



Searching for Dark Matter with the LUX and LZ Detectors

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Workshop on Collider Physics and Dark Matter

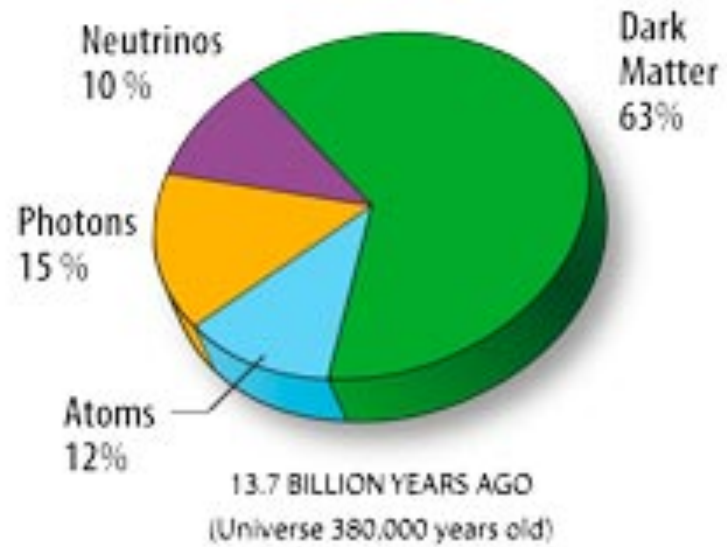
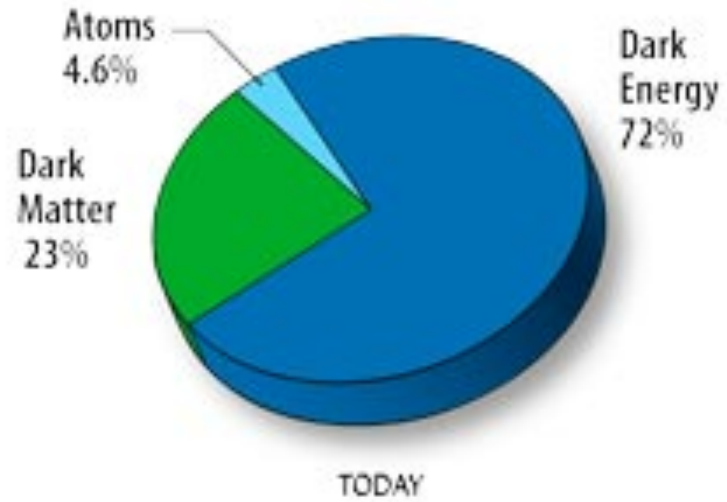
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Outline

- Direct searches for Dark Matter (WIMPs)
- The LUX detector
- Overview of two phase TPC detectors
- Current LUX results
- Future prospects with the next generation DM detector, LZ





Direct Detection of Big Bang WIMPs



Goals:

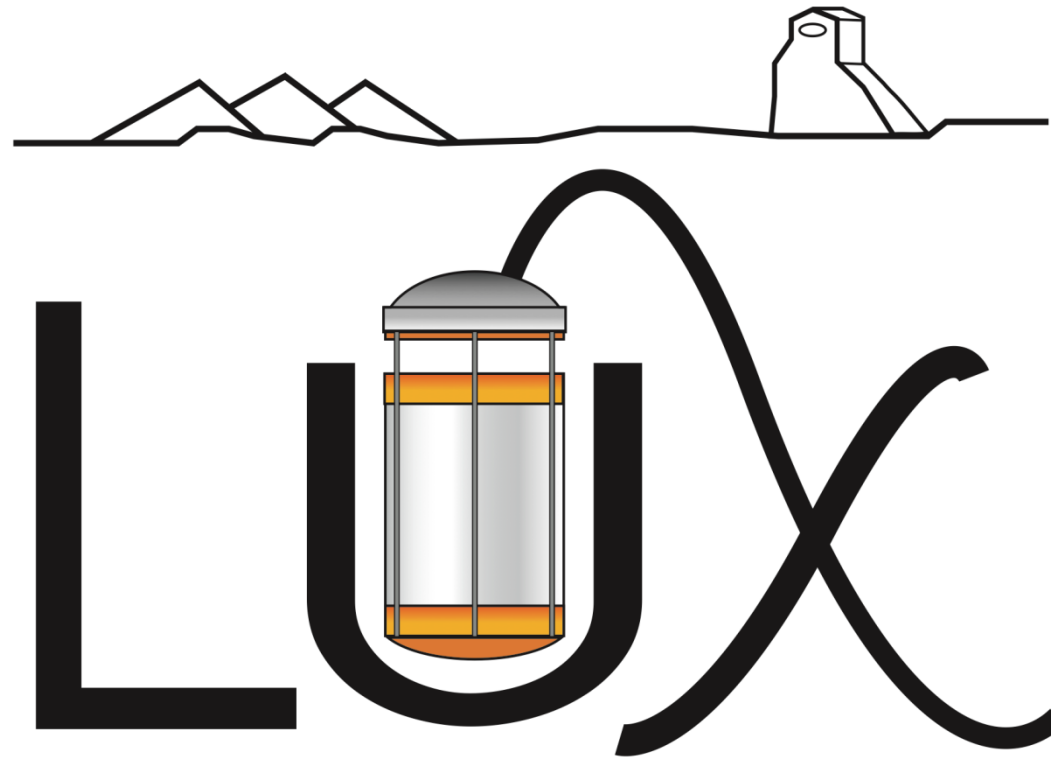
- ✘ Directly Detect WIMPs as Earth plows through the DM Halo
- ✘ Measure Mass and Scattering cross-section

Challenges:

- ✘ Very low flux & rate
- ✘ Must maintain ultra low background $< \text{few events/year/kg}$



The Large Underground Xenon Experiment



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SURF above ground





The Davis Underground Campus



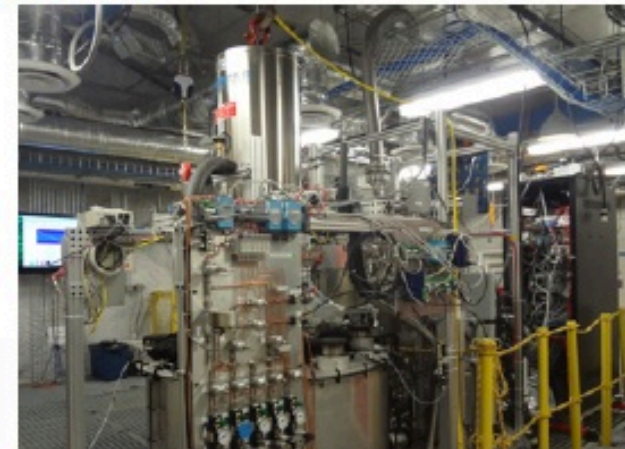
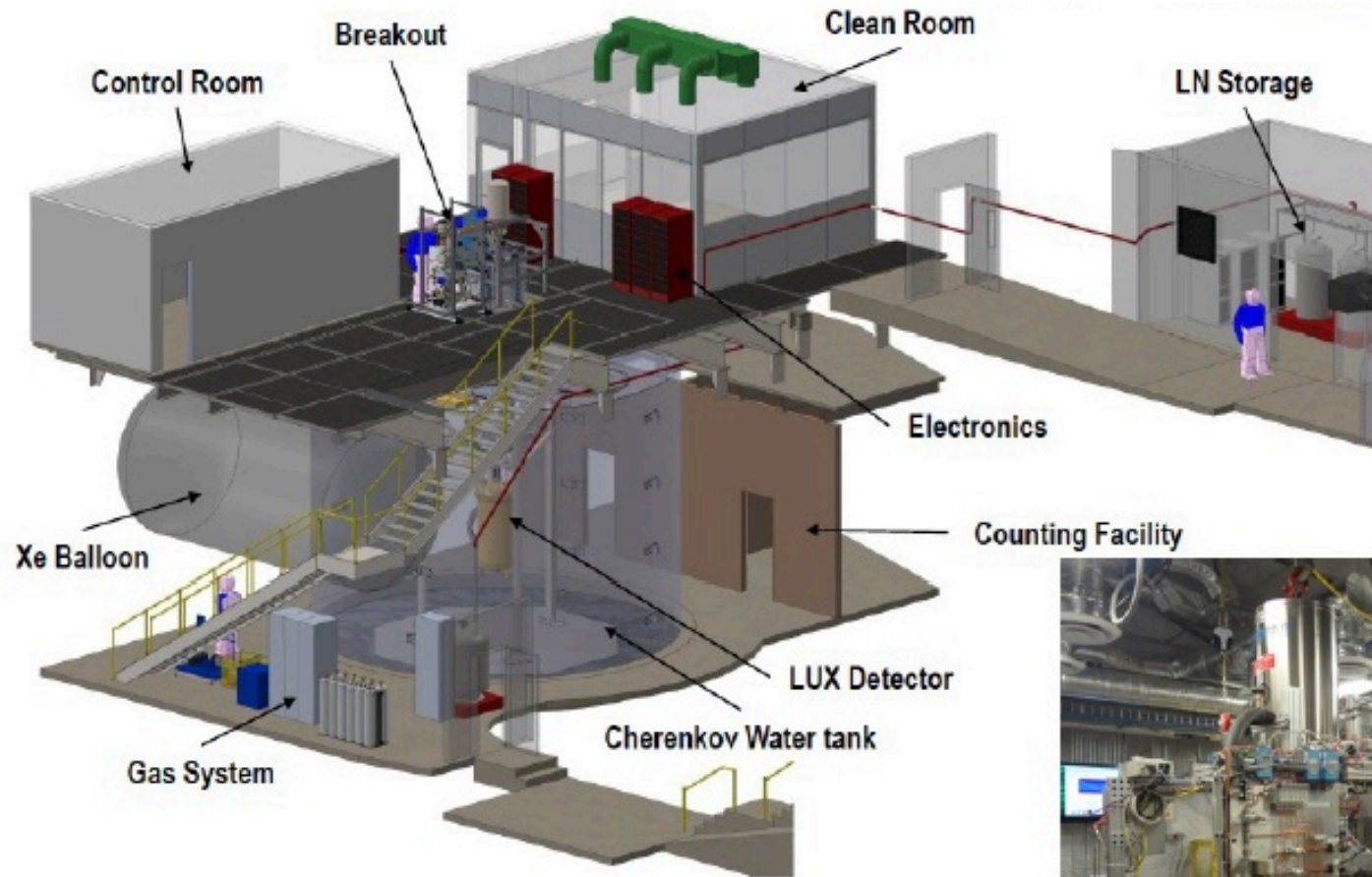


Davis cavern after tank removed





The Davis Campus





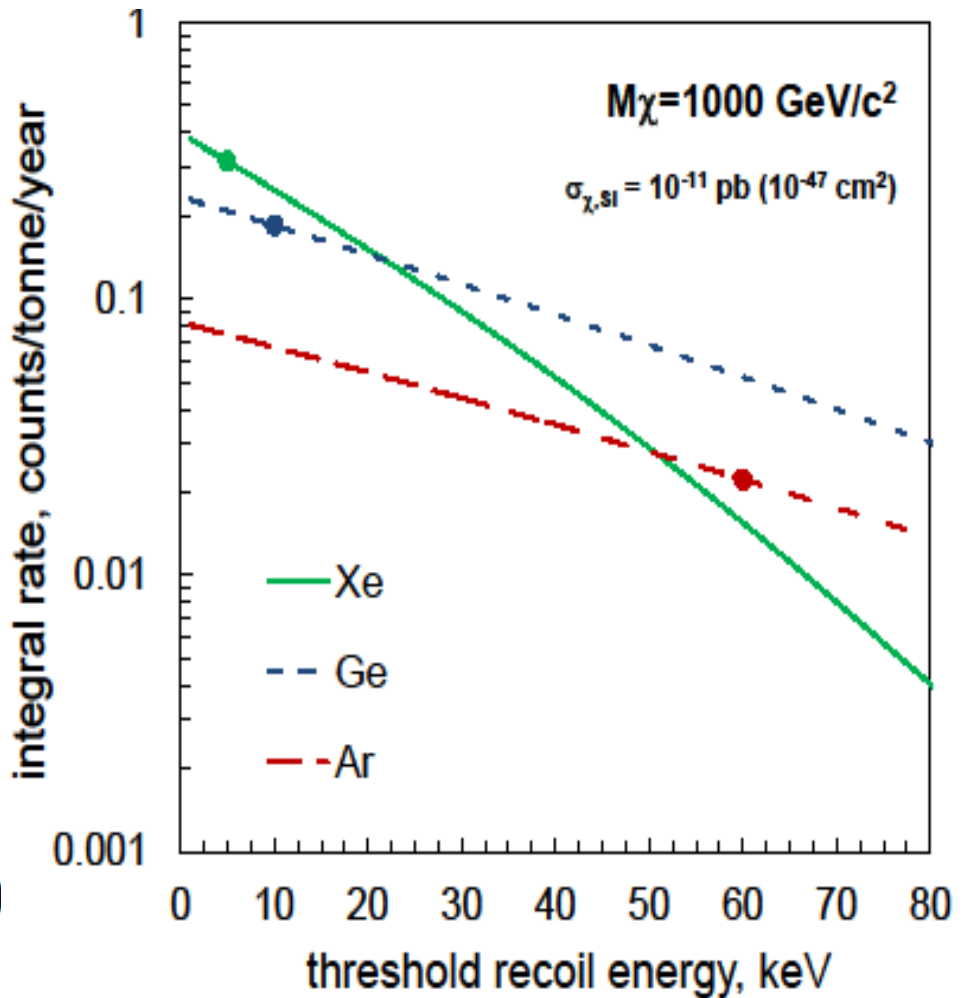
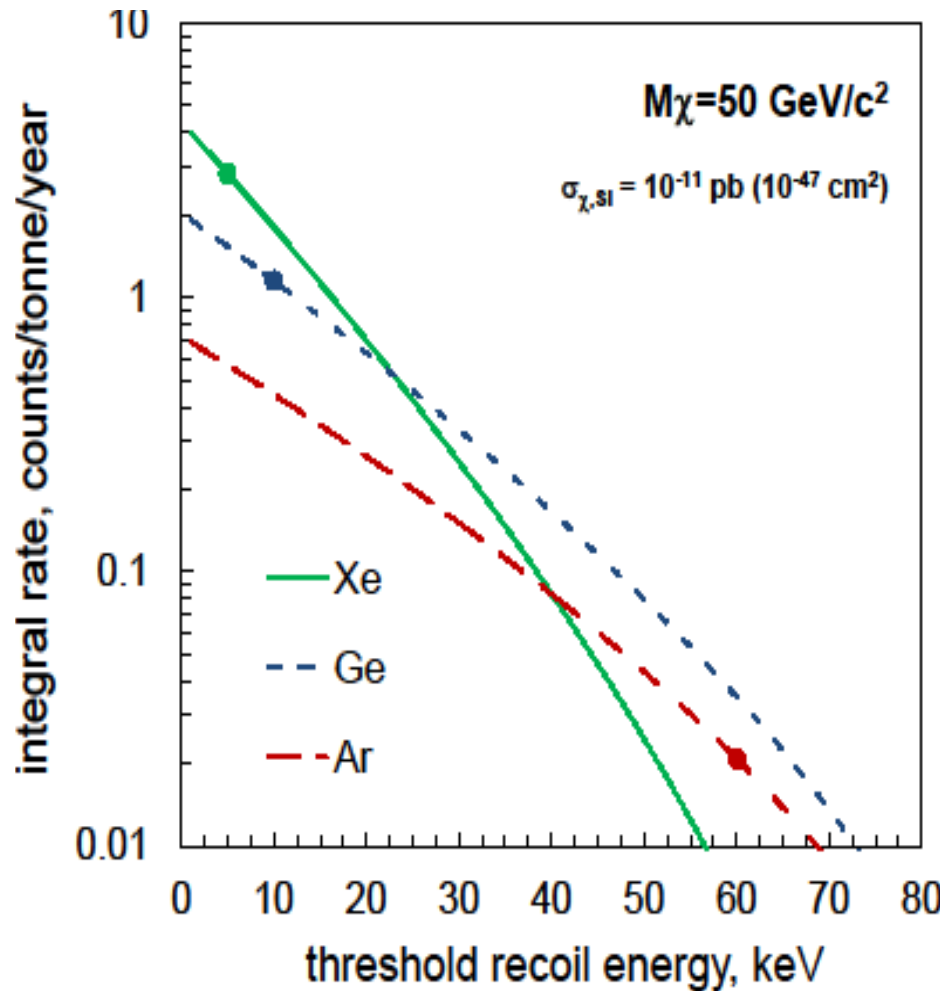
Why Xenon?

- Scintillates, comparison with ionization allows 'discrimination' of signal and background
- Plenty of signal ≈ 1 keV
- Liquid $\rho \approx 3$ gm/cm³, purity
- No long-lived radioisotopes
- 9 stable isotopes
- 2 with odd neutron

AZ	$\tau_{1/2}$ or f	J ^P
¹²² Xe	20 h	0 ⁺
¹²³ Xe	2.1 h	(1/2) ⁺
¹²⁴ Xe	0.10 %	0 ⁺
¹²⁵ Xe	17 h	(1/2) ⁺
¹²⁶ Xe	0.09 %	0 ⁺
¹²⁷ Xe	36 d	(1/2) ⁺
¹²⁸ Xe	1.91 %	0 ⁺
¹²⁹ Xe	26.4 %	(1/2) ⁺
¹³⁰ Xe	4.1 %	0 ⁺
¹³¹ Xe	21.2 %	(3/2) ⁺
¹³² Xe	26.9 %	0 ⁺
¹³³ Xe	5.2 d	(3/2) ⁺
¹³⁴ Xe	10.4 %	0 ⁺
¹³⁵ Xe	9.1 h	(3/2) ⁺
¹³⁶ Xe	8.9 %	0 ⁺



Per tonne, Xenon Most Sensitive (SI)



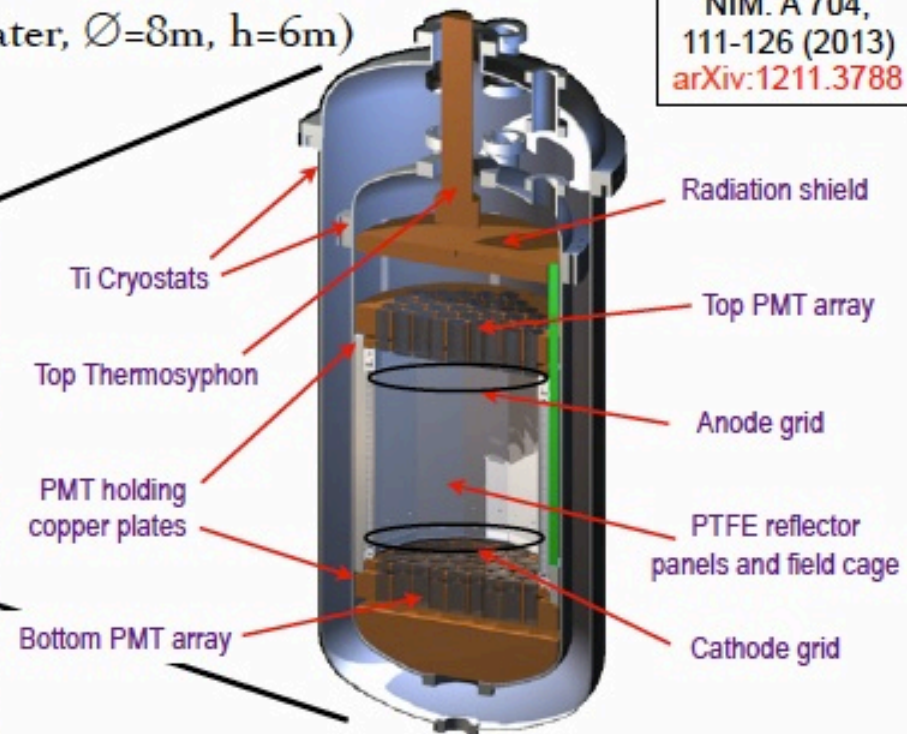
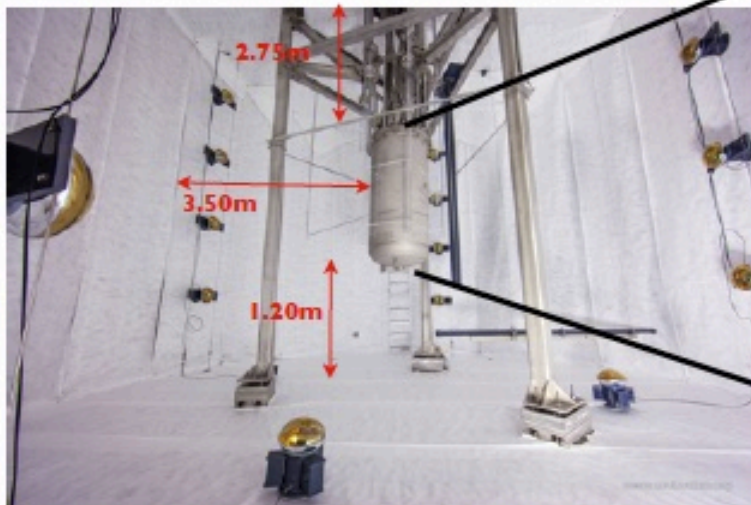


The LUX Detector

- ✦ 370 kg Xe TPC (active volume: 49 cm height, 47 cm diameter)
- ✦ Cooling system based on thermosyphons
- ✦ Heat exchanger system and high flow plumbing for rapid circulation through external purifier (229kg/day)
- ✦ Water tank shielding (300 tons of water, $\varnothing=8\text{m}$, $h=6\text{m}$)
- ✦ 122 ultra low background PMTs

Surface test:
Astr.Phys. 45, 34-43 (2013)
[arXiv:1210.4569](https://arxiv.org/abs/1210.4569)

LUX Detector:
NIM. A 704,
111-126 (2013)
[arXiv:1211.3788](https://arxiv.org/abs/1211.3788)





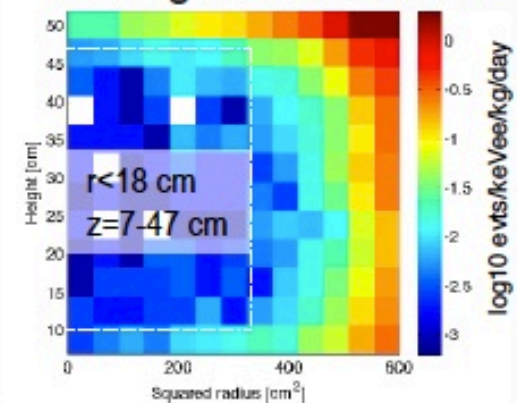
LUX Backgrounds

Dedicated publication: arXiv:1403.1299

Background Component	Source	$10^{-3} \times \text{evts/keVee/kg/day}$
Gamma-rays	Internal Components including PMTs (80%), Cryostat, Teflon	$1.8 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.3_{\text{sys}}$
^{127}Xe (36.4 day half-life)	Cosmogenic 0.87 → 0.28 during run	$0.5 \pm 0.02_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.1_{\text{sys}}$
^{214}Pb	^{222}Rn	0.11-0.22(90% CL)
^{85}Kr	Reduced from 130 ppb to 3.5 ± 1 ppt	$0.17 \pm 0.10_{\text{sys}}$
Predicted	Total	$2.6 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.4_{\text{sys}}$
Observed	Total	$3.6 \pm 0.3_{\text{stat}}$

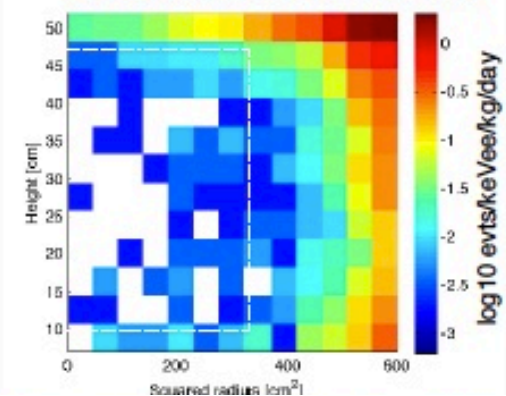
Event Rate for $E < 5$ keVee in 118 kg fiducial volume

Average over entire run



... and dropping!

Second half of the run





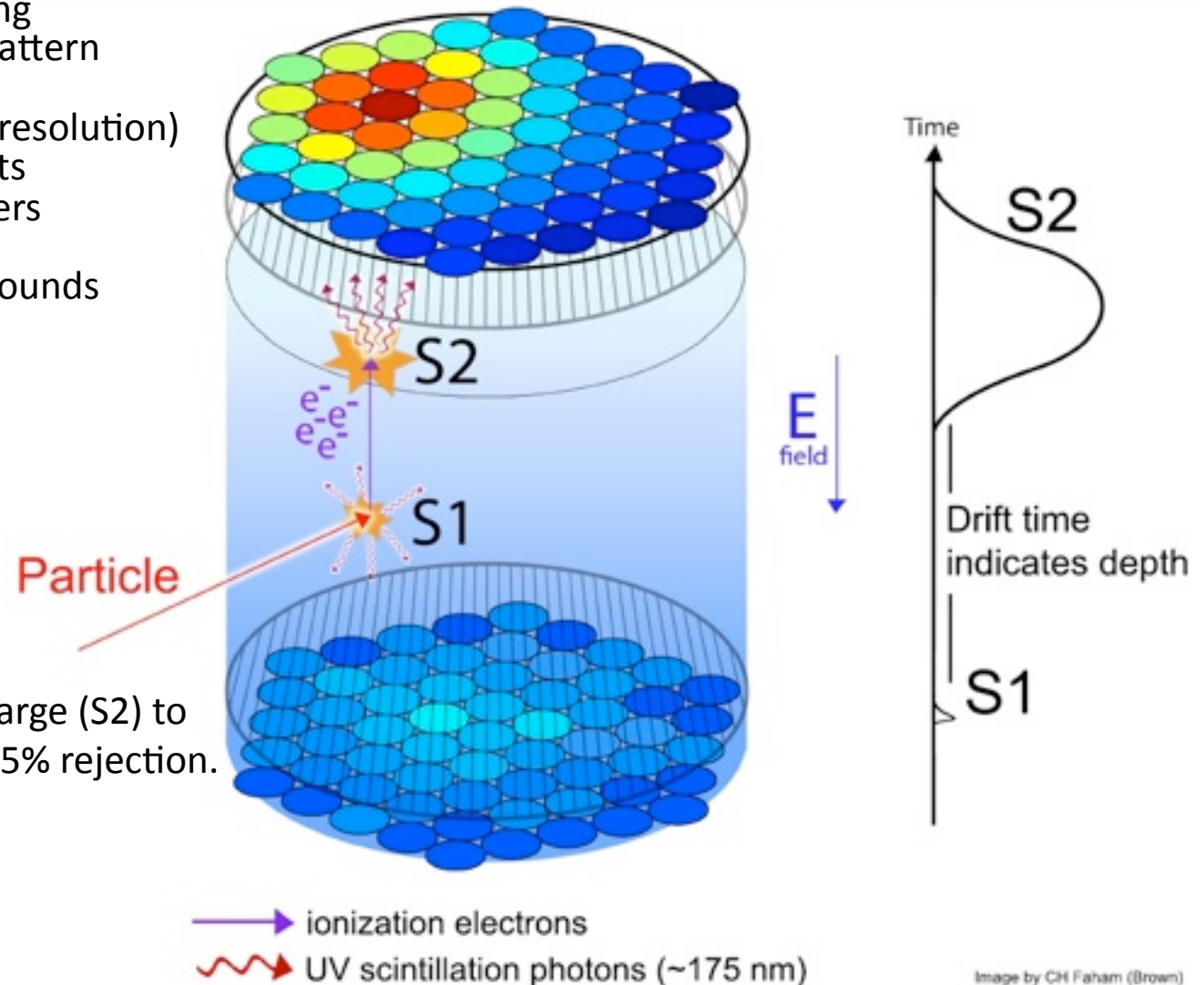
Two-phase Xenon WIMP Detectors

Z position from S1 – S2 timing
X-Y positions from S2 light pattern

Excellent 3D imaging (~mm resolution)
- eliminates edge events
- rejects multiple scatters

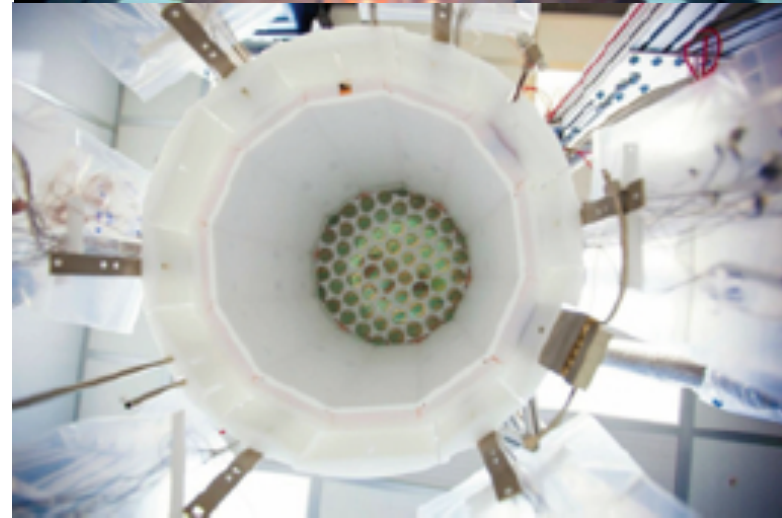
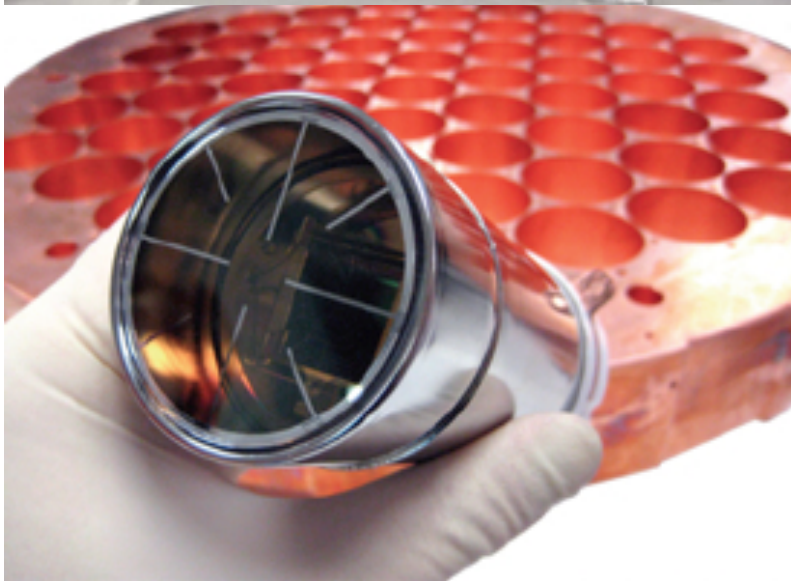
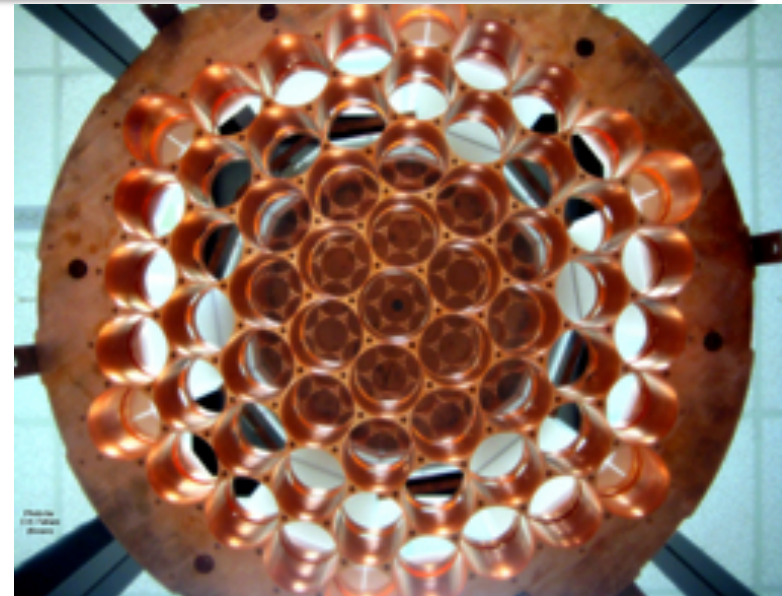
Gamma ray, neutron backgrounds reduced by self-shielding

Reject gammas, betas by charge (S2) to light (S1) ratio. Expect > 99.5% rejection.





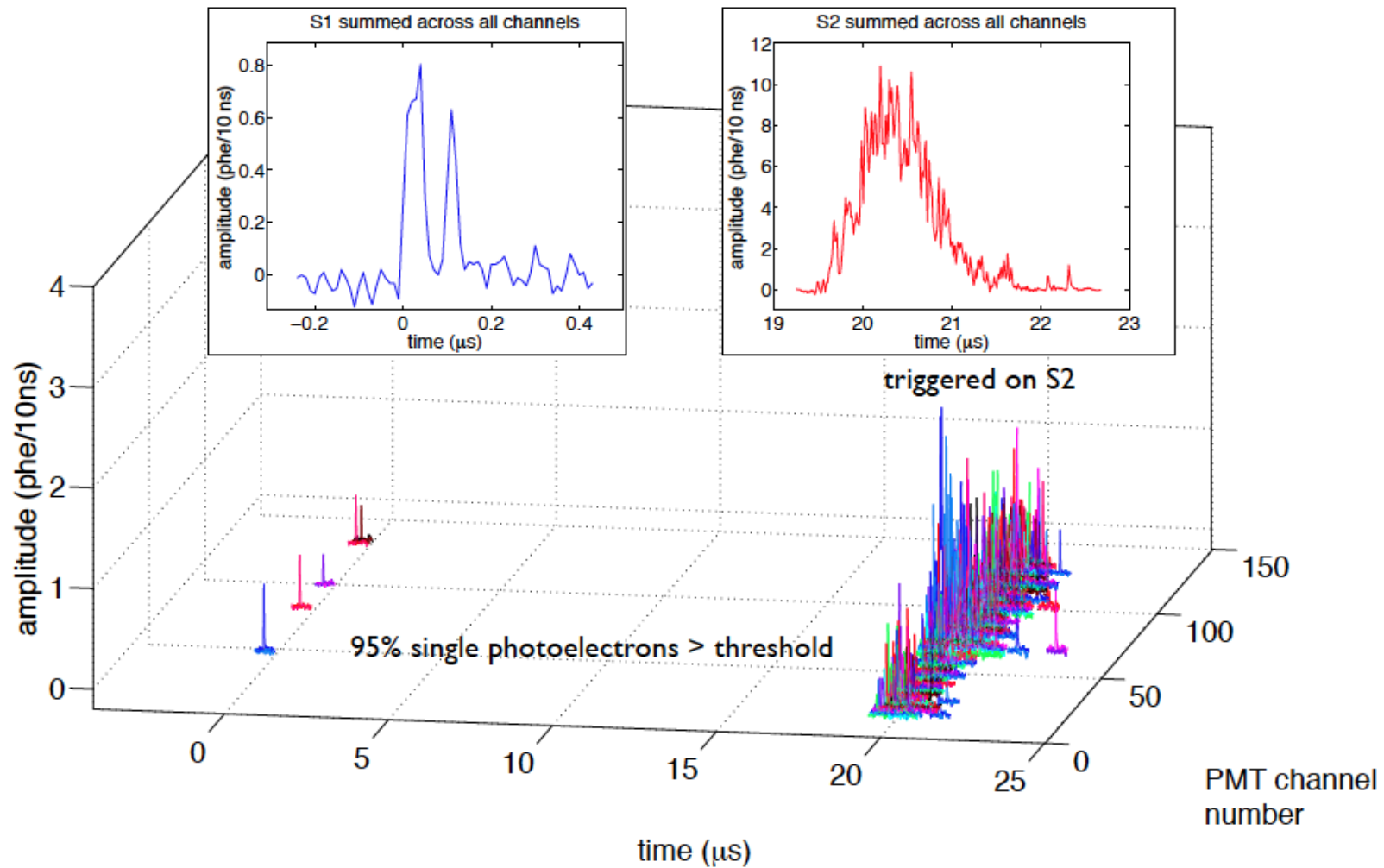
LUX – the Instrument





Typical Event in LUX

1.5 keV gamma ray scattering event





LUX Has Demonstrated Exceptional Technical Performance

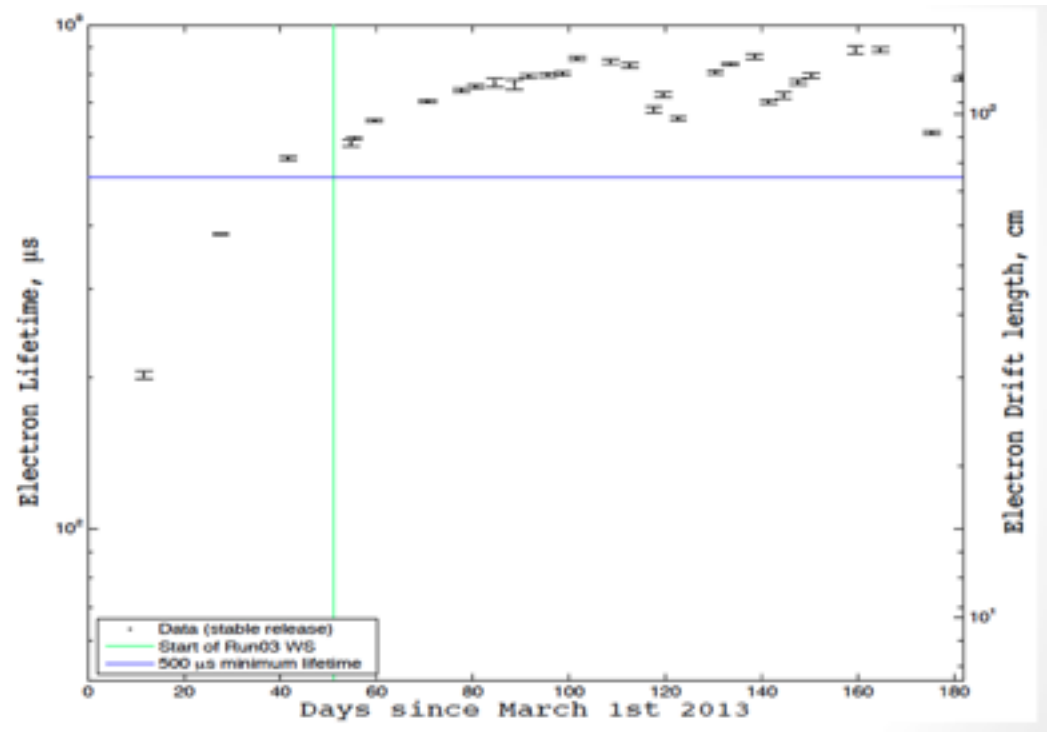
Low-energy electron recoil rate of $3e-3$ events/keV/kg/day.

Kr/Xe ratio of 3.5 ppt.

Electron drift length longer than 130 cm.

Light detection efficiency of 14%.

Electron recoil discrimination of 99.6%, with drift field of 181 V/cm.





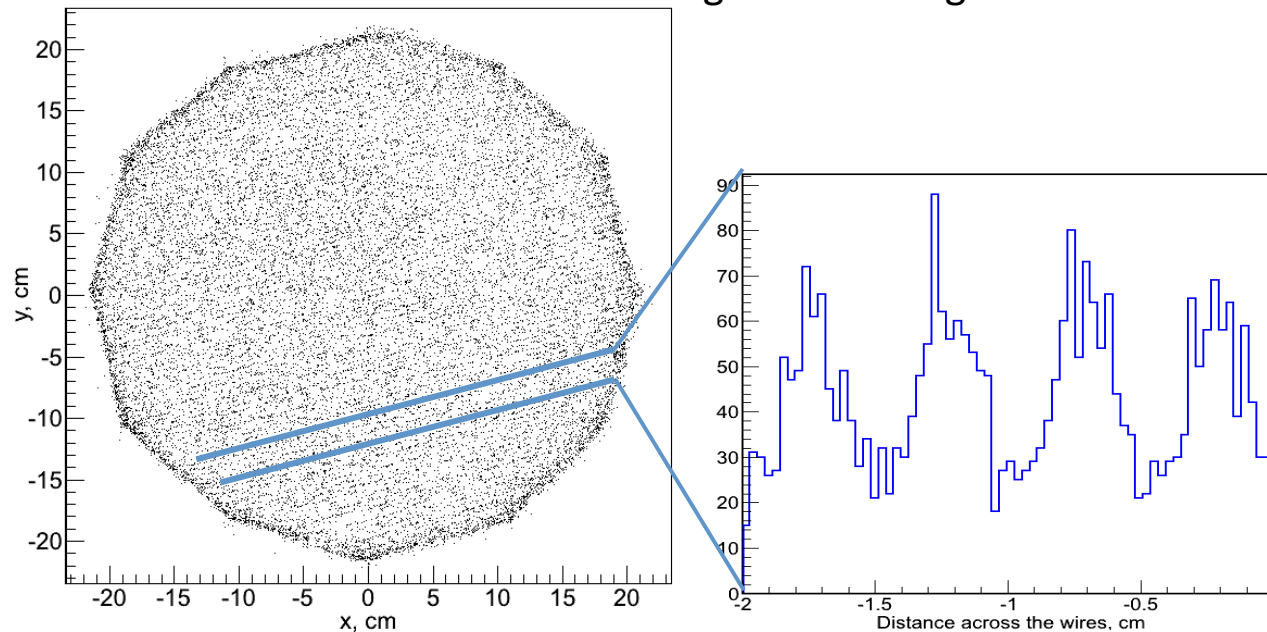
XYZ Position Reconstruction

Z coordinate is determined by the time between S1 and S2 (electron drift speed of 1.51 mm/microsecond)

Light Response Functions (LRFs) are found by iteratively fitting the distribution of S2 signal for each PMT.

XY position is determined by fitting the S2 hit pattern relative to the LRFs.

Reconstruction of XY from events near the anode grid resolves grid wires with 5 mm pitch.





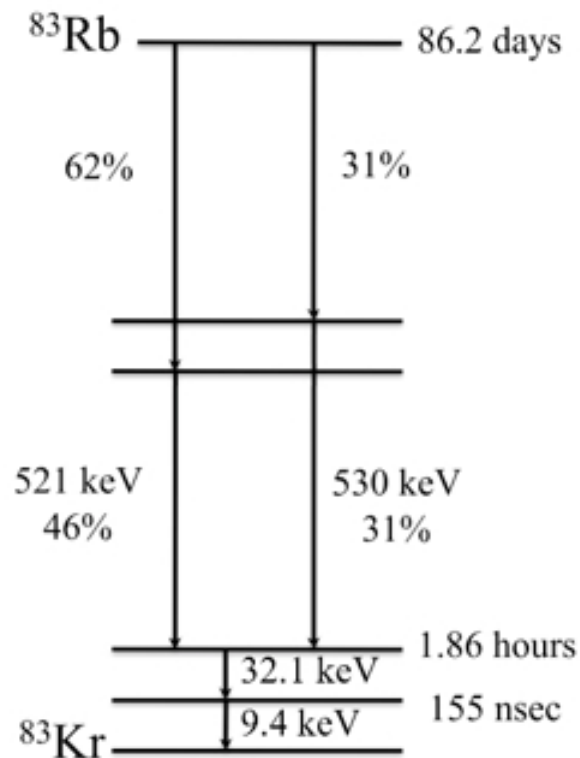
Various Calibrations

- Kr 83
- Tritiated Methane
- Sources- Cs, AmBe, Cf-252
- Most recently using neutrons from a DD generator



Energy Reconstruction - Kr-83m Calibration

- Rb-83 produces Kr-83m when it decays; this krypton gas can then be flushed into the LUX gas system to calibrate the detector as a function of position.
- Provides reliable, efficient, homogeneous calibration of both S1 and S2 signals, which then decays away in a few hours, restoring low-background operation..



Kr-83m source (Rb-83 coated on charcoal, within xenon gas plumbing)

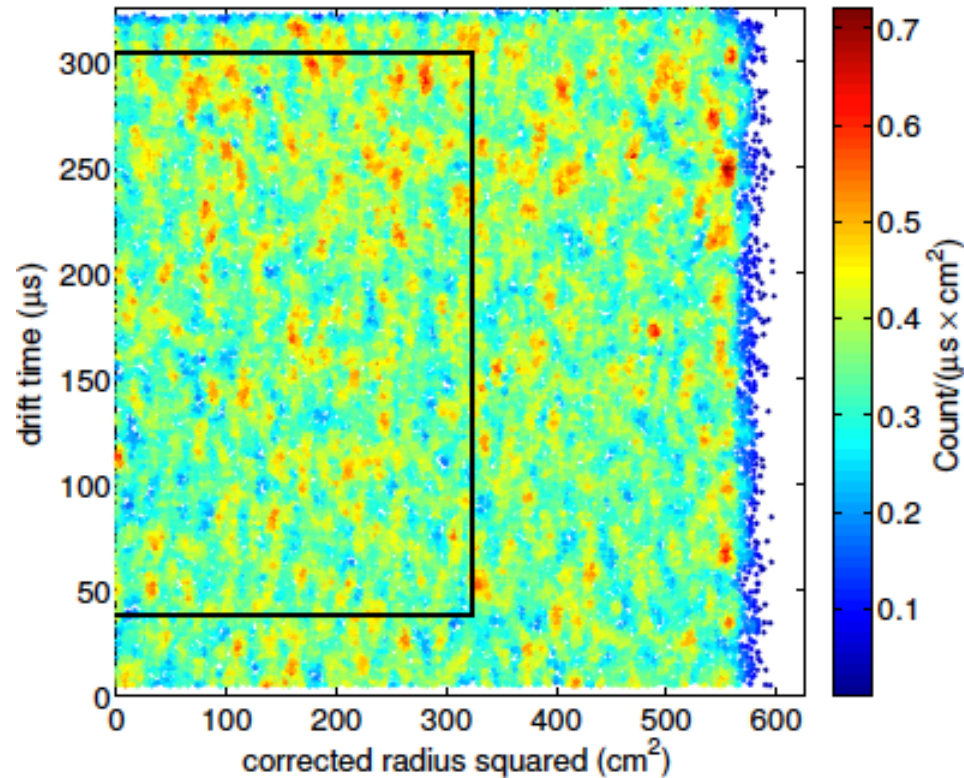




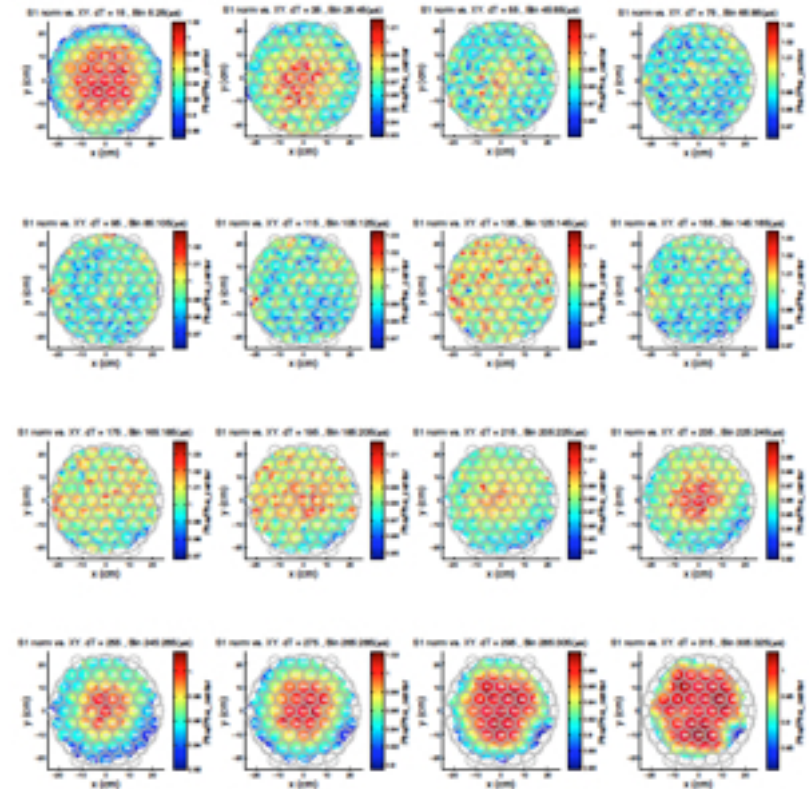
Kr-83m Calibration

Over 1 million Kr-83m events, spread uniformly through the detector.

Fiducial volume determination



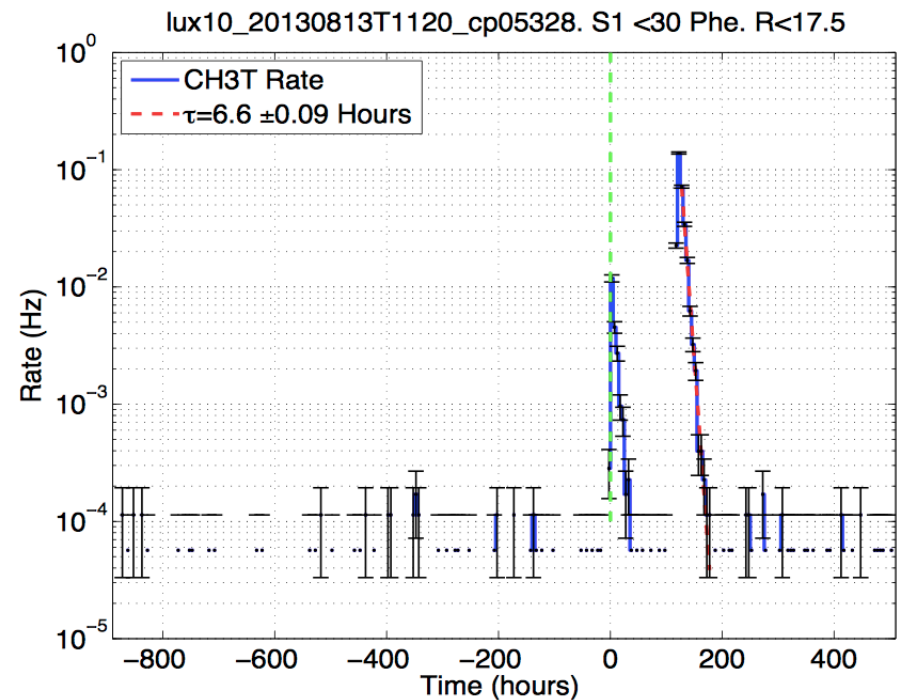
Position-based S1 corrections

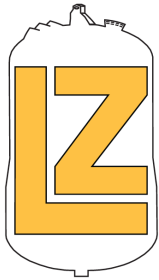




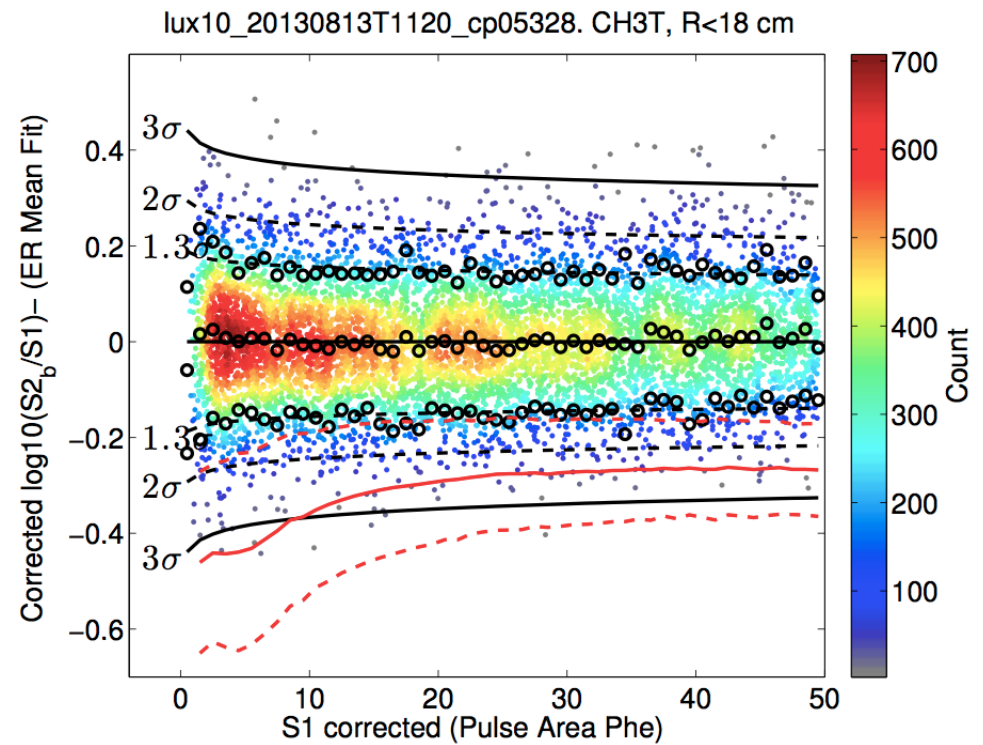
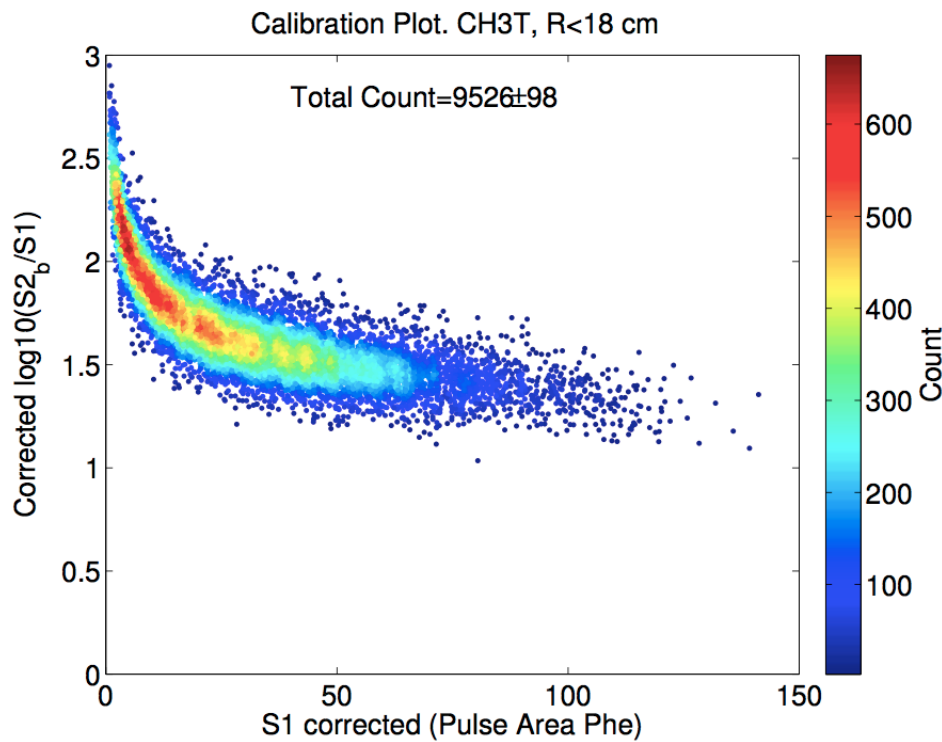
Tritiated Methane Calibration

- LUX uses tritiated methane, doped into the detector, to accurately calibrate the efficiency of background rejection.
- This beta source (endpoint energy 18 keV) allows electron recoil S2/S1 band calibration with unprecedented accuracy.
- The tritiated methane is then fully removed by circulating the xenon through the getter.
- Parametrization of the electron recoil band from the high-statistics tritiated methane data is then used to characterize the background model.





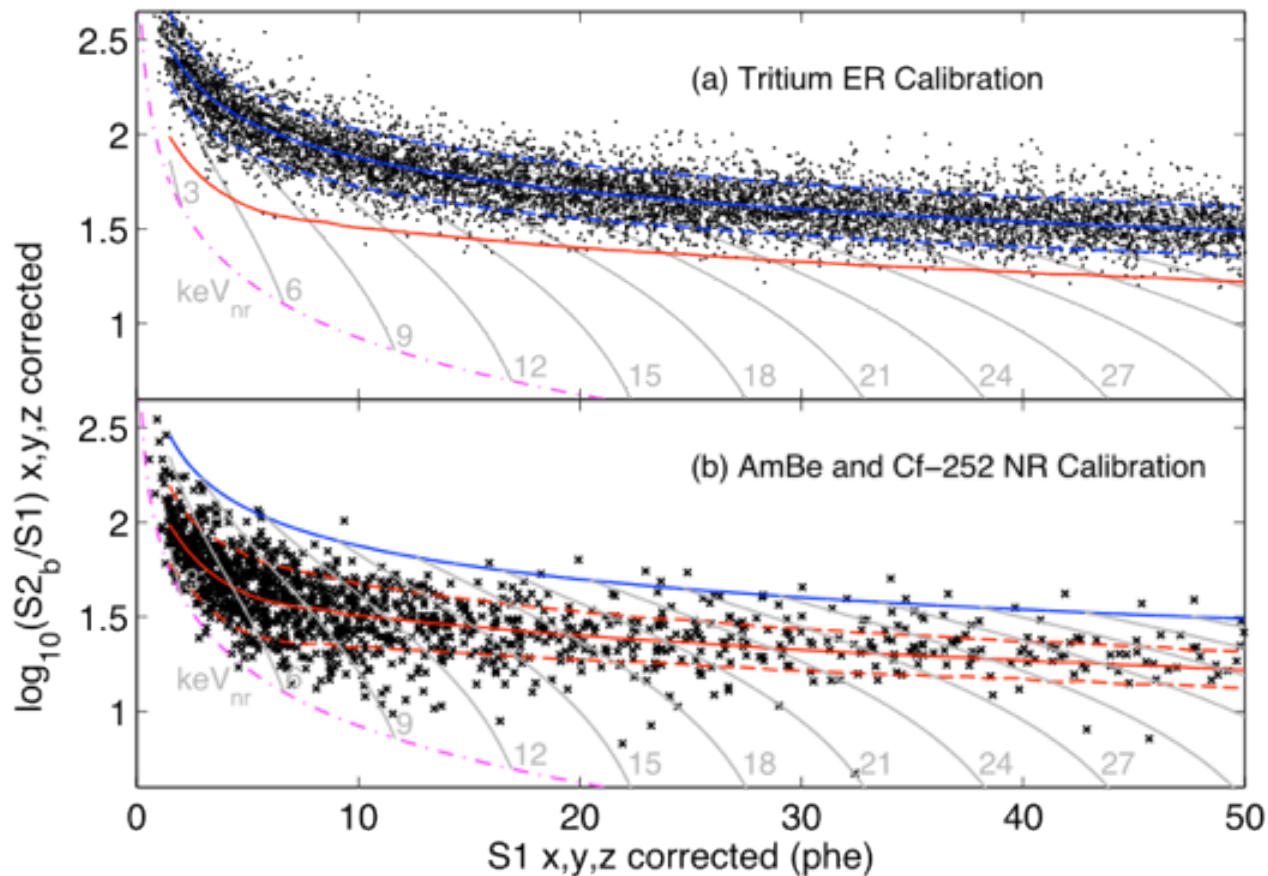
Tritiated Methane Data





Electron Recoil and Nuclear Recoil Bands

Tritium provides very high statistics electron recoil calibration (200 events/phe)
Neutron calibration is consistent with NEST + simulations

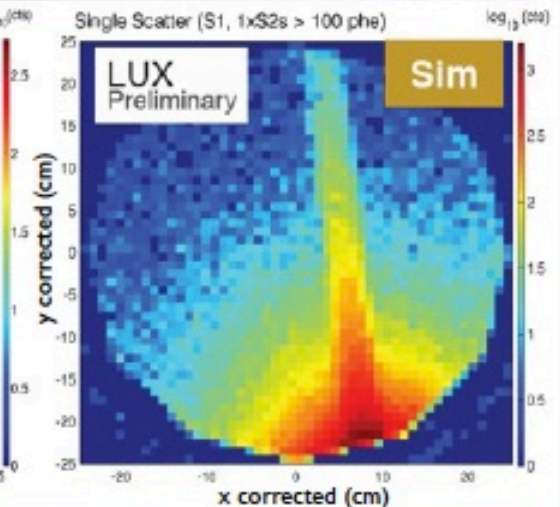
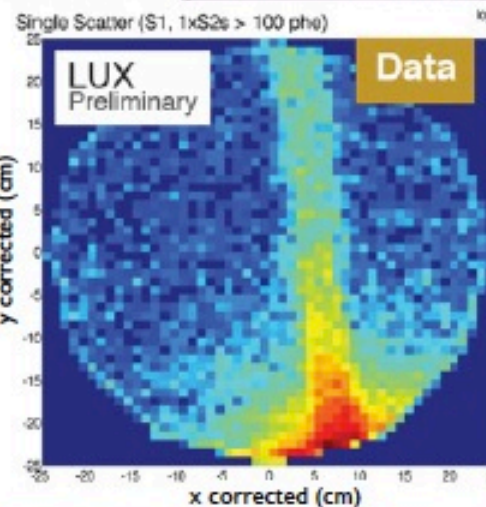
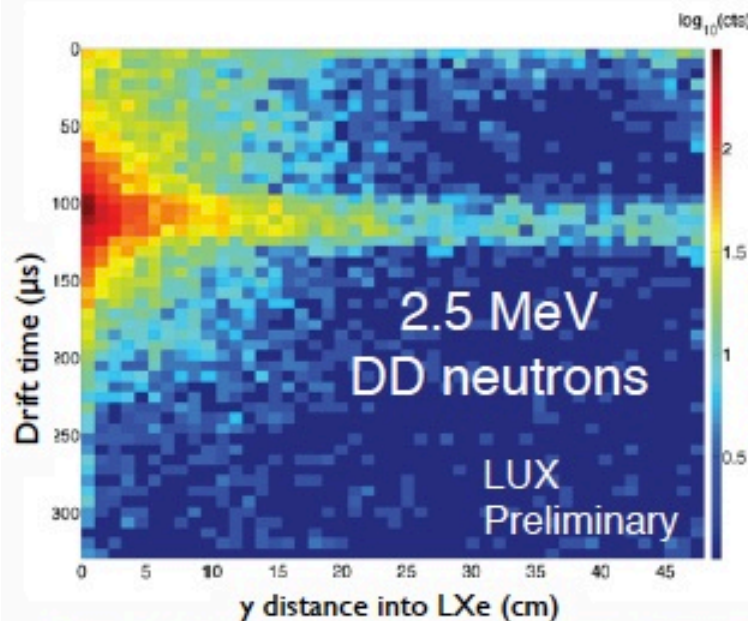
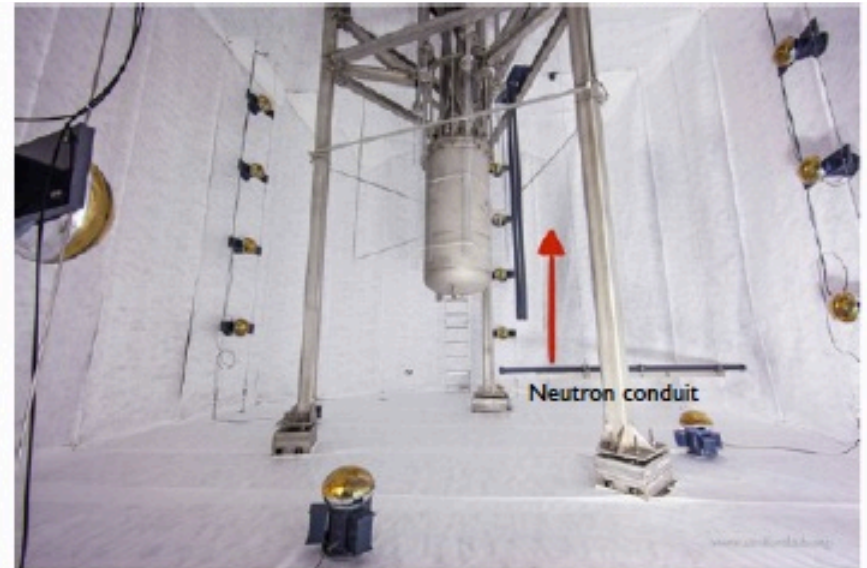


Gray contours indicate constant energies using a S1-S2 combined energy scale



Neutron Generator Calibration

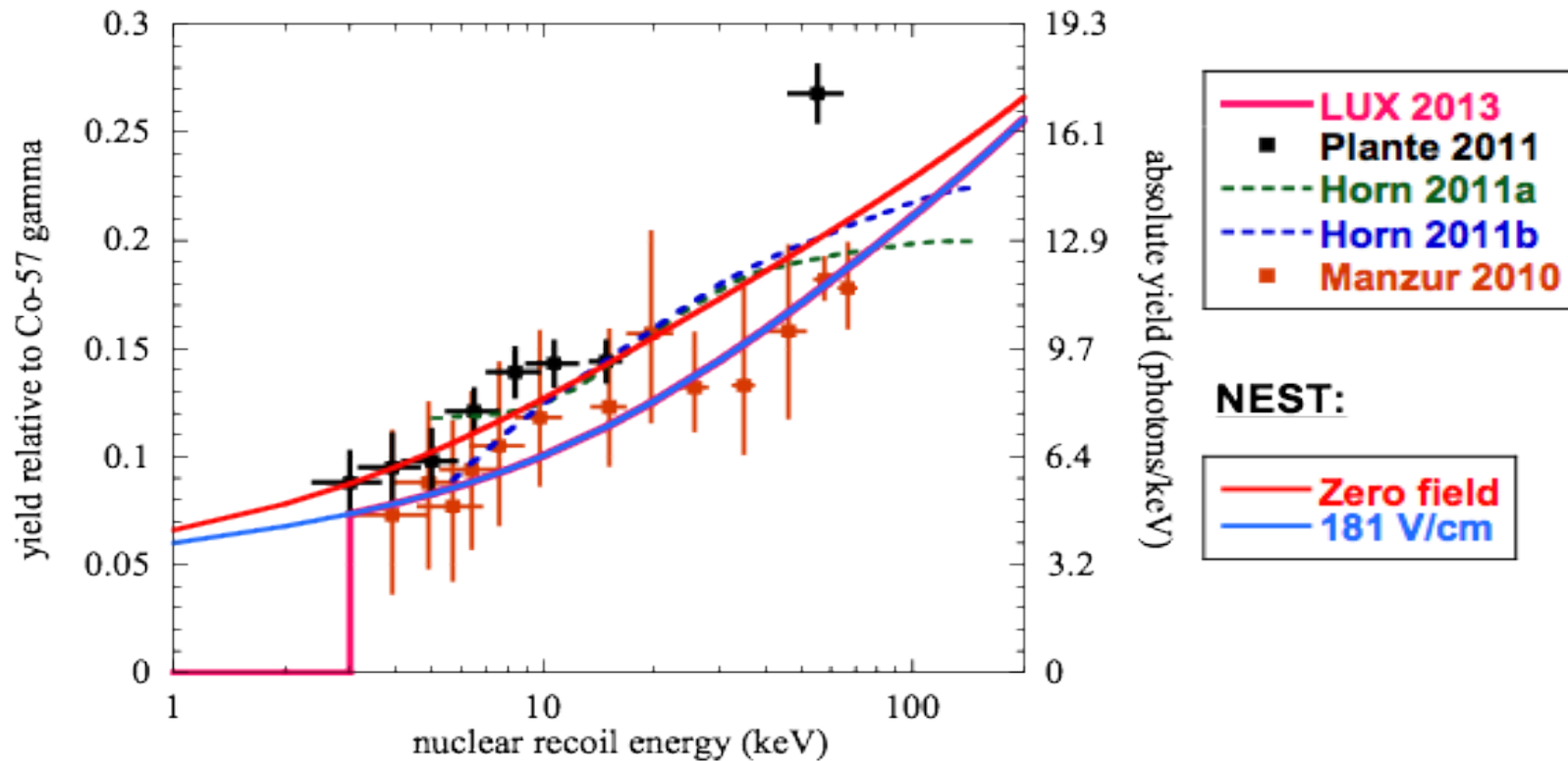
- Neutron generator beam pipe aligned 15.5 cm below top of active region
- Beam leveled to ~ 1 degree
- 105.5 hours of data acquired
- Complete GEANT4 LUXSim + NEST simulation of DD neutron calibration





Light and Charge Yields in LUX

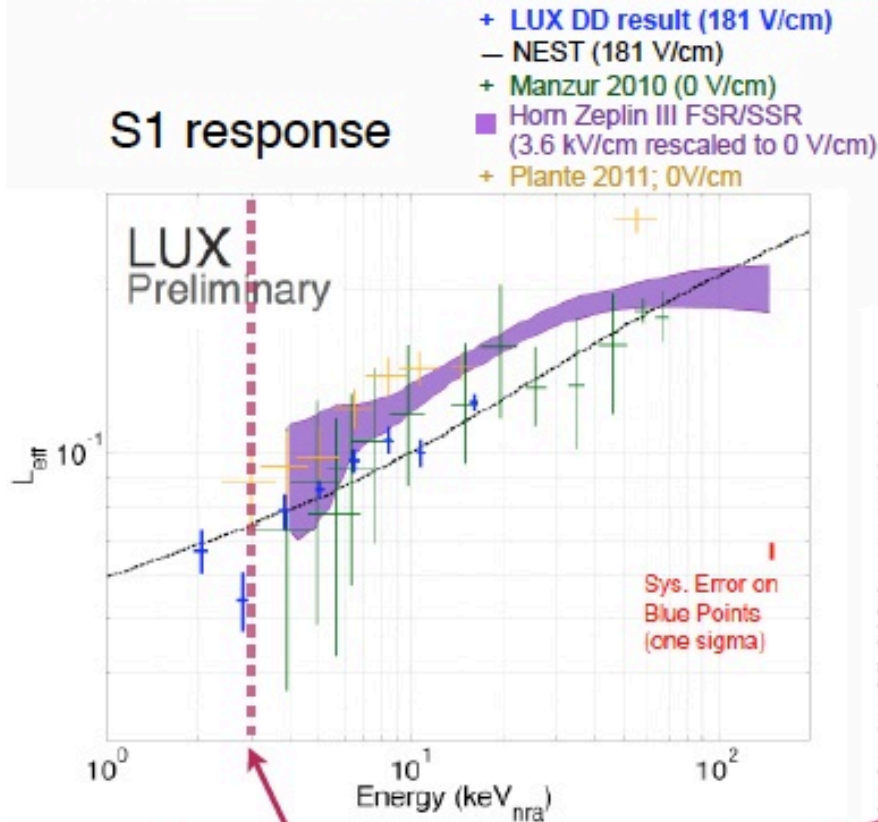
- Modeled Using Noble Element Simulation Technique (NEST).
- NEST based on canon of existing experimental data.
- Artificial cutoff in light and charge yields assumed below 3 keVnr, to be conservative.
- Includes predicted electric field quenching of light signal, to 77-82% of the zero field light yield





Nuclear Recoil Calibration Using the DD Neutron Source

S1 response

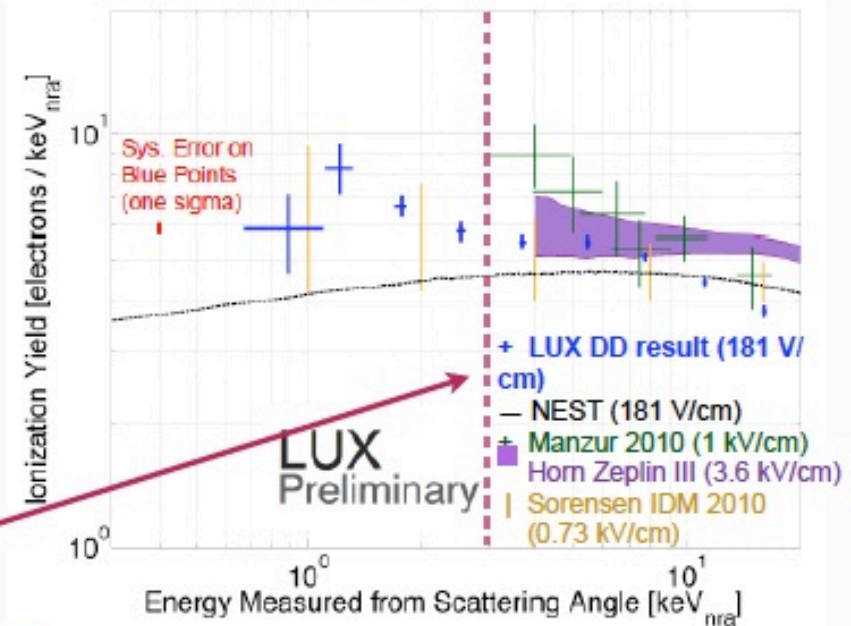


Current analysis 3keV_{nra} cut-off

Current LUX 2014 PRL Conservative!

Dedicated publication coming soon!

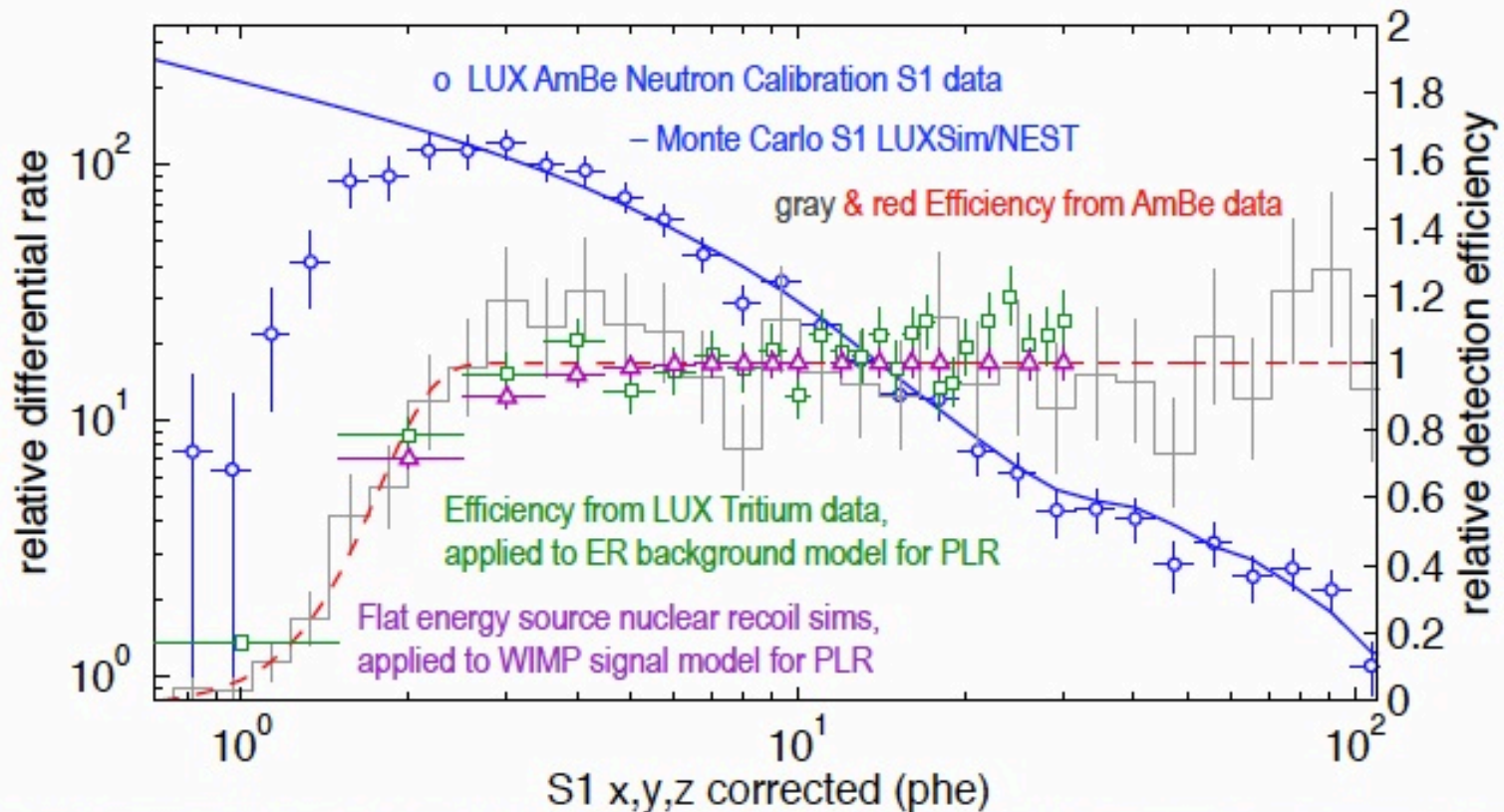
S2 response





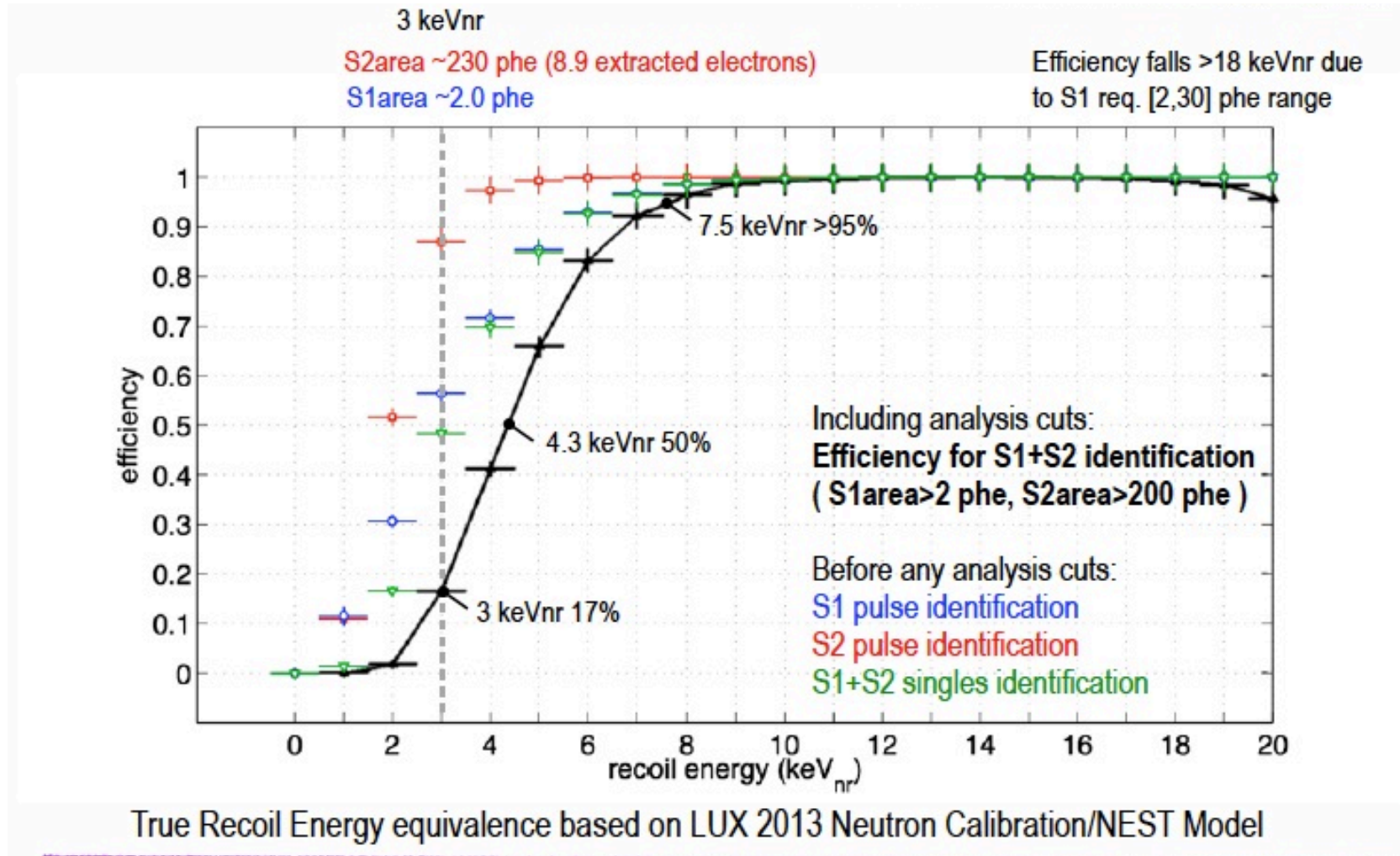
S1 Efficiency

- Universal S1 efficiency
 - AmBe NR calibration
 - Tritiated-Methane calibration
 - Full Monte Carlo of NR events (S1+S2 processed by same analysis chain)
 - Mono-energetic d-d neutron source



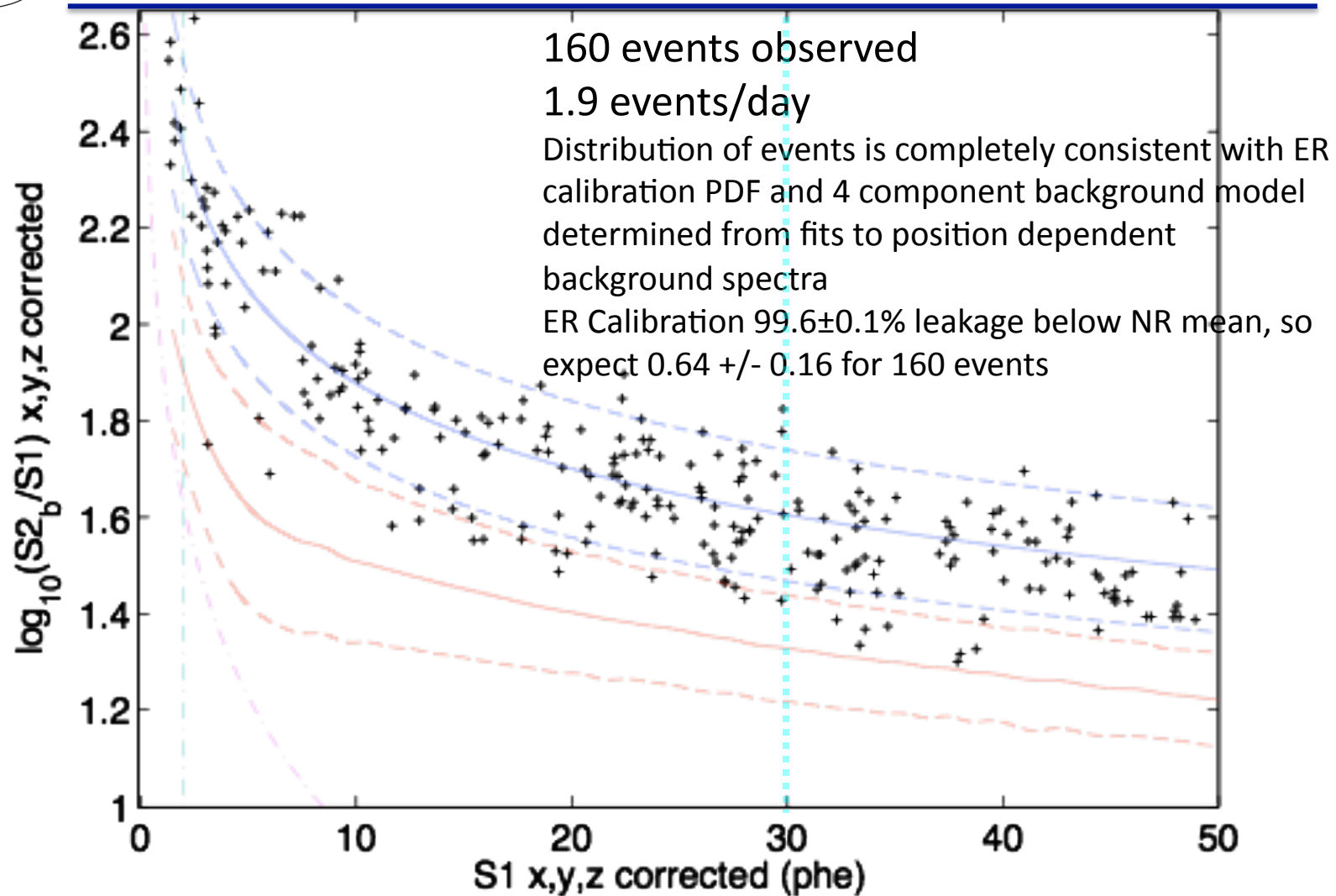


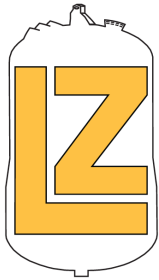
WIMP Detection Efficiency



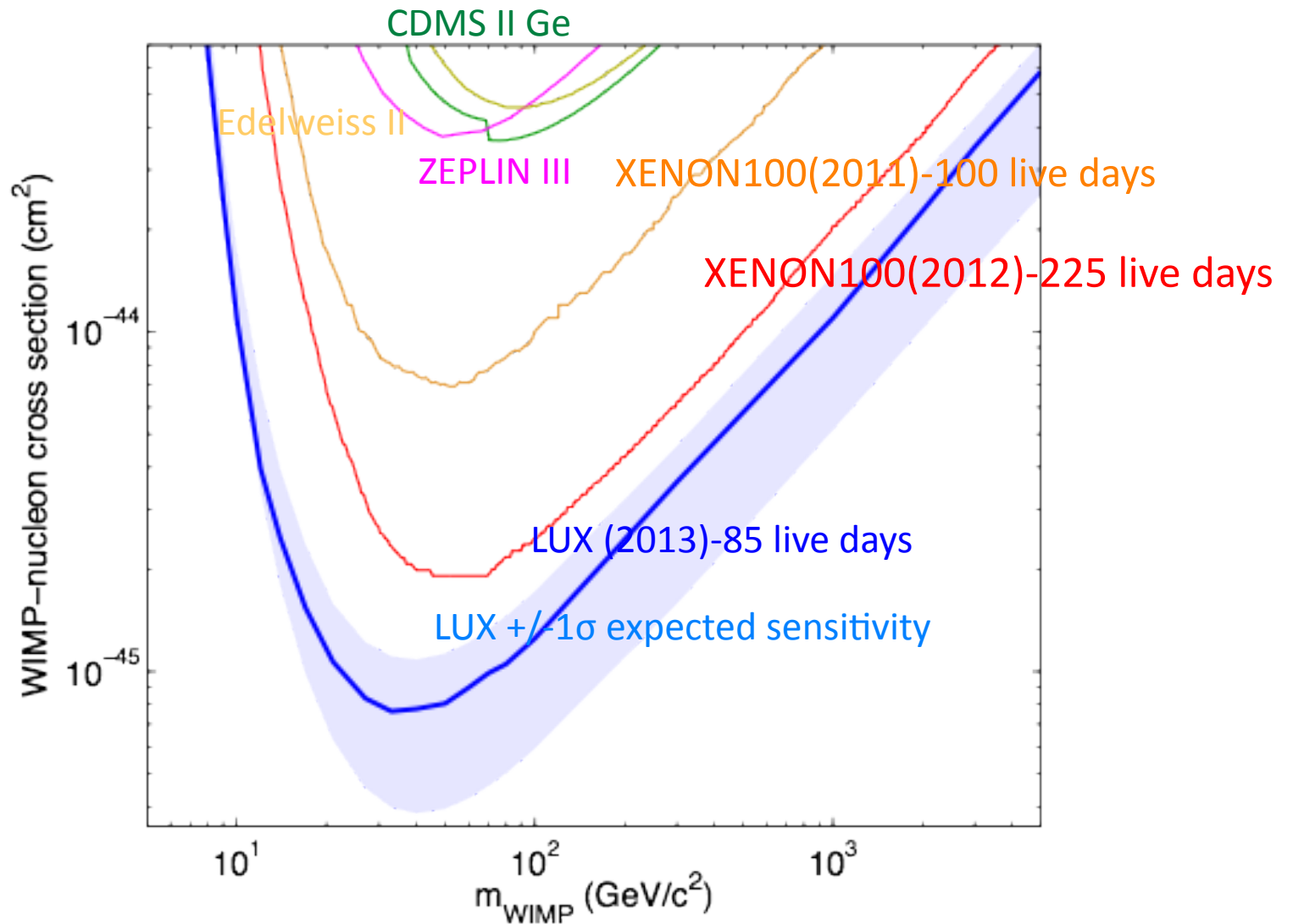


LUX WIMP Search, 85 live-days, 118 kg



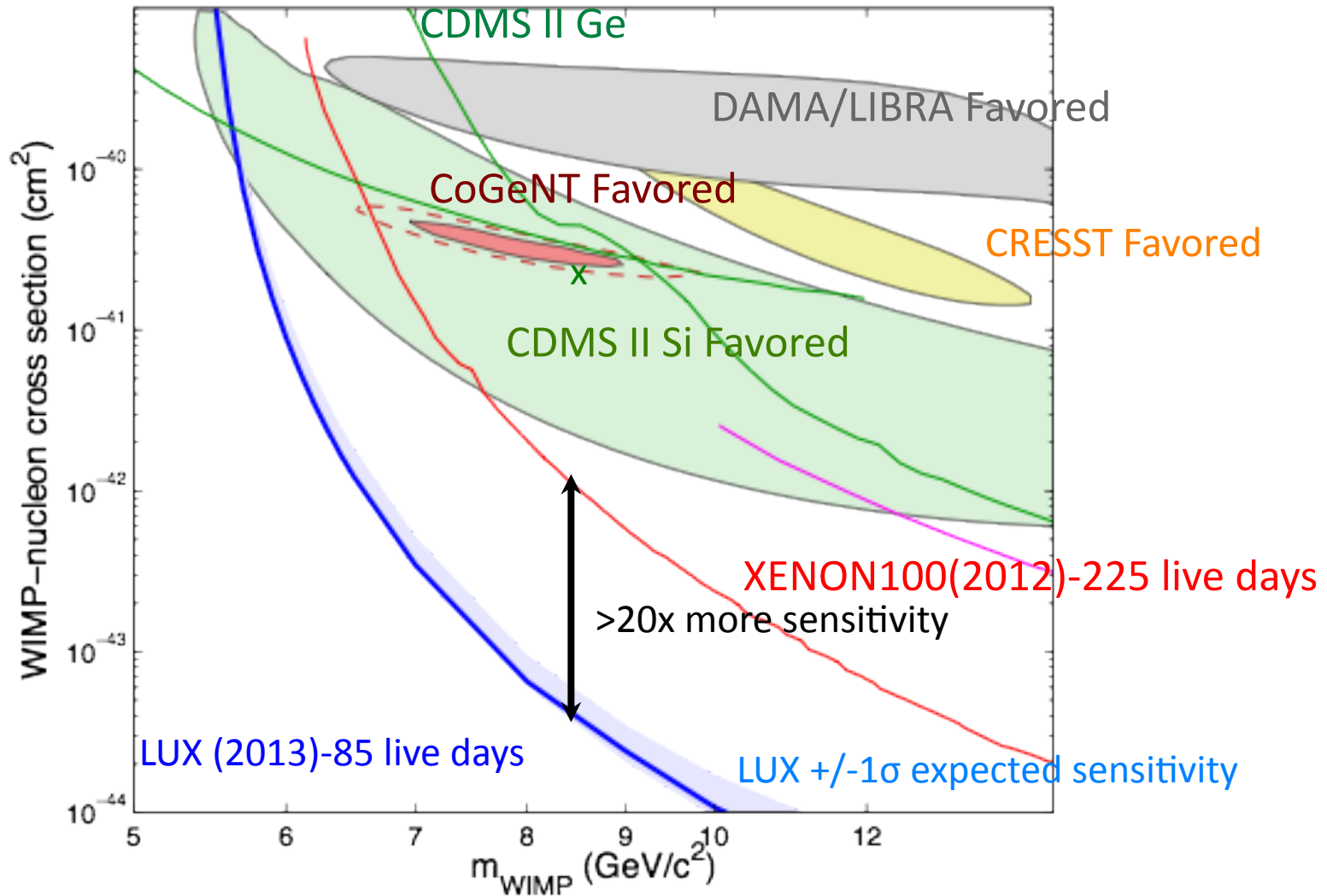


Spin Independent Sensitivity Plots





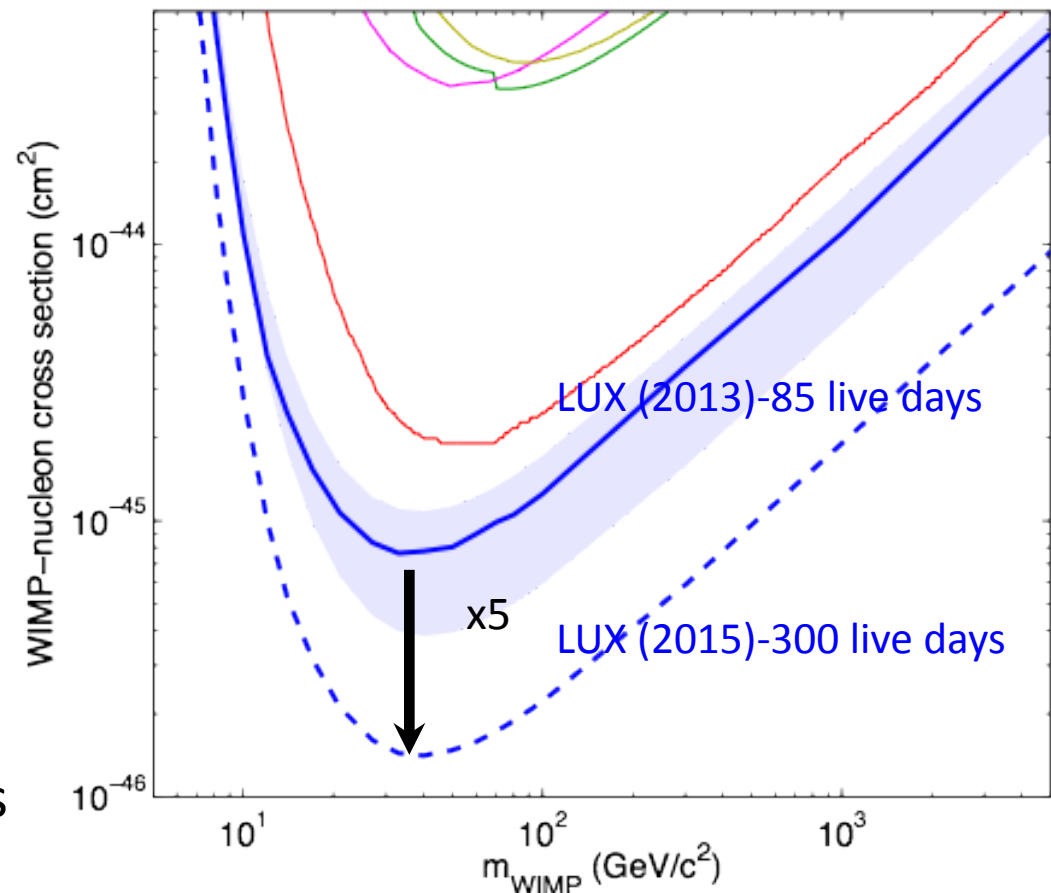
Low Mass WIMPs - Fully excluded by LUX





Projected LUX 300 day WIMP Search Run

- We intend to run LUX for a new run of 300 days in 2015-16
 - Extending sensitivity by another factor 5
 - Even though LUX sees no WIMP-like events in the current run, it is still quite possible to discover a signal when extending the reach
 - LUX does not exclude LUX
- WIMPs remain our favored quarry
- LZ 20x increase in target mass
 - If approved plans to be deployed in Davis Lab in >2017





The Future

- LUX – 300 day, salted data run, 4X sensitivity in 1 year
- Upgrade... LZ (LUX-ZEPLIN) to 10 tons (total)
 - Factor of 20 in mass
 - Factor of 100 in sensitivity... 10^{-48} cm^2
 - Background from atmospheric, solar neutrinos starts to creep in.
 - ~2017 commissioning if all goes well.



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LZ Overview

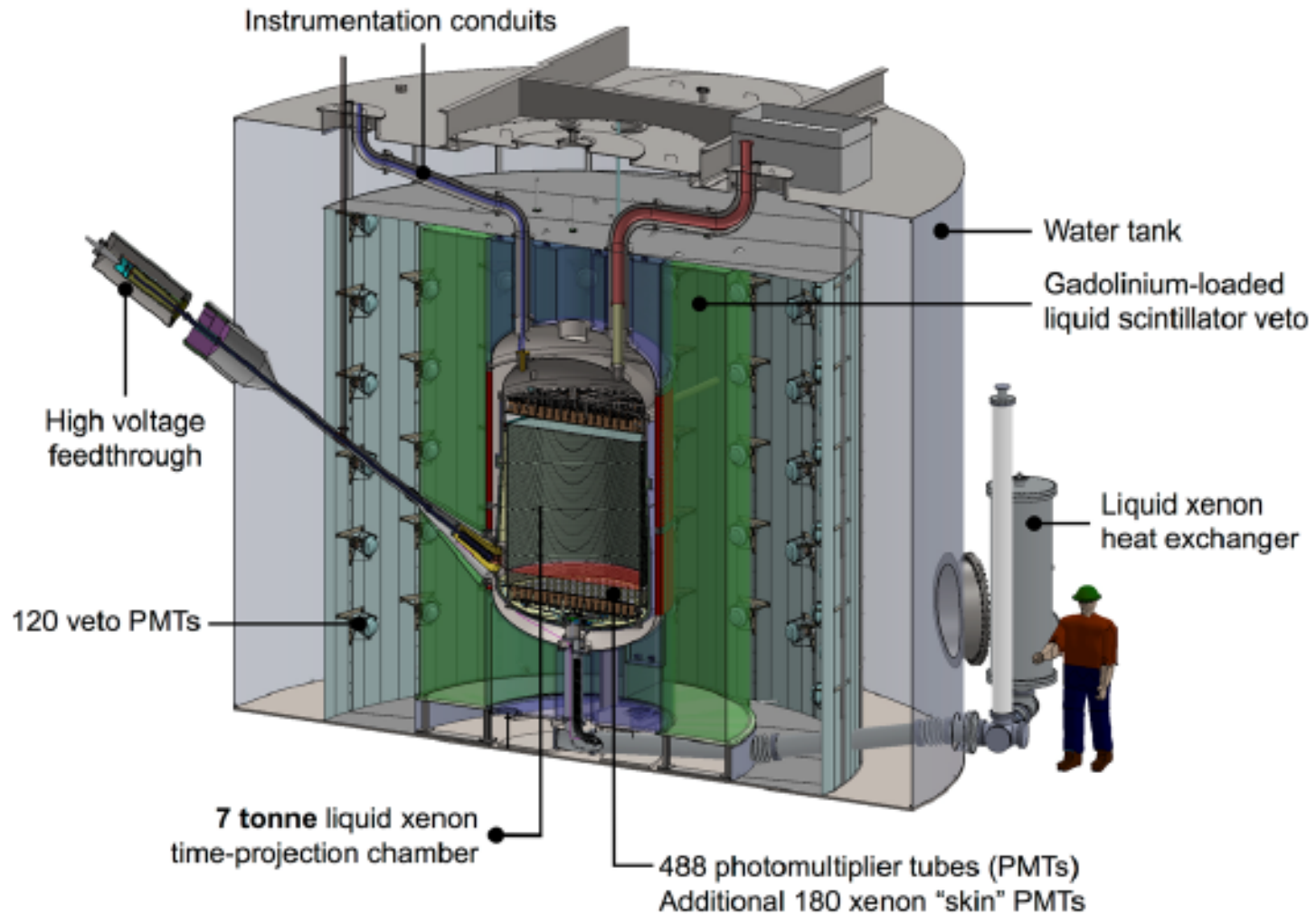
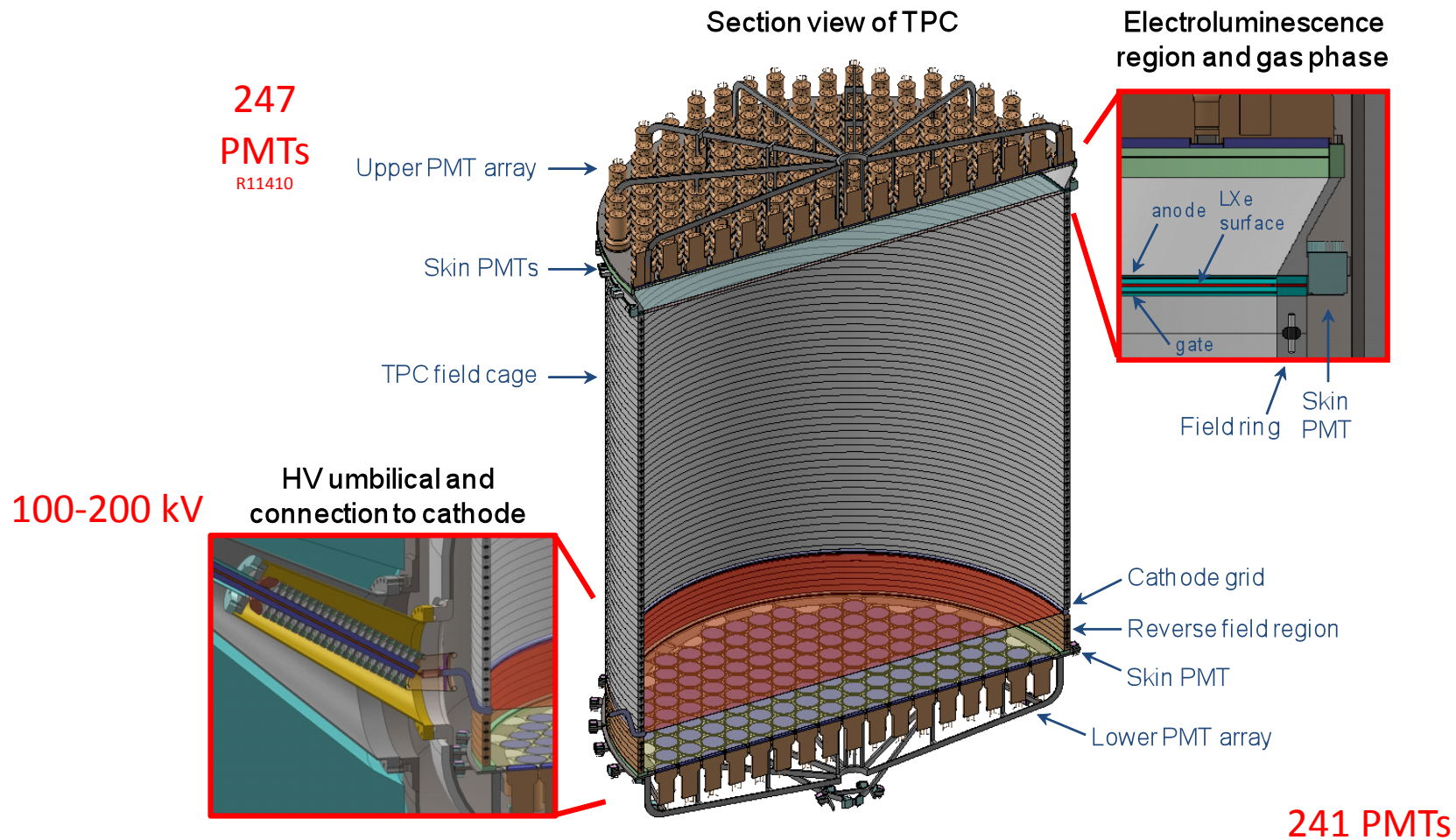


Figure 2.1. LZ detector concept.



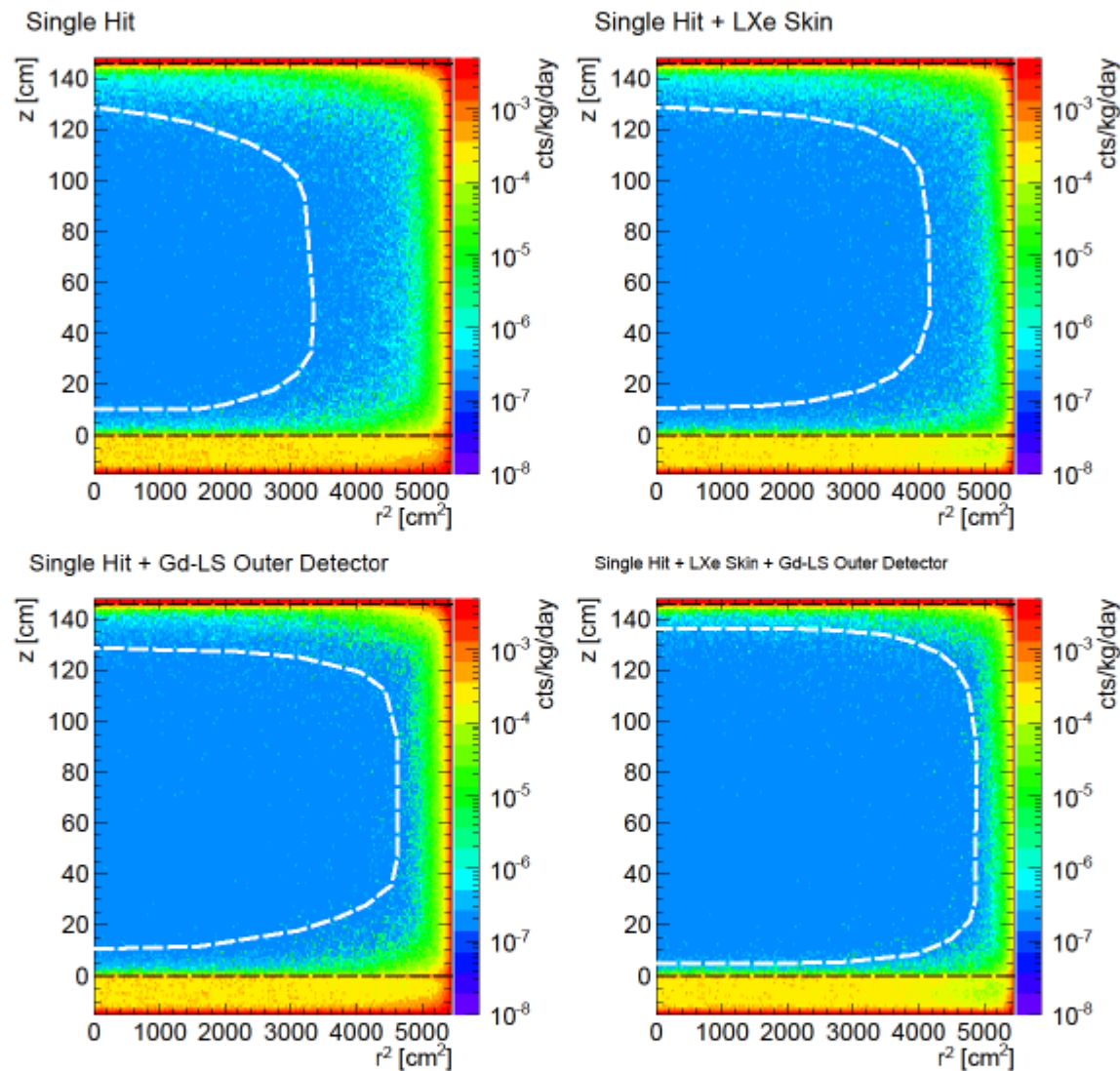
LZ Central TPC Region





LZ Background Targets

Item	²³⁸ U	²³² Th	⁴⁰ K	ER Counts	NR Counts
Ti Cryostat	0.62 mBq/kg	0.61 mBq/kg	2.48 mBq/kg	(2.1) 2.1 (10.5)	(0.03) 0.04 (0.22)
PTFE panels	0.01 mBq/kg	0.002 mBq/kg	0.06 mBq/kg	(0.002) 0.002 (0.01)	(0.0006) 0.0009 (0.004)
3" PMT	3 mBq/PMT	3 mBq/PMT	30 mBq/PMT	(5.3) 7.9 (26)	(0.003) 0.02 (0.07)
Other	Various	Various	Various	3.5	(0.04) 0.04 (0.06)
Extra-TPC Subtotal				(11) 14 (40)	(0.05) 0.10 (0.35)
Kr + Rn				46	
Neutrinos				234	0.61
Totals	Raw			(291) 294 (312)	(0.66) 0.71 (0.96)
	99.5% ER rejection, 50% NR acceptance			(1.46) 1.47 (1.56)	(0.33) 0.36 (0.48)
	Combined			(1.79) 1.83 (2.04)	

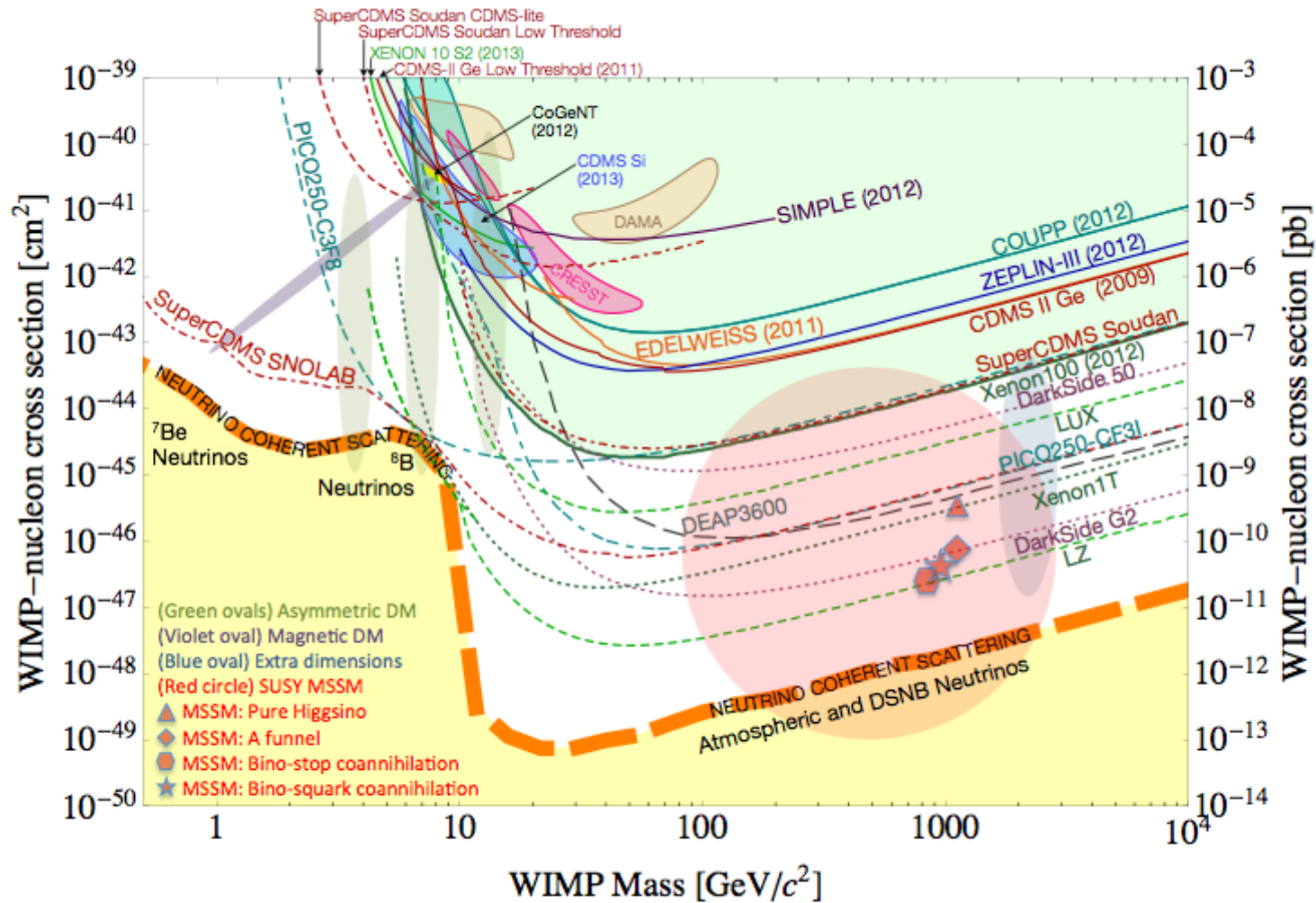


Shielding and Veto Tagging Capability

Figure 3.8.5.1. Total NR background plus ER leakage from sources external to the liquid xenon in the TPC, counted over a 6–30 keV acceptance region; a discrimination efficiency of 99.5% is applied to electron recoils from gamma-rays and solar pp neutrinos. Top Left: Single scatters only, no vetoing by the anti-coincidence systems. Top Right: Adding LXe skin only. Bottom Left: Adding Gd-LS outer detector only. Bottom Right: Adding the combination of both vetos. In each panel approximate fiducial contours are shown in white and weigh 3.3, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.6 tonnes, respectively.



Current WIMP Cross-section Limits





DM limits as a function of time

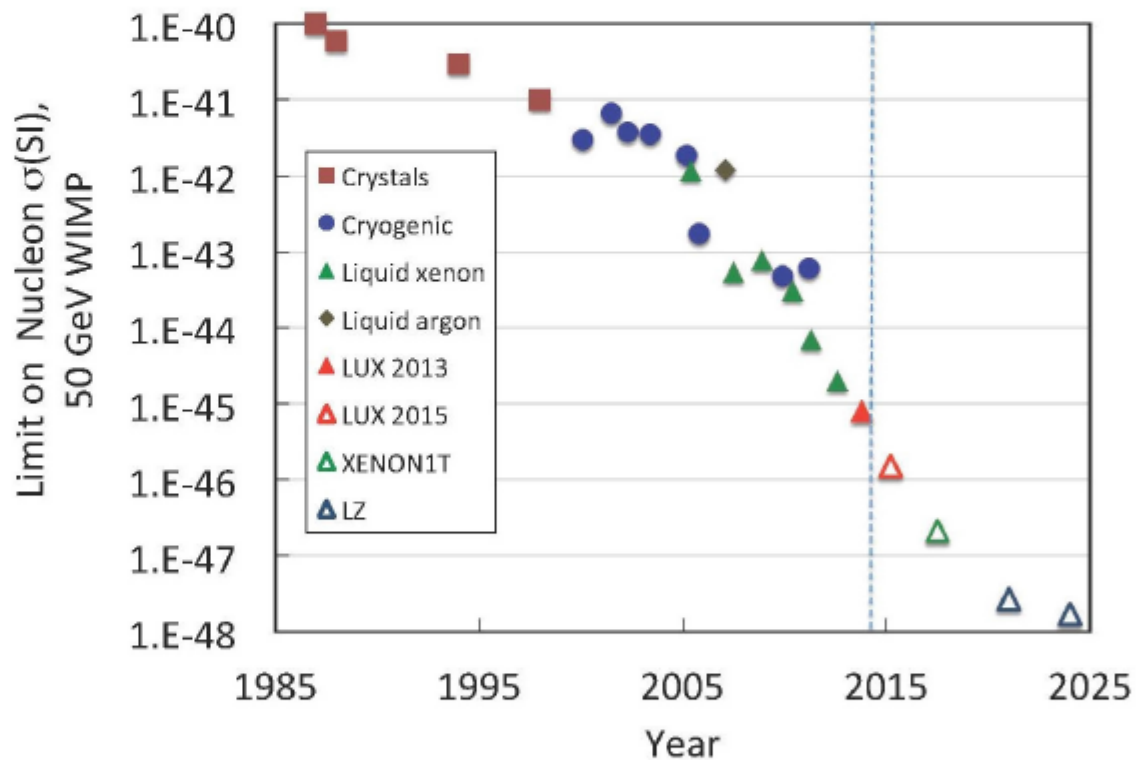


Figure 1.2.2. The evolution of cross-section limit for 50 GeV WIMPs as a function of time. Past points are published results. Future points are from the Snowmass meetings [26].



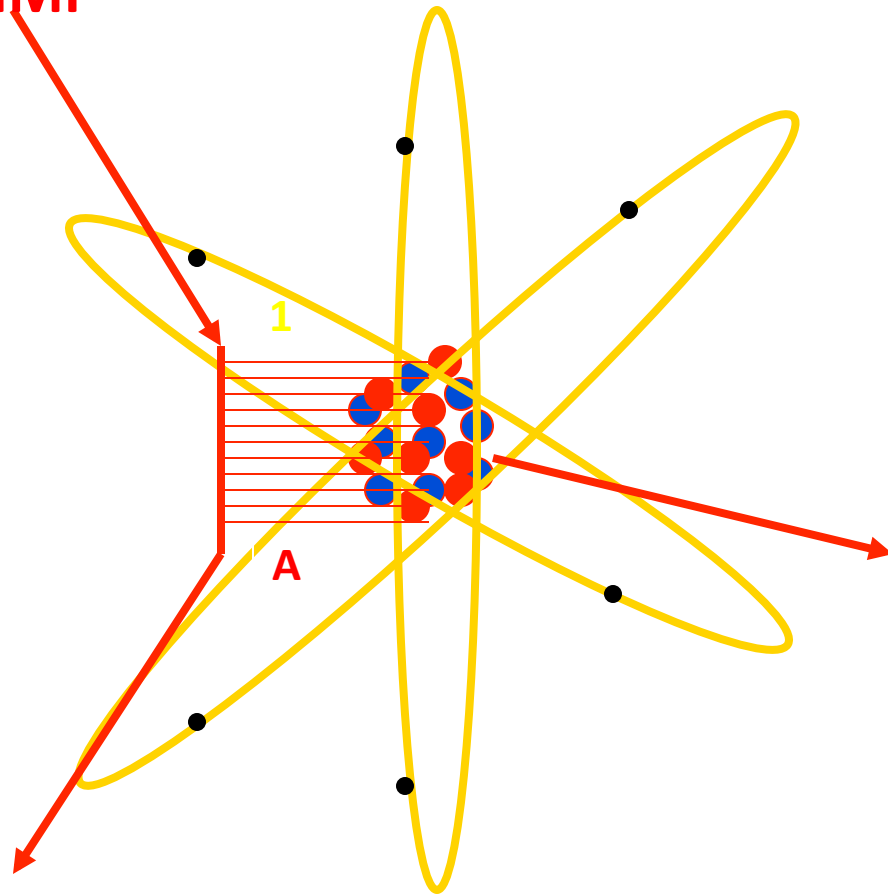
Conclusions

- The search for Dark Matter is one of the most compelling science question facing the current generation of researchers.
- LUX has made a WIMP Search run of 86 live-days and released the analysis + PRL.
 - Backgrounds as expected, inner fiducial ER rate < 2 events/day in region of interest
 - Major advances in calibration techniques including $^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$ and Tritiated- CH_4 injected directly into Xe target
 - Very low energy threshold achieved 3 keVnr with no ambiguous/leakage events
 - ER rejection shown to be $99.6 \pm 0.1\%$ in energy range of interest
- Intermediate and High Mass WIMPs
 - Extended sensitivity over existing experiments by x3 at 35 GeV and x2 at 1000 GeV
- Low Mass WIMP Favored Hypotheses ruled out
 - LUX WIMP Sensitivity 20x better
 - LUX does not observe 6-10 GeV WIMPs favored by earlier experiments
- A new round of next generation DM detectors, LZ, is being planned for commissioning in $> \sim 2017$ time frame.



- Backup slides

Coherent Scattering



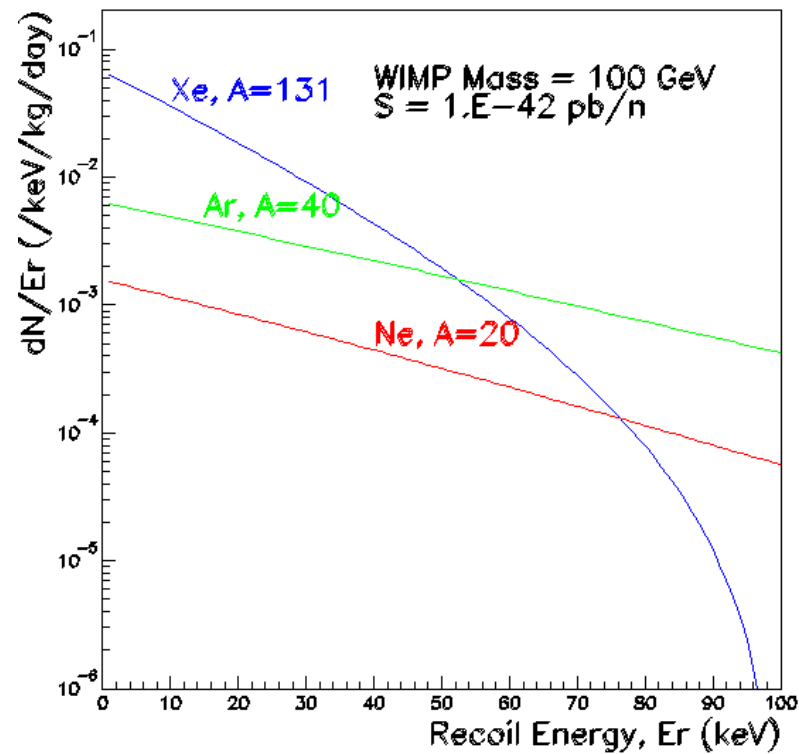
$$\sigma_{0scalar} \propto A^2$$

E-recoil ~ 1-30 keV



A² Dependence of Recoil Spectra

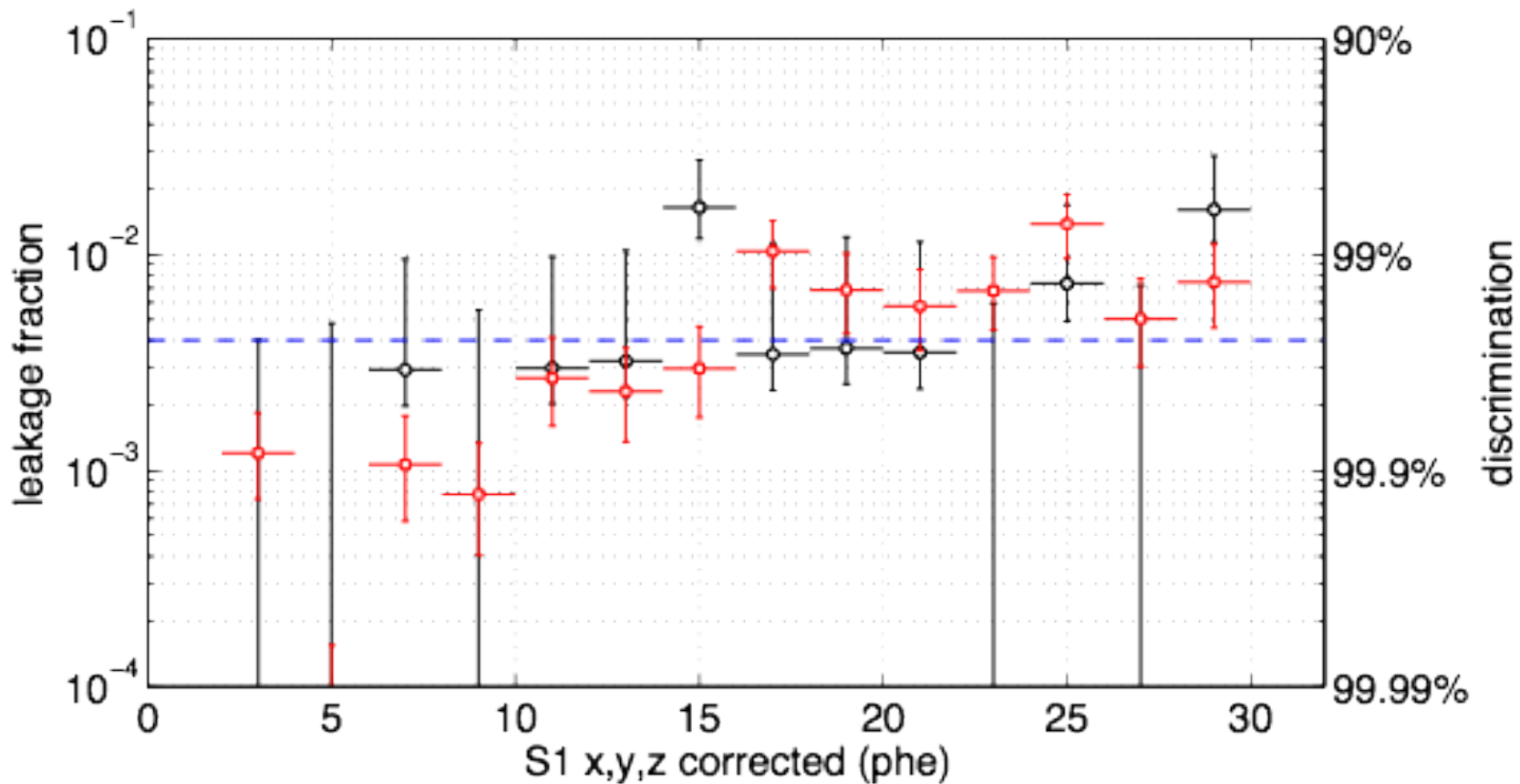
$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{\sigma_0 \rho_0}{4v_e m_x m_r^2} F^2(E_R) \left[\text{erf}\left(\frac{v_{\text{min}} + v_e}{v_0}\right) - \text{erf}\left(\frac{v_{\text{min}} - v_e}{v_0}\right) \right]$$





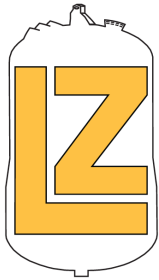
Electron Recoil Discrimination

Average discrimination from 2-30 S1 photoelectrons measured to be 99.6% (with 50% nuclear recoil acceptance)



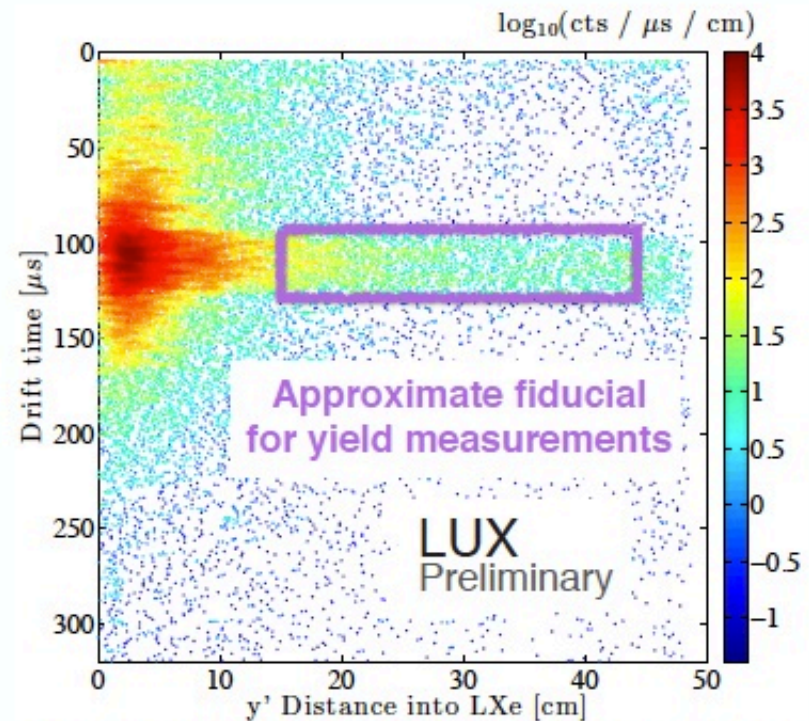
Black circles show leakage from counting events from the dataset

Red circles show projections of Gaussian fits below the nuclear recoil band mean



Neutron Generator outside the LUX Water Tank

Adelphi DDI08 Neutron Generator Installed Outside LUX Water Tank



- This cut eliminates shine from passive materials and ensures 95% of neutrons in beam sample have energy within 4% of 2.45 MeV
- The mean energy of neutrons produced at 90° by the DDI08 was measured to be 2.45 ± 0.05 MeV at Brown University



Ionization Signal Measured below $1 \text{ keV}_{\text{nra}}$

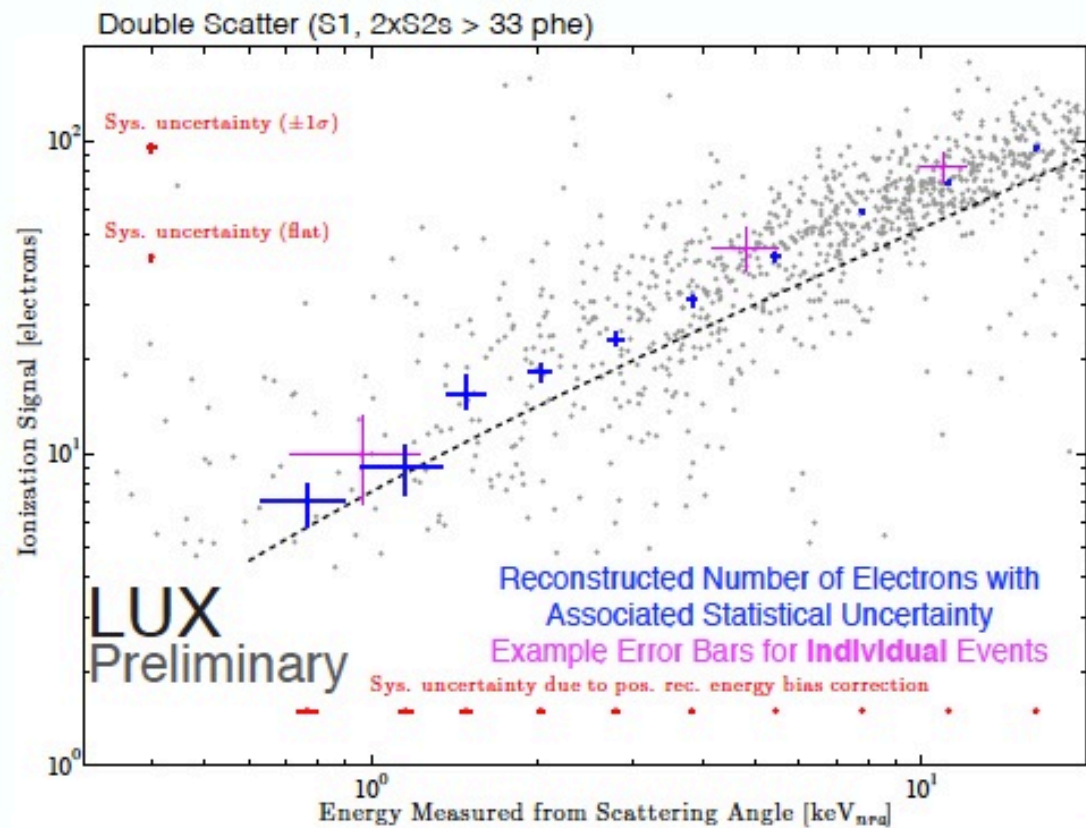
- Reconstruct number of electrons at interaction site by matching ionization signal model with observed event distribution using extended maximum-likelihood
- Red systematic error bar shows common scaling factor uncertainty. Dominated by uncertainty in electron extraction efficiency.
- Lowest event energy included for analysis is $0.3 \text{ keV}_{\text{nra}}$

Grey Points - Individual double scatter events

Magenta Crosses - Error bars for individual event from best 10% from each bin

Blue Crosses - Reconstructed number of electrons at interaction site accounting for threshold effects in signal analysis

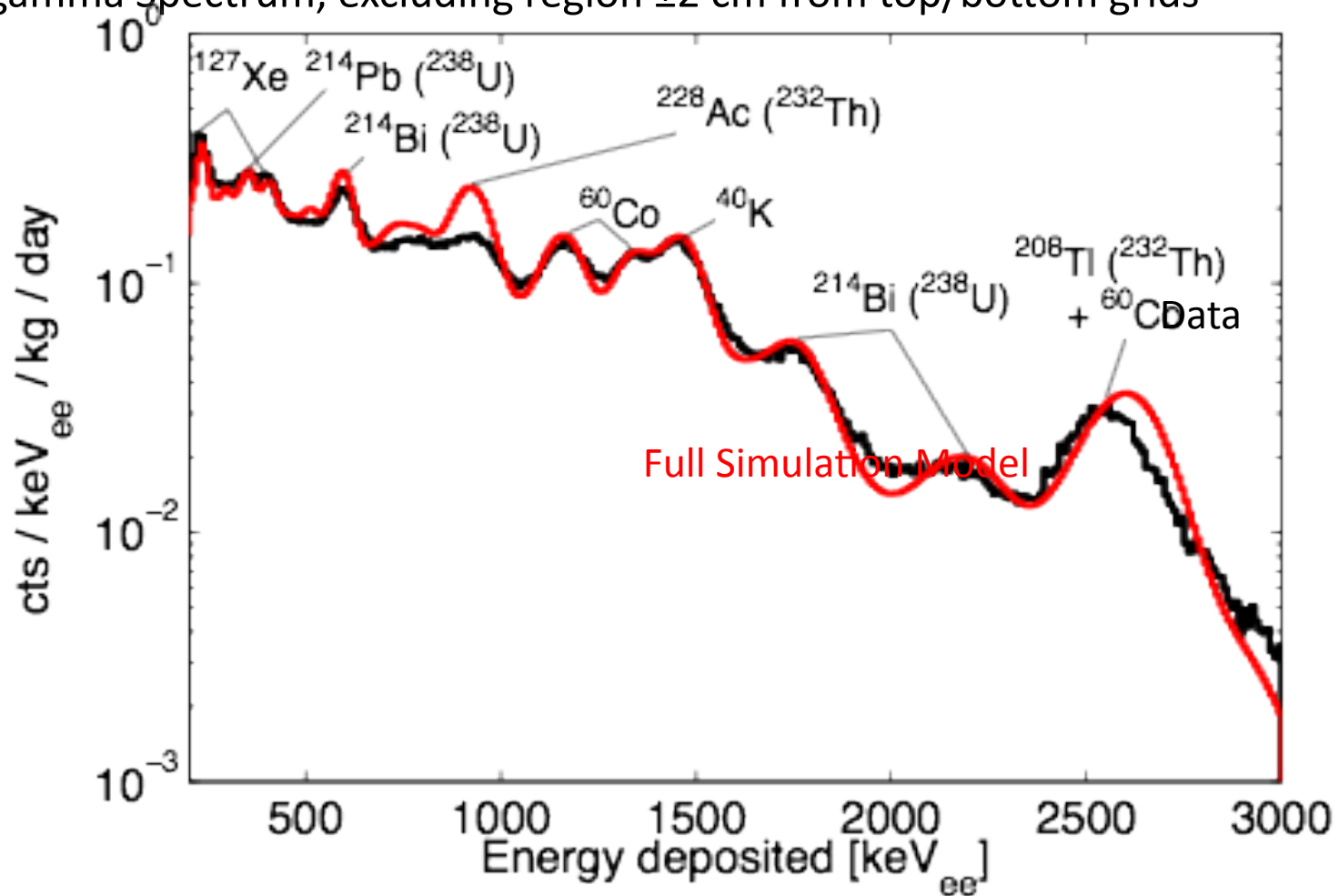
Black Dashed Line - Szydagis et al. (NEST v1.0) Predicted Ionization Signal at 180 V/cm





LUX High Energy Gamma Background in 220 kg

Full gamma Spectrum, excluding region ± 2 cm from top/bottom grids





LUX WIMP Search Summary

⦿ April 21 - August 8, 2013 - 110 calendar days

- 85.3 live days of WIMP Search
- 118.3+/-6.5 kg fiducial mass

⦿ Calibrations

- Frequent injected $^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$ calibration to correct for any S1 or S2 gain shifts
- AmBe & Cf calibrations & Sims to define NR band
- Injected Tritiated Methane defines full ER band at all relevant energies

⦿ Efficiency

- Efficiency for WIMP event detection was studied using data from calibration sets using multiple techniques and all were all shown to be consistent with one another



Event & Cuts Summary: 85 live days

Cut	Explanation	Events Remaining
All Triggers	S2 Trigger >99% for $S2_{\text{raw}} > 200$ phe	83,673,413
Detector Stability	Cut periods of excursion for Xe Gas Pressure, Xe Liquid Level, Grid Voltages	82,918,901
Single Scatter Events	Identification of S1 and S2. Single Scatter cut.	6,585,686
S1 energy	Accept 2-30 phe (energy ~ 0.9-5.3 keVee, ~3-18 keVnr)	26,824
S2 energy	Accept 200-3300 phe (>8 extracted electrons) Removes single electron / small S2 edge events	20,989
S2 Single Electron Quiet Cut	Cut if >100 phe outside S1+S2 identified +/-0.5 ms around trigger (0.8% drop in livetime)	19,796
Drift Time Cut away from grids	Cutting away from cathode and gate regions, $60 < \text{drift time} < 324$ us	8731
Fiducial Volume radius and drift cut	Radius < 18 cm, $38 < \text{drift time} < 305$ us, 118 kg fiducial	160

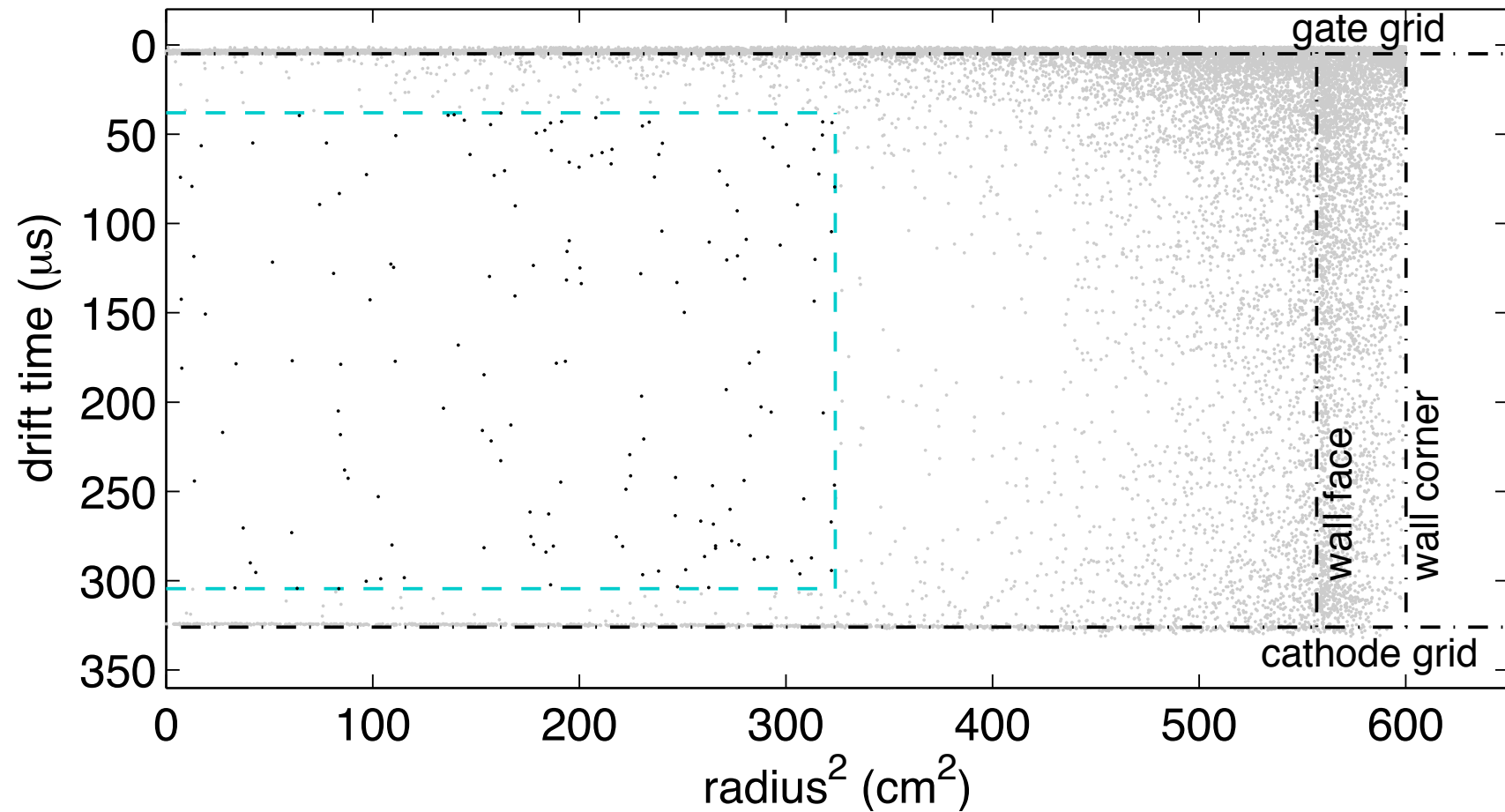
~11.5 Hz of S2-like triggers

>99% efficiency for events $S2_{\text{area}} > 200$ phe

keVnr = keV nuclear recoil
keVee = keV electron
equivalent



The Events in our Detector





Background Summary for 118 kg Fiducial

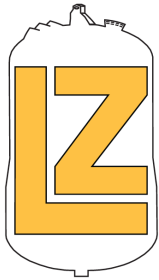
Average levels over period April-August WIMP Search Run

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

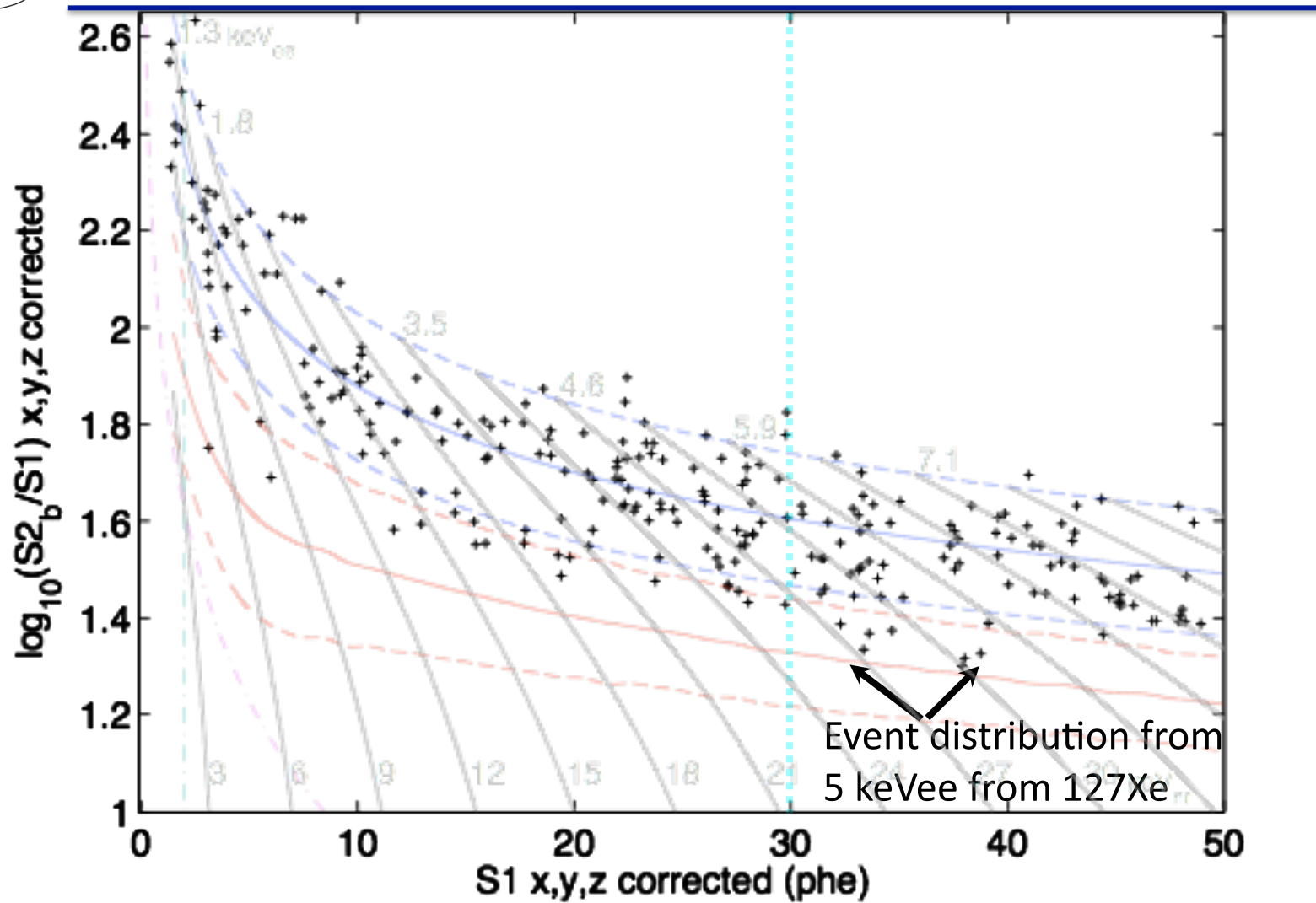


LUX WIMP Analysis Summary

- 1) The Xe Target inner fiducial volume is very simple, it sits inside a larger volume of Xe with only a “virtual” surface dividing them
 - Modeling of extrinsic and intrinsic background signals in large monolithic Xe volume has low systematics
- 2) No blinding was imposed for the first WIMP data analysis
 - We aimed to apply minimum set of cuts in order to reduce any tuning of event cuts/acceptance.
 - The cuts list is very short ...
- 3) Fiducial Volume was selected based on requirement to keep low energy events from grid and teflon surface out of WS data. Primarily alpha-decay events.
 - Low energy alpha-parent nuclear recoil events generate small S2 + S1 events. Studies position reconstruction resolution. Tested using data outside WIMP search S1 energy range. This ensured that position reconstruction for sets were similar, and definition of fiducial was not biased.
- 4) Use of Profile Likelihood Ratio (PLR) analysis means we don't have to draw acceptance boxes
 - This avoids potential bias in data analysis from selecting regions in S1,S2 signal-space
- 5) Inputs for Profile Likelihood Ratio analysis were developed using high statistics in situ calibrations, with some simulations to cross check

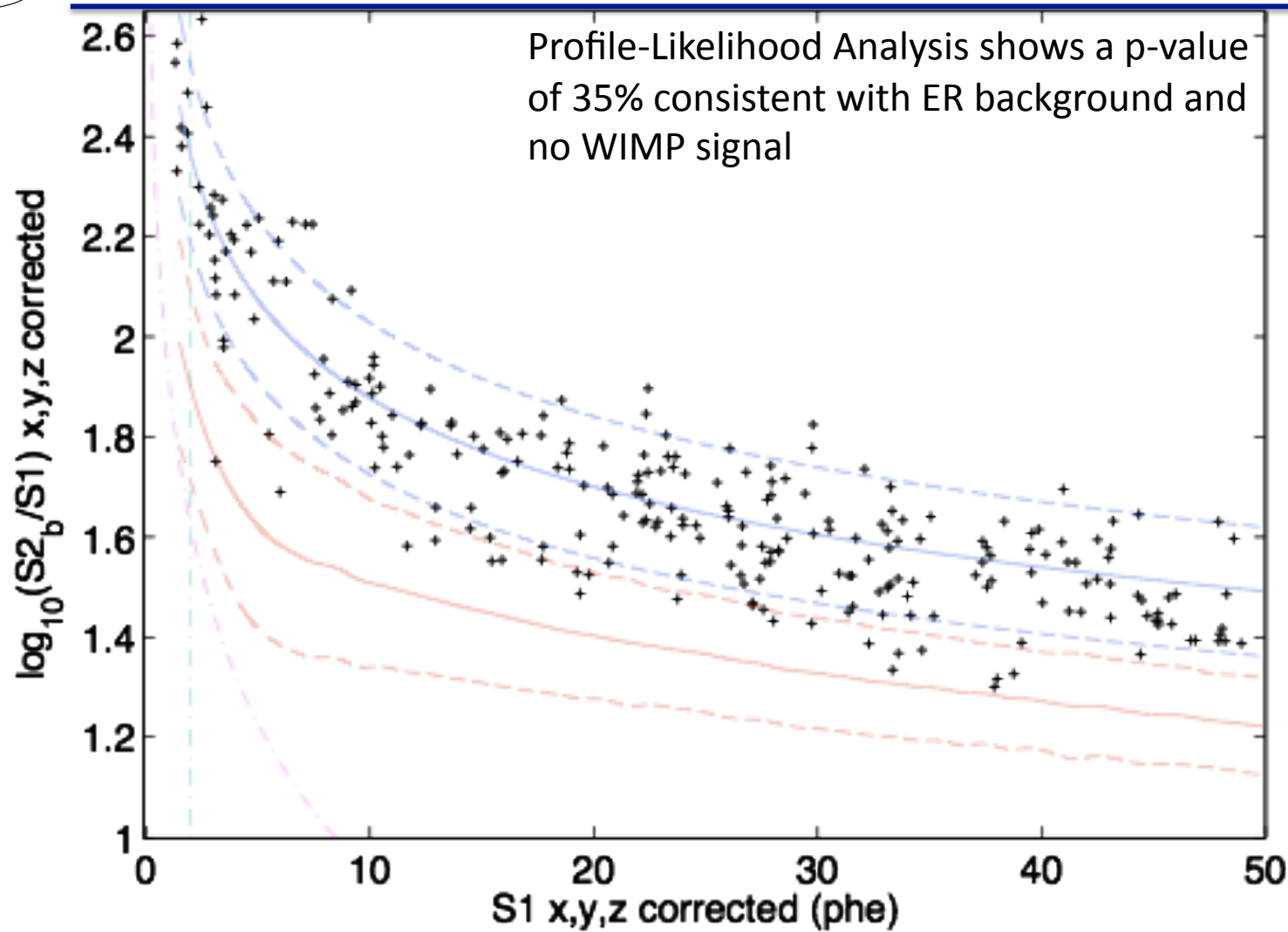


LUX WIMP Search, 85 live-days, 118 kg



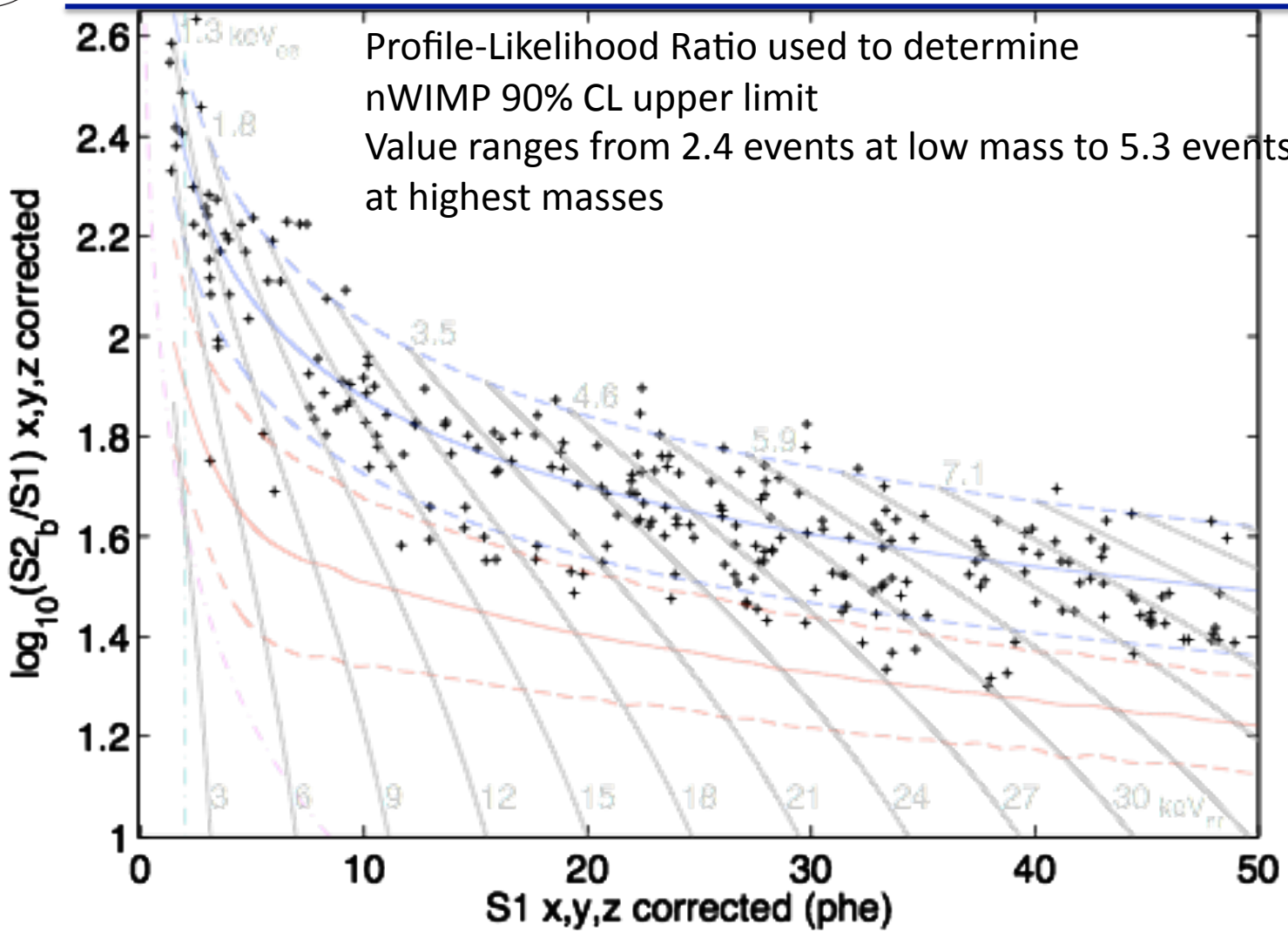


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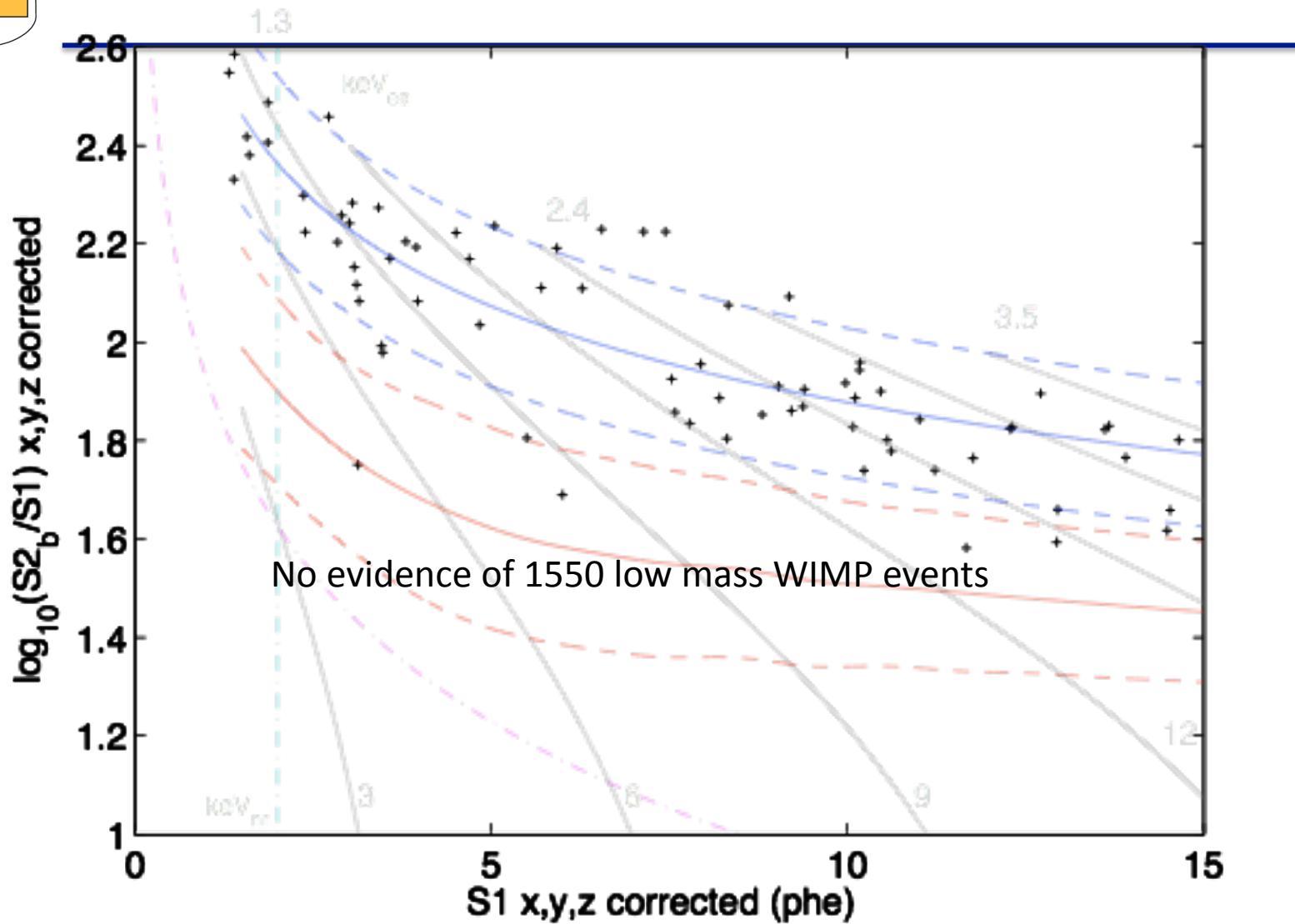


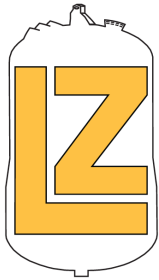
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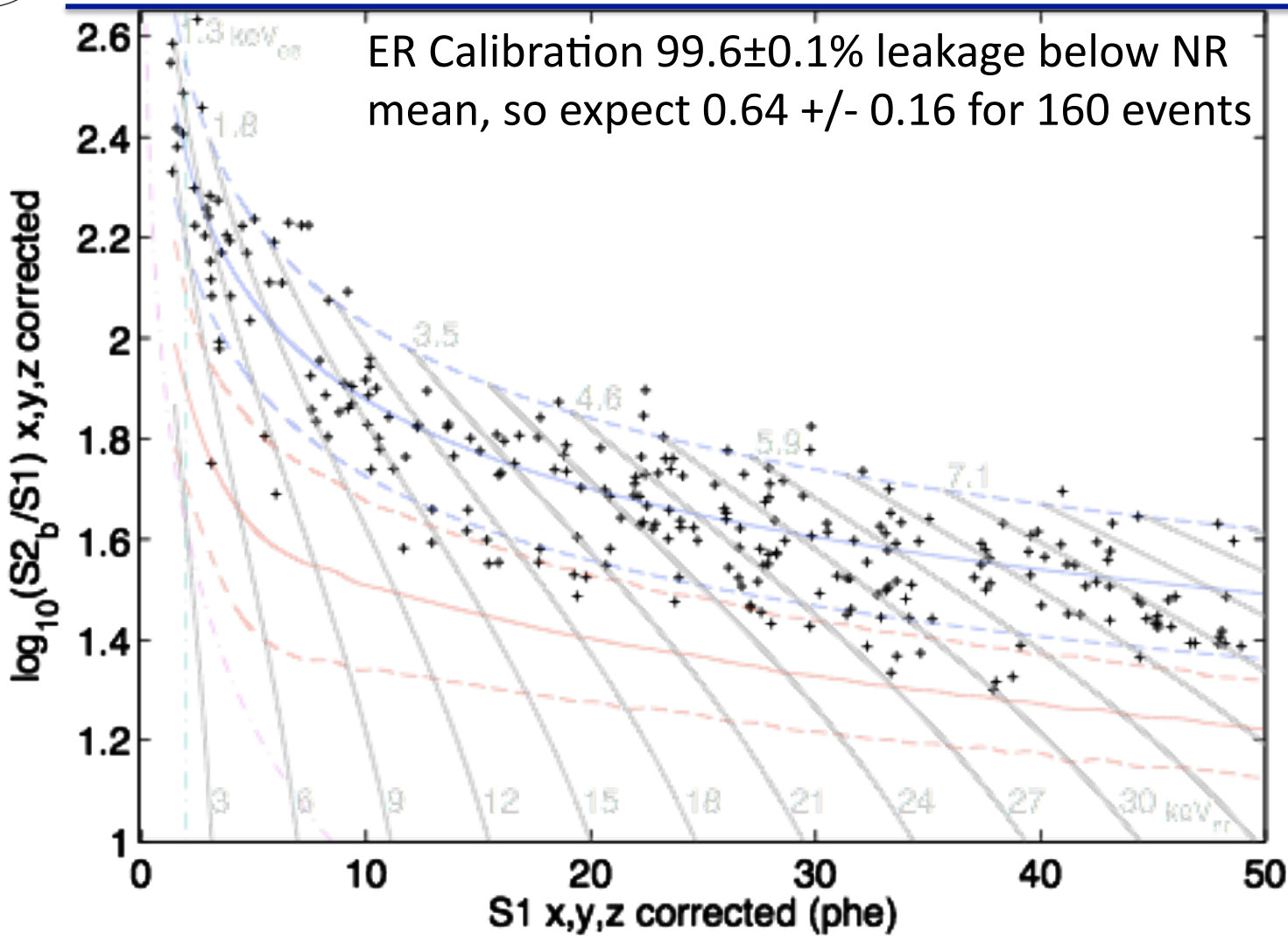


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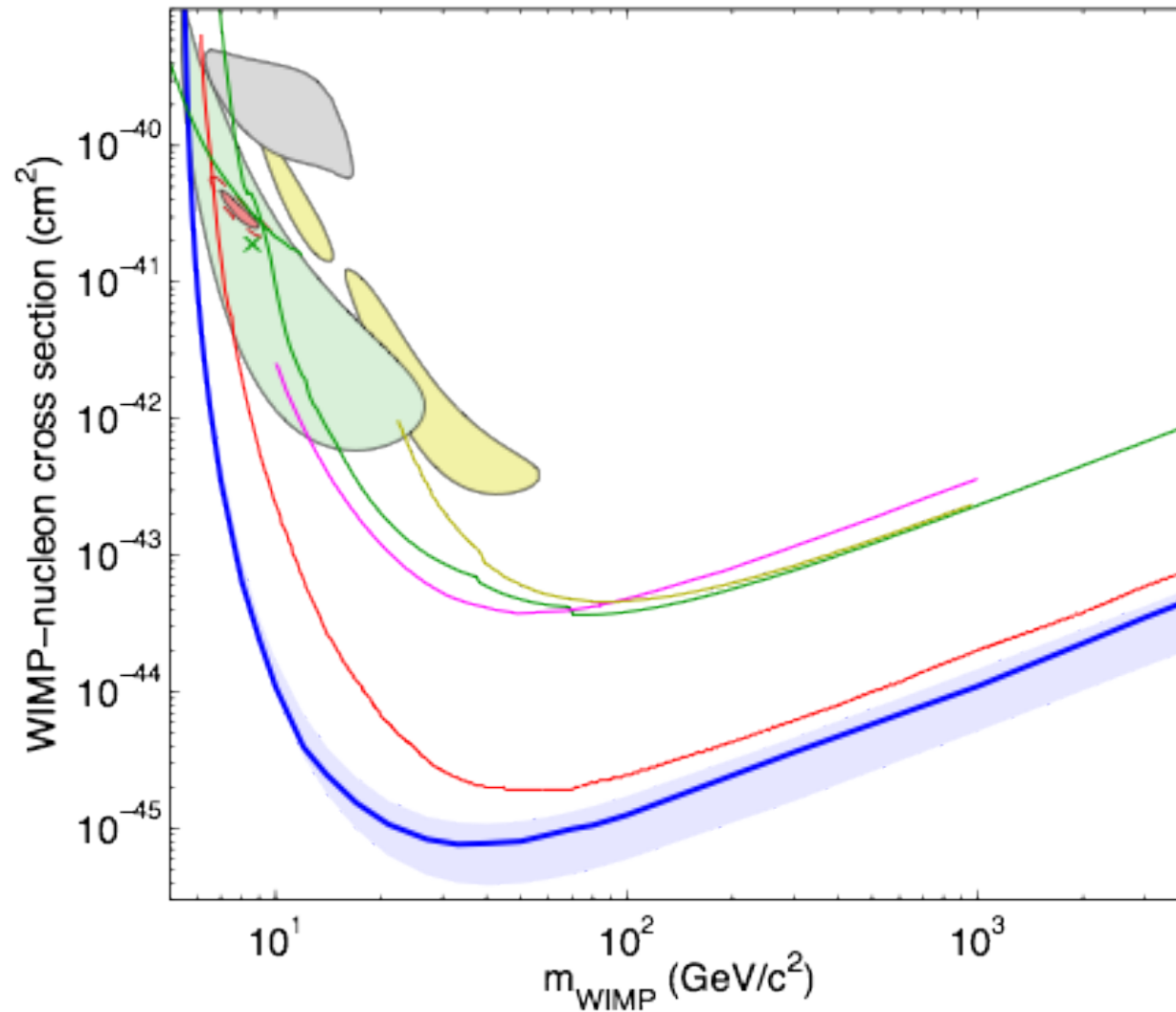


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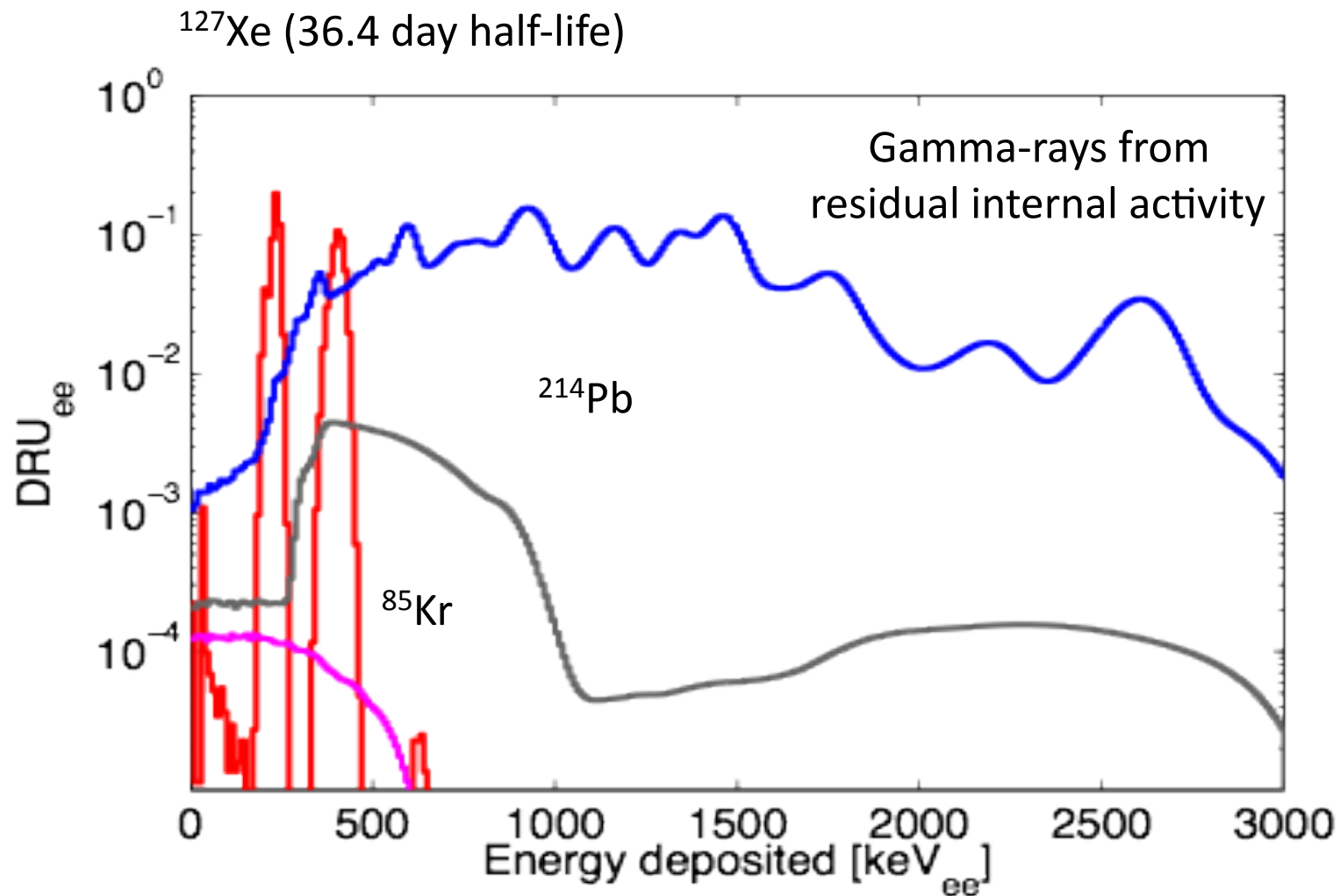


Spin Independent Sensitivity Plots





Full Background Model Fits ER Data Over Entire Range

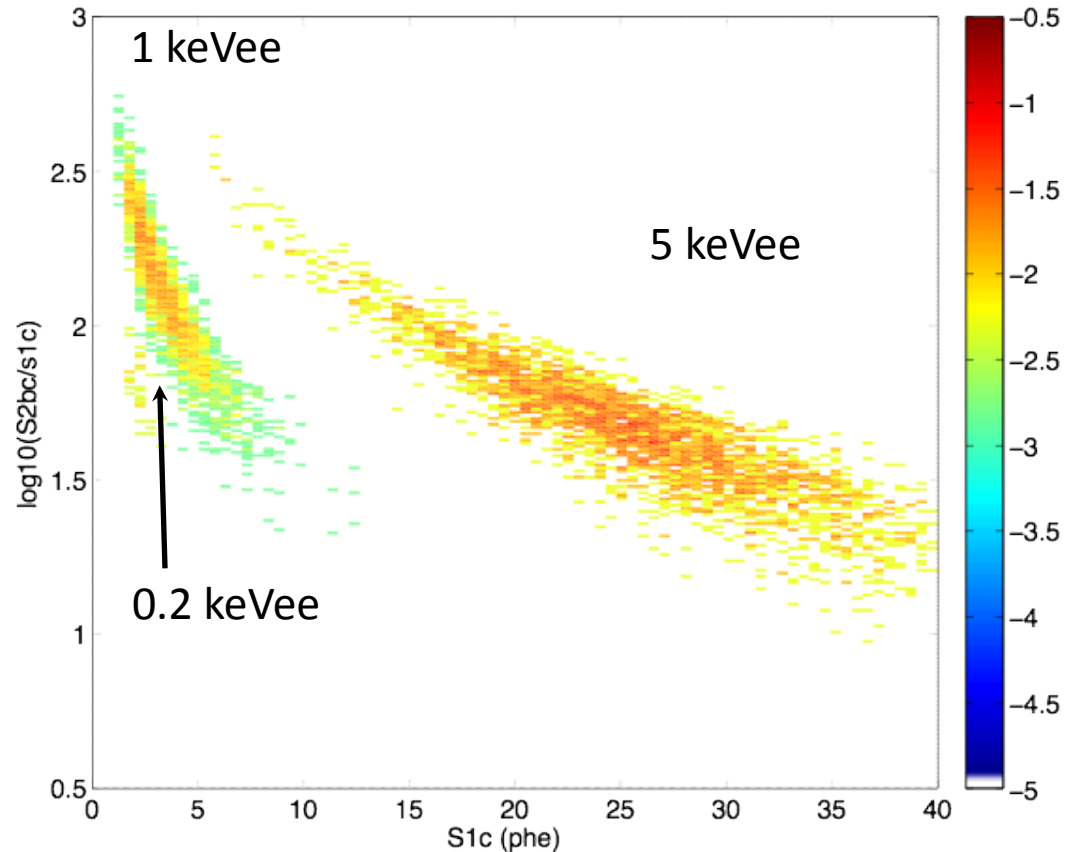
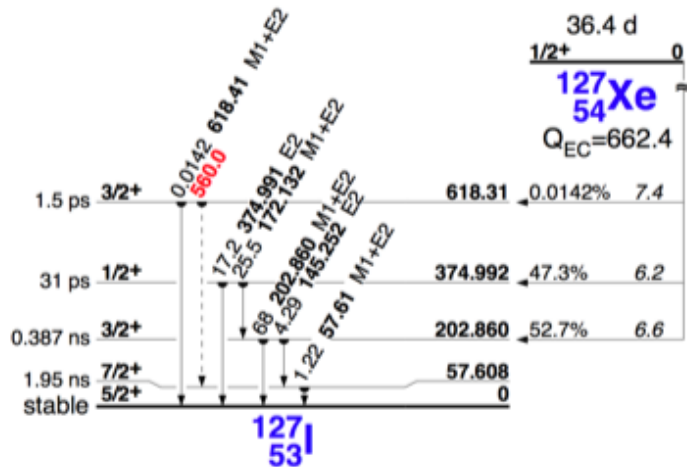


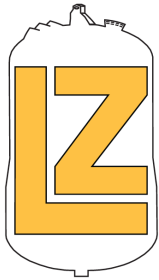


127Xe Electron Capture - Simulation

x-ray line emission in center of detector following full escape of gamma associated with nuclear excited state

Probability Density Function





Xenon Properties

- Scintillates, comparison with ionization allows 'discrimination' of signal and background
- Plenty of signal ≈ 1 keV
- Liquid $\rho \approx 3$ gm/cm³, purity
- No long-lived radioisotopes
- 9 stable isotopes
- 2 with odd neutron

AZ	$\tau_{1/2}$	J^{π}
^{122}Xe	20 h	0^+
^{123}Xe	2.1 h	$(1/2)^+$
^{124}Xe	0.10 %	0^+
^{125}Xe	17 h	$(1/2)^+$
^{126}Xe	0.09 %	0^+
^{127}Xe	36 d	$(1/2)^+$
^{128}Xe	1.91 %	0^+
^{129}Xe	26.4 %	$(1/2)^+$
^{130}Xe	4.1 %	0^+
^{131}Xe	21.2 %	$(3/2)^+$
^{132}Xe	26.9 %	0^+
^{133}Xe	5.2 d	$(3/2)^+$
^{134}Xe	10.4 %	0^+
^{135}Xe	9.1 h	$(3/2)^+$
^{136}Xe	8.9 %	0^+



Central Xenon – 5600 kg Fiducial



241 PMTs

R11410

(110 skin PMTs)

R8520

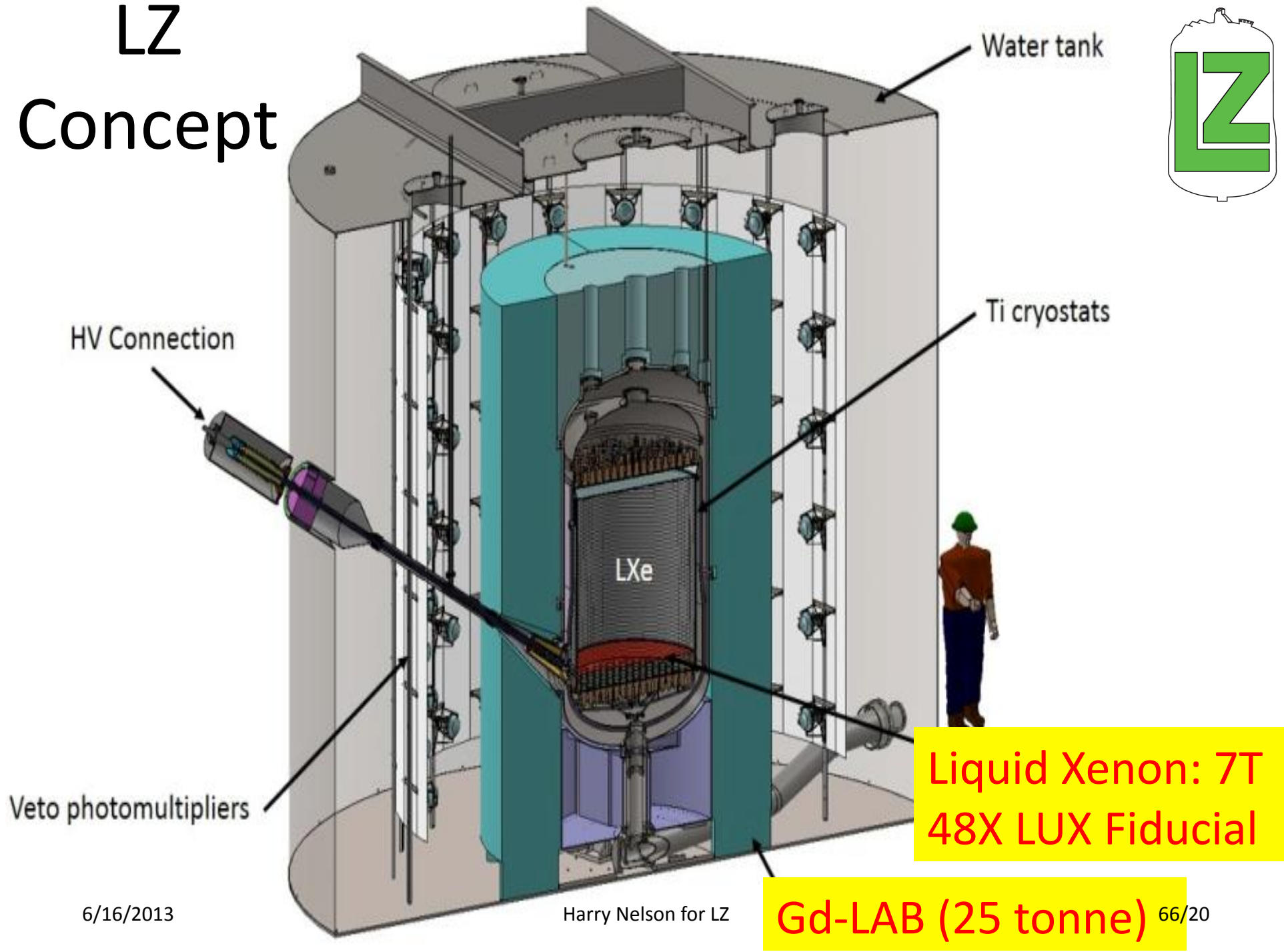
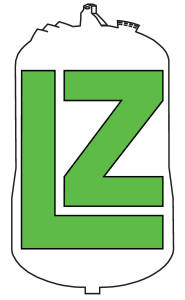
100-200 kV

146 cm D x H

670 μ s drift

241 PMTs

LZ Concept

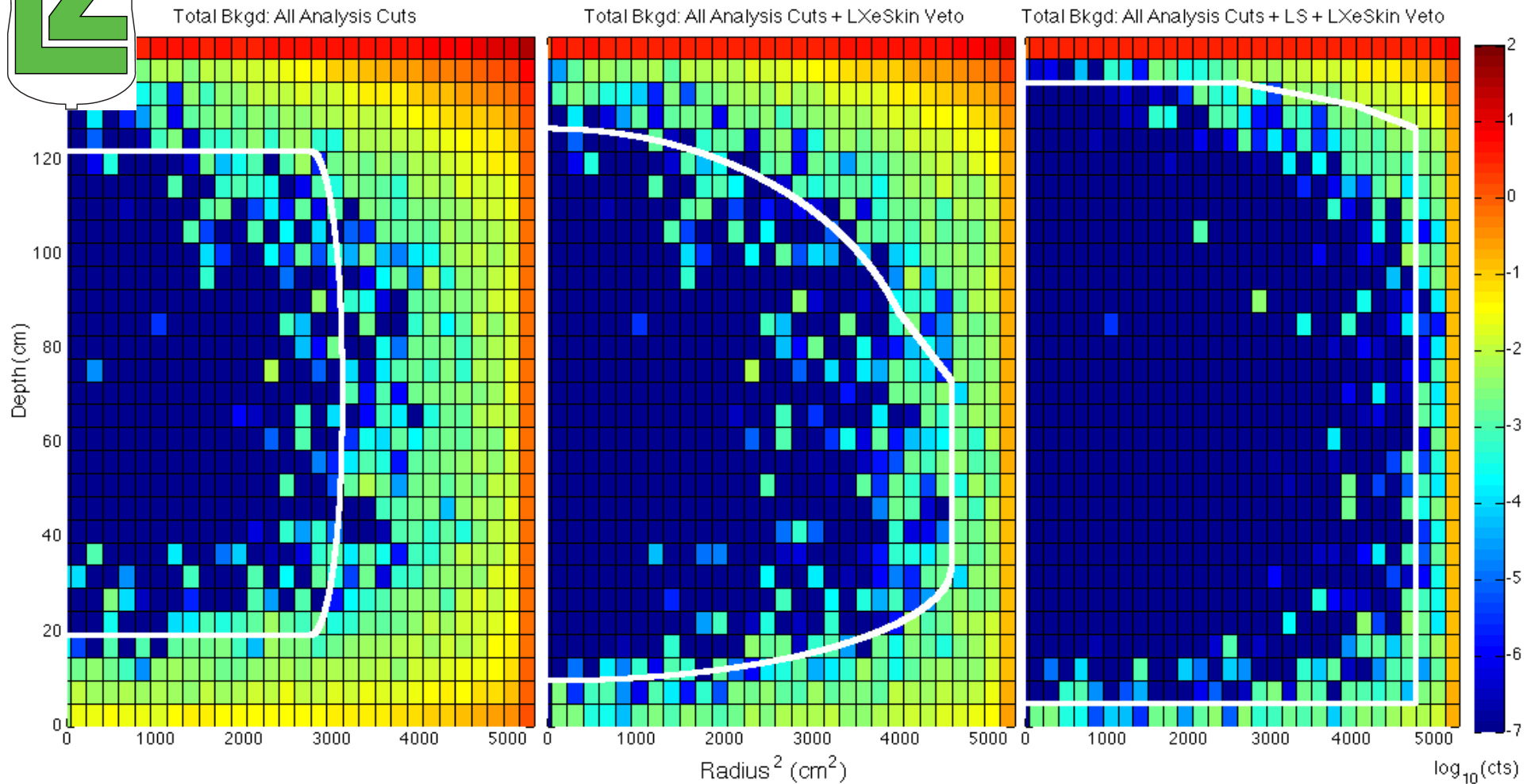
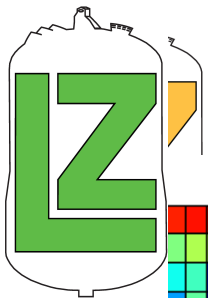


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Harry Nelson for LZ

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Self Shielding, Veto... Calibrate?



2.8 Tonne

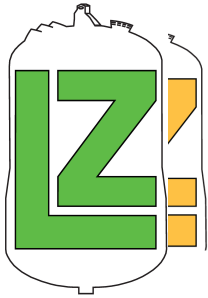
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Skin Veto
4.1 Tonne

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+ Gd-LAB
5.6 Tonne

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Estimated Background

ER

NR

5.6 tonnes fiducial

1000 days

(best) baseline (pessimistic) – bkg of Υ , n

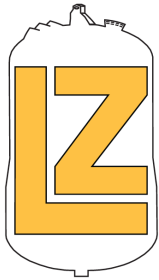
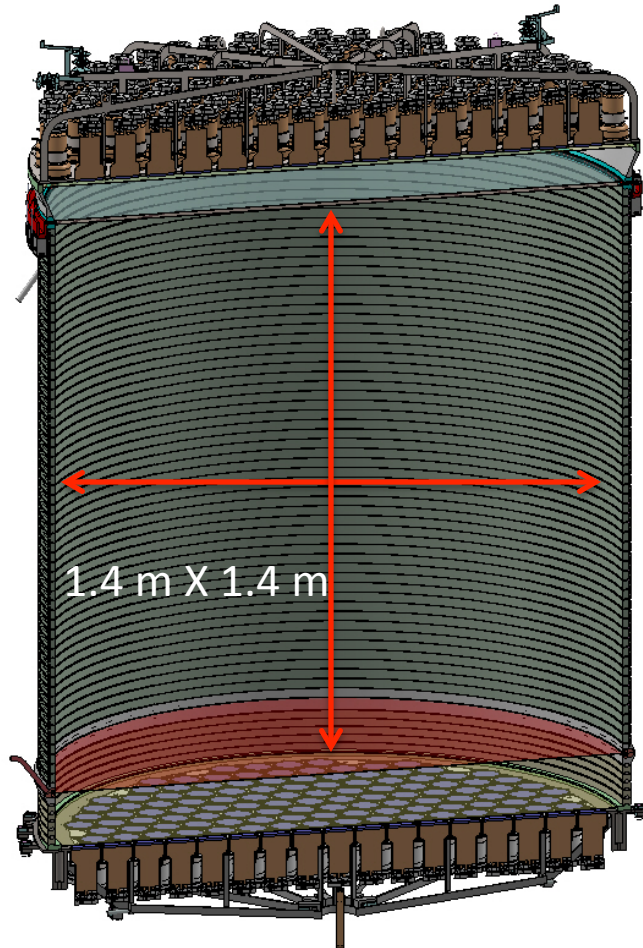


Table 2.1 Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) and principal parameters of the LZ detector.



WBS	Description	Quantity
1.1	Xenon Procurement	
	Approximate total mass	10 tonnes
	Mass inside TPC active region	7 tonnes
	Approximate fiducial mass	5.6 tonnes
1.2	Cryostat	
	Inner cryostat — inside diameter (tapered), height, wall thickness	1.58-1.66 m, 2.52 m, 6 mm
	Outer cryostat — inside diameter, height, wall thickness	1.83 m, 3.09 m, 8 mm
	Approximate cryostat weights — inner, outer	670 kg, 1,060 kg
1.3	Cryogenic System	
	Cooling power	1 kW @ 80 K
	Input electrical power	11 kW
1.4	Xenon Purification	
	Krypton content	<0.015 ppt (g/g)
	²²² Rn content in active Xe	<0.67 mBq
	Recirculation rate	≥ 500 SLPM
	Electron lifetime	>0.75 ms
	Charge attenuation length	>1.5 m
1.5	Xenon Detector	
	Top (Bottom) TPC 3-inch PMT array	247 (241), 488 total tubes
	“Side skin readout” and “bottom” 1-inch PMT	60 top skin, 60 bottom skin, 60 bottom
	Nominal (Design) cathode operating voltage	100 (200) kV
	Reverse field region (cathode to bottom tube shield)	0.146 m
	TPC height (cathode to gate grid)	1.46 m
	TPC effective diameter	1.46 m
1.6	Outer Detector System	
	Weight of Gd-loaded LAB scintillator	27 tonnes
	Number of acrylic vessels, total acrylic mass	9 vessels, 3.8 tonnes
	Number of 8-inch PMTs	120
	Average thickness of scintillator	0.70 m
	Diameter of water tank	7.62 m
	Height of water tank	5.92 m
	Approximate weight of water	228 tonnes
1.7	Calibration System	
	Number of source (γ, n) calibration tubes	3
	Other calibration tools	^{85m} Kr, n-generator, tritiated CH ₄ , ³⁷ Ar
1.8	Electronics, DAQ, Controls, and Computing	
	Trigger rate (all energies, 0-40 keV)	40 Hz, 0.4 Hz
	Average event size (noncalibration, uncompressed)	0.2–1.0 MB
	Data volume per year	350–850 TB