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NOBLE LIQUID DETECTORS, PART 2

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Slides courtesy of L. Baudis and R. Calabrese

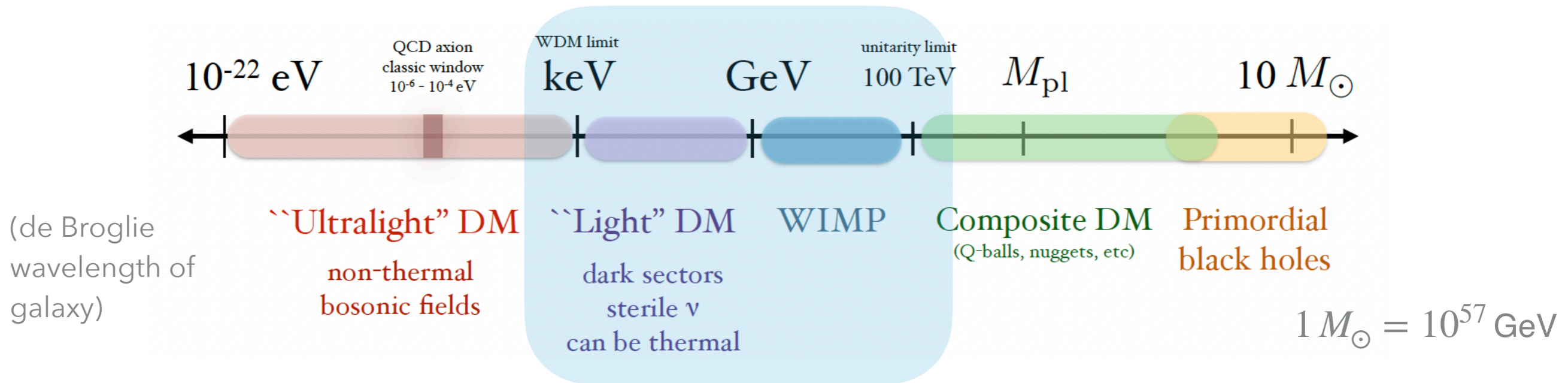


NL DETECTORS

DARK MATTER

WHAT IS DARK MATTER?

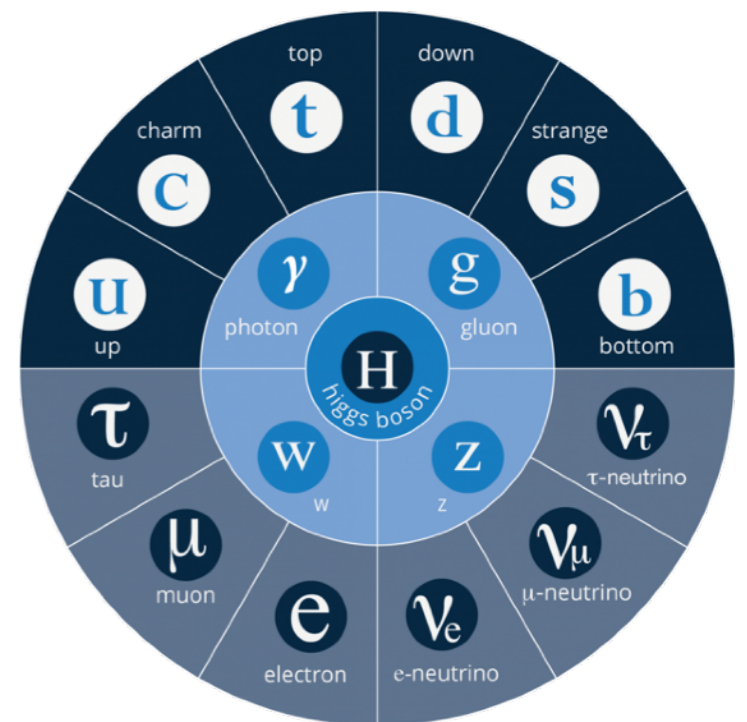
A spectrum spanning 80 orders of magnitude



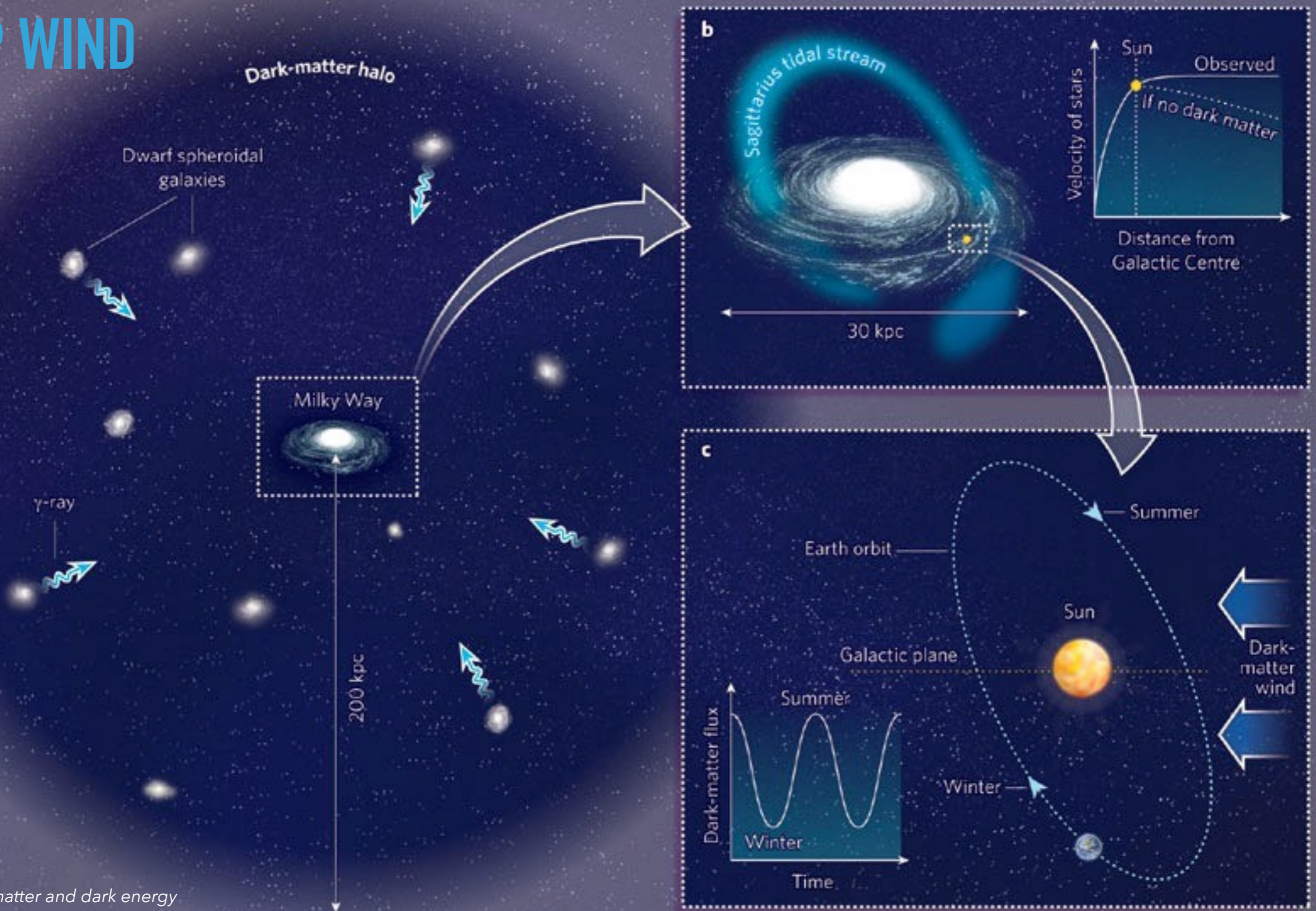
WIMP paradigm: a good place to start looking

The Minimal WIMP Model Basic Assumptions:

- Single **particle** that does not interact with itself
- Interacts weakly with Standard Model
- $2 \rightarrow 2$ annihilations primarily in s-wave
- Annihilations set thermal abundance today



WIMP WIND



WIMP WIND ON EARTH

- ▶ Goodman & Witten (1985): "Detectability of certain dark matter candidates"

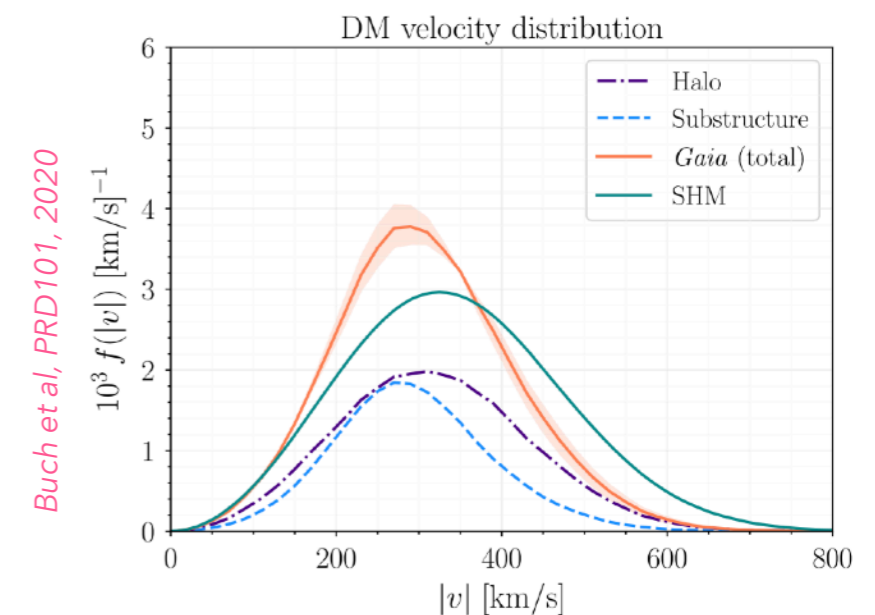
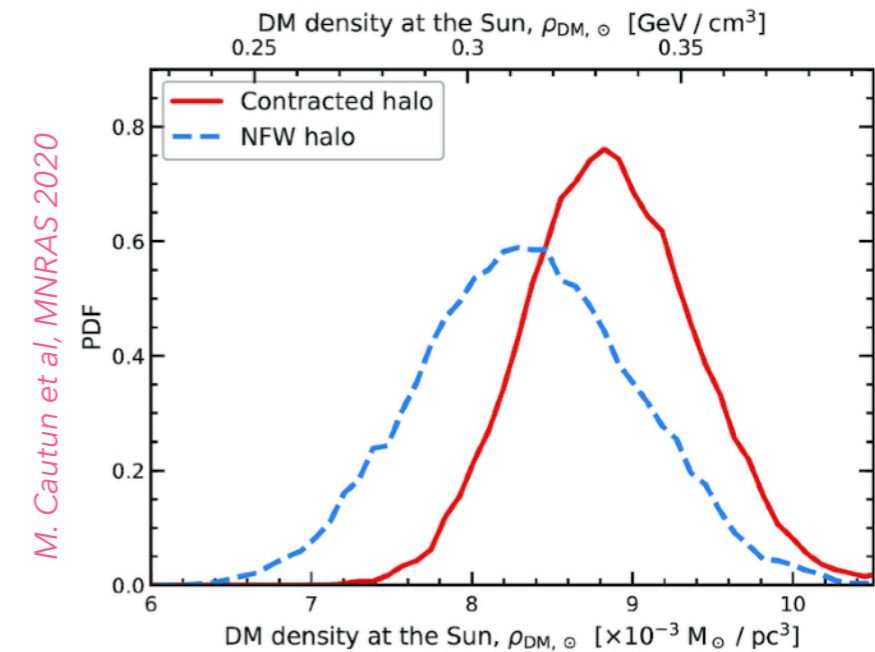
$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = N_T \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi} \times \int dv f(v) v \frac{d\sigma_\chi}{dE_R}$$

- ρ_χ galactic dark matter halo local density

- v relative velocity wrt terrestrial detector

- σ_χ elastic scattering off target nuclei → Particle physics

Astrophysics



WIMP-NUCLEON SCATTERING

- ▶ Non-relativistic scattering $v/c \simeq 10^{-3}$

$$E_0 = \frac{1}{2}m_\chi v^2; \quad r = \frac{4m_\chi m_N}{(m_\chi + m_N)^2}; \quad E_R = E_0 r \frac{(1 - \cos \theta)}{2}$$

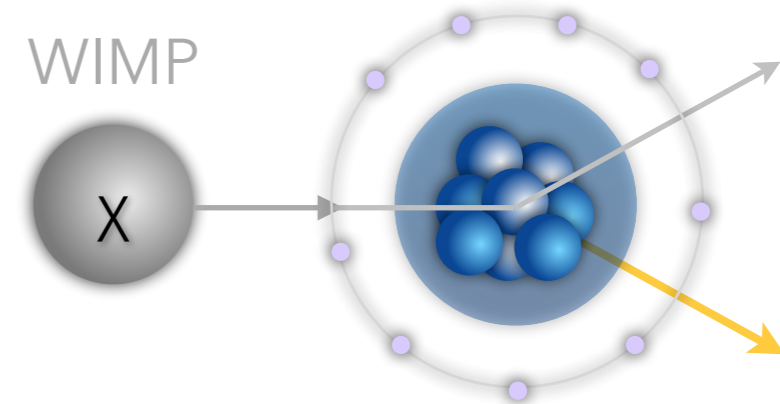
$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{R_0}{E_0 r} \exp\left(-\frac{E_R}{E_0 r}\right) \times [S(E_R)F^2(q^2)I]$$

$F^2(q^2)$ Form factor

$S(E_R)$ seasonal modulation

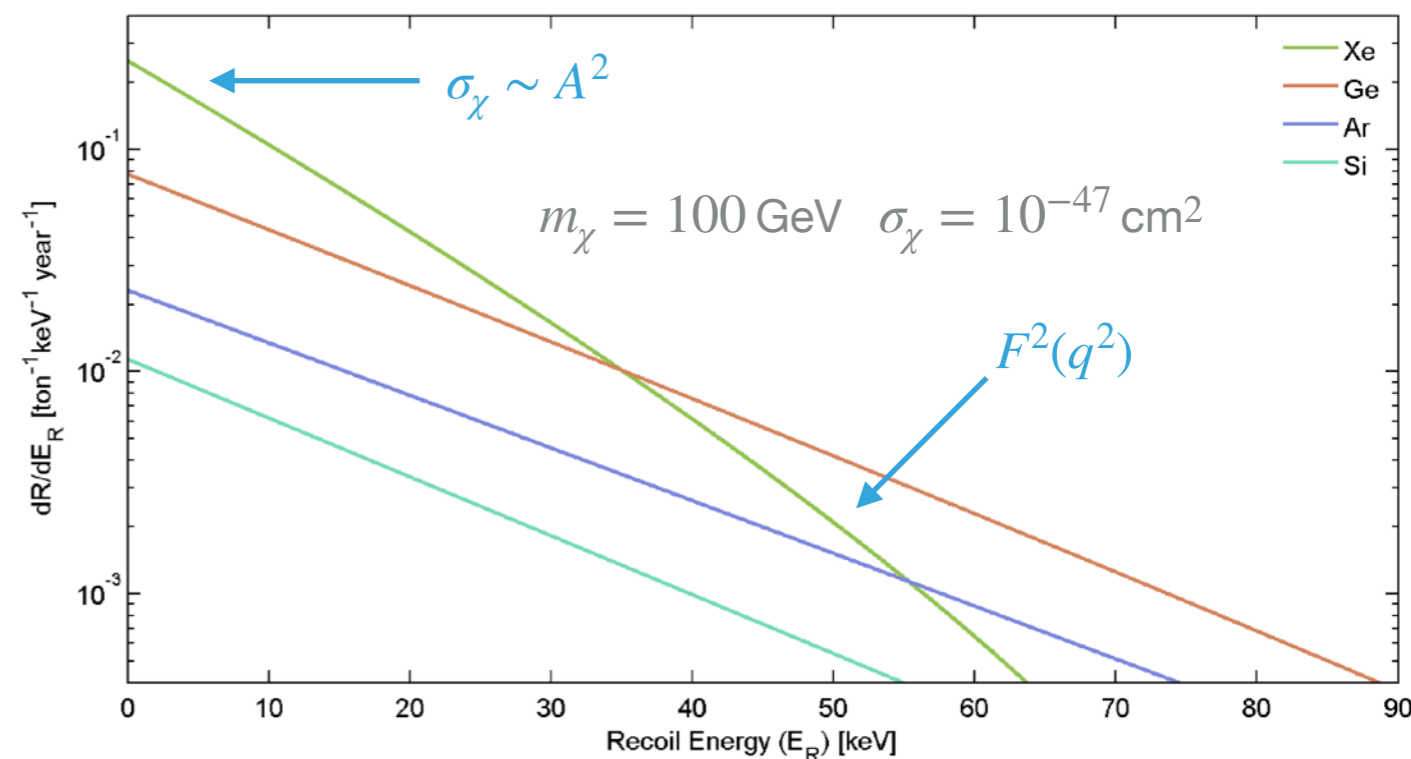
I Interaction type

- ▶ Contact interaction independent of momentum exchange (nucleus as a particle, with charge and spin)
 - ➔ standard SI/SD description
 - ➔ nuclear form factors generally included



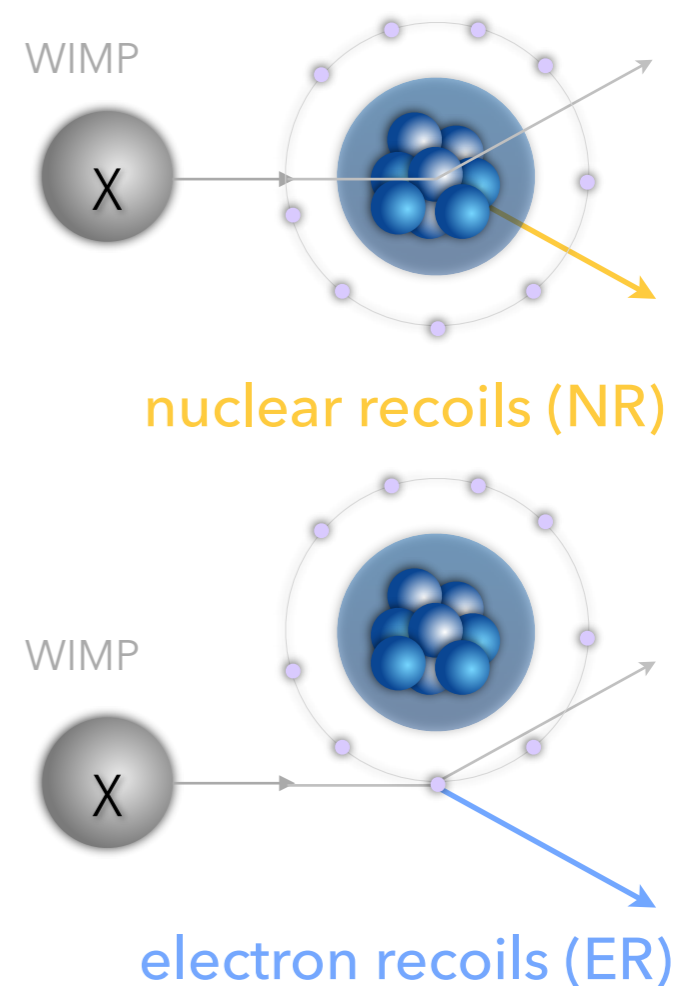
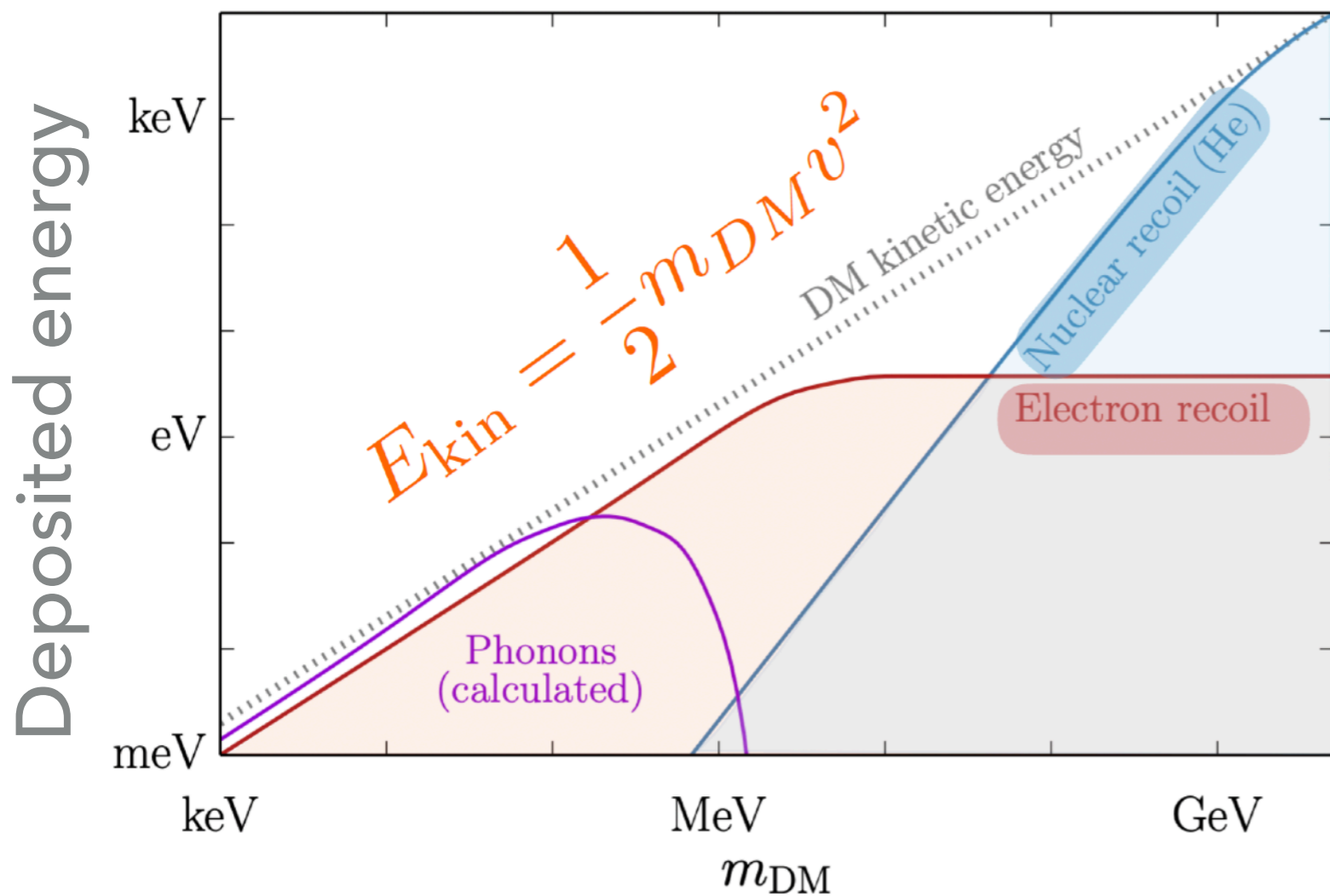
$$\phi = \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi} \langle v \rangle \simeq \frac{10^5}{\text{s cm}^2} \times \left(\frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_\chi} \right)$$

$$R_0 \simeq 0.135 \cdot \frac{\text{events}}{\text{ton} \cdot \text{yr}} \cdot \frac{1}{A} \cdot \left(\frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_\chi} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\langle \sigma_{\chi-N} \rangle}{10^{-43} \text{ cm}^2} \right)$$

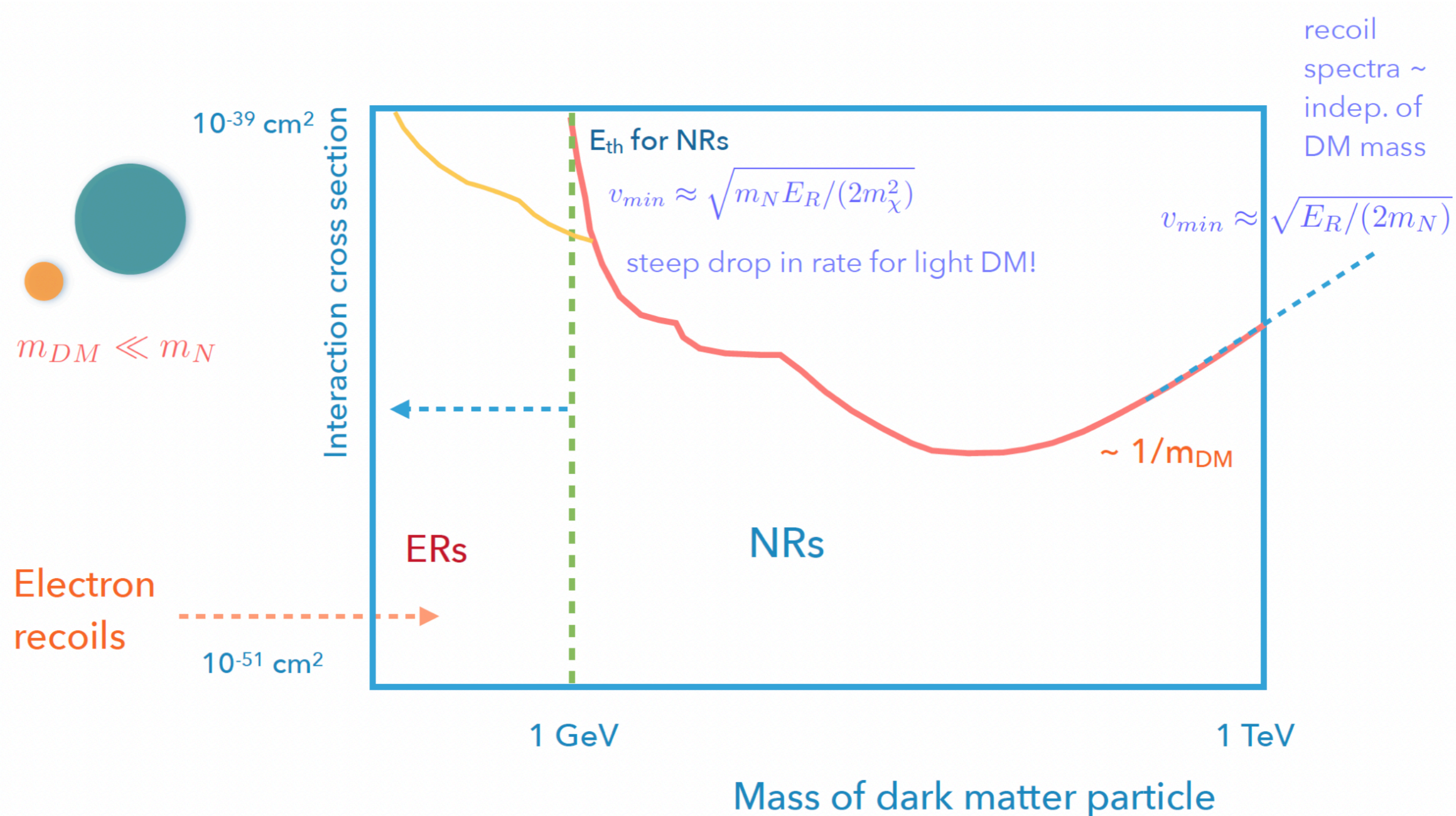


DARK MATTER KINEMATICS

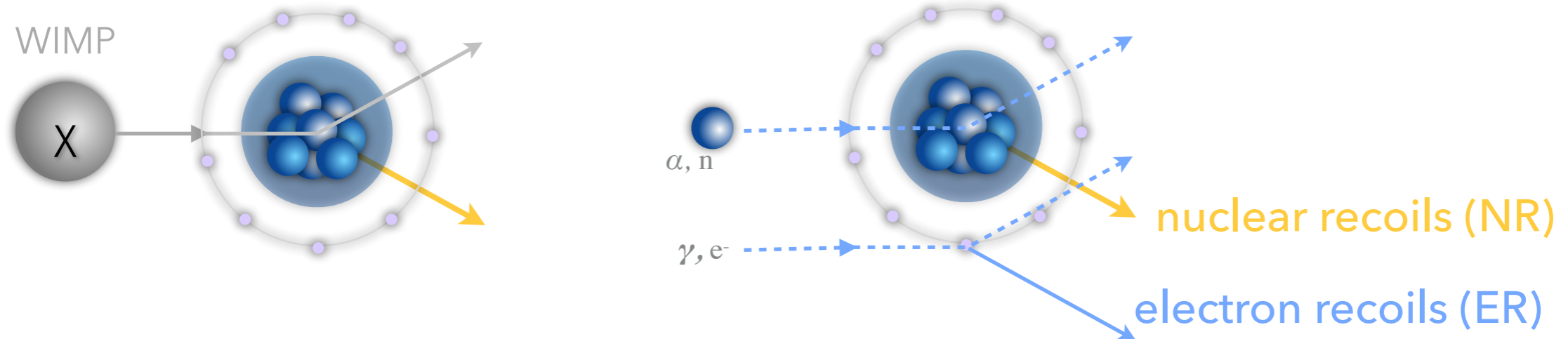
$$E_{\text{kin}} = \frac{1}{2} m_{\text{DM}} v_{\text{DM}}^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV} \left(\frac{m_{\text{DM}}}{1 \text{ MeV}} \right)$$



INTERACTION CROSS SECTION VS WIMP MASS



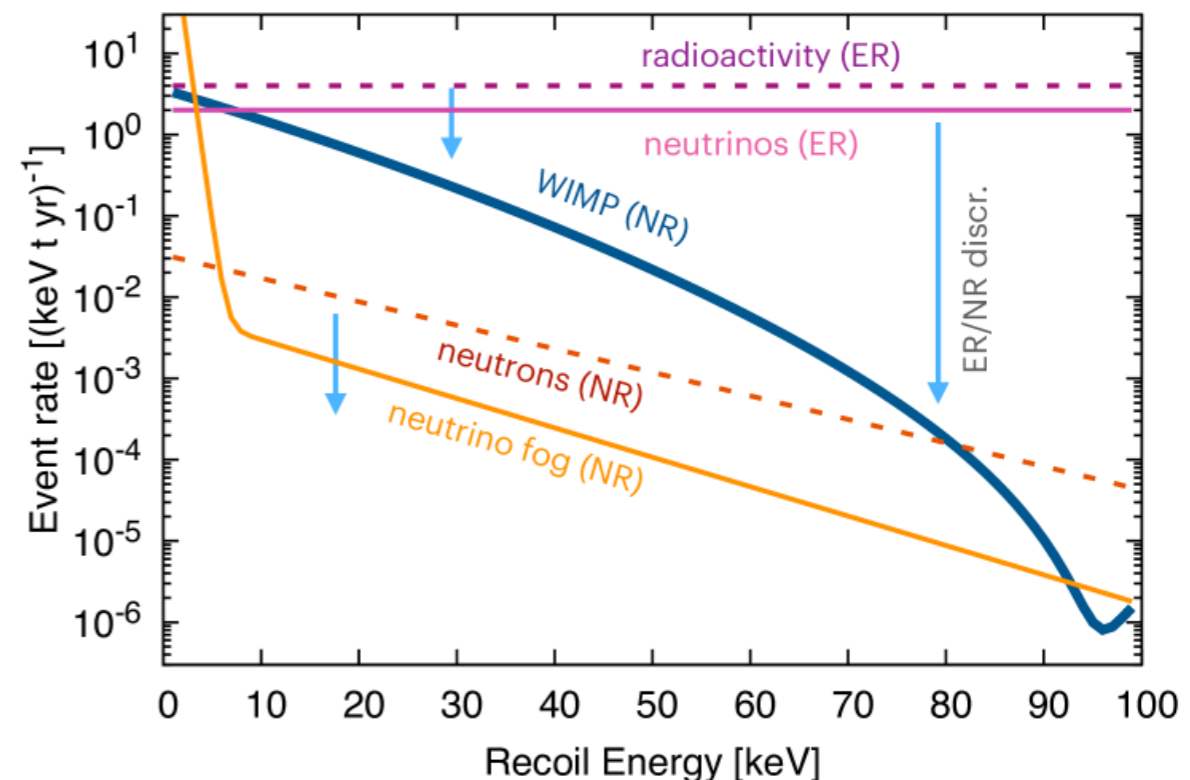
EXPERIMENTAL CHALLENGE



► To observe a signal which is:

- very small: low recoil energies < 100 keV
- very rare: < 1 event/(kg y) at low masses and < 1 event/(t y) at high masses
- buried in backgrounds with $> 10^6$ higher rates:
 - Muon-induced neutrons: NRs
 - Cosmogenic activation of materials/targets: ERs
 - Radioactivity of detector materials: NRs and ERs
 - Target intrinsic isotopes: ERs

arXiv:2404.19524v1



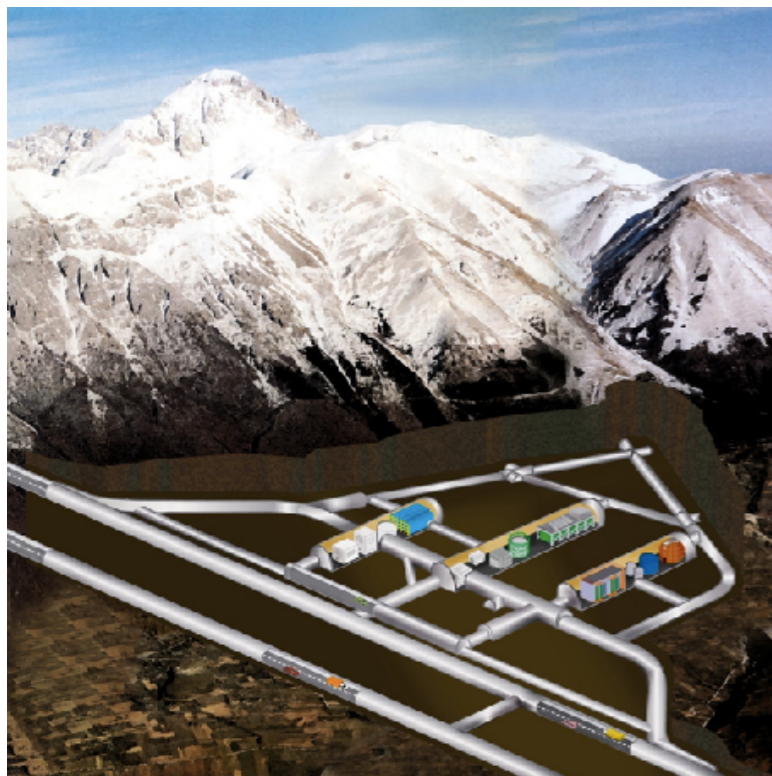
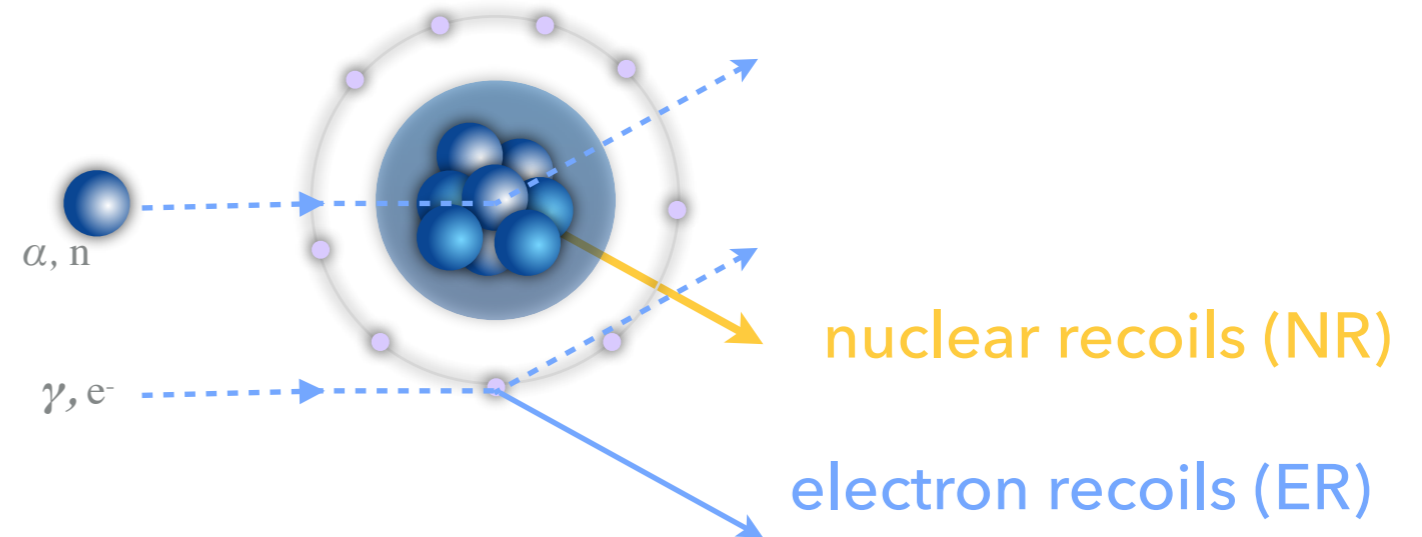
DEFEATING BACKGROUNDS

▶ Background reduction:

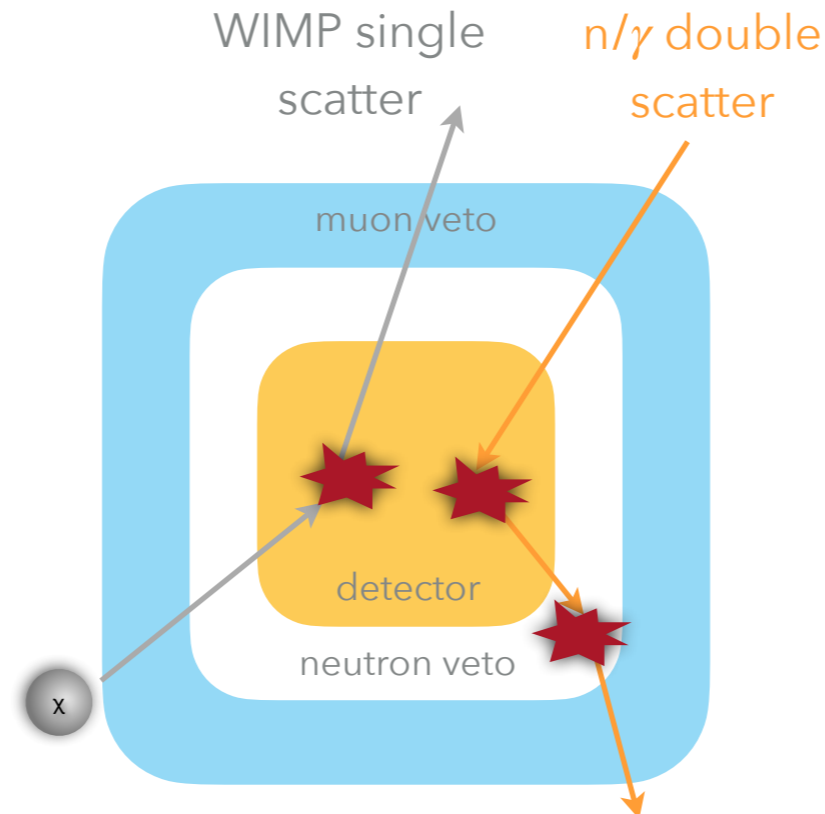
- ◉ Go underground
- ◉ Clean environment
- ◉ Material screening & selection

▶ Background discrimination

- ◉ Active veto shield
- ◉ ER/NR identification

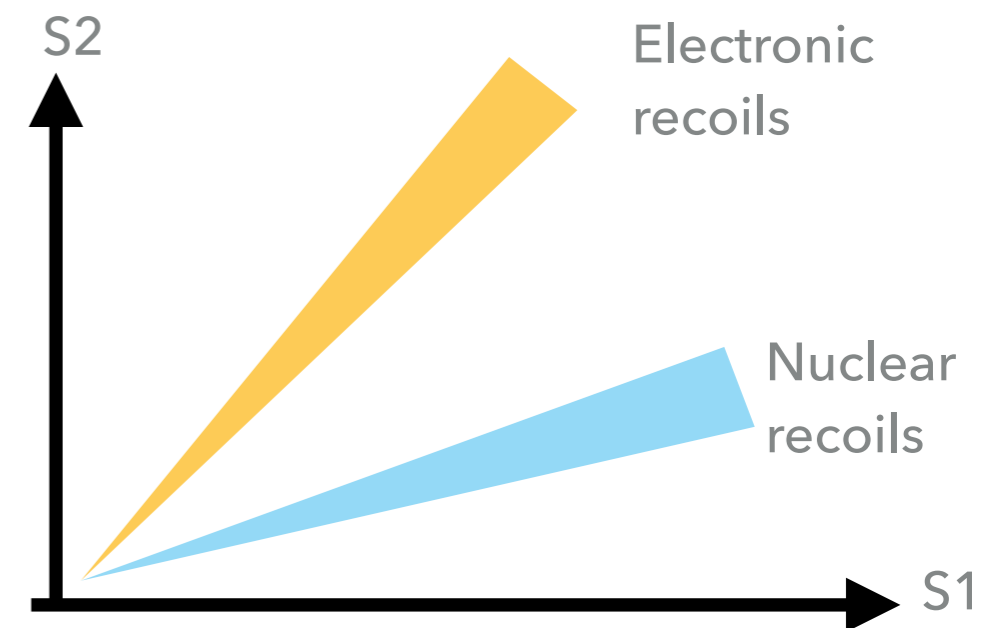


Active veto shield



ER/NR identification:

Signal split in two components which respond differently to NR/ER



DETECTOR TECHNOLOGIES

Light & Charge Detectors

PandaX (LXe), **XENON** (LXe),
LUX/LZ (LXe), **DarkSide** (LAr)

CoGENT (Ge), **CDEX** (Ge),
DAMIC (Si), **SENSEI** (Si),
NEWS-G (H, He, Ne)

Charge

Heat & Charge Cryogenic Detectors

SuperCDMS (Ge, Si),
EDELWEISS (Ge)

DAMA/LIBRA,
ANAIS,
SABRE,
COSINE,
PICOLON (NaI)

Light

XMASS (LXe),
DEAP (LAr)

Light & Heat Cryogenic Detectors

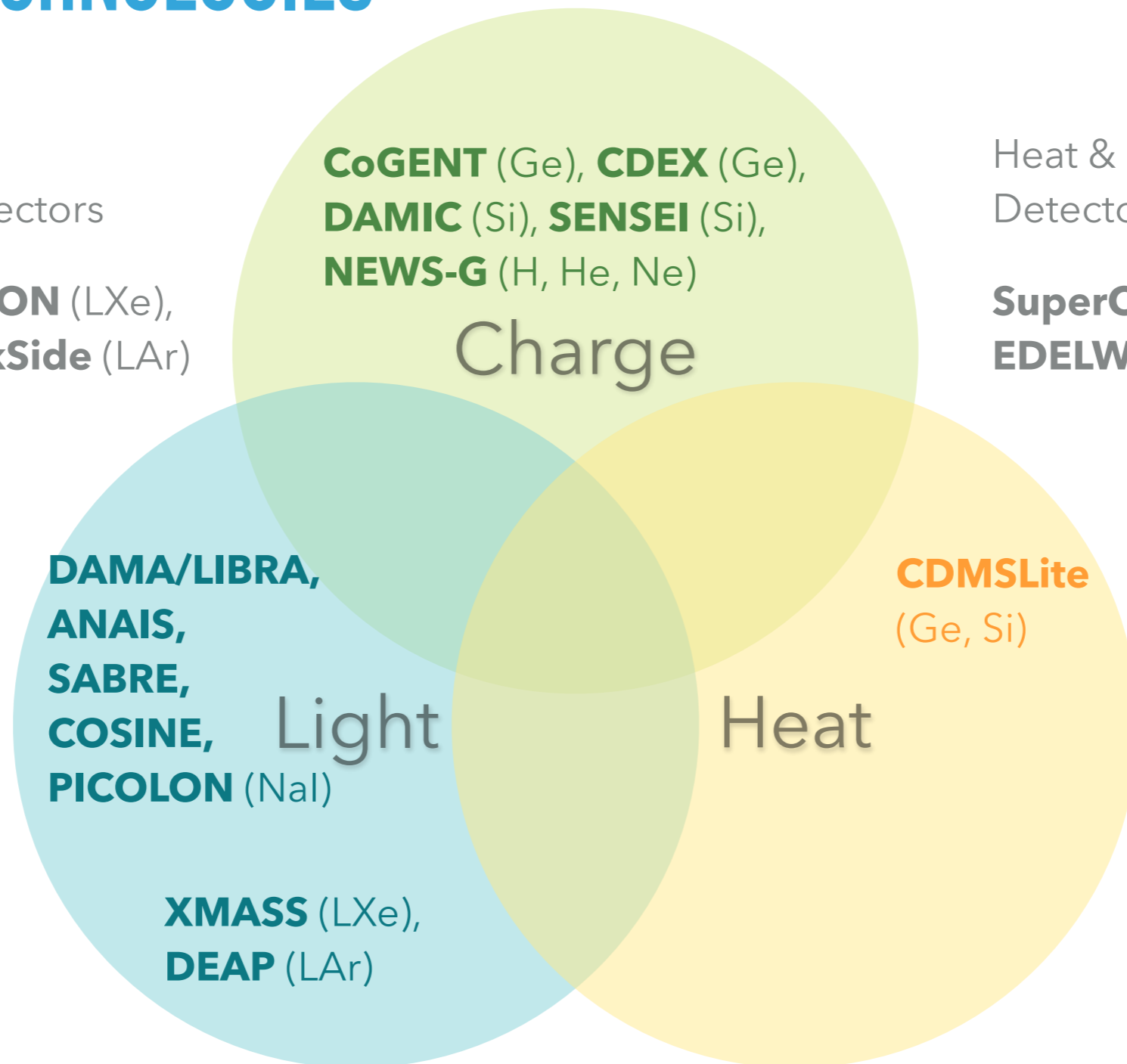
CRESST (CaWO₄), **COSINUS** (NaI)

CDMSLite
(Ge, Si)

Heat

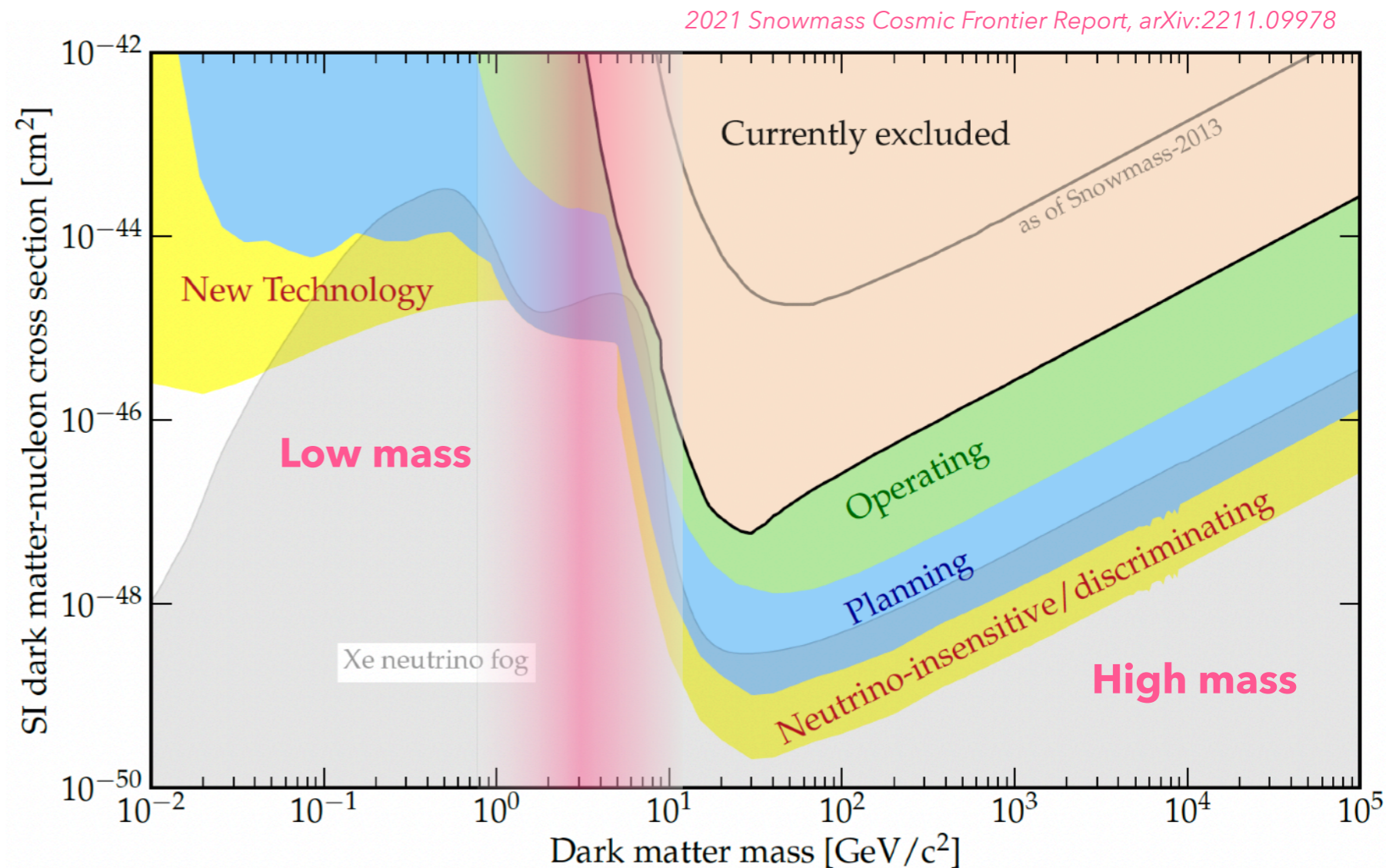
Total Energy

PICO
(C₃F₈, CF₃I)

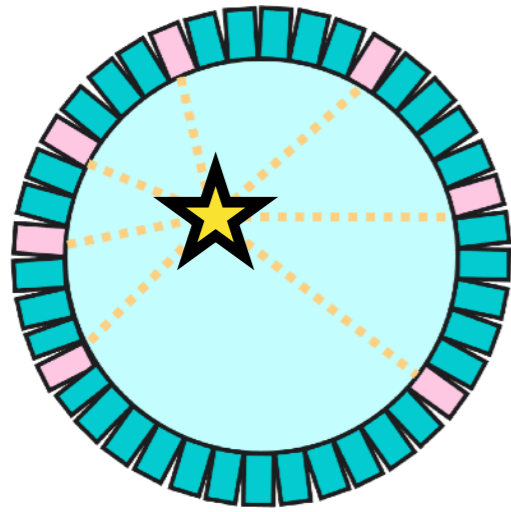


WIMP NUCLEON SI INTERACTION EXCLUSION LIMITS LANDSCAPE

- ▶ To improve sensitivity:
 - ⦿ larger exposure $M \times T$ and lower background
- ▶ To extend sensitivity at low mass WIMPs:
 - ⦿ lower energy threshold
- ▶ Minimum of the curve:
 - ⦿ depends on target nuclei



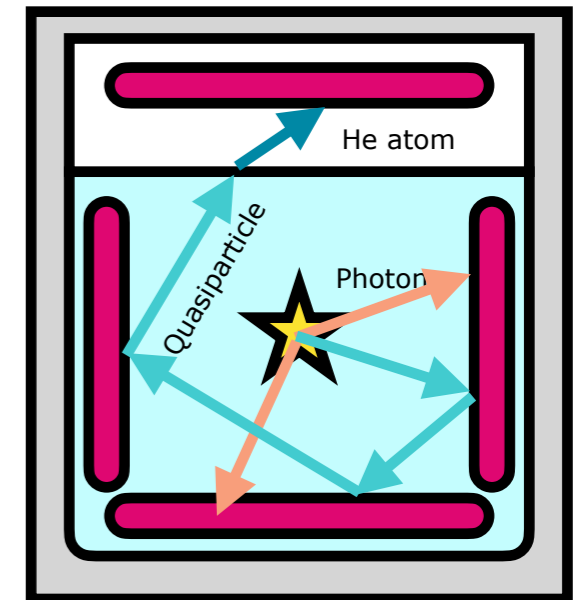
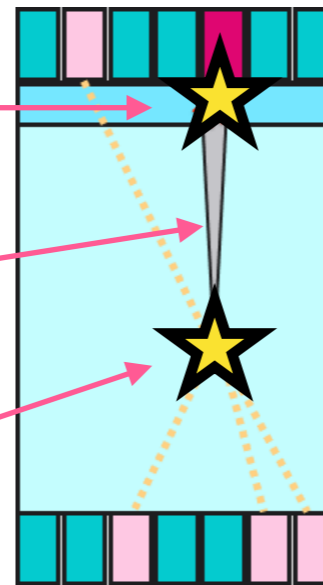
NOBLE LIQUID DM DETECTORS



Electro-luminescence
"S2" light

Drift charge

"S1"
Scintillation
light



Single phase, light readout

- High light yields, simple geometry, no E-fields
- Scintillation with PMTs
- LAr: DEAP-3600
- LXe: XMASS (until 2019)

Dual-Phase TPC with light readout

- Light and charge with PMTs
- 3D position resolution, improved energy resolution, discrimination based on S2/S1
- LAr: DarkSide-50 (until 2019), DarkSide-20k
- LXe: LZ, PandaX-4T, XENONnT

Superfluid ^4He , phonon readout

- R&D phase for light DM
- Signals: phonons and rotons; detect excitations down to ~ 1 meV (via ejection of ^4He atom), TES/MMC readout
- HeRALD, DELight



DM DETECTORS

XENON

XENON DETECTORS

XENON: lowest background from ER
LZ: best limit for high WIMP masses

10 kg

2010

XENON 10 (LNGS)
ZEPLIN II (Boulby)
ZEPLIN III (Boulby)

100 kg

XENON 100 (LNGS)



LUX (250 kg, SURF),

PANDA-X
(500 kg, CJPL)

XMASS
(0.8t, Kamioka)

2015

1000 kg

XENON 1T
(1t, LNGS)

PandaX-4: (4t, CJPL)

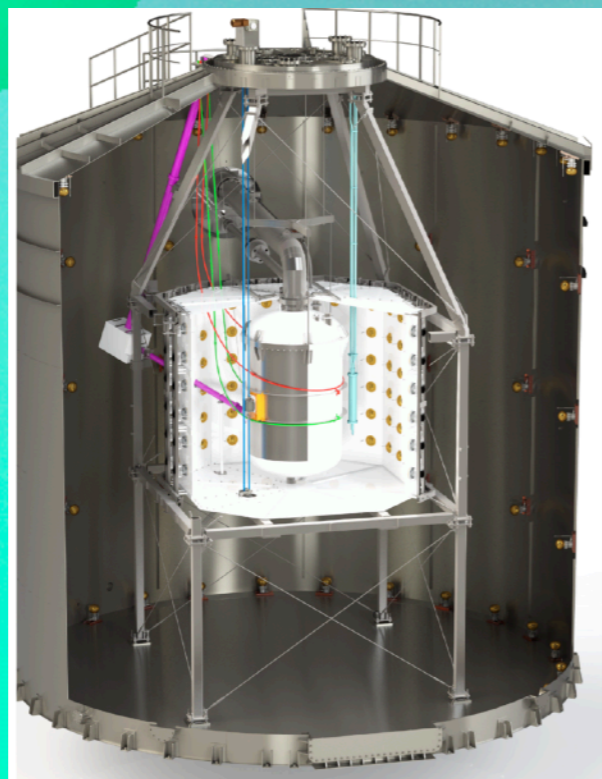
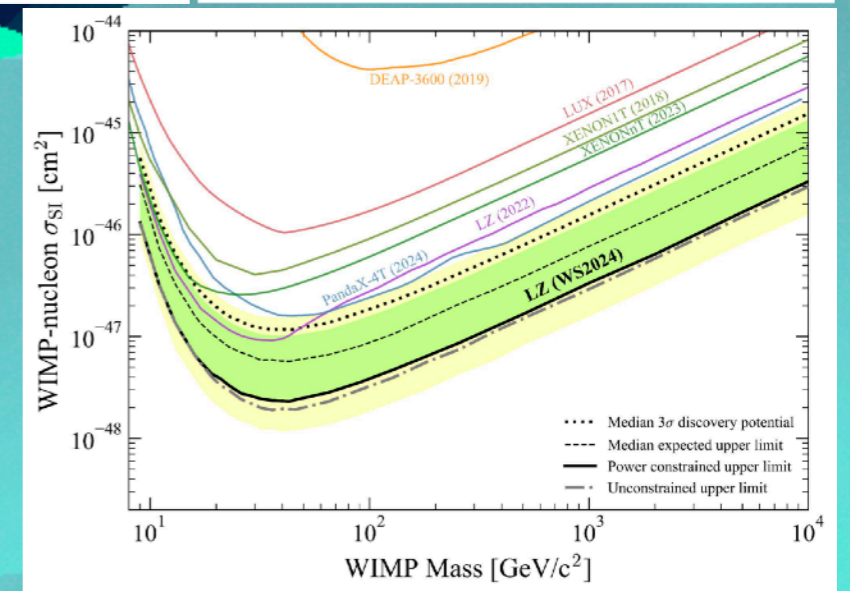
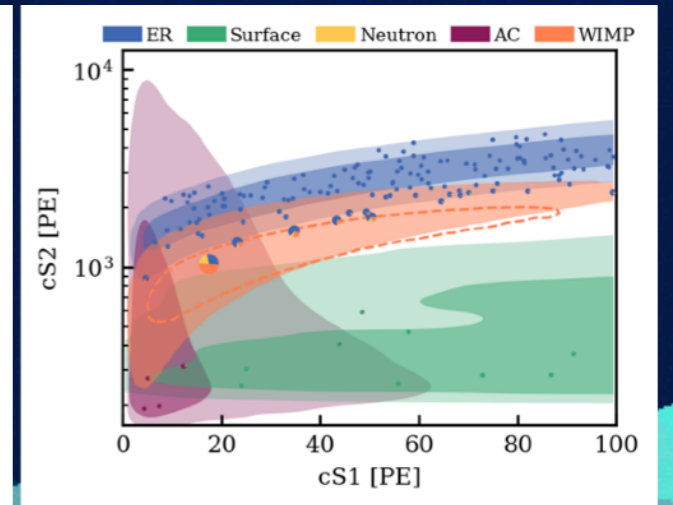
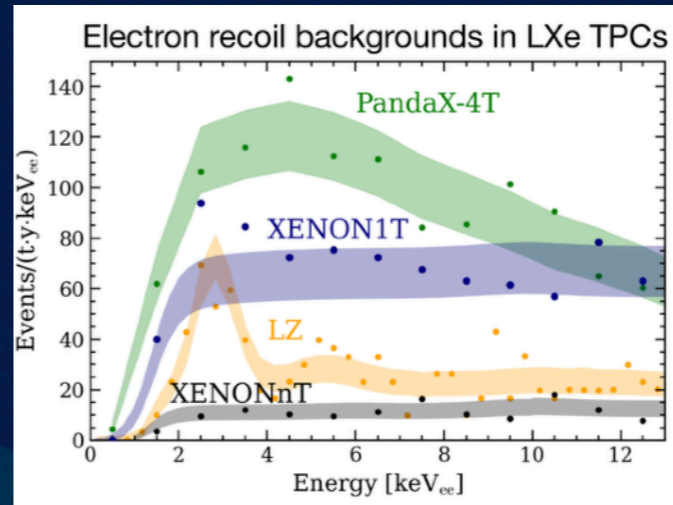
XENONnT: (6t, LNGS)
LZ: (7t, SURF)

10000 kg

DARWIN/XLZD: (40-60t),
PandaX-20: (20t, CJPL)

2020

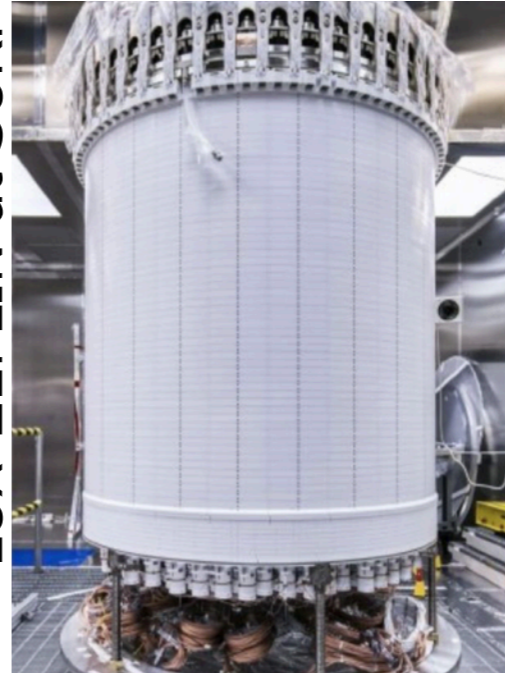
XLZD Consortium formed



LXe TIME PROJECTION CHAMBERS

- ▶ Detector scales: 10 t (LZ), 6 t (PandaX-4T) and 8.6 t LXe (XENONnT) total Xe mass
- ▶ TPCs with 2 arrays of 3-inch PMTs
- ▶ Kr and Rn removal techniques
- ▶ Ultra-pure water shields, n & μ vetos
- ▶ External and internal calibration sources
- ▶ Status: running towards the neutrino floor \Rightarrow first detection of ^8B CEVNS

LUX-ZEPLIN at SURF



XENONnT at LNGS



PandaX-4T at Jinping



FIRST MEASUREMENTS OF ^8B NEUTRINO FLUX IN PANDAX AND XENONnT

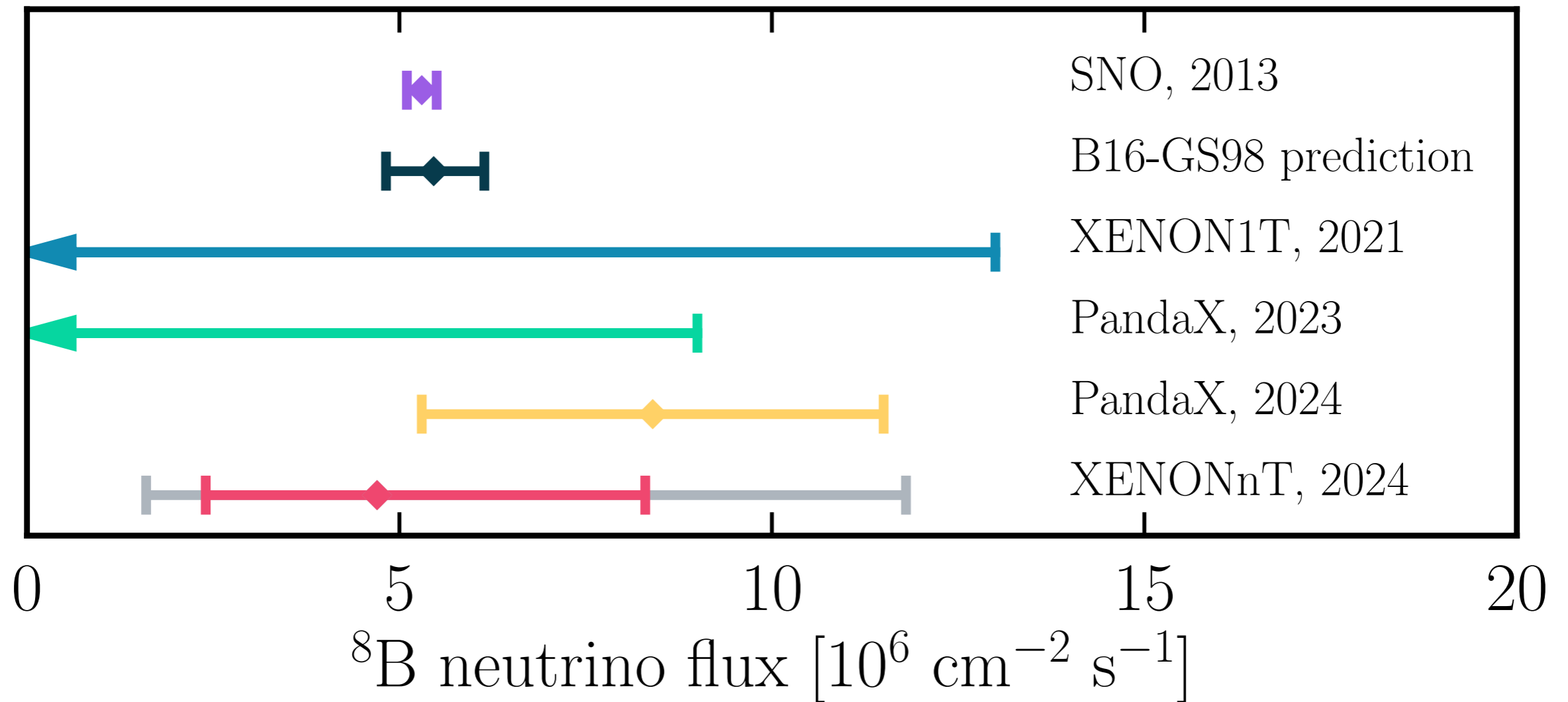


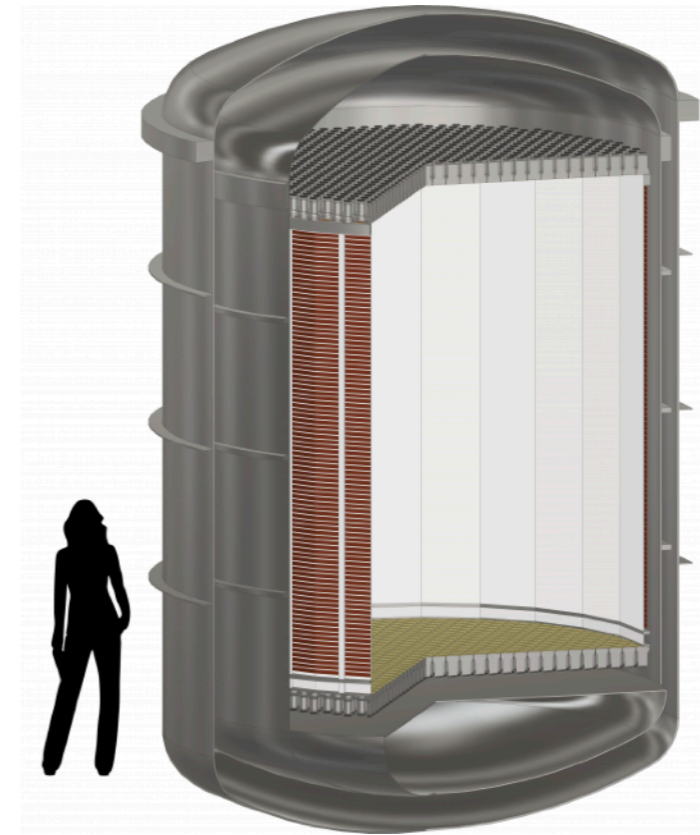
Figure based on ArXiv:2407.10892 and Arxiv:2408.02877

PandaX (Exposure 1.20 (paired) and 1.04 (US2) tonne \times yr): The data disfavors background-only hypothesis at 2.64σ . The measured ^8B neutrino flux is $(8.4 \pm 3.1) \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

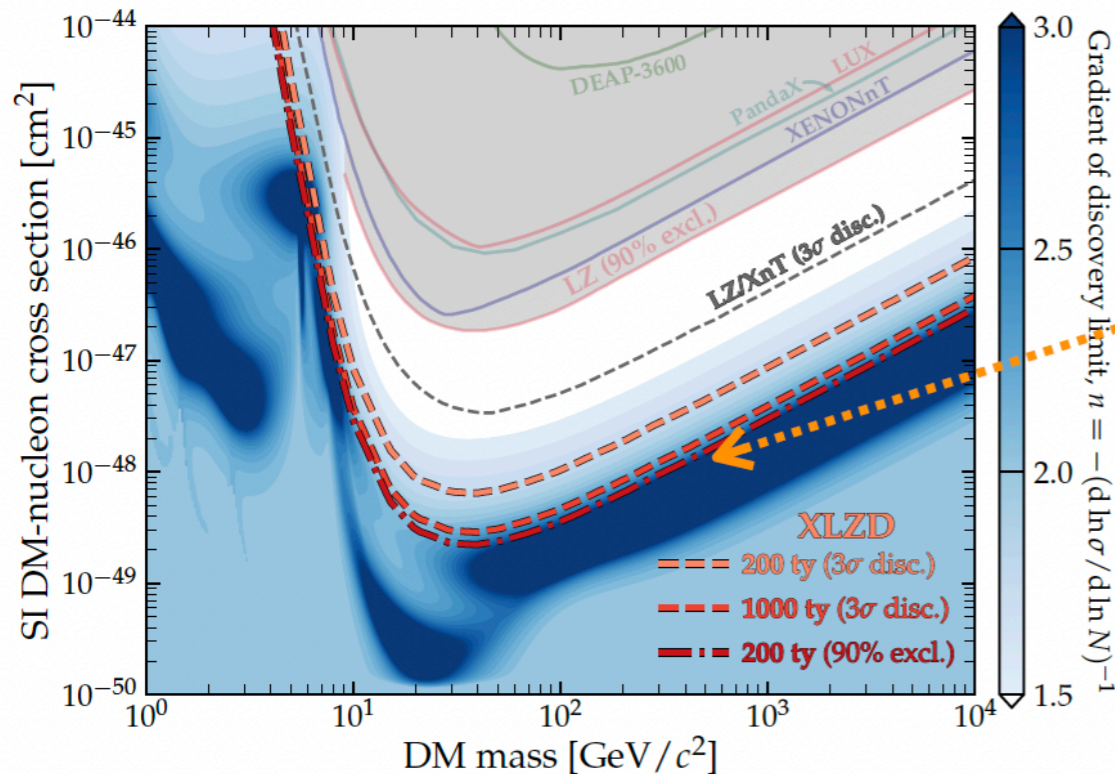
XenonNT (Exposure 3.51 tonne \times yr): The data disfavors background-only hypothesis at 2.73σ . The measured ^8B neutrino flux is $4.7^{+3.6}_{-2.3} \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

FUTURE LXe DETECTORS

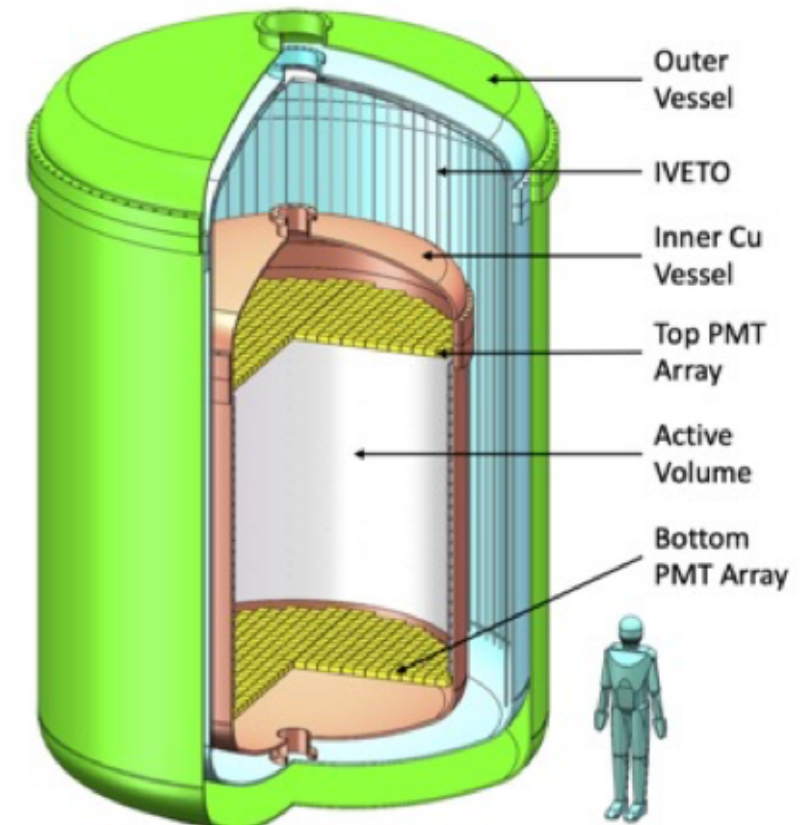
- ▶ DARWIN/XLZD
- ▶ DARWIN: 50 t LXe (40 t active target) at LNGS; ~1900 3-inch PMTs (baseline design); Gd-doped water n and μ vetoes
- ▶ R&D and prototyping in progress
- ▶ XLZD: 75 t LXe (60 t active target), several labs are considered
- ▶ PandaX-xT: > 30 t active volume at JinPing; 2 arrays of 2-inch PMTs



DARWIN collaboration JCAP 1611 (2016) 017



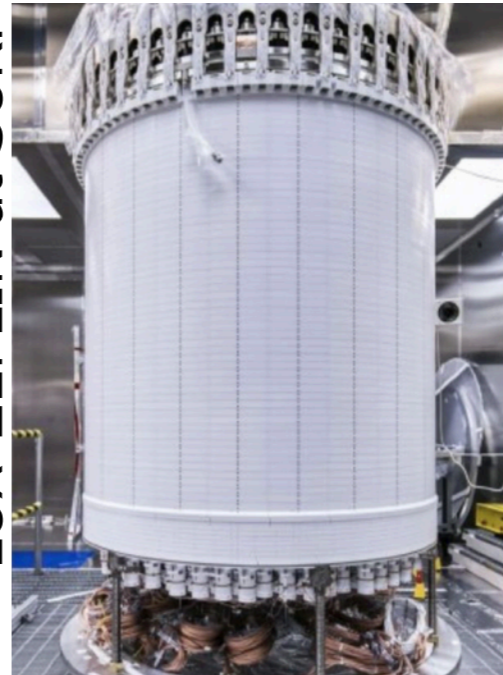
Systematic limit imposed by CEvNS from atmospheric neutrinos



SCALING UP CHALLENGES

- ▶ LUX-ZEPLIN and XENONnT: 1.5 m e- drift and ~ 1.5 m diameter electrodes
- ▶ **DARWIN/XLZD: 2.6 - 3.0 m new challenges**
 - Design of electrodes: robustness (minimal sagging/ deflection), maximal transparency, reduced e- emission
 - Electric field: ensure spatial and temporal homogeneity, avoid charge-up of PTFE reflectors
 - High-voltage supply to cathode design, avoid high-field regions
 - Liquid level control
 - Cryogenic purification (^{222}Rn and ^{85}Kr below solar pp neutrino level)
- ▶ Electron survival in LXe: > 10 ms lifetime
- ▶ Diffusion of the e--cloud: size of S2-signals

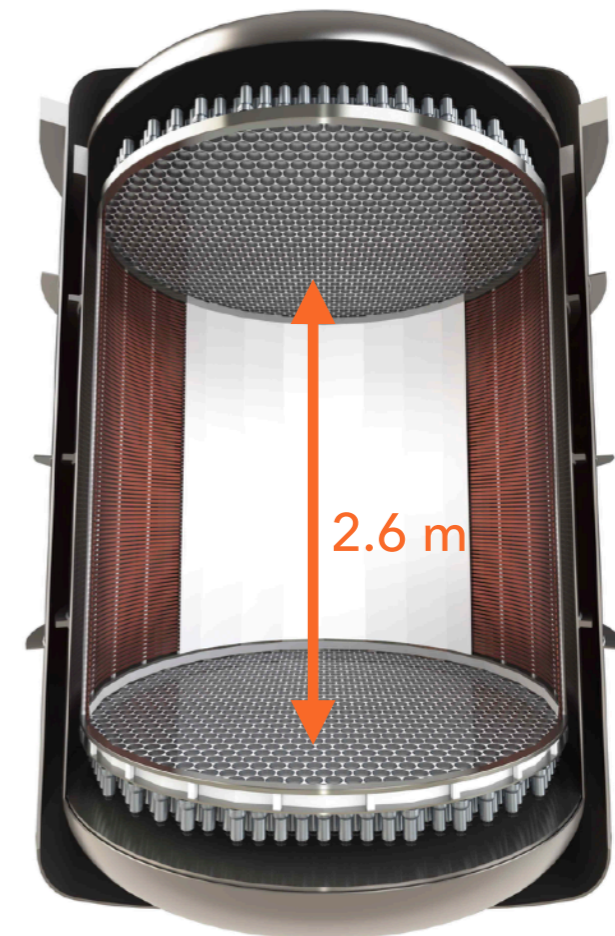
LUX-ZEPLIN at SURF



XENONnT at LNGS



DARWIN



DETECTOR DEMONSTRATORS

- ▶ Full scale demonstrators in z and in x-y, supported by ERC grants
 - Xenoscope, 2.6 m tall TPC and Pancake, 2.6 m \varnothing TPC in double-walled cryostats
 - Both facilities available to the collaboration/consortium for R&D purposes
 - LowRad to demonstrate large-scale cryogenic distillation at Münster

Vertical demonstrator: *Xenoscope*



L. Baudis et al, JINST 16, P08052, 2021

Horizontal demonstrator: *Pancake*



Test electrodes with 2.6 m \varnothing



DM DETECTORS

ARGON

ARGON DETECTORS

LAr high mass: background discrimination

10 kg
2010

DarkSide-50
(50 kg, LNGS)

ArDM
(1t, LSC)

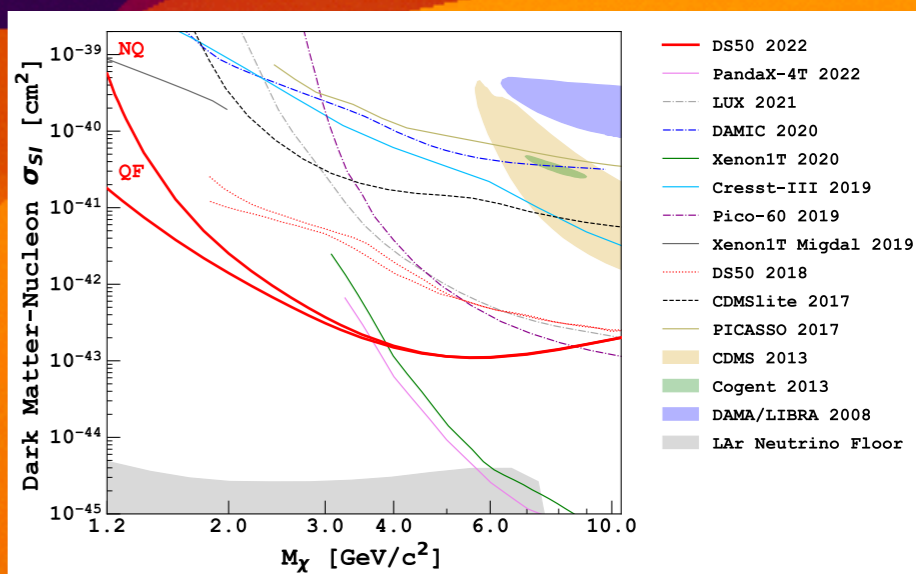
100 kg

1000 kg

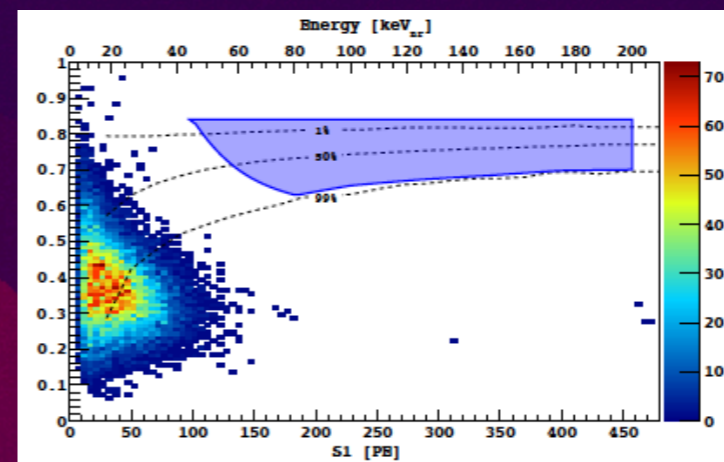
DEAP-3600
(3.6t, SNOLAB)

10000 kg

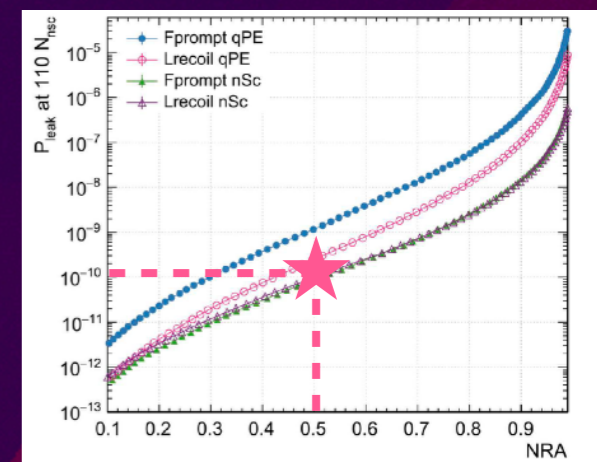
DS50 low mass:
leading SI limit at
1.2-3.6 GeV/c²



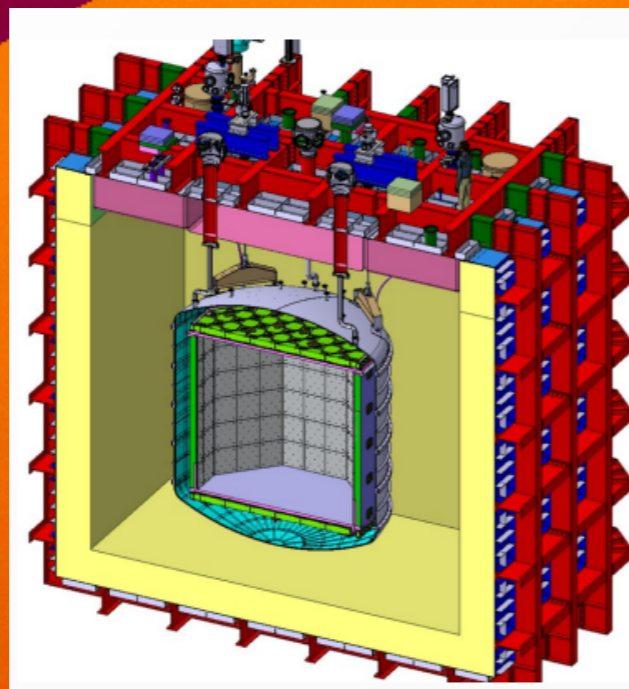
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Phys. Rev. D 98, 102006 (2018)



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*Global Argon
Dark Matter
Collaboration
formed*

2020

DarkSide-20k
(50t, LNGS)

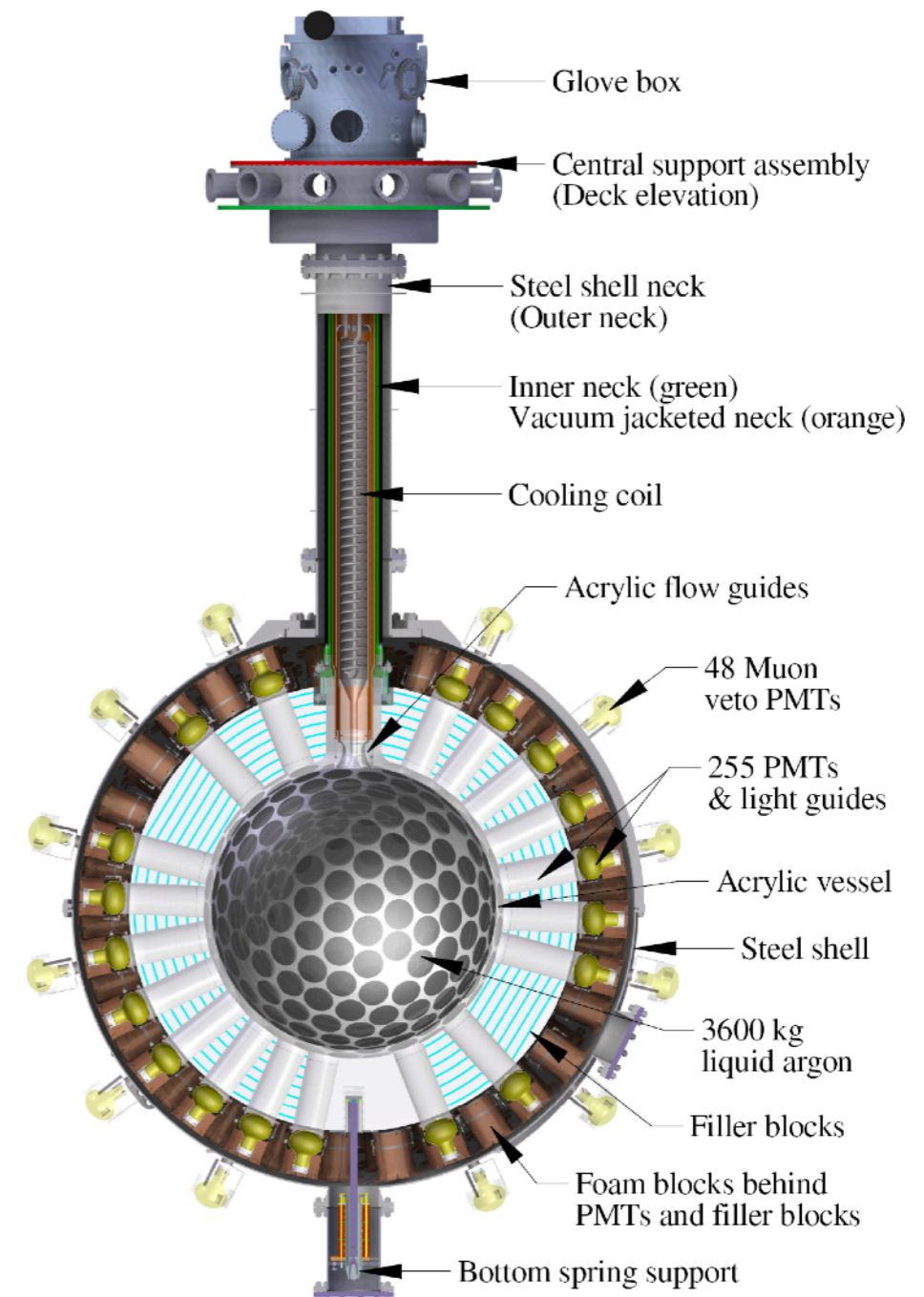
100000 kg

ARGO: 400 t, SNOLAB

LIQUID ARGON: THE DEAP-3600 EXPERIMENT

Single-phase LAr detector, located 2 km underground at SNOLAB

- ▶ 3.3 t target (1 t fiducial) in sealed ultra-clean acrylic vessel
- ▶ vessel is resurfaced in-situ to remove deposited Rn daughters after construction
- ▶ in-situ vacuum evaporated *tetra-phenyl butadiene* (TPB) wavelength shifter (128 nm 420 nm) with ~ 10 m² surface \odot bonded 50 cm long light guides + PE shield against neutrons
- ▶ 255 8-inch PMTs (32% QE, 75% coverage)
- ▶ detector immersed in 8 m water shield, instrumented with PMTs to veto muons



SOLID EDGE ACADEMIC COPY

LAr TIME PROJECTION CHAMBERS

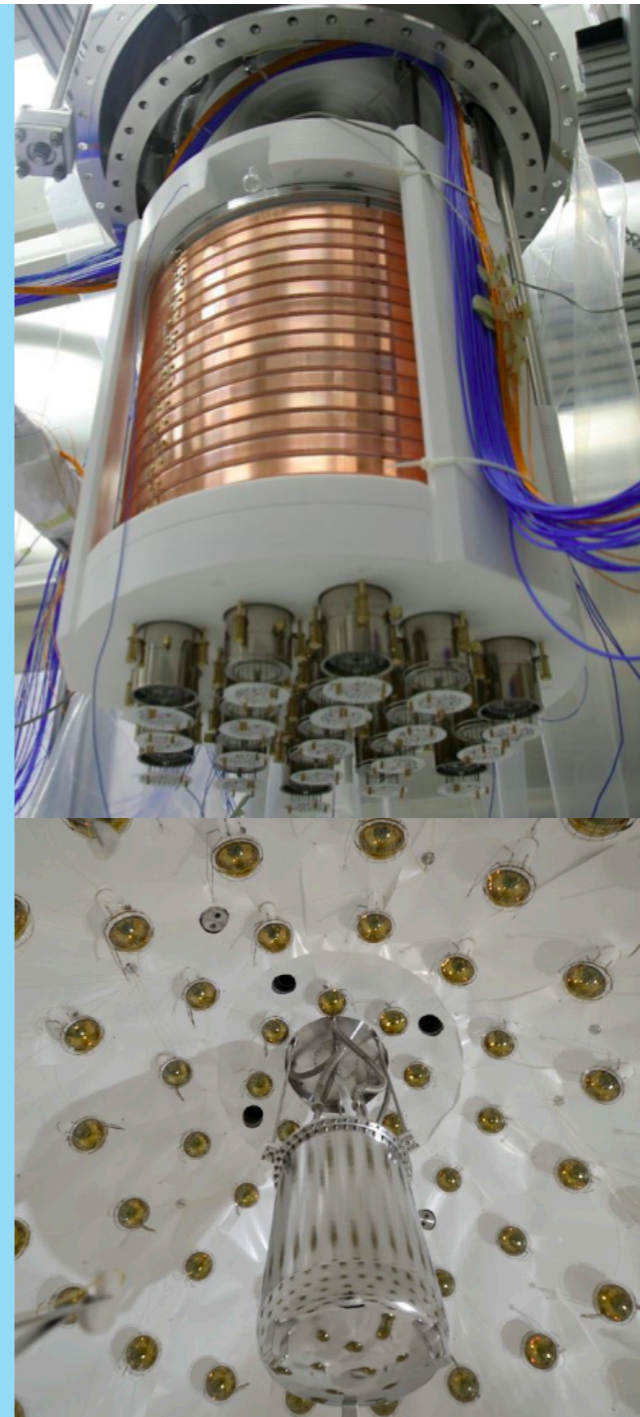


ArDM @ Canfranc:

850 kg of active LAr

500 kg fiducial

28 8-inch PMTs



DarkSide-50 @ LNGS:

50 kg of LAr (dip in ^{39}Ar)

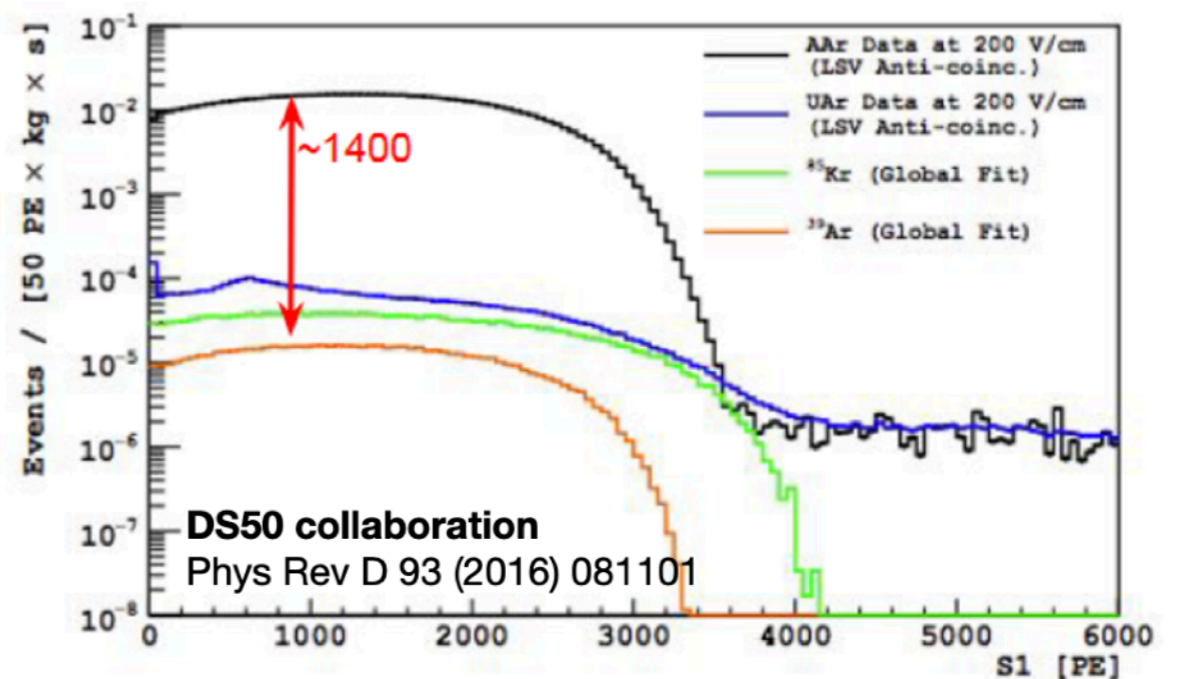
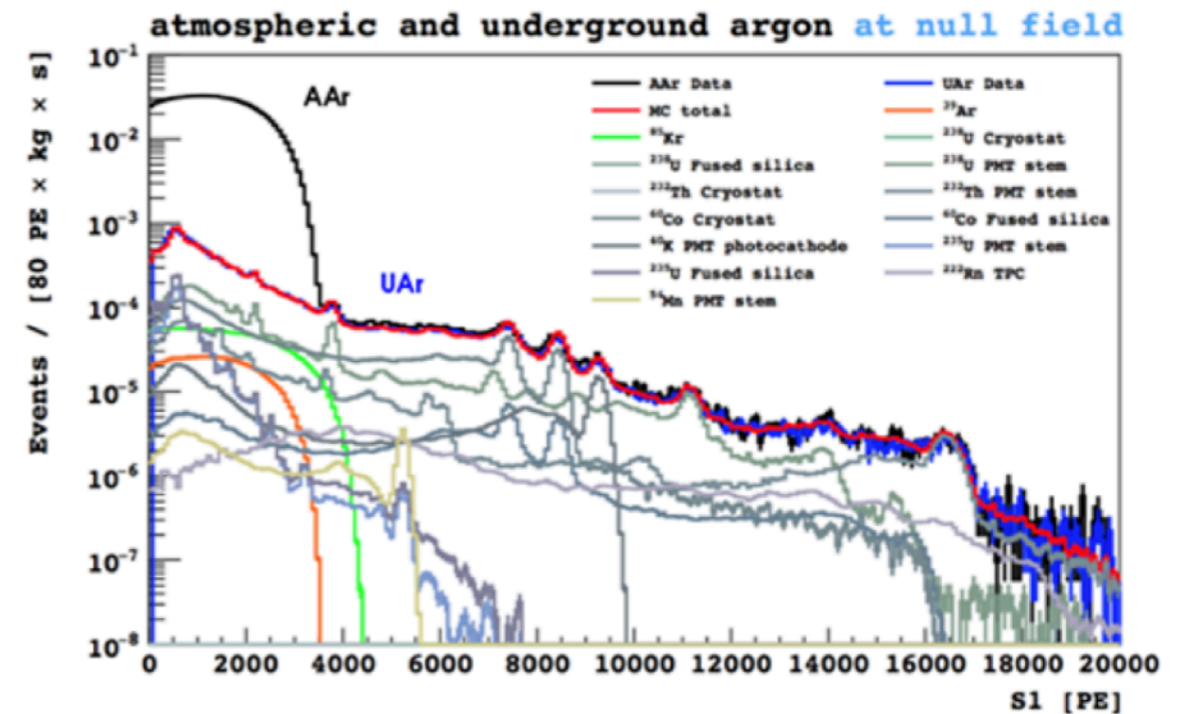
33 kg fiducial

38 3-inch PMTs

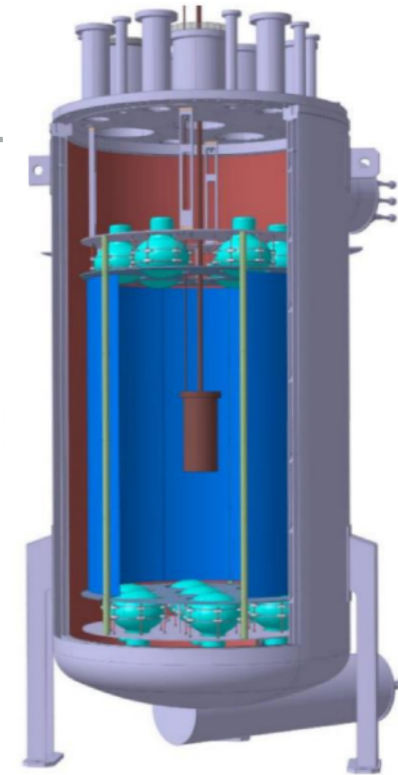
Dark Matter search with
underground argon

RADIOPURE ARGON FROM UNDERGROUND SOURCES

- ▶ ^{39}Ar β decay ($Q = 570$ keV, half-life 269 yr)
- ▶ ~ 1 Bq/kg in atmospheric Ar
- ▶ Origin from $^{40}\text{Ar}(n,2n)^{39}\text{Ar}$ in atmosphere
- ▶ Extraction of Ar from underground sources, where such processes are suppressed
- ▶ DS50 used 157 kg of UAr
- ▶ Depletion factor in ^{39}Ar : 1400 ± 200



LOW RADIOACTIVITY ARGON: URANIA & ARIA



1) UAr extraction at the URANIA plant.

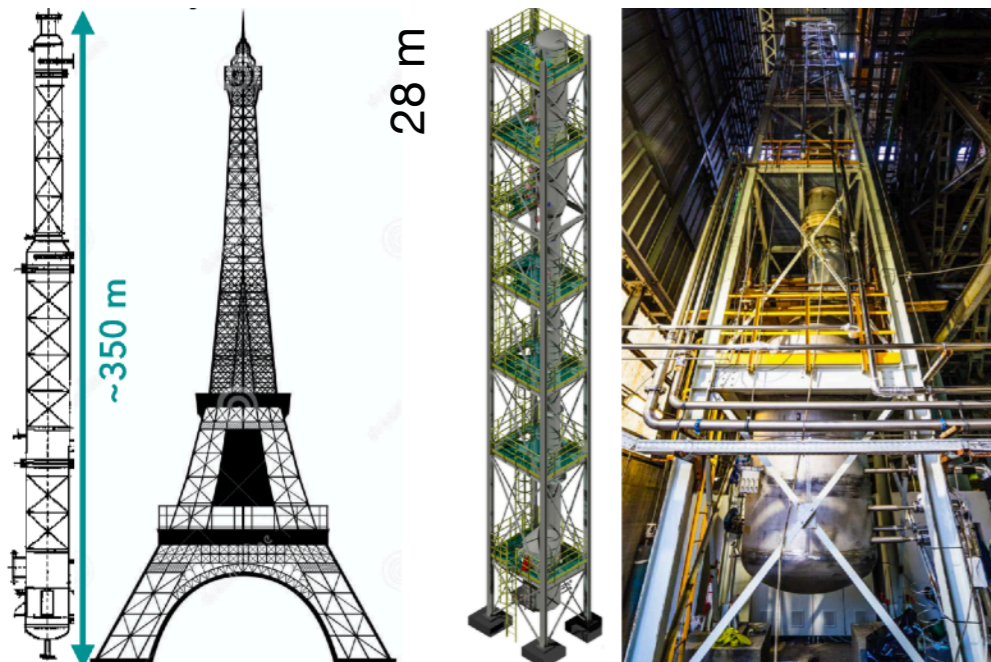
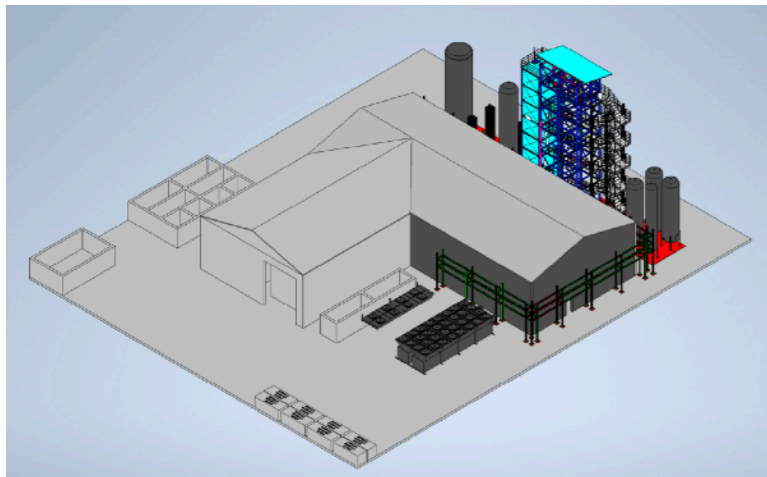
^{39}Ar (β -decay) suppressed by $\sim 10^3$ in underground CO2 reservoir in Cortez, Colorado

UAr extraction rate: 250-330 kg/day

Expected argon purity at outlet: 99.99%

3) Qualification at Canfranc, DArT in ArDM

A single-phase LAr detector with active volume $\sim 1\text{L}$, capable of measuring UAr to AAr ^{39}Ar depletion factors of the order of 1000 with 10% precision in weeks *JINST 15 P02024*



2) Cryogenic distillation at the ARIA facility

Installed in the shaft of a coal mine

Chemical purification rate: 1 t/day

First module operated according to specs with nitrogen

Run completed with Ar at the end of 2020

Eur. Phys. J. C (2023) 83:453

Full assembly about to start



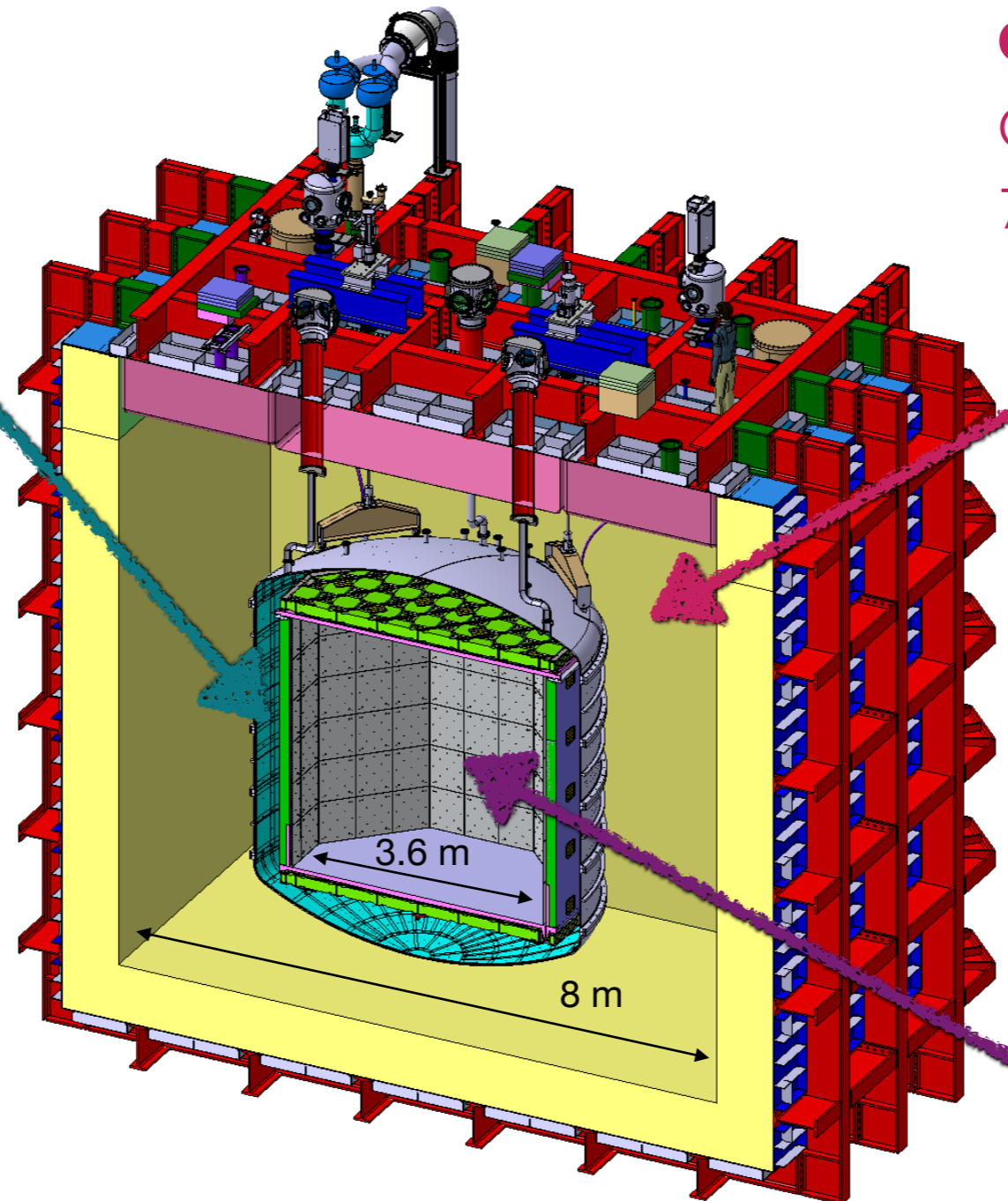
THE DARKSIDE-20K DETECTOR @ LNGS

Inner Veto

Radiogenic n 's

32-ton underground LAr

- ▶ Membrane (ProtoDUNE-like) cryostat
- ▶ Atmospheric argon (AAr) volume (≈ 700 t)
- ▶ Vacuum vessel containing UAr and TPC/Veto
- ▶ Underground argon (UAr) volume (≈ 100 t)
- ▶ Inner detectors TPC and Neutron Veto with >25 m² SiPM arrays
- ▶ Outer Veto with SiPM arrays near the cryostat walls



Outer Veto

Cosmic μ 's and showers

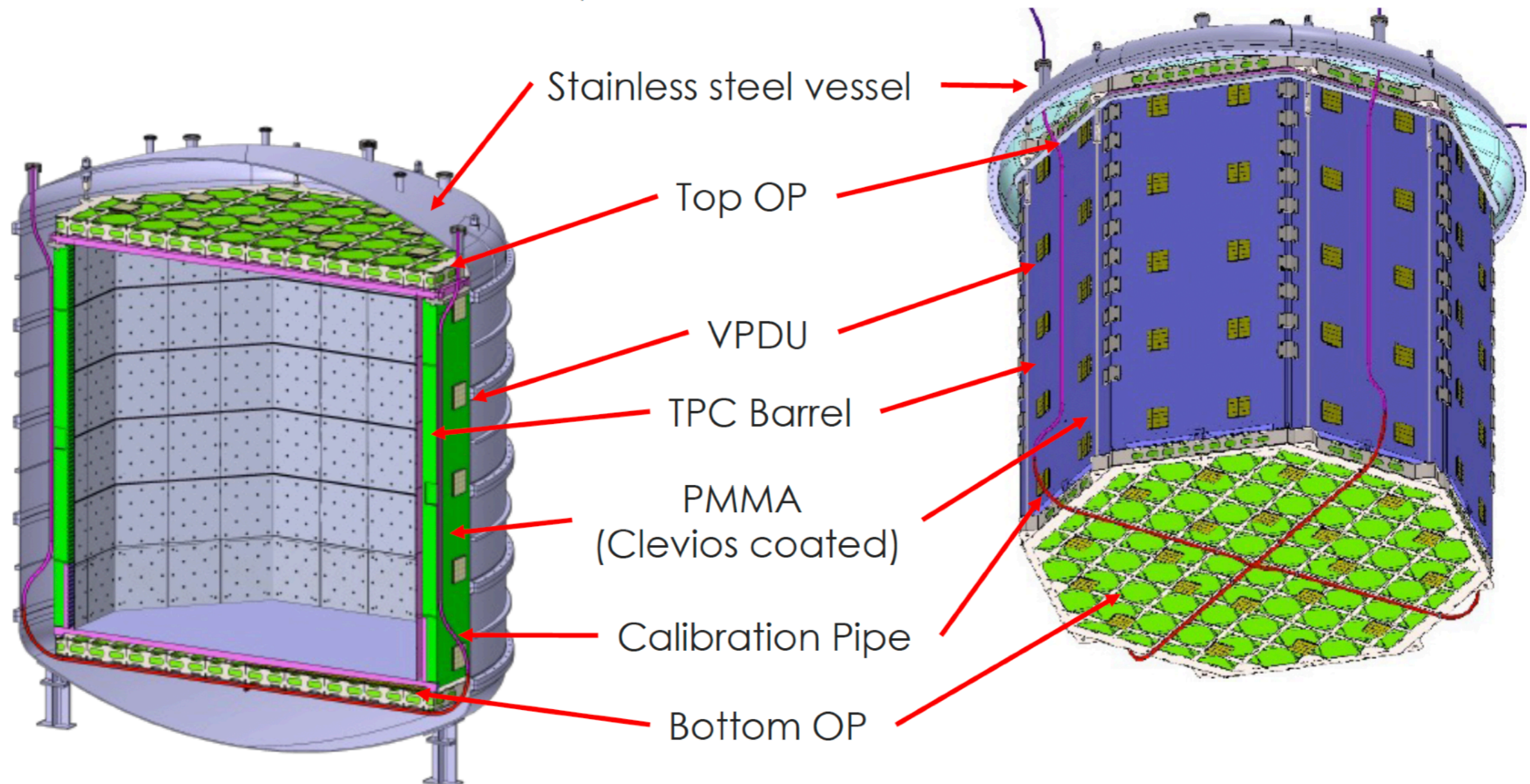
700-ton atmospheric LAr

TPC

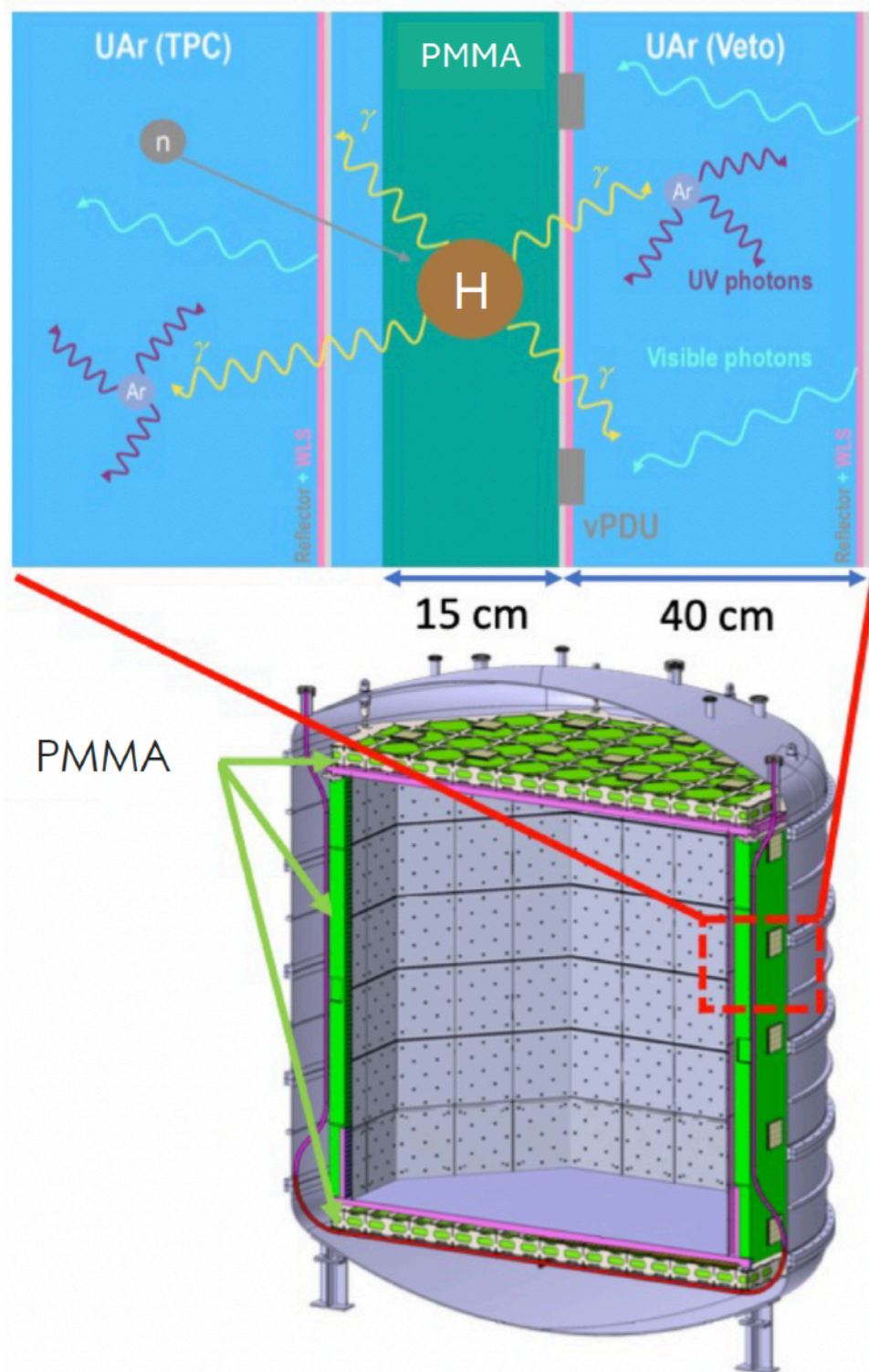
Dark matter detector
50-ton underground
LAr/GAr, PMMA walls
(20-ton fiducial mass)

THE DARKSIDE-20K DETECTOR @ LNGS

- Octagonal shape dual phase argon TPC:
 - Active UAr mass: 49,7 tonnes
 - Fiducial UAr mass: 20,2 tonnes
- Neutron veto:
 - Active UAr mass: 32 tonnes

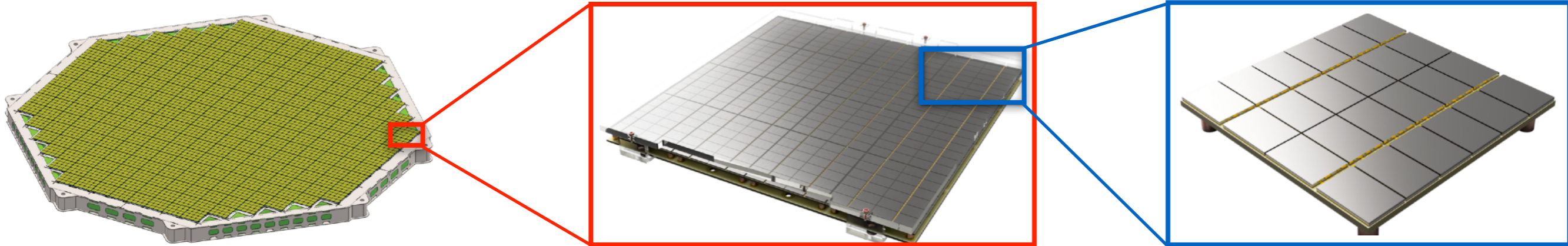


THE DARKSIDE-20K DETECTOR @ LNGS



- ▶ Acrylic (Hydrogen) + Argon
- ▶ Detection of 2,1 MeV gammas from neutron capture on H (53%) in TPC or Veto
 - ◉ 4π coverage: TPC walls, top and bottom endcaps
 - ◉ 40 cm thick UAr buffer + UAr in TPC
- ▶ Produced γ rays interact in UAr in both buffer and TPC
- ▶ 3M ESR used as reflector and PEN as wavelength shifter
- ▶ Scintillation light detected by SiPMs in both buffer and TPC

LOW RADIOACTIVITY, HIGH EFFICIENCY SiPM PHOTOSENSORS

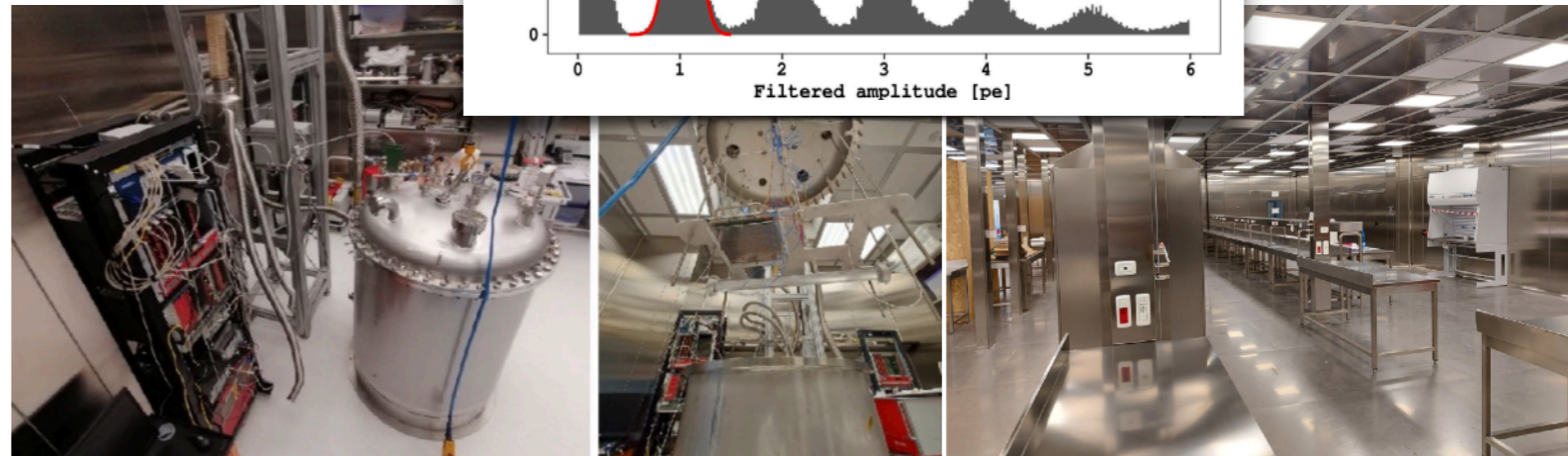
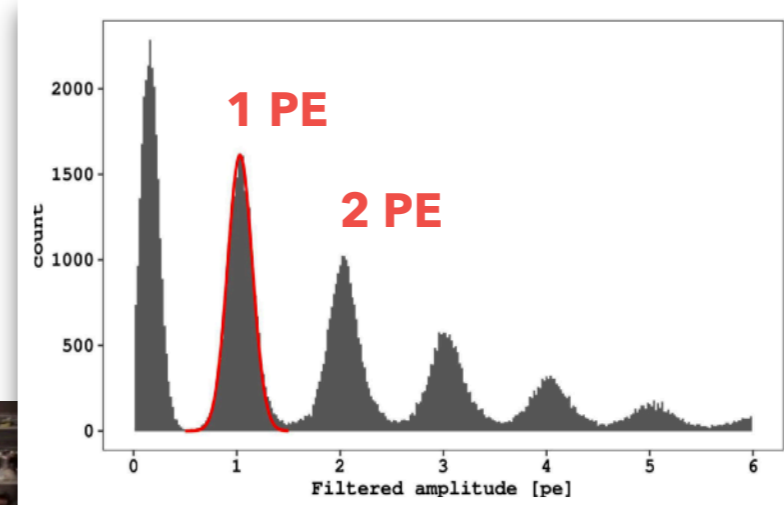


TPC optical plane ($\sim 21 \text{ m}^2$)
525 PDUs

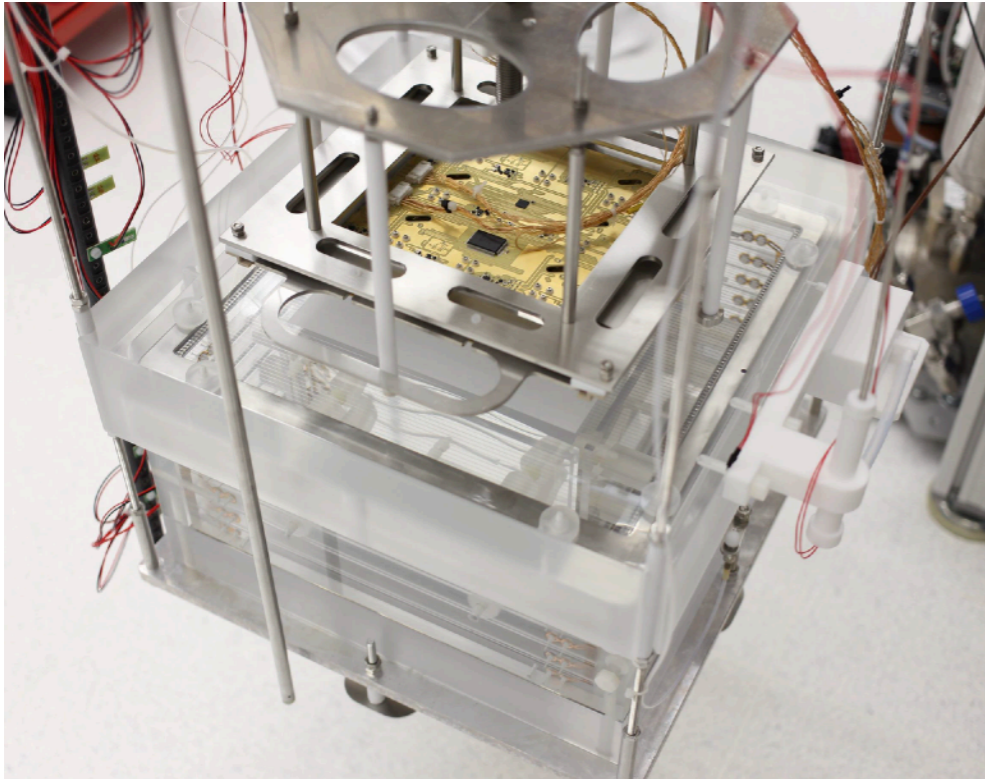
Photo Detection Unit
16 tiles arranged into 4 channels

Tile / photo-detector module
24 SiPMs + signal amplifier

- ▶ Wafer delivery from LFoundry started in 2022
- ▶ Packaging and assembly for TPC sensors: **Nuova Officina Assergi** (NOA), about to start operations
- ▶ Packaging and assembly for Veto sensors: RAL and Liverpool, UK
- ▶ Several test facilities to qualify production: Naples, Liverpool, Edinburgh, AstroCent

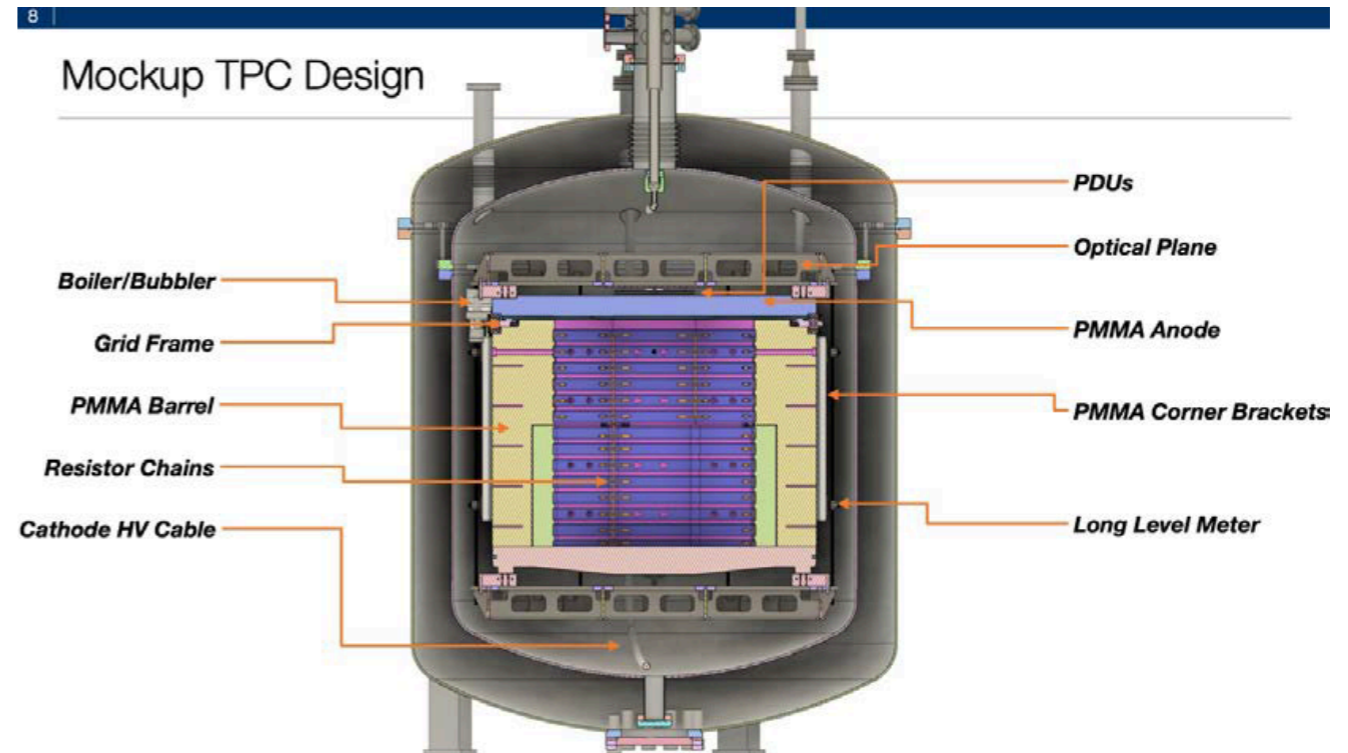


DARKSIDE-20K: PROTOTYPES



Proto-0 Detector @ Napoli

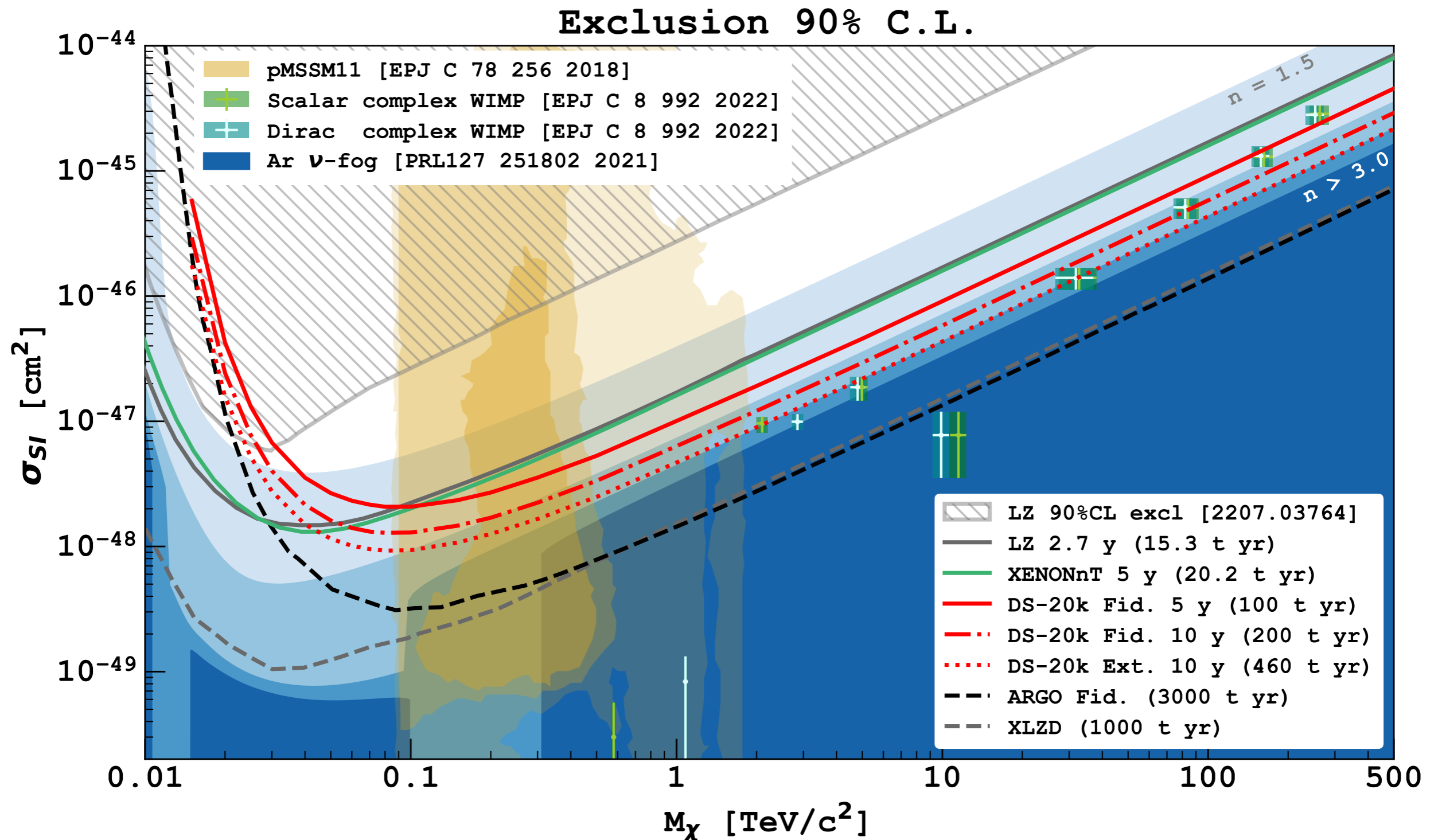
- ▶ Real experiment prototype test (~300 l LAr)
- ▶ Performance of the PDUs in LAr with real TPC (measurement of S1, S2)
- ▶ Robustness of the TPC design
- ▶ Electric field uniformity
- ▶ Study of the gas pocket thickness
- ▶ Runs foreseen in fall 2024



Mock-up System @ LNGS

- ▶ Mock-up test (~1 ton LAr) to validate the technical choices of the detector
- ▶ Robustness of the PMMA, Clevios and TPB coating on PMMA
- ▶ Electric field values and high voltage feedthroughs
- ▶ Resistor chains elements
- ▶ Grids and wires
- ▶ Cryogenics

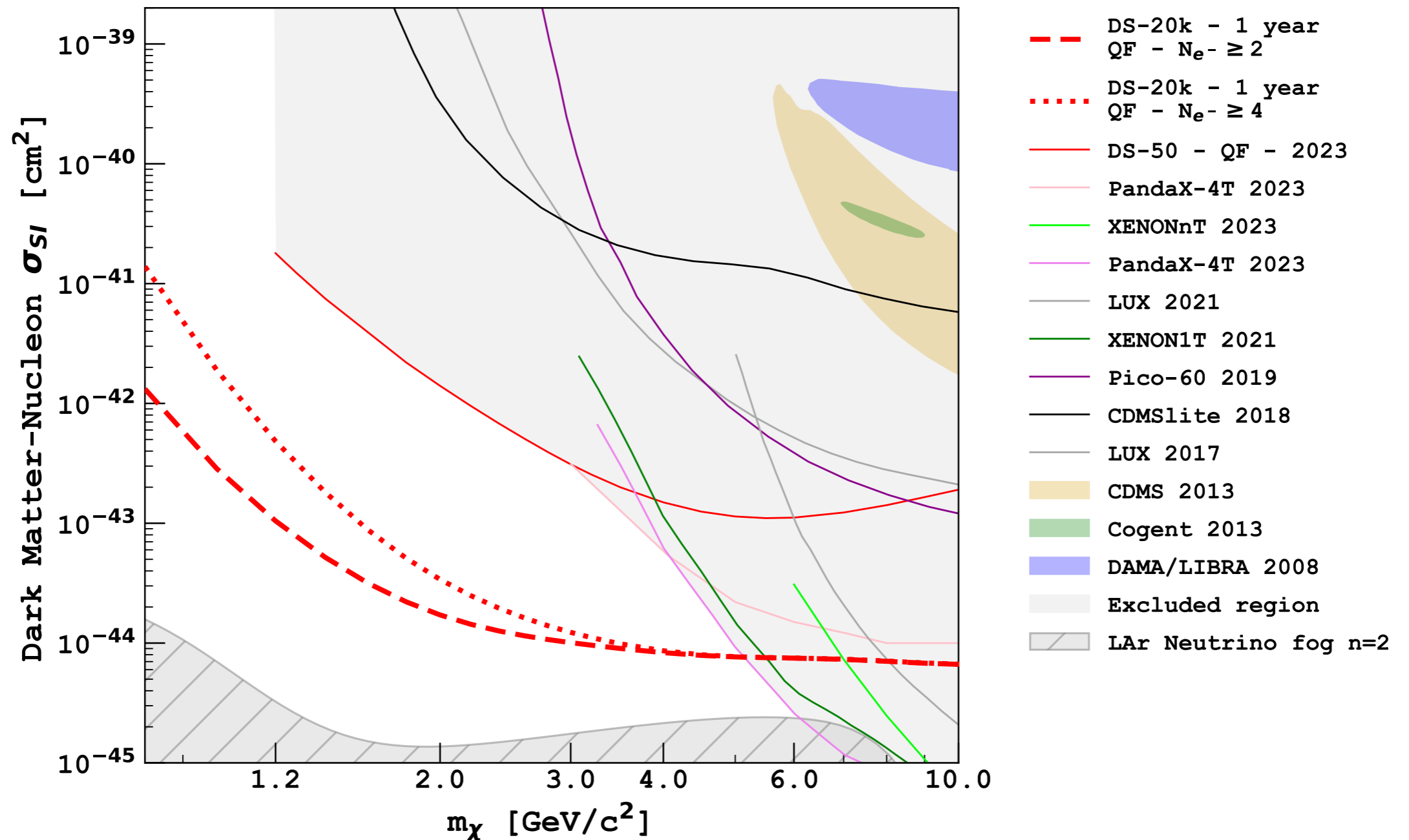
HIGH MASS WIMP SI INTERACTION EXCLUSION LIMITS PROSPECTS



LOW MASS WIMP SI INTERACTION EXCLUSION LIMITS PROSPECTS

Sensitivity projection for a dualphase LAr TPC optimized for light dark matter searches through the ionization channel

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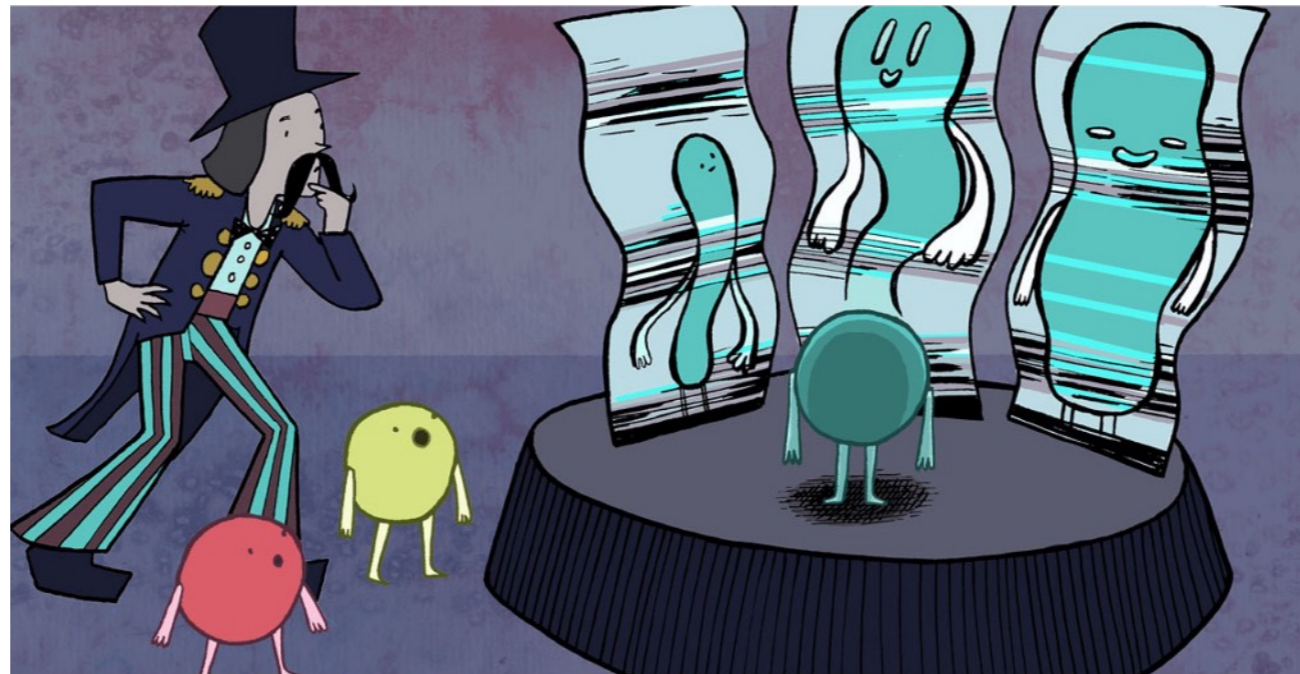




NL DETECTORS

**NEUTRINO
PHYSICS**

OPEN QUESTIONS IN NEUTRINO PHYSICS



- ▶ What are the absolute values of neutrino masses, and the mass ordering?
- ▶ What is the nature of neutrinos? Are they Dirac or Majorana particles?
- ▶ What is the origin of small neutrino masses?
- ▶ What are the precise values of the mixing angles, and the origin of the large ν mixing?
- ▶ Is the standard three-neutrino picture correct, or do other, sterile neutrinos exist?
- ▶ What is the precise value of the CP violating phase δ ?

LIQUID ARGON TPC

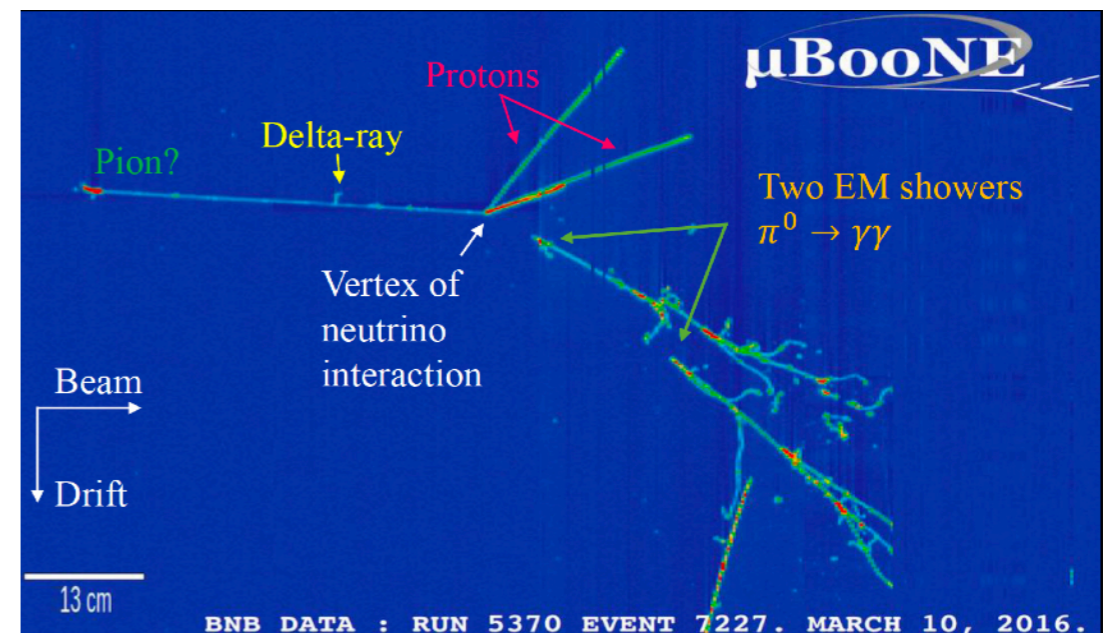
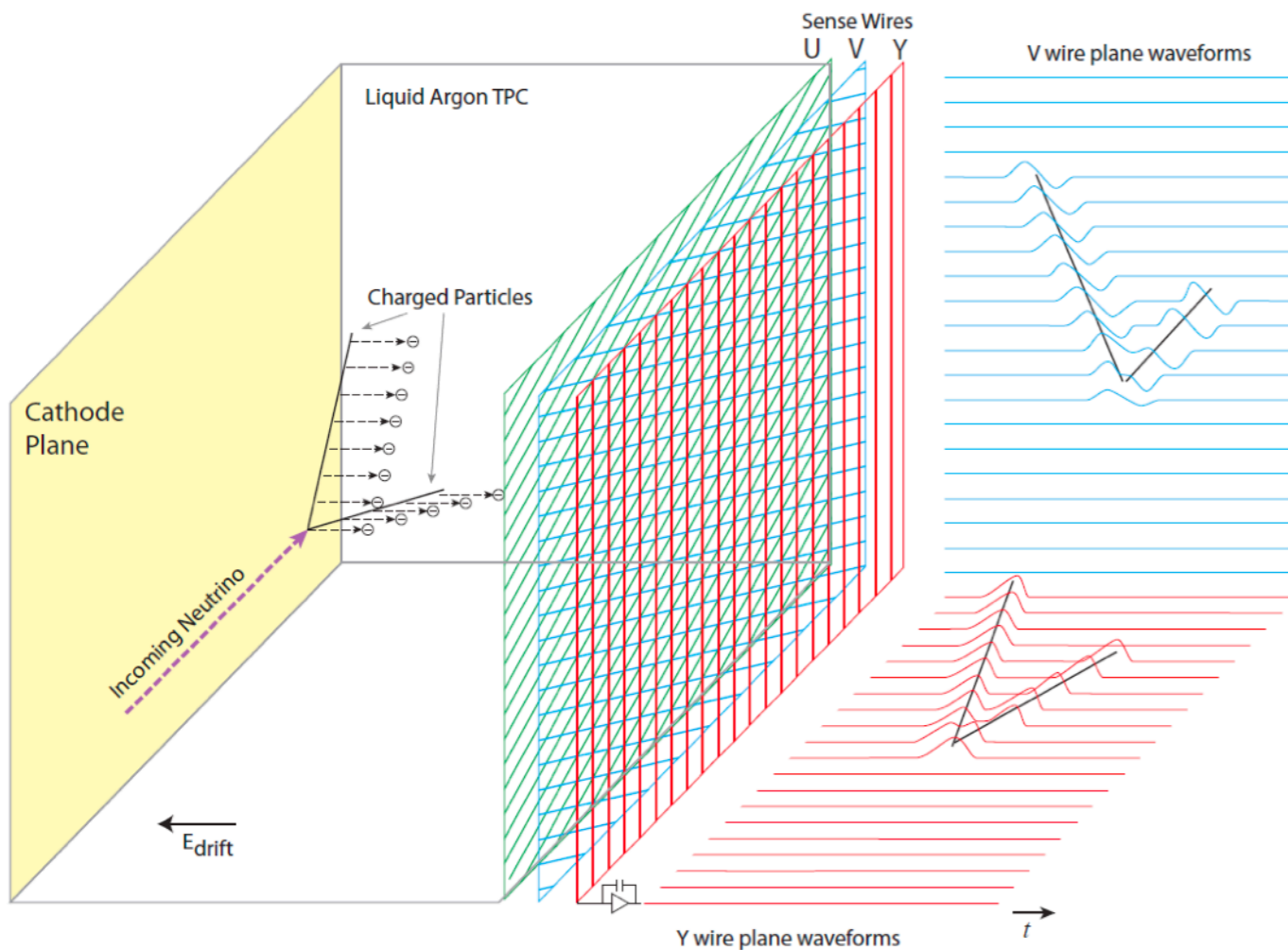
- Originally proposed by Rubbia in 1977 for neutrino physics
- R&D over >3 decades, now detectors @ kton scale
 - ICARUS, μ BooNE, LArLat, ArgonCube, SBND, ProtoDUNE**

Ionization electrons drifted by uniform electric field towards readout anodic planes (drift $\sim 1 \text{ mm}/\mu\text{s}$ @ $500 \text{ V}/\text{cm}$)

- 3D reconstruction + calorimetry

VUV photons propagated and shifted to VIS photons

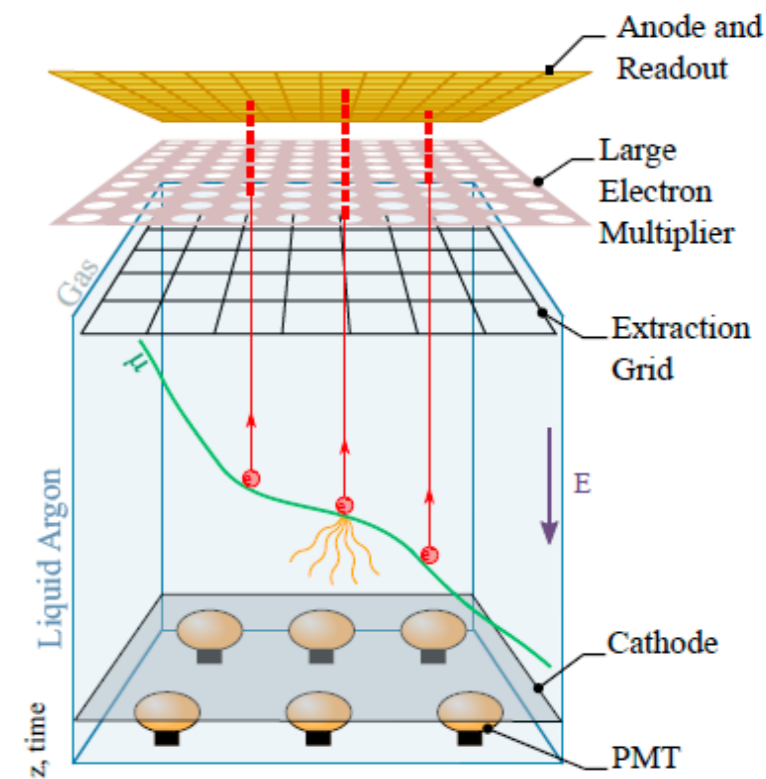
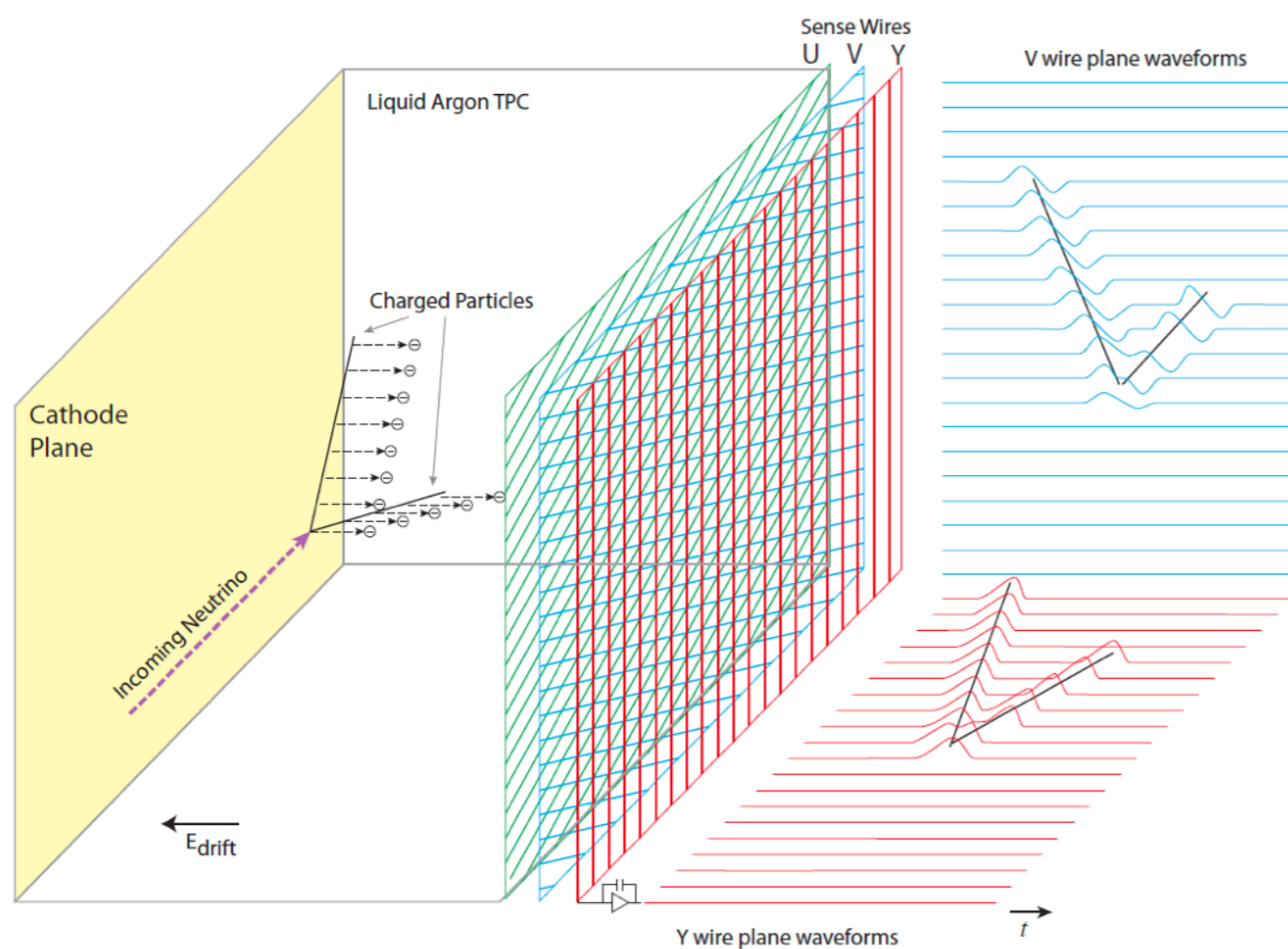
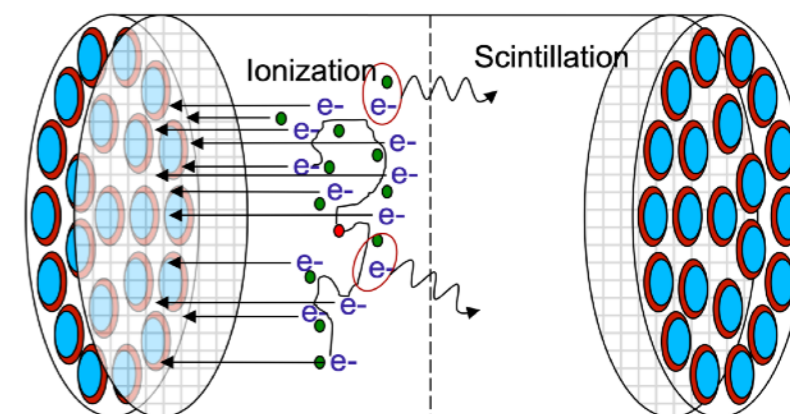
- information on interaction time, triggering + calorimetry



NOBLE LIQUID DETECTORS FOR NEUTRINO PHYSICS

LAr: ICARUS, μ BOONE, SBND, DUNE

LXe: EXO-200, nEXO

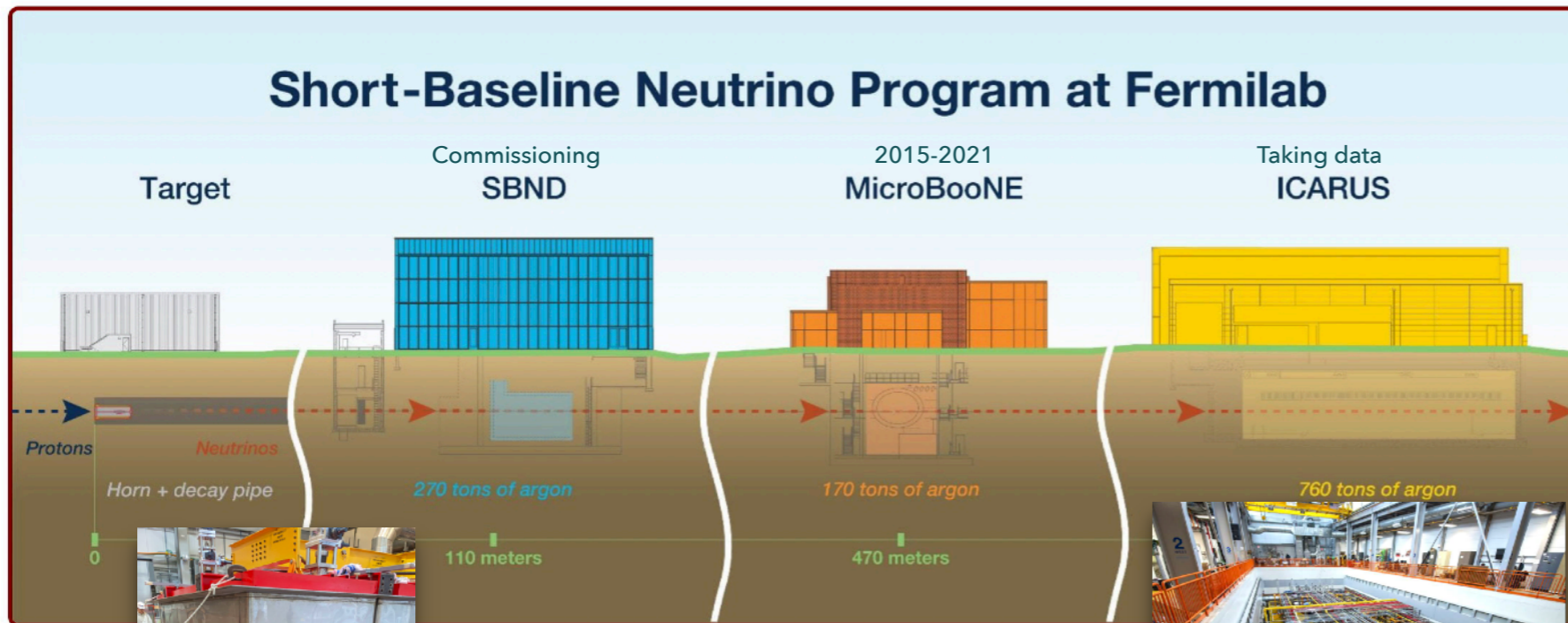


Single phase LArTPC

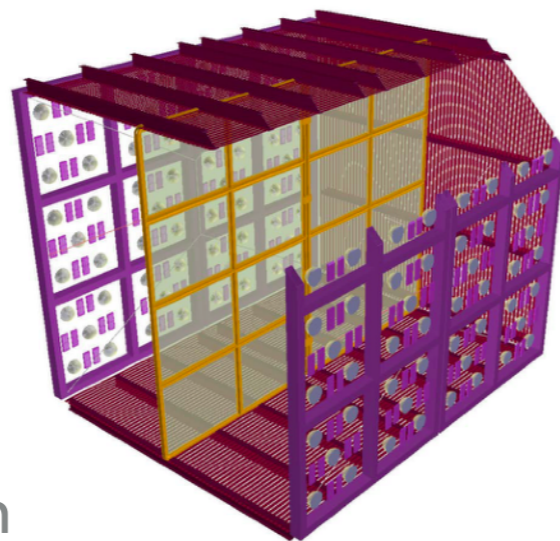
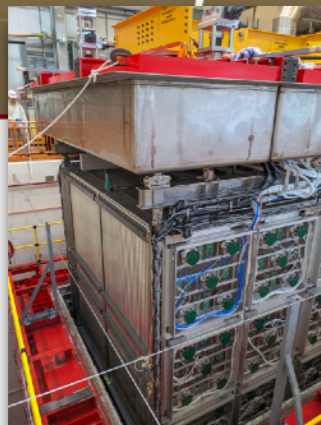
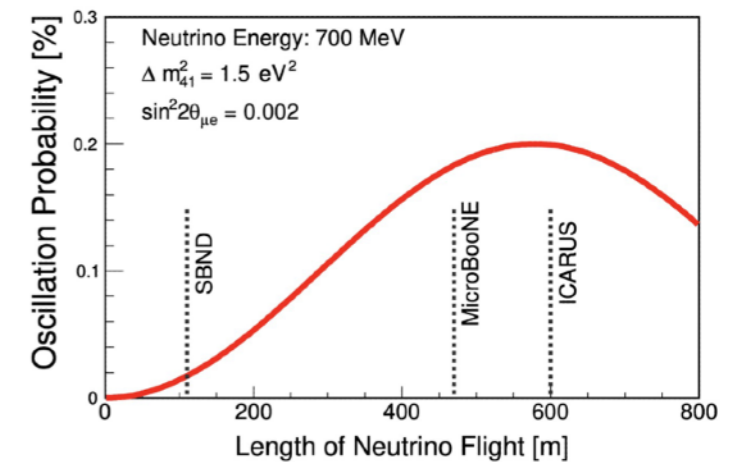
Double phase LArTPC with charge r/o

LArTPC NEUTRINO EXPERIMENTS

- ▶ Enormous physics potential offered by high granularity imaging, extremely high resolution, low backgrounds:
 - ▶ Short-baseline neutrino physics (neutrino anomalies, precision cross-sections, BSM)
 - ▶ Long-baseline neutrino physics (precision 3-flavor oscillation physics)
 - ▶ Underground physics (proton decay, solar, supernova, ...)



- ▶ Booster Neutrino Beam $\nu_\mu(93.6\%), \nu_\mu(5.9\%), \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e(0.5\%)$
- ▶ Sterile neutrino searches, BSM searches, cross-section measurements

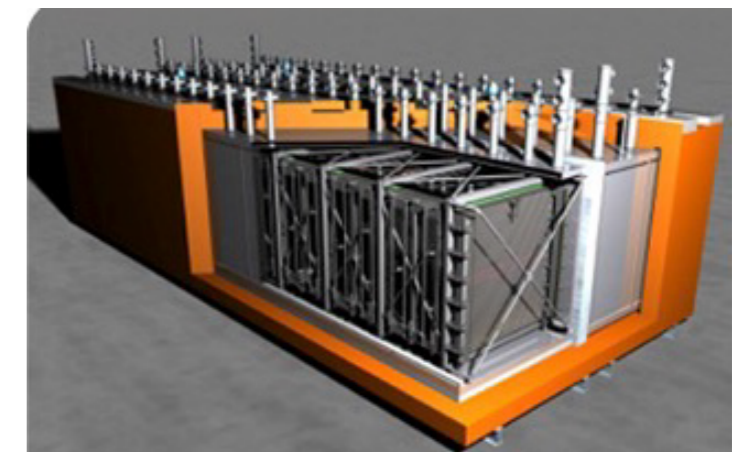


SBND

270 ton - 5 x 4 x 4 m
 2 TPC 2 m drift
 Wire readout
 PDS: 120 PMTs, 192
 X-ARAPUCA

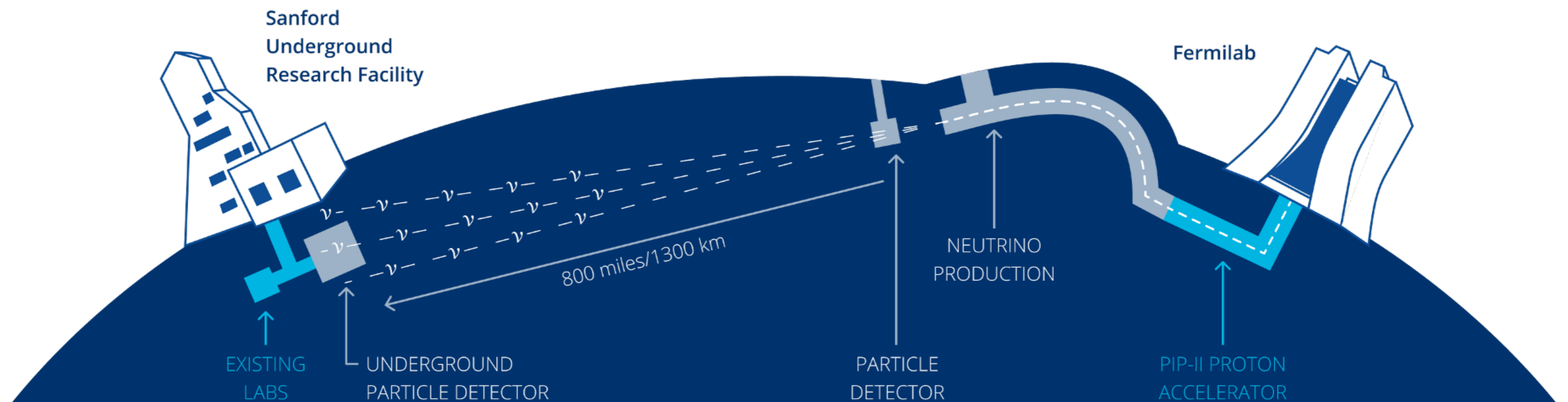
ICARUS

760 ton - 2 x (19.6 x 3.6 x 3.9 m)
 4 TPC 1.5 m drift
 Wire readout
 PDS: 360 PMTs



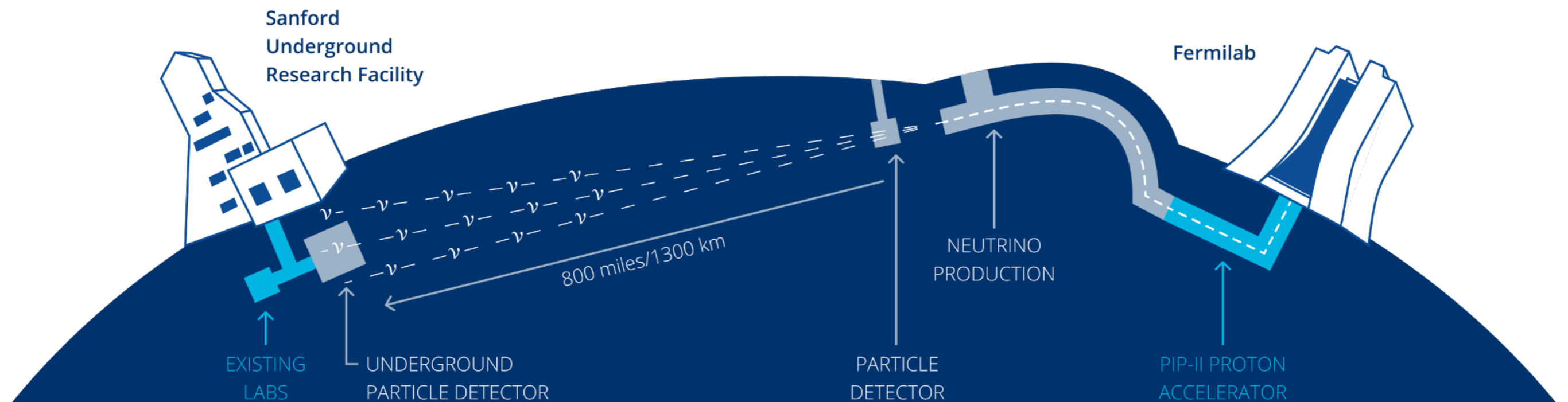
DUNE EXPERIMENT

- ▶ High-power proton beam - 1.2 MW upgradeable to 2.4 MW
- ▶ A high power, wide-band neutrino beam (\sim GeV energy range)
- ▶ **Near detector (575 m** from the ν source - 100 s millions of ν interaction)
- ▶ **Far detector** in South Dakota (\sim 1300 km) and 1,5 km deep underground
- ▶ Phase I: 2 \times 17 kton LArTPC; 2 additional modules in Phase II



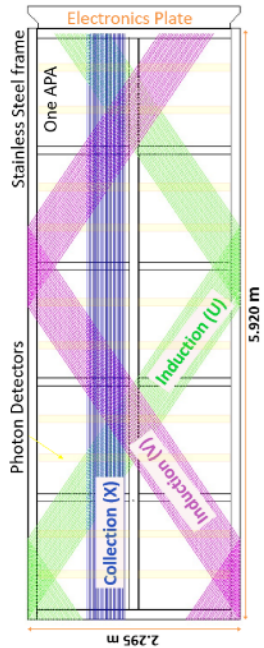
DUNE EXPERIMENT

- ▶ **Near Detector** : measurements of ν_{μ} unoscillated beam.
- ▶ **Far Detector**: measurements of oscillated ν_{μ} and ν_e spectra
- ▶ **THEN** repeat for antineutrinos - and compare oscillations of neutrinos and antineutrinos



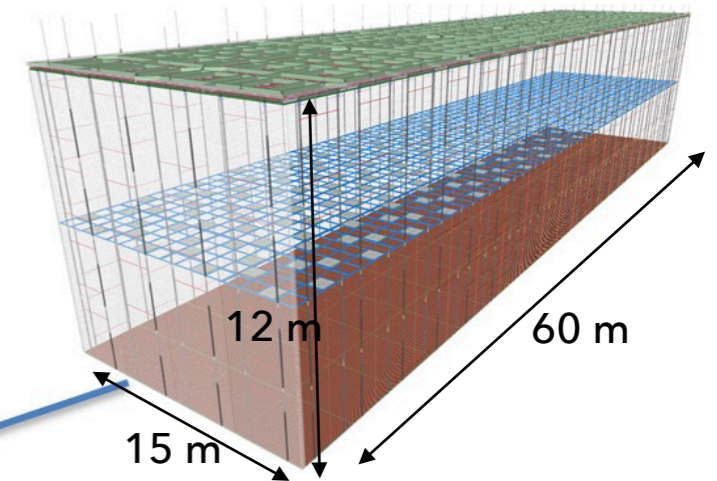
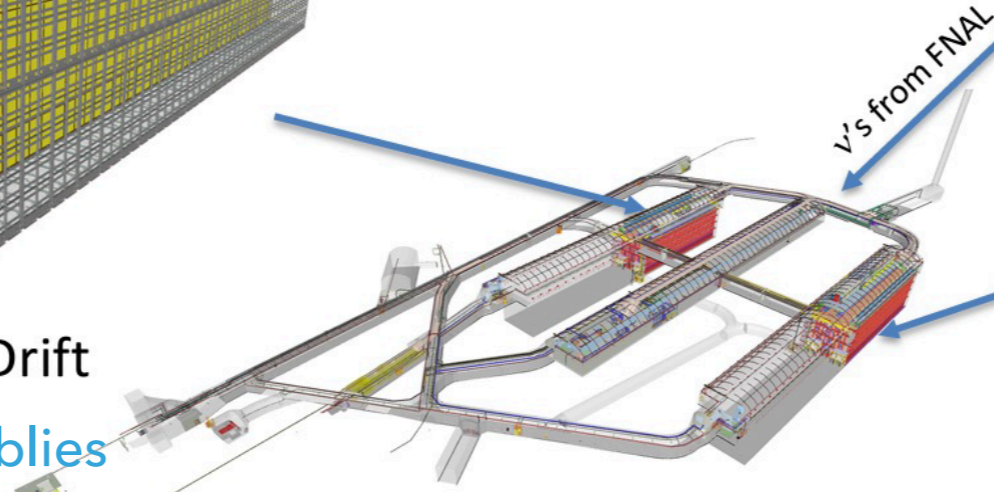
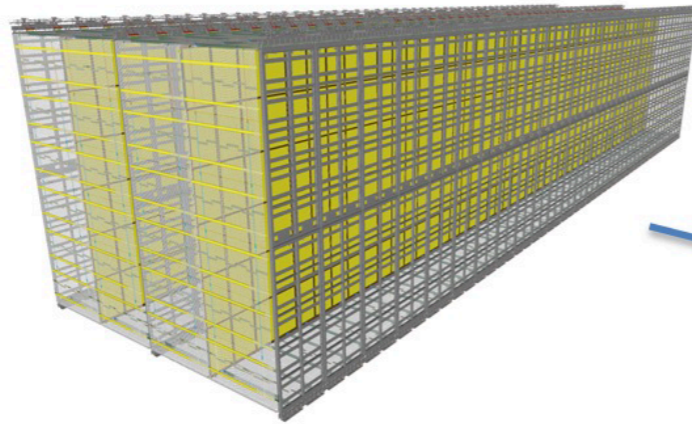
DUNE FAR DETECTOR (PHASE I)

2 × 17 kton single phase LArTPCs



APA* Horizontal Drift

* Anode Plane Assemblies

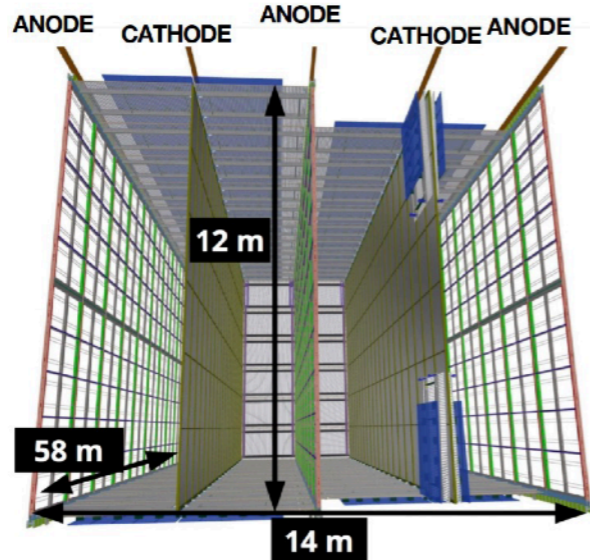


CRP** Vertical Drift

** Charge Readout Planes

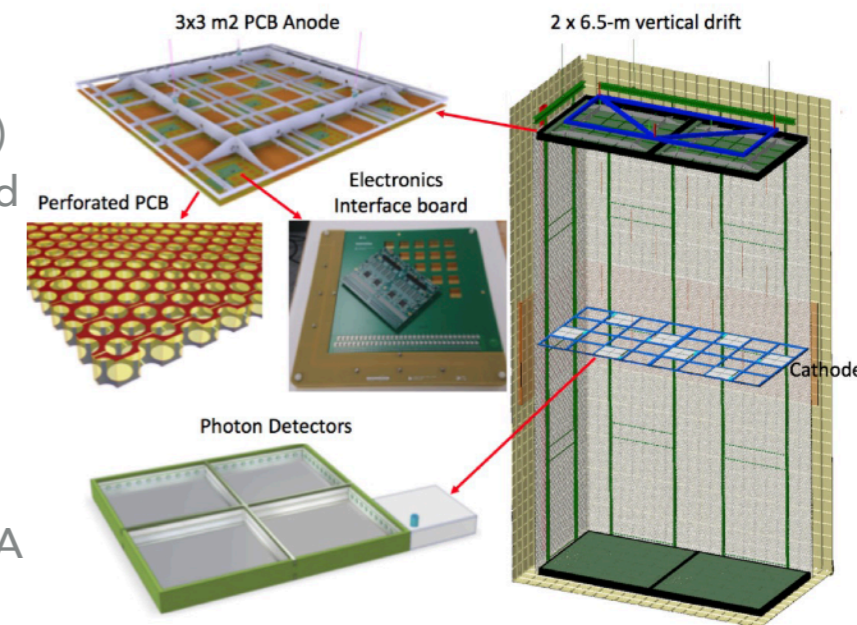
FD1-HD

- 4 TPC 3.6 m horizontal drift
- HV = -180 kV
- High-resistivity CPA for fast discharge prevention
- Anode: 150 APAs, each with 4 wire planes (Grid, 2x Induction, Collection)
- Photon Detectors: X-ARAPUCA modules embedded in APA

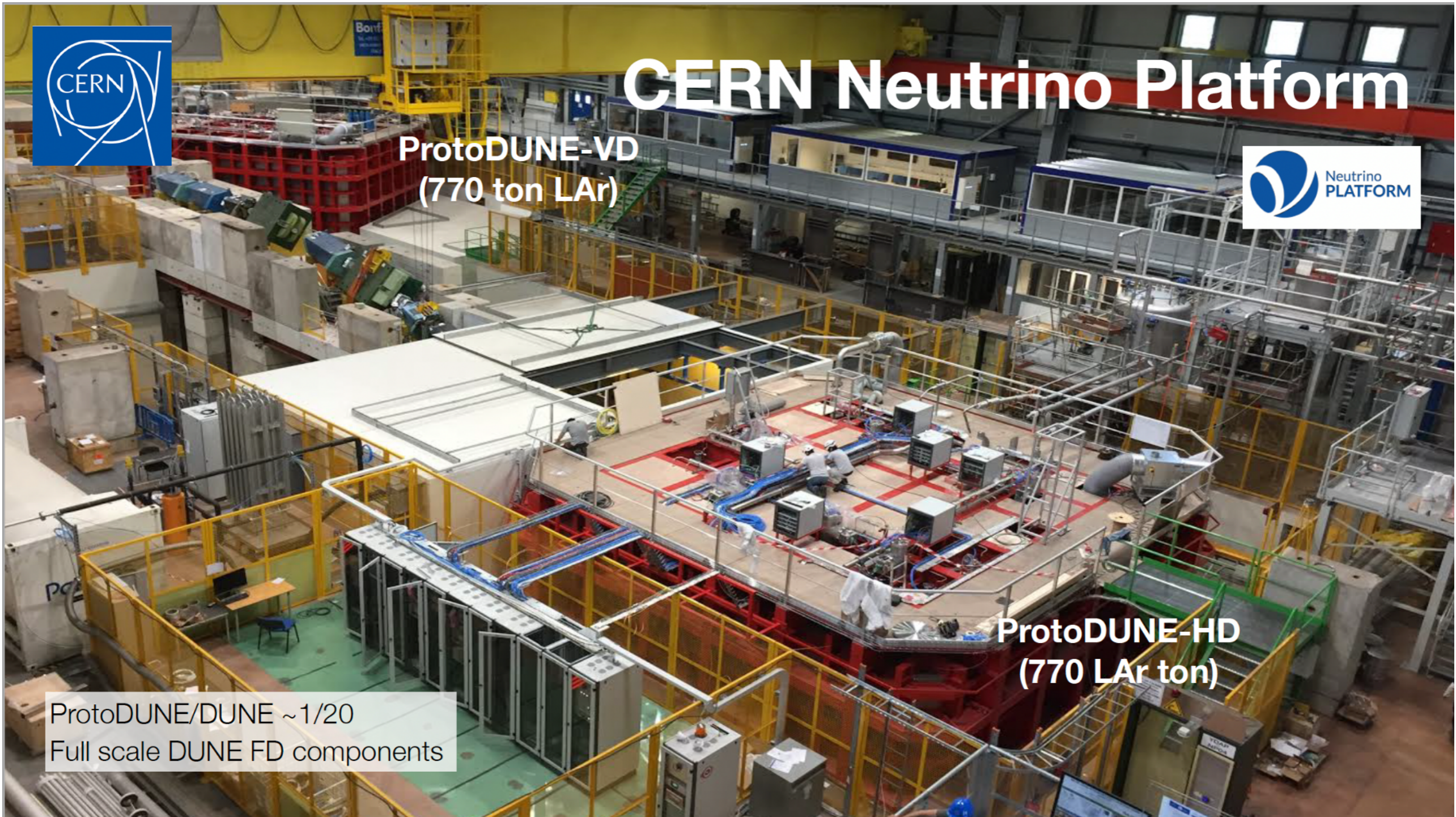


FD2-VD

- 2 TPC 6.5 m vertical drift
- HV = -300 kV
- Anode: 2 CRPs (top & bottom)
- Charge Readout via perforated PCB anode, fully immersed in LAr
- Doping w/ O(10 ppm) xenon for greater light collection uniformity
- Photon Detectors: X-ARAPUCA megacell modules integrated on cathode and on cryostat walls



PROTODUNE



CERN Neutrino Platform



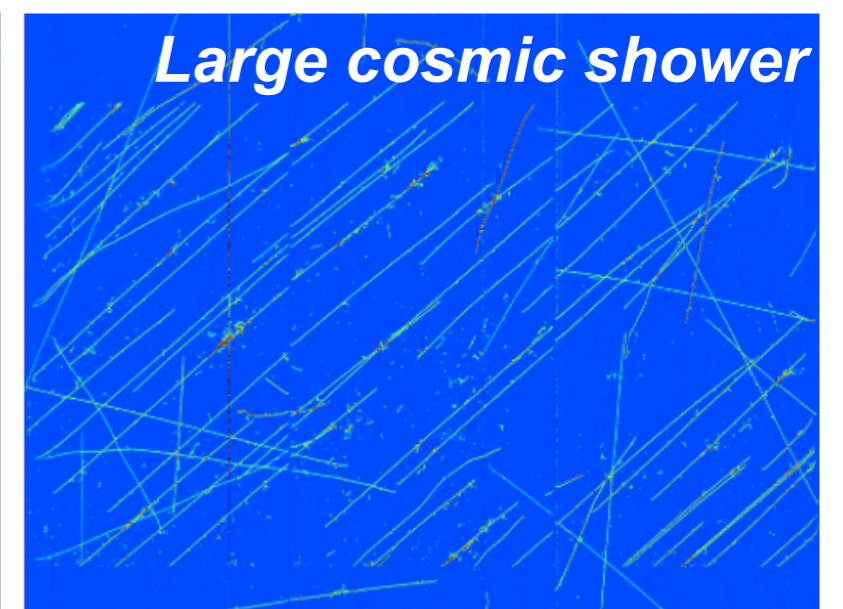
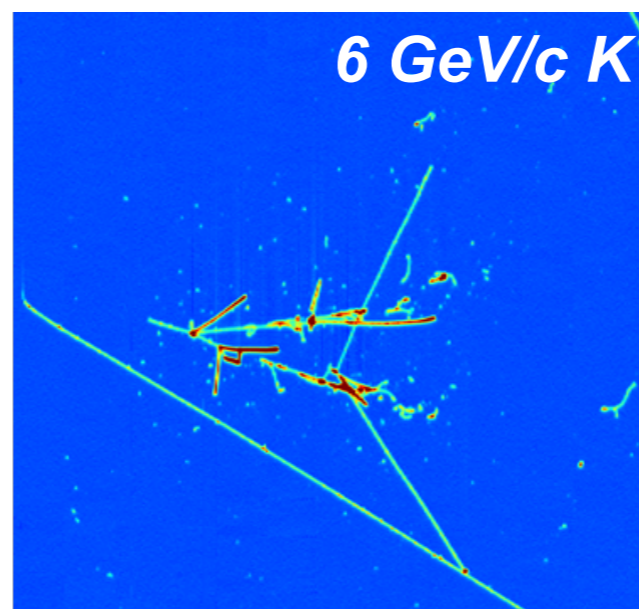
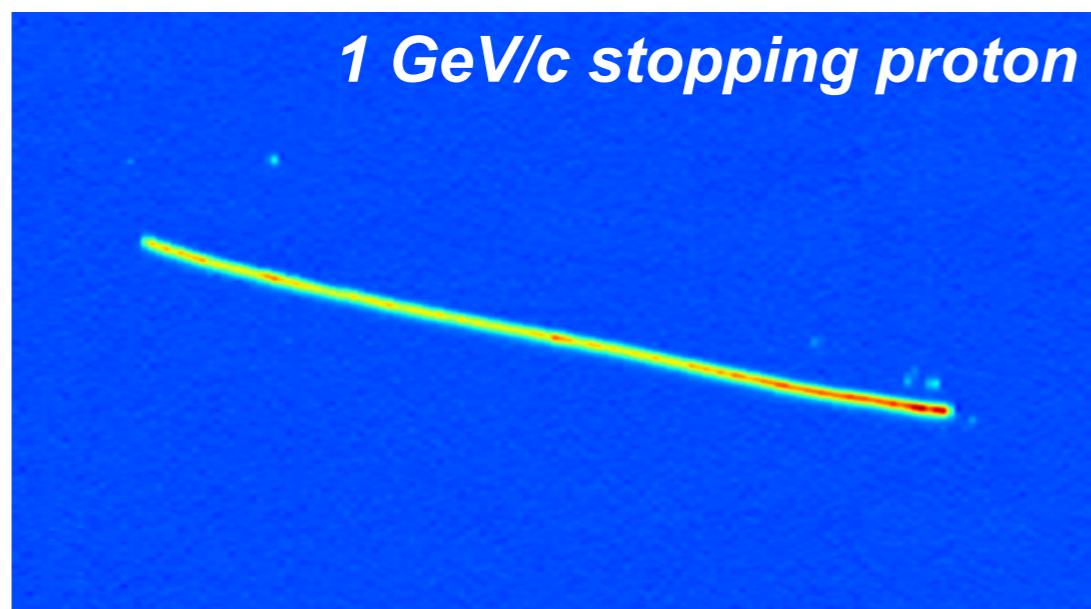
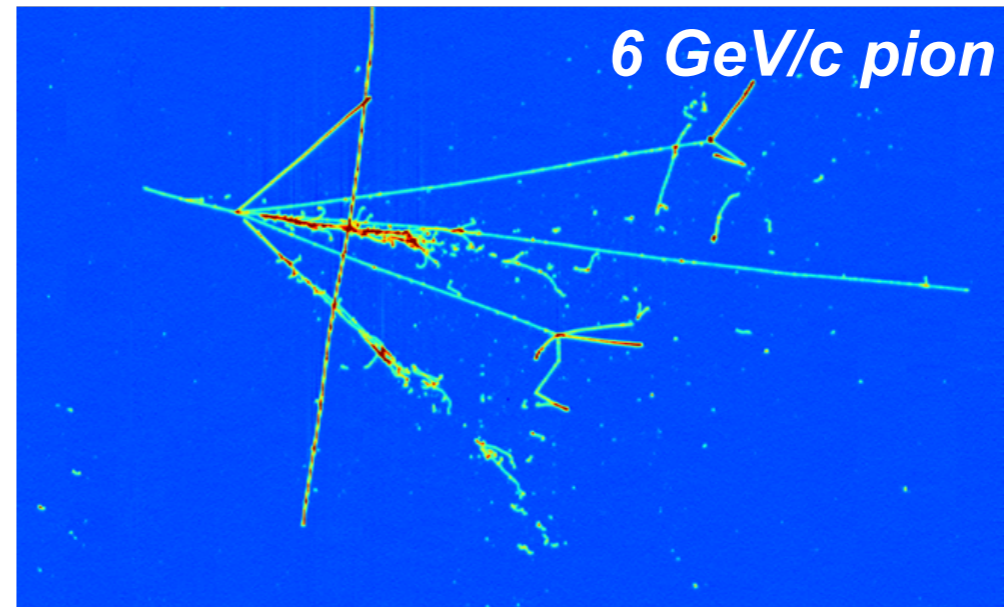
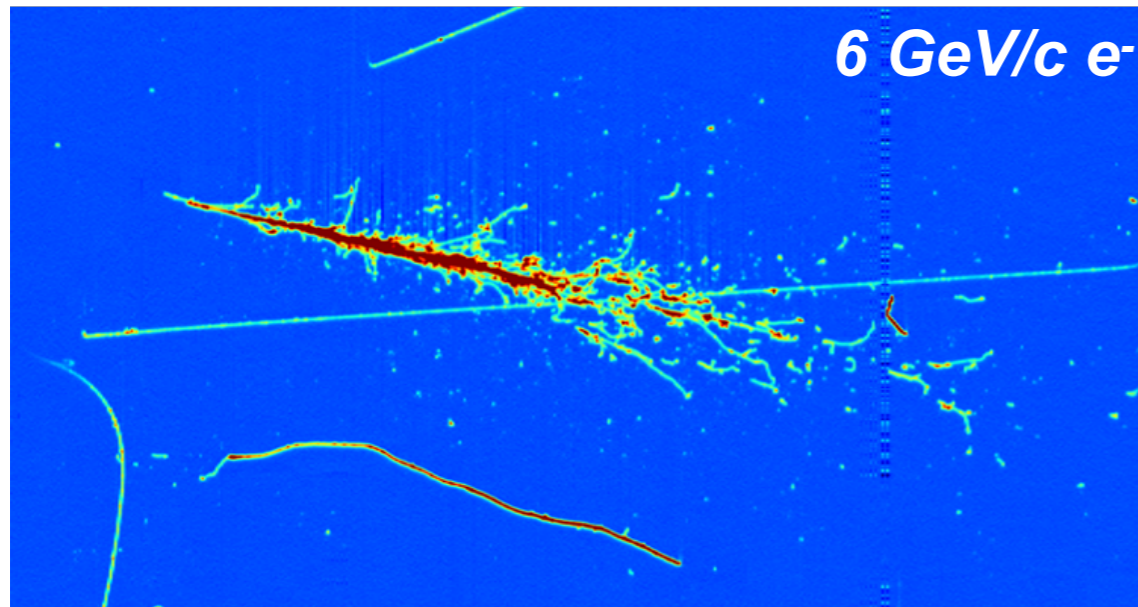
ProtoDUNE-VD
(770 ton LAr)



ProtoDUNE-HD
(770 LAr ton)

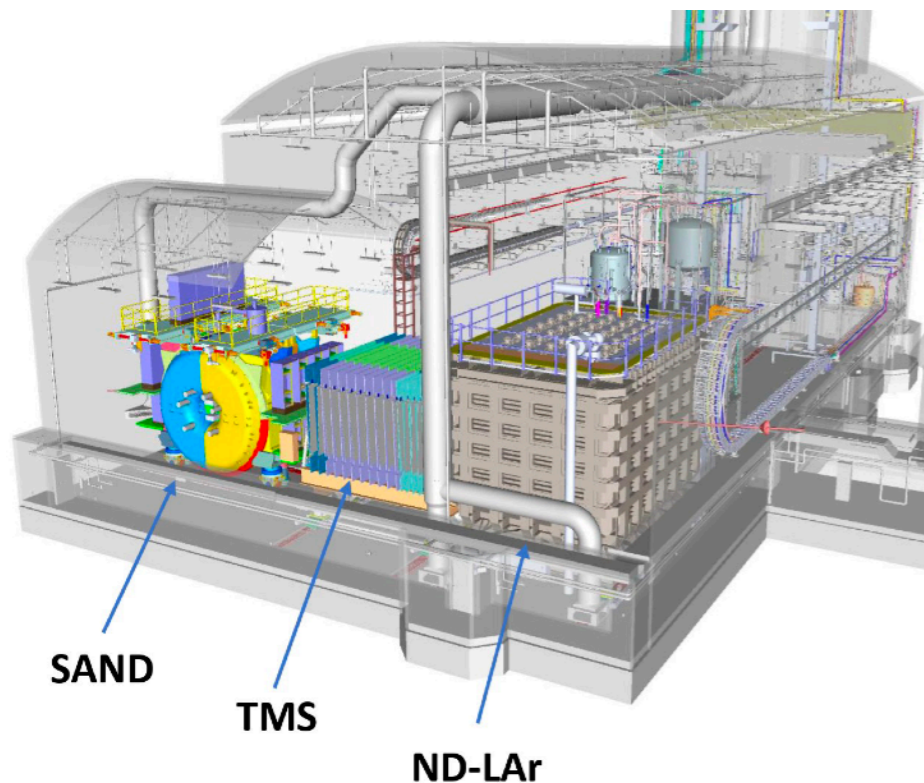
ProtoDUNE/DUNE ~1/20
Full scale DUNE FD components

PROTODUNE



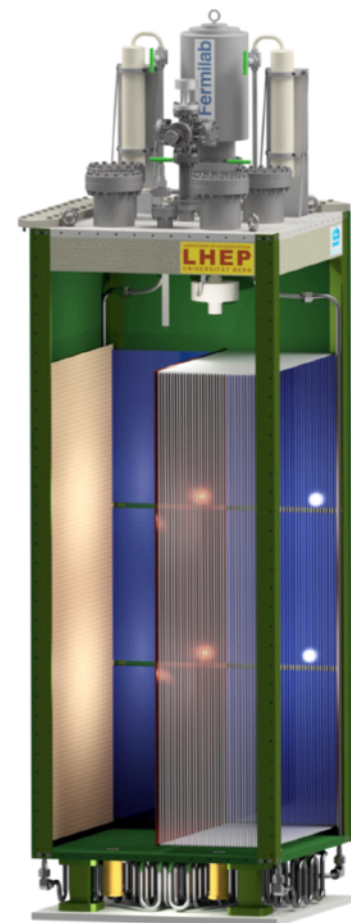
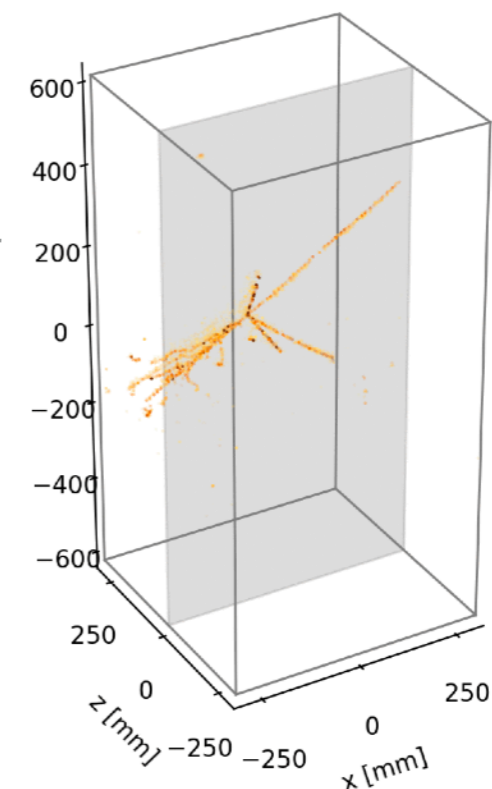
DUNE NEAR DETECTOR COMPLEX (PHASE I)

- ▶ Measures the neutrino beam rate and spectrum to predict unoscillated event rates in the far detector
- ▶ Constrains systematic uncertainties (flux, cross sections, detector response) for oscillation measurements
- ▶ Additional physics program



- ND-LAr: 67 ton 7×5 array of modular 1×1×3 m LArTPCs with 50 cm drift, pixel readout and high coverage light readout
- TMS: magnetized steel range stack for measuring muon momentum/sign from ν_μ CC interactions in ND-LAr
 - DUNE-PRISM: ND-LAr + TMS move up to 28.5m off-axis
- SAND: on-axis magnetized neutrino detector with 1 ton LAr target (GRAIN), tracking (STT), and calorimeter (ECAL)

Raw 3D images of cosmic rays in ton-scale prototype



DUNE PHASE II

▶ Far Detector with 4 modules

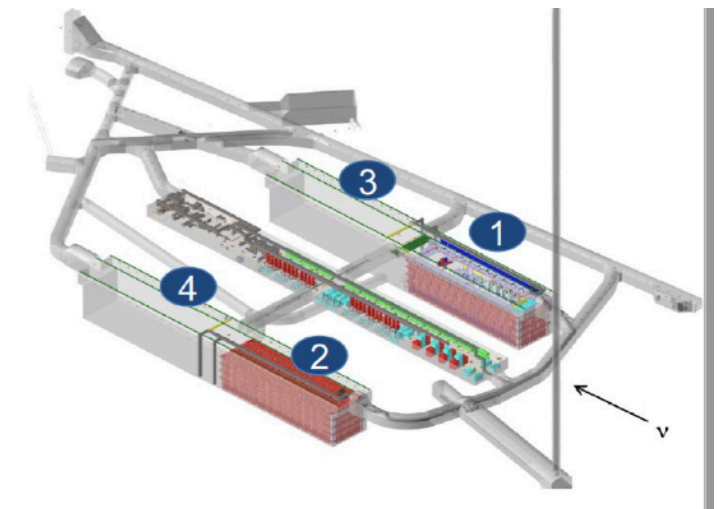
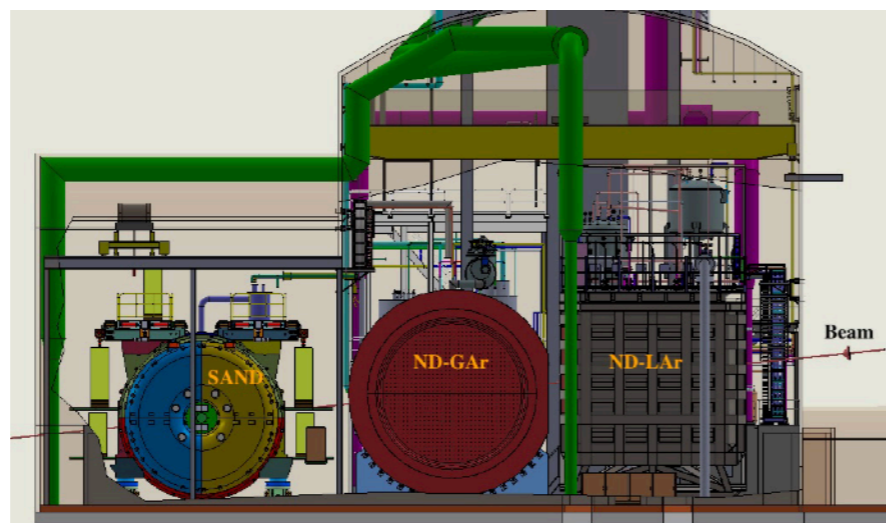
- ▶ FD-3 SP LArTPC enhanced VD 4π concept TBD (by 2027)
- ▶ FD-4 : «module of opportunity»: decision by 2028

▶ Beam power upgrade to 2.4 MW

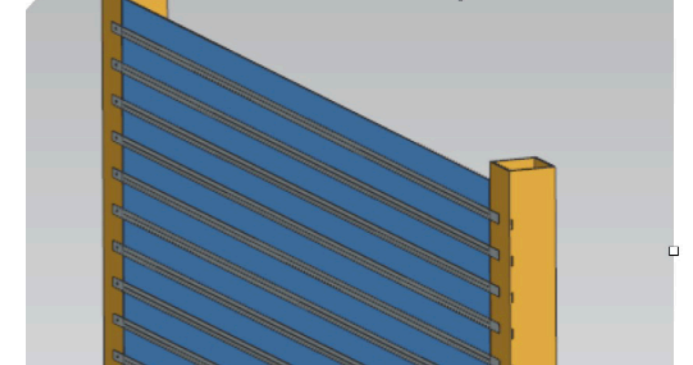
▶ Near Detector: TMS replaced by ND-GAr

- ▶ ND-LAr
- ▶ ND-GAr important for higher precision ν -Ar measurements and when the statistics reach ~ 200 kt-MW-yrs

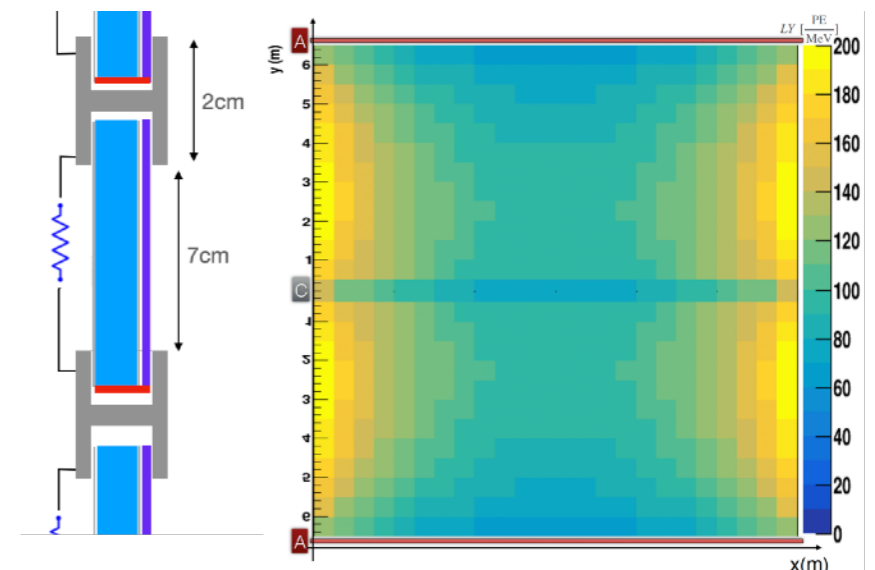
▶ SAND



FD3-4 FC panels with long, thin xARAPUCA detectors between Al profiles



convert TPC Field Cage structure into a fully active PDS \rightarrow LY $\times 2$



DUNE PHASE II: EXPLORE NEW TECHNOLOGIES

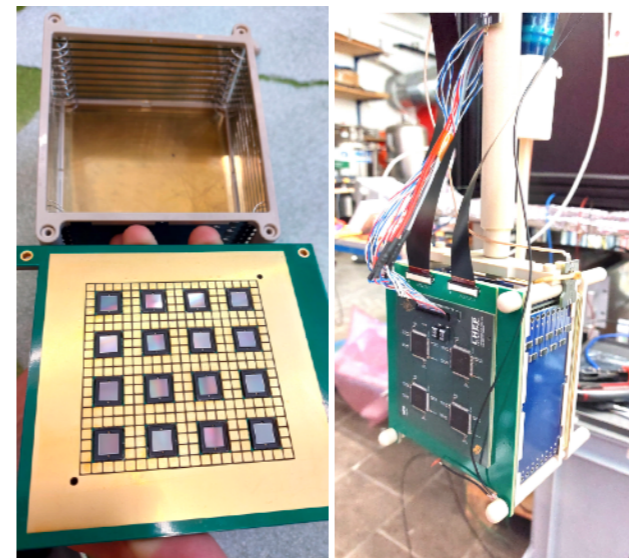
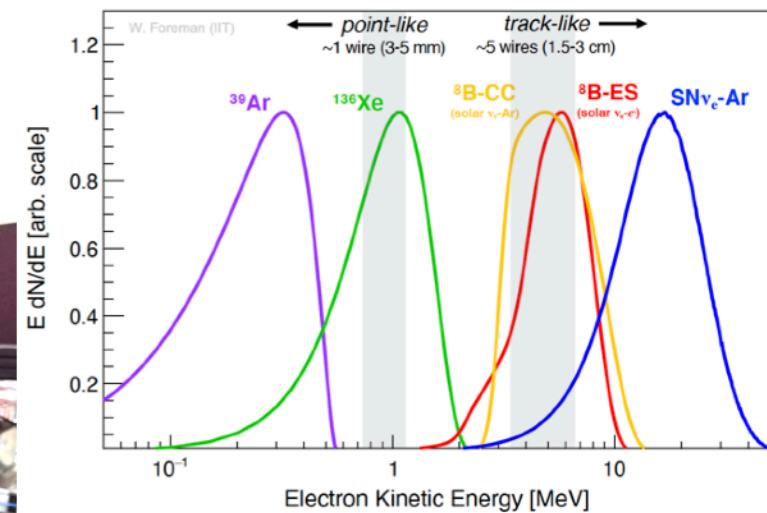
General LAr TPC Requirements for Low-Energy Physics

- ▶ low E threshold (down to 100-10 keV)
- ▶ good angular resolution ($<1^\circ$)
- ▶ high position and vertex resolution (<1 mm)

Key improvements of the detector

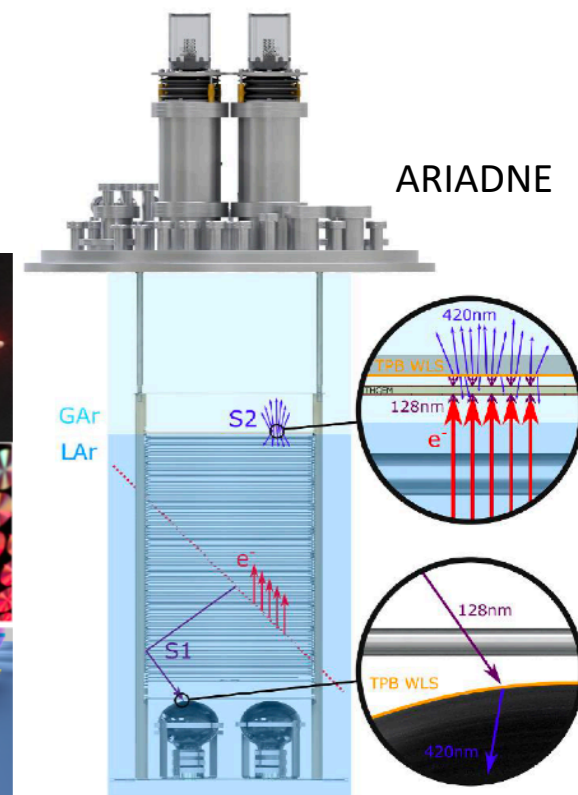
- ▶ Charge readout: from combination of 2D views to genuine 3D pixelated readout
 - ▶ LArPix, QPix
- ▶ Light detection:
 - ▶ Xe doping, 4π readout, metalenses, metasurfaces
- ▶ Light-charge integrated highly granular readout:
 - ▶ all-silicon unit based on VUV SiPMs with charge collection pads (SOLAR)
 - ▶ QPix + thin-film photoconductor (ASe) coating
- ▶ Fully optical readout:
 - ▶ double phase LArTPC (ARIADNE)
- ▶ Reconstruction algorithms with AI methods
- ▶ Low radiological background

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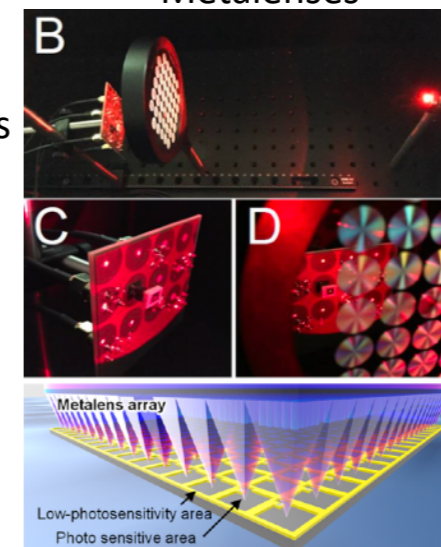
SOLAR prototype

Timepix3 cameras

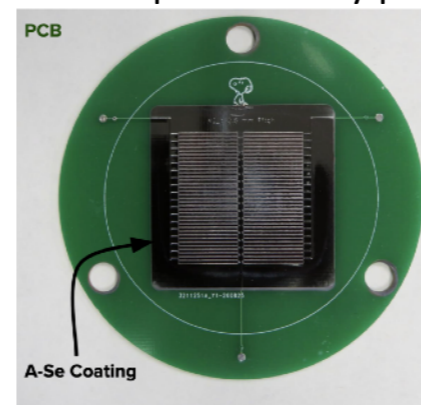


ARIADNE

Metalenses

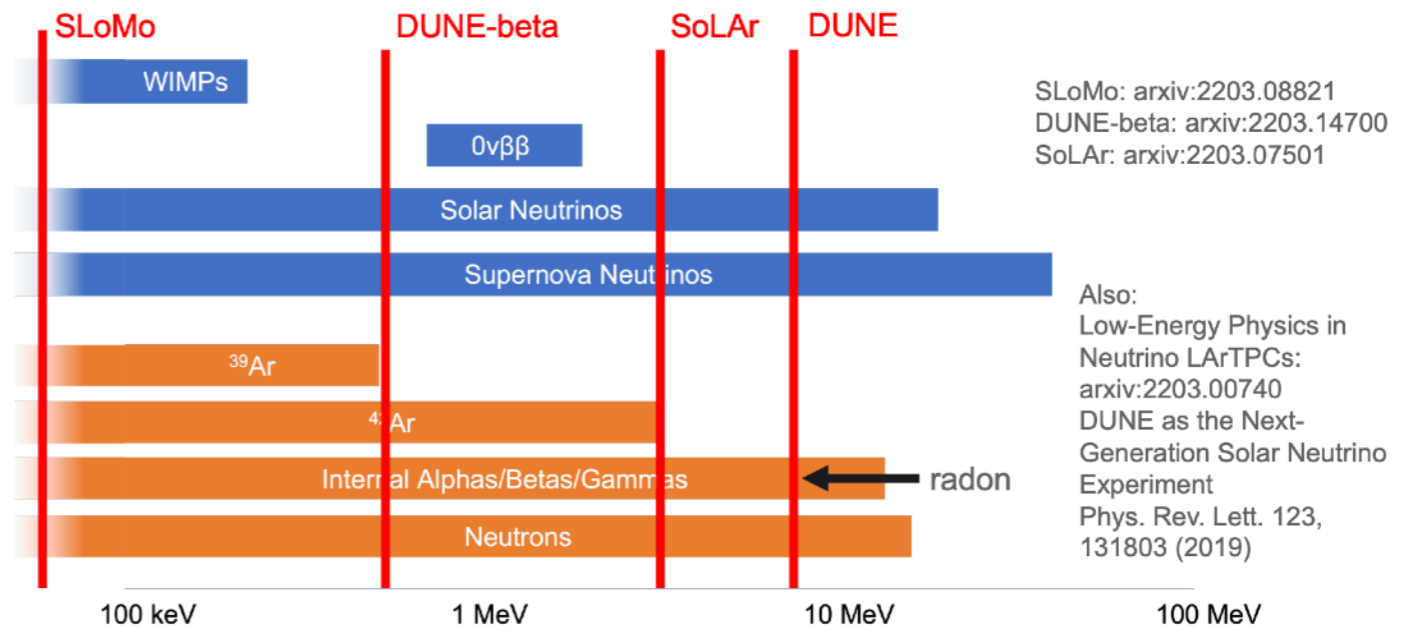


Multiple modality pixels

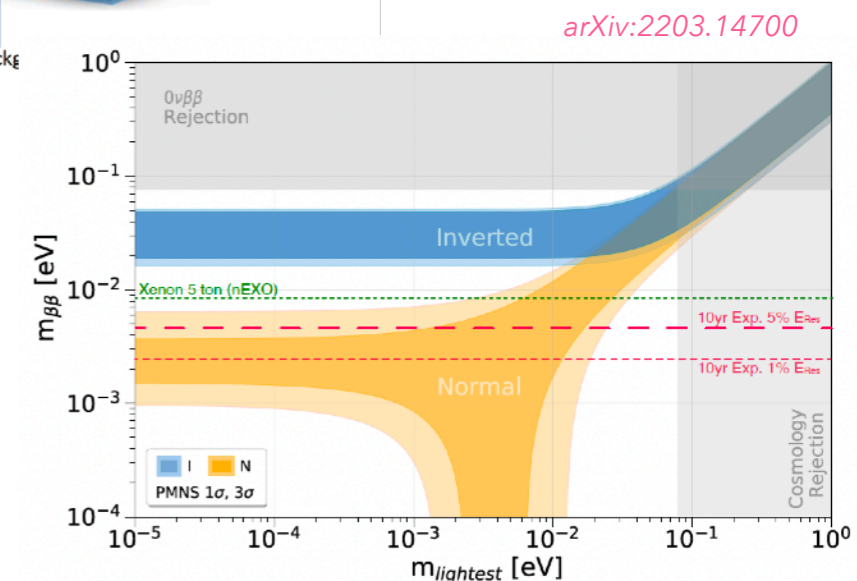
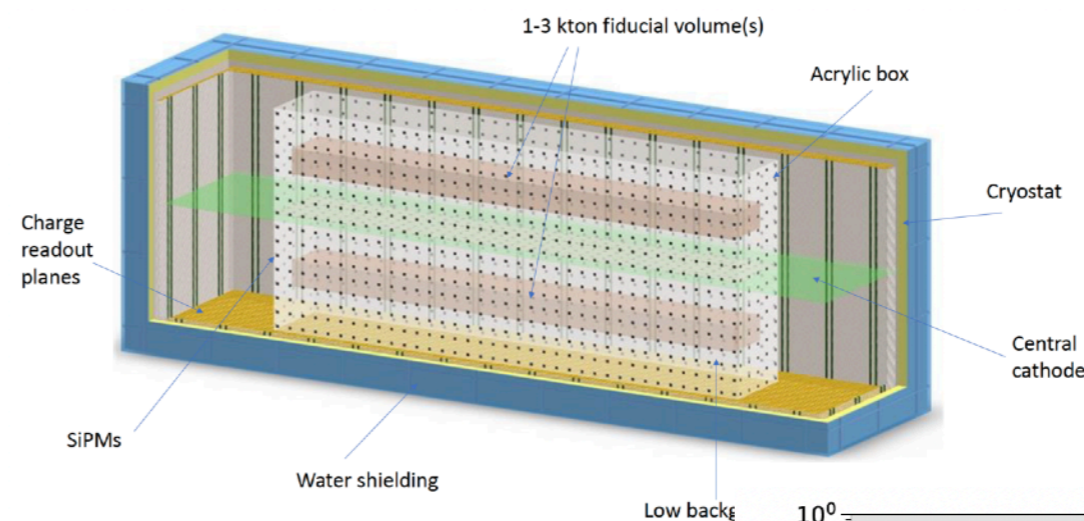


DUNE PHASE II: BLUE SKY

- ▶ Further Low-Energy Physics goals:
 - ▶ Measurement of lower-energy neutrinos in real time with high statistics
 - ▶ $0\nu\beta\beta$
 - ▶ WIMP dark matter
 - ▶ CEvNS...
- ▶ Higher detector challenges:
 - ▶ External shielding
 - ▶ Materials selection QA/QC
 - ▶ Radon reduction
 - ▶ Low-radioactivity underground argon
 - ▶ % level energy resolution
 - ▶ % level Xe-doping
 - ▶ Photosensitive dopants
 - ▶ ...



Chris Jackson, Seattle Snowmass Summer Meeting 2022





NL DETECTORS

$0\nu\beta\beta$

THE NATURE OF NEUTRINOS

- Can be probed with a rare nuclear decay, the double beta decay mode without emission of neutrinos ($\Delta L = 2$)



- Expected signature: sharp peak at the Q-value of the decay

$$Q = E_{1e} + E_{2e} - 2m_e$$

Minimal detector requirements:

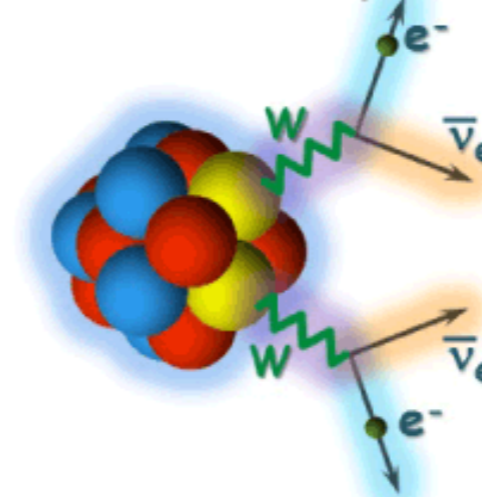
Large masses

High isotopic abundance

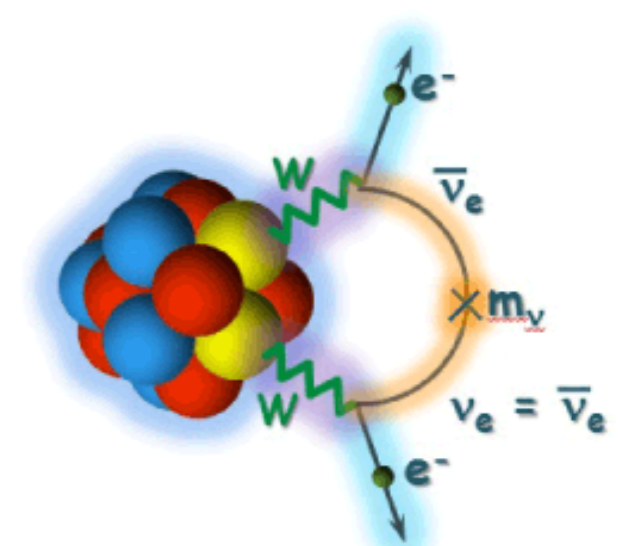
Ultra-low background noise

Good energy resolution

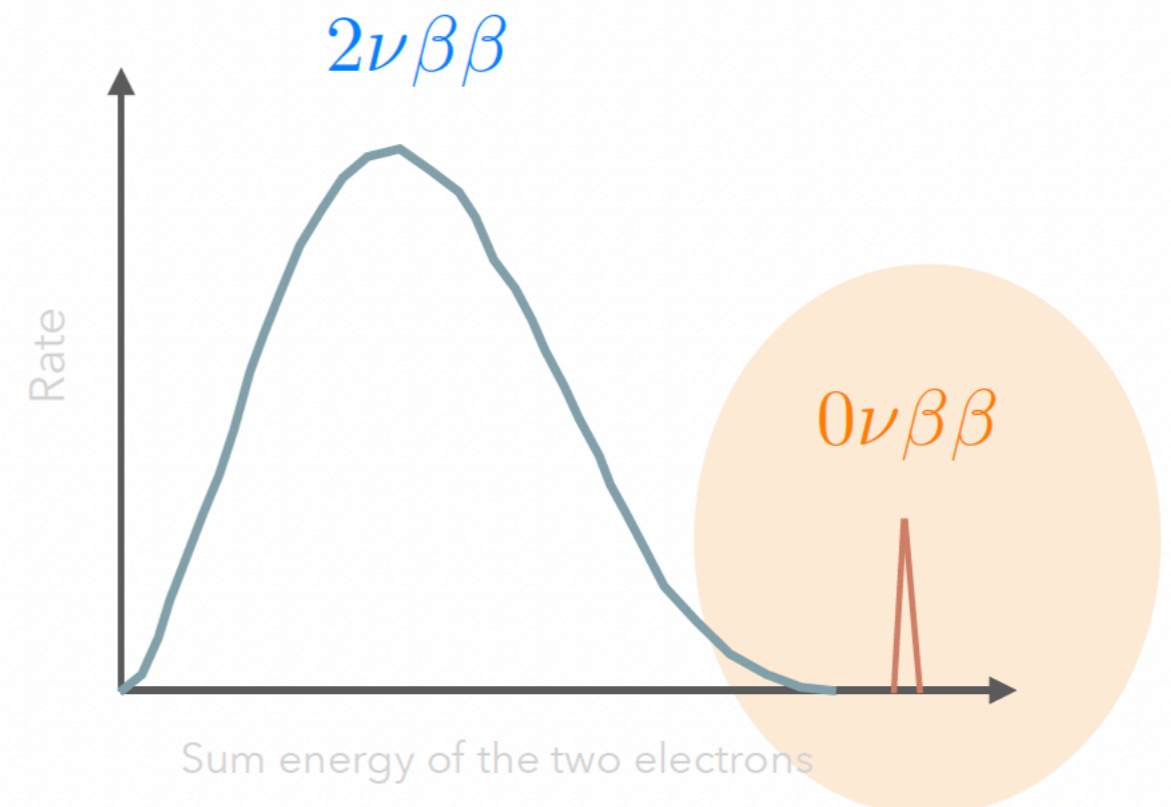
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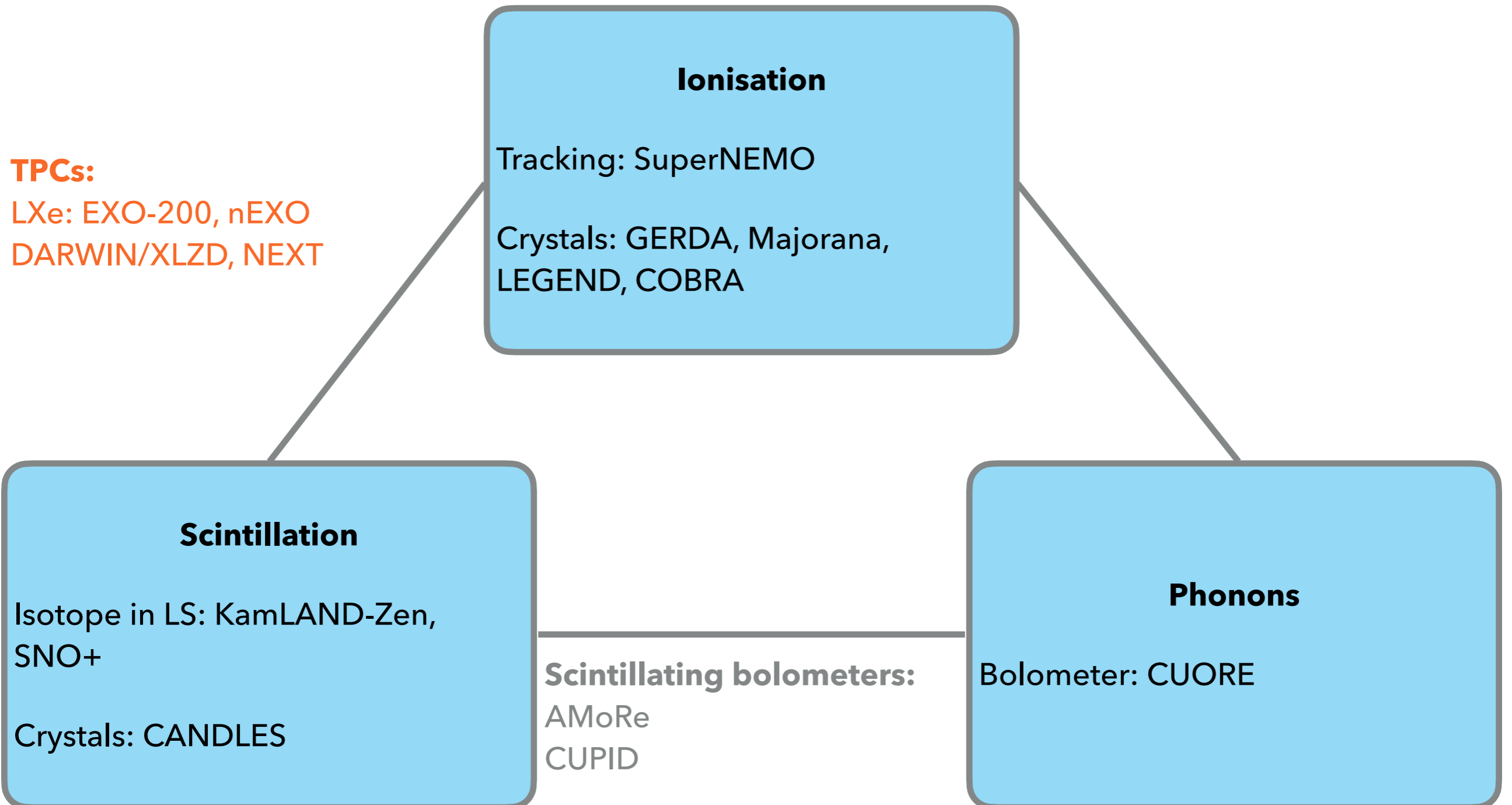
Double beta decay which emits anti-neutrinos



Neutrinoless double beta decay

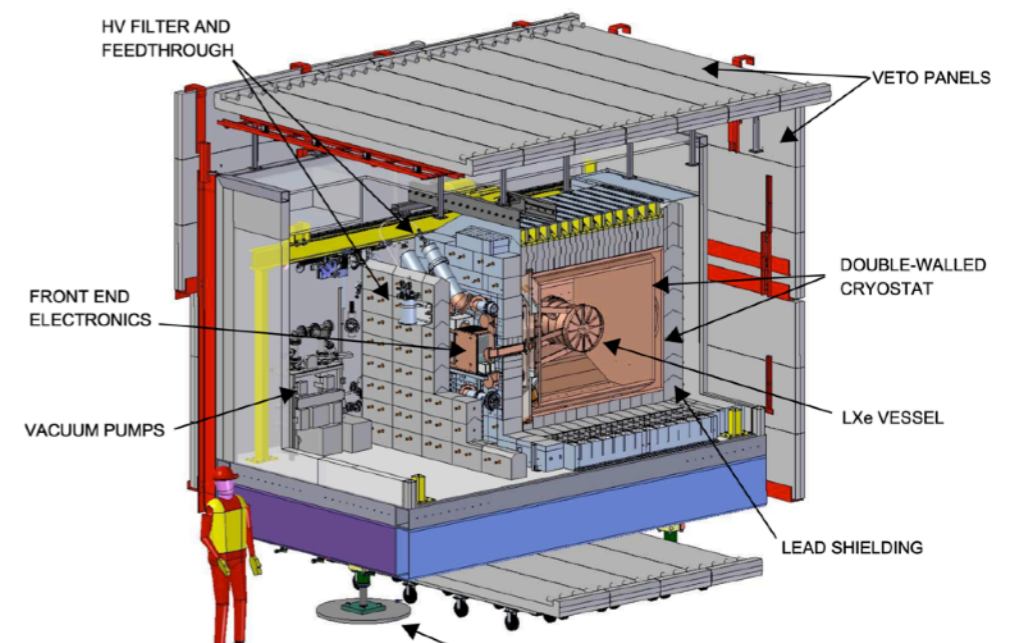
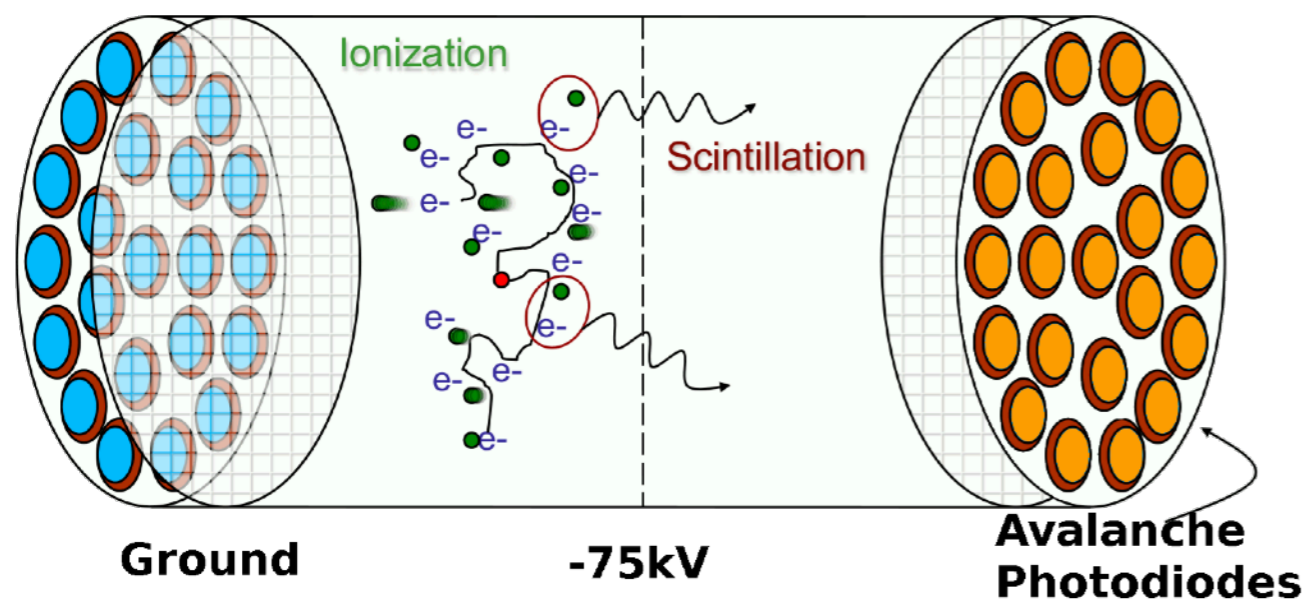


EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES

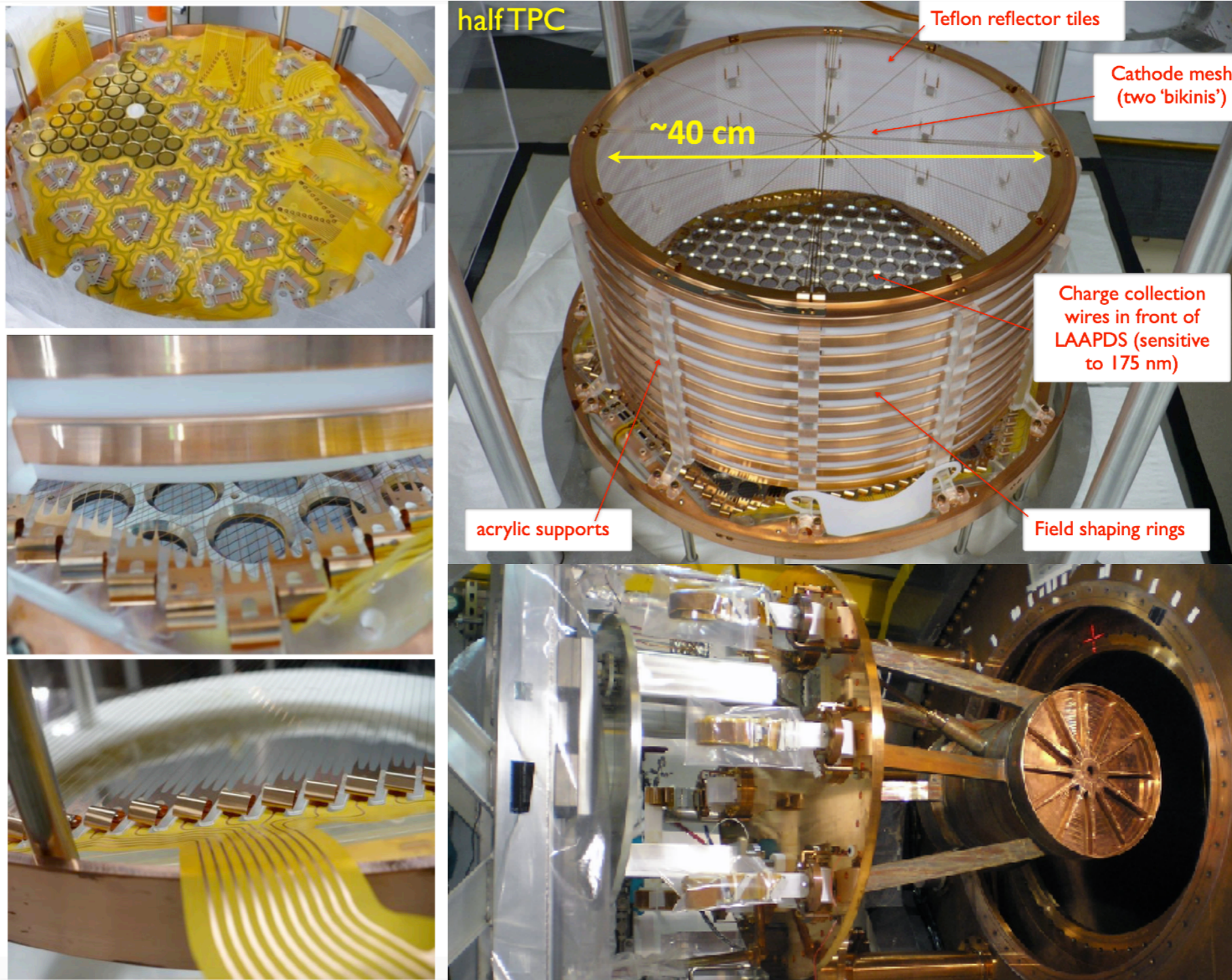


LIQUID XENON TPC: EXO-200

- ▶ At Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP, ~1600 m w.e.), took data from, Sept 2011 - Dec 2018, in two phases
- ▶ 175 kg LXe in total, 80.6% enriched in ^{136}Xe ($Q_{\beta\beta} \sim 2.46$ MeV)
- ▶ TPC with two drift regions, each with a radius of 18 cm and drift length of 20 cm; drift field: 380 V/cm (phase I) and 567 V/cm (phase II)
- ▶ Two measurements of energy deposited in event
 - ▶ Scintillation light (178 nm), by large avalanche photo-diodes (APDs)
 - ▶ Ionization charge, by 2 wire grids (induction and collection)
- ▶ TPC enclosed by a radio-pure, thin-walled Cu vessel in cryofluid, surrounded by passive shielding and an active muon veto system

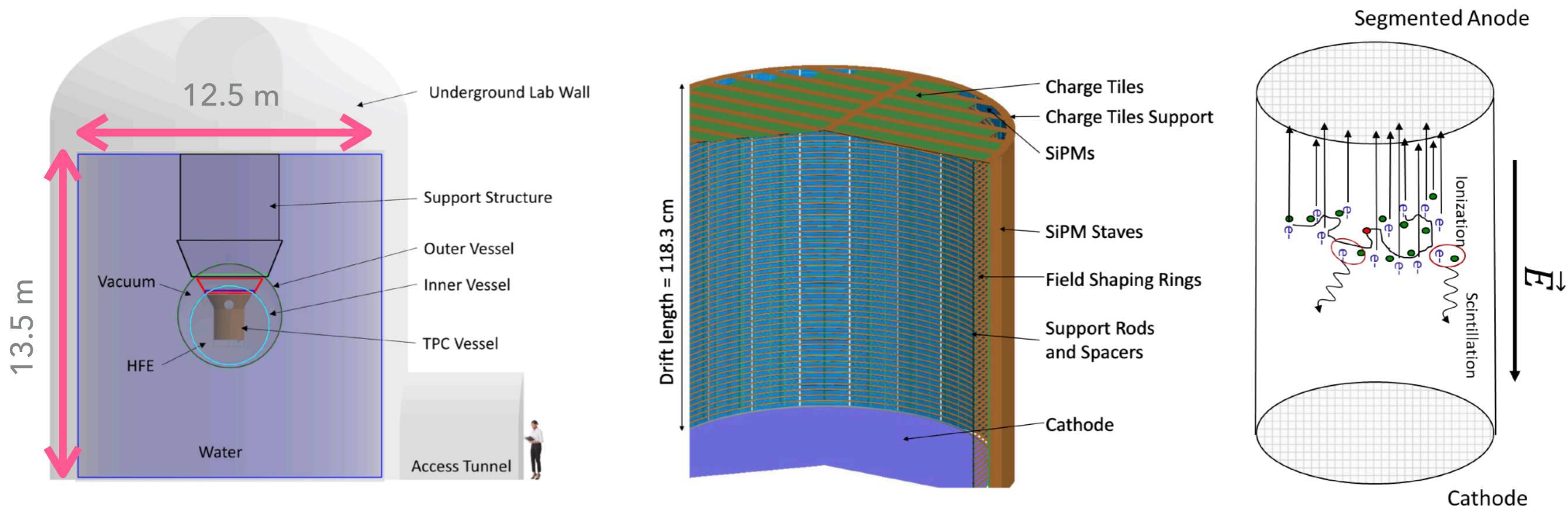


LIQUID XENON TPC: EXO-200



LIQUID XENON TPC: THE nEXO EXPERIMENT

- ▶ TPC filled with enriched xenon, surrounded by 33 t of hydro-fluoro ether (HFE) as thermal bath and radiation shield; thin-walled, electro-formed Cu cryostat, water Cherenkov muon veto
- ▶ TPC vessel: Cu cylinder with 127.7 cm height & \varnothing with 4.8 t (3.65 t) contained (active) Xe
- ▶ Charge: collected at the anode by ~ 3800 Channels in 120x10cm tiles
- ▶ Scintillation light: collected by SiPM arrays arranged in a barrel configuration ~ 7700 channels over 4.6m²
- ▶ Combine both for $<1\%$ energy resolution at $Q_{\beta\beta}$



SUMMARY

- ▶ Neutrino and DM experiments exploring New Frontiers with Noble Liquids
- ▶ Technological challenges boost synergies in noble liquid experiments:
 - ▶ Time projection chambers (TPCs) for particle tracking and interaction visualization
 - ▶ Light and charge signal detection for particle identification and energy measurement
 - ▶ Cryogenic systems for noble liquid handling and purification
 - ▶ Data analysis, calibration and background reduction techniques
- ▶ Ever-growing community fostering innovation:
 - ▶ Many more developments for CEvNS, $0\nu\beta\beta$, low-mass DM, ...
 - ▶ R&D to bring the full potential of these great detectors!

⇒ *several topics not covered here*