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First Dark Matter Search Results from the LUX Detector

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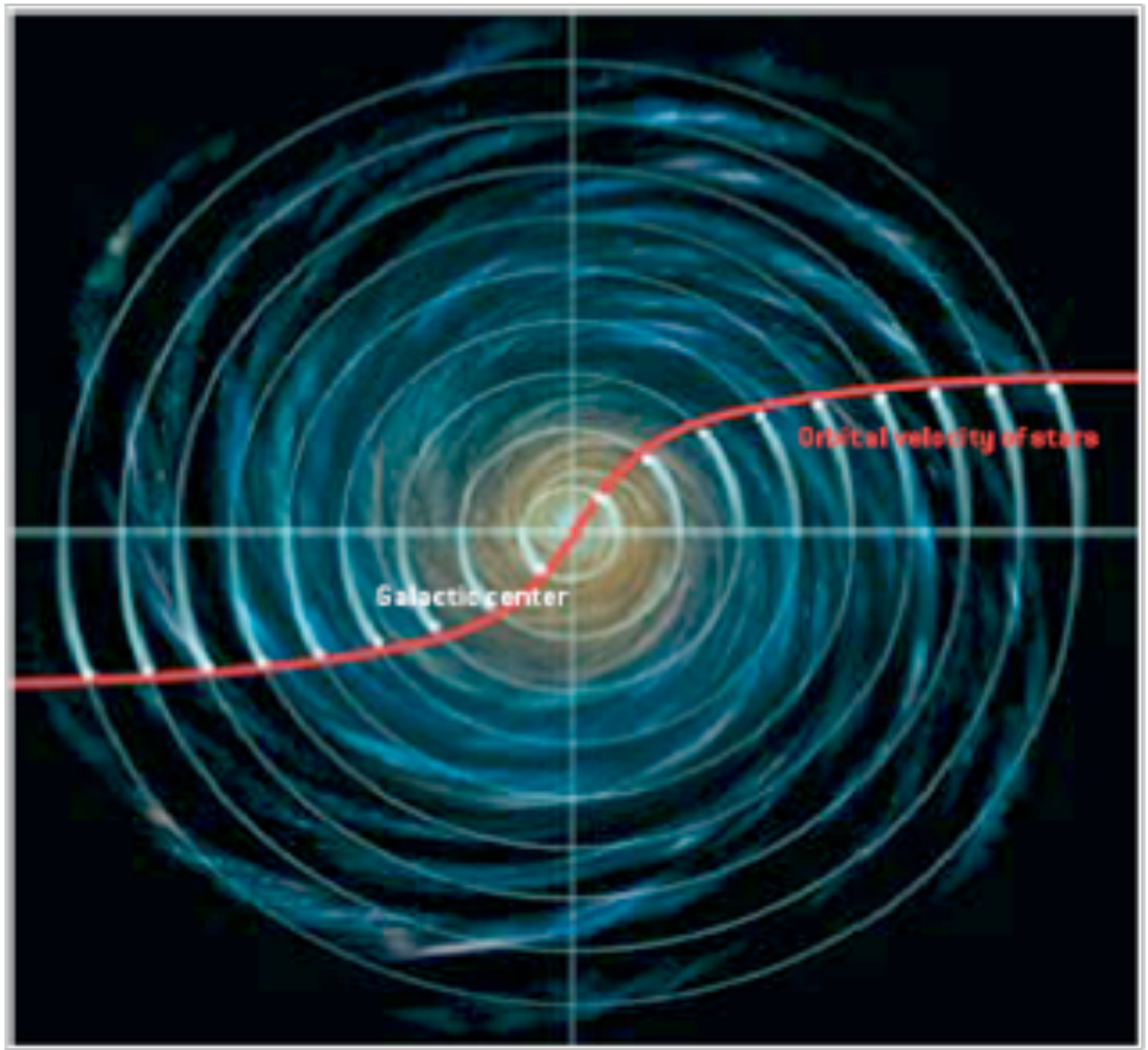
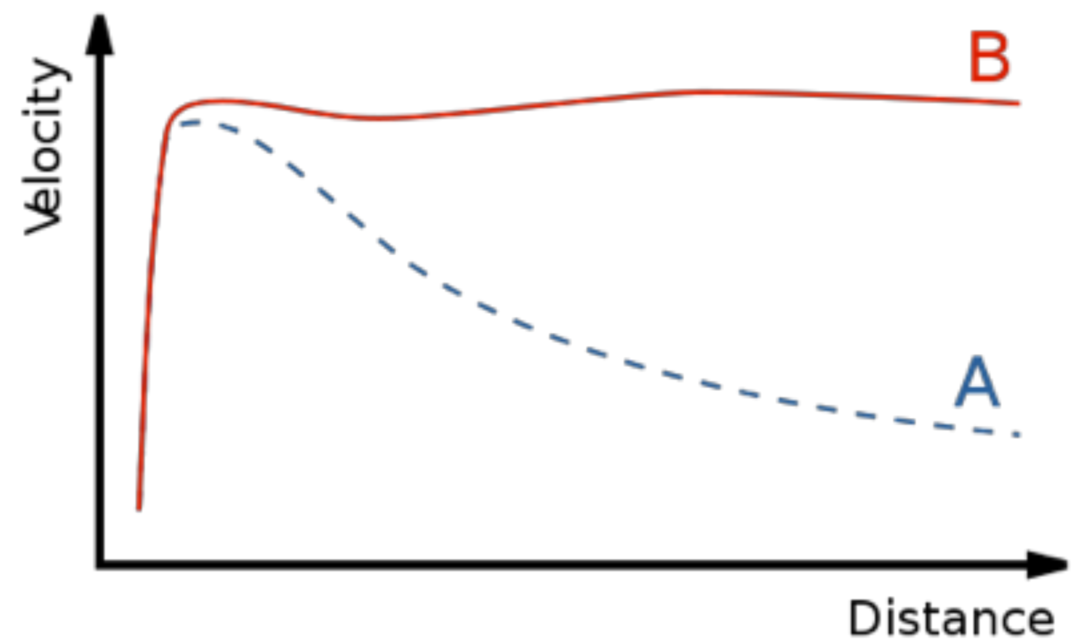
What do we know about dark matter?

It’s mysterious

We have a lot of indirect evidence...

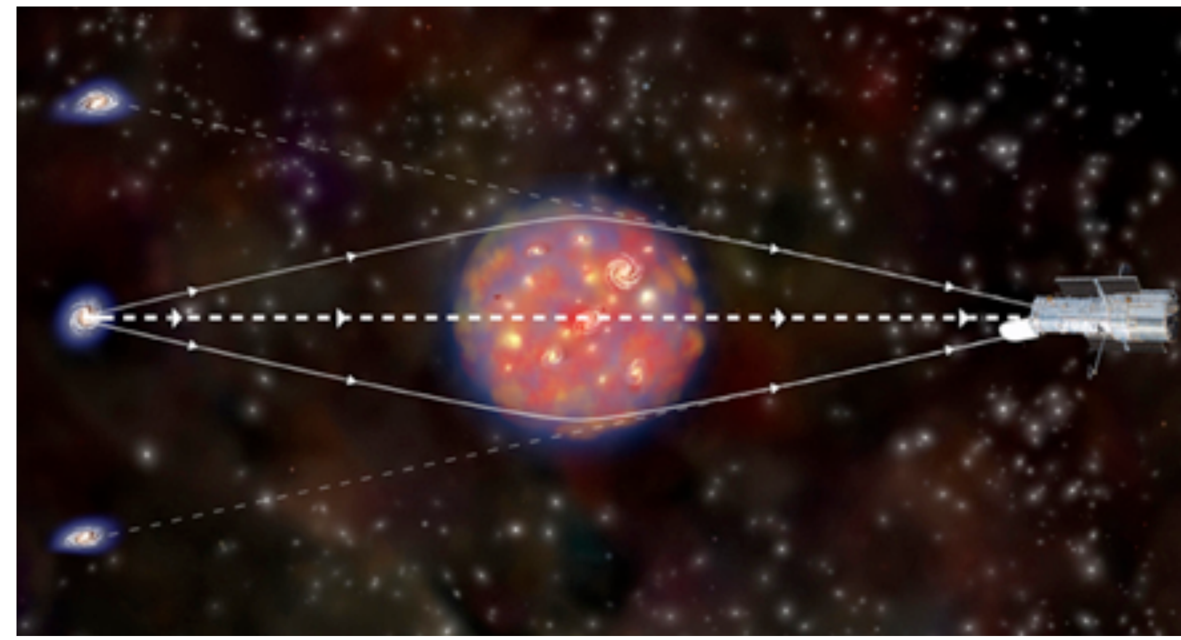
In rotation curves of elliptical galaxies...





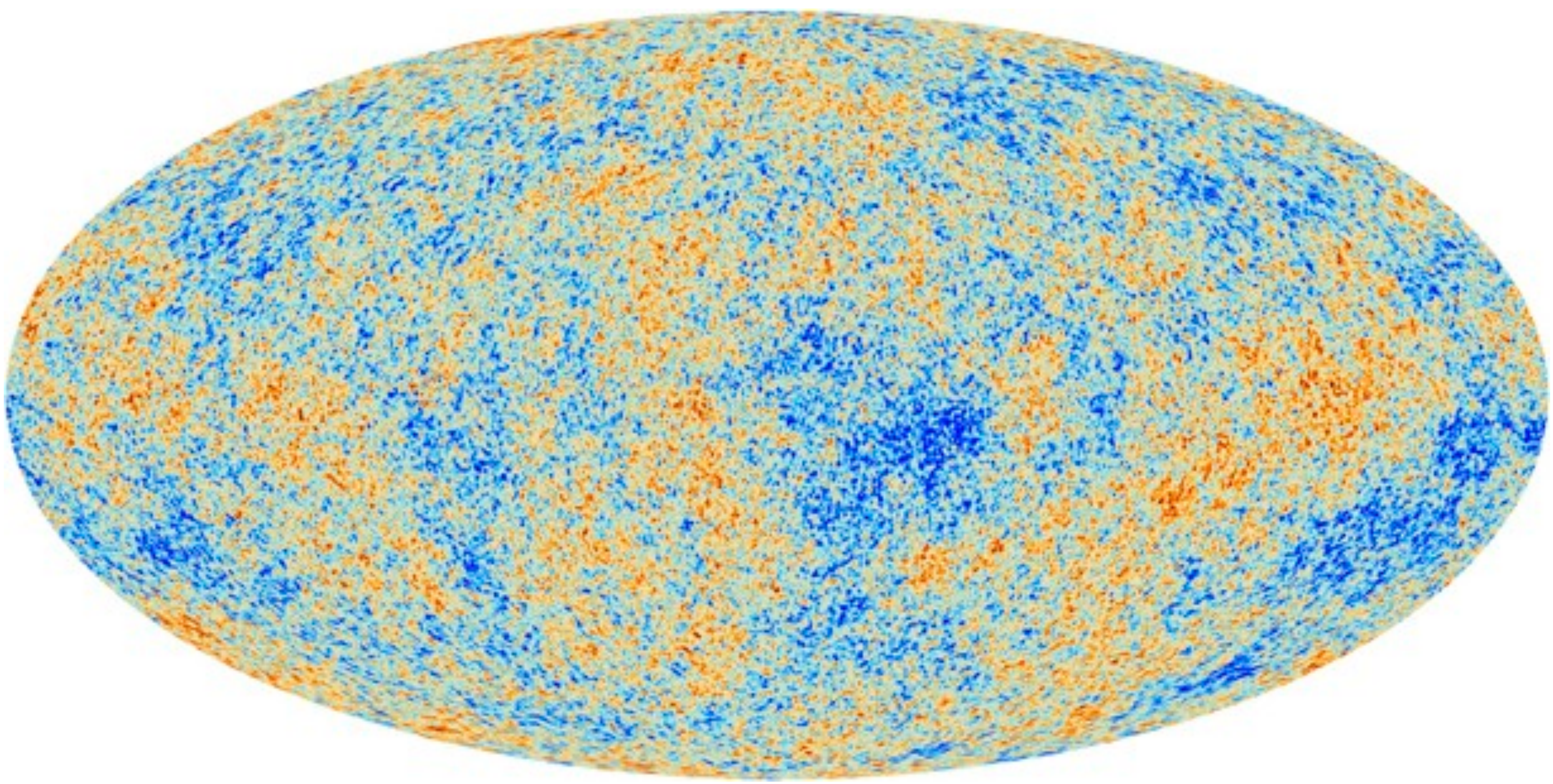
In collisions of galaxies..

Use gravitational lensing to determine mass of clusters, while x-rays show hot gas and optical images show stars



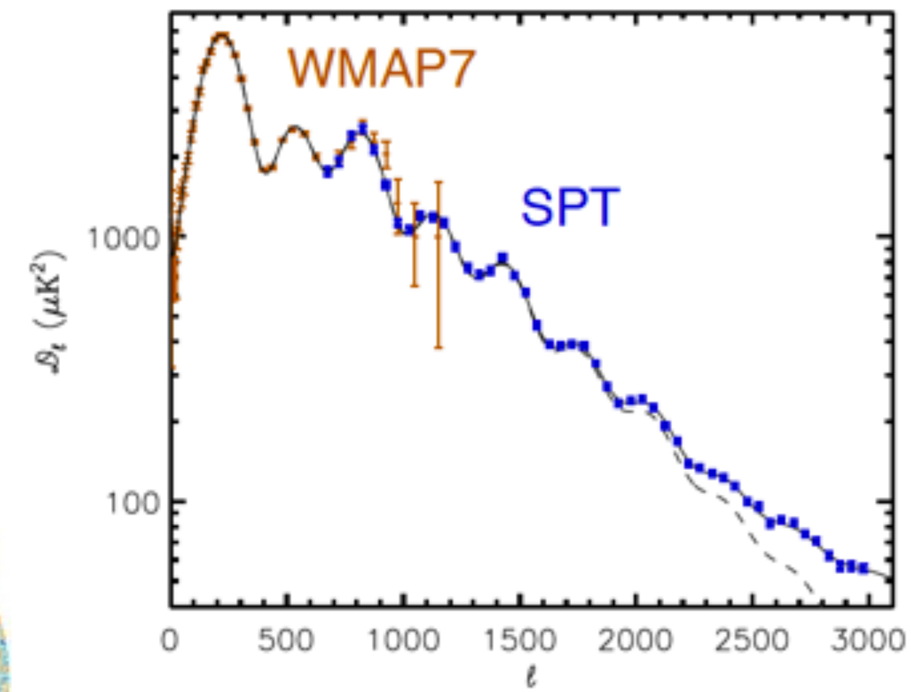
1E 0657-56, Bullet cluster

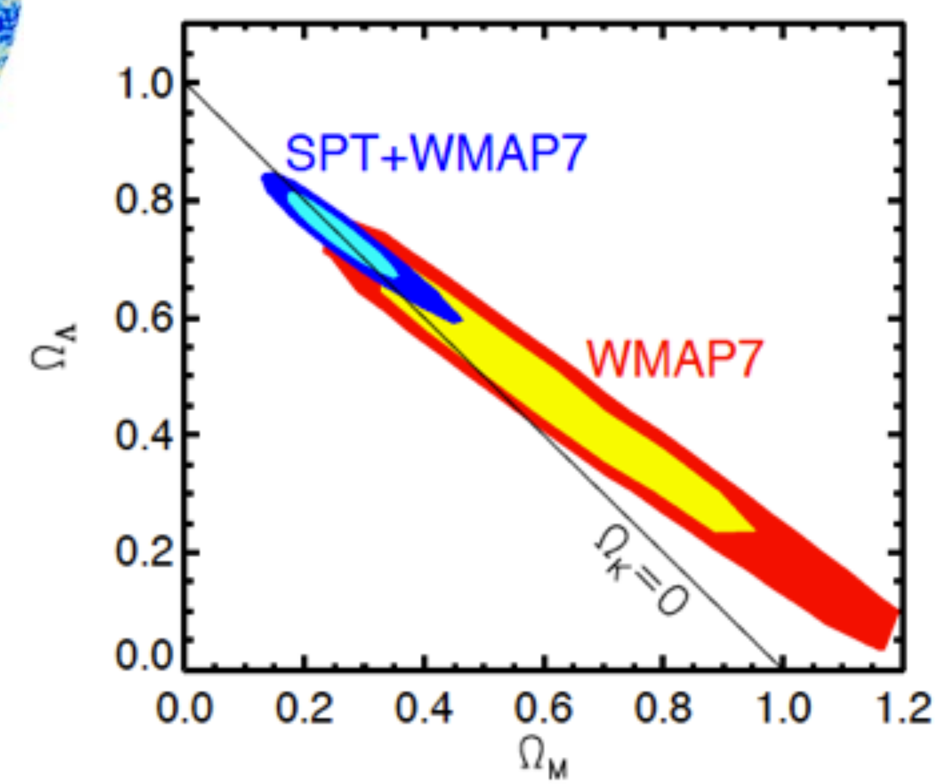
CMB moments



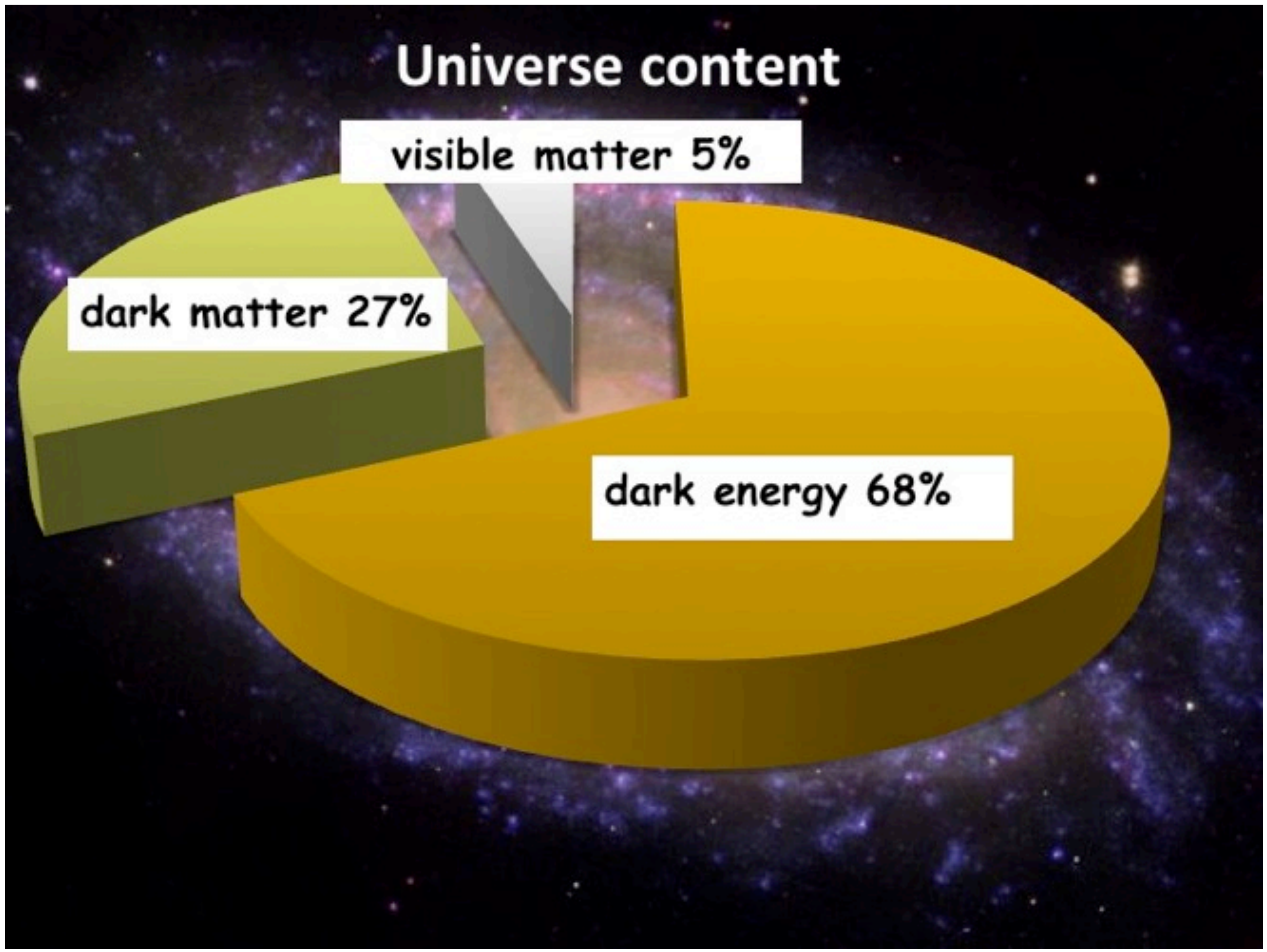
Planck CMB, ESA

K.T. Story et al., arXiv:1210.7231





We believe it makes up ~25% of our universe



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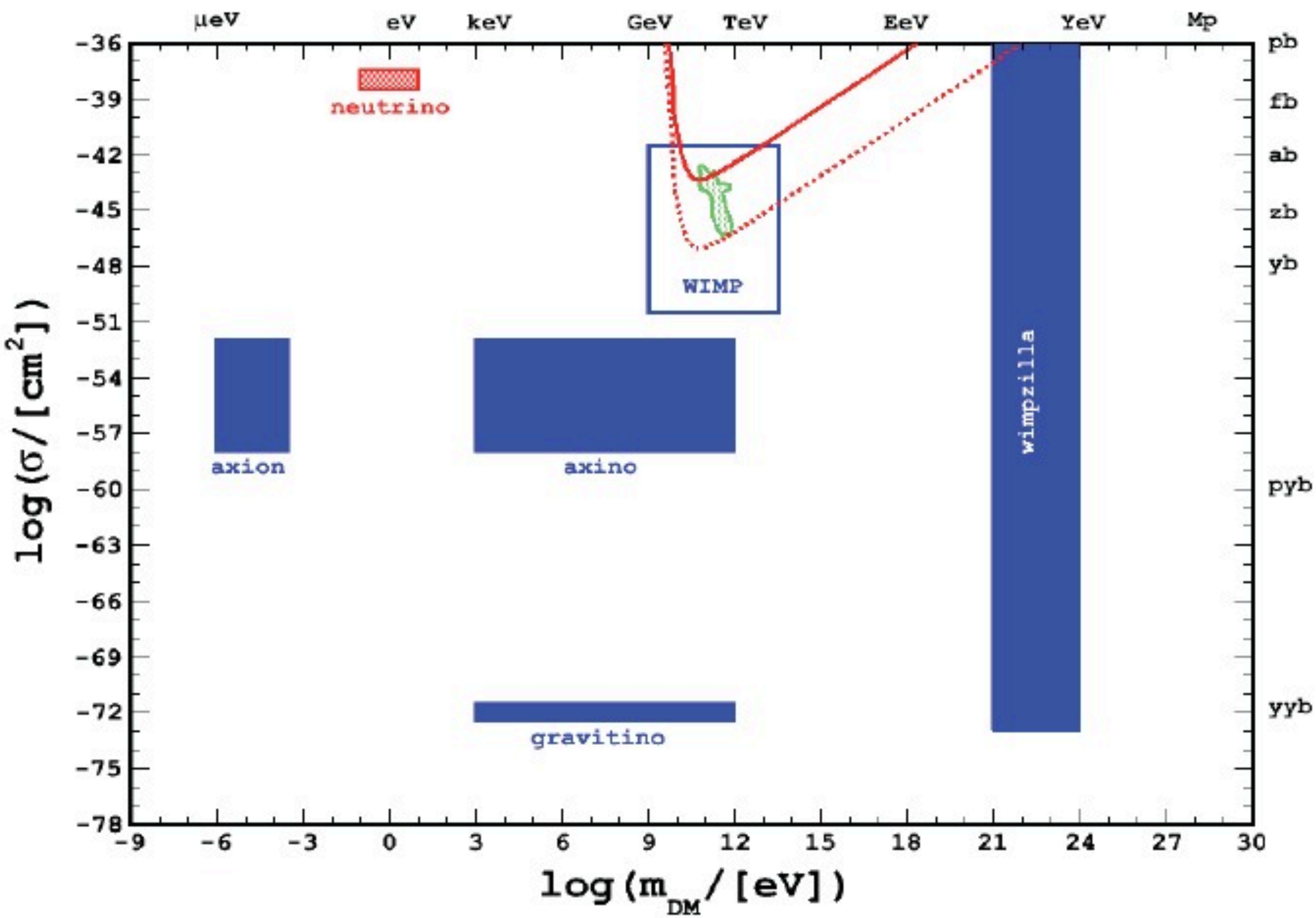
What **don’t** we know about dark matter?

A lot!



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log(σ/[cm²])
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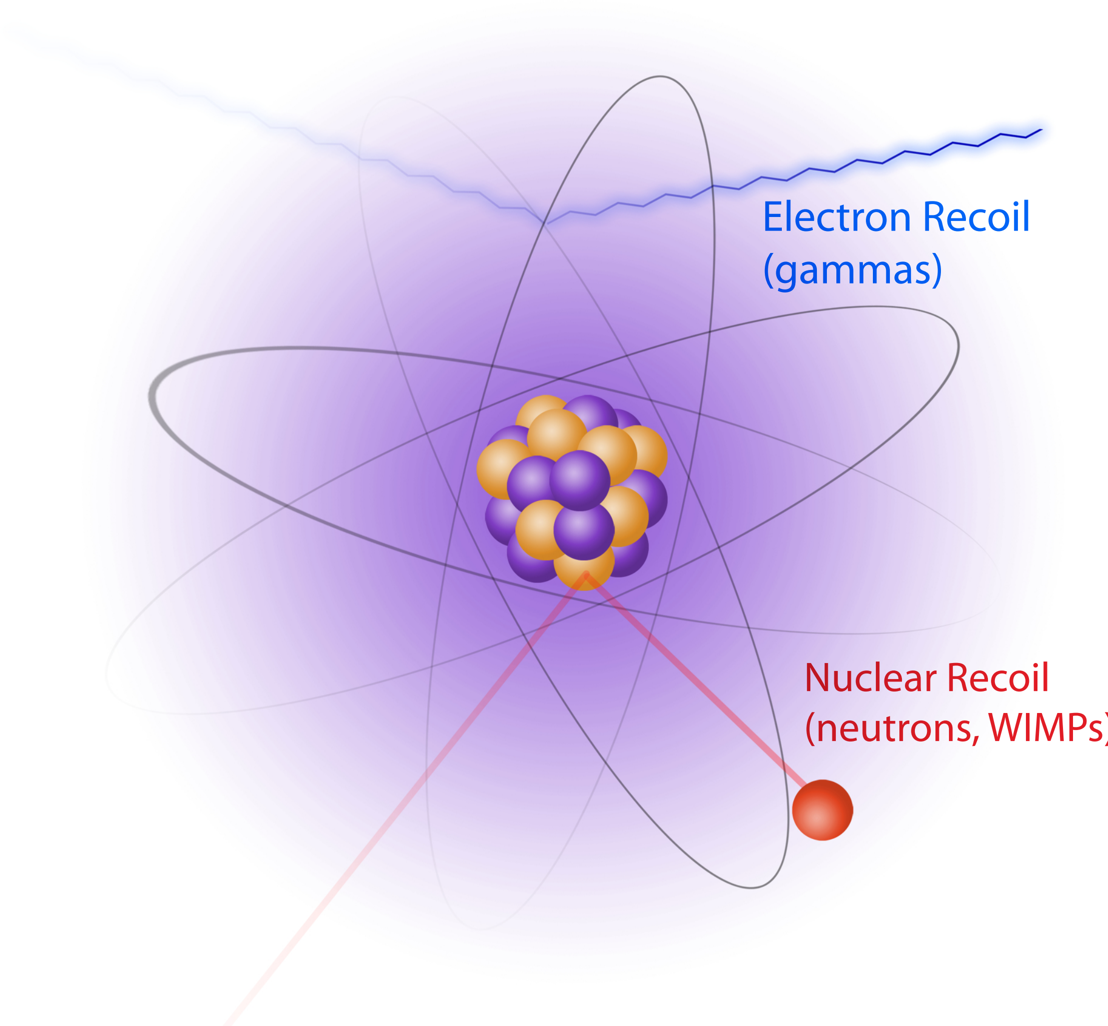
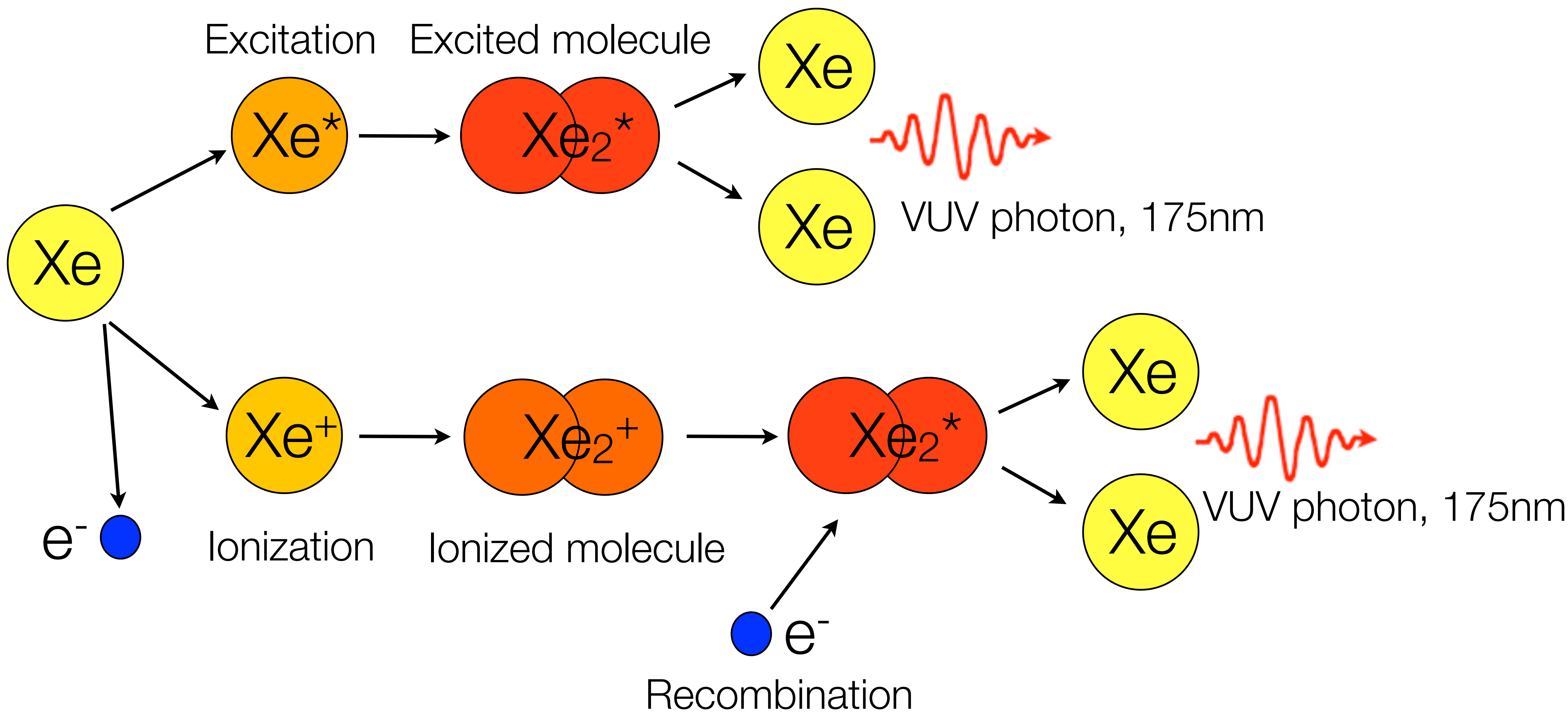
Basic idea of WIMP direct detection experiments

- Look for WIMPs **elastically** recoiling off a heavy nucleus
  - Reduce all non-DM backgrounds to ~ 0
  - Remaining events ⇒ DM signal

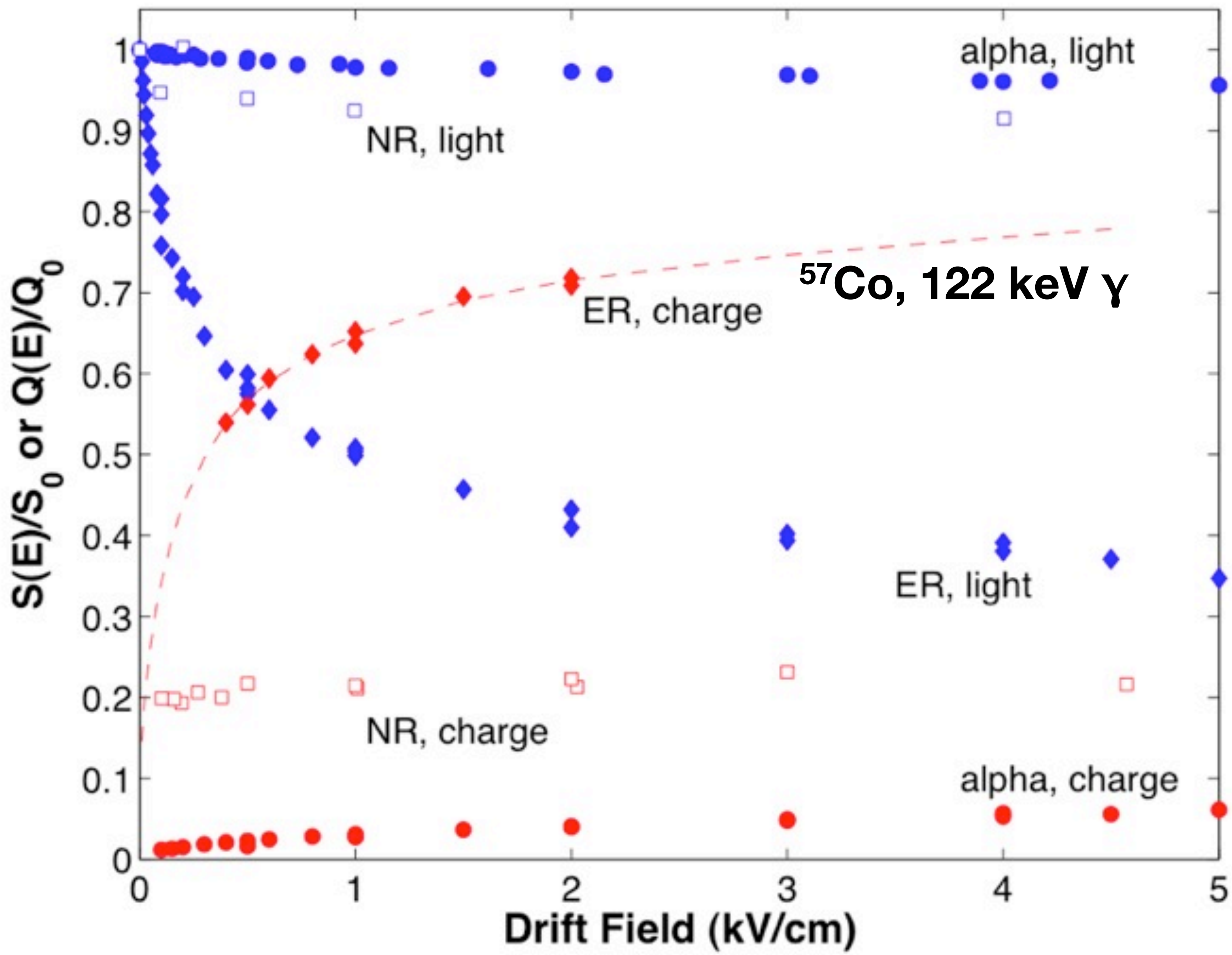


WIMP direct detection in noble liquids



All recoils produce light and charge

Use light vs charge to discriminate nuclear and electronic recoils

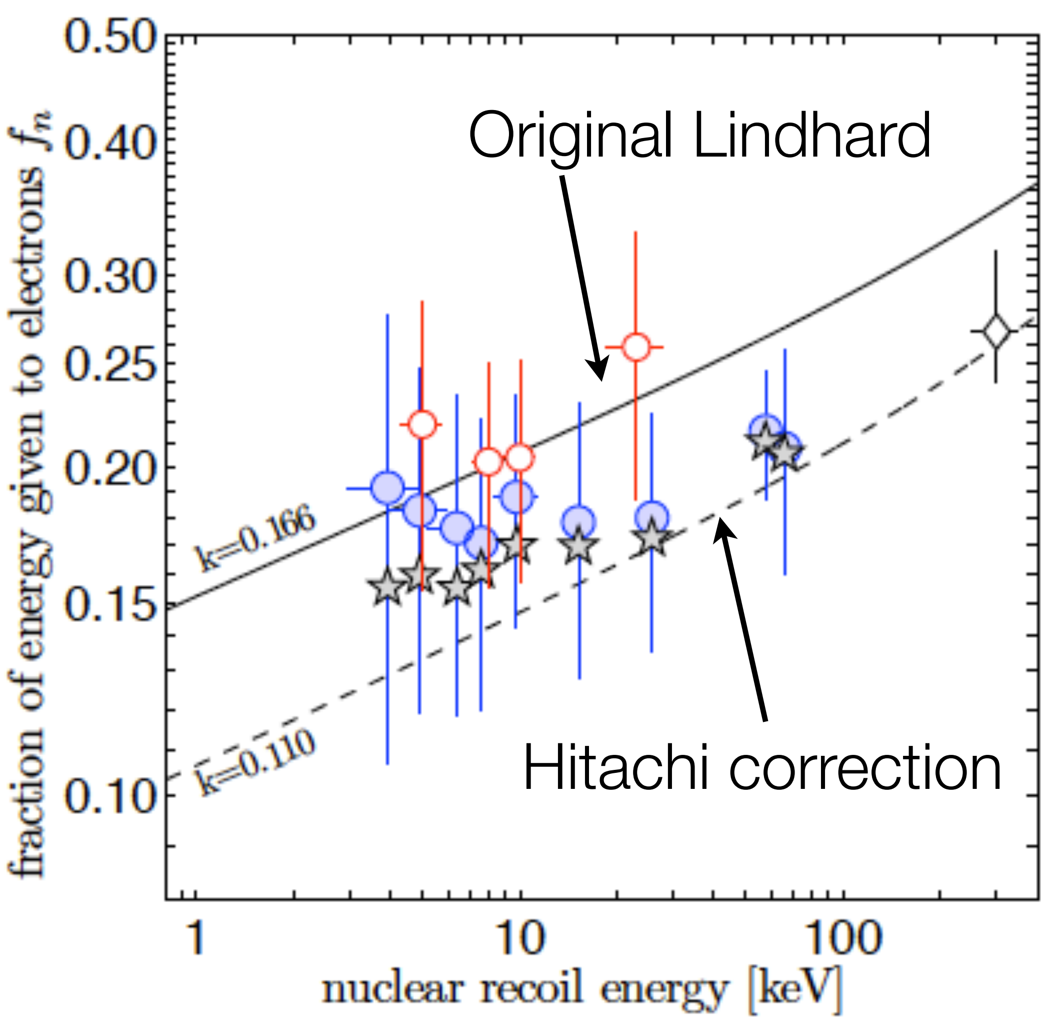


E. Aprile et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **97**, 081302 (2006)

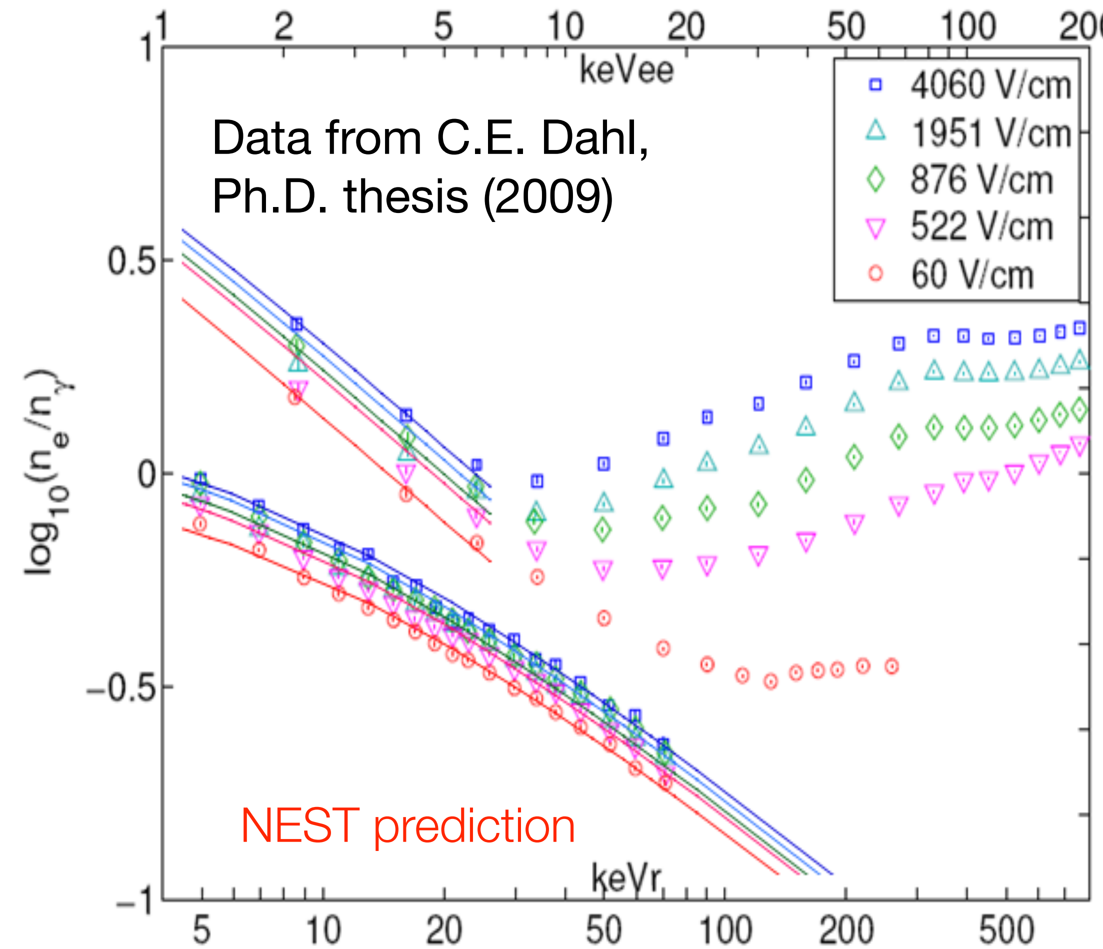
Noble Element Scintillation Technique (NEST)

$$E_{ee} = (n_\gamma + n_e)W$$

$$E_{nr} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(n_\gamma + n_e)W$$



Uses full Lindhard model with Hitachi linear energy transfer (LET)

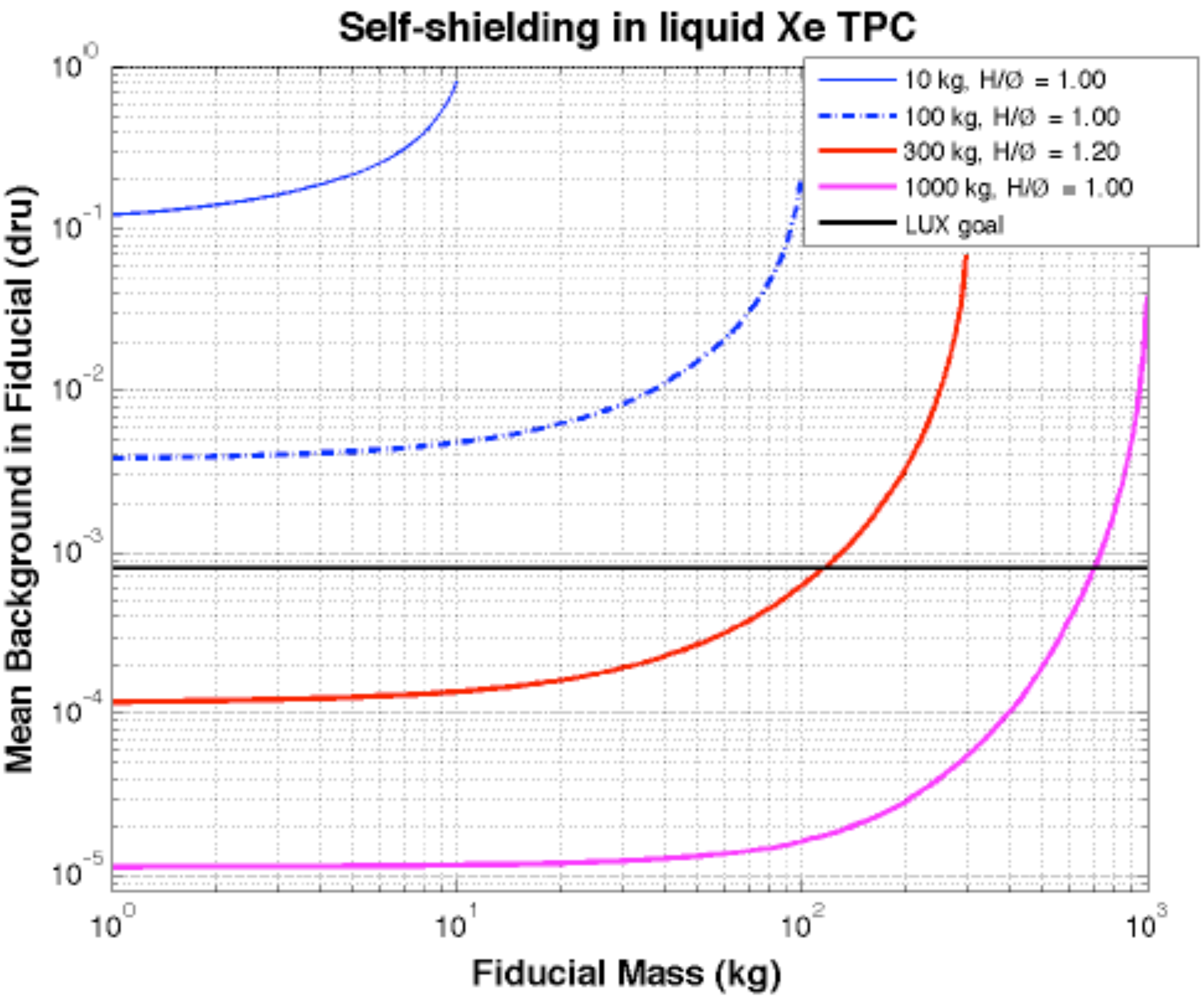


Reproduces NR discrimination data

P. Sorensen and C.E. Dahl, Phys. Rev. D **83**, 063501 (2011)

M. Szydagis et al., JINST 6, p10002 (2011)

Liquid xenon self-shielding



Make use of self-shielding to reduce external and internal backgrounds

The LUX Experiment

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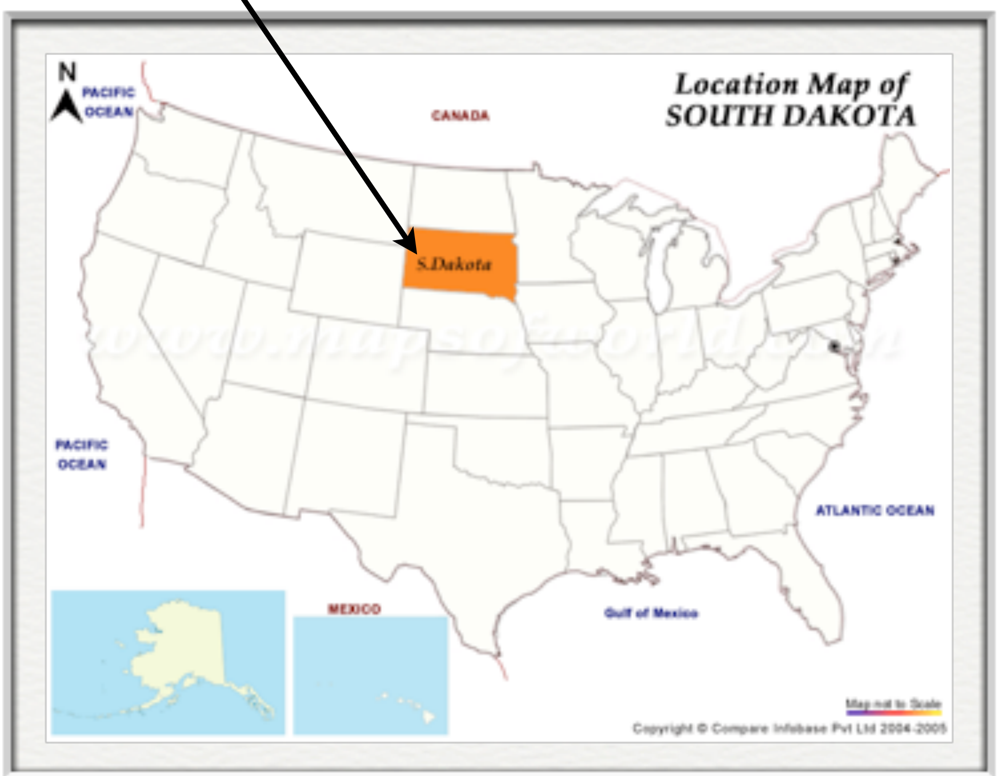
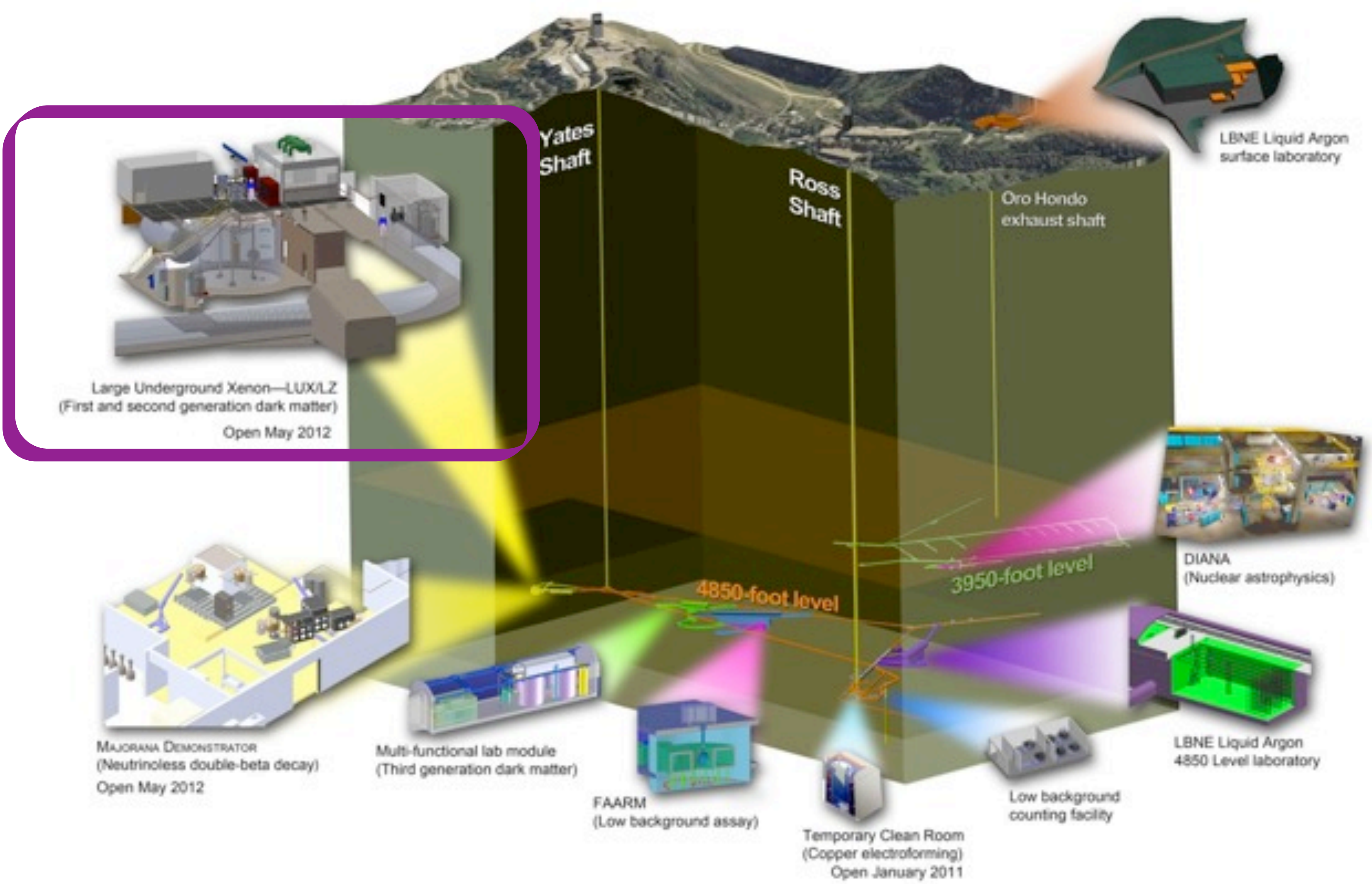
Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF)

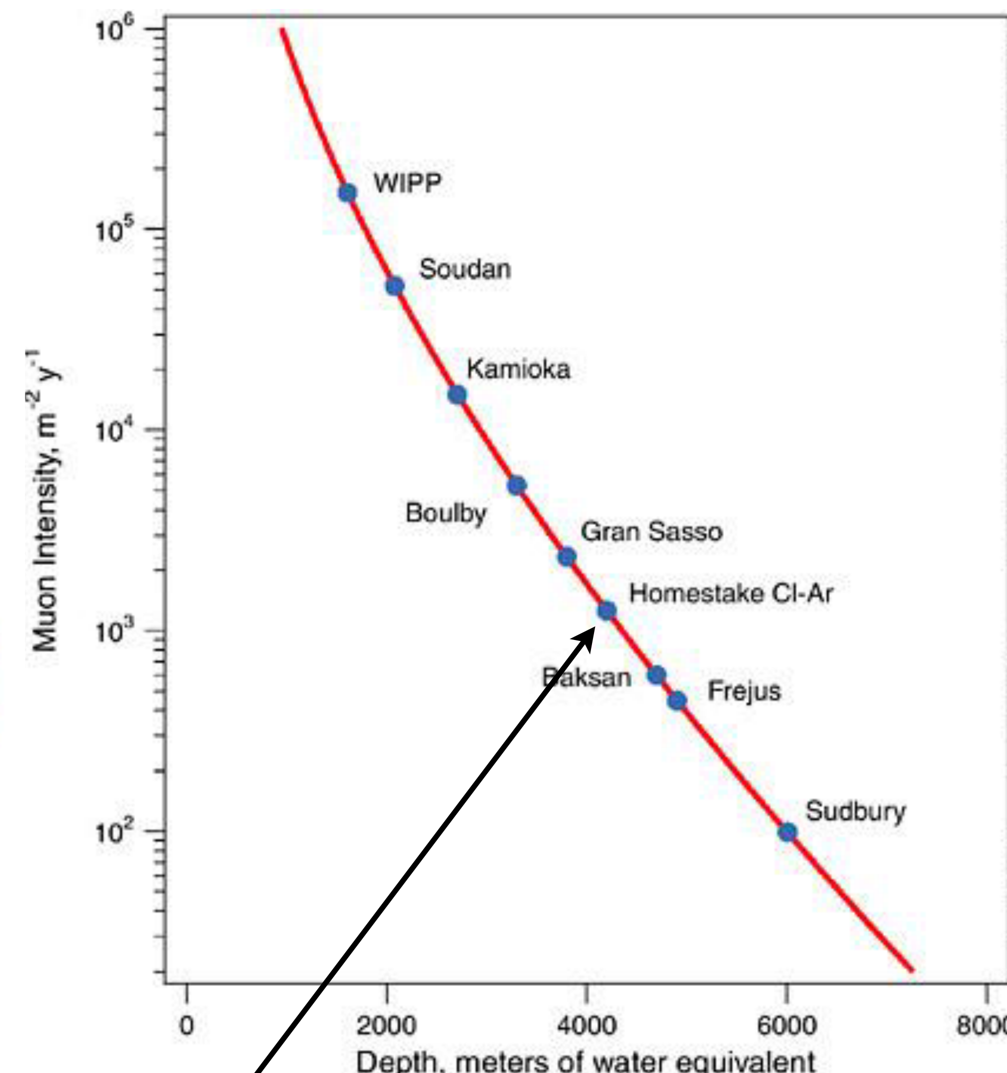
Lead, SD, located in Black Hills



Former Homestake gold mine - repurposed as a “science mine”

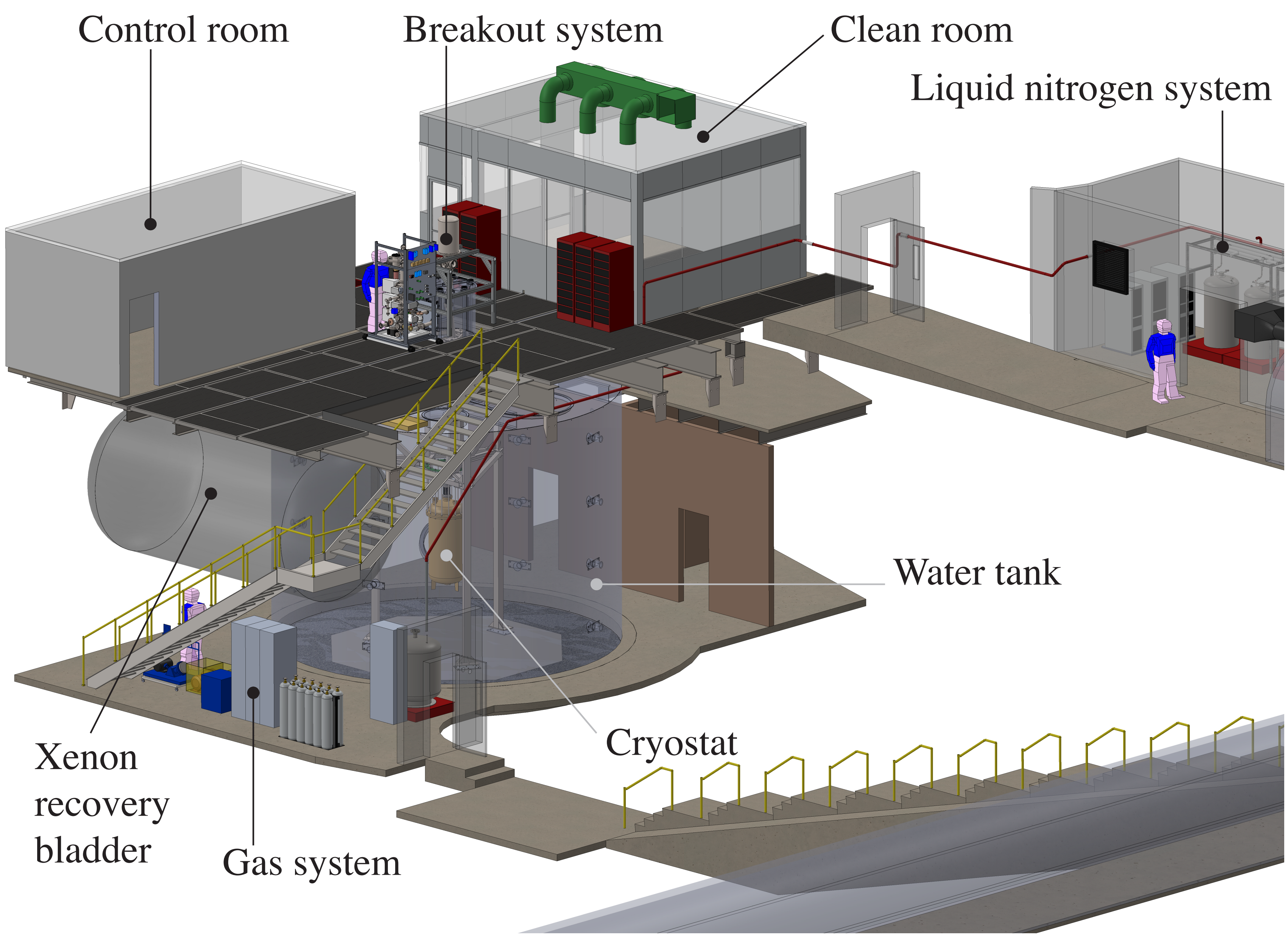
LUX at SURF



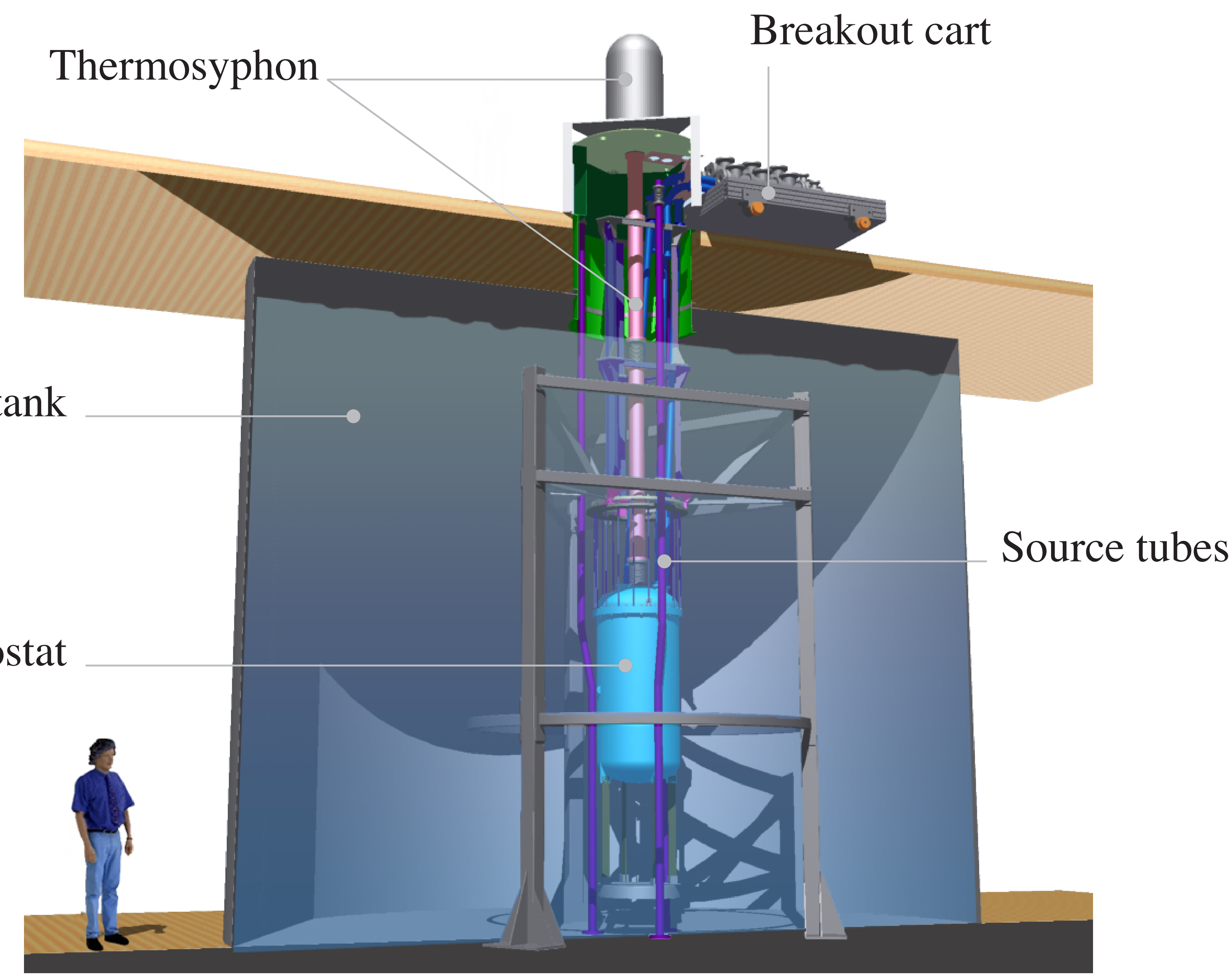


Muon flux at 4850' level reduced by 10^7 relative to the surface
$55.2\ m^{-2}s^{-1} \rightarrow 1\times10^{-5}\ m^{-2}s^{-1}$

LUX in the Davis Campus

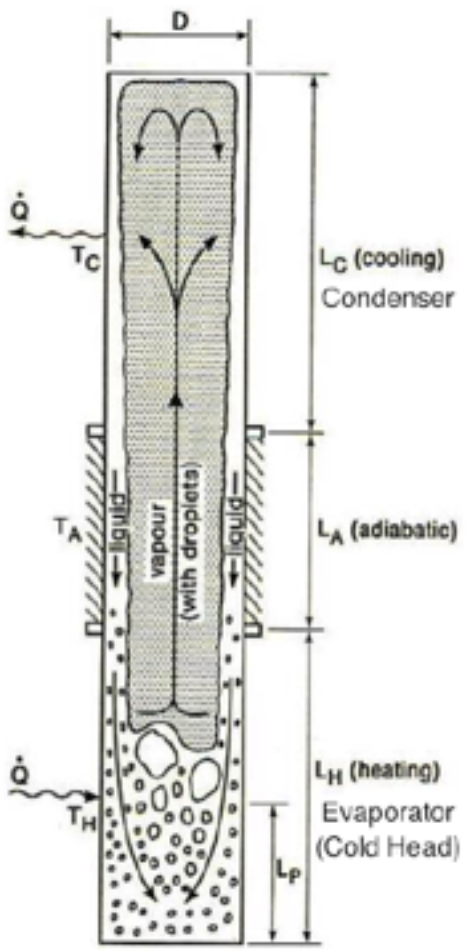


LUX Detector



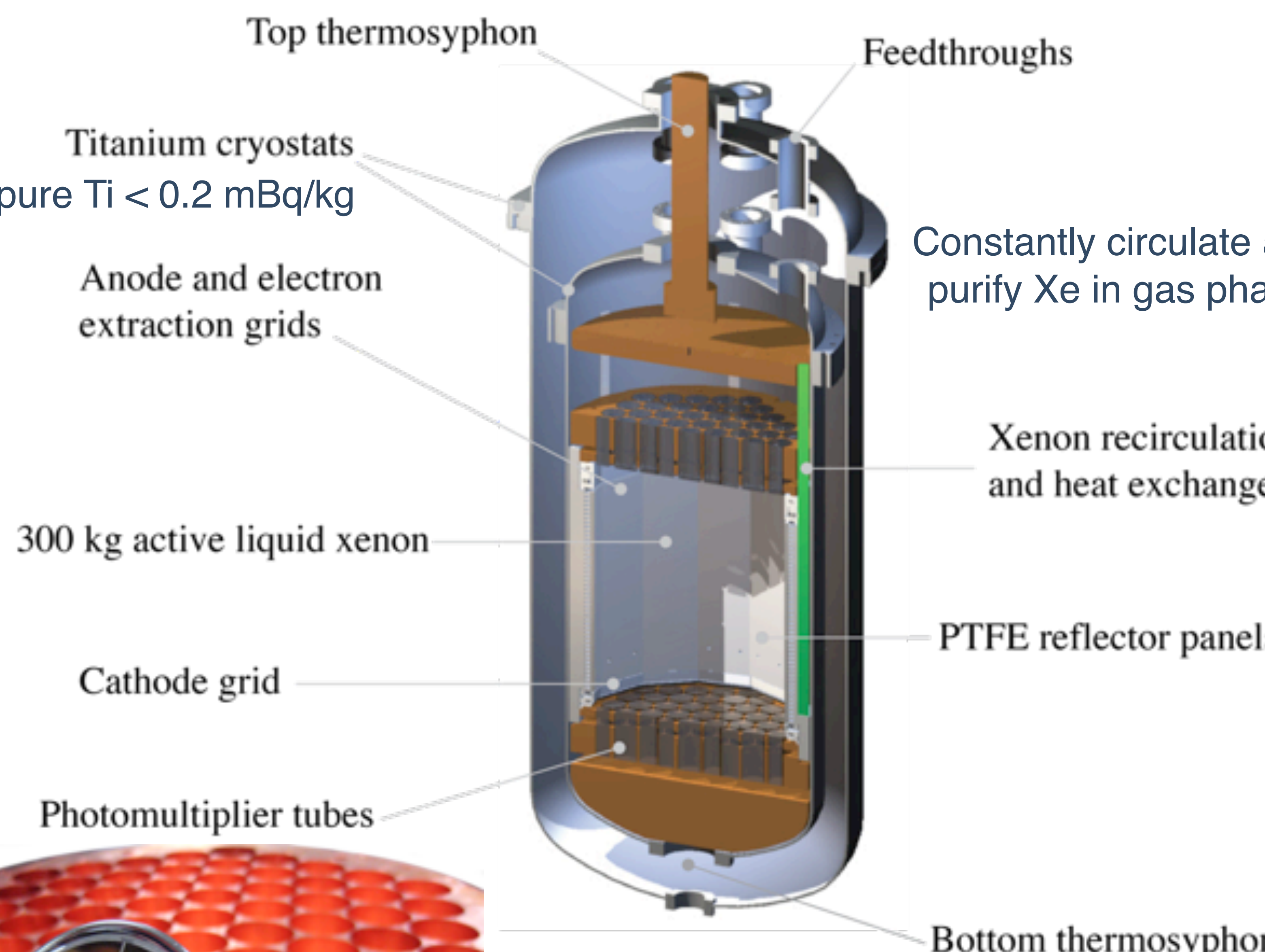
D. S. Akerib et al, Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A **704**, 111-126 (2013)

Cryostat

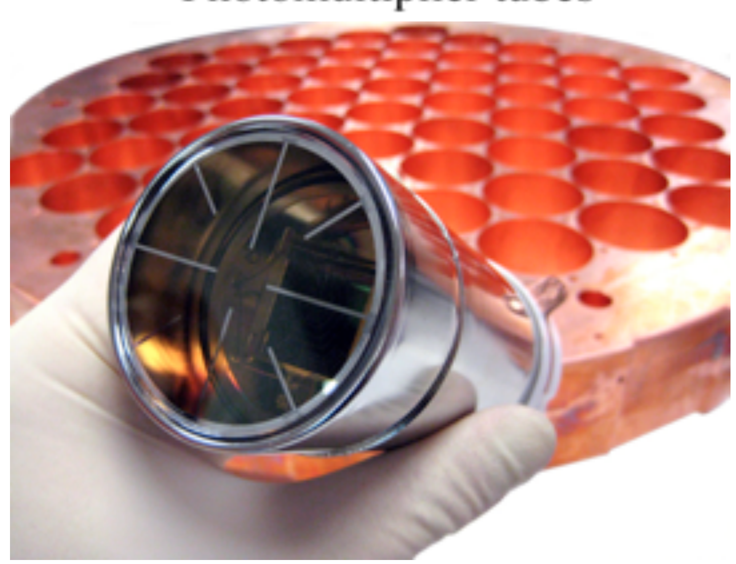


Use thermosyphons for efficient, passive cooling

Radiopure Ti < 0.2 mBq/kg



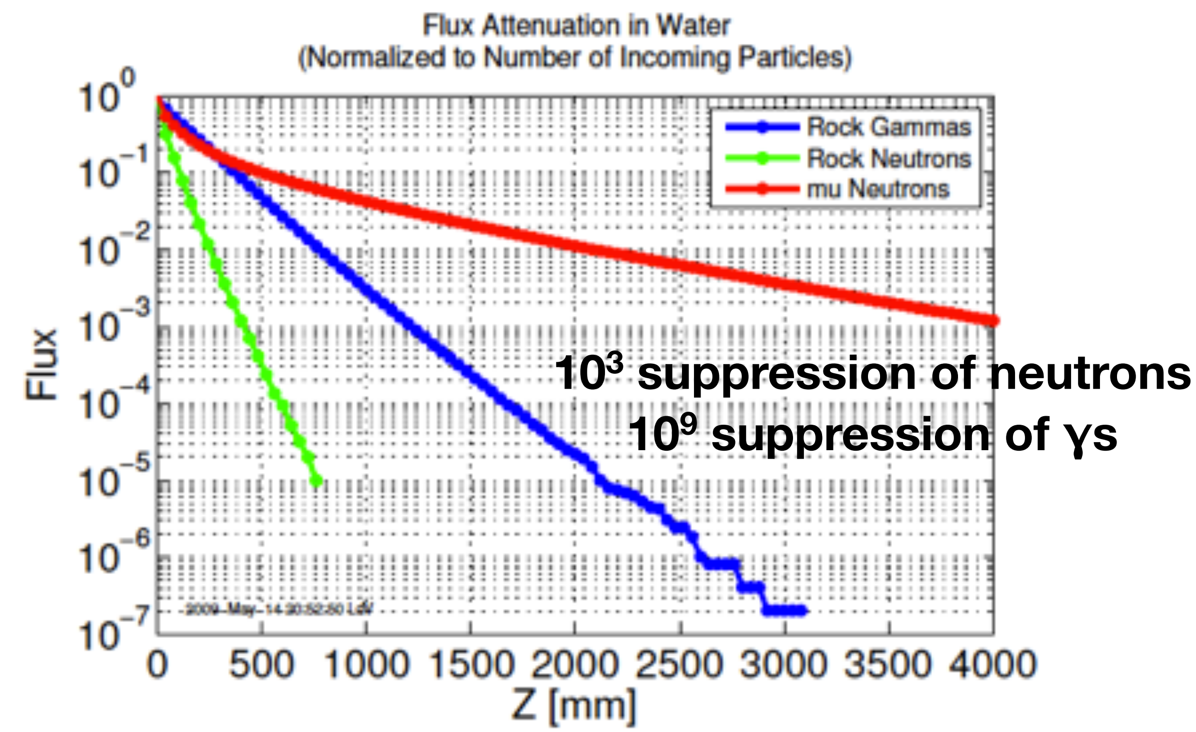
Constantly circulate and purify Xe in gas phase



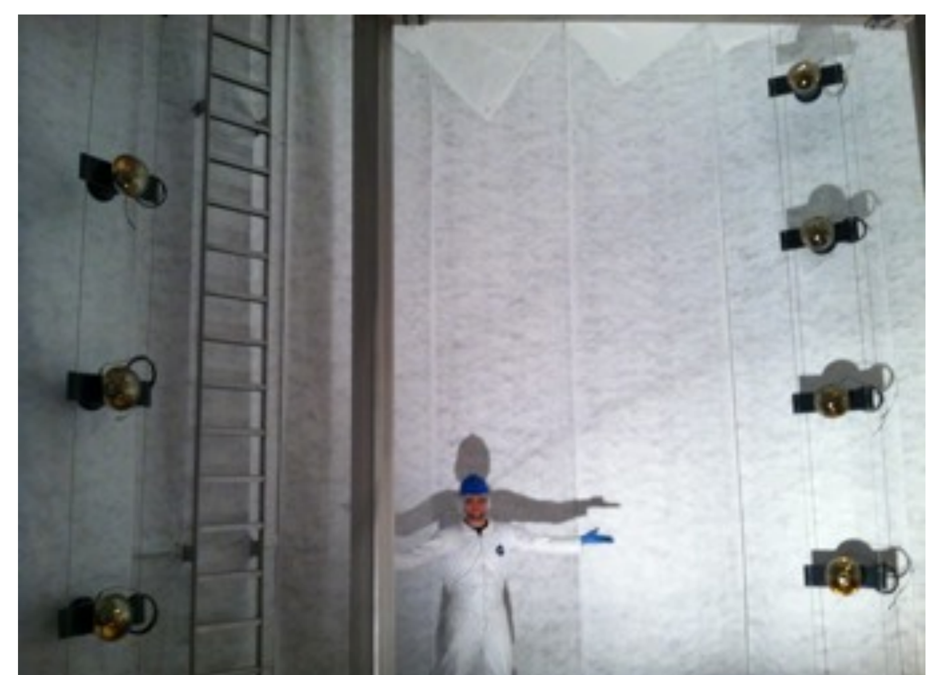
Hamamatsu R8778,
12 stage 2.2” PMTs
(61 top/61 bottom)

Water Shield

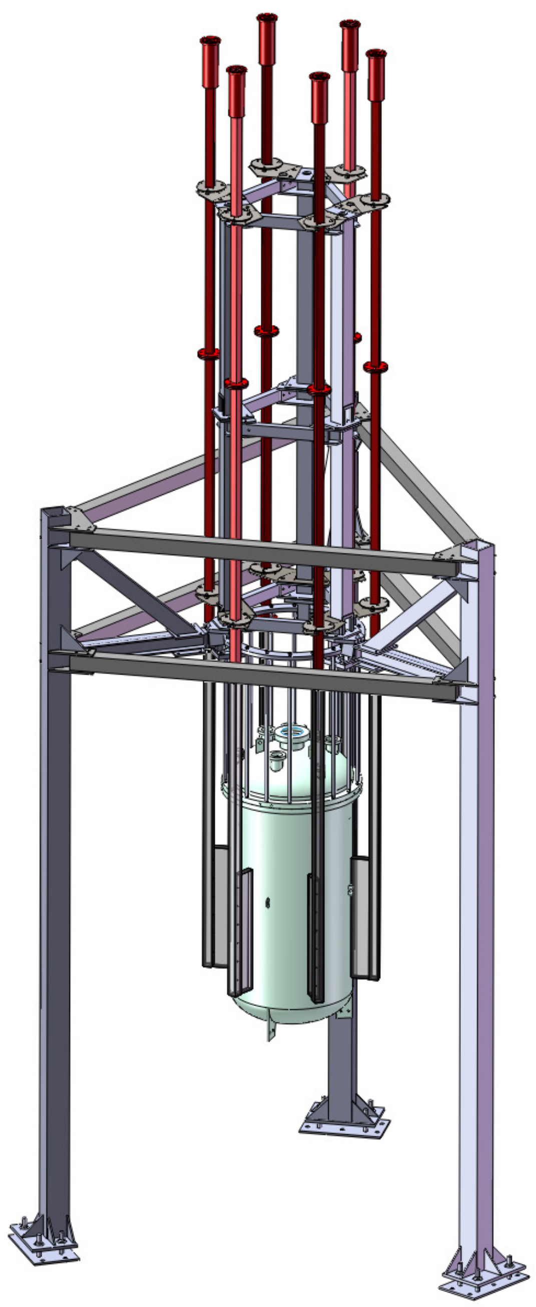
300 T de-ionized water shield,
20’ high, 25’ diameter SS tank to
reduce cavern & cosmogenic backgrounds

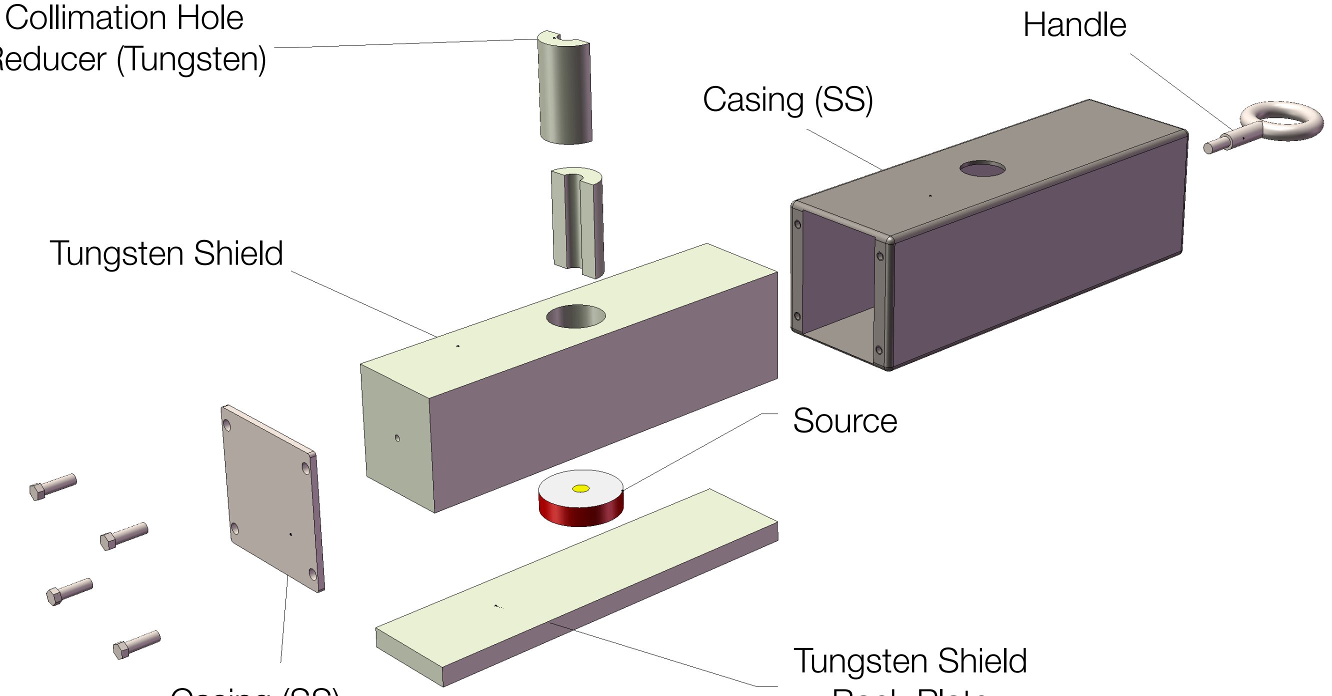


Instrumented with 20 Hamamatsu R7081 10” diameter PMTs for veto of coincident NR candidates



Detector calibration





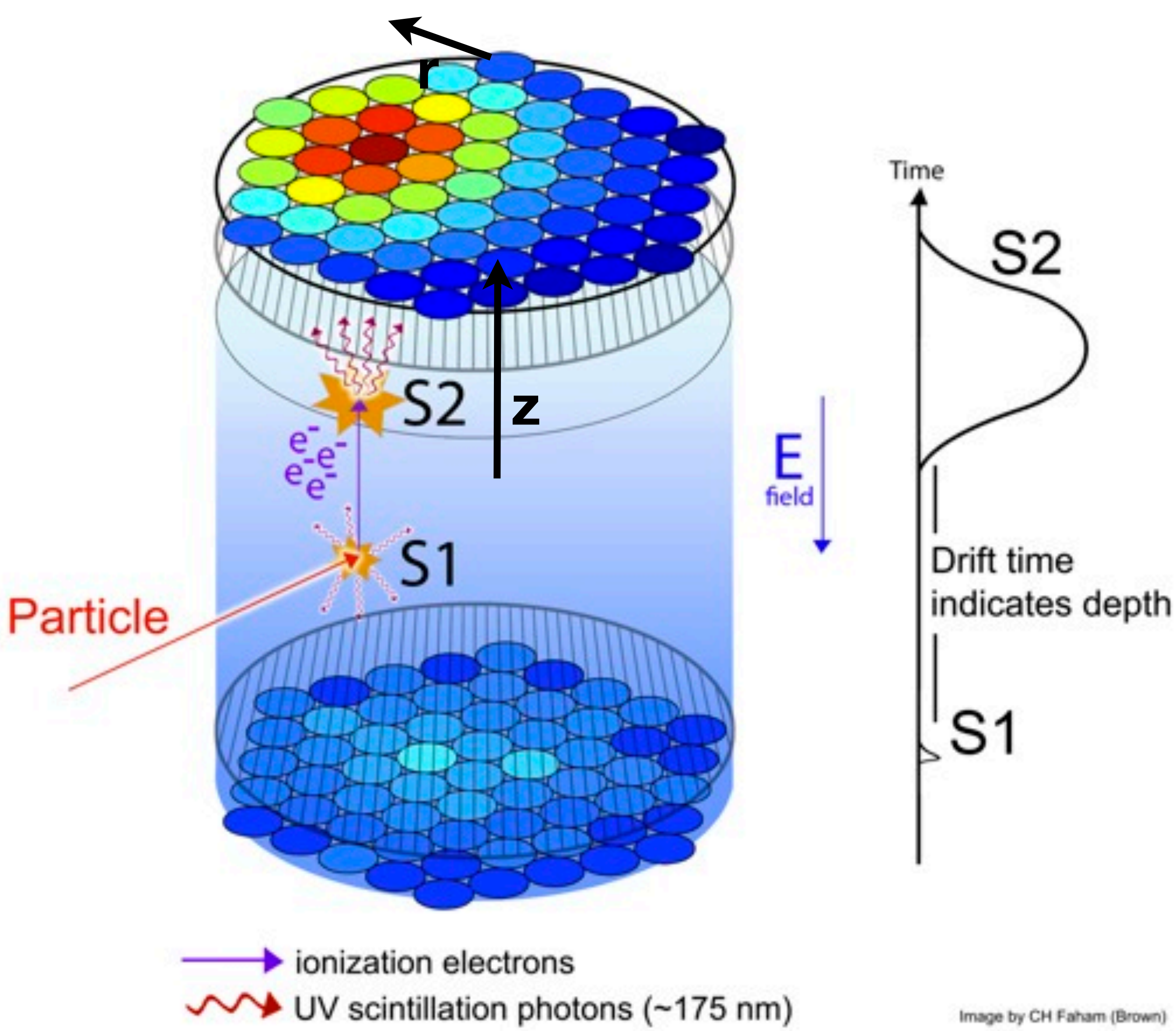
External sources:
^{241}AmBe, ^{252}Cf

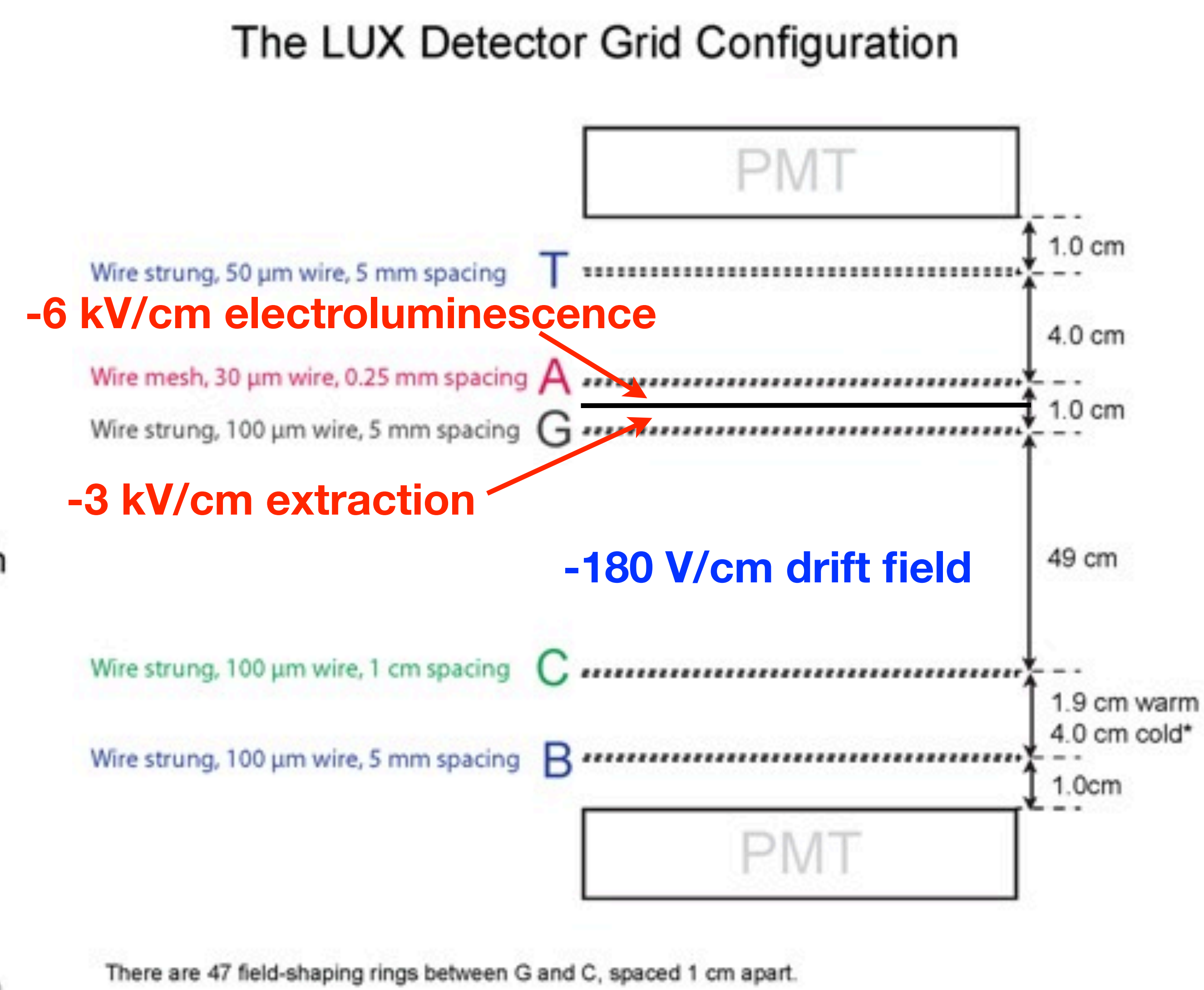
Internal sources:
^{83m}Kr, ^{3}H

Due to self-shielding of LXe, internal sources preferable!

LUX - A TPC at heart

Read out light signals, corresponding to both initial scintillation (S1) and electroluminescence (S2)

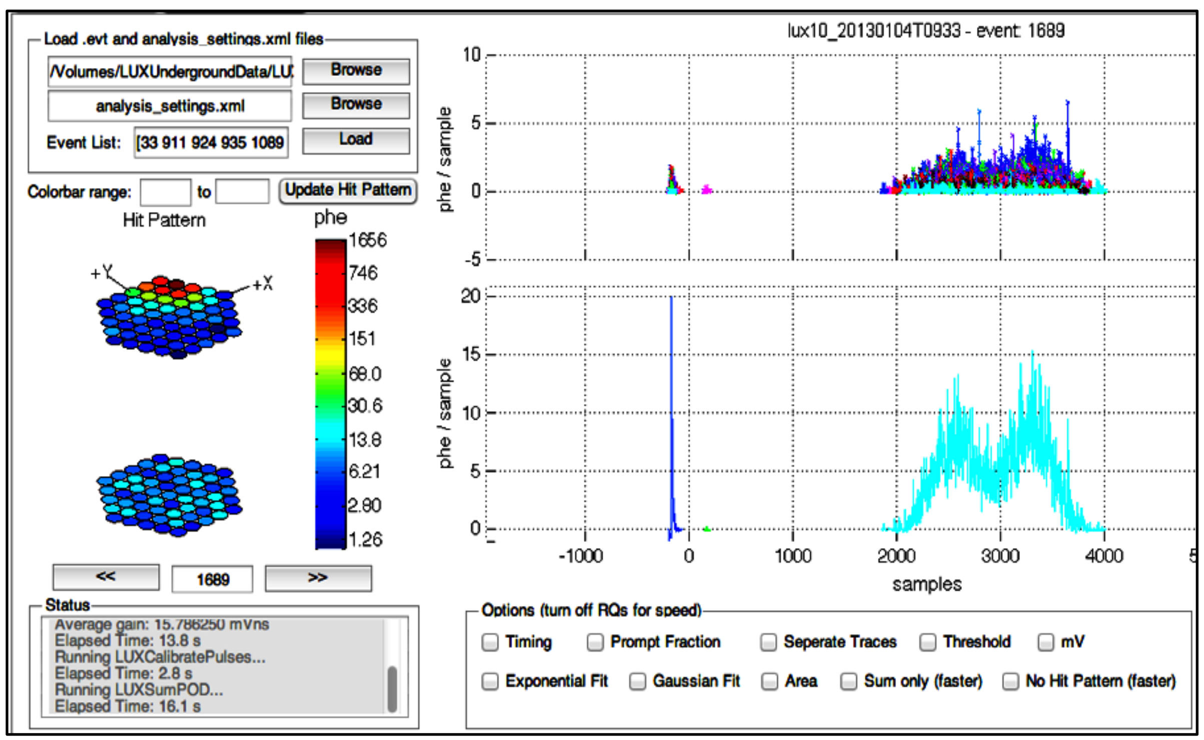




WIMP search data

Underground operation since January, 2013

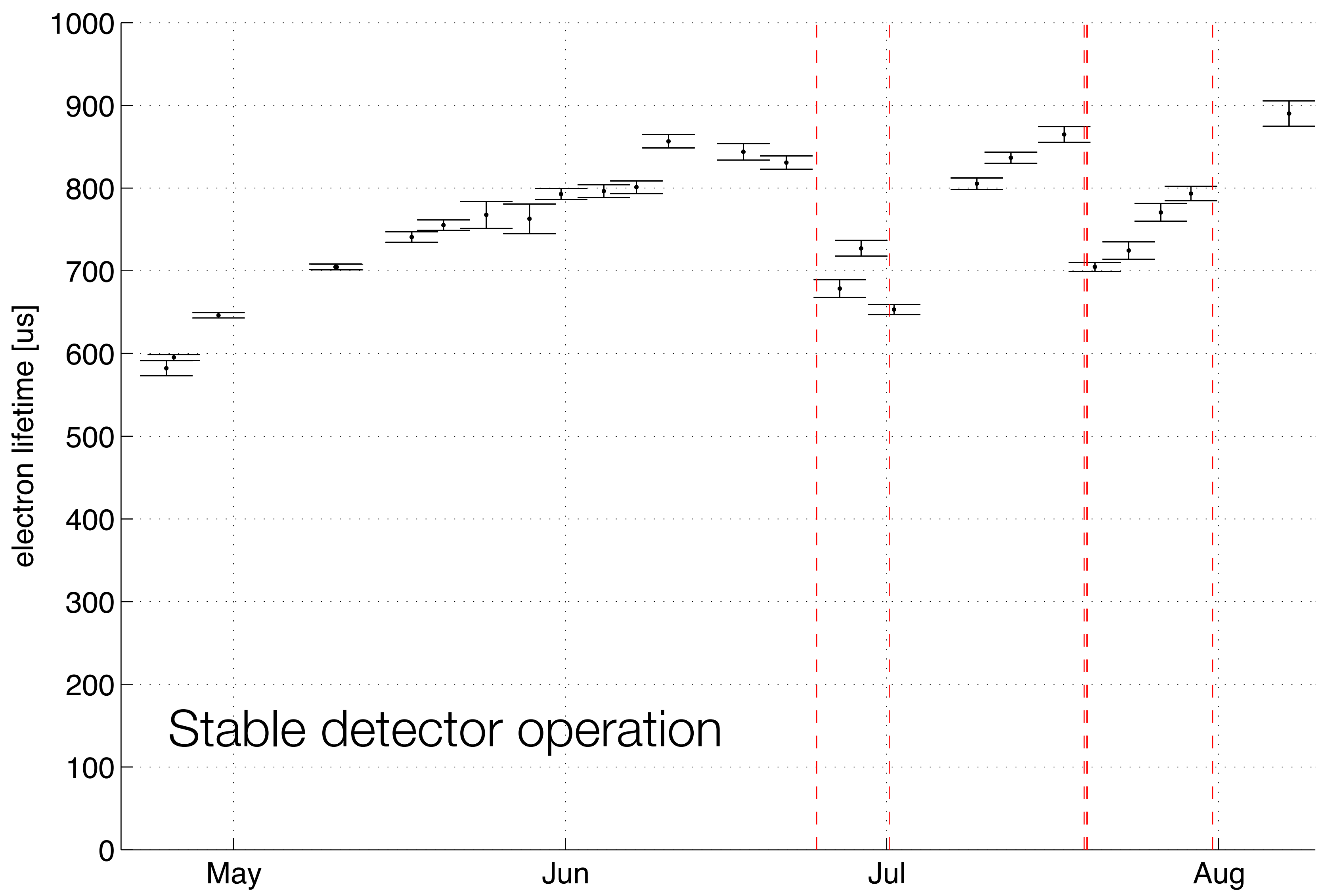
^{83m}Kr gas events injected into gas circulation line,
1.8 hr half life



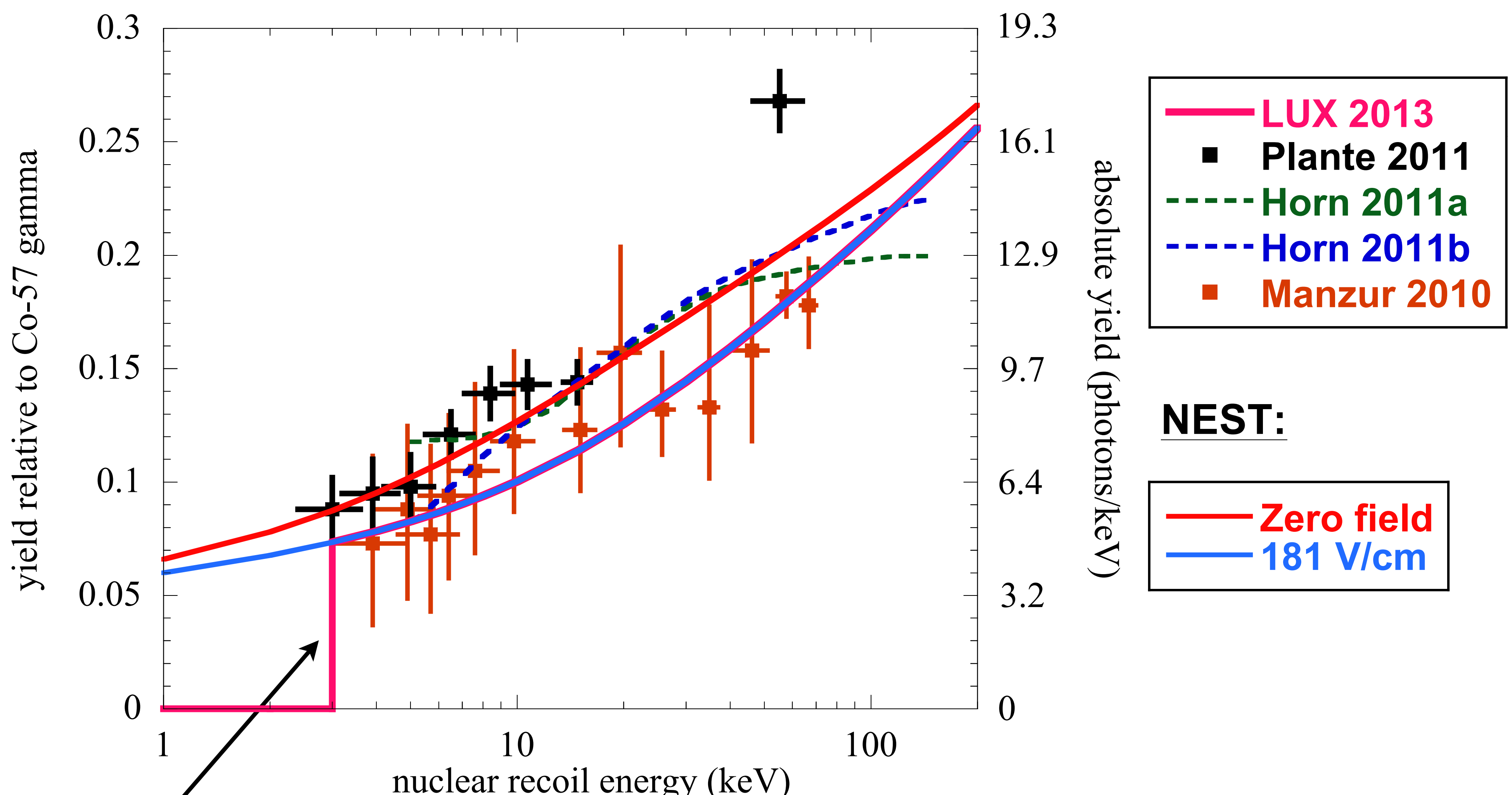
Data collection

Data-taking April 21 - August 8, 2013, 85 live days

Non-blind analysis!



Light and charge yields



"Chicago" cut ☺

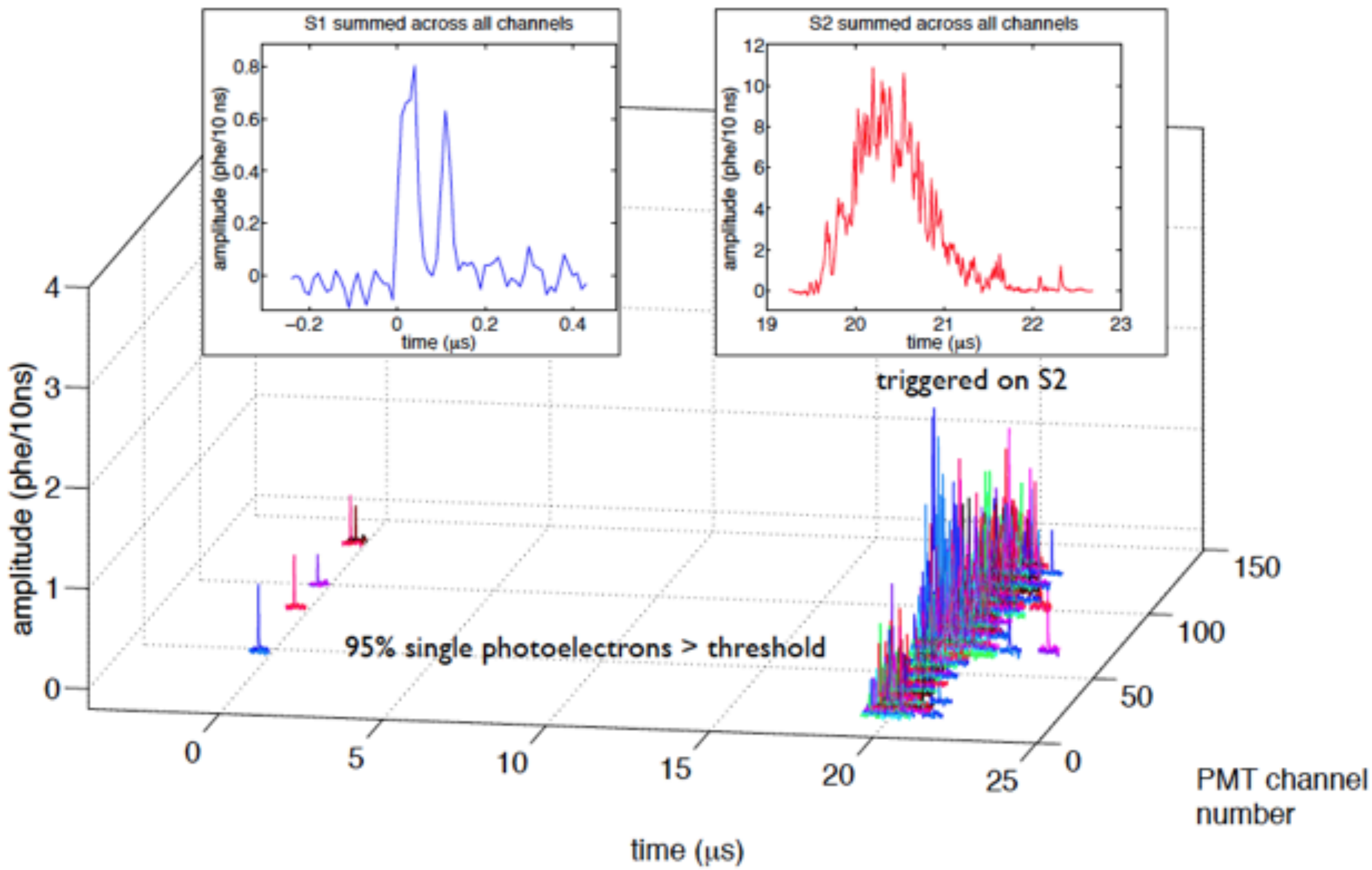
⇒ set hard threshold at 3 keVnr

Very conservative!

Photon detection efficiency: 0.14

Charge yield: 26 phe/e$^-$

Event selection



<u>Requirements for WIMP search candidate events</u>

S2 trigger (at least 2 trigger ch. ≥ 8 phe within 2 μs)

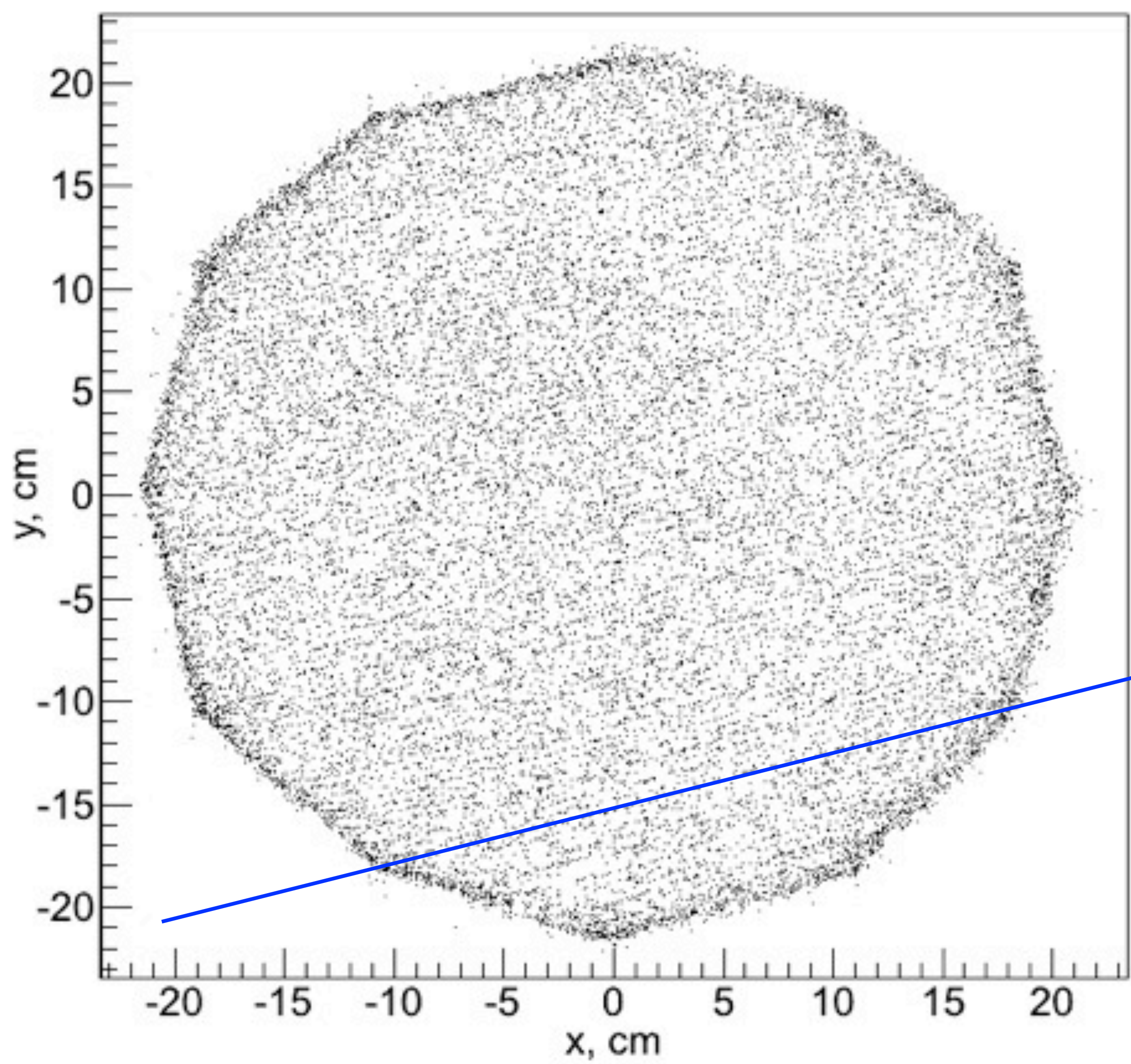
2 phe (2-fold coincidence) ≤ S1 ≤ 30 phe

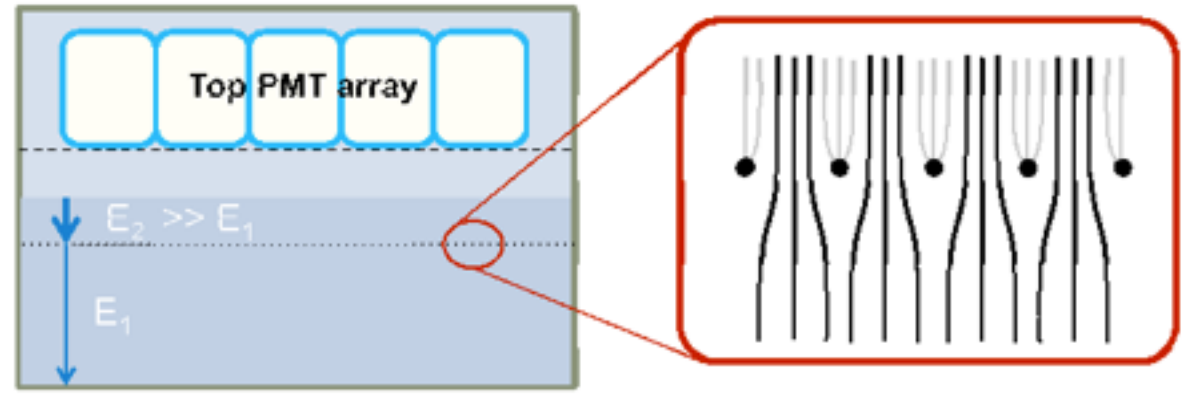
200 phe (8 e-) ≤ S2 ≤ 3300 phe

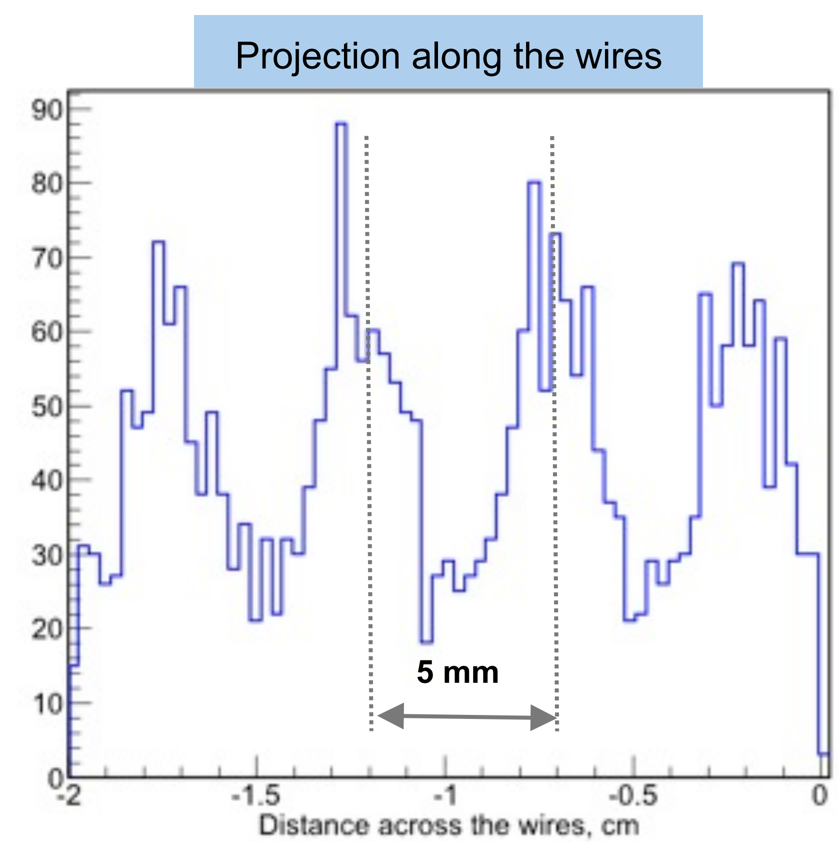
total area of other pulses in the event < 100 phe

Position reconstruction

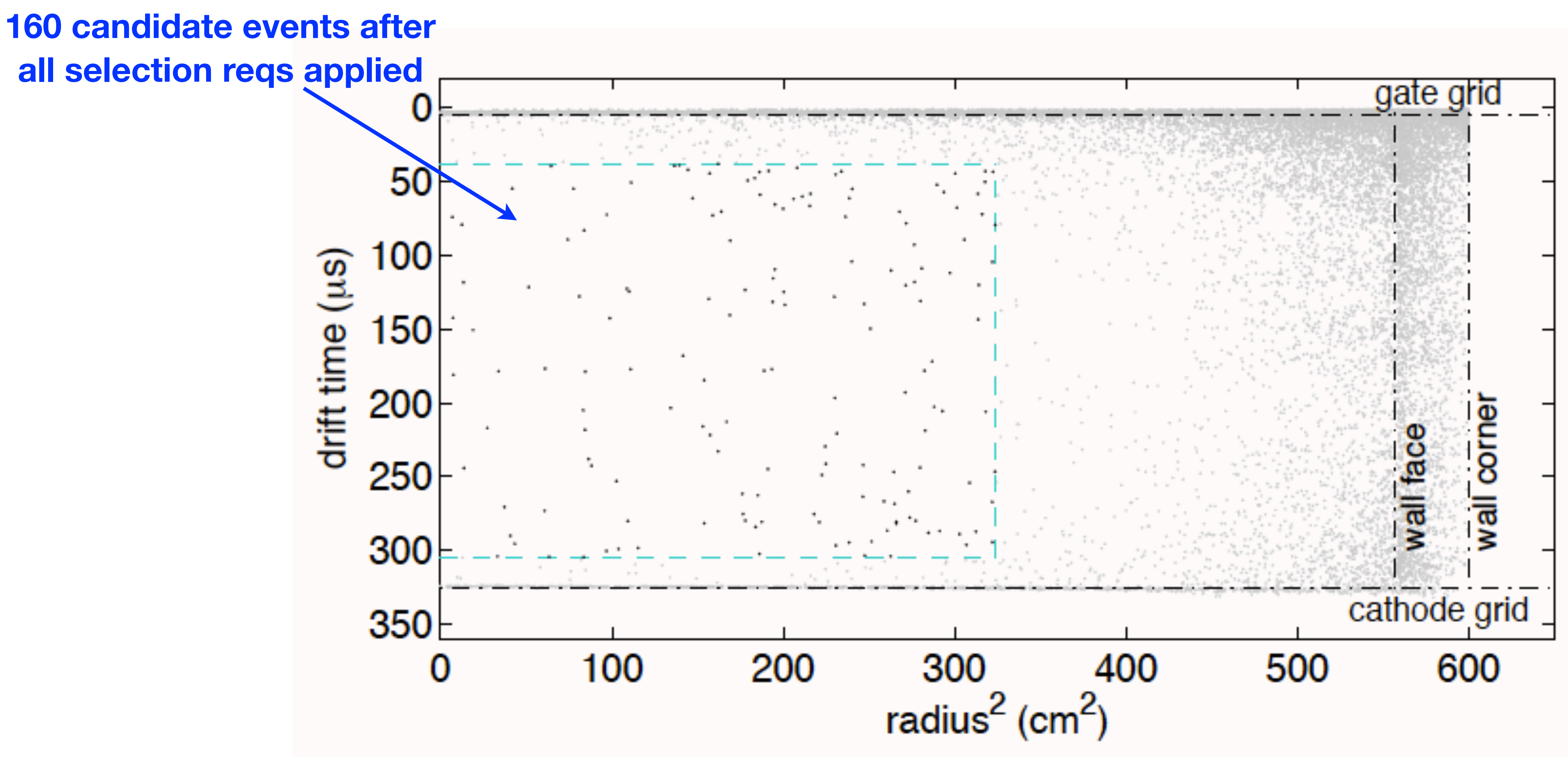
Resolve gate wire grid
for high energy events







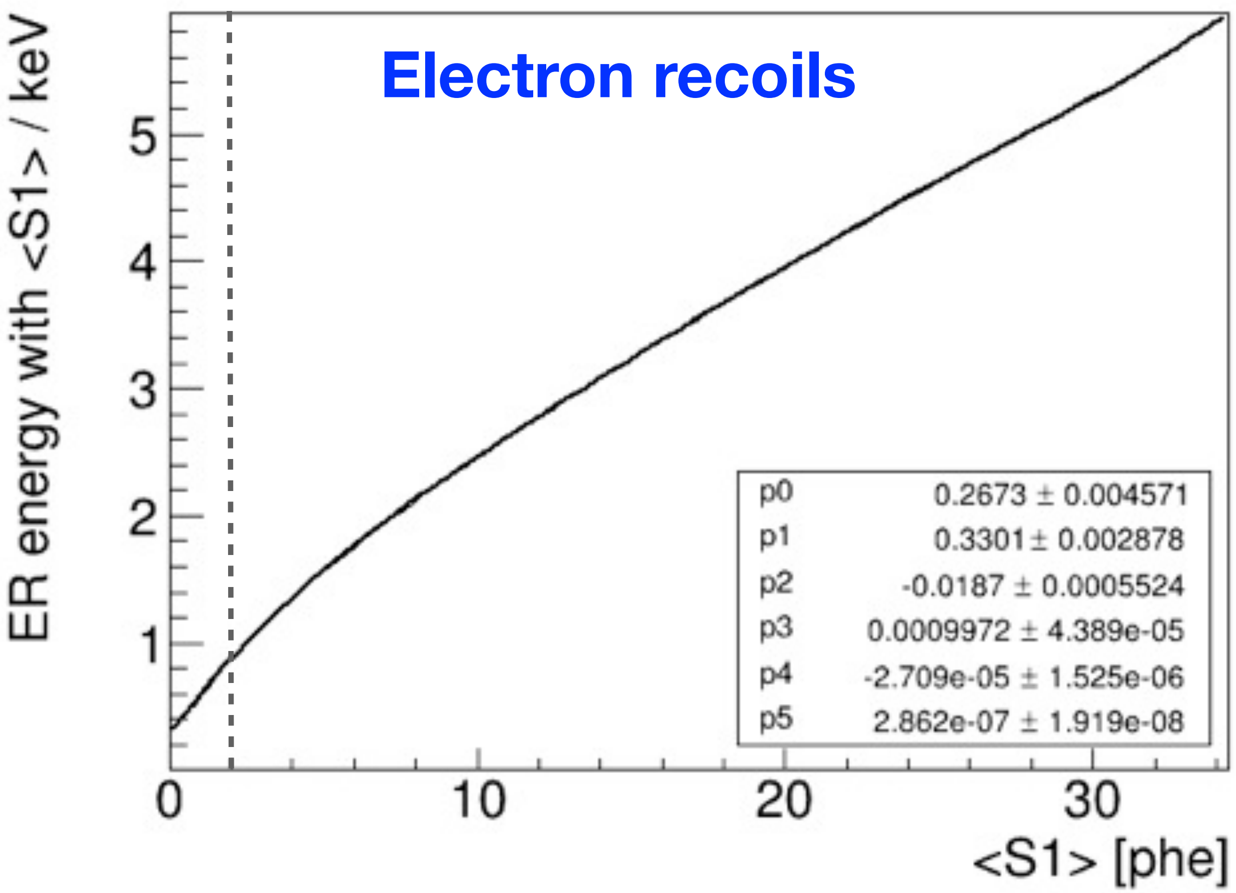
Fiducial volume

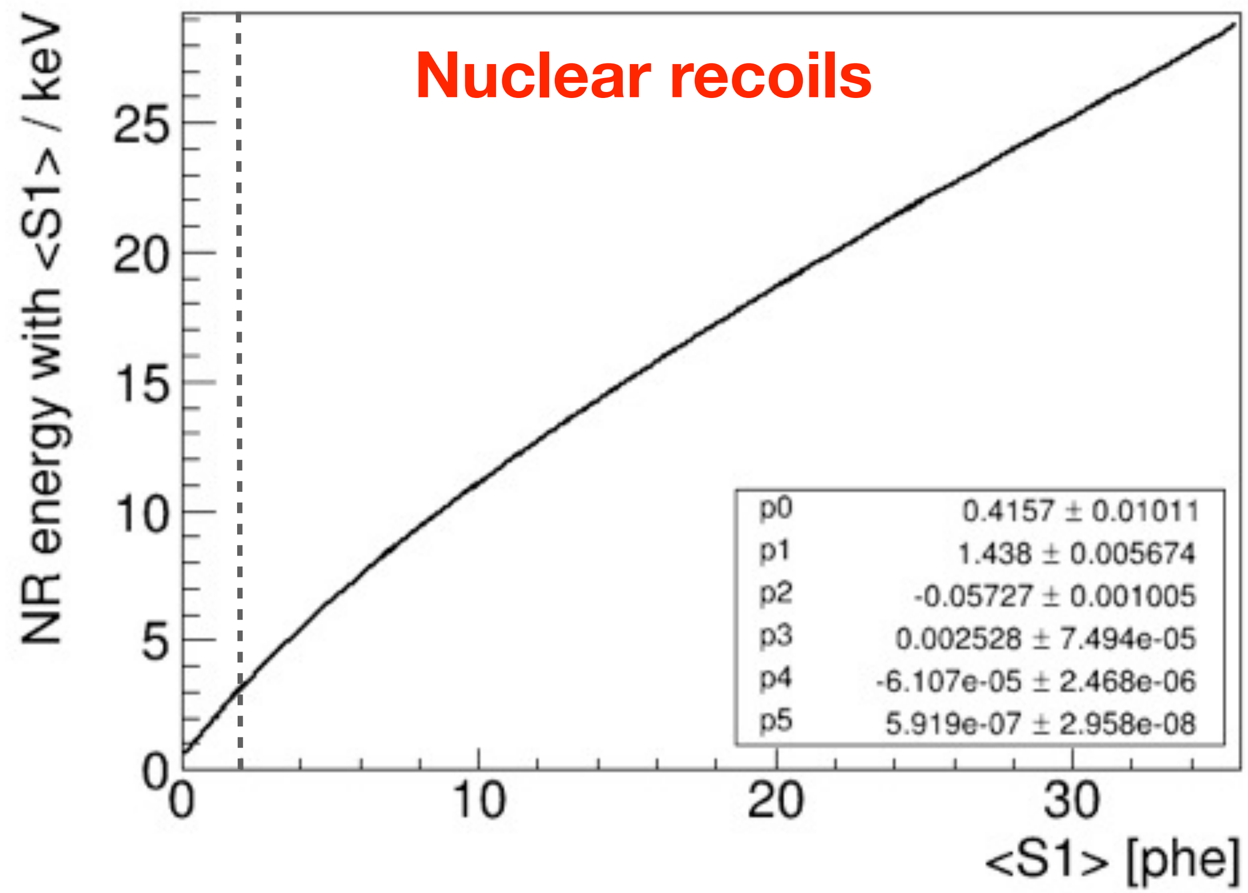


Define fiducial volume r < 18 cm, 7 < z < 47 cm, corresponding to 118 kg fiducial mass

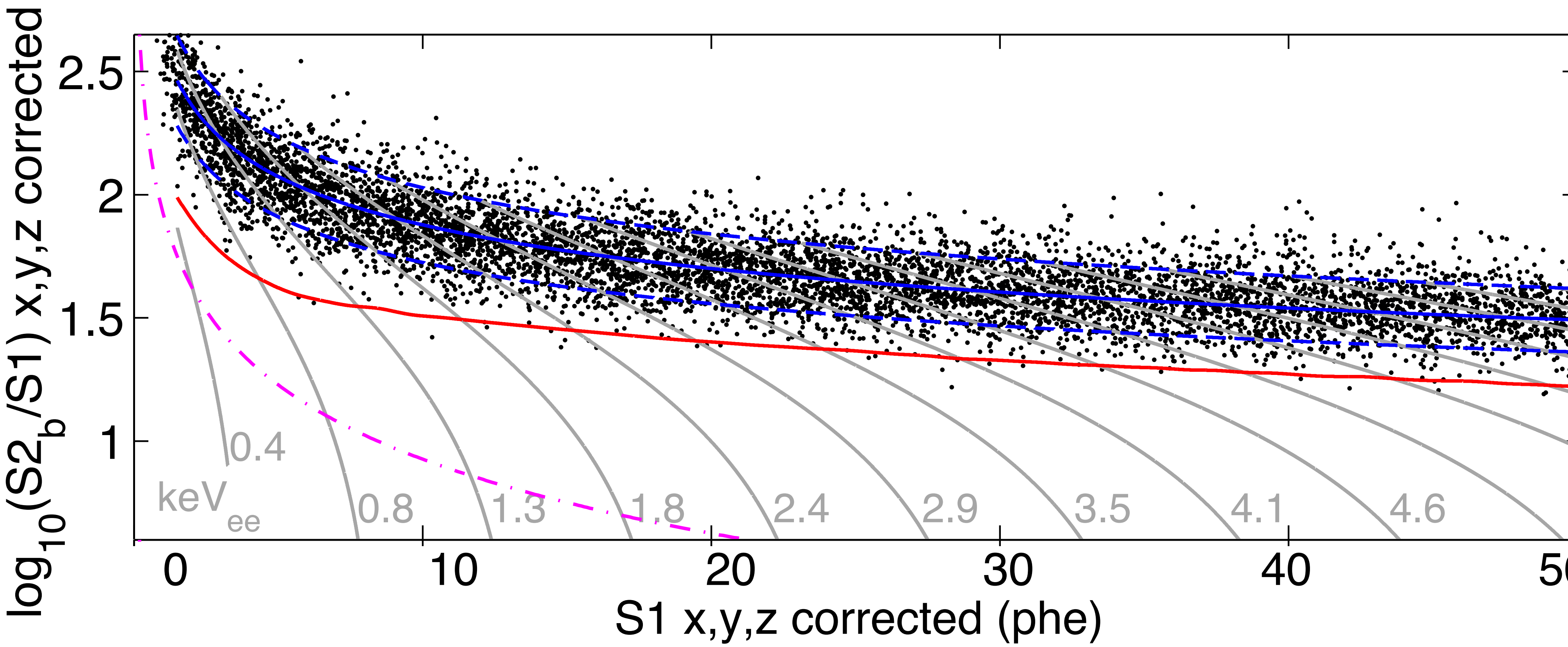
Use S1 signal as energy scale

Parameterize ER and NR energies as a function of S1 size using NEST





Tritium calibration

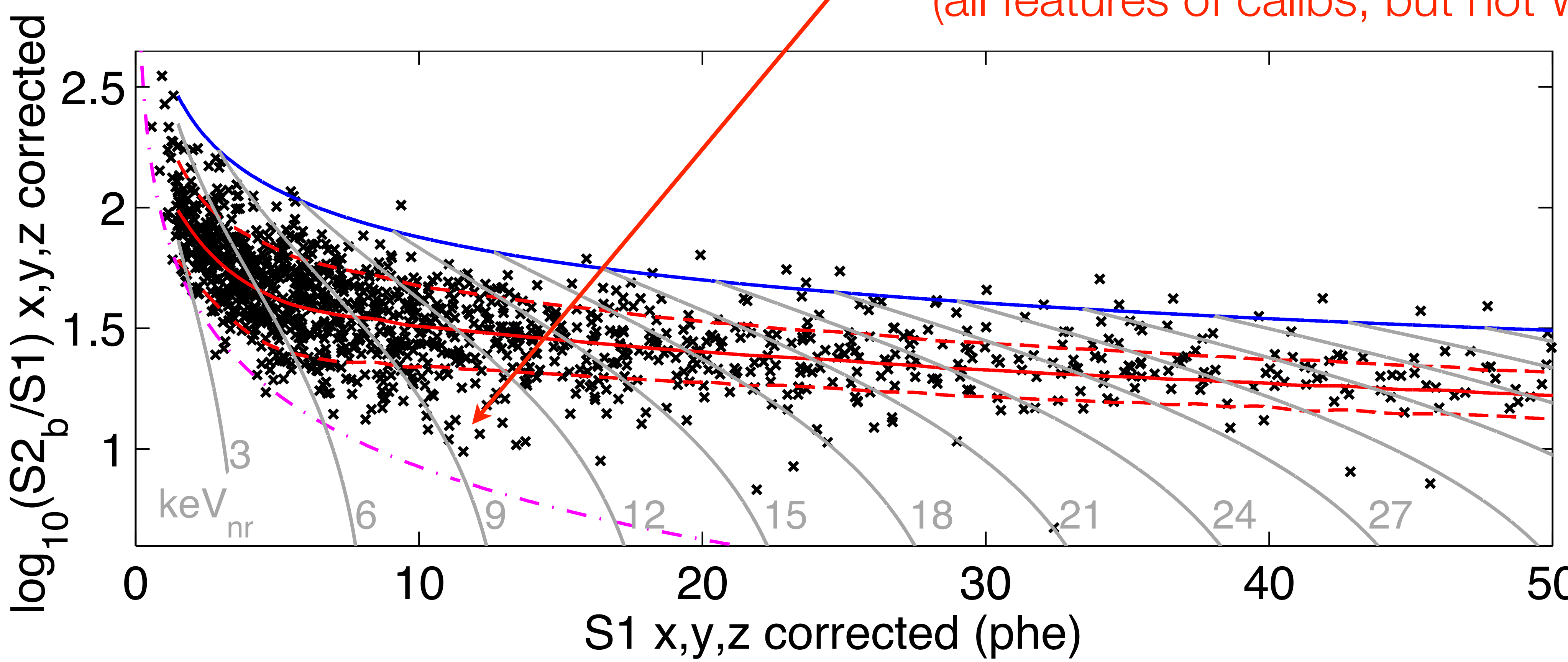


Parametrize as Gaussian, with power laws
for mean and sigma

$$\mu_i(S1) = A_m S1^{B_m}$$
$$\sigma_i(S1) = A_s S1^{B_s} - A_m S1^B_m$$

^{241}AmBe & ^{252}Cf calibration

Events at low (S2$_b$/S1) due to neutron+X and multiple scatters where S2 is below reconstruction threshold (all features of calibs, but not WIMPs!)



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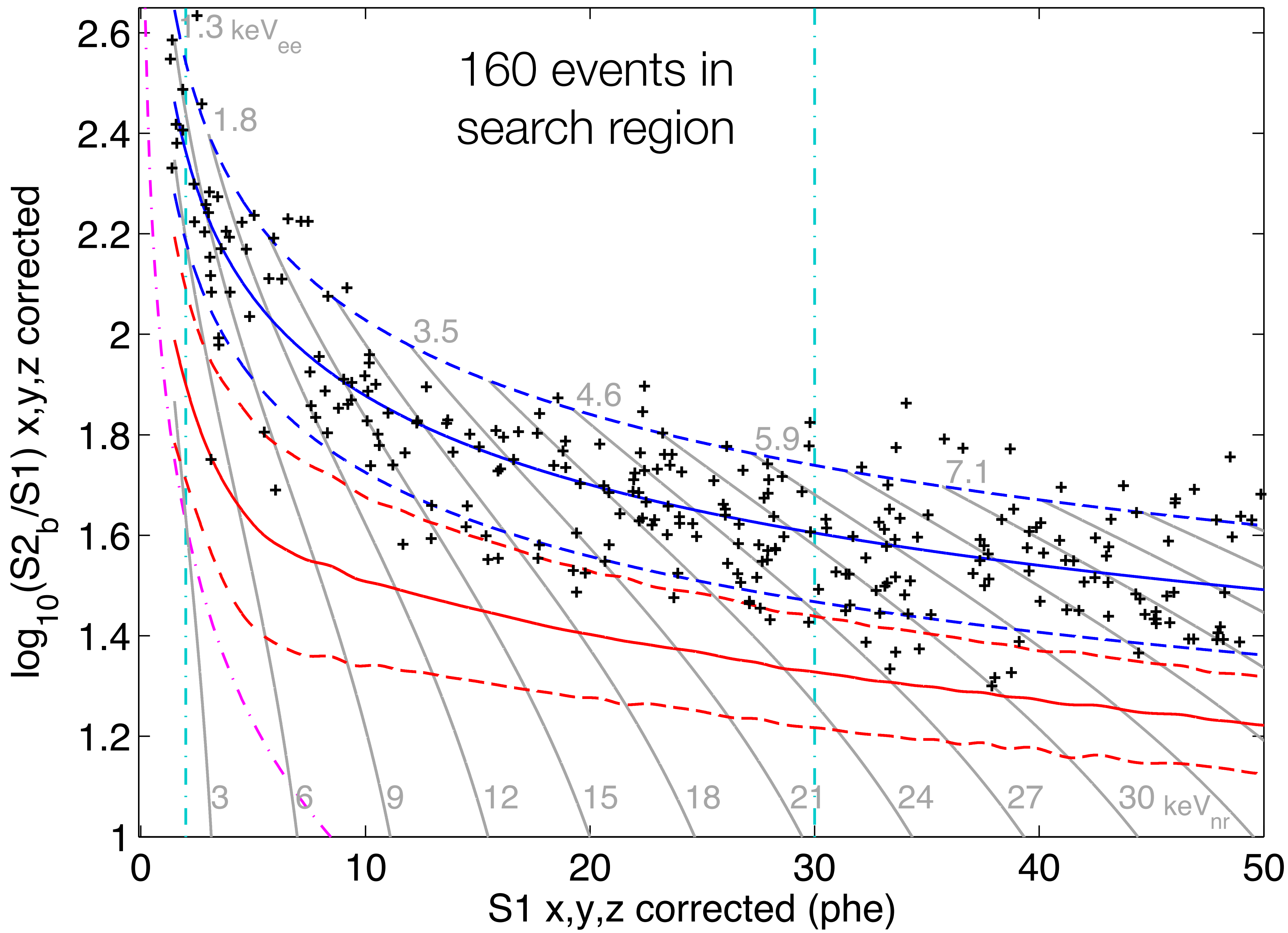
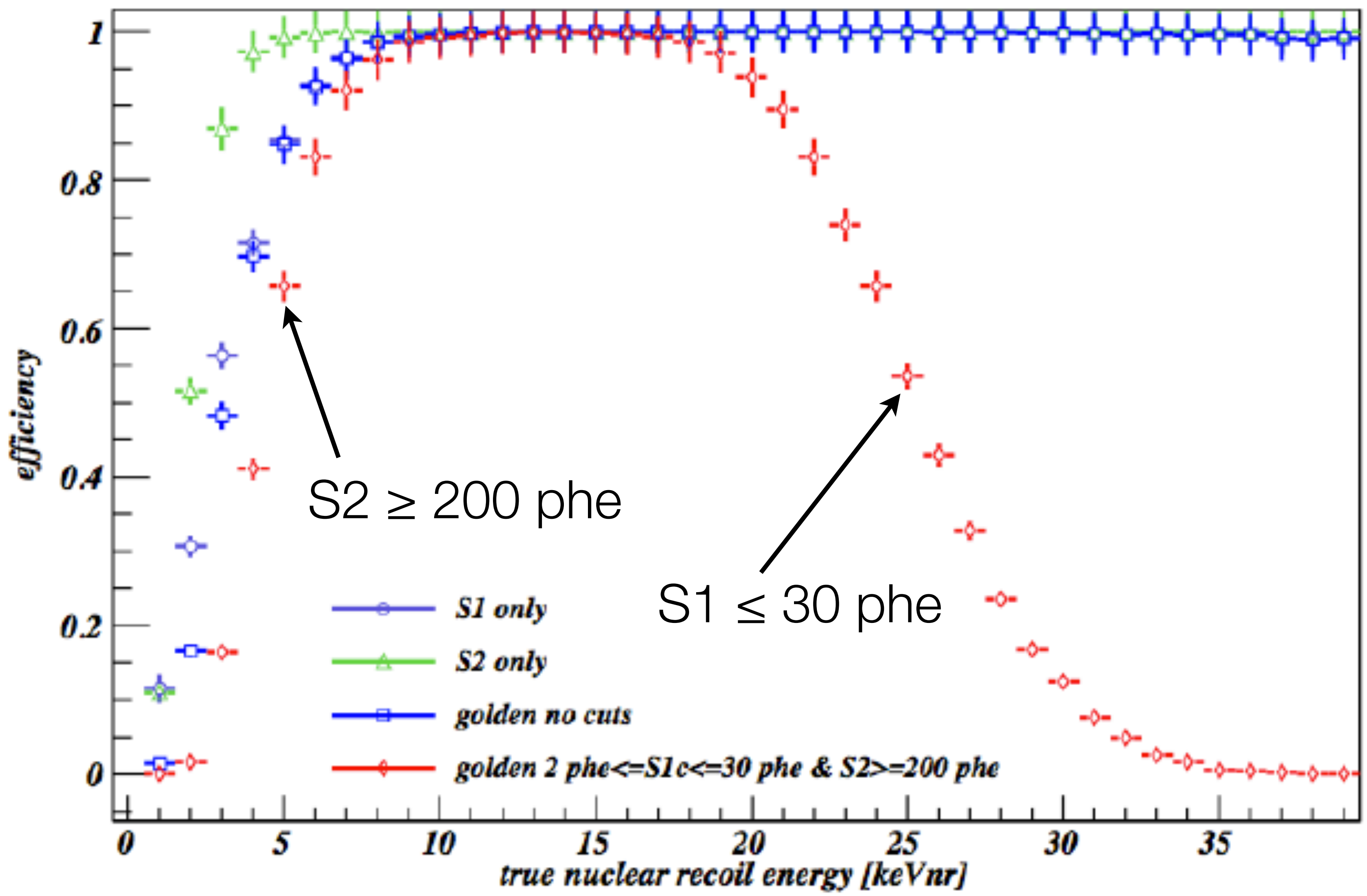
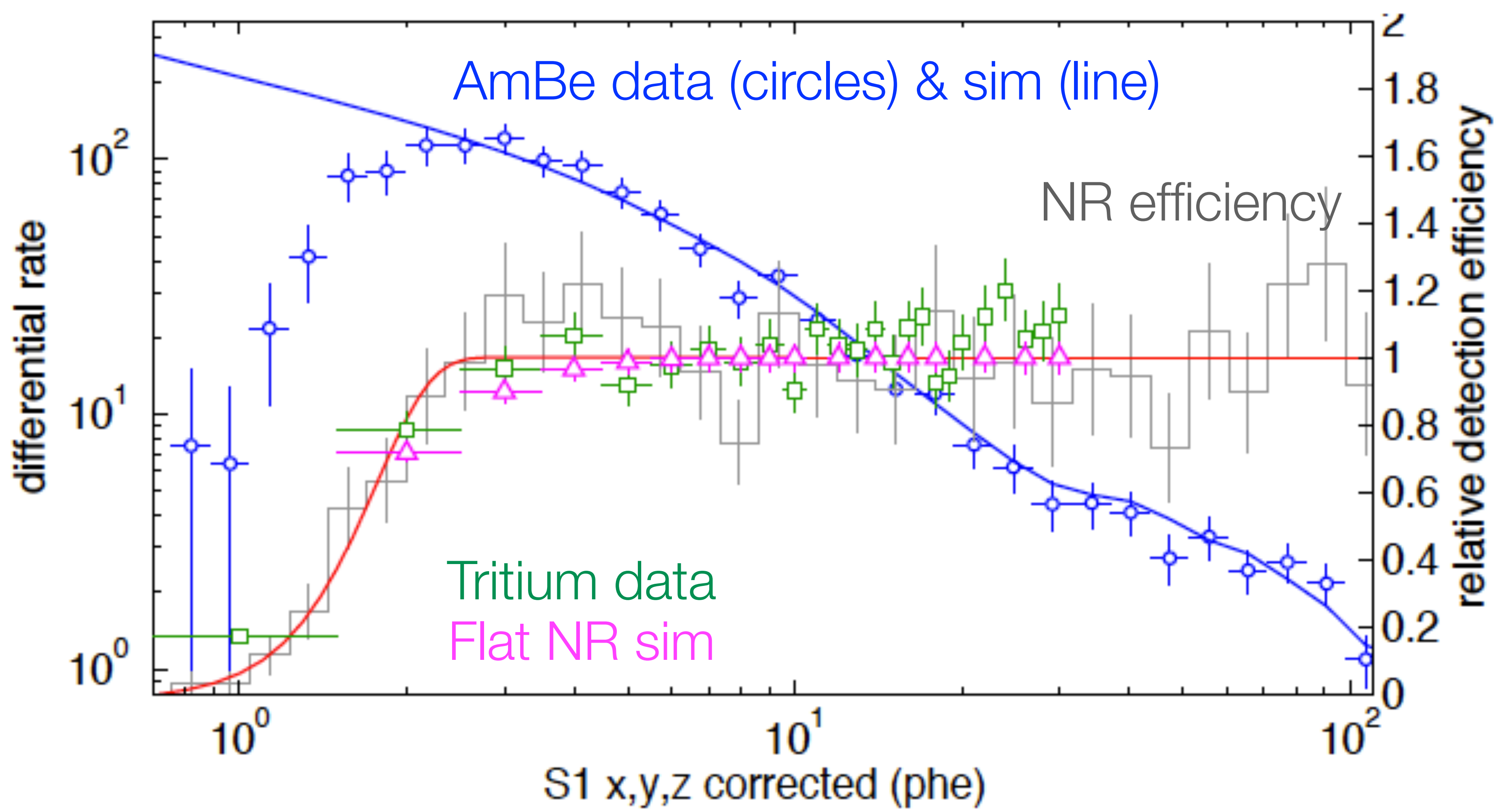
WIMP search data



Efficiency of pulse finding and selection



Several independent estimates of total efficiency



We find good agreement between the data and simulation-estimated efficiencies.

D.S. Akerib et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A **675**, 63 (2012)

The Likelihood

Use an extended likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}_{WS} = \frac{e^{-N_s - N_{Compt} - N_{Xe-127} - N_{Rn222}}}{\mathcal{N}!} \prod_{i=1}^{\mathcal{N}} N_s P_s(\boldsymbol{x}; \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\theta_s}) + N_{Compt} P_{ER}(\boldsymbol{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta_{Compt}}) + N_{Xe-127} P_{ER}(\boldsymbol{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta_{Xe-127}}) + N_{Rn} P_{ER}(\boldsymbol{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta_{Rn}})$$

Discriminant between ER/NR

Energy

Discriminant against external/internal radiation

Observables: $\mathbf{x}$ = (S1, $\log_{10}$(S2/S1), r, z)

Parameter of interest: N_s

Nuisance parameters: N_{Compt}, N_{Xe-127}, $N_{Rn/Kr-85}$

Gaussian constrain to within 30% of the predicted rates

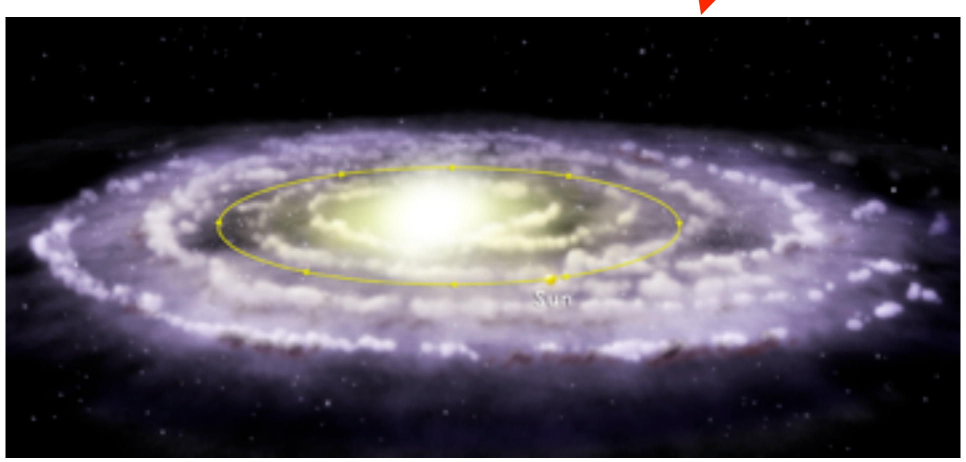
Predicted WIMP scattering

C. McCabe, Phys. Rev. D, **82**, 023530 (2010)

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = N_T \frac{\rho_\chi}{M_\chi} \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} v f_{\oplus}(\vec{v}, \vec{v}_e) \frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} d^3v$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} = \frac{1}{2v^2} \frac{M_N \sigma_n}{\mu_{ne}^2} \frac{(f_p Z + f_n(A - Z))^2}{{f_n}^2} F^2(E_R)$$

Use standard isothermal halo model with cutoff



Use Helm form factor

$$F^2(E_R) = \left(\frac{3 j_1(qR)}{qR}\right)^2 e^{-q^2 s^2}$$

$$R = \sqrt{r^2 - 5s^2}$$

Velocity of solar system in the galaxy: v_0 = 220 km/s

Velocity of earth around the sun: v_E = 245 km/s

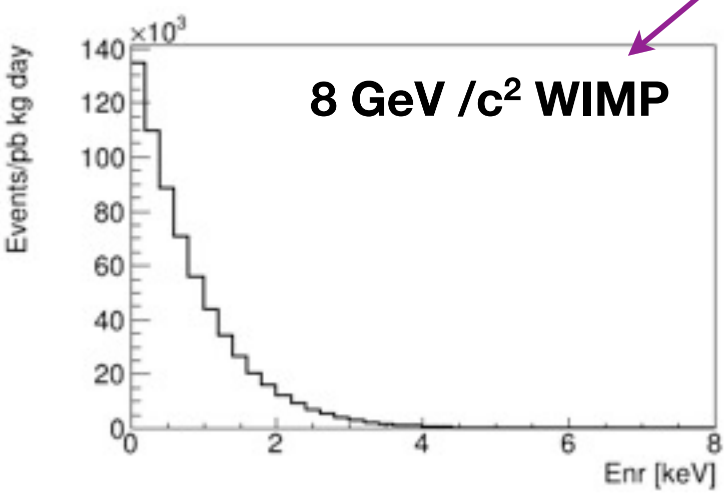
Galactic escape velocity: v_{esc} = 544 km/s

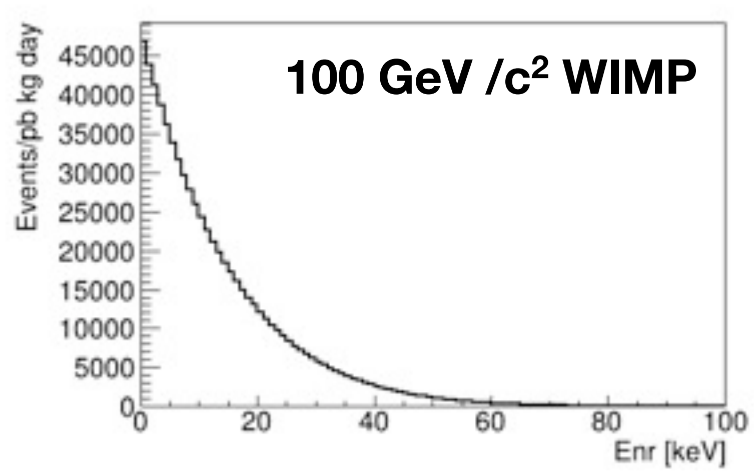
Local dark matter density: ρ = 0.3 GeV/c^2/cm^3

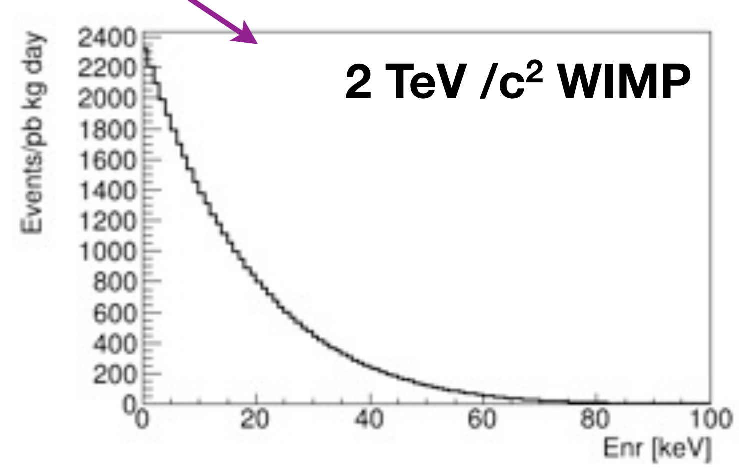
WIMP signal model

$$P_s(log_{10}(S2/S1)|S1)P_s(E_{NR}(S1))P_s(r)P_s(z)$$

$$P_s(E_{NR}(S1)) = \varepsilon(S1)\frac{dR}{dE_{NR}}(\sigma_0, m_{wimp}, \boldsymbol{\theta_{dm}})\frac{dE_{NR}}{dS1}$$





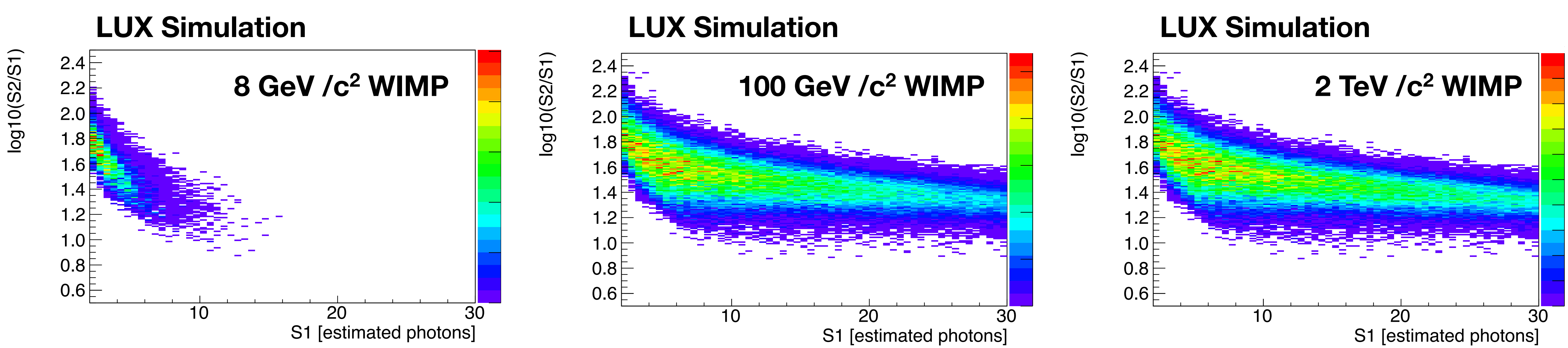


Use simulation in final model of WIMP signal

$$P_s(log_{10}(S2/S1)|S1)P_s(E_{NR}(S1))P_s(r)P_s(z)$$

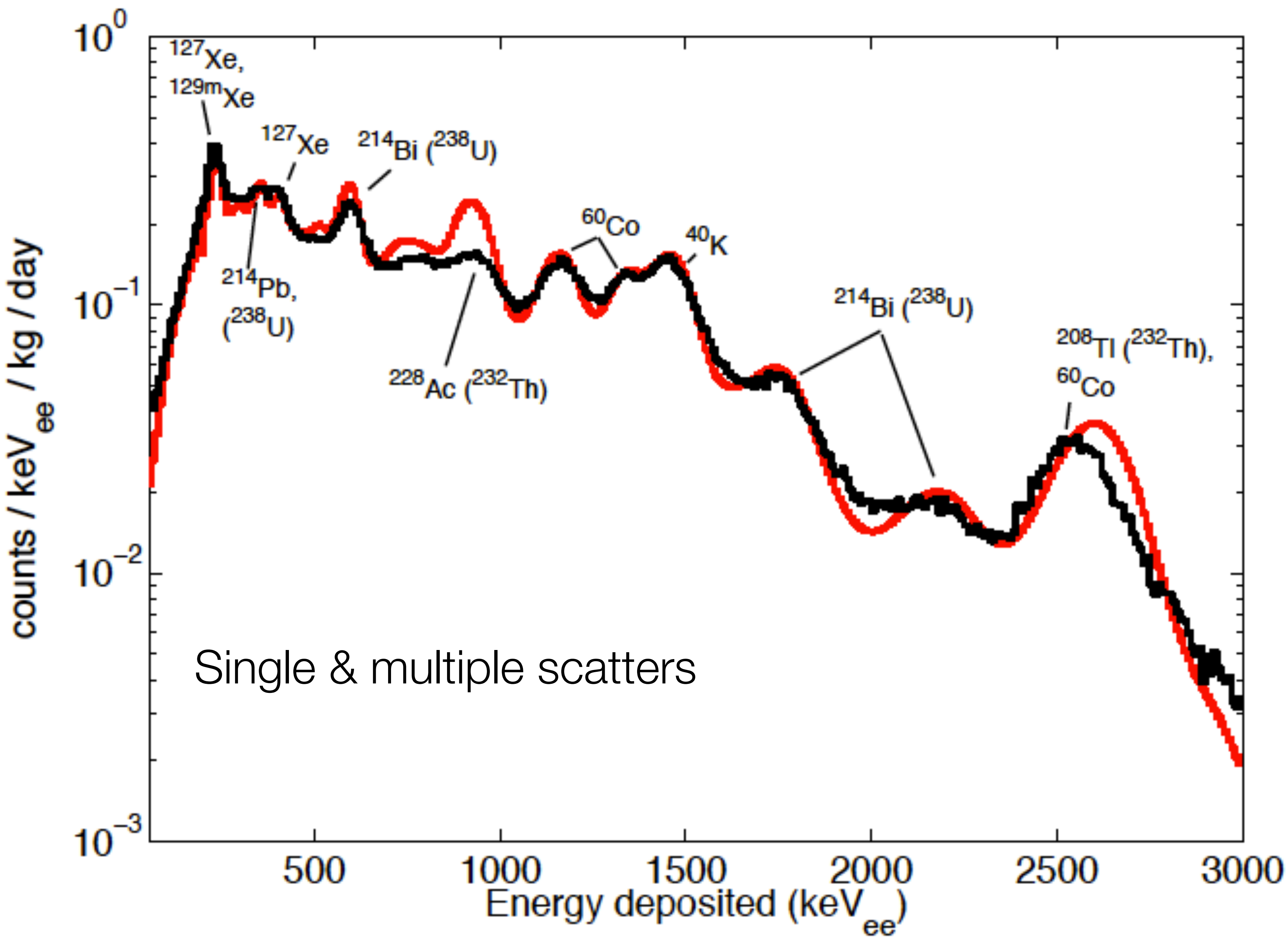
Model as uniform in (r^2,z)

Use realistic simulation to model 2D pdf, includes resolution and efficiencies



Radioactive materials background

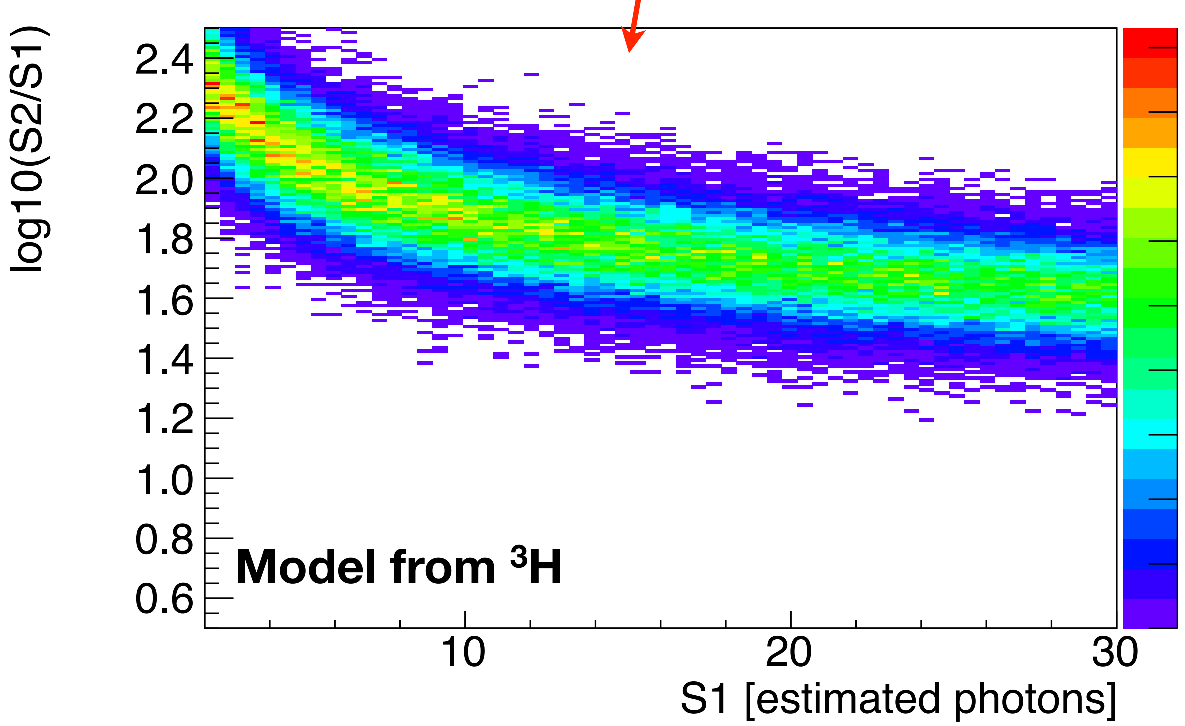
Tune simulation to match observed high-energy backgrounds

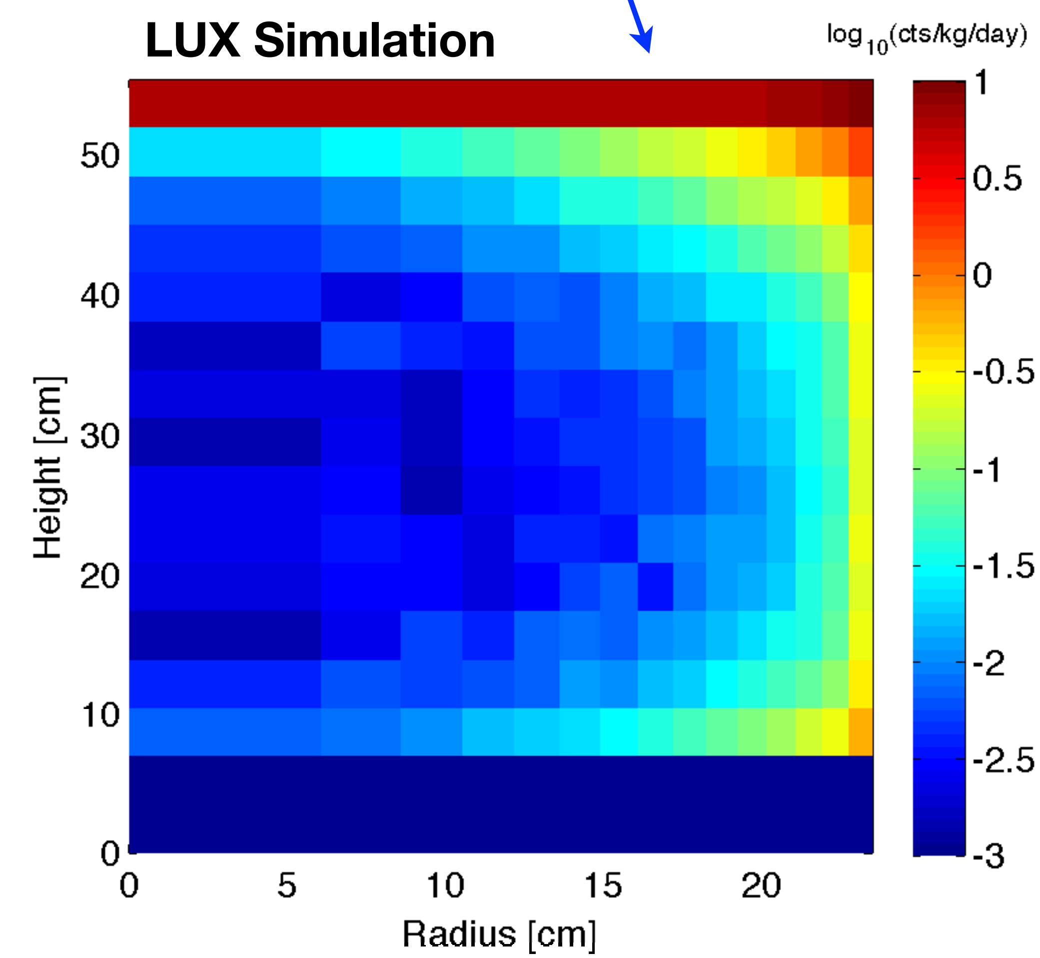


Radioactive materials model

$$P_{ER}(log_{10}(S2/S1)|S1)P_{Compton}(E_{ee}(S1))P_{Compton}(r,z)$$

Model as uniform in $E_{ee} \in [0.9, 5.1]$ keVee



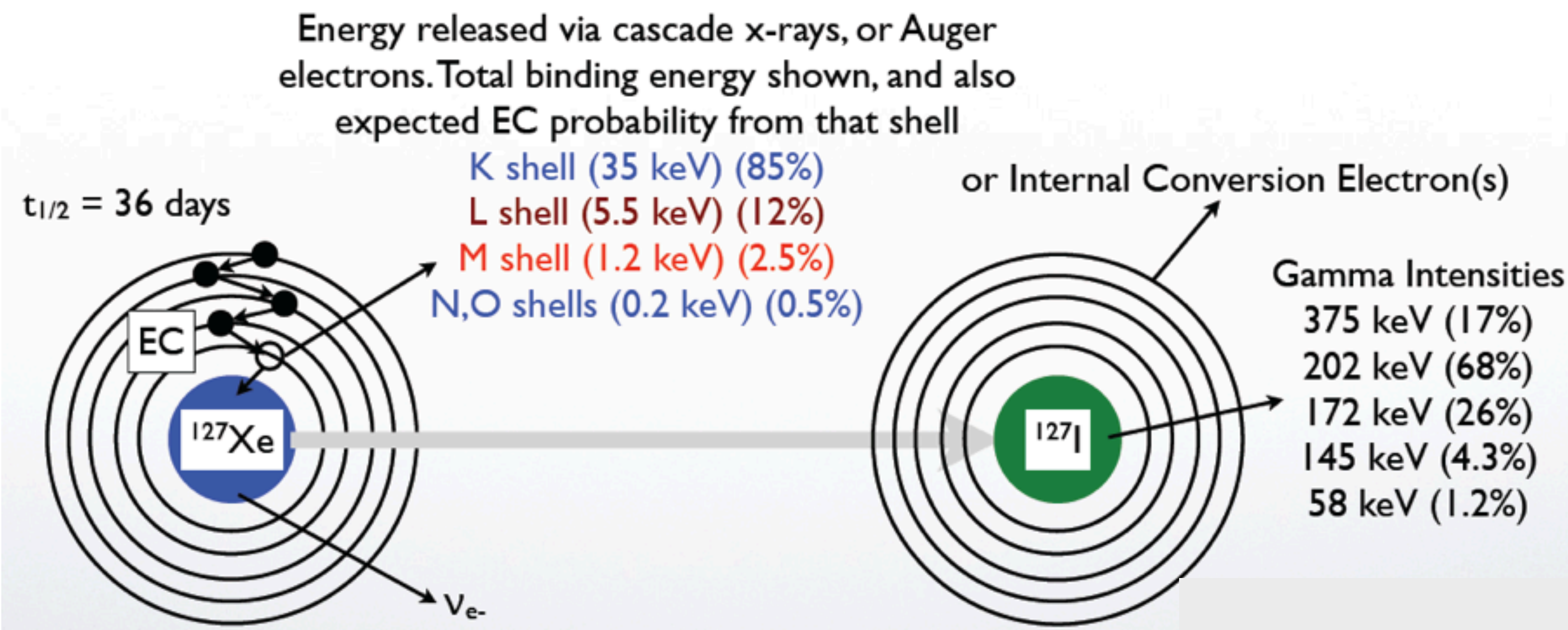


Predict 129 events in WIMP search data

^{127}Xe Background

Electron capture from S-wave orbital,

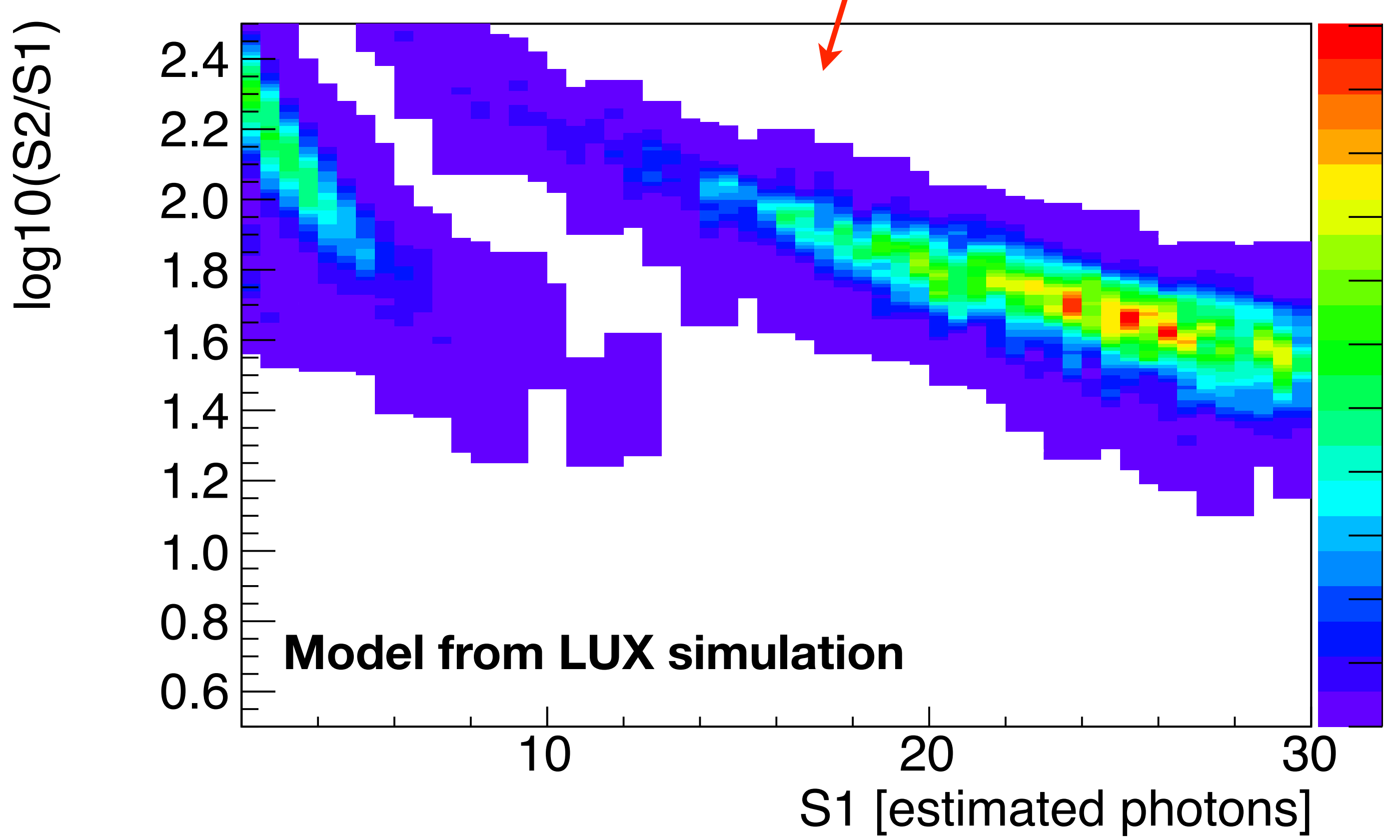
$p + e^{-} \rightarrow n + \nu_e$

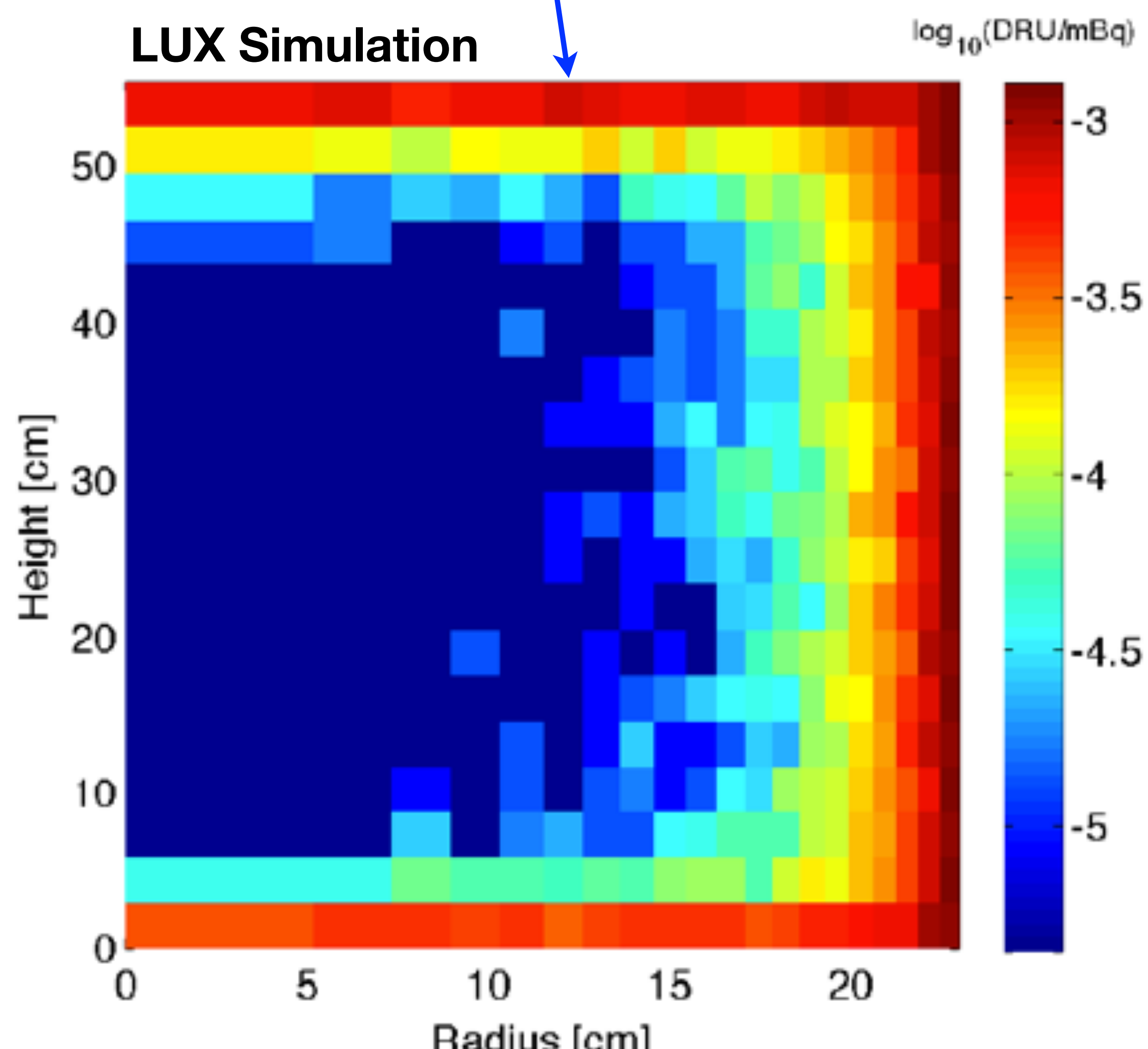


^{127}Xe model

$$P_{ER}(log_{10}(S2/S1)|S1)P_{^{127}Xe}(E_{ee}(S1))P_{^{127}Xe}(r, z)$$

Again use simulation to model pdfs, includes resolution and efficiencies





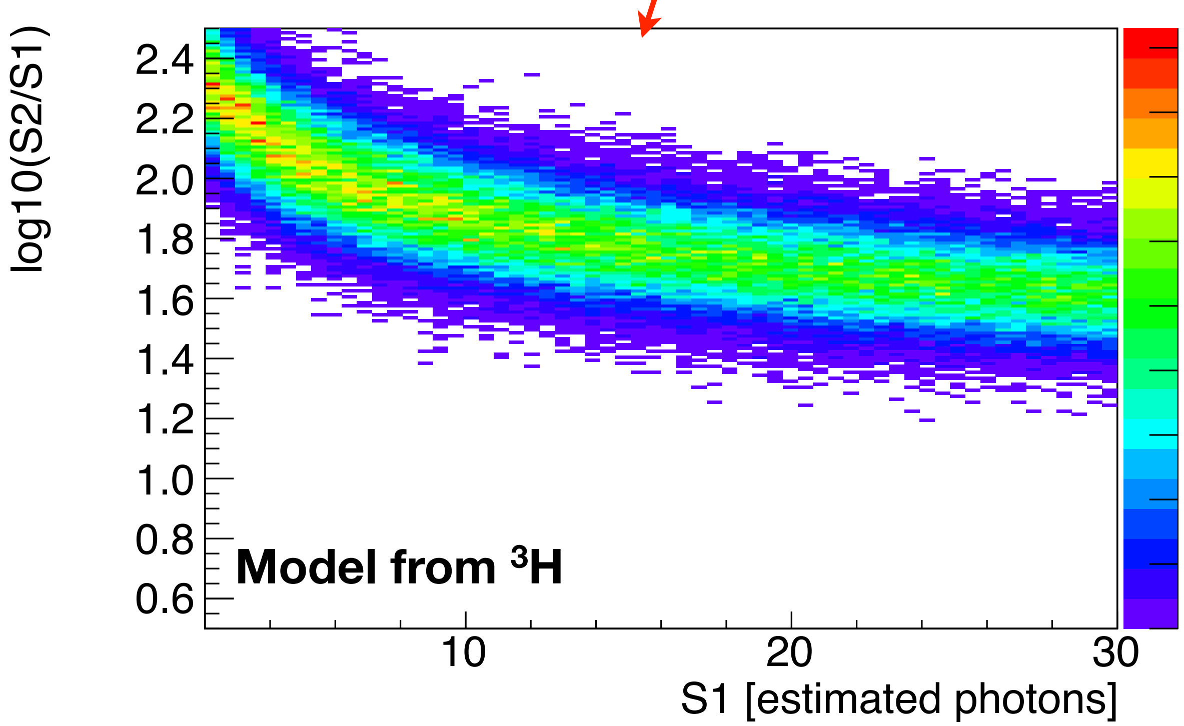
Predict 15 events in WIMP search region

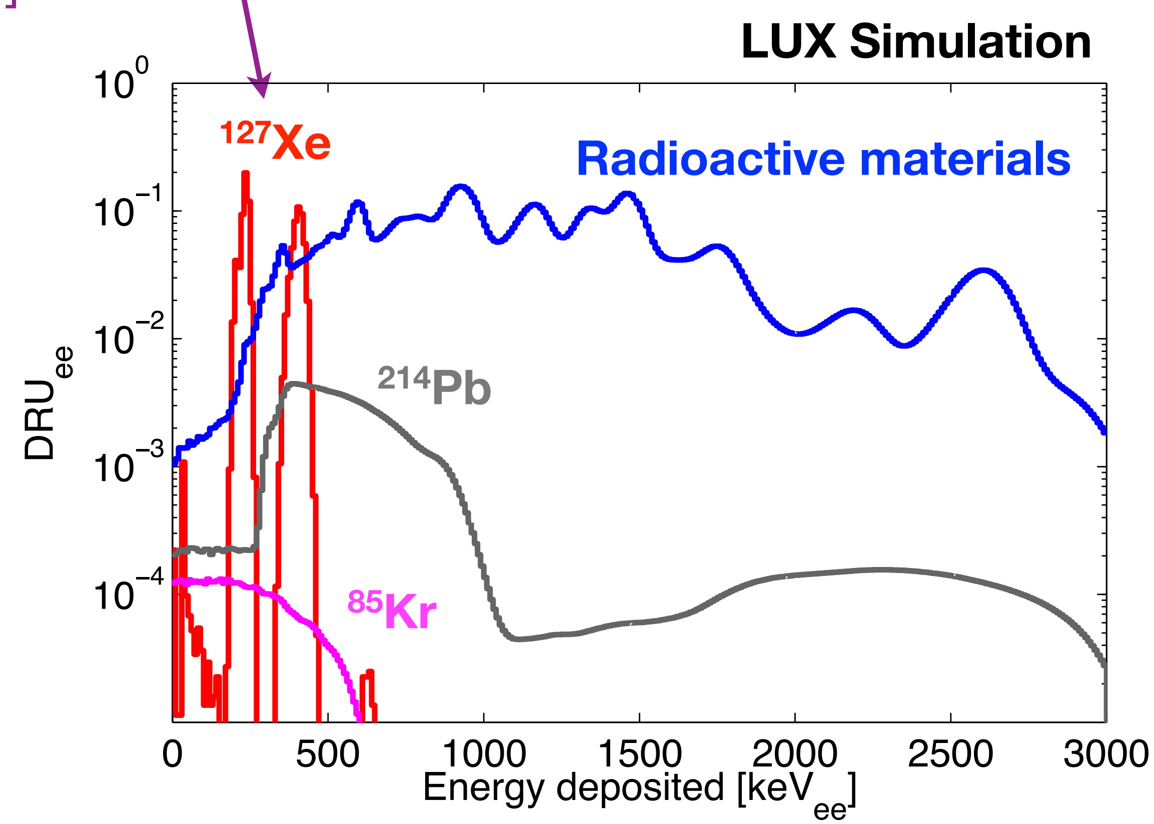
$^{214}Pb/^{85}Kr$ background

$$P_{ER}(log_{10}(S2/S1)|S1)P_{Rn}(E_{ee}(S1))P_{Rn}(r)P_{Rn}(z)$$

Model as uniform in $E_{ee} \in [0.9, 5.1]$ keVee

Model as uniform in (r^2,z)



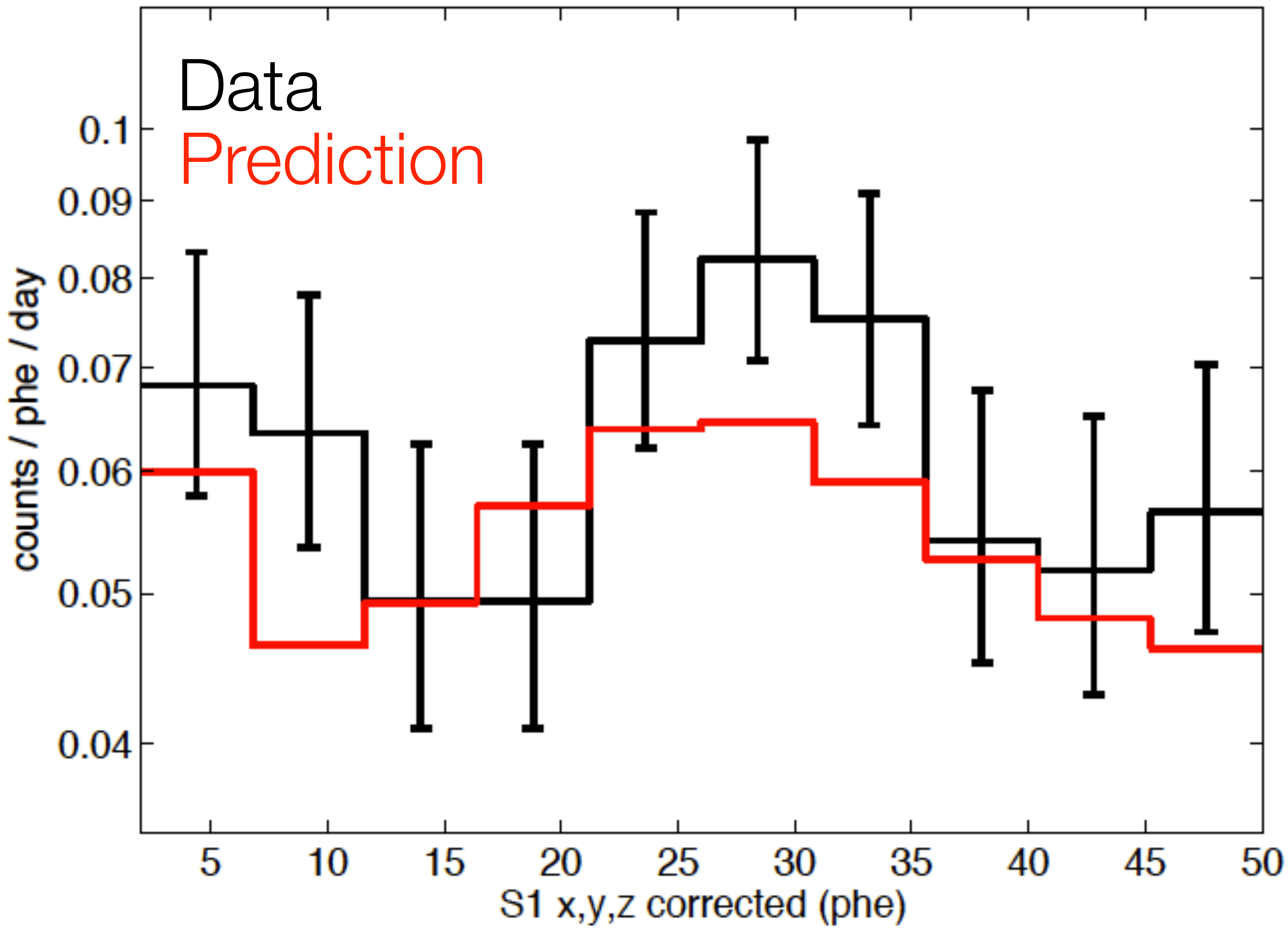


Predict 10 events in WIMP search region

Estimated background rates

Background Component	Source	10^{-3} [evts/keVee/kg/day]
Gamma-rays	Internal Components including PMTS (80%), Cryostat, Teflon	$1.8 \pm 0.2_{stat} \pm 0.3_{sys}$
^{127}Xe (36.4 day half-life)	Cosmogenic 0.87 -> 0.28 during run	$0.5 \pm 0.02_{stat} \pm 0.1_{sys}$
^{214}Pb	222Rn	$0.11\text{-}0.22_{(90\%\ CL)}$
^{85}Kr	Reduced from 130 ppb to 3.5±1 ppt	$0.13 \pm 0.07_{sys}$
Predicted	Total	$2.6 \pm 0.2_{stat} \pm 0.4_{sys}$
Observed	Total	$3.1 \pm 0.2_{stat}$

Comparison of low energy data with predictions



Calculation of the upper limit

Set frequentist one-sided upper limit

Use profile likelihood ratio as test statistic

Fixed point to test

Nuisance parameters, not fixed

$$\lambda(\sigma_{\text{test}}) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{L}\left(\sigma_{\text{test}}, \hat{\hat{\theta}}\right)}{\mathcal{L}\left(\hat{\sigma}, \hat{\theta}\right)}$$

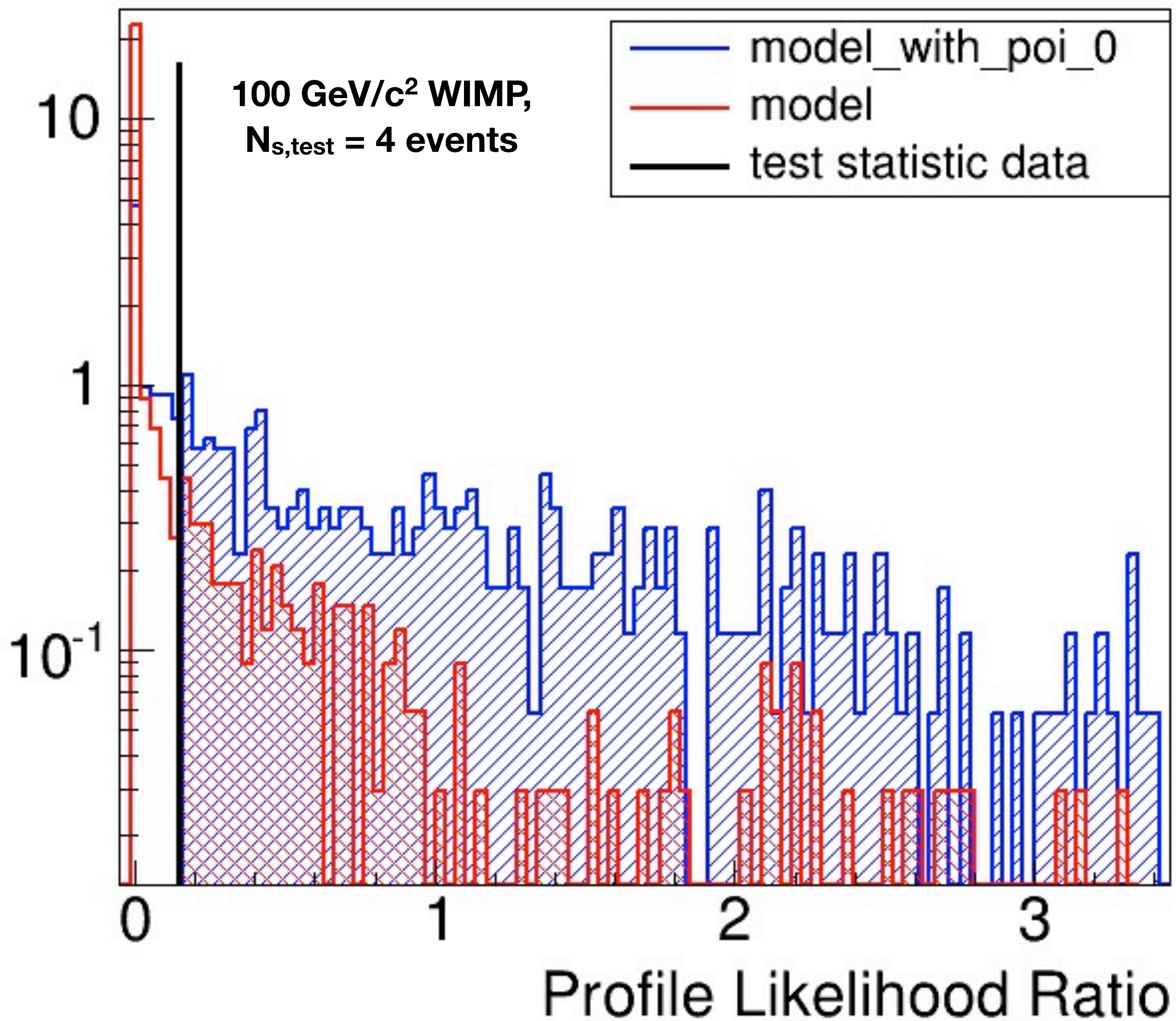
Value of maximum likelihood

$$q_\sigma = -2 \ln \lambda(\sigma)$$

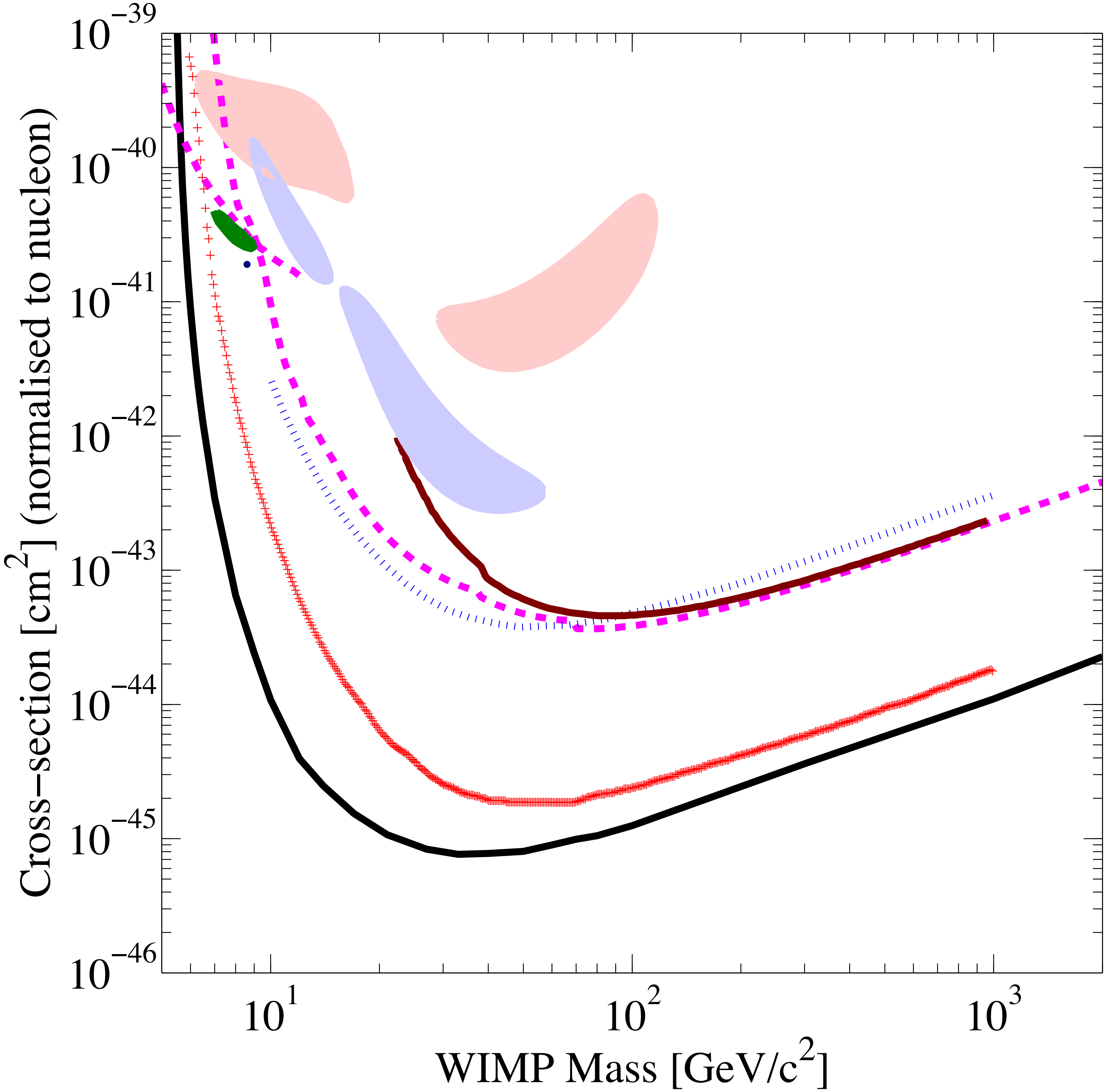
Generate pseudo-experiments for $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\text{test}}$, compare the value of test statistic in data with the value of $q_{\sigma,i}$ from each pseudo-experiment

Set one-sided limit, so if $(\boldsymbol{\sigma}\text{-hat})_i > \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\text{test}}$, $q_{\sigma,i} = 0$

Hypothesis tests



First WIMP search results!



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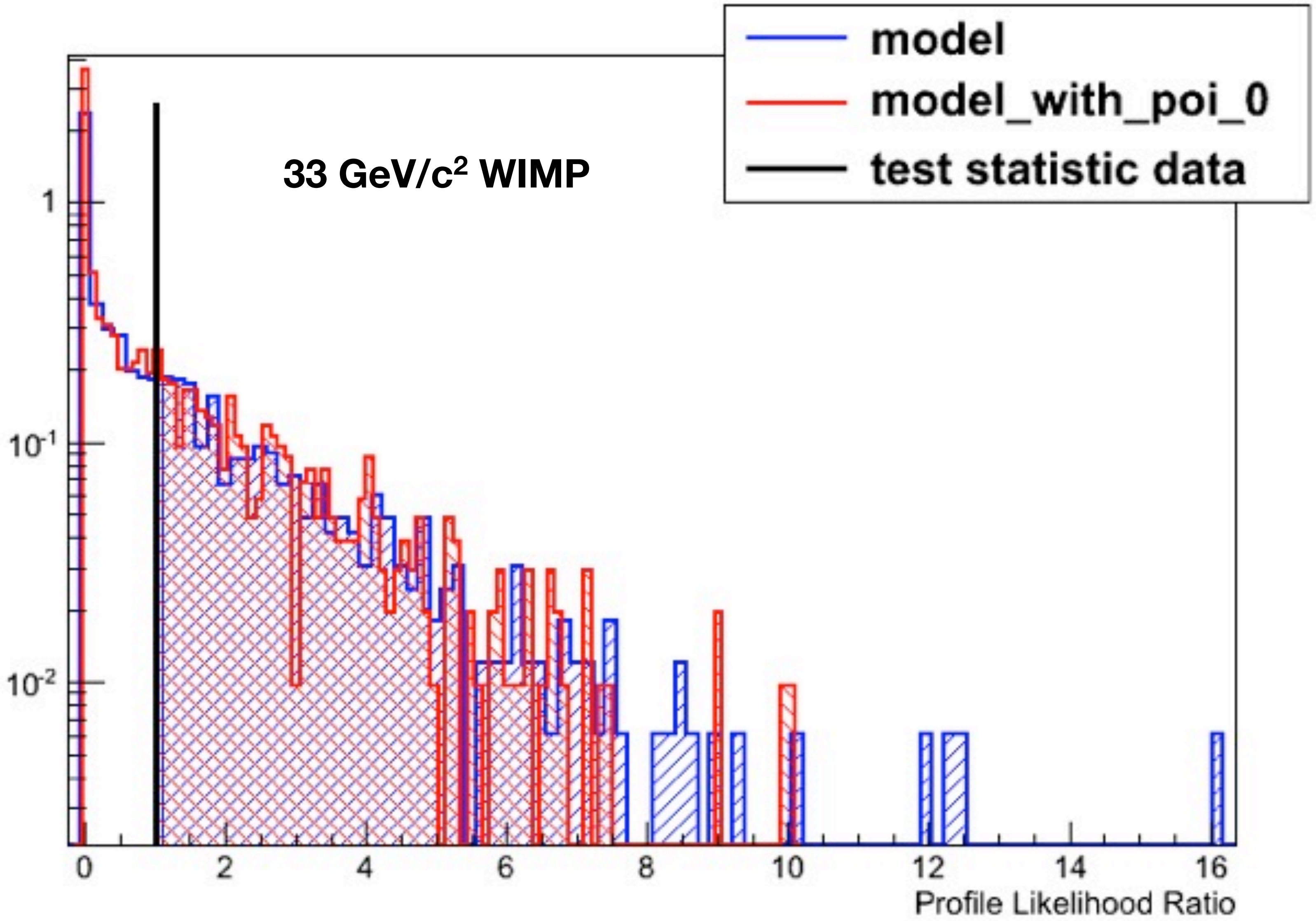
DAMA/LIBRA
CoGeNT (2013)
CDMS-II Si ROI (2013)
Edelweiss II (2011)
CDMS II (Ge) (2011)
CDMS II (all) (2009)
ZEPLIN III (2011)
XENON100 (2012)
LUX (2013)

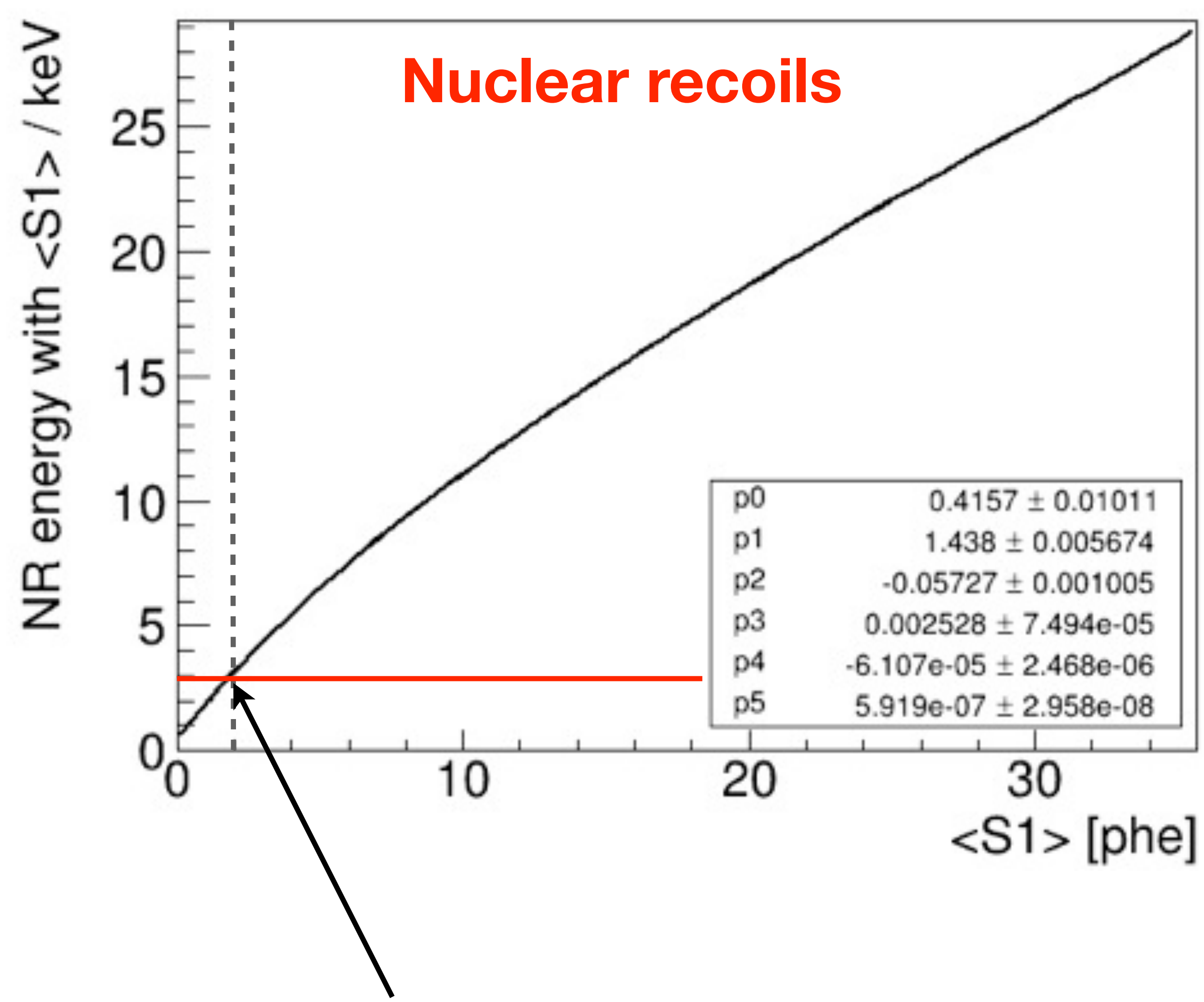
Null hypothesis test



Observe null p-value of 34% at 33 GeV/c^2, corresponding to 0.4σ significance

Discussion

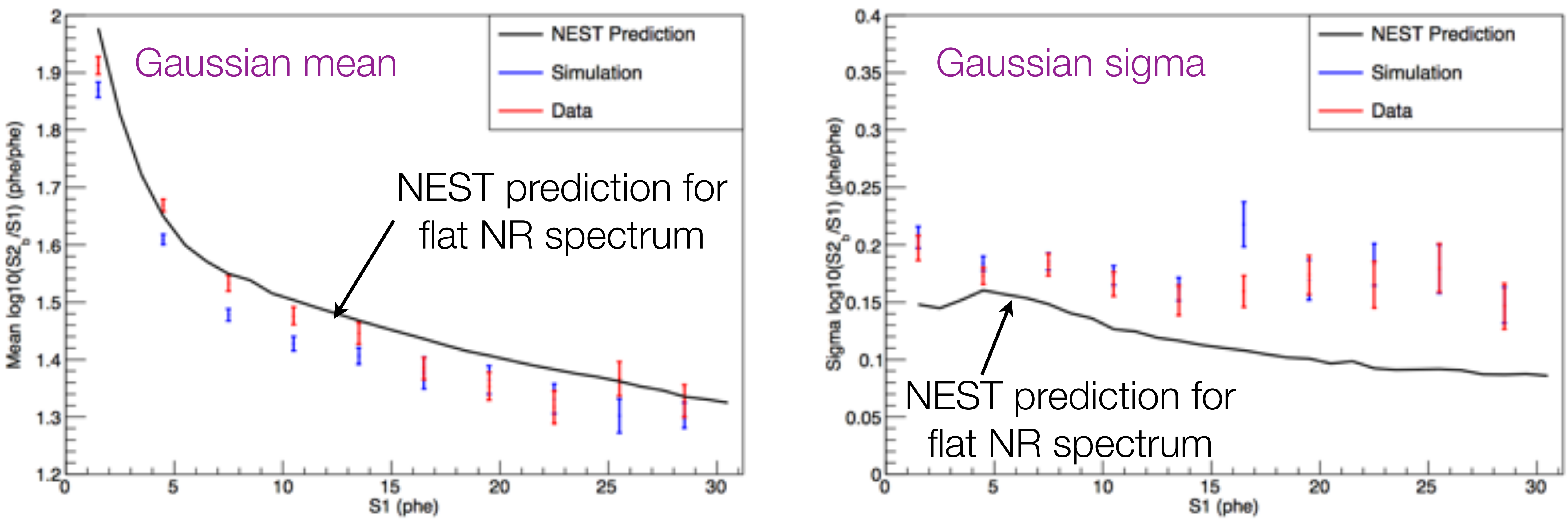
“Sub-threshold” fluctuations



Fluctuations from lower energies into WS in minimal, due to 3 keVnr cut-off

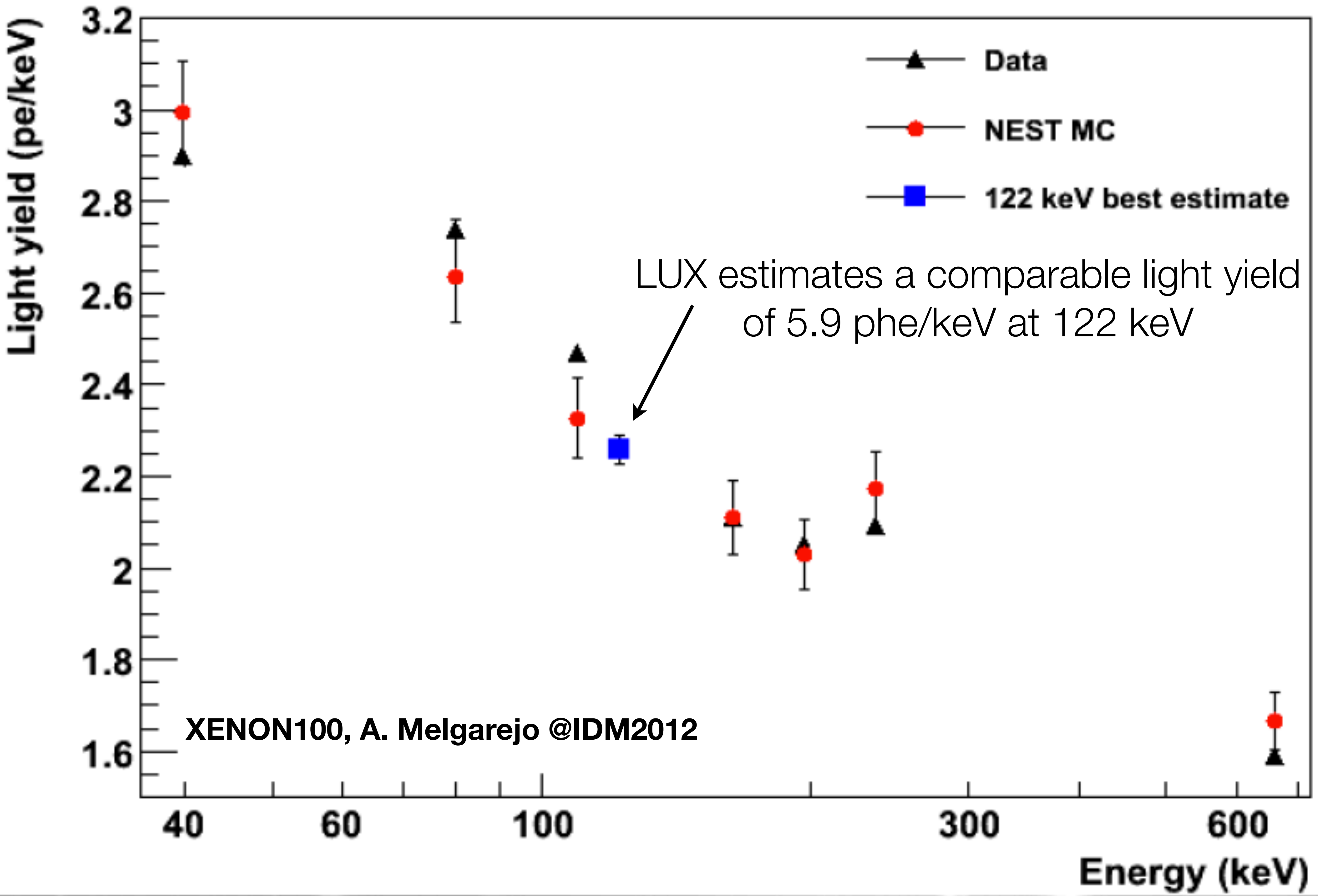
Systematic uncertainty on NR discrimination

We adjust the mean and width of the data (red) to match simulation (blue) and adjust NEST predictions by the same amount, treat shift in UL as a systematic uncertainty

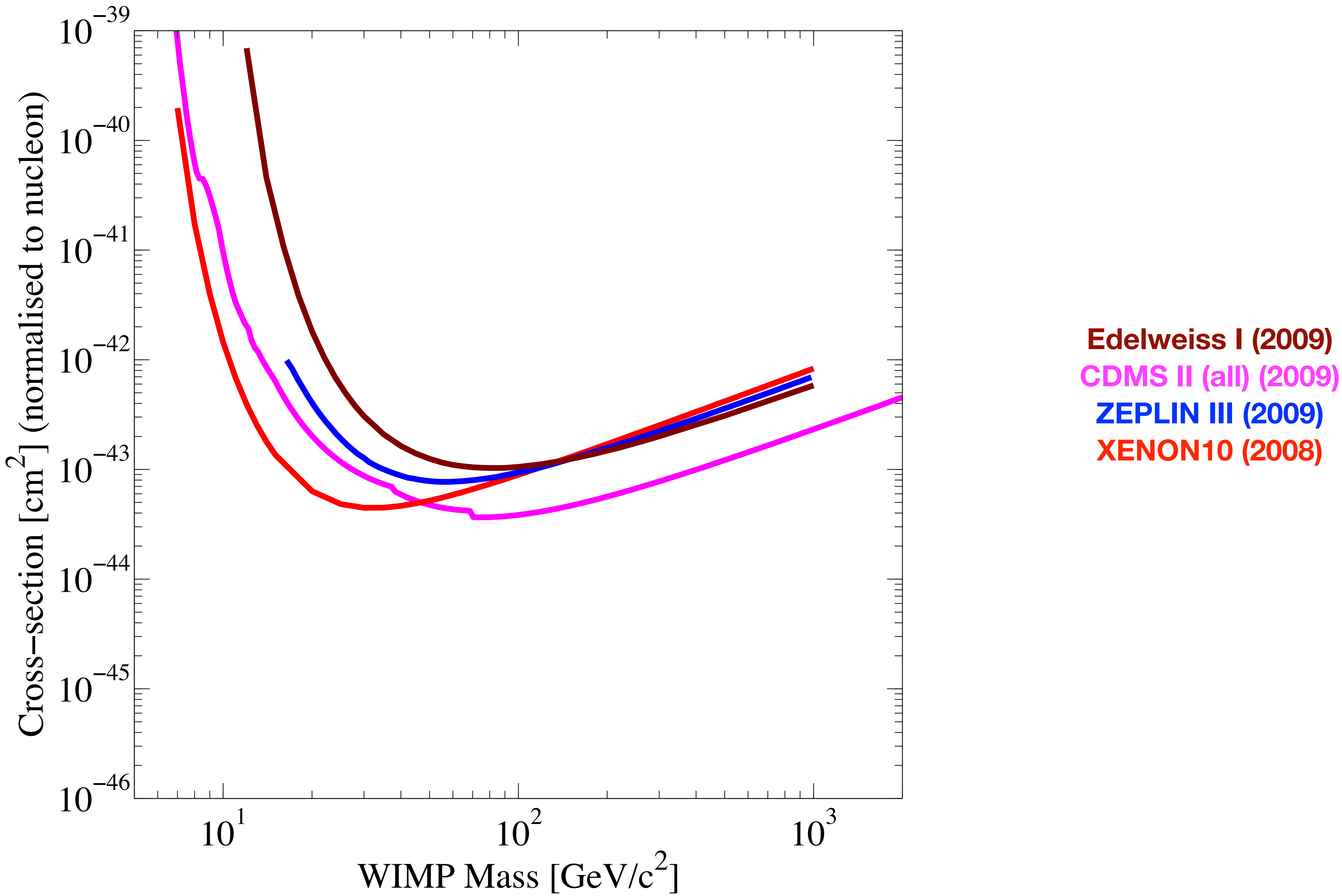


Find systematic shift of ~25% higher in the UL

Improved light collection with respect to Xenon100



WIMP limits in 2009



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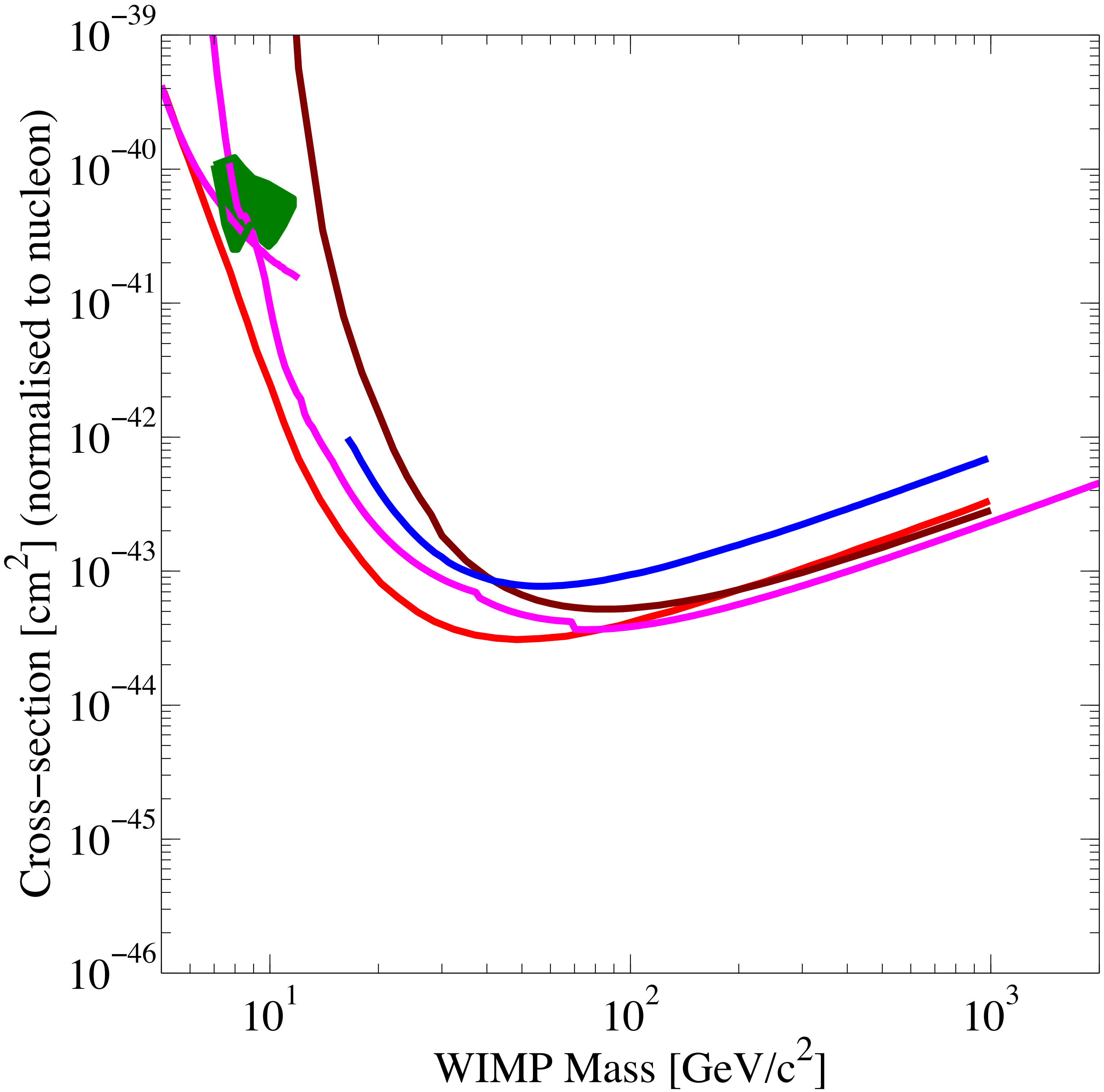

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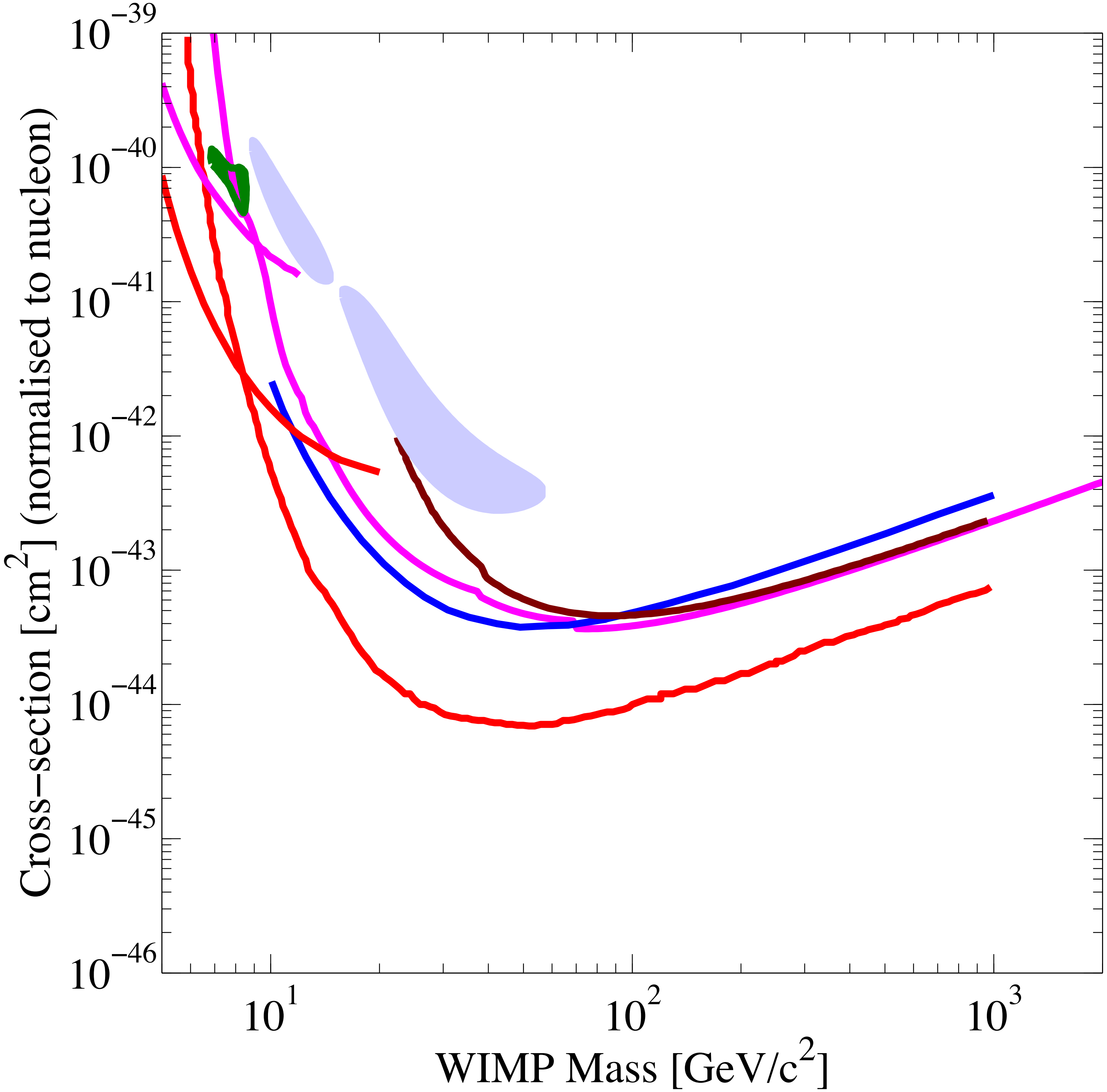

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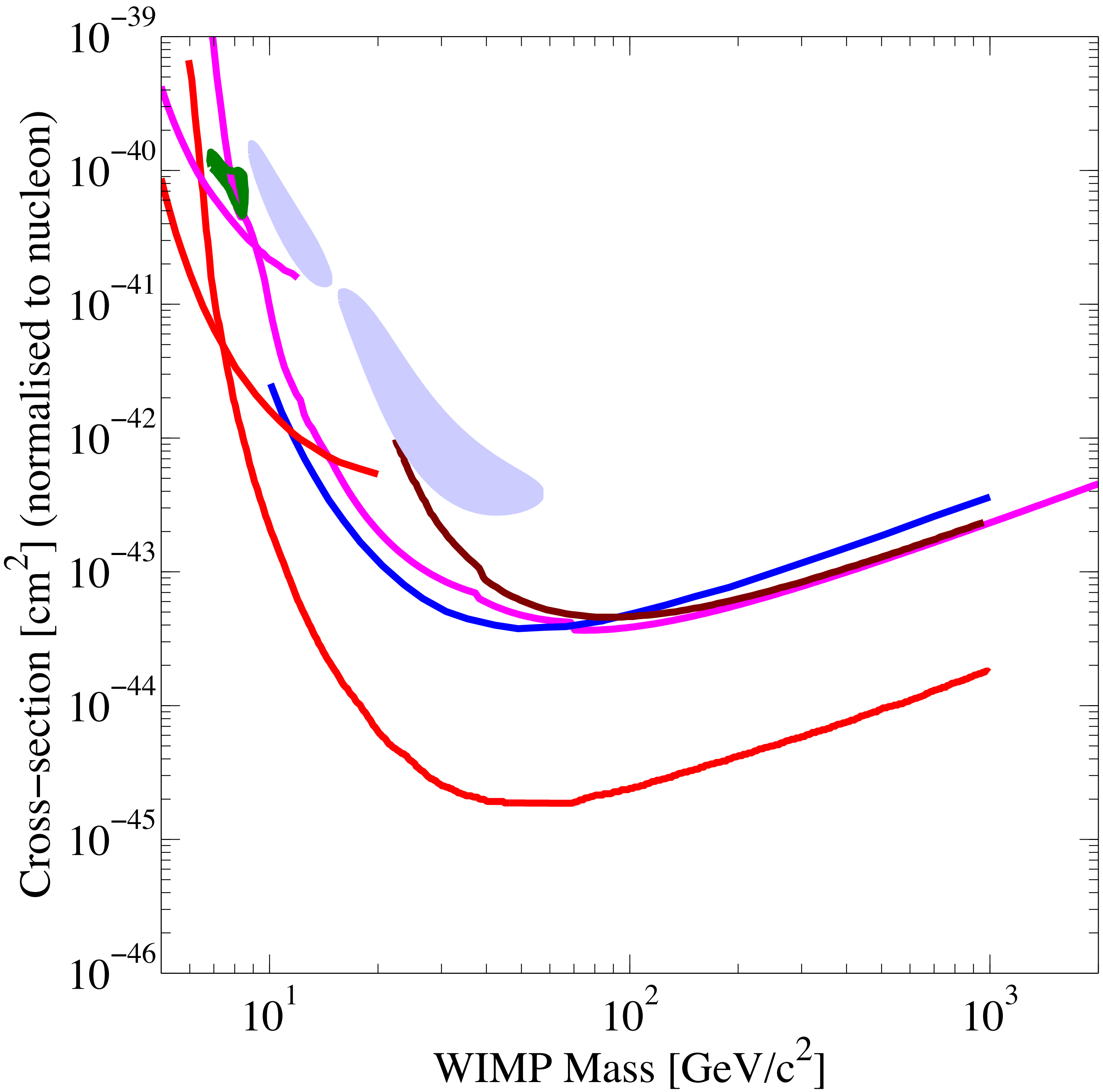
WIMP limits in 2012



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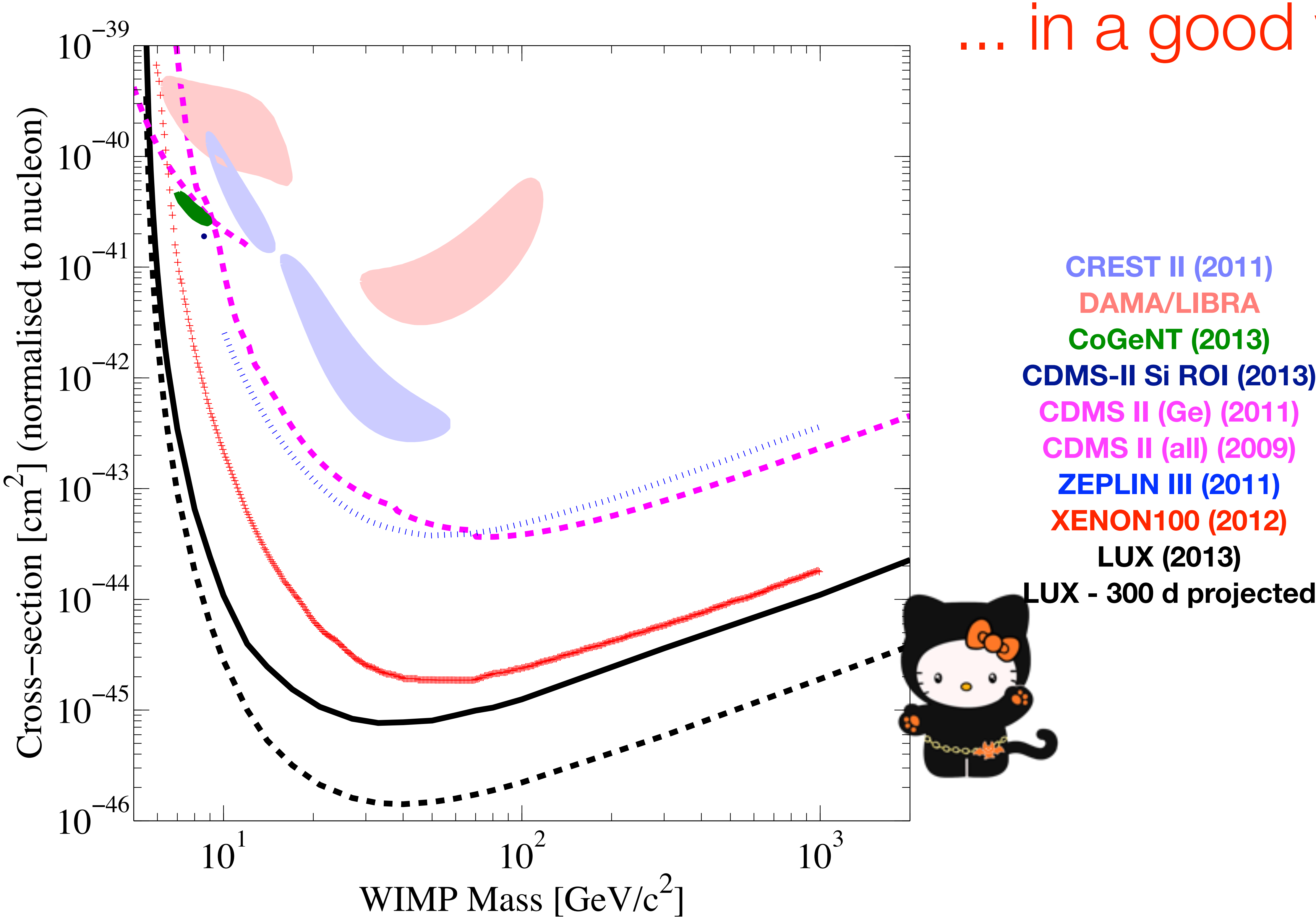
Race to the bottom...

... in a good way

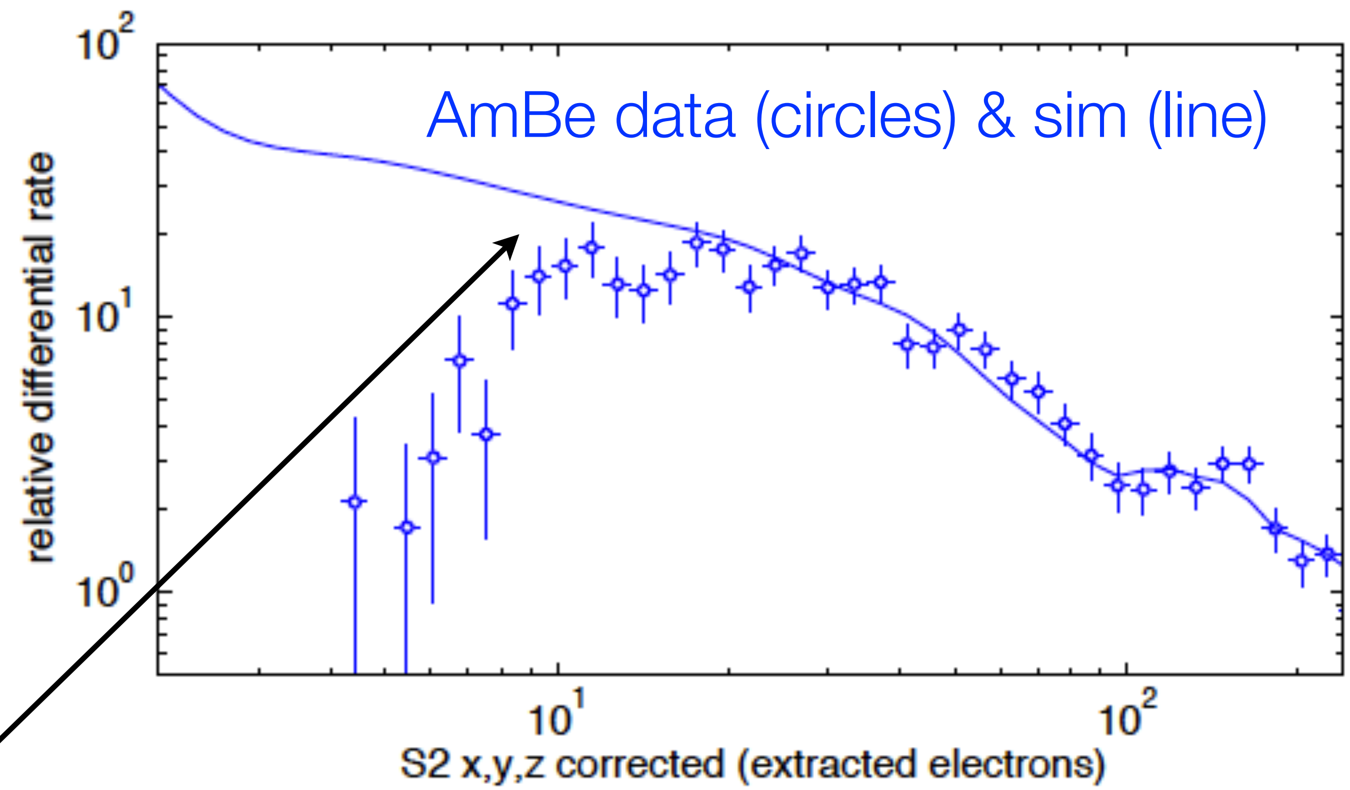


Back-up

Table of events after selection requirements

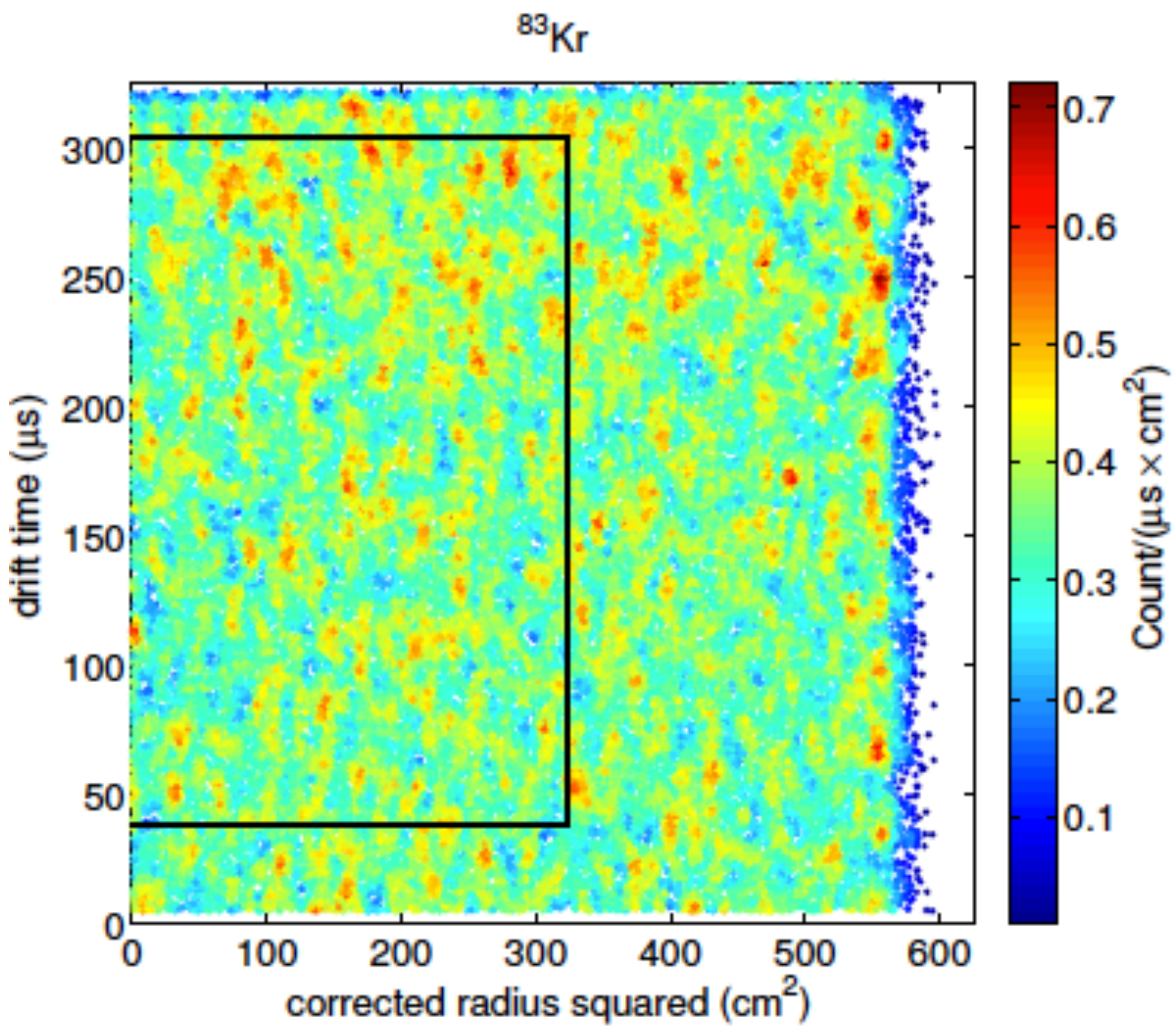
Cut	Events Remaining
all triggers	83,673,413
detector stability	82,918,902
single scatter	6,585,686
S1 energy (2 – 30 phe)	26,824
S2 energy (200 – 3300 phe)	20,989
single electron background	19,796
fiducial volume	160

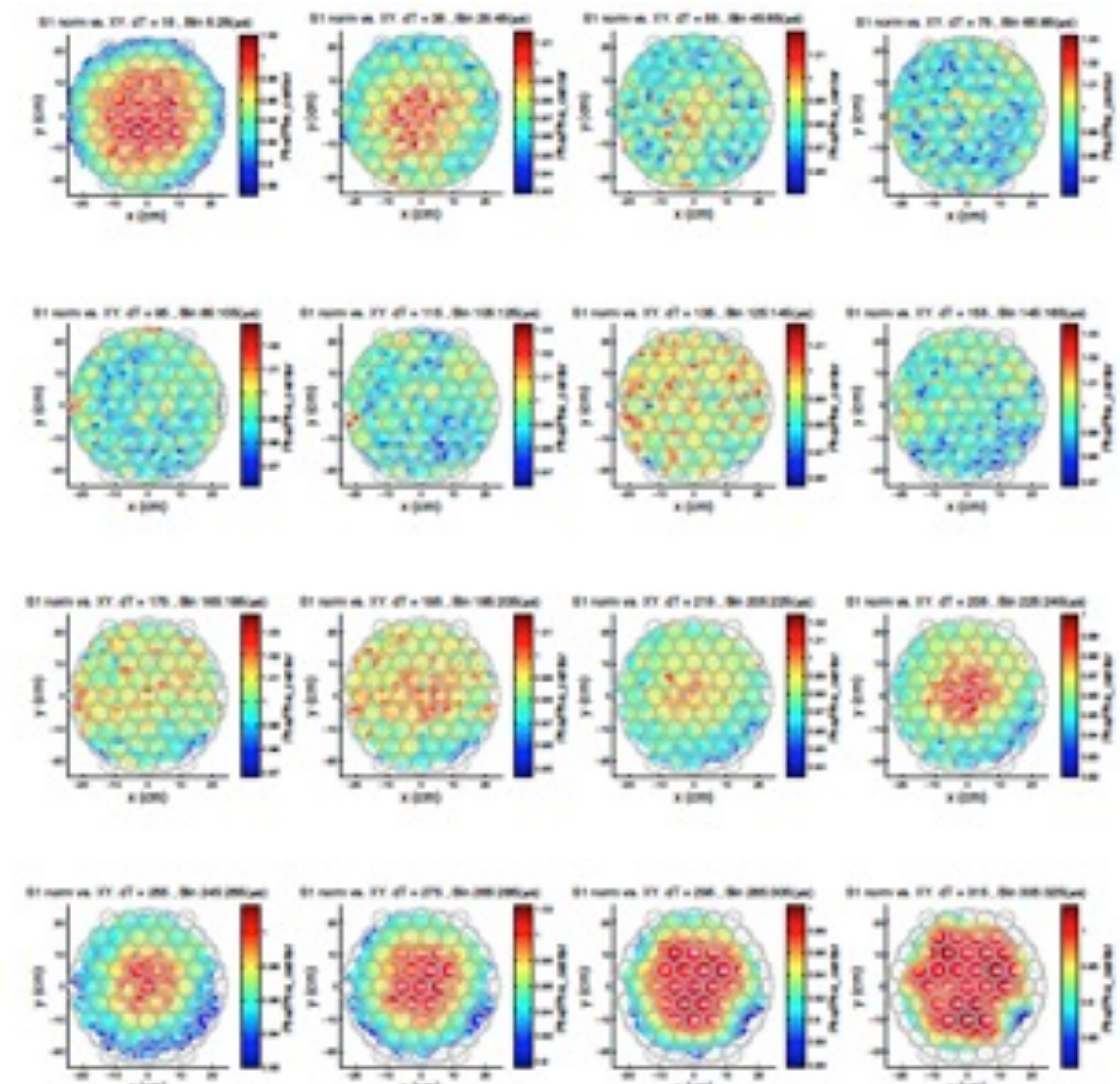
Validation of charge yield in simulation



Turnover in data primarily due to S1 efficiency; we require signal scatter to reconstruct NR events

^{83}Kr source data





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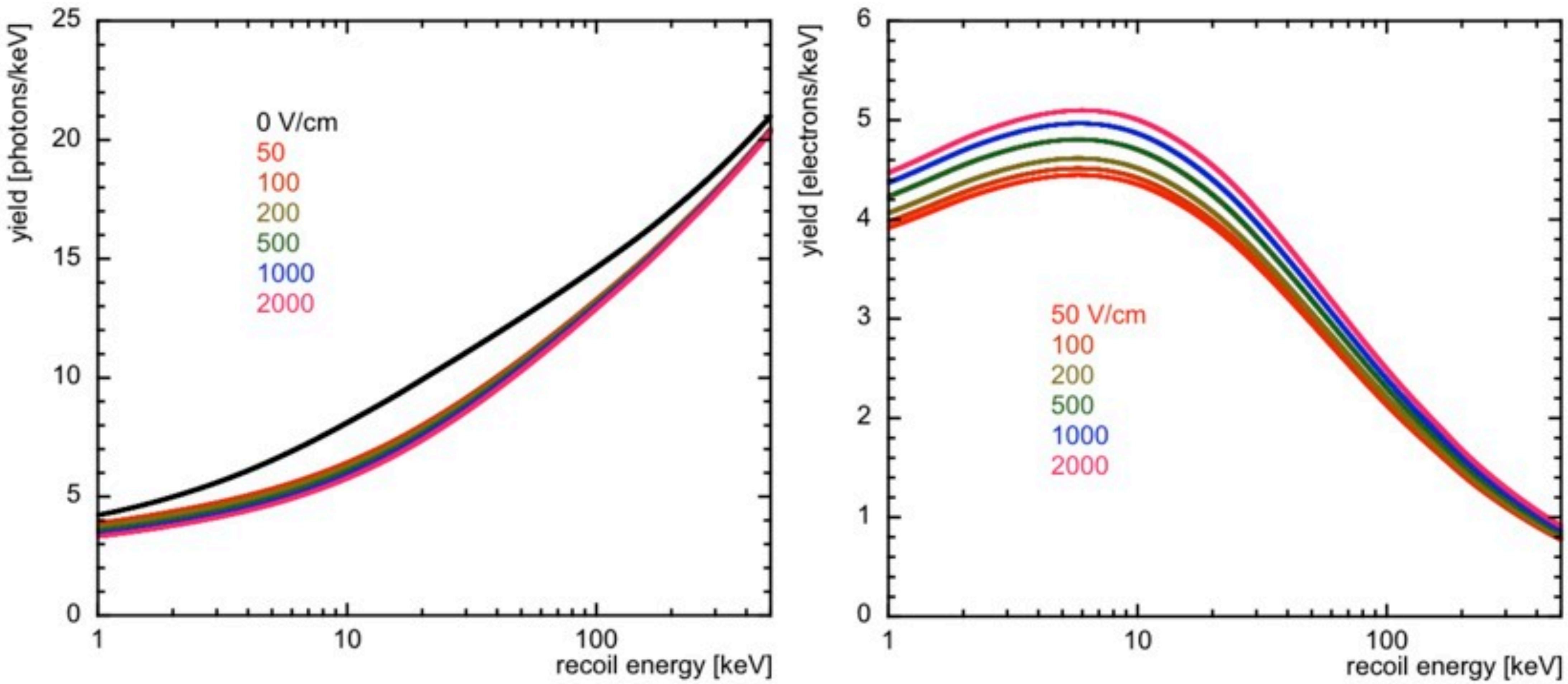

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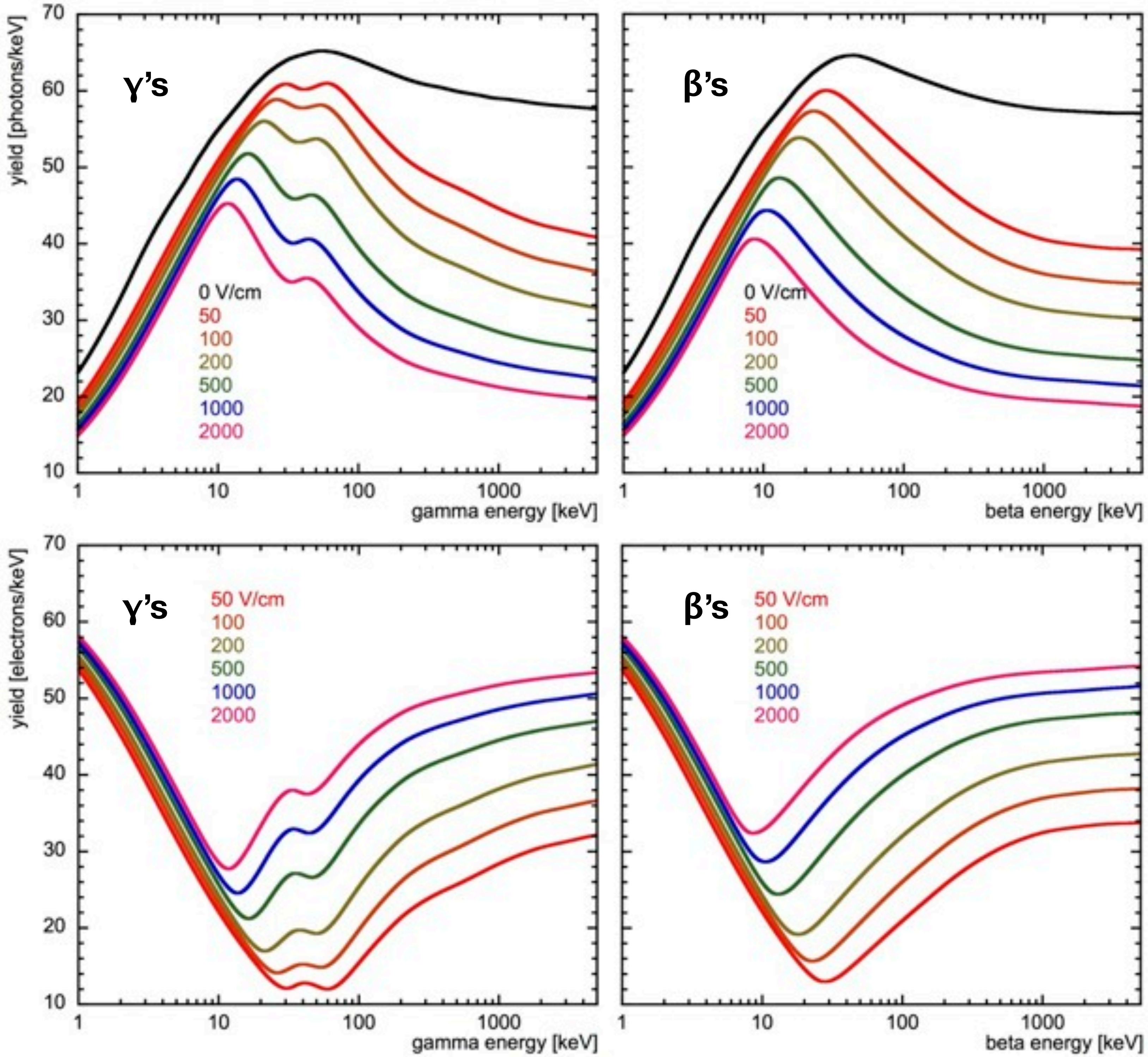
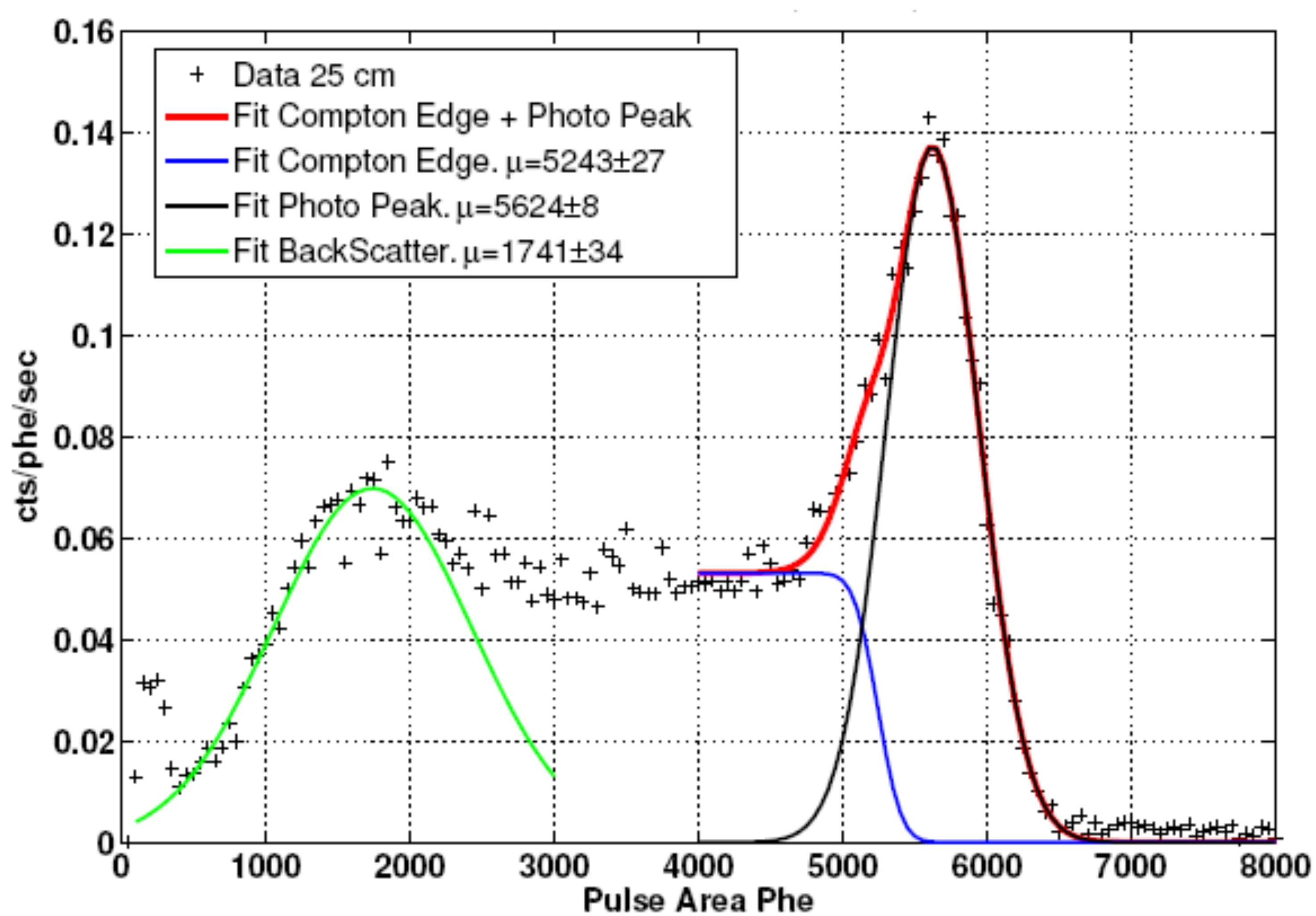
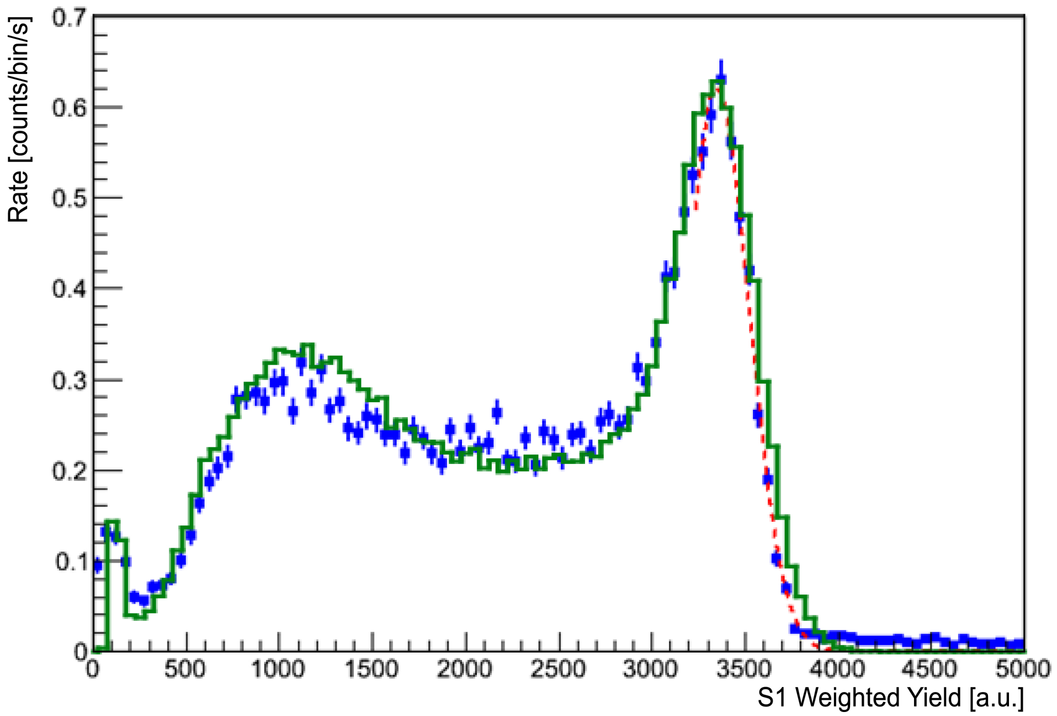


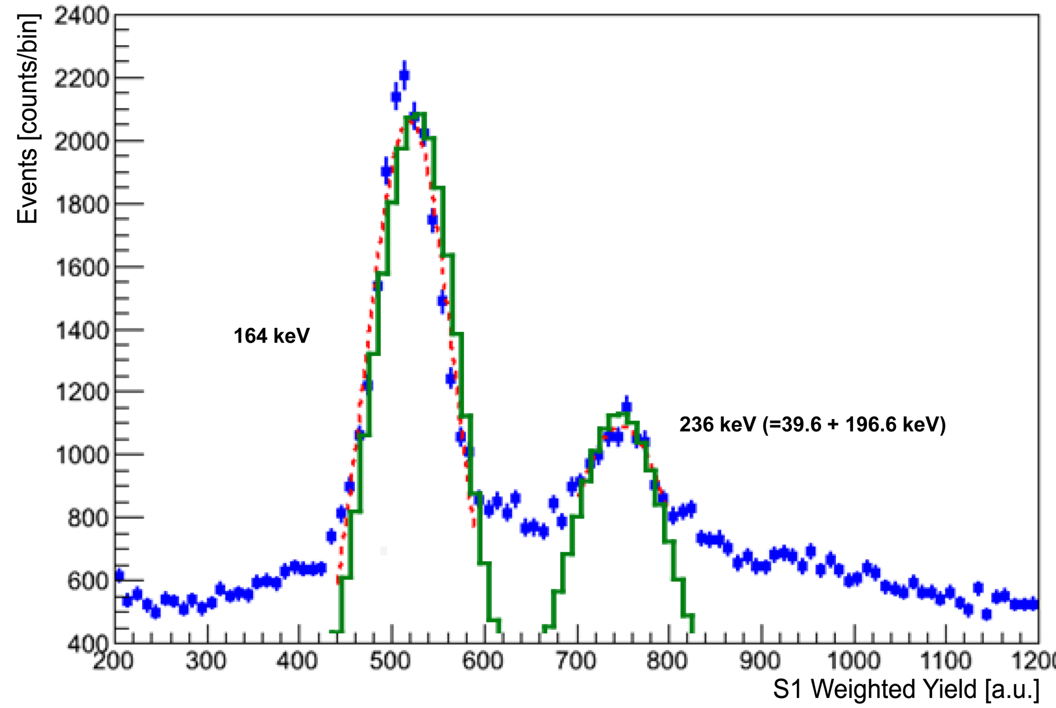
Surface commissioning - light collection



Obtain 8 phe/keV from a 662 keV γ (^{137}Cs source) at zero field
⇒ more than 2.5 times the value reported by Xenon100!

Surface commissioning - simulation tuned to data



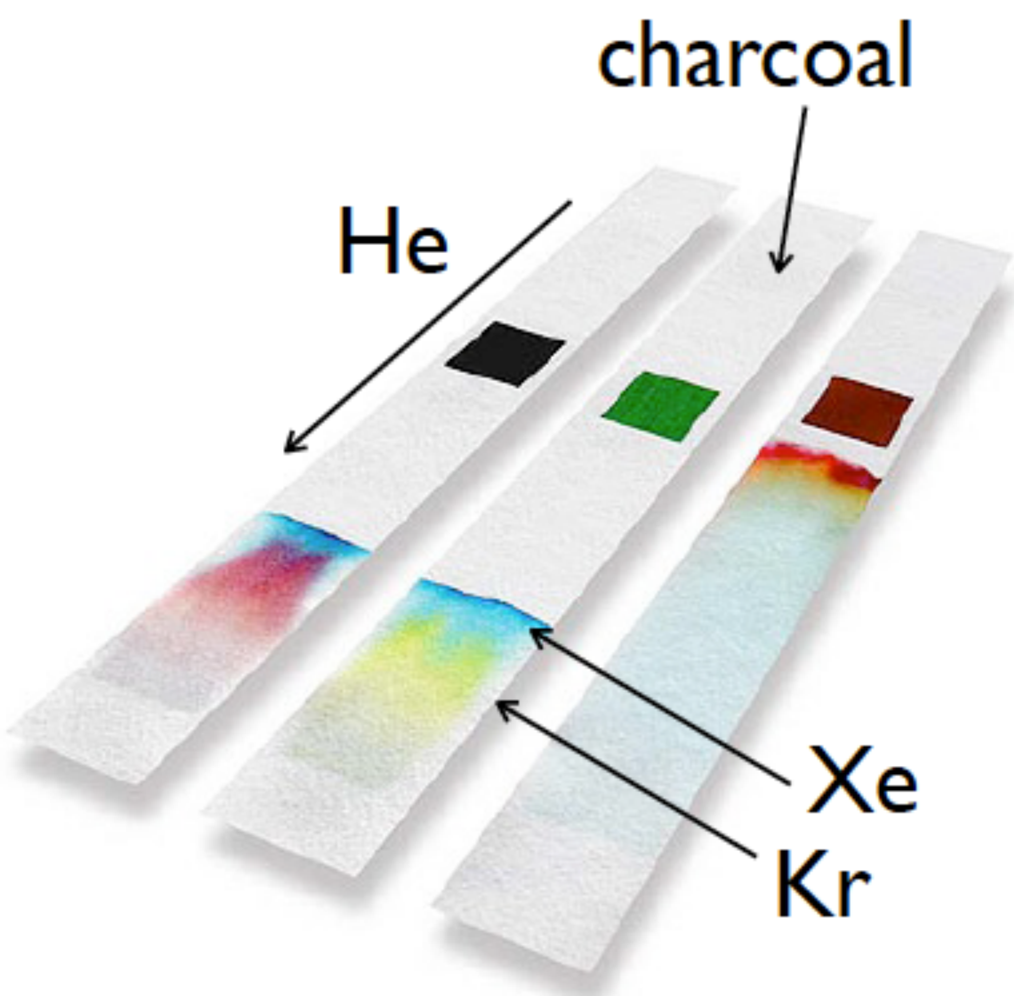


Simulation reproduces the resolution of the S1 energy distribution!

By tuning simulation to multiple sources, we extract:
PTFE reflectivity = 100^{+0}_{-2}%
photoabsorption length = 11^{+2}_{-1} m

^{85}Kr removal

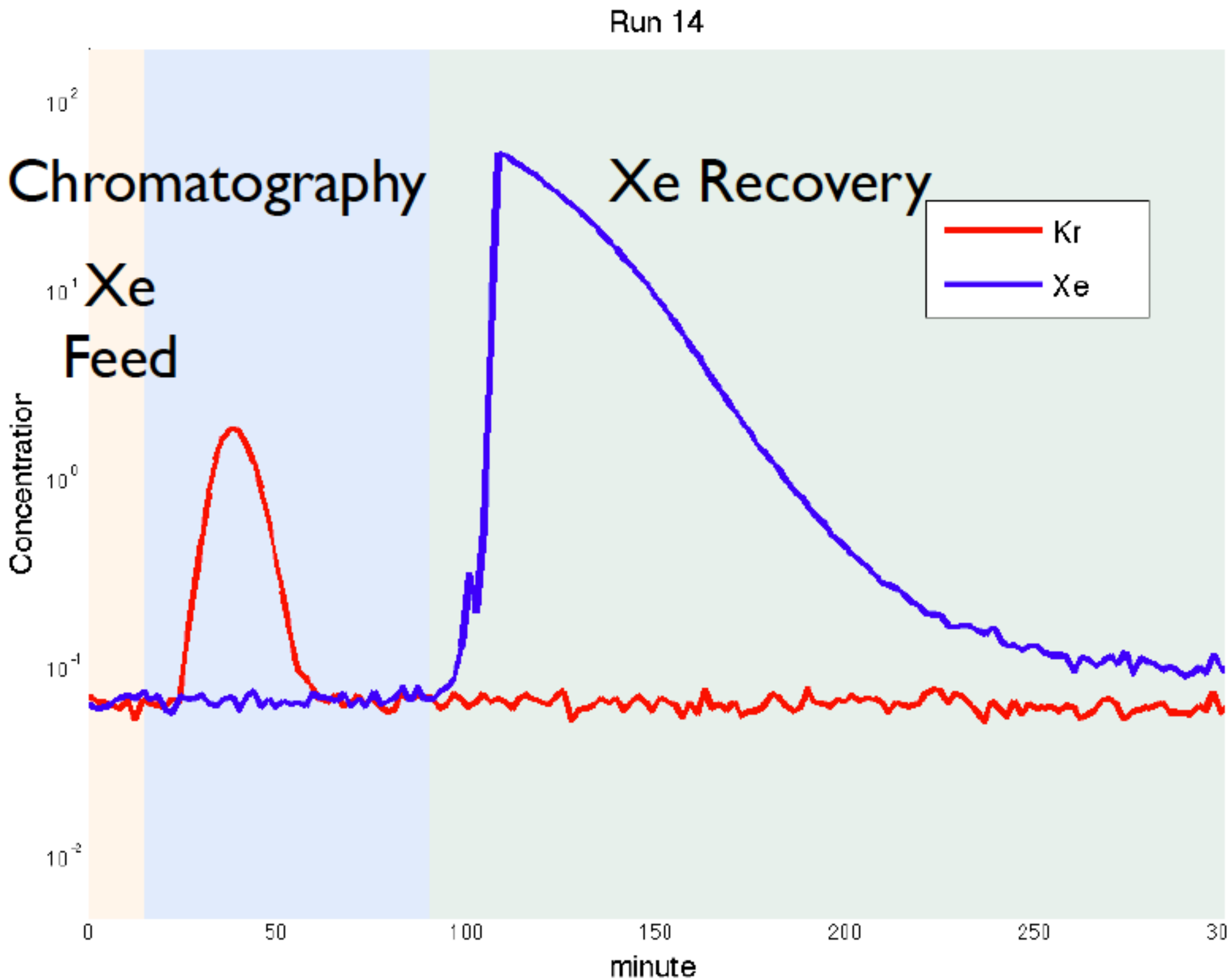
Use gas chromatography to remove Kr



^{85}Kr is a “naked” beta emitter with half-life of 10.7 yrs

Use He as a carrier gas to pass the “dirty” xenon (100 ppb Kr contamination) through charcoal column - Xe 20 times “stickier” than Kr in charcoal

Goal: < 5 ppt Kr


Run 14
Chromatography
Xe Recovery
Xe
Feed
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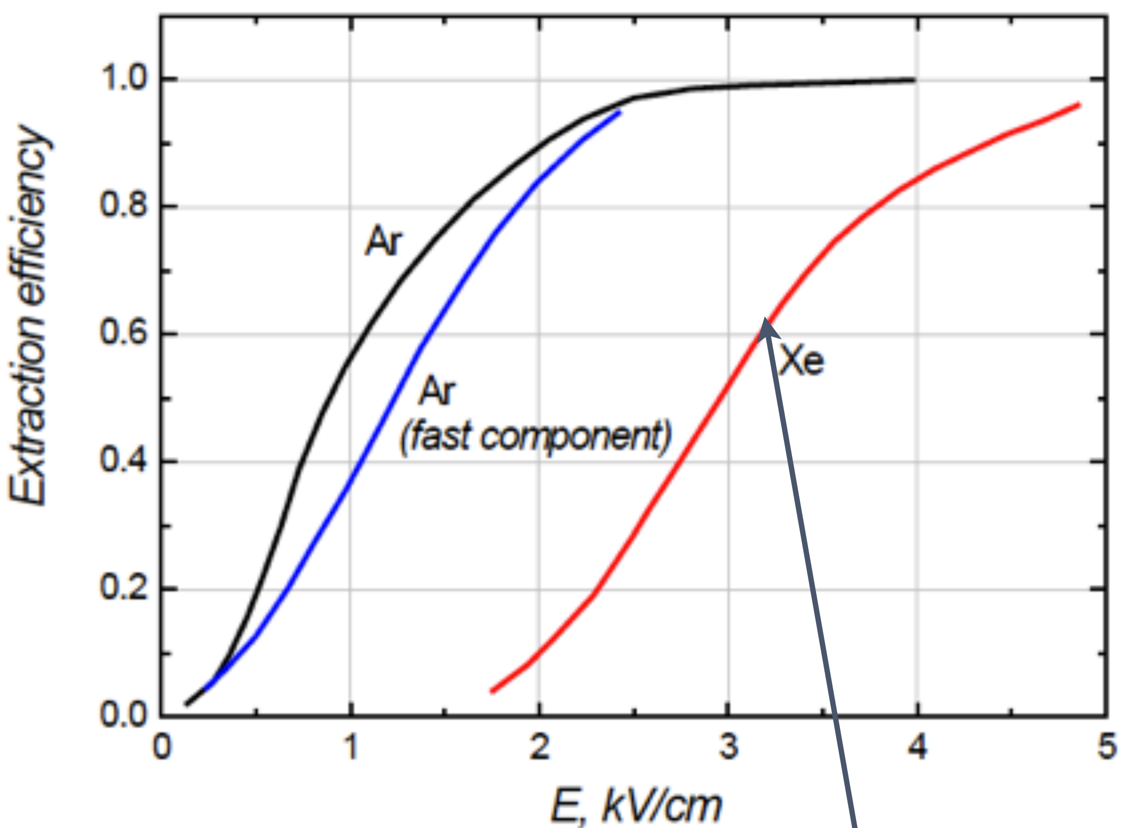
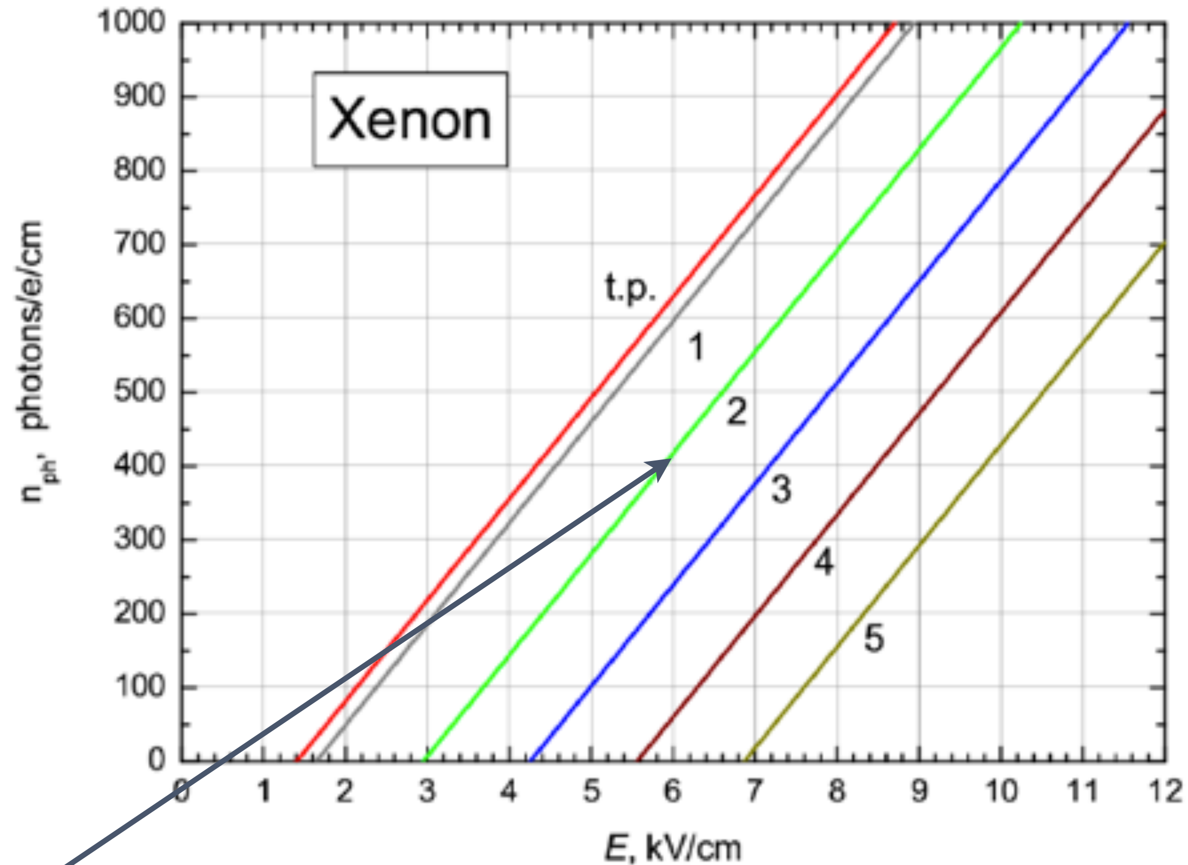
200
250
300

Improvements in S2 threshold





LUX operating fields

$$\frac{dN_{ph}}{dx} = \alpha E - \beta P - \gamma \quad \text{[photons/e/cm]},$$

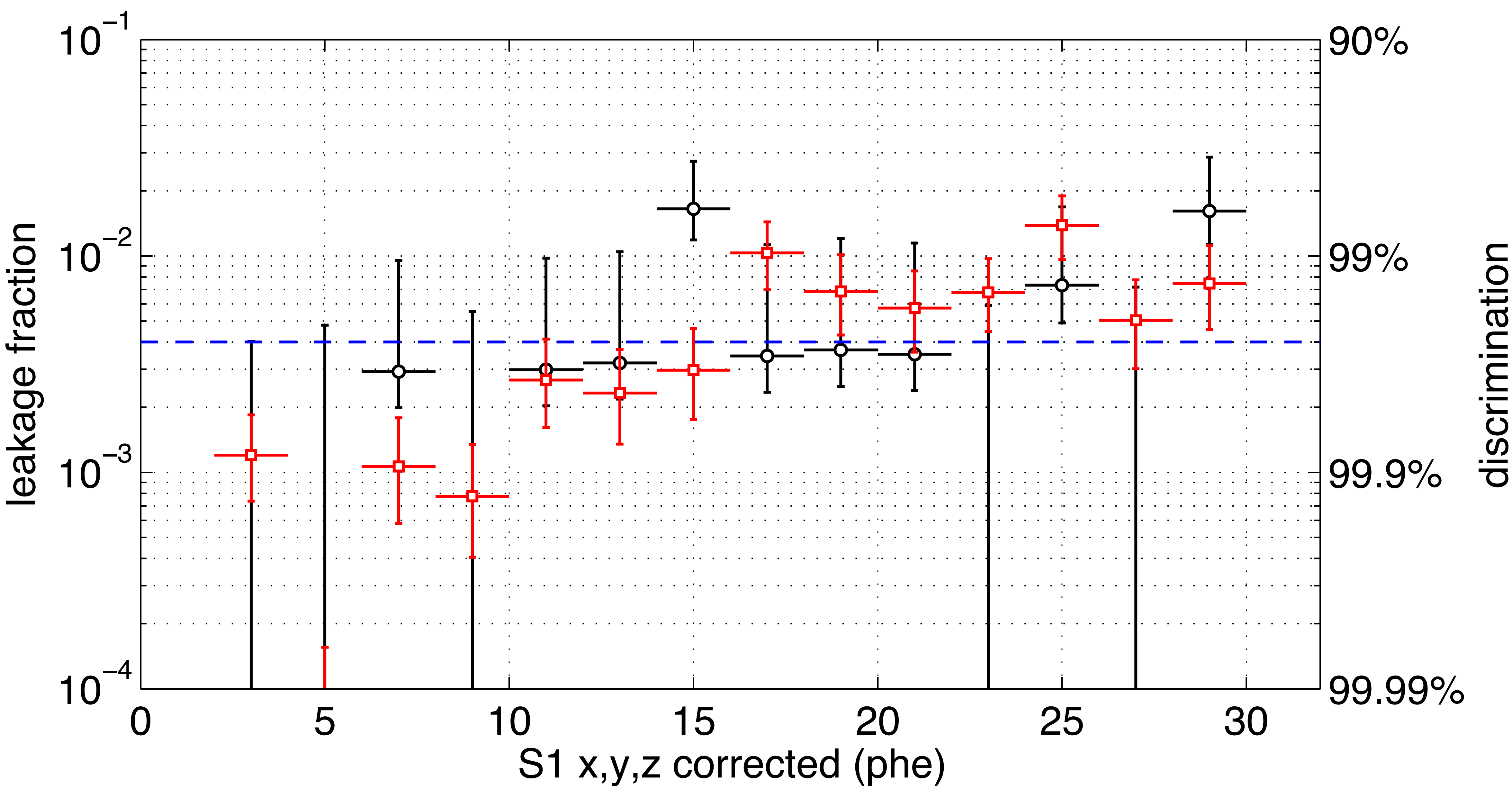
Electric field

Pressure

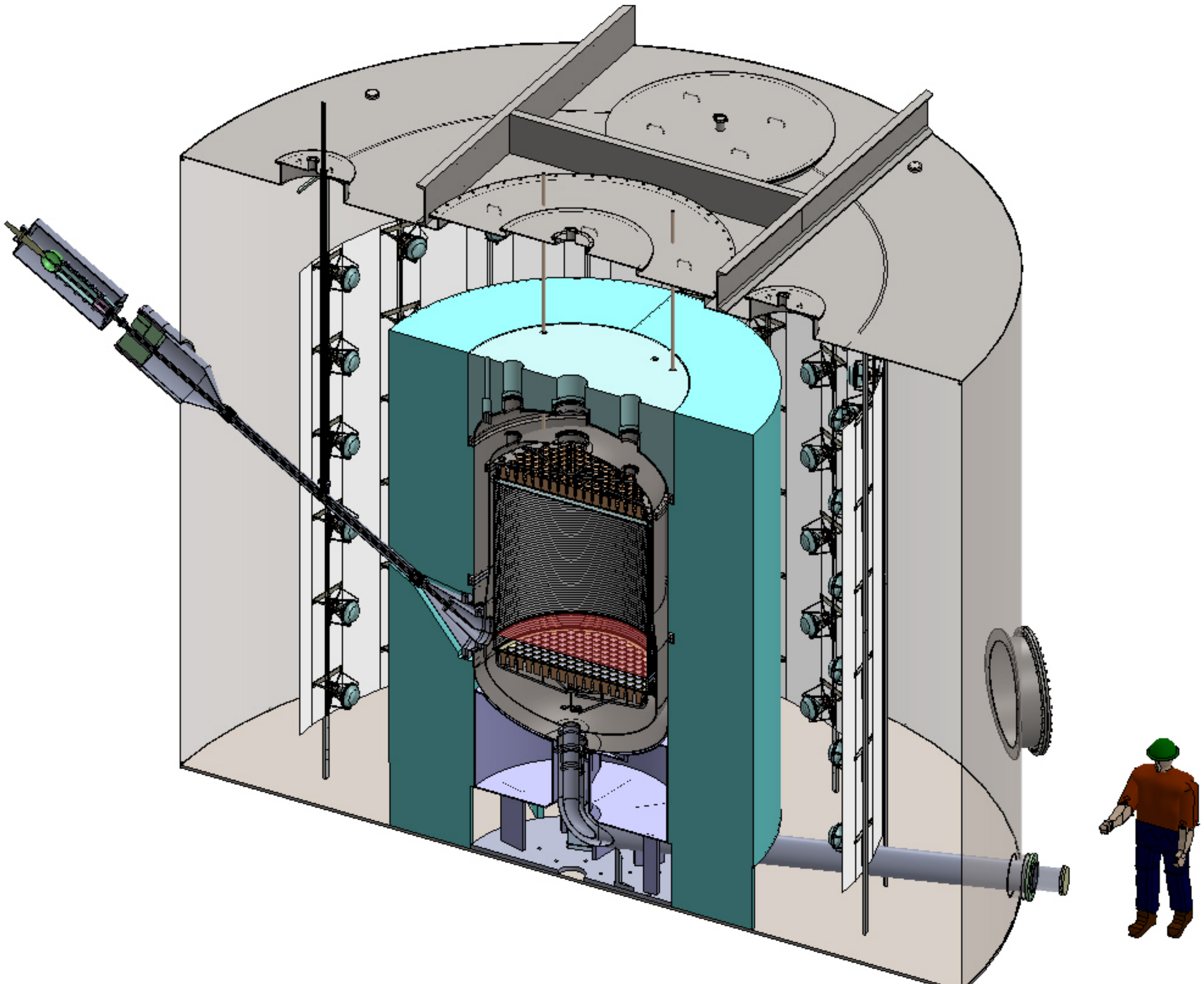
From Chepel and Araujo, arXiv:1207.2292

50% AmBe source NR discrimination

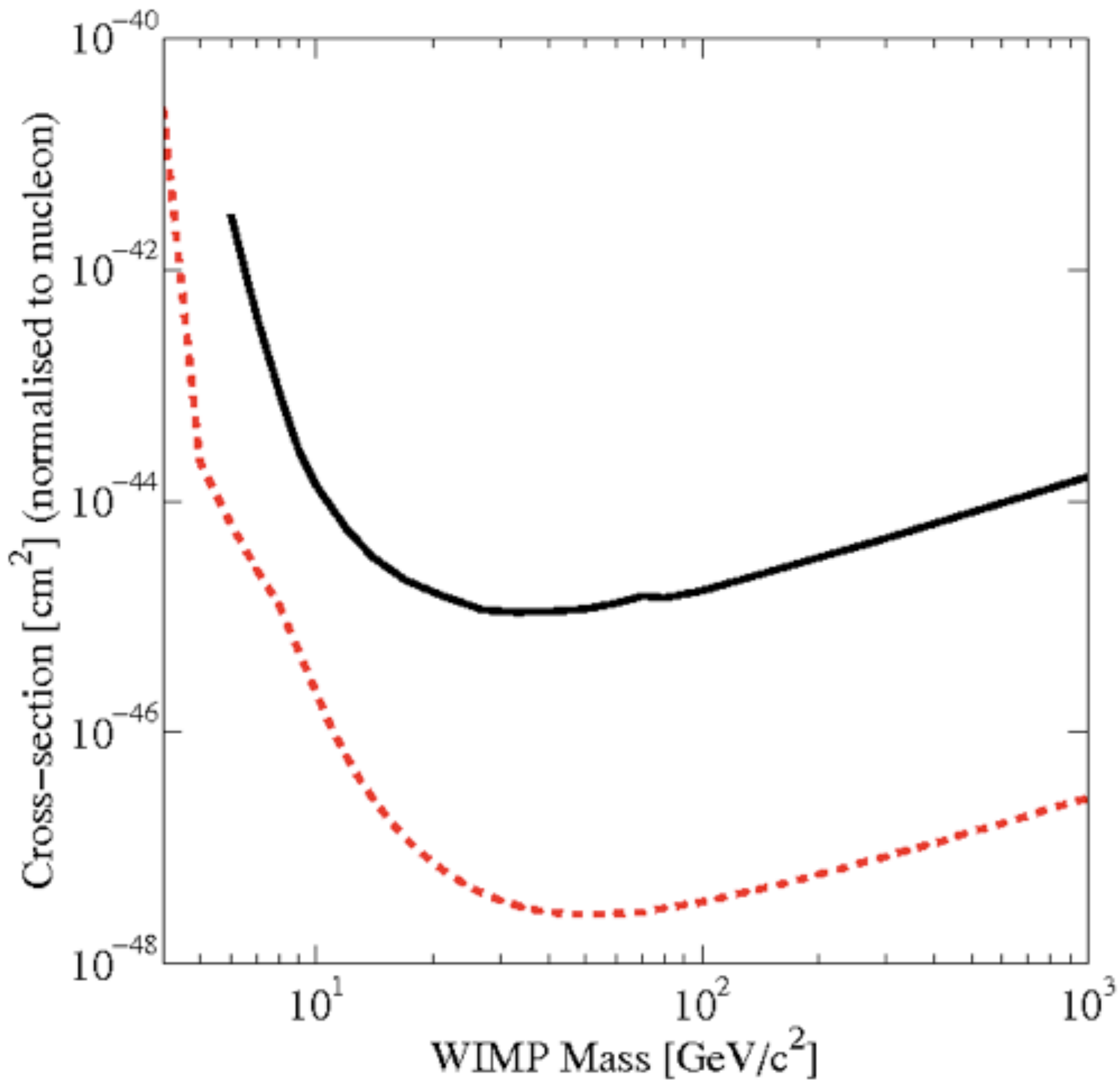
Mean “discrimination” at 50% NR acceptance (AmBe) of 99.6% between [2,30] phe



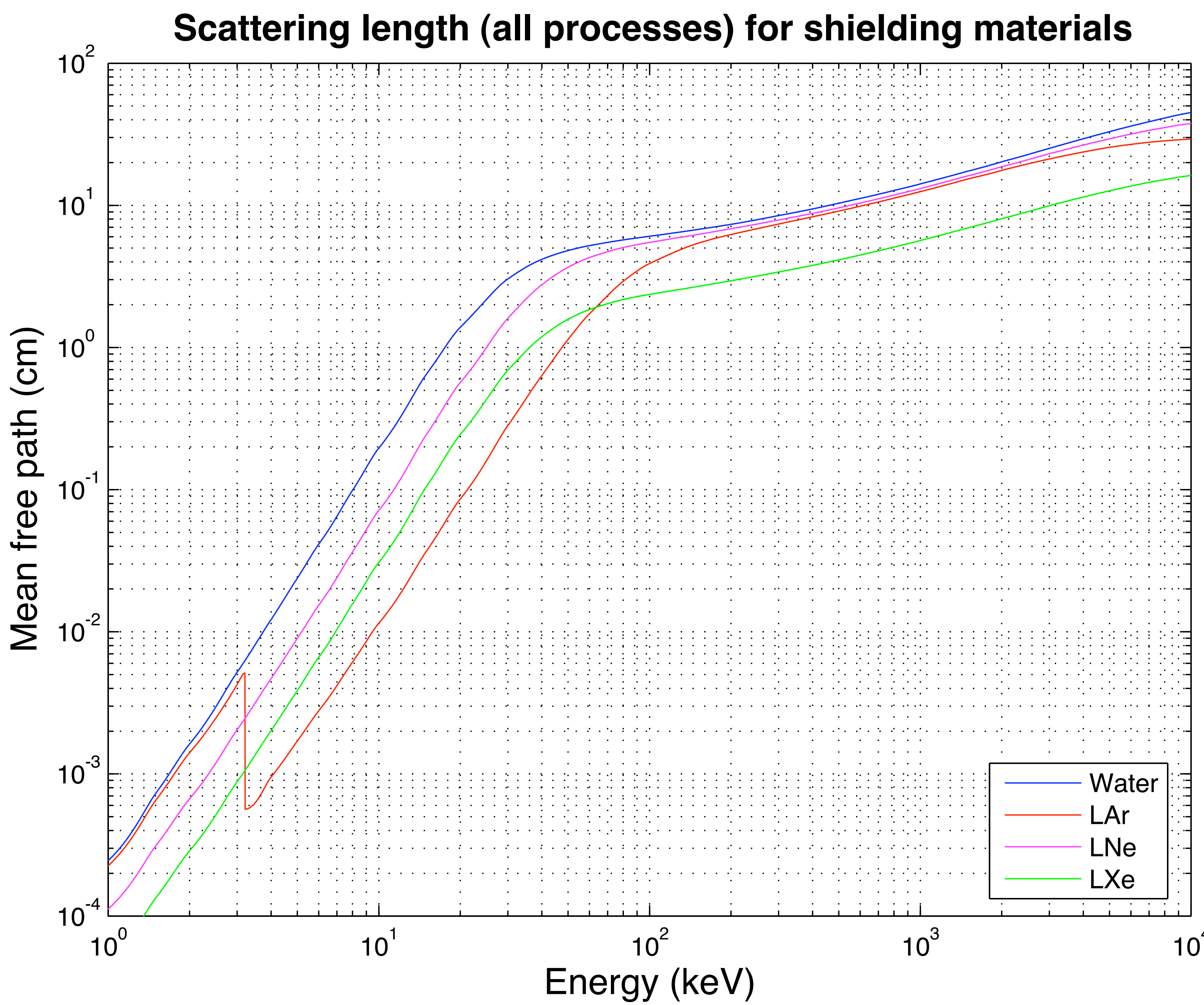
LZ detector

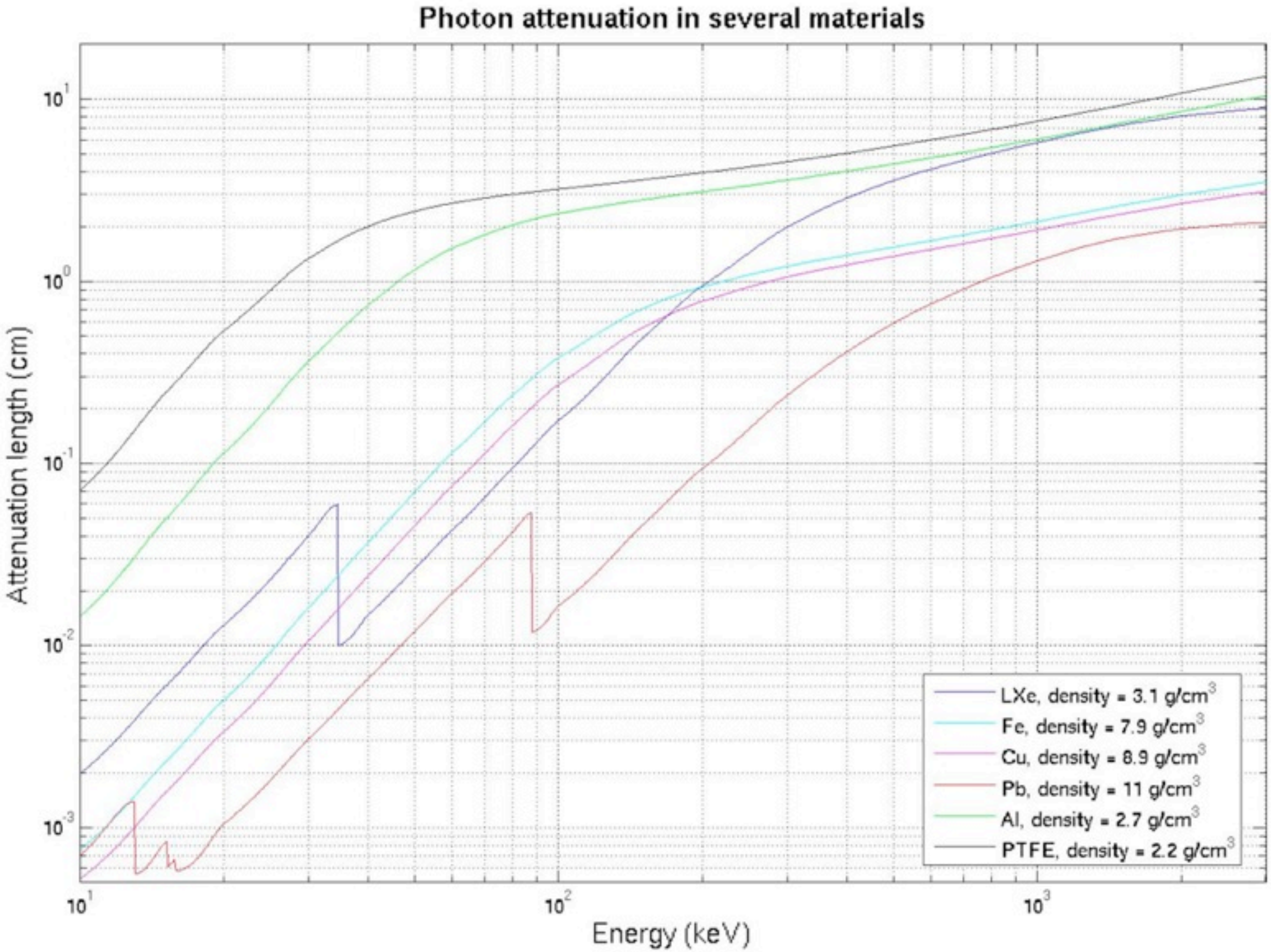


LZ projections



Mean free path length in LXe




Photon attenuation in several materials
Attenuation length (cm)
Energy (keV)
10^{1}
10^{0}
10^{-1}
10^{-2}
10^{-3}
10^{1}
10^{2}
10^{3}
LXe, density = 3.1 g/cm^3
Fe, density = 7.9 g/cm^3
Cu, density = 8.9 g/cm^3
Pb, density = 11 g/cm^3
Al, density = 2.7 g/cm^3
PTFE, density = 2.2 g/cm^3

PMT light response functions