

Direct Searches for Dark Matter

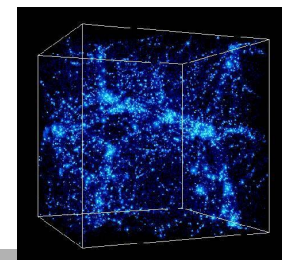
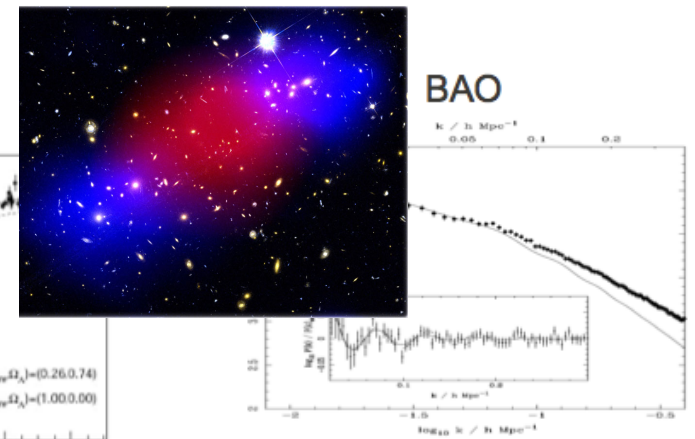
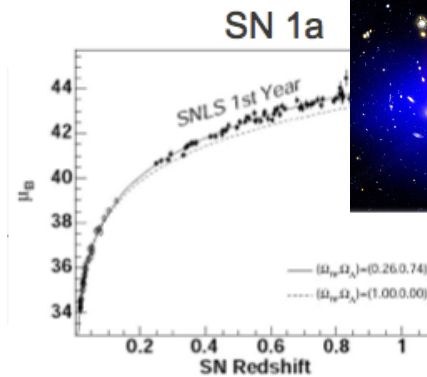
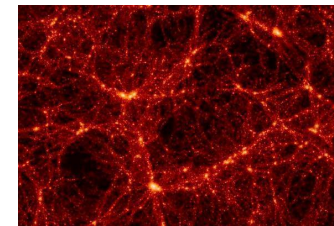
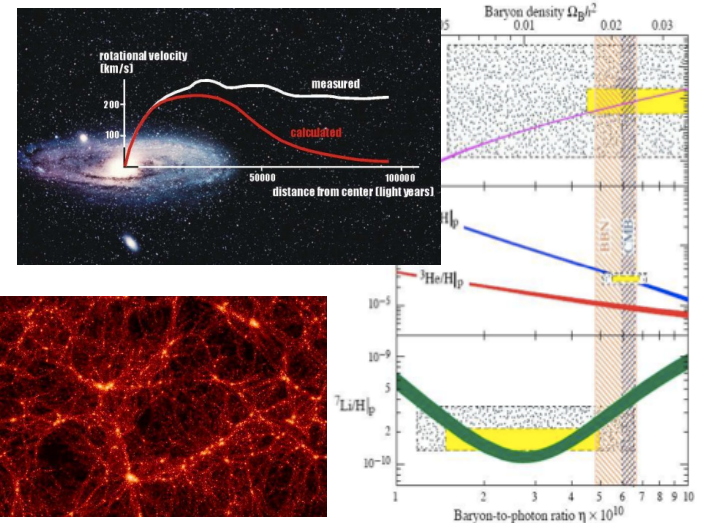
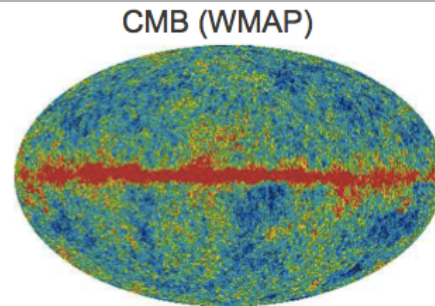
Manfred Lindner



A long List of Evidences...

- + Galactic rotation curves
- + Galaxy clusters & GR lensing
- + Bullet Cluster
- + Velocity dispersions of galaxies
- + Cosmic microwave background
- + Sky Surveys and Baryon Acoustic Oscillations
- + Type Ia supernovae distance measurements
- + Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN)
- + Lyman-alpha forest
- + Structure formation
- + ...

- ➔ strong indirect evidence for a large dark sector
- ➔ dynamic, static, radiation, ...
- ➔ cannot be explained by ordinary matter



Dark Matter Directions

Gravity

MOND

simple one
scale
modification
→ fails badly

Other GR

Other GR
modifications

or

a suitable
population
(mass,
number) of
black holes

Matter = new Particles

BSM

motivated
(SM problems)

- ν 's: 0,7% DM
- axions
- sterile ν 's
- many other particles

Abundance

or model
motivated

- various candidates
- ...

WIMPs combine both
aspects in an attractive
way + WIMP miracle

The WIMP Miracle

inflation → many e-folds

Reheating → all particle types produced

Evolution of original plasma by:

- expansion (dilution)
- decays
- interactions → conversion processes

Evolution of original DM density:

→ Boltzmann equation

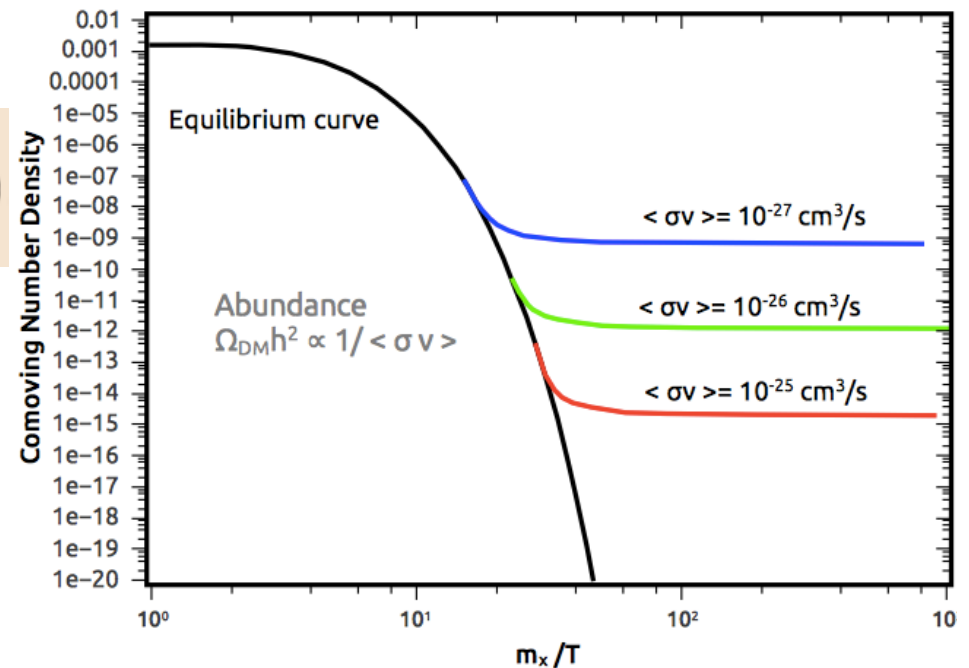
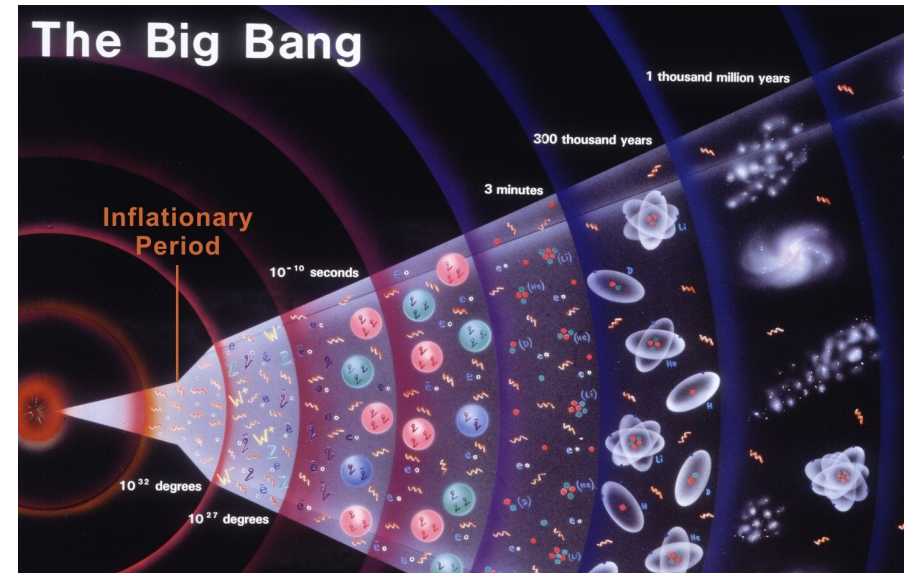
$$\frac{dn_\chi}{dt} + 3H(T)n_\chi = -\langle\sigma v\rangle(n_\chi^2 - n_{\chi,eq}^2)$$

→ thermal freeze-out

BSM motivated new physics @TeV:

→ automatically ~ correct abundance

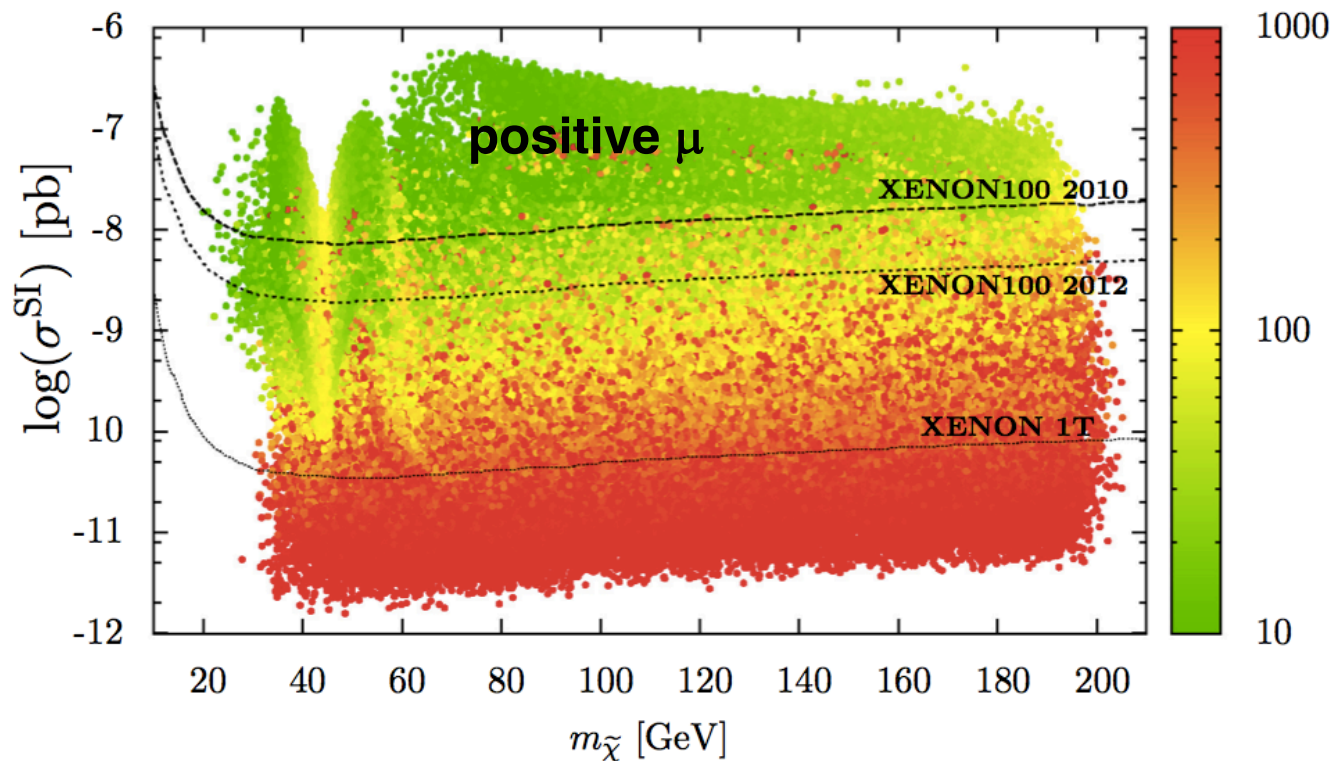
→ typical WIMP mass O(EW scale)



A specific Example: MSSM neutralino

- Level of fine-tuning $\rightarrow \Delta_{\text{tot}}$

$$\Delta p_i \equiv \left| \frac{p_i}{M_Z^2} \frac{\partial M_Z^2(p_i)}{\partial p_i} \right| = \left| \frac{\partial \ln M_Z^2(p_i)}{\partial \ln p_i} \right| \quad \Delta_{\text{tot}} \equiv \sqrt{\sum_{p_i=\mu^2, b, m_{H_u}^2, m_{H_d}^2} \{\Delta p_i\}^2}$$



- current experiments cut already into expected space
- two options
 - good discovery potential
 - ... or tension

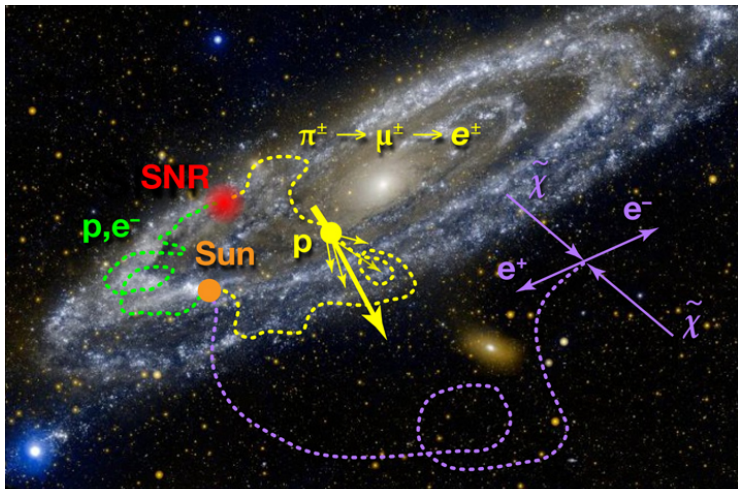
X-MSSM: x-section down
 \leftrightarrow WIMP miracle?

Grothaus, ML, Takanishi: [full](#) MSSM, not cMSSM, pMSSM, NMSSM...

Hunting WIMPS in different Ways

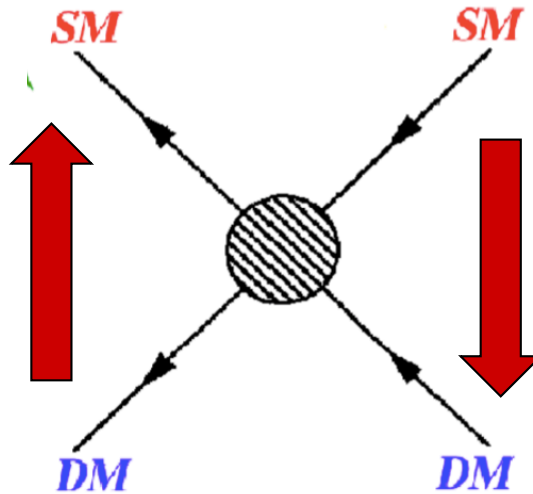
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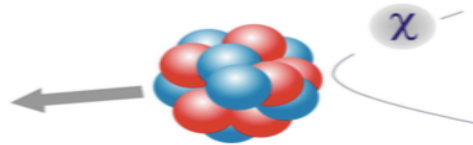


FERMI, PAMELA, AMS,
HESS, IceCube, ...
astro. uncertainties...
→ DM signal w/o doubt?

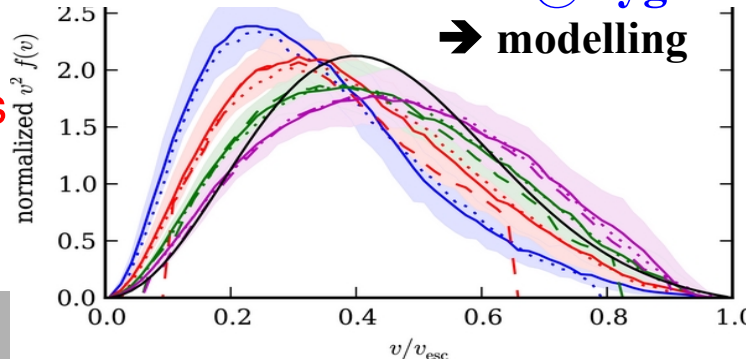
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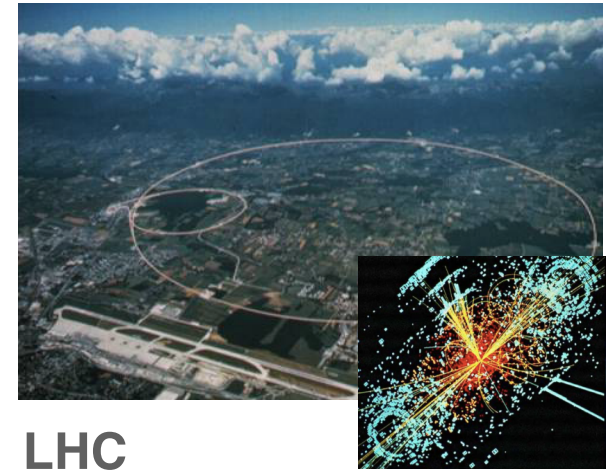
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WIMP wind : 220km/s @Cygnus



colliders



LHC

may detect new particles,
DM? (lifetime, abundance)

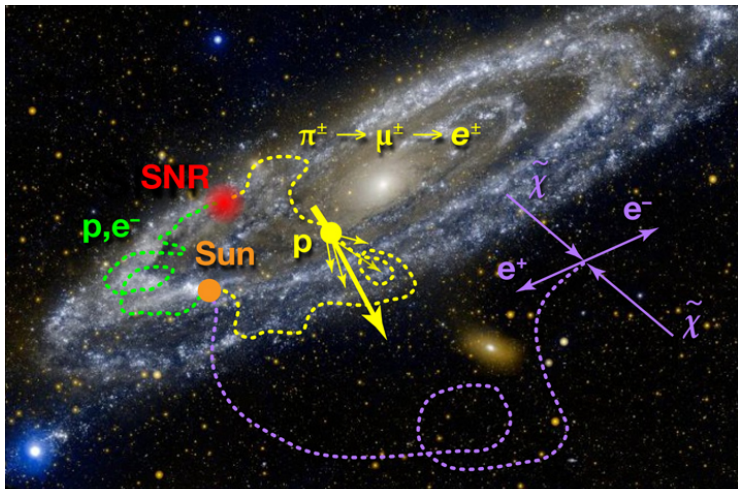
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- impact on theory...
- SUSY → higher scale
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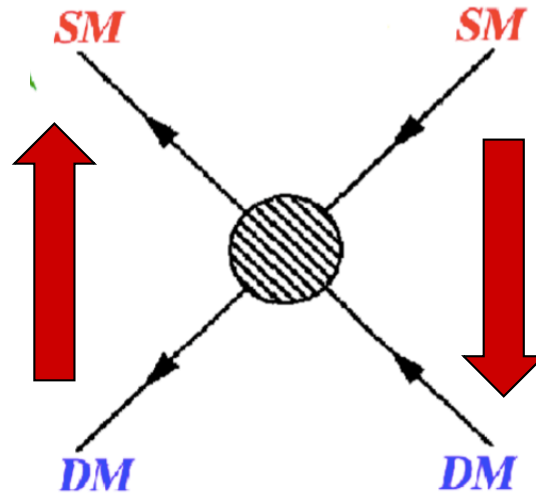
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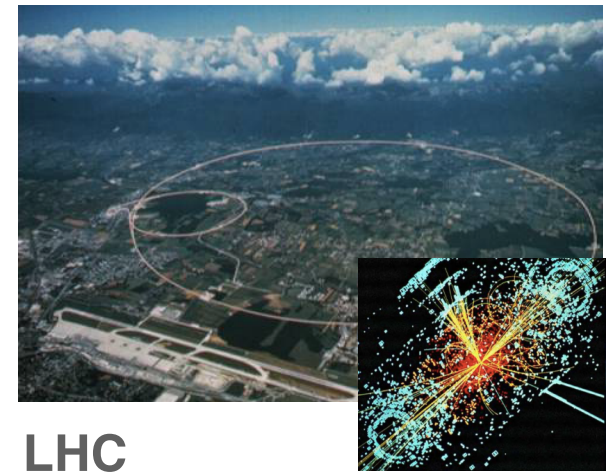
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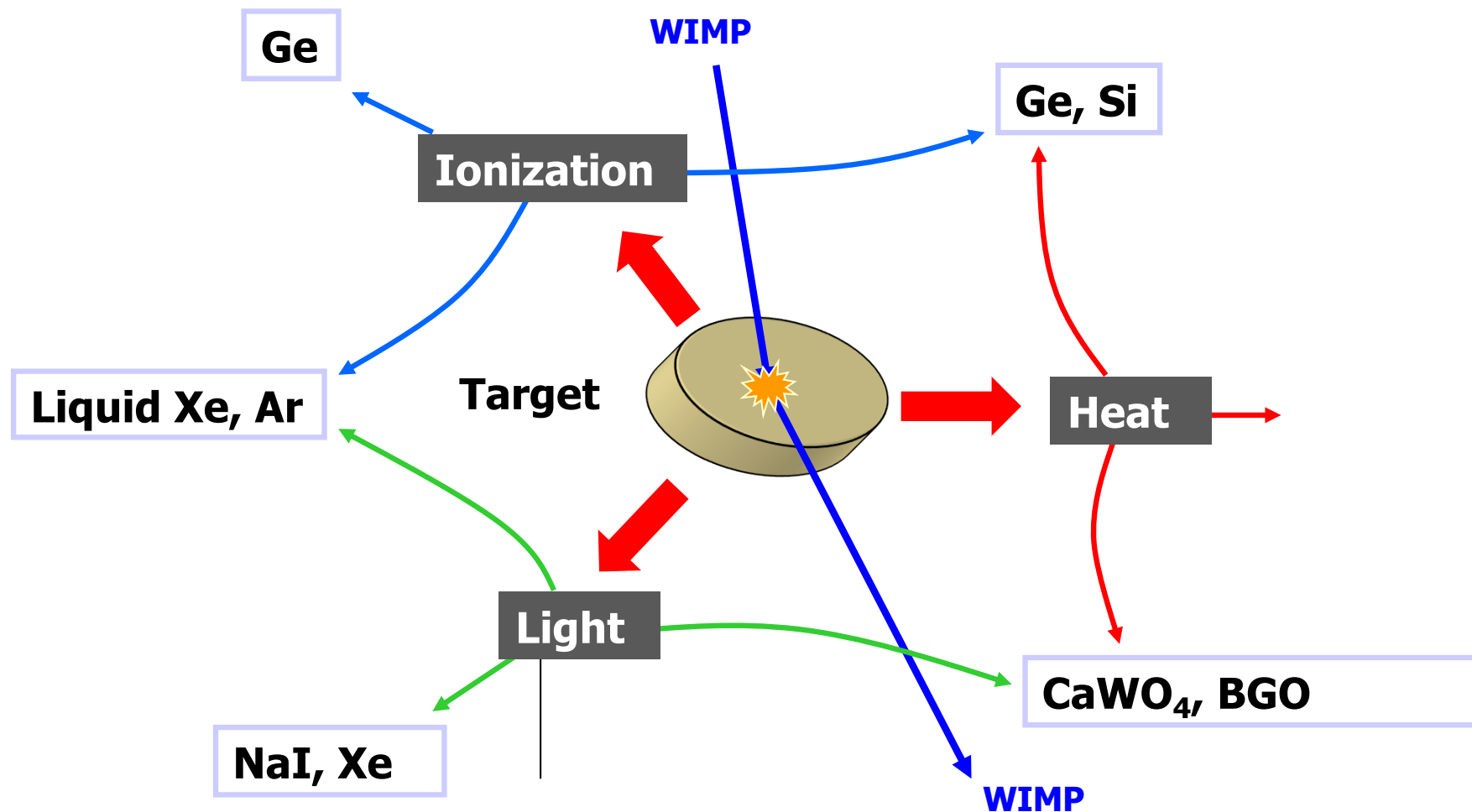
may detect new particles,
DM? (lifetime, abundance)

- Normal ν 's are $\sim 0.7\%$ of DM
 - Black holes are DM
- Questions:
- one dominant component?
 - a cocktail?
 - is a suitable particle enough?
 - direct detection of DM to see what the universe is made of!

... nothing seen...
... impact on theory...
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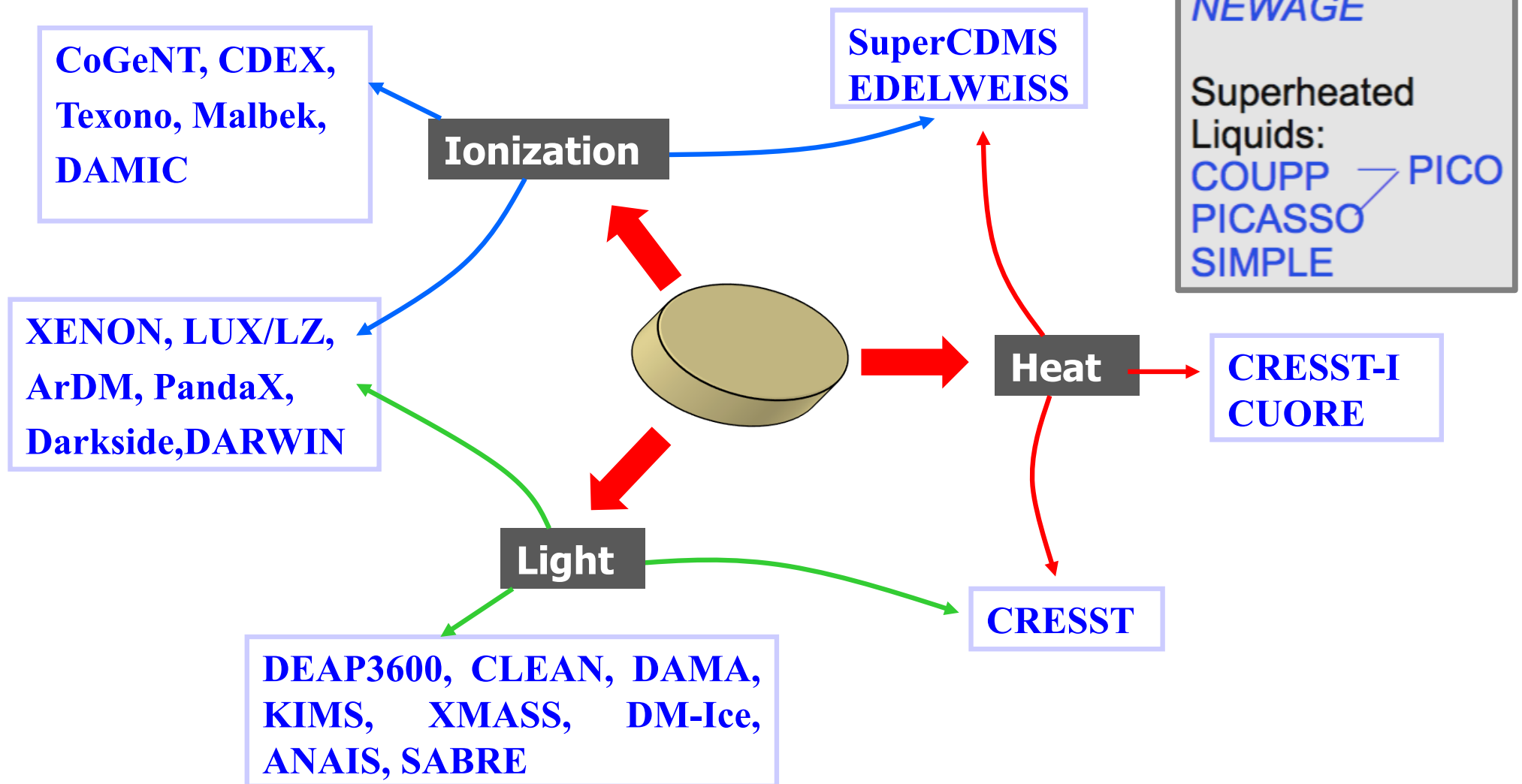
Direct Detection Techniques

- **Detection of DM = see what the Universe is made of**
→ WIMP wind (known flux) scatters on target atoms → **signal...**



Direct Detection Experiments

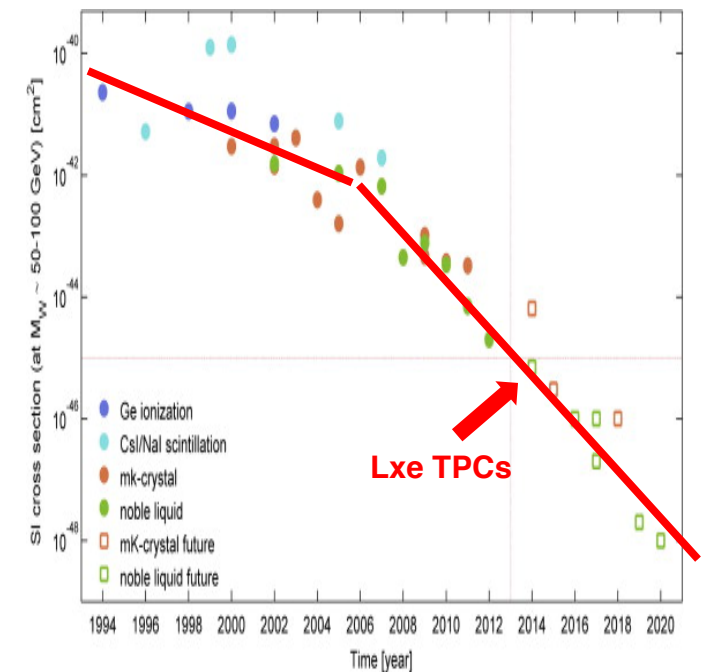
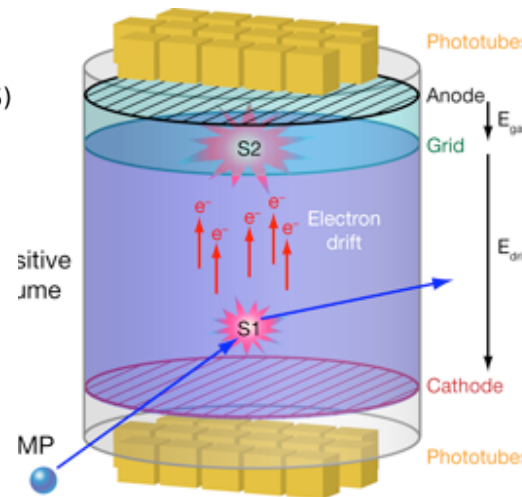
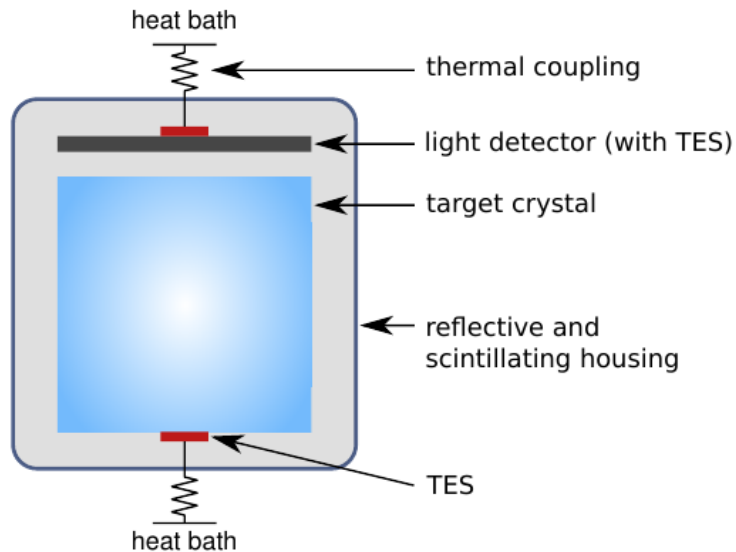
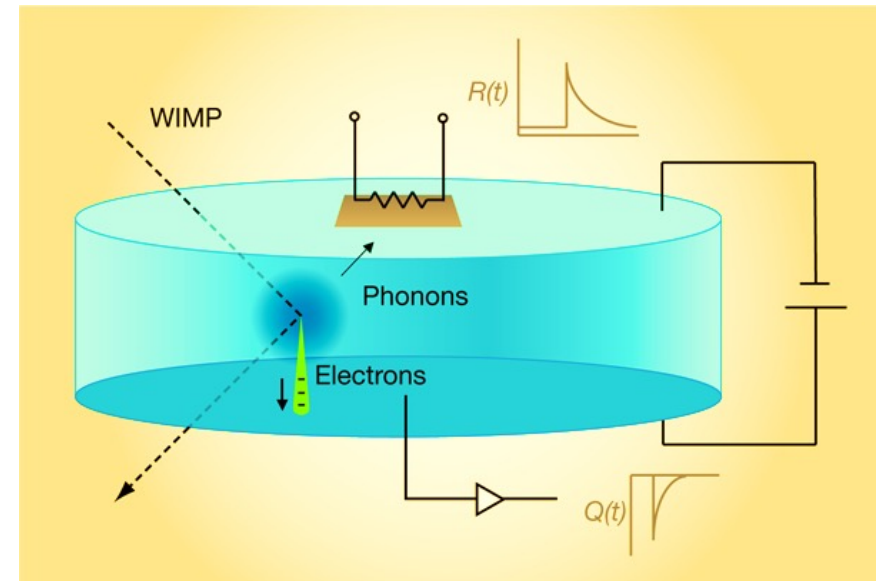
Detection methods: Crystals (NaI, Ge, Si),
Cryogenic Detectors, Liquid Noble Gases



Converting WIMP Scattering into Signals

Light – ionization – heat: 3 examples

- **semiconductor Crystals (Ge)**
→ pulses
- **in crystals (e.g. CaWO_4)** → heat + light signal
- **liquid noble gases**
→ light and ionization@TPC



WIMP Event Rates

$$R = \int_{E_T}^{\infty} dE_R \frac{\rho_0}{m_N m_\chi} \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} v f(v) \frac{d\sigma_{WN}}{dE_R}(v, E_R) dv$$

detector (mass, threshold, ...)

astrophysics

particle physics

axial-vector

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \alpha_q^A (\bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \chi) (\bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q)$$

$$\frac{(J+1)}{J}$$

Spin-Dependent (SD)

Angular mom)

scalar

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \alpha_q^S \bar{\chi} \chi \bar{q} q$$

Spin-Independent (SI)

(Nucleon #)

$$A^2$$

vector

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \alpha_q^V \bar{\chi} \gamma_\mu \chi \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q$$

$$A^2$$

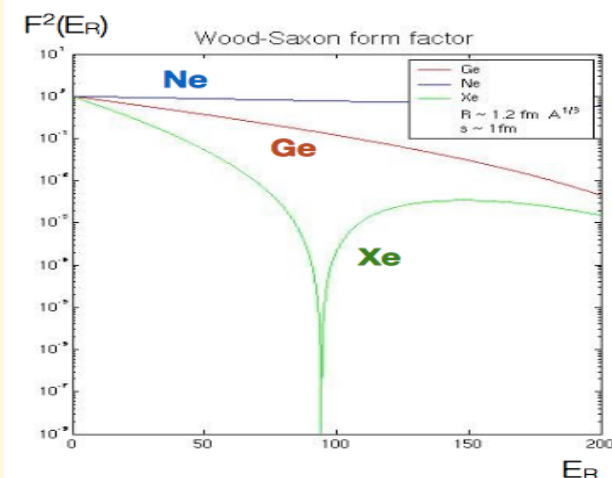
Only for non-Majorana WIMPs

Spin-Independent (SI)

SI is coherently enhanced

$$F(qr_n) = \frac{3[\sin(qr_n) - qr_n \cos(qr_n)]}{(qr_n)^3} e^{-(qs)^2/2}$$

form factor = FT of nucleus

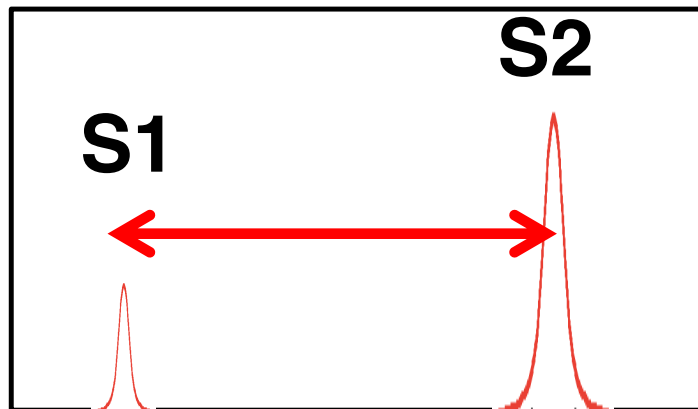


larger momentum transfer probes smaller scales
 → loss of coherence

Powerful Devices: Dual-Phase TPCs

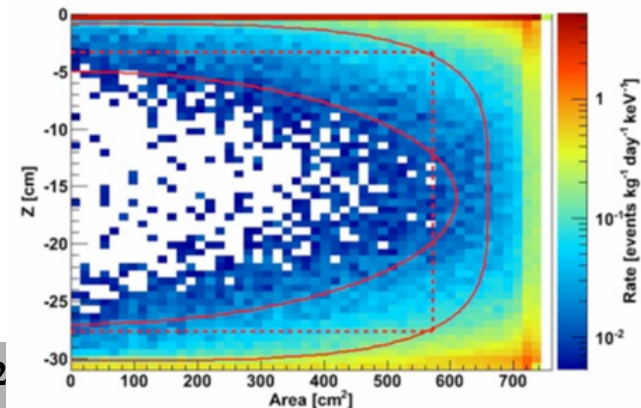
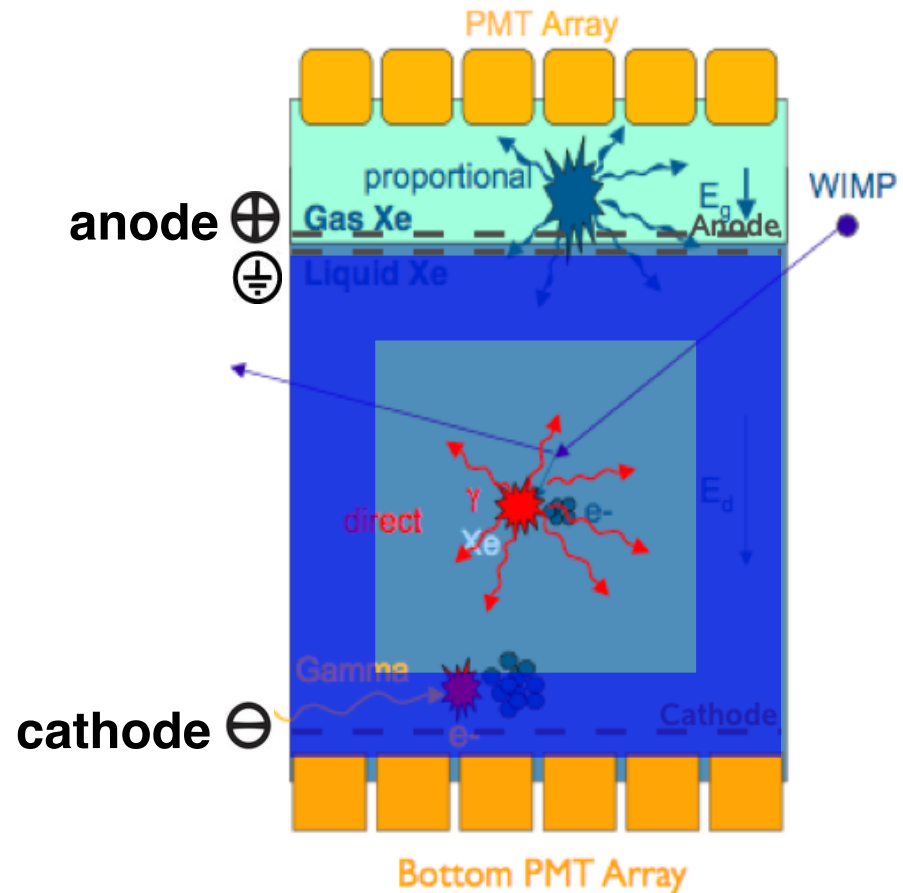
WIMP-scattering:

- 1) direct light signal → **S1**
- 2) drift of electrons to gas phase
- 3) 2nd light signal → **S2**



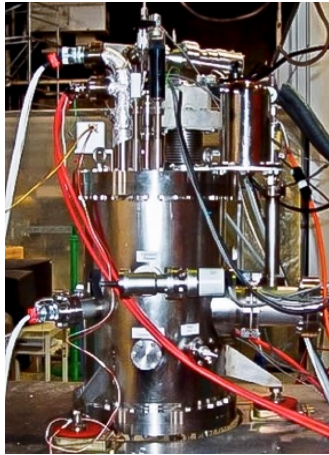
- Drift-time → z
- PMT-signal distribution → x, y
- Puls high, shape, ...

- excellent 3D position reconstruction
 $\Delta r < 3 \text{ mm}$; $\Delta z < 0.3 \text{ mm}$
- fiducialization = exclude known backgrounds from 'dirty' surfaces



The XENON-Program @ LNGS

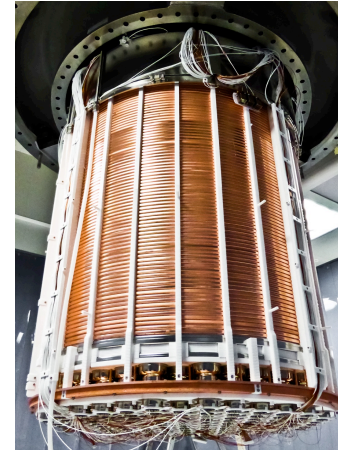
XENON10



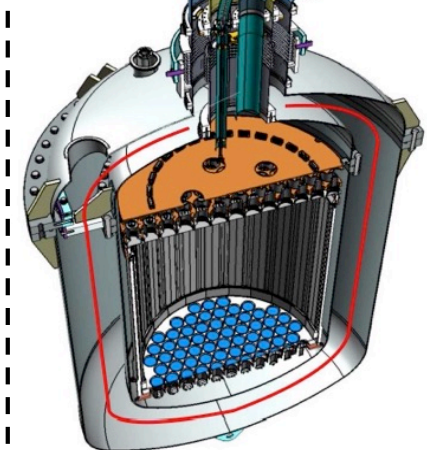
XENON100



XENON1T



XENONnT



Period	2005-2007	2008-2016	2012-2018	2019-2023
Mass	25 kg	161 kg	3200 kg	~8000 kg
Drift	15 cm	30 cm	100 cm	144 cm
Status	Completed (2007)	Completed (2016)	Running	Construction
σ_{SI} Limit (@50 GeV/c²)	$8.8 \times 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$	$1.1 \times 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$	$1.6 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$ (2018)	$1.6 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$ (2023)

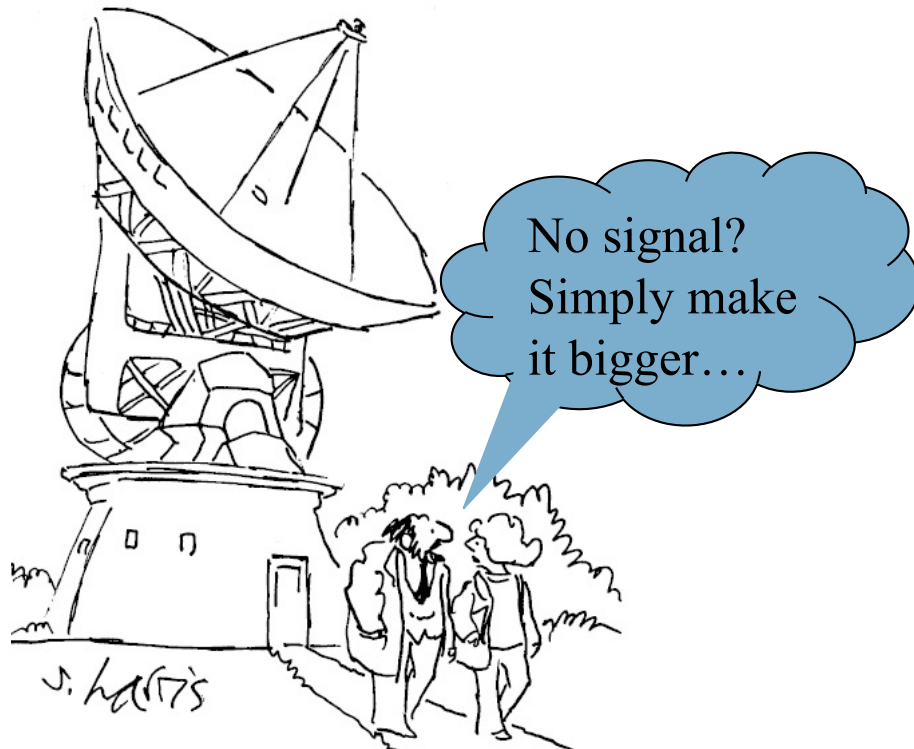
Scaling Considerations

larger WIMP mass:

- higher momentum transfer → **lowest threshold less critical**
- smaller WIMP flux & reduced cross-section → **larger detector**

smaller WIMP mass:

- lowest possible threshold
- higher WIMP flux helps



Improving sensitivity

- **bigger detectors**
 - increased technical challenges
 - ...
- **more background suppression**
 - UG lab, better μ -veto, n-shielding
 - extremely radio-pure materials
 - Kr reduction
 - Rn emanation
 - outgassing
 - ...

Ultra Low Background Requirements

underground laboratory = shielding from cosmic rays

- remaining μ -flux

- neutrons from rock

→ shields of PE, lead copper

- Radon (^{222}Rn is an α -decaying isotope)

→ from UG air: purging with clean nitrogen

→ emanation: screening of detector materials

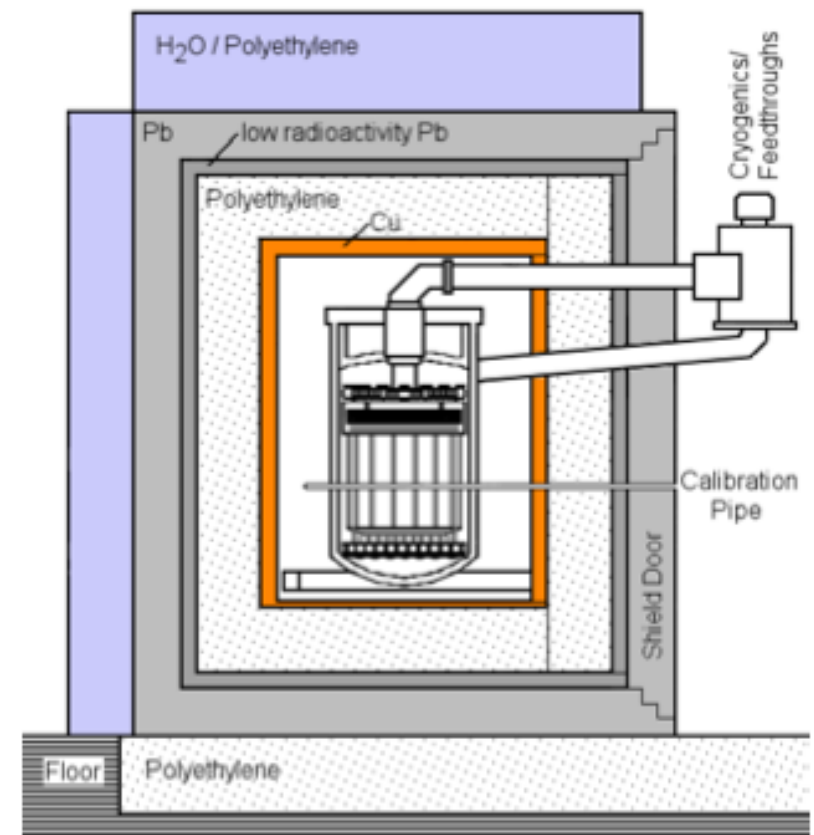
**- unstable isotopes in detector material
(U, Th, K, Tl, ...)**

→ “ γ screening” of construction material

**- online cleaning: E.g. Xenon gas
(both radiopurity and e-lifetime)**

→ distillation

→ extreme precise instruments for the
measurements of Rn, Kr, ... (ppq)



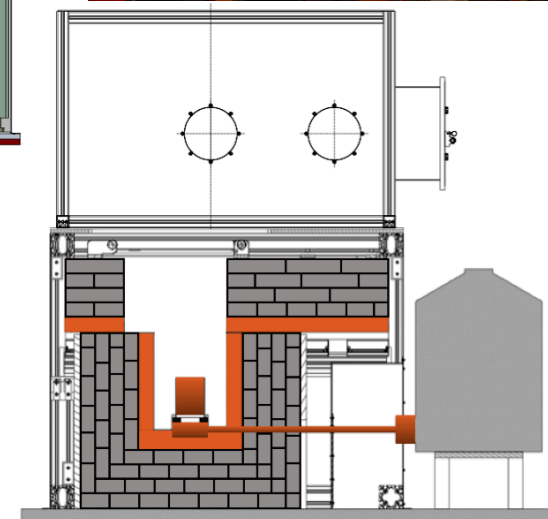
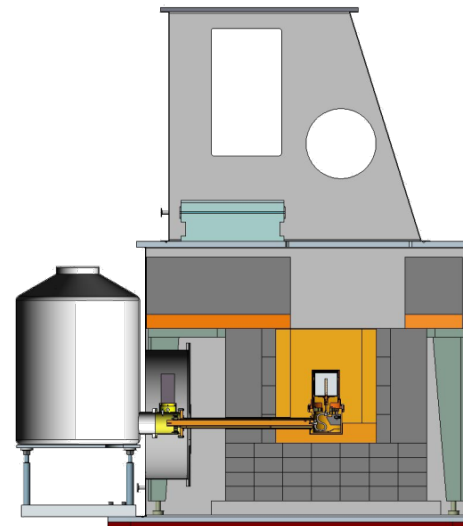
Material γ -Screening Facilities

- Different screening stations @MPIIK underground lab (1mBq/kg)

- GEMPIs @LNGS (**10 μ Bq/kg**)

- GIOVE @MPIIK (**50 μ Bq/kg**)

→ extensively used for GERDA, XENON and other experiments

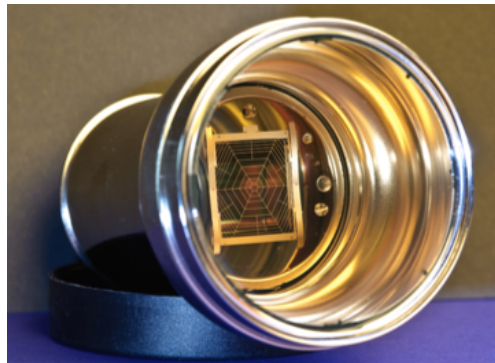


An Example: PMTs for XENON1T

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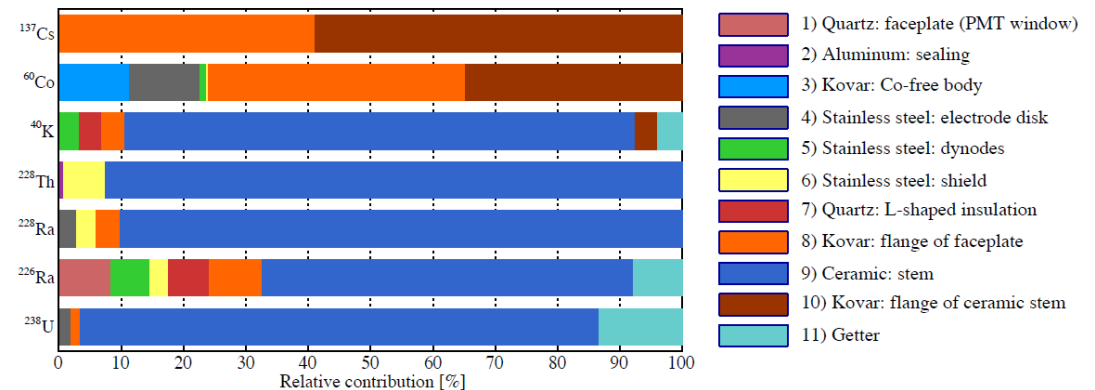
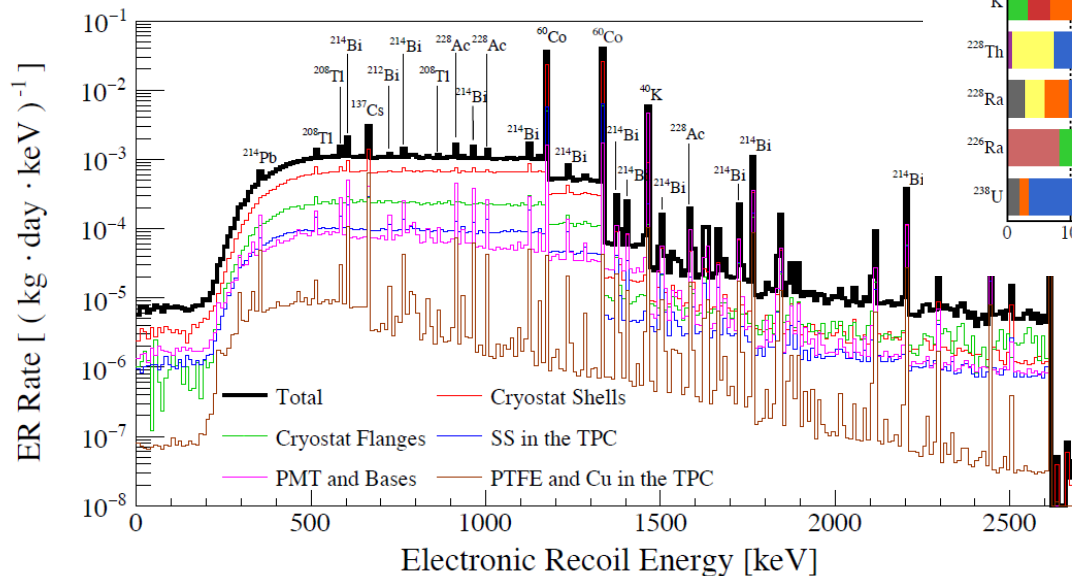
248, 3"

Hamamatsu
R11410-21



development & optimization
together with Hamamatsu

Material selection & screening
< 1mBq/PMT in U/Th



Electronic recoil BG from materials
[arXiv:1512.07501](https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.07501), [JCAP04\(2016\)027](https://arxiv.org/abs/1602.027)

Extensive testing at room
temperature and cryogen
high QE: 35% @ 175nm
stability, tightness, ...
30% single PE resolution

Rn Screening Facilities

Based on MPIK gas counting systems
@LNGS and @MPIK

- sensitivity = few atoms/probe

^{222}Rn emanation measurements

- samples \rightarrow collect emanated gas

- non-trivial; not commonly available; routine @MPIK

- established numbers:

Nylon (Borexino) $< 1\mu\text{Bq}/\text{m}^2$

Copper (Gerda): $2\mu\text{Bq}/\text{m}^2$

stainless steel (Borexino): $5\mu\text{Bq}/\text{m}^2$

Titanium: $(100 \pm 30)\mu\text{Bq}/\text{m}^2$

- Auto-Ema: new automated Rn screening facility
at MPIK \rightarrow many samples

- GeRn data base: more than 2800 samples



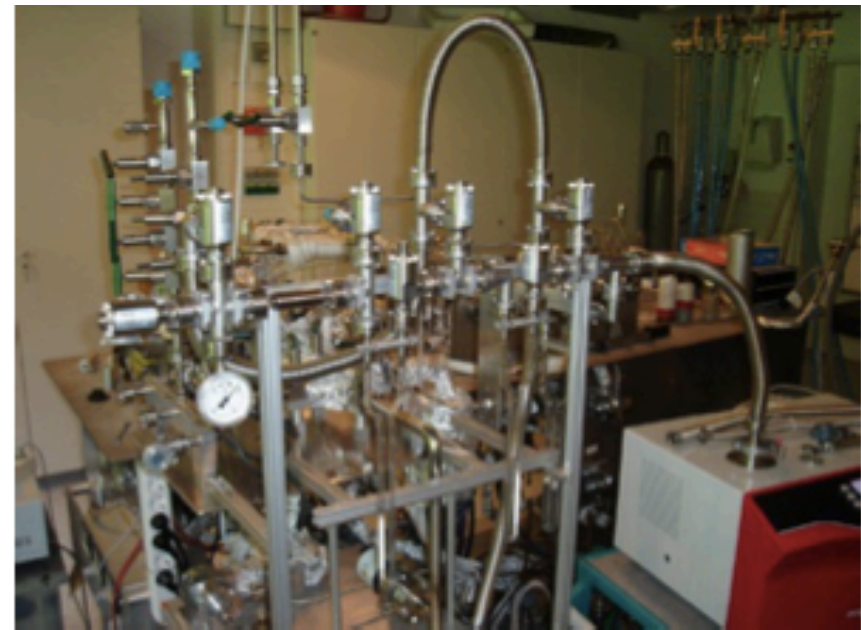
Krypton Analysis

^{85}Kr in Xenon: β -decays...

- must control of Kr level

MPIK RGMS (Rare Gas Mass Spectrometry)

- measure $^{\text{nat}}\text{Kr}$ to ppt level
- extrapolation to ^{85}Kr abundance
- **ppq sensitivity achieved**



Active Kr and Rn Removal

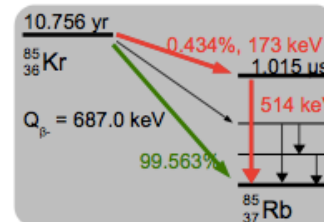
cryogenic distillation:

- established technique
- XENON100: (19 ± 1) ppt

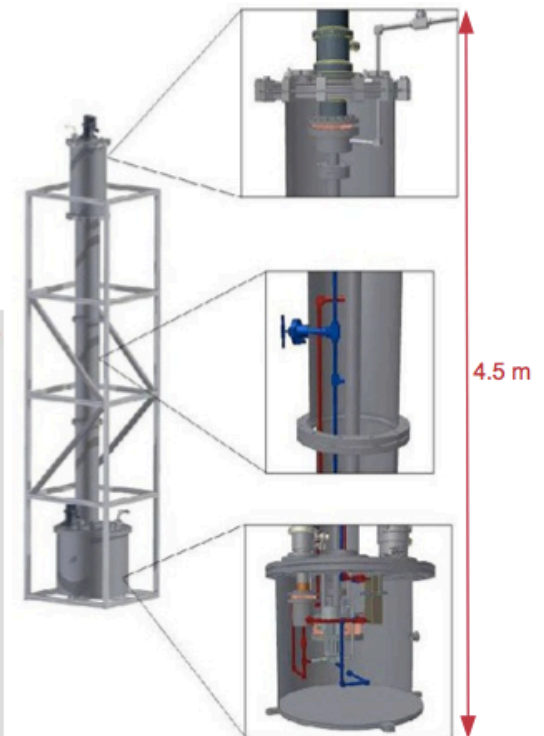
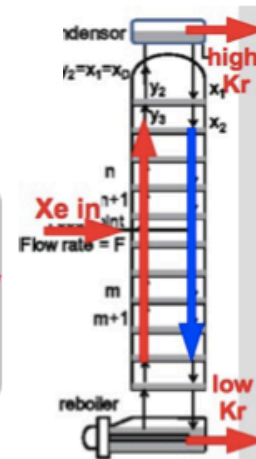
design parameters for XENON1T

- thru-put 3kg/hr
- separation power 10^5
- final Kr/Xe < 1ppt – achieved

Rn distillation...

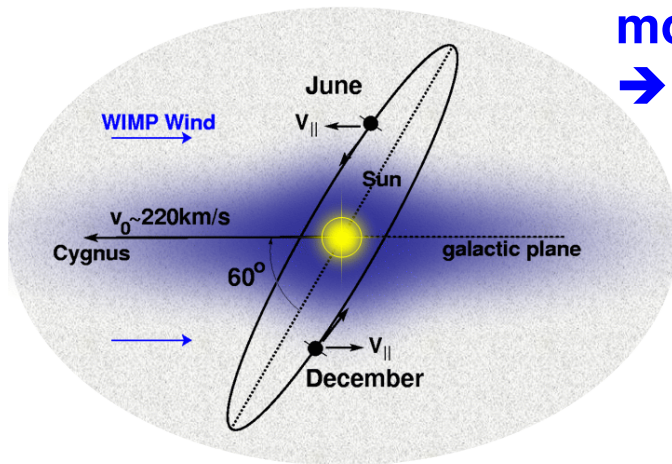


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WIMP Results

The DAMA/LIBRA annual Modulation

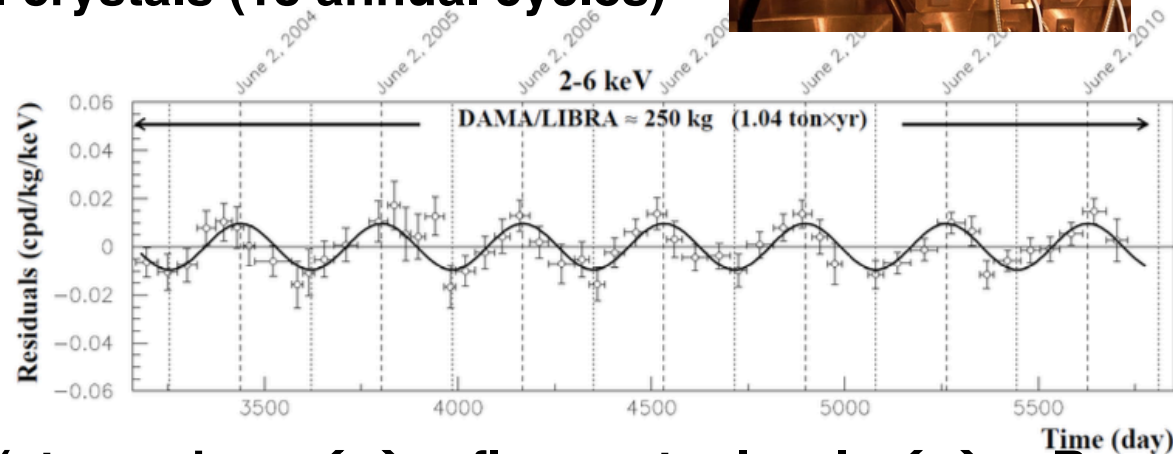


moving thru the WIMP wind around the sun
 → small annual modulation

DAMA/LIBRA
 1.33 t*year exposure of
 NaI crystals (13 annual cycles)



- 9.2 σ signal for modulation
- frequency and phase match DM expectation



Various periodic backgrounds (atmosphere \leftrightarrow μ flux, water levels \leftrightarrow n, Rn, ...)

Problem:

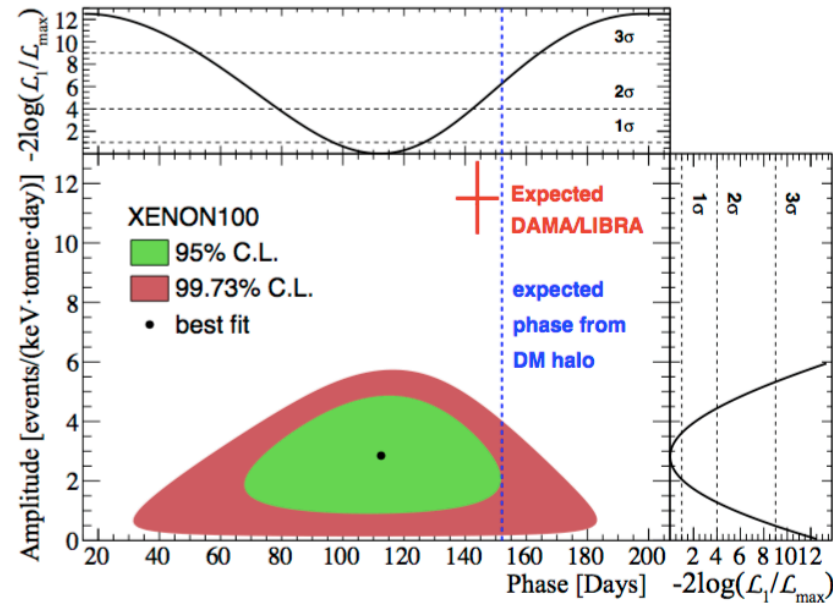
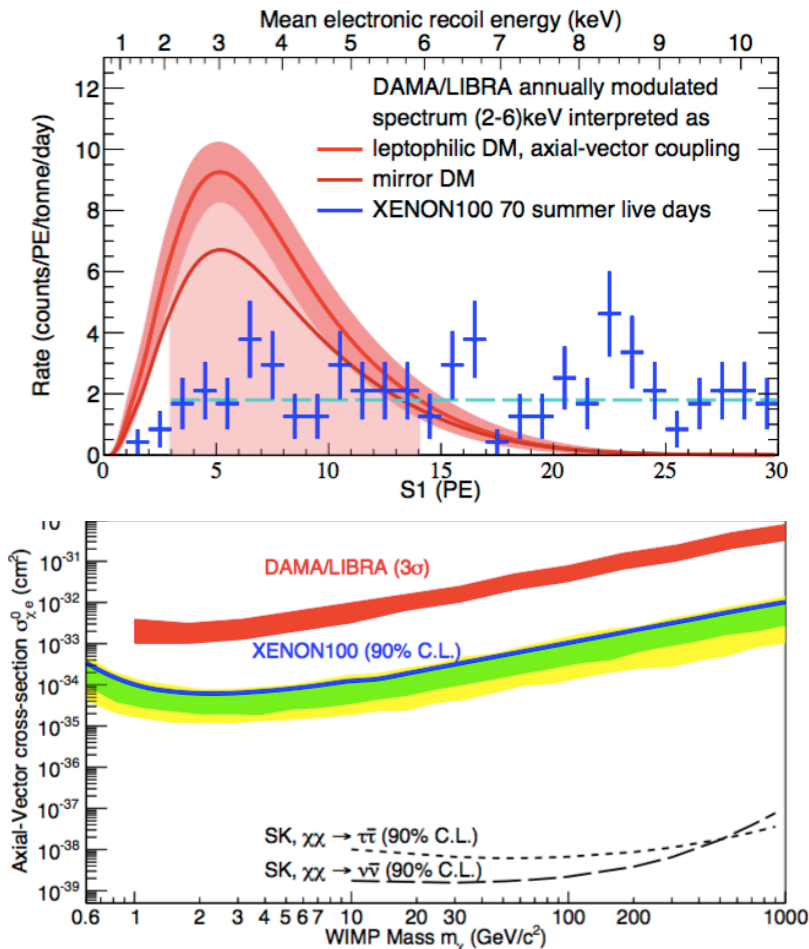
- Backgrounds: So far no accepted explanation
- Signal: Other detectors (direct detection, indirect detection, LHC) do not see the corresponding overall signal which matches to the modulation

Proposed solution: DM particles which scatter on electrons (leptophilic DM...)

→ would be seen by DAMA/LIBRA, but not by others

Modulation of Electronic Recoils in XENON100

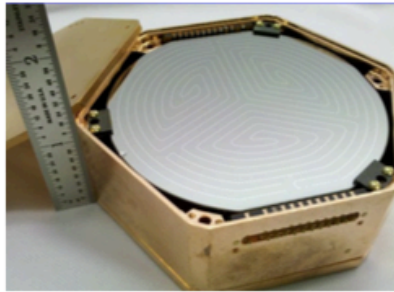
477 life days (48kg*year); improved signal & bckg. modelling



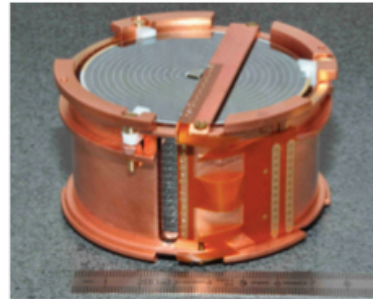
- ➔ DAMA signal excluded @5.7 σ
- ➔ leptophilic models excluded
- ➔ modulation not understood

Future: New NaI Projects to directly check DAMA ➔ clarify modulation
 ➔ new projects: **SABRE, COSINUS, COSINE-100, ANAIS, KIMS-NaI, DM-Ice**

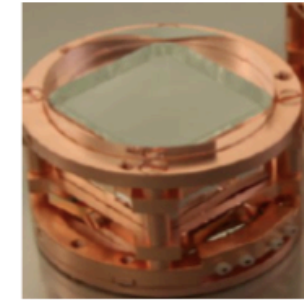
Spin Independent (SI) limits for low M_{WIMP}



SuperCDMS: Ge, Si
phonons (heat) + ionization



EDELWEISS-III (Ge)



CRESST (CaWO₄)
heat + light

SuperCDMS @SNOLAB

Aim: 50 kg-scale (cryostat up to 400kg)
low threshold, less bg: deeper, cleaner,
upgraded electronics, data taking 2020+

EDELWEISS @LSM

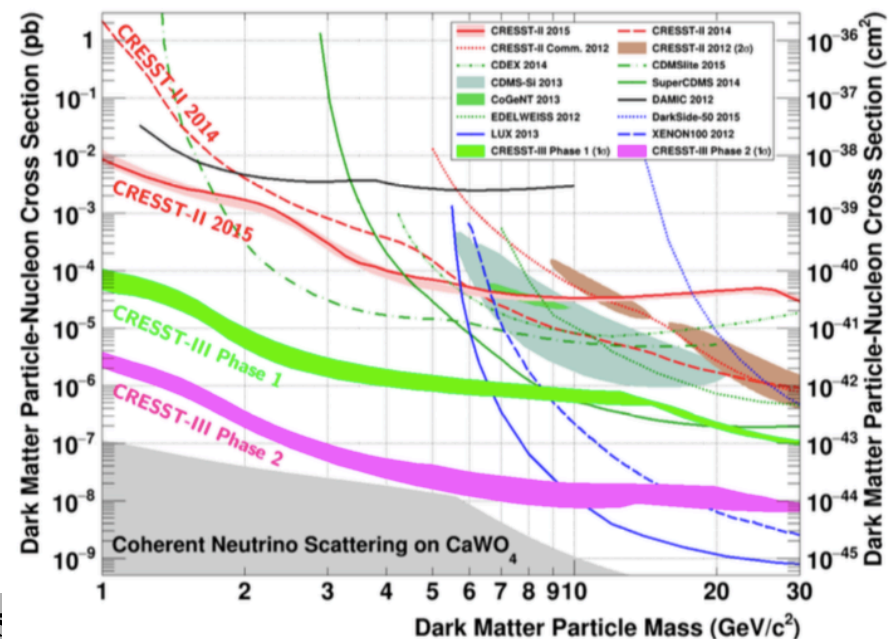
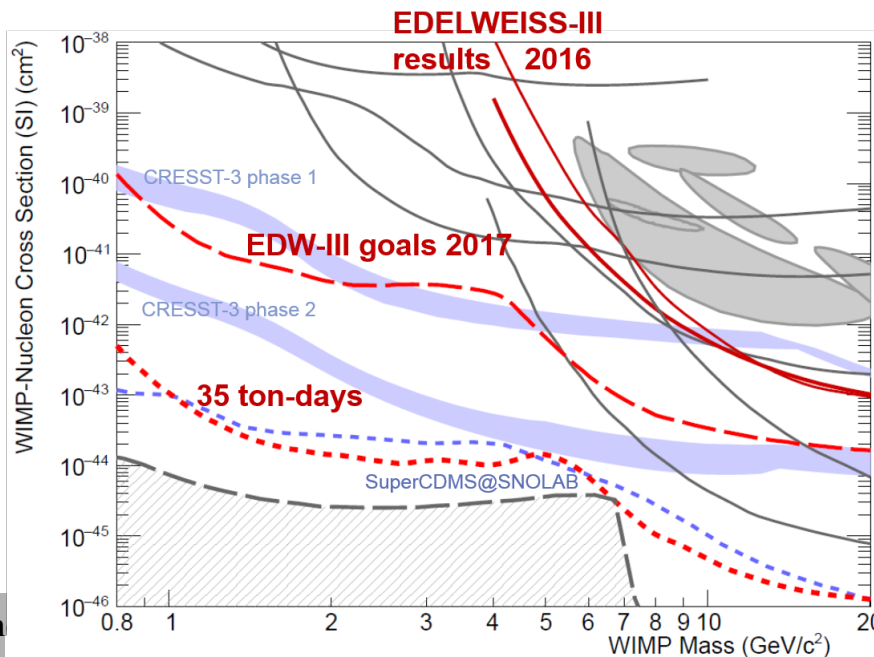
2016: 20 kg Ge array
2017: 350 kgd in HV mode
optimize 1-10 GeV sensitivity

→ EDELWEISS-III

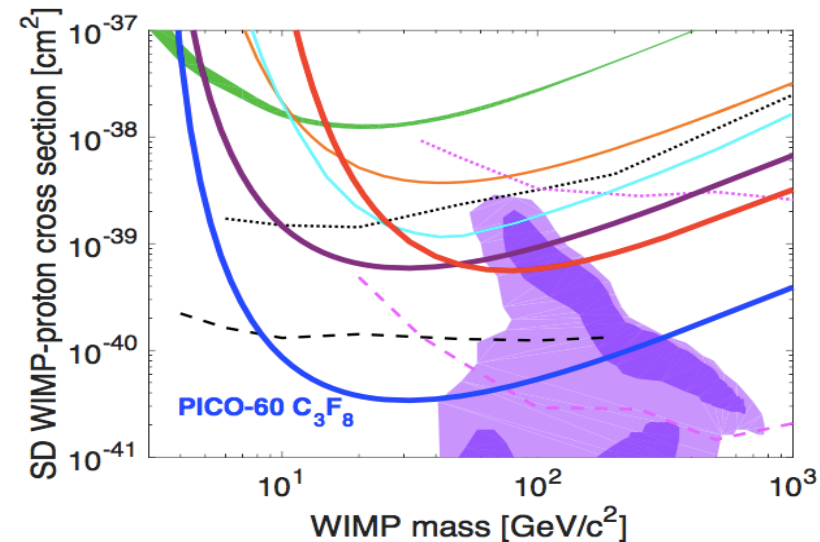
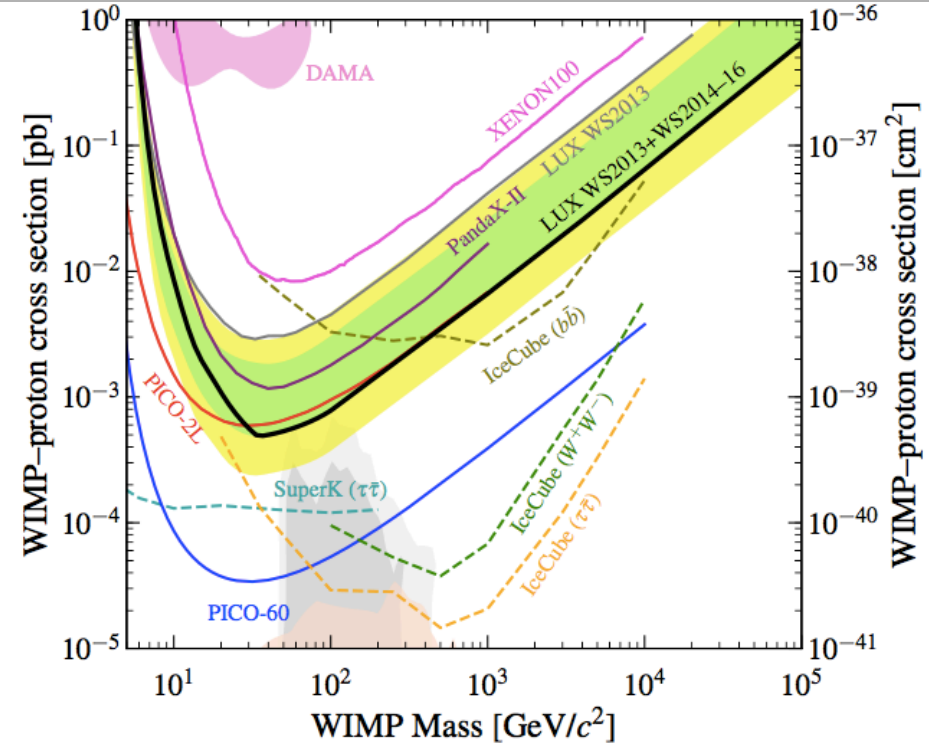
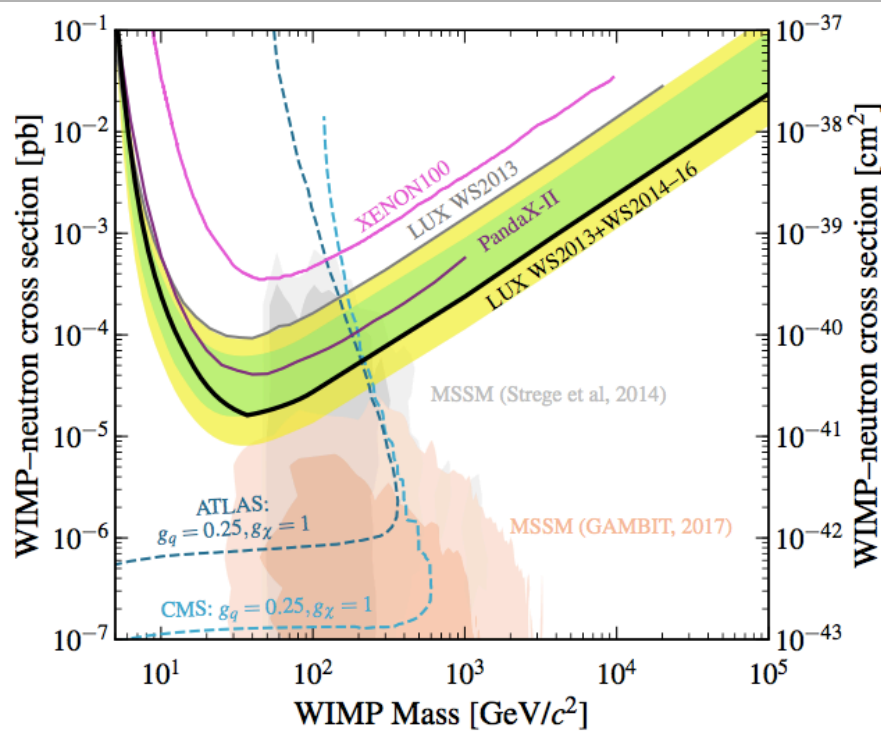
CRESST @LNGS

2013-2015, 52 kg × d
now: best threshold 300 eV_{nr}
excellent for small WIMP mass

→ CRESST-III



SD Limits for Neutron and Proton

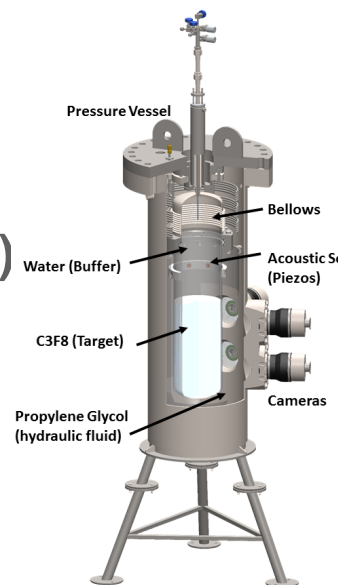


Recently new results from

- LUX (complete exposure)
- PICO-60 (C_3F_8 bubble chamber)

LHC limits depend on couplings
theory \sim rough areas

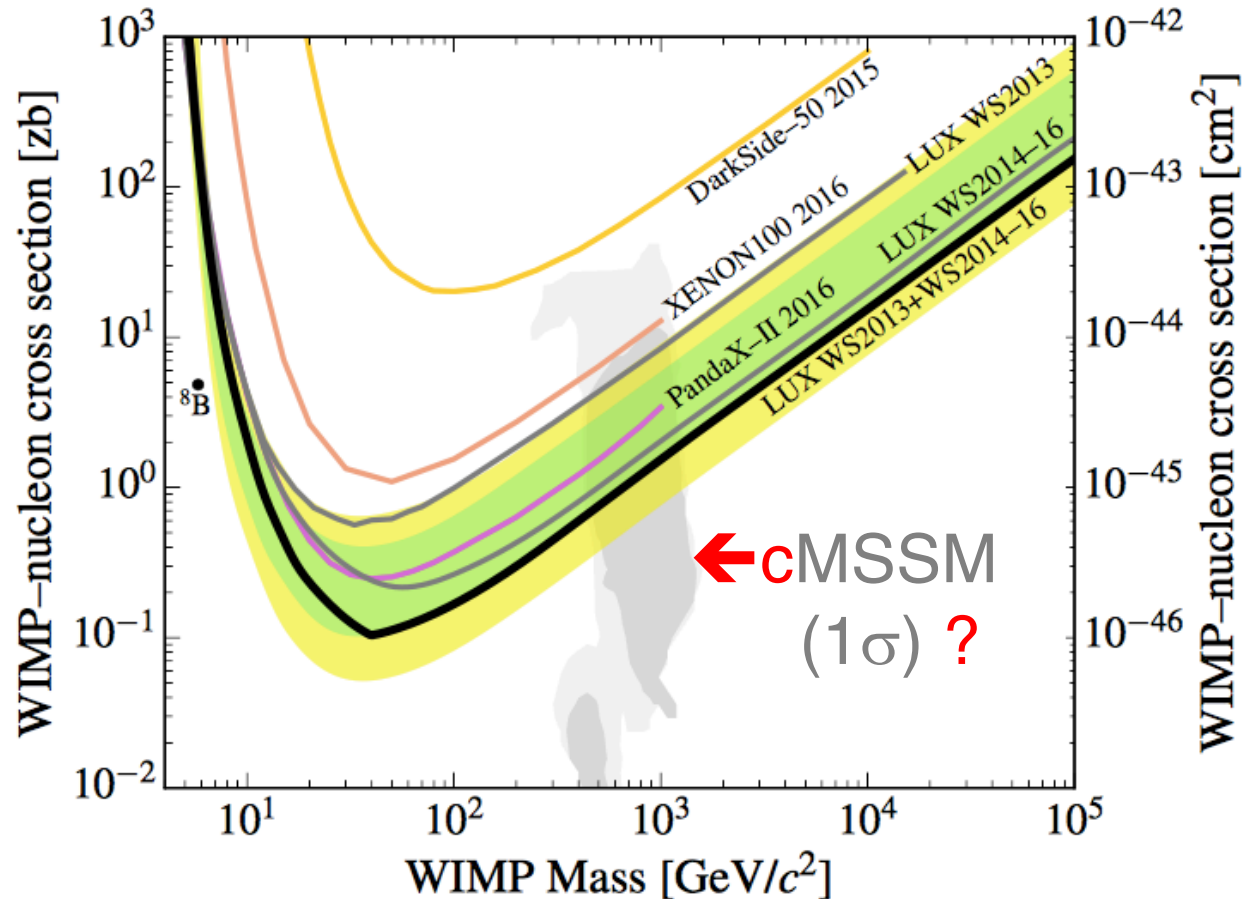
\rightarrow part of expected area covered



SI Limits for High M_{WIMP}

Limits until recently:

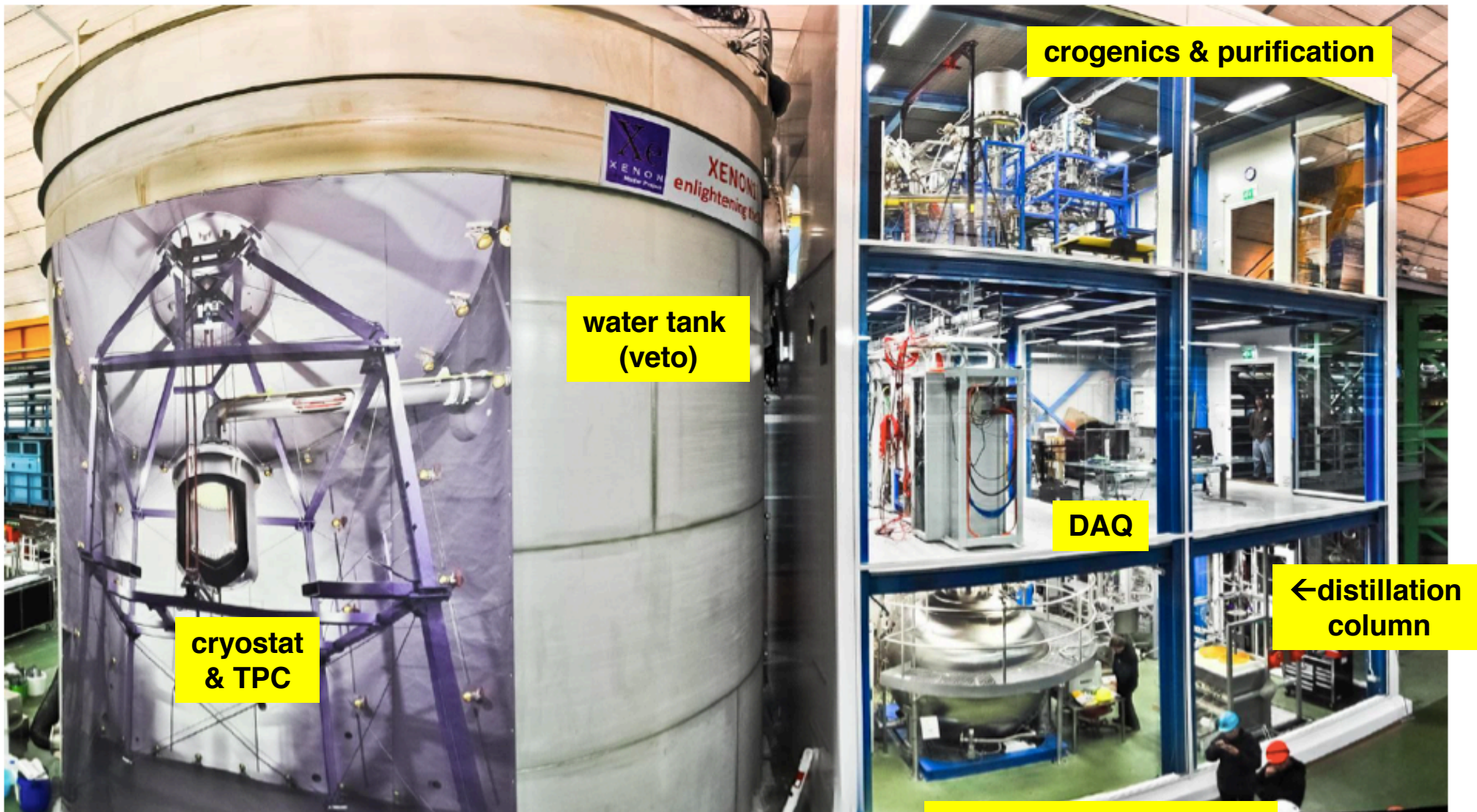
- XENON100
(until 2016)
- PandaX-II
- LUX



→ cuts into generic
SUSY parameter space!

New: XENON1T

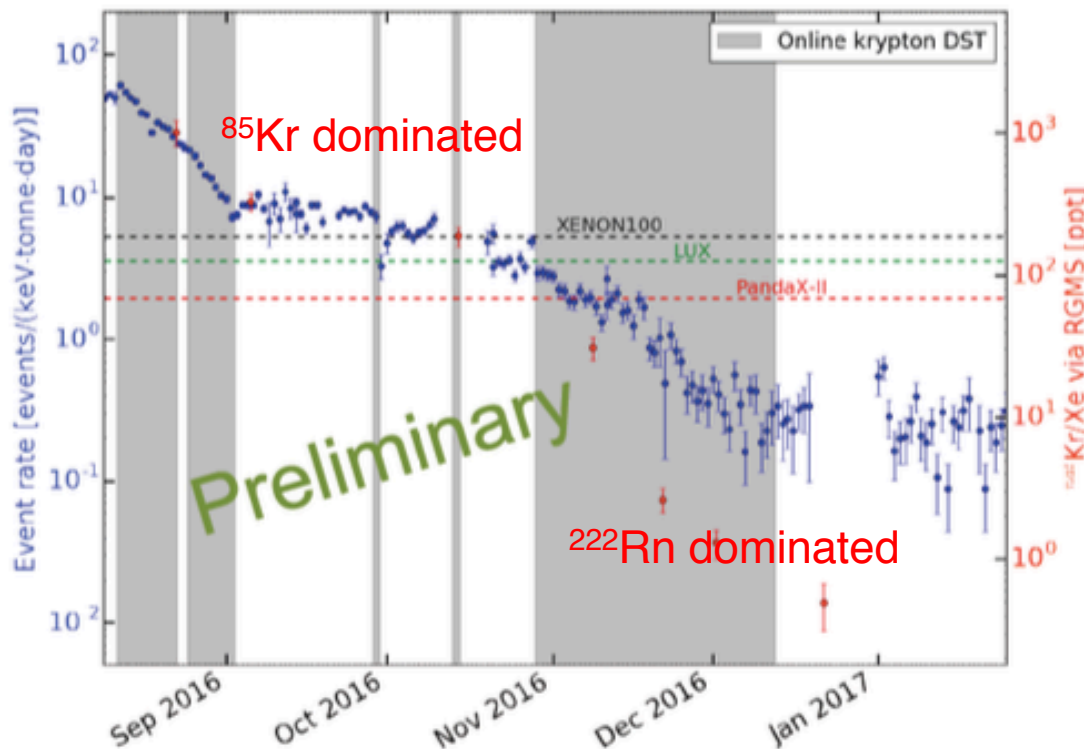
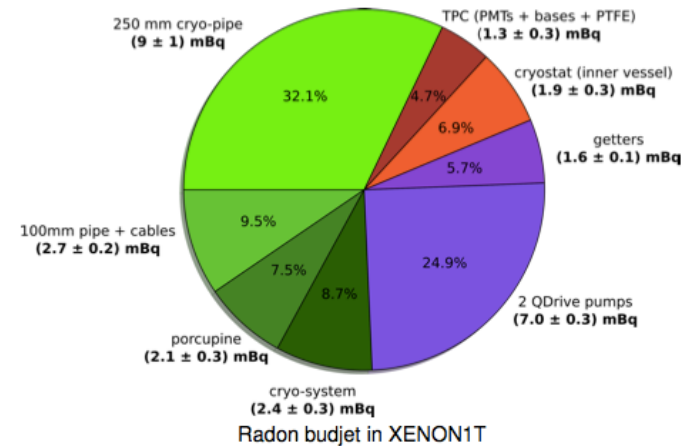
→ Goal: two orders of magnitude improvement in sensitivity with respect to XENON100 → commissioning in 2016 → data taking



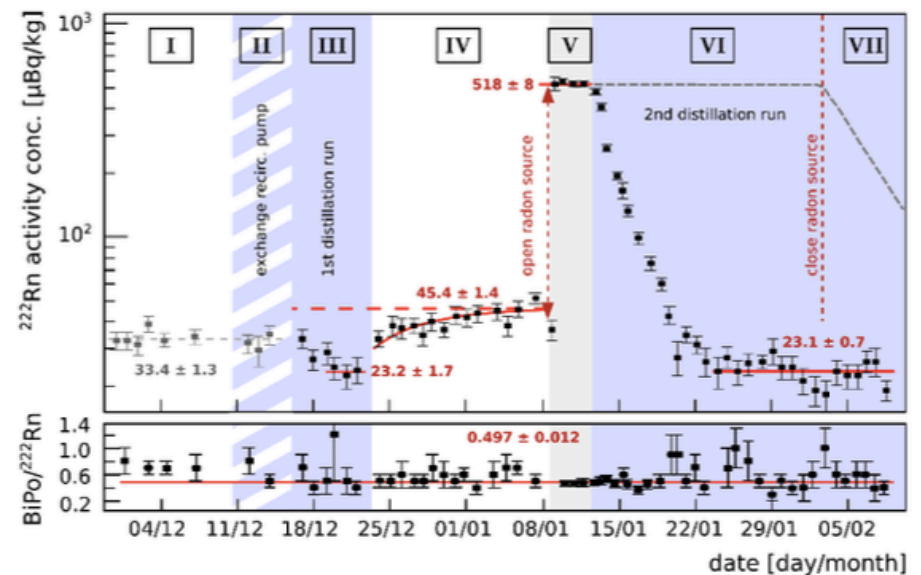
XENON1T Operation

- Lowest background level of all LXe experiments
- Krypton background reduced by **cryogenic distillation** XENON1T, arXiv:1612.04284
- Krypton level measured independently by RGMS
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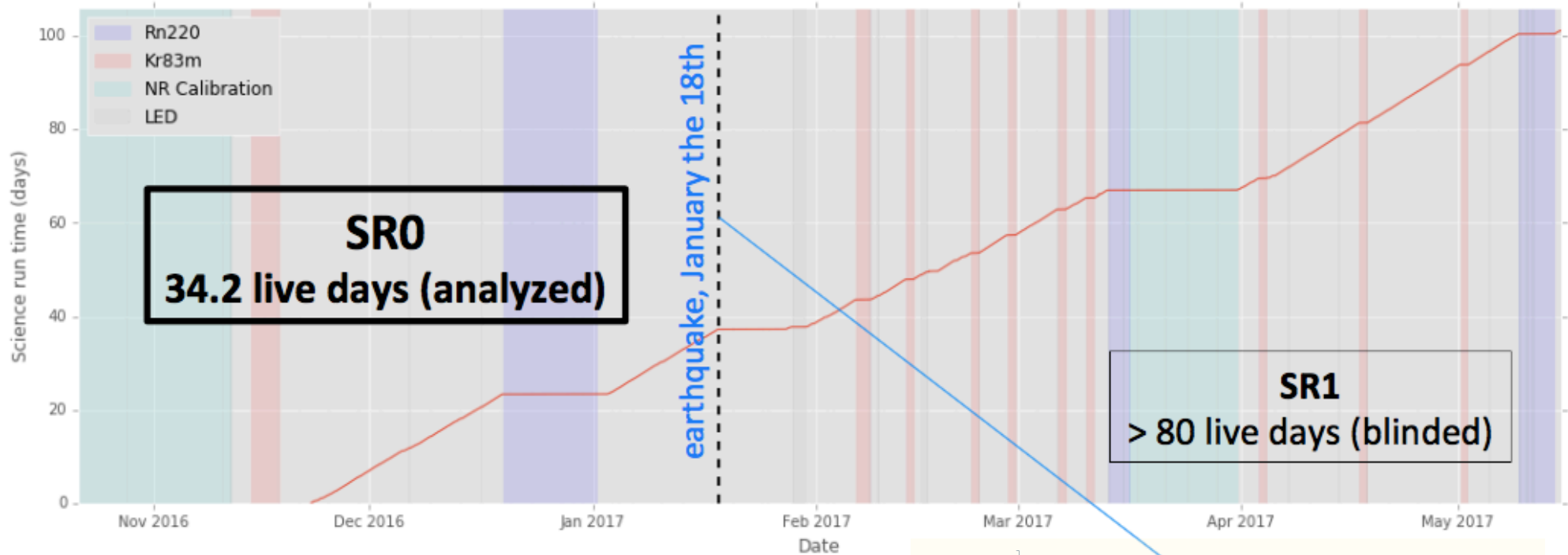
Rn budget well understood



demonstration of Rn distillation

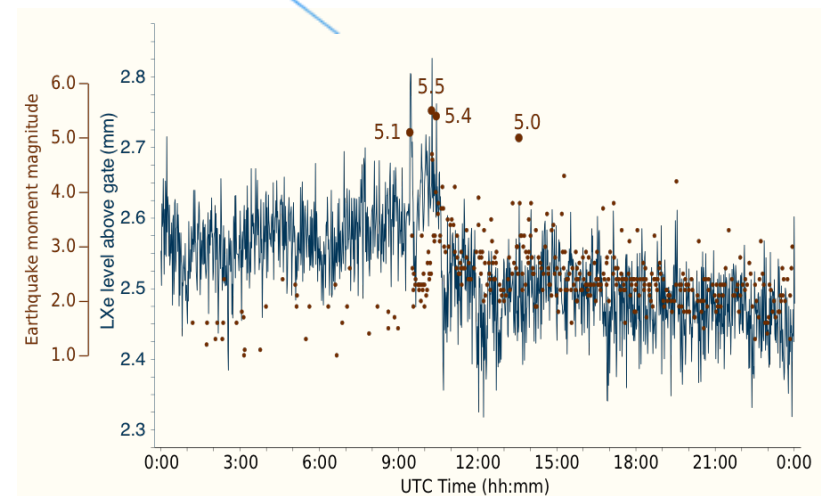


Science Run: Exposure



- **SR0: Data up to earthquake in January 2017...**

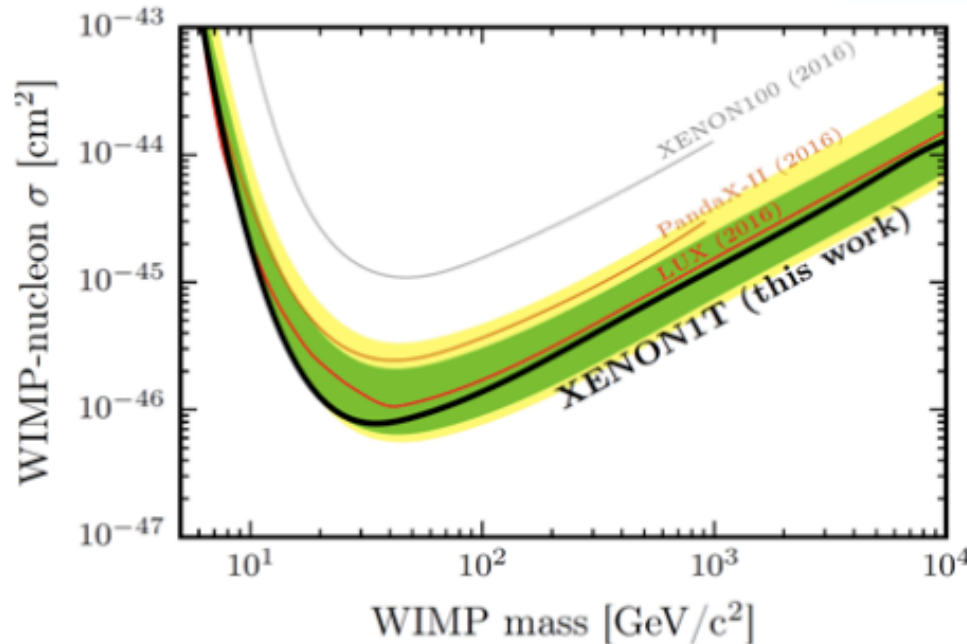
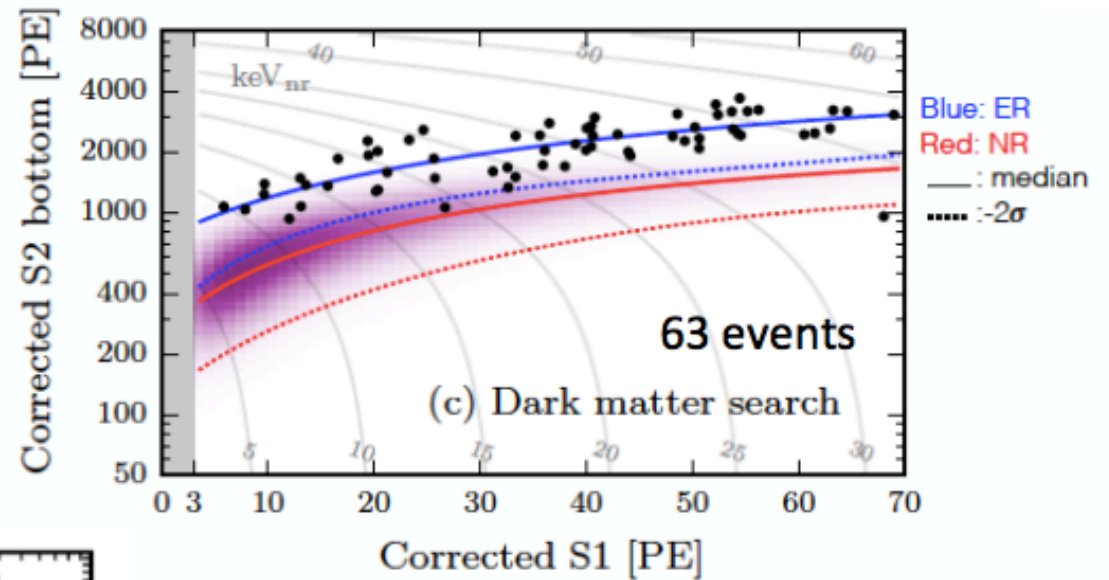
→ 34.2 live days analyzed
→ 1st results



magnitude 5.6 earthquake ~20 km away

XENON1T 1st SI Limits for High M_{WIMP}

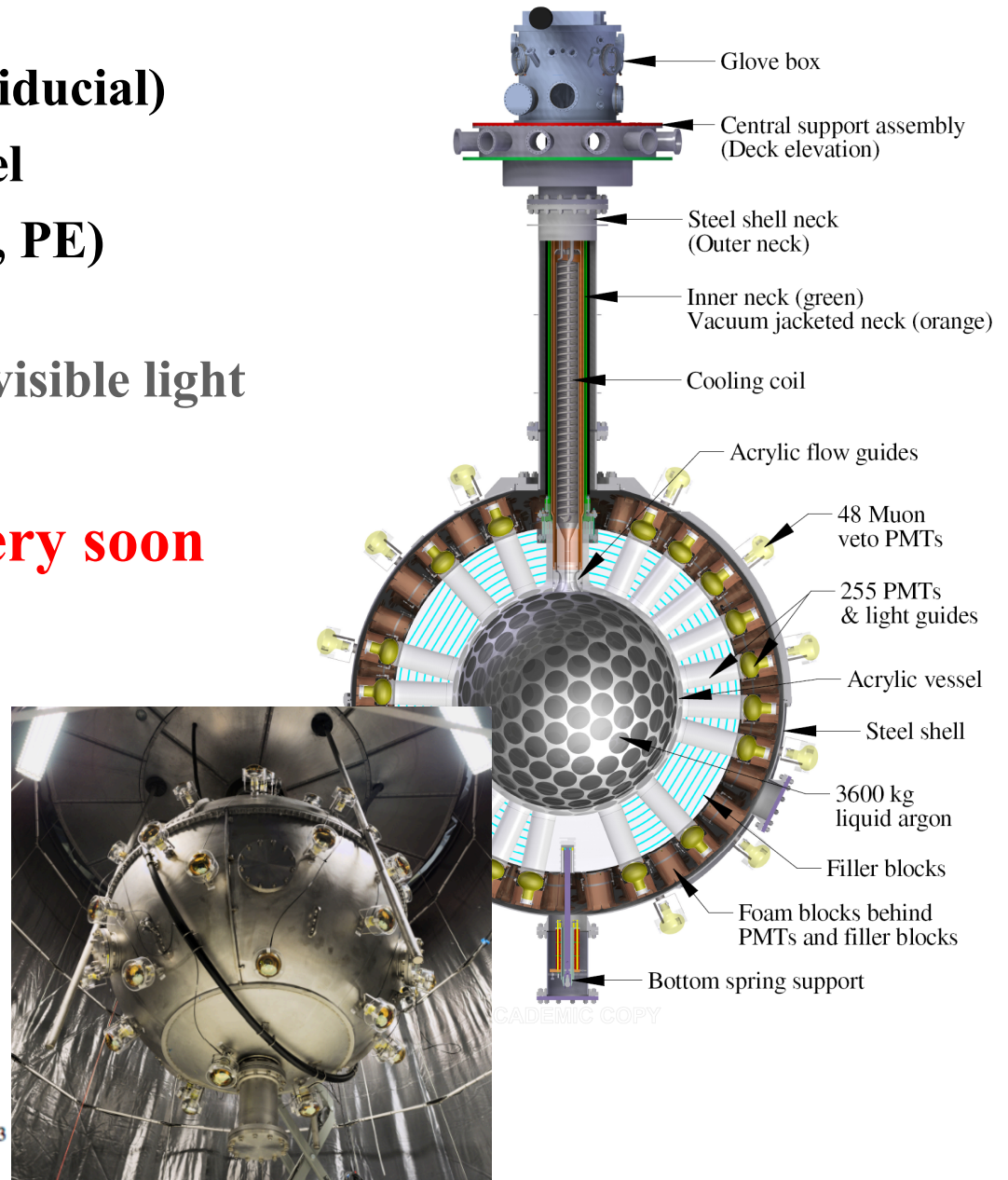
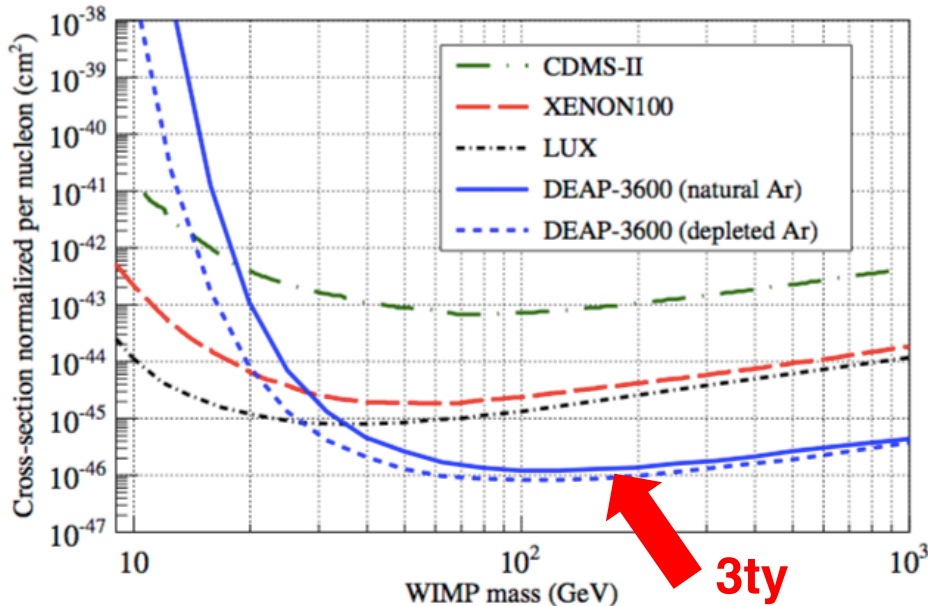
- ER and NR shape largely determined from calibration fits
- Unbinned profile likelihood analysis
- Uncertainties from background components included



- Strongest SI limit **1705.06655**:
 $7.7 \times 10^{47} \text{ cm}^2 @ 35 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- data taking continues: SR1
 → by now > 90 more days of data
 → keep running - expect more in 2017!

Expected soon: DEAP-3600 @ SNOLAB

- Single phase LAr TPC, 3.6t (1t fiducial)
- Spherical ultra pure acrylic vessel
- 255 PMTs, extra shielding (foam, PE)
- TPB wavelength shifter
→ 128nm scintillation light into visible light
- Water tank + veto PMTs
- **Physics run → 1st results very soon**



Liquid Argon Projects

Other targets are important: different backgrounds, physics, consistency
Liquid Argon: Excellent target – avoid ^{39}Ar by production from oil/gas wells

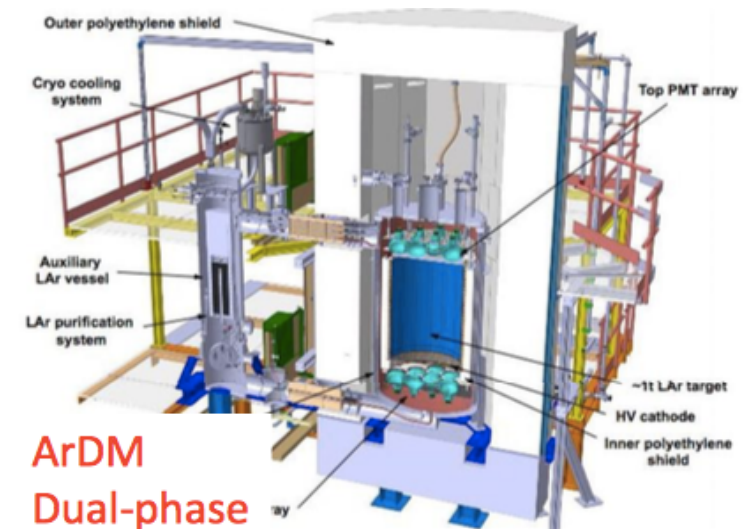
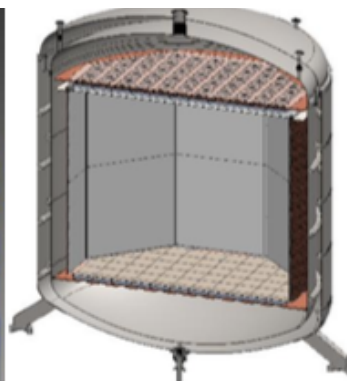
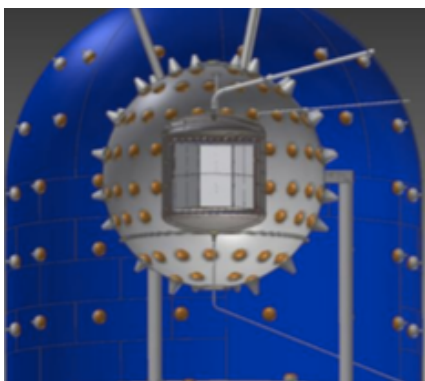
Running:

- DEAP-3600: see previous slides
- DarkSide-50:
- ArDM
- Mini-CLEAN

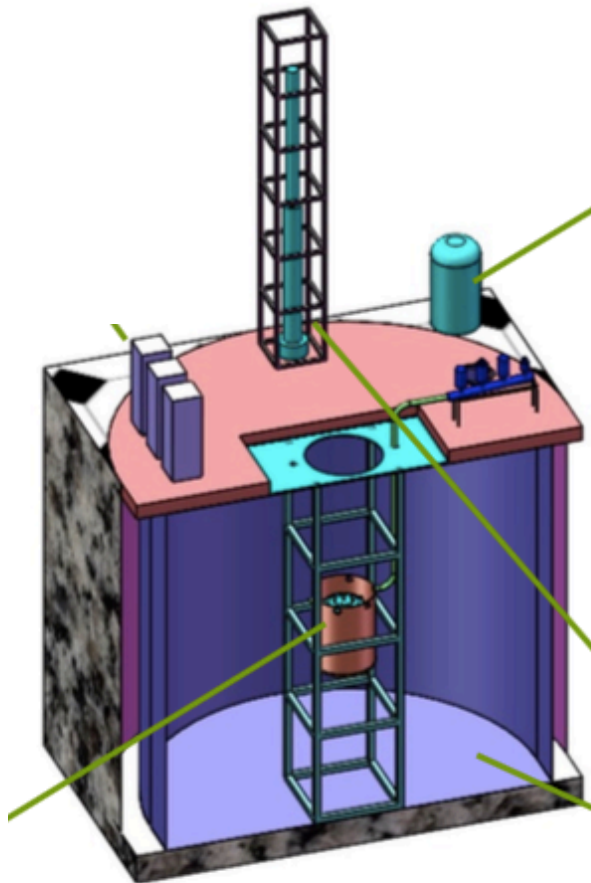
Plans: DarkSide-20k

20 t fiducial aiming at 100 t*yr
→ 10^{-47} cm^2 at 1 TeV/c²

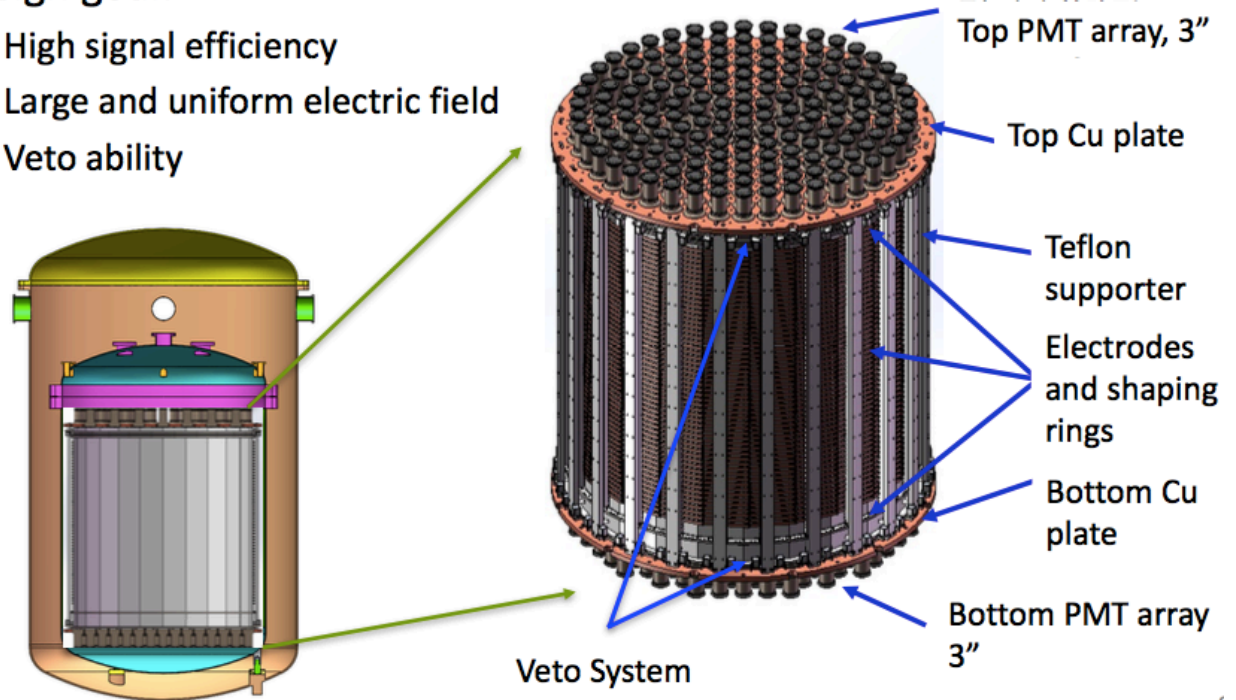
Next: Argo → 1kton*yr exposure



PandaX-4T at CJPL



- Drift region: $\Phi \sim 1.2\text{m}$, $H \sim 1.2\text{m}$
 - Xenon in sensitive region $\sim 4\text{ton}$
- Design goal:
 - High signal efficiency
 - Large and uniform electric field
 - Veto ability

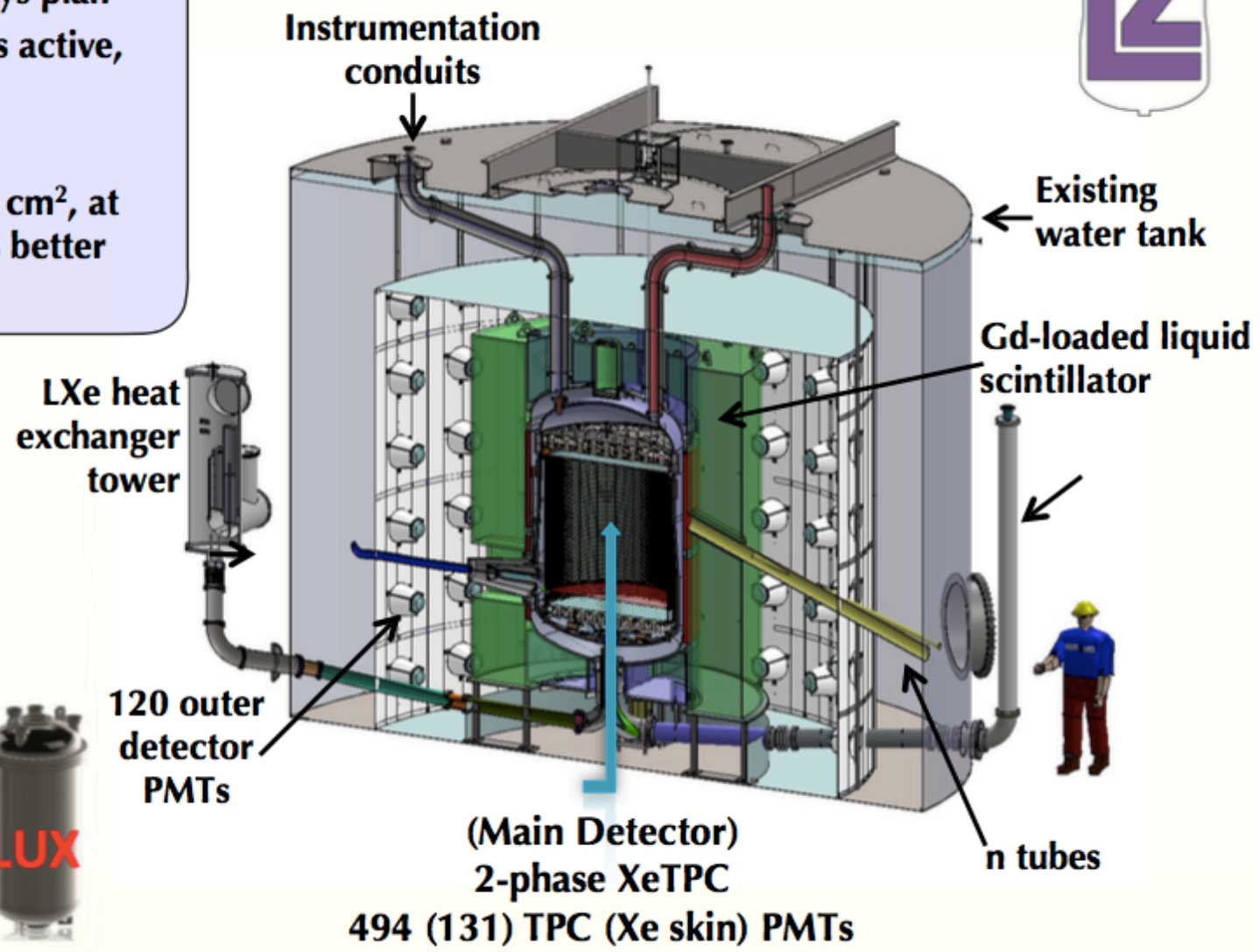


- 2017-2018: Produce all components and test
- 2019-2020: On-site assembling and commissioning
- 2021-2022: Data-taking
- eventual goal: $\sim 30\text{ t}$ at CJPL to reach neutrino floor sensitivity

LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ)

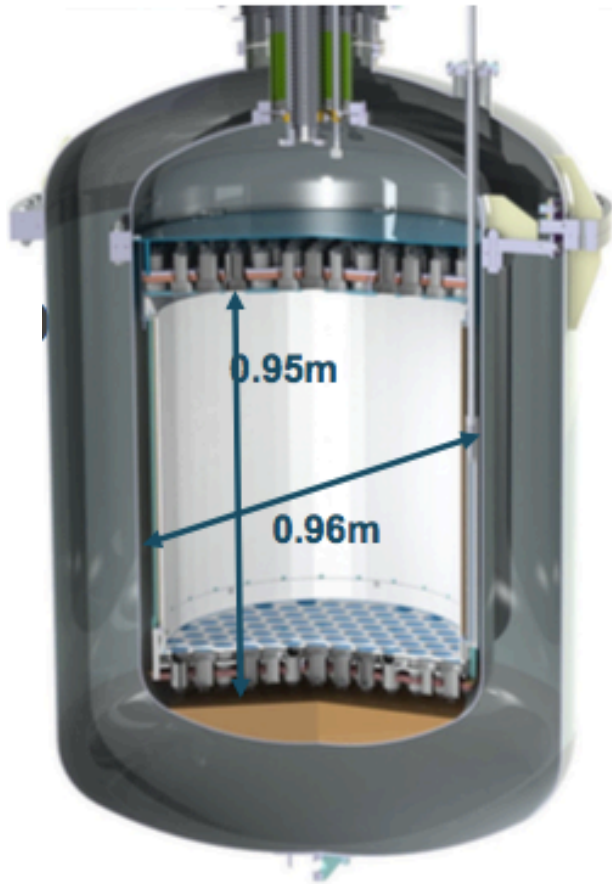


- Turning on by 2019 with 1,000 initial live-days plan
- 10 tons total, 7 tons active, ~5.6 ton fiducial
- Unique triple veto
- GOALS: $< 2 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$, at 40 GeV ~100 times better than LUX



The XENONnT Upgrade

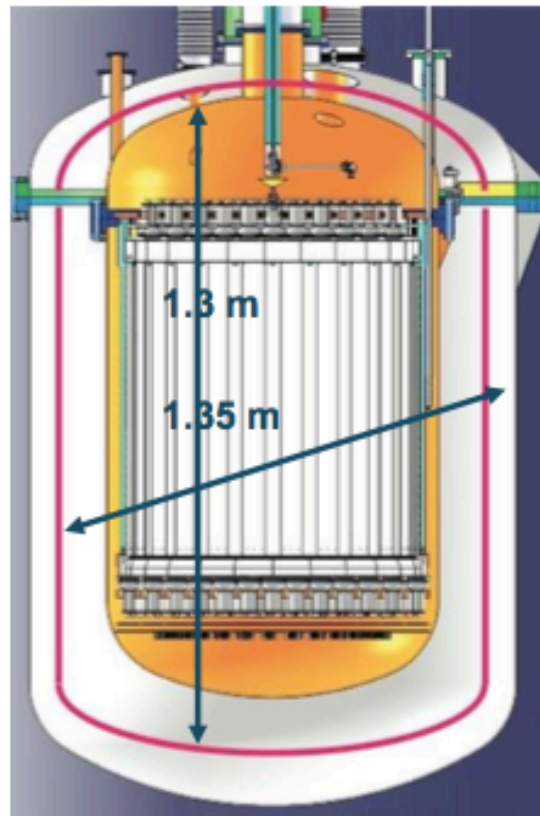
XENON1T



2013-2018

**3.2 t LXe
running**

XENONnT



2018-2020

**ca. 8t LXe
design & preparations**

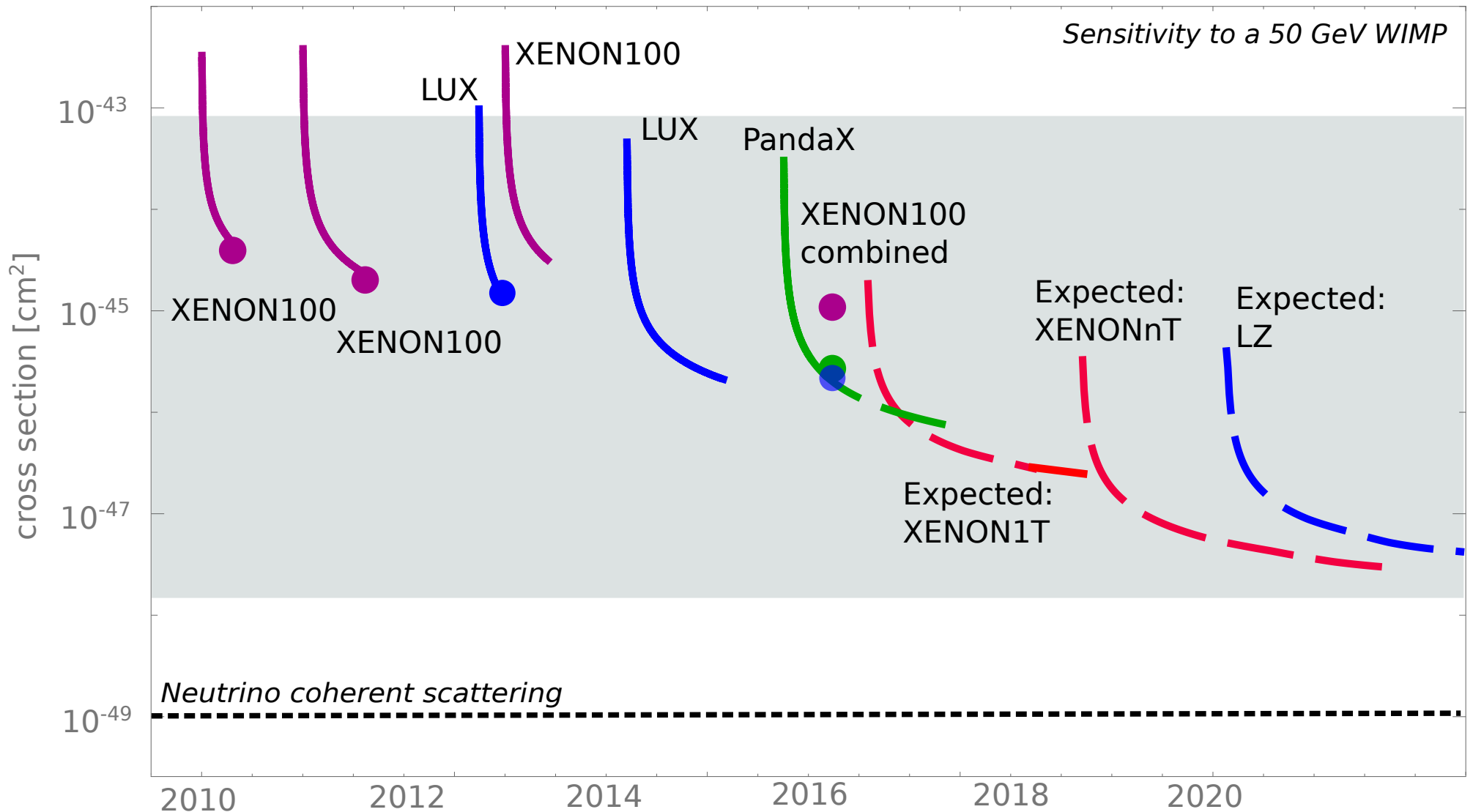
Already existing/operational:

- Muon Veto
- Cryostat Support
- Outer Cryostat
- in-LXe Cabling
- LXe storage system
- Cryogenic system
- Purification system
- Kr removal
- DAQ
- 95% of Electronics
- Calibration System
- 260 PMTs
- **>8t of LXe**
(was 4.5t one year ago!)
- Screening facilities
- dedicated nT funding

Already started:

- 230 new PMTs ordered
- TPC/Cryostat design
- first material orders
- Screening campaign
- Neutron veto studies
- 2nd storage vessel ordered
- Rn reduction system design
- purification improvements
- etc.

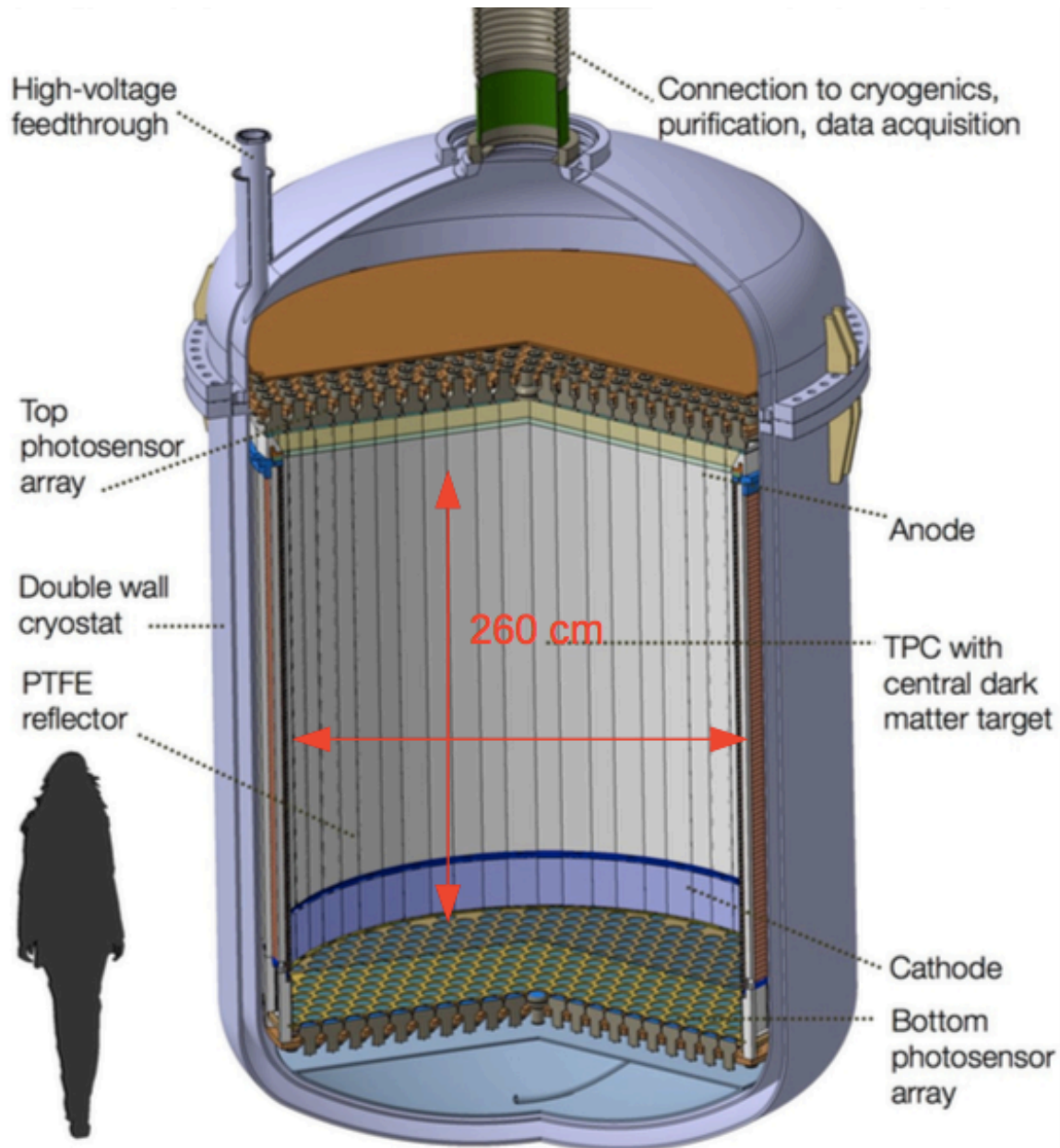
Direct WIMP Search Timeline (Xe)



Generic WIMP parameter space will be covered in the next years

Systematically lowering the x-section (symmetry, tuning,...)? \leftrightarrow WIMP miracle?

DARWIN: The ultimate WIMP Detector



- aim at **sensitivity of a few 10^{-49} cm²**, limited by **irreducible ν -backgrounds**
- international consortium, 21 groups
→ R&D ongoing

Baseline scenario

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

- depends on outcome until then
- timeline ~ from ca. 2022 (after XENONnT)
- includes other physics:
 - neutrinos (ν floor)
 - $0\nu\beta\beta$ – ^{136}Xe in LXe ~ 4 t

Summary

- **There is clear evidence for DM in the Universe**
Direct detection of Dark Matter is the crucial test to prove that the Universe is full of new particles
- **Different options/candidates:**
 - WIMPs seem best motivated
 - Excellent opportunity to find or exclude WIMPs in the next years in the natural parameter space
 - Axions, sterile neutrinos and ... other candidates
 - **Interplay of indirect & direct detection & LHC**
 - **Exciting perspectives for the next few years!**