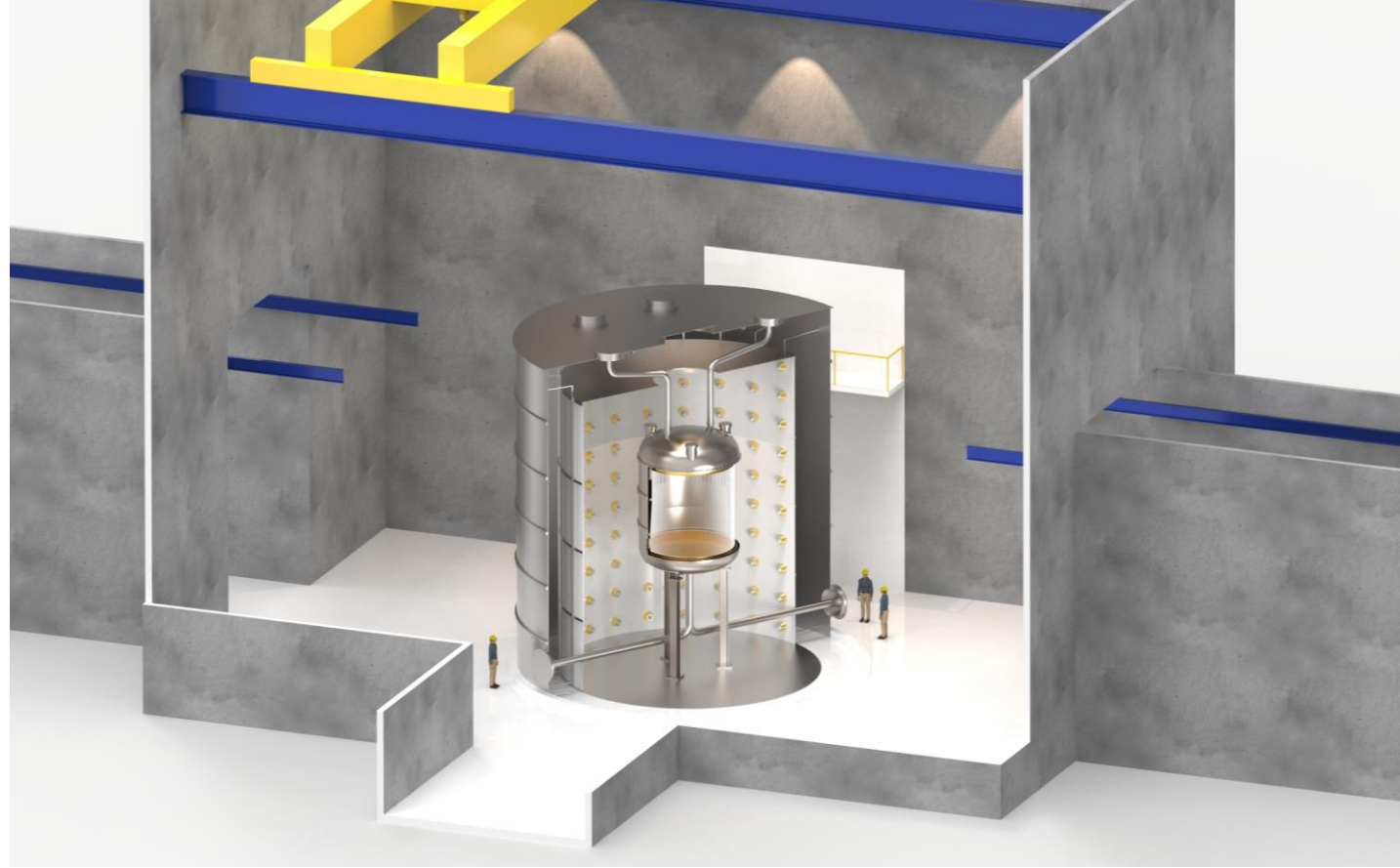




Liquid xenon rare-event observatory



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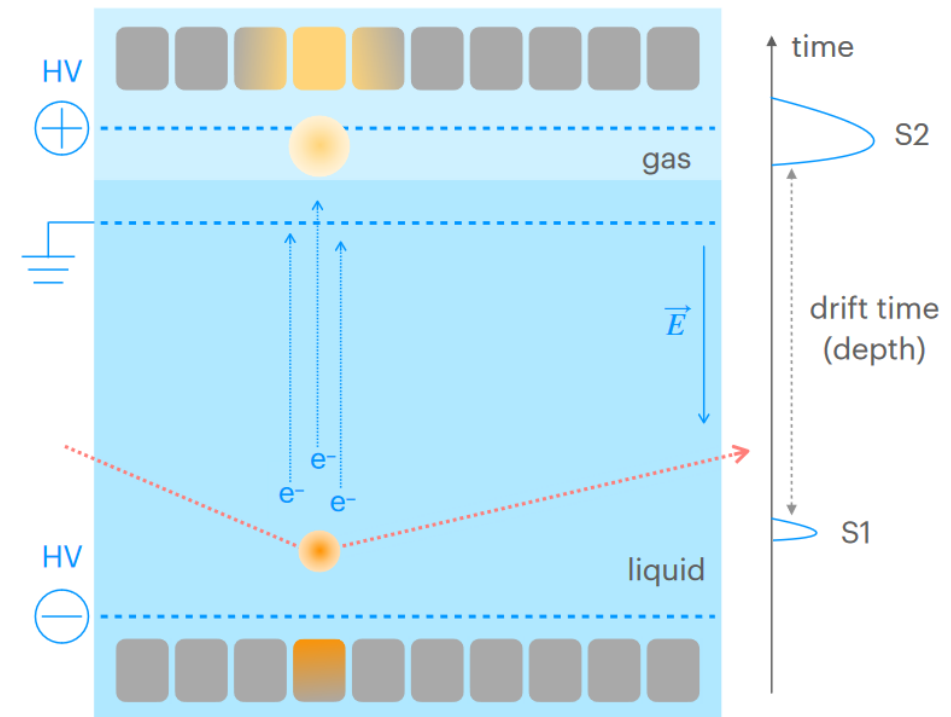
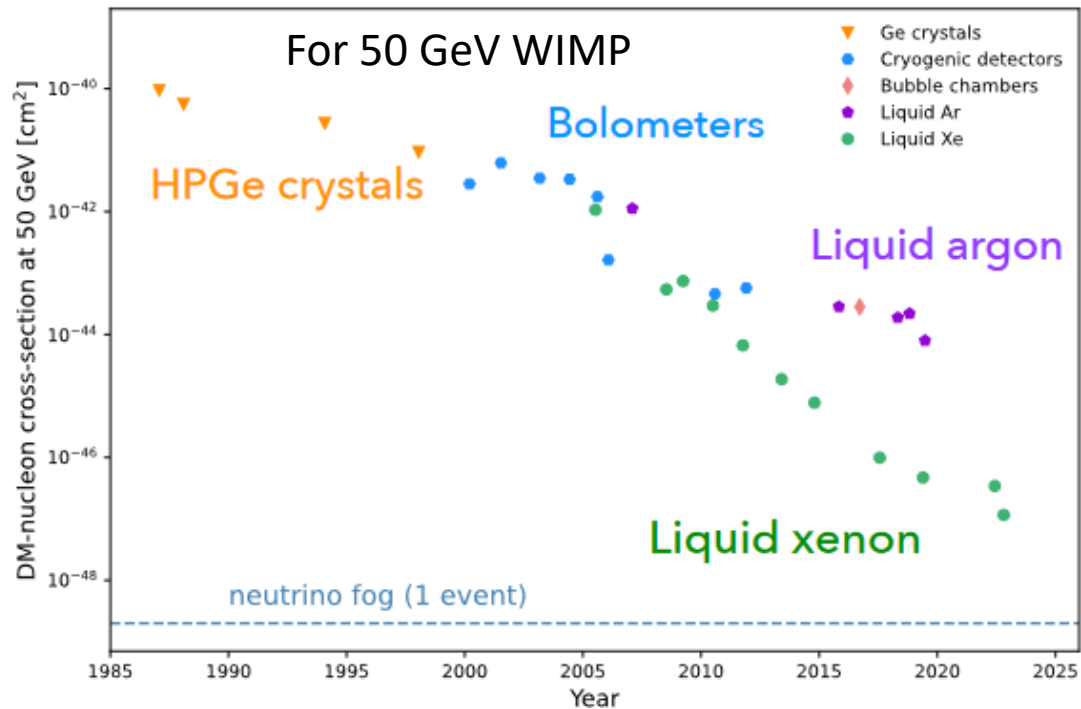
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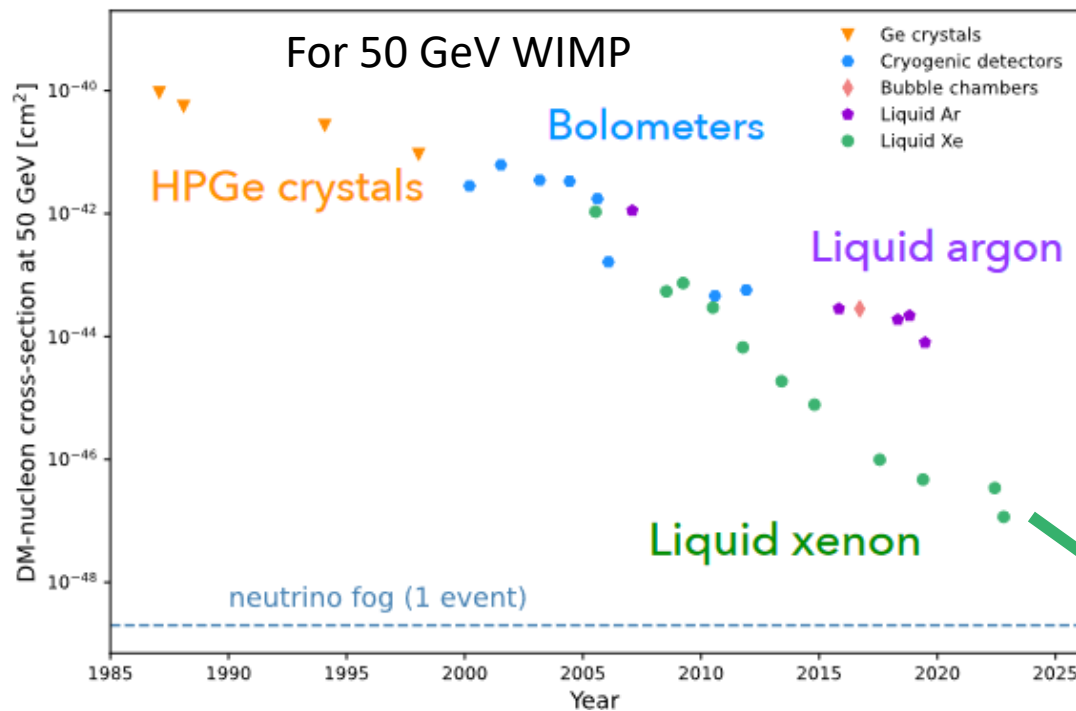


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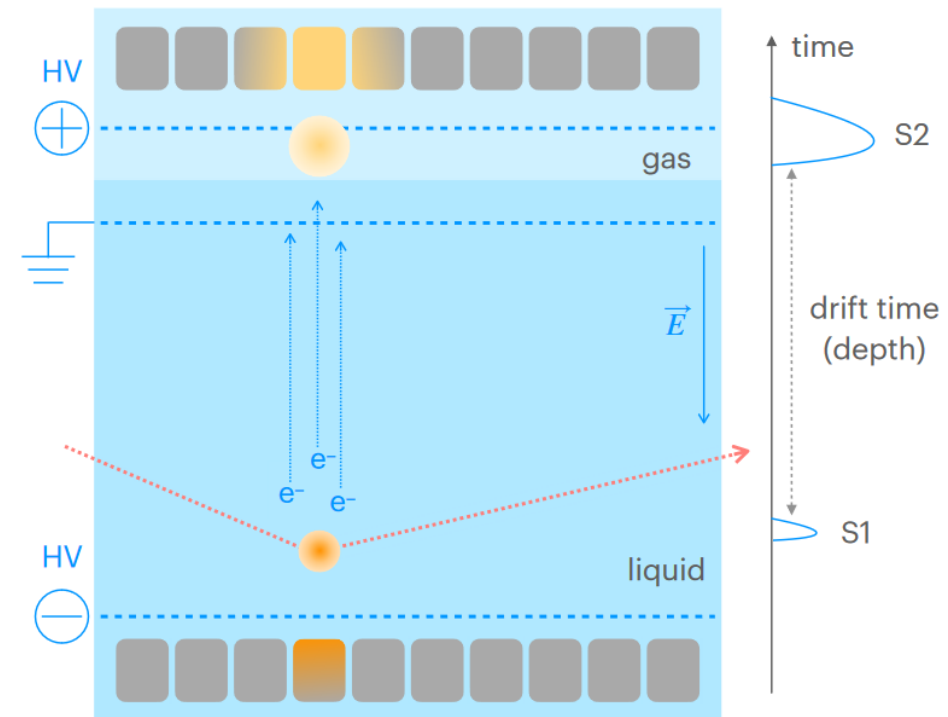
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XLZD





Karlsruhe 2022



UCLA 2023



RAL 2024

Who is XLZD?

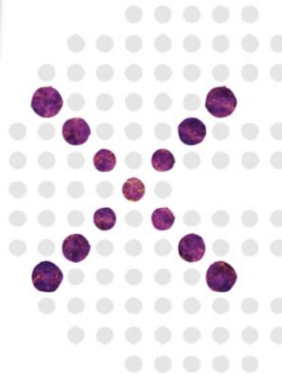
Pursuing future LXe experiment
MoU signed in 2021

350+ members from 60+ institutions

About to be constituted as formal collaboration

Already active with regular in-person meetings
and active science and R&D studies

XLZD



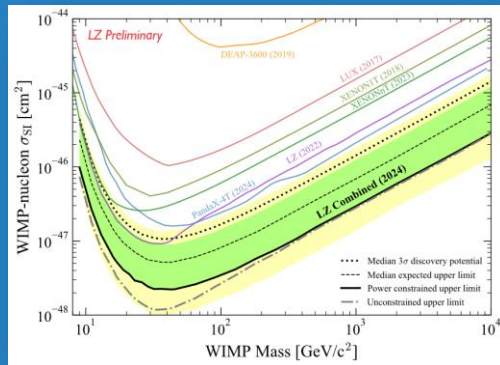
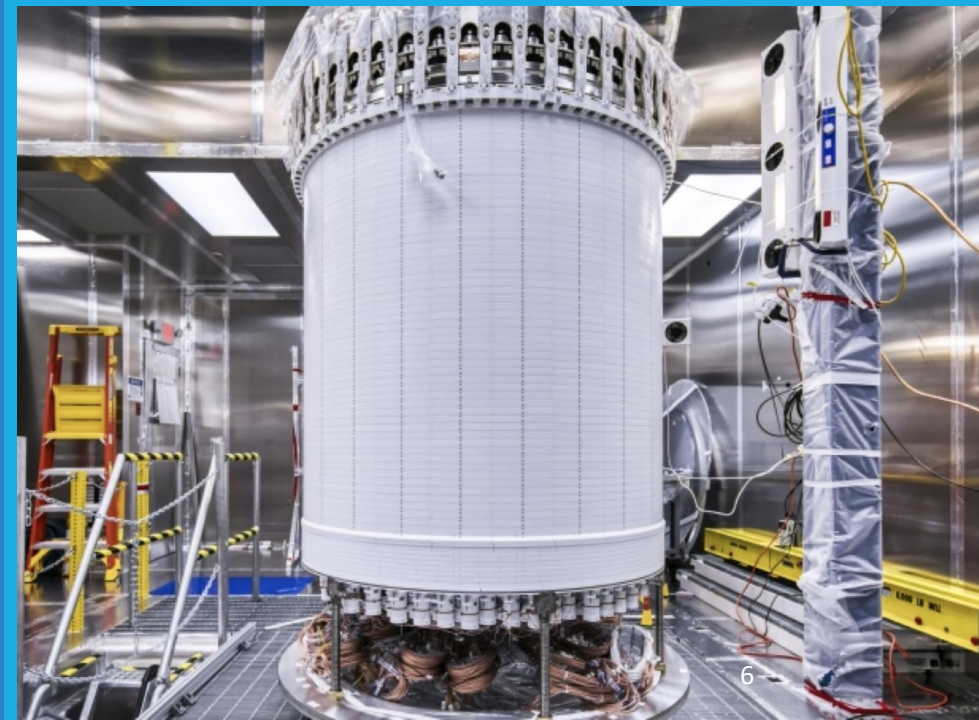
XENON and LZ: running experiments

Two cutting edge liquid xenon experiments

With 6 t (XENONnT) and 7 t (LZ) xenon in TPC

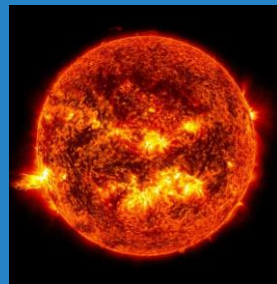
World-leading constraints on
WIMP dark matter

Increasingly sensitive to **other rare events**



Measurement of Solar ^8B Neutrinos via Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering with XENONnT

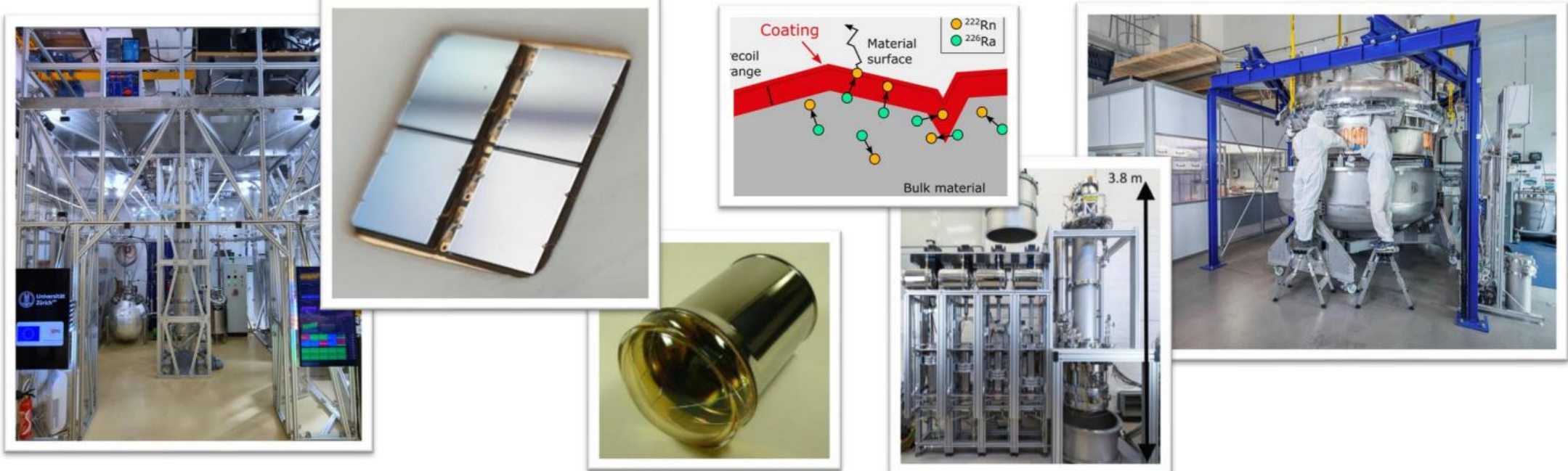
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(XENON Collaboration)*



DARWIN: R&D

Efforts to design a next-generation liquid xenon experiment

Active R&D in several areas:
background mitigation, PMTs, test platforms, novel technologies...



R&D also underway outside DARWIN – e.g. the Xenon Futures R&D Project in the UK

Main XLZD goals

Be most sensitive rare event xenon observatory

Search for WIMP dark matter down to neutrino fog

Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$ with natural Xe competing with dedicated experiments

Start science soon after end of current experiments

Design book in preparation

XLZD baseline design

Nominal plan: 60 t in 1:1 ratio (3 m x 3 m)

Possibility of 80 t if Xe market permits

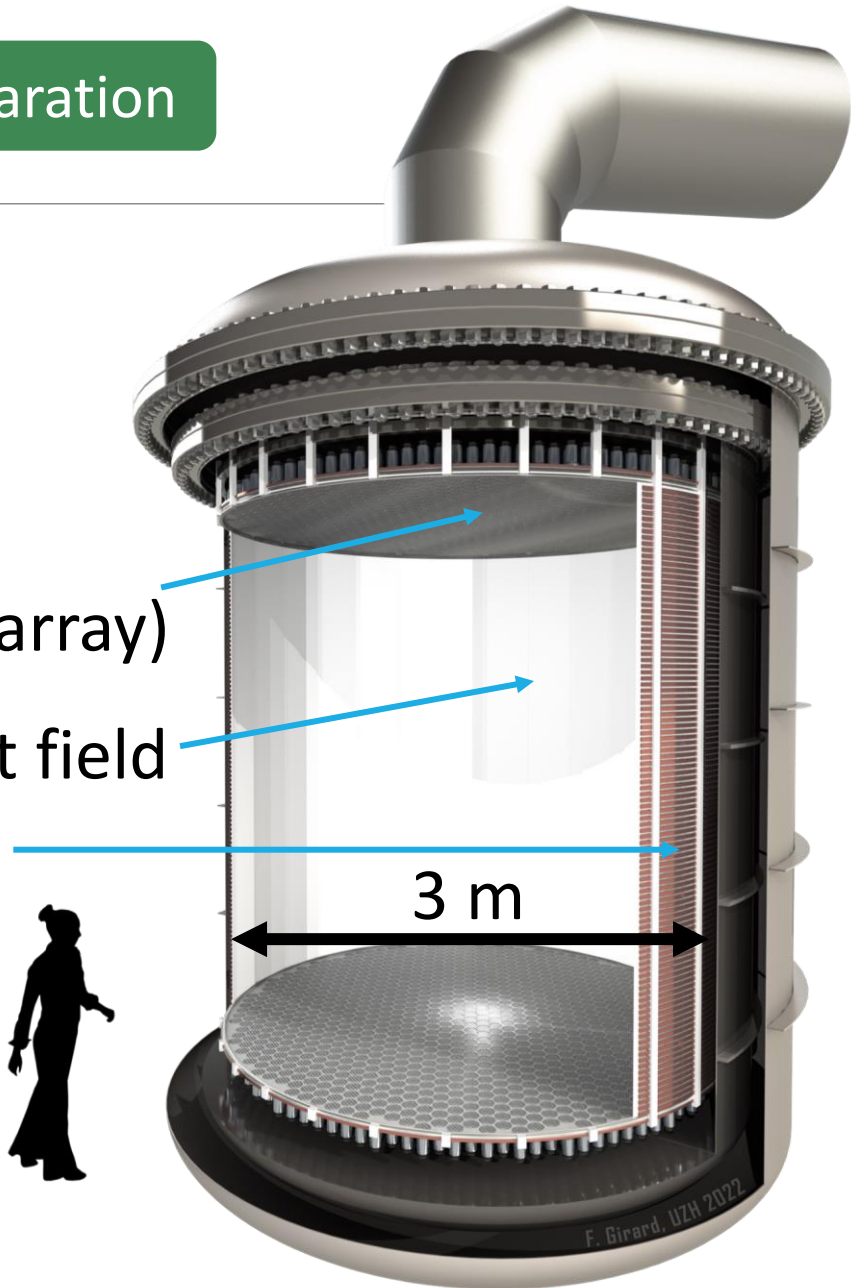
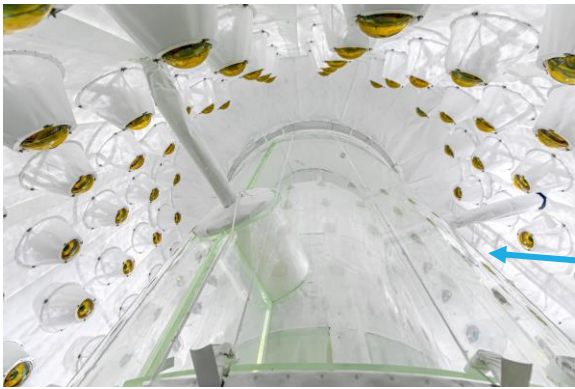
Early science with a shorter 40 t detector

3" photomultipliers (1182 per array)

240-290 V/cm drift field

LXe skin detector

Plus outer detector
as n, μ veto



Where might XLZD go?

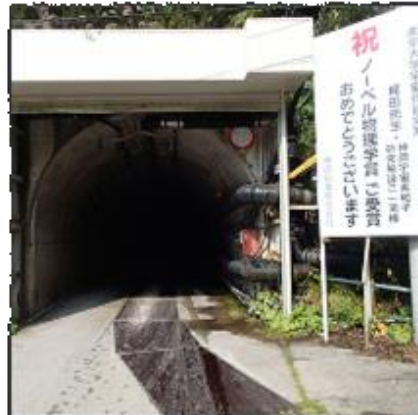
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The Boulby Underground Laboratory, the UK's deep underground science facility, located 1100m (vertical access) below ground in an active salt mine extending below the North Sea



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Boulby has a lot to offer, XLZD@Boulby project is underway



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Boulby stage 2

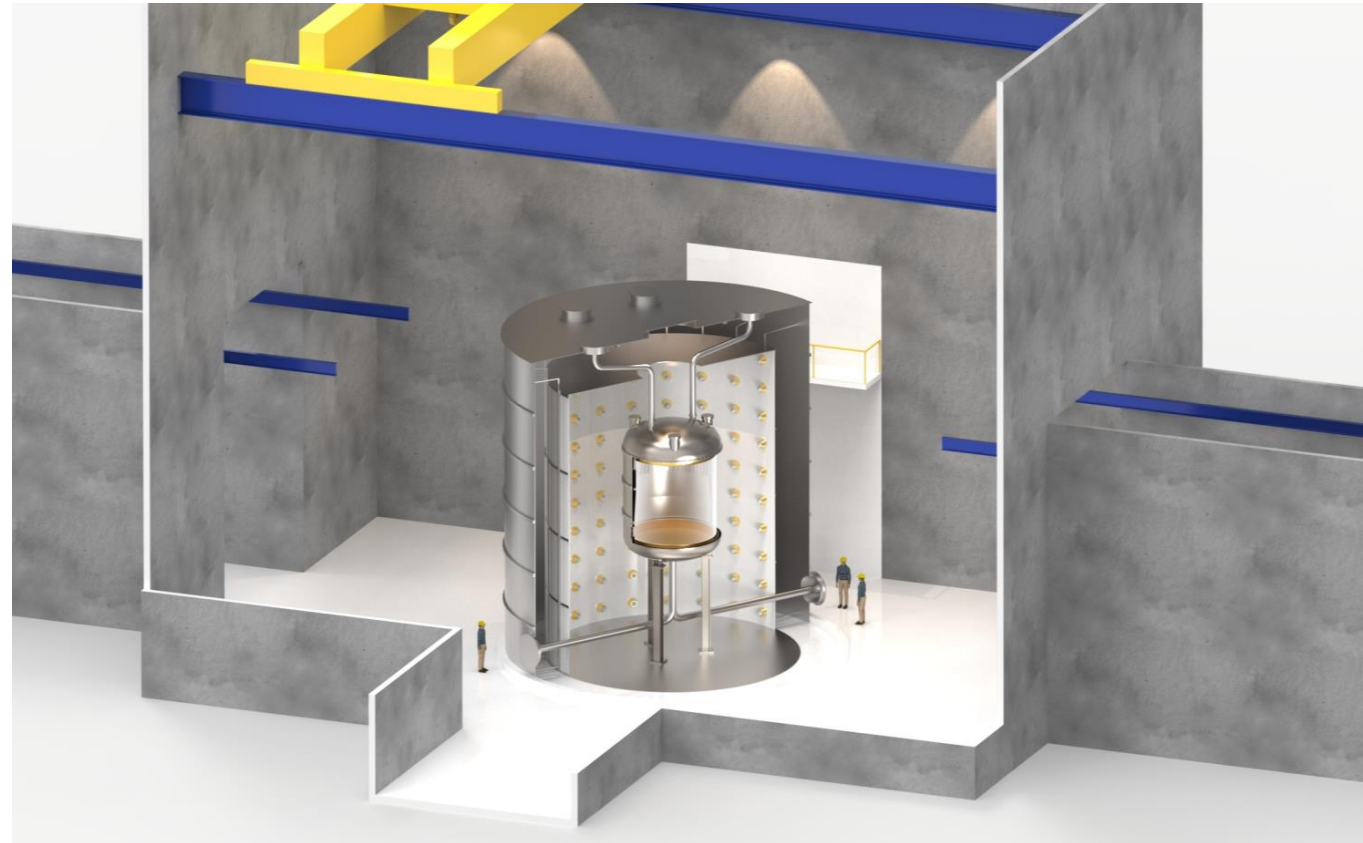
Stage 2: experimental lab at 1300 m

Ready around 2030

Purpose-designed for XLZD

32m L x 22m W x 26m H
main hall with space
for water tank

Clean lab space (ISO 7) with
even cleaner assembly area (ISO 6)



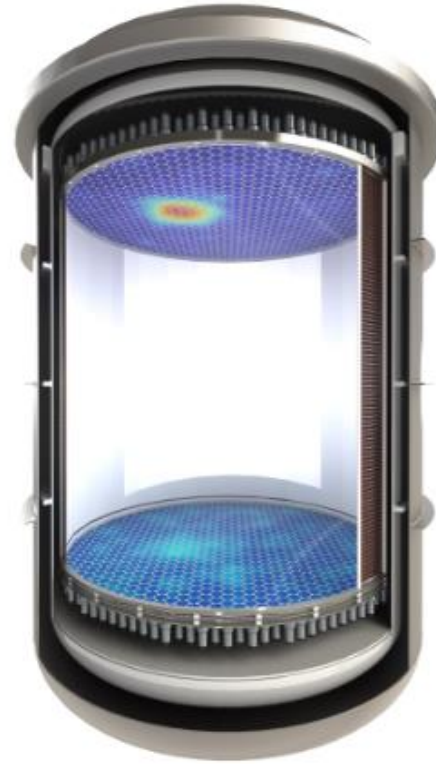
Dark Matter

WIMPs
Sub-GeV
Inelastic
Axion-like particles
Planck mass
Dark photons



Neutrino nature

Neutrinoless double
beta decay
Neutrino magnetic
moment
Double electron
capture



Supernovae

Early alert
Supernova neutrinos
Multi-messenger
astrophysics



Sun

pp neutrinos
Solar metallicity
 ${}^7\text{Be}$, ${}^8\text{B}$, hep

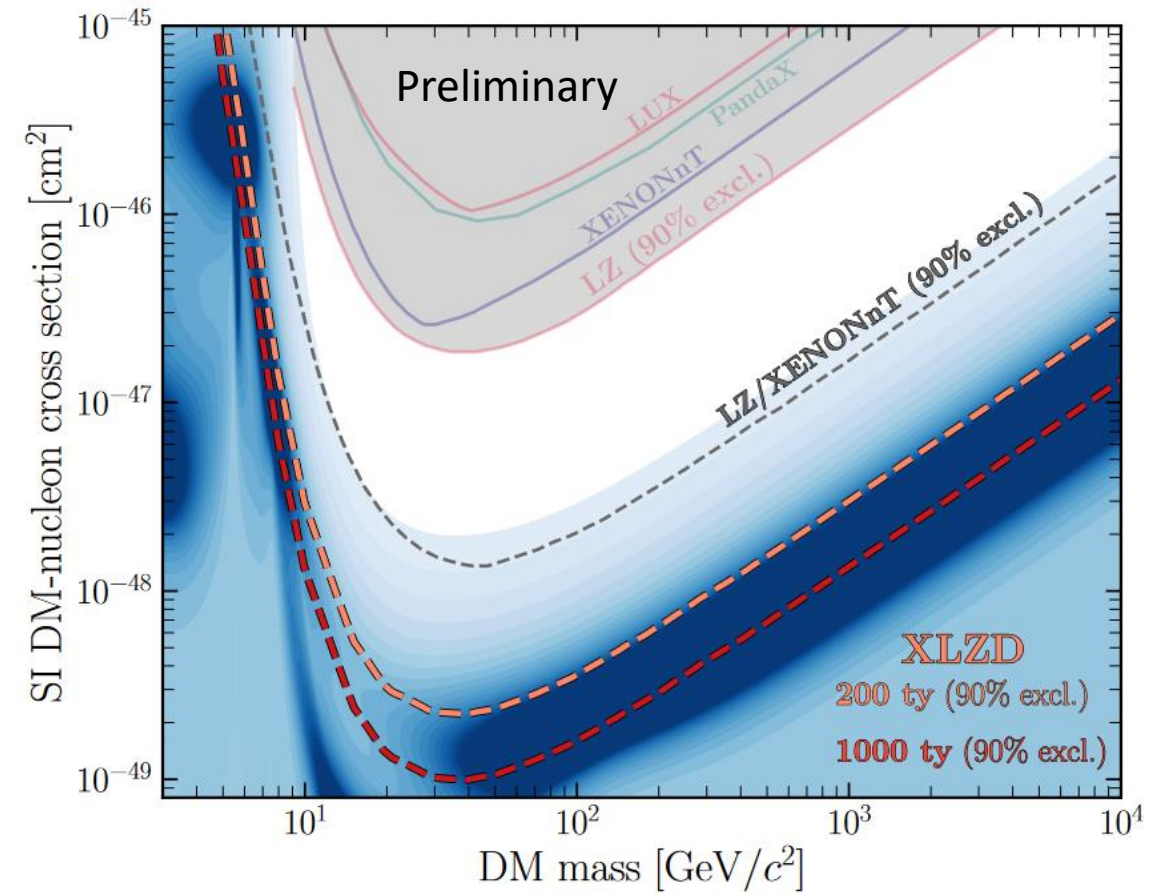


WIMP sensitivity

Definitive search for medium to high WIMP masses

Reach into the neutrino fog after ~ 1000 tonnes years exposure

3- σ discovery potential at SI cross section of $3 \times 10^{-49} \text{ cm}^2$ at 40 GeV

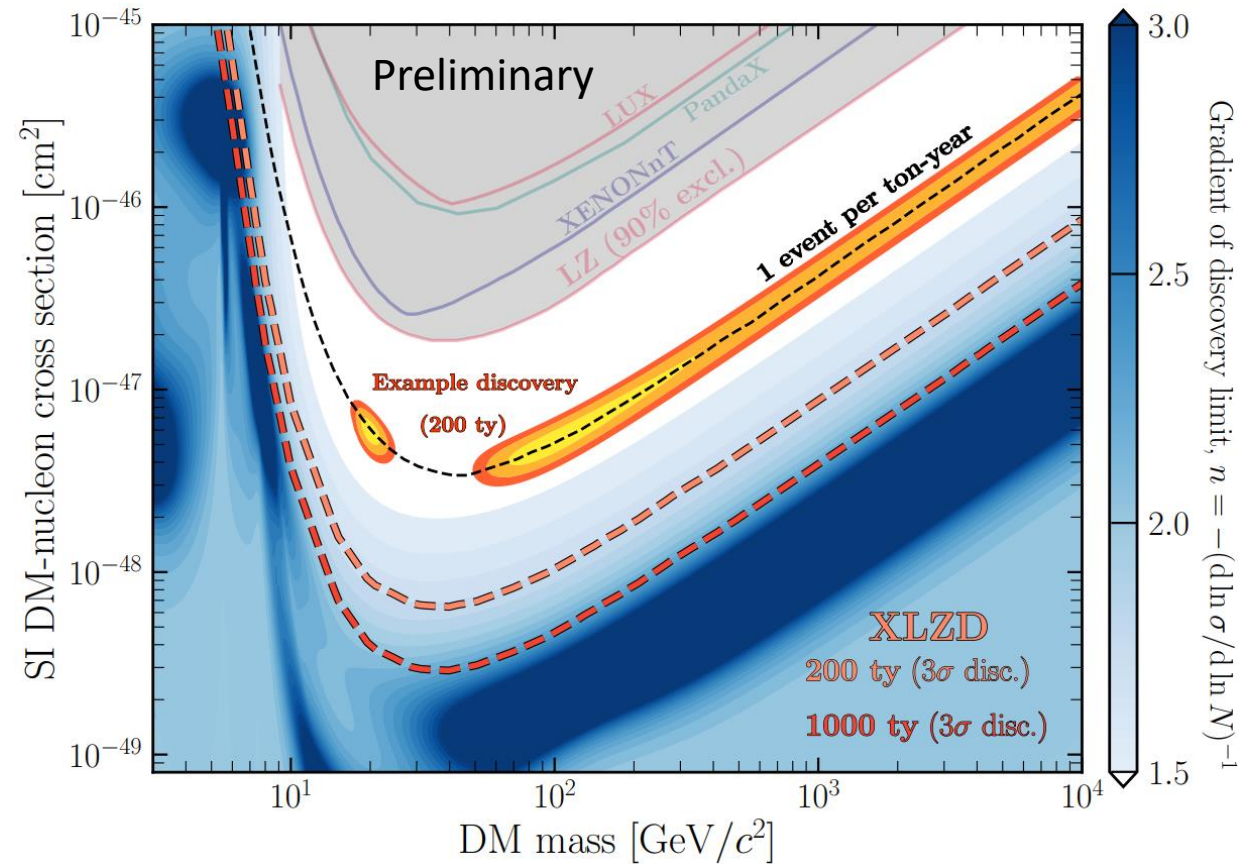


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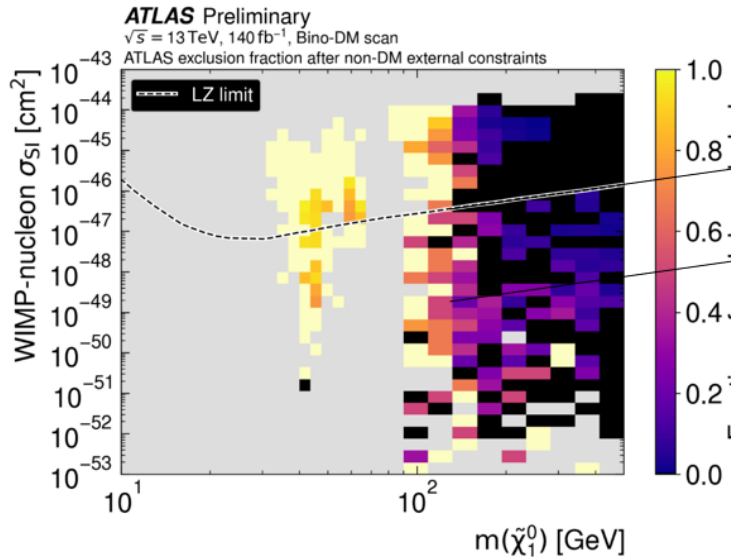
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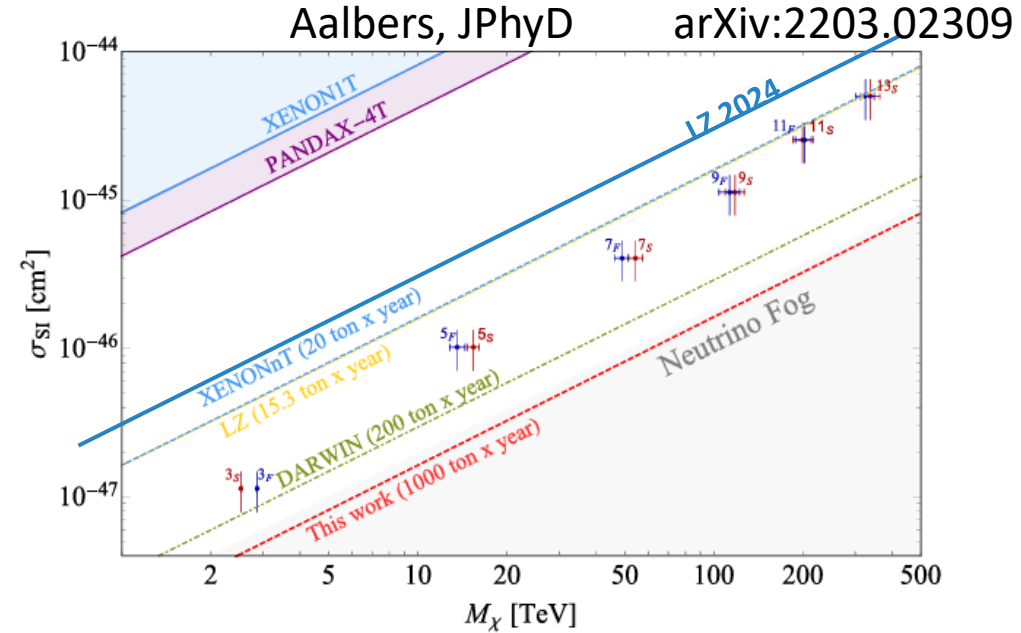
WIMP sensitivity

Probe “minimal dark matter” model
 this canonical WIMP is a member of an EW multiplet
 mediated by SM gauge bosons and the Higgs



To 100 TeV, and then on to M_{Pl}
 XLZD, 90% CL sensitivity

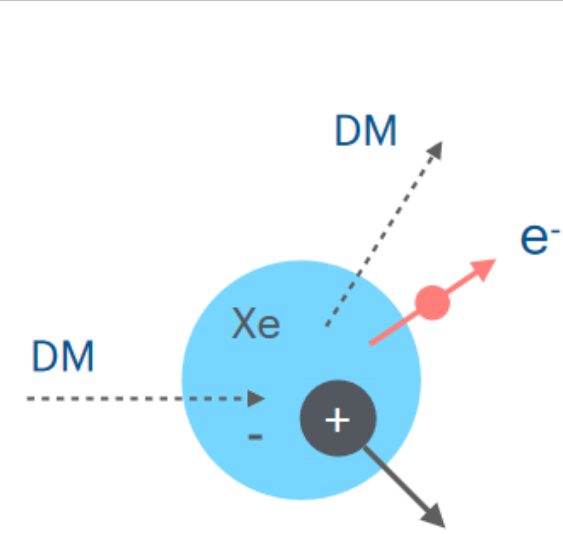
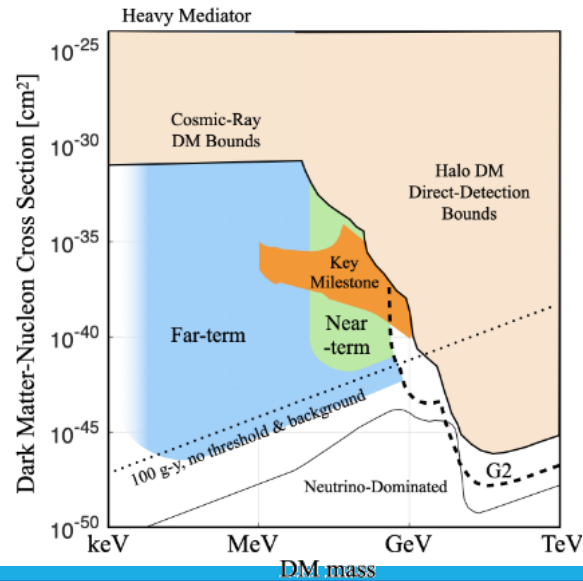
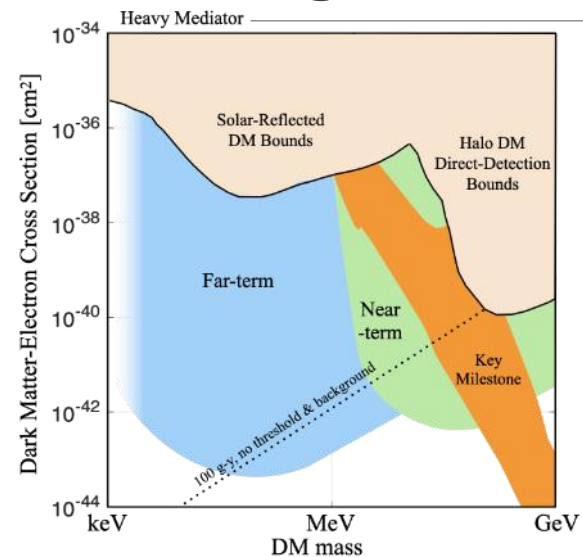
Probe higher-energy
 SUSY models inaccessible to the LHC



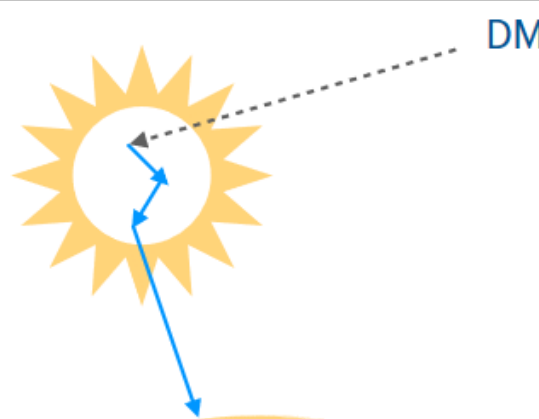
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<https://atlas.cern/Updates/Physics-Briefing/SUSY-Dark-Matter>

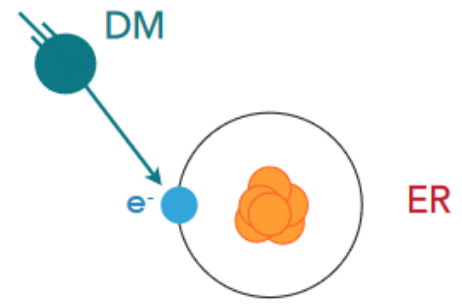
Lighter dark matter



Migdal effect: NR signal with ER character

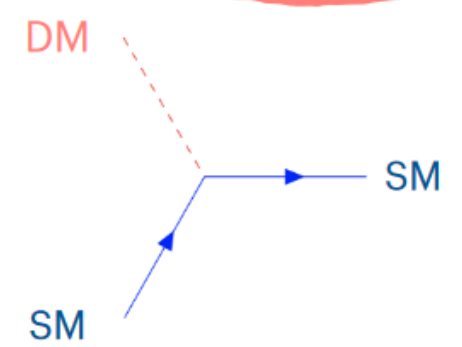


Use the Sun for a velocity boost



DM-e⁻ scattering
DM absorption

Ionisation-only searches



Snowmass report
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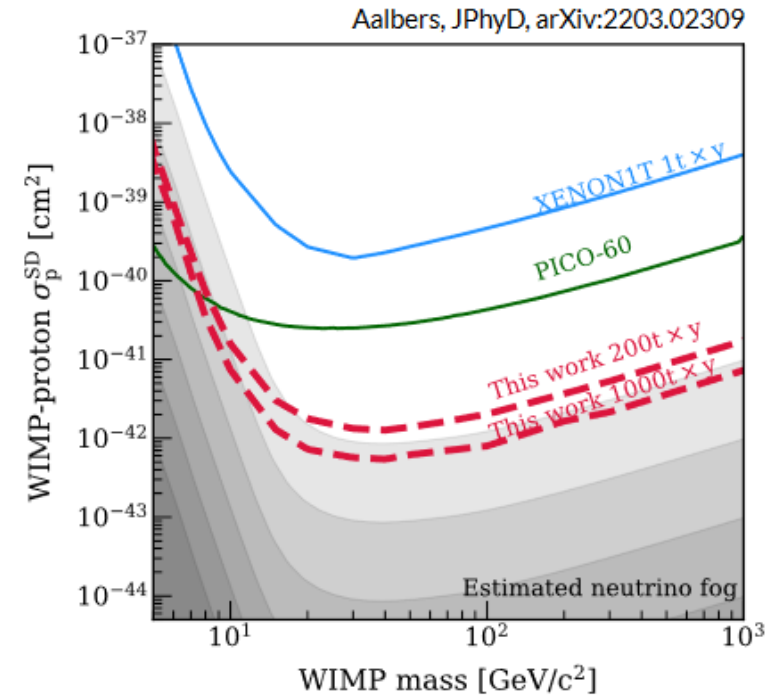
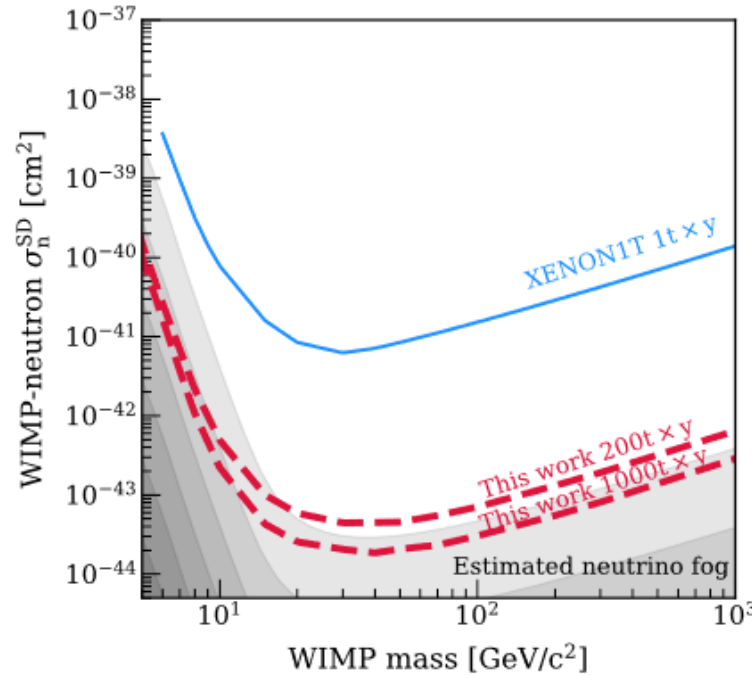
More dark matter

Two Xe isotopes carry spin, making up almost half the target

^{129}Xe (spin $\frac{1}{2}$, 26%) and ^{131}Xe (spin $3/2$, 21%)

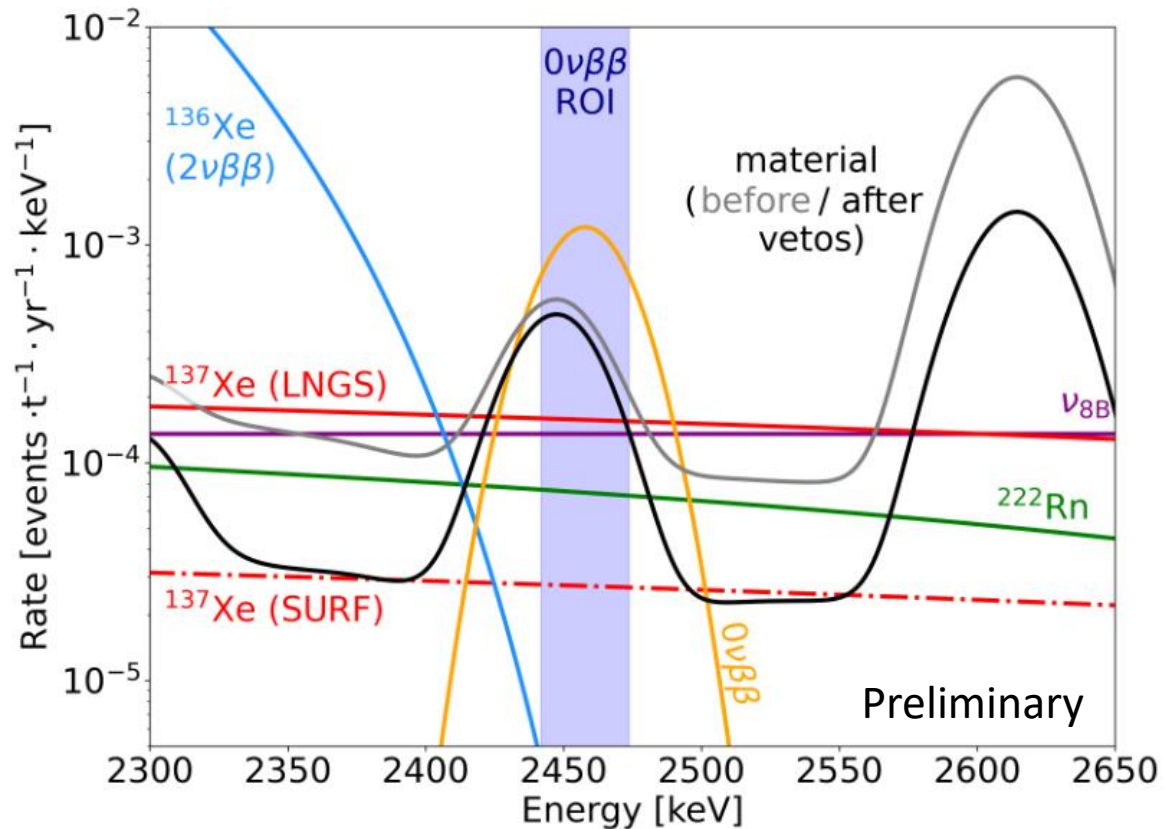
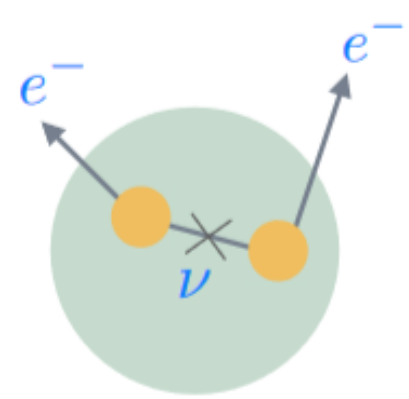
Sensitivity to spin-dependent WIMP interactions

Type	Abbrev.	Operator (\mathcal{O})	Dimension	Coherent enhancement	Coefficients
Magnetic Dipole	-	$\bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\chi F_{\mu\nu}$	5	Partial	C_F
Electric Dipole	-	$\bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\chi \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$	5	Yes	\tilde{C}_F
Vector \otimes Vector	VV	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q$	6	Yes	$C_{u,d,s}^{VV}$
Axial-vector \otimes Vector	AV	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q$	6	Yes	$C_{u,d}^{AV}$
Tensor \otimes Tensor	TT	$\bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\chi\bar{q}\sigma_{\mu\nu}q$	6	Yes	$C_{u,d,s}^{TT}$
Pseudo-tensor \otimes Tensor	$\tilde{T}\tilde{T}$	$\bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}i\gamma_5\chi\bar{q}\sigma_{\mu\nu}q$	6	Yes	$\tilde{C}_{u,d,s}^{TT}$
Scalar \otimes Scalar	SS	$\bar{\chi}\chi m_q\bar{q}q$	7	Yes	$C_{u,d,s}^{SS}$
Scalar-gluon	S_g	$\alpha_s\bar{\chi}\chi G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$	7	Yes	C_g^S
Pseudo-scalar - gluon	\tilde{S}_g	$\alpha_s\bar{\chi}i\gamma_5\chi G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$	7	Yes	\tilde{C}_g^S
Pseudo-scalar \otimes Scalar	PS	$\bar{\chi}i\gamma_5\chi m_q\bar{q}q$	7	Yes	$C_{u,d,s}^{PS}$
Spin-2	-	$\bar{\chi}\gamma_\mu i\partial_\nu\chi\bar{q}\theta_{\nu(q)}^{\mu\nu}$	8	Yes	$C_{u,d,s,g}^{(2)}$
Axial-vector \otimes Axial-vector	AA	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5q$	6	No	$C_{u,d,s}^{AA}$



Plus: Inelastic dark matter, Inelastic scattering, ALPs, dark photons, solar axions...

Neutrinoless double-beta decay



BSM process
possible for Majorana neutrinos

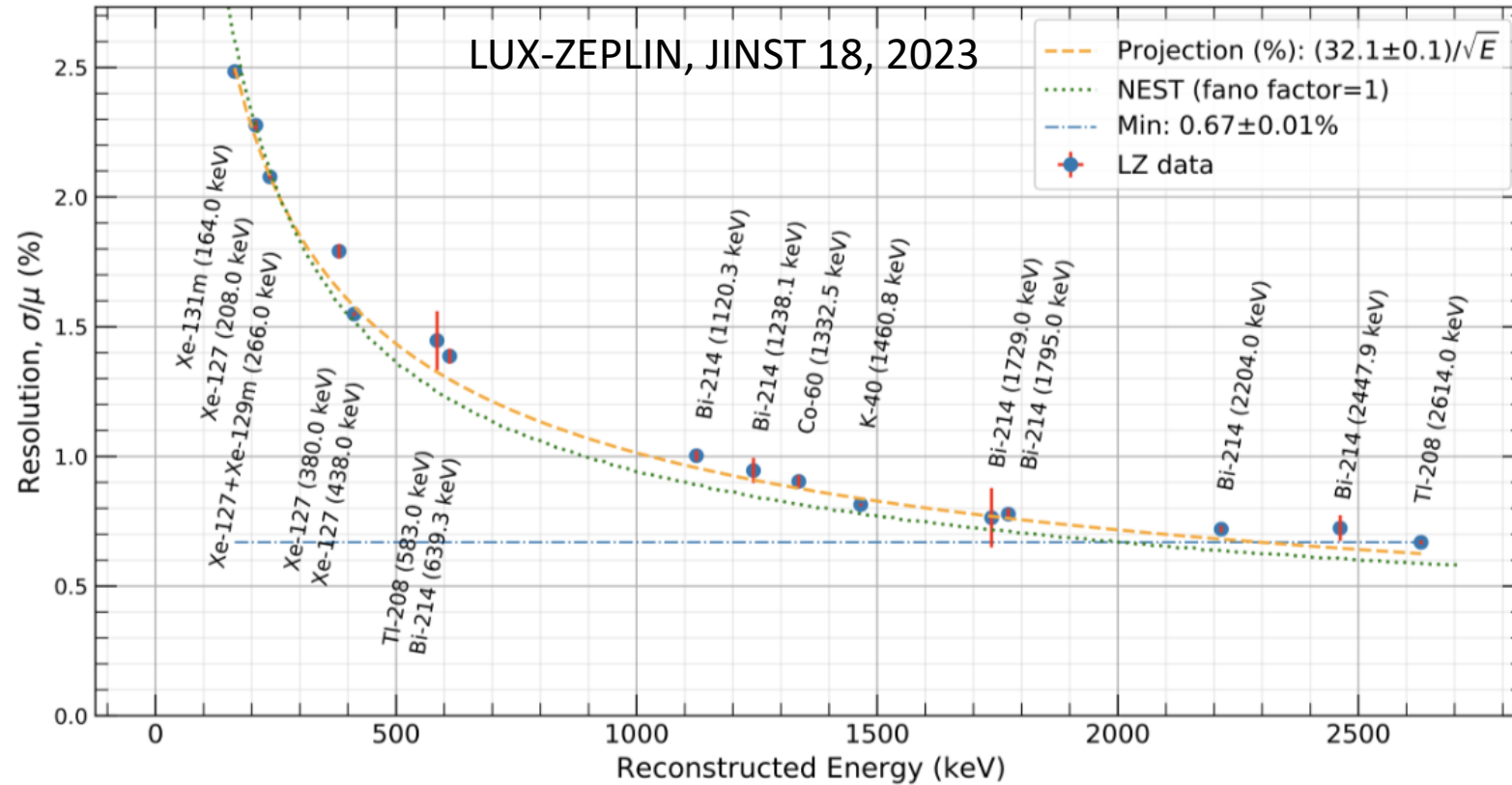
^{136}Xe (8.9%) undergoes
double beta decay ($2\nu\beta\beta$)
half-life 2×10^{21} yr

Search for peak at $Q=2458$ MeV

Critical backgrounds are gamma
decay of ^{214}Bi (2447 MeV) and flat
background: ^{222}Rn , ^8B neutrinos
and ^{137}Xe

Neutrinoless double-beta decay

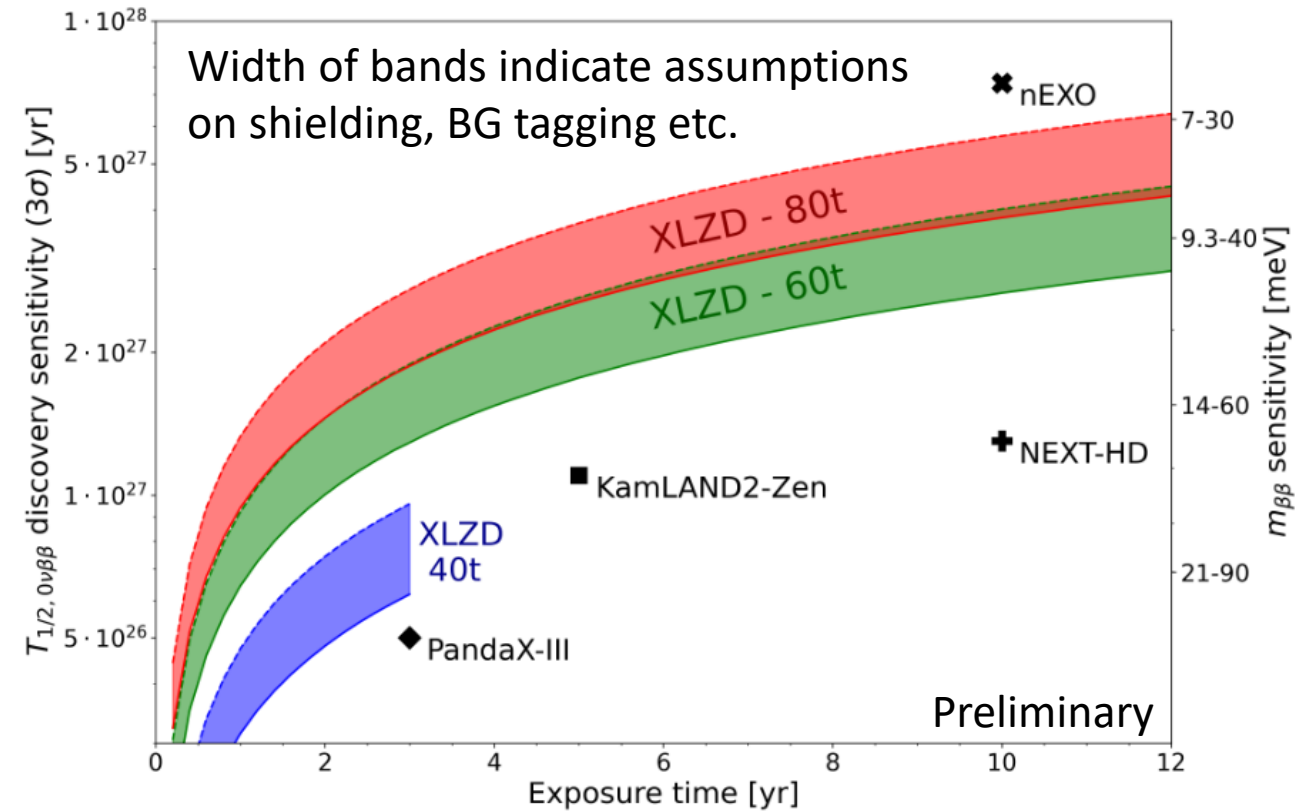
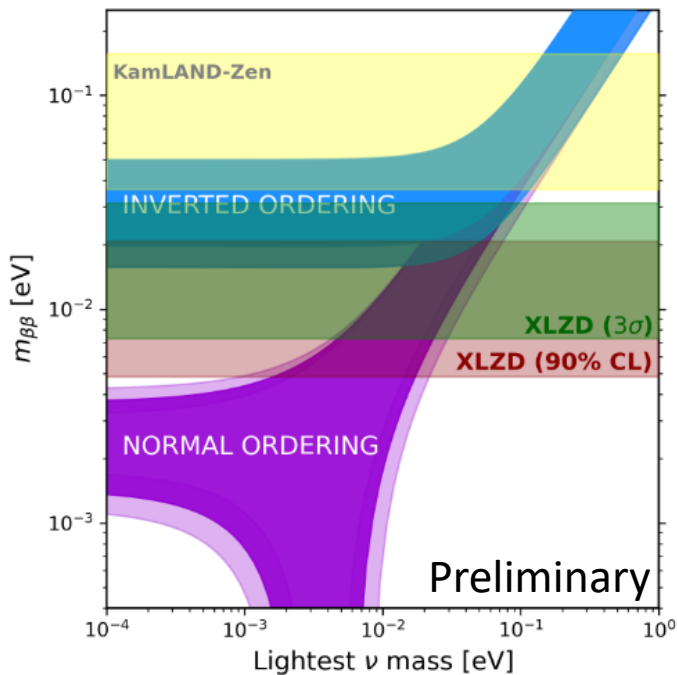
Energy resolutions < 1% achieved by current detectors



Neutrinoless double-beta decay

XLZD competitive with dedicated experiments

Cover inverted mass hierarchy



Other second order decays

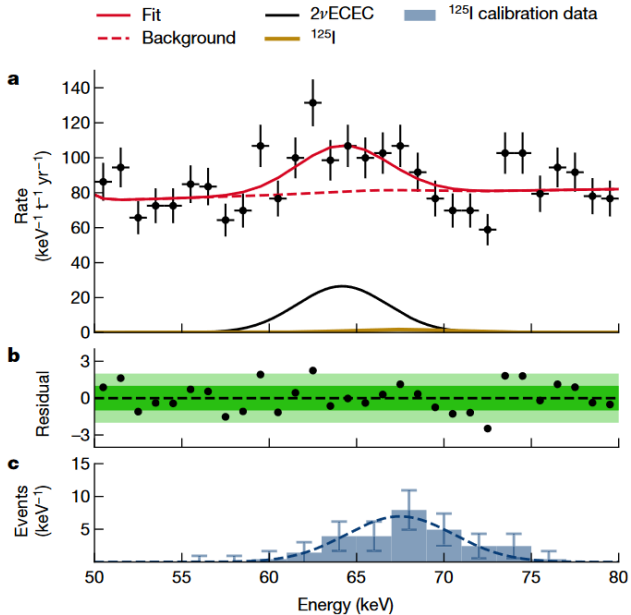
Three other isotopes with (predicted) 2nd order weak decays

^{124}Xe (0.1%), ^{126}Xe (0.09%), ^{134}Xe (10%)



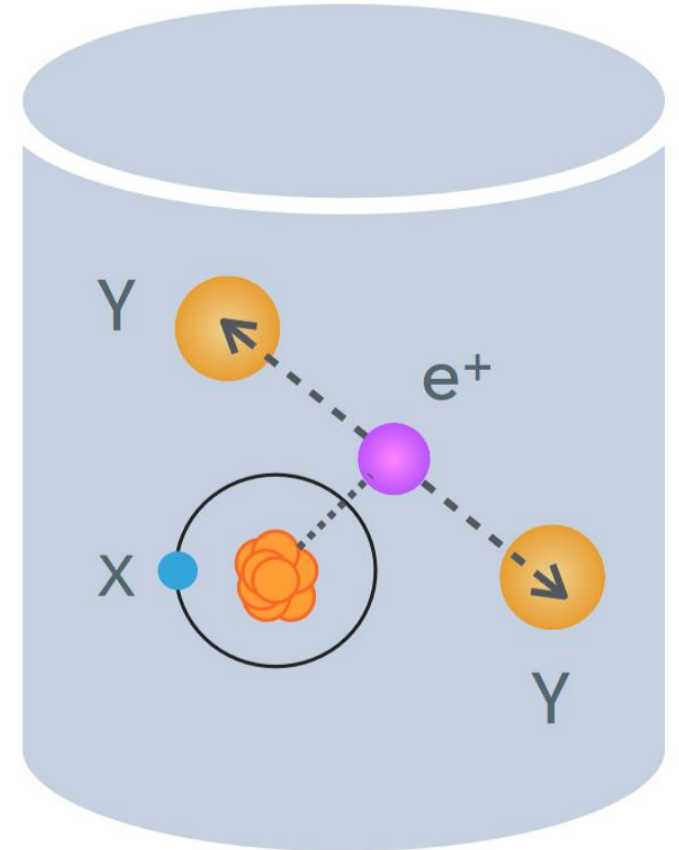
Predicted but not observed

2νECEC Detected in XENON1T



More interesting topologies
 $0\nu/2\nu\text{EC}\beta^+$, $0\nu/2\nu\beta^+\beta^+$

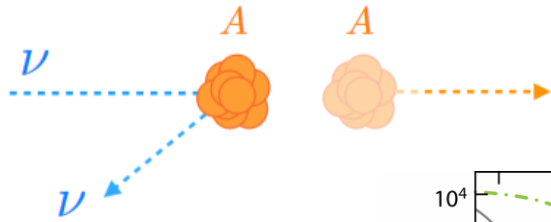
Tests of SM & nuclear physics



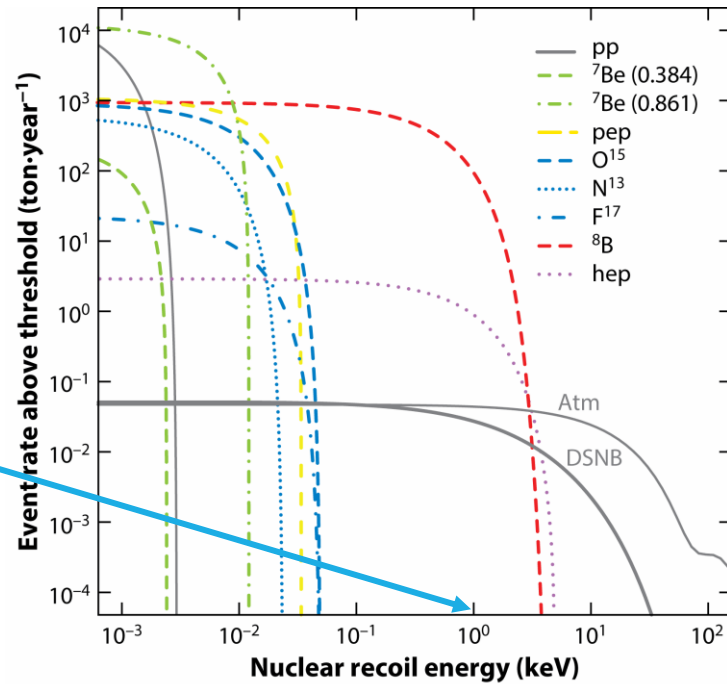
XENON, Nature 568, 2019

Astrophysical neutrinos

Neutrinos detected as NRs (CEvNS)

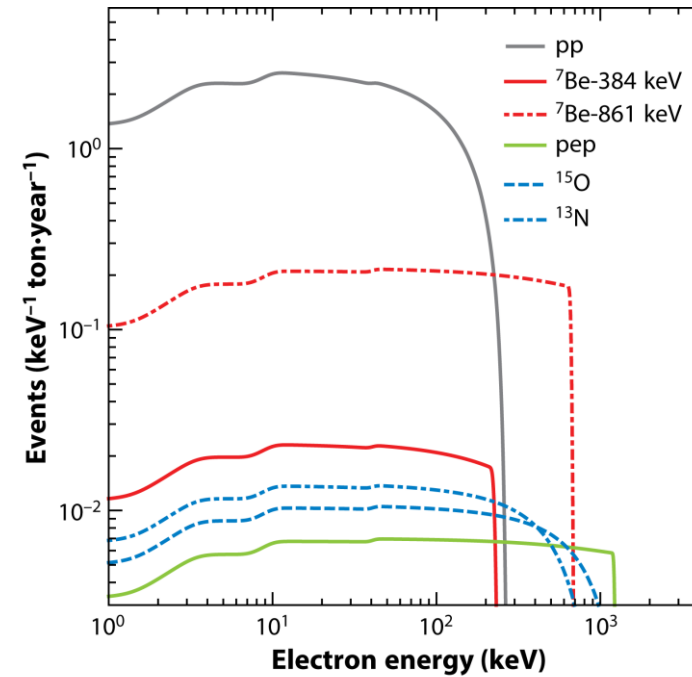


1 keV threshold



Dutta B, Strigari LE. 2019. Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 69:137–61

ERs (all other reactions)

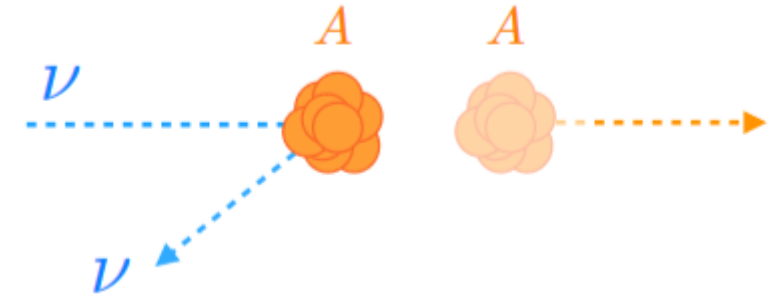


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^8B neutrinos

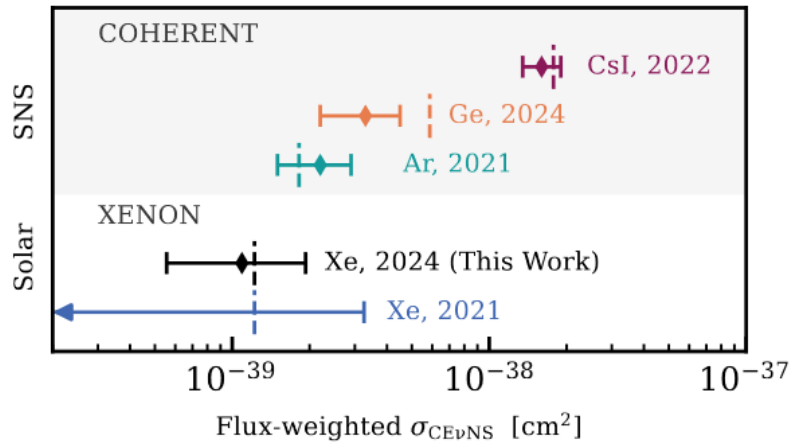
Measured by XENONnT (2.73σ), PandaX (2.64σ)

Significance will be far higher in XLZD

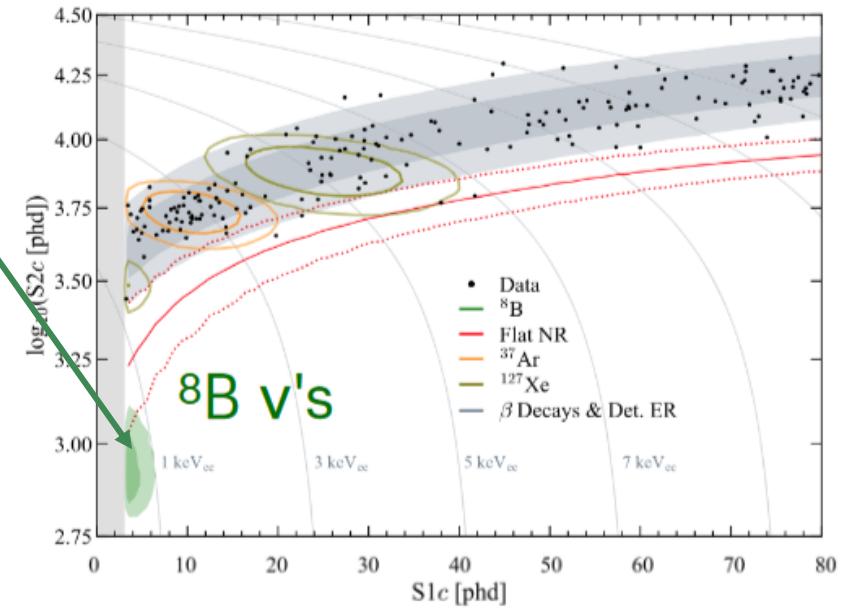


Signal very close to threshold

XENON, 2408.02877



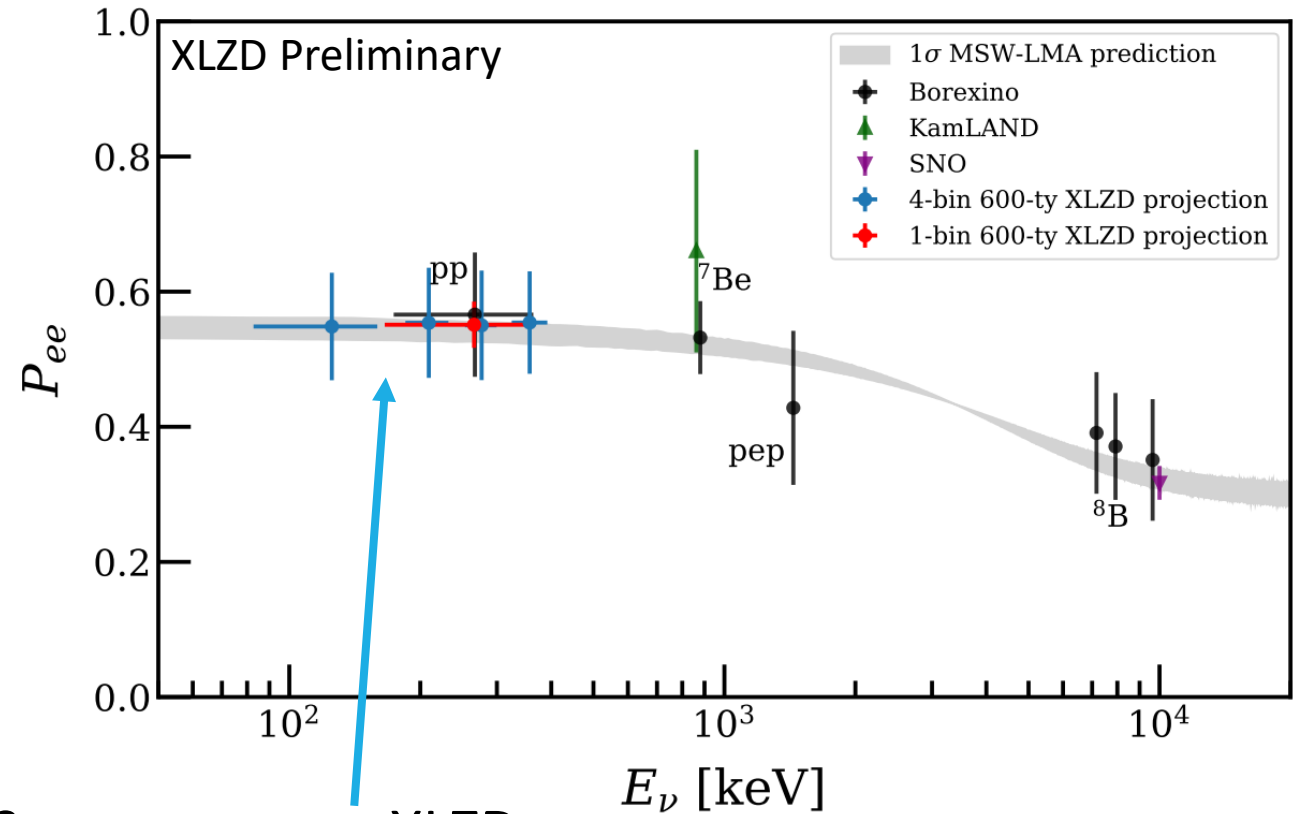
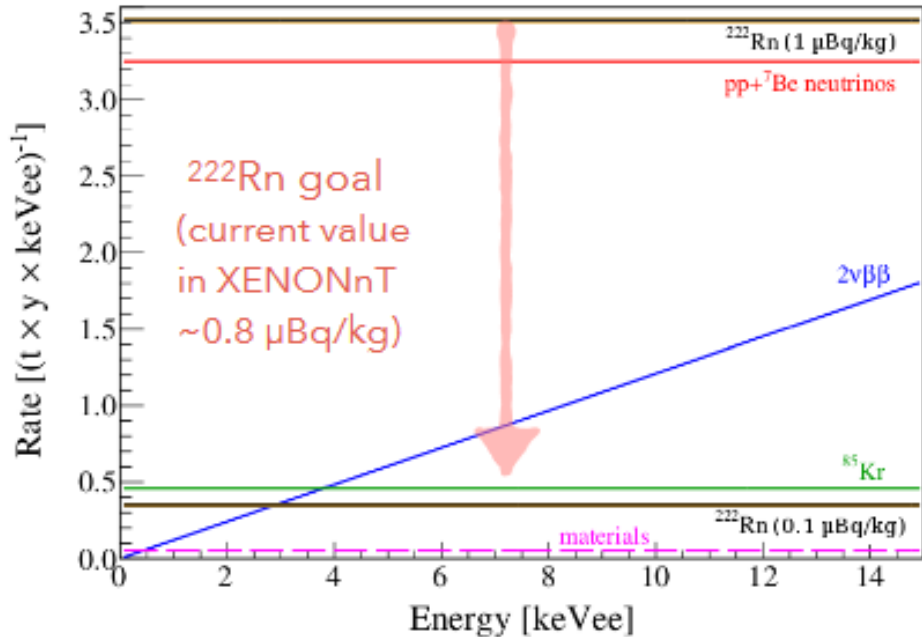
LZ, PRD 108, 2023



Astrophysical neutrinos – pp neutrinos

Most ERs from pp neutrinos

Main challenge: ^{222}Rn rate 10x lower than pp neutrinos ($0.1 \mu\text{Bq/kg}$)

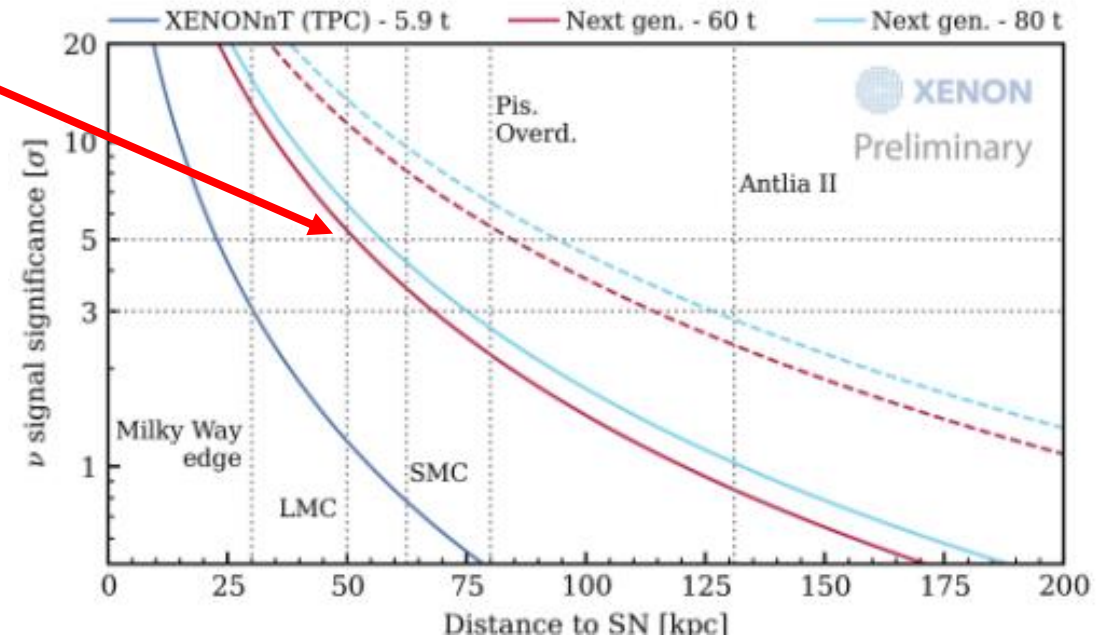
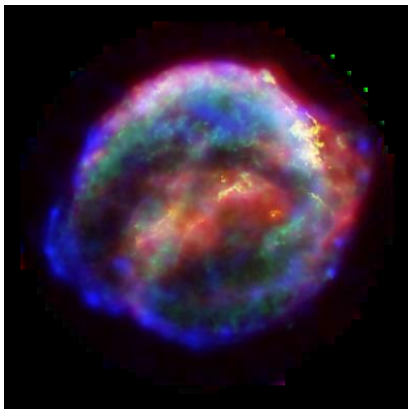


600 t yr exposure XLZD,
one or four bins

Supernova neutrinos

Sensitivity to all flavours: few events/ton from SN at ~ 10 kpc

- Main challenge: low energies, understand few-e- backgrounds
- XLZD: sensitivity beyond SMC; part of SNEWS2.0



Summary

LXe TPCs lead search for dark matter, enormous potential for $0\nu\beta\beta$

LZ and **XENONnT** will continue to take data for design exposure

DARWIN and XLZD-UK performing R&D for next generation

XLZD : a new collaboration to build a 60 tonne LXe TPC

Test WIMPs down to neutrino fog

Sensitive to many other dark matter candidates

Rich physics reach for neutrinos and beyond

XLZD could be best in the UK