

# Overview of direct DM detections

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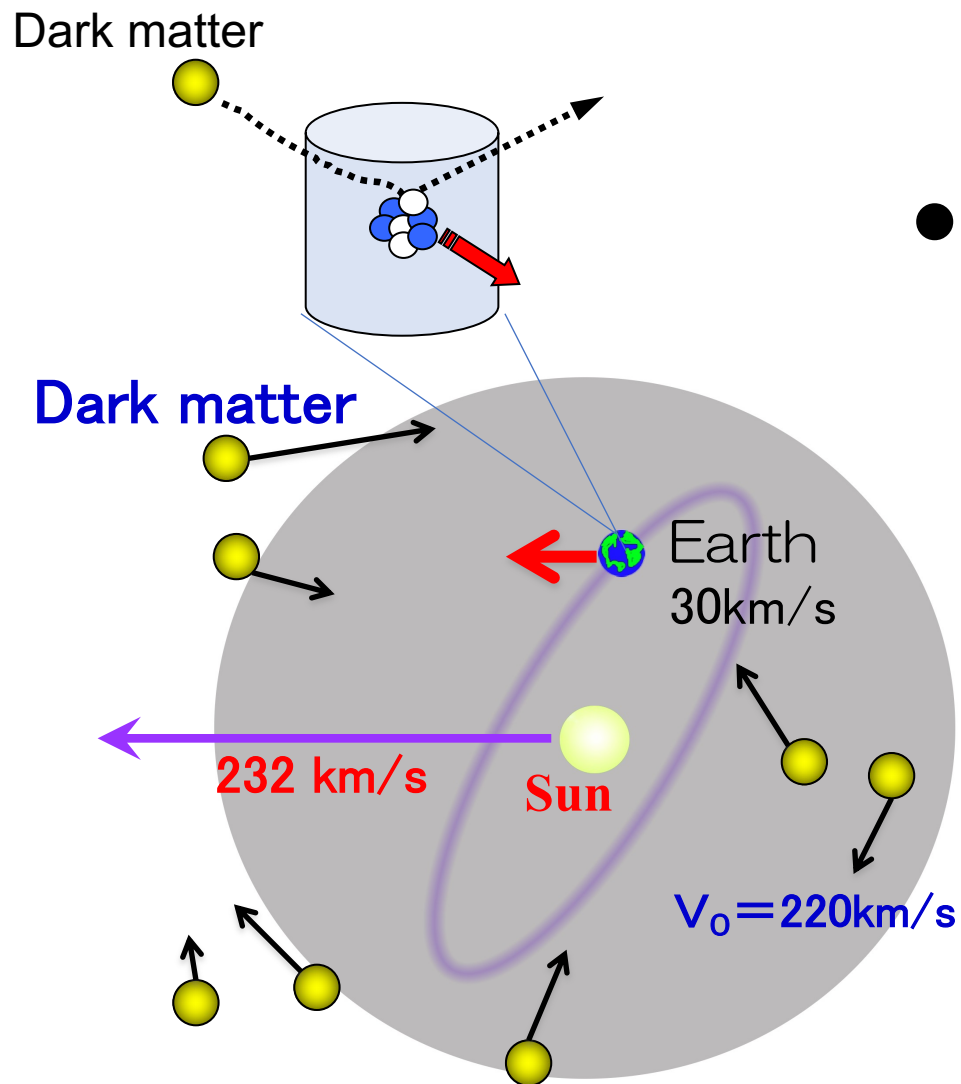
The 3<sup>rd</sup> DMnet symposium  
“Dark Matter Studies in Accelerator Physics”

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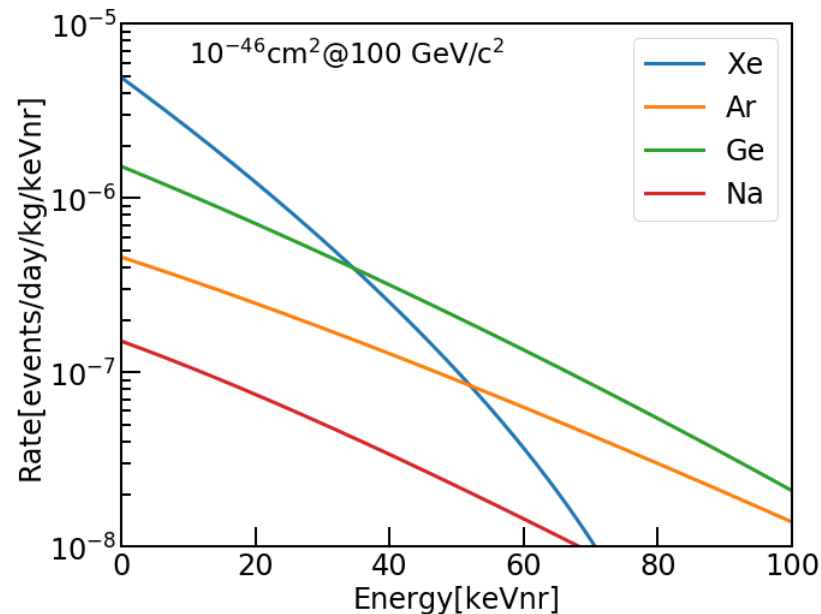
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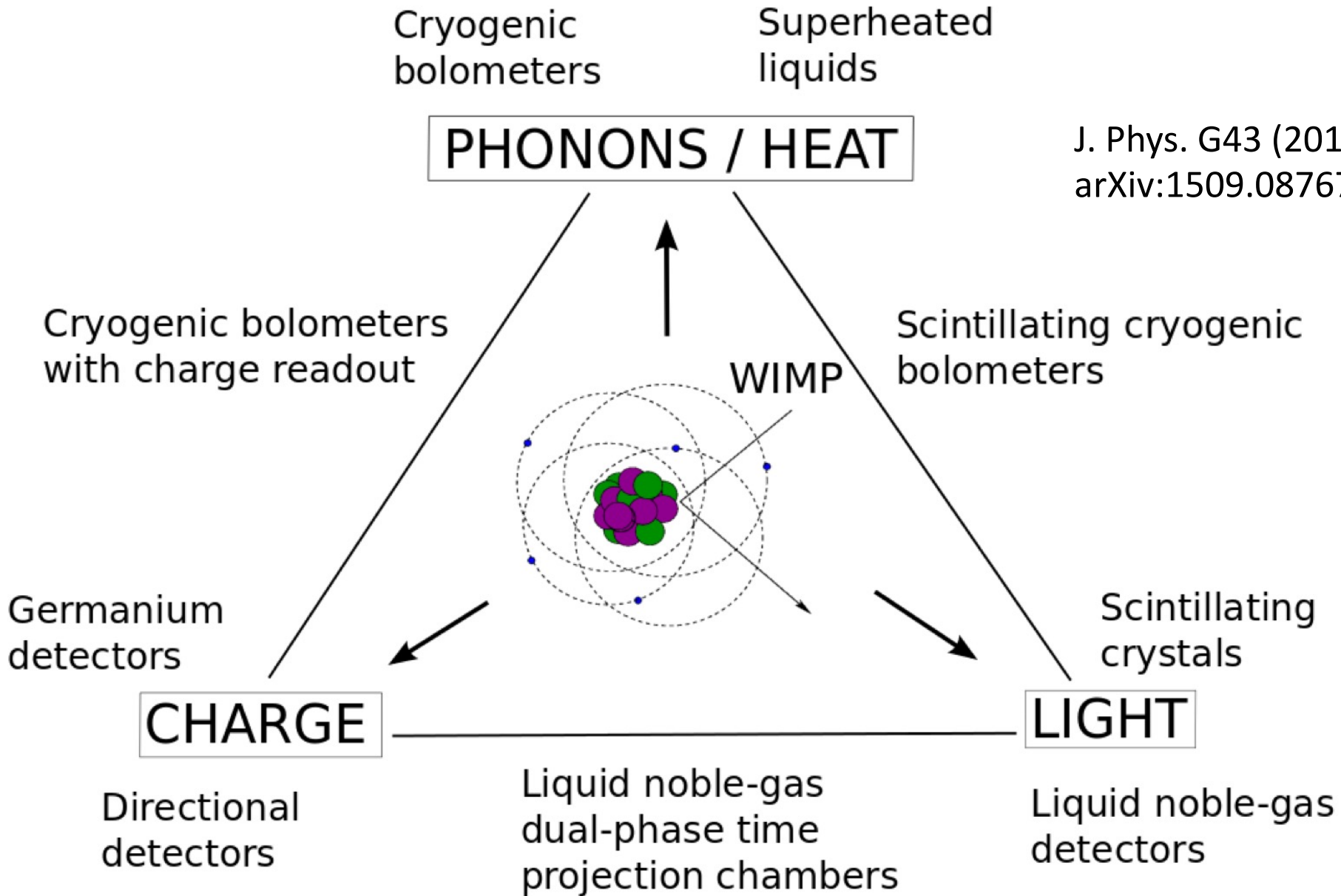
# Direct detection of particle dark matter



- Dark matter must be an unknown new particle
  - *Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (WIMP)*
  - *Or maybe some other new particles ?*
- Dark matter scattering off an atom can be detected by an ultra low-BG, low-threshold, massive detector
  - “Direct detection” gives a most clear evidence



# Direct detection : Technology



J. Phys. G43 (2016) 1, 013001 &  
arXiv:1509.08767

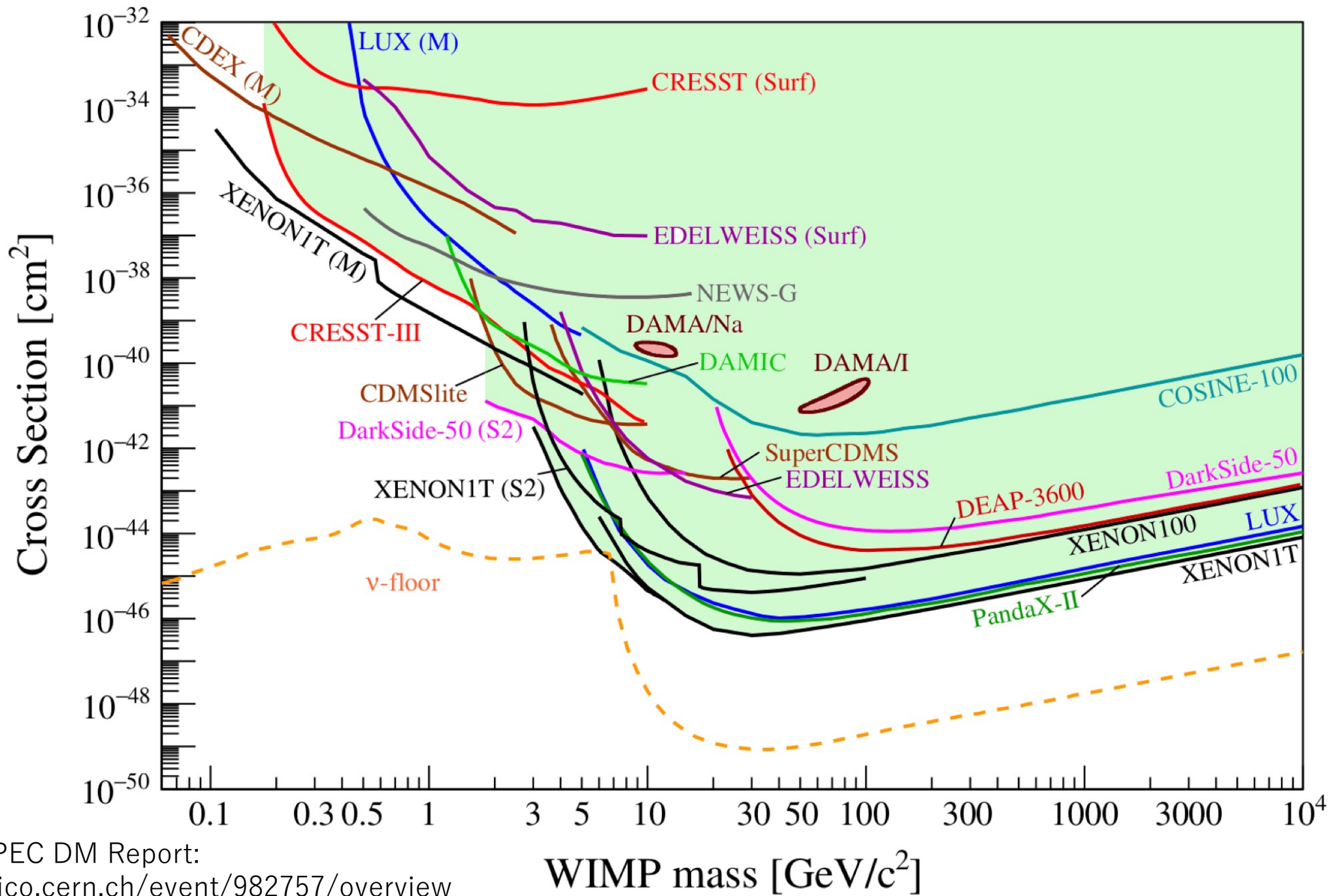
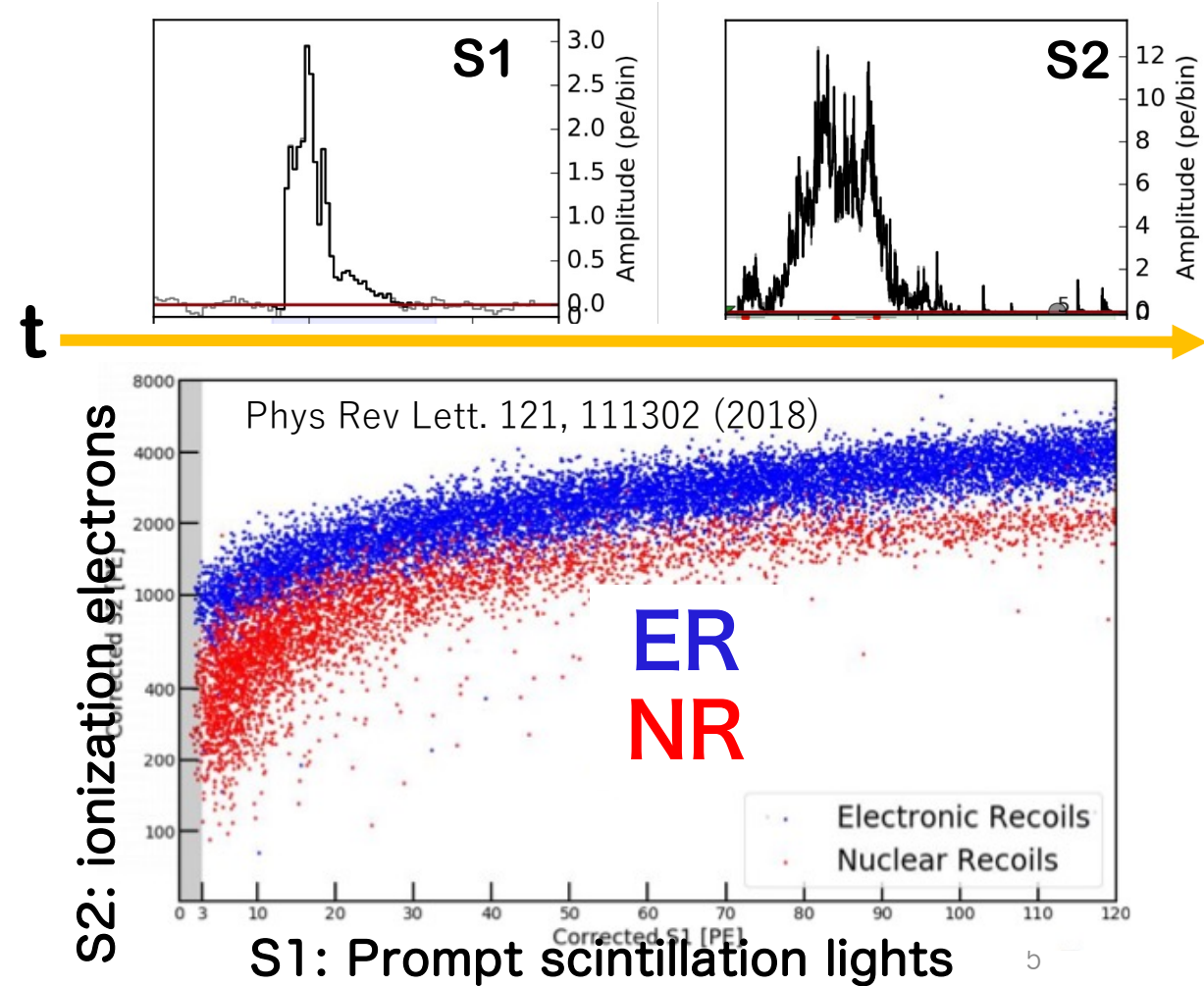
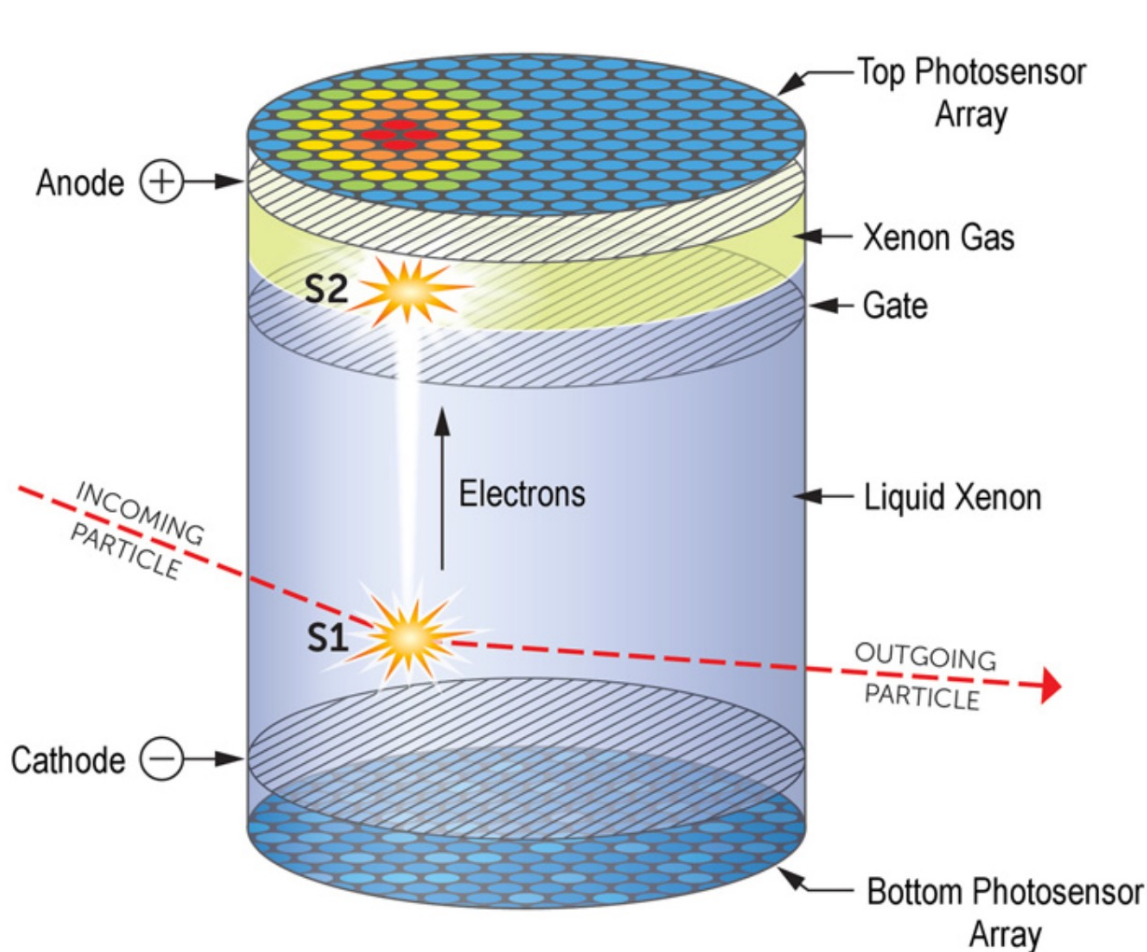


Figure: APPEC DM Report:  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/982757/overview>

# Liquid/Gas 2-phase Time Projection Chamber

- Prompt scintillation lights (S1) and delayed proportional scintillation lights (S2)
- S1-S2 time difference  $\rightarrow$  Z position, S2 spatial profile  $\rightarrow$  X-Y position
- S1/S2 ratio  $\rightarrow$  Discrimination of nuclear recoil (NR) from electron recoil (ER)



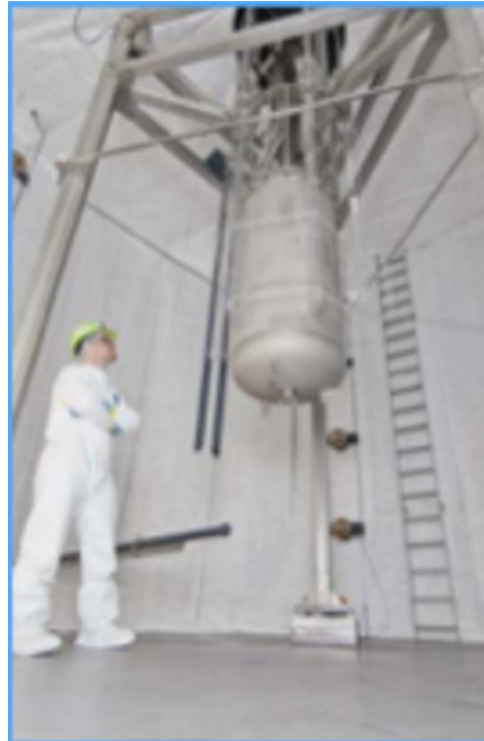
# Generation-1 Direct DM detectors O(1t) (~2019)

XENON1T(1t LXe)



*Italy · GranSasso*

LUX (370kg LXe)



*USA · Sanford*

Panda-X (580kg LXe)



*China · Jinping*

# Generation-2 Direct DM detectors O(10t) (2020-)

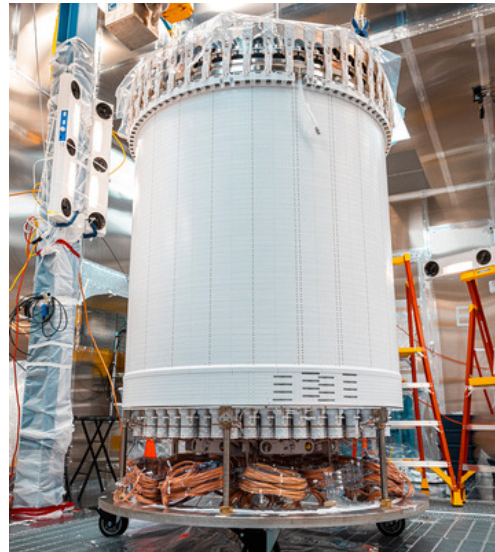
XENONnT (5.9t LXe)



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LZ (7t LXe)



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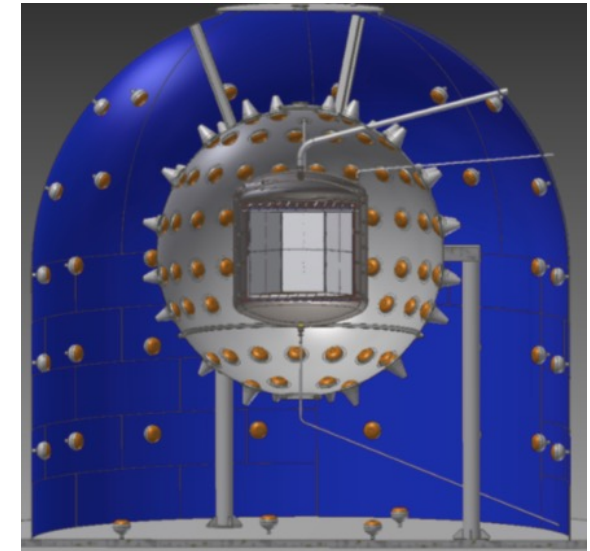
PandaX-4T (3.7t LXe)



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DarkSide-20k(23t LAr)



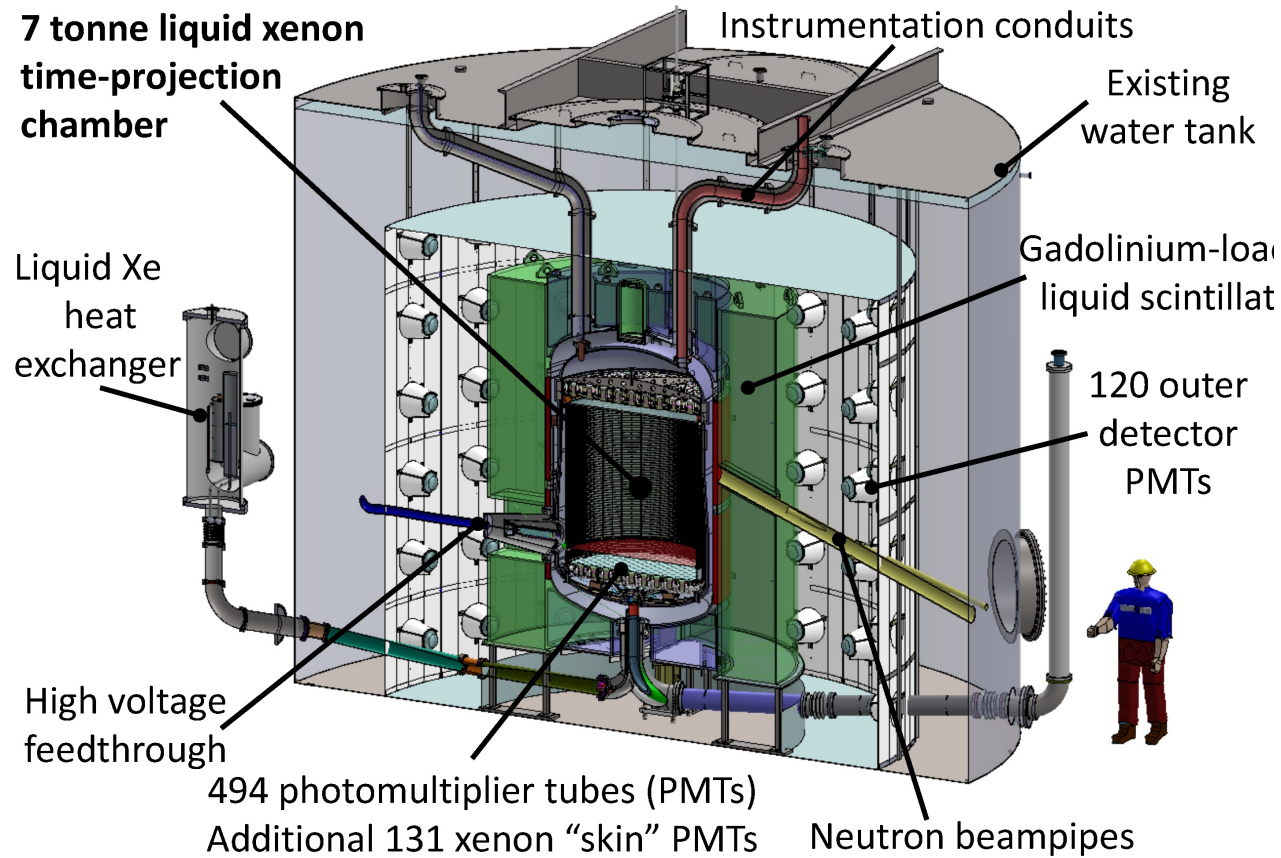
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# LZ experiment

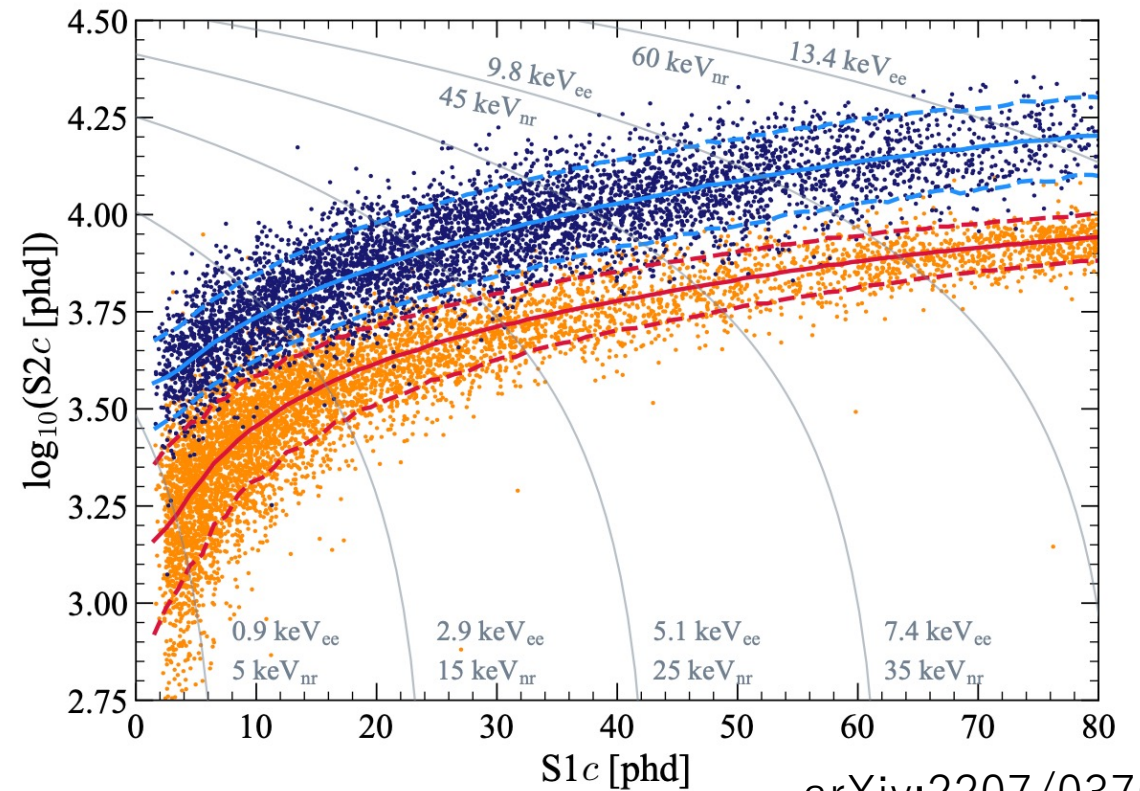
- 7-ton LXe TPC w/ a 193 V/cm drift field
- Gd-loaded liq. scintillator for neutron veto
- 238t pure water active muon veto

## The LZ Detector



<https://lz.lbl.gov/detector/>

- ER calibrated by  $^{83m}\text{Kr}$ ,  $^{131m}\text{Xe}$ , and  $\text{CH}_3\text{T}$  (post-search)
- NR calibrated by D-D neutrons



arXiv:2207/03764

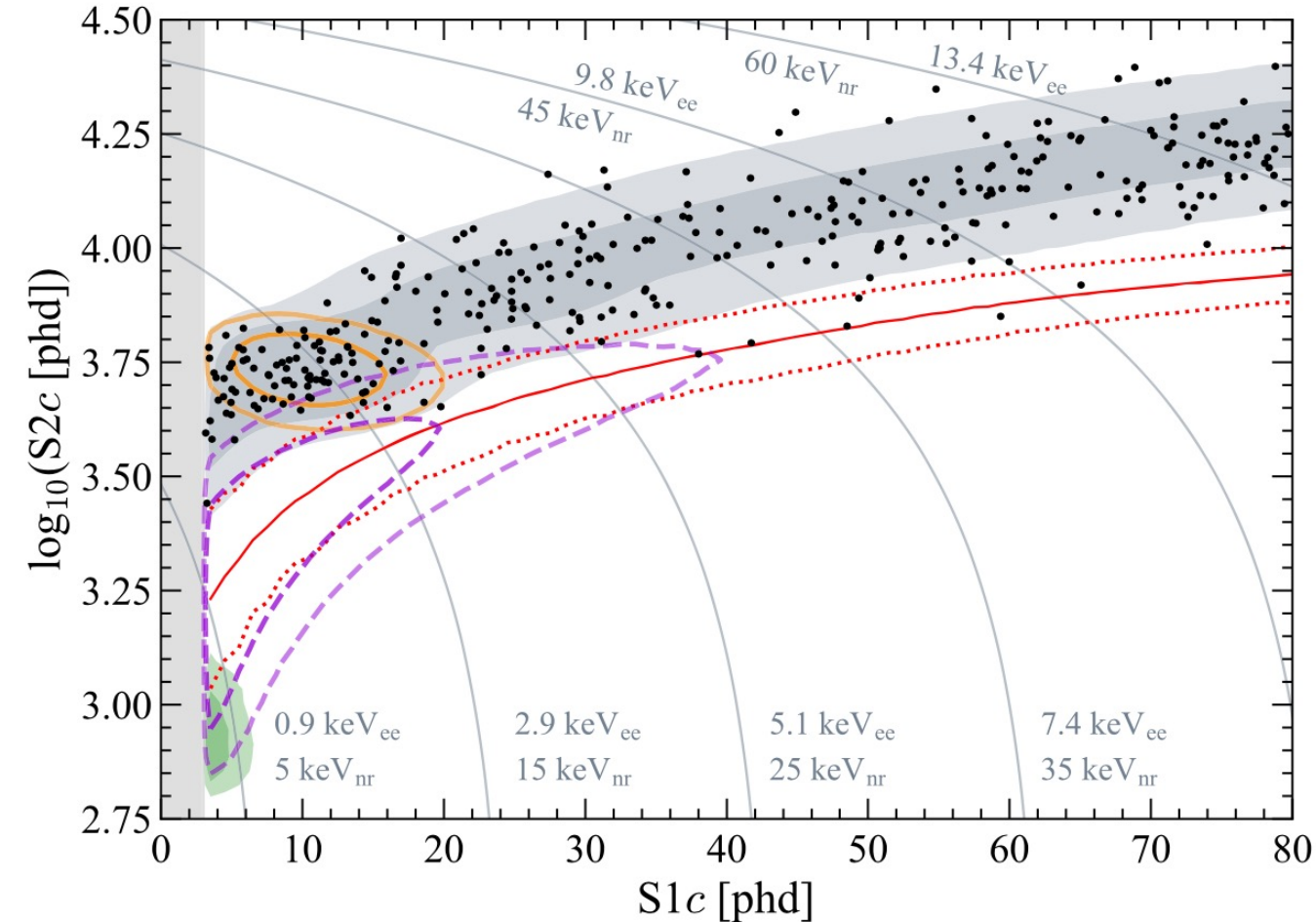
## ER / NR calibration



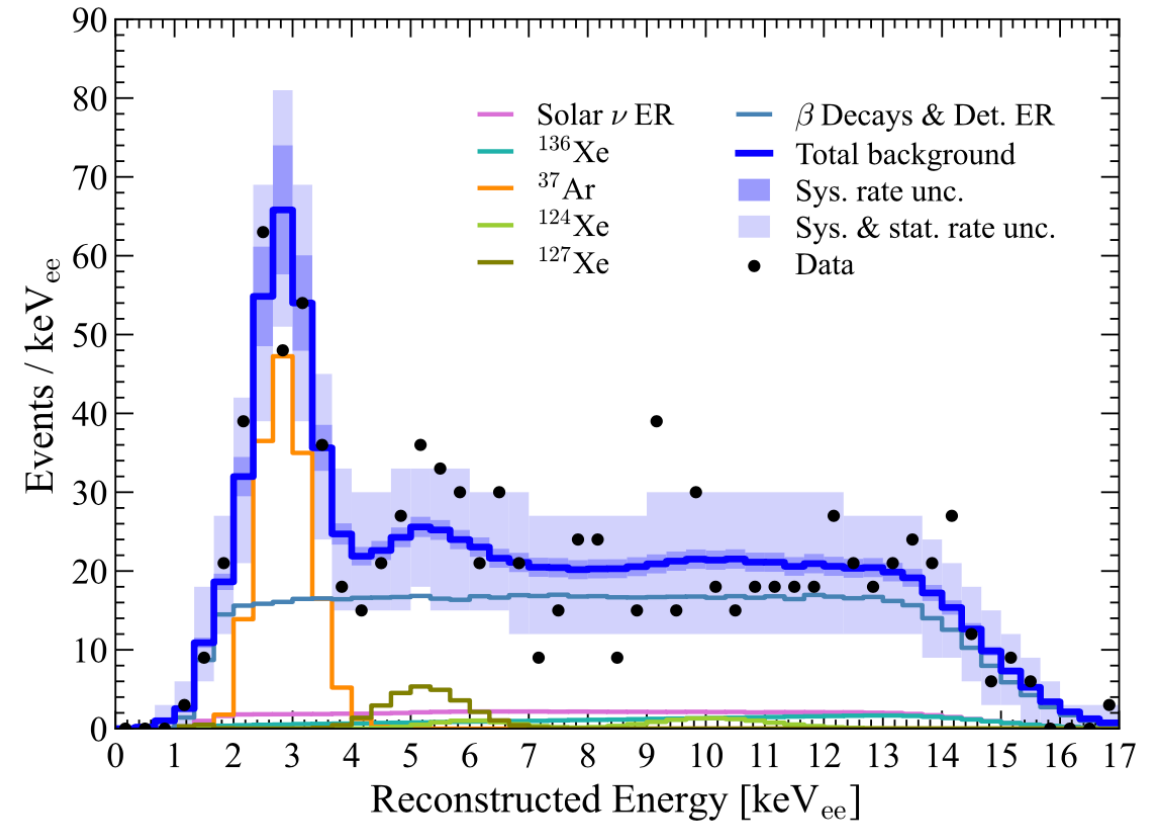
# LZ first WIMP search result *PRL 131, 041002 (2023)*

- Data: 23Dec 2021-11May 2022
- 60d x 5.5t exposure

- Flat ER BG due to Rn in LXe
- A large  $^{37}\text{Ar}$  peak in ER so far produced at surface
- Data agreed with BG only model



**S1 vs S2**

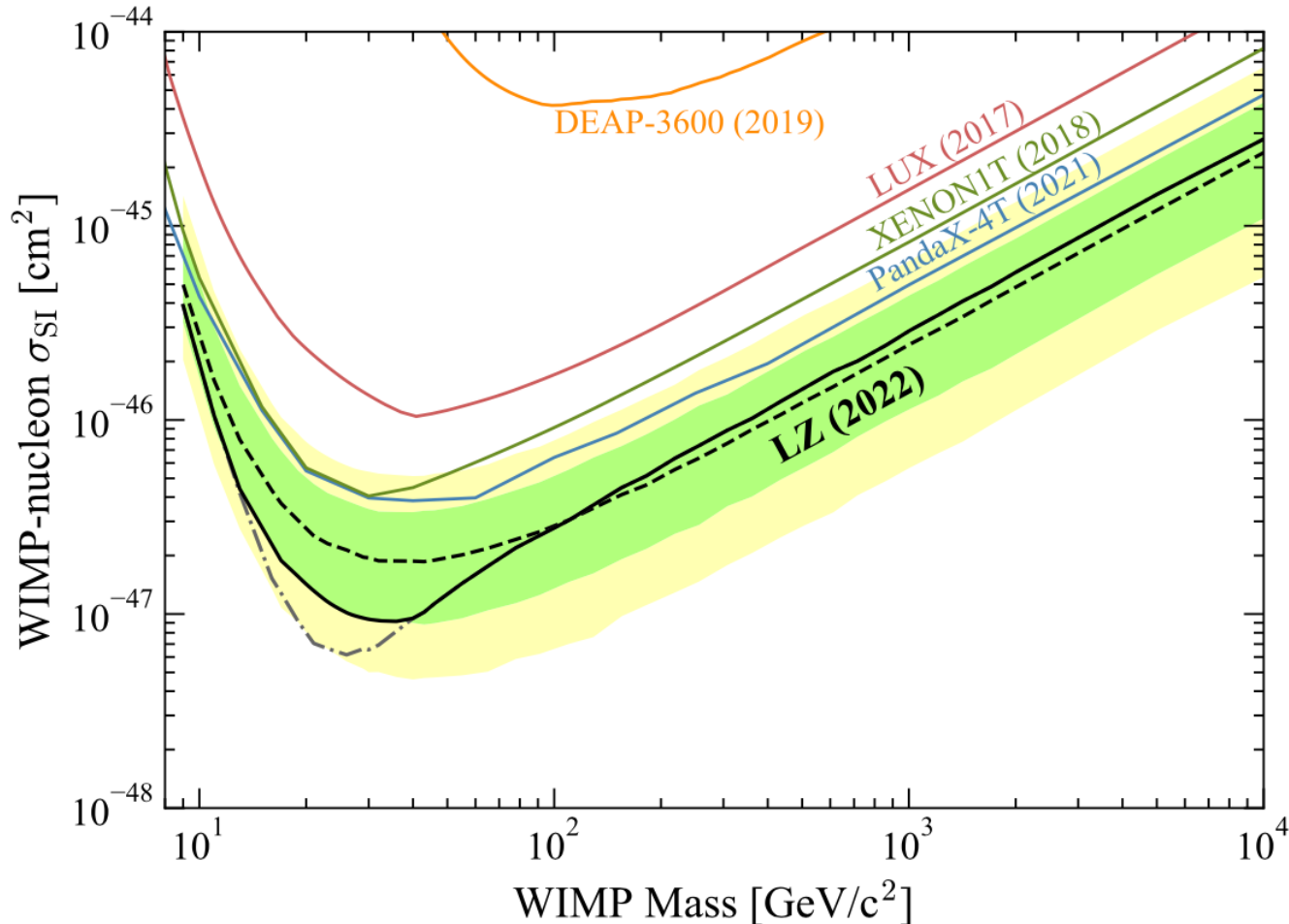


**Energy spectrum with best fit model**

# LZ first WIMP SI upper limit

*PRL 131, 041002 (2023)*

- Note : Limits derived from non-blinded analysis



Source	Expected Events	Fit Result
$\beta$ decays + Det ER	$215 \pm 36$	$222 \pm 16$
$\nu$ ER	$27.1 \pm 1.6$	$27.2 \pm 1.6$
$^{127}\text{Xe}$	$9.2 \pm 0.8$	$9.3 \pm 0.8$
$^{124}\text{Xe}$	$5.0 \pm 1.4$	$5.2 \pm 1.4$
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	$15.1 \pm 2.4$	$15.2 \pm 2.4$
$^8\text{B}$ CE $\nu$ NS	$0.14 \pm 0.01$	$0.15 \pm 0.01$
Accidentals	$1.2 \pm 0.3$	$1.2 \pm 0.3$
Subtotal	$273 \pm 36$	$280 \pm 16$
$^{37}\text{Ar}$	[0, 288]	$52.5^{+9.6}_{-8.9}$
Detector neutrons	$0.0^{+0.2}$	$0.0^{+0.2}$
30 $\text{GeV}/c^2$ WIMP	...	$0.0^{+0.6}$
Total	...	$333 \pm 17$

# XENON Collaboration

- 167 members from 27 institutions
- Nagoya , U.tokyo and Kobe from Japan has joined since 2018
- Japan bringing expertise developed in XMASS (low BG, Xe purification) and that in SK-Gd (Gd-loaded water Cherenkov neutron Veto)



LXe purification system



Neutron Veto by Gd-loaded Water Cherenkov



# XENONnT experiment

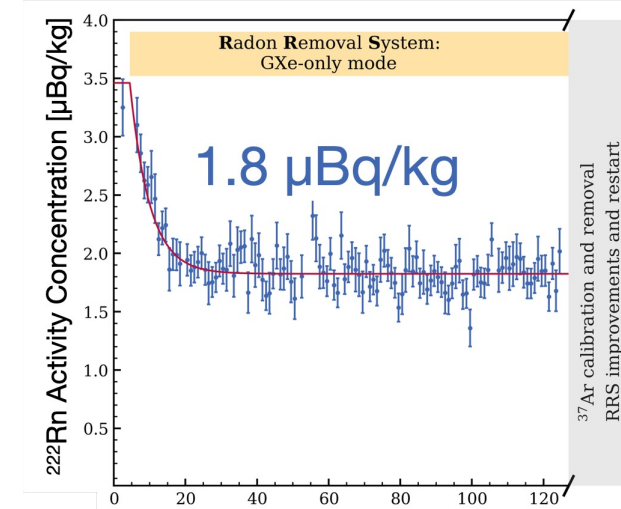
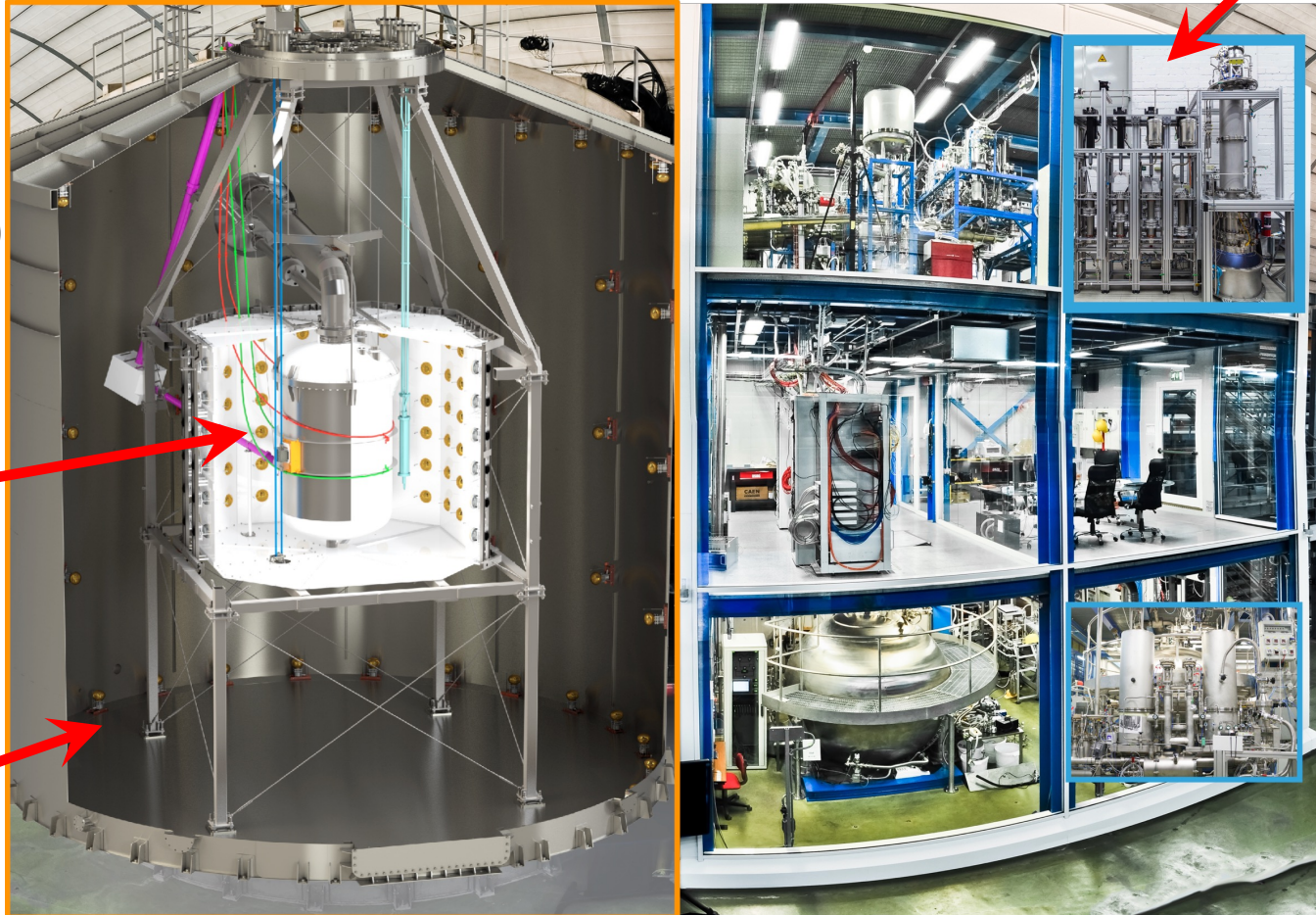
- Reuse XENON1T setup replaced by upgraded larger TPC
- Active 5.9t LXe (8.5 t total)

- Rn distillation column  
Online removal of Rn,  
strong reduction of ER BG

Gd-loaded water  
water Cherenkov  
(so far pure water)

Inner neutron  
veto region

700t water tank  
for muon veto

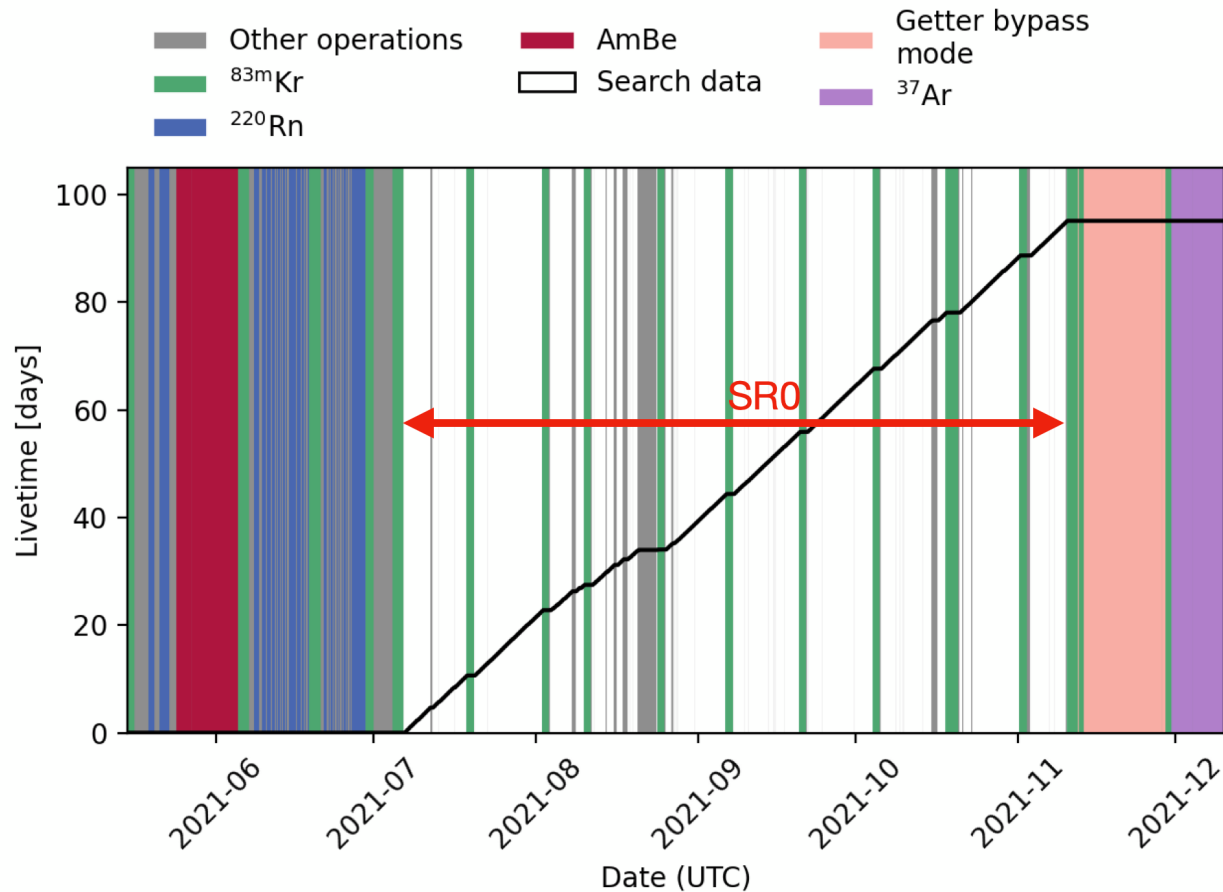


ER BG reduced by x5  
from XENON1T

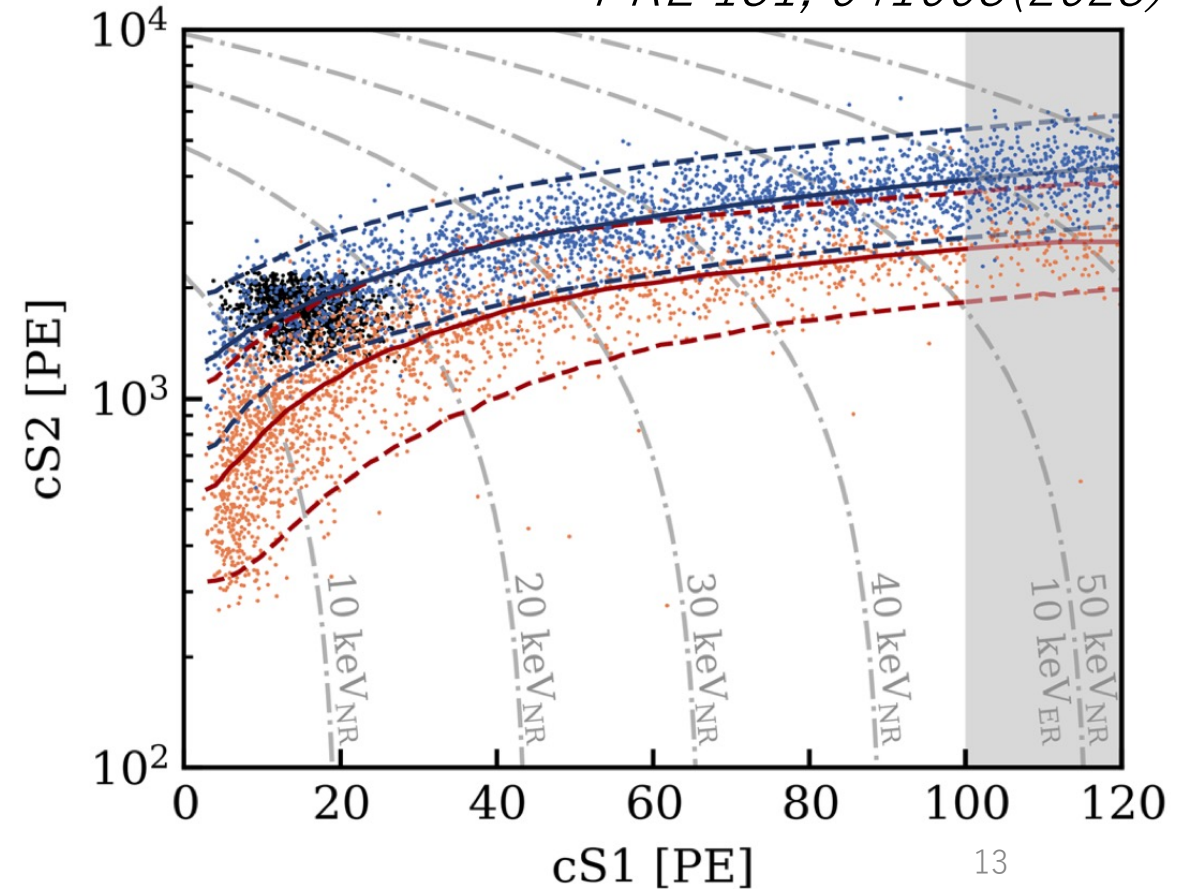
# XENONnT first science run data “SR0”

- SR0: Jul 6 2021 – Nov 10 2021, 95.1 live days
- Low drift field (23V/cm) due to electrode problem
- Still comparable resolution & threshold to XENON1T
- Blind analysis applied

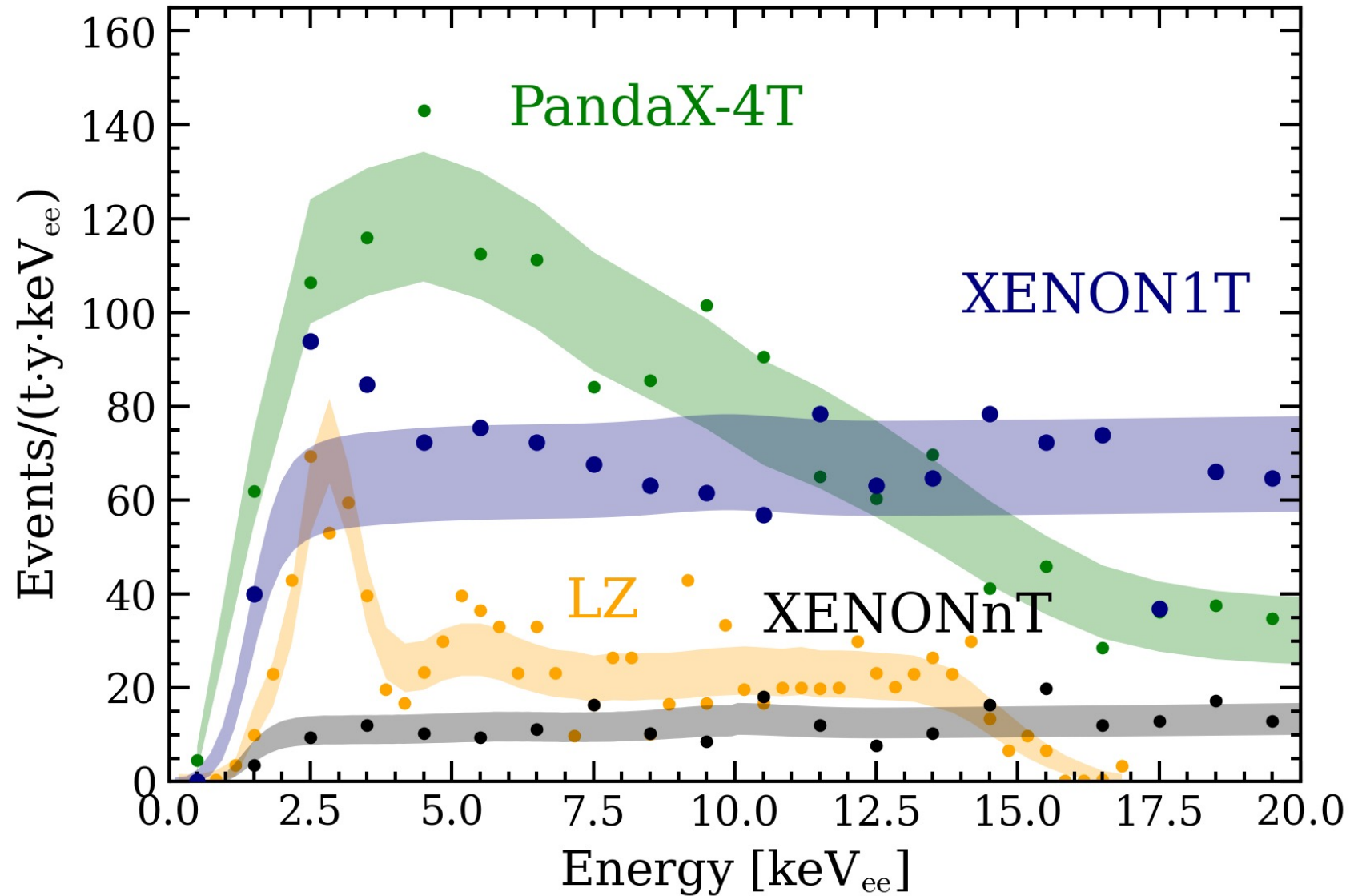
- ER calibration:  $^{220}\text{Rn}$ ,  $^{37}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$   
(not contamination, intentionally put for calibration and removed)
- NR calibration:  $^{241}\text{AmBe}$



*PRL 131, 041003(2023)*



# ER BG comparison



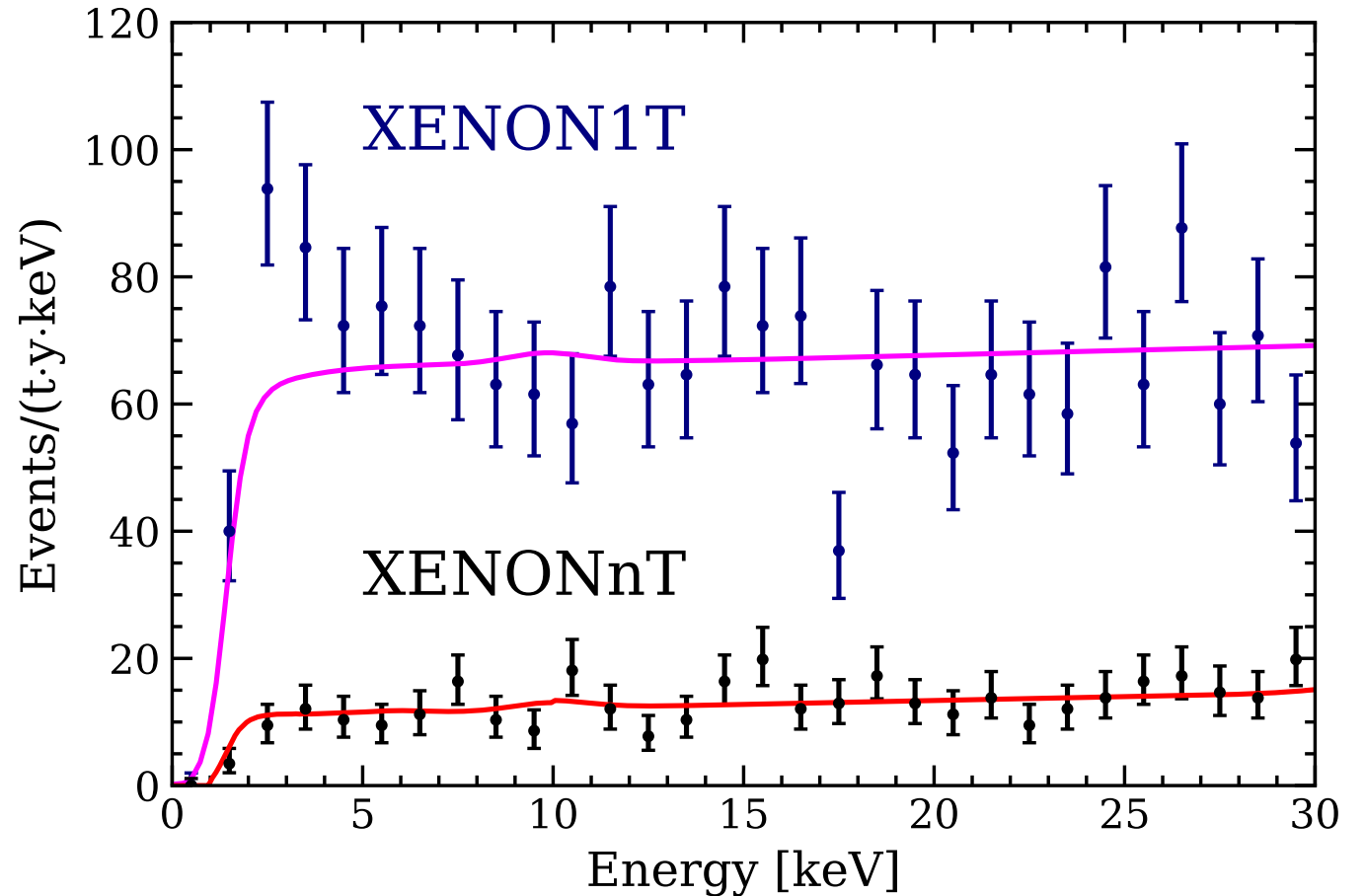
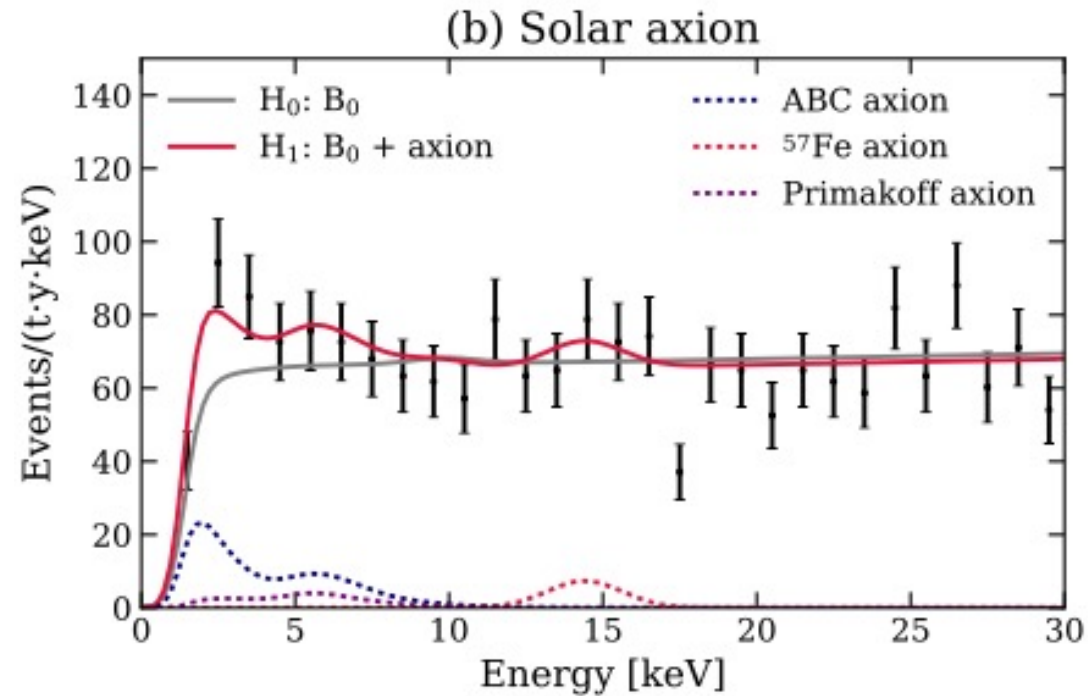
# Low-E ER excess checked by XENONnT SR0

- XENON1T low energy excess of ER
- Possible hint for solar axion or  $^3\text{H}$  BG ?

- Thanks to x5 lower ER BG than XENON1T
- Excess was not confirmed in SR0 data

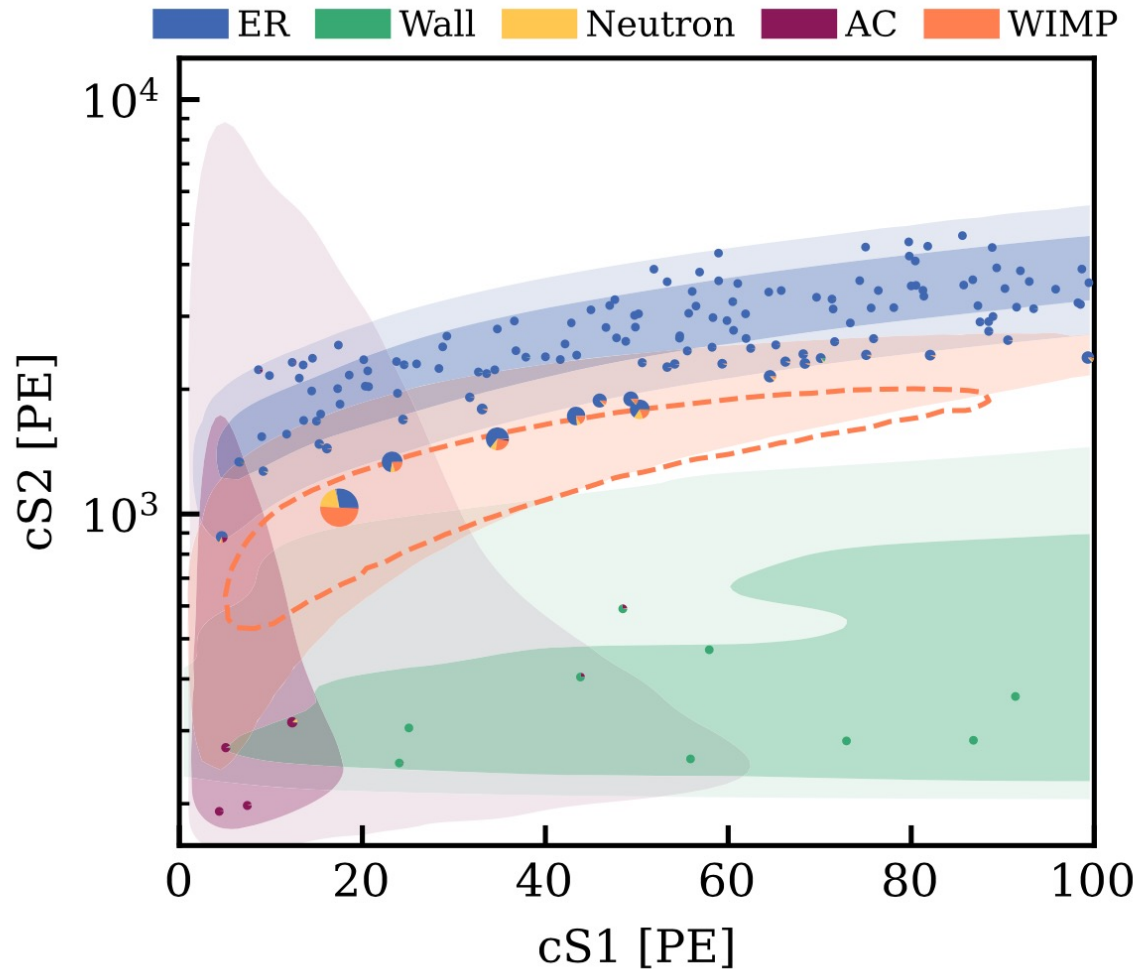
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*Phys.Rev.D* 102 (2020) 7, 072004, arXiv:[2006.09721](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.09721)



# XENONnT first WIMP search

- After unblinding, 152 in ROI, 16 in WIMP region
- Best fit to the data is compatible with BG-only hypothesis  
 (3 observed, w/ BG  $2.0 \pm 0.2$ , 1.3 WIMP for 200GeV/c<sup>2</sup> case) *PRL 131, 041003(2023)*

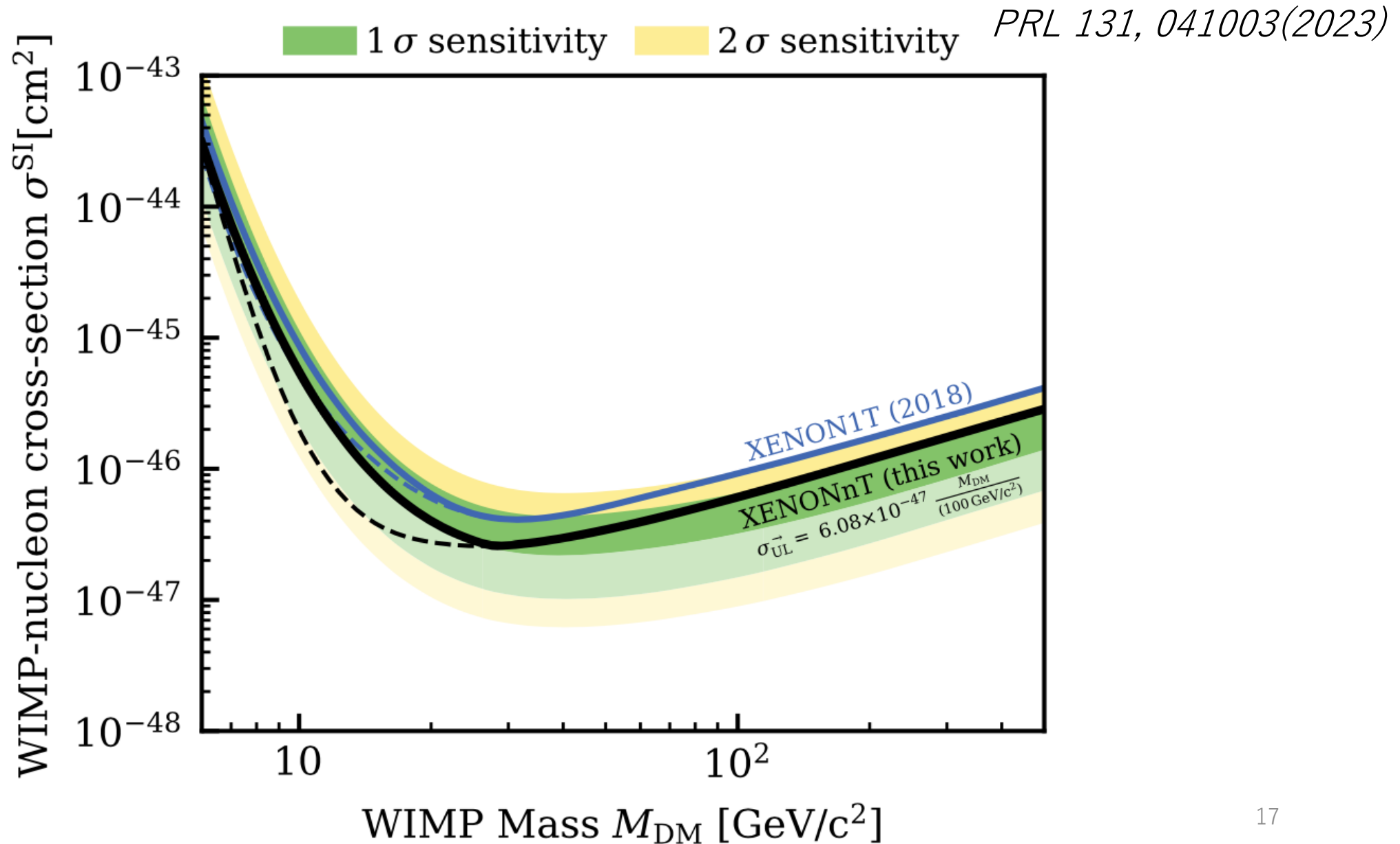


	Nominal	Best fit	
		ROI	Signal-like
ER	134	$135^{+12}_{-11}$	$0.92 \pm 0.08$
Neutrons	$1.1^{+0.6}_{-0.5}$	$1.1 \pm 0.4$	$0.42 \pm 0.16$
CE $\nu$ NS	$0.23 \pm 0.06$	$0.23 \pm 0.06$	$0.022 \pm 0.006$
AC	$4.3 \pm 0.9$	$4.4^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$	$0.32 \pm 0.06$
Surface	$14 \pm 3$	$12 \pm 2$	$0.35 \pm 0.07$
Total background	154	$152 \pm 12$	$2.03^{+0.17}_{-0.15}$
WIMP	...	2.6	1.3
Observed	...	152	3

Signal region for 200 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> WIMP case  
 Best-fit  $\sigma = 3.22 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$

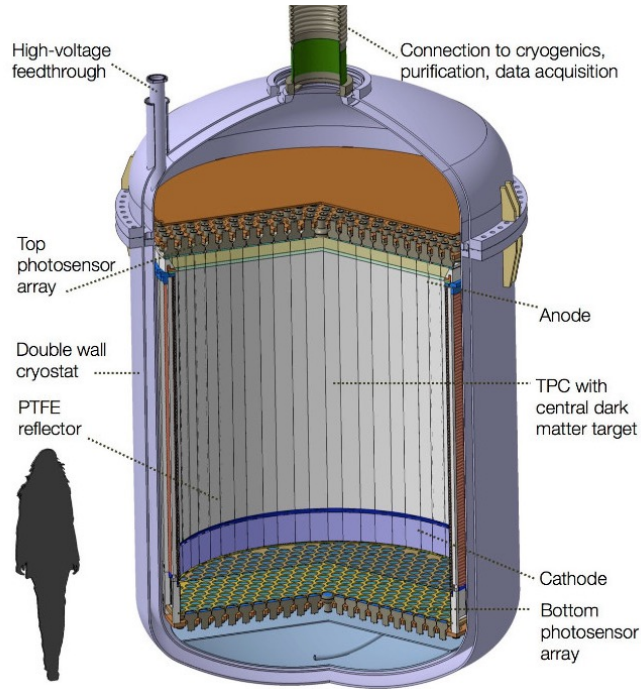


# XENONnT SRO WIMP limit $S(\sigma_{SI})$



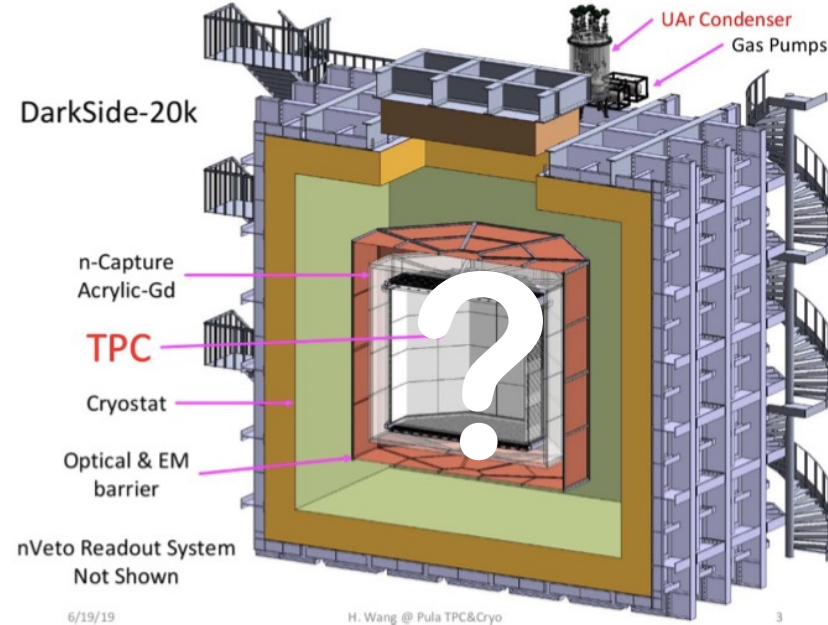
# Generation-3 O(100t) future direct DM detectors (2027?- )

DARWIN(50t LXe) → XLZD



Site: TBD...

ARGO(300t LAr)



Canada • SNOLab ?

2021 Jul : MOU : XENON/DARWIN, LZ (XLZD)

2022 Jun : 1<sup>st</sup> Summer meeting at KIT

XLZD white paper :arXiv:2203.02309

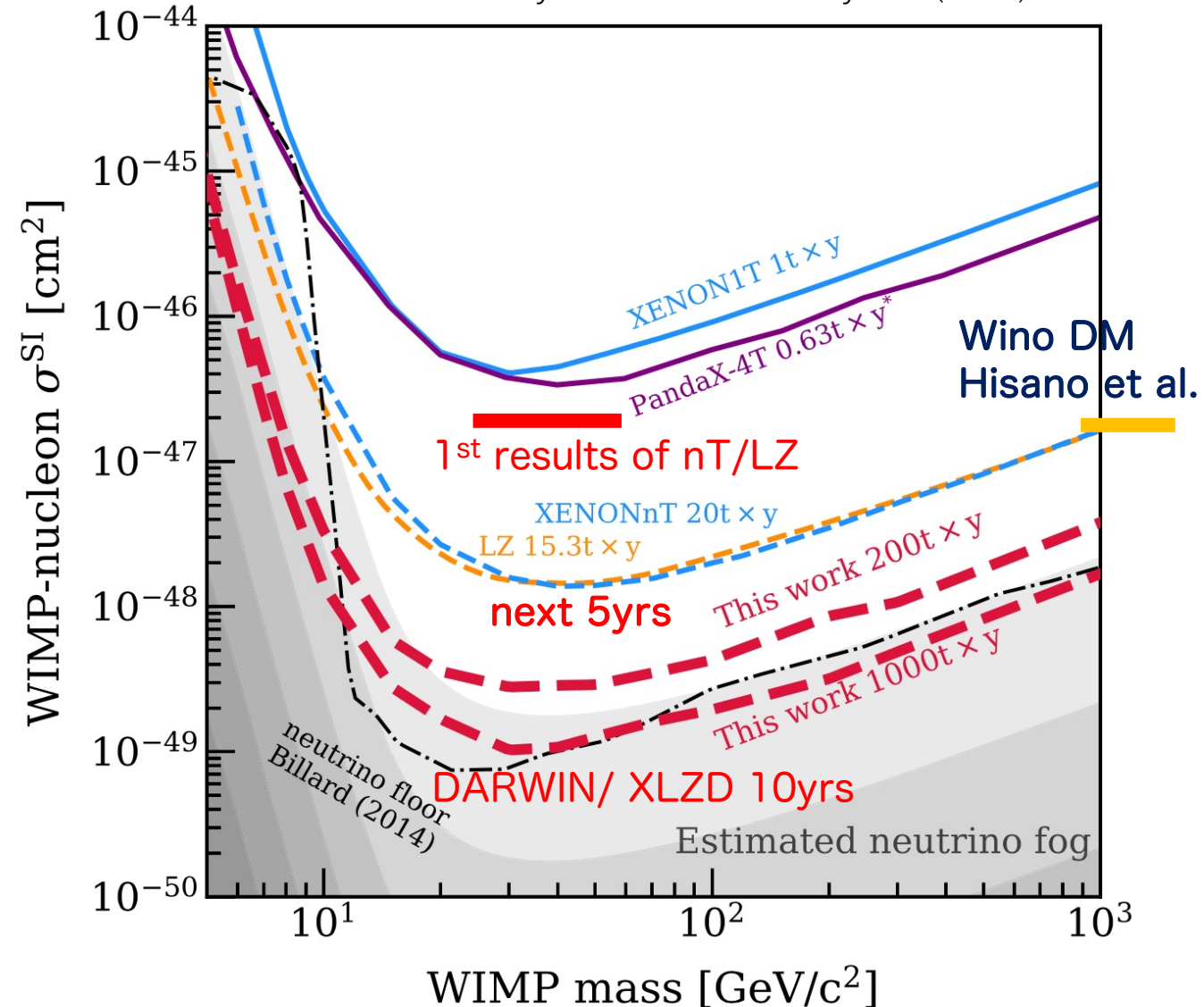
“A Next-Generation Liquid Xenon Observatory for Dark Matter and Neutrino Physics”



# Toward next generation LXe direct detection

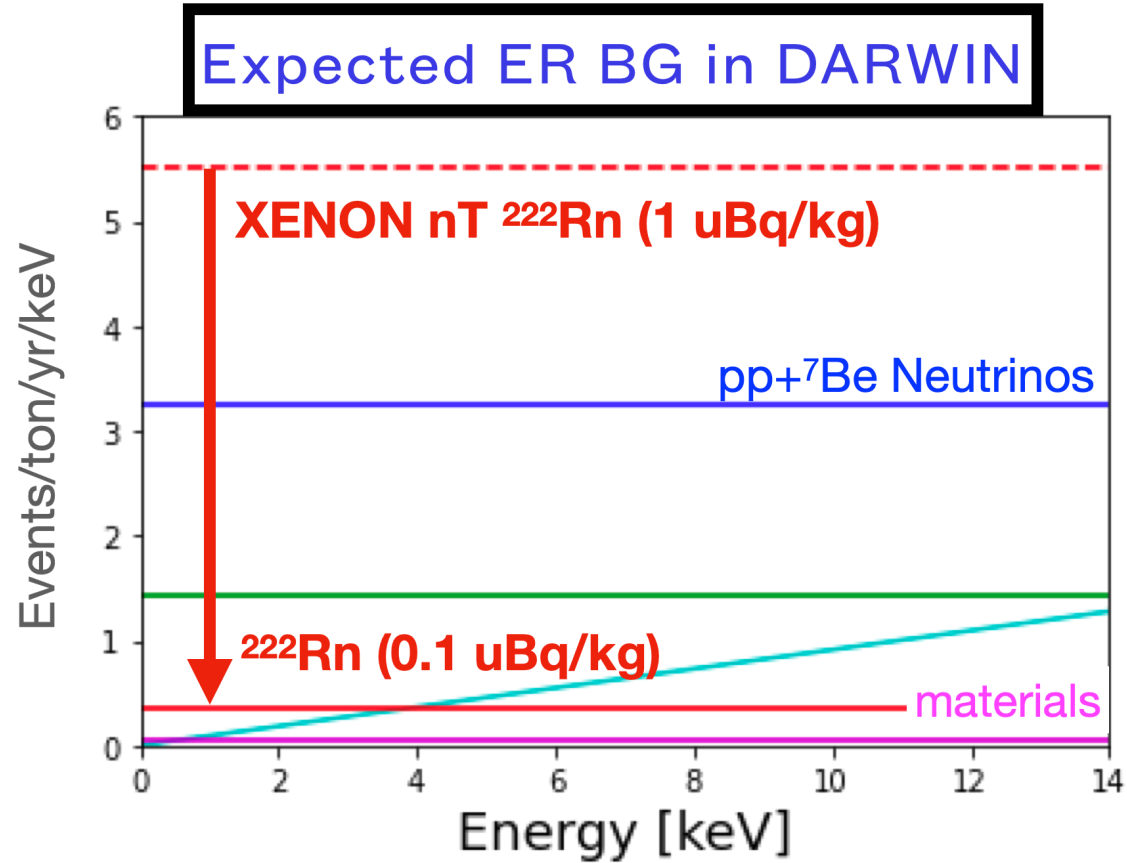
	XENON1T	XENONnT	DARWIN
Start	2016	2020	~2030
Total Xe	3.2 t	8.5 t	~50 t
TPC size	~1.0 m	~1.3 m	2.6 m
Rn in LXe	13 $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$	1.8 $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$	0.1 $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$
$\sigma_{\text{SI}}$	$10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2$	$10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$	$10^{-49} \text{ cm}^2$

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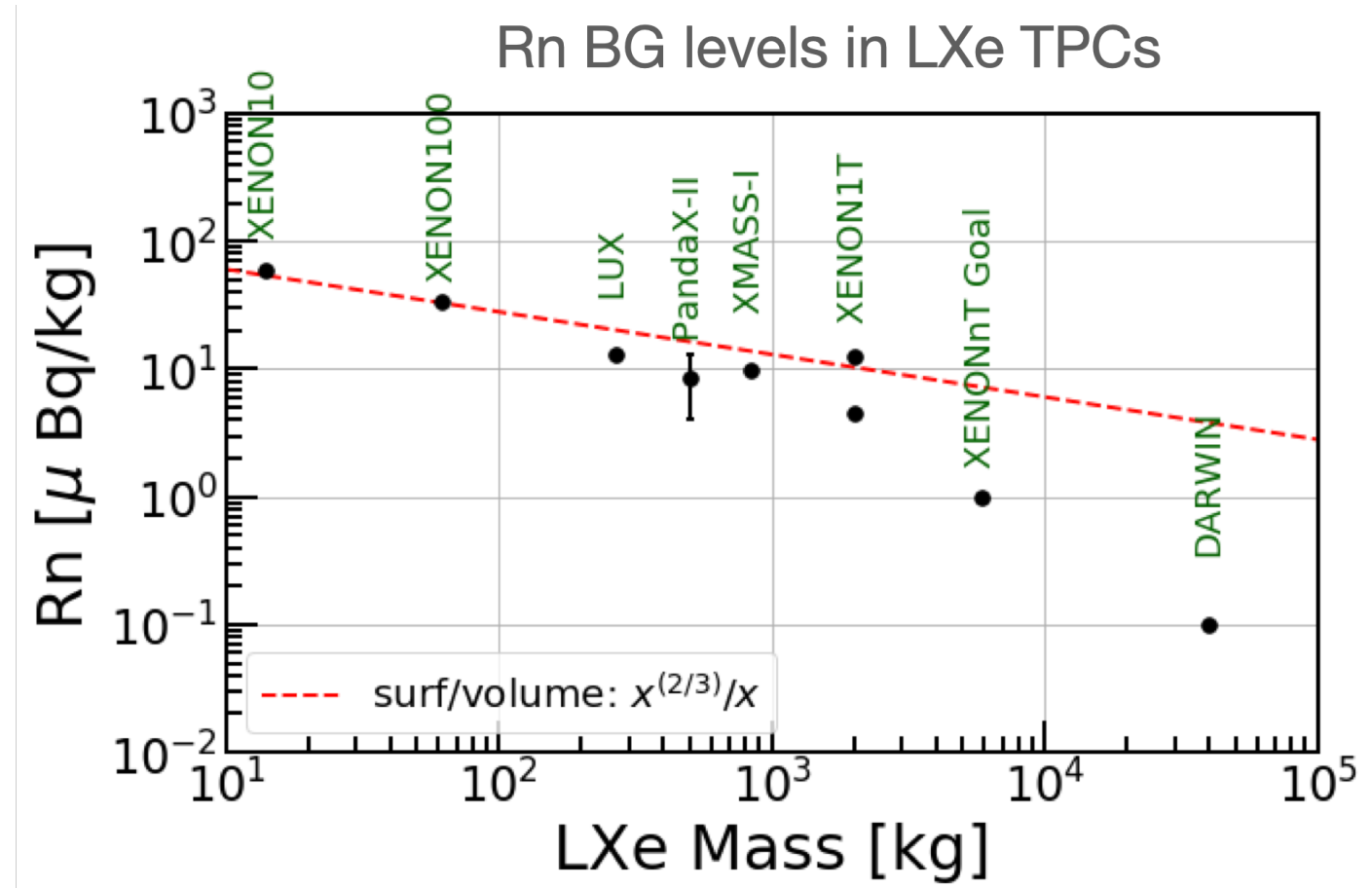


# Target ER BG level in future LXe

Goal: Negligible to intrinsic Solar  $\nu$  BG



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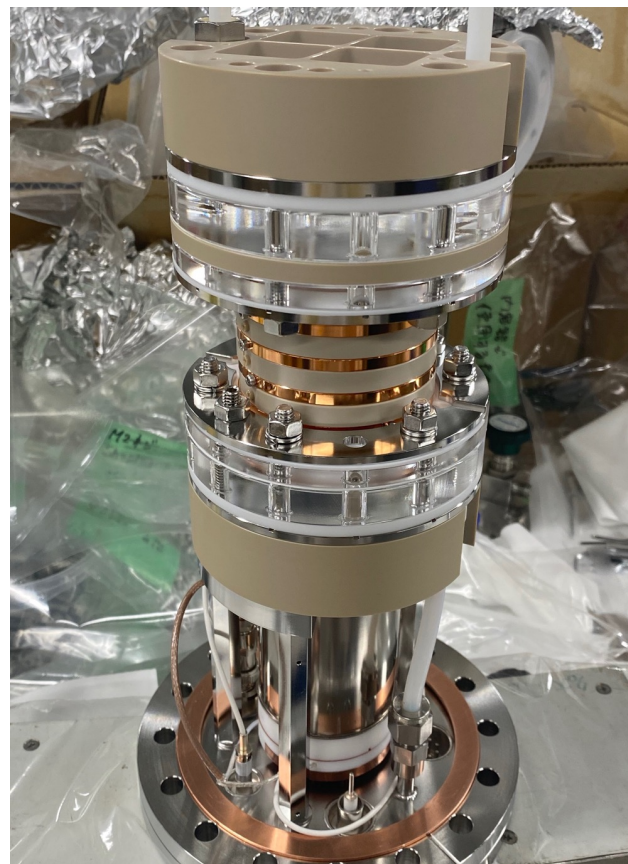
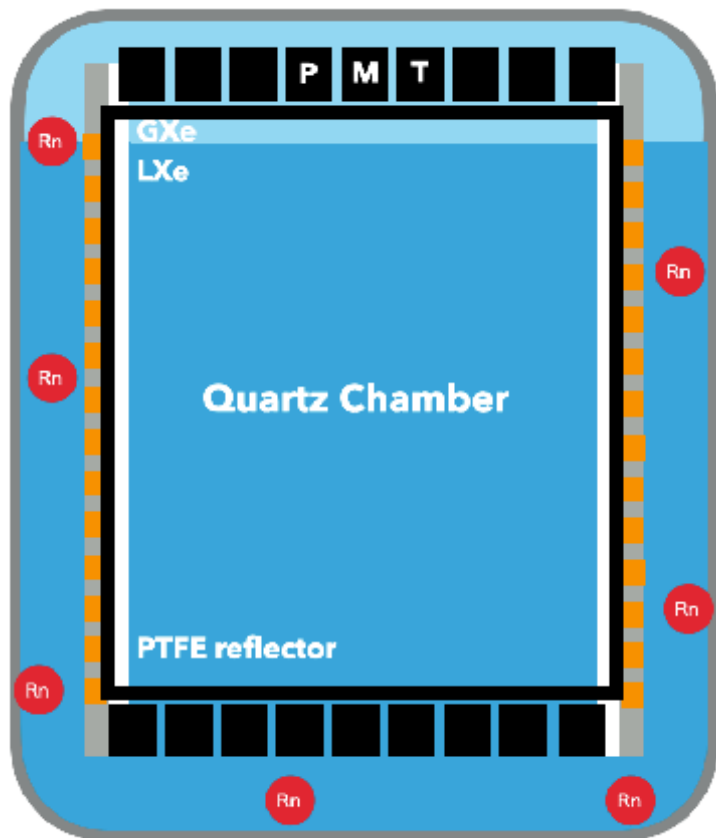


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# R&D for the next generation LXe TPC

- How to achieve 1/10 Rn BG ?
- How to build x2 larger TPC ?
- How to procure x5 Xe ?

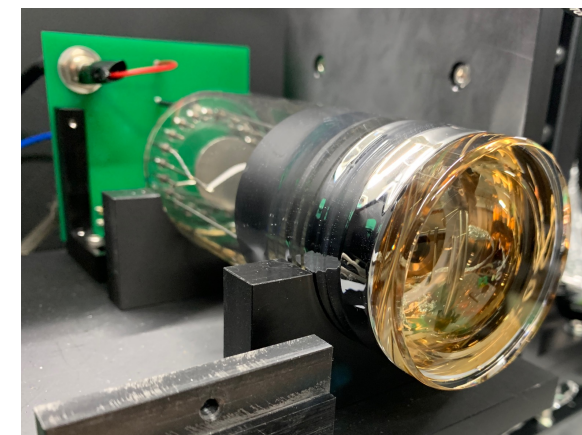
Hermetic TPC w/ quartz vessel



Lowest RI PMT (U.Tokyo)  
R13111 (by XMASS)

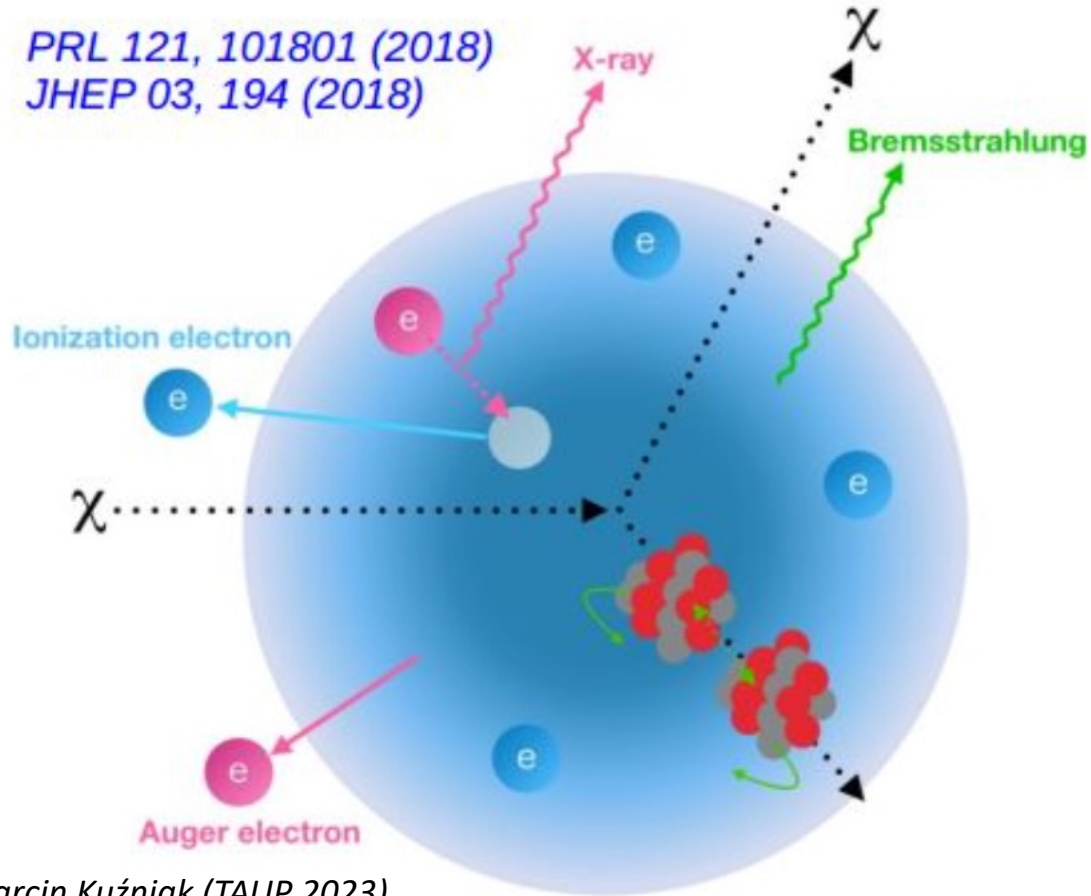


MPPC hybrid PMT (Nagoya)



# MIGDAL effect

PRL 121, 101801 (2018)  
JHEP 03, 194 (2018)

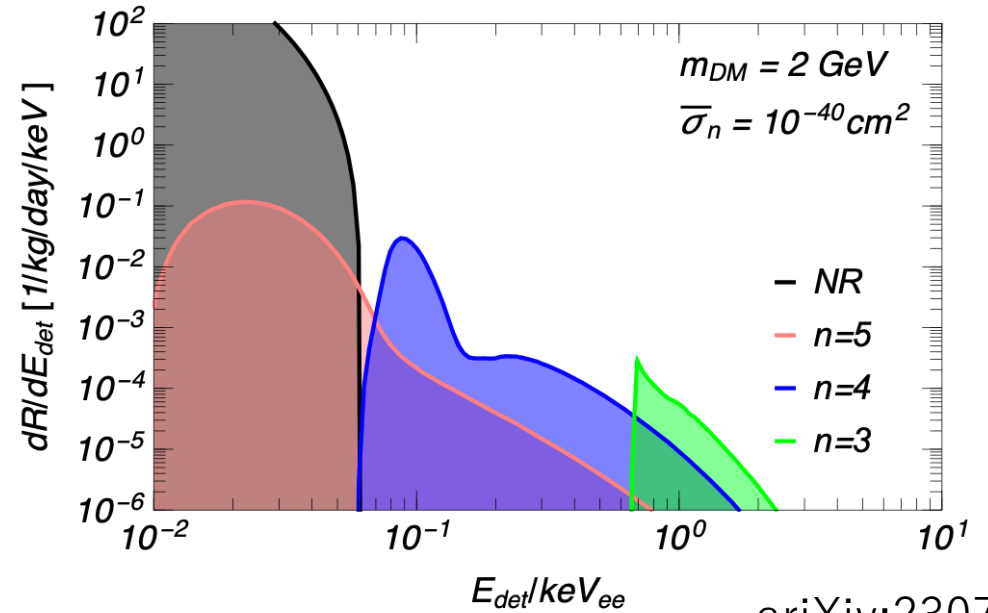


Marcin Kuźniak (TAUP 2023)

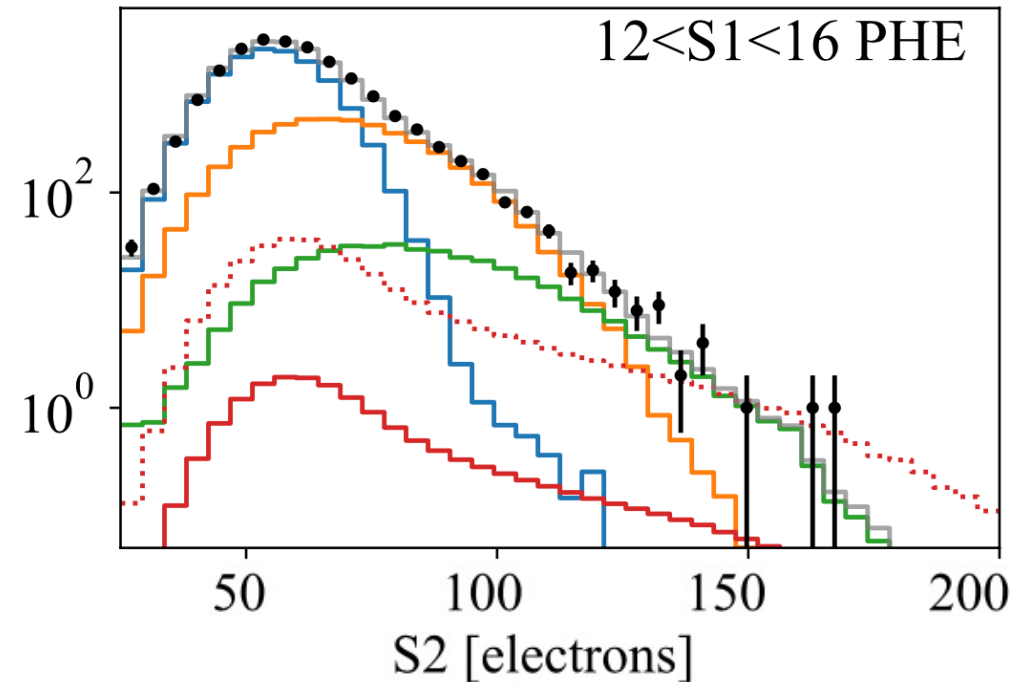
- Migdal ER search by a LXe TPC w/ a tagged n-beam
- No signal found yet. Upper limit was set

ER spectra at LXe target

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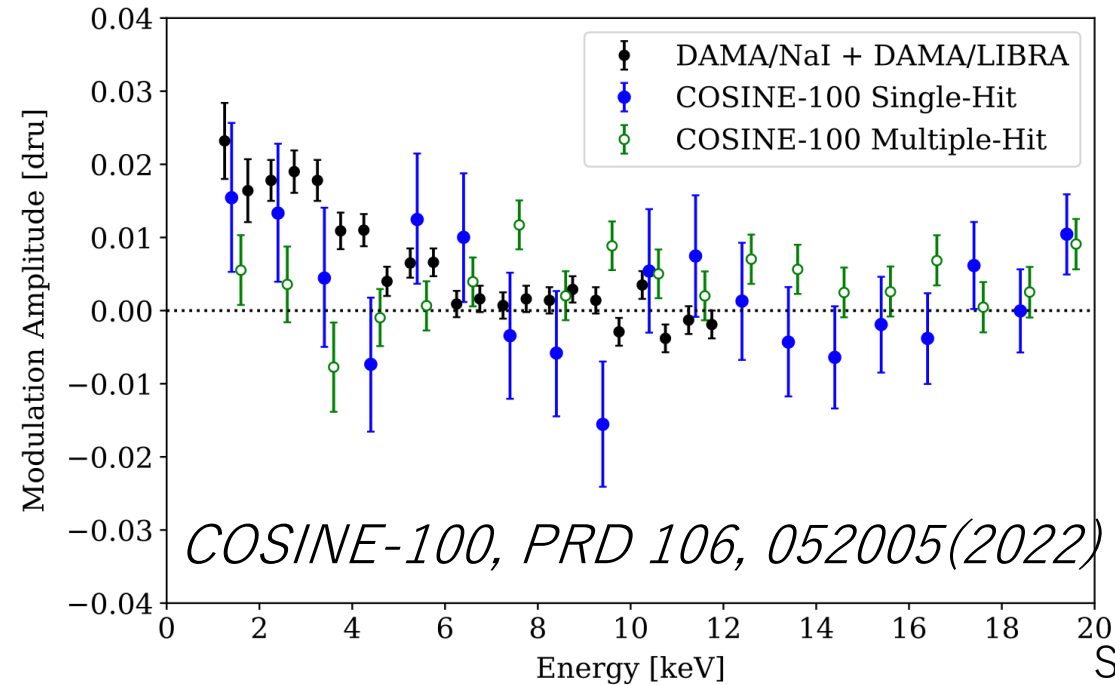
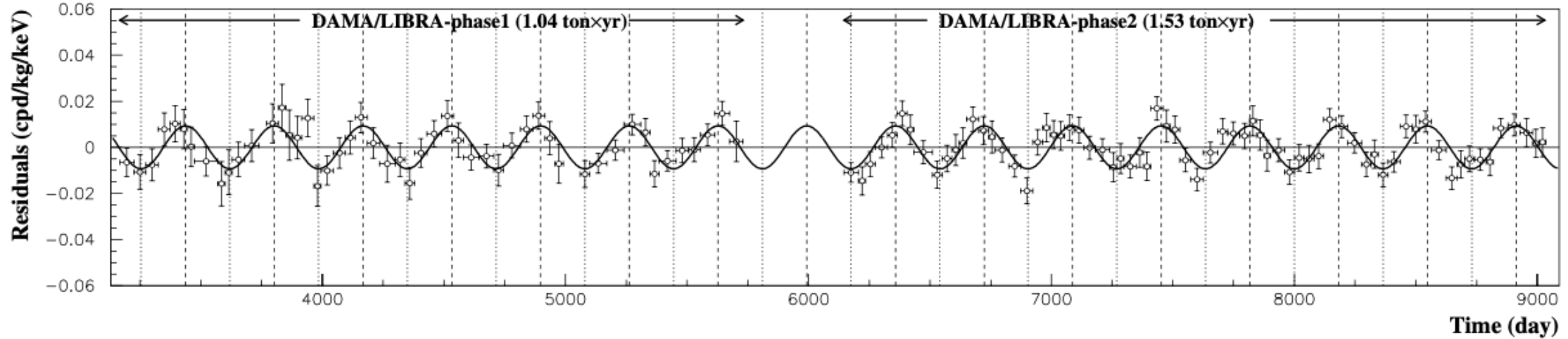
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# DAMA/LIBRA seasonable modulation

2-6 keV

*SciPost Phys. Proc. 12, 025 (2023)*



- DAMA+LIBRA (NaI 2.86t x 22 years) sees modulation ?
- Independent checking by NaI on-going
  - COSINE-100 (61.3kg NaI x 2.82 years)
  - ANAIS-112 (112.5kg NaI x 3 years)

## 1-6 keV modulation amplitude

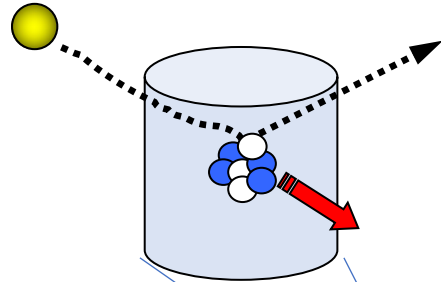
<b>COSINE-100</b>	<b><math>0.0067 \pm 0.0042</math></b>
<b>DAMA/LIBRA</b>	<b><math>0.0105 \pm 0.0011</math></b>
<b>ANAIS-112</b>	<b><math>-0.0034 \pm 0.0042</math></b>

See Hyunsu Lee (IBS) talk in 2<sup>nd</sup> DMnet Symposium

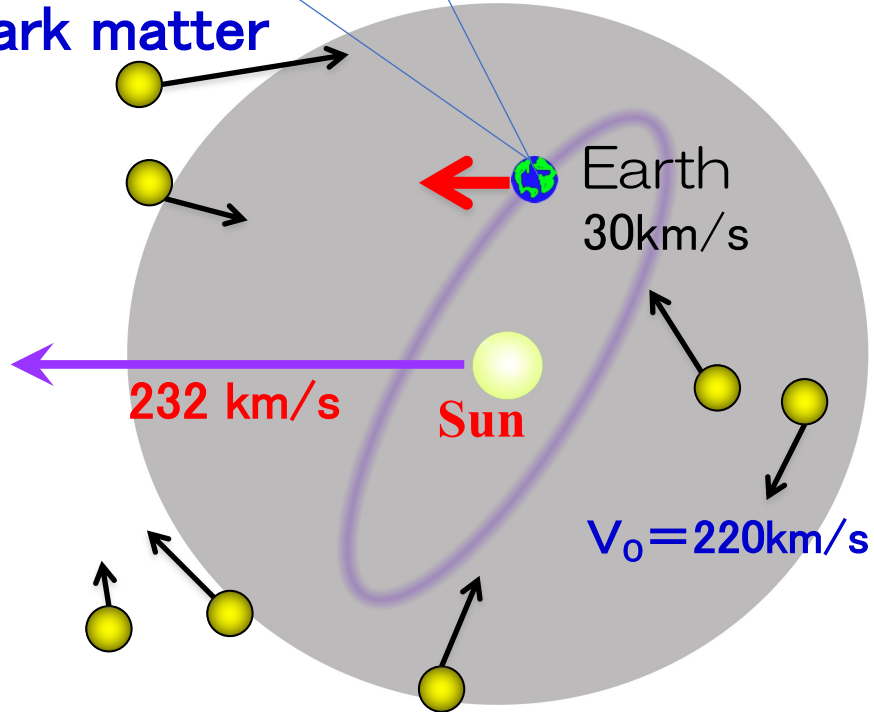
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# Directional search

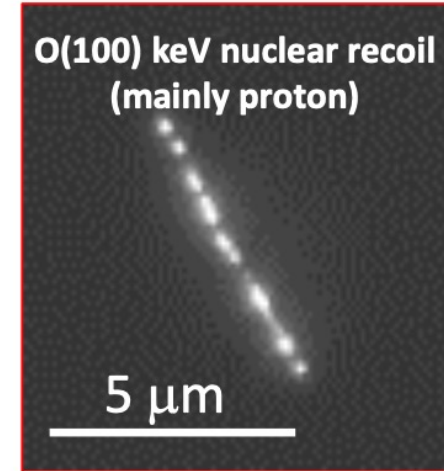
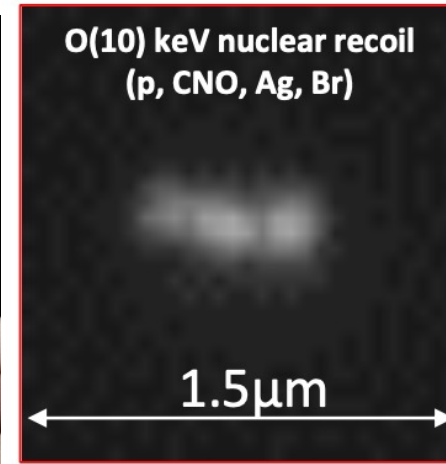
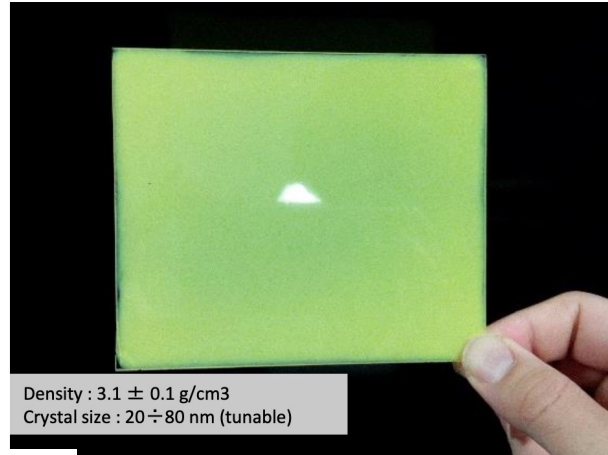
Dark matter



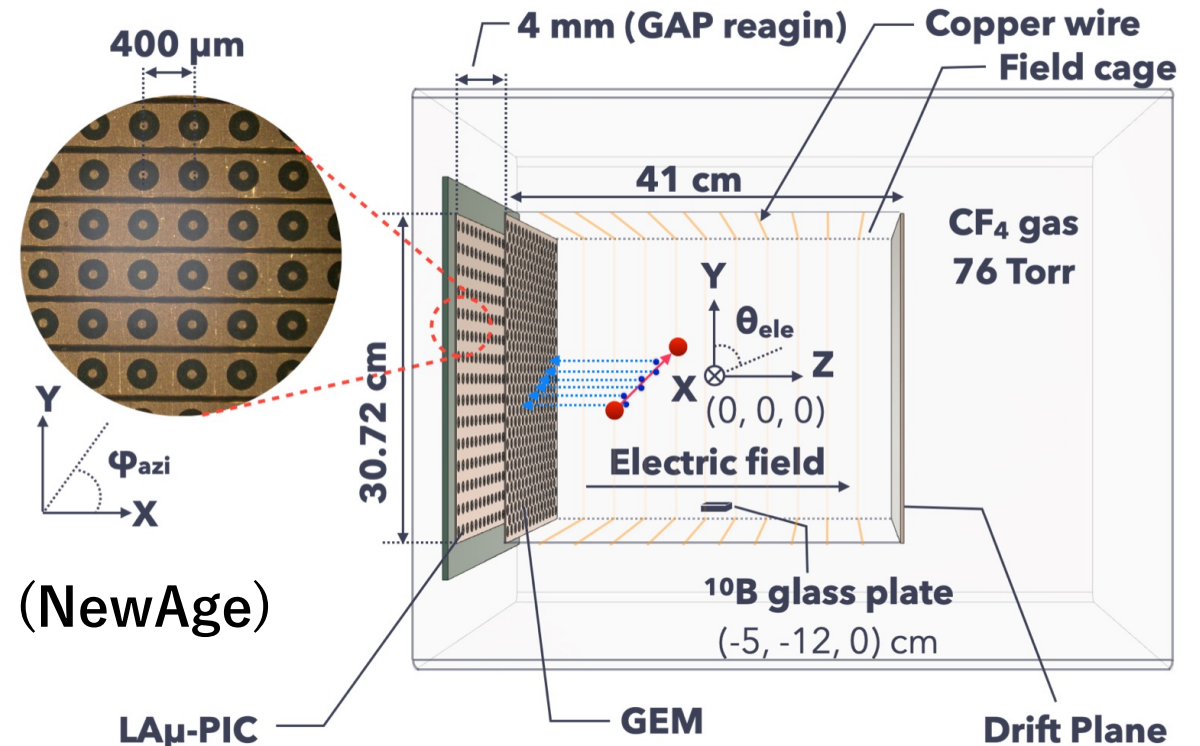
Dark matter



## Nuclear Emulsion (NEWSdm)



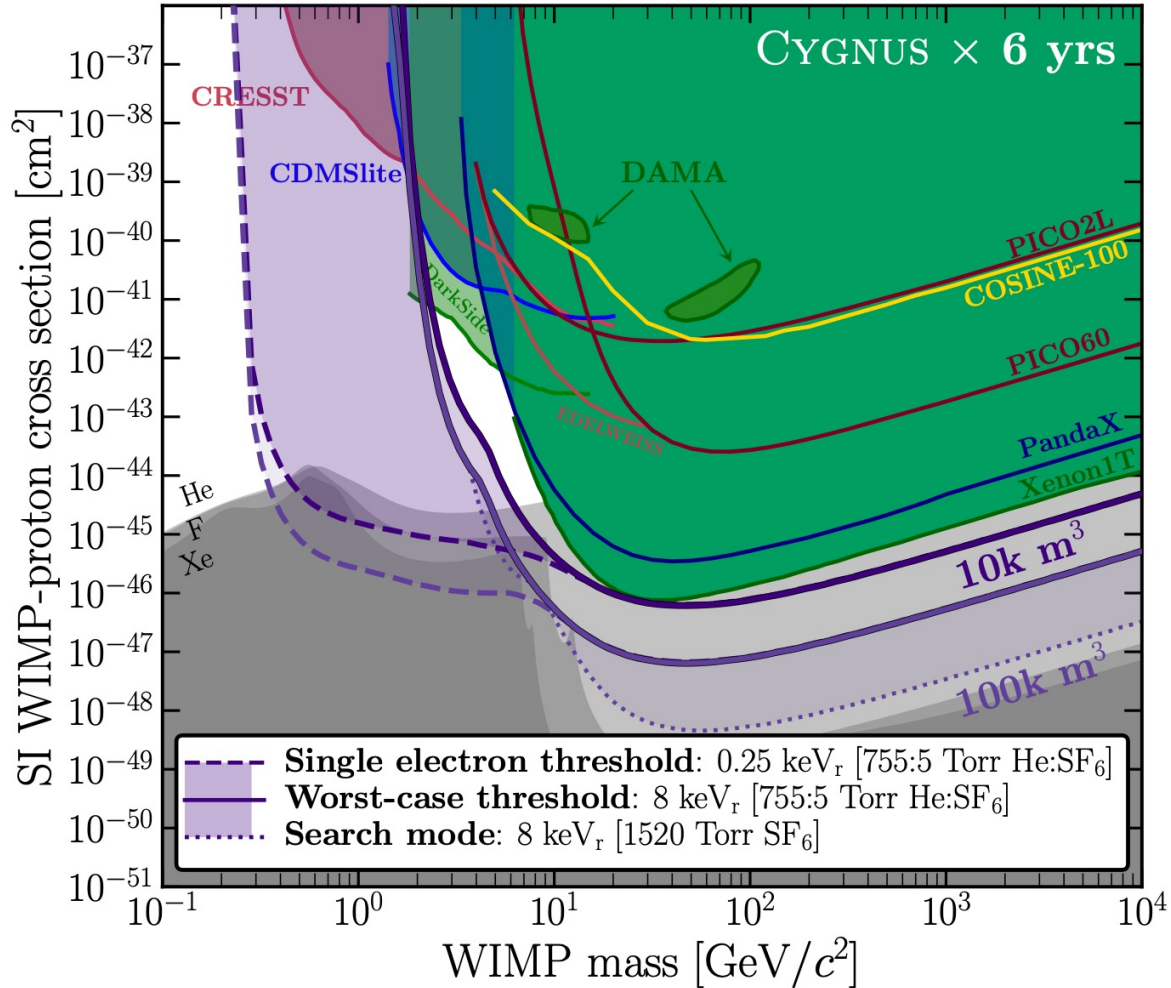
## Gas TPC (NewAge)





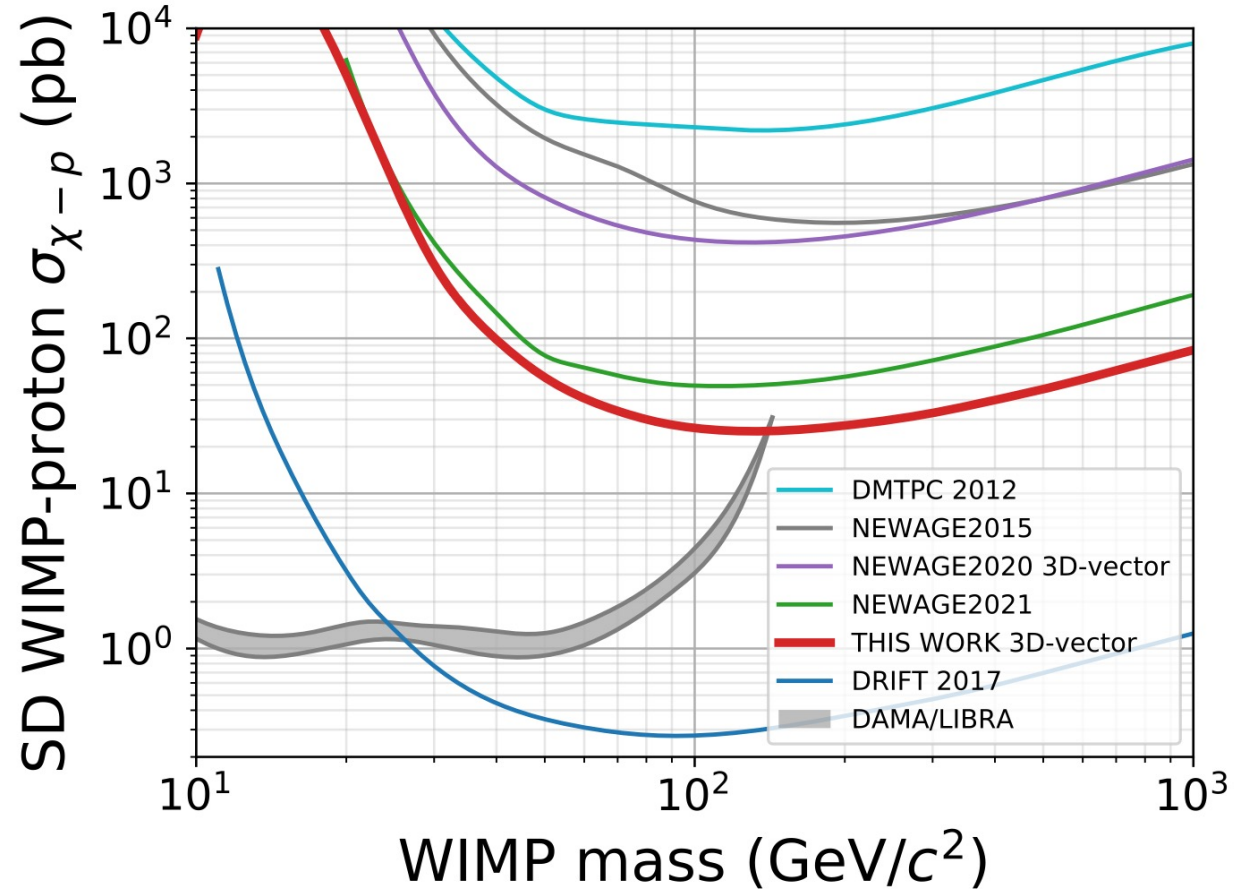
# Directional search sensitivity (gas TPC)

arXiv 2008.12587



10-10K m<sup>2</sup> TPC w/ He:SF<sub>6</sub> gas at 755:5 Torr in 6 years

arXiv:2301.04779



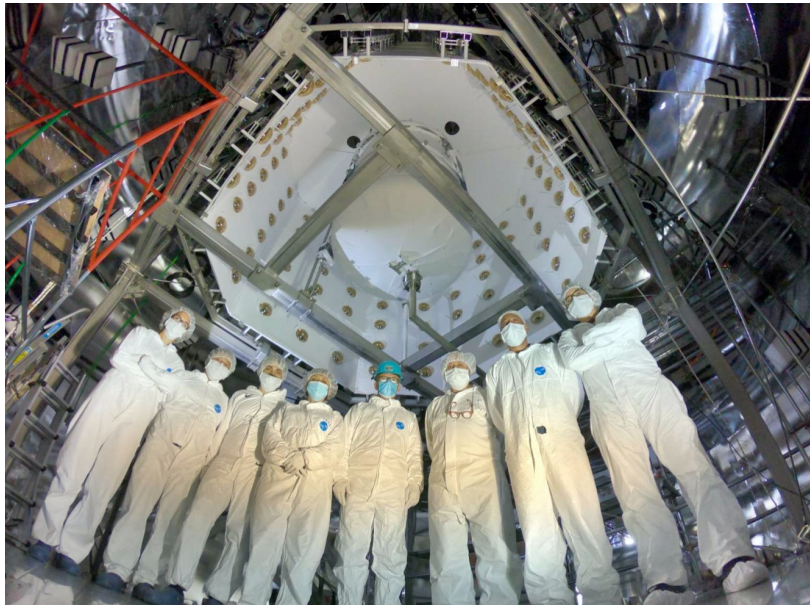
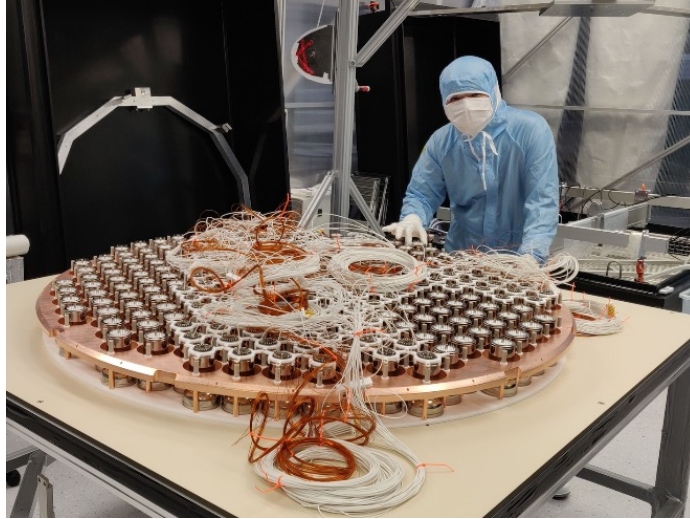
NEWAGE (28cmx24cmx41cm) latest result  
(CF<sub>4</sub>, 10g, 318 days @ Kamioka)

# Summary

- Direct dark matter searches have been developed quite successfully by liquid xenon technology in this 20 years.
- O(10t) Gen-2 expts. XENONnT and LZ now successfully started and approaching  $\sigma(\text{SI}) < 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$ .
- XENON1T Low-E ER excess is excluded by XENONnT with x5 lower ER BG achieved.
- In next 5 years we may see first hint (i.e. WINO DM) with 20 t · yrs
- To get an evidence, O(100t) Gen-3 expts w/ >200t · yr desired. On-going R&D on DARWIN 50t, now being expanded by the new XLZD consortium.
- Directional searches will play a key role for ultimate future goal.

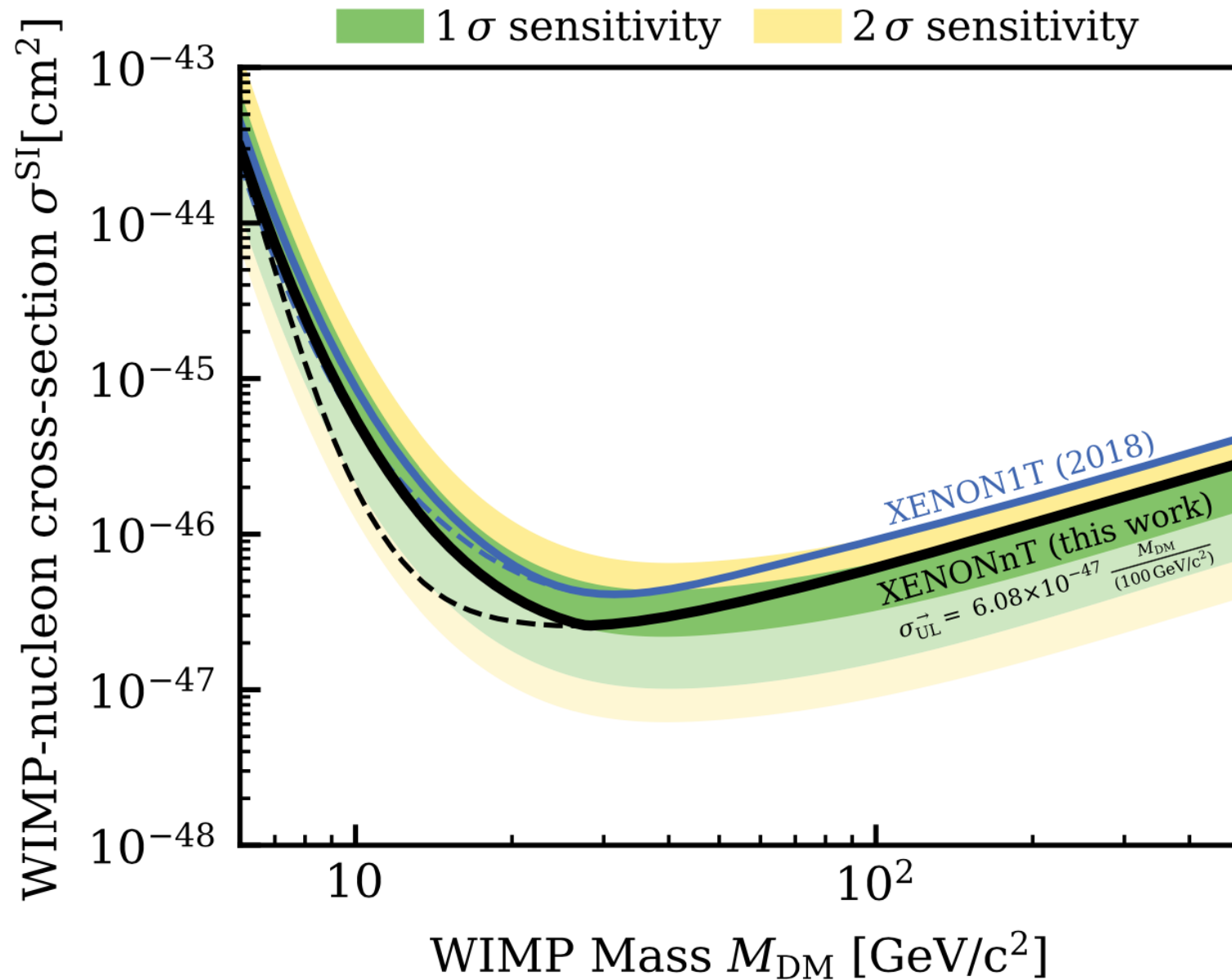
# Backup

# 2019-2020 Construction under COVID-19



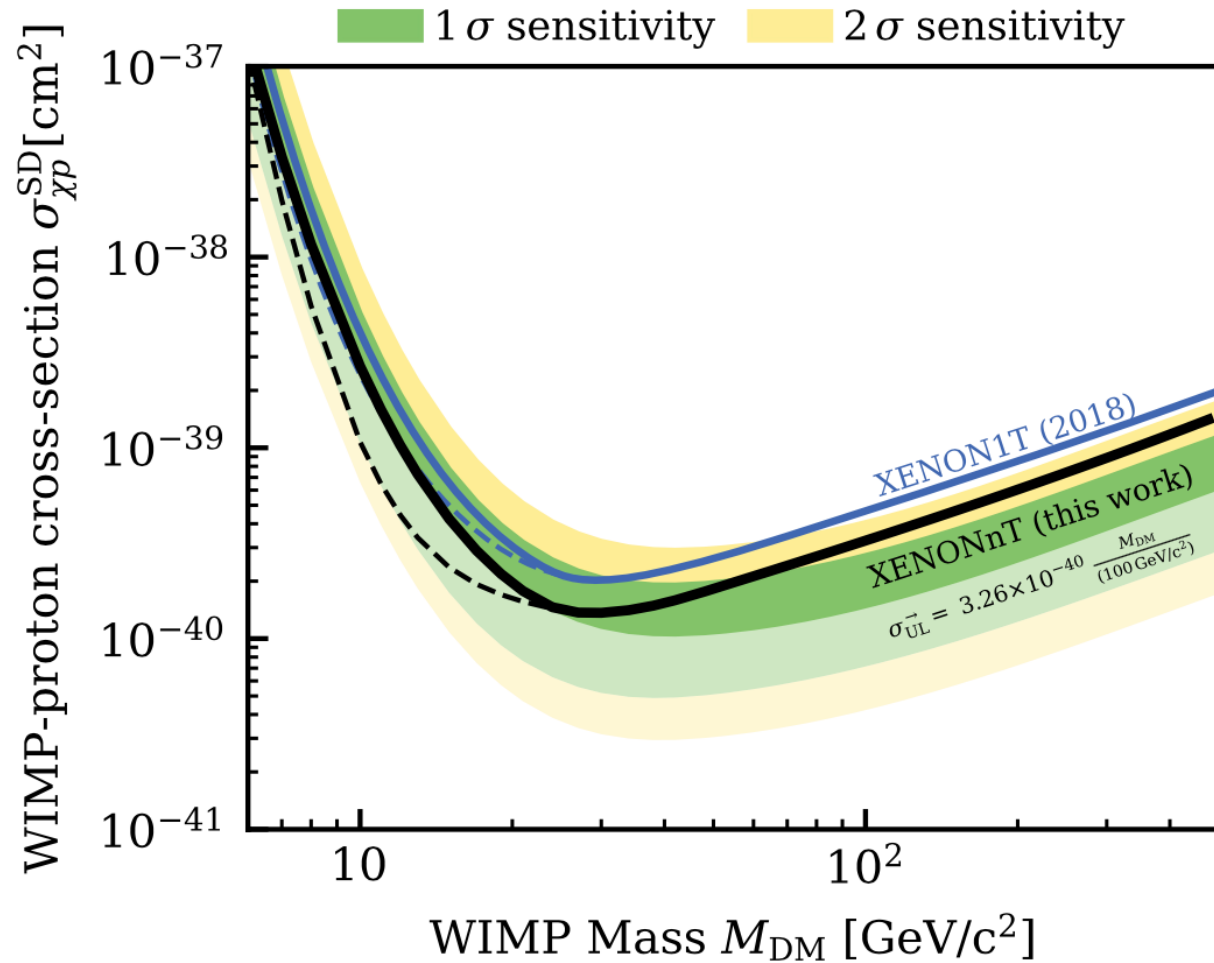
# XENONnT SRO WIMP limit $S(\sigma_{SI})$

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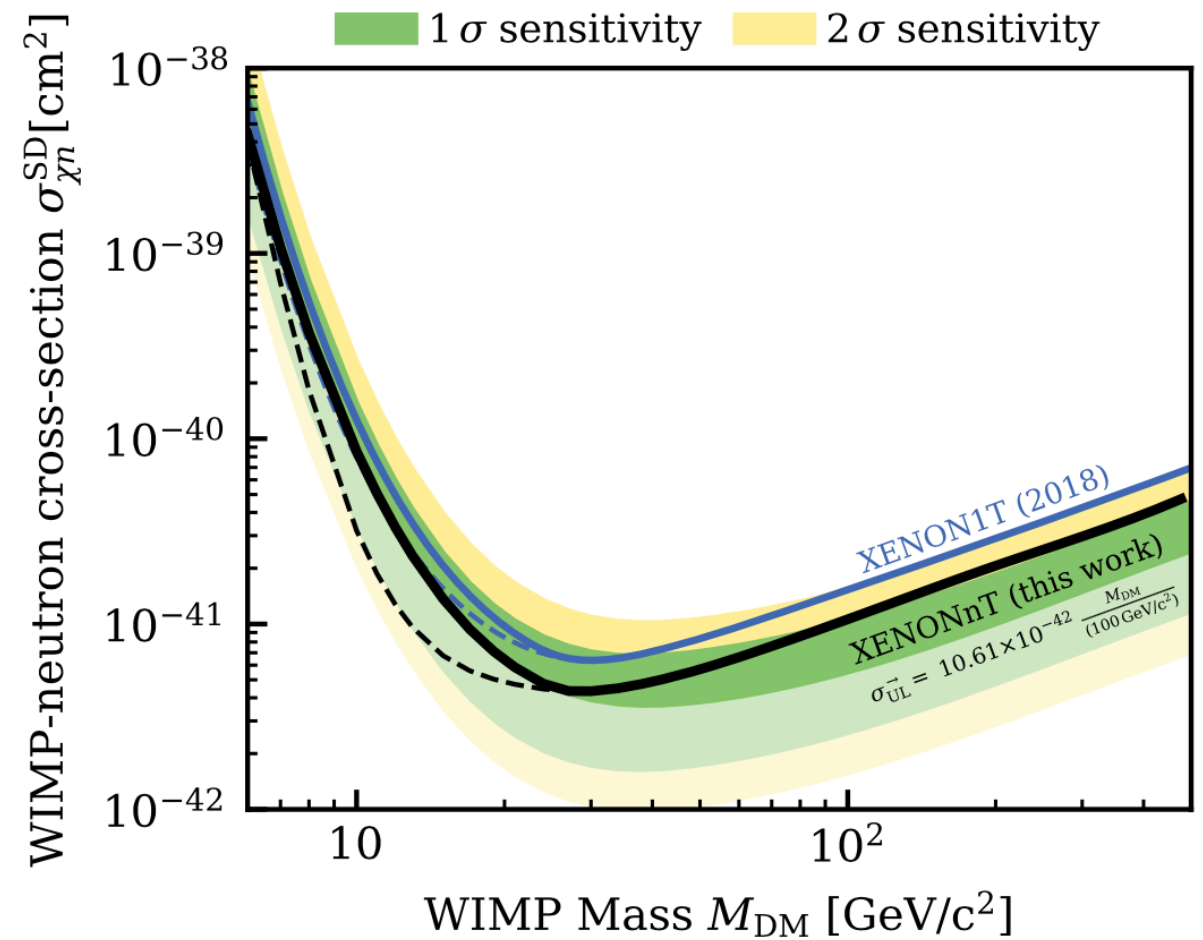


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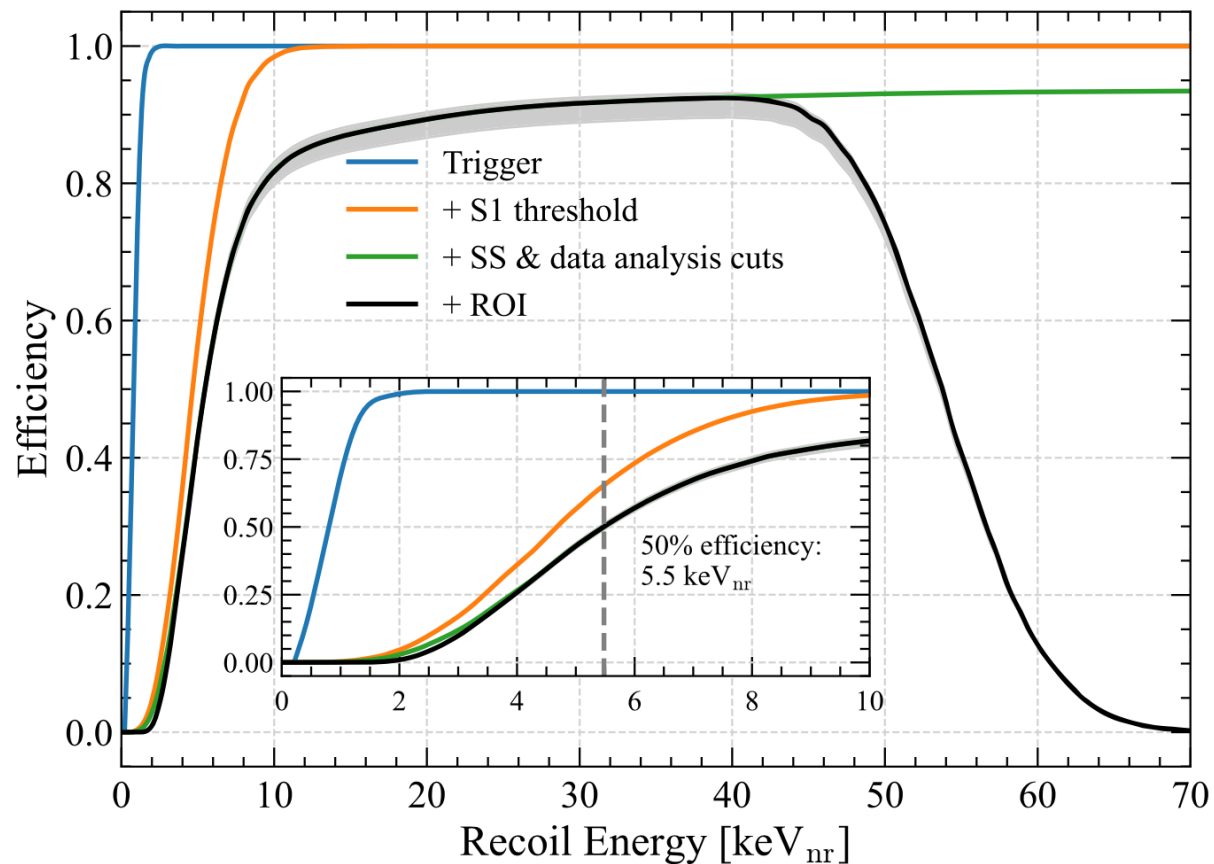


(b)

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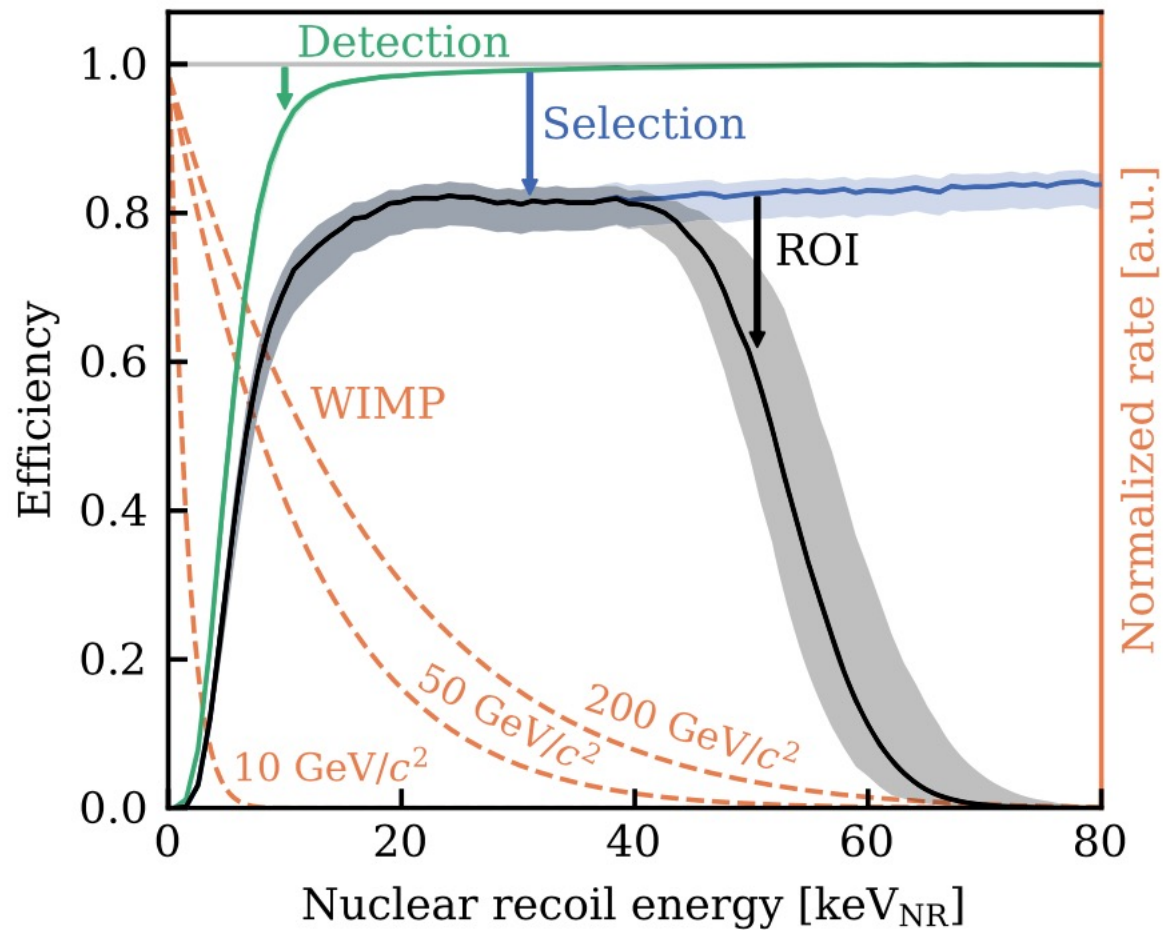
**LZ 1<sup>st</sup> data**

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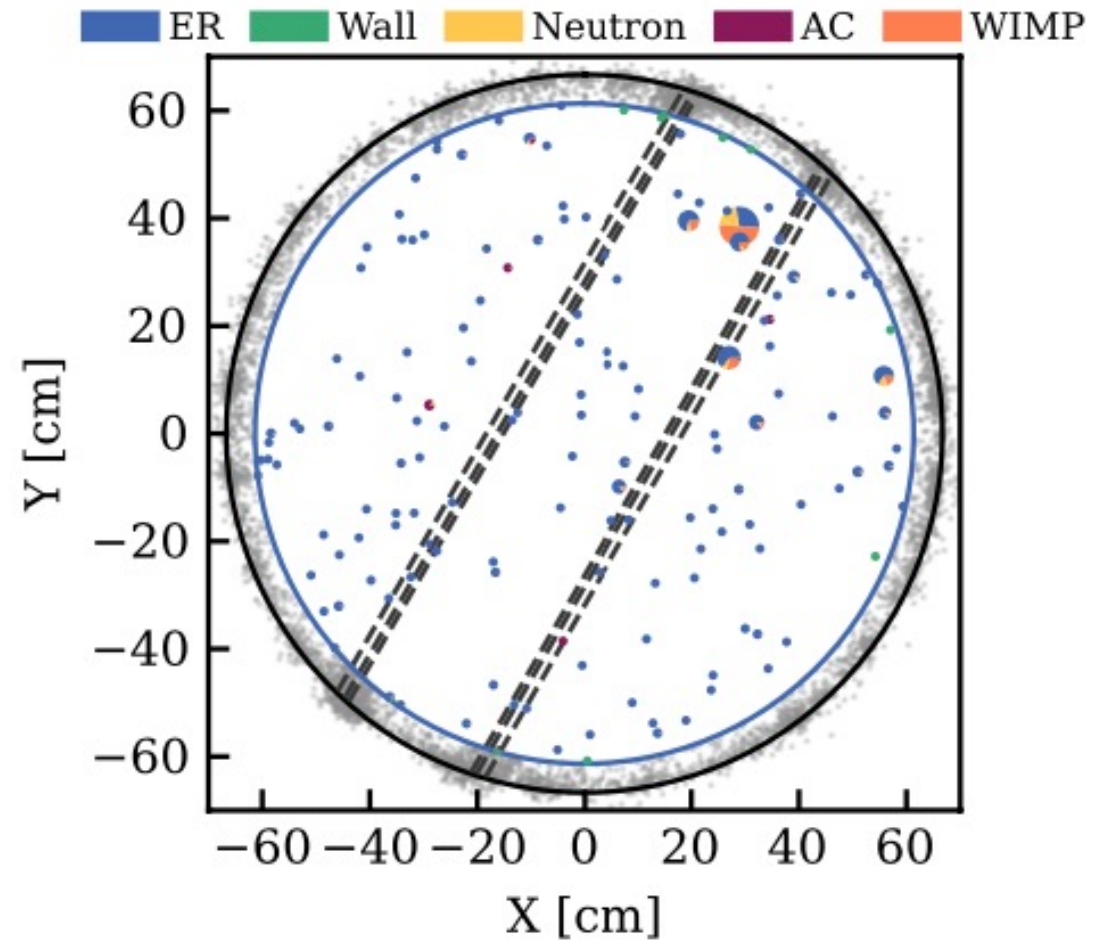
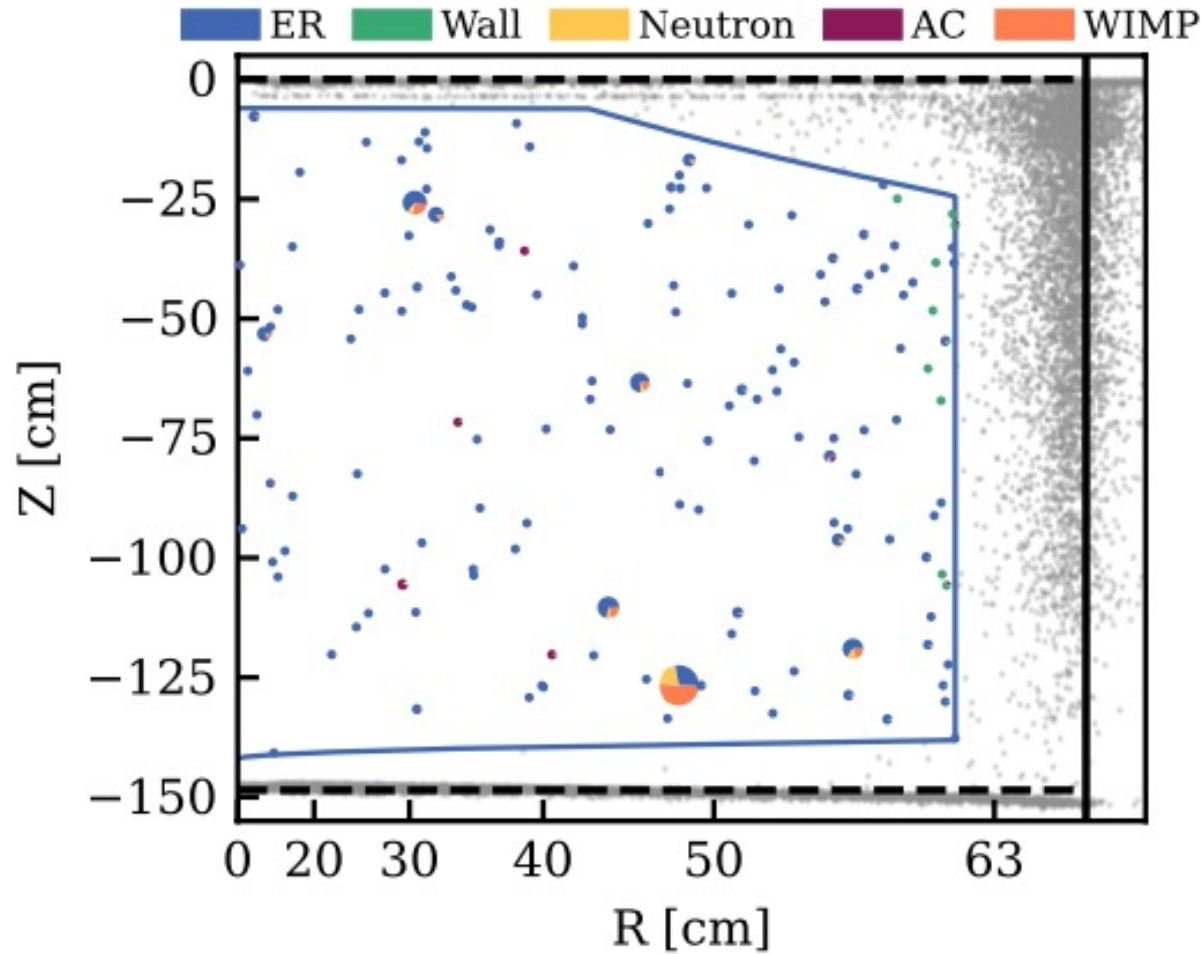
**XENONnT SR0**

*PRL 131, 041003(2023)*



# XENONnT SRO event locations

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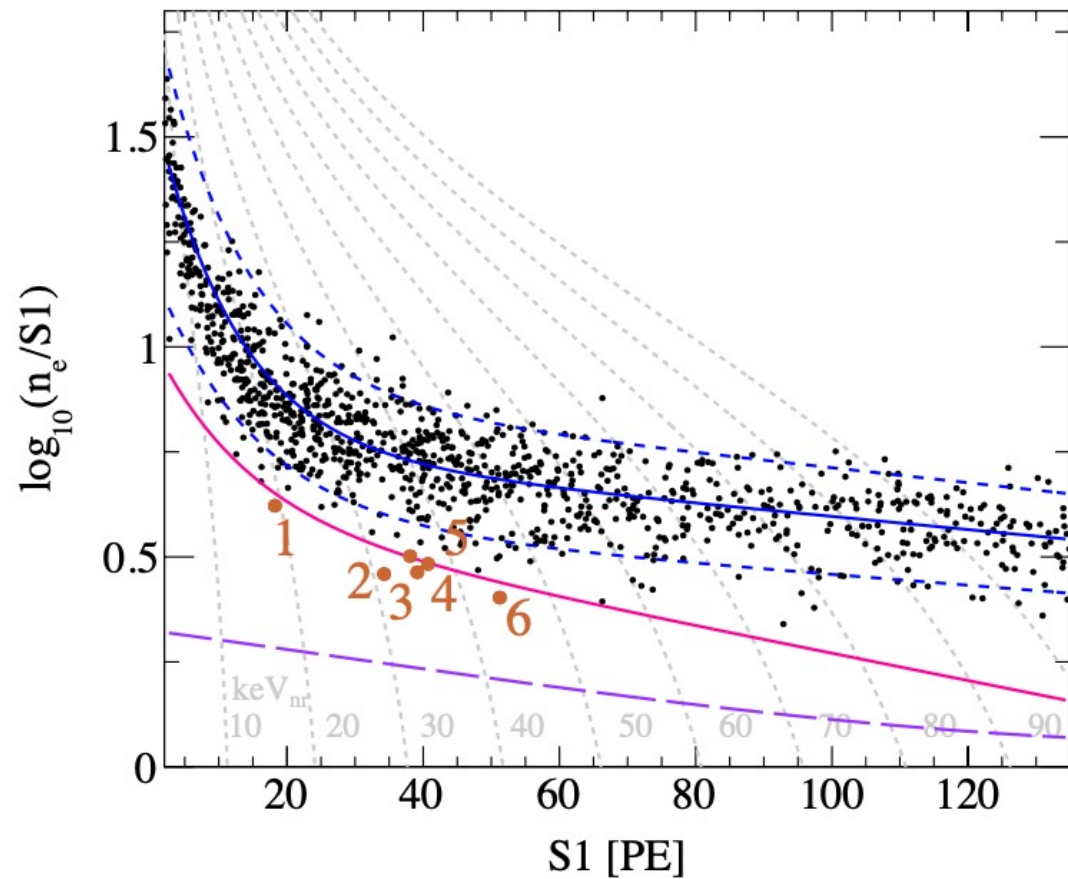
**Unblinded events relatively concentrate upper-right  
But no evidence of detector nonuniformity found**



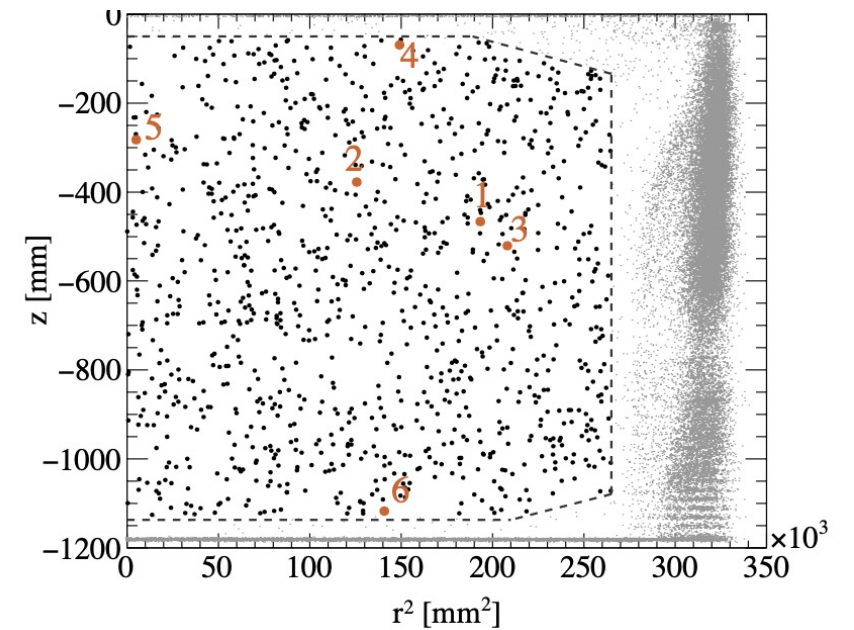
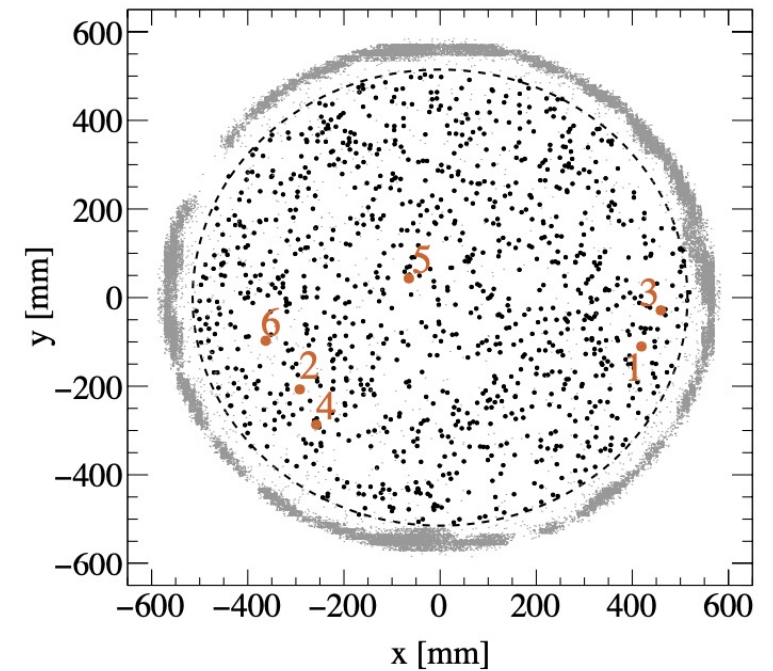
# PandaX-4T

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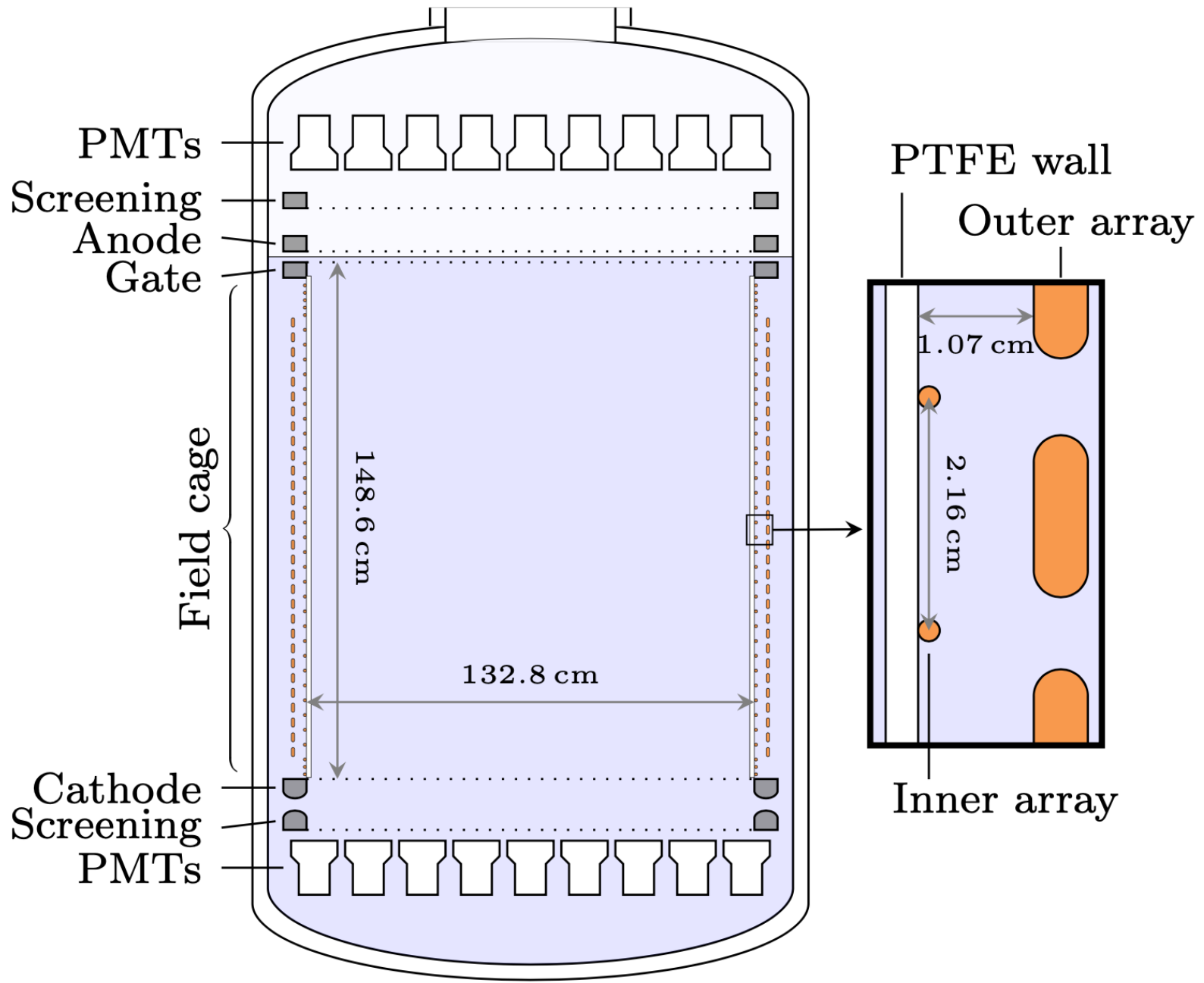
(a)  $\log_{10}(n_e/S1)$  vs.  $S1$



(c)  $y$  vs.  $x$

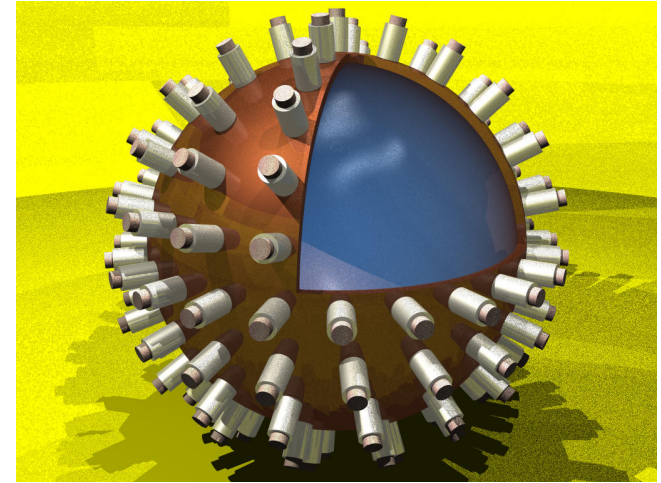
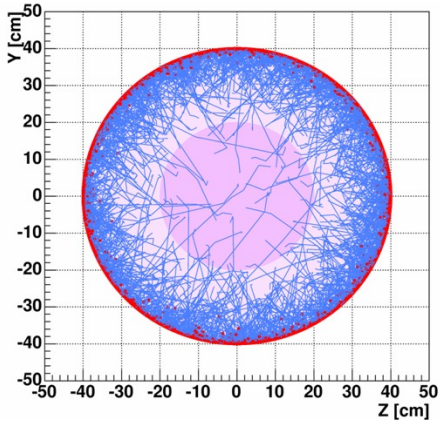


# XENONnT field cage



# XMASS: 1<sup>st</sup> idea of 10-ton liquid Xe for DM and Sol- $\nu$ / $\beta\beta$

- Many ground-breaking ideas since 2000
  - Pointing out LXe can be ideal multipurpose experiments
  - $^{85}\text{Kr}$  removal by distillation (essential break-through)
  - Self-shielding by high-Z LXe surface
  - 1kt Water Cherenkov neutron/muon veto
  - World best low-BG PMT



- Long term Japan-Korea collaboration in XMASS

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RI-loaded rod for in-situ calibration  
contributed by Korea

