

Short Review of WIMP Dark Matter Direct Detection

WARP

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Direct Dark Matter Detection: Very Exciting Moment

WIMP Dark Matter well supported by independent cosmological argument
CMB and astrophysical observations, SUSY models

Very High Discovery Potential

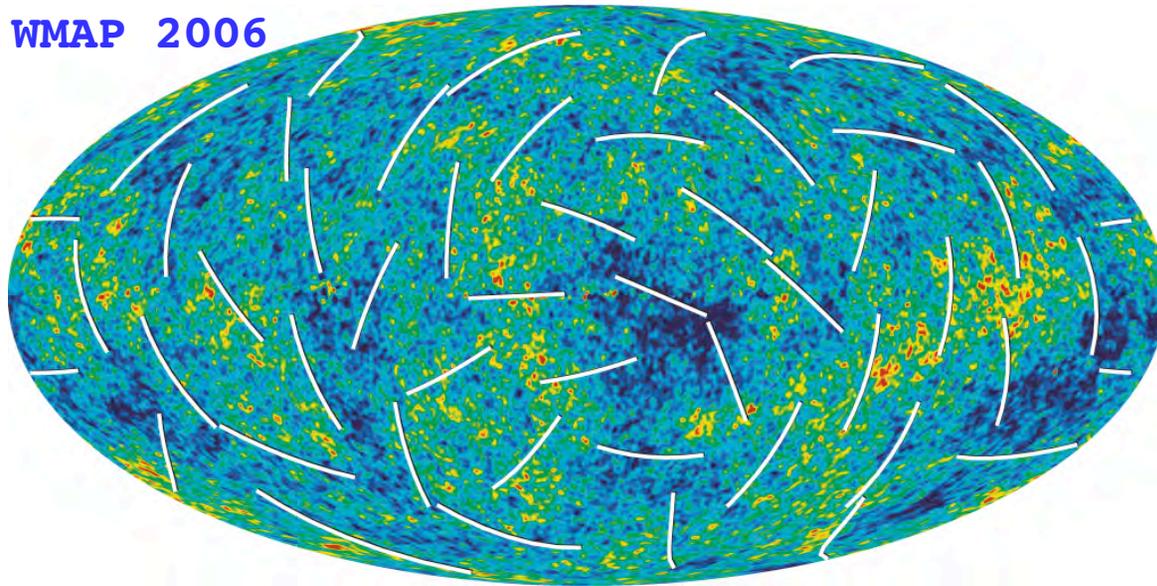
Field set and ready for a “quantum leap” in sensitivity (many orders of magnitude) thanks to liquified noble gas detectors

liquified noble gas detector to be scale by $\times 100$ - $\times 1000$ soon!

Exciting developments in particle, atomic physics and and significant improvements detector technology

Dark Matter

WMAP 2006

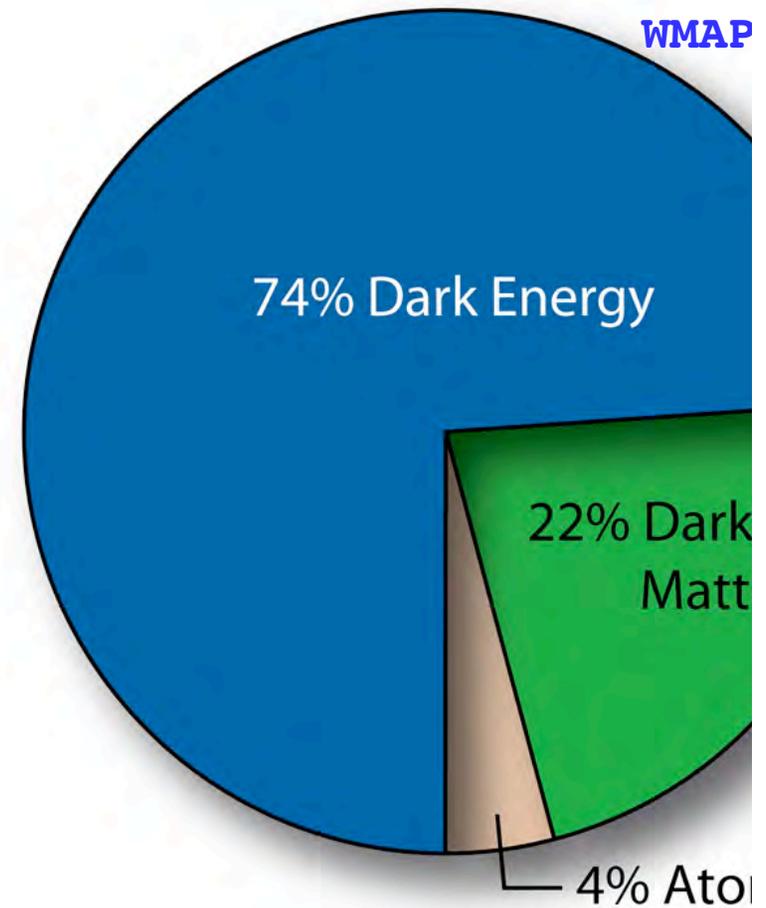


Dark Matter comprises 22% of Universe

Intriguing Hypothesis: Weakly Interacting, Massive Particles (WIMPs)

Candidates provided by SUSY theories

How to detect WIMPs?

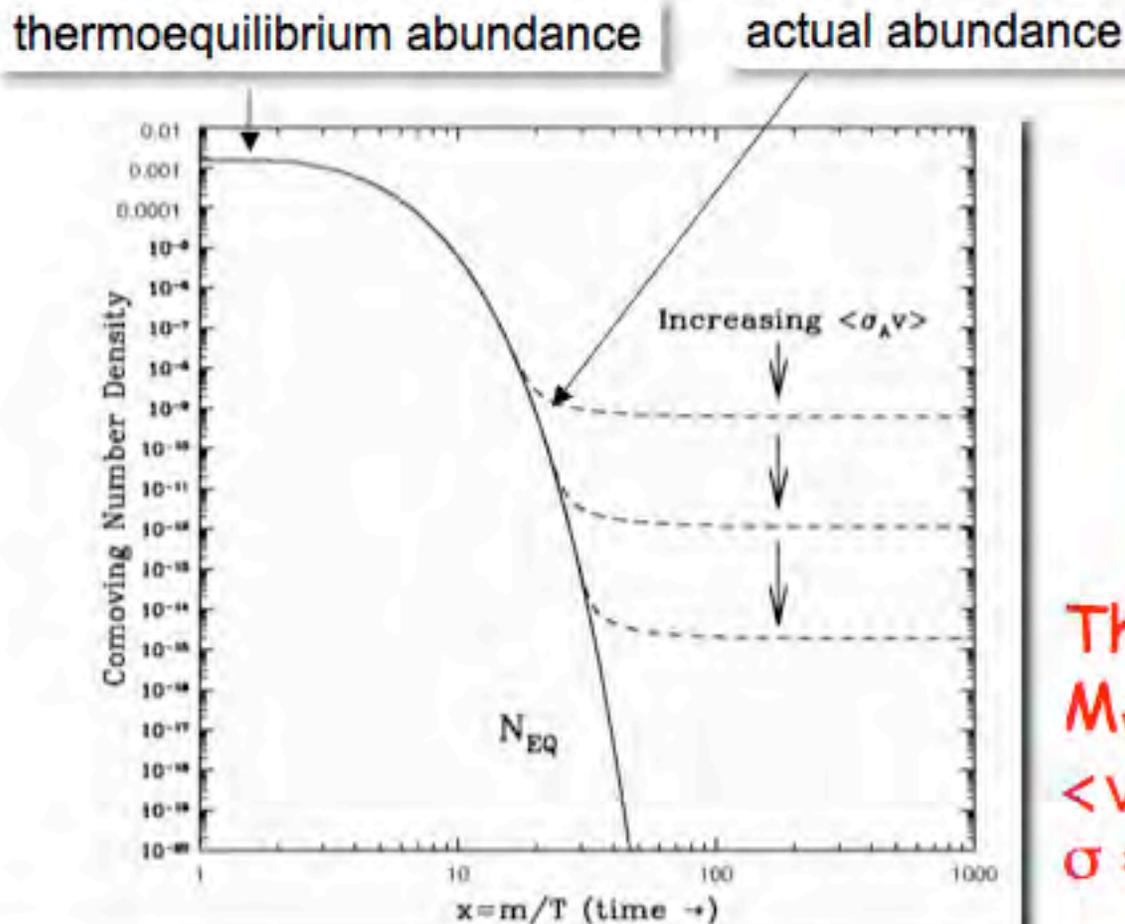


WIMP

Ar

Weakly interacting massive particles

- long lived or stable particles left over from the BB

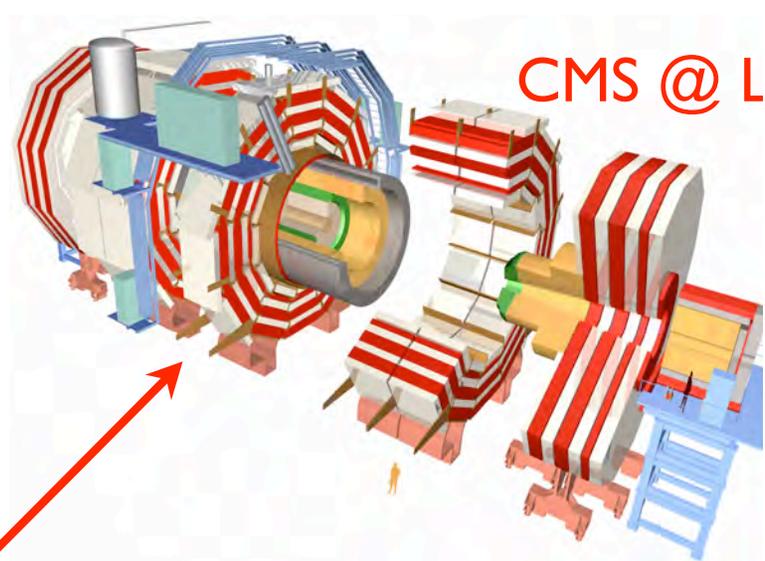


$$\Omega_x \propto \frac{1}{\langle\sigma_A v\rangle}$$

$$\sigma_A \approx \sigma_{weak}$$

The "WIMP miracle"
 $M_W \approx 50-500$ GeV
 $\langle v \rangle \approx 250$ km/s
 $\sigma \approx 10^{-6}-10^{-10}$ pbarn

WIMP Dark Matter: Complementary Searches



Three Complementary Methods:

Production of WIMPs at Colliders
(ATLAS, CMS)

Indirect WIMPs detection through
their decay products (GLAST,
WHIPPLE, EGRET, VERITAS, HESS,
MAGic)

Detect WIMPs directly when they
scatter of nuclei in terrestrial
detectors



WIMP Coherent Scattering

The highest sensitivity is obtained by exploiting elastic neutral-current scattering of nuclei by WIMPs. The idea was originally proposed by Drukier and Stodolsky to detect solar and reactor neutrinos [PRD **30**, 2295, 1985].

Sensitivity to hypothetical WIMPs detailed by Goodman and Witten [PRD **30**, 3059 (1985)].

Halo particle of mass m (100 GeV), velocity $v = 300$ km/s on nucleus of mass M (100 GeV):

$$p = 2mv \text{ (max possible value)}$$

$$\lambda = \hbar/p = \hbar/(2mv) =$$

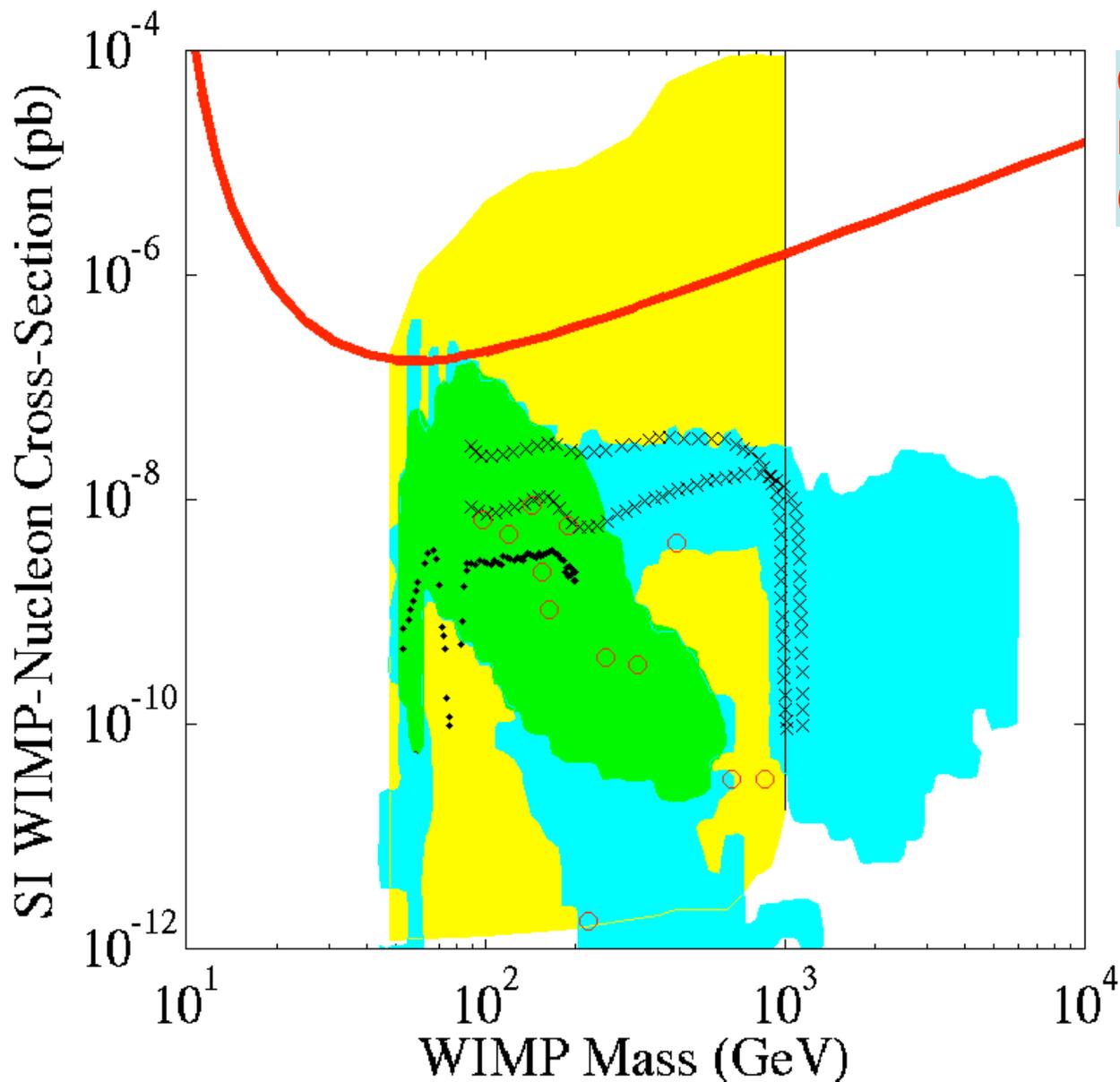
$$= (197 \text{ MeV fm } c^{-1}) / (2 \times 100 \text{ GeV } c^{-2} \times 10^{-3} c) \sim \text{fm}$$

$$R_A = 1.0 \times A^{1/3} \text{ fm}$$

$$E_{\text{kin}} = (2mv)^2 / 2M \sim 2mv^2 =$$

$$= (2 \times 100 \text{ GeV } c^{-2} \times 10^{-3} c)^2 = 200 \text{ keV}$$

Supersymmetry Reach



Current CDMS II limit
PRL 96, 011302 (2006)
(~ 20 attobarn $^{-1}$)

Kim et al. 2002
yellow (MSSM scan)

Baltz & Gondolo 2004
cyan (mSUGRA)
green (with $g-2$ constraint)

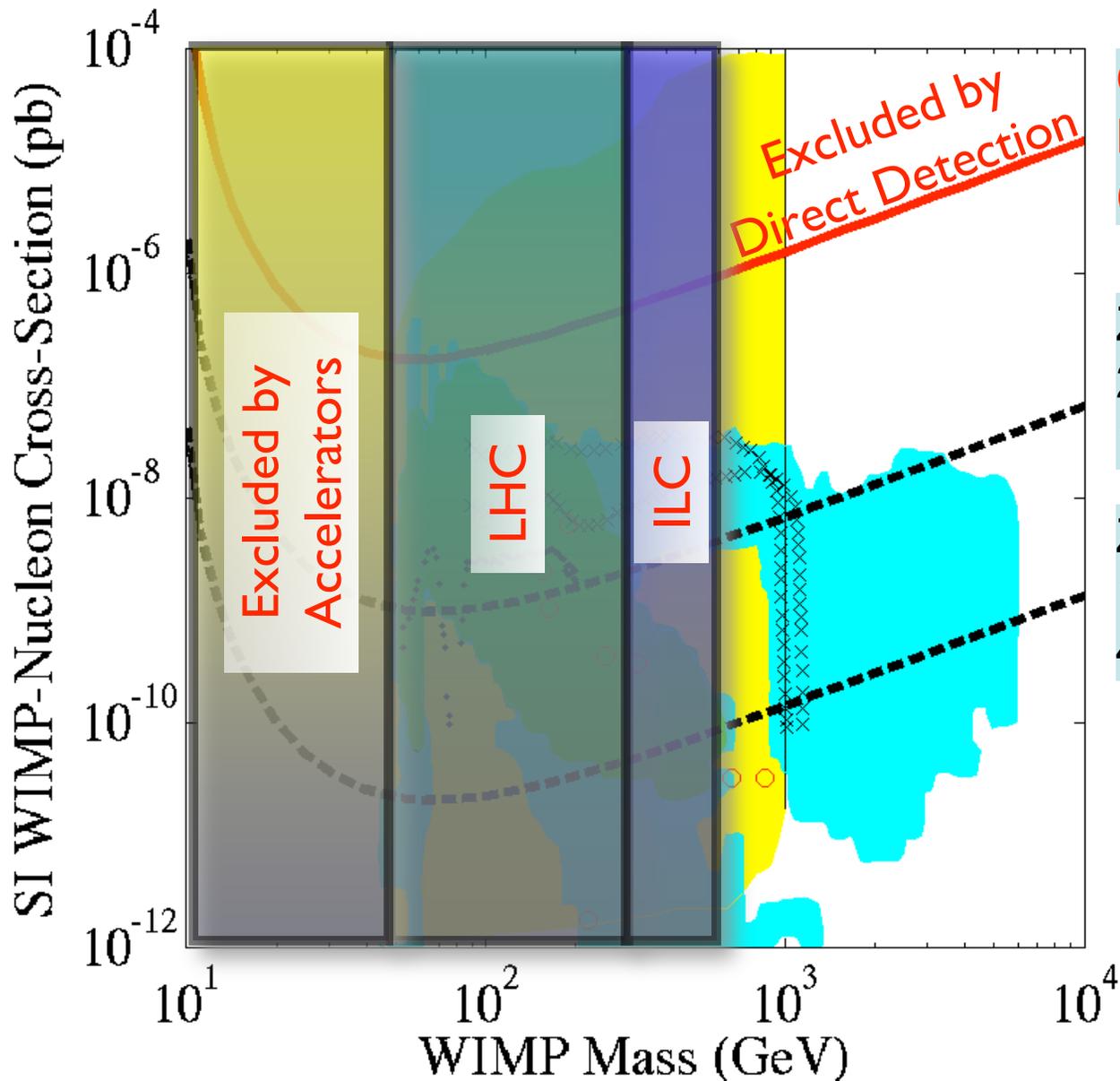
Battaglia et al. 2004
red circles (post-LEP benchmark points)

Guidice & Romanino 2000
black crosses (split SUSY)

Pierce 2004
black dots (split SUSY)

Many models 10^{-8} - 10^{-10} pb

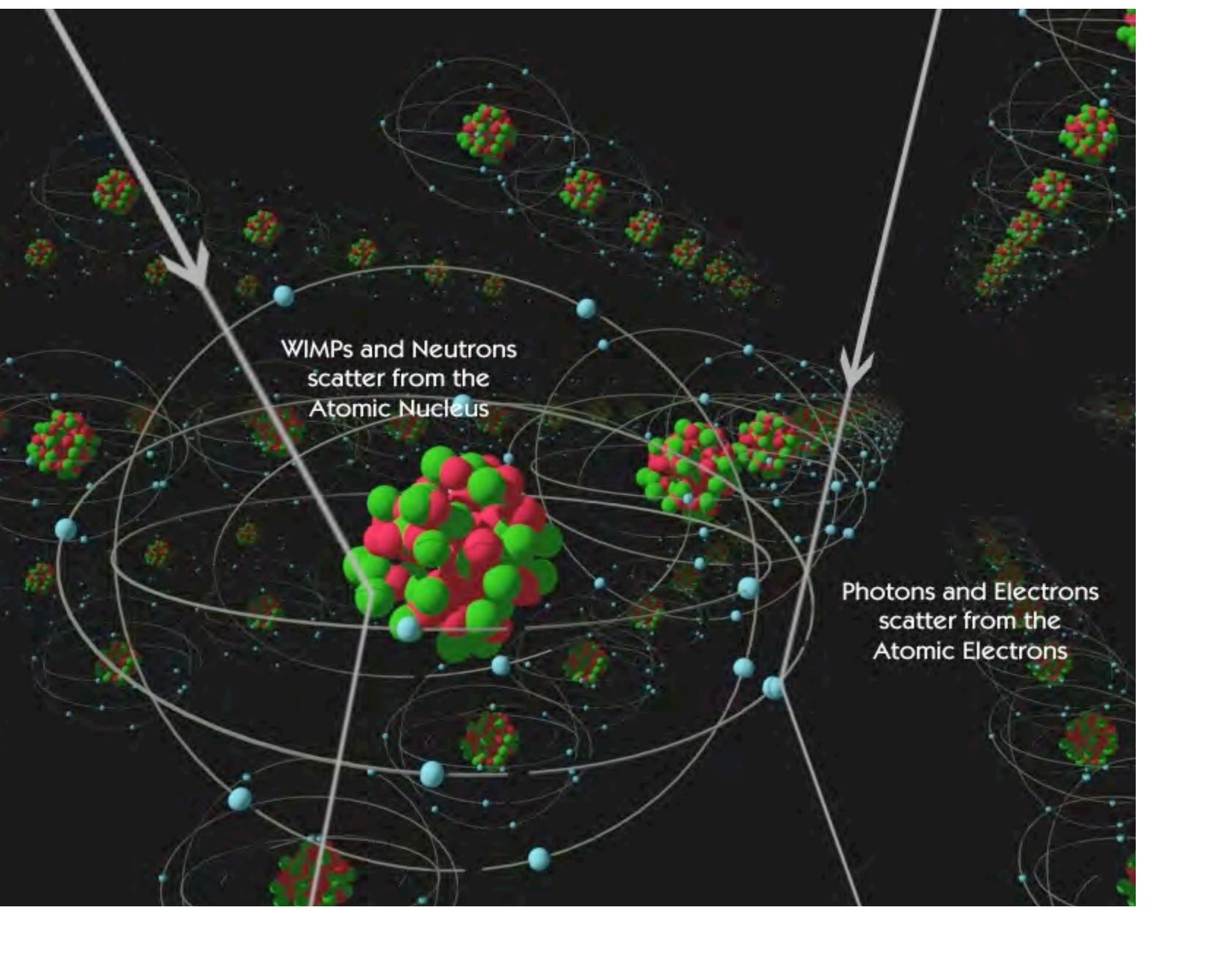
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Zero-background Sensitivity
25 kg of Ge (or Xe, I, W)
100 kg Ar or 200 kg Ne

Zero-background Sensitivity
1,000 kg of Ge (or Xe, I, W)
4,000 kg Ar or 2,000 kg Ne



WIMPs and Neutrons
scatter from the
Atomic Nucleus

Photons and Electrons
scatter from the
Atomic Electrons



Possible WIMP Signatures

Induces nuclear recoils, instead of electron recoils induced by the ordinary radioactive background

Need detector with excellent selectivity in favor of nuclear recoils against betas and gammas

WIMP signals do not have multiple interaction sites

May be used to discriminate against other sources of nuclear recoils, neutrons

Recoil energy spectrum shape

Very weak: exponential shape, similar to typical background

Annual Flux Modulation

Very tricky, modulation is present only close to threshold!

Requires exceptional stability of threshold!

Diurnal detection modulation

Excellent signature (500% to 2000%) [Spergel PRD **37**, 1353 (1988)]

Extreme technical challenge; not demonstrated!

Consistency between different targets!

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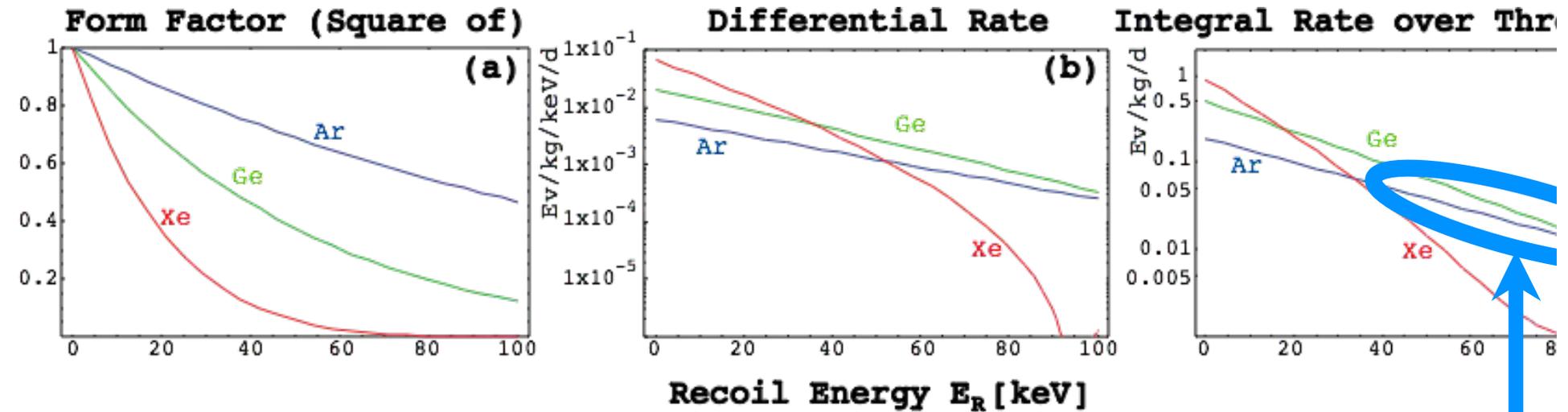
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WARP: the Motivation

- **TARGET:** Atomic number 40
 - No loss of coherence at intermediate energies
 - Complete retention of gold plated events (60-120 keV)
- **WIMP CANDIDATES IDENTIFICATION:** Highest discrimination between nuclear recoils and beta/gamma-like background
 - ^{39}Ar , 1 Bq/kg \rightarrow need 3×10^8 rejection against betas (for 140 kg detector)
 - **WARP Collaboration, Benetti et al., astro-ph/0603131**
- **Spin 0 for ^{40}Ar :**
 - Sensitive only to spin-independent interactions

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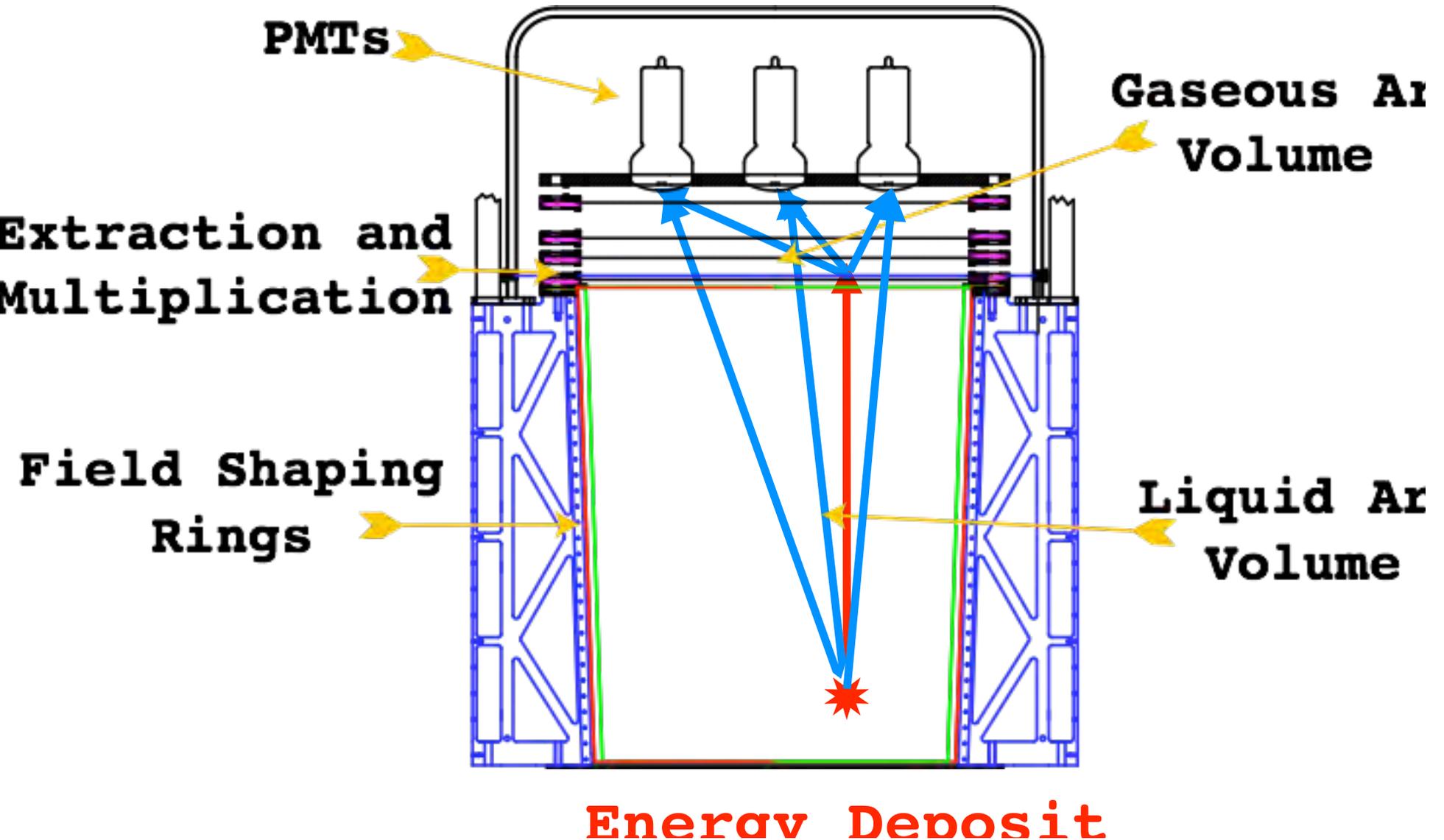


- Form factor very different from Xe, Ge targets
- Lower A results in lower rate per unit mass at 10 keV threshold
- For $M_\chi > 100$ GeV, “Gold Plated” events (>60 keV) still abundant!
- Can run with a significantly higher threshold than other experiments and be very competitive

Two-Phase Argon Drift Chamber

Secondary Ionization

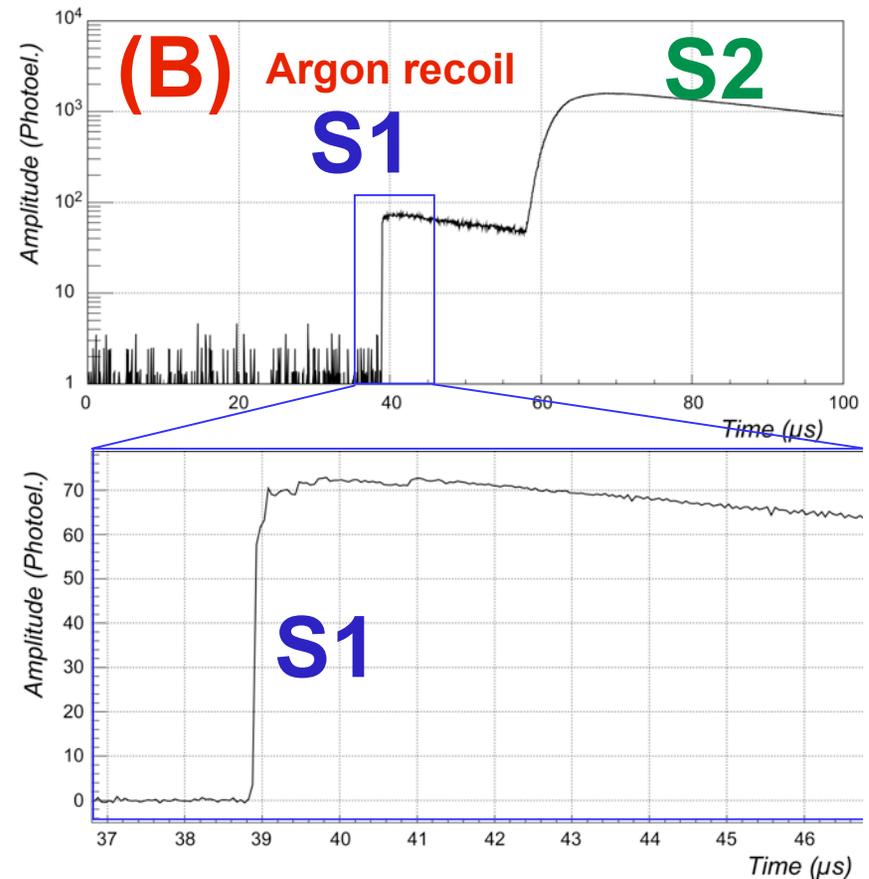
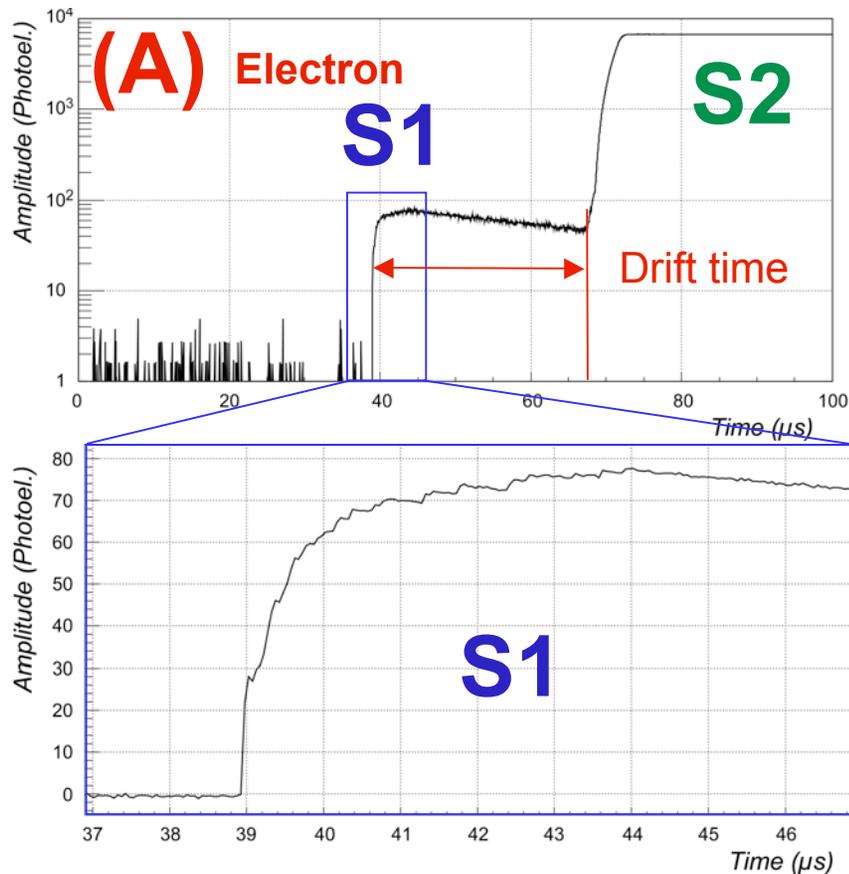
Photons (S_1)
Drifts Towards Anode



The WARP Technology

- Highest discrimination of minimum ionizing events, in favor of potential WIMP recoils with three simultaneous and independent criteria:
 - **Pulse shape discrimination of primary scintillation (S1)** based on the very large difference in decay times between fast (≈ 7 ns) and slow ($1.6 \mu\text{s}$) components of emitted UV light
 - Minimum ionizing: slow/fast $\sim 3/1$
 - Nuclear recoils: slow/fast $\sim 1/3$
 - Theoretical Identification Power exceeds 10^8 for > 60 photoelectrons
 - **Both prompt scintillation (S1) and drift time-delayed ionization (S2) are simultaneously detected** with a pulse ratio strongly dependent from recombination of ionizing tracks
 - Rejection $\sim 10^2$ - 10^3
 - **Precise determination of events location in 3D**: 5 mm x-y, 1 mm z
 - Additional Rejection for multiple neutron recoils and γ background

Two Discrimination Methods



Events are characterized by:

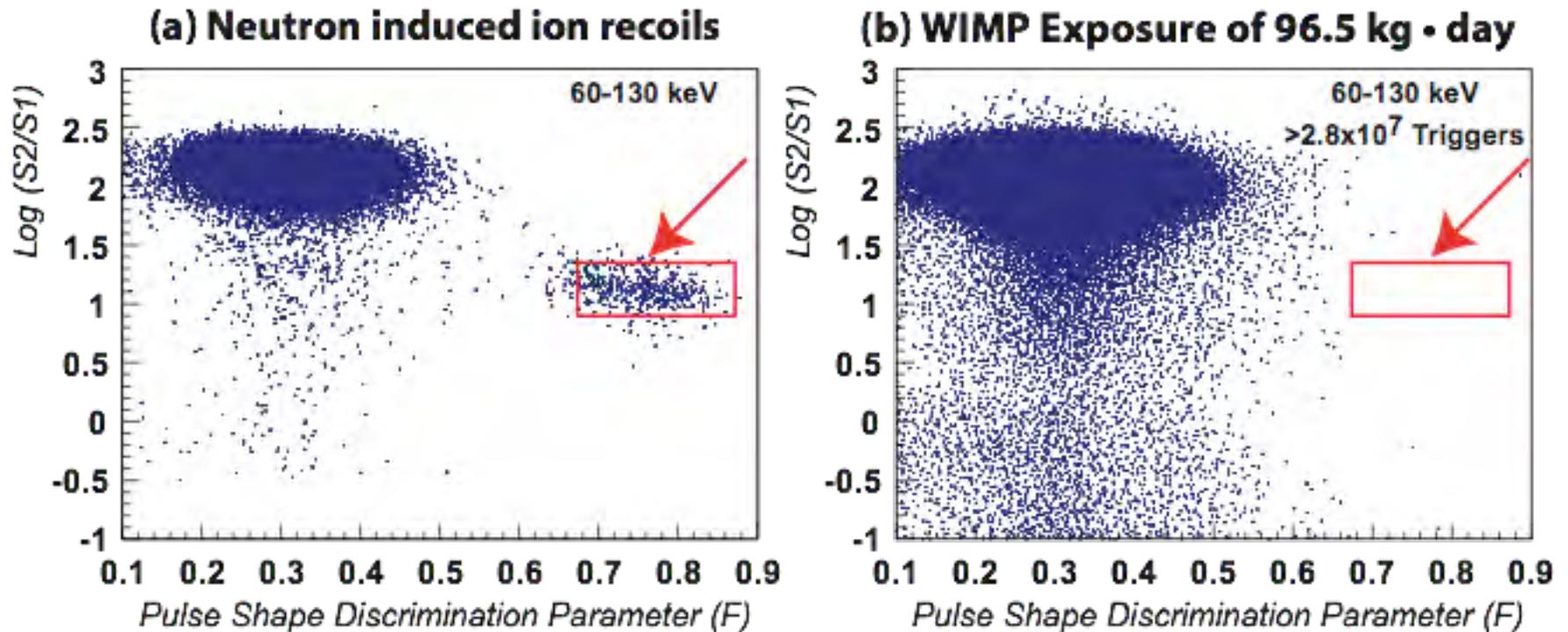
the ratio $S2/S1$ between the primary (S1) and secondary (S2)

the rising time of the S1 signal

Minimum ionizing particles: high $S2/S1$ ratio (~ 100) and by slow S1 signal

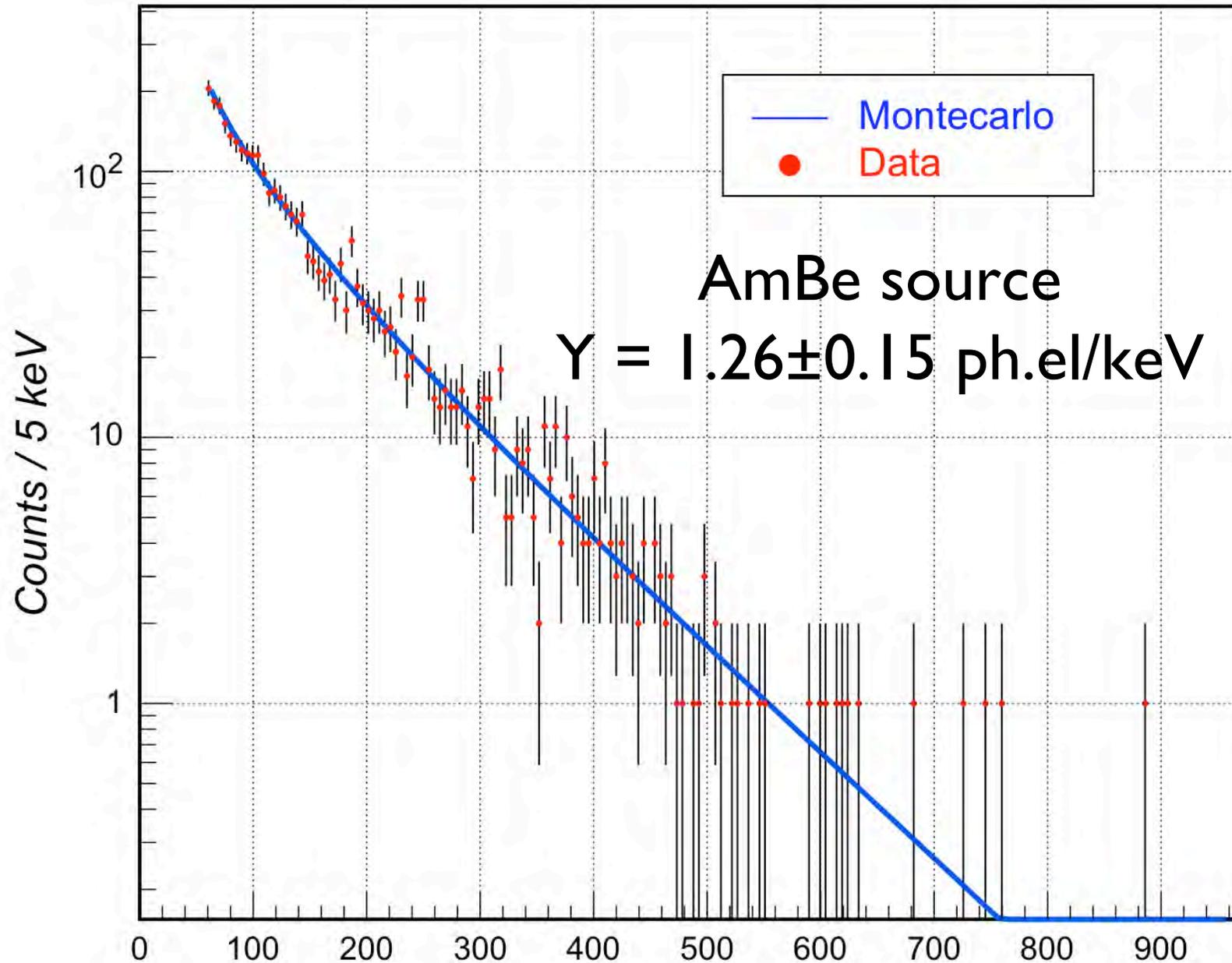
Alpha particles and Ar recoils: low (< 5) $S2/S1$ ratio and fast S1 signal

First Dark Matter Results

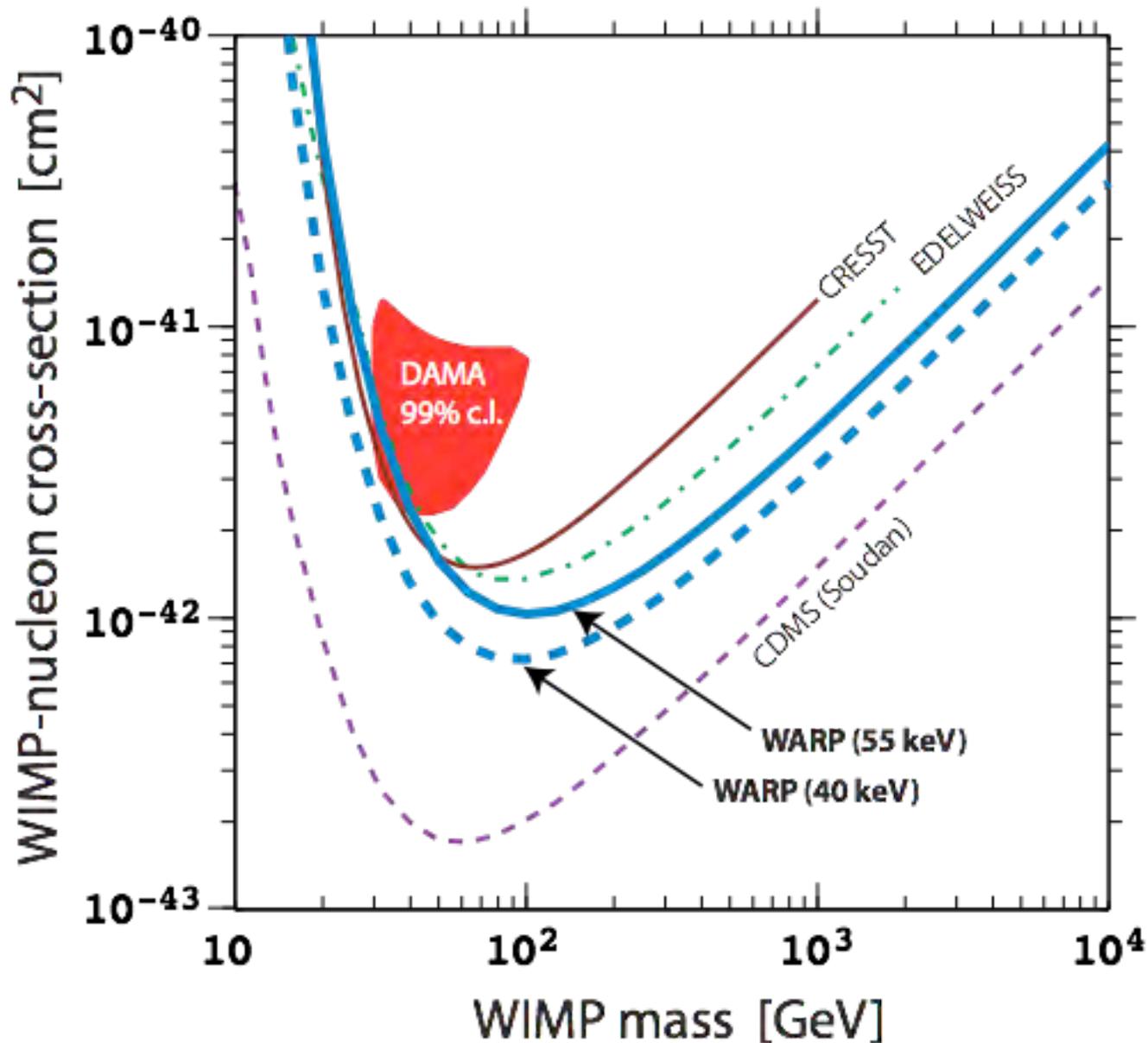


Selected events in the n-induced single recoils window during the WIMP search run
None

Energy Calibration

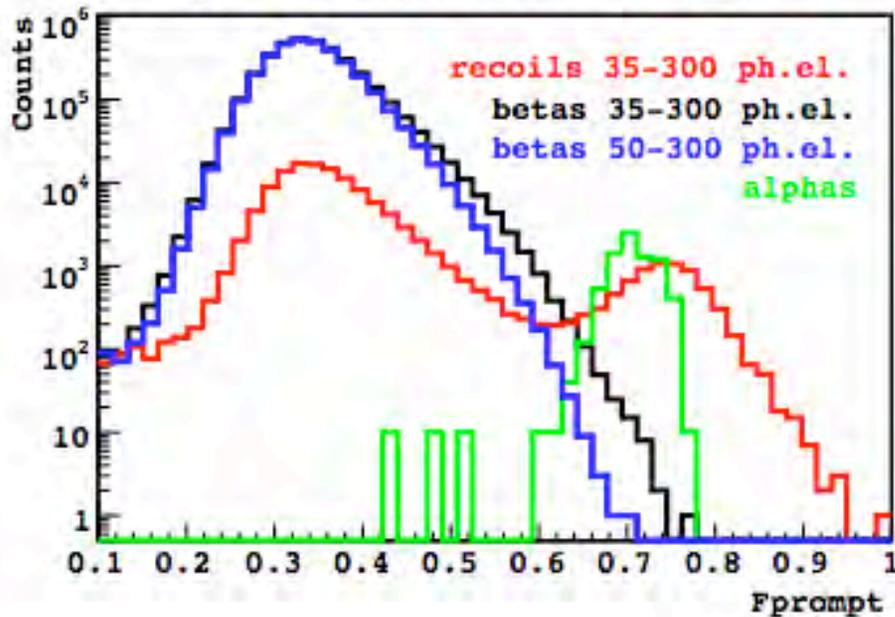


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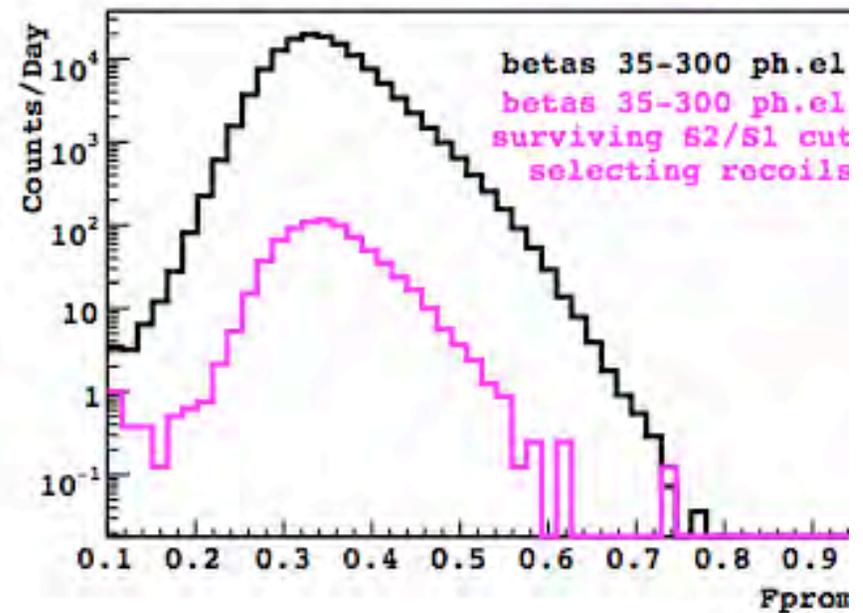


Most Recent Results on Discrimination

(a) Betas vs. Neutrons vs. Alphas



(b) Betas vs. S2/S1 Cut Selecting Neutrons



After recent electronics upgrade, pulse shape discrimination between m.i.p. and nuclear recoils better than 3×10^{-7}
Shape of distribution does not change by applying S2/S1 cut.
Two discriminations seemingly independent.

WARP 140-kg Detector

The WARP 140-kg detector to be installed and commissioned at LNGS

140 kg active target, to reach into 10^{-45} cm^2 and cover critical part of SUSY parameter space

Complete neutron shield!

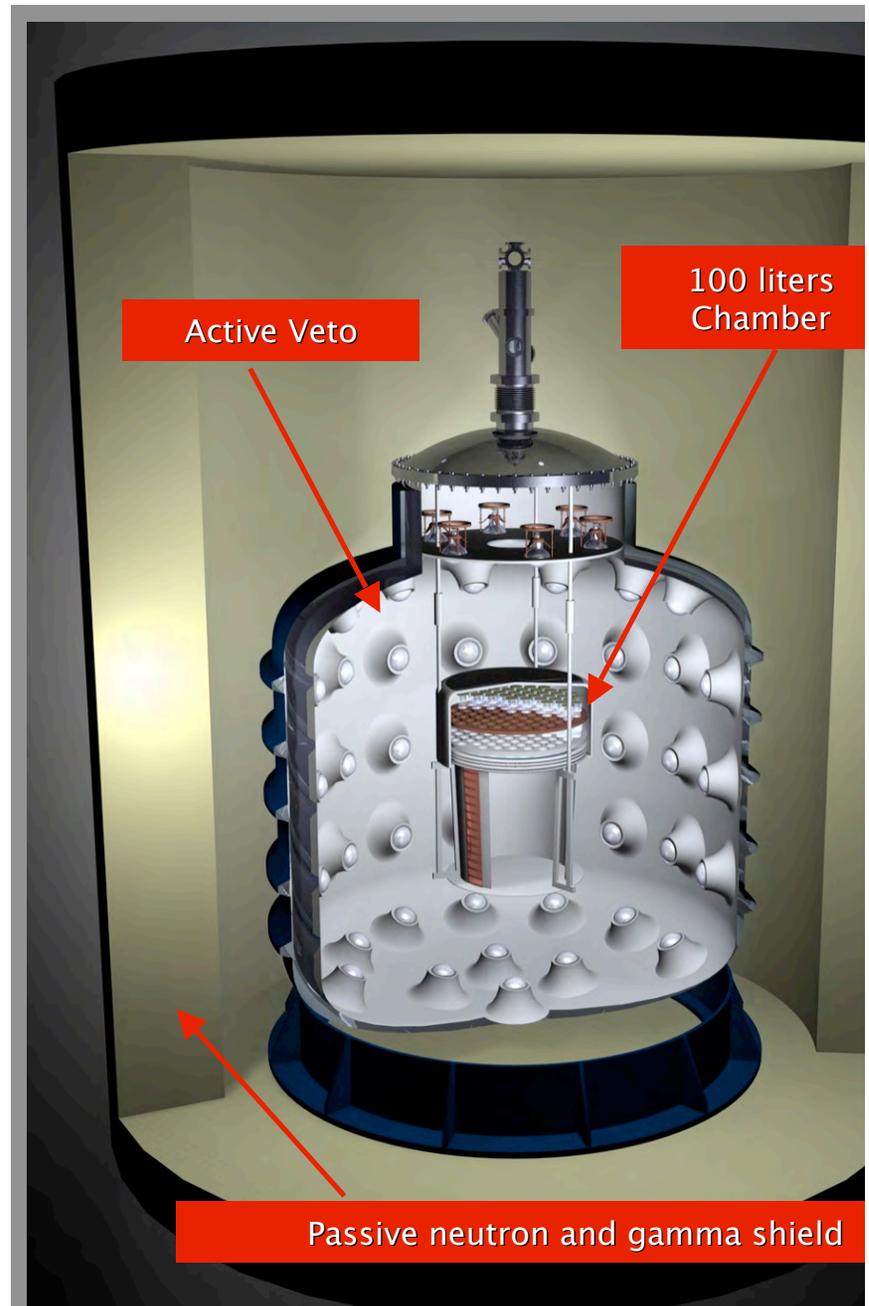
4 π active neutron veto (9 tons Liquid Argon, 300 PMTs)

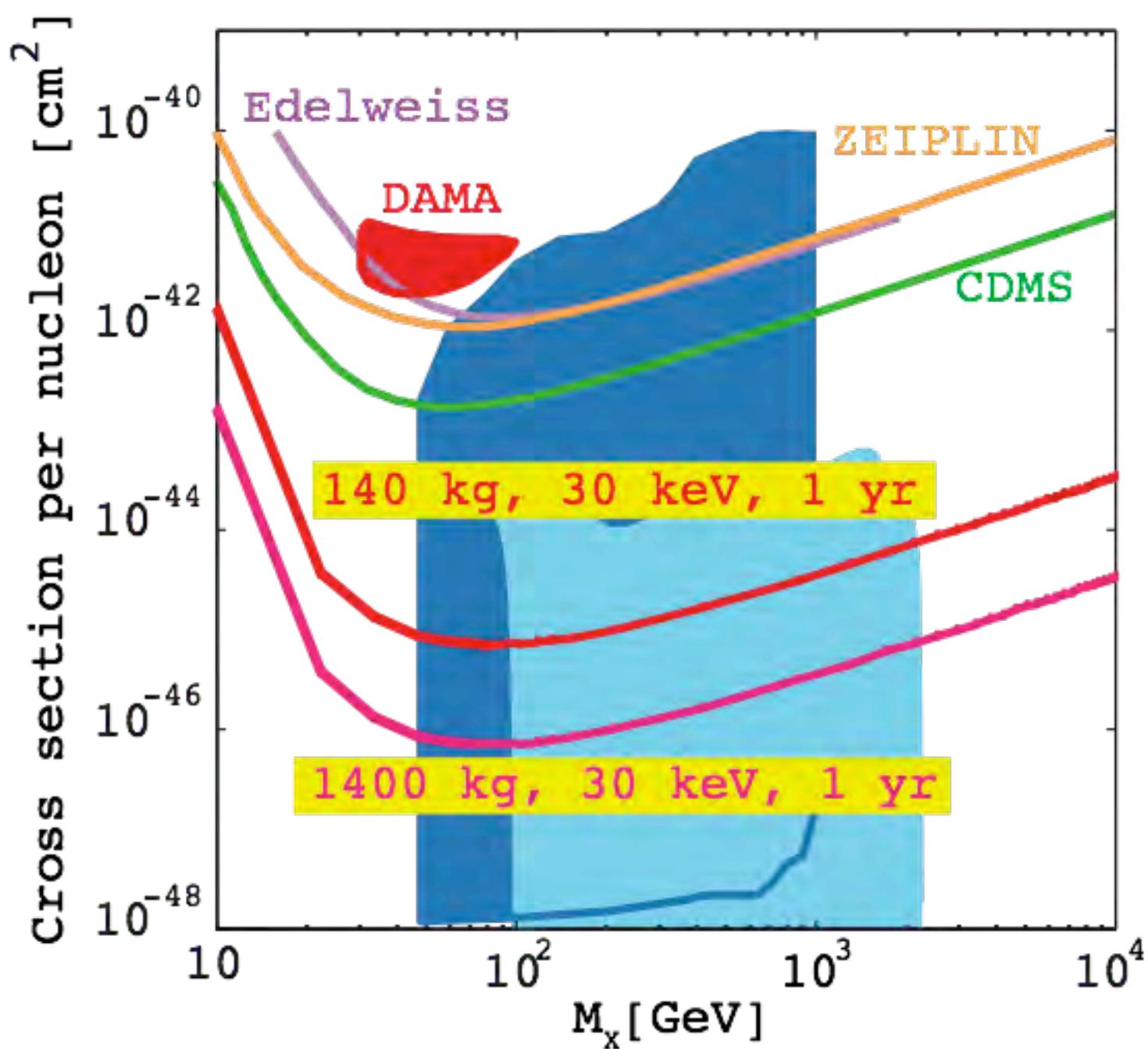
3D Event localization and definition of fiducial volume for surface background rejection

Detector designed for positive confirmation of a possible WIMP discovery

Active control on nuclide-recoil background, owing to unique feature (LAr active veto)

Cryostat designed to allocate a possible 1400 kg





One year, 140 kg, null measurement, 30 keV threshold

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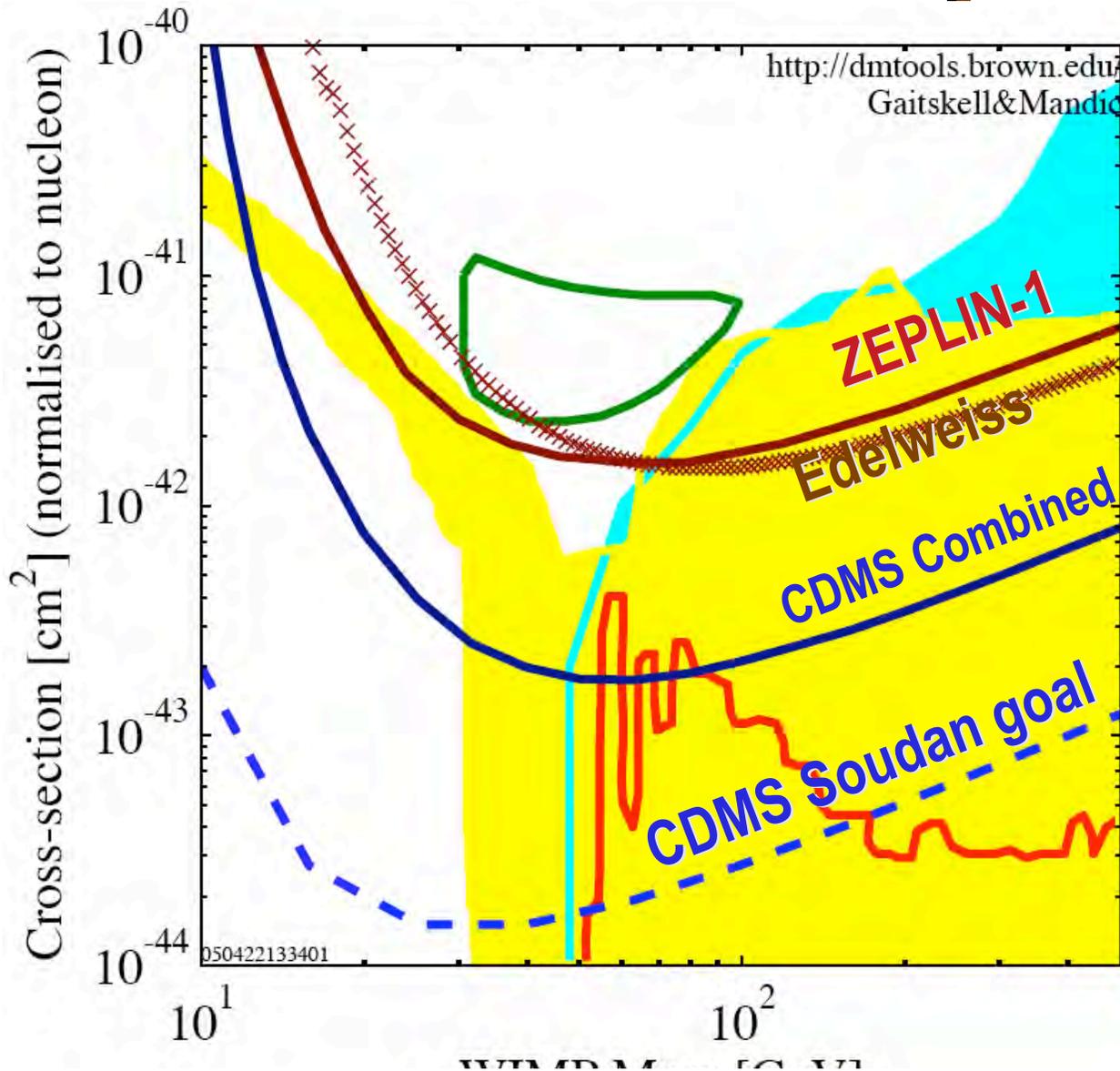
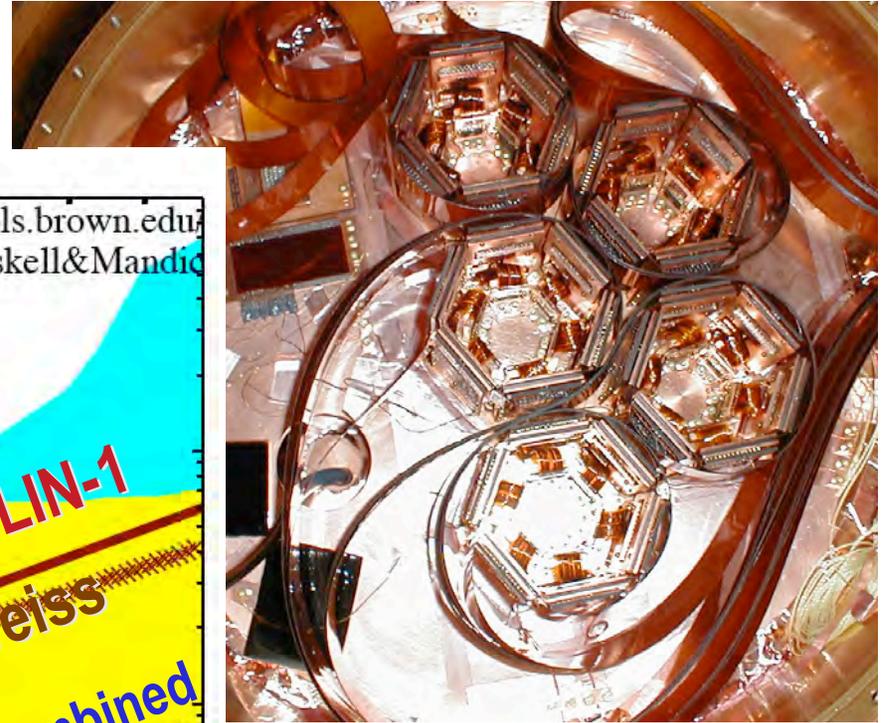
Argon depleted from ^{39}Ar

- Centrifugation
 - 5 kg delivered from Russia to LNGS on March 9 2007
- Small samples of argon from geological reservoirs obtained
 - Measurement of activity of ^{39}Ar planned at ANL
 - Survey of sources in spring-summer 2007

CDMS

Projected CDMS Sensitivity

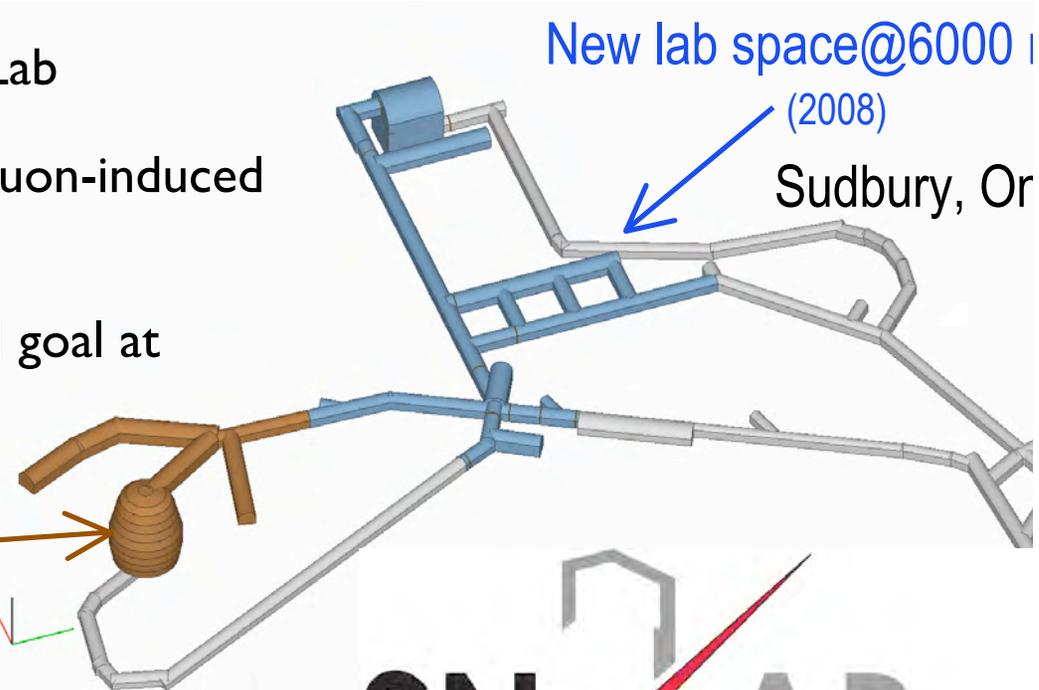
Started 5-Tower Run



- Additional improvement
 - ◆ Cryogenics, backgrounds, Currently commissioning
- 30 detectors in 5 towers
 - ◆ 4.75 kg of Ge, 1.1 kg of S through 2006
 - ◆ Improve sensitivity x8

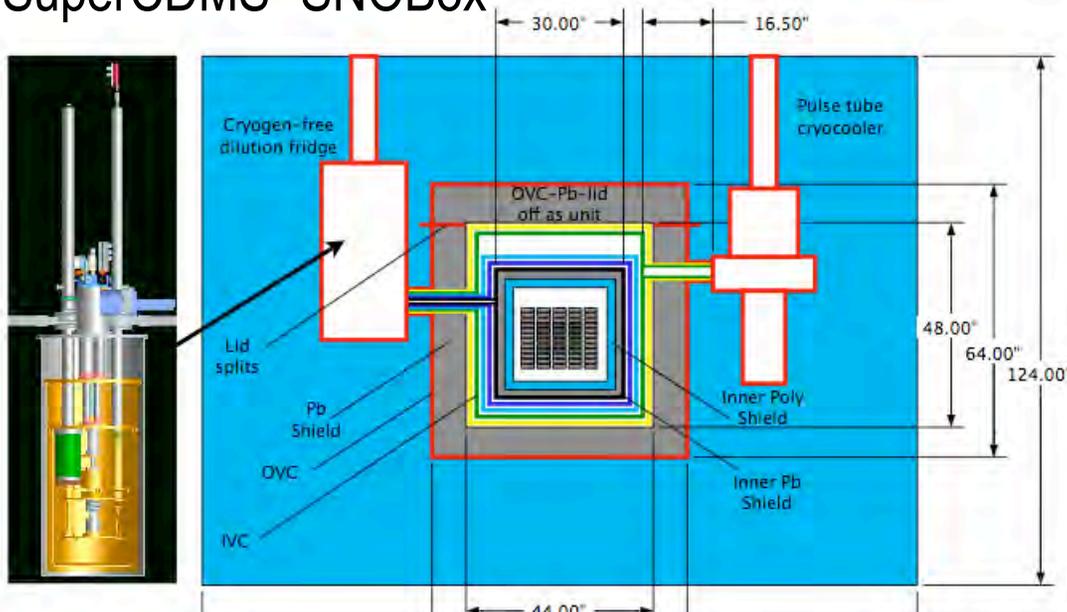
SuperCDMS 25 kg experiment

- New experiment proposed for SNOLab
 - Depth required to drive down muon-induced neutron background
 - 15x more sensitive than CDMS-II goal at Sudan

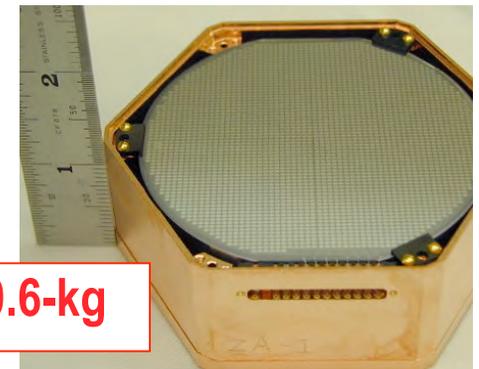


Sudbury Neutron Obs.

SuperCDMS "SNOBox"

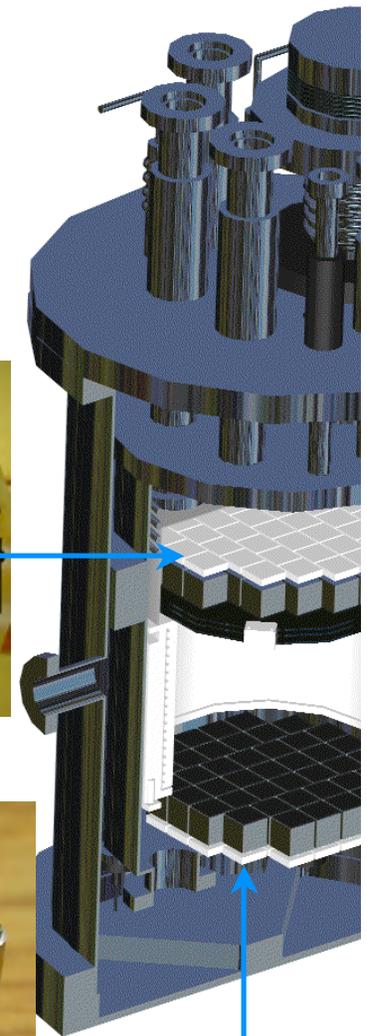
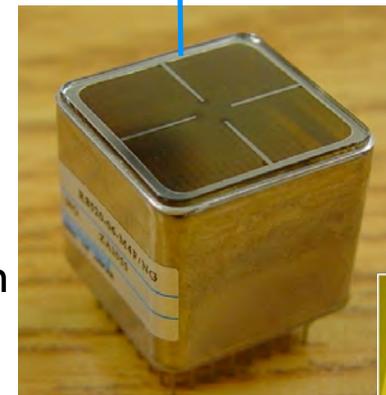
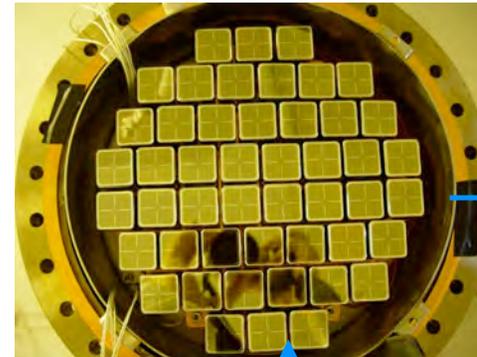


42 1"-thick 0.6-kg



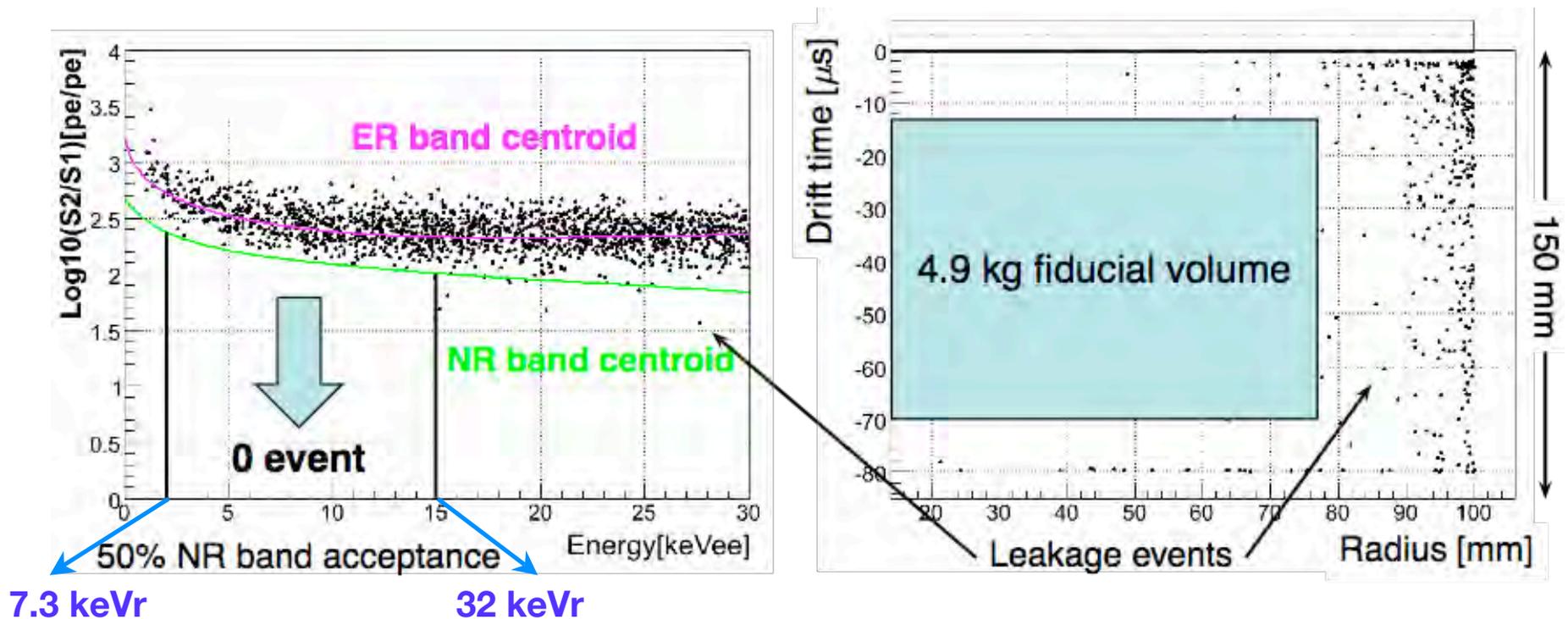
The XENON10 Detector

- **22 kg of liquid xenon**
 - 15 kg active volume
 - 20 cm diameter, 15 cm drift
- **Hamamatsu R8520 1"×3.5 cm PMTs**
- bialkali-photocathode Rb-Cs-Sb,
- Quartz window; ok at -100°C and 5 bar
- Quantum efficiency > 20% @ 178 nm
- **48 PMTs top, 41 PMTs bottom array**
 - x-y position from PMT hit pattern; $\sigma_{x-y} \approx 1$ mm
 - z-position from Δt_{drift} ($v_{d,e^-} \approx 2\text{mm}/\mu\text{s}$), $\sigma_z \approx 0.3$ mm
- **Cooling: Pulse Tube Refrigerator (PTR),**
- 90W, coupled via cold finger (LN₂ for emergency)



XENON10 Preliminary WIMP Search Data

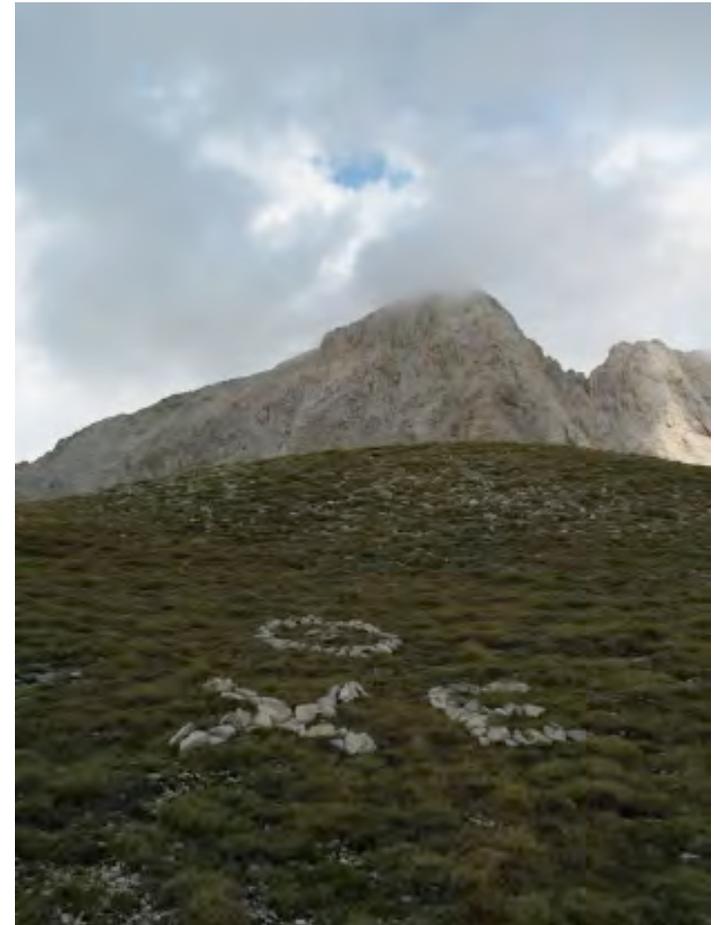
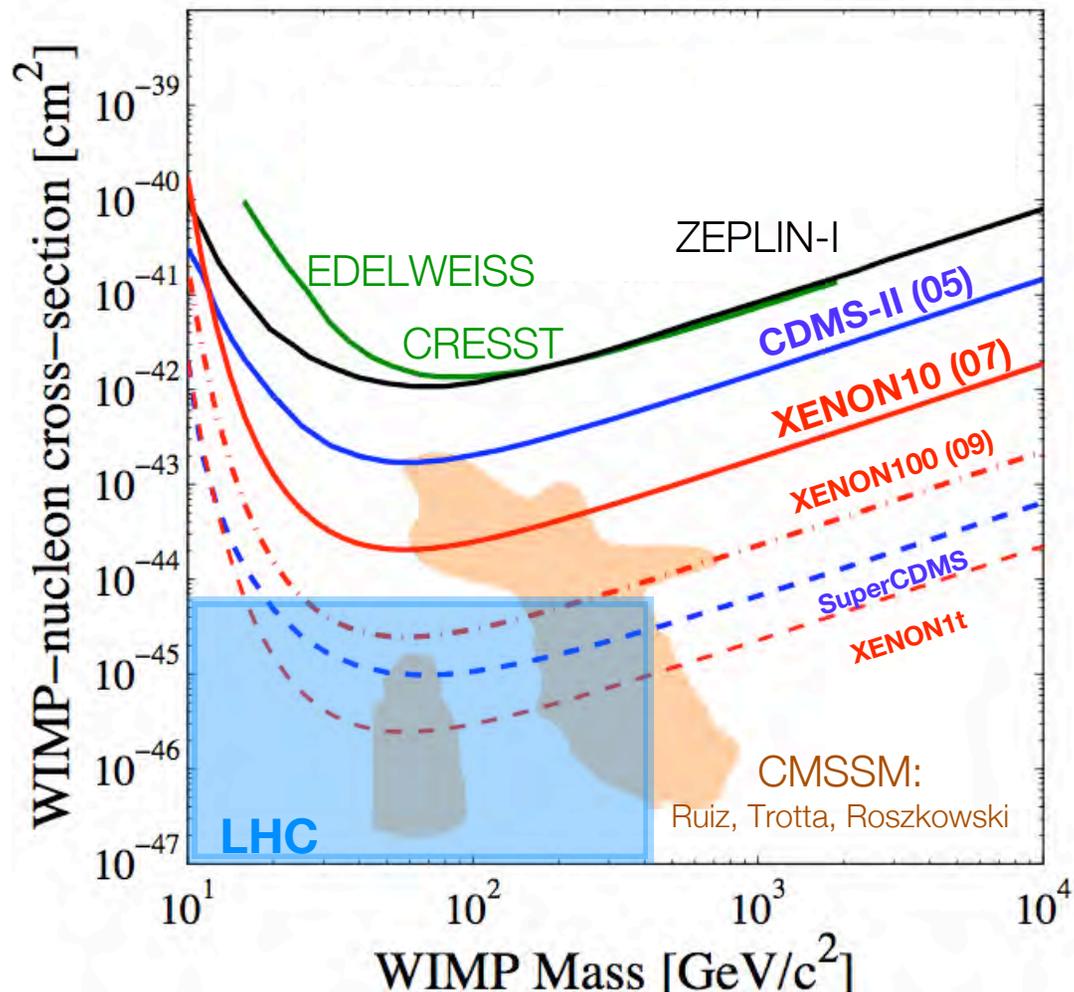
- WIMP search run started Aug. 24. 2006: $>10^6$ events, >70 live days
- 2 independent analysis groups (root and matlab based)
- Example: preliminary data from ~ **17 live days**



- Full analysis in progress; understand source of leakage events; set cuts and
- calculate efficiencies based on γ - and n-calibration data, ...

XENON 10/100 WIMP Search Goals

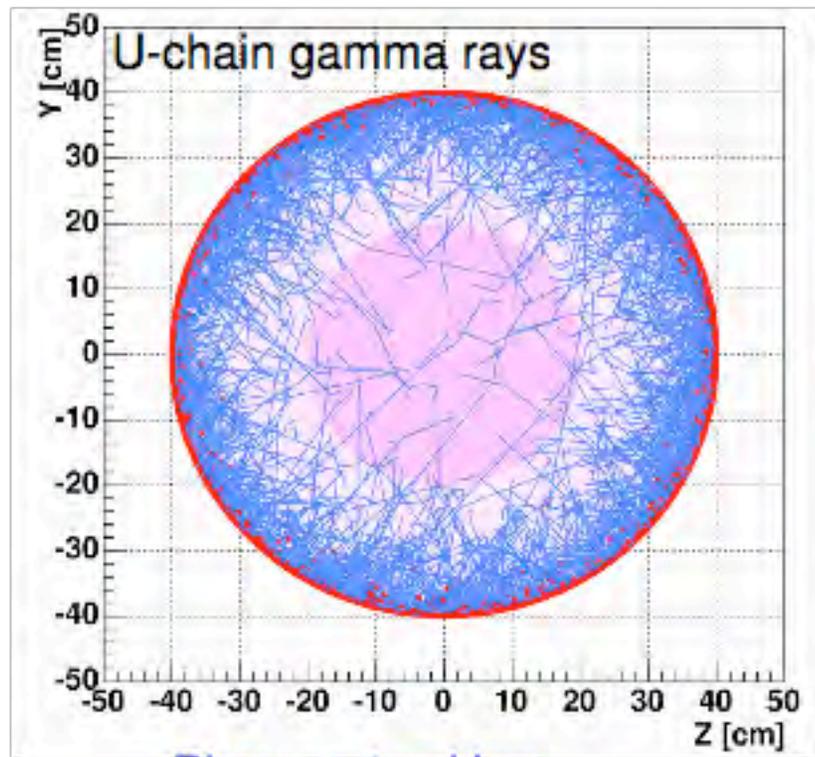
- Test the elastic, SI WIMP-nucleon σ down to $\approx 2 \times 10^{-44} - 2 \times 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$ in 2007/09



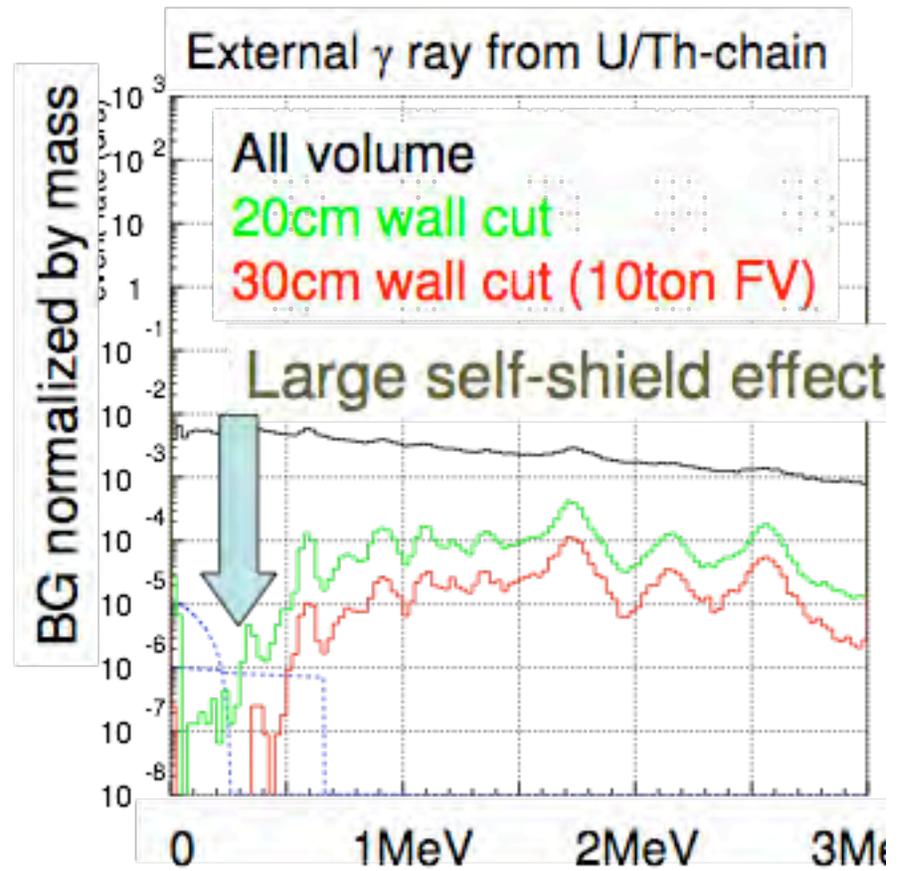
XMASS

- Key idea:
self-shielding effect for low energy events

γ tracking MC from external to Xenon

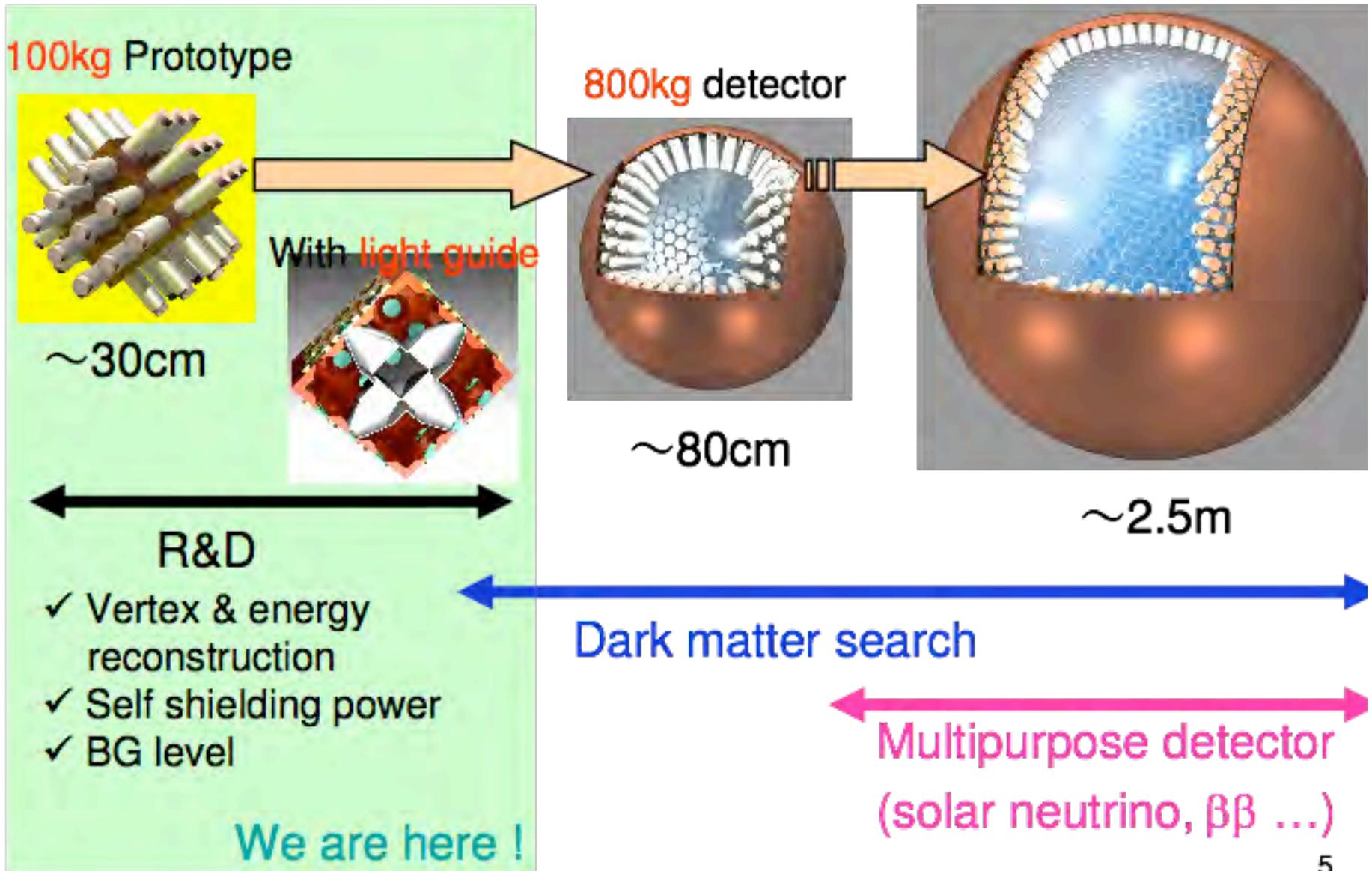


Blue : γ tracking
Pink : whole liquid xenon
Deep pink : fiducial volume



Background are widely reduced
in < 500keV low energy region

➤ Strategy of the scale-up



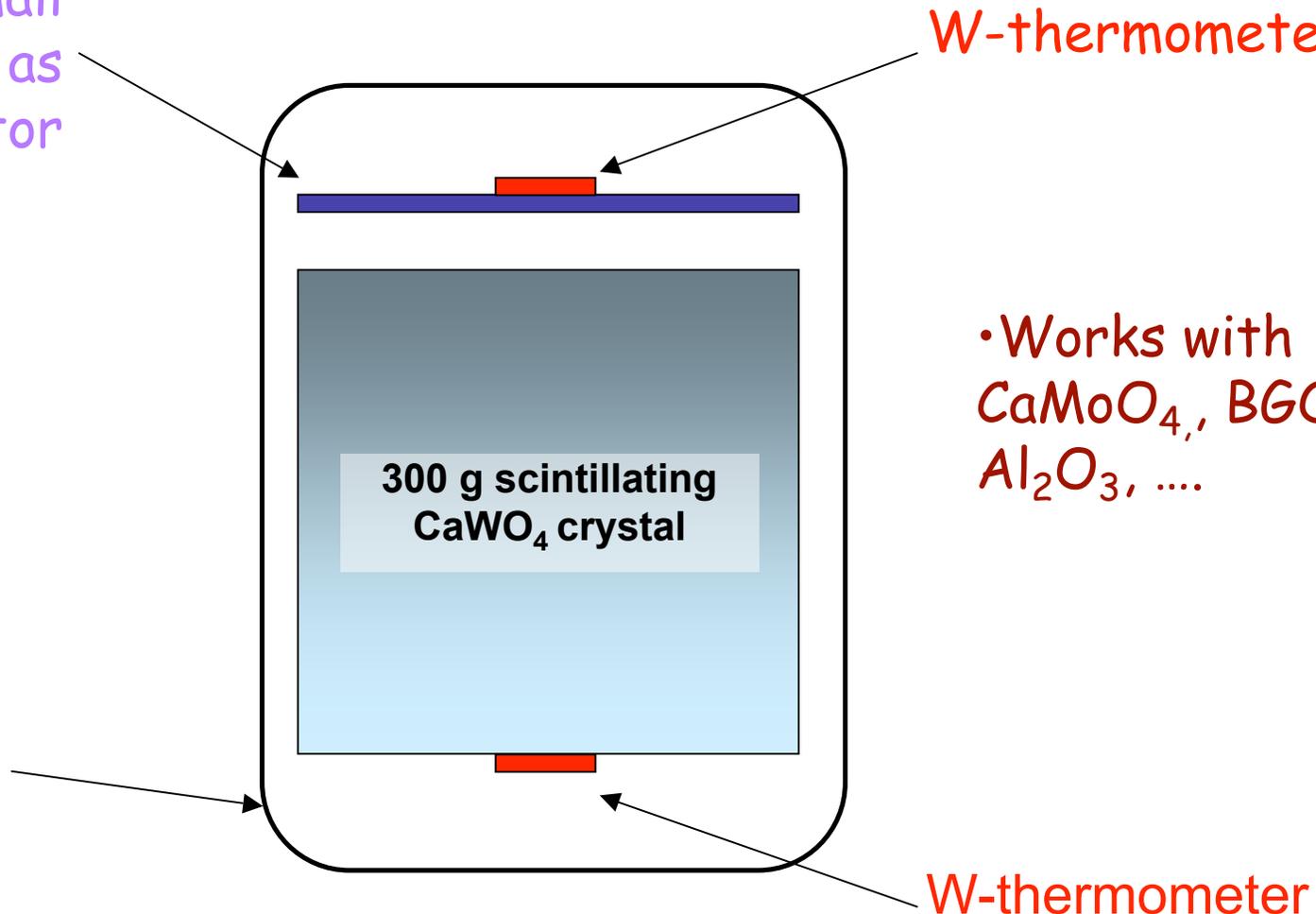
CRESST-II Detector Concept

Discrimination of nuclear recoils from radioactive $\beta+\gamma$ backgrounds by simultaneous measurement of phonons and scintillation light

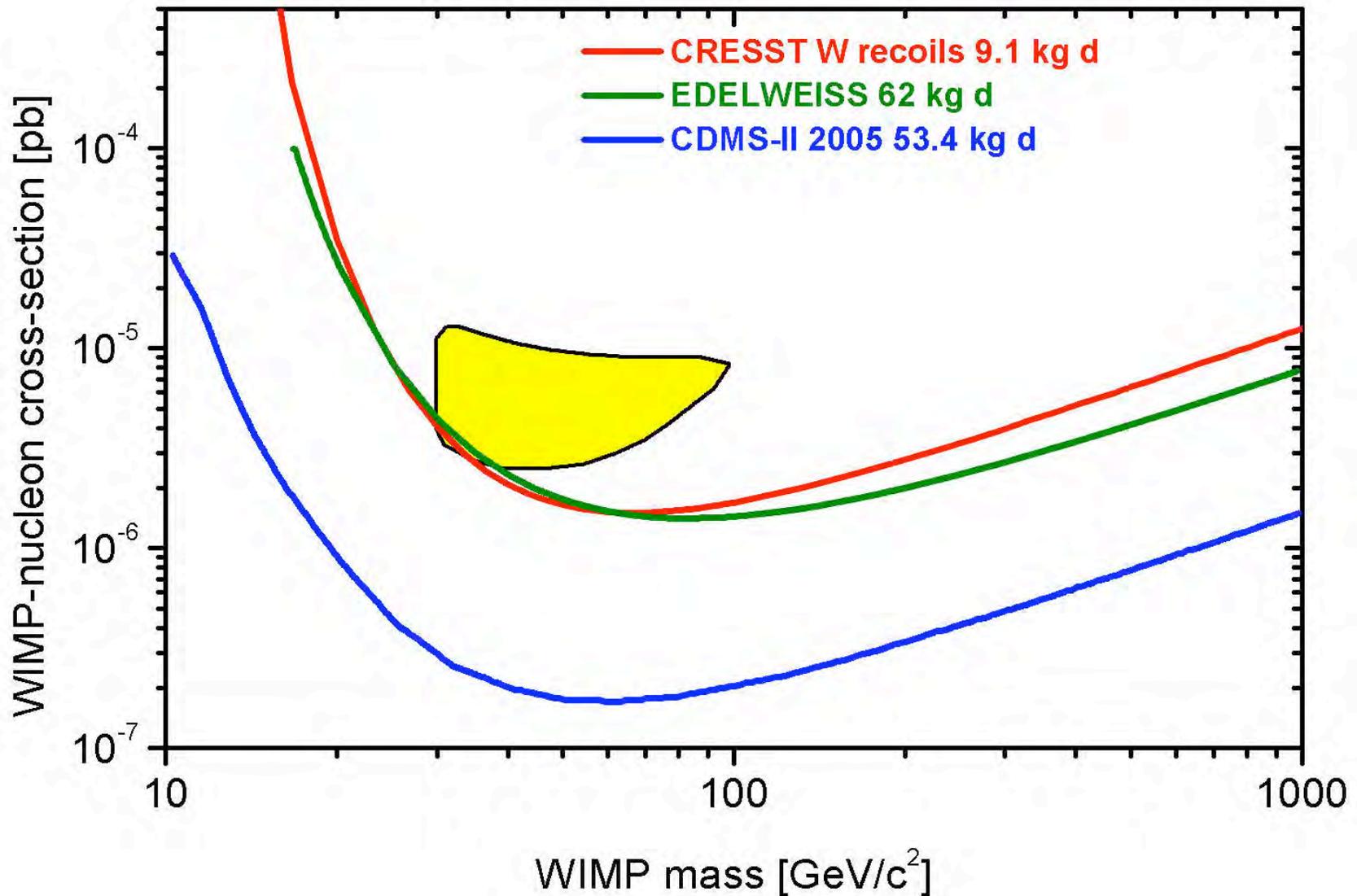
separate small calorimeter as light detector

W-thermometer

light reflector
(scintillating
polymeric foil)



Run 28 limits



Oct. 2006: Mounting 10 Detector Modules

