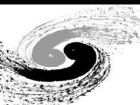
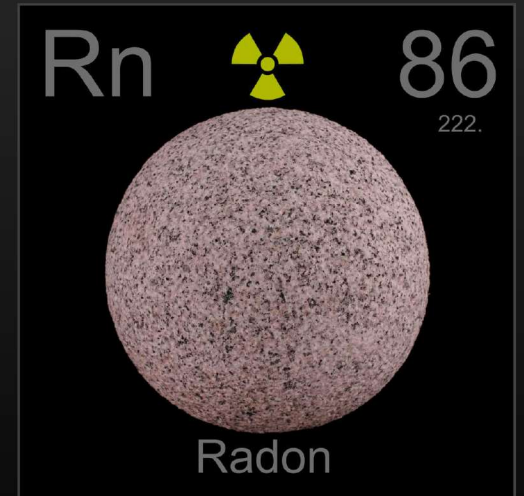
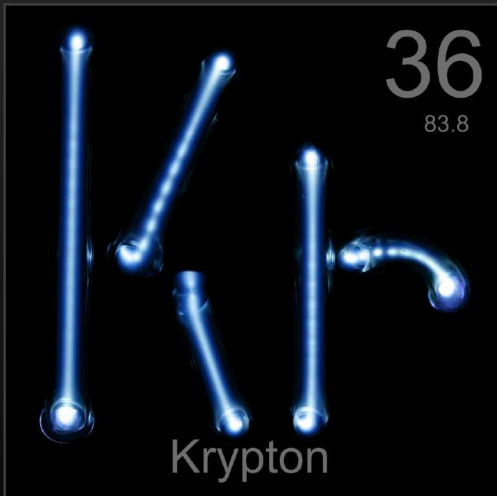
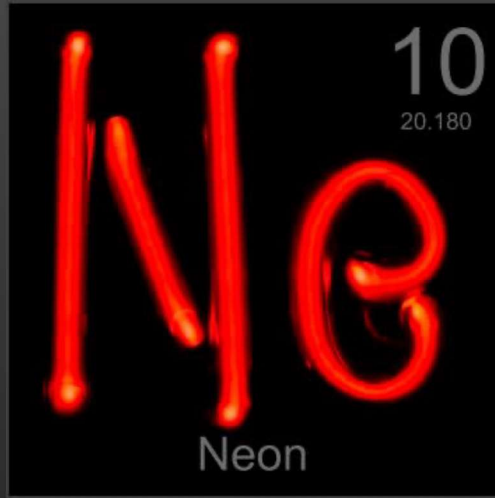


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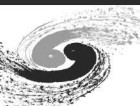
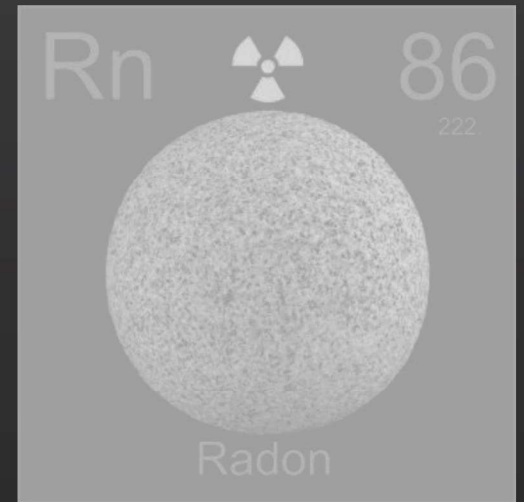
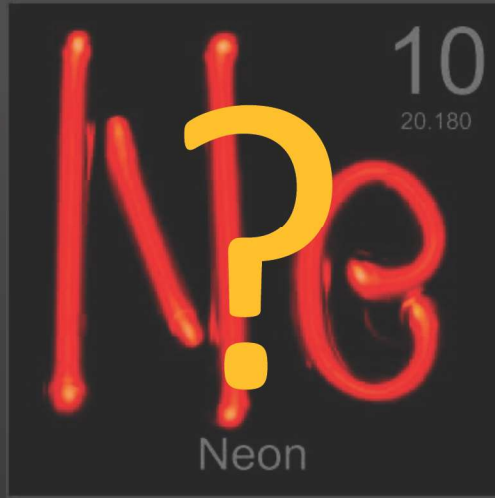
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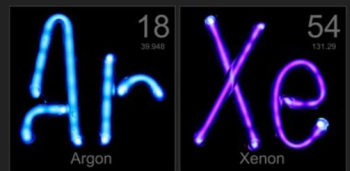
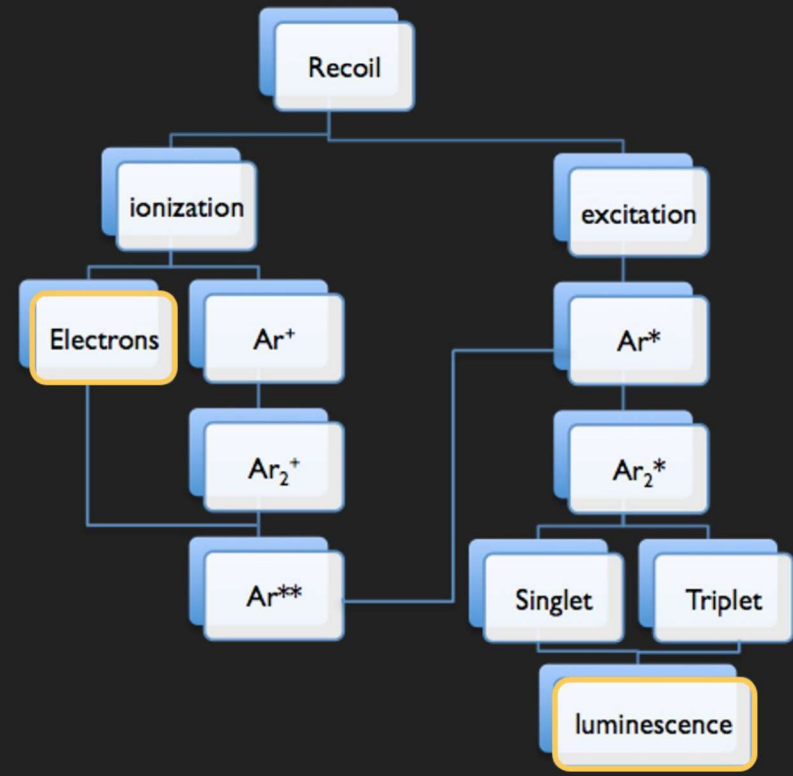
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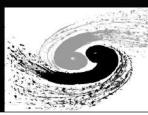


- ▶ high density and large stopping power
  - ▶ Massive and self-shielding detectors
- ▶ both scintillation/ionization with high yields
  - ▶ Calorimetry, excellent energy resolution
  - ▶ Particle identification
  - ▶ Precise timing
- ▶ do not attach electrons, can be purified in-situ
  - ▶ Tracking, 3D reconstruction, low-background
- ▶ inert, non flammable, very good dielectrics
- ▶ can be obtained commercially



Properties	Argon	Xenon
Boiling Point $T_b$ at 1 atm [K]	87.3	165.0
Liquid density at $T_b$ [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	1.40	2.94
Dielectric constant of liquid	1.51	1.95
Scintillation wavelength	128 nm	178 nm
Time constant	6 ns, 1.5 $\mu$ s	3 ns, 27ns
Scintillation yield [ $\gamma$ /MeV]	40000	46000
Ionization yield [e/MeV]	42000	64000
Volume fraction in Earth's atmosphere [ppm]	9340	0.09

## Large homogenous detectors for rare events



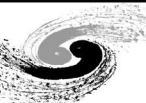
# What can we do with noble liquid?

- Neutrino physics:
  - ICARUS (Ar), MicroBoone (Ar), SBND (Ar), **DUNE (Ar)**...
- Dark matter searches:
  - **DarkSide (Ar)**, XENON (Xe), PandaX (Xe), LZ (Xe)...
- Rare decays ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ ):
  - nEXO (Xe)...

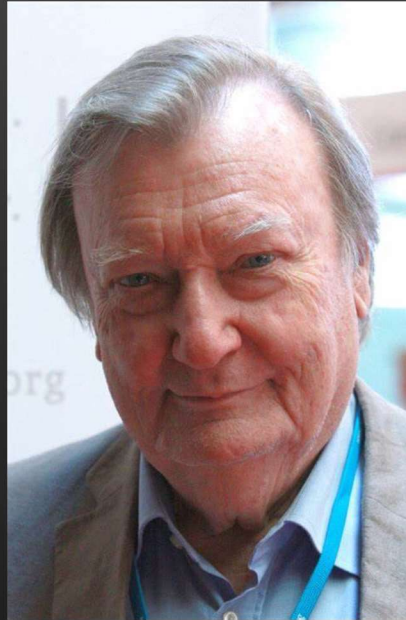




# Neutrinos with Argon



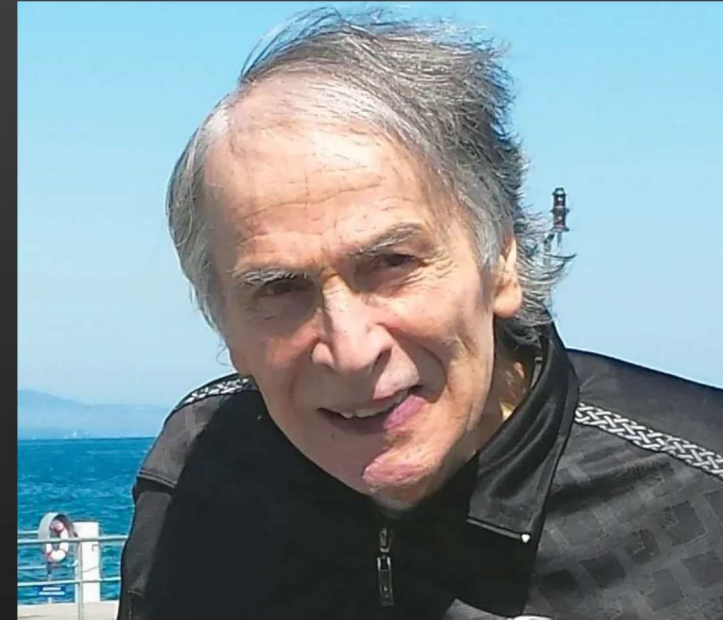
# Argon for neutrino physics



Carlo Rubbia  
(1934~ )



David B. Cline  
(1933~2015)



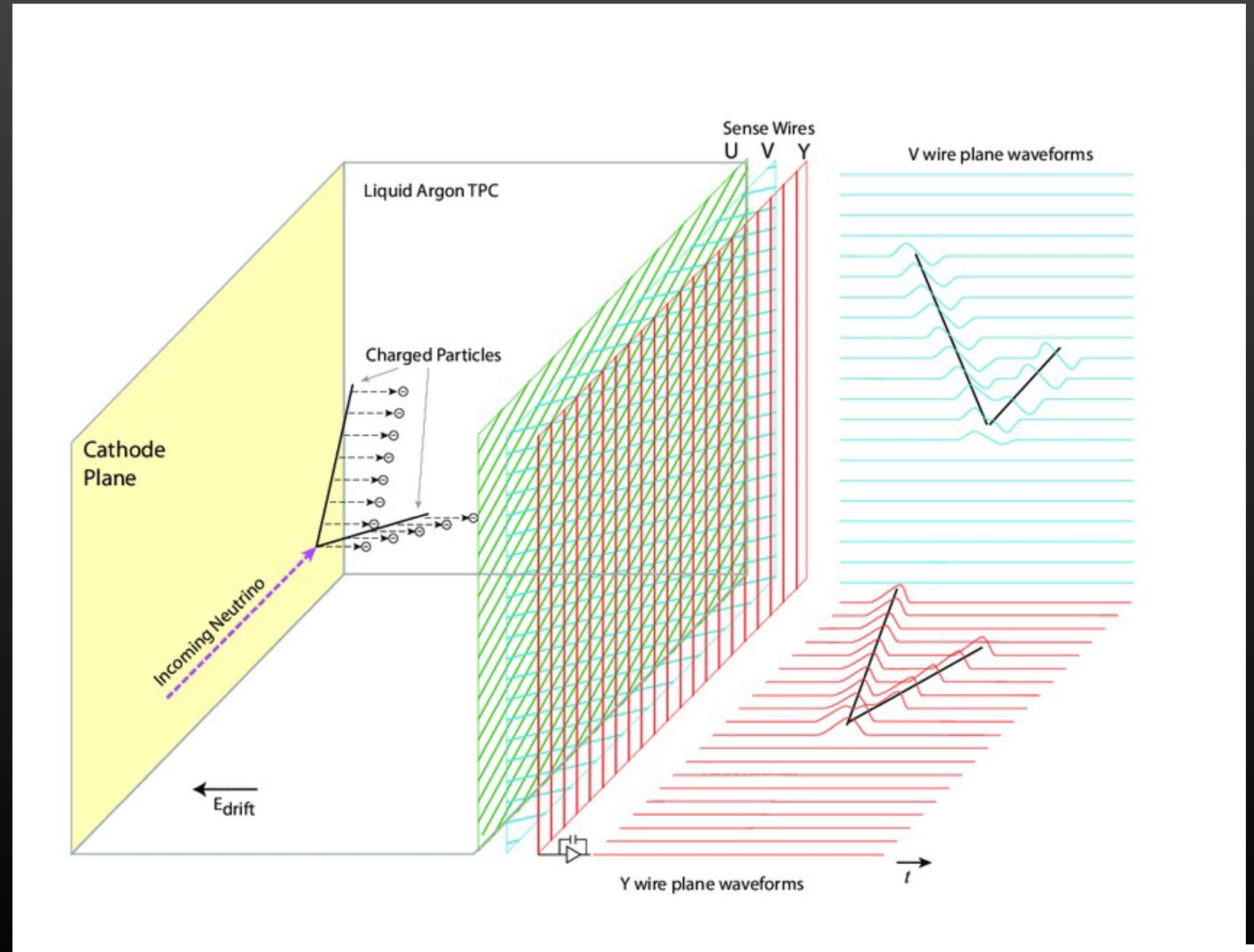
Pio Picchi  
(1942~2019)

Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LArTPC) technology was proposed.  
ICARUS (Imaging Cosmic And Rare Underground Signals) was proposed in 1977.



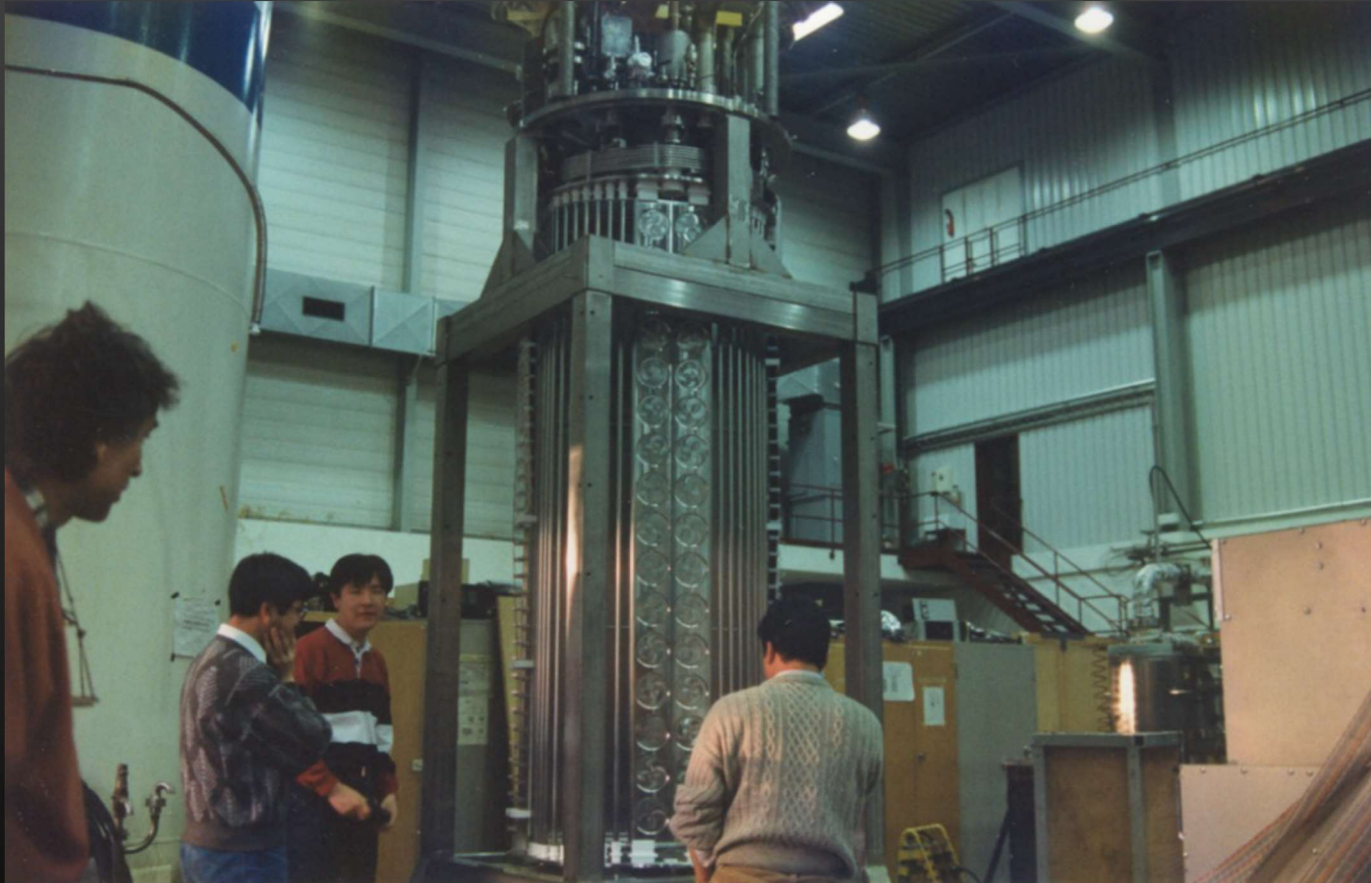
# LArTPC: how does it work?

- Cathode – High Voltage
- Anode – multi parallel wires
- 3D imaging for tracks
- Good calorimetry
  
- R&D over 3 decades  
->from a few ton to kton





# ICARUS-3T



1980s~1990s at CERN



2018 at CERN



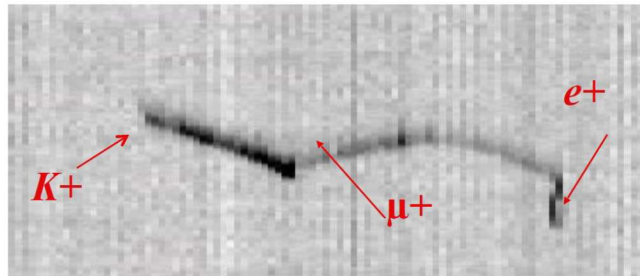
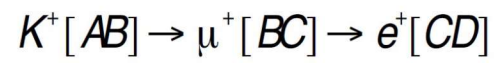


# ICARUS-T600

@LNGS in Italy



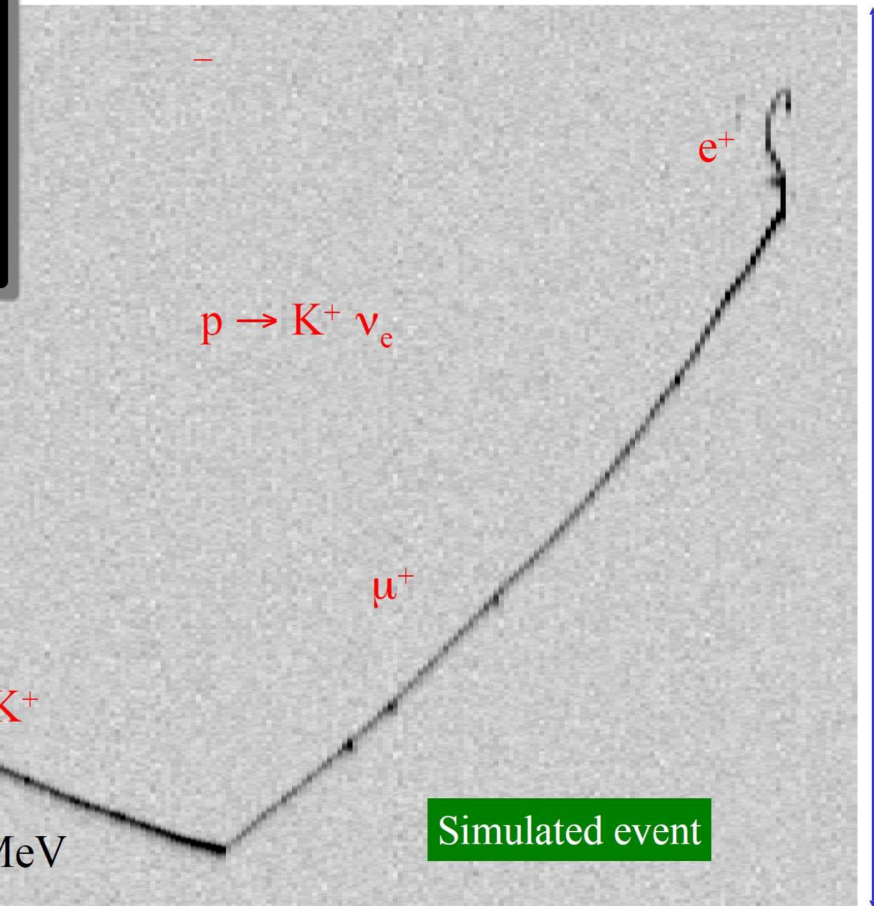
Taking data with CNGS  
from 2010~2013



Real event in T600

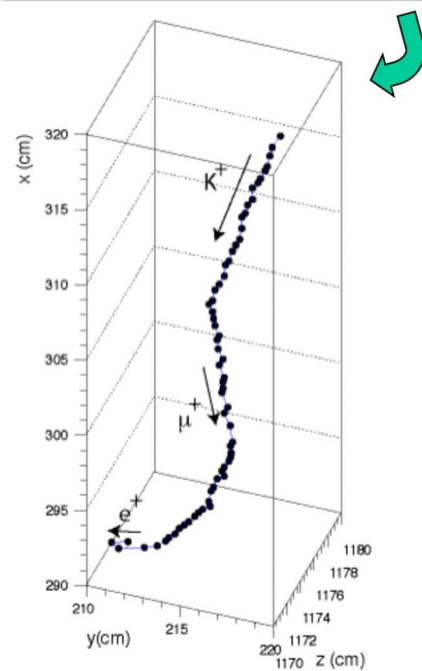
*Proton decay*

65 cm



$p=425 \text{ MeV}$

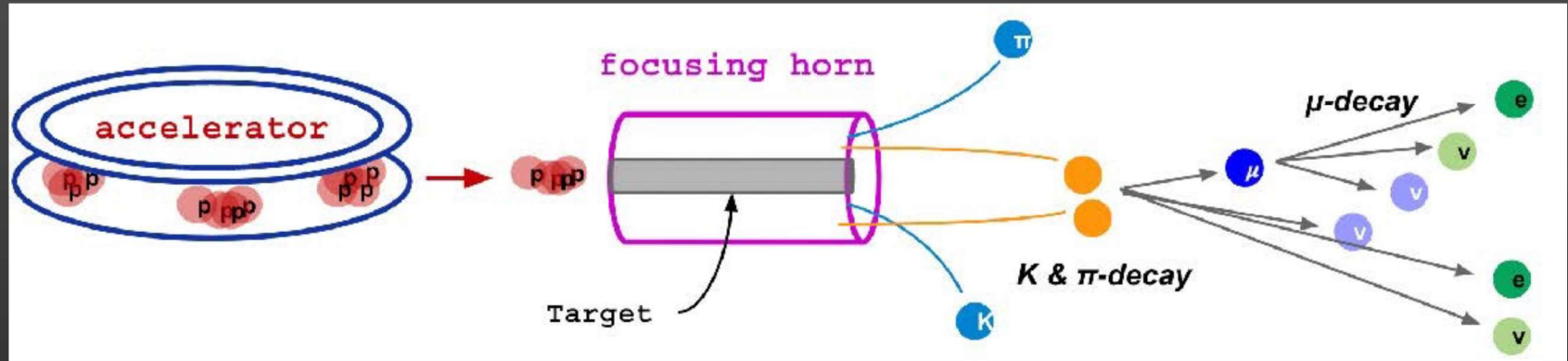
Simulated event



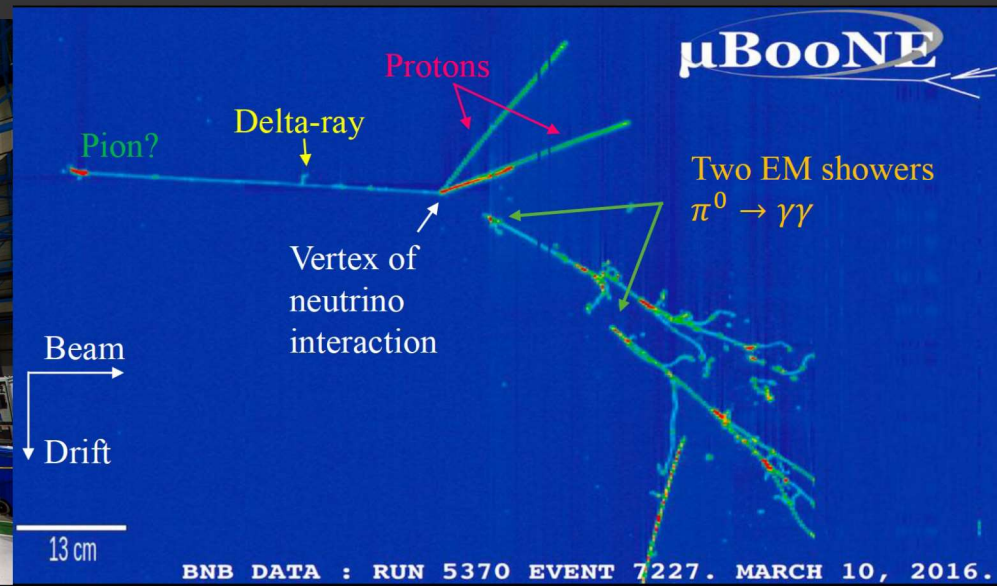
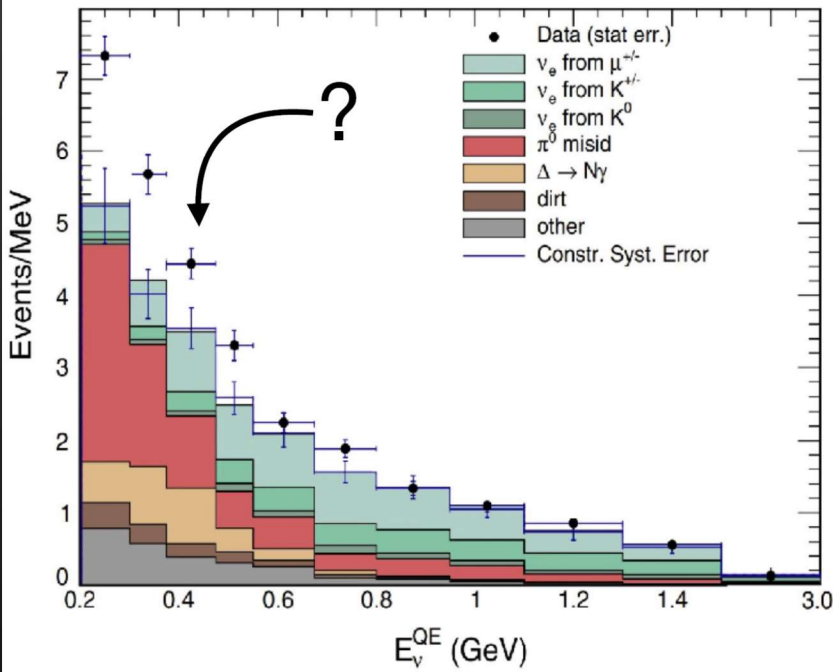


# MicroBooNE

@FNAL 2015~2021



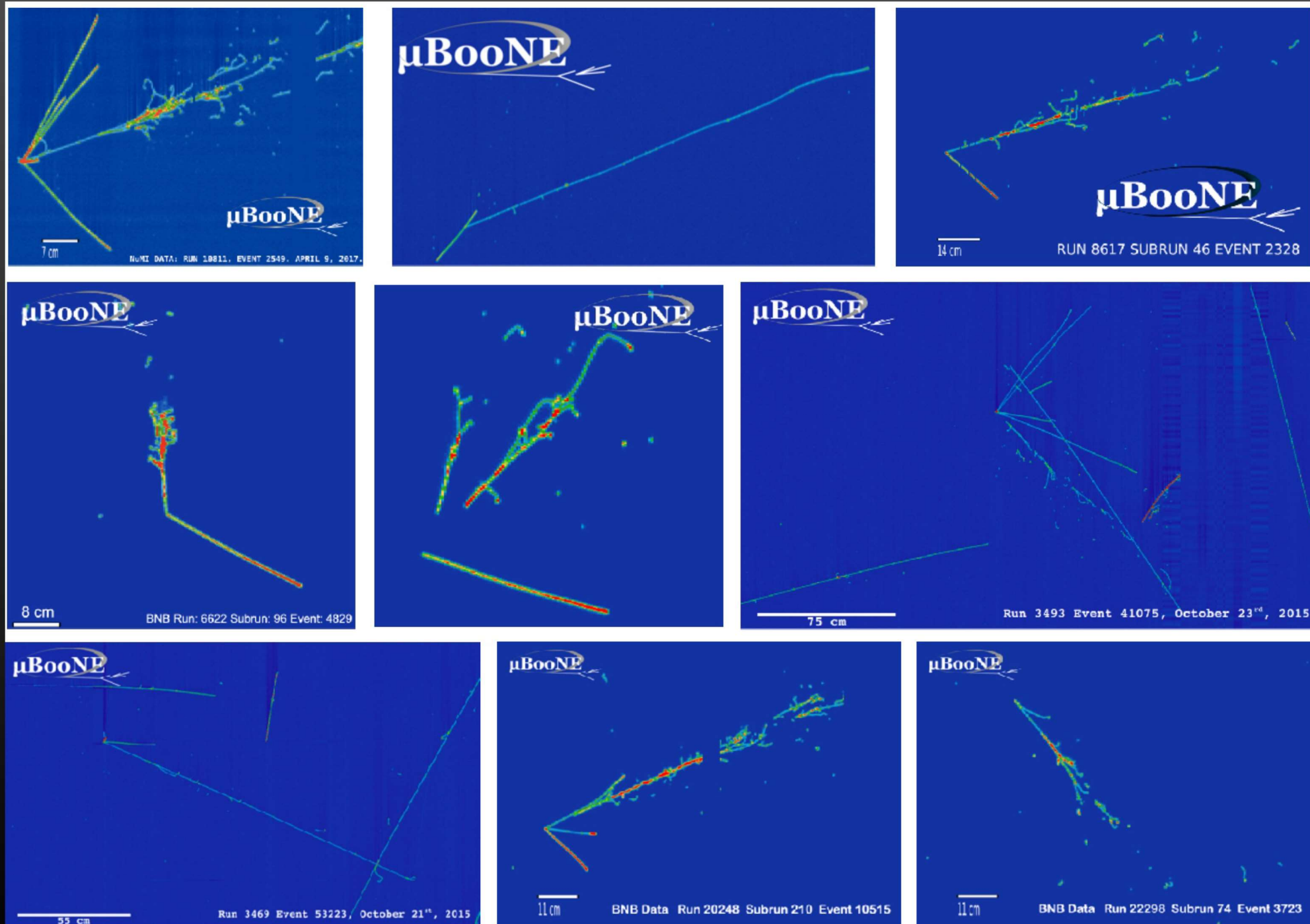
Phys. Rev. D 103, 052002 MiniBooNE Collab.



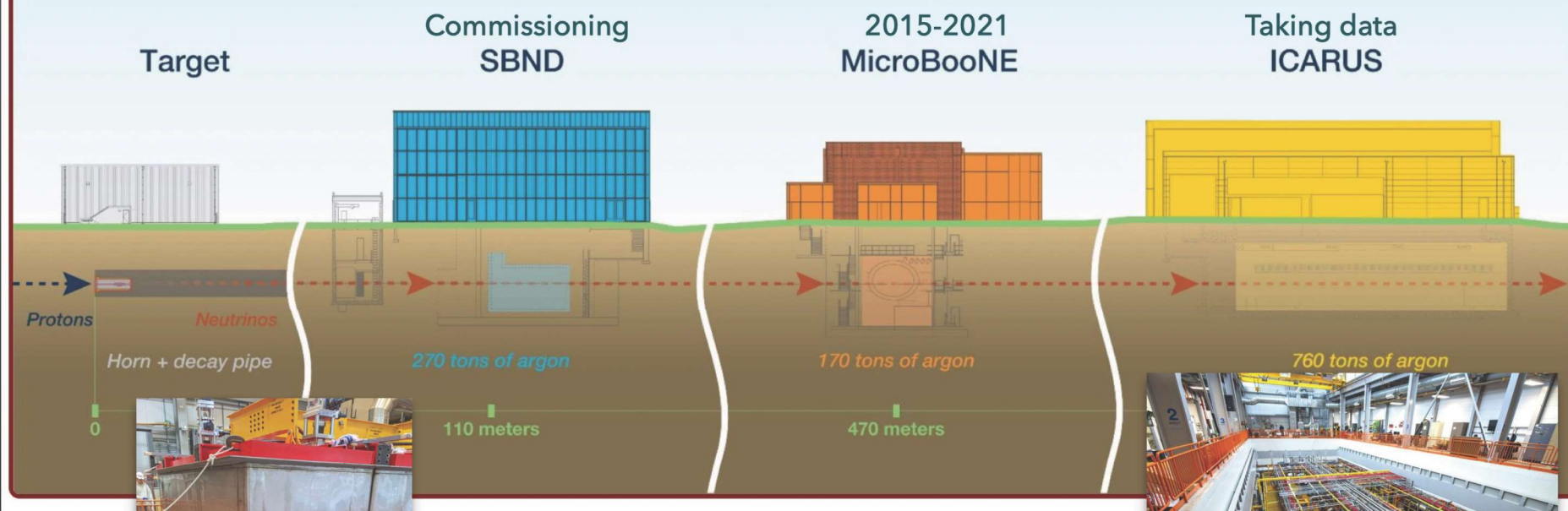
To understand the source of the MiniBooNE excess;  
Cherenkov detector is not capable to distinguish an electron from a photon converting near the vertex.



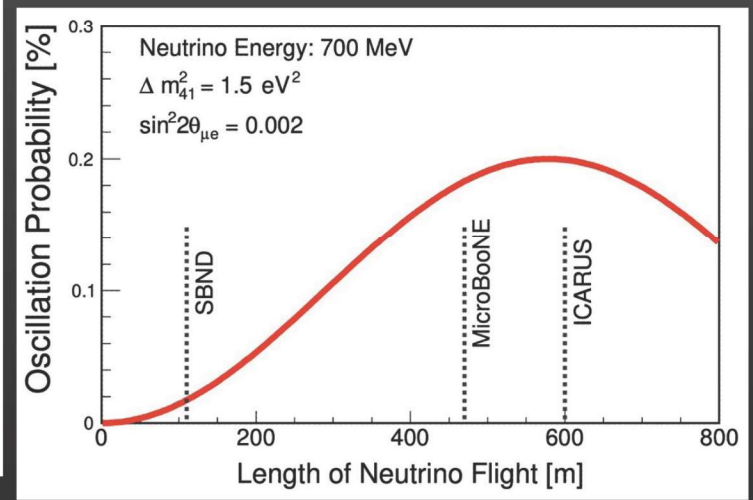




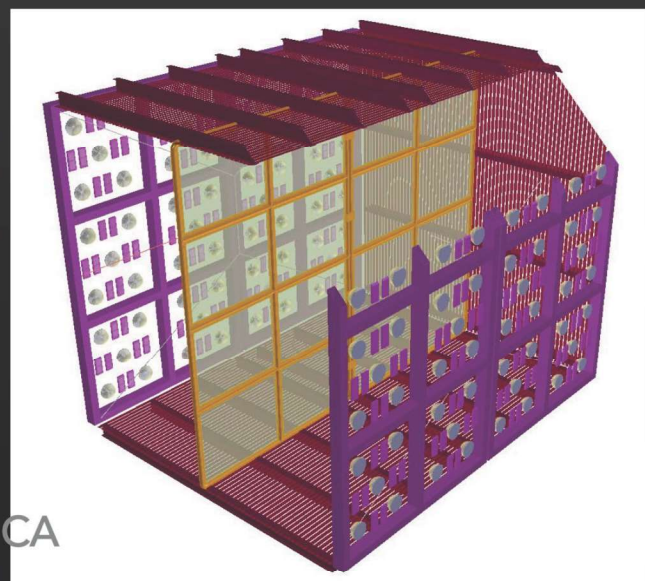
# Short-Baseline Neutrino Program at Fermilab



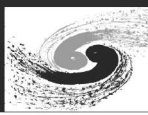
- ▶ Booster Neutrino Beam  
 $\nu_\mu$  (93.6%),  $\nu_\mu$  (5.9%),  $\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$  (0.5%)
- ▶ Sterile neutrino searches, BSM searches, cross-section measurements



**SBND**  
 270 ton - 5 x 4 x 4 m  
 2 TPC 2 m drift  
 Wire readout  
 PDS: 120 PMTs, 192 X-ARAPUCA



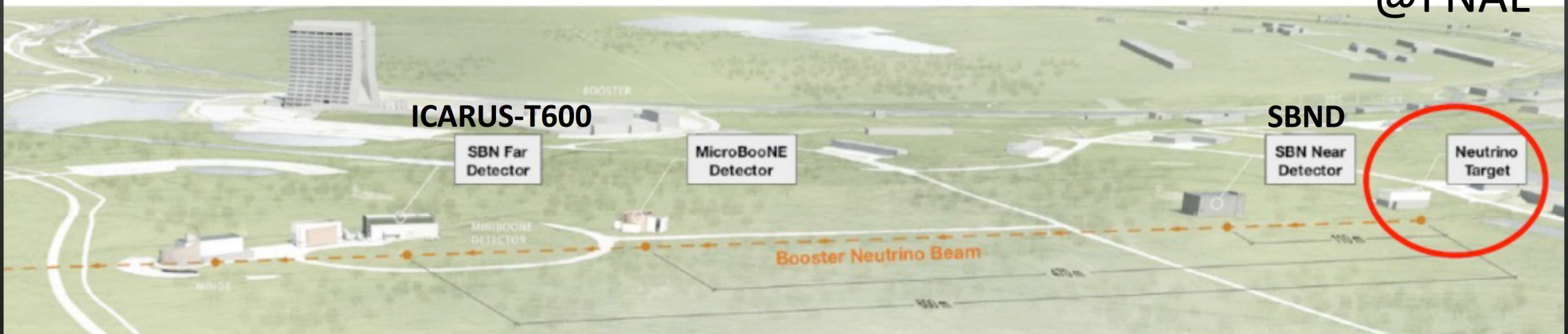
**ICARUS**  
 760 ton - 2 x (19.6 x 3.6 x 3.9 m)  
 4 TPC 1.5 m drift  
 Wire readout  
 PDS: 360 PMTs





# The SBN program: Booster beam

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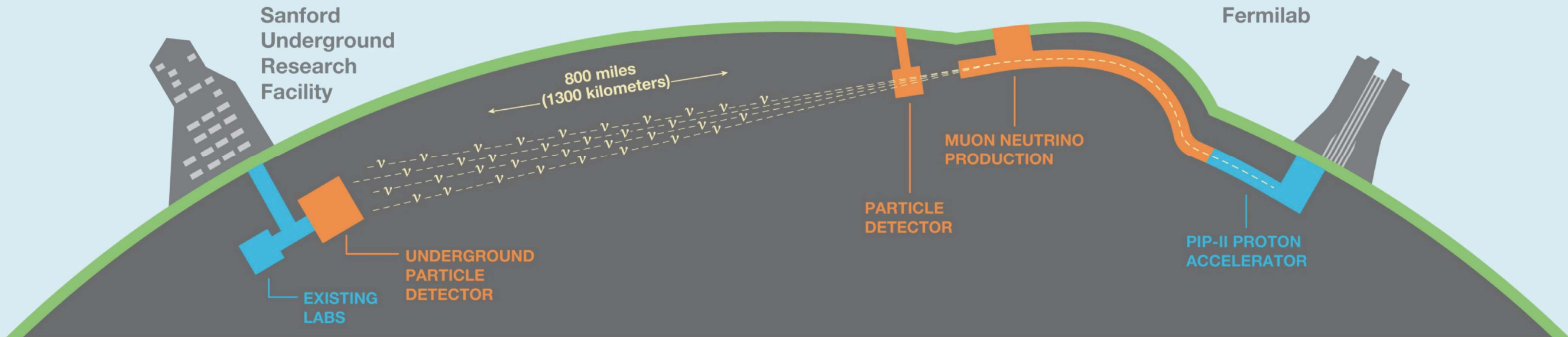
- Search for neutrino oscillations at  $O(\Delta m^2) \sim 0.1-10 \text{ eV}^2$
- Measure  $\nu$ -Ar interactions
- Search for physics beyond the Standard Model

-> DUNE





# Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment



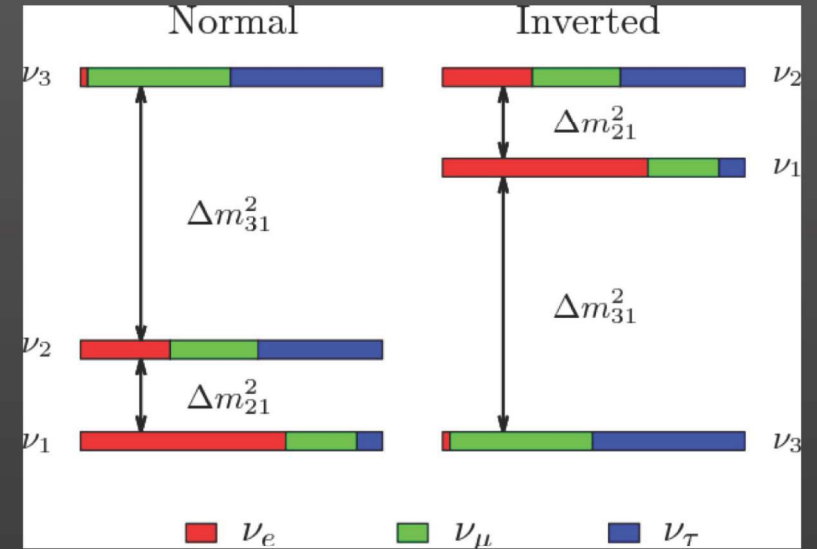
- ▶ New broad-band (mostly in 0.5-5 GeV) neutrino beam at **Fermilab** (1.2 MW, upgradeable to 2.4 MW), 1300 km baseline
- ▶ Phase I: 2×17 kton LArTPC Far Detector (FD) modules at **Sanford Underground Research Facility**, South Dakota, 1.5 km underground; 2 additional modules in Phase II
- ▶ Multiple technologies for the Near Detector (ND) at **Fermilab**, LAr target to control systematic uncertainties



# PRECISION $3\nu$ OSCILLATIONS: KNOWN & UNKNOWN

- ▶ The 3 known flavor states  $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$  are linear combinations of 3 states  $\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3$  with definite masses  $m_i$  through a unitary matrix  $U_{\alpha i}$ , also called the Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (PMNS) matrix
- ▶ We know the two mass squared differences and three mixing angles from neutrino oscillations
- ▶ We don't know the sign of  $\Delta m_{31}^2$  (hierarchy) and the size of the Dirac phase  $\delta_{CP}$
- ▶ We also don't know the absolute neutrino mass or if neutrino is its own anti-particle
- ▶ Finally we don't know if our 3-flavor picture of oscillations is complete

PMNS Matrix



$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{-i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e, (\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)} \approx 4 \sin^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2 \Delta}{(1-A)^2} + \alpha^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^2 \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^2 A\Delta}{A^2} + 8 \alpha J_{CP}^{\max} \cos(\Delta \pm \delta_{CP}) \frac{\sin \Delta A}{A} \frac{\sin \Delta(1-A)}{1-A}$$

$$J_{CP}^{\max} = \cos \theta_{12} \sin \theta_{12} \cos \theta_{23} \sin \theta_{23} \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin \theta_{13}$$

$$\Delta \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \quad A \equiv \frac{2E_\nu V}{\Delta m_{31}^2} \quad \alpha \equiv \Delta m_{21}^2 / \Delta m_{31}^2 \quad V_C = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e$$

$3\nu$  knowns:  $\Delta m_{21}^2, |\Delta m_{31}^2|, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{12}$

$3\nu$  unknowns:  $\delta, \text{sign}(\Delta m_{31}^2), \text{sign}(\theta_{23} - \pi/4), \min(m_i), \text{Dirac/Majorana nature}$

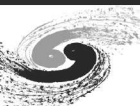
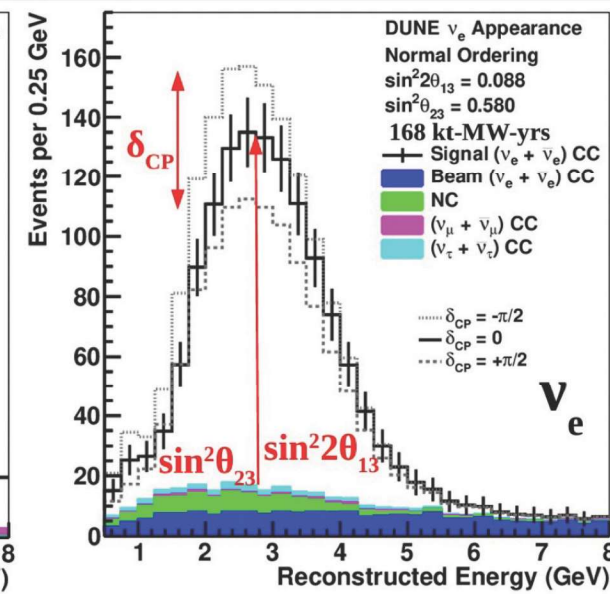
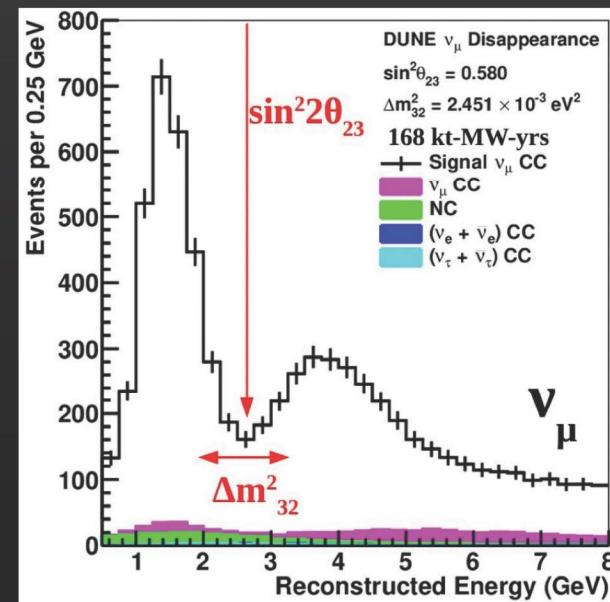
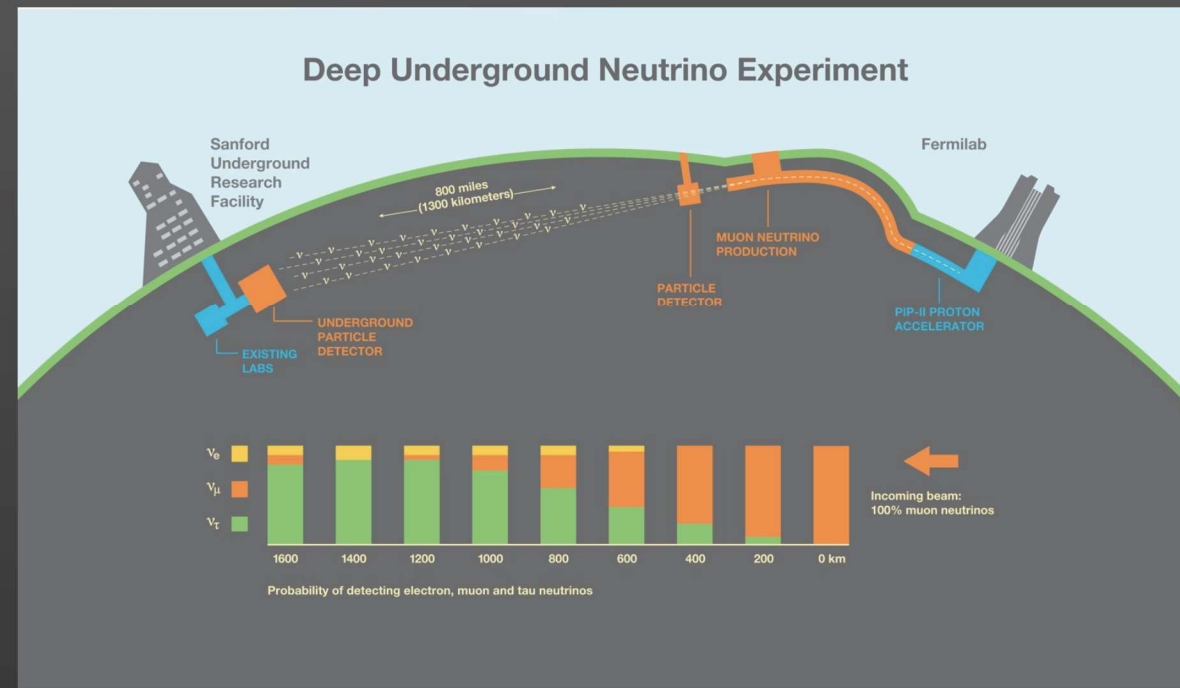
CP is conserved for  $\delta = 0$  or  $\pi$

CP violation is max for  $\delta = \pi/2$  or  $3\pi/2$



# NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS IN DUNE

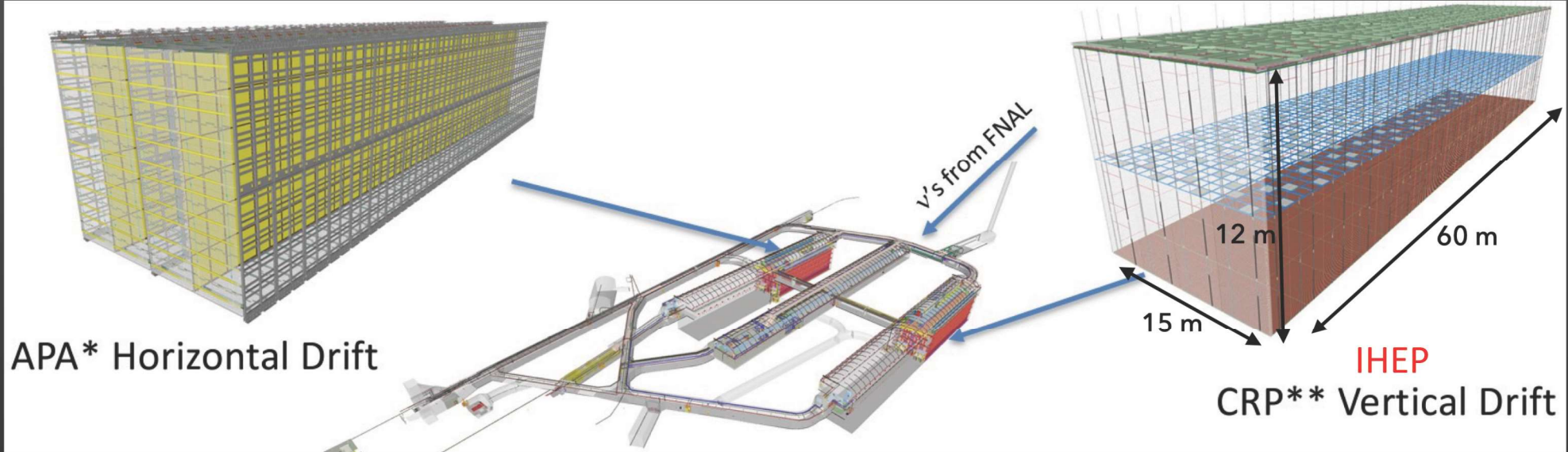
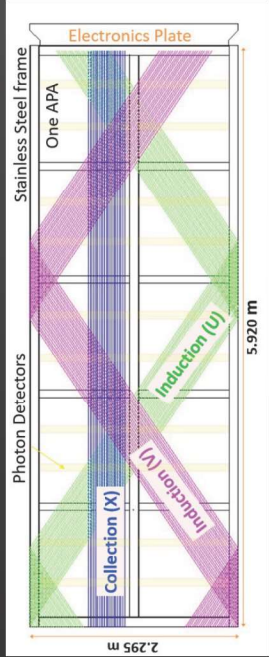
- ▶ **Near Detector** : measurements of  $\nu_\mu$  un-oscillated beam
- ▶ **Far Detector**: measurements of oscillated  $\nu_\mu$  &  $\nu_e$  spectra
- ▶ **THEN** repeat for antineutrinos - and compare oscillations of neutrinos and antineutrinos
- ▶  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance:  $|\Delta m_{32}^2|, \theta_{23}$
- ▶  $\nu_e$  appearance: octant of  $\theta_{23}, \delta_{CP}$ , mass ordering





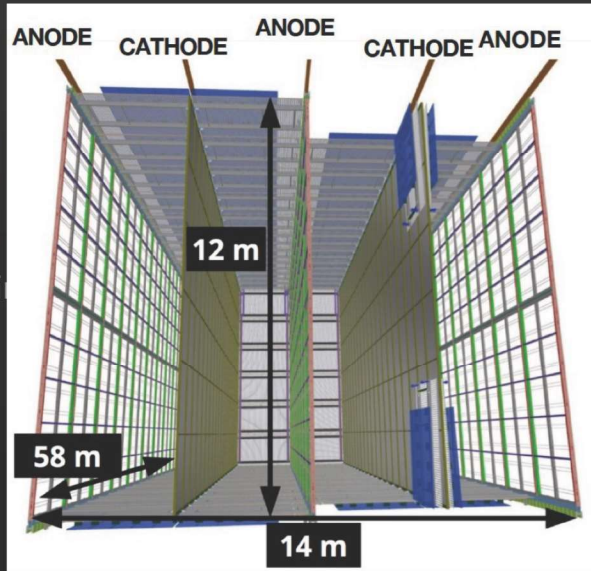
# DUNE FAR DETECTORS (PHASE I)

2 x 17 kton single phase LArTPCs



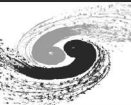
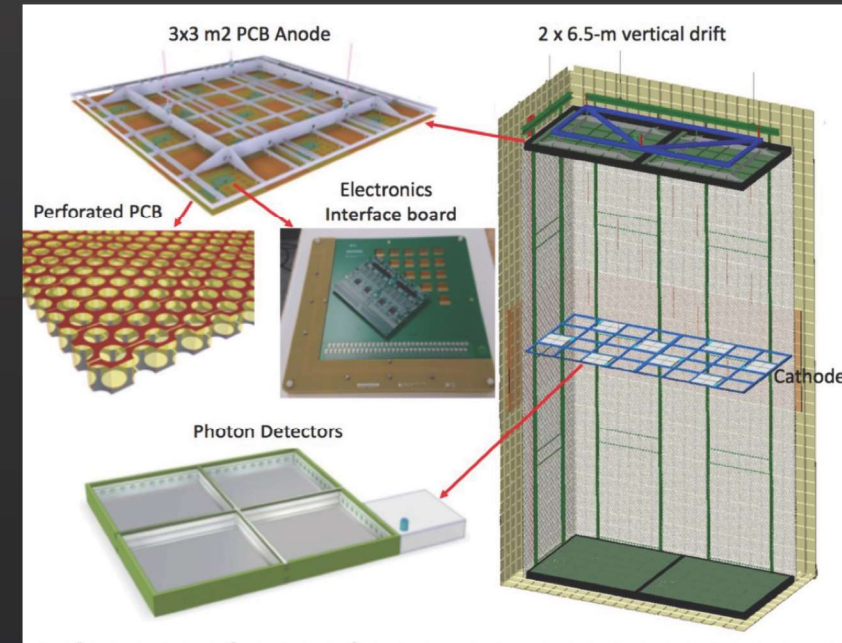
## FD1-HD

- 4 TPC 3.6 m horizontal drift
- HV = -180 kV **IHEP**
- High-resistivity CPA for fast discharge prevention
- Anode: 150 APAs, each with 4 wire planes (Grid, 2x Induction, Collection)
- Photon Detectors: X-ARAPUCA modules embedded in APA



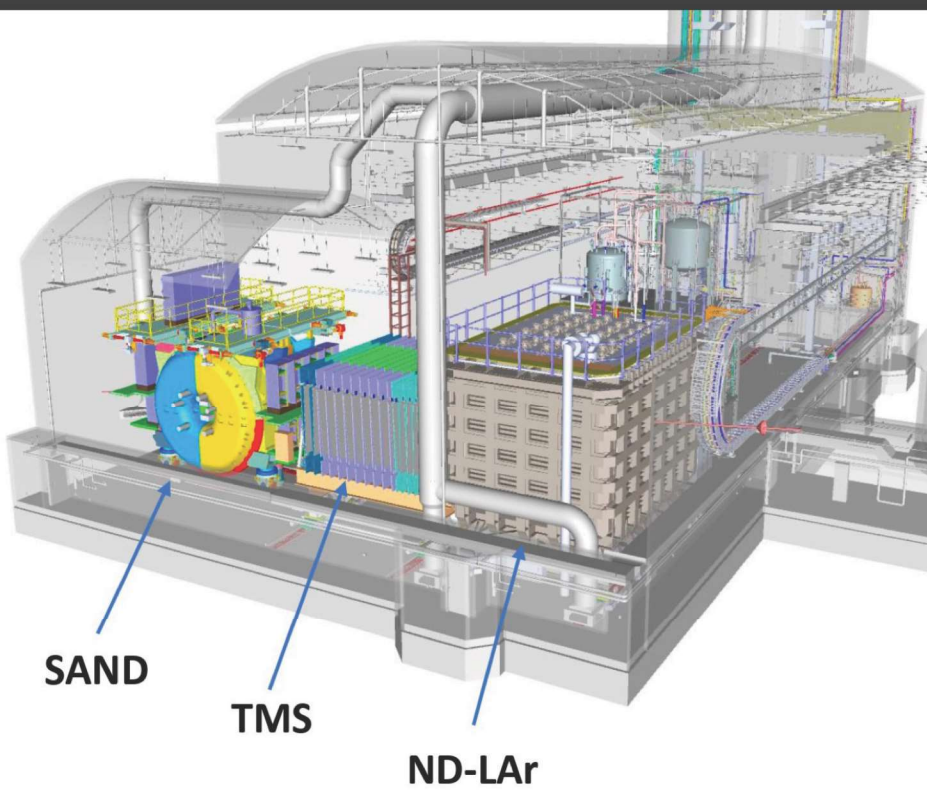
## FD2-VD

- 2 TPC 6.5 m vertical drift
- HV = -300 kV **IHEP**
- Anode: 2 CRPs (top & bottom)
- Charge Readout via perforated PCB anode, fully immersed in LAr
- Doping w/ O(10 ppm) xenon for greater light collection uniformity
- Photon Detectors: X-ARAPUCA megacell modules integrated on cathode and on cryostat walls



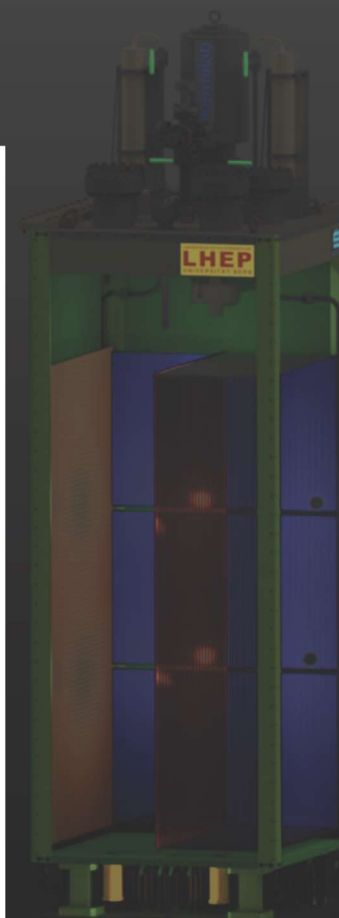
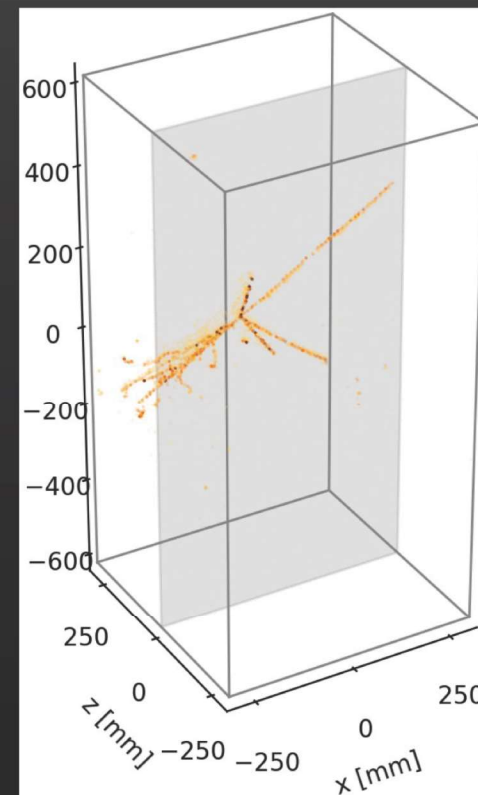
# DUNE NEAR DETECTOR COMPLEX (PHASE I)

- ▶ Measures the neutrino beam rate and spectrum to predict un-oscillated event rates in the far detector
- ▶ Constrains systematic uncertainties (flux, cross sections, detector response) for oscillation measurements
- ▶ Additional physics program



- ND-LAr: 67 ton 7×5 array of modular 1×1×3 m LArTPCs with 50 cm drift, pixel readout and high coverage light readout
- TMS: magnetized steel range stack for measuring muon momentum/sign from  $\nu_\mu$  CC interactions in ND-LAr
  - DUNE-PRISM: ND-LAr + TMS move up to 28.5m off-axis
- SAND: on-axis magnetized neutrino detector with 1 ton LAr target (GRAIN), tracking (STT), and calorimeter (ECAL)

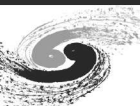
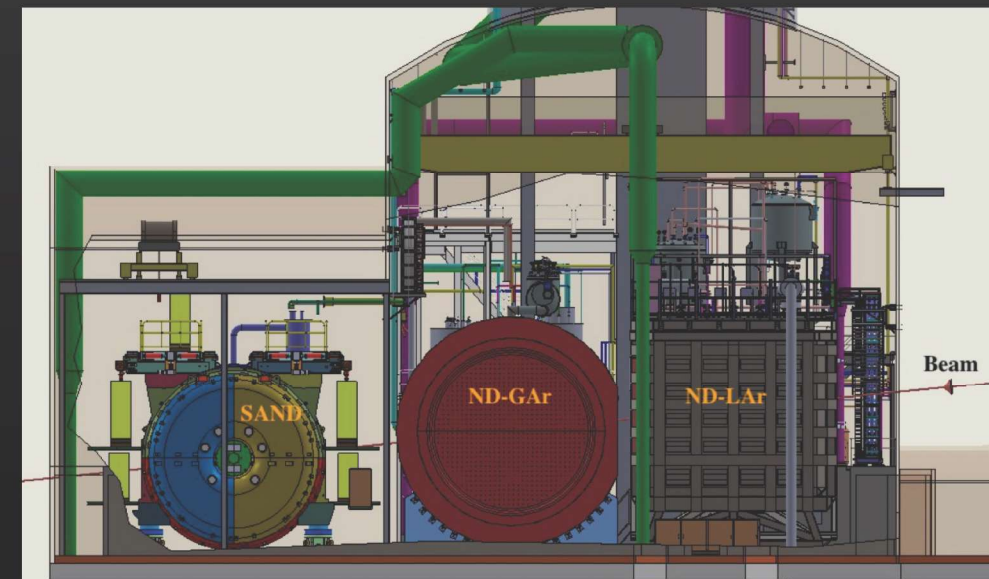
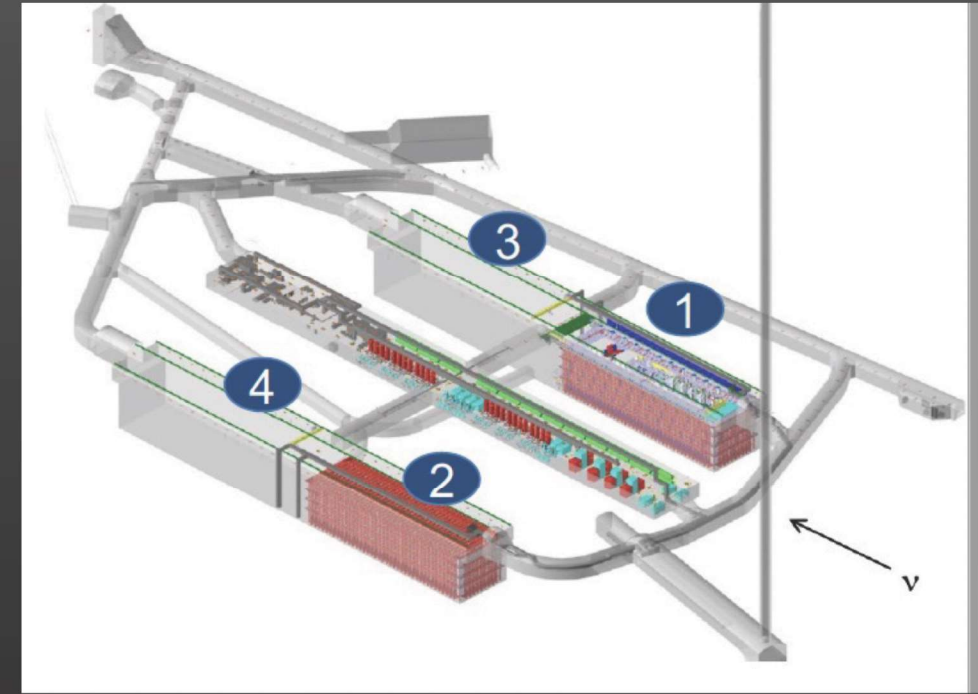
Raw 3D images of cosmic rays in ton-scale prototype





# DUNE PHASE II

- ▶ **Far Detector with 4 modules**
  - ▶ FD-3 SP LArTPC enhanced VD  $4\pi$  concept TBD (by 2027),
  - ▶ FD-4 : «module of opportunity»: decision by 2028
- ▶ **Beam power upgrade to 2.4 MW**
- ▶ **Near Detector: TMS replaced by ND-GAr**
  - ▶ ND-LAr
  - ▶ ND-GAr important for higher precision  $\nu$ -Ar measurements and when the statistics reach  $\sim 200$  kt-MW-yrs
  - ▶ SAND

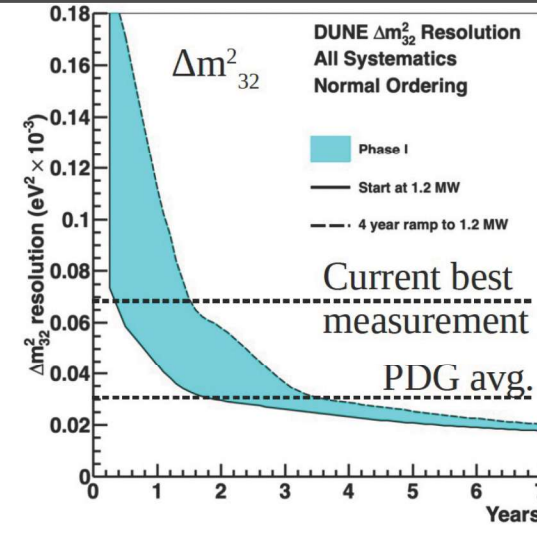
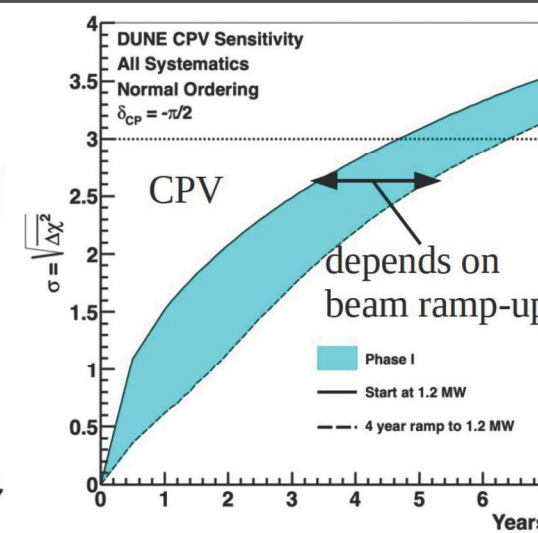
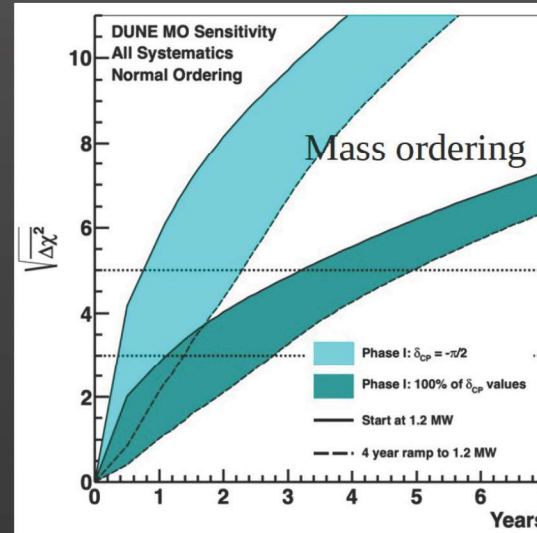




# DUNE SENSITIVITIES: PHASE I & PHASE II

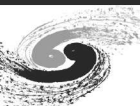
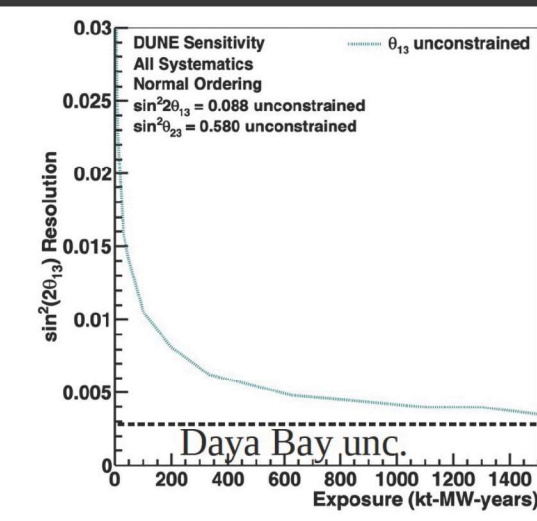
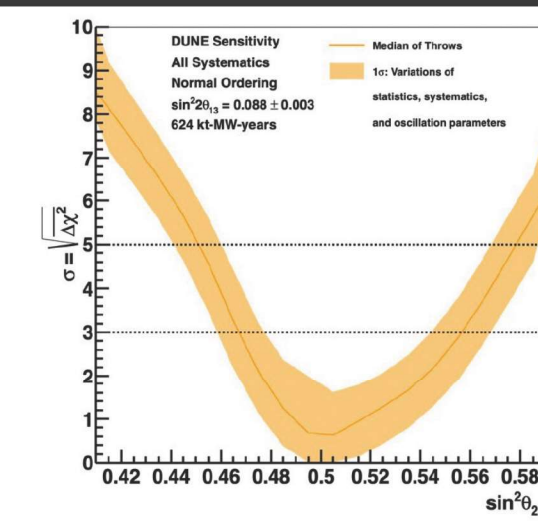
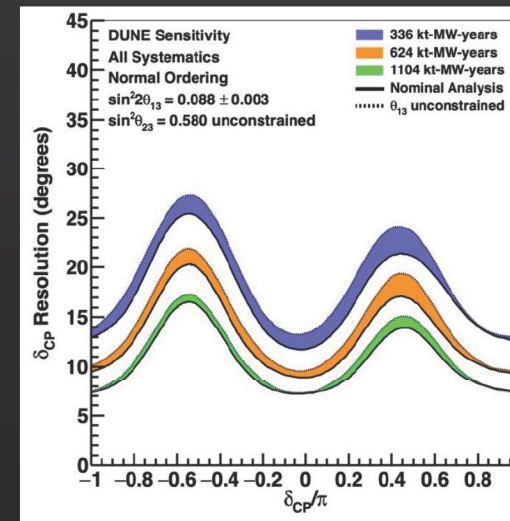
## DUNE Phase I:

- ▶ establish the **neutrino mass ordering** at the  $5\sigma$  level for 100% of  $\delta_{CP}$  values
- ▶ **CP violation (CPV)** with  $3\sigma$  significance after about 7 years if  $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$  and after about 10 years for 50% of  $\delta_{CP}$  values.
- ▶  $\Delta m_{32}^2$  can be measured with the resolution better than any other measurements after 2 years



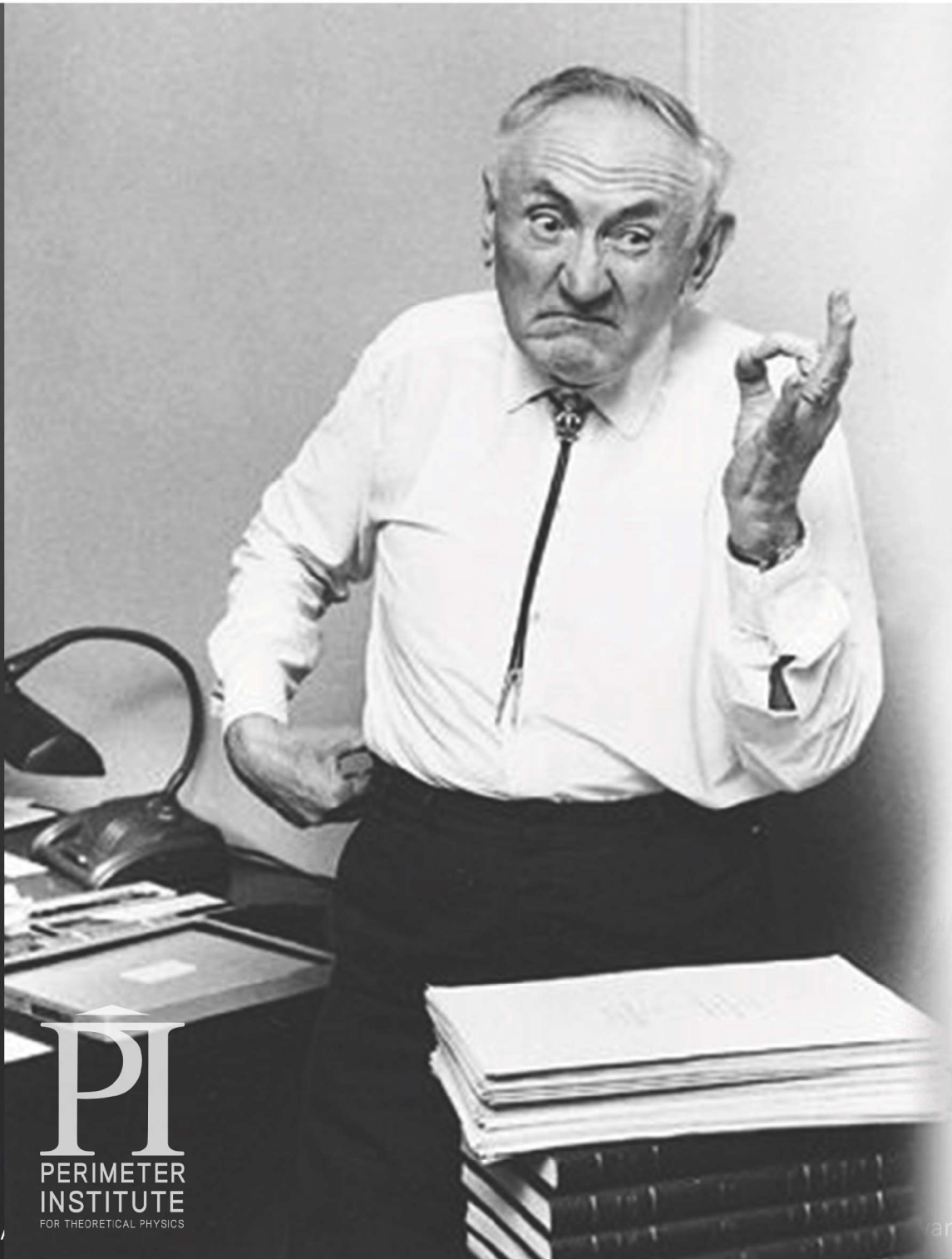
## DUNE Phase II:

- ▶ Measure  $\delta_{CP}$  to  $6-16^\circ \rightarrow >5\sigma$  CPV over  $>50\%$  of  $\delta_{CP}$  values
- ▶ Measure  $\theta_{23}$  and  $\Delta m_{32}^2 \rightarrow$  **resolve  $\theta_{23}$  octant** if non-maximal
- ▶ Measure  $\theta_{13}$  with precision comparable to reactors  $\rightarrow$  indirect **test of PMNS non-unitarity**



# Dark Matter with Argon



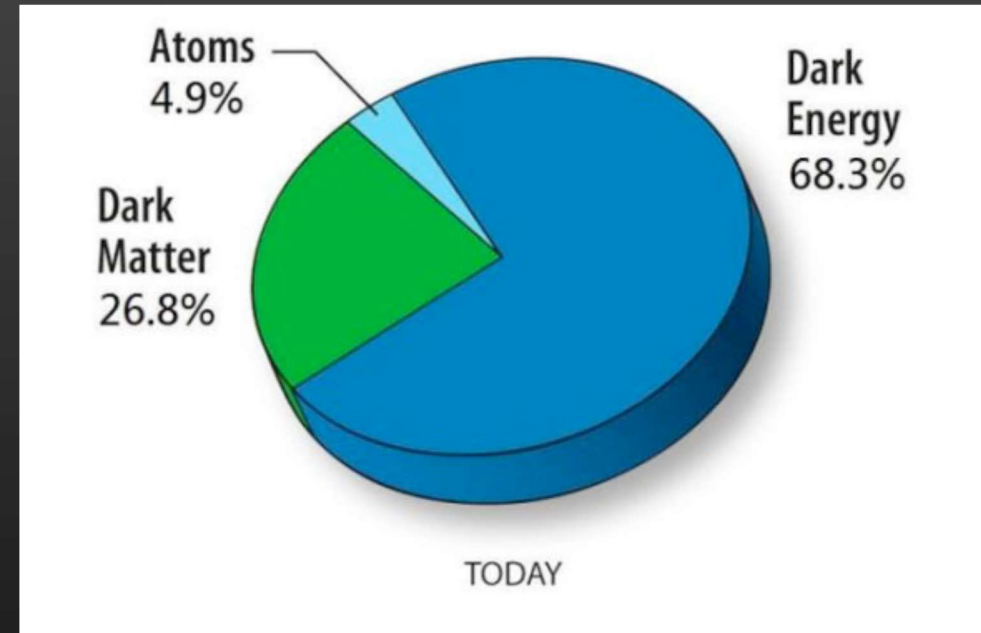
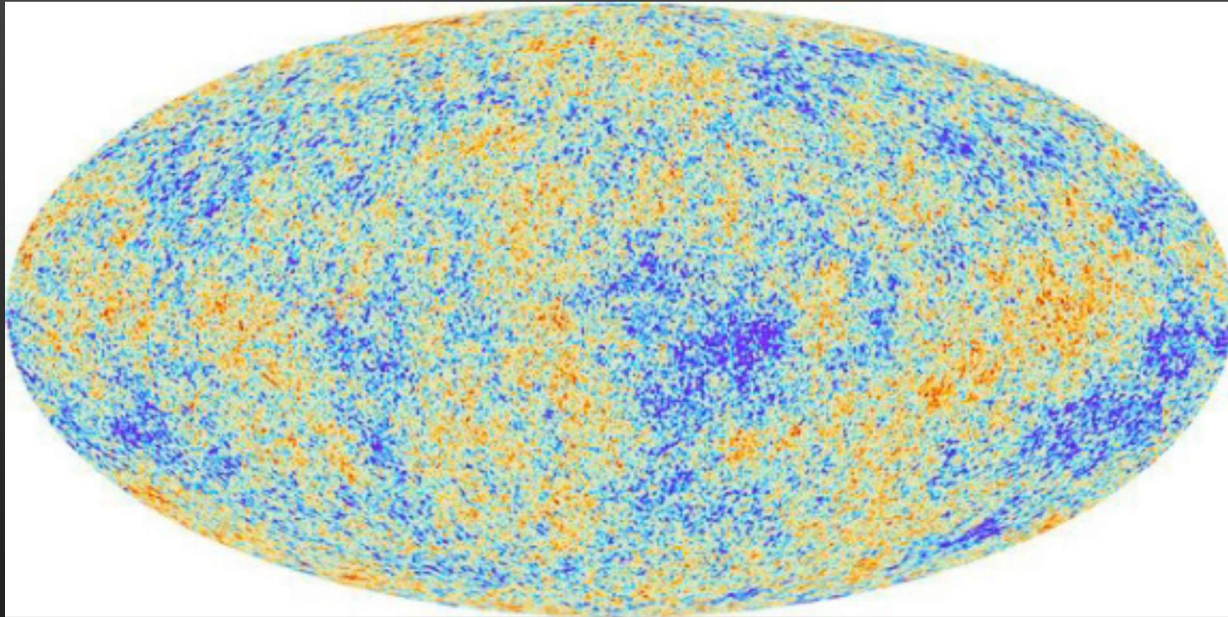


In 1933, Swiss astronomer Fritz Zwicky applied a mathematical theorem to infer the existence of what he called Dunkle Materie, coining the term dark matter. Zwicky was a noted curmudgeon and self-described “lone wolf” who claimed to “have a good idea every two years.”

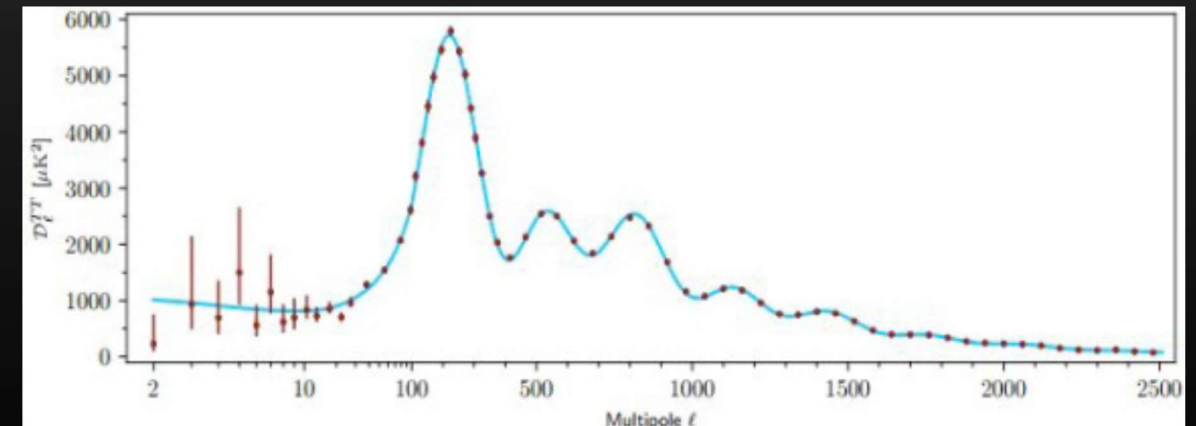




# Evidence for DM

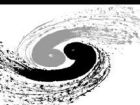
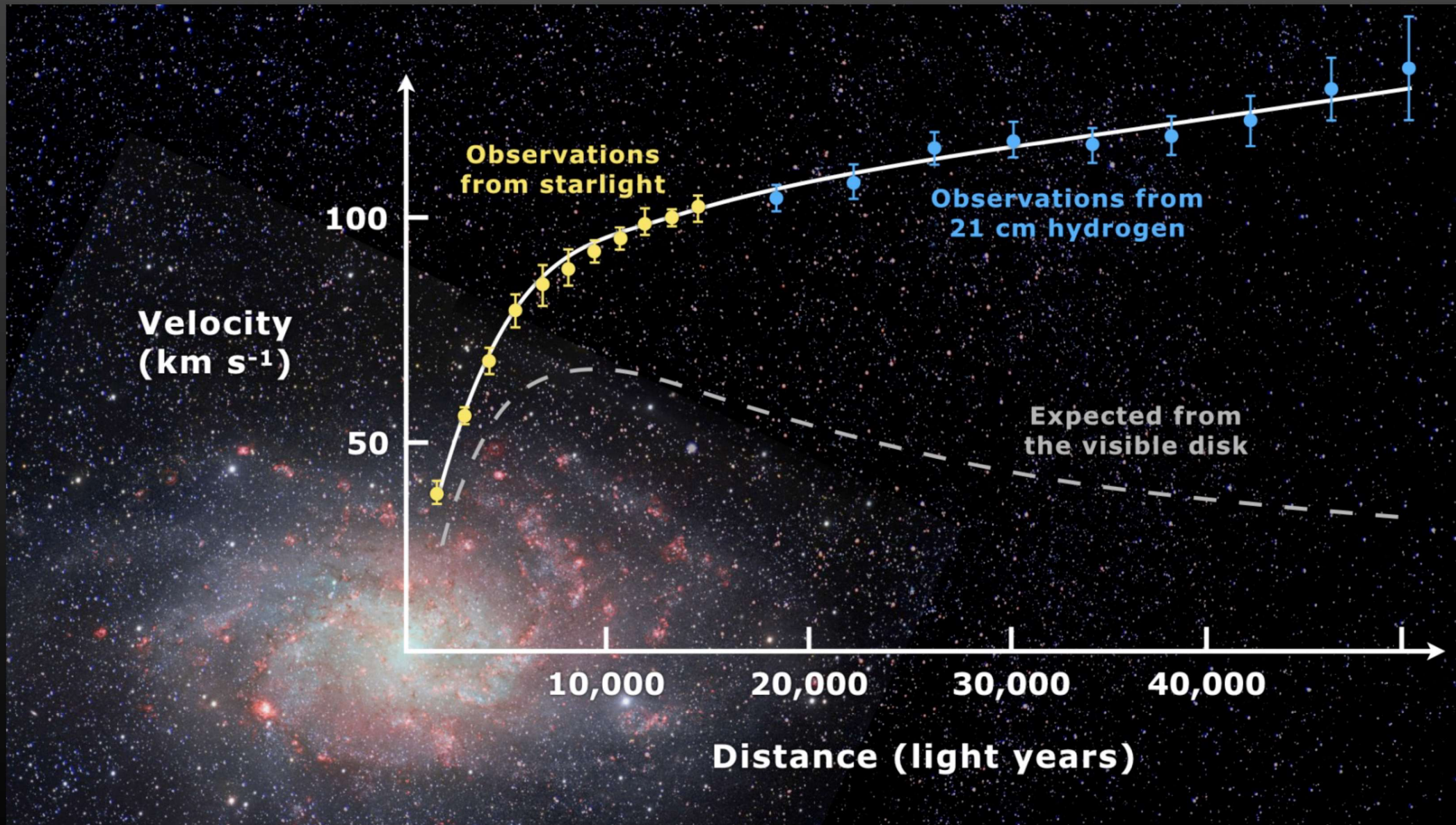


Cosmic microwave background (CMB) observations, resulting in precise estimates (WMAP, Planck) supporting LCDM model.

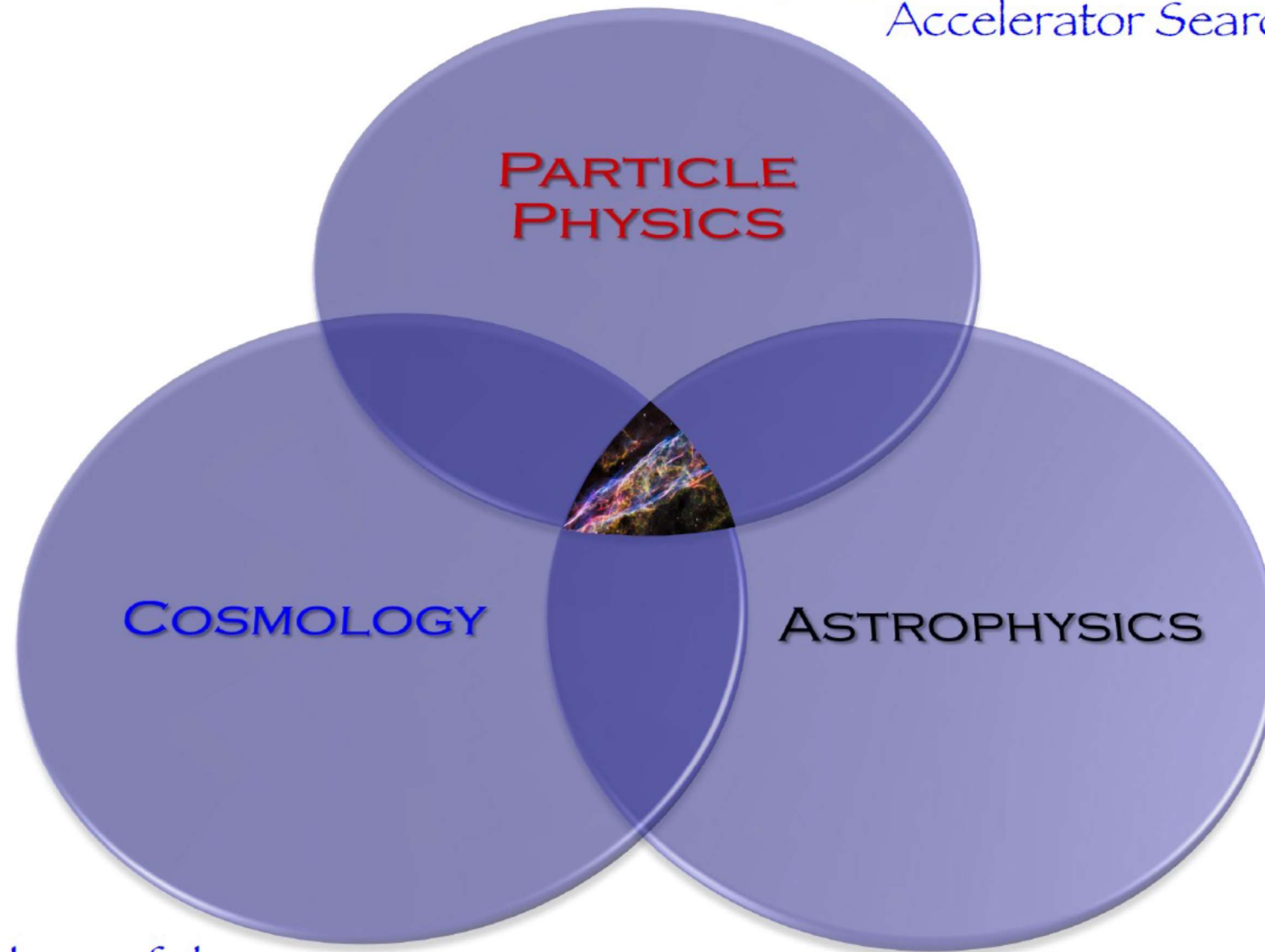




# Evidence for DM



Particle Candidate: Models of New Physics  
(Supersymmetry, Extra-dimensions, ...)  
Accelerator Searches



Cosmology of the  
Dark Matter Particle

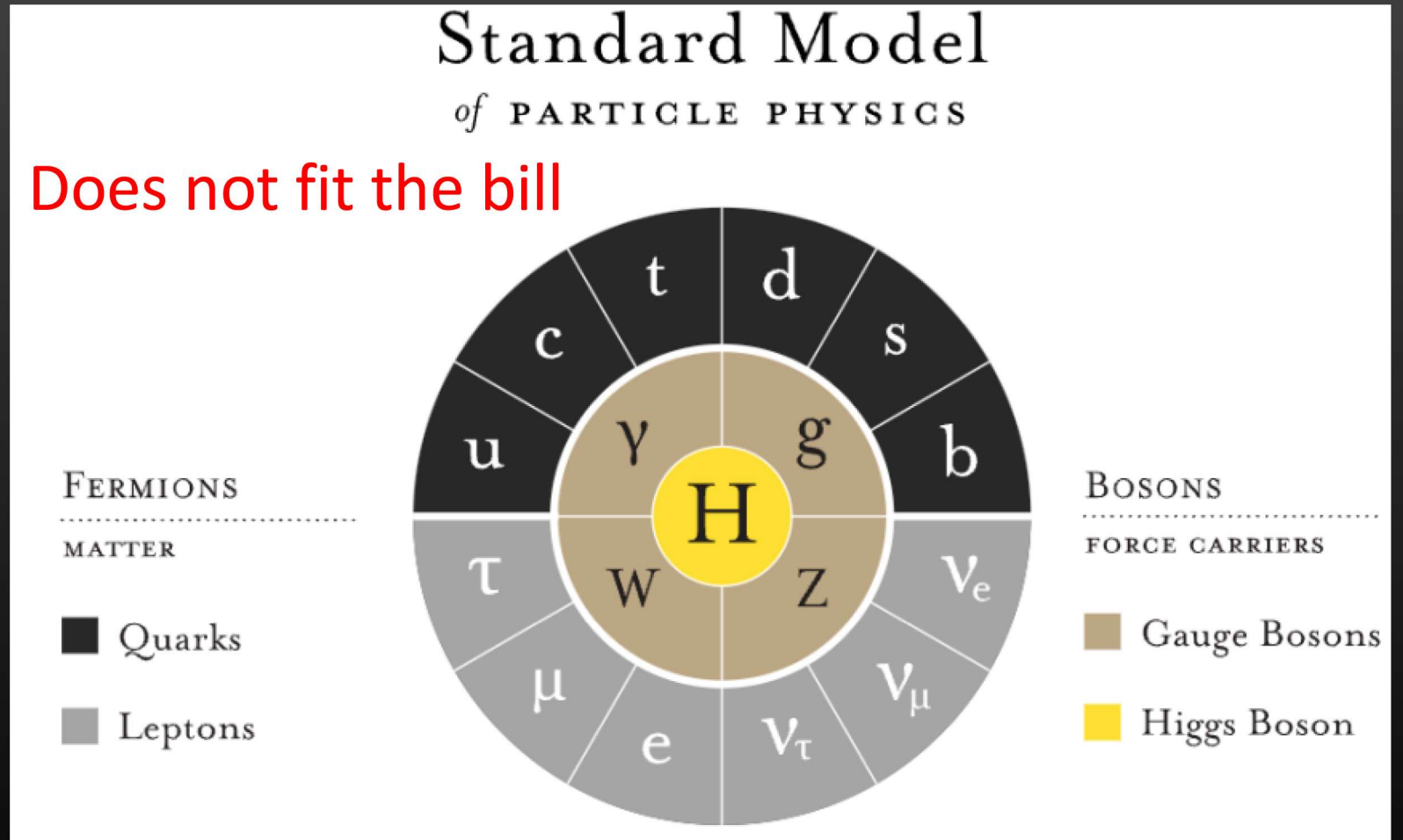
Astrophysical Signals of the  
Dark Matter Particle





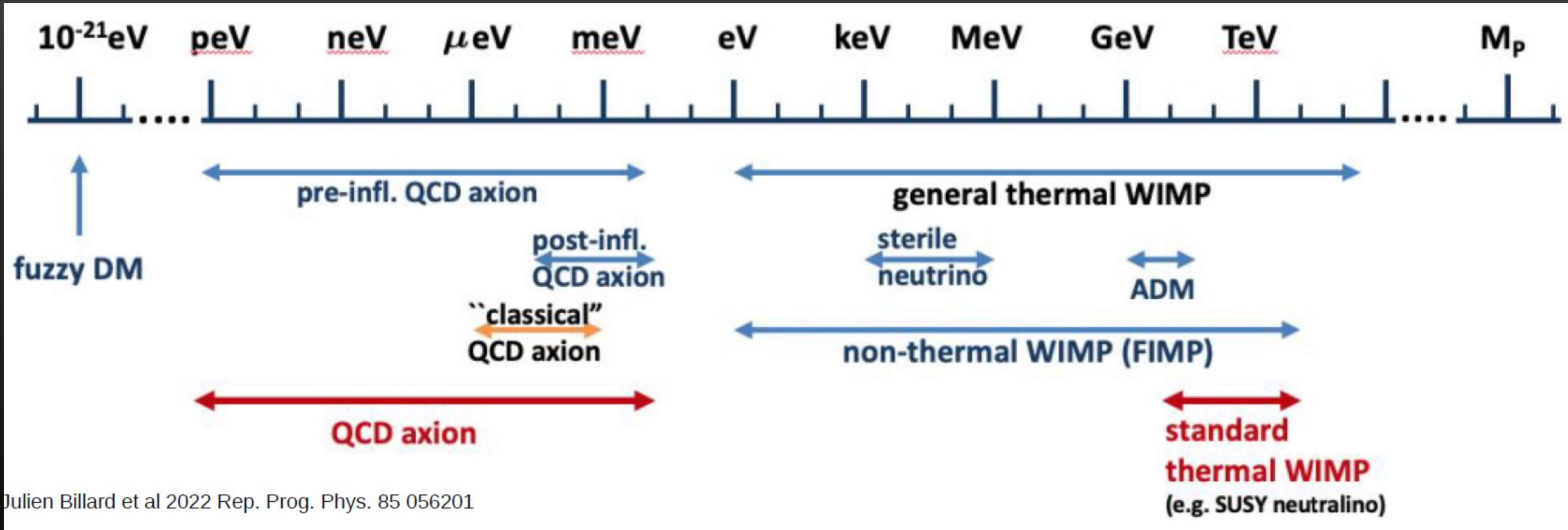
# Properties of DM

- We know it is cold
- We know it is neutral
- We know it is non-baryonic
- We know it is stable
- New physics beyond SM



# DM candidates

← Wave-like    Particle-like    →



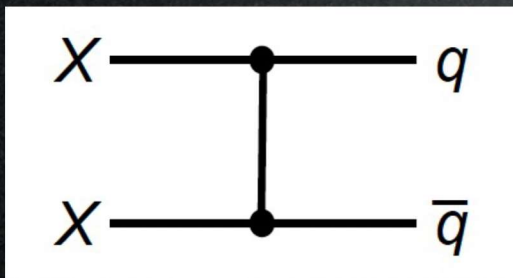
# Weakly Interacting Massive Particle

Boltzmann equation  
in the Early Universe:

$$\Omega_X \approx \frac{6 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}}{\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle}$$

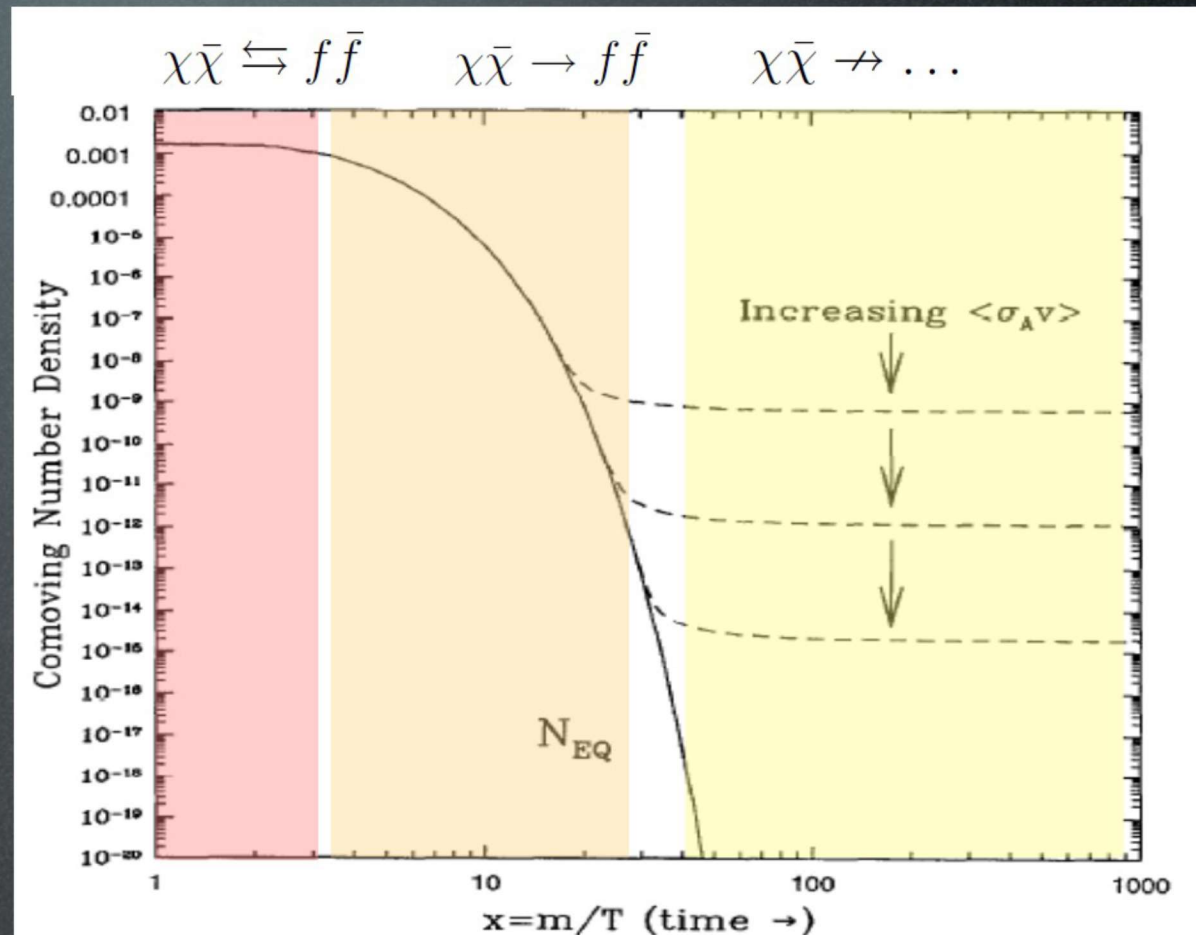
Relic  $\Omega_{\text{DM}} \simeq 0.23$  for

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle = 3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 / \text{sec}$$

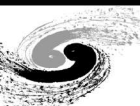


Weak cross section:

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle \approx \frac{\alpha_w^2}{M^2} \approx \frac{\alpha_w^2}{1 \text{ TeV}^2} \Rightarrow \Omega_X \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{few } 0.1) \quad (\text{WIMP})$$

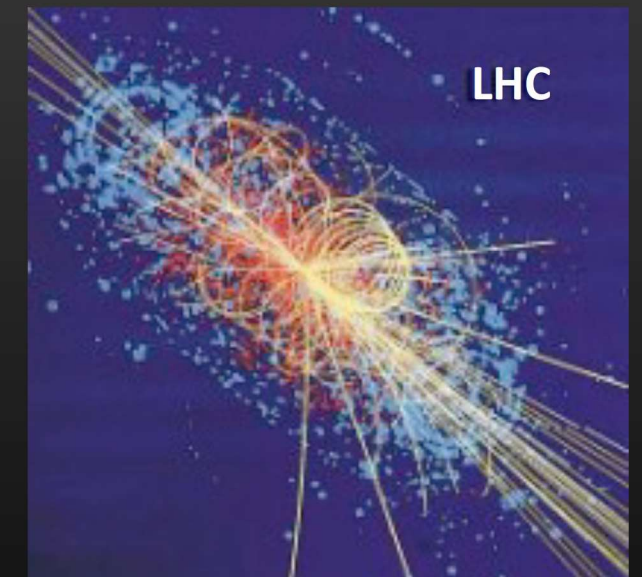
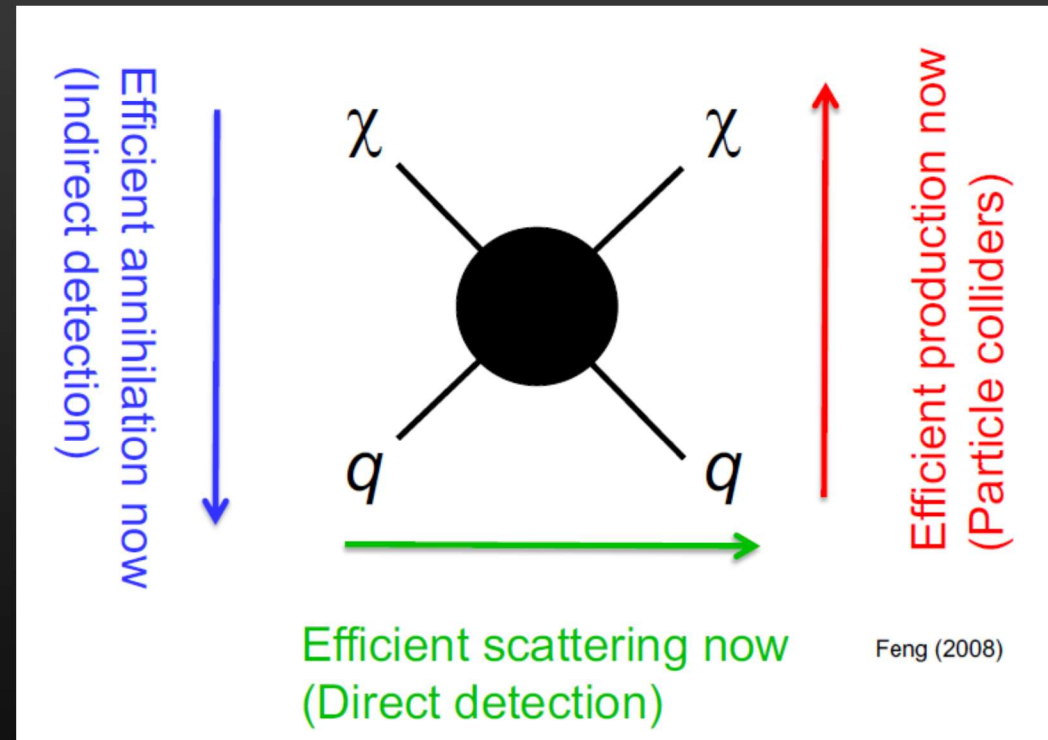
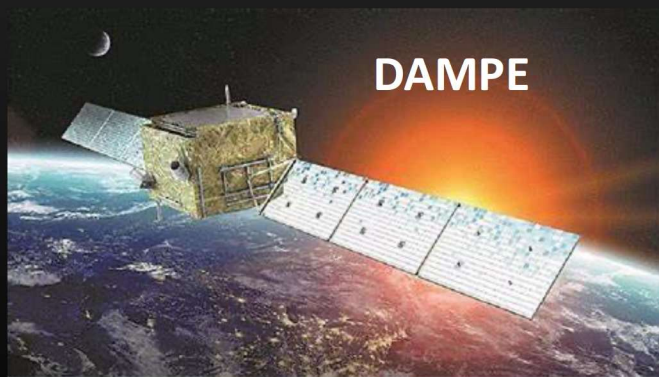
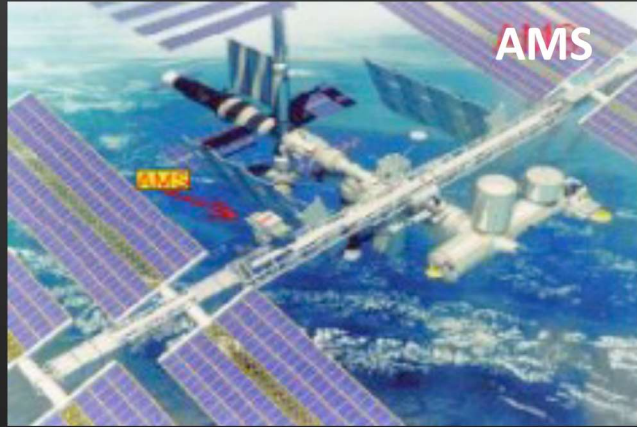


Kolb, Turner, The Early Universe, 1995





# How to detect DM ?



# 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 determined through extension and extrapolation of current determination of the neutrino energy spectrum since it detects all neutrino types. Various applications, sources, reactors, supernovas, and solar and most difficult backgrounds is attempted.

PHYSICAL REVIEW D

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*

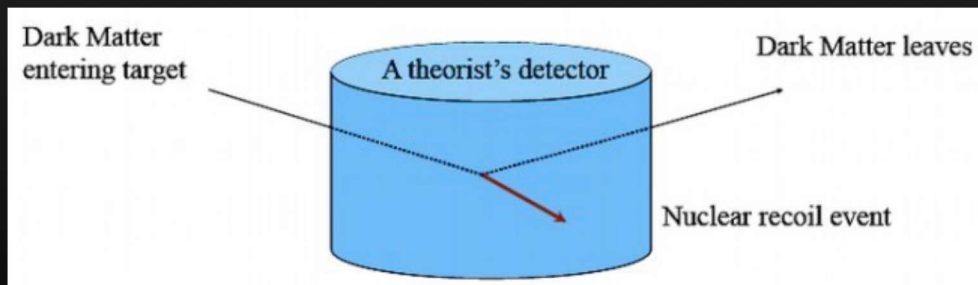
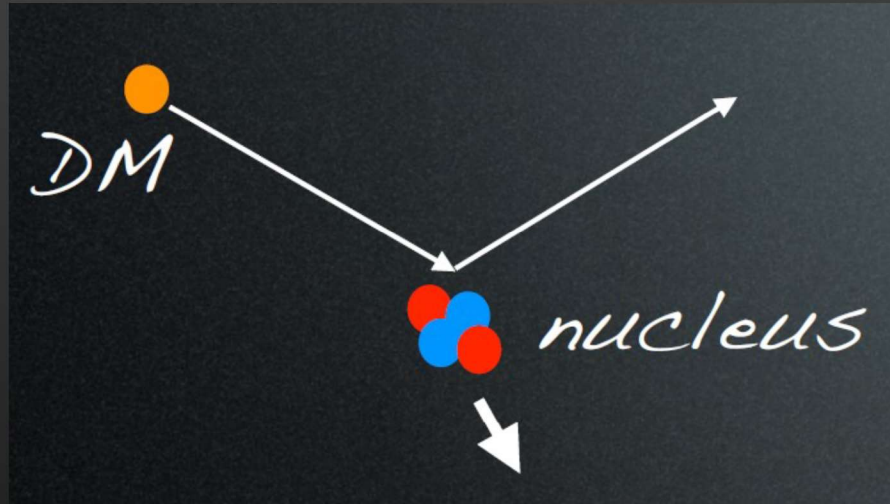
(Received 7 January 1985)

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  $1-10^6$  GeV; particles with spin-dependent interactions of typical weak strength and masses  $1-10^2$  GeV; or strongly interacting particles of masses  $1-10^{13}$  GeV.



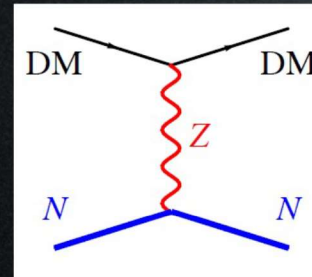


# Direct detection

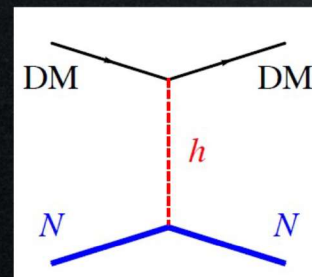


## WIMP Direct Detection

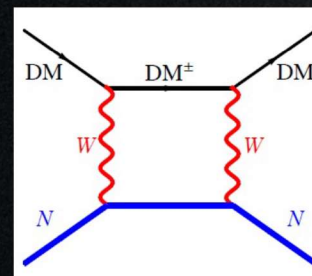
SM weak scale SI interactions



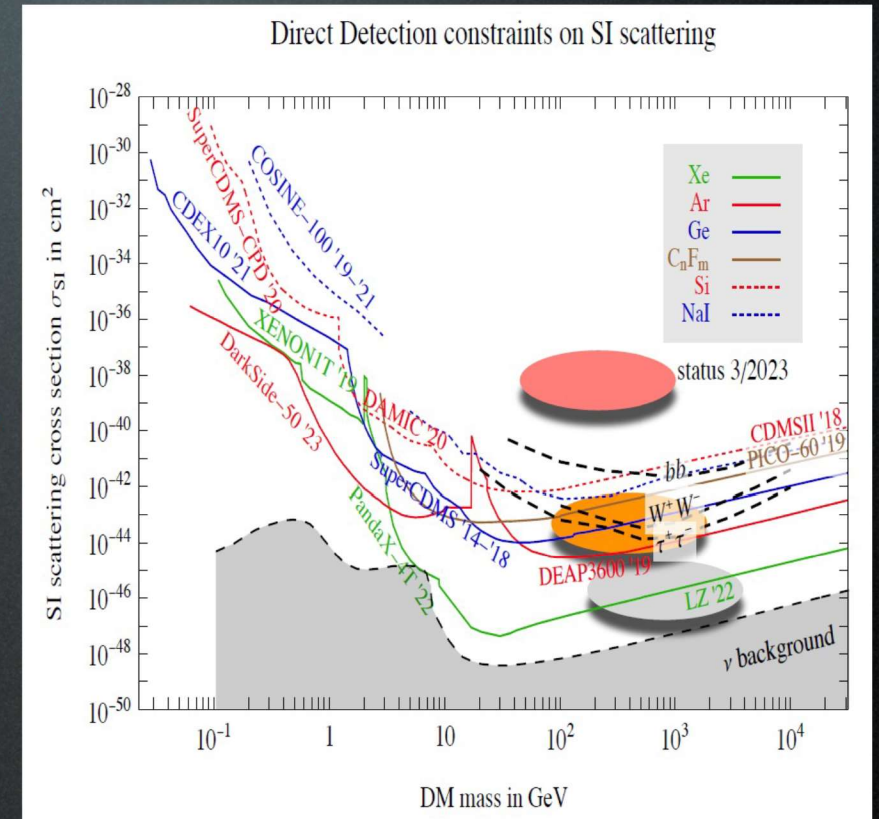
tree level,  
vector



tree level,  
scalar



one loop



M. Cirelli, A. Strumia, J. Zupan to appear





# 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, ...)

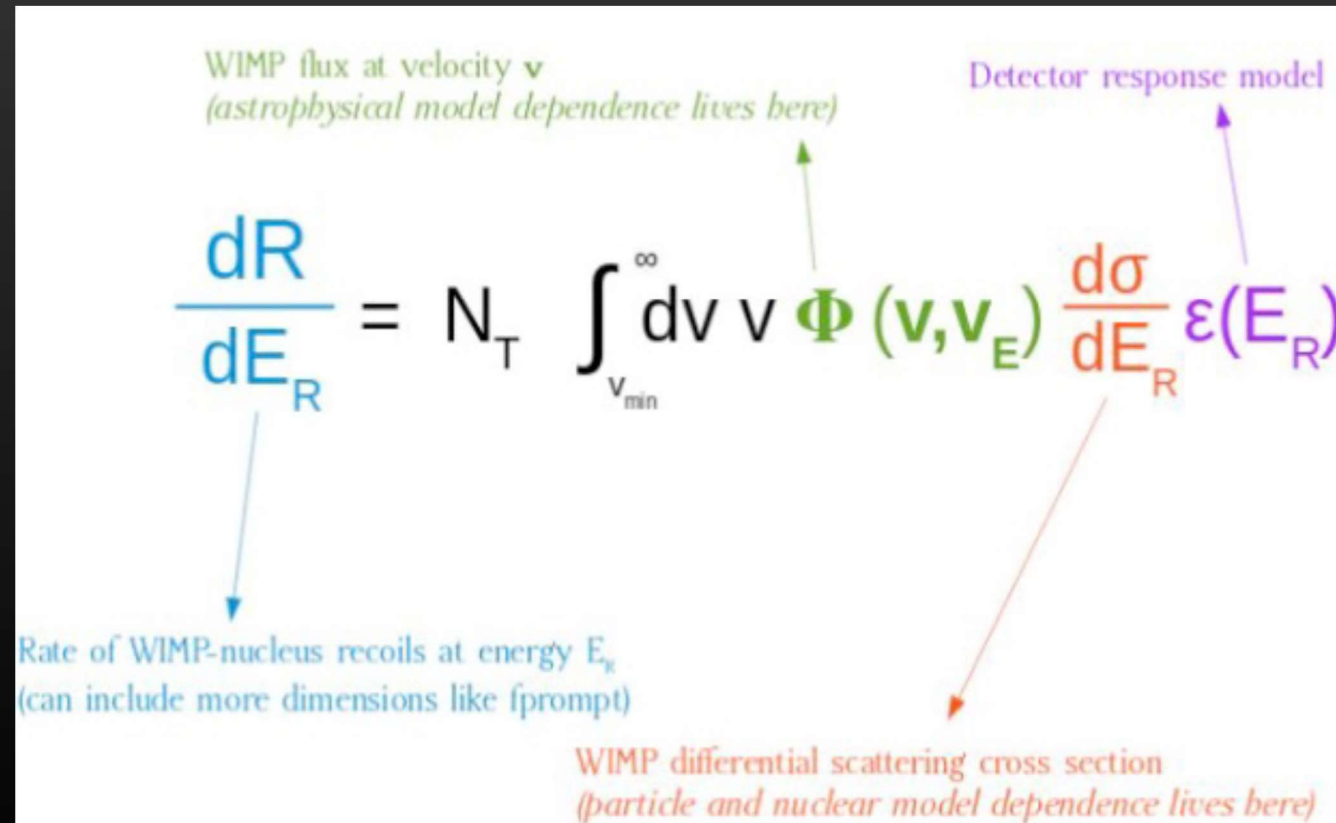
$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = N_T \int_{v_{\min}}^{\infty} dv v \Phi(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}_E) \frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} \epsilon(E_R)$$

WIMP flux at velocity  $\mathbf{v}$   
*(astrophysical model dependence lives here)*

Detector response model

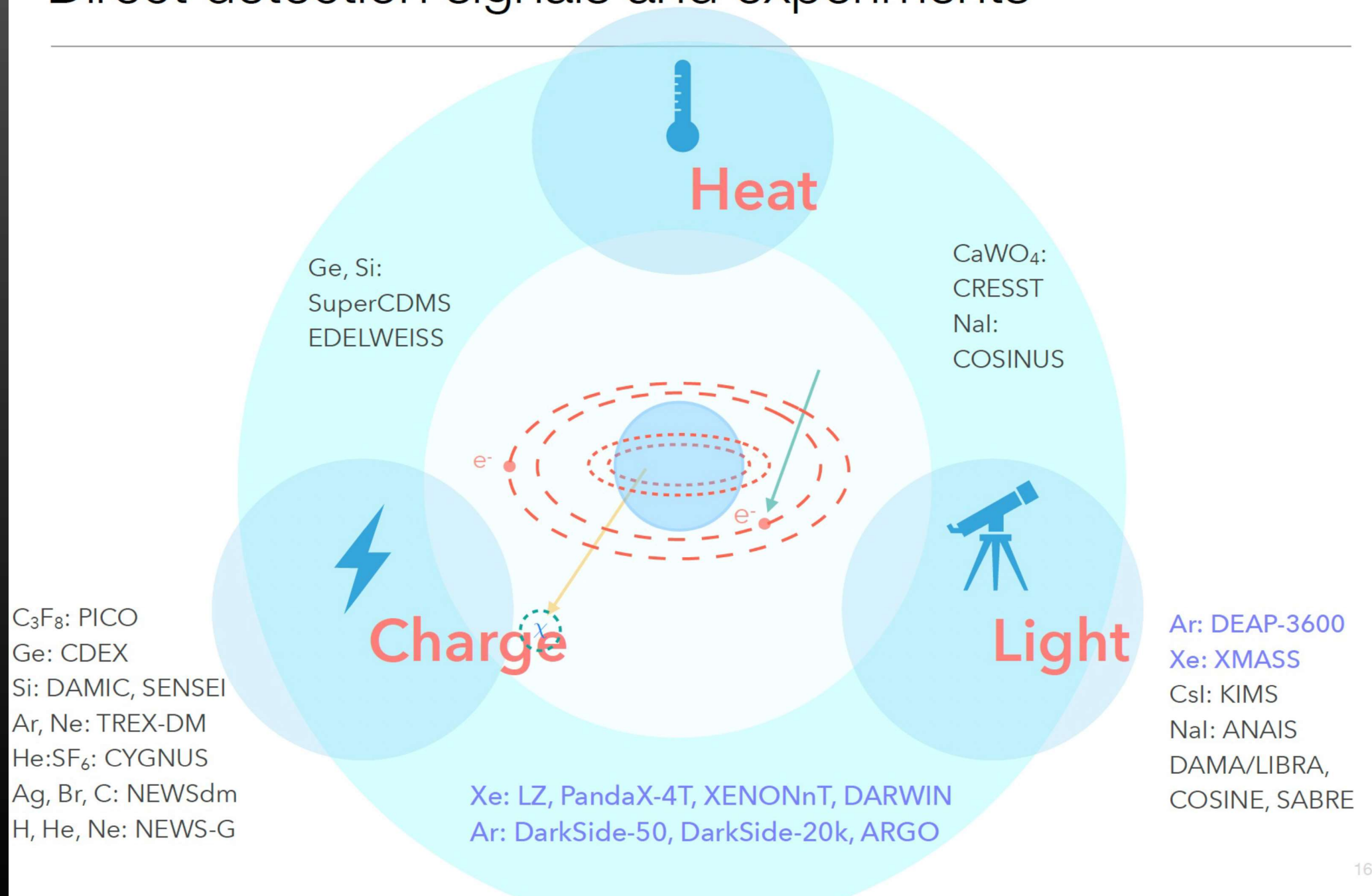
Rate of WIMP-nucleus recoils at energy  $E_R$   
*(can include more dimensions like prompt)*

WIMP differential scattering cross section  
*(particle and nuclear model dependence lives here)*





# Direct detection signals and experiments

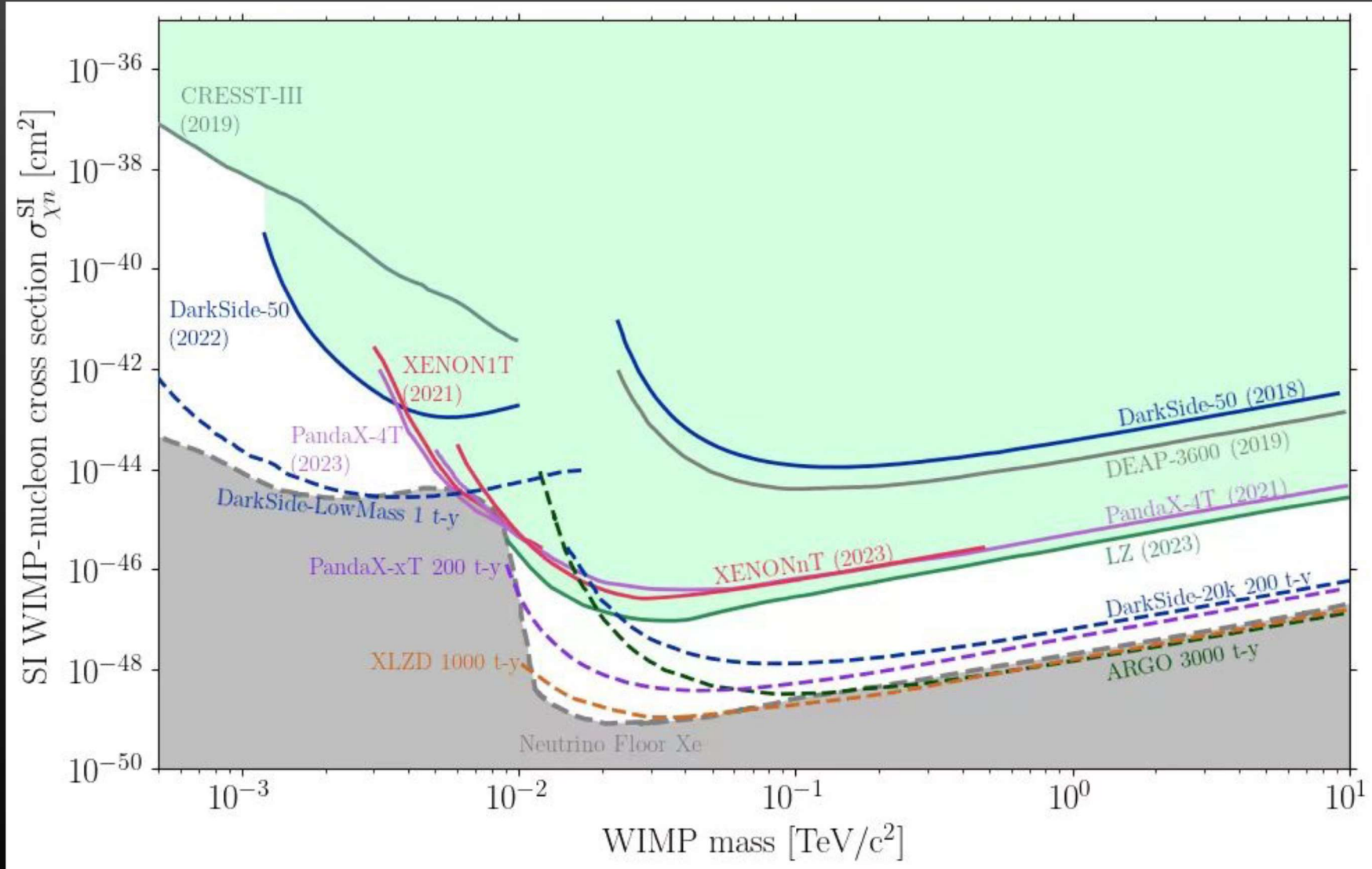


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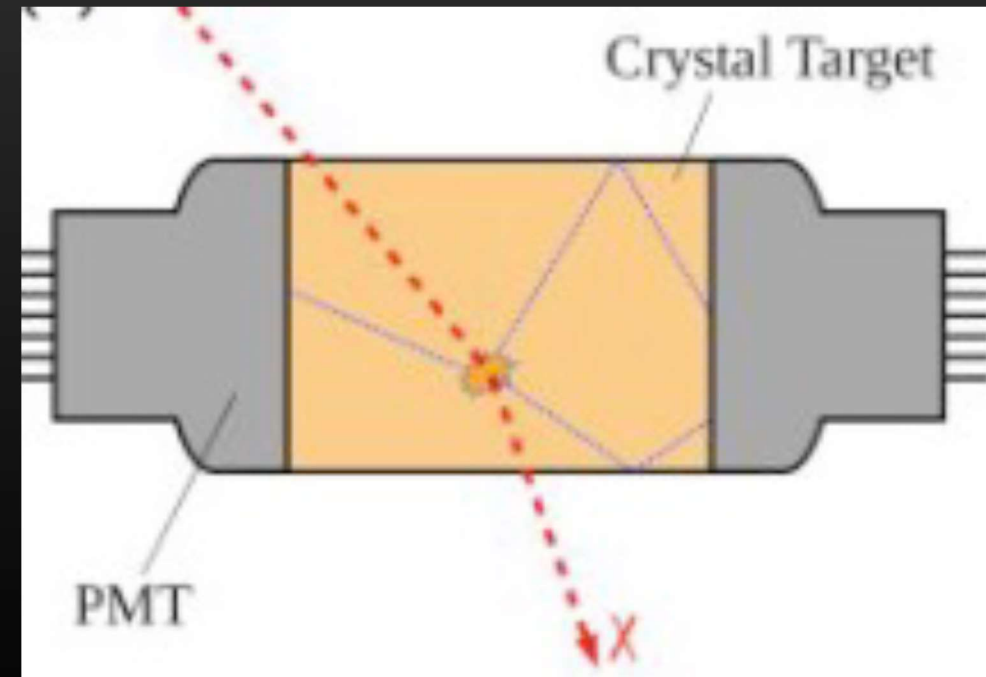
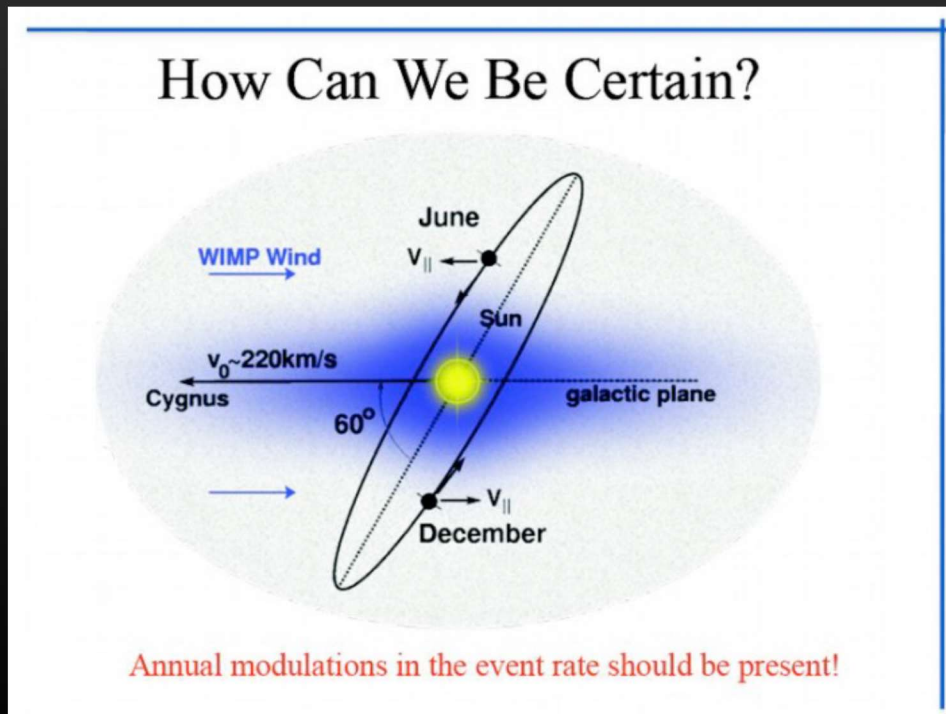
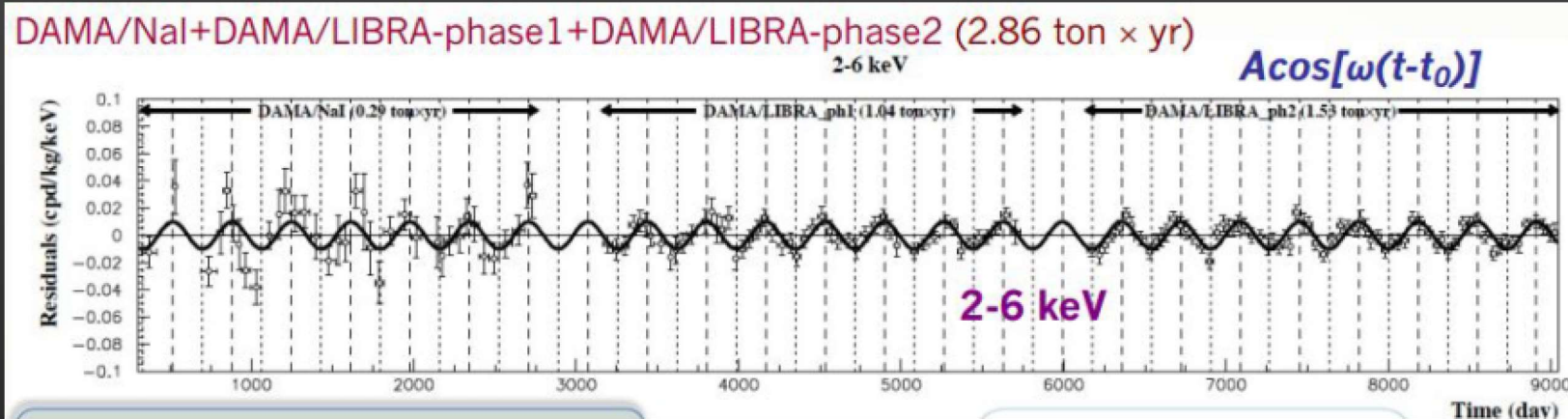
# Status of WIMP searches



Noble liquid technology  
plays a major role.  
WIMP mass  $> 1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



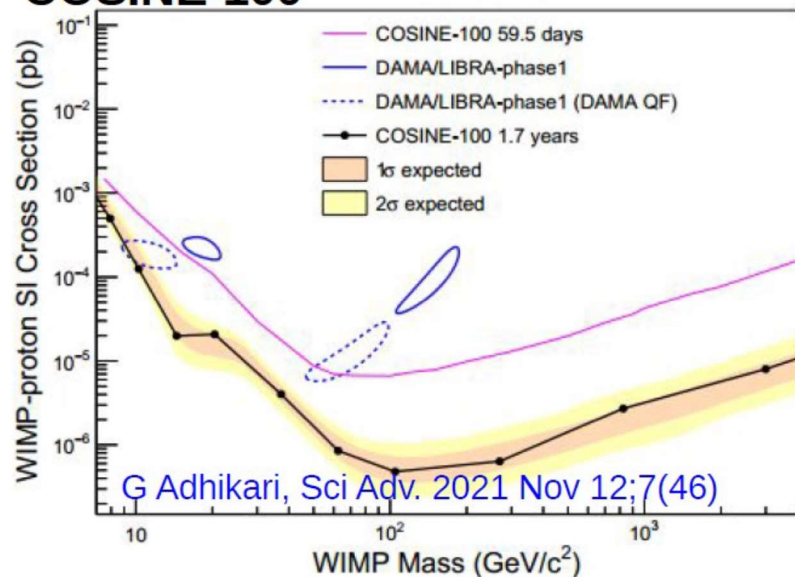
# DAMA did see something...





# Other DAMA tests

## COSINE-100



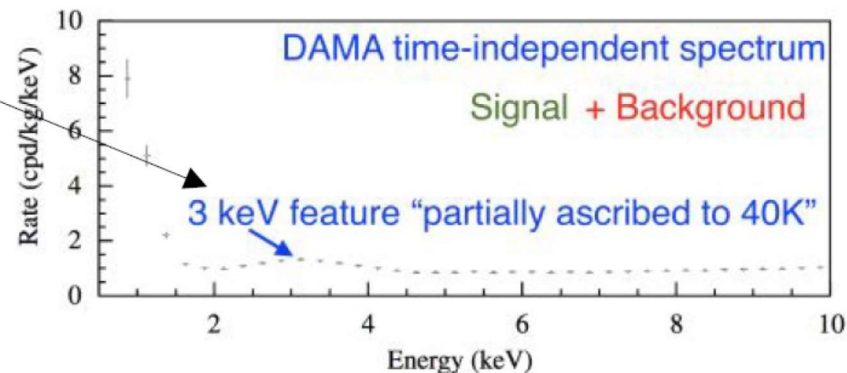
- Modulation search with 2.8 yr of data consistent with both DAMA and no modulation [PRD 106, 052005]
- New result soon (2x exposure and lower threshold)

## SABRE

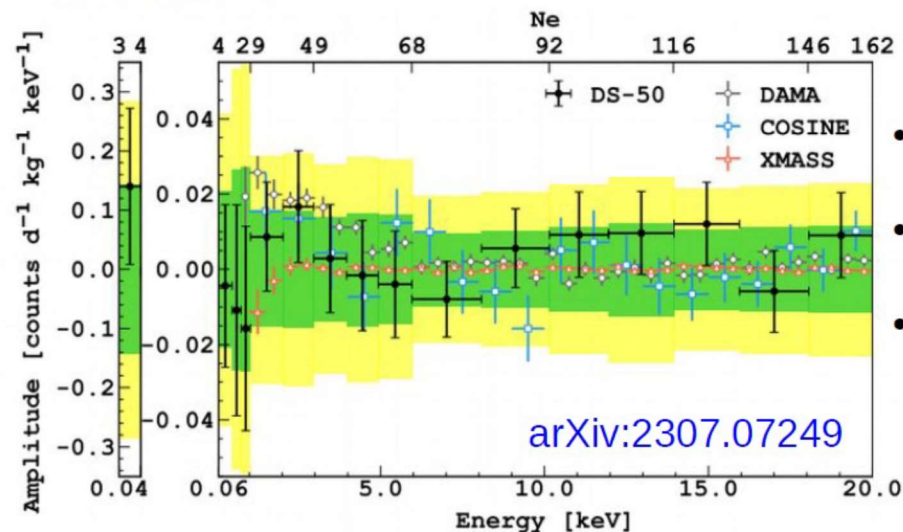
- Same NaI technology as DAMA, independently purified crystals
- 2 detectors planned:
  - North: LNGS
  - South: Australia

**KDK:** First measurement of direct-to-ground-state EC of  $^{40}\text{K}$ , potential constraint on DM interpretation of DAMA

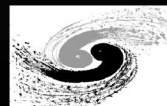
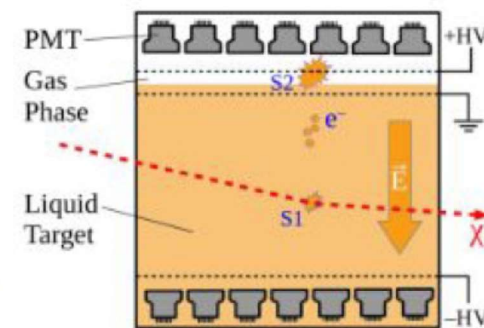
→ see M. Stukel's talk (Wednesday) [PRL 131, 052503 (2023)]



## DarkSide-50

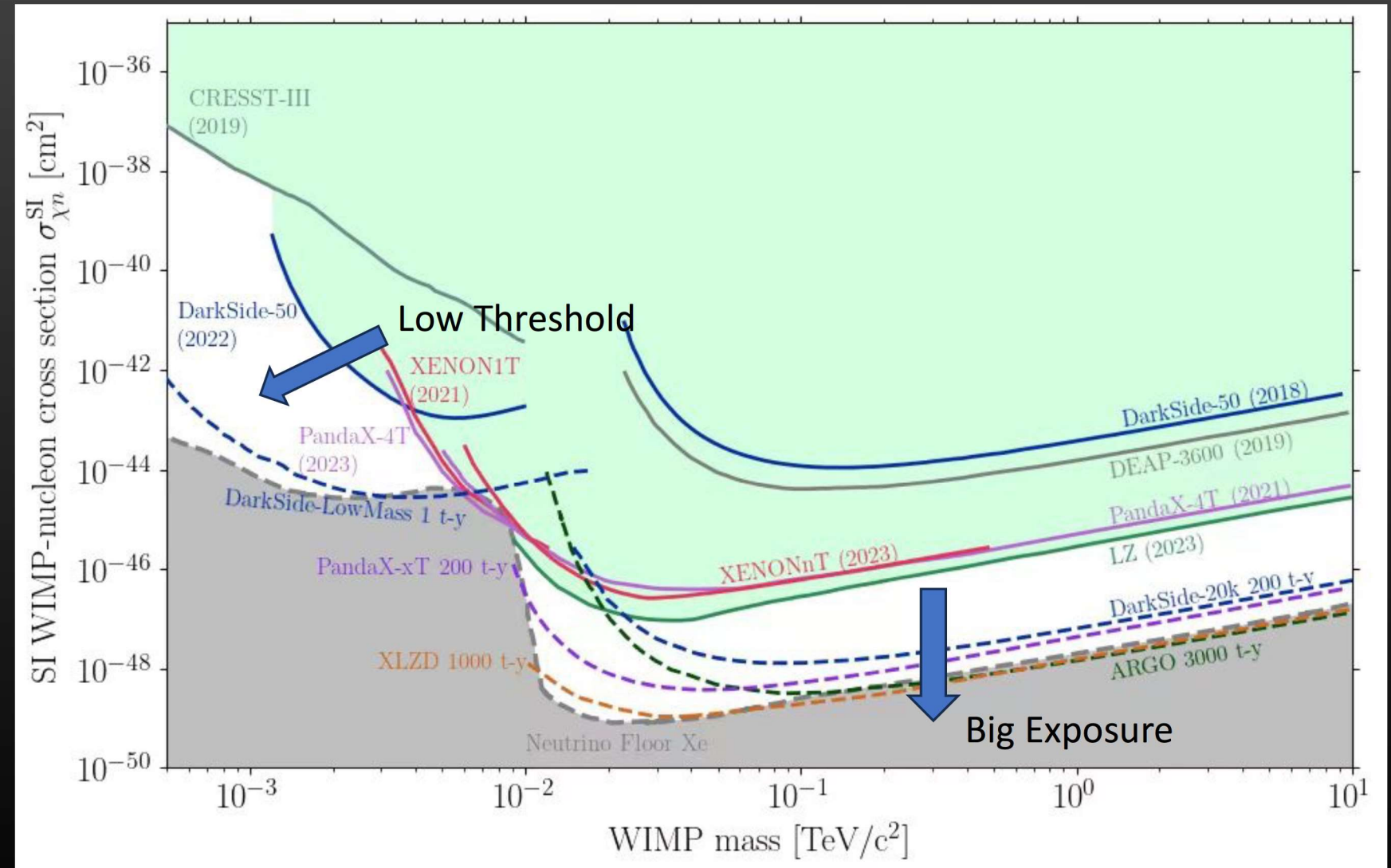


- First annual modulation search using argon
  - The lowest energy threshold 0.04 keV
  - Neither confirm nor reject DAMA
- see T. Hugues' talk (Tuesday)

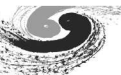
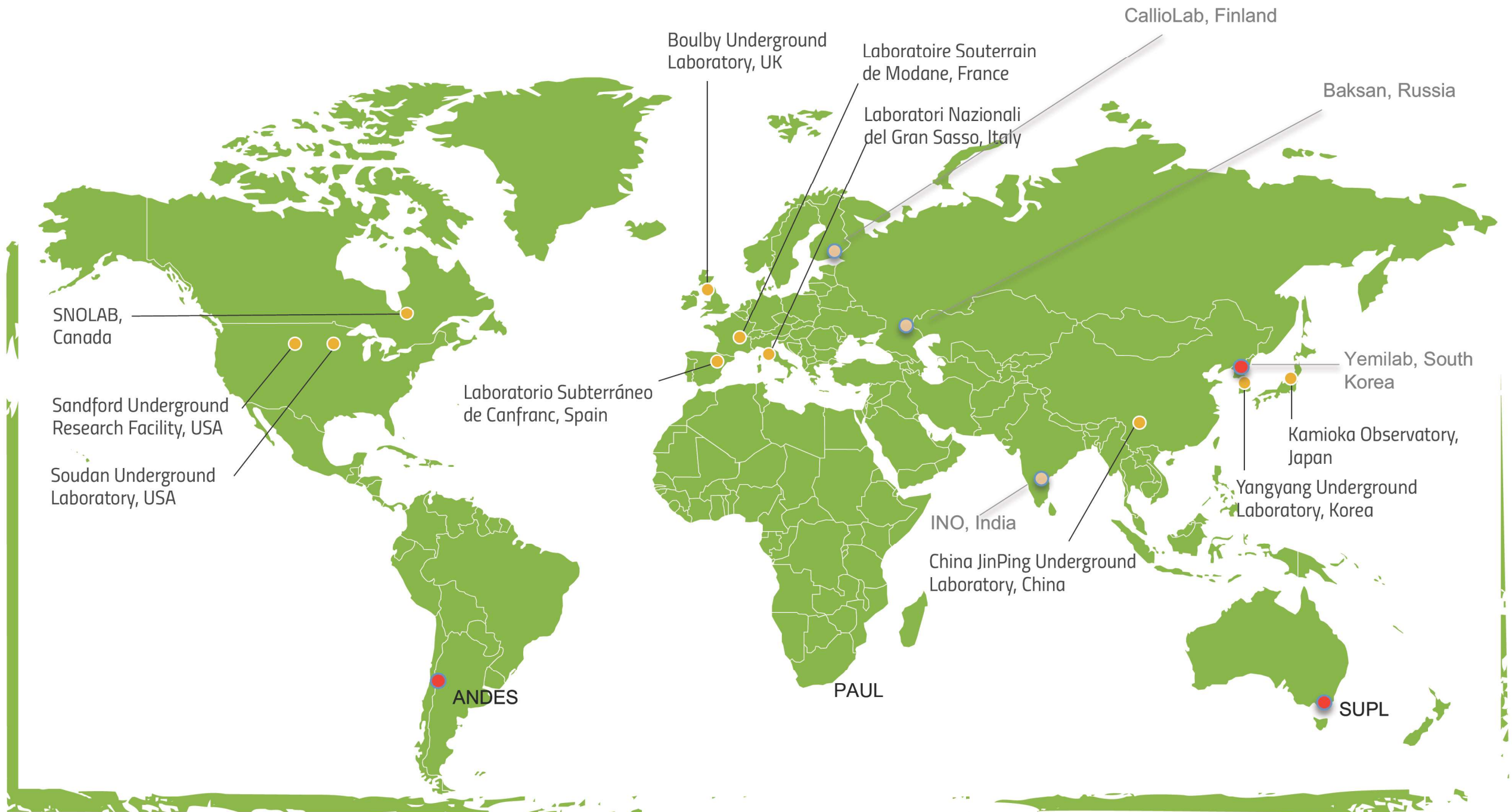


# Direct searches with noble liquid

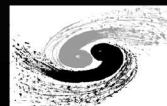
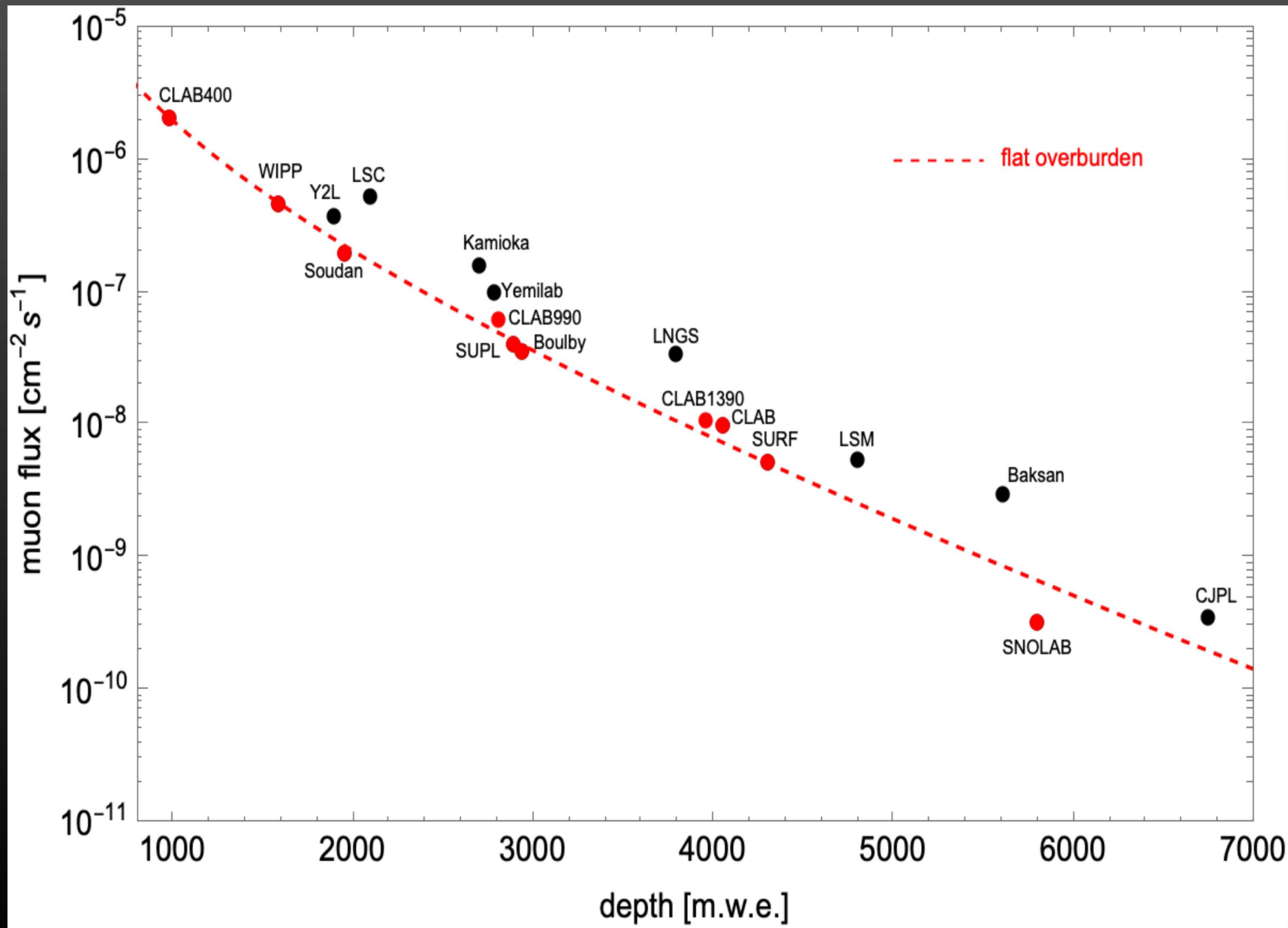
- Xenon community
- Argon community
- Underground lab





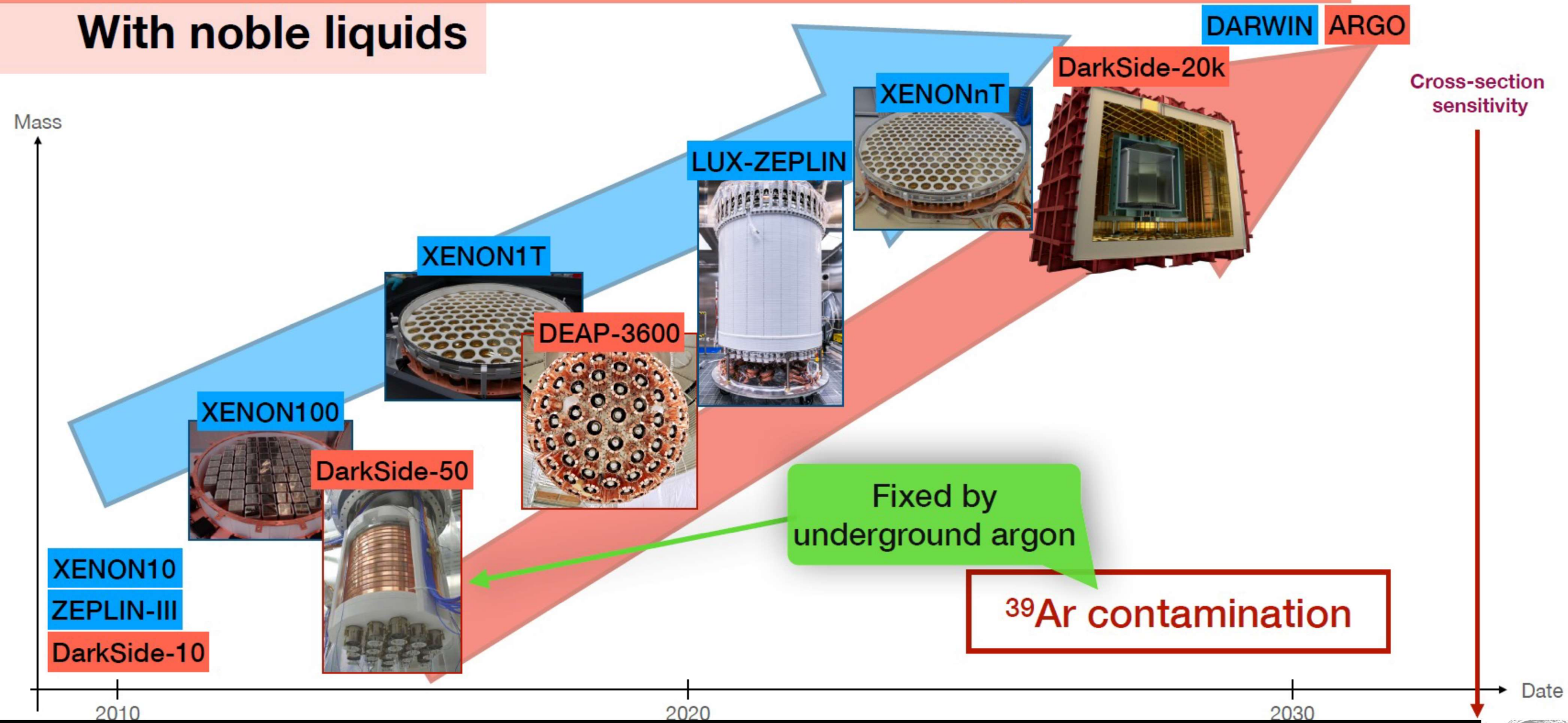




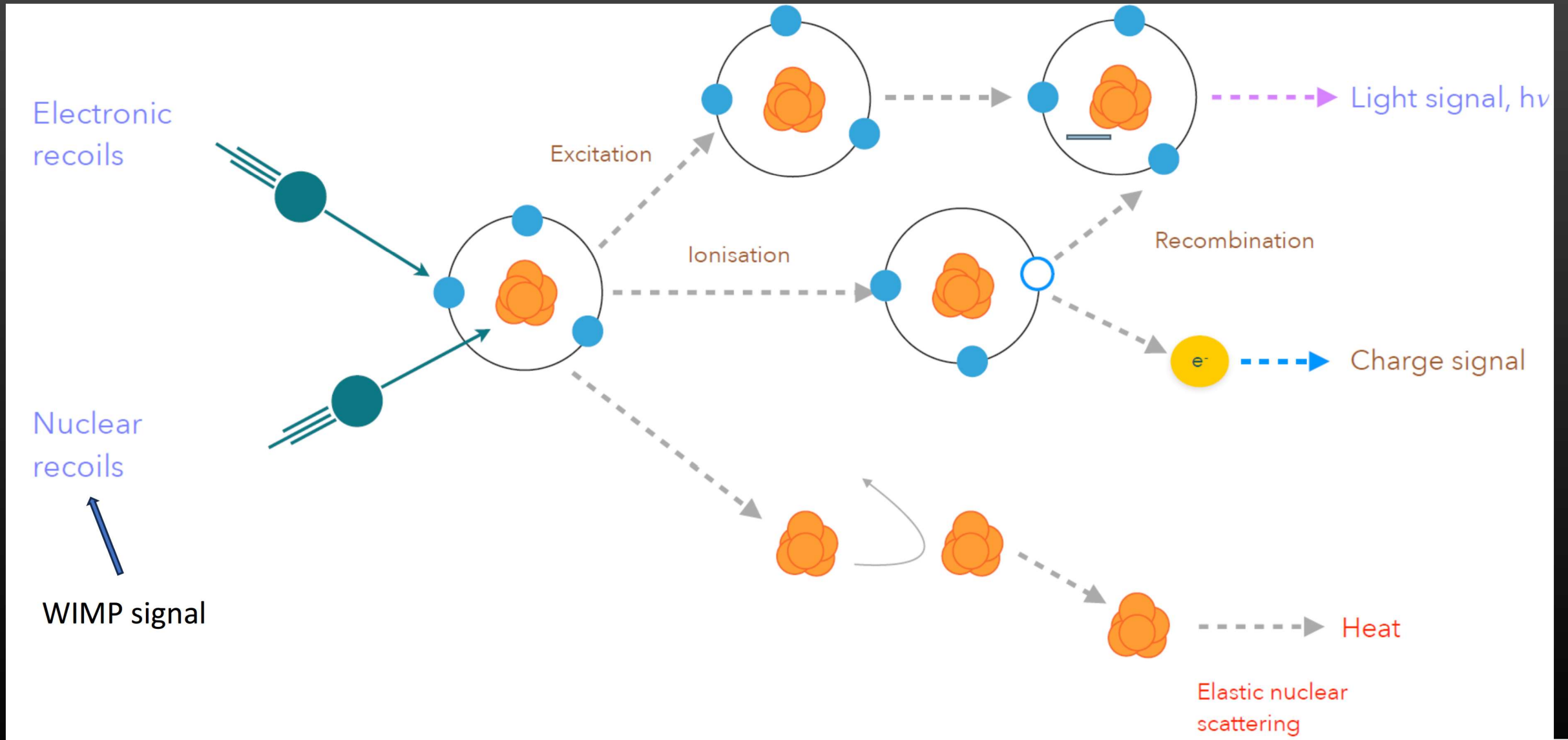


# Direct dark matter search experiments

With noble liquids

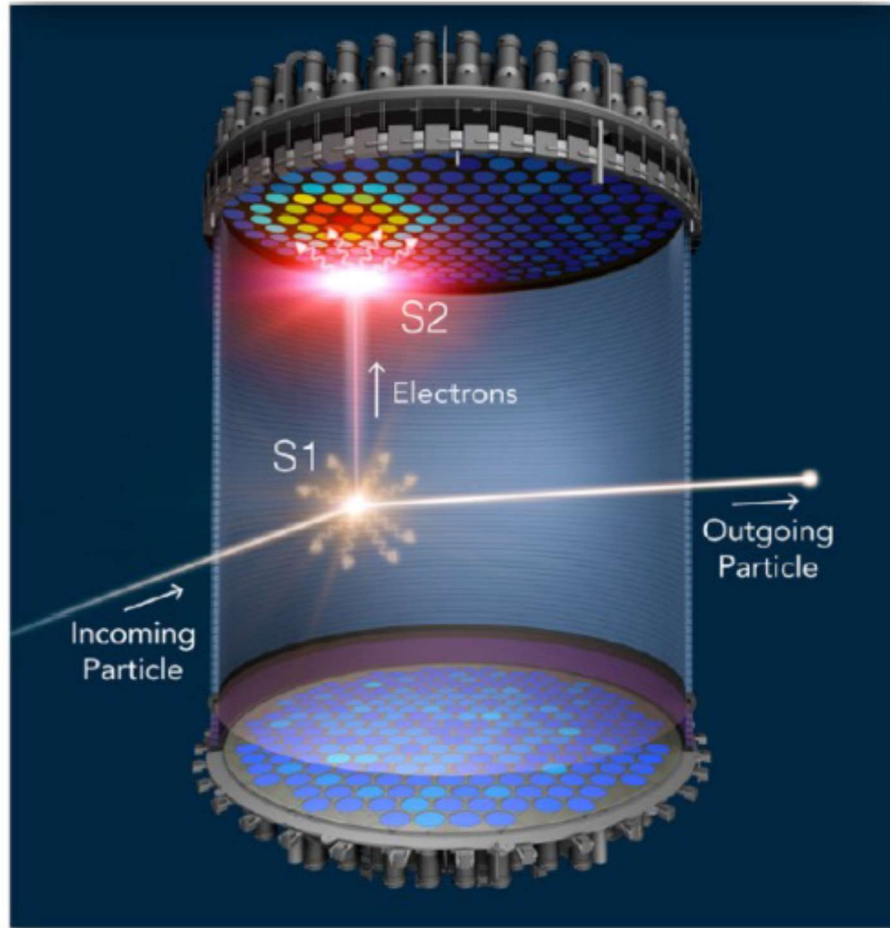


# Interaction in Ar/Xe

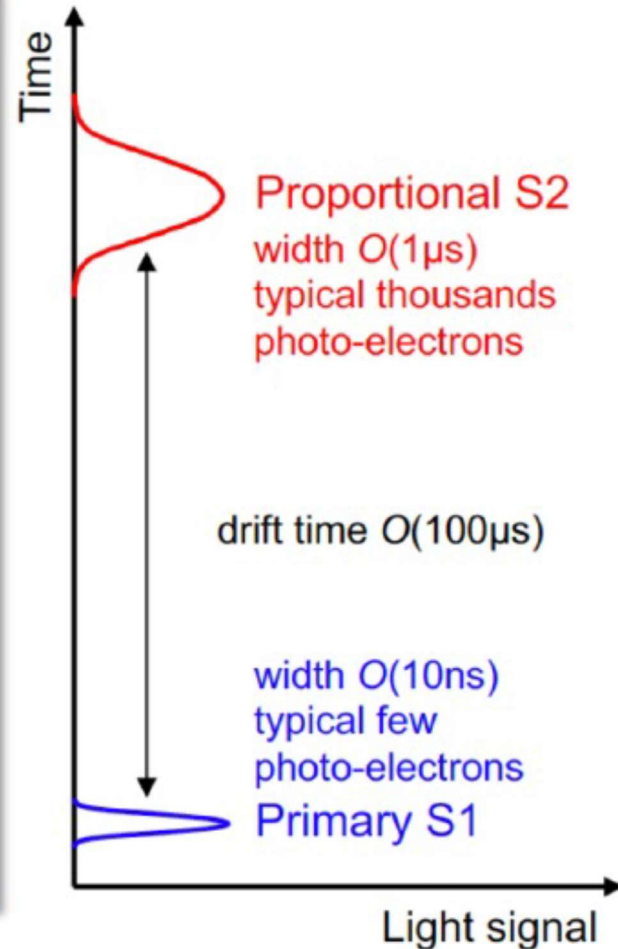




# Dual-phase TPC



Credit: LZ collaboration SLAC

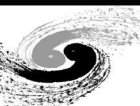


## Dual-phase time projection chambers

- primary scintillation signal S1
- ionisation electrons via secondary scintillation S2 in the gas
- particle identification via ratio  $S2/S1$
- position reconstruction
- multi-scatter rejection
- + in Ar: pulse shape discrimination

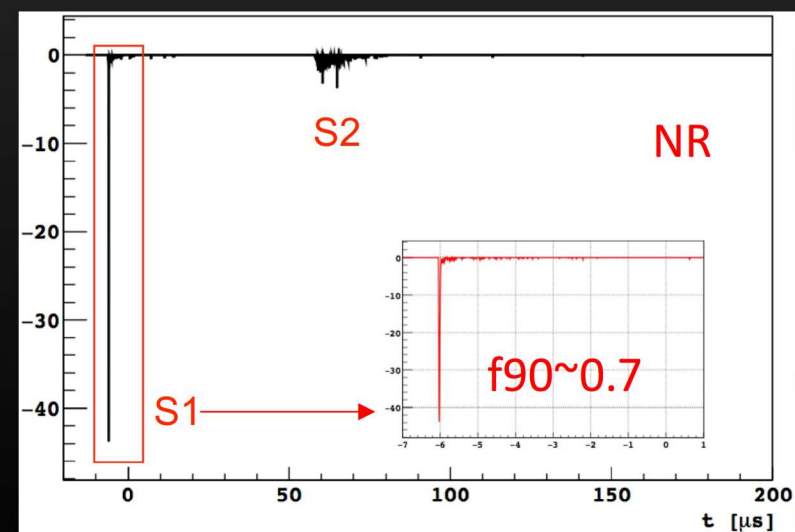
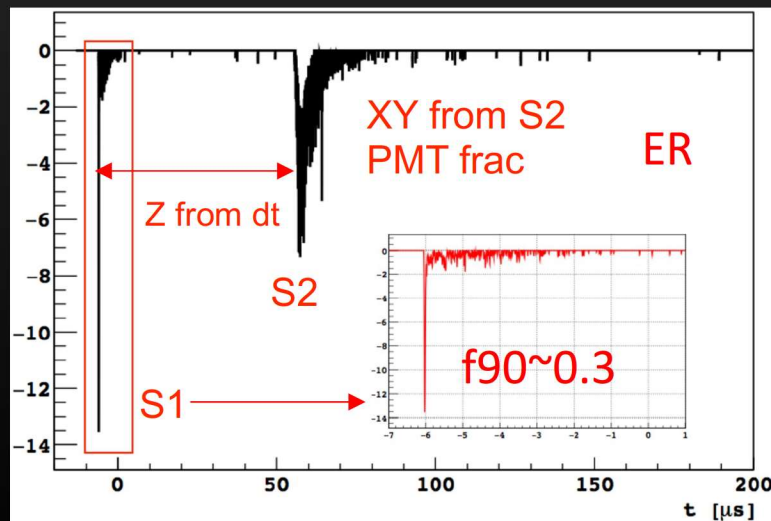
## Light production less efficient than ionization **S2 only-mode**

- sensitive to single extracted electrons
- lower energy thresholds

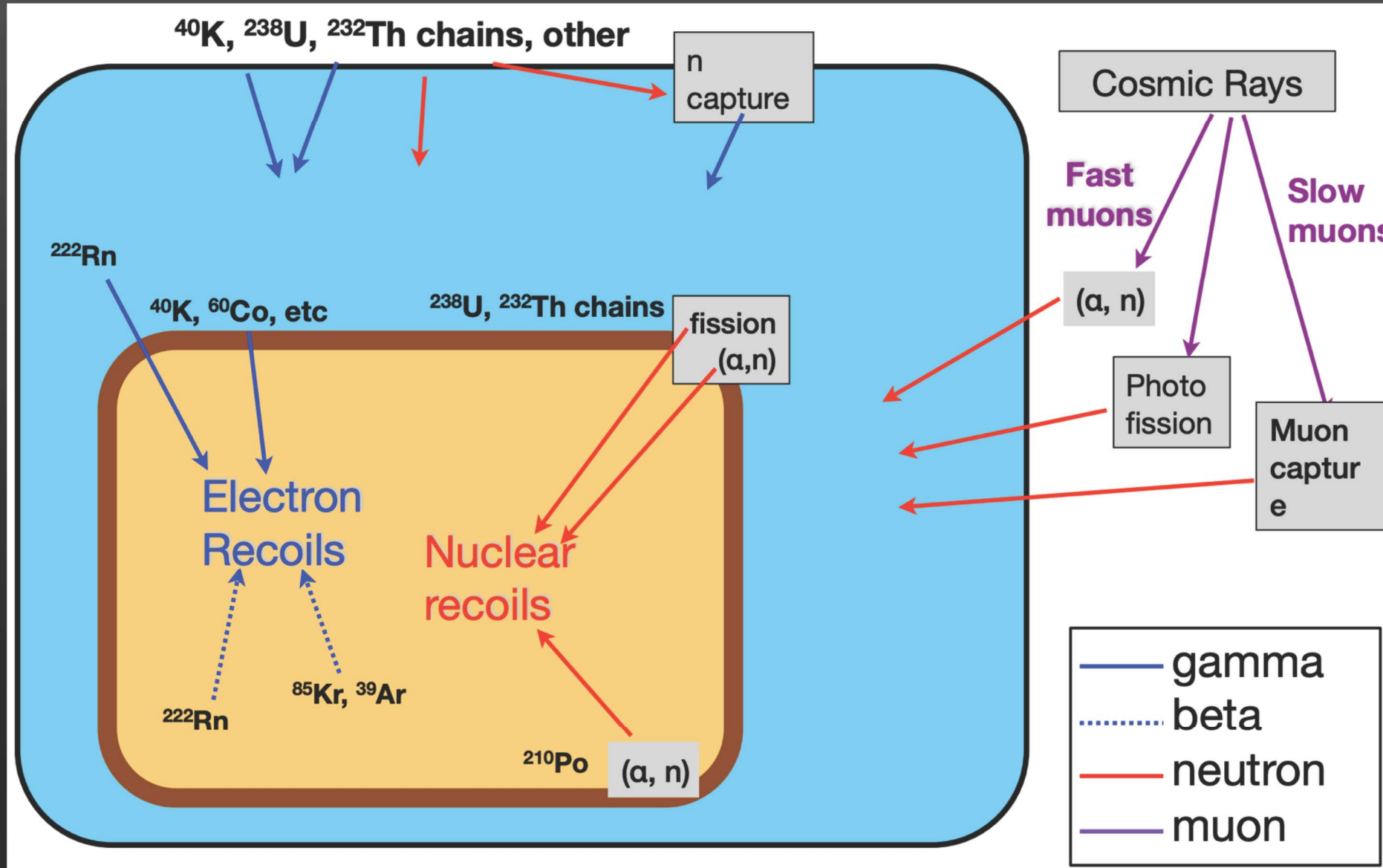


# Why argon is of interest to me ?

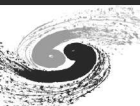
- Pro:
  - Low temperature (87K), Rn removal is easier      Where in Xe, Rn is the major BG
  - Scintillation light has powerful ER discrimination      Not applicable in Xe
  - More NR energy deposit compared to the case of Xe
- Con:
  - Intrinsic ER BG from  $^{39}\text{Ar}$ .      Solution: use argon from underground source.
  - Wavelength is too short, 128 nm.      Solution: use wavelength shifter.



# Background

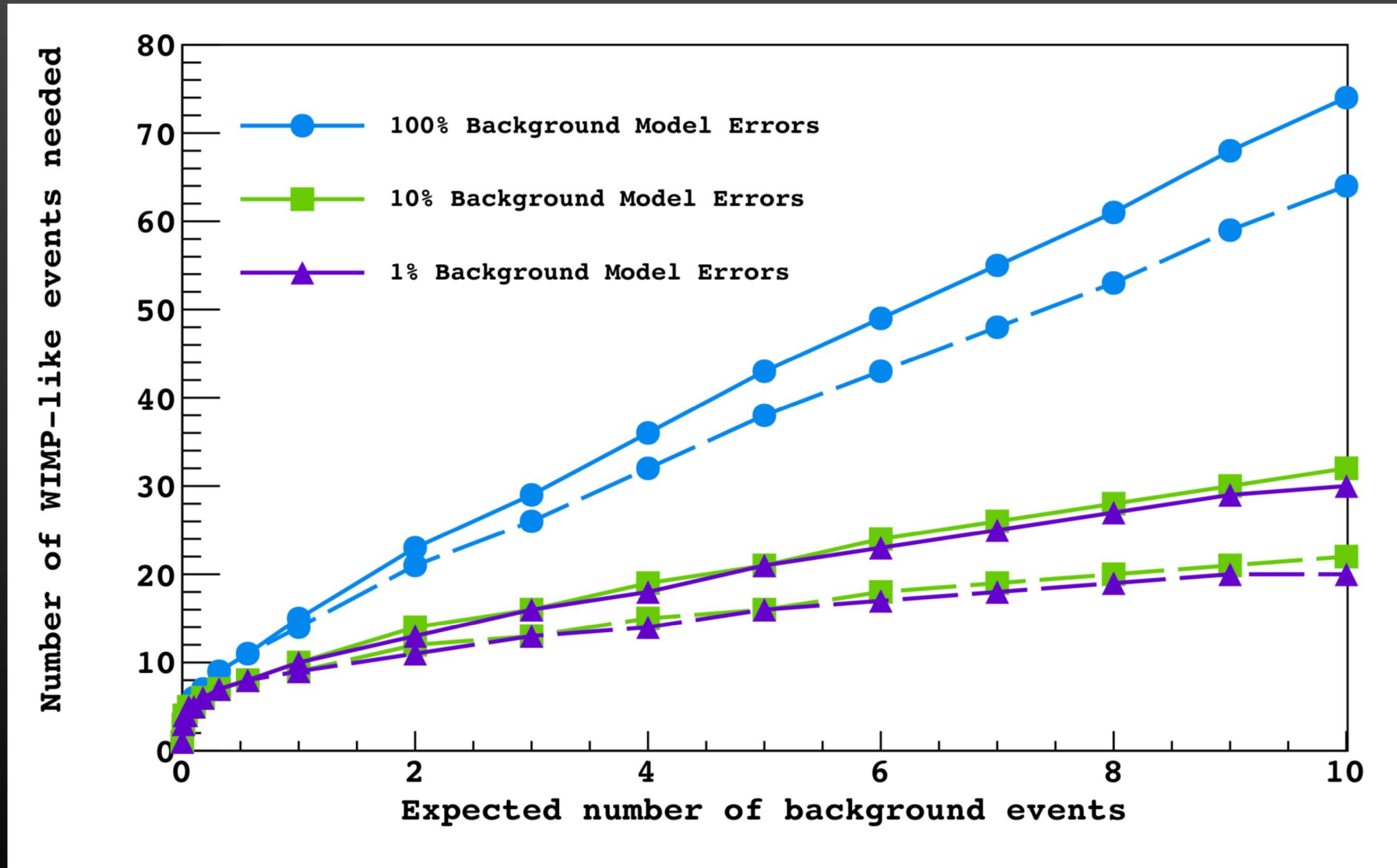


Ambient background  $\sim 10^{11}$  times DM rate





# Signal ?



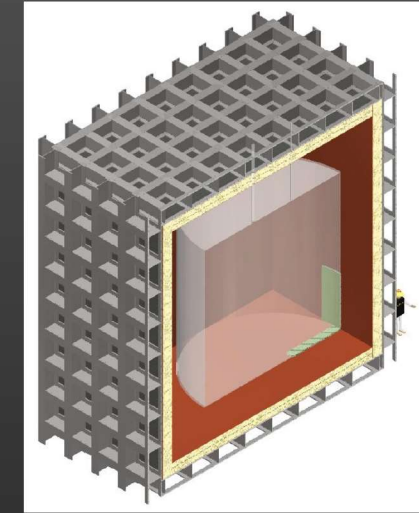
As few as 5 events would claim discovery, if the number of background events is  $< 0.1$



# The Roadmap of DarkSide

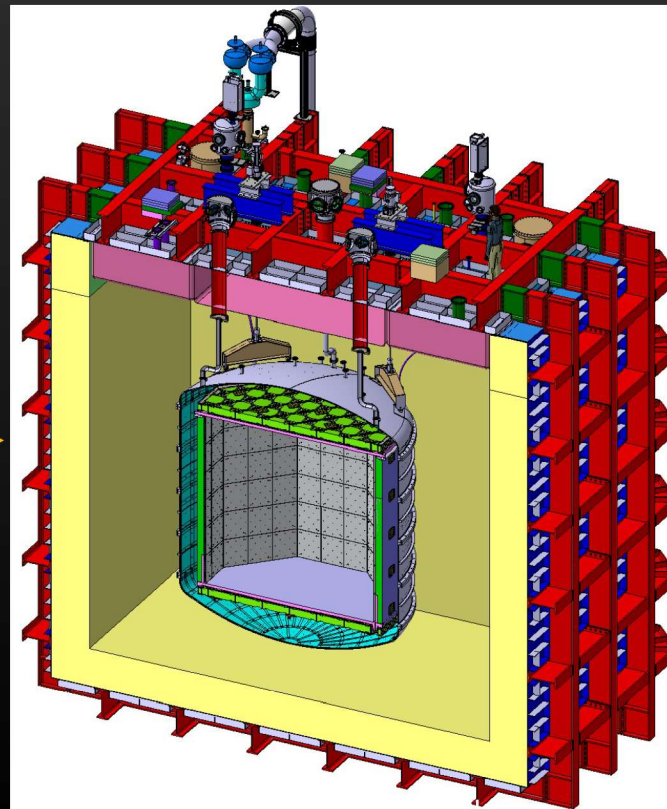
- Dual phase argon time projection chamber (TPC);
  - Argon from underground source;
  - Goal: background-free WIMP search
- DarkSide-20k @LNGS**  
49.7 tonnes (active)  
2026~

**DarkSide-50 @LNGS**  
46.4 kg (active)  
2013~2021

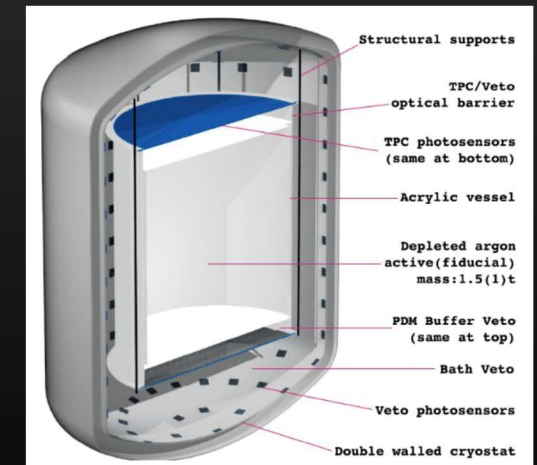


**ARGO @SNOLAB**

3000 tonne-year exposure  
2030s



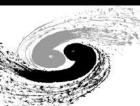
li wang (wangyisu@mep.ac.cn)



**DarkSide-LowMass @CJPL**

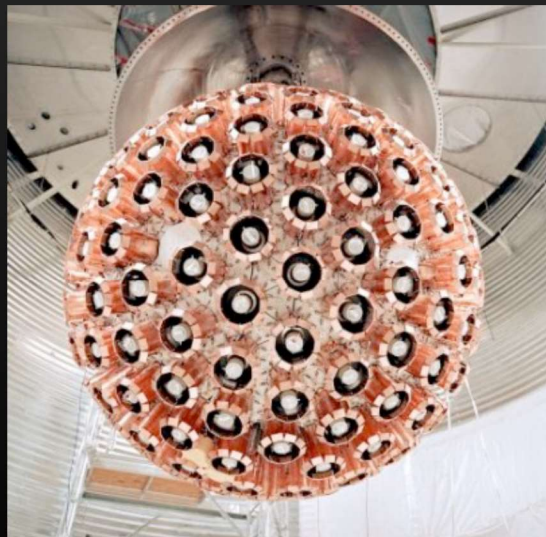
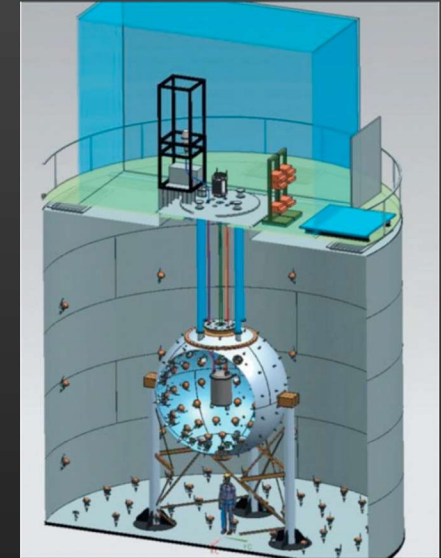
1 tonne-year exposure

2028~





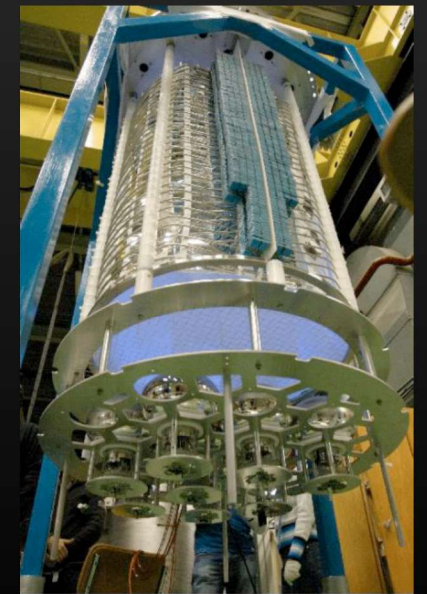
# Global Argon Dark Matter Collaboration



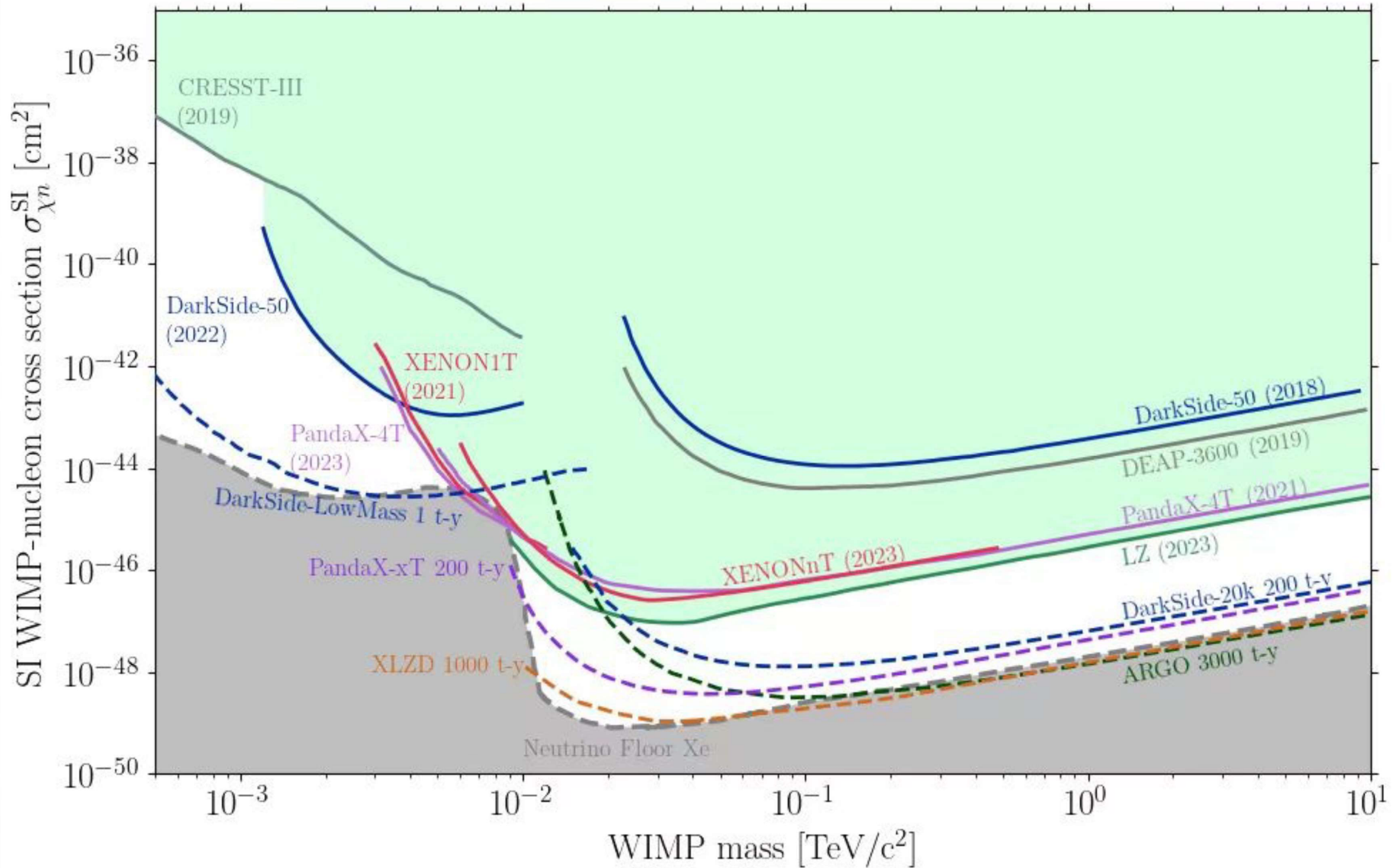
- Combined expertise from 4 LAr experiments
- Over 400 collaborators from 100 different institutes

GOAL:

To explore dark matter to the neutrino floor and beyond with extremely low instrumental background





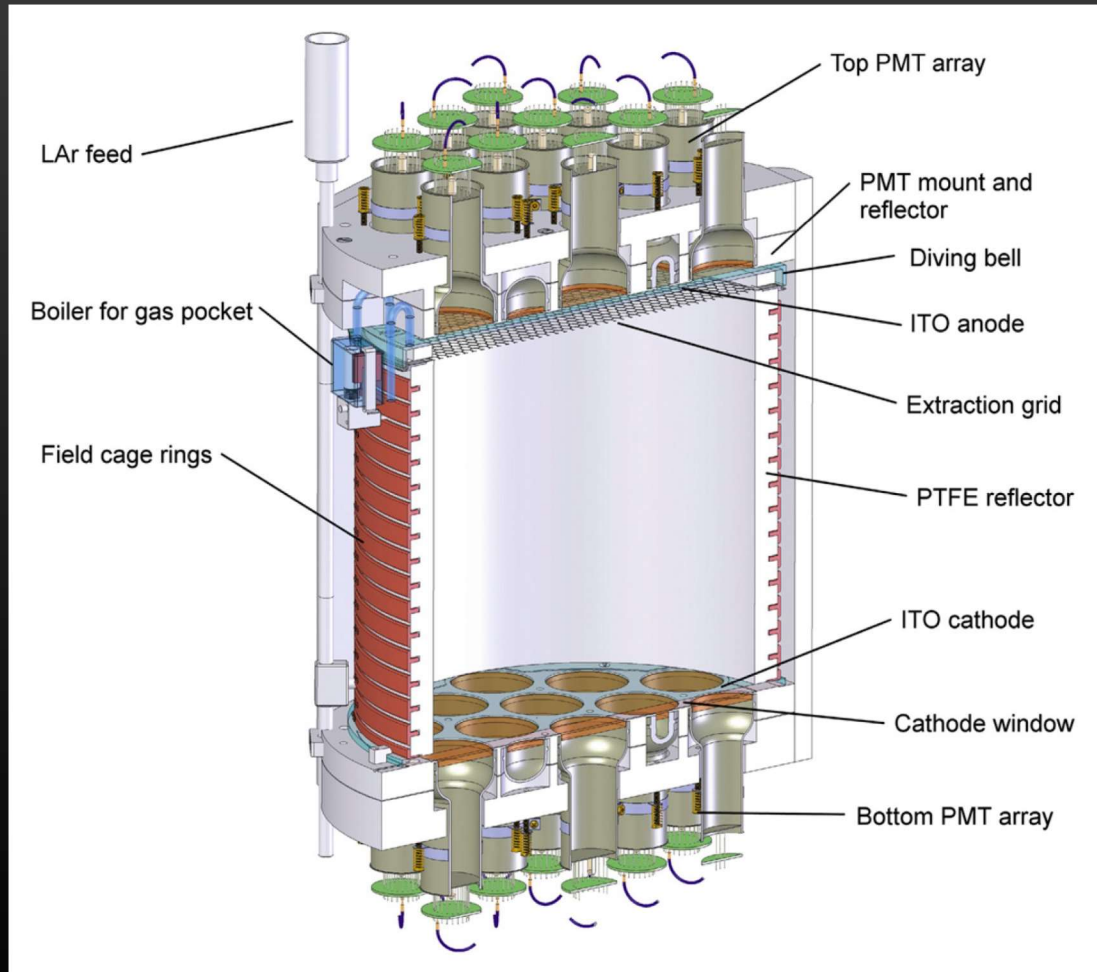


# DarkSide-50 @LNGS



# DarkSide-50

- 156kg total, 46kg fiducial

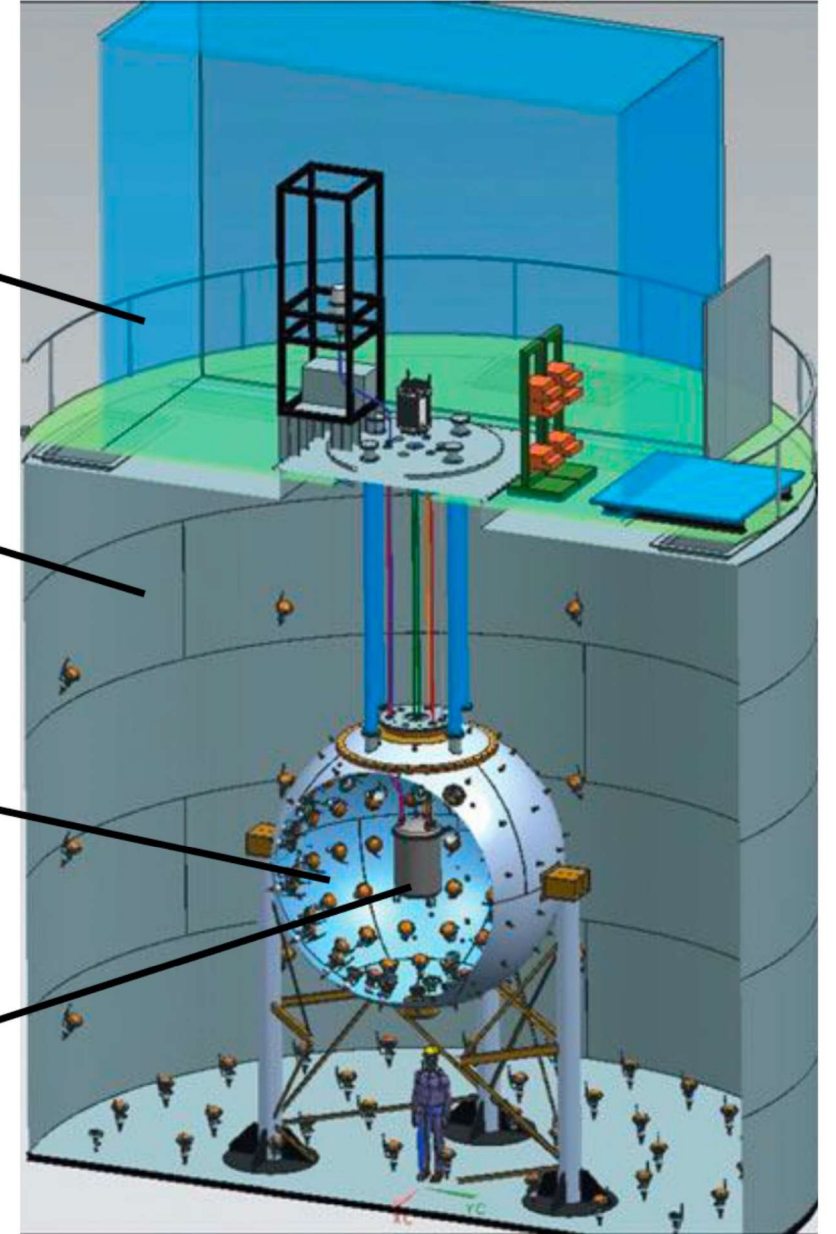


Radon free  
clean room

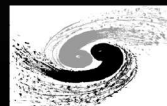
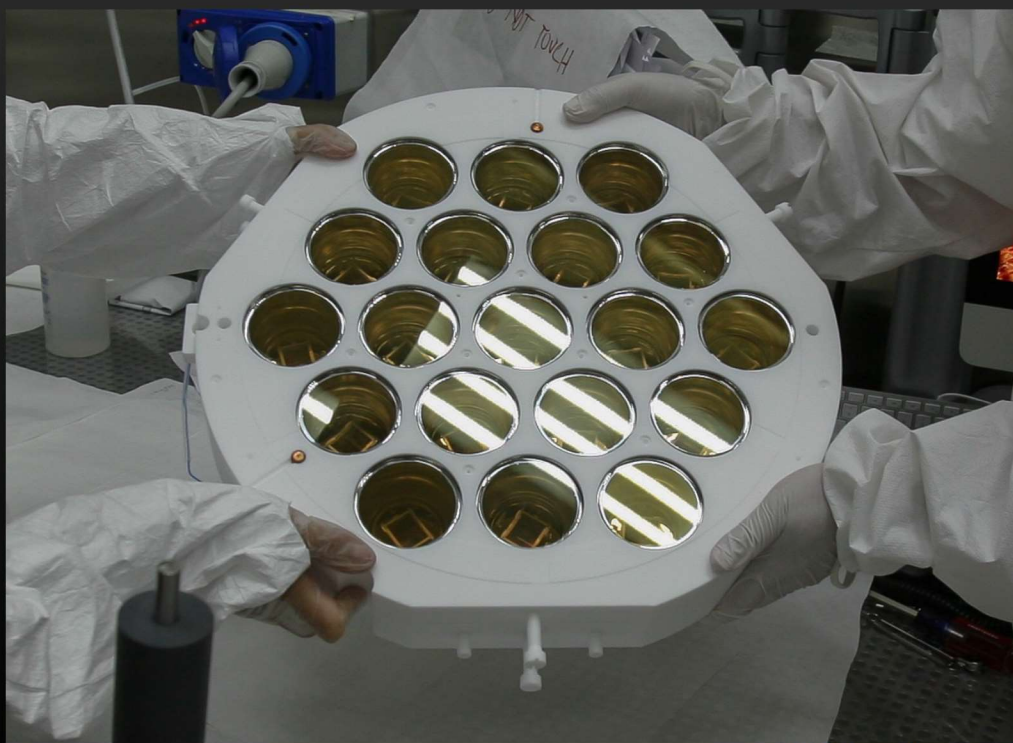
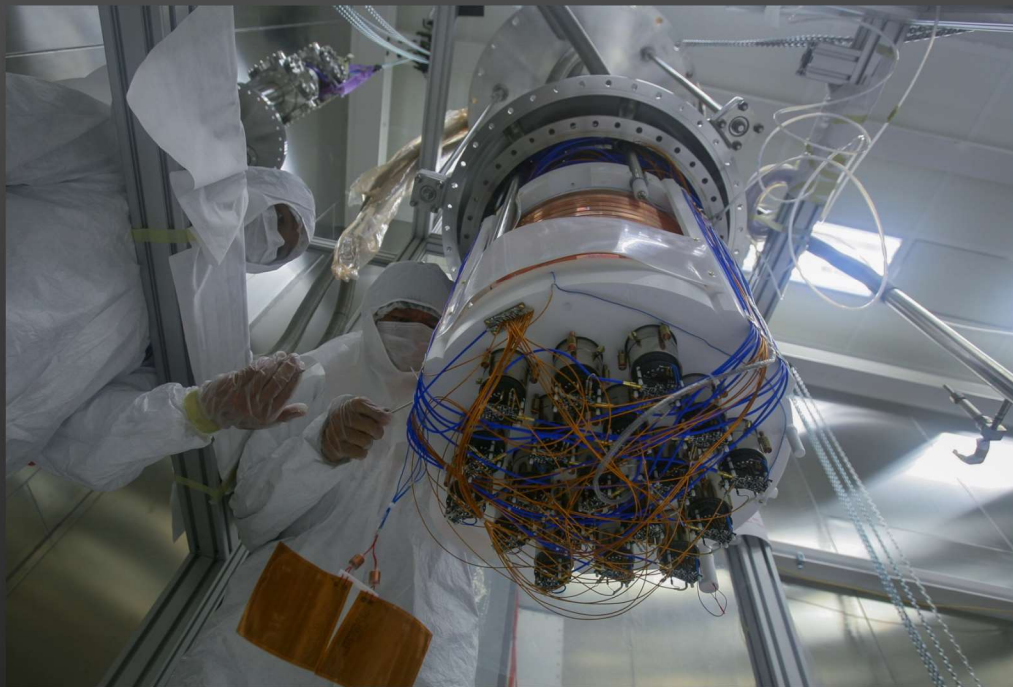
Water cherenkov  
detector (WCD)

Liquid scintillator  
veto (LSV)

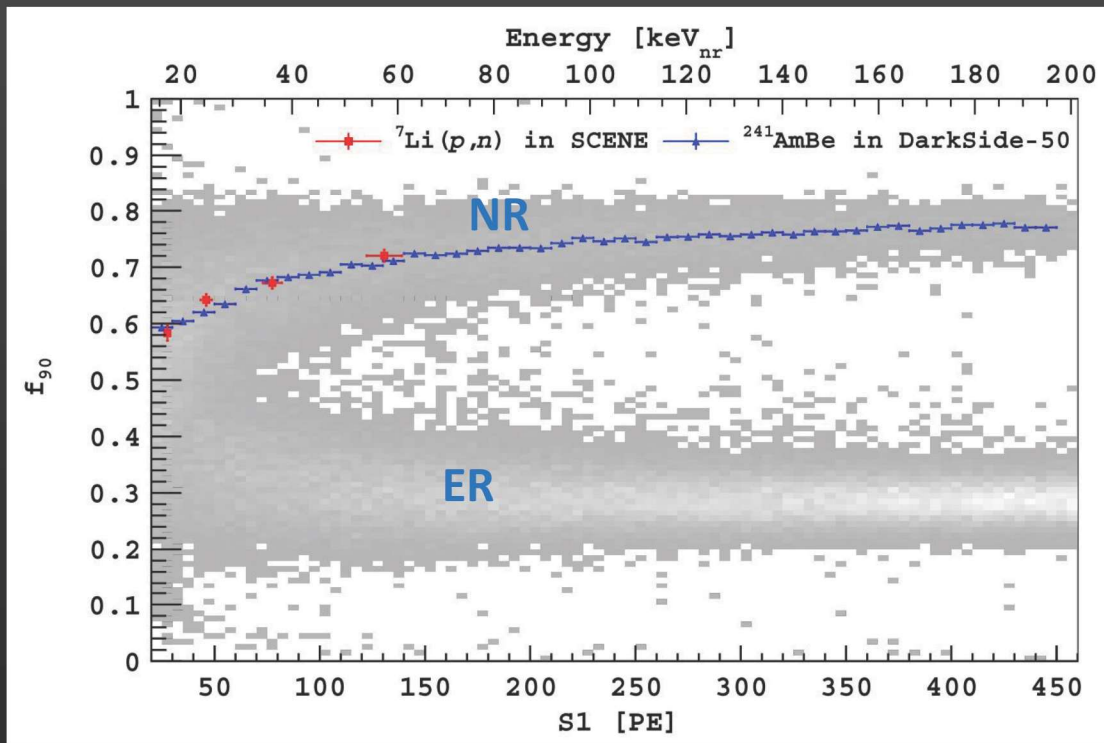
TPC



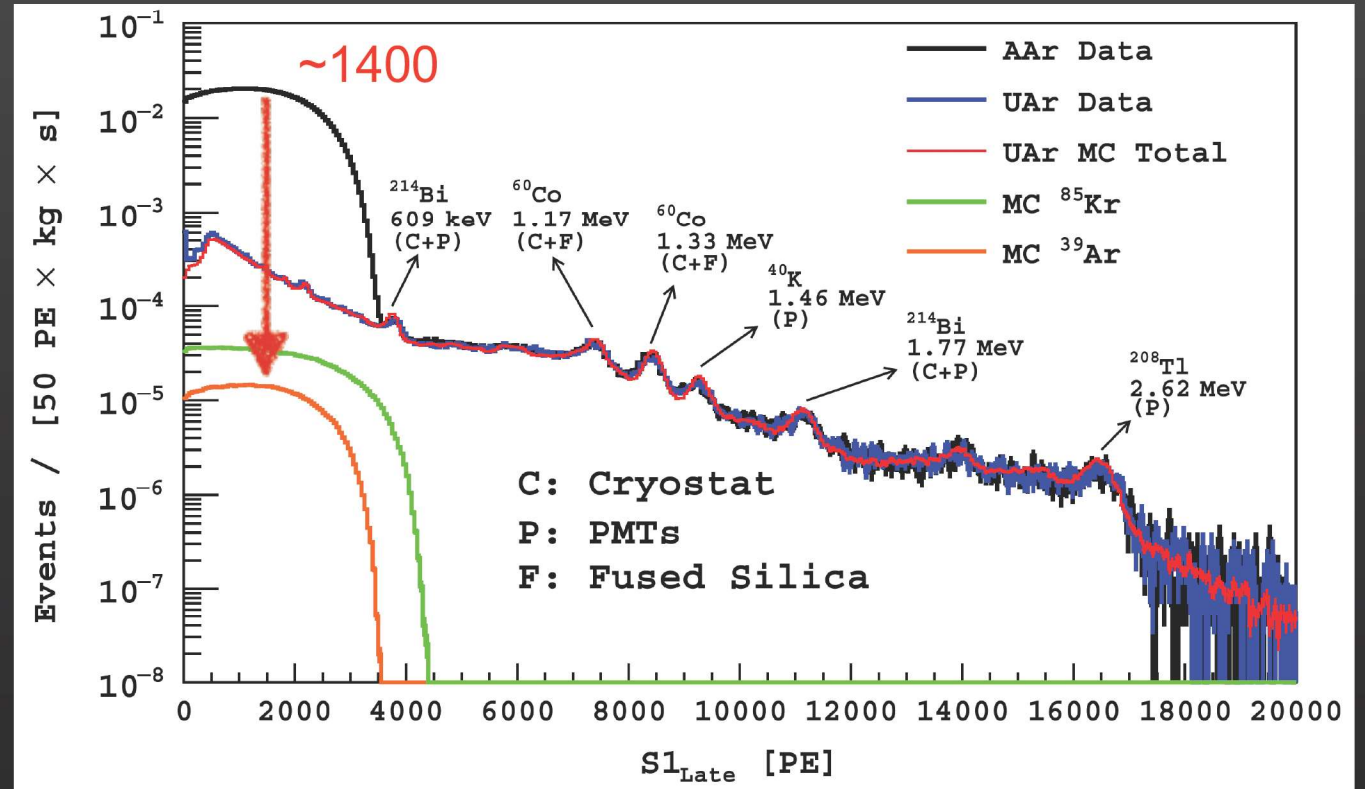




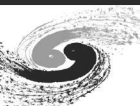
# DarkSide-50 backgrounds



S1 ER rejection power  $> 10^8$

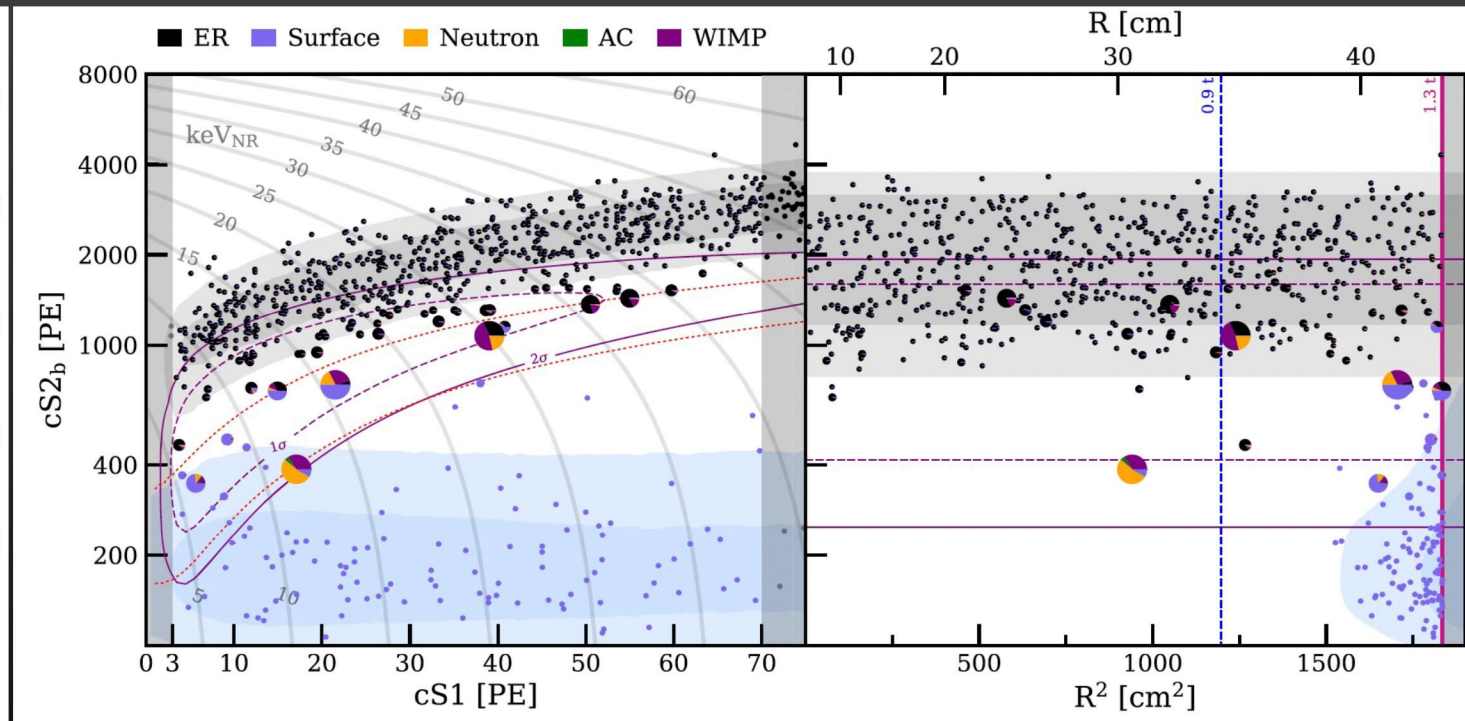
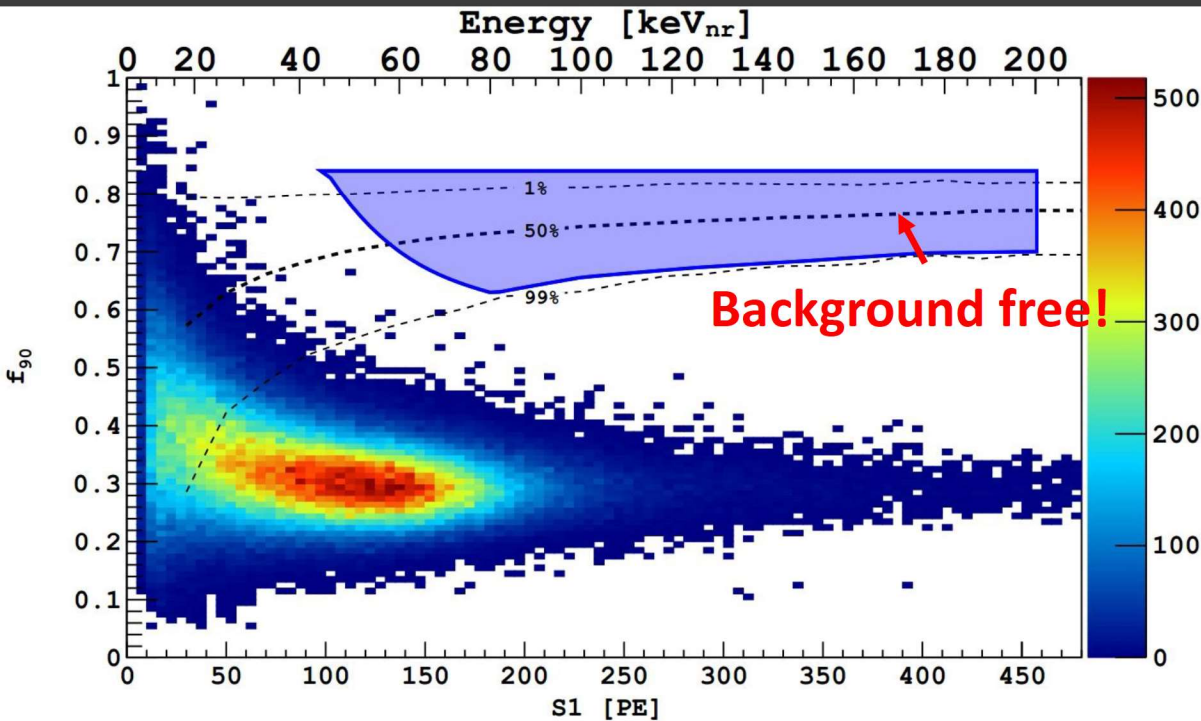


Demonstration of UAr,  ${}^{39}\text{Ar}$  has been reduced by 1400





# DarkSide-50 results



DarkSide-50  
Background-free high mass WIMP  
search results

XENON1T high mass WIMP search  
results



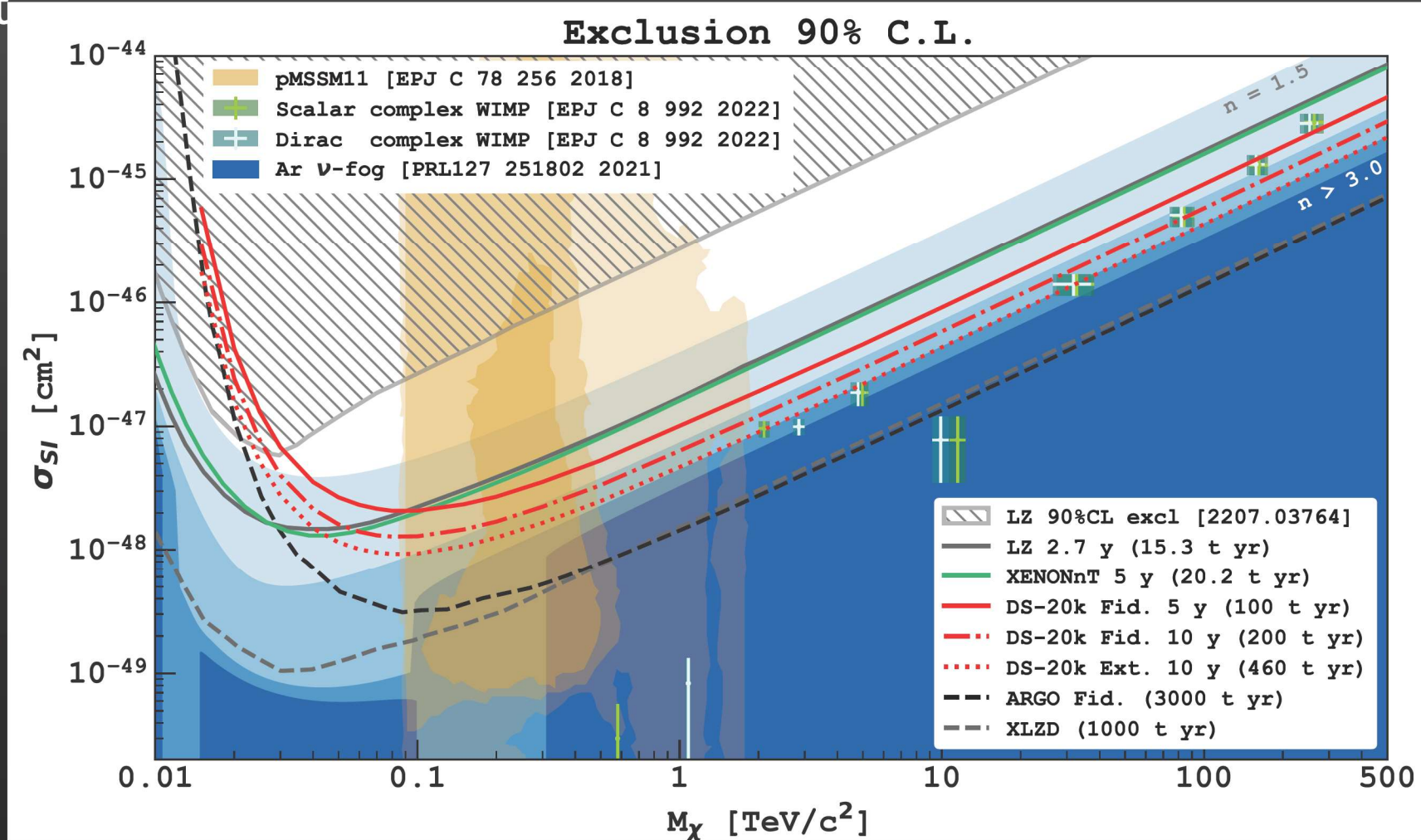


# DarkSide-20k @LNGS



# DarkSide-20k Projections

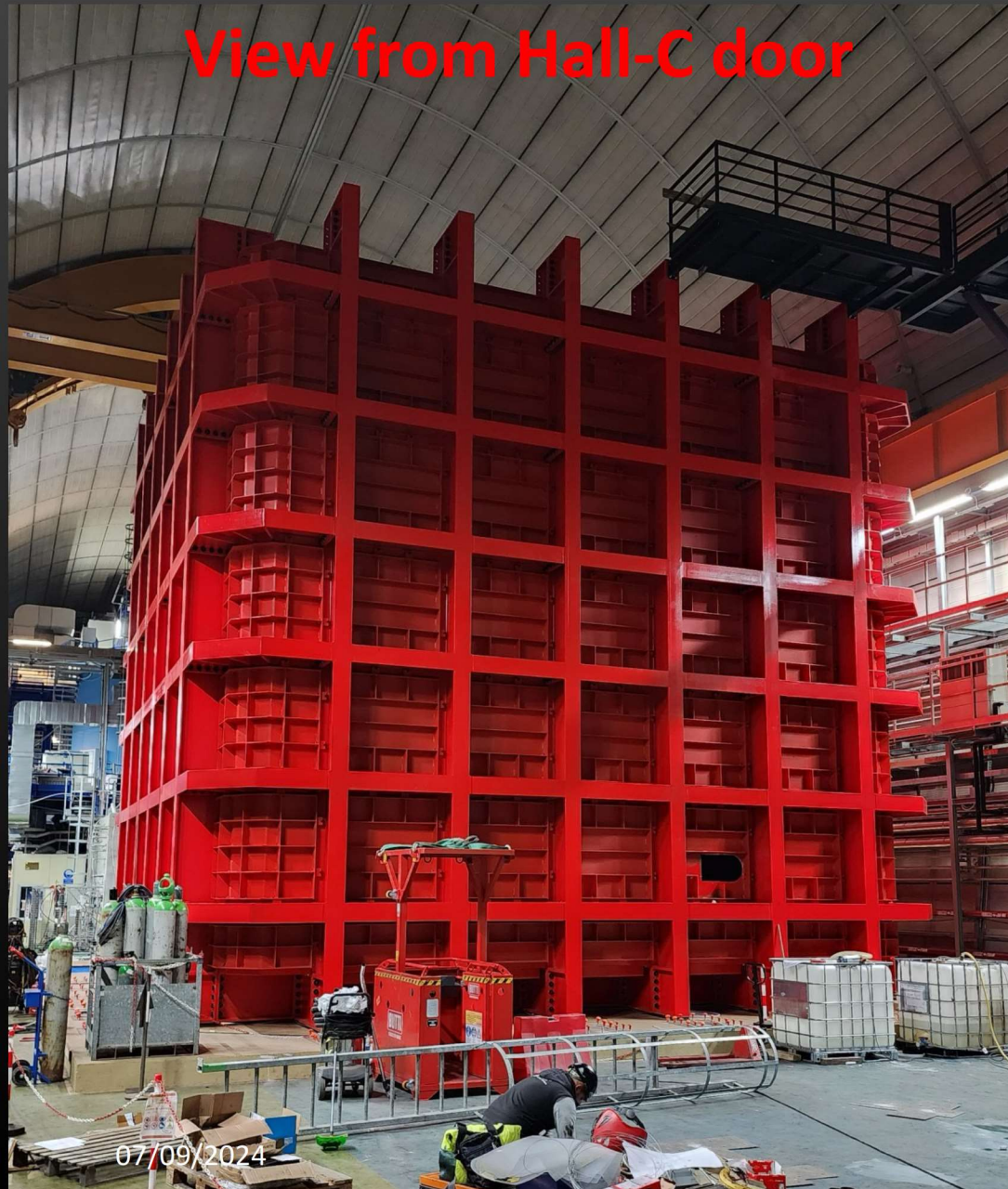
- Sensitivity to Spin-Independent WIMPs;
- With nominal exposure 200 t-y (20 t x 10 years):
  - 90% C.L. exclusion:  $6.3 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2 @ 1 \text{ TeV}/c^2$  ;
  - $5 \sigma$  discovery:  $2.1 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2 @ 1 \text{ TeV}/c^2$  ;
  - Sensitivity of core-collapse supernova neutrinos.   
 *JCAP03(2021)043*
- Instrumental background:  $< 0.1$  neutrons in RoI (30~200 keVnr) with 200 t-y exposure.





# DarkSide-20k Overview

View from Hall-C door



07/09/2024

Membrane  
"ProtoDUNE-like"  
cryostat

Atmospheric argon  
(AAr) volume ( $\approx 700$  t)

Vacuum vessel  
containing UAr and  
TPC/veto

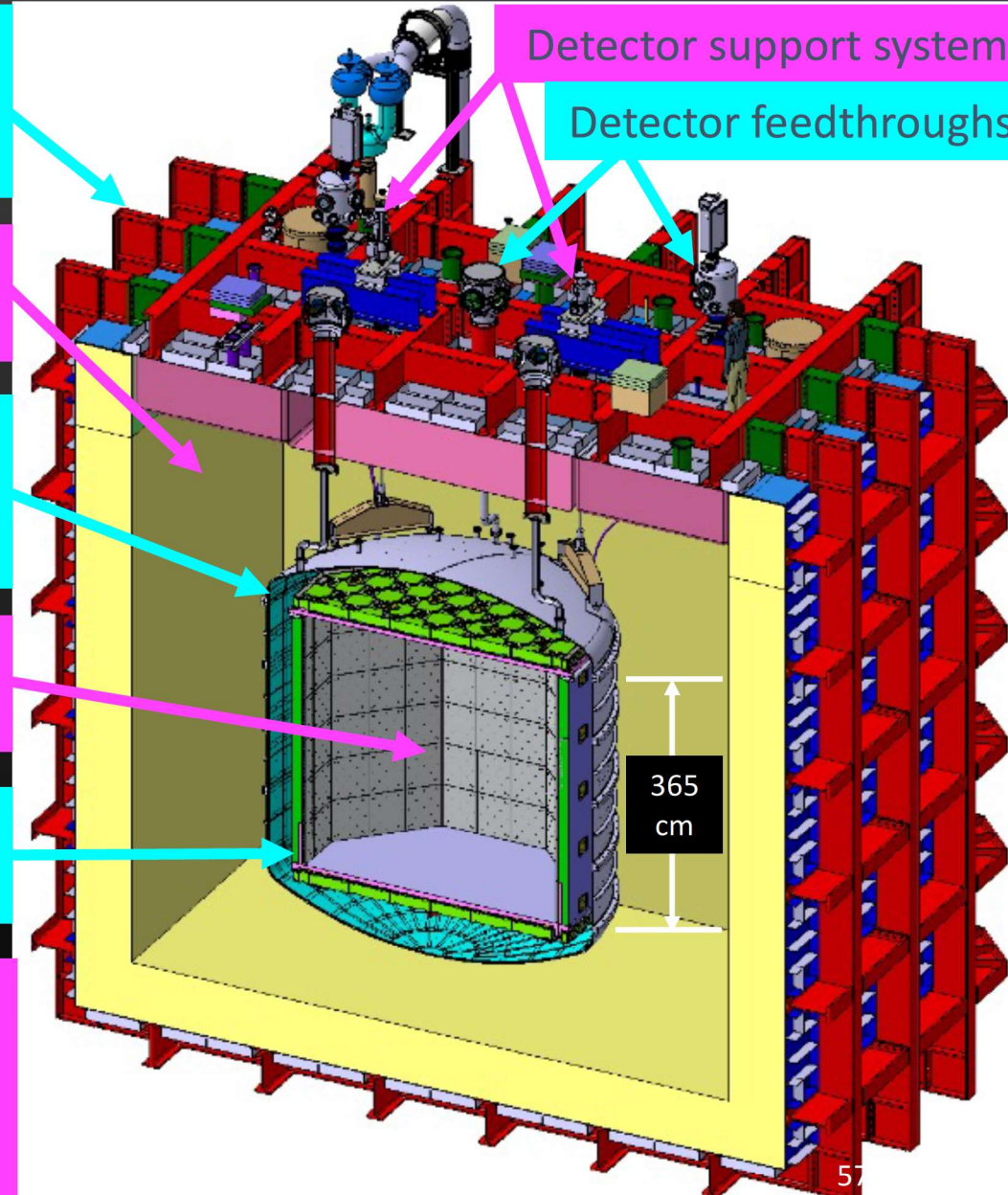
Underground argon  
(UAr) volume ( $\approx 100$  t)

"Inner detectors", TPC  
and neutron veto

Outer veto will consist  
of SiPM arrays near  
the cryostat walls  
looking inward

Detector support system

Detector feedthroughs

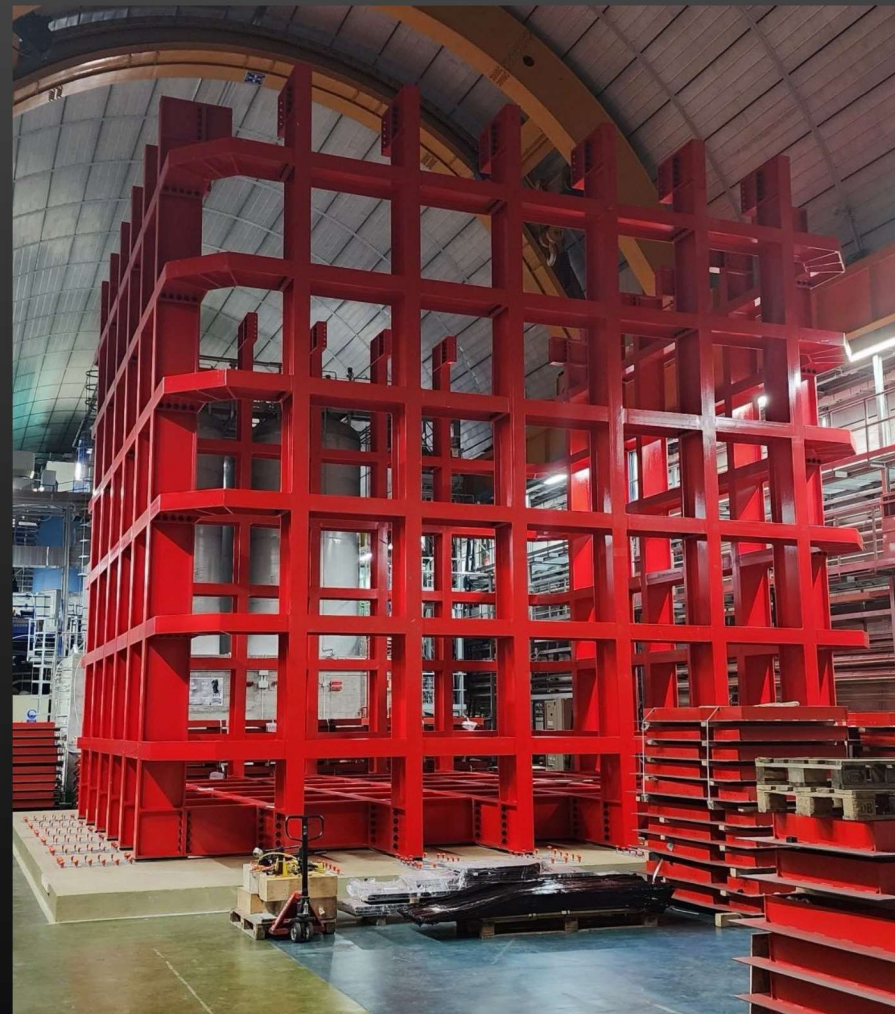


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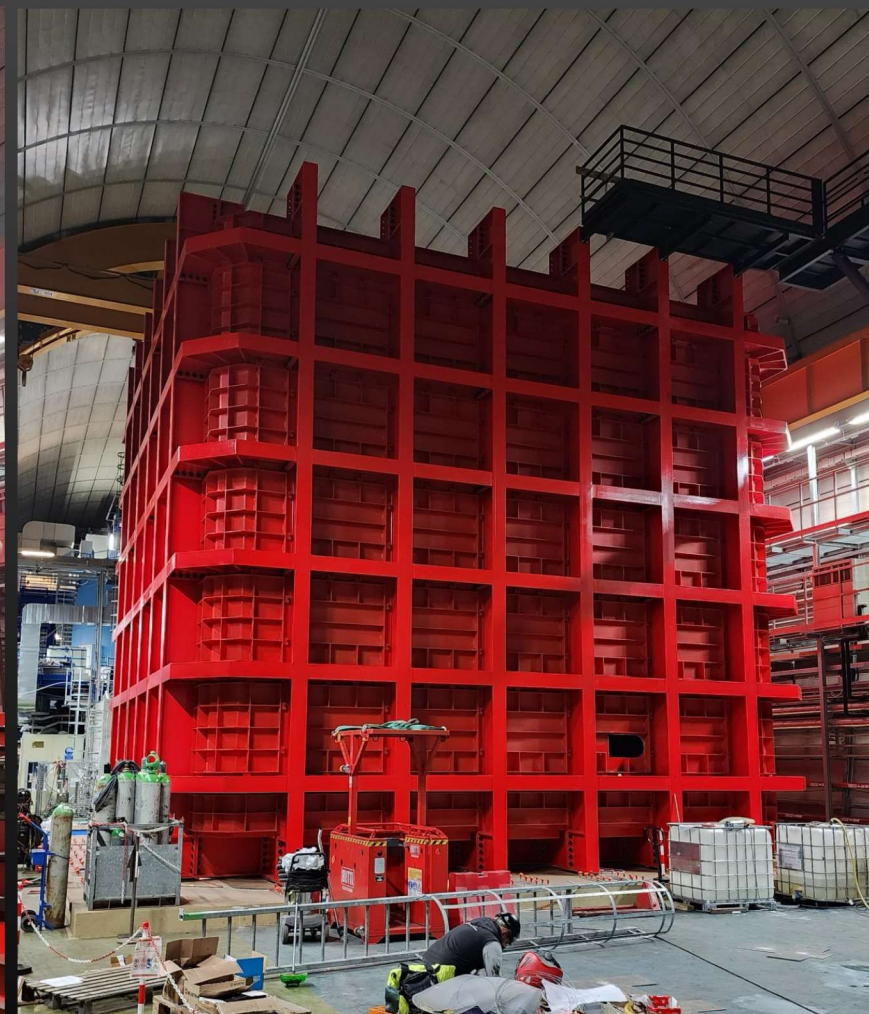




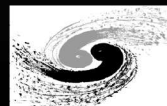
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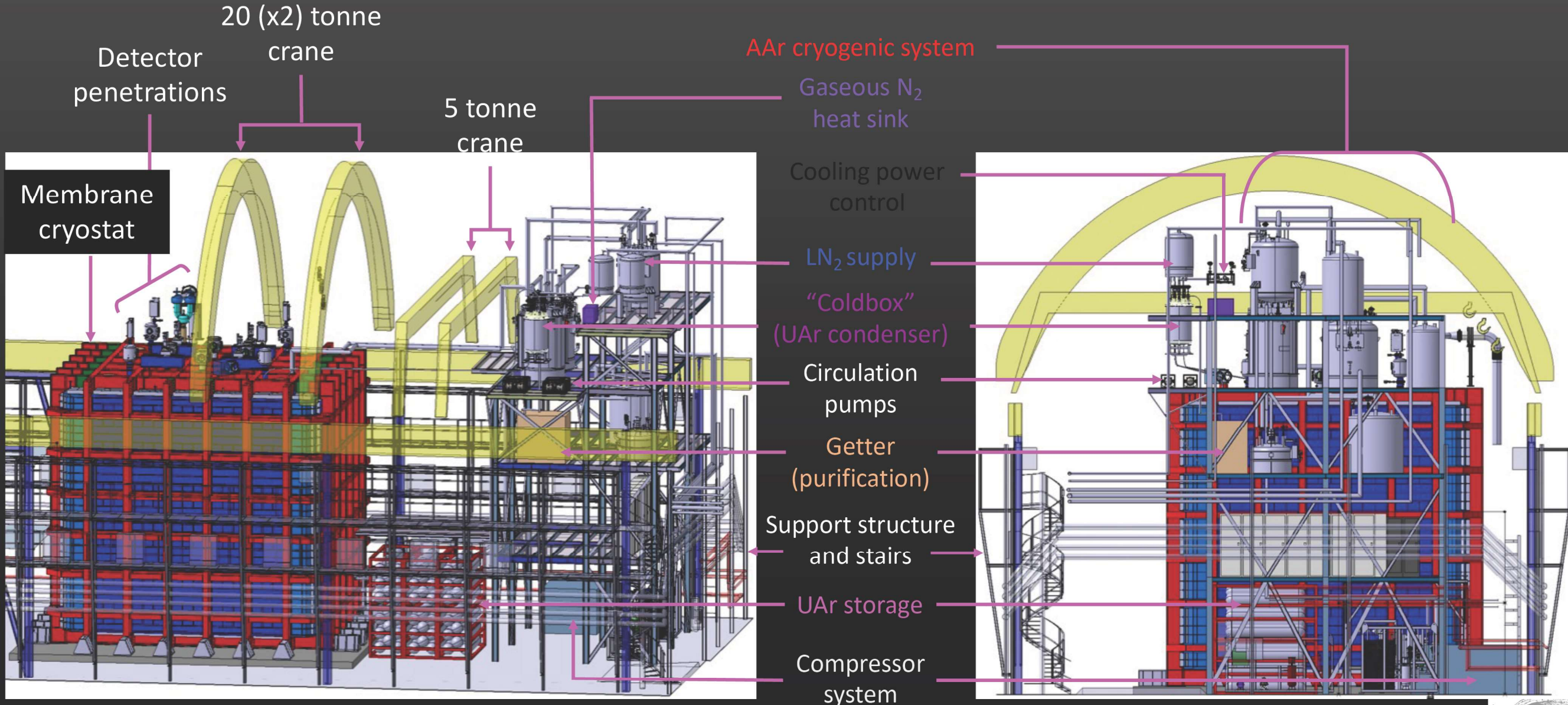
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# DarkSide-20k Overview

@Hall C LNGS in Italy



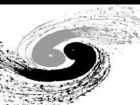


# Challenge of DarkSide-20k

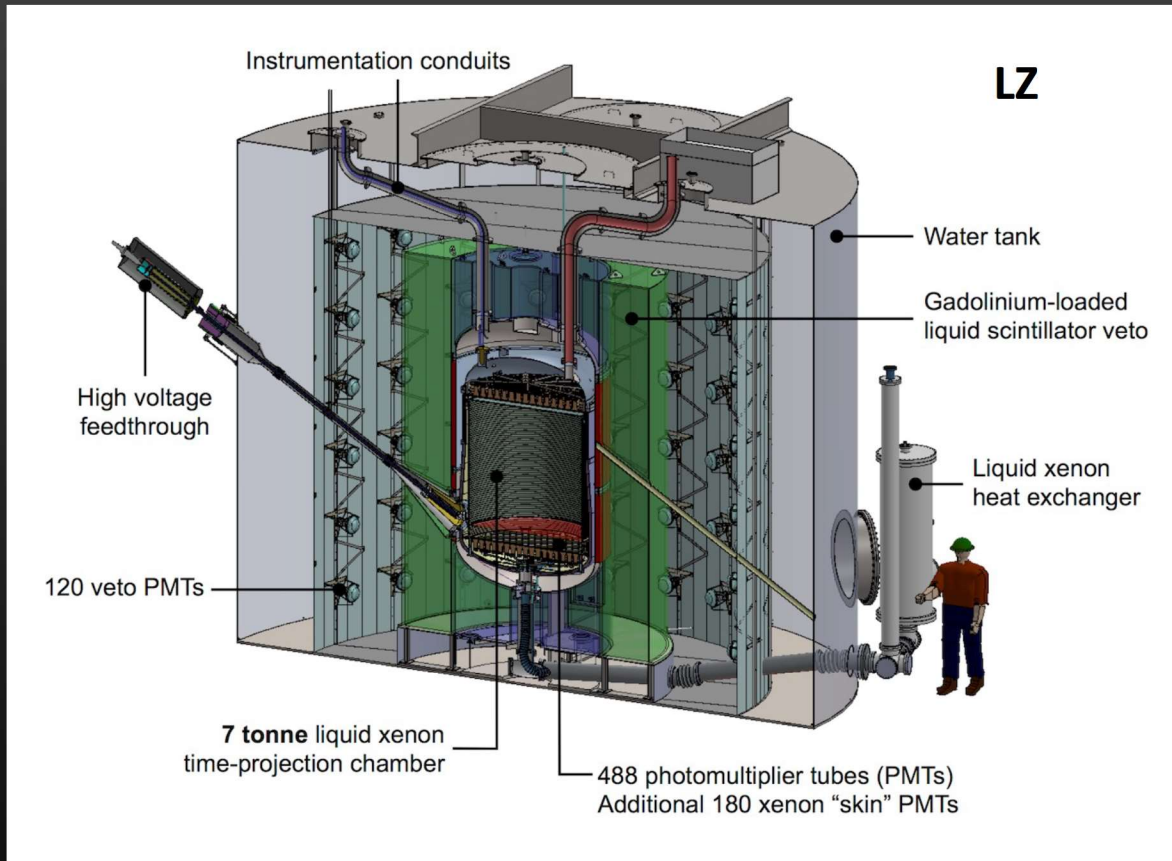
- World largest dual-phase TPC for scintillation purpose, a huge amount of R&D. IHEP
- 100 tonnes of UAr is required, DarkSide-50 only required 160 kg. IHEP
- Efficient neutron veto for “background-free” goal. IHEP
- Large area photon detection technique. IHEP

How do we suppress the background for such a large detector ??

Neutron veto,  $^{39}\text{Ar}$ , U & Th



# Neutron veto



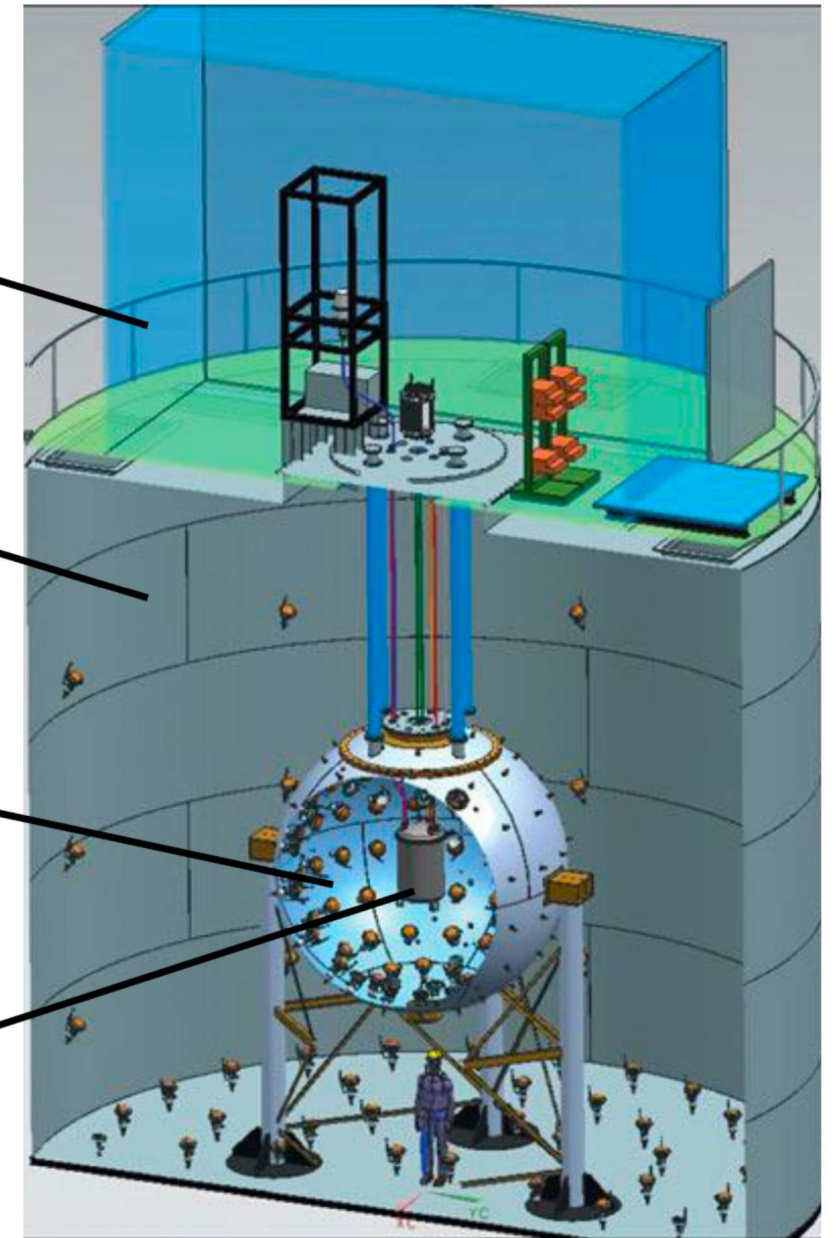
Radon free  
clean room

Water cherenkov  
detector (WCD)

Liquid scintillator  
veto (LSV)

TPC

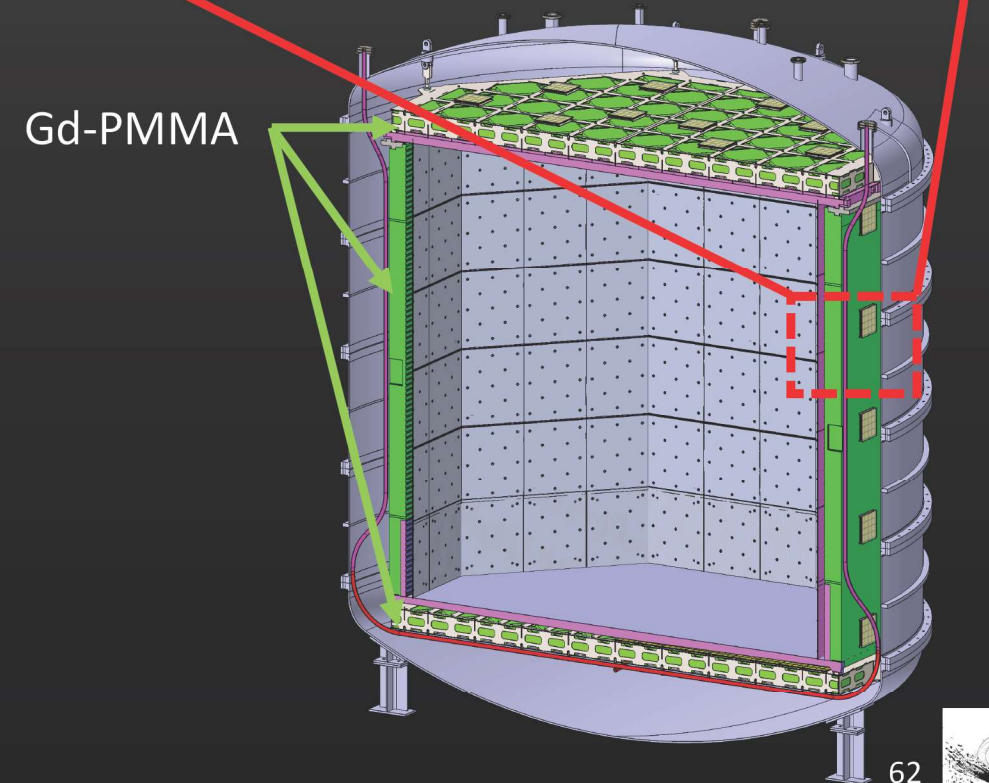
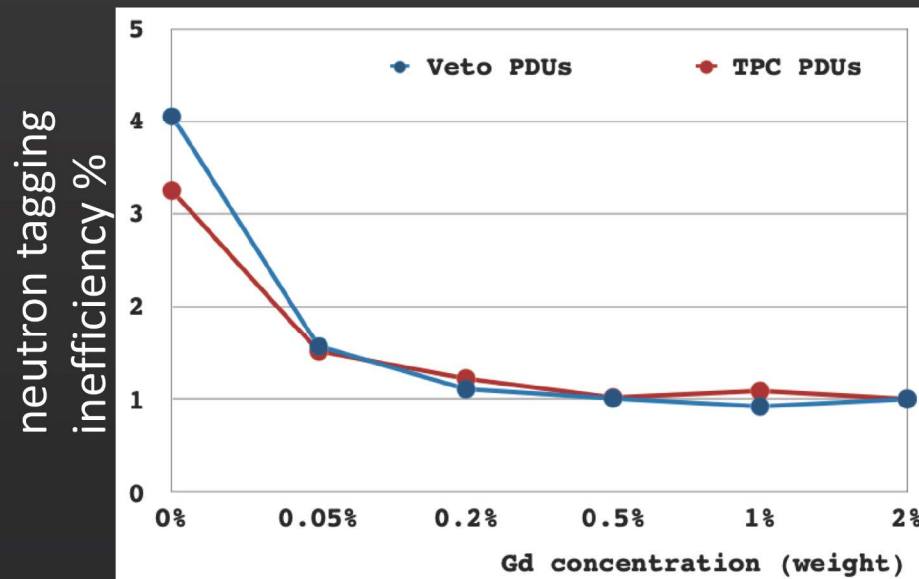
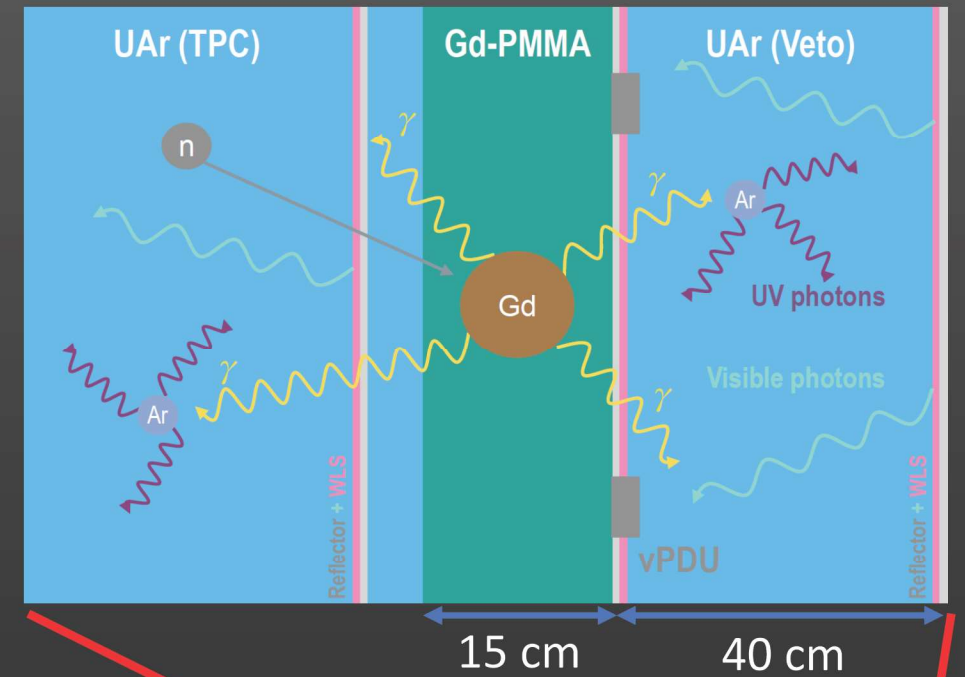
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# Novel neutron veto

- Acrylic (Hydrogen) + Gadolinium + Argon
  - Gd-PMMA (1 wt%), 15 cm thick;
  - $4\pi$  coverage: TPC walls, top & bottom endcaps;
  - 40 cm thick UAr buffer + UAr in TPC;
- Produced  $\gamma$  rays interact in UAr in both buffer and TPC;
- ESR as reflector and PEN as wavelength shifter;
- Scintillation lights detected by SiPMs in both buffer and TPC.

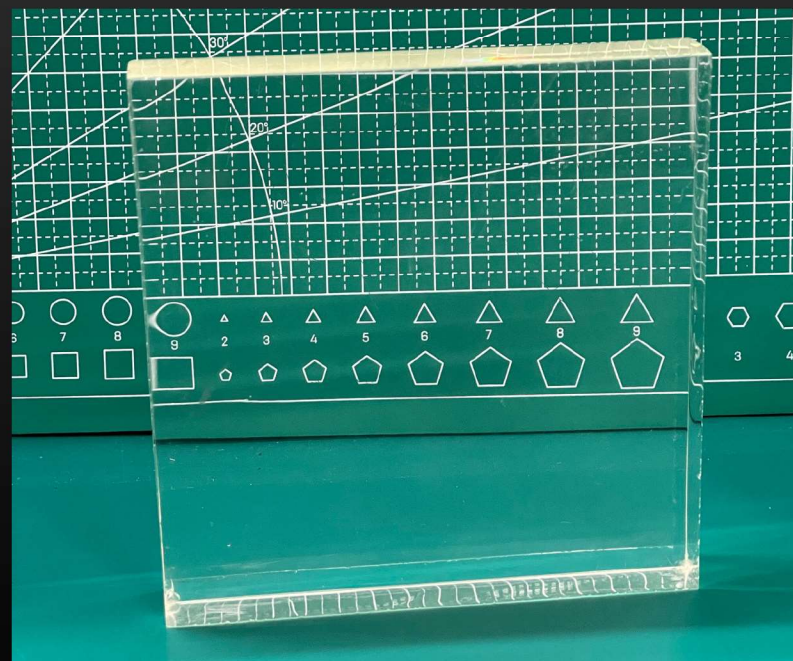


# Gd-PMMA R&D and Production in China

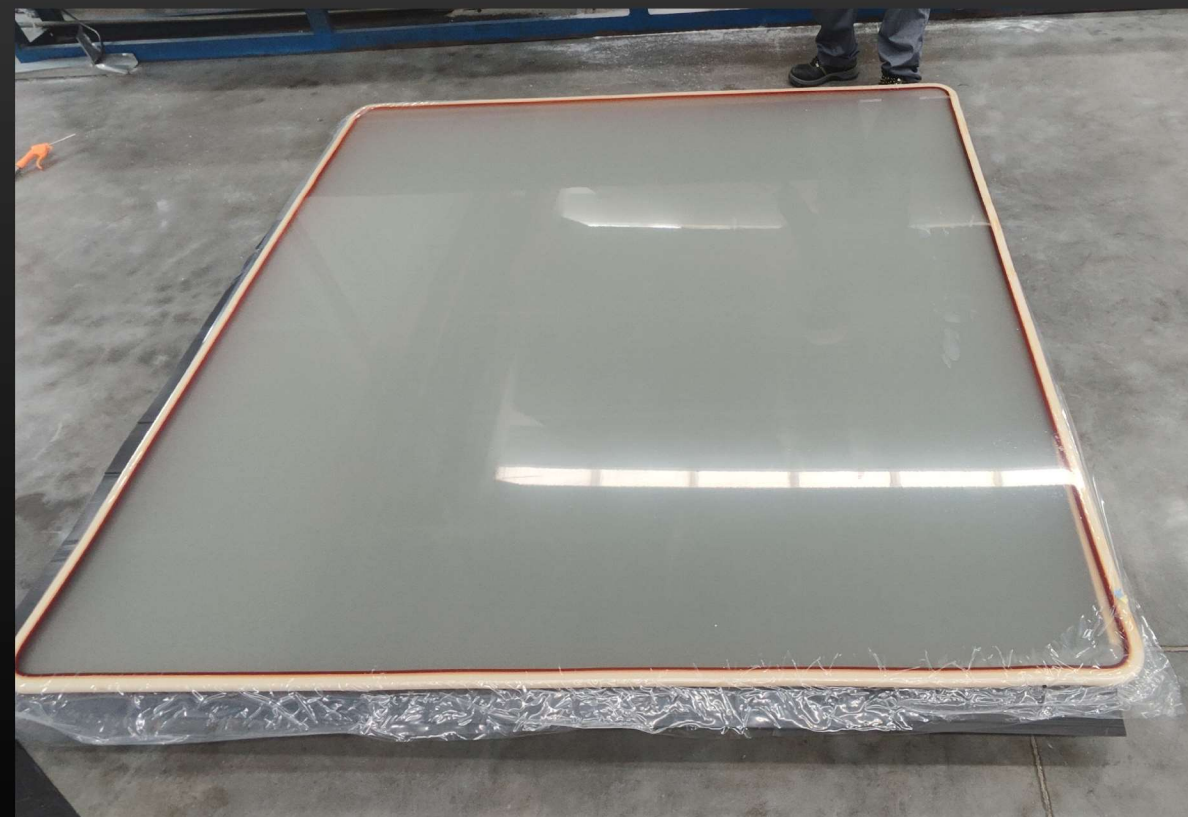
Gd-PMMA based on Gd(MAA)<sub>3</sub> is developed at IHEP.

Gd-PMMA samples during the R&D phase.

Gd concentration is 1 wt%.



First full-size Gd-PMMA panel produced at Donchamp in China.

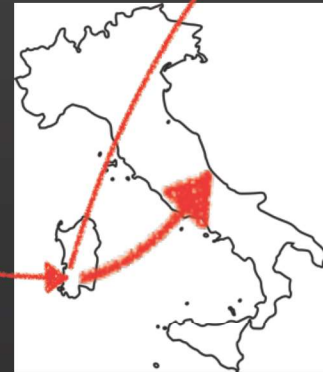
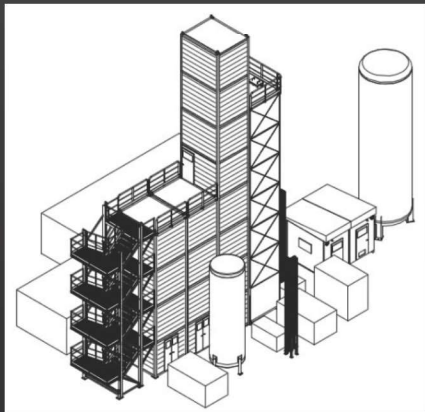




# UAr Production

## URANIA (Extraction)

An industrial scale extraction plant in Cortez, CO, USA;  
Extraction rate: 250~330 kg/day; UAr purity: 99.99%;  
Capable to extract 120 tonnes UAr for DS-20k in 2 years;  
Plant assembly in progress.



## ARIA (Purification)

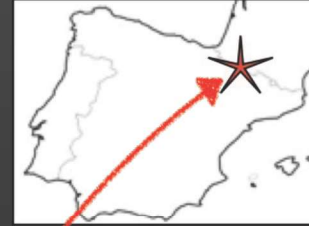
350 m tall cryogenic distillation column in Sardinia, Italy;  
Chemical purification rate O (1 tonne/day);  
UAr purity after ARIA: 99.999%;  
Seruci-0 tested, Seruci-1 under construction;

*Eur. Phys. J. C (2021) 81:359, Eur. Phys. J. C (2023) 83:453*  
Capable to separate  $^{39}\text{Ar}$  from  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  at O (10 kg/day).

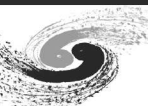
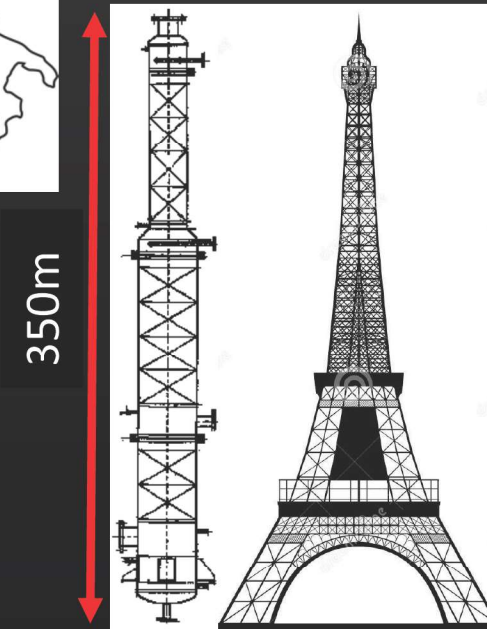
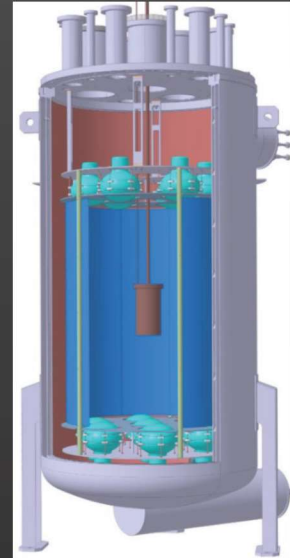
## DArT in ArDM (Radiopurity assay)

At Canfranc Lab, Spain (LCS);

A single-phase detector to measure the  $^{39}\text{Ar}$  depletion factor;  
Sensitive to measure UAr depletion factors in excess of 1000;  
DArT will soon be installed inside ArDM.



First result in  
2020 JINST 15 P02024



# Distillation column assembly at CERN

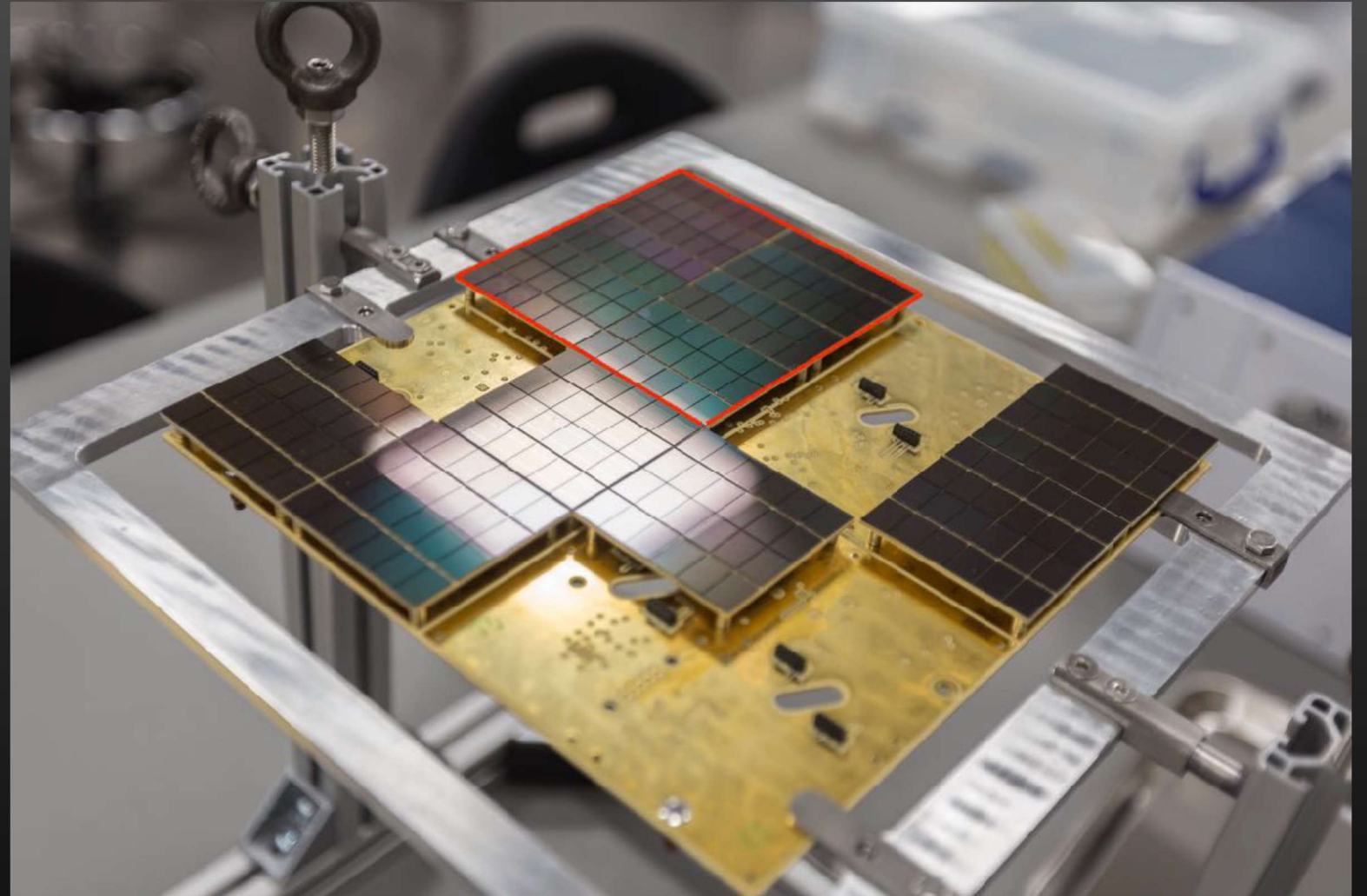




# PMT -> SiPM



Hamamatsu 3in PMT  
R11065 for LAr

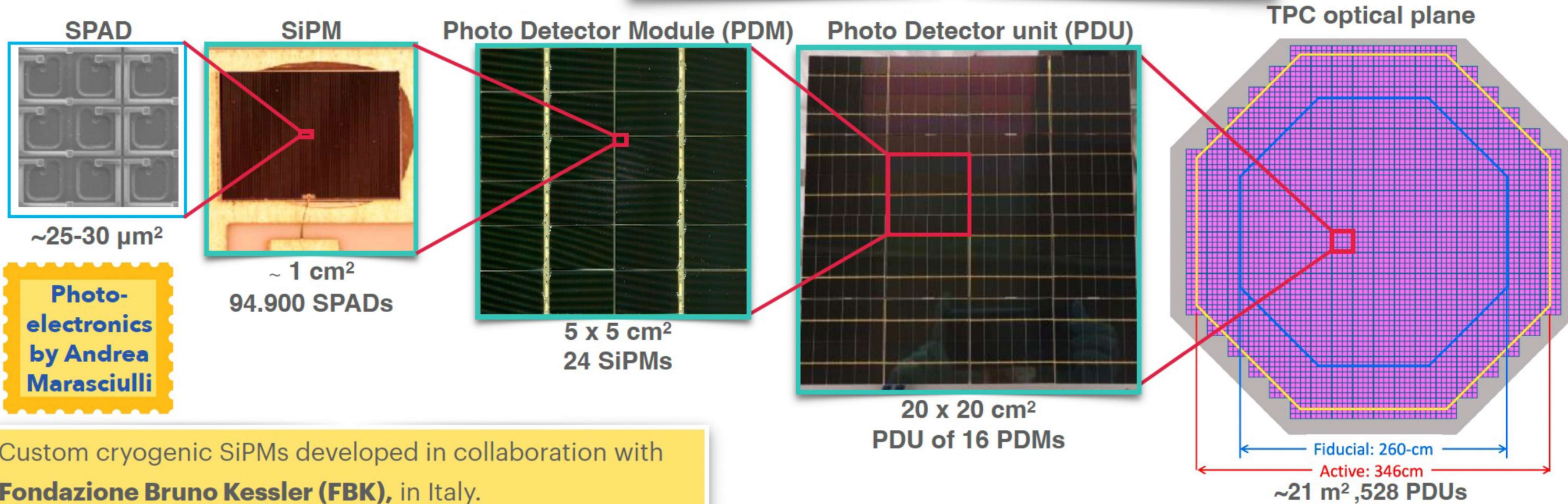


SiPM array  
Developed by FBK, produced by LFoundry





**4 PDMs** are summed and read as a single channel.  
**Largest SiPM array!**



**Photo-electronics**  
by **Andrea Marasciulli**

Custom cryogenic SiPMs developed in collaboration with **Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK)**, in Italy.

- **Photon detection efficiency (PDE) ~45%**
- **Low dark-count rate < 0.01 Hz/mm<sup>2</sup> at 77K (7 VoV)**
- **Timing resolution ~ 10 ns**

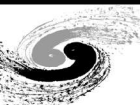
Mass production of the raw wafers at **LFoundry (Italy)**

- SiPM testing and assembling facility at **NOA (Nuova officina Assergi)**.





**DarkSide-20k will start  
taking data at the  
beginning of 2027 !**

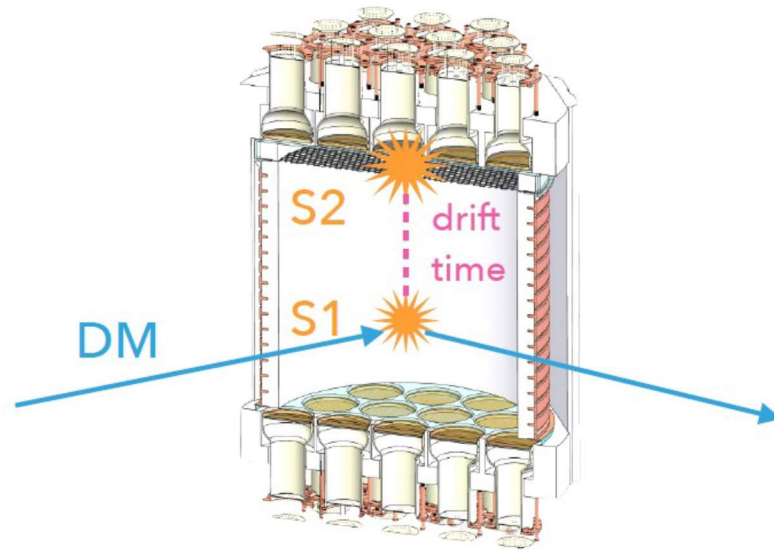


# DarkSide-LowMass @CJPL



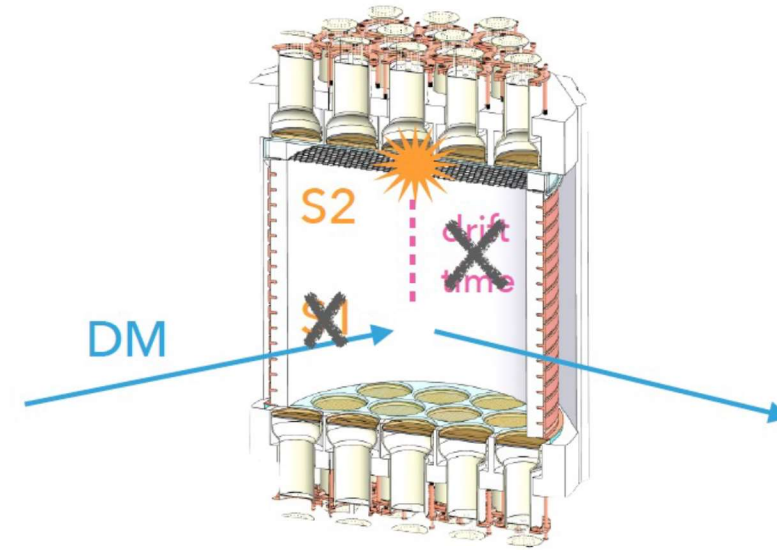


## High Mass Search High Energy Events



- ▶ Scintillation (S1) & Ionization (S2)
- ▶ Pulse Shape Discrimination (PSD)
- ▶ Drift time provides vertical event position

## Low Mass Search Low Energy Events

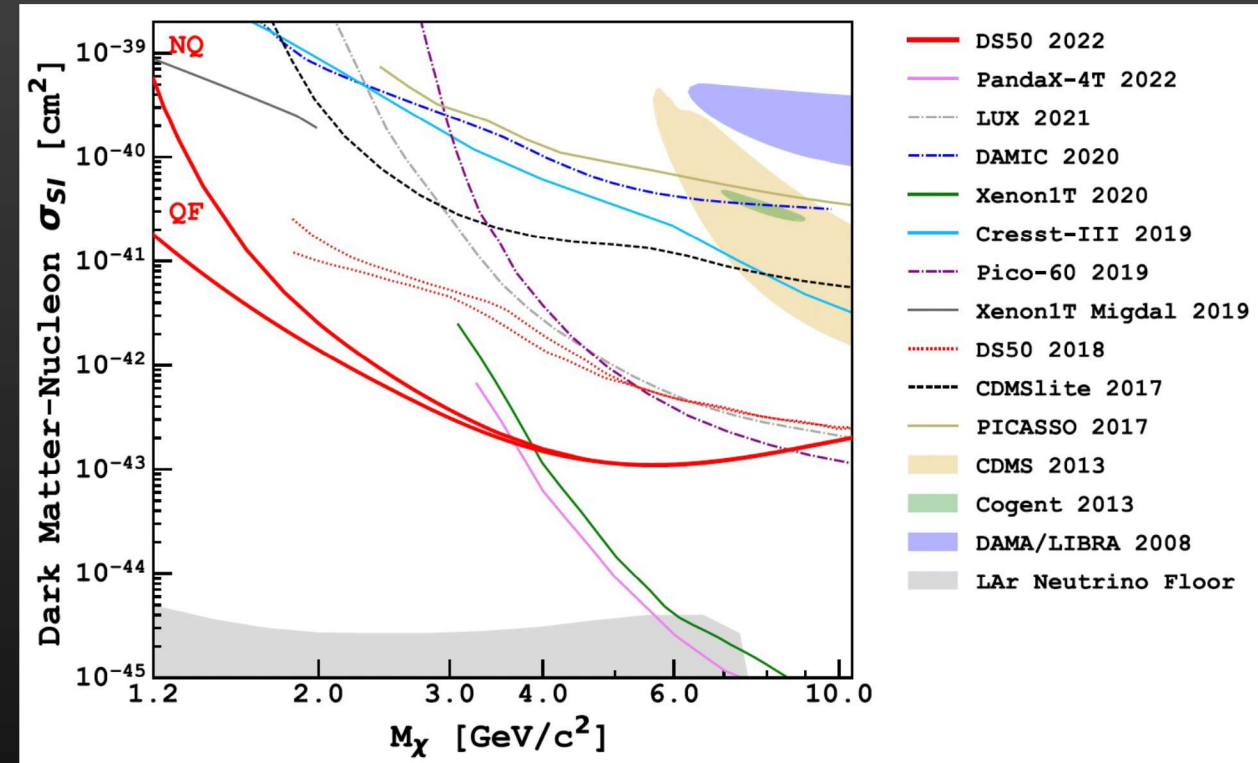


- ▶ Electrofluorescence in gas gap lets us detect single e<sup>-</sup> with high efficiency.  
→ **Lower energy threshold**
- ▶ **No** PSD
- ▶ **No** vertical position



# DarkSide-50 results for low mass

- Scintillation signal (S1): threshold at  $\sim 2$  keVee / 6 keVnr;
- Ionization signal (S2): threshold  $< 0.1$  keVee / 0.4 keVnr.
- With ionization only (S2):
  - Amplification in gas  $> 23$  p.e./e-;
  - Sensitive to a single extracted electron.



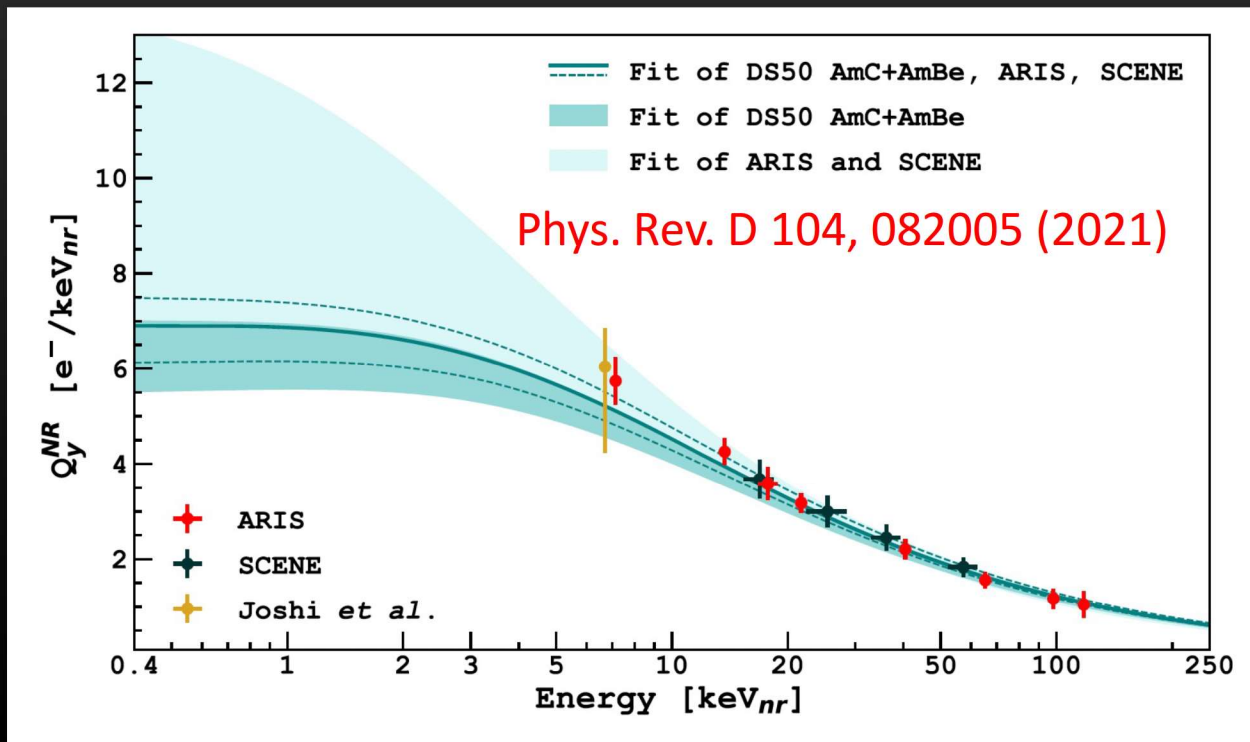
World-leading low mass WIMP search results



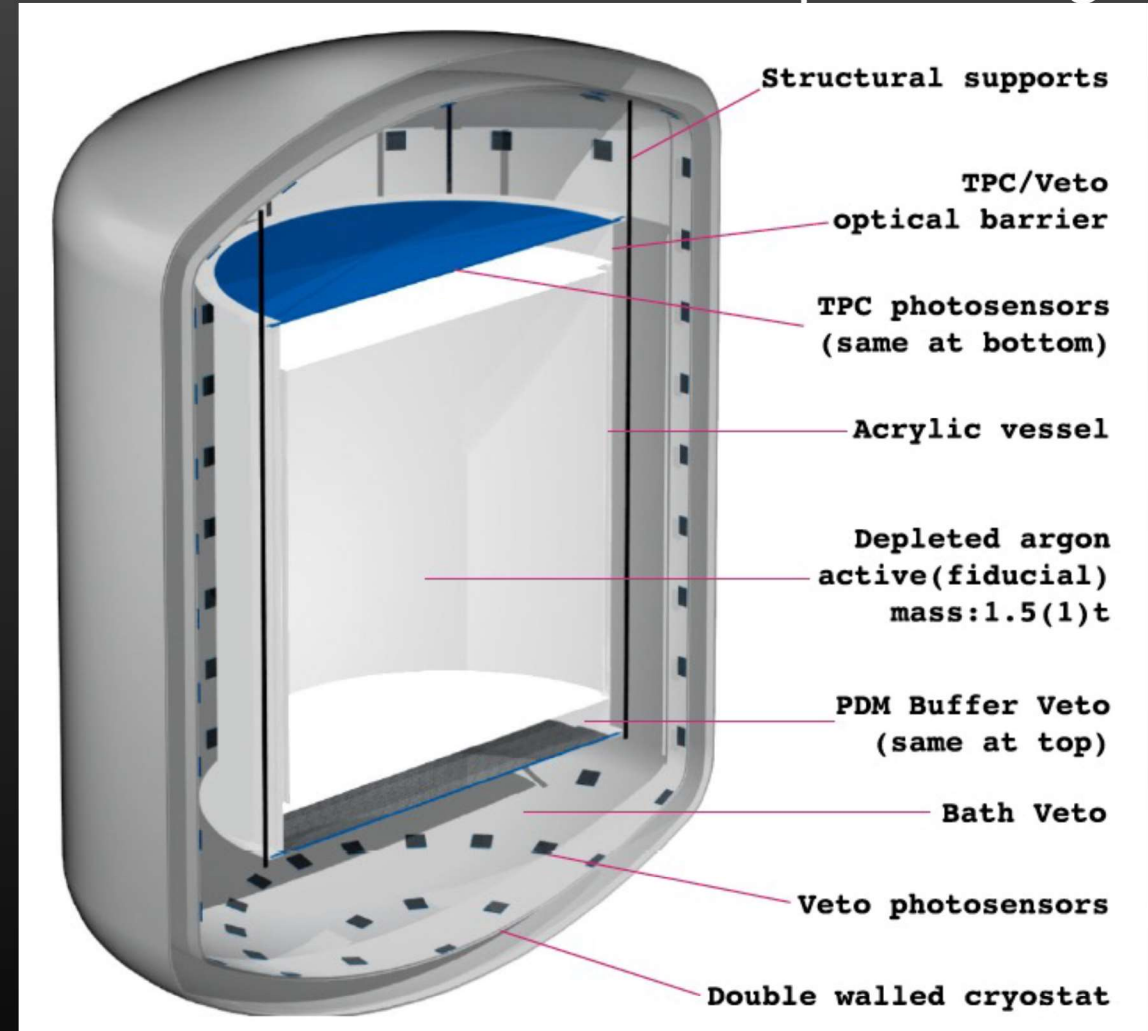


# DarkSide-LowMass

- Dedicate to WIMP mass  $< 10 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ .
- A tonne-scale dual phase Ar TPC,
  - $\sim 1$  tonne active mass.
- A better NR calibration is needed.
- **Detector R&D at IHEP.**



## DarkSide-LowMass Conceptual Design



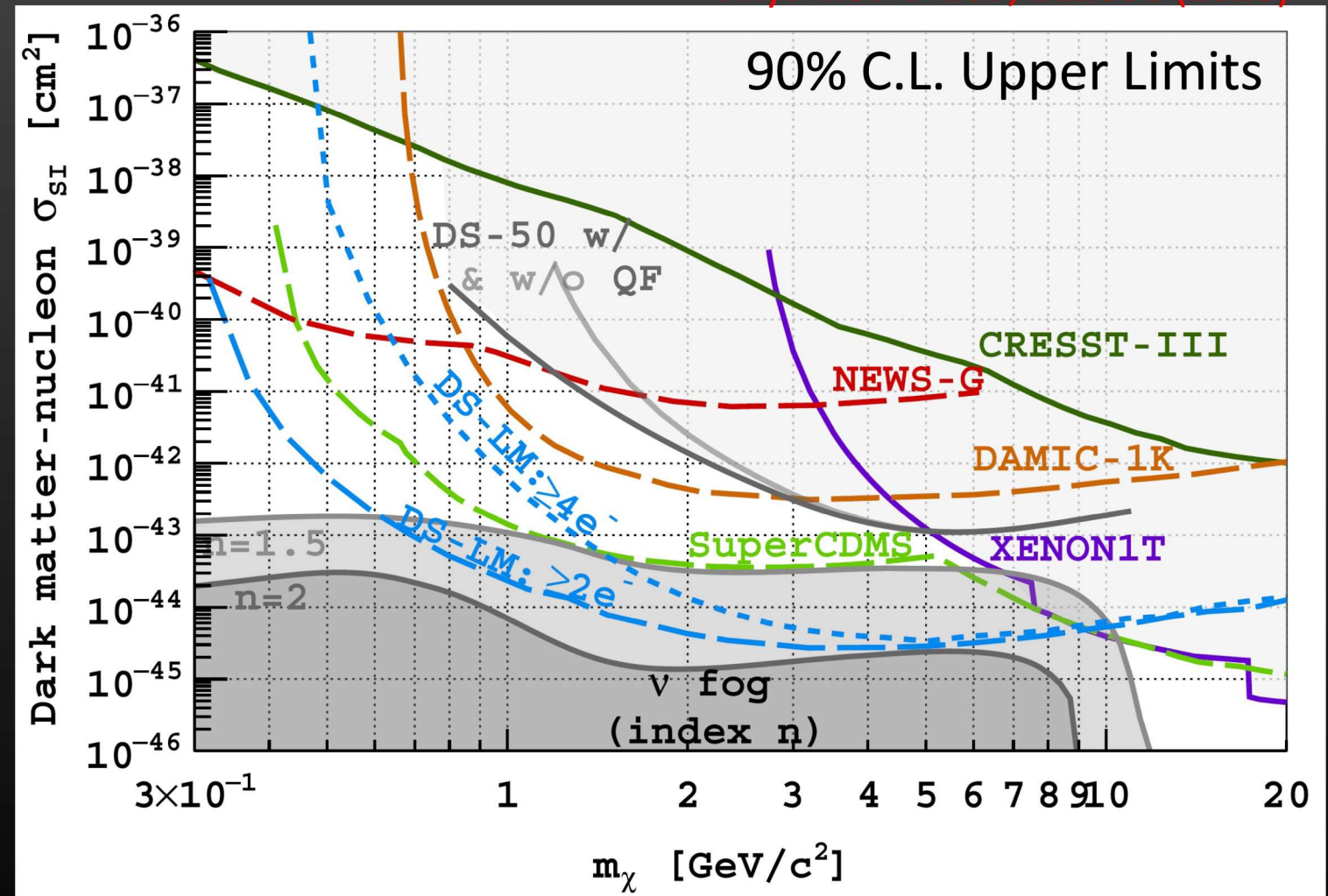
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# Sensitivity Prediction

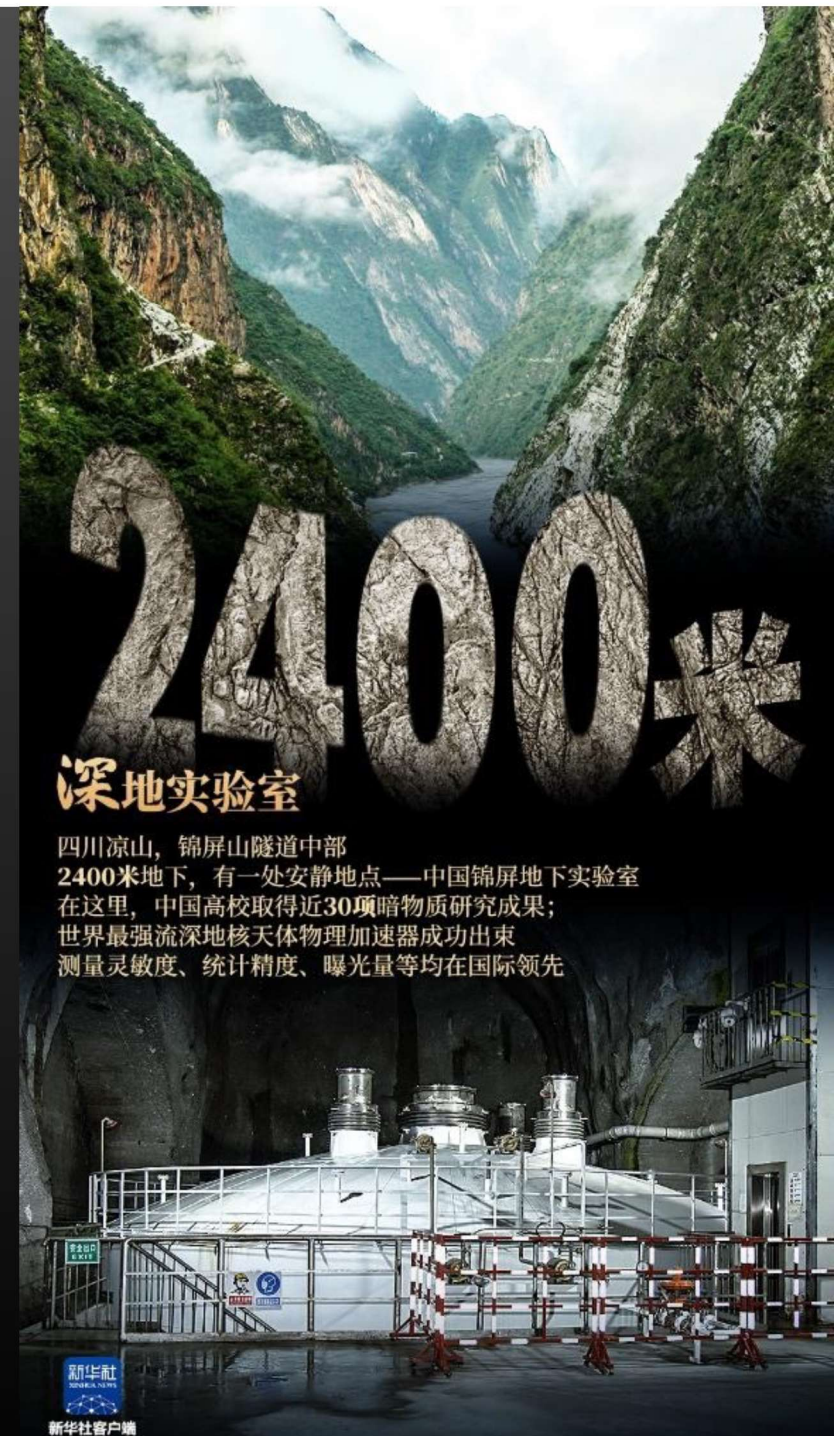
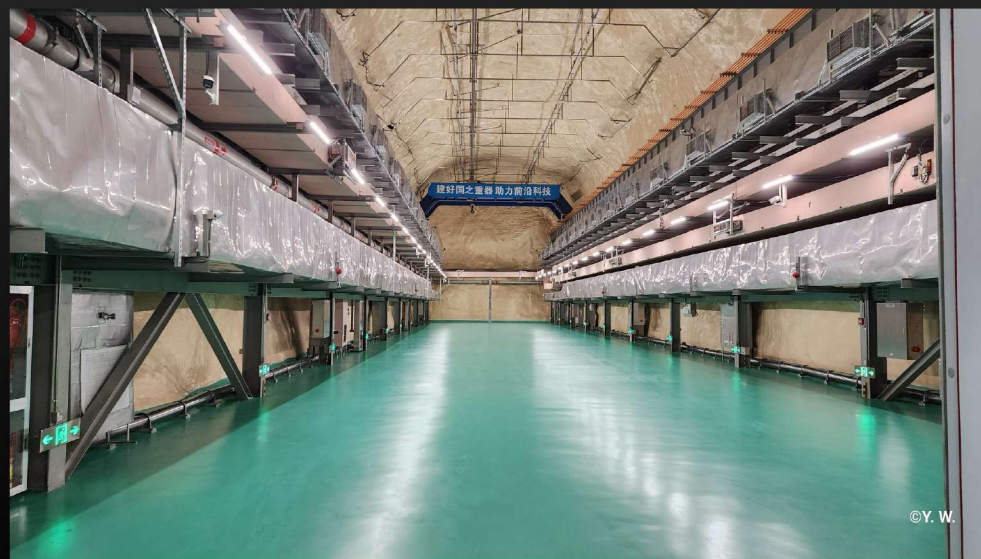
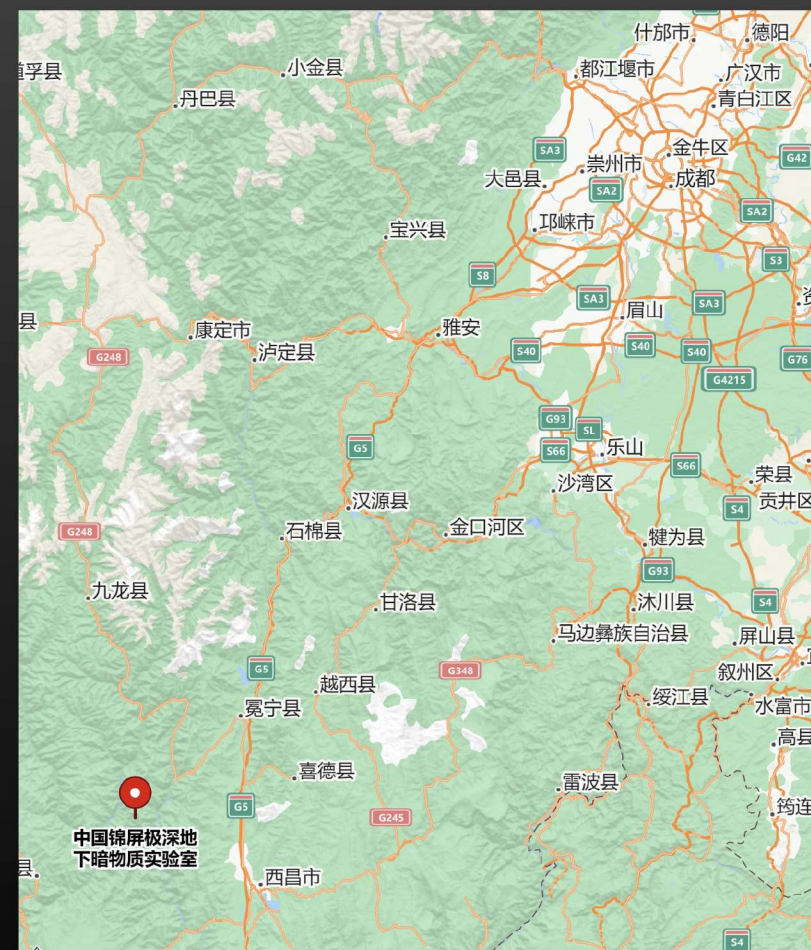
- Assumptions:
  - $^{85}\text{Kr}$  expect to fully remove;
  - $^{39}\text{Ar}$   $\sim 73 \mu\text{Bq/kg}$ ;
  - $\gamma$  rate based on the assay of DS-20k photosensors;
  - 1 ty exposure.
- Neutrino fog is reachable!
- Candidate lab: CJPL-II.
- Construction starts in 2027.

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