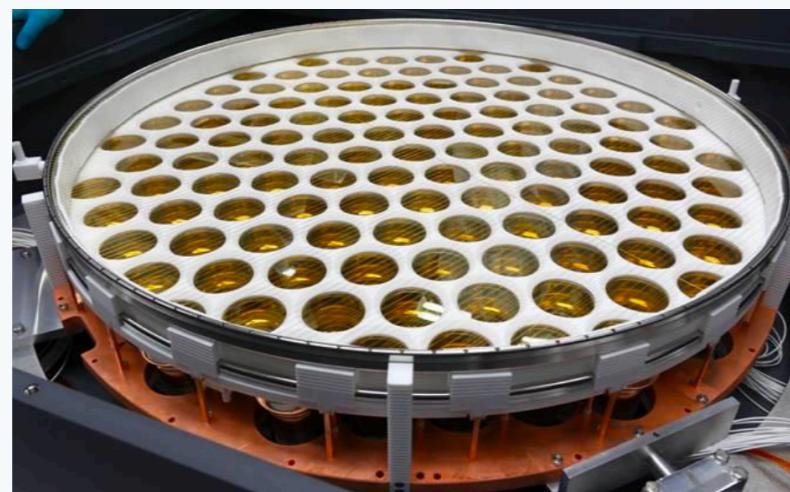


# First Results from the XENON1T Dark Matter Experiment



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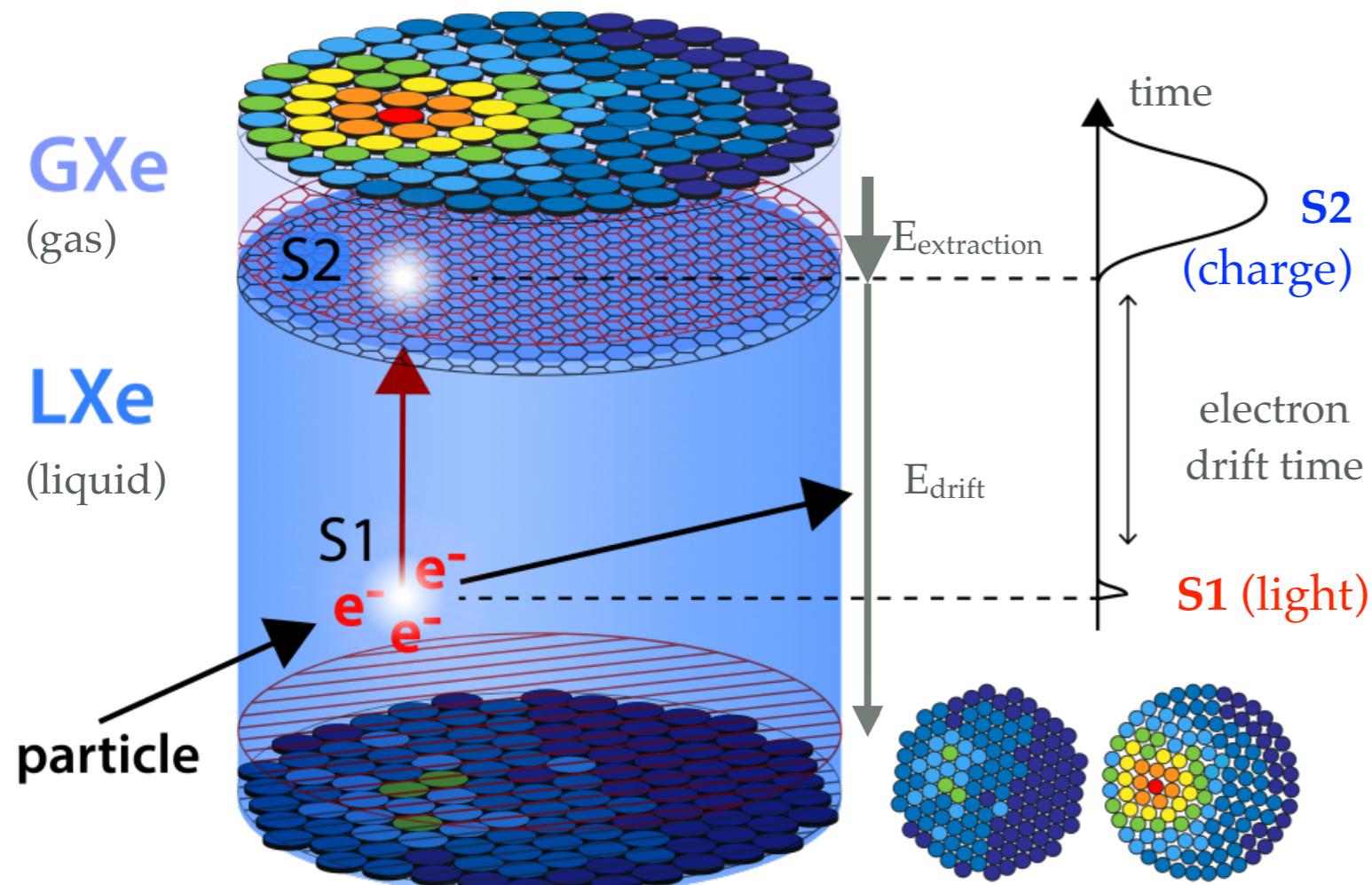


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# Direct Detection with Liquid Xenon TPCs

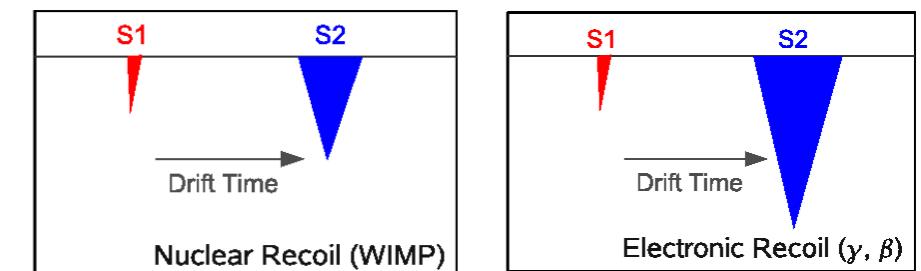
## Dual-phase Time Projection Chamber (TPC)



## Event Type Discrimination

- nuclear recoils (WIMPs, neutrons) have higher-density tracks than electronic recoils ( $\gamma$ ,  $\beta$ ): more recombination, less charge
- charge and light signals are anti-correlated:

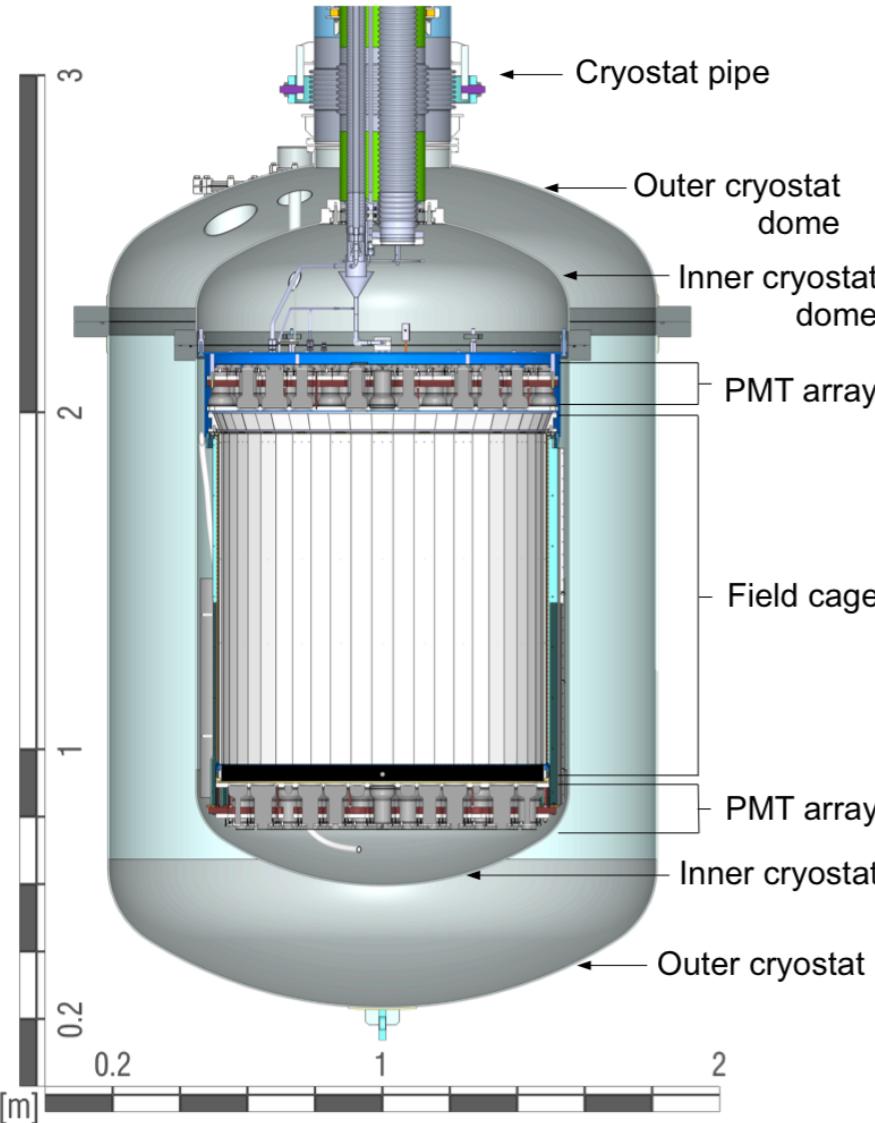
$$\frac{S_2}{S_1_{\text{NR}}} < \frac{S_2}{S_1_{\text{ER}}}$$



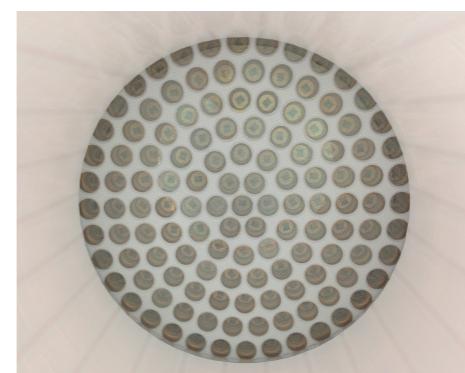
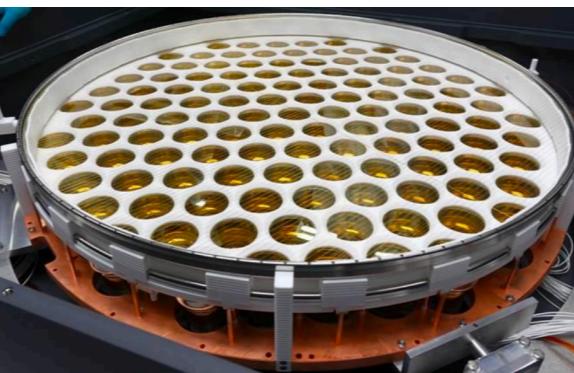
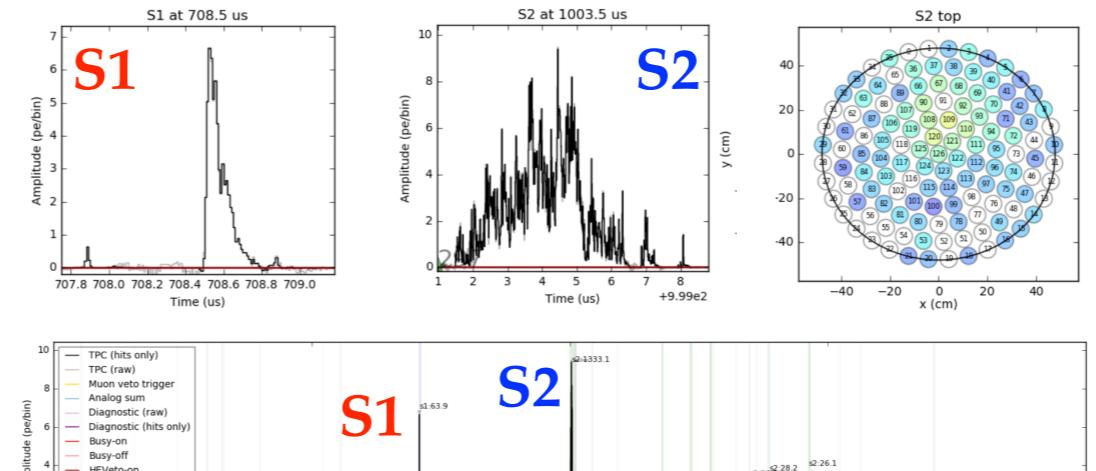
## Vertex Reconstruction: Fiducialization

- depth ( $z$ ) from electron drift time
- $x$ - $y$  from  $S_2$  hit pattern

# The XENON1T TPC



## Example Waveform



121 bottom



Hamamatsu  
R11410

## TPC

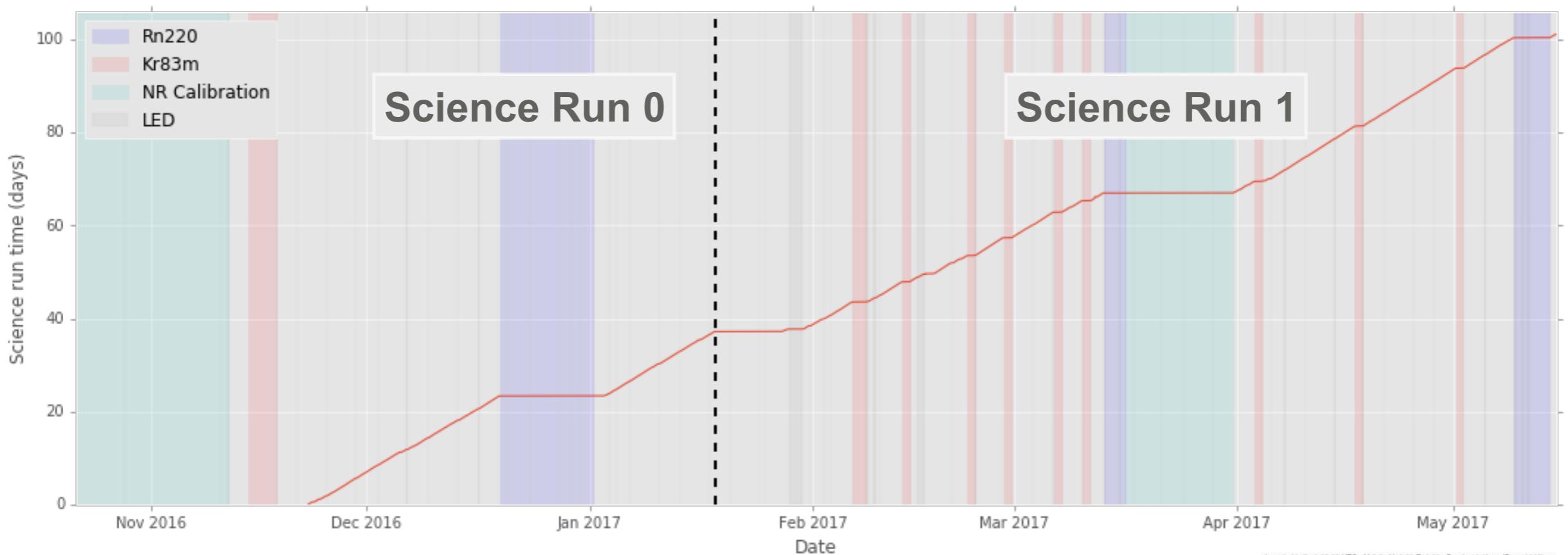
- 1x1 m volume: 2 tons LXe (3.2 t total)
- high reflectivity PTFE inner surfaces
- $E_{\text{drift}} 120 \text{ V/cm}$ ,  $E_{\text{extraction}} > 10 \text{ kV/cm}$

## PMTs

- High QE ~34% @175 nm
- average gain  $\sim 5 \times 10^6$  @ 1500 V
- cryogenic, low-radioactivity

*Eur. Phys. J. C75, 11, 546 (2015)*  
*JINST 8, P04026 (2013)*  
*JINST 12, P01024 (2017)*

# First Science Run



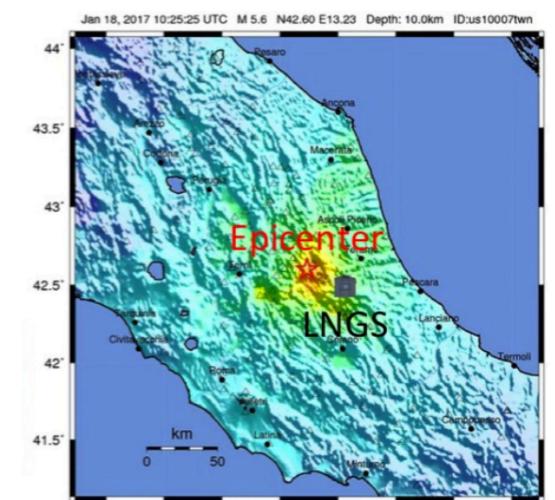
**34.2 live days dark matter exposure**

**3.0 days  $^{220}\text{Rn}$  for low-energy electronic recoil band calibration**

**16.3 days  $^{241}\text{AmBe}$  for low-energy nuclear recoil calibration**

**3.3 days  $^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$ : for spatial response correction**

**Geological interruption defined first science run;  
Still running with more than 130 days exposure.**

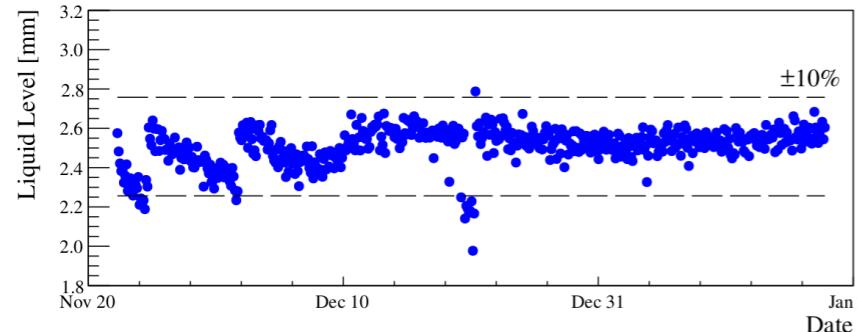
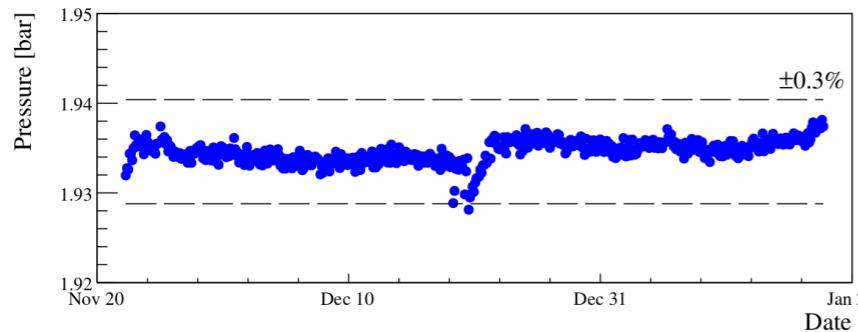
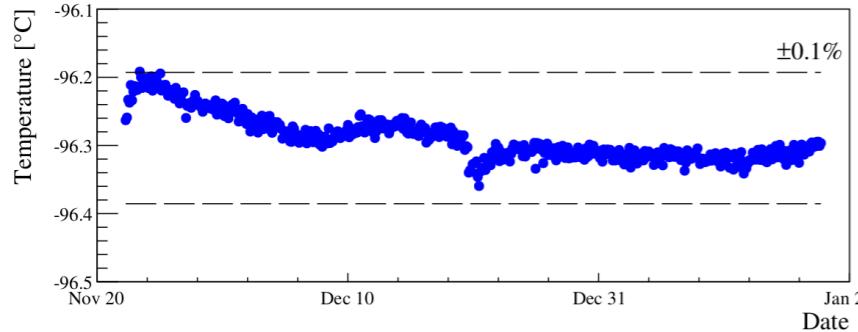


Earthquake magnitude 5.5  
Jan. 18, 2017

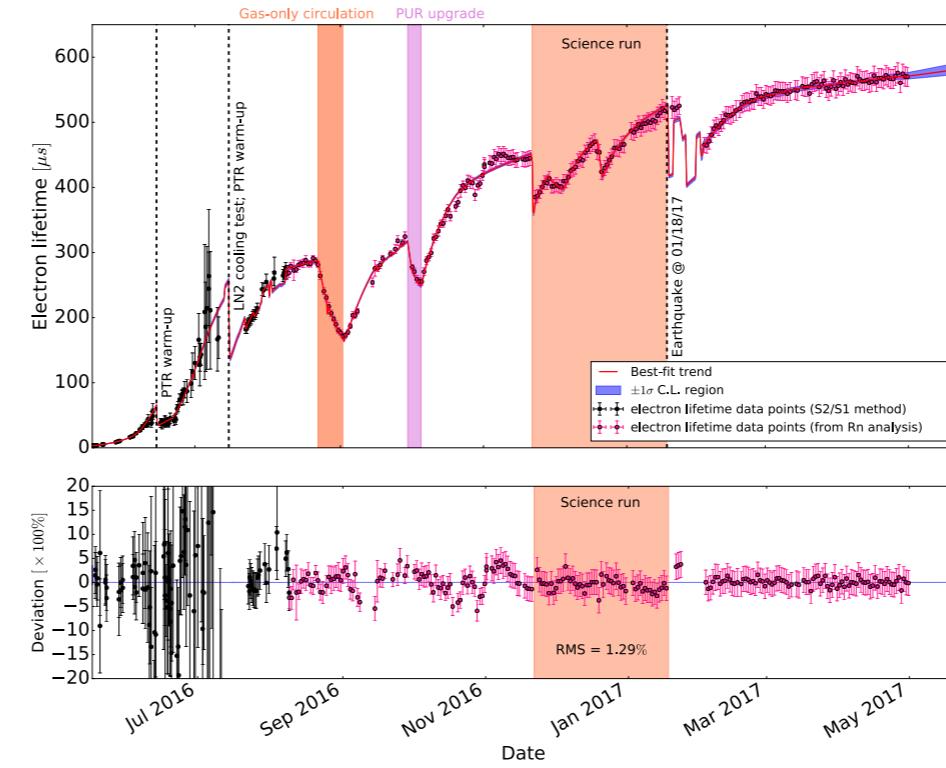
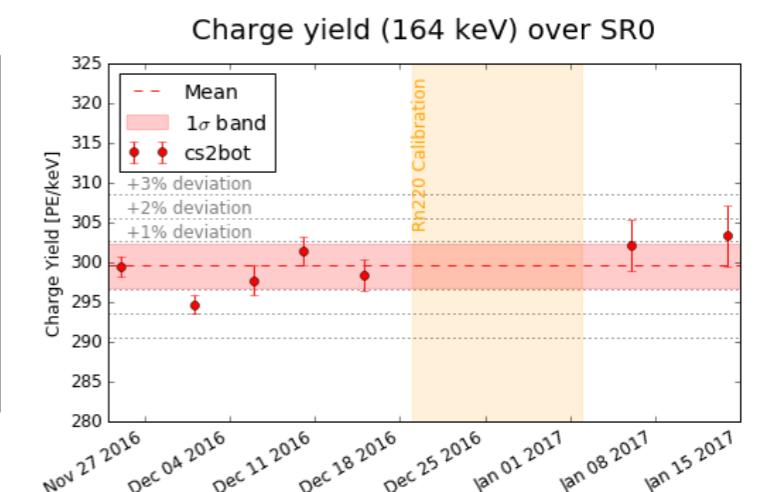
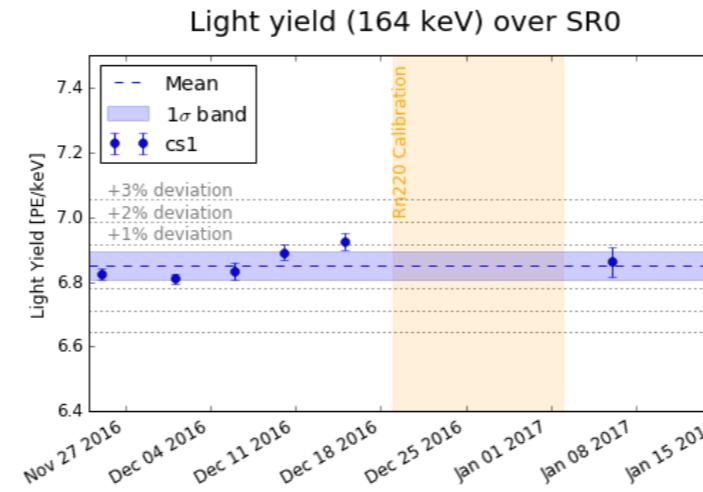
# Detector Stability

All critical detector parameters were stable throughout run:

- LXe temp:  $(177.08 \pm 0.04)$  K
- GXe pressure:  $(1.934 \pm 0.001)$  bar
- LXe level:  $(2.5 \pm 0.2)$  mm



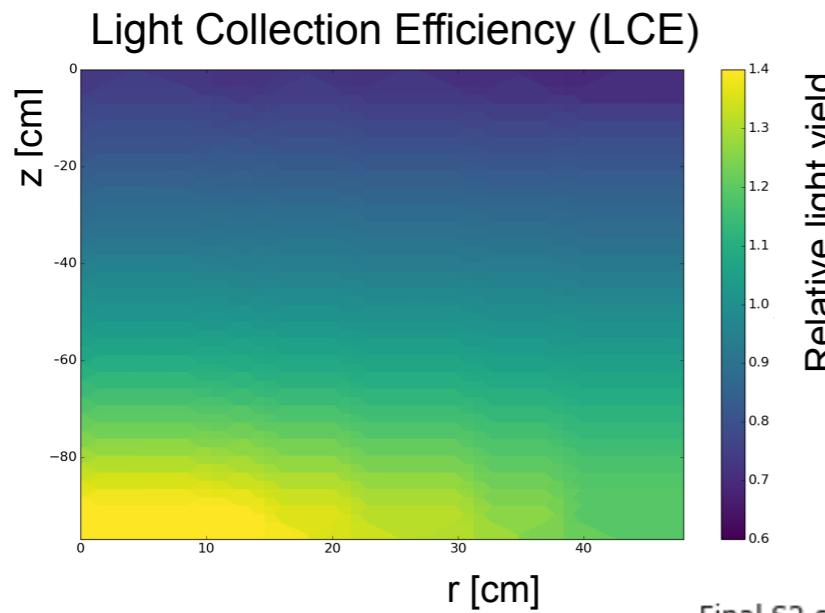
**Light and Charge Yield stable within 1%**  
monitored using internal sources ( $^{131m}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{83m}\text{Kr}$ )



- Electron Lifetime**
- increased from  $350 \mu\text{s}$  to  $500 \mu\text{s}$  (average  $452 \mu\text{s}$ , max. drift  $673 \mu\text{s}$ )
  - continuous recirculation and purification with hot metal getters

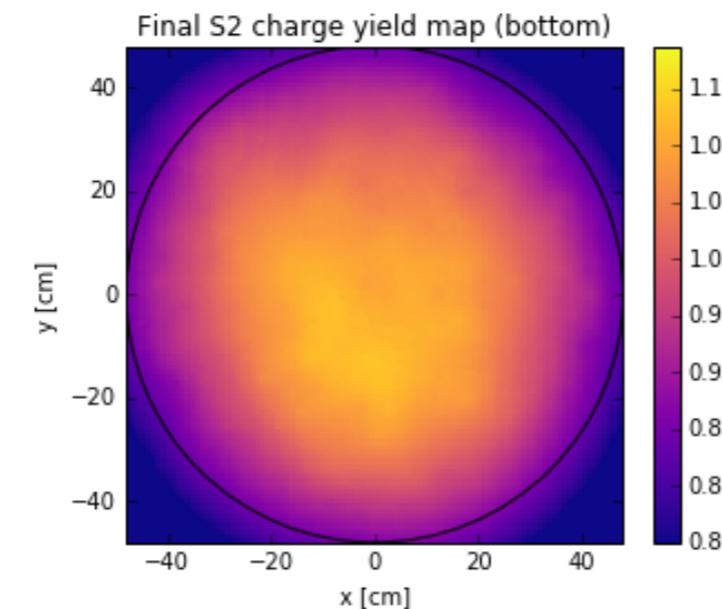
# Calibrations

**Signal corrections** for electron lifetime and spatial response ( $^{83m}\text{Kr}$ )



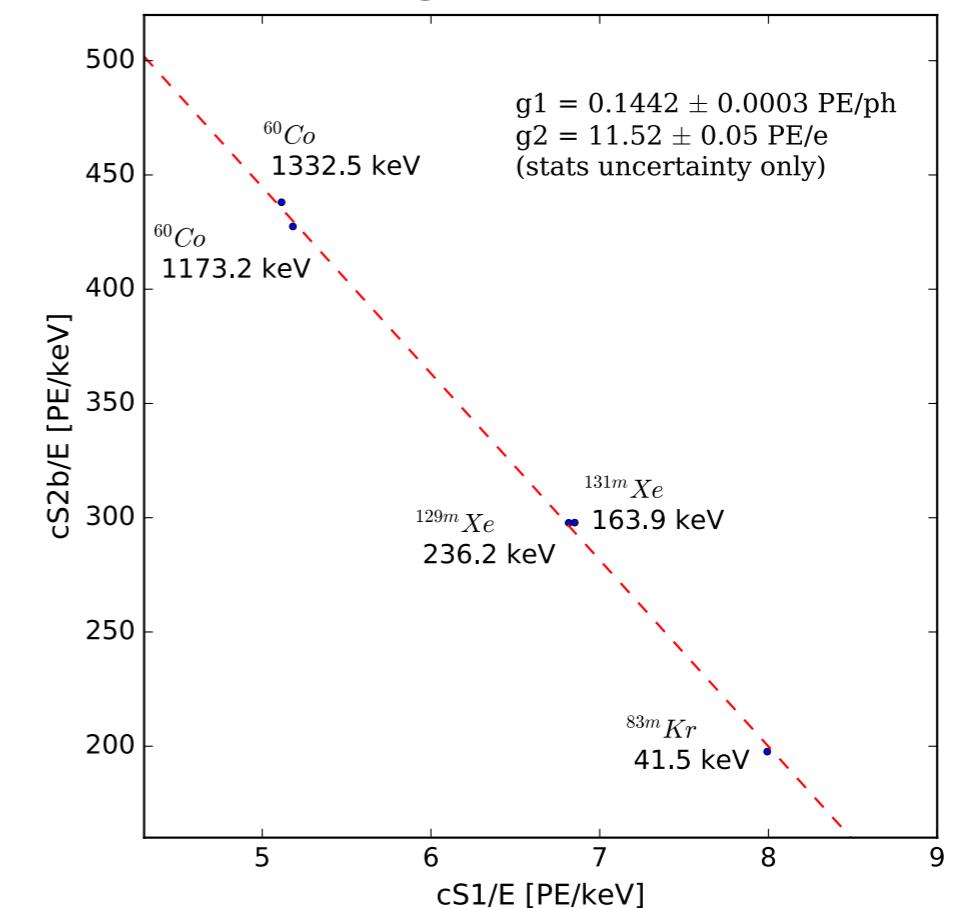
Spatial calibration for

- electric field non-uniformities
- interaction position dependent LCE
- position dependent S2 amplification



## Energy scale

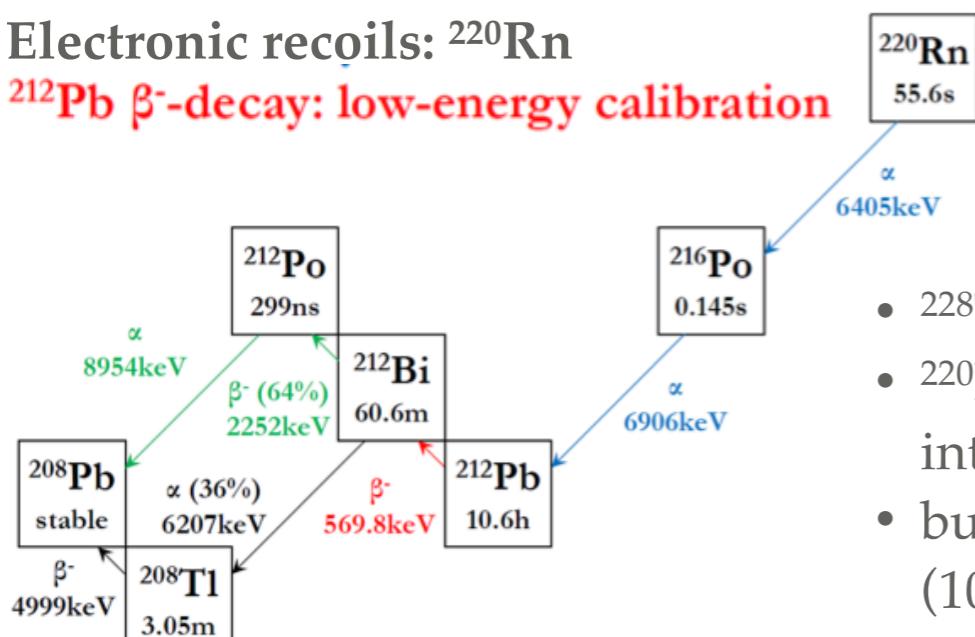
- linear from keV to MeV using known calibration sources ( $^{83m}\text{Kr}$ ,  $^{129m,131m}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Co}$ )
- $g1 = 0.1442 \pm 0.0068$  (sys) PE / photon
- light detection efficiency  $(12.5 \pm 0.6)\%$ , Monte Carlo prediction 12.1%
- $g2 = \sim 100\%$  charge extraction



# Calibrations

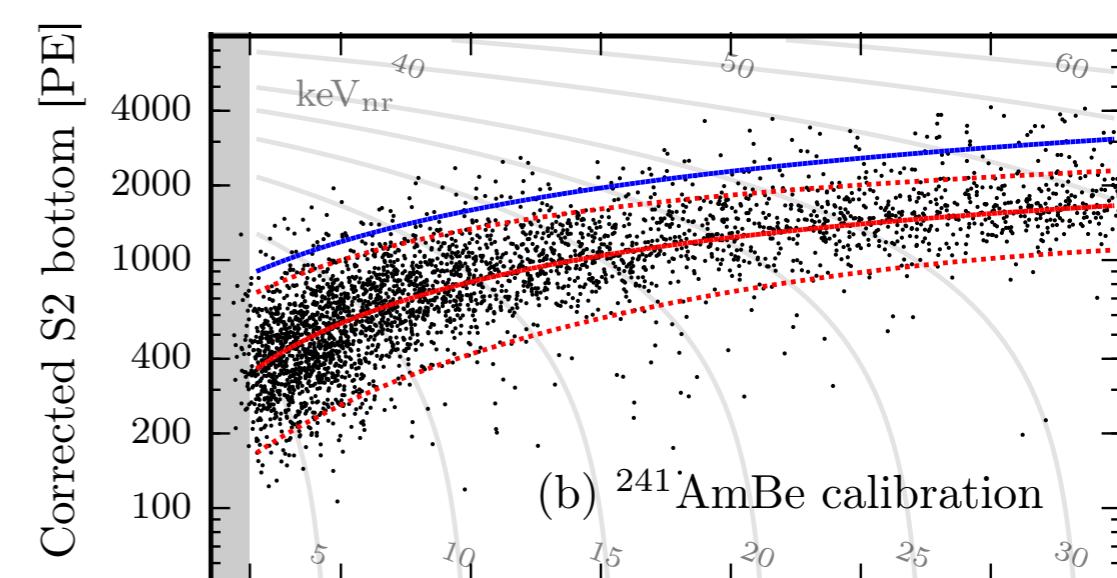
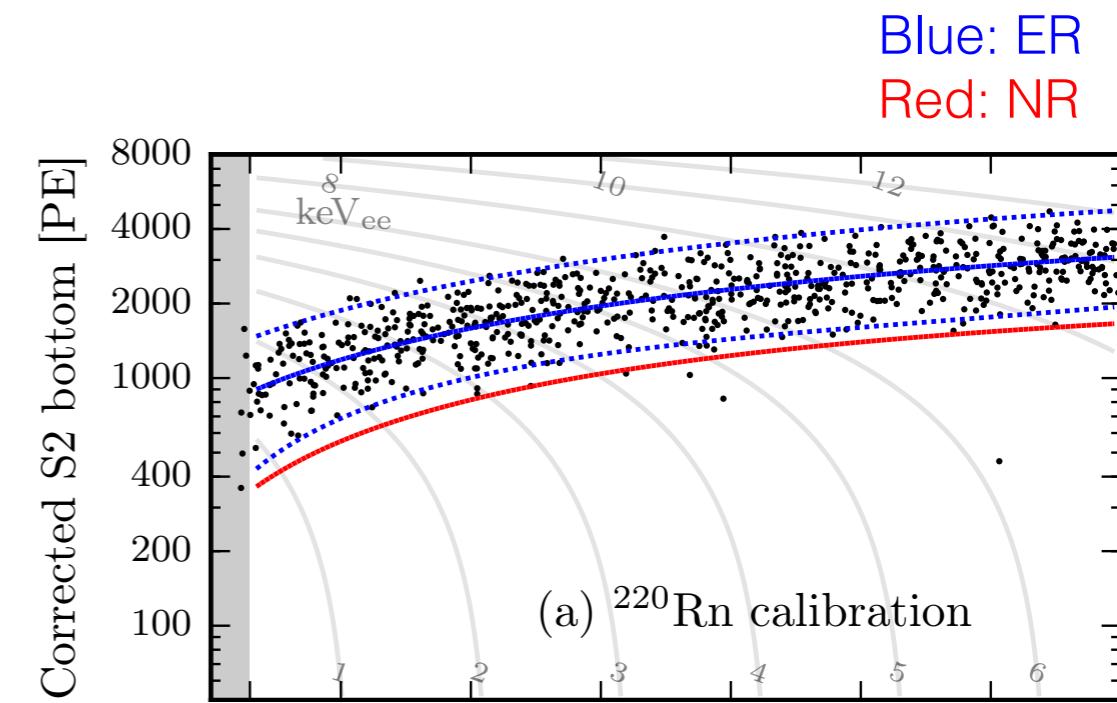
Electronic recoils:  $^{220}\text{Rn}$

$^{212}\text{Pb}$   $\beta^-$ -decay: low-energy calibration

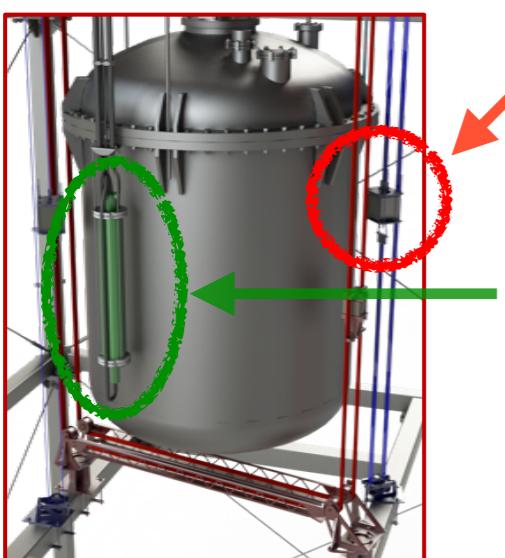


Phys. Rev. D 95, 72008 (2017)

- $^{228}\text{Th}$  source
- $^{220}\text{Rn}$  emanates into xenon gas
- builds to  $^{212}\text{Pb}$  (10.6 h): 2-30 keV
- ~1 week decay



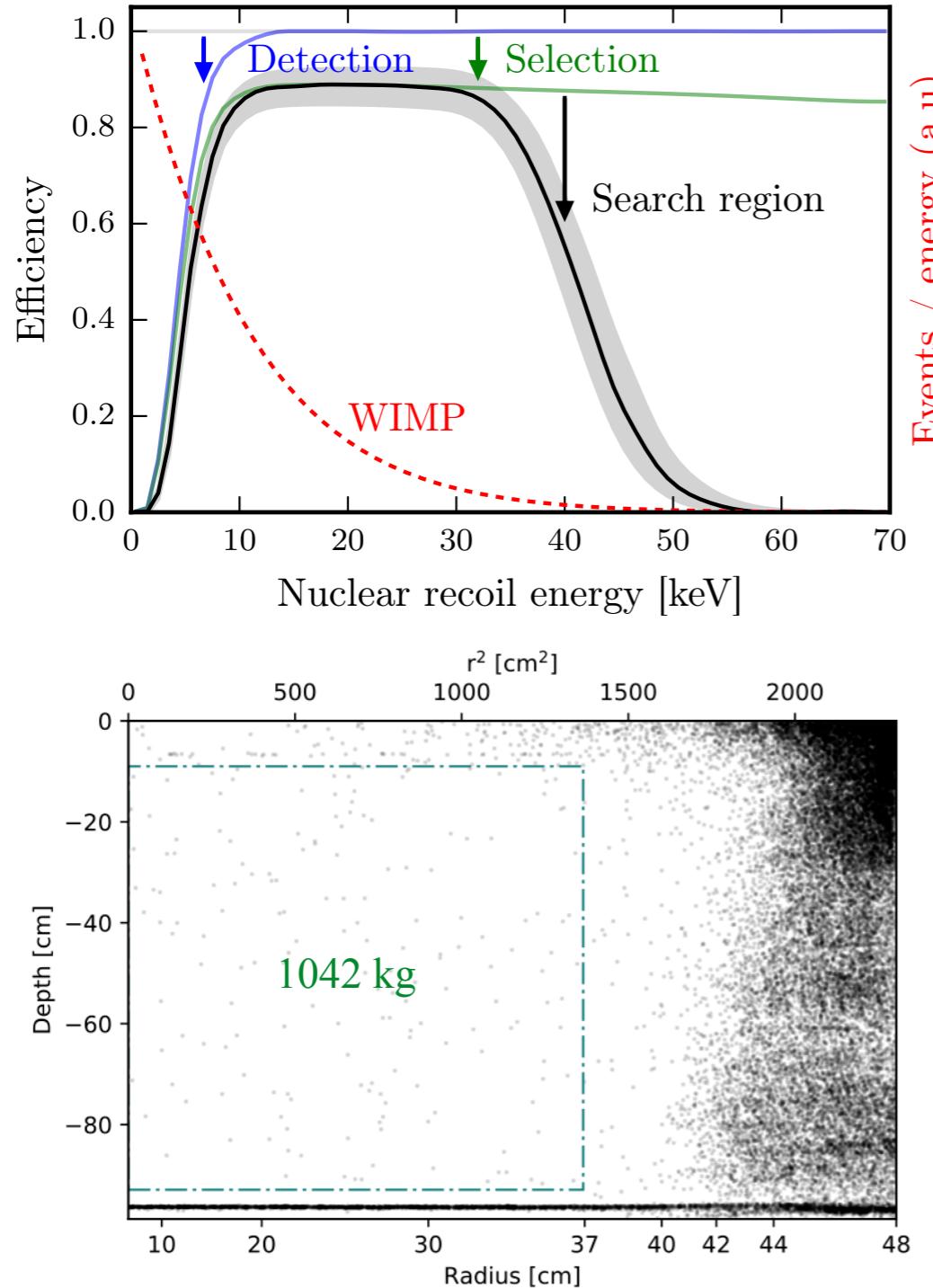
Nuclear recoils: AmBe



- $^{241}\text{AmBe}$  external source (belt system) emits 1-10 MeV neutrons
- neutron generator commissioned May 2017, peaks 2.2 and 2.7 MeV
- reduced calibration time from weeks to ~days

arXiv: 1705.04741

# Event Selection



## Nuclear recoil detection efficiency

Signal reconstruction algorithms tuned with MC

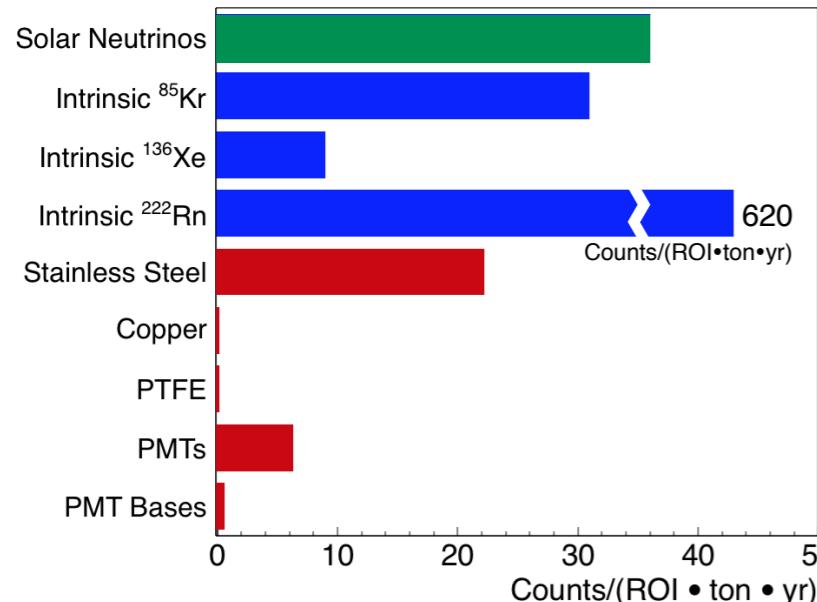
- modeled light propagation and detector electronics (noise)
- validated S1/S2 waveforms

## Selections

- WIMPs are expected as low-energy, single scatters
- reject events with uncorrelated signals before main S2 & events after a high-energy event
- S2 width and PMT hit patterns must be consistent with reconstructed vertex

Cut	Events remaining
All ( $cS1 < 200$ PE)	128144
Selections	48955
1 t Fiducial volume	180
S1 range ( $3 < cS1 < 70$ )	63

# Electronic Recoil Backgrounds



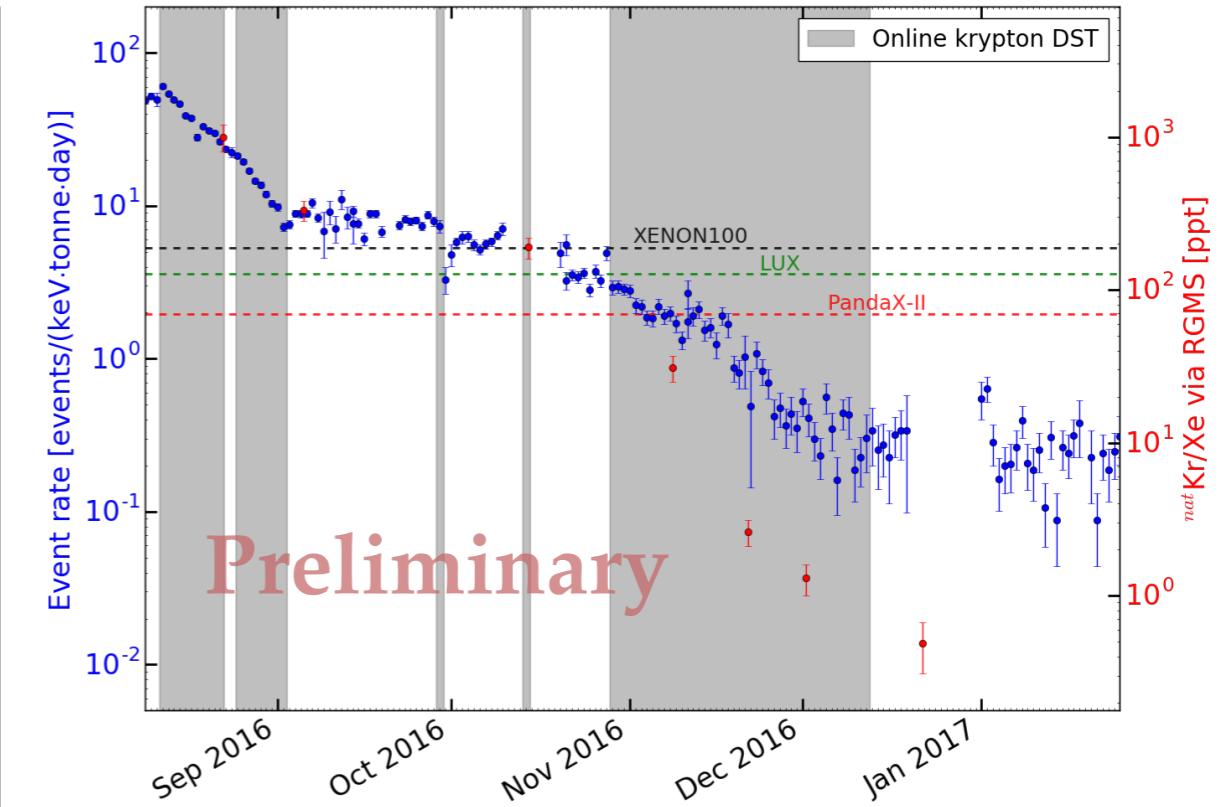
## Reduction Methods:

- materials radioassay & selection
- cryogenic distillation to remove Kr
- Rn distillation (in-situ: 20% lower tests: >27x decrease in Xe100)

*Materials:* arXiv:1705.01828 (2017)

*Kr:* Eur. Phys. J. C77, 275 (2017)

*Rn:* arxiv:1702.06942 (2017)

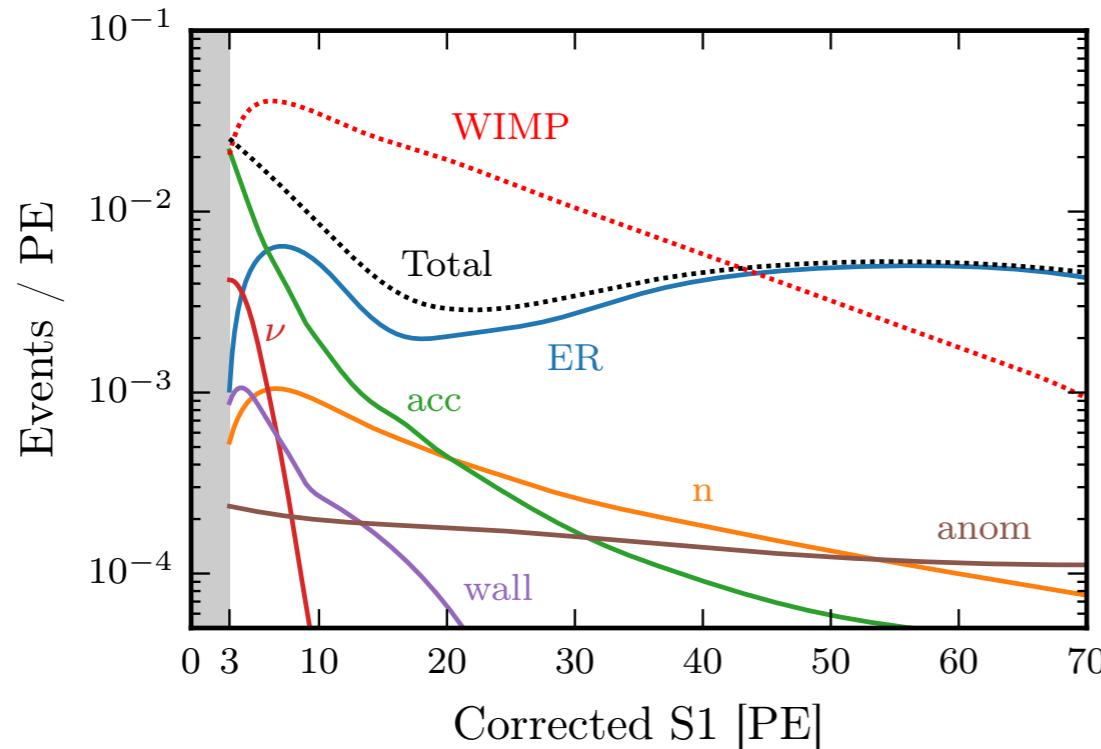


MC predictions  
 $(2.3 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-4}$   
 events/kg/day/keV<sub>ee</sub>

Measured  
 $(1.93 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-4}$   
 events/kg/day/keV<sub>ee</sub>

Lowest background ever achieved in a dark matter detector!

# Total Background

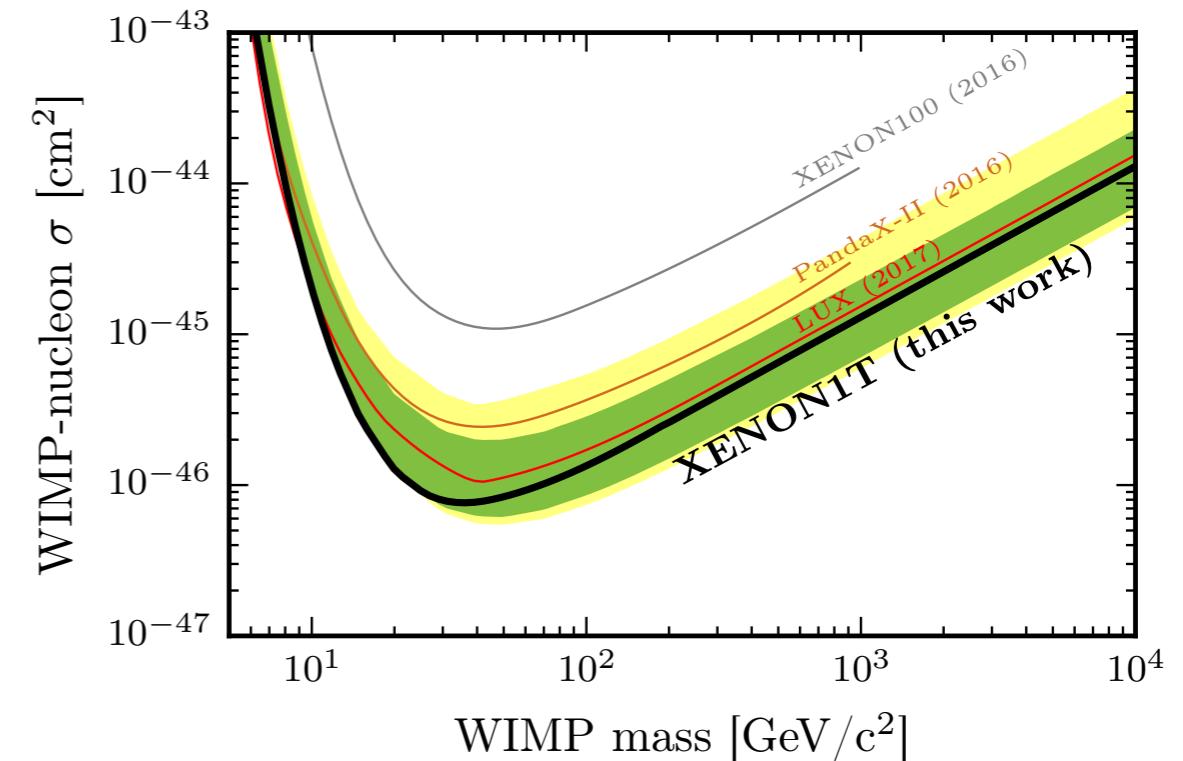
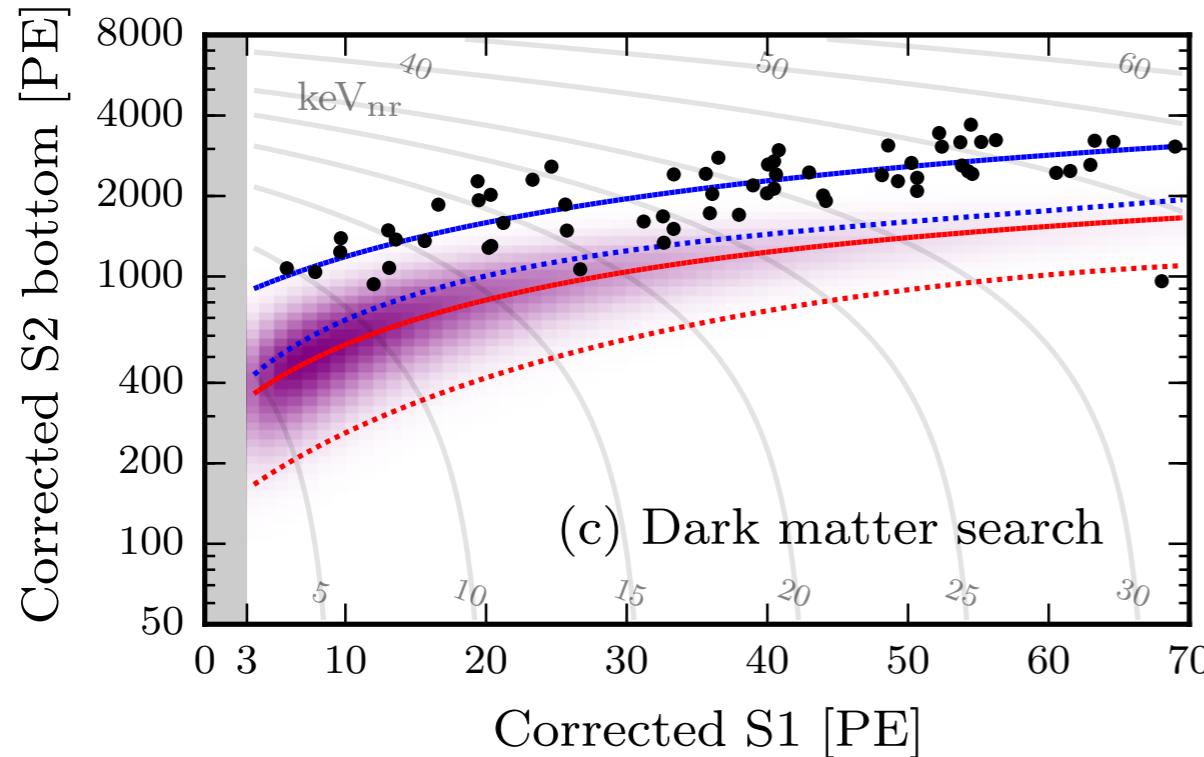


## Background Model

- ER and NR spectral shapes derived from models fitted to calibration data
- NR energy conversion is based on the model and parametrisation from NEST
- background expectations are data-driven, derived from control samples

Background & Signal Rates	Total	NR median -2 $\sigma$
Electronic recoils (ER)	$62 \pm 8$	$0.26 (+0.11)(-0.07)$
Radiogenic neutrons ( $n$ )	$0.05 \pm 0.01$	$0.02$
CNNs (?	$0.02$	$0.01$
Accidental coincidences (acc)	$0.22 \pm 0.01$	$0.06$
Wall leakage (wall)	$0.52 \pm 0.32$	$0.01$
Anomalous (anom)	$0.09 (+0.12)(-0.06)$	$0.01 \pm 0.01$
<b>Total background</b>	$63 \pm 8$	$0.36 (+0.11)(-0.07)$
<b>50 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>, 10<sup>-46</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> WIMP (NR)</b>	<b><math>1.66 \pm 0.01</math></b>	<b><math>0.82 \pm 0.06</math></b>

# First Results



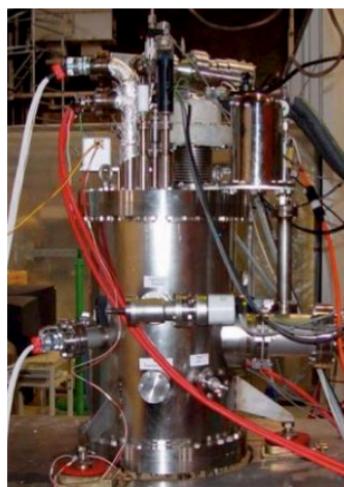
## Results consistent with null hypothesis

- WIMP region blinded until fiducial mass and event selections were finalized
- Extended unbinned profile likelihood analysis for statistical interpretation
  - ER/NR shape parameters from calibration fits
  - Normalization uncertainties for all background components
- Standard isothermal WIMP halo model + Helm form factor
- No significant excess was observed above the expected background

**Strongest exclusion limit for spin-independent WIMPs of  $7.7 \times 10^{-47}$  cm $^2$  @ 35 GeV/c $^2$**

arXiv:1705.06655

# The XENON (to DARWIN) Project



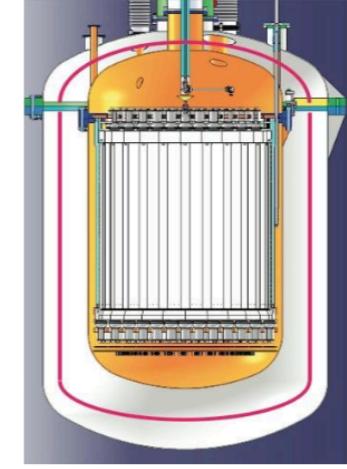
**XENON10**  
**Total Xe:** 25 kg  
**Target:** 14 kg  
**Fiducial:** 5.4 kg  
**Limit:**  $\sim 10^{-43}$  [cm $^2$ ]



**XENON100**  
**Total Xe:** 162 kg  
**Target:** 62 kg  
**Fiducial:** 34 / 48 kg  
**Limit:**  $\sim 10^{-45}$  [cm $^2$ ]



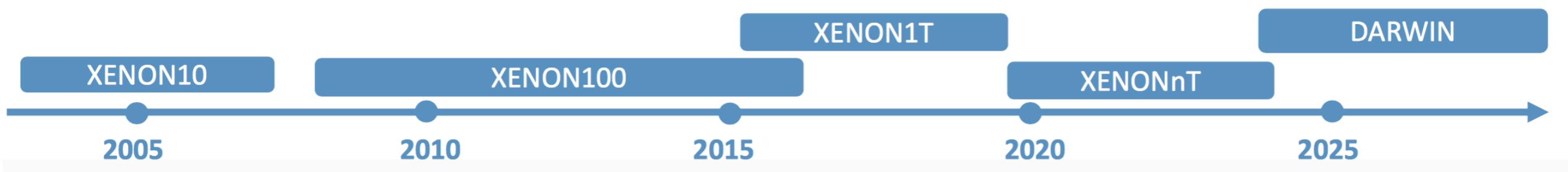
**XENON1T**  
**Total Xe:** 3.2 ton  
**Target:** 2 ton  
**Fiducial:** 1 ton  
**Limit:**  $\sim 10^{-47}$  [cm $^2$ ]



**XENONnT**  
**Total Xe:**  $\sim$ 8 ton  
**Target:**  $\sim$ 6.5 ton  
**Fiducial:**  $\sim$ 5 ton  
**Limit:**  $\sim 10^{-48}$  [cm $^2$ ]



**DARWIN**  
**Total Xe:**  $\sim$ 50 ton  
**Target:**  $\sim$ 40 ton  
**Fiducial:**  $\sim$ 30 ton  
**Limit:**  $\sim 10^{-49}$  [cm $^2$ ]



See DARWIN talk by  
F. Arneodo, Thursday 12:00

# Summary and Outlook

**XENON1T is currently the most sensitive direct dark matter search experiment**

- The detector has the lowest background ever achieved
- Results with 34.2 live days are now published
- An additional > 85 days of data already acquired
- A fast upgrade to XENONnT is planned, using most of the existing infrastructure.

