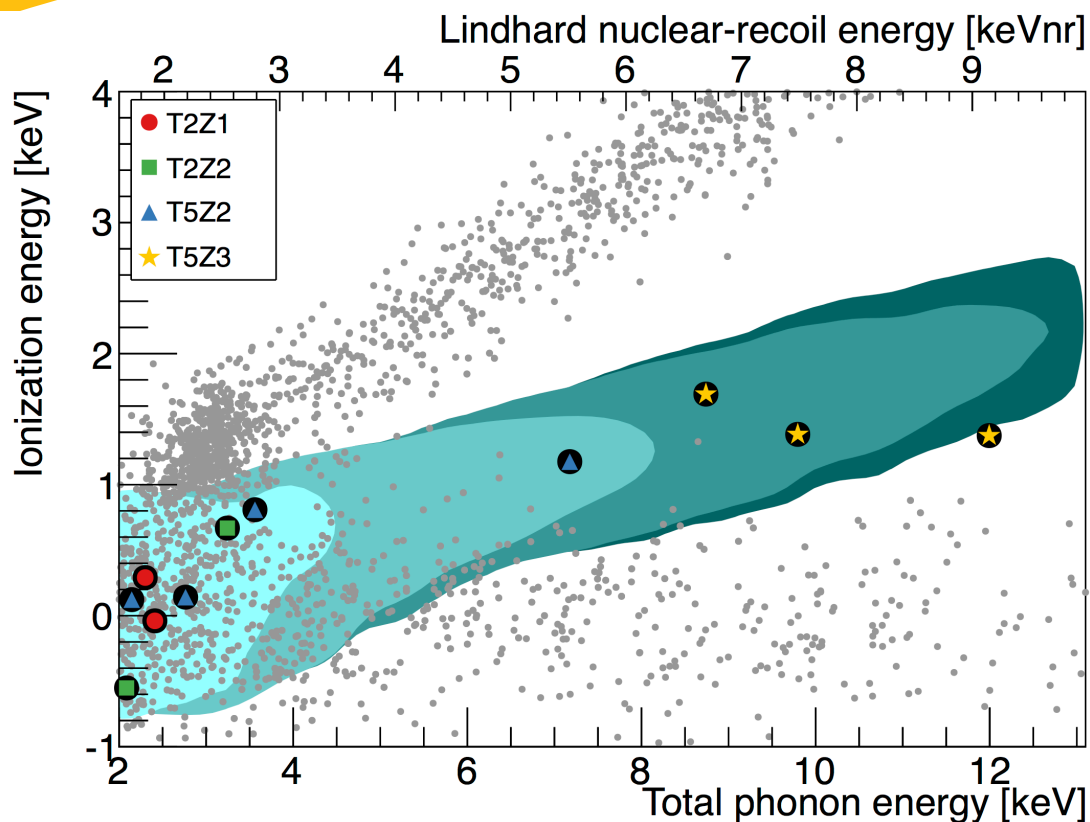


# Low-threshold blind analysis

- **Select high quality data**
- **Simulate backgrounds**
  - $^{210}\text{Pb}$  decay chain on detector, housing
  - External gammas from shielding and cryostat
  - Internal activation lines from cosmics and thermal neutron capture
  - Cosmogenic and radiogenic neutron background (small contribution)
- **Optimize Discrimination for various WIMP masses using a boosted decision tree**
  - Parameters : phonon energy, ionization, phonon radial partition, phonon z partition
  - Trained on:
    - Simulated background
    - Neutron data weighted to represent WIMP spectra at various masses

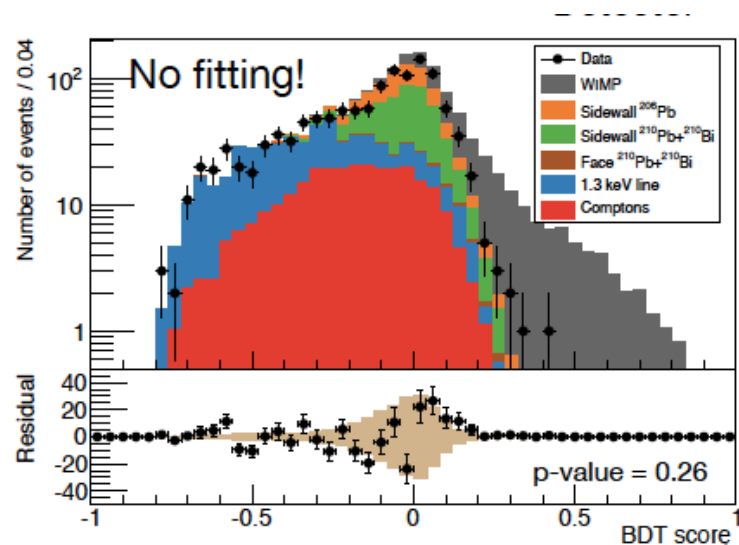


# Low-threshold unblinded results



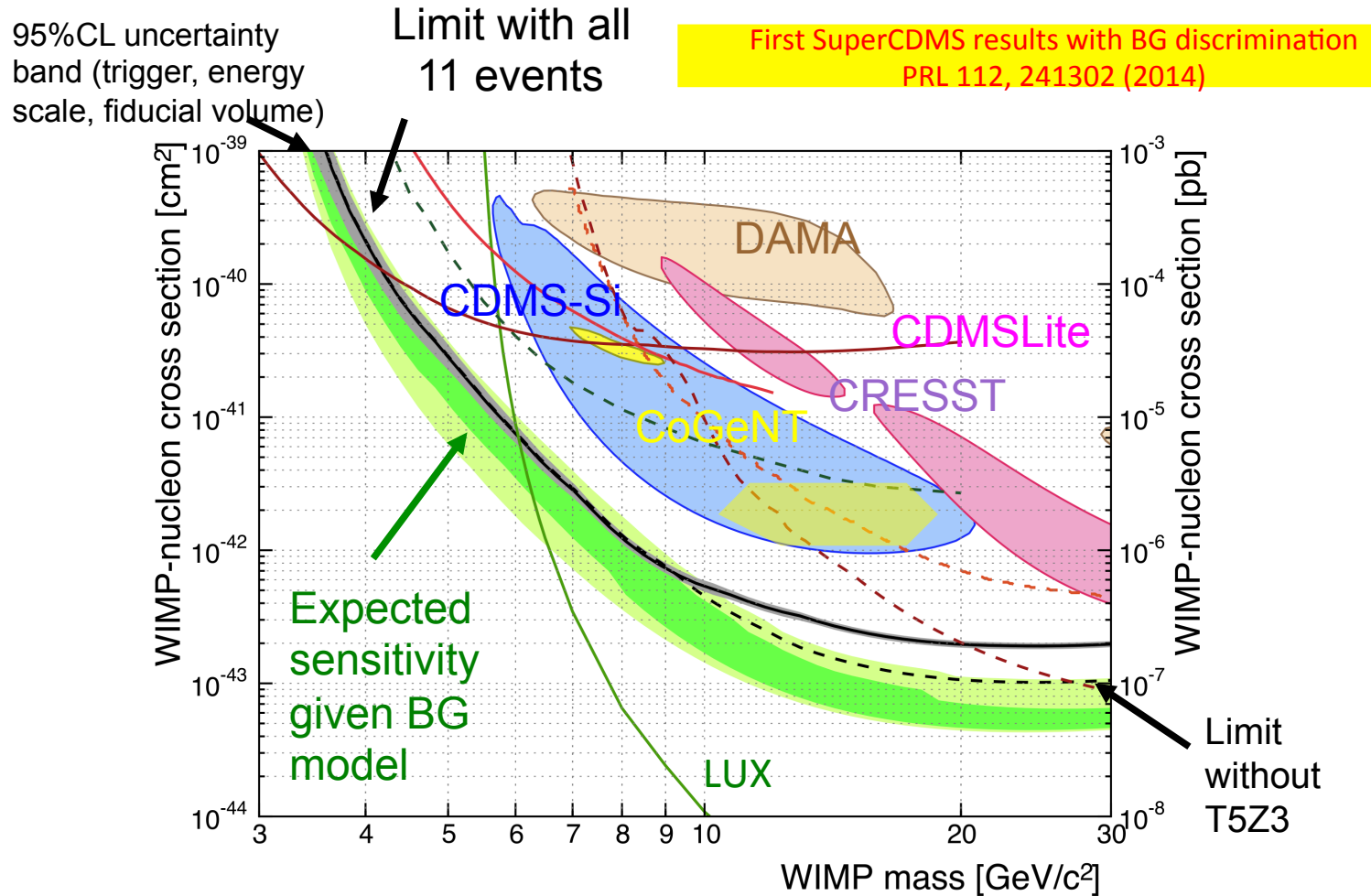
95% confidence contours for expected signal from 5, 7, 10 & 15 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> WIMPs

- $6.1^{+1.1}_{-0.8}$  evts expected
- 11 observed, including 3 at high energy from T5Z3 (with malfunctioning guard electrode)



# SuperCDMS low-threshold results

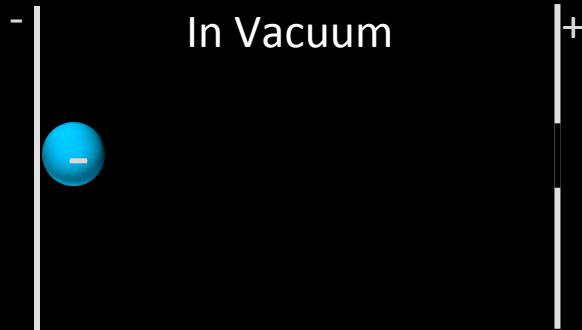
- 90%CL upper limits set using optimal interval technique



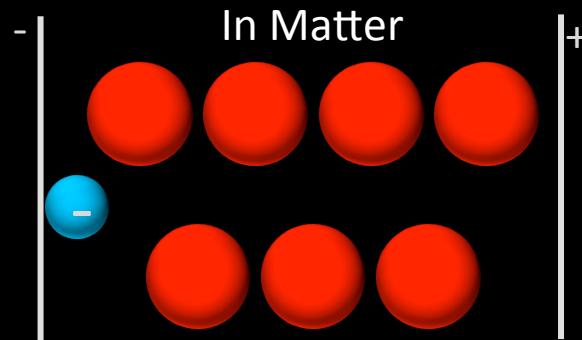
- Strong tension with all WIMP claims...



# CDMSlite ; Other running mode of Ge detectors : enhancing Neganov-Luke Phonons by HV between electrodes



Electron gains kinetic energy  
( $E = q \cdot V \rightarrow 1 \text{ eV for } 1 \text{ V potential}$ )



Deposited energy in crystal lattice:  
Neganov-Luke phonons

$\propto V, \# \text{ charges}$

- Luke phonons mix charge and phonon signal  $\rightarrow$  reduced discrimination
- Apply high voltage  $\rightarrow$  large final phonon signal, measures charge!!
- ER much more amplified than NR  
 $\rightarrow$  gain in threshold; dilute background from ER

*Courtesy of Wolfgang Rau*

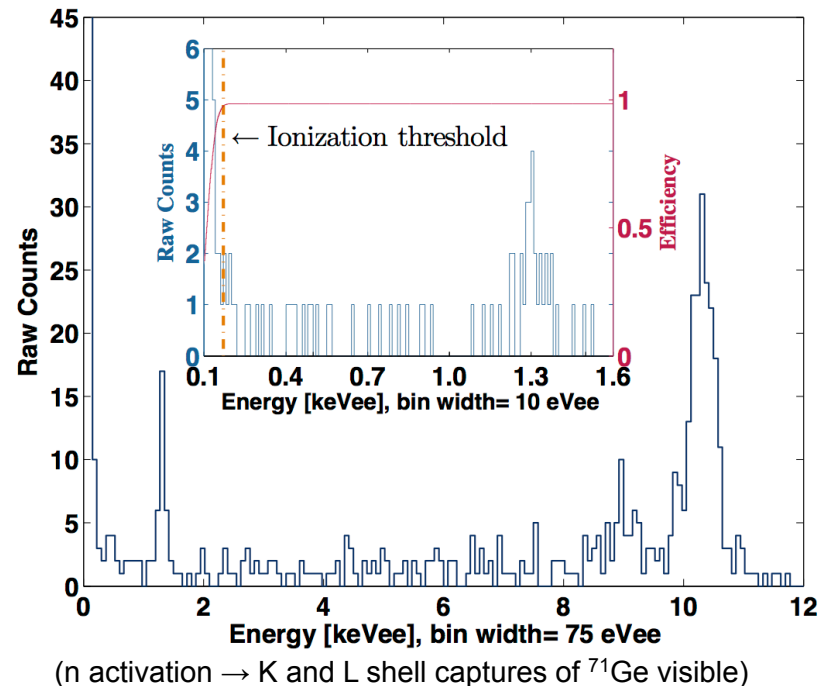
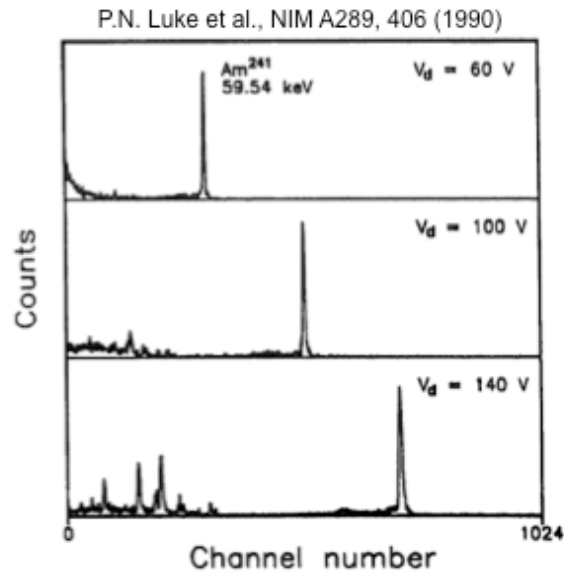
# Luke-Neganov effect in CDMSLite: Use phonons to read charge

- Bias a standard SuperCDMS 600 g iZIP detector at 69 V (rather than 4 V)
- Phonon amplification proportional to charge, bias voltage (CDMSLite: x24 for gammas)

Exposure 6.3 kg.d

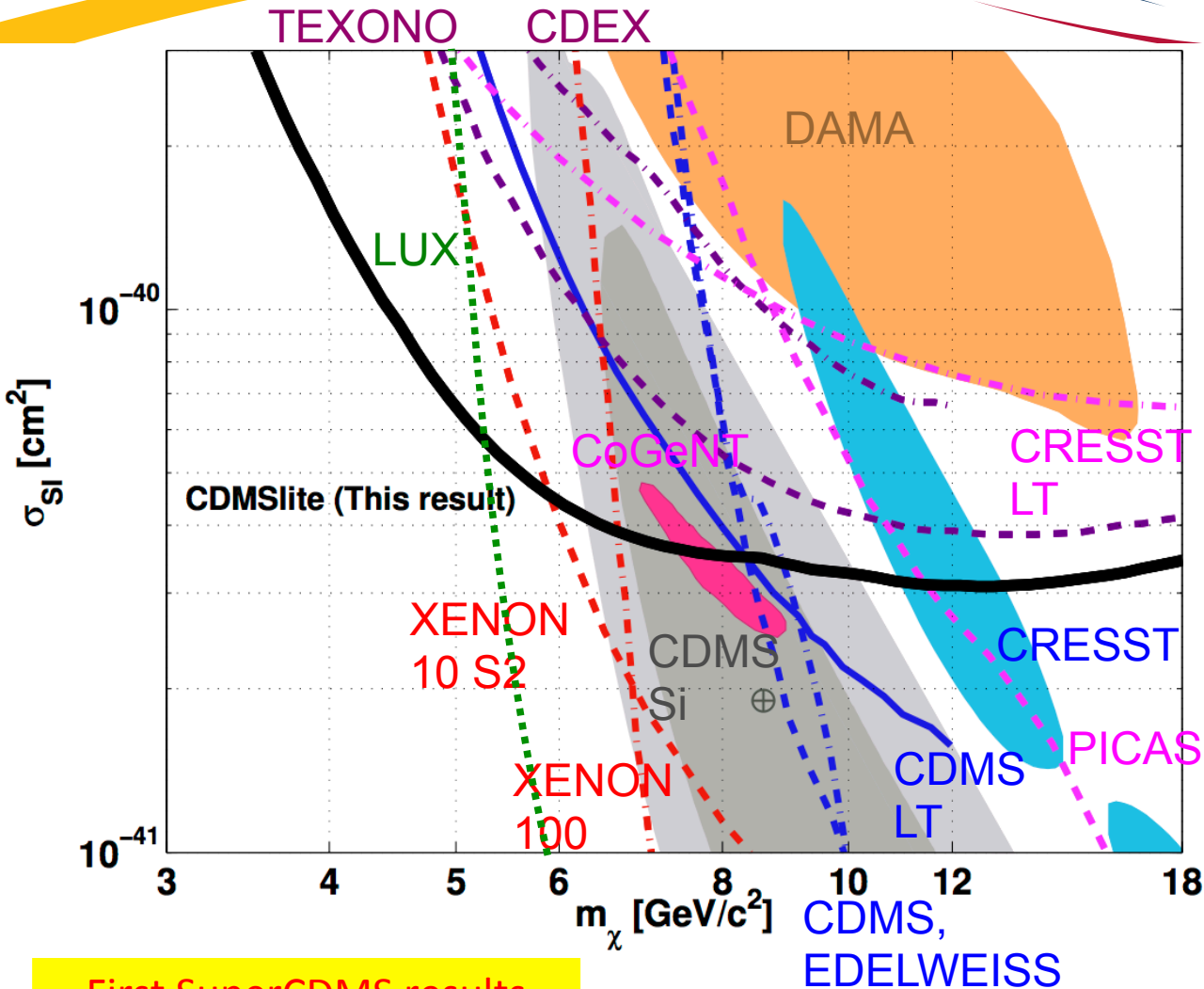
**Excellent threshold** (170 eVee ie 840 eVnr on Ge), resolution ( $1\sigma$  43 eVee @ 1.3 keVee)

**Loss of background discrimination**  
**BG diluted** with respect to signal





# CDMSLite first result



- Despite small exposure (6 kg.d), CDMSLite set new constraints **<6 GeV** thanks to excellent threshold

- CDMSLite will increase exposure to better understand backgrounds

Now, some SuperCDMS detectors being operated in this mode

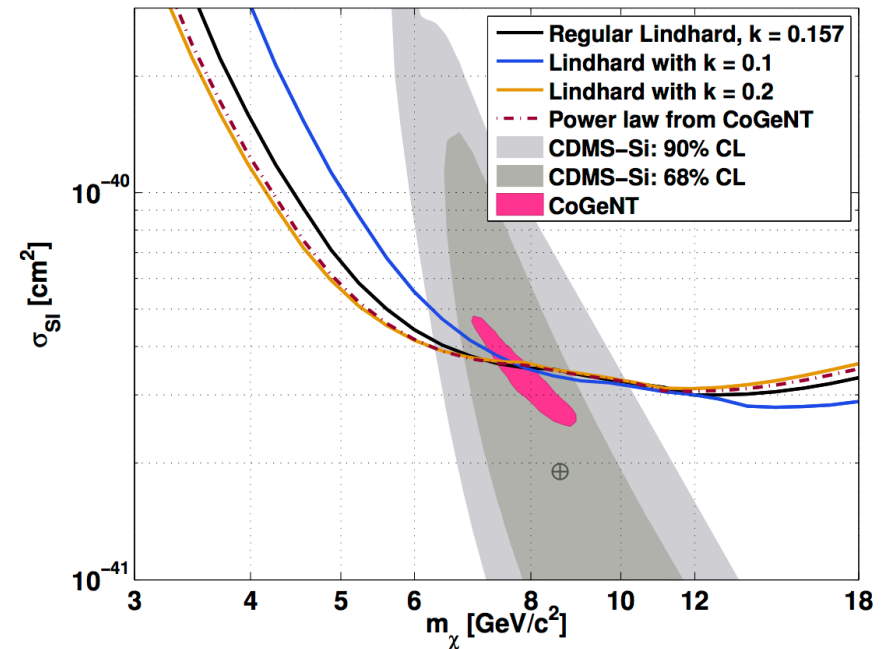
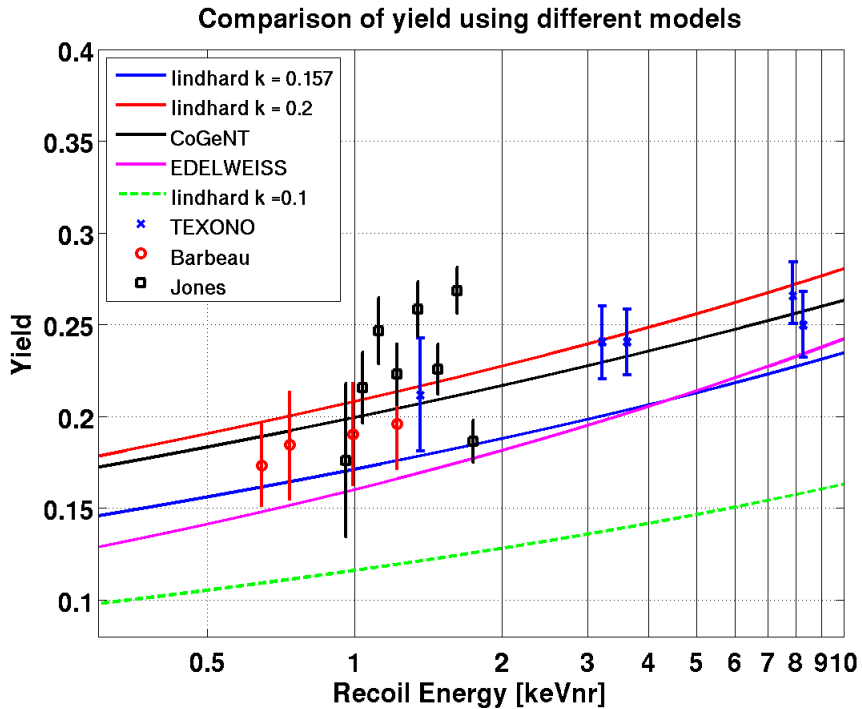
- NB : QF to be known accurately

First SuperCDMS results  
PRL 112, 041302 (2014)

# CDMSLite : Quenching, an important input

- Need to transform energy scale calibrated with electron recoils to nuclear recoils
- Experiments in literature use different electrical fields, temperature  $\rightarrow$  chose standard Lindhard model (cf Barker & Mei)

- Affects limits mainly beneath 7 GeV

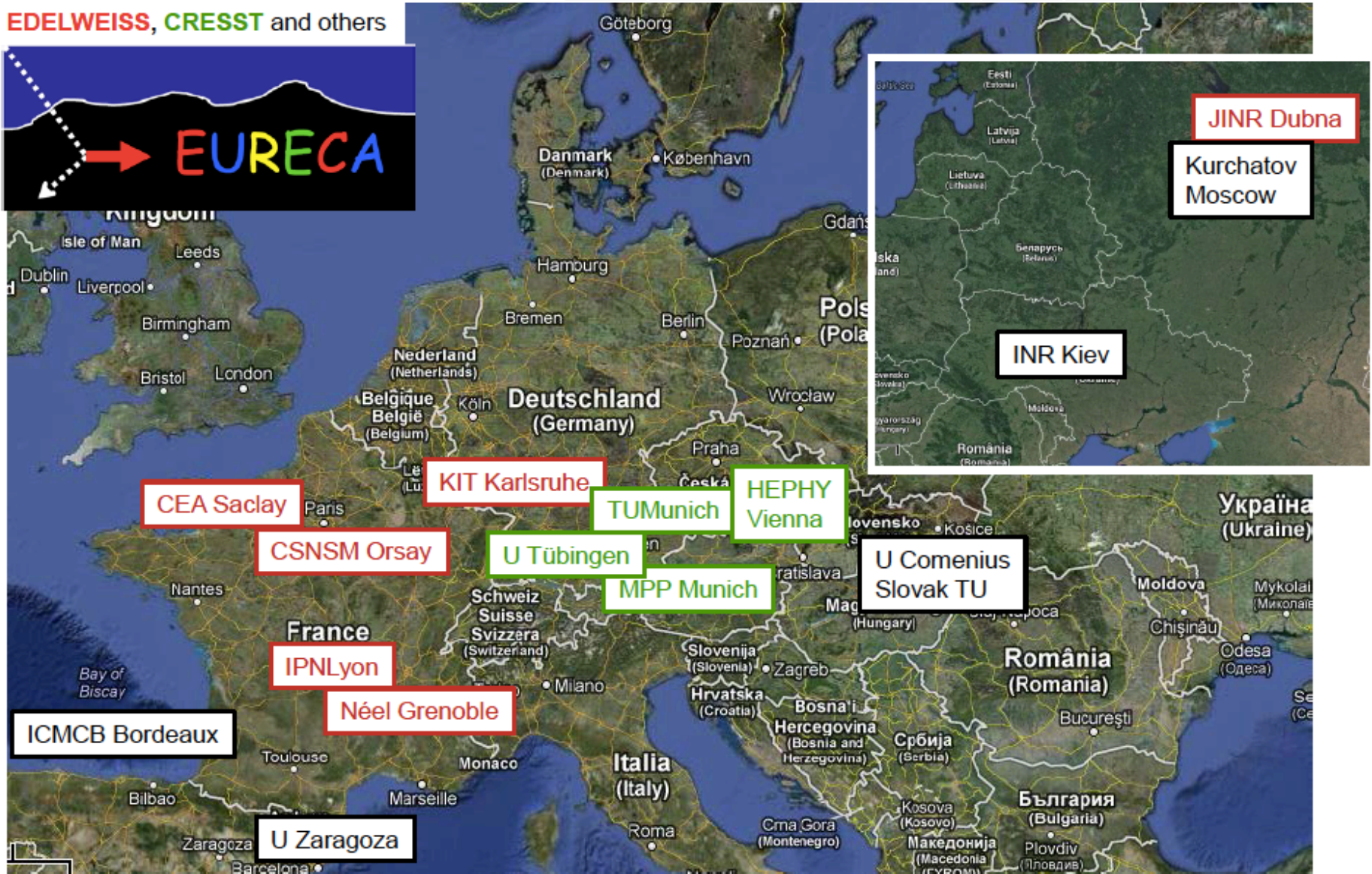




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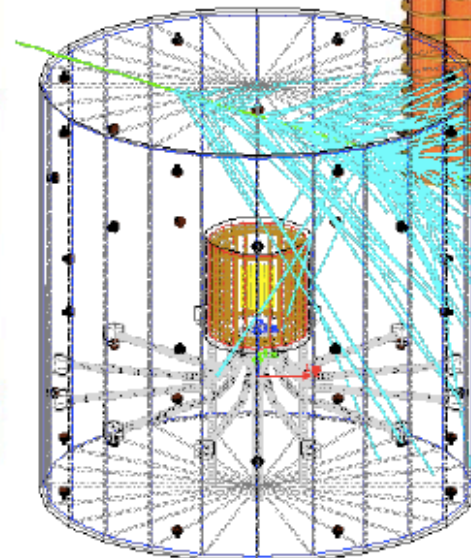
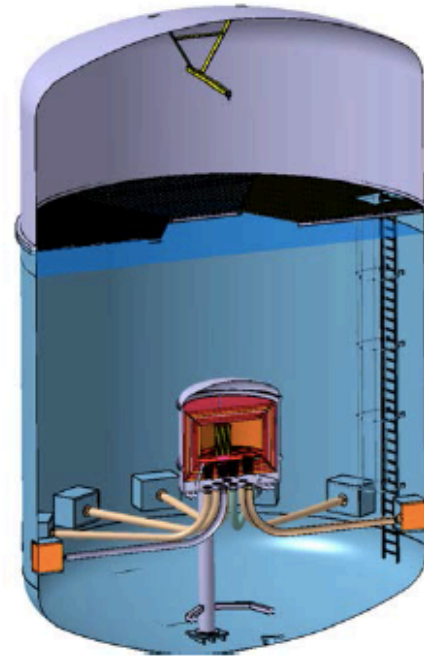
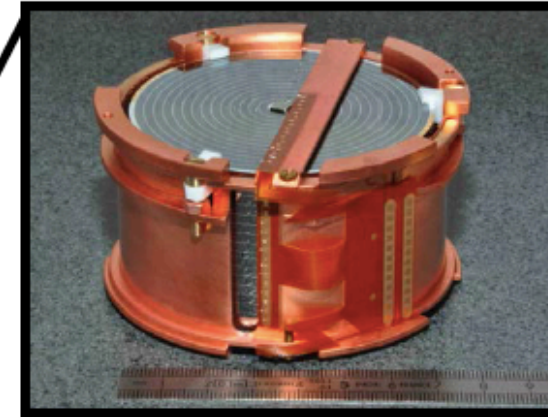
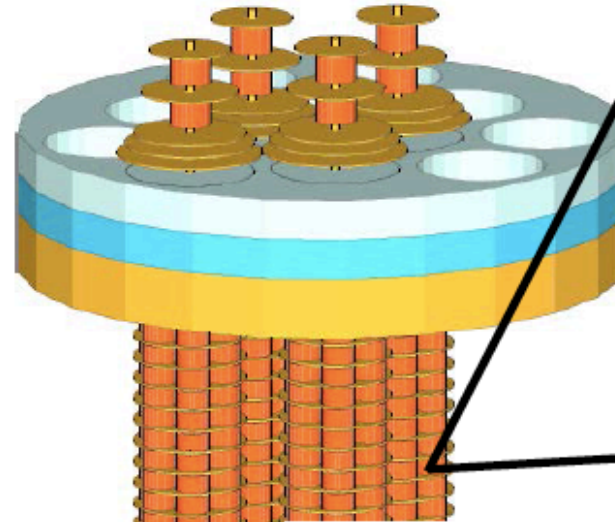
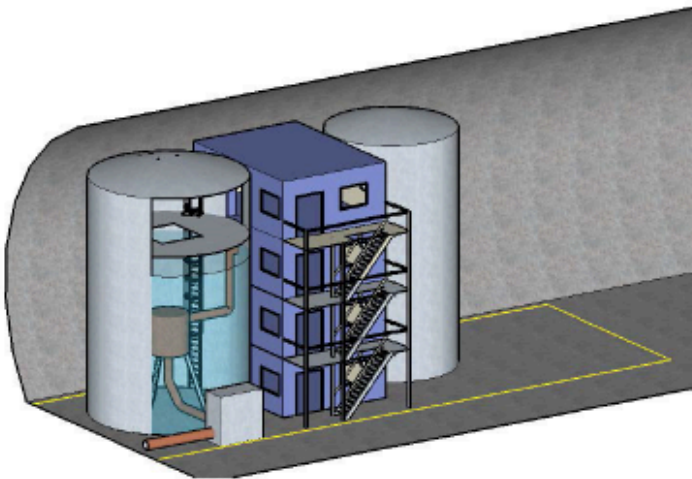
EDELWEISS, CRESST and others





Initial goal (2012)

## EURECA 1ton-stage



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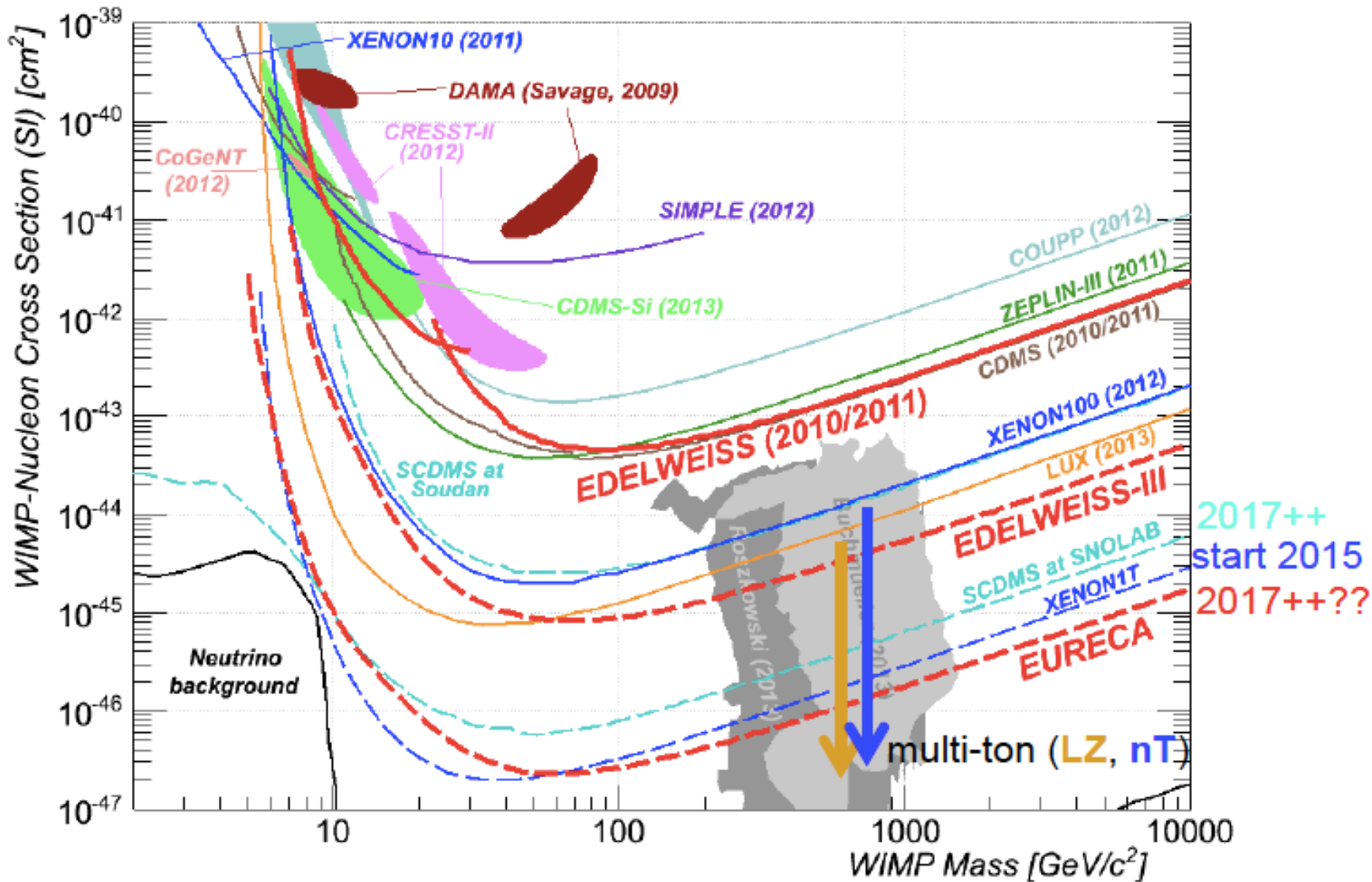
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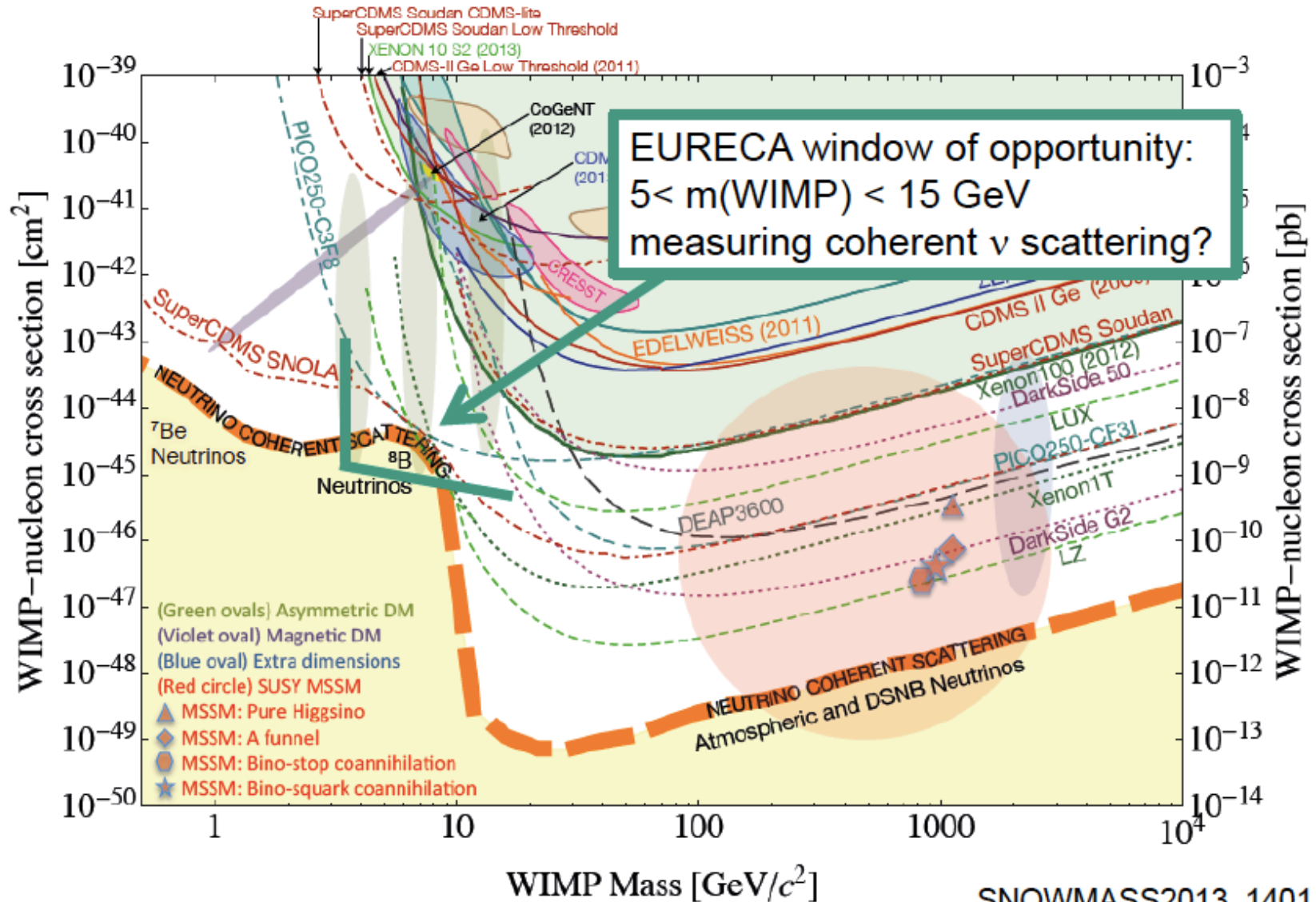
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# EURECA sensitivity as in CDR

1t detector mass Ge CaWO<sub>4</sub>  
@ Modane extension



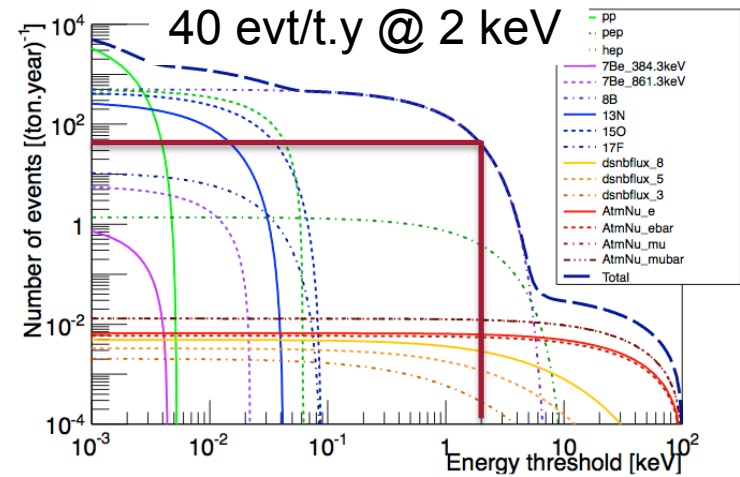


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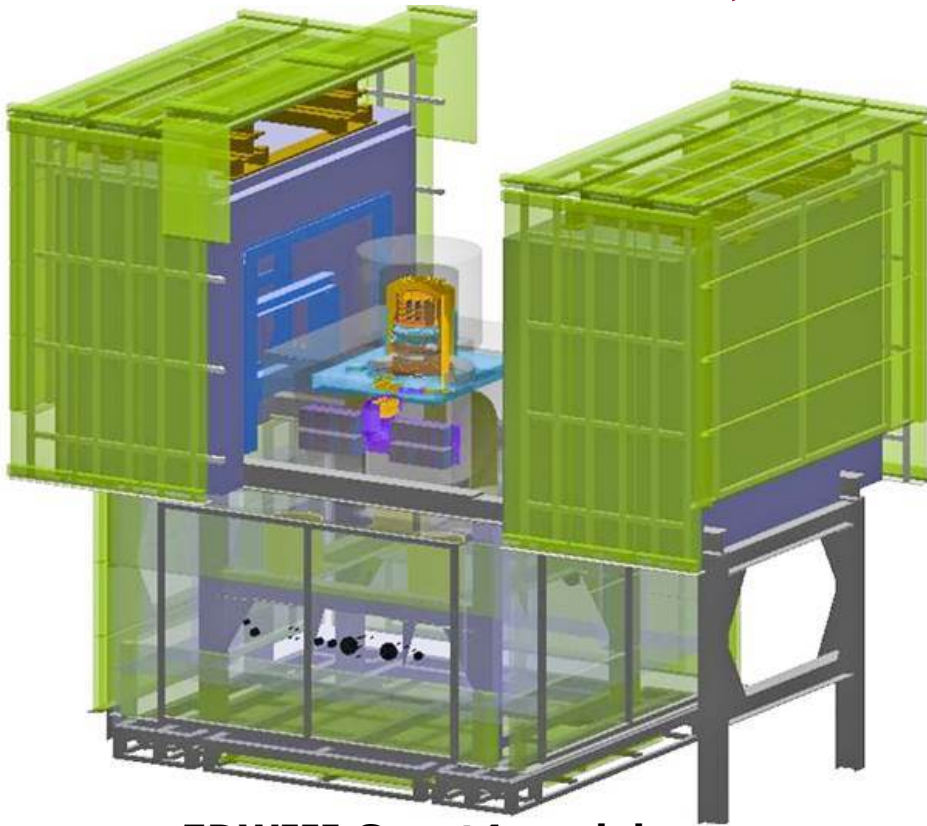
# $^8\text{B}$ neutrino “goal”

- Neutrinos interact also through coherent scattering against whole nuclei =>CNNS
- Example Ge
  - 1 evt/10 000 kg.d for  $E_{nr} > 2$  keV
  - 10 evts = **100 kg fiducial for 3 years**
- What is needed ?
  - FID800 Ge : **FWHM ion = 200 eV, FWHM phonon = 500 eV**
  - Expected backg = 1 evt with  $\epsilon = 90\%$
- Status now ?

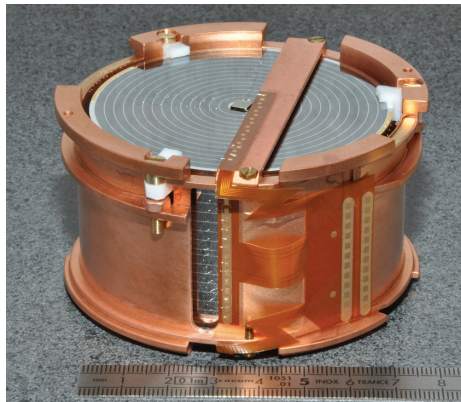


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**EDWIII Geant4 model**



**FID800**

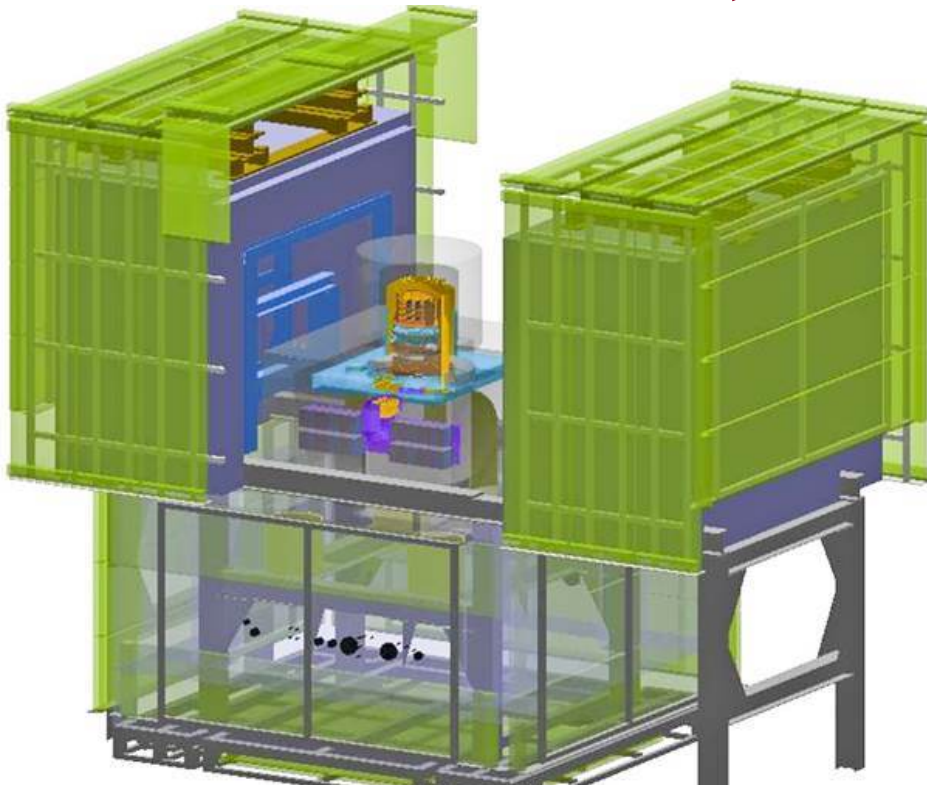


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**2014**

- 500 eV FWHM ionization; 300-1000 eV FWHM on heats (8V polarisation)
- Now 600 kg.d for physics (after quality cuts+eff for wimp search) end 2014

**2015-2016**

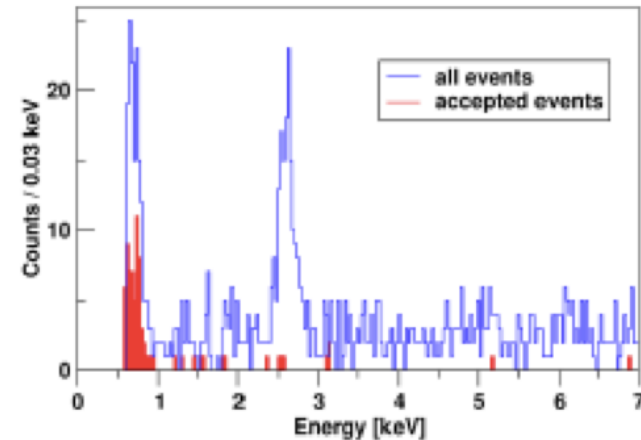
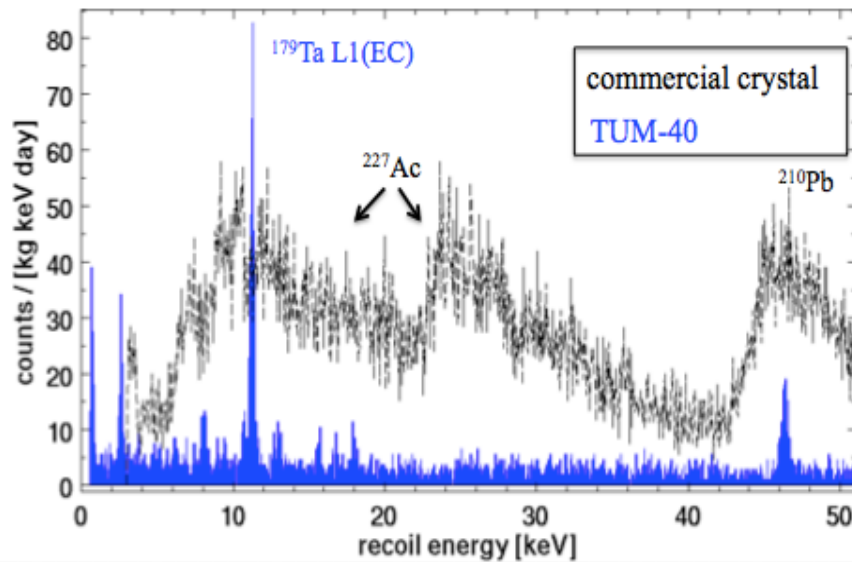
- Installation of Low Mass Detectors (improved FID800 with < 300eV FWHM on both heat and ionisation (HEMT))



**FID800**

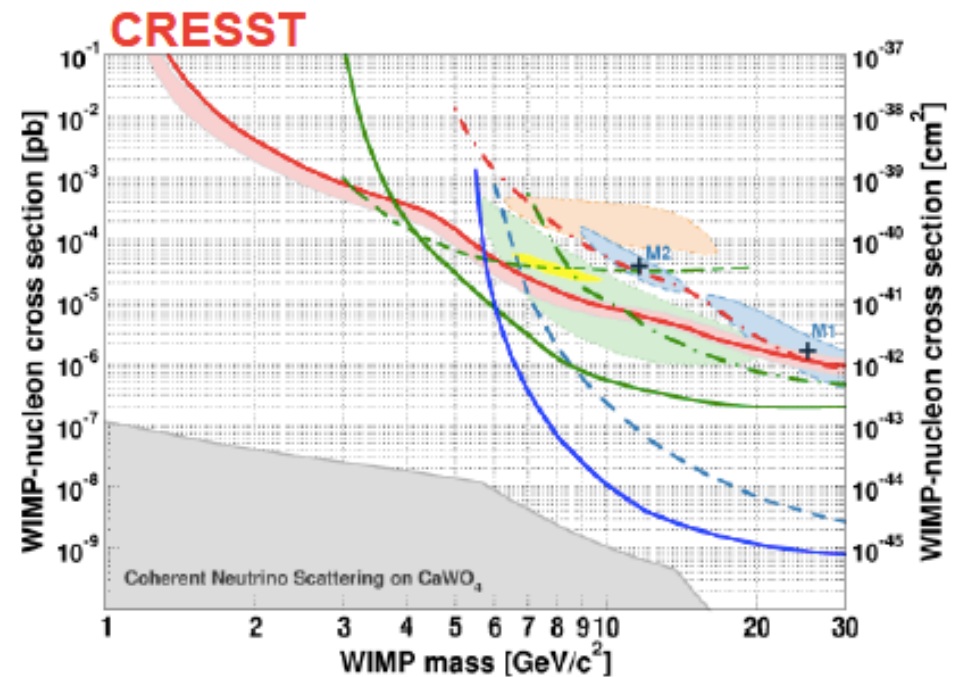


# CRESST latest results



29.35 kg-d exposure  
 energy resolution:  $(107 \pm 3)$  eV  
 energy threshold:  $(603 \pm 2)$  eV

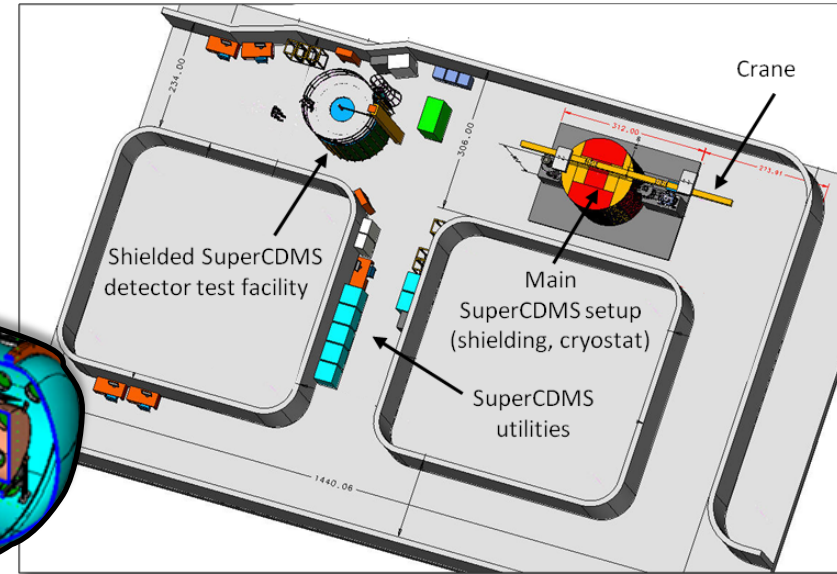
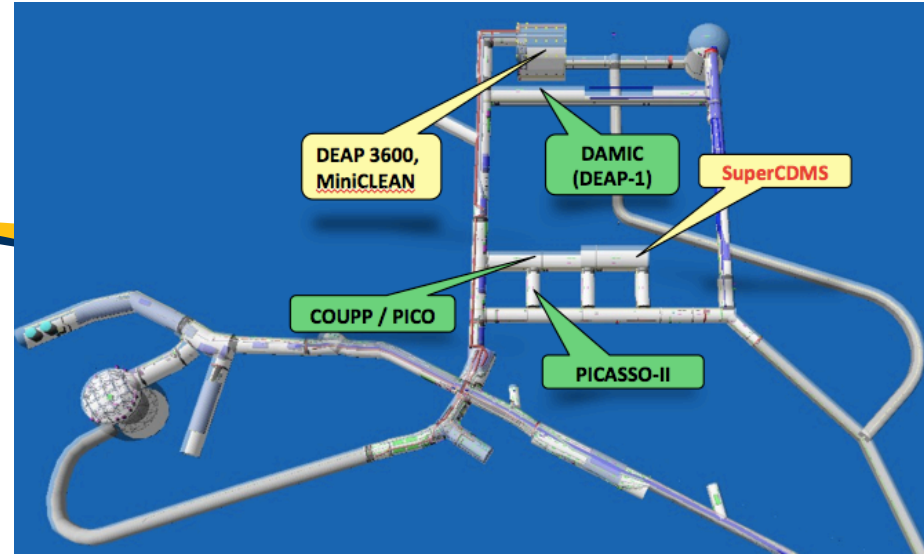
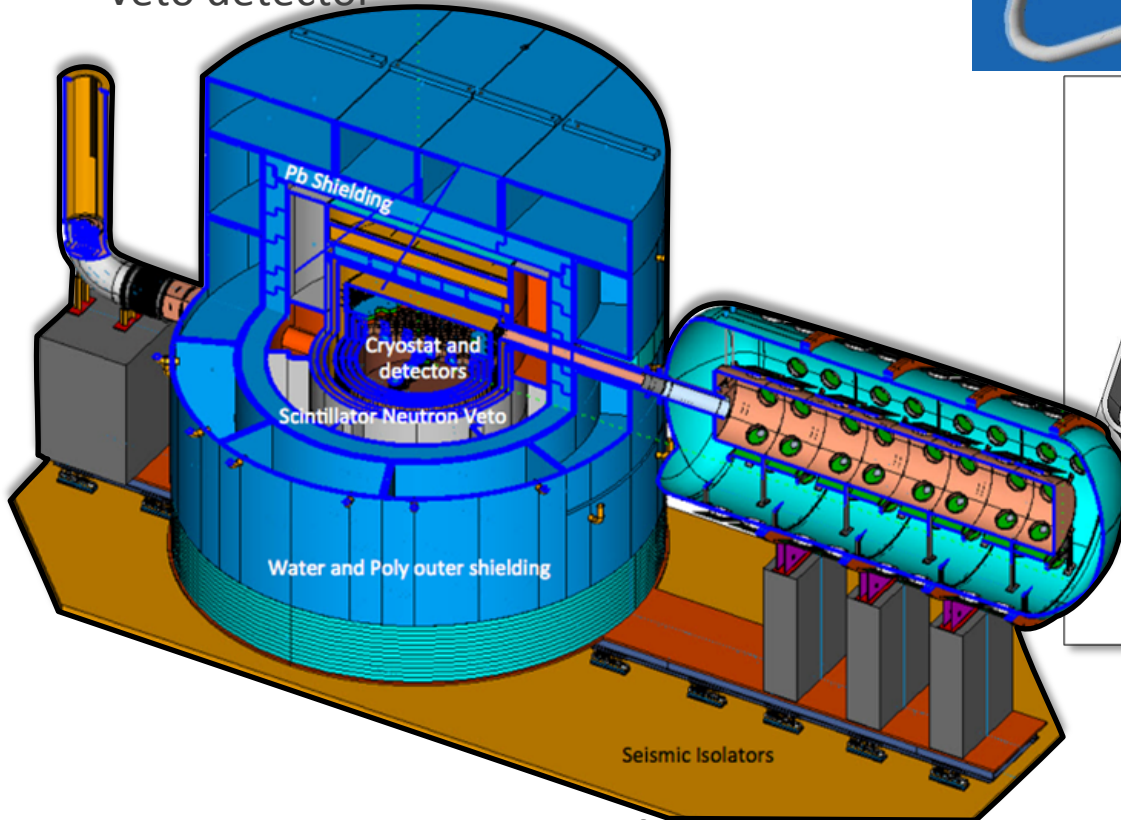
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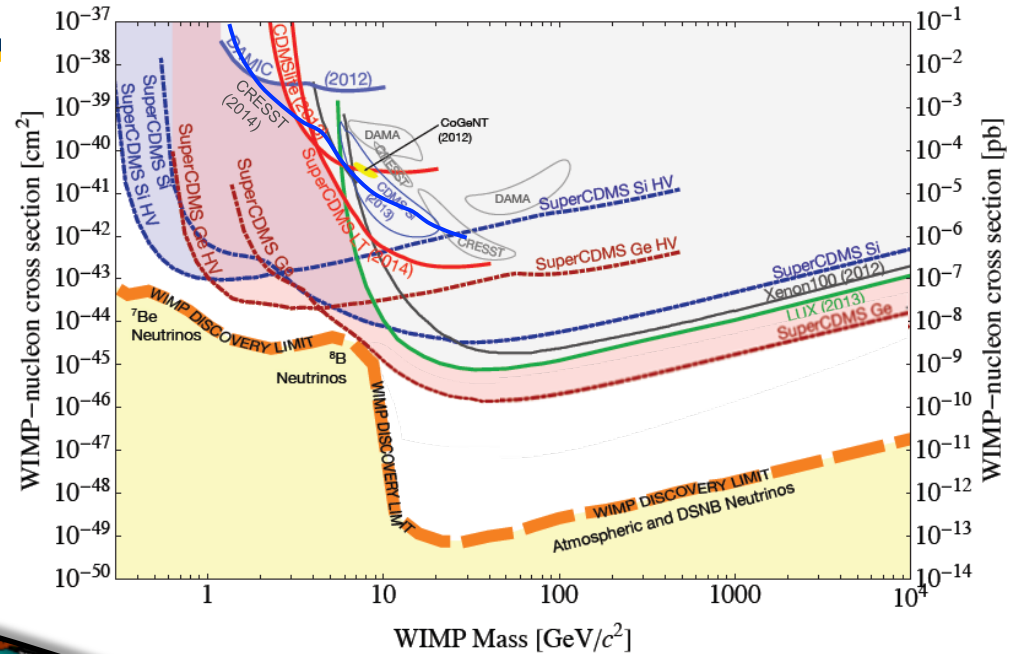
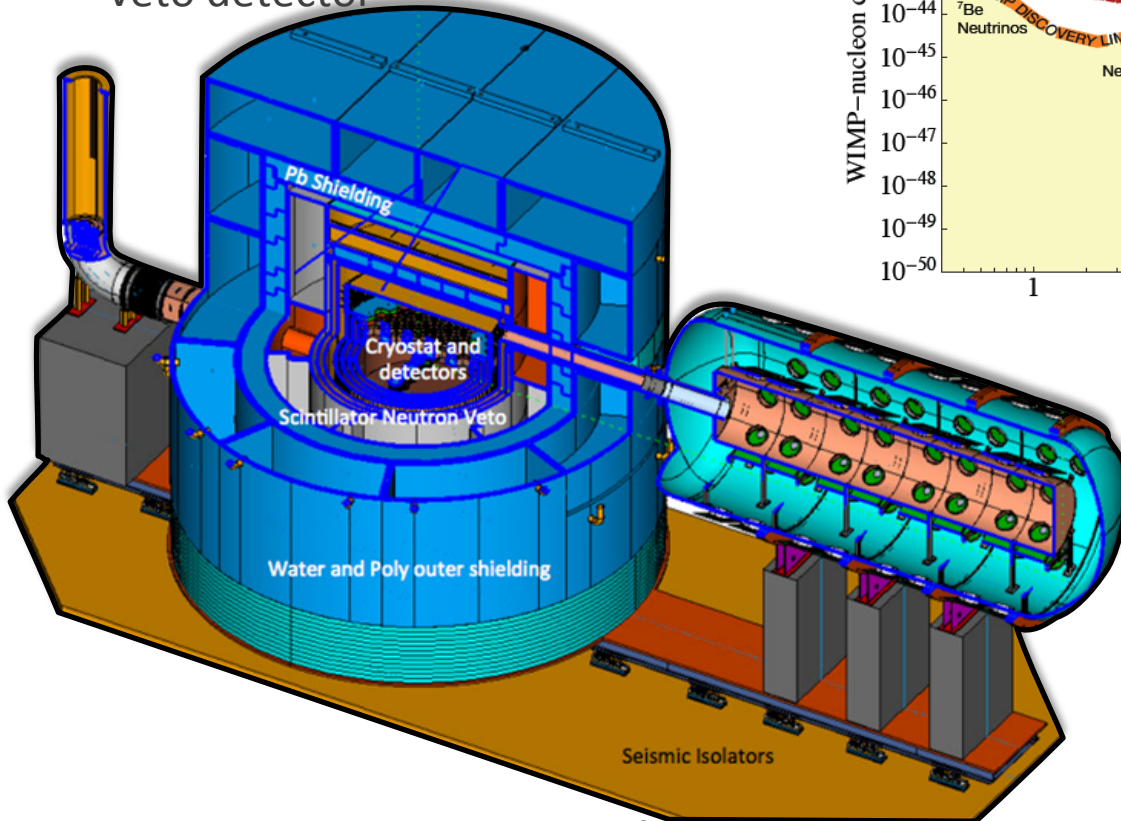
- Setup holds up to ~400 kg detectors
- Planned shielding includes neutron veto detector



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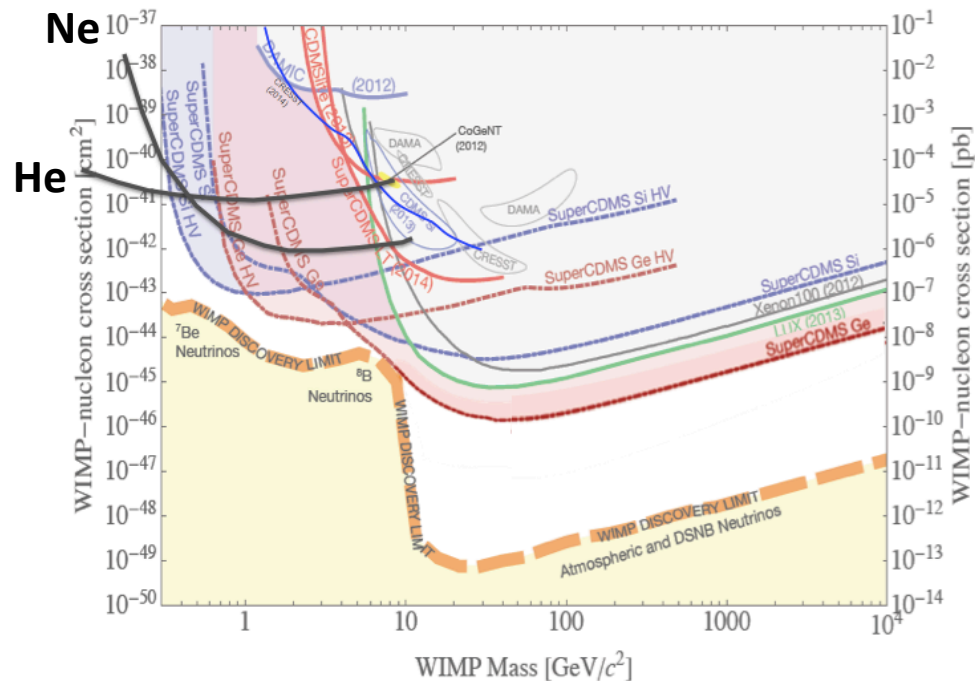
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# GG contribution through CERC

- Reinforce SuperCDMS team @ Queen's
- Project of setting up tower test cryostat @ SNOLAB being investigated
- Also setting up experiment with light nuclei (H, He, Ne) as gaseous targets operated with spherical gas detector





# Outlook



- Many theories & models pointing to low mass DM
  - Asymmetric DM 5-6 GeV (K Zurek)
  - Dark Sector MeV-GeV range (P Schuster, N Toro @ PI)
  - Self interacting DM (S Tulin @ York)
  - ...
- SuperCDMS @ SNOLAB will be unique worldwide infrastructure for cryogenic detectors
  - Ambient local radioactivity decreased by 2 orders of magnitude
  - International coordination for
    - designing modular and optimised system for detector tower operations
    - optimising detectors to be used for GeV to 20 GeV DM exploration
- Significant role of Canada through UBC, Queen's and SNOLab teams