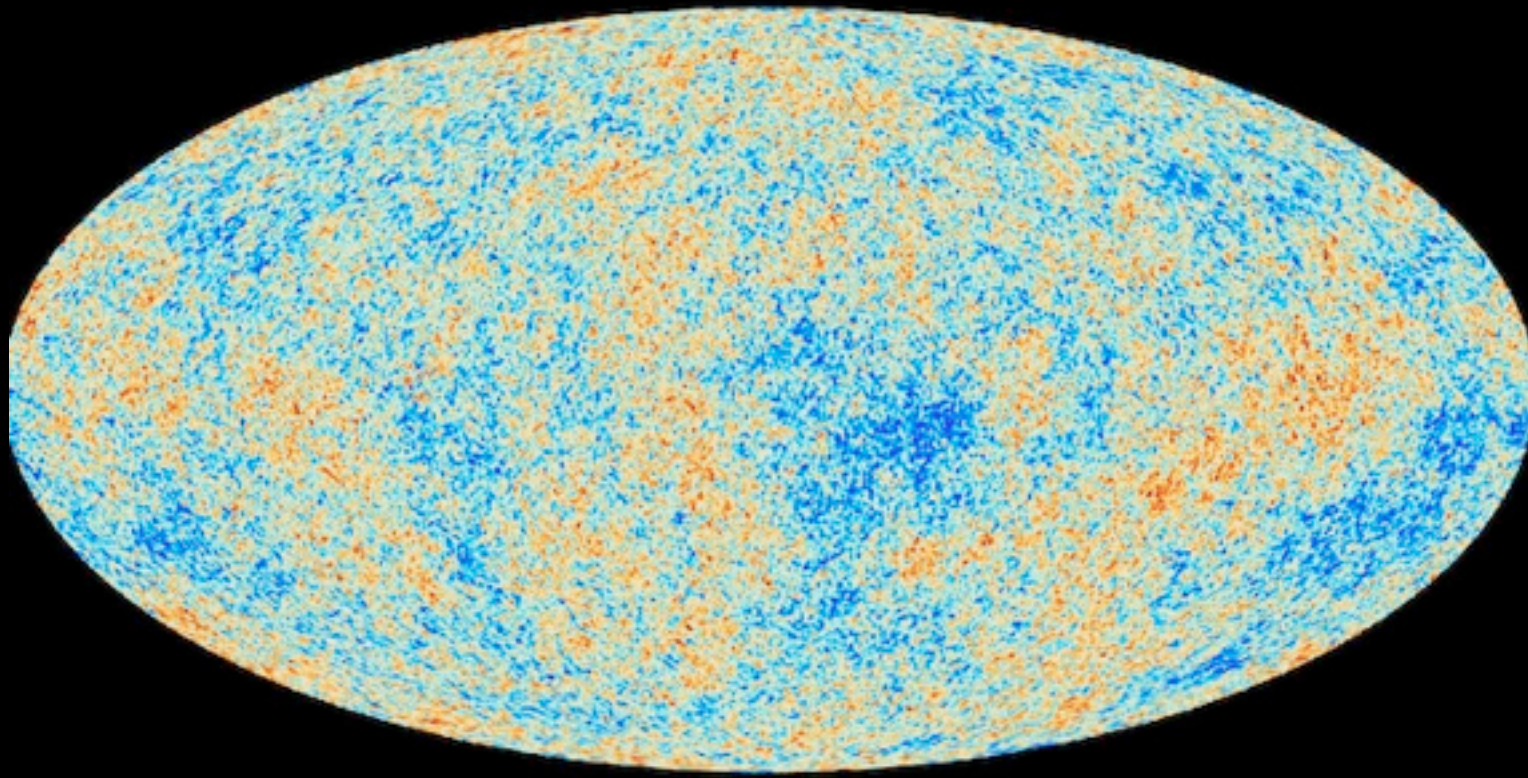




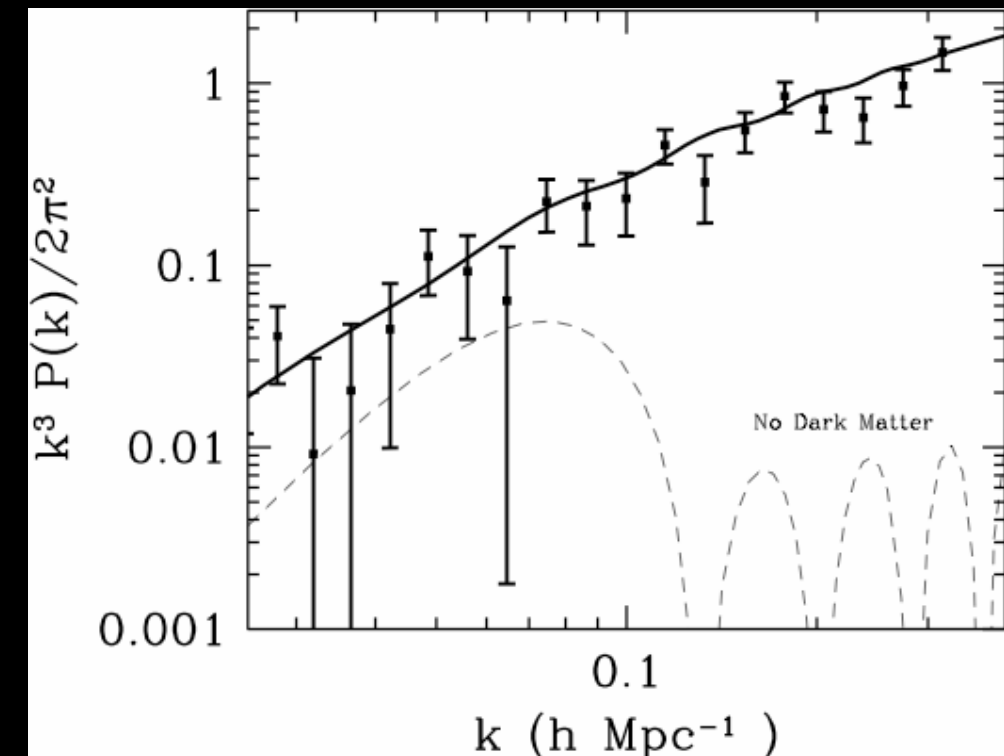
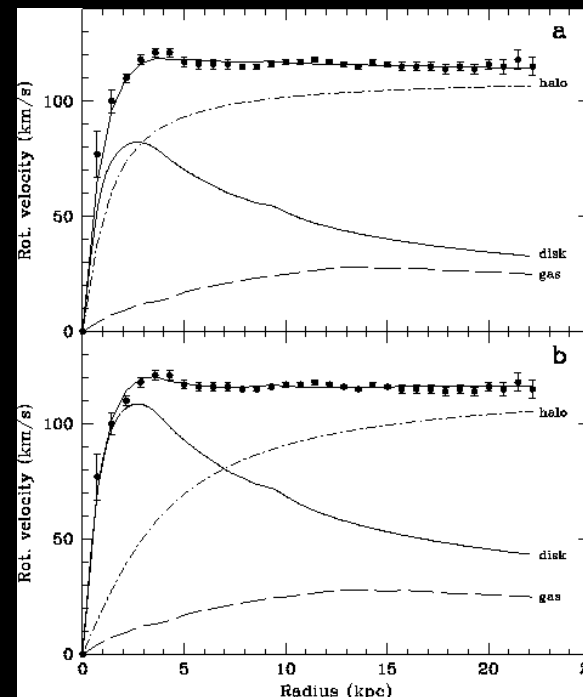
Dark Matter with Liquid Nobles Where are we and what comes next?

Hugh Lippincott, UCSB
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June 9, 2025

Dark matter - evidence?



- Galaxy rotation curves
- Galaxy clusters and collisions
- Large scale structure
- Cosmic microwave background



Dark Matter 25 years ago

2001 Snowmass report - single 3 page section on dark matter and relic particles

Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology: Cosmic Laboratories for New Physics (Summary of the Snowmass 2001 P4 Working Group)

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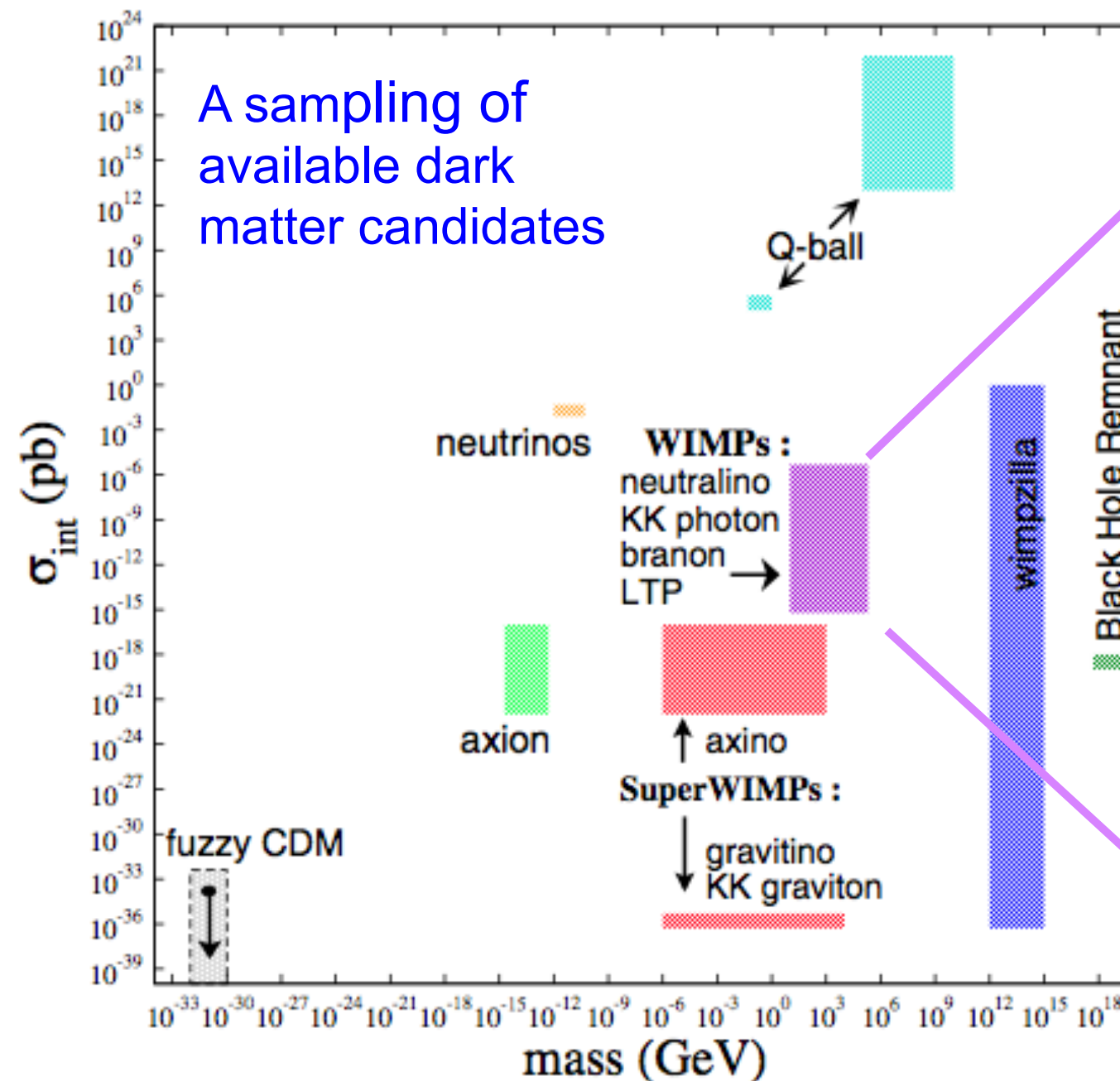
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III. DARK MATTER AND RELIC PARTICLES

“Particle physics offers two different hypotheses for the dark matter—**WIMPs** and **axions...**”

Dark Matter

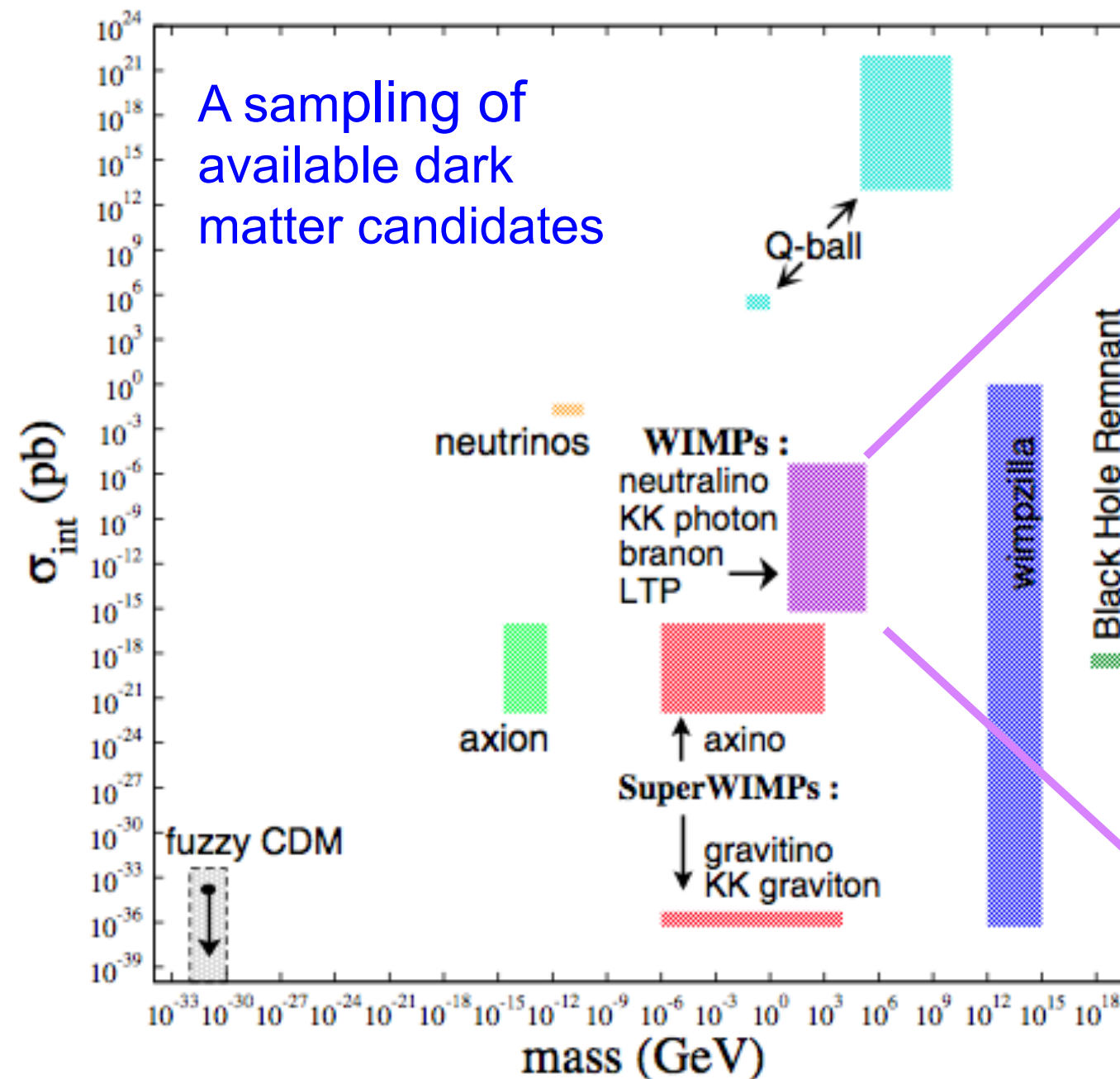
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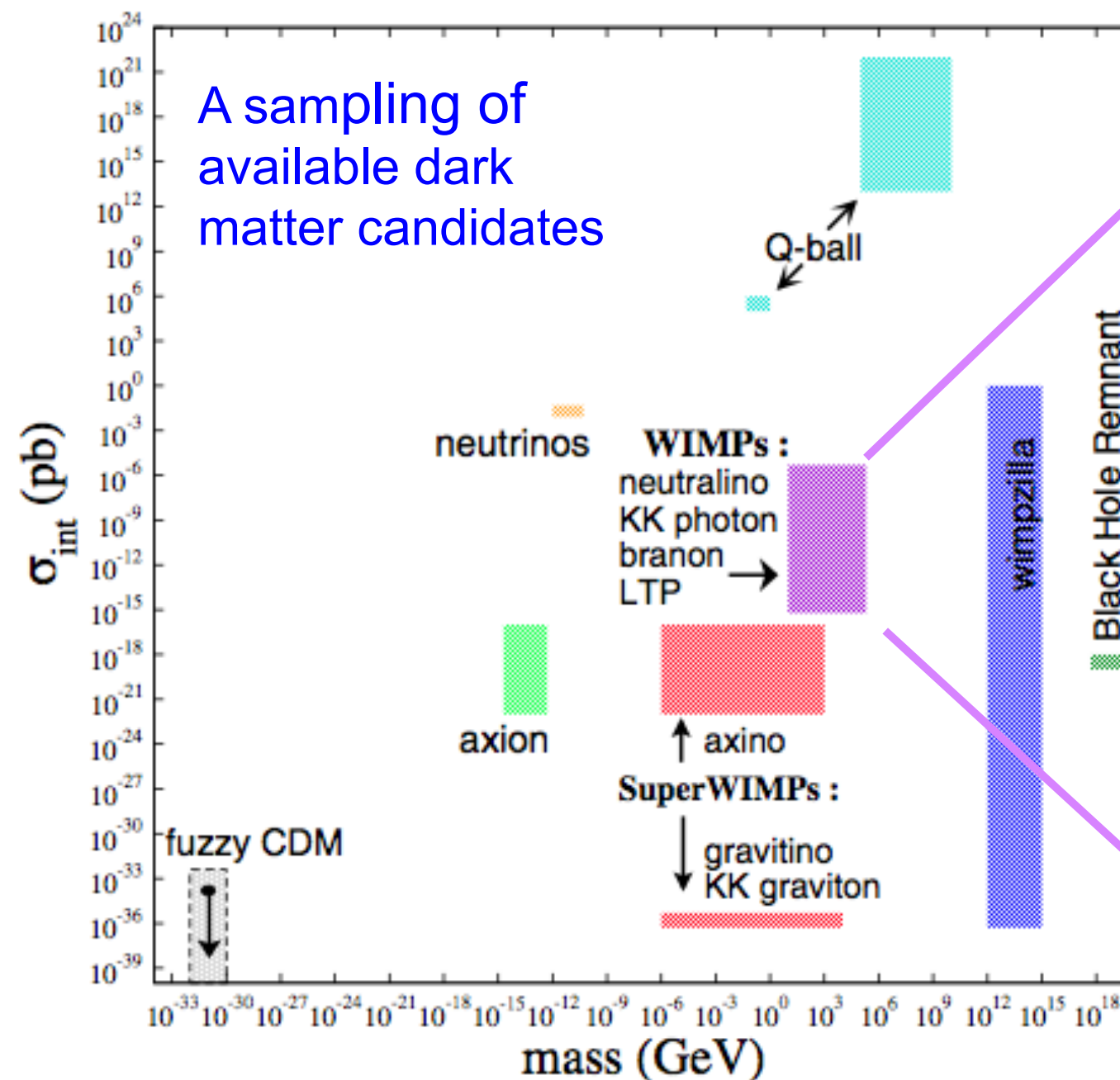


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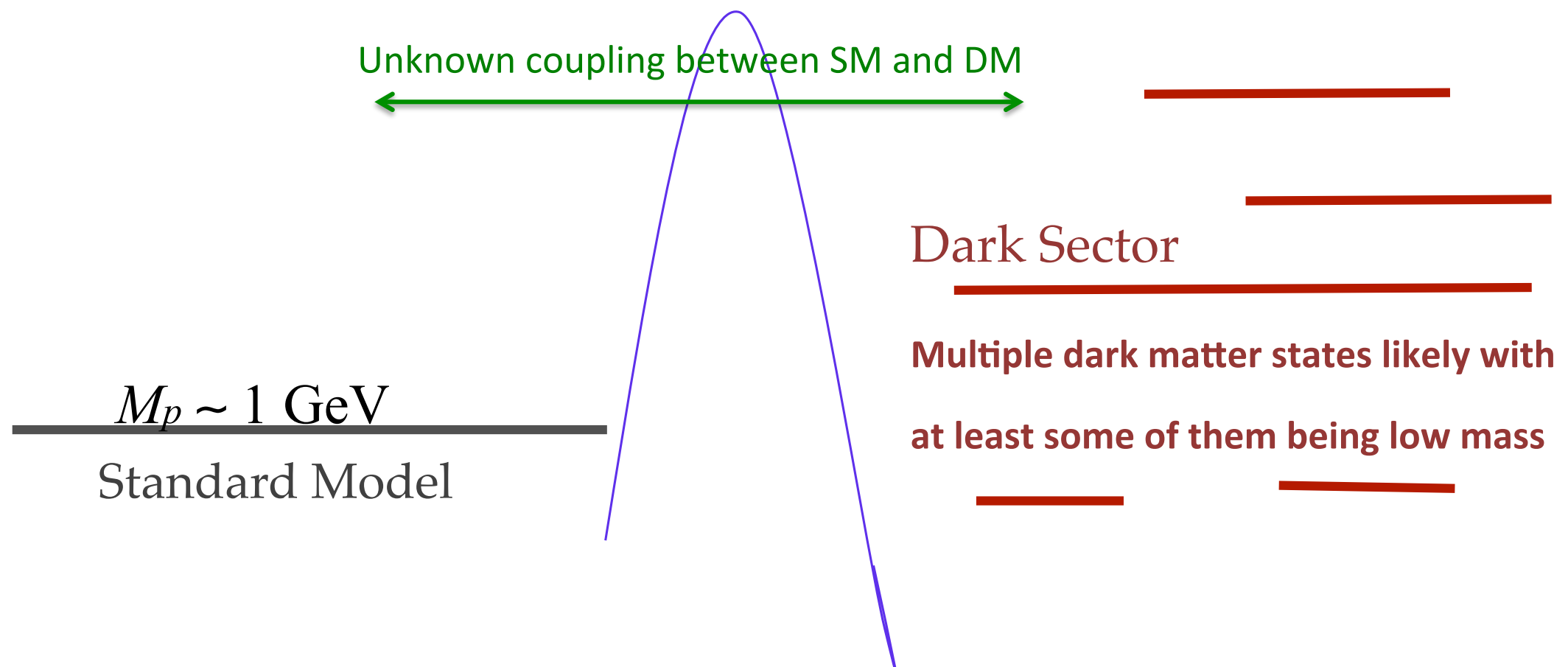
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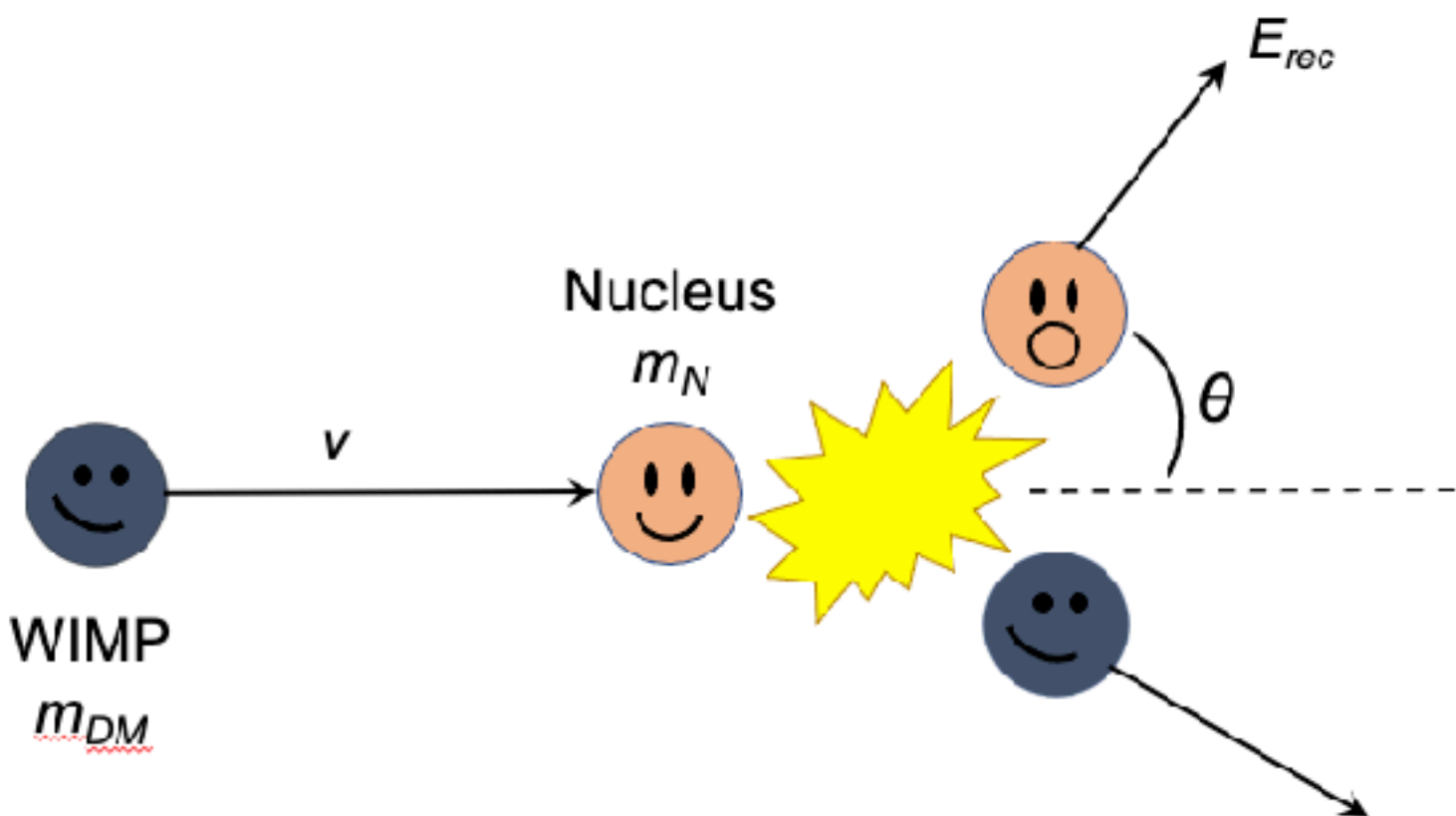
WIMPs as Thermal Relics

- When I say WIMP, I basically mean a thermal relic
 - Paradigm inherently includes the possibility of detection (DM was once in thermal equilibrium with Standard Model)
 - Don't have to worry about initial conditions
- But it's true, WIMP candidates come out of several theoretical extensions to the Standard Model (Supersymmetry being a prominent example)



Searching for WIMPs with Direct Detection

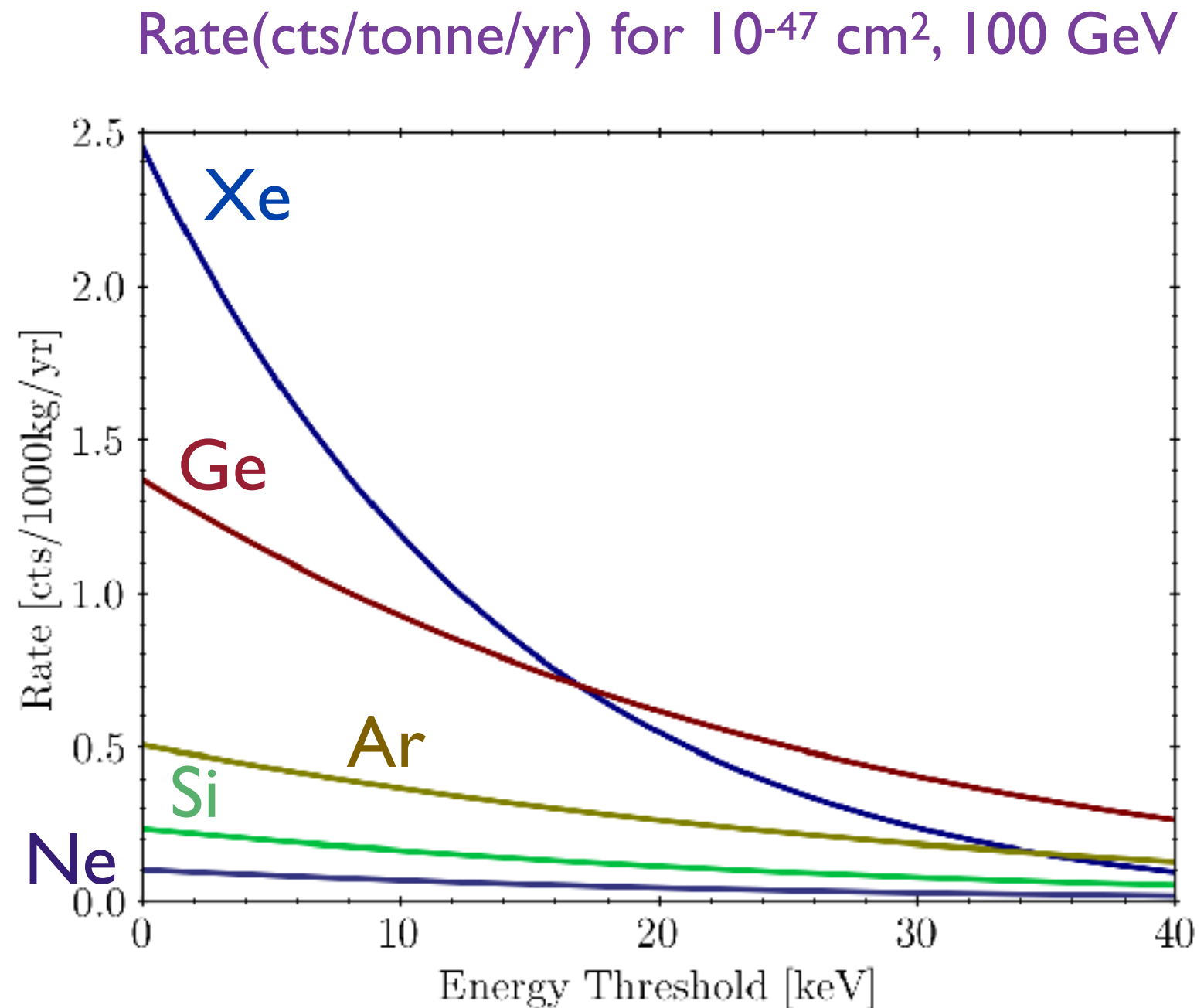
Fill a detector with your favorite material and wait for WIMPs to scatter off it

	<u>Non-relativistic elastic scattering</u> $\mu = \frac{m_{DM} m_N}{m_{DM} + m_N}$ $E_{rec} = \frac{\mu^2 v^2}{m_N} (1 - \cos\theta)$ $\begin{aligned} m_{DM} &= 100 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \\ m_N &= 131 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \\ v &= 220 \text{ km/s} \\ E_{rec} &= 3 \text{ keV} \end{aligned}$
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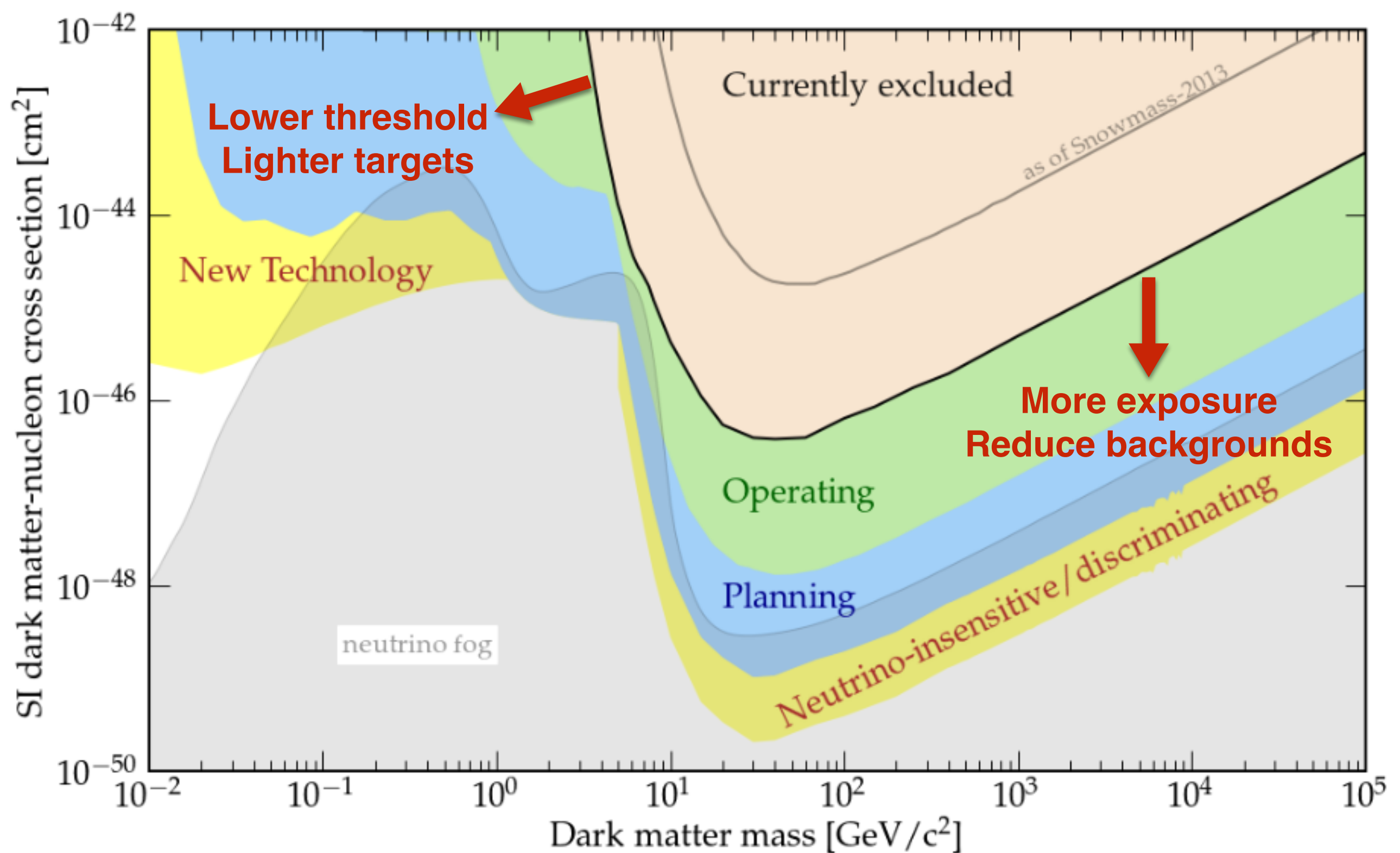
- Historically sensitive to $>\text{GeV}$ particles by kinematics and technology

Direct Detection

- Very rare process
 - Current best limits $<10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$
 - Path length in lead of ~ 1000 light years
- Luckily, there are lots of particles flying around (in theory)
 - Can look for a few counts in a detector per year
- Backgrounds, backgrounds, backgrounds
 - 10^{12} per tonne/year on surface

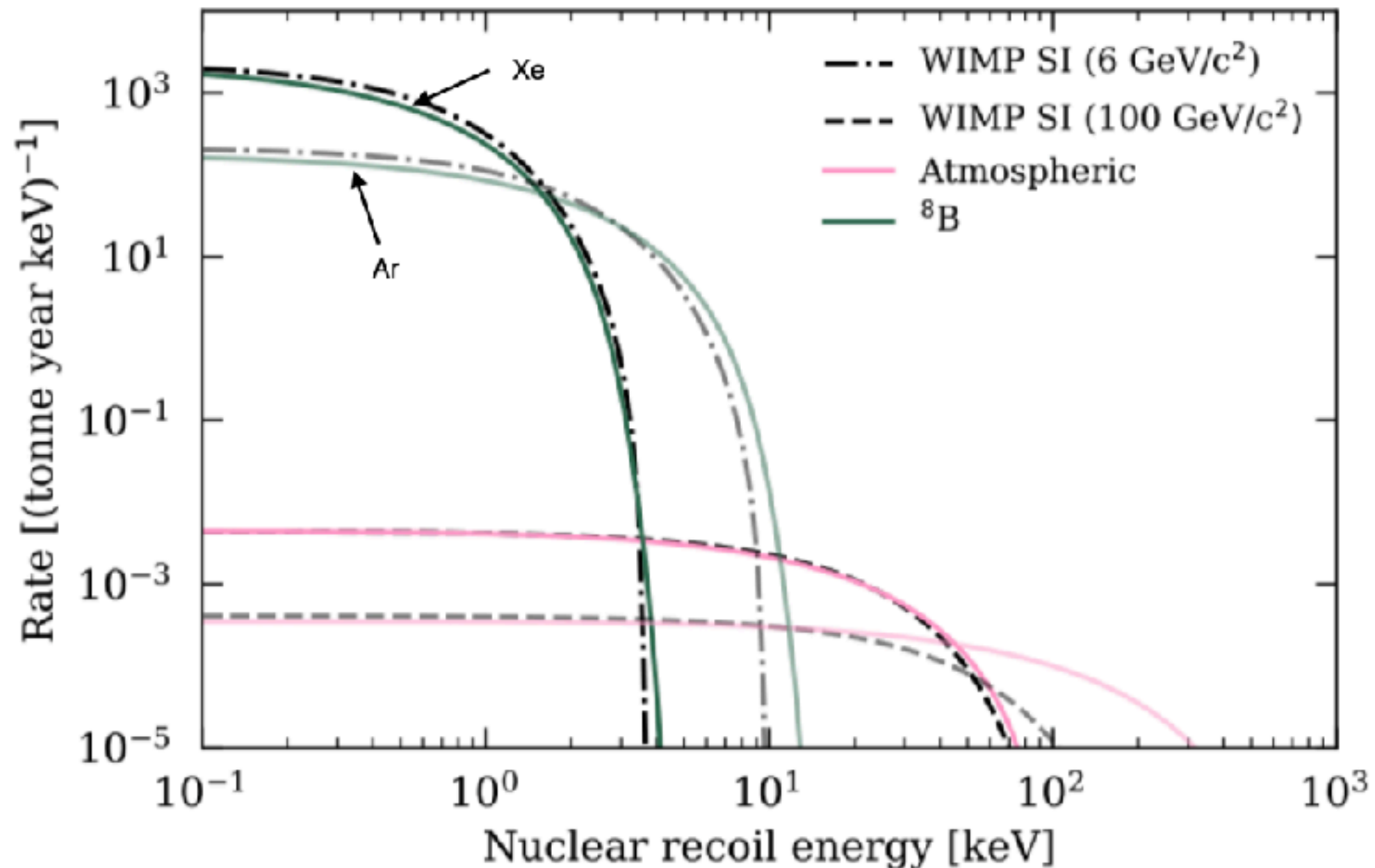


- Goal: Maximize sensitivity to DM while minimizing backgrounds



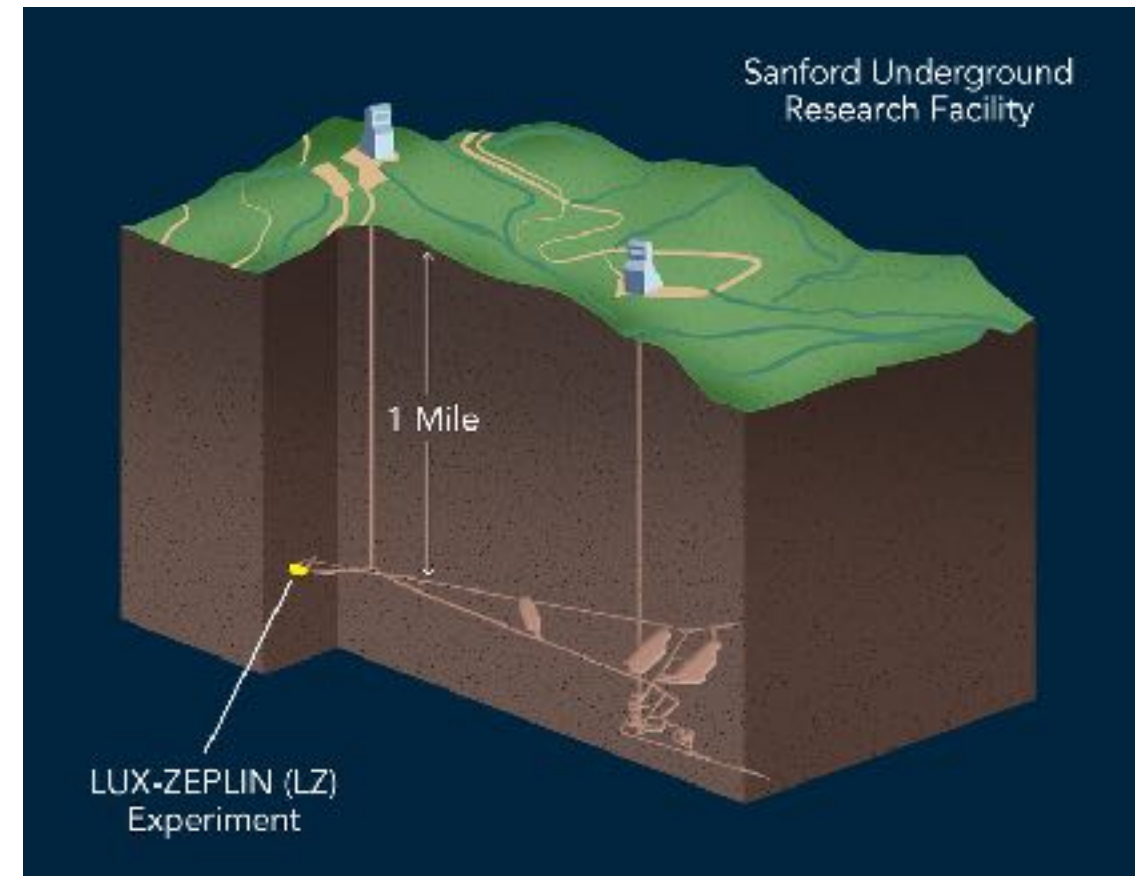
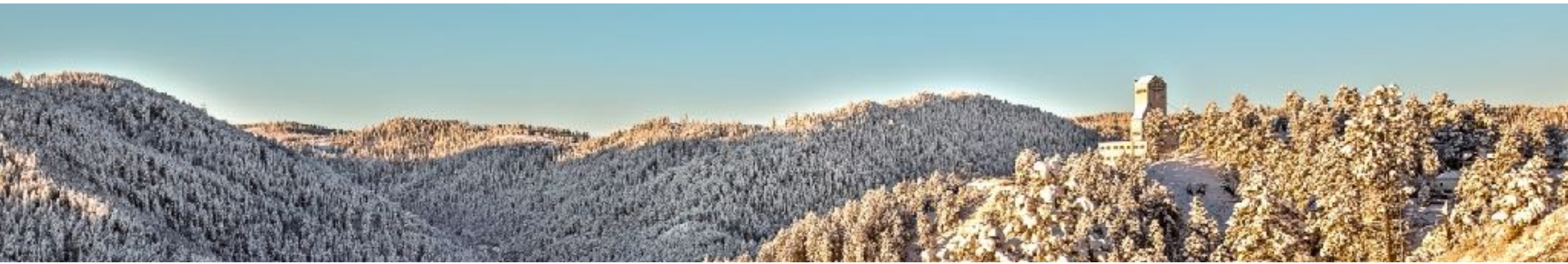
- Limited at low mass by detector threshold
- Limited at high mass by density
- Eventually limited by neutrinos

Neutrino Fog



- Atmospheric and solar neutrinos can interact coherently with nuclei
- Indistinguishable from dark matter $\rightarrow$ Neutrino Fog ^(TM)

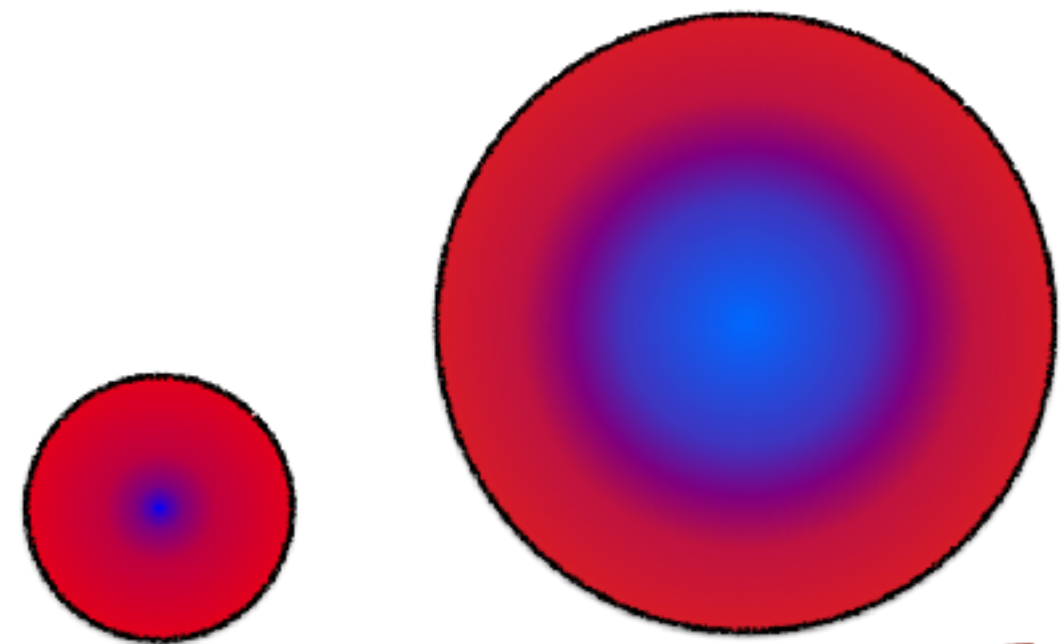
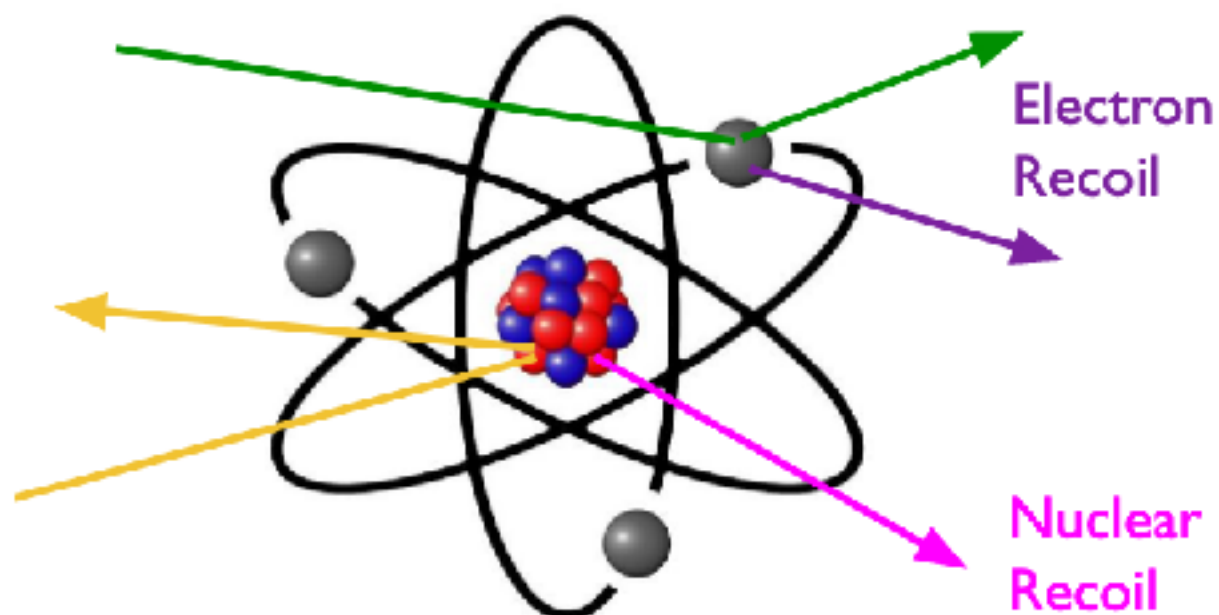
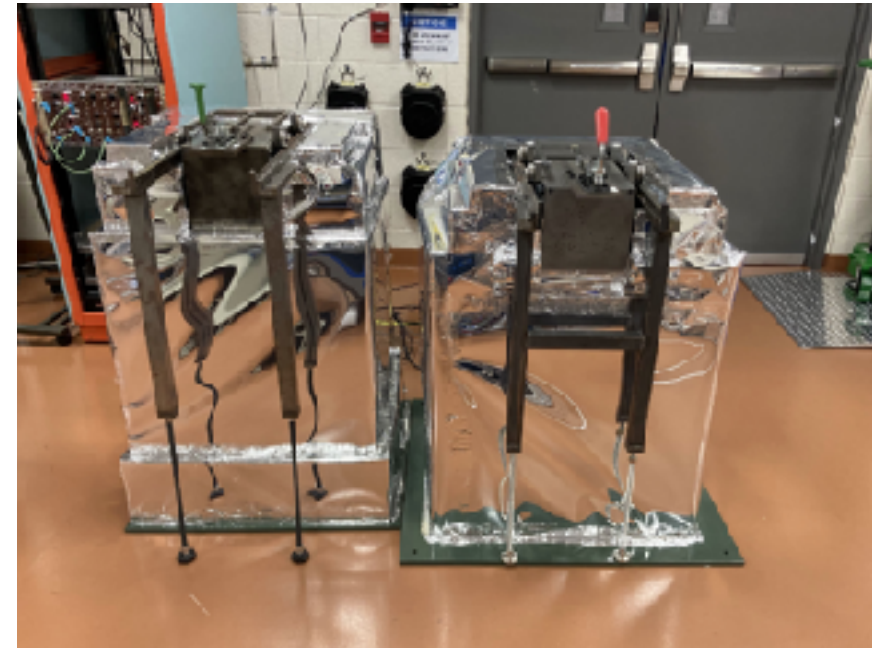
Direct Detection



- Must go underground to evade cosmic rays
- Several labs around the world

Direct Detection

- More sensitivity $\rightarrow$ scale up target...
 - Now into multi-tonne scales
- ...while reducing backgrounds
 - Radiopurity
 - Self shielding (size helps!)
 - Discrimination (nuclear vs electron recoils)
- Explore as many interactions as possible (e.g. SD/SI/EFT)



Custom Dark Matter Detectors

Challenge	Solution
Extremely rare interaction	Large target mass - scalable
Energy depositions of ~ 10 keV or below	Low energy thresholds
Backgrounds - Impurities	Purification
Backgrounds - Detector	Self shielding
Backgrounds - Internal/Detector	Discrimination
Unknown particle physics	Sensitivity to multiple types interaction

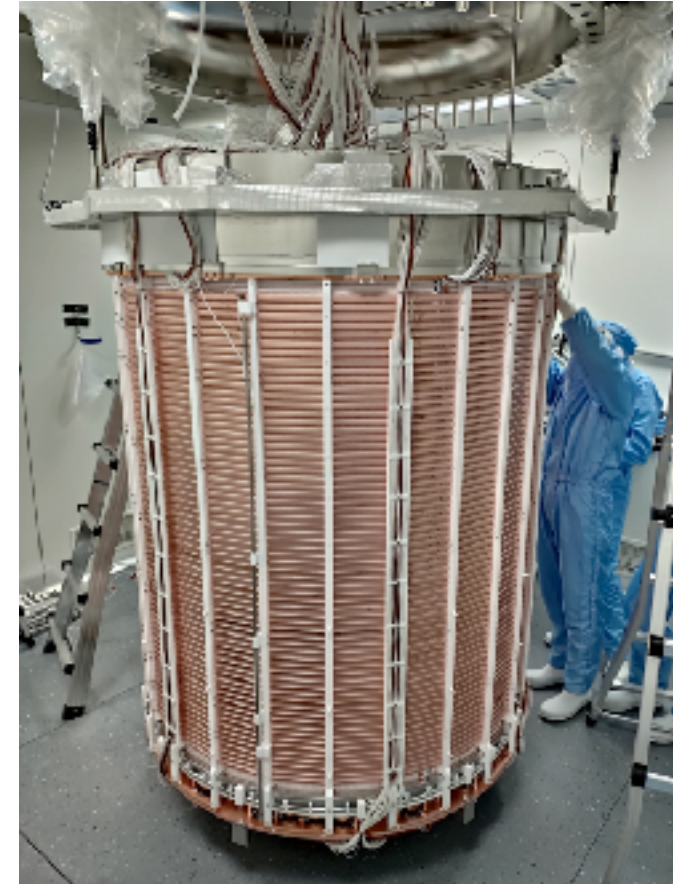
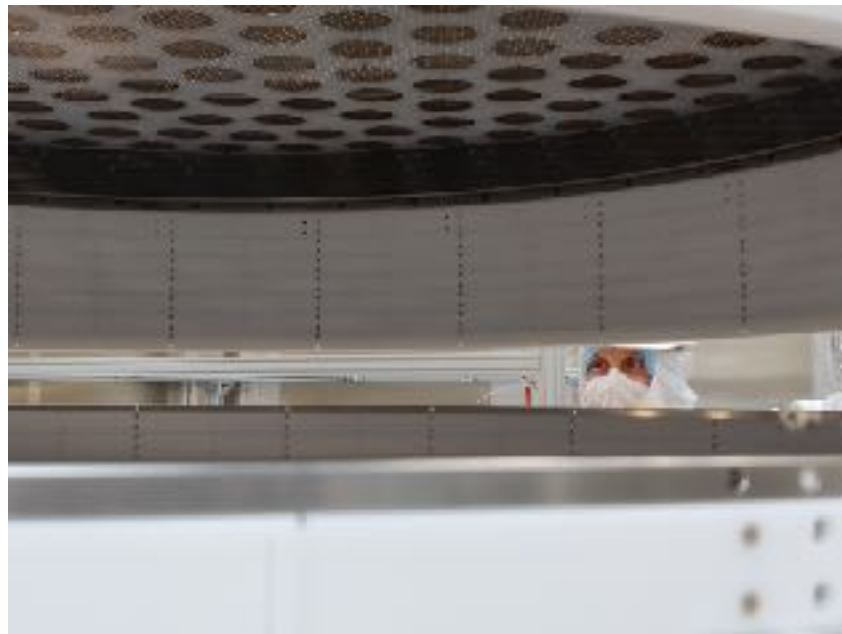
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Noble Liquids!

Direct Detection with liquid nobles

- Liquid Xenon (LZ, XENONnT, PandaX, XLZD)
- Liquid Argon (DEAP, DarkSide, Argo, SBC)
- Liquid Helium (HERALD/TESSERACT,...)



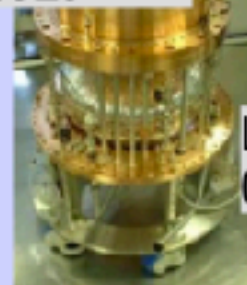
- Things they (mostly) share
 - Liquids - scalable (get a bigger bucket)
 - 3D position reconstruction
 - Surfaces are the enemy
 - ER/NR discrimination

(ZEPLIN I + II)

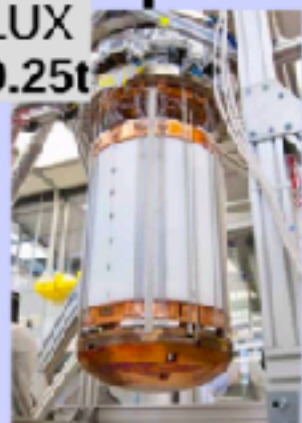


Genealogy of The Noble Target Field

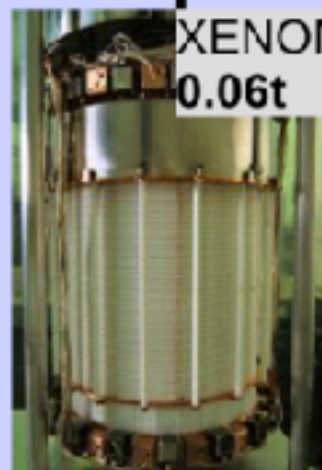
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LUX
0.25t



XENON100
0.06t



XENON1T
2.0t



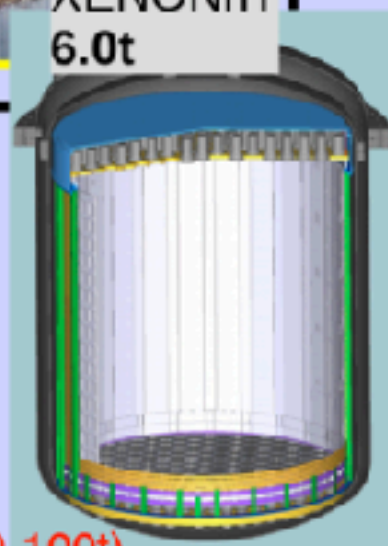
XMASS
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PandaX-II
0.5t



XENONnT
6.0t



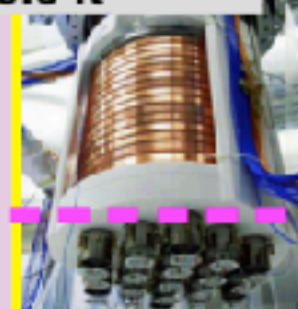
PandaX-4t
4.0t



LXe

LAr

DarkSide-50
0.04t



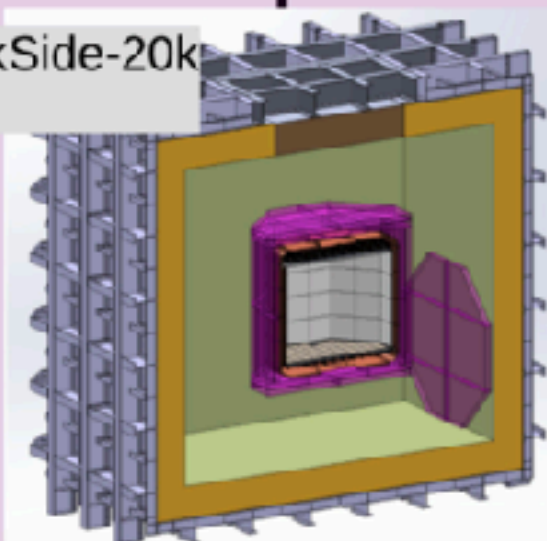
DEAP-3600
3.3t



ArDM
0.8t



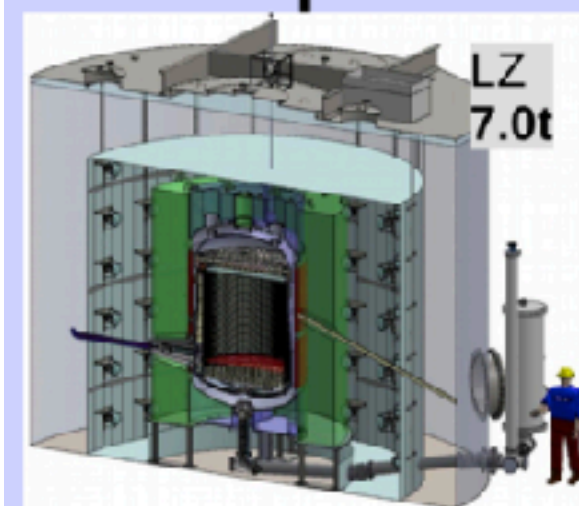
DarkSide-20k
30t



(followed by DARWIN 50-100t)

thanks to M. Schumann (Freiburg)

Ignore me



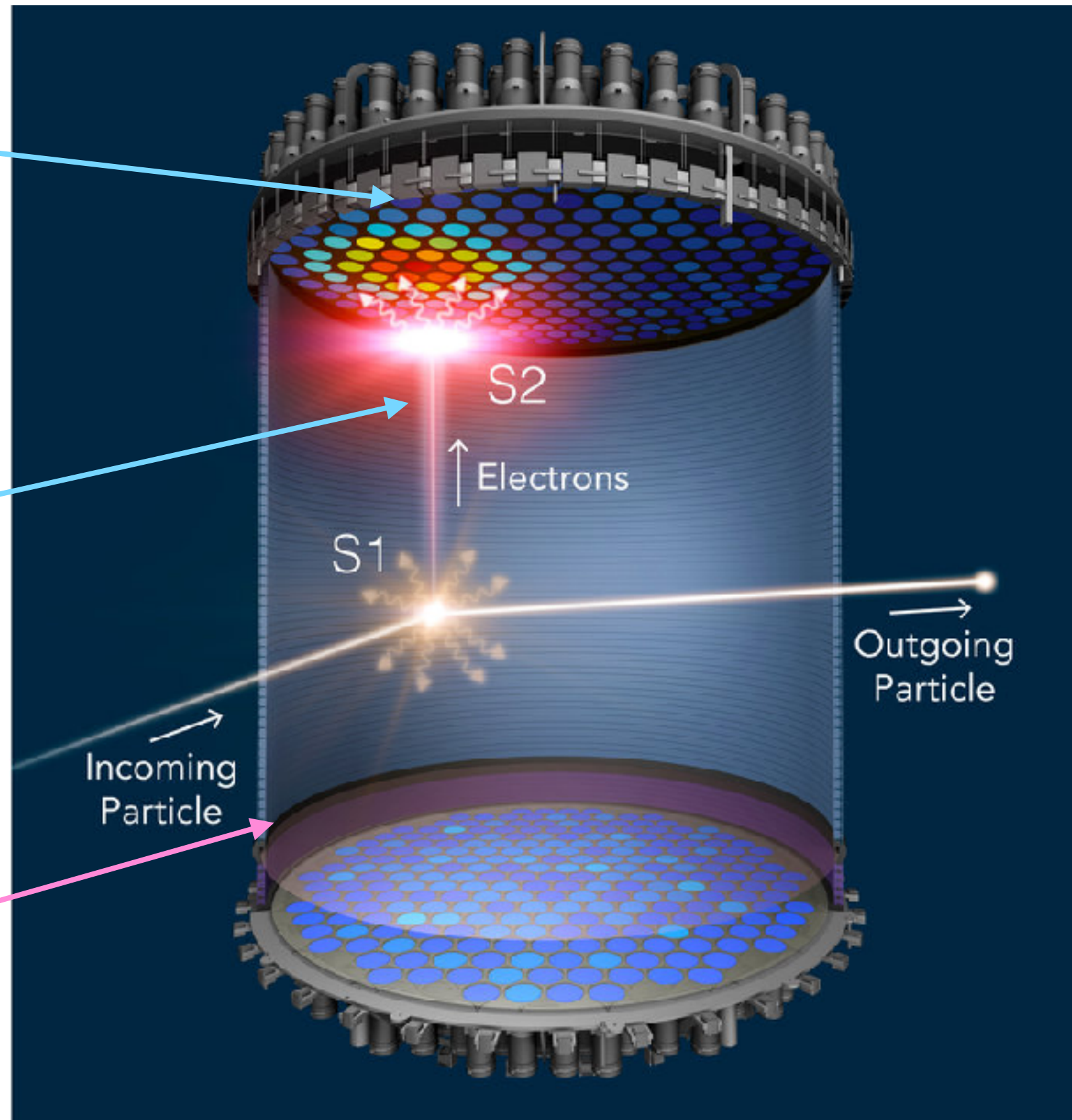
LZ
7.0t

Liquid Noble TPCs

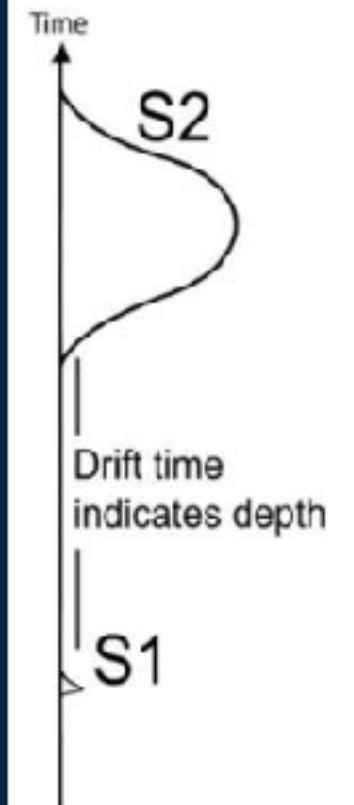
S2 light
pattern
gives x-y
position
(~few mm resolution)

Drift time
gives z
position
(~0.5 mm resolution)

Cathode

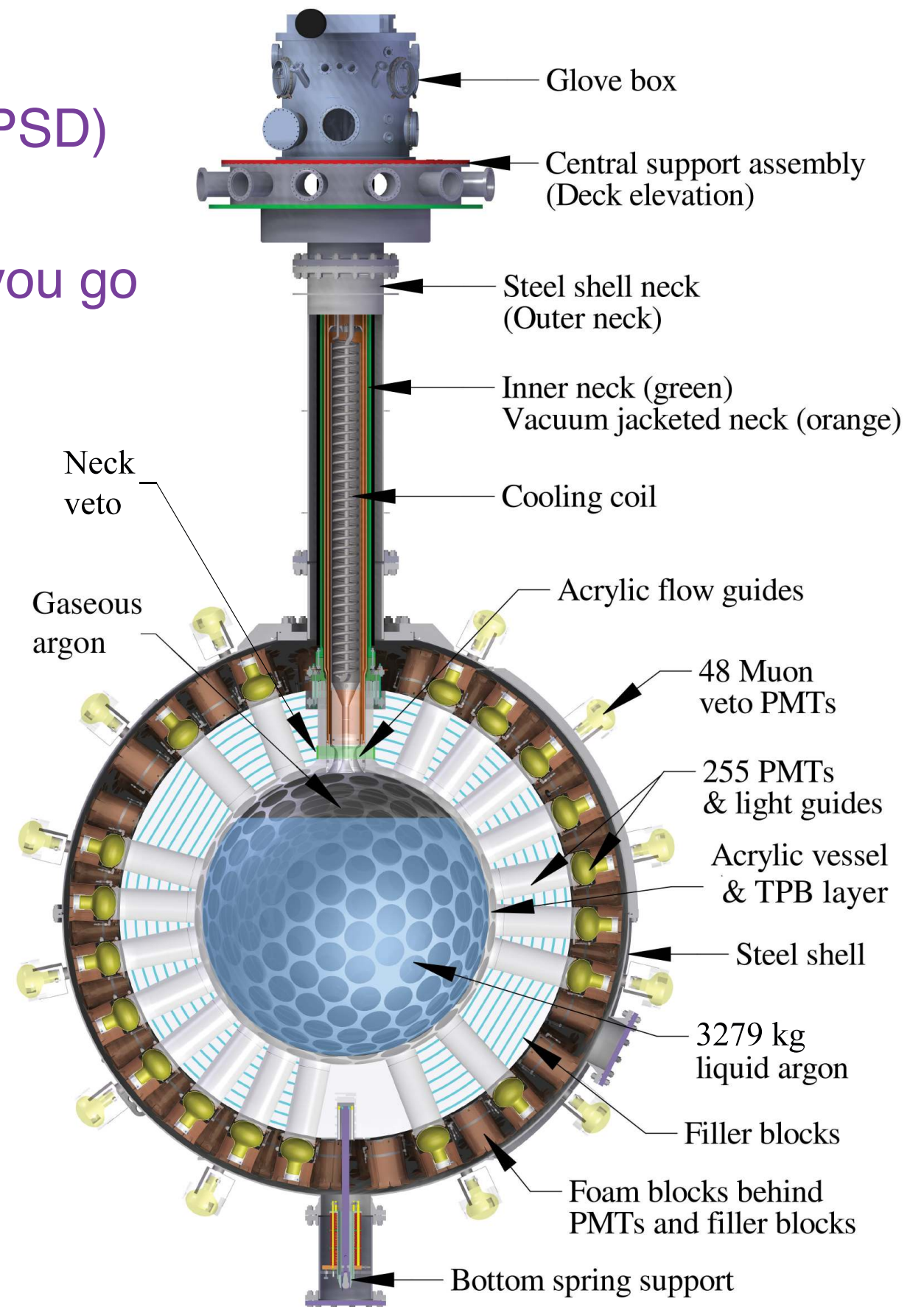
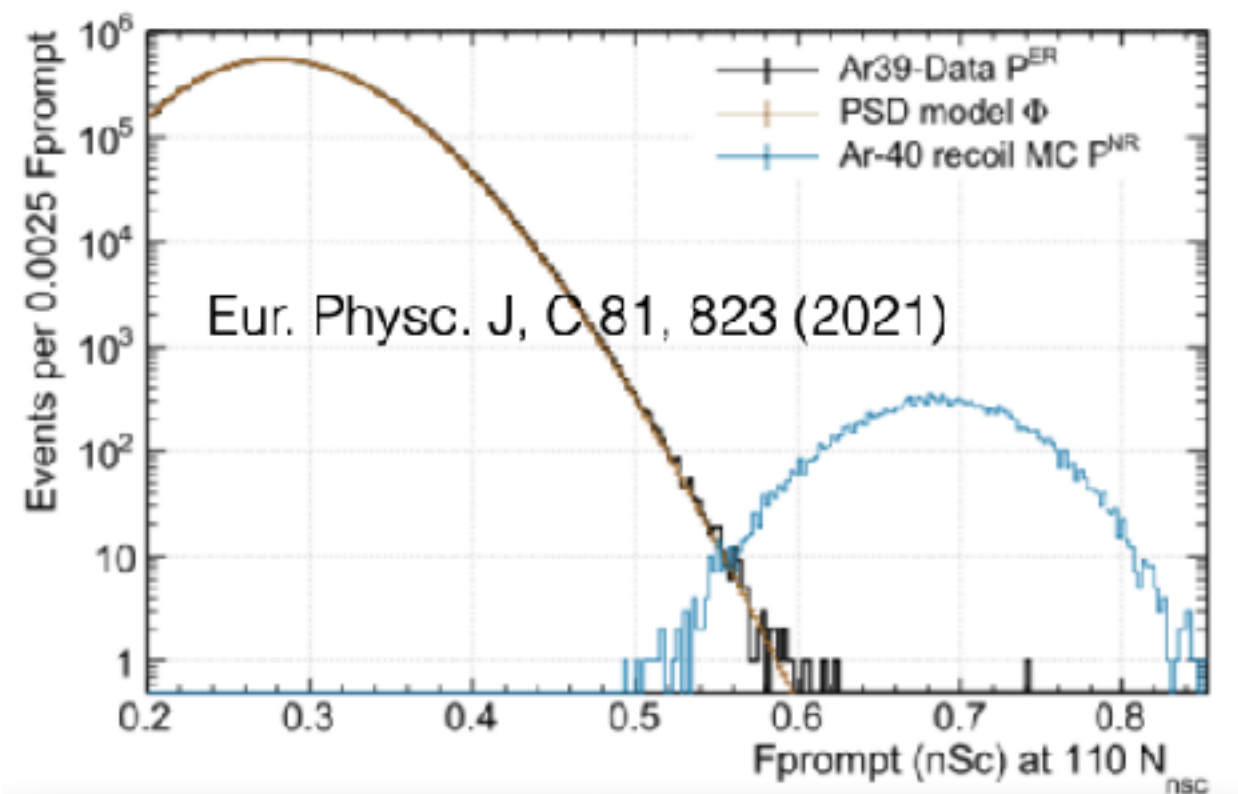


S1-S2 relative
size gives
event-type
discrimination

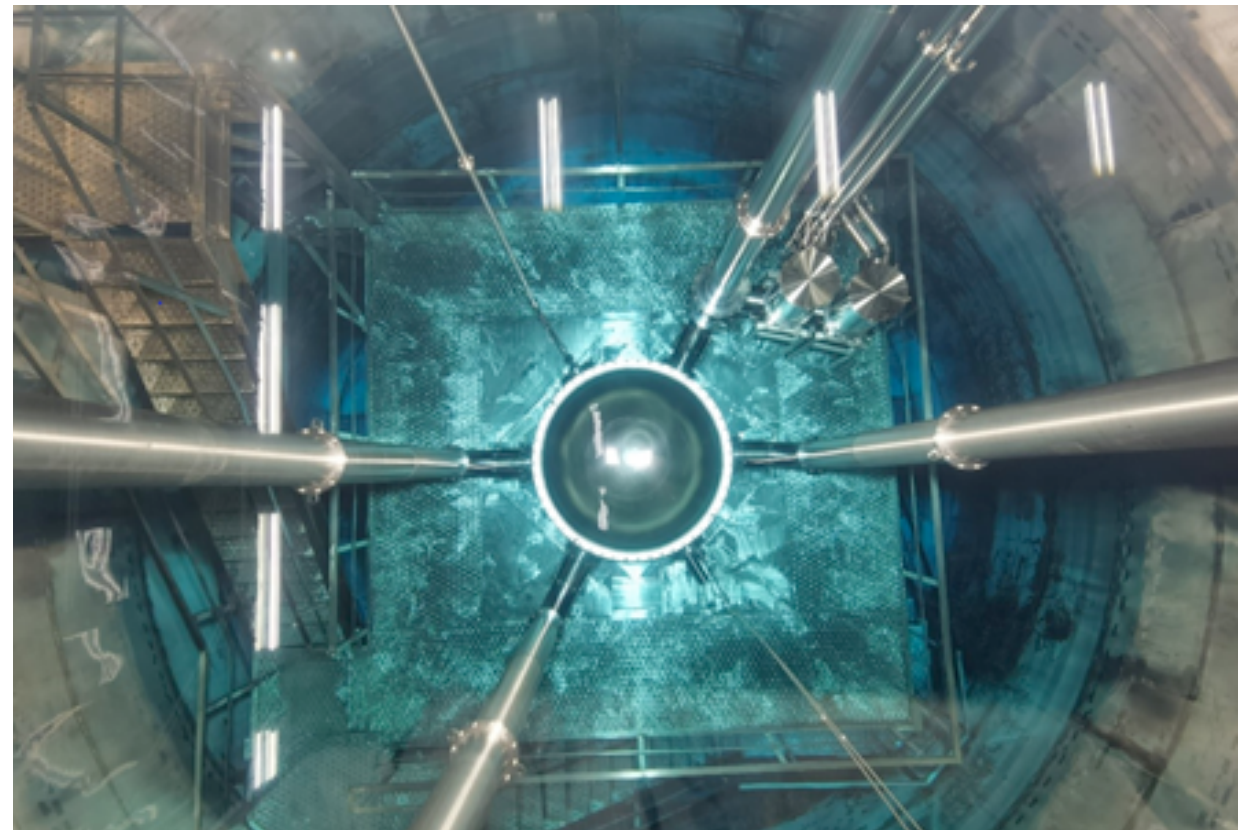


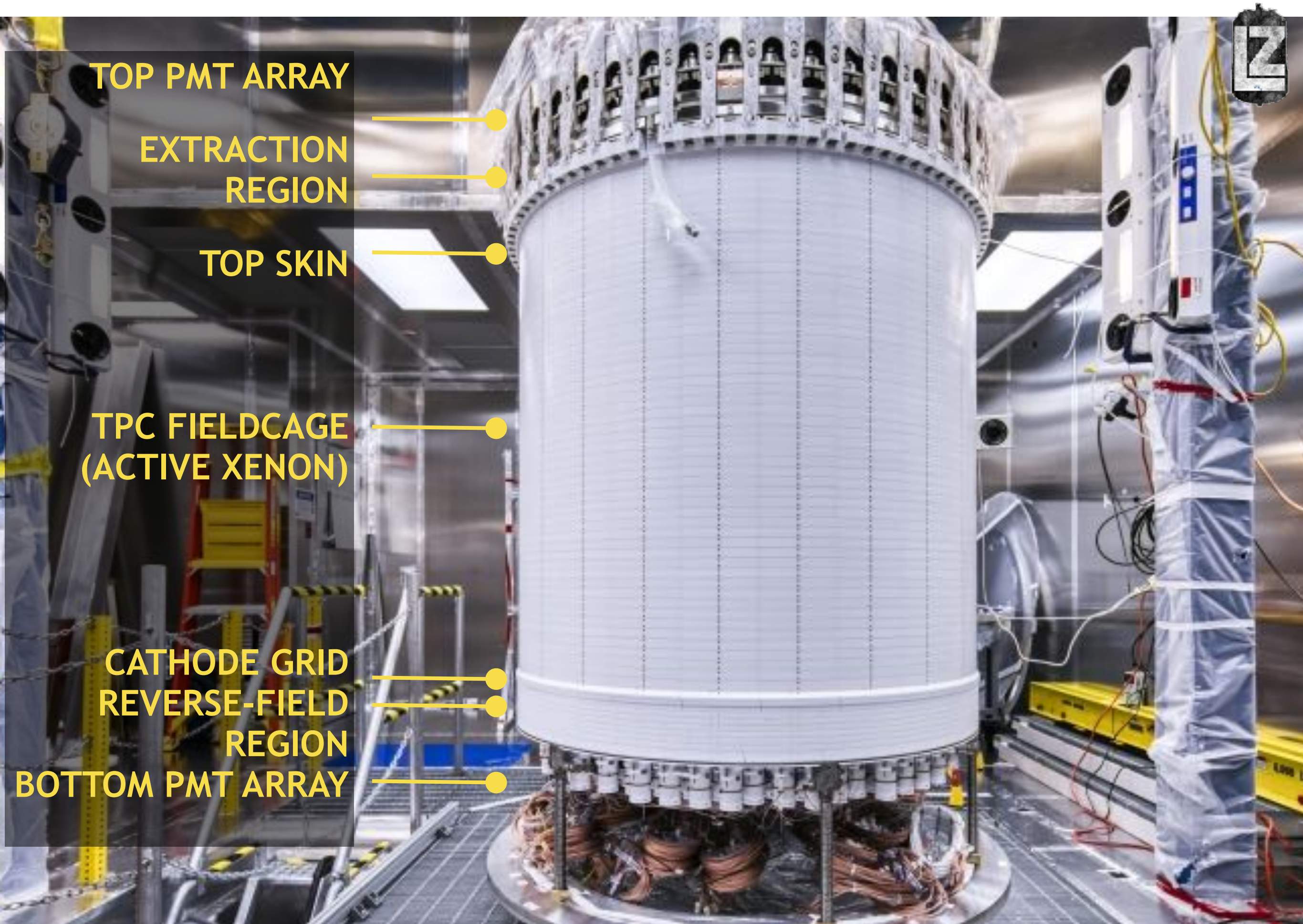
LAr Single Phase

- Exquisite pulse shape discrimination (PSD)
ER from NR using timing of light
- 3D reconstruction possible, easier as you go bigger



Liquid Xenon Detectors (LZ, XENONnT, PandaX)





TOP PMT ARRAY

EXTRACTION
REGION

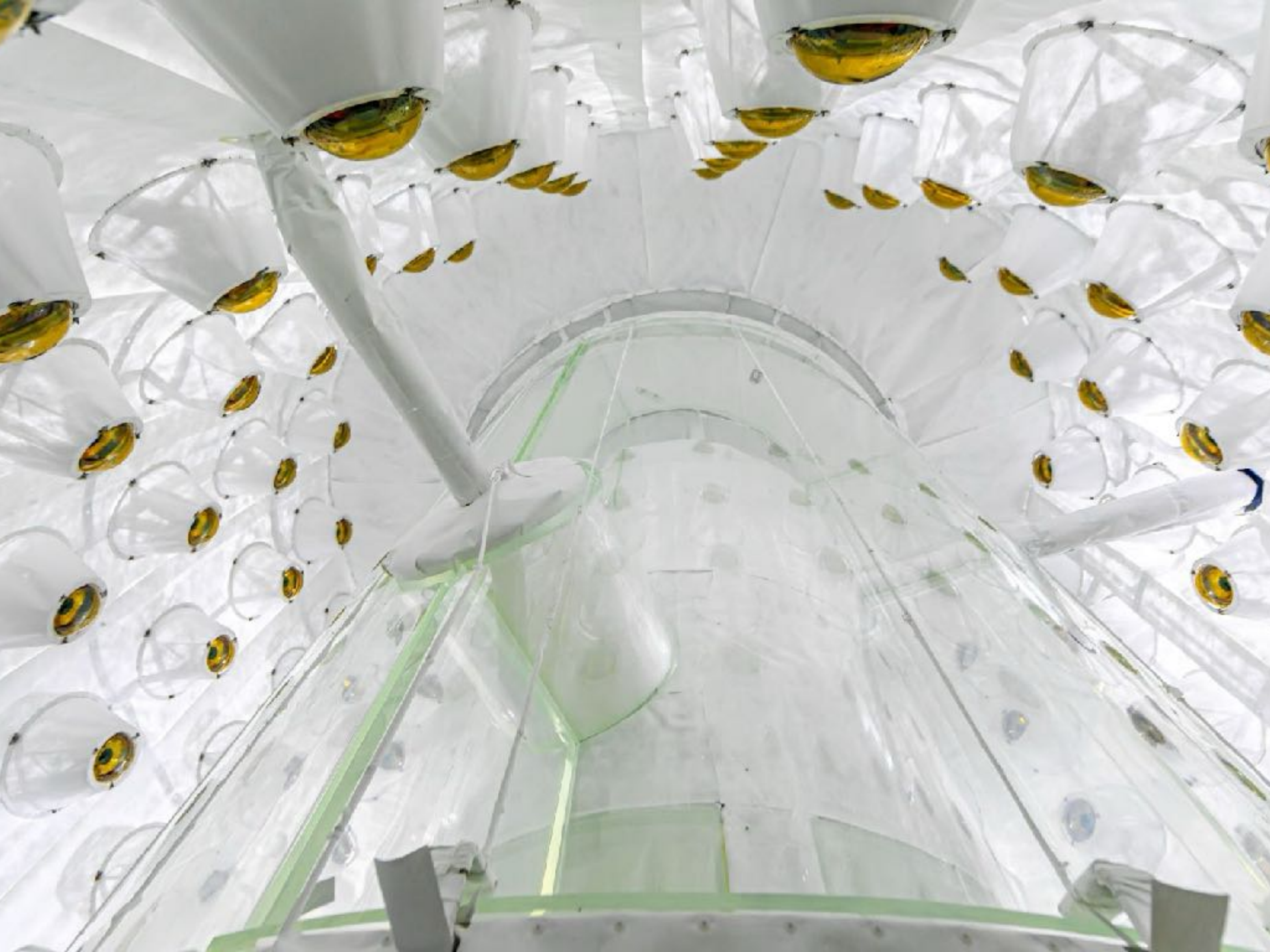
TOP SKIN

TPC FIELD CAGE
(ACTIVE XENON)

CATHODE GRID
REVERSE-FIELD
REGION

BOTTOM PMT ARRAY

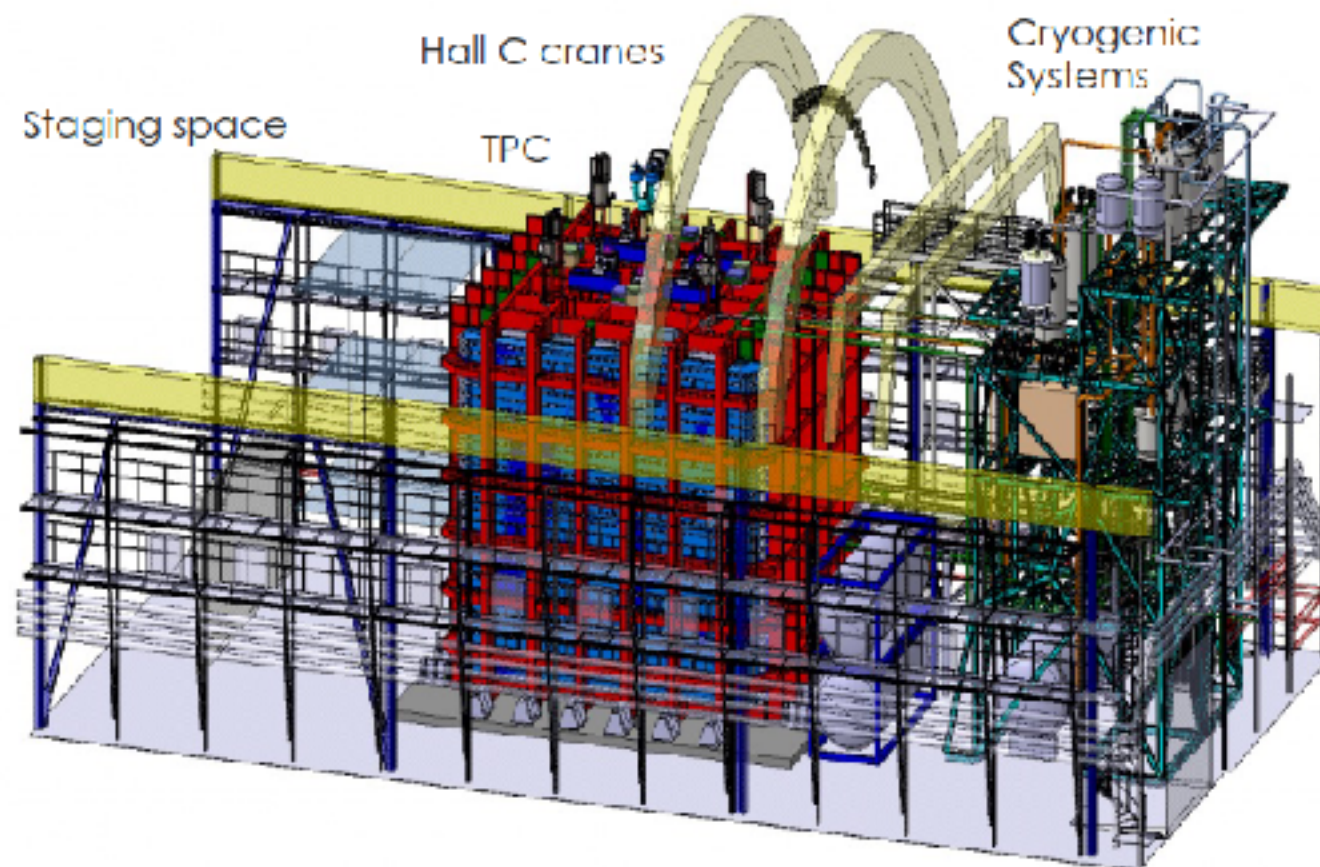




LAr Detectors

- DEAP-3600 upgrade nearly complete - goal to understand rare neck and dust backgrounds
- DarkSide-20k detector at LNGS under construction
 - 20 tonnes underground argon fiducial, ~700t total Ar
- Installation happening now!

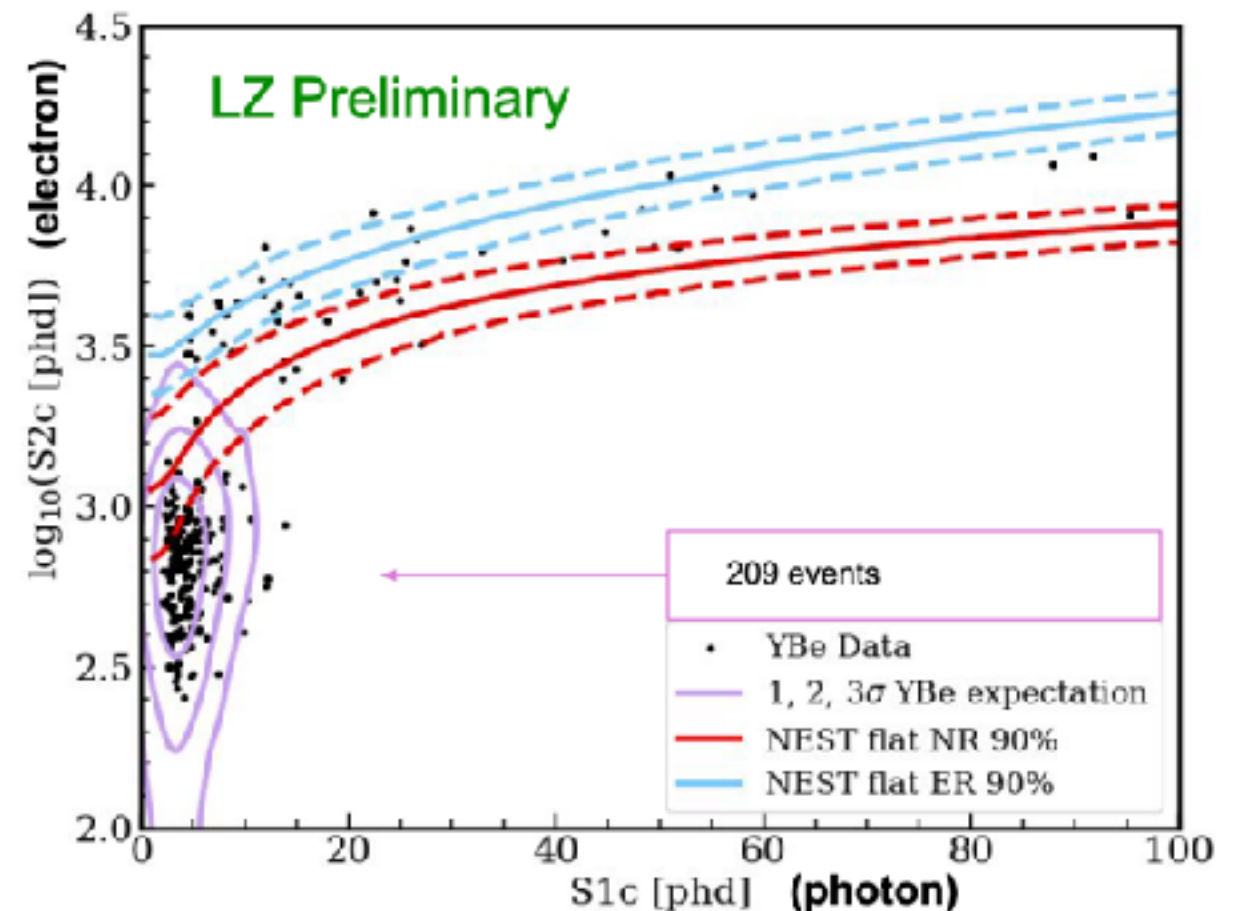
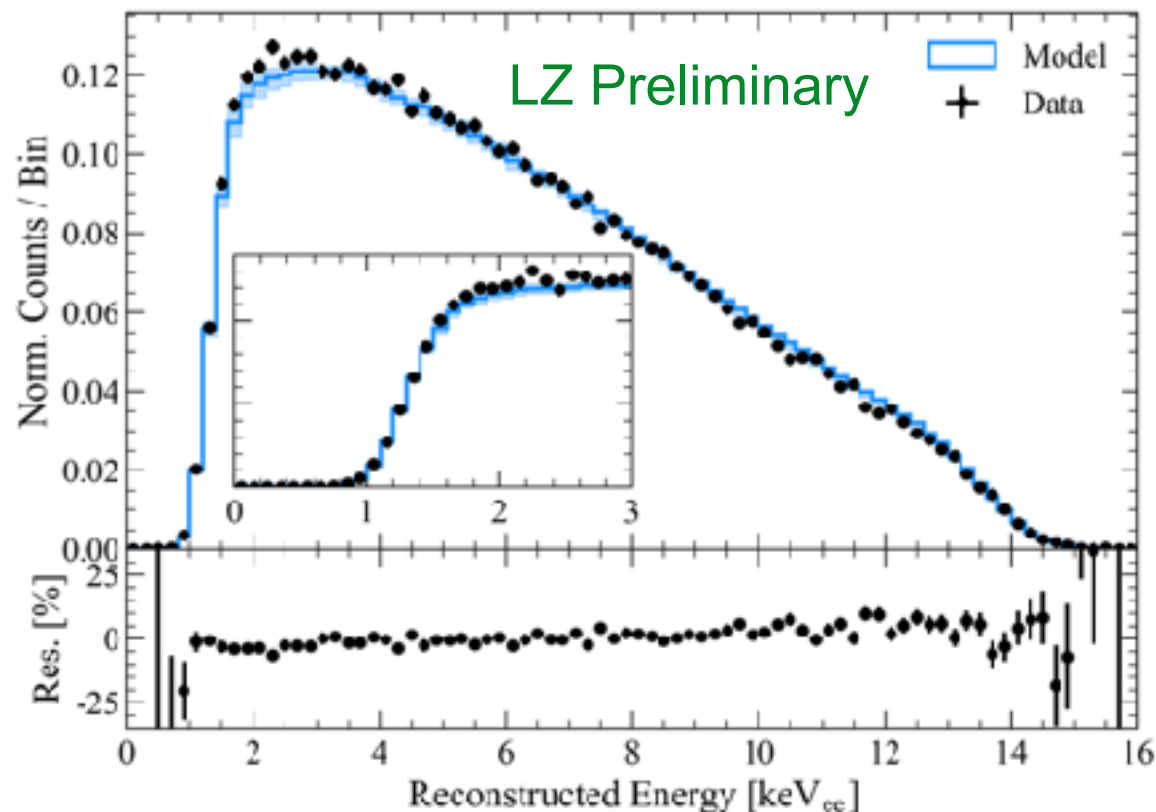
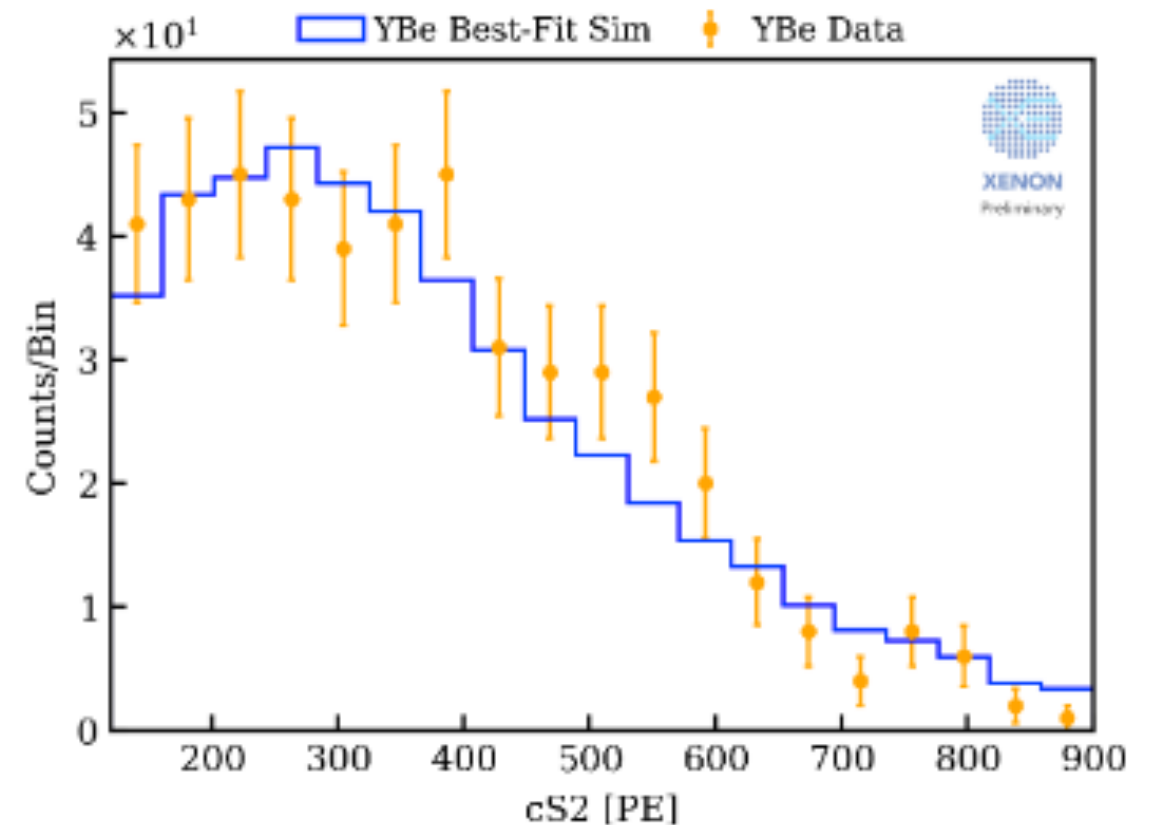
Installation in Hall C LNGS Underground Laboratory



Later today: D. Huff - DM Searches with LAr in DEAP-3600 and DarkSide-20k

Some recent developments

- Calibration is key - e.g.:
 - LZ - High stats of ER (background) distribution using dispersed tritium (CH_3T) - $\sim 160\text{k}$ events!
 - LZ and XENON have now used YBe to calibrate low energy NR
- Allows for precise modeling in final analysis, enables discovery



Some recent developments

Many rare event searches, e.g. (not complete):

- $\sim$ Planck scale DM from [DEAP](#), [XENON](#), [LZ](#)
- EFT and inelastic searches from [PICO](#), [XENON](#), [LZ](#), [DEAP](#)
- Electron recoil searches in [XENON](#), [LZ](#), [PandaX](#)
- Low mass results from [DarkSide](#)
- Lots of models in [PandaX](#)
- E.g. Tomorrow night: A. Garai - DEAP-3600 and charged-current 8B measurements in liquid argon

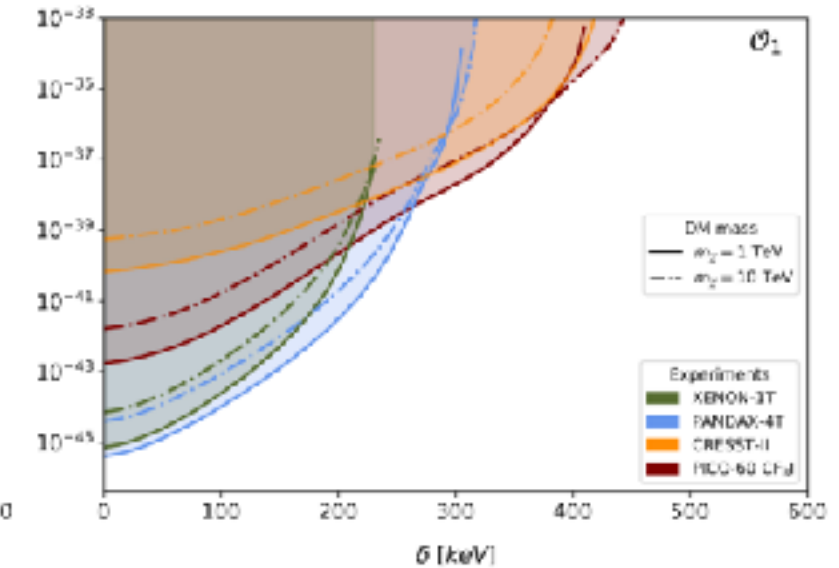
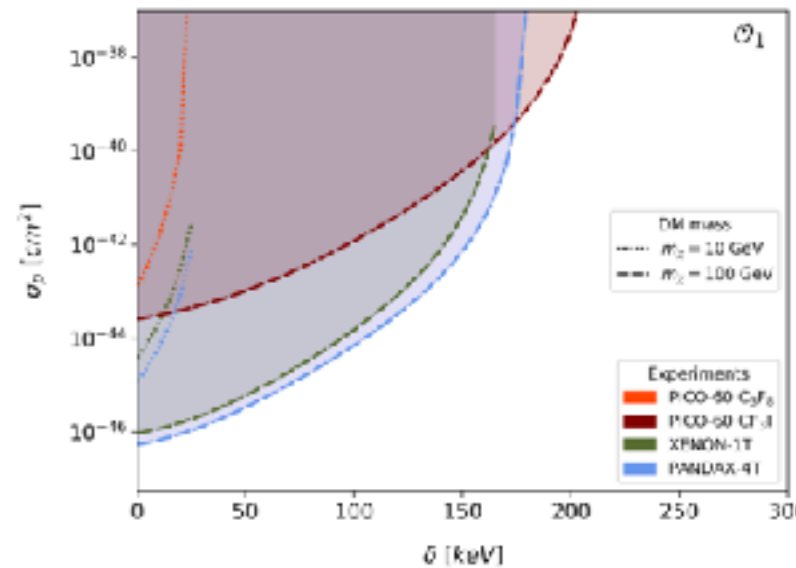
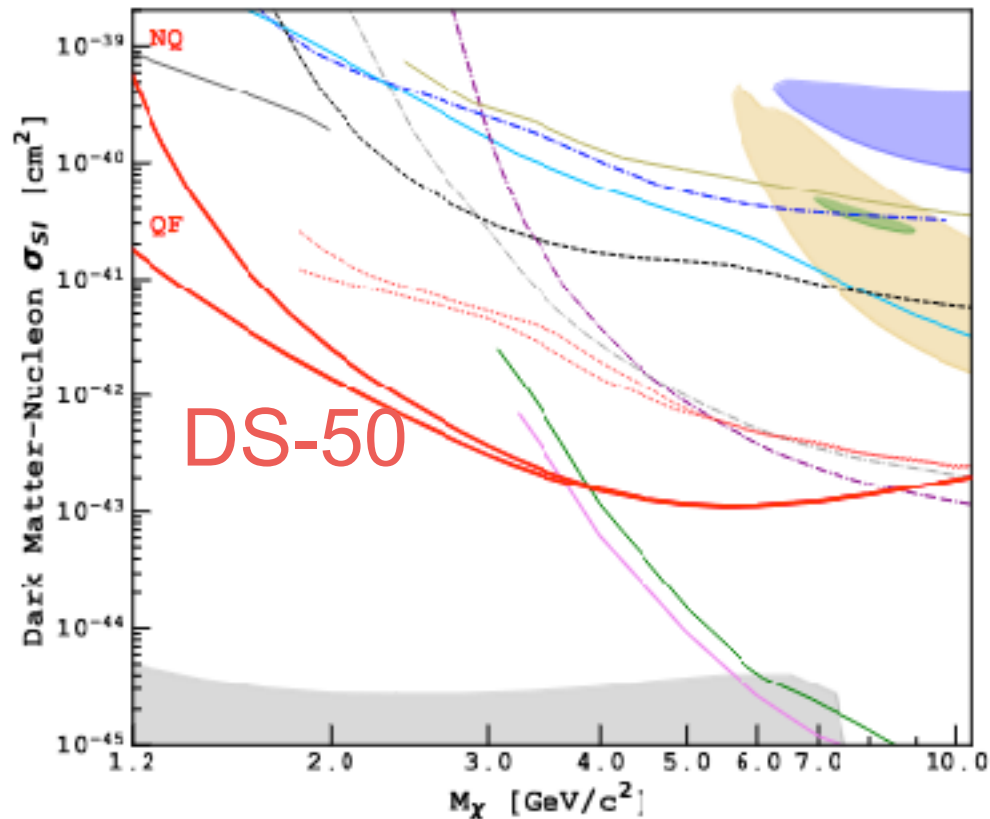
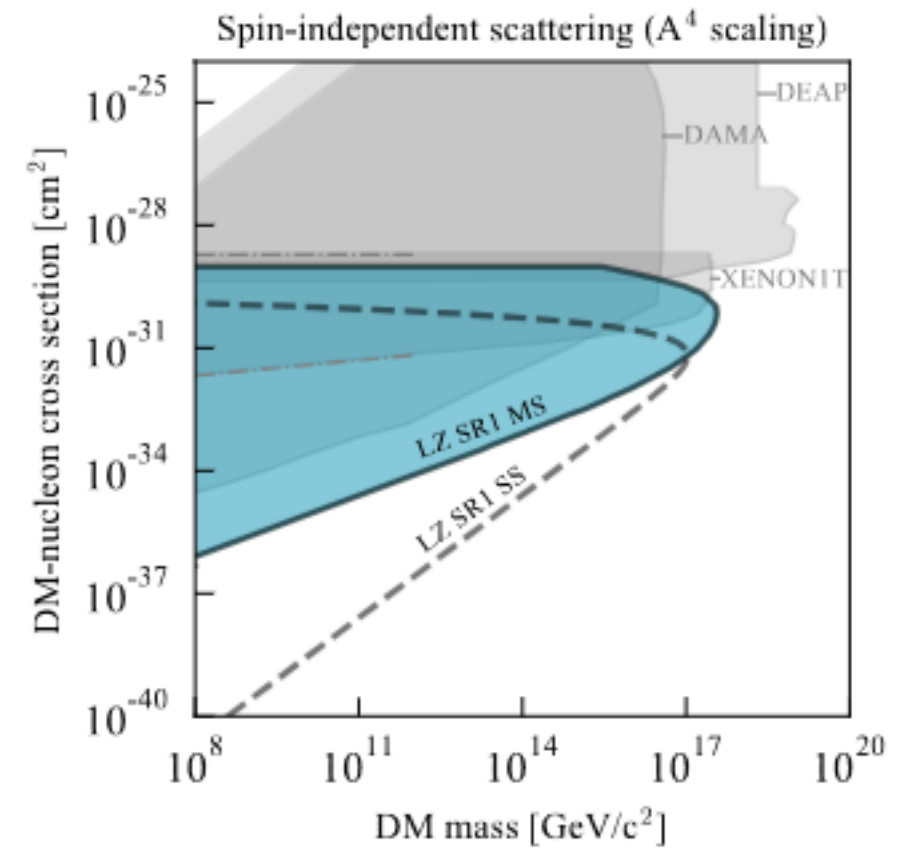
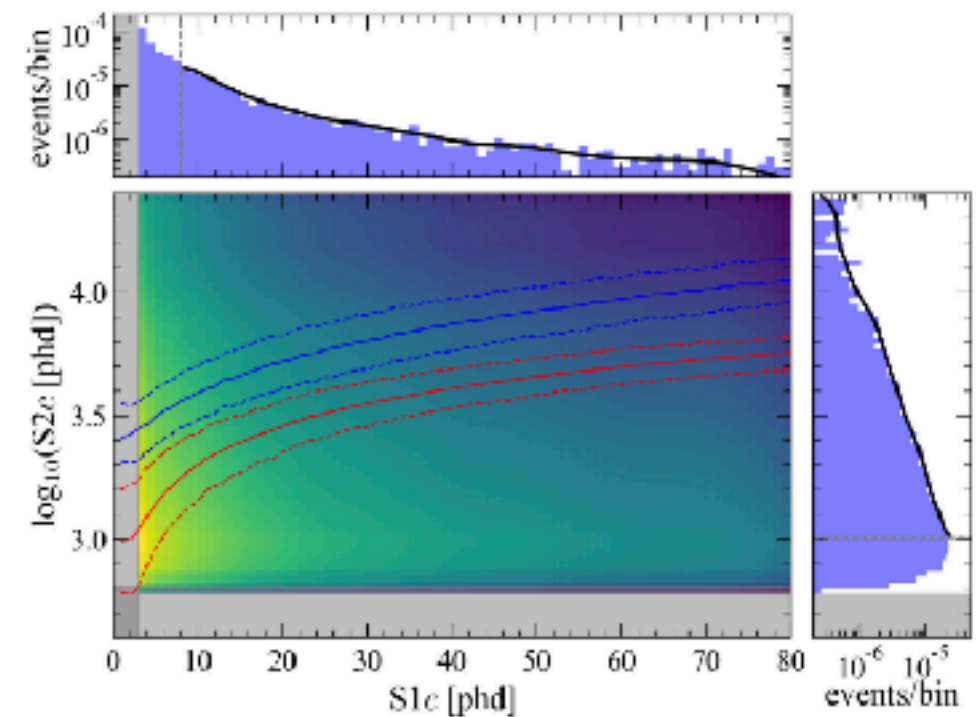
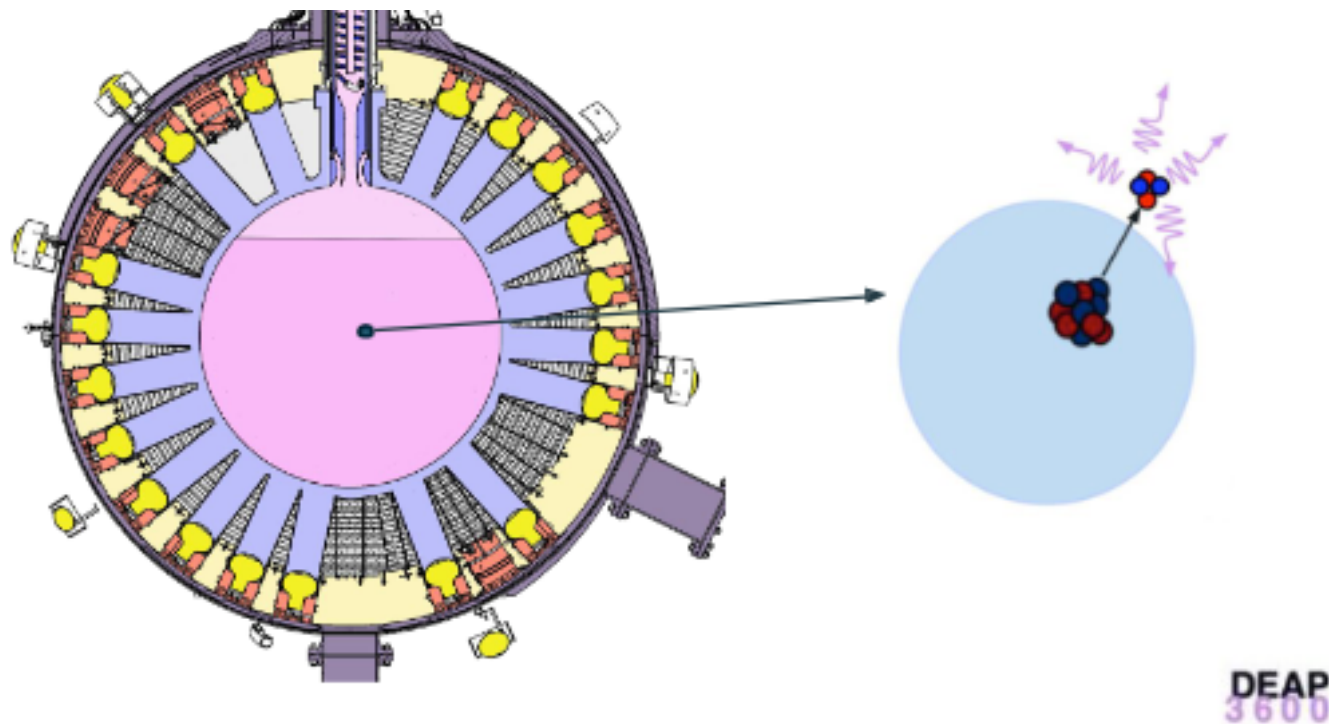
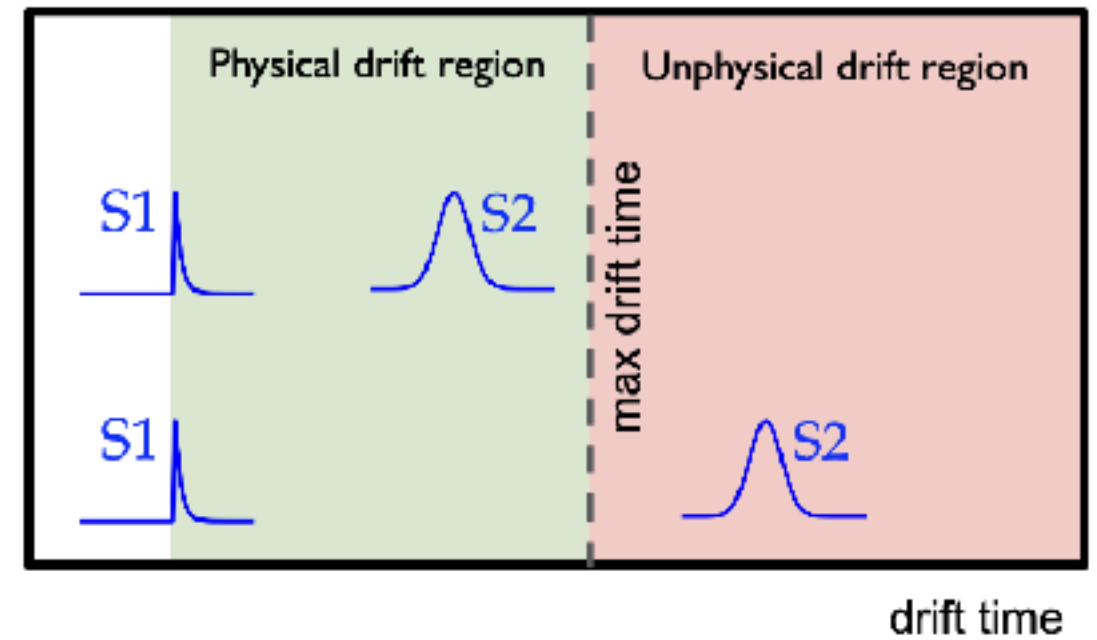


FIG. 1: Upper limits (90% C. L.) on DM-nucleon scattering cross sections as a function of the mass splitting for the effective operator $\mathcal{O}_1$ and DM masses of 10 GeV/c^2 and 100 GeV/c^2 (left), and 1 TeV/c^2 and 10 TeV/c^2 (right), from the analysis of the PICO-60 CF_3I and C_3F_8 experiments. Limits from XENON-1T [12], PANDAX-4T [11], and CRESST-II [16] are also shown.

Progress is hard!

- Each detector must grapple with a new set of backgrounds e.g.
 - Accidentals in LXe-TPCs
 - Dust and geometry in DEAP-3600
 - Neutrinos...?



But we're into the fog!

- XENONnT and PandaX reported “Indications of Solar ^8B neutrinos” last year

PandaX, PRL 133, 191001
2.64 sigma

XENONnT, PRL 133, 191002
2.73 sigma

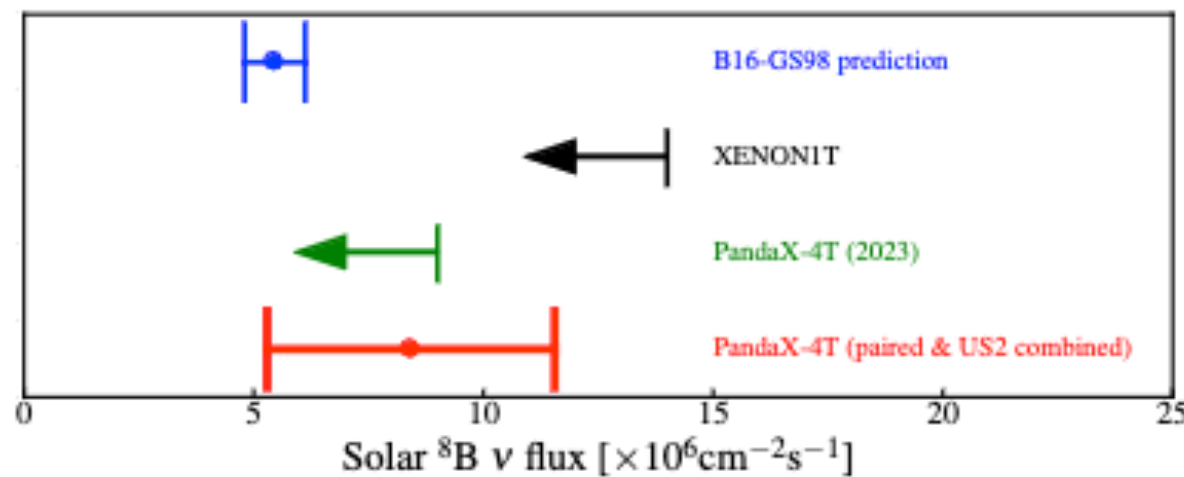


FIG. 6. The best-fit ^8B solar neutrino flux and 1σ uncertainty from this work (red), together with 90% C.L. regions of the PandaX-4T previous constraint [33] (green), XENON1T constraint [31] (black), and 1σ of the theoretical prediction from the standard solar model [45] (blue).

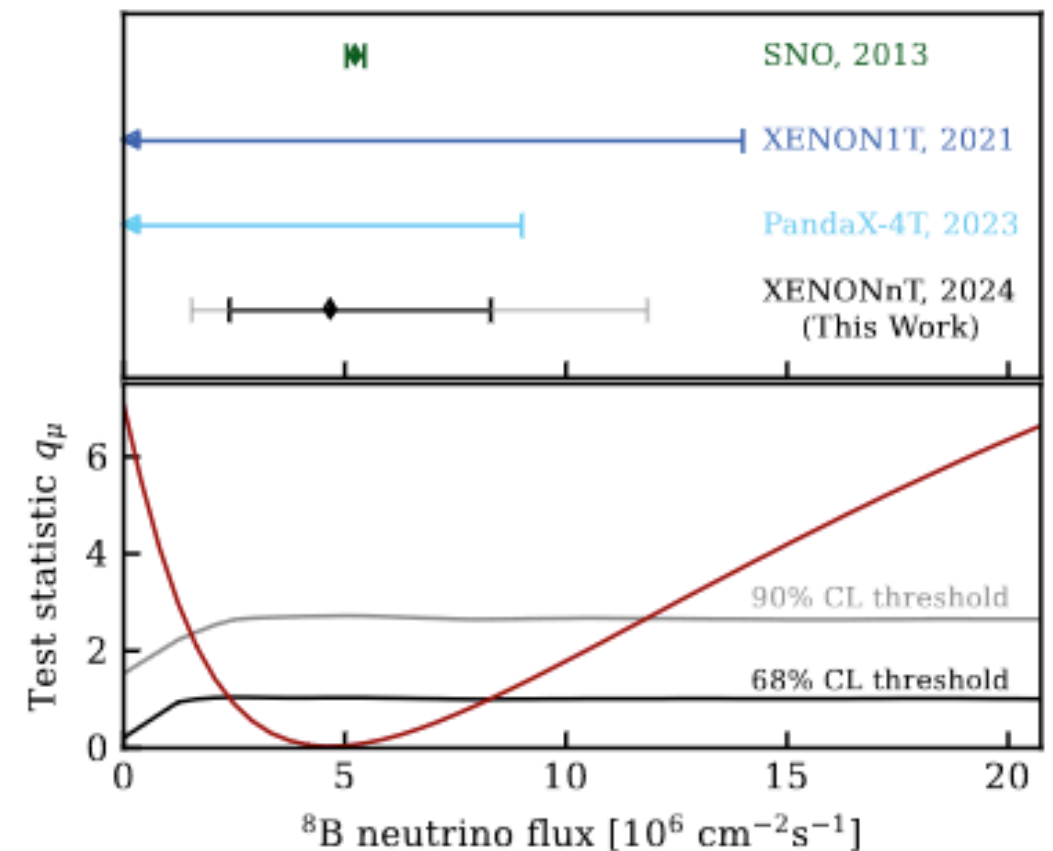
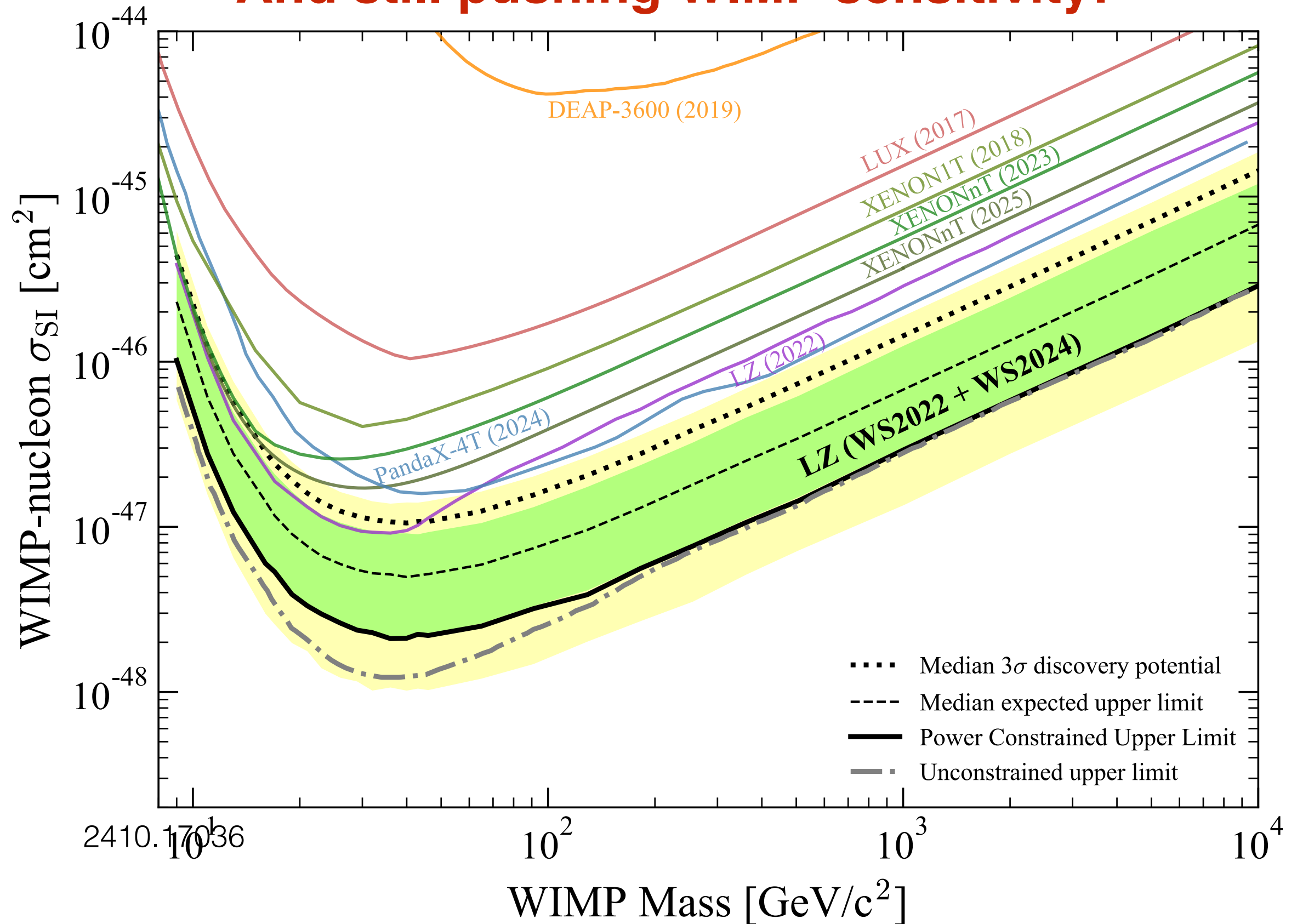


FIG. 3. Constraints on solar ^8B neutrino flux. Top: the 68% (90%) measurement of solar ^8B neutrino flux from this work is shown in black (gray). The 68% CL measurement from SNO [22], and 90% CL upper limits from XENON1T [6] and PandaX-4T [7] are also shown. Bottom: the solid red line shows the profile likelihood ratio test statistics q_μ as a function of solar ^8B neutrino flux. The constraints are derived with Feldman-Cousins construction at 68% (90%) CL, indicated by the black (gray) curve.

Tomorrow night: D.Wenz - The first measurement of CEvNS of solar ^8B neutrinos in the XENONnT experiment

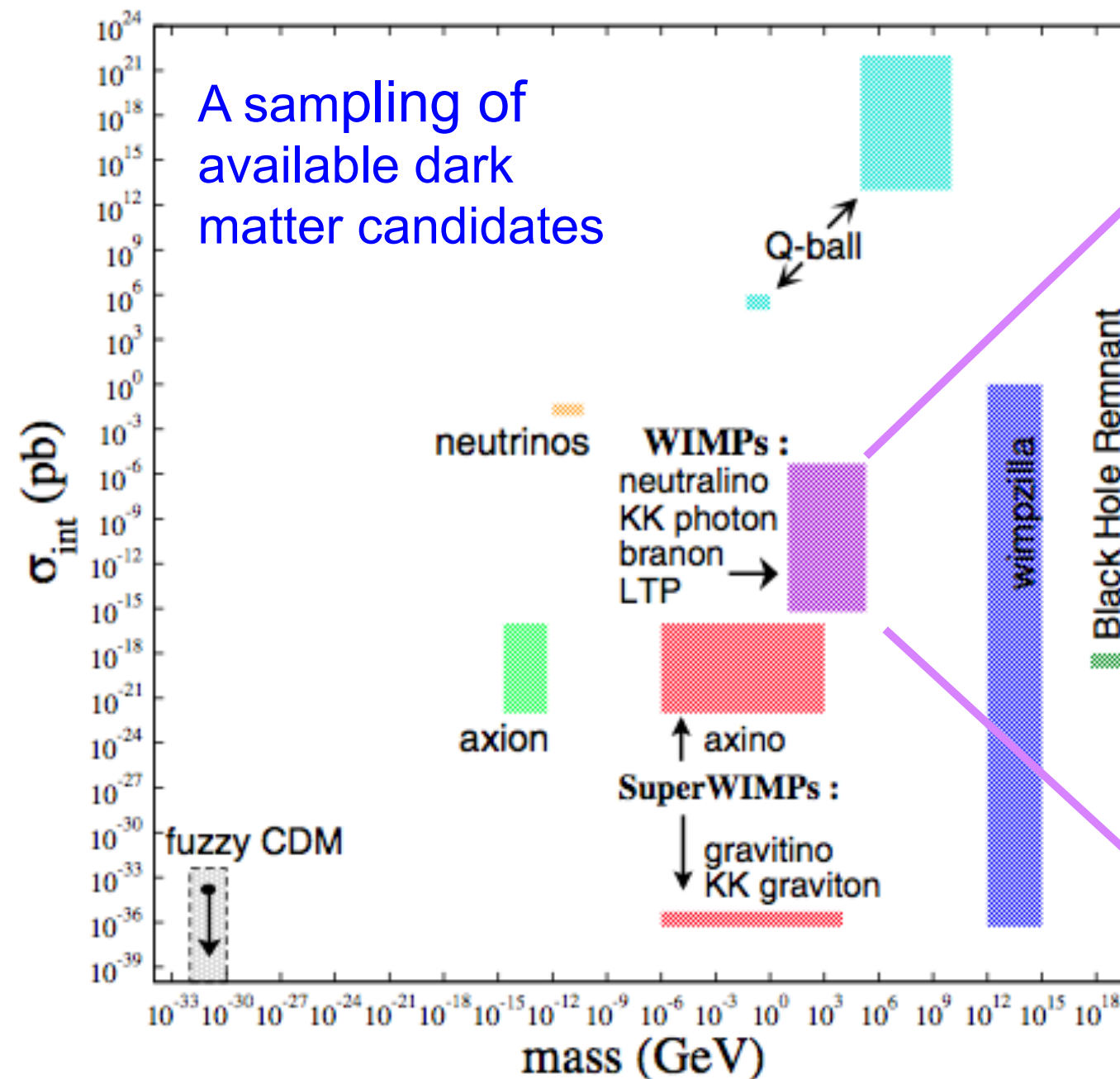
And still pushing WIMP sensitivity!



Later today: C.Amarasinghe - Results and status of the LZ experiment

Dark Matter

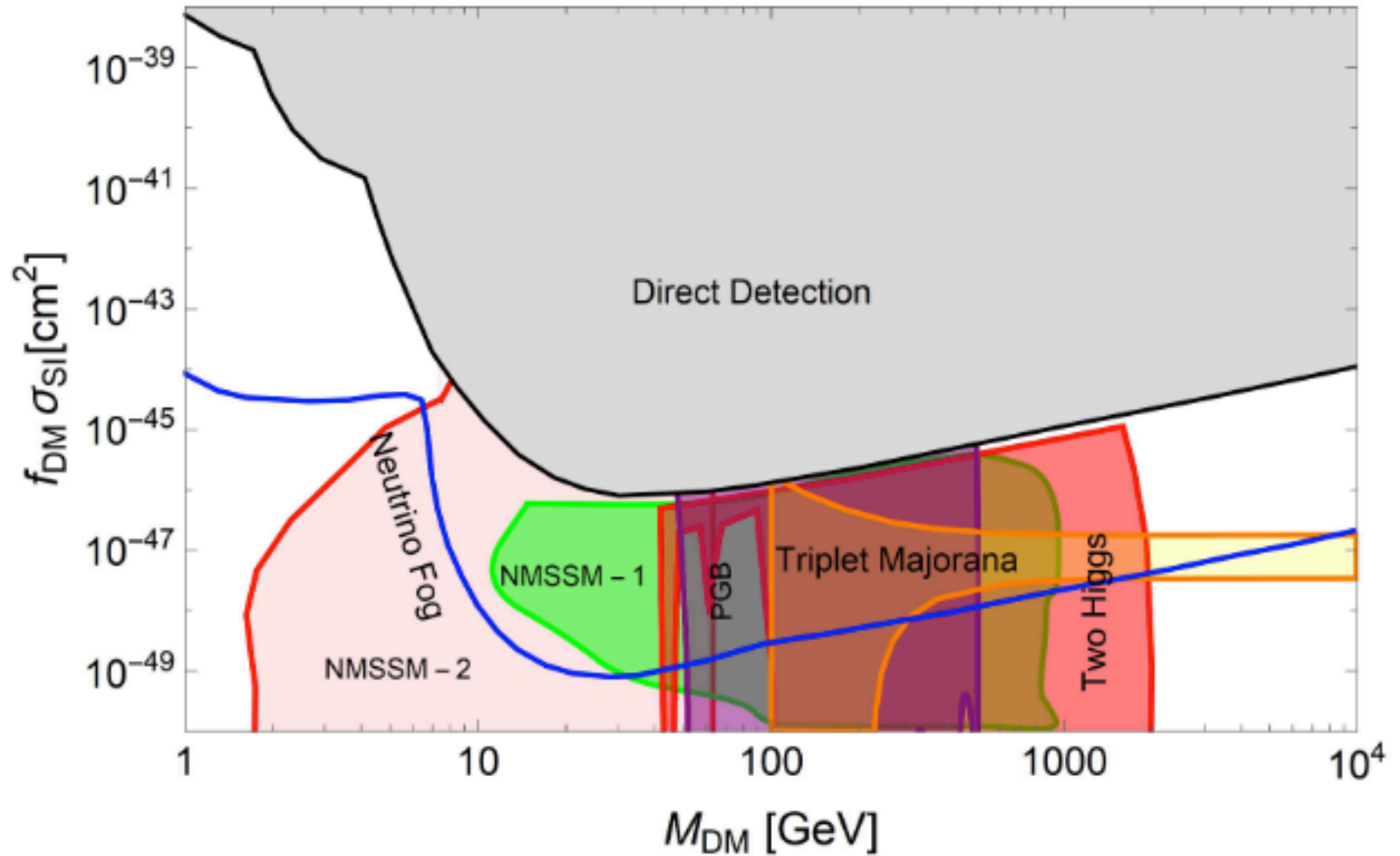
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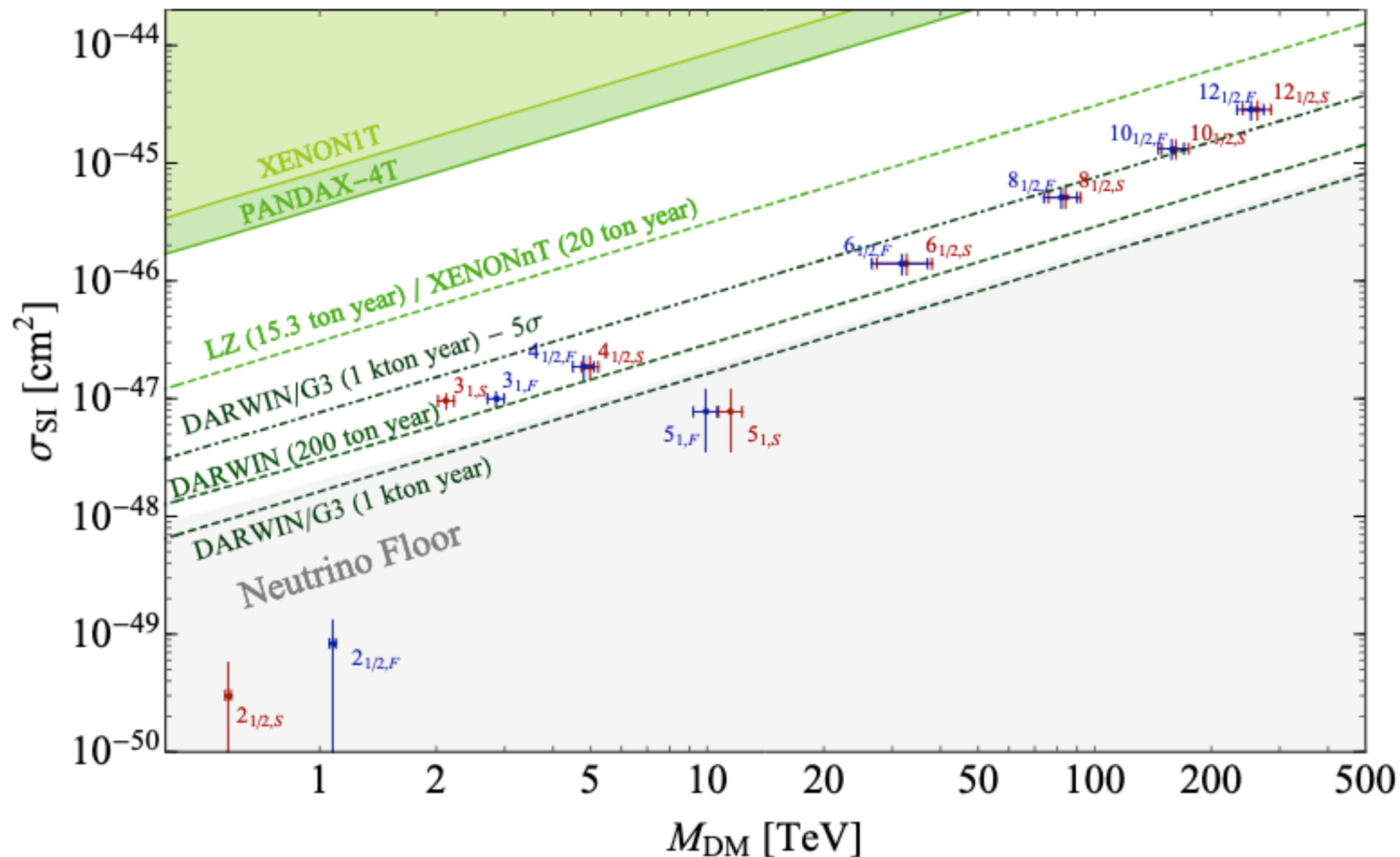
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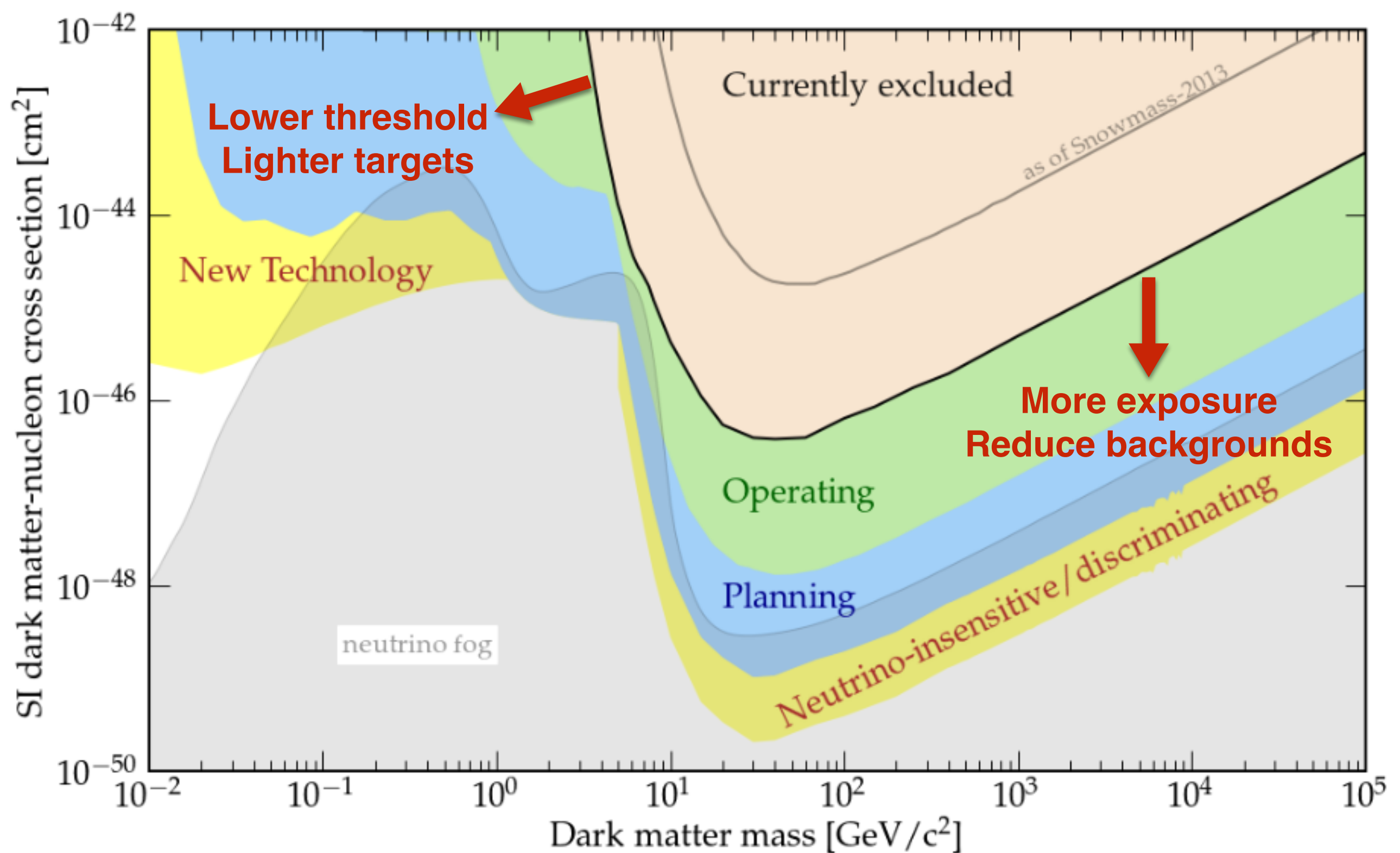
What are we looking for?



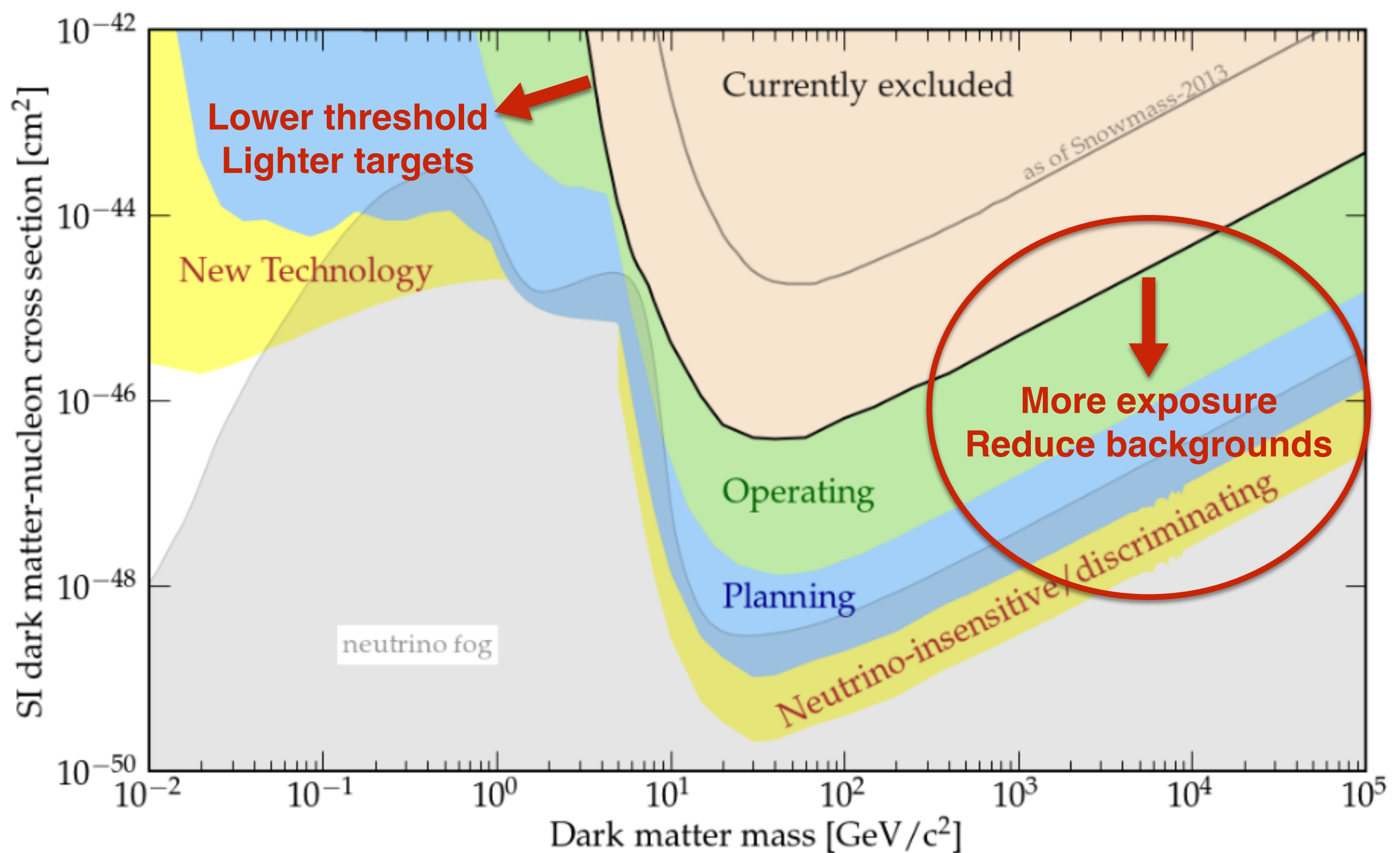
What are we looking for?



From Bottaro et al, 2205.04486 - Electroweak WIMP candidates -
tree-level Higgs process vanishes -> small cross sections



- Limited at low mass by detector threshold
- Limited at high mass by density
- Eventually limited by neutrinos



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XLZD Collaboration

Leading Xenon Researchers unite to build next-generation Dark Matter Detector

SURF is distributing this press release on behalf of the DARWIN and LZ collaborations

July 20, 2021



DARWIN/XENON + LUX ZEPLIN Summer Meeting 2022



Dark Matter

- Dark photons
- Axion-like particles
- Planck mass

WIMPs

- Spin-independent
- Spin-dependent
- Sub-GeV

Big Bang

- Neutrinoless double beta decay
- Double electron capture

Cosmic Rays

- Atmospheric neutrinos

Sun

- Solar pp neutrinos
- Solar Boron-8 neutrinos

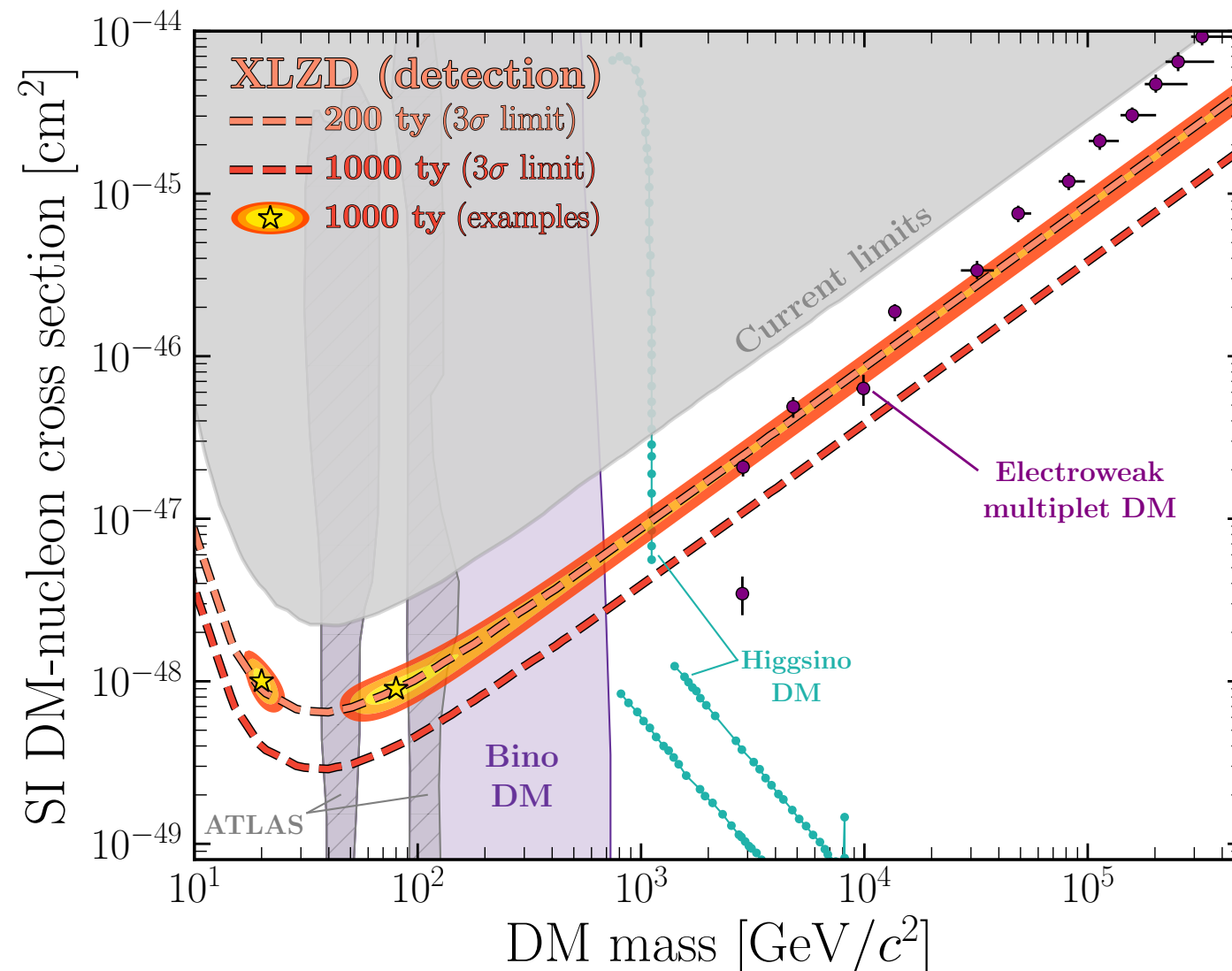
Supernova

- Supernova neutrinos
- Multi-messenger

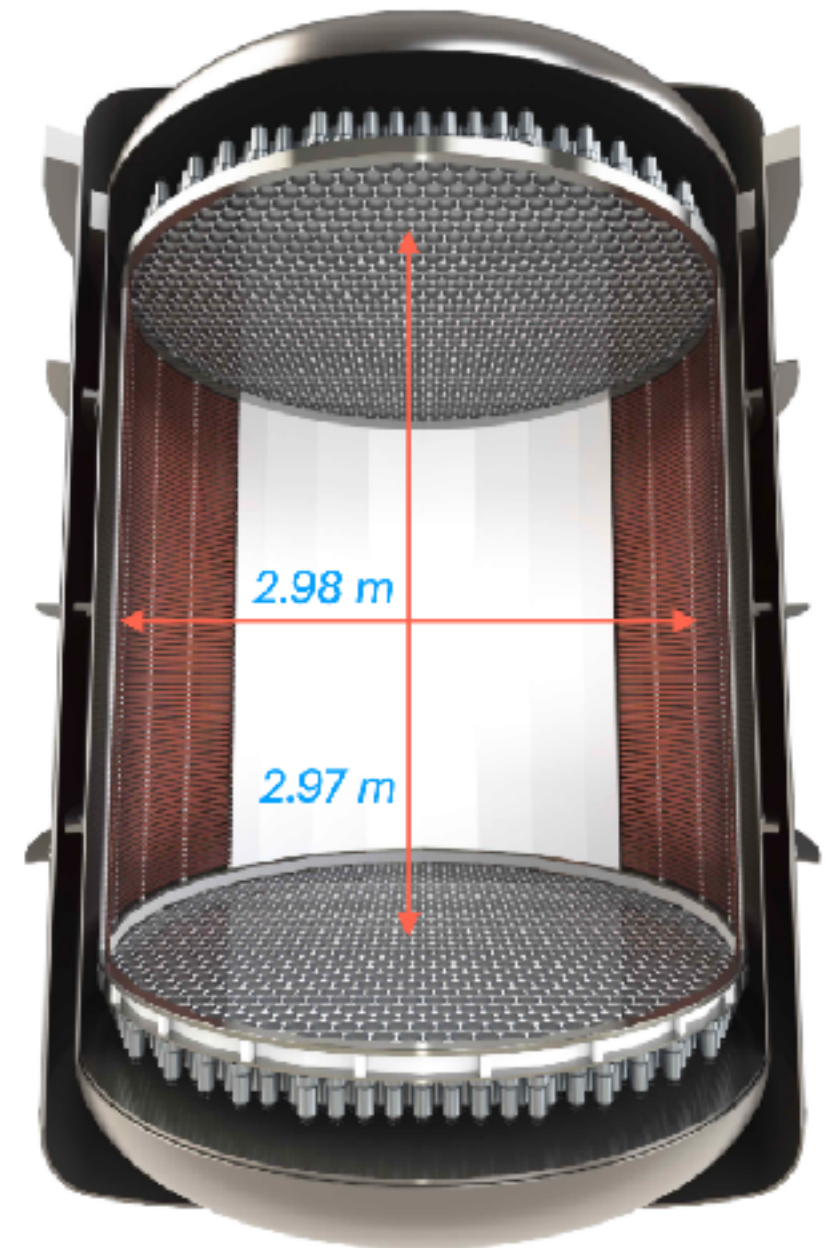


XLZD Collaboration

- 60-80 tonne LXe-TPC, 3 m x 3 m (x2 scale up from LZ/XnT)
- Neutron and muon vetoes
- Site - several options (LNGS, Boulby, SURF, SNOLAB)
- Physics case: 2203.02309
- Design book: 2410.17137

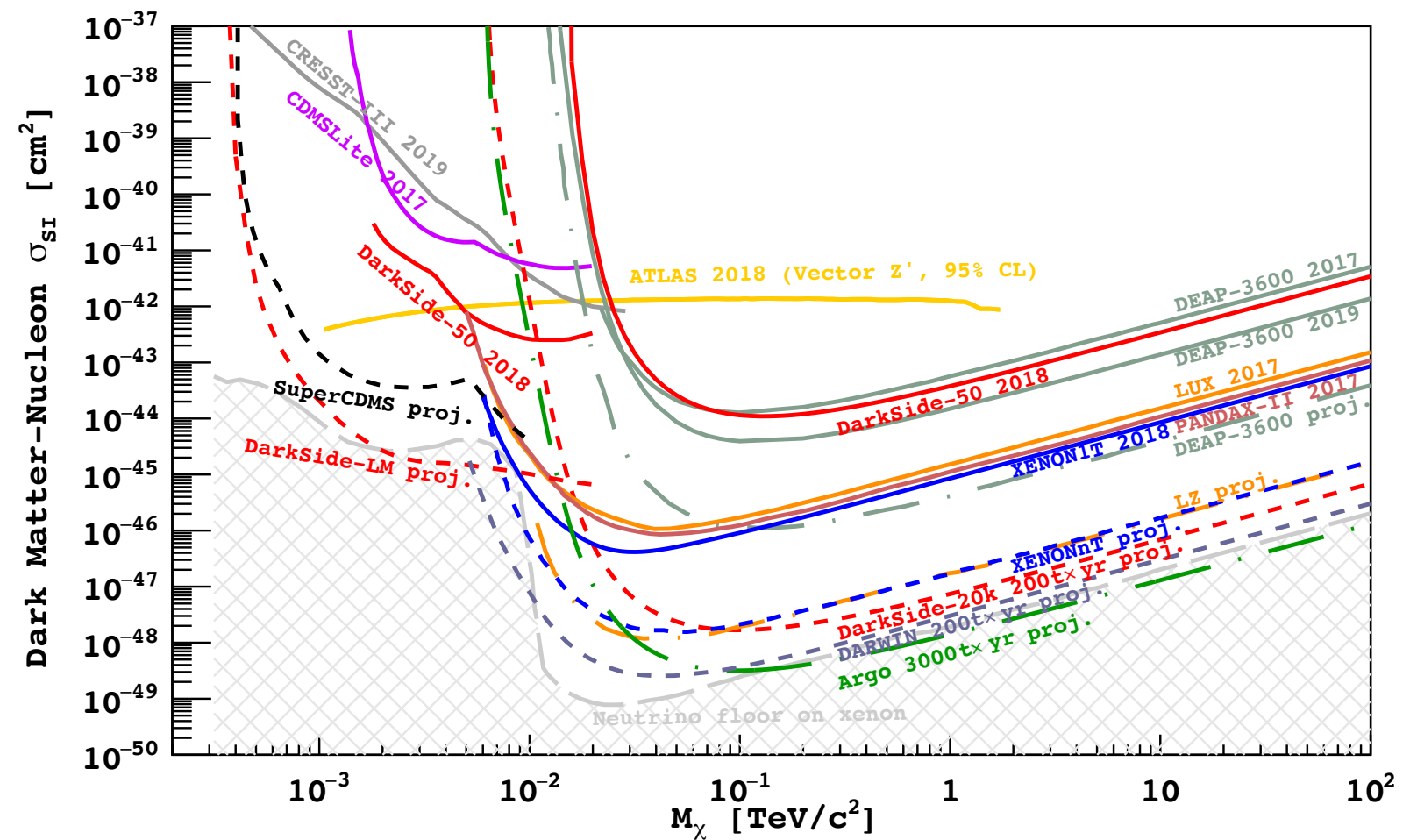
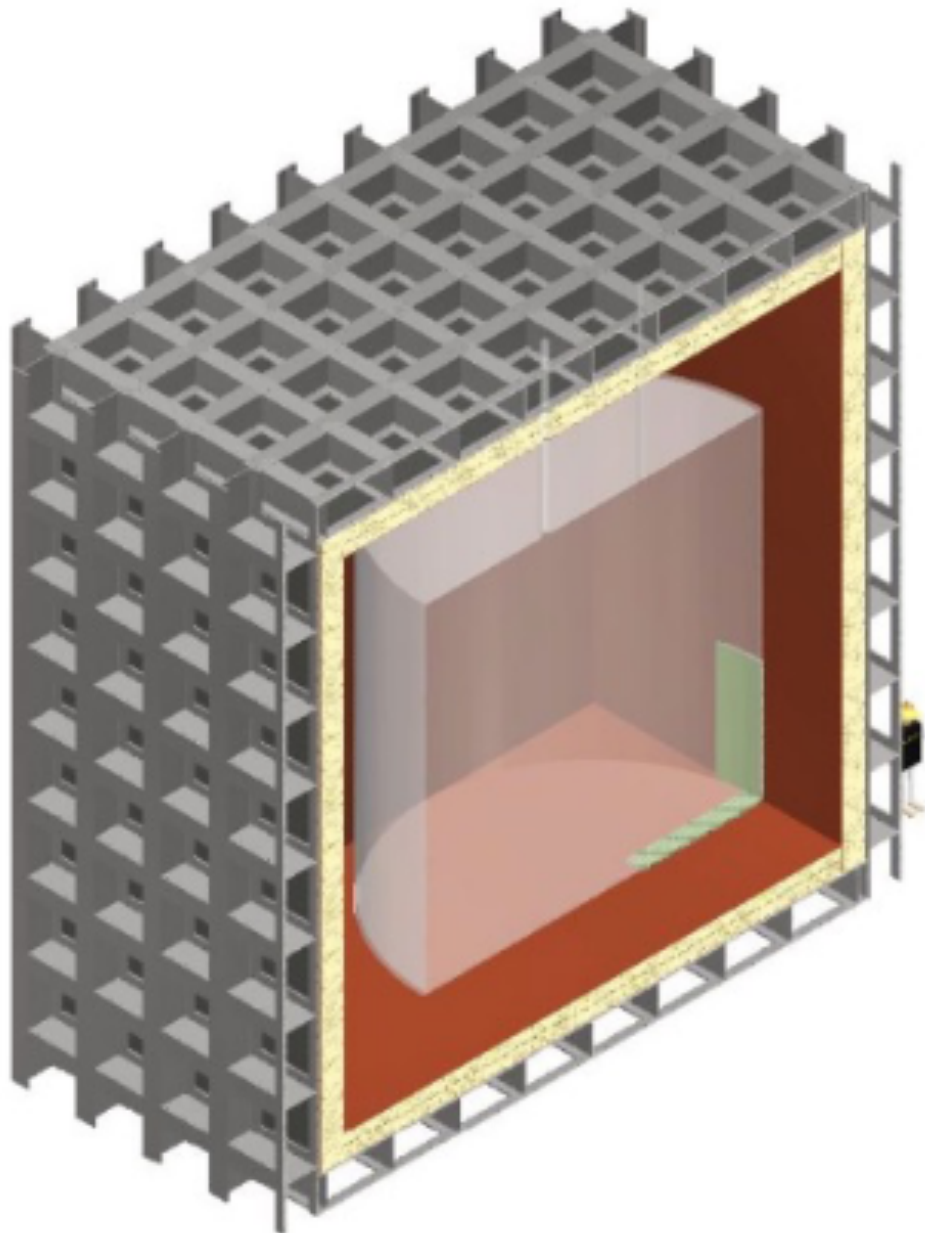


XLZD TPC



ARGO

- ▶ ArDM, DS-50, DEAP-3600, and MiniCLEAN jointly formed the Global Argon Dark Matter Collaboration (GADMC)
- ▶ A 300-tonnes fiducial argon detector filled with underground argon
- ▶ 3000 tonne×year exposure to reach into the neutrino fog



Dark Matter 25 years ago

2001 Snowmass report - single 3 page section on dark matter and relic particles

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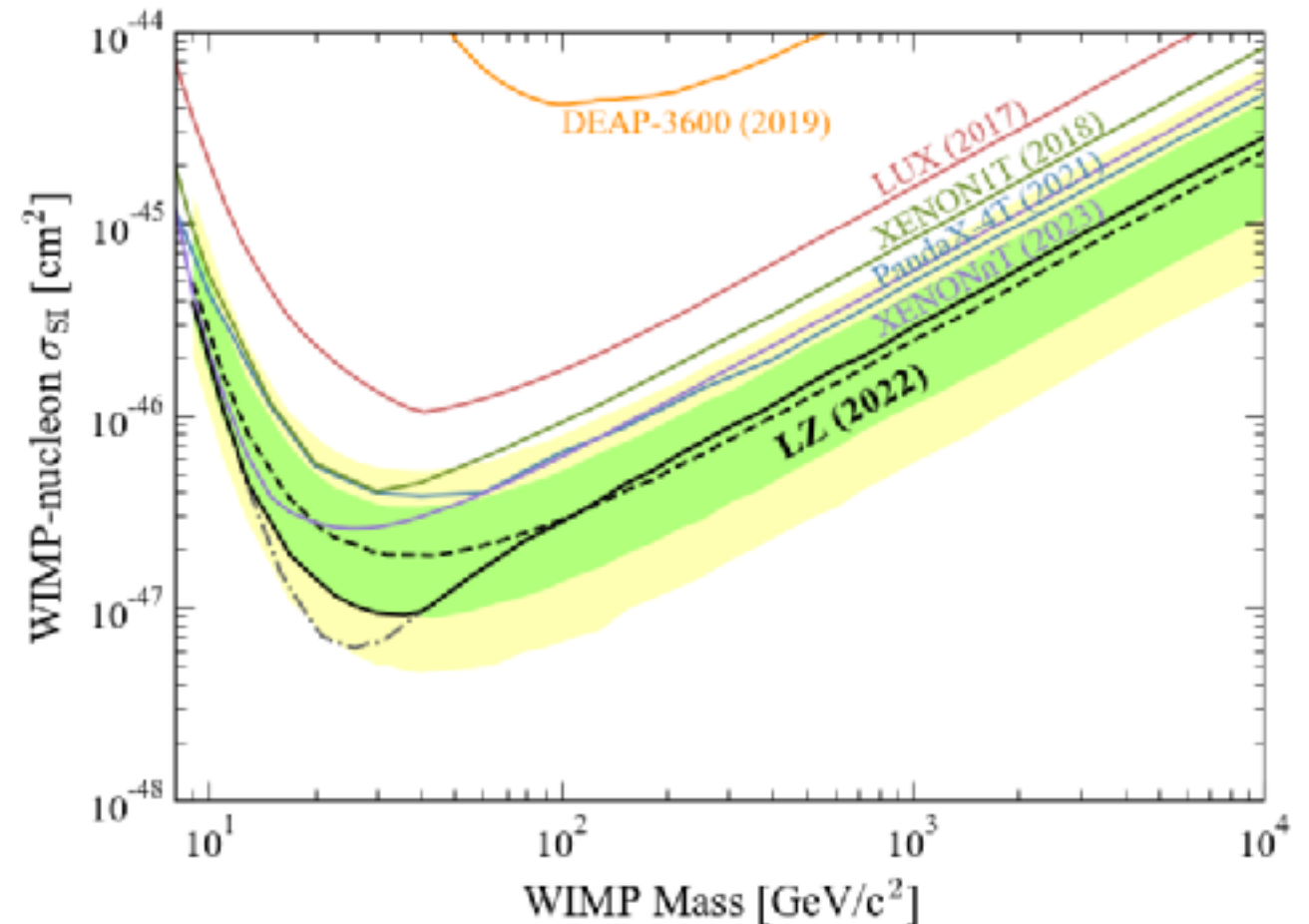
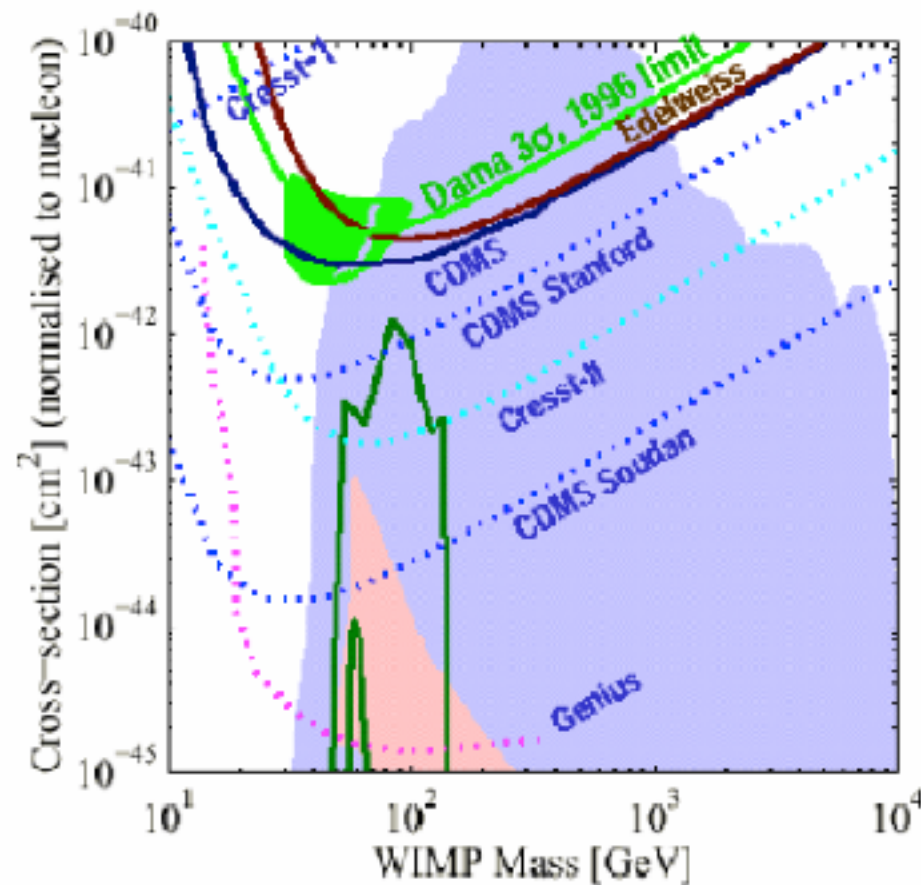
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“Current searches are already exploring the parameter space of supersymmetric WIMPs [10-1000 GeV], with prospects for a factor of a hundred improvement in the coming years.”

WIMPs

- CDMS PRL 84: 5699, (2000)
- Best limit at $3 \times 10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2$

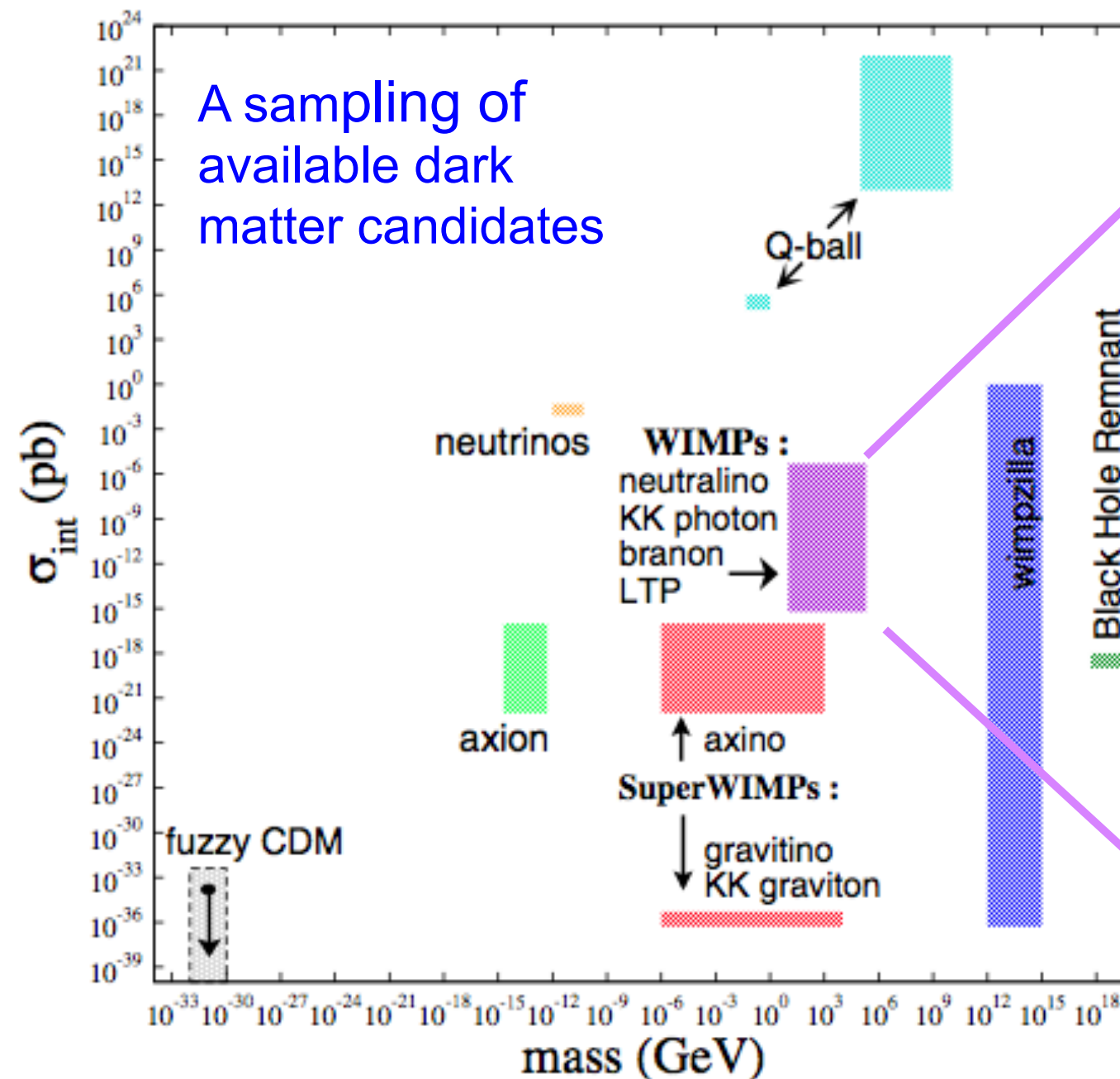
- LZ, 2410.17036 (2024)
- Best limit at $2.2 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$



- Factor of $> 1,000,000$ improvement in < 25 years! Doubling every 1.2 years!
- Much faster than Moore's Law! A triumph of experimental physics!
- No WIMPs :(

Dark Matter

Particle Physics

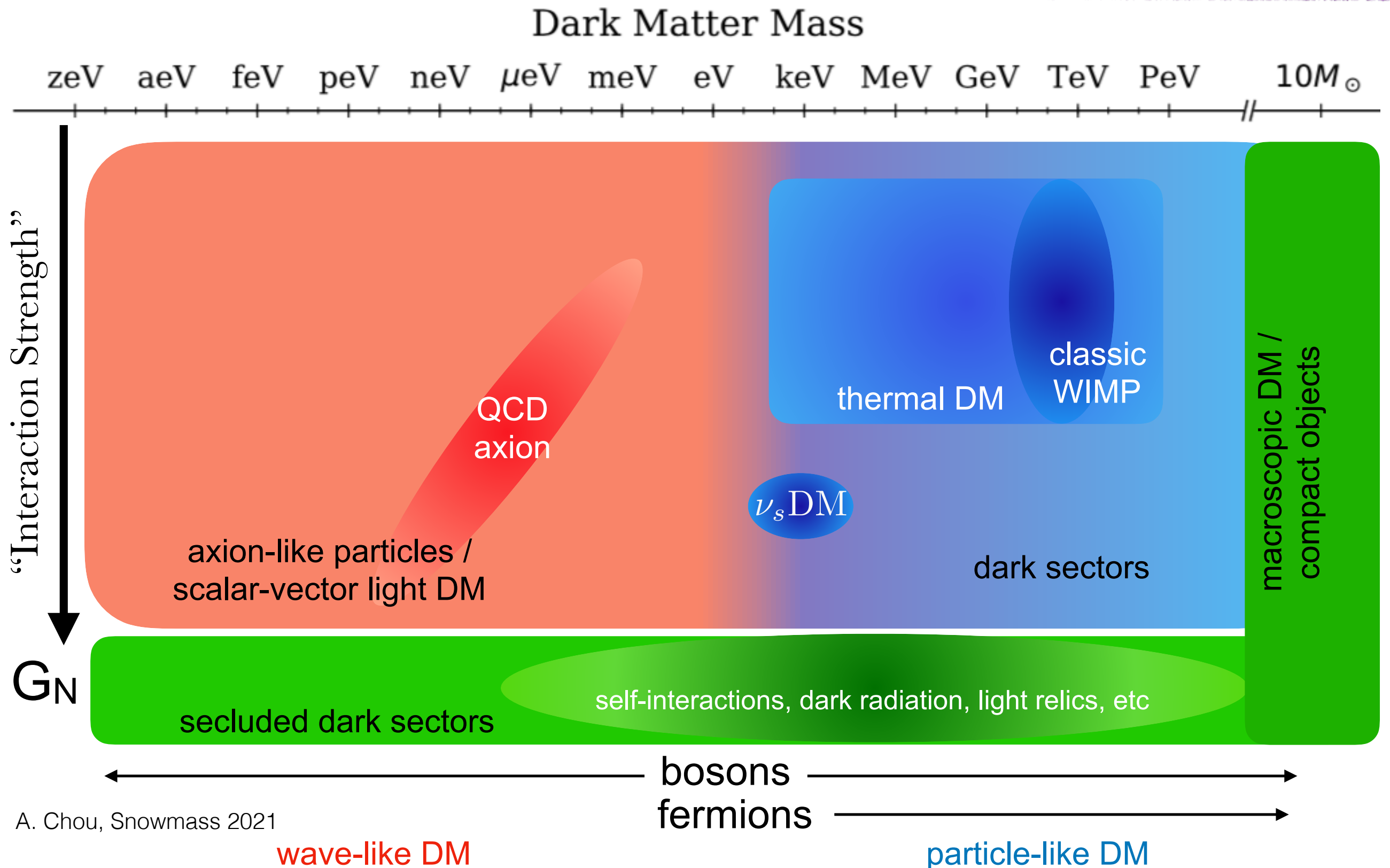


It's
probably
WIMPs,
right?

(I'm serious)

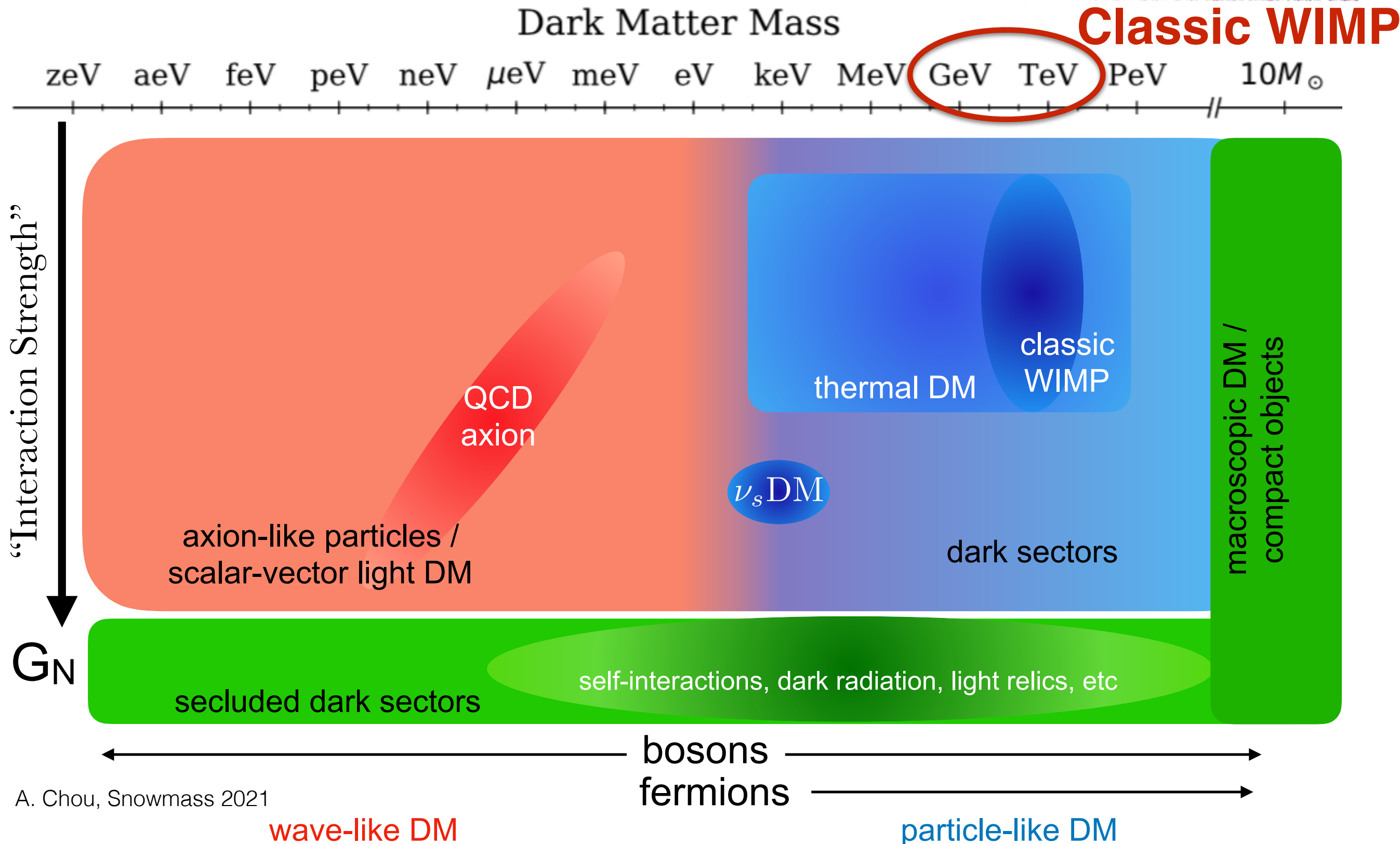
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Dark Matter today



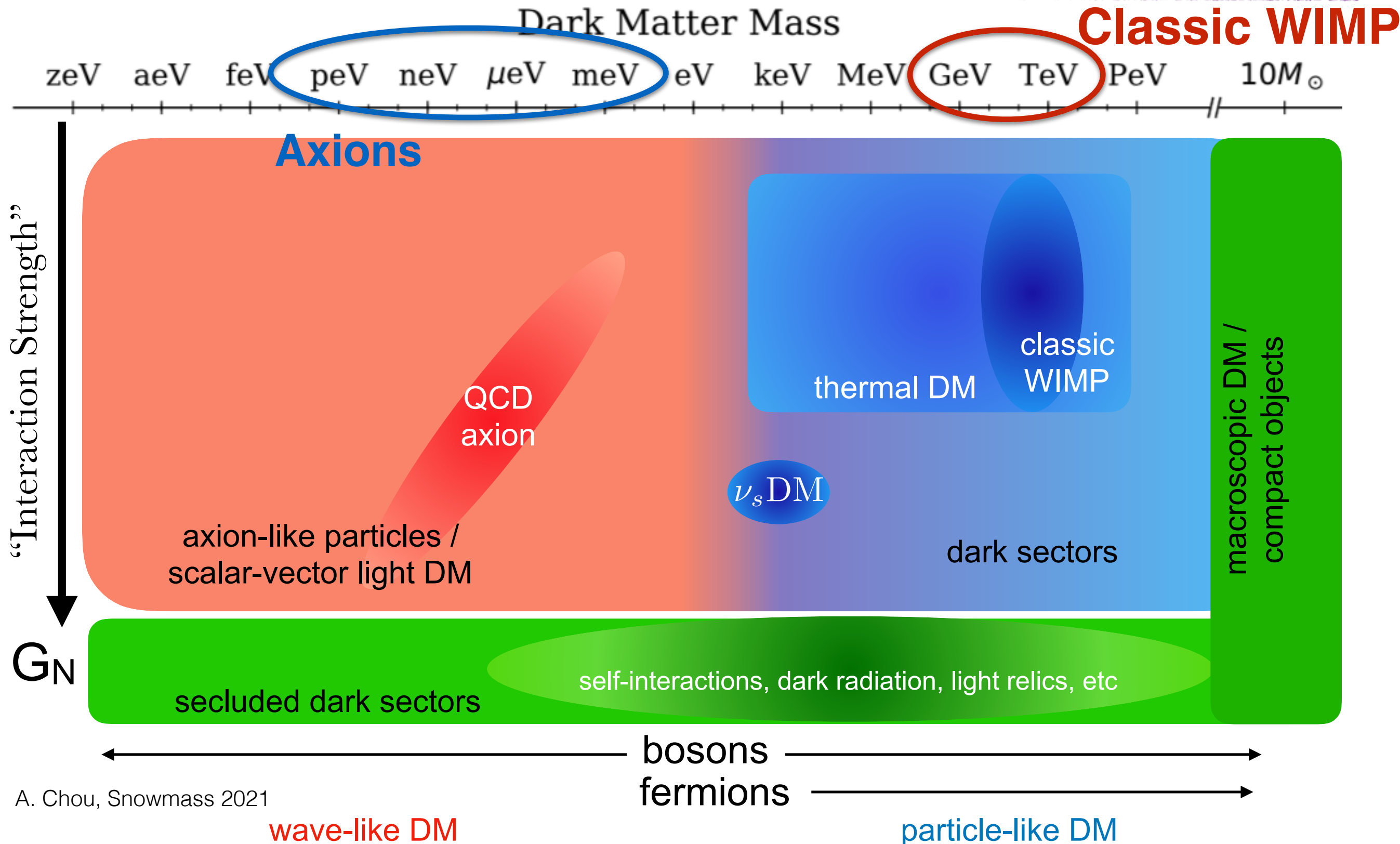
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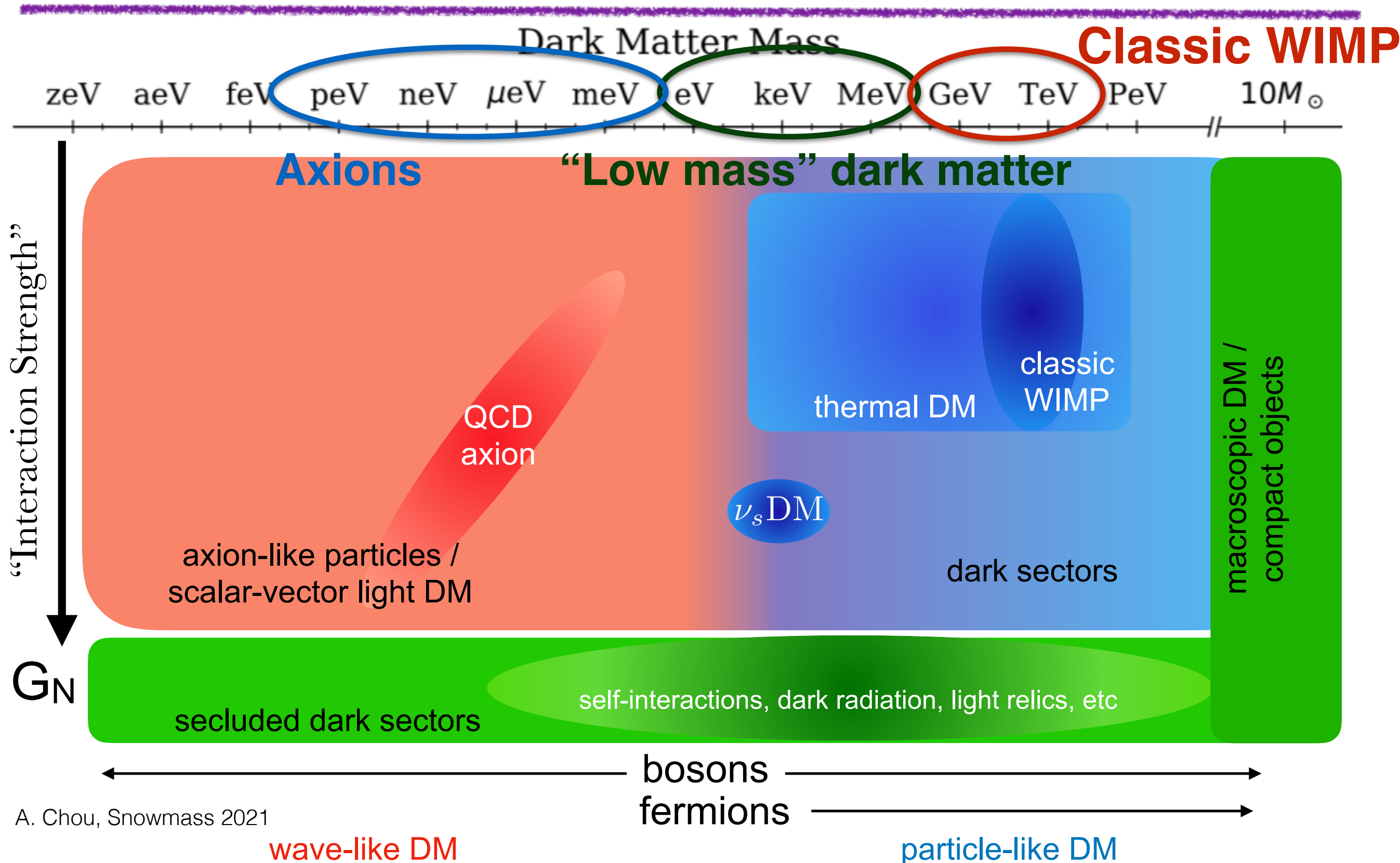
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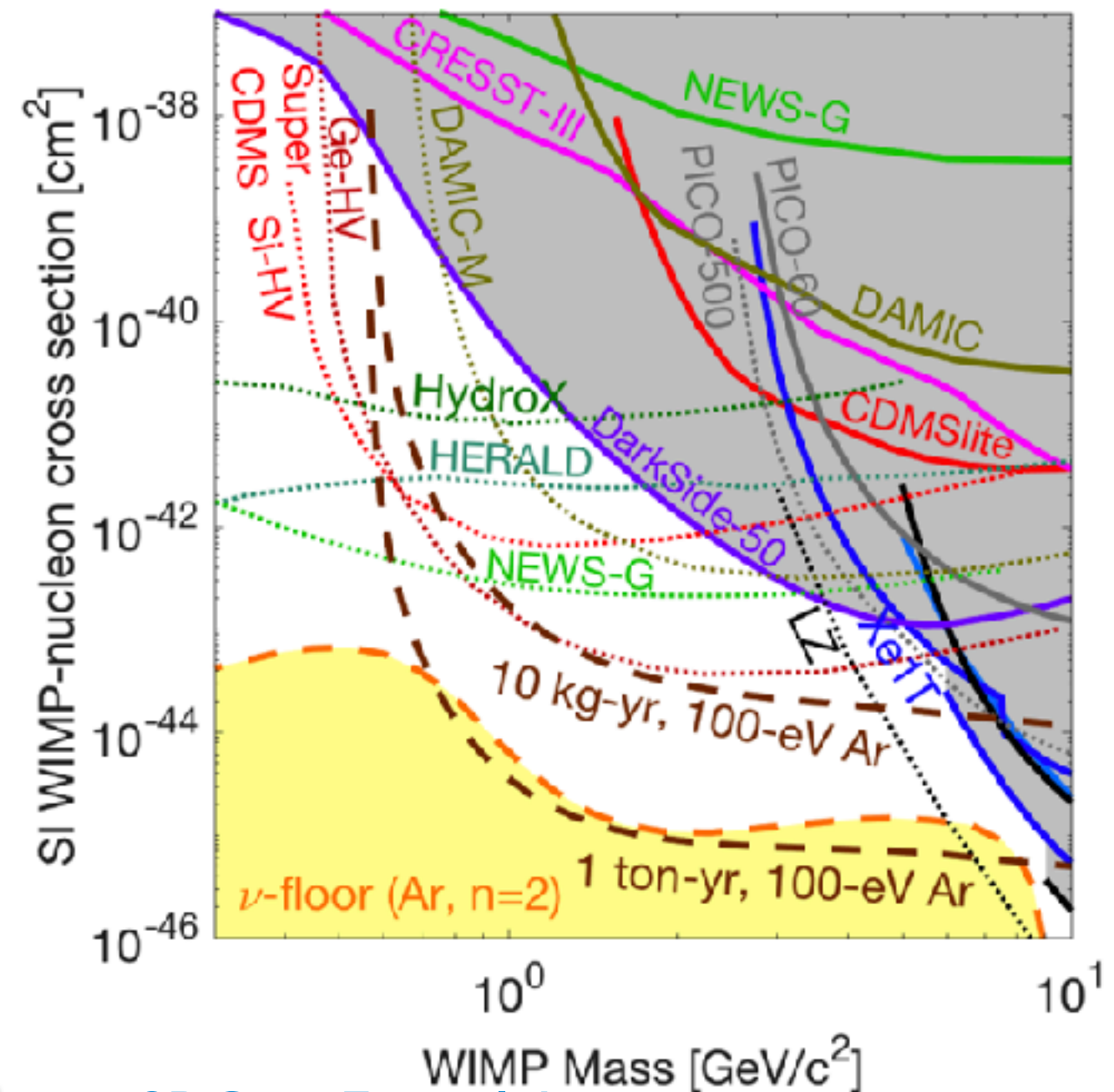
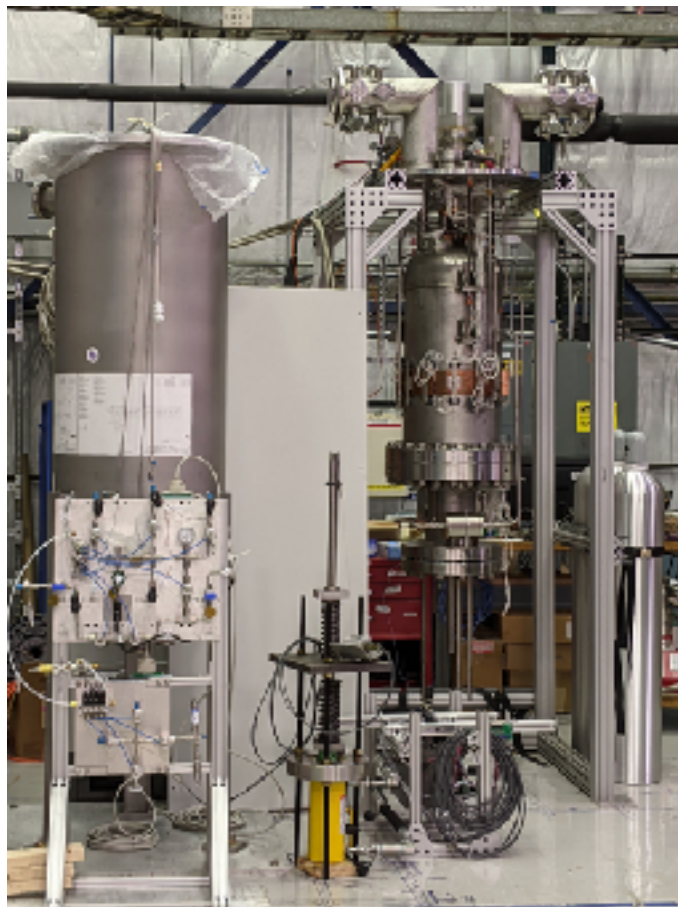
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Broadening the mass reach (with noble gases)

- **Scintillating Bubble Chamber (SBC)**
 - Liquid argon bubble chamber
 - Goal: ER rejection at ~ 100 eV threshold
 - Calibration run this summer/fall at FNAL
 - SNOLAB chamber to follow

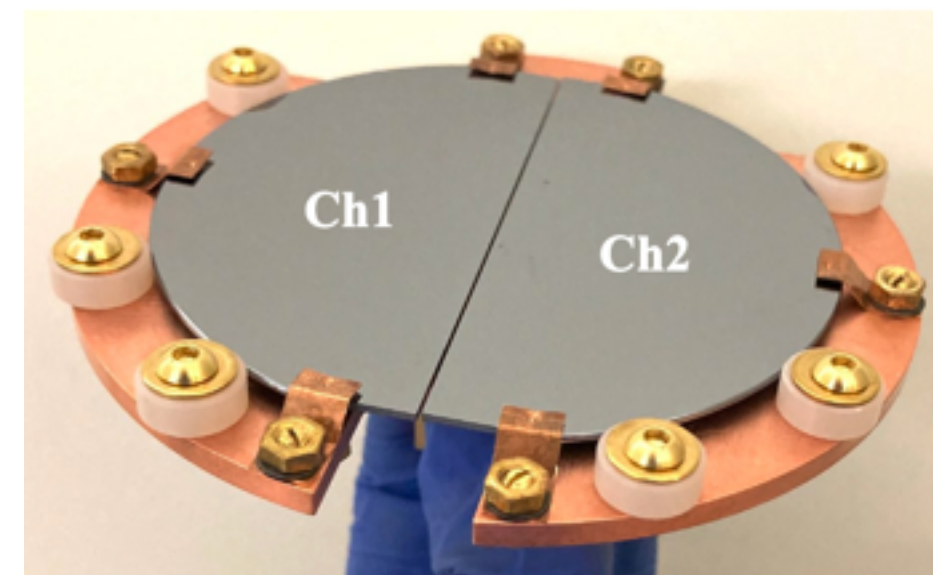
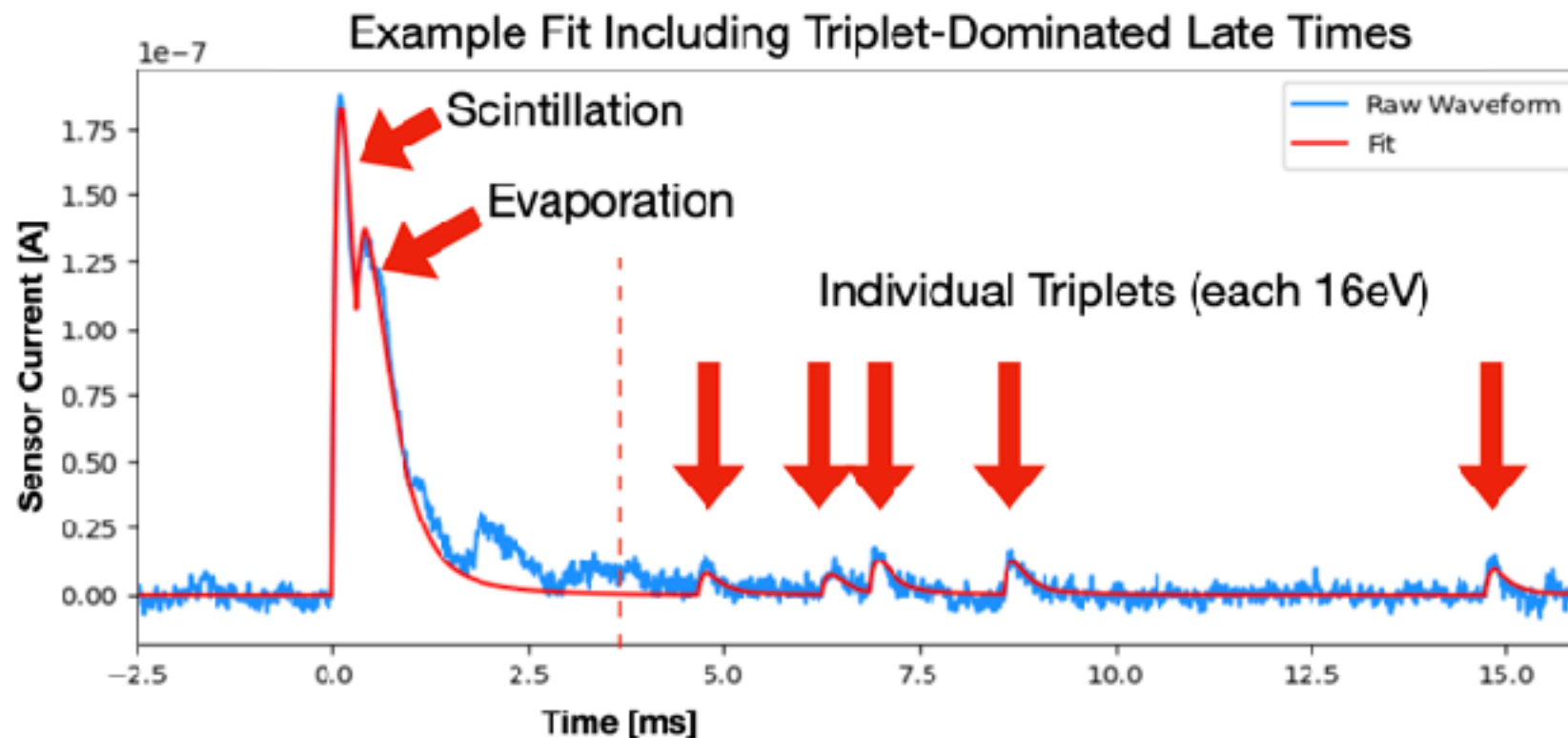
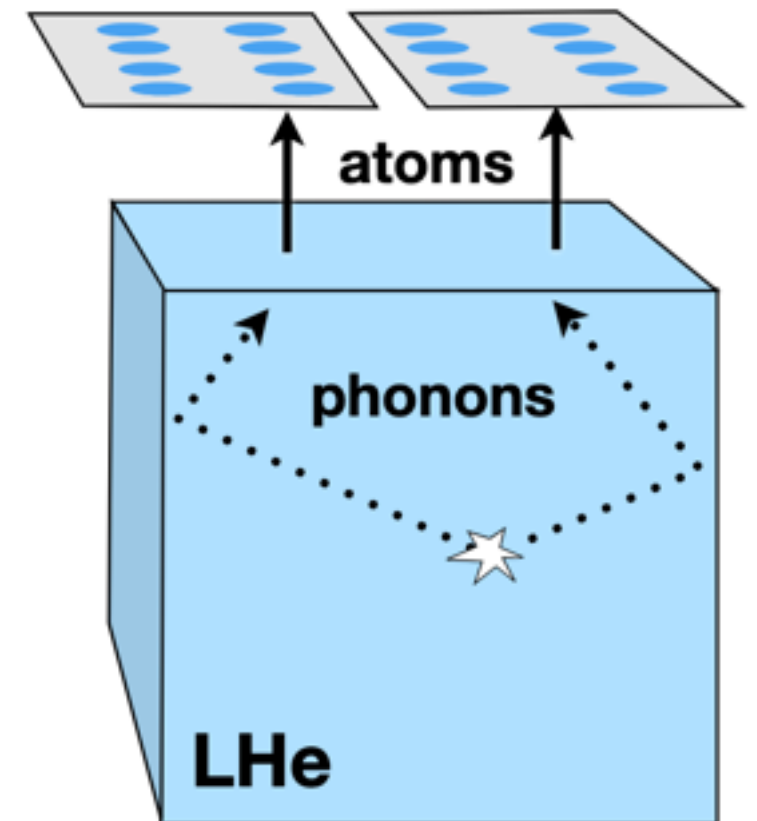


← SBC at Fermilab

See B. Broerman this afternoon, also
G. Putnam, Wed 19:00 neutrino session)

Broadening the mass reach (with noble gases)

- Down to the MeV region - TESSERACT/HERALD
 - TES sensors measuring energy deposition in liquid helium (and other detector media)
 - Energy deposition induces phonons induces evaporation at liquid surface
 - Superfluid target free of low energy excess (LEE) observed in similar detectors

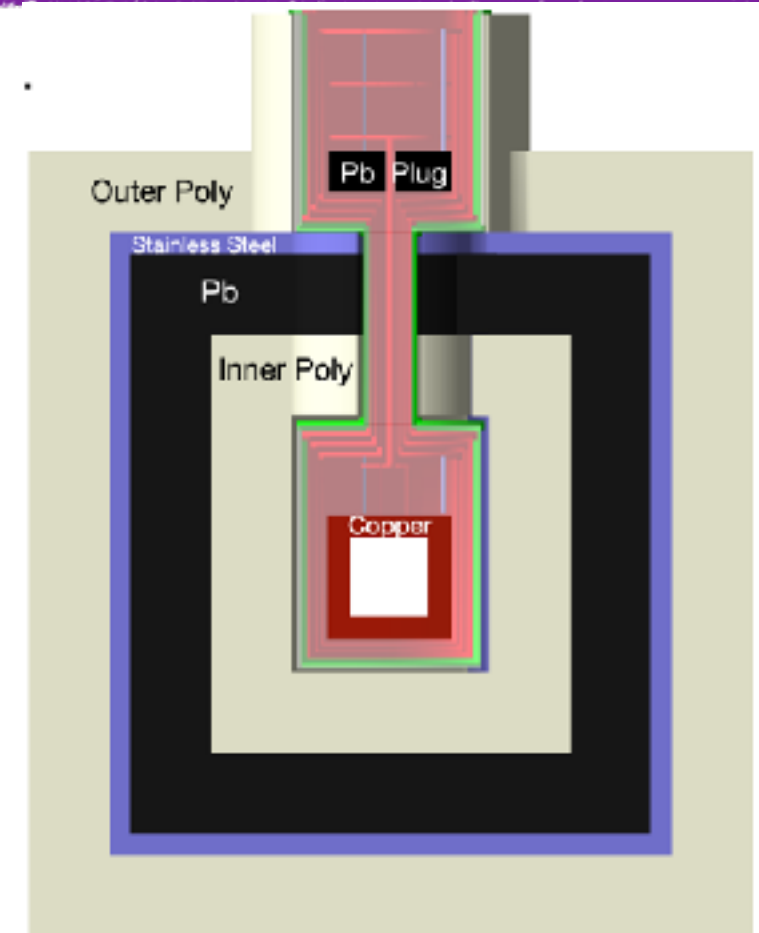


S. Hertel, UCLA DM 2025

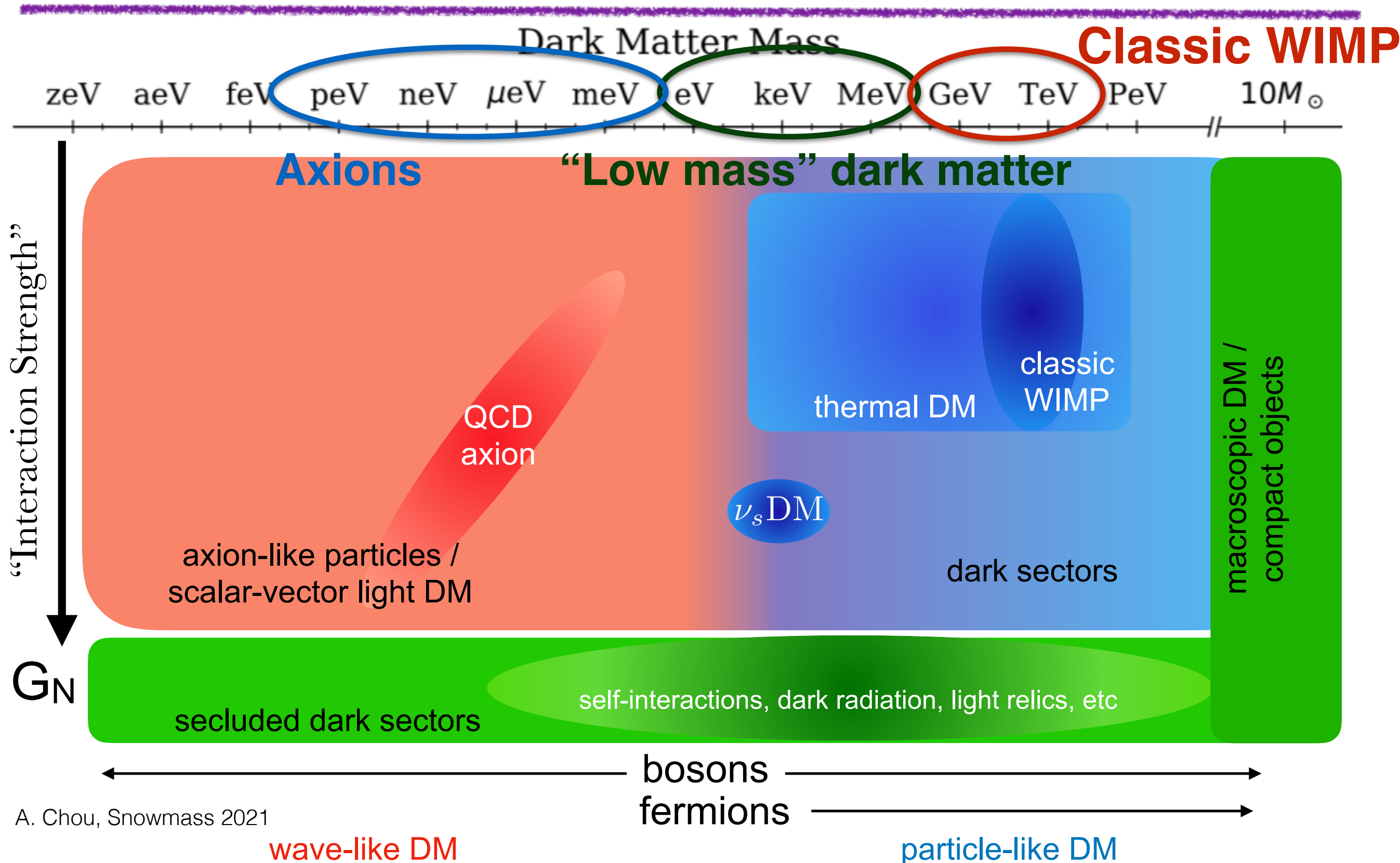
Broadening the mass reach (with noble gases)

- **Down to the MeV region - TESSERACT Project**
 - **Approved to proceed (Dark Matter New Initiatives)**
 - **Two low background, shielded cryostats at Modane Laboratory in France**
 - **Targets can be swapped between technologies**

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Dark Matter today



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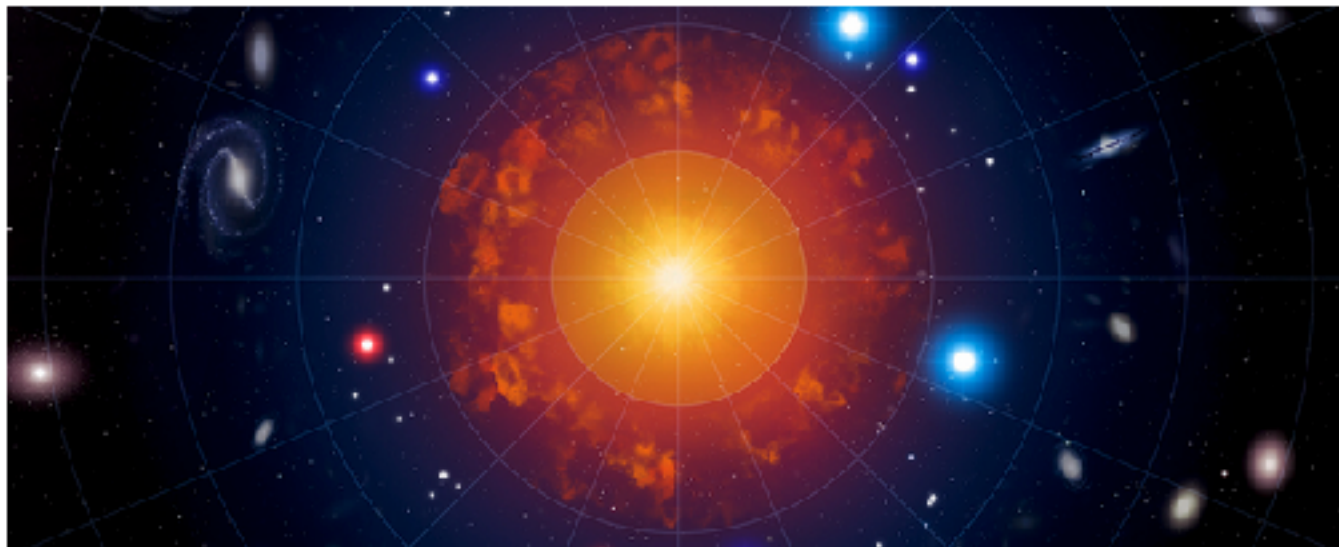
Glass Half Empty?

- It can feel like we know less now than we did before
 - What was “axions or WIMPs” is now 50 orders of magnitude
- No guarantees of discovery



Physicist Claims Universe Has No Dark Matter And Is 27 Billion Years Old

SPACE 18 March 2024 By MIKE MCRAE



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Possibly.

Dark matter is what seems most sketch to me.

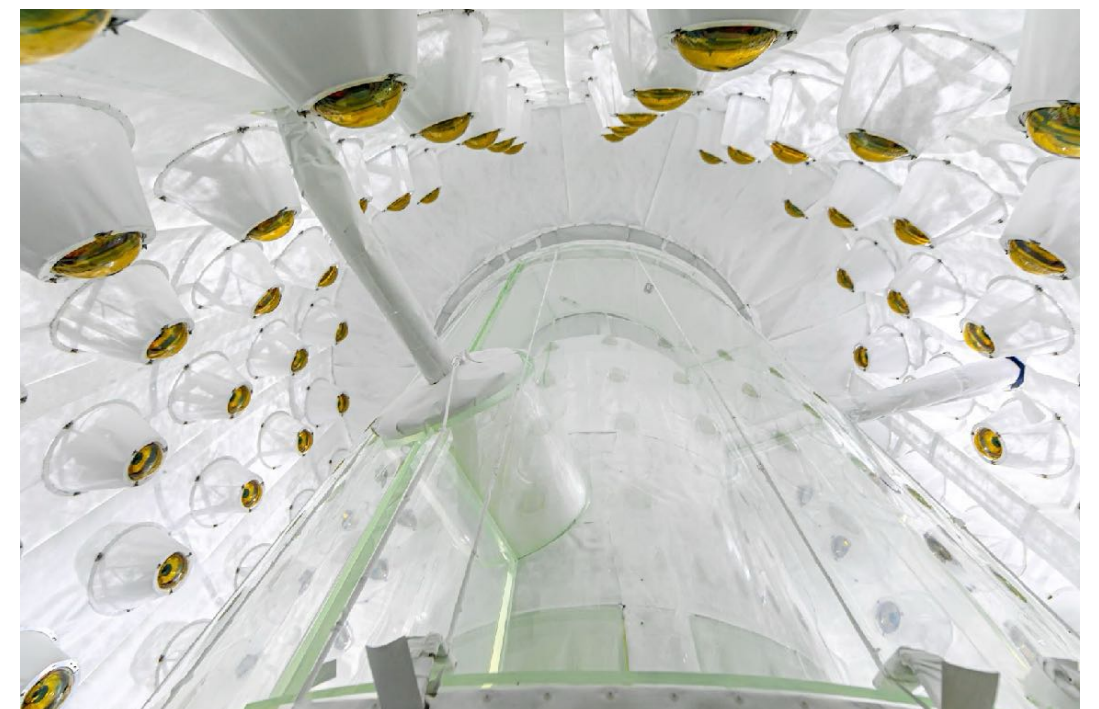
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Glass Half Full?

- A factor of a million improvement in sensitivity in 25 years
 - e.g. XENONnT at 15 events/tonne/keV/year
 - Factor of 10^{12} suppression!
- Explosion of ideas to search wide and delve deep!
- These are opportunities!



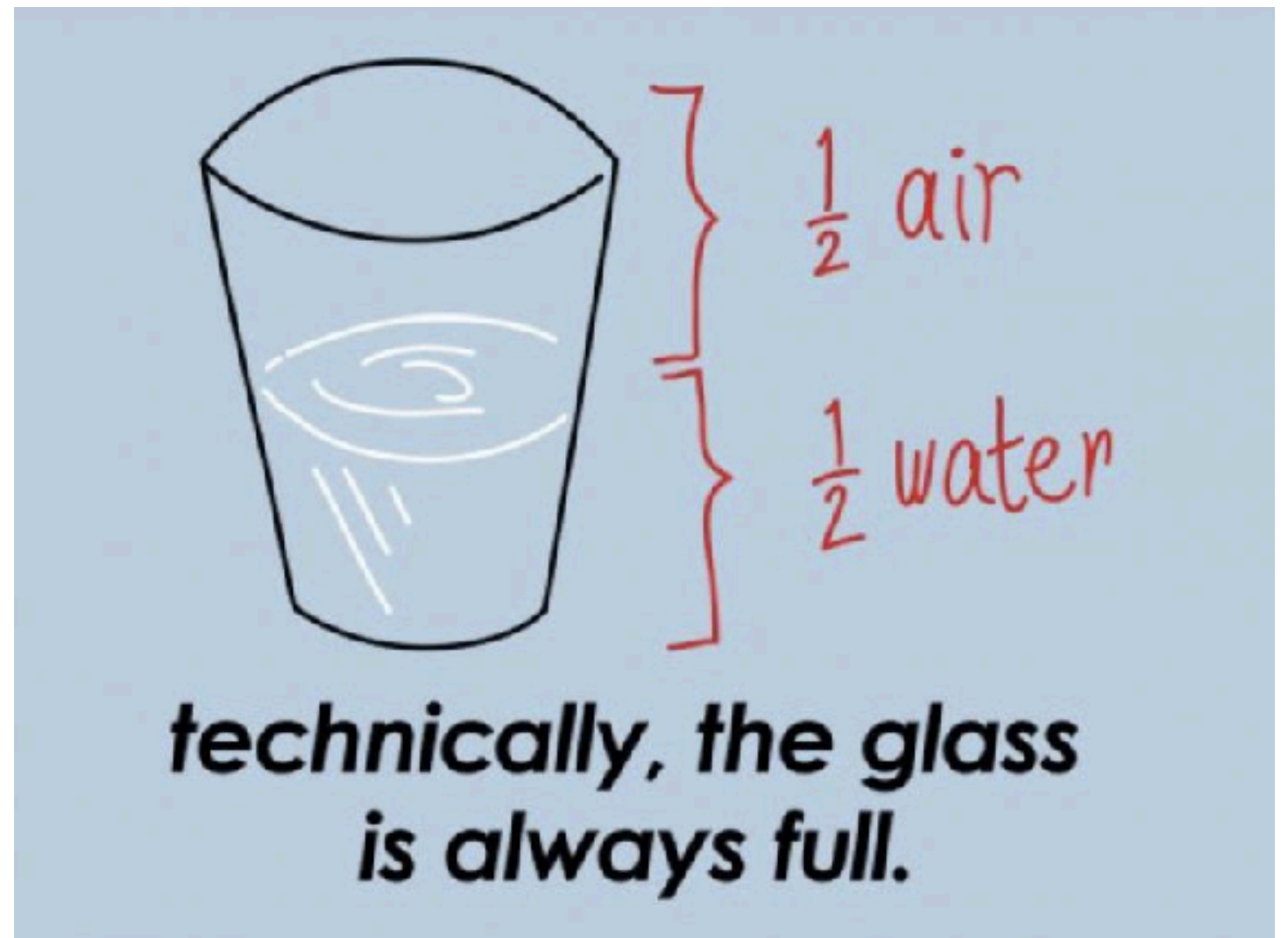
Part of DS-20k distillation column



LZ Outer Detector

Glass is always full

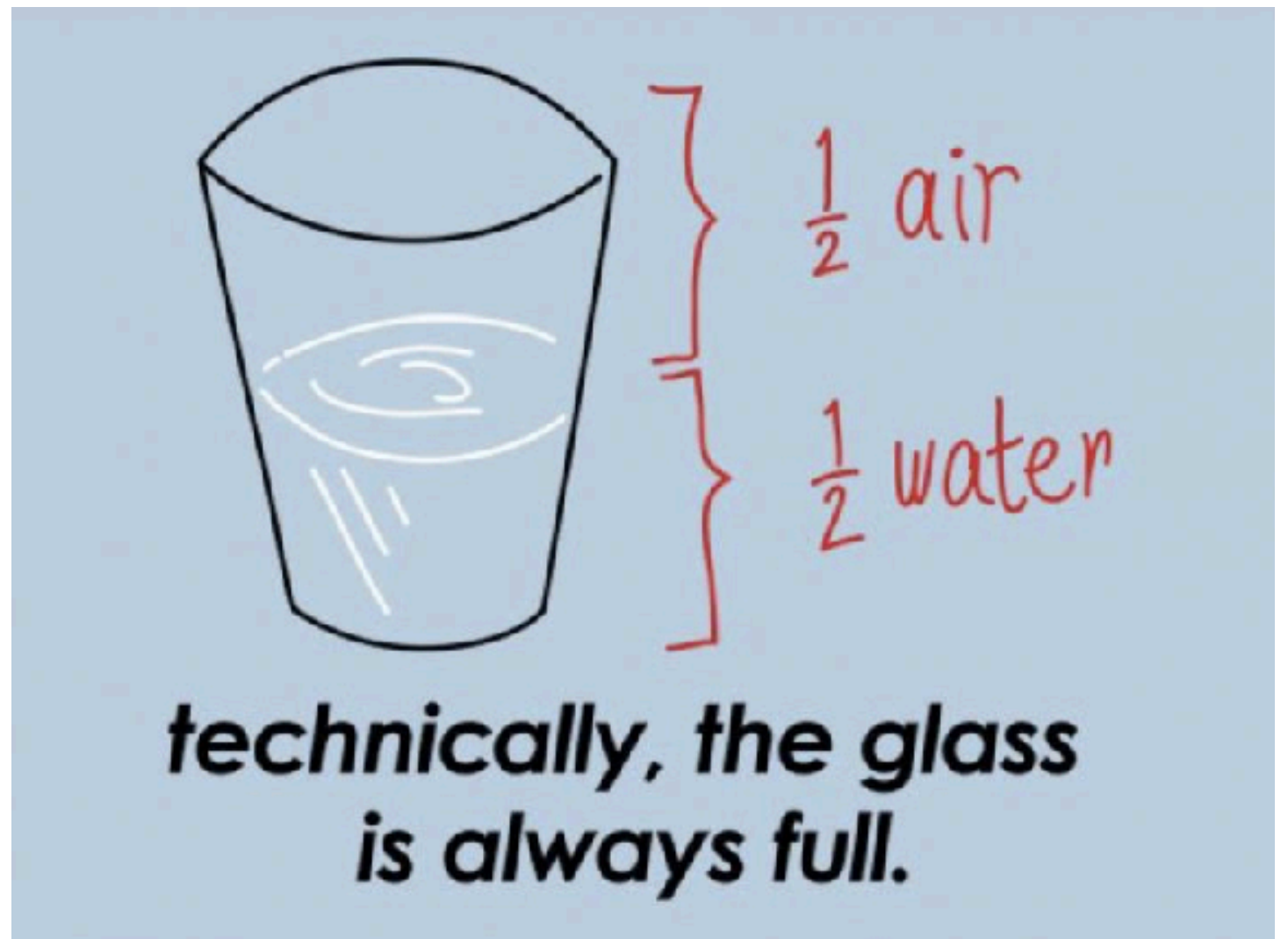
- Dark Matter exists
- Without it, we wouldn't be here
- It's worth understanding
- There are no guarantees
- We learn a lot on the way



STEAMfest at Woodlawn School, NC

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STEAMfest at Woodlawn School, NC

Liquid noble detectors are leading the way at $>\text{GeV}$ scales, and pushing the boundaries at MeV scales!

A photograph showing two individuals wearing white protective suits, hoods, and gloves. They are standing over a large sheet of paper that has a grid of small dots. One person is pointing at a specific dot on the grid with a black marker. The scene is dimly lit, with a red light source visible in the background, creating a focused and serious atmosphere.

This is a problem worth solving!

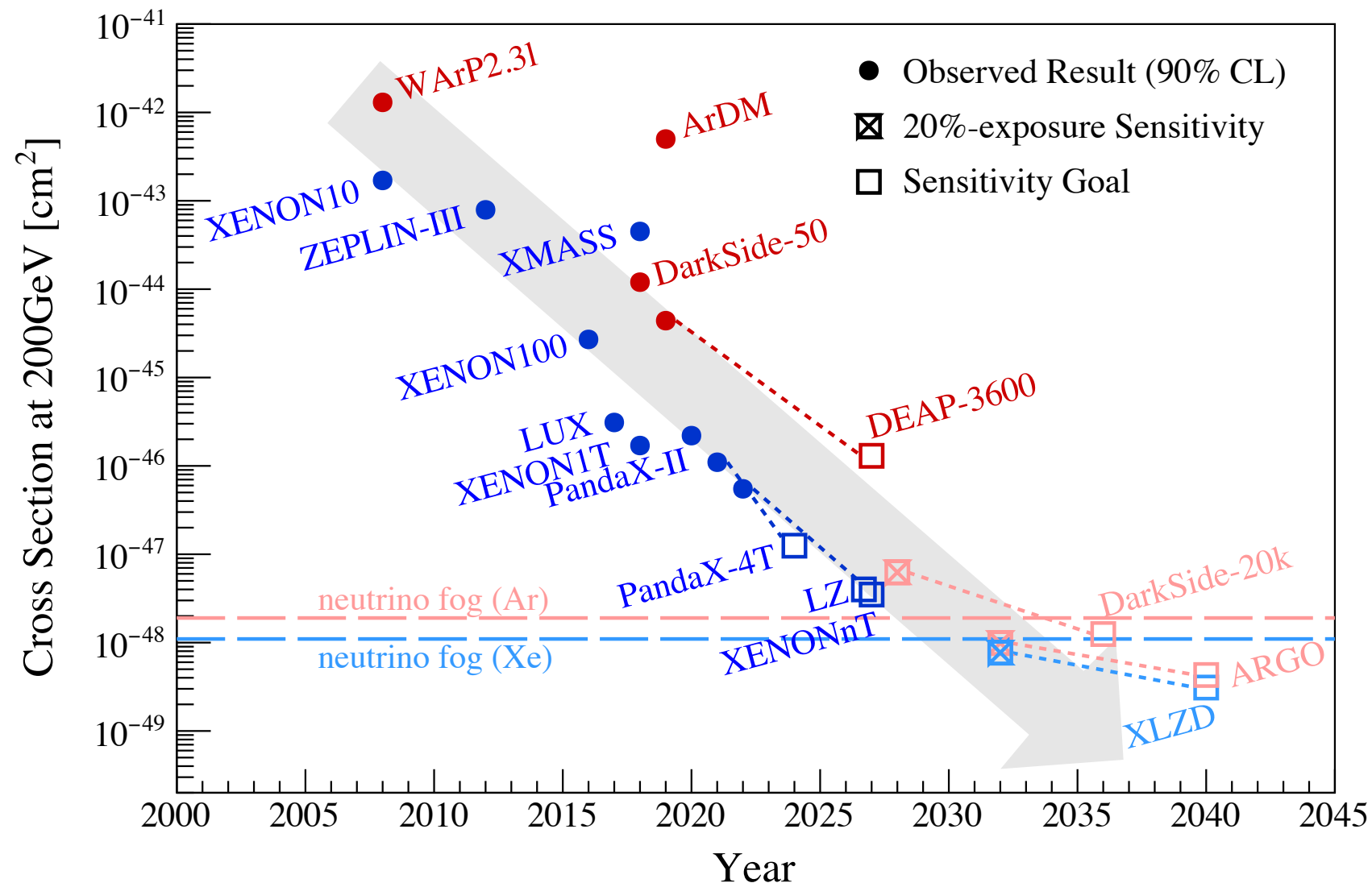
I'm eager to see what's next!

Liquid noble “DM” at this conference...

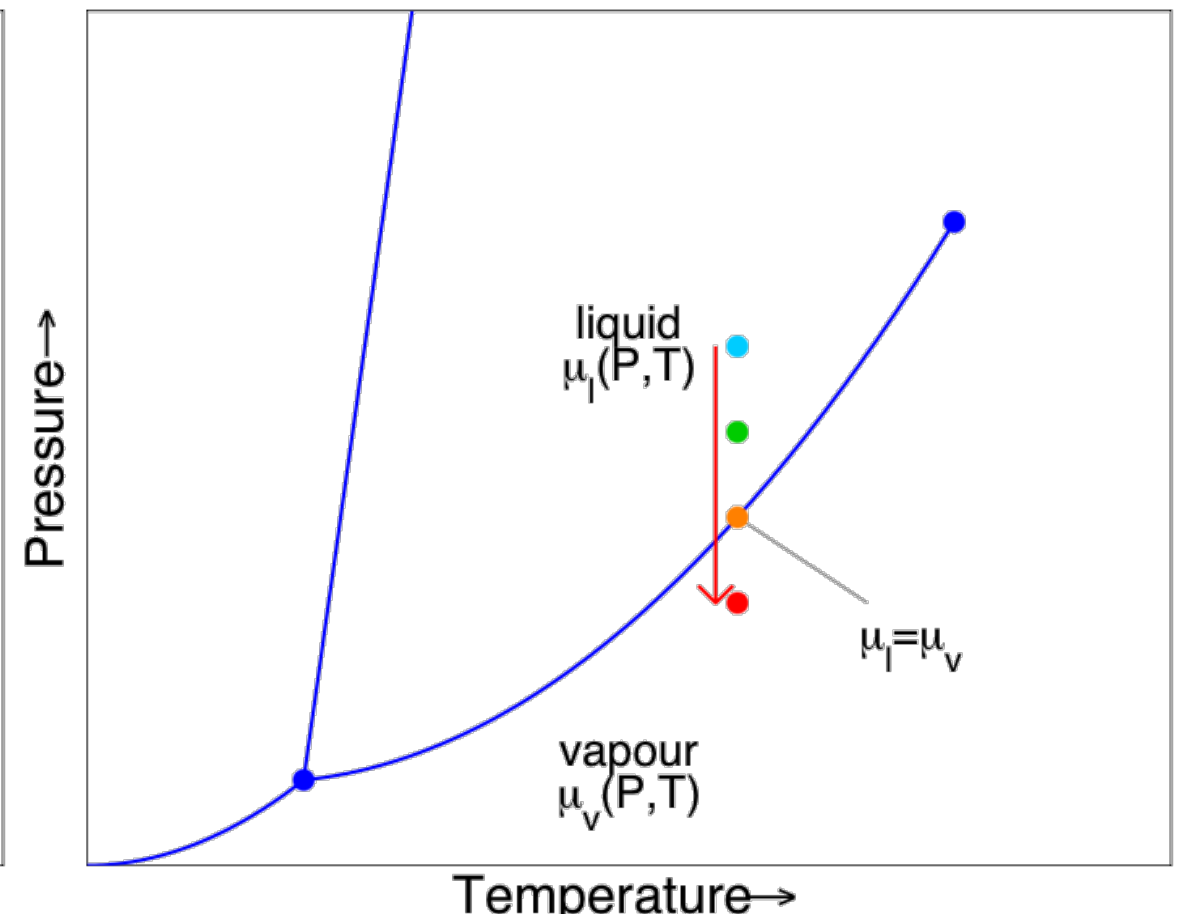
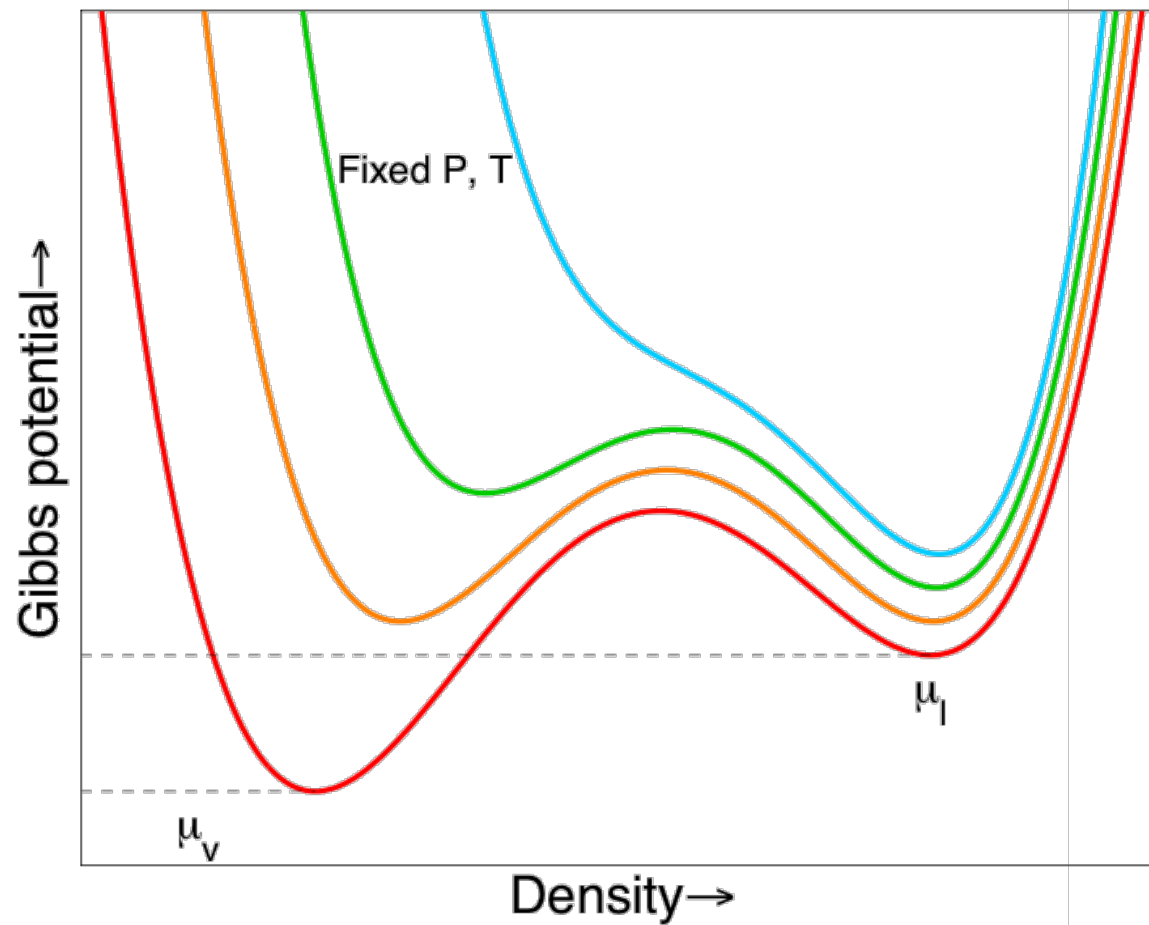
- Monday afternoon, 15:30 session:
 - B. Broerman - Scintillating Bubble Chambers for Rare Event Searches
 - (See also G. Putnam, Wednesday 19:00 neutrino session)
 - D. Huff - Dark Matter Searches with Liquid Argon in DEAP-3600 and DarkSide-20k
 - C. Amarasinghe - Results and status of the LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ) experiment
- Tuesday evening, 19:00 session:
 - A. Garai - The DEAP-3600 dark matter search and charged-current 8B measurements in liquid argon
 - D. Wenz - The first measurement of coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering of solar 8B neutrinos in the XENONnT experiment
- Thursday afternoon, 14:00 neutrino session:
 - A. Schneider - Dark Sector Searches with Coherent CAPTAIN-Mills
- Several double beta decay talks (Monday 15:30 session, Tuesday 13:30 session, 19:00 session)
- Not to mention LAr TPCs for neutrinos
- **Apologies if I missed your talk!**

Lights in the dark

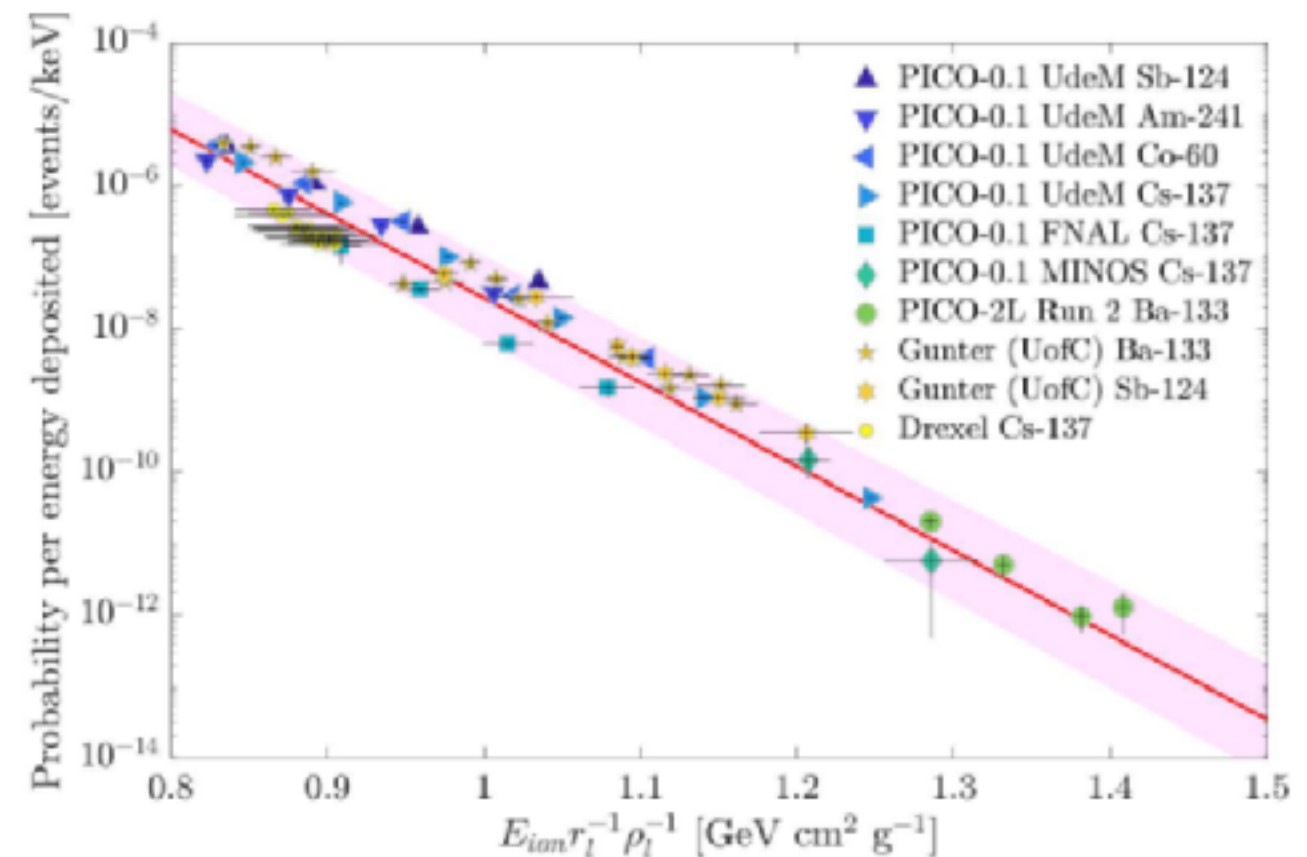
- Four multi-tonne detectors operating simultaneously, with more on the way!
- Demonstration of technological maturity
 - Building these detectors is hard!
 - Every time we build one, we find something we want to do better
- Ready for another push



Bubble Chambers

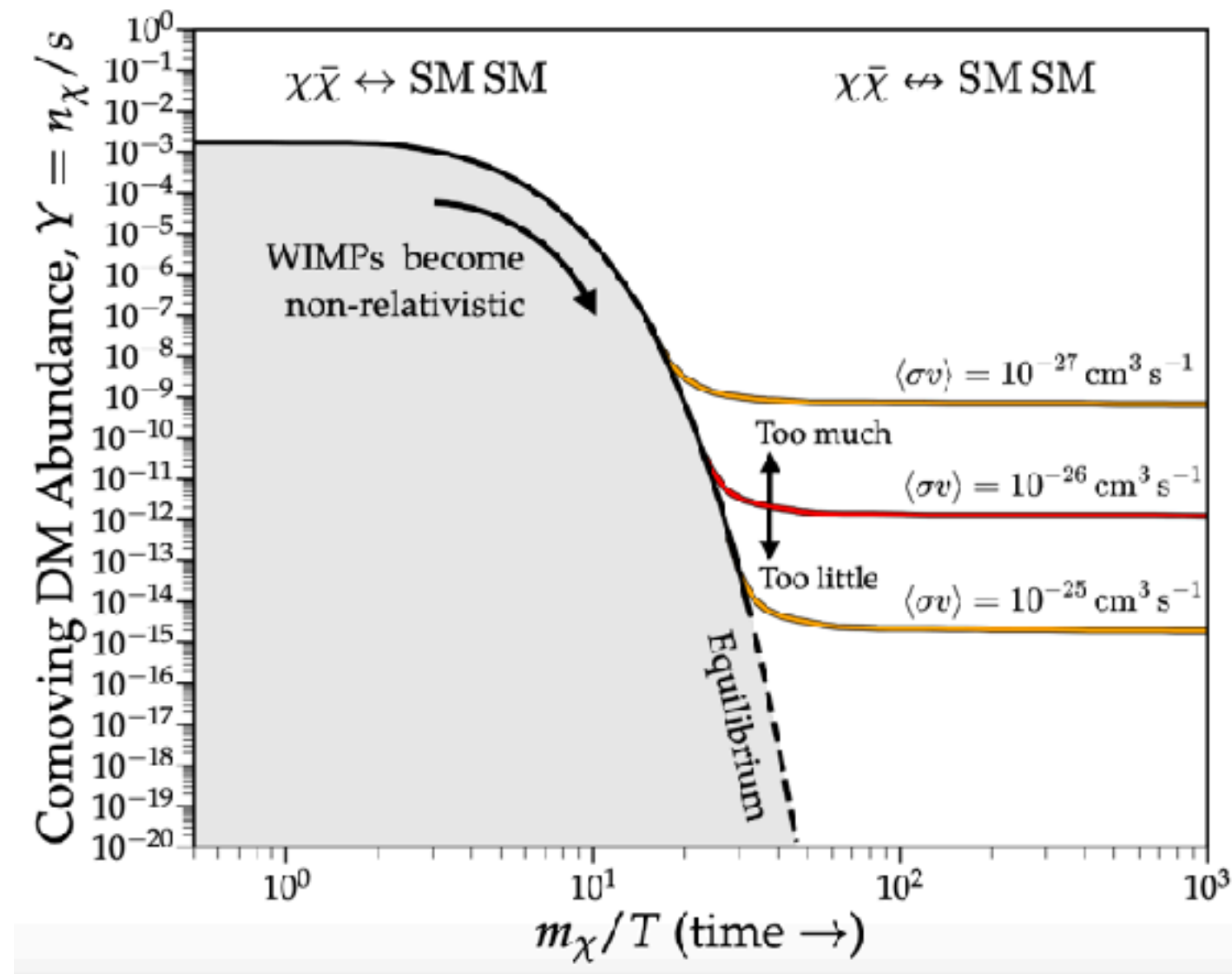


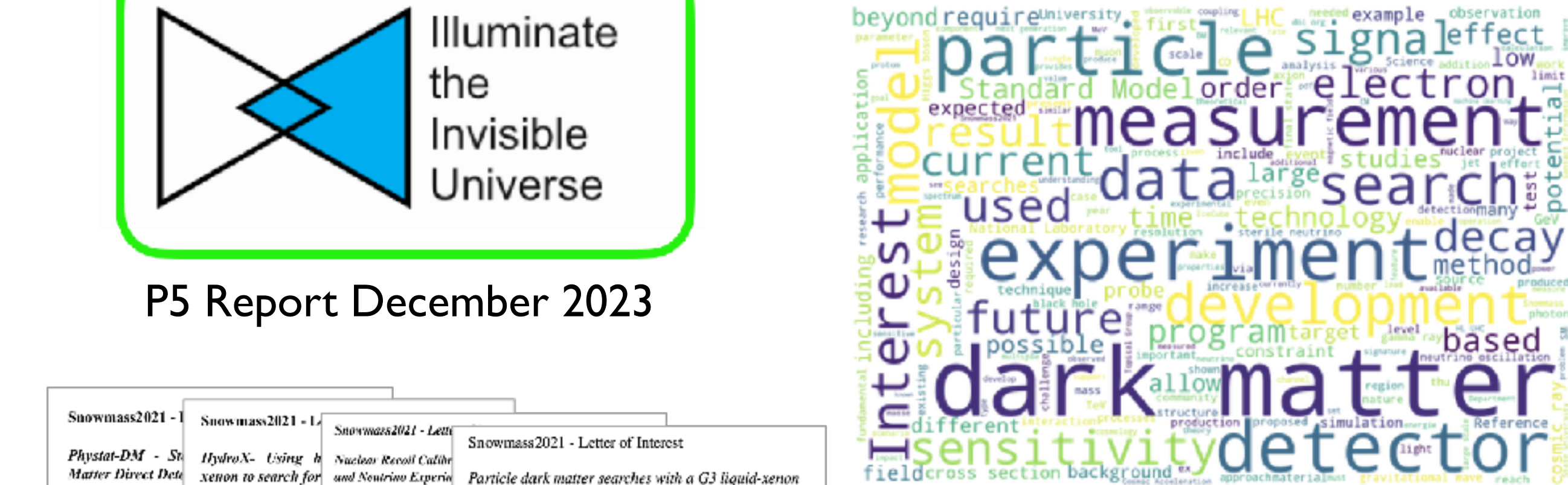
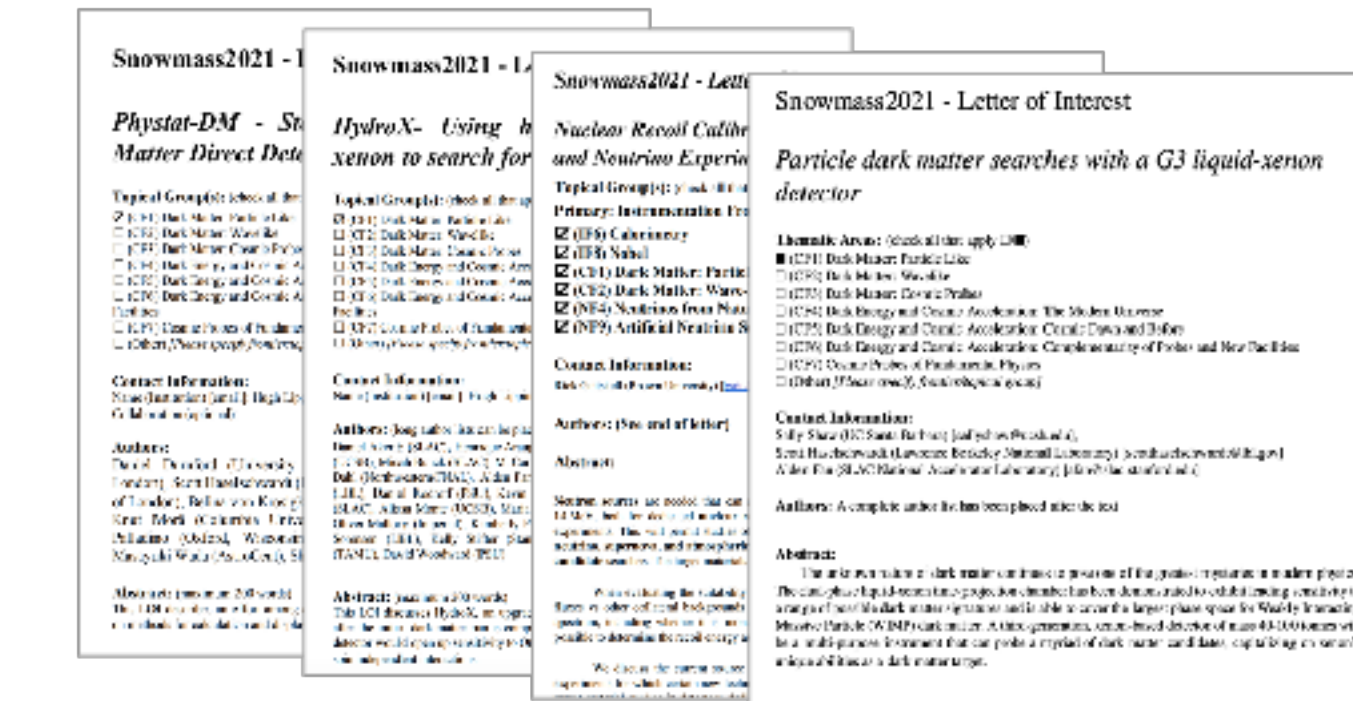
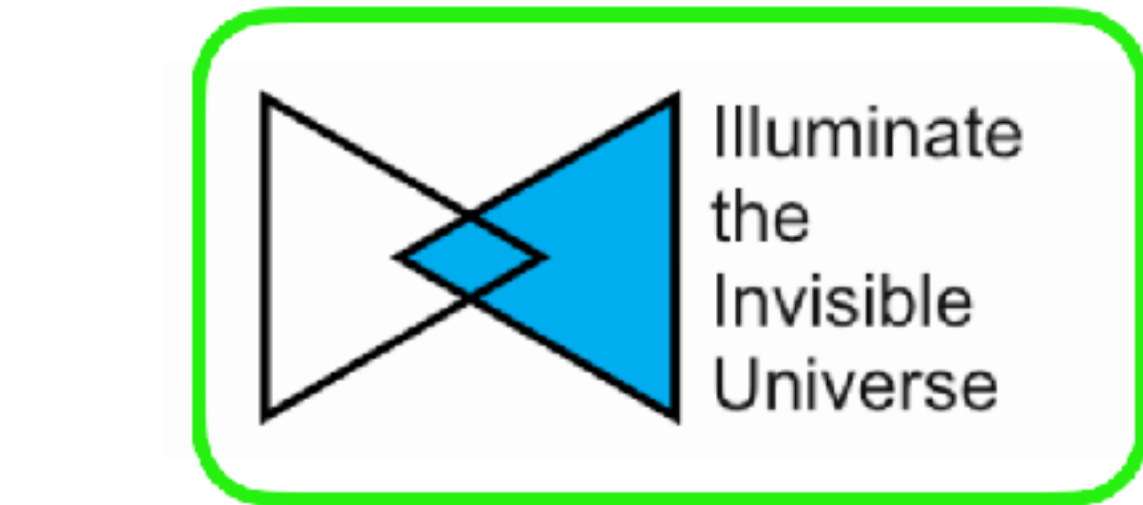
- Thermodynamics set sensitivity
- Need heat (energy) and density to make bubbles
 - ER do not cross density threshold
 - Acoustics provide further rejection
- Fluorine target with ~ 3 keV threshold



What is a WIMP and why is one attractive?

- Weakly Interacting Massive Particle
 - Subgroup of “Thermal Relic”
- Produced in big bang - initially in thermal equilibrium with normal matter (Standard Model)
 - Decouples from normal matter as universe expands and cools
- Continues self-annihilating until density is too small
 - Density frozen since that time
- Current observed density matches “weak scale” interaction strength



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Snowmass and P5

- Today, dark matter is one of the biggest mysteries in particle physics today

Report of the Topical Group on Wave Dark Matter for Snowmass 2021

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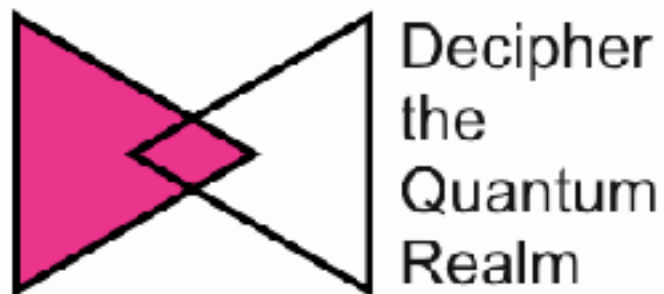
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- Over 100 pages of dedicated Snowmass reports in CF
- High prominence in other frontiers
- Dedicated Complementarity report

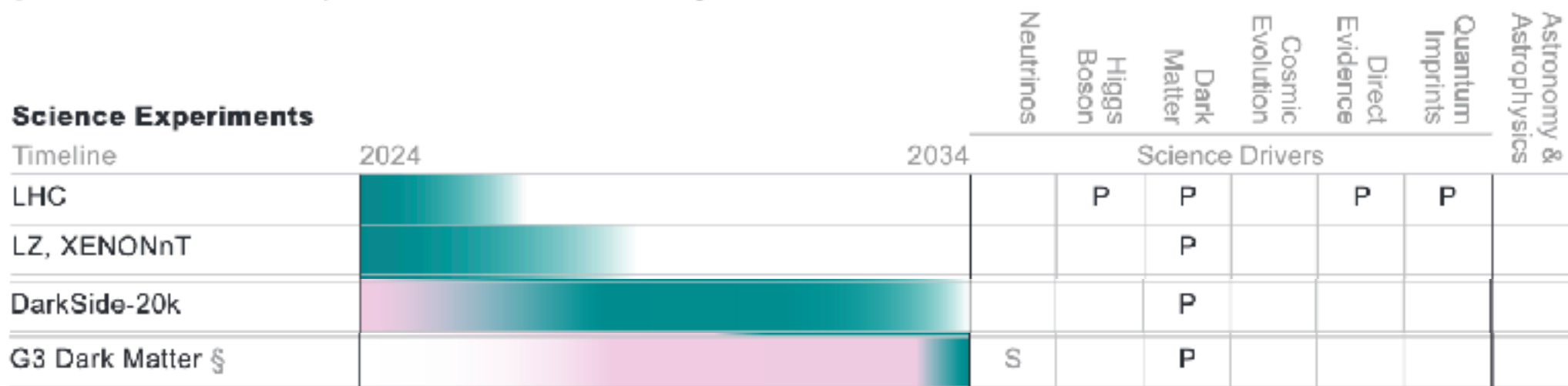
P5 Report



- **Recommendation 2d:**
 - **An ultimate Generation 3 (G3) dark matter direct detection experiment reaching the neutrino fog, in coordination with international partners and preferably sited in the US (section 4.1).**

Figure 1 – Program and Timeline in Baseline Scenario (B)

Index: ■ Operation ■ Construction ■ R&D, Research P: Primary S: Secondary
§ Possible acceleration/expansion for more favorable budget situations



P5 Report

- DOE response to P5 (M. Procario, DPF, May 2024)

G3 Dark Matter

- ◆ From P5 Recommendation 2, Priority 4 out of 5 :
 - An **ultimate Generation 3 (G3) dark matter** direct detection experiment reaching the neutrino fog, in coordination with international partners and **preferably sited in the US**.
- ◆ DOE response and actions:
 - At the present time, based on the Snowmass Community Summer Study, there have been two proposals for G3 Dark Matter detectors : XLZD and ARGO
 - P5 recommended a **domestic site for the experiment in the higher funding scenario** and an international site in the lower funding scenario.
 - Start with site independent R&D as we understand the funding that will be available.
 - Engage with partners who are interested in hosting.
 - DOE will entertain proposals by U.S. groups for pre-project R&D.

Key endorsements & roadmaps

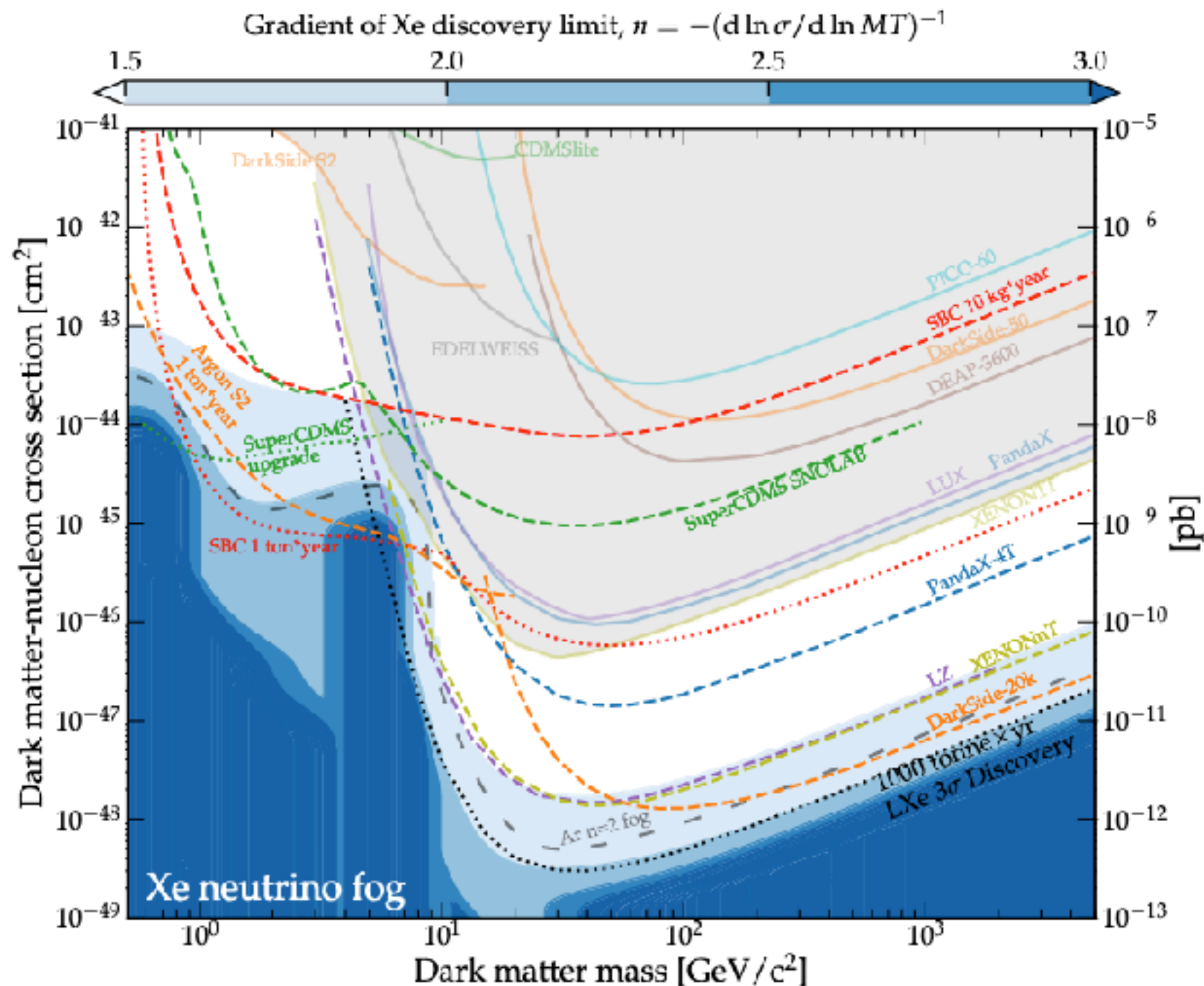
- Astroparticle Physics European Consortium (APPEC) mid-term roadmap
- Helmholtz roadmap (DE)
- UKRI funds to develop XLZD
- SERI roadmap (CH)



“This improvement in reach would provide coverage of important benchmark WIMP models, such as most remaining potential dark matter parameter space under the constrained minimal supersymmetric extension to the Standard Model.”

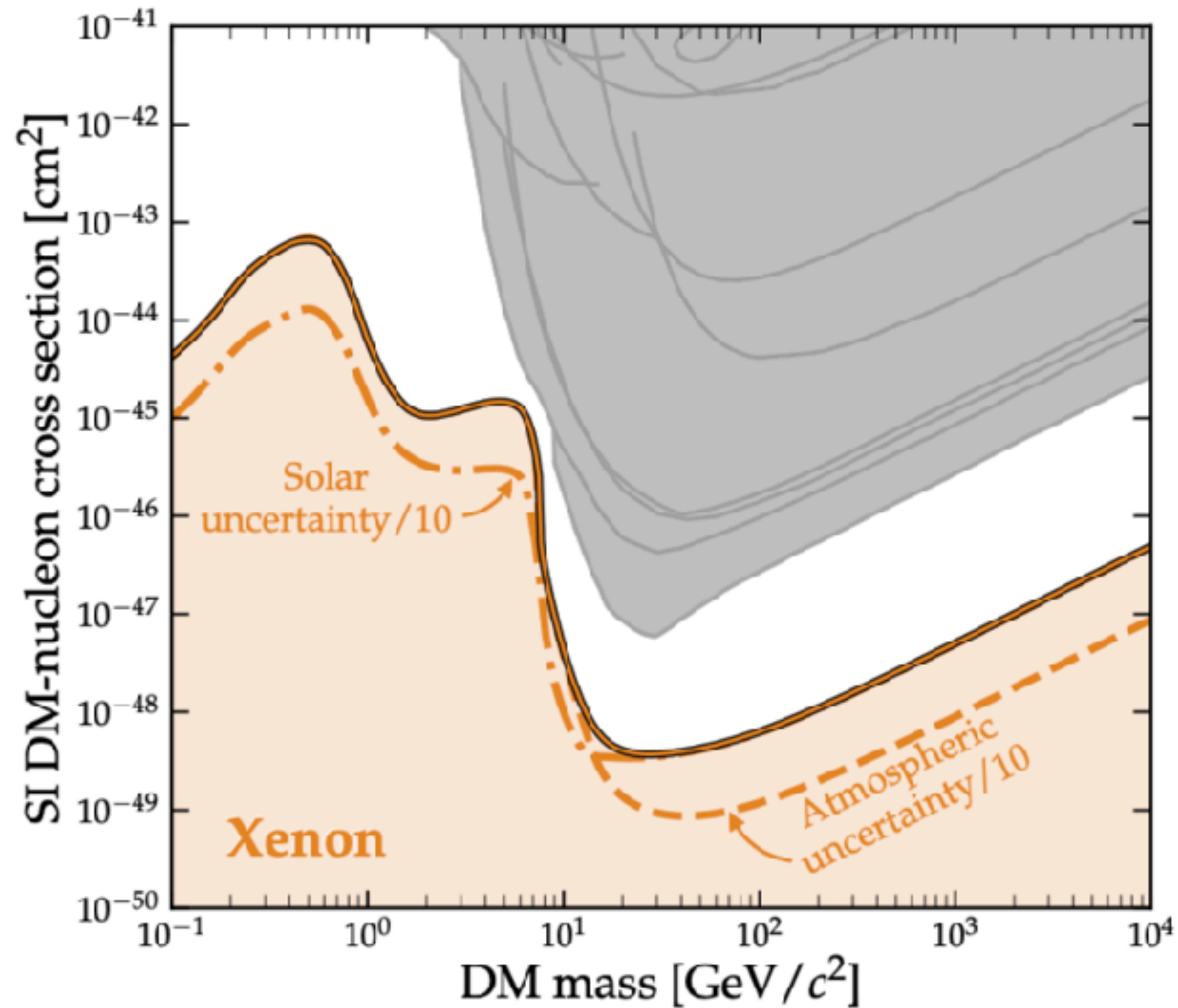
“APPEC strongly supports the European leadership role in Dark Matter direct detection, underpinned by the pioneering LNGS programme, to realise at least one next-generation xenon (order 50 tons) and one argon (order 300 tons) detector, respectively, of which at least one should be situated in Europe. APPEC strongly encourages detector R&D to reach down to the neutrino floor on the shortest possible mass scale for WIMP searches for the widest possible mass range.”

Neutrino Fog



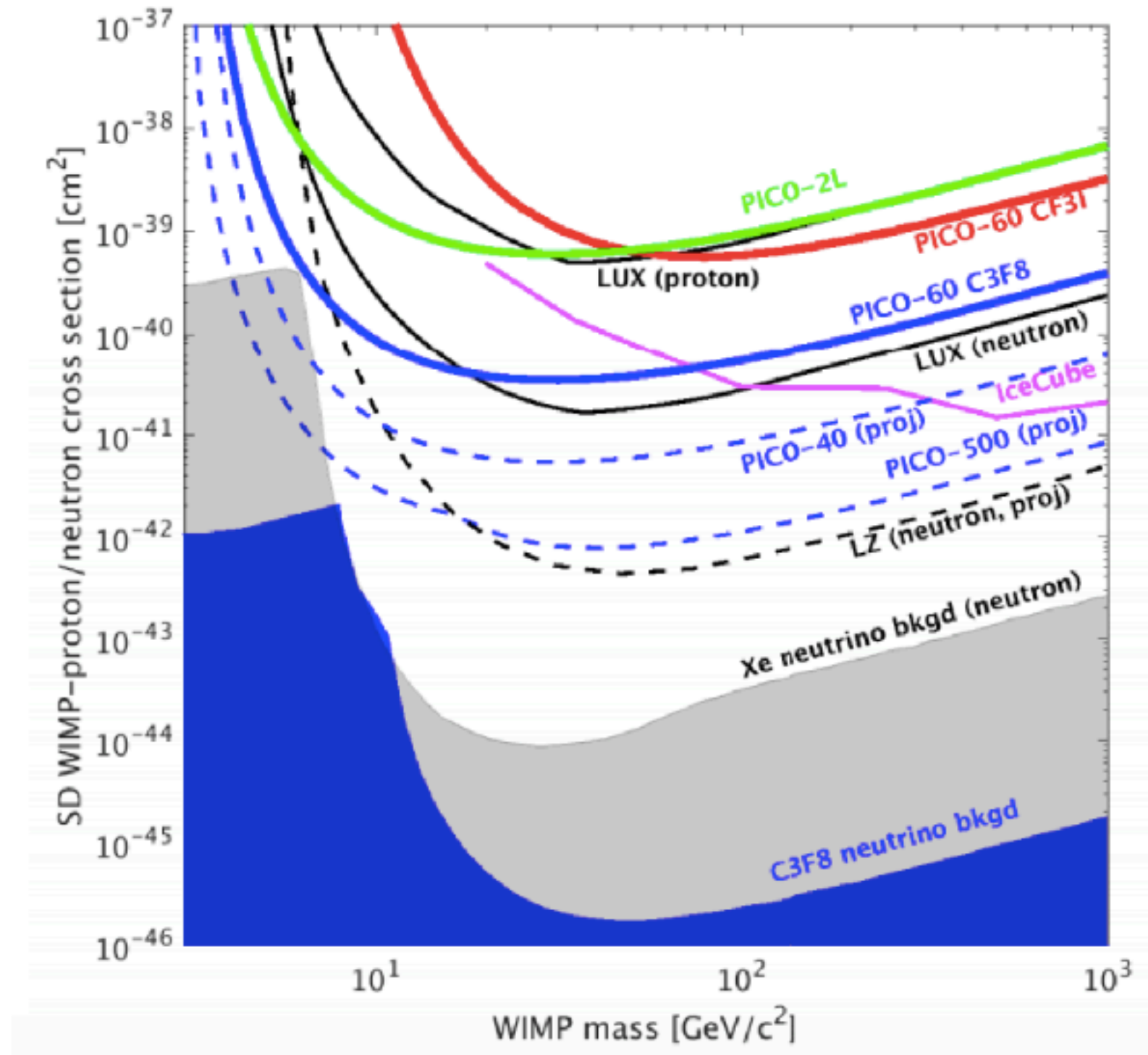
- Index n - how fast one makes progress with respect to background
- Increase in sensitivity by $\times 10$ requires 10^n more exposure

Neutrino Fog



- Future progress can be made with better measurements of the atmospheric neutrino flux

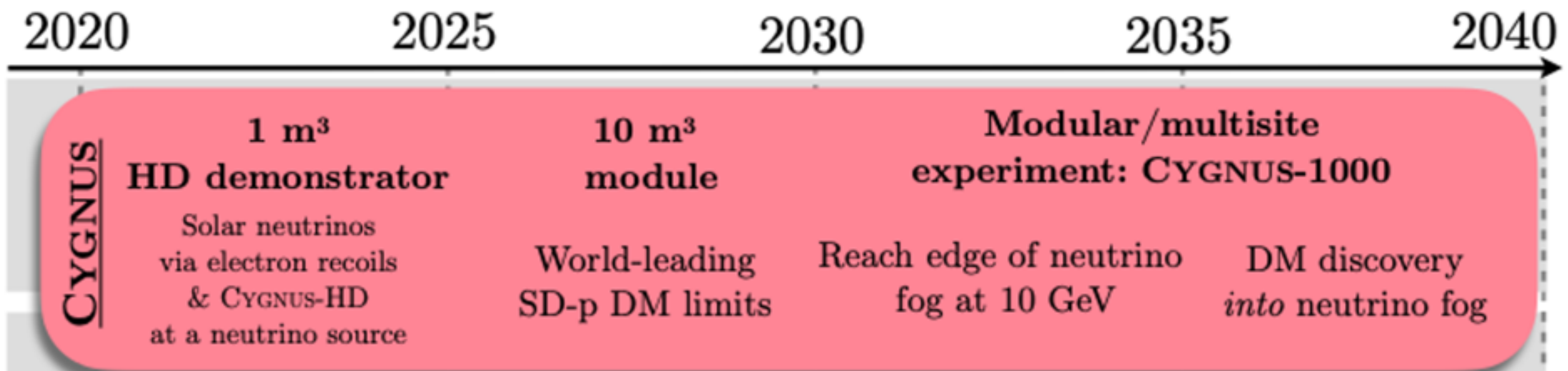
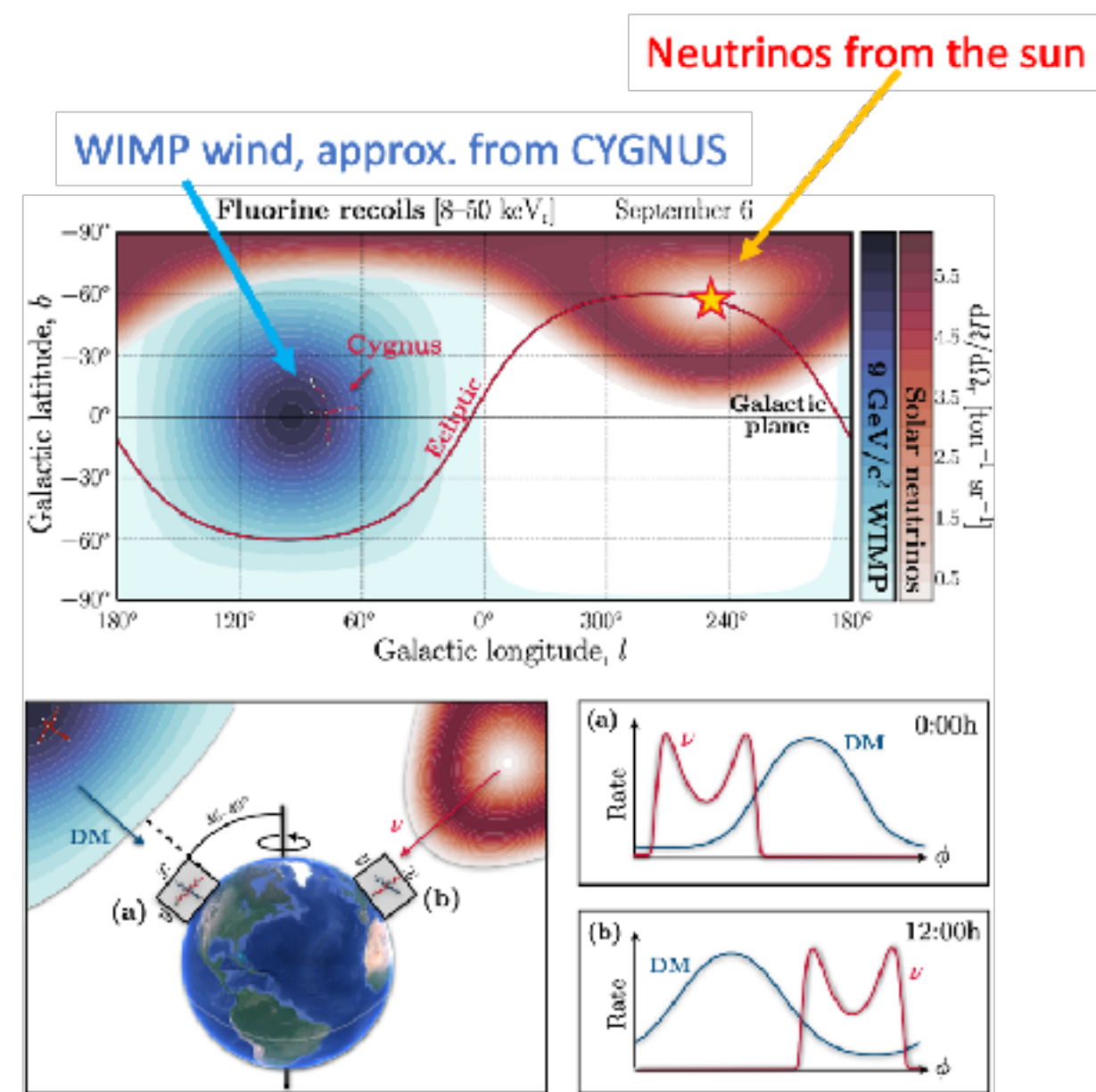
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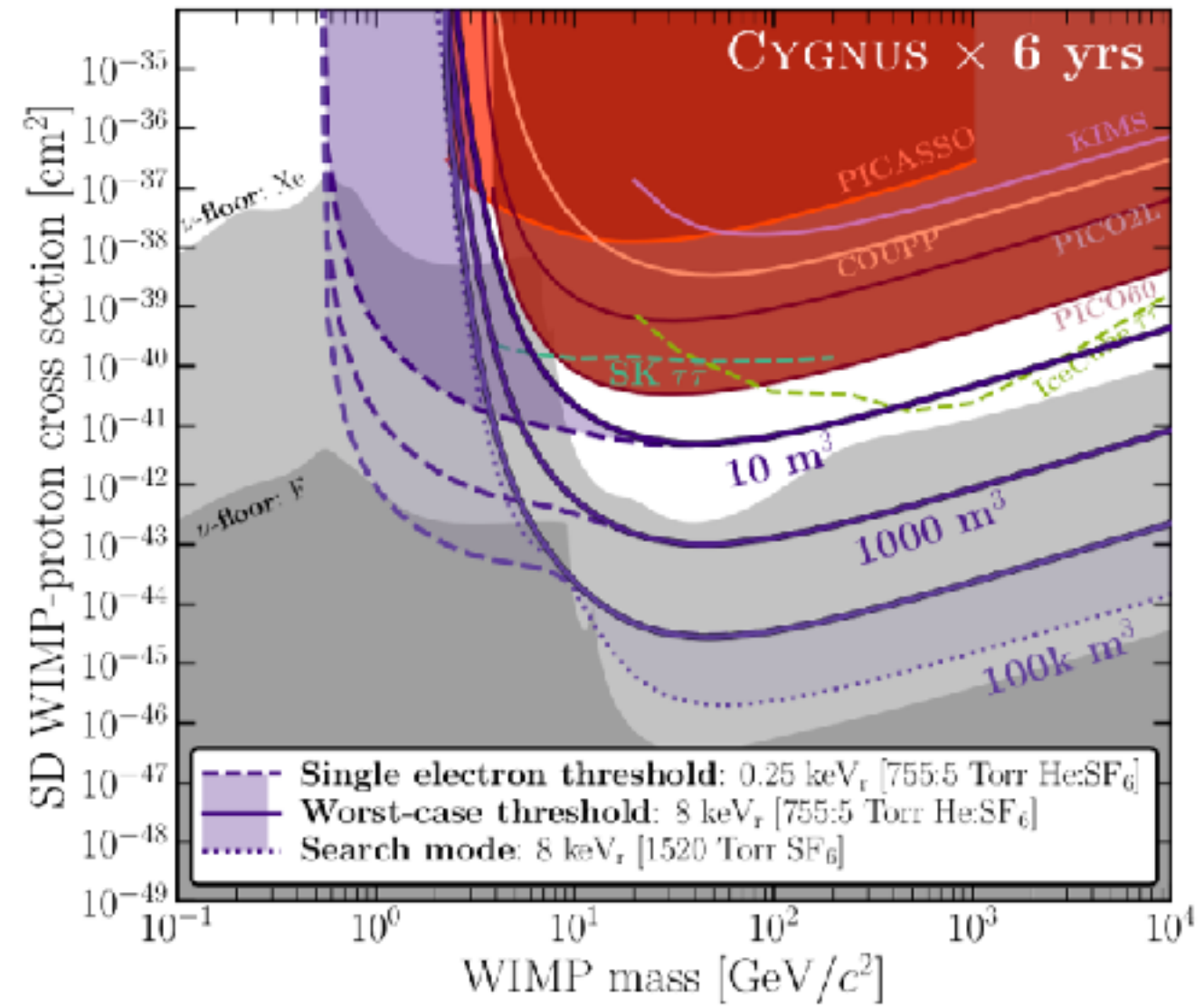
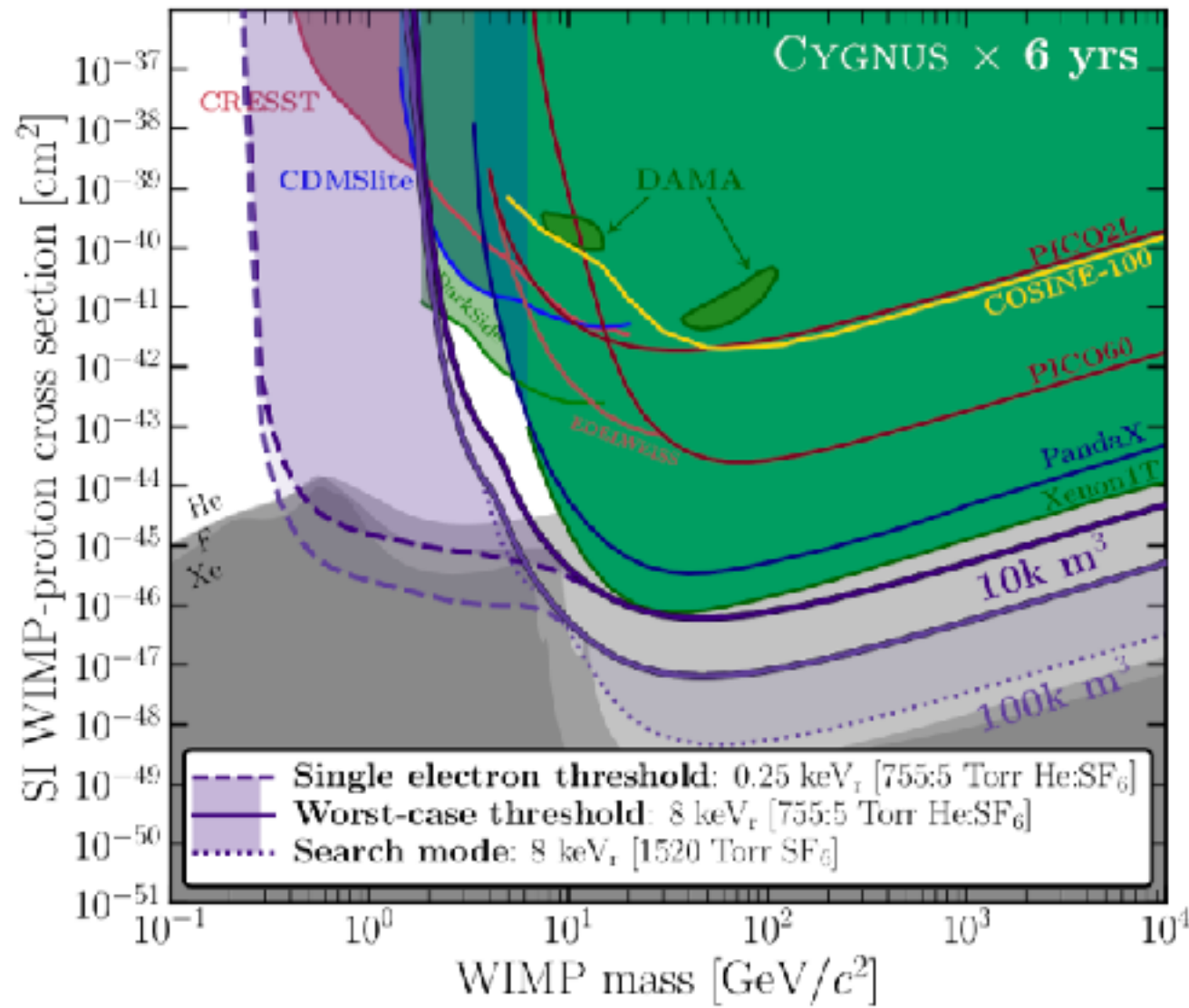
- Future progress can be made depending on target
 - Fluorine based SD detector can go deeper than xenon-based SD detector

Directionality

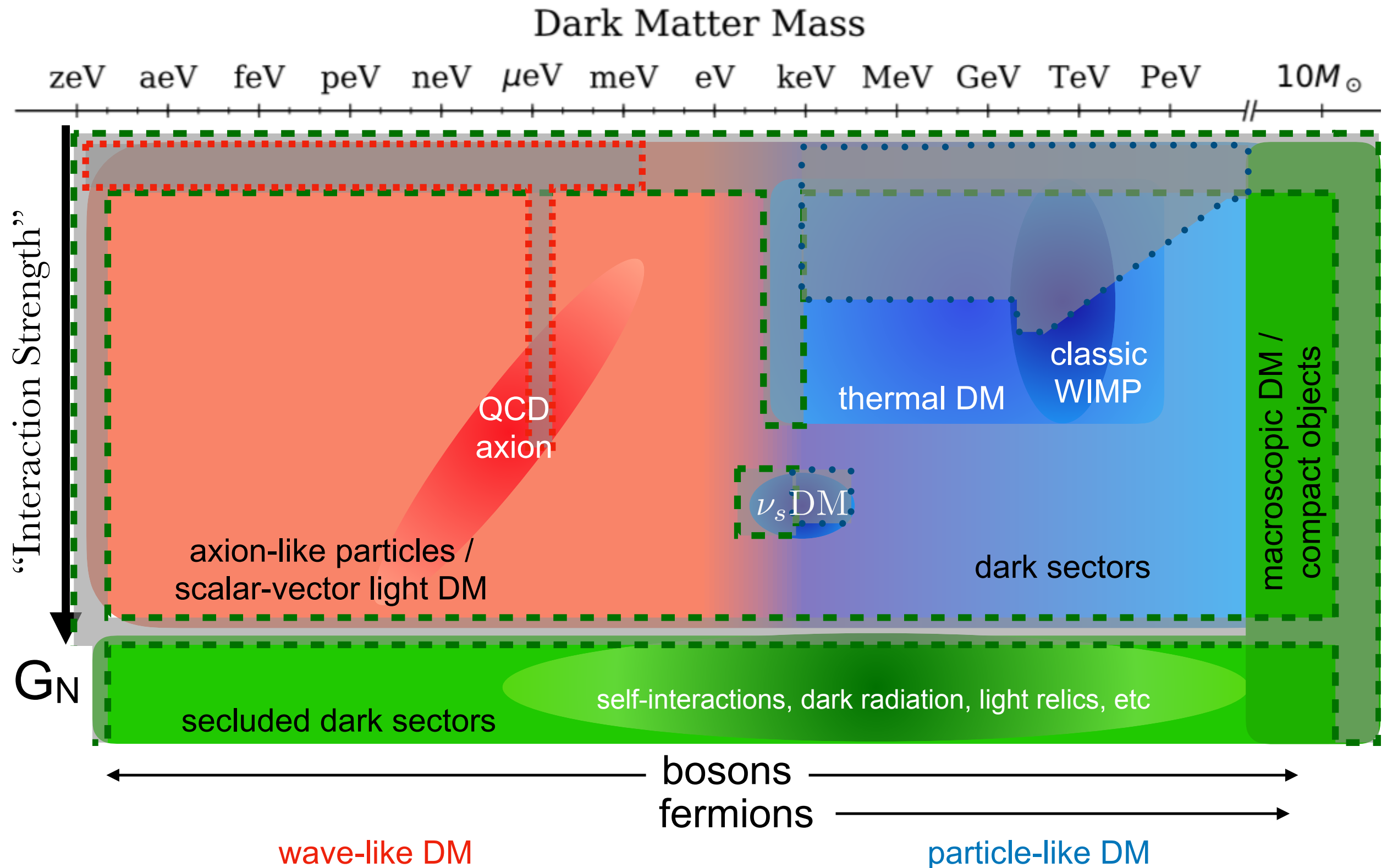
- Directionality can identify WIMP wind with only handful of events
 - Ideal case - 3D direction plus energy
 - Experimentally challenging
- Cygnus program doing R&D now to enable large scale directionality
 - Physics program for dark matter and neutrinos described in 2102.04596



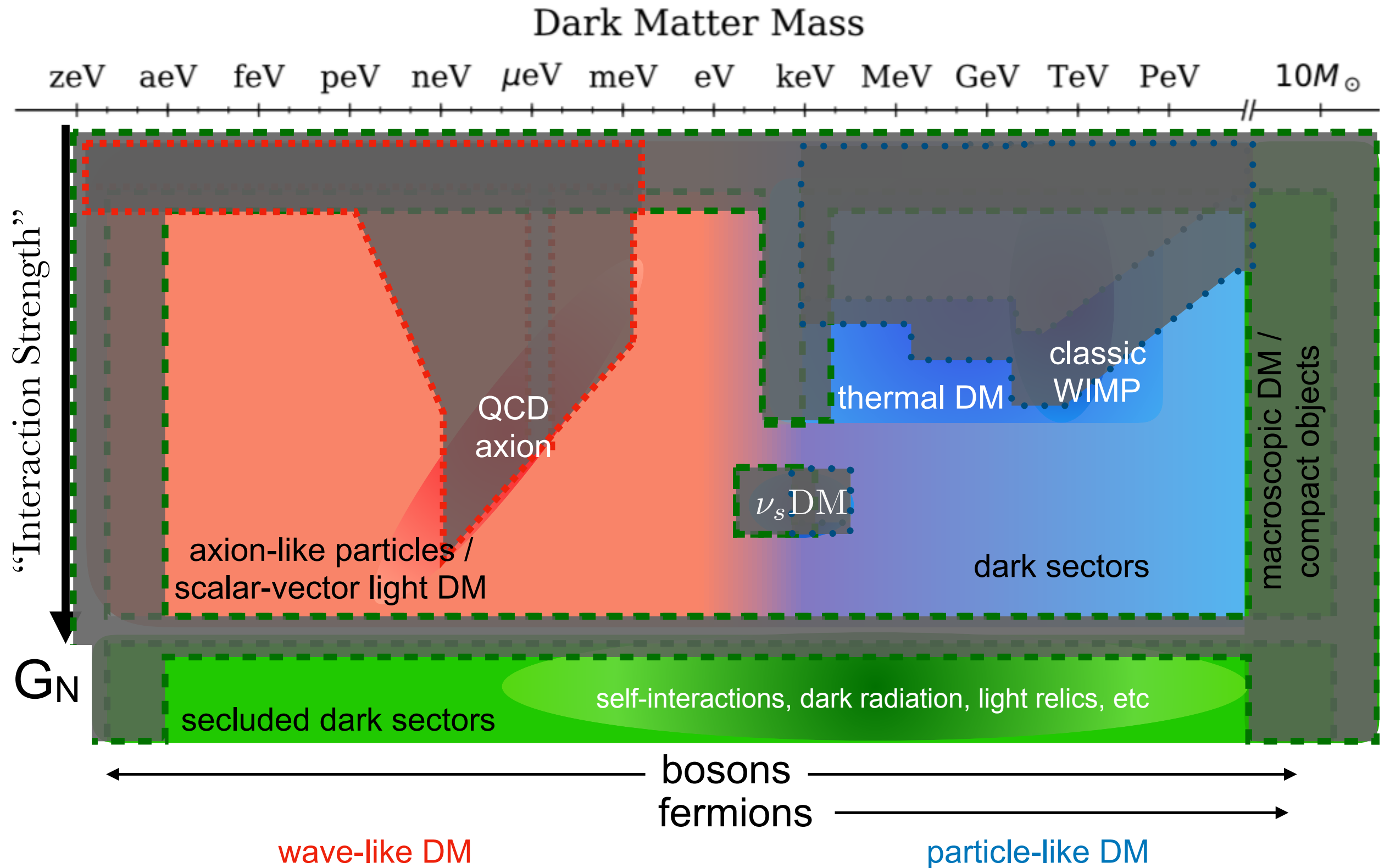
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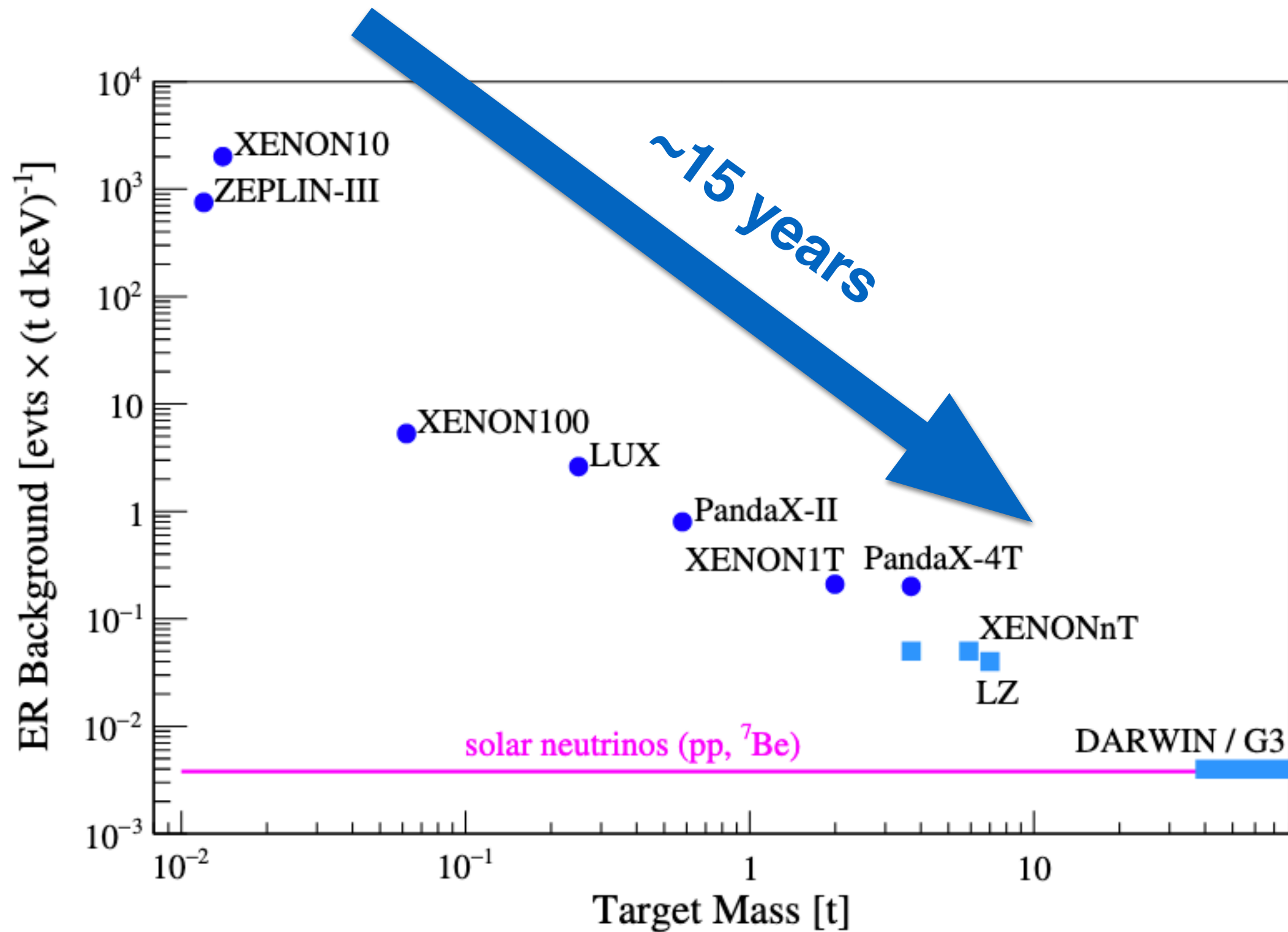
Current status



Plan for next decade

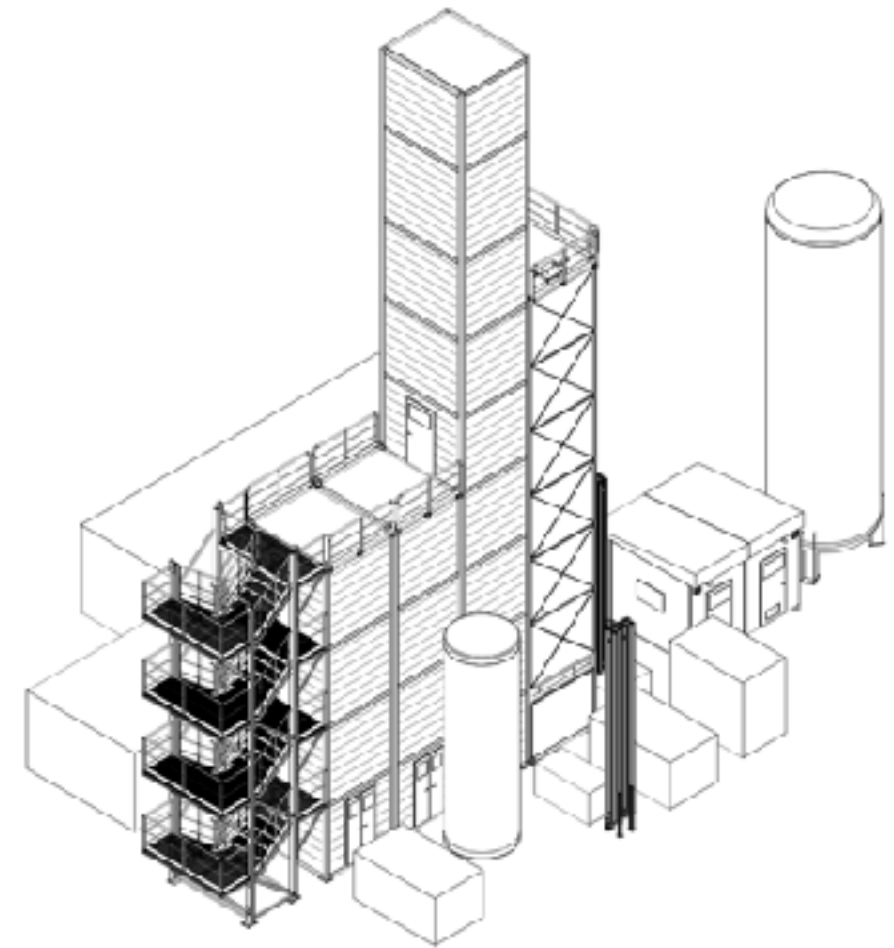


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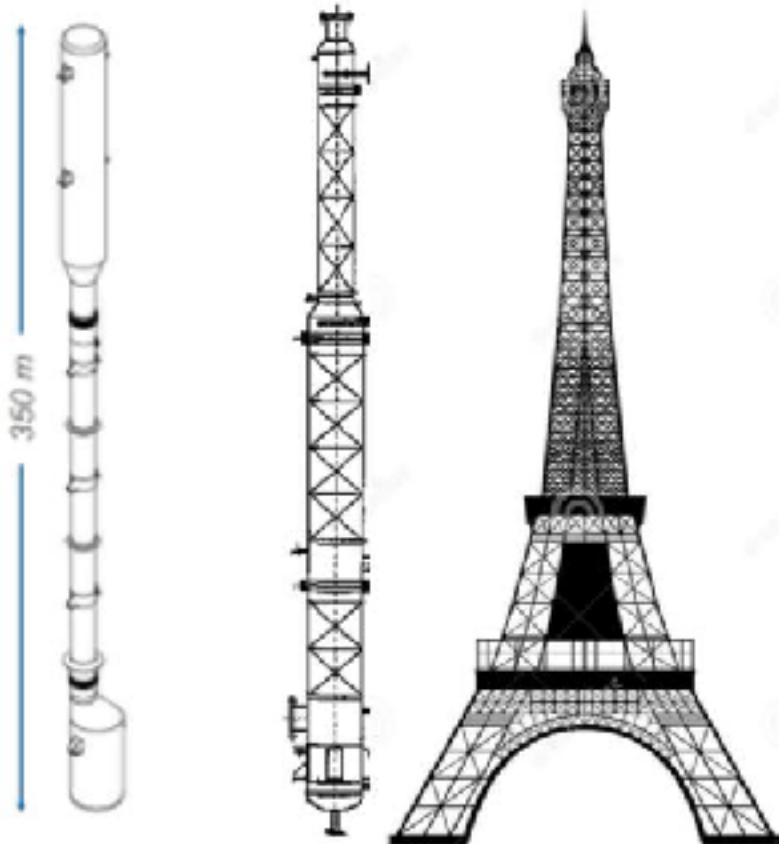


URANIA

- ▶ Procurement of 50 tonnes of UAr from same Colorado source as for DS-50
- ▶ Extraction of 250 kg/day, with 99.9% purity
- ▶ UAr transported to Sardinia for final chemical purification at Aria



Seruci-I **Seruci-II**

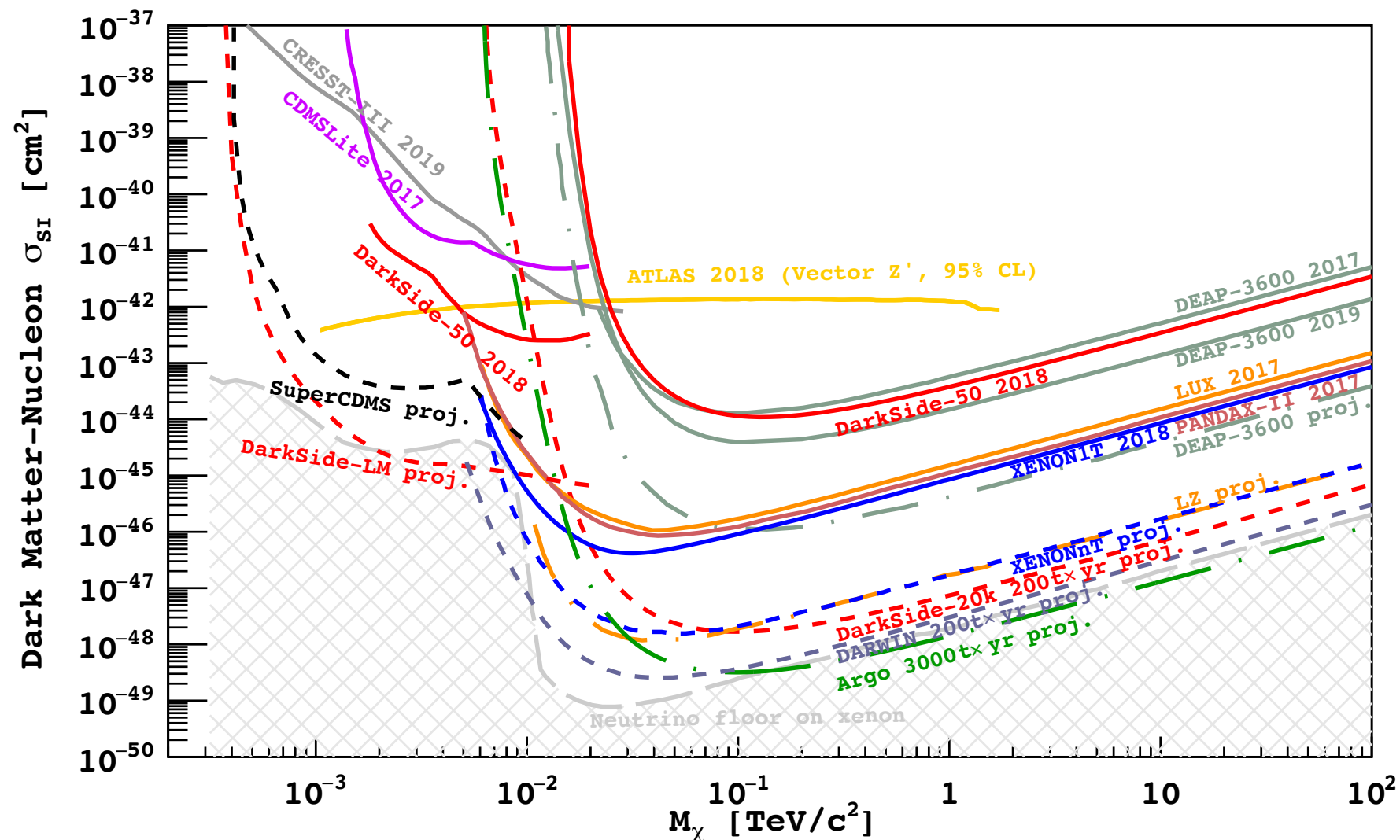


ARIA

- ▶ Big cryogenic distillation column in Seruci, Sardinia
- ▶ Final chemical purification of the UAr
- ▶ Can process O(1 tonne/day) with 10^3 reduction of all chemical impurities
- ▶ Ultimate goal is to isotopically separate ^{39}Ar from ^{40}Ar (at the rate of 10 kg/day in Seruci-I)

ARGO

- ▶ ArDM, DS-50, DEAP-3600, and MiniCLEAN jointly formed the Global Argon Dark Matter Collaboration (GADMC)
- ▶ A 300-tonnes fiducial argon detector filled with underground argon
- ▶ 3000 tonne×year exposure to reach the neutrino floor



GADMC experiments cover the WIMP hypothesis from 1 GeV/c² to several hundreds of TeV/c² masses in the search for spin-independent coupling.

What are we looking for? (Spin Dependent)

