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Direct Searches for Dark Matter

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Where are we, and where are we going?

Reports, Reviews, and Roadmaps

European Astroparticle Physics Strategy 2017-2026

Direct Detection of Dark Matter – APPEC Committee Report *

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[arXiv:2104.07634](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.07634)



DPF Community Planning Exercise

- D. S. Akerib, P. B. Cushman, C. E. Dahl, R. Ebadi, A. Fan, R. J. Gaitskell, et al. "Dark Matter Direct Detection to the Neutrino Fog", [arXiv:2203.08084](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.08084) [hep-ex] [\(pdf\)](#).
- Rouven Essig, Graham K. Giovanetti, Noah Kurinsky, Dan McKinsey, Karthik Ramanathan, Kelly Stifter, Tien-Tien Yu. "The landscape of low-threshold dark matter direct detection in the next decade", [arXiv:2203.08297](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.08297) [hep-ph] [\(pdf\)](#).
- D. Antypas, A. Banerjee, C. Bartram, M. Baryakhtar, J. Betz, et al. "New Horizons: Scalar and Vector Ultralight Dark Matter", [arXiv:2203.14915](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.14915) [hep-ex] [\(pdf\)](#). (also under RF03, TF09, IF01)
- Rebecca K. Leane, Seodong Shin, Liang Yang, Govinda Adhikari, et al. "Puzzling Excesses in Dark Matter Searches and How to Resolve Them", [arXiv:2203.06859](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.06859) [hep-ph] [\(pdf\)](#). (also under TF09)

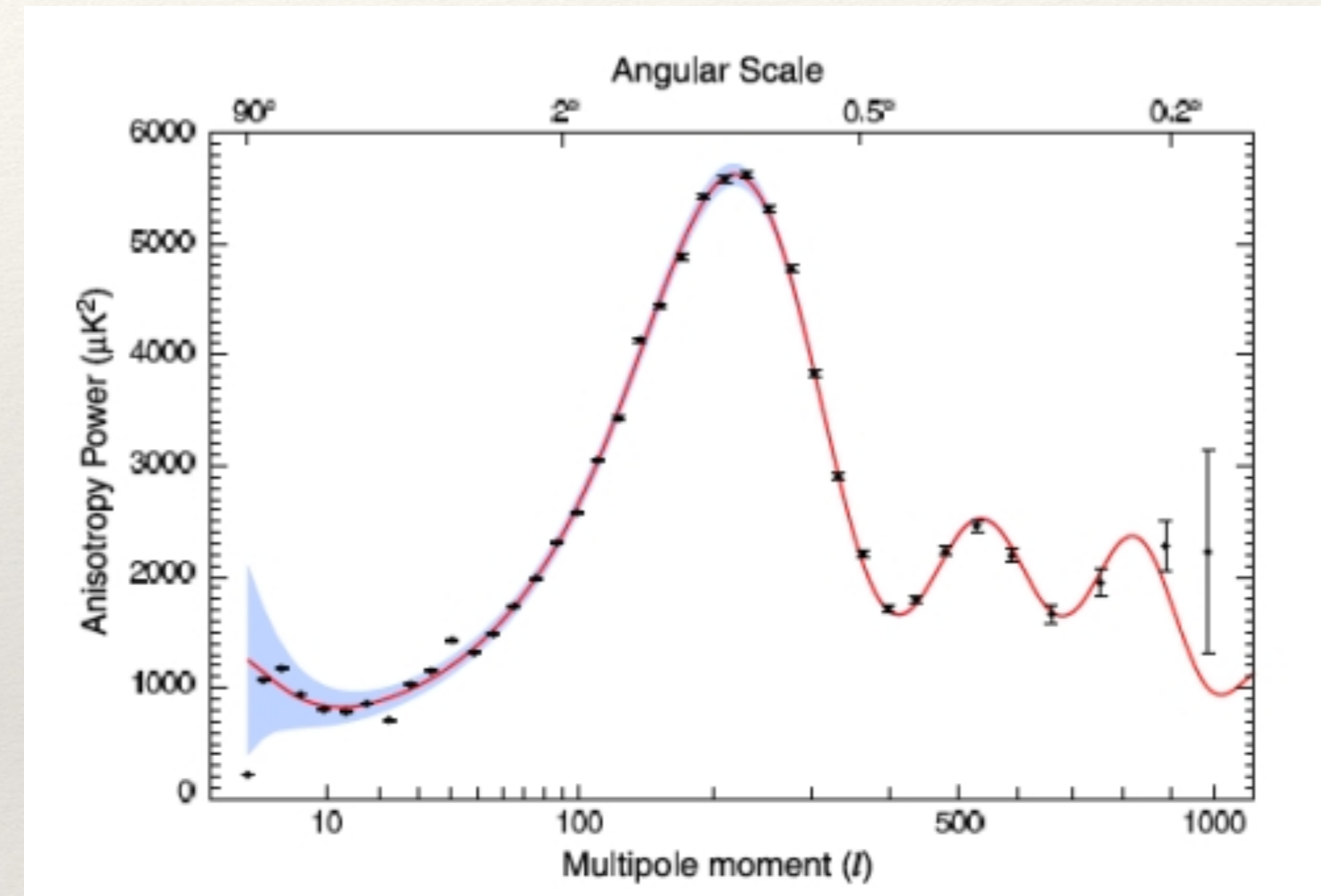
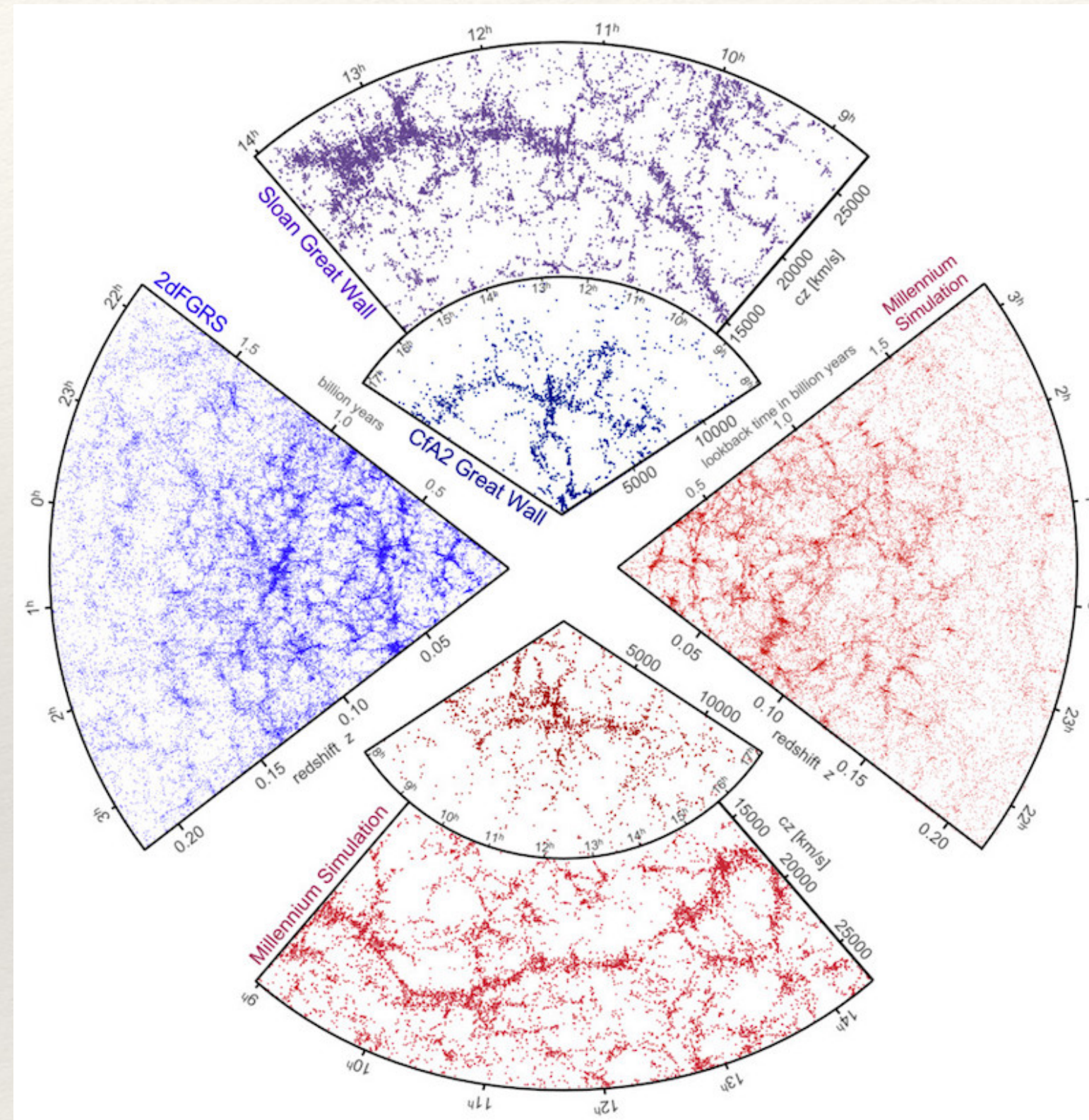
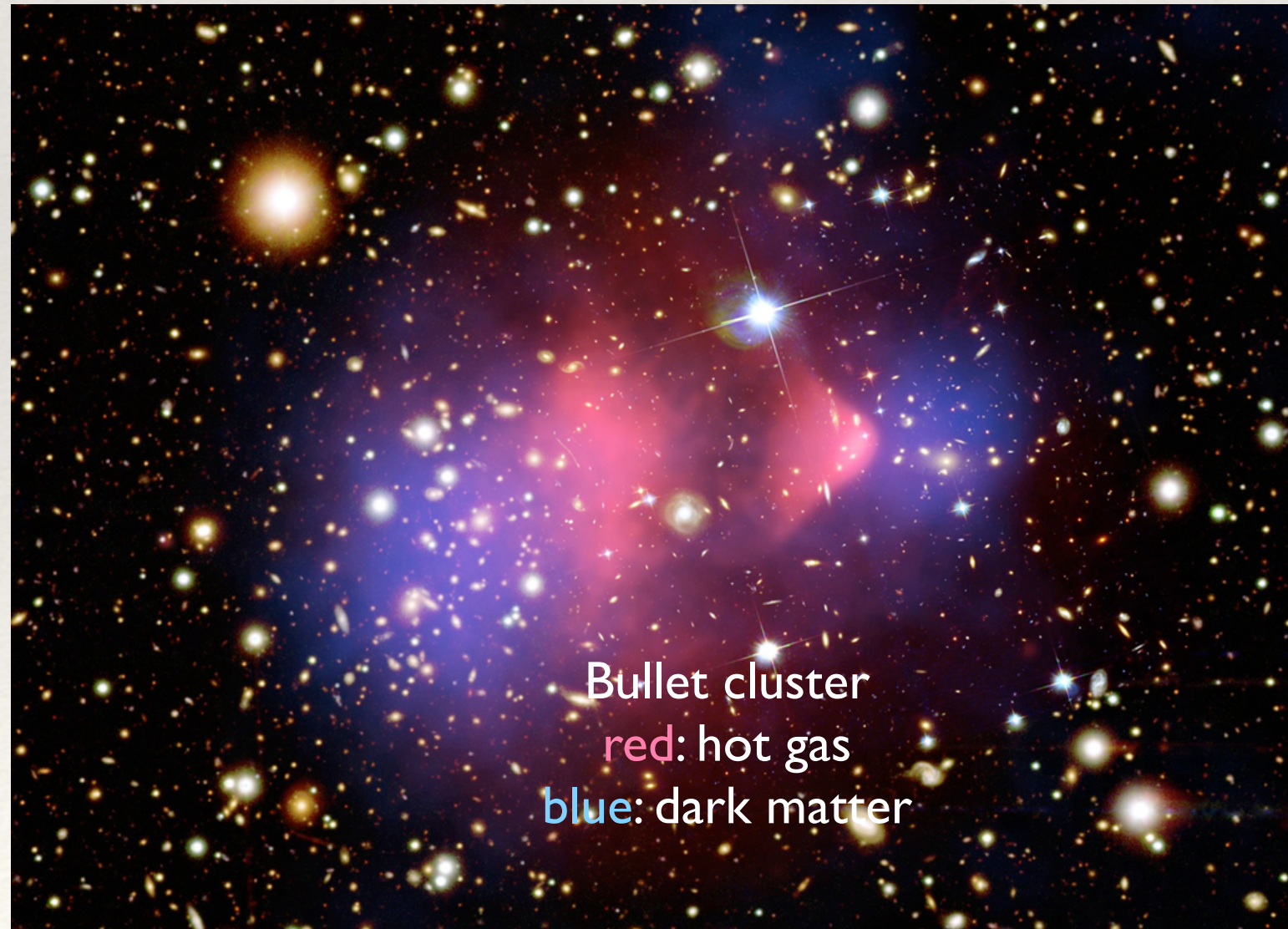
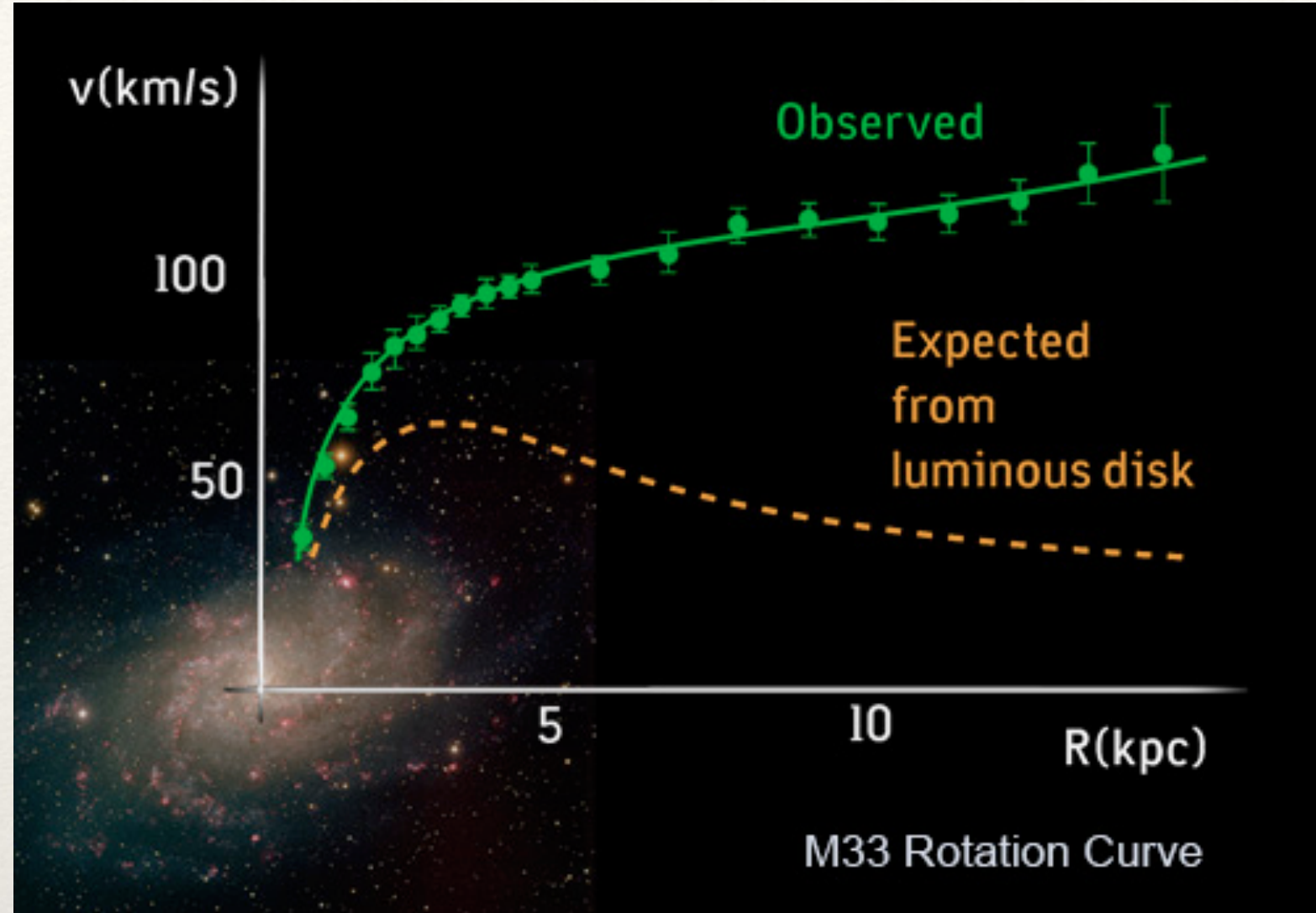
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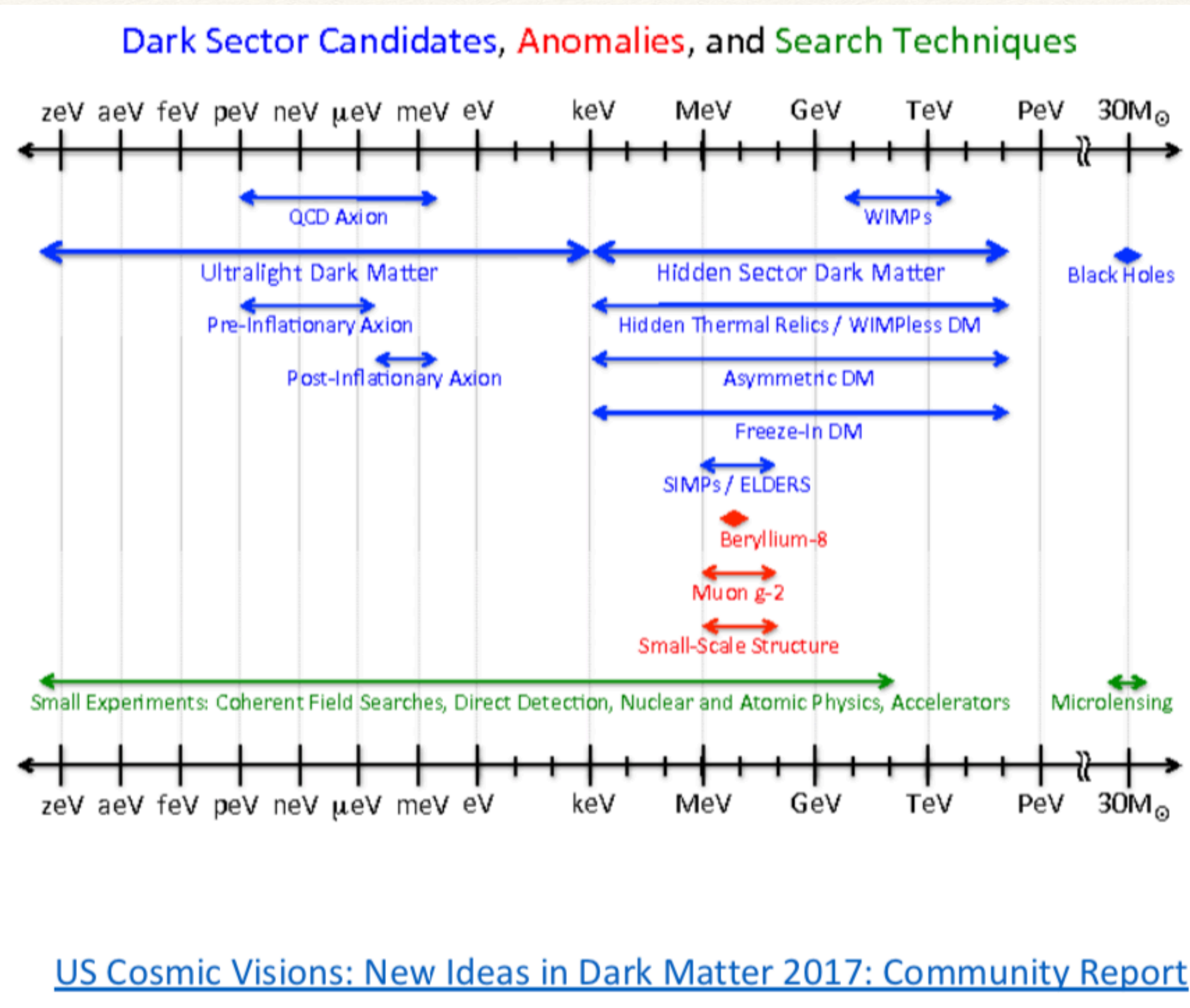
- Dark Matter Evidence
- Dark Matter Candidates
- Wavelike Dark Matter
- Light Particle Dark Matter
- **Heavier Particle Dark Matter**



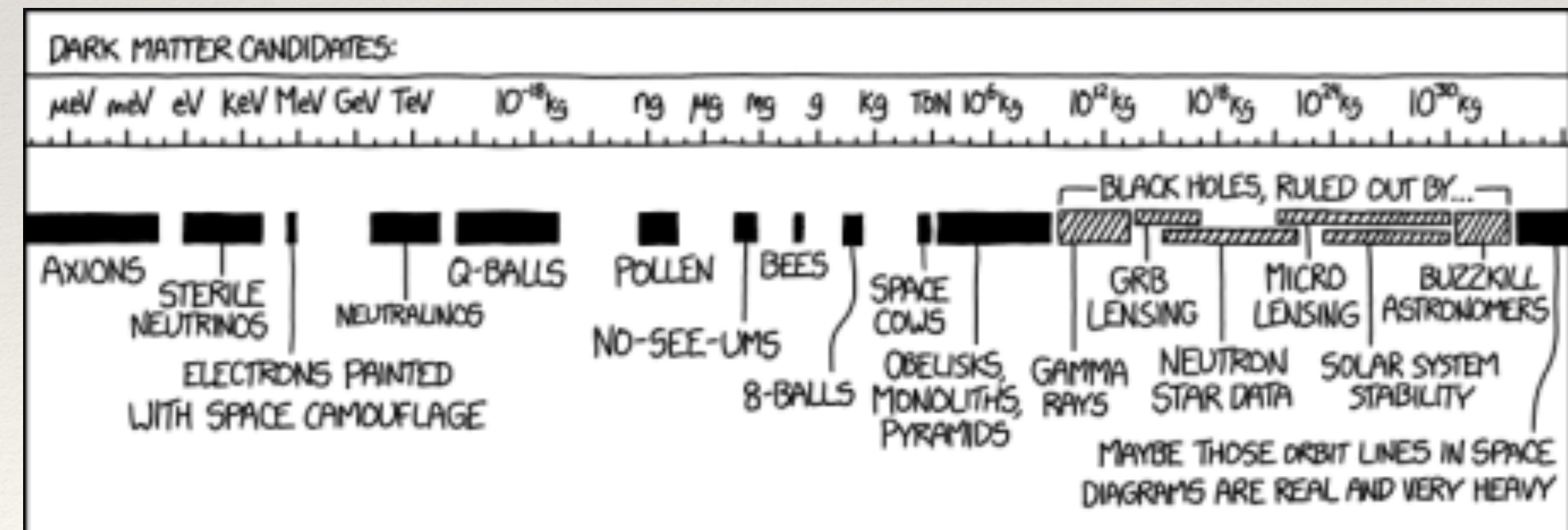
Evidence for Dark Matter



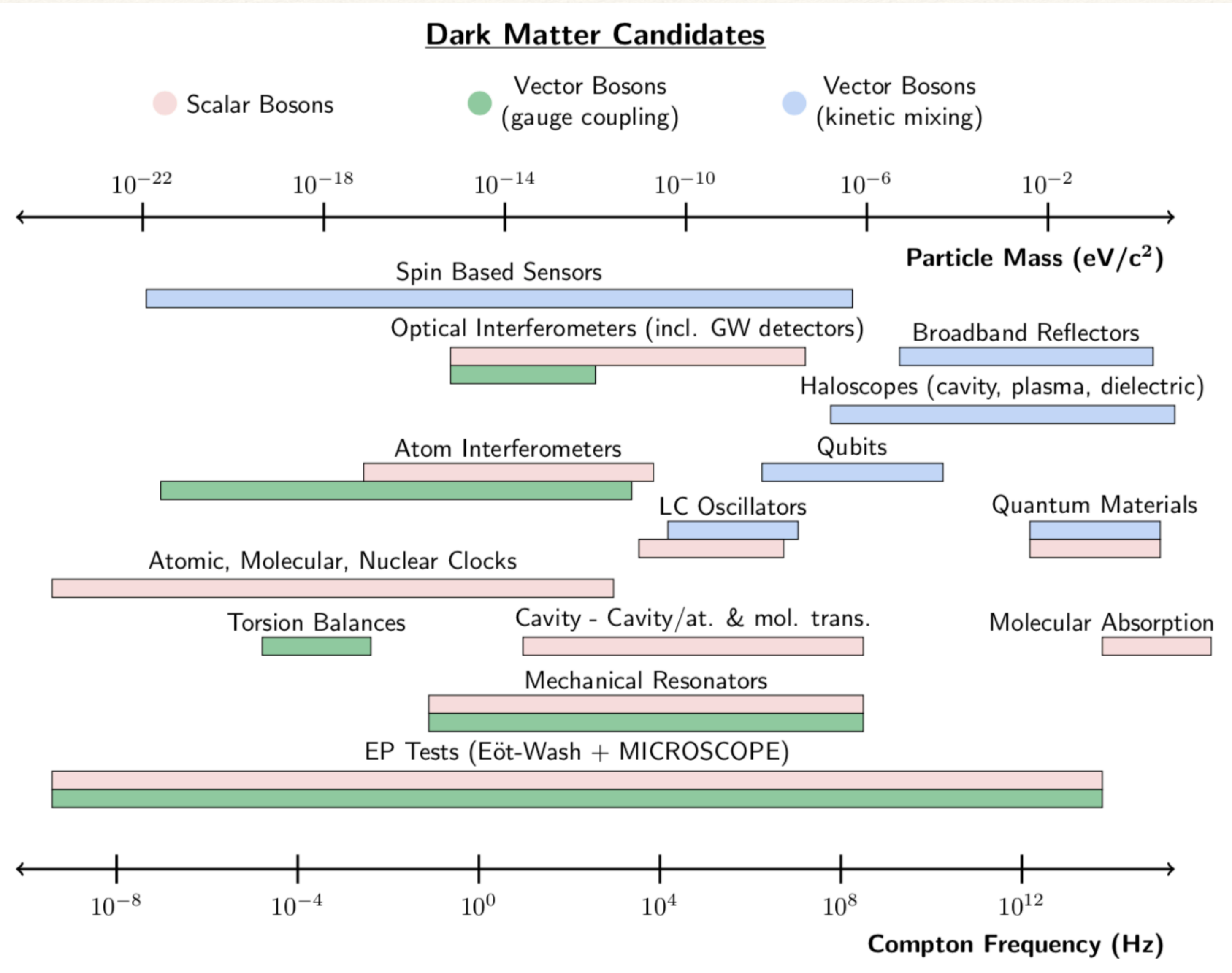
The Options



- Canonical Dark matter is:
 - non-relativistic
 - electrically neutral
 - limited self-interactions
 - density of DM $\sim 0.3 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$
- But theories push these boundaries
- Can dark matter candidates fit with other theories
- or open problems?

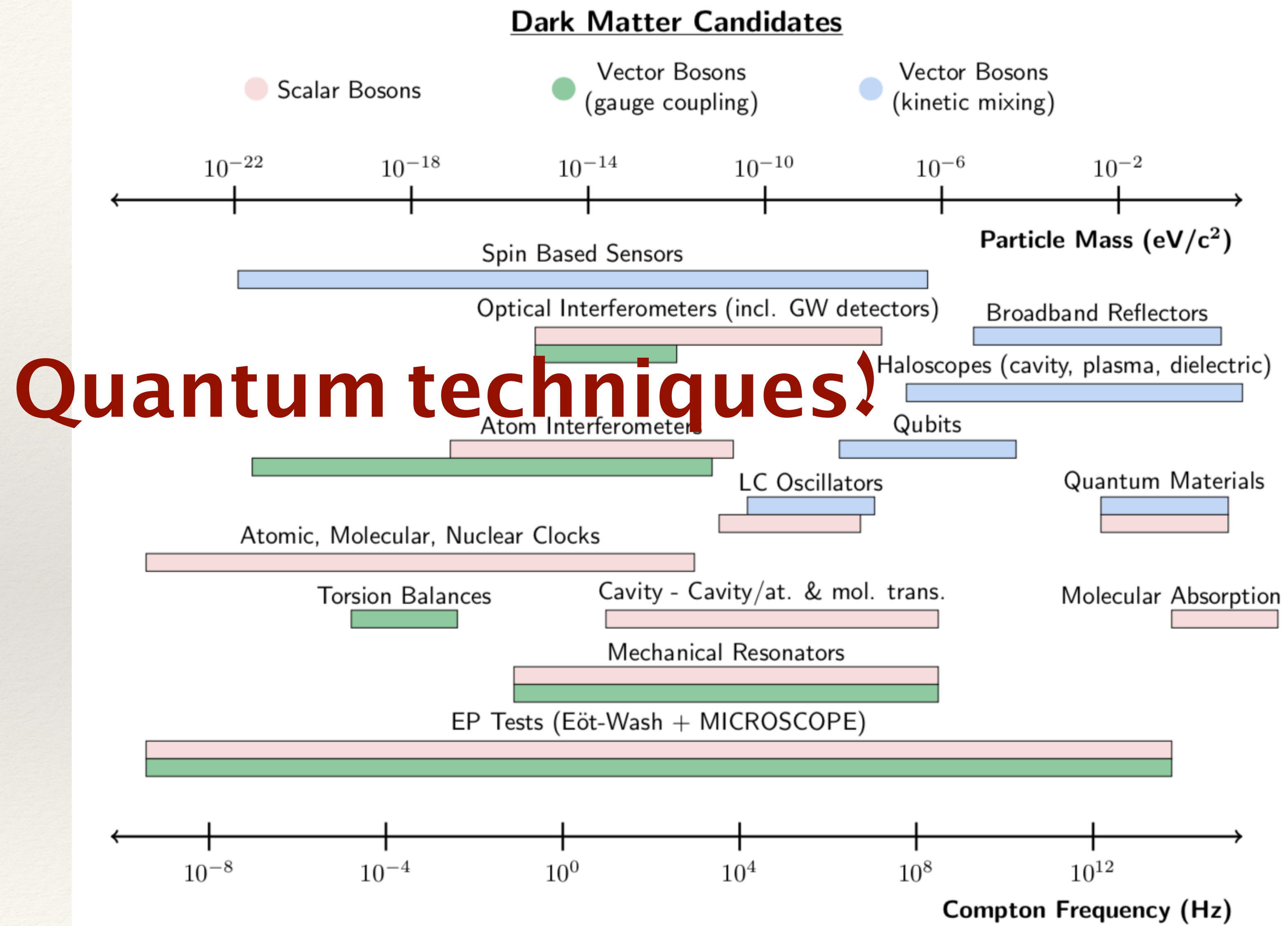


Wavelike Dark Matter



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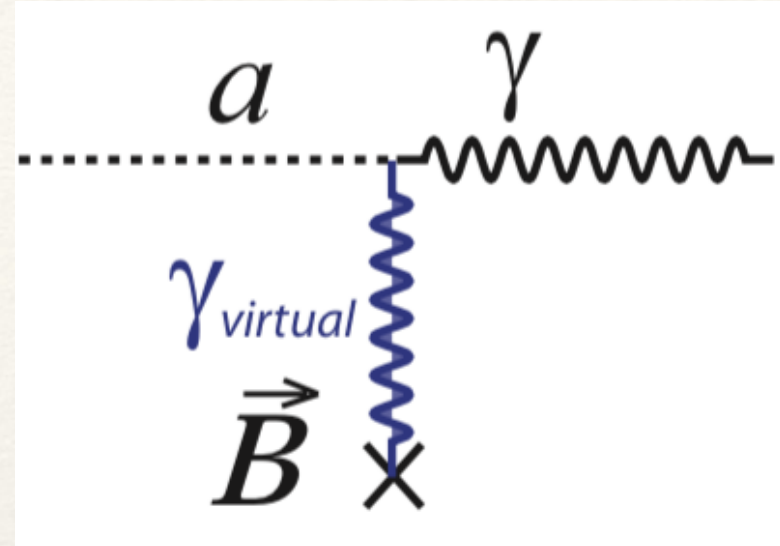
Quantum techniques!

See Kai Bongs' plenary
Tuesday afternoon

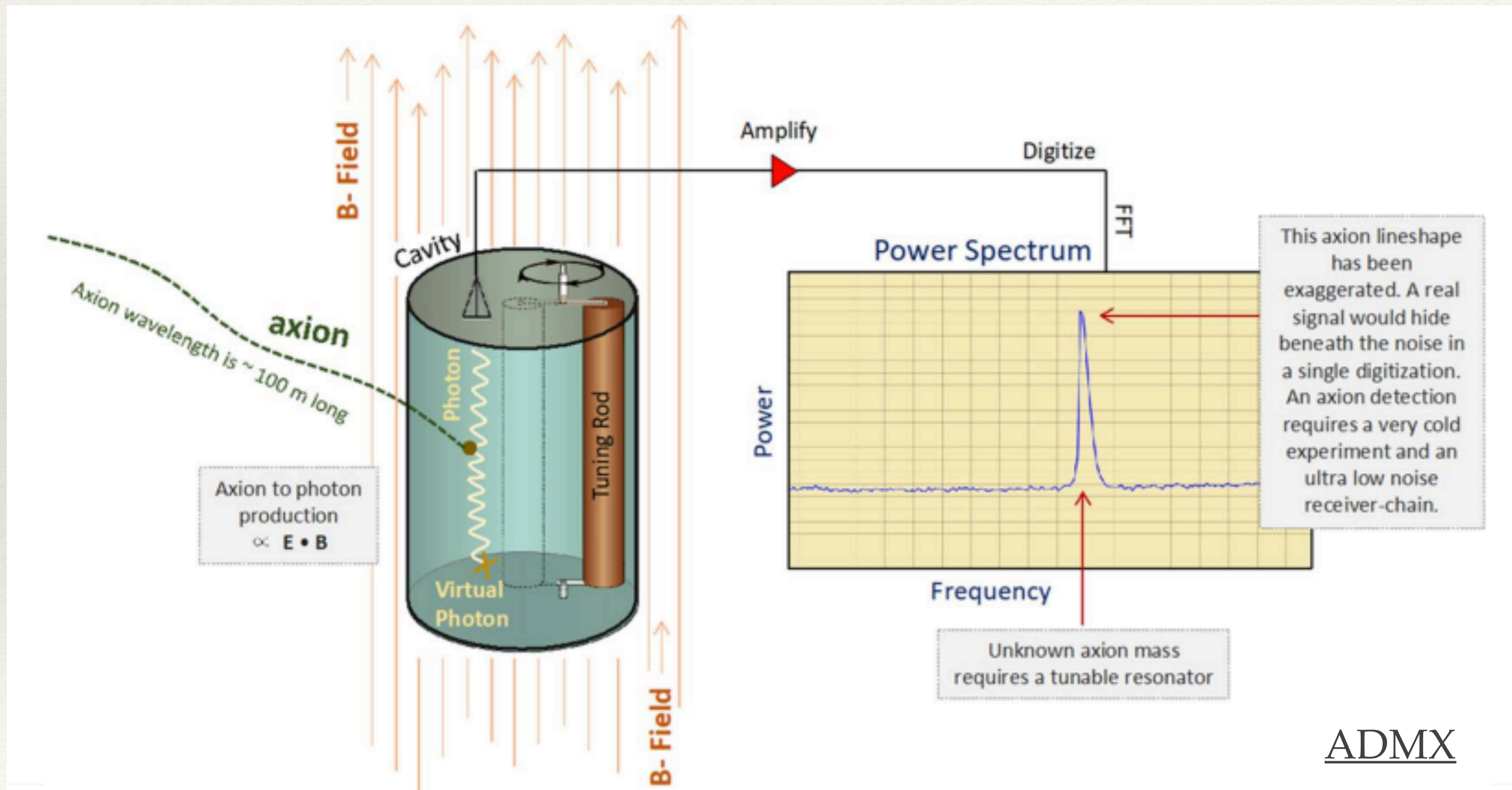
QSHS and AION parallels
Tuesday morning

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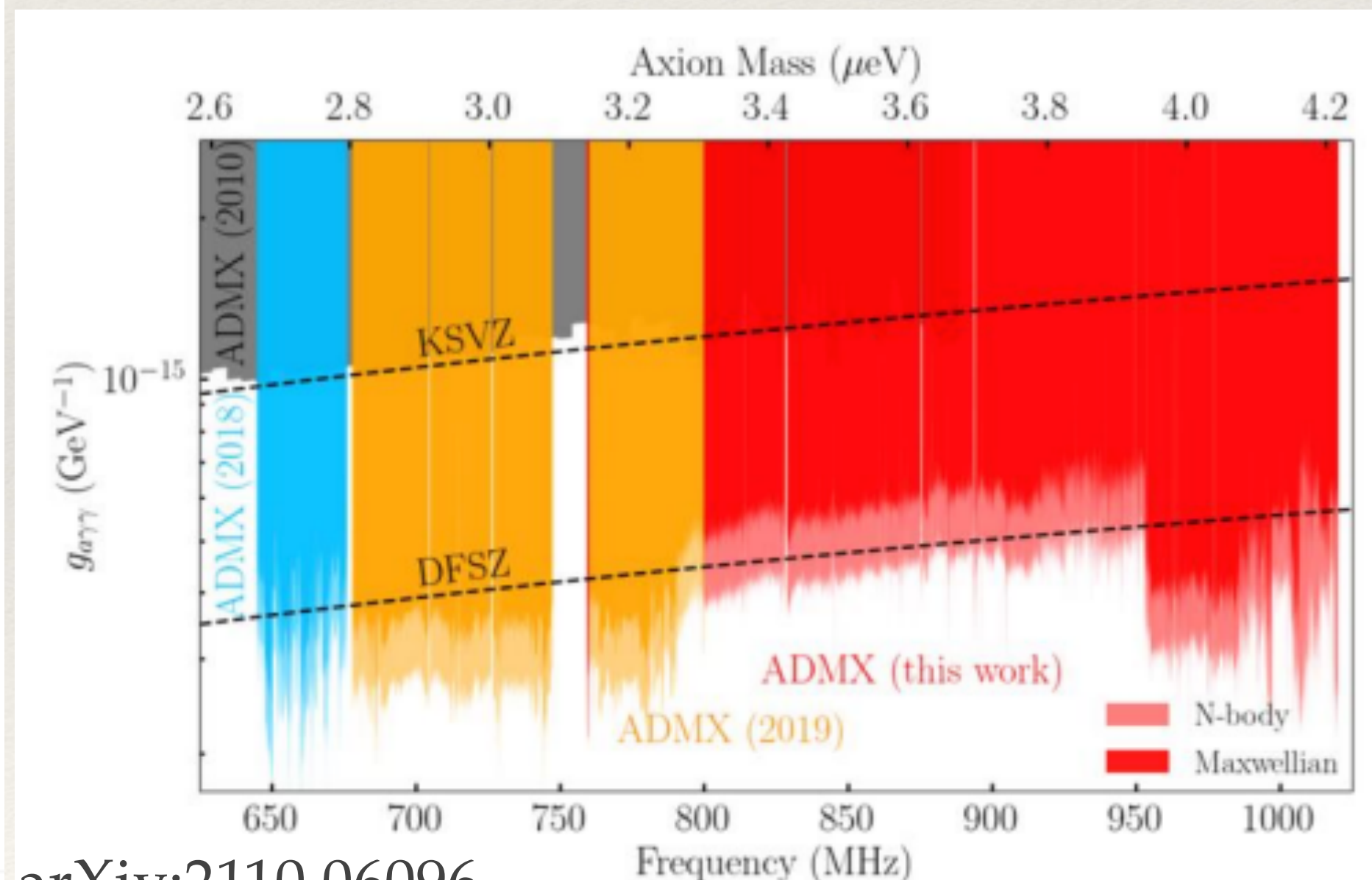
Cavity Haloscope: ADMX



- ADMX G2 runs ongoing
 - previous exclusion to DFSZ sensitivity for 2.7 – 3.3 μeV
 - next run will use a new tuning rod for 1–1.4 GHz
- Future proposal 14 superconducting cavity array to cover 2 – 4 GHz



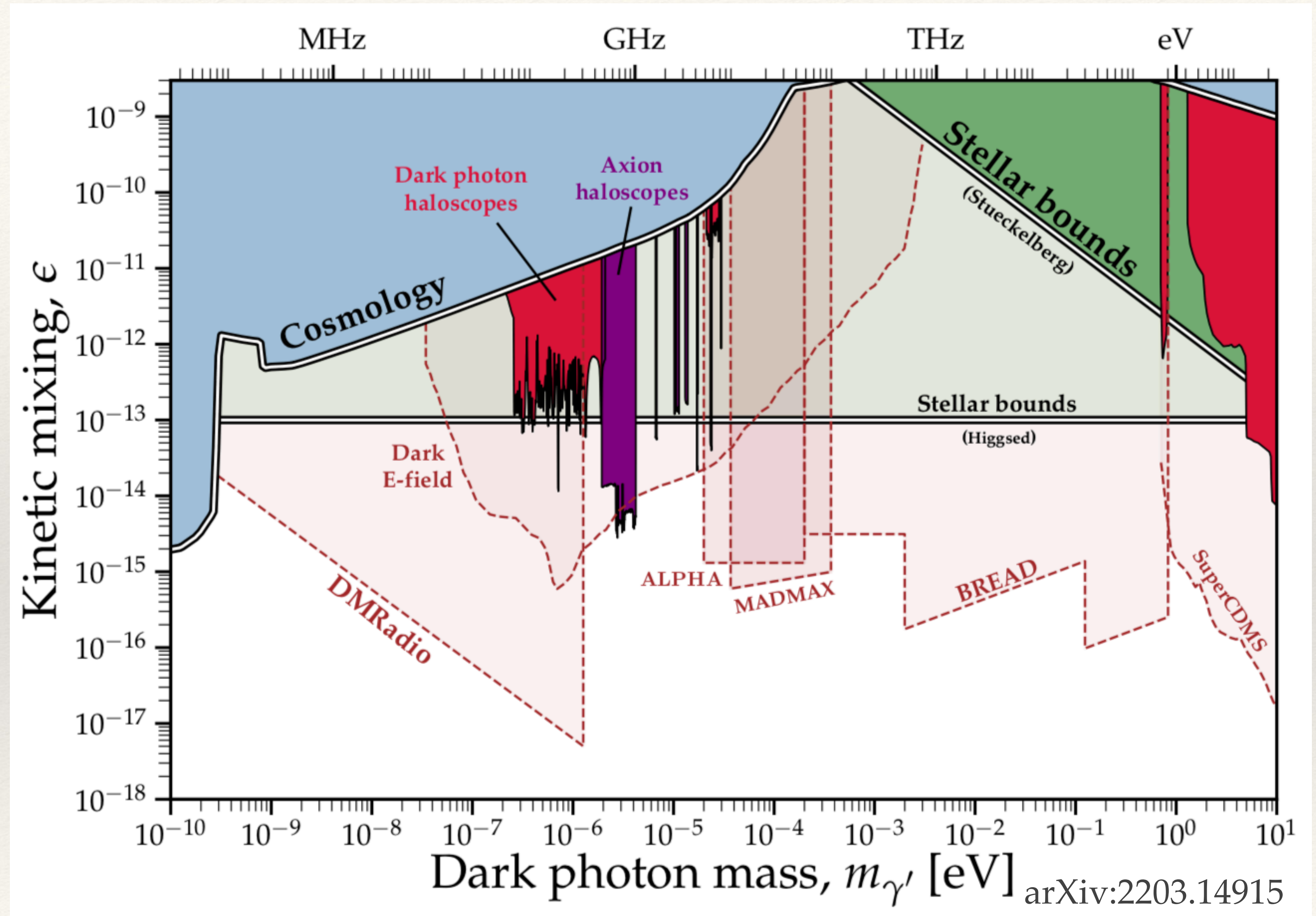
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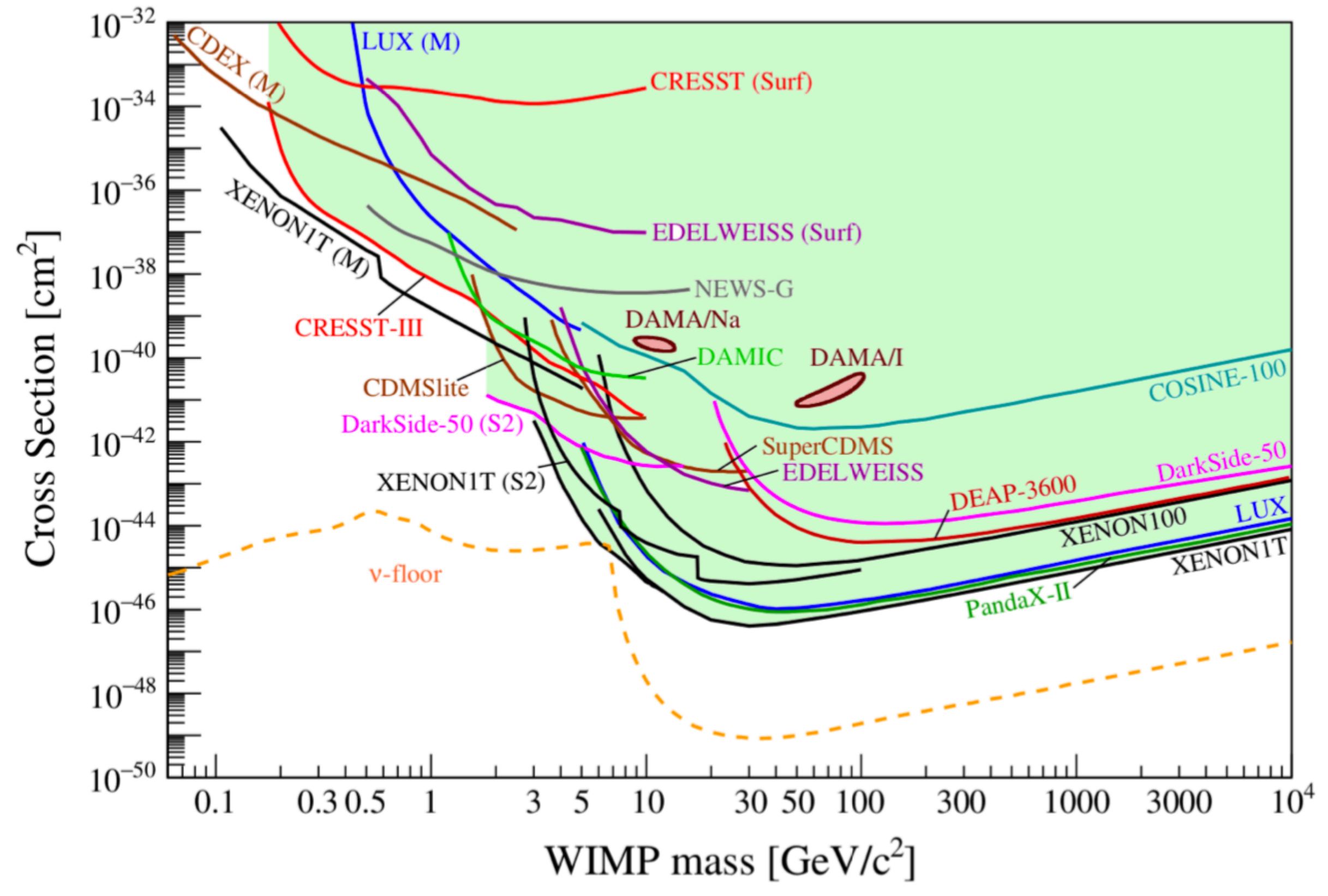


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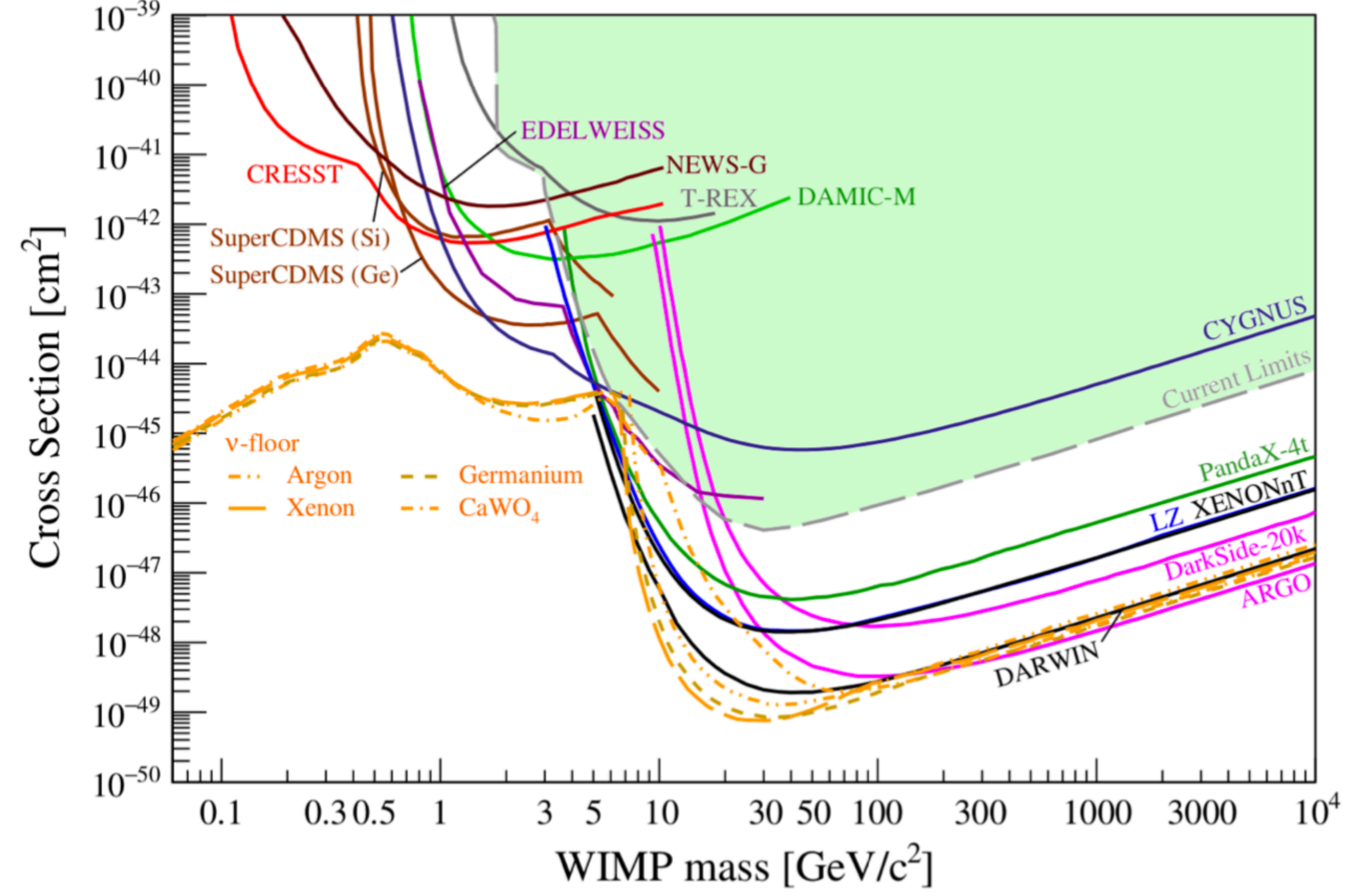
Wavelike Projections

- Not just axions and axion-like-particles
- Heavy photons make another broad class, with similar couplings
- Particle direct detectors can also look for interactions with electrons





Limits!

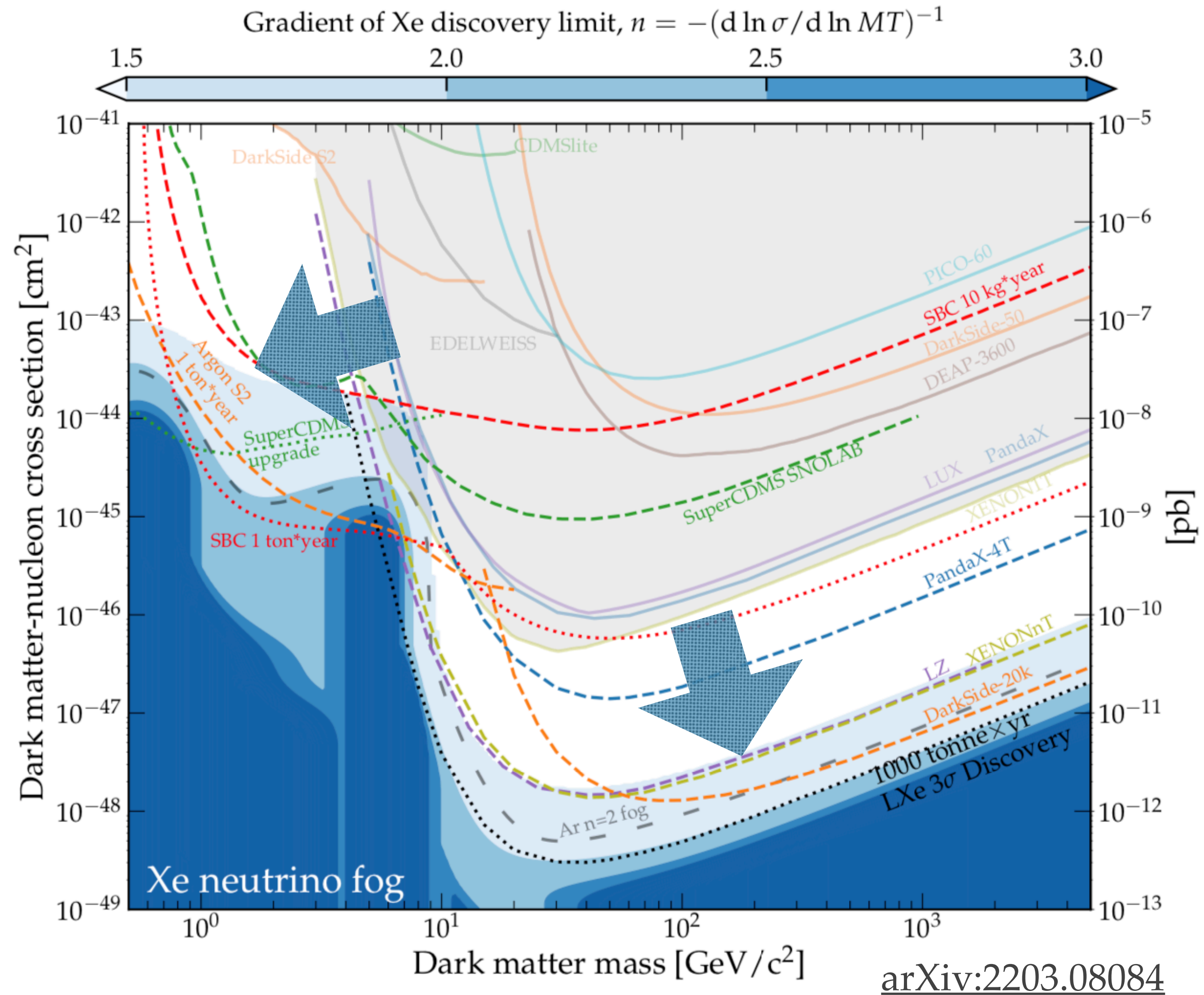


Projections!

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Particle Dark Matter

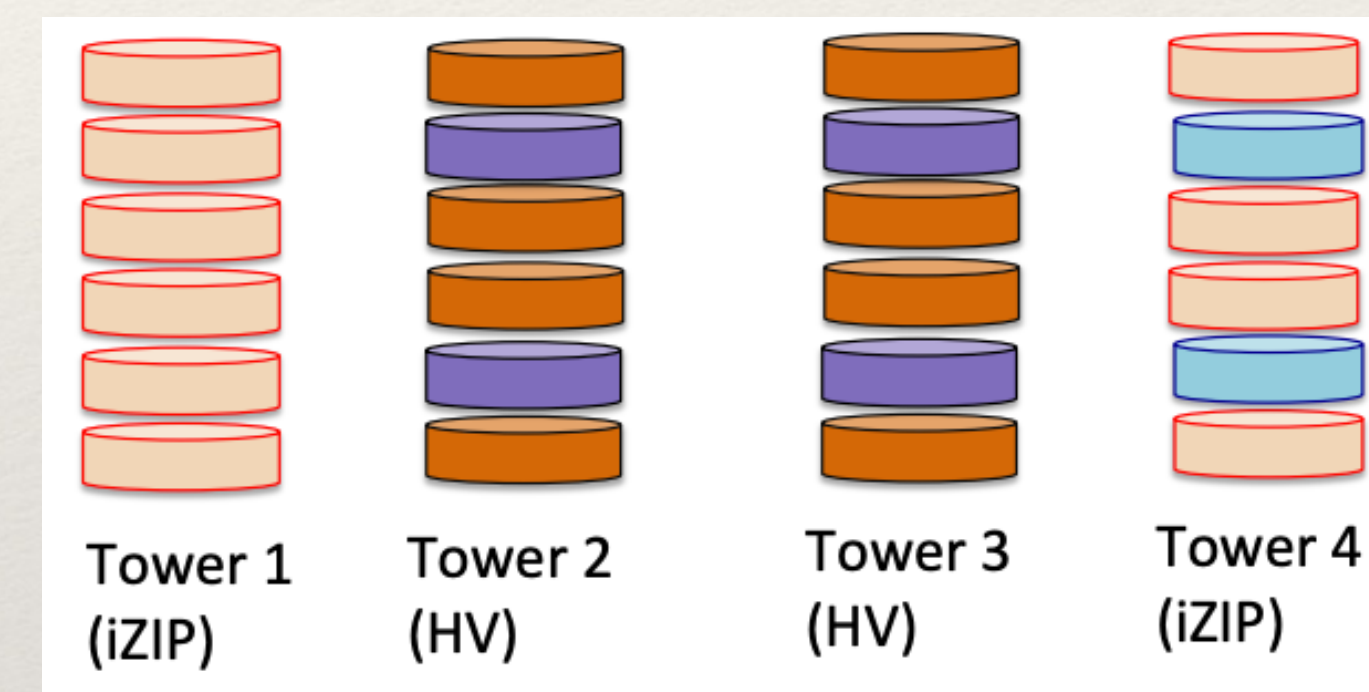
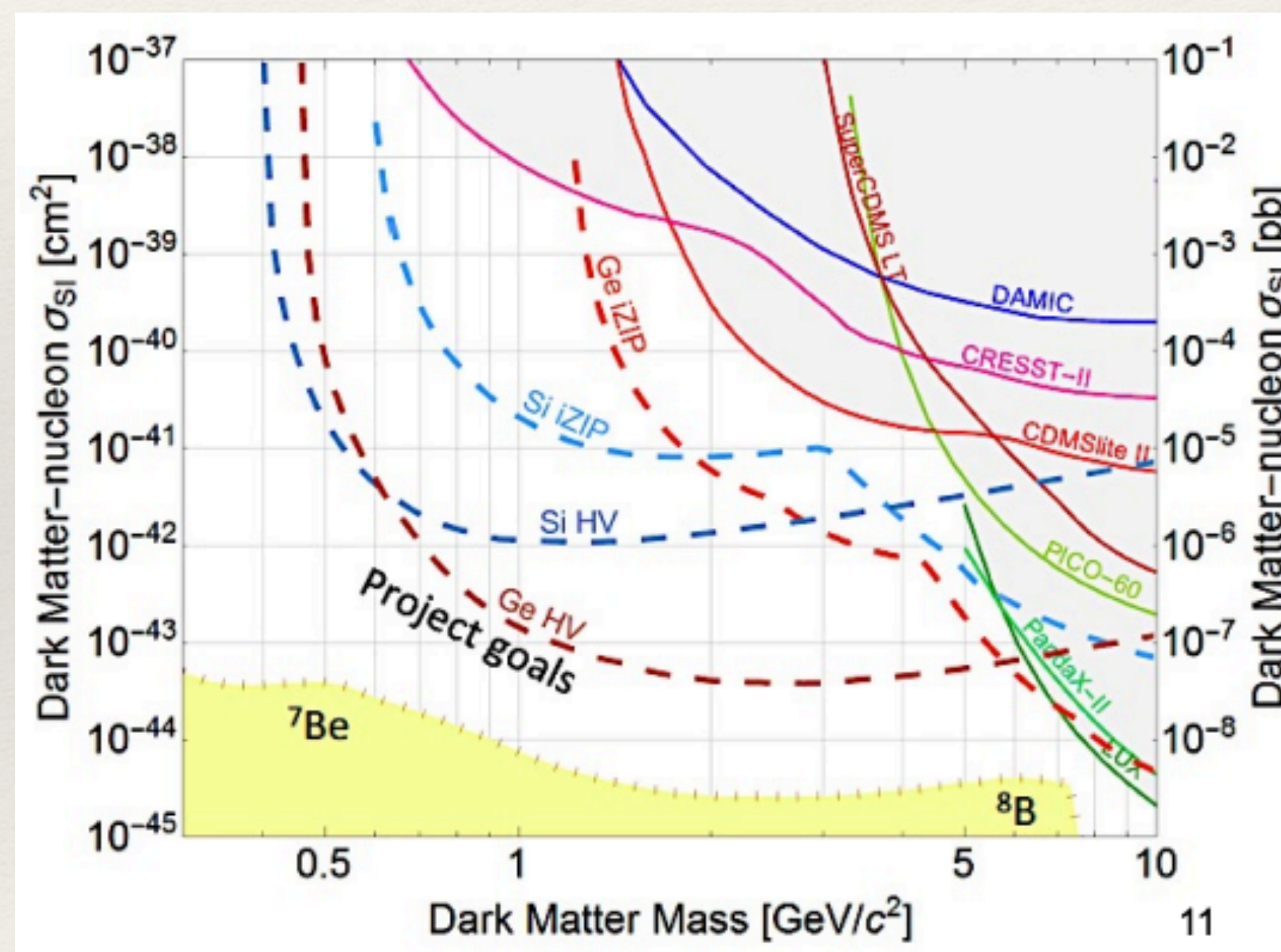
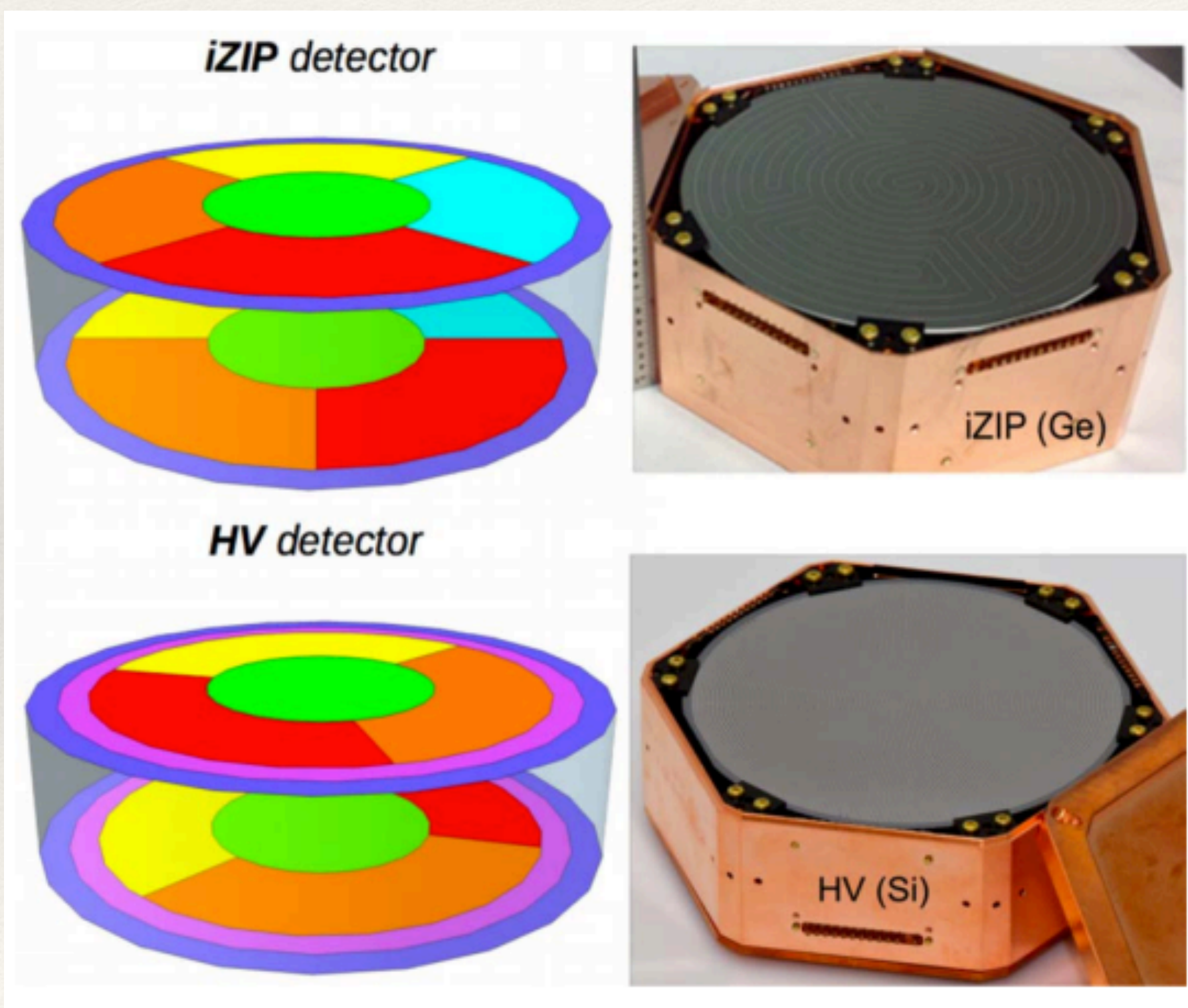
New targets,
technologies,
and lower thresholds



SuperCDMS SNOLAB

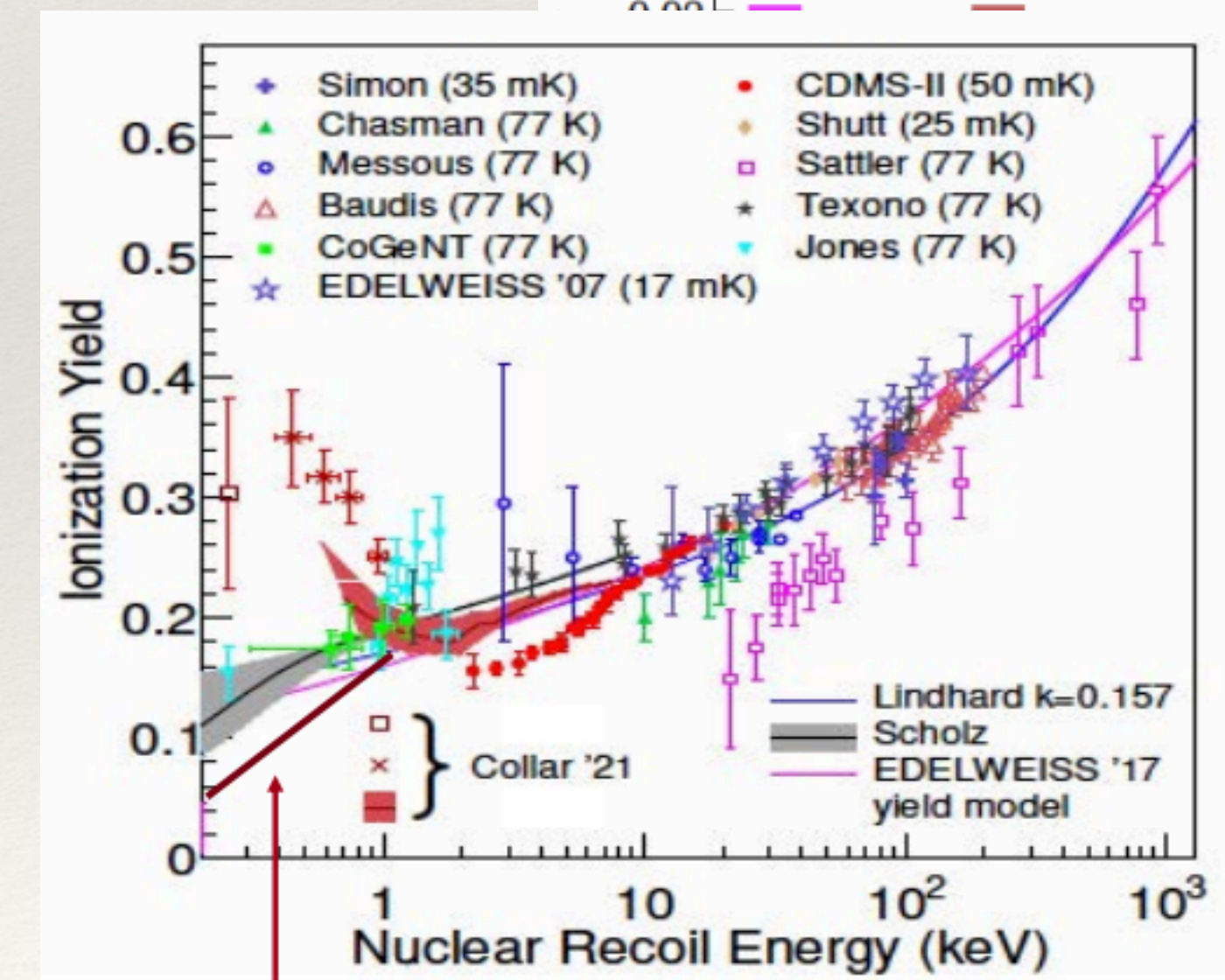
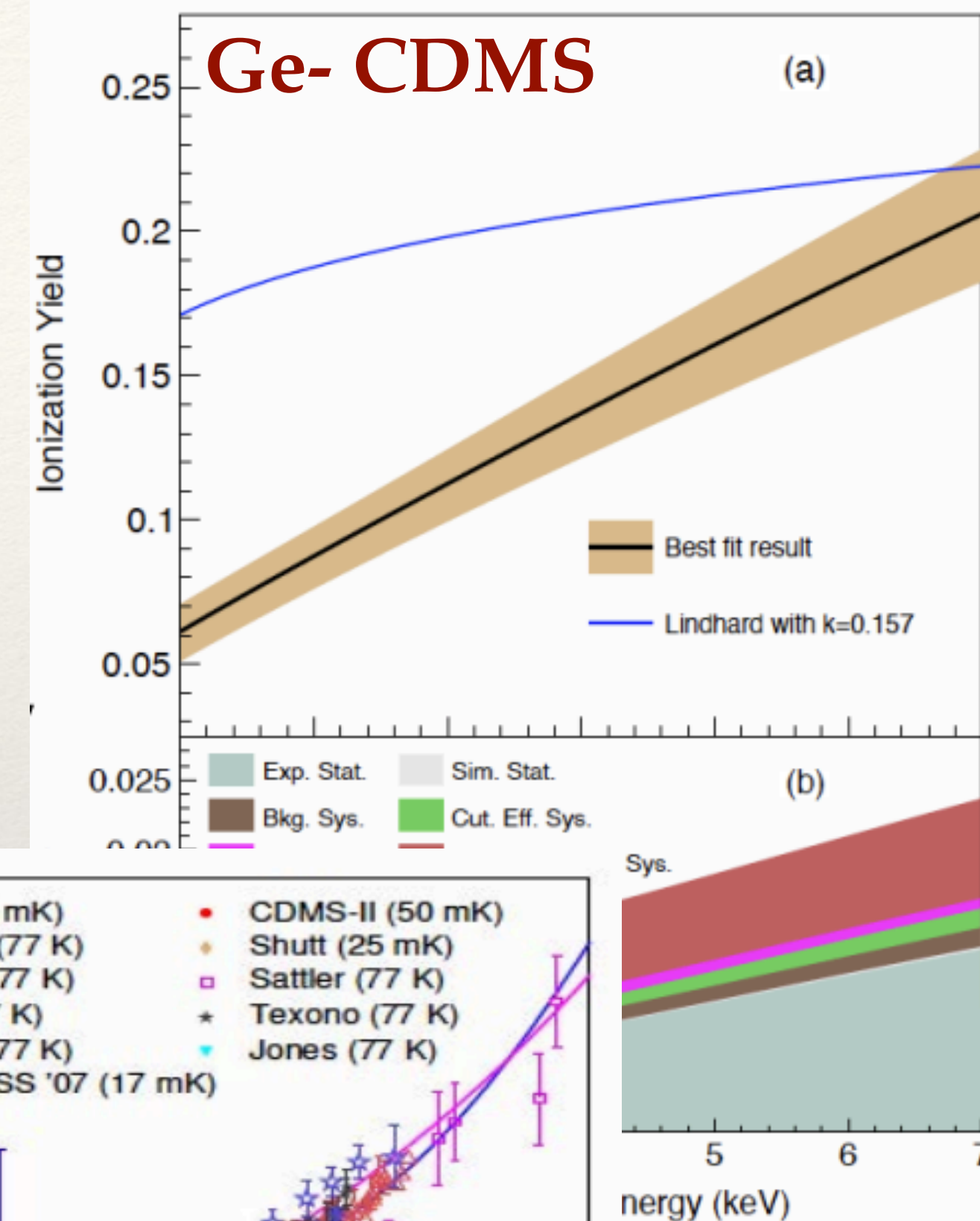
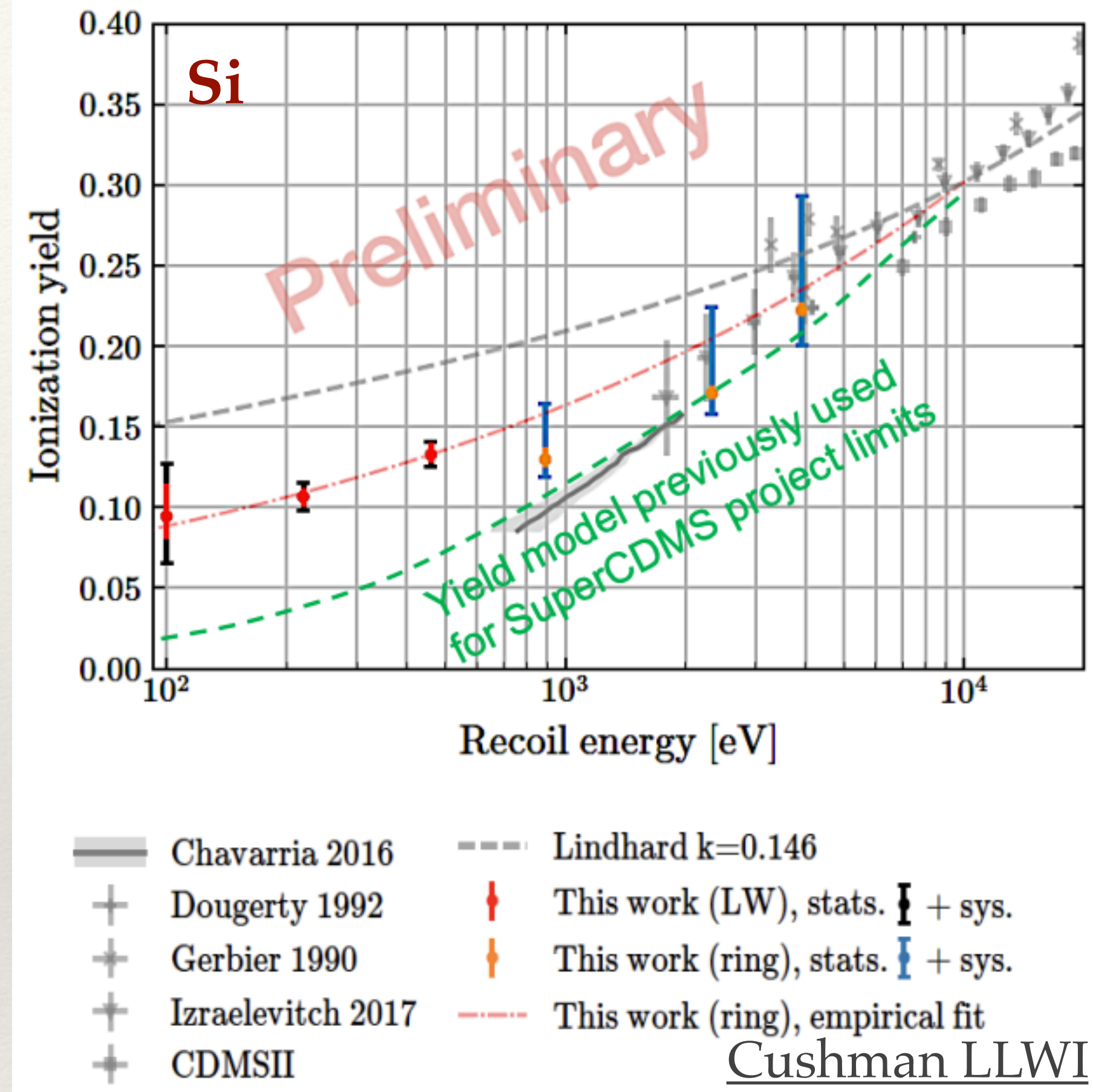
- Cryogenic thermal phonon technology
 - iZIP (phonon and ionization) and HV sensors
 - Ge (1.4 kg) and Si (0.6 kg)
- Under construction at SNOLAB
- Operations beginning Fall 2023

	Germanium	Silicon
HV	Lowest threshold for low mass DM Larger exposure, no ^{32}Si bkgd	Lowest threshold for low mass DM Sensitive to lowest DM masses
iZIP	Nuclear Recoil Discrimination Understand Ge Backgrounds	Nuclear Recoil Discrimination Understand Si Backgrounds



SuperCDMS Calibrations

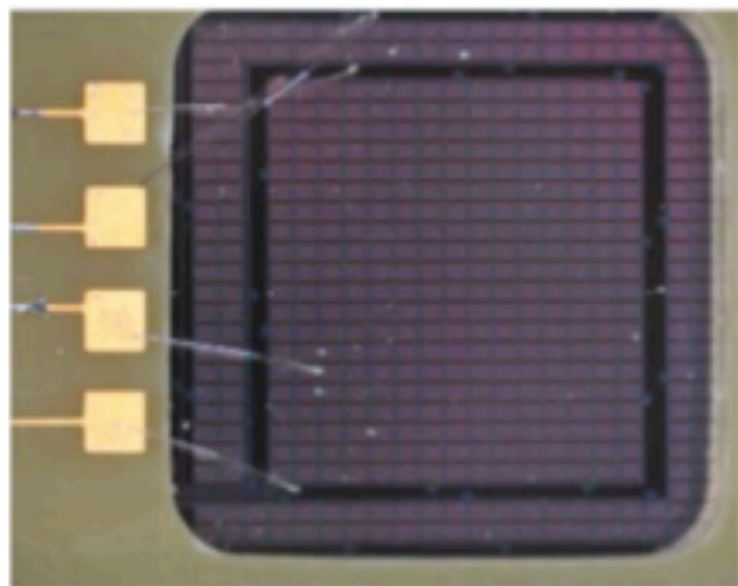
- Calibrating low energy nuclear recoils is difficult
- Discrepancies in the field
- Definitely divergent from Lindhard theory
- Projections for Si more conservative than preliminary measurements



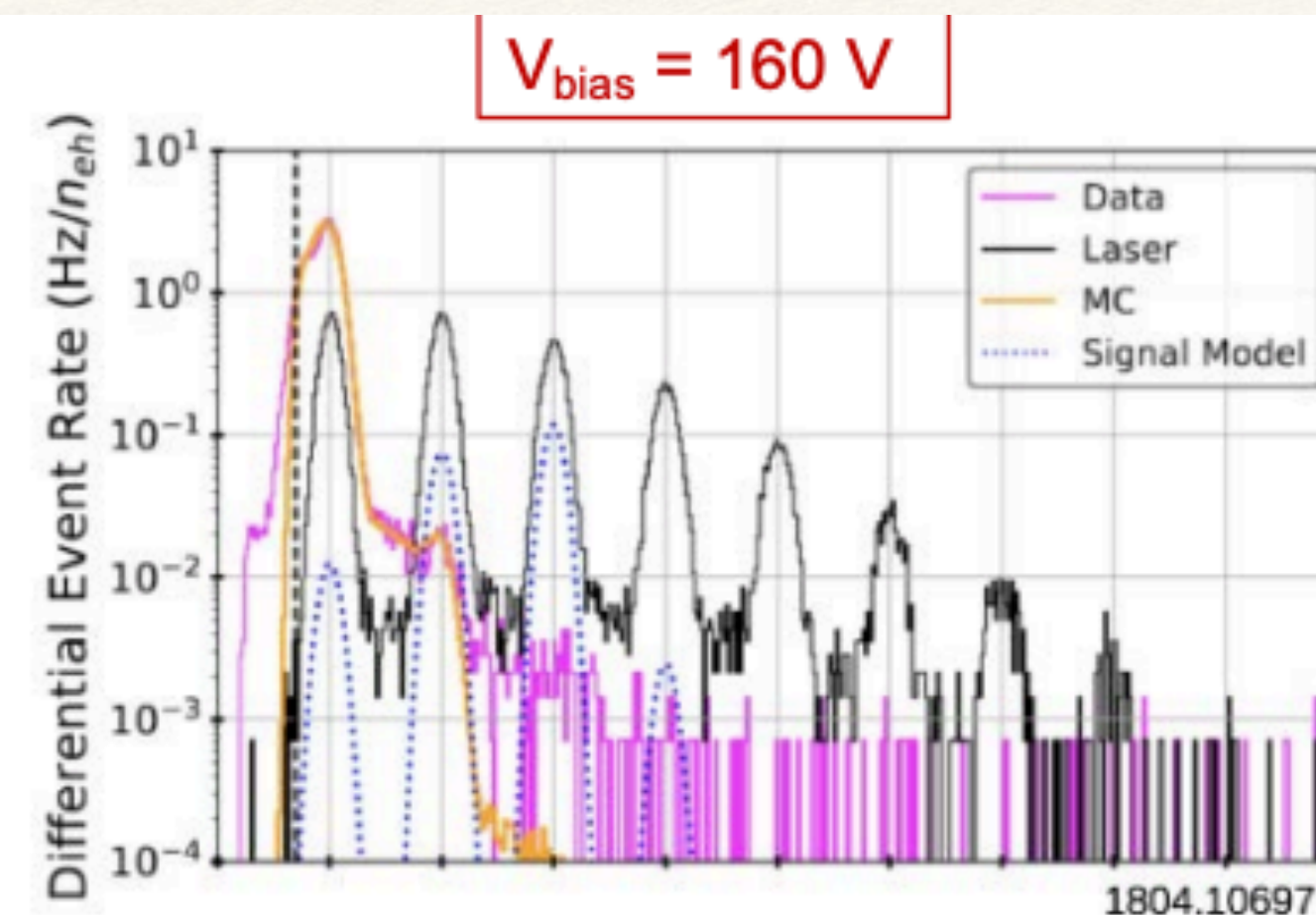
SuperCDMS: Science with new prototypes

HVeV (Si or Ge, 1 x 1 cm² x 4 mm). 2 equal area QET sensors

R. Agnese *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. **121**, 051301 (2018)

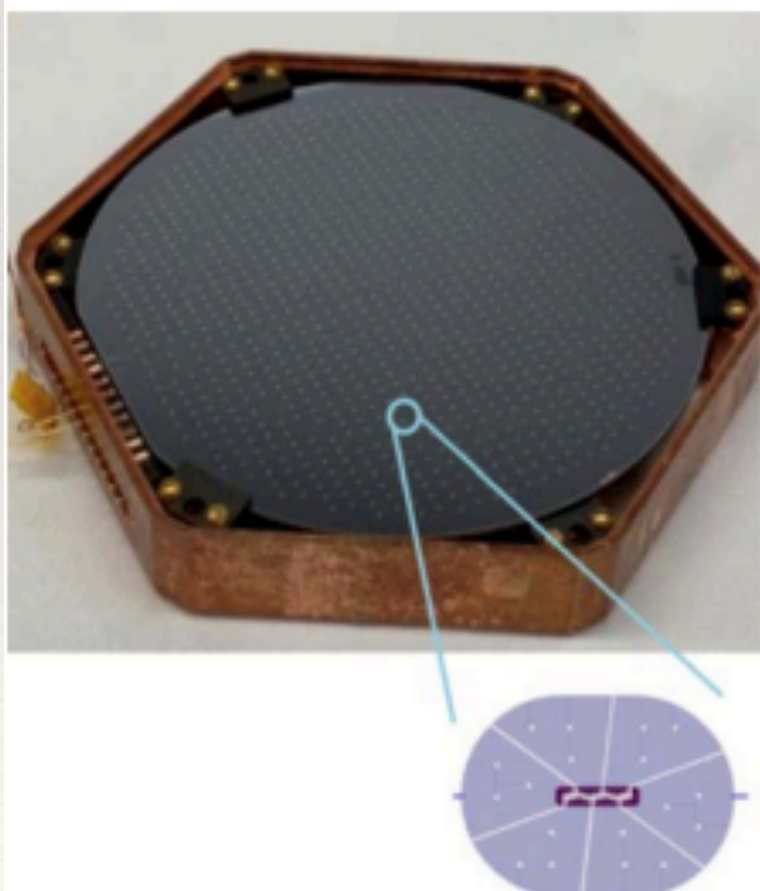


- Study charge transport in Si and Ge, minimize charge leakage
- Improve phonon resolution, study single e-h devices
- Physics runs in NEXUS (FNAL) and CUTE ongoing
- Used in the TUNL ionization yield measurements.

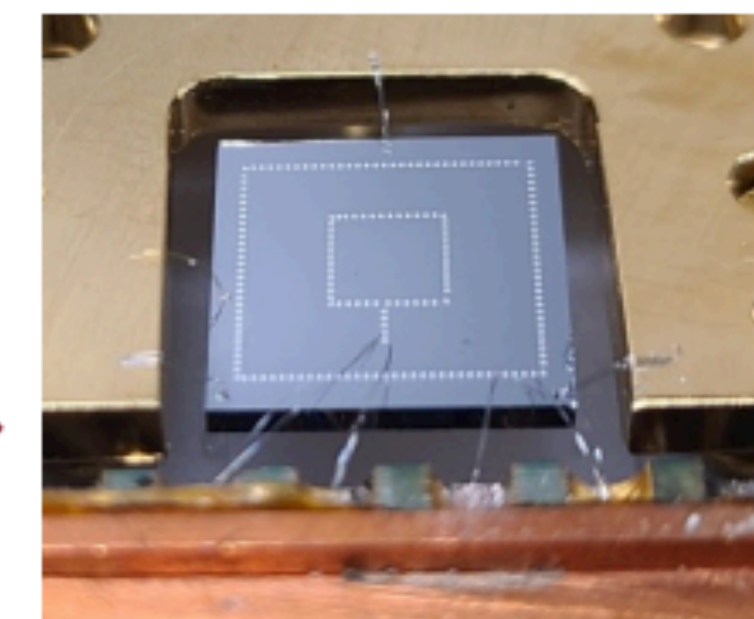


A mosaic of these on 2 SuperCDMS towers can get us to the ν -fog in 0.5 – 5 GeV range

0V, CPD (cryogenic photon detector) 1 mm thick (45.6 cm²) Si wafer with CDMS phonon readout



- Study phonon resolution and test facility noise performance
especially “environmental” sub-keV phonon-only backgrounds
- Phonon resolution in the $\sigma_{pt} \sim 1$ eV range now.
- New prototype (with new hanging support) may have $\sigma_{pt} \sim 50 - 100$ meV

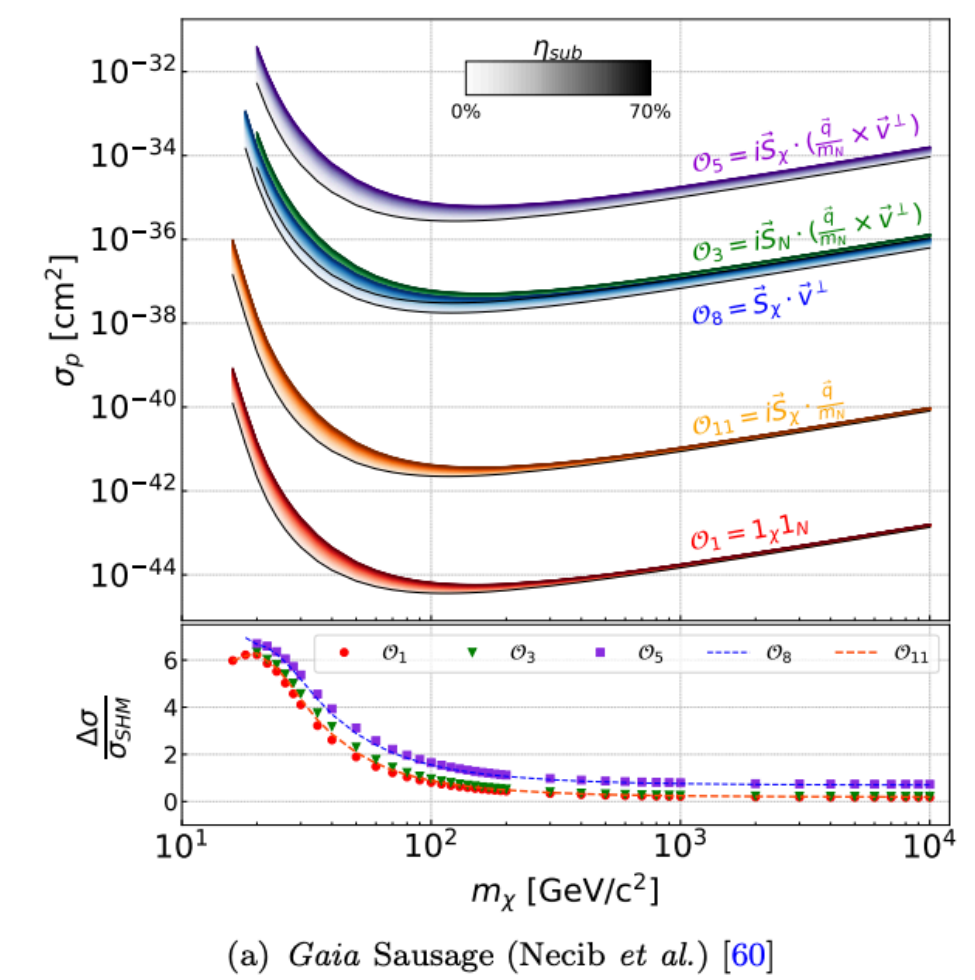
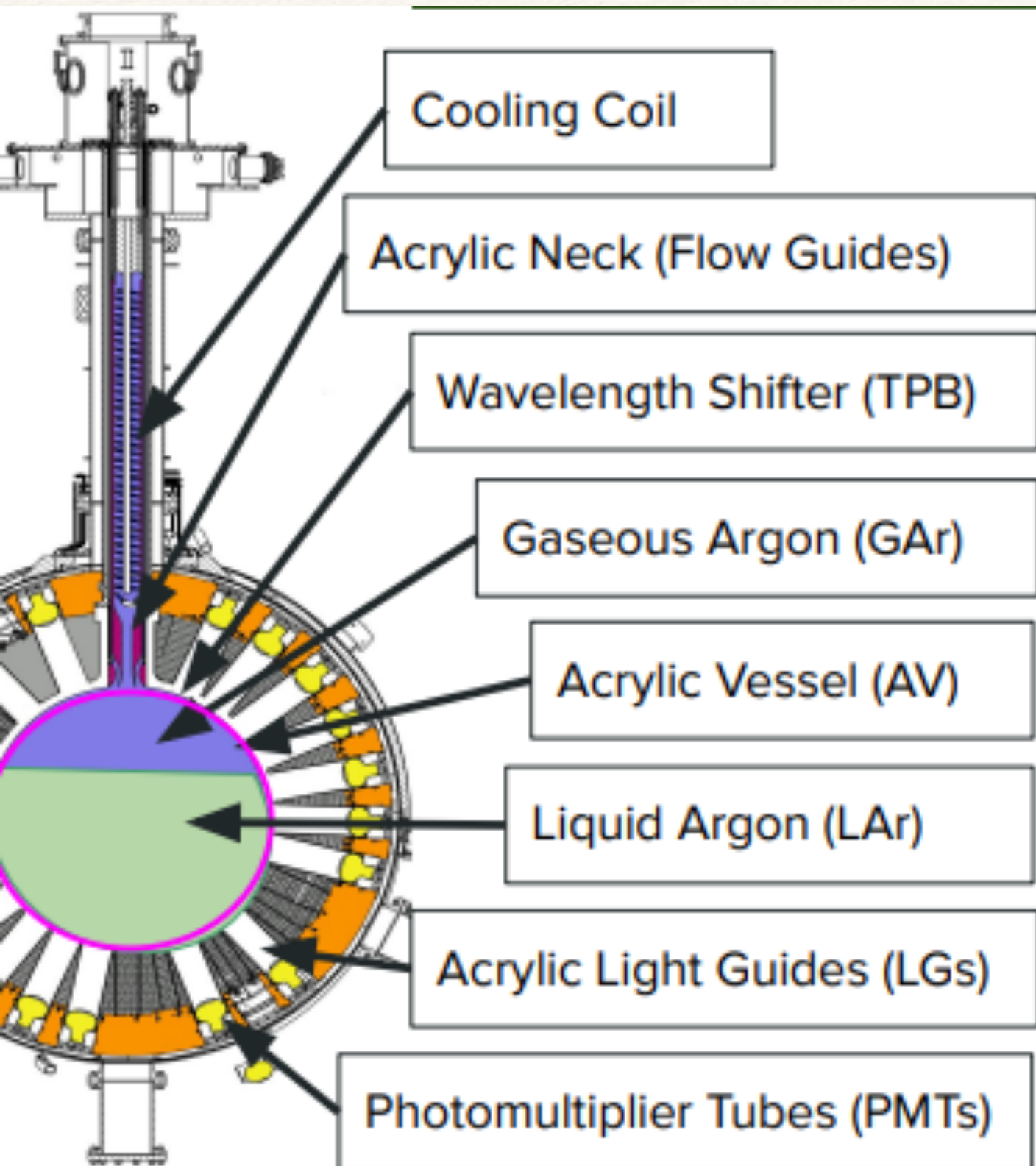


A mosaic of the current CPDs on 2 SuperCDMS towers can get us to DM masses of 100 MeV now and down to 50 MeV if the new prototype has sub-eV resolution

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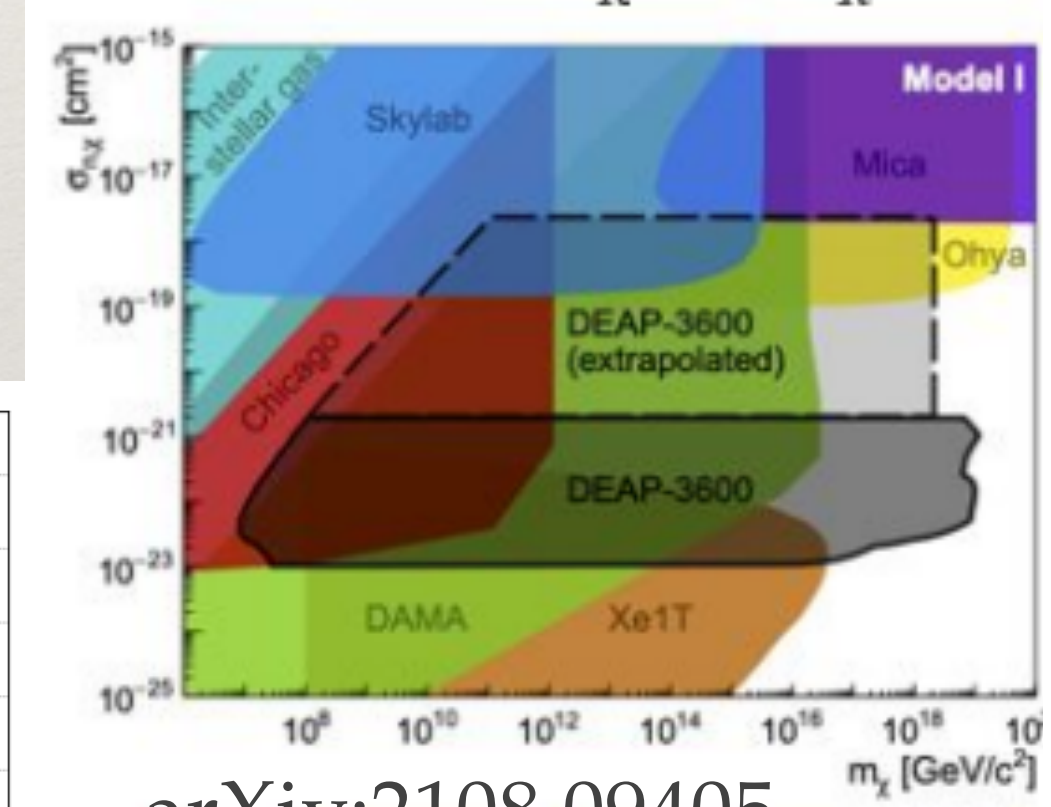
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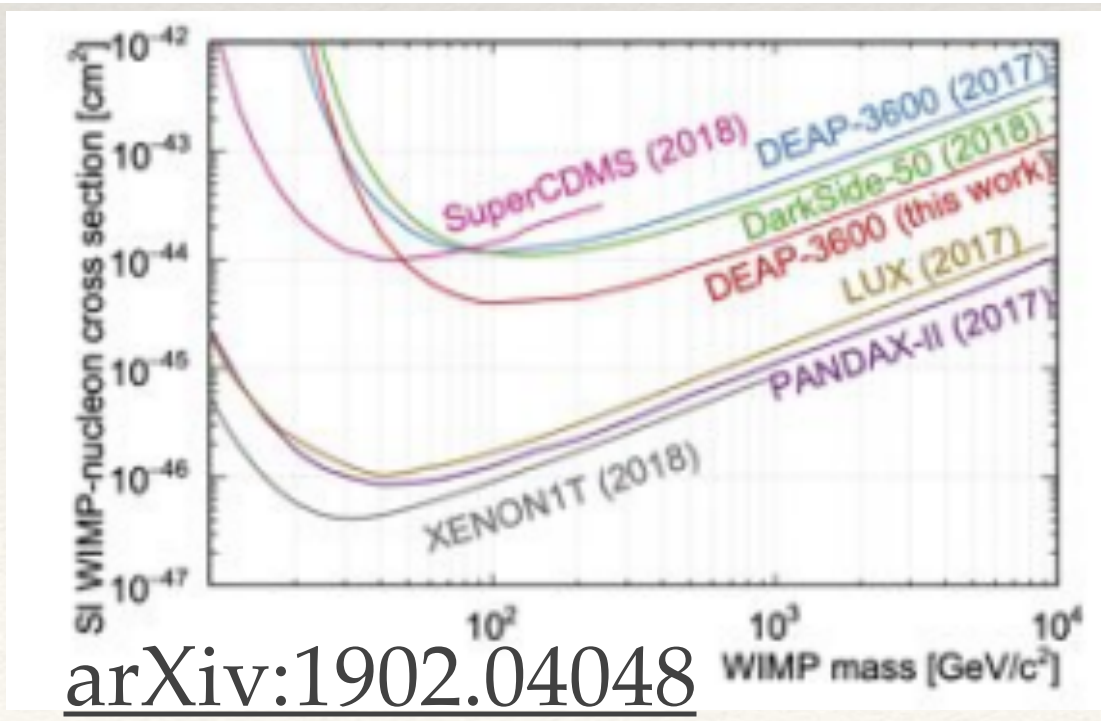
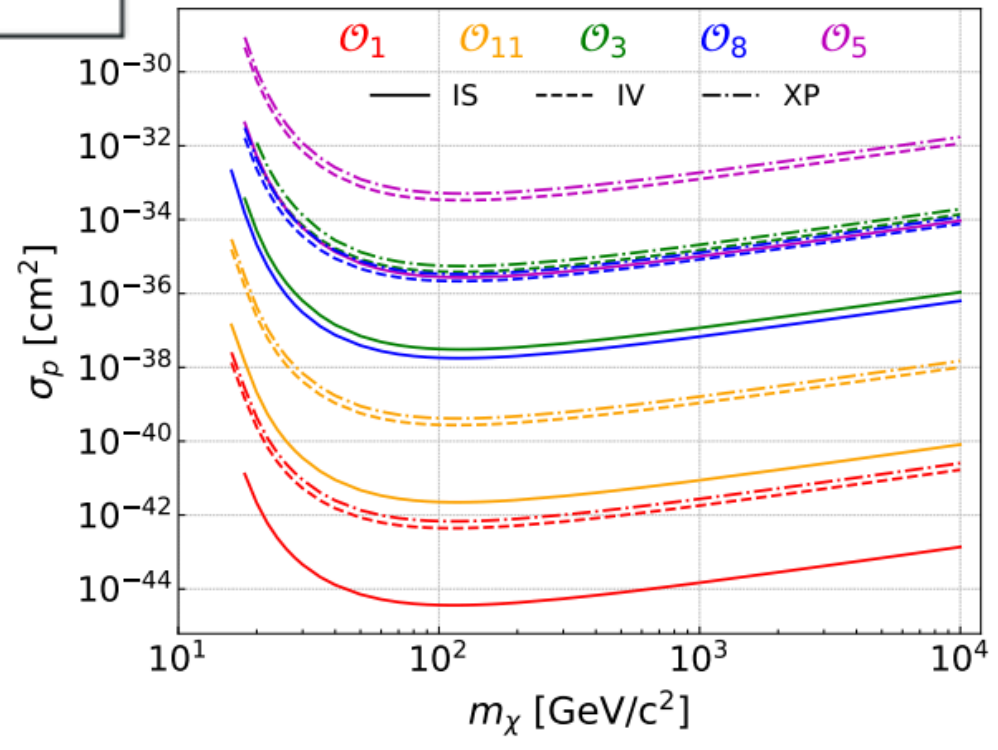


- Single phase Liquid Argon (3.3 t)
- Operating since 2016 at SNOLAB in Canada
- Results:
 - SI and EFT framework limits from 231 live days
 - Planck-scale DM Multi-scatter limits from 813 live-days
- Hardware upgrades coming:
 - Fill to neck
 - tag neck alphas
 - filter dust

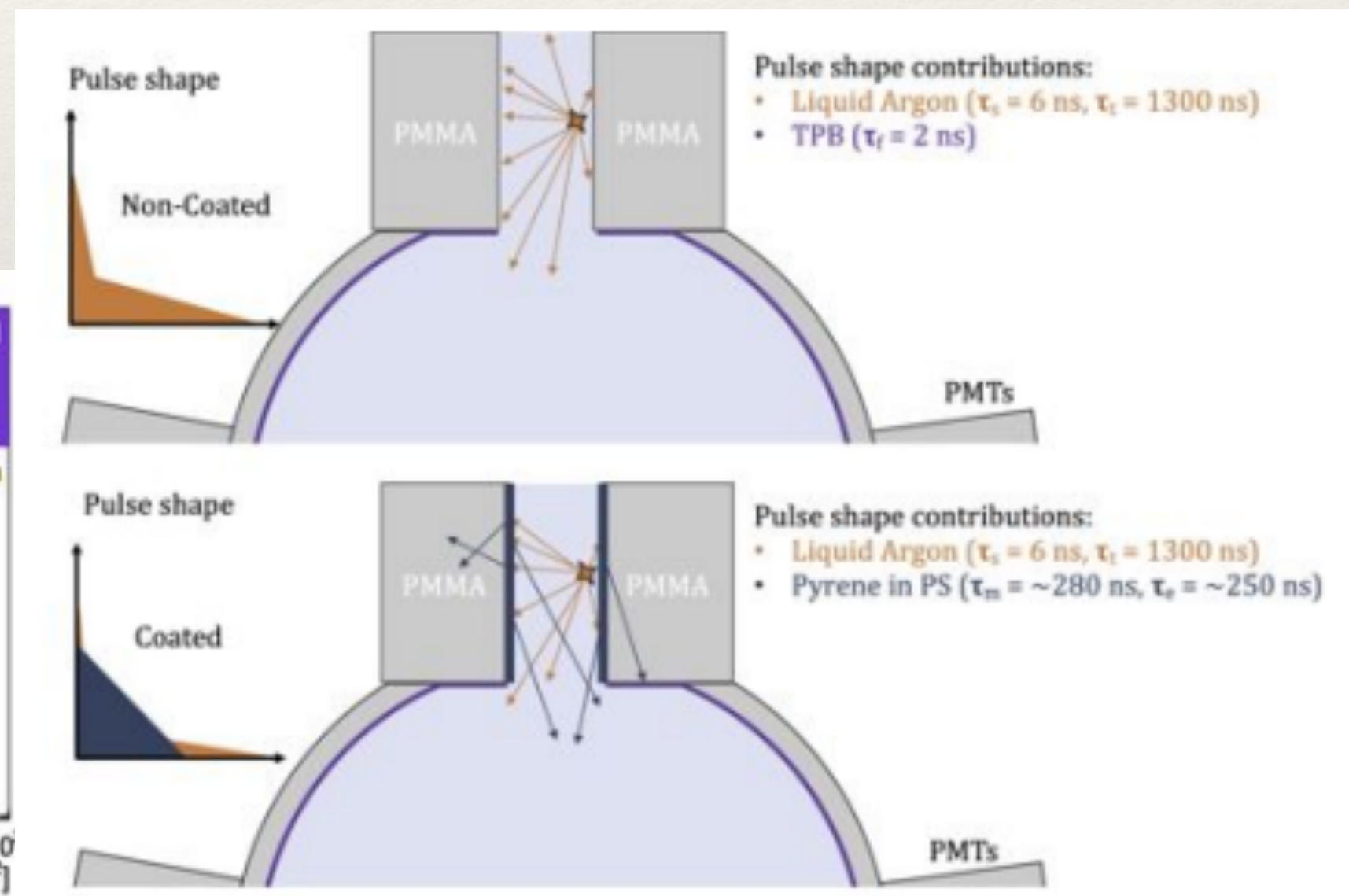
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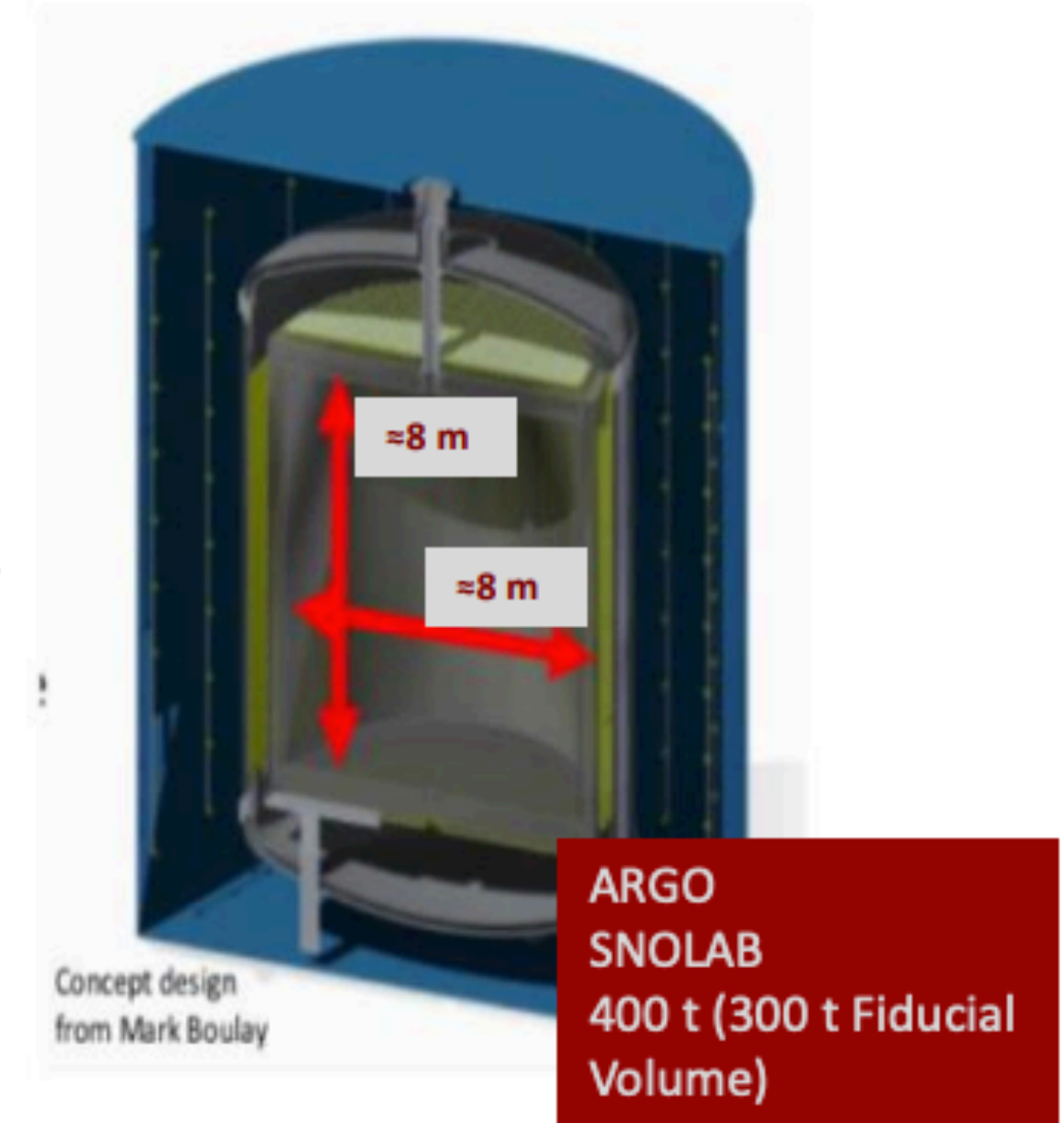
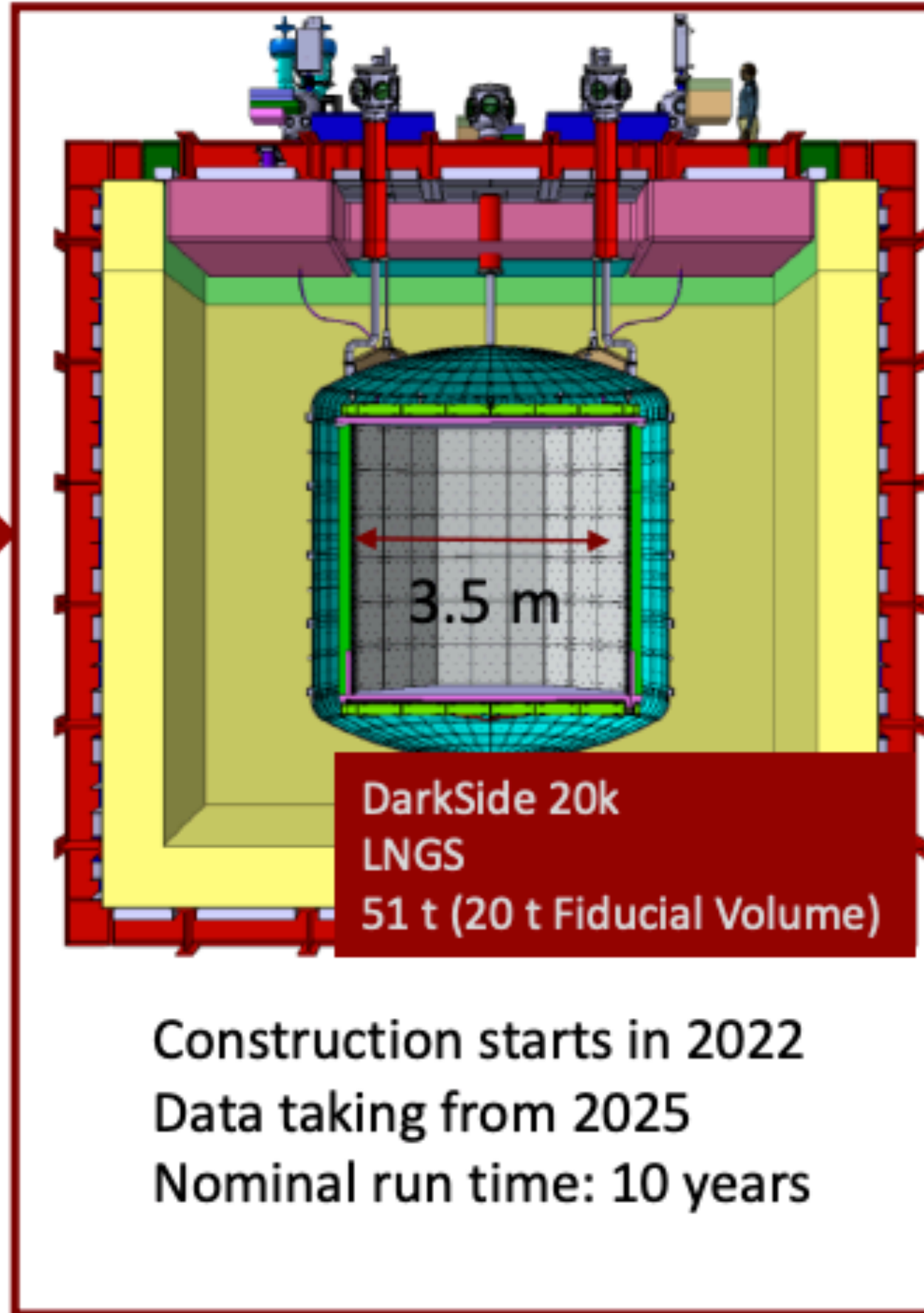
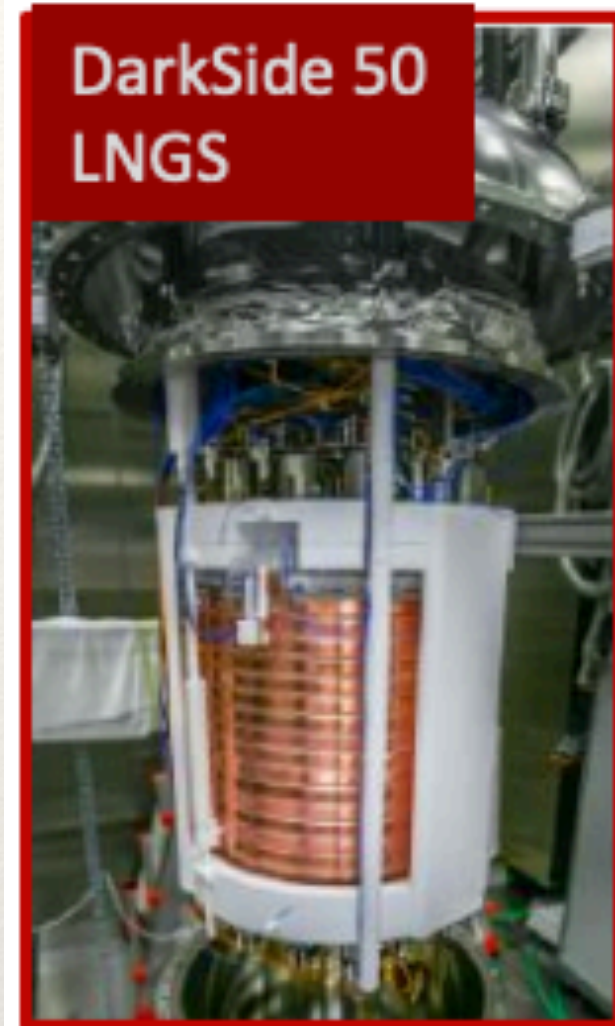
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- WLS characterization published in [JINST](#)
- Technical paper on slow WLS coating for background rejection in LAr submitted to [NIMA](#)

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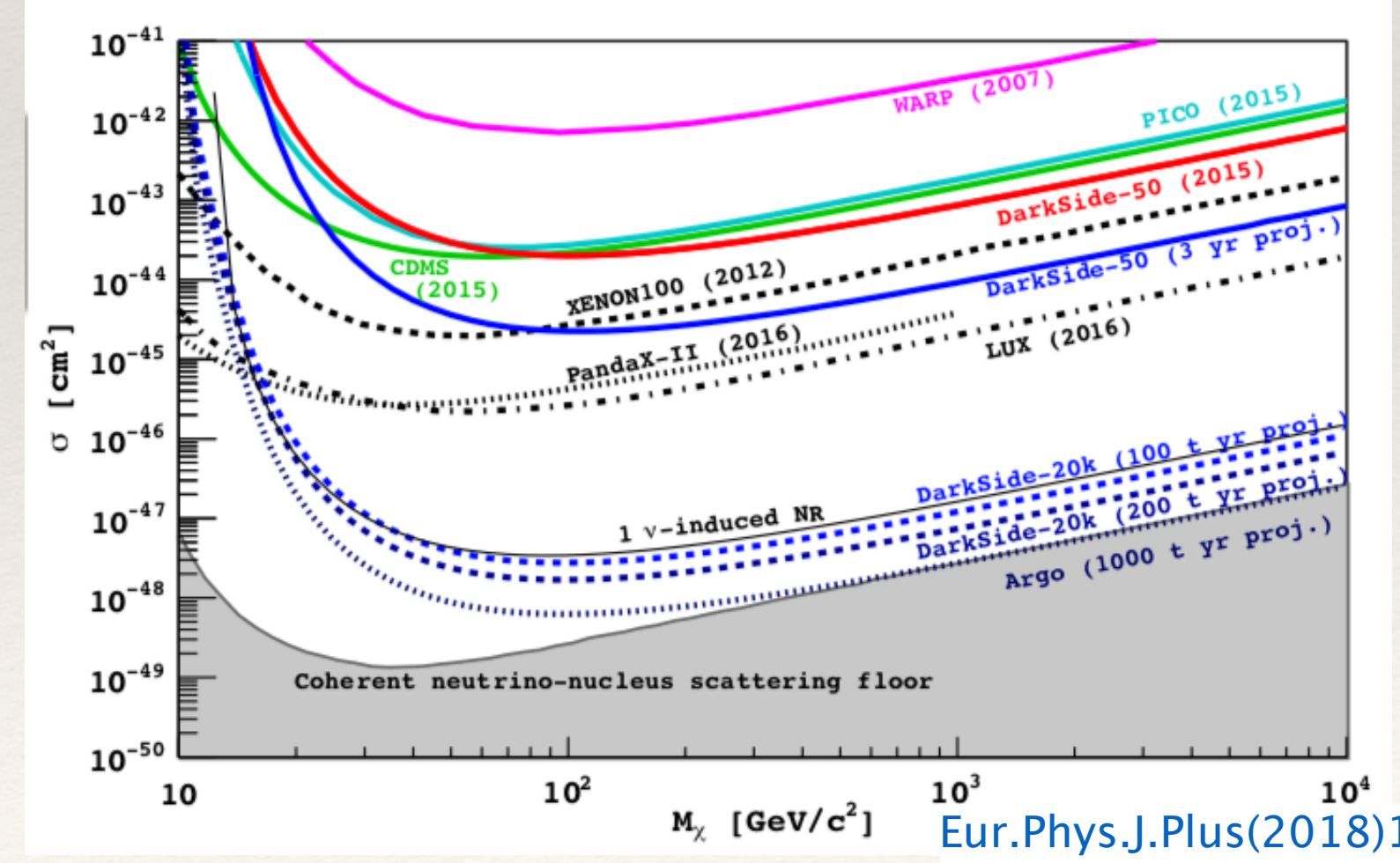
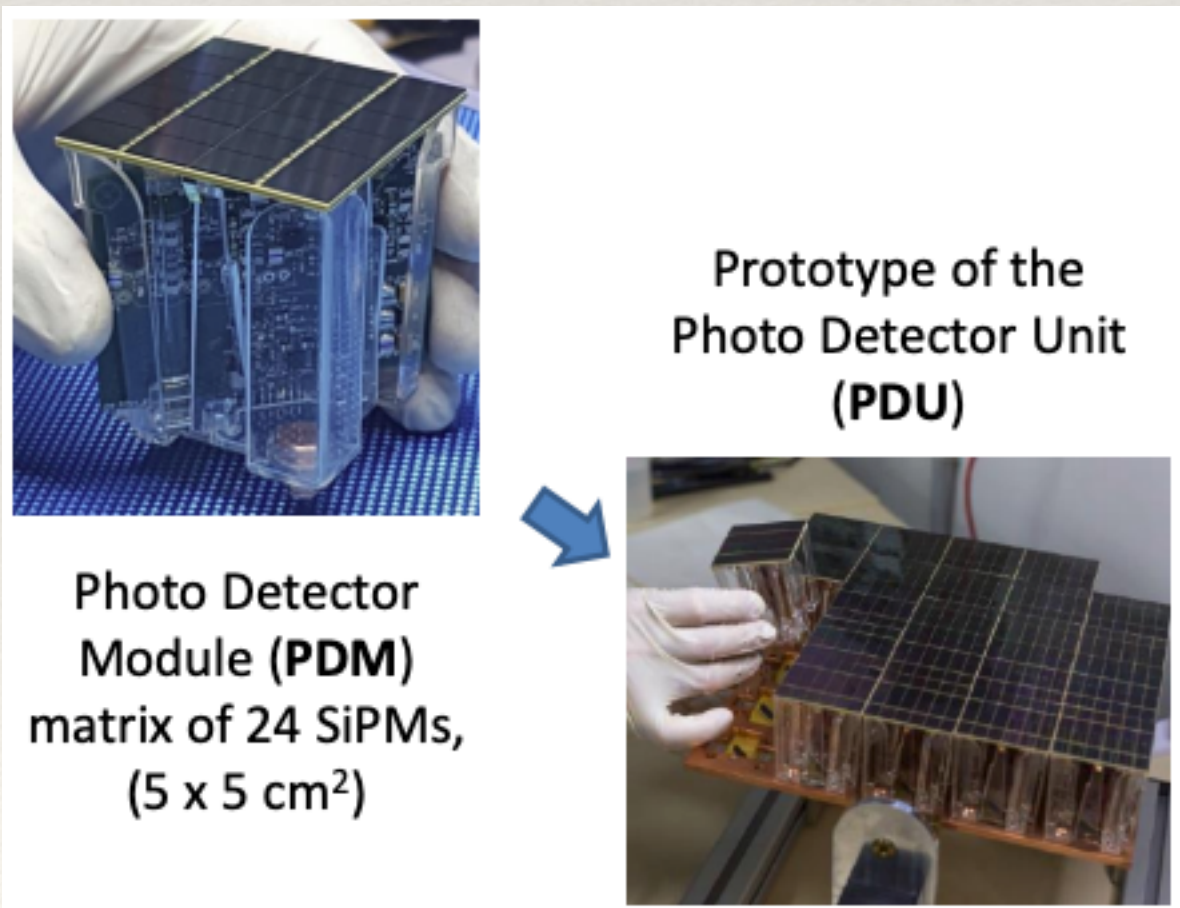
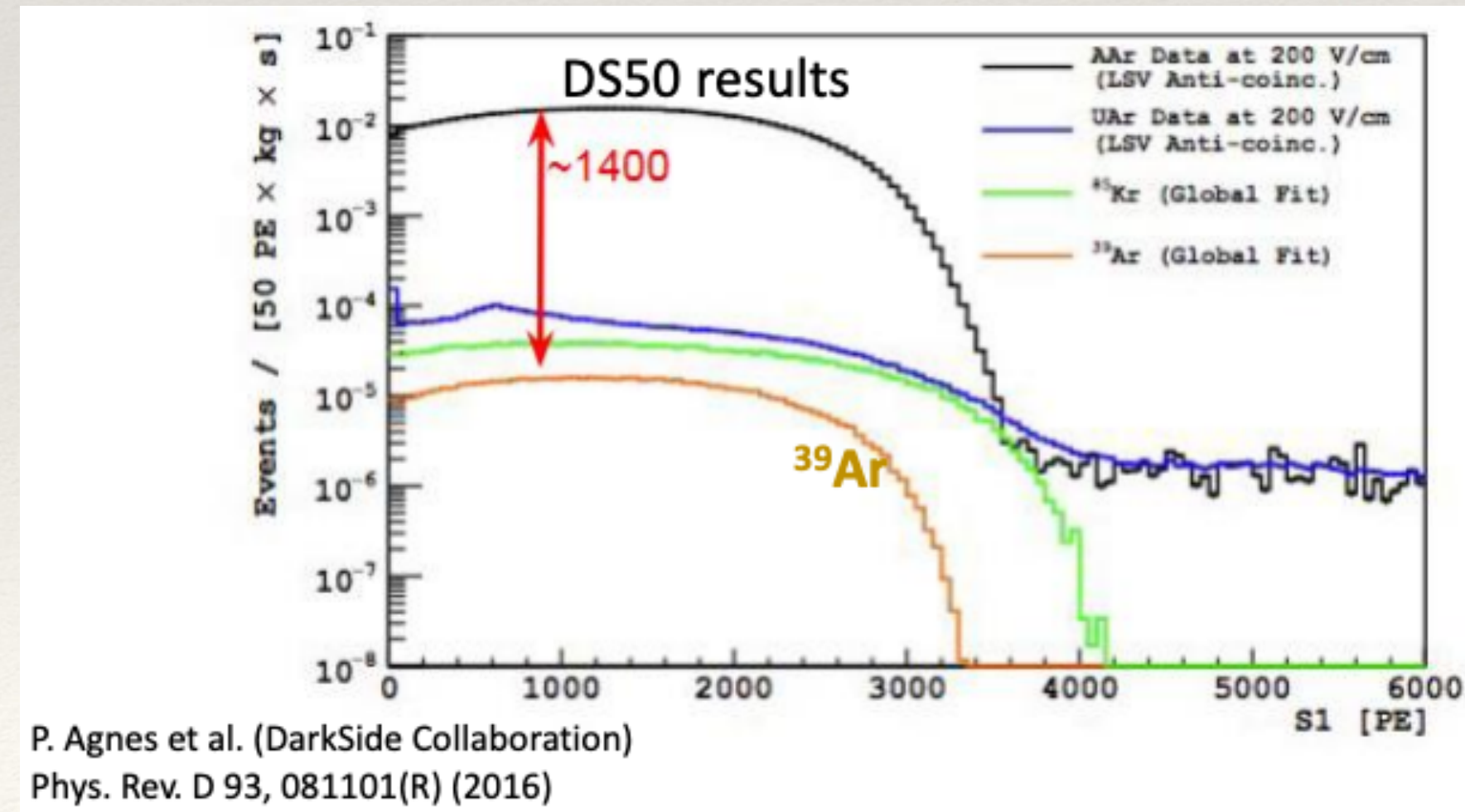
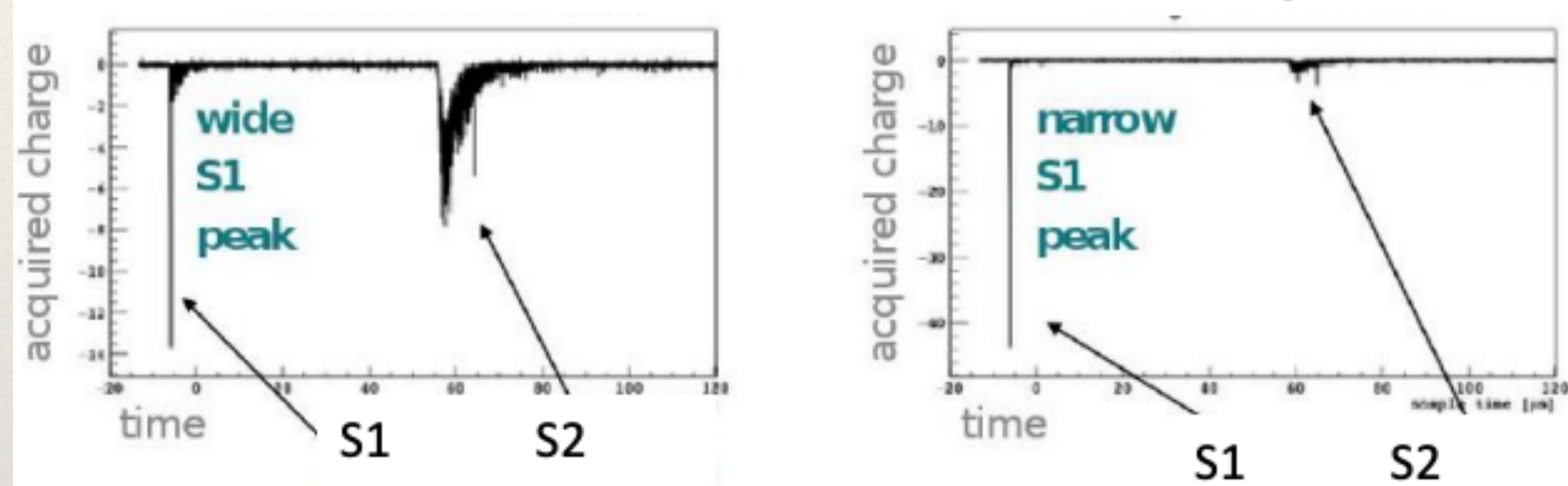
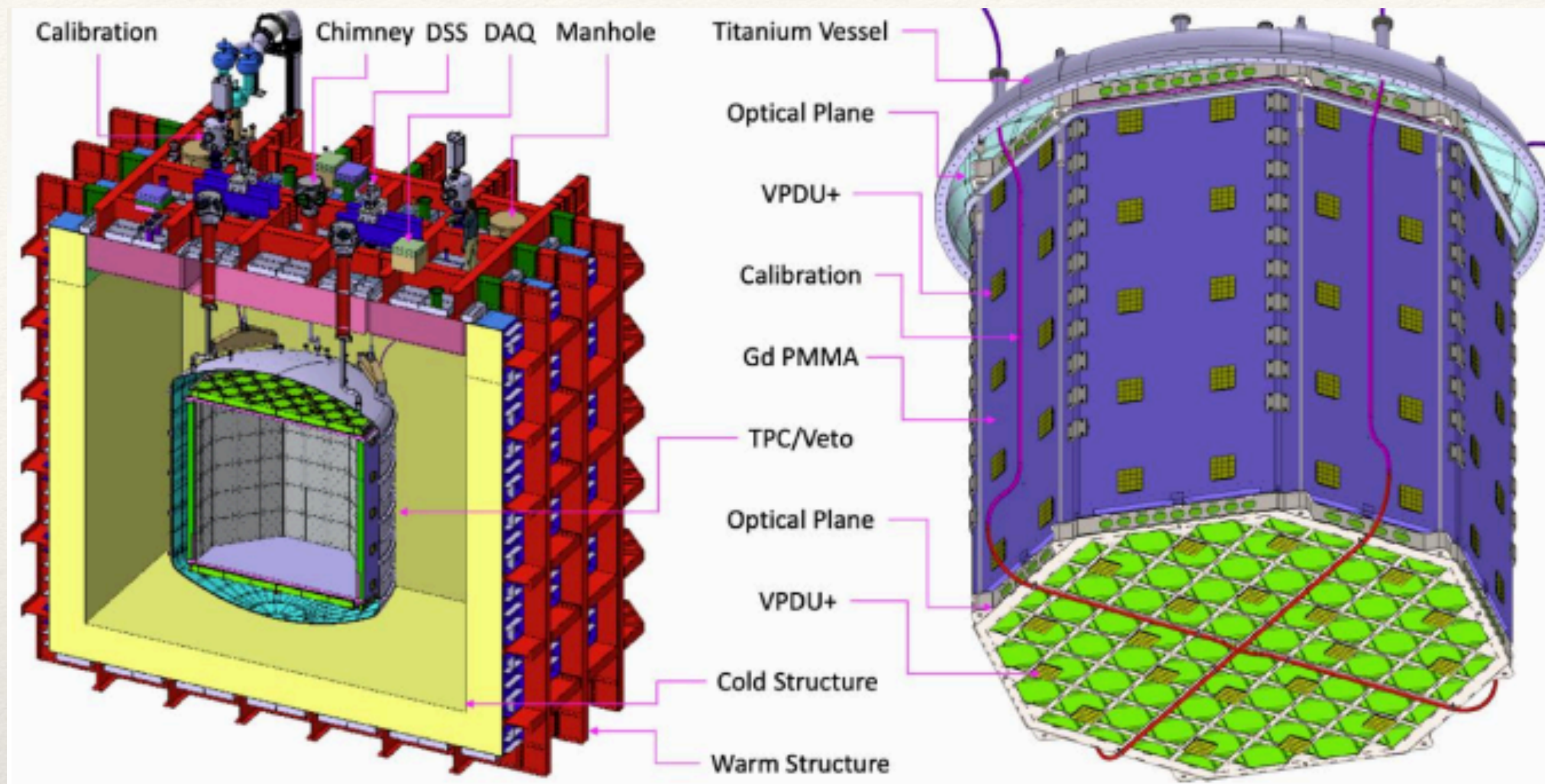
GADM programme



Testera LeptonPhoton21

DarkSide20K

- ~50 t liquid argon time projection chamber
- Under construction at LNGS in Italy
- Innovations in photosensors, underground argon production (reduced Ar-39 background)

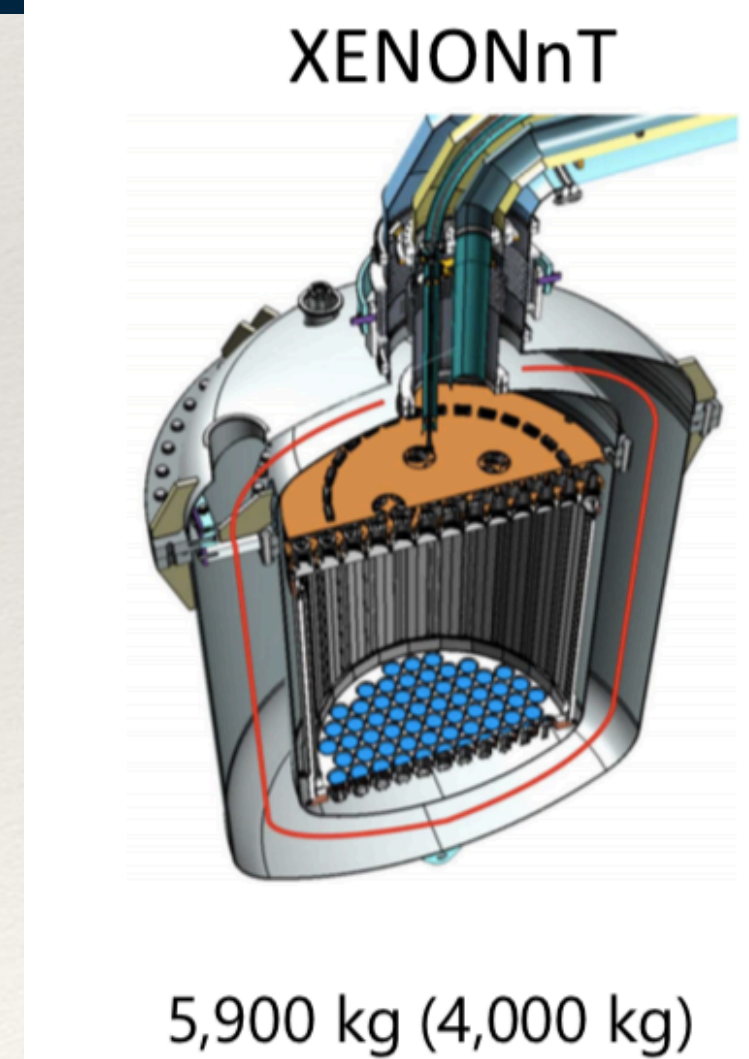
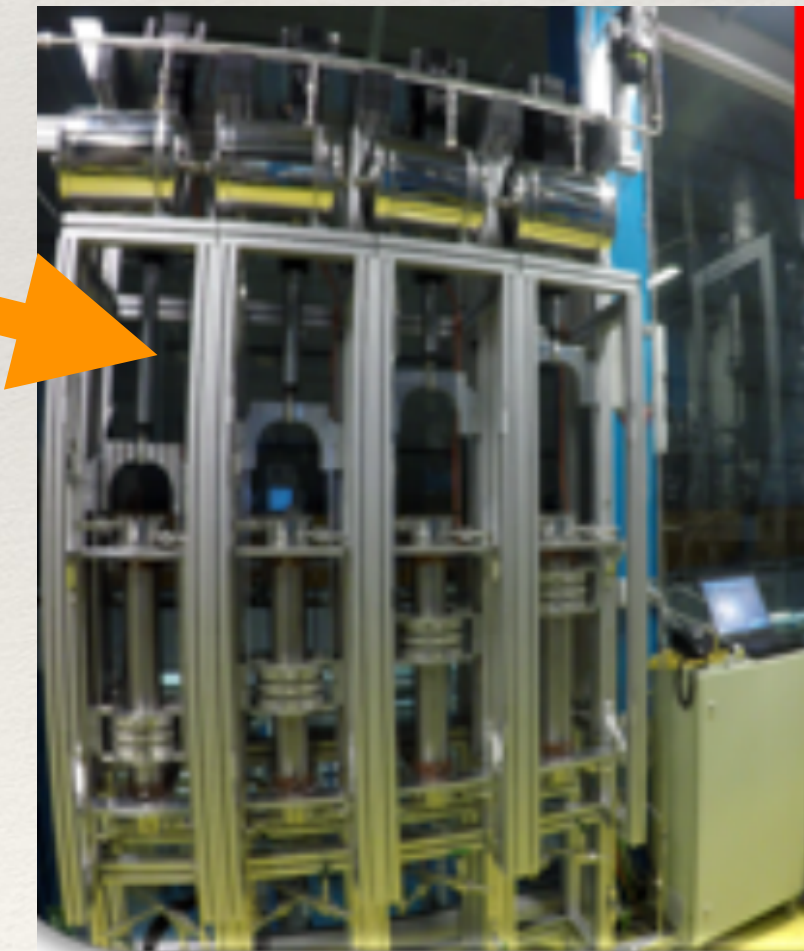
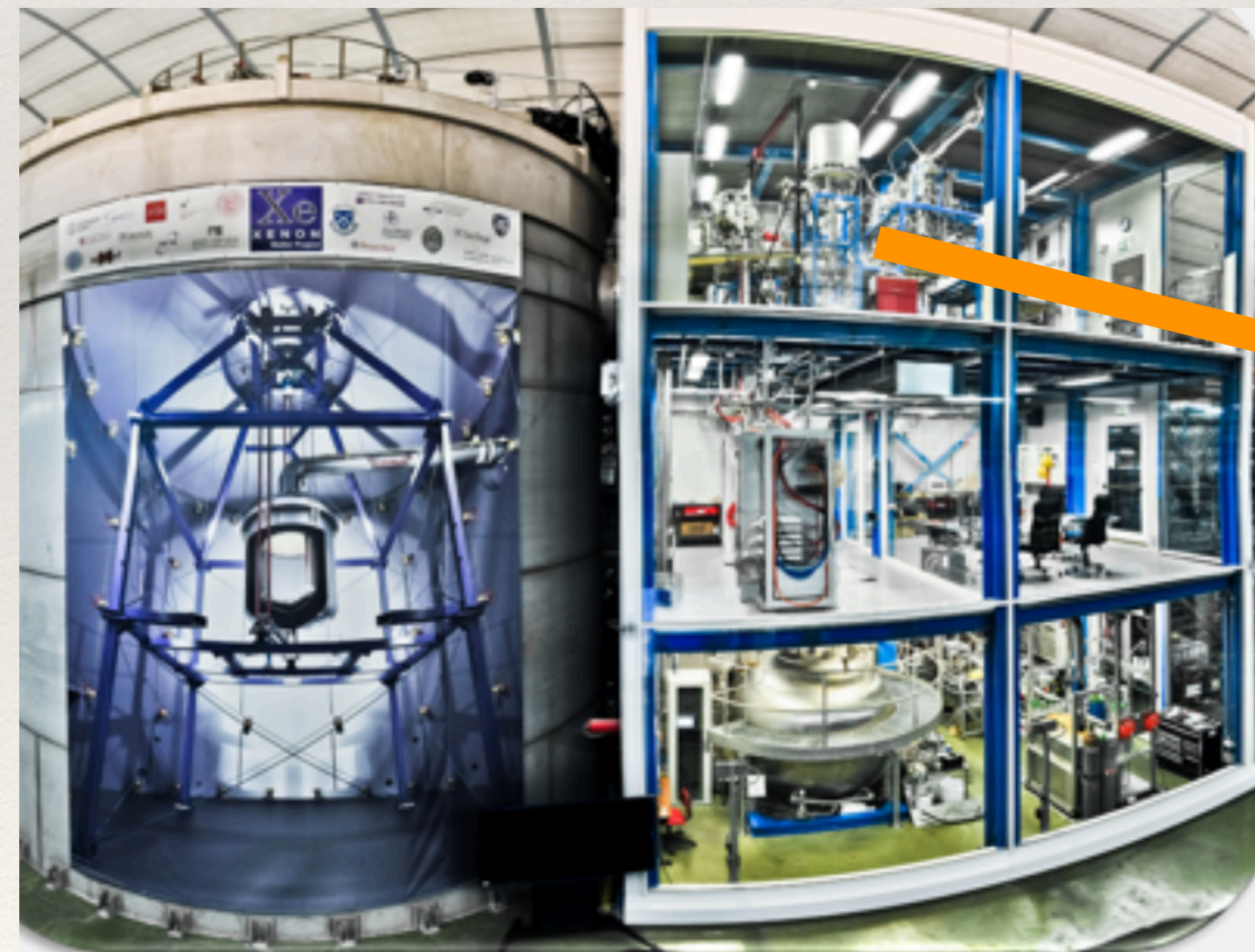
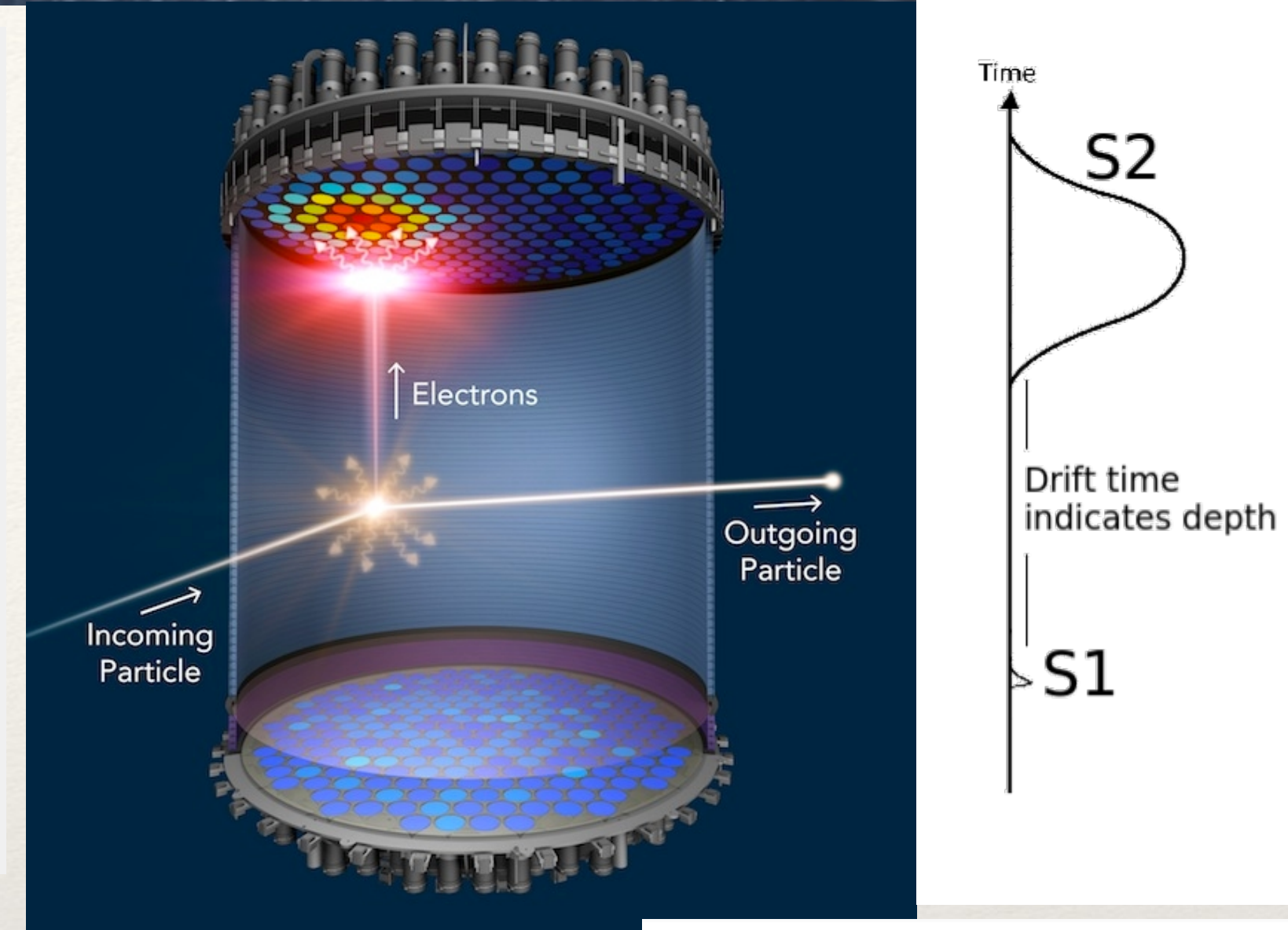
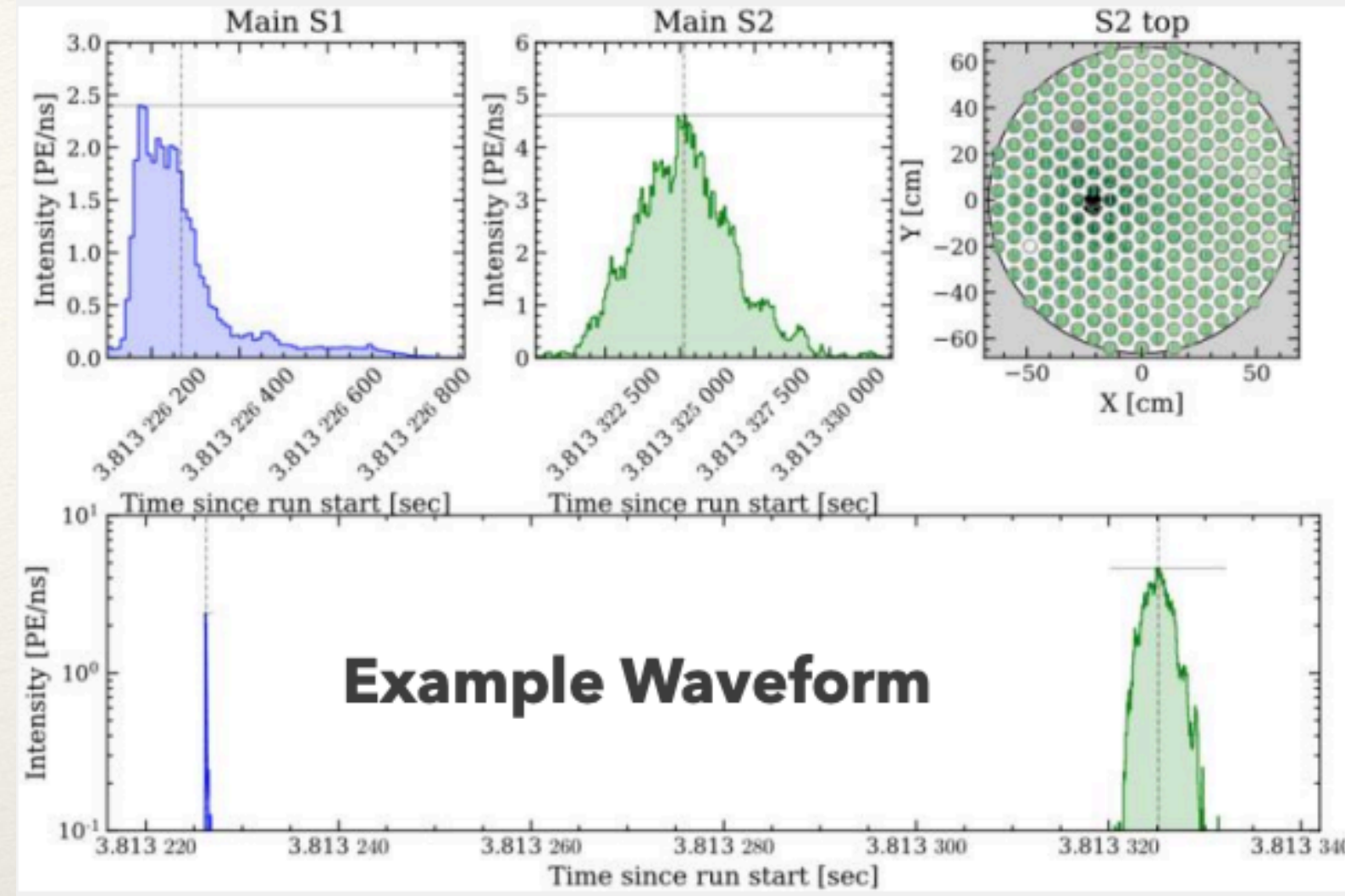
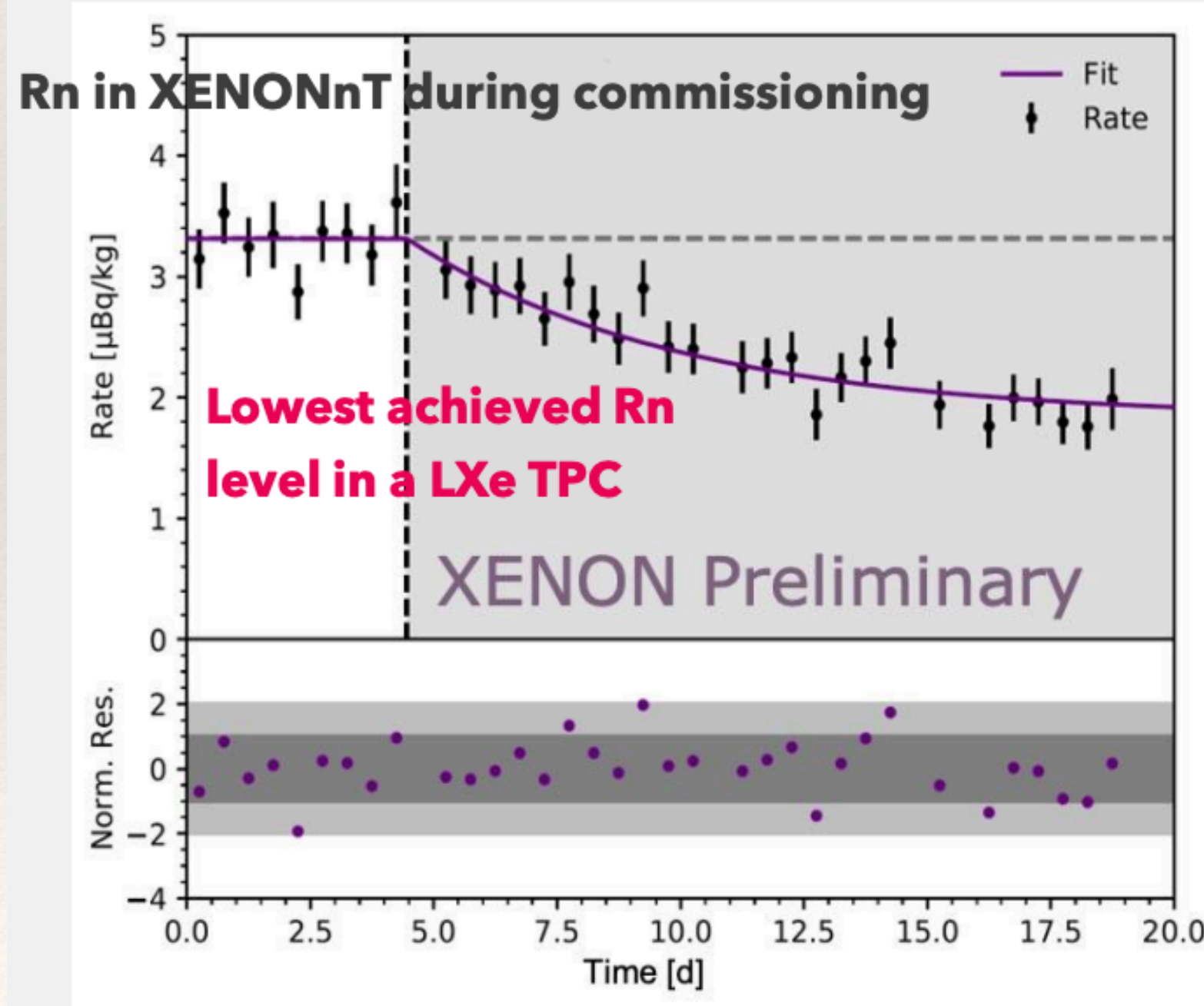


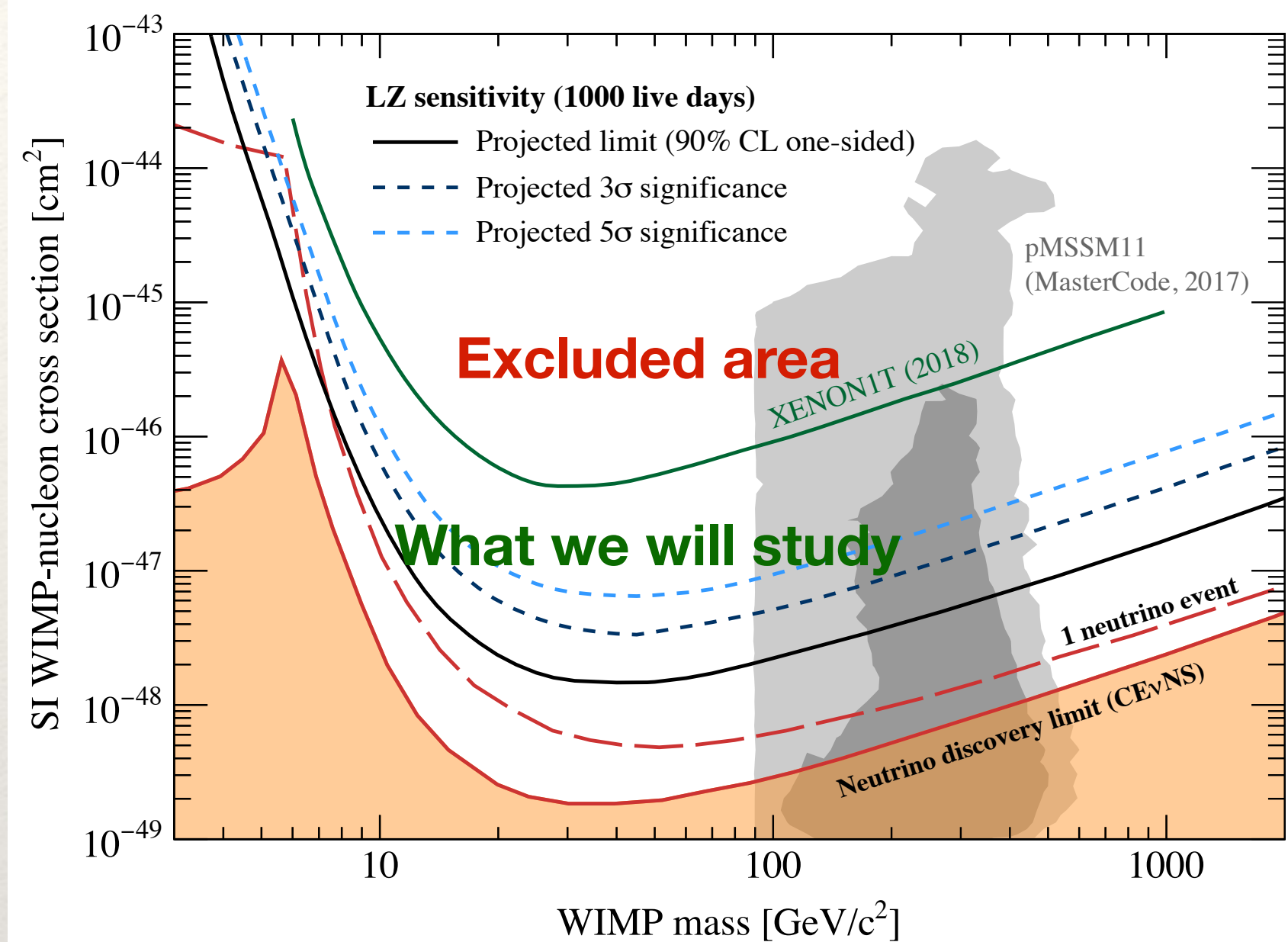
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XENONnT

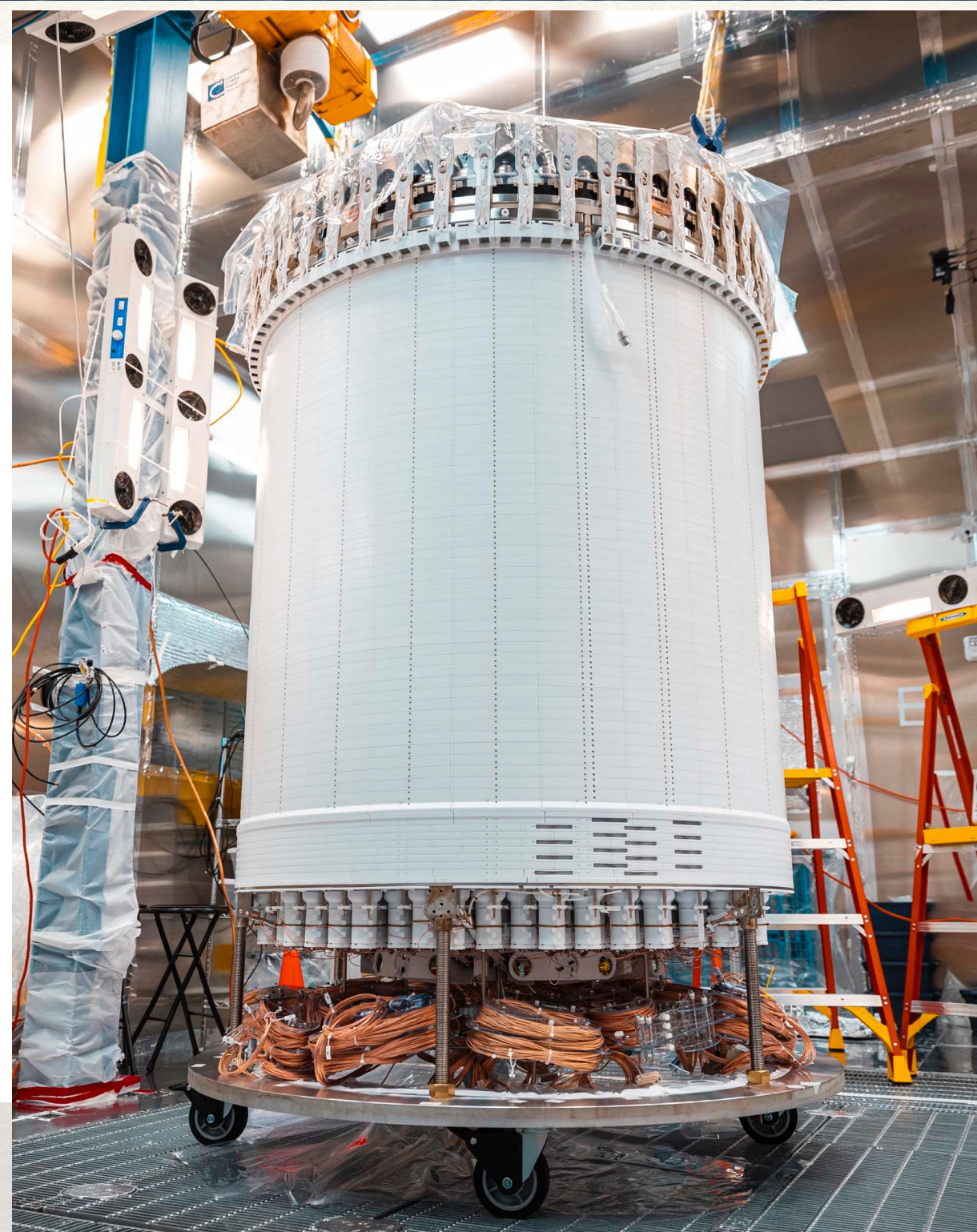
- 5.9 t liquid xenon TPC
- Operating at LNGS in Italy since Sept '21
- Radon/krypton reduction with cryogenic distillation and custom pump
- Drift field is a little low

Pienaar TAUP 21





arXiv:1802.06039



7 tonne liquid xenon time-projection chamber

Liquid Xe heat exchanger

High voltage feedthrough

494 photomultiplier tubes (PMTs)
Additional 131 xenon "skin" PMTs

Instrumentation conduits

Existing water tank

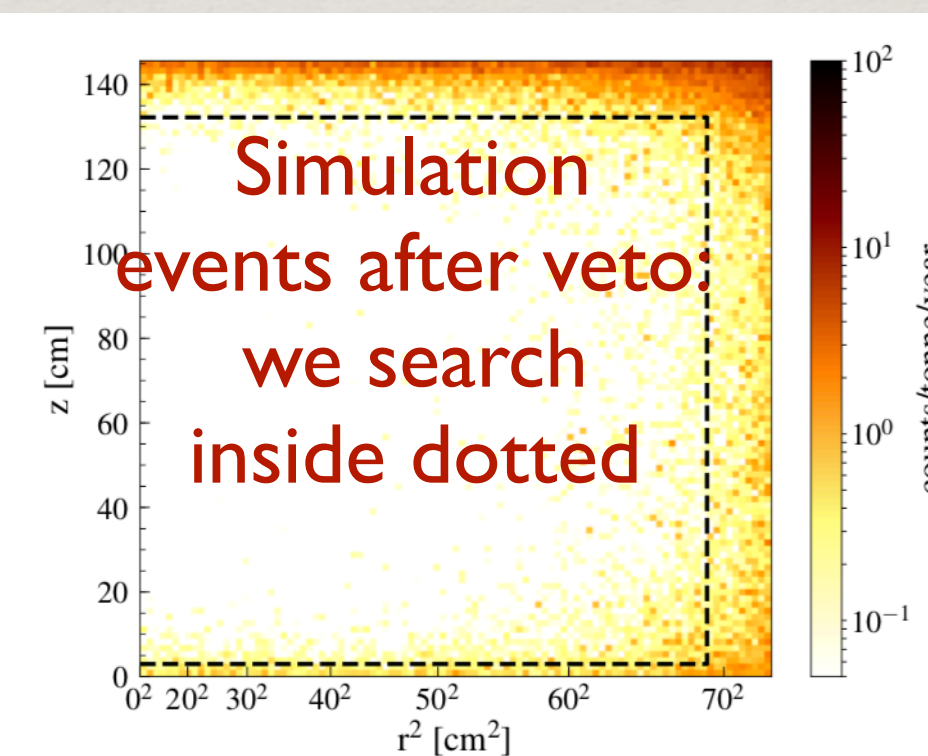
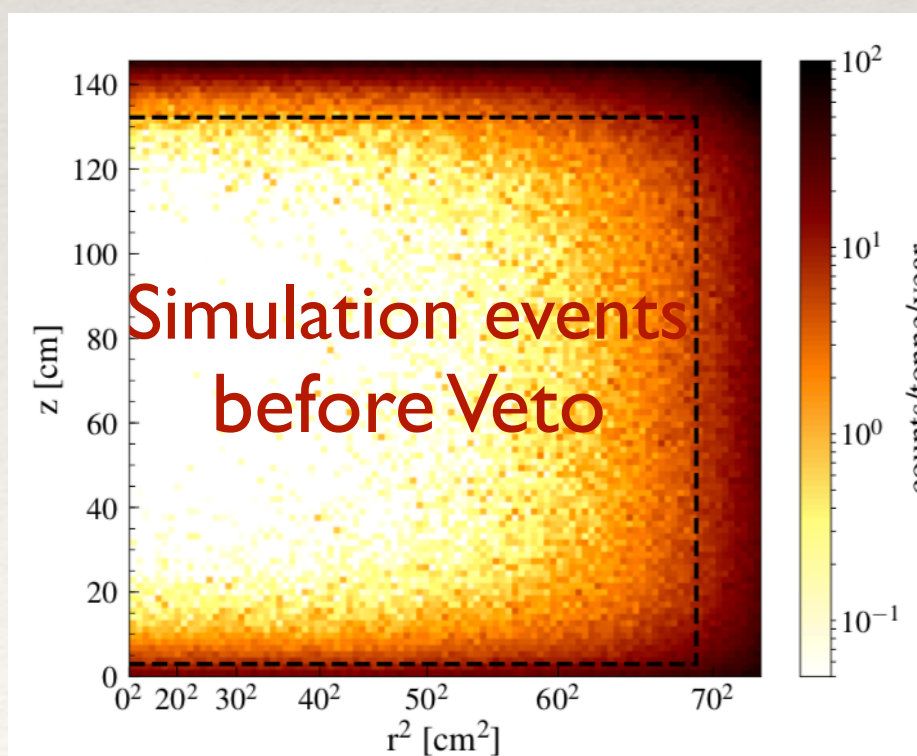
Gadolinium-loaded liquid scintillator

120 outer detector PMTs

Neutron beampipes



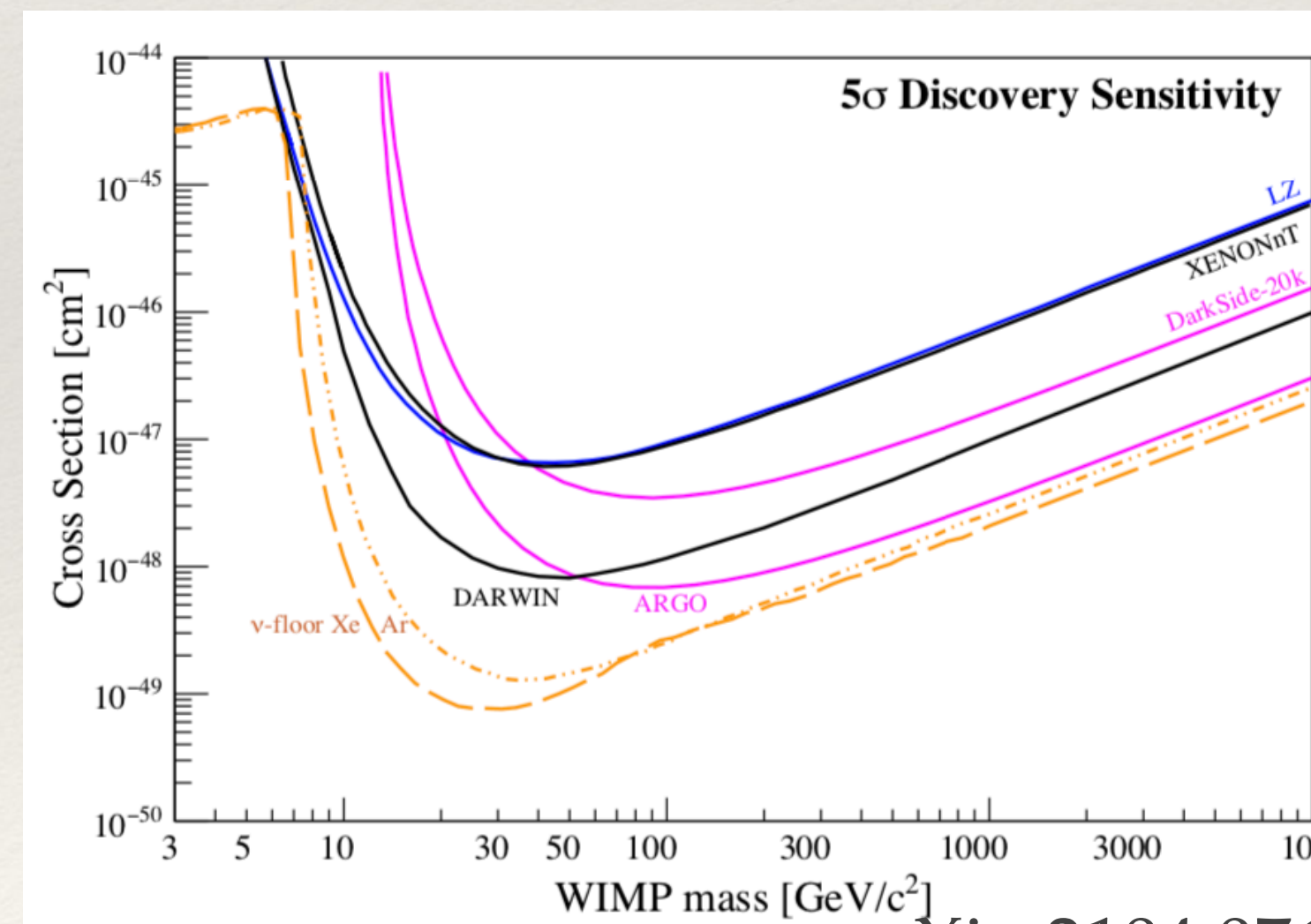
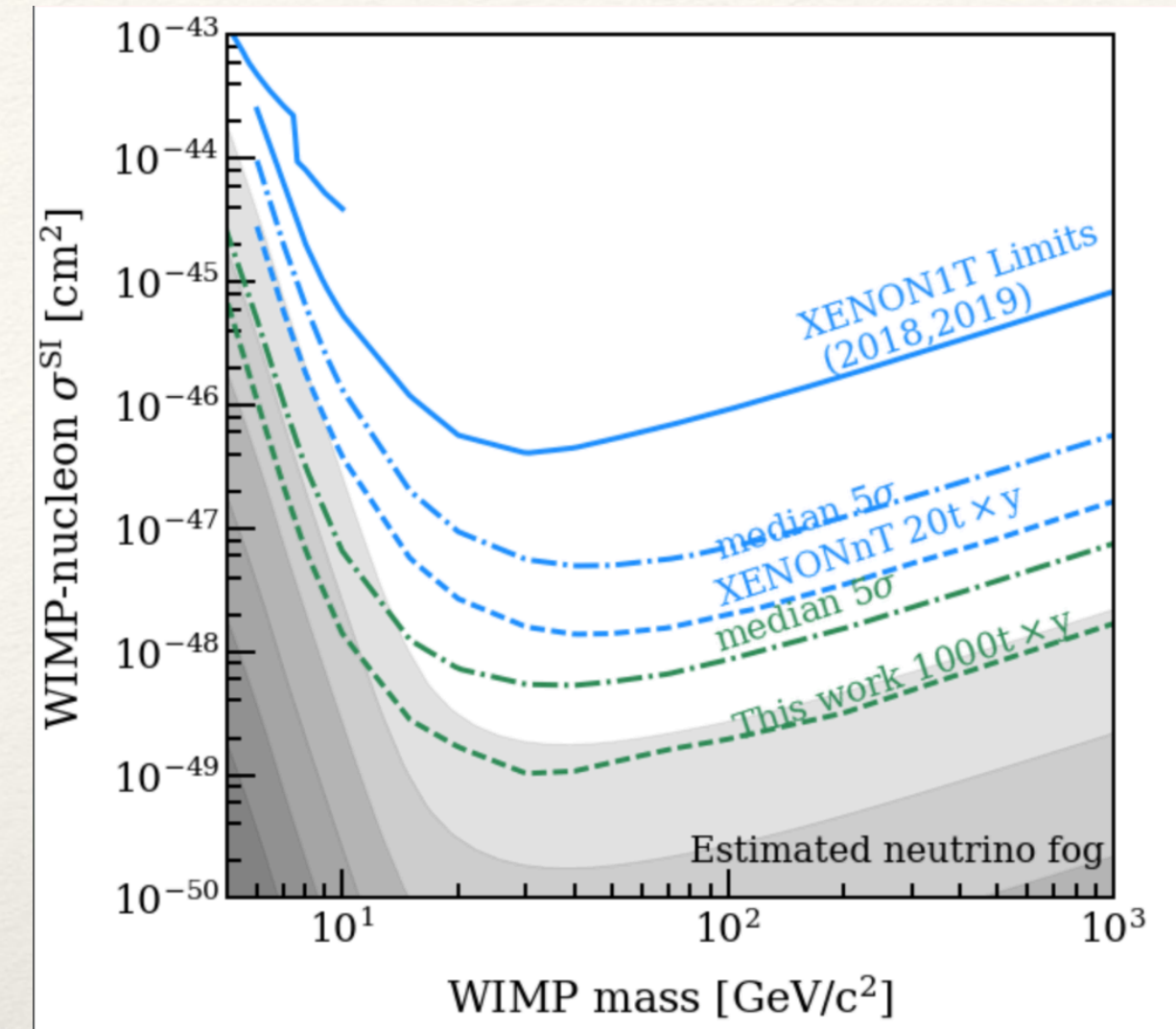
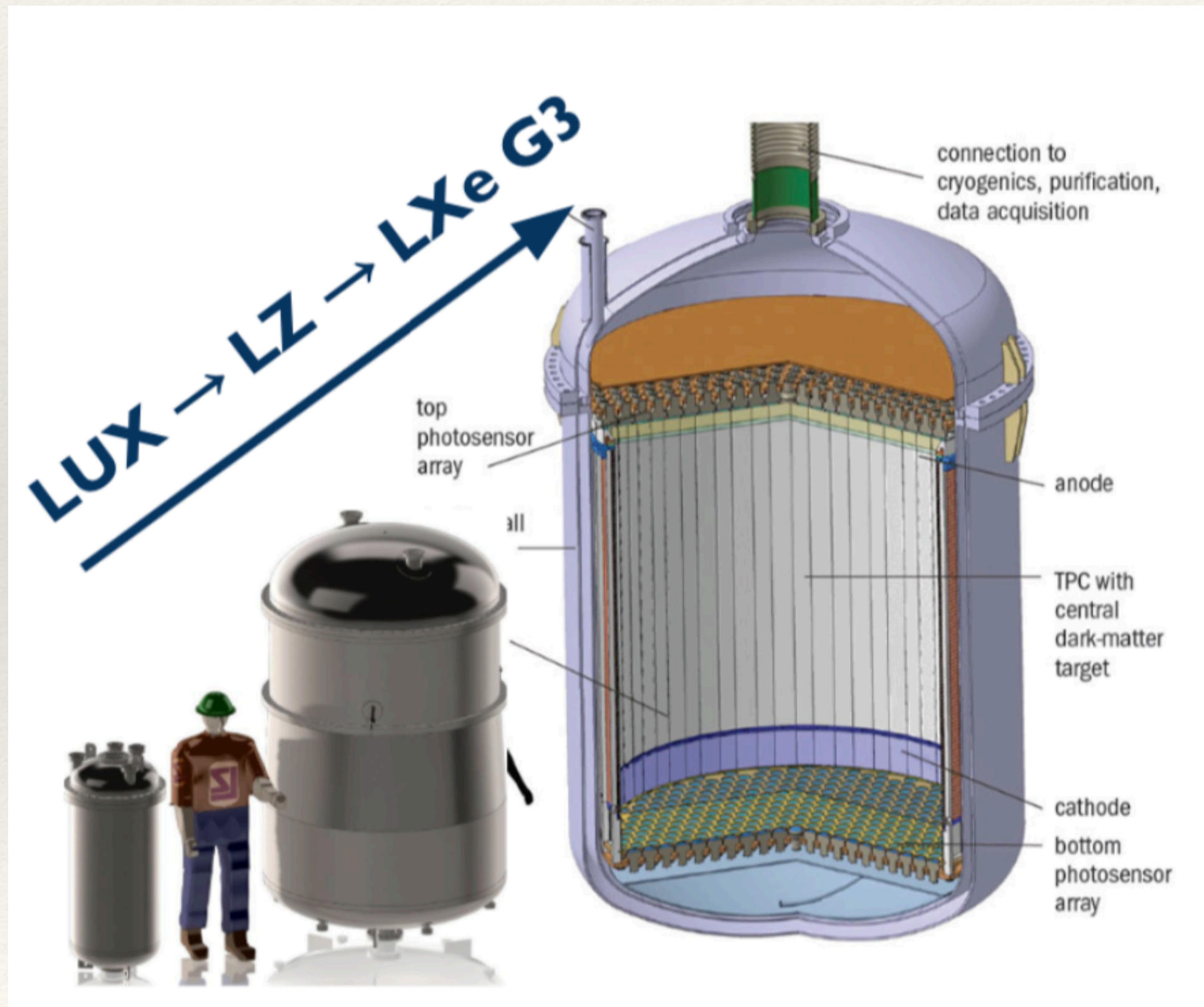
- 10 t liquid xenon
- Operating at SURF in South Dakota USA
- Planned for 1000 live days over ~5 years



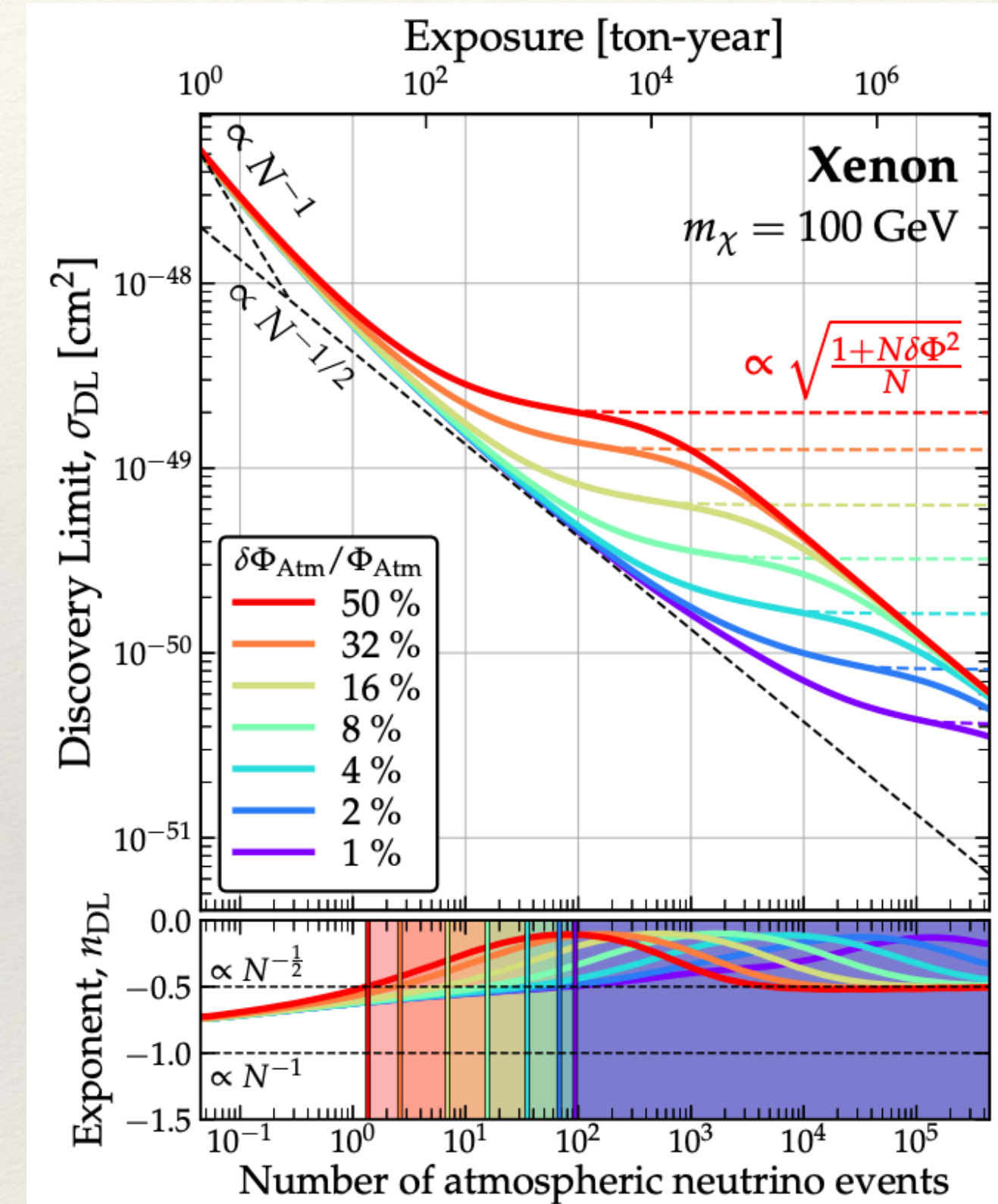
- Many talks in parallels this afternoon and tomorrow

Next Generation Liquid Xenon

- 50–100 t liquid xenon TPC
- Combination of XENONnT/DARWIN and LZ collaborations
- Location TBD
- Joint workshop last spring, meeting this summer

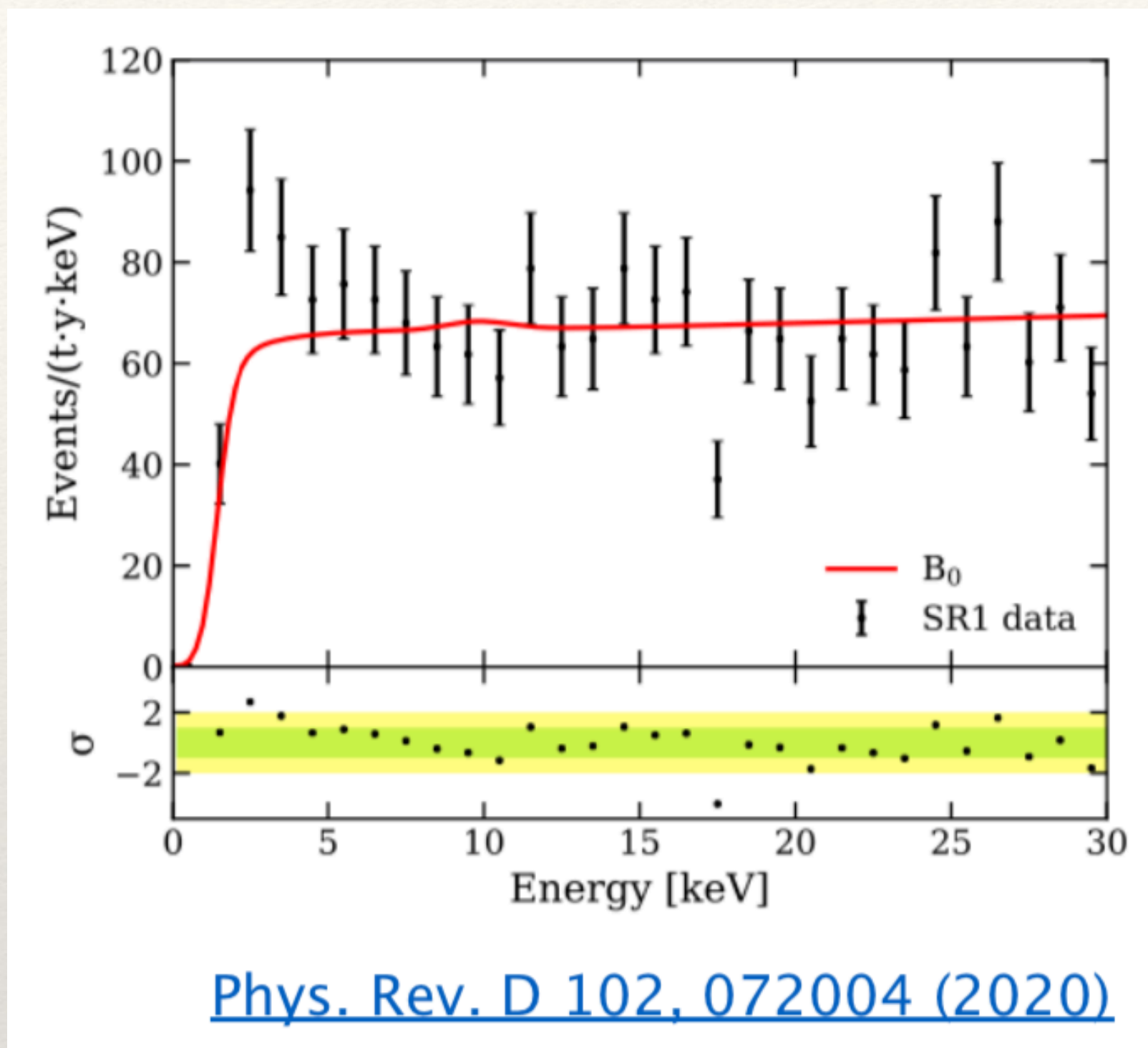


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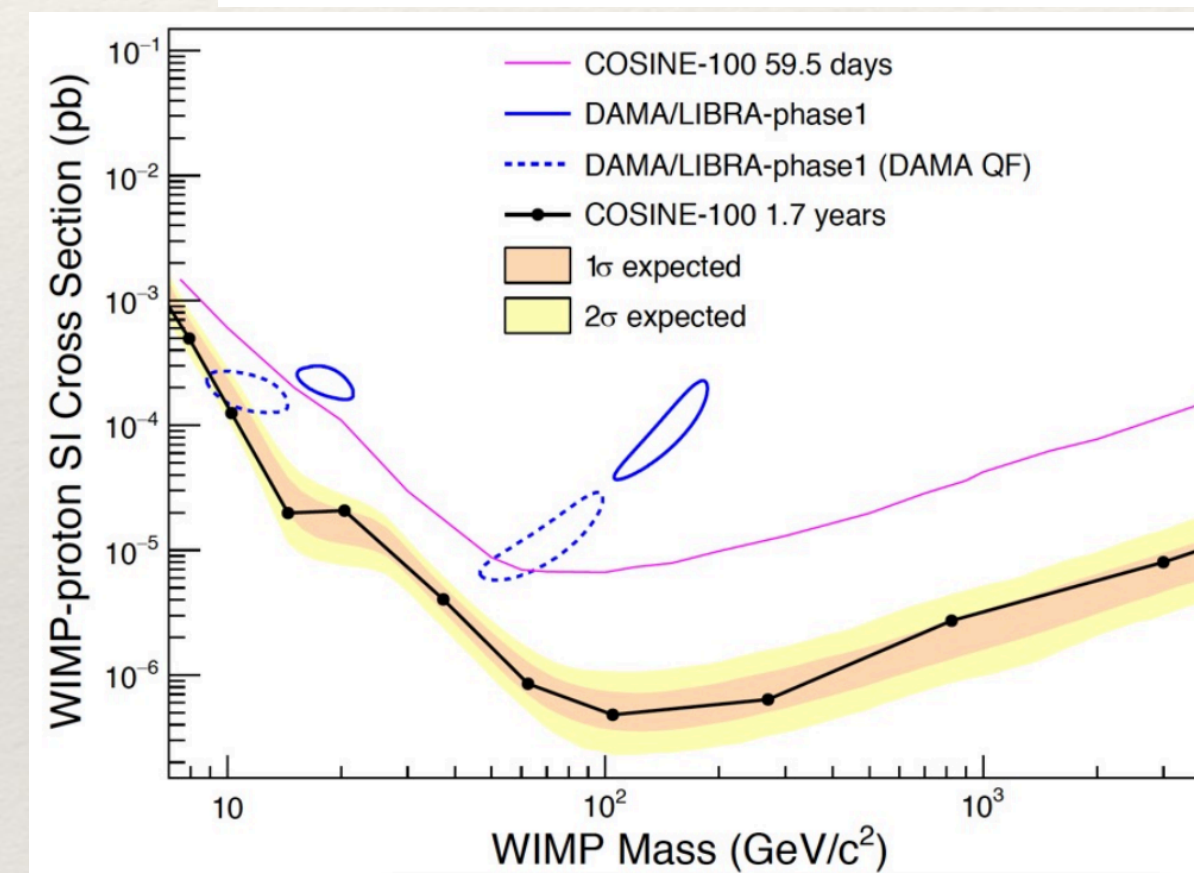
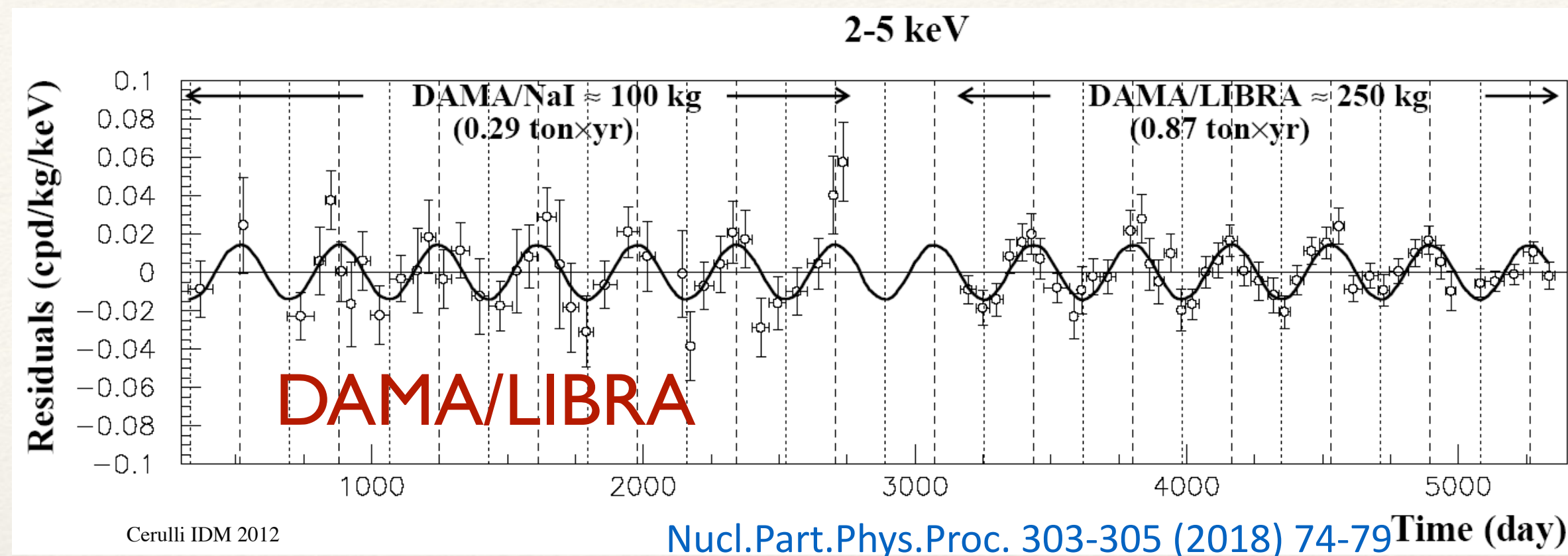


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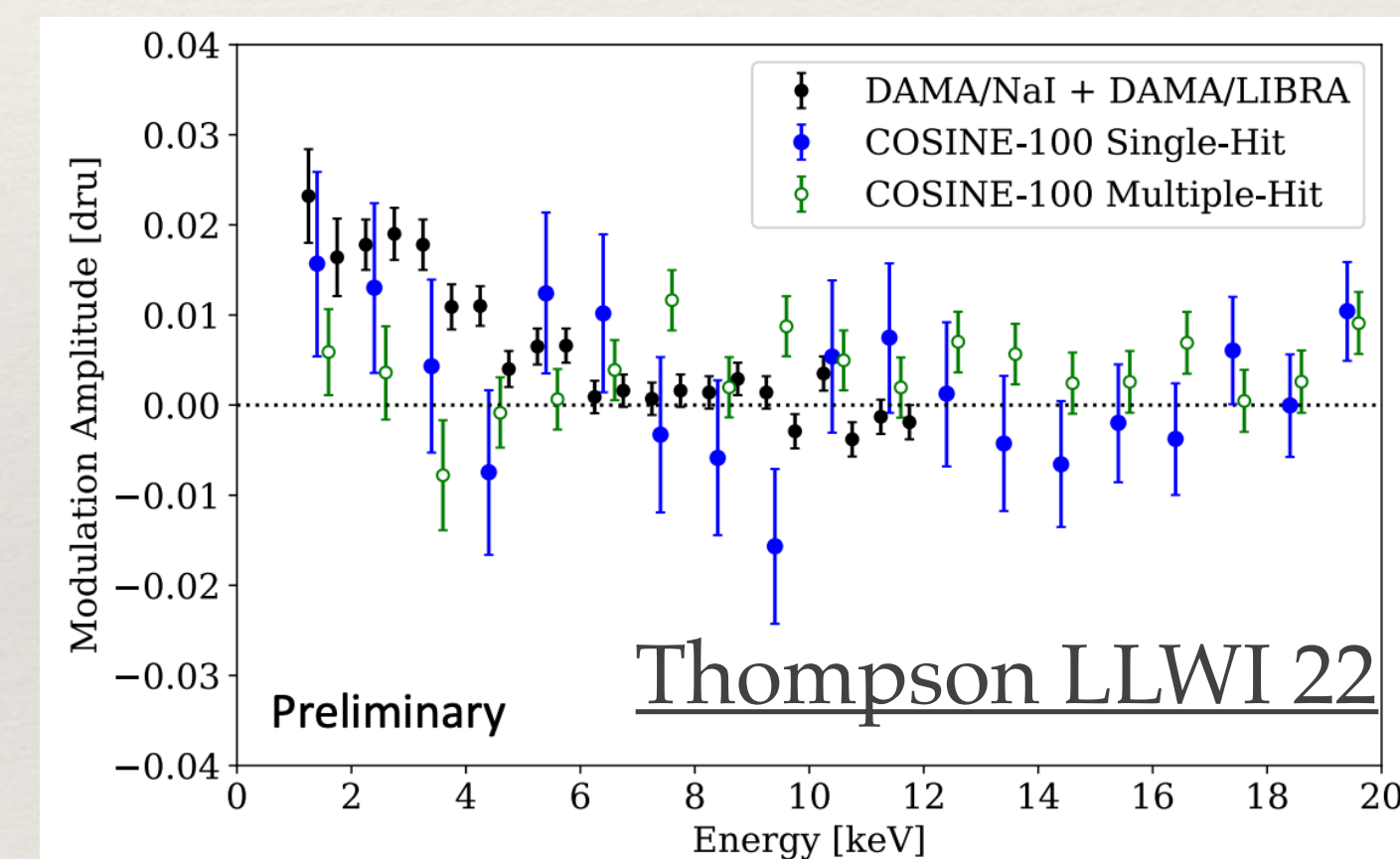
2 Mysteries to follow



- XENON1T low energy ER excess
- Is it New Physics?
- Is it Ar-37?
- XENONnT and LZ should be able to comment on it, once cosmogenically created Ar-37 decays away
arXiv:2201.02858

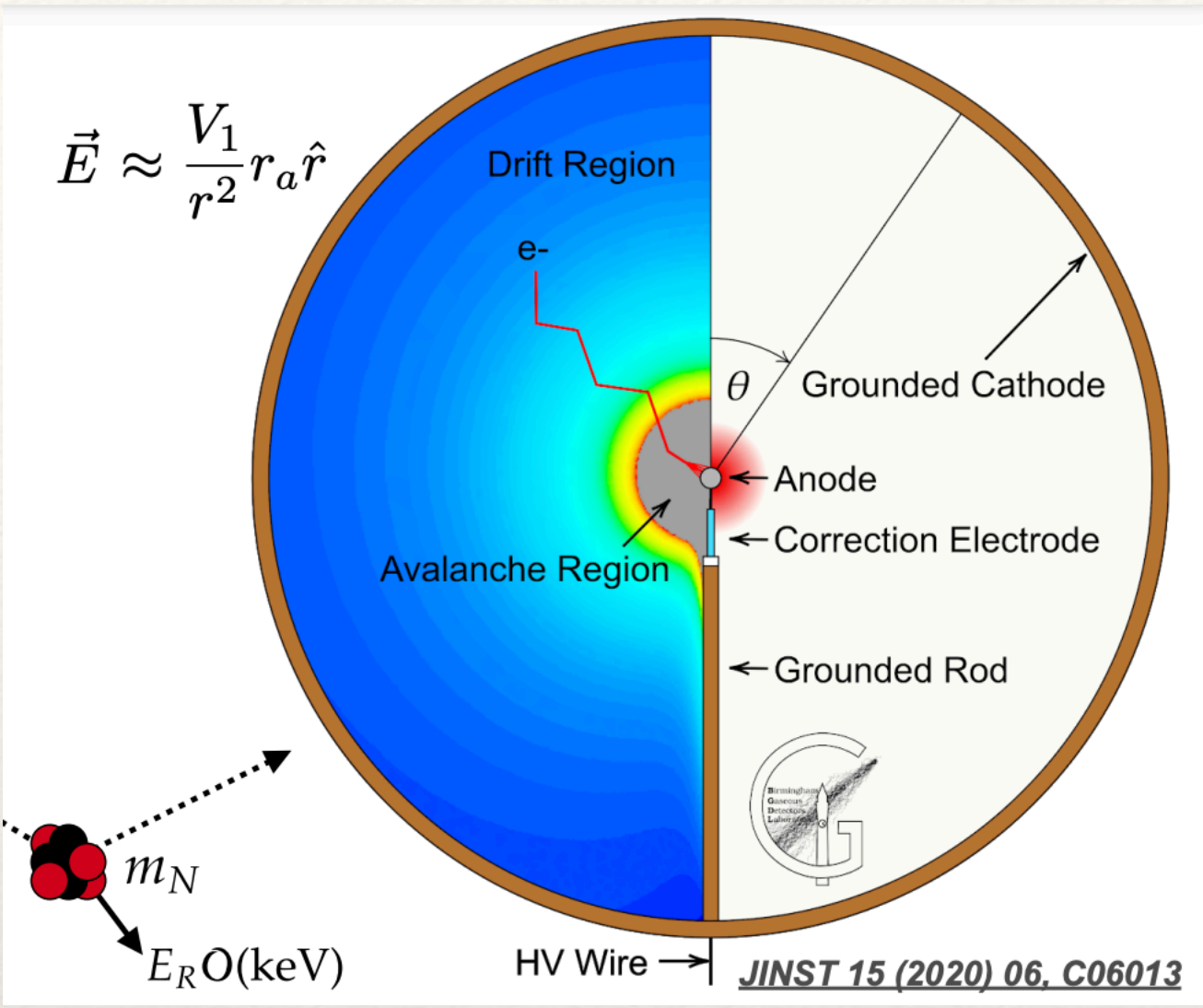


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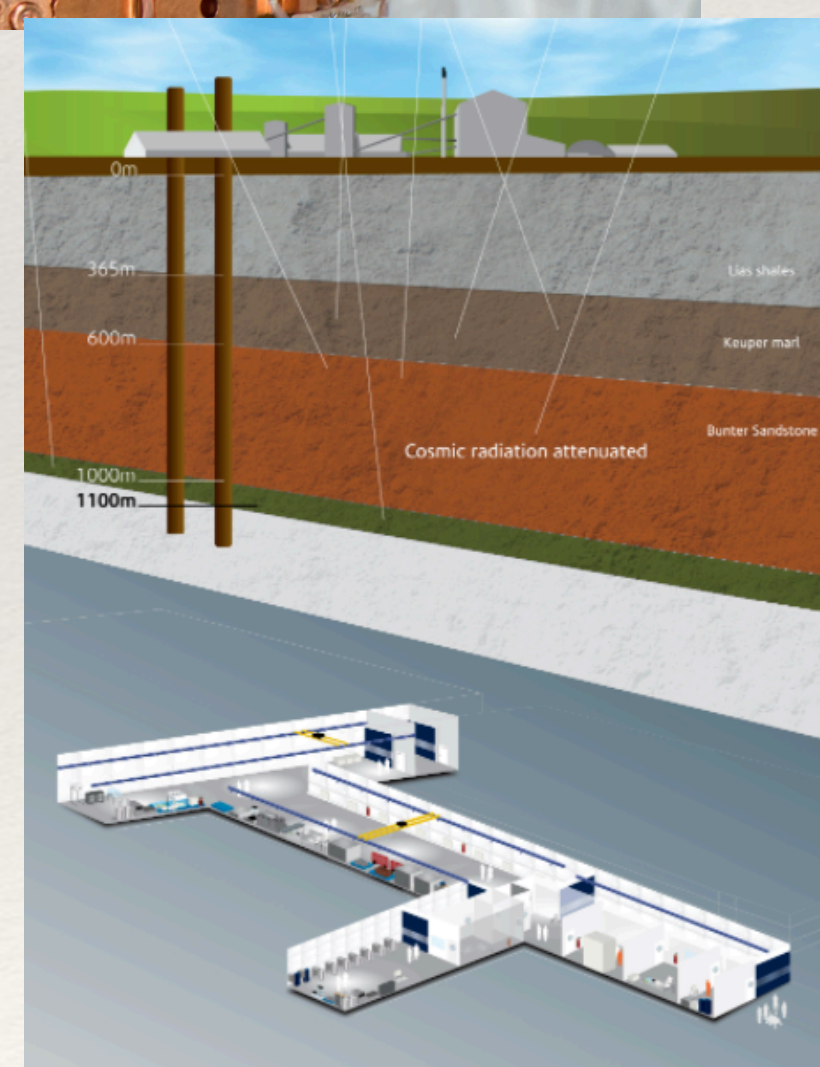
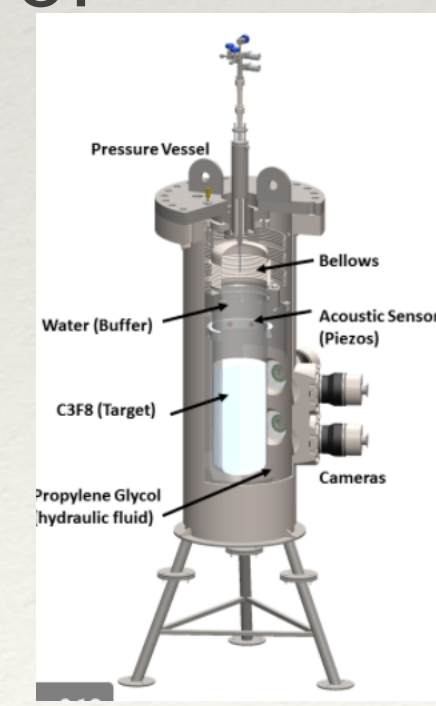
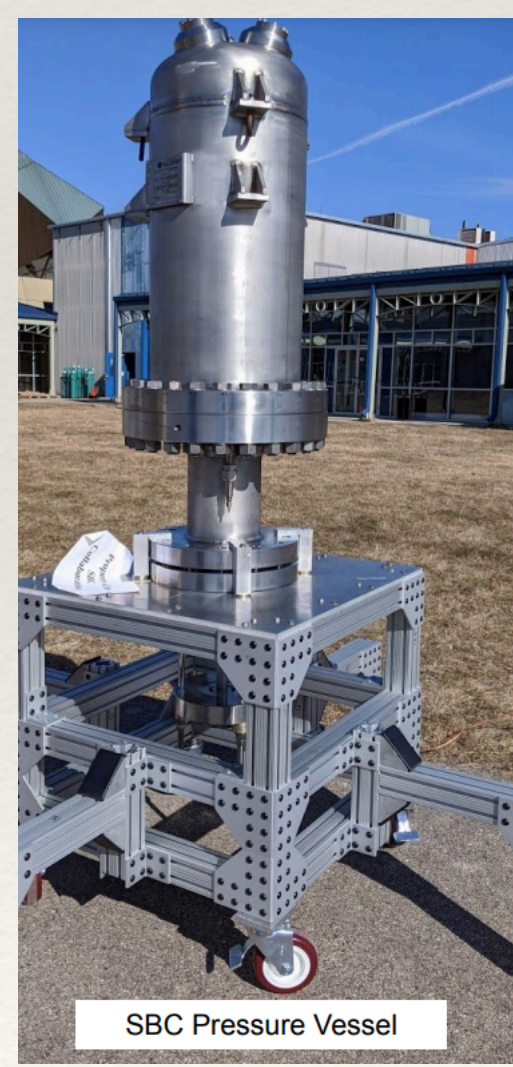
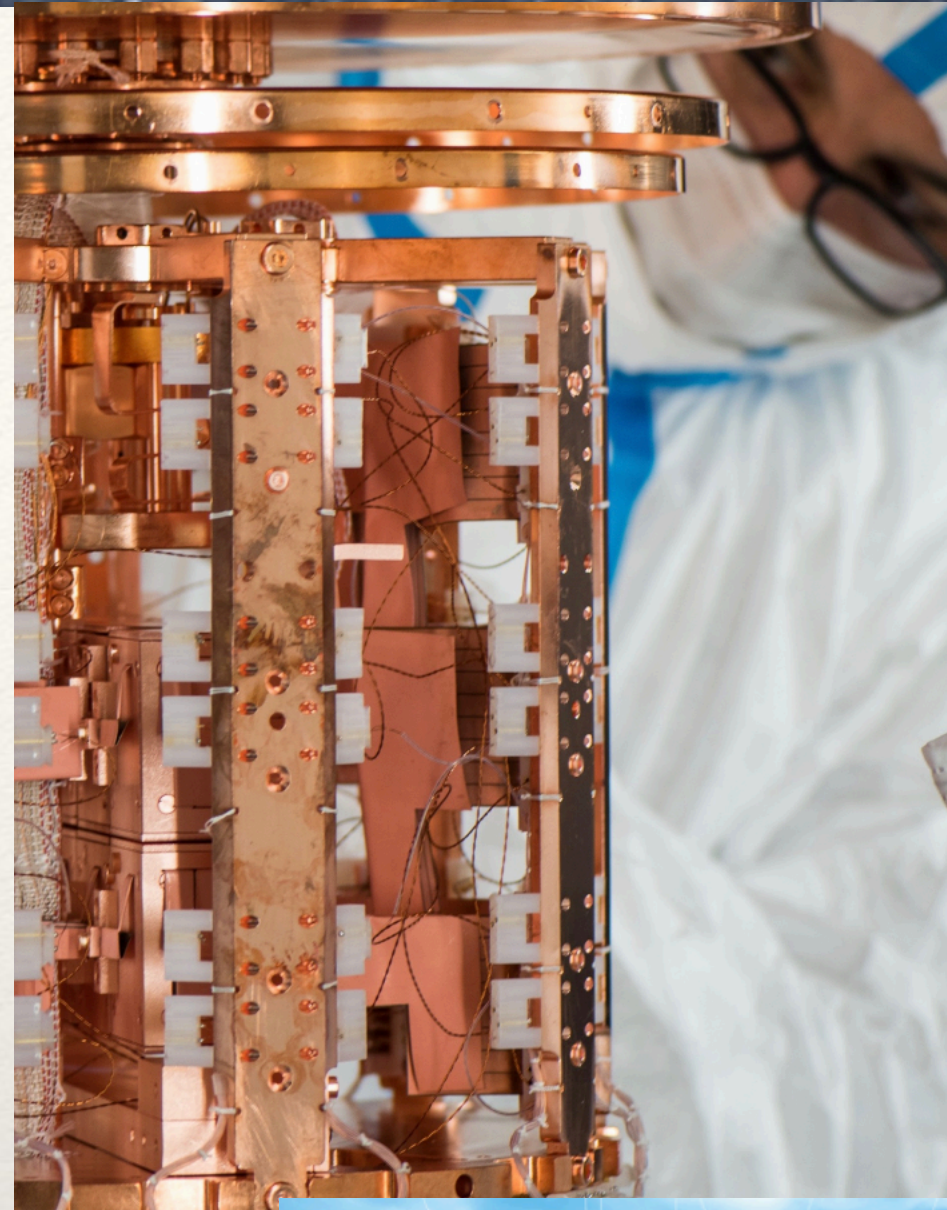


- DAMA/LIBRA 13 sigma annual modulation signal (no ER discrimination)
- COSINE-100 limits with discrimination, annual modulation less clear
- ANAIS and COSINE will continue to run

What I didn't get to talk about...



- Mostly low mass DM experiments:
 - NEWS-G
 - PICO
 - SENSEI & other Si
 - SBC
 - TESSERACT
 - QUEST-DMC & other He
 - CRESST & other cryo bolometers
 - Many new ideas
- Boulby Lab
- Other talks and posters on some of these!





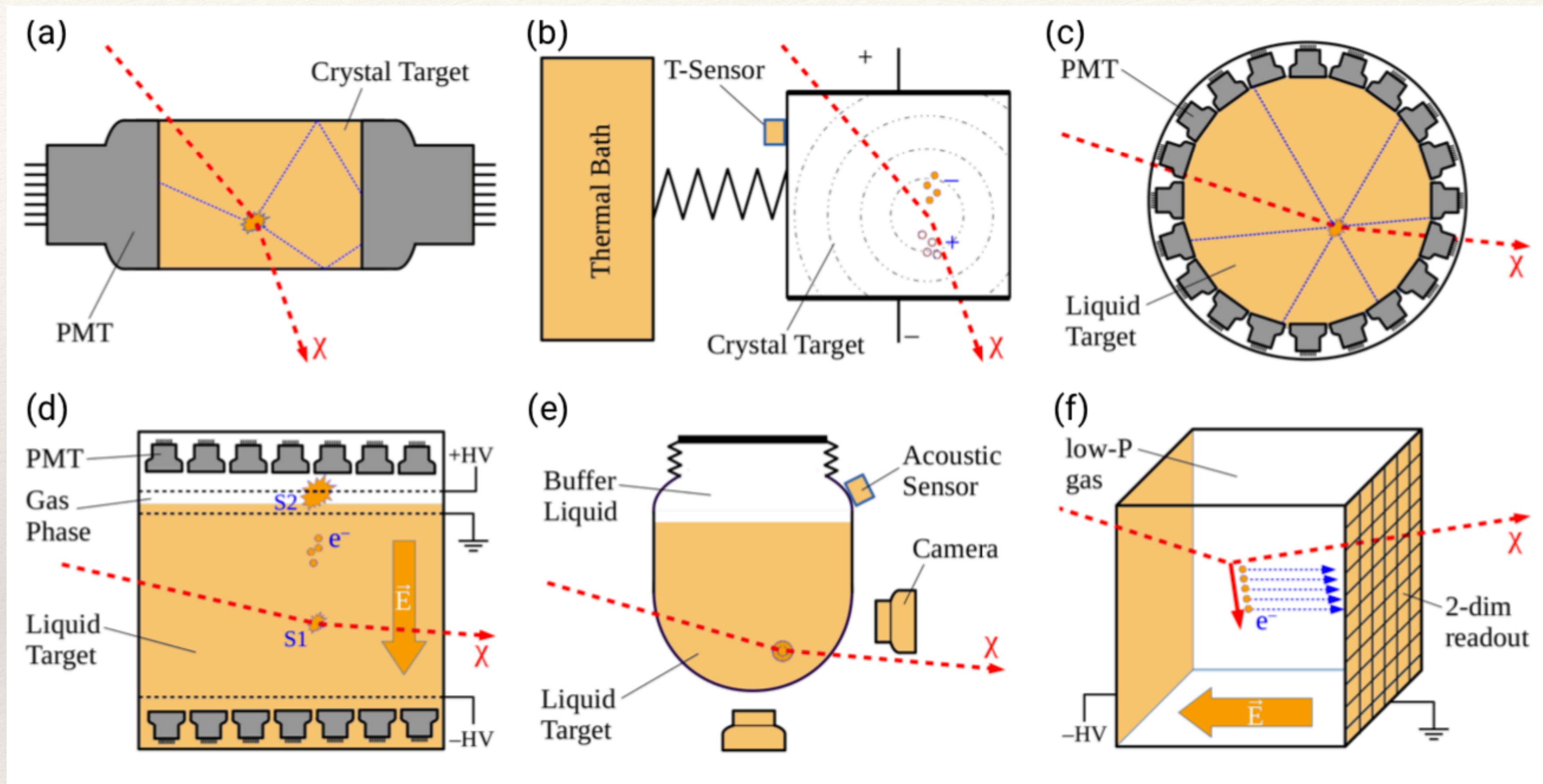
•April Showers Bring May Flowers:

•Good things are coming

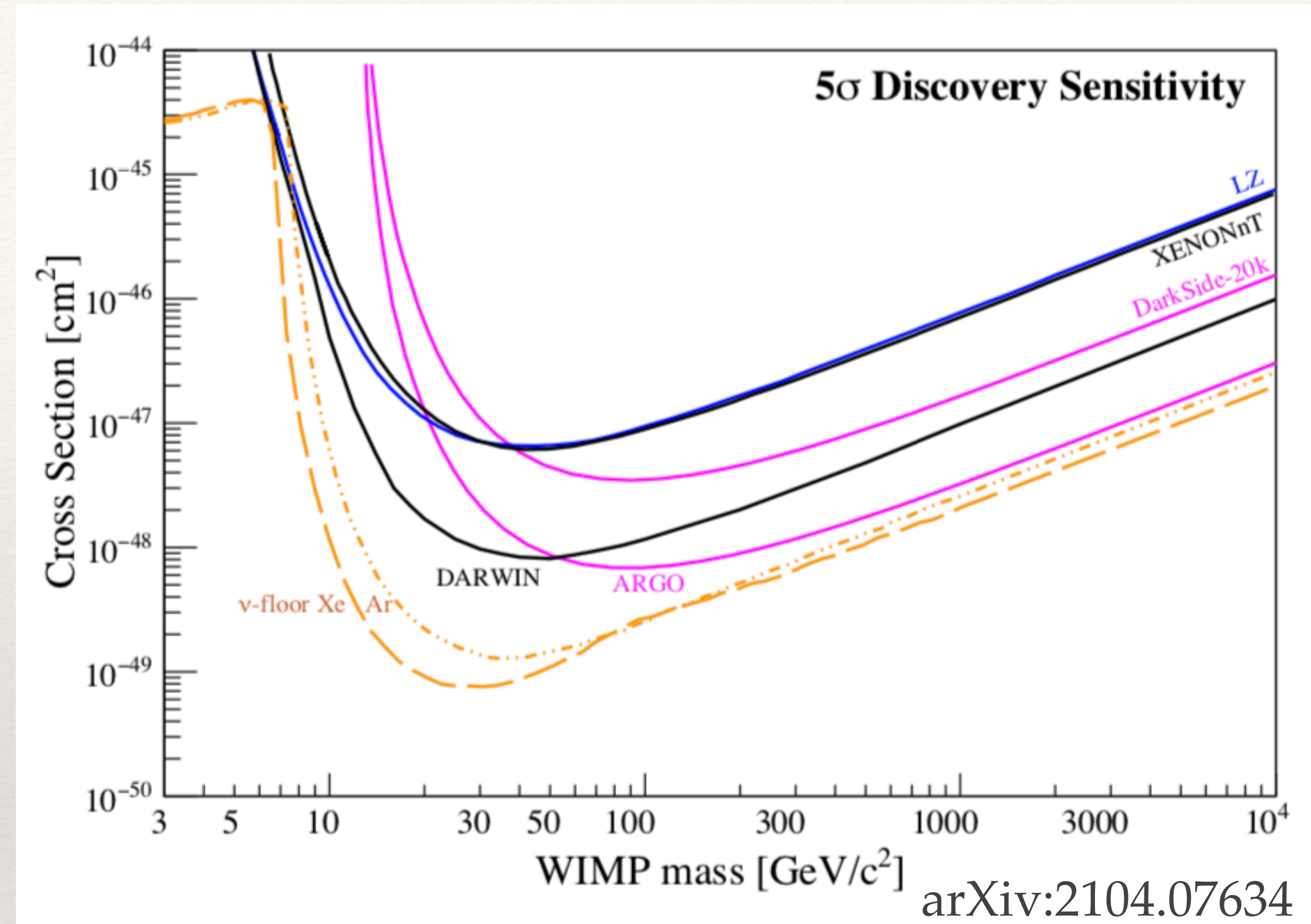
•Strong chances for Discovery

•Headlining experiments and small tests

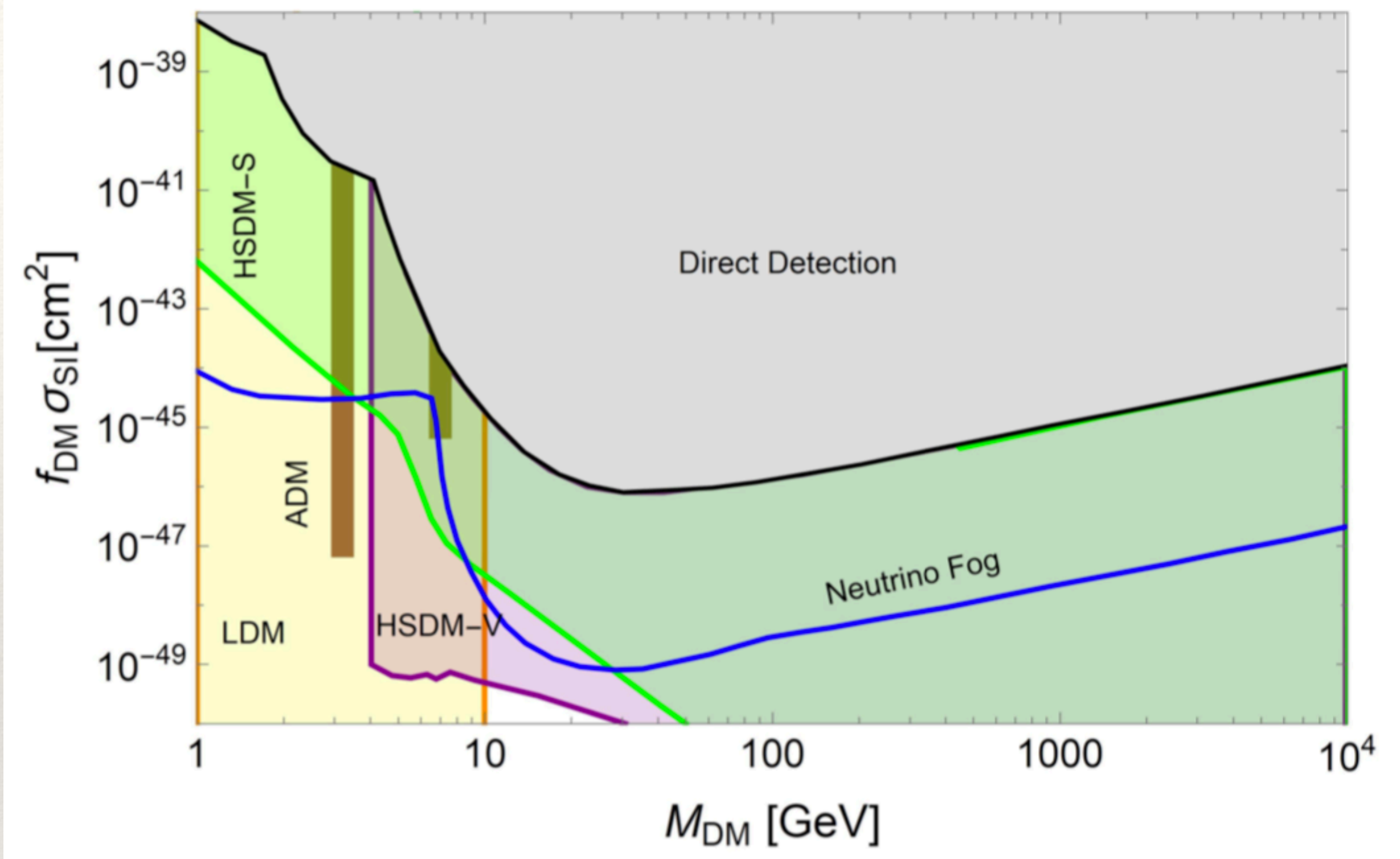
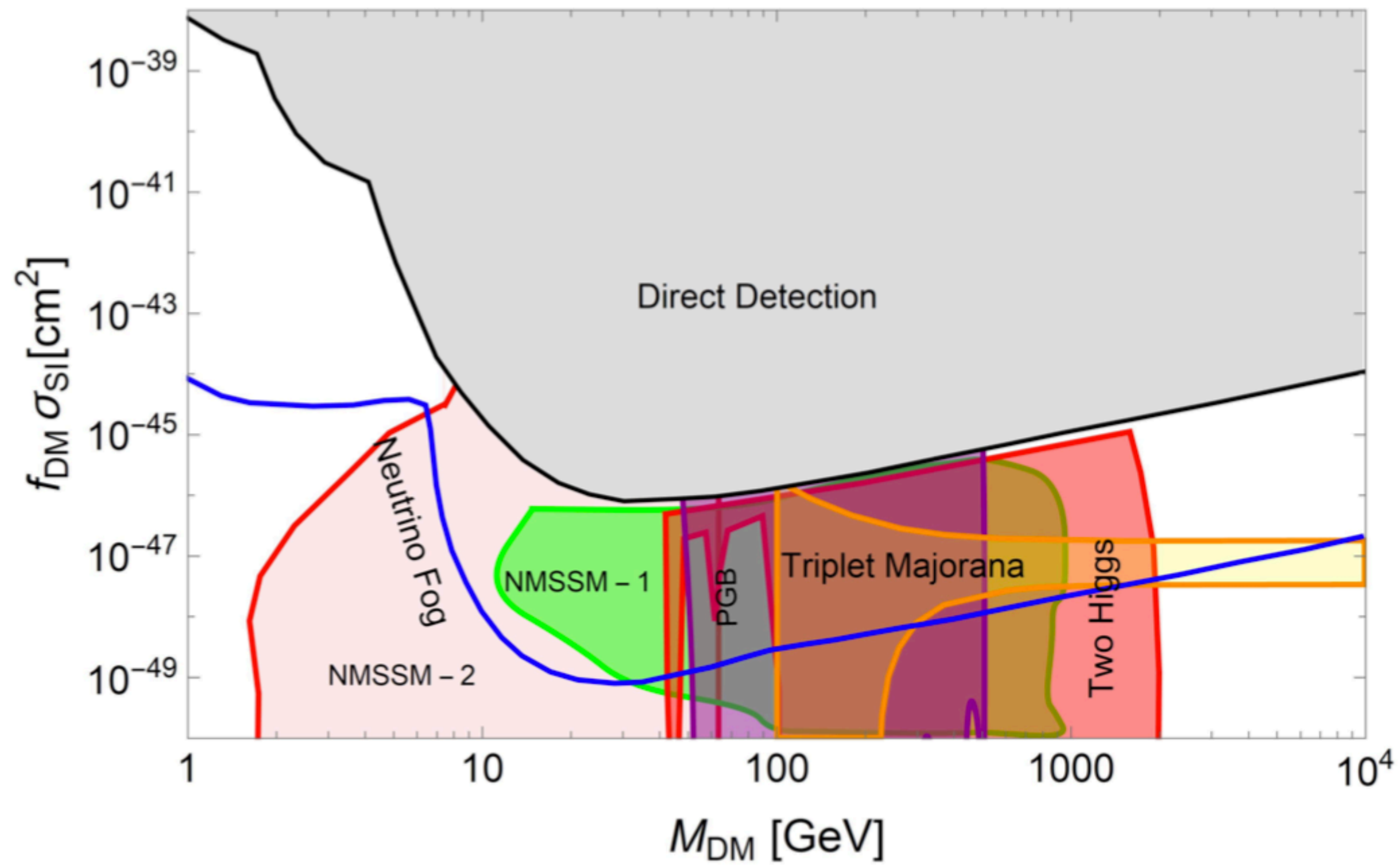
•Many more DM candidates and experimental techniques to explore than we considered a decade ago



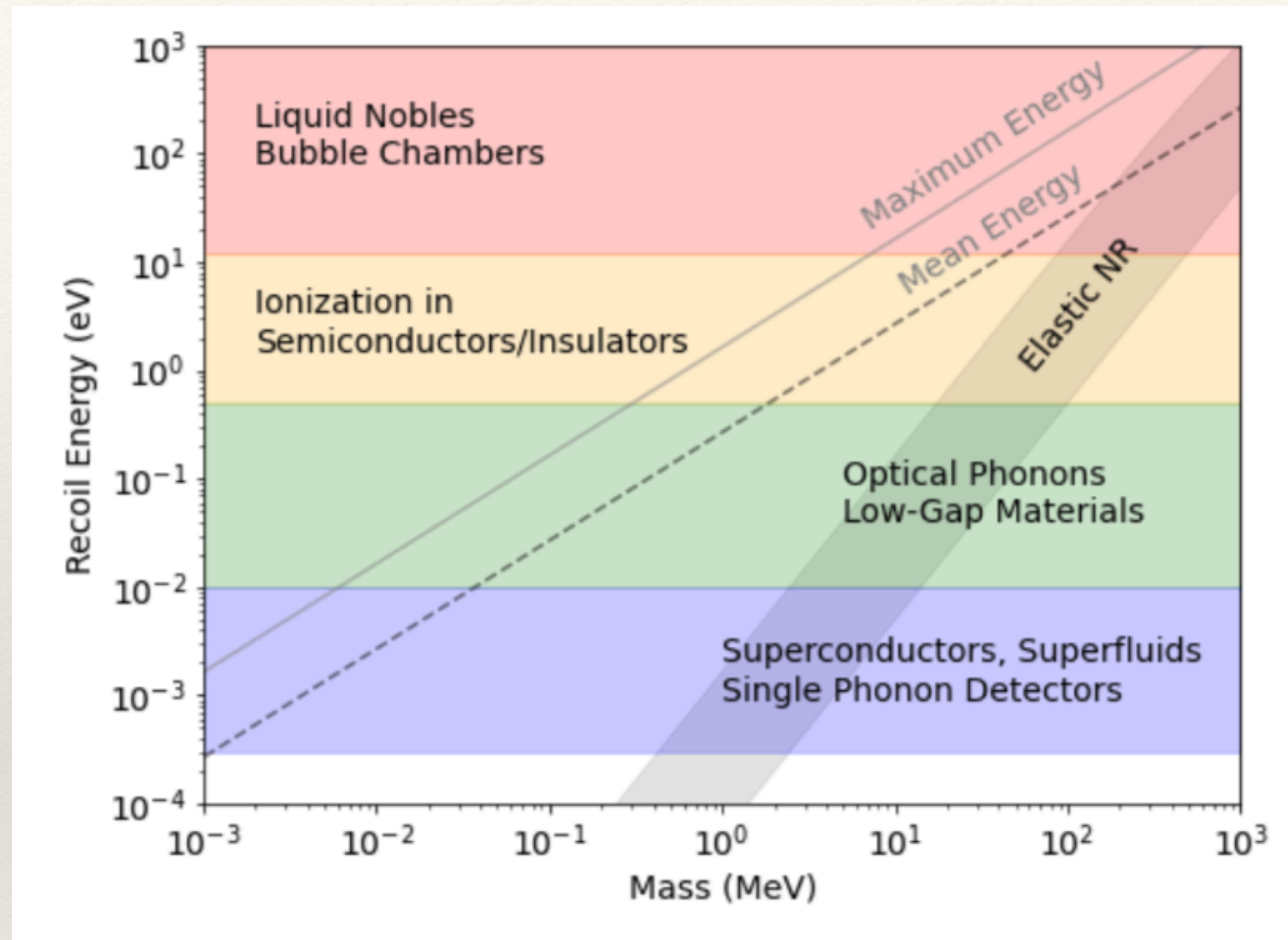
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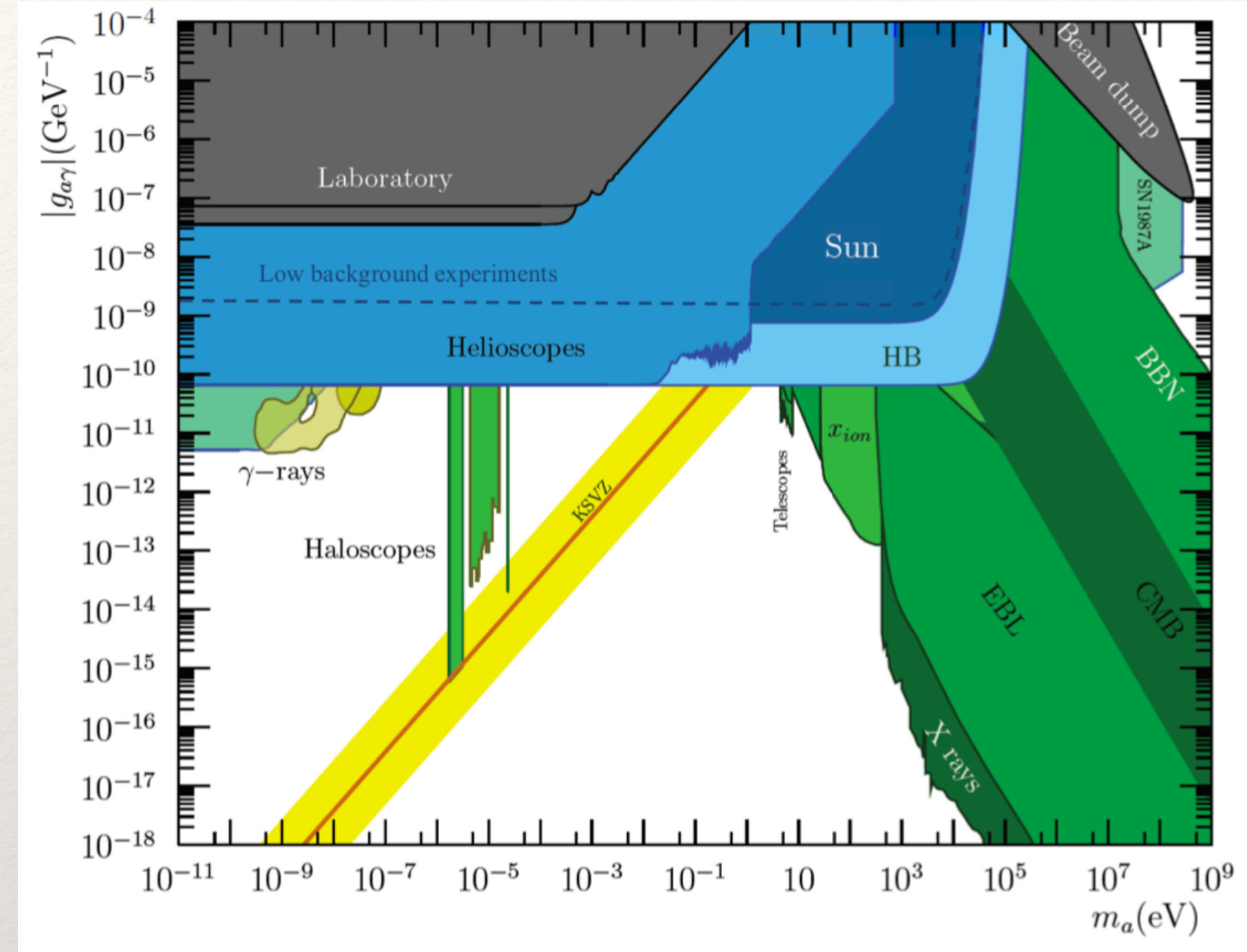
Particle Models to be tested



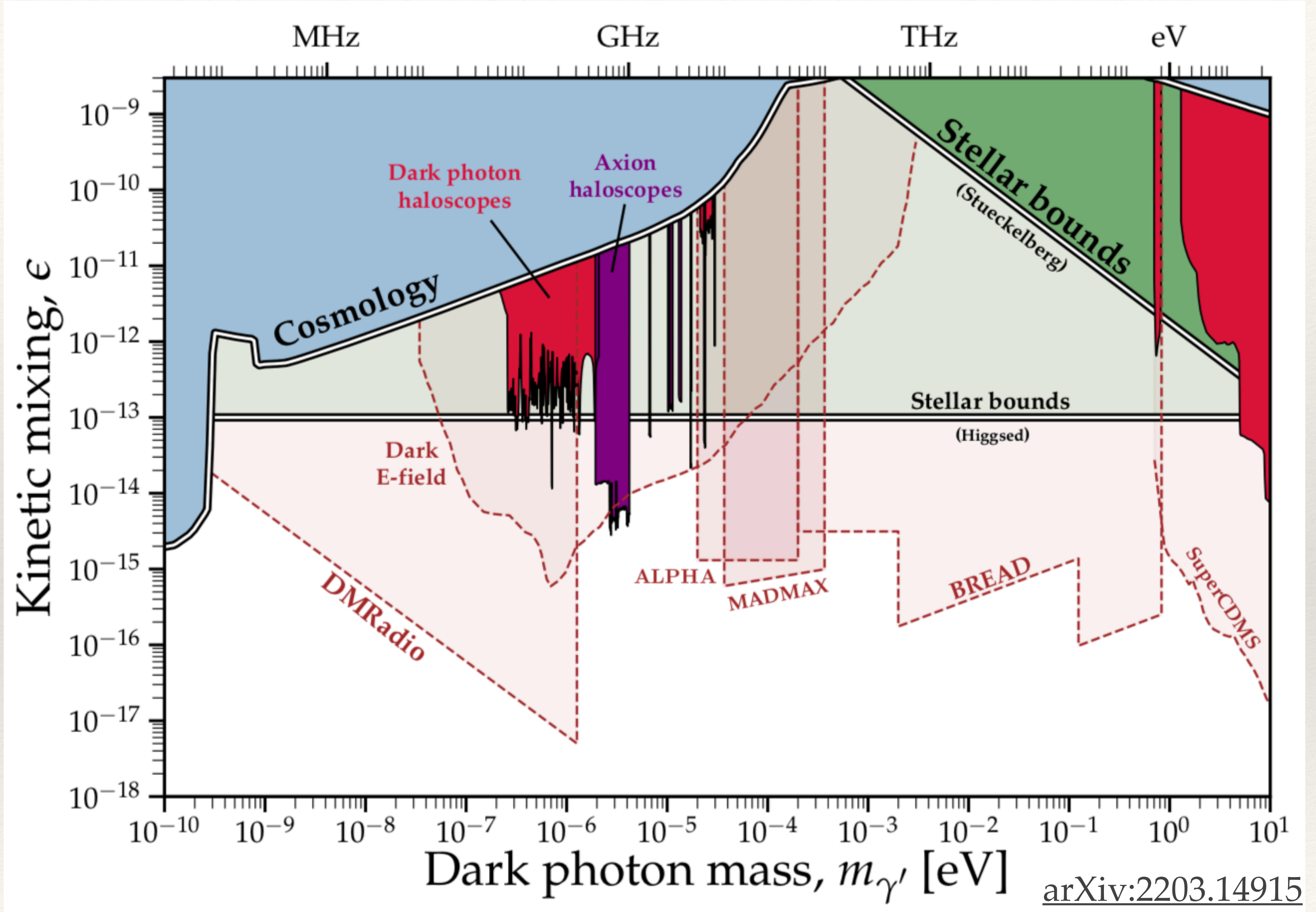
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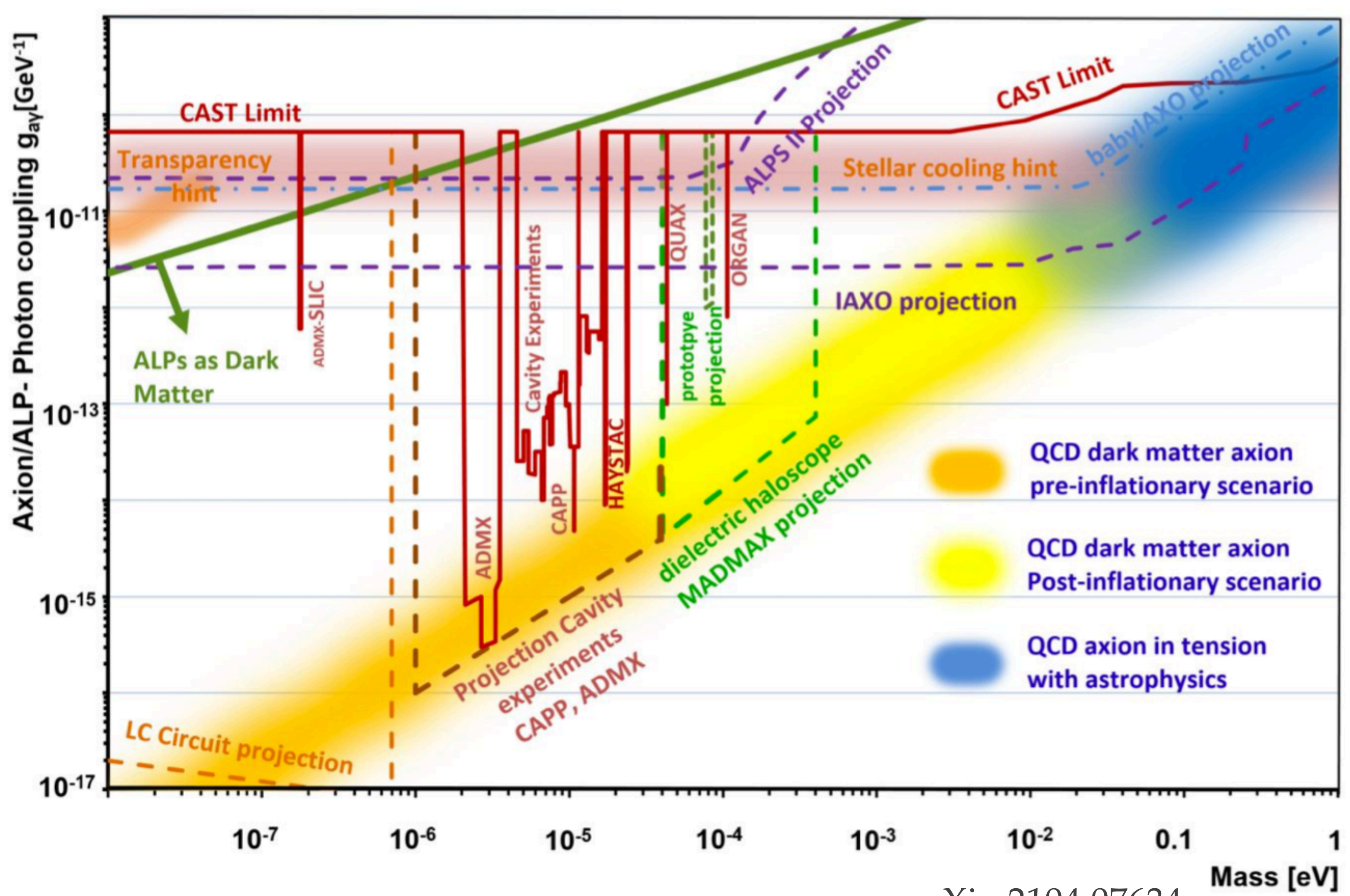
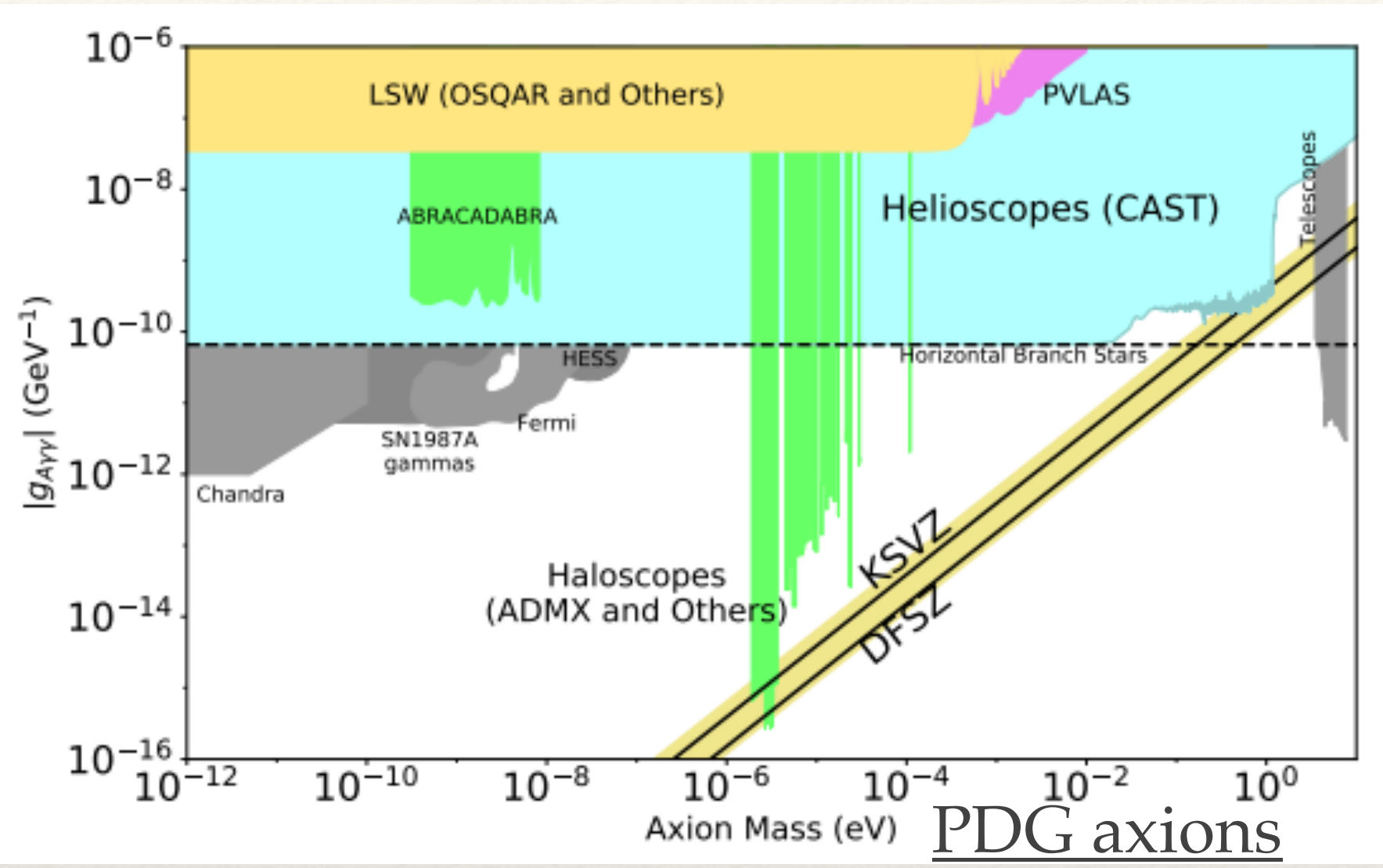
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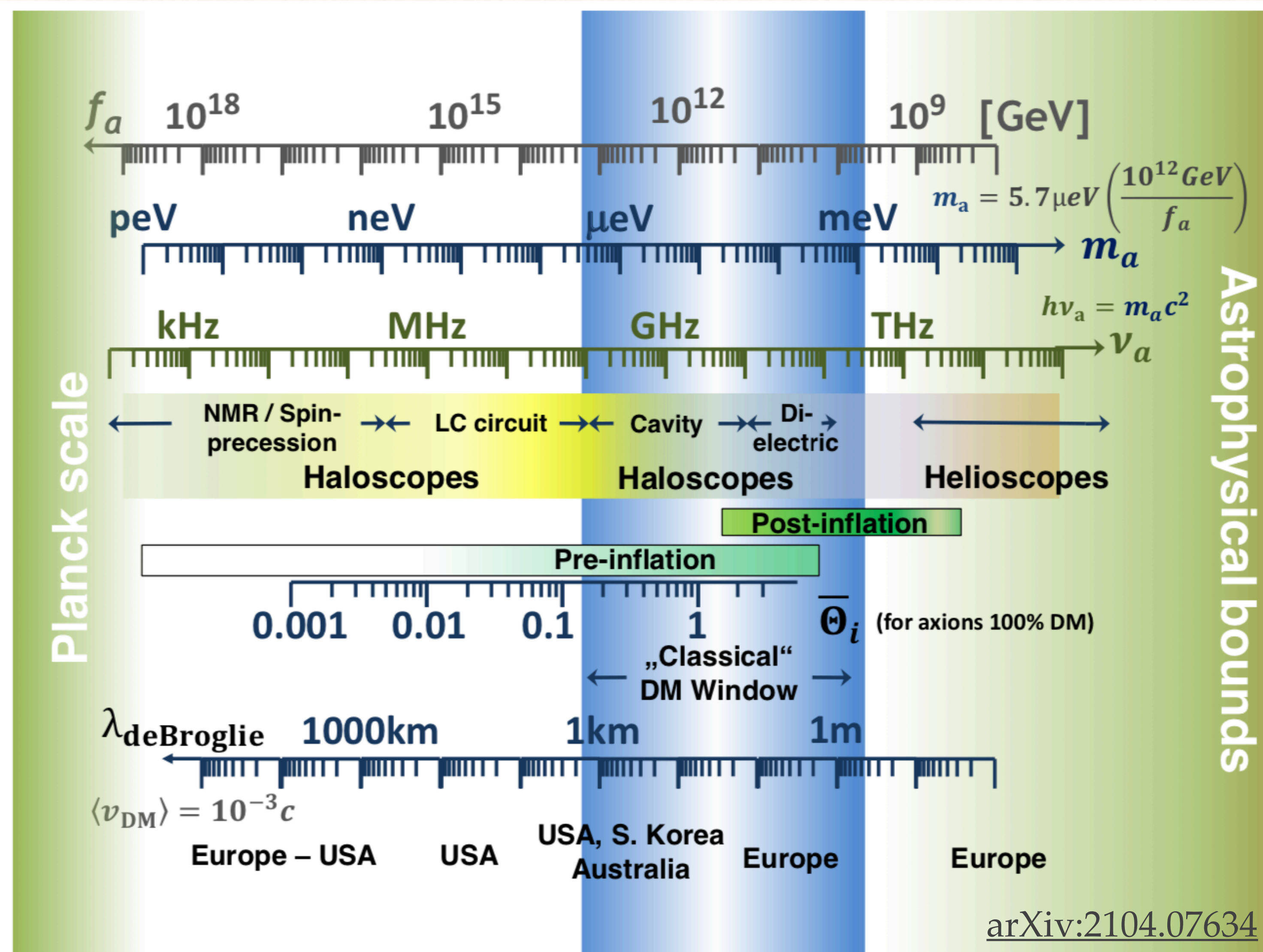
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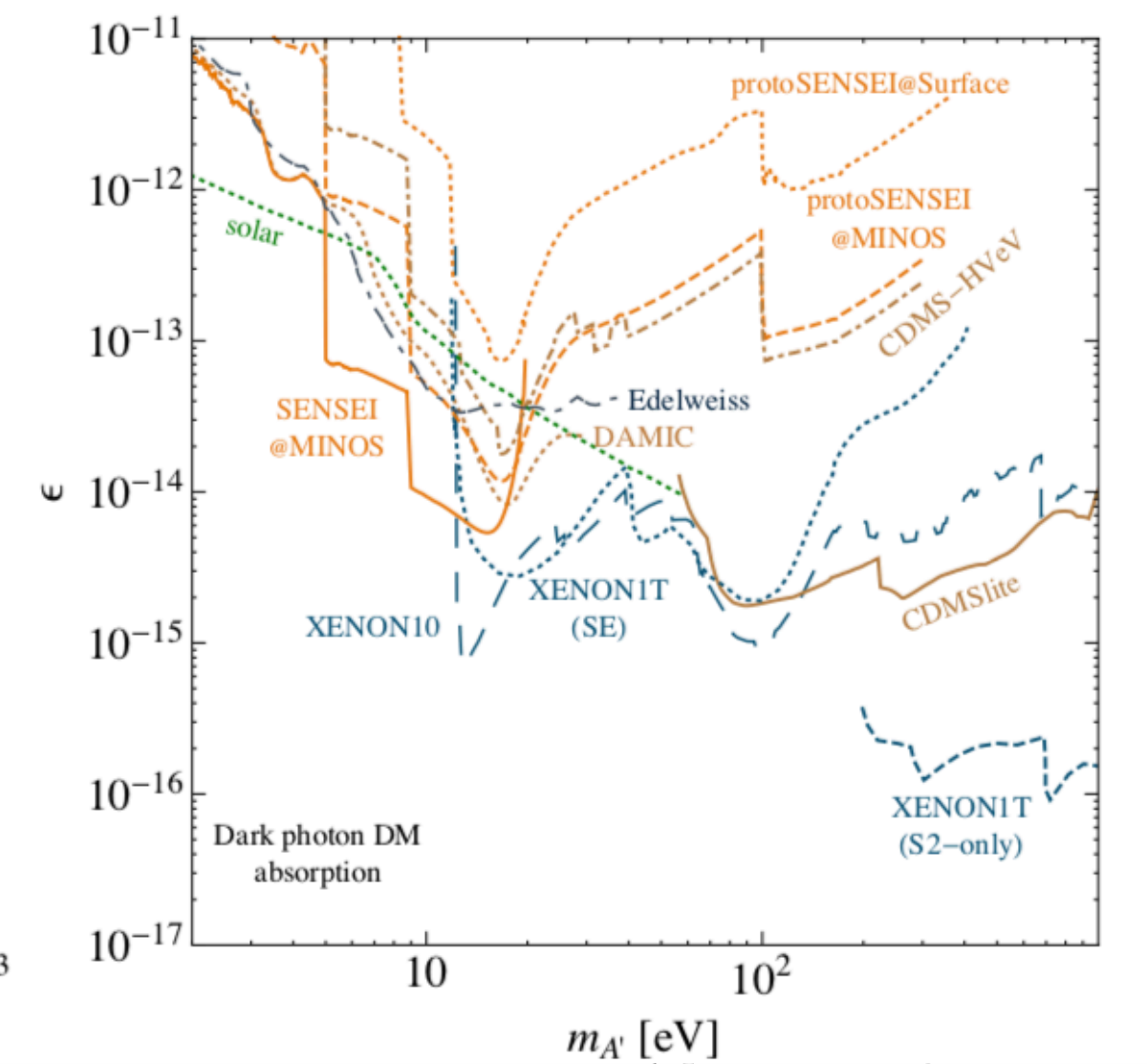
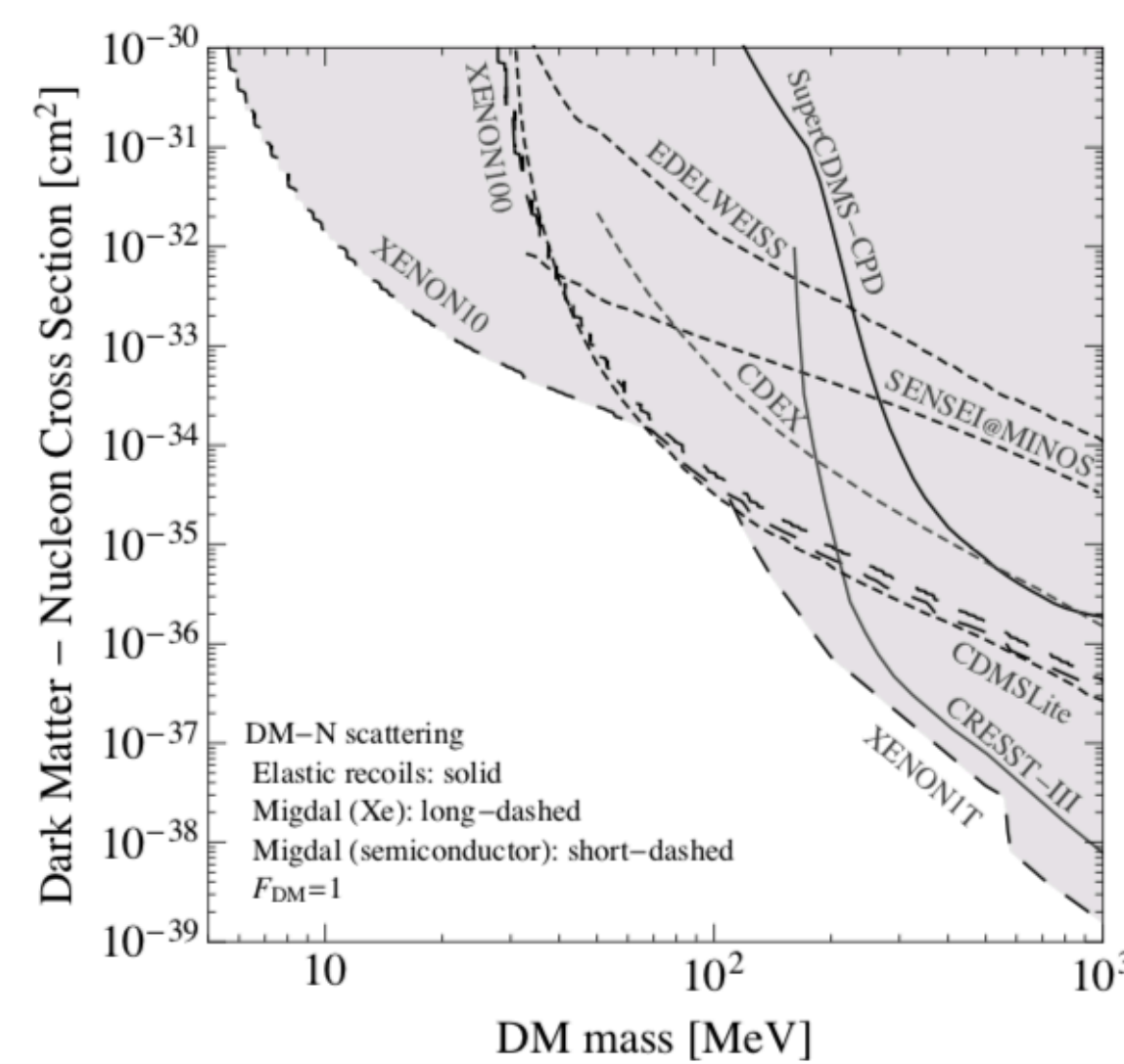
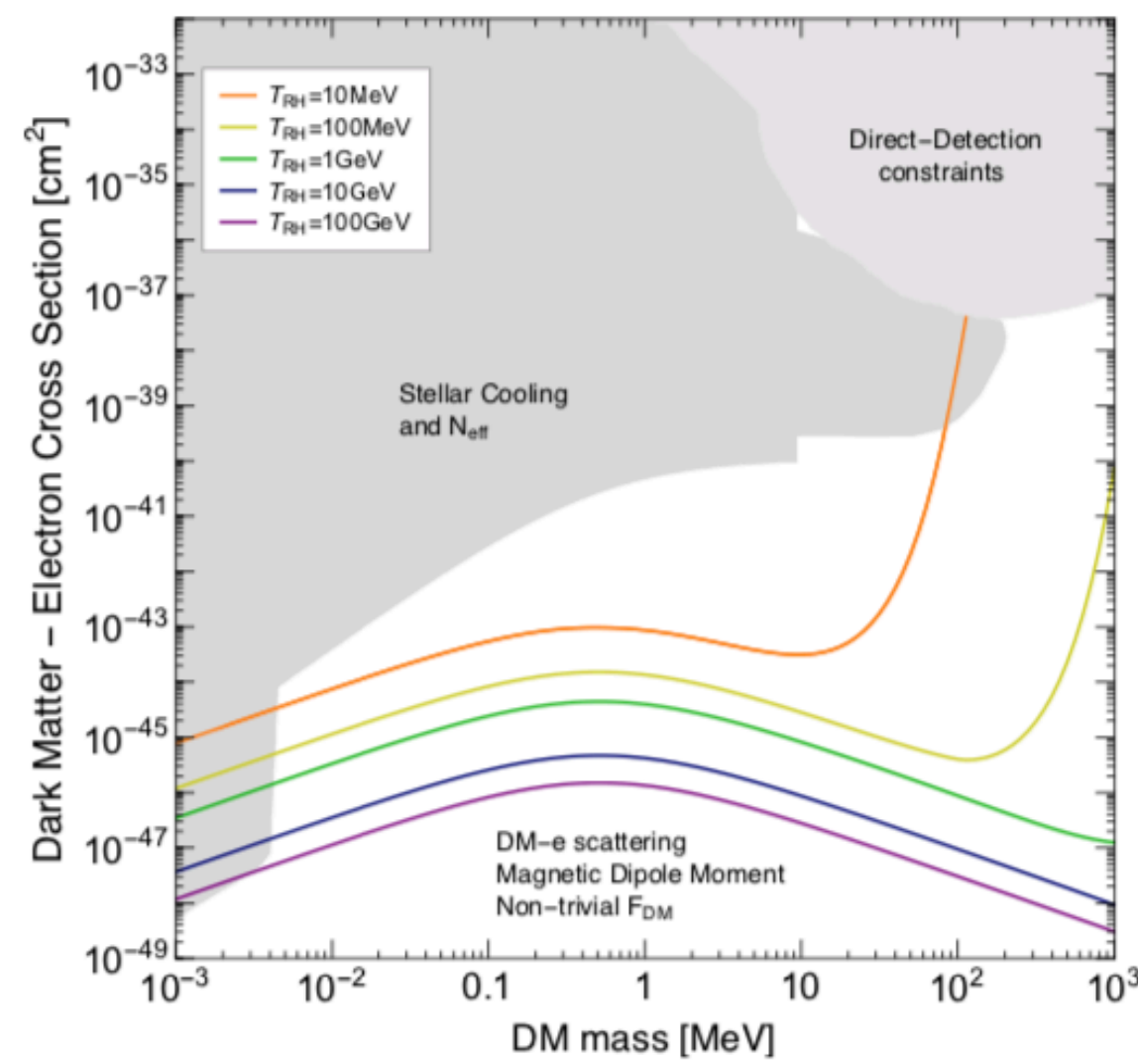
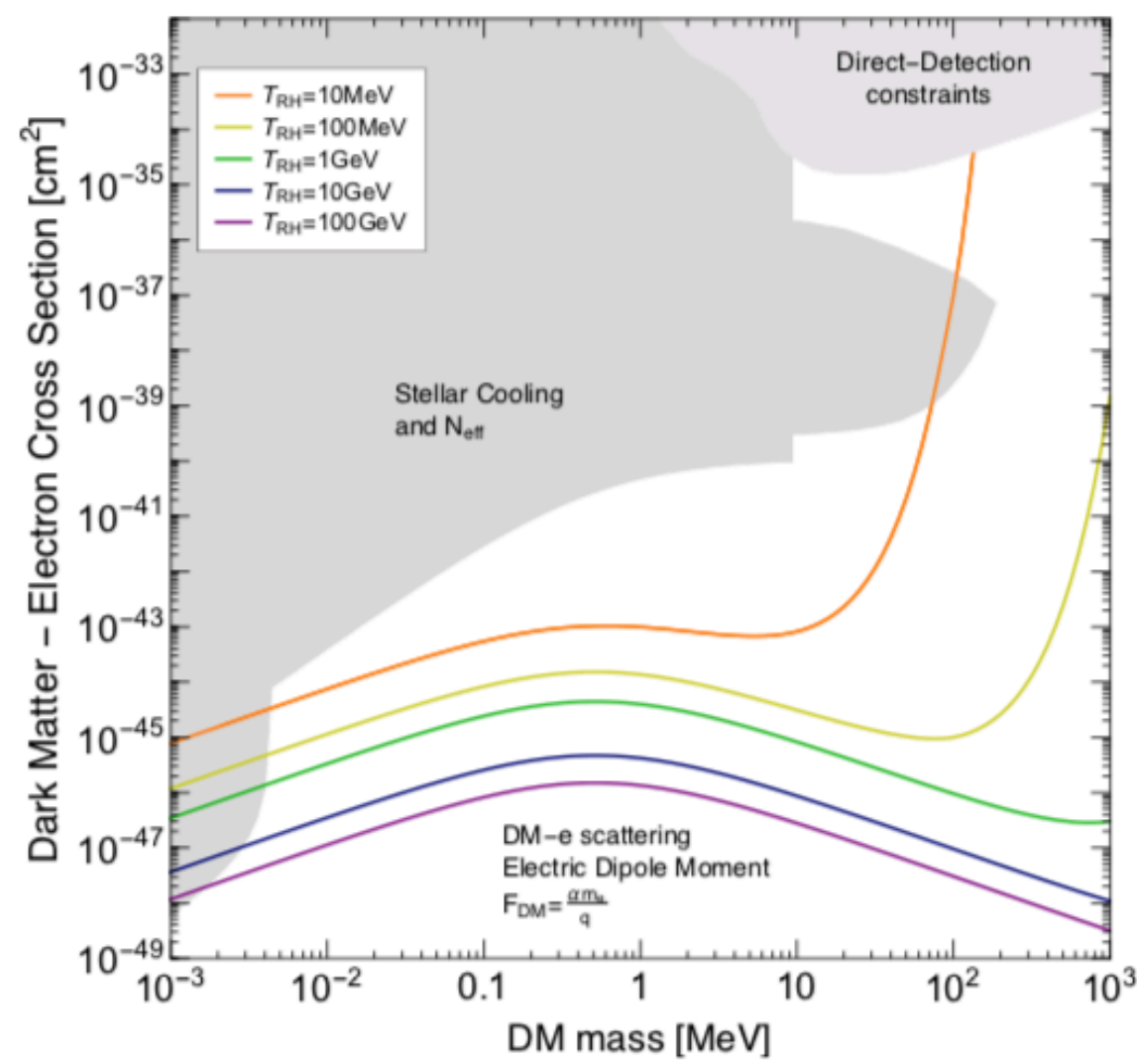
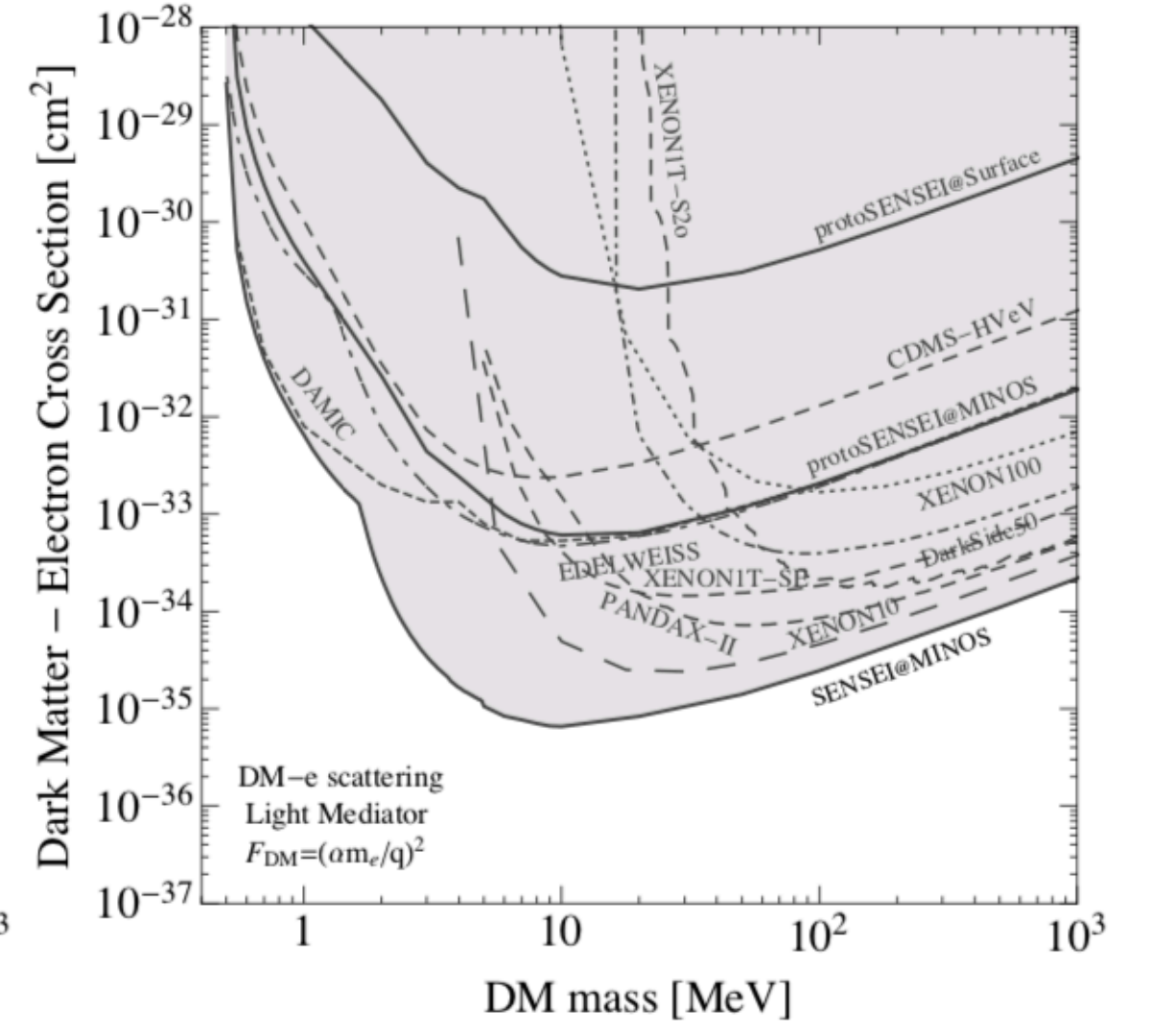
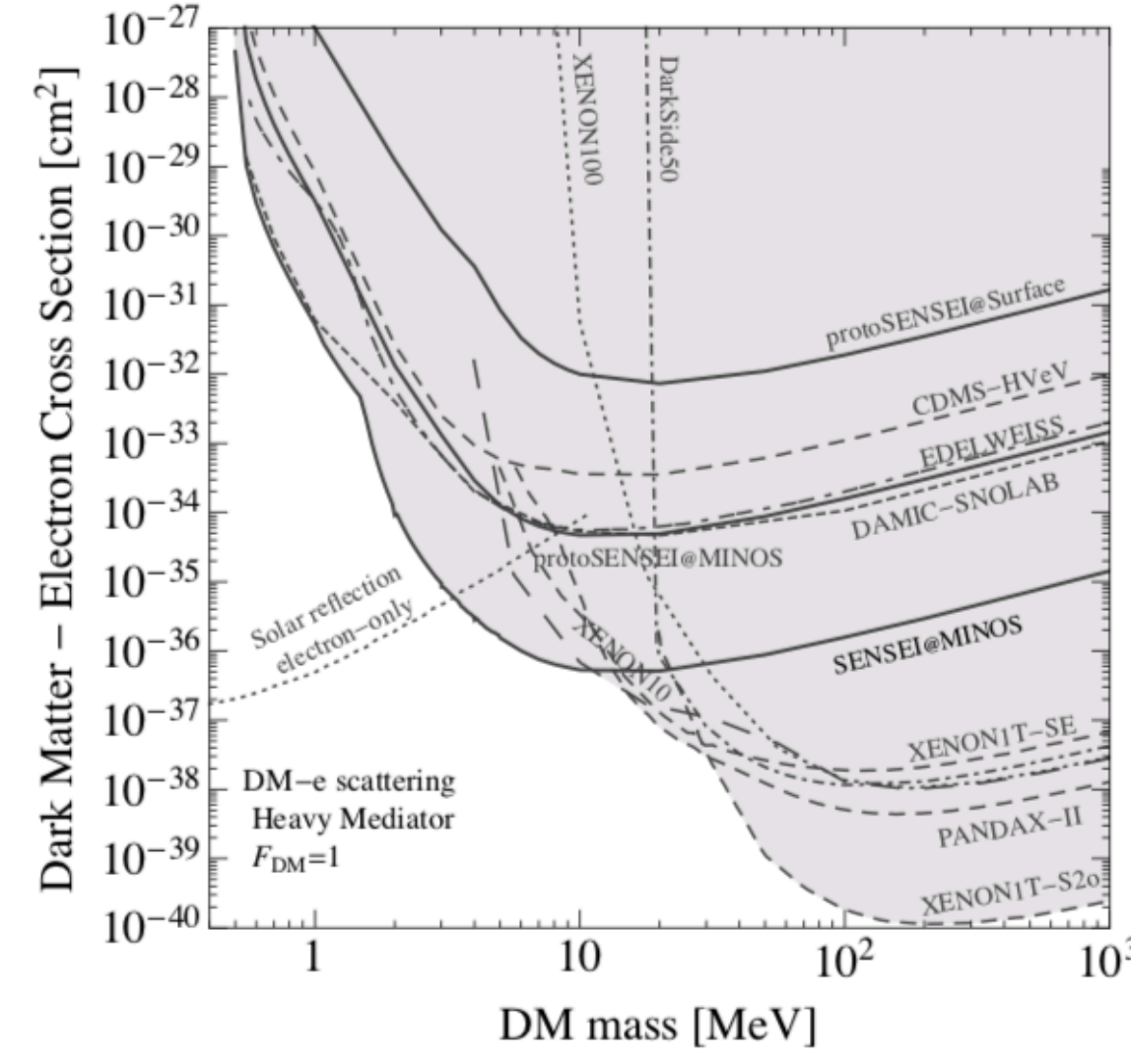
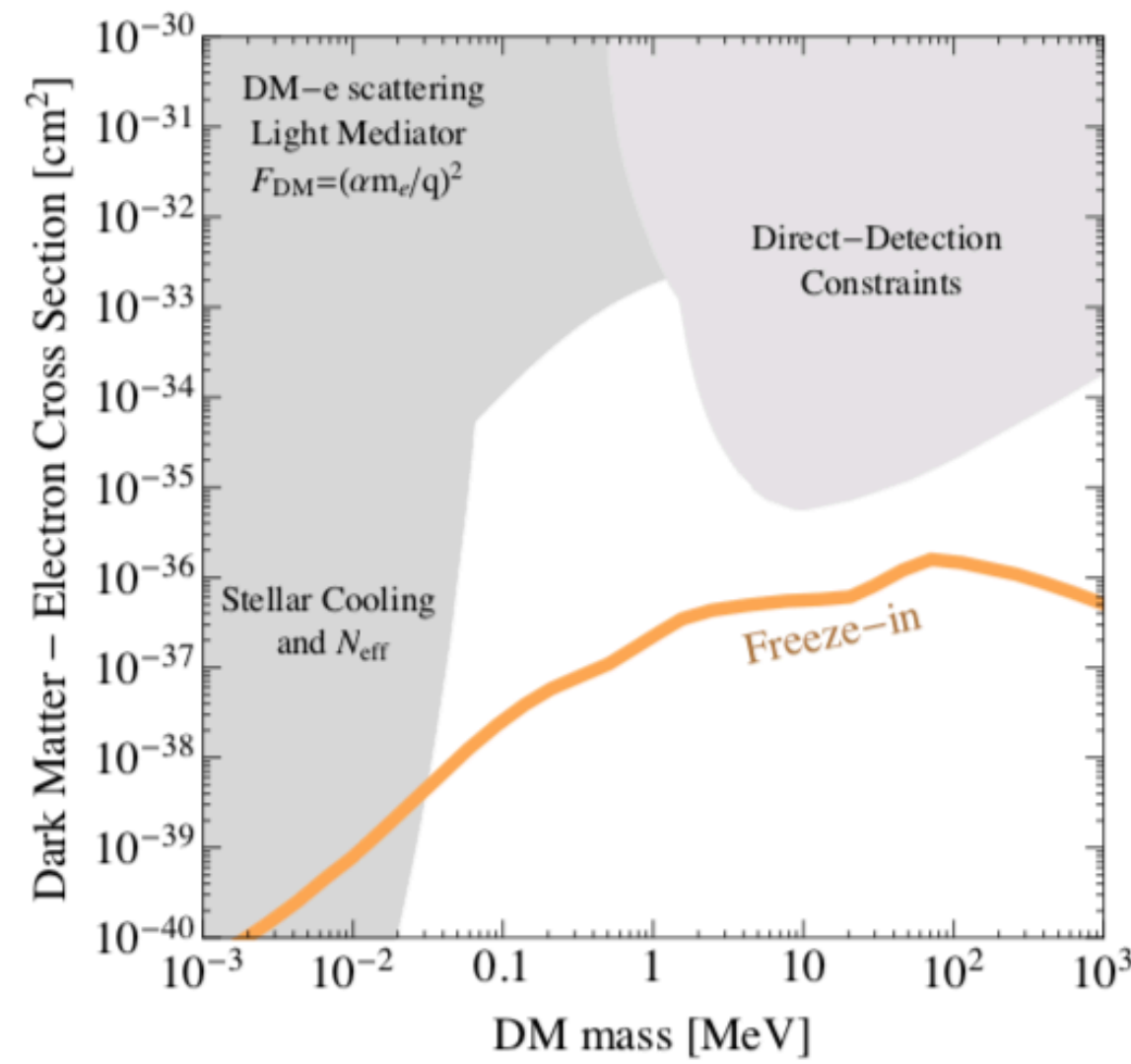
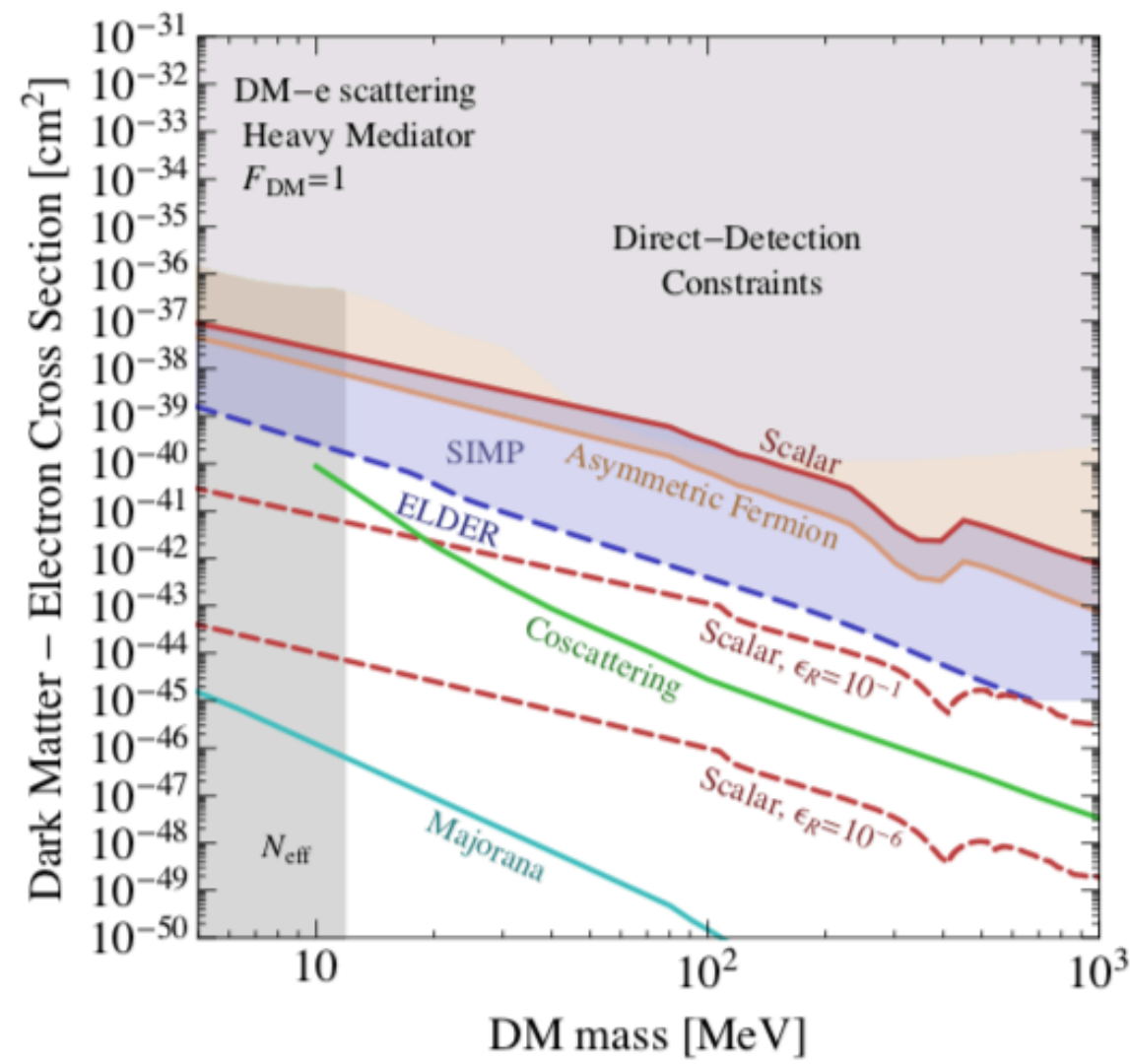


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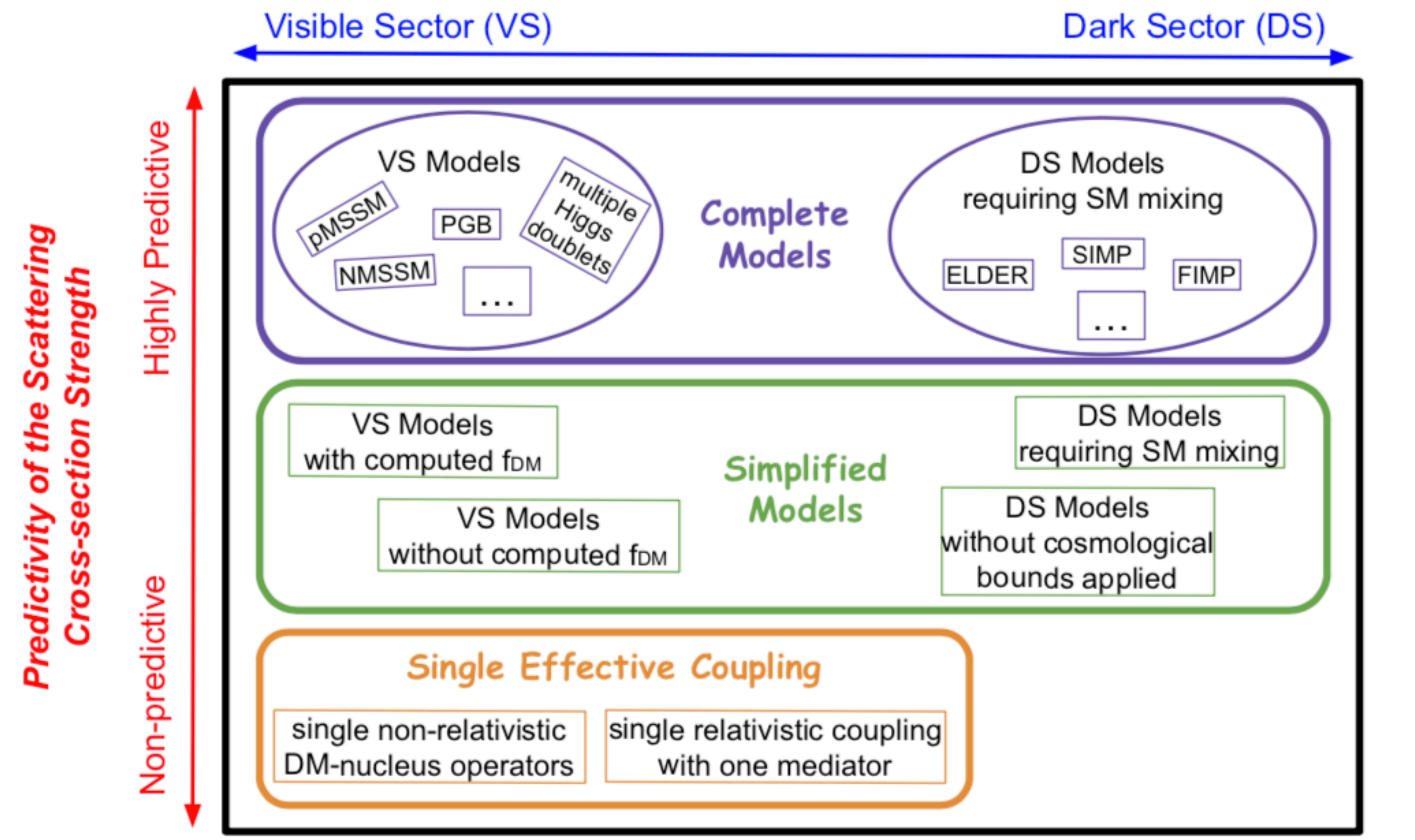


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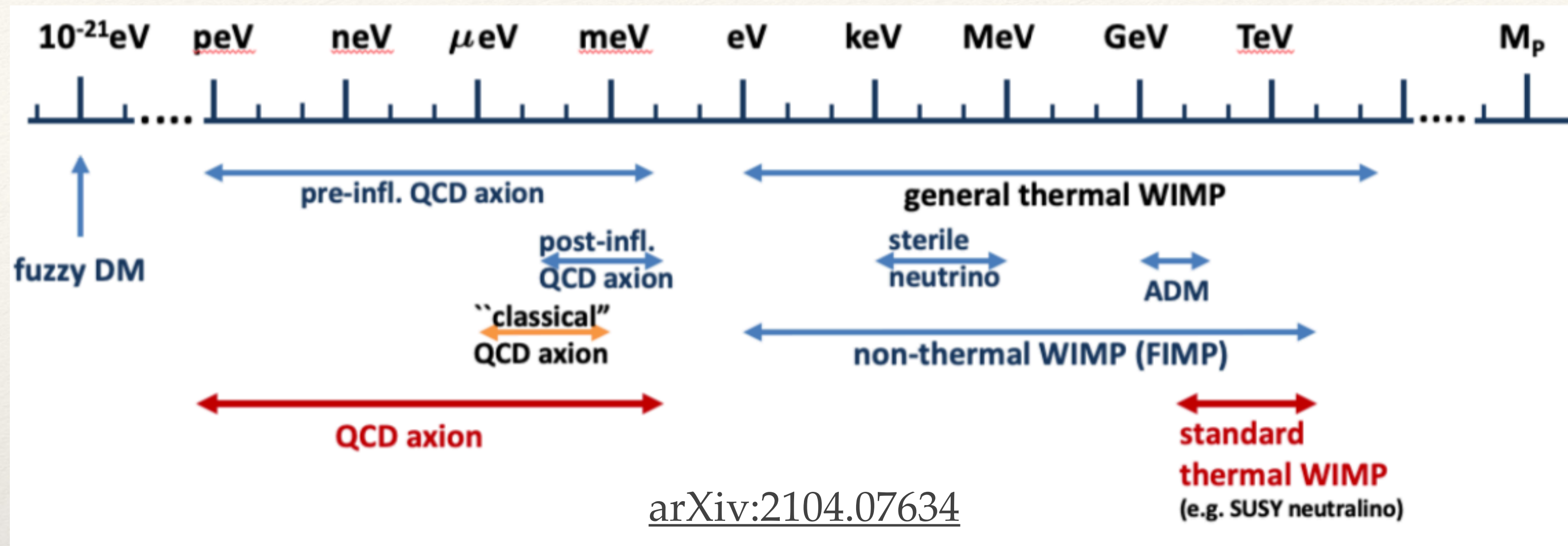


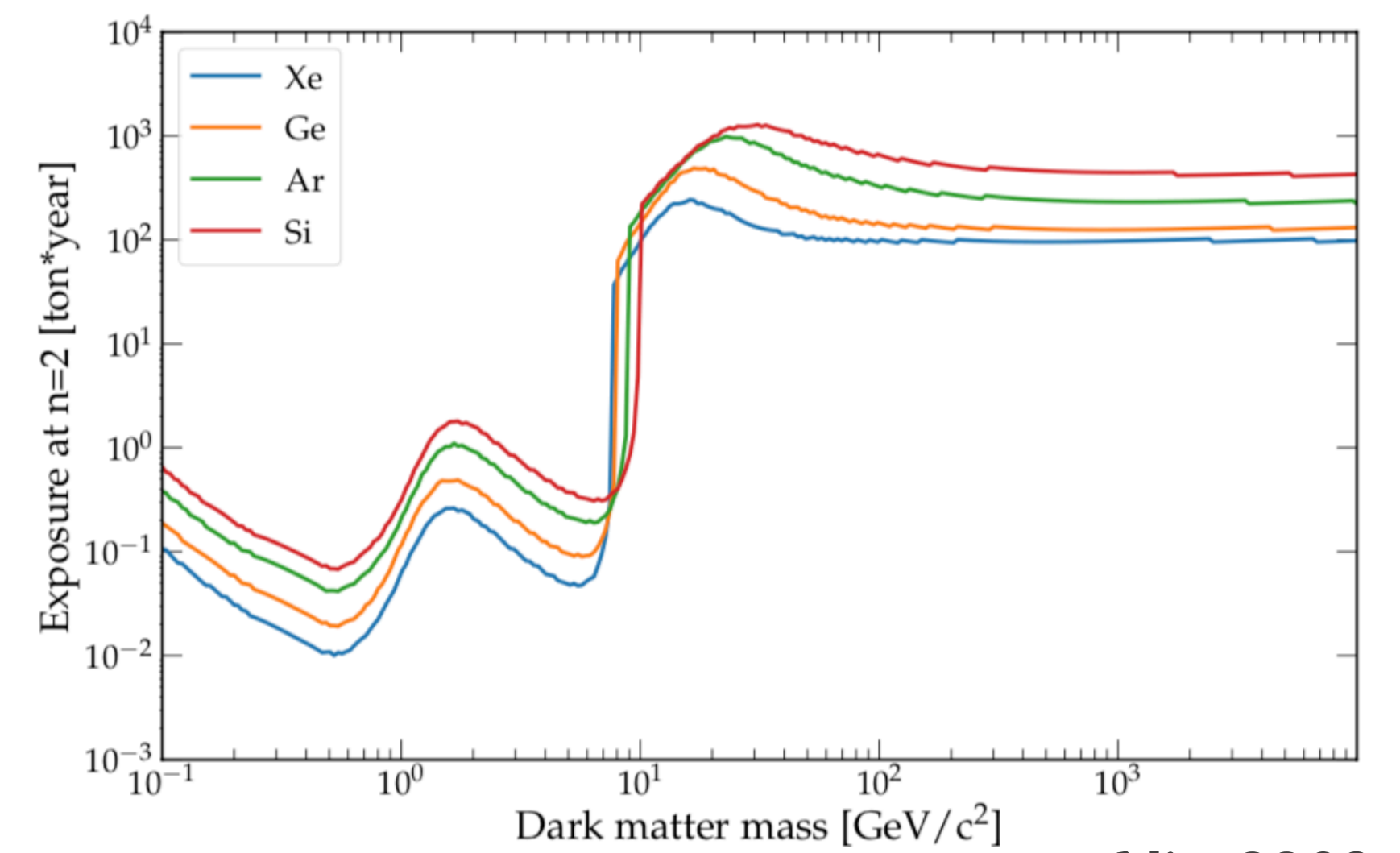
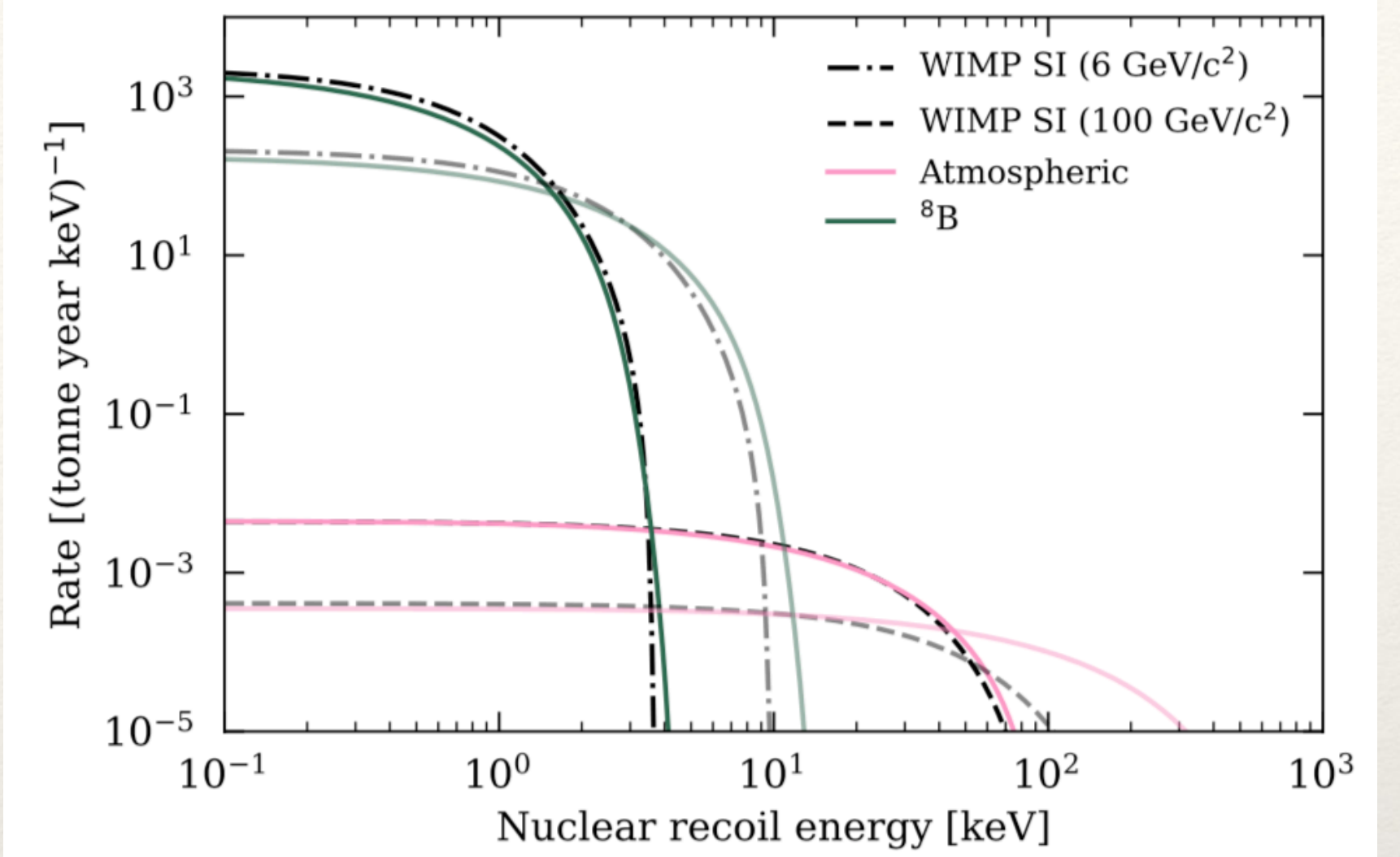
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The Main Options





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