

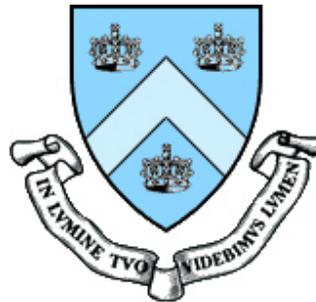
LNGS

a laboratory with the vocation of the Dark Matter

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Dark Matter: a brief history

- **1922: Jacobus Kapteyn** coined the name "dark matter", while studying stellar motions in our galaxy. He found that the Galaxy had a center of rotation
- **1932: Jan Oort**, student of Kapteyn, did a Ph.D. whose title was *High velocity stars*. He suggested that there would be more dark than visible matter in the vicinity of the Sun (later the result turned out to be wrong)
- **1933: F. Zwicky** found "dunkle Materie" in the Coma cluster - the redshift of galaxies were much larger than the escape velocity due to luminous matter alone



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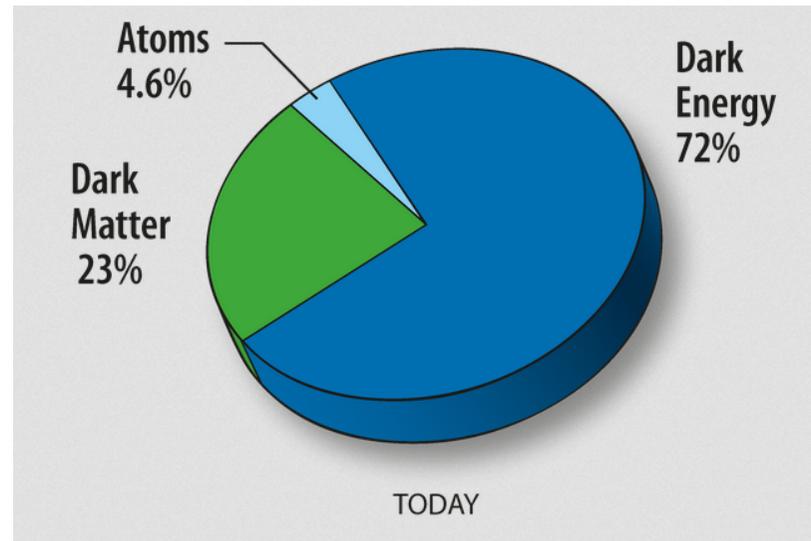
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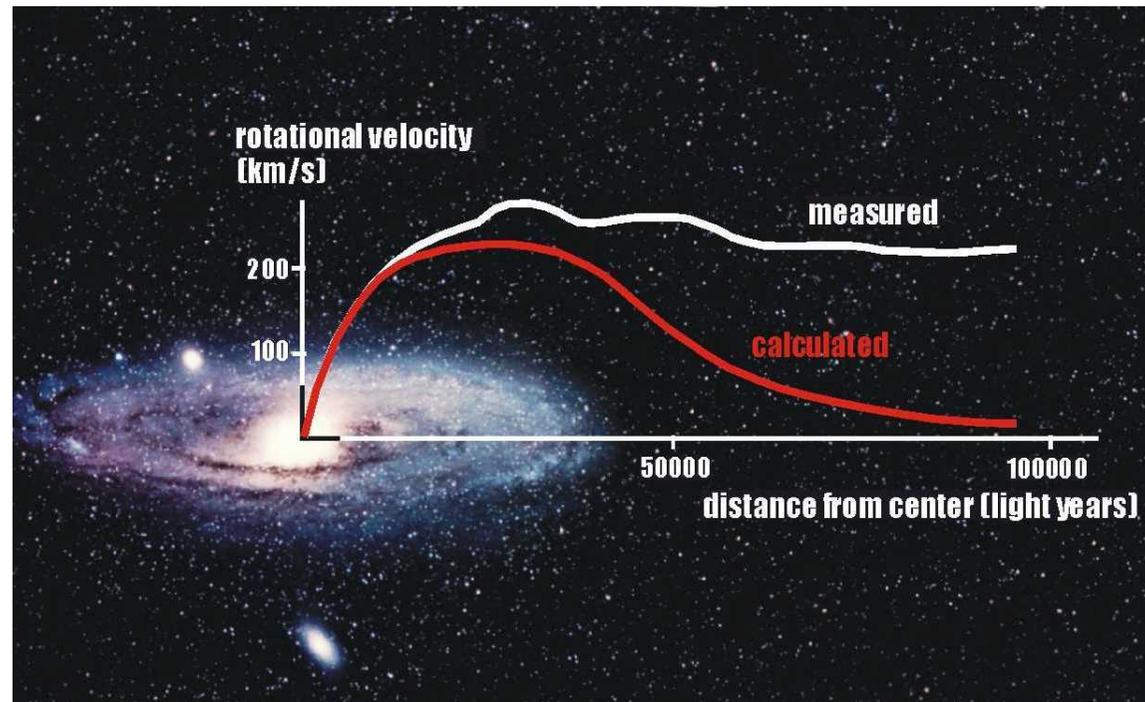
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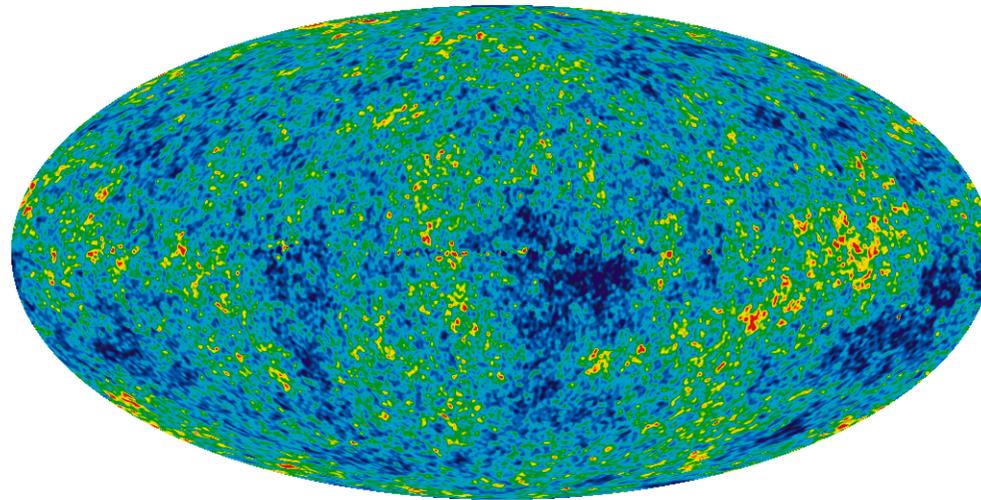
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Evidence for Dark Matter, Galaxy rotation curves



Spiral galaxies show $\frac{M}{L} \sim 30 - 40 \frac{M_{\odot}}{L_{\odot}}$.

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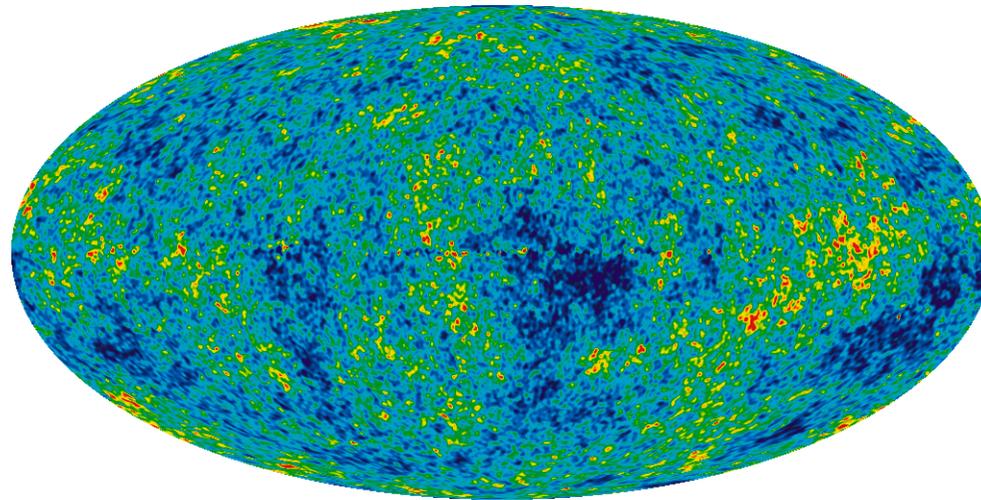


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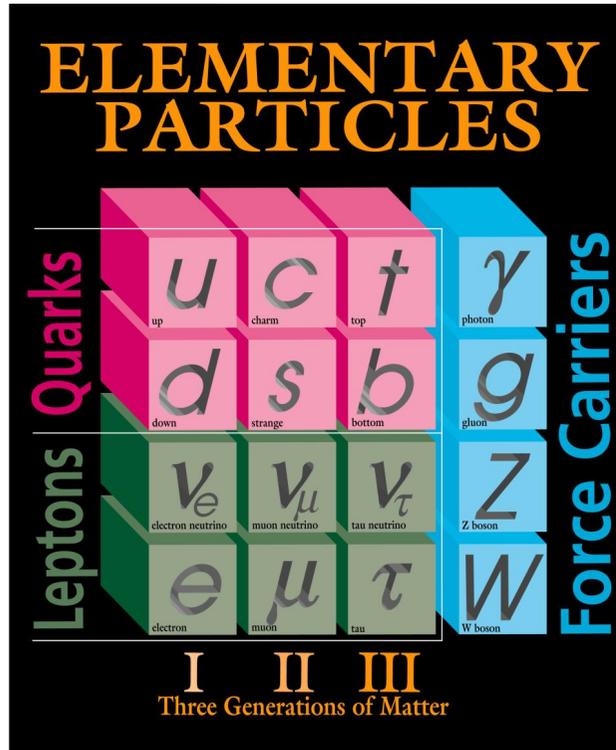
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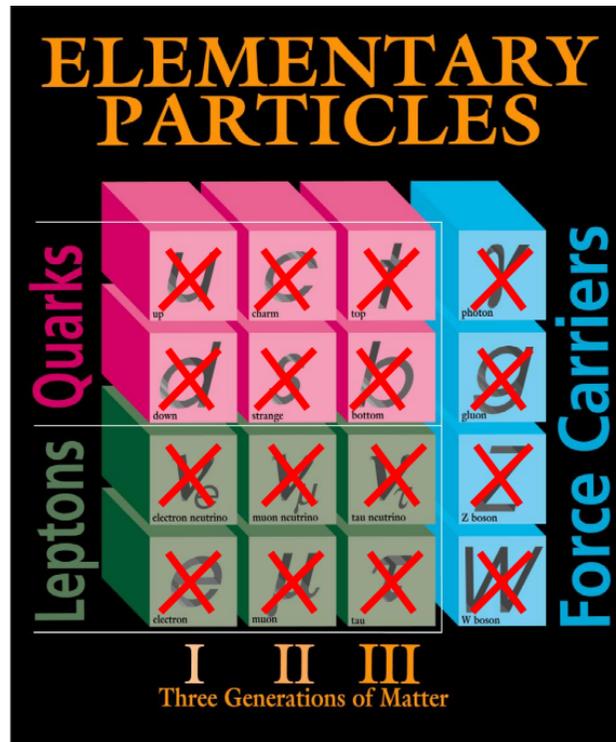


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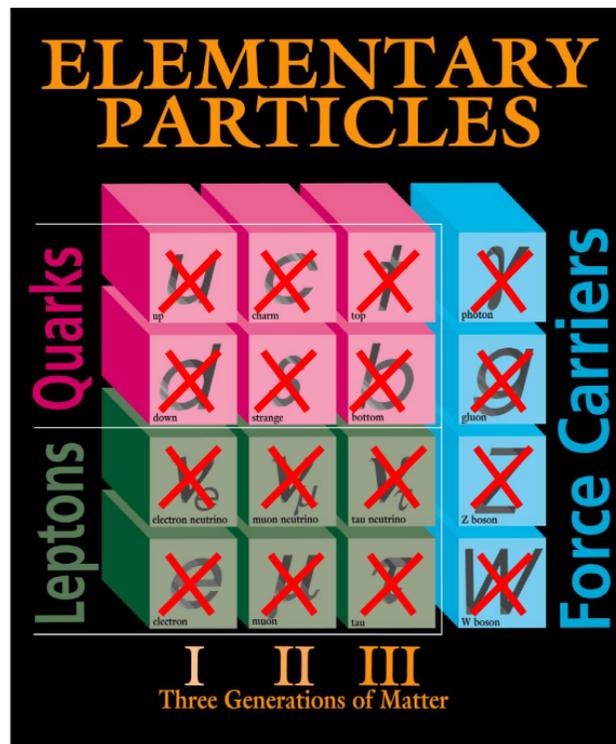
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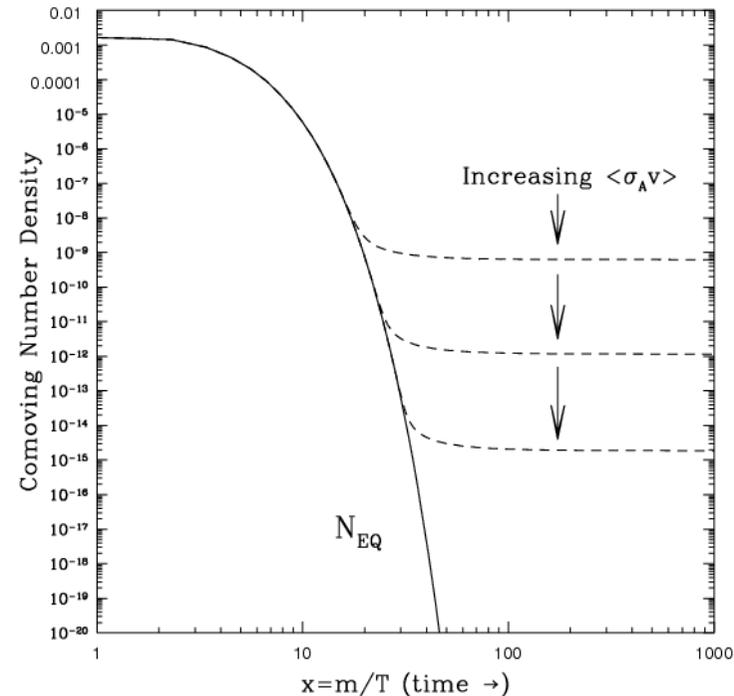
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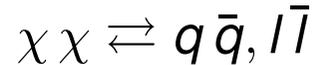
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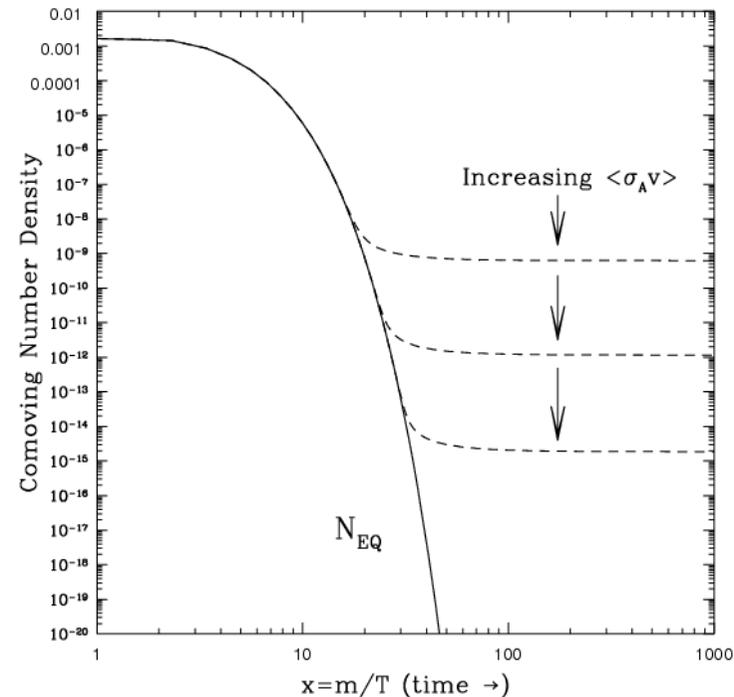
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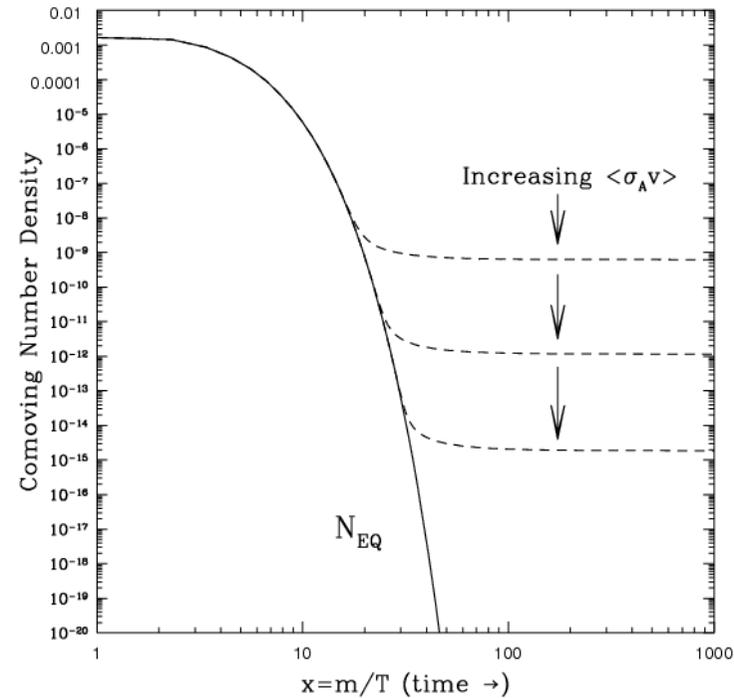
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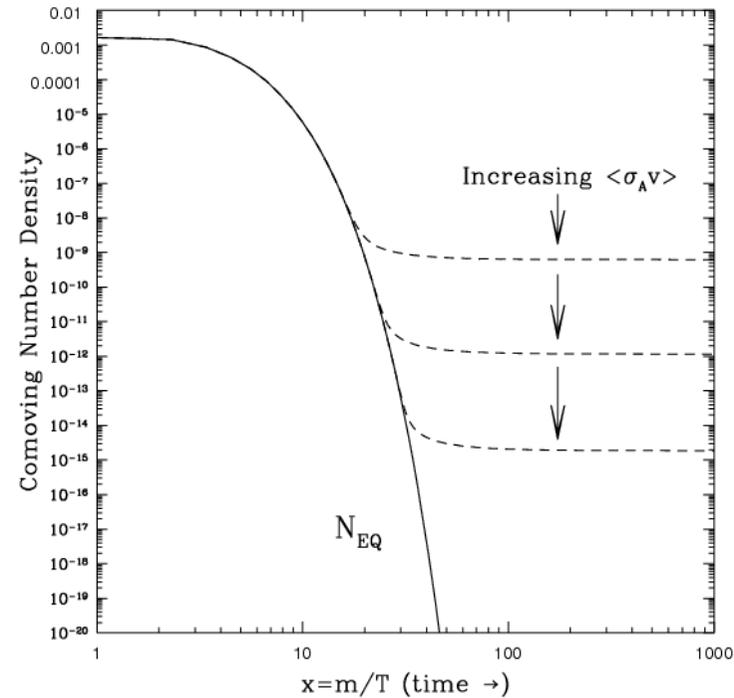
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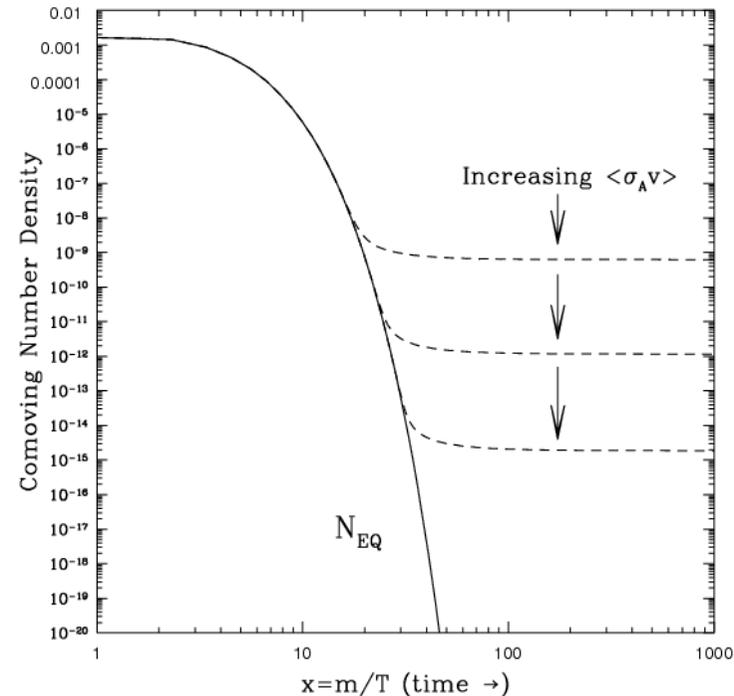
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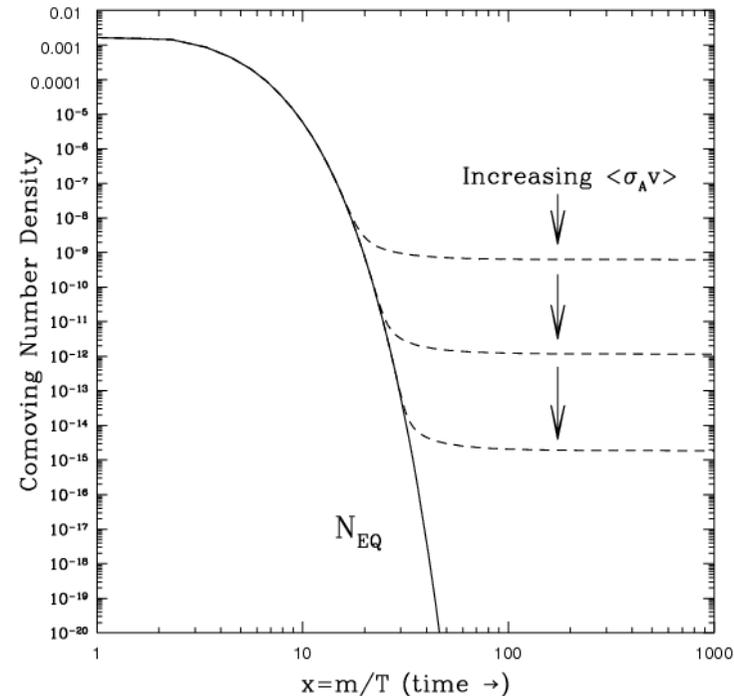
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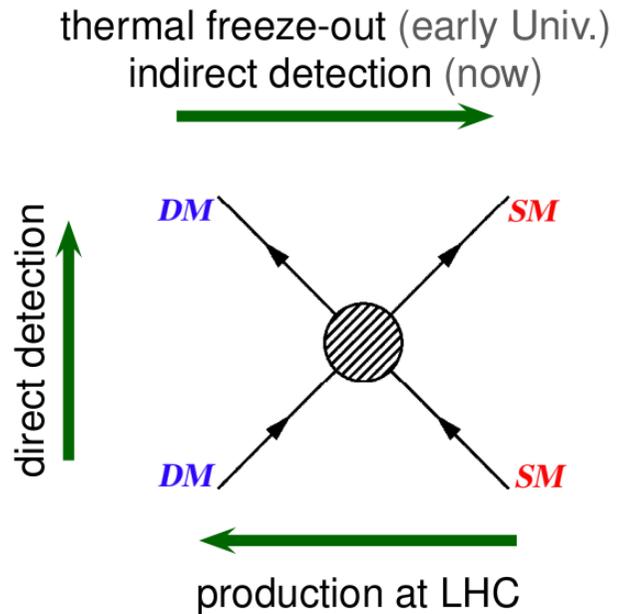
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Independent and complementary approaches

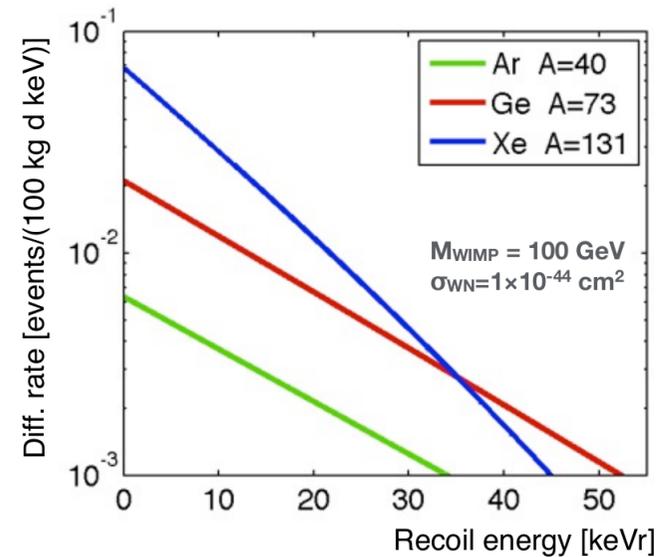
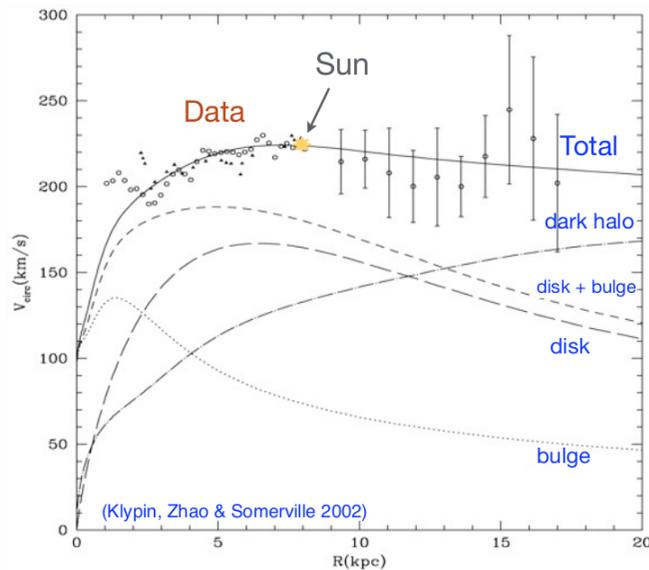
Indirect detection
 Products of DM particles annihilation: e^+ , \bar{p} , γ , energetic ν s.

Production in colliders
 Missing energy in LHC collisions

Direct detection
 WIMPs interactions with target nuclei

Direct detection: effect of WIMPs interactions

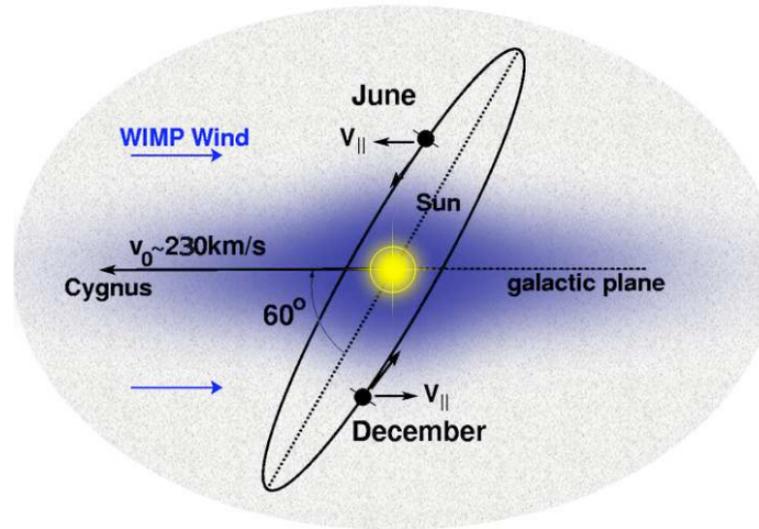
WIMPs induce *nuclear recoils* in a terrestrial detector.



$\rho_0 \sim 0.3 \text{ GeV} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$ (few particles per liter) at the Sun position.
Standard assumption is a Maxwellian velocity distribution with $v_0 = 220 \text{ km/s}$

Nuclear recoil energies $O(10 \text{ keV})$
Total recoil rate as low as $1 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ events / (day} \cdot \text{kg)}$

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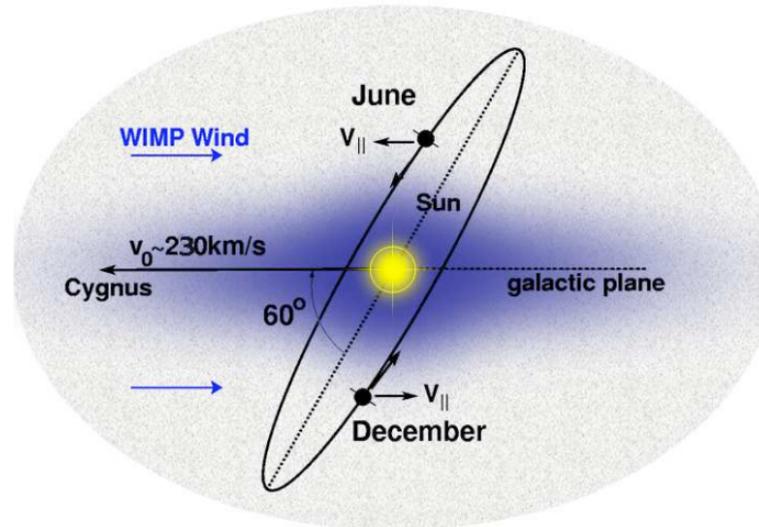


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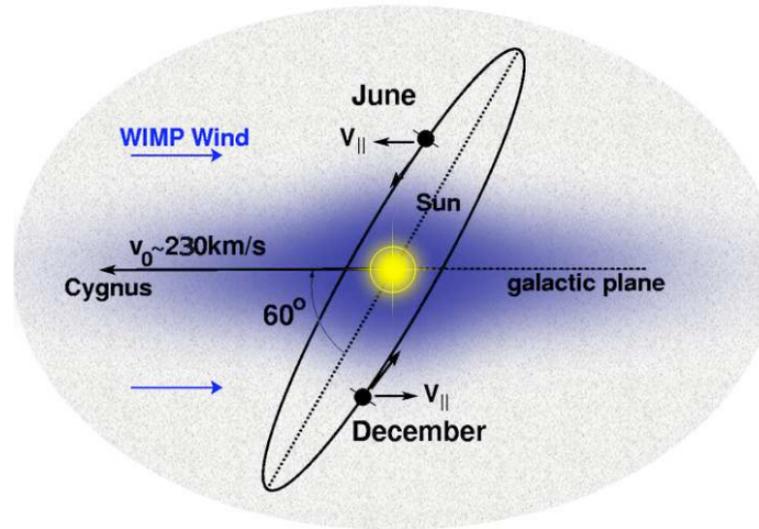


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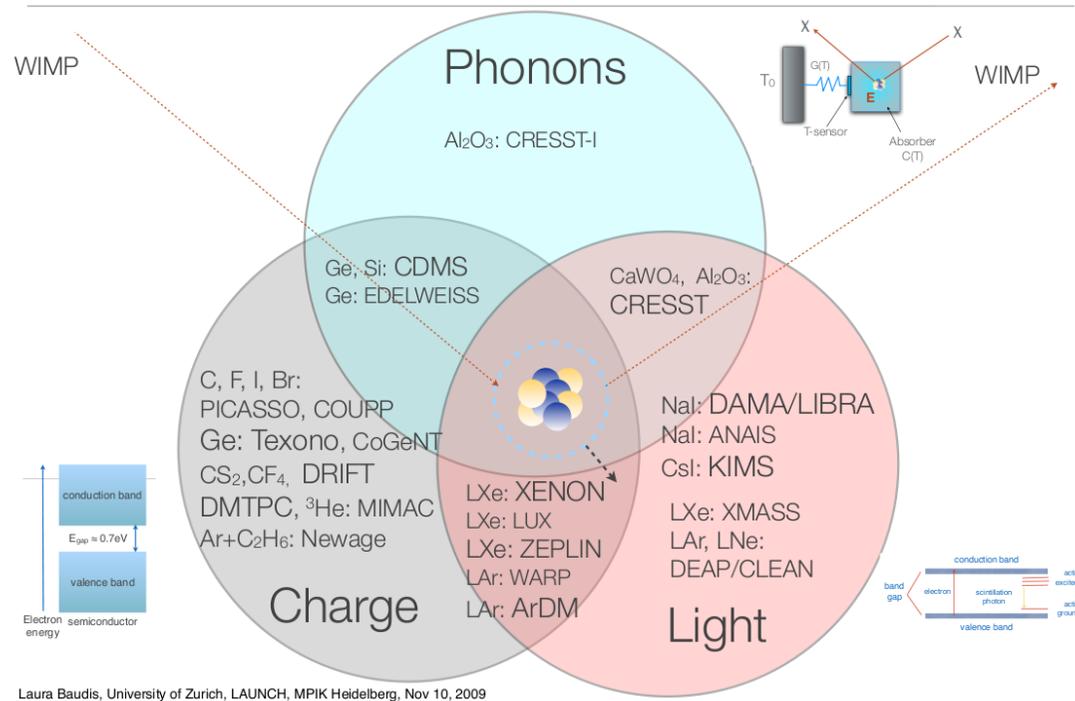
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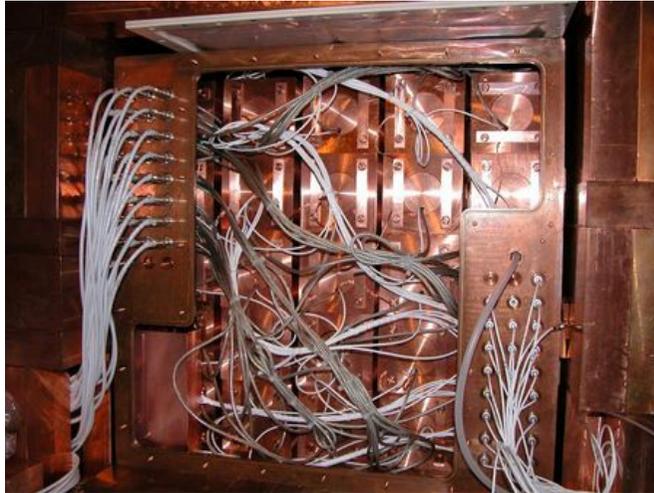
Double Read-Out: use of two signals to discriminate nuclear and electronic recoils

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Direct detection: LNGS experiments



DAMA: light (annual modulation)



XENON: light + charge



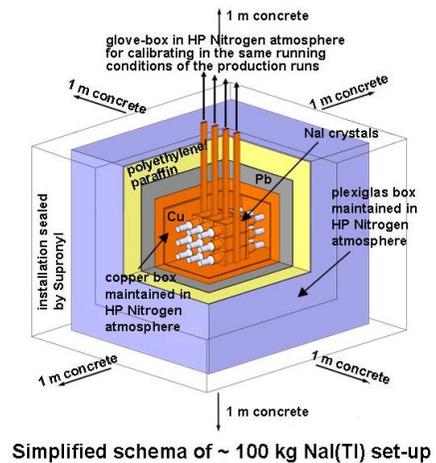
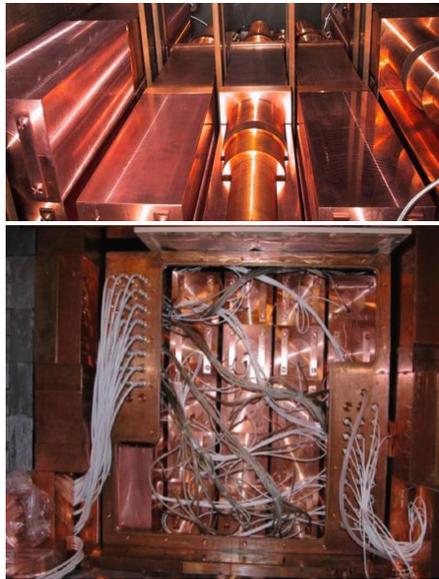
CRESST: light + phonons



DARKSIDE: light + charge

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Array of radiopure sodium iodine (NaI) scintillating crystals. Light is detected by means of PMTs. Look for *annual modulation* in single-hit events.

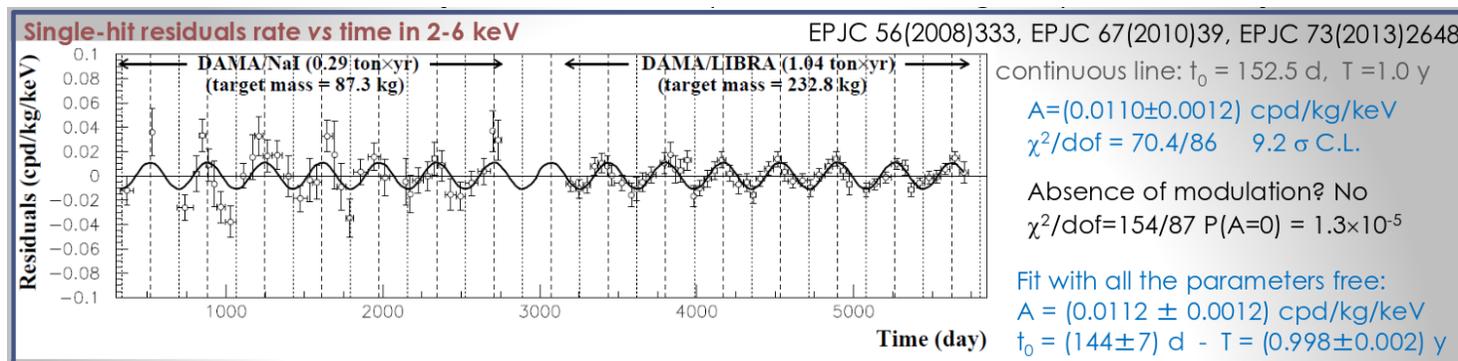


DAMA/NaI: 87.3 kg of NaI, completed data taking in July 2002, total exposure 0.29 ton \times year.

DAMA/LIBRA: 232.8 kg of NaI, first phase ended August 2013, total exposure 1.04 ton \times year.

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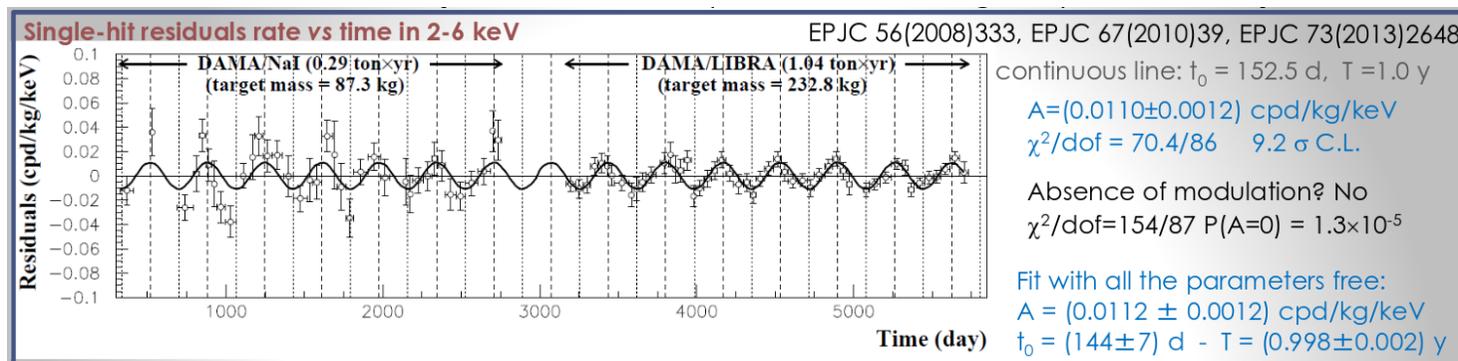
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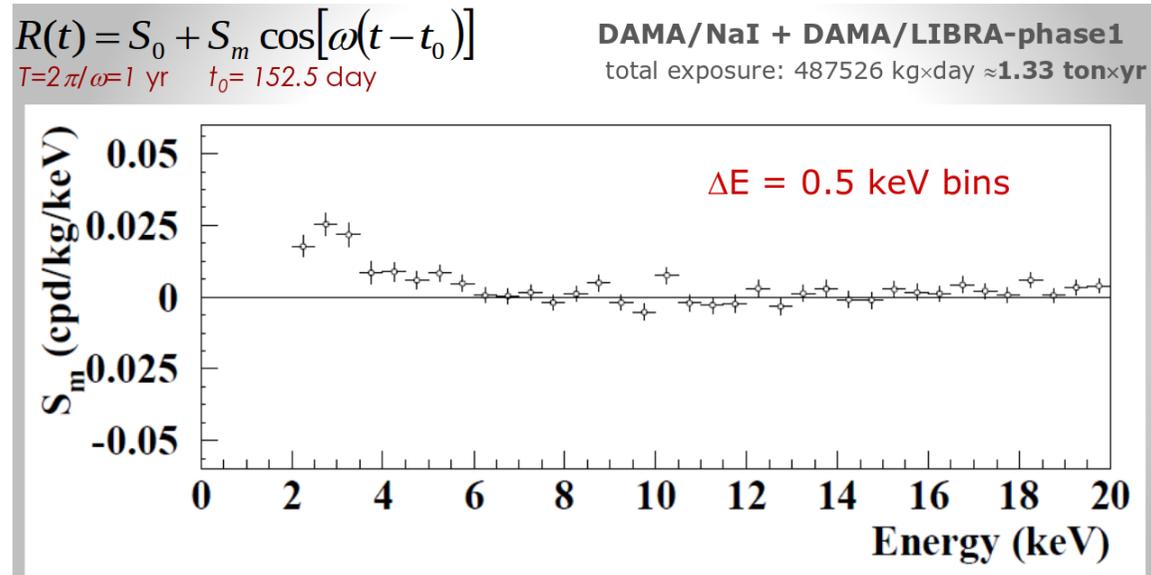


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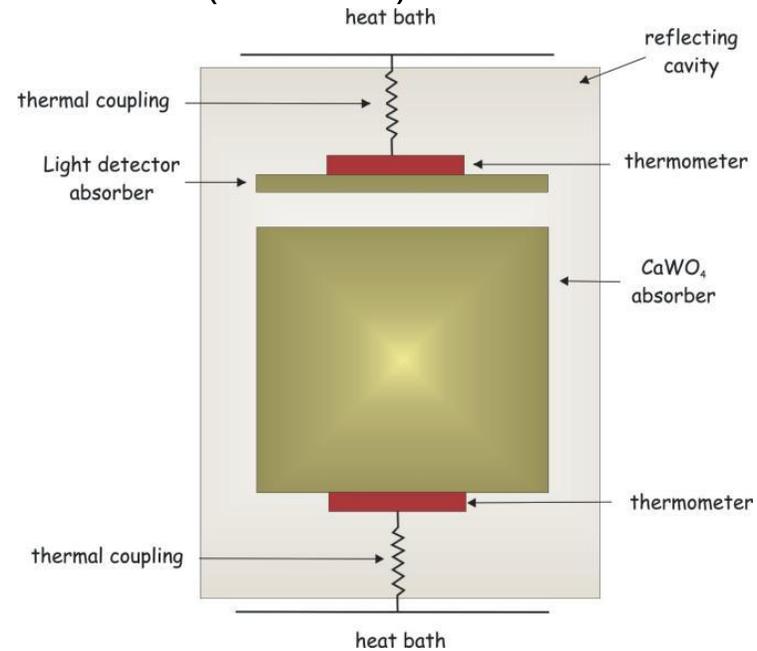
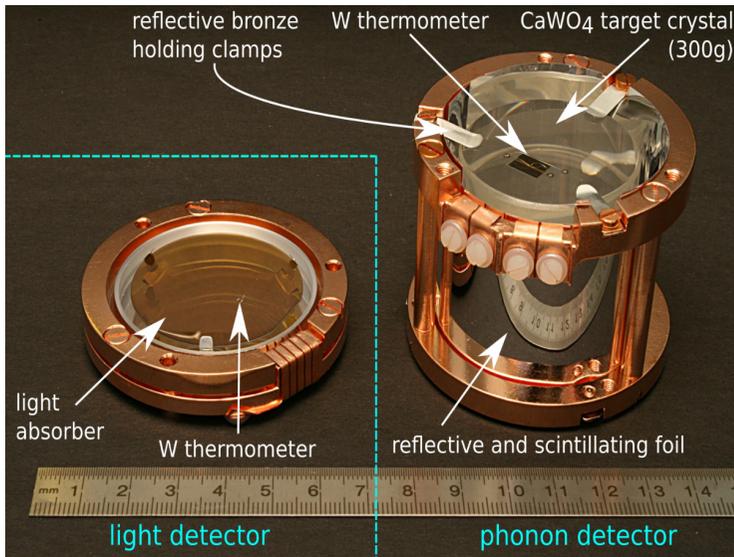


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- DAMA/LIBRA phase 2 in data taking at lower energy threshold (below 2 keV).
- DAMA/LIBRA phase 3 under study (increasing light collection and with new high q.e. PMTs).
- R&D for a possible DAMA/1 ton setup.

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It uses scintillating CaWO_4 crystals (300 g each) as target at cryogenic temperatures (~ 10 mK). Very low threshold (0.4 keV).



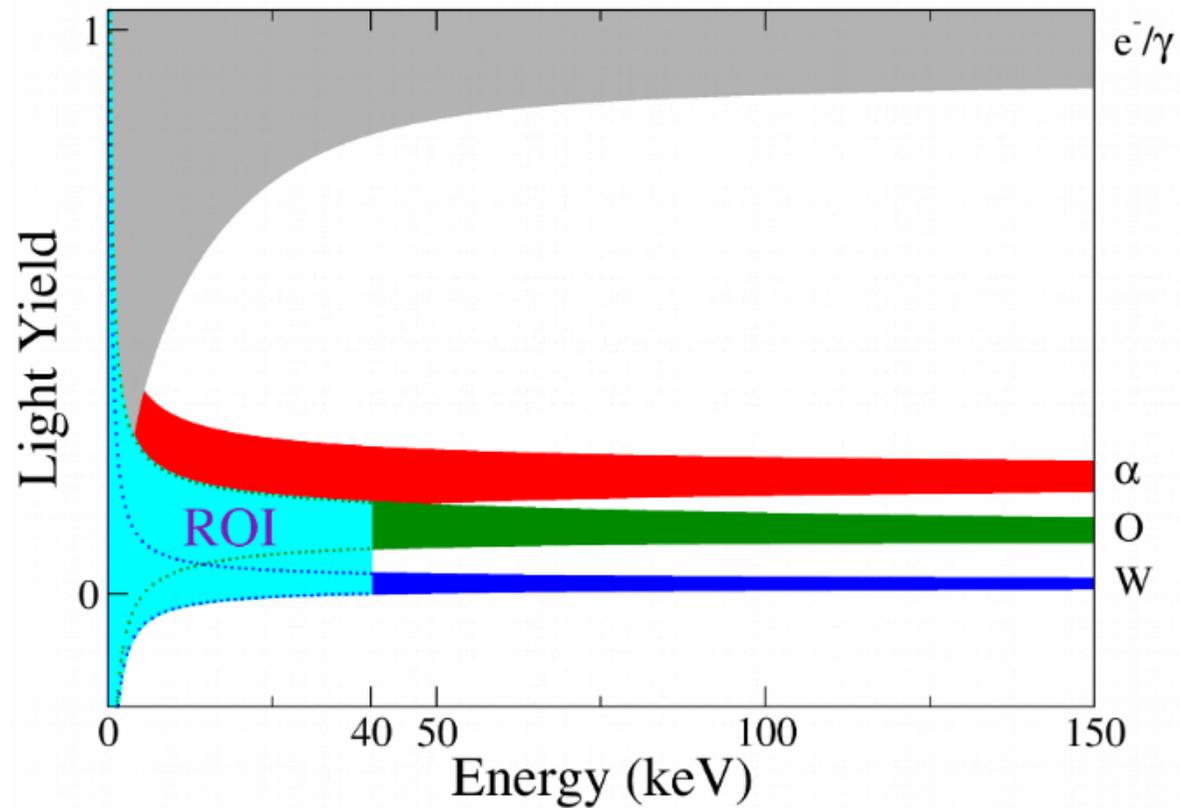
$$\Delta T = \frac{E}{C(T)} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}, \tau = \frac{C(T)}{G(T)}$$

Phonon signal (heat) → deposited energy

Scintillation light → particle discrimination

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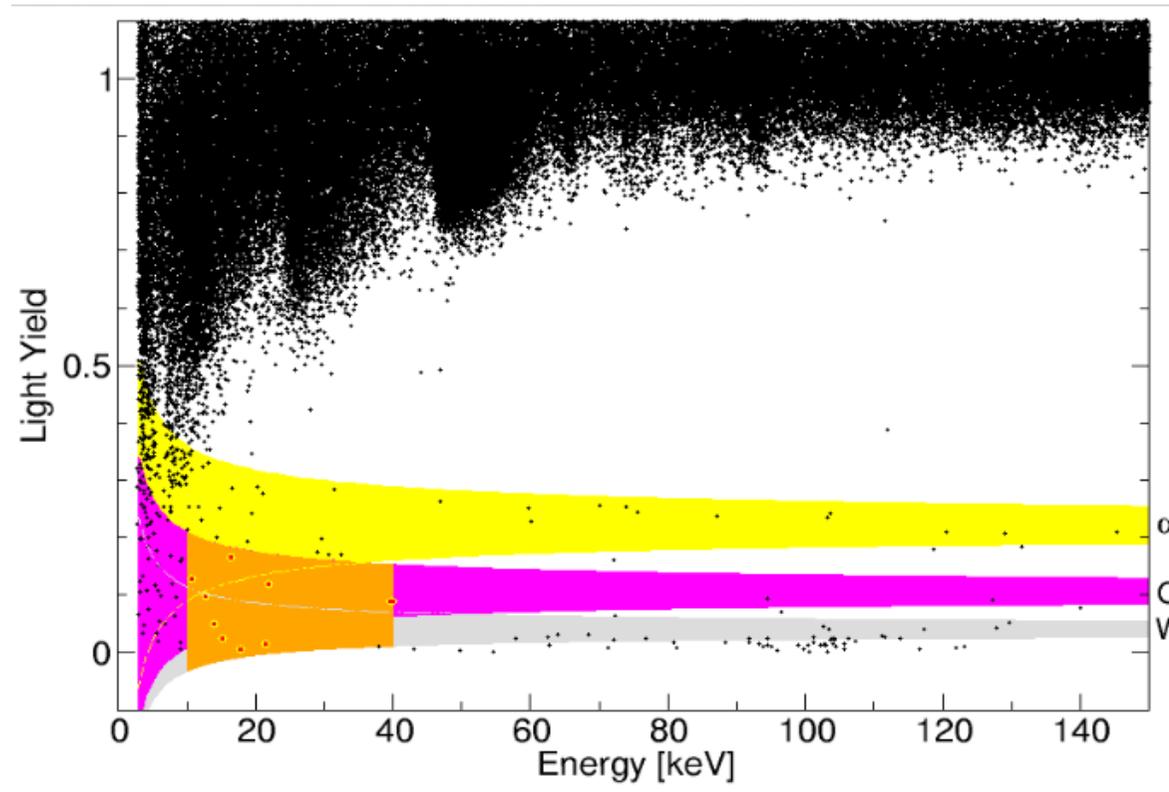


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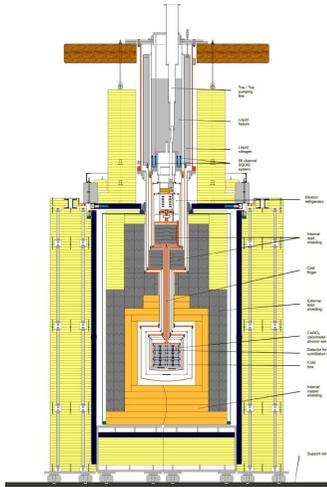


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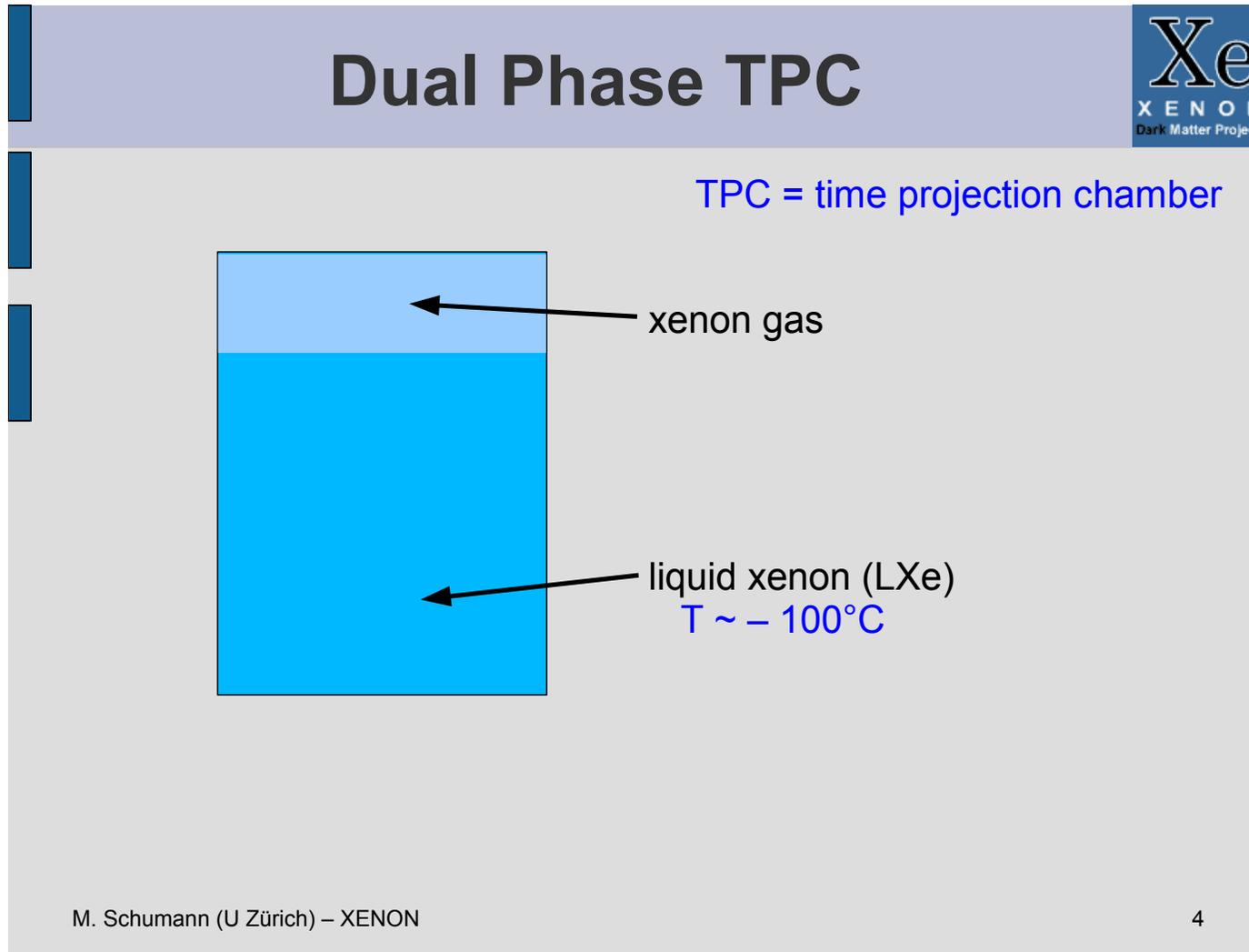
CRESST-II Phase 1 (2009-2011): excess above known background, mild tension with previous data.

CRESST-II Phase 2 (since July 2013): background reduction, currently running. Very good performance at low WIMP mass (<3 GeV).

CRESST-III: smaller crystals (24 g), lowering threshold (100 eV). Starting this year.

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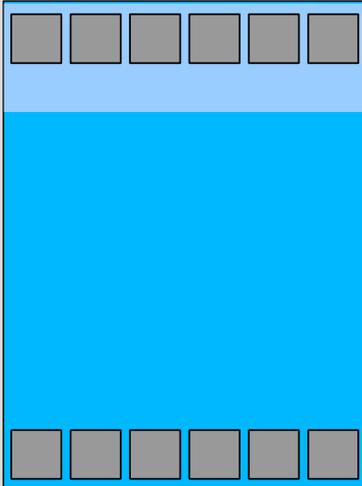


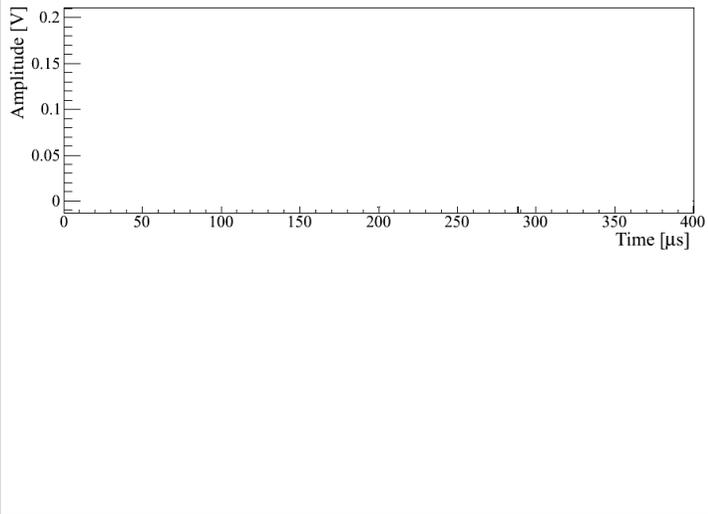
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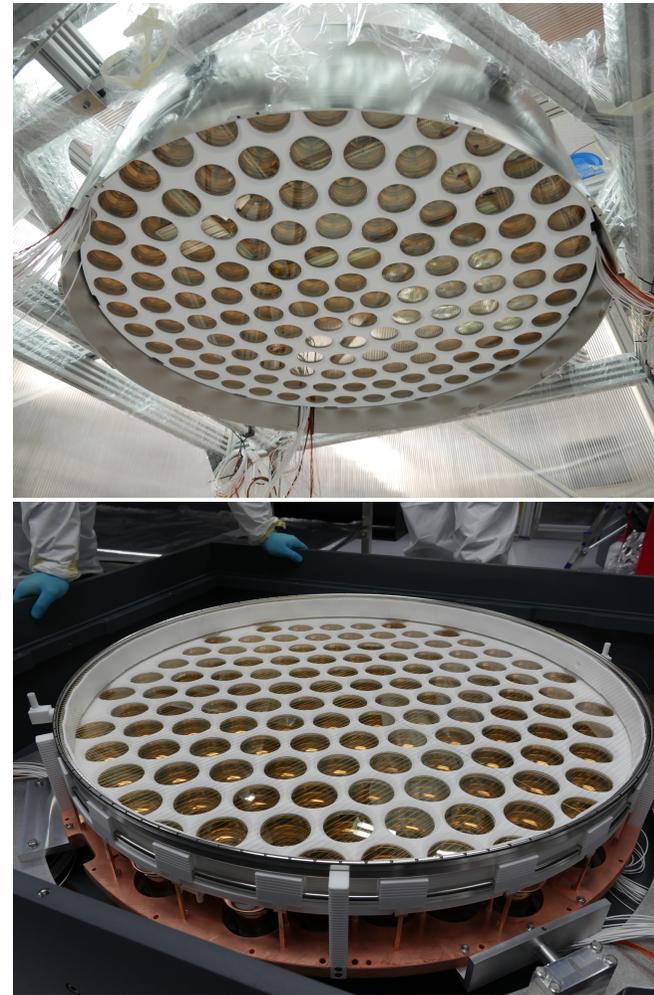
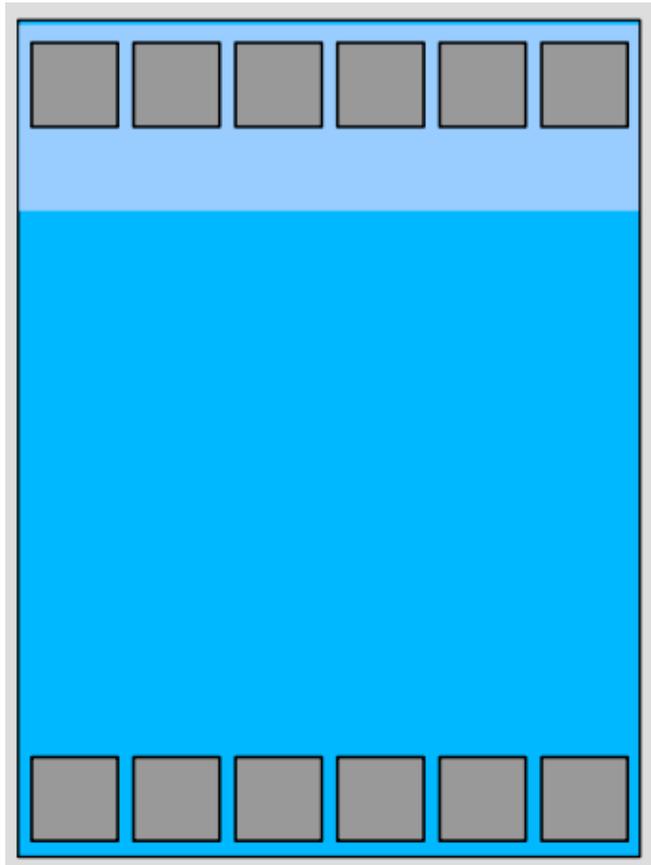


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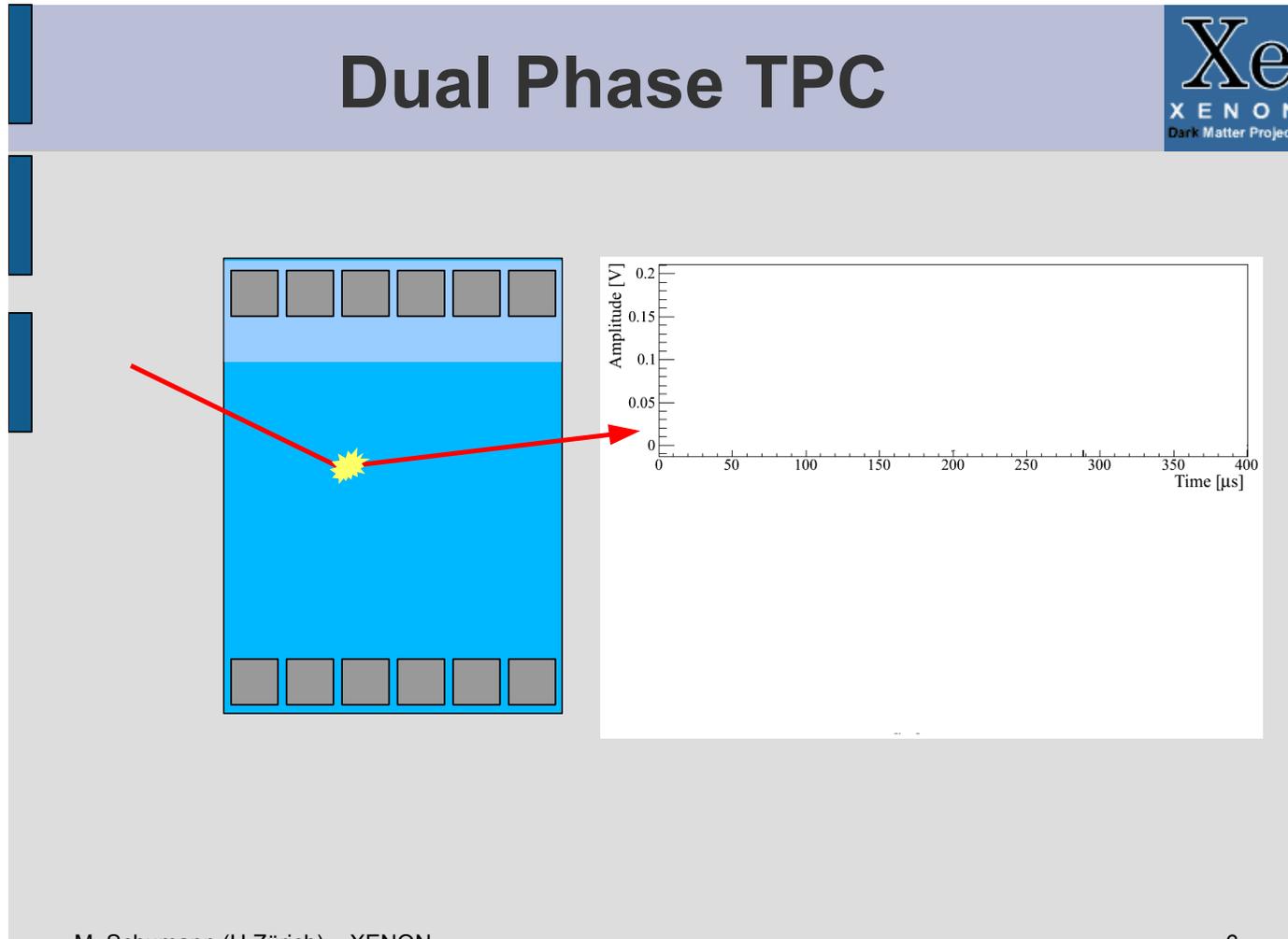
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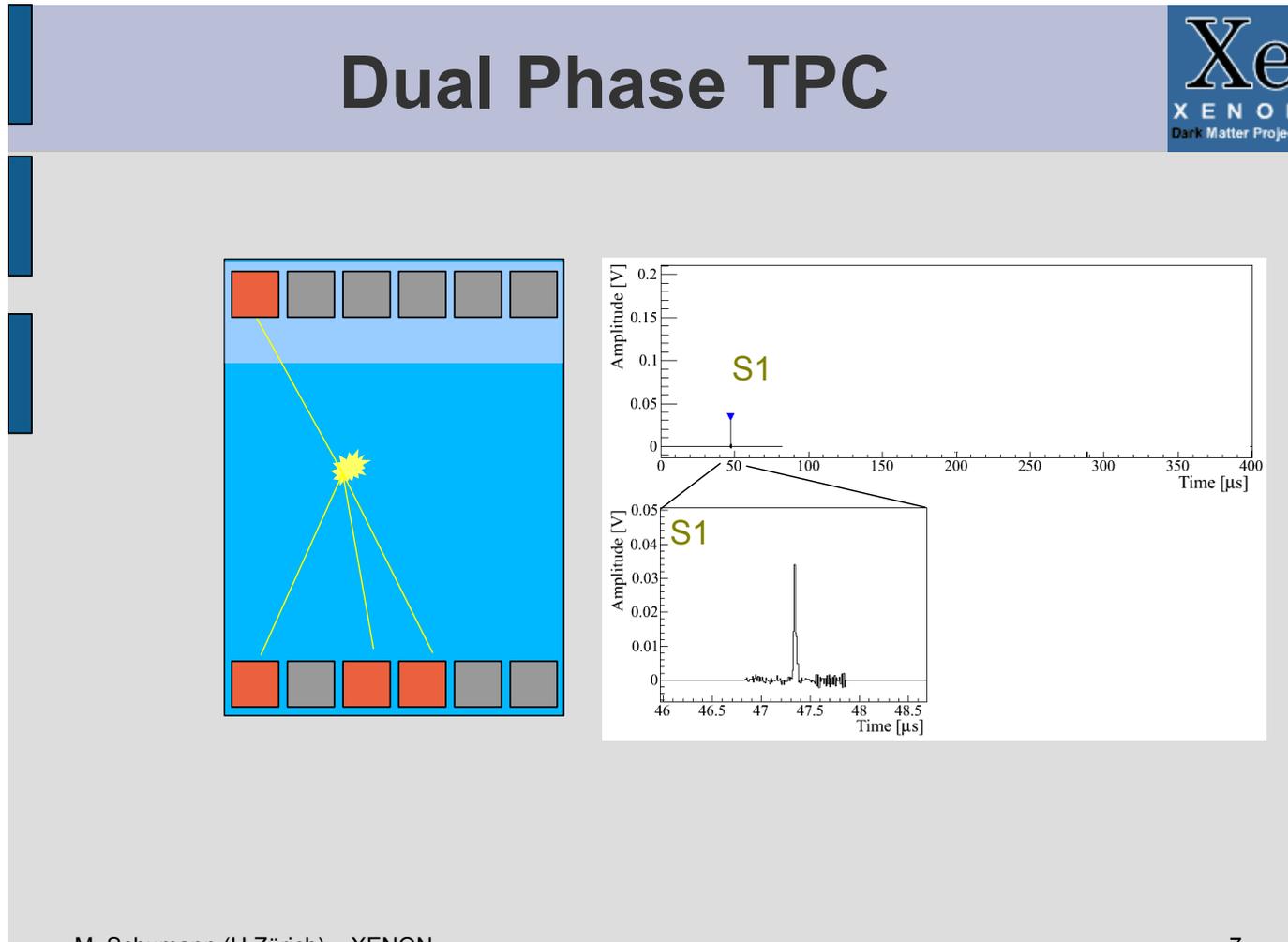
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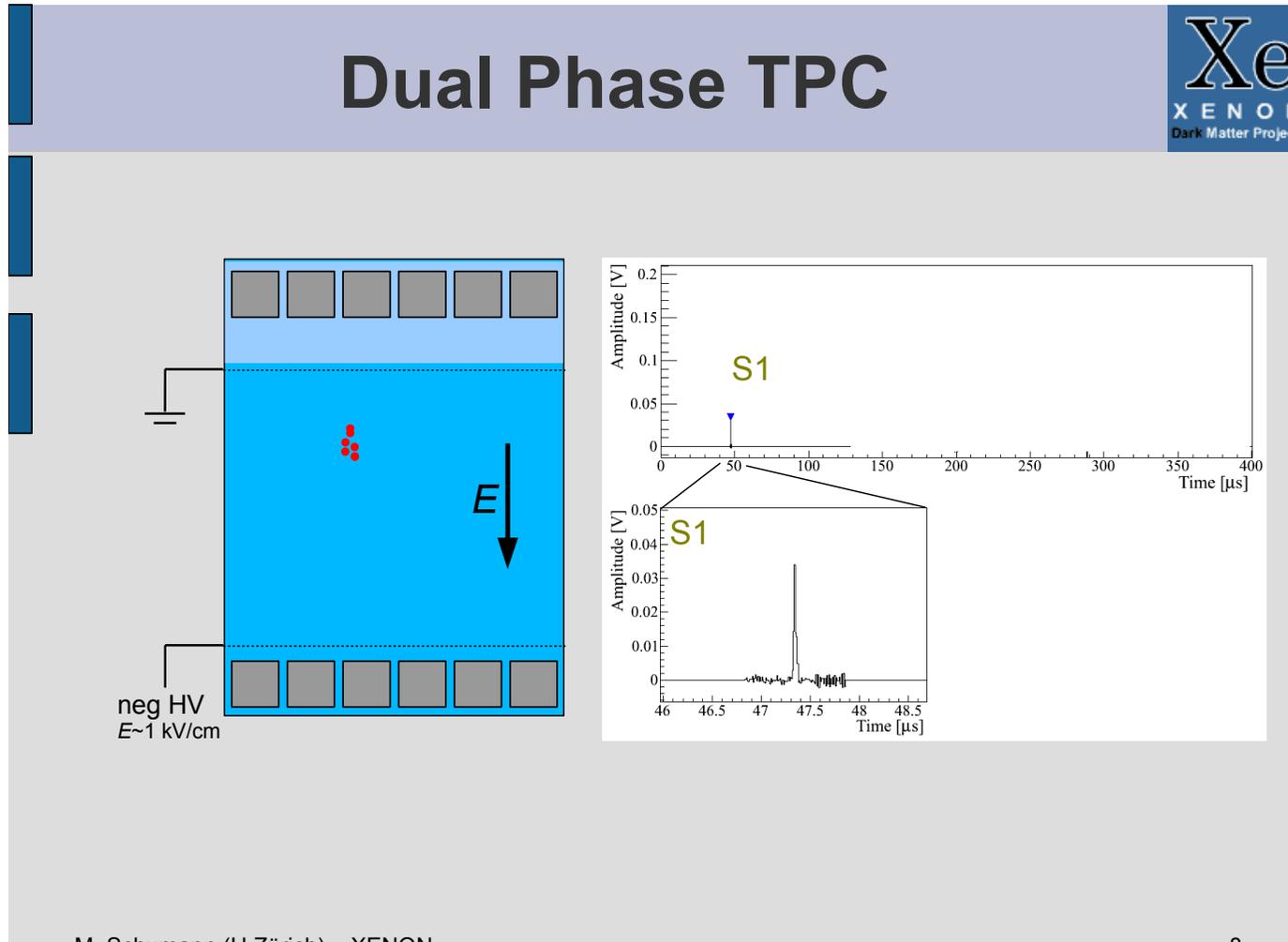
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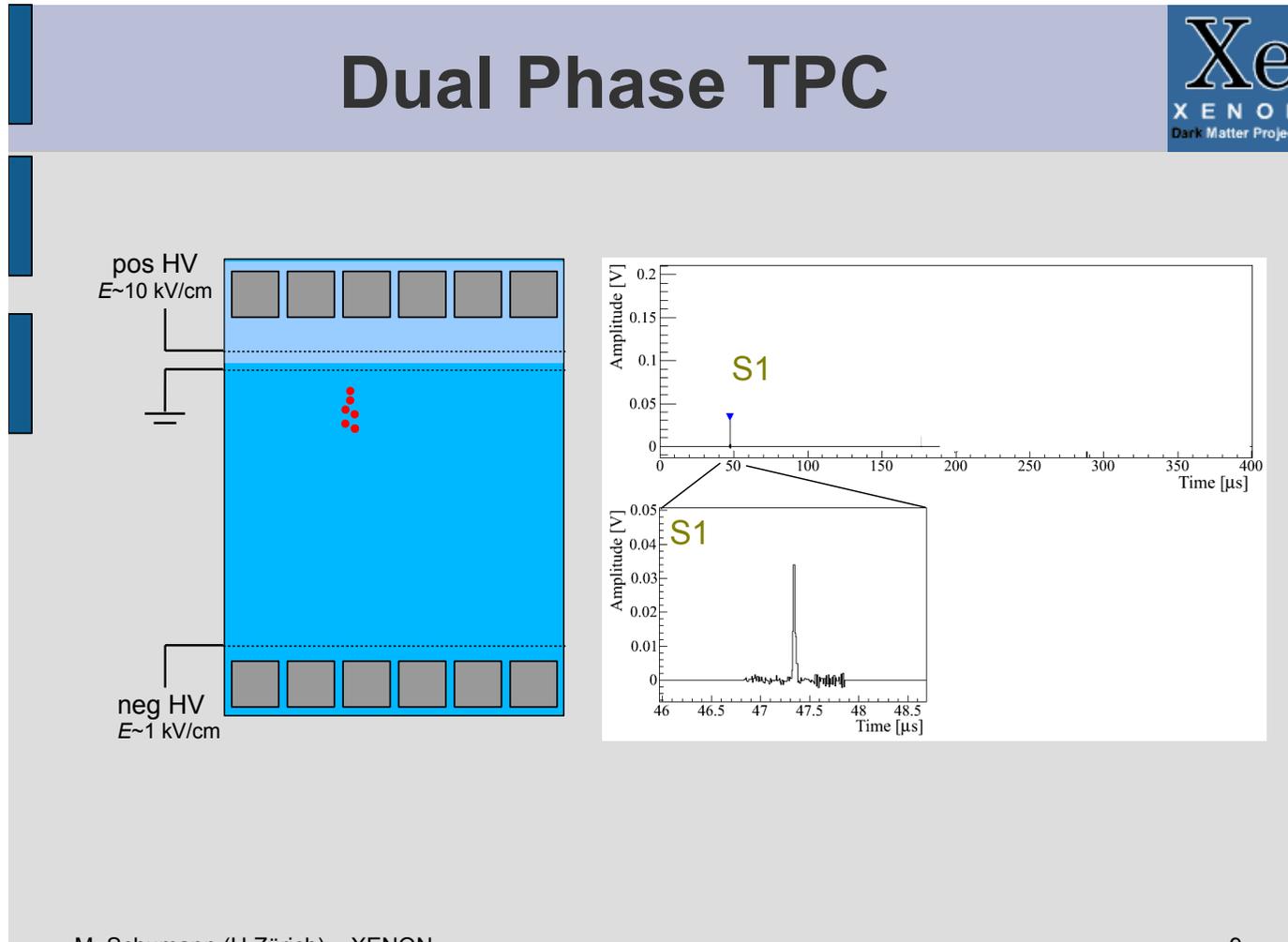


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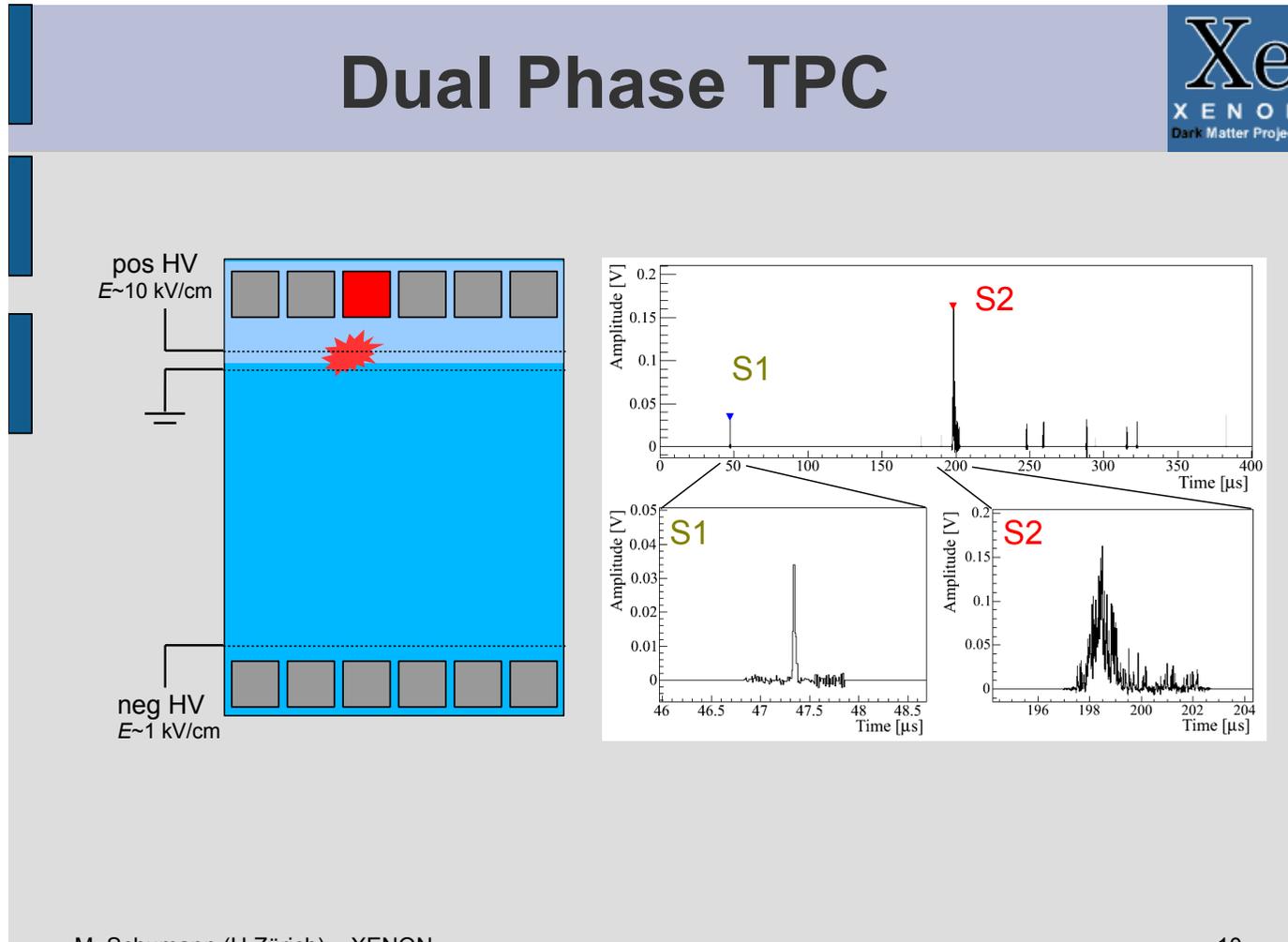
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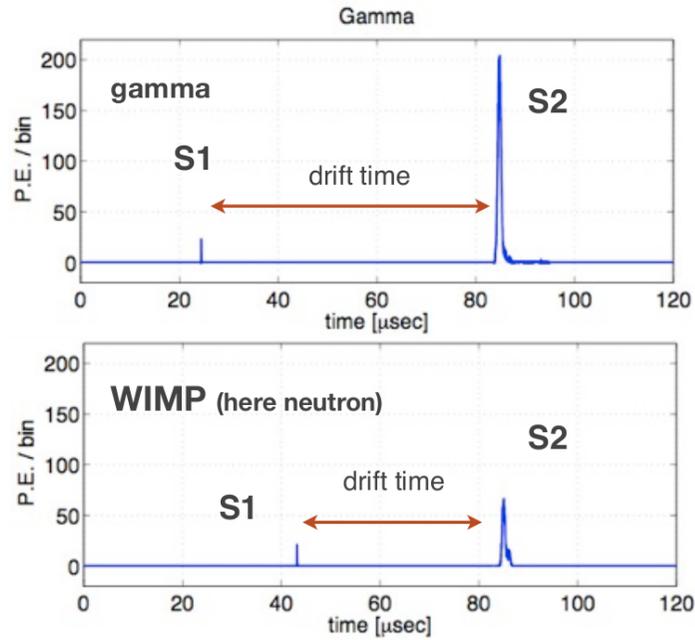
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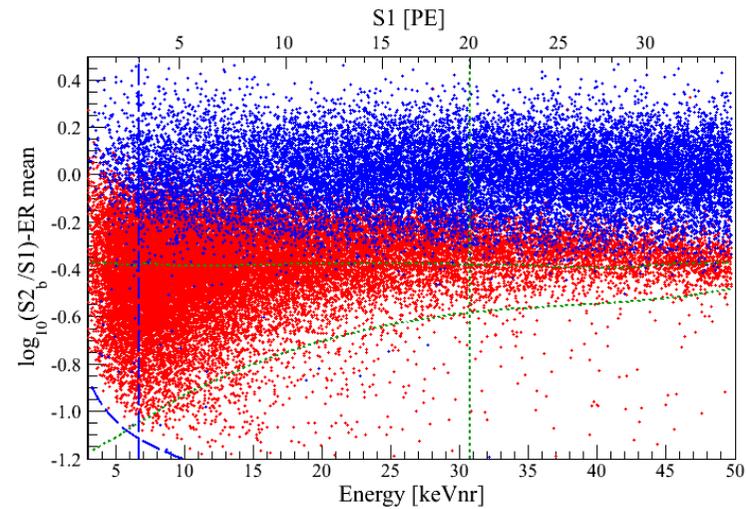
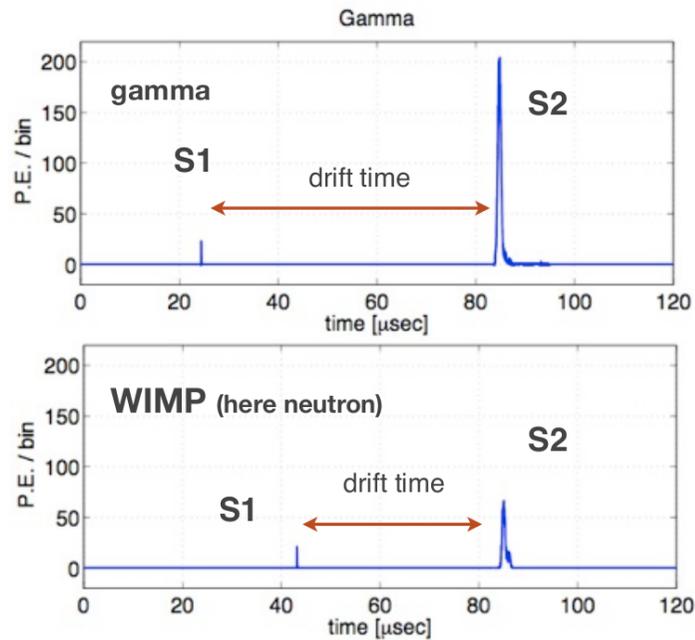
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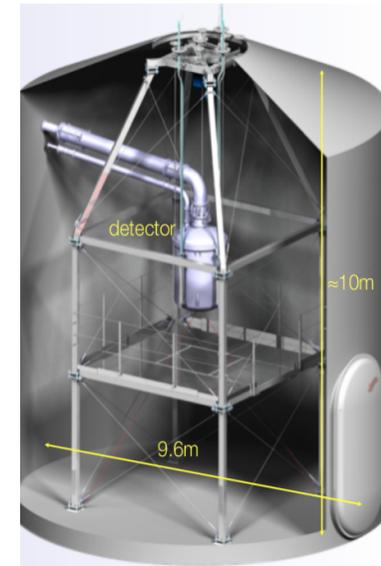
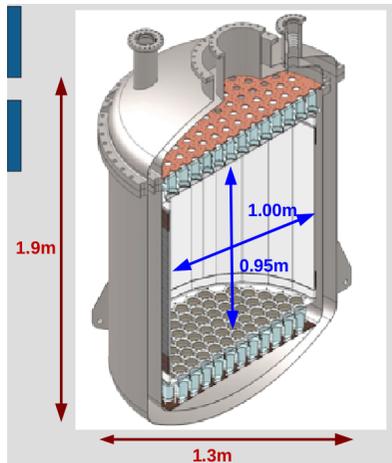
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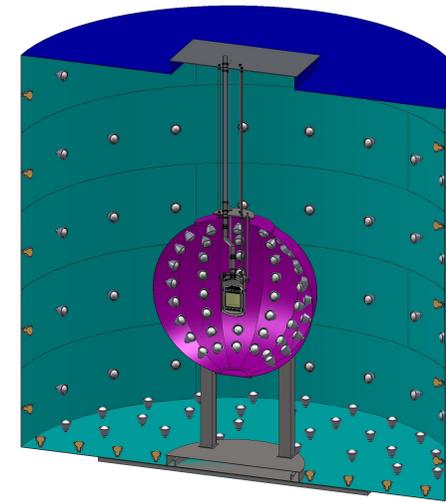
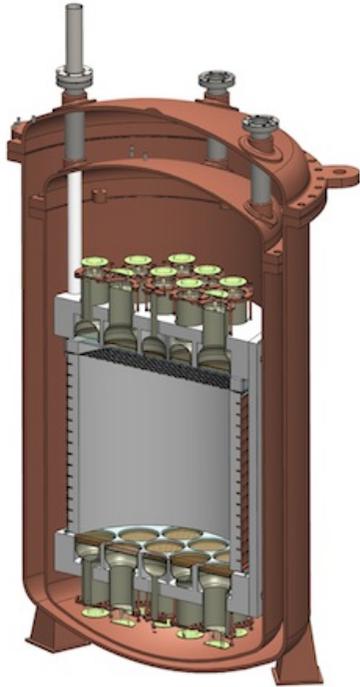
XENON100: 62 kg Xenon target mass (161 kg total) started data taking in 2007, still running. Led the field for many years with longest run (i.e. 225 days).

XENON1T: 1 ton Xenon fiducial volume (3.3 tons total) just started the data taking. Complemented by a Cherenkov detector for μ .

The design embeds already the upgrade at larger mass ~ 7 tonnes, larger detector in a larger vessel, where all the infrastructures will be exploited while only the inner vessel of the cryostat and a new TPC will be re-built.

DarkSide

Dual-phase Argon TPC.

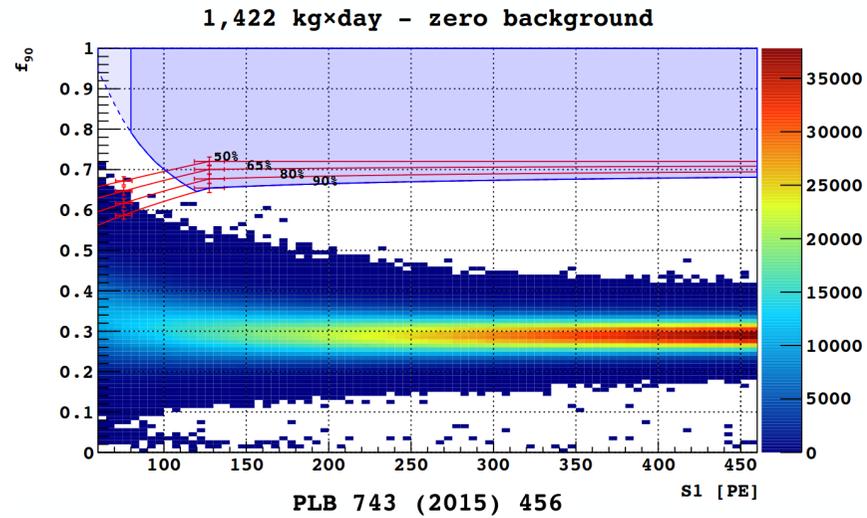
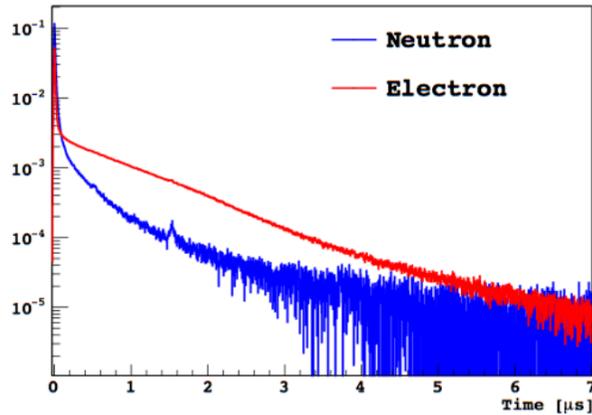


Use of Underground Argon (UAr) to get rid of the radioactive ^{39}Ar isotope.

Borated Liquid Scintillator Veto for neutrons, Water Cherenkov detector for μ .

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Discrimination with charge/light ratio + Pulse Shape Discrimination.



fraction of S1 in the first 90 ns

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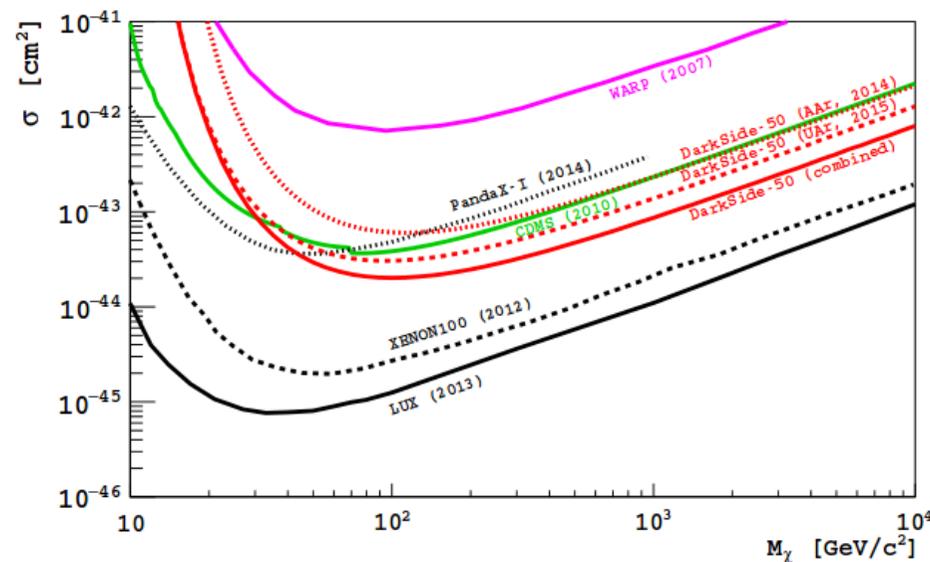
From S.Davini's talk @ TAUP 2015, Torino

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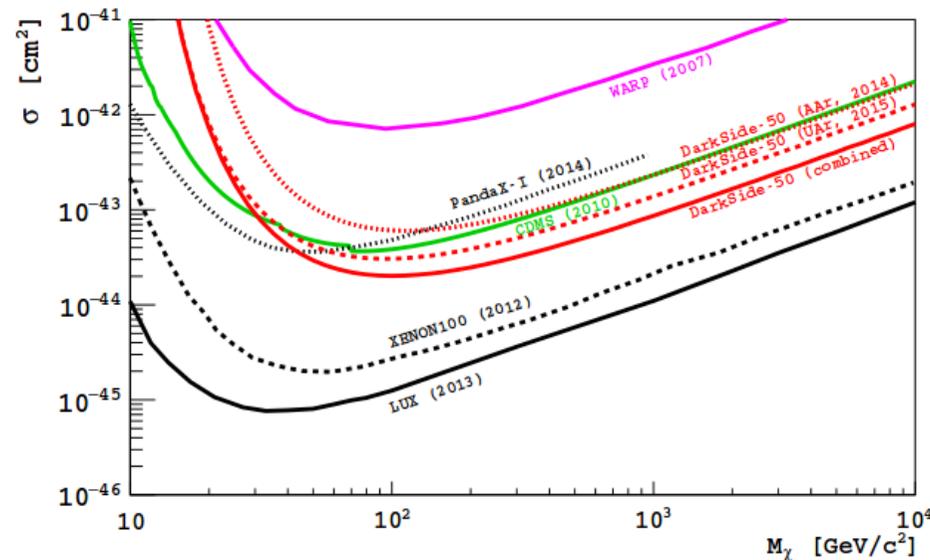


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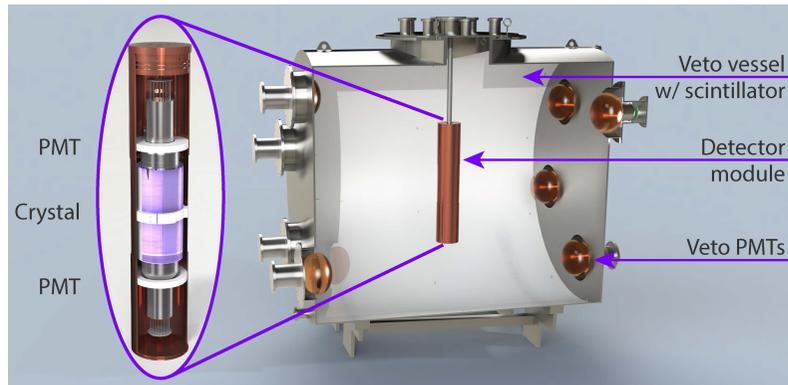


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What about future

SABRE: It was motivated to definitively proof or disproof the controversial DAMA/LIBRA results.

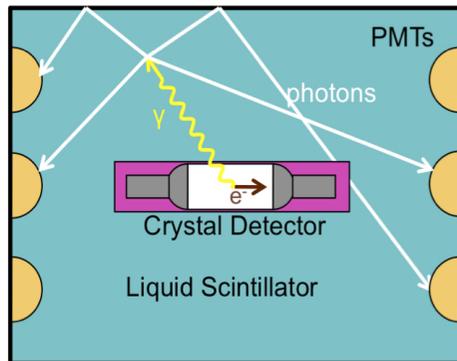


- Crystal NaI ~ 5 kg
- Crystal PMTs: 3 inch flat Hamamatsu R11065-20
- Vessel: 1.3 m diameter, 1.5 m length
- 2 tonnes of LS 2.25 m^3
- LS veto PMTs: 8 inch semi-spherical PMTs R5912

Experimental installation for the proof of principle (PoP) setup is ongoing in the HallB

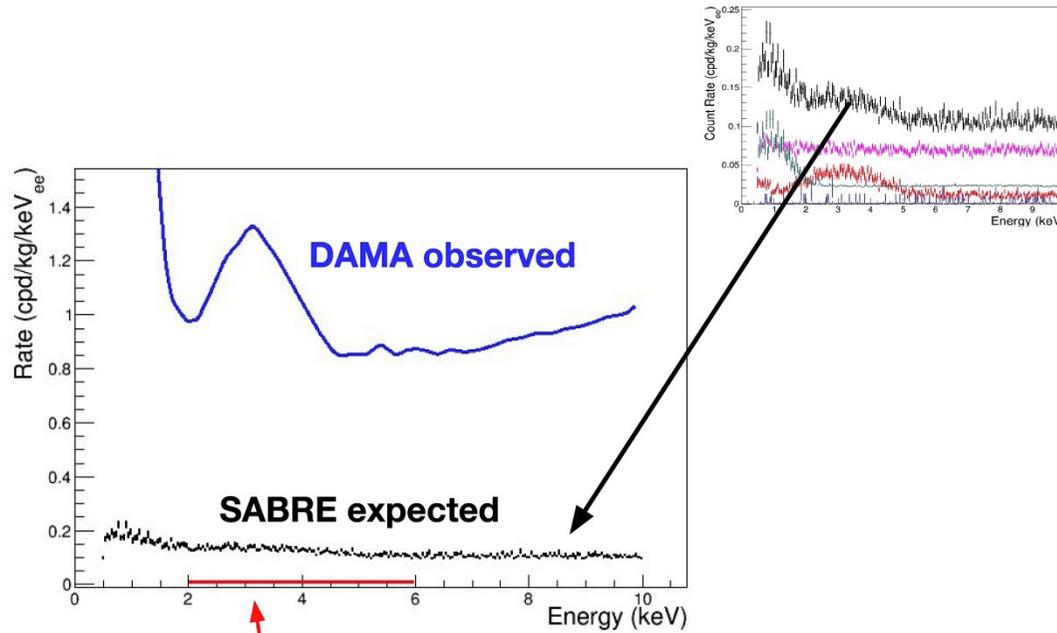
SABRE's strategy to lower BG

- Grow NaI(Tl) crystal with improved radio-purity: cleaner powder, higher-purity growth method, and low radioactivity enclosure, plus veto LS detector, mainly vetoing ^{40}K and ^{22}Na
- High QE PMTs directly coupled to the crystals and lower HV to reduce dynode afterglow.
- Twin detectors in northern and southern hemisphere to reduce seasonal effect (LNGS Italy, & SUPL, Australia)

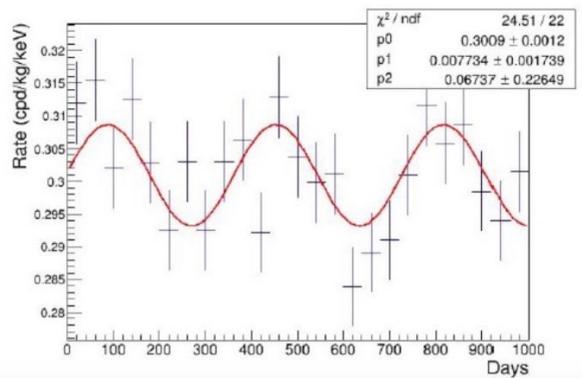


	SABRE measure	DAMA measure
Crystal mass (so far)	1.5 kg	
OD/length	88 mm / 50 m	
light yield	41 pe/keV	
pe yield	14	7 pe/keV
^{nat}K in crystal	9 ppb	13 ppb
Rb	<0.1 pb	0.35 ppb
Th	0.5 ppt	0.5-7.5 ppt
U	0.6 ppt	~ppt

SABRE's BG and sensitivity



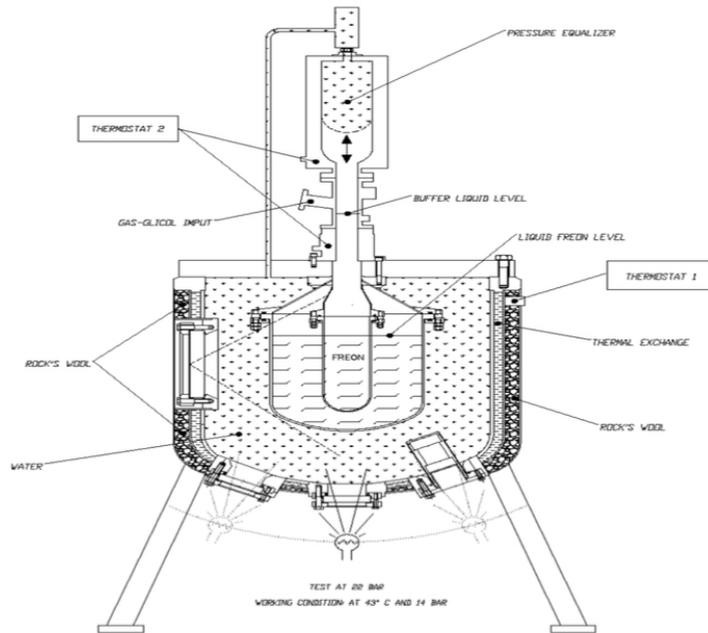
- K
- Rb
- Total < 0.13 cpd/kg/keV (DAMA 1 cpd/kg/keV)



With a BG of 0.13 cpd/kg/keV a 6σ Dama/Libra signal can be tested with 50 kg x 3 yrs

MoscaB a promising R&D

A detector technology based on superheated liquid (C_3F_8). When an energy release, above a certain threshold (E_c and dE/dx), take place, a micro-bubble can grow to become visible.



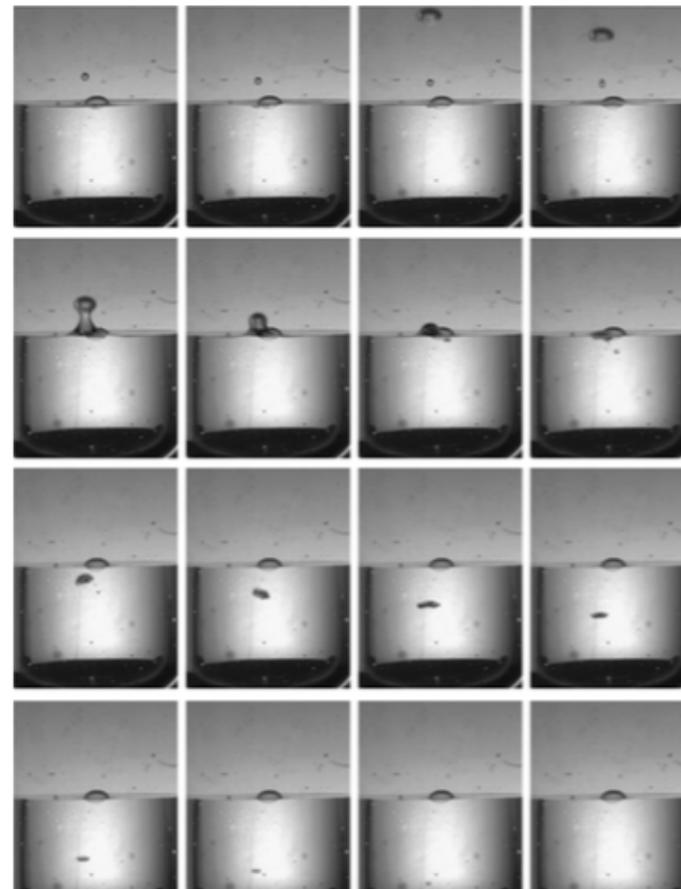
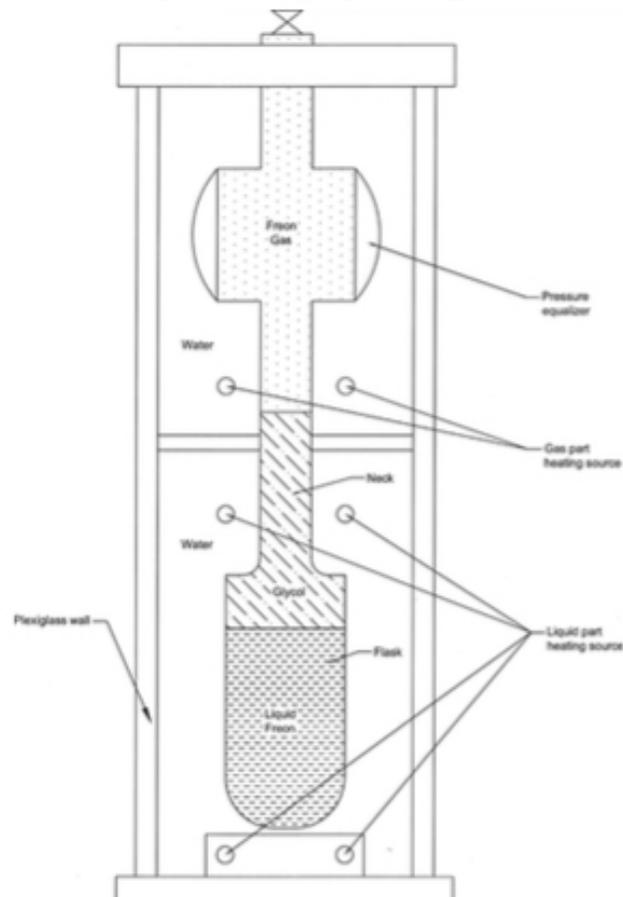
The read out is done by means of the high quality cameras, (50 frames/s). A trigger is generated when a pixel detects a signal above threshold. This happen when a micro-bubble is generated. Then 50 frames before and after he trigger are recorded.

In the next months a 40 kg target mass detector will be installed at the LNGS. This is one module out of 10 foreseen if the expected performance are achieved.



MoscaB working principle:

When a bubble is generated in the liquid phase (at given T_{liq}) it grows to become visible while migrating to the liquid-glycol interface. Once the droplet leaves the glycol-vapour interface at $T_{vap} > T_{liq}$ it re-liquify and goes back to the liquid phase restoring the equilibrium

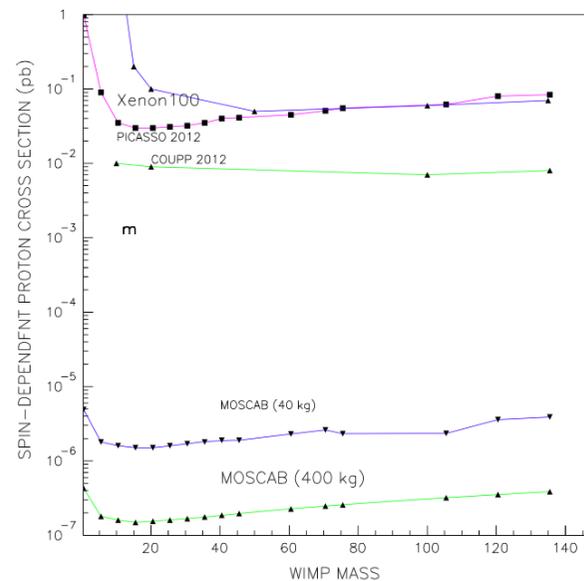


MoscaB BG and exclusion plot for SD interactions with 1 year exposure

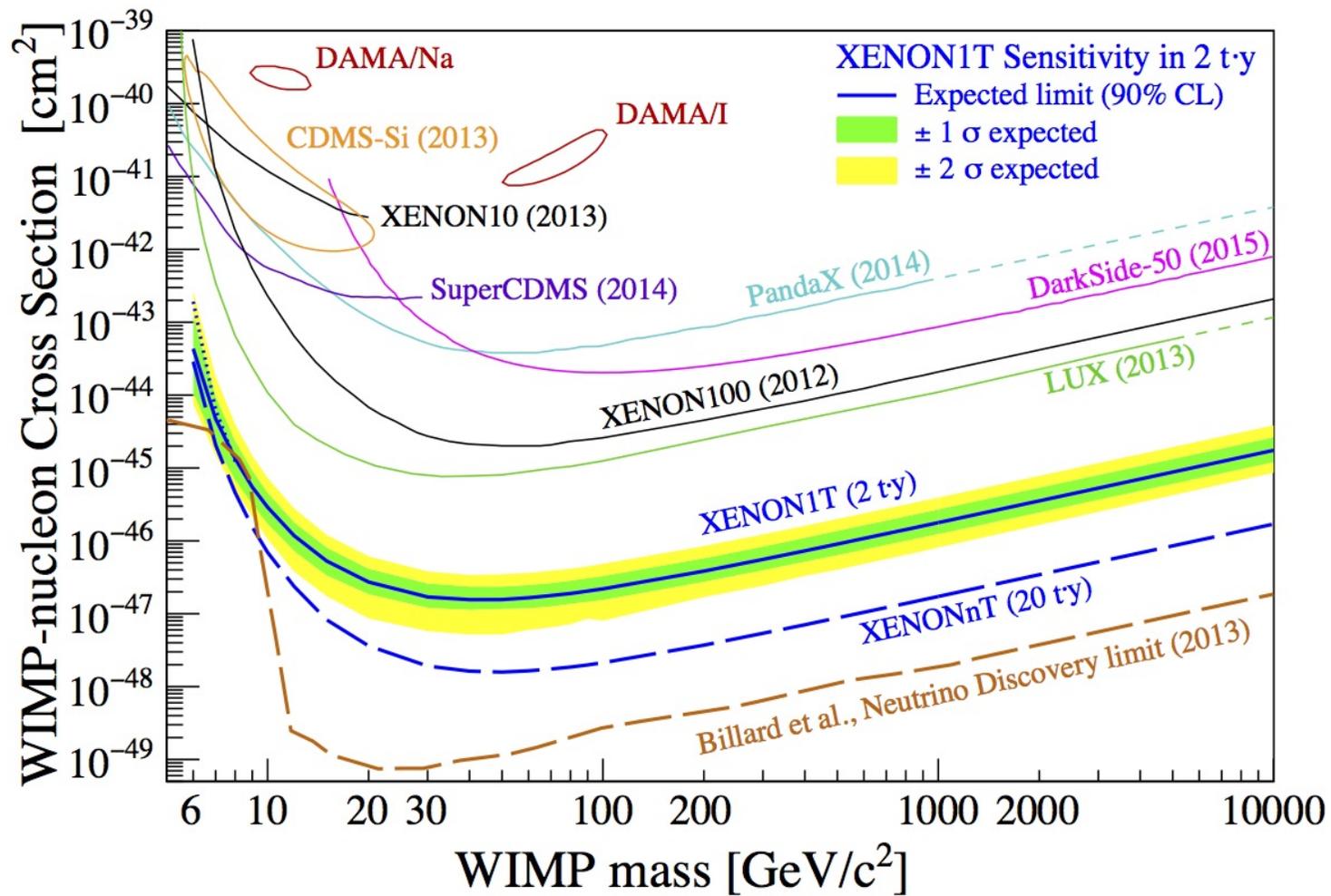
The working parameters are tuned such that electrons (or gammas) do not start nucleation process at level of 10^{10} . So the electrons are not really a background.

A significant source of BG can be the spontaneous nucleation started on the surface of the vessel. This can be largely reduced with a surface treatment.

Another relevant source of BG are α particles from contaminants. However, acoustic measurements are under development where α and nuclear recoils can be distinguished by means of the sound signal fe.



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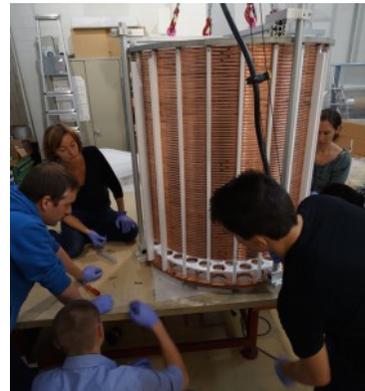
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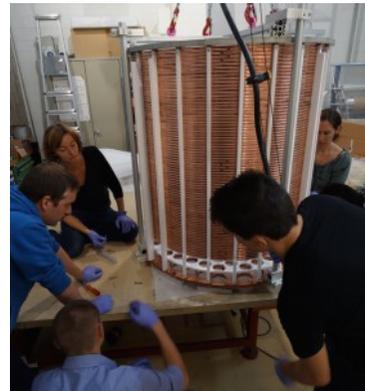
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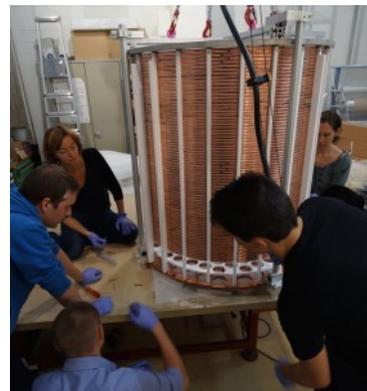
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