



Dark Matter

(and direct searches for it)

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Direct WIMP Detection: Experiments

Crystals (NaI, Ge)
Cryogenic Detectors
Liquid Noble Gases

Tracking:
DRIFT, DMTPC
MIMAC,
NEWAGE

Superheated
Liquids:
COUPP > *PICO*
PICASSO
SIMPLE

CRESST-I

Phonons

SuperCDMS
EDELWEISS

CRESST,
ROSEBUD

Charge

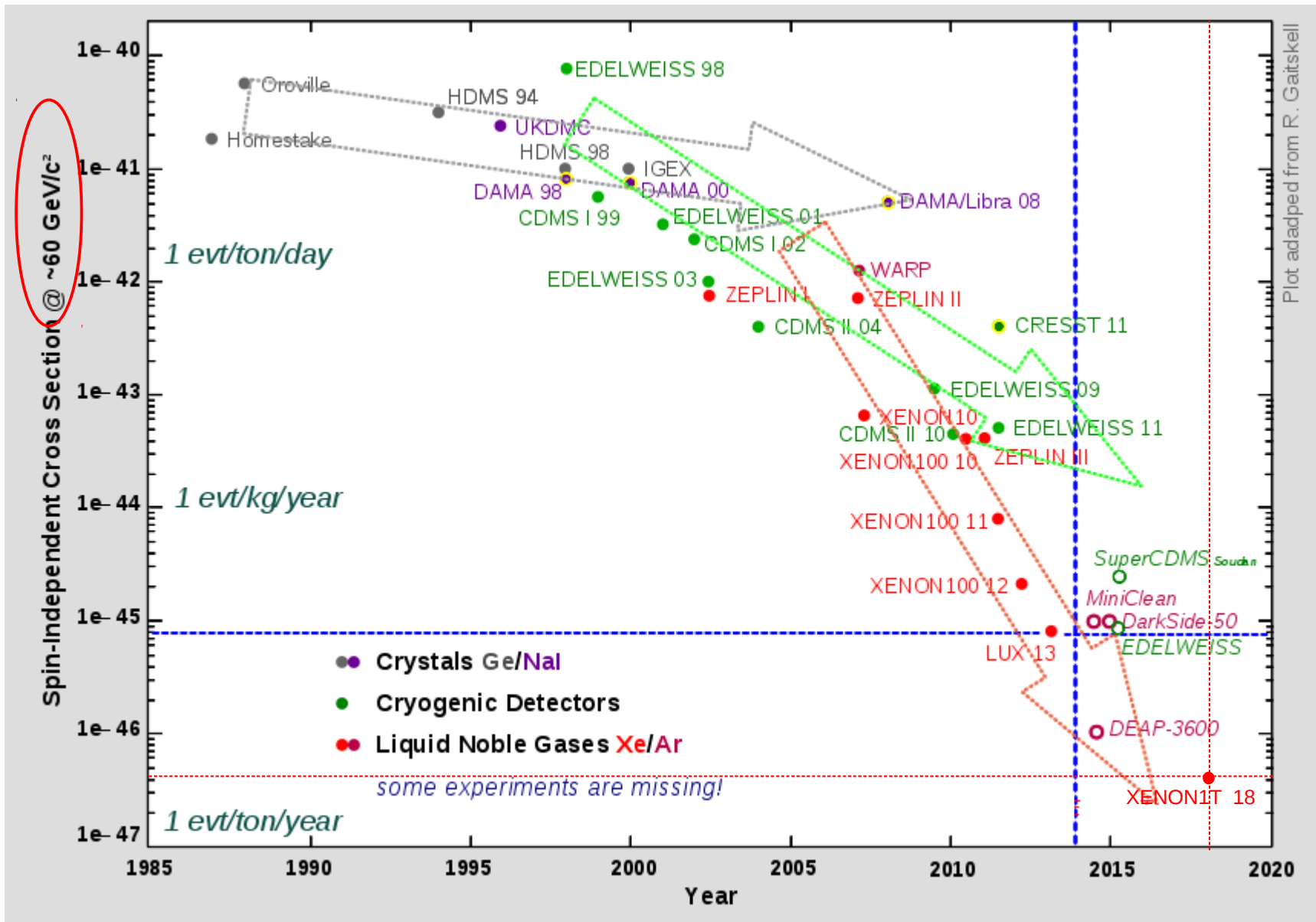
Light

CoGeNT
CDEX
Texono
Malbek

XENON, LUX, LZ
ArDM, Panda-X
ZEPLIN, Darkside

DEAP
DAMA
XMASS, COSINE,
Sabre

Experimental Progress

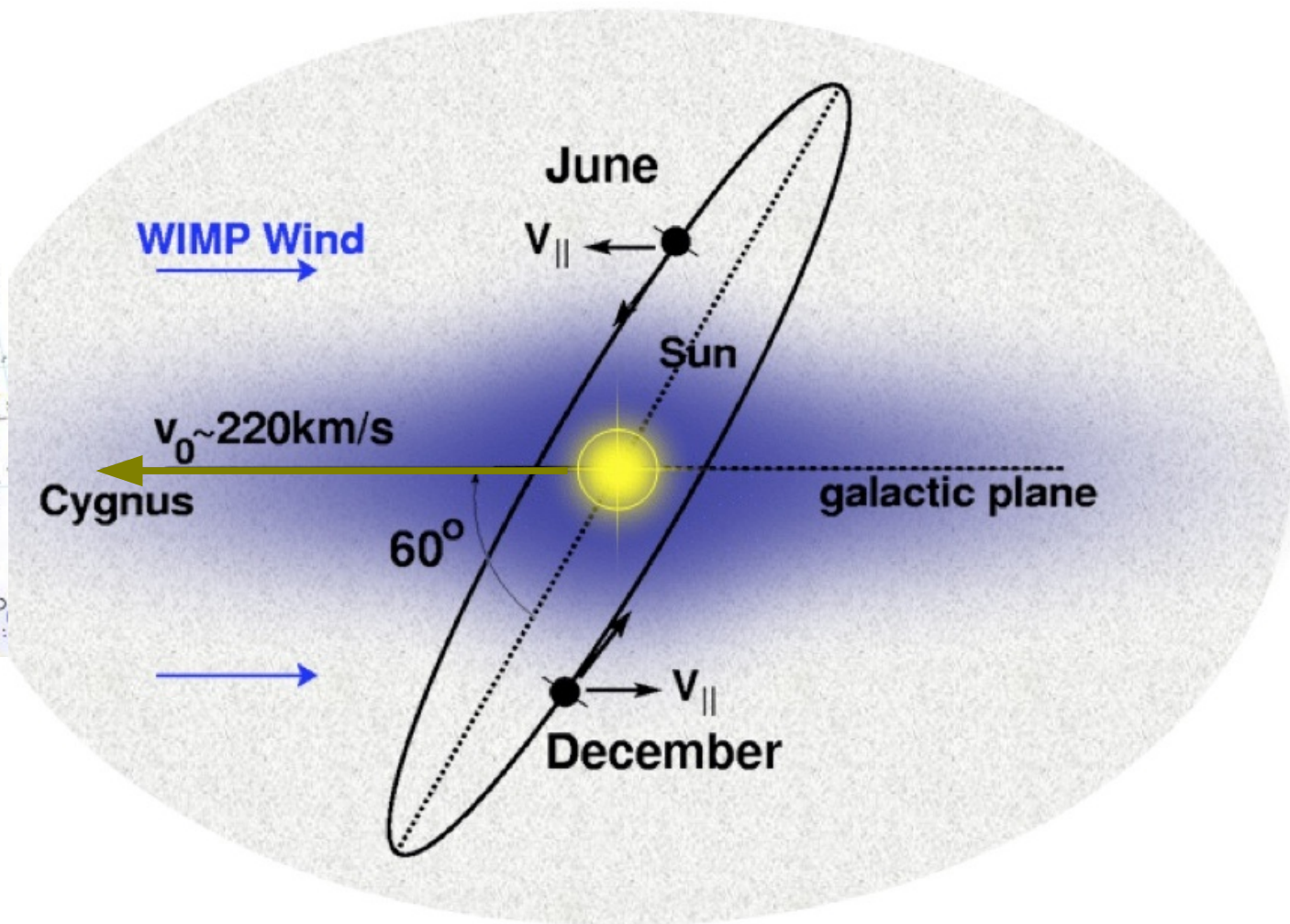
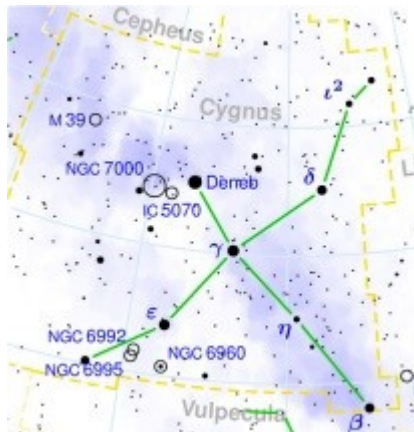


Careful! Results since 2014 not included...

3 Crystals, Cryogenic, Directional Detectors

- Crystal Detectors
 - mainly anorganic NaI, CsI scintillators
 - also Ge
 - DAMA/Libra, COSINE, Sabre, CoGeNT
- Cryogenic Detectors
 - cooled down to mK measure lattice vibrations
 - two signals (phonons+charge, phonons+light) for signal/background discrimination
 - SuperCDMS, EDELWEISS, CRESST
- Directional Detectors
 - measure direction of nuclear recoils
 - this requires non-dense targets → very low target mass
 - DRIFT, DMTPC, NEWAGE, MIMAC

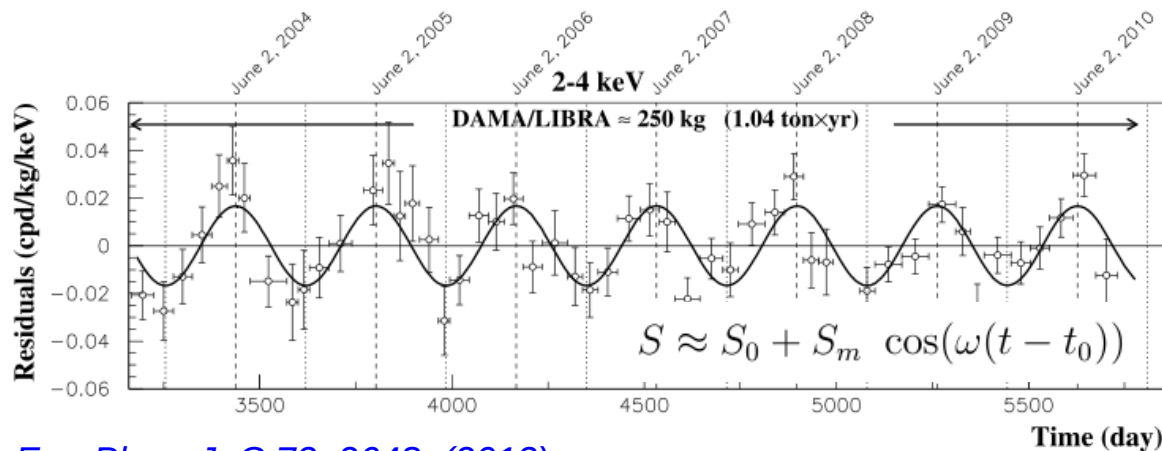
Annual Modulation



- recoil spectrum gets harder and softer during the year
- search for annually modulating signal (3% effect)
- does not require many physical assumptions

Annual Modulation: DAMA/Libra

- PMTs coupled to **NaI(Tl)** Scintillators @ LNGS
→ extremely clean background necessary
- looks for annual modulation (~3% effect)
- large mass and exposure: 1.17 ton years
- DAMA finds annual modulation @ 8.9σ C.L.
- **BUT: no ER/NR discrimination!**

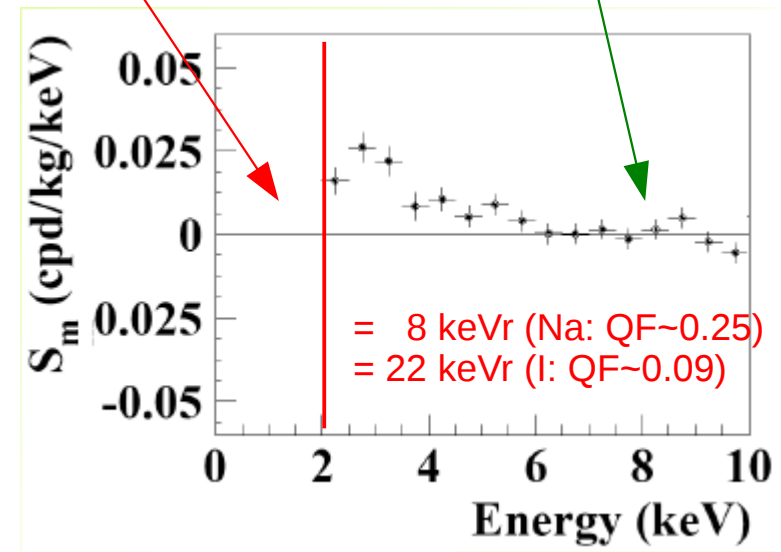


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Interpretation as Dark Matter interaction is in conflict with numerous other experiments

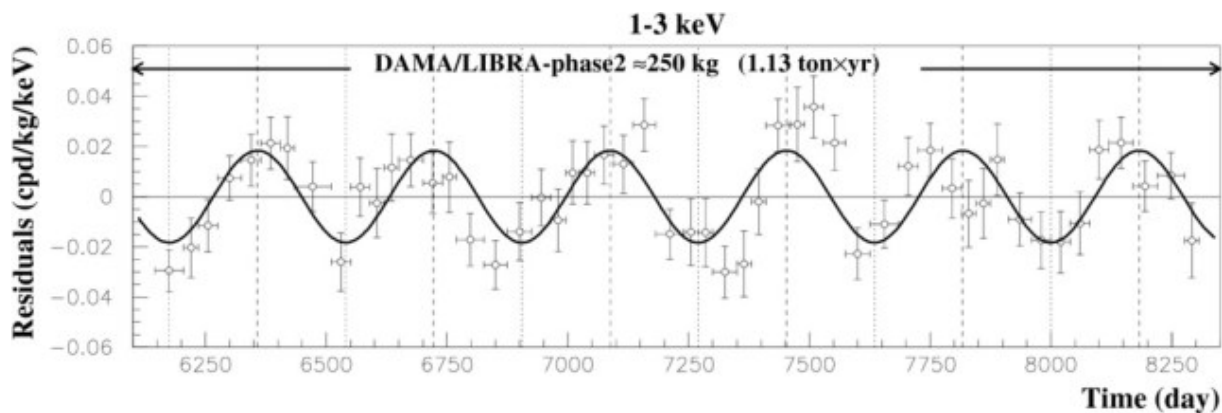
what is here?

no modulation above 6 keV

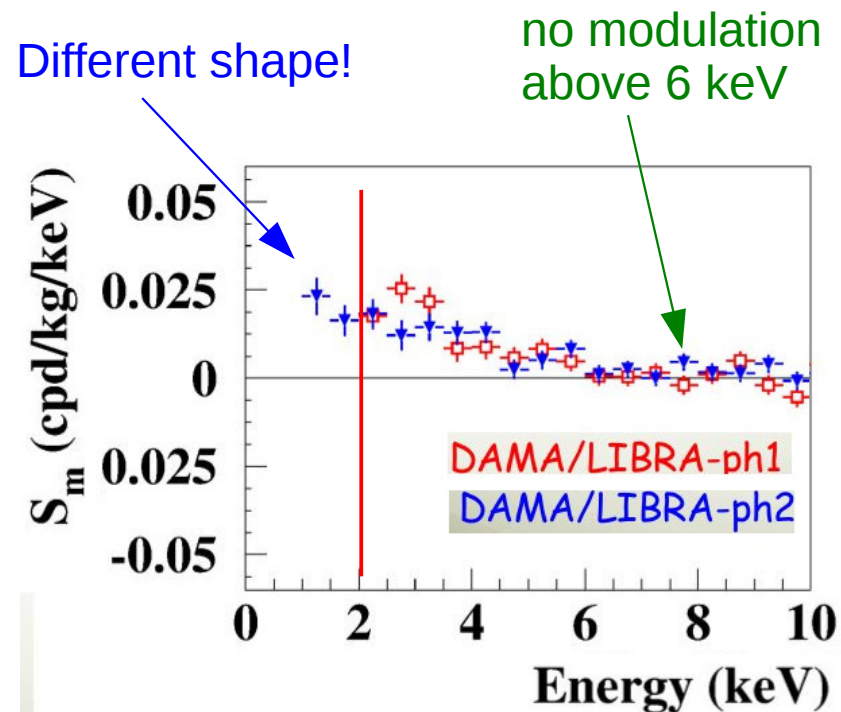


New: DAMA/Libra-Phase 2

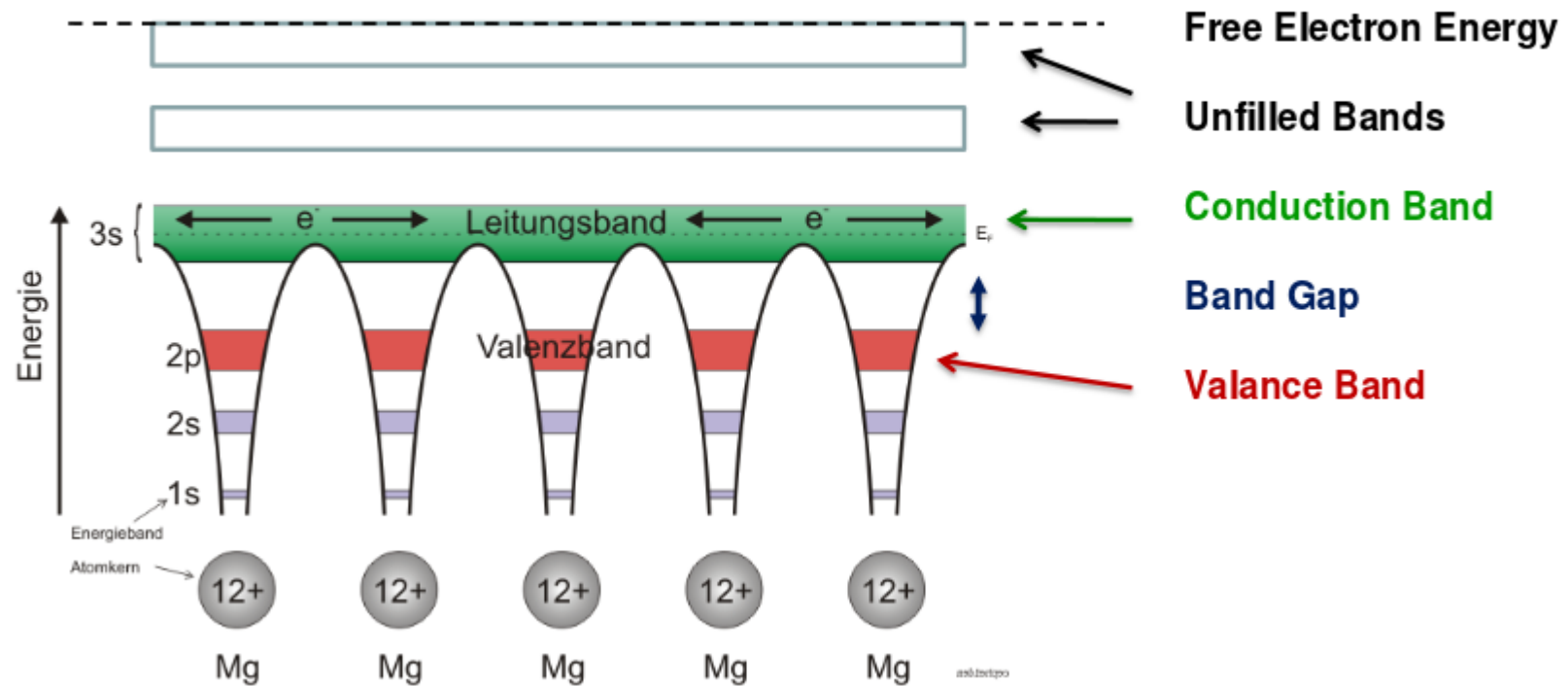
- PMTs coupled to **NaI(Tl)** Scintillators @ LNGS
→ extremely clean background necessary
- looks for annual modulation (~3% effect)
- large mass and exposure: **>2 ton years**
- DAMA finds annual modulation @ 8.9σ C.L.
- **BUT: no ER/NR discrimination!**



Interpretation of new DAMA results as DM interaction is in conflict with old DAMA result!

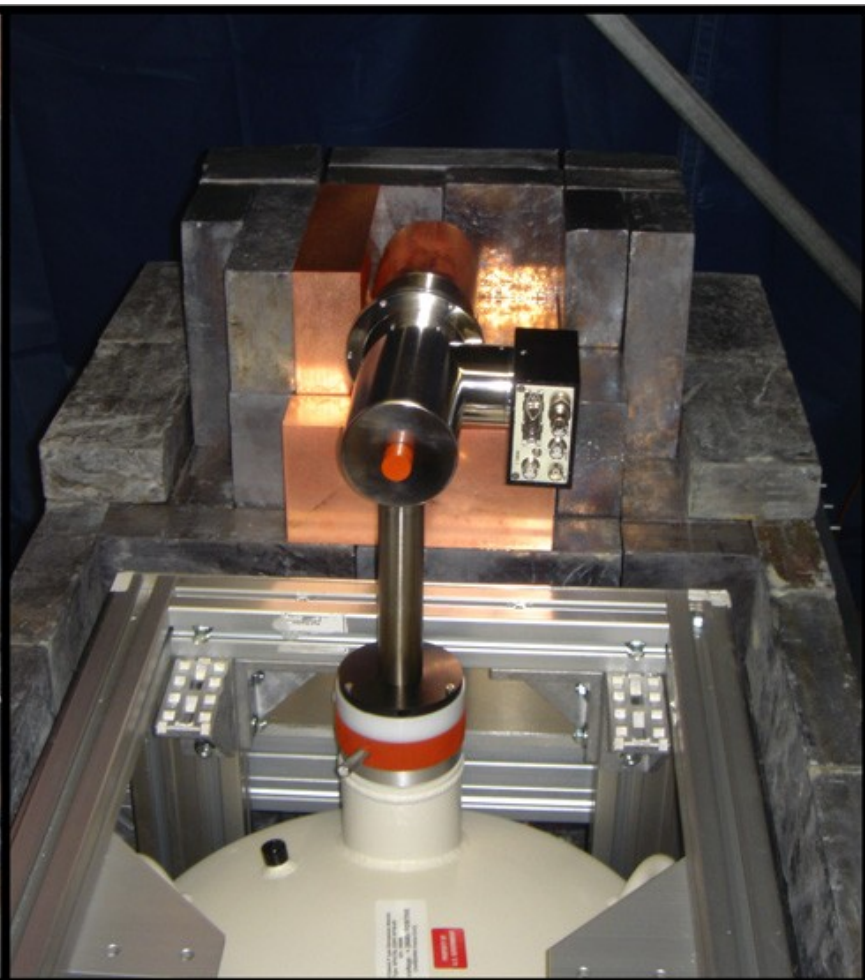
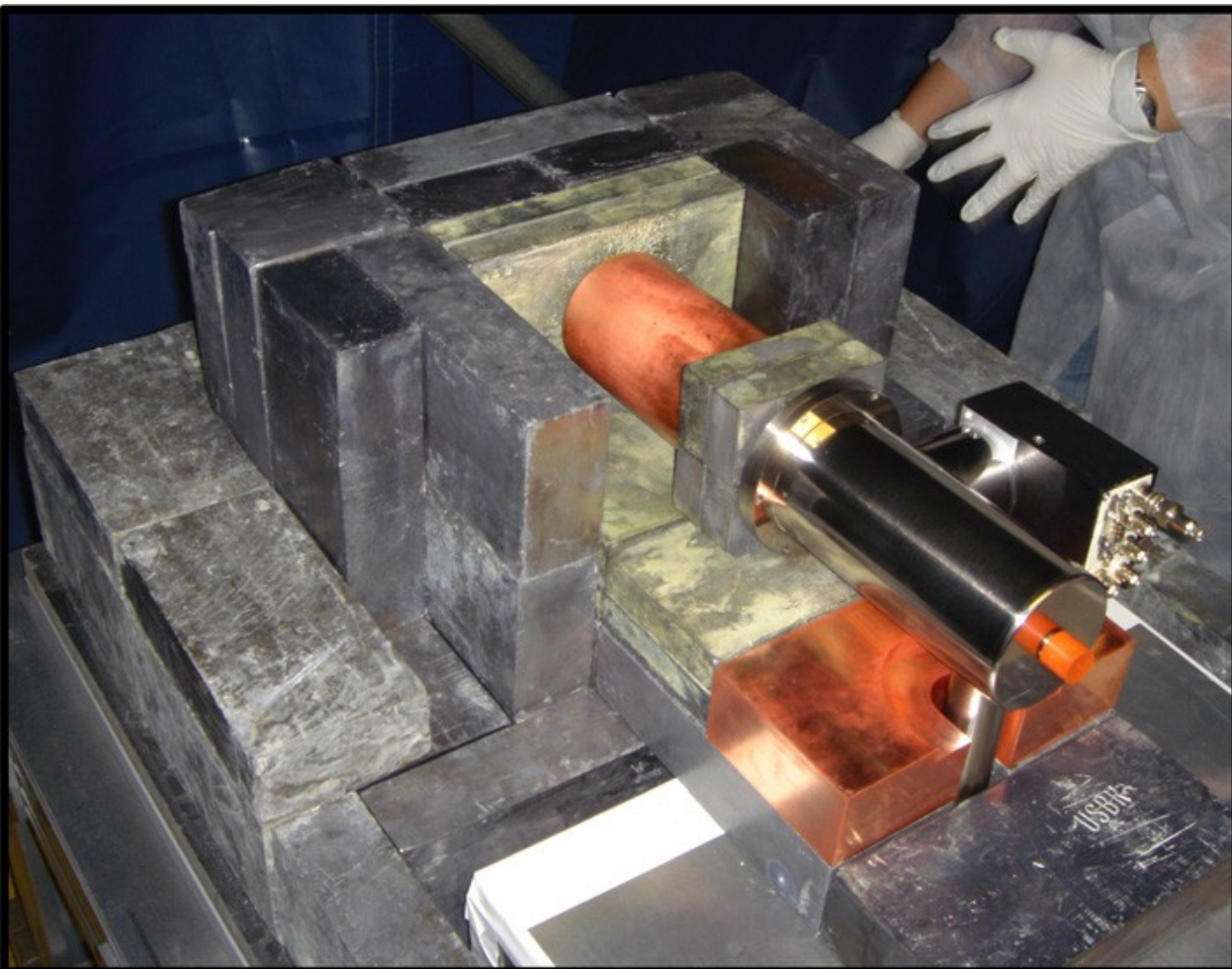


Solid state detector

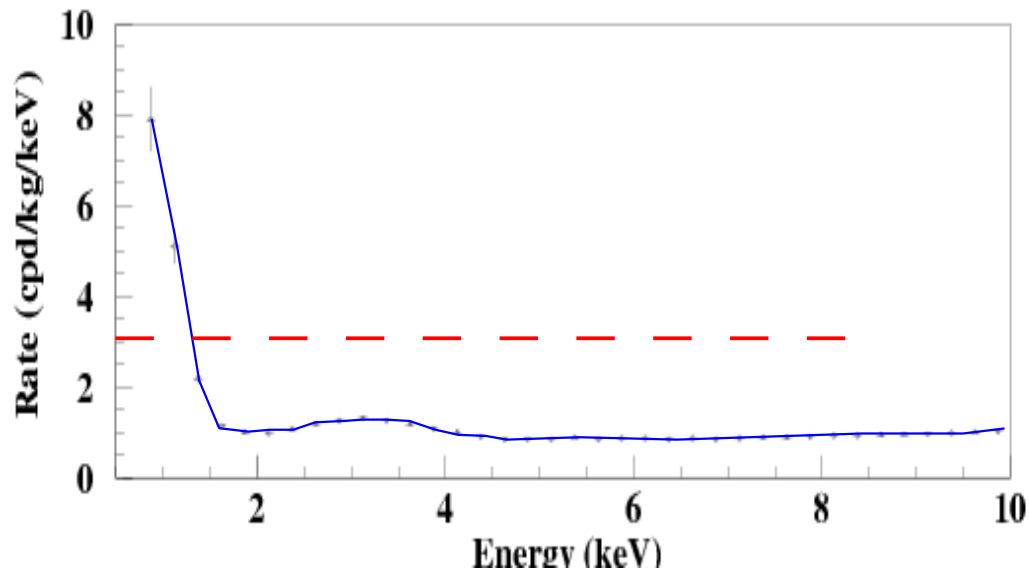


Semiconductor = band gap between valence and conduction band is small
Silicon = 1.12 eV, Germanium = 0.66 eV

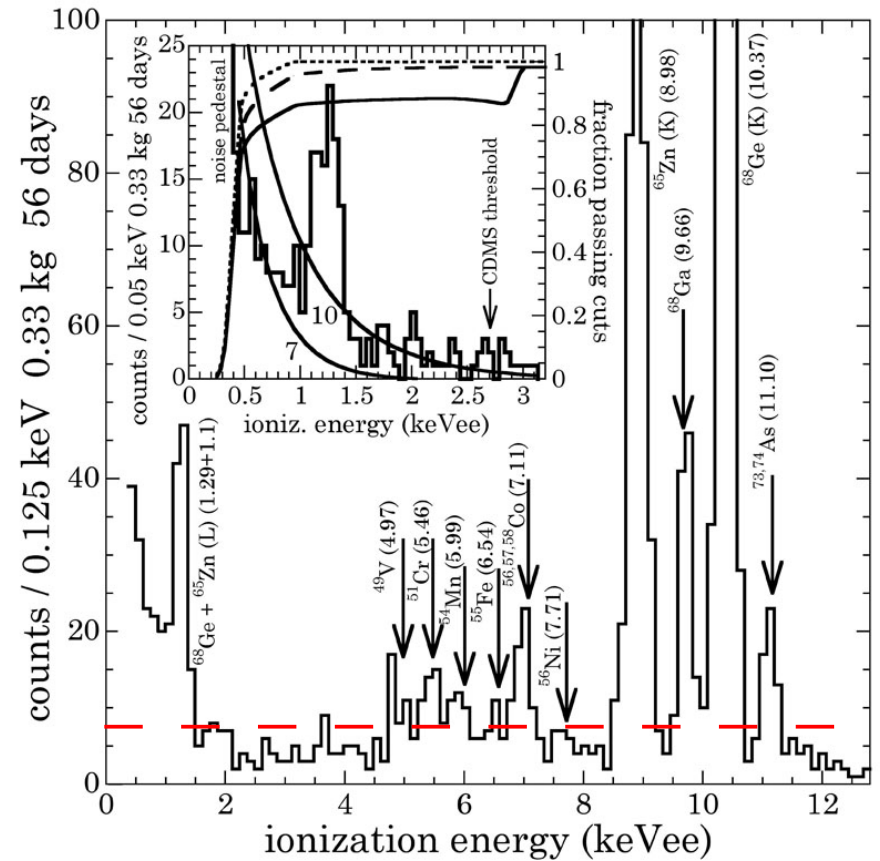
CoGeNT



Low Energy Spectra



NaI: DAMA/LIBRA

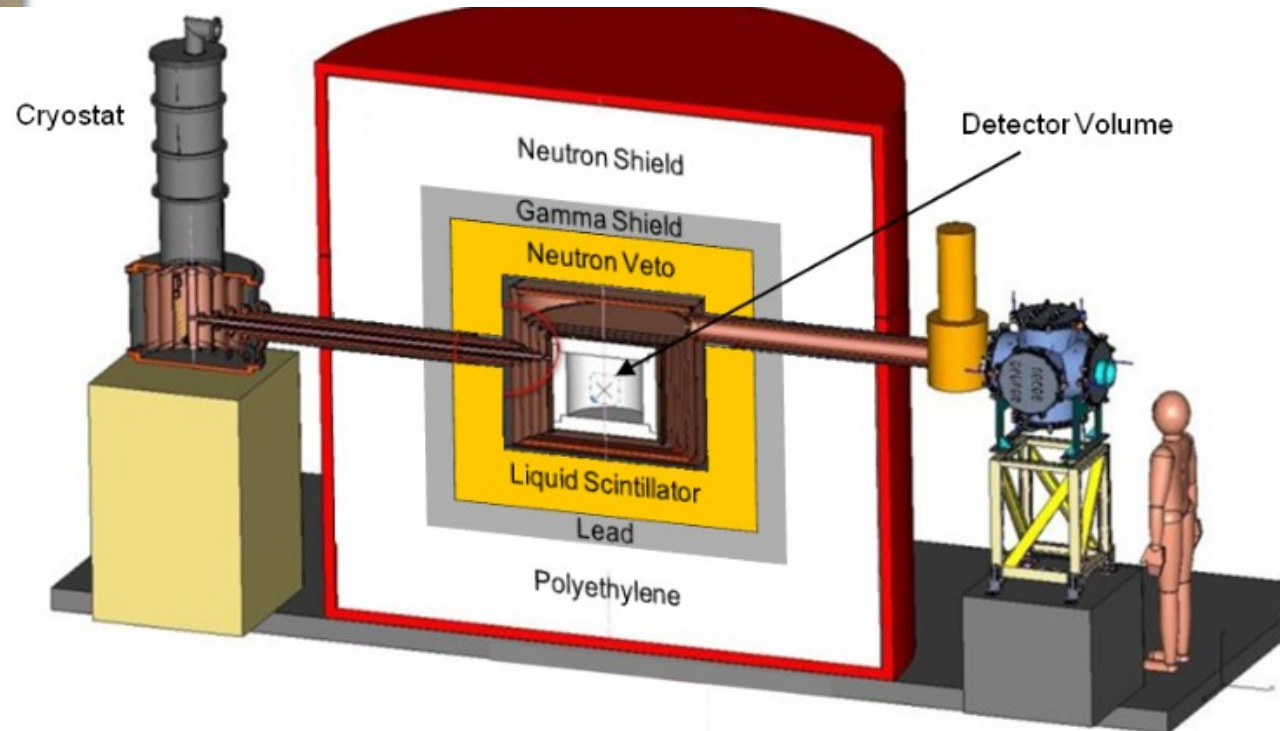
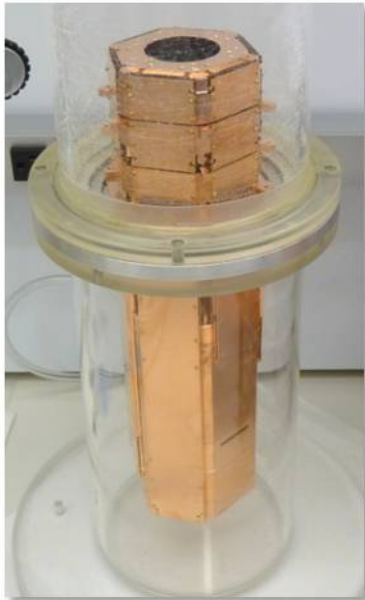


Ge: CoGeNT

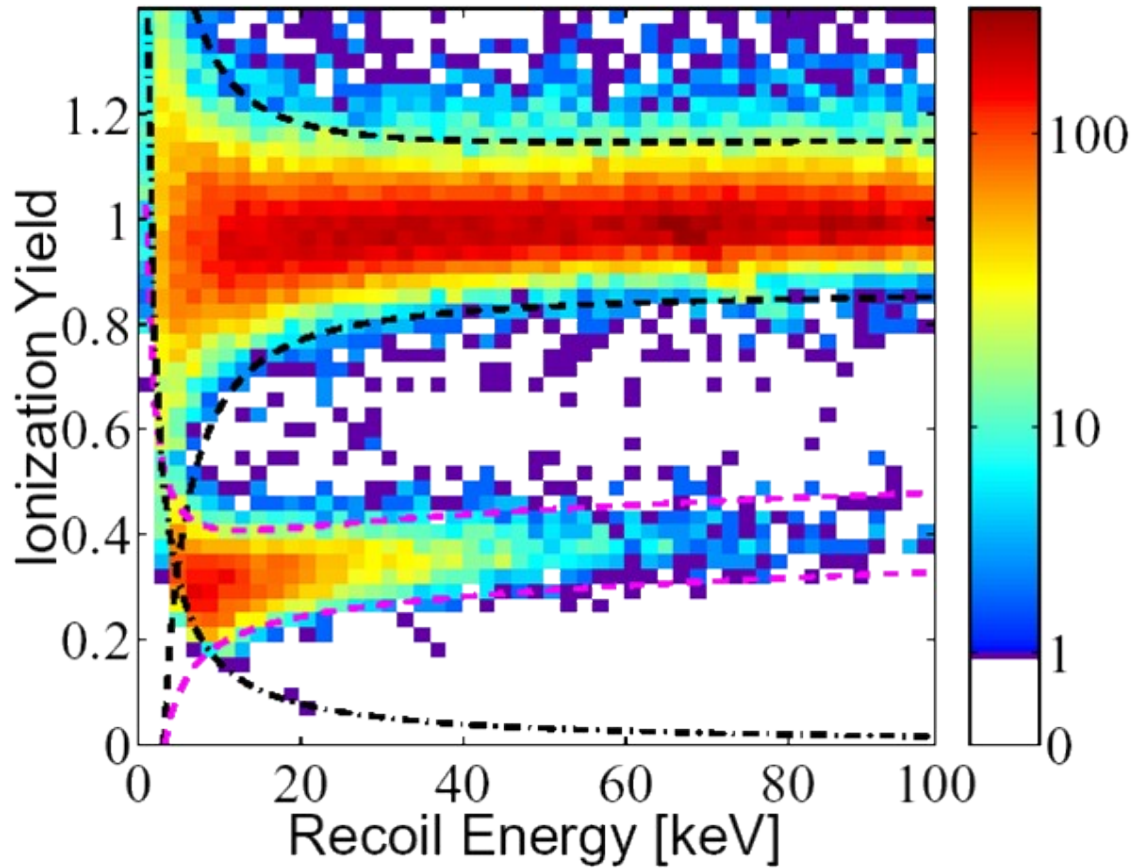
SuperCDMS



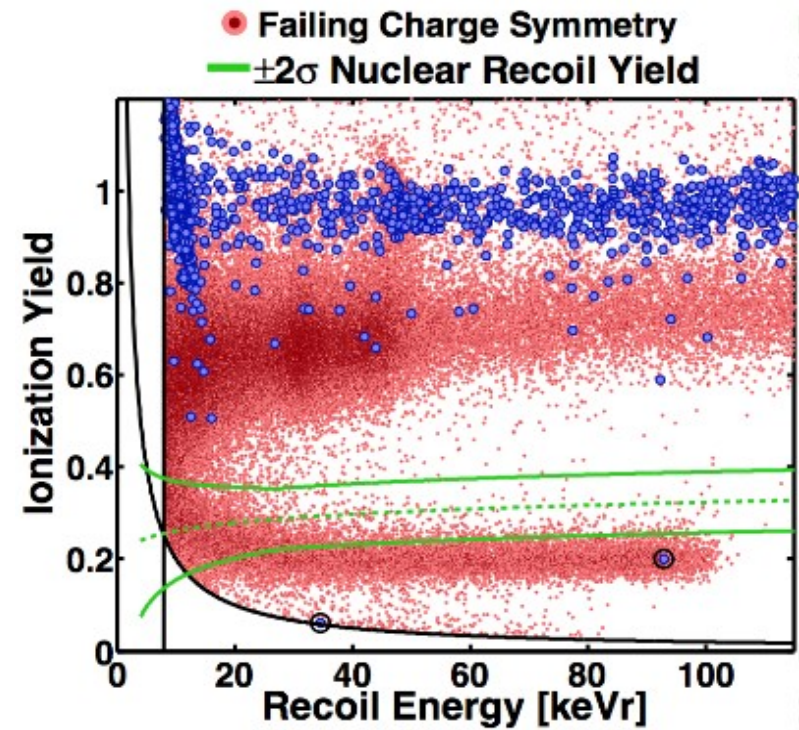
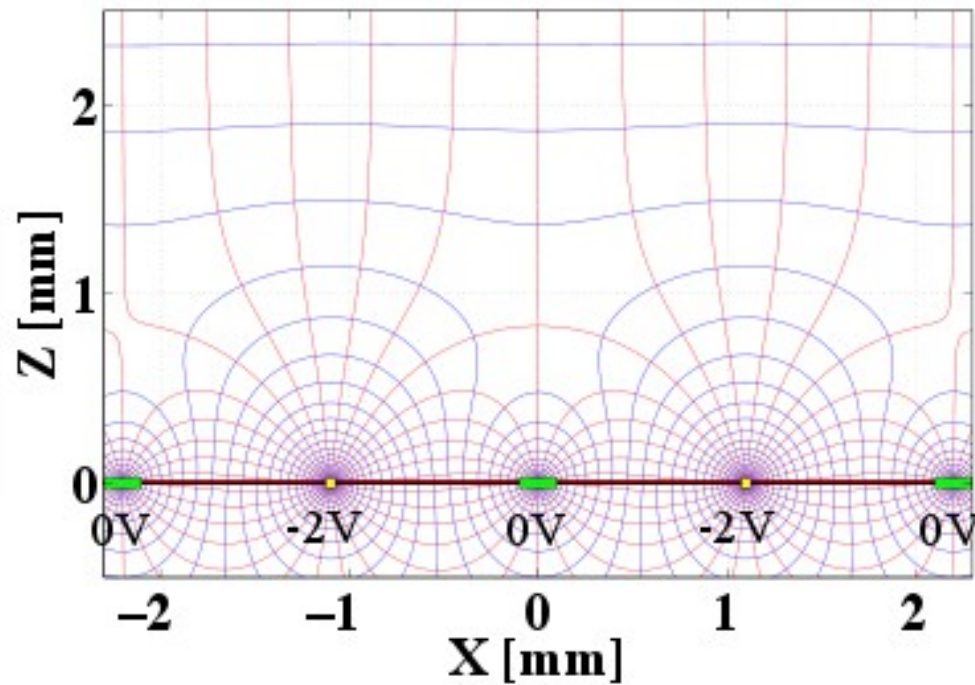
- 600 g iZIP detectors, 1" thick
→ larger prototypes (10cm x 3.8 cm under study)
- was at Soudan → now moved to SNOLAB



Cryogenic Detectors: Discrimination

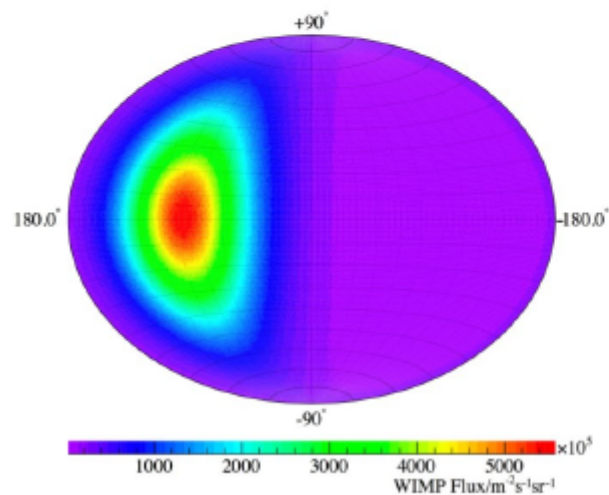


SuperCDMS: Surface Event Rejection

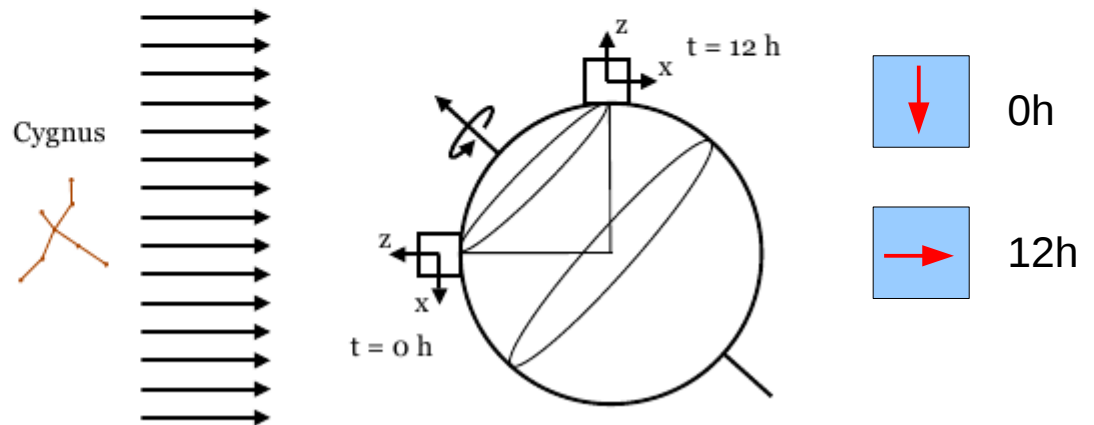


WIMP Signatures: Directionality

- The Earth's motion with respect to the Galactic rest frame produces a direction dependence of the recoil spectrum
- The peak WIMP flux comes from the direction of the solar motion, which points towards the constellation Cygnus
- Assuming a smooth WIMP distribution, the recoil rate is then peaked in the opposite direction
- In the laboratory frame, this direction varies over the course of a sidereal day due to the Earth's rotation
- This effect can provide a robust signature for a Galactic origin of a WIMP signal



Projection of the WIMP flux in Galactic coordinates



→ daily modulation!

BUT: detector must be able to detect direction of recoils;
up to now this only works
in very „non-dense“ detectors

Track Detection

DM-TPC

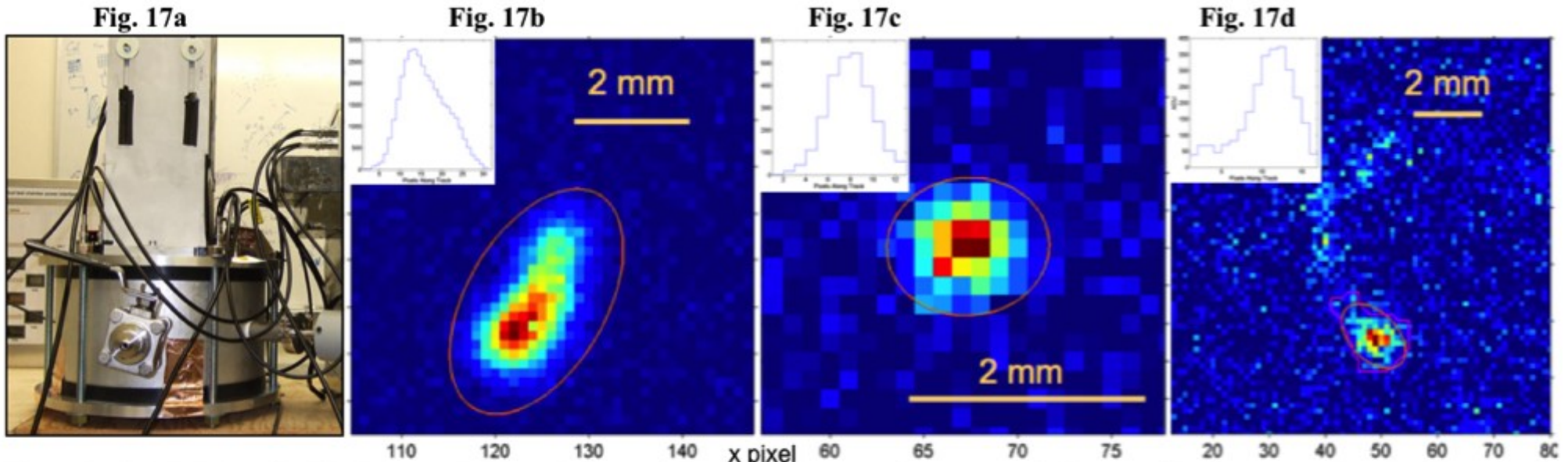
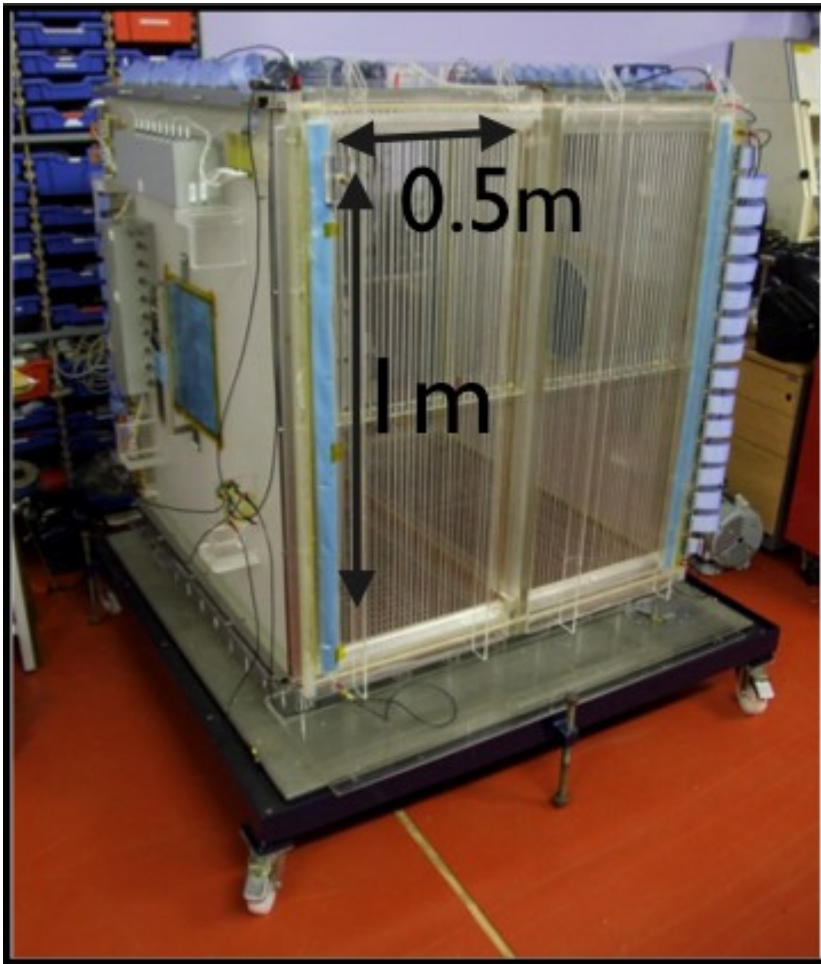


Fig. 17: (a) UNM optical CCD test TCP - with particle tracking event images as follows with skewness head-tail analysis inset, (b) example high energy 178 keV F recoil showing clear head-tail, (c) very low energy F recoil event of 10 keV_{ee} (23 keV_{rec}) still shows asymmetry skewness, (d) similar energy electron recoil (9.7 keV_{ee}) shows clearly different dE/dx morphology with segmentation of track (see text for refs).

DRIFT-II @ Boulby (GB)



4 Cryogenic Liquids

- The liquefied (→ cryogenic) noble liquids Xe and Ar are excellent scintillators and ionizers
 - single phase: measure as much as light as possible
DEAP-3600, CLEAN, XMASS
 - dual phase TPCs: measure light and charge
XENON1T, LUX, Panda-X, DarkSide → XENONnT, LZ
- The detectors have position sensitivity
 - fiducialization
 - multiple scatter rejection
- Background reduction
 - charge/light ratio and scintillation pulse shape (Ar)
- A path towards massive future detectors
 - ton-scale experiment already taking science data

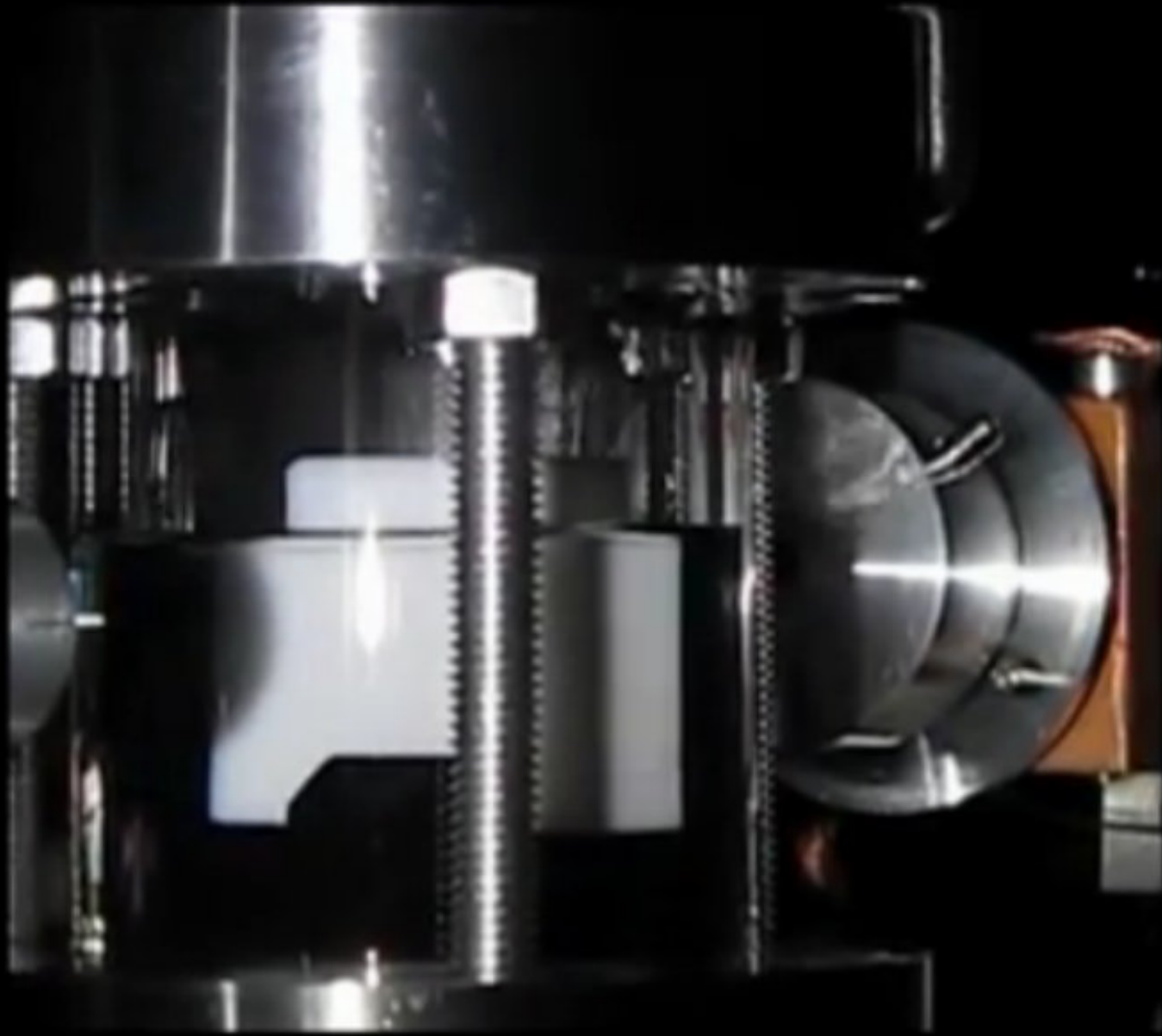
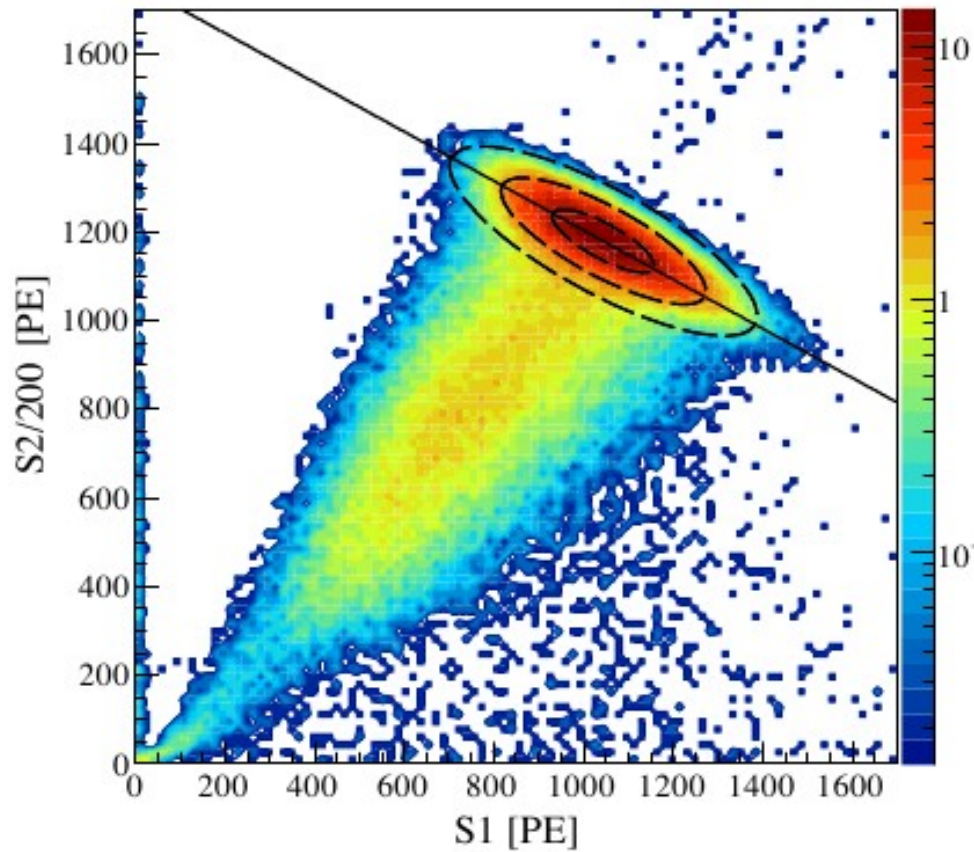


Image from C. Levy (U Münster)

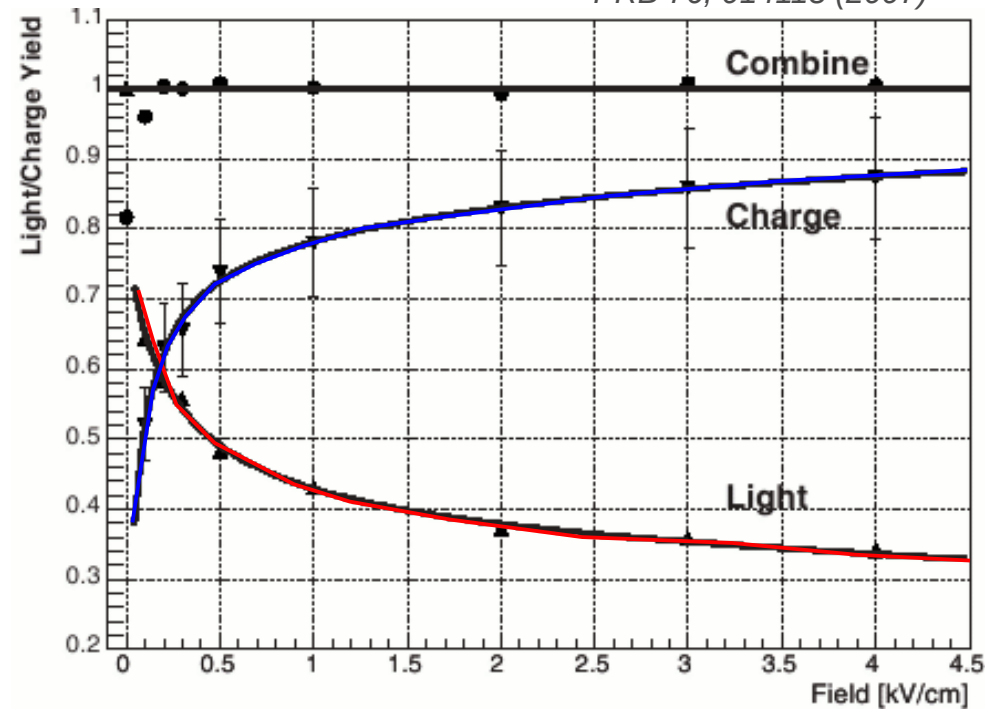
Light-Charge anti-Correlation

LXe examples

Astropart. Phys 35, 573 (2011)



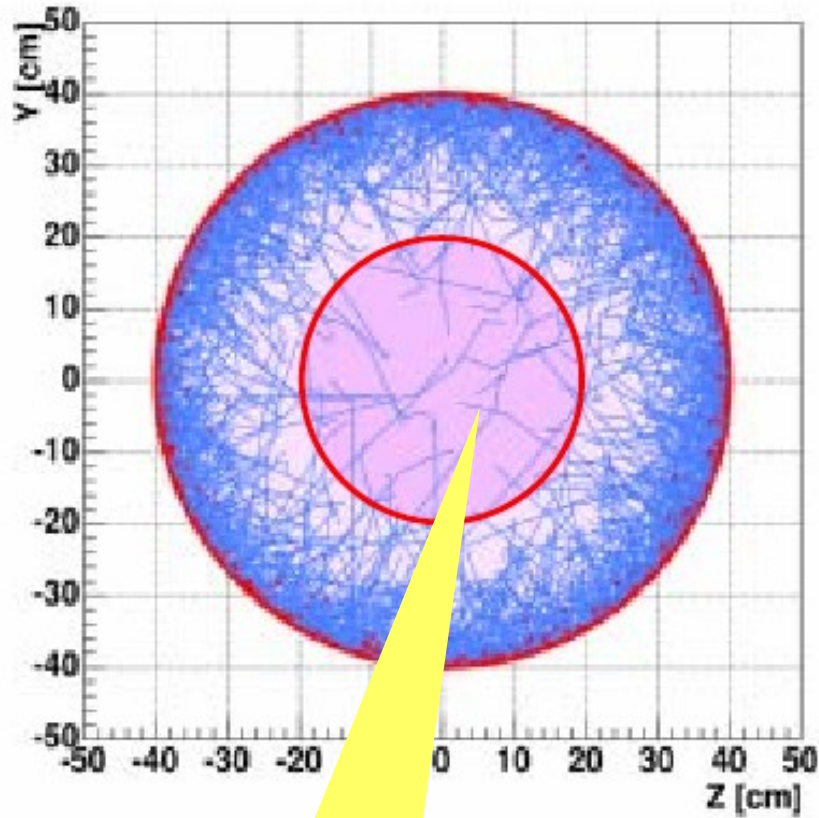
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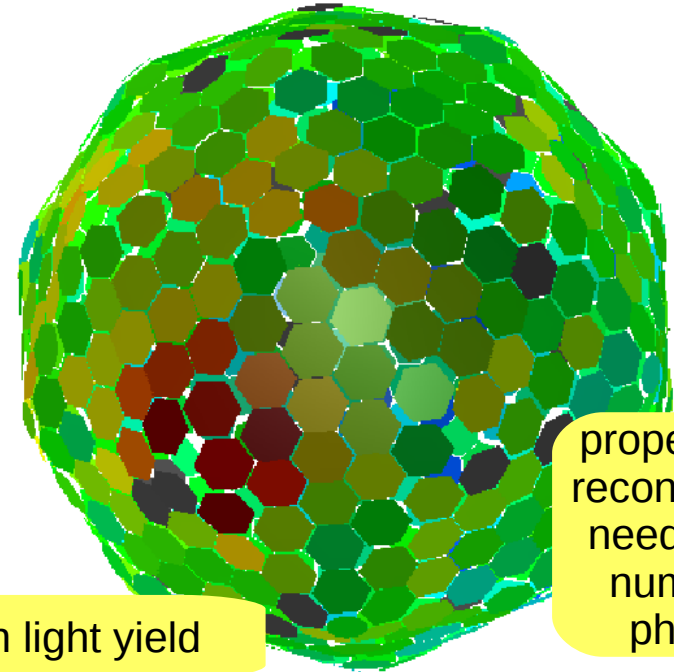
Single Phase Detector



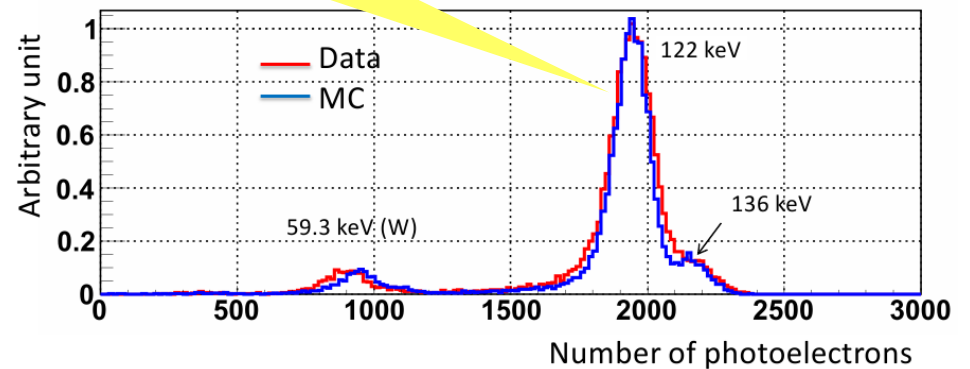
Simulation: γ into LXe



very low background



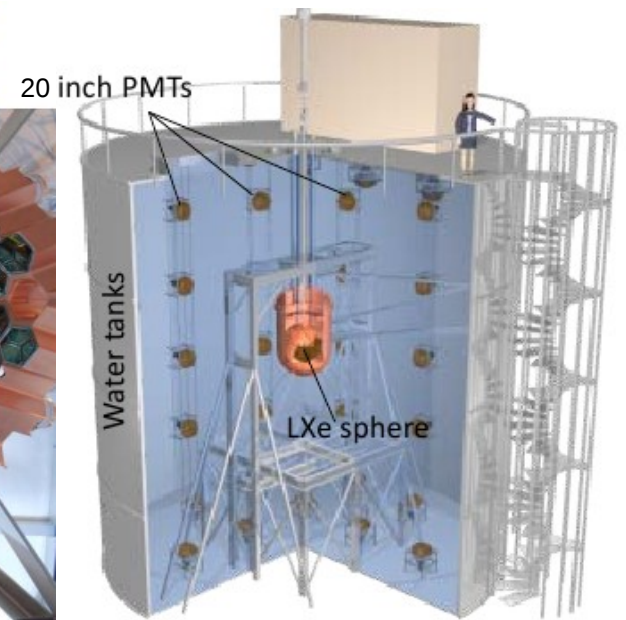
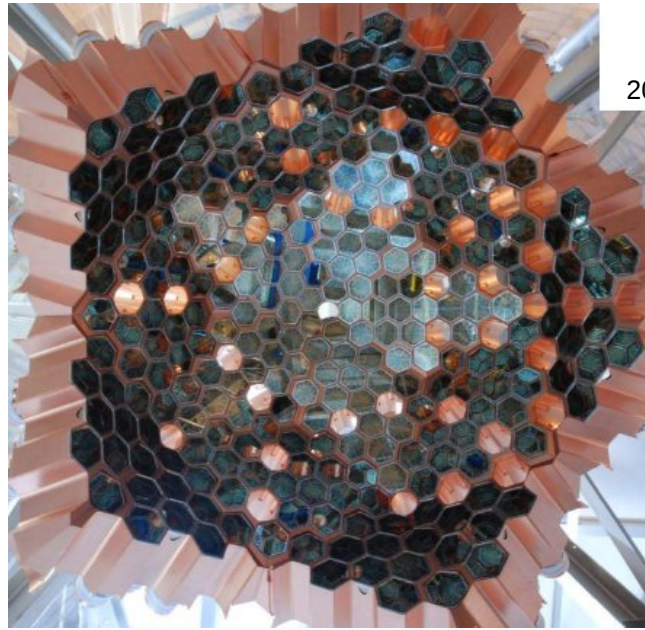
very high light yield



Figures from XMASS

XMASS

- single phase **LXe** detector
- 800kg total, 100kg fiducial mass
- 60% of surface covered with 642 hexagonal PMTs
- very high LY
- located in Kamioka (JP)

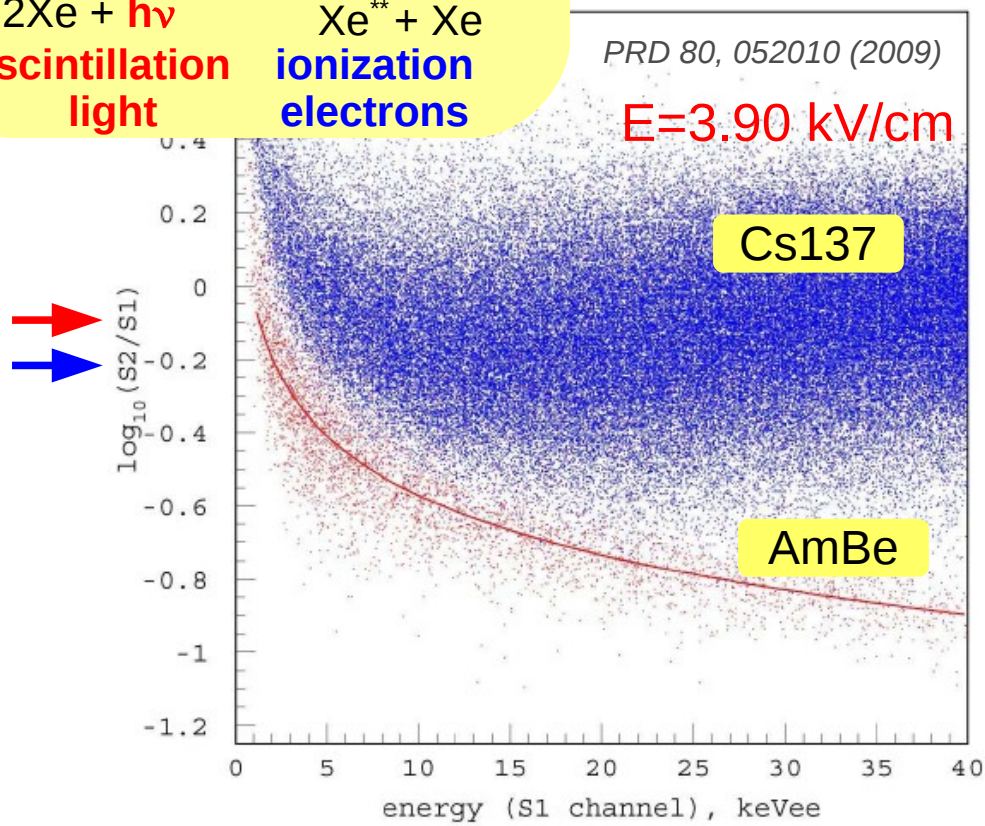
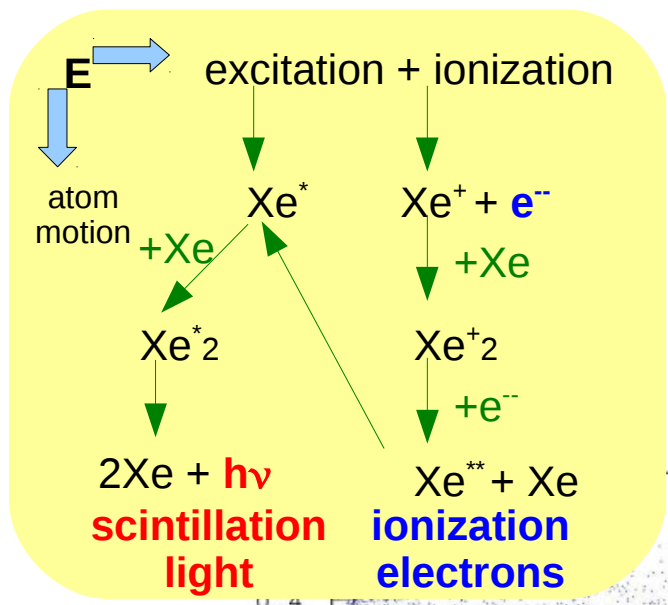


- → will not continue beyond 2018
most of XMASS collaboration
joined XENON project

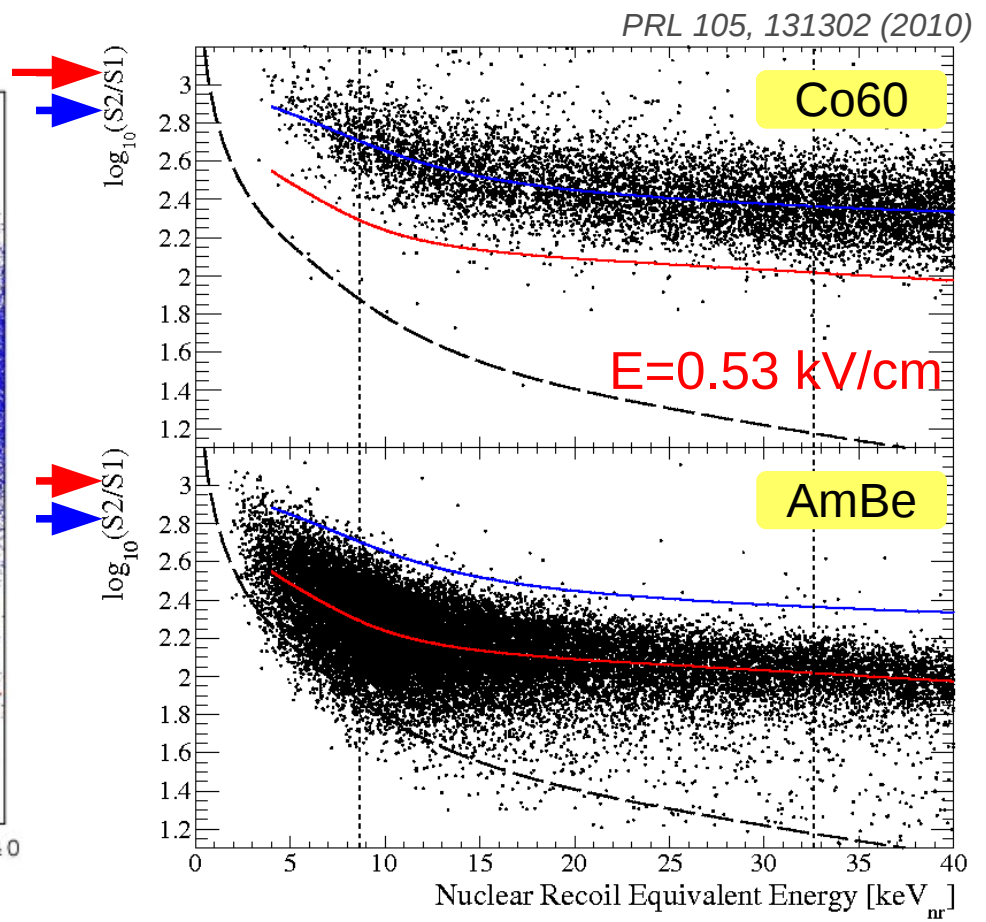


Charge/Light Ratio

Charge/Light ratio depends on dE/dx → discrimination

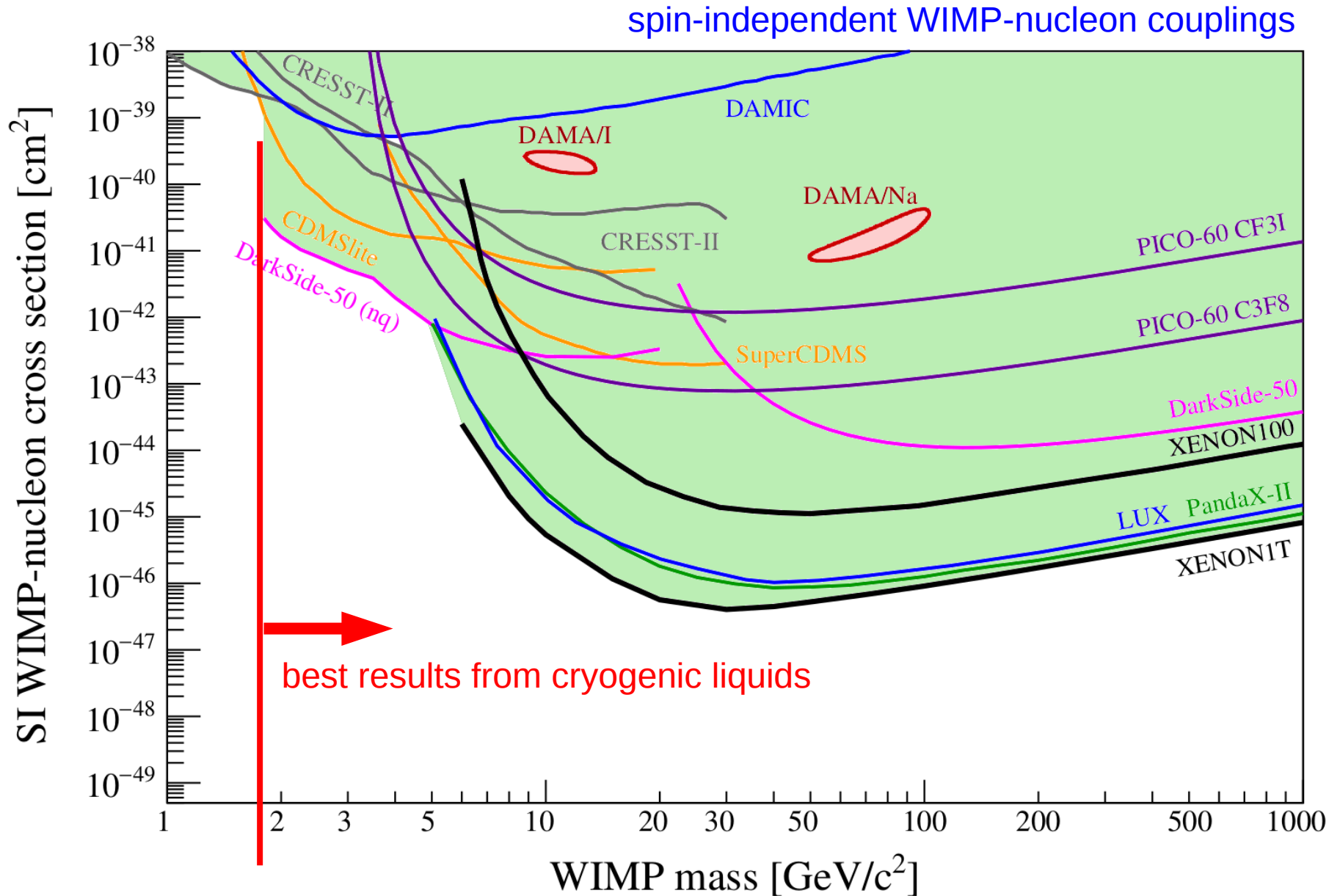


ZEPLIN-III
~99.99% rejection @ 50% acceptance



XENON100
~99.5% rejection @ 50% acceptance

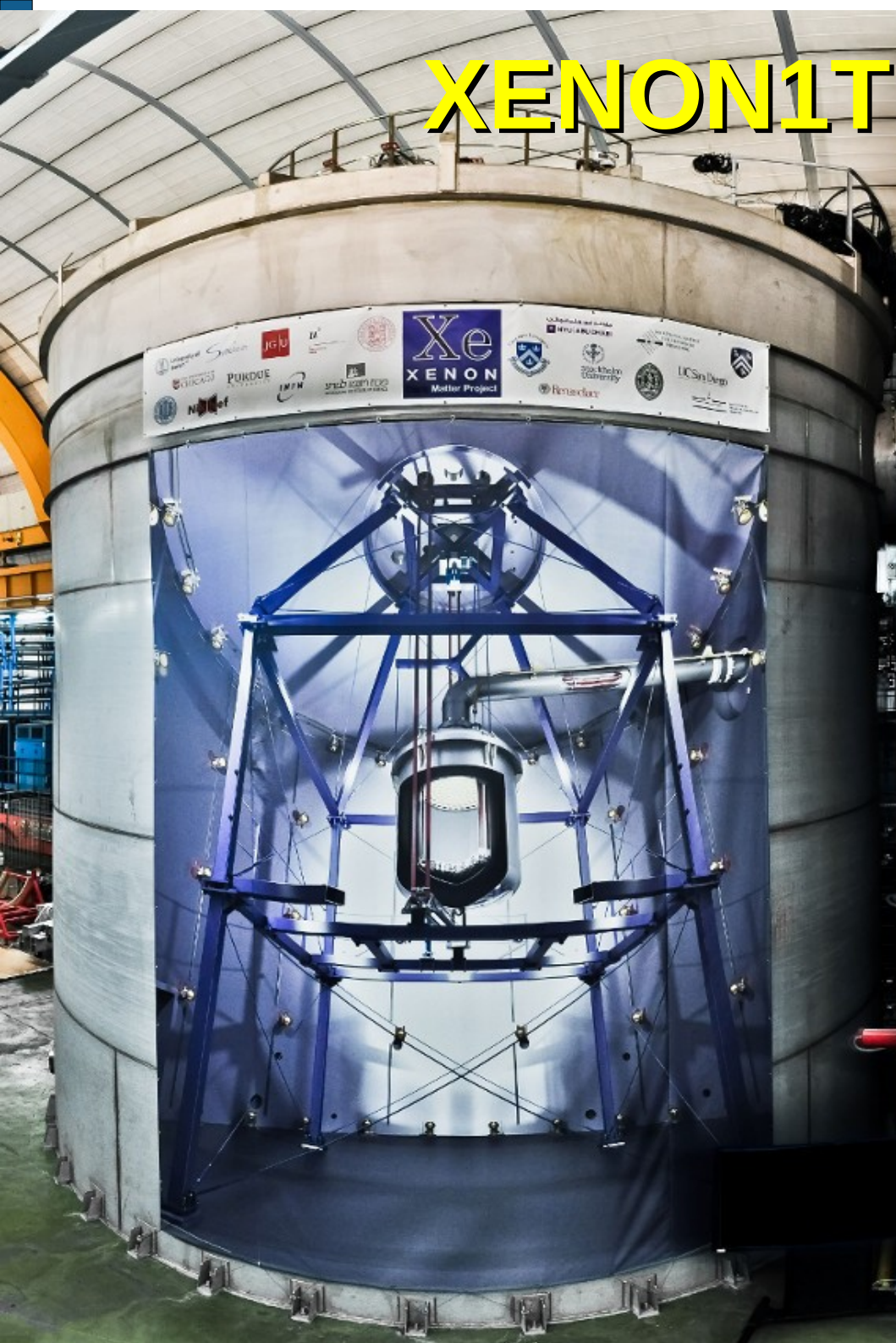
Direct Detection: Current Status



XENON1T @ LNGS

Xe
XENON
Dark Matter Project

EPJ C 77, 881 (2017)



XENON1T @ LNGS

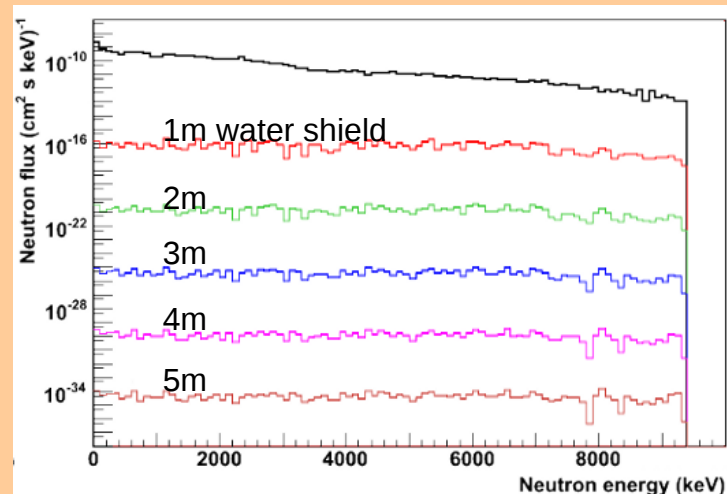
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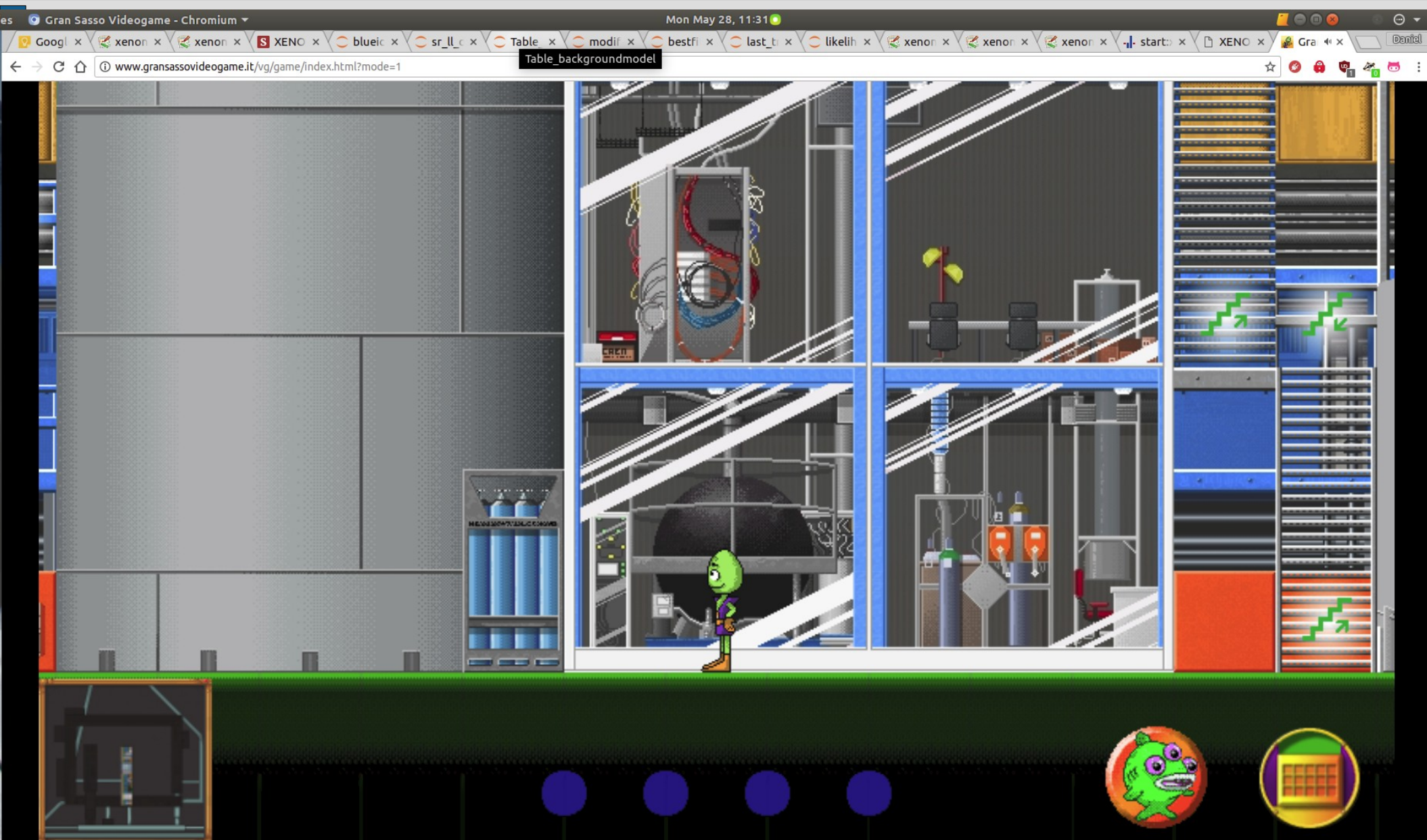
Water Cerenkov Shield

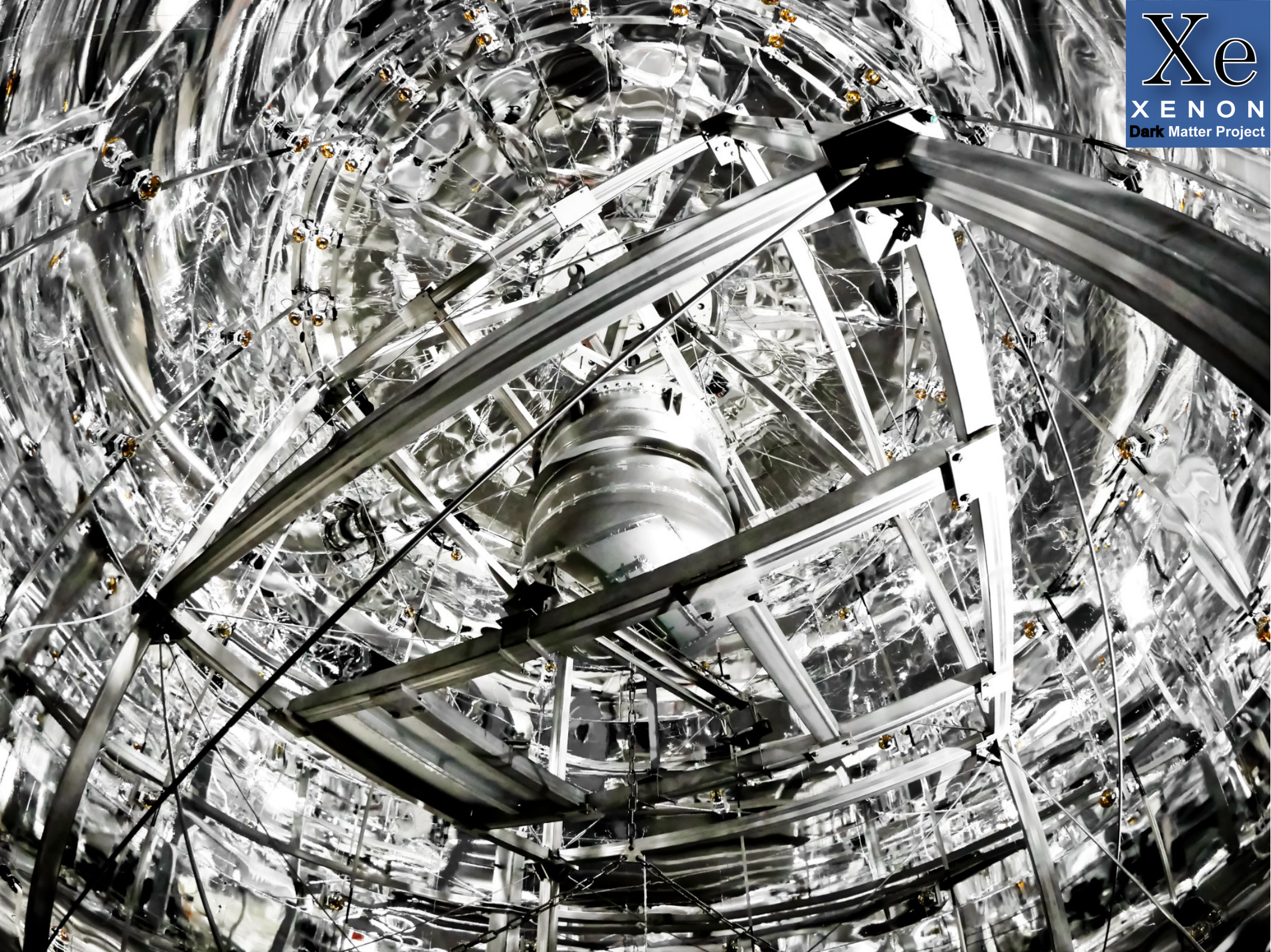
- 9.6m diameter, 10m height
- external γ , neutrons irrelevant
- muon induced NRs irrelevant

→ dominating background of XENON1T will be intrinsic



XENON1T @ www.gransassovideogame.it

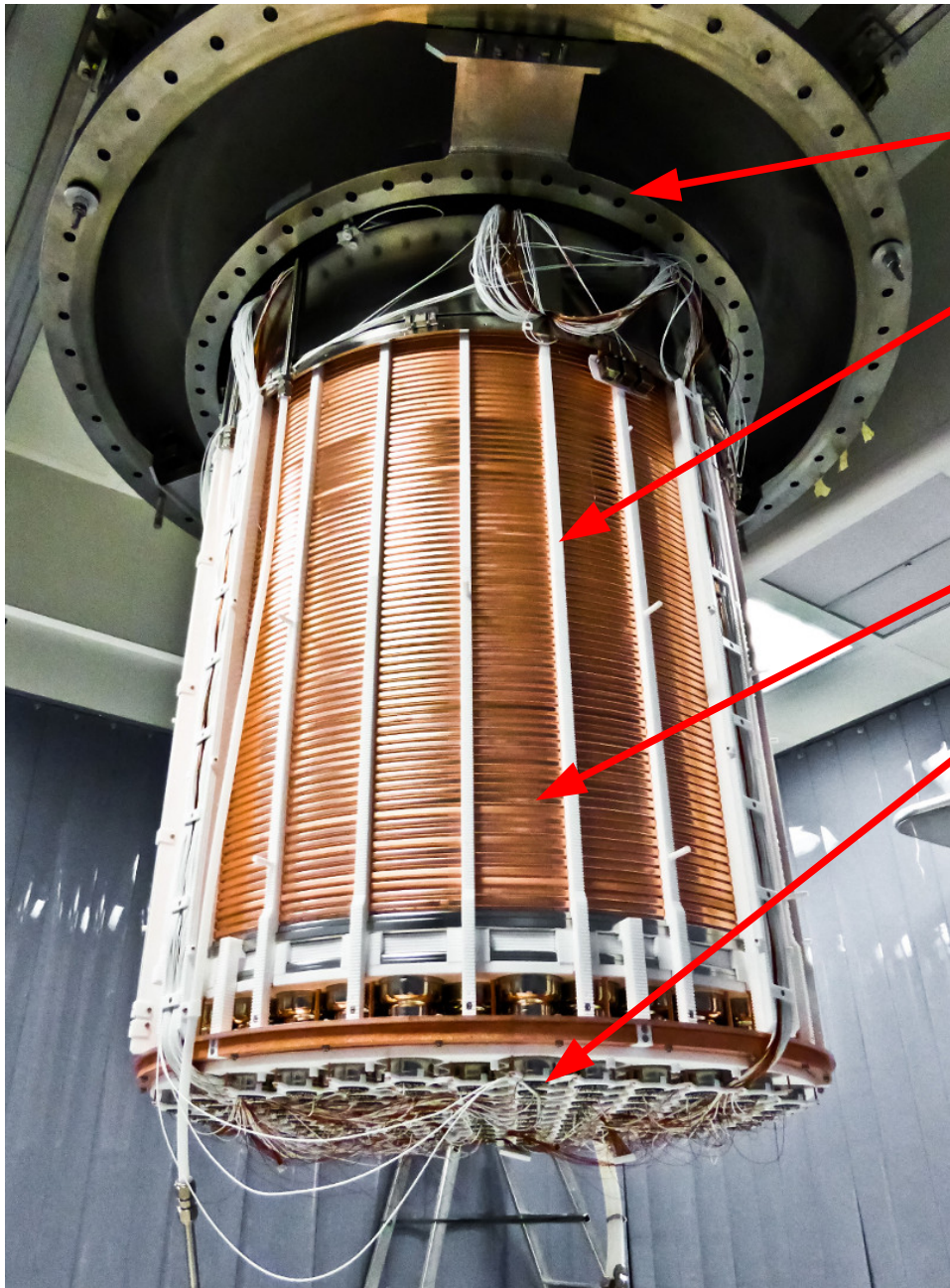




Xe
XENON
Dark Matter Project



XENON1T



Low-background stainless steel cryostats

dual-phase LXe TPC

- total mass ~3.2 t
- active mass ~2.0 t
- fiducial mass: ~1 t

TPC made from OFH Cu and PTFE

248 photomultipliers

- Hamamatsu R11410-21
 - low background
 - high QE (36% @ 178nm)
 - extensive testing in cryogenic environments
- JINST 8, P04026 (2013)*



XENON1T → XENONnT

JCAP 04, 027 (2016)

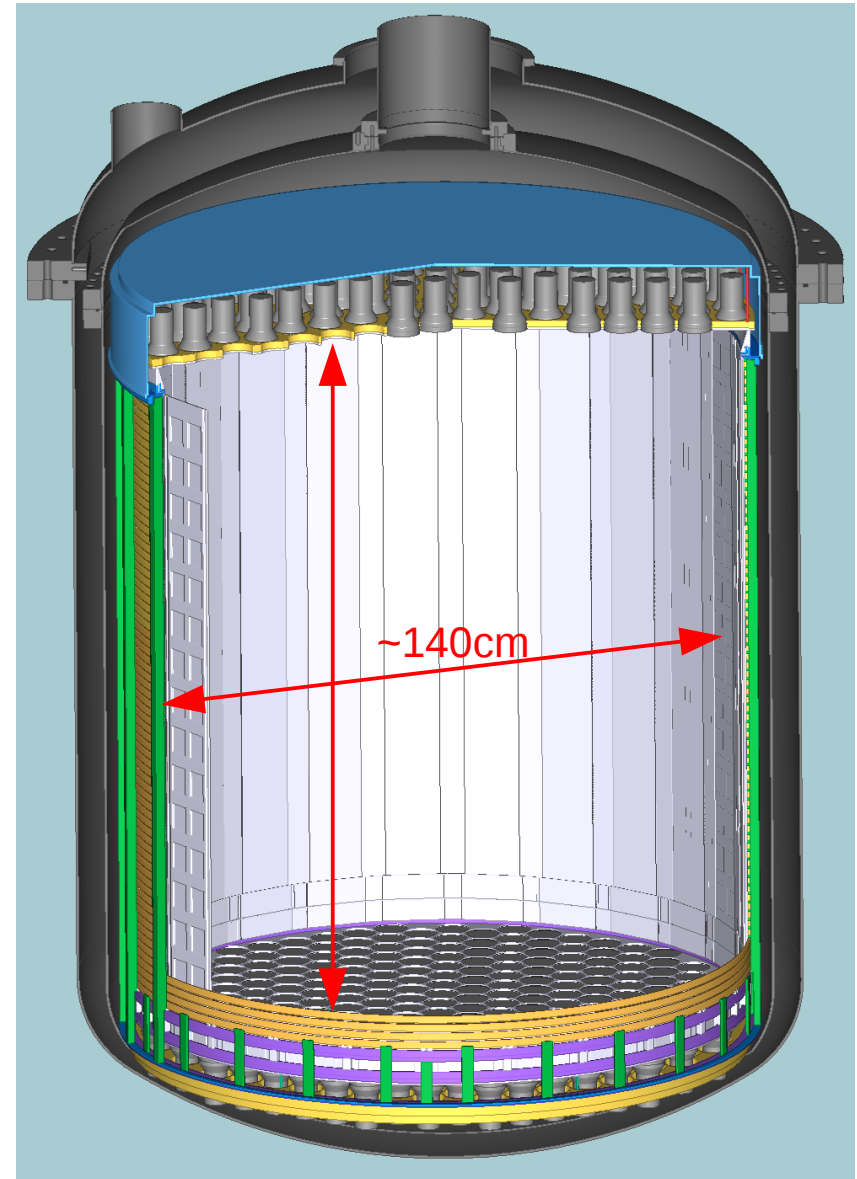
XENON1T

- 2t active LXe target
- taking data

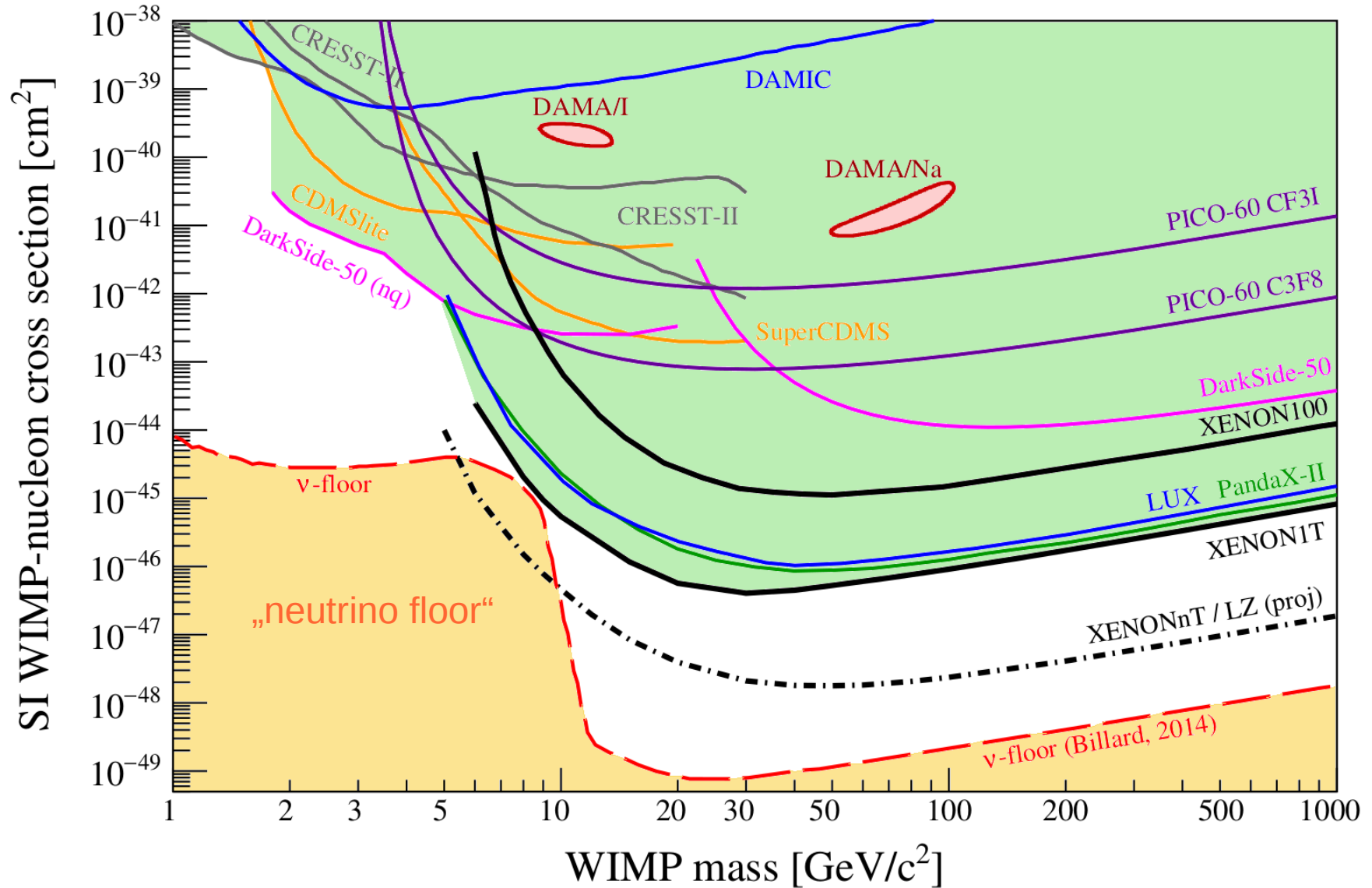


XENONnT

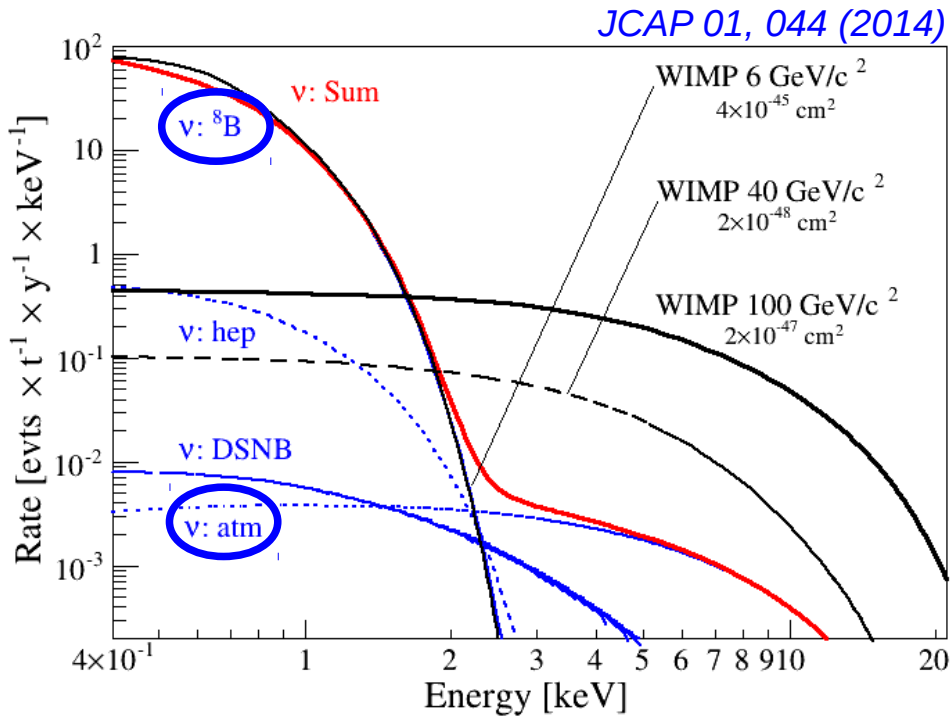
- 5.9t active target
- science run in 2019



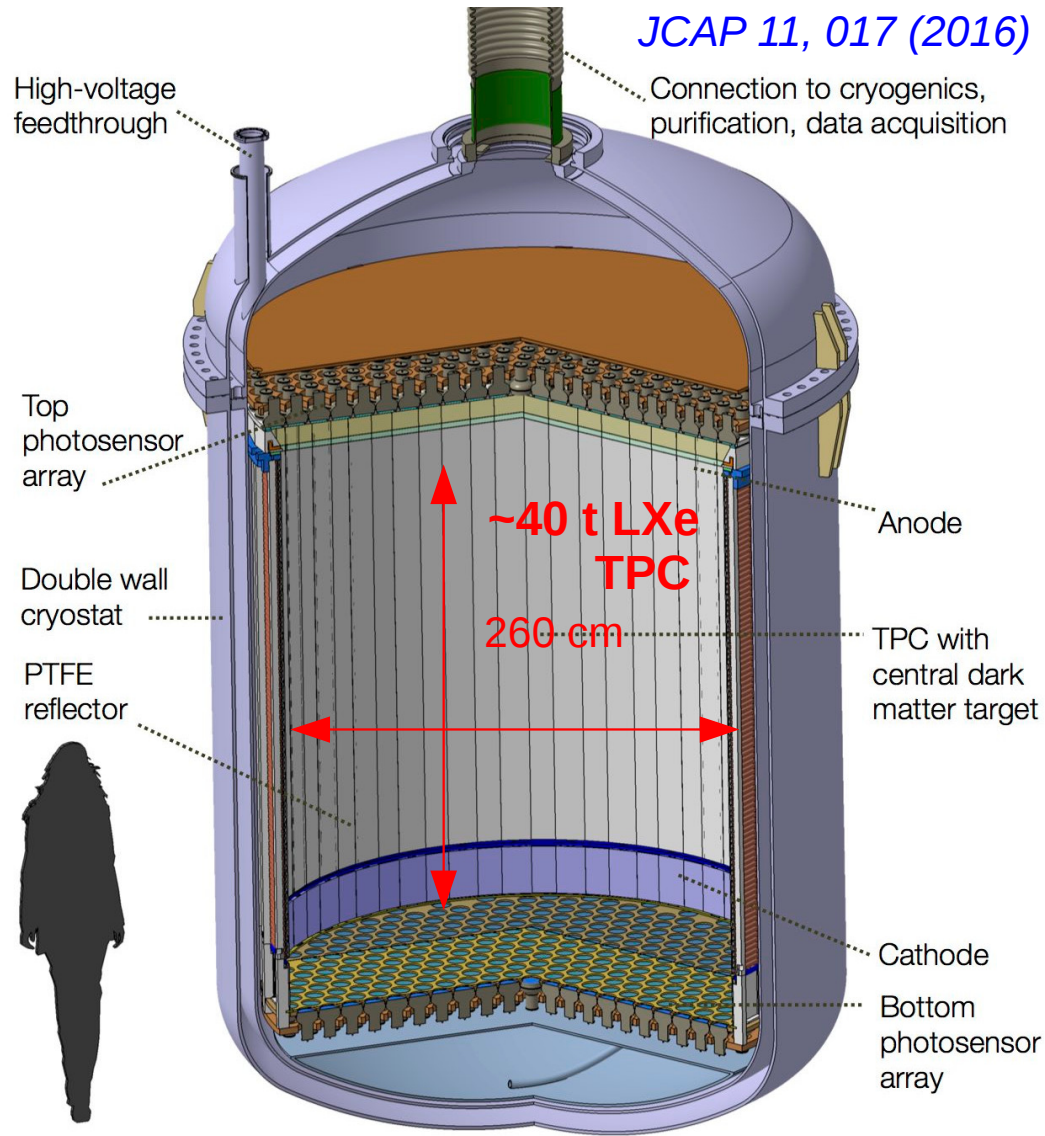
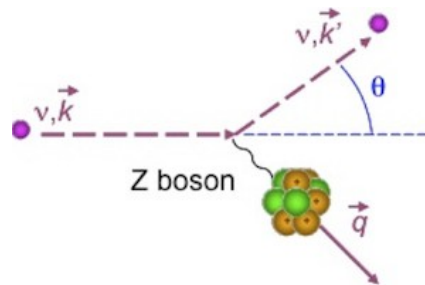
The WIMP Landscape today



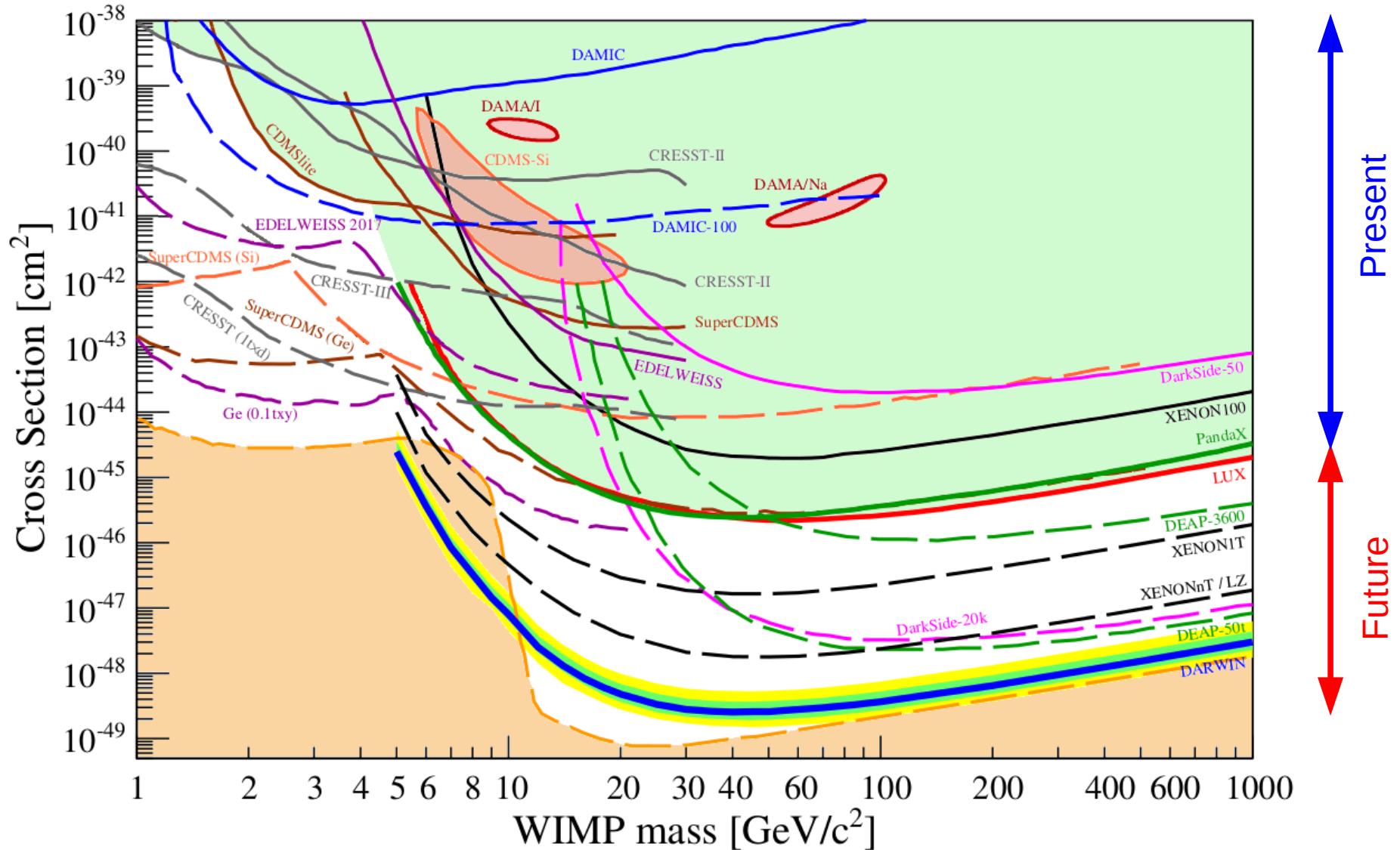
DARWIN and the Neutrino Floor



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



Exciting times ahead of us



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