

Dark Sector Physics

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**QUEST
DMC**



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Physics case for Dark Sector research is overwhelming

- *We know* Dark Matter exists - morally multi-component


massive neutrinos

black holes

fundamentally new massive field/
particle/composite/sector...



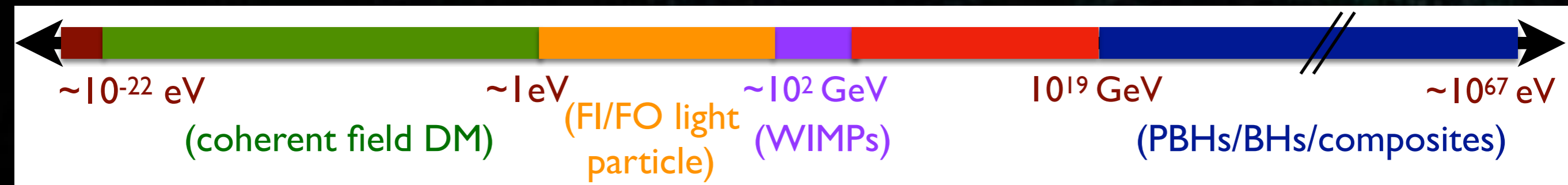
itself very likely multi-component
if we look carefully
(sub-dominant components
carry vital information too)

A black and white photograph of Vera Rubin looking through a telescope. The image is partially overlaid with a purple, starry background. A quote and her name are superimposed on the image.

*"Science progresses
best when observations
force us to alter our
preconceptions."*

Vera Rubin
1928 - 2016

The Dark Matter Landscape (bosonic)



there are currently 'theoretically favoured' regimes but constraints allow ~90 decades in mass to have >1% fraction of DM

- A very wide range of types of DM with many different couplings to SM, and different phenomenology
- Shouldn't look just in one place or with one technique
(and again, a sub-component of DM might be the most interesting)

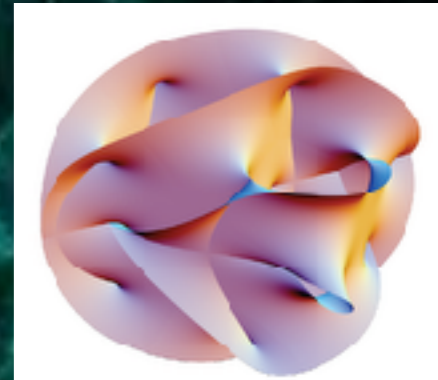
Additionally:

- *Dark radiation* is a target for dark sector searches

predicted *cosmic neutrino background* & any new source of DR (dark photon, or conformal sector, or 'hot' gravitons,...)

- Most theories underlying the SM possess new *light* states which are feebly coupled

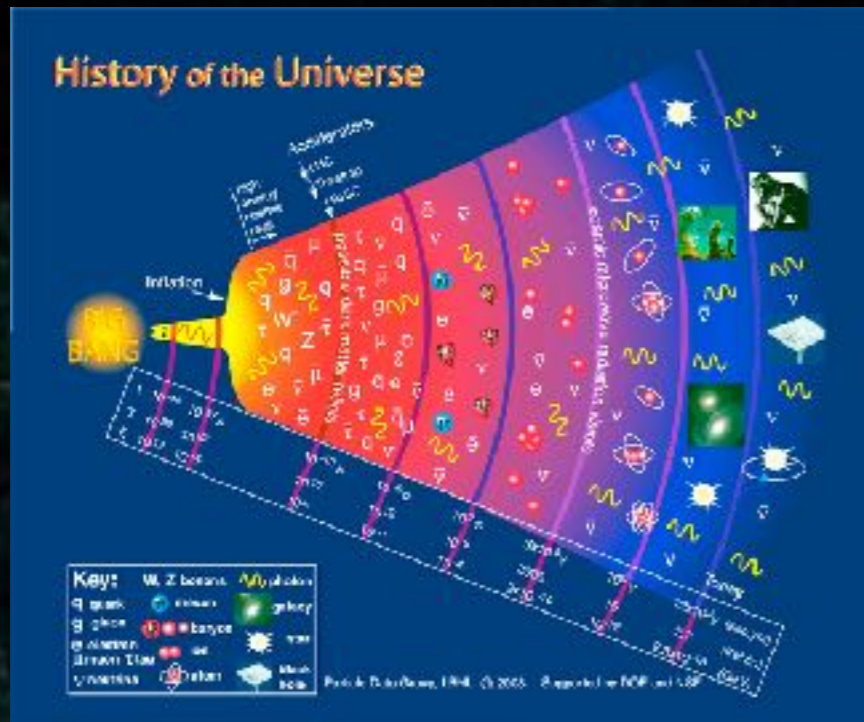
such forces and/or particle states which are *not DM* are also targets for dark sector searches - need to sense & source



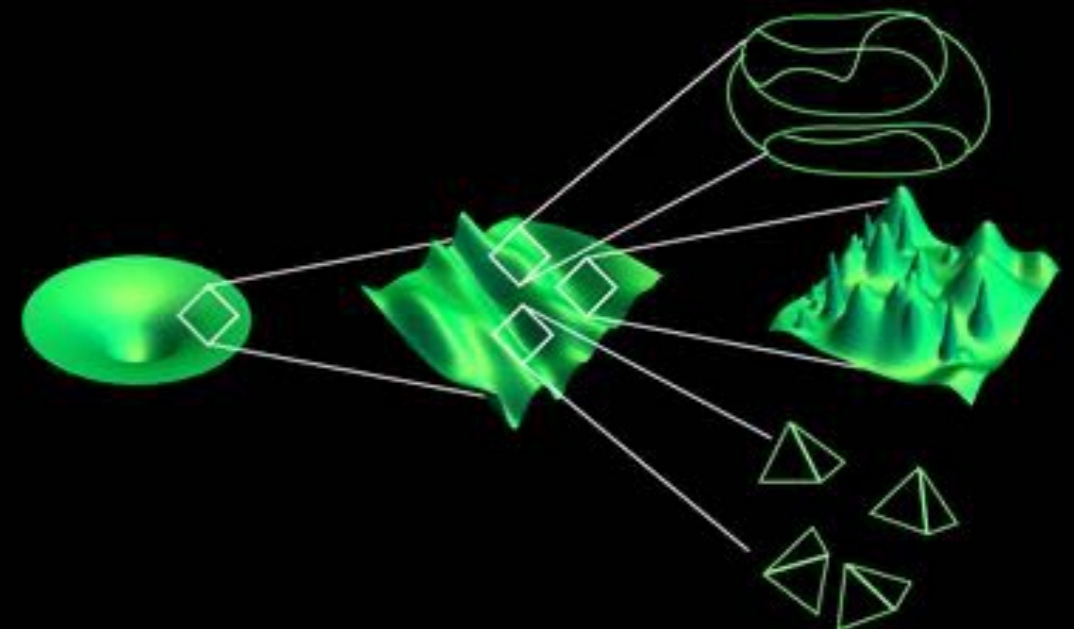
- Dark physics weakly/feebly coupled to SM could either *solve great SM puzzles* or *give clues*

matter asymmetry, CP violation, hierarchy problem, flavour,...

DM/DR gives window to
earliest epochs of our universe

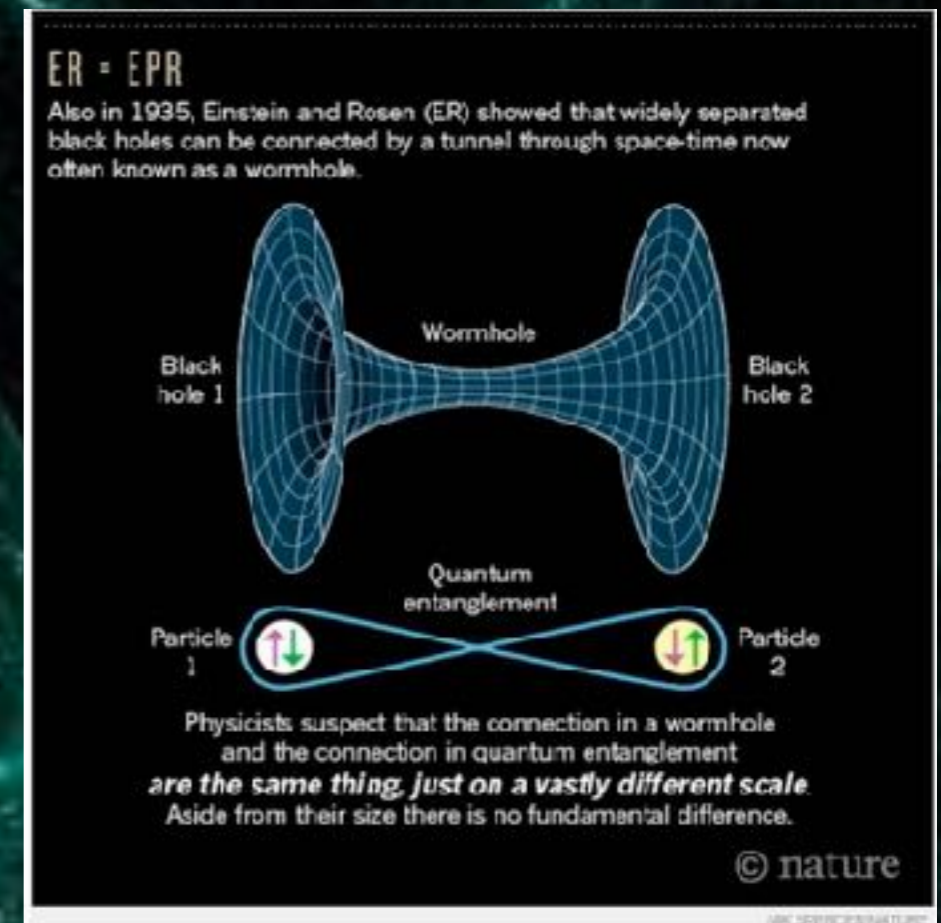
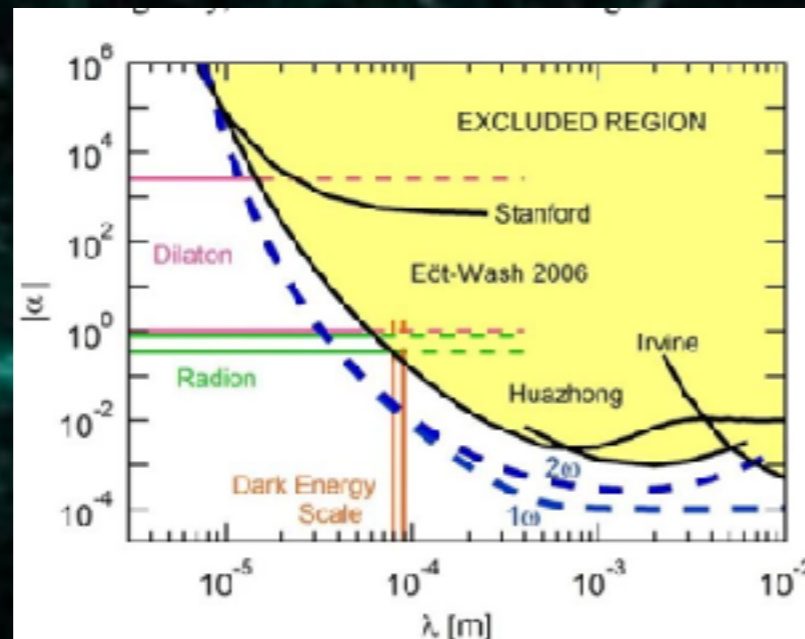


Light, feebly-coupled states give
info about *smallest distances*



Gravitation

- *Dark Energy* (or equivalent) presents huge puzzle for our understanding of fundamental physics
- *Gravity itself* presents huge puzzle for our understanding of fundamental physics - likely deep links to quantum entanglement & quantum computation
- Must investigate gravity on *every length scale, including interplay with QM*



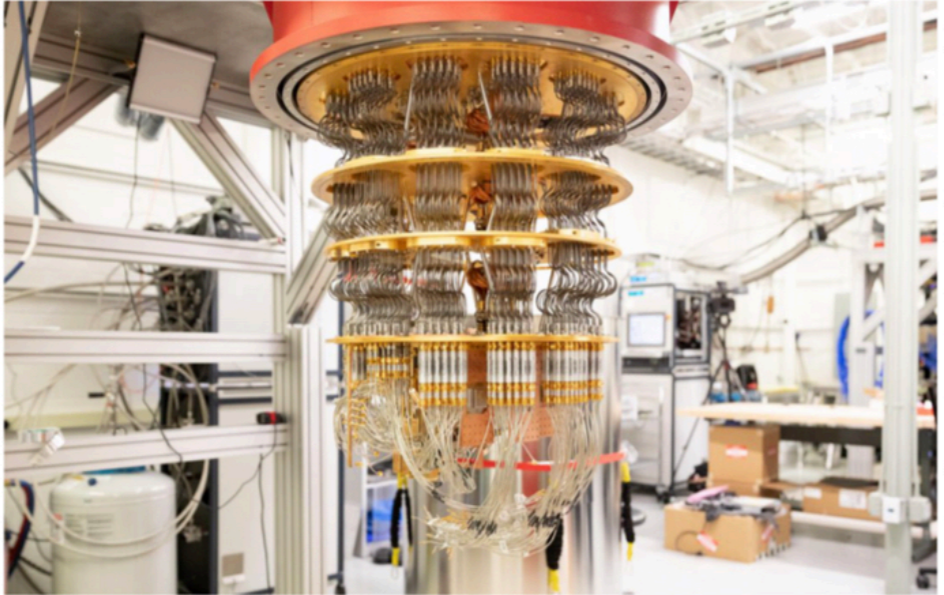
Quantum 2.0

- There is a growing realization that we are at the dawn of the Second Quantum Revolution.
- **First Quantum Revolution: exploitation** of the quantum nature of matter to build devices
- **Second Quantum Revolution: engineering** of large quantum **systems** to build devices using the quantum nature of matter; **control** of full quantum system at the individual level

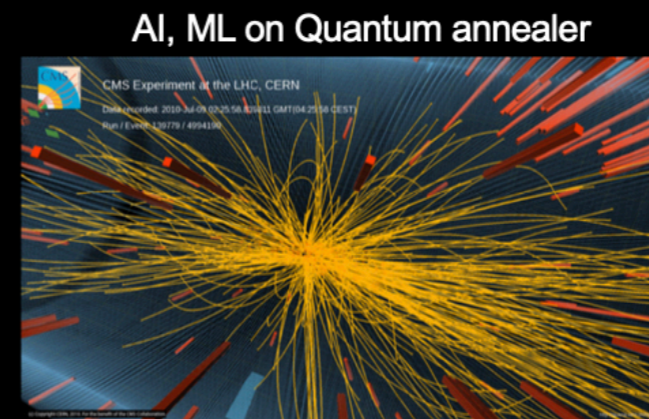
Google's quantum supremacy is only a first taste of a computing revolution

"Quantum supremacy" is nice, but more broadly useful quantum computers are probably still a decade away.

Stephen Shankland · October 25, 2019 6:20 AM PDT

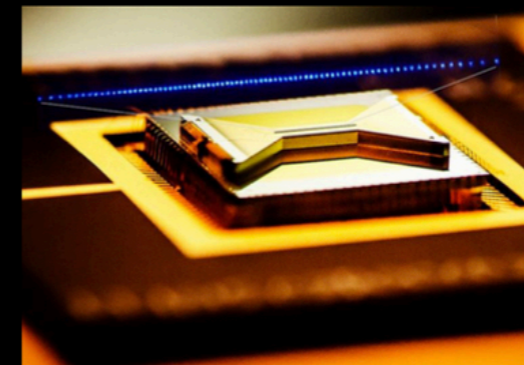


One of five Google quantum computers at a lab near Santa Barbara, California.
Stephen Shankland/CNET

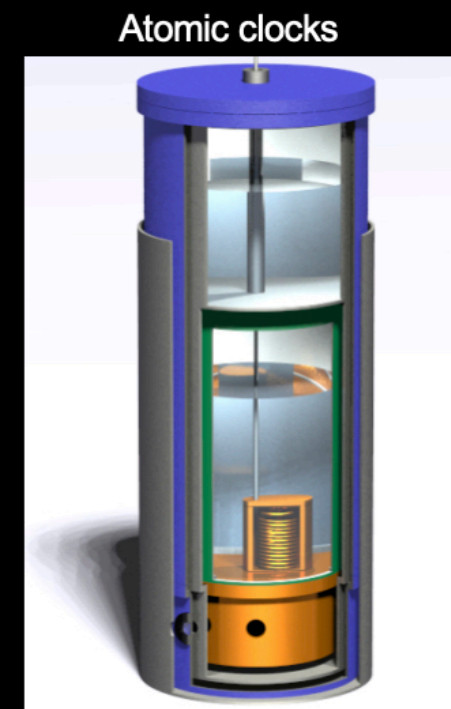


Nature 550 (2017) 375

IonQ >60-qubit



arXiv:1902.10171

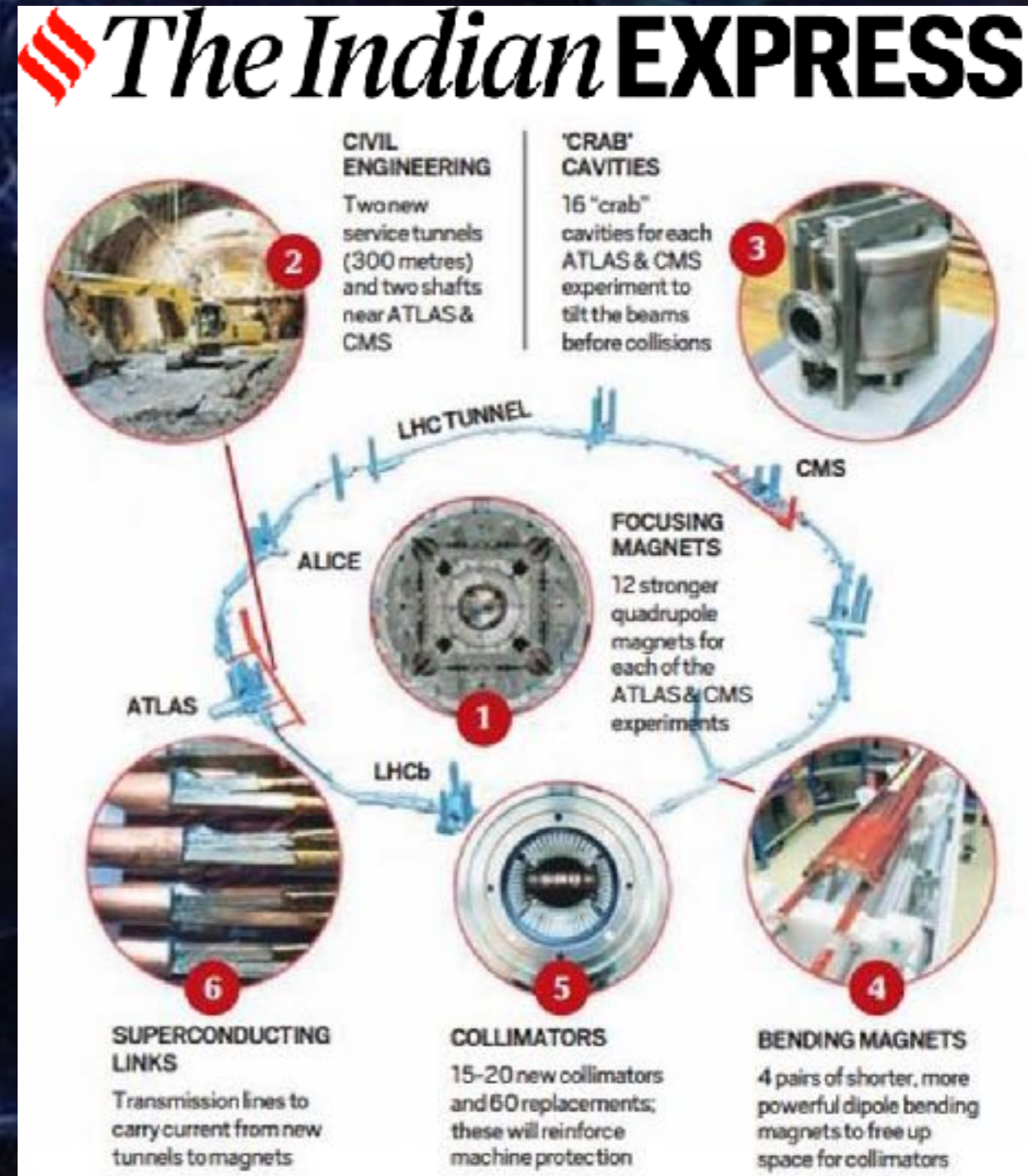
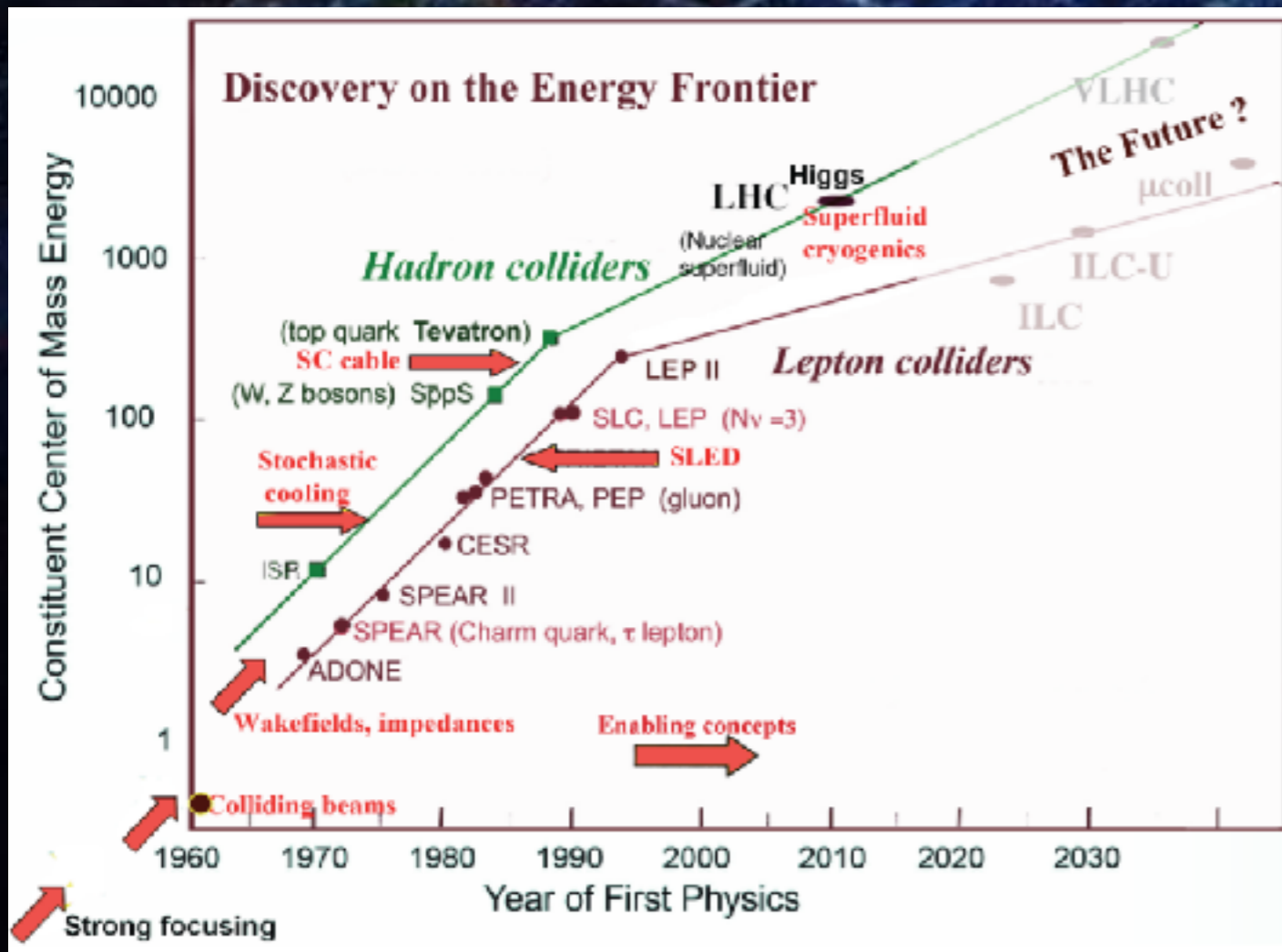



Nature (564) 87 (2018)

Dark Sector program promises a multi-decade+ effort with multiple major discoveries



Primary effort to investigate fundamental physics needs to be the continued exploration of the energy frontier



A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of dark matter filaments and galaxy clusters. The filaments are primarily blue and purple, with some red and green highlights. The background is dark, with scattered stars and galaxy clusters. The overall appearance is that of a vast, interconnected network of matter in the universe.

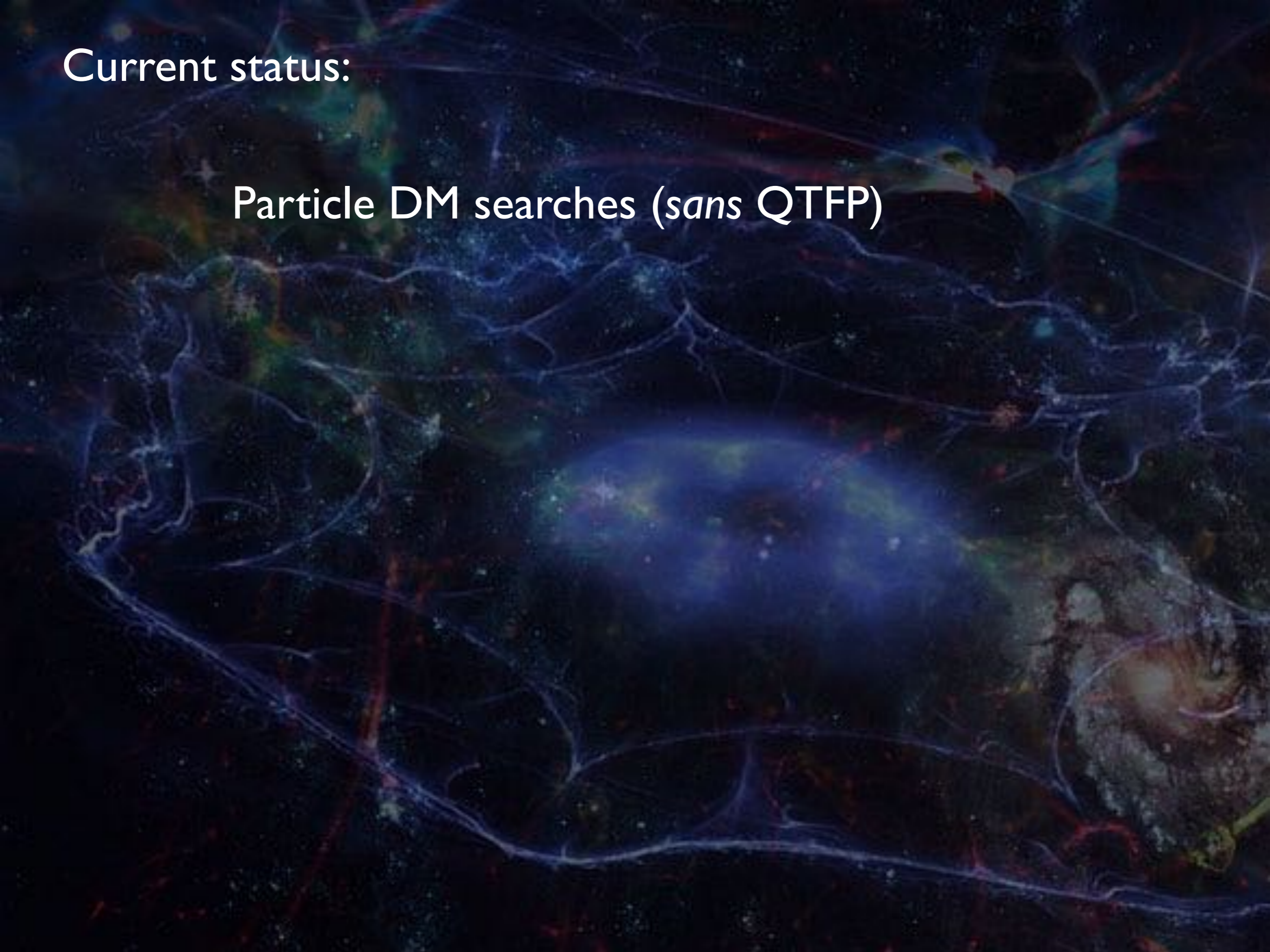
Dark Sector program is *complementary and mutually beneficial*

UK is in leadership position - as I'll outline

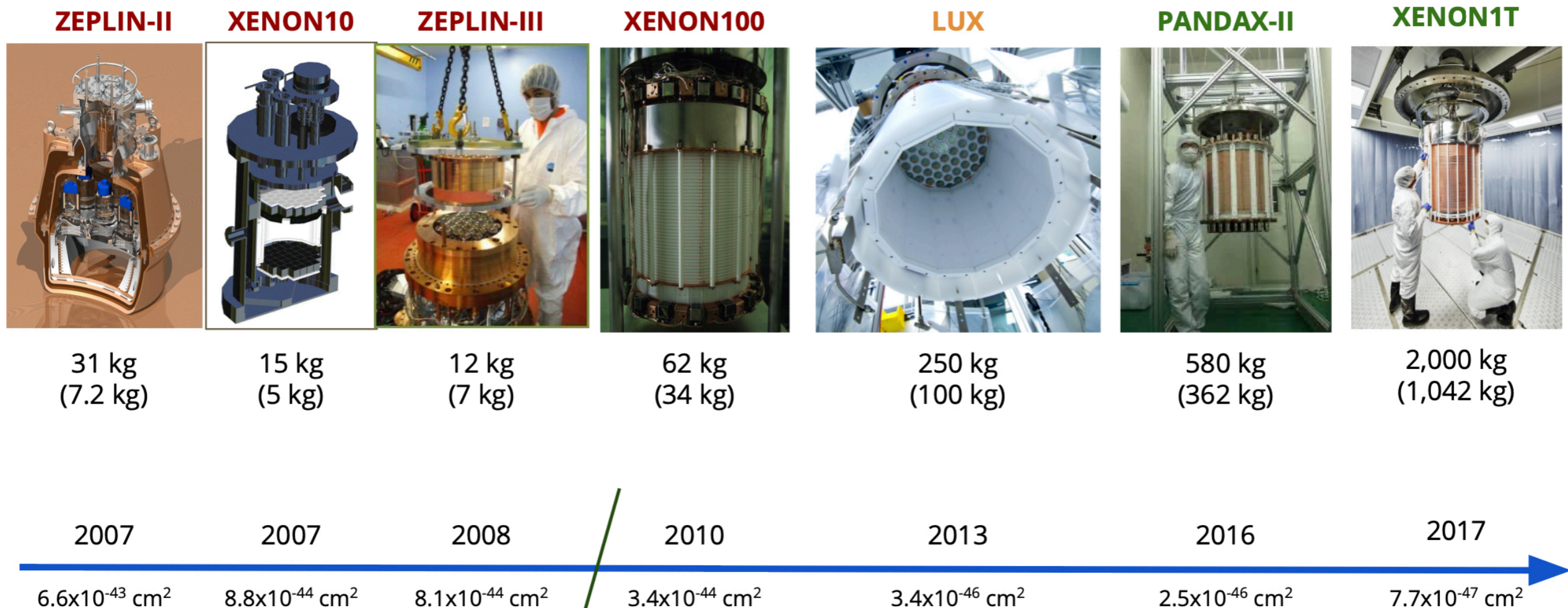
Totally clear that going forward this area needs to be a full & continuing part of UK's fundamental science effort

Current status:

Particle DM searches (*sans* QTFP)



Liquid xenon TPCs



UK pioneered the xenon technology with the ZEPLIN programmes...

THE LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ) EXPERIMENT

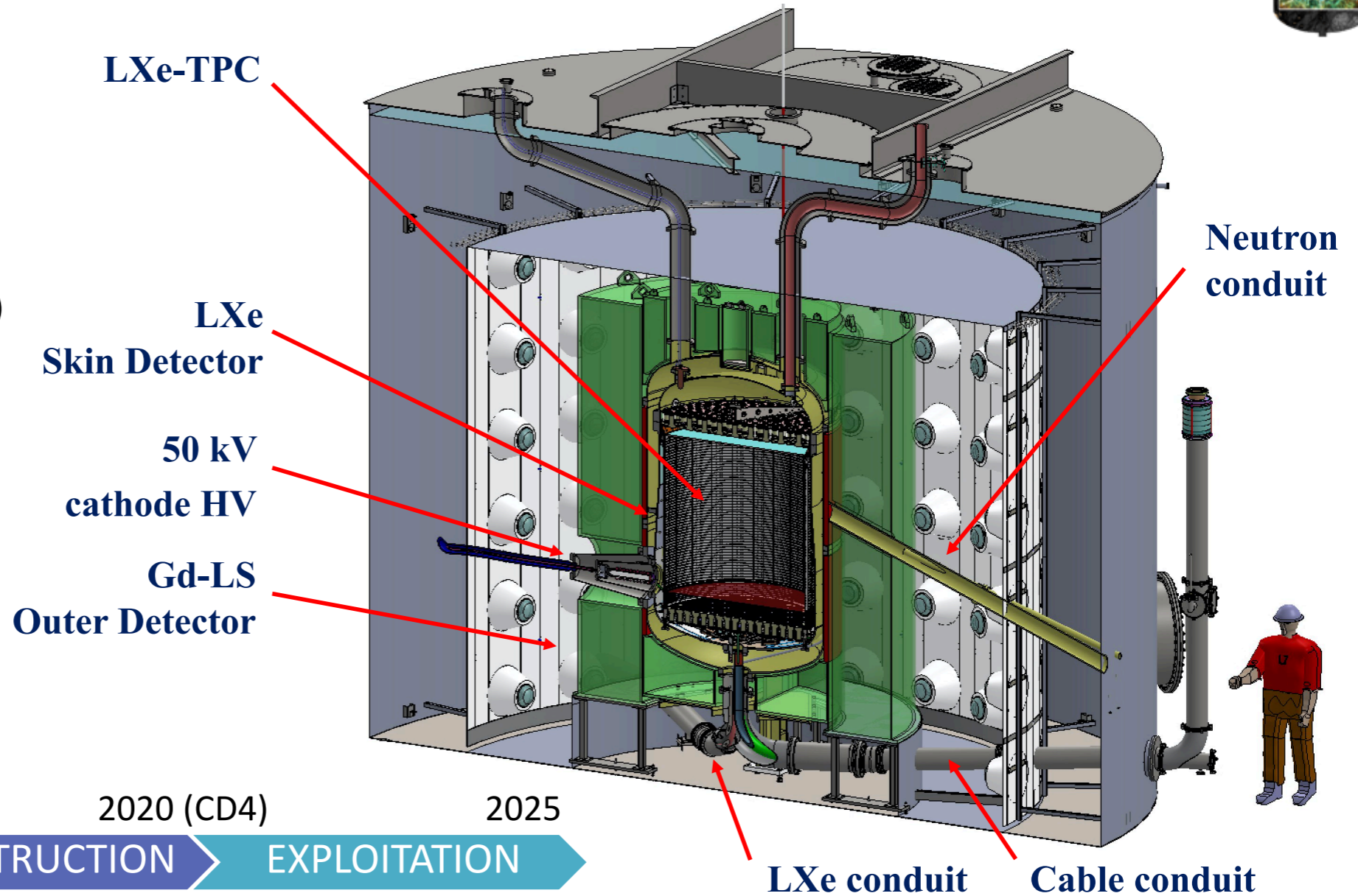


LZ detector(s)

- 7-tonne LXe-TPC
- 2-tonne LXe Skin Detector
- 17-tonne Outer Detector (Gd-loaded liquid scintillator)

25x more sensitive than Xenon1T

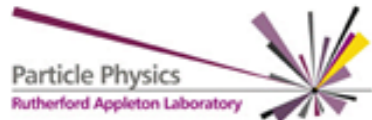
LZ Technical Design Report: arXiv:1703.09144
 LZ WIMP sensitivity: arXiv:1802.06039
 LZ ONBB sensitivity: arXiv:1912.04248



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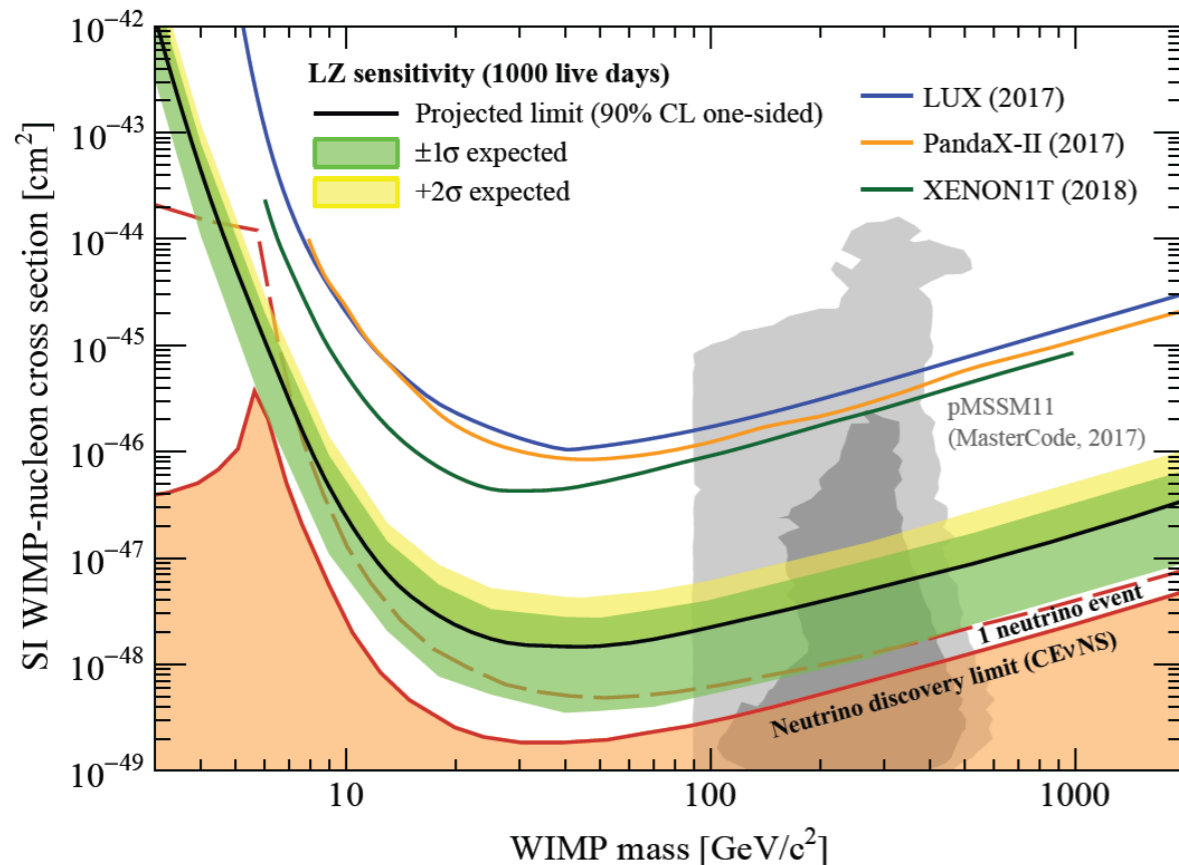
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7 ENGINEERS/TECHS
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PHYSICS HIGHLIGHTS: WIMPS & NEUTRINOS



- Aiming for leading SI sensitivity above a few GeV, $1.6 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$ @40 GeV
- WIMP-n and WIMP-p SD sensitivity – in fact, most NonRel-EFT operators
- Extension to sub-GeV masses with non-standard analyses (e.g Migdal effect)



Xenon family photo: a portfolio of opportunities

¹²⁴Xe 123.90589 0.10% Stable	¹²⁶Xe 125.90426 0.09% Stable	¹²⁸Xe 127.90353 1.91% Stable	¹²⁹Xe 128.9047 26.4% Stable	¹³¹Xe 130.905083 21.2% Stable	¹³⁰Xe 129.90350 4.1% Stable	¹³²Xe 131.90415 26.9% Stable	¹³⁴Xe 133.90539 10.4% Stable	¹³⁶Xe 135.90722 8.90% Stable
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- **Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering**
LZ can detect several neutrino fluxes via CEvNS:
 - $\gtrsim 40$ events from B-8 solar neutrinos
 - ~ 100 events from a supernova at 10 kpc
- **Searches for $0\nu\beta\beta$ in Xe-136**
 - Goal: to demonstrate the potential of this scalable technology, exploit fully in a “G3 observatory”

THE ROAD AHEAD

LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ)

- Construction completed, commissioning now: data from 2021
- 1,000 live days by 2025

Xenon Futures R&D

- Towards a global Gen-3 Rare Event Observatory at 50-100 tonne scale
- Final design/construction from ~2023/24, data from ~2028/29

Boulby Feasibility Study

- Could the UK host a next-generation DM and/or $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiment?
- Reporting early/mid 2021
- If DM is GeV-TeV particles this technology (& the UK) will be on to it
- And plenty of other physics opportunities too!

UK continues its Xe leadership role via LZ at SURF and in possible future G3 observatory. Entering exploitation phase of LZ...

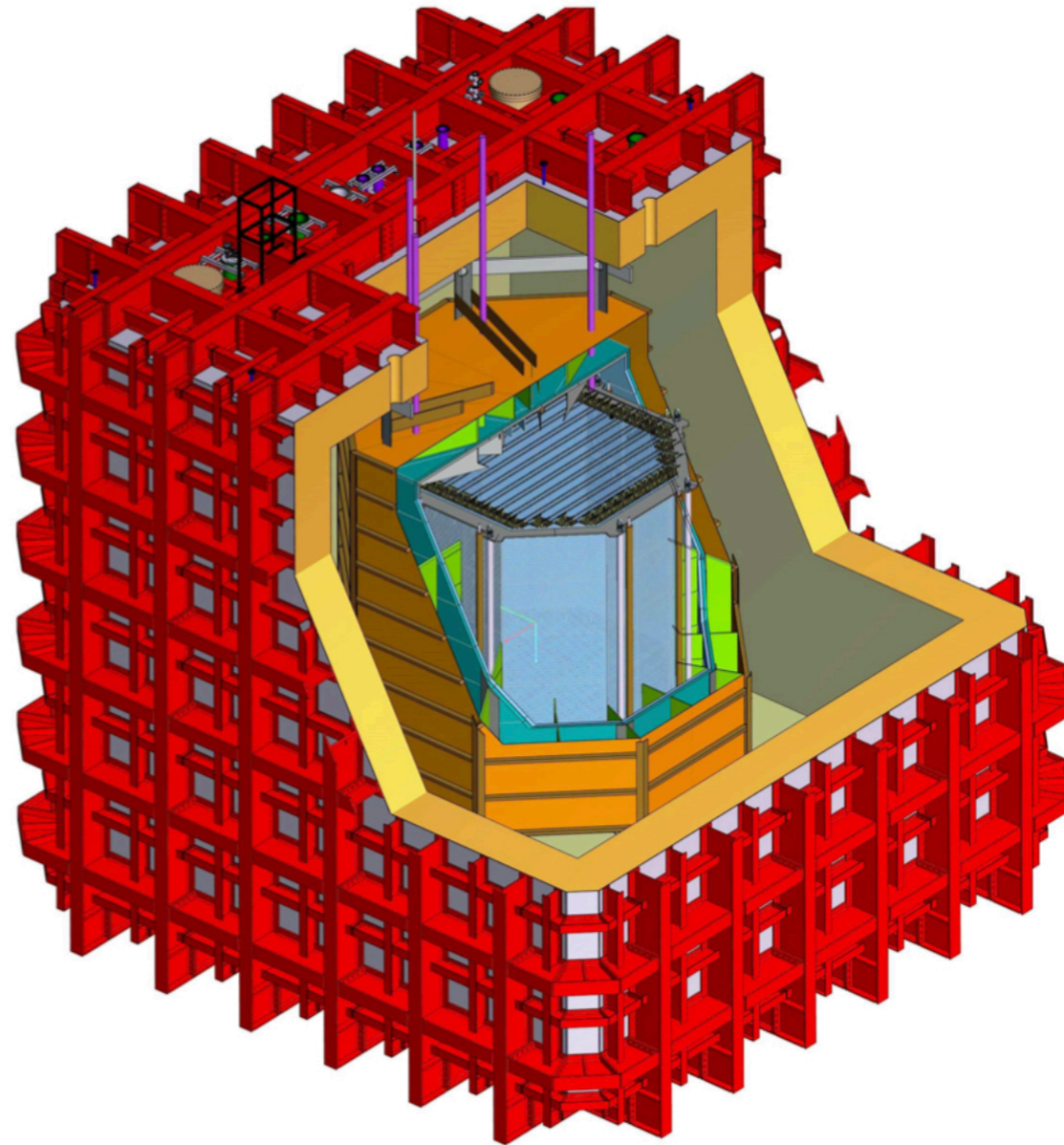
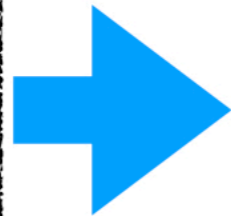
Liquid Argon TPCs

DEAP-3600
(running)

DarkSide-50
(running)

miniCLEAN

ArDM



~300 tonnes

DarkSide-20k
2022~

ARGO
2029~

Case for support: silicon detector development for the low-background frontier

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UK proposal
to PPRP for
participation
in DarkSide-20k

DarkSide-20k

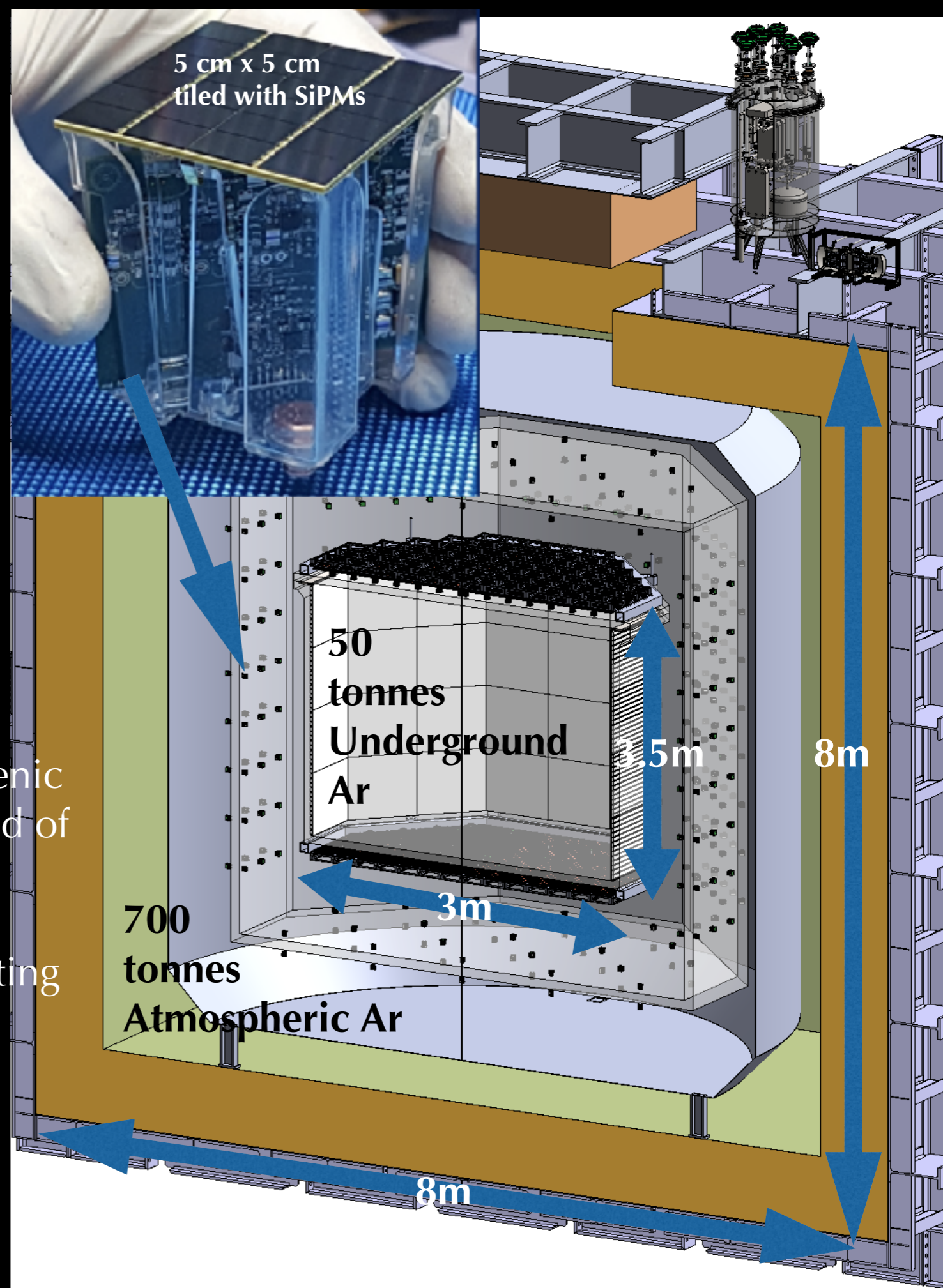
Global collaboration: >350 physicists,
11 countries, >55 institutes

50 t liquid Underground Ar (UAr)
dark matter target, inside a 700 t liquid
Atmospheric Ar (AAr) outer detector

Gran Sasso Underground Laboratory
(LNGS) (outside L'Aquila, IT)

Two key innovations:

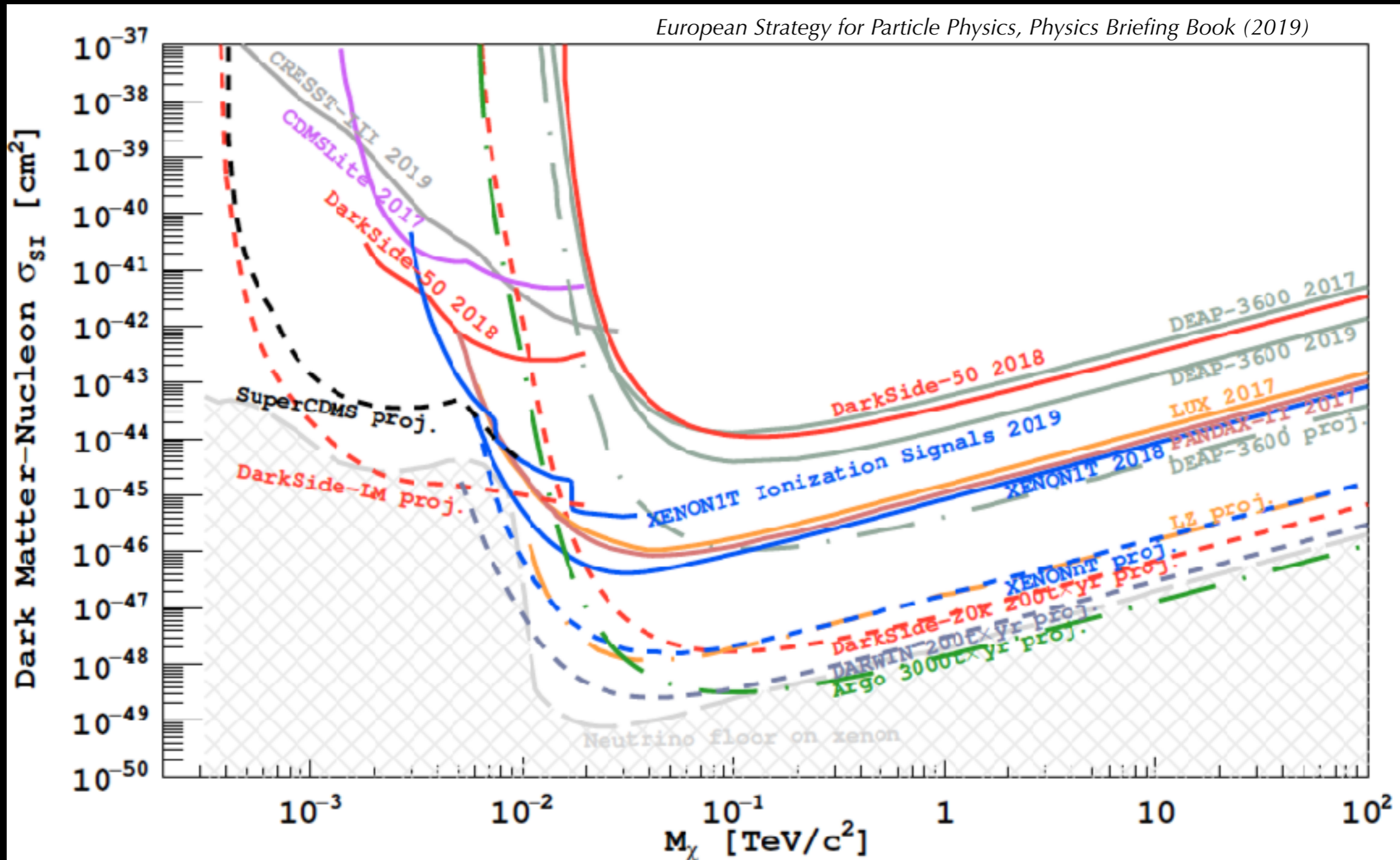
1. first large-scale use of large-area cryogenic Si photon detection modules instead of PMTs.
2. liquid AAr outer detector to veto the limiting background: neutrons



***UK: deliver outer detector photosensors,
building on UK Si detector infrastructure***

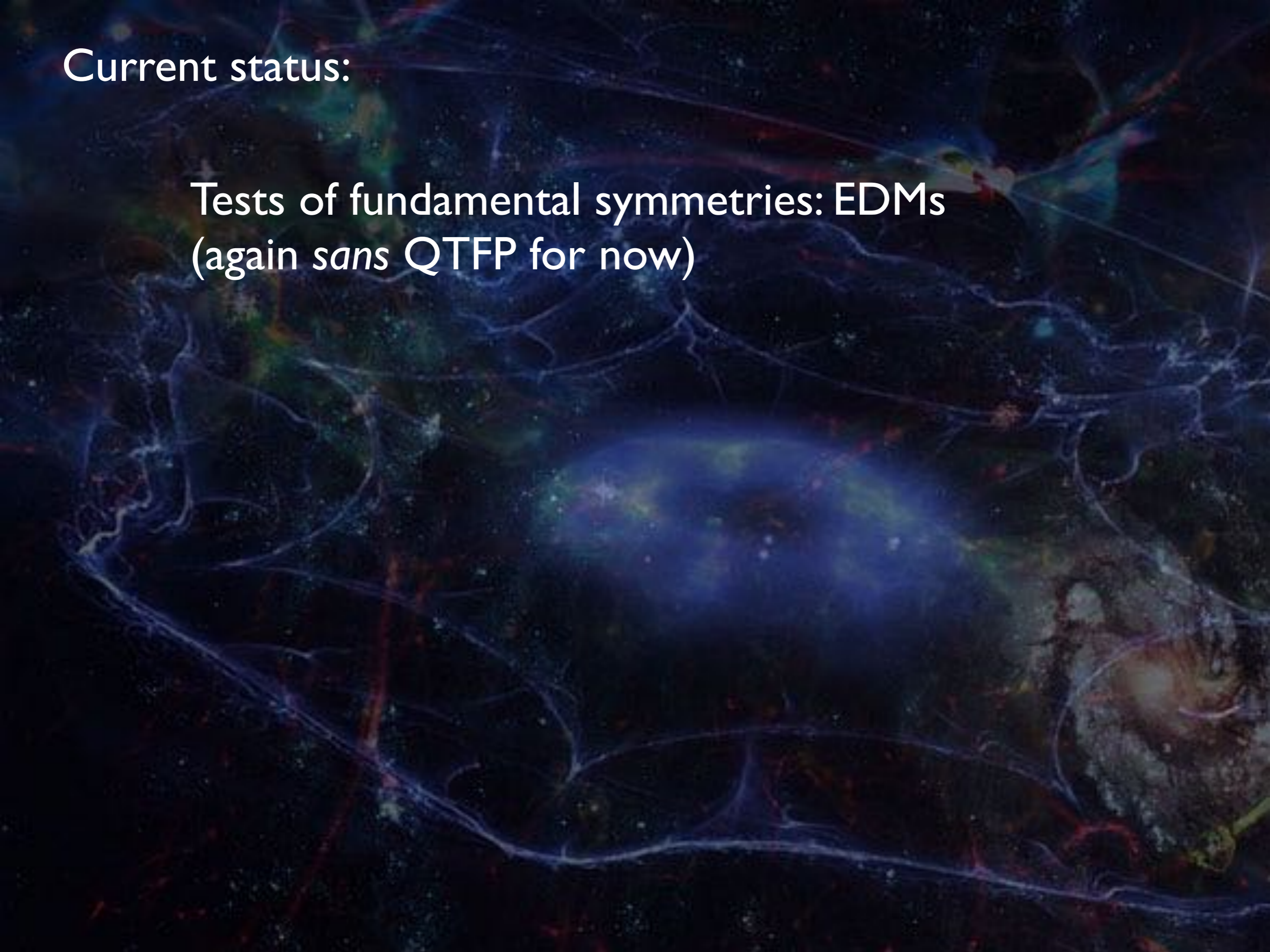
Direct Detection Context

main challenge: rejecting background interactions at ~keV energies and below, while scaling up...



Current status:

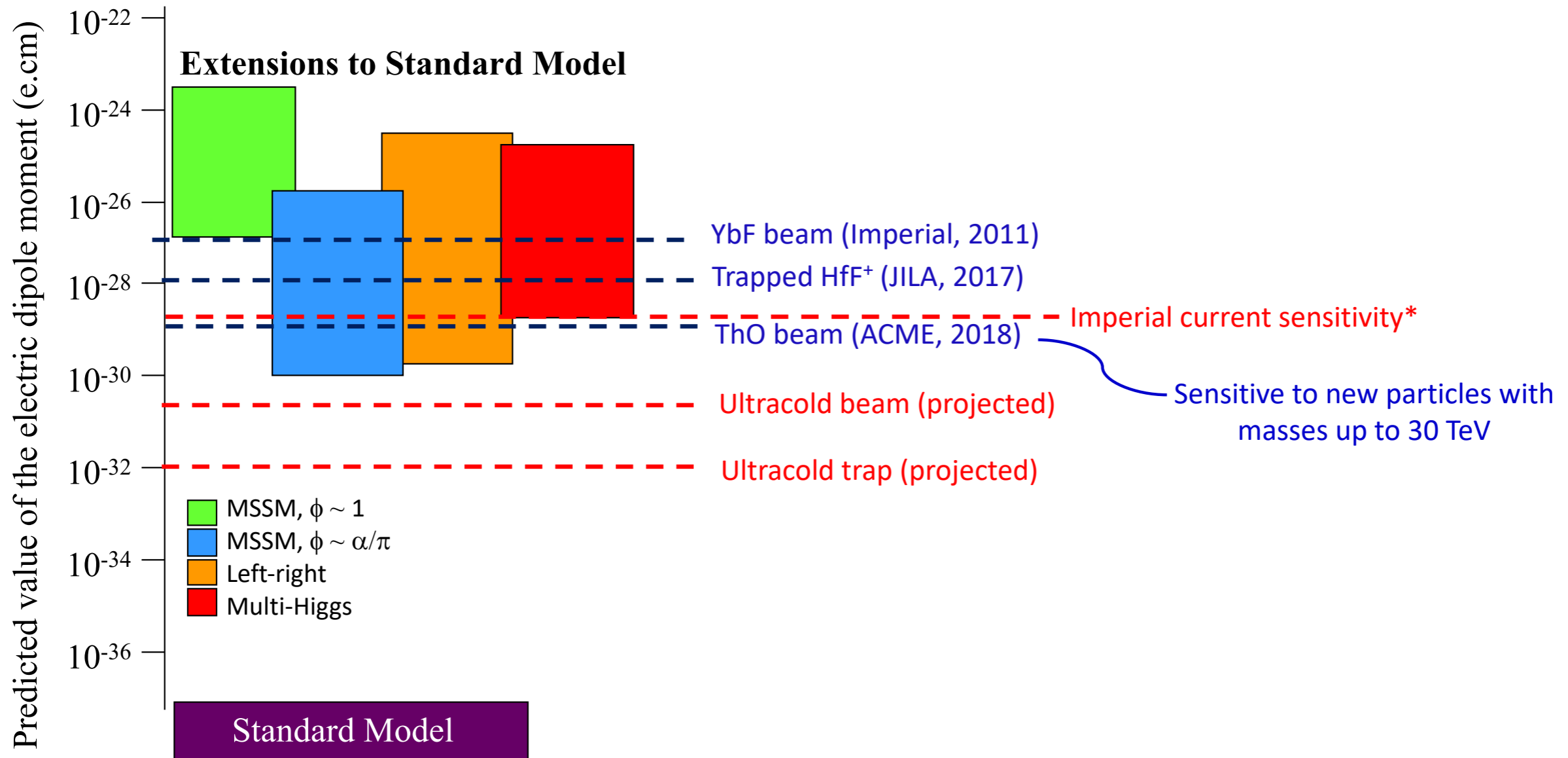
Tests of fundamental symmetries: EDMs
(again *sans* QTFP for now)



Electric Dipole Moment searches

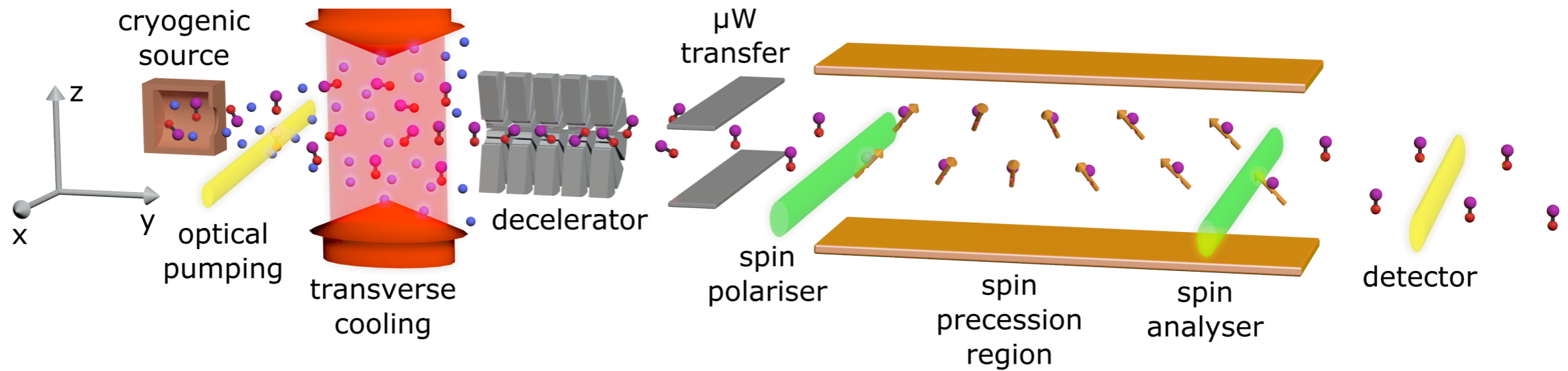
Electron EDM – current status and projections

All current competitive experiments are done using polar molecules



*New. J. Phys. 22, 053031 (2020)

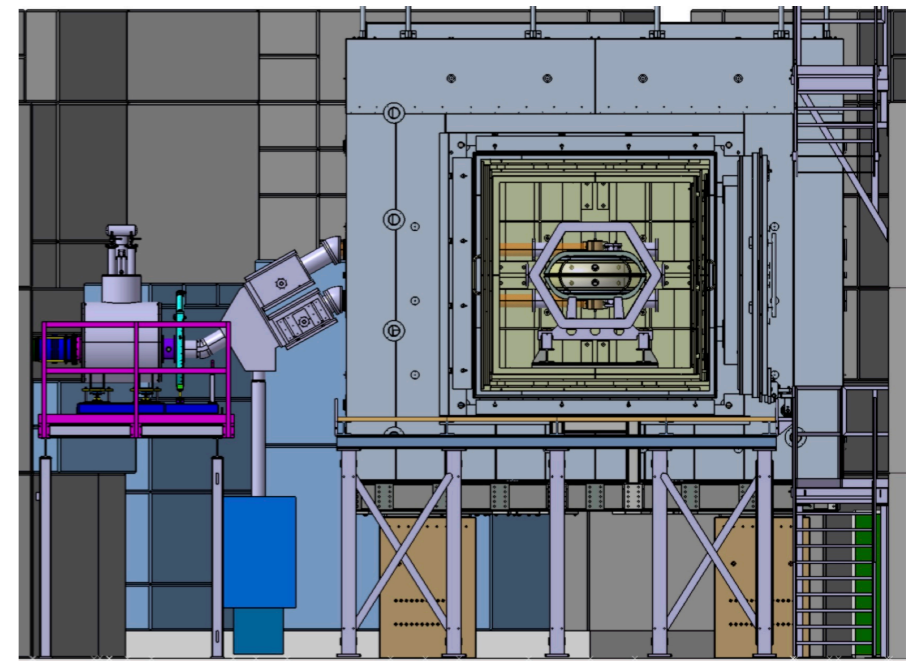
Ultracold eEDM: new apparatus being built at Imperial



- New method based on molecules cooled to 50 microkelvin – massively improves spin coherence time
- Imperial group is the world leader in developing this new method
- Oct 2018 - Oct 2022: build apparatus and demonstrate eEDM sensitivity at 10^{-30} e.cm level
- Funded through a PPRP project (joint STFC & EPSRC funding) with additional support from Templeton, Royal Society, EU...
- Apparatus development is on schedule; key techniques all demonstrated
- Beyond 2022: measure eEDM at 10^{-30} e.cm level, and push towards 10^{-31} e.cm. Not yet funded

neutron EDM searches: PSI

- Sussex/RAL-developed UCN/Hg comagnetometer apparatus upgraded on PSI UCN source
 - new world leading nEDM limit [published in 2020](#),
 $d_n = (0.0 \pm 1.1_{stat} \pm 0.2_{syst}) \times 10^{-26} \text{ ecm}$
 - 5x reduction in systematic error
- next generation: n2EDM
 - expect commissioning in 2021, $\sigma(d_n) \sim 10^{-27} \text{ ecm}$ in 500 days
 - best placed to maintain world leading limit or reach discovery
 - UK/Sussex contributions to leakage current monitors, atomic magnetometry, and systematics analysis



UK EDMx community is substantial and growing

- Imperial College (eEDM)
- UCL (mu/pEDM)
- Birmingham University (mu/pEDM)
- Sussex University (nEDM)
- University of Liverpool (mu/pEDM)
- RAL-PPD (nEDM)

Current status:

2nd Quantum Revolution & QTFP



UK National Quantum Technology Program (NQTP)

- *Phase 1 2015-2019, Phase 2 2020-24 (total investment Phase 1+2= £1B)*
- *Phase 2 investments:*
 - *Industry led projects to drive innovation and commercialisation of QT (£173m over 6 years)*
 - *Renewal of the QT Research Hubs (£94m over 5 years)*
 - *Research training portfolio (£25m over 5 years)*
 - *Quantum Sensors for Fundamental Physics programme (£40m over 4 years)*
 - *National Quantum Computing Centre to drive development in this new technology and place us at the forefront of this field (£77m over 5 years)*

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QUEST DMC

WP1

Using Quantum Technology to Search for Low-mass Particles in the Hidden Sector

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WP3

AION A UK Atom Interferometer Observatory and Network

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WP4

Absolute neutrino mass

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WP5

Quantum Simulators of Fundamental Physics

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WP6

QSNET Networked Quantum Sensors for Fundamental Physics

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WP11

QI: Quantum-enhanced Interferometry for New Physics

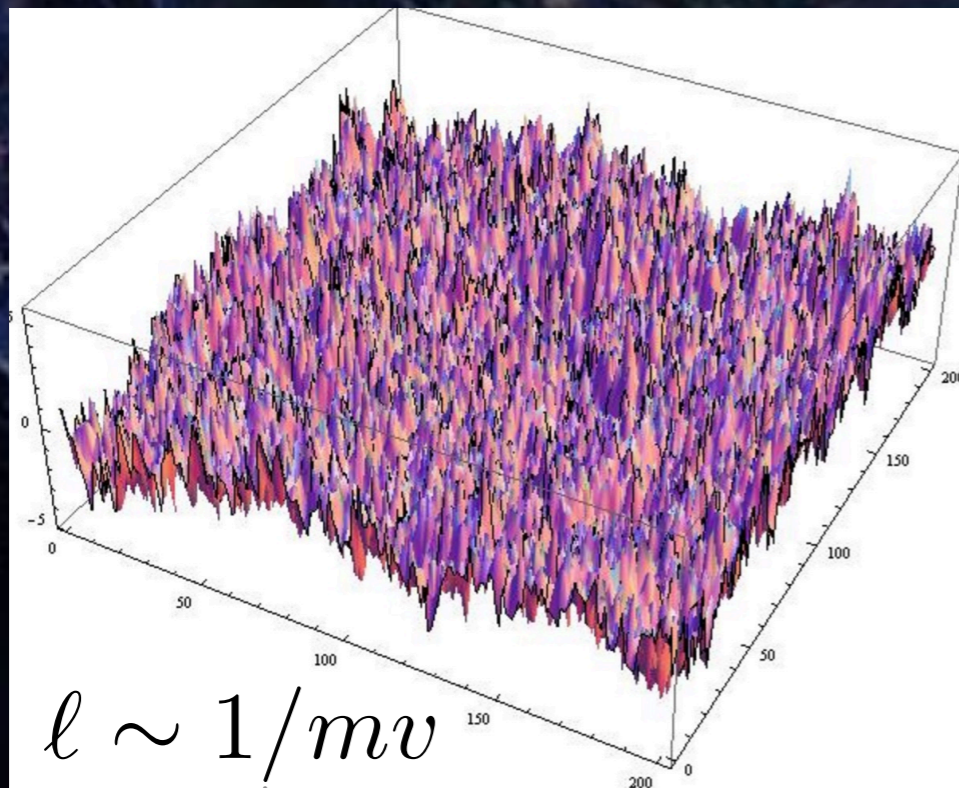
Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics selected proposals: QUEST-DMC + six that were developed by the community activities supported by the STFC Opportunities Award

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Five+ of the funded QTFP bids are connected to DM search

Quantum technologies are *essential*

The ultra-light DM mass regime (axions, dark photons, moduli...):
a partially-coherent random field



correlation length

$$\frac{\delta\omega}{\omega} \sim \frac{m_a v^2 / 2}{m_a} \sim 10^{-6}$$

resonant enhancement in
detection is possible

What kind of bosons?

Naturalness. Structure set by symmetries.

Spin 0

Axions and other goldstone bosons

Easy to get in many UV theories

Spin 1

Anomaly free Standard Model couplings

Electromagnetism

$$\left(\frac{a}{f_a} F \tilde{F}\right)$$

usual searches

$$(m_a \sim \text{GHz})$$

Nuclear Force

$$\left(\frac{a}{f_a} G \tilde{G}\right)$$

QCD Axion

Nuclear Spin

$$\left(\frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{N} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 N\right)$$

General Axions

Nuclear Spin

$$\left(\frac{F'_{\mu\nu}}{f_a} \bar{N} \sigma^{\mu\nu} N\right)$$

Dipole moment
new searches

Electromagnetism

$$\left(\epsilon F' F\right)$$

Kinetic Mixing

Nucleon Current

$$\left(g A'_\mu J_{B-L}^\mu\right)$$

B-L

Dark Matter $\implies a = a_0 \cos(m_a t)$

$$\text{yr}^{-1} \lesssim \omega \lesssim 10 \text{THz}$$



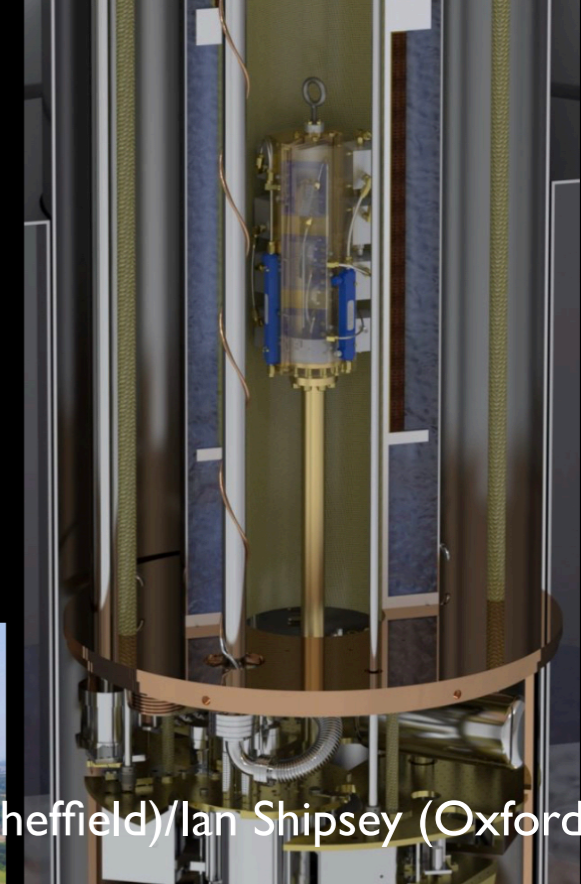
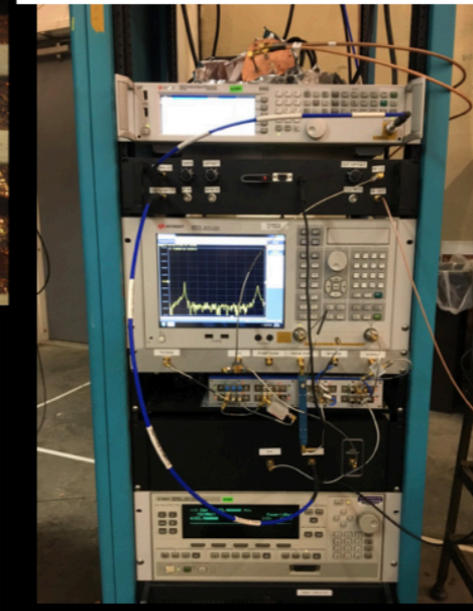
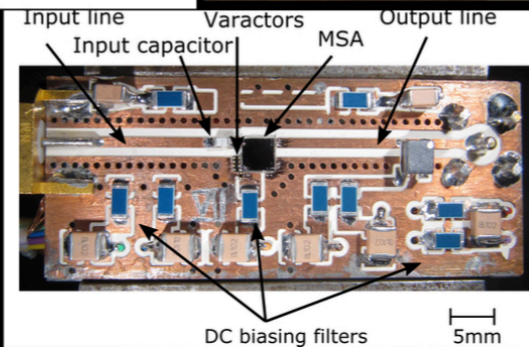
Quantum Sensors for the Hidden Sector

Sheffield, Cambridge, Oxford, RHUL, Lancaster, UCL, NPL, Liverpool

ADMX SQUID washer Resonant feedback test

ADMX SQUID housing

ADMX
Microwave
SQUID
amplifier



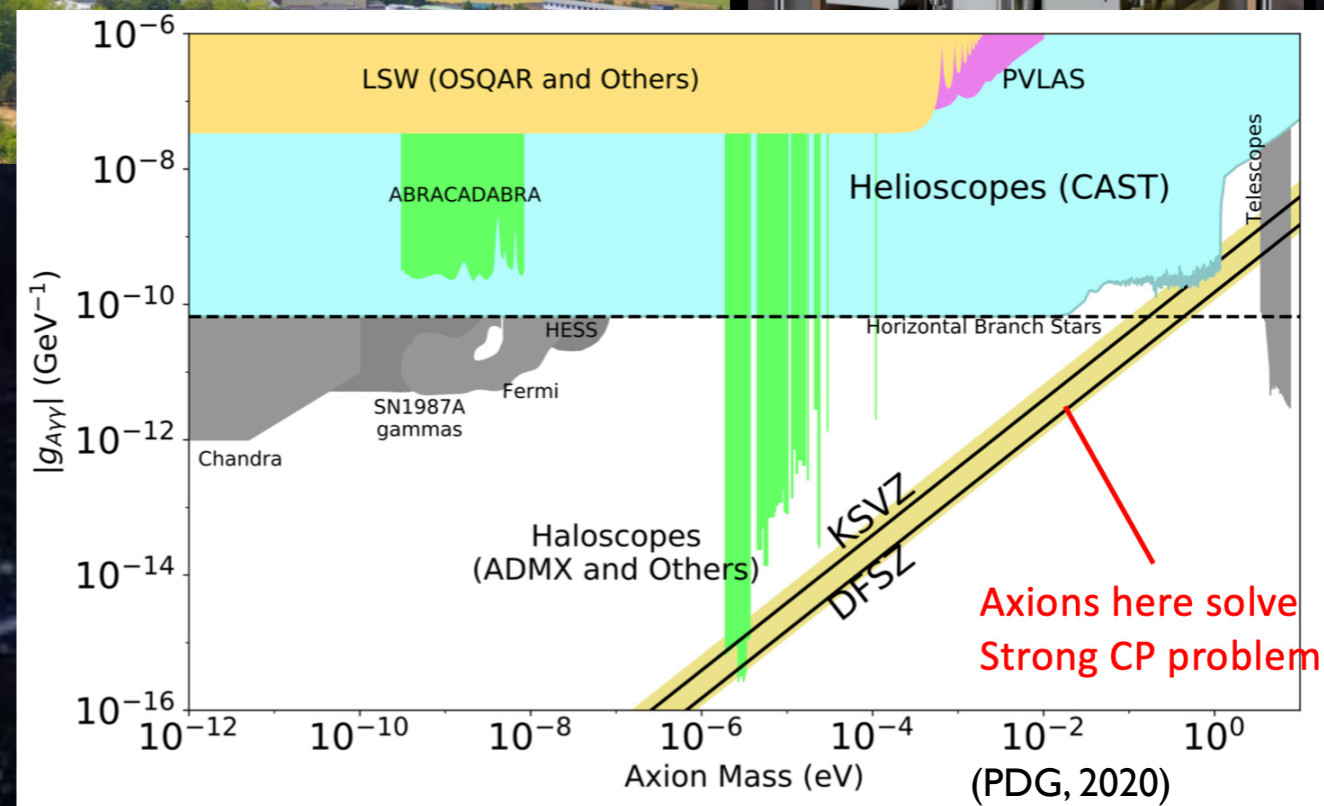
Daresbury Lab

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- A search for axions/ALPs using resonant conversion to microwave photons in high magnetic fields
- Initial focus on QCD axion, mass range $25-40\mu\text{eV}$
- Collaboration with U.S. Axion Dark Matter eXperiment group, who operate the worlds most sensitive axion search, ADMX.
- **Ambition to build a UK high field (8T) low temperature (10mK) facility at Daresbury.**

World-leading QCD axion/
ultra-light DM searches possible
in accessible mass range(s)



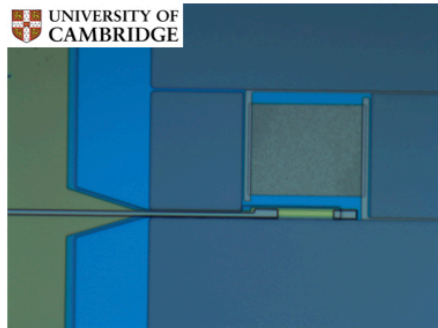


Quantum Electronics



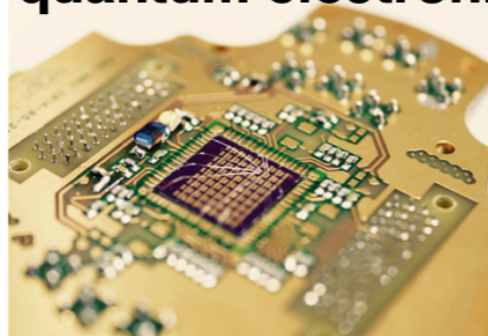
QSHS groups are world leading in quantum electronics and quantum systems design critical to searches for axions and ALPS

Josephson, Travelling Wave Parametric Amplifiers, Bolometric detectors, and Qubits

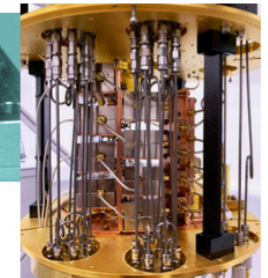
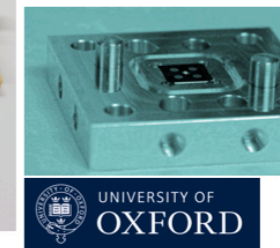
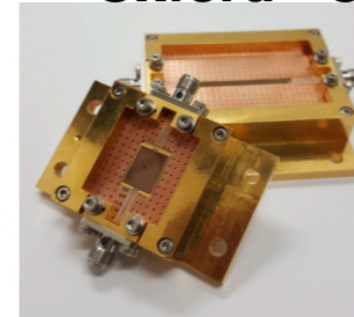


Cambridge (Withington group)

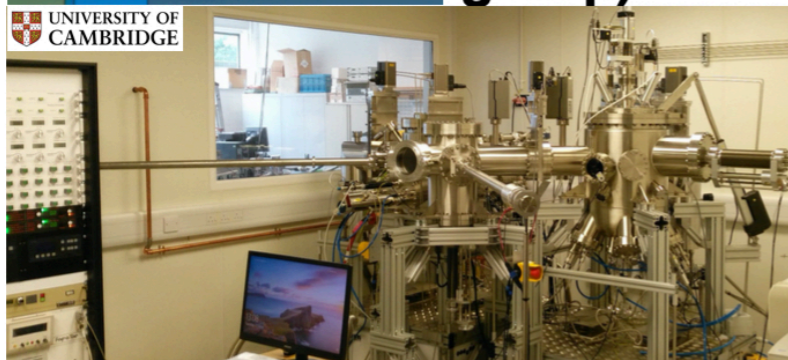
Lancaster - device physics, low noise quantum electronics



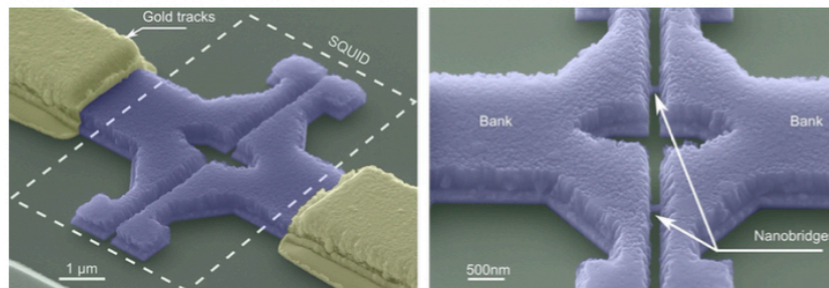
Oxford - QuBits and SIS mixer expertise, Leek, Tan



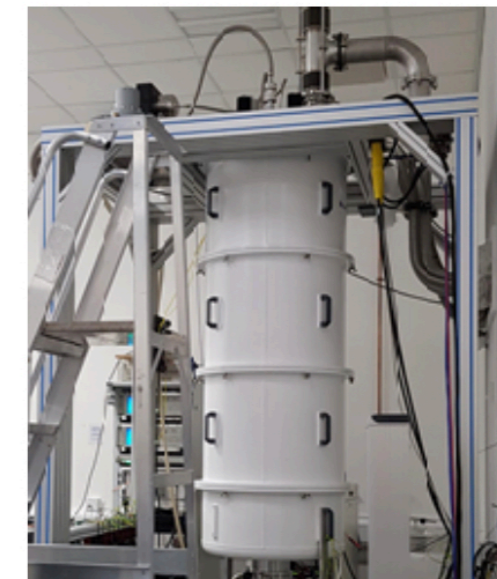
NPL- Hao, Lewis, Gallup Squids, high field facilities



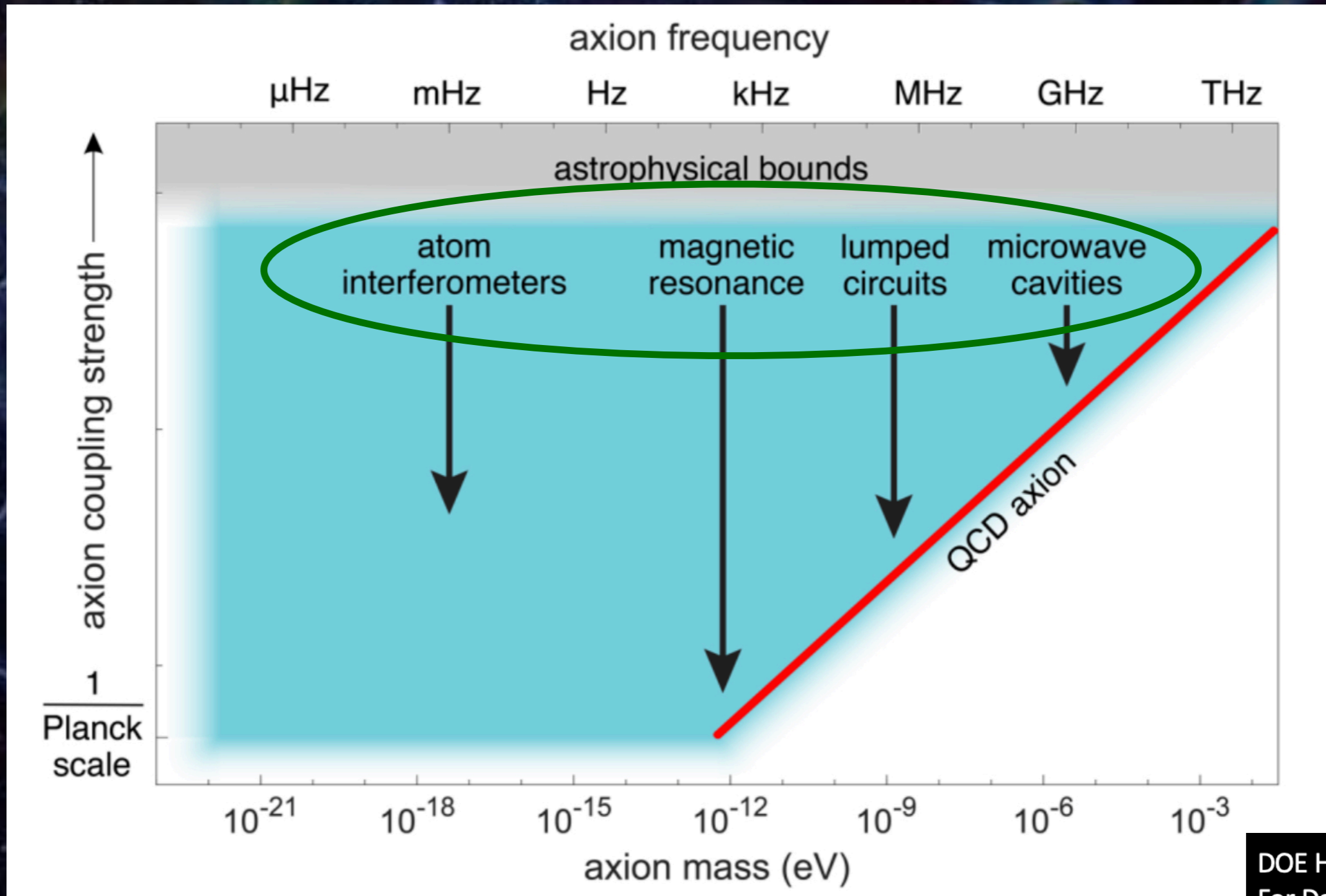
UCL (Romans) SQUIDS, nanoscale fabrication



RHUL (Meeson)-fabrication, high B field, RF electronics



Whole variety of quantum-enhanced technologies important...

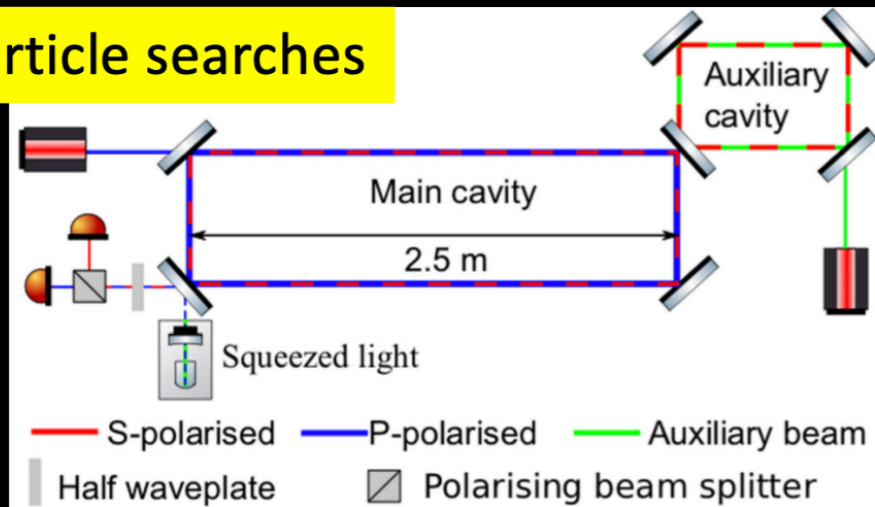




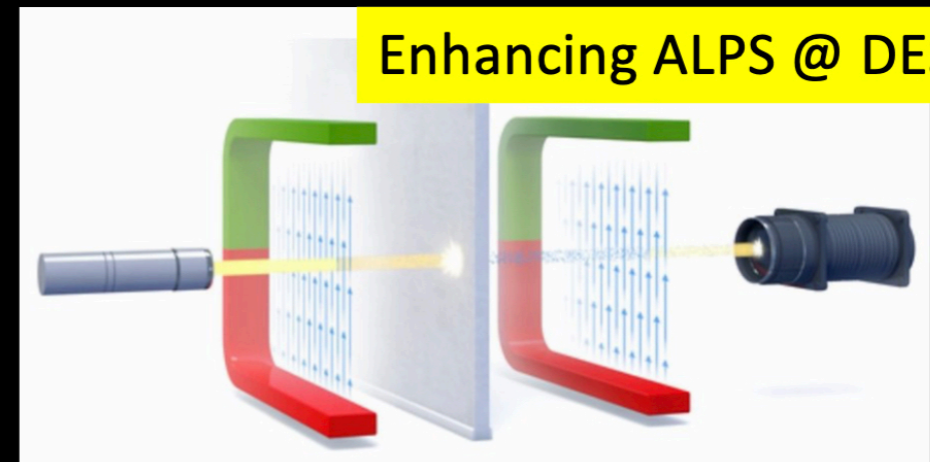
Quantum-enhanced Interferometry

Vincent Boyer (Birmingham), Animesh Datta (Warwick), Katherine Dooley (Cardiff), Hartmut Grote (Cardiff, PI), Robert Hadfield (Glasgow), Denis Martynov (Birmingham, Deputy PI), Haixing Miao (Birmingham), Stuart Reid (Strathclyde)

Axion-like particle searches



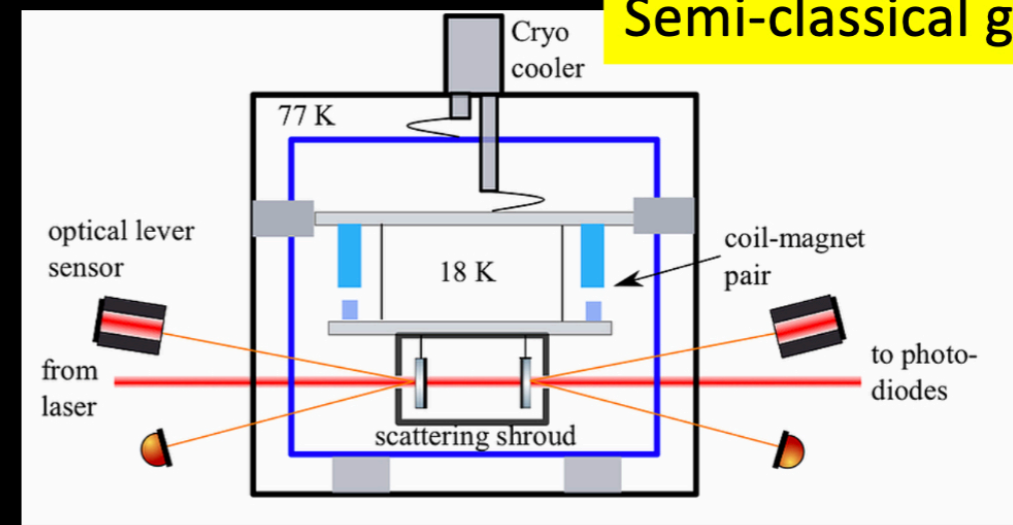
Enhancing ALPS @ DESY



Quantization of space time



Semi-classical gravity



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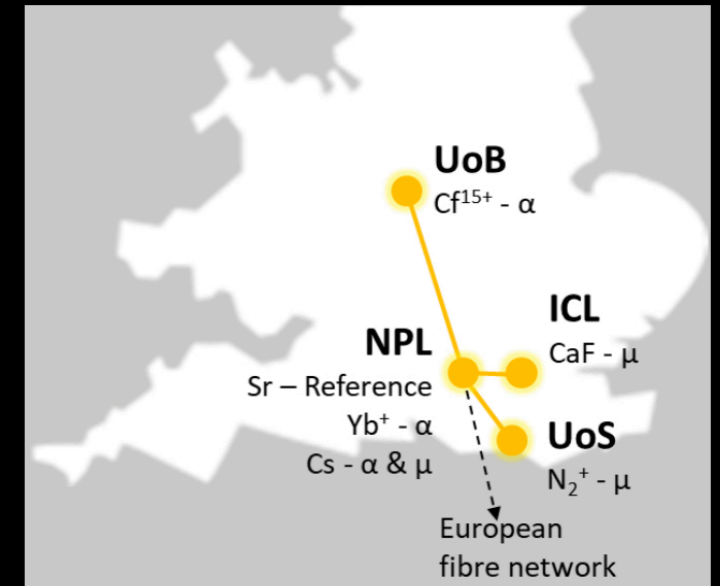


A network of clocks for measuring the stability of fundamental constants

G. Barontini, V. Boyer, X. Calmet, M. Chung, N. Fitch, R. Godun, J. Goldwin, V. Guarrera, I. Hill, M. Keller, J. Kronjaeger, H. Margolis, C. Mow-Lowry, P. Newman, L. Prokhorov, B. Sauer, M. Schioppo, M. Tarbutt, A. Vecchio, S. Worm

The aim of the consortium is to build a community that will achieve unprecedented sensitivity in testing variations of the fine structure constant, α , and the proton-to-electron mass ratio, μ . This in turn will provide more stringent constraints on a wide range of fundamental and phenomenological theories beyond the Standard Model and on dark matter models. The ambition of the QSNET consortium will be enabled by a unique network that connects a number of complementary quantum clocks across the UK

Clock	WP	Variations of fund. Constant
Ion clock Yb ⁺ (467 nm)	1	α
Atomic clock Sr (698 nm)	1	Stable reference
Atomic clock Cs (32.6 mm)	1	μ
Highly-charged ion clock Cf ¹⁵⁺ (618 nm)	2	α
Molecular clock CaF (17 μ m)	3	μ
Molecular ion clock N ₂ ⁺ (2.31 μ m)	3	μ



Oscillating Fundamental Constants from DM

eg, for the electron mass $\left(1 + d_{m_e} \frac{\phi}{M_{pl}}\right) m_e \bar{\psi}_e \psi_e$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta m_e}{m_e} &\approx \frac{d_{m_e} \phi_0}{M_{Pl}} \cos(m_\phi t) \\ &= 6 \times 10^{-13} \cos(m_\phi t) \frac{10^{-18} \text{ eV}}{m_\phi} \frac{d_{m_e}}{1} \end{aligned}$$

Fractional variation set by square root of DM abundance

$$\text{(recall } m_a^2 a_0^2 \simeq \rho_{DM}\text{)}$$

also gives apparent violation of Lorentz-invariance, etc....

The AION Project

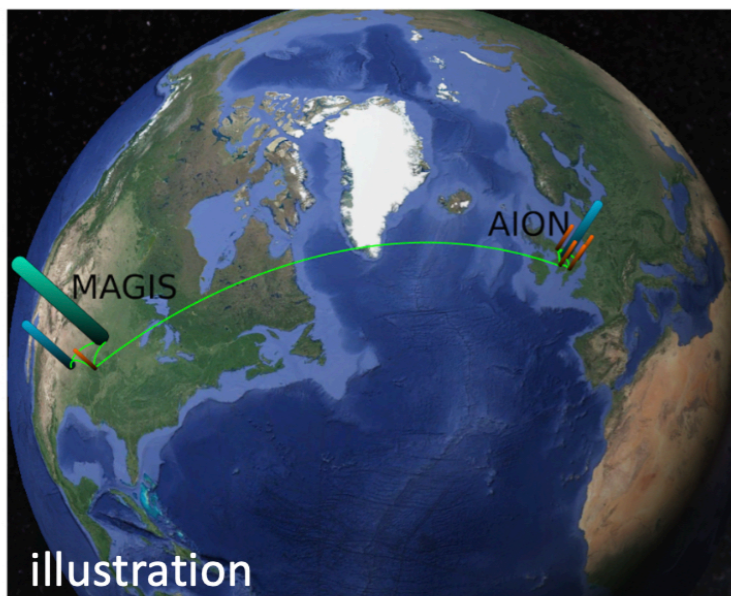
A UK Atom Interferometer Observatory and Network to explore Ultra-Light Dark Matter and Mid-Frequency Gravitational Waves.



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T. V-Salazar², M. van der Grinten², J. Vosseveld⁴, D. Weatherill³, I. Wilmut⁷,
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⁴University of Birmingham, ⁵University of Liverpool, ⁶Imperial College London, ⁷University
of Cambridge

Project executed in national partnership with **UK National Quantum Technology Hub in Sensors and Timing, Birmingham, UK**,
and international partnership with **The MAGIS Collaboration**
and **The Fermi National Laboratory, US**



illustration

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The AION Programme consists of 4 Stages

❑ **Stage 1:** to build and commission the 10 m detector, develop existing technology and the infrastructure for the 100 m. L ~ 10m

❑ **Stage 2:** to build, commission and exploit the 100 m detector and carry out a design study for the km-scale detector. L ~ 100m

- AION was selected in 2018 by STFC as a high-priority medium-scale project.
- AION will work in equal partnership with MAGIS in the US to form a “LIGO/Virgo-style” network & collaboration, providing a pathway for UK leadership.

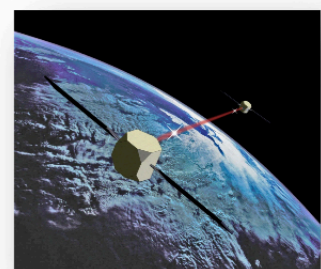
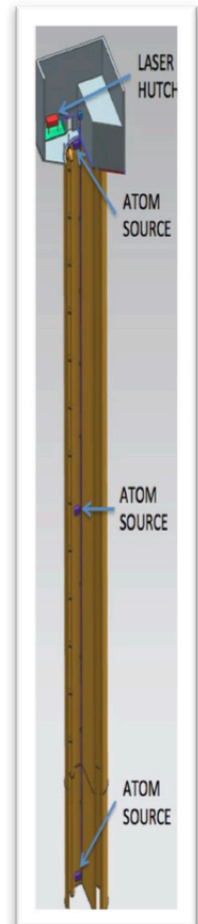
Stage 1 is now funded with about £9M by the QTFP Programme and other sources and Stage 2 (~£10M) could be placed at national facility in Boulby or Daresbury (UK), possibly also at CERN (France/Switzerland).

❑ **Stage 3:** to build a kilometre-scale terrestrial detector. L ~ 1km

❑ **Stage 4:** long-term objective a pair of satellite detectors (thousands of kilometres scale) [AEDGE proposal to ESA Voyage2050 call]

- AION has established science leadership in AEDGE, bringing together collaborators from European and Chinese groups (e.g. MIGA, MAGIA, ELGAR, ZAIGA).

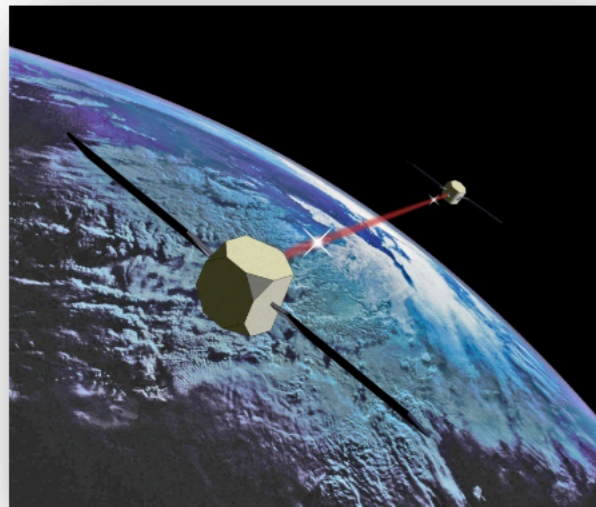
Stage 3 and 4 will likely require funding on international level (ESA, EU, etc) and AION has already started to build the foundation for it.



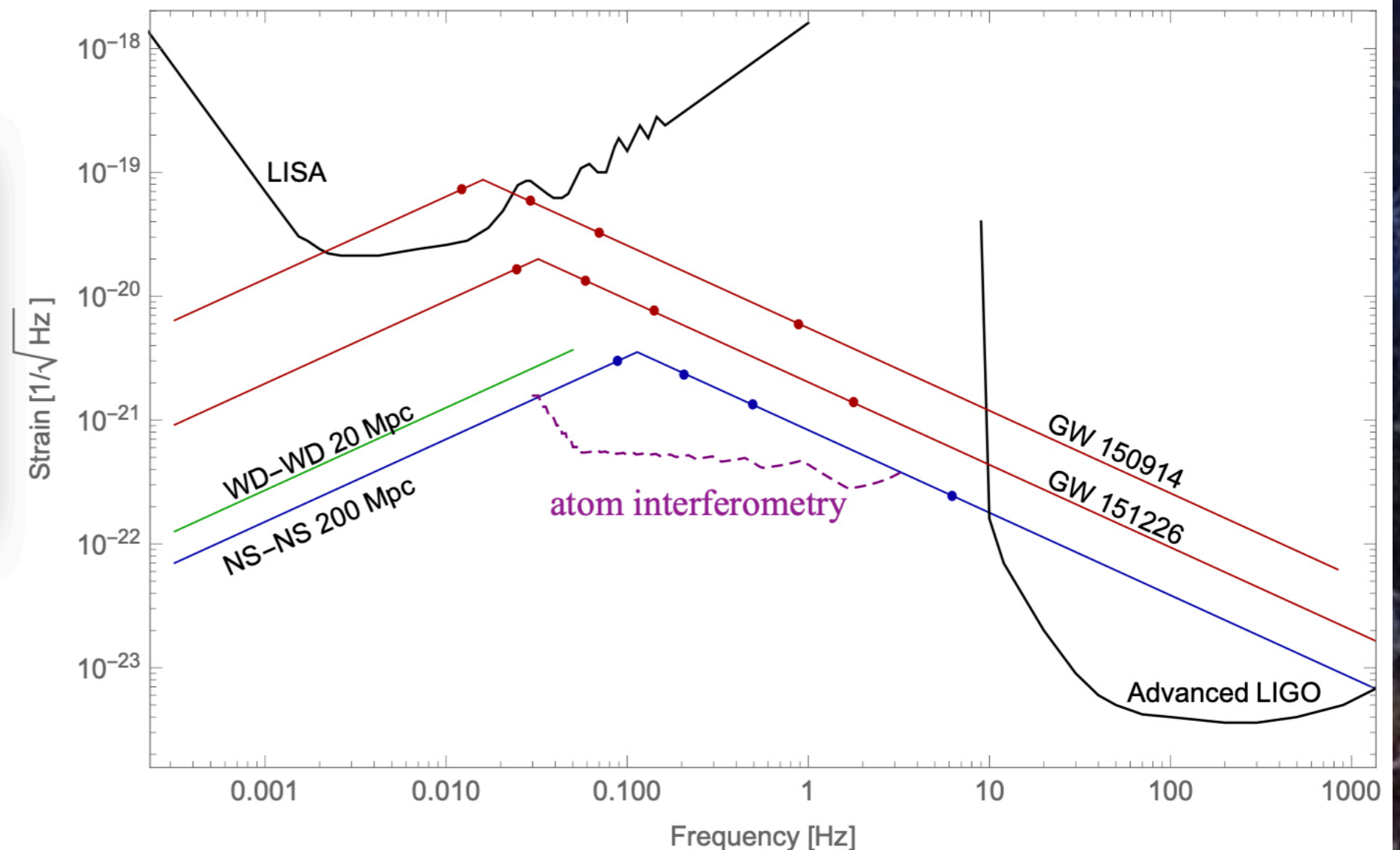
going forward

Atom Interferometry for Gravitational Waves

Atoms could access mid-frequency band



earth orbit allows
polarization measurement
with single detector



for example this band allows:

- observe new sources
- localize and predict BH and NS binary mergers for other telescopes to observe
- good measurement of BH spins

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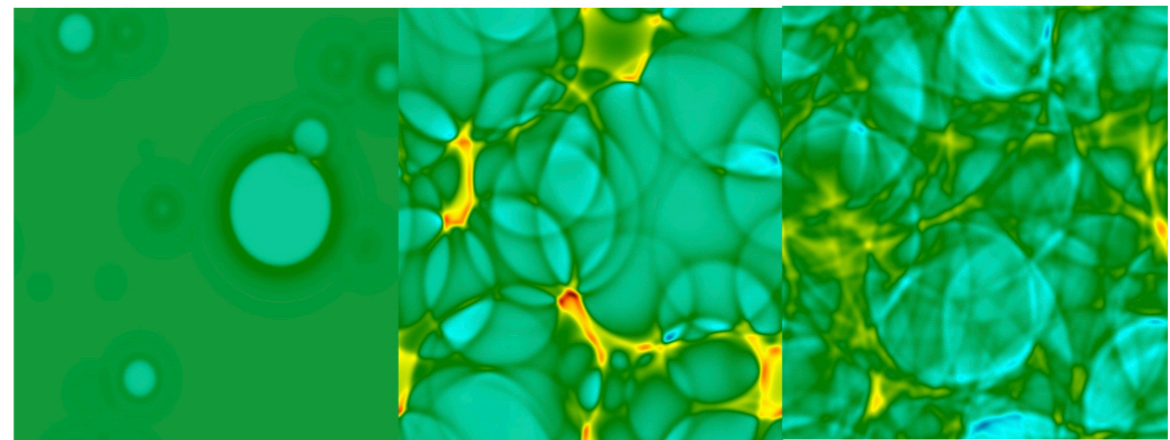
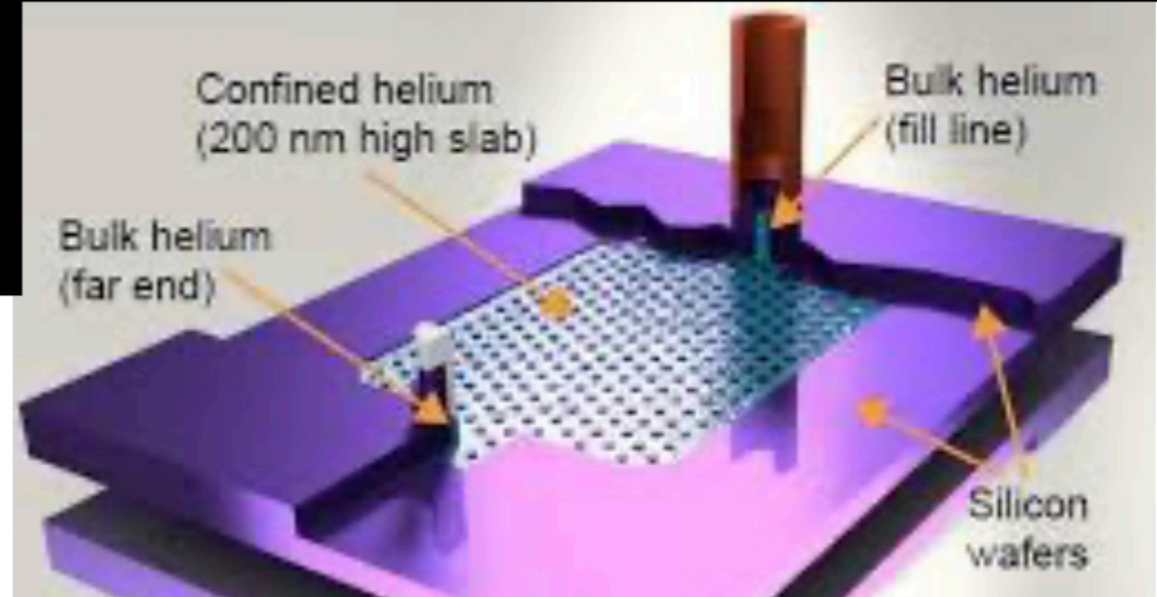
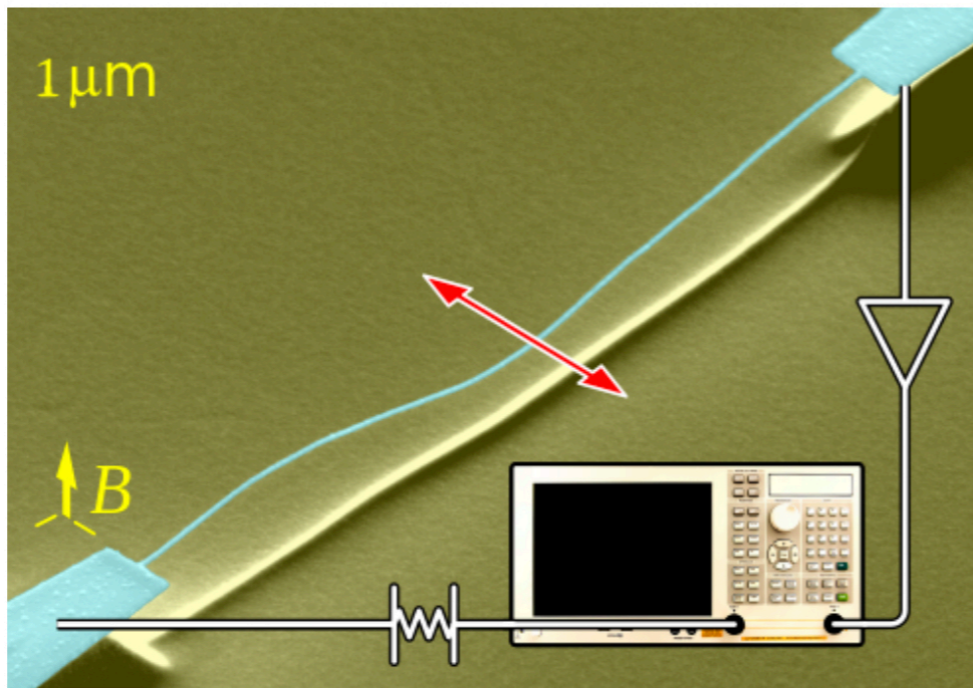
And in light particle-DM regime...

Quantum Enhanced Superfluid Technologies for Dark Matter and Cosmology, QUEST –DMC



Detection of sub-GeV dark matter with a quantum-amplified superfluid ^3He calorimeter.

Phase transitions in extreme matter



QUEST
DMC

UK HEP Forum 2020, 9-11 November 2020, See Andrew Casey's talk

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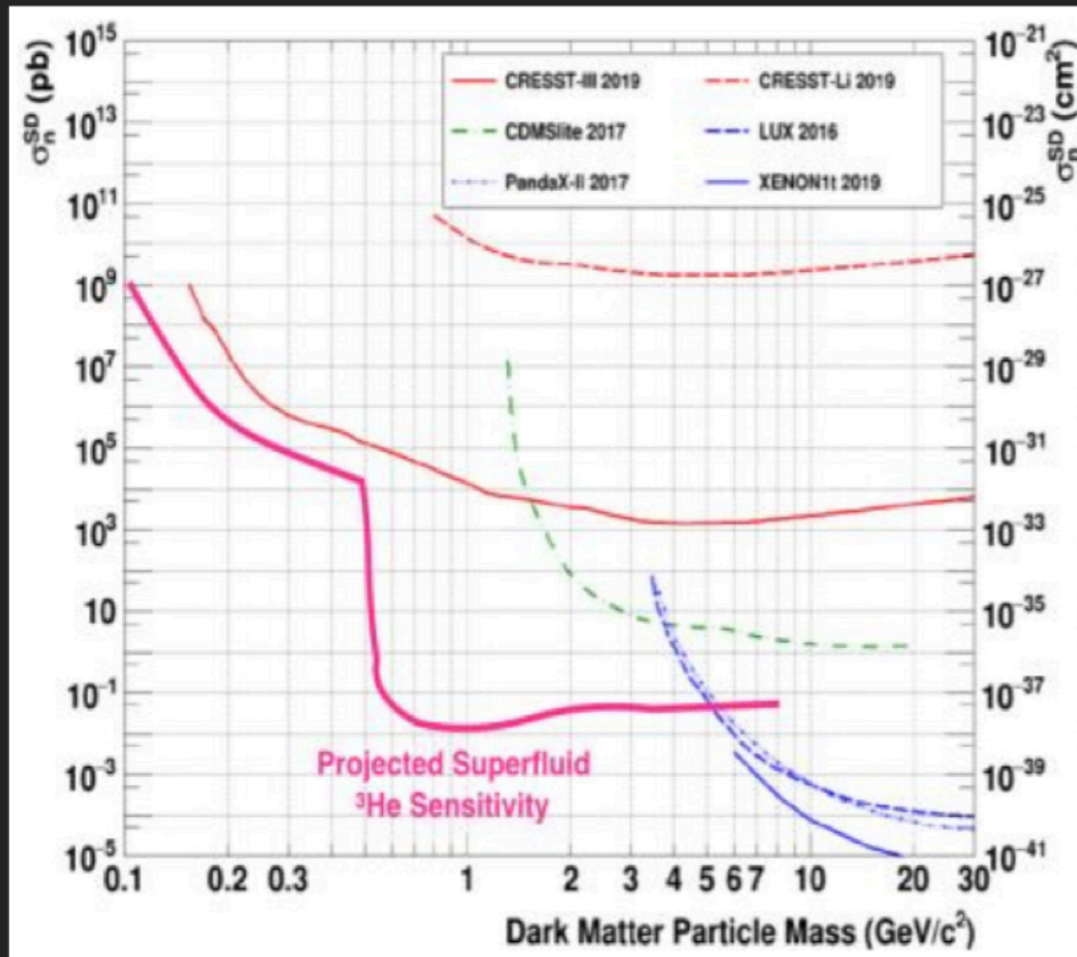
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Search regime highly motivated by asymmetric DM

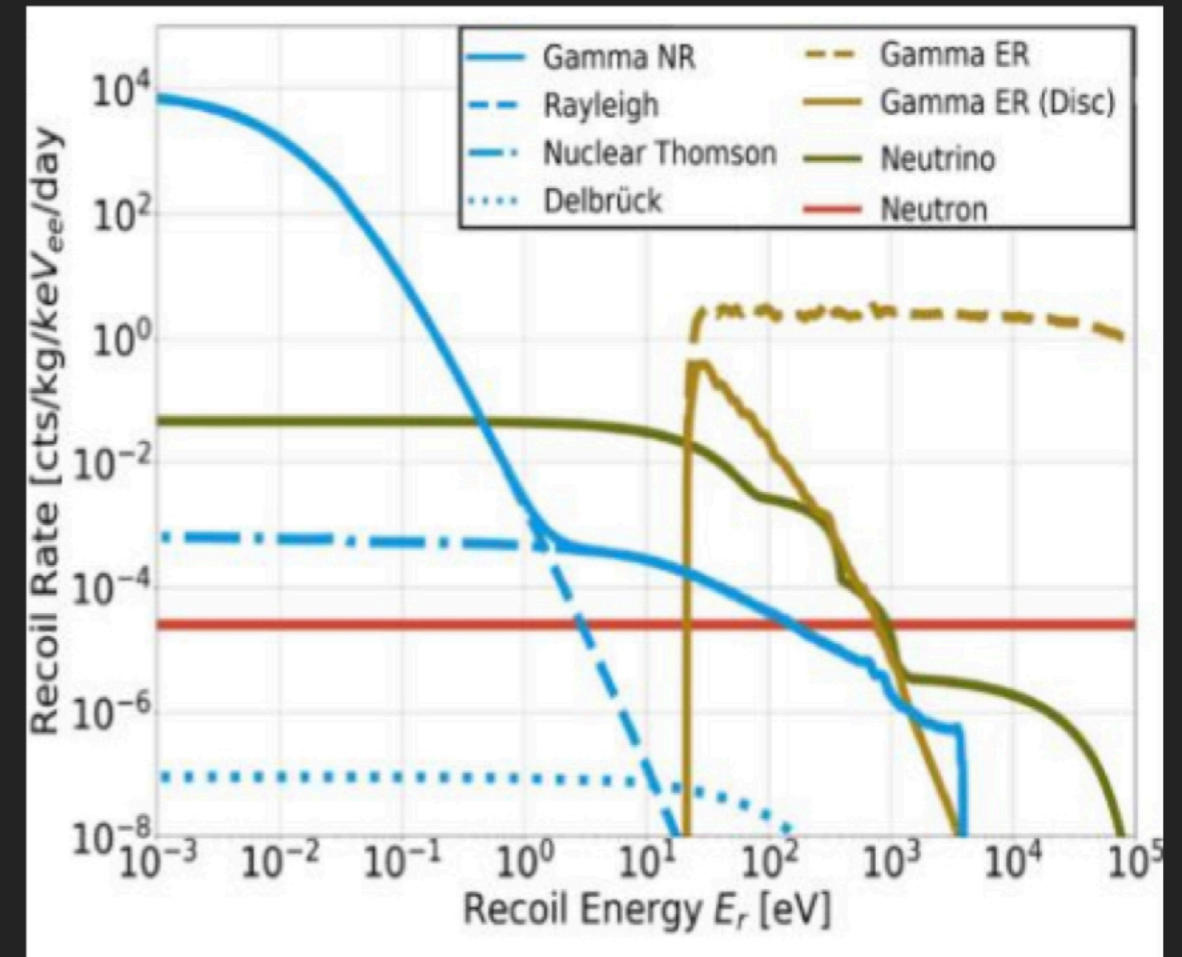
WP1: Detection of sub-GeV dark matter with a quantum-amplified superfluid ^3He calorimeter

Prof Jocelyn Monroe

New mass regime, sensitivity to spin-dependent interactions, predict 10 eV threshold.



A. H. Abdelhameed *et al.* (CRESST Collaboration)
 Phys. Rev. D **100**, 10200 (2019)



Hertel *et al.* Phys. Rev. D **100**, 092007 (2019)

Quantum Enhanced Superfluid Technologies for Dark Matter and Cosmology

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Building a community: essential for creation of QTFP



Quantum Sensors for Fundamental Physics Community Workshop October 2018 Oxford
>140 from EPSRC & STFC in attendance

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Community ▾

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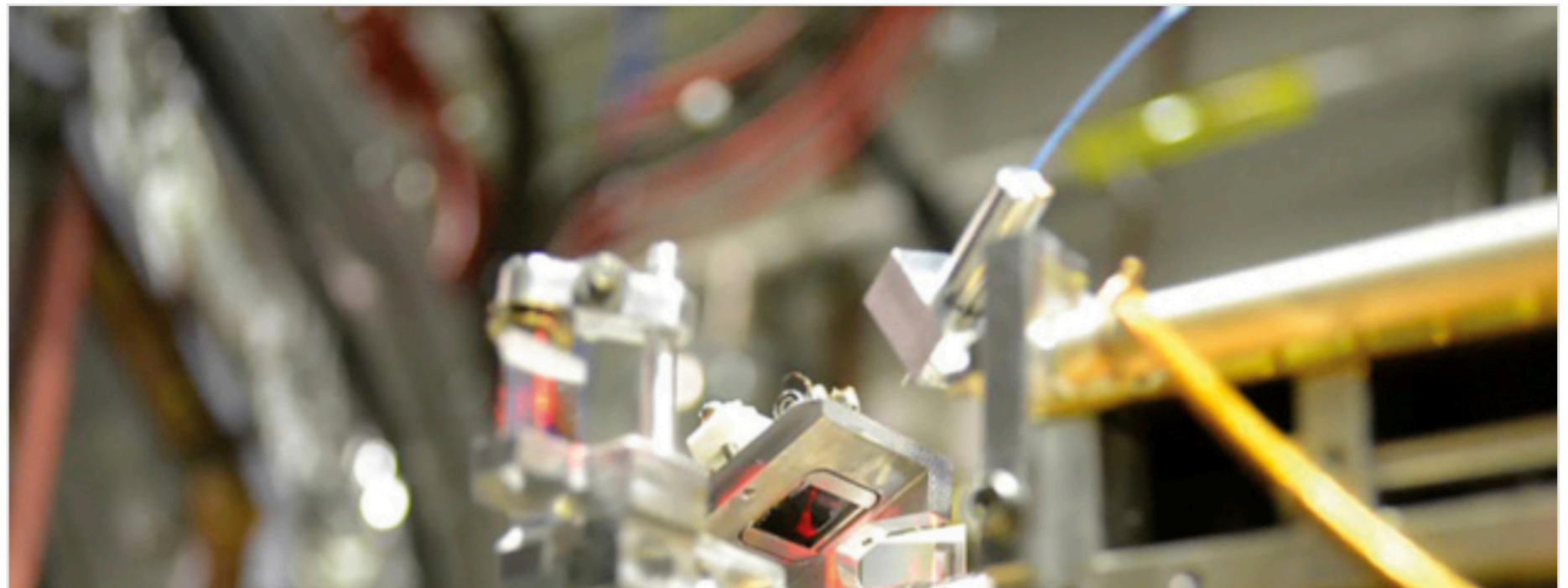


COMPUTING | OPINION

CERN and quantum technologies

25 September 2020

CERN's new quantum technology initiative has the potential to enrich and expand its challenging research programme, says Alberto Di Meglio.



QTI Brainstorm 2020 - Part 1

Thursday 12 Nov 2020, 15:00 → 17:30 Europe/Zurich

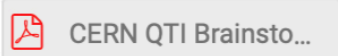
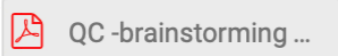
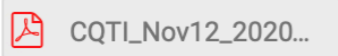
Description This is a first informal brainstorming event for the CERN community interested in quantum technologies to come up together with a few concrete ideas for medium-term projects and collaborations. The first part of the event sets the scene of the current activities of the CERN Quantum Technology Initiative and the current ideas in the four areas of Quantum Computing, Sensing, Theory and Communications. A second event to be scheduled at the end of November will elaborate an initial draft of proposals and plans for the next three years.

Registration to the event is recommended. Your name and email address is collected only for the purpose of organizing the event and communicating with you about its logistics.

Registration

 Participants

 Register

15:00	→ 15:15	The CERN QTI: Introduction and Main Goals	🕒 15m
Speaker: Alberto Di Meglio (CERN)			
			
15:15	→ 15:45	Quantum Computing Activities	🕒 30m
Speaker: Dr Sofia Vallecorsa (CERN)			
			
15:45	→ 16:15	Quantum Sensing Activities	🕒 30m
Speaker: Michael Doser (CERN)			
			
16:15	→ 16:45	Quantum Simulation and Information Theory Activities	🕒 30m
Speaker: Dr Dorota Maria Grabowska (CERN)			

- From presentations and discussion status pretty clear: CERN wants to be involved, *but searching for direction. UK can & should provide this!*

The background of the slide is a complex, abstract pattern of thin, glowing blue and purple fibers. These fibers are interconnected, forming a dense, web-like structure that resembles a molecular or biological network. The overall color palette is dark, with the fibers providing a vibrant contrast.

Multi-decade+ program with multiple major discoveries beckons!

Have engaged our fellow physicists in other fields, significantly growing the community working in fundamental particle physics. *Increasing the size of the pie to everyone's benefit*

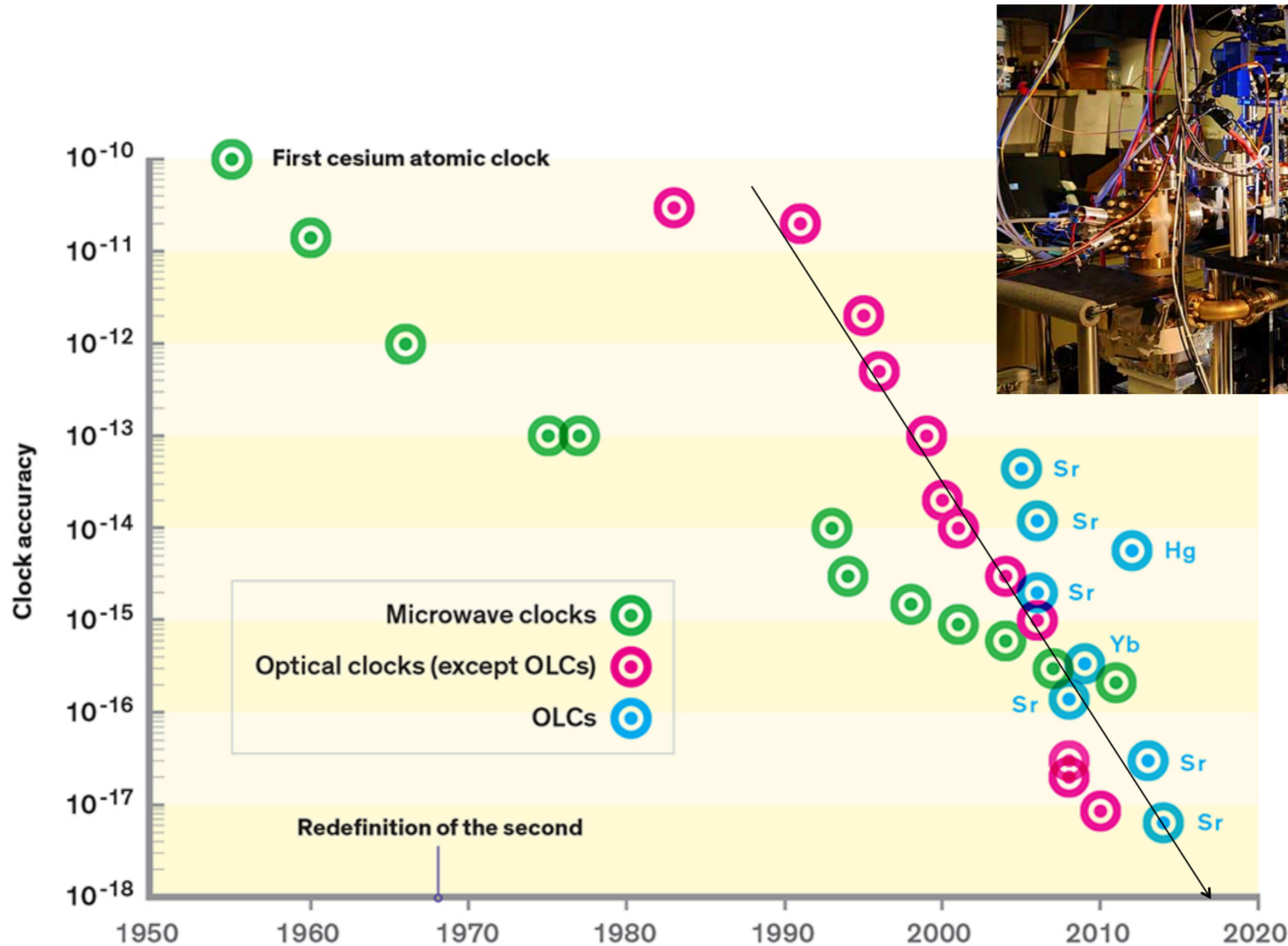
Need to continue UK's leadership and get even better





BACKUP SLIDES

Atomic Clock Sensitivity



current technology already allows many new searches, and will improve by orders of magnitude

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Main Aims of G3-Xe R&D

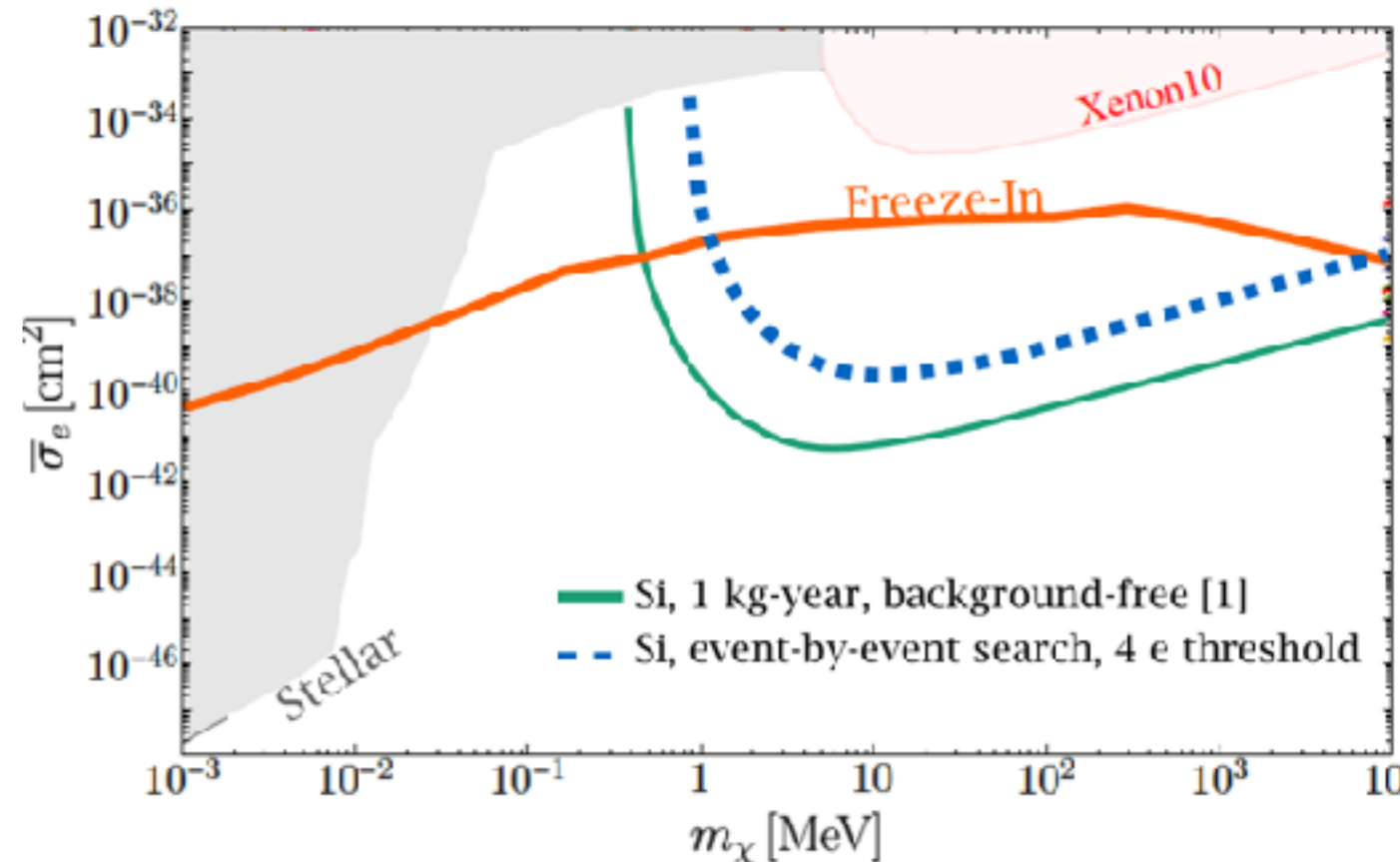
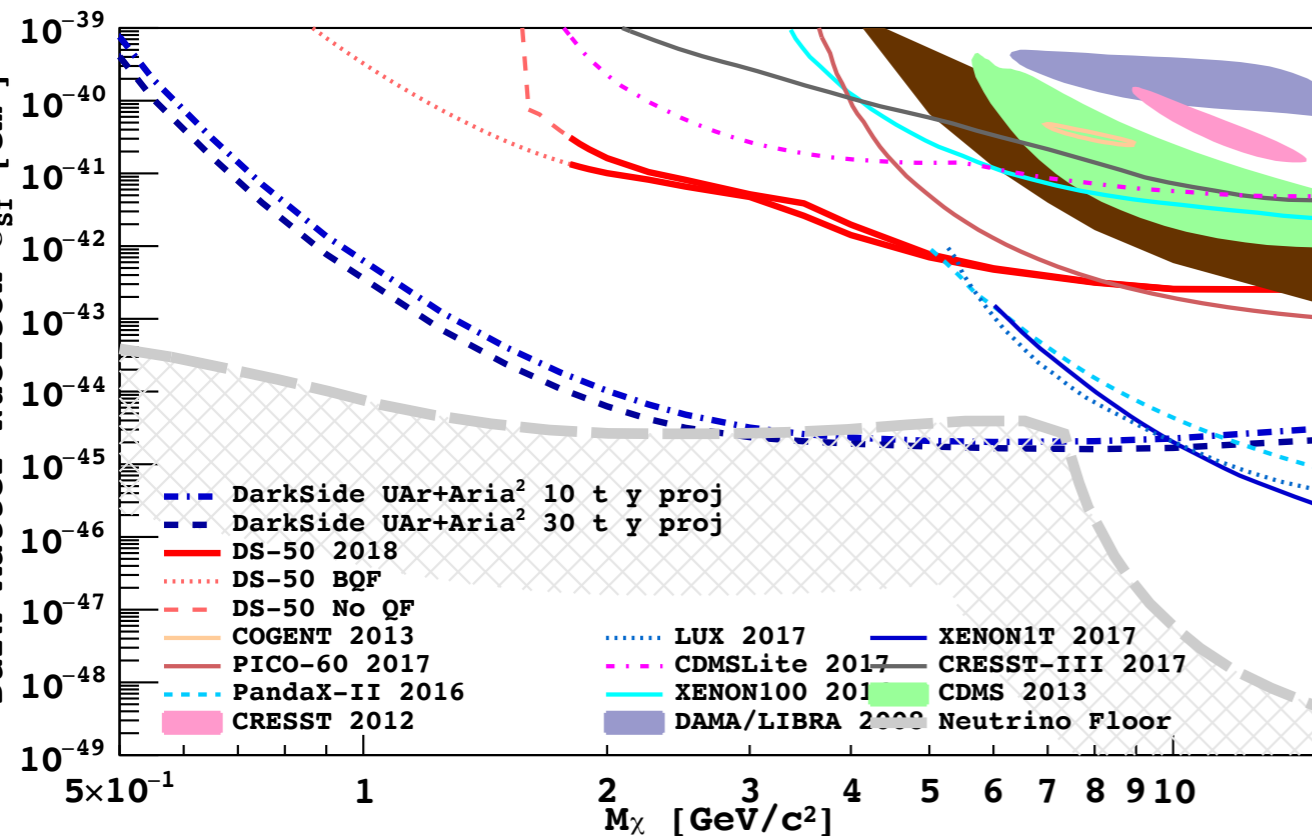
- Development of scalable VUV-SiPM array: possible alternative for PMT readout.
Major technical progress recently, develop UK capability and operational experience.
- Exploration and evaluation of options for VUV-SiPM readout technologies to reduce cable count and meeting the background requirements of a G3 instrument.
Address the main challenge of SiPM readout head on.
- Advanced radio-assay techniques to ensure technical developments meet stringent radiopurity requirements to achieve G3 sensitivity.
Major campaign needed, as we conducted for PMT development (ZEPLIN, LZ).
- First observation of Migdal effect from nuclear scattering: major impact on DM field.
Already important in the field: but are experimental Migdal rates as predicted?

Low Mass Dark Matter Opportunities Enabled by SiPMs

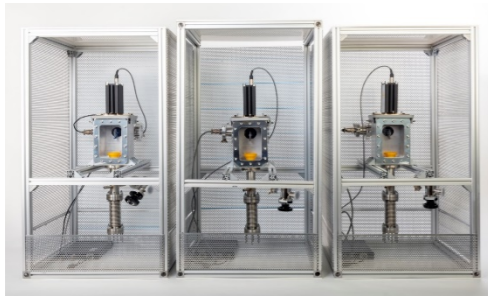
1. Expanded dark matter cross section reach: ~proportional to background

2. Expanded dark matter mass range:

- lighter targets are better for low mass dark matter (below left) — reach **GeV** mass range
- access to dark matter search *in* the Si target (below, right) — opens up **MeV** mass range
- sidereal modulation potential using the Si target (*Heikinheimo et al., Phys. Rev. D 99, 103018 (2019)*)
 - energy threshold to liberate a charge carrier in Si depends on orientation of recoil relative to crystal symmetry axis — gives rise to sidereal modulation in rate



LZUK SCOPE



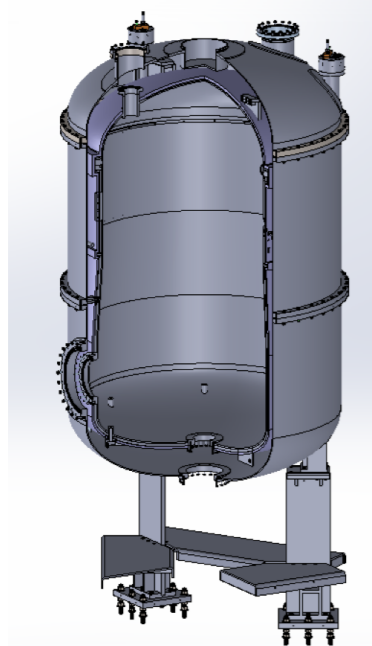
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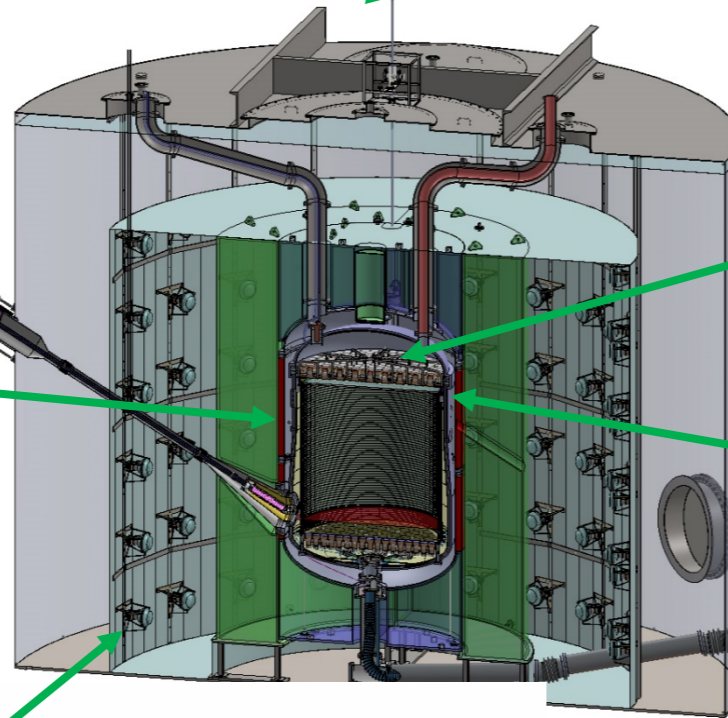
HPGe/ICP-MS/Rn screening



Skin PMT Testing



Titanium cryostat



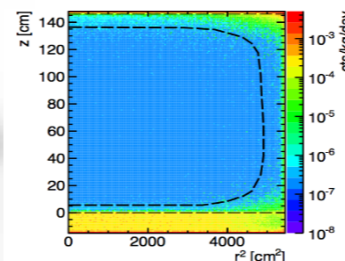
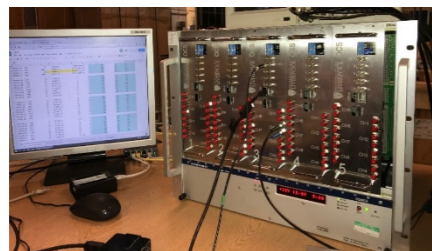
1/3 TPC PMTs
Xenon PMT bases



Monitoring sensors
System Test / R&D



Orbital welding system
Gas System
Equipment



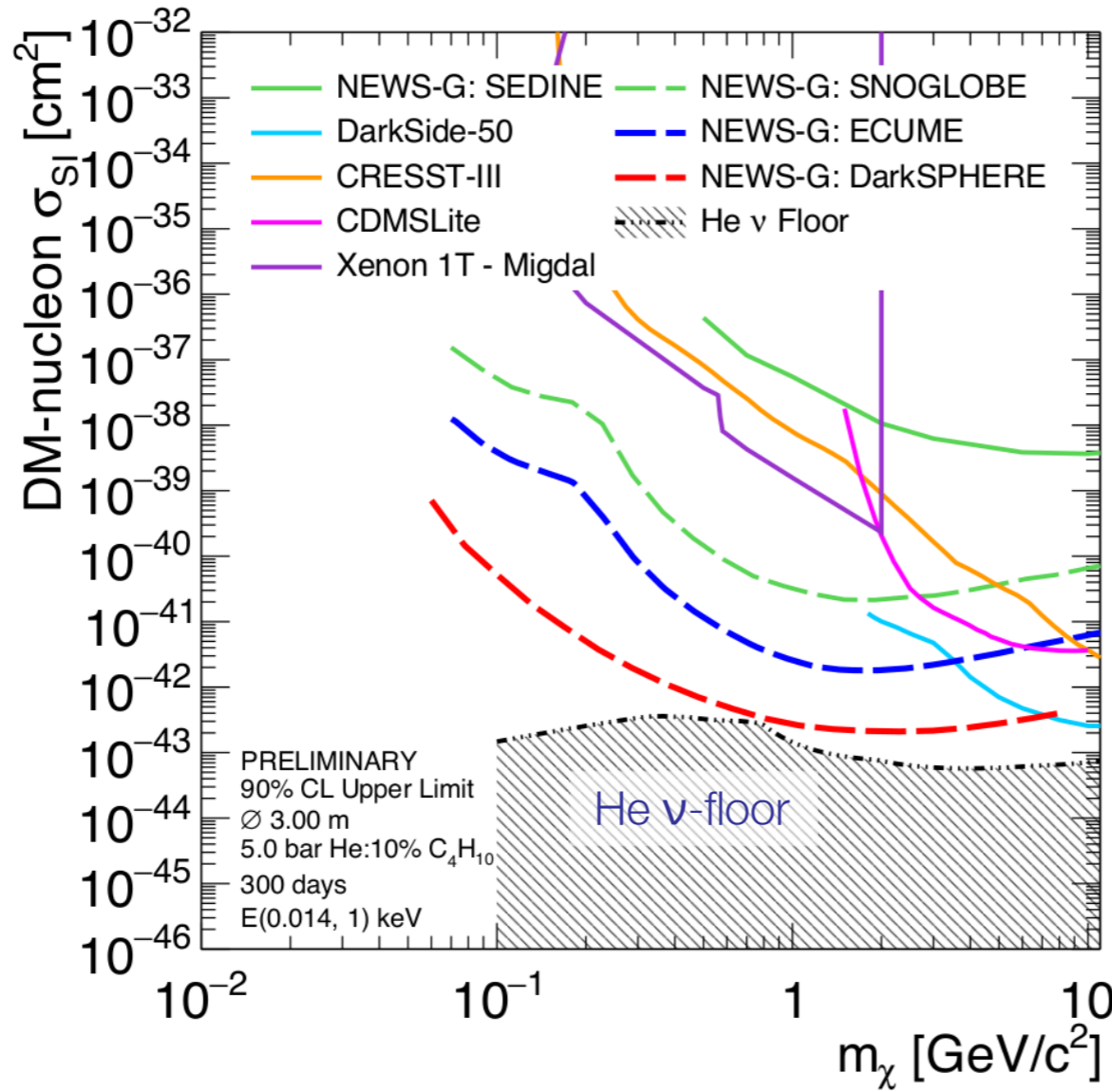


XenonFutures: R&D FOR A GLOBAL RARE EVENT OBSERVATORY (Phase 2)

Henrique Araújo, Sergey Burdin, Jim Dobson, Henning Flaecher, Chamkaur Ghag, Maurits van der Grinten, Asher Kaboth, Hans Kraus (PI), Vitaly Kudryavtsev, Pawel Majewski, Christopher McCabe, Alex Murphy, Tim Sumner, Dan Tovey, Antonin Vacheret



NEWS-G will produce increasingly radio-pure, scaled-up detectors over the next 5+ years



General assumptions:

$F = 0.2$, $\theta = 0.12$,
SRIM quenching factor,
ROI: 14 eV_{ee} - 1 keV_{ee}

NEWS-G SNOLAB:

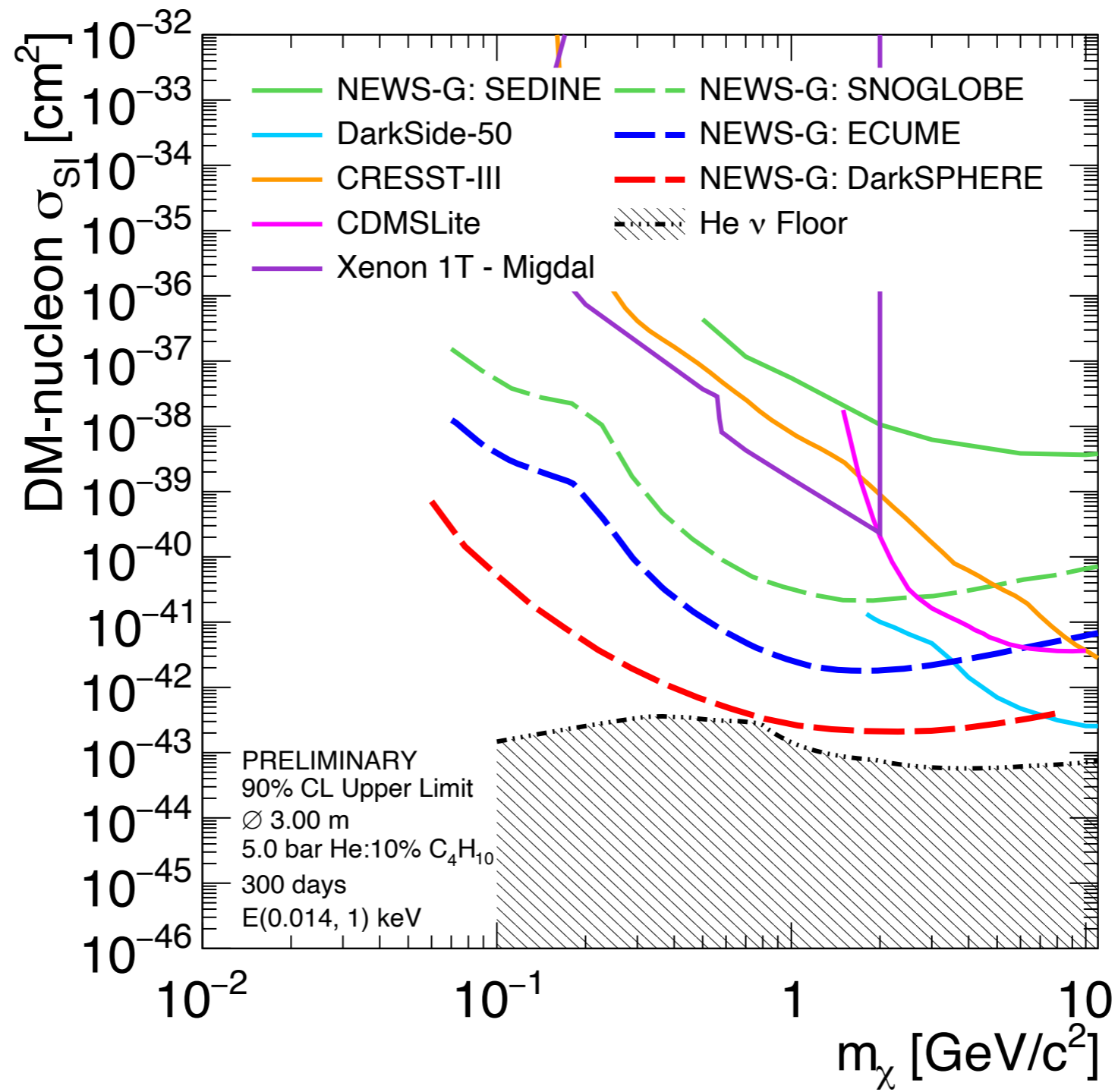
Ne + 10% CH₄, 1 bar (1.04 kg)
Background: 1.78 dru
Exposure: 20 kg.days
Optimum Interval Method [13]

NEWS-G ECUME:

Ne + 10% CH₄
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Exposure: 200 kg.days
Optimum Interval Method [13]

DarkSPHERE:

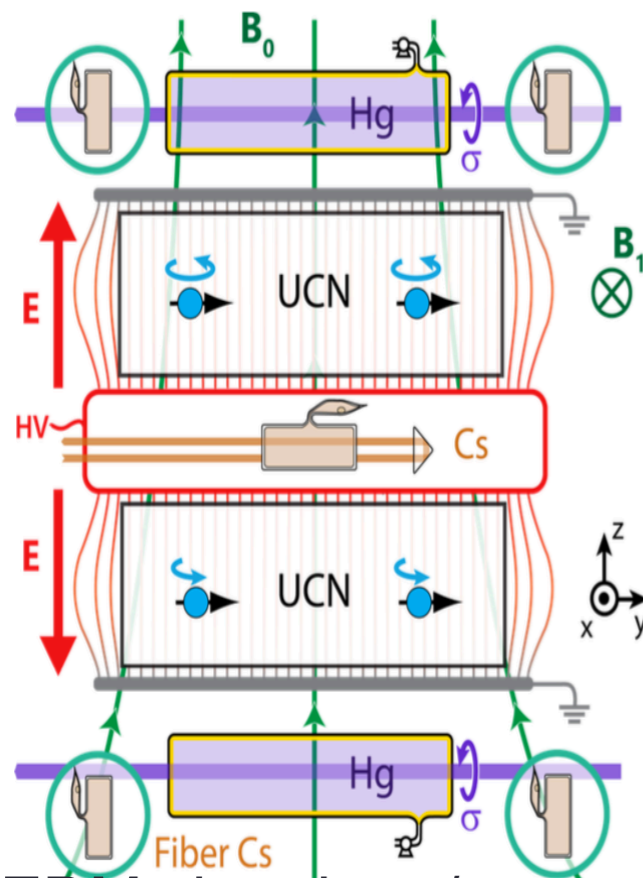
He + 10% C₄H₁₀, 5 bars (26.8 kg)
Background: 0.02 dru
Exposure: 300 days
Binned Likelihood



Cryogenic neutron EDM R&D

PanEDM – two stage programme towards a cryogenic nEDM (ILL/TUM/RAL/PNPI+US institutes)

- Will provide a next generation nEDM experiment following the room temperature era
- Super-thermal ultracold neutron source “SuperSUN” constructed:
 - room temperature, UCN produced through SuperSun
 - cryogenic experiment – to start five years beyond



EDM chambers/magnetometry in place

Expect that future of nEDM will go through European Spallation Source (ESS)

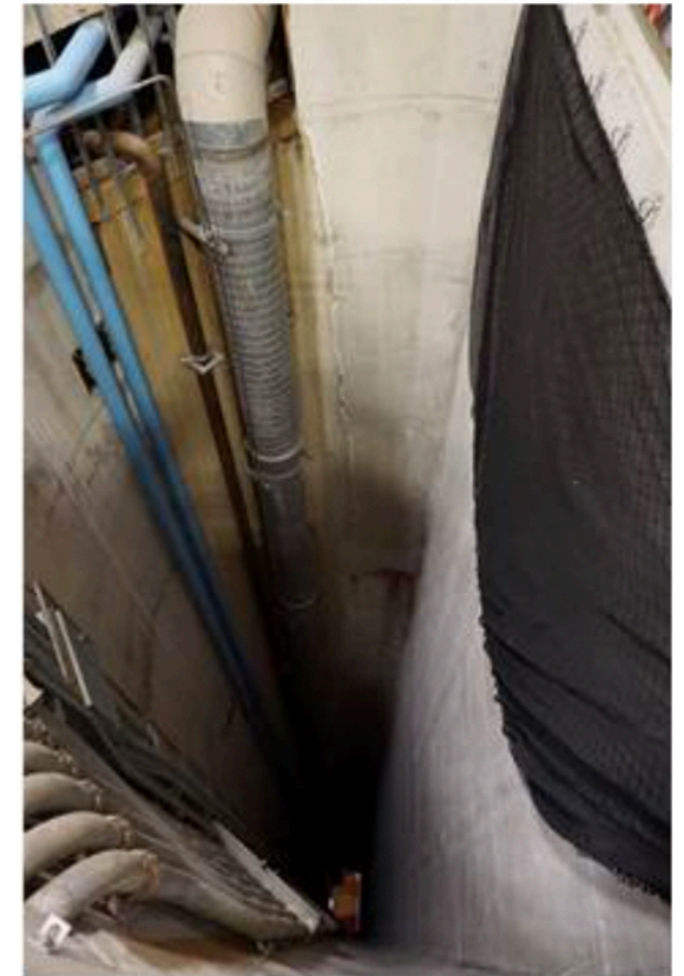
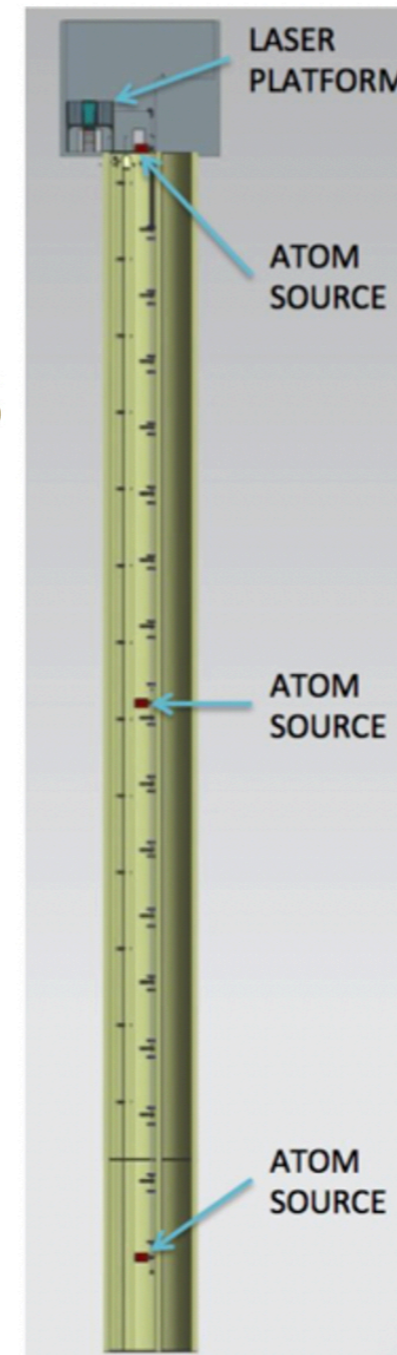
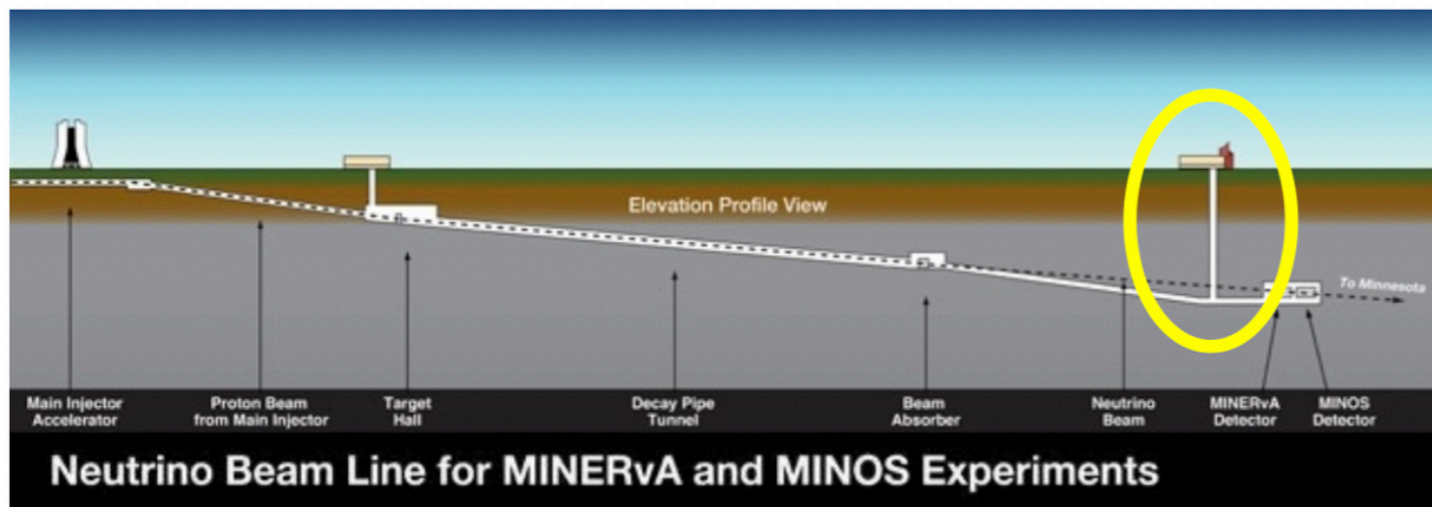
- RT stage to reach 4×10^{-27} e·cm sensitivity per 100 days run.
- cryogenic experiment to reach sub- 10^{-27} e·cm



Also now significant involvement in MAGIS-100

MAGIS-100 @ Fermilab

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UK Contribution via the AION programme

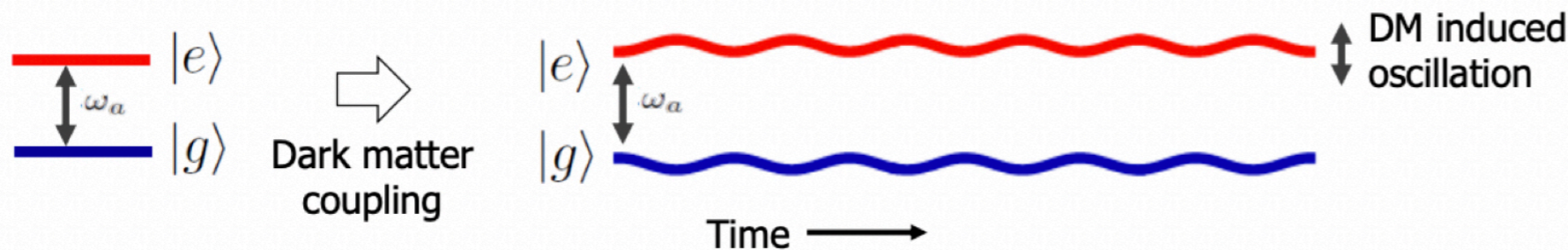
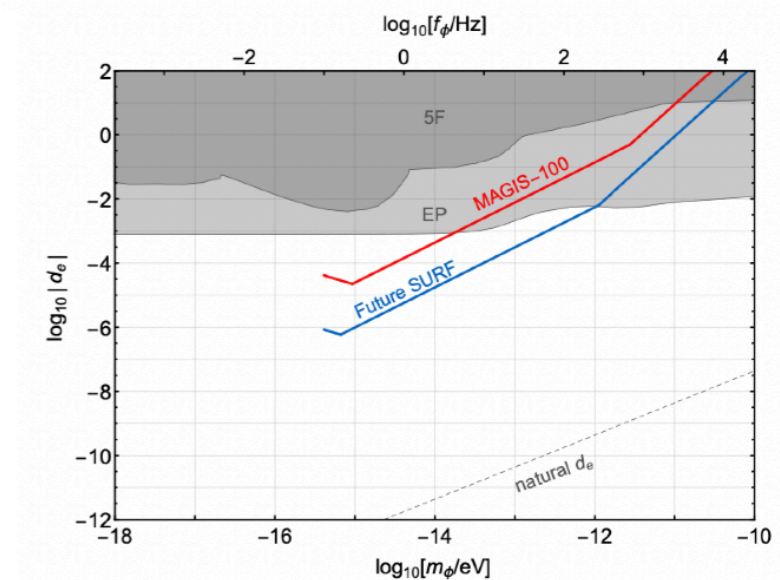
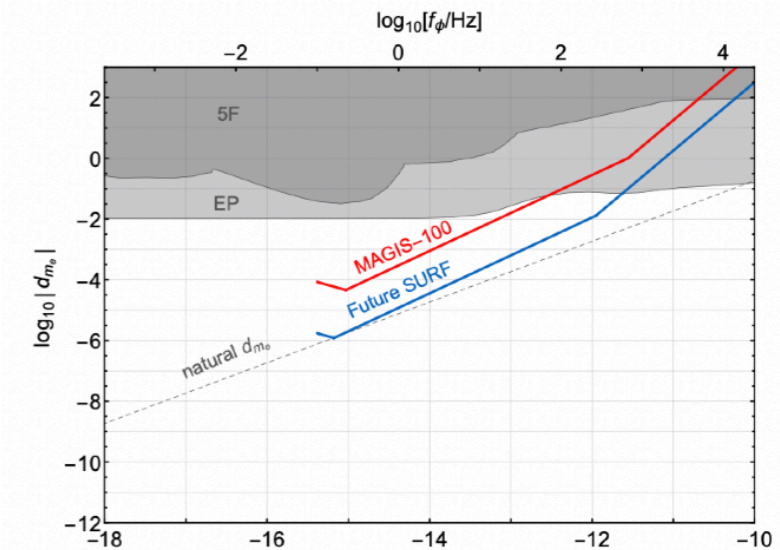
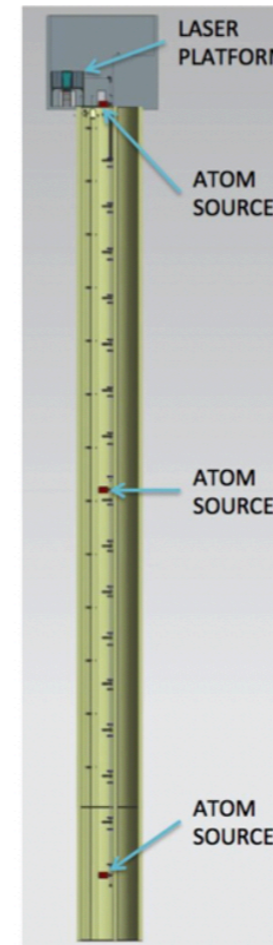


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