

# School and Workshop on Dark Matter and Neutrino Detection

## Dark Matter – Direct Detection

### Lecture 2



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# Outline

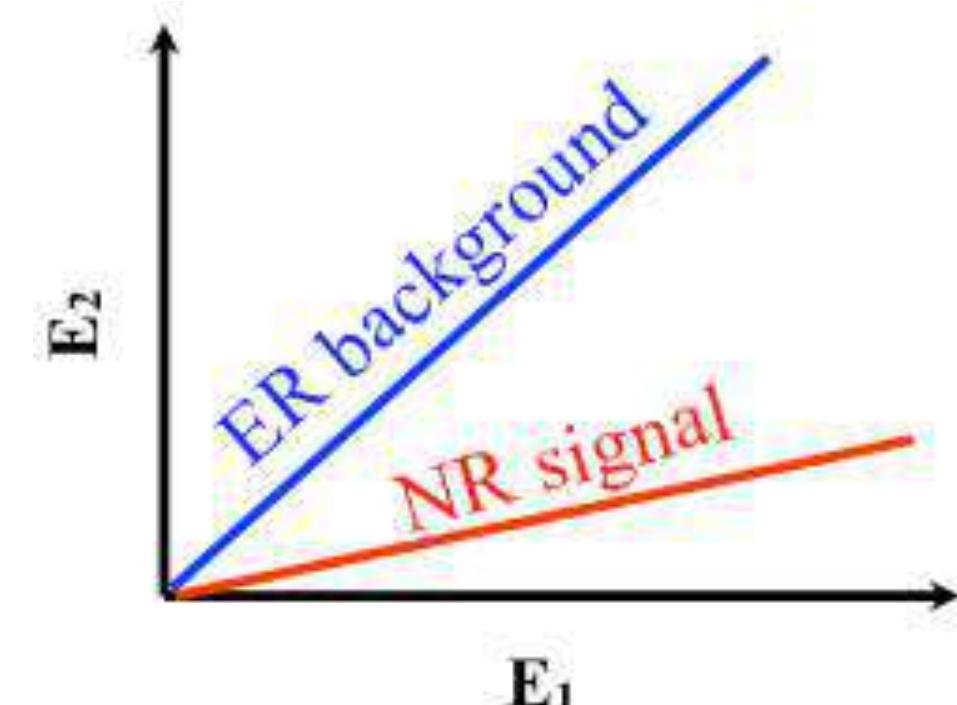
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- Lecture 1:
  - The dark matter problem
  - WIMP and WIMP-like DM detection
- Lecture 2:
  - WIMP detection technologies
  - Current and future limits
- Lecture 3:
  - More 1-10 GeV DM detection technologies
  - To the Neutrino Floor, and beyond!
- Lecture 4:
  - The SuperCDMS Experiment
  - meV - 1GeV direct detection
- Lecture 5:
  - Indirect sterile neutrino detection

# Last Time: Separating Signal from Background...

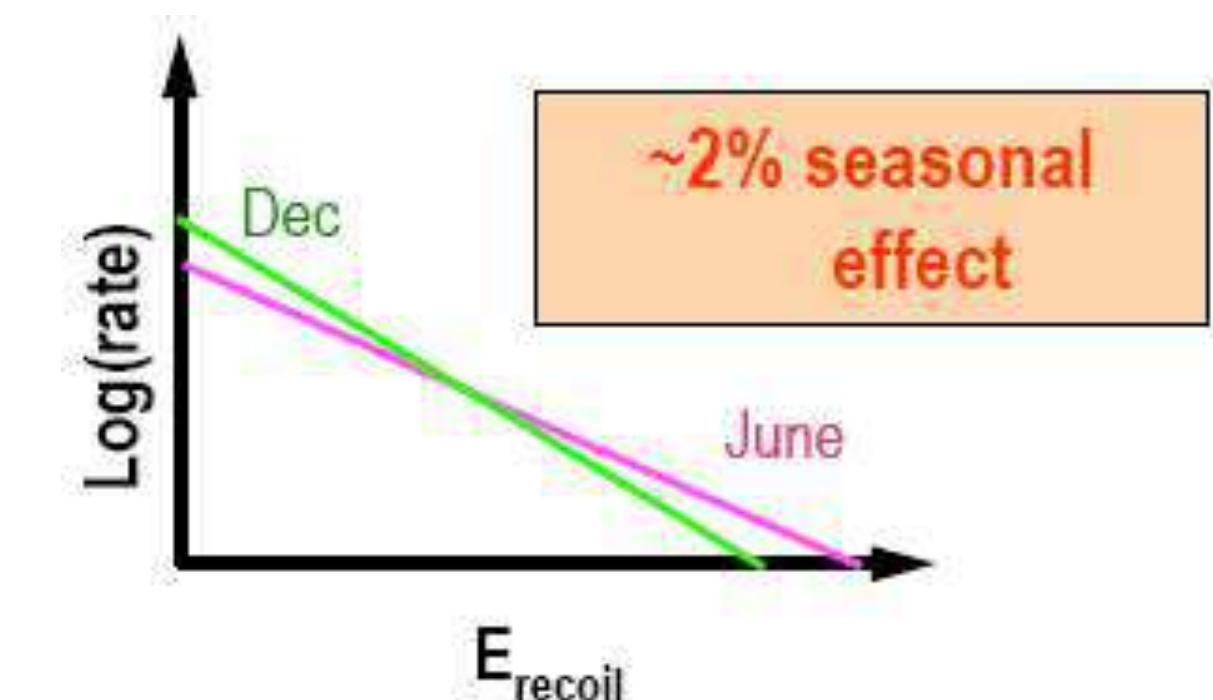
- By Detector Response

- Obtain particle identification from the physics of the detector response to different types of particle interactions.

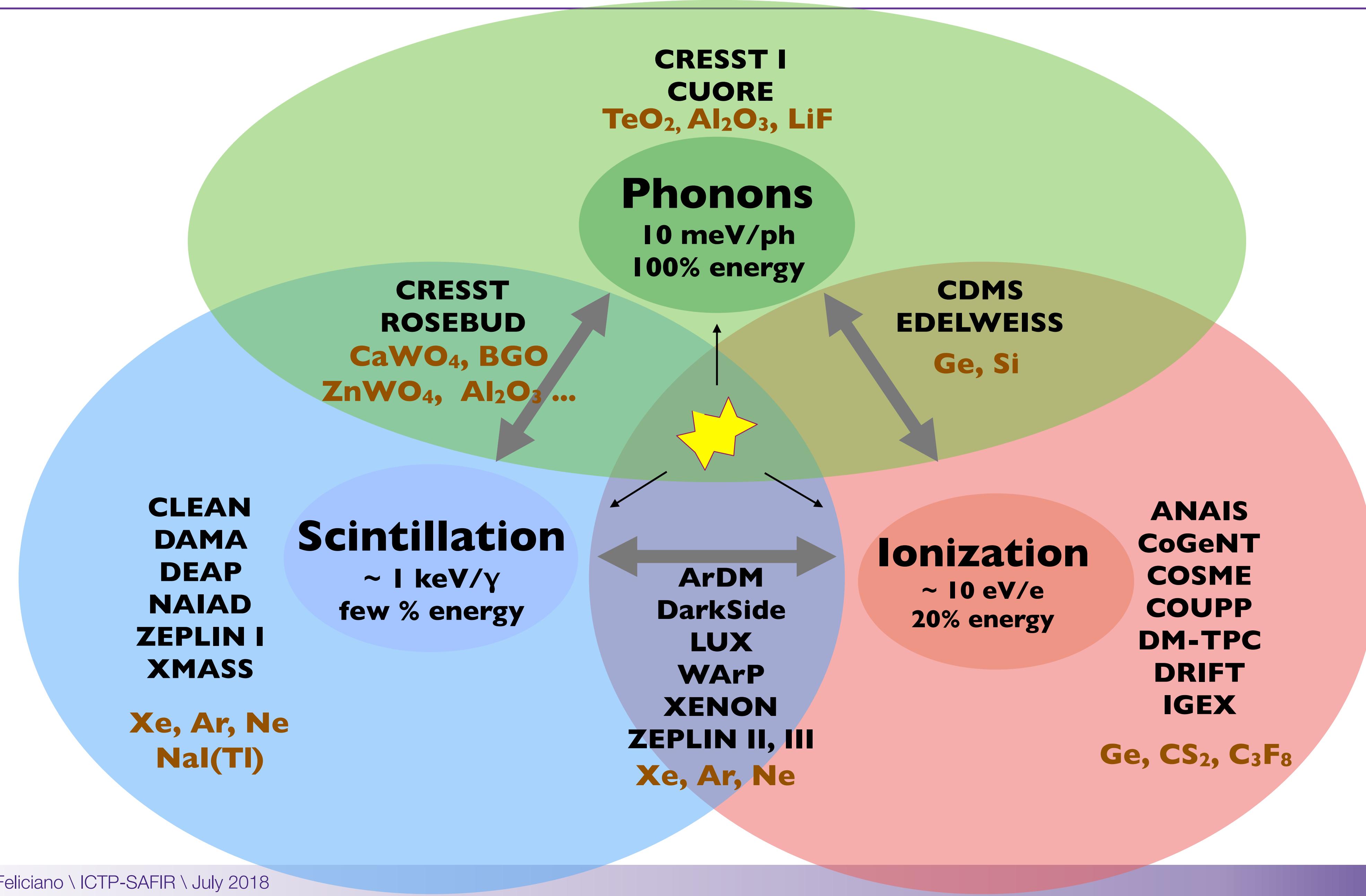


- By Astrophysical Modulation

- Annual Modulation in the WIMP recoil spectrum. Earth's velocity through the galactic halo is max in June, min in December (DAMA/LIBRA).
- Daily modulation of the incident WIMP direction. Measure the direction of the short track produced by nuclear recoil. (DM-TPC)
- Can be Event-by-Event or Statistical



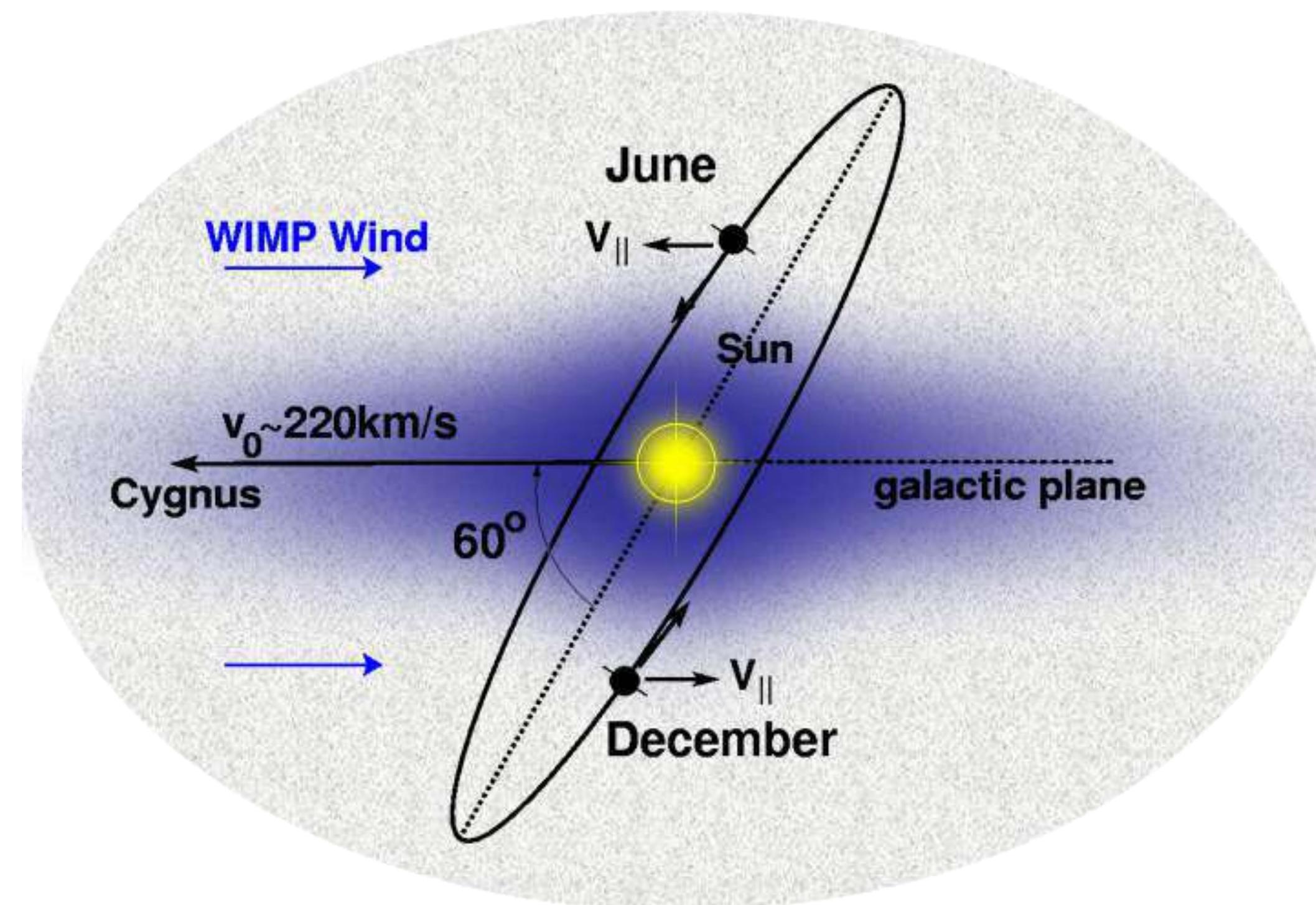
# Last time: Particle ID Through Detector Response



# Annual Modulation

Earth's motion about the Sun produces small changes in velocity relative to the dark halo

→ Modulates expected rate of dark matter interactions detected on Earth



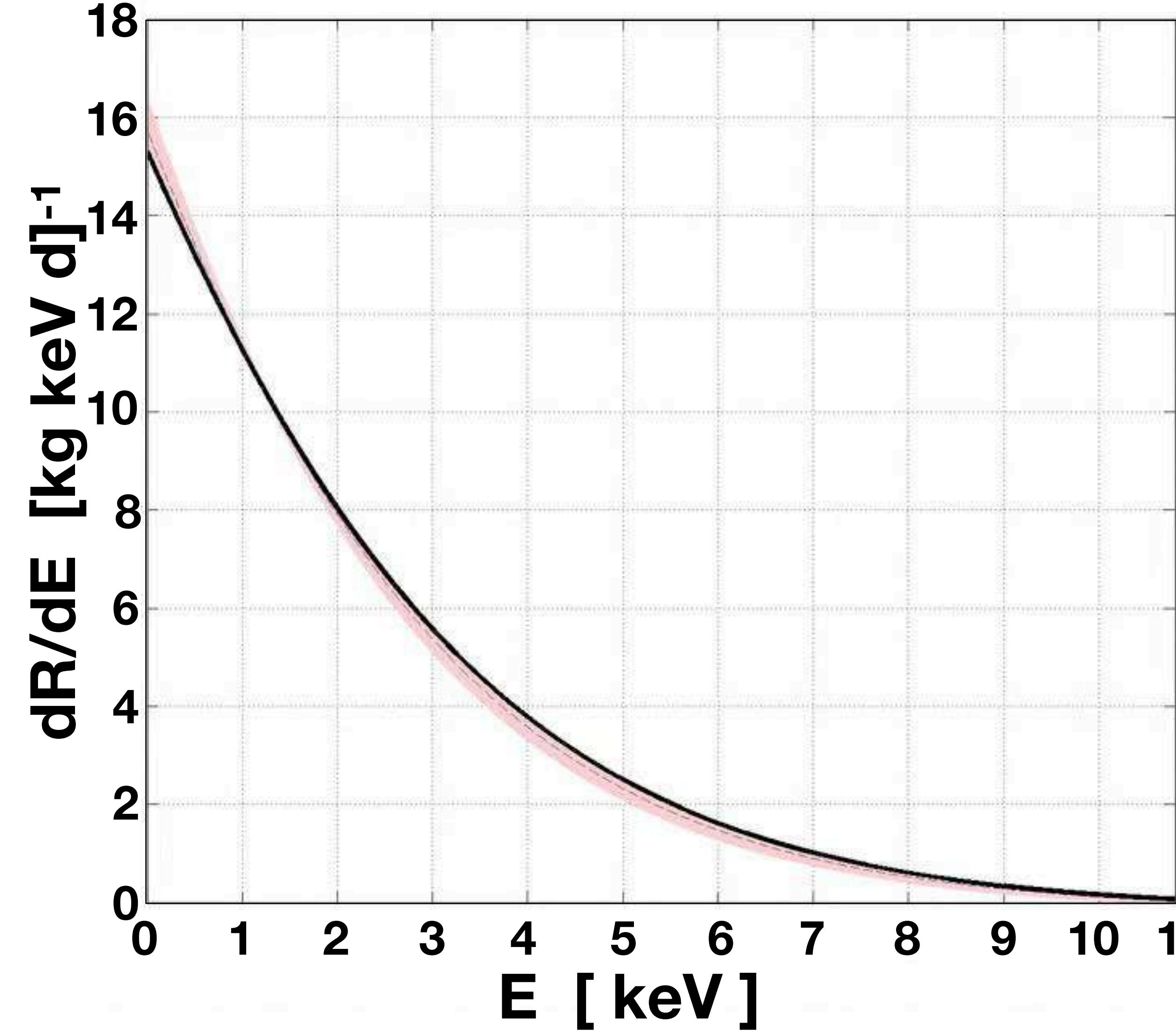
If you see a signal,  
check for an annual  
modulation

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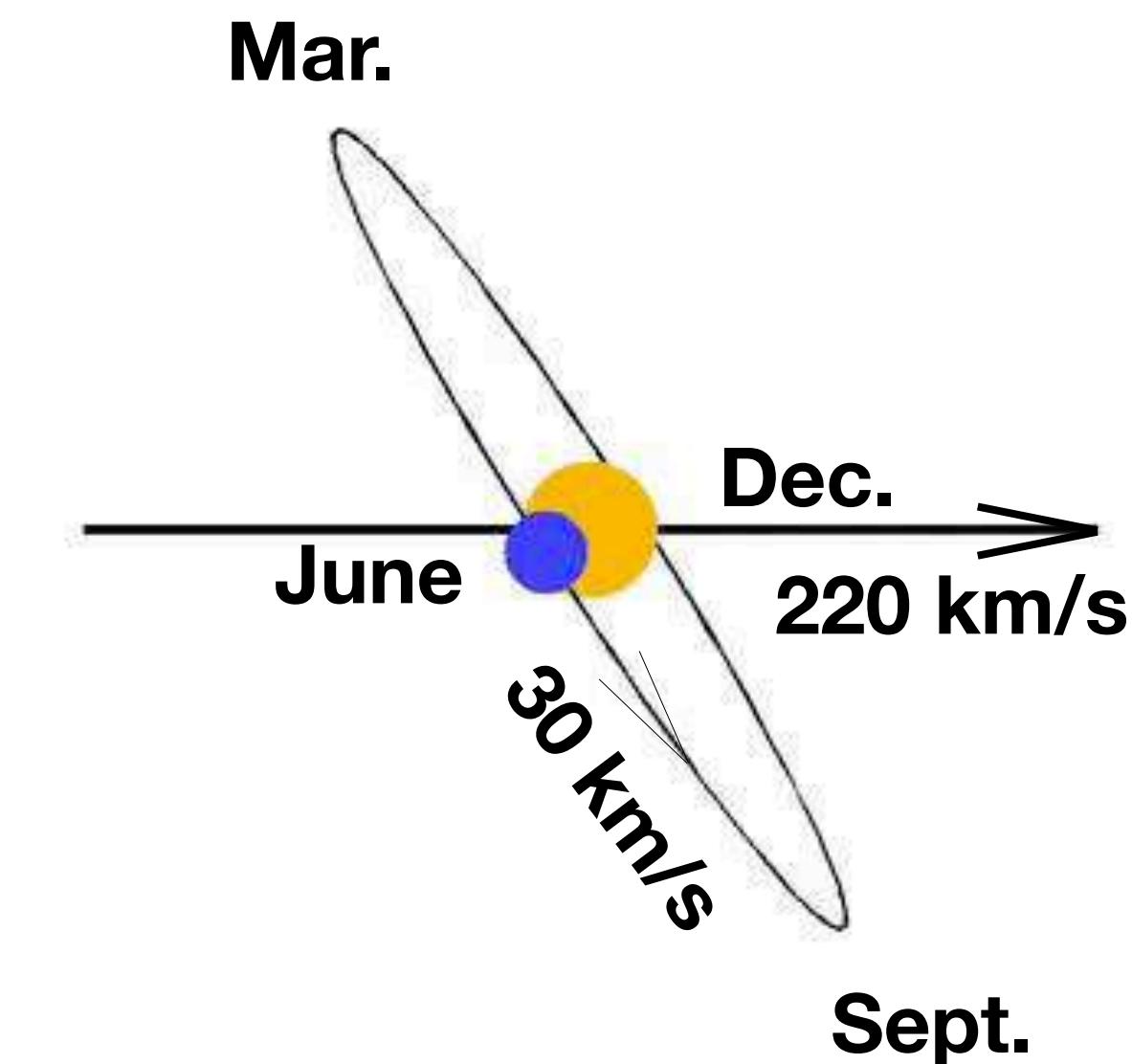
If you have irreducible  
backgrounds, use the  
modulation to pick out  
a signal

A dark-matter-induced modulation will have extrema in June and December  
(whether it's max or min depends on target and threshold)

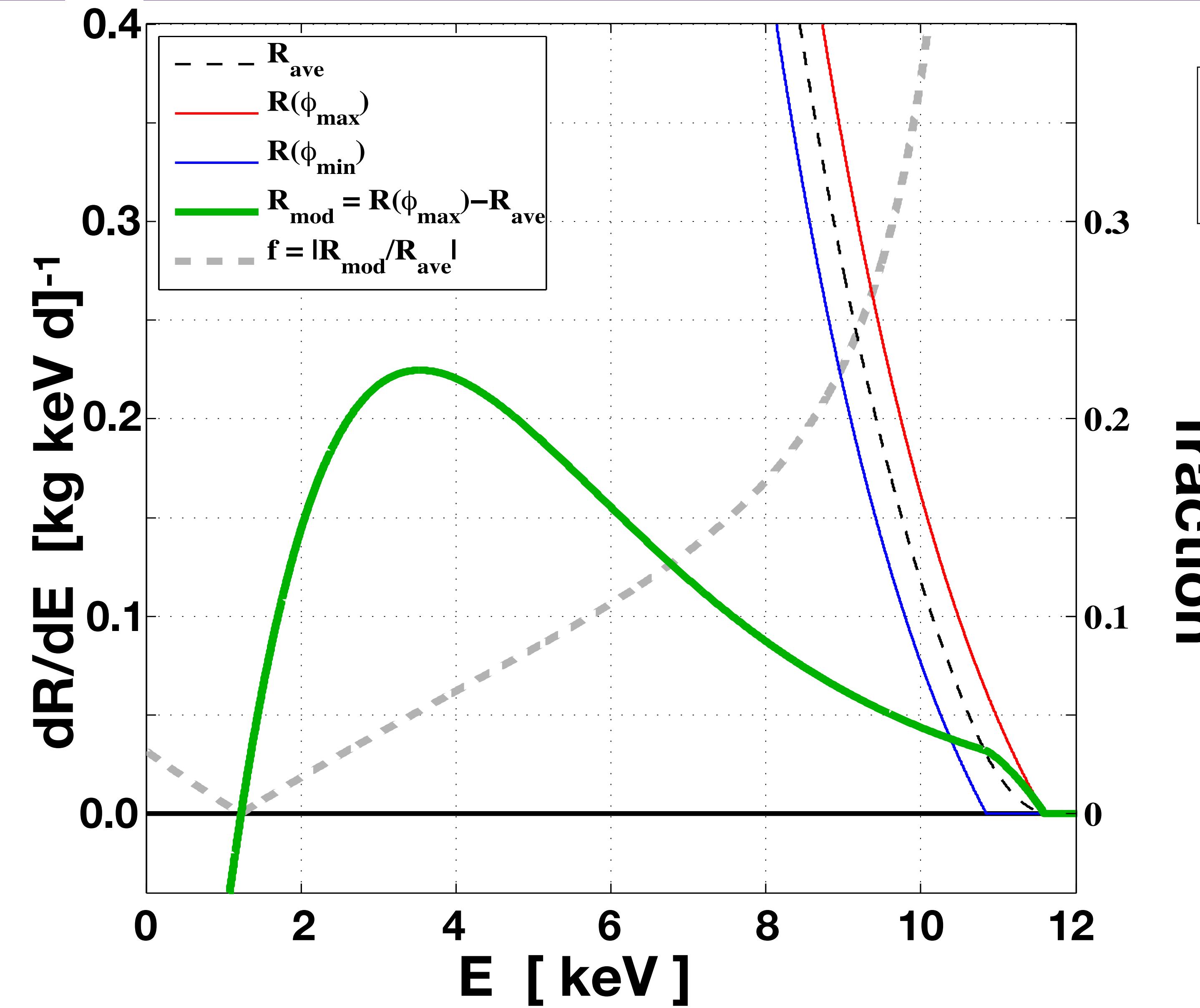
# Annual Modulation



Target: Ge  
 $\sigma_{\text{SI}} = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ pb}$   
 $M_x = 10 \text{ GeV/cm}^2$



# Modulation Signal

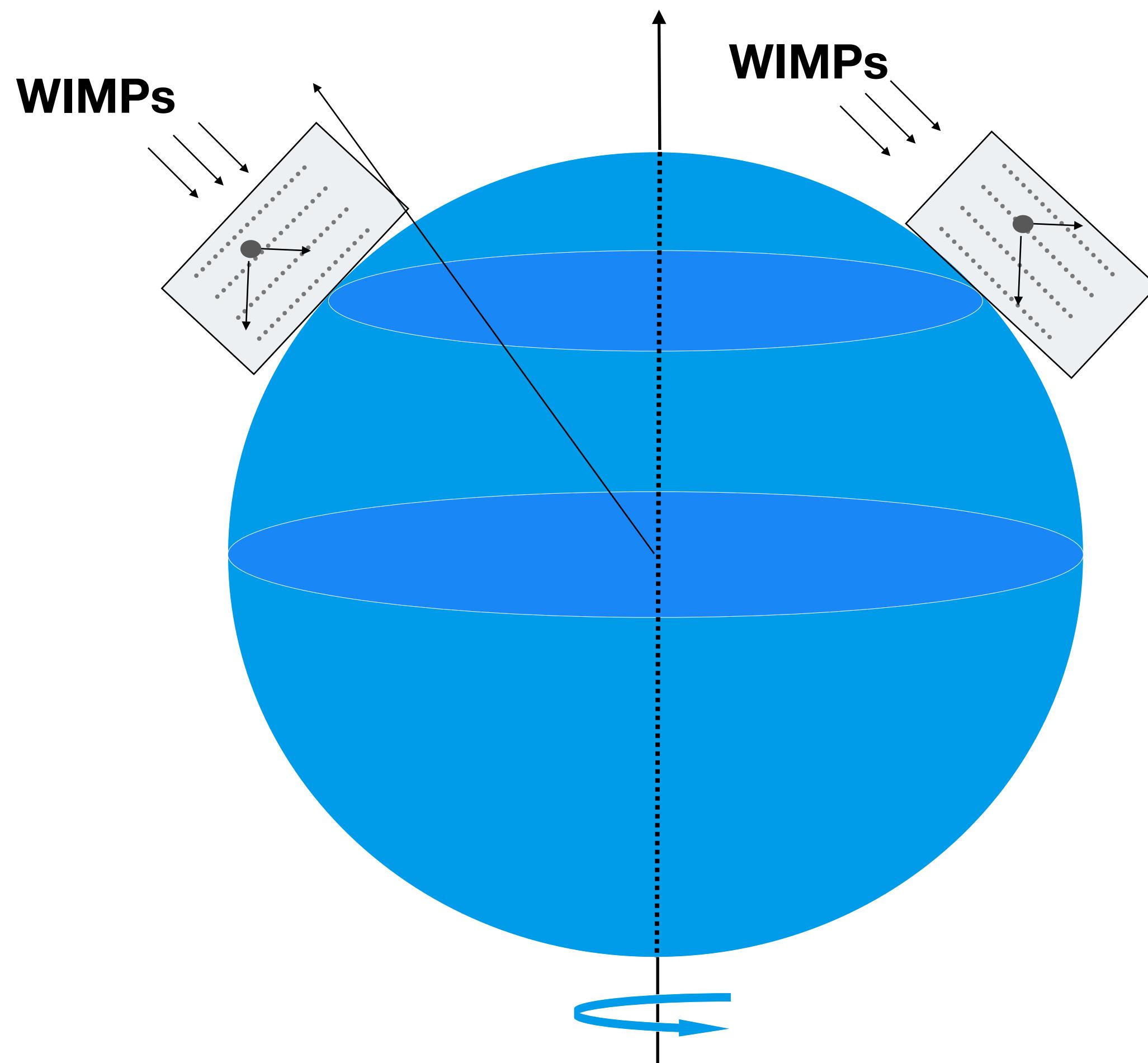


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fraction

The modulation  
shape is target  
dependent!

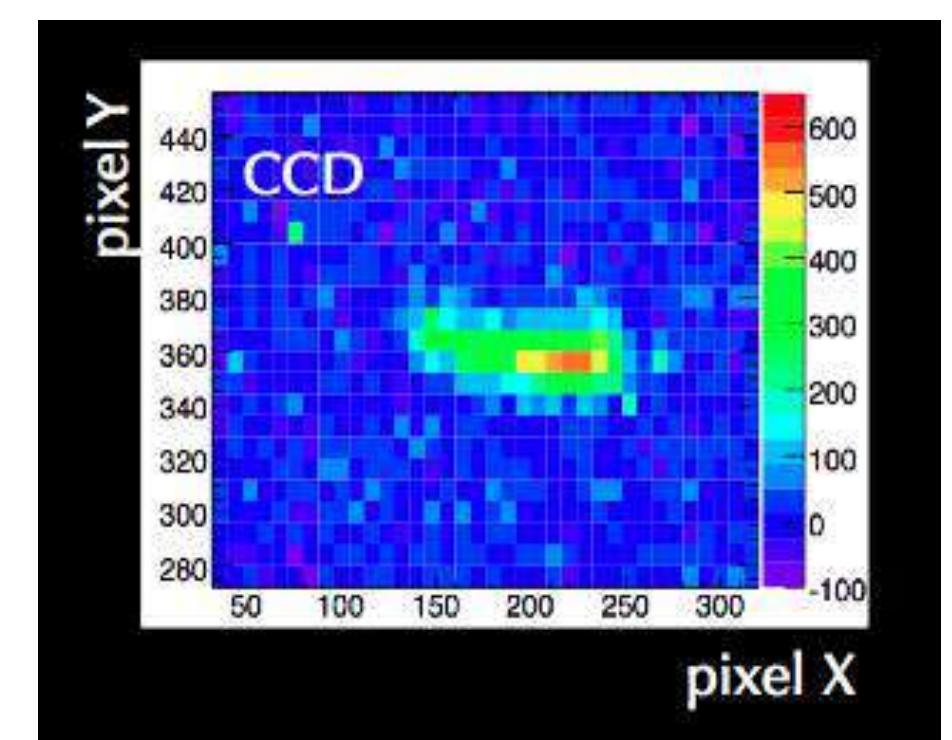
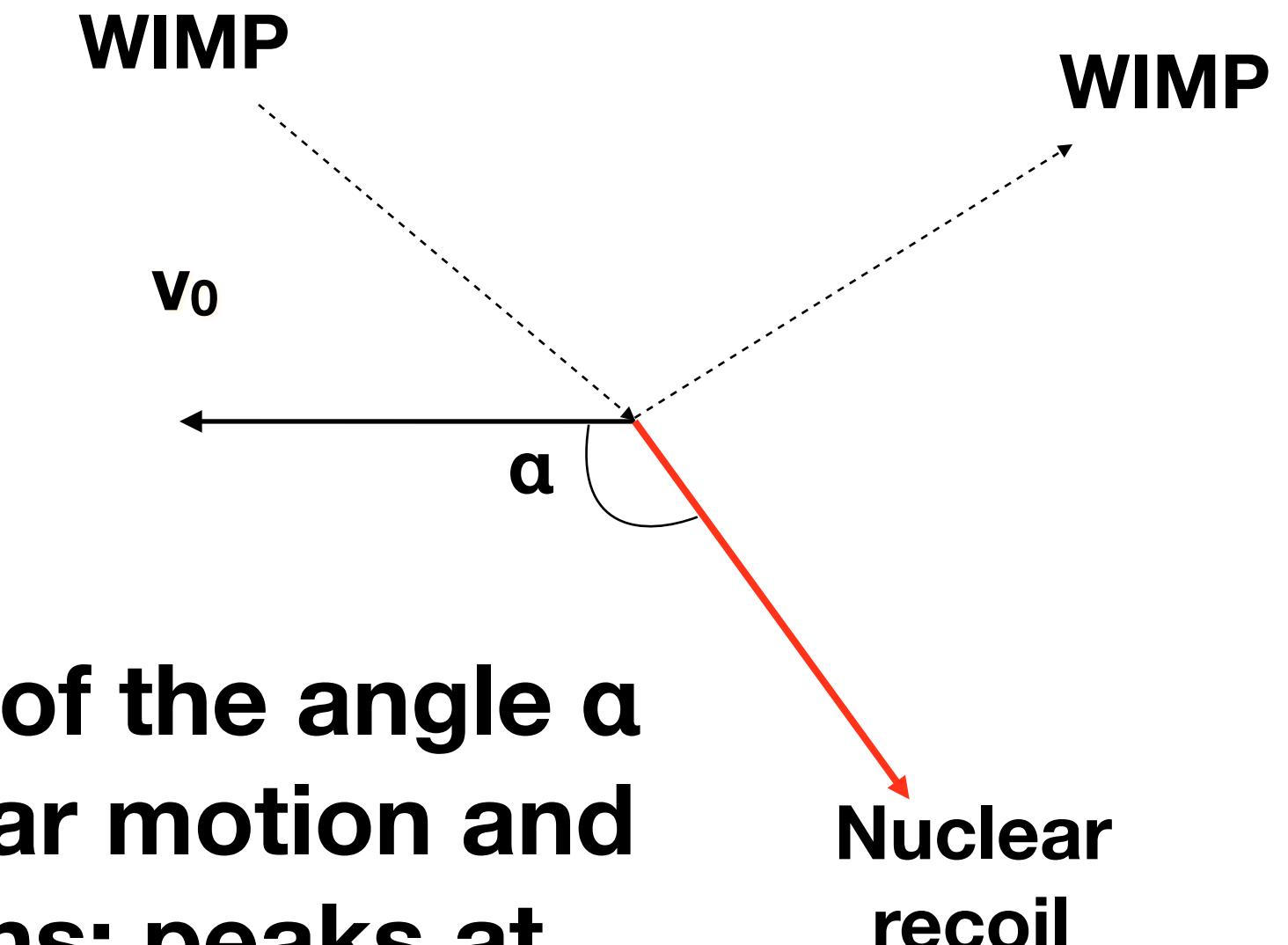
# Diurnal Modulation (a.k.a. Directional Detection)



**The mean recoil direction rotates over one sidereal day**

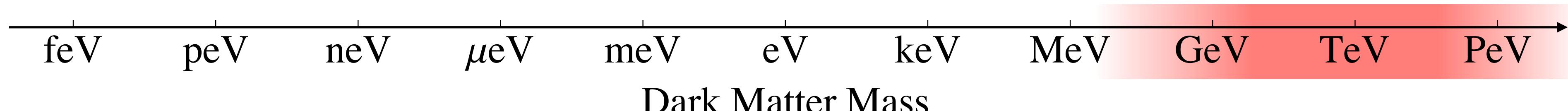
**The distribution of the angle  $\alpha$  between the solar motion and recoil directions: peaks at  $\alpha=180^\circ$**

**Low pressure TPC's preserve  $dE/dx$  profile such that “head to tail” measurement can be made**

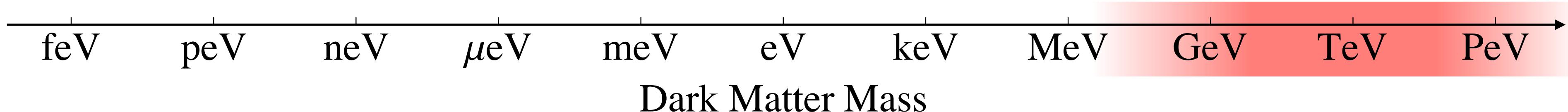


# Summary of Nuclear Recoil Direct Detection Requirements

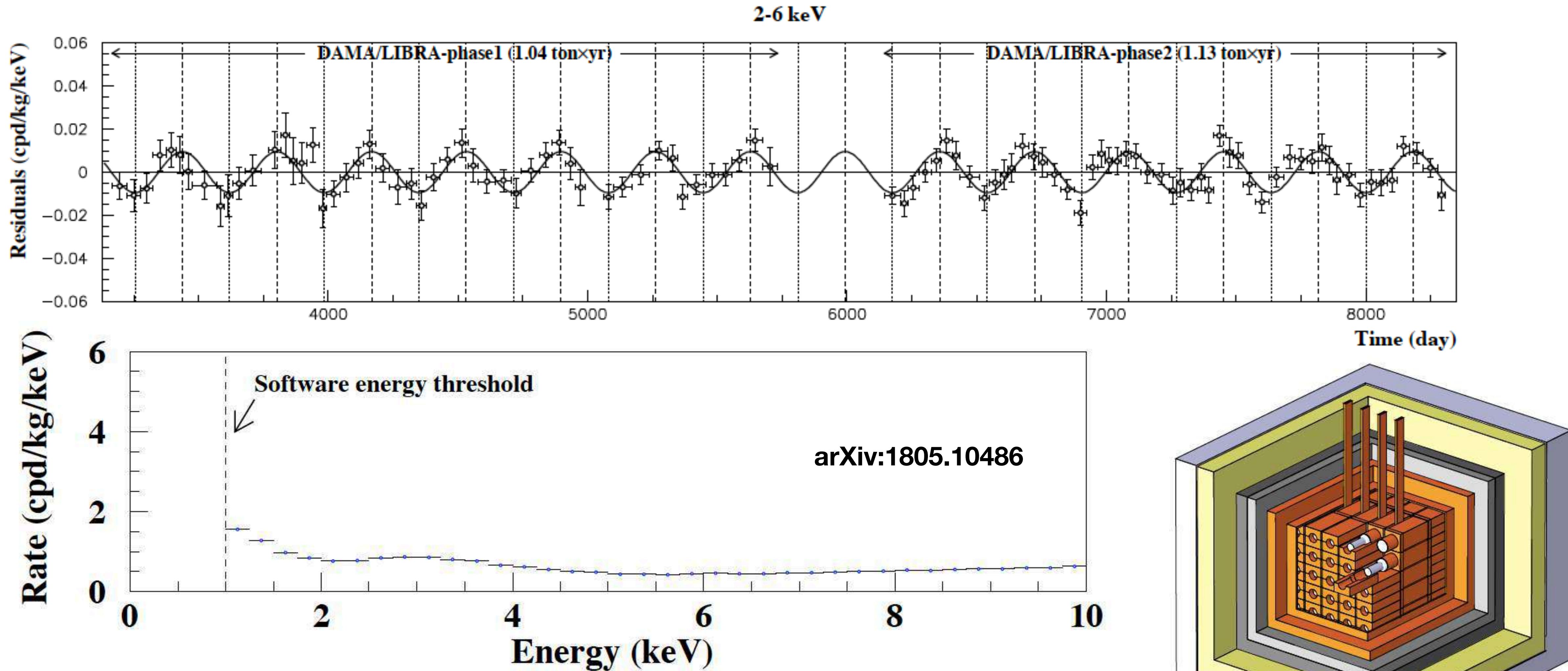
- 1: Large Exposure (Mass x Time)
- 2: Low Energy Threshold
- 3: Low Backgrounds
- 4: Discrimination between Signal and Backgrounds



# WIMP Direct Detection Technologies, Experiments, and Current Results



# DAMA/LIBRA: a Model-Independent Signal



*DAMA/Nal and successor DAMA/LIBRA operate large arrays of Nal detectors. Their combined data yield a  $12.9\sigma$  modulation consistent with dark matter. It has never been verified by another experiment, yet no one has a really good alternative explanation.*

# Non-dark matter explanations for the modulation

- Alternative sources of modulation have been proposed
  - DAMA has addressed some of these

Source	Main comment	Cautious upper limit (90% C.L.)
RADON	Sealed Cu box in HP Nitrogen atmosphere, 3-level of sealing, etc.	$<2.5 \times 10^{-6}$ cpd/kg/keV
TEMPERATURE	Installation is air conditioned+ detectors in Cu housings directly in contact with multi-ton shield → huge heat capacity + T continuously recorded	$<10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV
NOISE	Effective full noise rejection near threshold	$<10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV
ENERGY SCALE	Routine + intrinsic calibrations	$<1-2 \times 10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV
EFFICIENCIES	Regularly measured by dedicated calibrations	$<10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV
BACKGROUND	No modulation above 6 keV; no modulation in the (2-6) keV multiple-hits events; this limit includes all possible sources of background	$<10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV
SIDE REACTIONS	Muon flux variation measured at LNGS	$<3 \times 10^{-5}$ cpd/kg/keV

Slide taken from  
DAMA/LIBRA

Further discussed in:  
EPJC 56:333 (2008),  
EPJC 72:2064 (2012),  
EPJC 74:3196 (2014)

Modulation Amplitude in Signal is  $\sim 1 \times 10^{-2}$  cpd/kg/keV

# Checking DAMA with NaI Detectors

Northern Hemisphere	Gran Sasso <b>DAMA/LIBRA</b> 250 kg running	Boulby <b>DM-Ice North</b> 37 kg R&D 250 kg planned	Canfranc <b>ANALIS</b> 37 kg R&D 250 kg planned	Y2L <b>KIMS</b> 45 kg R&D 200 kg planned	Gran Sasso <b>SABRE</b> R&D	Kamioka <b>PICO-LON</b> <b>KamLAND-PICO</b> R&D
Southern Hemisphere		South Pole <b>DM-Ice</b> 17 kg running 250 kg planned			Stawell <b>SABRE</b> Lab completion 2017	rock ice

Ultra-pure crystal development underway by DM-Ice, KIMS, ANALIS, SABRE, and PICO-LON collaborations

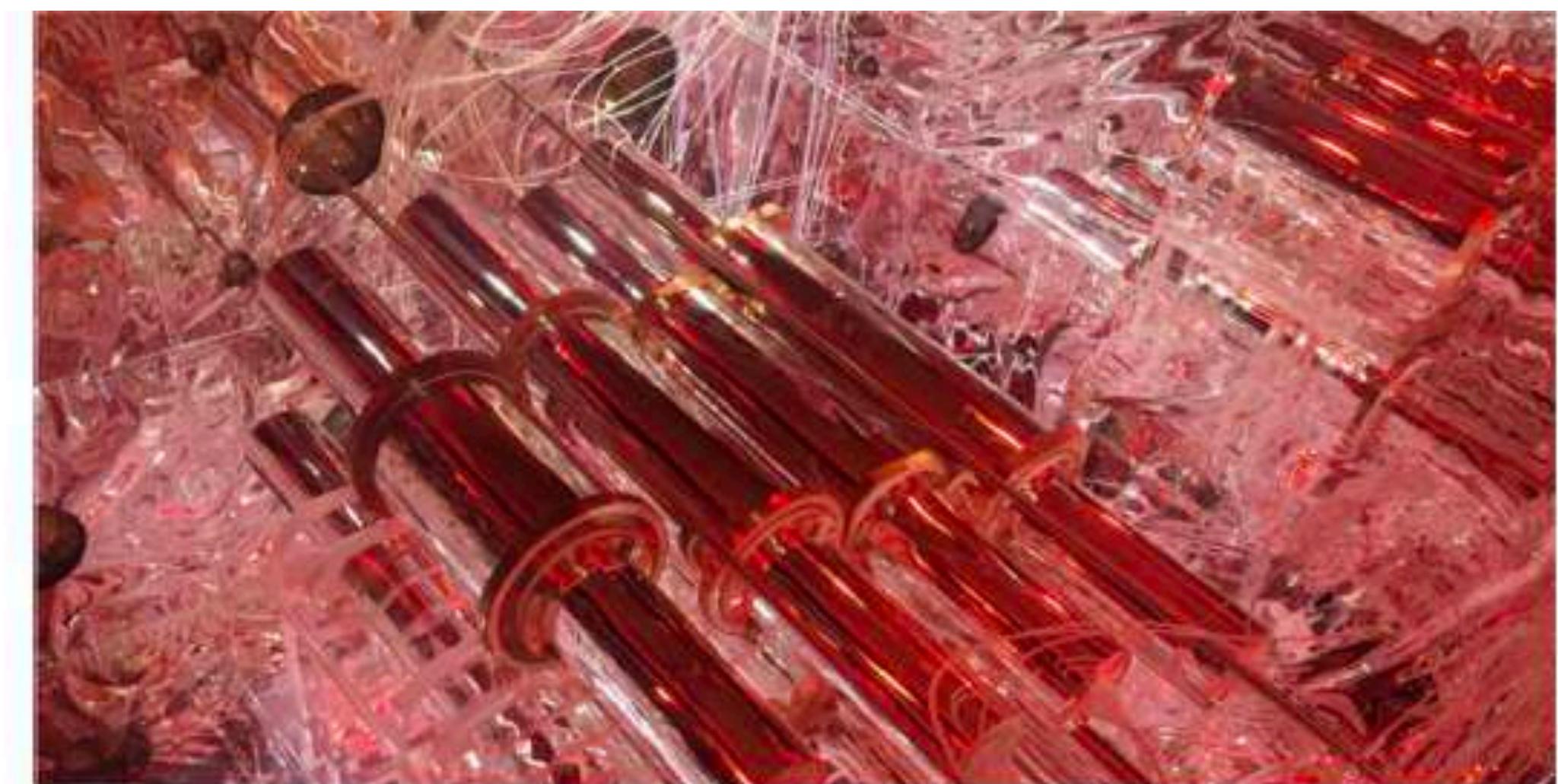
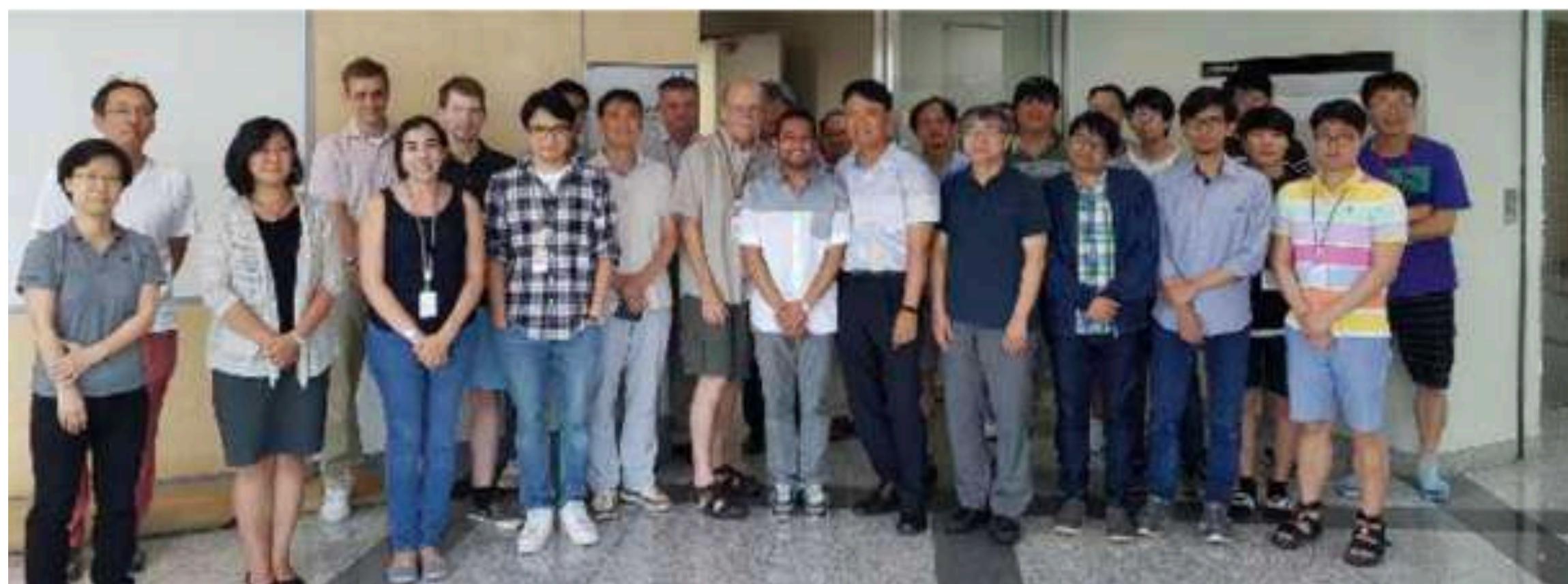
**South Pole** offers:

- Ultra-clean and ultra-stable environment
- Seasonal variation unambiguously different from dark matter modulation
- IceCube offers muon monitoring and veto as well as experience
- NSF-run South Pole Station for logistical support

**Note: Annual Modulation is also being looked for with other detector technologies!**

# The COSINE-100 Experiment @ Yangyang

- Model-independent test of DAMA's result
- 106 kg of same target material (NaI(Tl))
- Located 700 m underground at Yangyang Underground Lab in Korea
- Physics run began Sept. 2016



# The SABRE Experiment @ LNGS & Stawell



First Production Crystal! (June 2018)

## Ultrapure NaI:Tl Target Detector

Intrinsic radioactivity limits WIMP sensitivity.  
SABRE has made the most radiopure NaI:Tl to date.

- ‘Astrograde’ powder (Sigma Aldrich).
- Carefully-developed powder preparation and growth protocols (Princeton + RMD).

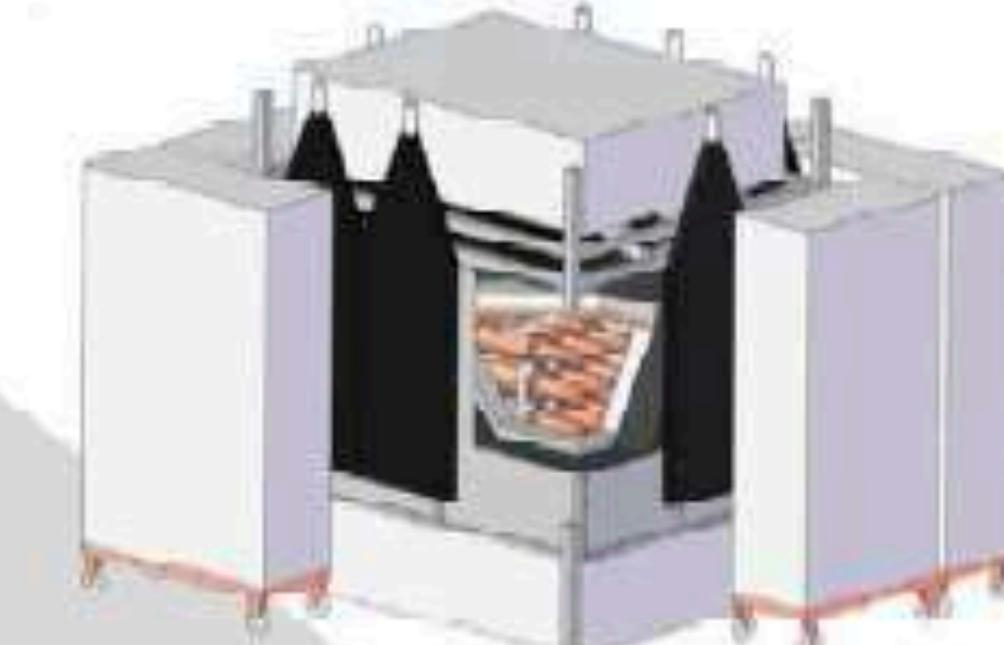
Lower radioimpurity than DAMA.  
Production growth underway.  
High QE + low background PMTs: 1 keV threshold design.

Element	DAMA powder [ppb]	DAMA crystals [ppb]	Astro-Grade [ppb]	SABRE crystal [ppb]
K	100	~13	9	9
Rb	n.a.	<0.35	<0.2	<0.1
U	~0.02	$0.5\text{-}7.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$<10^{-3}$	$<10^{-3}$
Th	~0.02	$0.7\text{-}10 \times 10^{-3}$	$<10^{-3}$	$<10^{-3}$

# The ANAIS Experiment @ Canfranc



ANAIS-112



12.5 kg  
Alpha Spectra Inc.

ANAIS-25



9.6 kg  
Saint-Gobain

ANAIS-0

10.7 kg  
BICRON

ANAIS-12:

- Commissioning in March-April 2017
- Calibration and general assessment from April to July 2017
- **Dark matter run** is underway since **3<sup>rd</sup>, August 2017**: first year of data taking is about to be successfully completed



ANAIS-37



# DM-ICE 17

Location: South Pole, Antarctica

Depth: 2457 m (2200 m.w.e)

Deployment: Dec. 2010

Science Run: Jun. 2011 – Jan. 2015

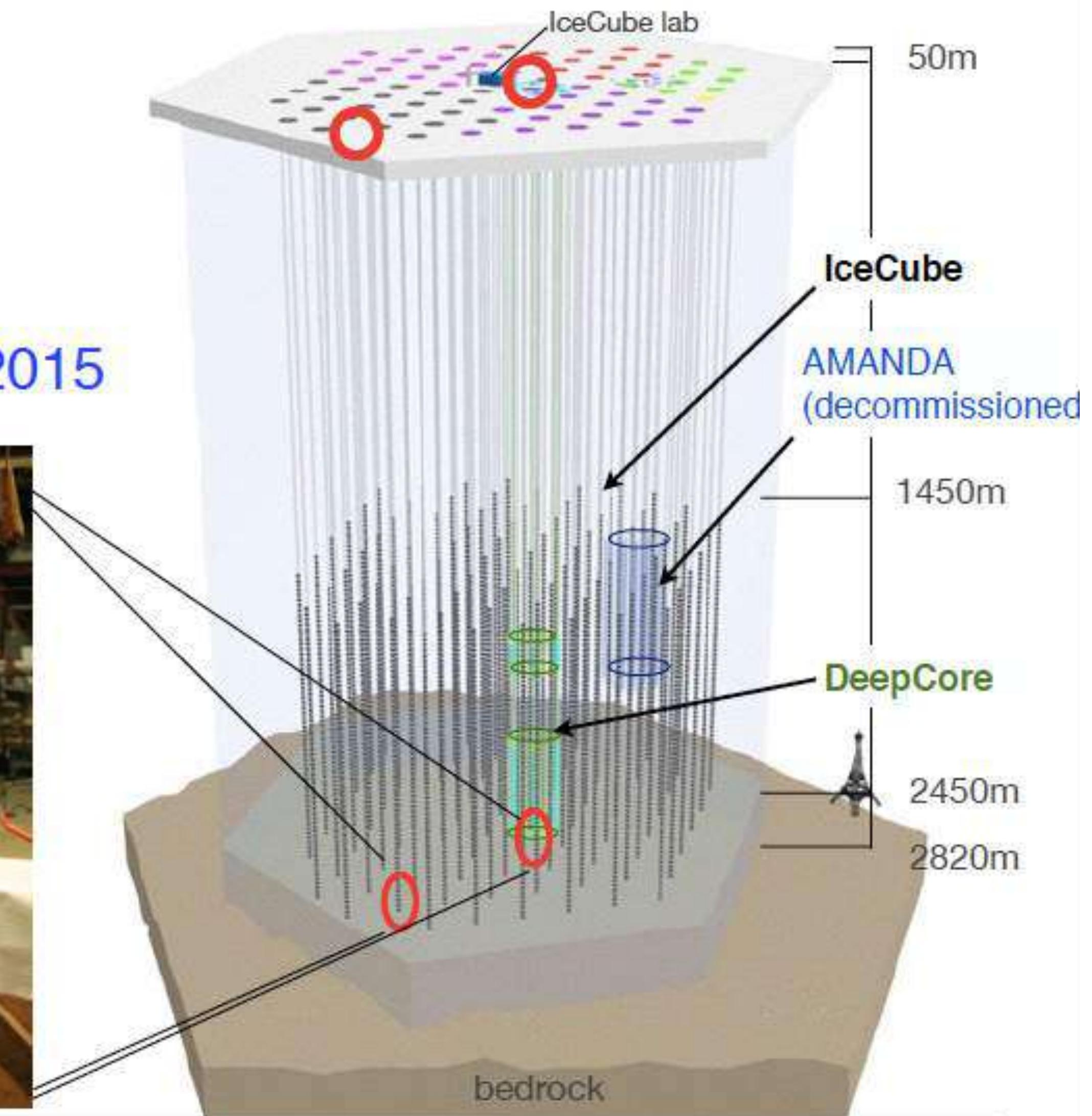
Uptime: > 99%

Exposure: 60.8 kg-yr

Target: NaI(Tl)

Mass: 2 x 8.5 kg

Still going...

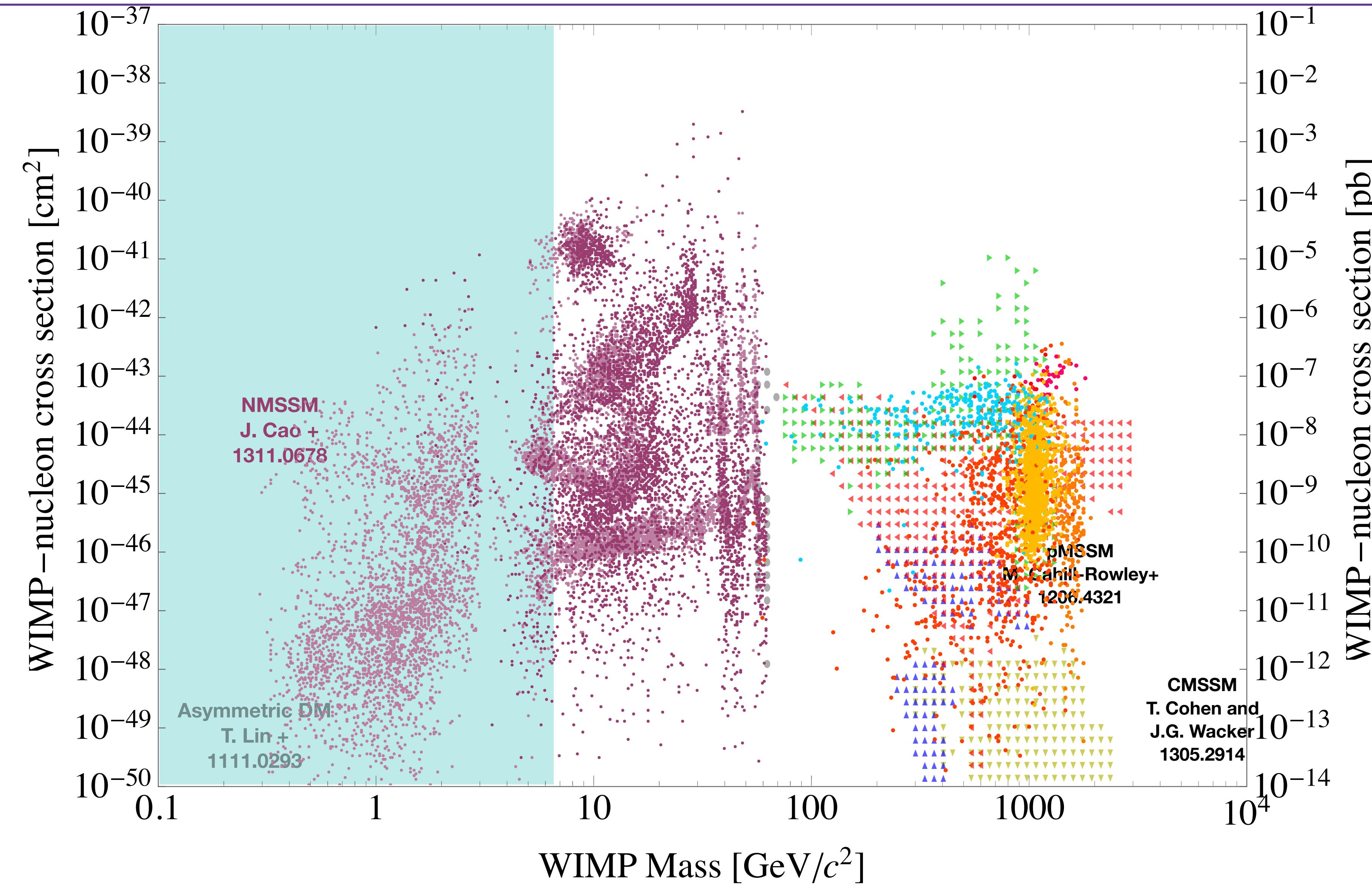


# DAMA/LIBRA: Dark Matter or Not?

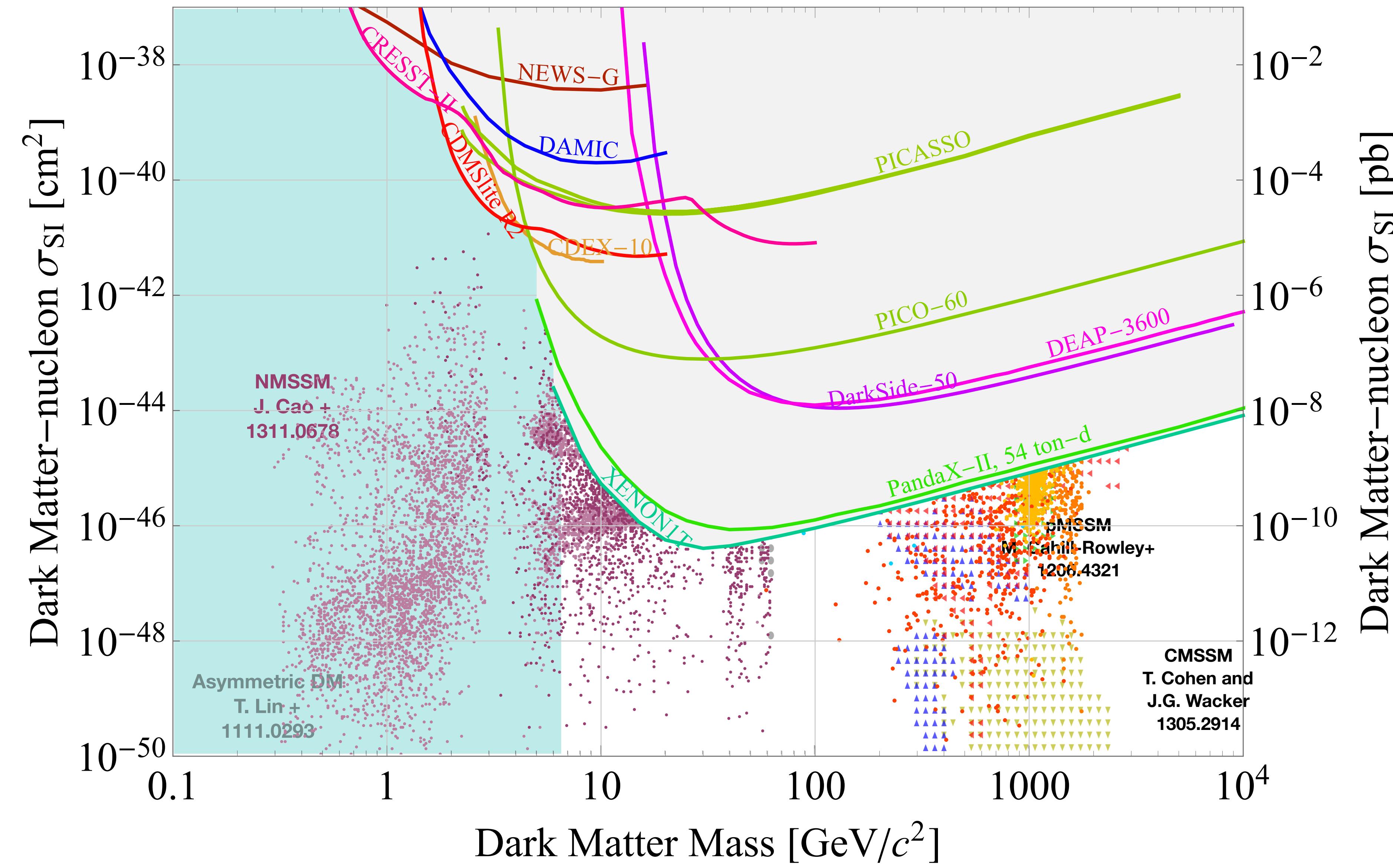
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**This question will be answered in a year or two!**

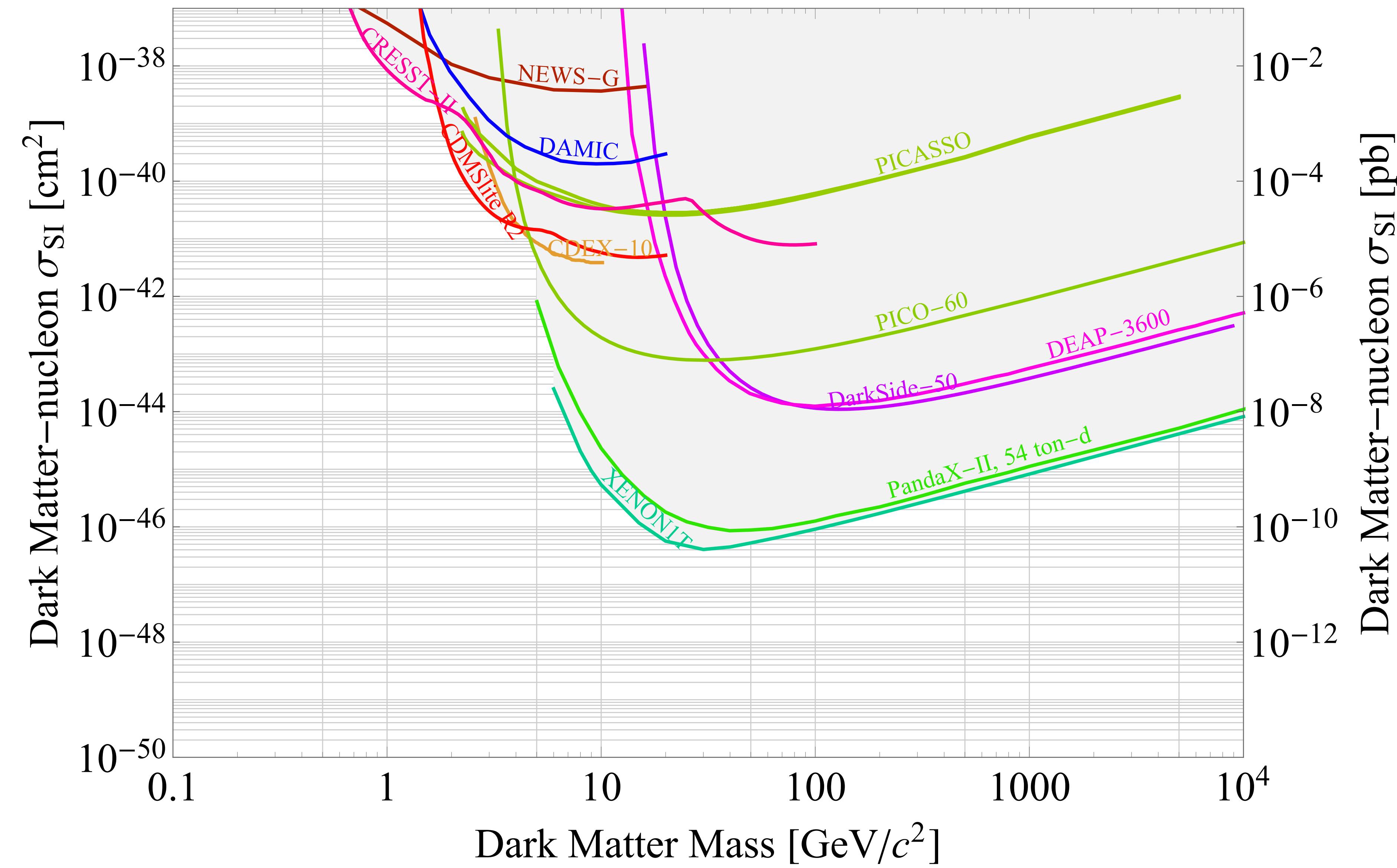
# The Model-Dependent Playing Field



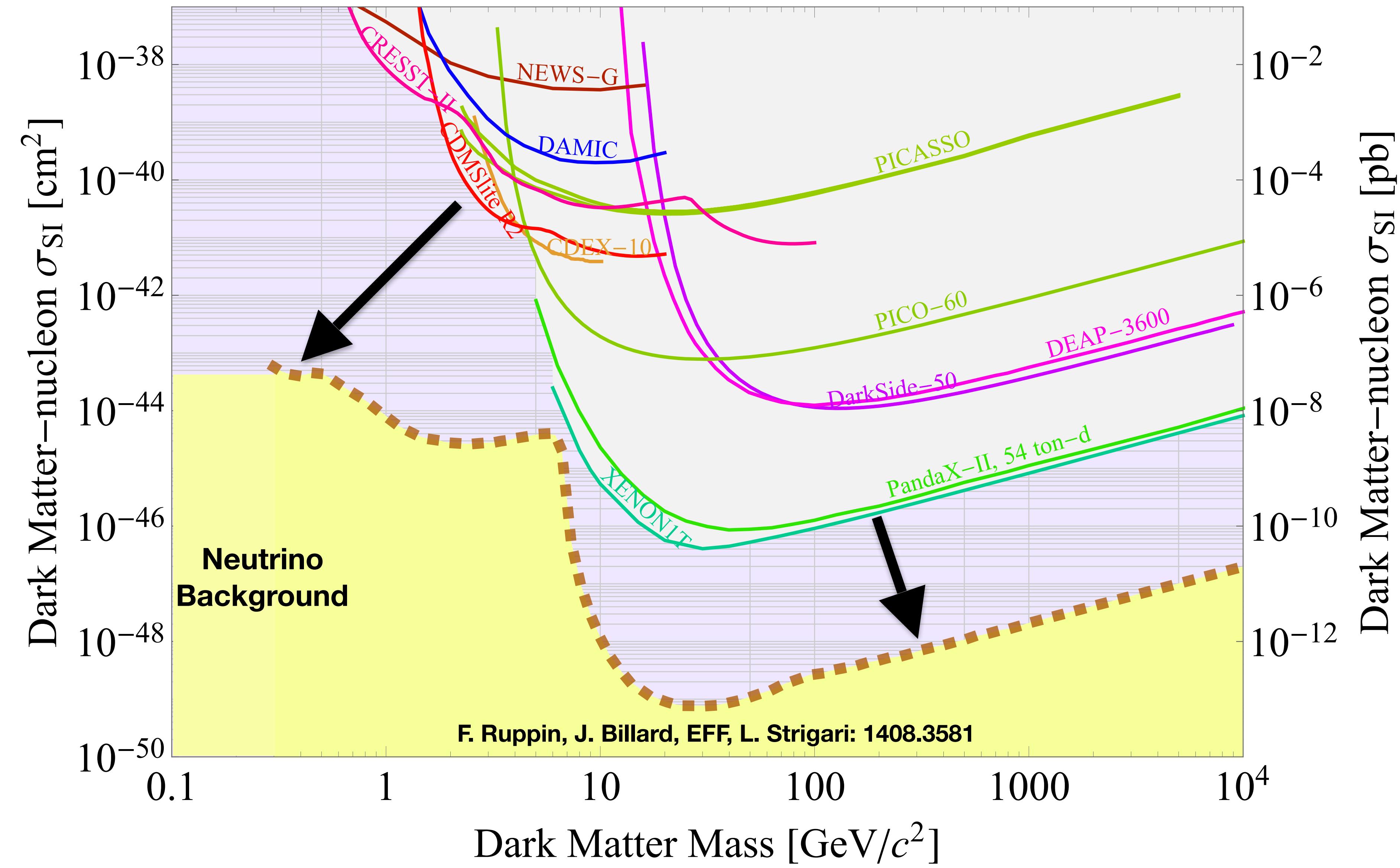
# Current Limits



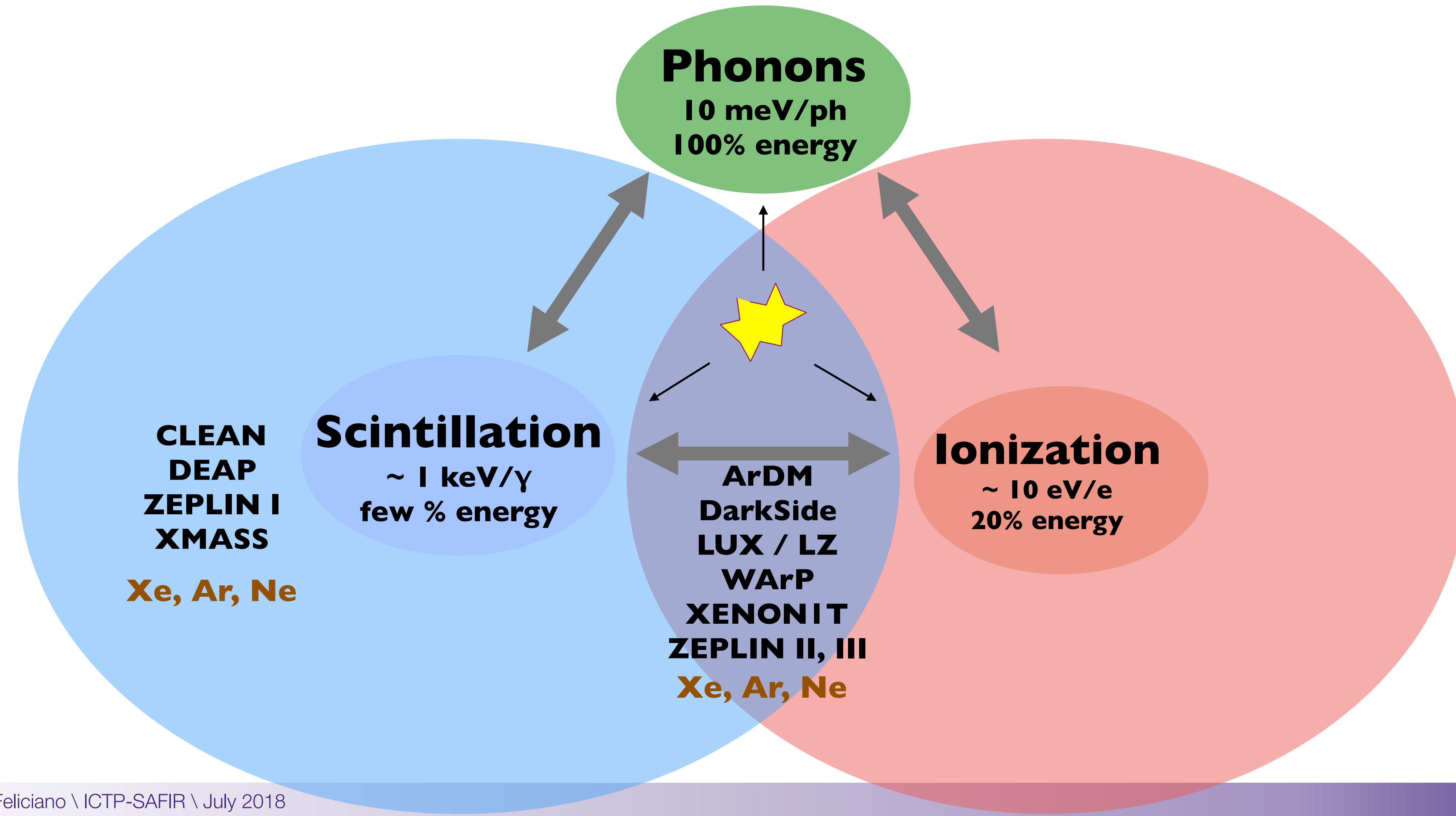
# How Far Can We Push?



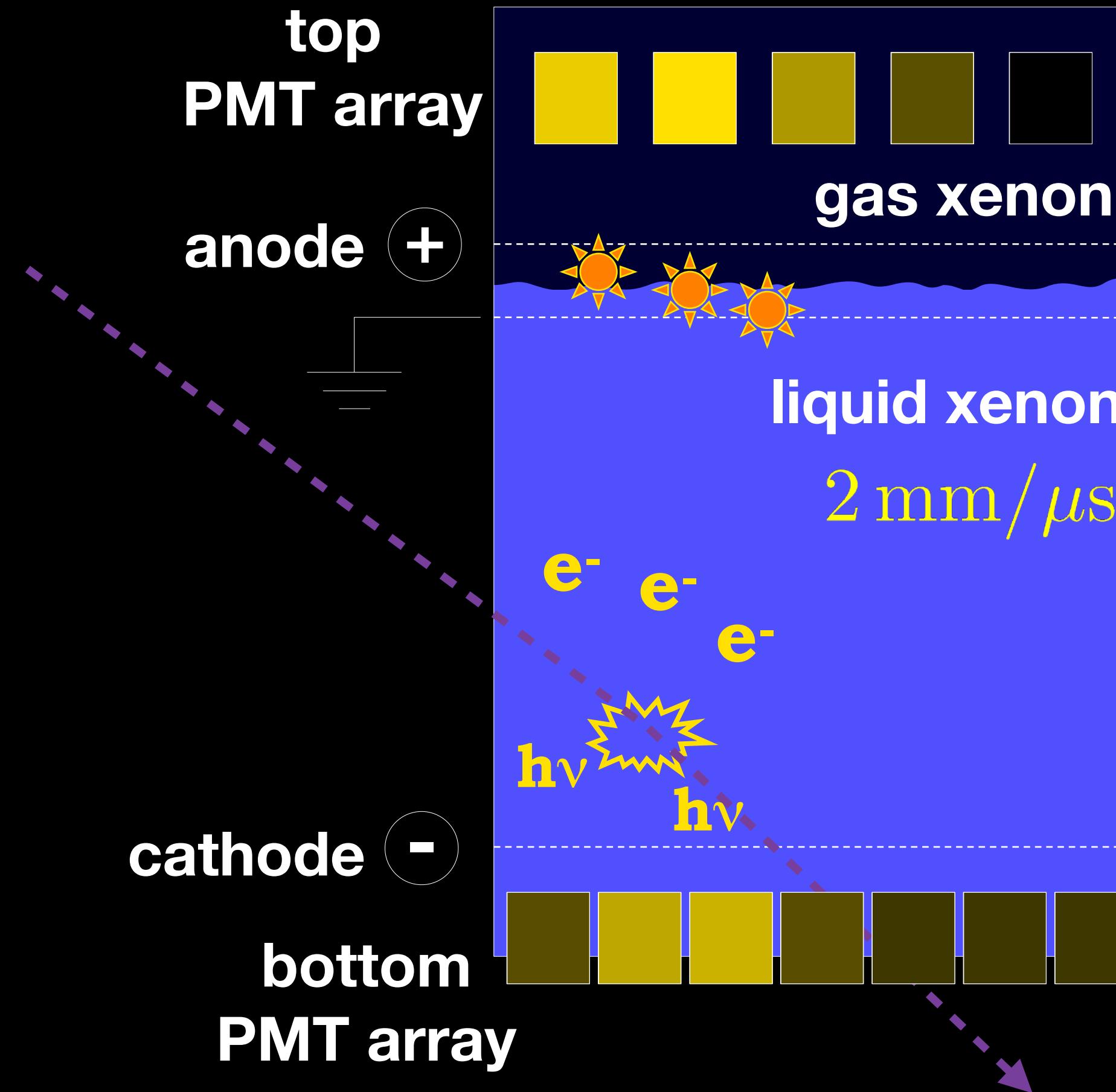
# To Neutrinos, and Beyond!



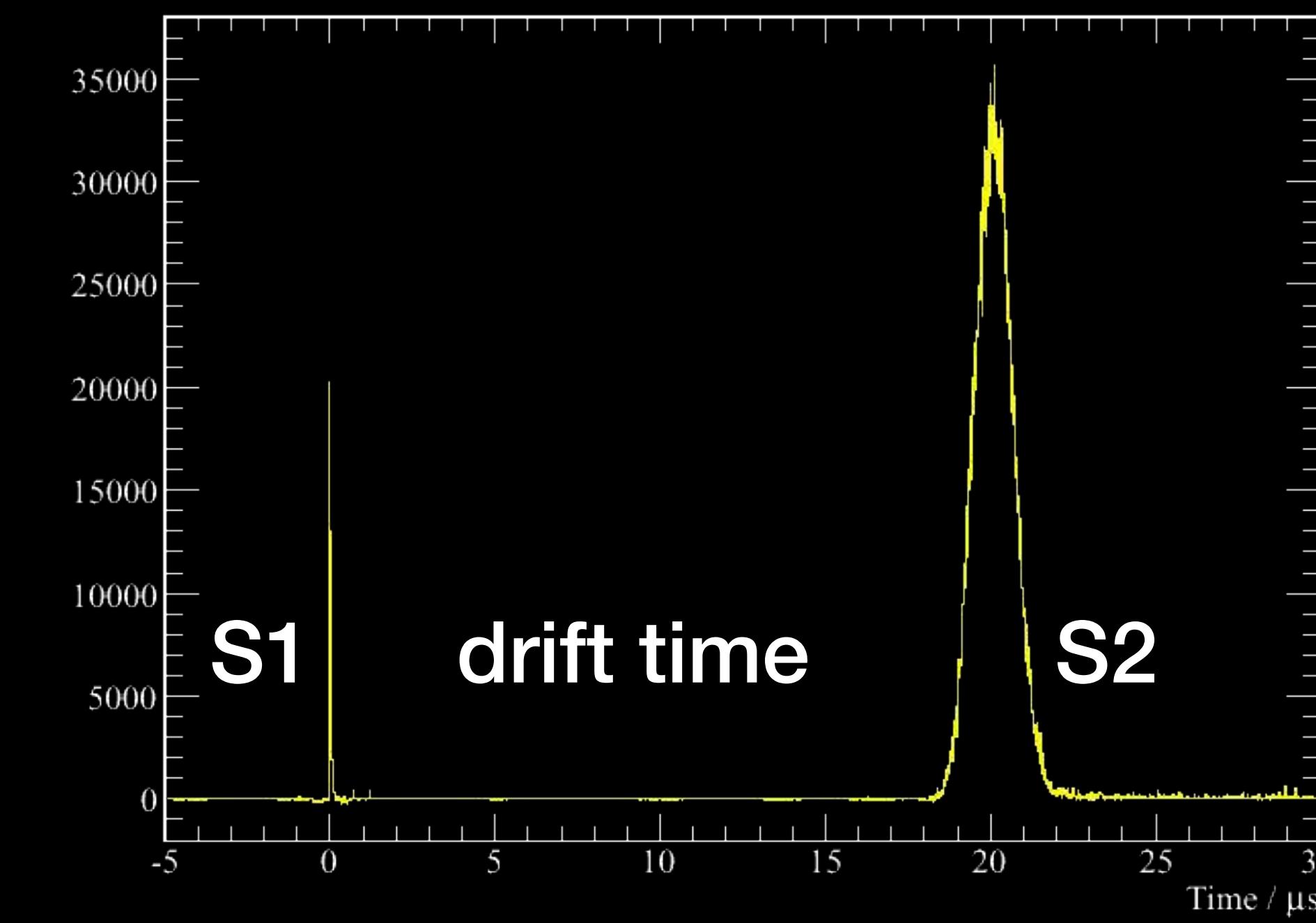
# Noble Liquid Detectors



# Noble Liquid Time Projection Chambers

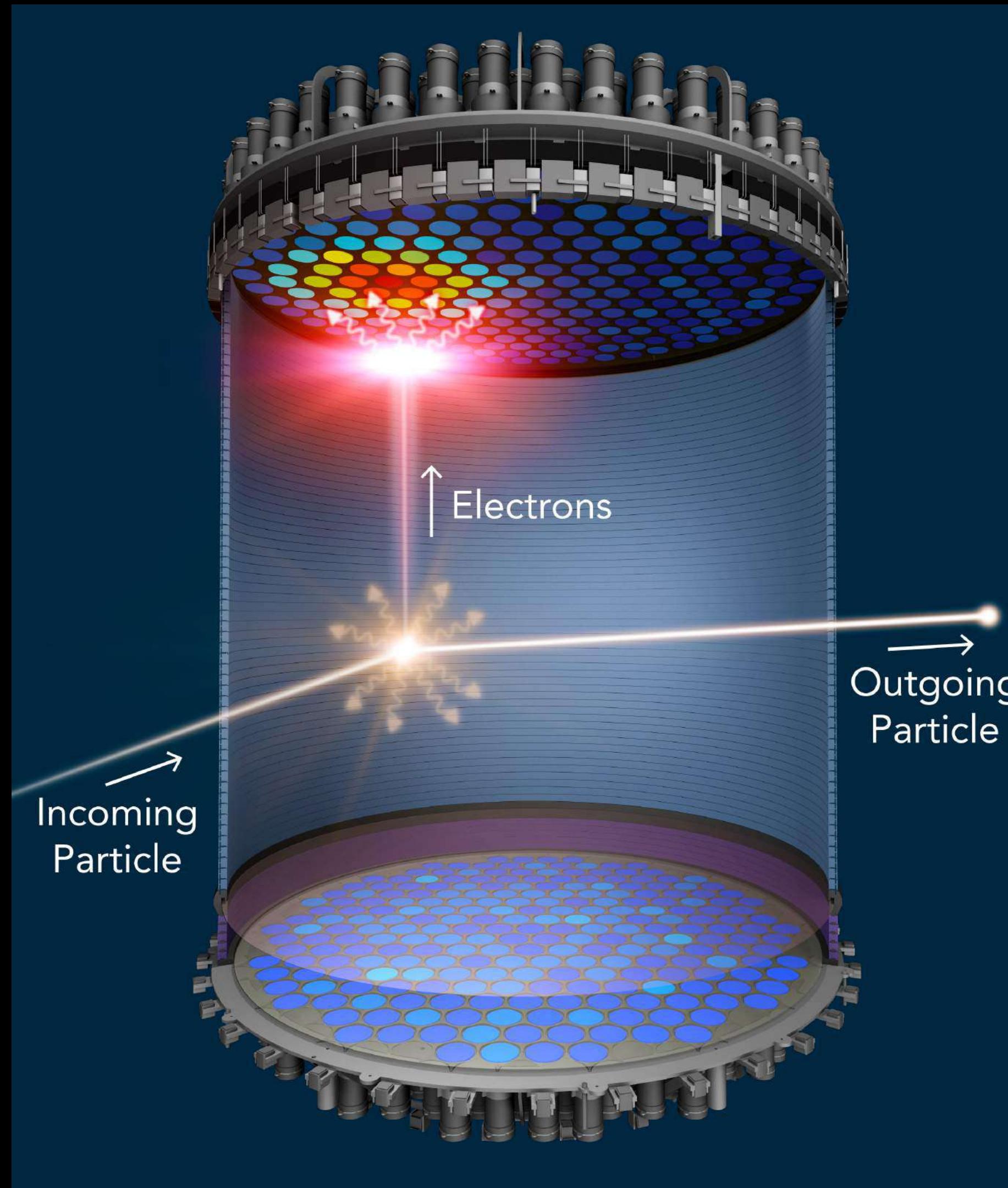


- Obtain vertex position from S2 hit pattern and drift time
- Ratio of S2/S1 provides nuclear/electron recoil discrimination

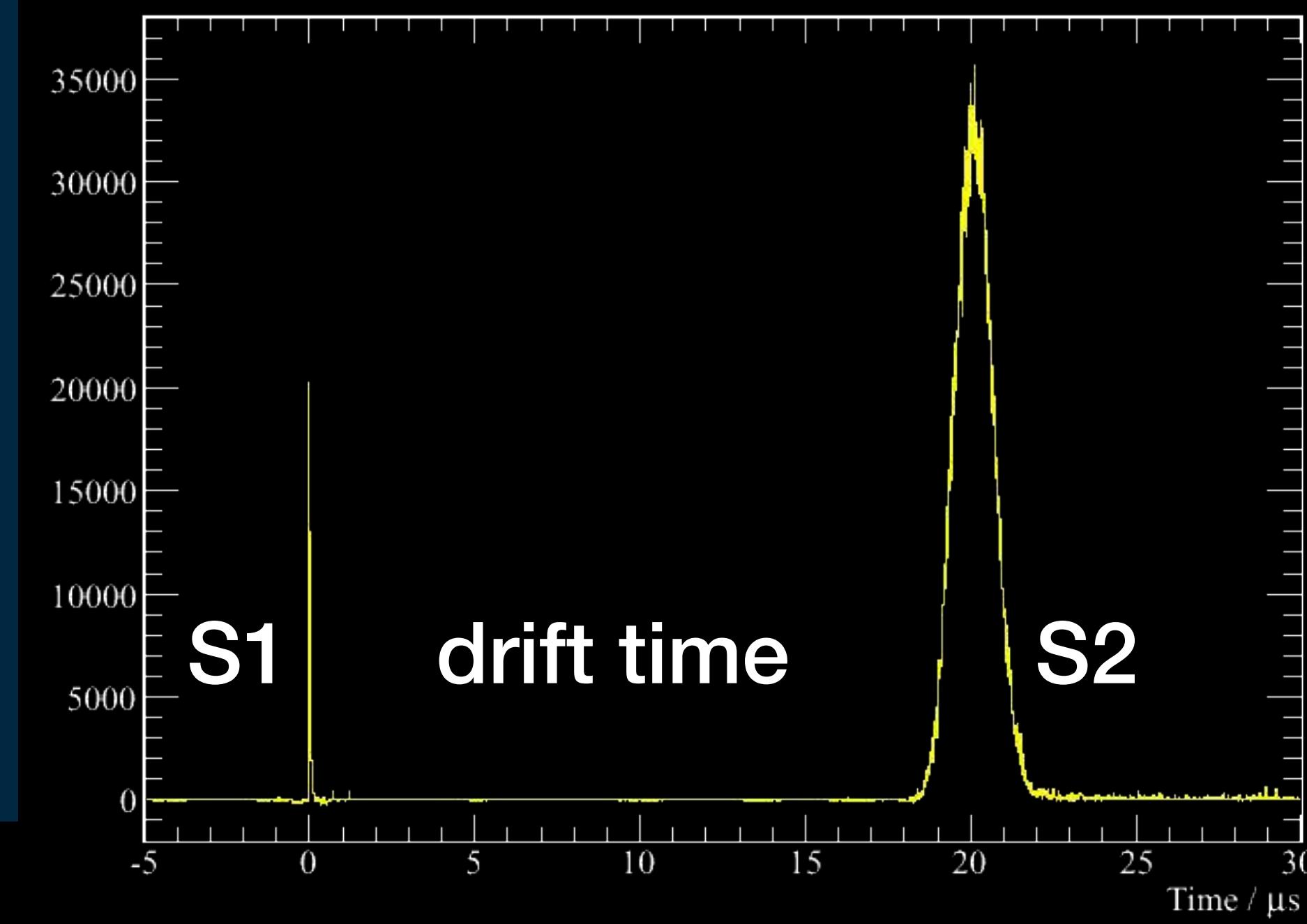


Slide courtesy of Rafael Lang

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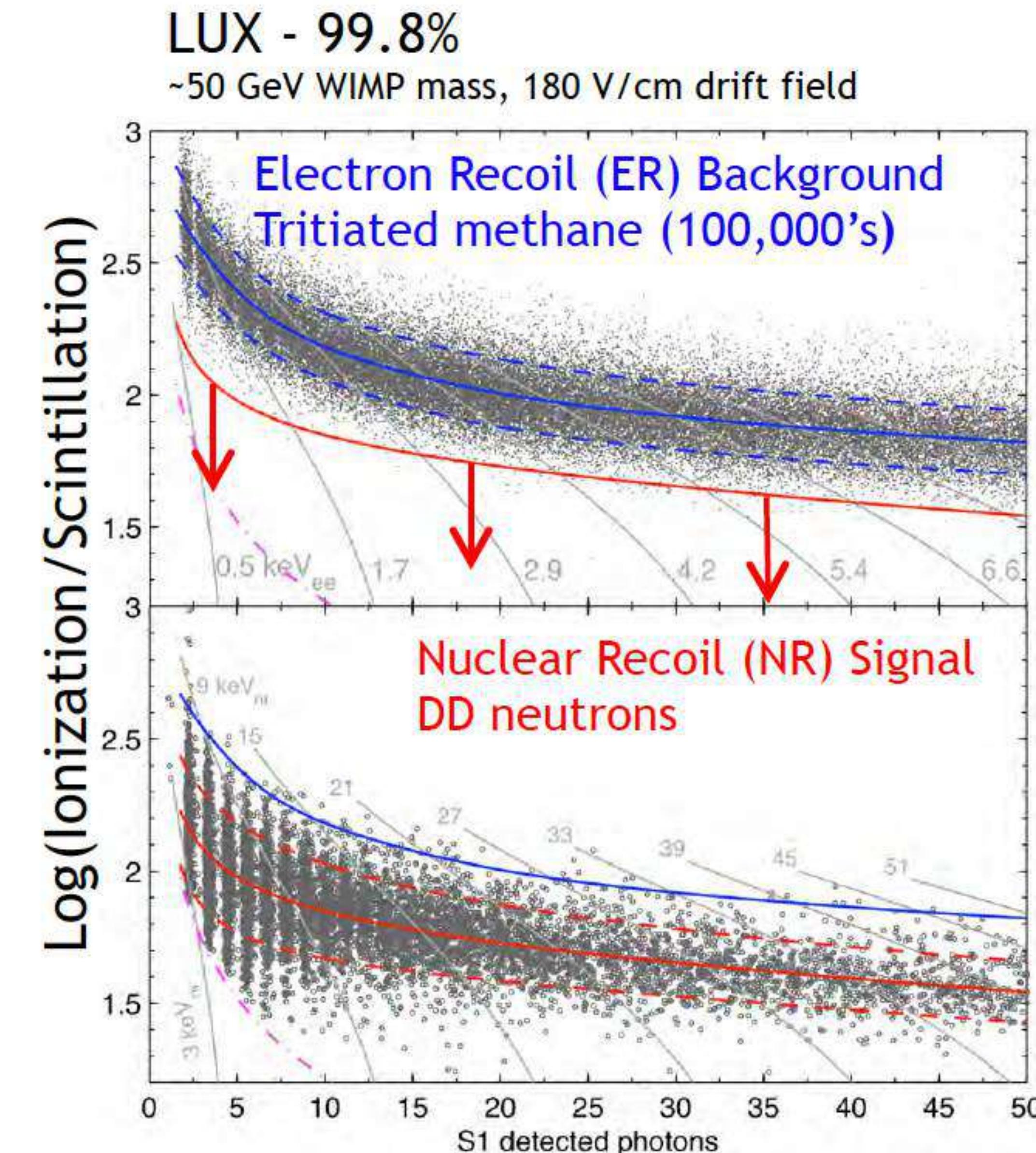


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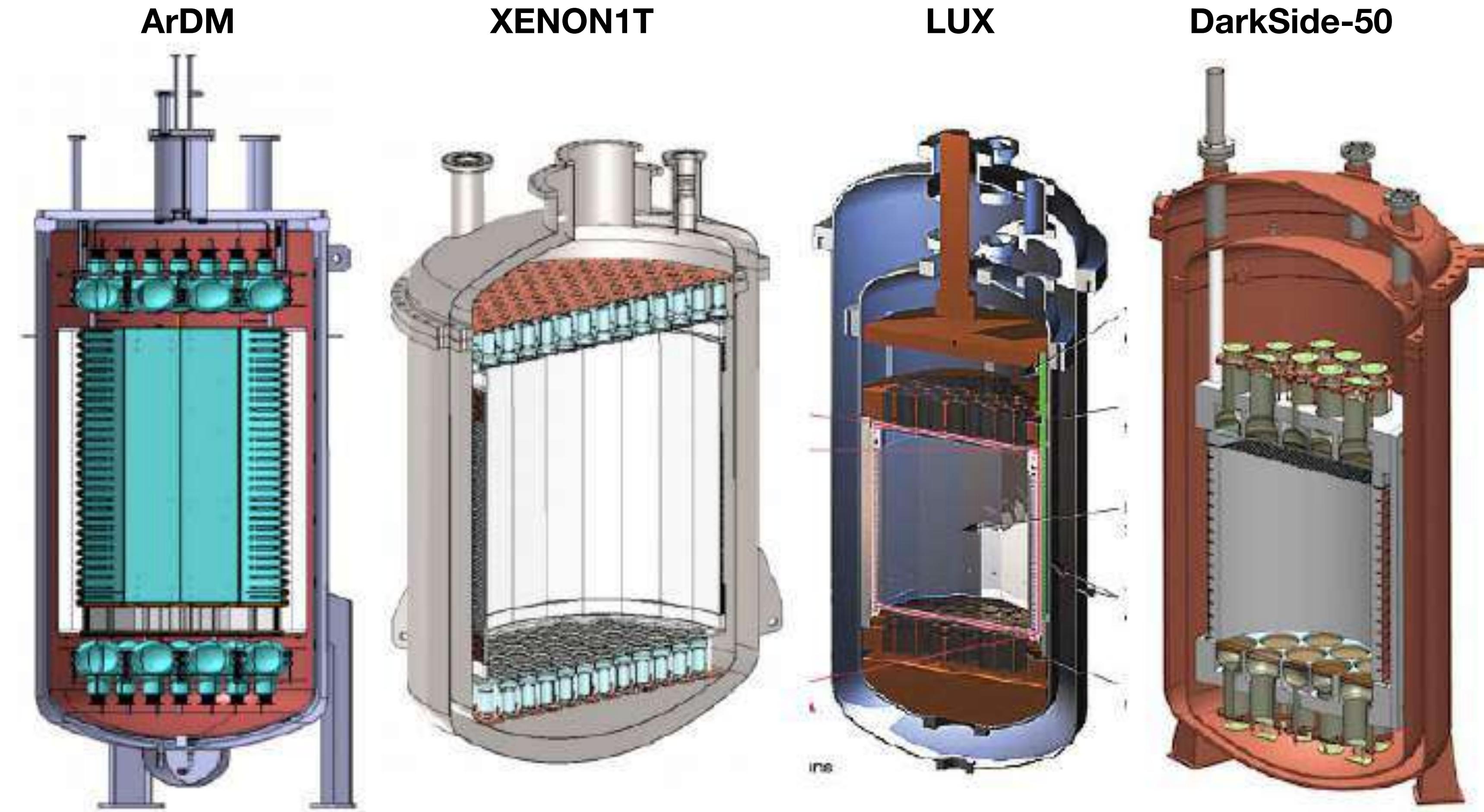


# Signal Production in Noble Liquids

- Electron Recoils and Nuclear Recoils are Separated in Log(S<sub>2</sub>/S<sub>1</sub>) vs S<sub>1</sub> plane
- Look for WIMPs below the mean of the nuclear recoil distribution (the red line in the plot)



# Noble Liquid Time Projection Chambers



**NOT TO SCALE!**

# XENON1T: Current World-leading Limit $> 6$ GeV



**Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso**

# XENON1T: Current World-leading Limit $> 6$ GeV

LARGEST  
2-PHASE LXE TPC

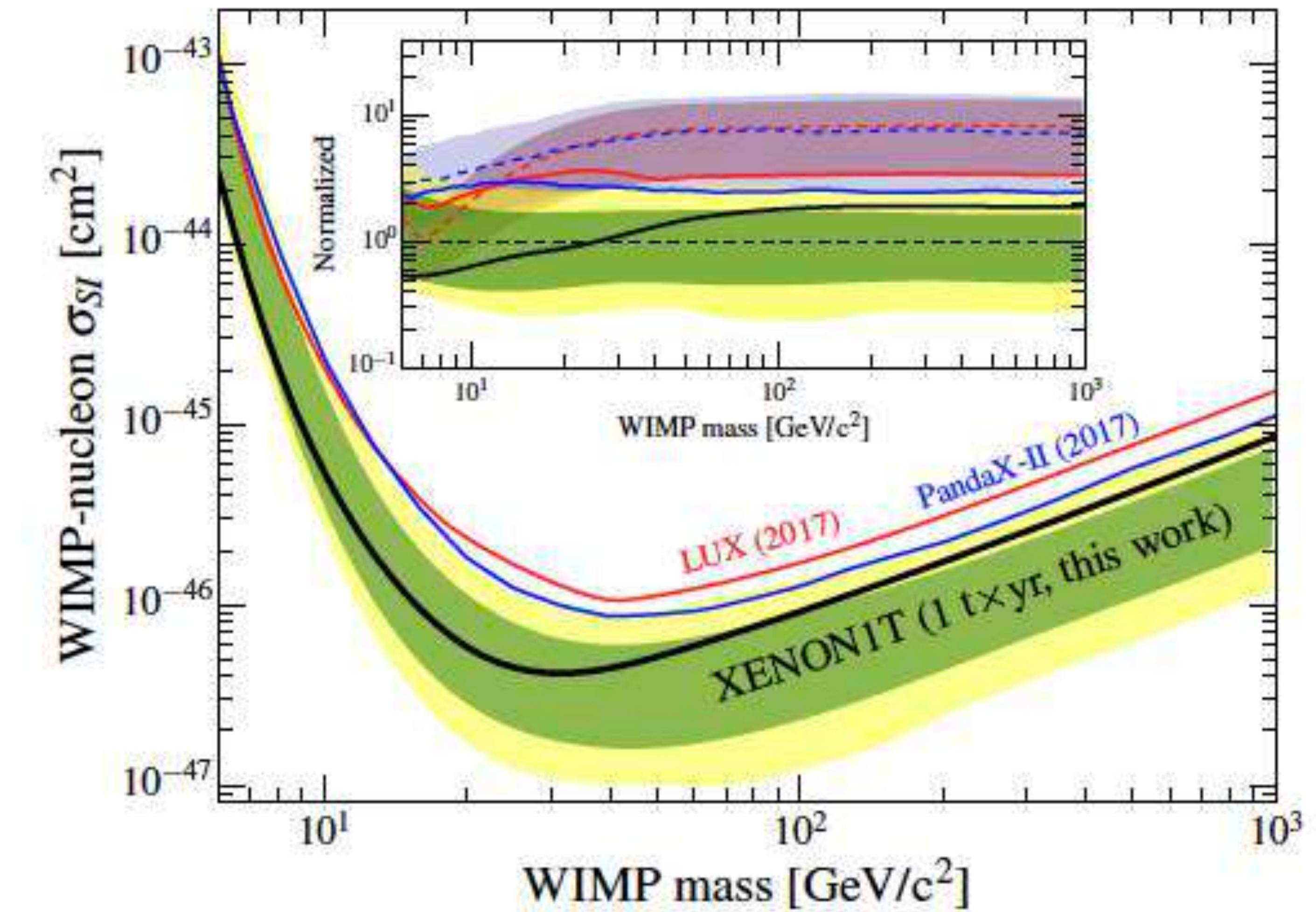
TPC

2-tonne Active Volume  
(3.2 t total)

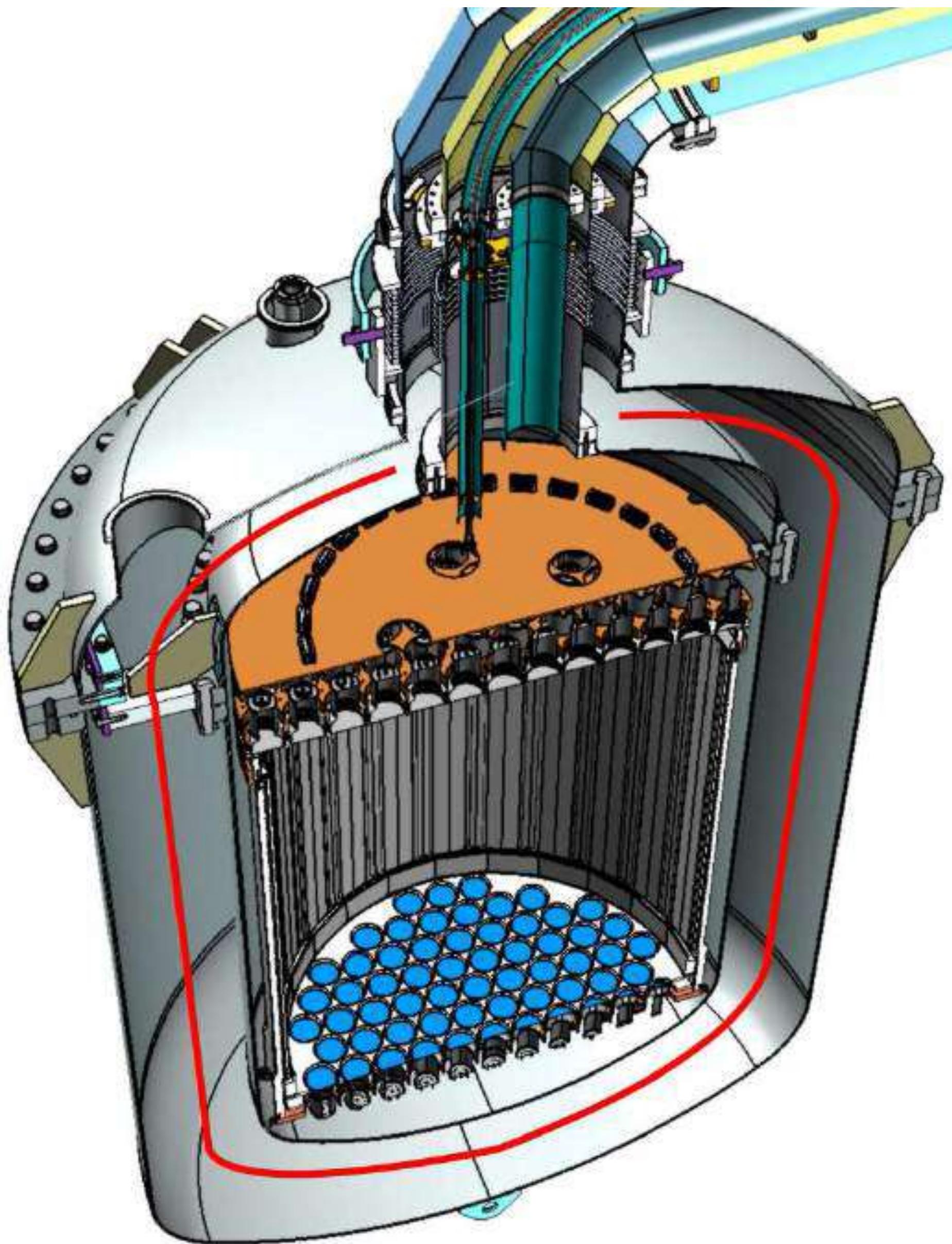
121+127 low-background Hamamatsu 3" PMTs

1m-long Drift Region

Drift Field  $\sim 100$  V/cm

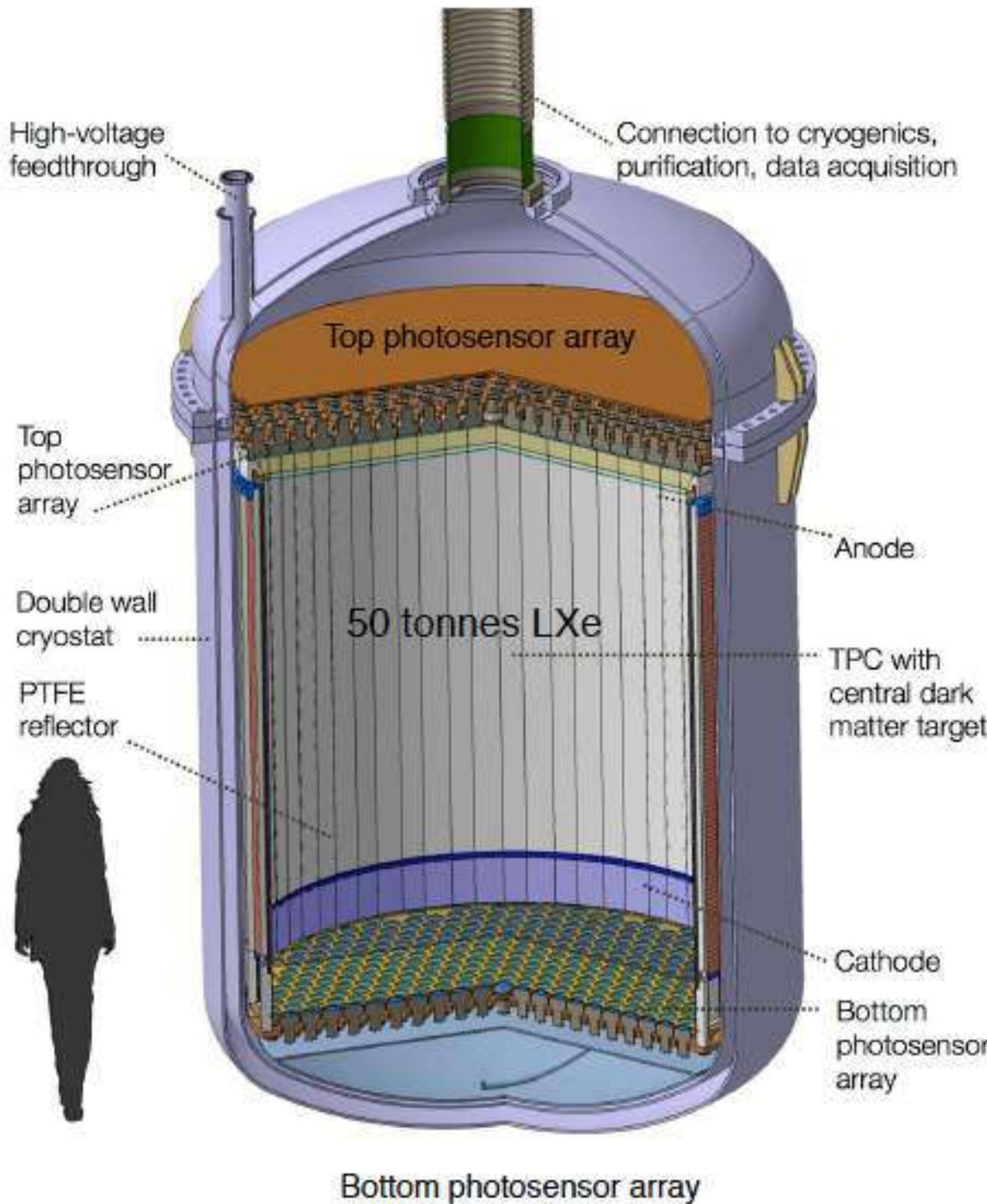


# XENONnT

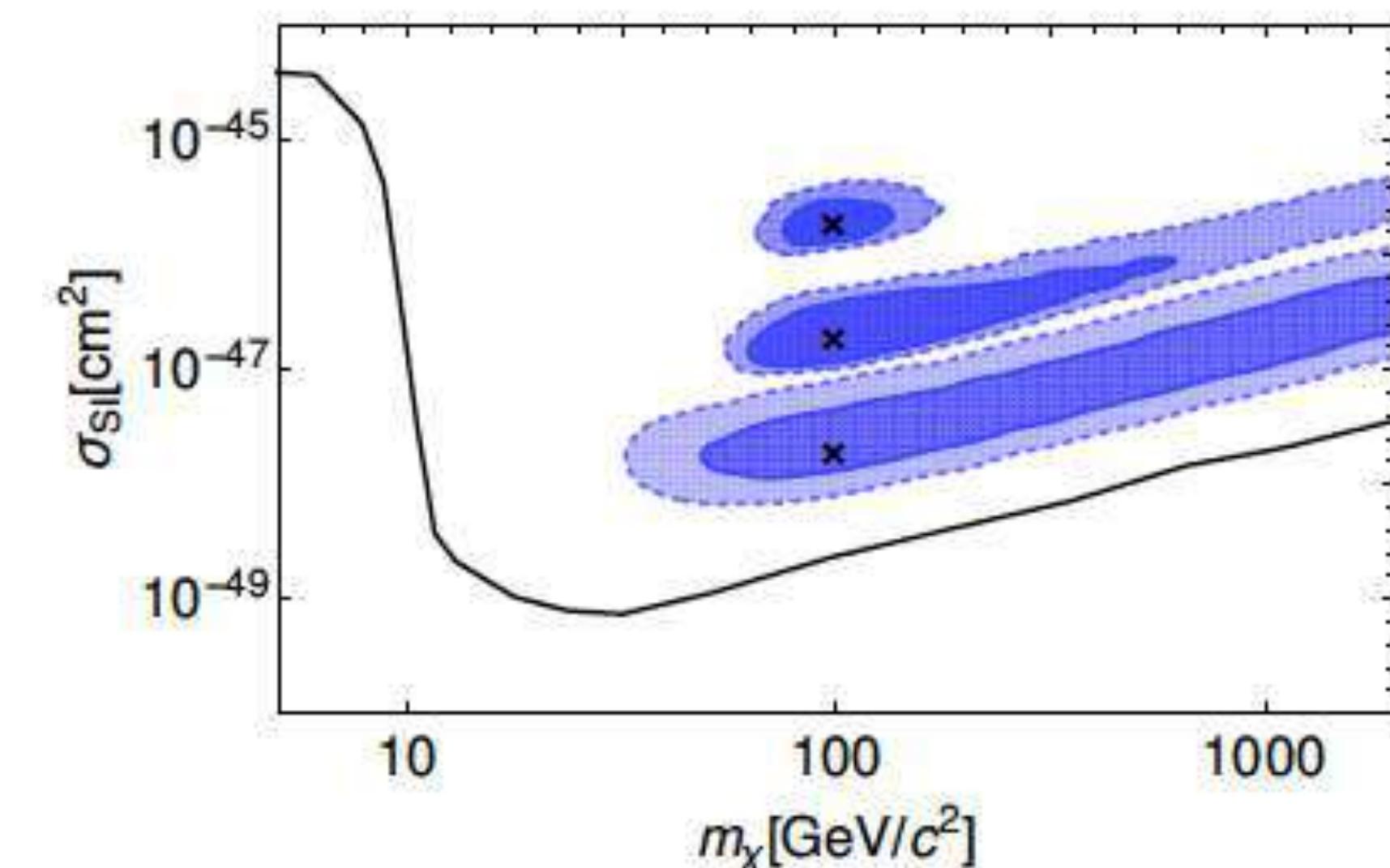
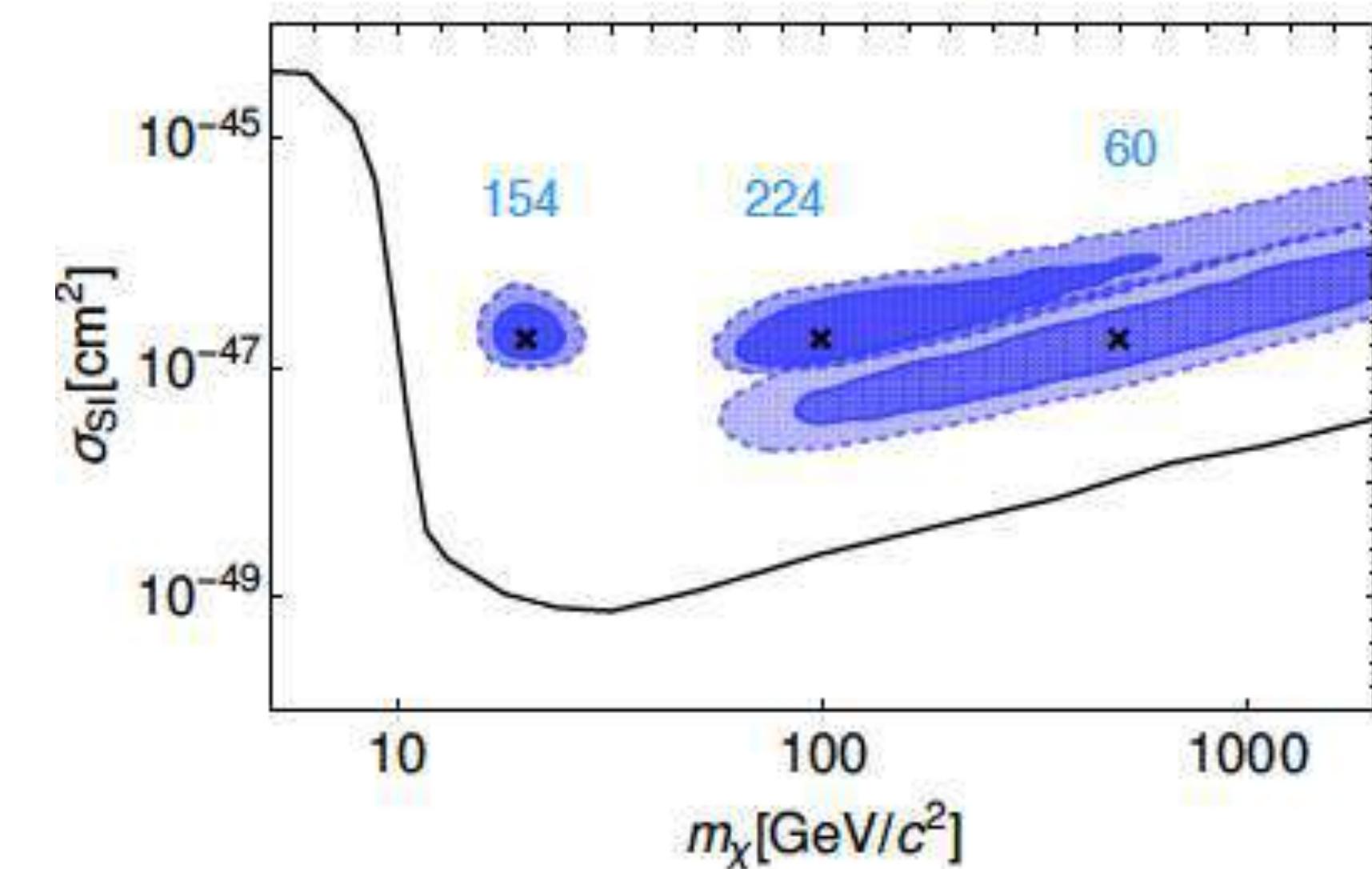


- Upgrades required for XENONnT
  - Larger cryostat inner vessel
  - New TPC
  - Additional ~200 PMTs, PMTs with lower radioactivity currently under development
  - Additional DAQ electronics
  - LXe
- Target mass of ~6 tons, sensitivity to spin-independent WIMP-nucleon elastic scattering cross sections of  $1.6 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$

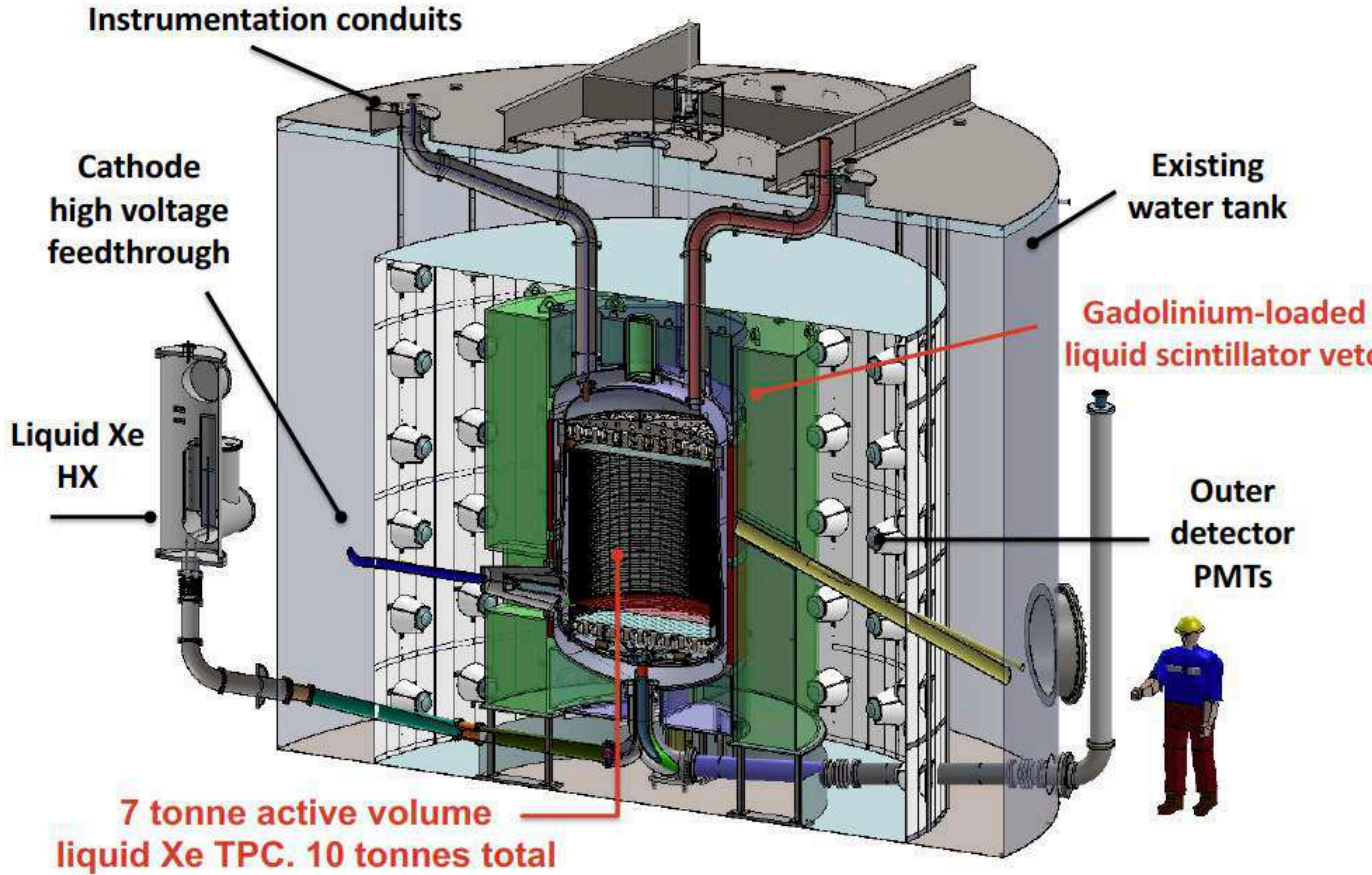
# Darwin Large Xe Experiment Concept



Exposure: 200 t y



# LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ)



- LZ: Funded G2 Experiment
- 50 x LUX fiducial volume
- 10 Ton Xenon, 7 Ton Active, 5.6 Ton fiducial
- Begin taking data in 2019

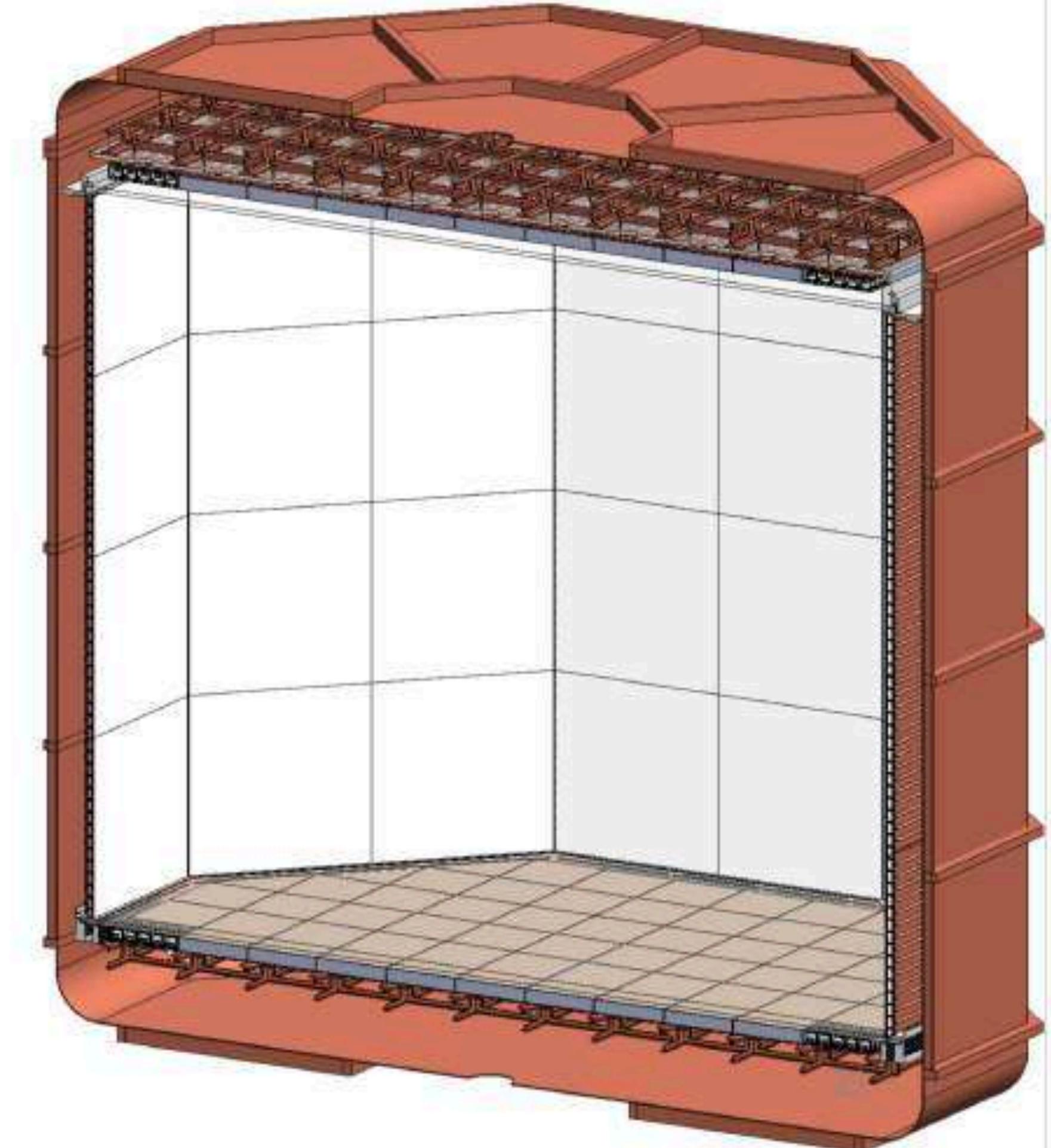
# The DarkSide Program: Liquid Argon TPC

**DarkSide-50**



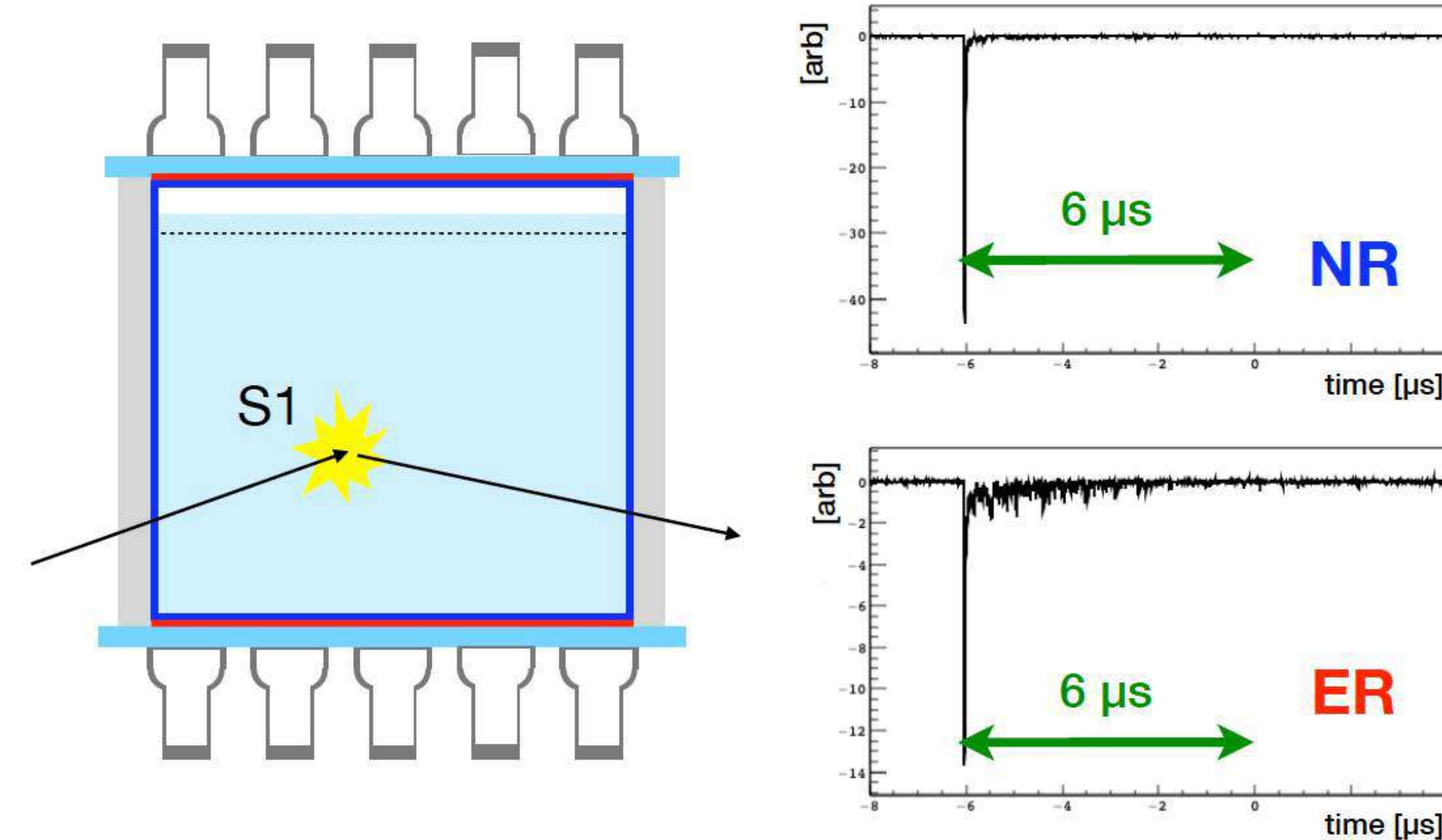
## Global Argon Dark Matter Collaboration

- GADMC incorporates members from all existing argon experiments
- DarkSide-20k is a 50 tonne dual-phase argon TPC, 30 tonne fiducial
- >20 m<sup>2</sup> SiPM detectors
- goal of 0.1 “instrumental” background events in 100 tonne-years



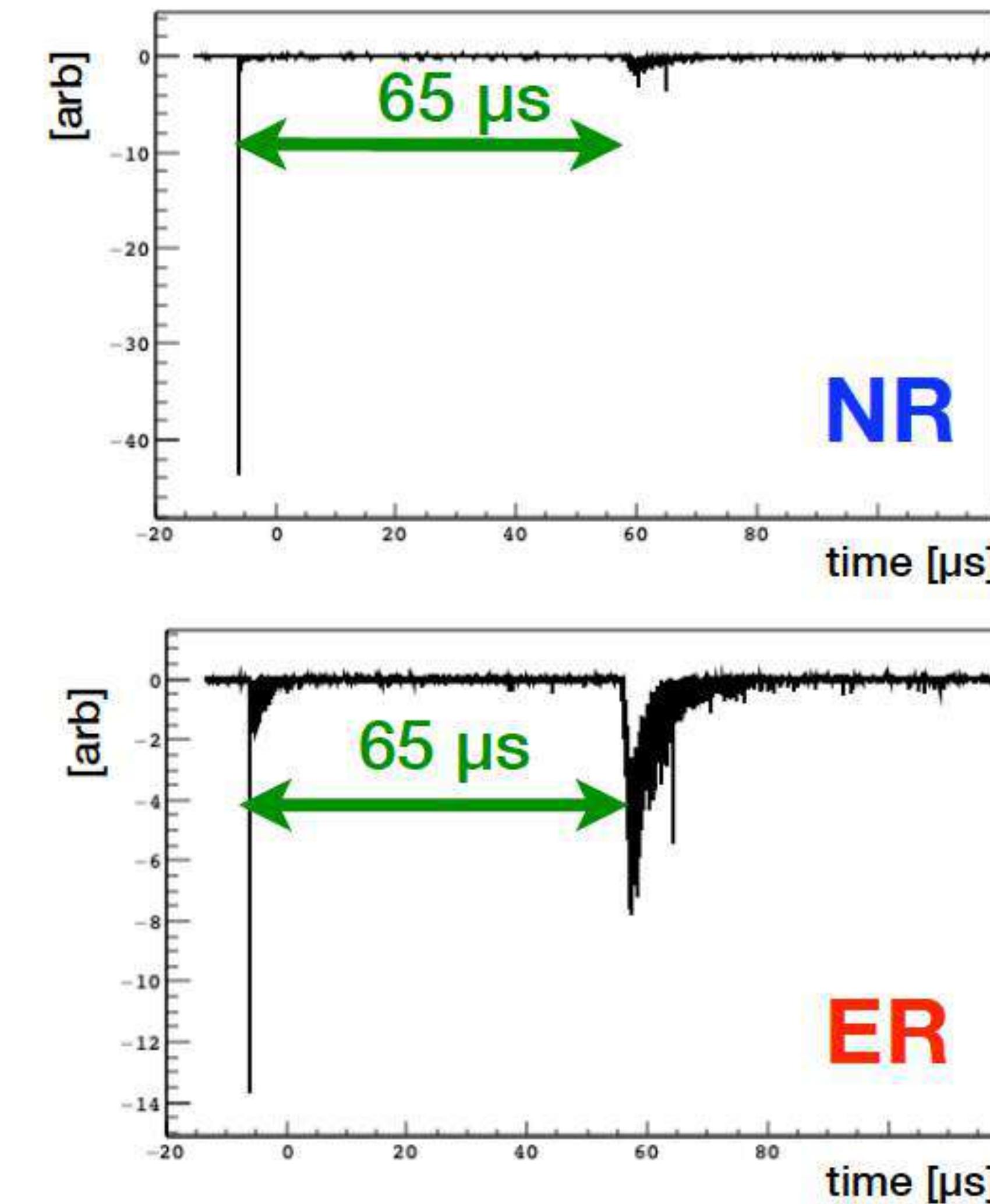
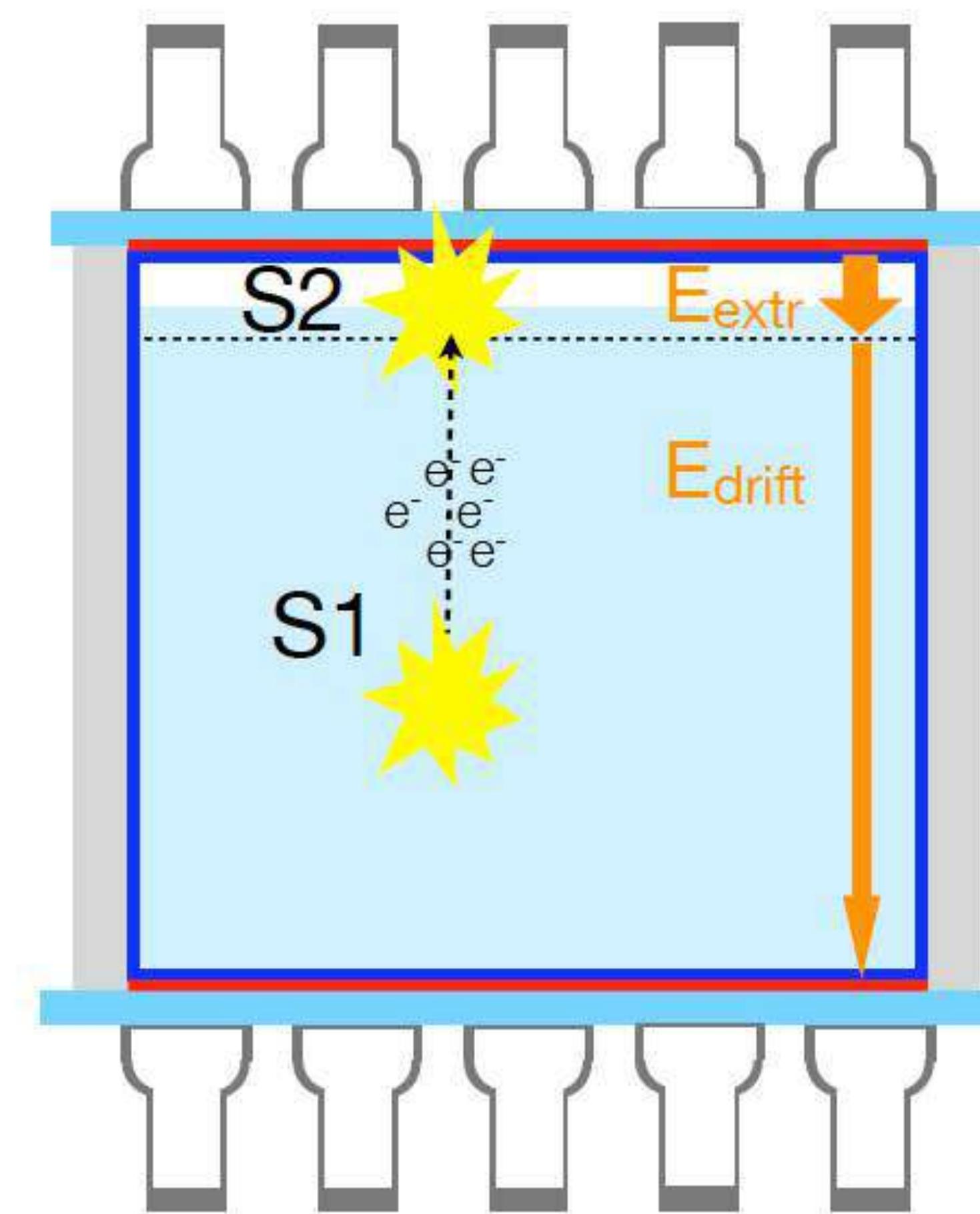
250 cm

# Dual Phase Liquid Argon TPC



PSD parameter: **F90** = fraction of light in first 90 ns

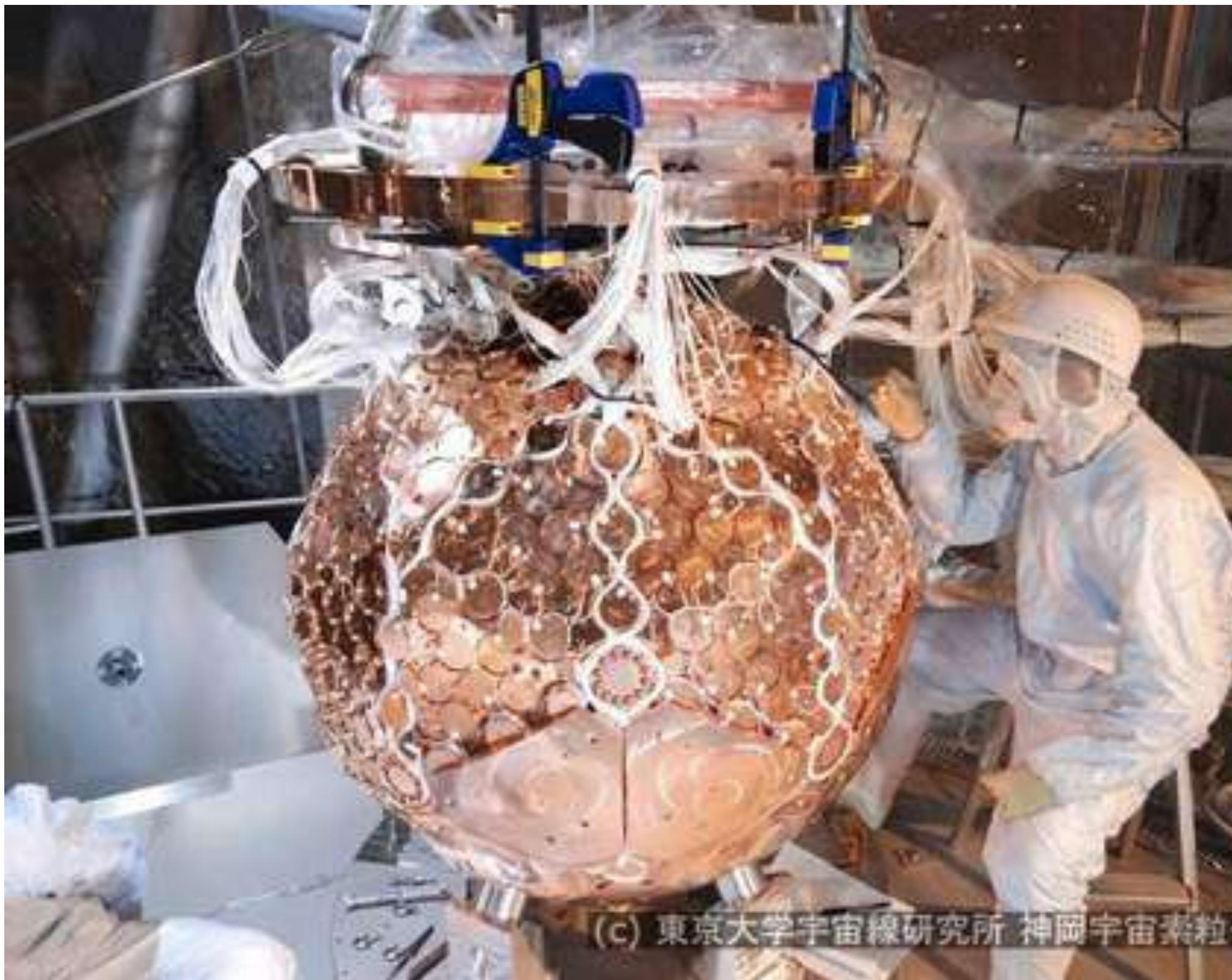
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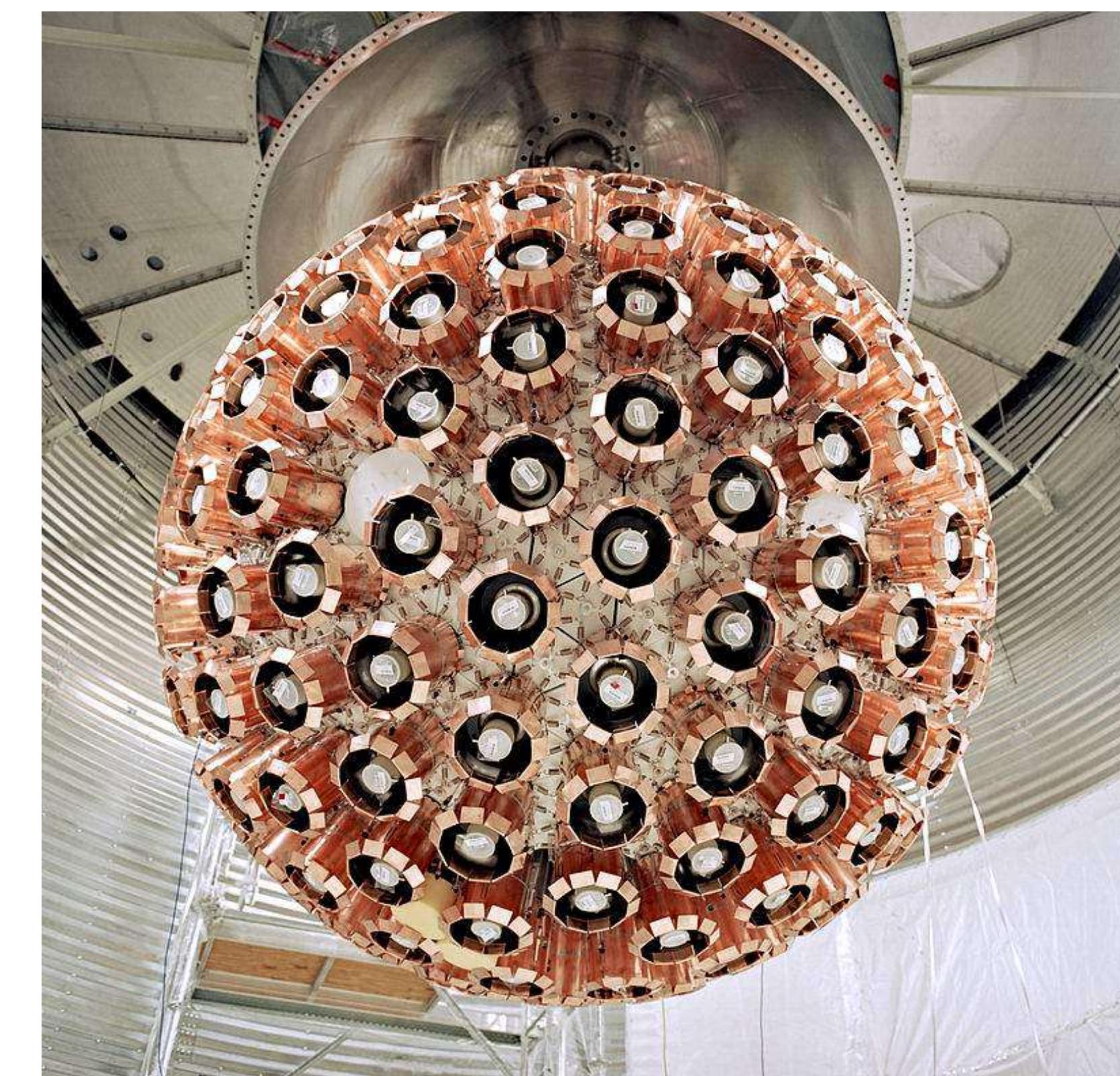
S2 allows for **3D position reconstruction** and additional discrimination power

# Single-phase Noble Liquid Detectors

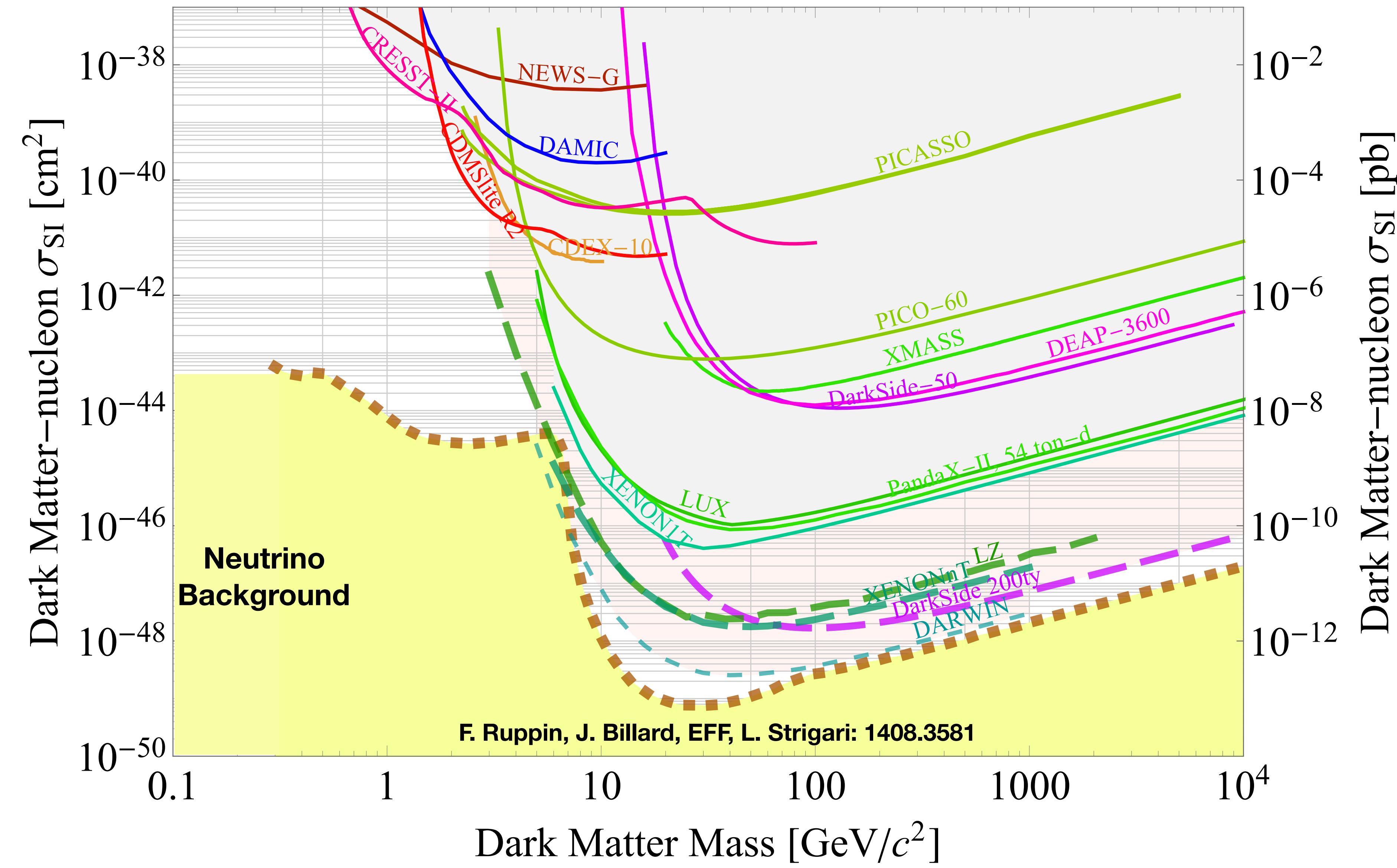
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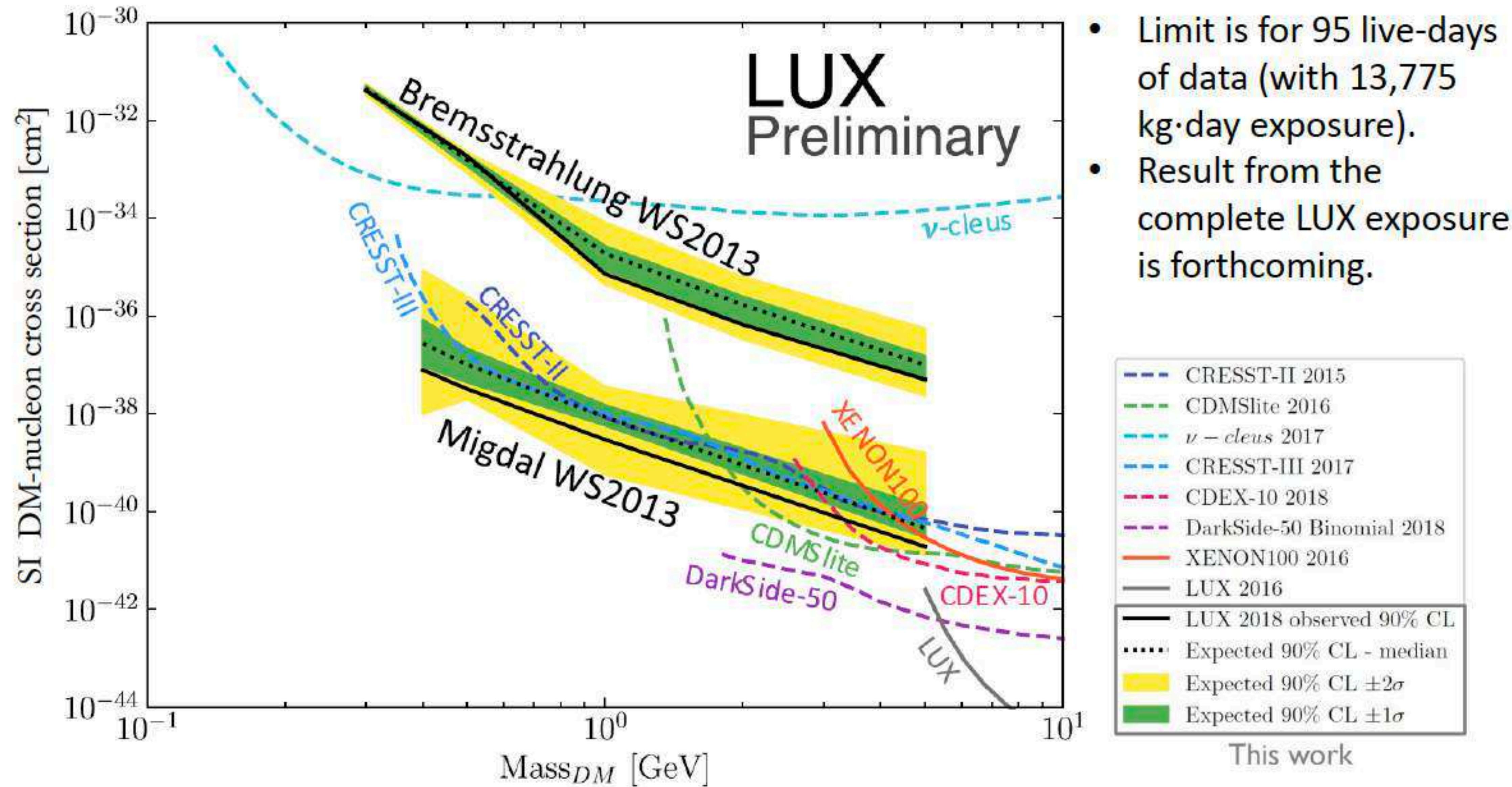
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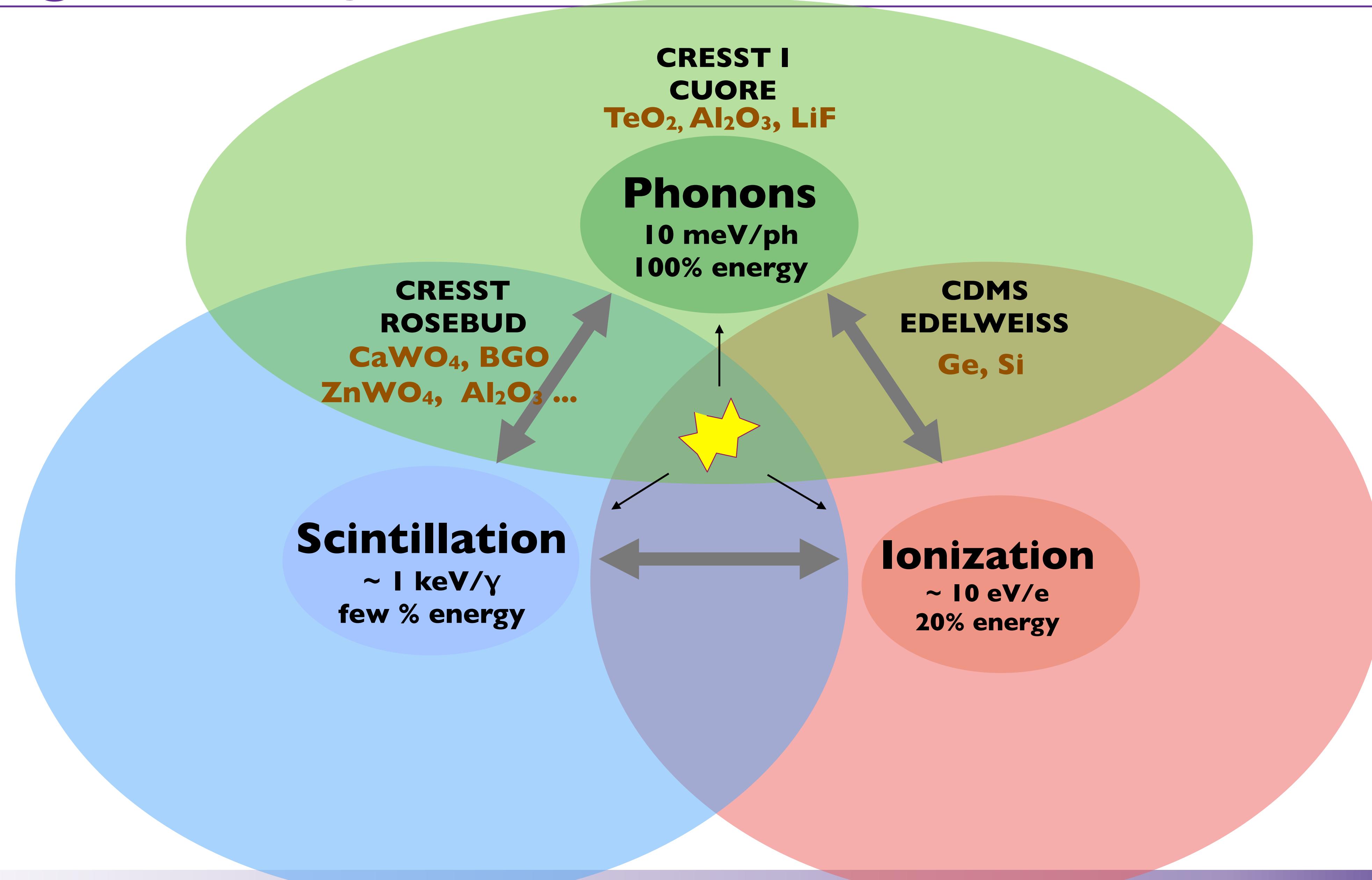
# Noble Liquids Will Cover the High Mass Region!



# And are also looking for light DM as well!

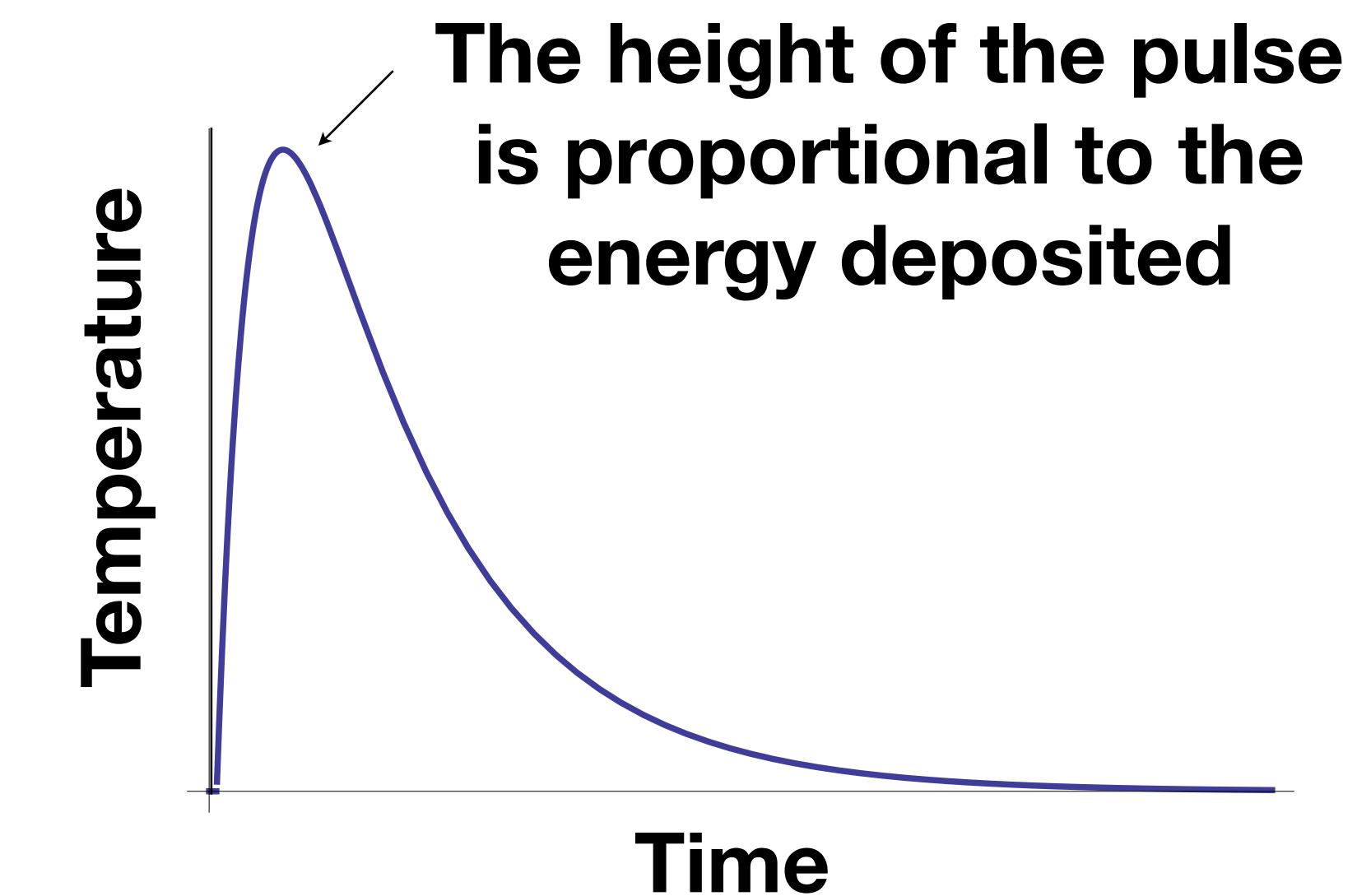
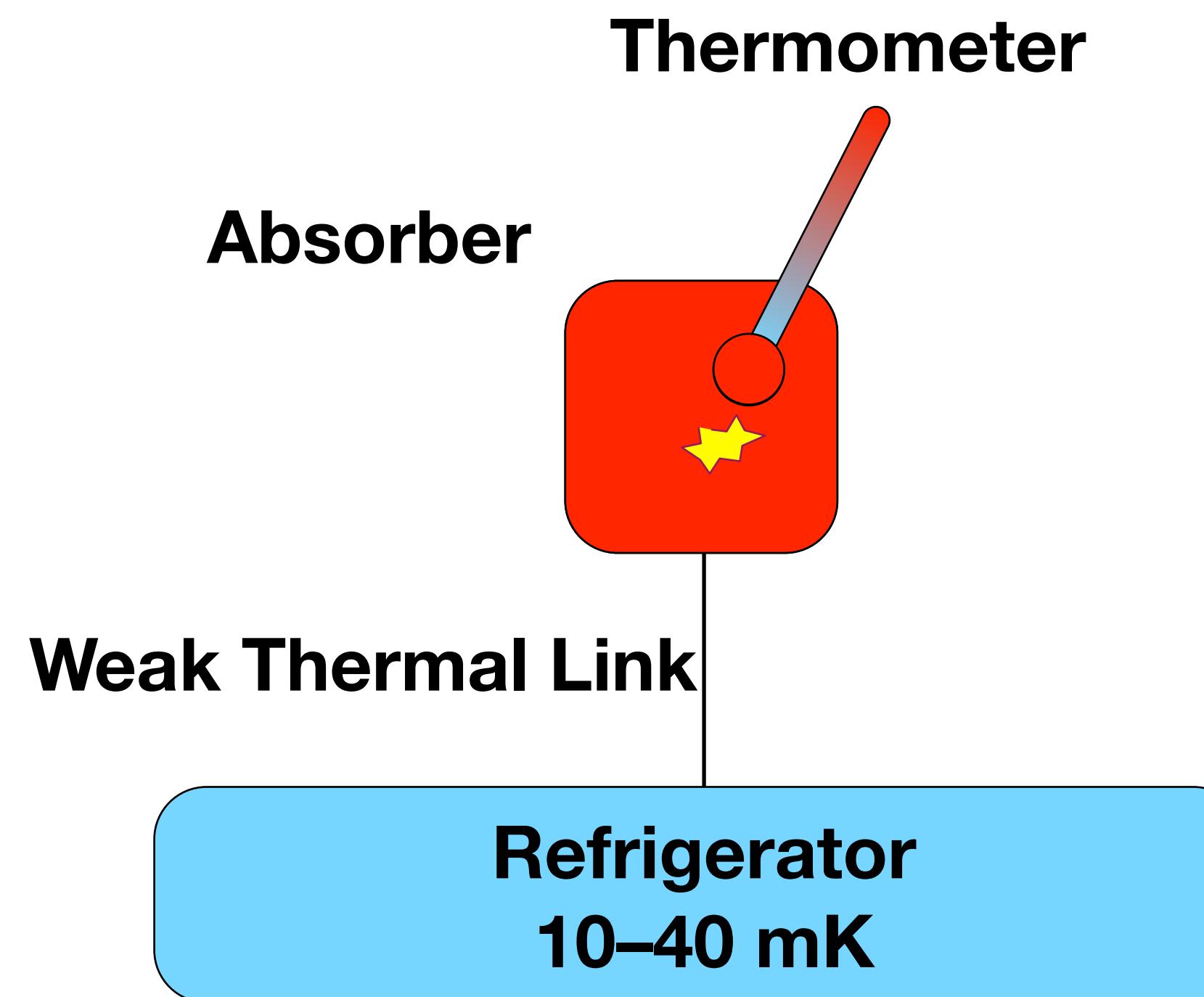


# Cryogenic Crystal Detectors: Low Mass DM



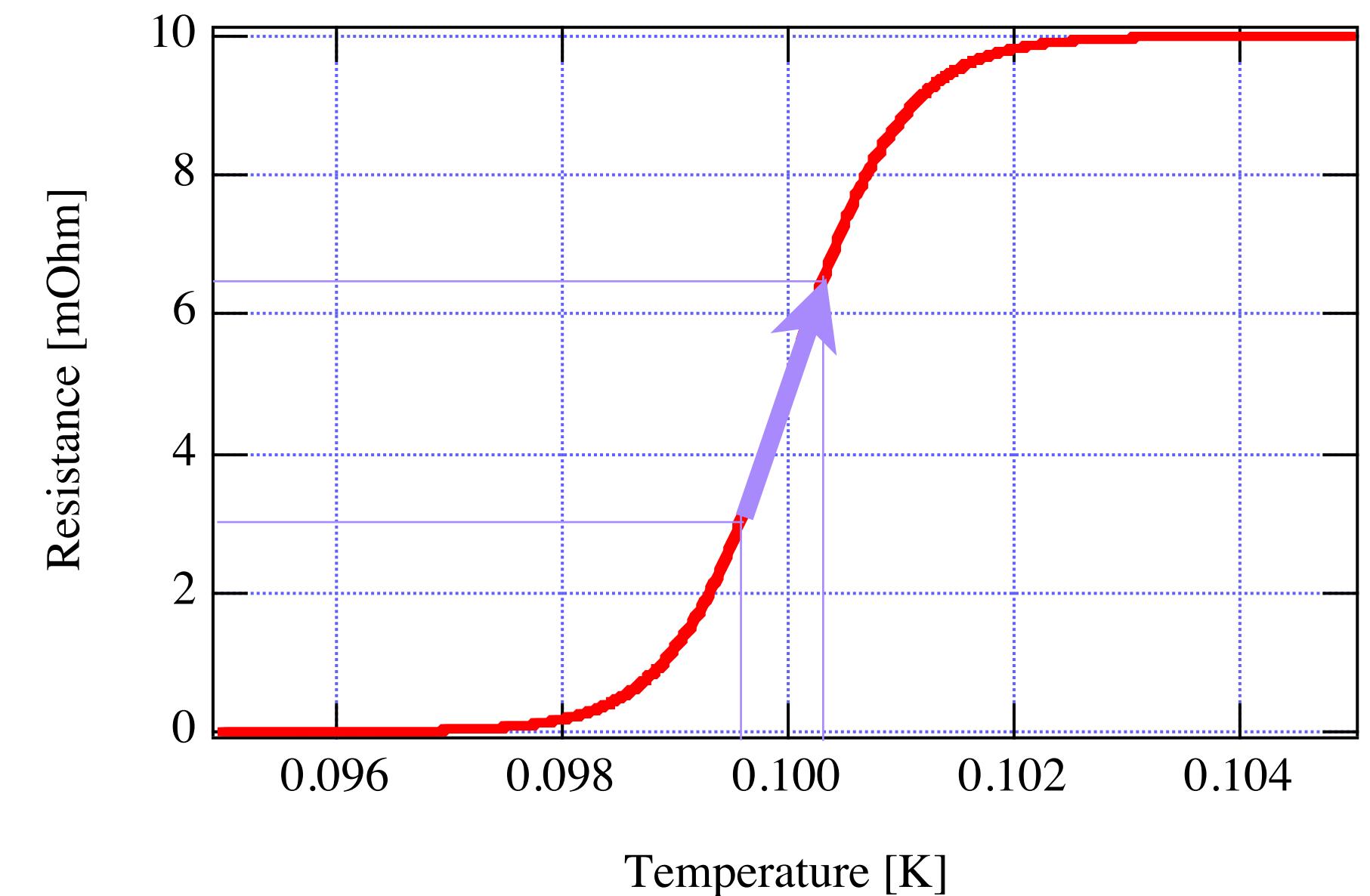
# Cryogenic Crystal Detectors

The Phonon Channel



# Microcalorimeters 102: Transition-Edge Sensors

- Refrigerator temperature has to be close to absolute zero
- Thermometer is a Superconducting Transition-Edge Sensor (TES)
- Readout is done with Superconducting Quantum Interference Devices (SQUIDs)

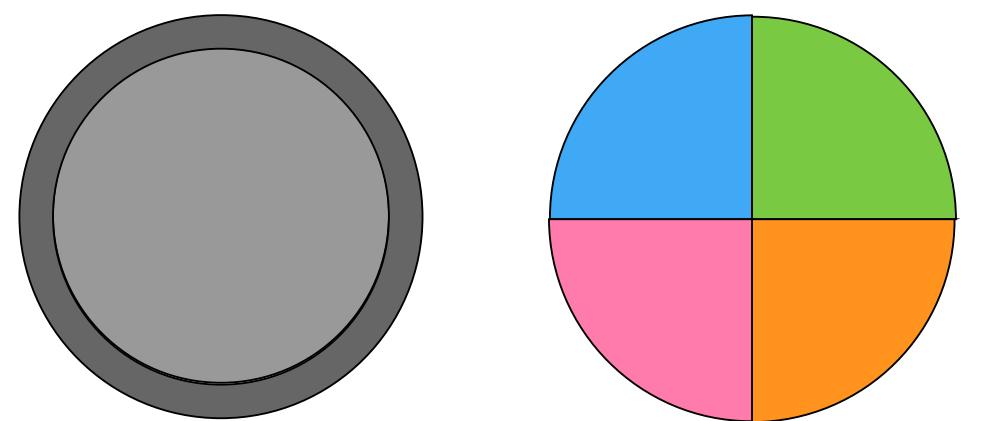


# SuperCDMS SNOLAB

## CDMS II

**4.6 kg Ge (19 x 240 g)**  
**1.2 kg Si (11 x 106g)**  
**3" Diameter**  
**1 cm Thick**

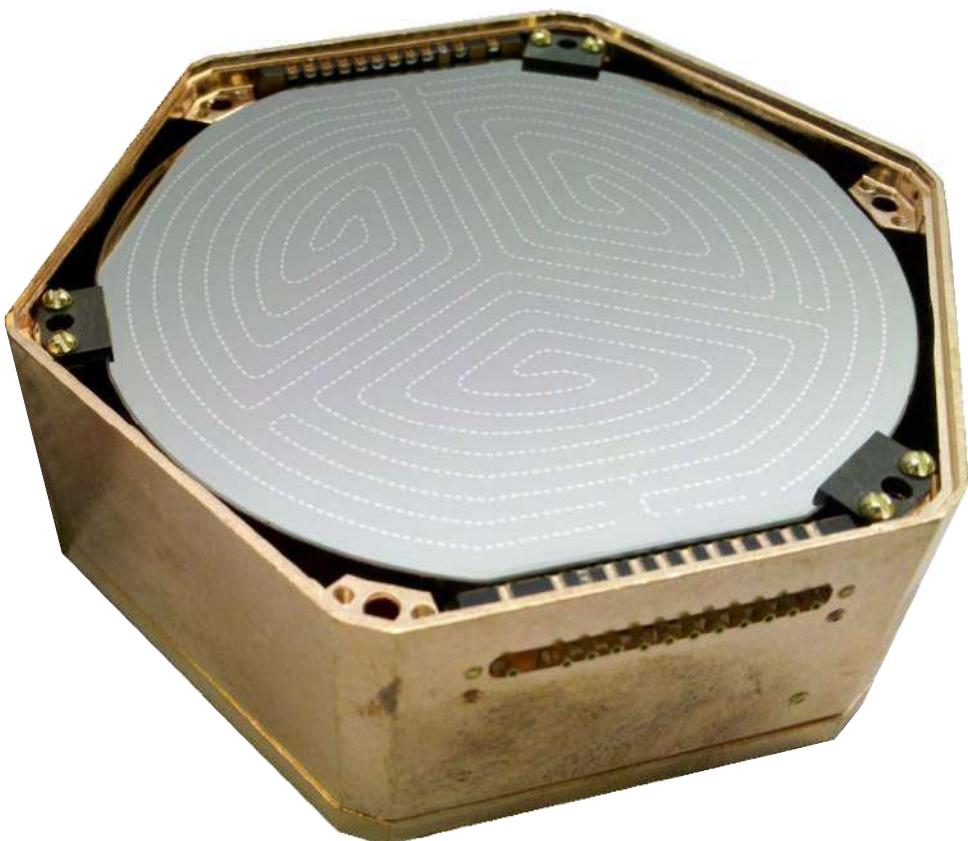
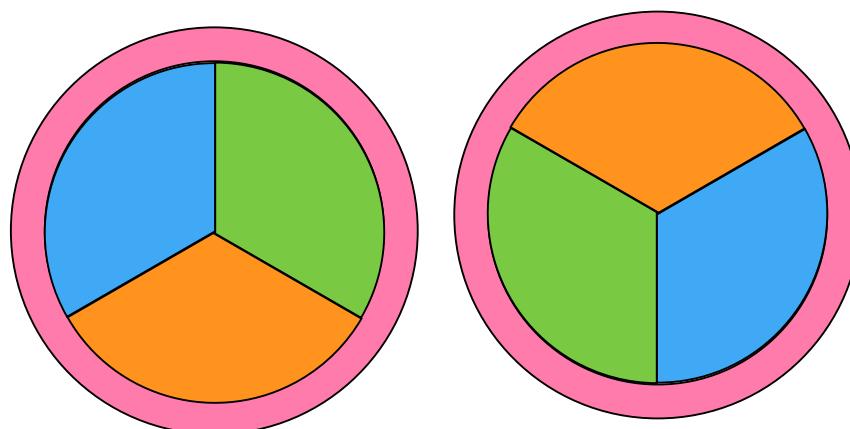
**2 charge + 4 phonon**



## SuperCDMS Soudan

**9.0 kg Ge (15 x 600g)**  
**3" Diameter**  
**2.5 cm Thick**

**2 charge + 2 charge  
4 phonon + 4 phonon**



## SuperCDMS SNOLAB

**Funded G2 Experiment**

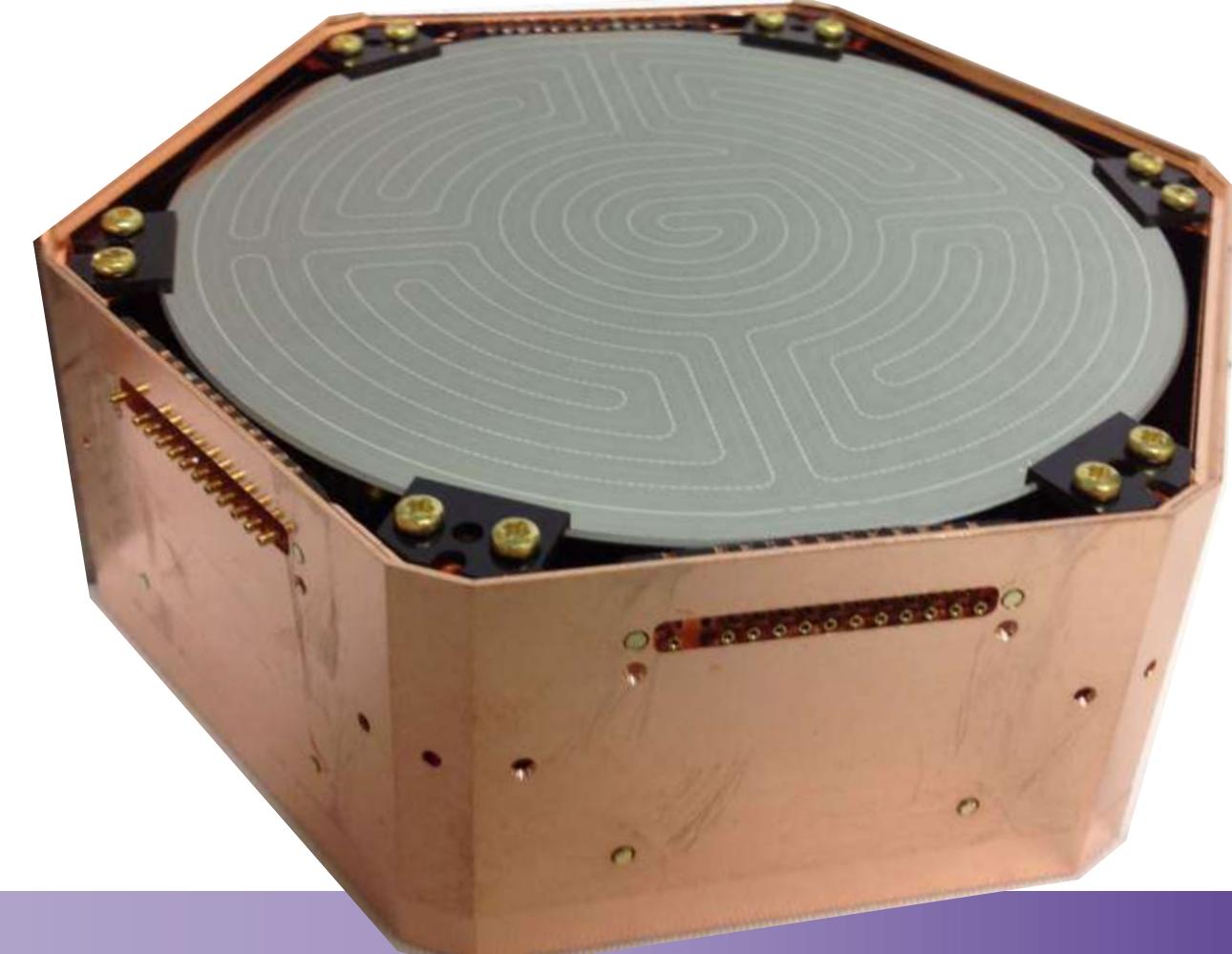
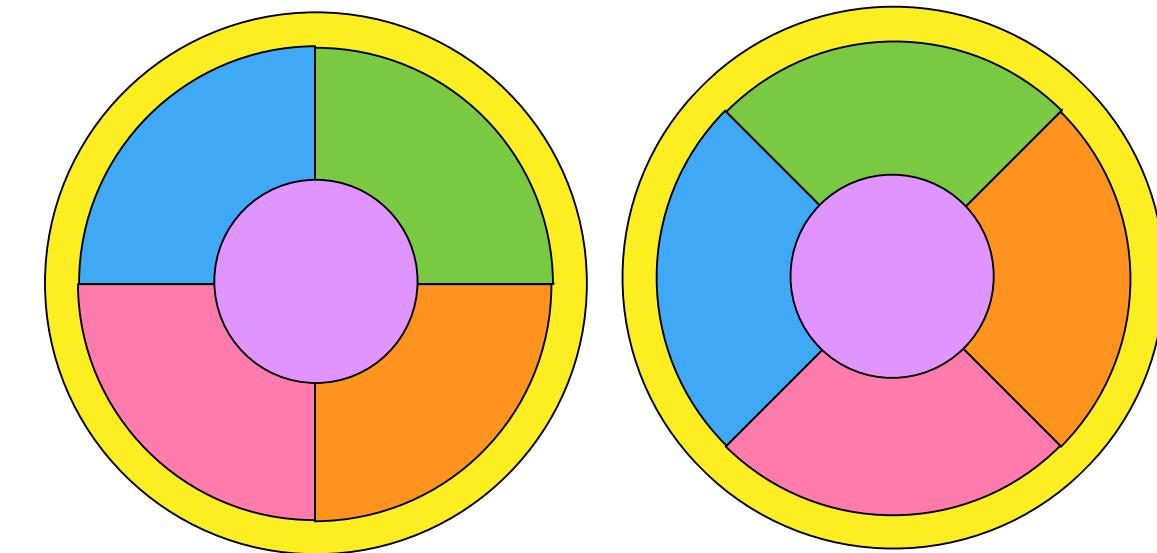
**Data Taking in 2020**

**25 kg Ge (18 x 1.4 kg)**  
**3.6 kg Si (6 x 0.6 kg)**

**4" Diameter**

**3.3 cm Thick**

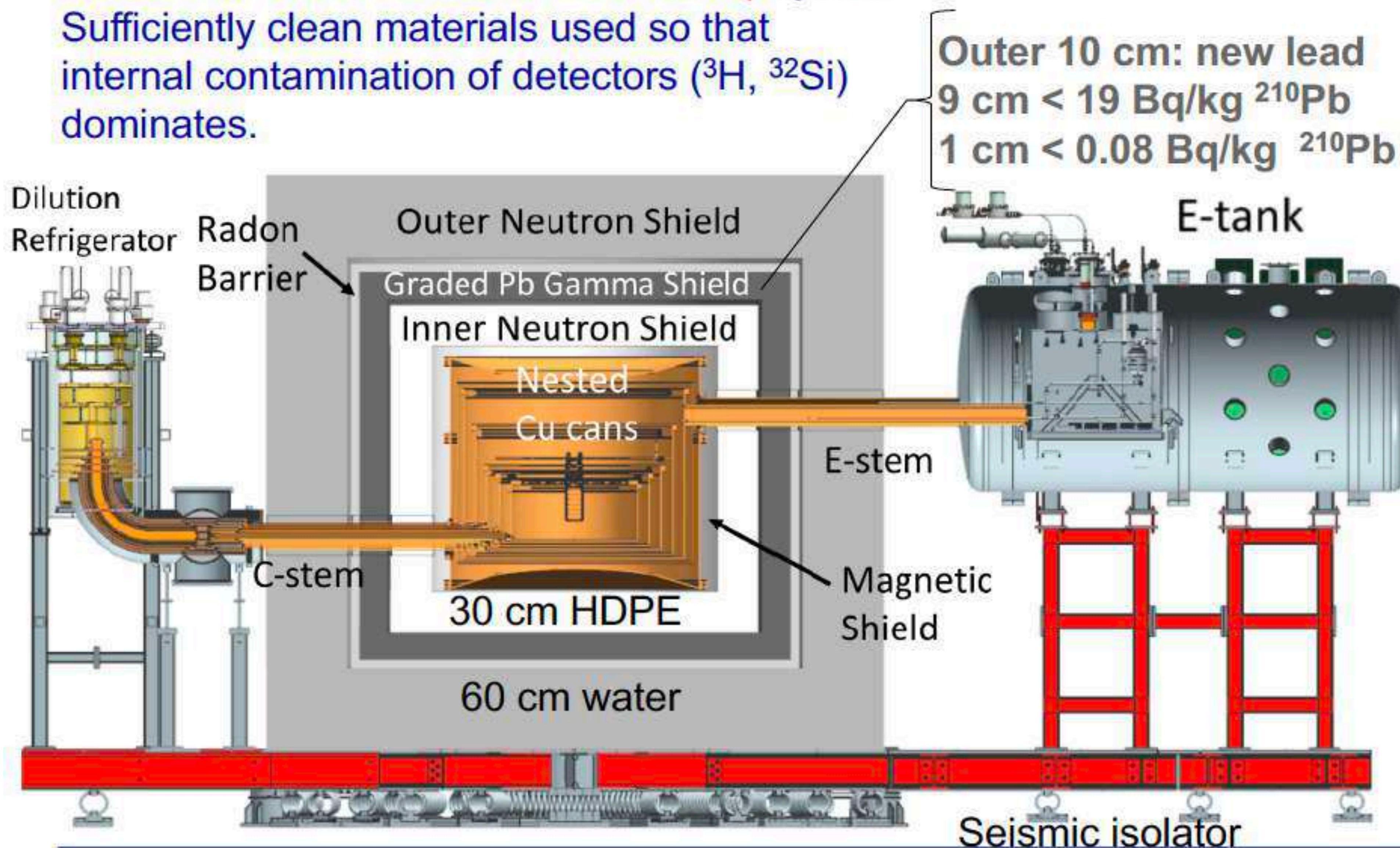
**2 charge + 2 charge  
6 phonon + 6 phonon**



# SuperCDMS SNOLAB @ the Ladder Lab

Graded shield reduces environmental  $\gamma$  by  $10^6$ .

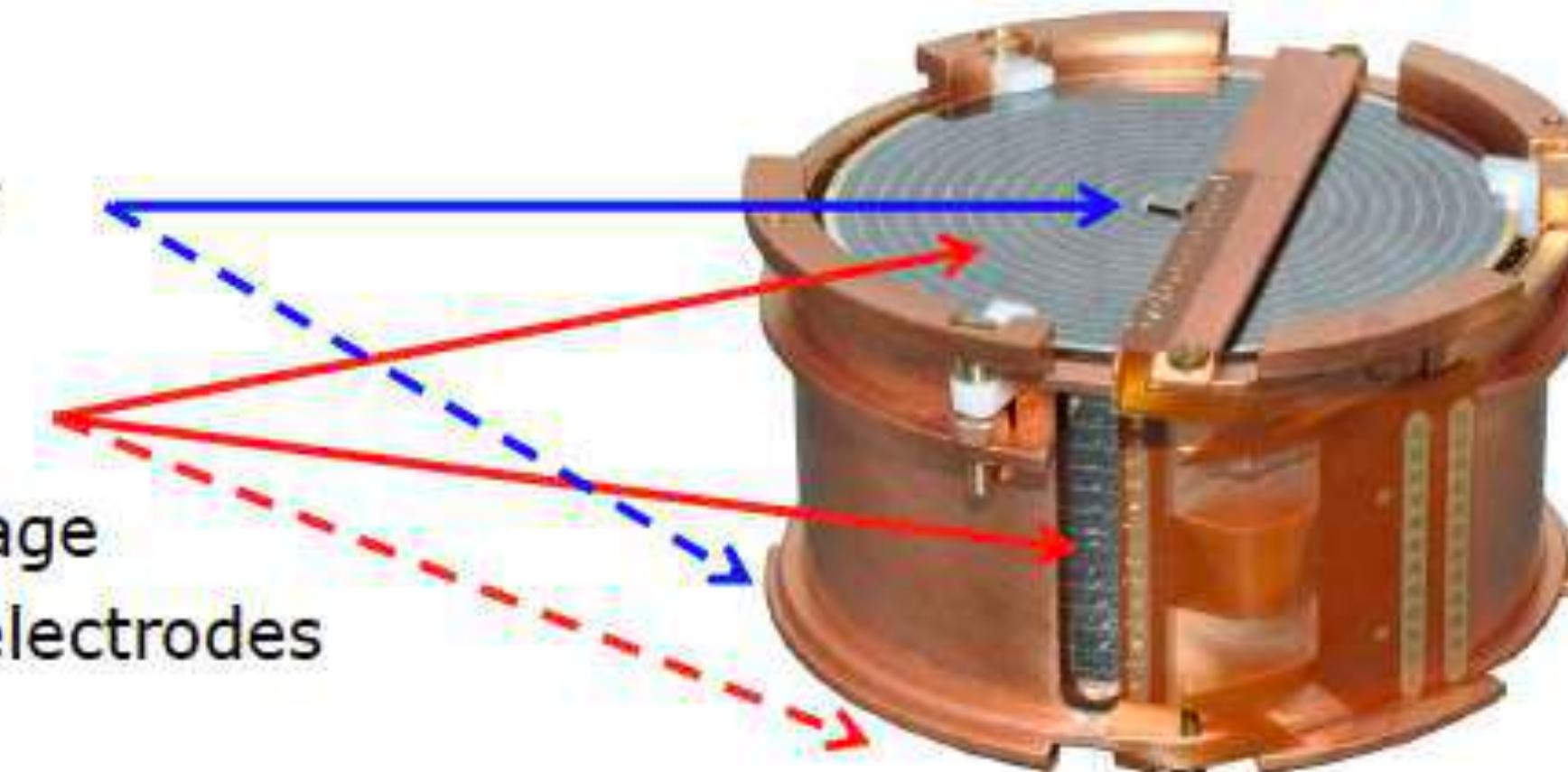
Sufficiently clean materials used so that internal contamination of detectors ( ${}^3\text{H}$ ,  ${}^{32}\text{Si}$ ) dominates.



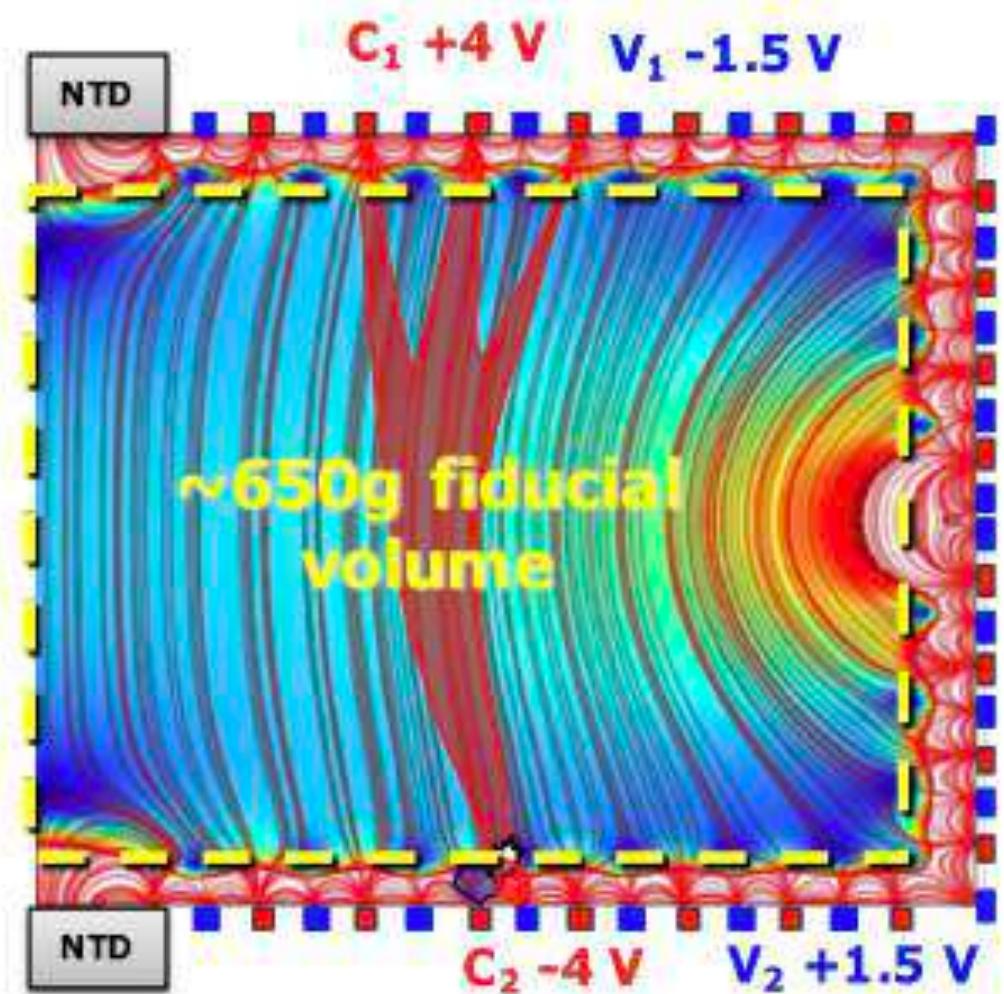
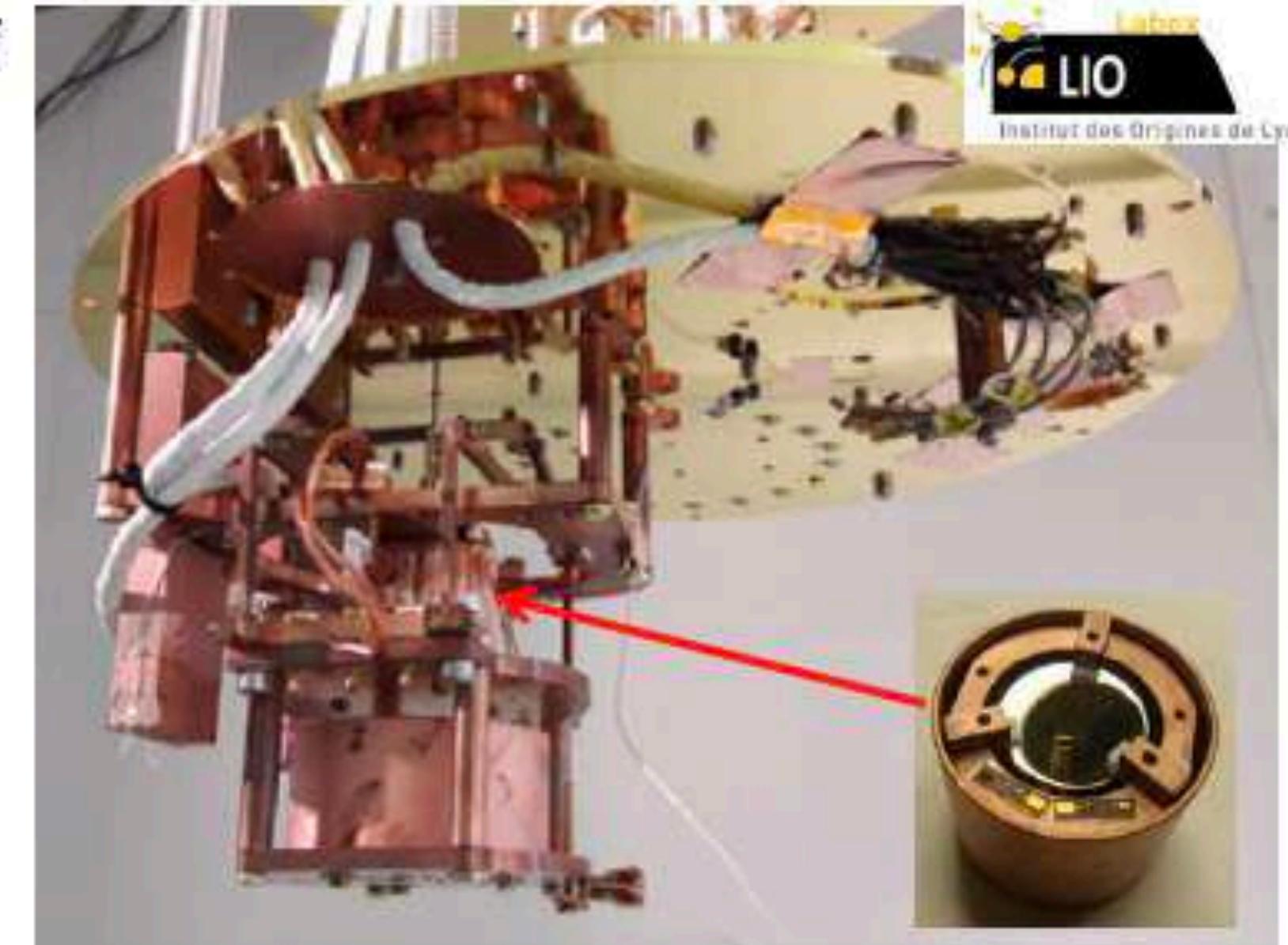
# EDELWEISS

- ~870g detectors ( $\phi=70$  h=40 mm)
- 2 GeNTDs heat sensor per detector
- Electrodes: concentric Al rings (2 mm spacing) covering all faces
- XeF<sub>2</sub> surface treatment → low leakage current (<1 fA) between adjacent electrodes

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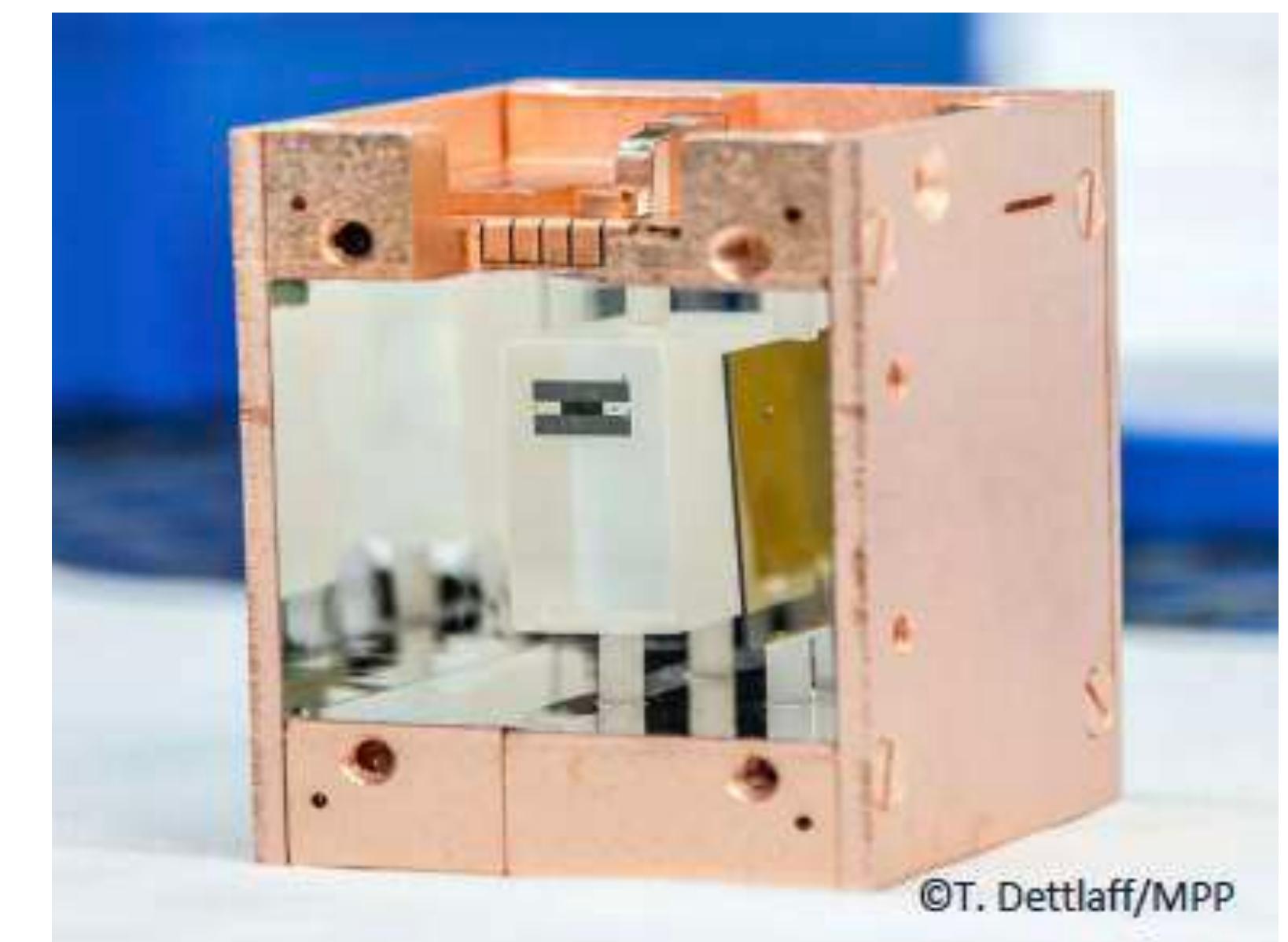
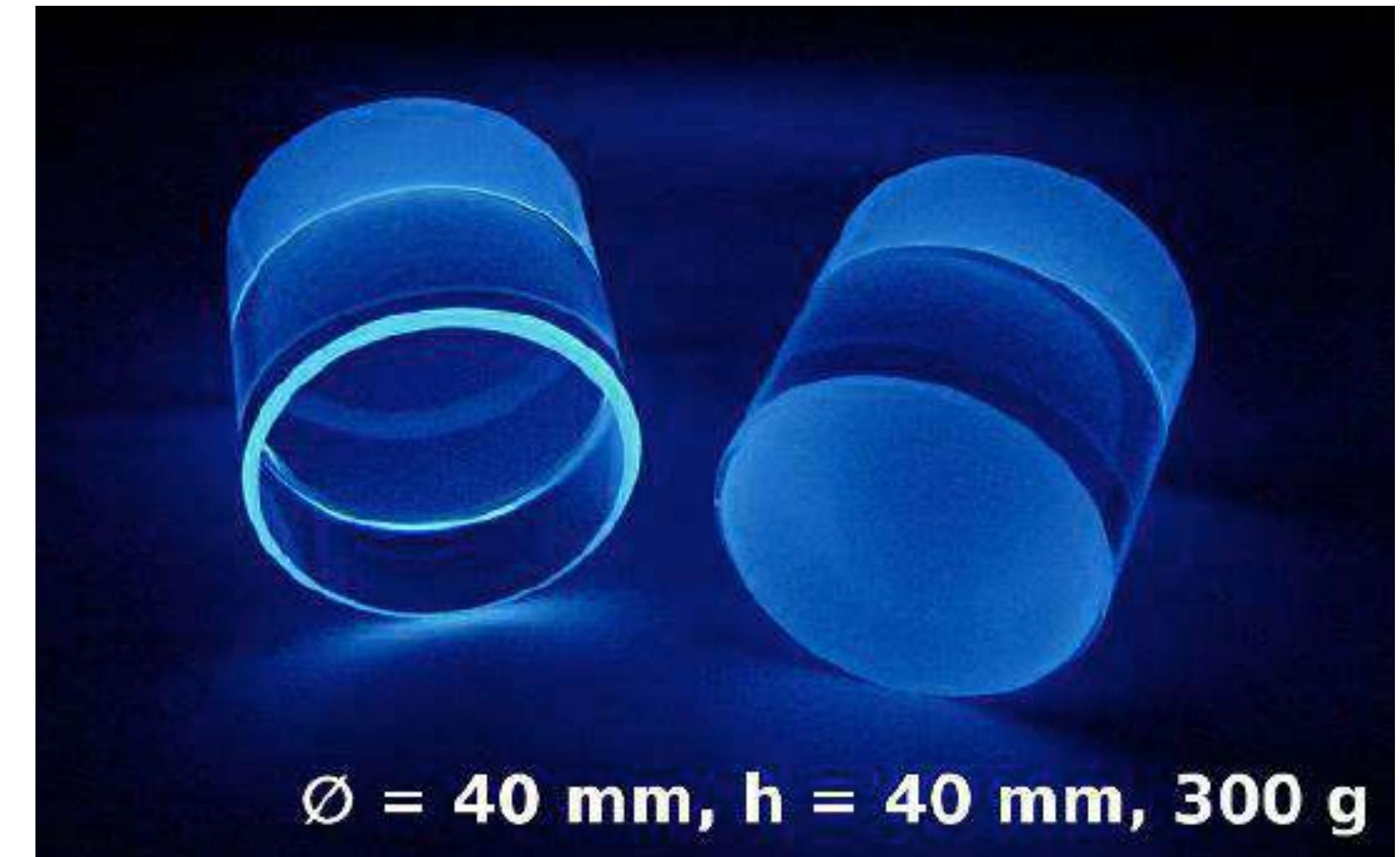
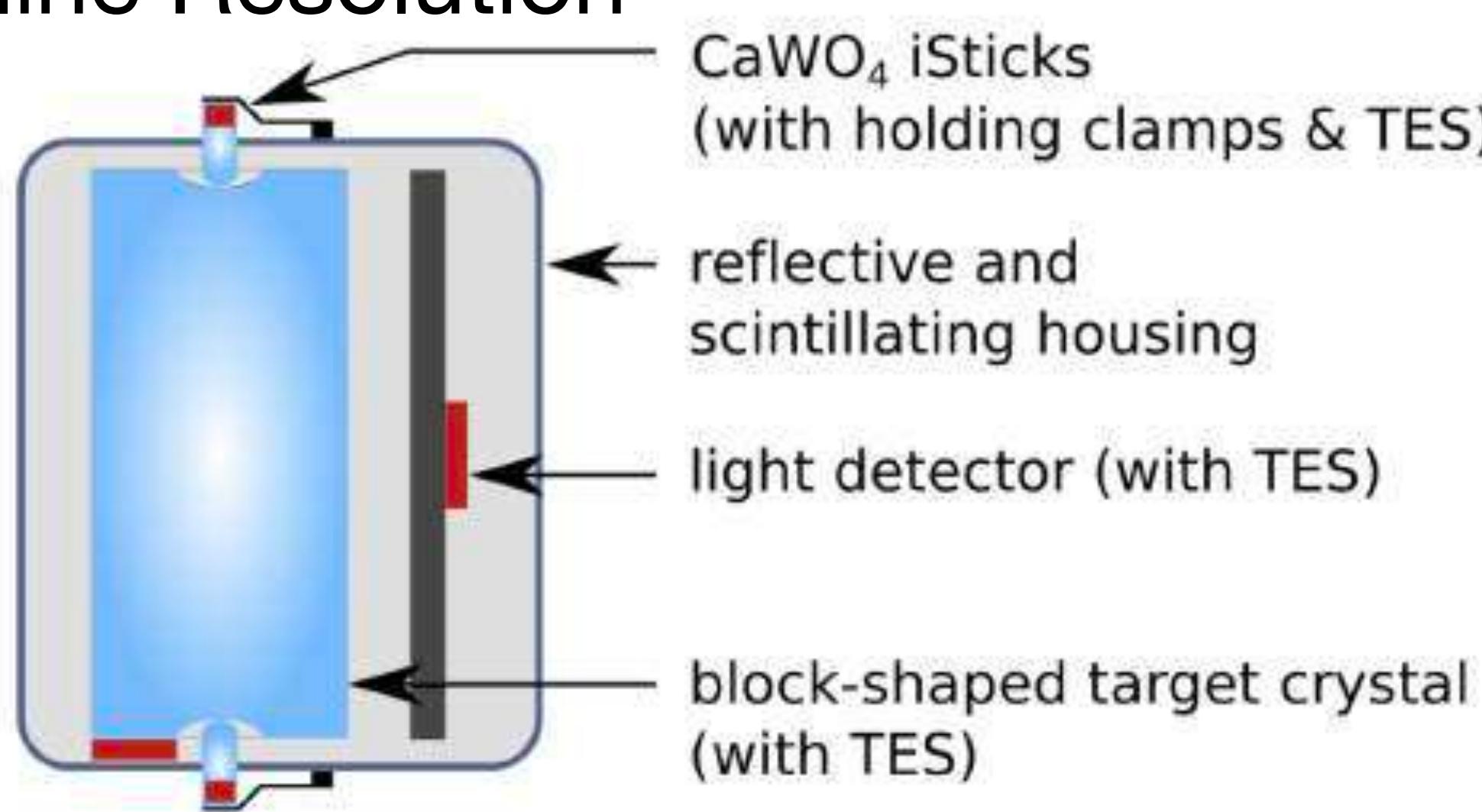


- R&D with 32 g combined with the objective of testing the above-ground sensitivity to sub-GeV WIMPs
- *Optimized NTD heat sensor on a 32g crystal, no electrodes (i.e. 1 keV = 1 keV<sub>NR</sub>)*
- Kept at 17 mK in IPNL low-vibration dilution fridge [ArXiv:1803.03463]
- Stable  $\sigma = 18$  eV baseline resolution
- One day blinded for WIMP search in [0-2] keV region



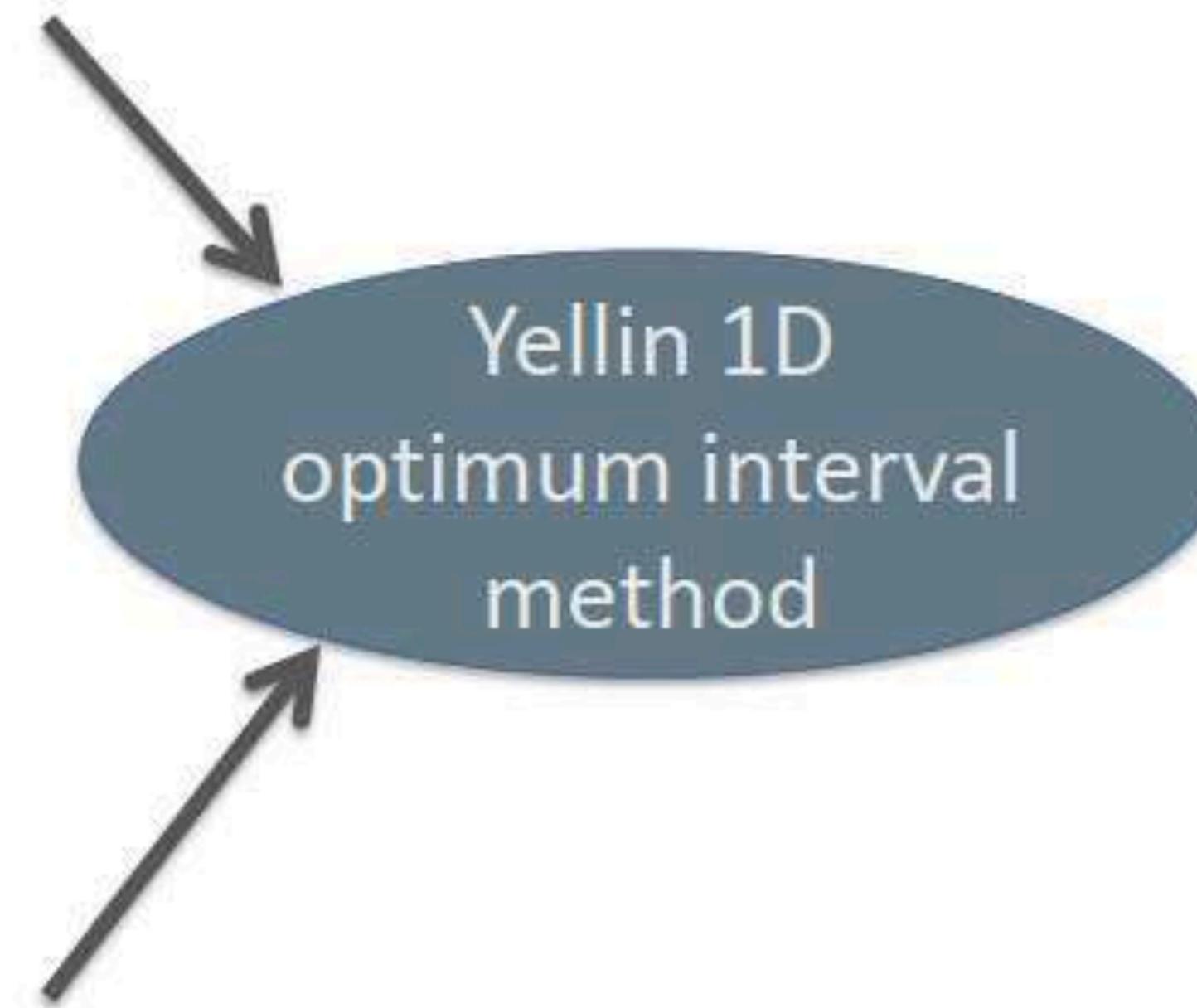
# CRESST

- CRESST: phonon + light
- Scintillating CaWO<sub>4</sub> crystals as target
- Separate cryogenic light detector to detect scintillation light signal
- New small 24g detectors optimized for light DM
- 4.5 eV sigma Baseline Resolution

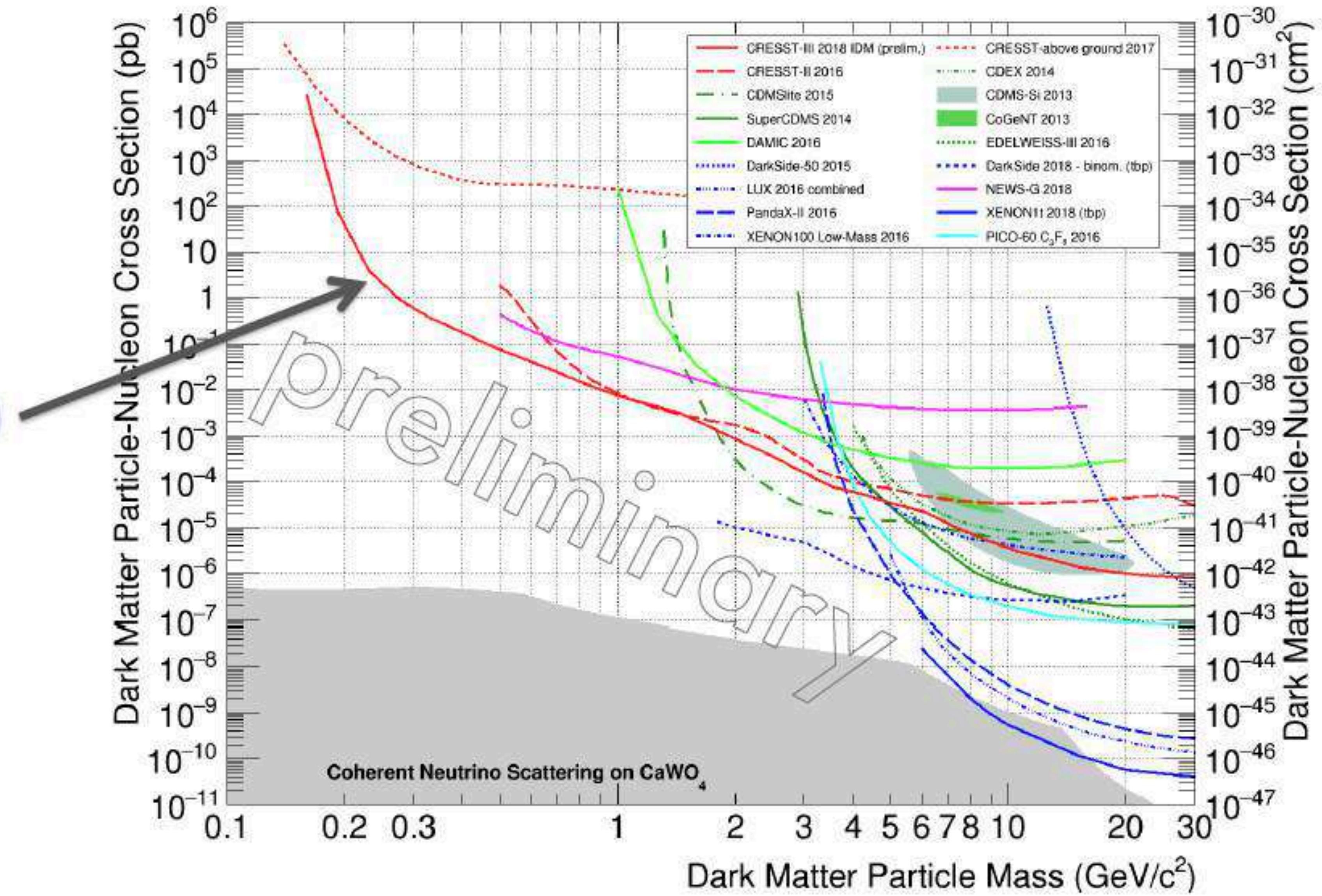


# CRESST New Results

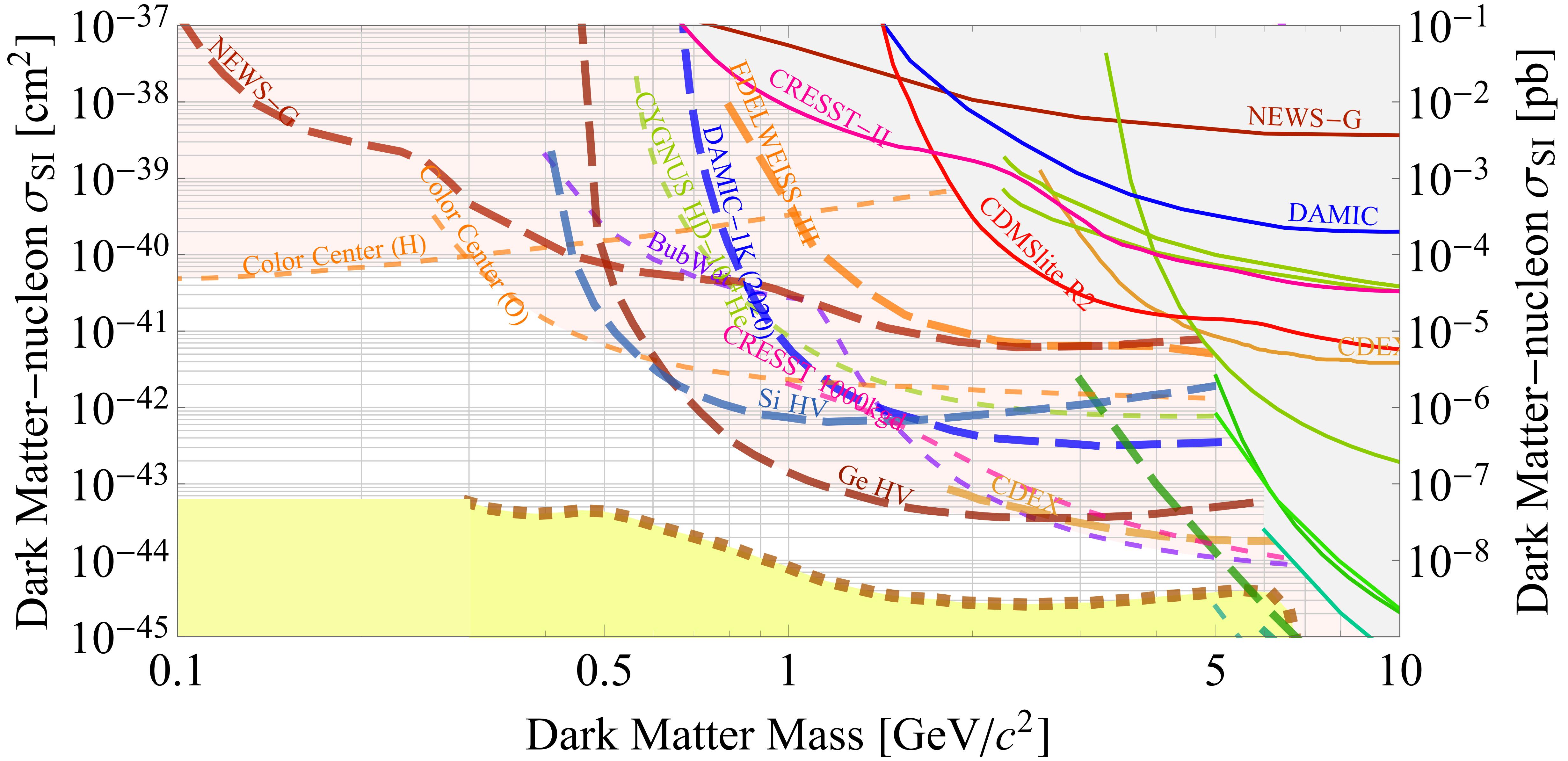
Energy spectrum of accepted events



Energy spectrum expected for DM



# The Low Mass Region Is an Exciting Place To Look for DM!



# End of Lecture 2