



XLZD: Ultimate WIMP Dark Matter Search



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地下から解き明かす宇宙の歴史と物質の進化
Unraveling the History of the Universe and Matter Evolution with Underground Physics



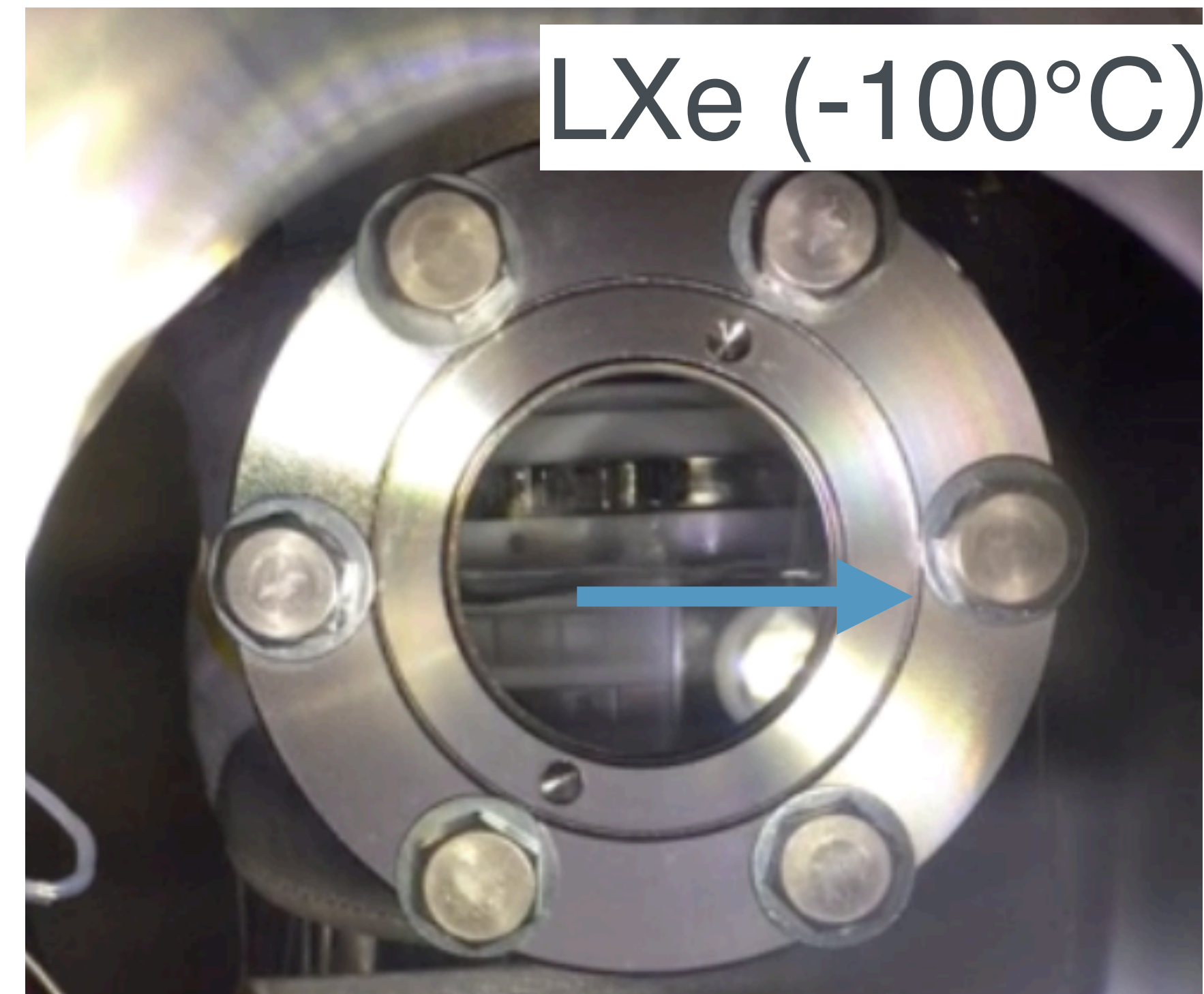
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Internal Workshop on "Double Beta Decay and Underground Science"

Liquid Xenon

	Z(A)	Boiling Point at 1 atm [K]	Density [g/cm ³]	ionization [e-/keV]	scintillation [photon/keV]
Ar	18(40)	87.3	1.40	42	40
Xe	54(131)	165	3.06	64	46

- -100 °C (173 K)
- High-density rare gas liquid
- High light/charge yield





Xenon Isotopes

^{124}Xe	^{126}Xe	^{128}Xe	^{129}Xe	^{130}Xe	^{131}Xe	^{132}Xe	^{134}Xe	^{136}Xe
0.10%	0.09%	1.92%	26.4%	4.07%	21.2%	26.9%	10.4%	8.87%

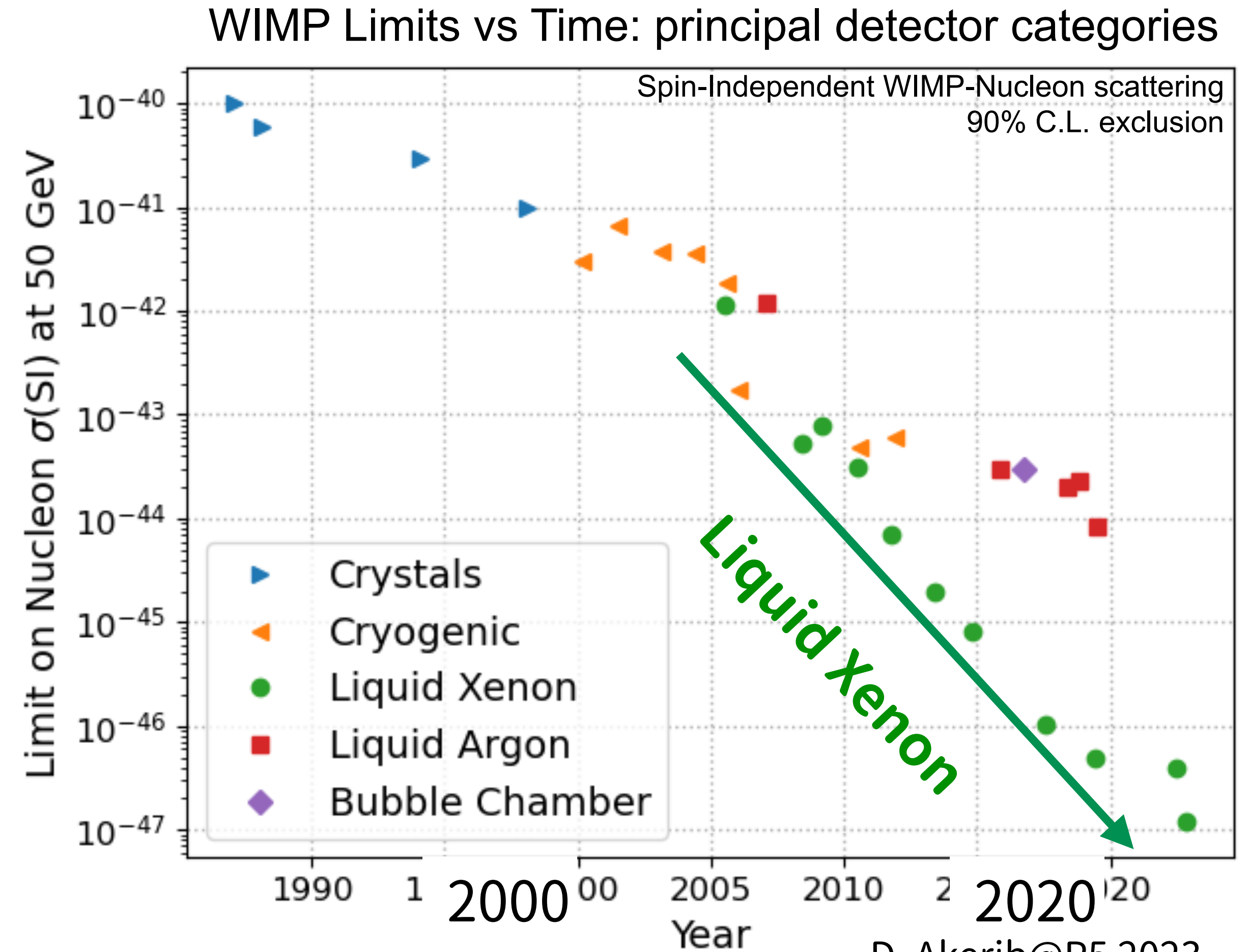
- Both **spin-independent** and **spin-dependent** WIMP DM search (**half-half**)
- ^{124}Xe **double electron capture** isotope ($T_{1/2} \sim 10^{22}$ y)
 - **the longest half-life ever measured directly**
- ^{136}Xe **$0\nu\beta\beta$** decay
- No long-lived isotopes except ^{124}Xe and ^{136}Xe
- **Enrich or depleted** gases are possible.
 - e.g. Y. Suzuki arXiv:0008296



History of Direct WIMP Dark Matter Search

Liquid-gas double phase Xe Time Projection Chamber

- Scalability, **large mass** (tonne scale)
- **Self-shielding**: High $Z(=54)$ and density ($\sim 3\text{g/cm}^3$)
- **Easy purification** in gas and liquid phase, even during science run
- **Particle identification** of electronic recoils and nuclear recoils
- **Low** energy threshold



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The XLZD Consortium

- **LZ** and **XENONnT** are operating and leading experiments
- **DARWIN**: planned after the XENON program. R&D and design studies for next-generation LXe TPC.
- Formed by
 - **XENONnT** + **LUX-ZEPLIN** + **DARWIN**

2021 XENON/DARWIN, LUX-ZEPLIN meeting
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1028794/>

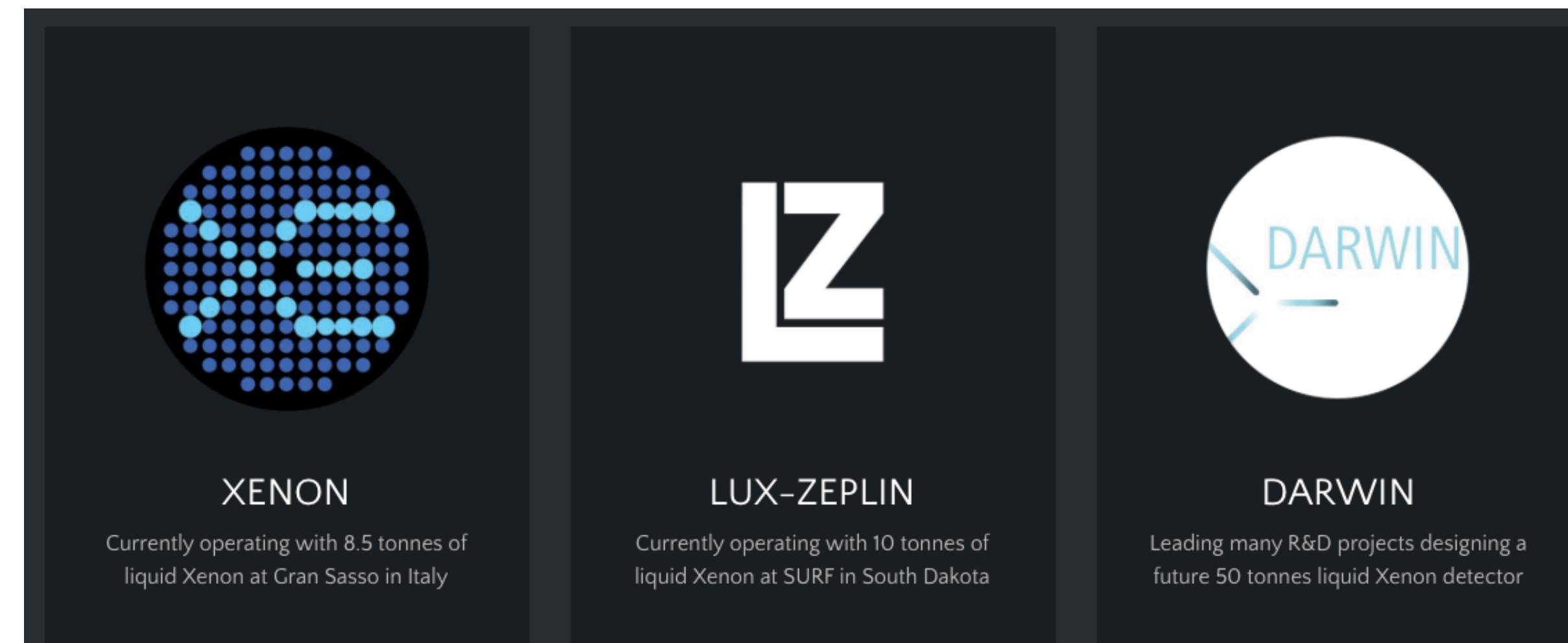
2021 **MOU signed**: 16 countries, 104 scientists

2022 1st Summer Meeting at **KIT in Germany**

2023 2nd meeting at **UCLA**

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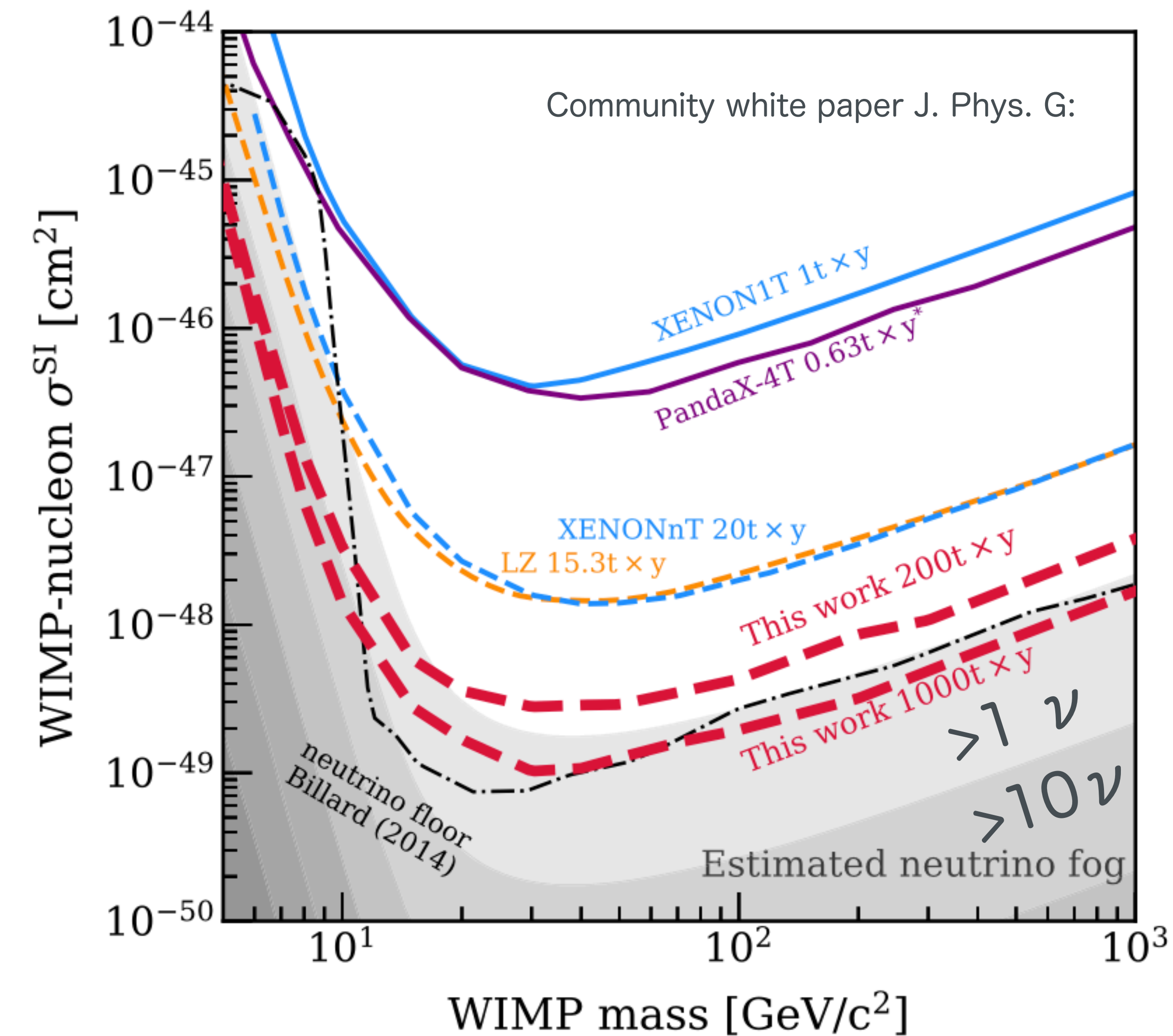
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Topical Review	
A next-generation liquid xenon observatory for dark matter and neutrino physics	





XLZD: WIMP Sensitivity

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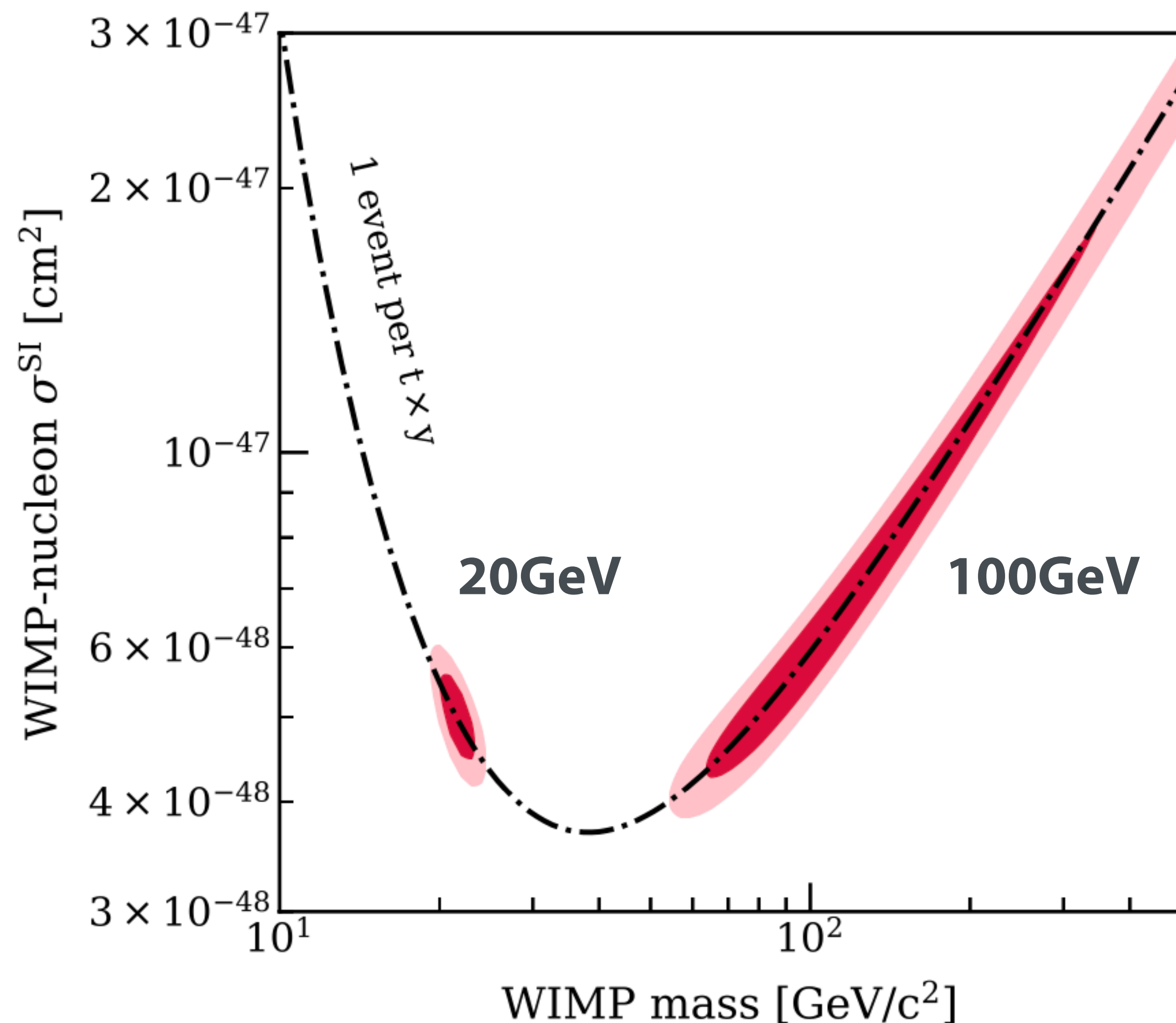
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Mass and Cross Section



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 - Example discovery contours
 - 1000 t X y exposure

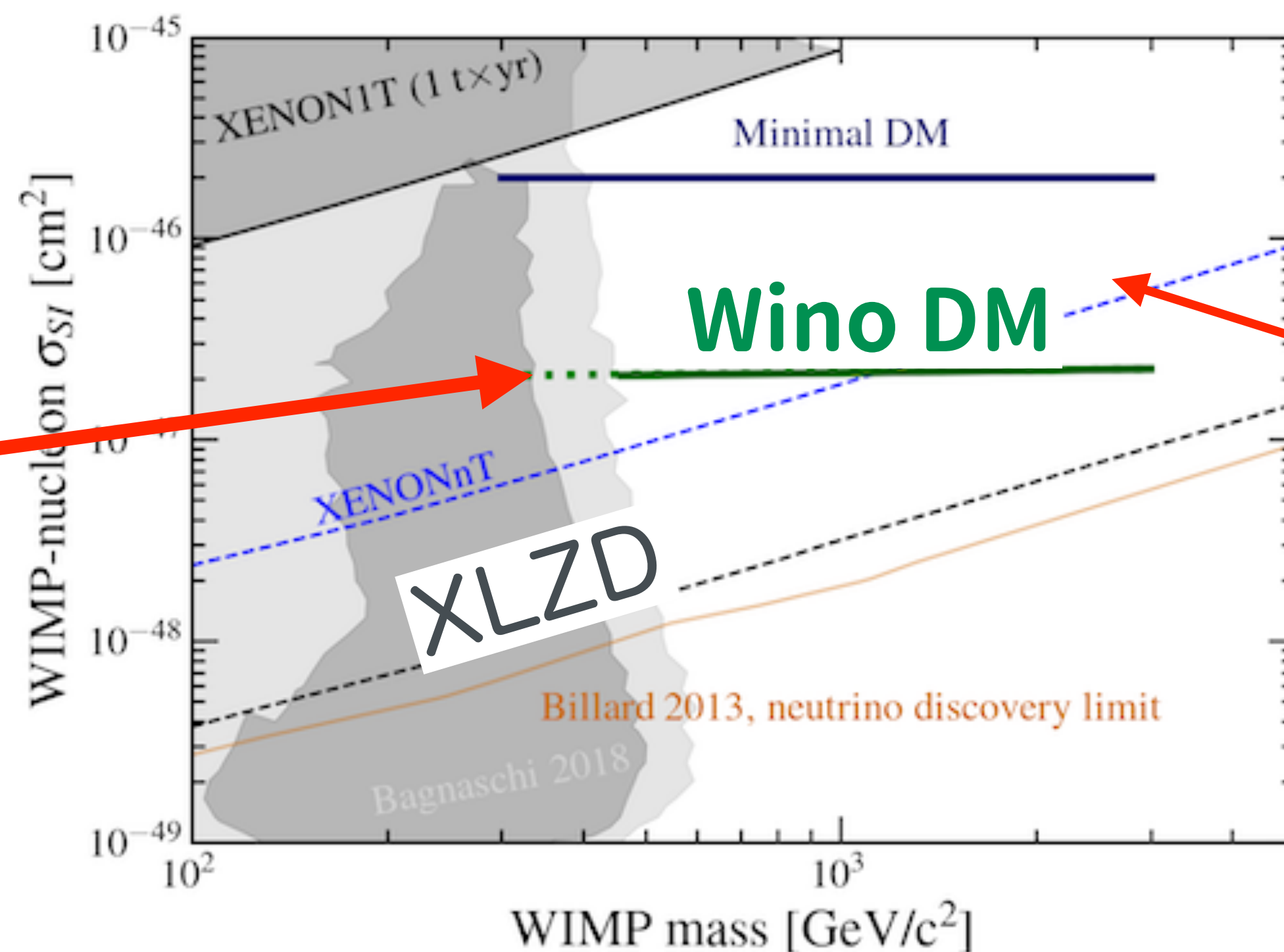
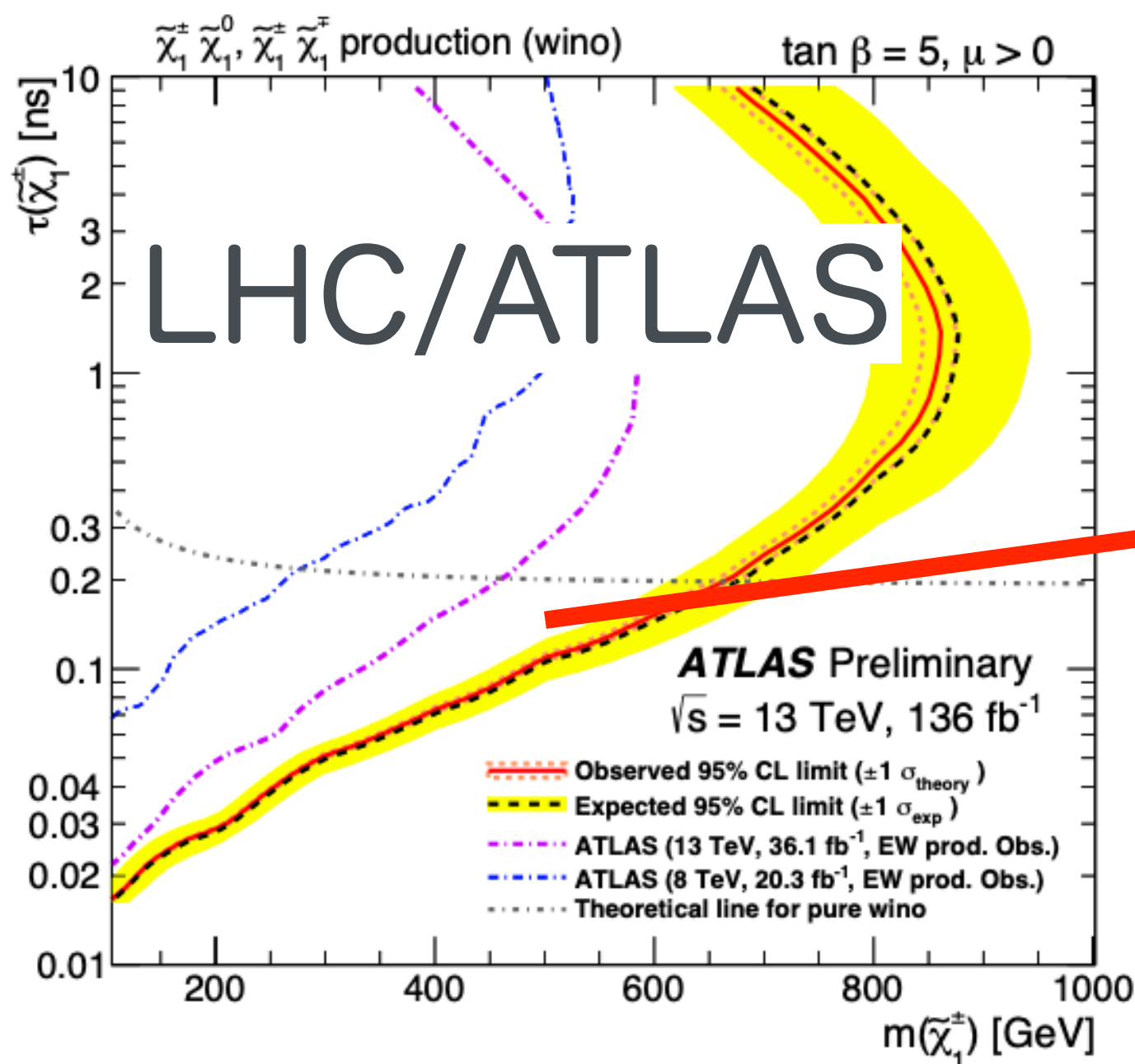


WIMP DM Search in 2020'-2030'

'minimal dark matter' scenario

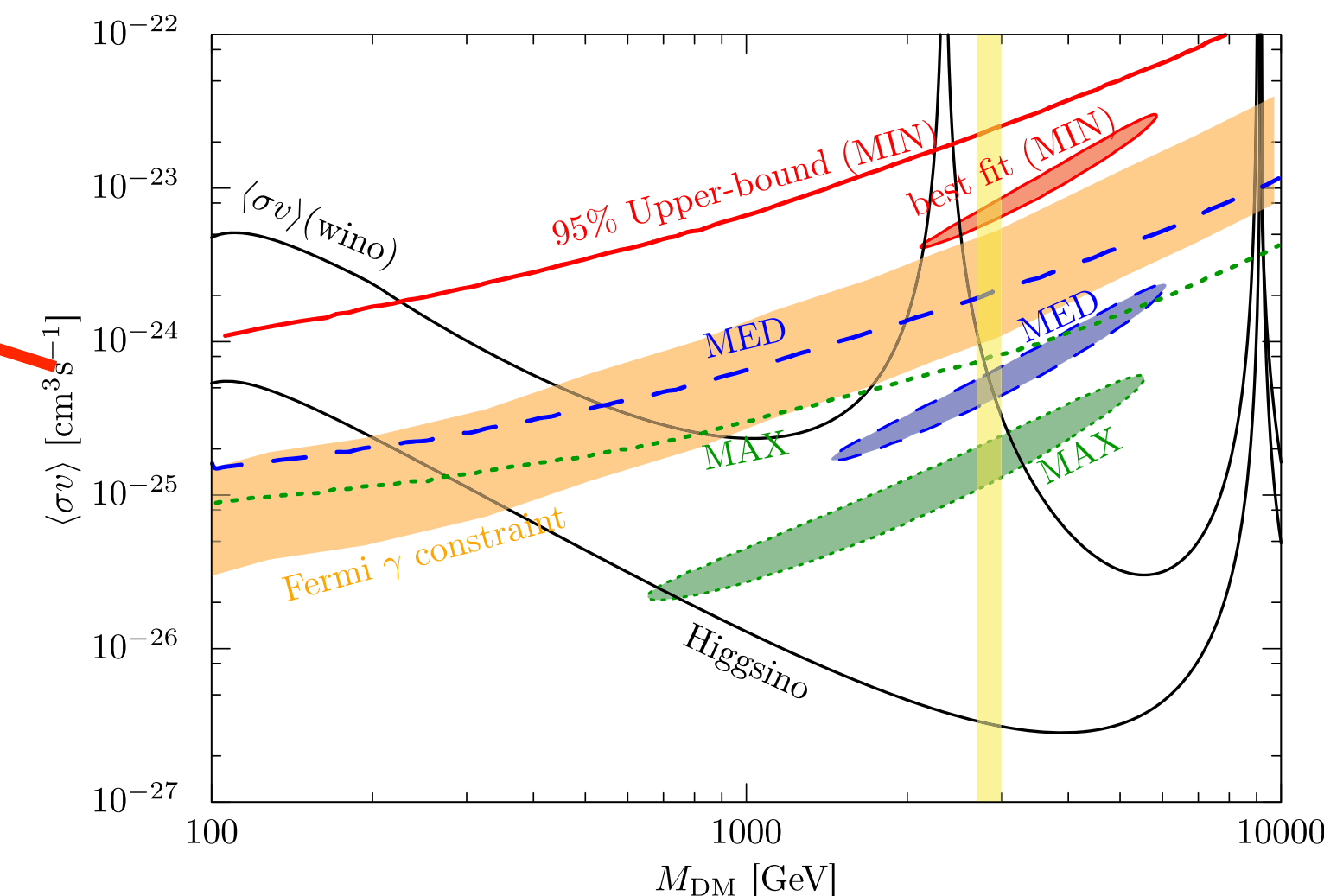
(almost) Wino DM

- the lightest member of an **electroweak multiplet**
- a **very predictive** and simple model ($2 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$)



CTA(Indirect)

IBE *et al.*



(a)

Minimal DM, almost pure Wino

-> Hisano, Ishiwata, Nagata JHEP06(2015)097

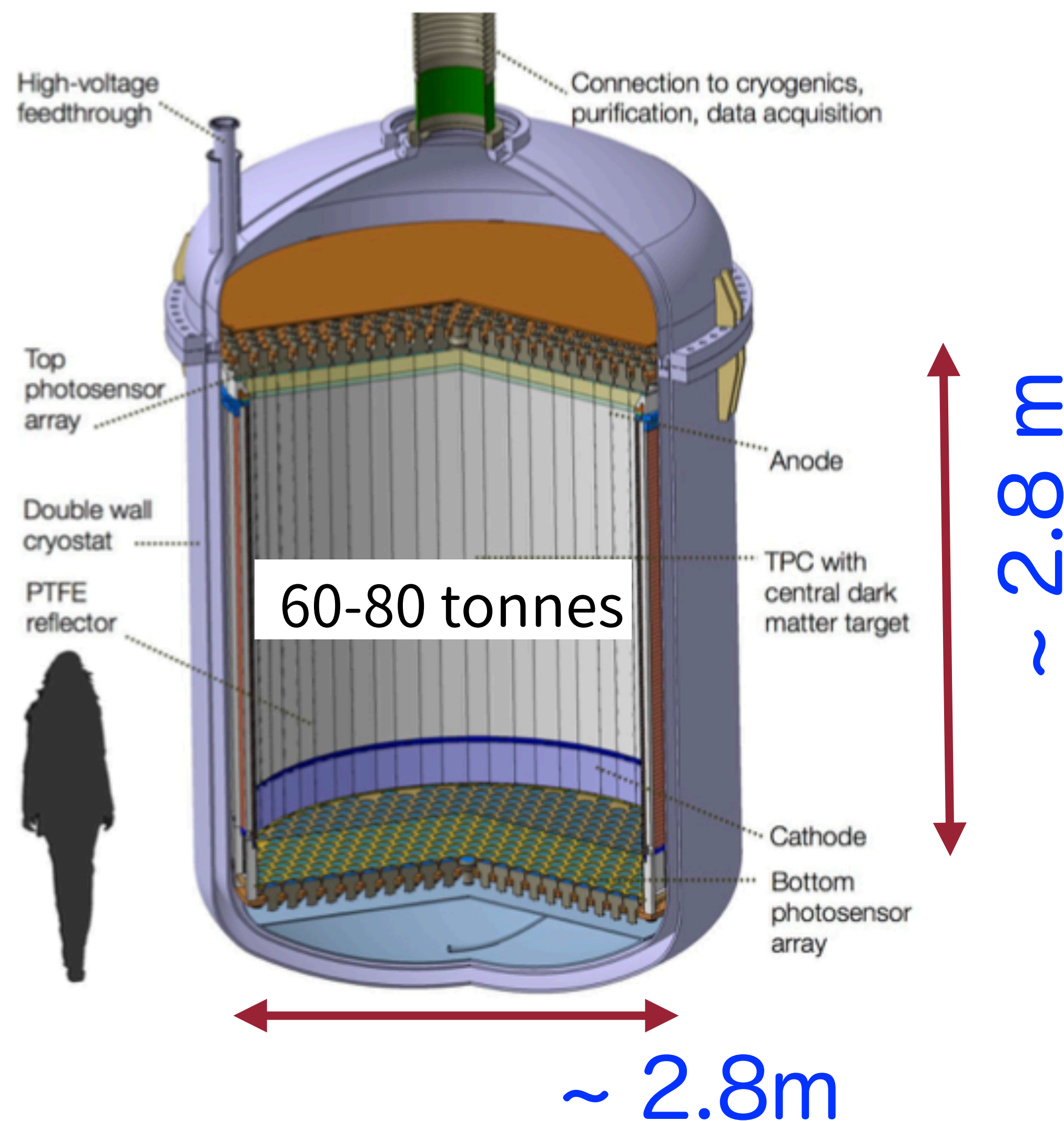
Collider, Indirect, Direct Search Complementarity



Detector: Liquid Xenon Time Projection Chamber

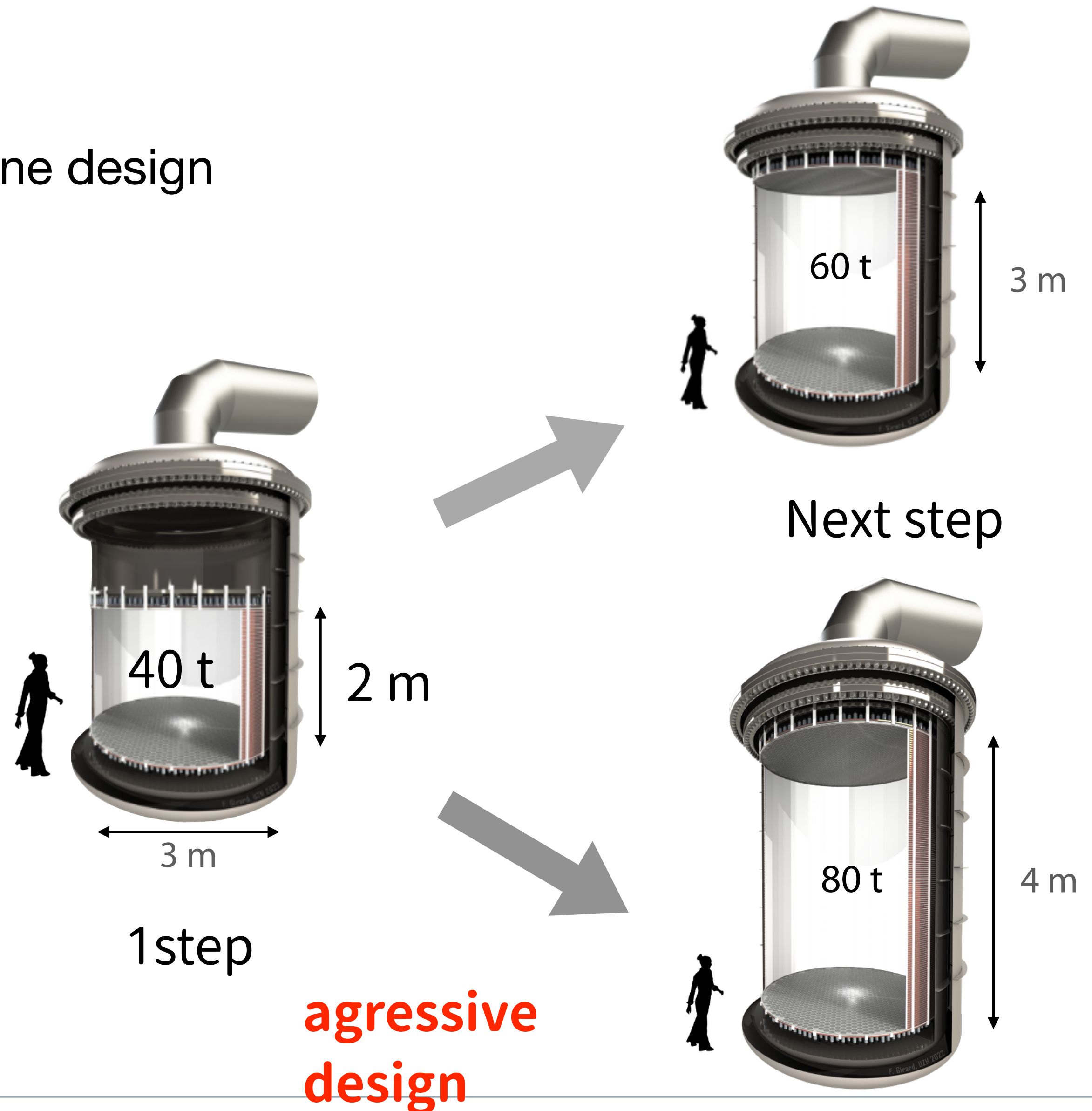
- **Largest xenon observatory for rare events**

- The design is based on the **mature technology** of current-generation LXe TPC and will have opportunities for further optimization of the individual detector components.
- ~ **3 m** diameter and drift length
- Target Mass: **60-80 tonnes** LXe
- limited by the xenon gas market

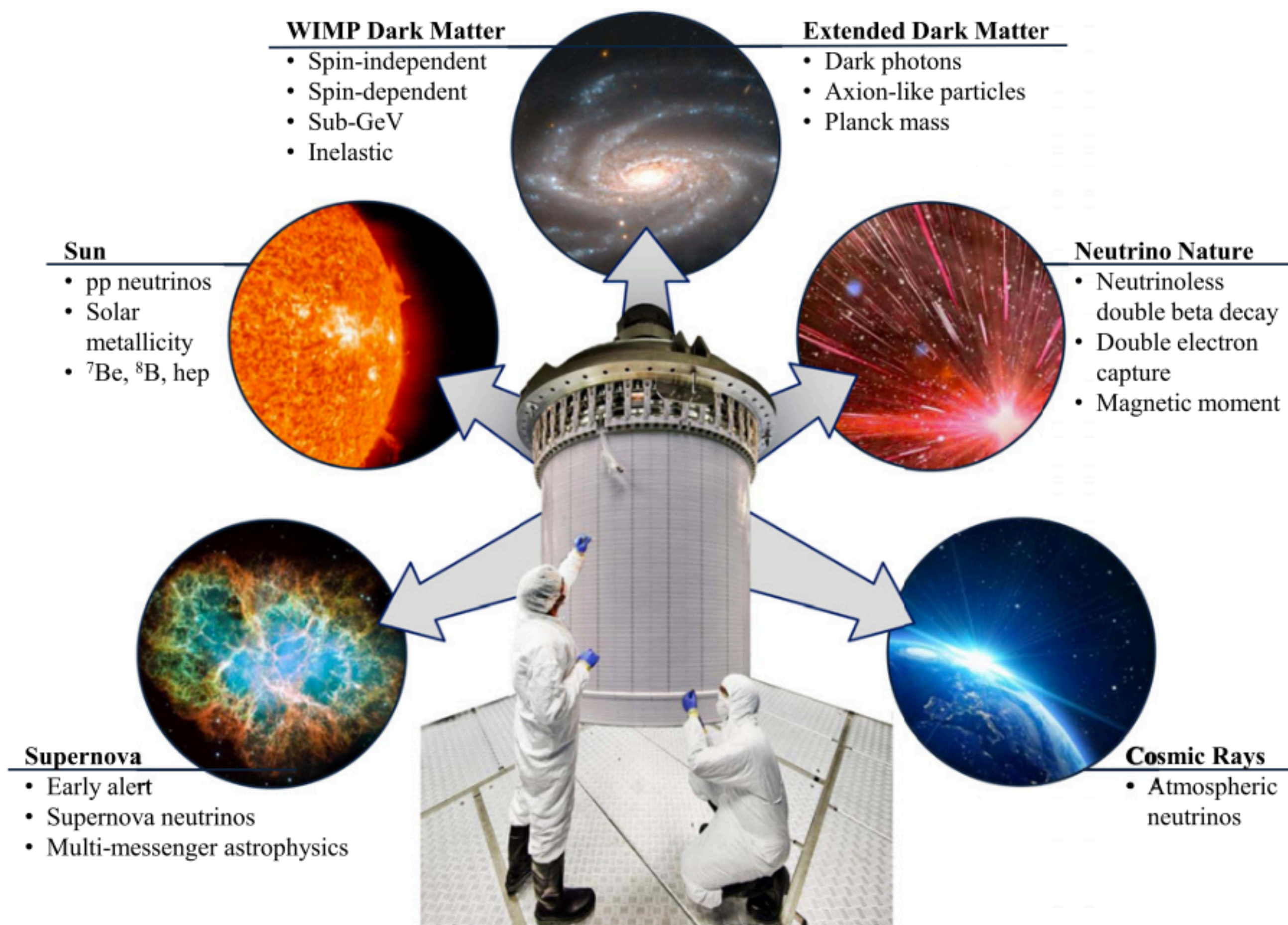


A staged approach

- Use 60 t diameter (~3 m in 1:1 ratio) as baseline design
- First phase:
 - 40 t, shallow detector
 - Build infrastructure for taller detectors (cryostat, water tank, etc.)
 - 5 years run time
 - Technical demonstration and early dark matter result
- Main phase:
 - >10 years operation
 - Full science reach
 - Ultimate size depending on xenon availability
 - **Nominal**, 60 t, 1:1 ratio
 - **Opportunity**, 80 t, tall detector



Science: Multi-purpose observatory

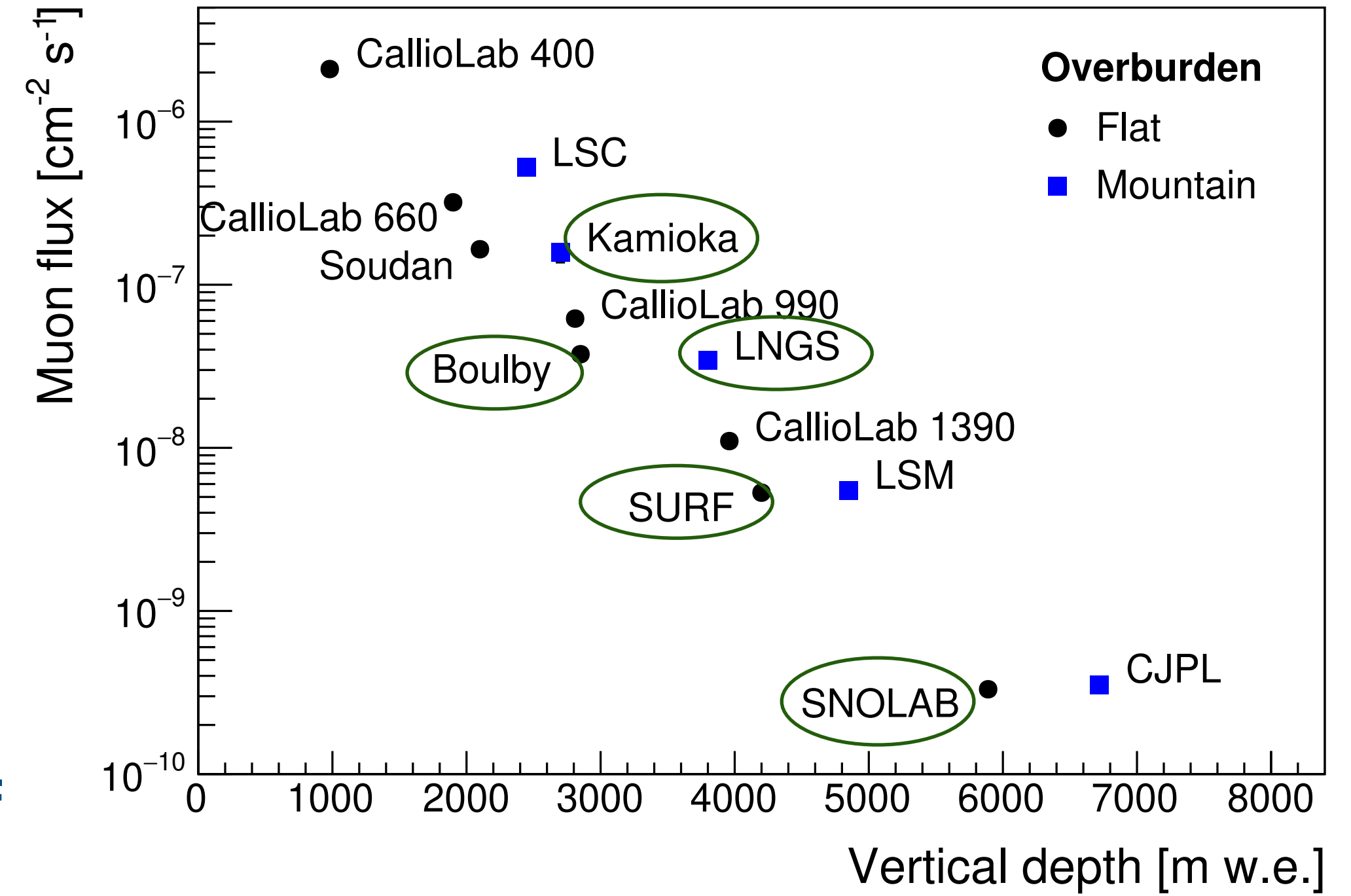


- **WIMP** measurement is the primary goal
- Opportunity to be competitive in $0\nu\beta\beta$
- **Other DM candidates**
(Light WIMPs, Axions, ALPs, Dark Photons, etc)
- **Neutrino physics**
 - Solar neutrinos (model, properties)
 - Supernovae

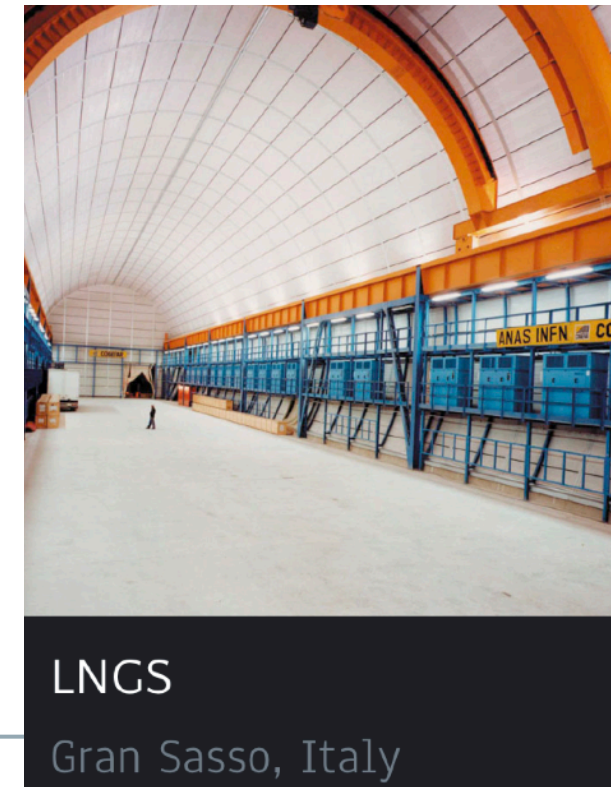


XLZD Siting

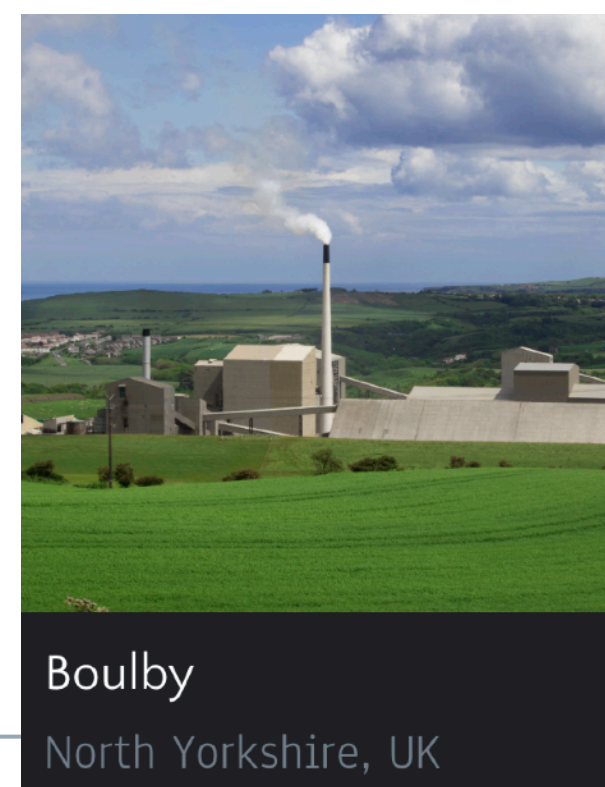
- 5 candidate sites for hosting XLZD
Kamioka, LNGS, Boulby, SURF, SNOLAB
- Well know laboratories have proven support capability for state-of-the-art experiments
- XLZD will require:
 - **Low cosmic muon flux to reach science goals**
 - **Significant staging space and UG fabrication capability**
 - **20-25 m diameter cavity: exists (LNGS, Kamioka, SNOLAB), new (Boulby, SURF)**



Kamioka
Japan



LNGS
Gran Sasso, Italy



Boulby
North Yorkshire, UK



SURF
South Dakota, US



SNOLAB
Ontario, Canada

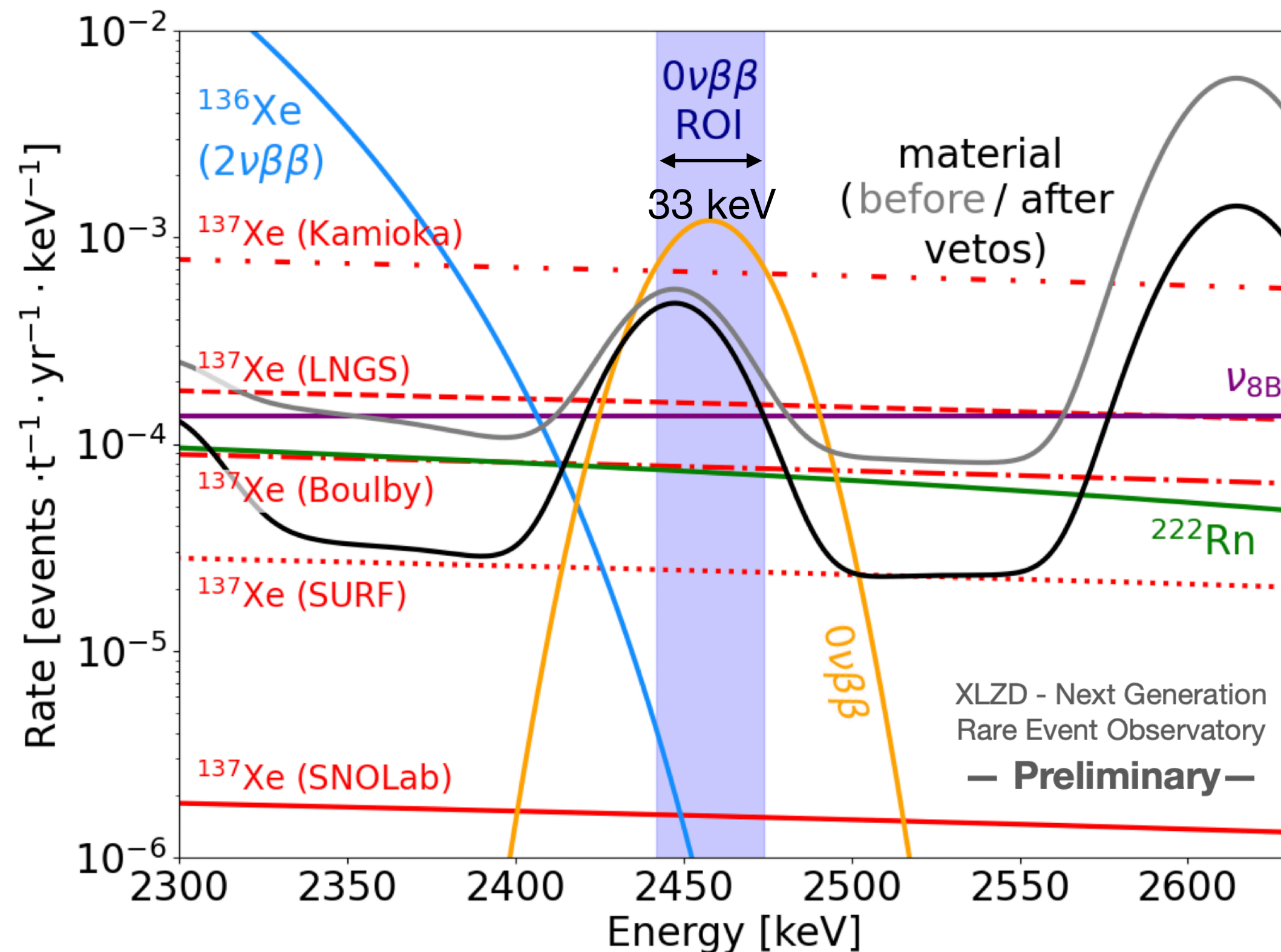


XLZD: ^{136}Xe $0\nu\beta\beta$ Search

- ^{136}Xe $0\nu\beta\beta$ $Q = 2458$ keV
- ^{136}Xe is 8.9% of natural xenon
 - With 80 t target mass, XLZD will contain >7 t of ^{136}Xe
- Xenon TPCs have excellent resolution
 - 0.67% demonstrated in LZ, 0.8% in XENON1T

- **External gamma-ray background**

- ^{214}Bi γ in the ^{238}U chain (2447 keV)
- ^{208}Tl γ in the ^{232}Th chain (2615 keV) — can be highly suppressed by vetoes



- **Internal and intrinsic backgrounds**

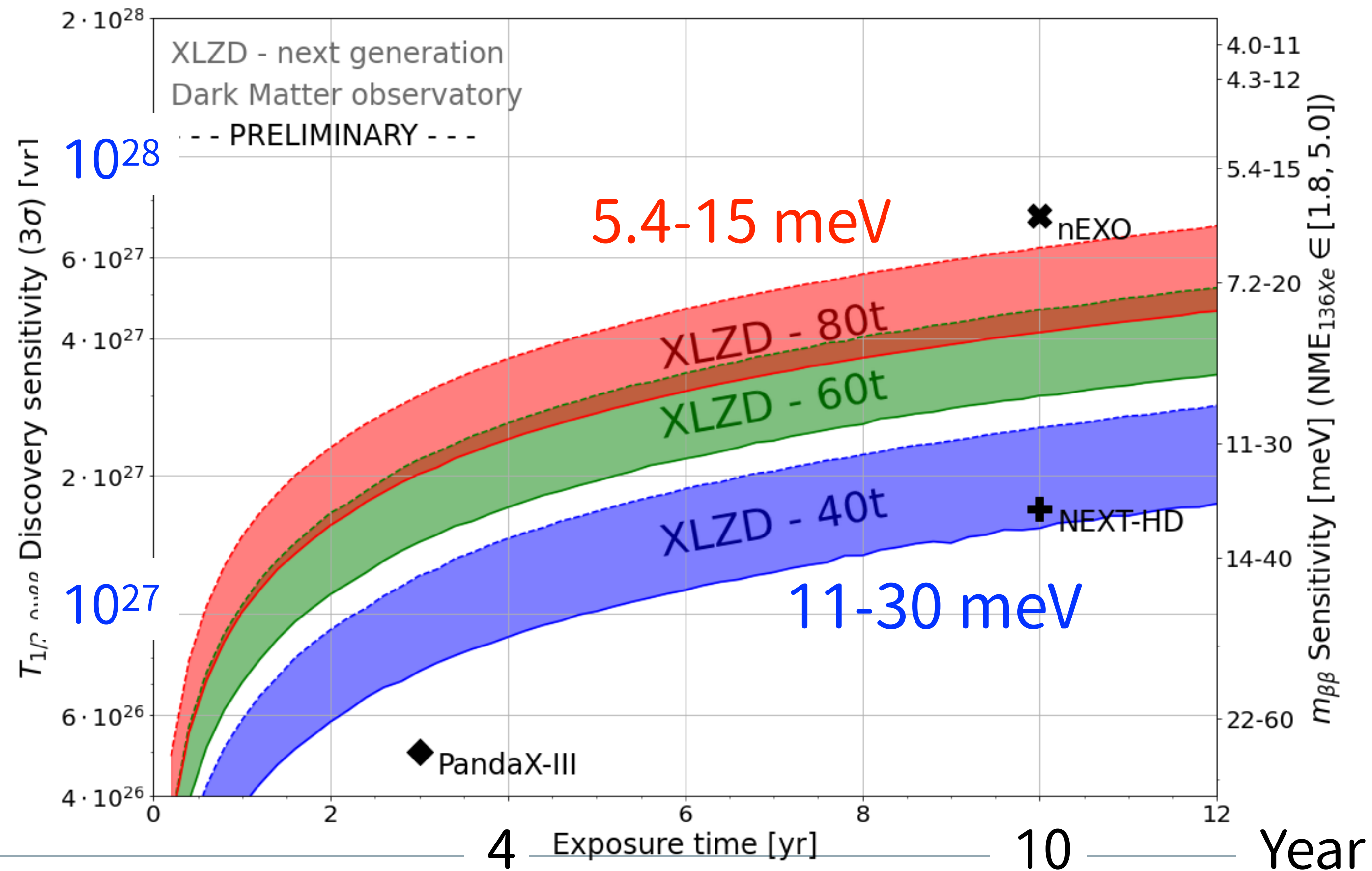
- ^{214}Bi β from ^{222}Rn in the xenon ($Q = 3270$ keV)
 - We assume 0.1 $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$ ^{222}Rn rate and $>99.95\%$ BiPo tagging
- ^{137}Xe β ($Q = 4170$ keV), neutron activation of ^{136}Xe
 - Mostly by muon-induced neutrons, depending on the installation site
- Electron recoils from ν - e^- scattering (^8B), irreducible

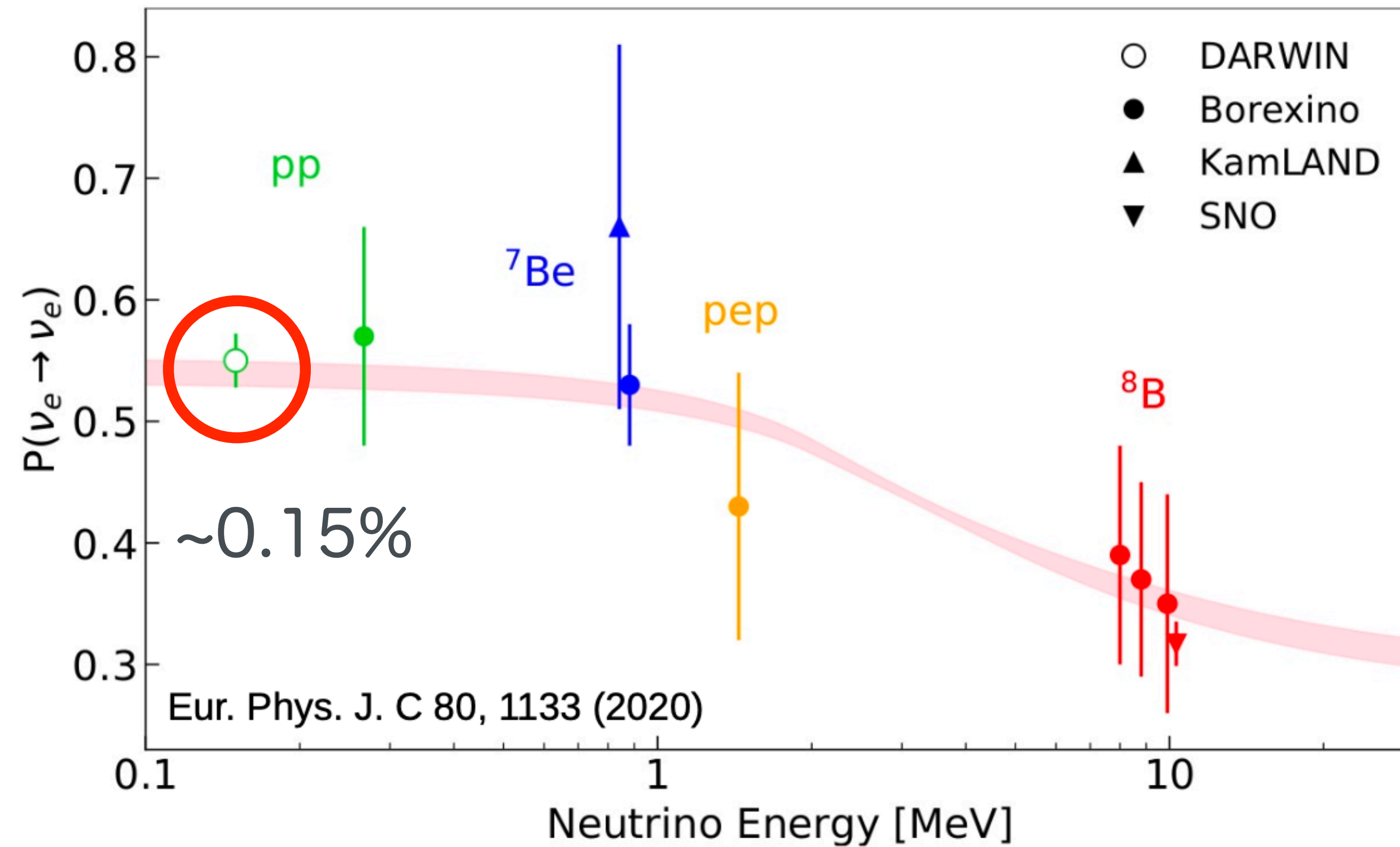


XLZD: ^{136}Xe $0\nu\beta\beta$ Search

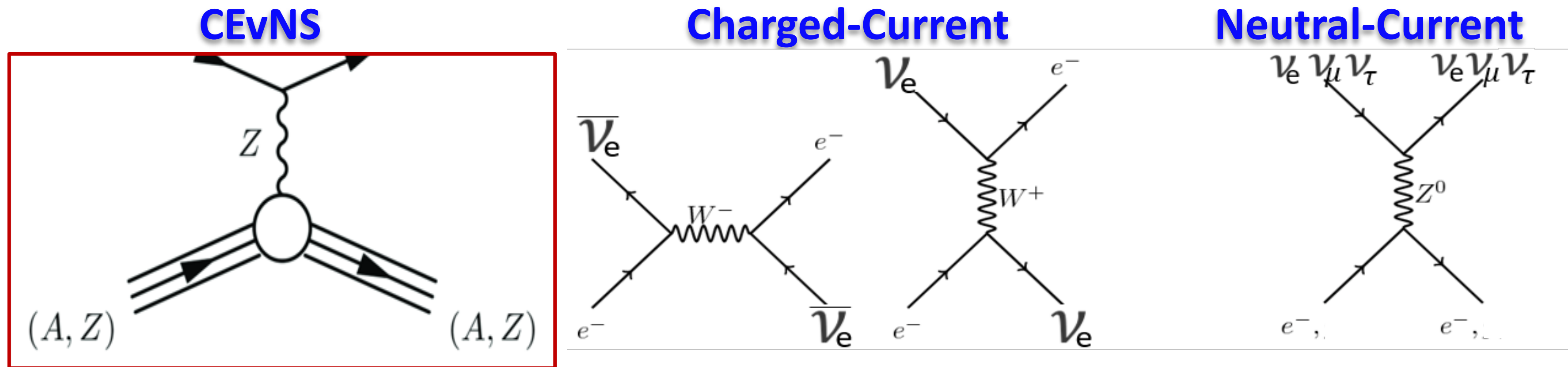
Sensitivity Study

Bands cover the range between current TPC performance and backgrounds (lower) and more progressive assumptions (upper)





- Neutrinos (solar model, neutrino properties)
 - **High statistics pp neutrino measurement**
 - **Neutrino survival probability** at high (5-15 MeV) and very low energies
 - Test the LMA-MSW solution to neutrino oscillations
 - **Neutrino magnetic moment**



Sub-dominant for SN neutrinos

At low energies, scattering cross-section is *coherently* enhanced by the square of the nucleus's neutron number

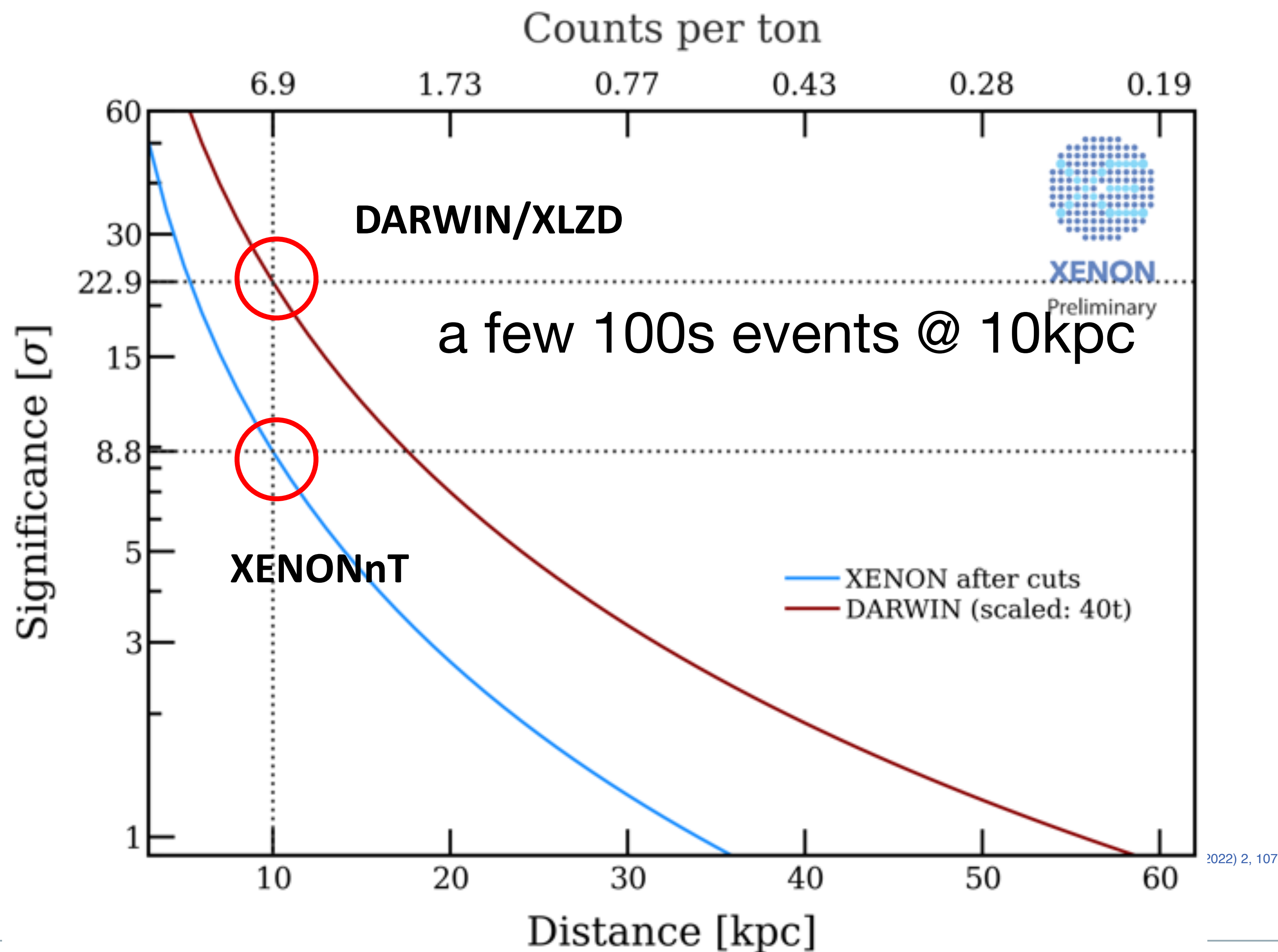
$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = N_T \int_{E_V^{min}}^{E_V^{max}} \frac{d\Phi}{dE_V} \frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} dE_V$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} (N - Z (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_w))^2 m_N \left(1 - \frac{m_N E_R}{2E_V^2}\right) F^2(E_R)$$



XLZD: Supernova neutrino

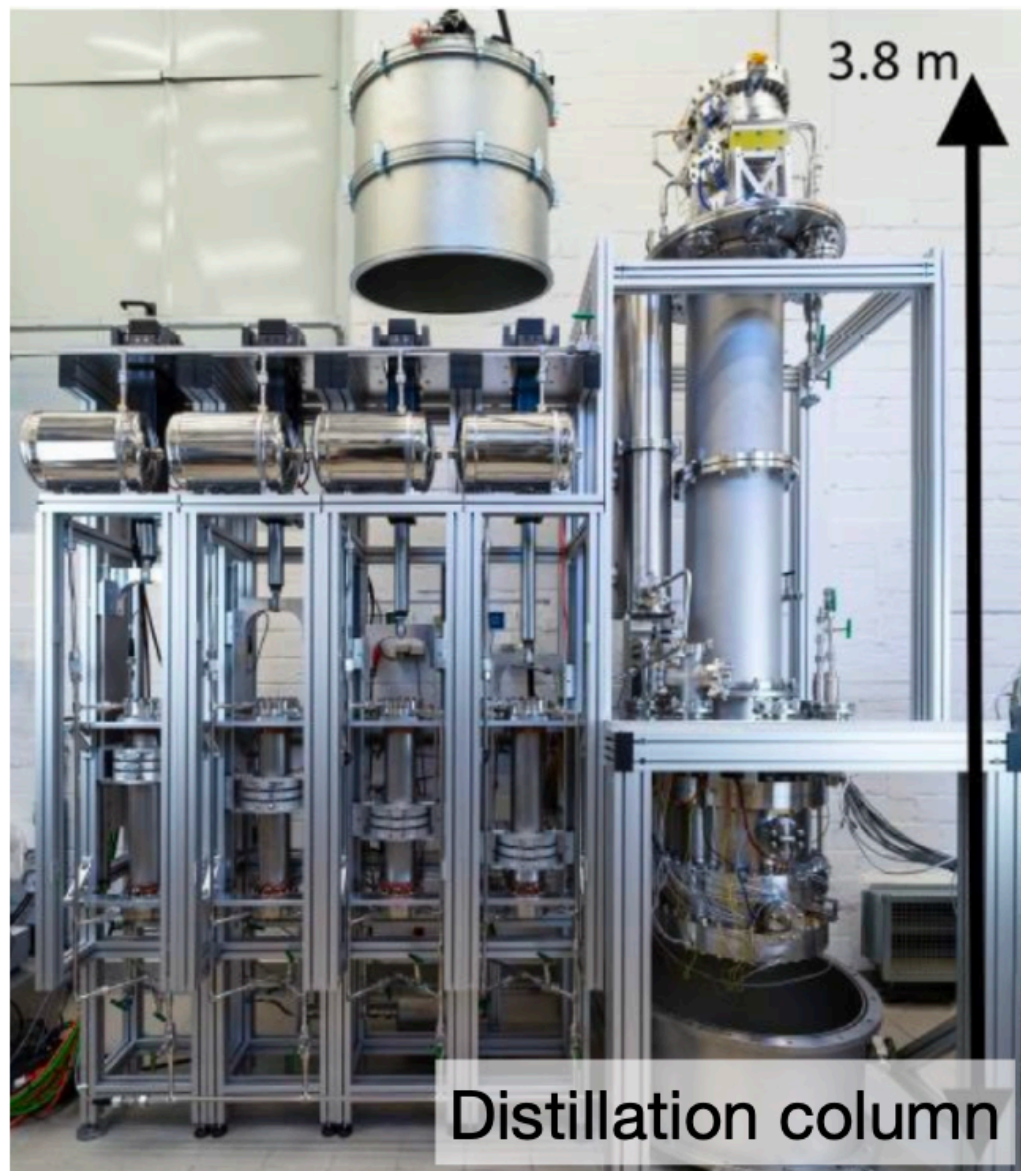
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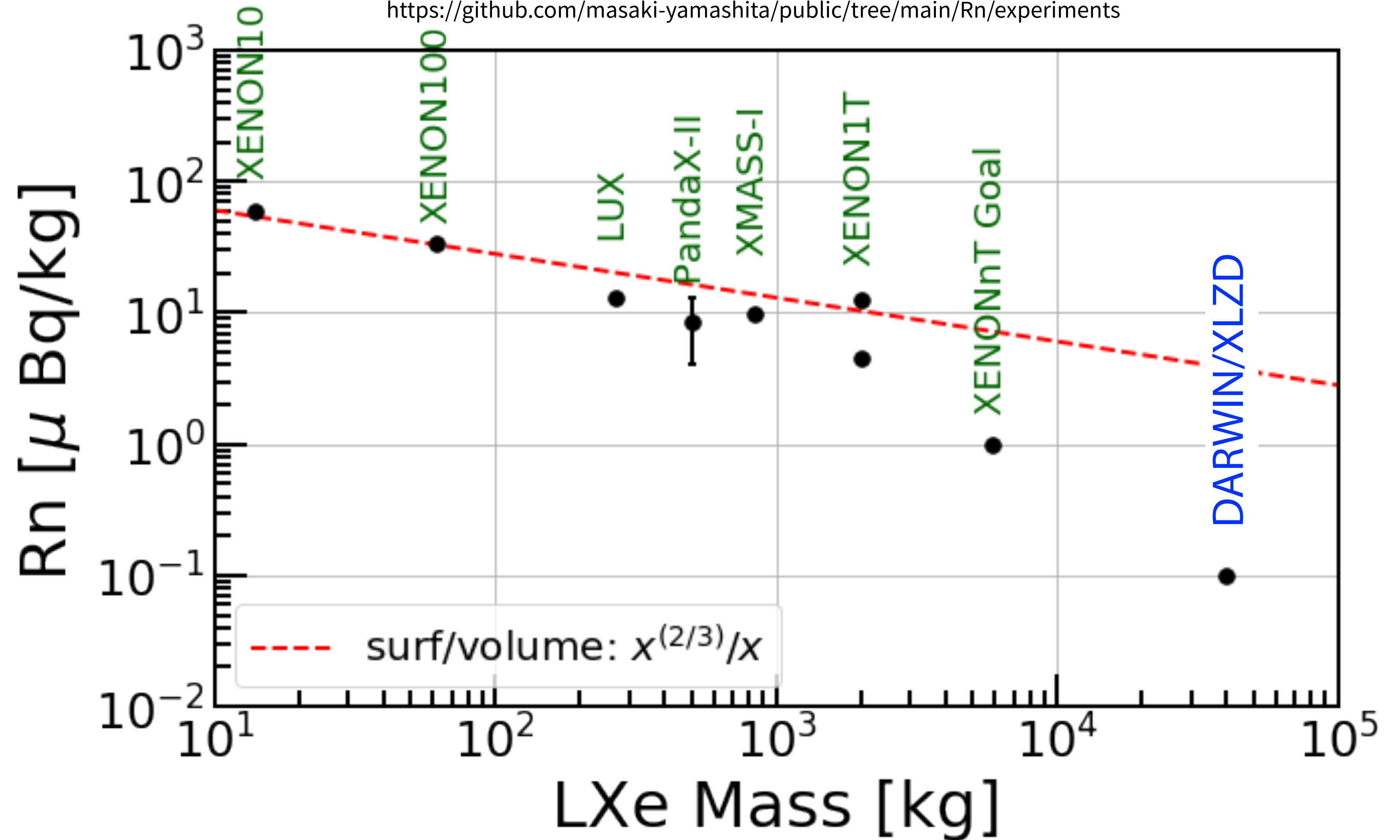
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Technology toward Ultimate detector

- Radon/Krypton distillation (XENONnT)
- $^{222}\text{Rn} / < 1 \text{ uBq/kg}$
- $^{85}\text{Kr} < \text{ppt}$



<https://github.com/masaki-yamashita/public/tree/main/Rn/experiments>

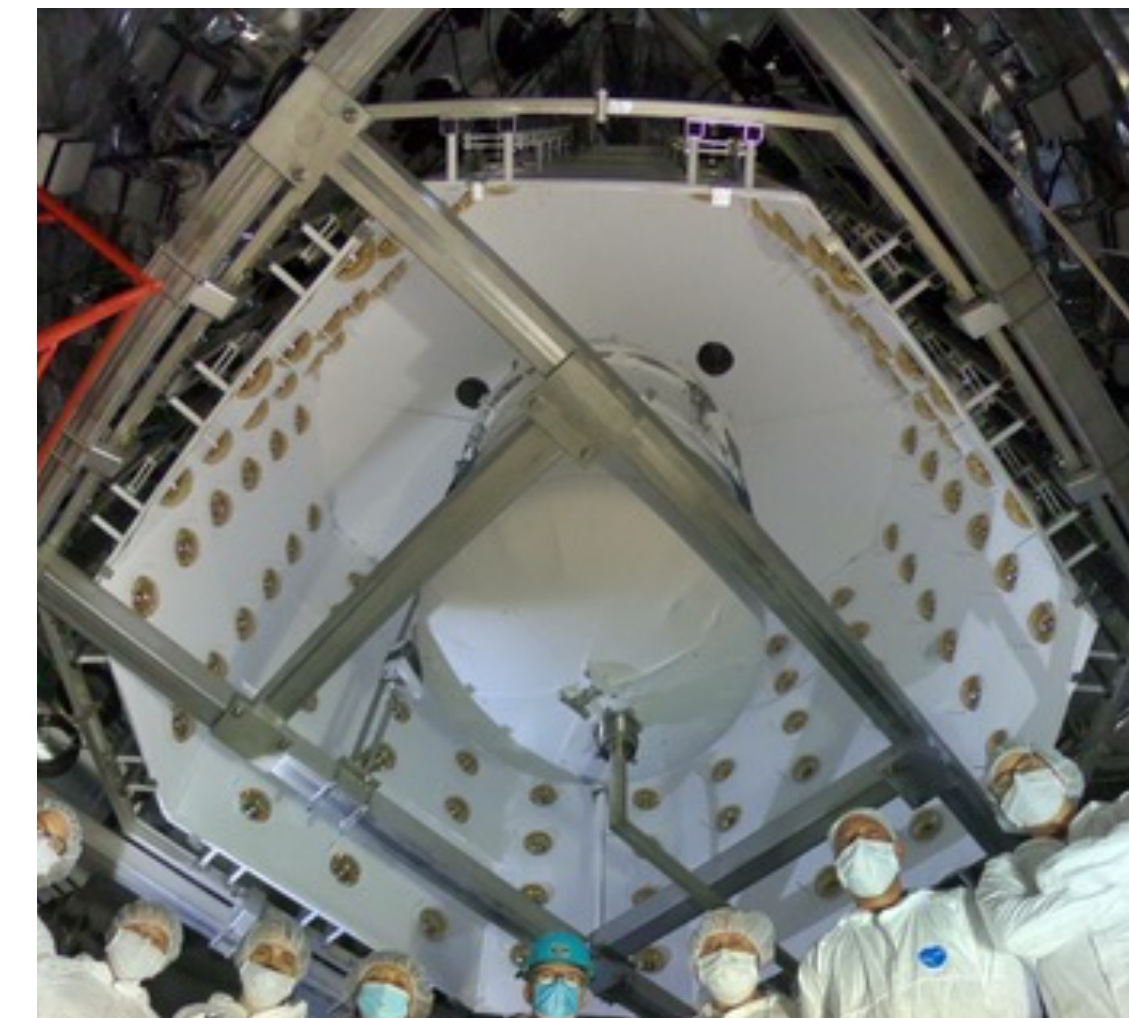
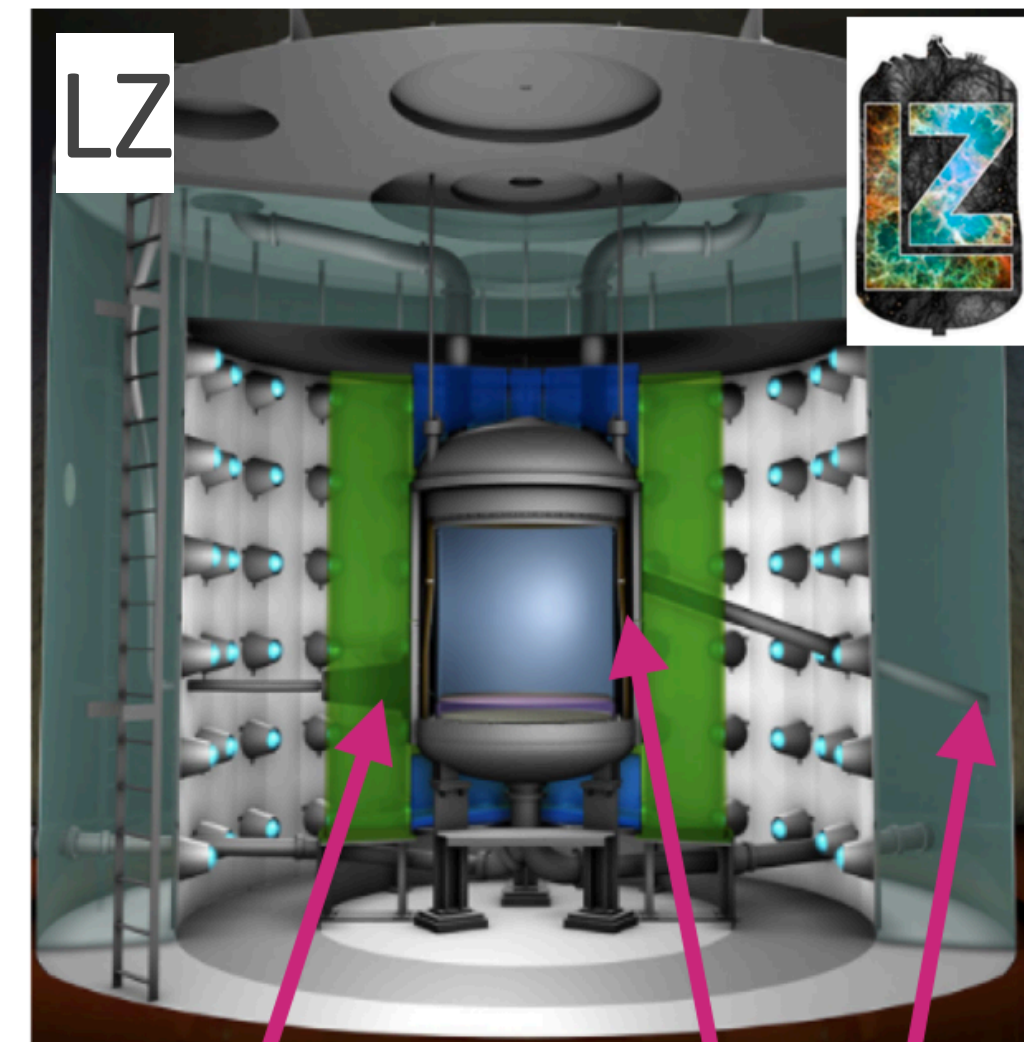
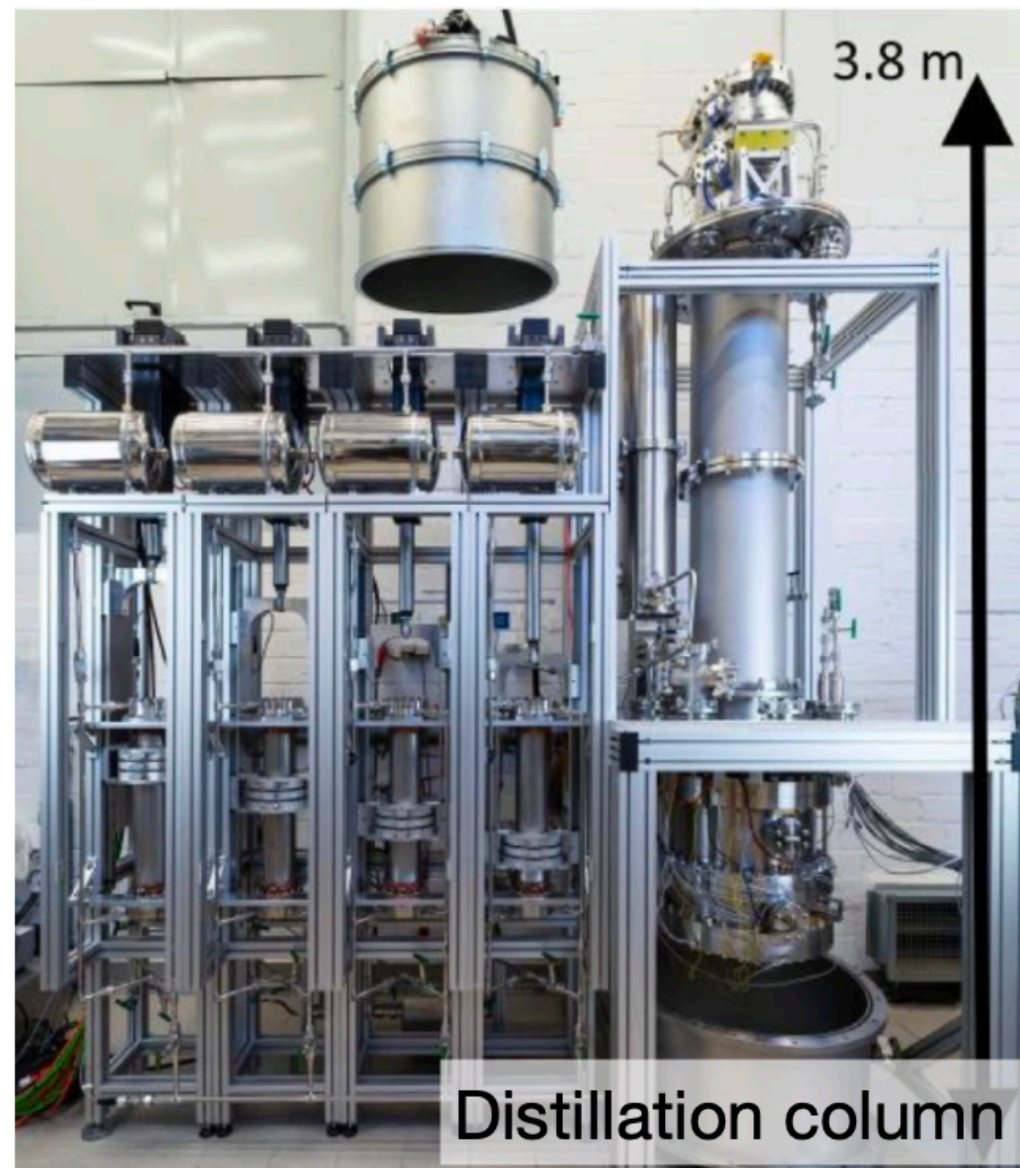


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- LXePUR (XENONnT)
- Liquid phase purification
- $> 15 \text{ ms}$ electron lifetime
- $\Rightarrow \sim 15 \text{ m}$ drift length

- gamma Veto
- neutron Veto

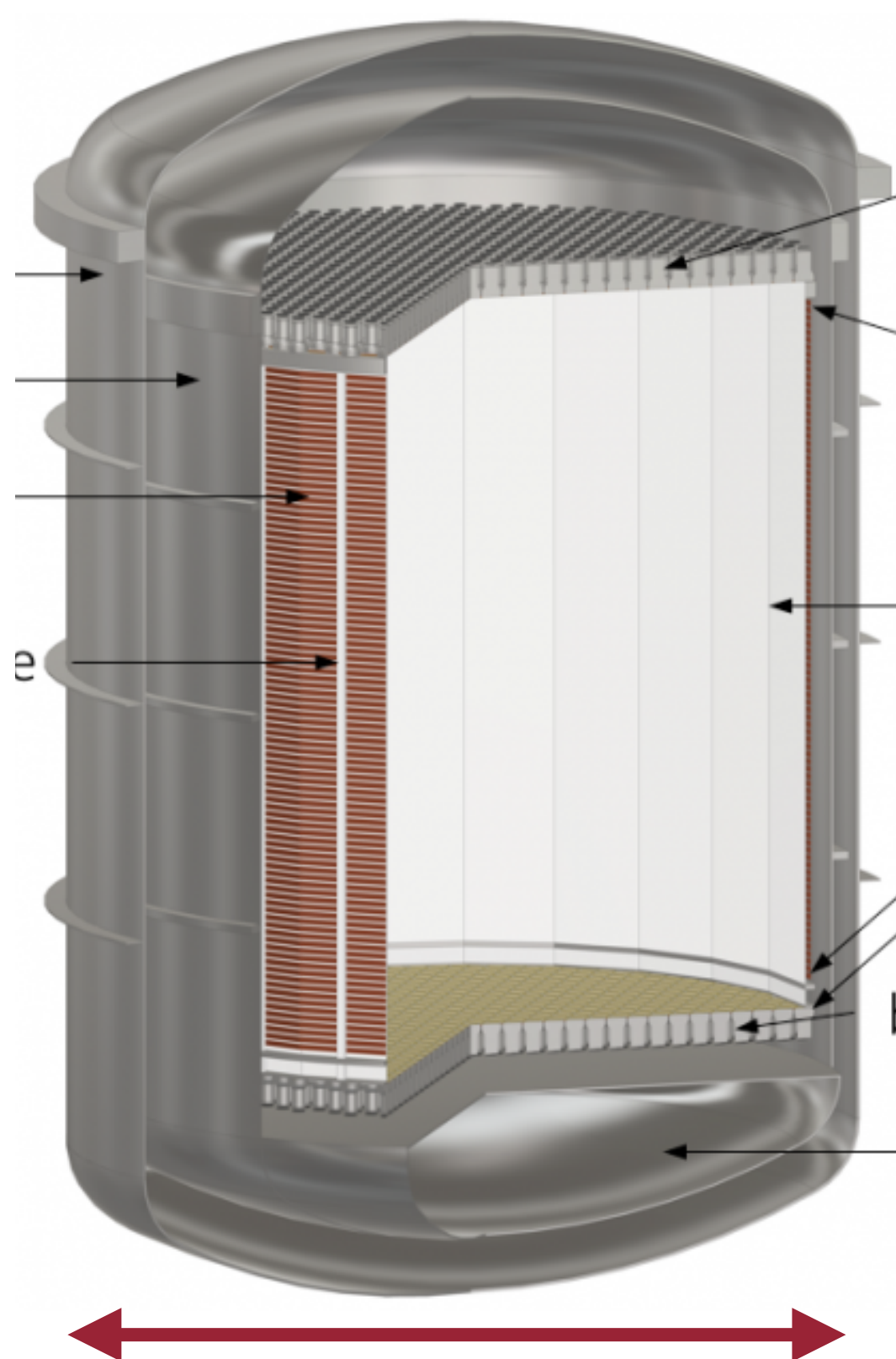


XENONnT



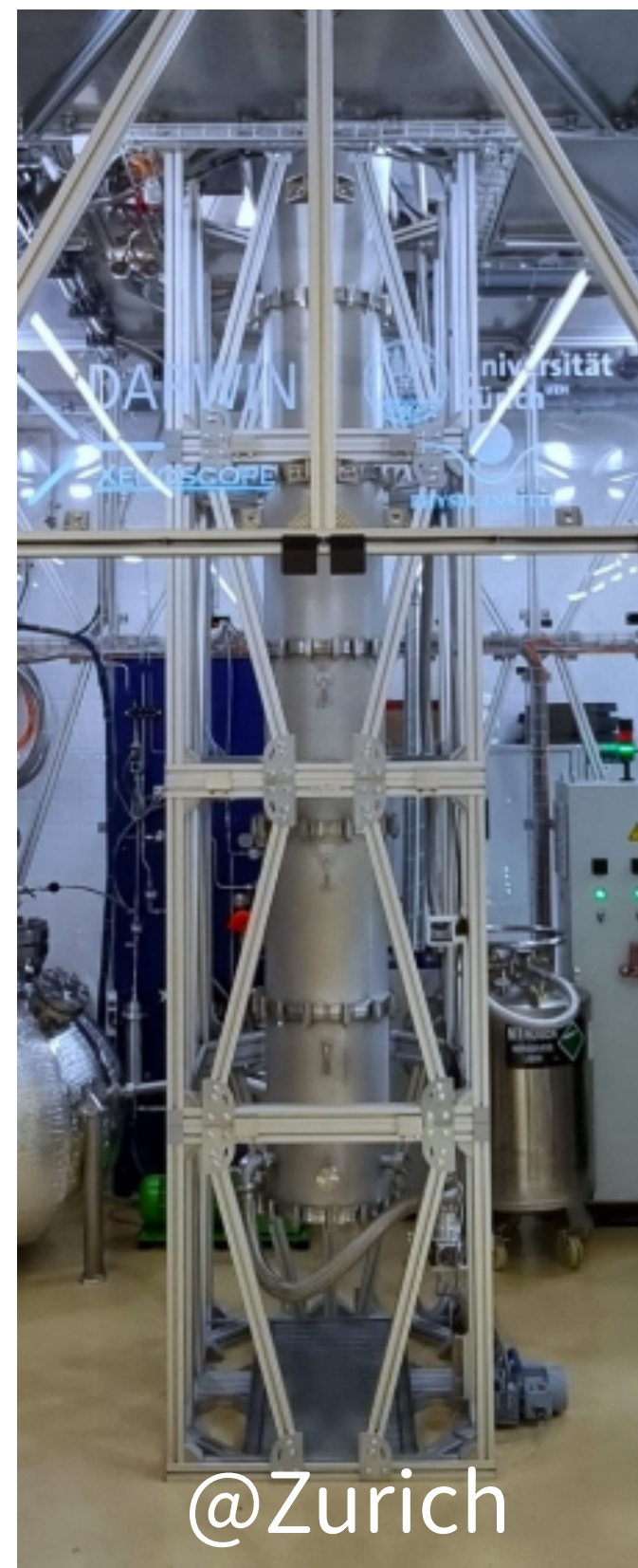
R&D Activities: TPC and Electrodes/HV

Full height and diameter test facility for DARWIN/XLZD



2.6 m

2.6 m



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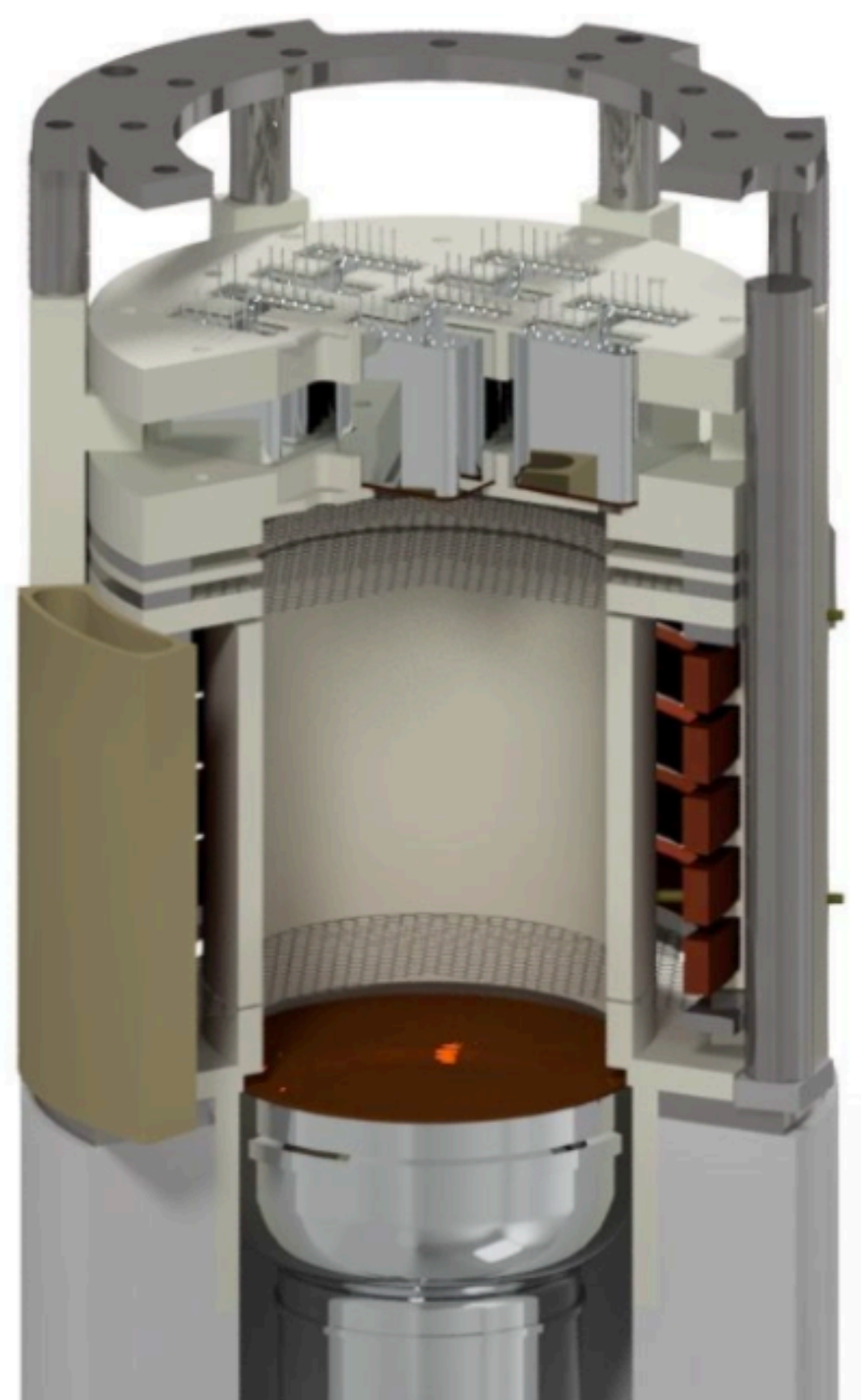
High voltage, Purity ...



@Freiburg

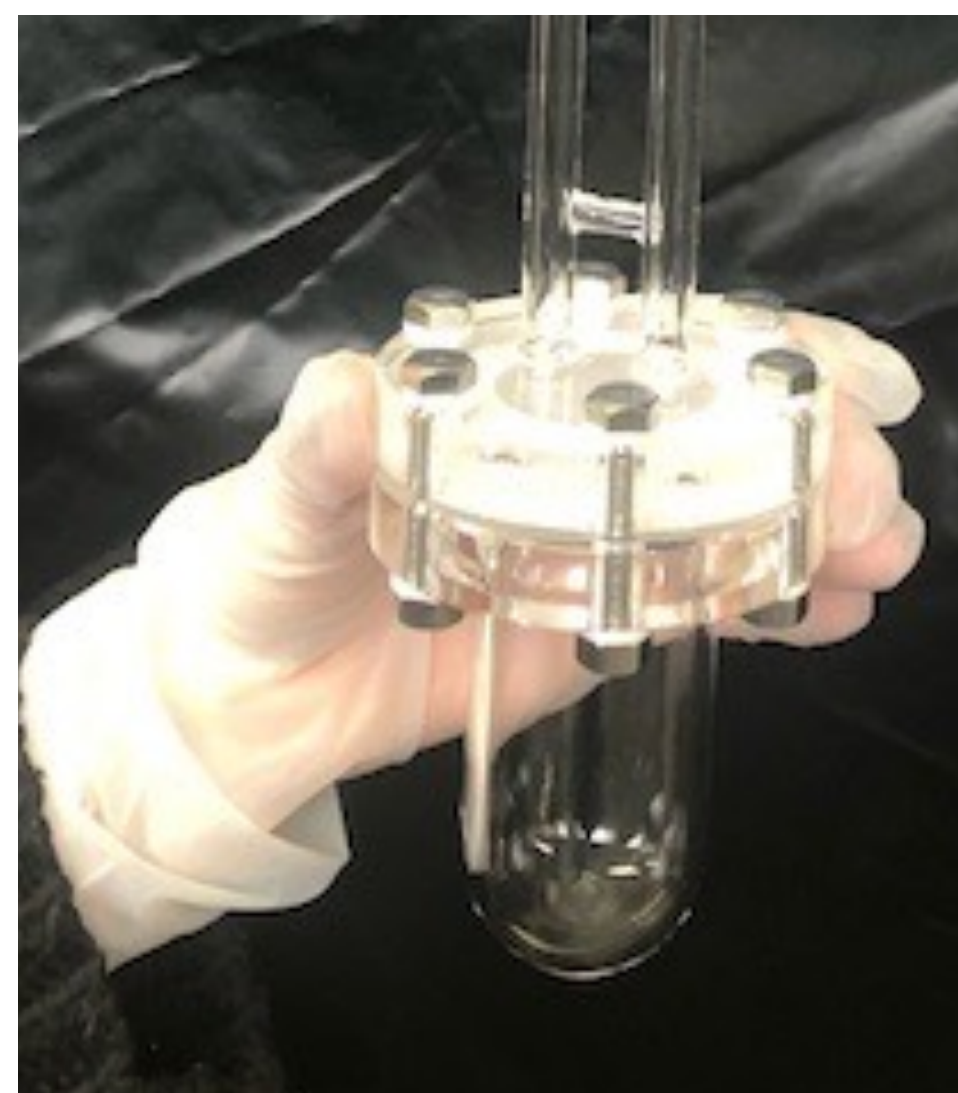
Electrode and other detector components

Hermetic TPC to protect Rn from outside volume
 Single phase Xe TPC to avoid the liquid-gas interface control

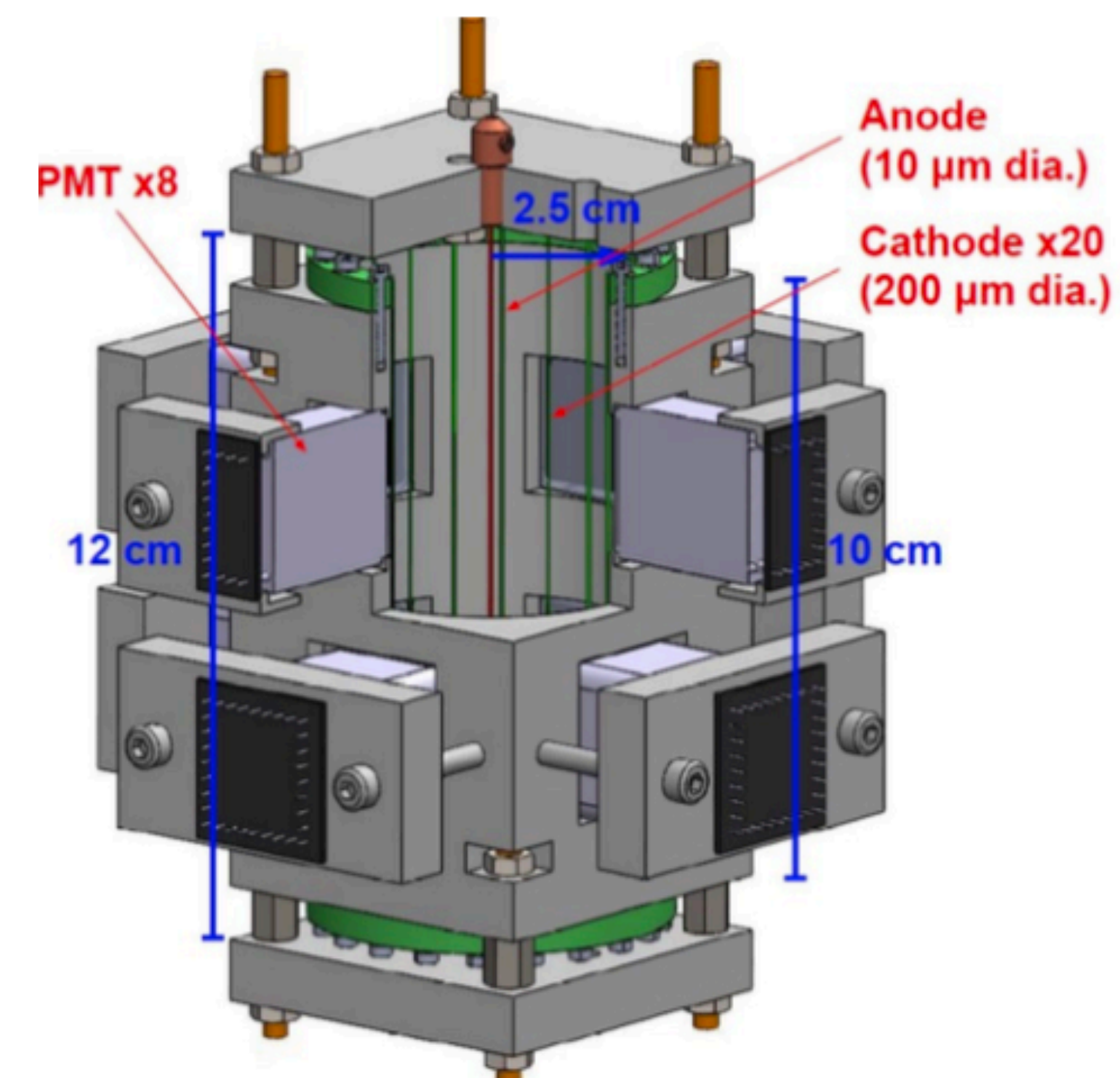


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Quartz chamber



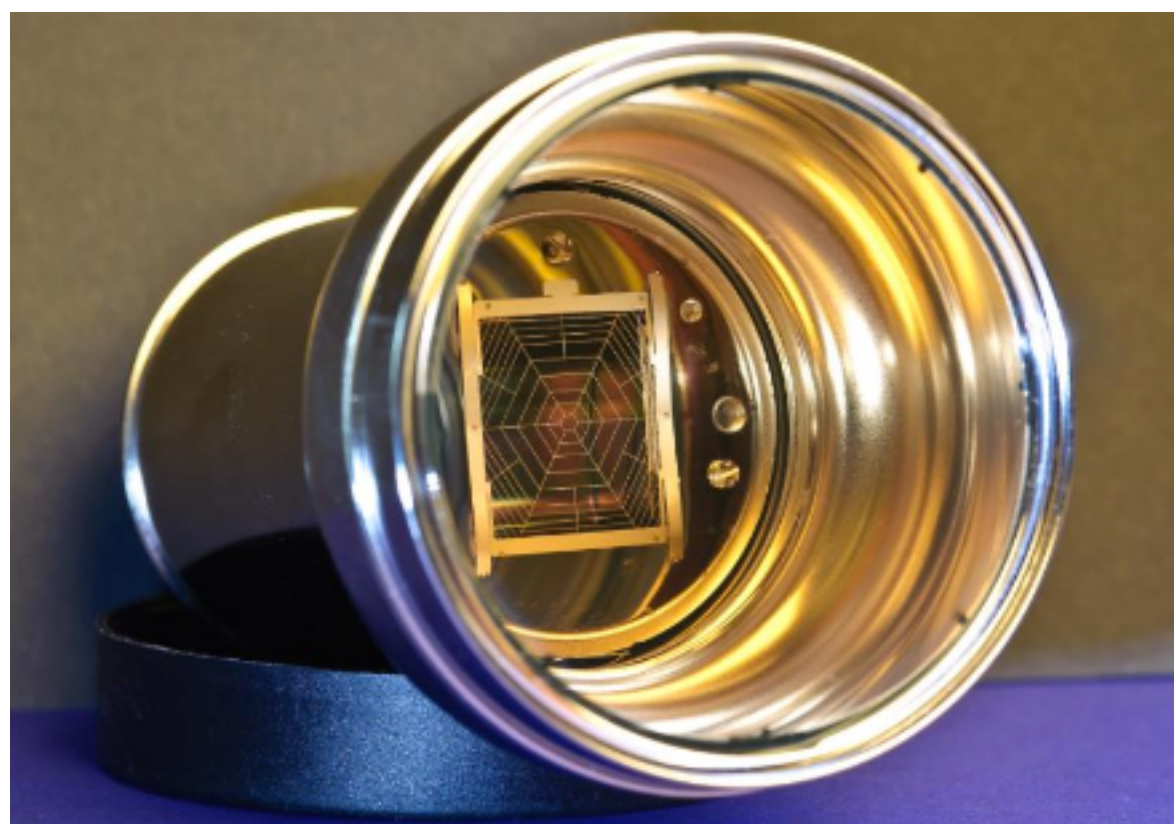
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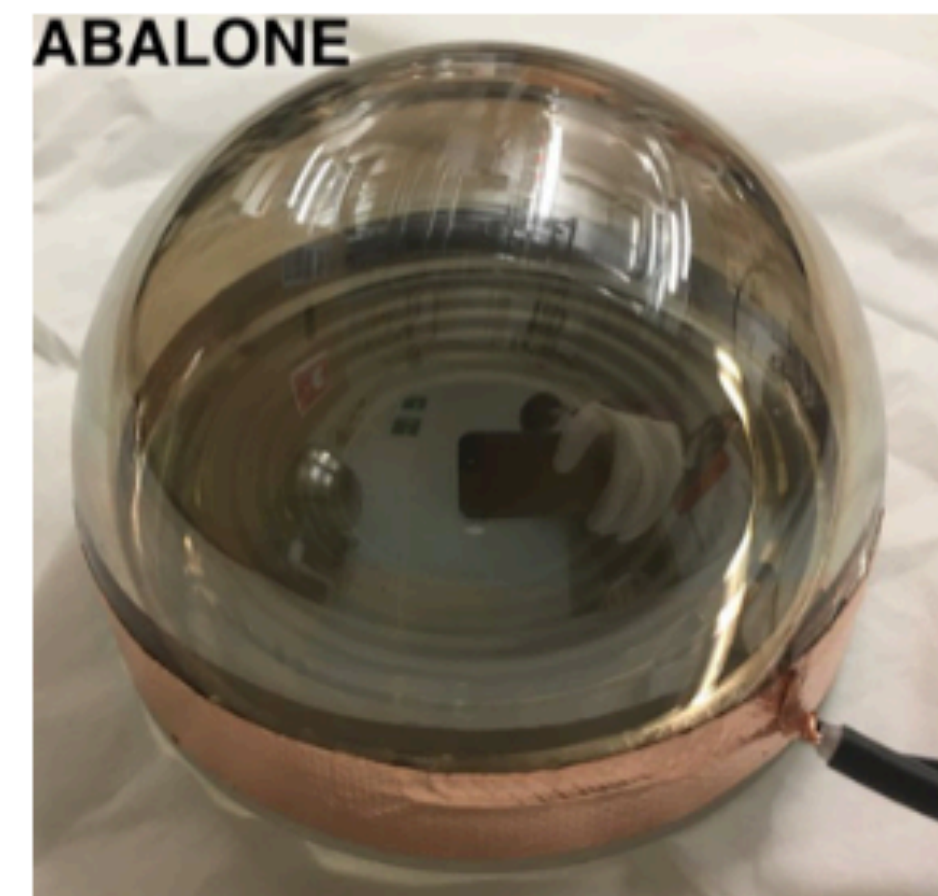
DARWIN: R&D Photosensor



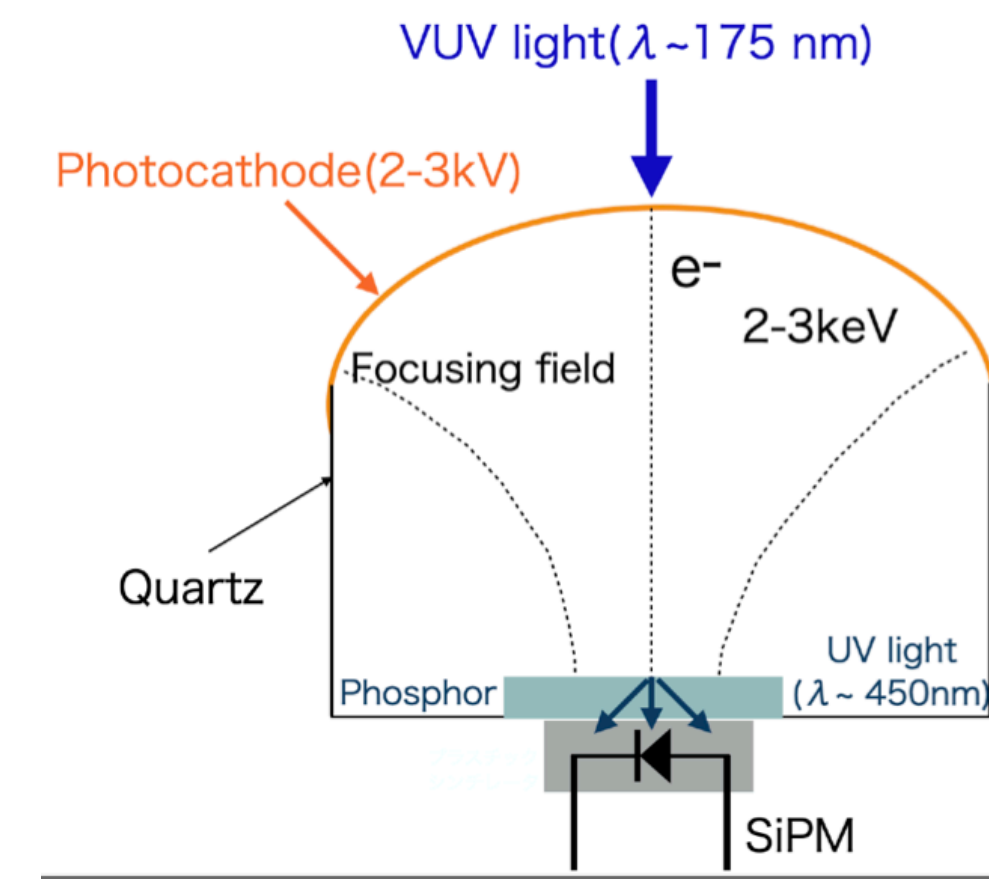
R11410 (LZ, XENONnT, PandaX)



K. Abe et al. JINST 15 P09027
R13111 (XMASS)
Lowest radioactivity



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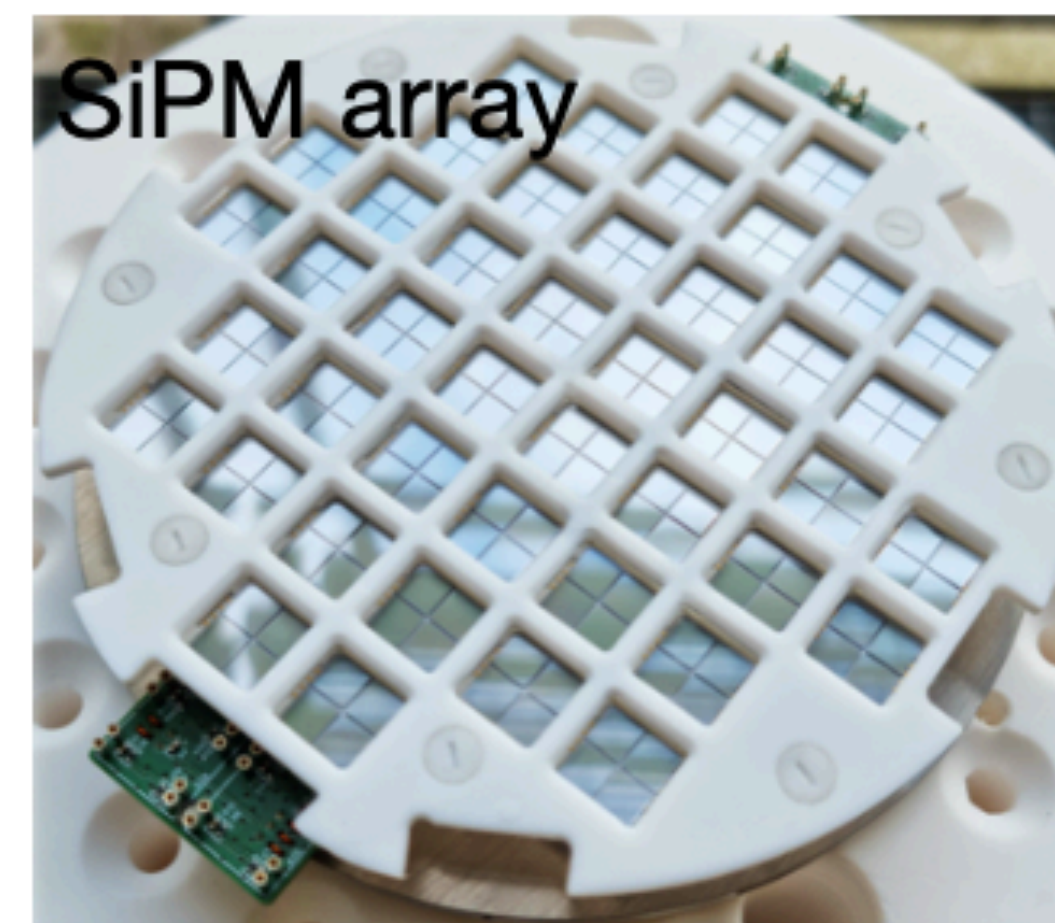
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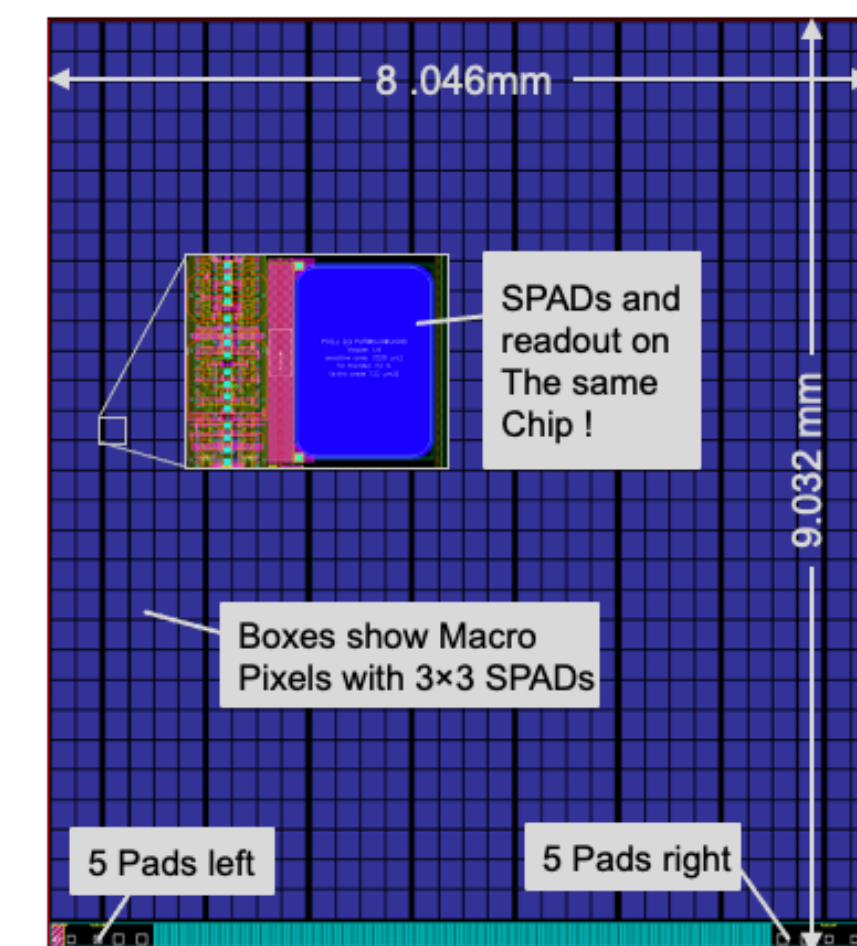
2inch square @Zurich



Low Dark Current SiPM



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Digital SiPM @Heidelberg



- (1) Stem: glass material was synthesized using **low-radioactive-contamination material**
- (2) Photocathode: produced with **³⁹K-enriched potassium**
- (3) Vacuum seal: **purest grade of aluminum material**
- (4) Convex geometry improved the collection efficiency and TTS (~2.1 ns ↔ R11410:~9.2 ns)

$\mu\text{Bq/PMT}$	^{226}Ra	^{238}U	^{228}Ra	^{40}K	^{60}Co
R13111 in 2015	$(3.8 \pm 0.7) \cdot 10^2$	$<1.6 \cdot 10^3$	$(2.9 \pm 0.6) \cdot 10^2$	$<1.4 \cdot 10^3$	$(2.2 \pm 0.5) \cdot 10^2$
R13111 in 2016	$(4.4 \pm 0.6) \cdot 10^2$	$<1.4 \cdot 10^3$	$(2.0 \pm 0.6) \cdot 10^2$	$(2.0 \pm 0.5) \cdot 10^3$	$(1.3 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^2$
R11410-21(XENON1T) [15]	$(5.2 \pm 1.0) \cdot 10^2$	$<1.3 \cdot 10^4$	$(3.9 \pm 1.0) \cdot 10^2$	$(1.2 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^4$	$(7.4 \pm 1.0) \cdot 10^2$
R11410-10(PandaX) [3]	$<7.2 \cdot 10^2$	—	$<8.3 \cdot 10^2$	$(1.5 \pm 0.8) \cdot 10^4$	$(3.4 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^3$
R11410-10(LUX) [19]	$<4.0 \cdot 10^2$	$<6.0 \cdot 10^3$	$<3.0 \cdot 10^2$	$<8.3 \cdot 10^3$	$(2.0 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^3$



Conclusion

- **XLZD** is formed by
 - **XENONnT + LUX-ZEPLIN + DARWIN**
- XLZD will be a successor to the state-of-the-art liquid xenon dark matter detector.
- Ultimate detector for **WIMP** search (neutrino fog)
 - Solar Neutrino
 - Double Beta Decay
 - SuperNova ...etc
- start observation in 2030'

