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Review of achievements in the development of two-phase emission detector technology and setting up experiments in modern particle physics

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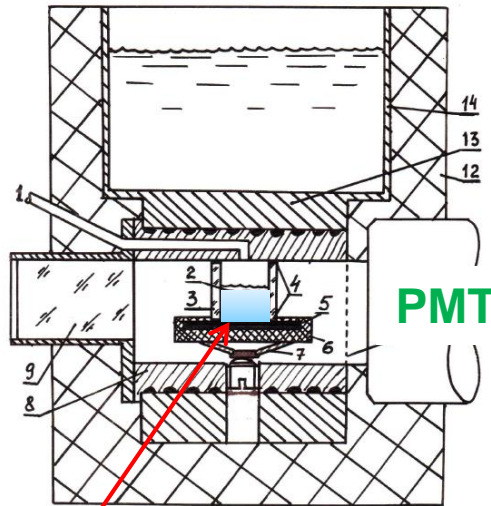
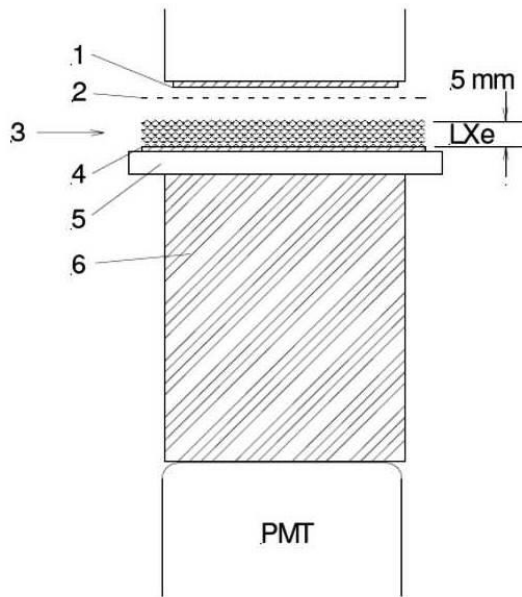
The birth of Technology

1976-1983

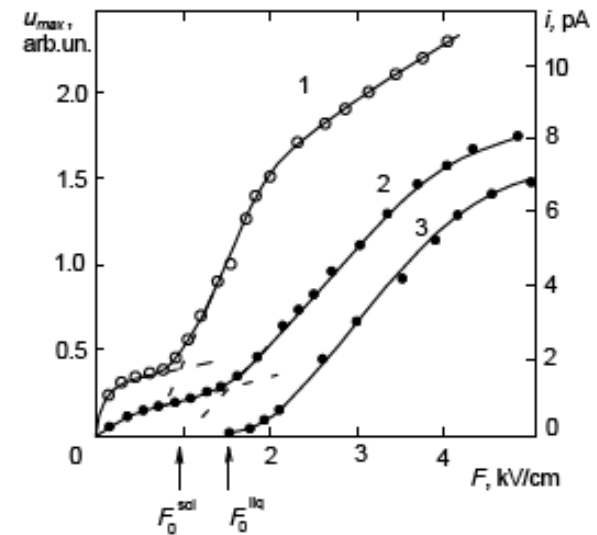
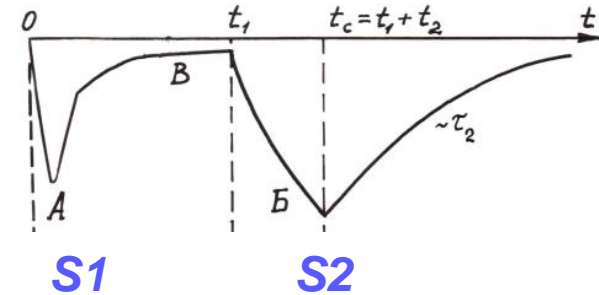
First Electroluminescence Emission Detectors (MEPhi)

S1 - Scintillation

S2 - Electroluminescence



$\sim 1 \text{ cm}^3$



Lansiart A., Seigneur A., Moretti J.-L., Morucci J.P.
Development research on a highly luminous condensed
xenon scintillator. *Nucl. Instrum. Meth.* 135(1976)47-52

Bolozdynya A., Miroshnichenko V. Rodionov B.
Electrostatic emission of free electrons from liquid and solid argon.
Letter in Journal of Technical Physics 2(1977)64-67 (in Russian).

1983-1985

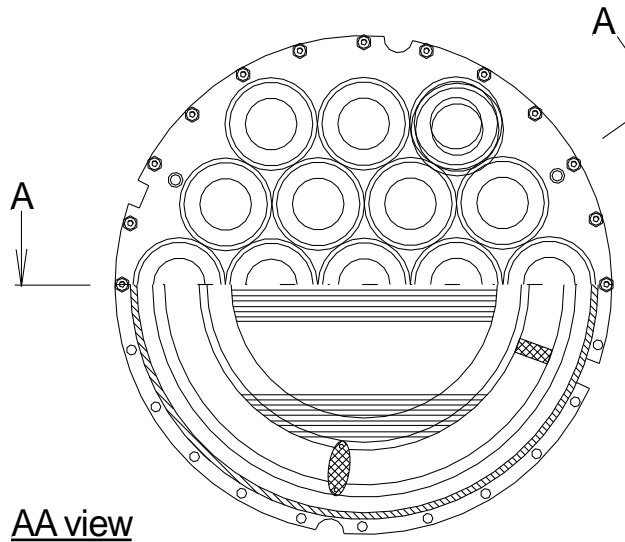
Electroluminescence Emission Gamma-Camera for Nuclear Medicine



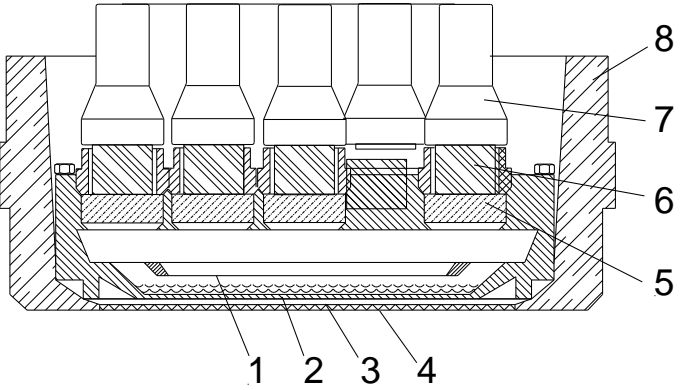
Medal of USSR Academy of Science



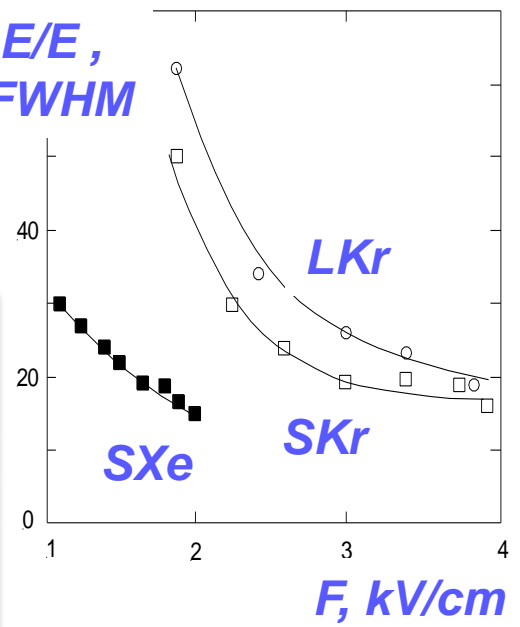
MEPhI / ITEP



AA view



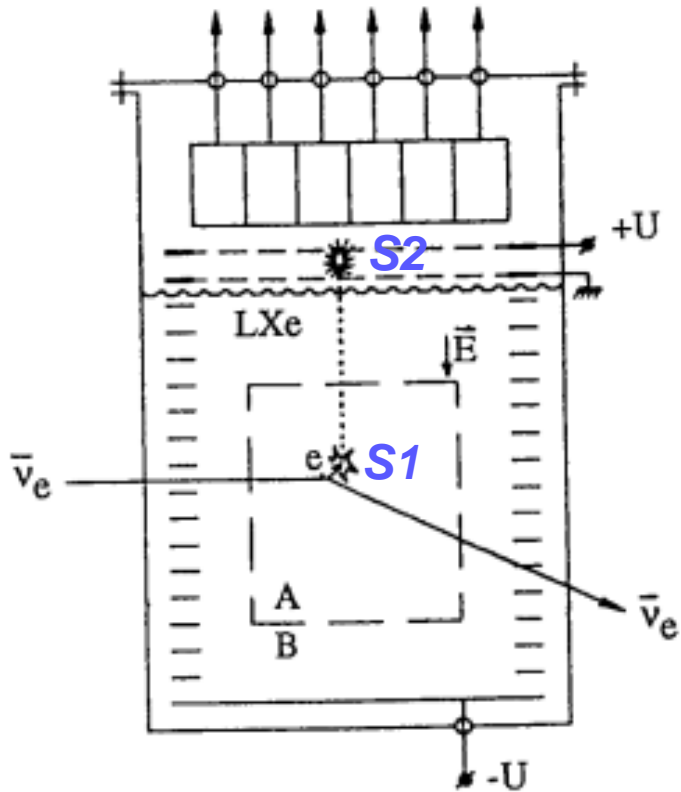
$\Delta E/E$,
%FWHM



$S2 = f(x,y)$ 122 keV

Egorov, V. V., Miroshnichenko, V. P., Rodionov, B. U., Bolozdynya, A. I., Kalashnikov, S. D. and Krivoshein, V. L. Electroluminescence emission gamma-camera
Nucl. Instrum. Meth. 205 (1983) 373-374.

1995 The idea of the “wall-less” principle of particle detection with two-phase emission detectors



Two-phase emission detectors

- 1) are sensitive to single ionization electrons;
- 2) 3D position sensitive for “point-like” events;
- 3) can provide «wall-free» detection technology;
- 4) may have a big mass of working medium;
- 5) can be used for
(1) dark matter search,
(2) neutrino detection,
(3) double beta decay search

Emission detectors are extremely sensitive to low ionization radiation even if it produces only single electrons in condensed matter. They are proposed for use as imaging detectors in different fields: in underground physics for searching cold dark matter and double beta-decay, for measuring magnetic moment of neutrino, and in nuclear medicine for gamma imaging.

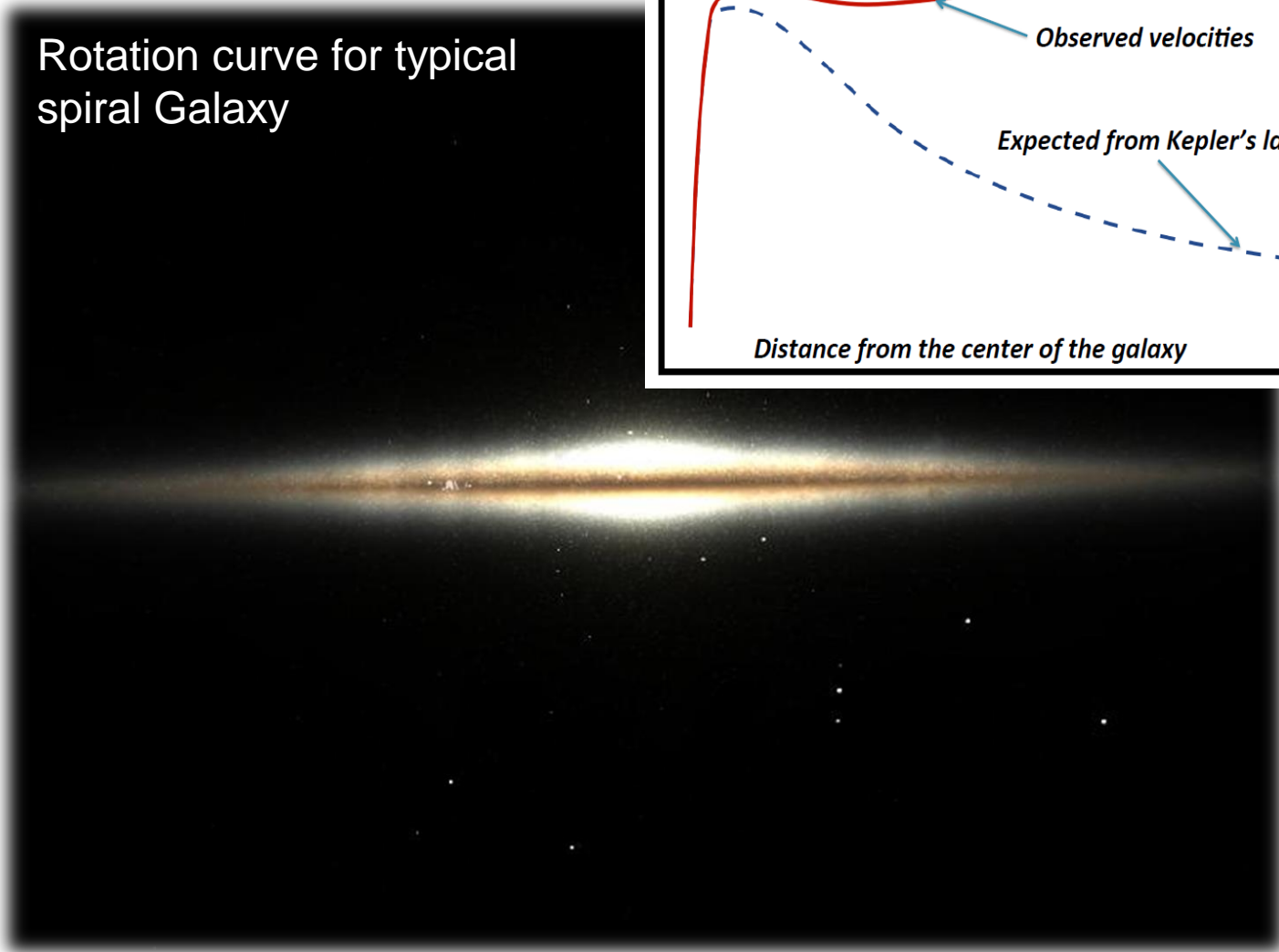
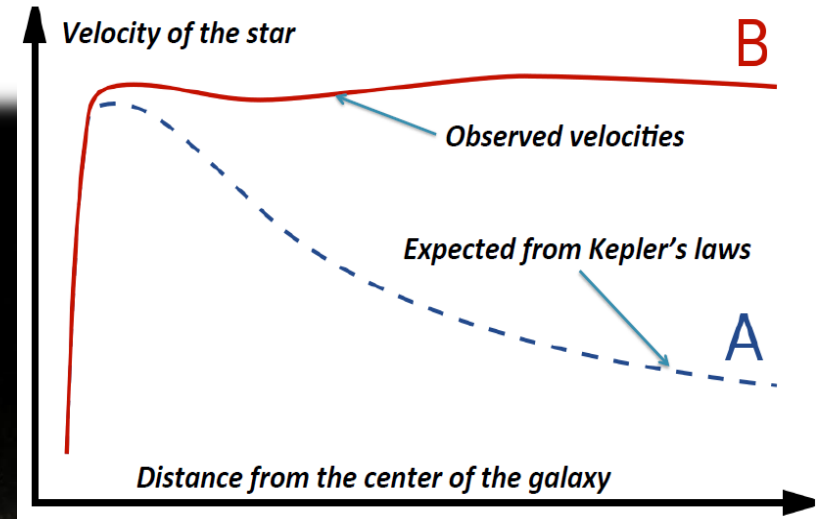
A. Bolozdynya, V. Egorov, V. Miroshnichenko, B. Rodionov.
IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. 42 (1995) 565-569



Dark Matter Search Experiments

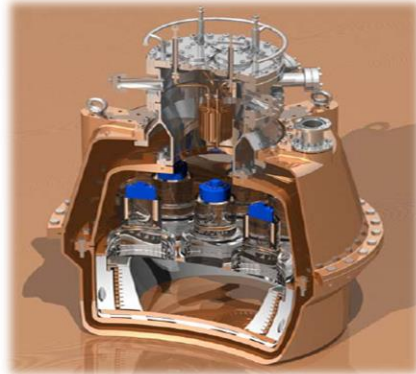
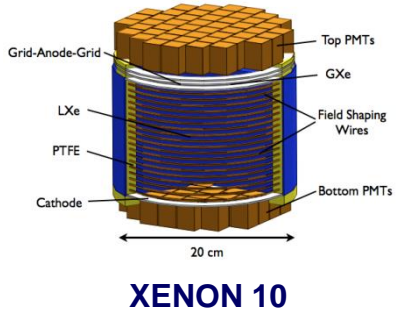
A problem of the «mass deficit» in the Universe

Rotation curve for typical spiral Galaxy

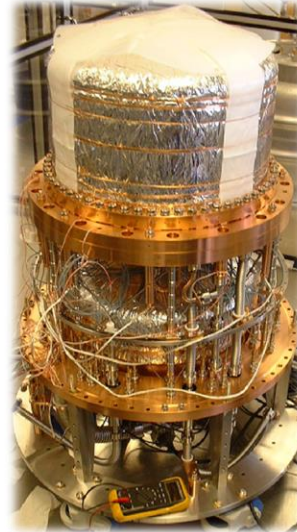


2003-2024

Emission detectors to search for Dark Matter



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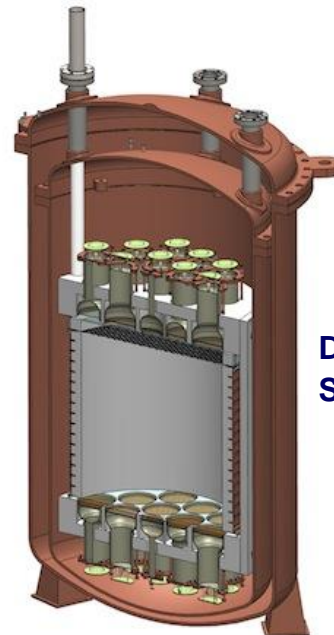
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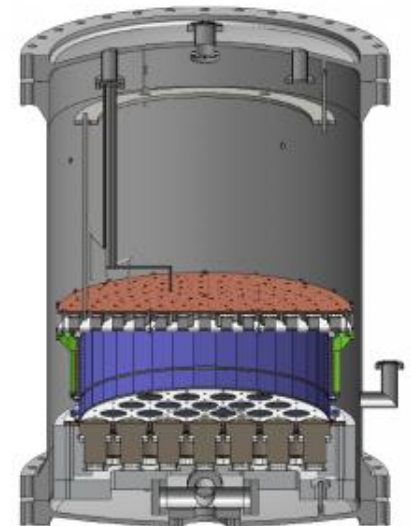
LUX



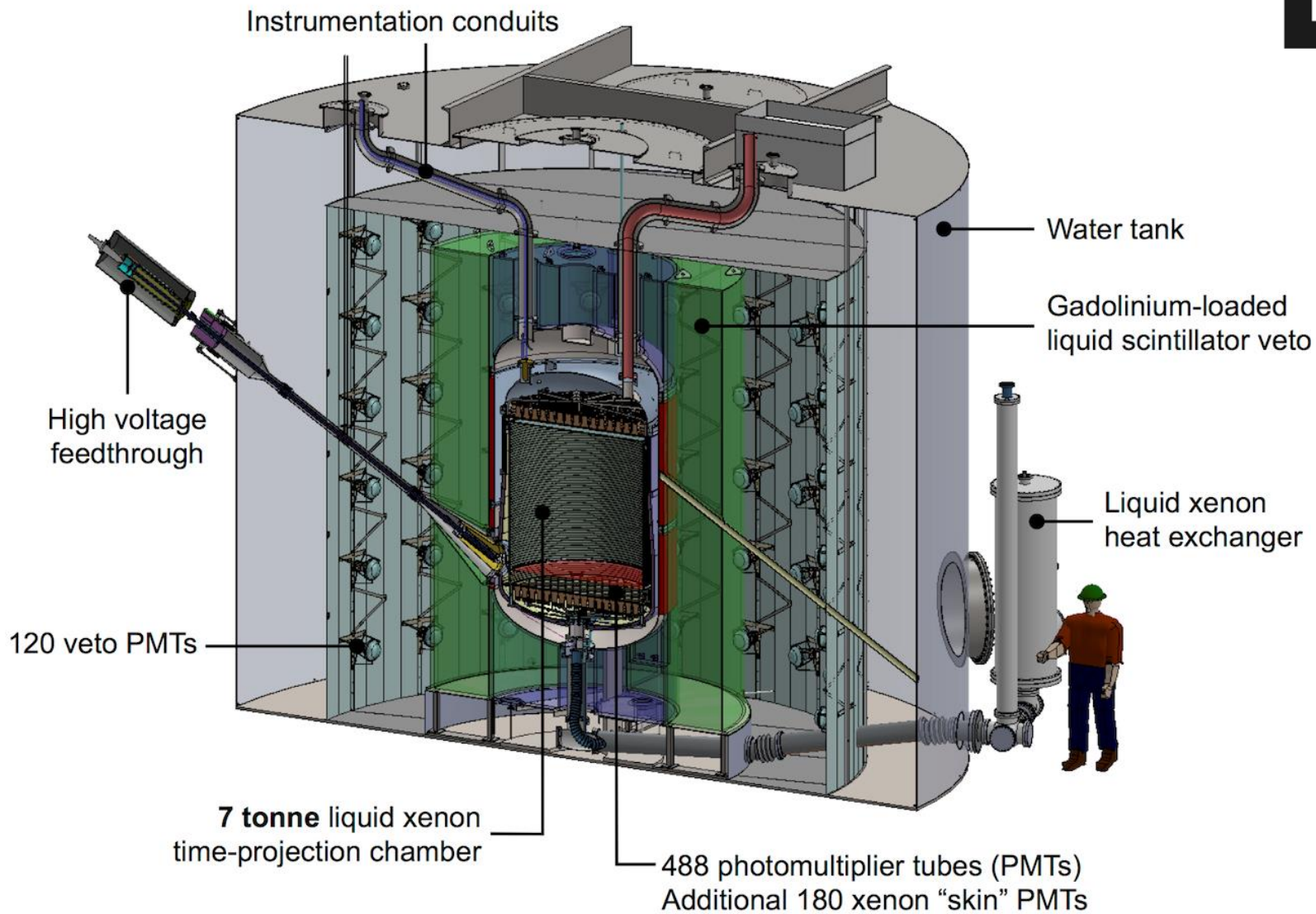
XENON 100

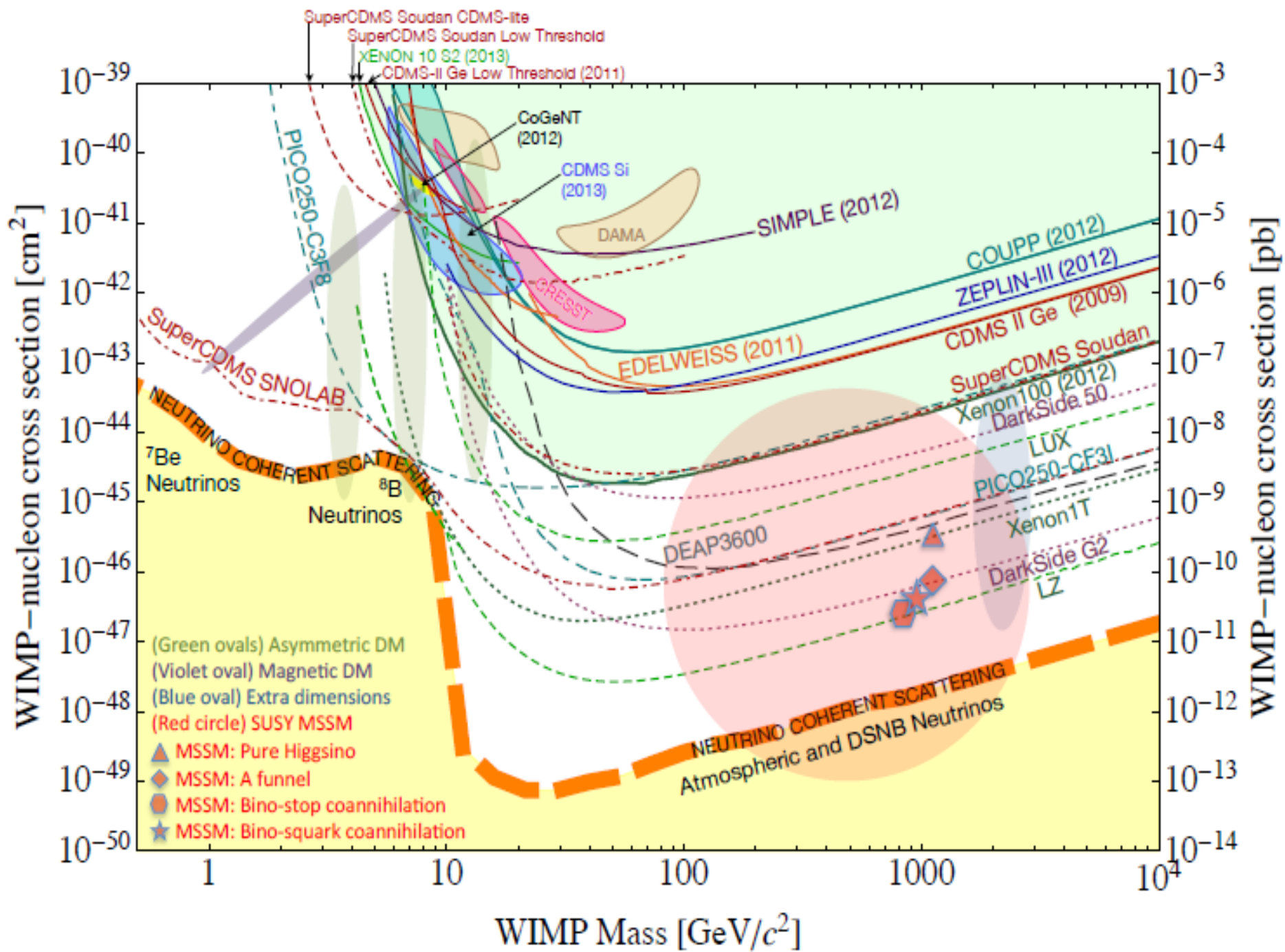


DARK SIDE



PANDA-X



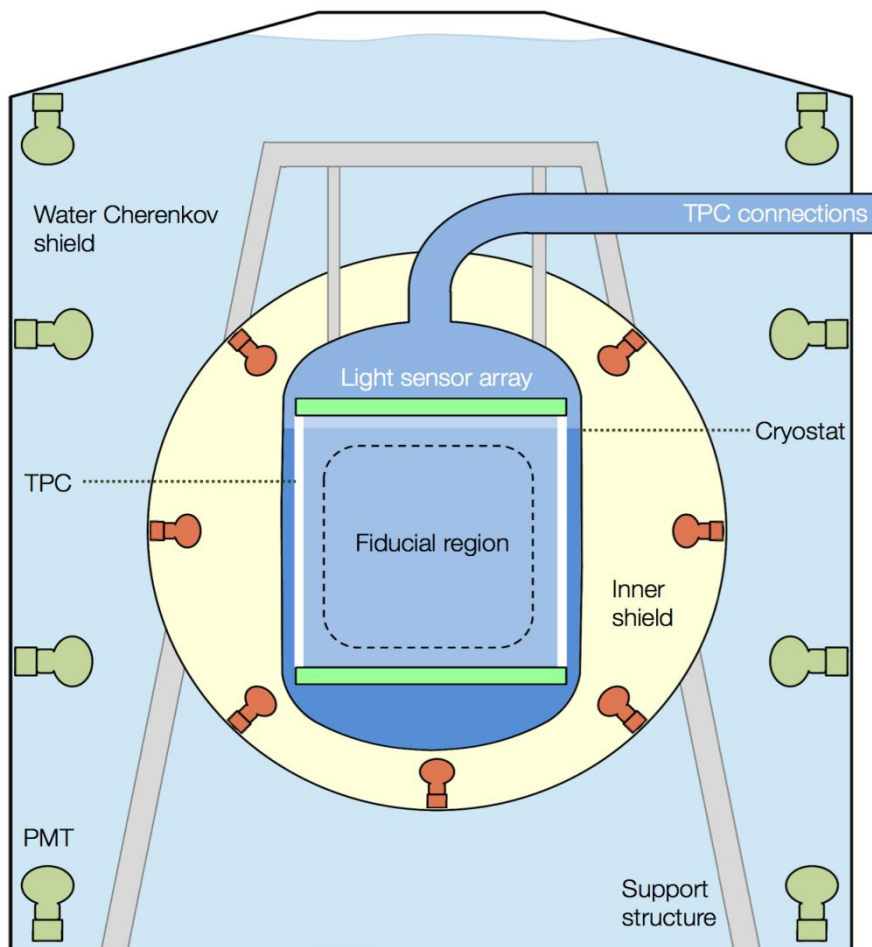


A Next-Generation Liquid Xe Observatory for Dark Matter and Neutrino Physics

Aalberts J. et al. *J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys.* 50 (2023) 013001

77 pages, 40 figures, 1262 references, 559 authors, 145 organizations

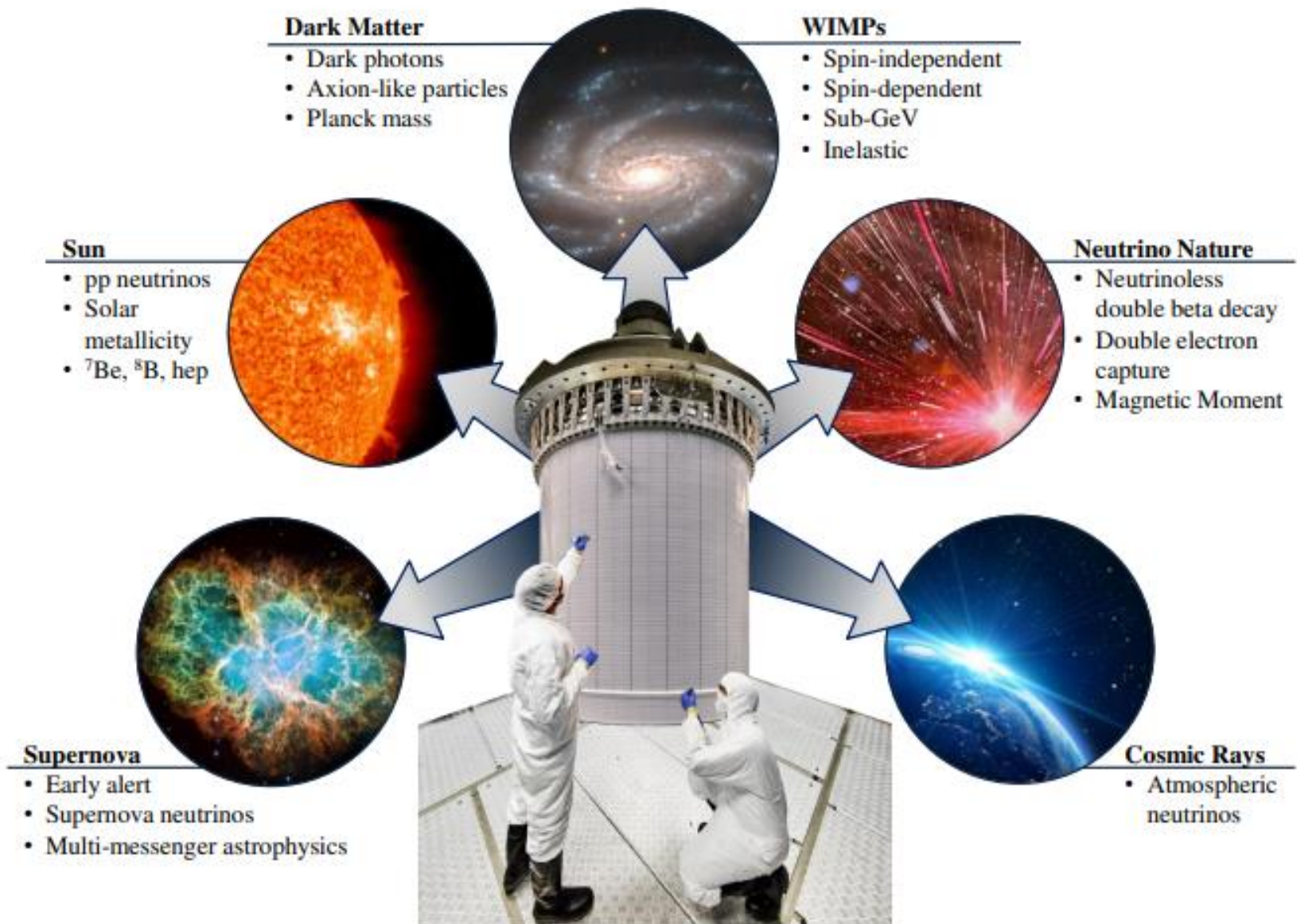
*A world-class
joint project*

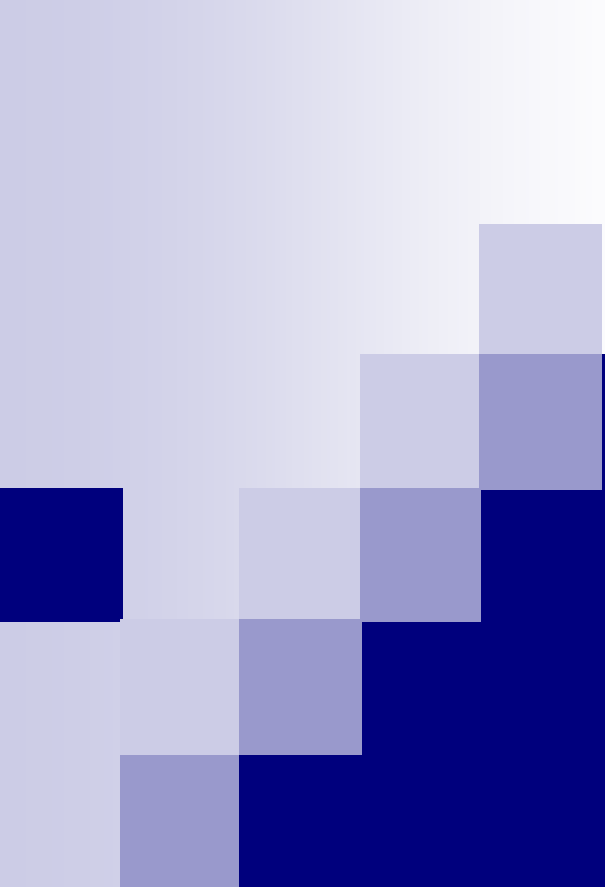


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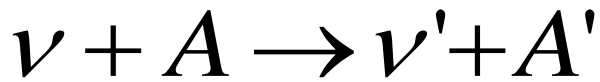
**40-50 тонн
LXe**

Next-Generation Liquid Xe Observatory



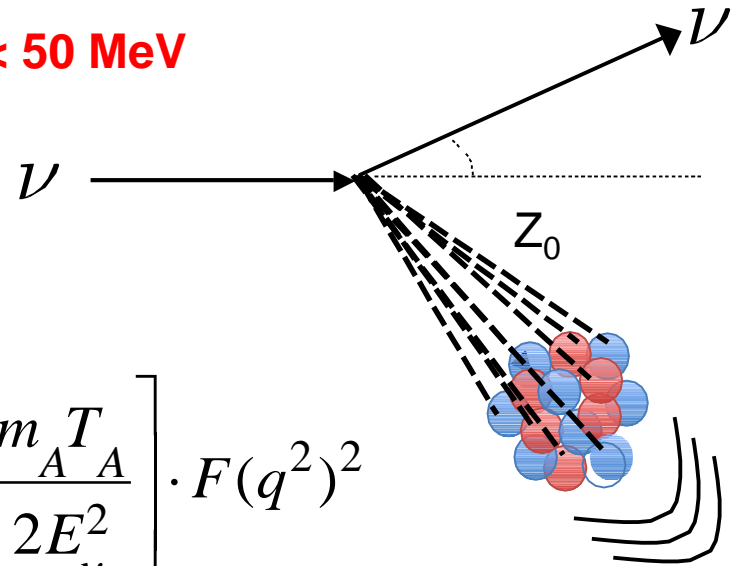


Search for Coherent Elastic Neutrino Scattering off Atomic Nuclei ($\text{CE}\nu\text{NS}$)



$$\Delta x_i \Delta p_i \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$E_\nu < 50 \text{ MeV}$



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT_A} = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} m_A [Z(1 - 4\sin^2 \theta_w) - N]^2 \left[1 - \frac{m_A T_A}{2E_\nu^2} \right] \cdot F(q^2)^2$$

m_A – mass of A atomic nuclei, T_A – kinetic energy of recoil nuclei, E_ν – neutrino energy, Z – charge of nuclei, N – number of neutrons in nuclei, $F(q^2)$ – nuclear form factor, θ_w – Vainberg' angle, $\sin^2 \theta_w \approx 0.22$; $(1 - 4\sin^2 \theta_w) = o(1)$

D.Z. Freedman, D.N. Schramm, and D.L. Tubbs. *Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci.* 27, 167 (1977)

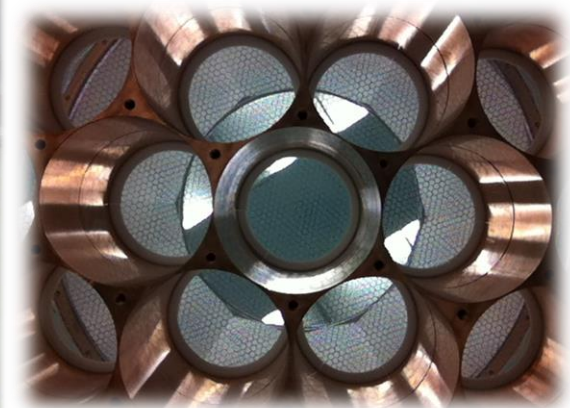
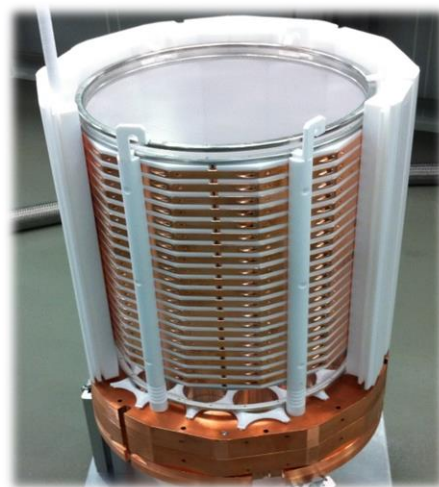
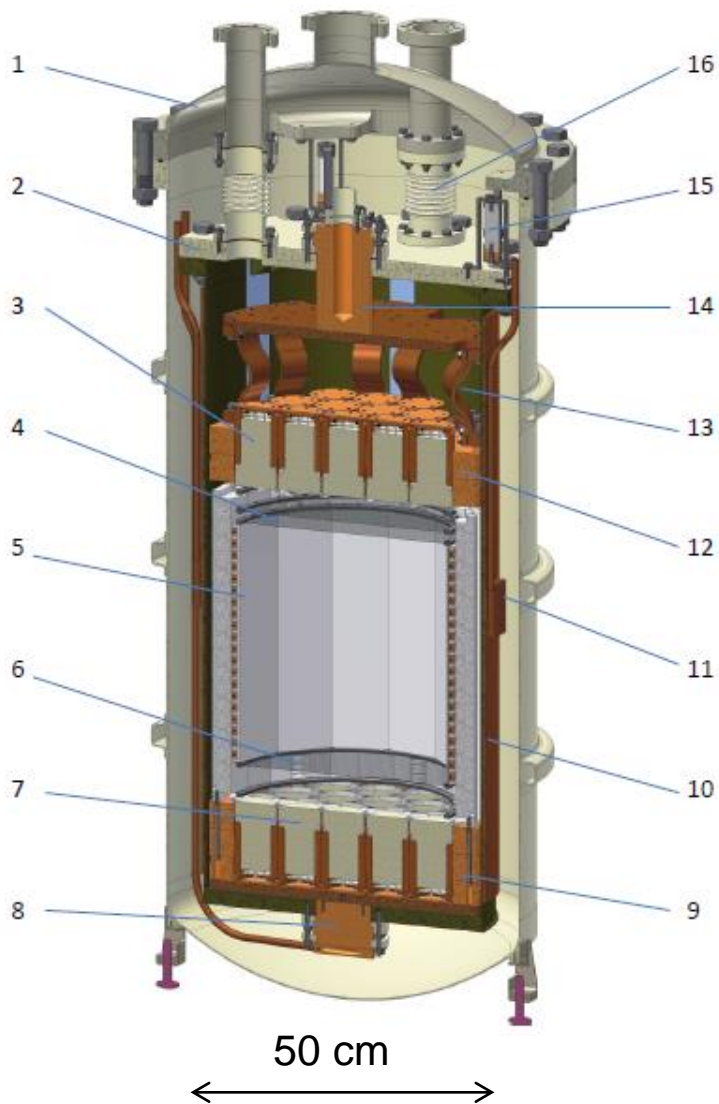
$$\sigma \sim N^2$$

The effect was observed for the first time **in 2017 by the COHERENT international collaboration** in the Oak Ridge National Laboratory of USA at the high-current proton accelerator of SNS, generating a mixture of three types of neutrinos with energy of about 50 MeV

D.Y. Akimov et al (COHERENT). Observation of coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering, *Science* 357 (2017) 6356 1123 [arXiv:1708.01294].

RED-100 detector

- 1 - outer titanium vessel
- 2 - internal titanium vessel
- 3 - 19 Hamamatsu R11410-20 PMTs
- 4 - gridded anode and electron shatter
- 5 - drift electrodes
- 6 - cathode
- 7 - low matrix of 19 PMTs
- 8 - cooler for low thermosyphone
- 9 - copper collar for lower photomultipliers
- 13 - heat screen in the cold vessel
- 14 - cooler for the top thermosyphone
- 15 - heat insulator
- 16 - bellows





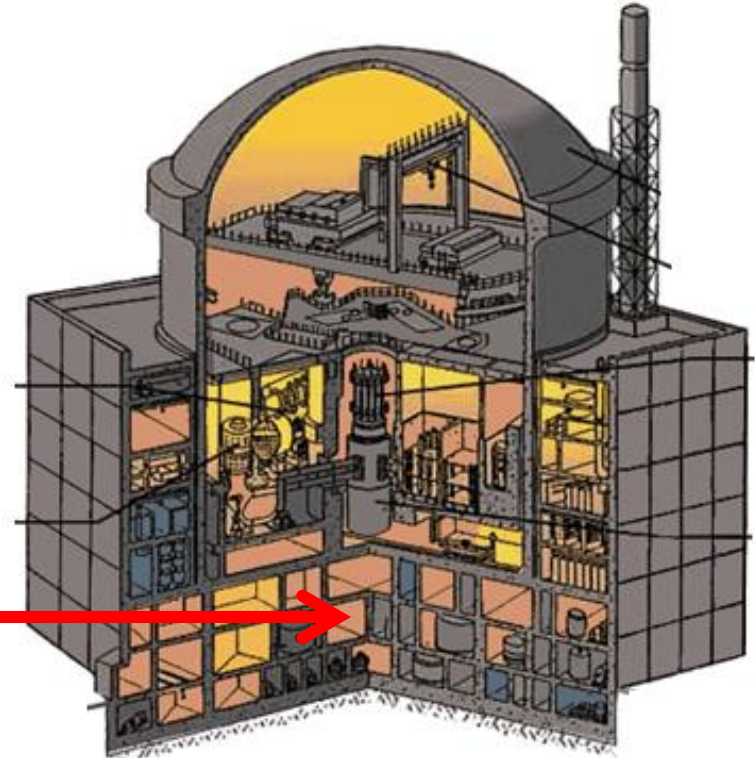
Assembling RED-100 in a “clean” room of the Laboratory for Experimental Nuclear Physics of NRNU MEPhI



Location at 4th block of KNPP:

- 19 m from active zone of the reactor
- $\bar{\nu}_e$; m.w.e. vertical
- flux is $\sim 1.35 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

Location of
RED-100





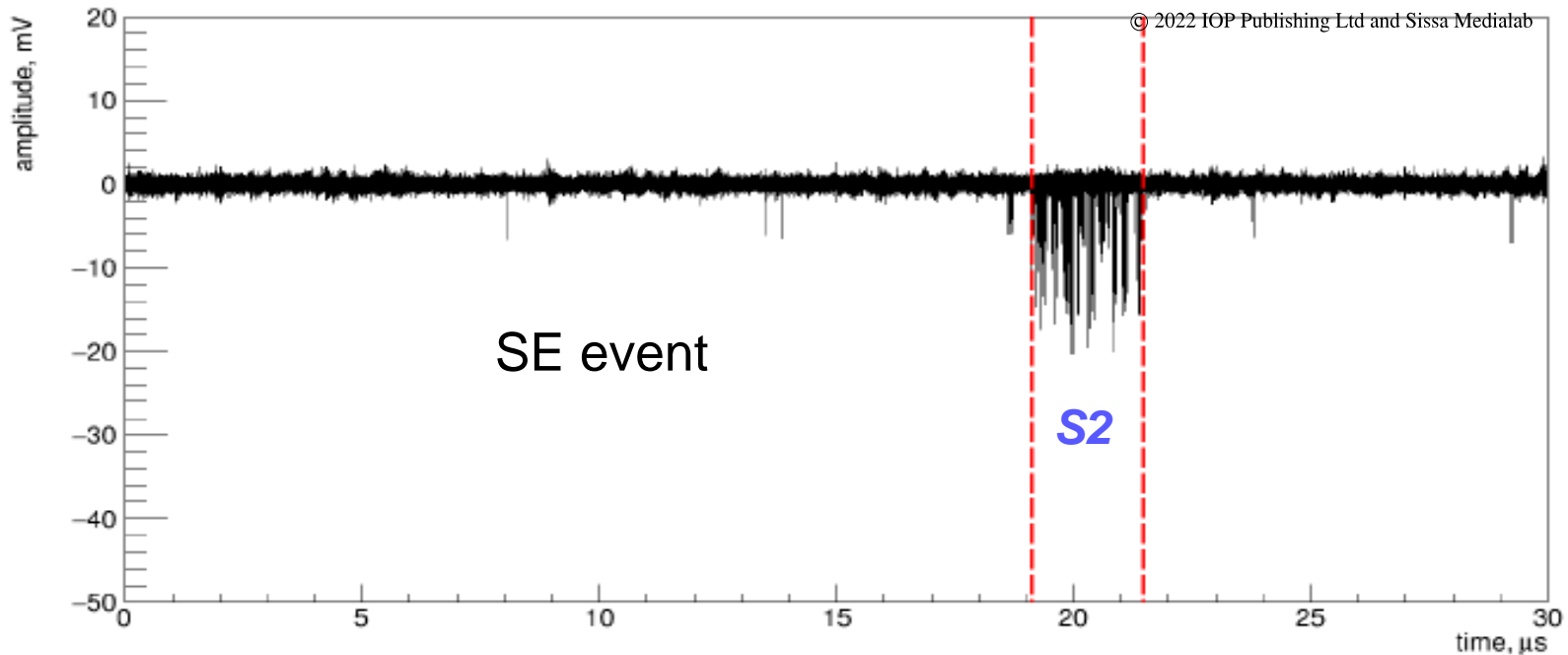
May-June 2021: background measurements
August-October 2021: express analysis and settings
November-December 2021: purification of LXe
January-February 2022: data set

CE ν NS candidates: SE signals correlate with Reactor ON mode

Data analysis in the
REACTOR ON/OFF
modes

Signal selection parameters SIG/sqrt(BG):

- shape
- duration
- coordinates
- distribution over PMT matrix



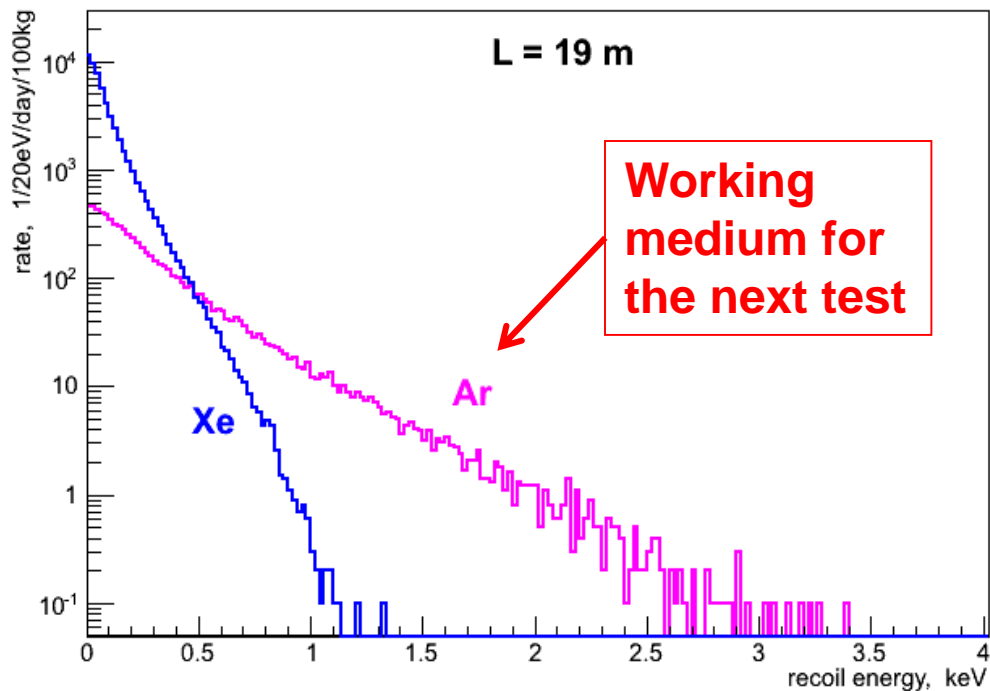
Preliminary results:

Count rate of background SE signals in LXe are 50 times higher than expected CE ν NS

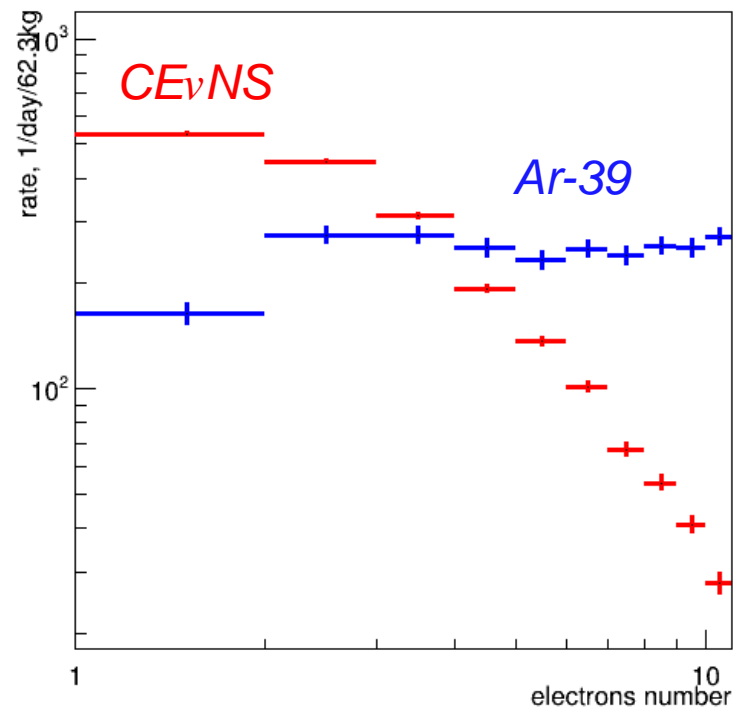
Detector operating media in RED-100 experiment at KNPP

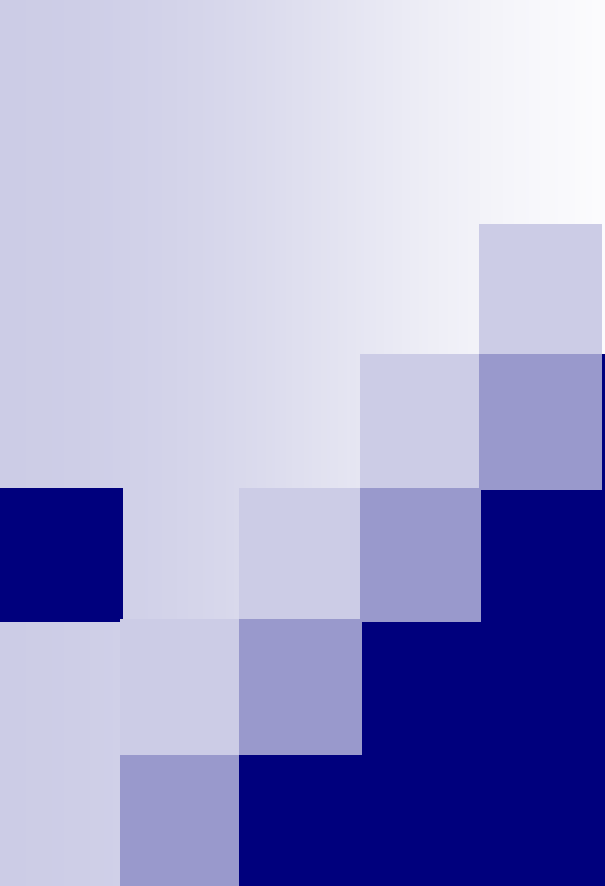


CE ν NS recoil spectrum



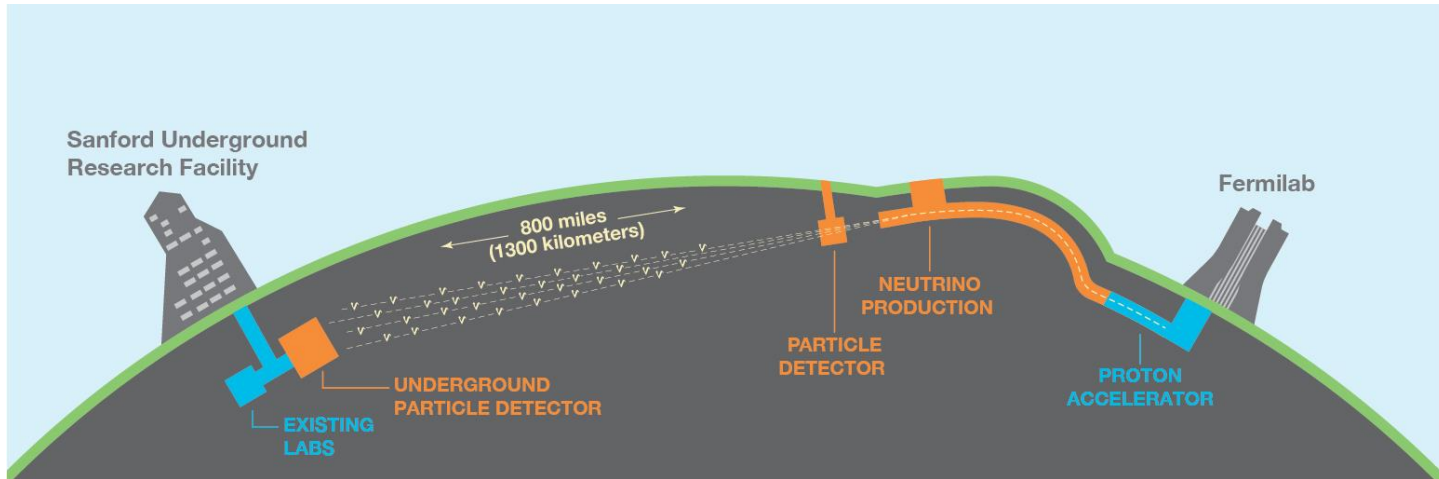
Expected CE ν NS rate in LAr



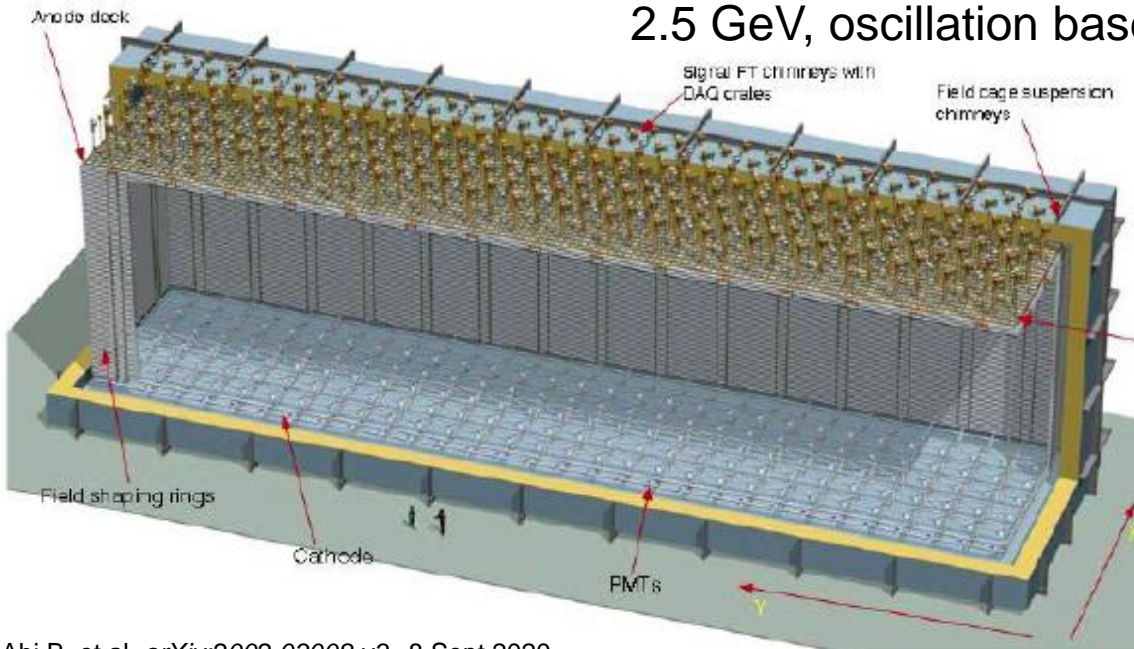


High Energy Neutrino Detection

High-energy neutrino oscillations



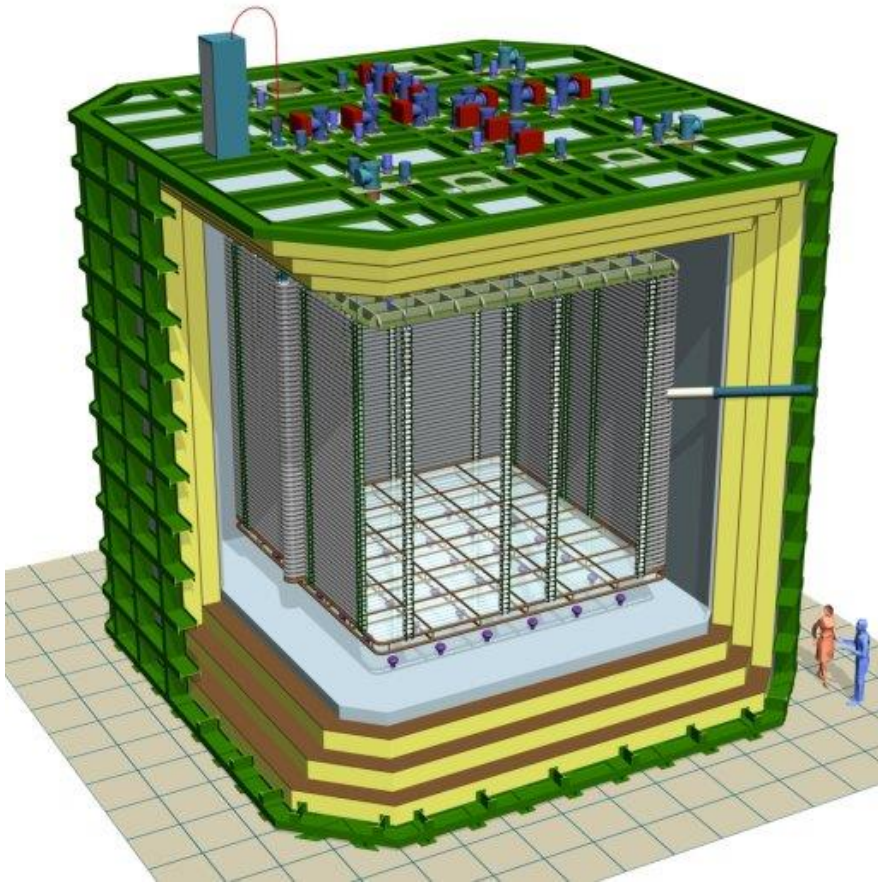
Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE) + astrophysics + proton decay:
1.2 – 2.5 MW proton beam, a broad spectrum of neutrino energies that peaks at 2.5 GeV, oscillation base is 1300 km, ~20 years exposition.



Sanford detector includes 4 modules with 10 **килотонн LAr** in each

One of the modules is **DUNE-DP emission detector**

ProtoDUNE-DP emission detector (6x6x6 m³ with 300 tons of LAr) is under testing in the *CERN Neutrino Platform*.



S1 signals: 36 pcs. 8" window diameter Hamamatsu R5912-02MOD PMTs

S2 signals are detecting by THGEM or LEM detectors (GEM technology).

1. Belver D. et al. Cryogenic R5912-20Mod Photomultiplier Tubes Characterization for the ProtoDUNE Dual Phase Experiment, *arXiv:1806.04571v4* [physics.ins-det] 5 Oct 2018.
2. Cuesta C. on behalf of DUNE collaboration (2019). Status of ProtoDUNE Dual Phase, *arXiv:1910.10115 v1*, 22 Oct 2019; European Physical Society Conference on High Energy Physics - EPS-HEP2019 - 10-17 July, 2019
3. Abed Abud A. et al. Scintillation light detection in the 6-m drift-length ProtoDUNE Dual Phase liquid argon TPC, *arXiv:2203.16134* 3 Jun 2022

Conclusion

- **Emission Two-Phase Detectors**, introduced into Experimental Physics at MEPhI 50 years ago, have evolved from miniature research devices of about **~1 gram** mass to up to **THOUSANDS tons** installations for solving fundamental problems of modern science: *growth factor >1 million times !!!*
- **The modern** experiments for direct detection of dark matter such as LZ, XENONnT and PandaX are already using emission detectors containing up to **10 tons** of liquid Xenon.
- **The Laboratory for Experimental Nuclear Physics of NRNU MEPhI** is using this technology to develop an innovative method for neutrino monitoring of active zone of nuclear reactors with LXe and LAr working media.
- **The next generation** of emission detectors with a liquid xenon mass up to **50 tons** is expected to be used to solve several fundamental problems simultaneously with **Next-Generation Liquid Xe Observatory**.
- **ProtoDUNE-DP (300 tons of LAr) emission detector** is under testing at CERN. In next decade, emission detectors with a mass of **10,000 tons** of LAr will be used for high-energy neutrino physics and astrophysics.