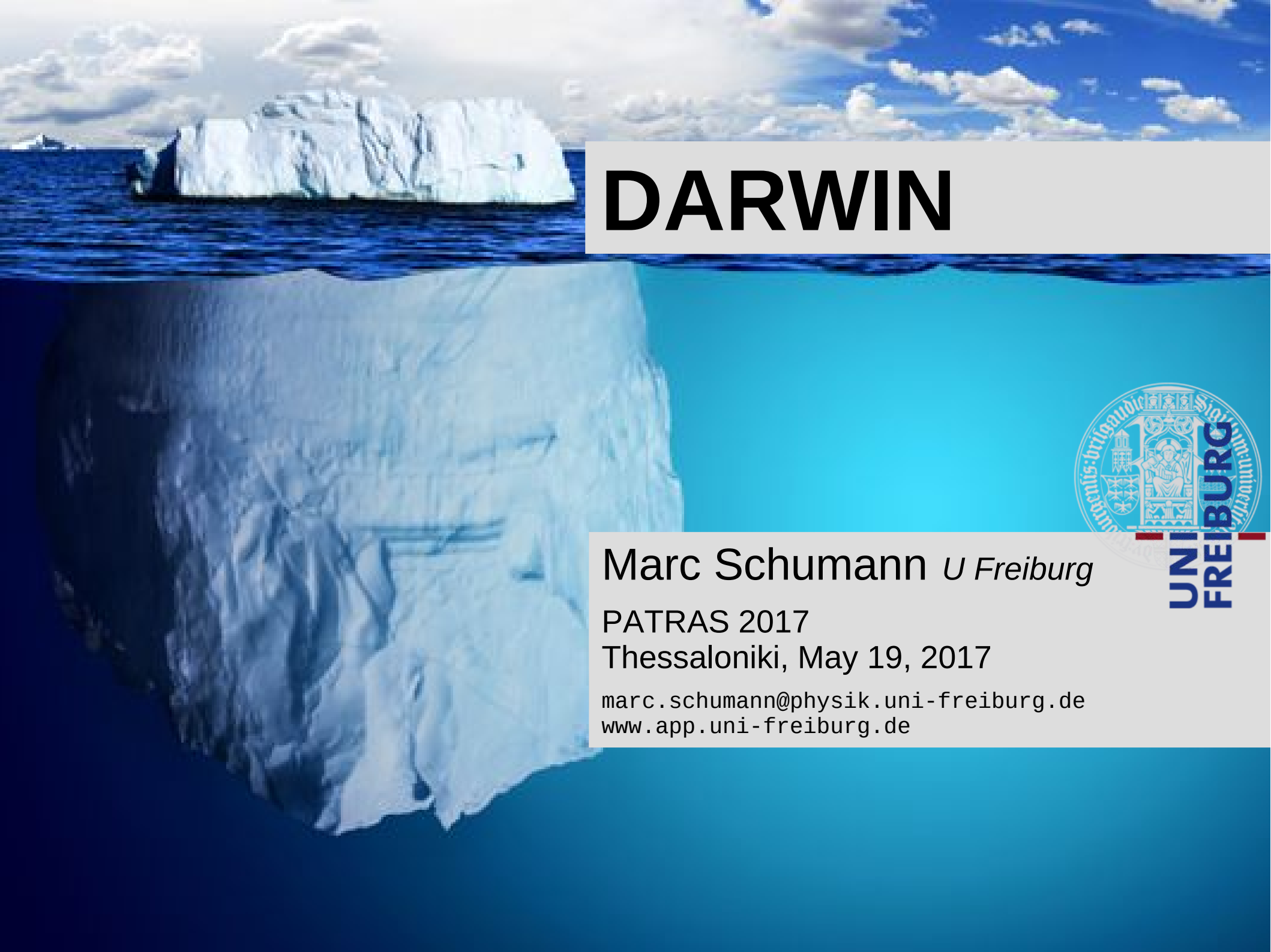


A large iceberg floats in a blue ocean under a blue sky with white clouds. The visible tip of the iceberg is on the left, while the much larger, submerged part extends across the bottom half of the image. A white rectangular box containing text is positioned on the right side, partially overlapping the submerged part of the iceberg.

DARWIN

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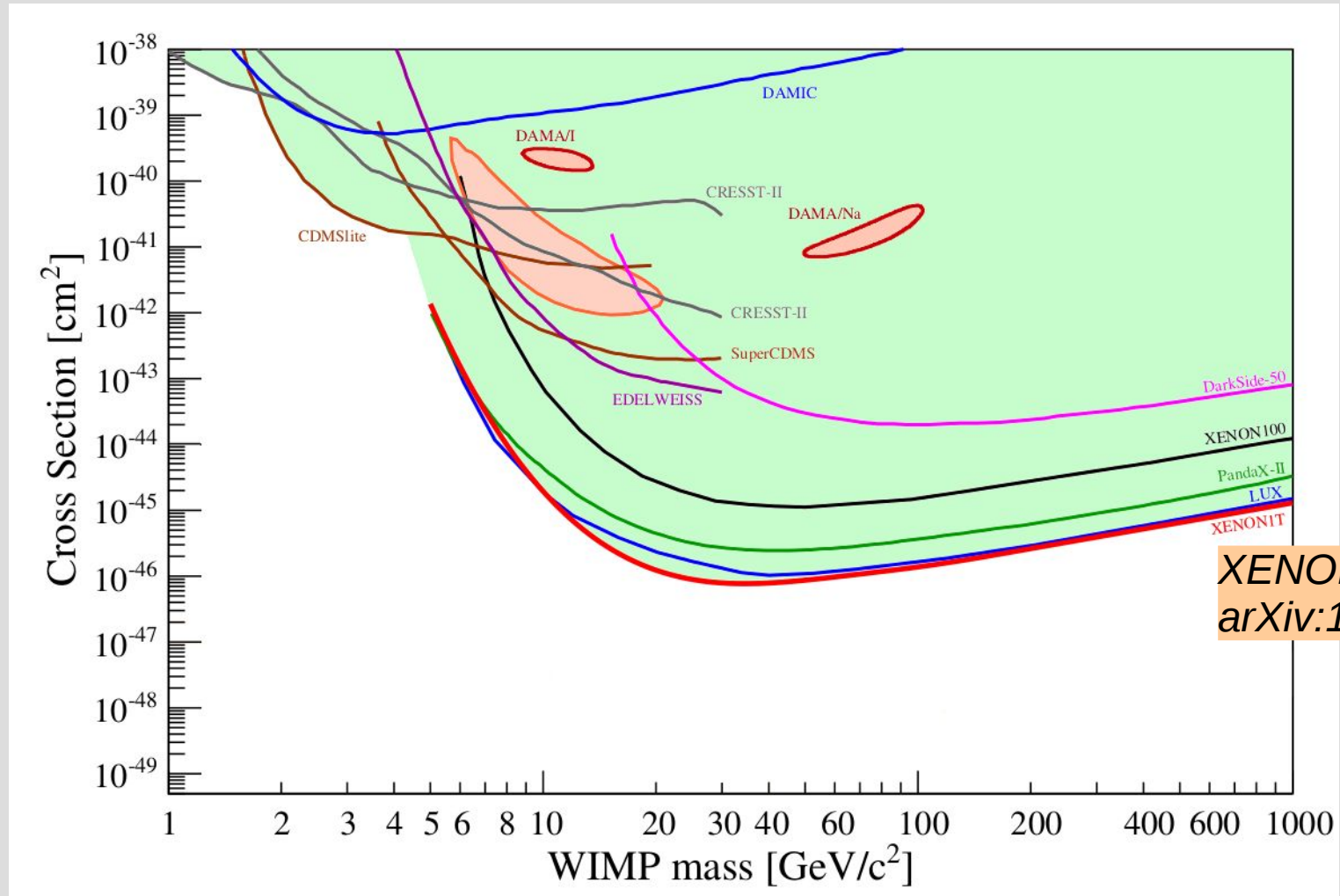
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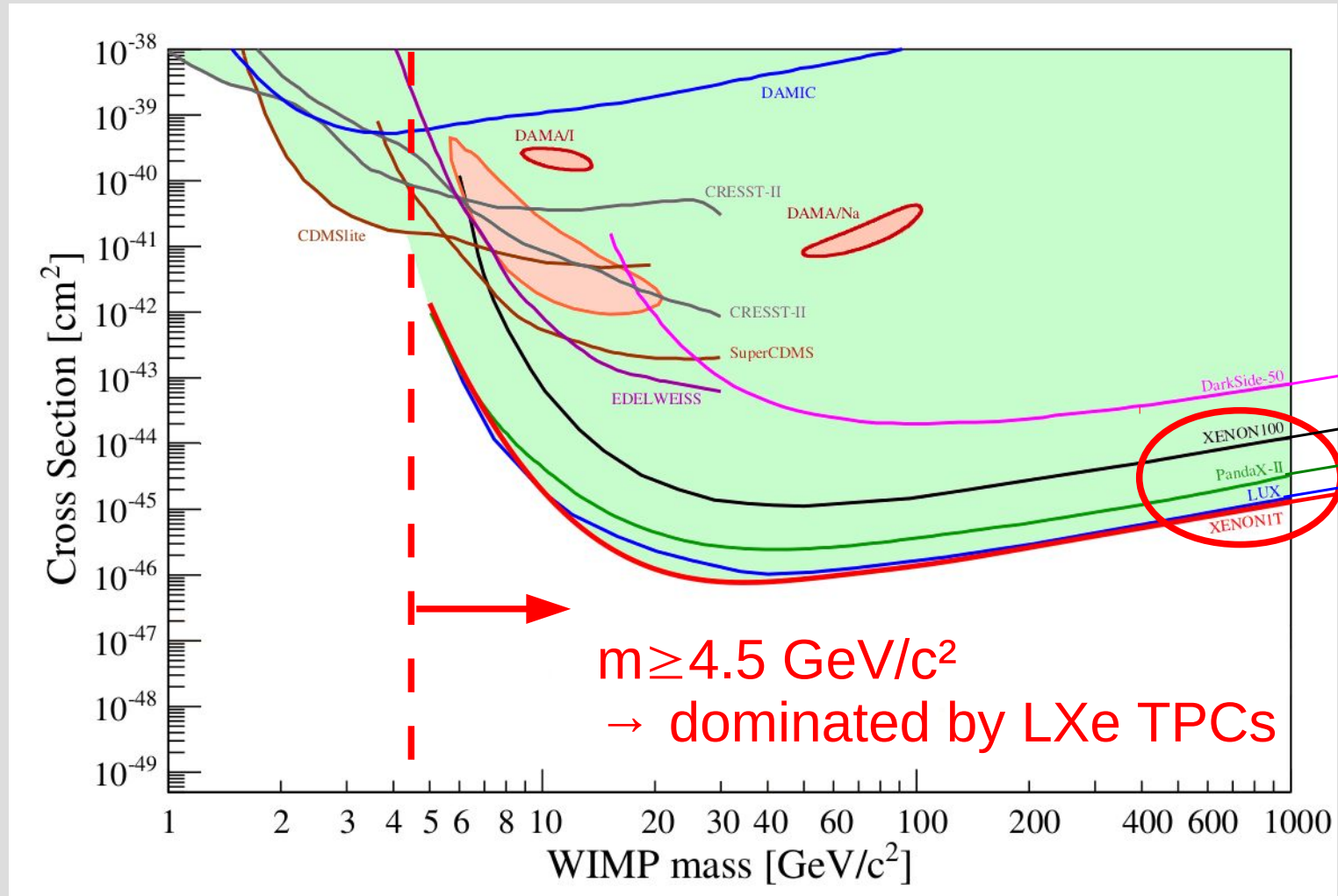
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spin-independent WIMP-nucleon interactions



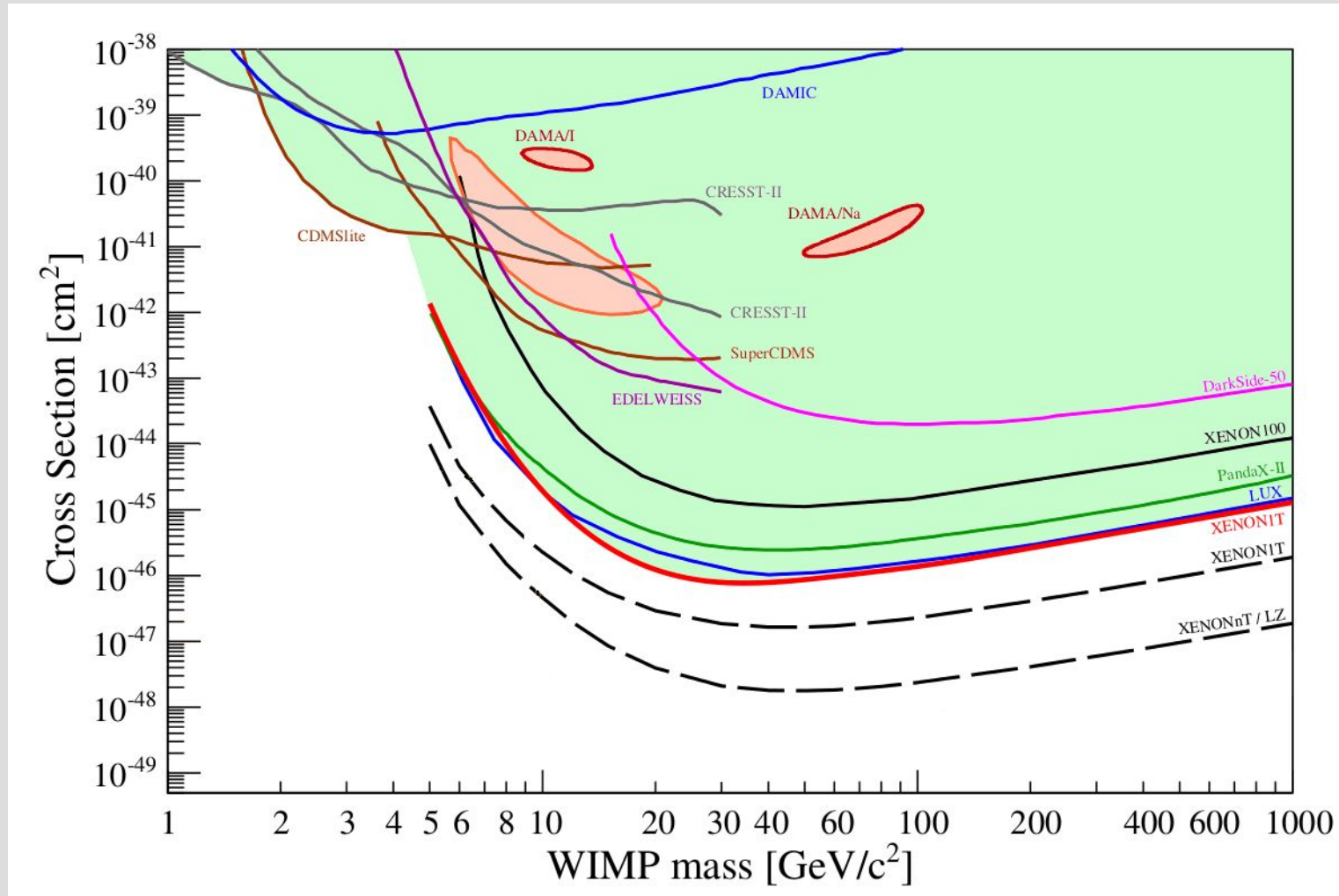
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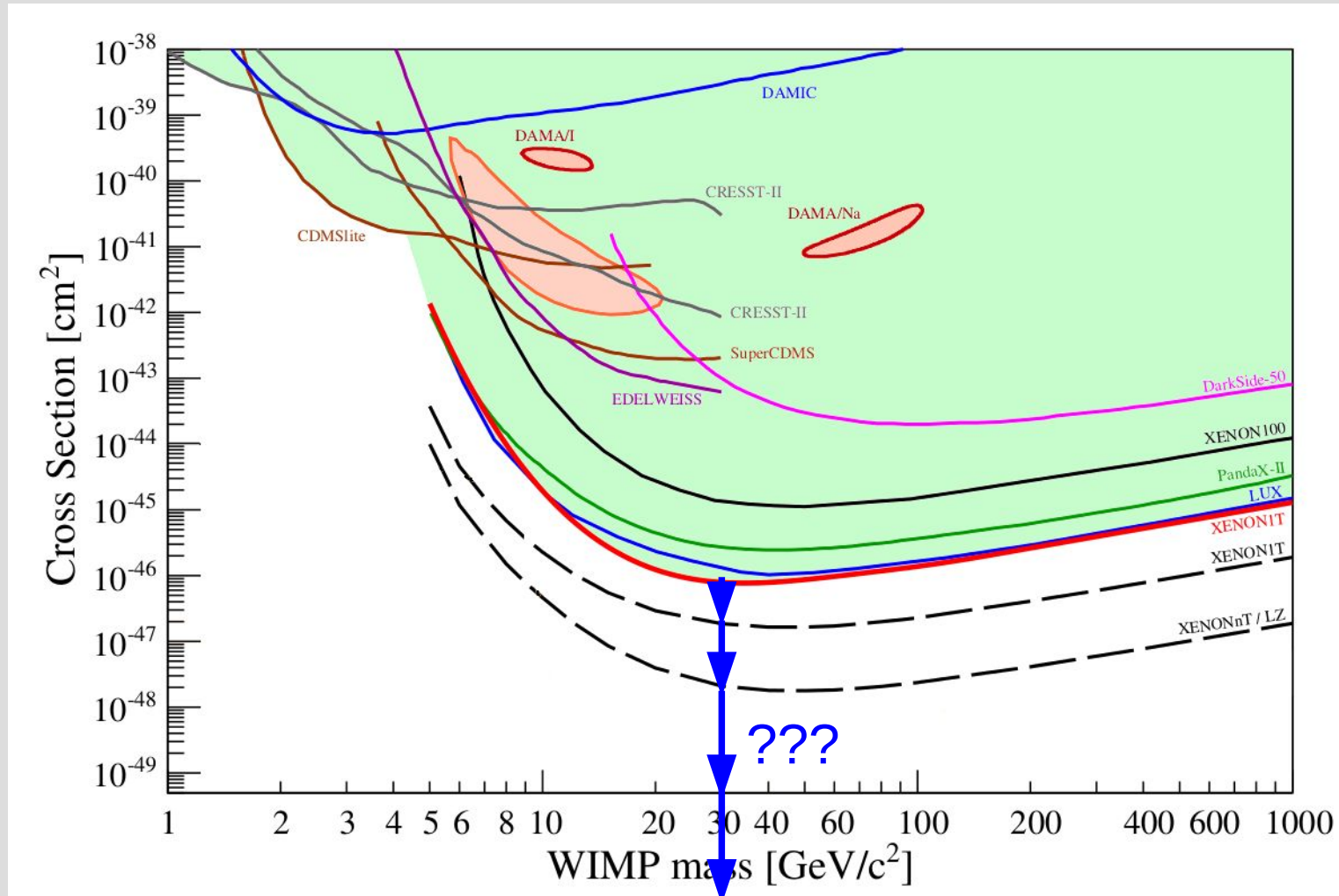
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some projects are missing...

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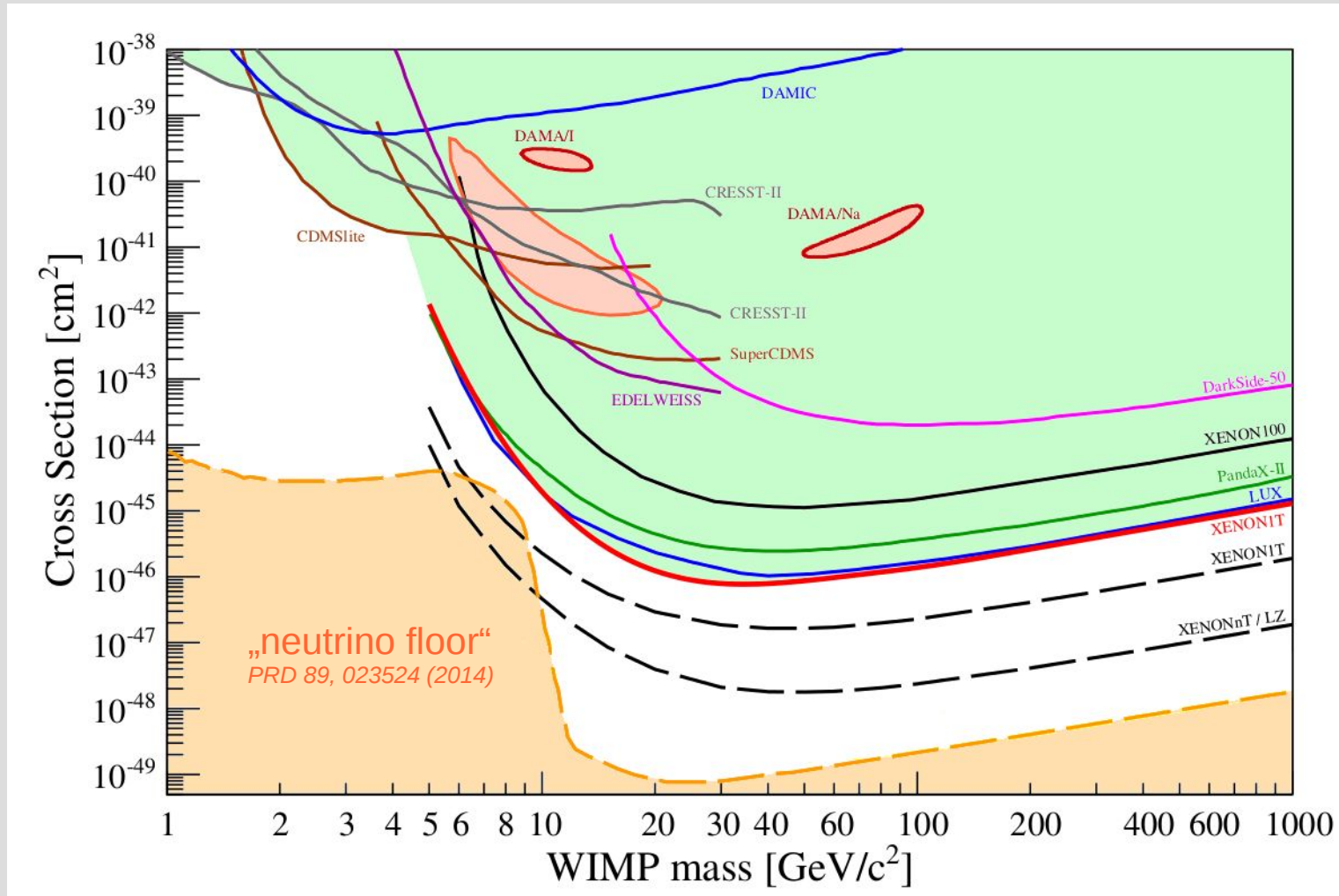
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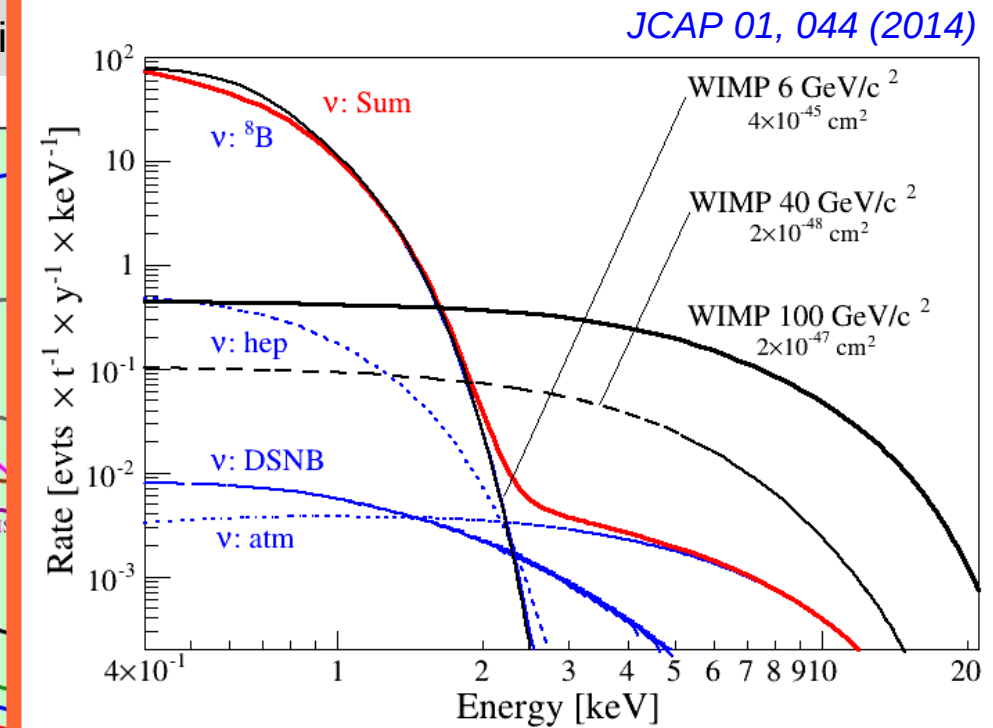
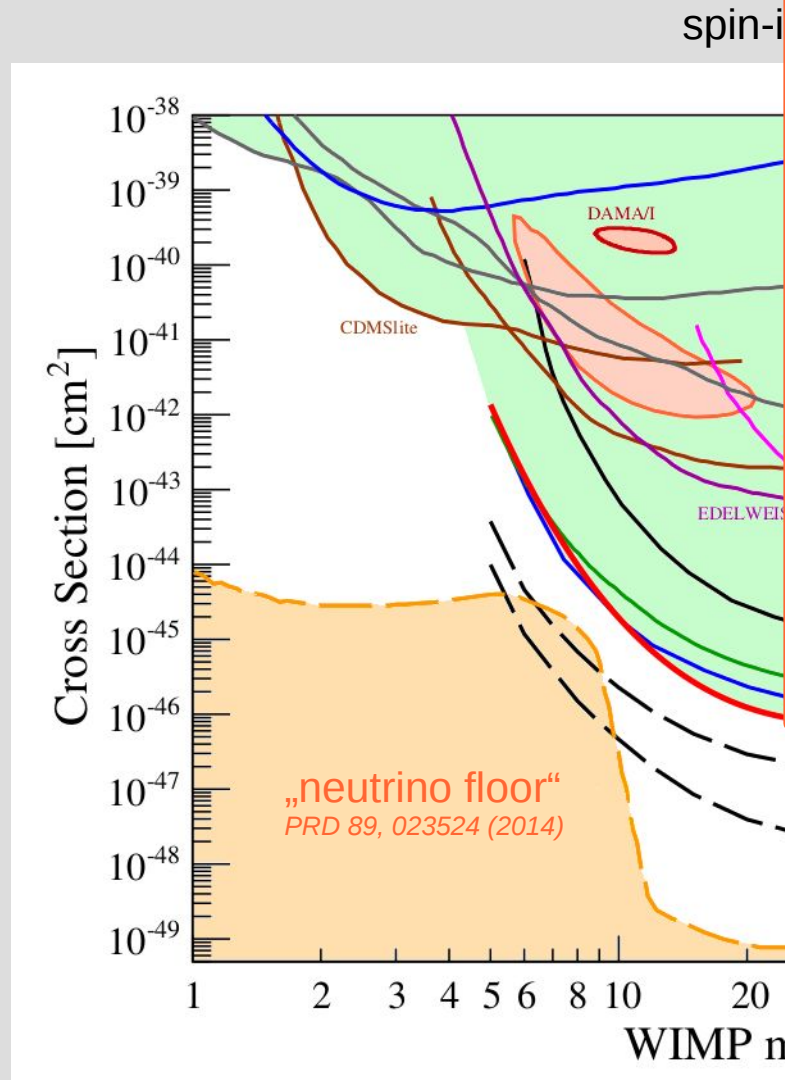
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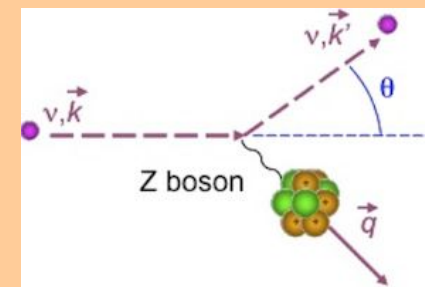


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Dark Matter Searches: The Limit



Interactions from coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering (CNNS) will dominate
 → **ultimate background** for direct detection



The „Neutrino Floor“

There are different definitions on the market...

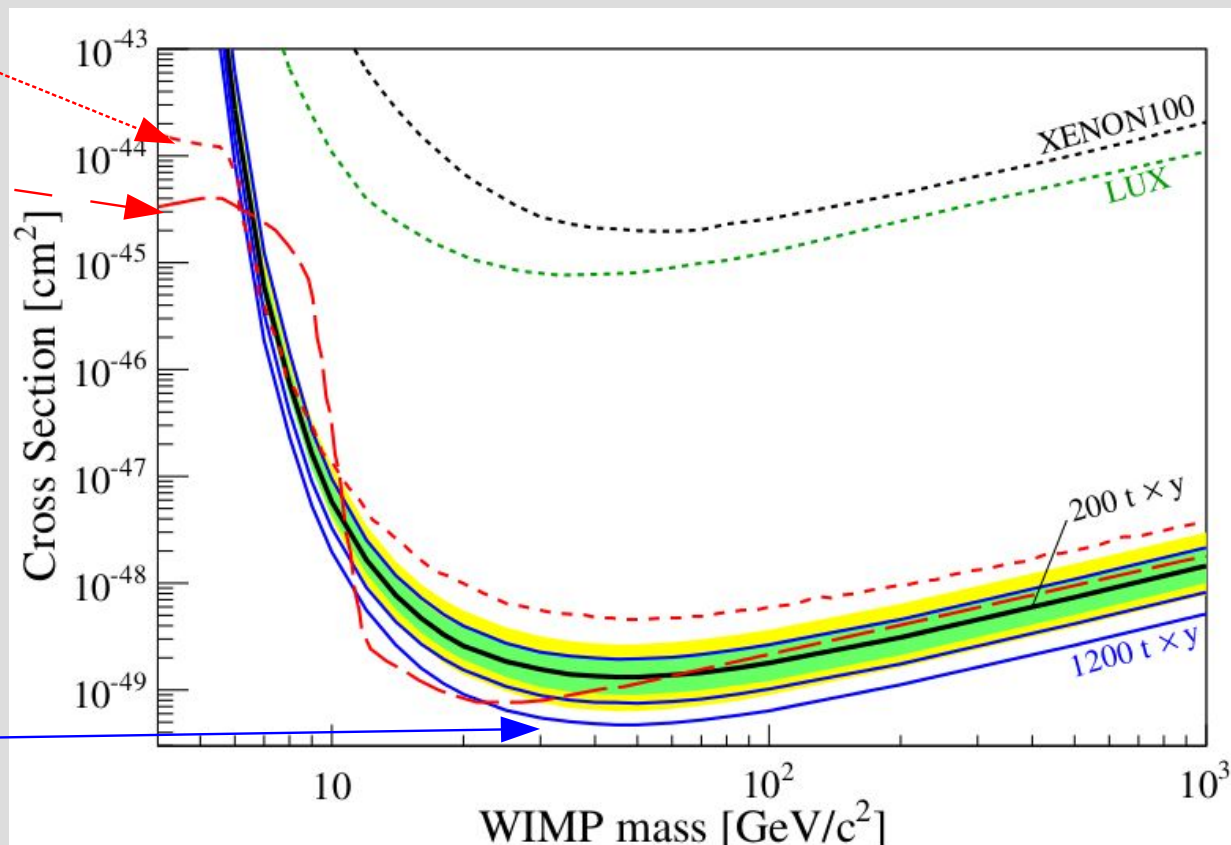
Billard et al. *PRD 89 (2014) 023524*
„1-CNNS event line“

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„WIMP discovery limit“
= detect a WIMP at 3σ on top of 500 CNNS events above a LXe threshold of 4 keVnr (infinite E resolution)
→ assuming an unrealistic 100% NR acceptance, a **5300 t × y exposure** is required to reach this (4-35 keVnr window)

Another possibility

Expected 90% CL exclusion limit

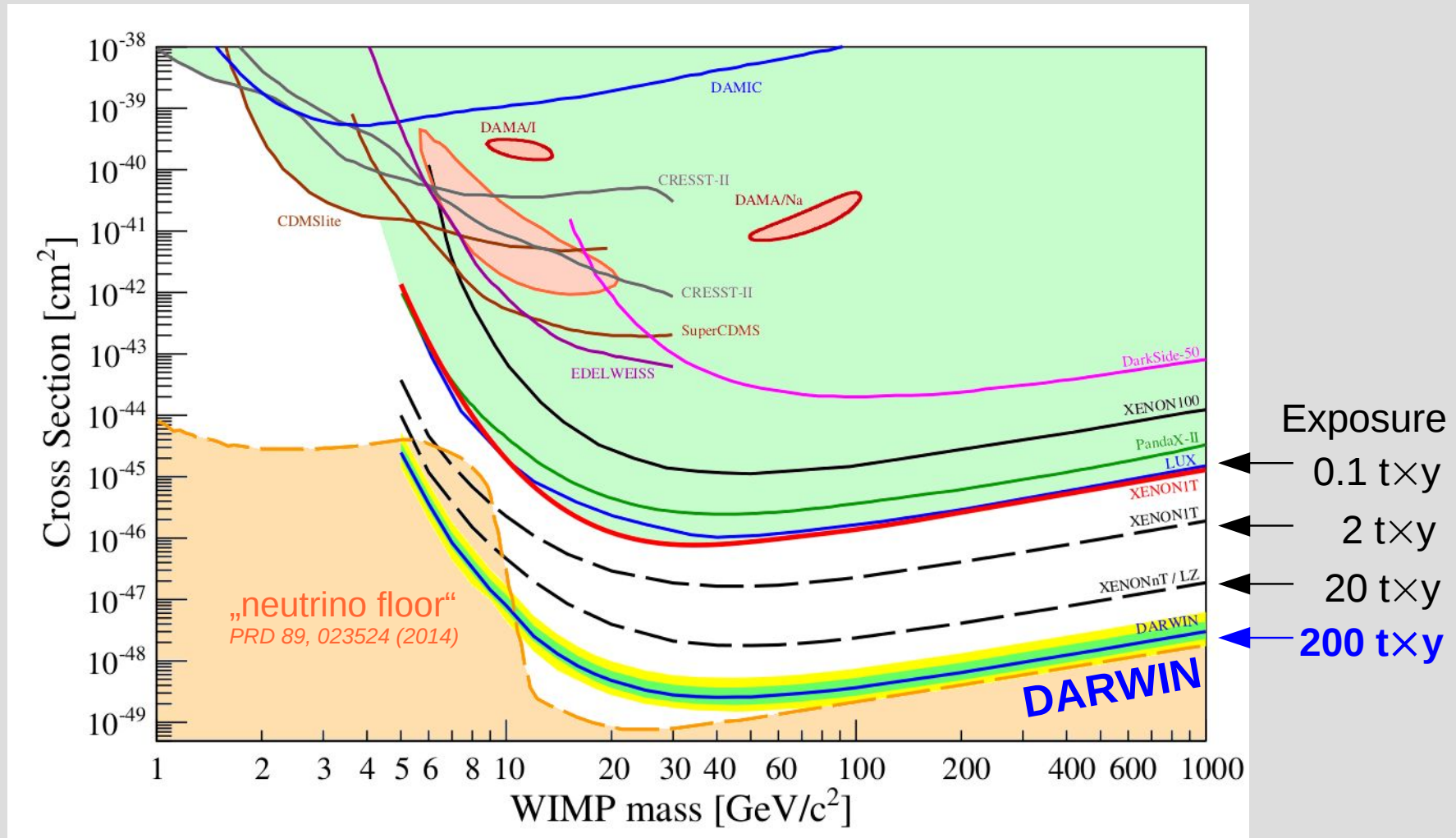
- only CNNS background
- unrealistic 100% NR acceptance



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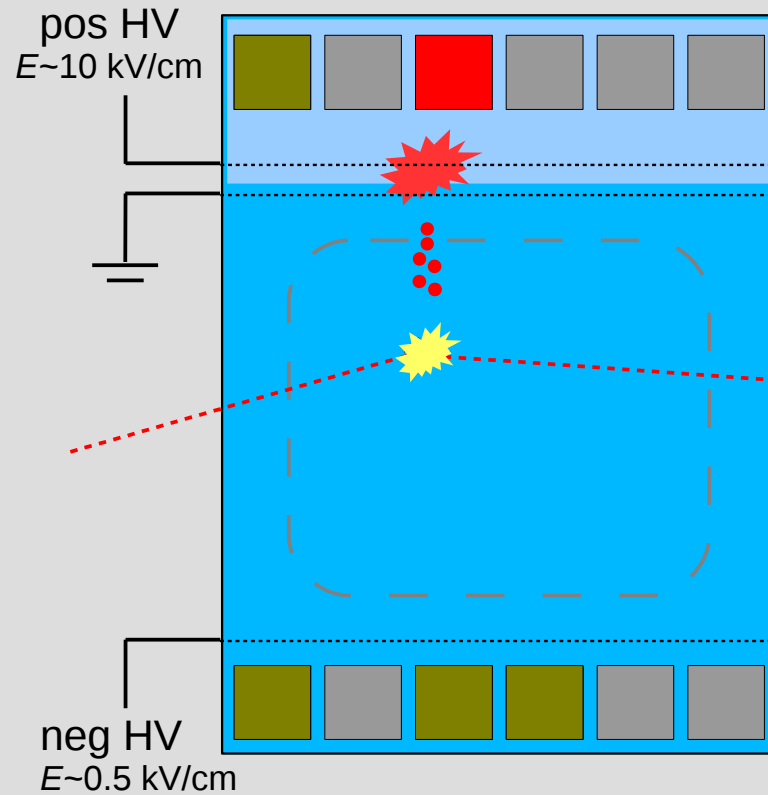
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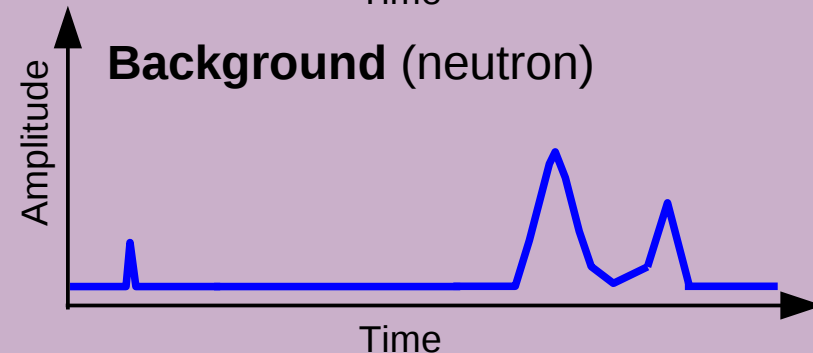
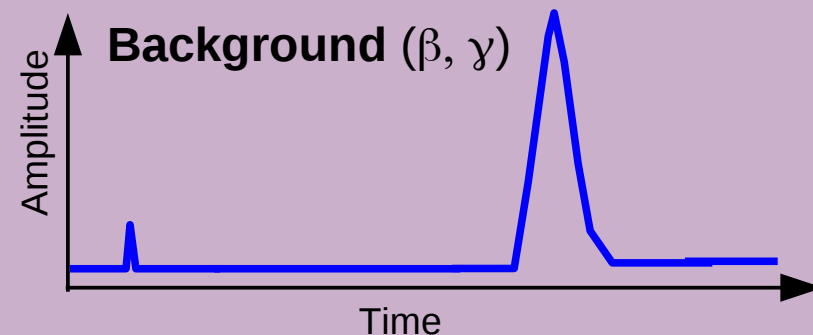
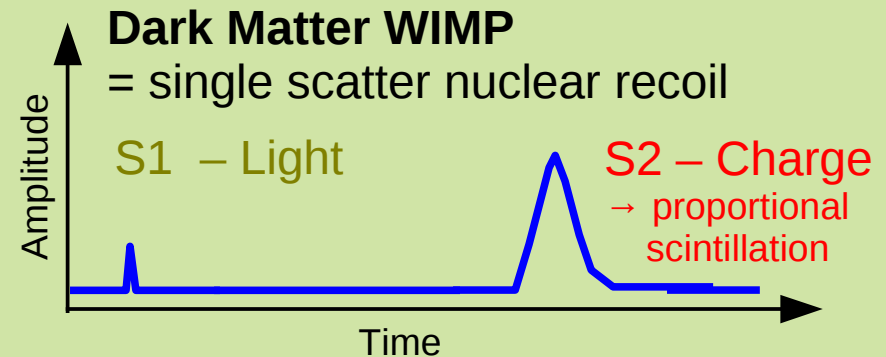
some projects are missing...

Detector? – Dual Phase Xenon TPC

TPC = Time Projection Chamber



- 3d position reconstruction
→ target fiducialization
- background rejection



Background Sources

muons

high-E neutrinos
→ CNNS bg
→ NR signature

pp+⁷Be neutrinos
→ ER signature

muon-induced
neutrons

neutrons from
(α ,n) and sf

natural γ -bg

natural γ -bg

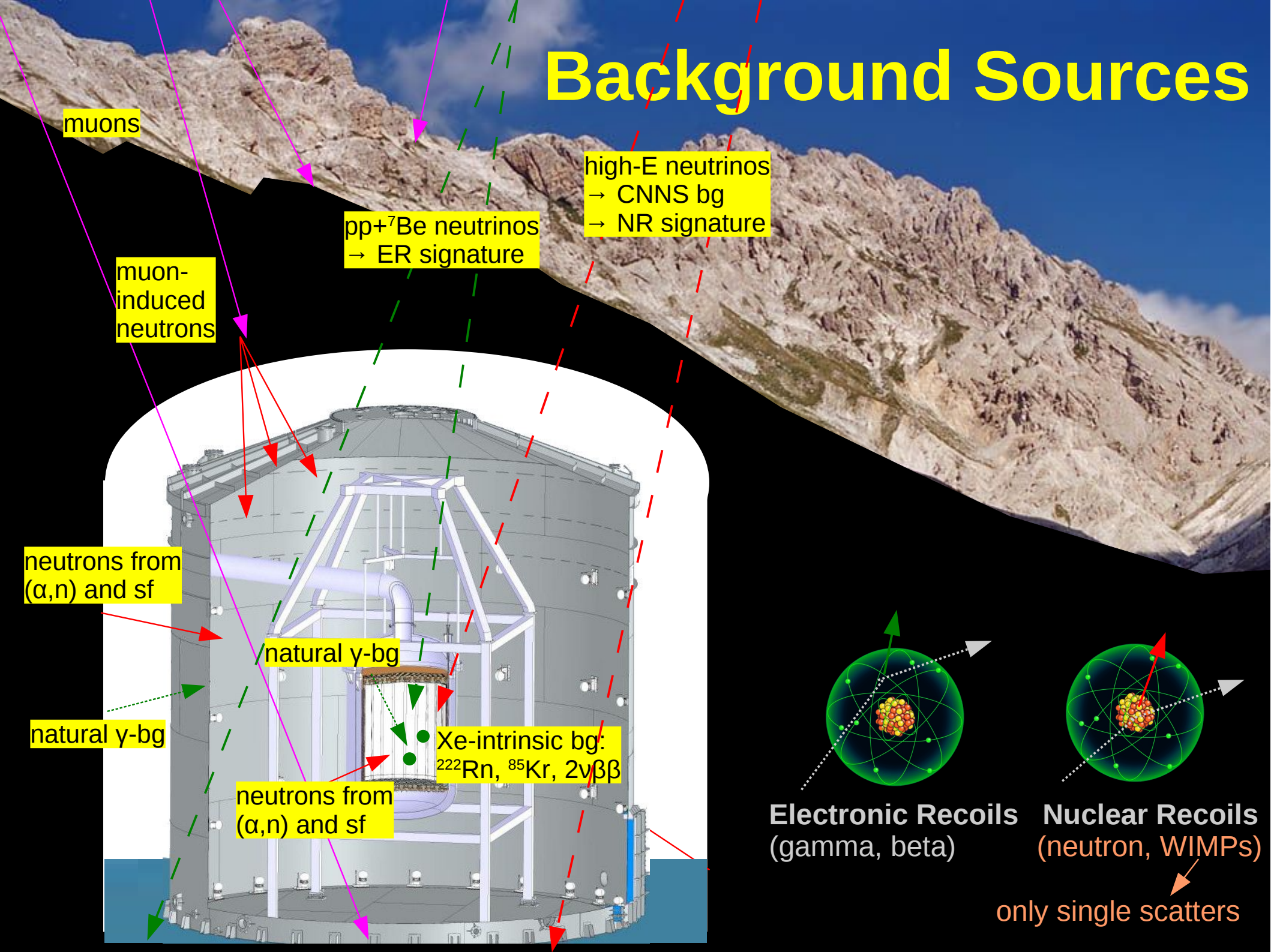
Xe-intrinsic bg:
²²²Rn, ⁸⁵Kr, $2\nu\beta\beta$

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Electronic Recoils
(gamma, beta)

Nuclear Recoils
(neutron, WIMPs)

only single scatters



DARWIN Backgrounds

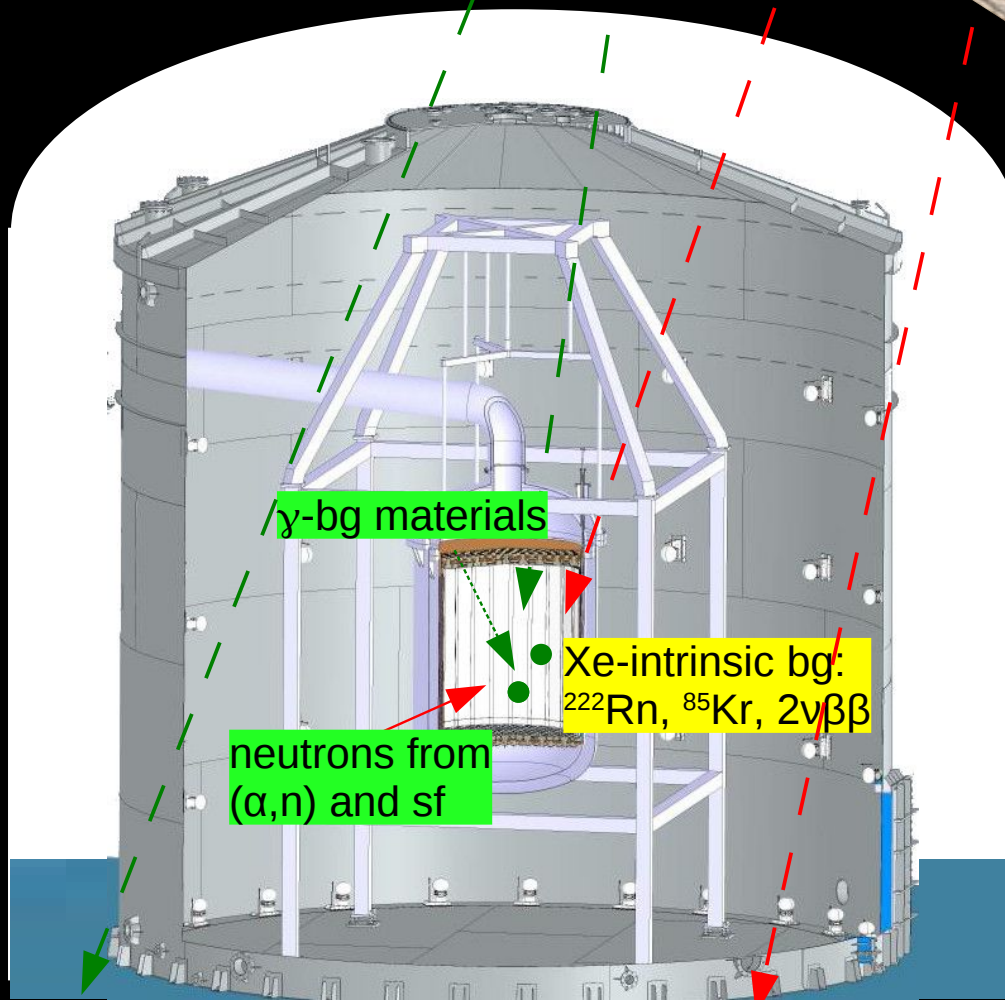
pp+⁷Be neutrinos
→ ER signature

high-E neutrinos
→ CNNS bg
→ NR signature

Remaining background sources:

- Neutrinos (→ ERs and NRs)
 - Detector materials (→ γ , n)
 - Xe-intrinsic isotopes (→ e^-)
- (assume 100% effective shield ($\sim 15\text{m}$) against μ -induced background)

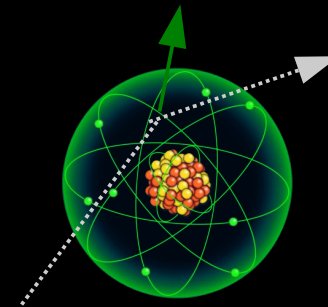
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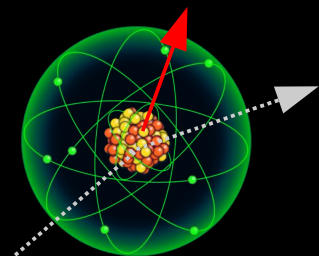
γ -bg materials

Xe-intrinsic bg:
 ^{222}Rn , ^{85}Kr , $2\nu\beta\beta$

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(α ,n) and sf



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(gamma, beta)



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Backgrounds

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All relevant backgrounds are considered:

Source	Rate [events/(t·y·keVxx)]	Spectrum	Comment
γ -rays materials	0.054	flat	assumptions as discussed in text
neutrons*	3.8×10^{-5}	exp. decrease	average of [5.0-20.5] keVnr interval
intrinsic ^{85}Kr	1.44	flat	assume 0.1 ppt of $^{\text{nat}}\text{Kr}$
intrinsic ^{222}Rn	0.35	flat	assume 0.1 $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$ of ^{222}Rn
$2\nu\beta\beta$ of ^{136}Xe	0.73	linear rise	average of [2-10] keVee interval
pp- and ^7Be ν	3.25	flat	details see [19]
CNNS*	0.0022	real	average of [4.0-20.5] keVnr interval

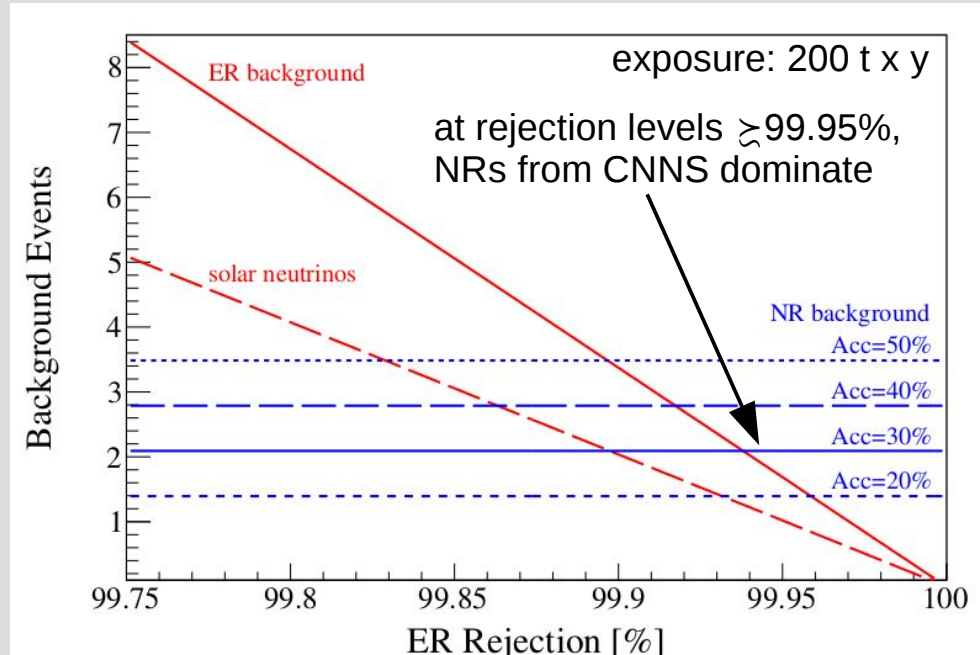
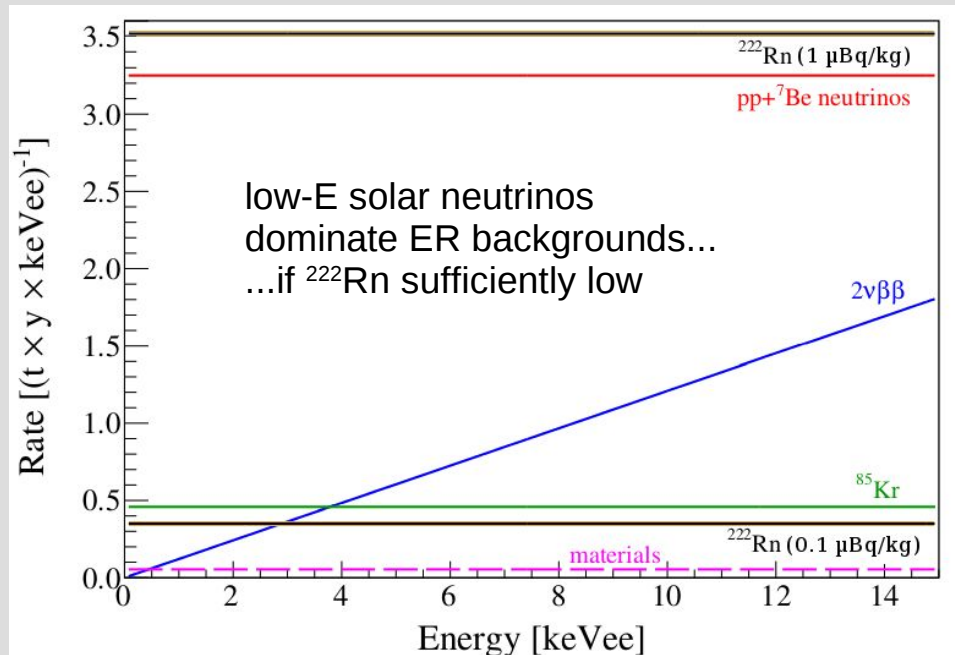
MC simulation of detector made of main components (PTFE, CU, PMTs): subdominant after ~ 15 cm fiducial cut

^{85}Kr : 2x below XENON1T design (0.03 ppt achieved: [EPJ C 74 \(2014\) 2746](#))

^{222}Rn : 100x below XENON1T design

^{136}Xe : assume natural xenon

consider all relevant neutrinos



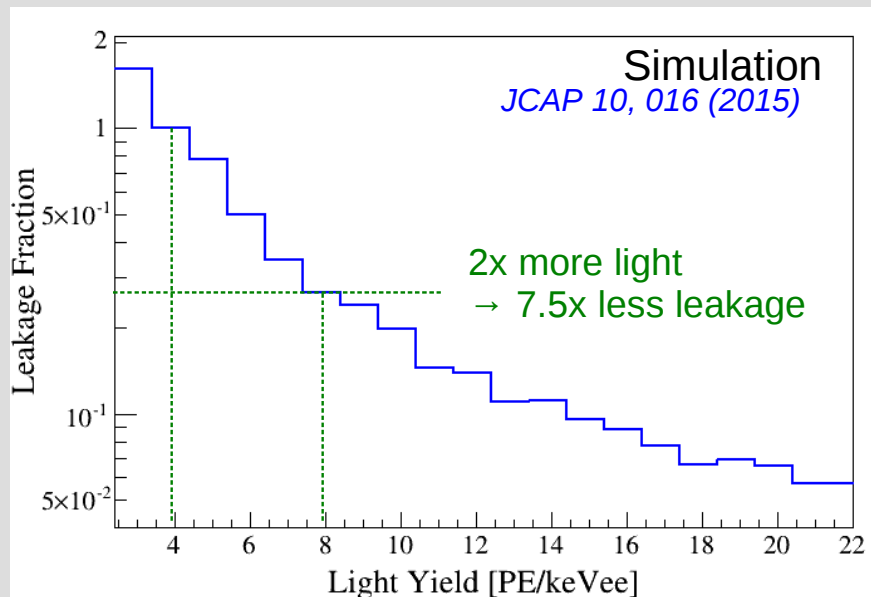
Background Rejection



ER rejection factors ~99.98% required (@ 30% NR acc)

Experimental achievements:

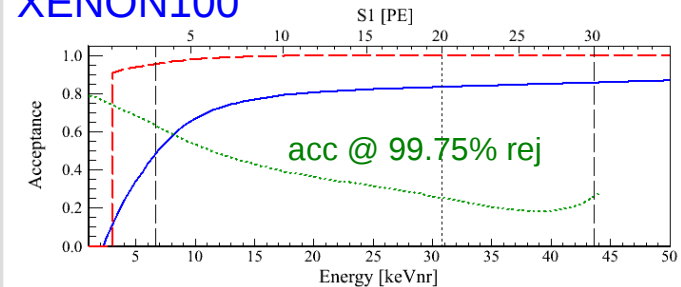
	E_{drift} [kV/cm]	LY @ 122 keV [PE/keV]	NR acc [%]	ER rej [%]
XENON100	0.53	3.8	40	99.75
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LUX	0.18	8.8	50	99.0-99.9
ZEPLIN-III	3.4	4.2	50	99.987
K. Ni <i>APP14</i>	0.2-0.7	10	50	>99.999



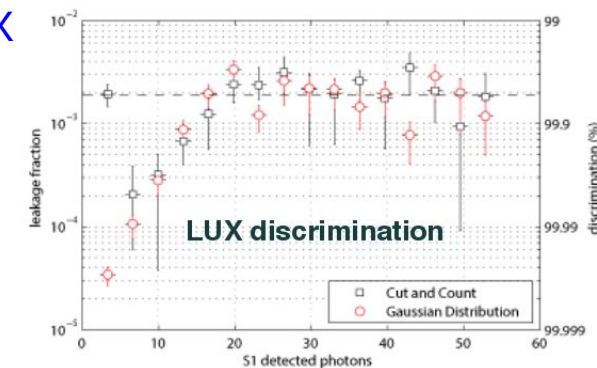
higher light yield
improves signal
resolution
→ better band
separation at given
mean values

acceptance improves at lower E

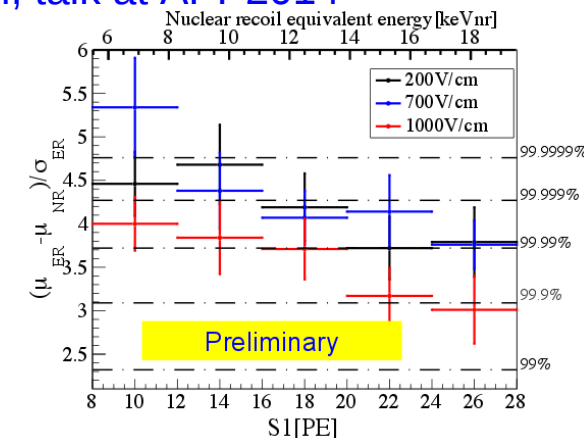
XENON100



LUX



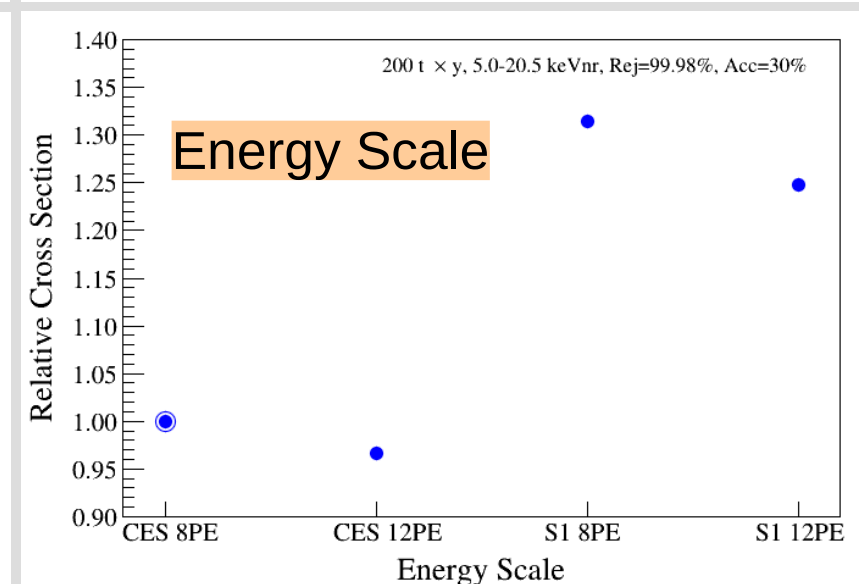
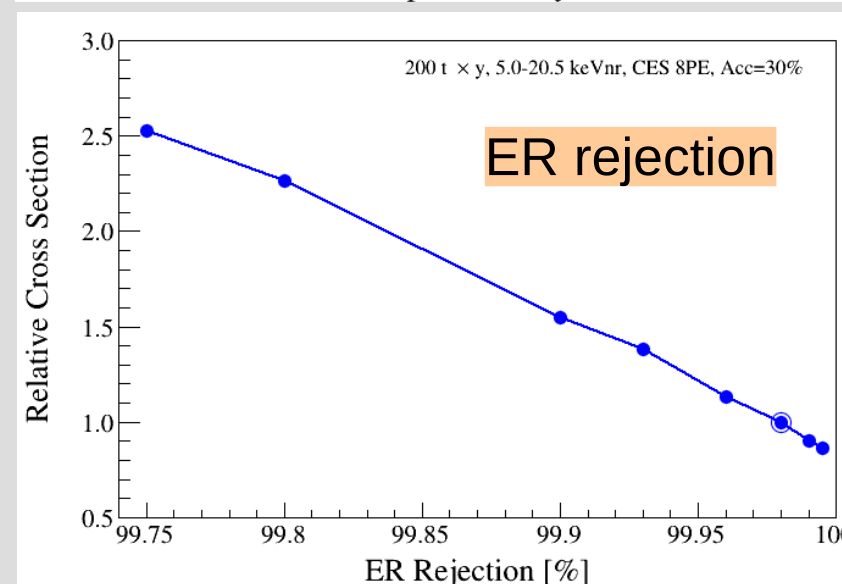
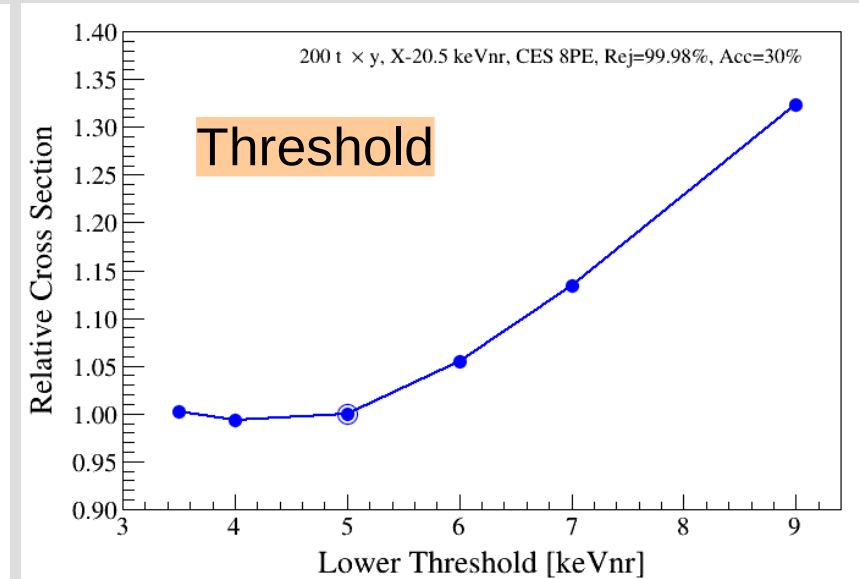
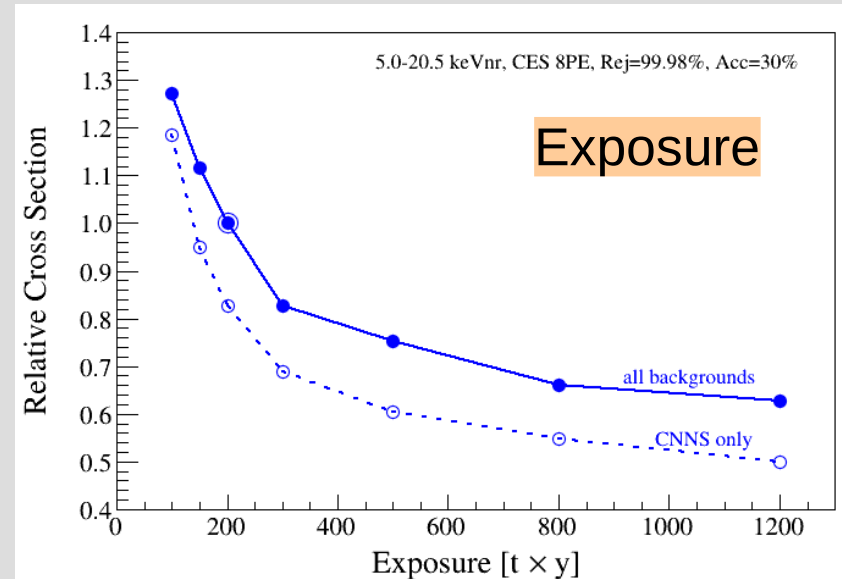
K. Ni, talk at APP2014



DARWIN WIMP Sensitivity

Reference WIMP mass = 40 GeV/c²

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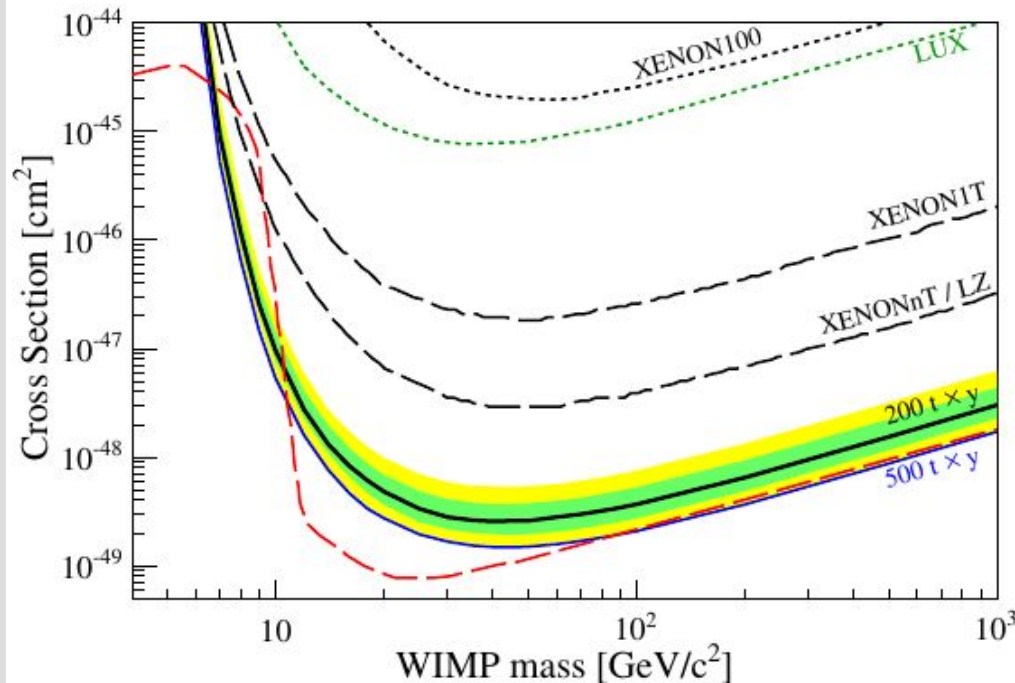


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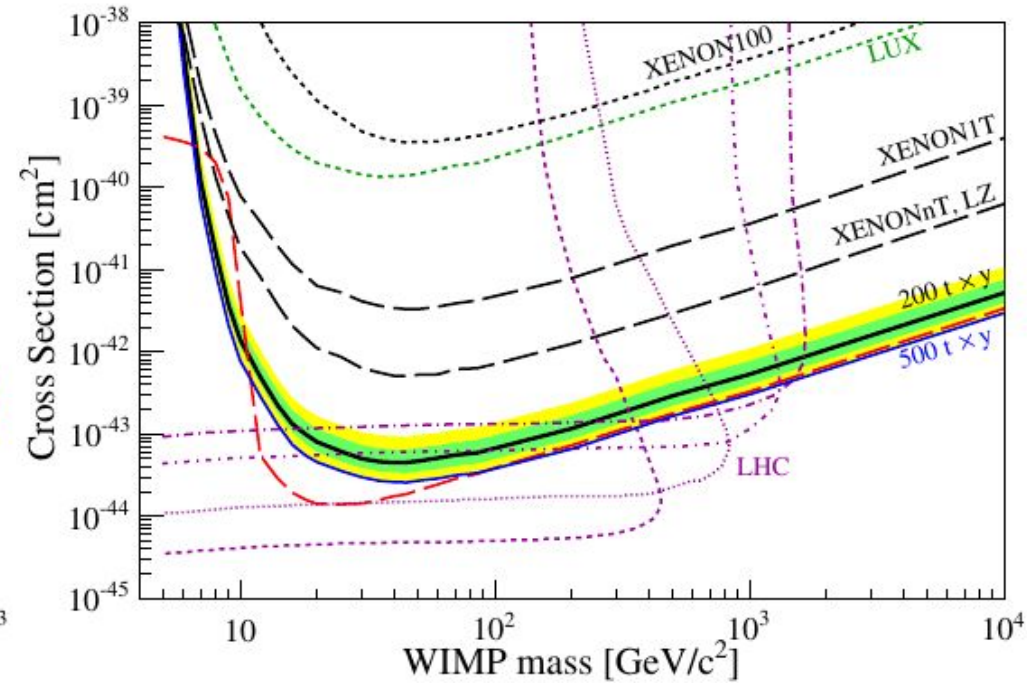
- exposure: $200 \text{ t} \times y$; **all backgrounds included**
- **likelihood analysis**
- 99.98% ER rejection @ 30% NR acceptance,
S1+S2 combined energy scale, LY=8 PE/keV, 5-35 keV_{nr} energy window

spin-independent couplings



$200 \text{ t} \times y$: $\sigma < 2.5 \times 10^{-49} \text{ cm}^2$ @ 40 GeV/c²

spin-dependent couplings (n-only)



excellent complementarity to LHC searches

Phys.Dark Univ. 9-10, 51 (2015).

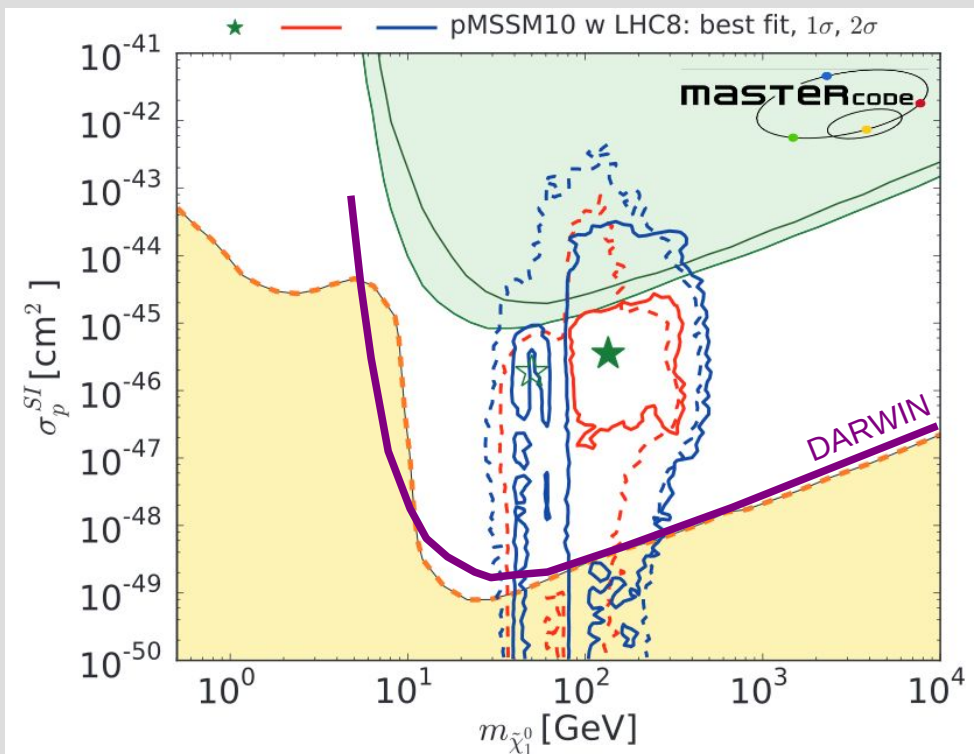
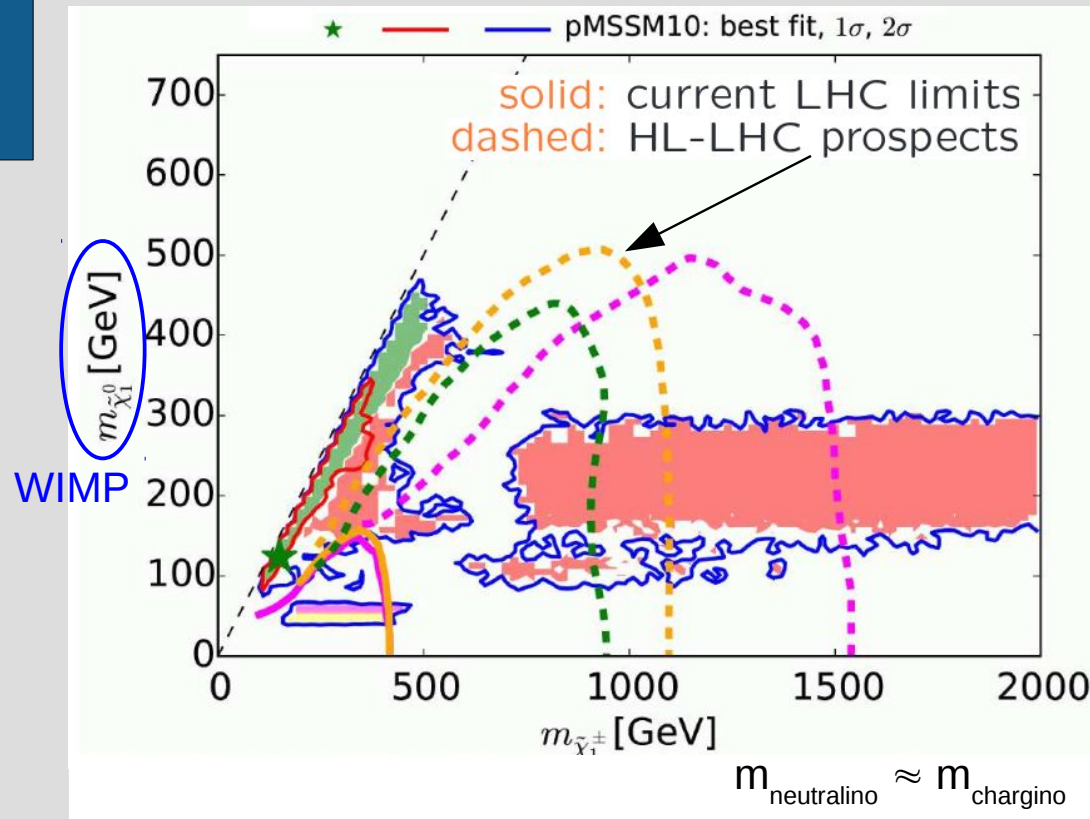
SUSY Dark Matter

plots: Sven Heinemeyer (MasterCode 2015)

SUSY under pressure because not found at LHC?

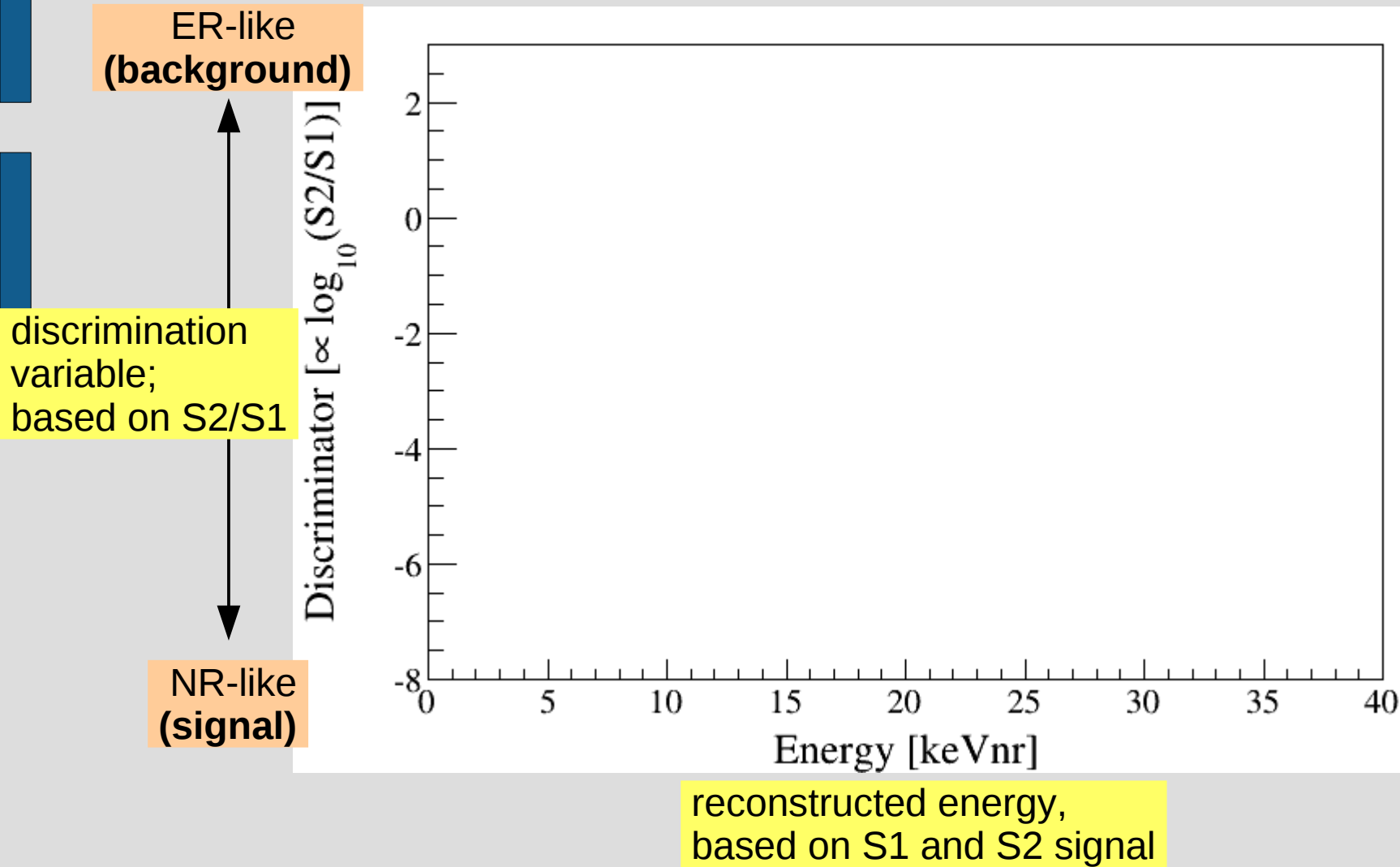
→ true for some very constraint models (CMSSM etc.) but looks different when more parameters are left unconstrained

Example: pMSSM10 ← 10 SUSY parameters, *e.g. EPJ C75, 422 (2015)*



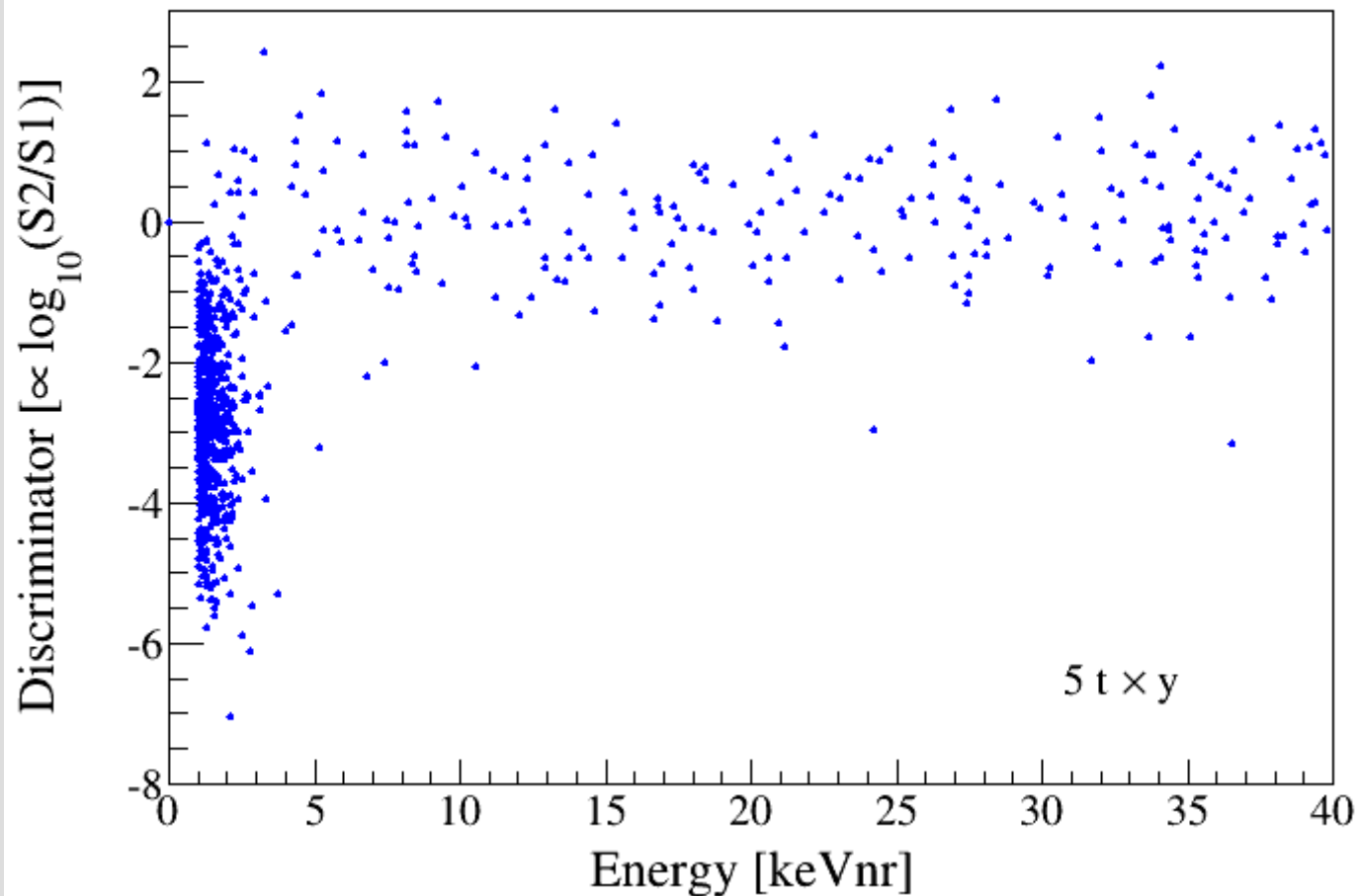
WIMP out of reach of HL-LHC (best-fit regions not covered), but accessible by DARWIN

WIMP Detection



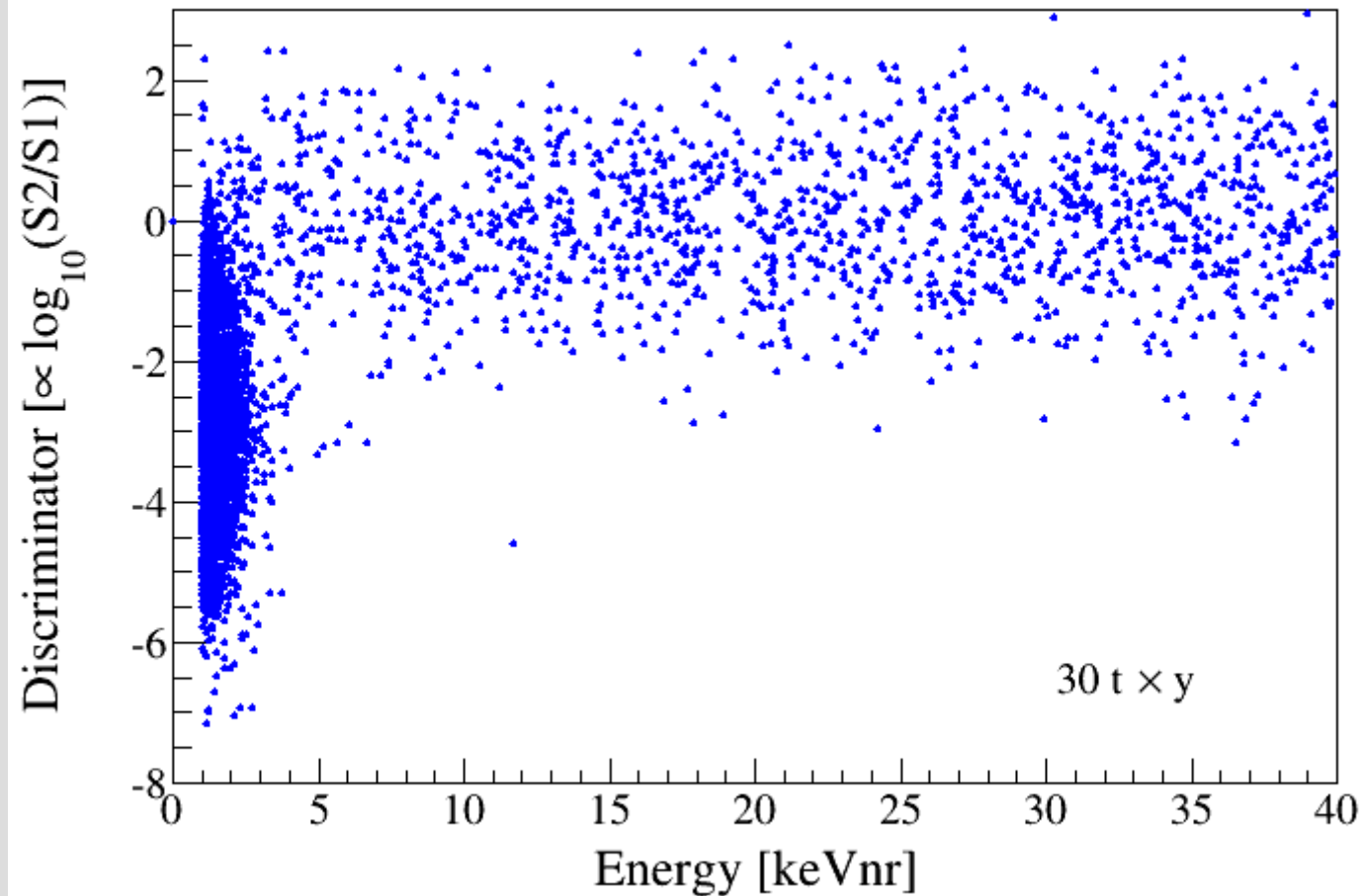
DARWIN with
30t LXe fiducial
target

WIMP Detection



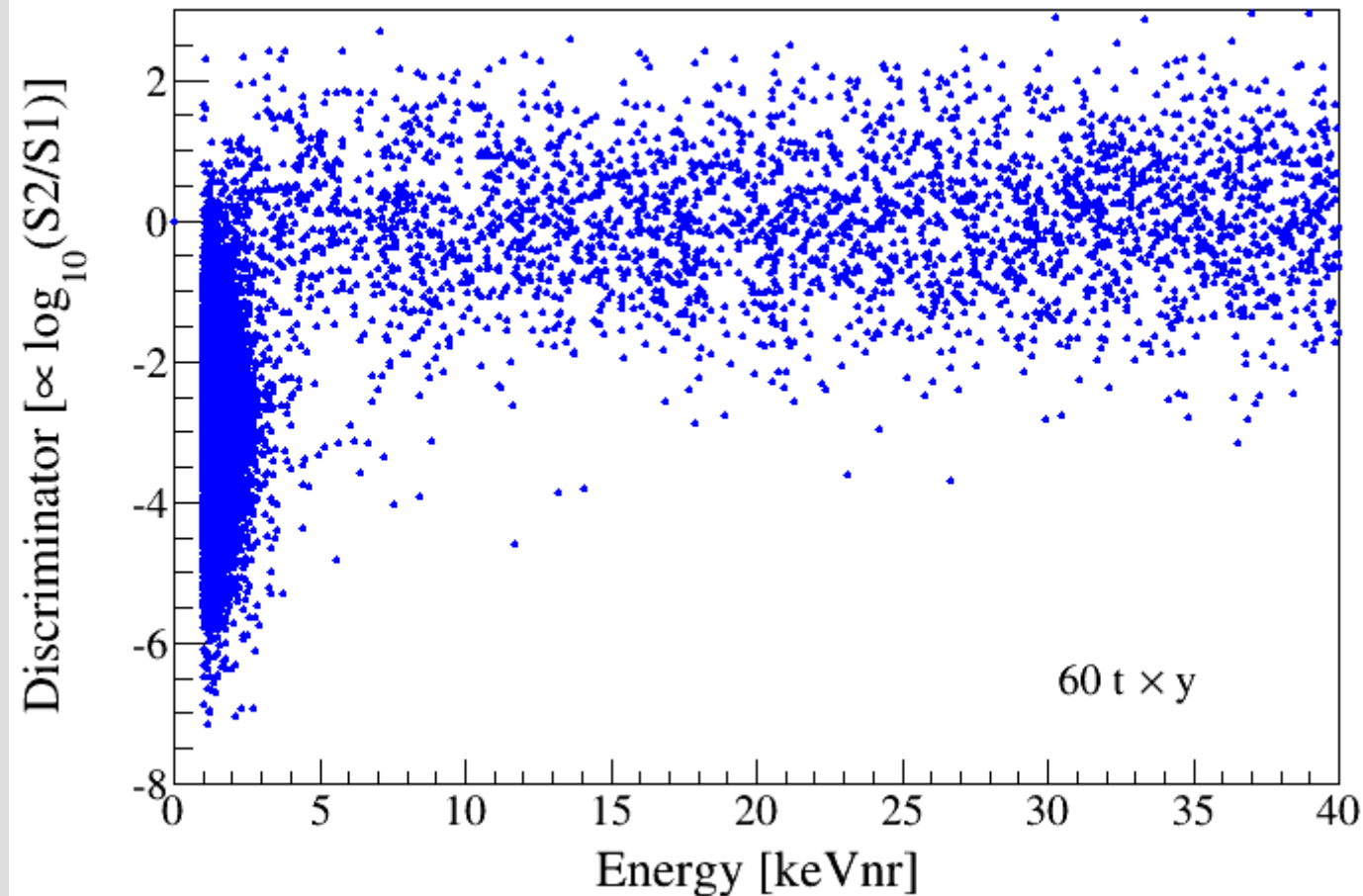
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WIMP Detection



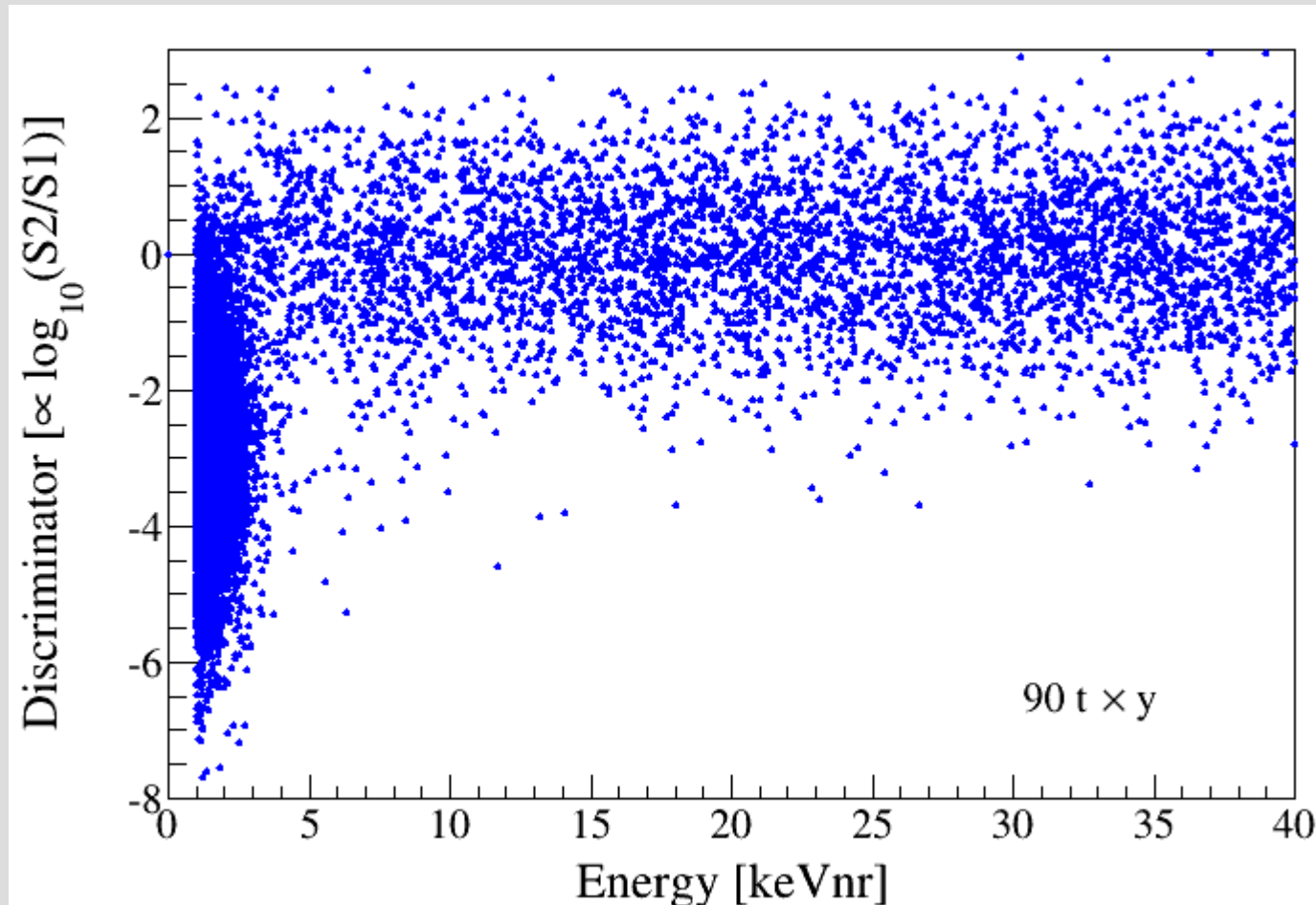
1 year

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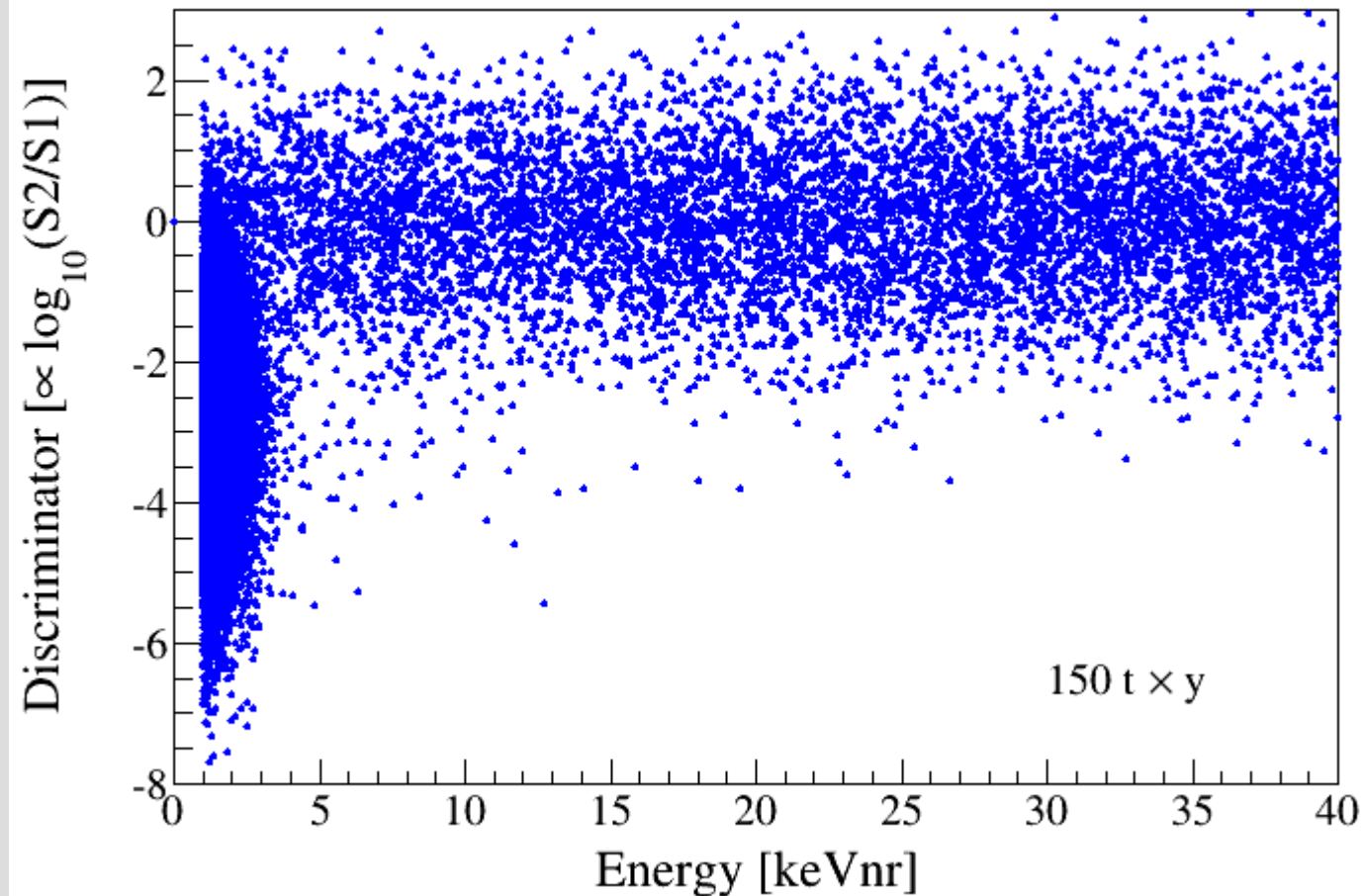
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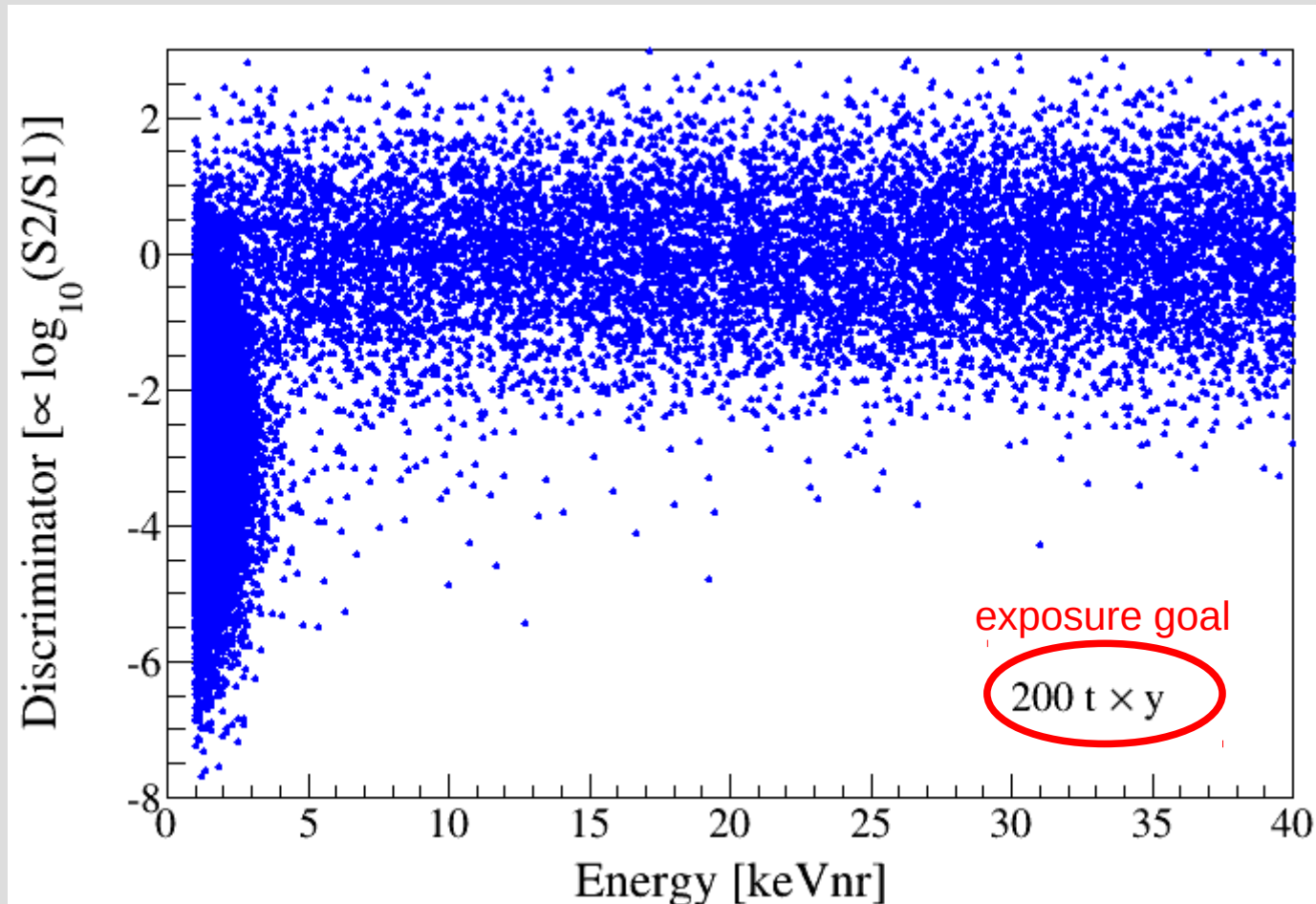
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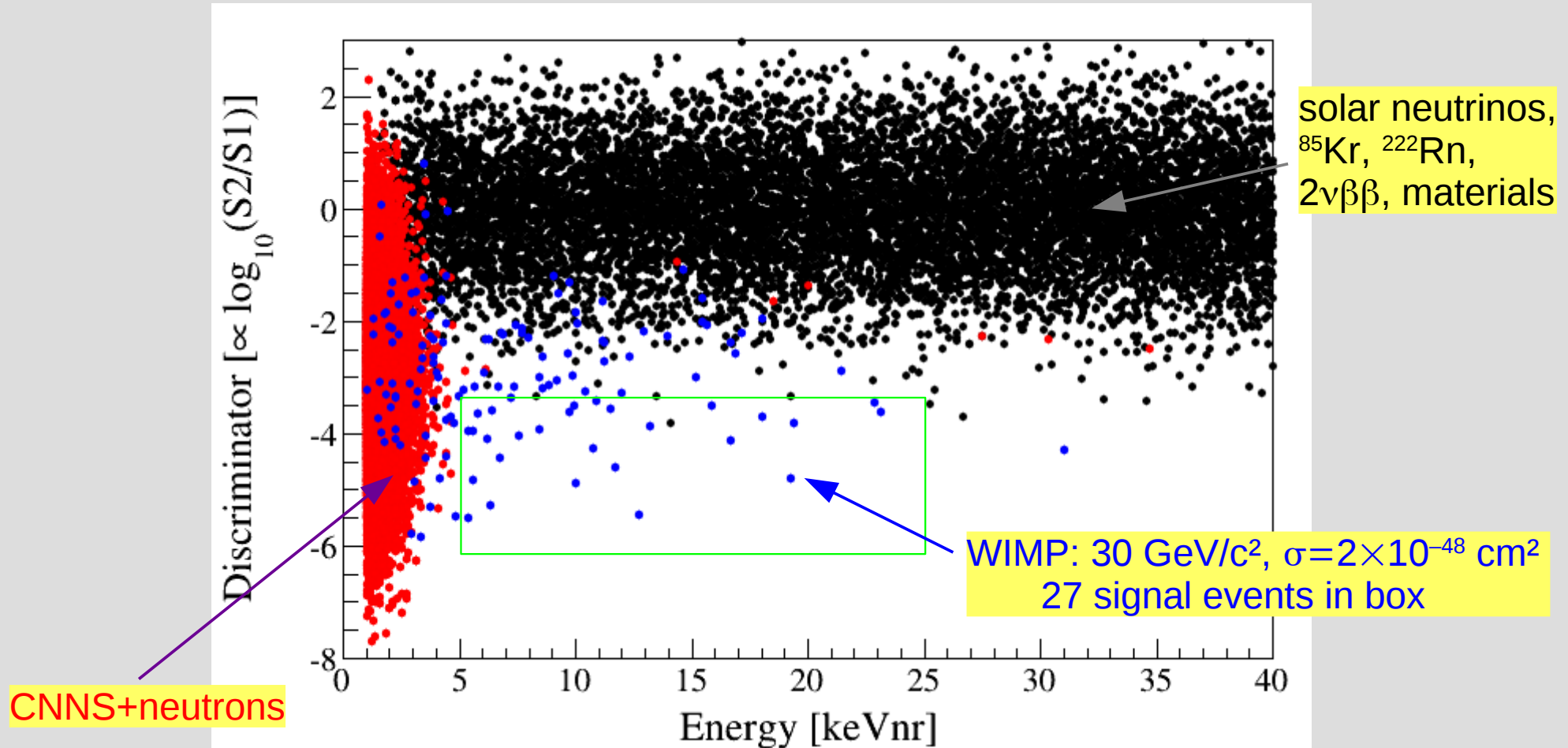
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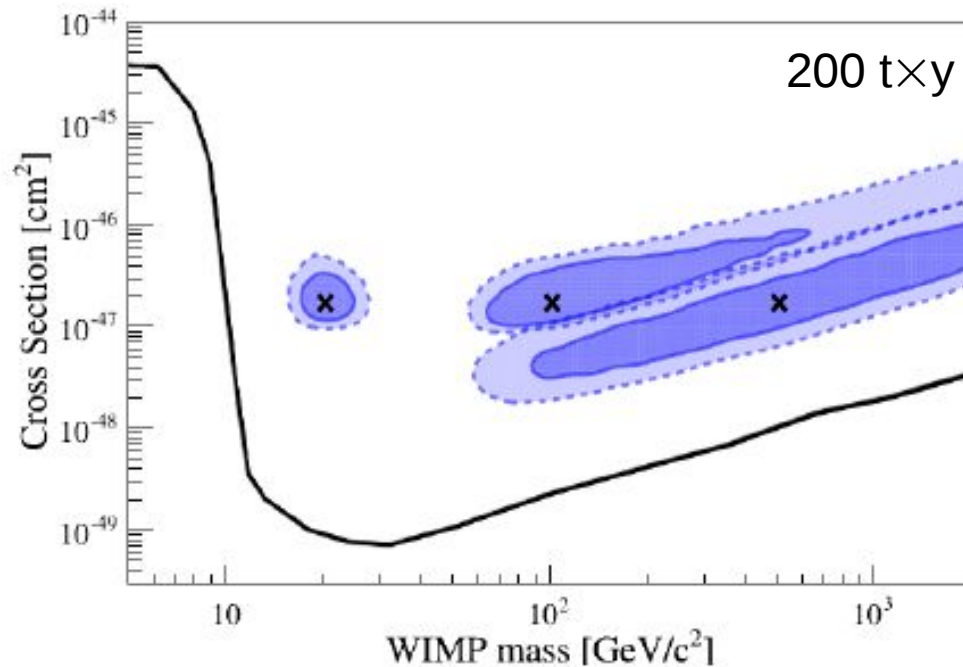
6.7 years

WIMP Detection



WIMP Spectroscopy

Reconstruction: $2 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$

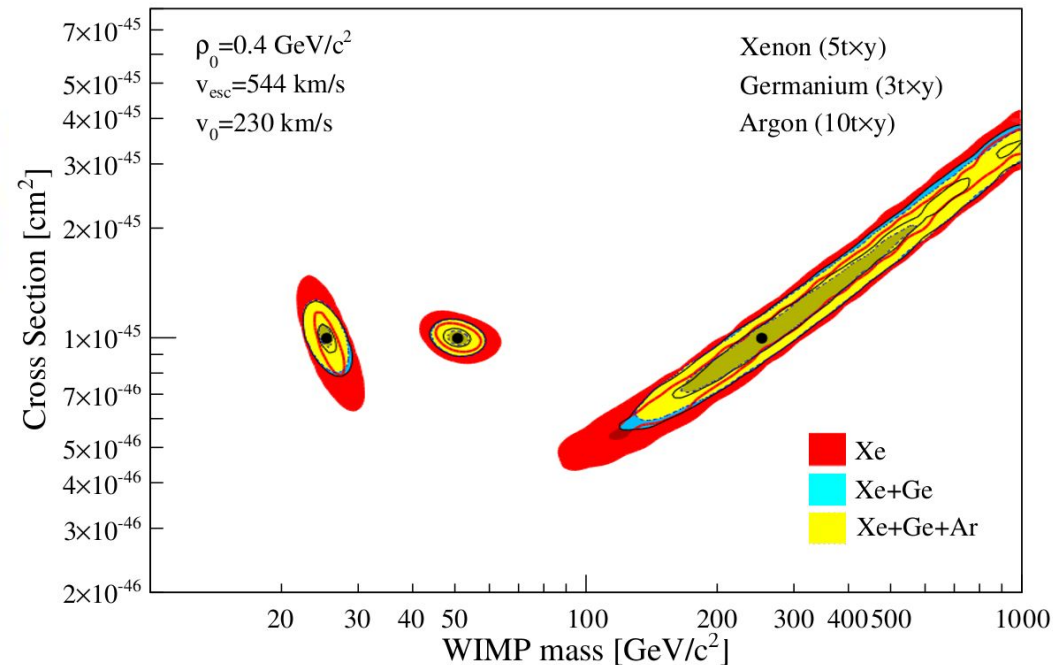


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Capability to reconstruct WIMP parameters

- $m_\chi = 20, 100, 500 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- $1\sigma/2\sigma$ CI, marginalized over astrophysical parameters
- due to flat WIMP spectra, no target can reconstruct masses $>500 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

Target Complementarity



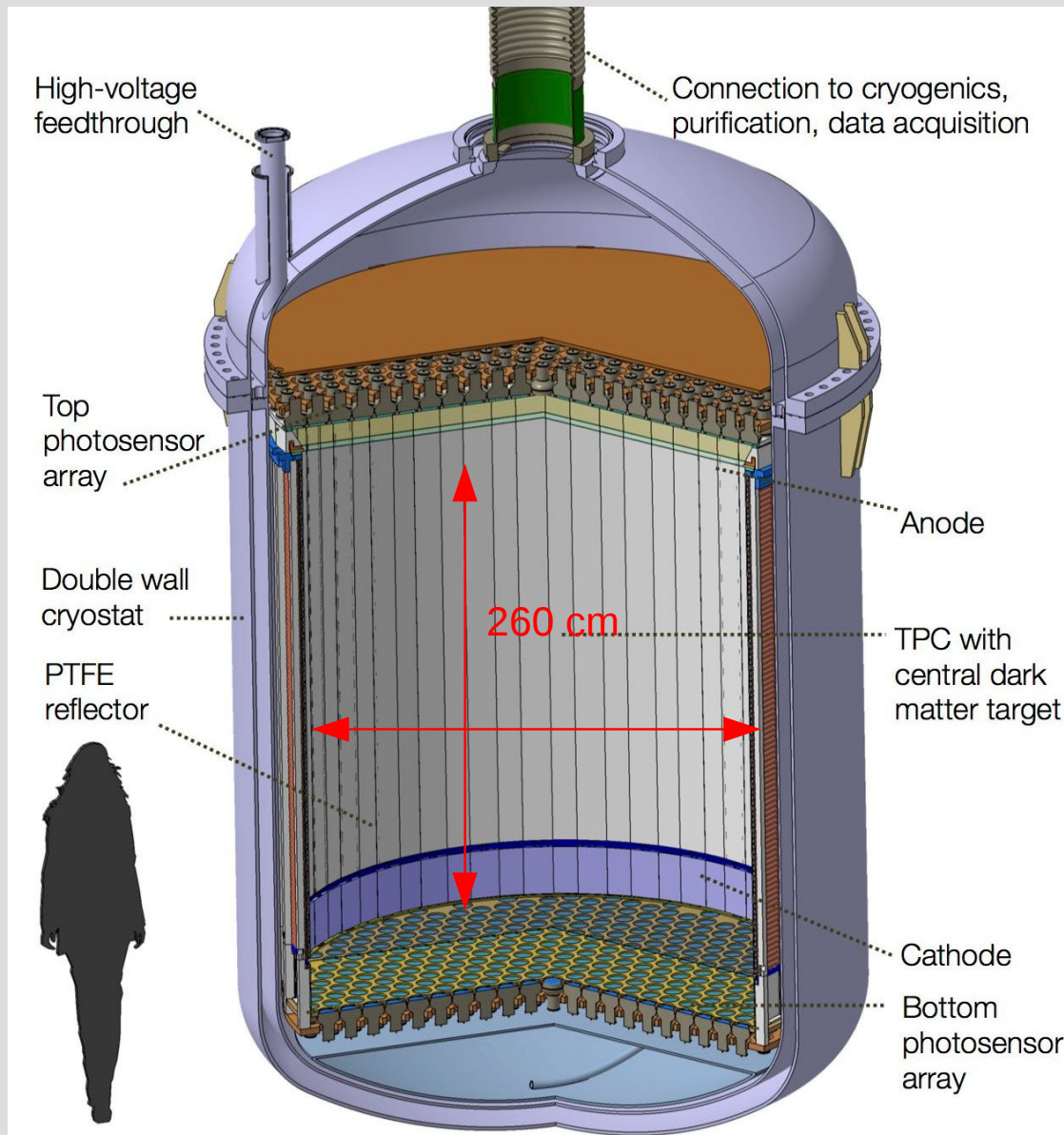
PRD 83, 083505 (2011)

Reconstruction improves considerably by adding Ge-data to Xe.

Only minimal improvement for Ar.

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- aim at **sensitivity of a few 10^{-49} cm²**, limited by **irreducible v-backgrounds**
- international consortium, 21 groups
→ R&D ongoing

Baseline scenario

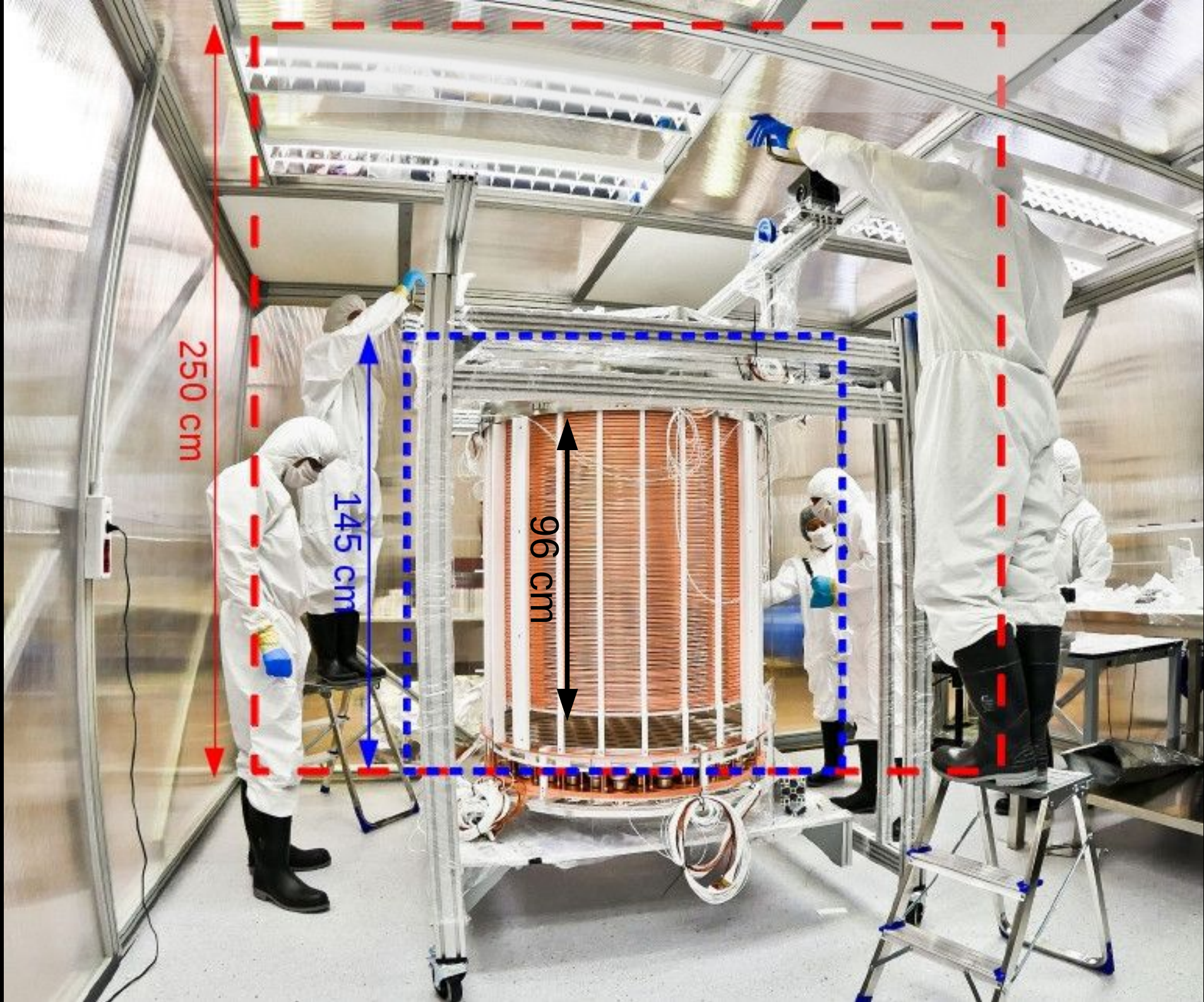
~50t total LXe mass

~40 t LXe TPC

~30 t fiducial mass

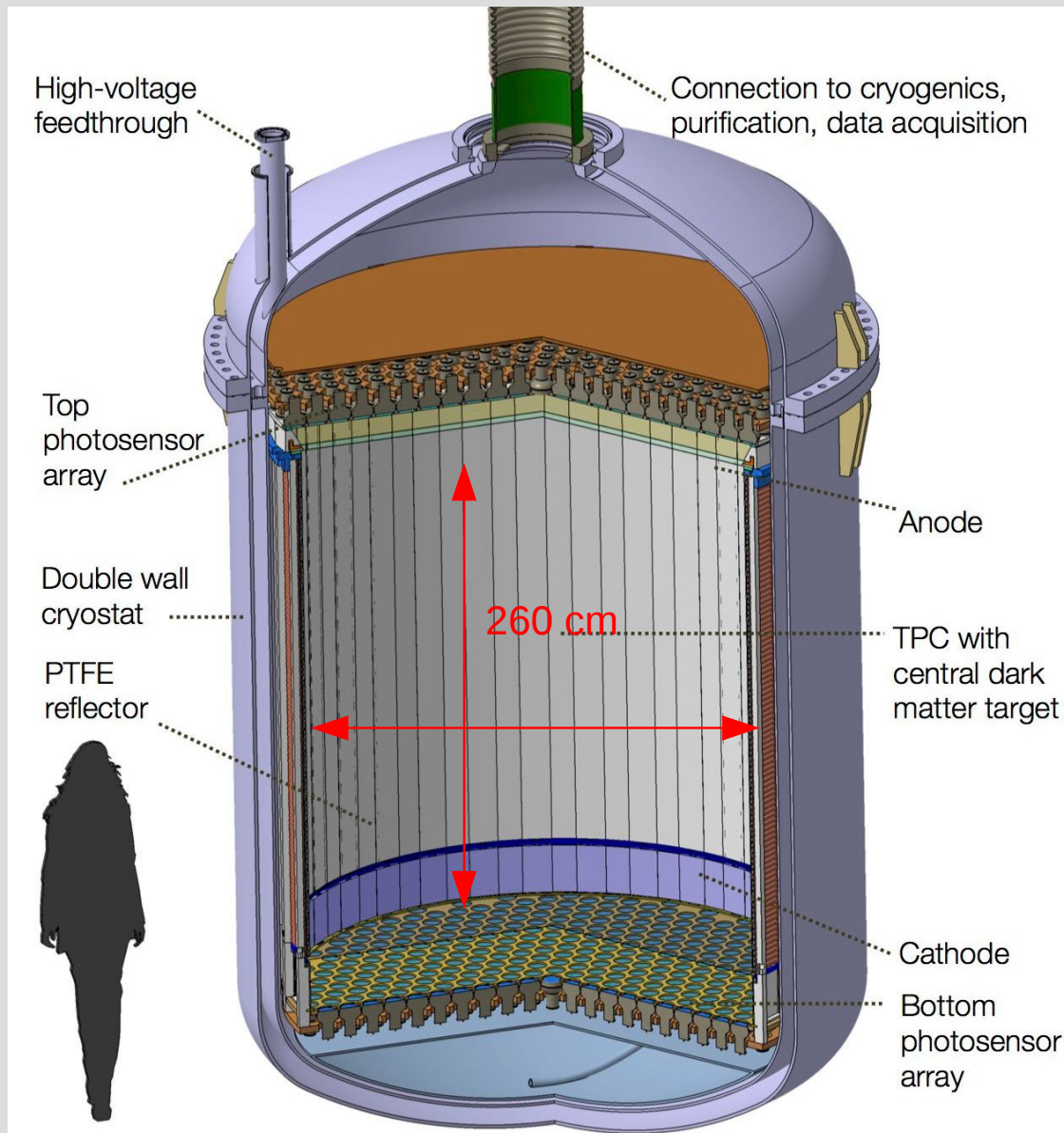
- Timescale: start after XENONnT

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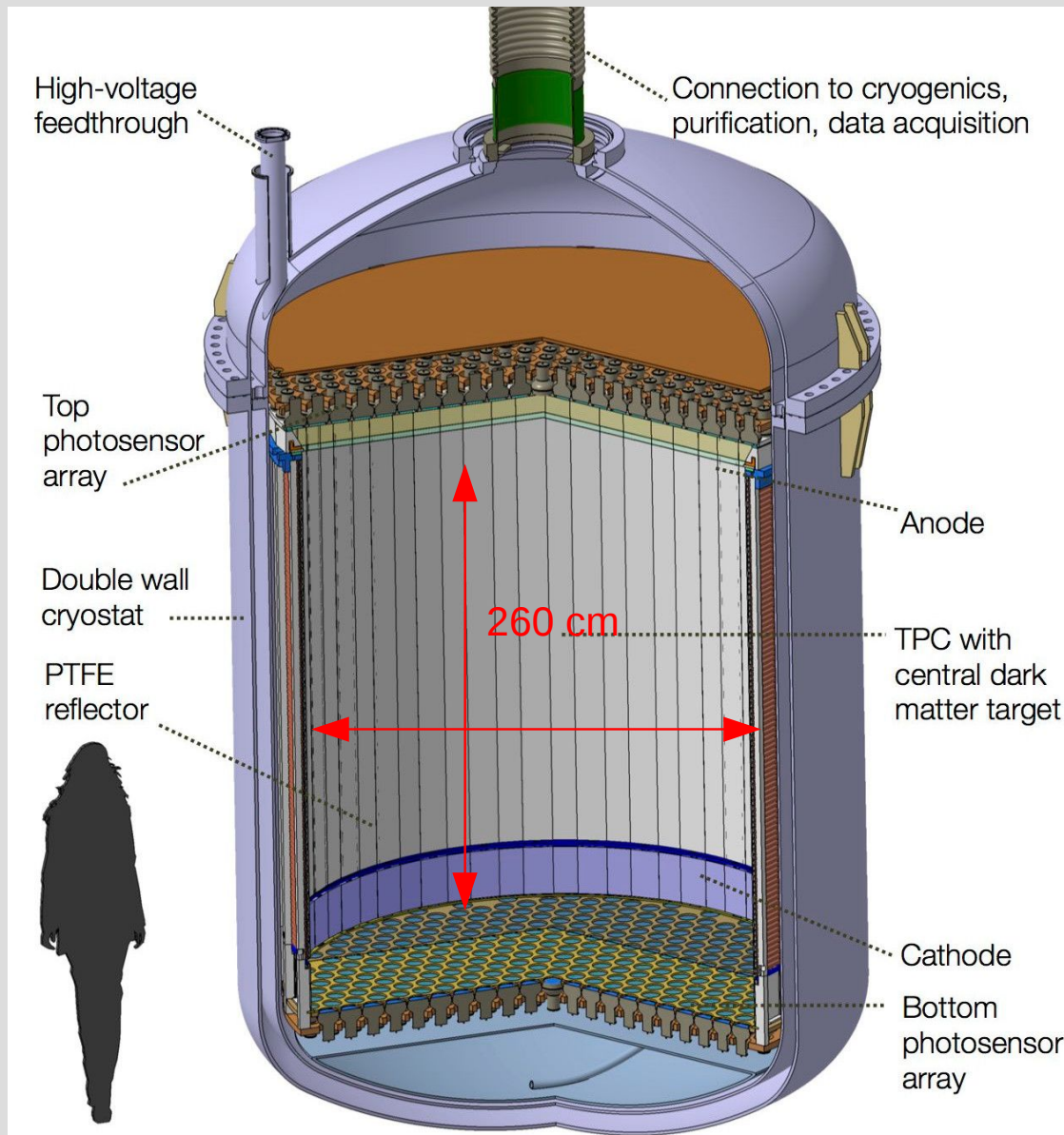


Challenges

- Size
 - electron drift (HV)
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 - dimensions (radioactivity)
 - detector response (calibration, corrections)
- Backgrounds
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- etc etc

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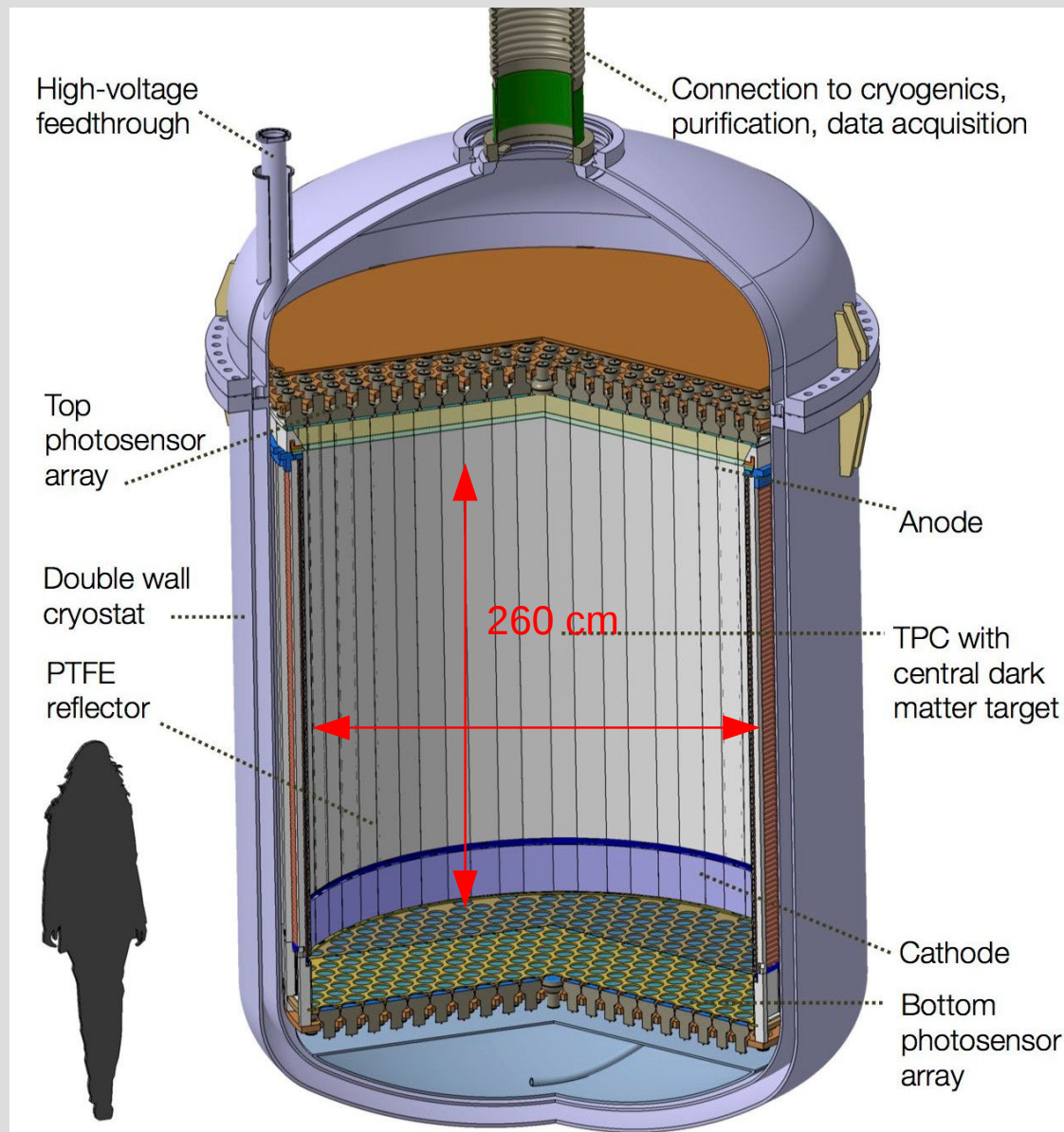


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 - R&D within XENON collaboration
 - **new: two ERC projects**
 - ULTIMATE* (Freiburg)
 - Xenoscope* (Zürich)



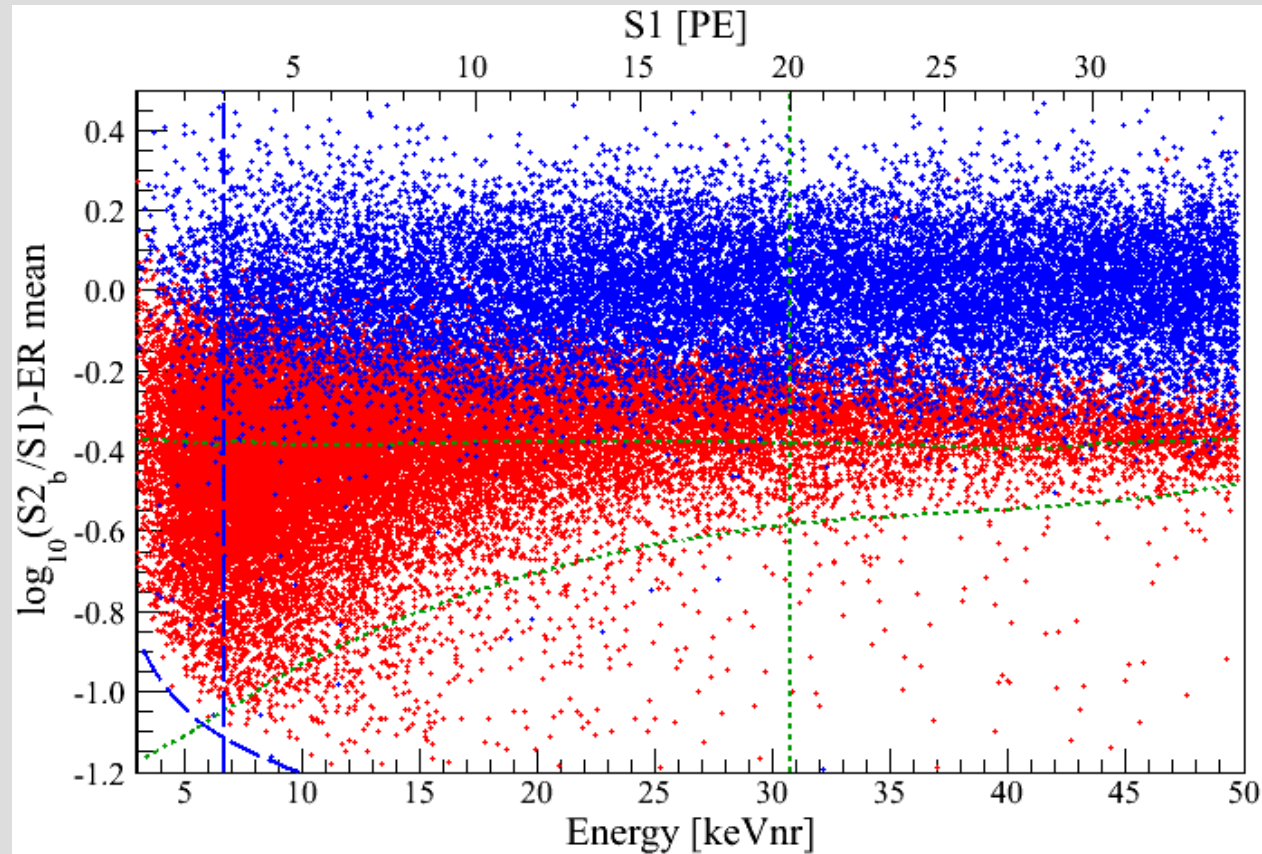
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other than WIMPs

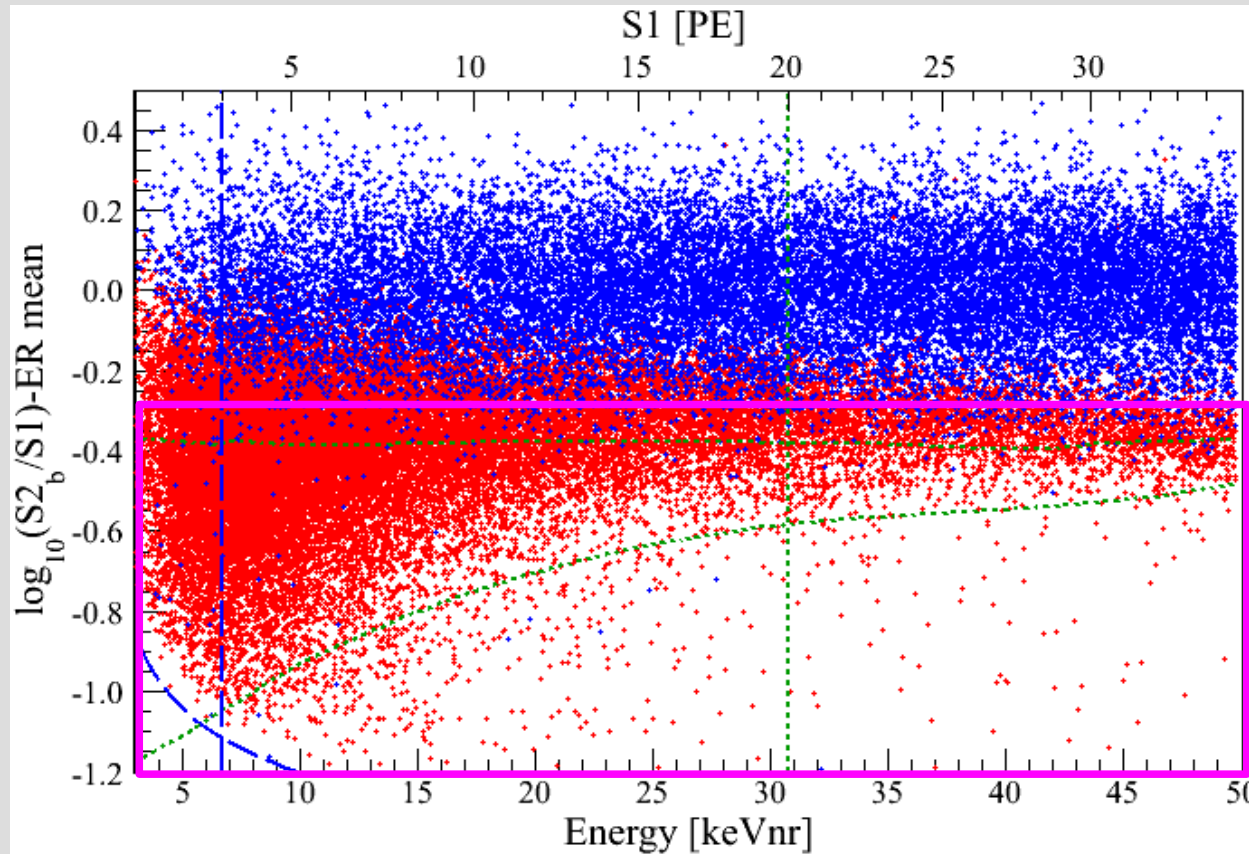
What **(else)** can
we do with these
instruments?

Interactions in LXe Detectors



from XENON100

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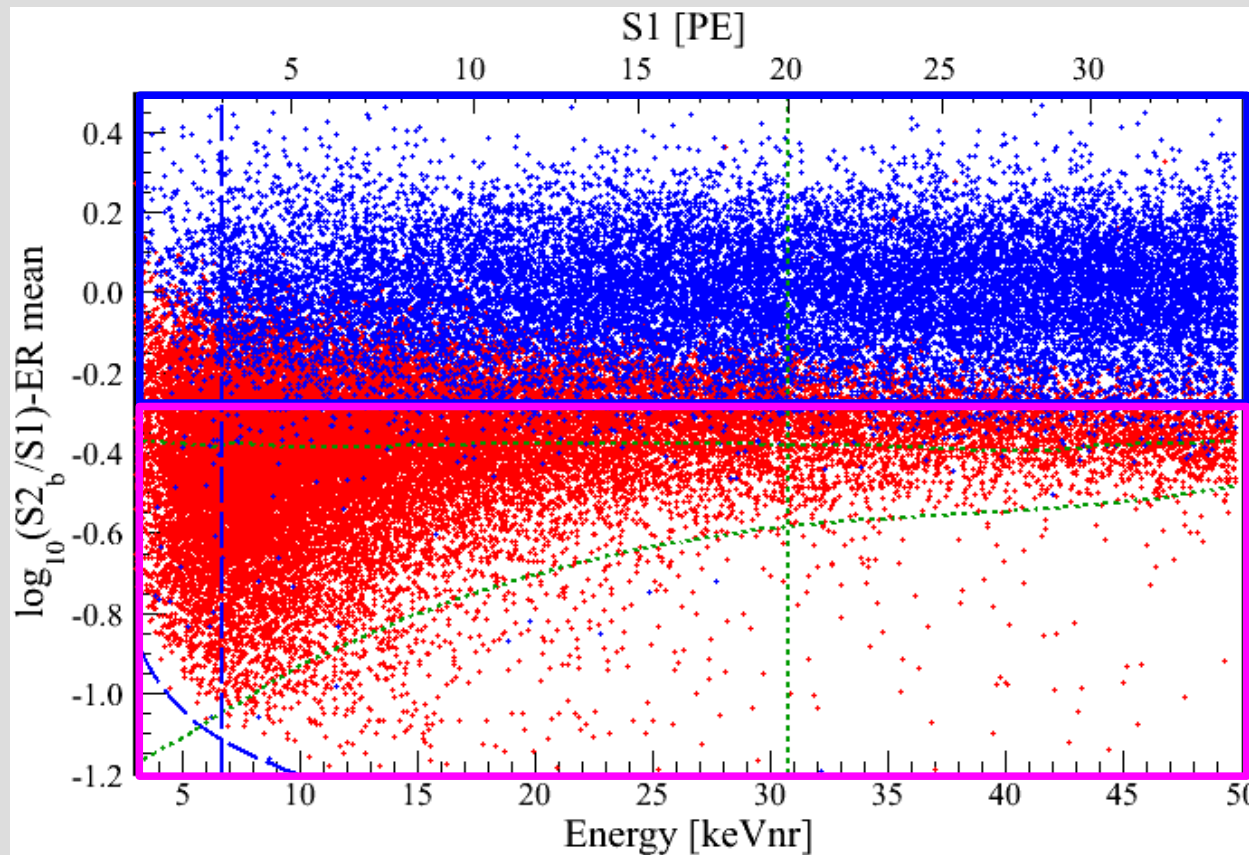
coherent scattering
off xenon nucleus

→ **nuclear recoil**

- Dark Matter
- CNNS

SM process, not yet measured.
Deviation from expectation
→ new physics?

Interactions in LXe Detectors



scattering off atomic electrons, excitations etc.

→ **electronic recoil**

- rare processes detectable if ER background is low

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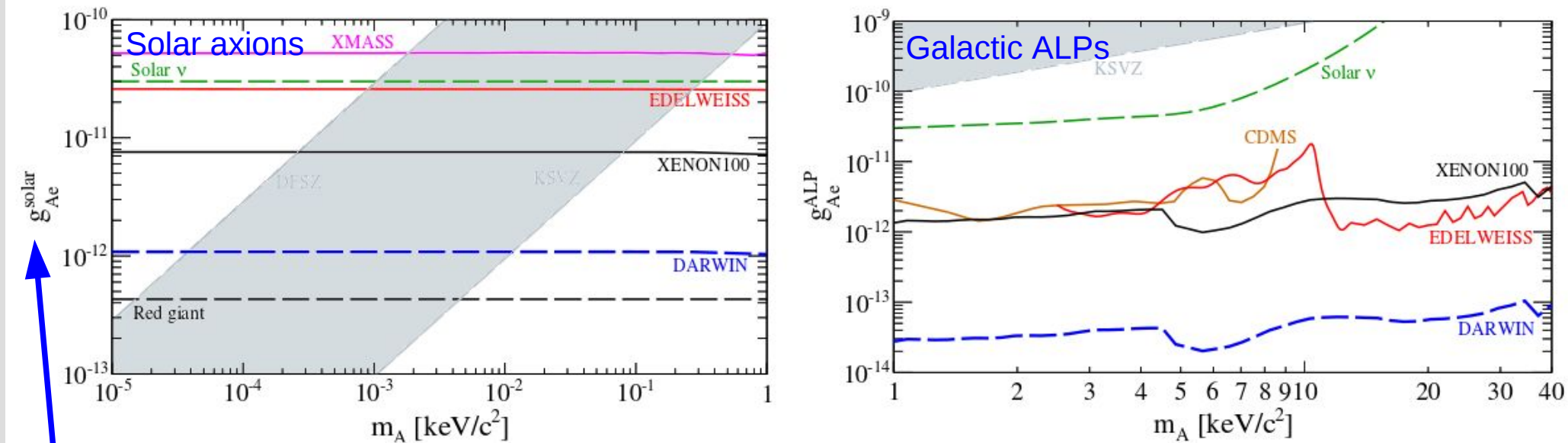
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Many **science channels** are accessible with a multi-ton DARWIN detector thanks to its extremely low ER background.

Solar Axions, Dark Matter ALPs

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Axions and ALPs couple to xenon via **axio-electric-effect**

$$\sigma_{Ae}(E_A) = \sigma_{pe}(E_A) \frac{g_{Ae}^2}{\beta_A} \frac{3E_A^2}{16\pi\alpha m_e^2} \left(1 - \frac{\beta_A}{3}\right)$$

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Axion

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→ well-motivated dark matter candidate

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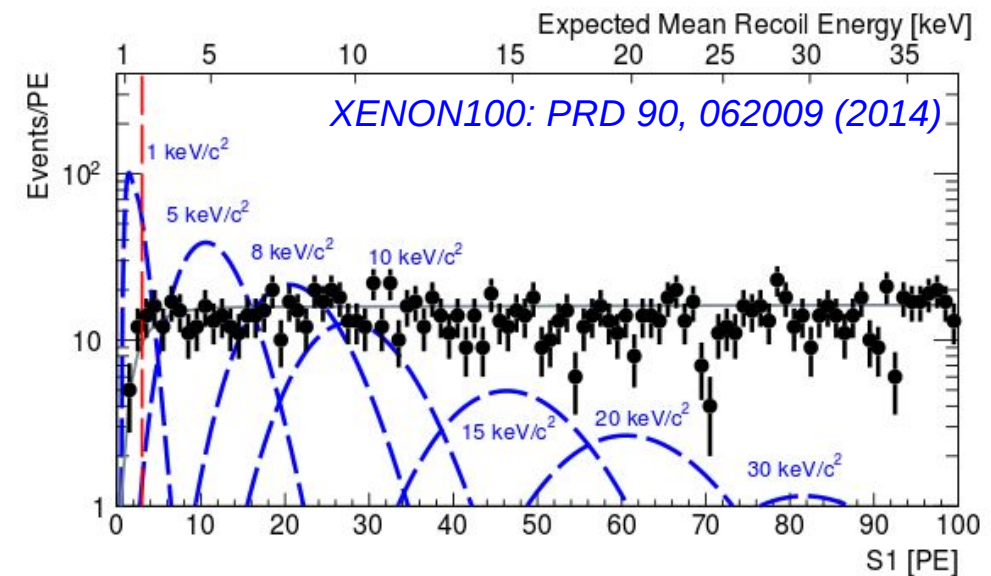
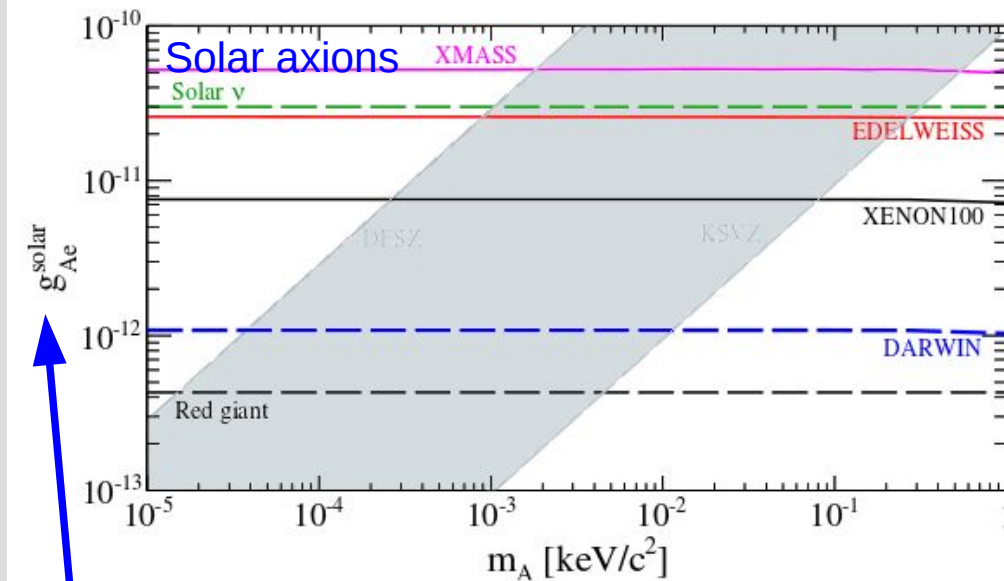
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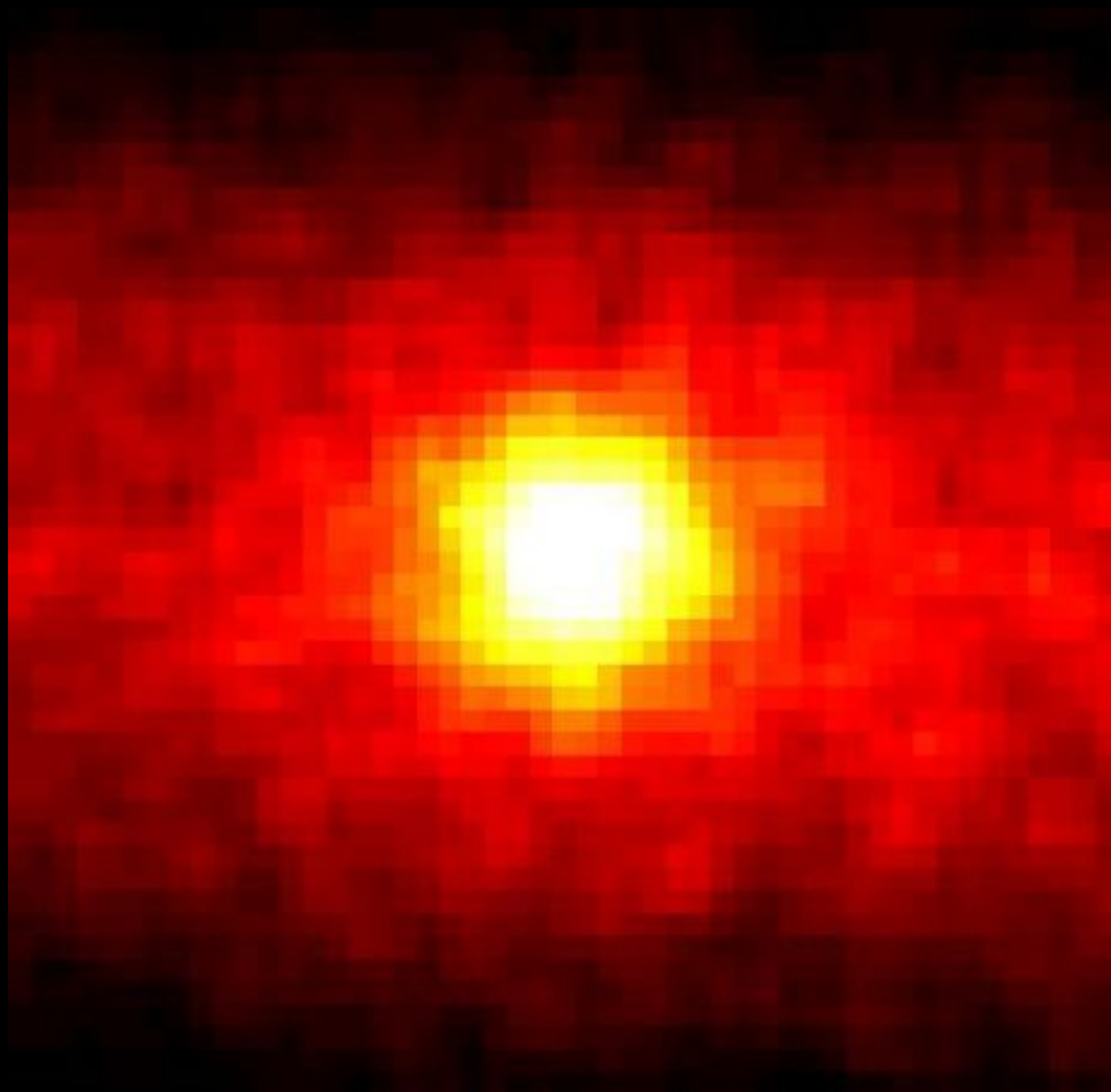
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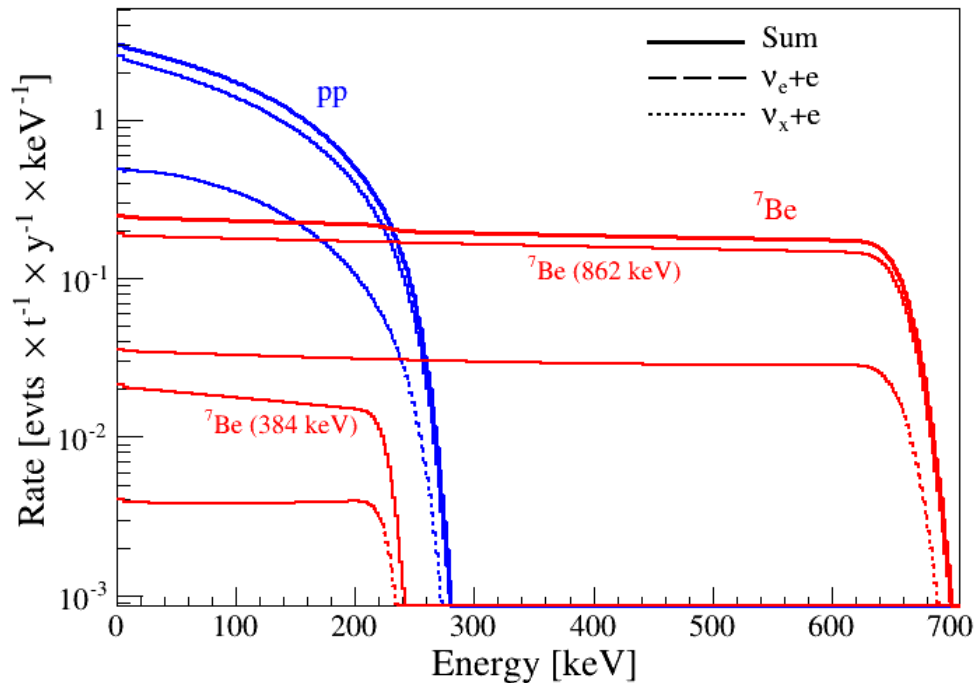
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pp-Neutrinos in DARWIN

JCAP 01, 044 (2014)

Differential Recoil Spectrum in Xe



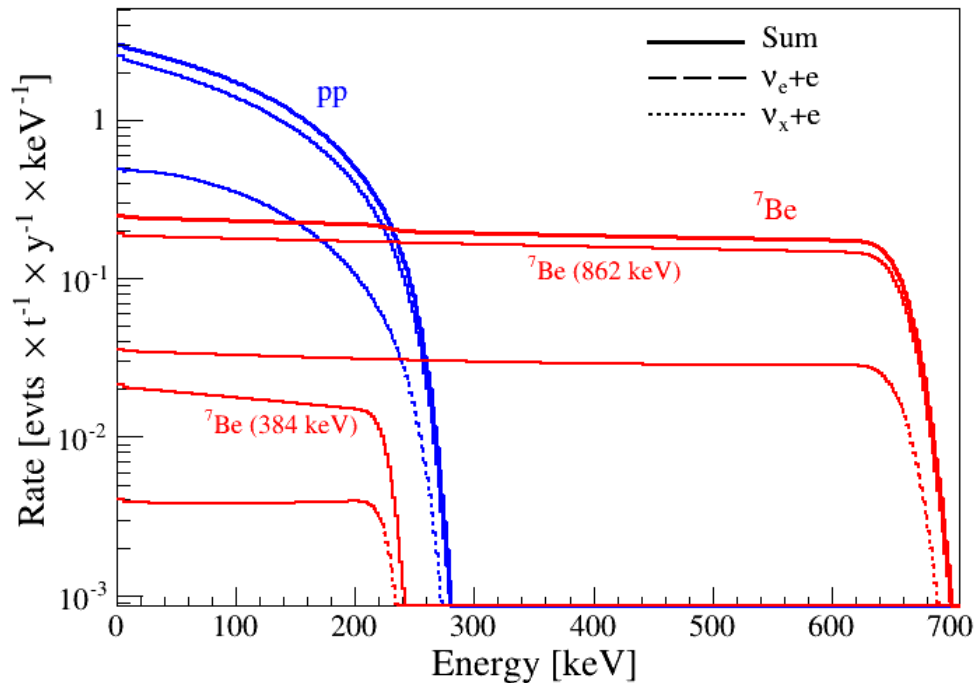
- neutrinos interact with Xe electrons
→ electronic recoil signature
- continuous recoil spectrum
→ largest rate at low E

pp-Neutrinos in DARWIN

a background for the WIMP search

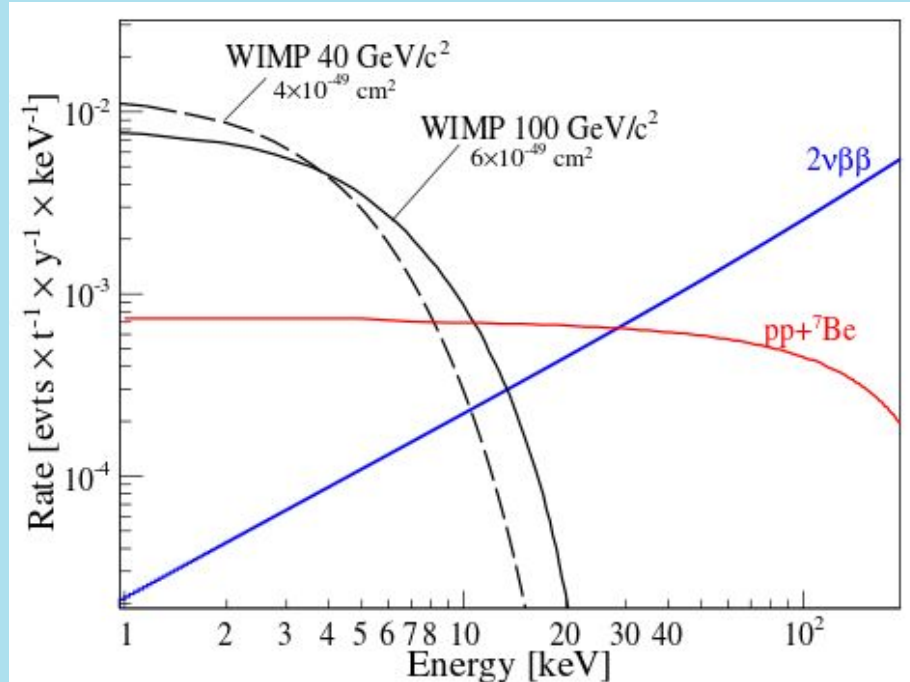
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Neutrino interactions



- ER rejection efficiencies $\sim 99.98\%$ at 30% NR efficiency are required to reduce to sub-dominant level

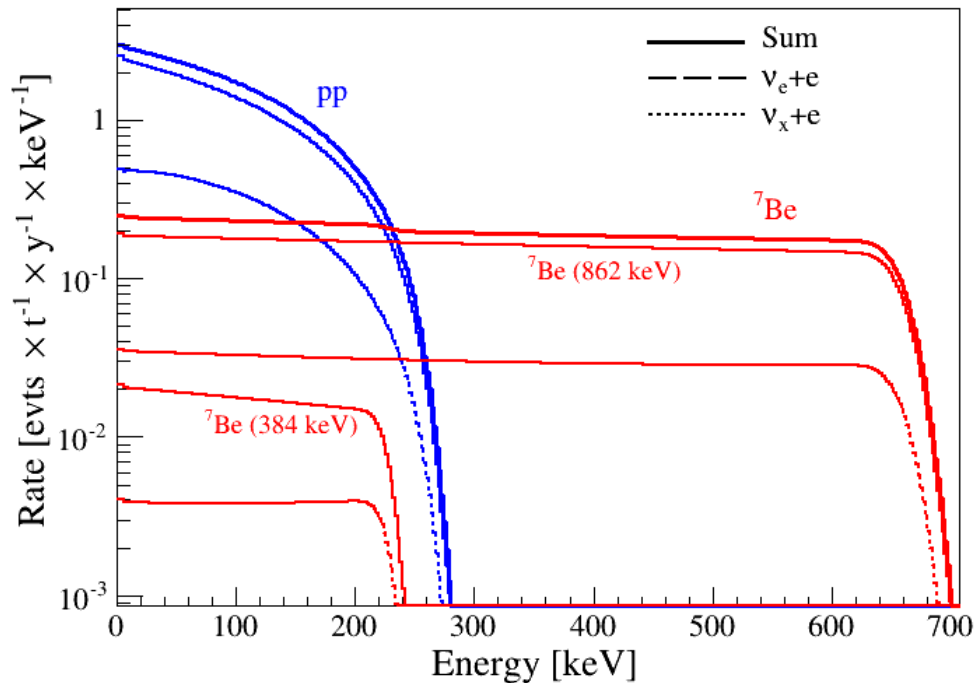
pp-Neutrinos in DARWIN



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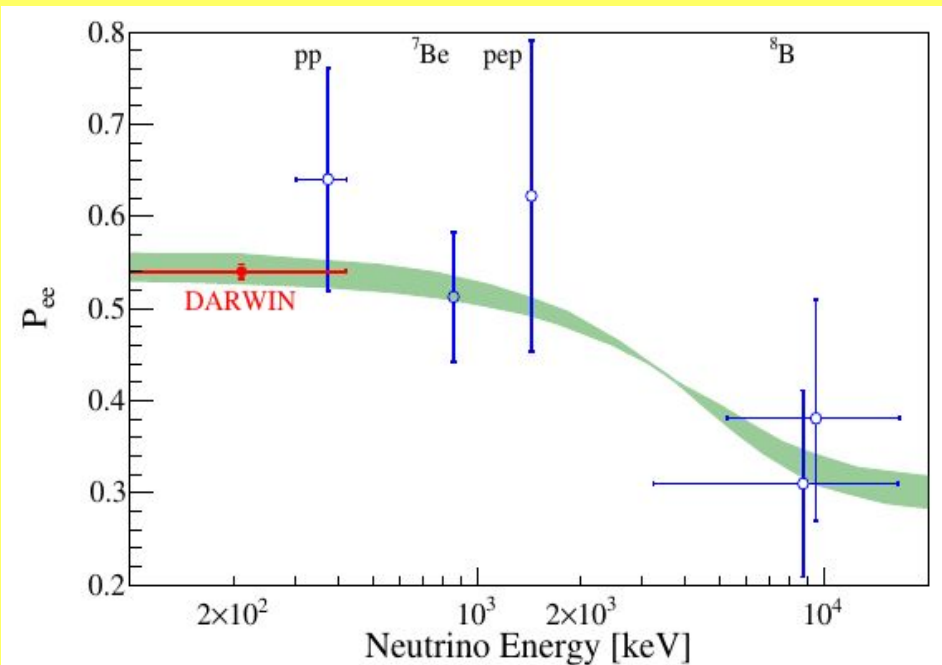
a new physics channel!

Differential Recoil Spectrum in Xe



- neutrinos interact with Xe electrons
→ electronic recoil signature
- continuous recoil spectrum
→ largest rate at low E
→ $\sim 0.26 \nu$ evts/t/d in low-E region (2-30 keV)

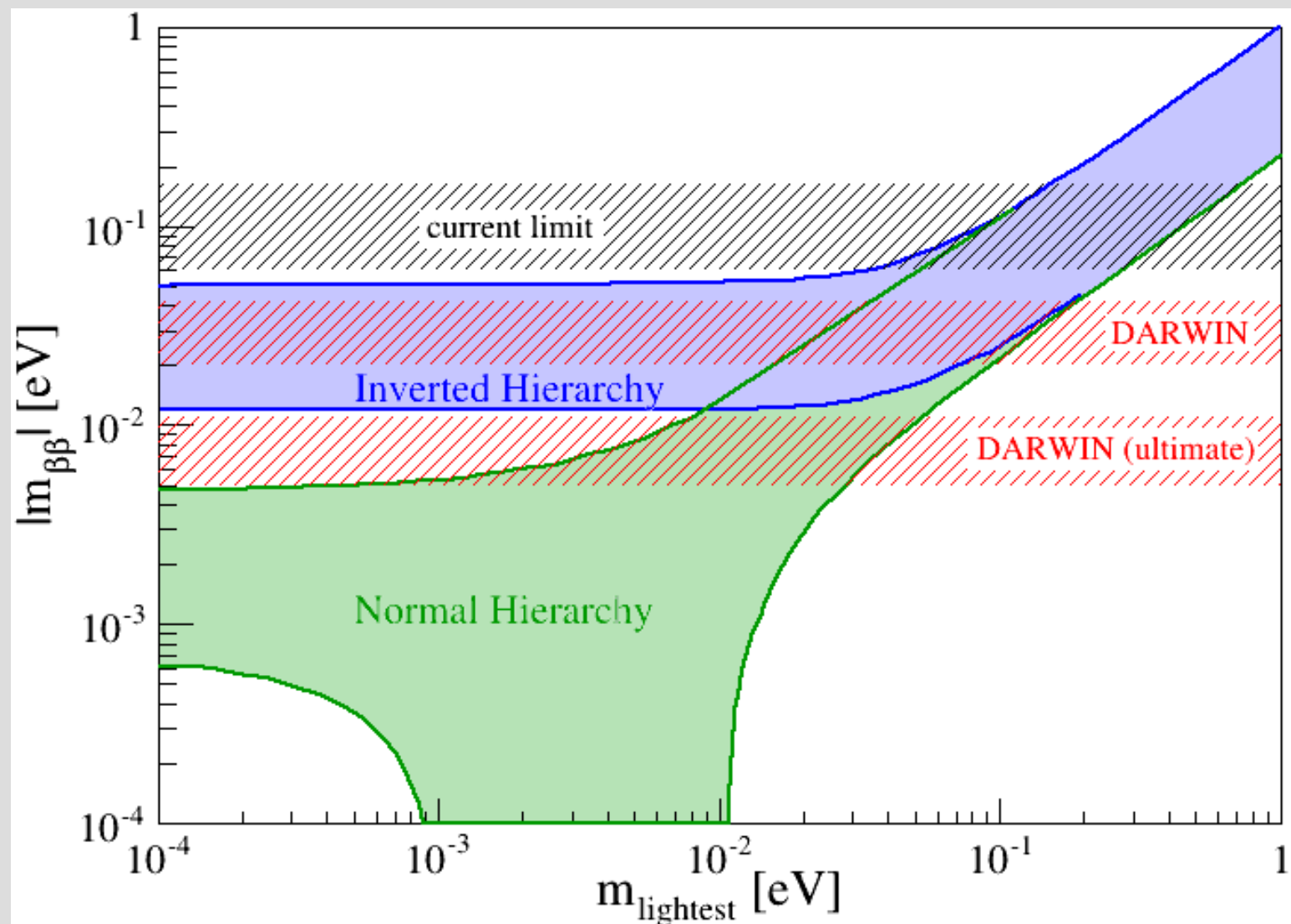
Neutrino interactions



- 30t target mass, 2-30 keV window
→ 2850 neutrinos per year (89% pp)
→ achieve 1% statistical precision
on pp-flux ($\rightarrow P_{ee}$) with 100 t $\times$ y

0ν Double-beta Decay

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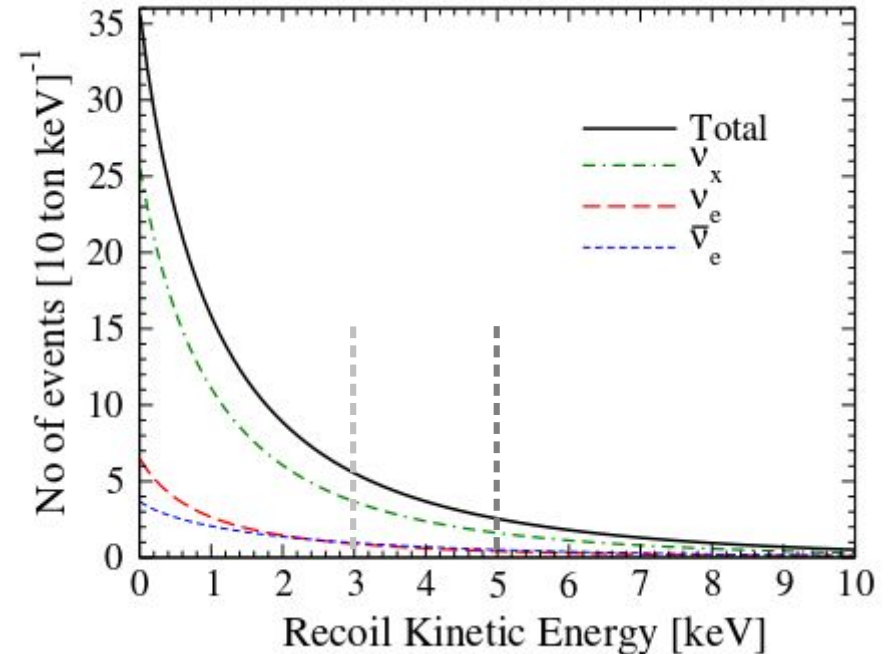
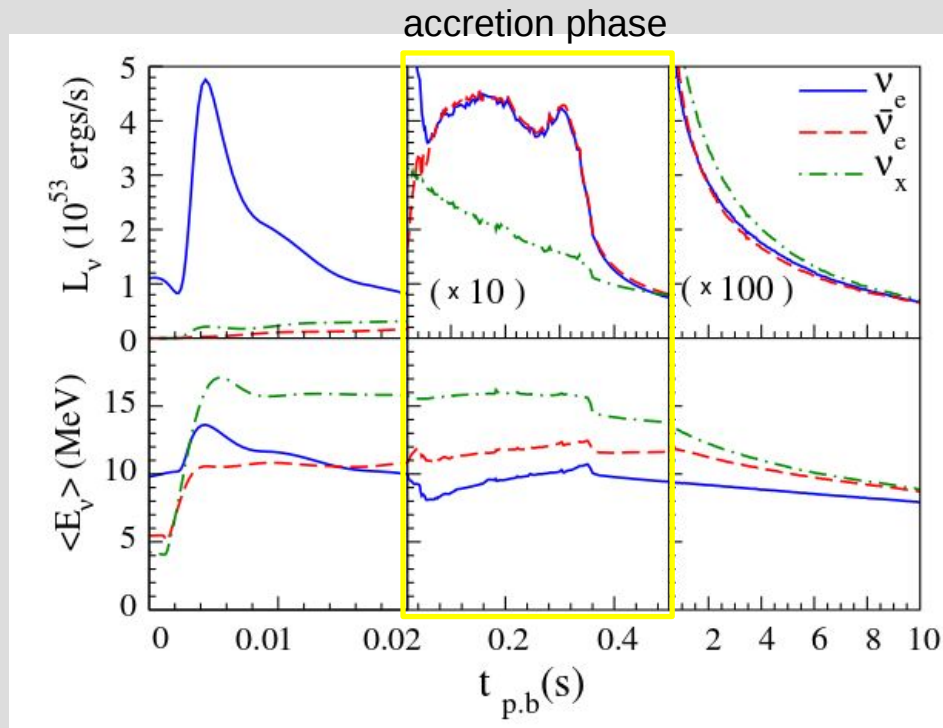
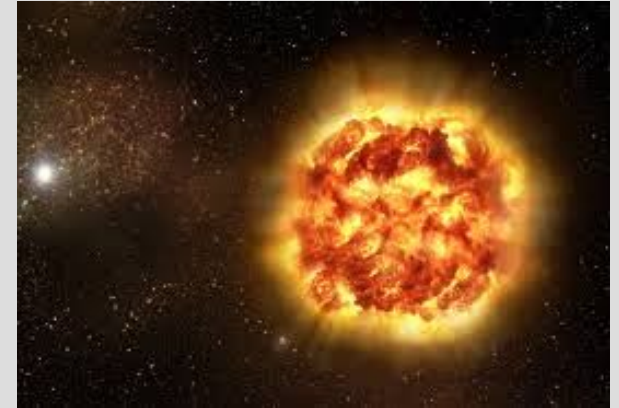


Supernova Neutrinos

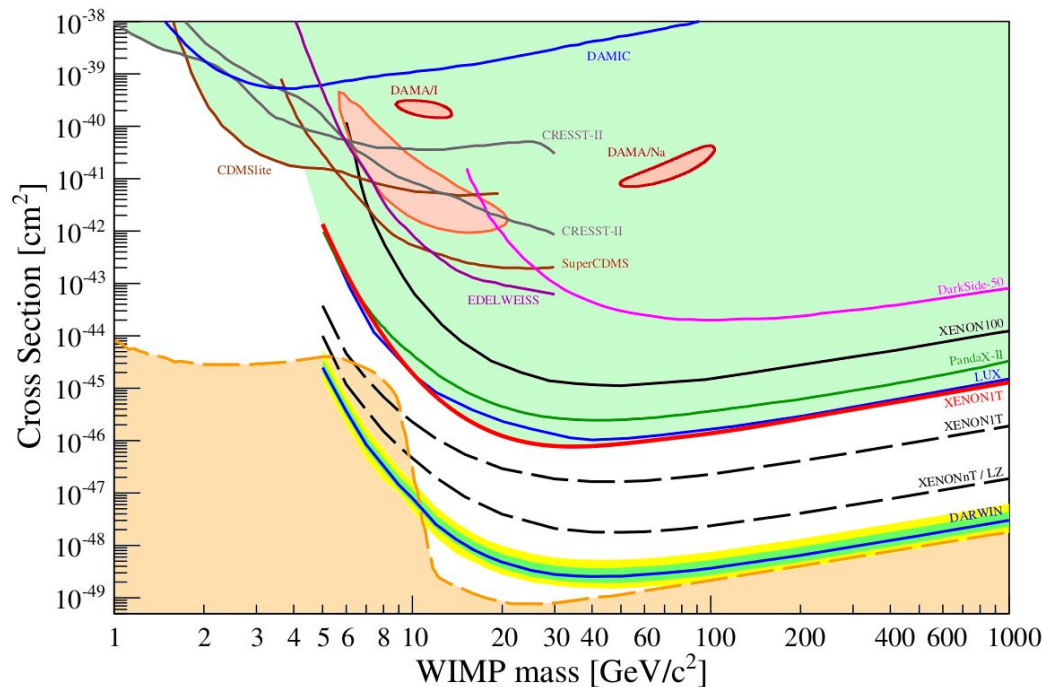
Chakraborty et al., PRD 89, 013011 (2014)

Lang et al., PRD 94, 103009 (2016)

- ν from supernovae could be detected via CNNS as well
- signal from accretion phase of a $\sim 18 M_{\text{sun}}$ supernova @ 10 kpc is clearly visible in DARWIN
- signal: NRs plus precise time information
- challenge: threshold



DARWIN – exciting prospects



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Science with a 40 t LXe TPC

Nuclear Recoil Interactions

WIMP dark matter [JCAP 10, 016 \(2015\)](#)

- spin-independent **mid/high** mass
- spin-dependent
 - complementary with LHC, indirect search
- various inelastic models (χ , n , $MiDM$, ...)

Coherent neutrino-nucleon scattering (CNNS)

- ^8B neutrinos (low E), atmospheric (high E)
- supernova neutrinos

[PRD 89, 013011 \(2014\)](#), [PRD 94, 103009 \(2016\)](#)

Electronic Recoil Interactions

Non-WIMP dark matter and neutrino physics

- axions, ALPs [JCAP 1611, 017 \(2016\)](#)
- sterile neutrinos
- pp , ^7Be : precision flux measurements
 $<1\%$ [JCAP 01, 044 \(2014\)](#)

Rare nuclear events

- $0\nu\beta\beta$ (^{136}Xe), $2\nu\text{EC}$ (^{134}Xe), ...

[JCAP 01, 044 \(2014\)](#)