

Galactic Signatures and Directional Detection of Dark Matter Particles

- CYGNUS & probing below the neutrino floor



Neil Spooner, University of Sheffield

- ▶ **Direct Search Update**
- ▶ **Annual Modulation and Directionality**
- ▶ **from DM-ICE and DRIFT to COSINE-NaI and CYGNUS-TPC**

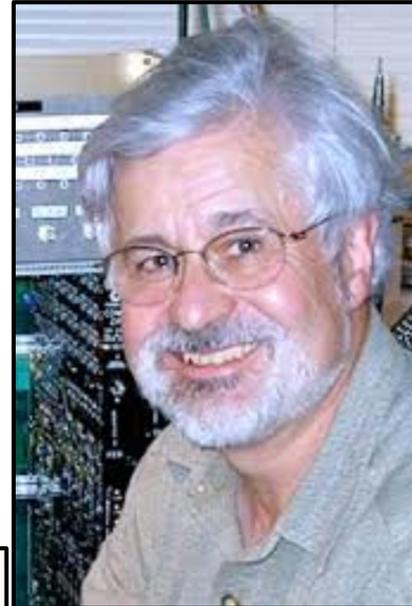
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Characters of Discovery



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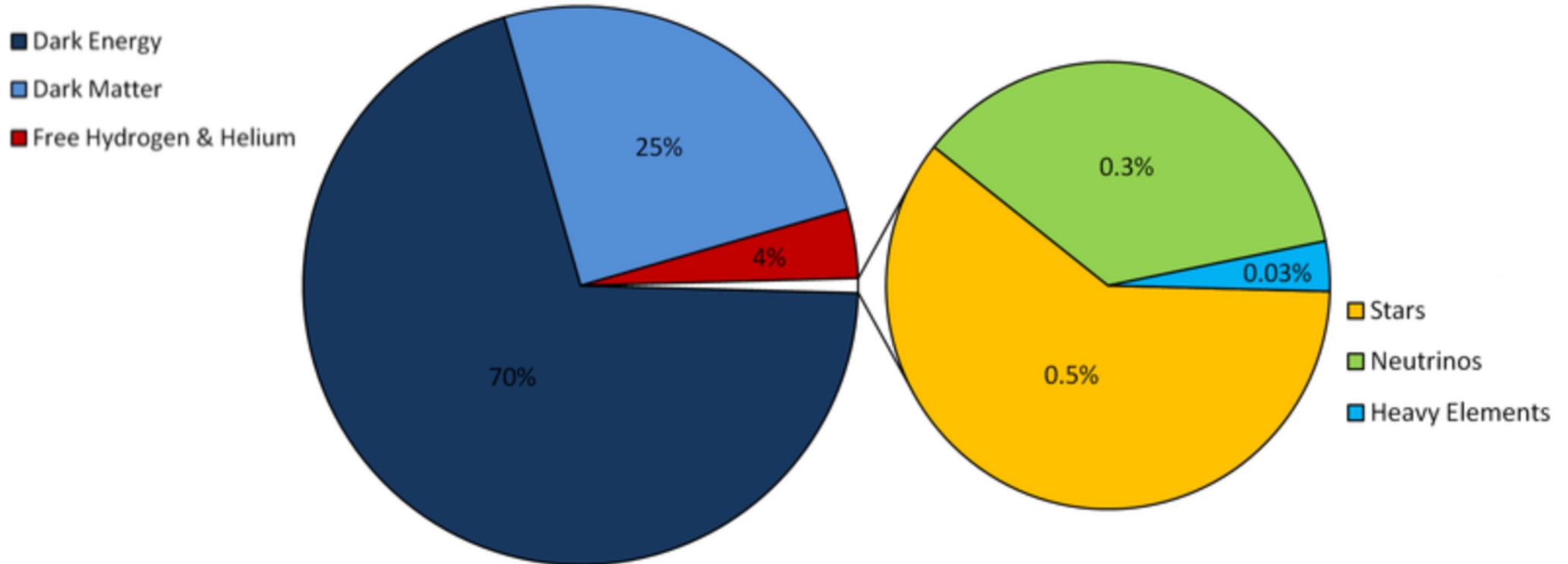
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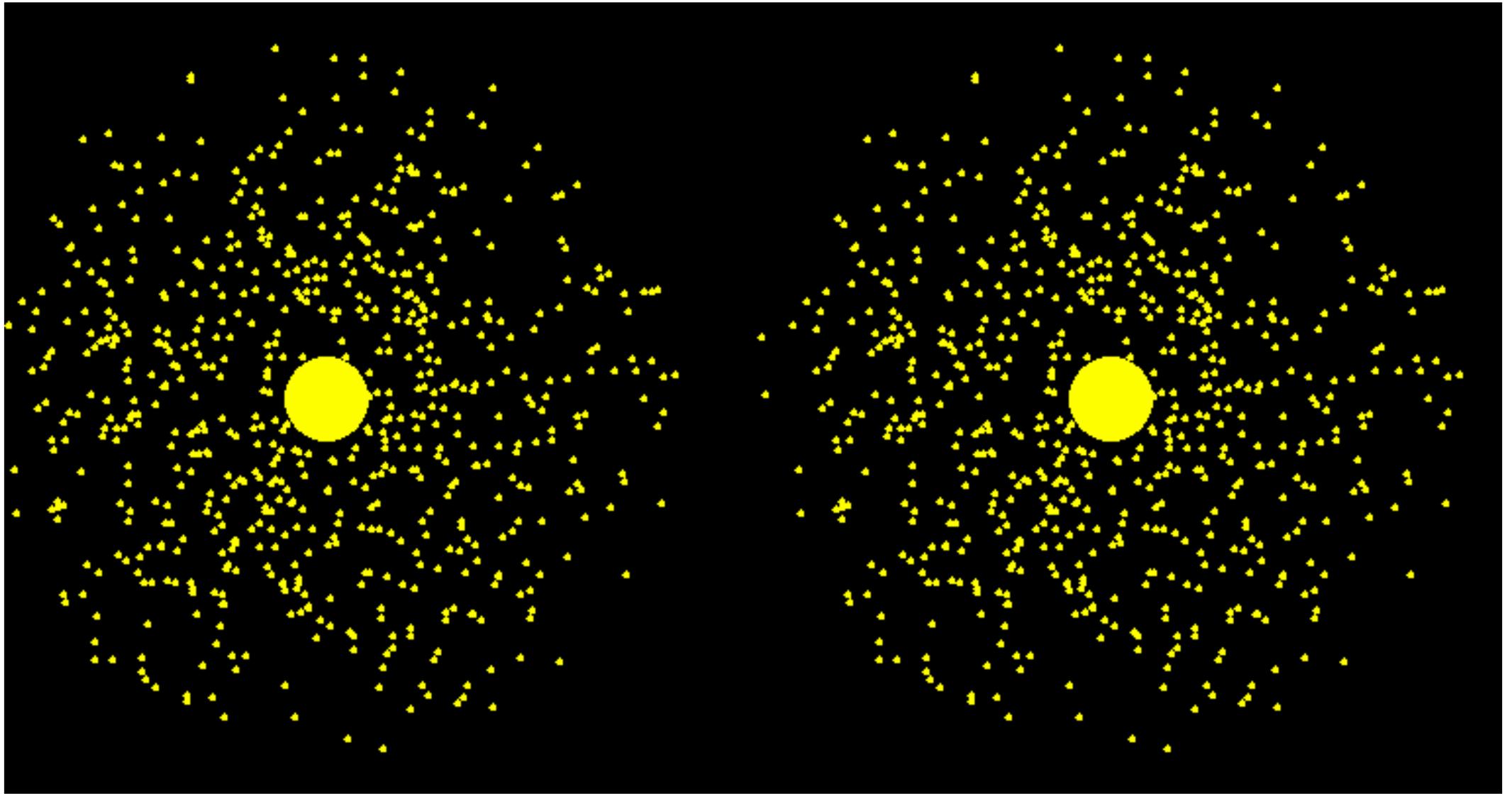
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The Composition of the Universe



Which Galaxy is most like we observe?



So Galaxies are 90% Dark Matter



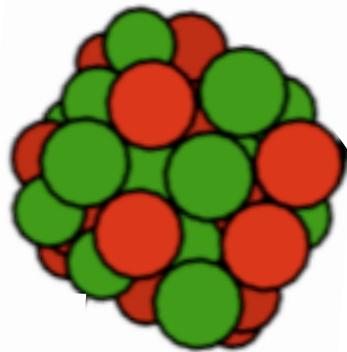


"I can't tell you what's in the dark matter sandwich. No one knows what's in the dark matter sandwich."

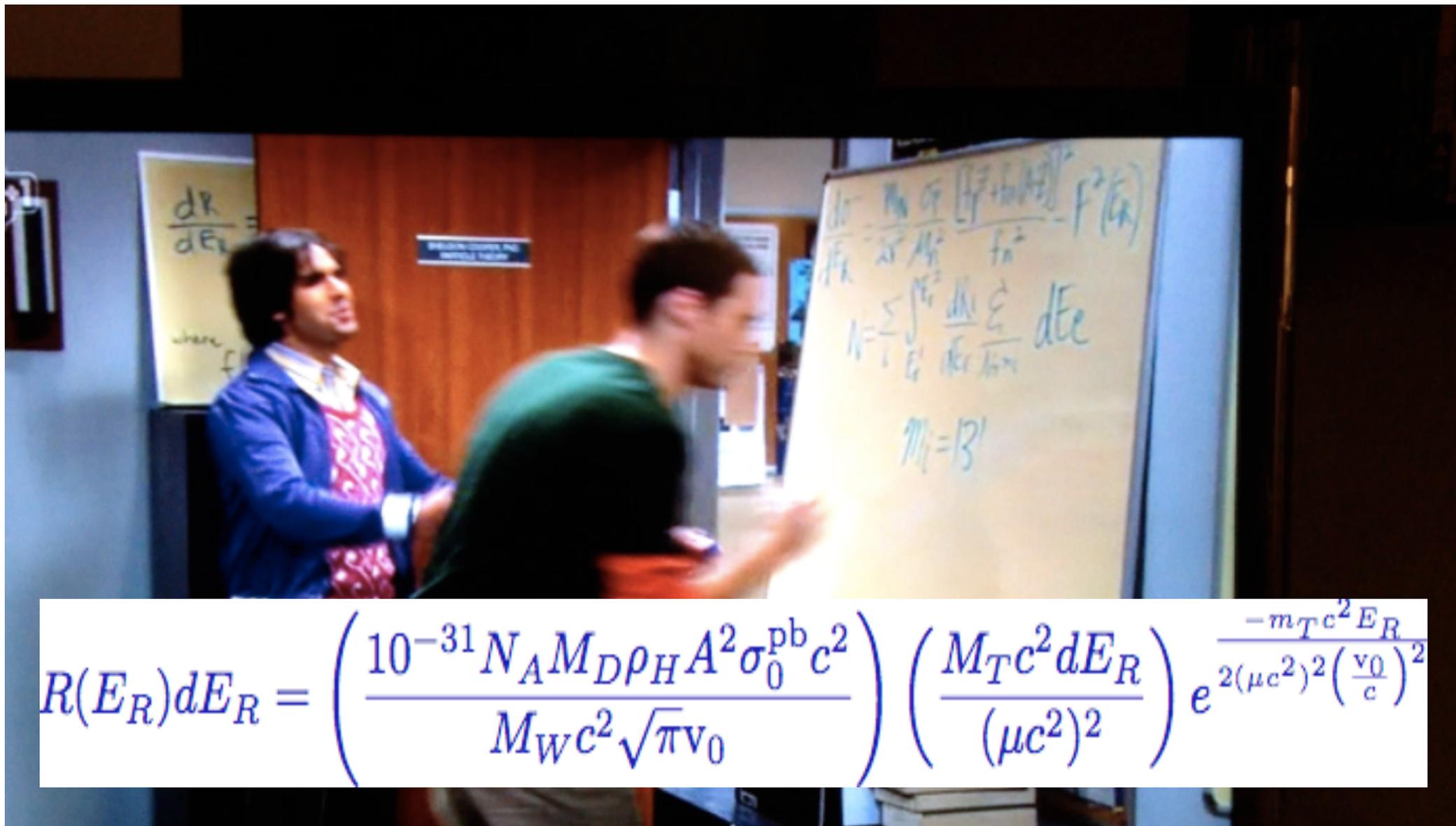
WIMPs!

What a WIMP Does

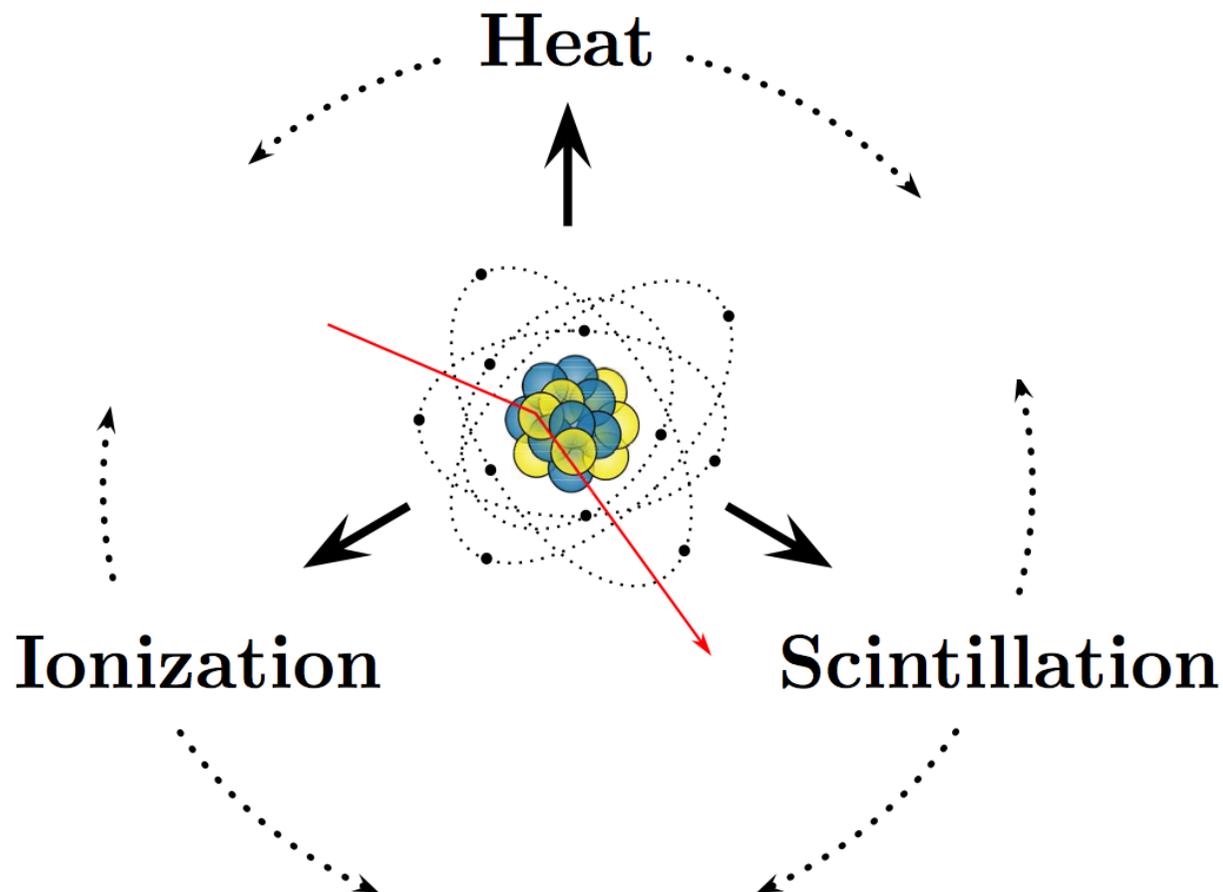
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The Recoil Equation



Conventional WIMP Direct Detection



Dealing with backgrounds drives the technology

- ▶ **Alpha, beta, gamma, neutron, cosmic rays**
- ▶ **U, Th, K.... radon**
- ▶ **Go underground to get away from cosmic rays**

~Current WIMP Situation

► at High Mass

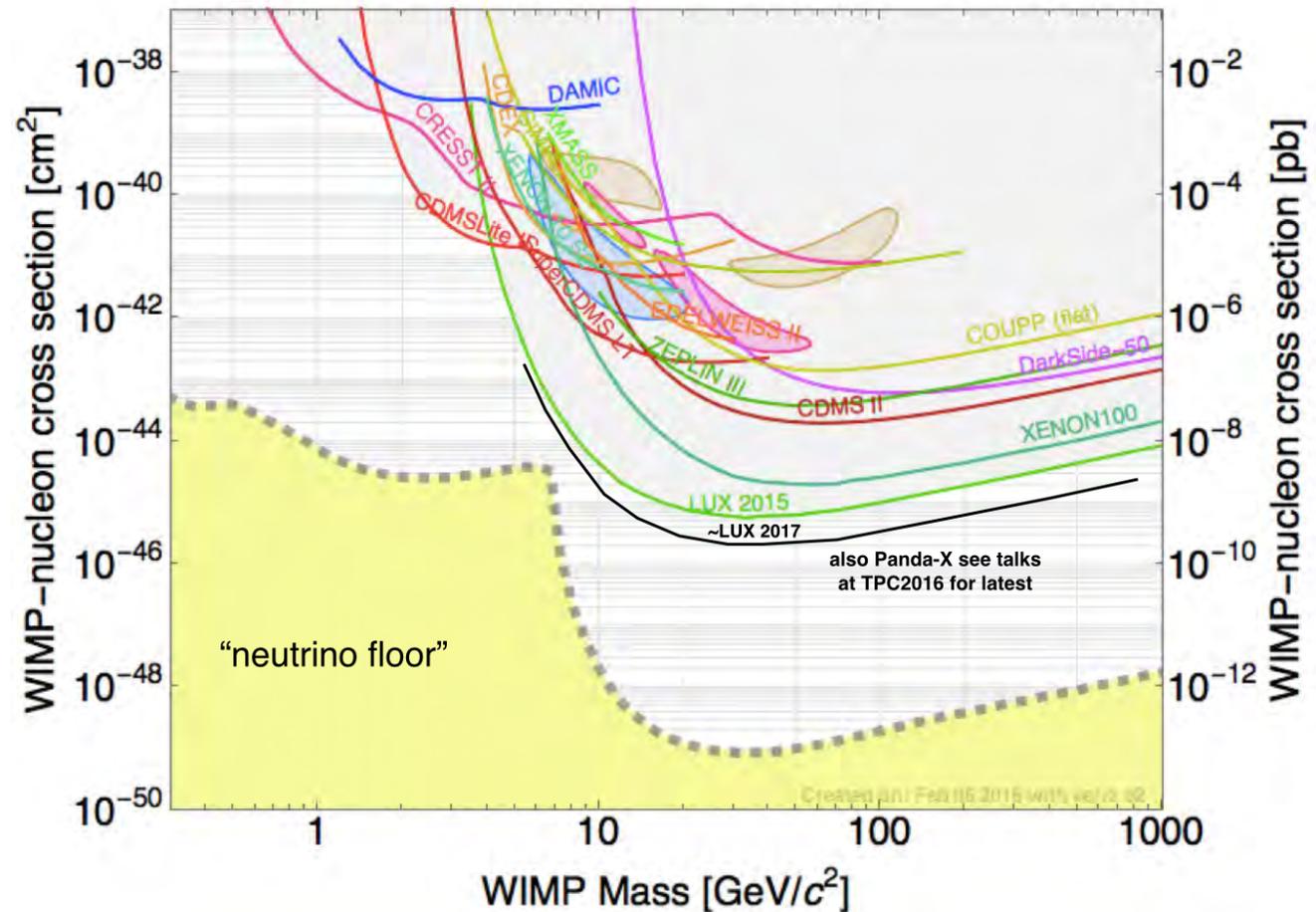
Nothing so far
Consistent with the
absence of SUSY@LHC

► at Low Mass

Some closed contours,
and strong limits

What is going on?

► Are the closed regions a hint or just unreliable calibration



Many Recent Technical Advances

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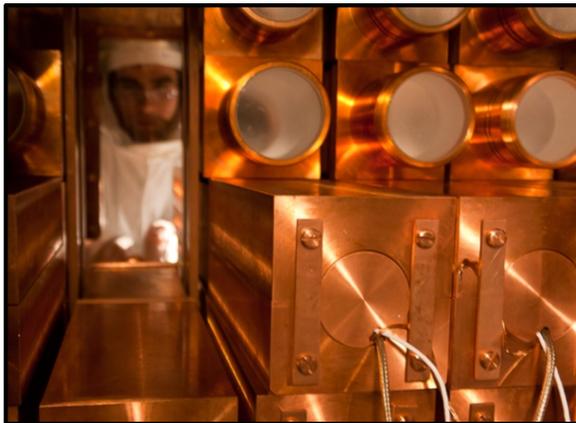
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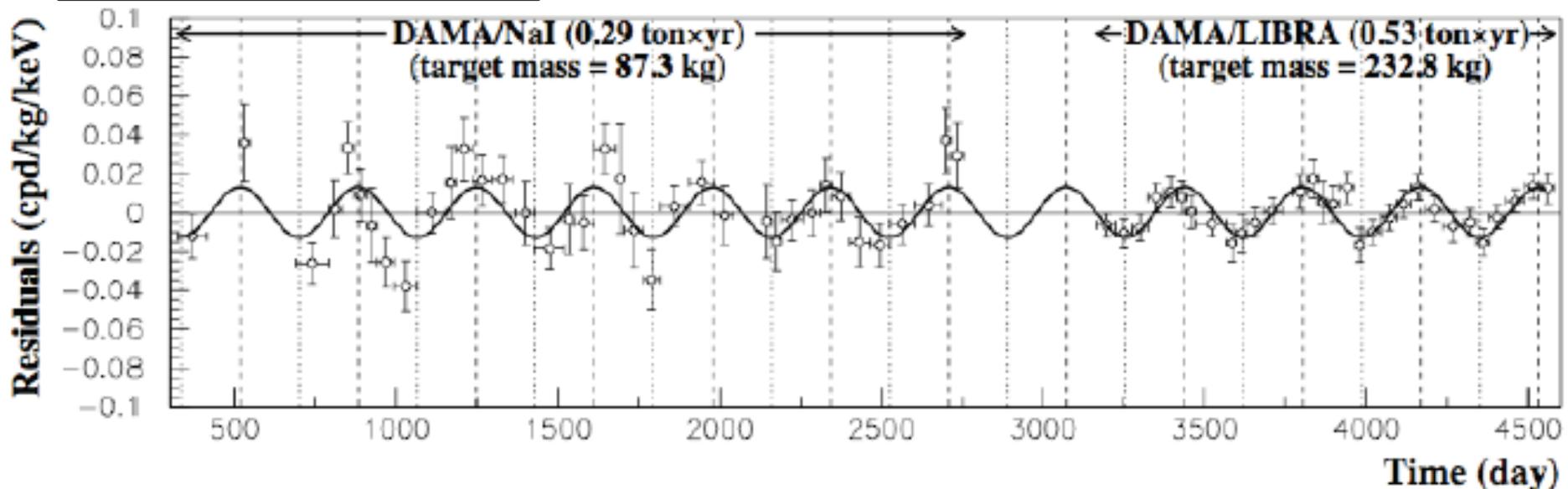
- try low WIMP mass
- try bigger targets for high WIMP mass
- double check old “signals”
- seek better signal
- try something else!

WIMPs Found? or Not?

- ▶ **DAMA collaboration in Italy see an Annual Modulation and claim it is WIMPs!**
- ▶ **Changed Phototubes to high QE - Results 2017?**



Rita Bernabei



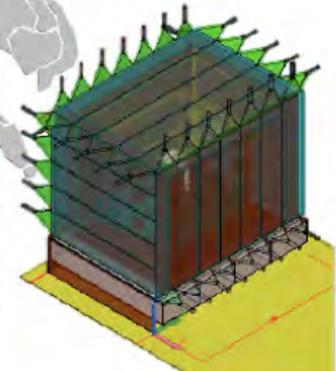
New Annual Modulation Attack

▶ Renewed global efforts of annual modulation in NaI

- ▶ ANAIS (Spain)
- ▶ DM-ICE (US-UK)
- ▶ KIMS (S. Korea)
- ▶ Sabre (US-Italy)

COSINE-NaI

Global NaI(Tl) Collaborative Effort

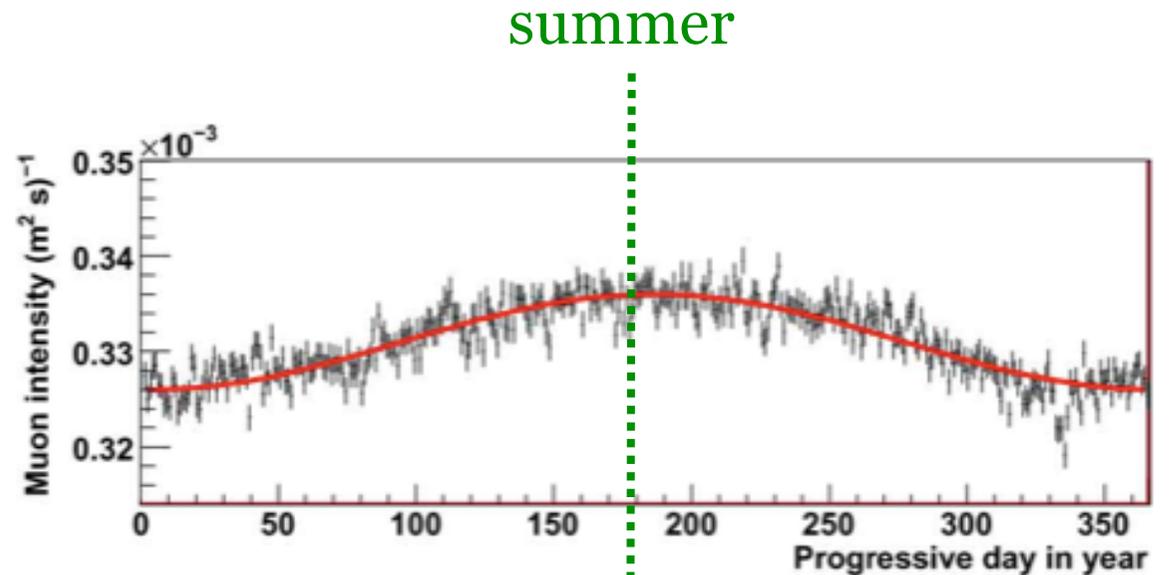


e.g. Muon Modulation North vs. South

Gran Sasso

- LVD:

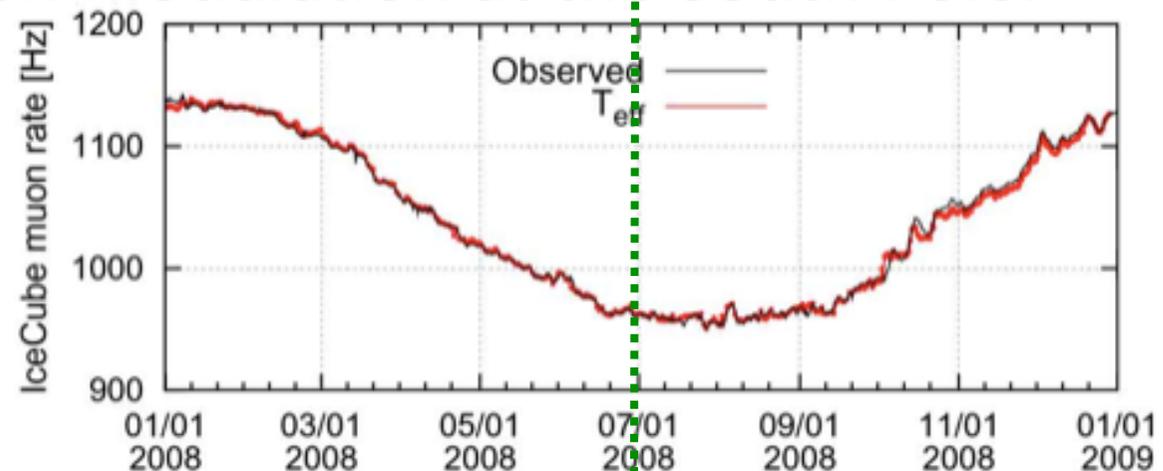
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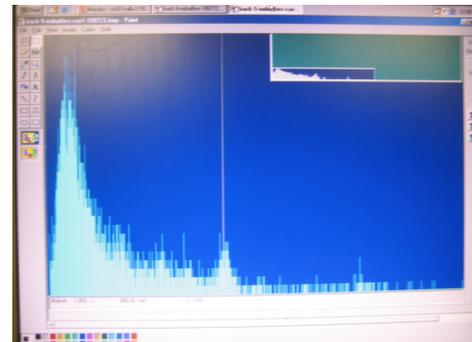
South Pole

- Opposite Muon modulation at the South Pole:

Tilav, Proc. 31st ICRC. (2009)



DM-ICE17 Tests at Boulby, UK

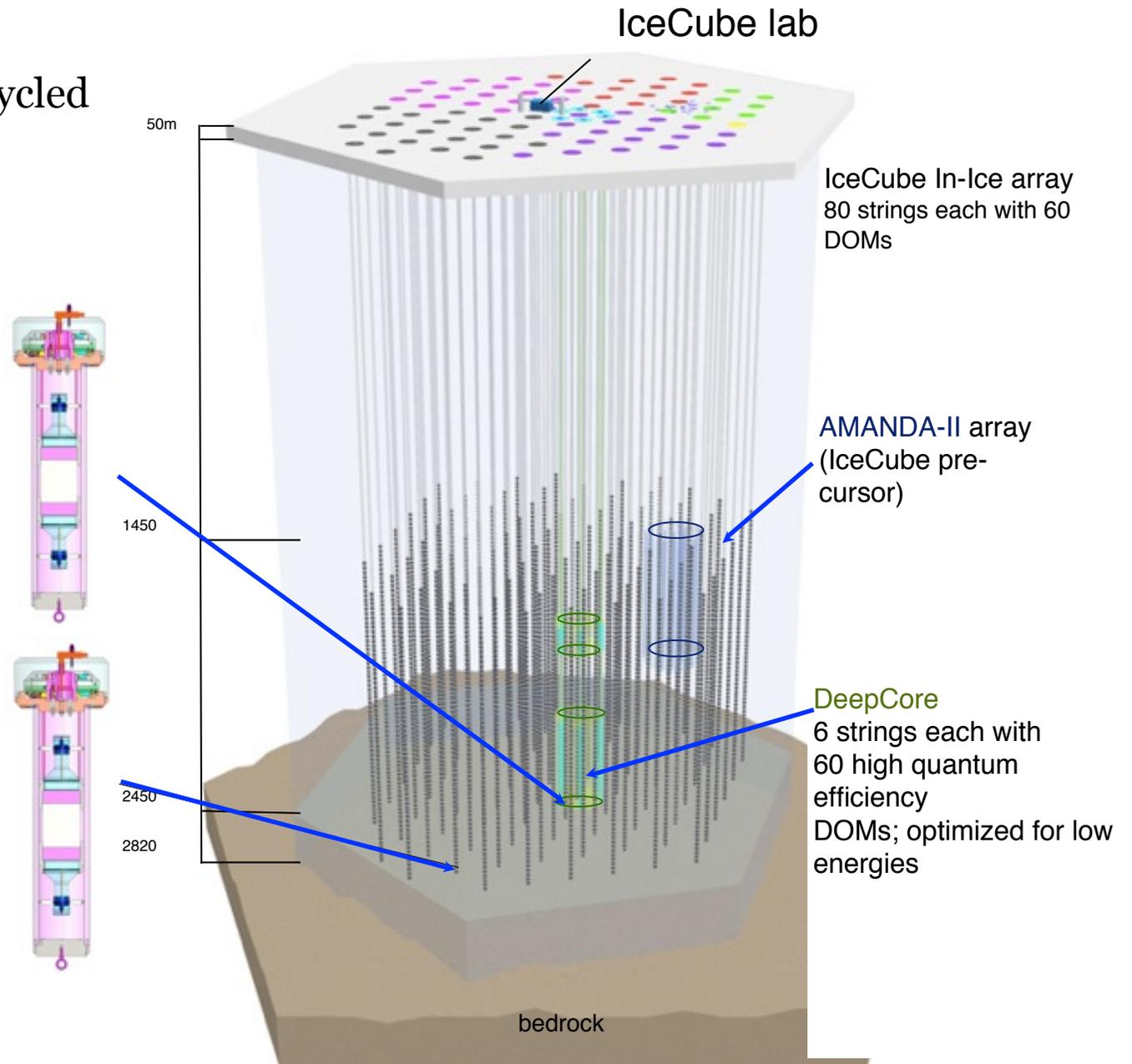
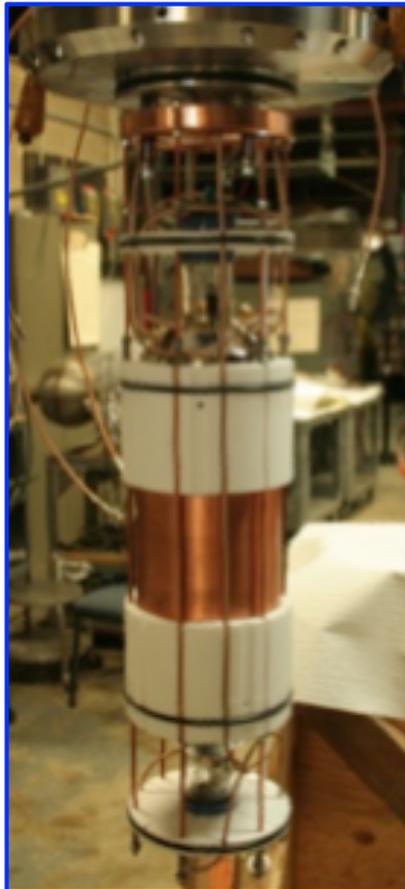


- Two crystals originally used in the NaIAD dark matter experiment

DM-ICE17 Location and Runs

Deployed Dec. 2010

- Two 8.5 kg NaI detectors recycled from the original NAIAD experiment at Boulby
- Operation from Feb. 2011
- Data run from June 2011

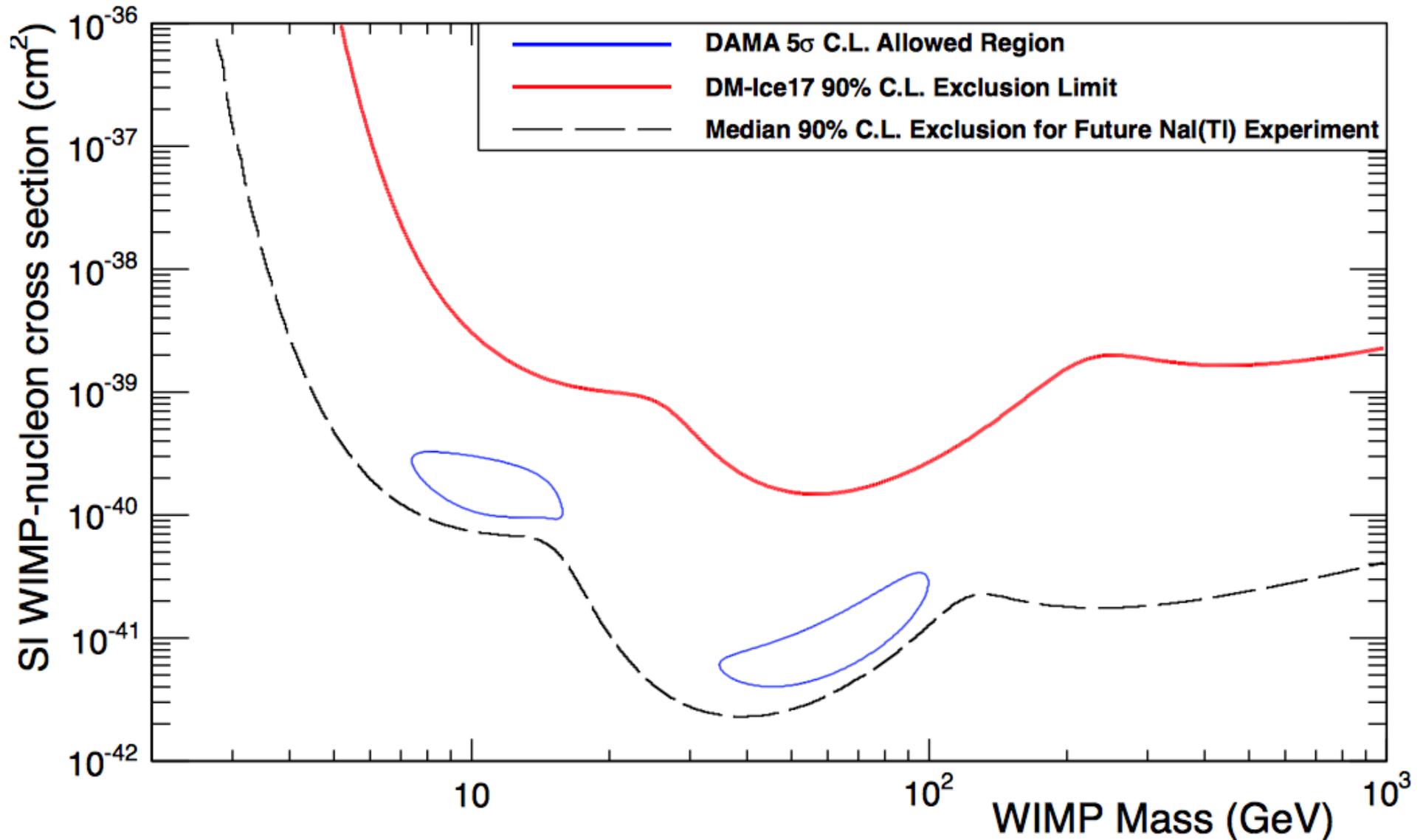


First DM-ICE Result Just Published

► **17 kg, 2.5 km below South Pole**

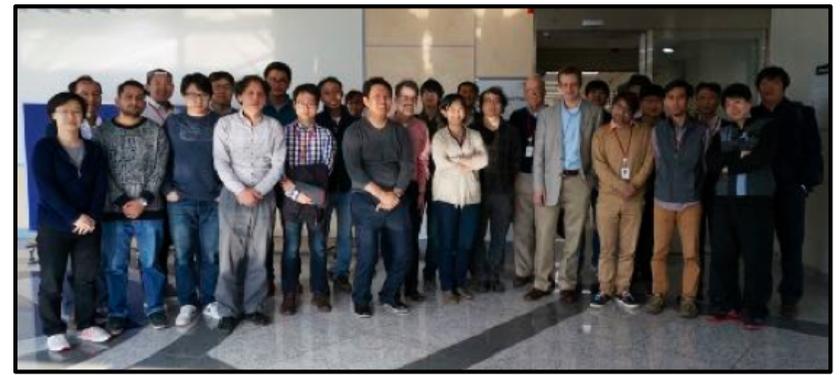
Phys. Rev. D 95, 030001 (2017)

► **First southern hemisphere dark matter result**

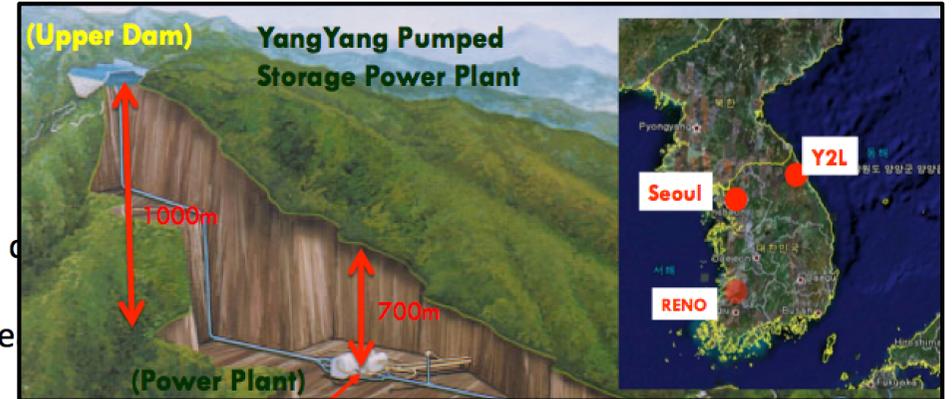
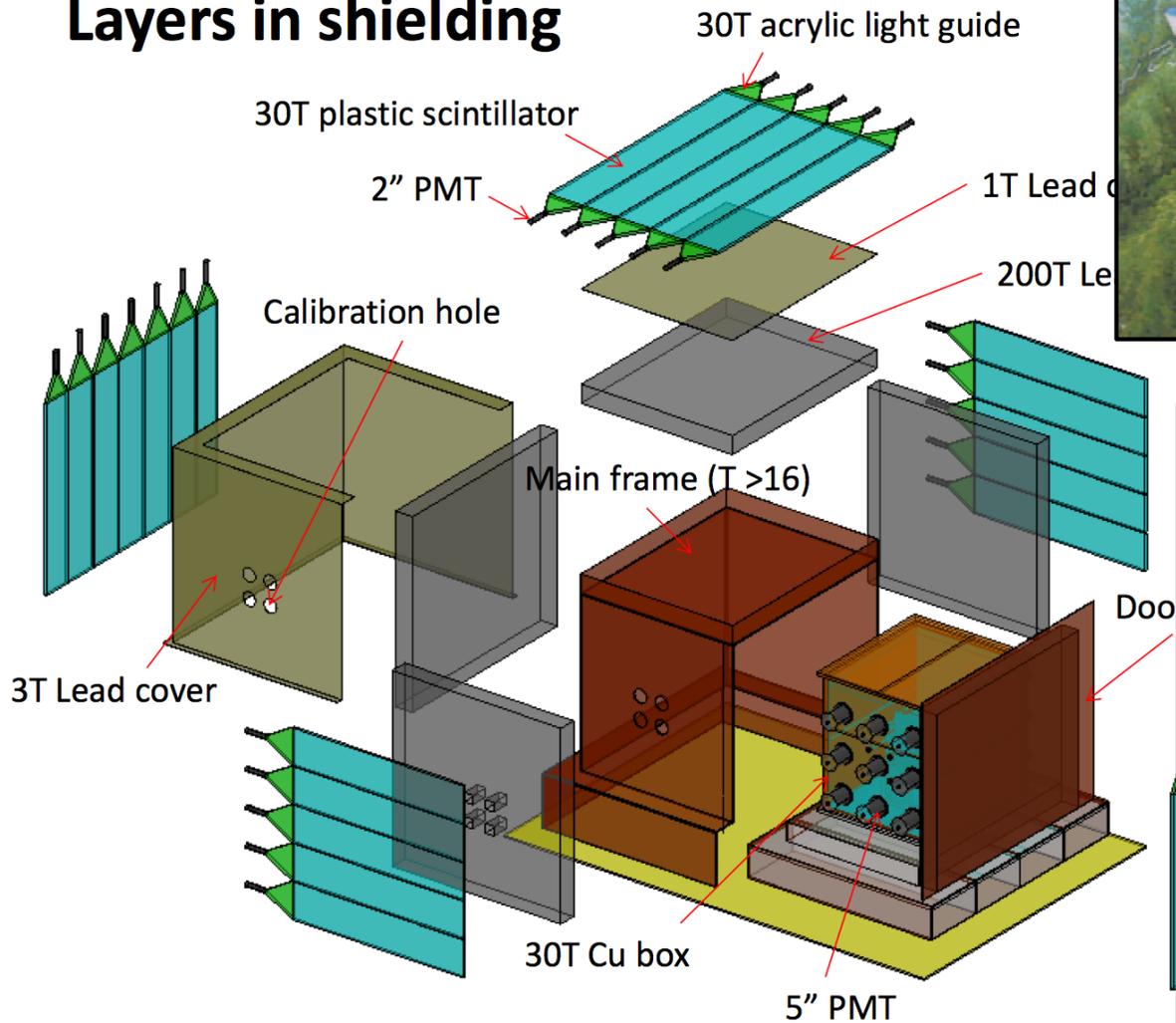


COSINE-100

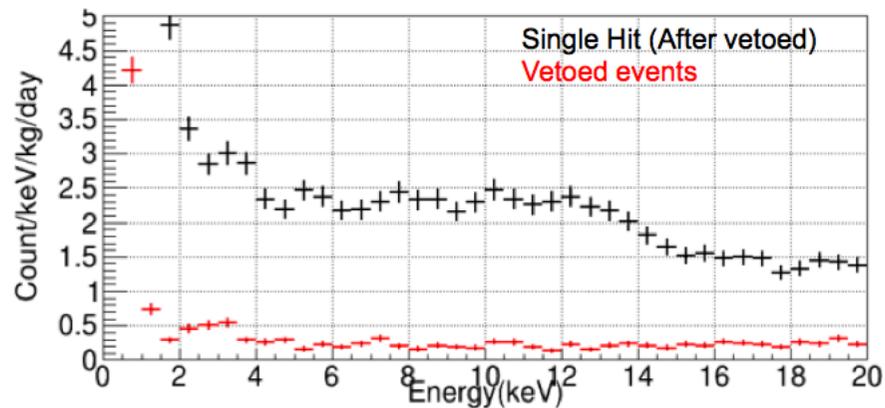
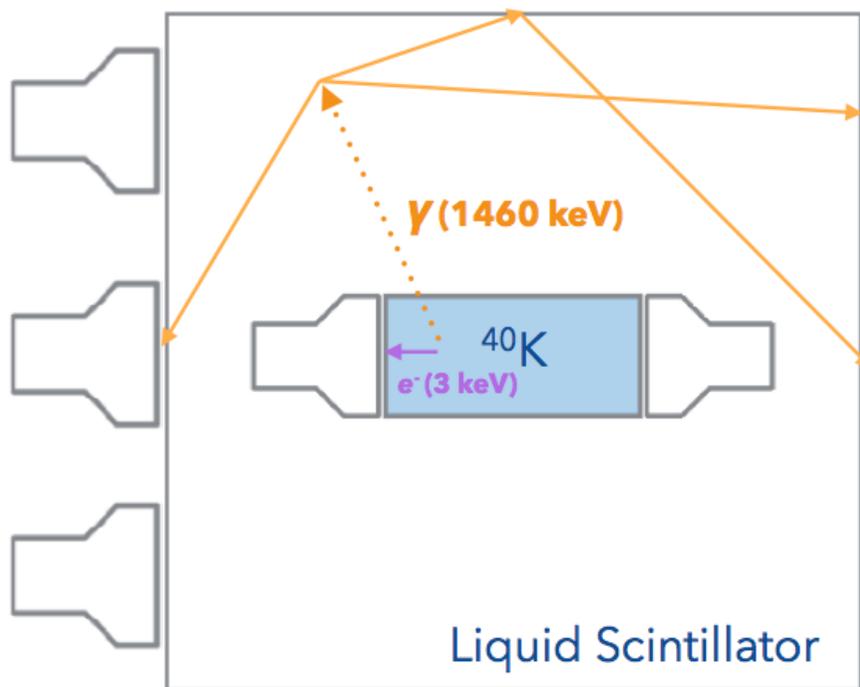
- ▶ Combined DM-ICE/KIMS, YanyYang
- ▶ Data taking since 09/2016
- ▶ 14 Institutes



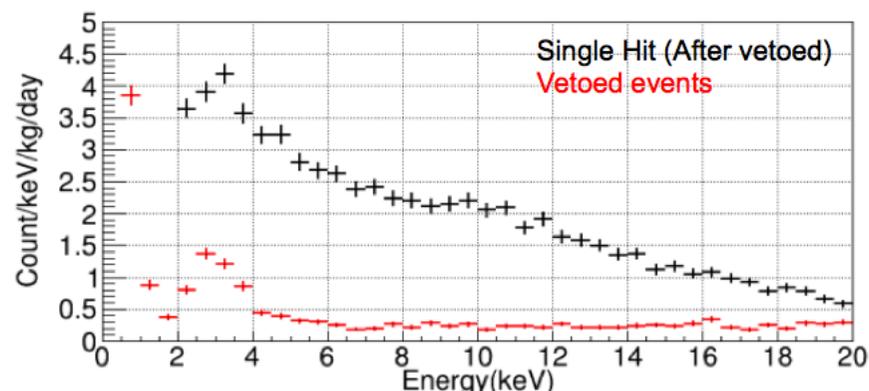
Layers in shielding



COSINE-100 First Data



Crystal 7



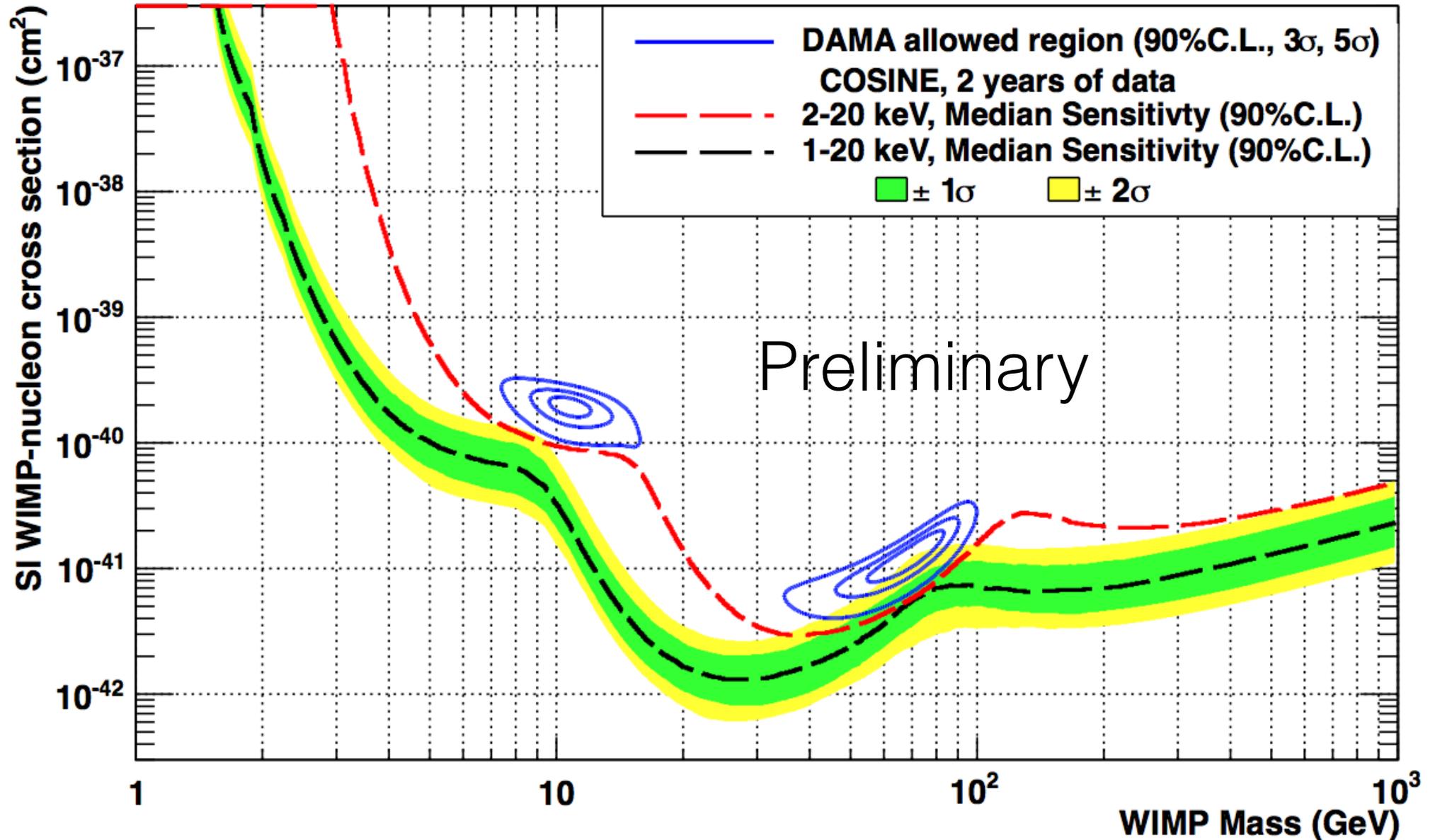
Crystal 4

^{40}K Tagging 1460 keV events with LS enables to veto 3 keV background events

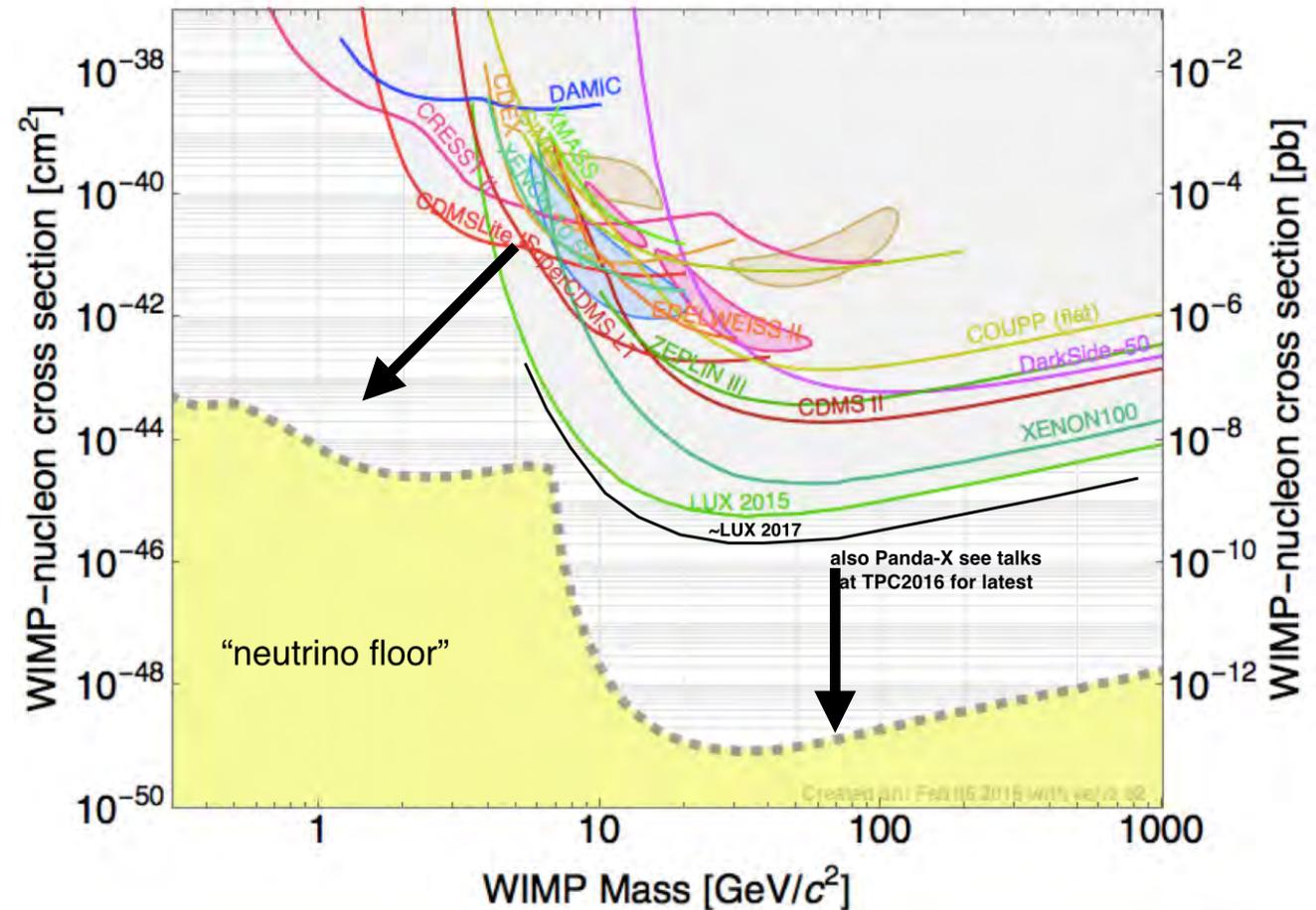
Surface ^{210}Pb is suspected to be the dominant background, followed by ^{40}K internal to crystal

COSINE-100 Projections

► 100 kg, 1 keV threshold, combined DM-ICE/KIMS at YanyYang



Back to Current WIMP Situation



► Mainstream strategy

1. Improve sensitivity at low mass (lower the threshold): e.g. **CDMS, CRESST, DAMIC.**
2. Improve sensitivity at large mass (increase target mass): e.g. **LZ, Xenon nT...**

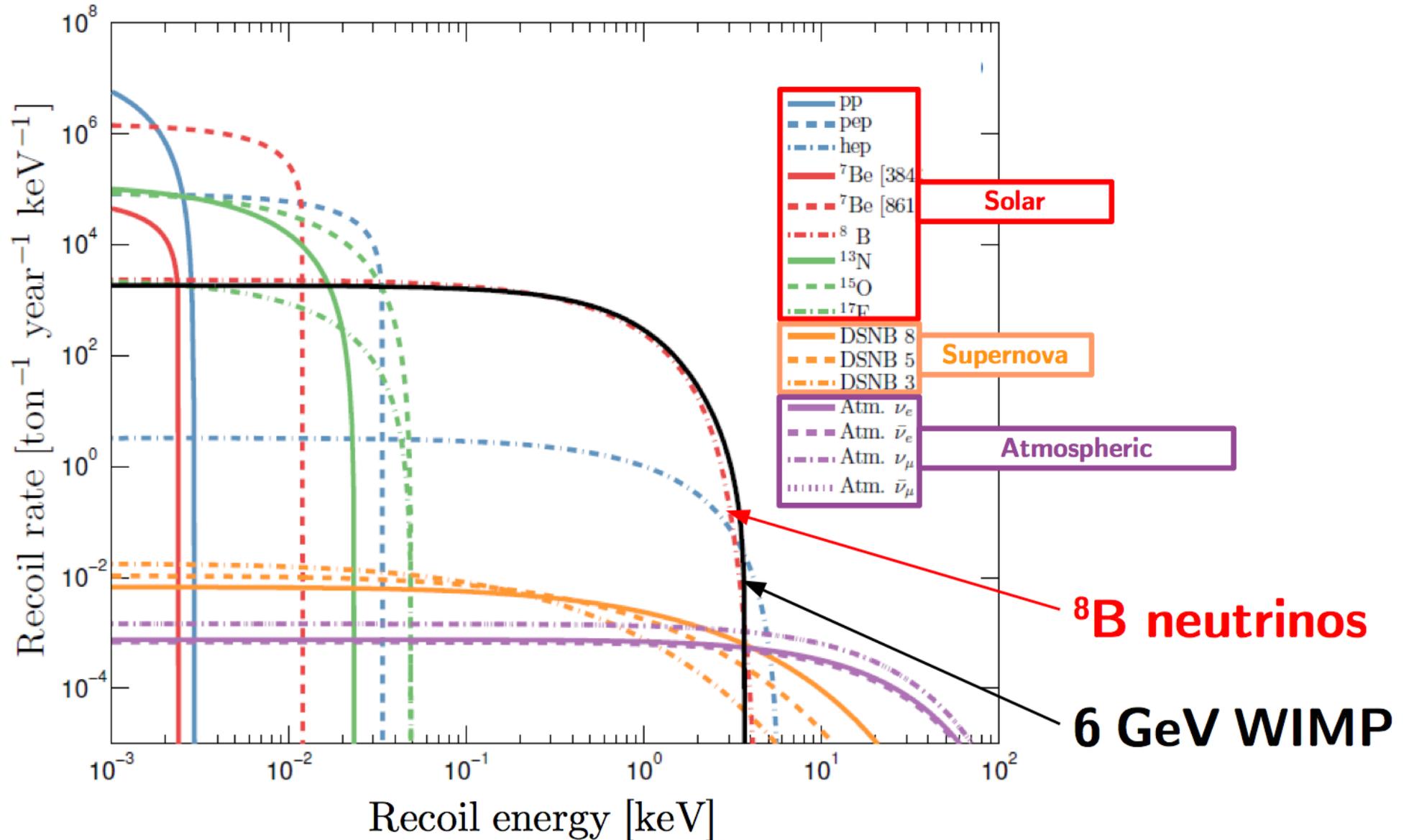
Is there a Better Signal for WIMPs?

Can we get below the neutrino floor?

- **Neutrinos may increasingly shape the future of direct detection**
- **There is some focus on reaching the neutrino floor but this should shift to studying the neutrinos**
- **Then start to do neutrino/solar physics**

Neutrino Coherent Background

Coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering rates on a Xenon target:

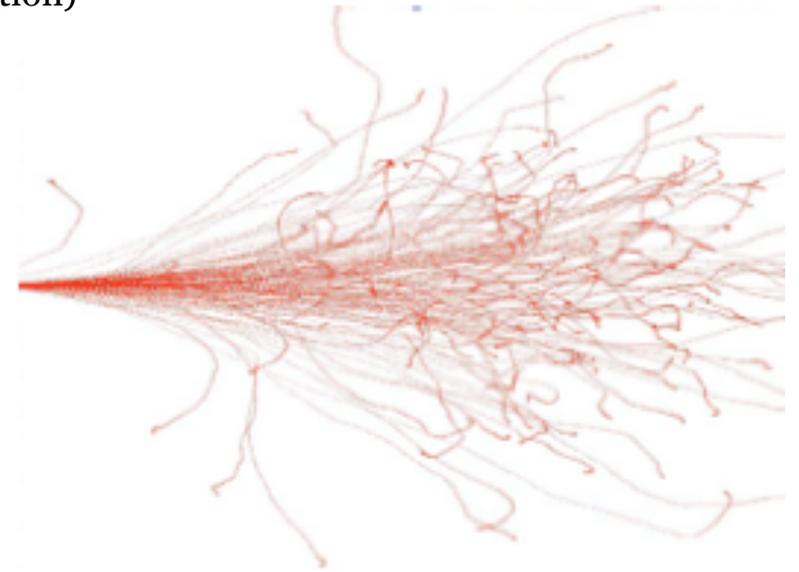
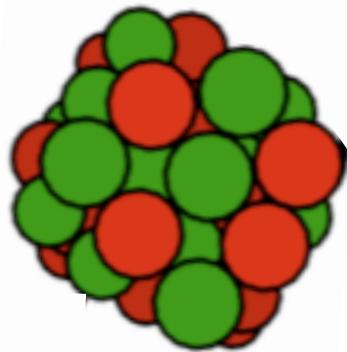


thanks to O'Hare et al.

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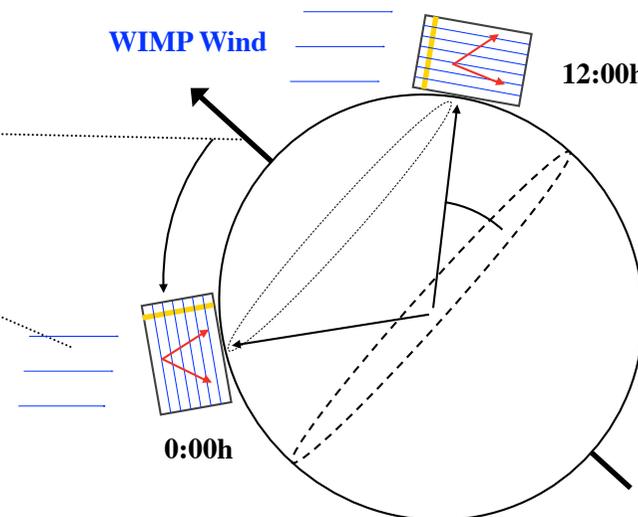
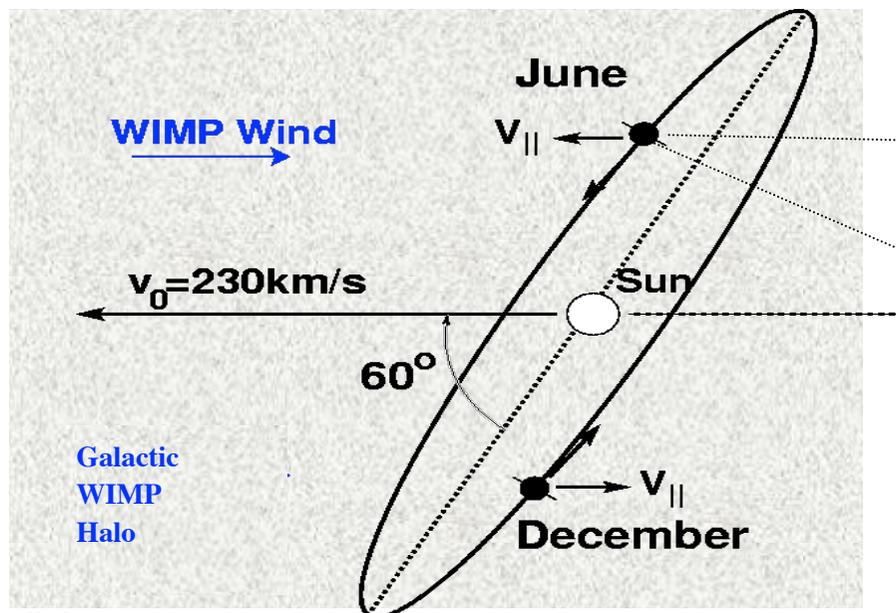
SRIM simulation - 100 keV F recoil in 75 Torr CF₄ (D3 collaboration)

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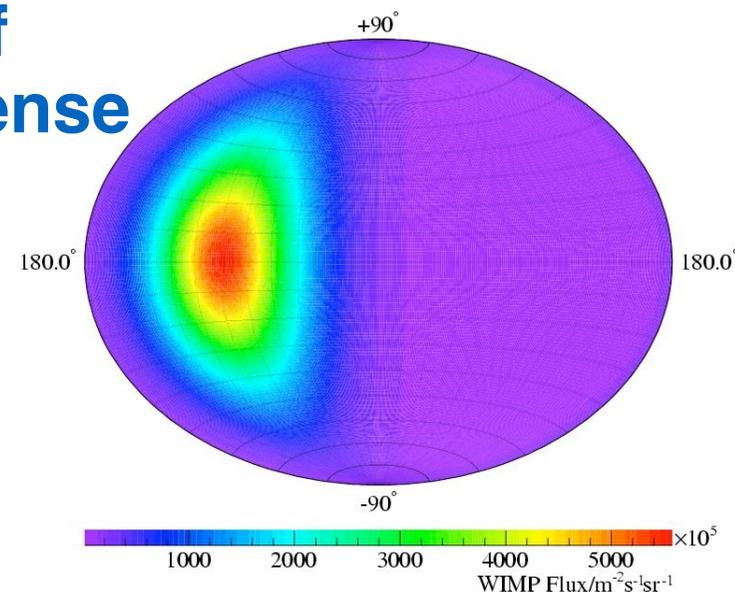
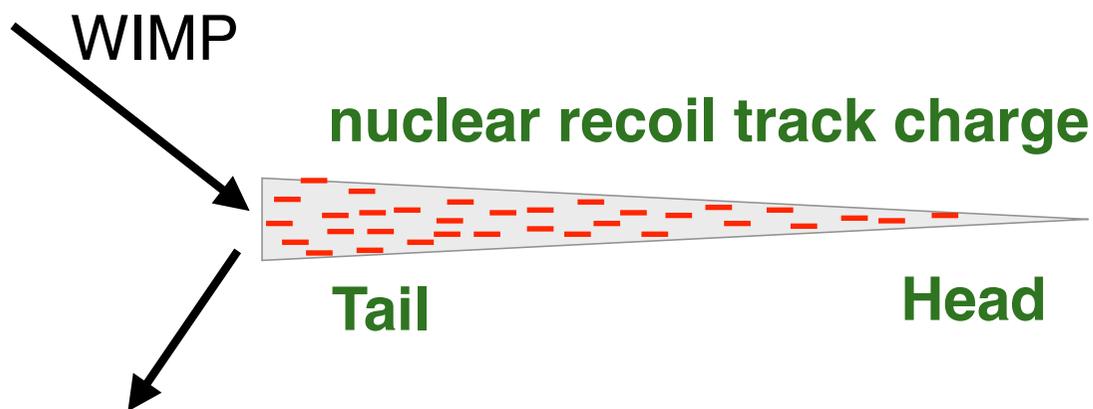


Directionality - A Better WIMP Signal

- ▶ A directional recoil signal is a very powerful proof
- ▶ Lets be prepared!



- ▶ Measure the nuclear recoil track itself and determine the head from tail or sense



Directional Strategies and CYGNUS

(1) High Density Targets Solid, Liquids

It would be nice! But a long history of looking has not so far produced much

Old work

Stilbene

Rotons in Lq He

Phonon focussing

Multilayers....

But recent work is progressing...

Anisotropic scintillators

Emulsions

Columnar recombination in Xe/Ar

Carbon nano-tubes

(2) Low Pressure TPCs

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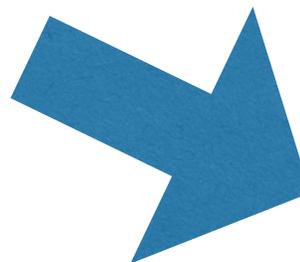
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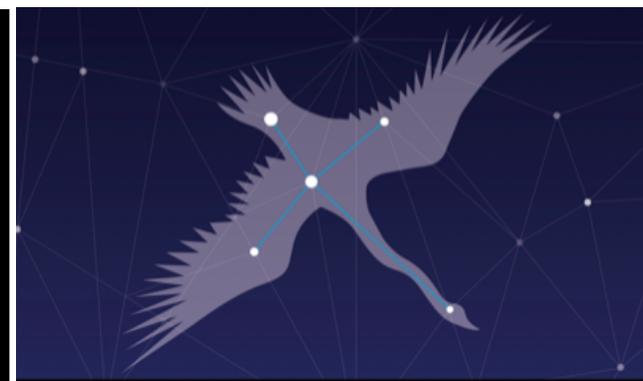
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CYGNUS



(1) DM below neutrino floor (2) Coherent solar neutrinos

CYGNUS - Agreement

CYGNUS agreement includes Solid and TPC technology



The CYGNUS Galactic Directional Recoil Observatory
Proto-Collaboration Agreement

Now that conventional WIMP dark matter searches are approaching the neutrino floor, there has been a resurgence of interest in the possibility of introducing recoil direction sensitivity into the field. Such directional sensitivity would offer the powerful prospect of reaching below this floor, introducing both the possibility of identifying a clear signature for dark matter particles in the galaxy below this level but also of exploiting observation of coherent neutrino scattering from the Sun and other sources with directional sensitivity. There has also been significant progress recently in development of technology able to record the directional information from nuclear recoils at low energy (sub-100 keV) necessary for these goals. This includes progress on improving the sensitivity of low pressure gas time projection chamber technology but also on novel ideas with higher density targets, such as ultra-fine grain emulsions, scintillation materials, columnar recombination with noble gas targets and concepts using μ g_{TPC}-technology. Such world-wide directional expertise, if pooled together and directed at converging on an optimised design, likely at multiple underground sites and different latitudes, could allow creation of a global Galactic Nuclear Recoil Observatory. Such a distributed multi-site facility would thus open a new window on the Universe with multiple science goals – the observation of a directional signal from particle dark matter, likely incident on Earth from the direction of the Cygnus constellation, a first means to detect and measure a directional signal due to coherent scattering of non-terrestrial neutrinos including from supernovae and the Sun, correlated with the position of the Sun, and also a novel means to search for exotic new particles including axions.

For several years there has been growing cooperation and exchange between most world groups working on recoil directional technology, including through a series international meetings called CYGNUS. This proto-collaboration agreement now sets the basis for taking this cooperation forward towards formation of a full collaborative experiment to realise construction of a global Galactic Directional Recoil Observatory, which we call the CYGNUS experiment. Signatories to this agreement hence forward agree to work together towards this common goal and to the formation of the CYGNUS collaboration, recognising that cooperation brings mutual benefits to all. Specifically in this regard, we the undersigned, on a best efforts basis, agree to work on the following goals:

- (1) to establish the science case for CYGNUS, working with external experts as required
- (2) to establish the feasibility and technology choices for CYGNUS, coordinating R&D activities, resources and joint publications as necessary
- (3) to form an Institute Board including remit to prepare an organisational structure in readiness for launch of the collaboration
- (4) to write an experiment LOI as basis for formation of the collaboration based on (1-3)
- (5) to launch the collaboration at an appropriate date to be decided by us

The CYGNUS proto-collaboration will be coordinated by an interim steering group (ISG) with remit to facilitate activities of the proto-collaboration and organise technical meetings. The ISG will guide transition to launch of the collaboration but will be disbanded at that time.

(includes common analysis)
(broad aim - below neutrino floor, high and low mass)

CYGNUS proto-collaboration agreement (Sep. 2016-)

- 50 signatures (as of Nov. 2016)
- Steering group
- 4 working groups, monthly TV meeting
 - Engineering WG (N. Spooner)
 - Simulation WG (S.Vahsen)
 - Neutron WG (E. Baracchini)
 - Gas R&D WG (K. Miuchi)



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Power of TPC Directionality

- Only TPCs have the advantage of accessing head-tail information and sensitivity to the start of the recoil track



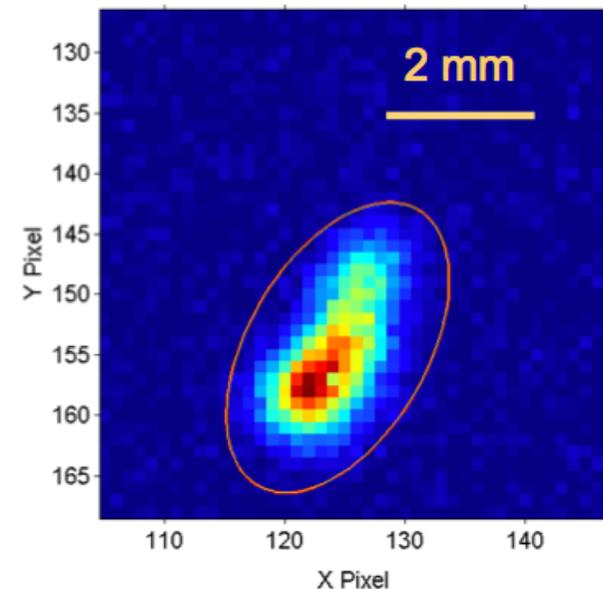
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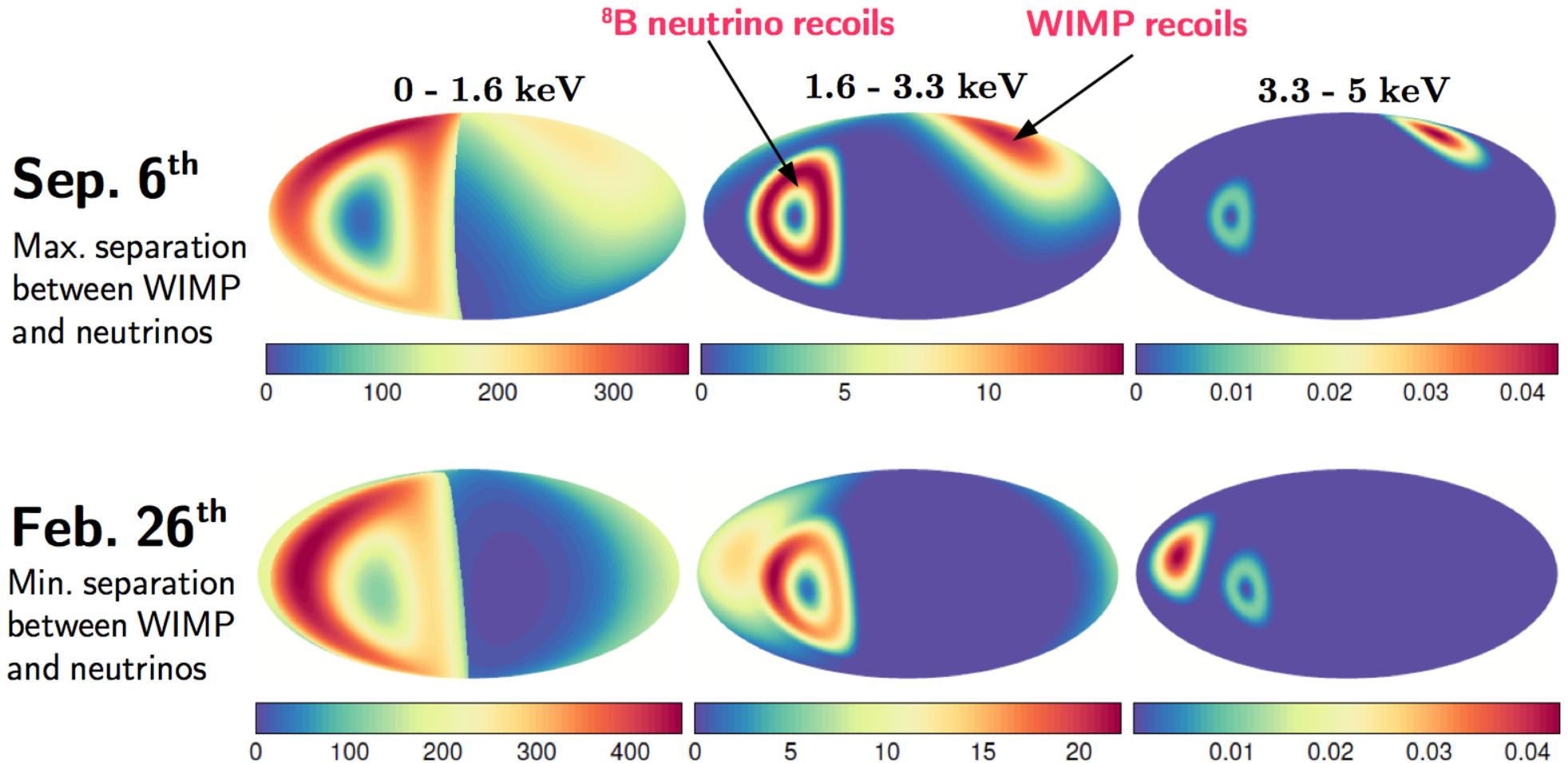


Example high energy F recoil in optical TPC (D. Loomba et al.)

- **How many WIMPs to get a directional (non-isotropic) signal?**

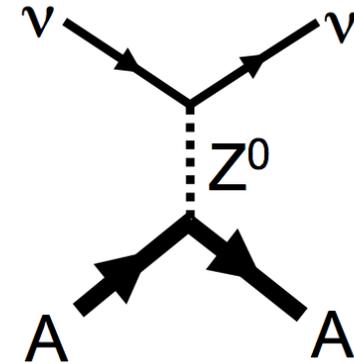
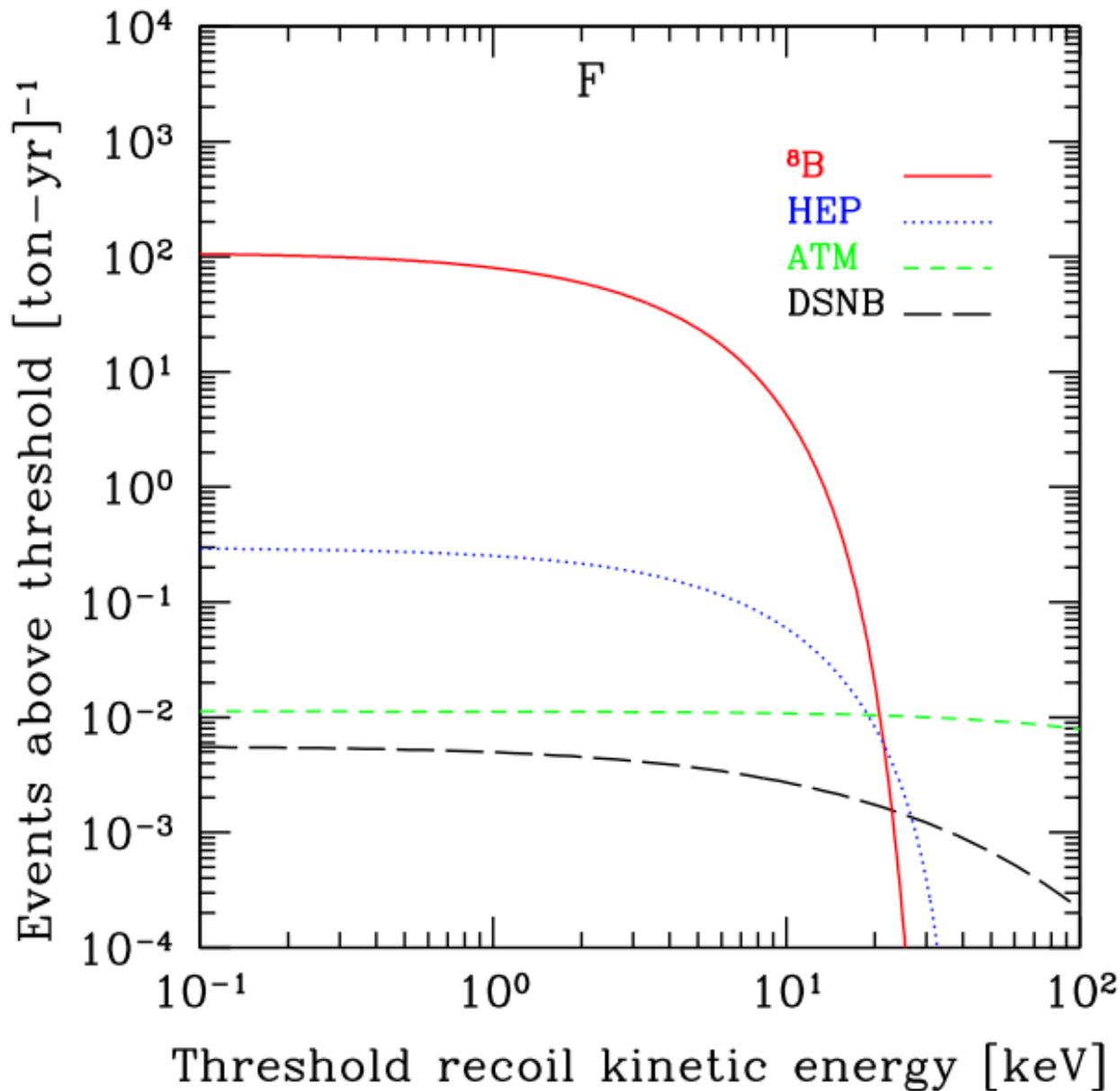
Power of Directionality - Solar Neutrinos

- Sun does not coincide with peak WIMP direction at any time
- It should be possible to distinguish the two signals at any time



Neutrino Coherent Rates, Fluorine

Louis E. Strigari arXiv: 0903.3630v2



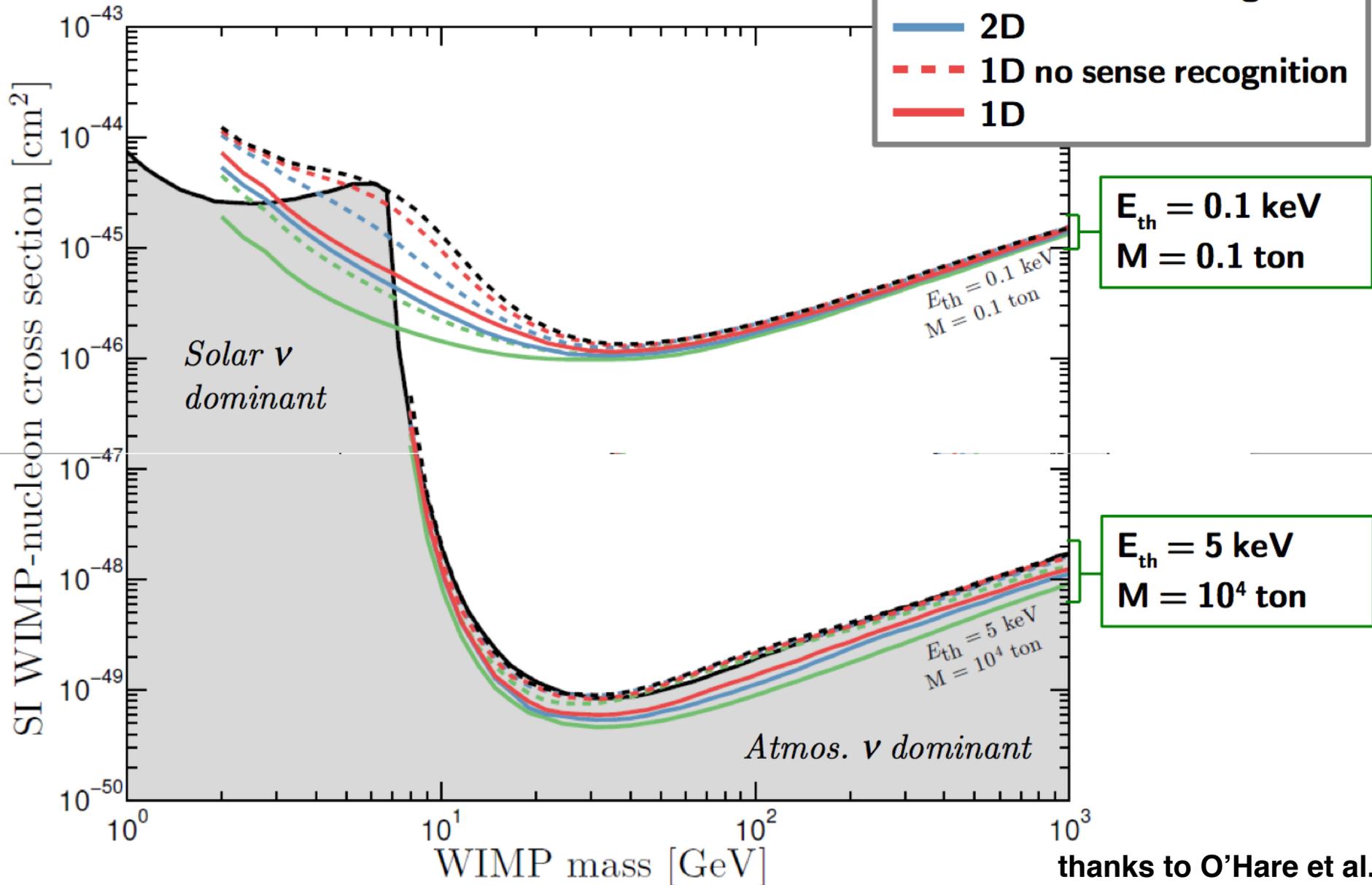
**1keV_{rec} threshold →
~70 events per ton year**

**10m³ SF₆ at 200 torr for
3 years operation
yields 4 neutrinos.**

Below the Neutrino Floor

with 1D, 2D, 3D, Head-Tail

CAJO, Billard, Green, Figueroa-Feliciano,
Strigari arXiv:1505.08061



CYGNUS Activities

“CYGNUS” : from workshop to collaboration

- biannual workshop for directional detection of dark matter (2007-)
- two related papers (2010, 2016, 2016), another is ongoing
- proto-collaboration agreement (Sep. 2016-)

F. Mayet et al., A review of the discovery reach of directional Dark Matter detection, Physics Reports 627 (2016) 49

highlighted paper

“physics paper”
16 authors

J.B.R. Battat et al, Readout technologies for directional WIMP Dark Matter detection, Physics Reports 662 (2016) 46

The Scientific Program Included:

“readout paper” 93 authors

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DIRECTIONAL DARK MATTER DETECTOR AND
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CYGNUS - Multiple Sites

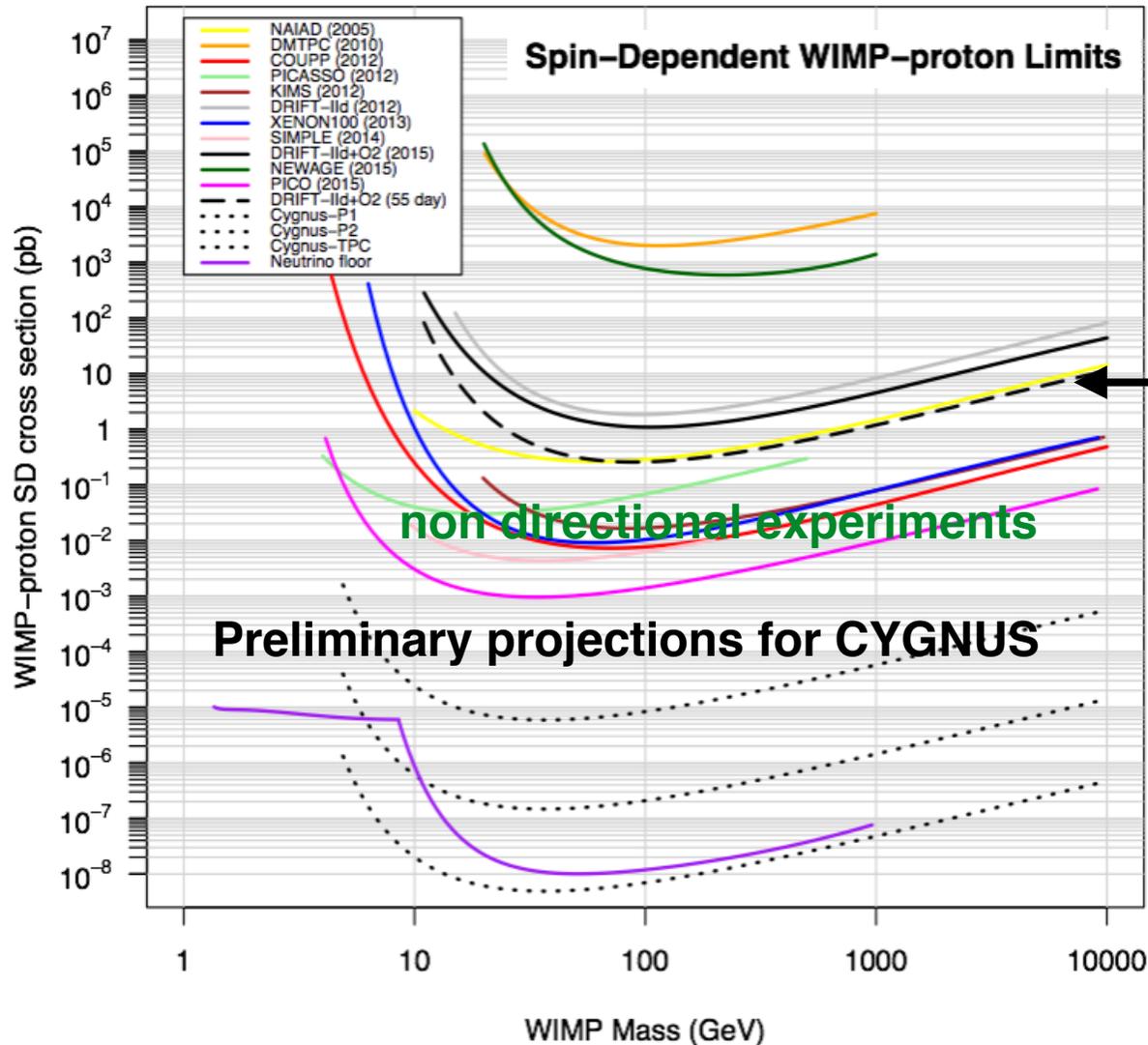
Directionality benefit from multiple sites at different latitude



new lab
funded in
Australia

CYGNUS-TPC Baseline Concepts/Aim

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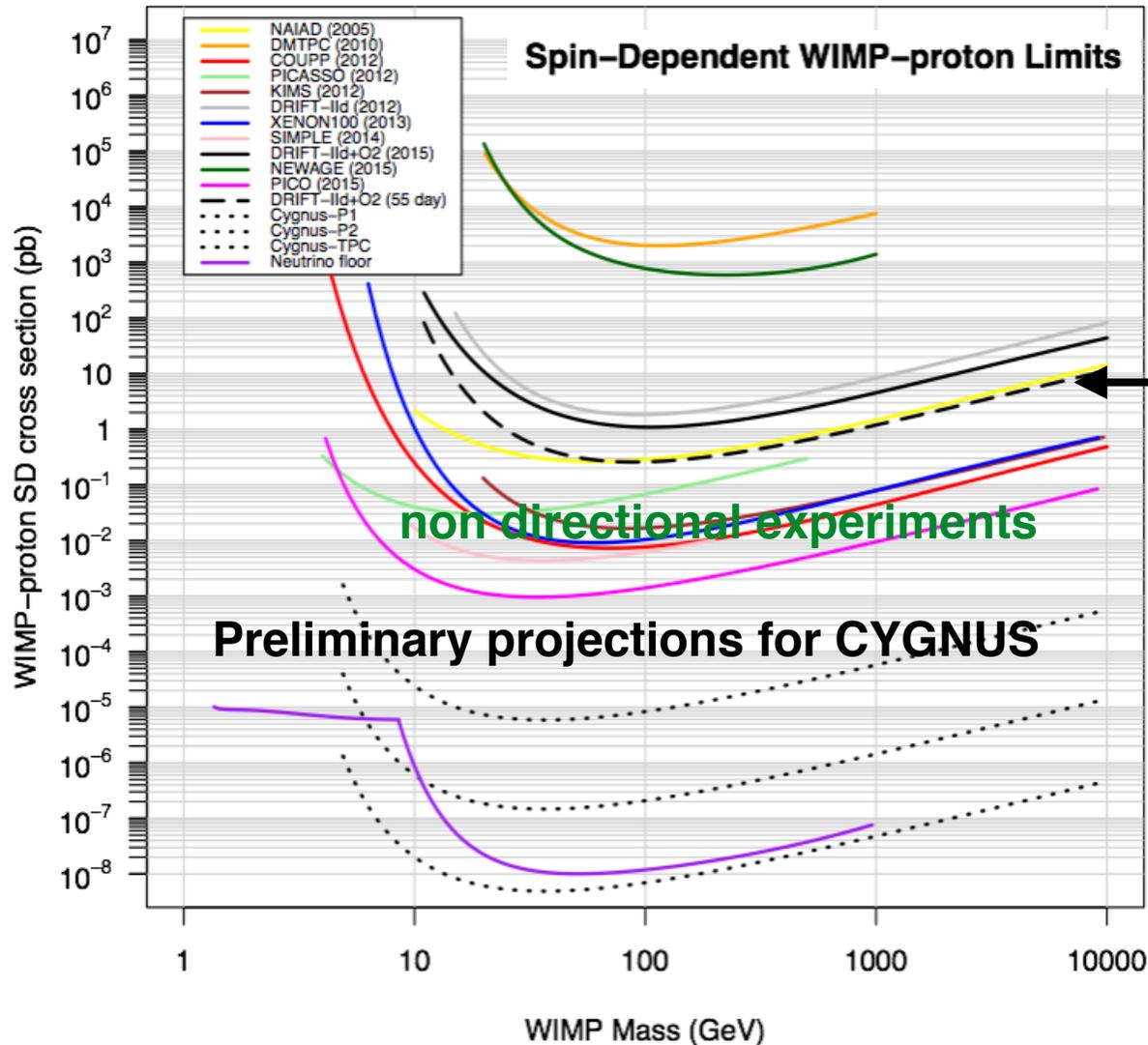
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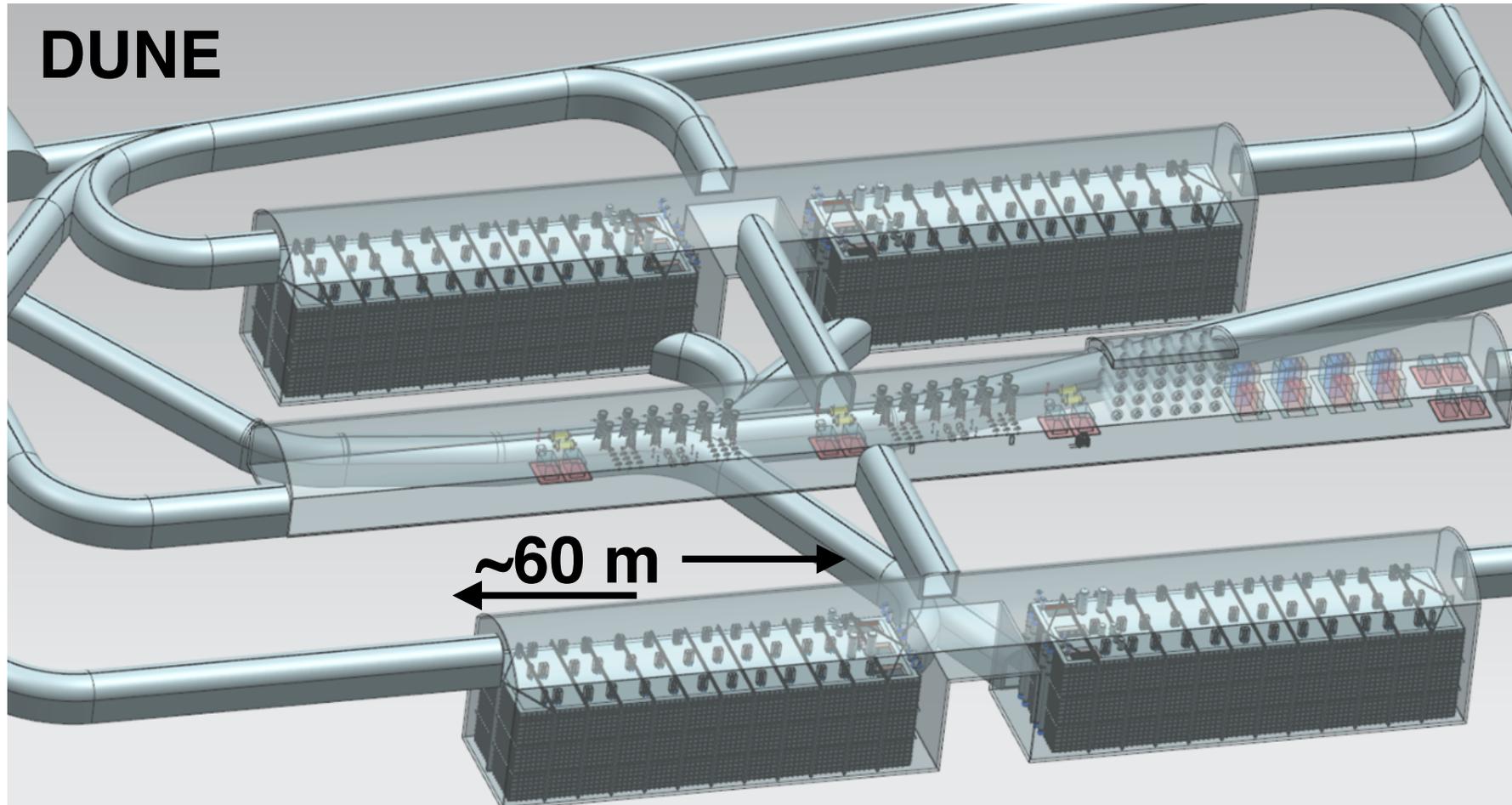
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← CYGNUS - Pathfinder 2

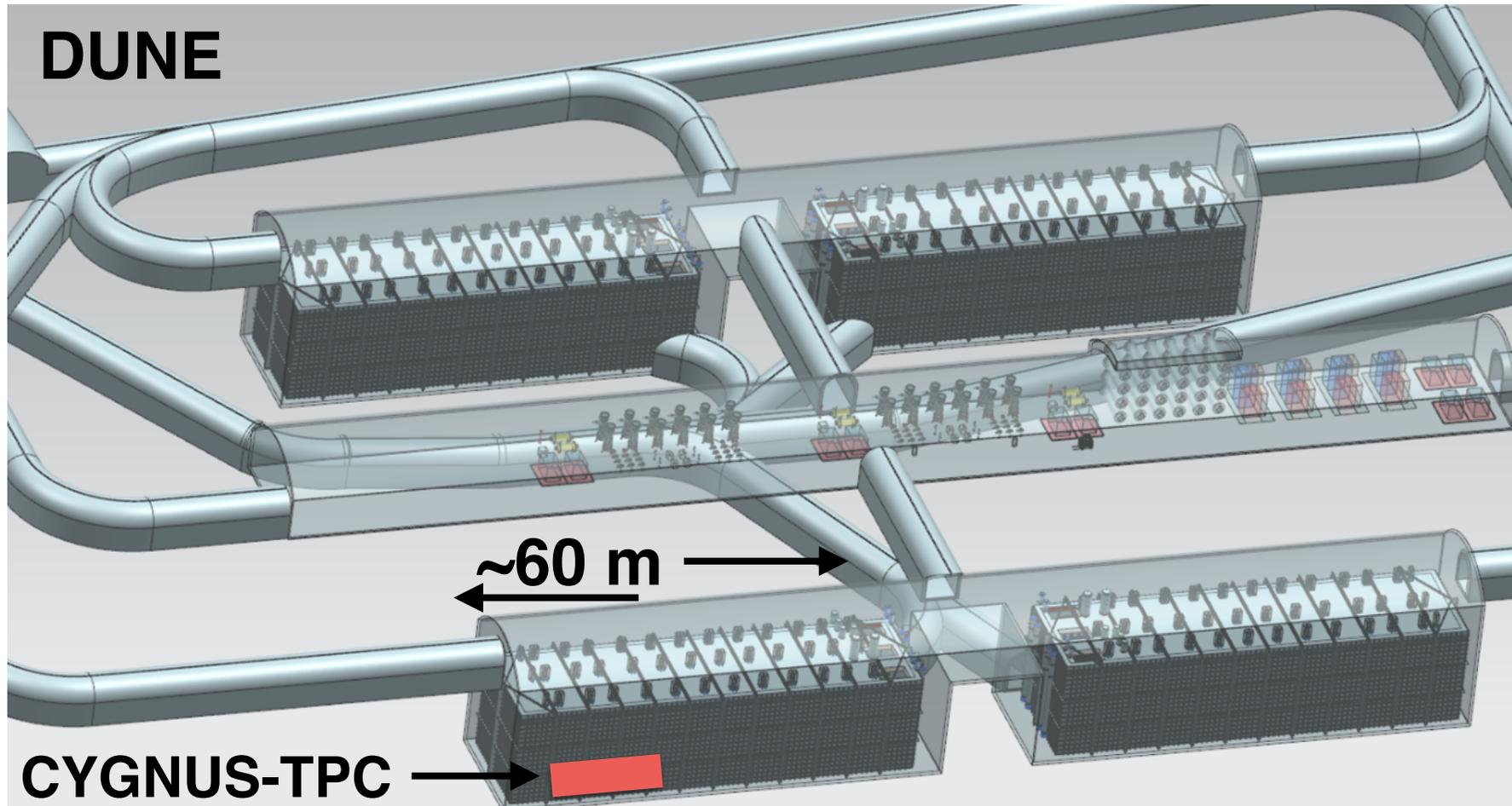
← CYGNUS - TPC

Australia, China, France, Italy,
Japan, UK, US

How Not to be Afraid of Larger TPCs



How Not to be Afraid of Larger TPCs



- ▶ Size is ~ 100th scale of proposed DUNE liquid argon TPC
- ▶ But would also be spread on multiple sites

CYGNUS NOW

Stage 1 Vision

- (1) CYGNUS-TPC-South (10 m³ vessel....readout 1)
- (2) CYGNUS-TPC-North (10 m³ vessel....readout 2)
- (3) R&D at 1 m³ (CYGNUS-Japan, DRIFT...



North - Boulby, LNGS, Kamioka?

South - Stawell?

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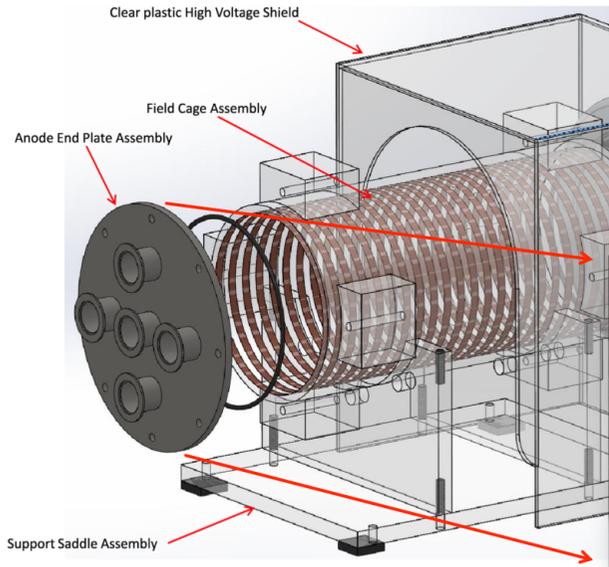
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CYGNUS-TPC Optimisation - key issues

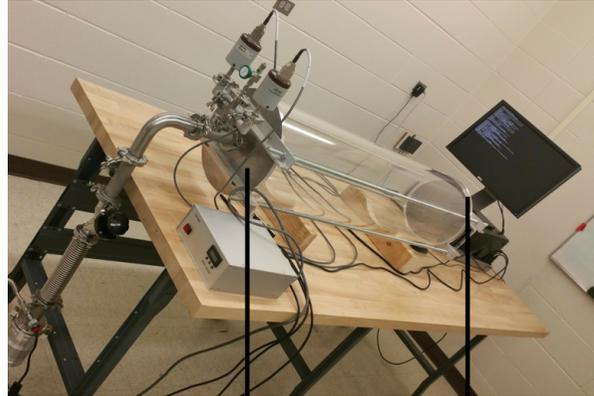
- ▶ What directional capability is optimal - 1D, 2D, 3D + HT vs cost?
- ▶ What directional sensitivity can there be <20 keV_{recoil}?
- ▶ Can we use multiple underground sites
- ▶ What gas - can SF₆ work well enough for fiducialisation?
- ▶ Can zero background be achieved (particularly neutrons)?

New Studies - Funded Activity

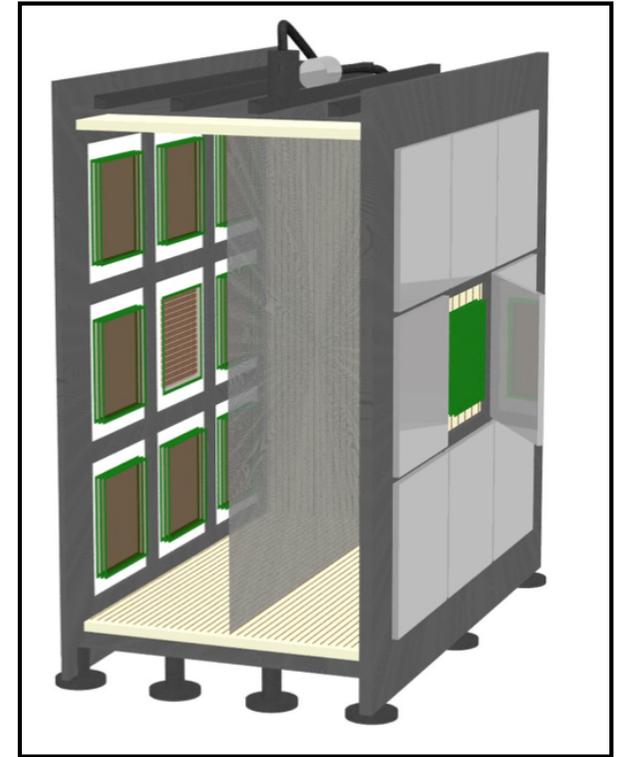
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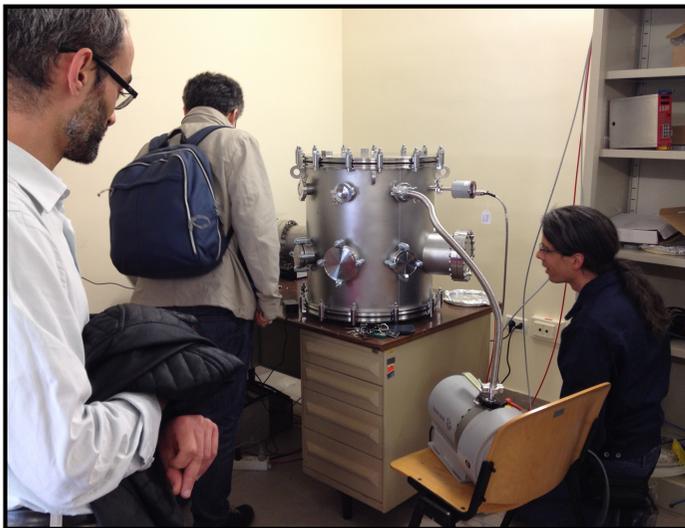
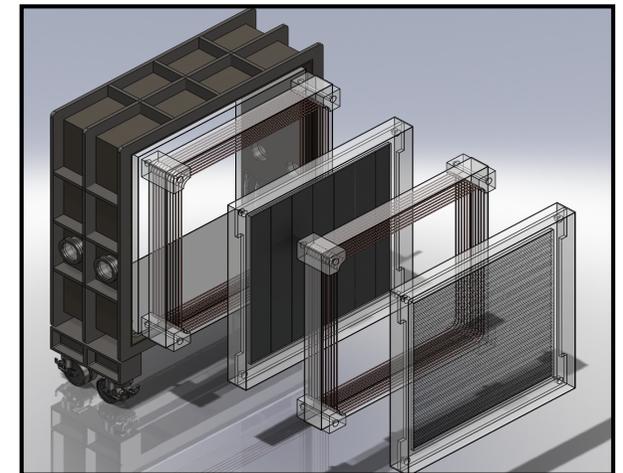
Hawaii D3 (USA)



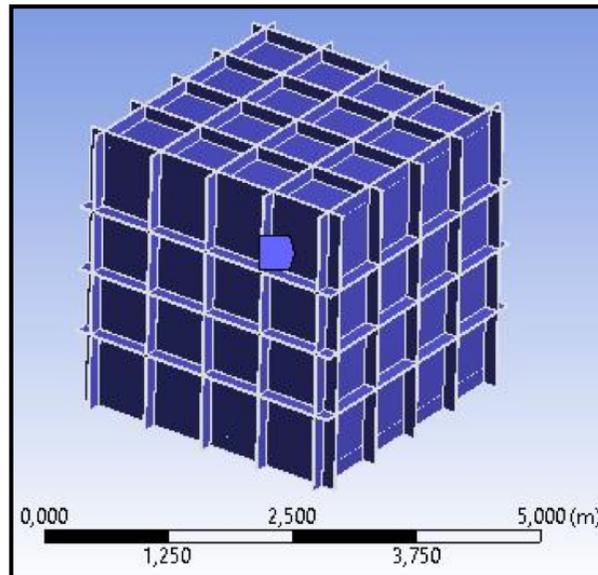
1 m³ CYGNUS test vessel (Japan) →



10 m³ designs (US, UK)



SF₆ R&D,
Frascati, (Italy)

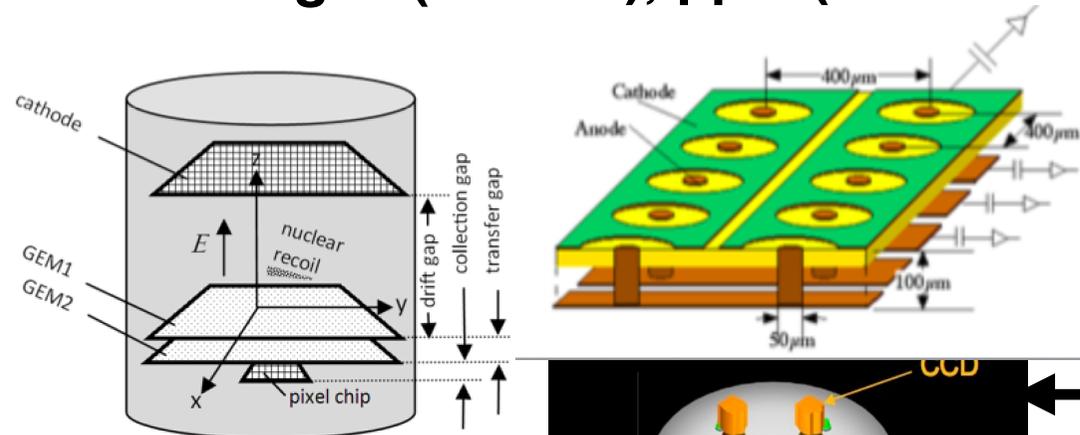


10 m³ vessels (Australia)

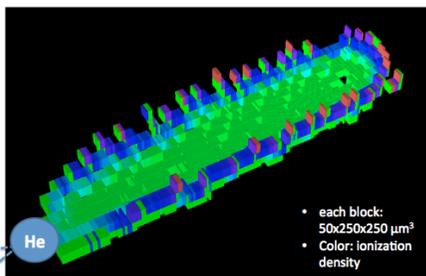
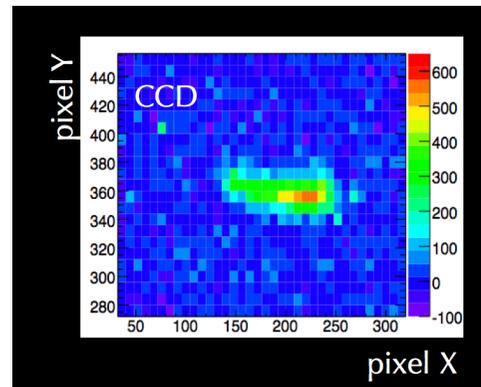
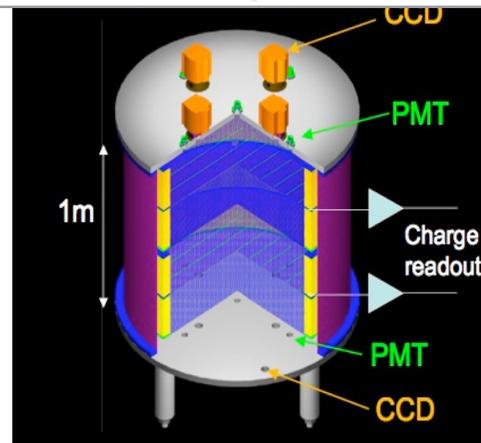
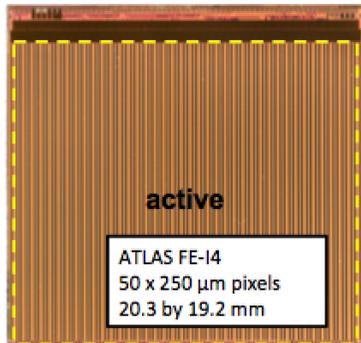
What Directional TPC Technology?

“high definition - 3D”

Pixel (D3), CCD (DM-TPC),
Micromegas (MIMAC), μ pic (NEWAGE)

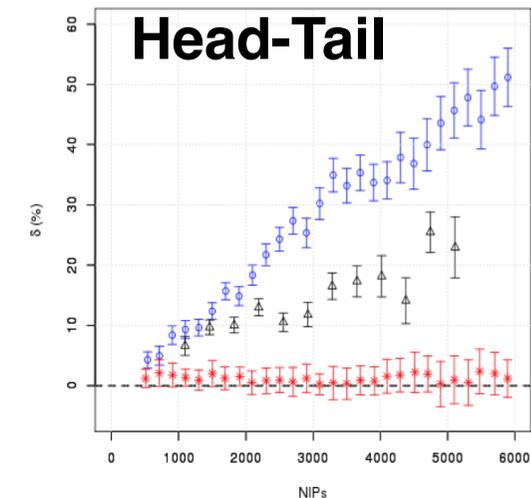
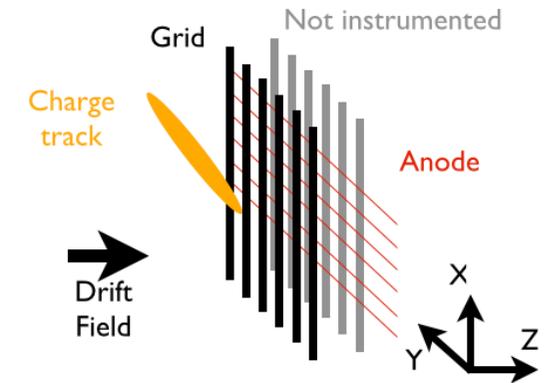
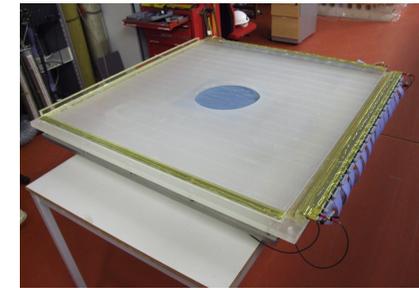


Pixel chip:



“low definition ~ 1.5D”

MWPC wires (DRIFT)



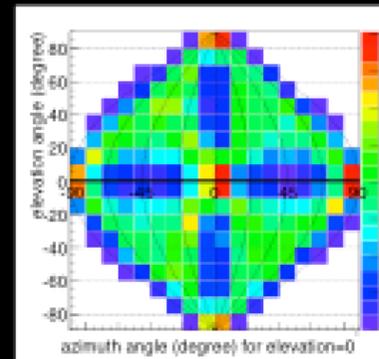
NEWAGE Experiment (Japan)

K. Muichi et al.

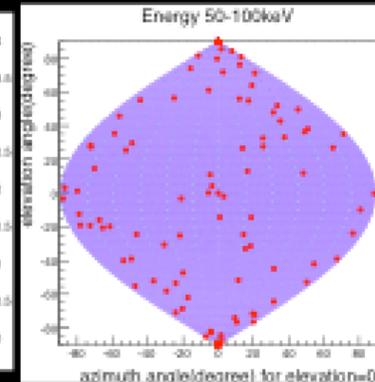
- ▶ First demonstration in use of 3D to produce sky maps

Galactic-plane sky-map

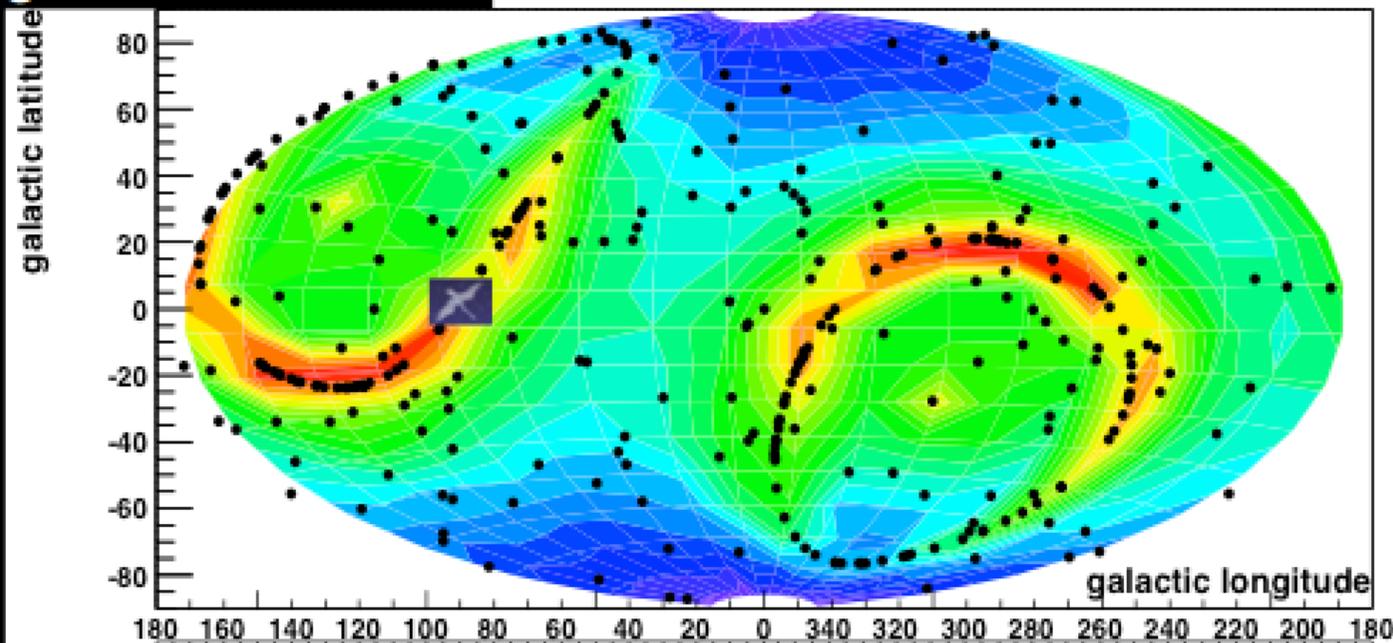
- correlation with efficiency = consistent with isotropic



lab-coordinate



galactic coordinate



CYGNUS Next Paper

- ▶ **Next CYGNUS paper underway will address issue of cost-benefit of readout options**

Feasibility of a Nuclear Recoil Observatory with Directional Sensitivity to WIMPs and Solar Neutrinos

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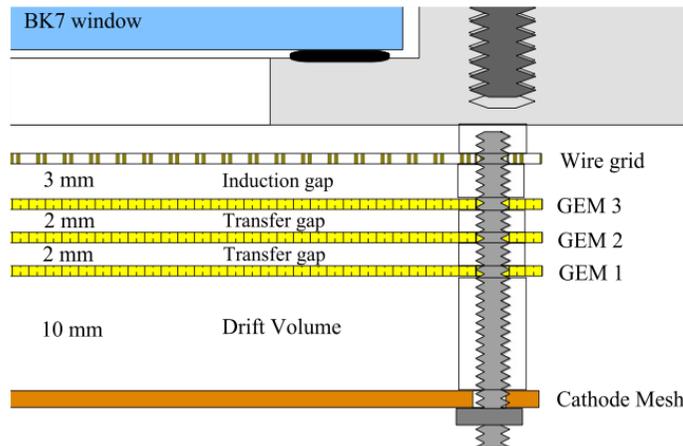
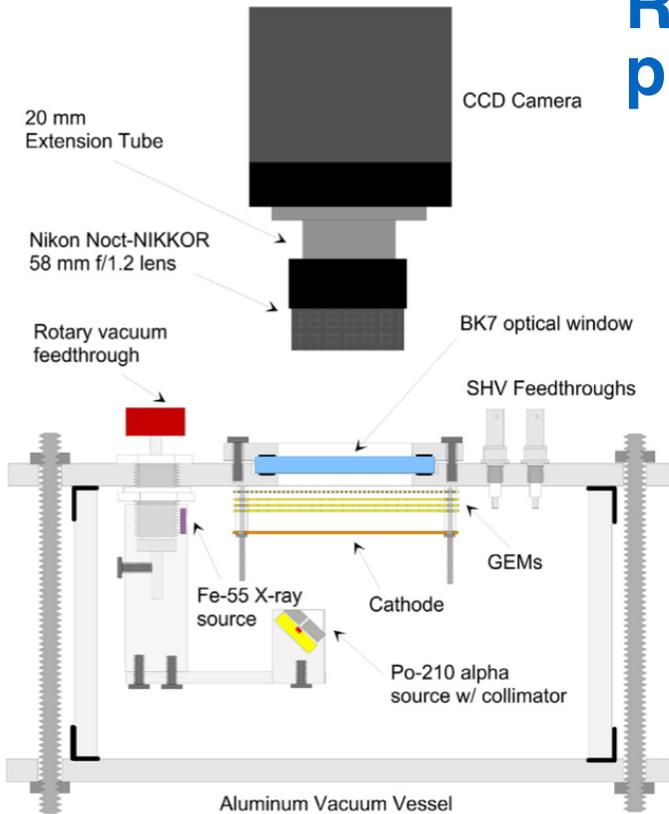
**Sven Vahsen (Hawaii)
is coordinating**

Low Energy Directionality Seen (UNM)

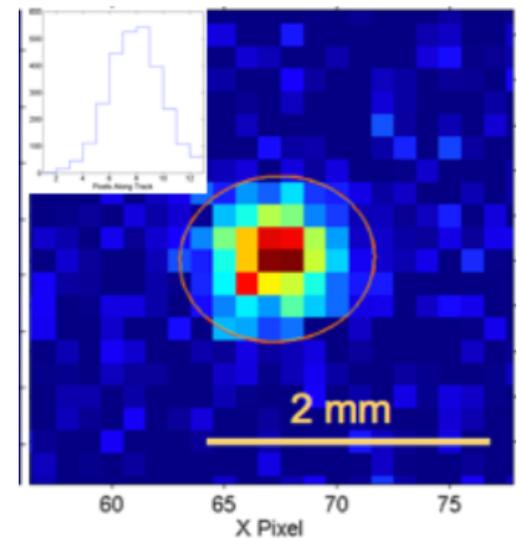
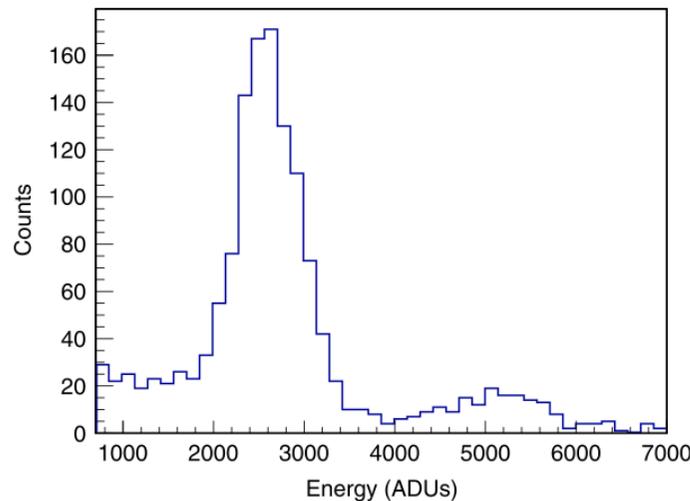
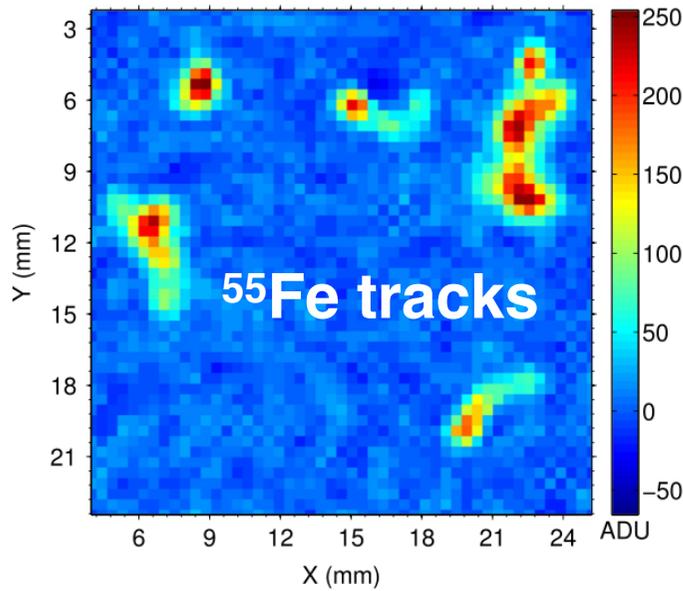
D. Loomba et al.,

Recoil Directionality R&D is now probing <20 keV region

- ▶ CCD + triple GEM optical readout
- ▶ e.g. ^{55}Fe tracks resolved
- ▶ see upcoming papers by UNM



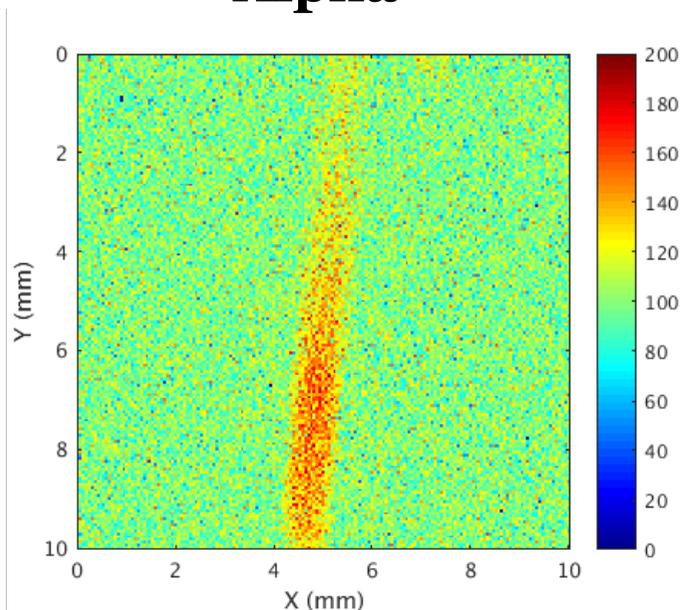
F recoil event of 10 keV_{ee} (23 keV_{rec}) still shows direction



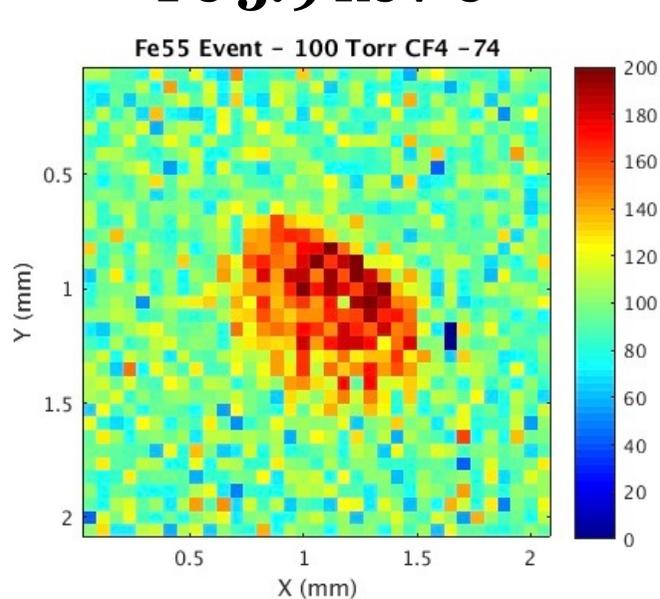
Sheffield R&D - CCD + Thick GEMs

Track images with 100 Torr CF₄ with Thick GEMs and CCD readout

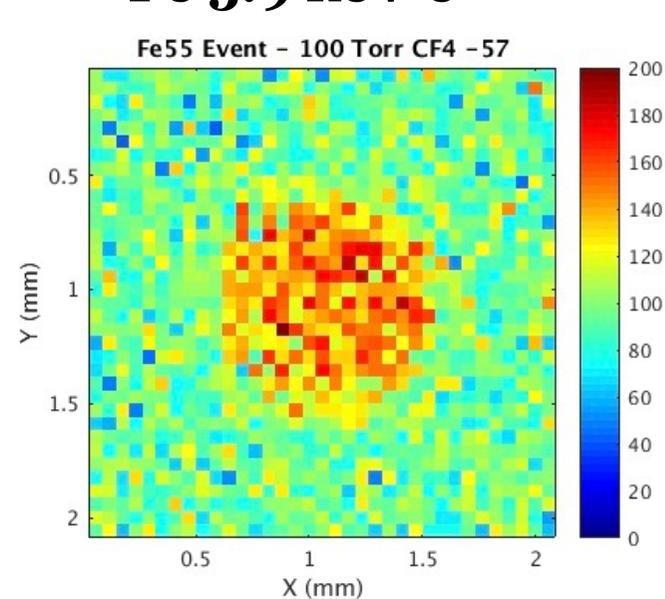
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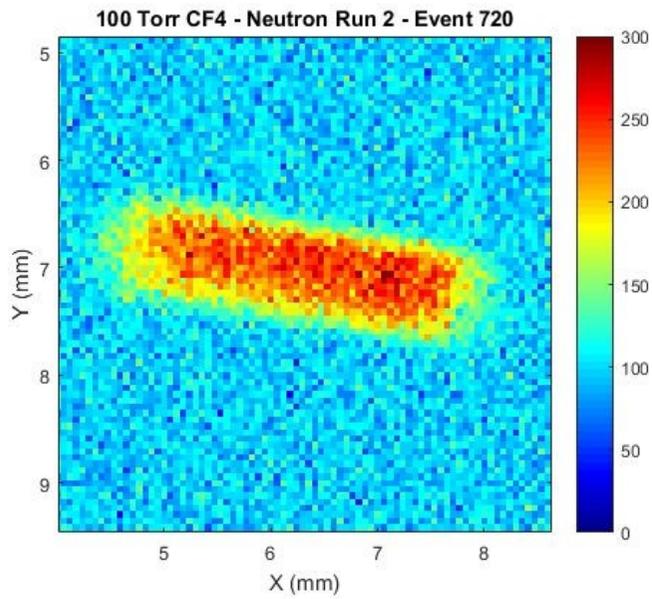
⁵⁵Fe 5.9 keV e⁻



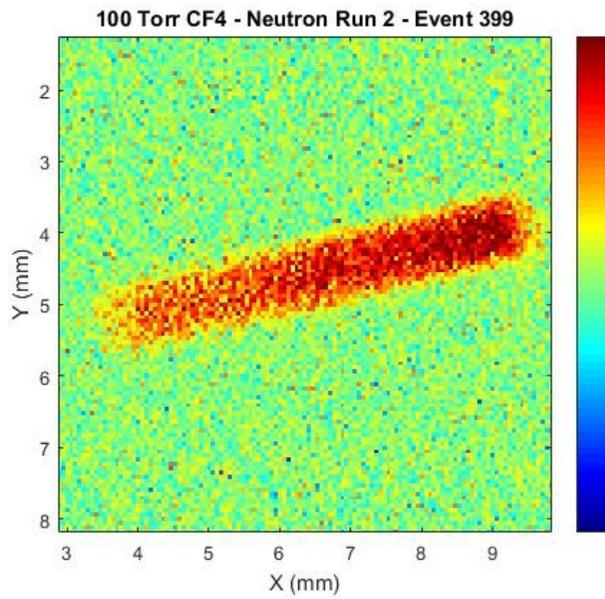
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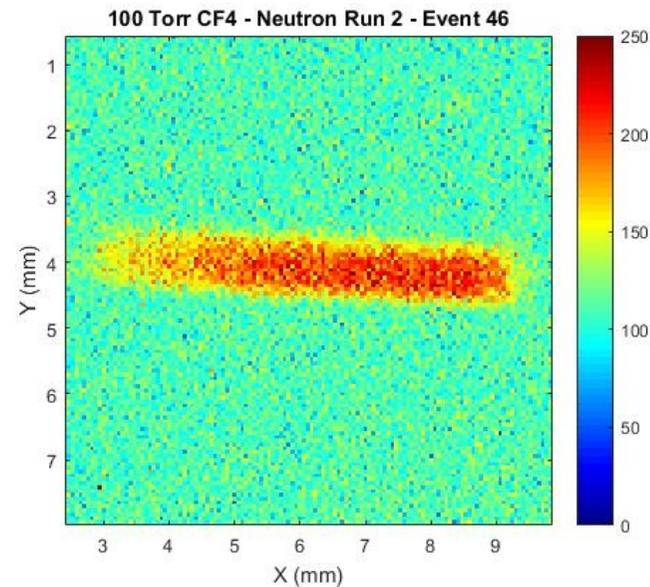
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New Site Infrastructure

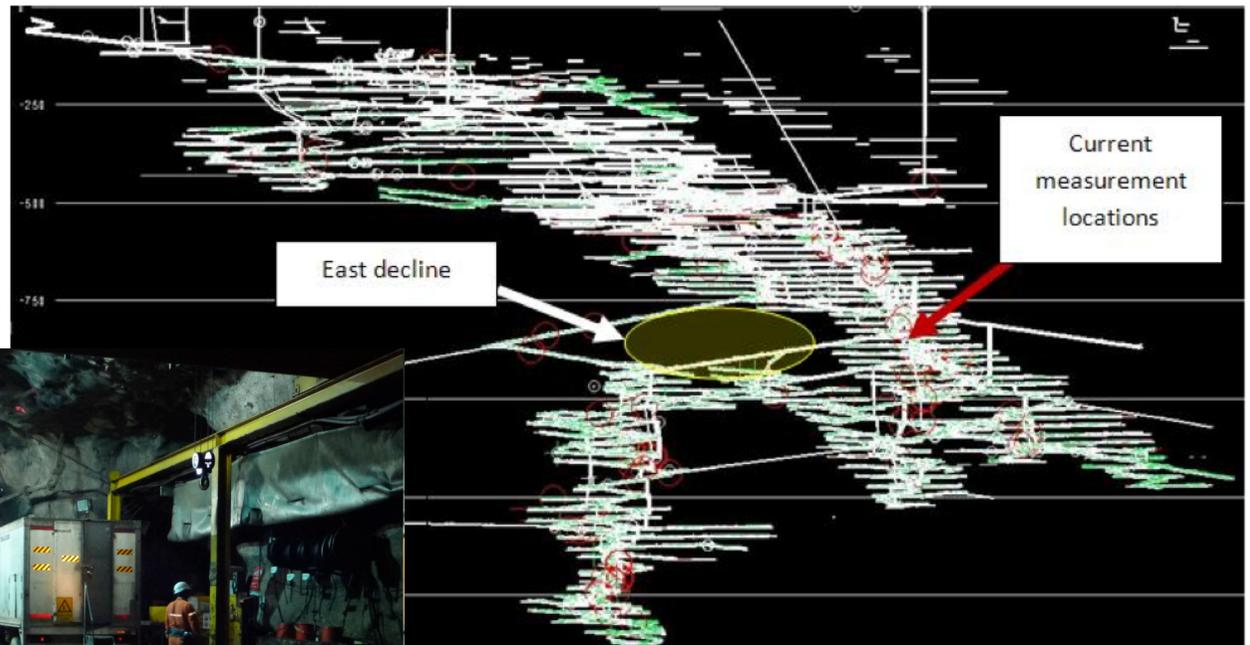
Stawell, Australia new site

- ▶ **New site funded by Australian government - 1 km depth**

Stawell gold mine ~240 km west of Melbourne,
could be the first underground laboratory in the Southern hemisphere.

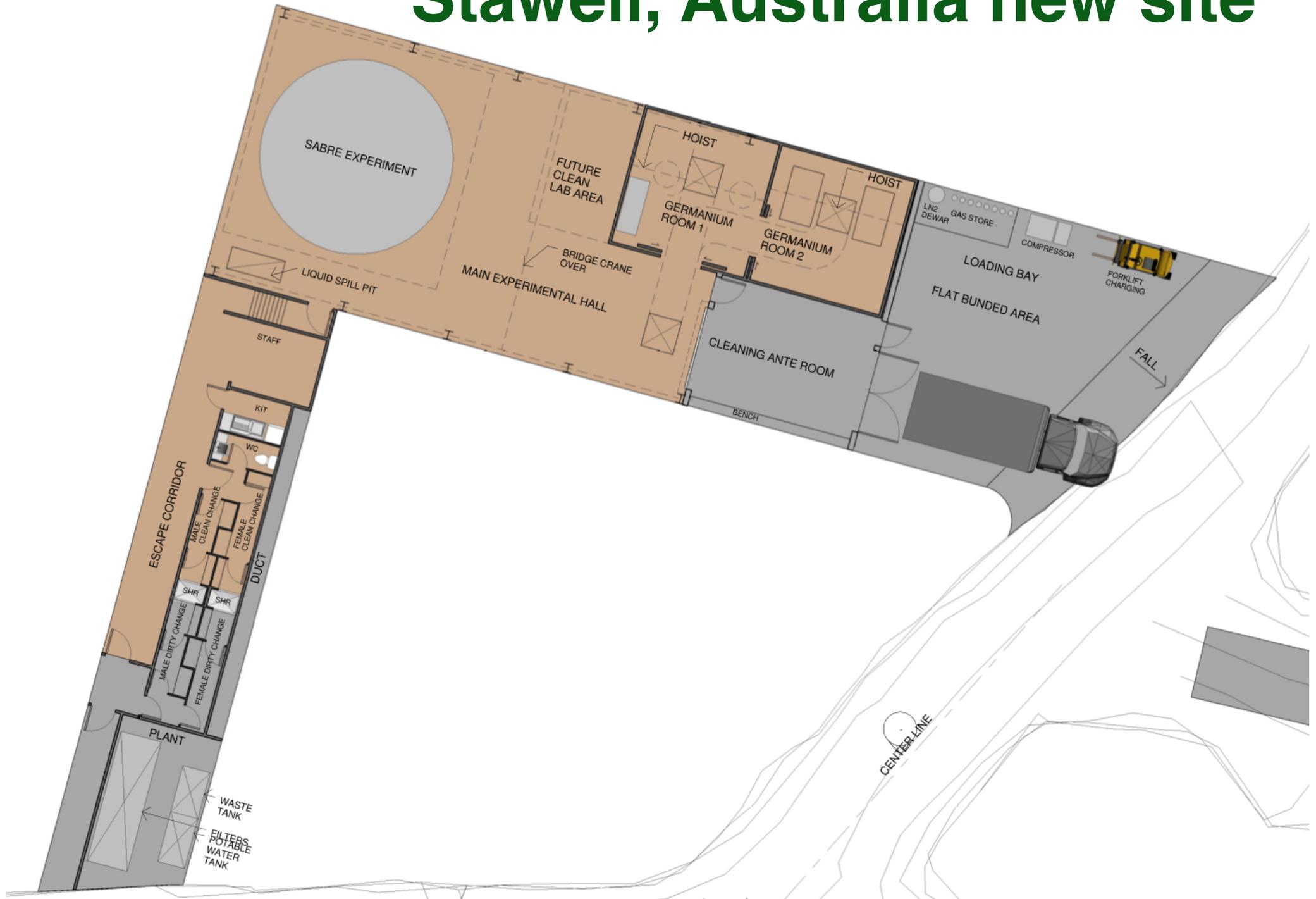


Decline mine, 1.6 km deep, with many caverns.
All sites served with electricity, optical fibre,
reached by car/truck.



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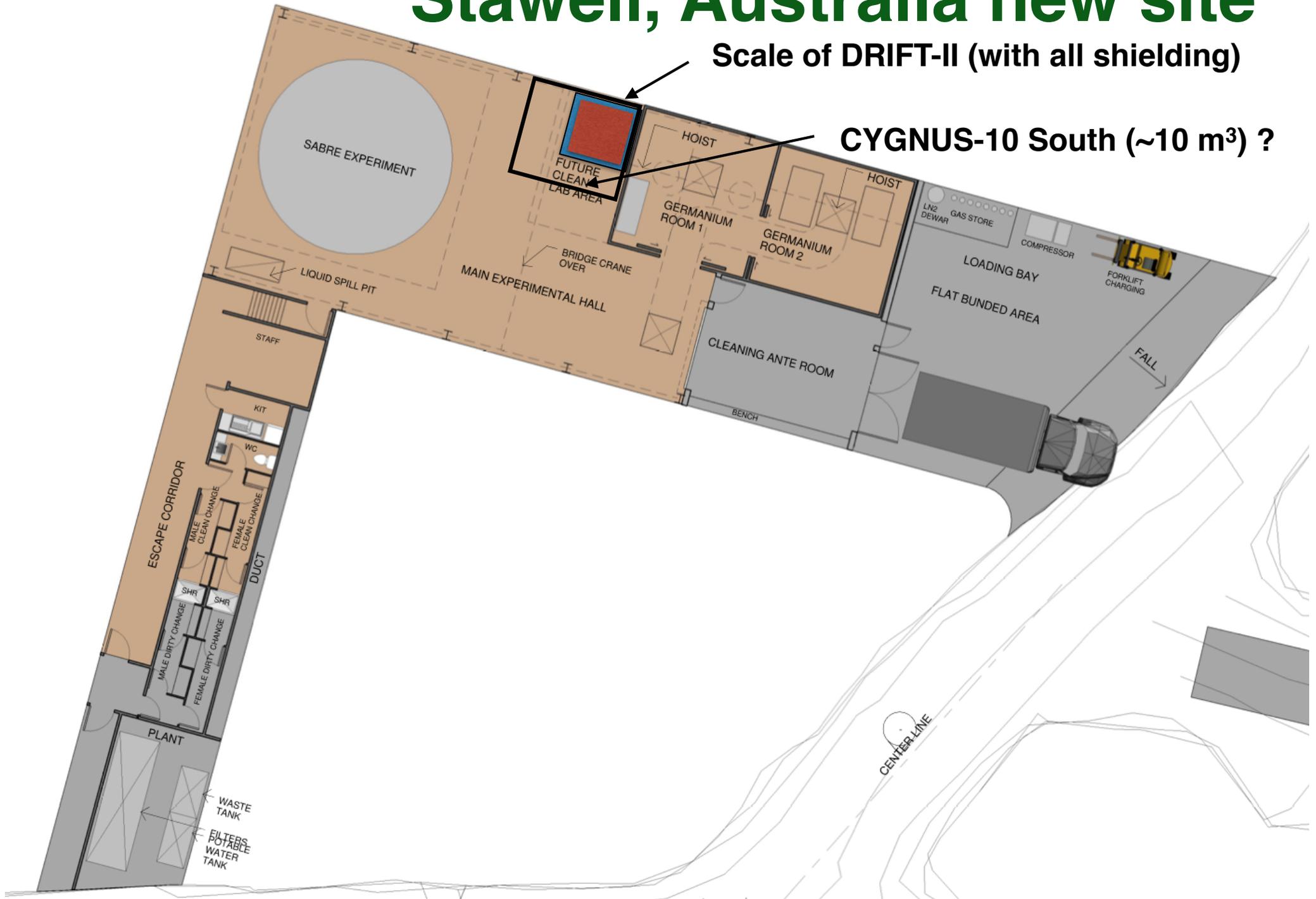


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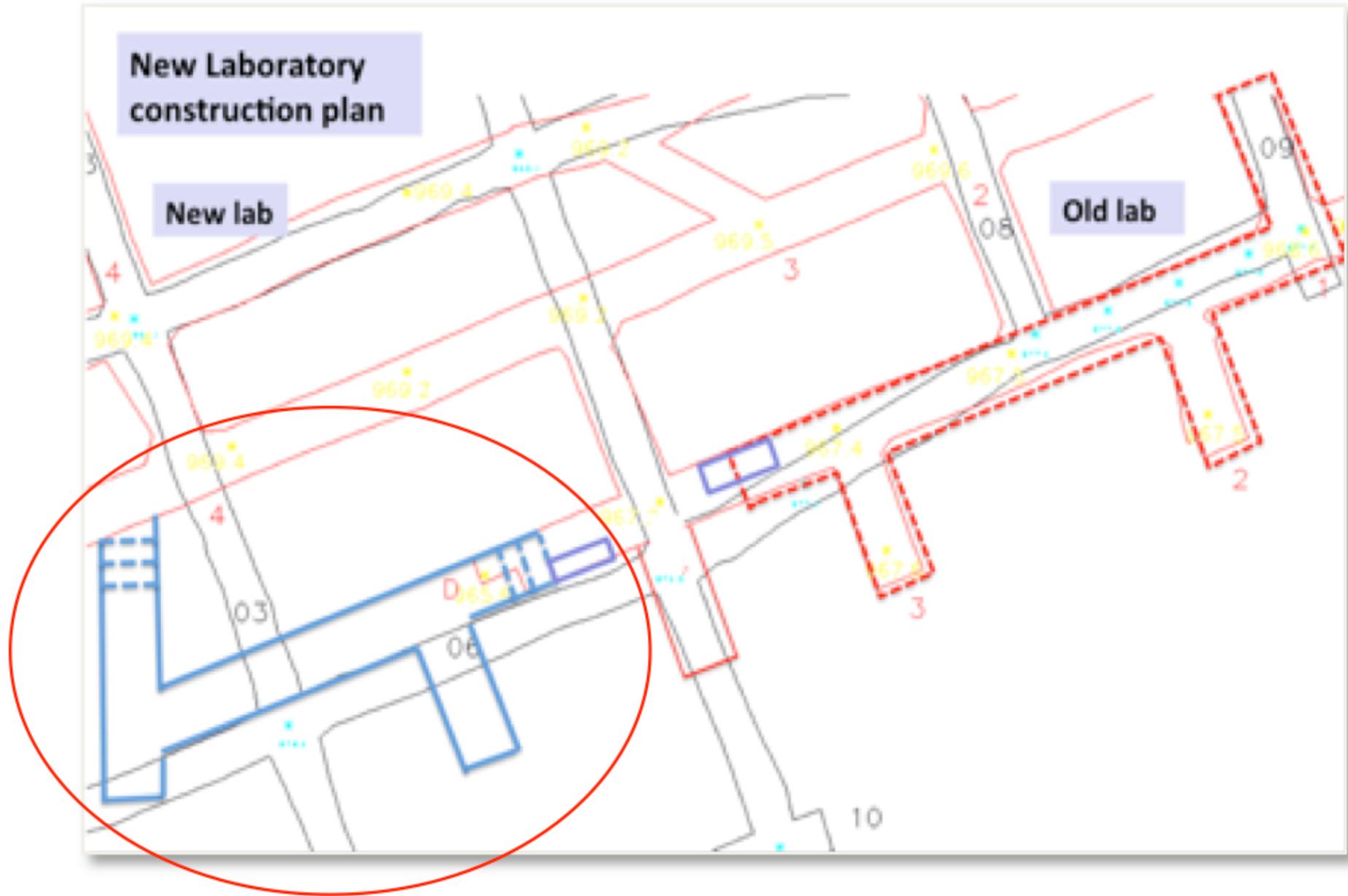
Scale of DRIFT-II (with all shielding)

CYGNUS-10 South (~10 m³) ?



New Site Infrastructure

Boulby Laboratory UK



CYGNUS site at New Boulby Lab, UK

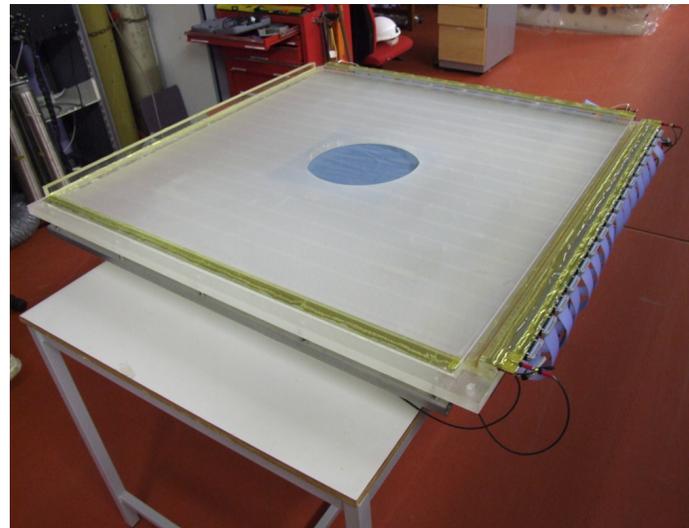


DRIFT IId & DRIFT IIe at Boulby

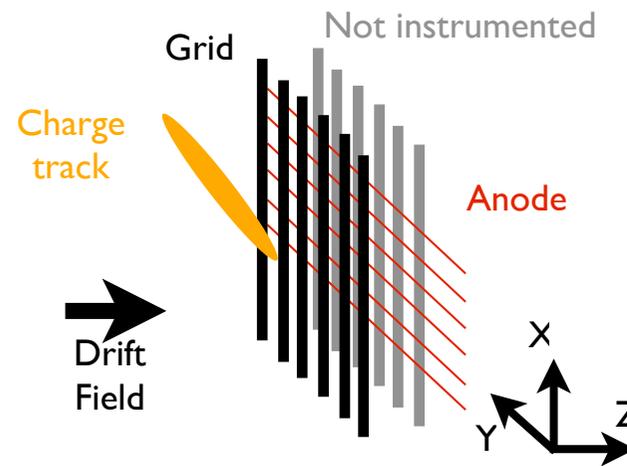
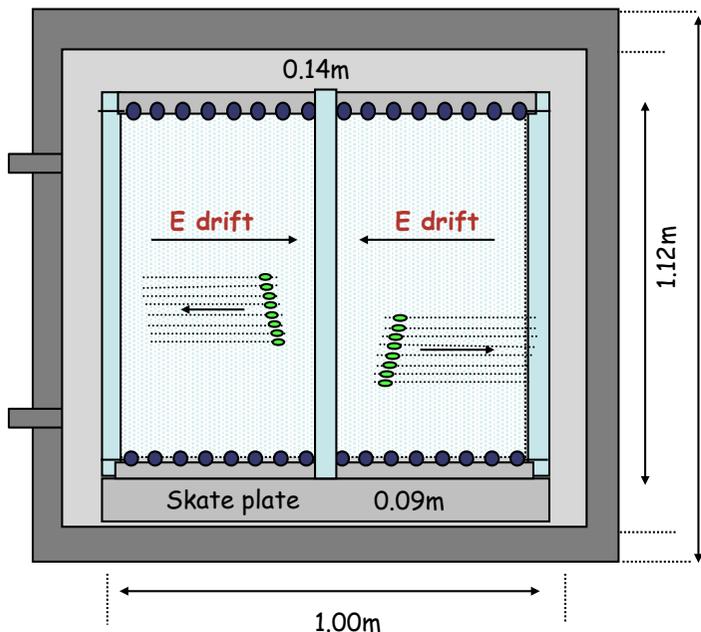


DRIFT is Pioneer (US-UK) at Boulby

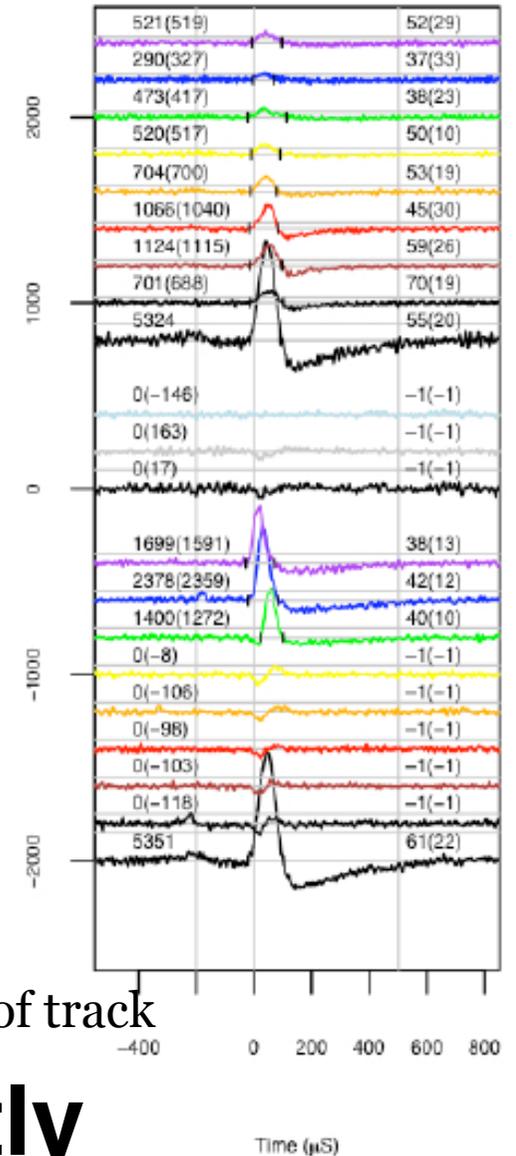
Directional Recoil Identification From Tracks (DRIFT)



DRIFT IIa, b, c, d, e

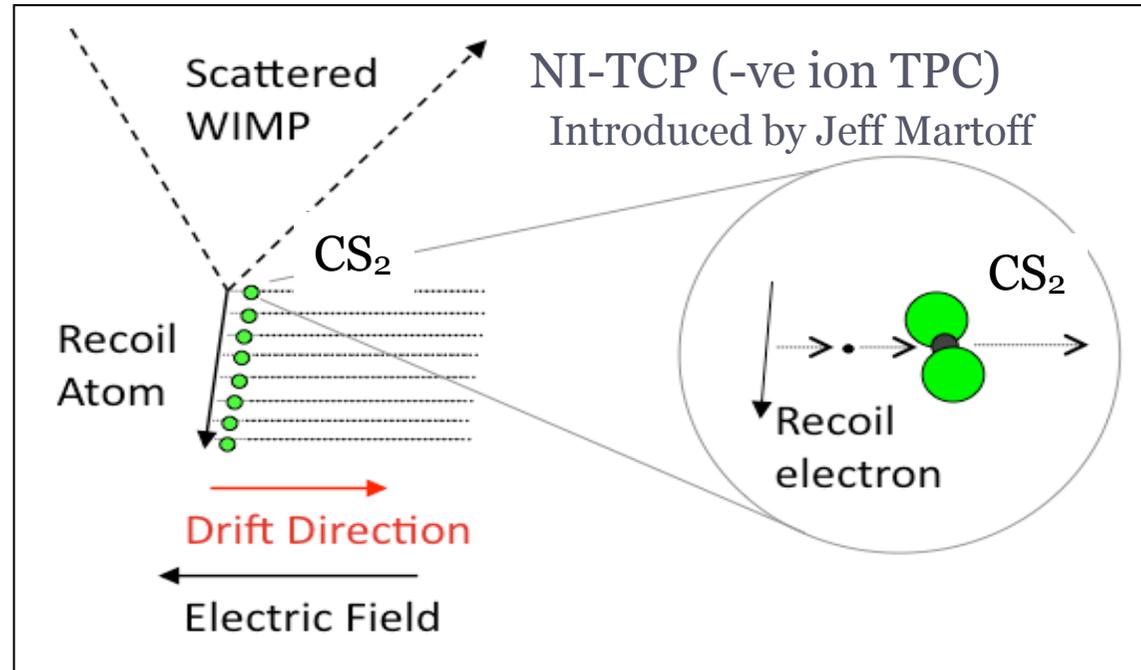


ΔX : Number of anode wires crossed
 ΔY : Progression across grid wires
 ΔZ : Drift time between start and end of track



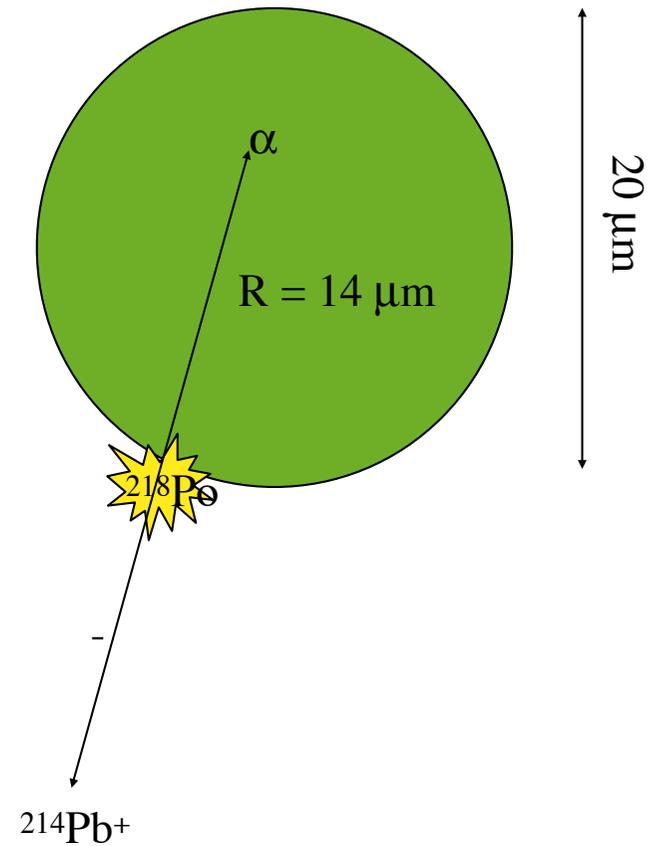
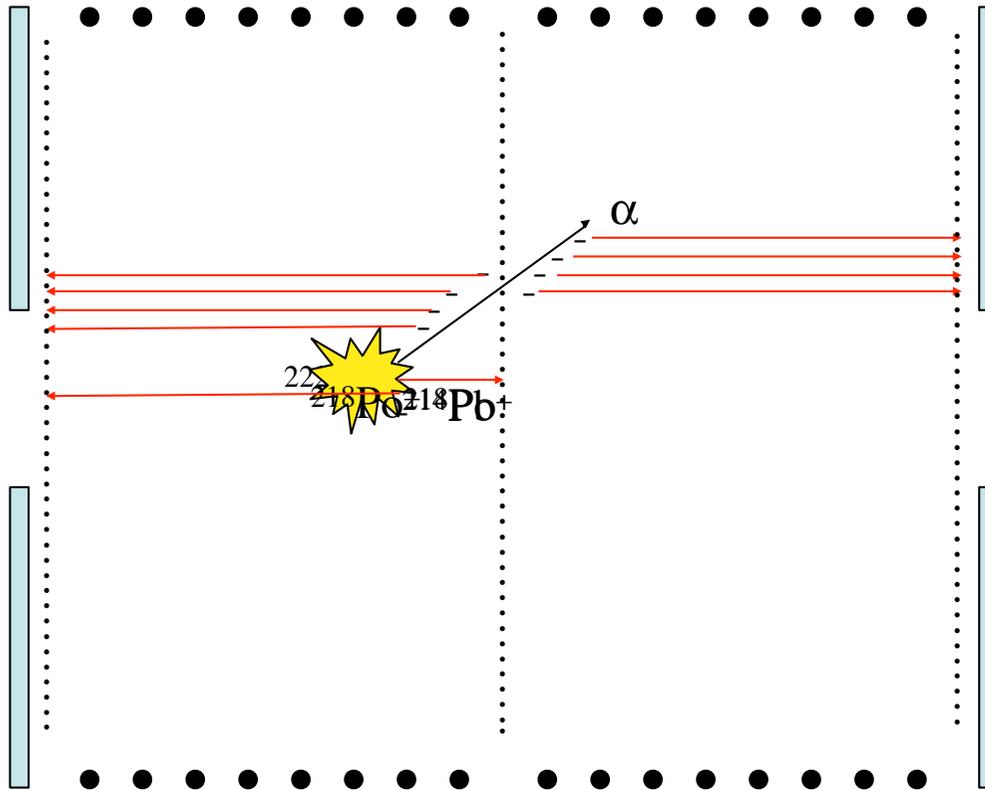
Significant advances recently

Negative Ion Drift



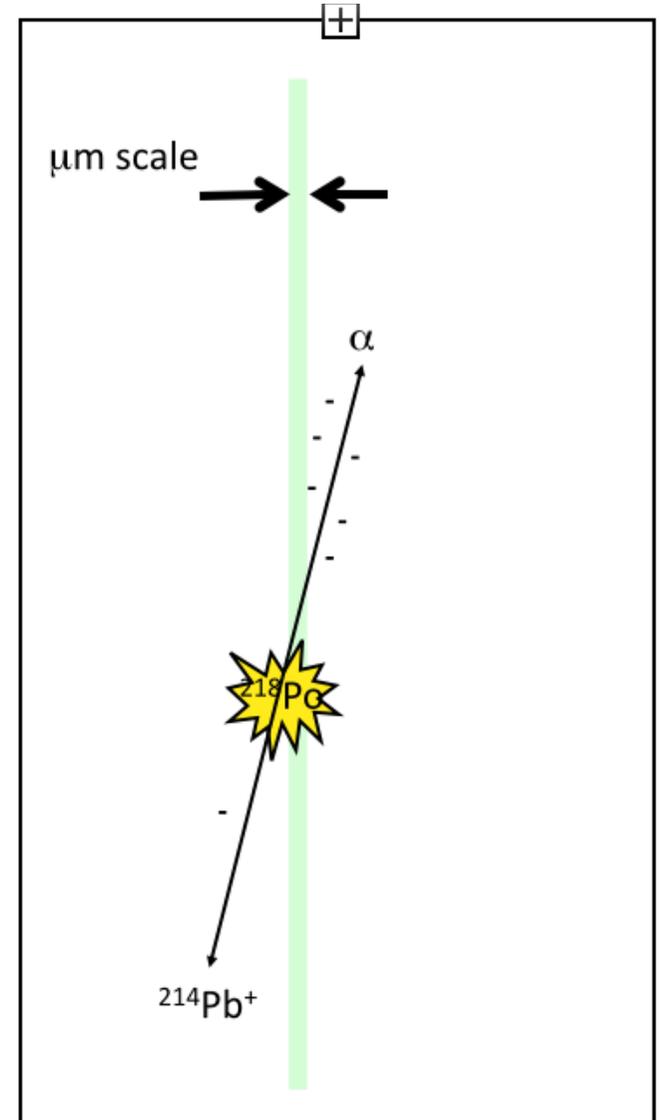
Towards Zero Background

Radon Progeny Recoils



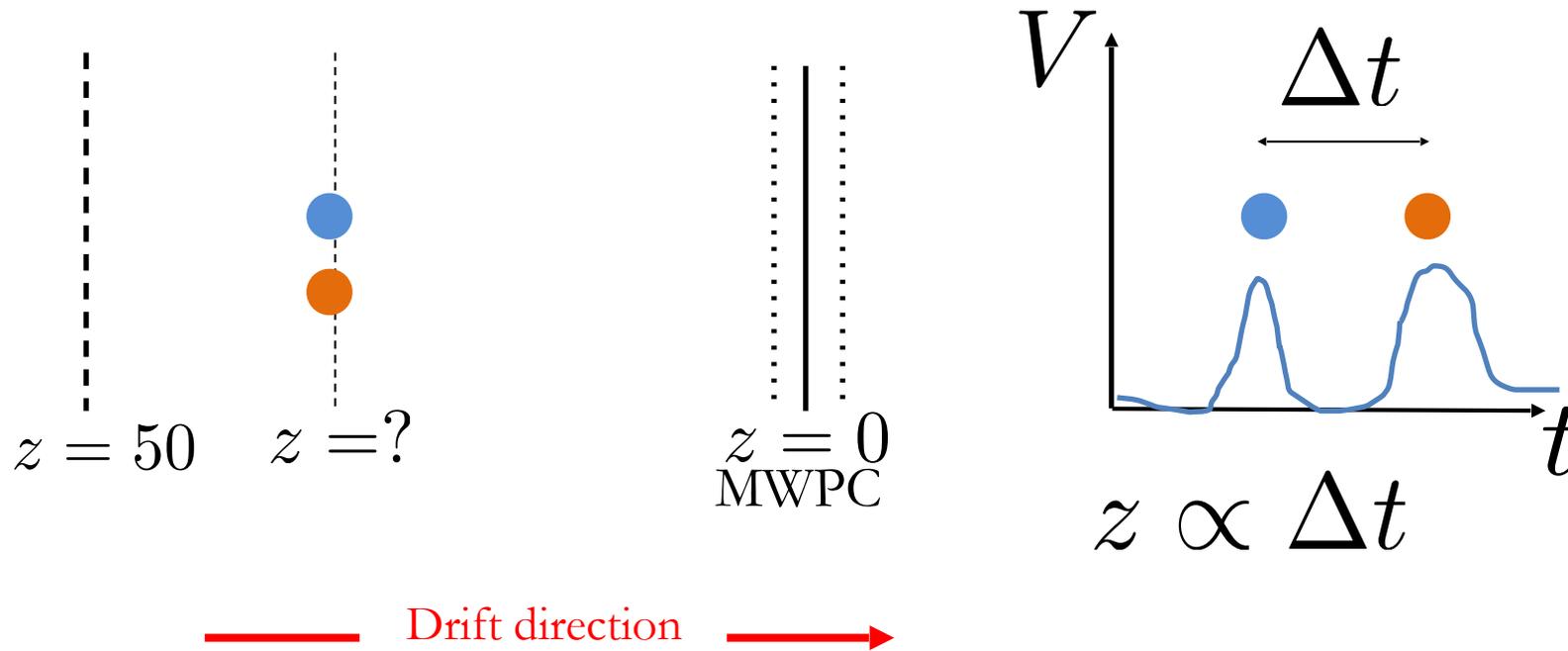
Ultra-thin Cathode

- 0.9 μm textured thin cathode reduces radon events



z-Fiducialization Breakthrough

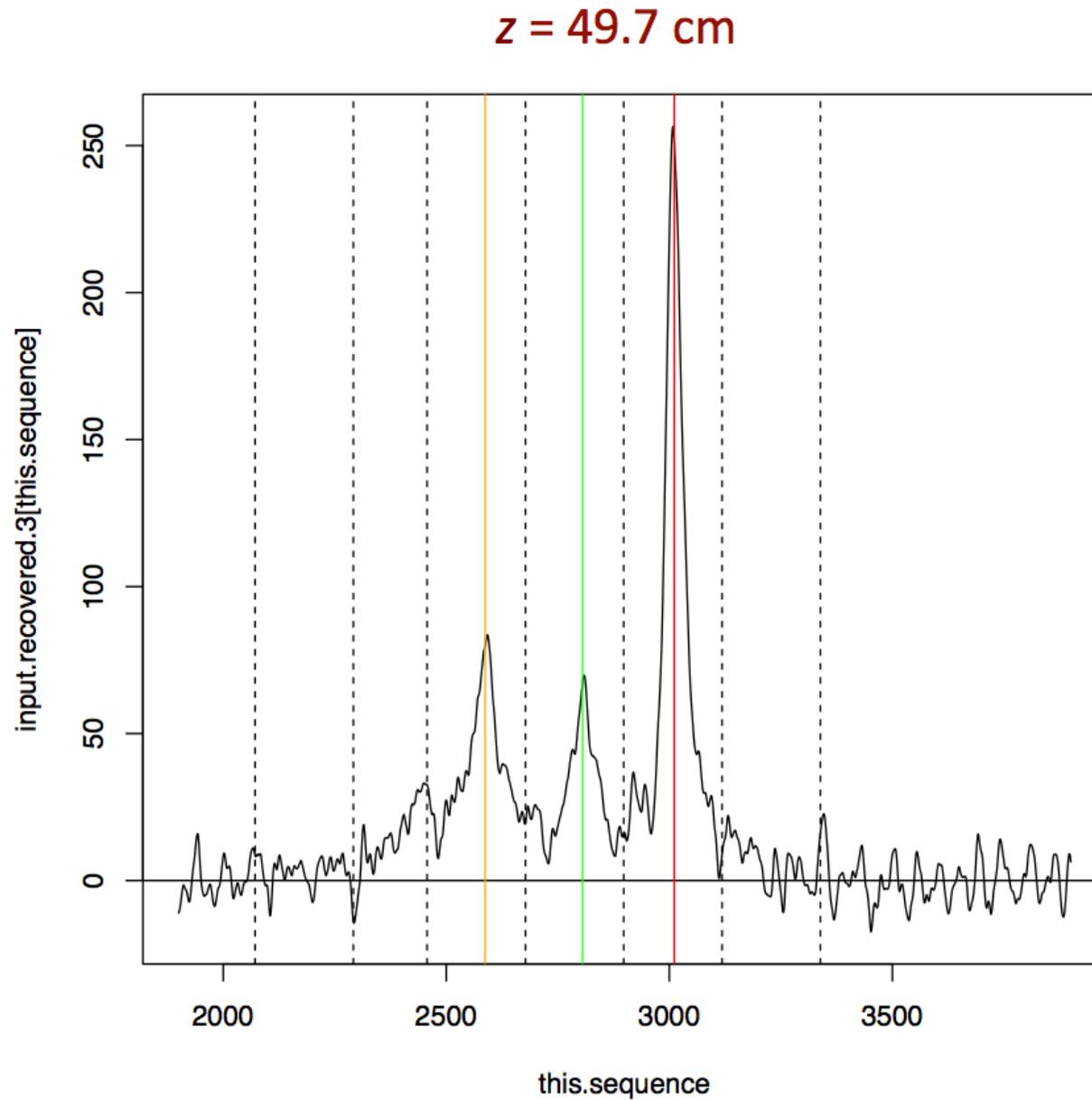
- Discovery of minority carrier gas mixtures CS₂:CF₄:O₂
- Use of different drift speeds of carriers



Proportionality constant can be measured for various gas mixtures, or calibrated in-situ.

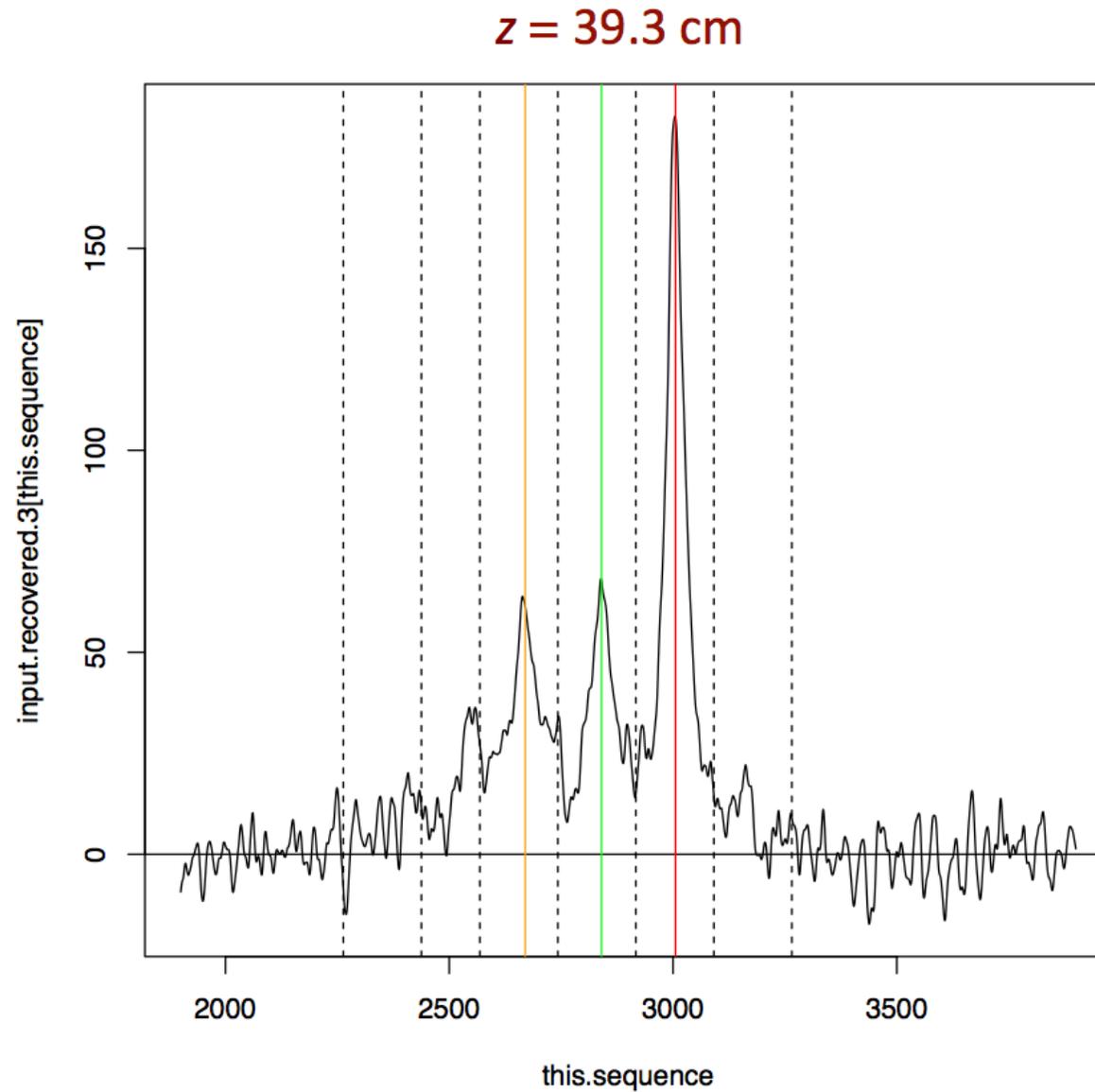
z-Fiducialization

Examples



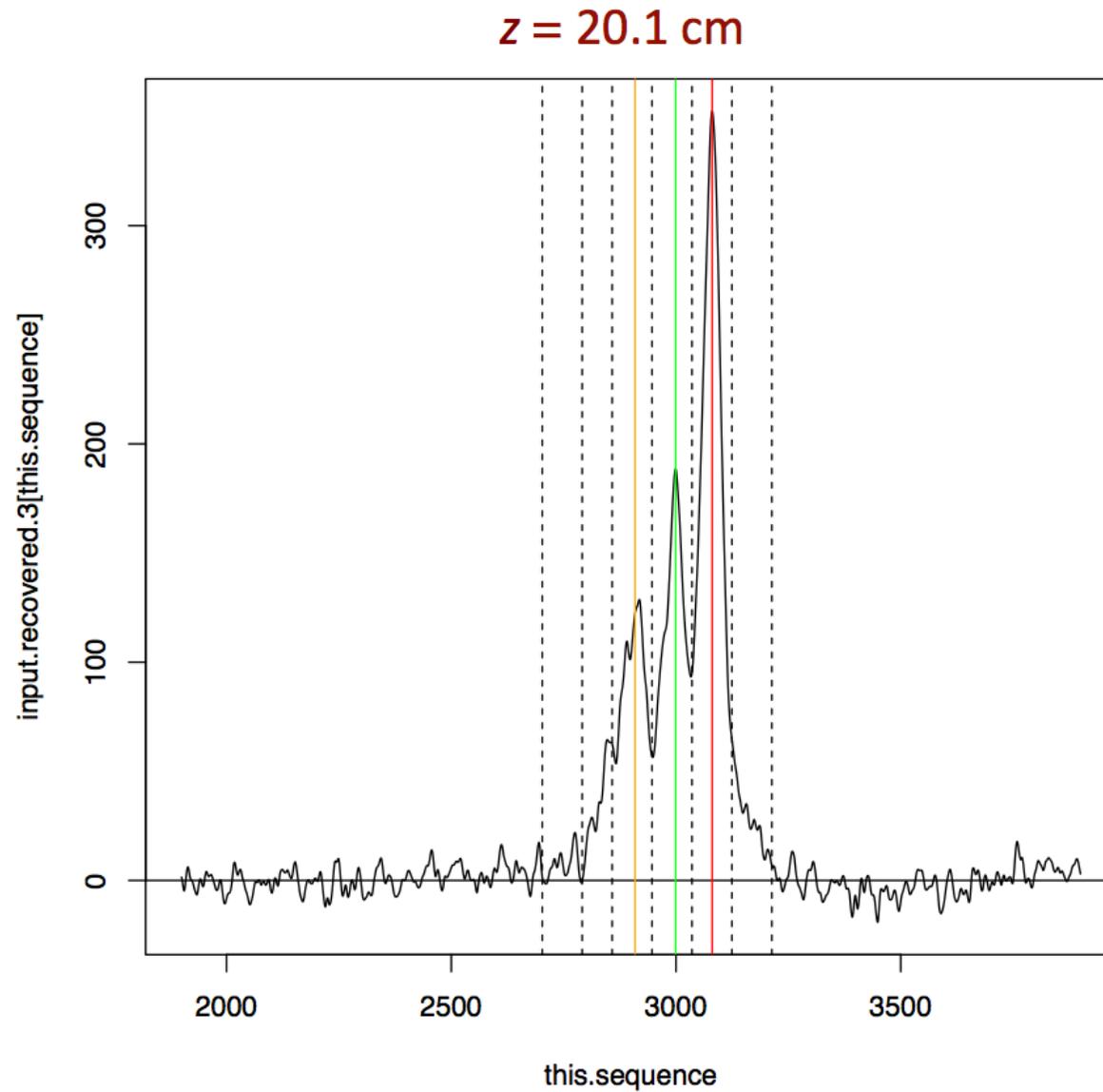
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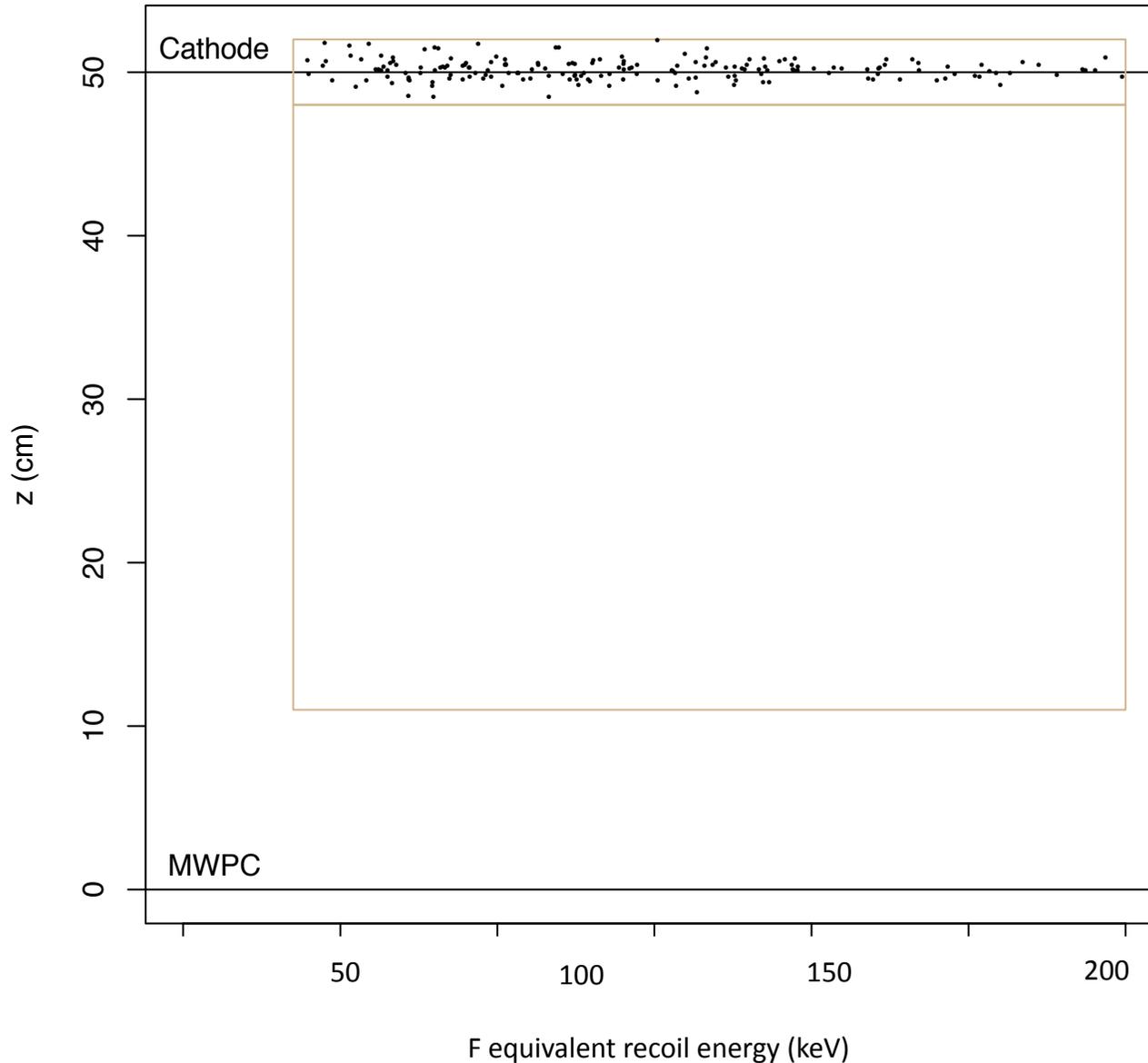
DRIFT WIMP Analysis

Shielded 30-10-1 CS₂-CF₄-O₂ Data

Nips vs PI z

Background All Shielded, 433SumRisetime

54.7 days, 185 events, 3.38 +/- 0.2 events per day



- 54.7 days of data analyzed
- 185 events found but as expected all were located at 50 cm away from the detector, i.e. on the central cathode.
- Define a background-free fiducial region.
- In order to interpret this as a limit need to calibrate the detector...

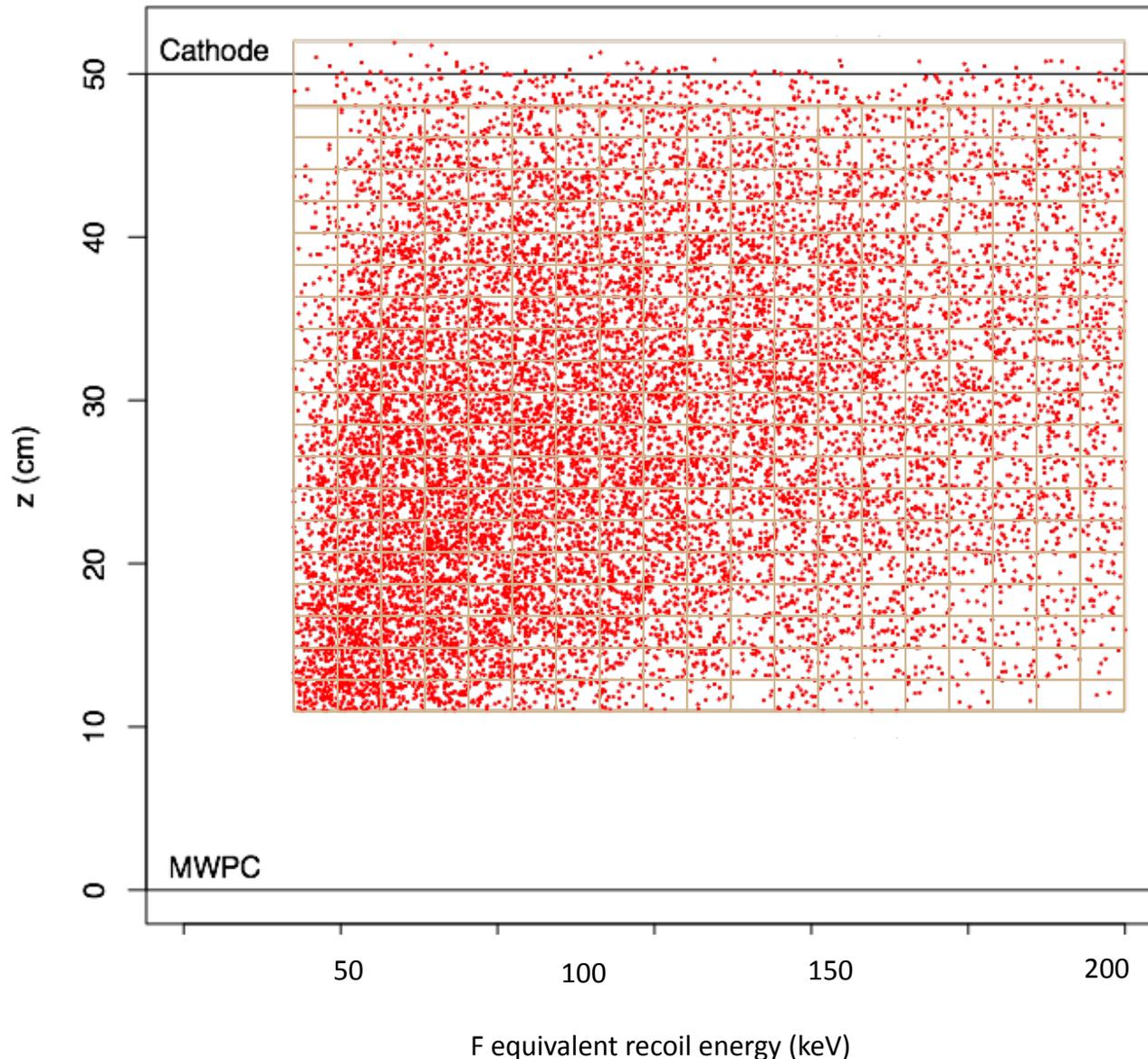
DRIFT WIMP Analysis

Cf-252 Neutron Calibration Data

Nips vs PI z

Neutrons All Shielded, 433SumRisetime

0.803 days, 14240 events, 17700 +/- 100 events per day

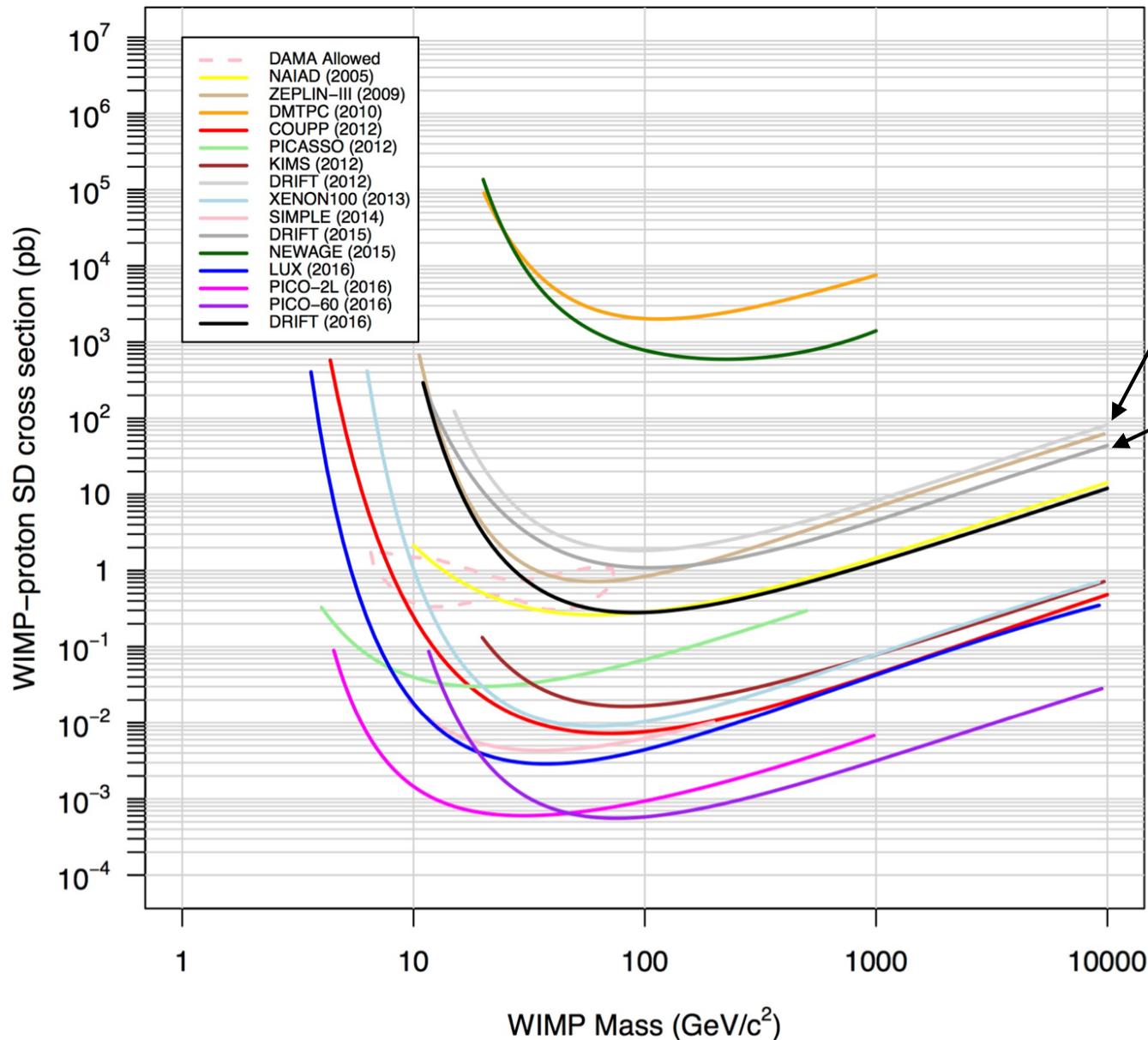


- Exposed the detector to a CF-252 neutron source
- As expected the neutrons distributed themselves more or less uniformly in z within the fiducial region
- Since neither the distribution in z nor *NIPs* (ionization) is truly uniform need to do this carefully...
- Did the same for the experimental data.

New Result (zero background)

New result (CAASTRO2017) including reduced threshold analysis

First result in “DAMA Region” with directional sensitivity”



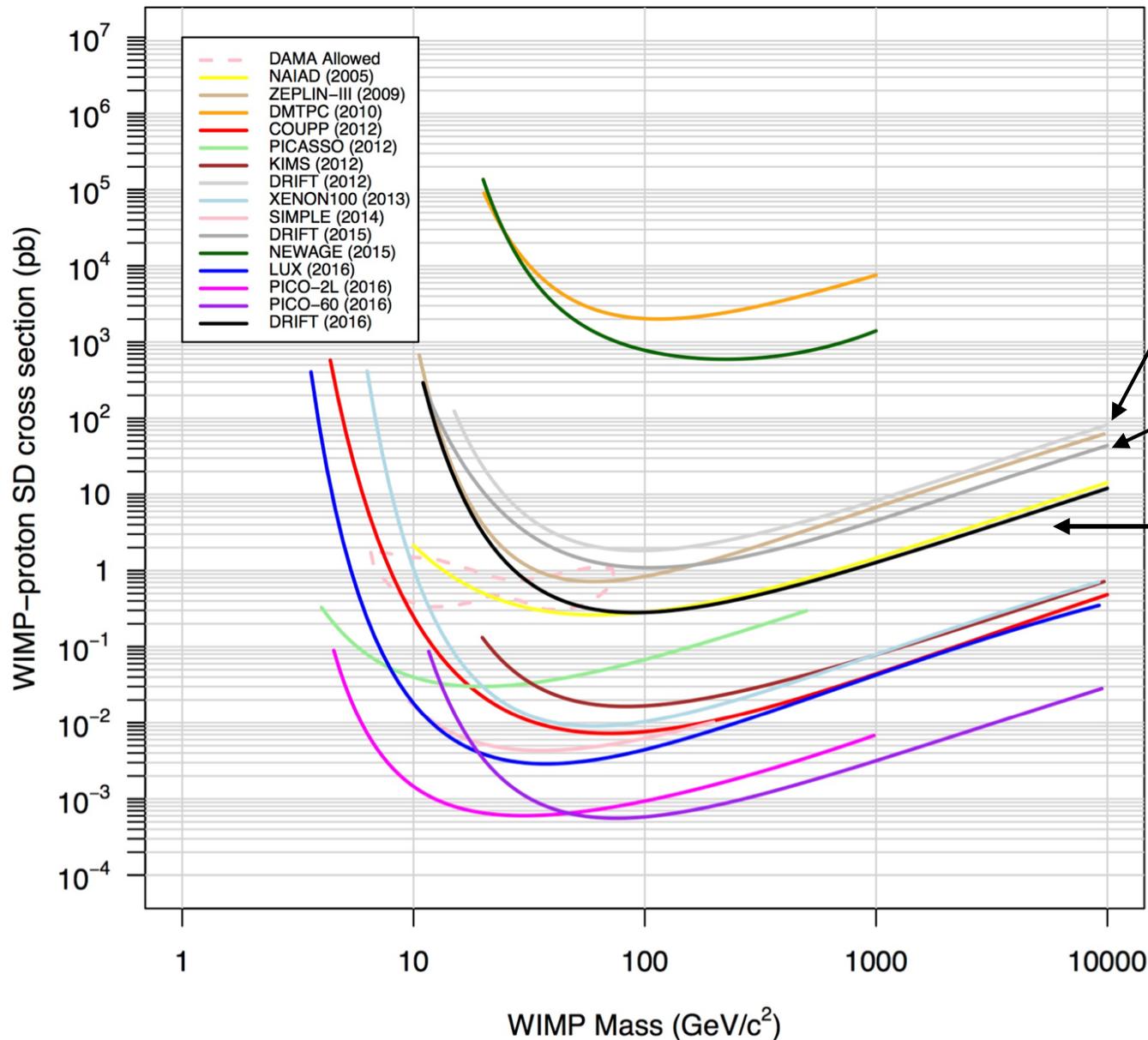
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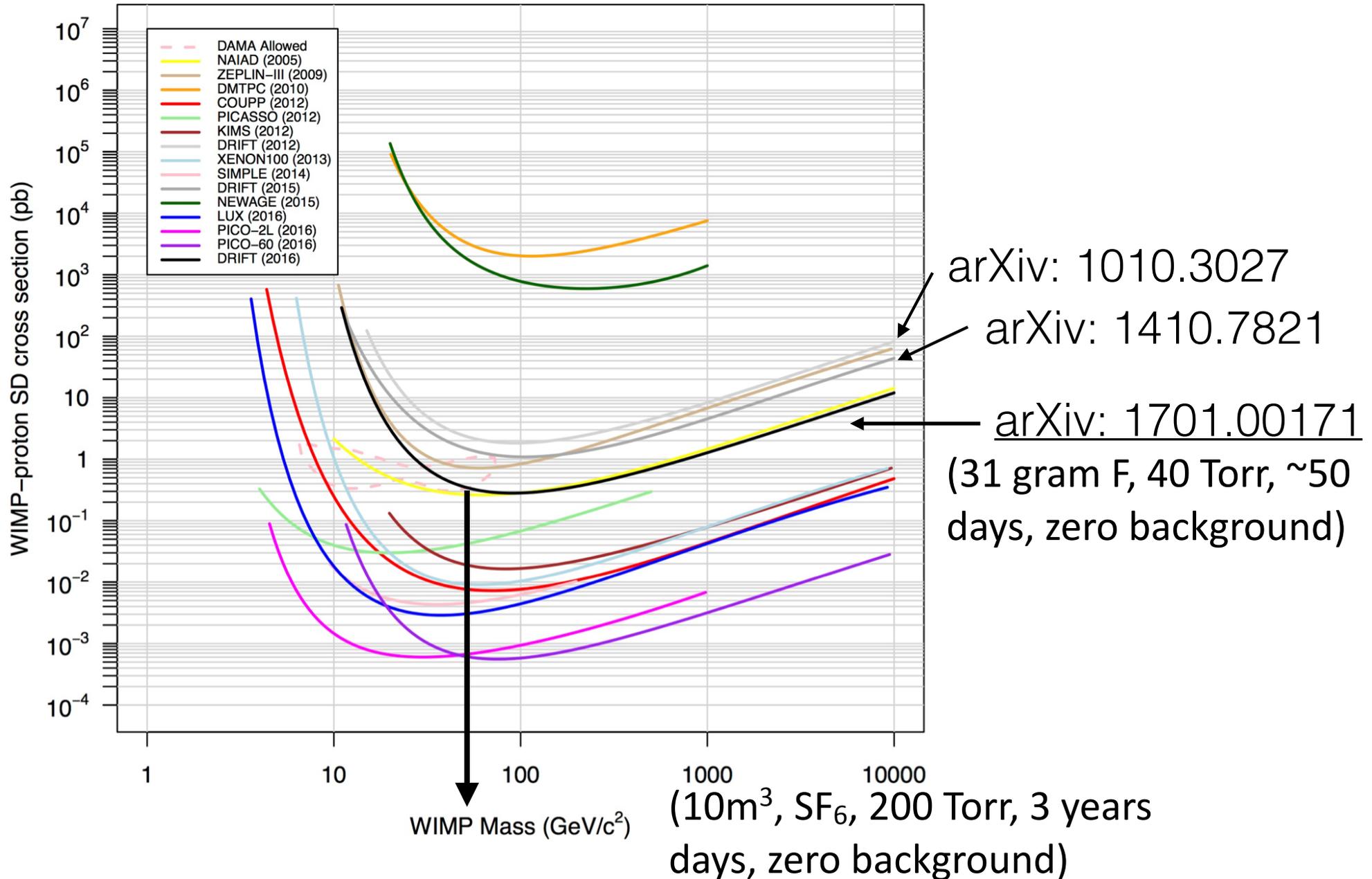
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(31 gram F, 40 Torr, ~50 days, zero background)

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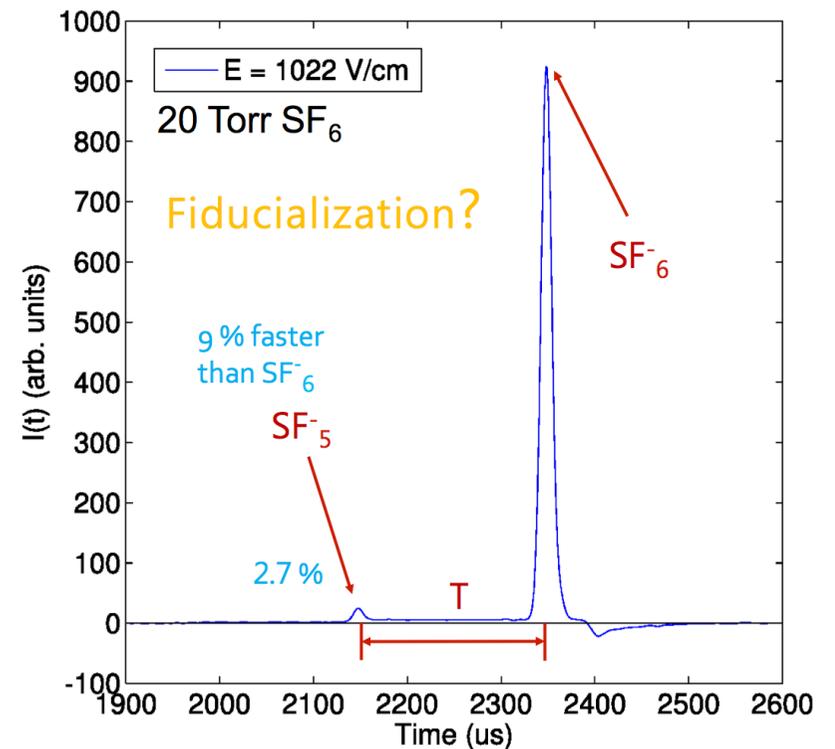
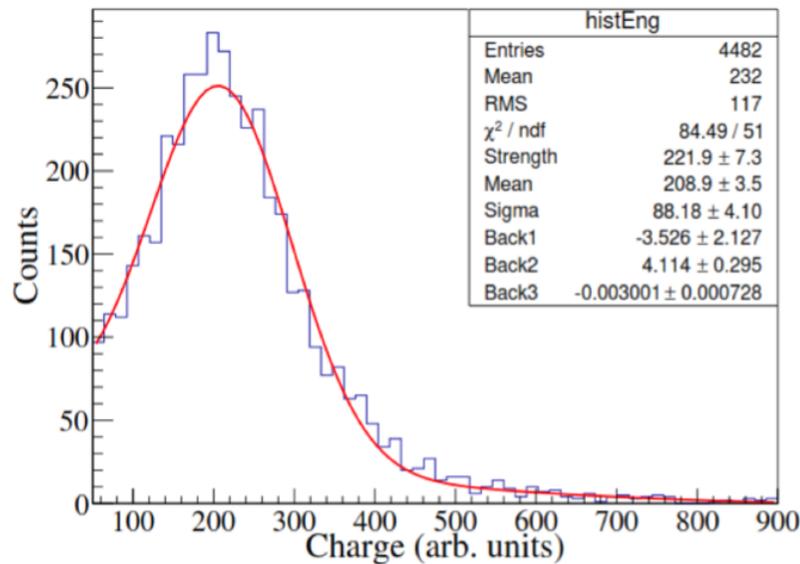
SF₆ Breakthrough at UNM

-ve ion with minority carrier and increased target mass

- ▶ Replacement for CS₂
- ▶ First demonstration of SF₆ as -ve on gas (with GEMs)
- ▶ Potential for x5 more mass, with fiducialisation?
- ▶ This has been a revelation

N. Phan, University of New Mexico

- ⁵⁵Fe spectrum in 40 Torr SF₆ with 0.4mm GEM
- Gain curves up to x3000
- z-fiducialization with SF₅⁻ shown (20 Torr)



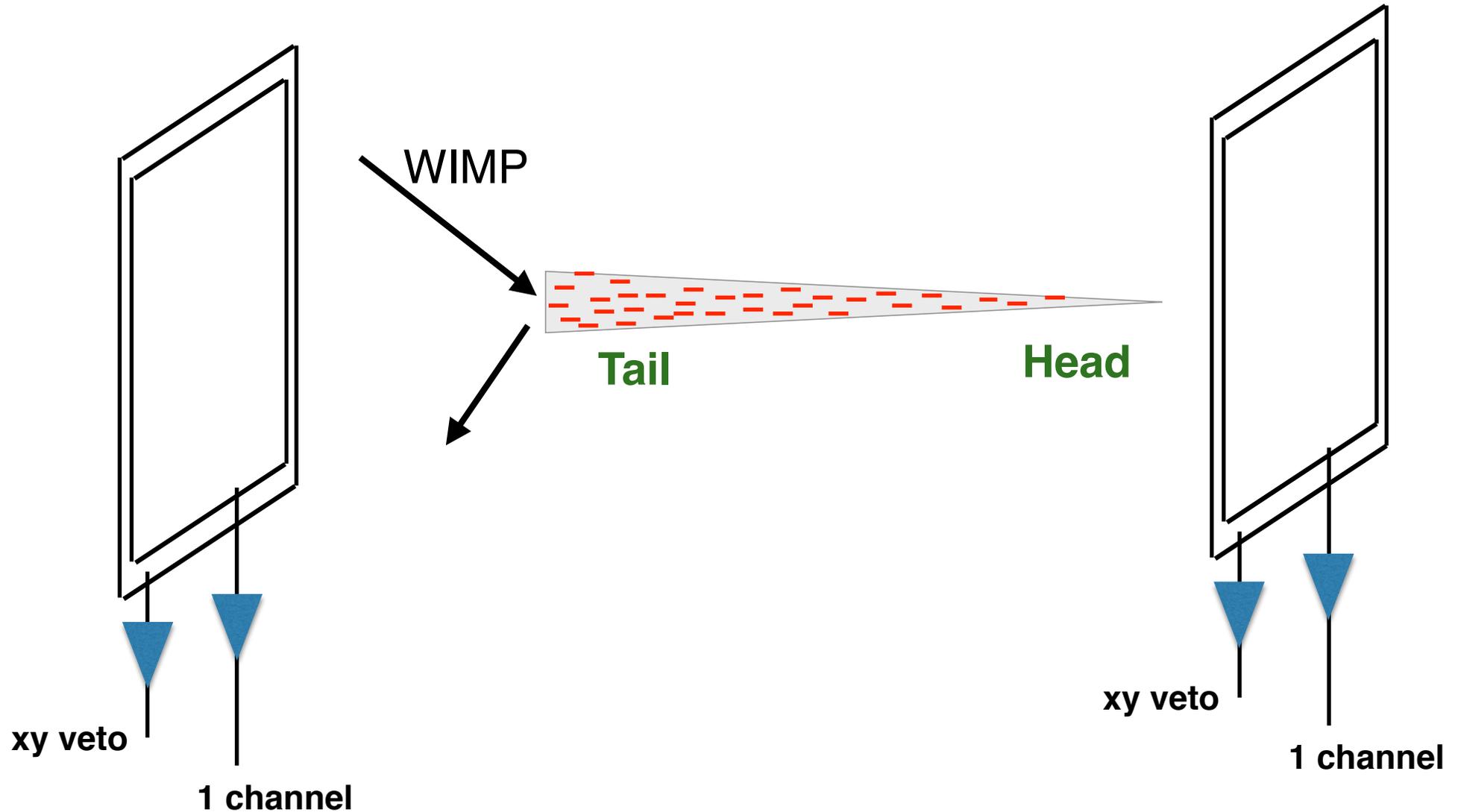
- ▶ Activity now in many groups
- ▶ Frascati, Kobe, UNM, Sheffield

Is a Simpler “1D-HT” Readout Possible?

CYGNUS R&D activity at Boulby

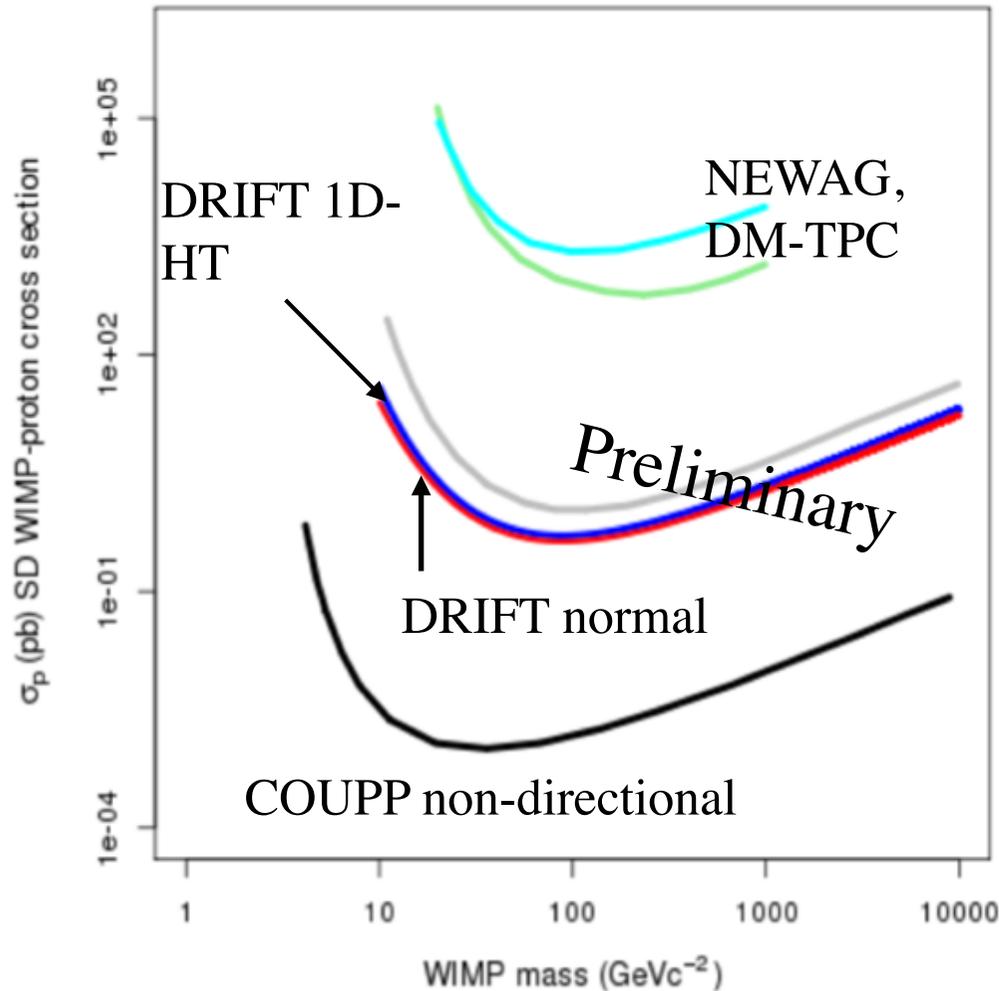
N. Spooner, University of Sheffield

- What is the simplest possible readout that might just work?



“1D-HT” Test using DRIFT Data

- ▶ experiment with DRIFT-IId xy information switched off, just z and head-tail data analysed, like a 1 x 1m single channel.

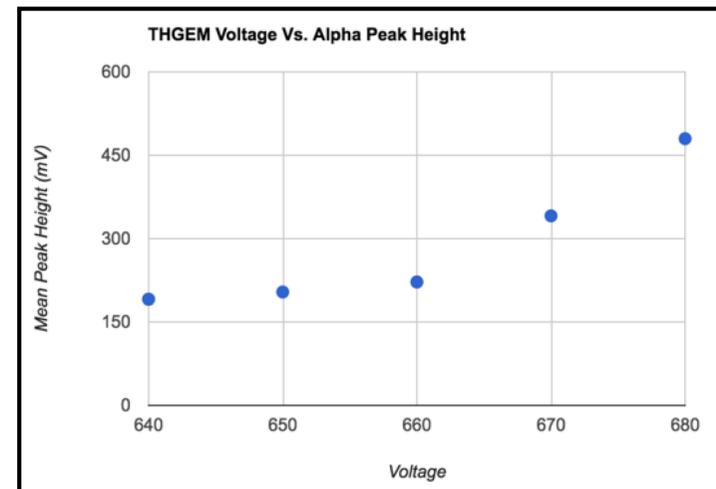
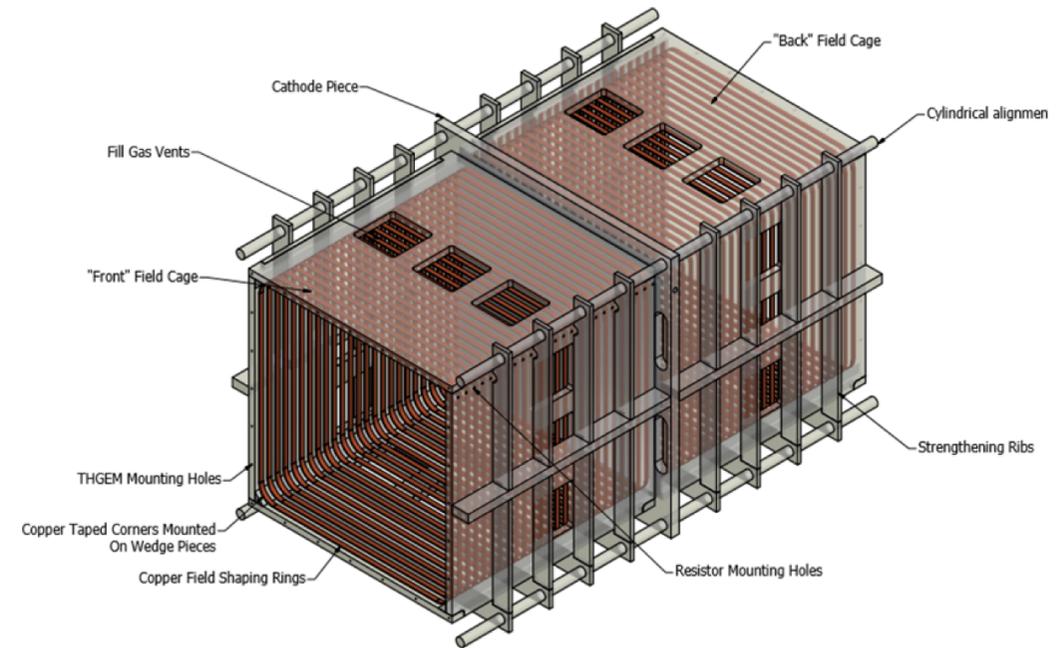
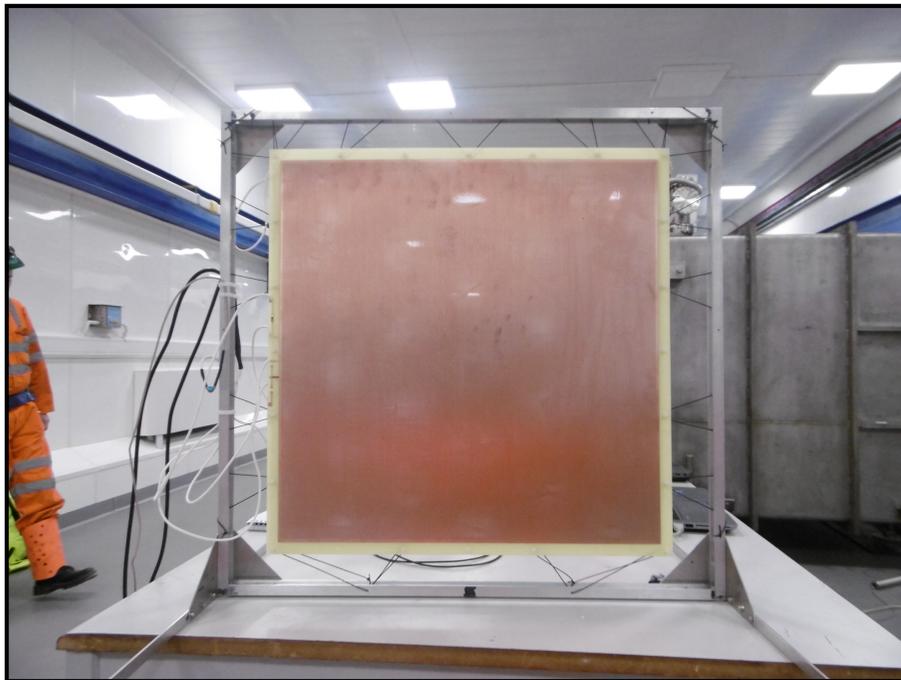


Paper in preparation

Simpler “1D-HT” Readout Concept

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- ▶ ThGEM 0.4mm hole dia., pitch 1mm, first data from alpha interactions - 2cm drift gap, 300 V/cm. 100 Torr CF₄

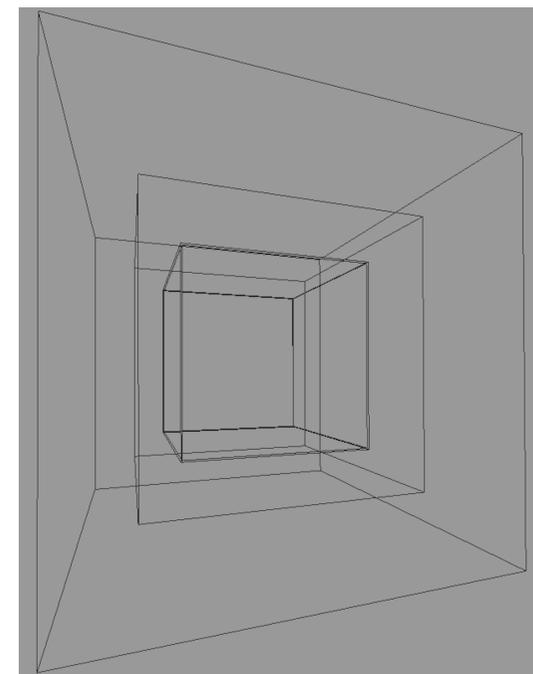
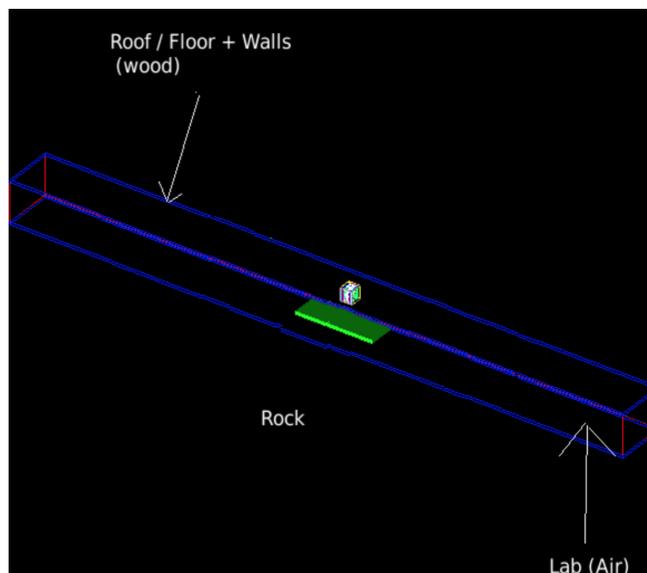


TPC Vessels & Neutron Backgrounds

- ▶ Neutron backgrounds in a 10 x 10 x 10m TPC required to achieve < 1 neutron in 3 years operation

- ▶ **GEANT4 simulations**

- ▶ Rock neutrons
- ▶ Muon neutrons
- ▶ Internal neutrons
- ▶ Vessel types: steel, acrylic, steel + internal plastic shield
- ▶ e.g. steel vessel 100 tons, acrylic vessel 20cm thick



Highlight results

- ▶ Steel has typically $\times 10^3$ - 10^4 times too much U/Th
- ▶ “SNO/DEAP” acrylic (~ 39 microBq/kg Th = 9.6×10^{-3} ppb), is suitable
- ▶ Steel plus ~ 50 cm internal acrylic shield, is suitable
- ▶ Ceramic components - maximum allowed total mass ~ 30 - 50 g

CYGNUS-10 Proposal for Boulby

▶ **10 m³ vessel, 75 cm poly neutron shield, simple veto**

▶ **Two modes of operation:**

(1) High pressure

(200 Torr SF₆ : 500 Torr He)

13 kg F, 1 kg He

(2) Low pressure, directional

(40 Torr SF₆)

▶ **Science**

(1) directional sensitivity at 1×10^{-4} pb in high mass SD

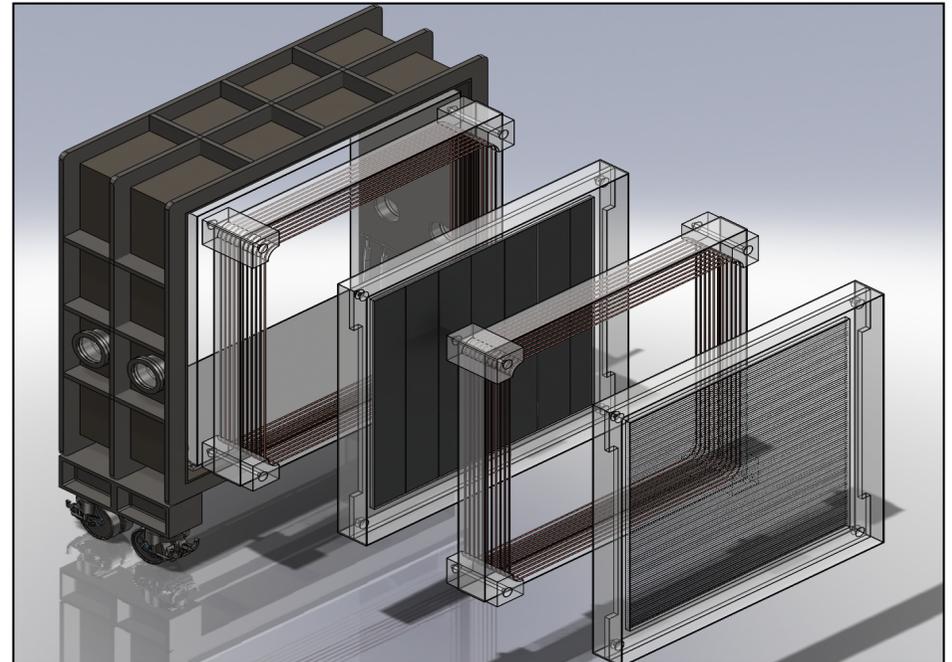
WIMP (~ 50 GeV), x 2000 below DAMA

(2) non-directional at 2×10^{-5} pb in high mass SD WIMP

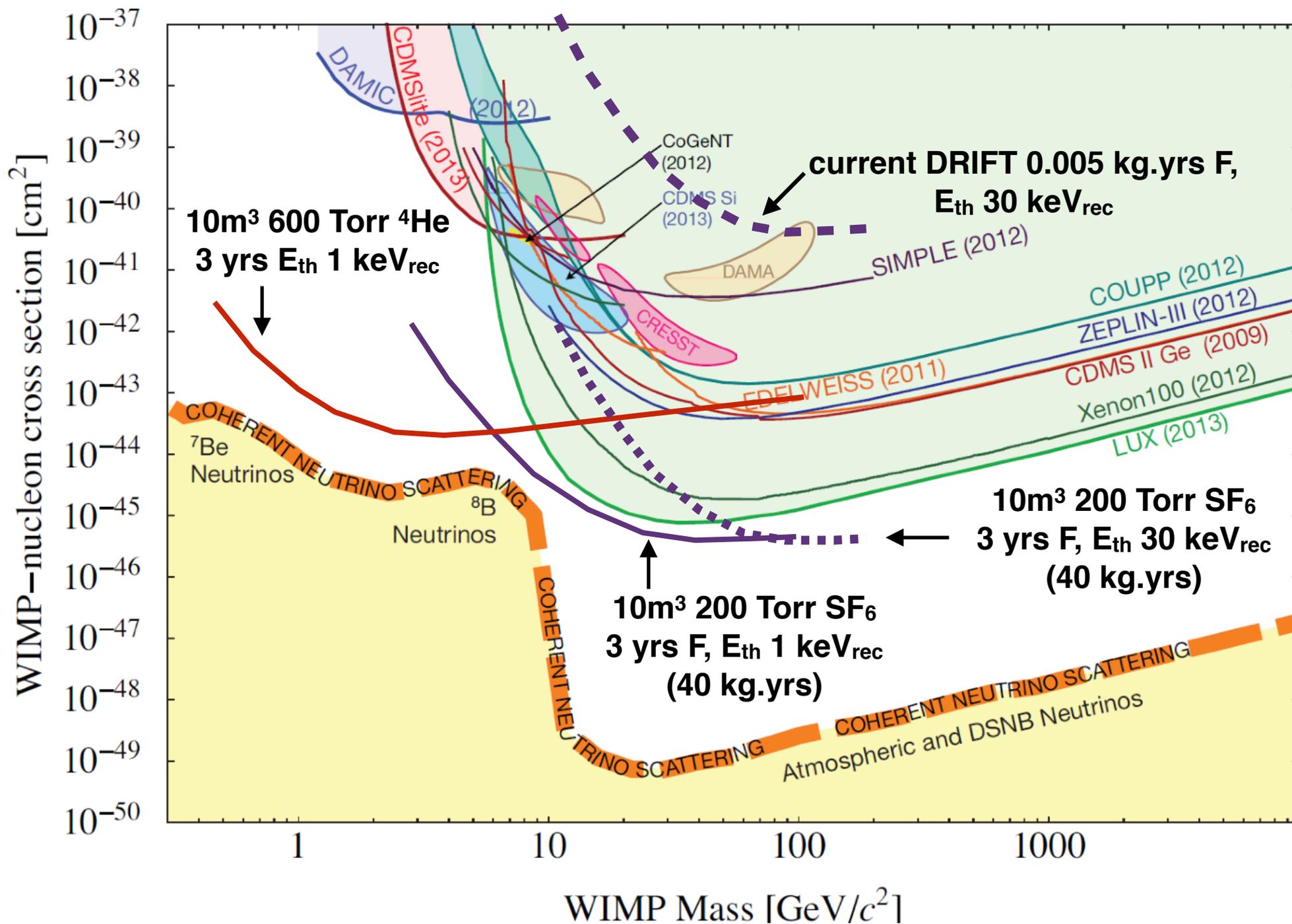
regime (~ 50 GeV), x 10000 below DAMA

(3) for 10 GeV region sensitivity at 10^{-6} Pb SI

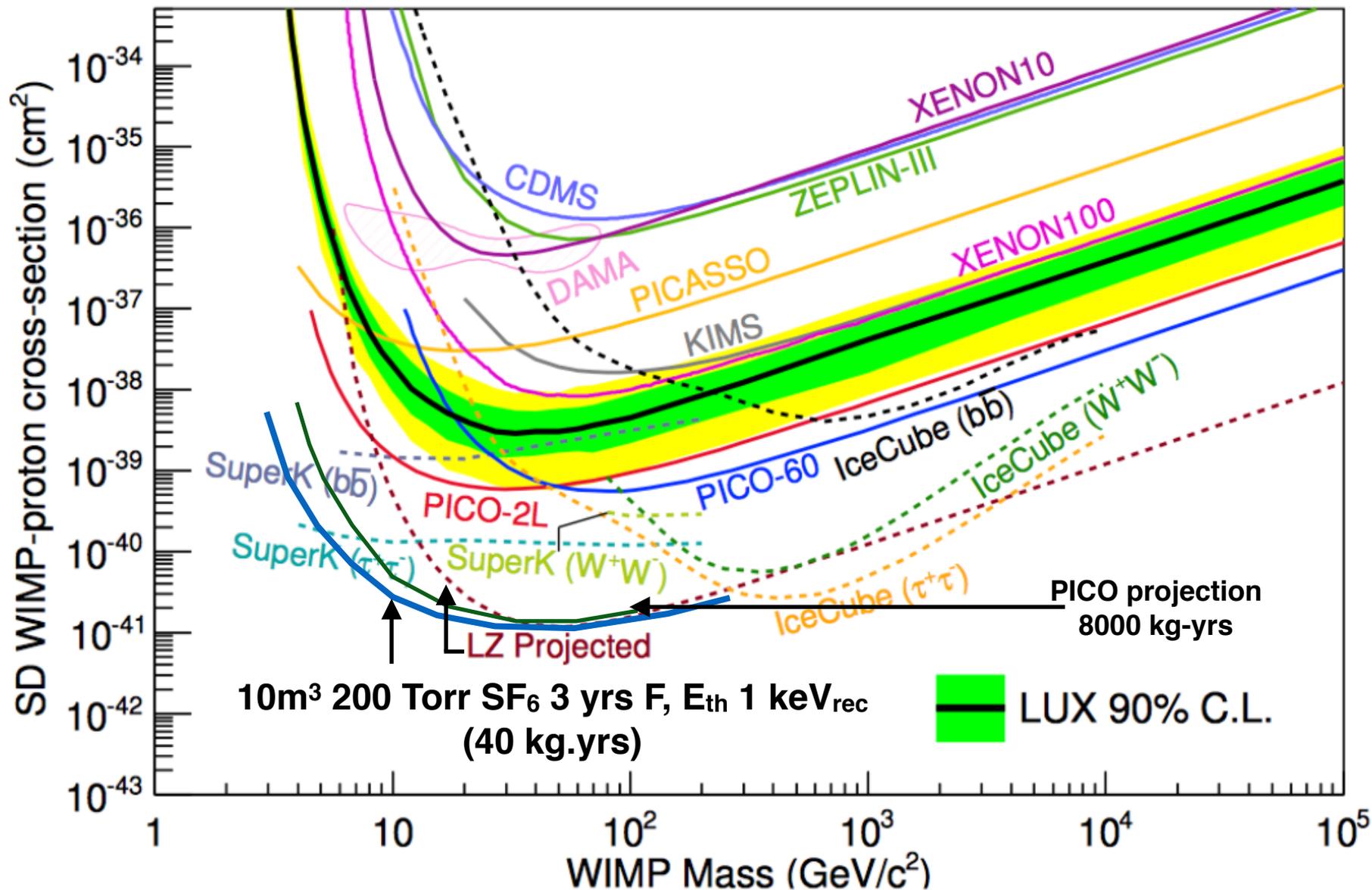
(4) 4 ⁸B neutrinos detected with direction sensitivity on



SI Sensitivity for 10m³ SF₆:He



SD Sensitivity for 10m³ SF6:He



Conclusion

Idea of a Global Galactic Recoil Observatory

(1) Dark Matter Directionality (2) Coherent Astrophysical Neutrino

Significant progress made recently

(1) Low energy directionality, (2) fiducialisation, (3) SF₆, (4) new lab..

Proto-collaboration underway and growing

Please join in!

CYGNUS Astrophysics and Neutrino Workshop

Jan 30th - Feb 2nd 2017
Melbourne, Australia

CYGNUS2017 Full Workshop

Jun 13th - Jun 15th 2017
Jinping, China

