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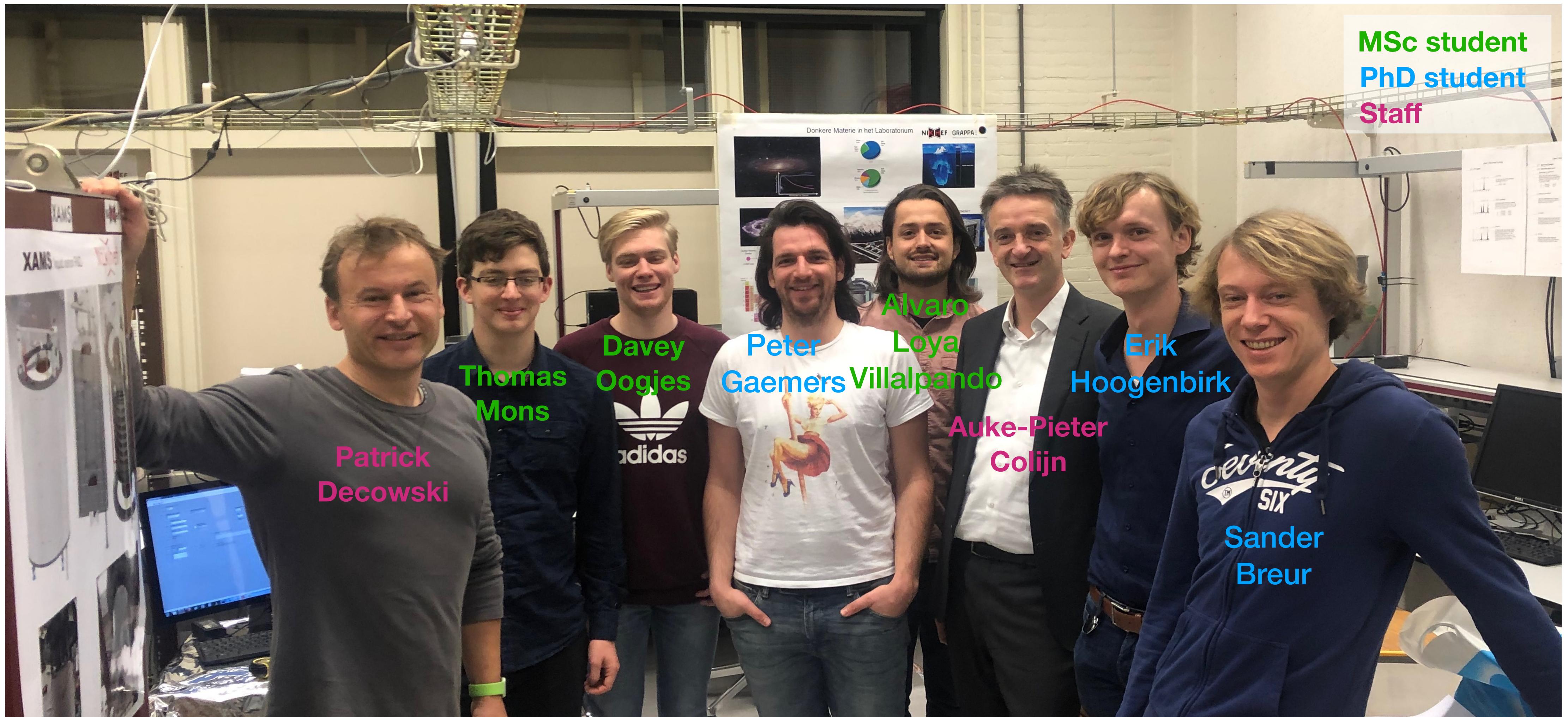
KamLAND-Zen and next talk: XAMS, Modulations

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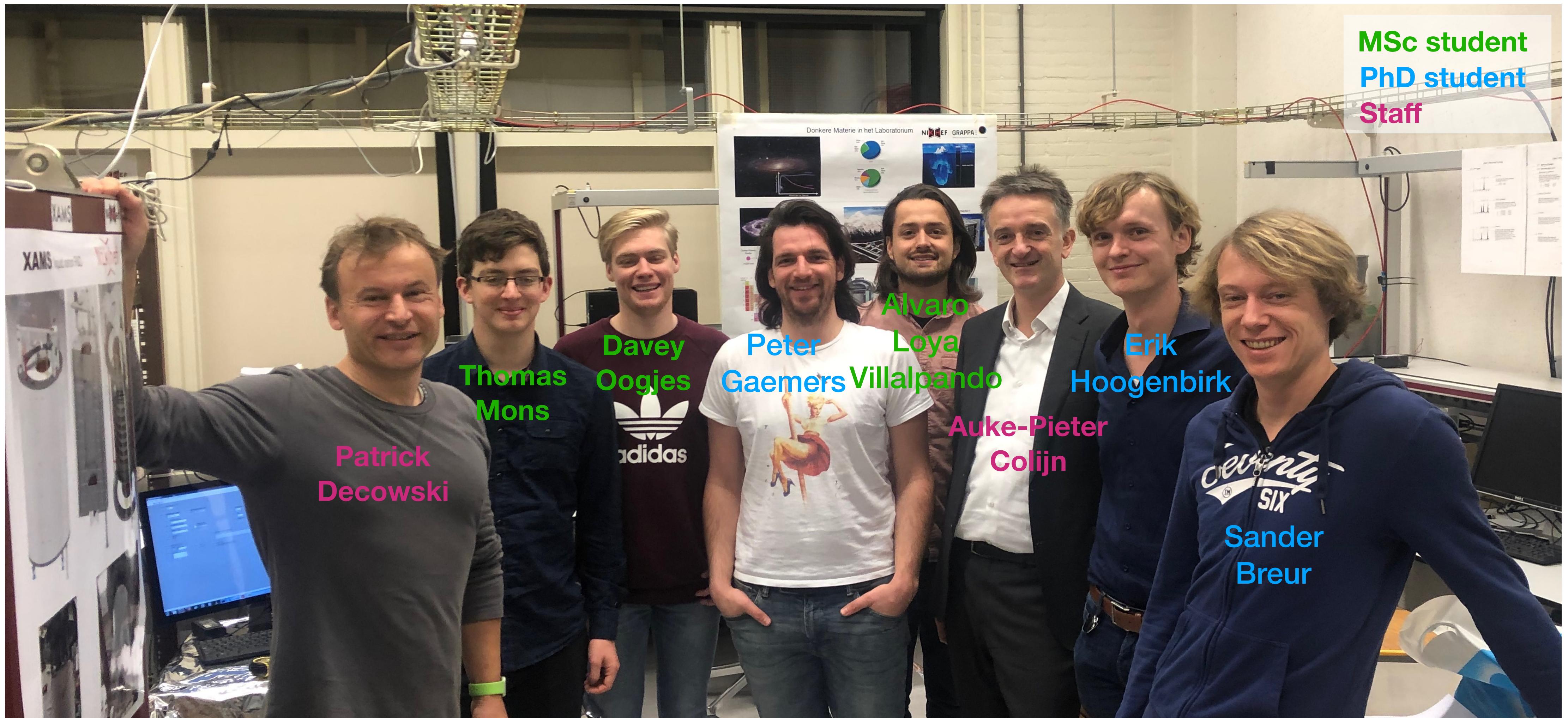
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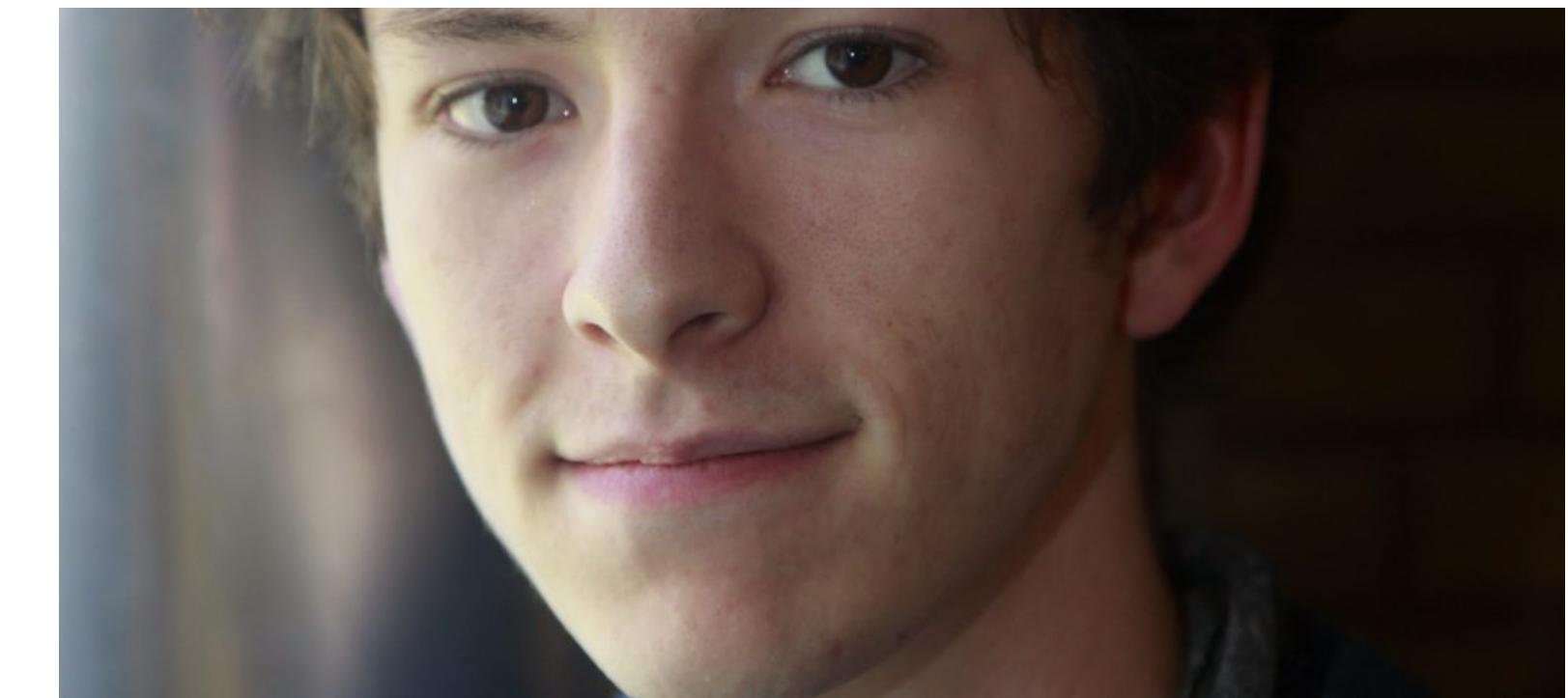
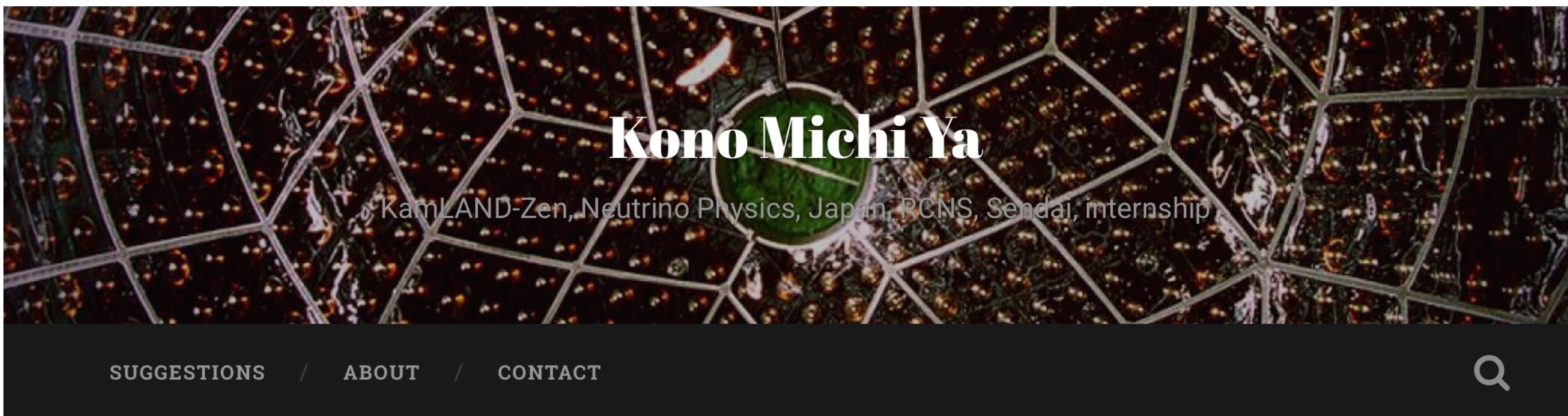


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# Our man in Sendai: KamLAND-Zen 800

Blog: <https://kono-michi-ya.com>



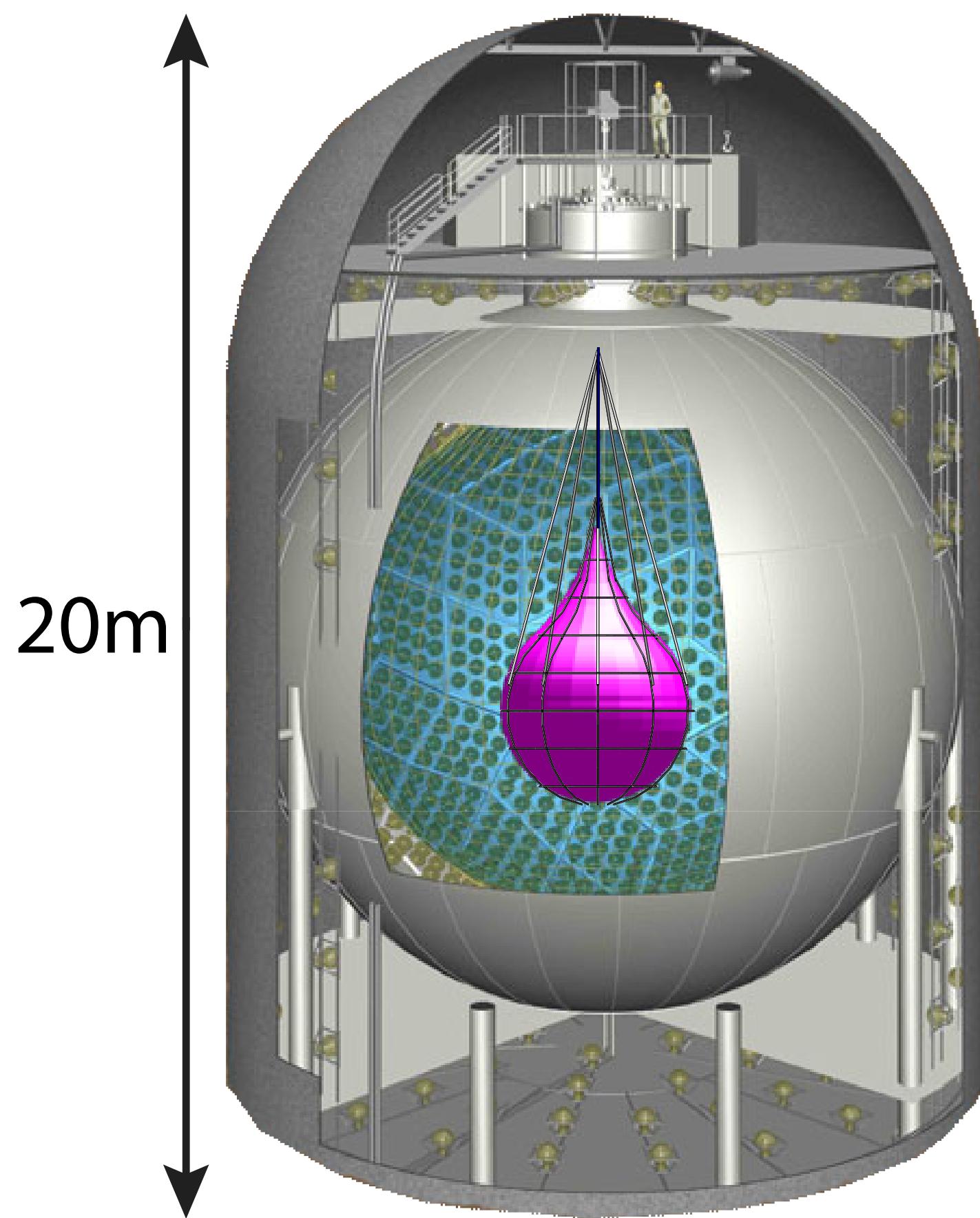
**Inside Kamioka Mine:  
what a KamLAND shift  
looks like**

**The KamLAND-Zen  
detector**

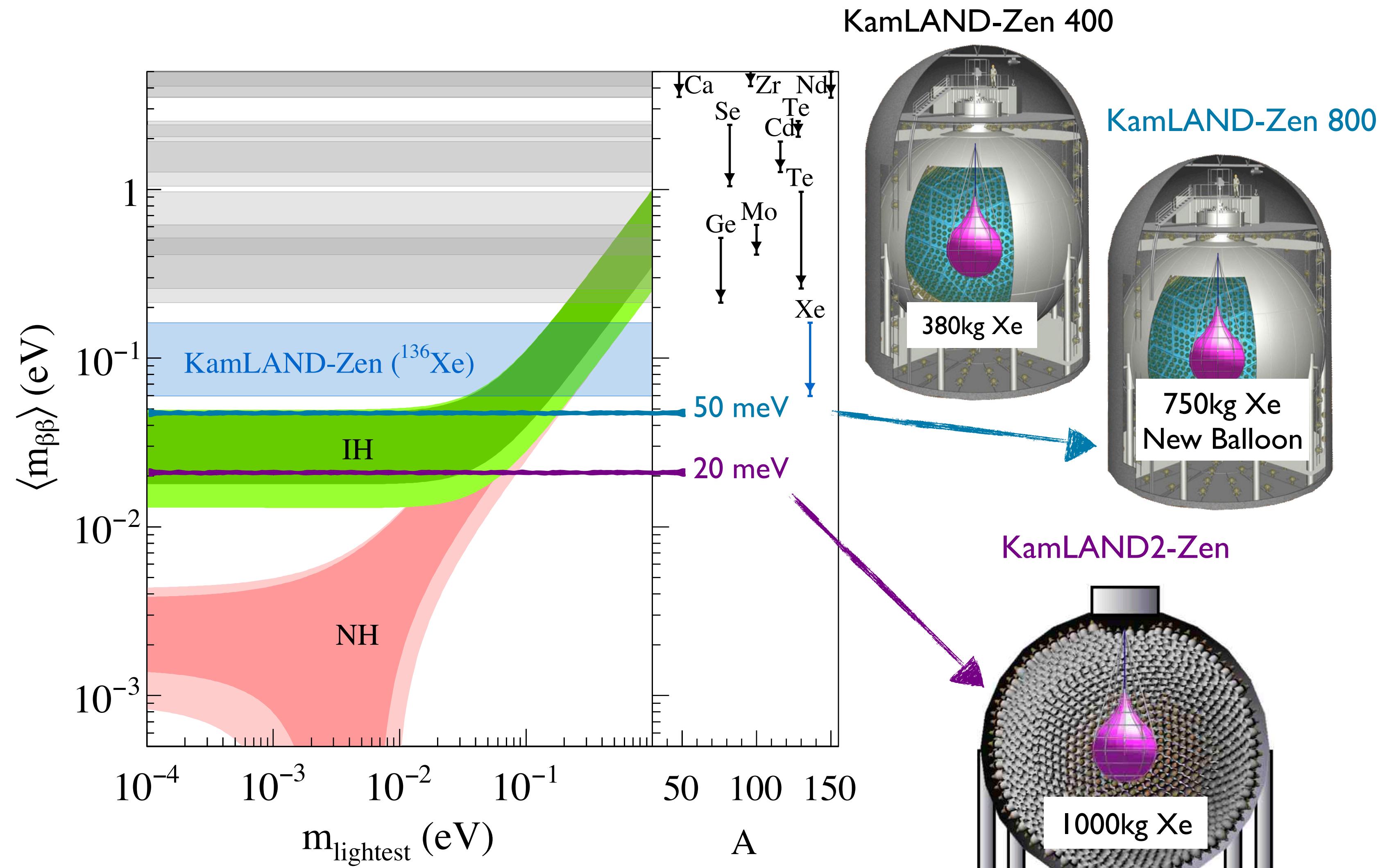
**The first week: Bunka,  
Bears and Banks**

**Bouke Jisse Jung (MSc student)  
Volkert van der Willigen Grant**

# Another Xe Experiment: KamLAND-Zen 800

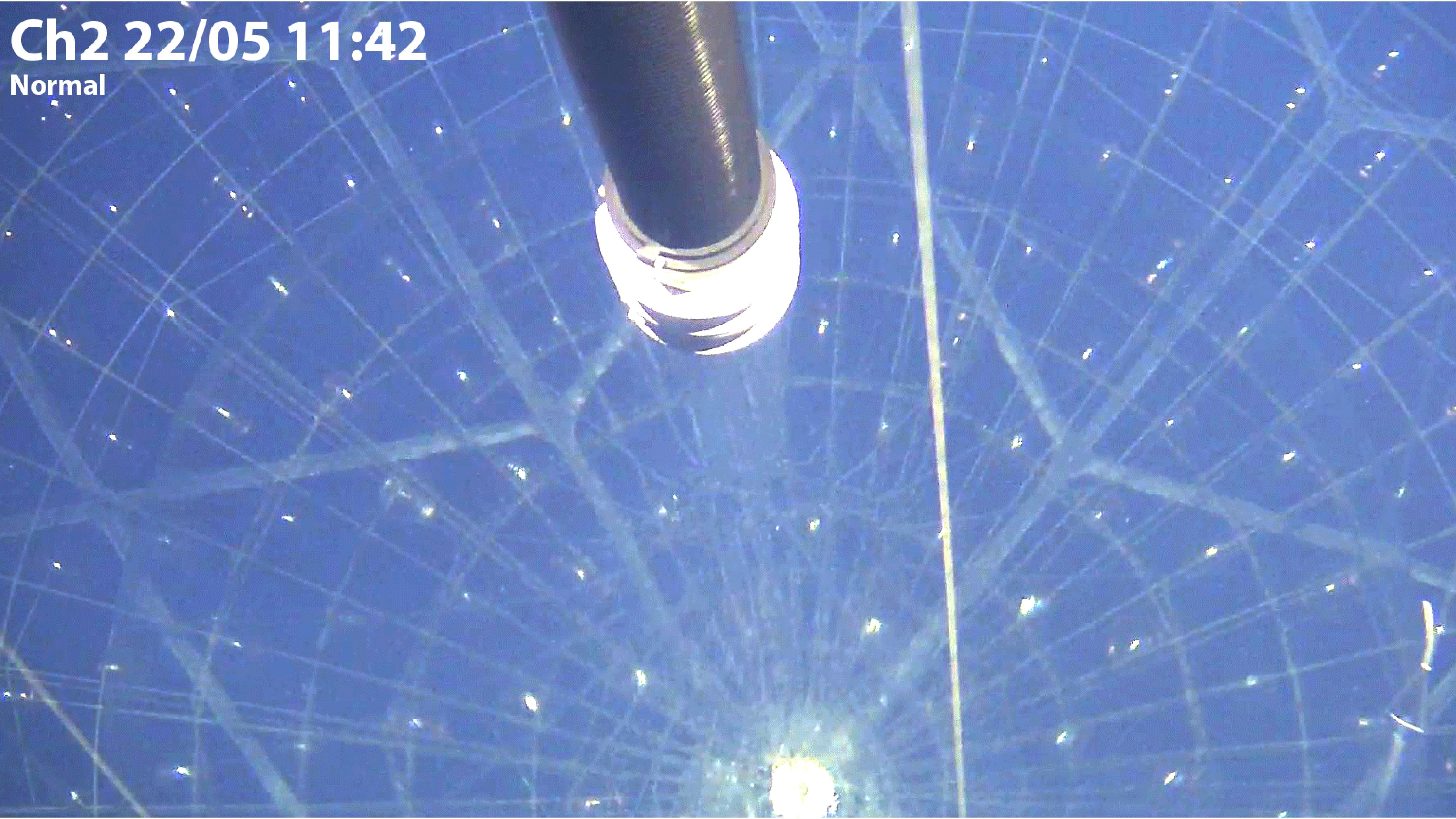


750kg  $^{136}\text{Xe}$ : Looking for Majorana Neutrinos



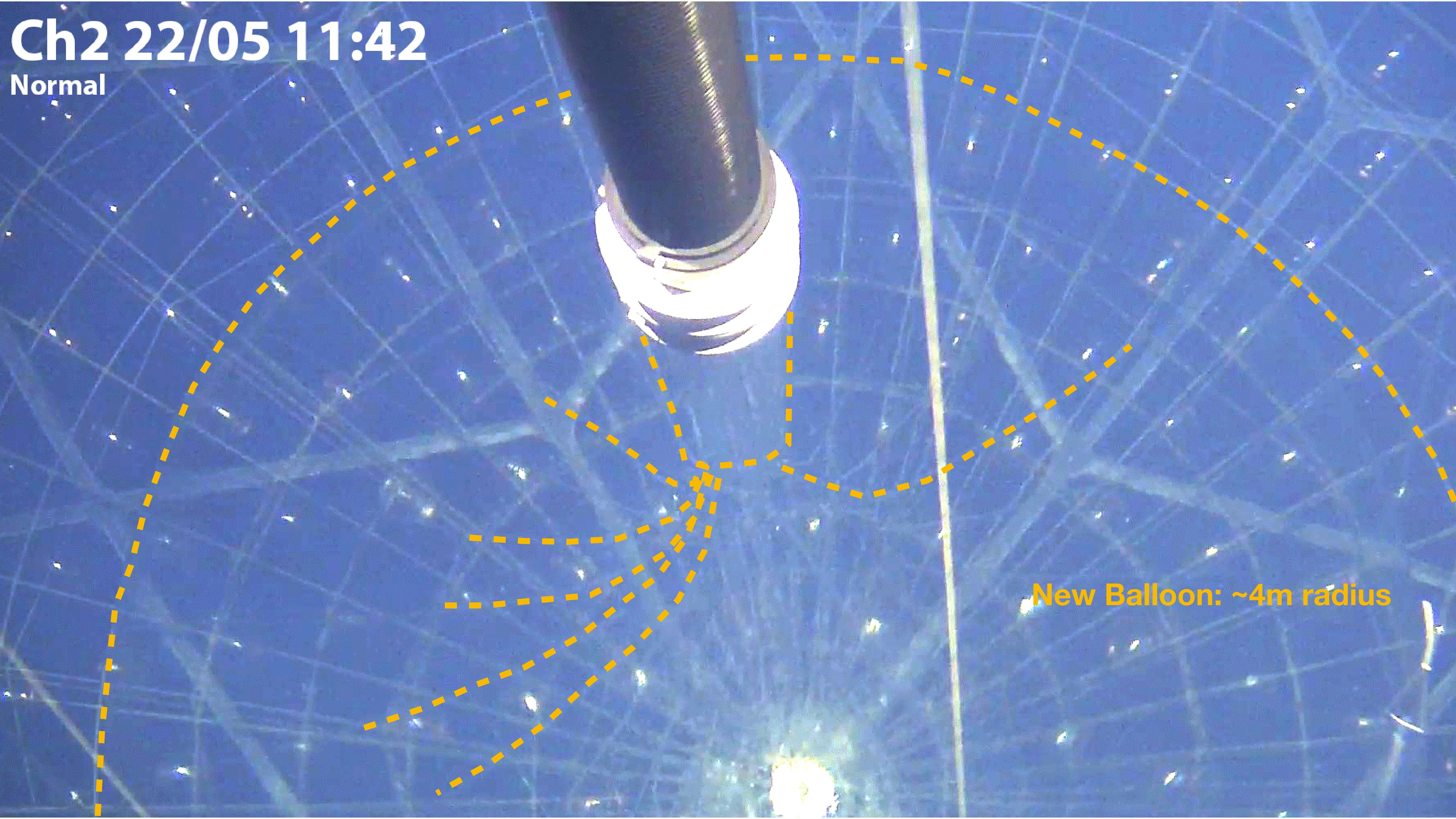
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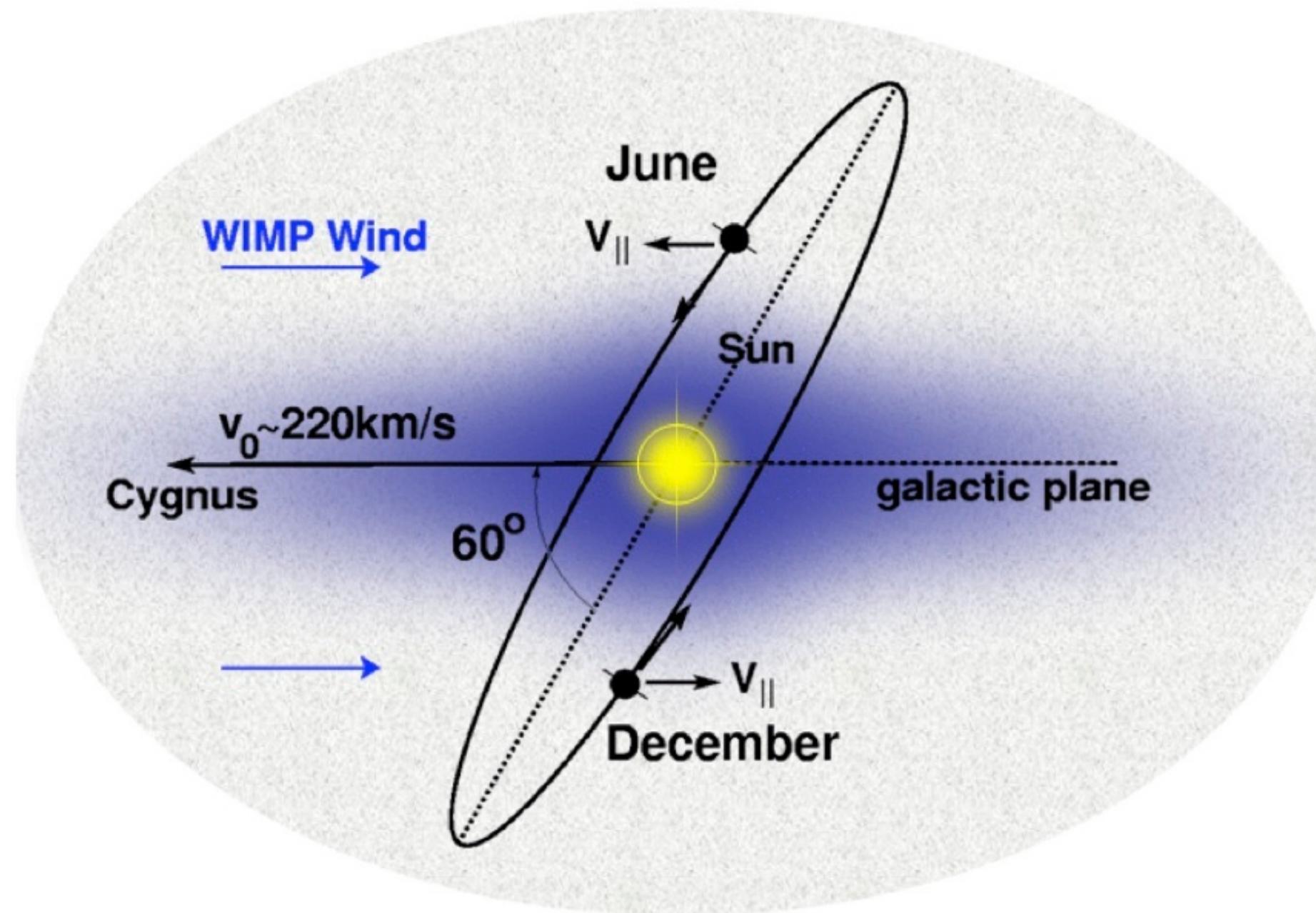
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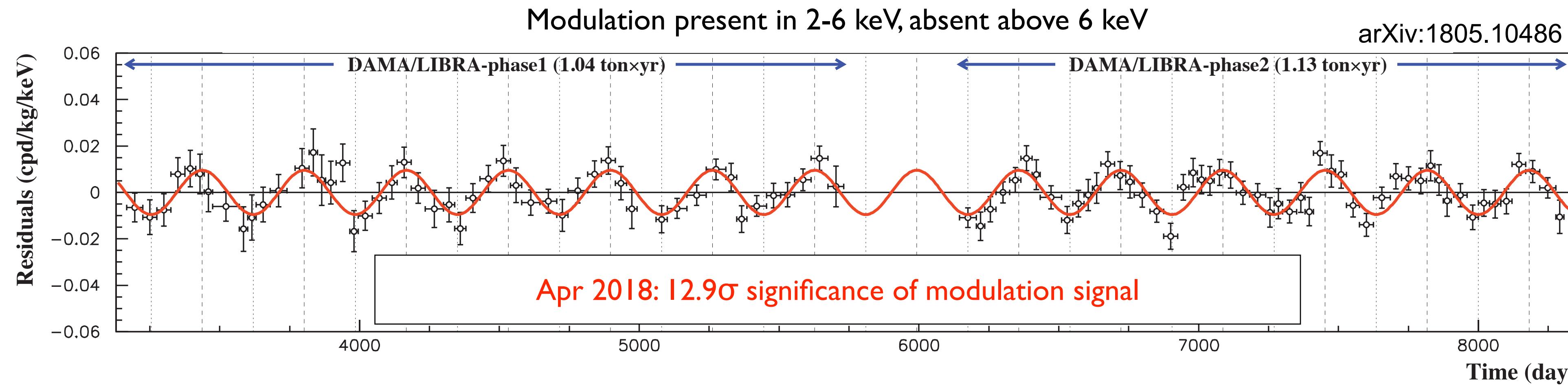
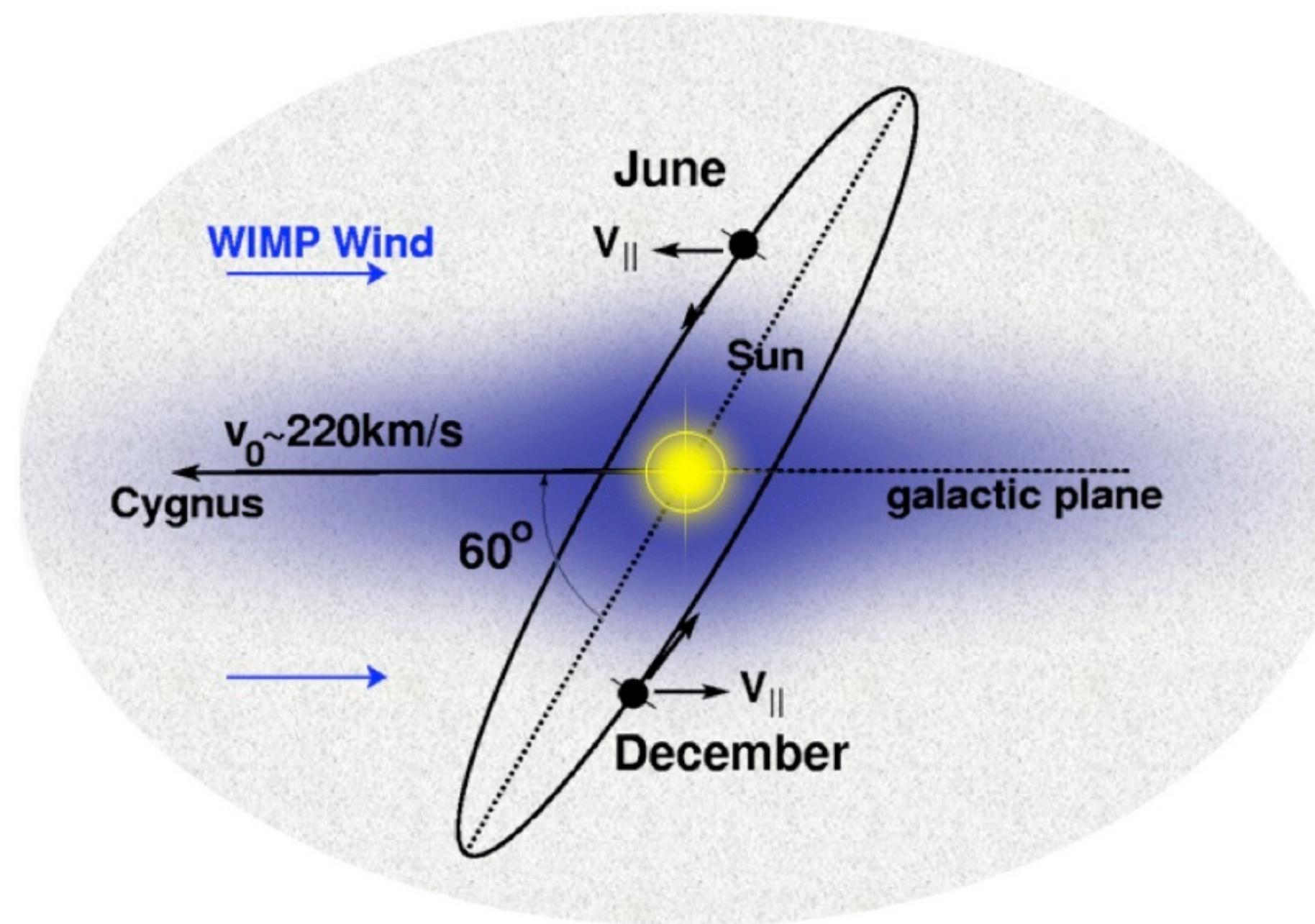


New Balloon: ~4m radius

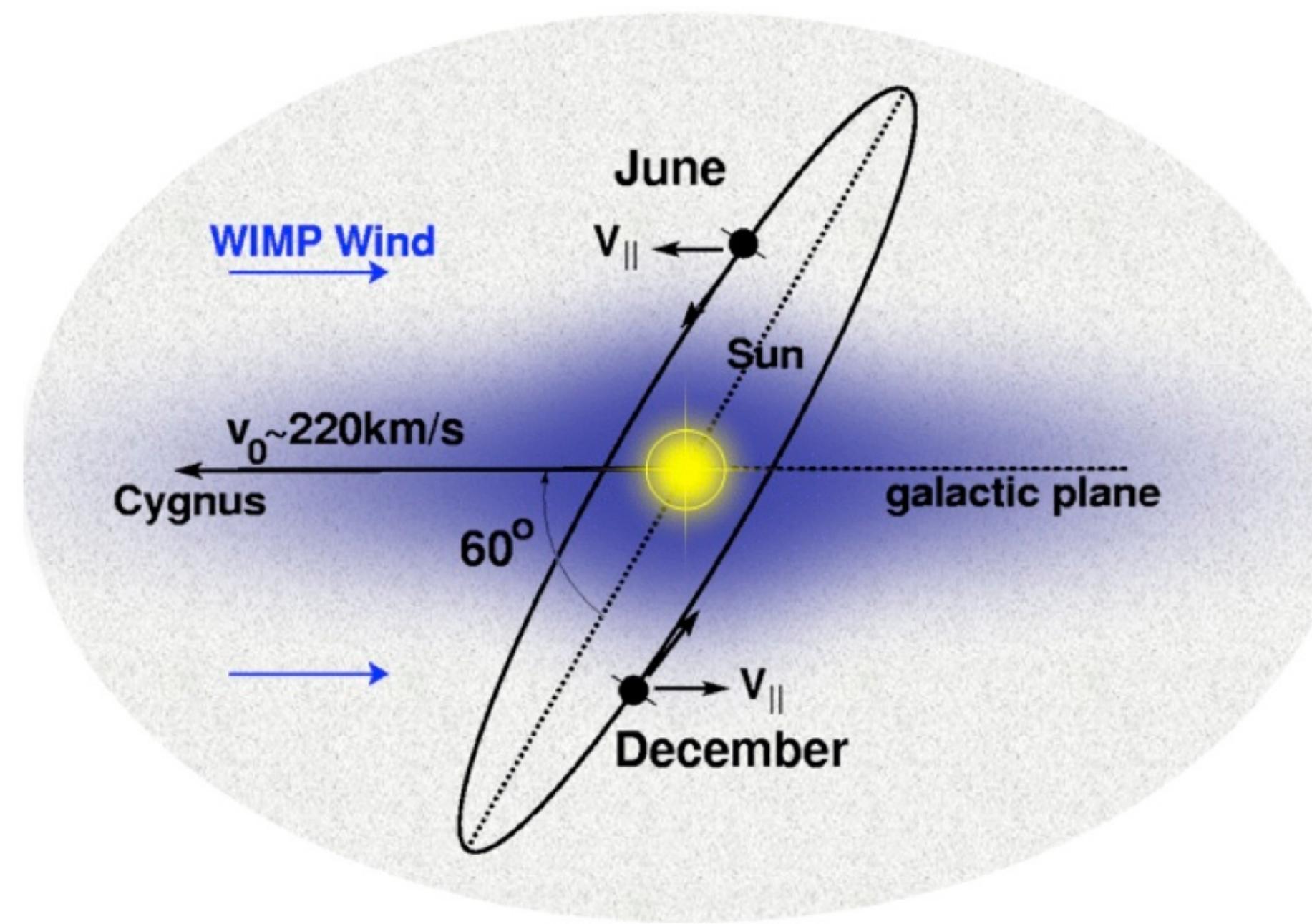
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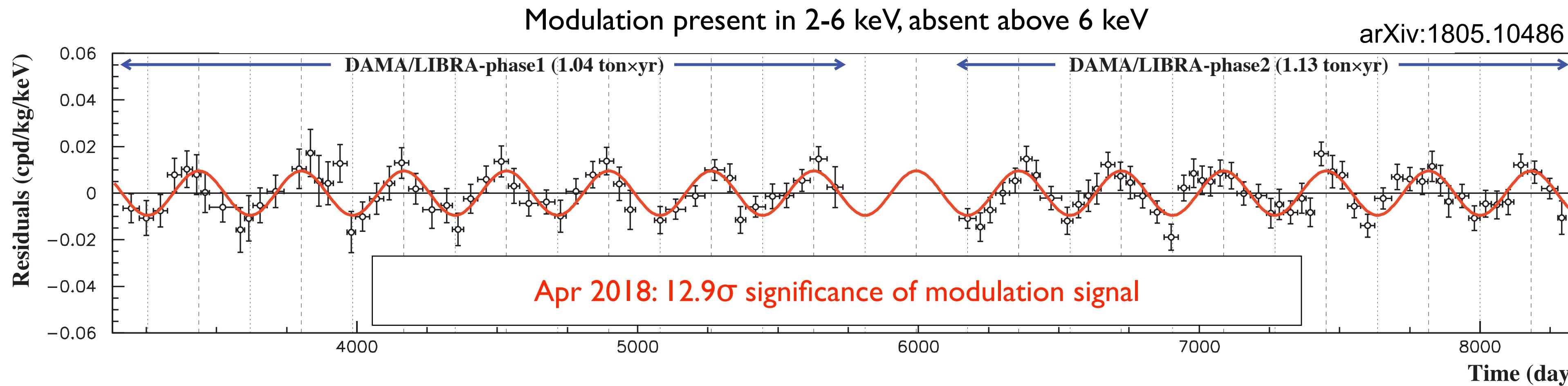
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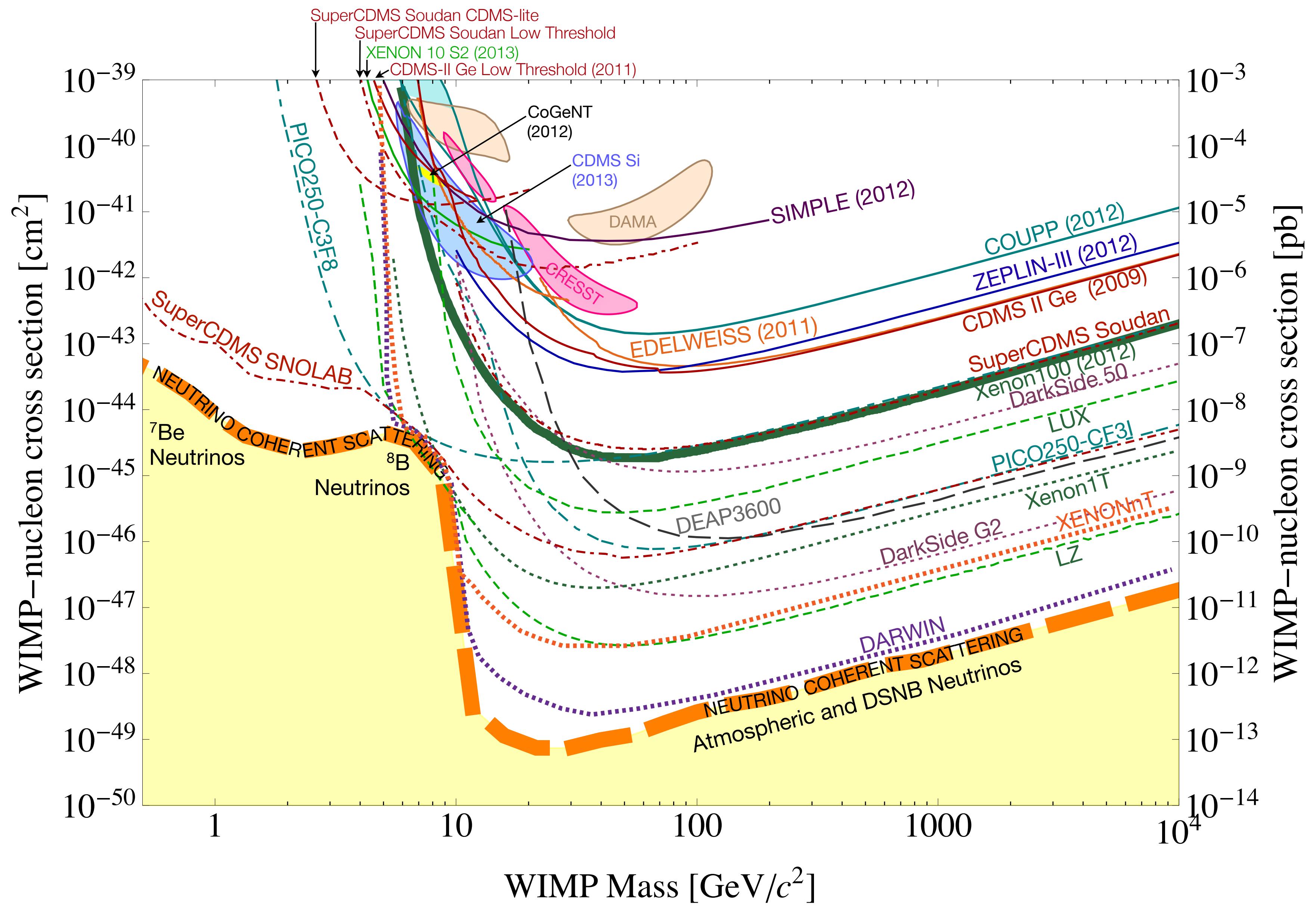
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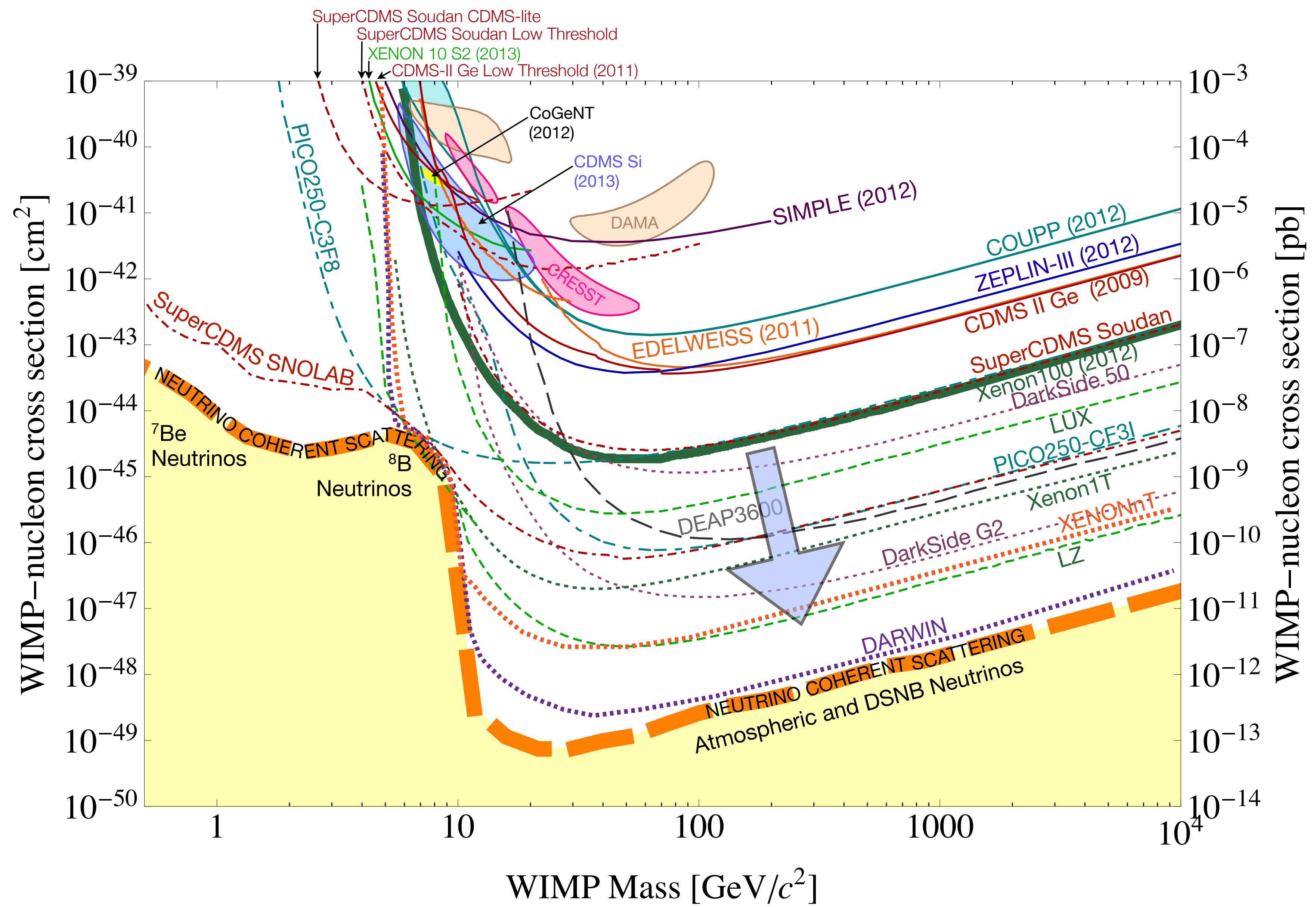
- DAMA claim in NaI
- Several DM experiments investigating:
  - COSINE-100, SABRE, ANAIS, ...
- Manufacturing of Low BG crystals achieved
- Southern hemisphere



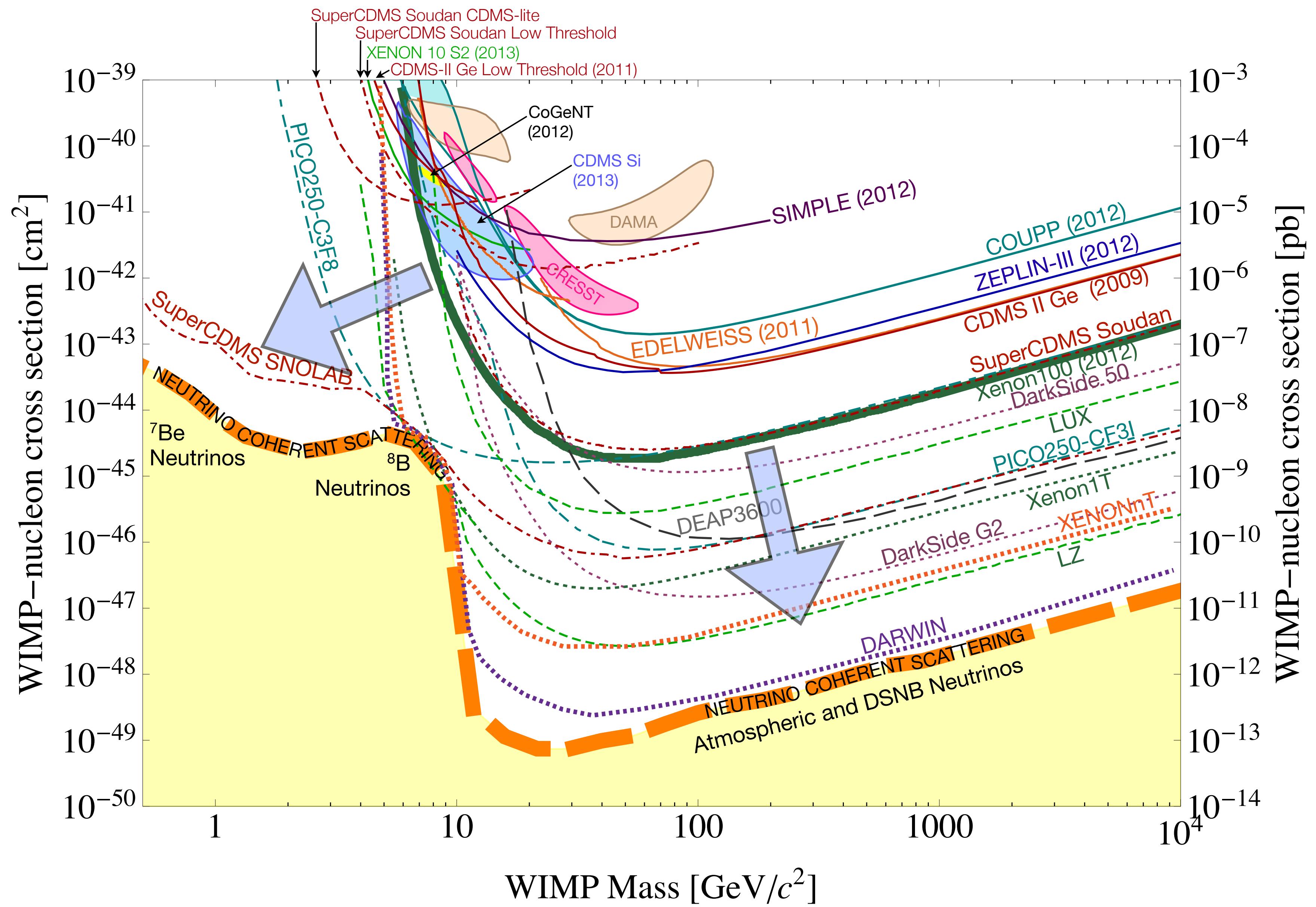
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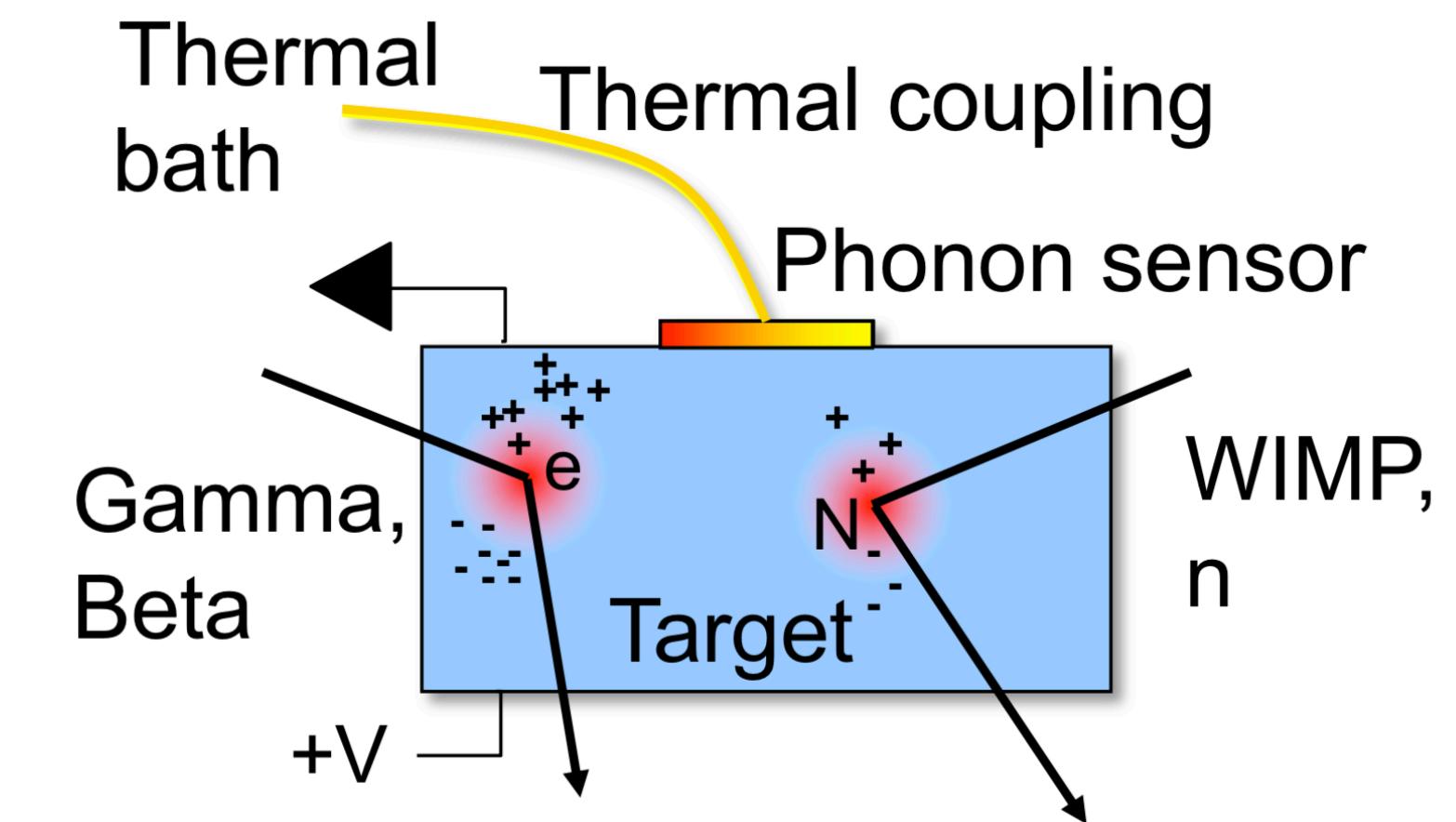


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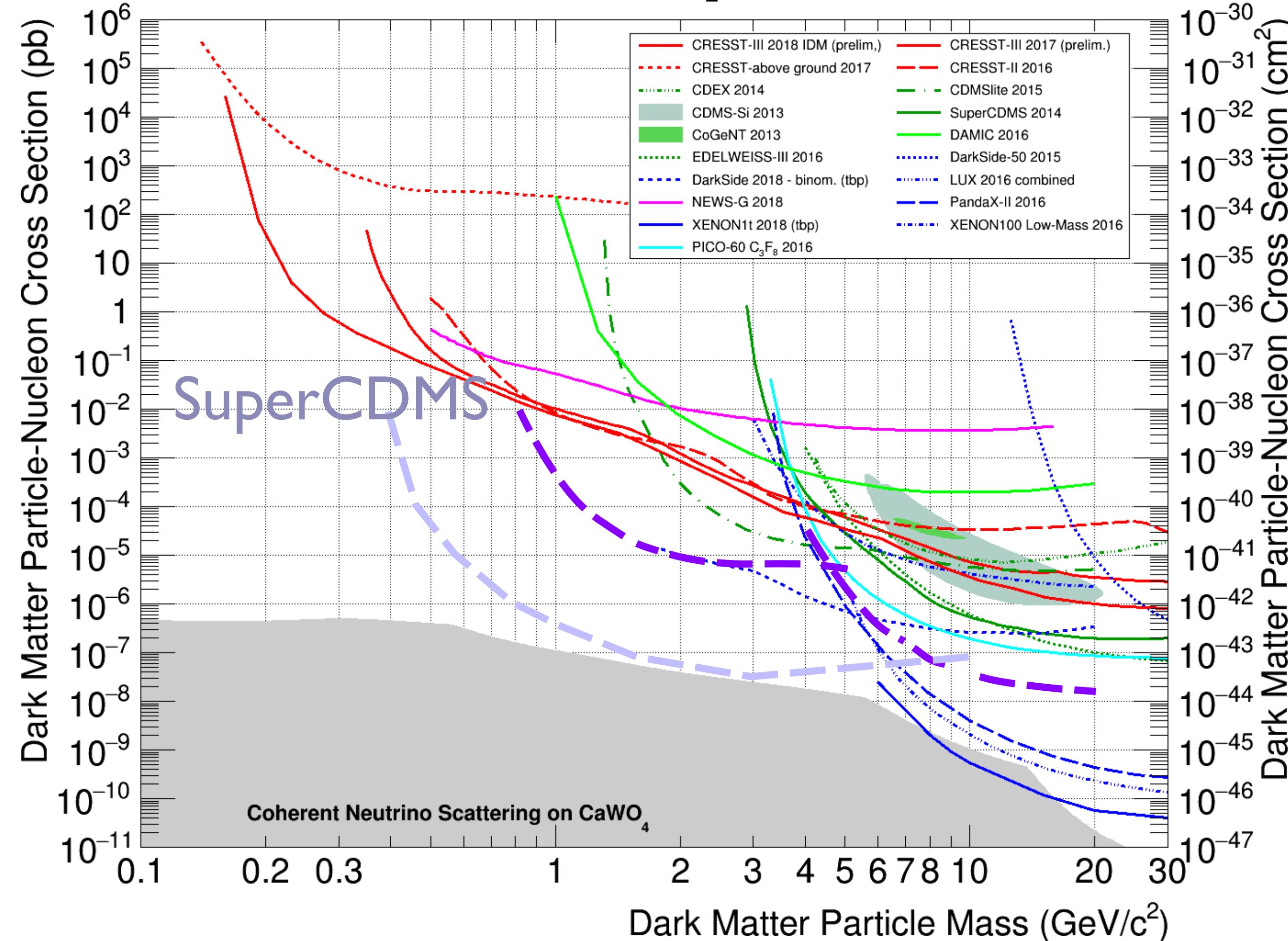


# Solid State Cryogenic Detectors

- Cryogenic detectors @ 10s of mK temperatures
  - Low energy threshold (100 - 1keV)
  - Excellent energy resolution (<1%)
  - Differentiate NR from ER on Event-by-Event basis
  - Readout: TES and NTD-Ge bolometers
  - CRESST, SuperCDMS, EDELWEISS



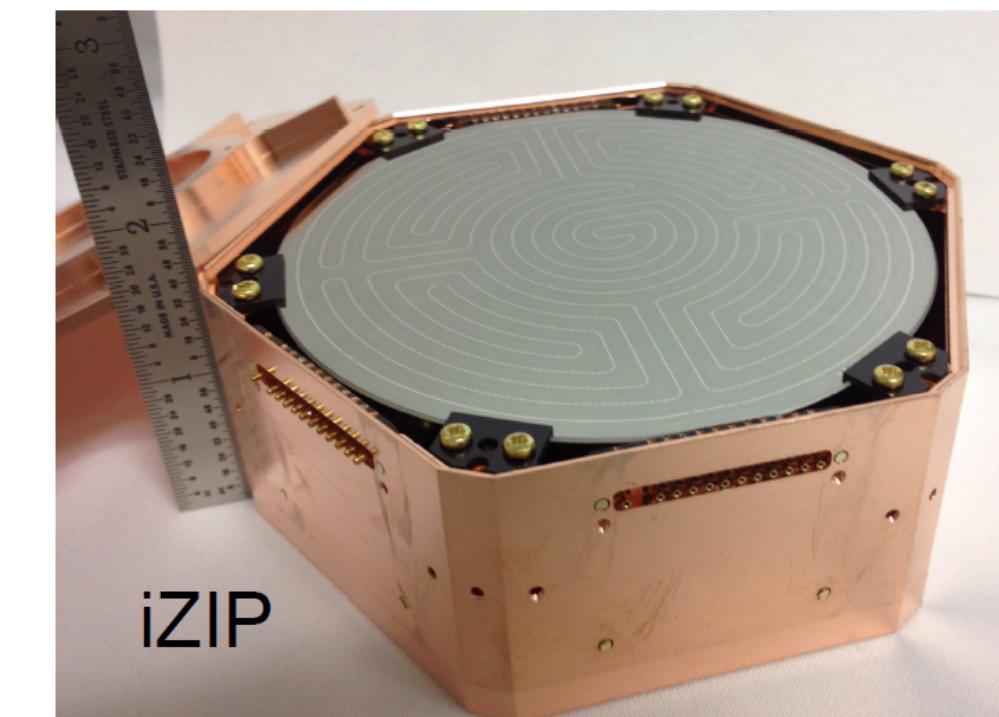
# SuperCDMS@SNOLAB



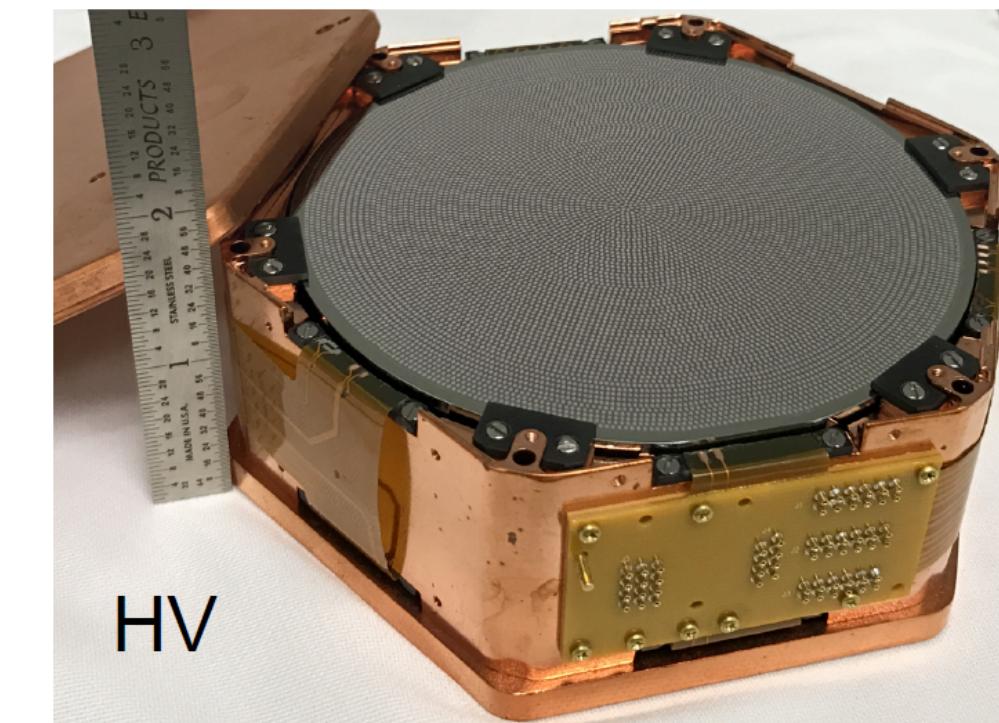
- Use Neganov-Luke, better E-resolution
- Relatively short exposure due to cosmic BG activation

Use Ge and Si crystals  
ionization & phonons

iZIP: better BG rejection

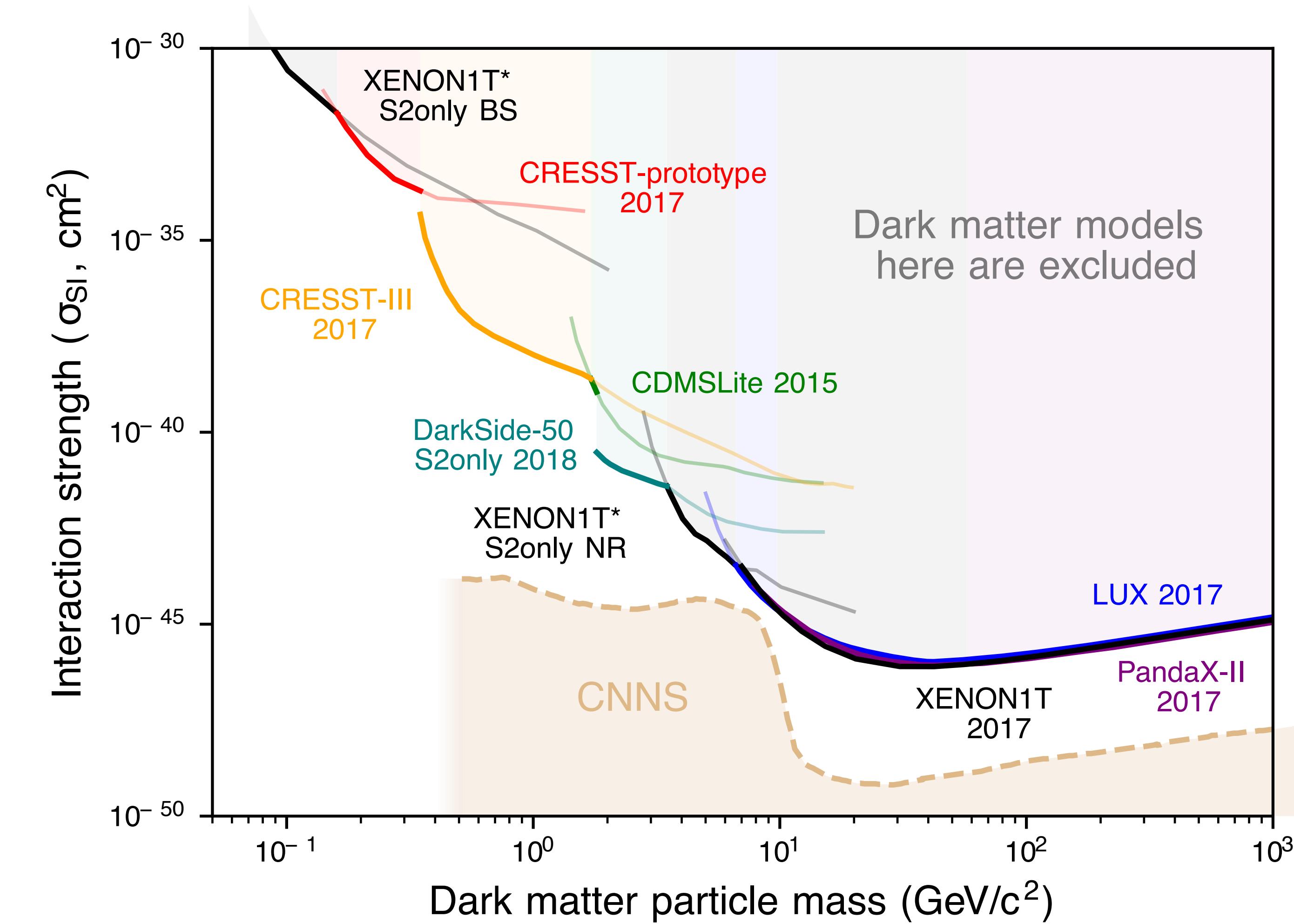
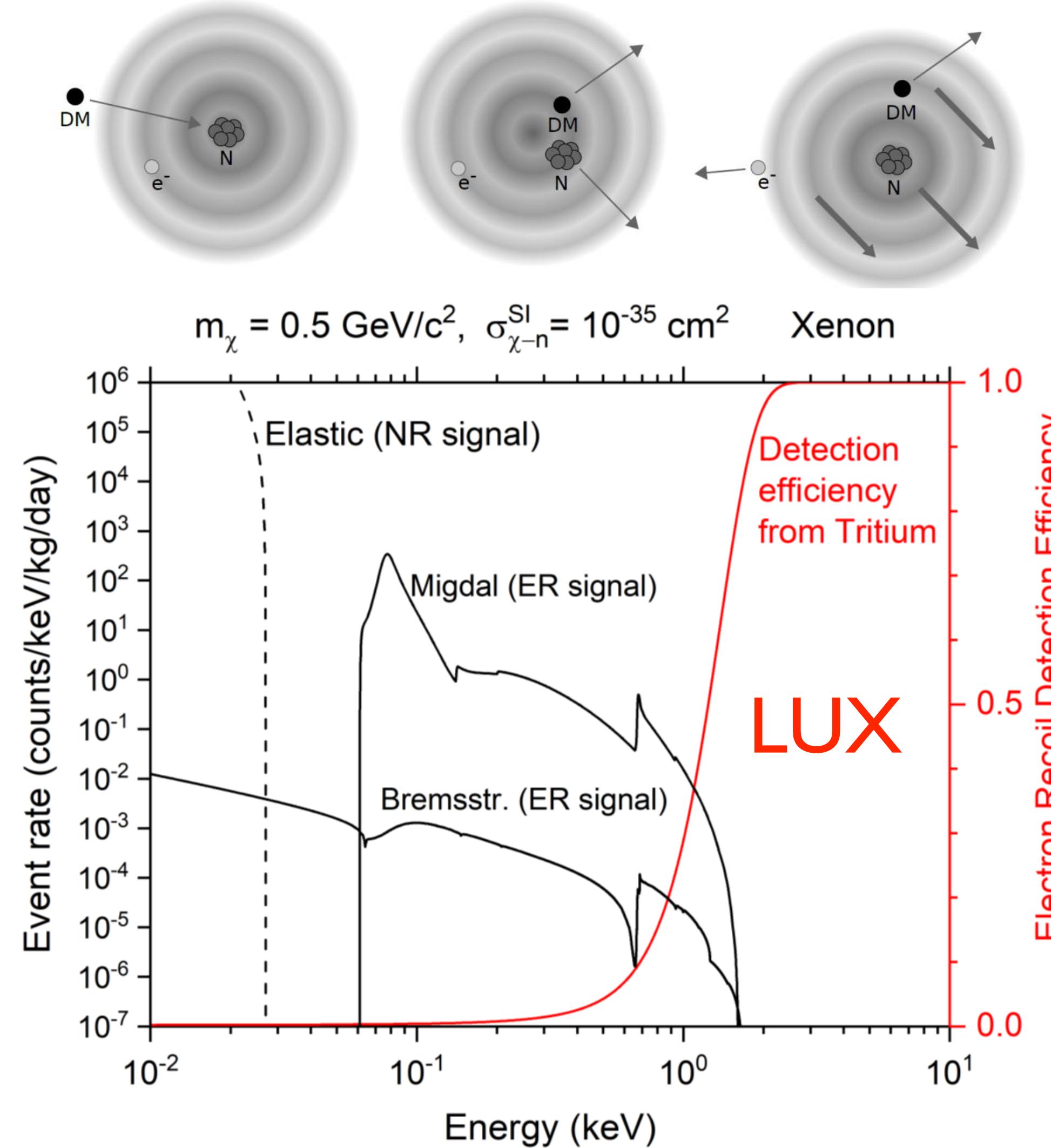


HV: lower E threshold



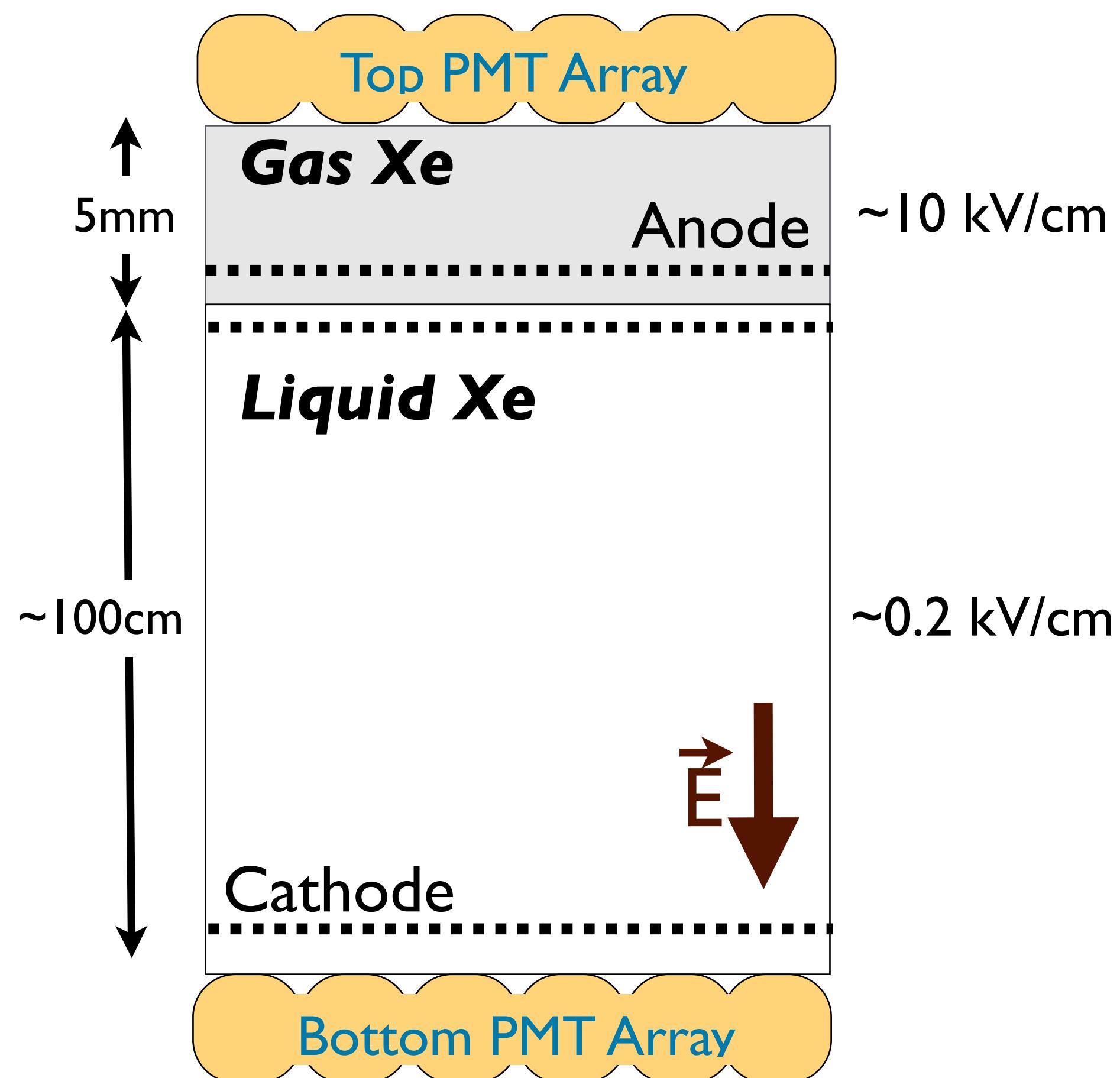
# Searching for Sub-GeV WIMPs

“Migdal”-effect, “S2-only” analysis

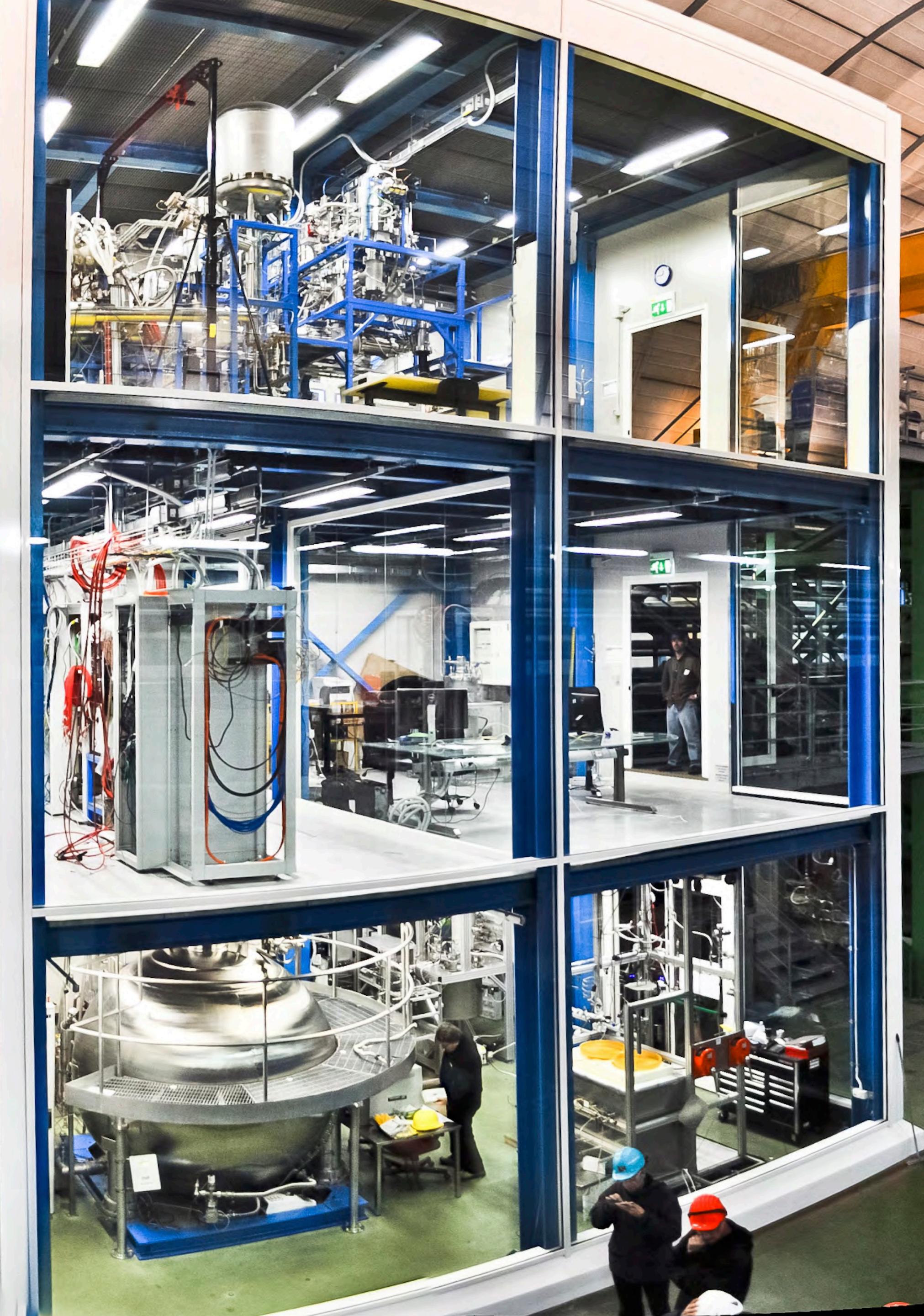


Drive to be sensitive to sub-GeV mass DM

# Dual-Phase Xe TPC



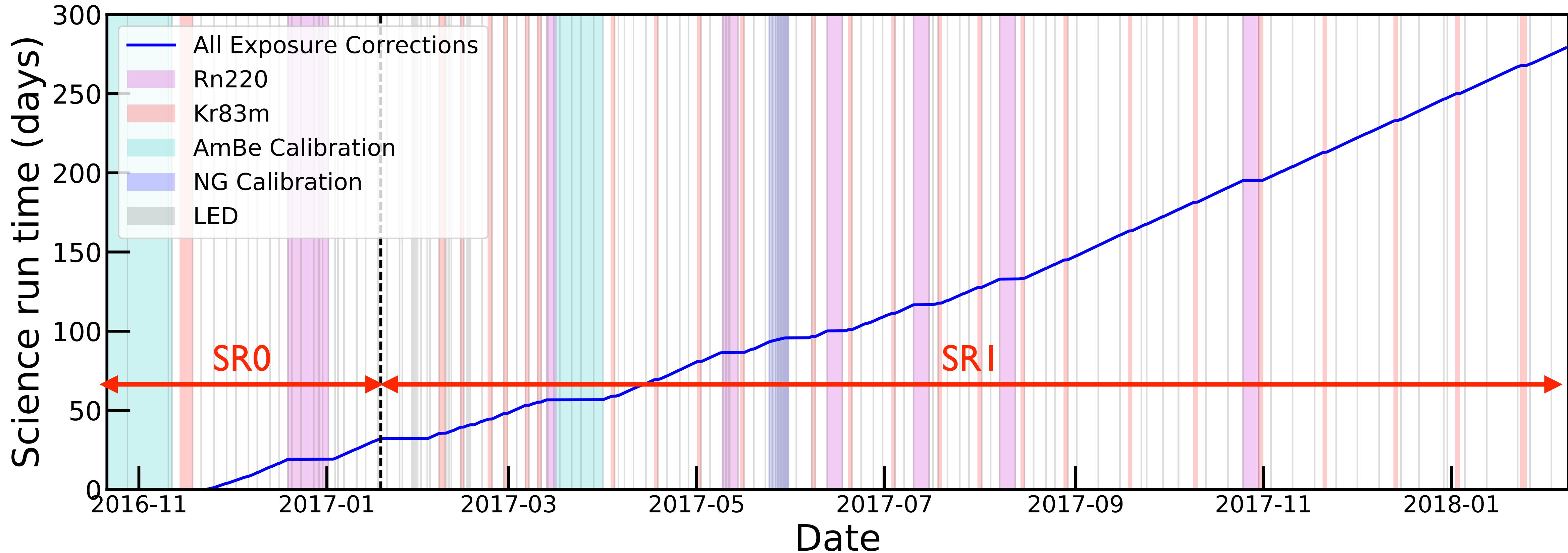
XENON1T: 3.2 tons of liquid xenon





TPC assembly during Fall 2015

# Exposure

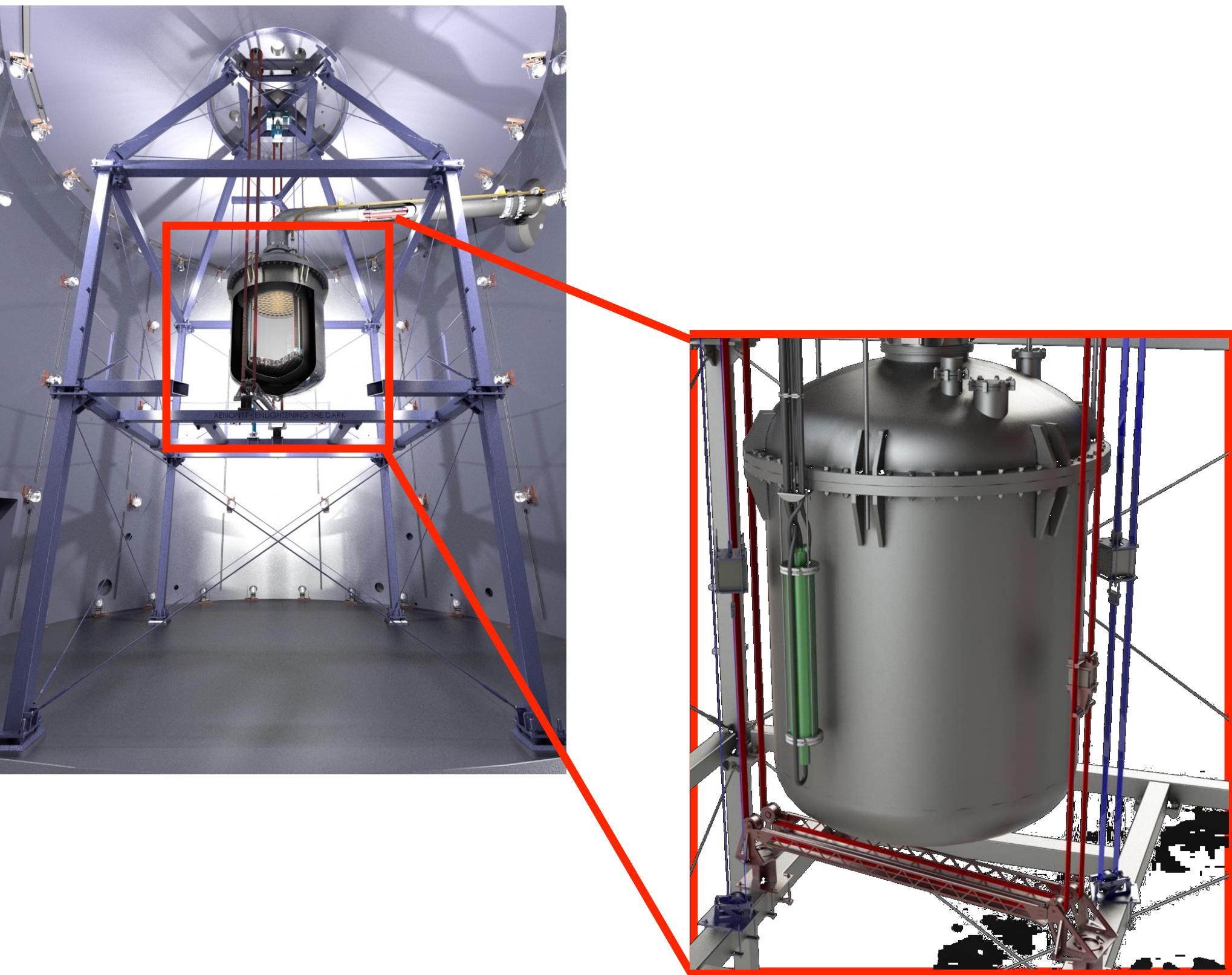


- Detector ran smoothly - DAQ efficiency ~99%
- Two Science Runs: 32 days and 247 days
- About 1 ton-year of exposure accumulated in 1.3 ton fid. volume

# Calibration Systems

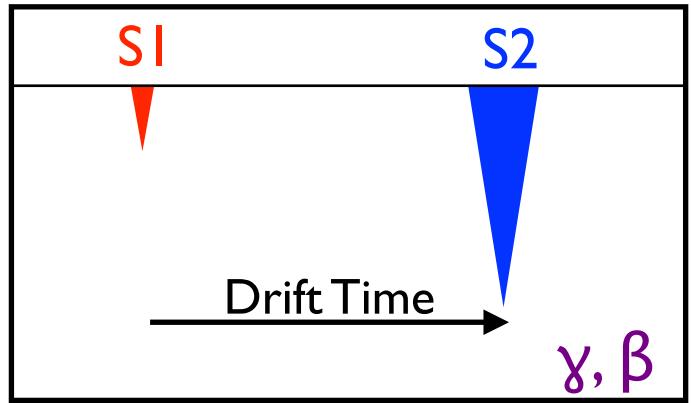
- Variety of calibration sources:

- “Internal” sources:  $^{83m}\text{Kr}$ ,  $^{220}\text{Rn}$
- External sources:  $^{241}\text{AmBe}$ , neutron generator
- Materials:  $^{60}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{129m}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{131m}\text{Xe}$

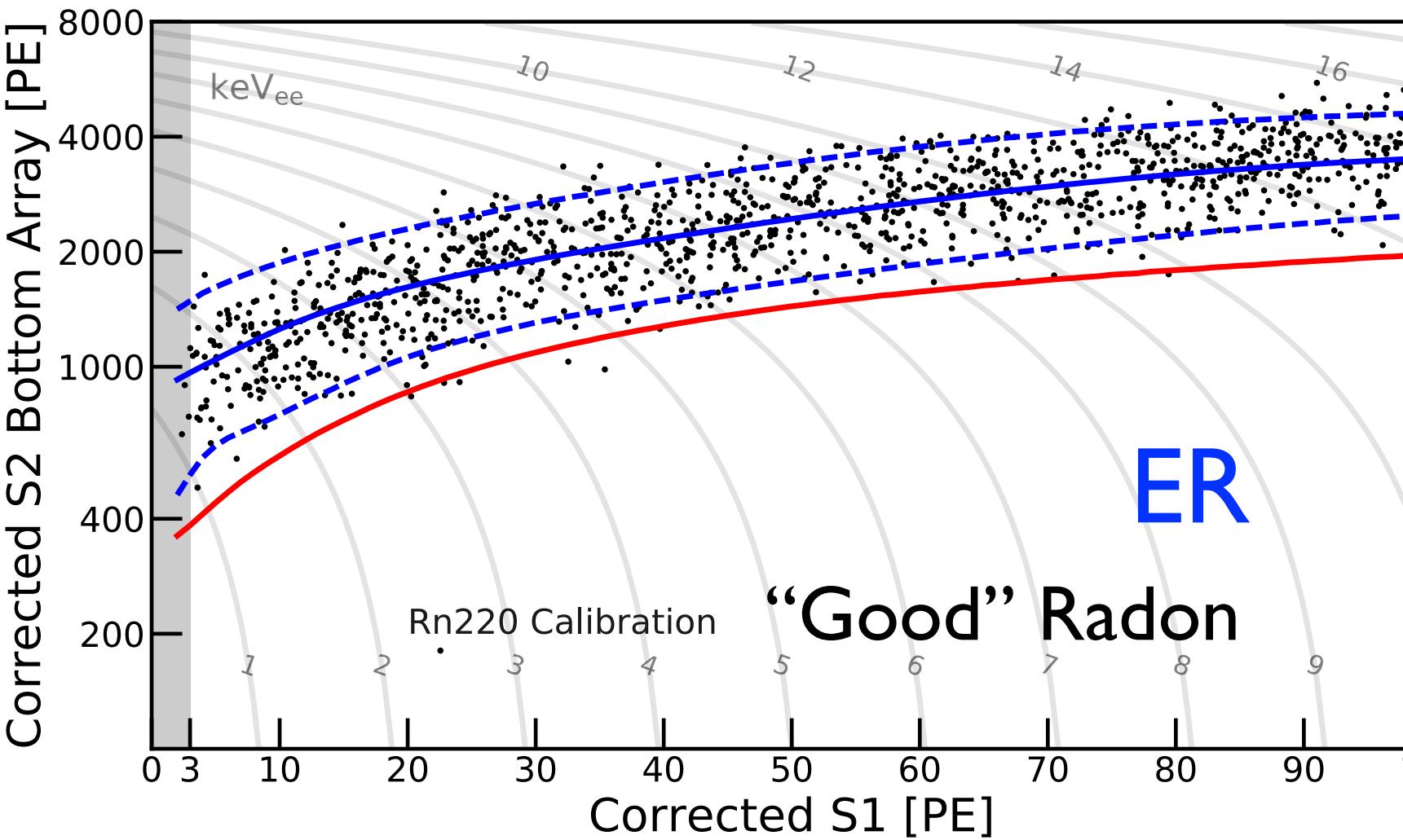


# Improved calibration statistics

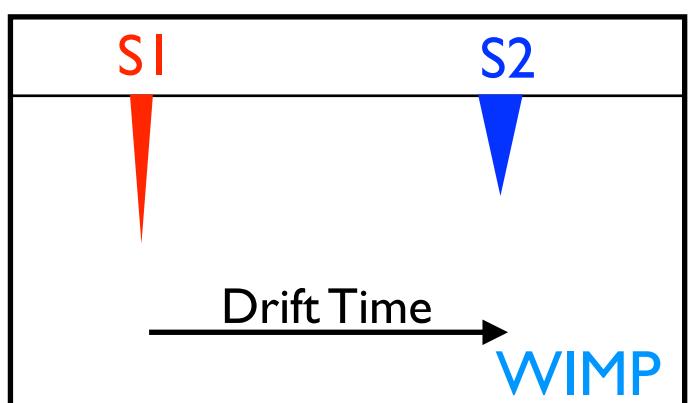
SR0



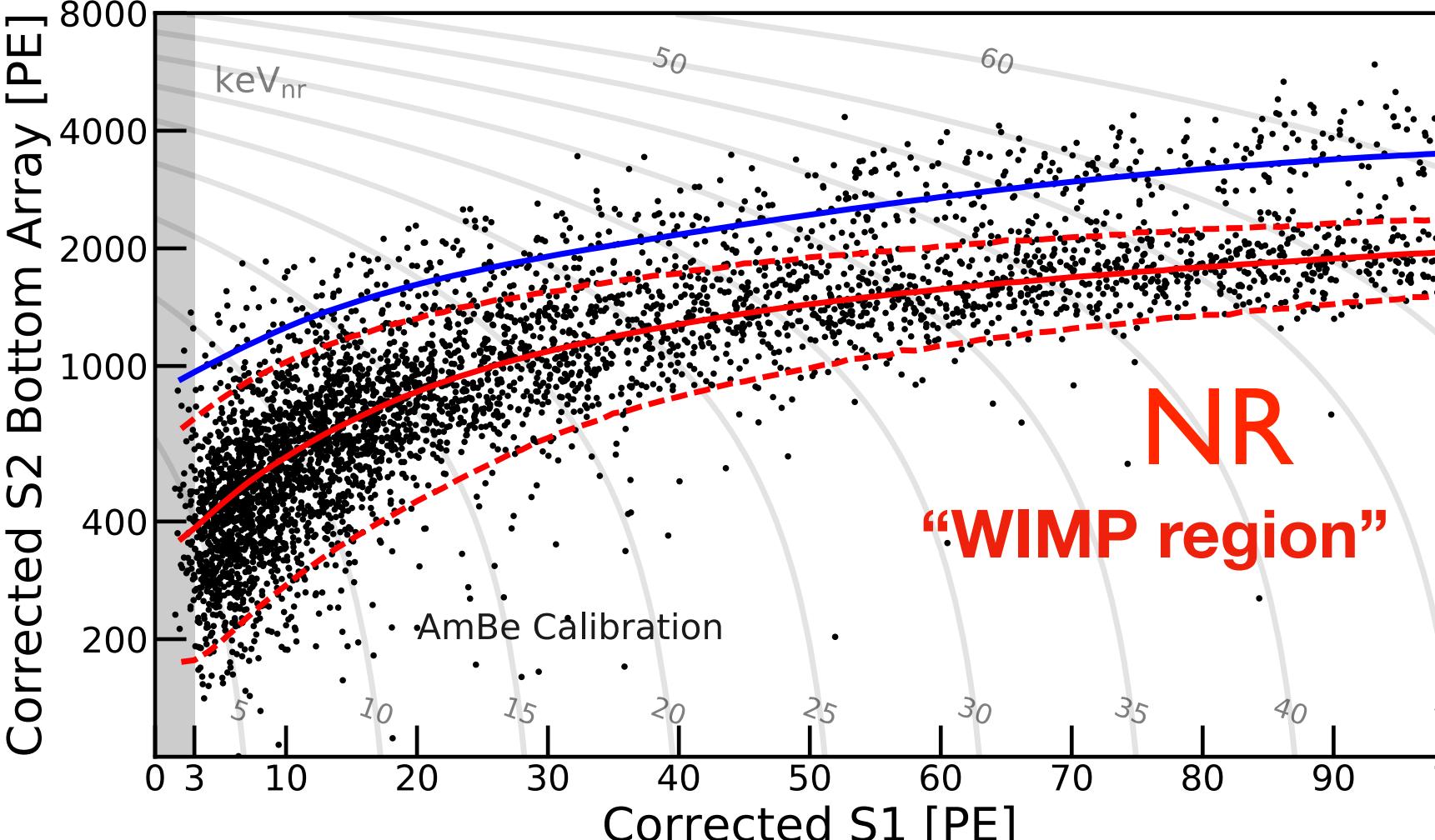
Background:  
Electron  
recoil



SR I

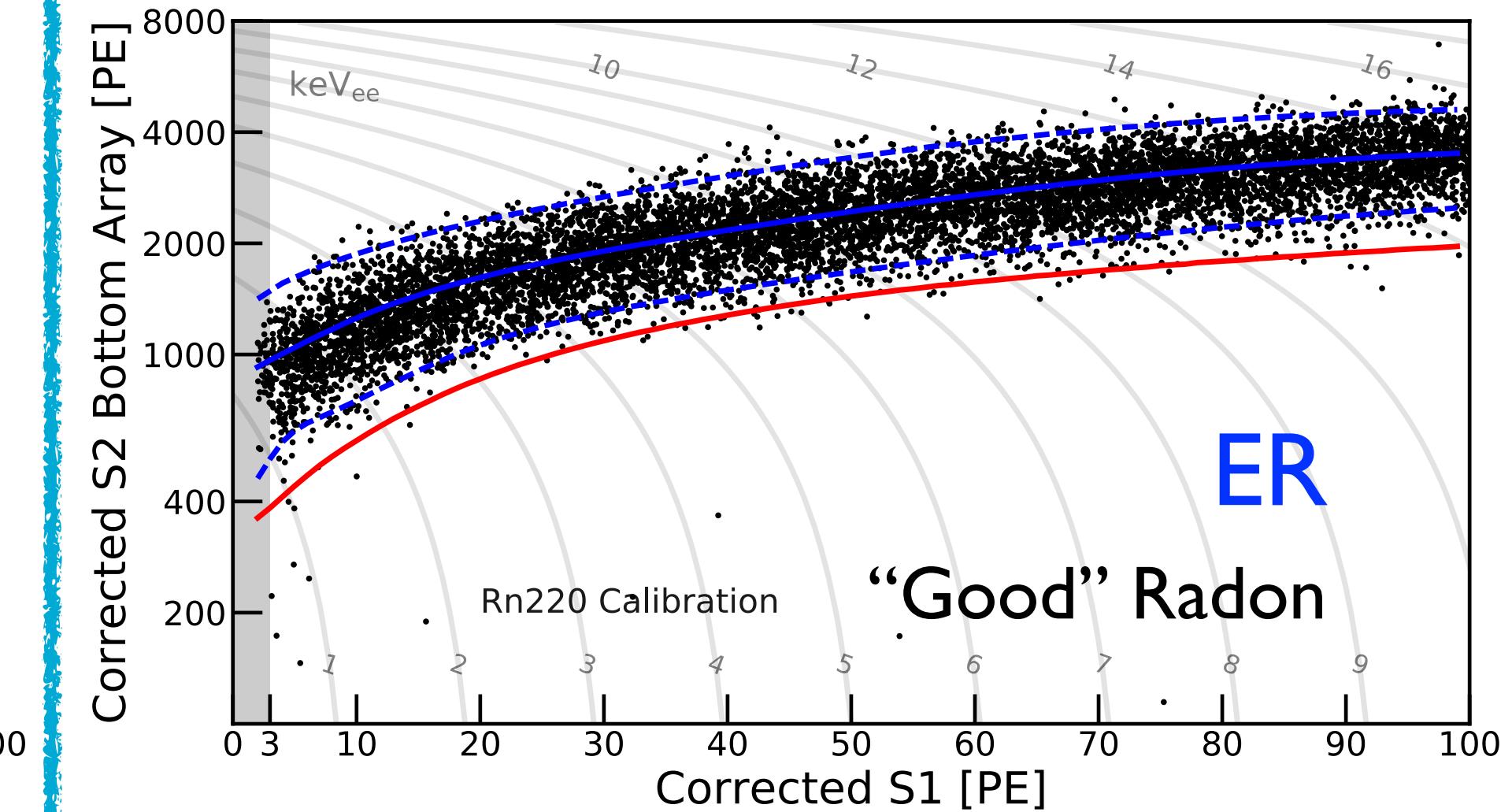


Signal:  
Nuclear recoil

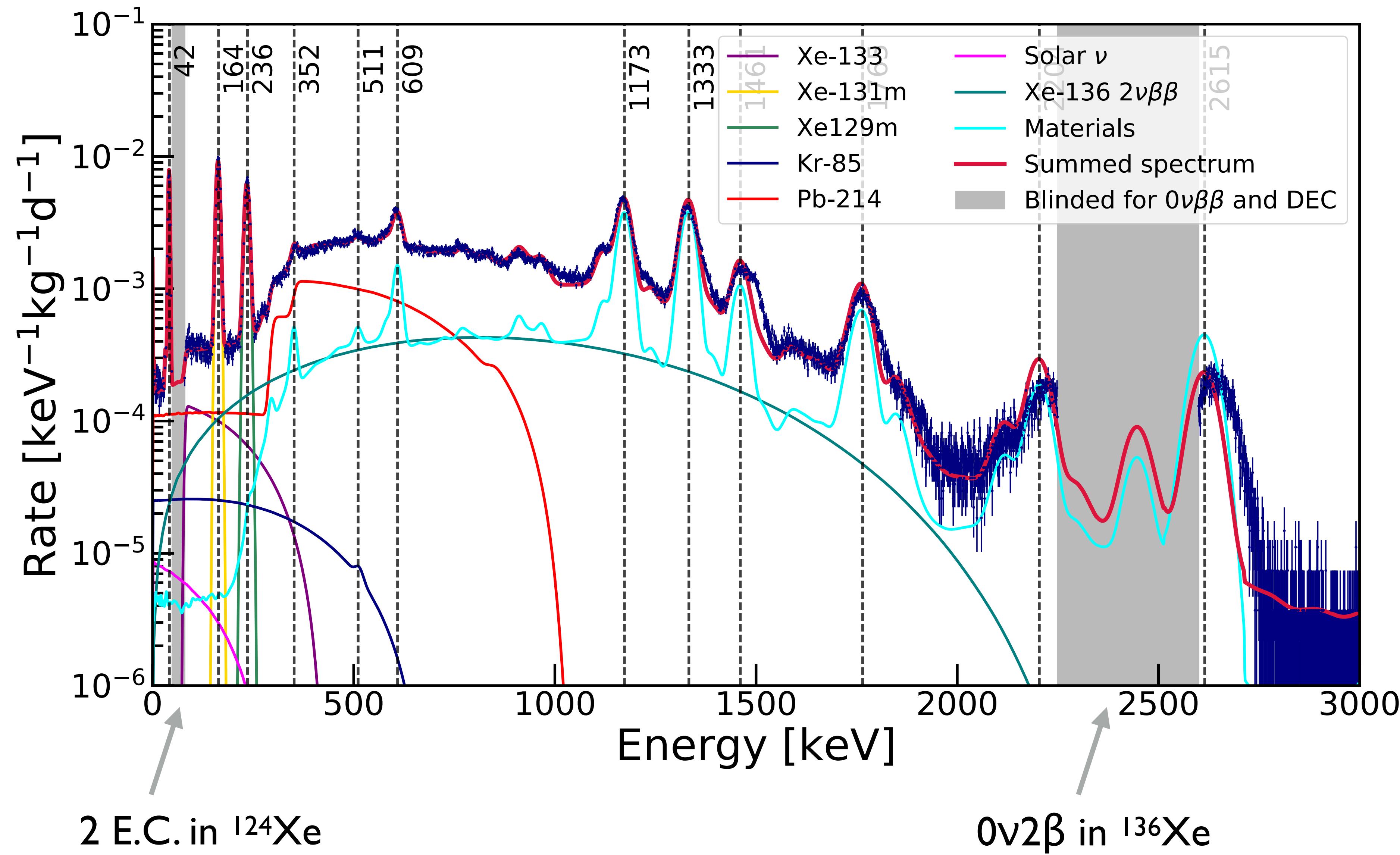


$$\frac{S2}{S1_{\gamma,\beta}} > \frac{S2}{S1_{\text{WIMP}}}$$

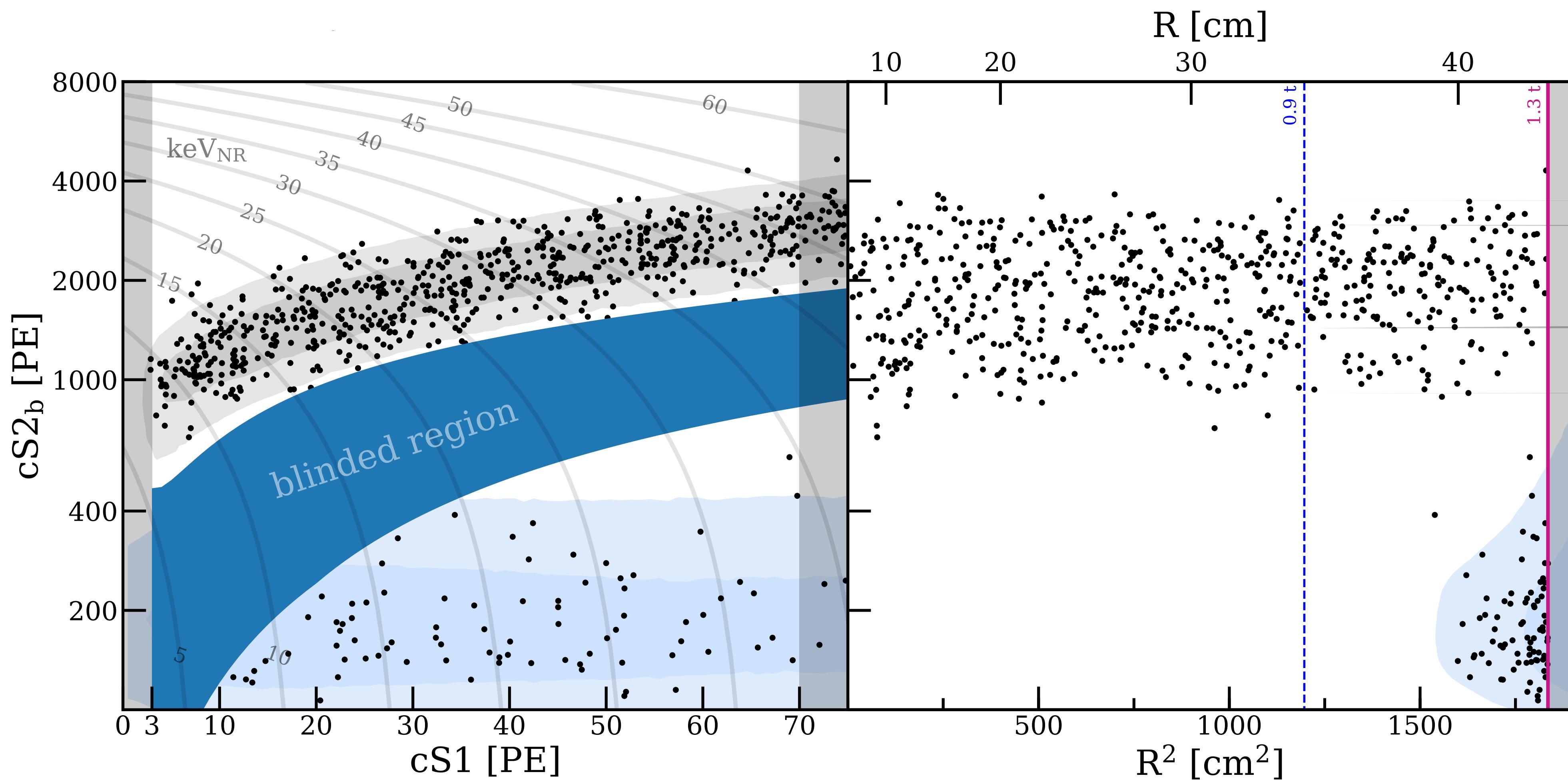
— Median  
- - -  $\pm 2\sigma$



# Wide range energy reconstruction



# WIMP Search Region



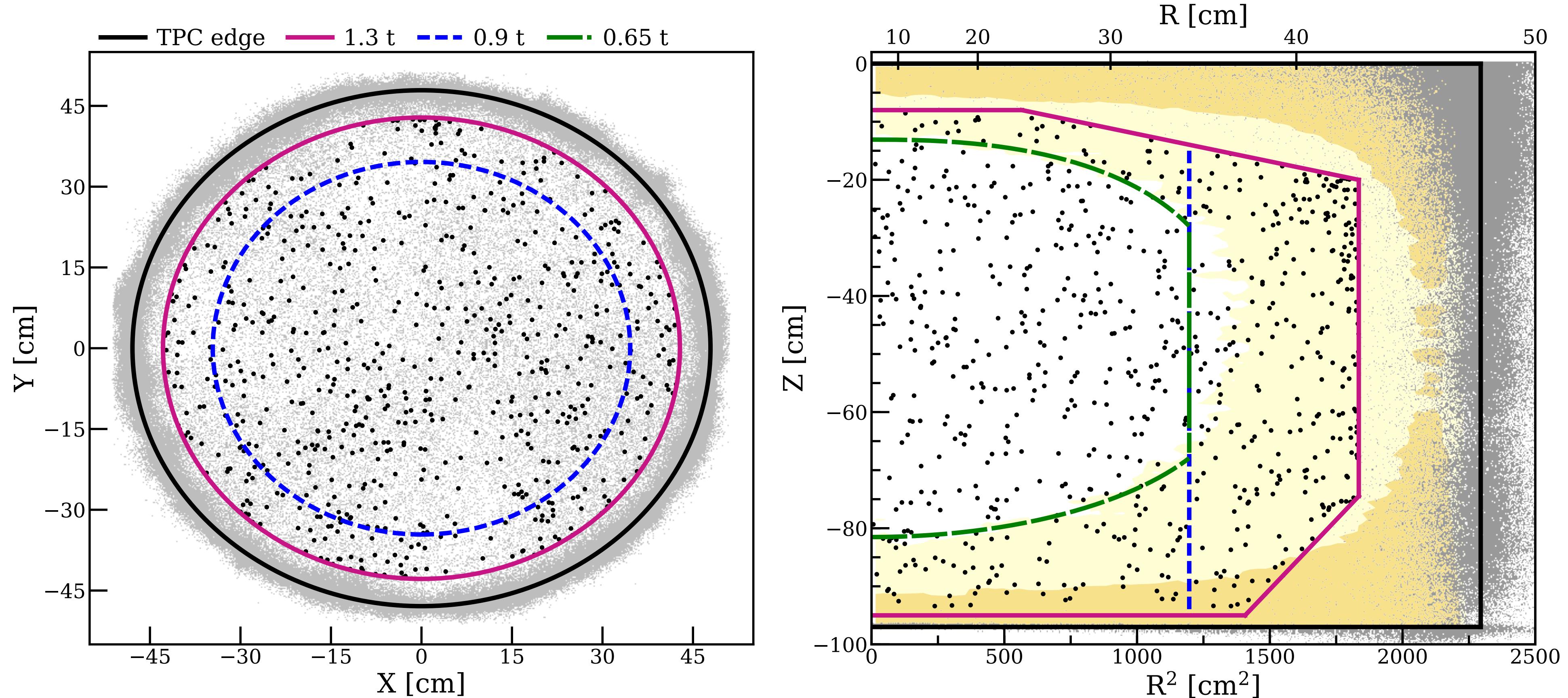
ROI:  $3\text{PE} < \text{SI} < 70\text{PE}$

equiv: ER:  $1.4 - 10.6 \text{ keV}_{ee}$

NR:  $4.9 - 40.9 \text{ keV}_{nr}$

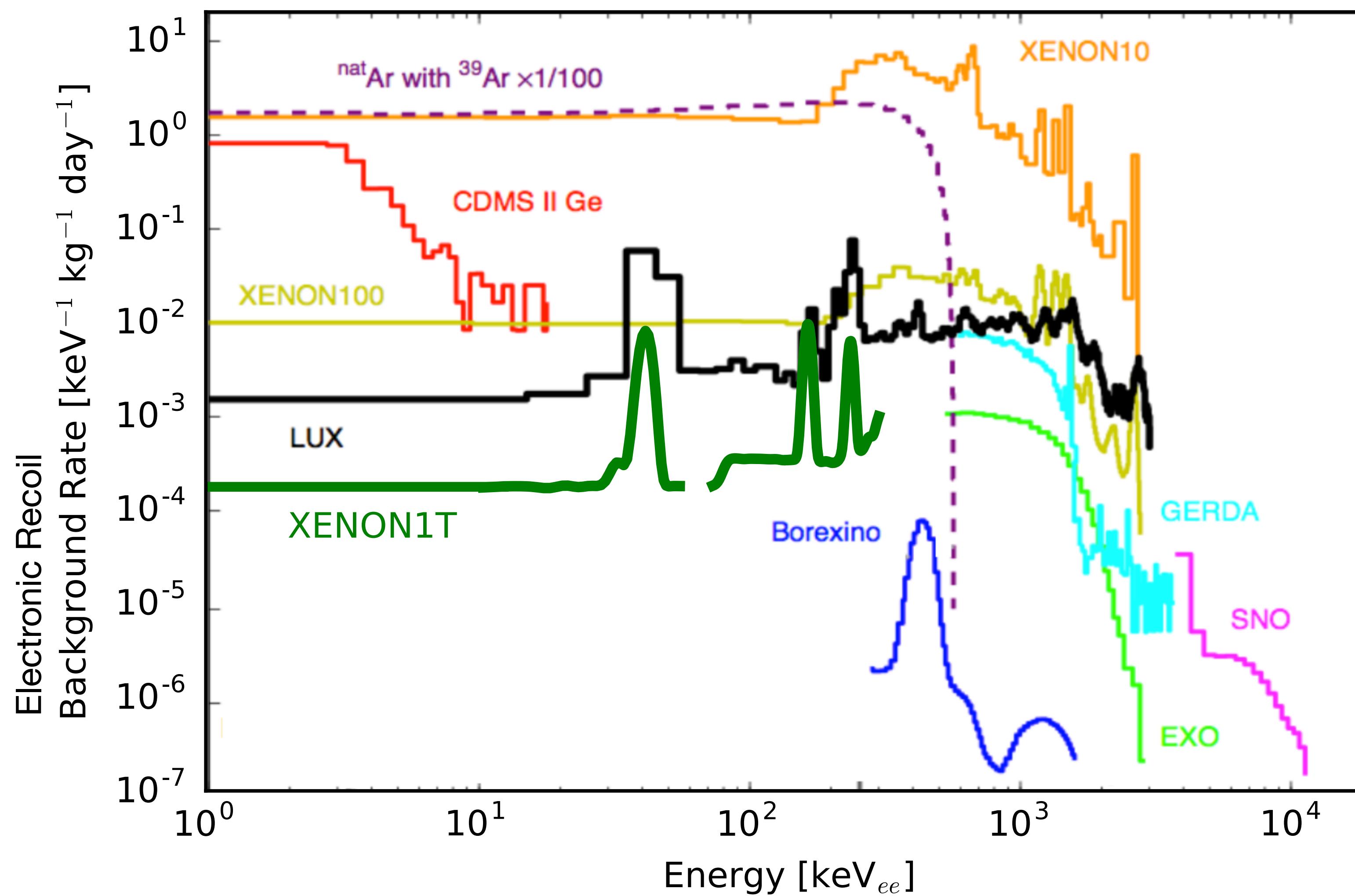
Analysis was: Blinded & “Salted”

# Fiducial mass Selection



- Signal and background are modeled in  $(cS1, cS2, R, "z")$  space
- Fiducial mass increased from 1 ton  $\rightarrow$  1.3 tons
- Total exposure of SR0+SR1: 1 ton  $\times$  year

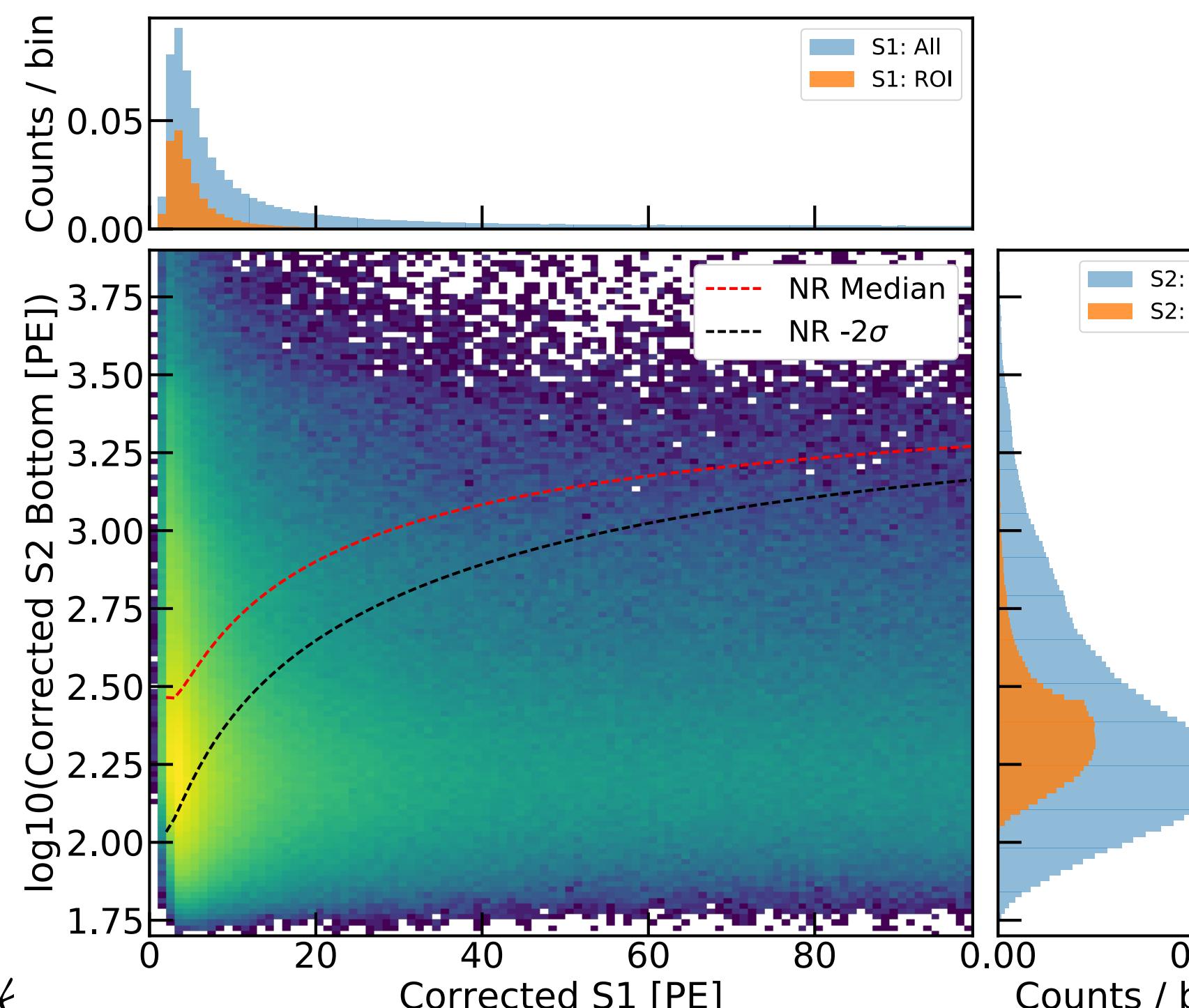
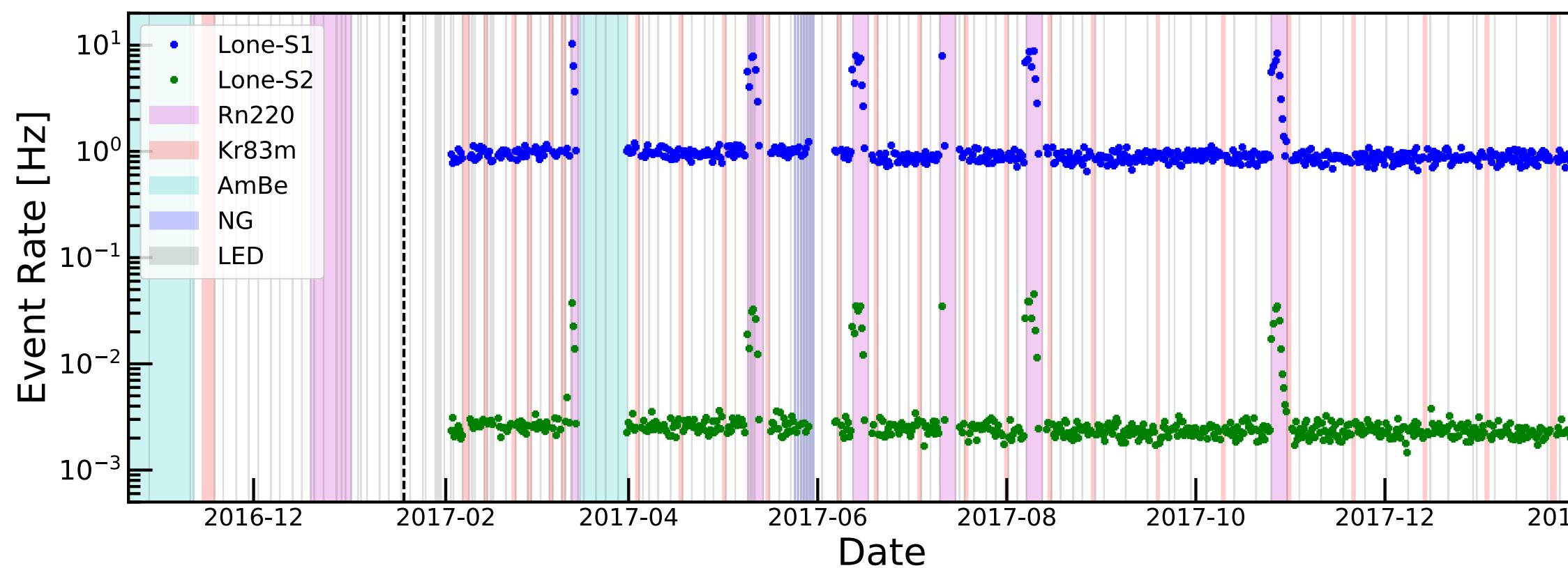
# Low, low Background



- **Lowest BG ever achieved in a dark matter detector!**

# Accidental + Surface Backgrounds

## Accidental Background



## Surface Background

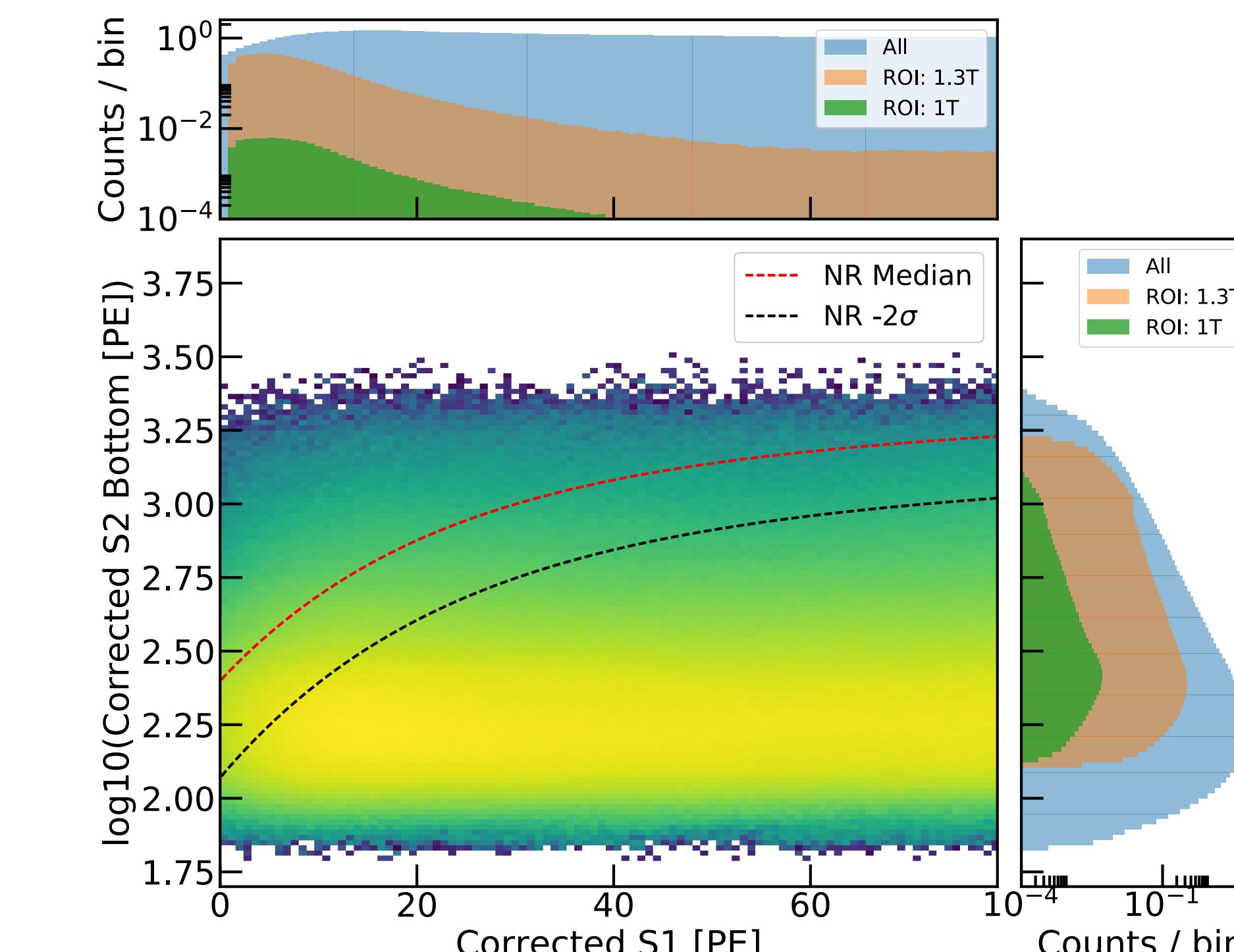
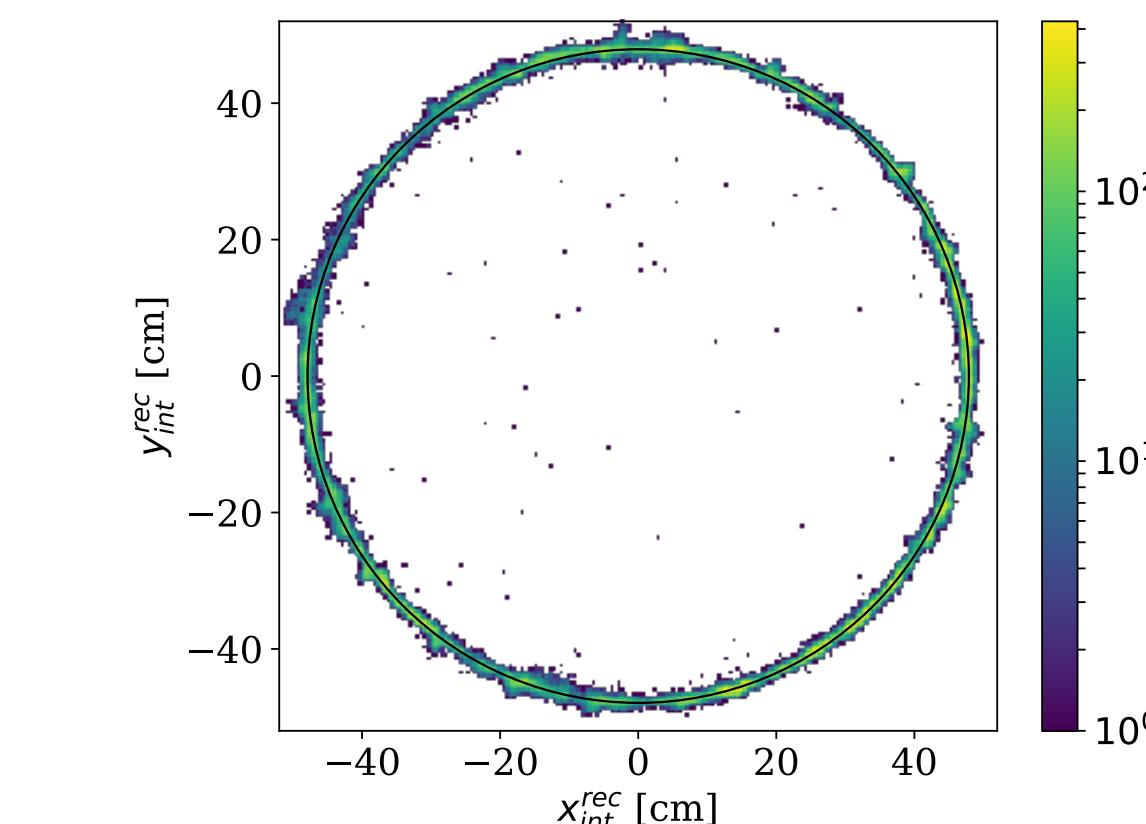
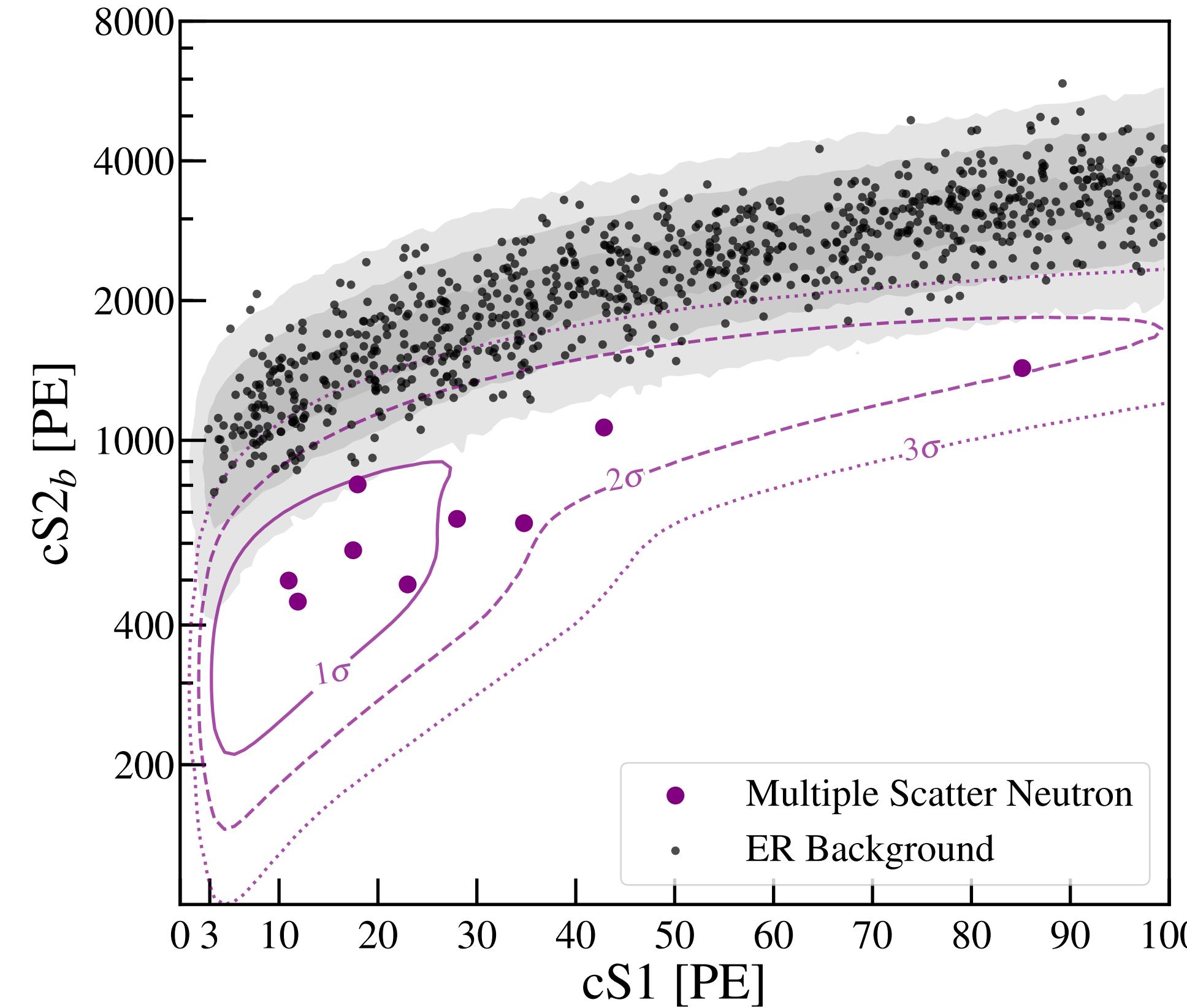
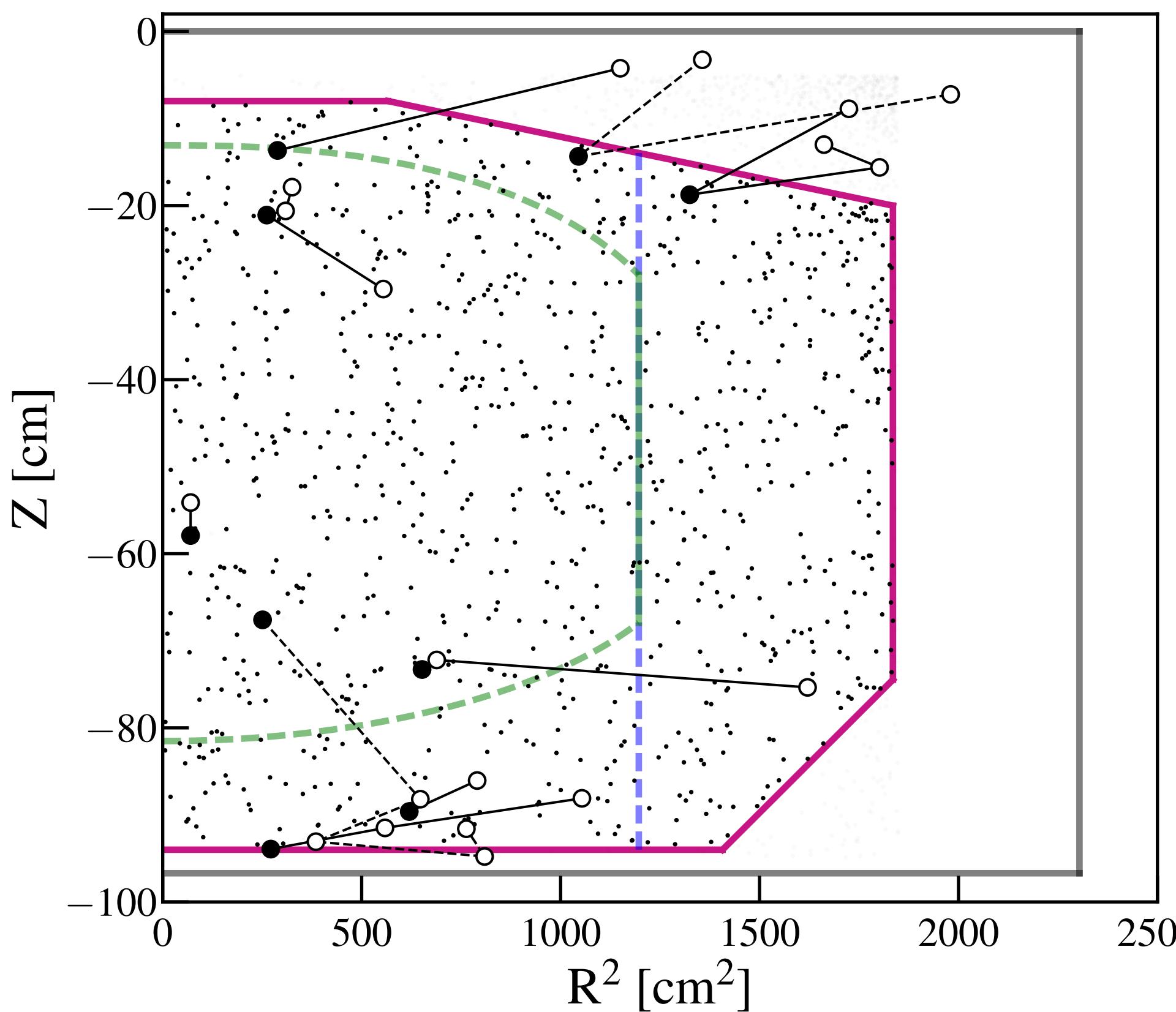


Plate out of  $^{210}\text{Po}$  and incomplete charge (S2) collection

# NR Background

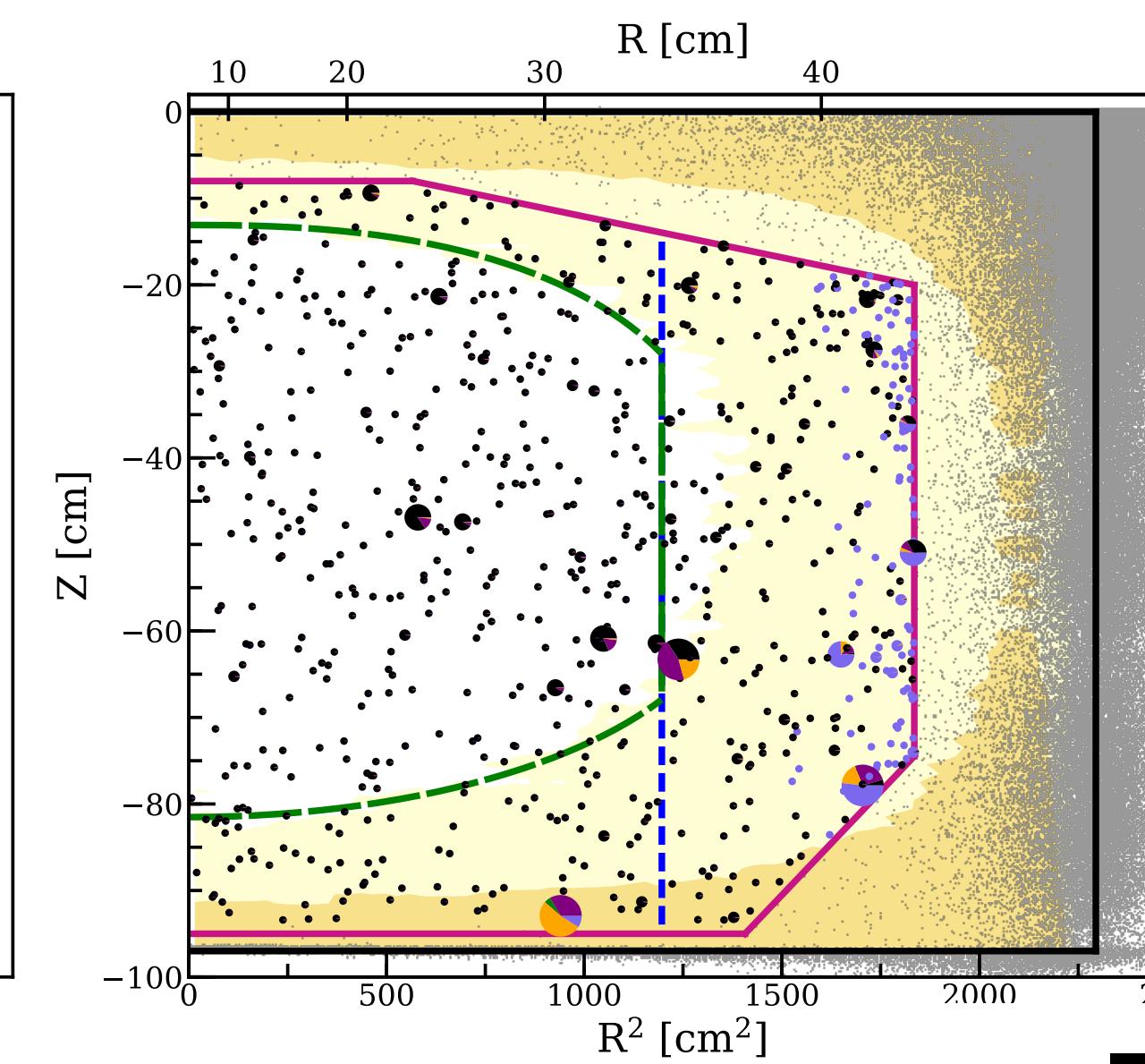
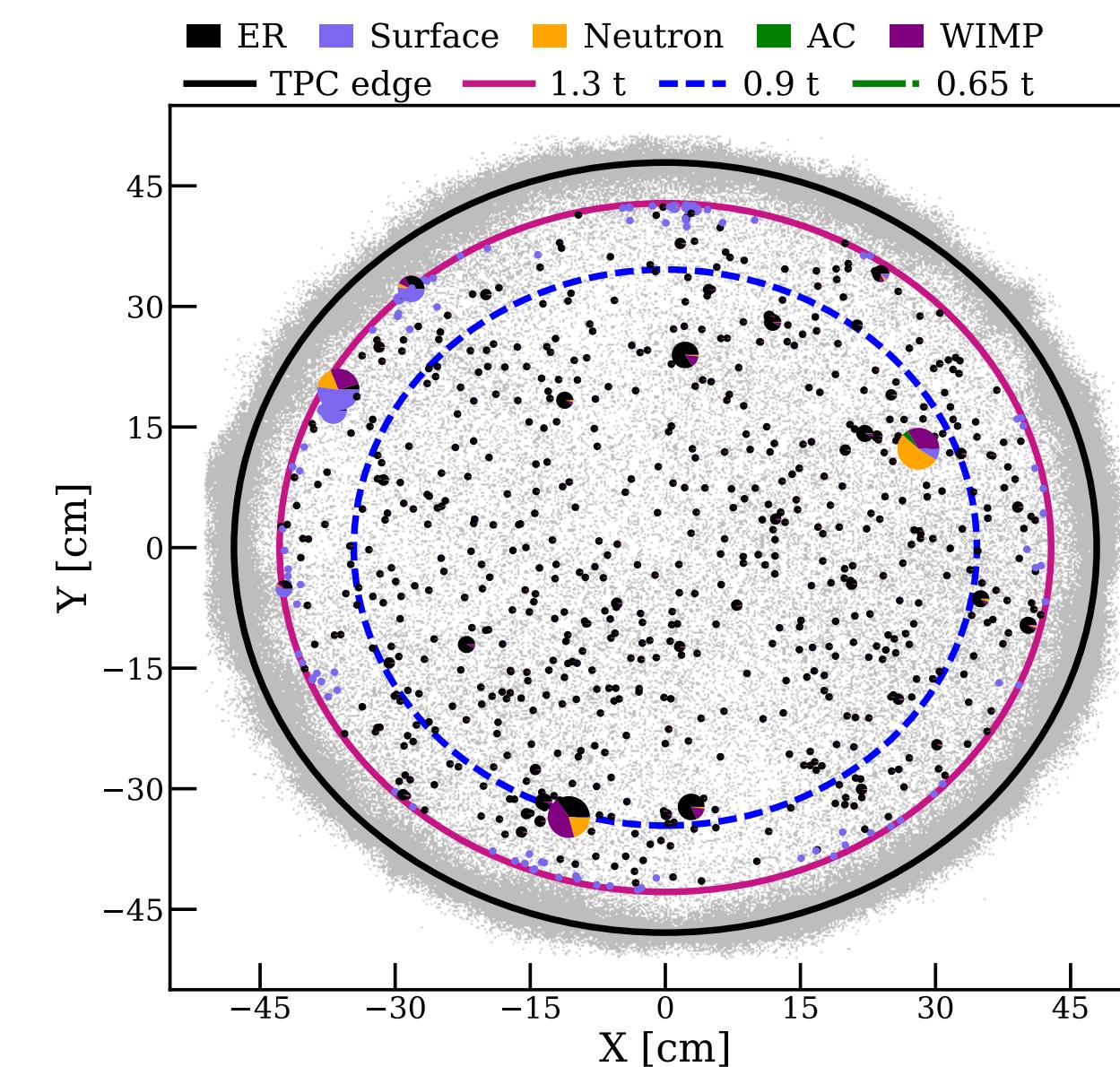
Neutrons will multiple scatter in LXe - WIMPs will not



Validation of NR model

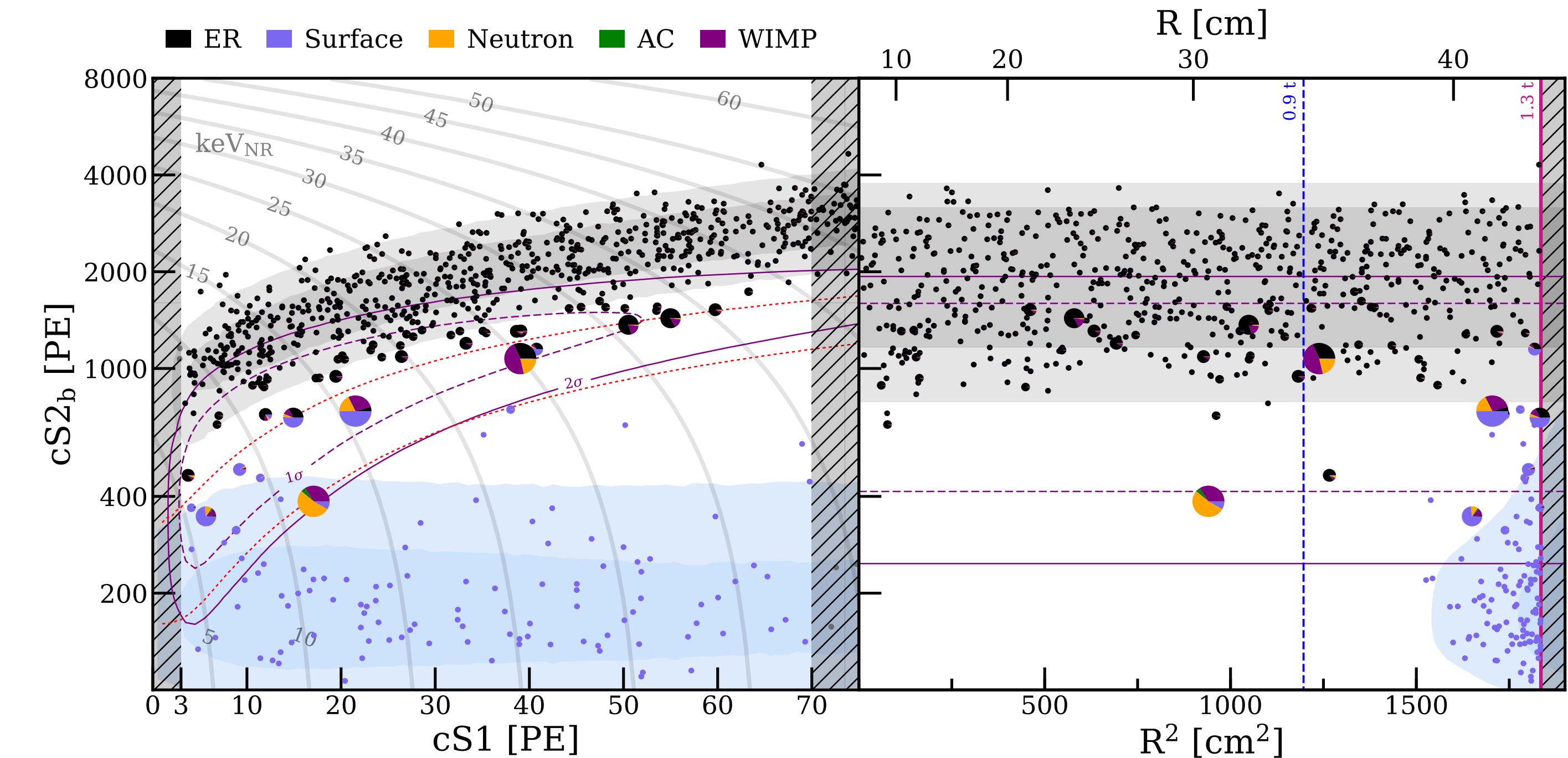
Component	NR rate [ev/(t · yr)]
Radiogenic n	$0.6 \pm 0.1$
CNNS	0.012
Cosmogenic	<0.01

# Results after unblinding + unsalting

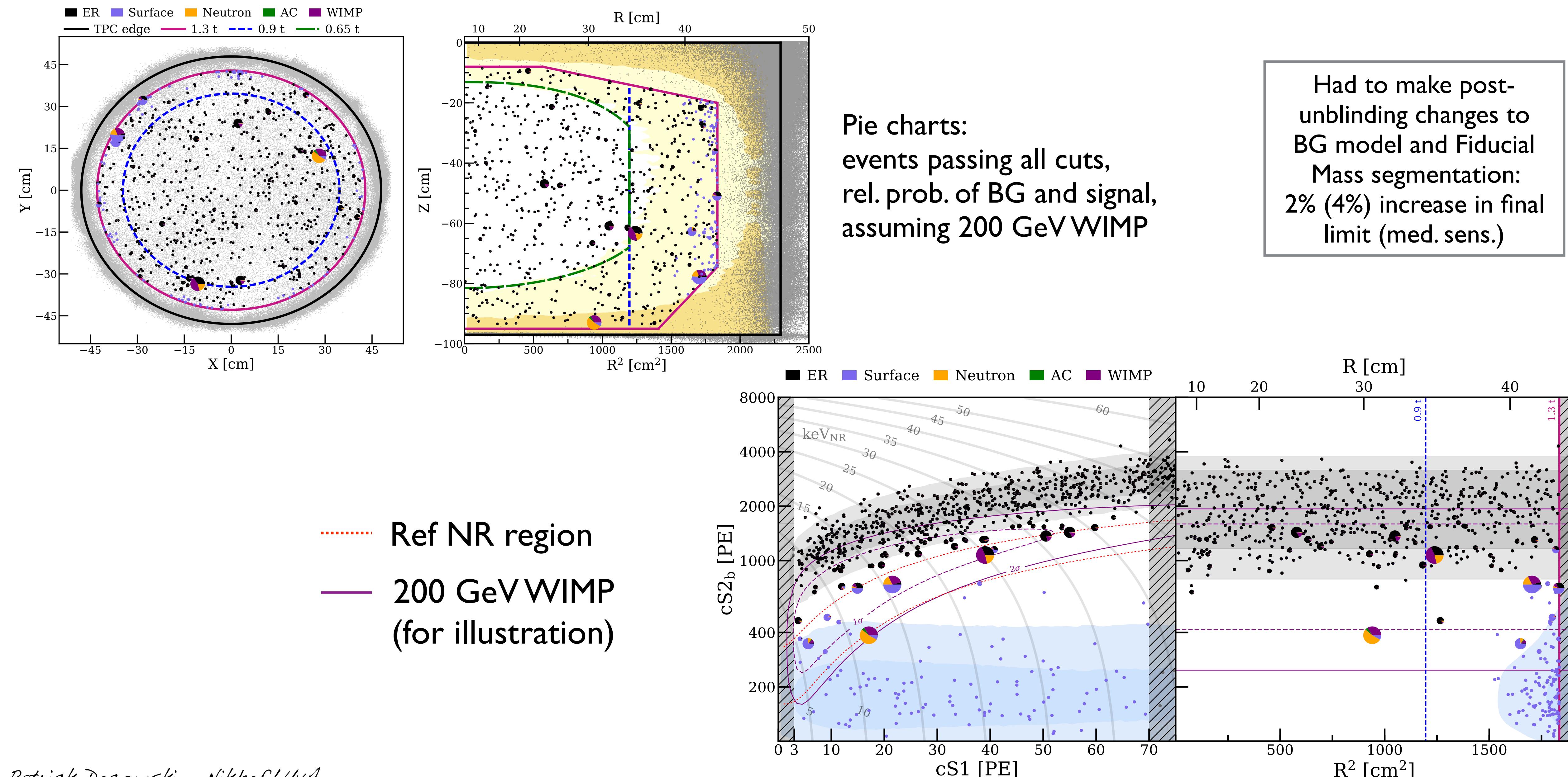


Pie charts:  
events passing all cuts,  
rel. prob. of BG and signal,  
assuming 200 GeV WIMP

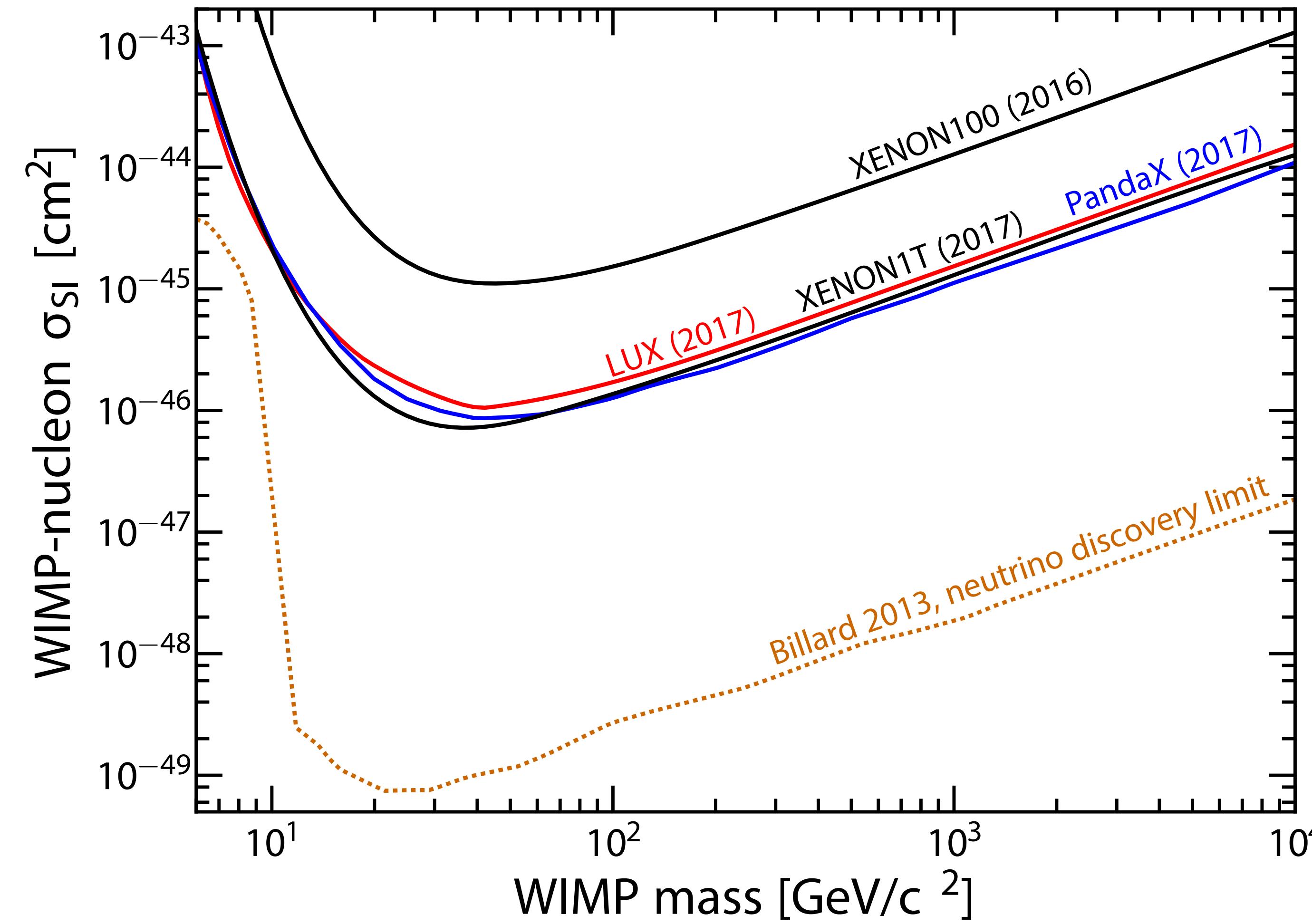
- Ref NR region
- 200 GeV WIMP  
(for illustration)



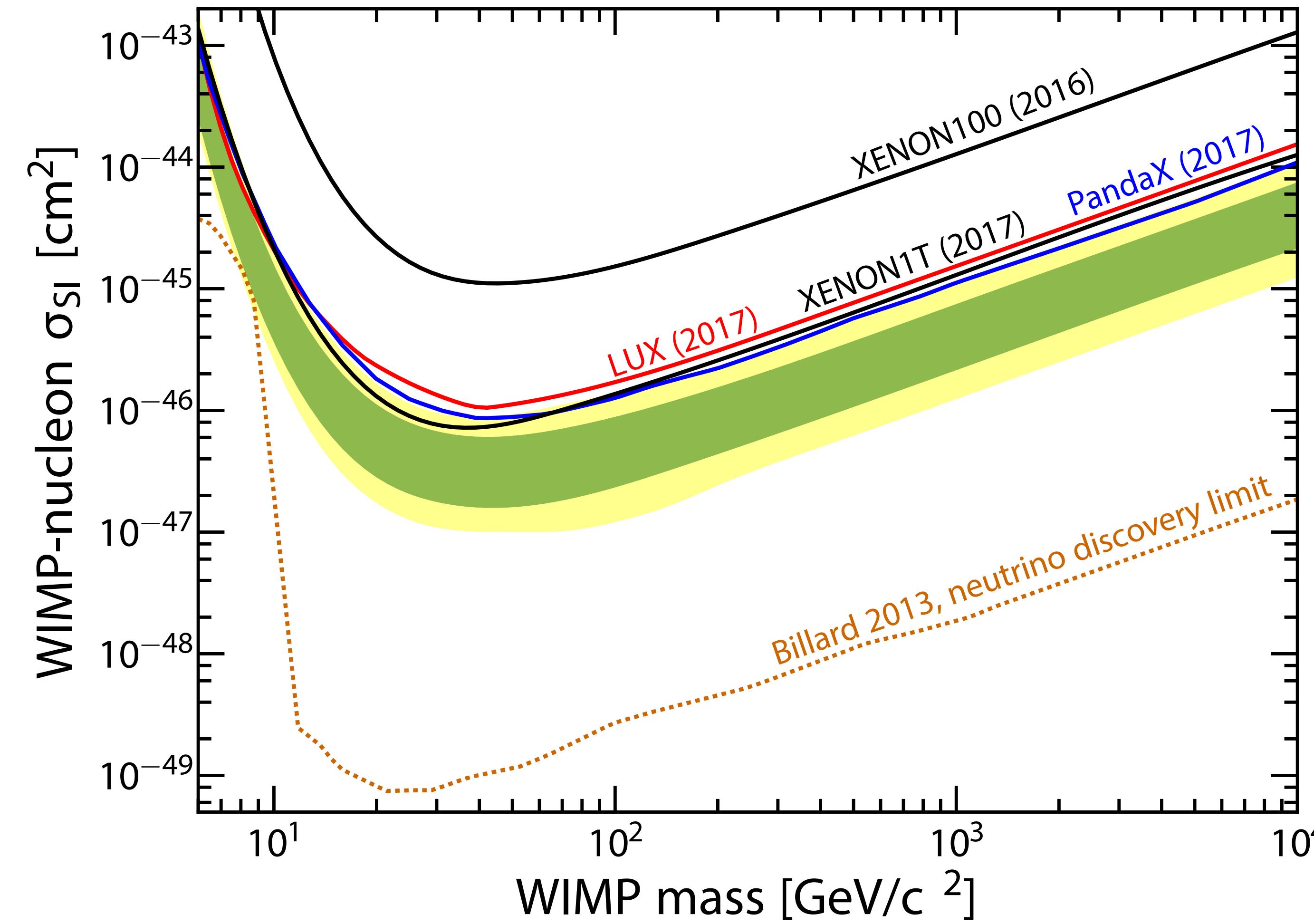
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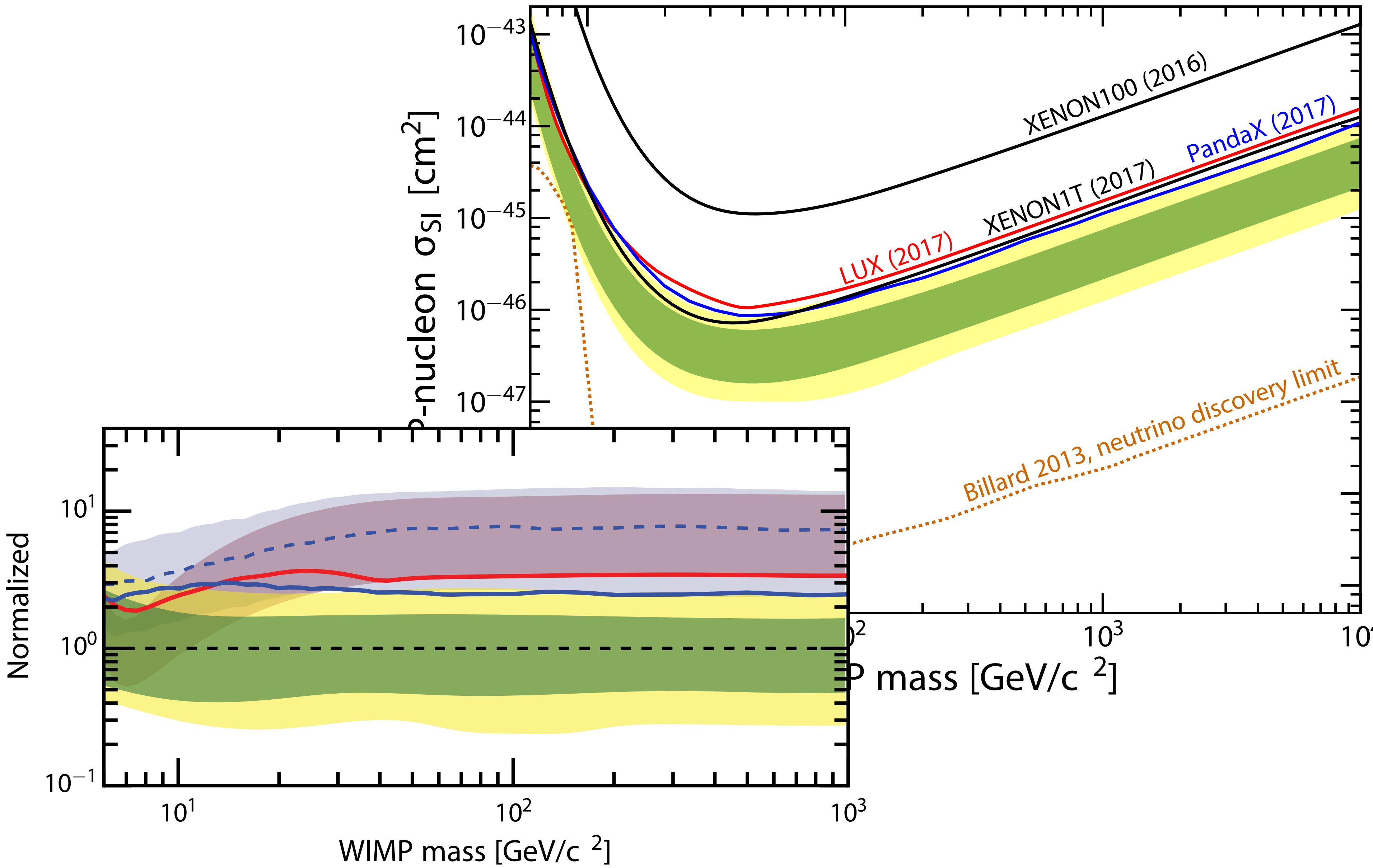
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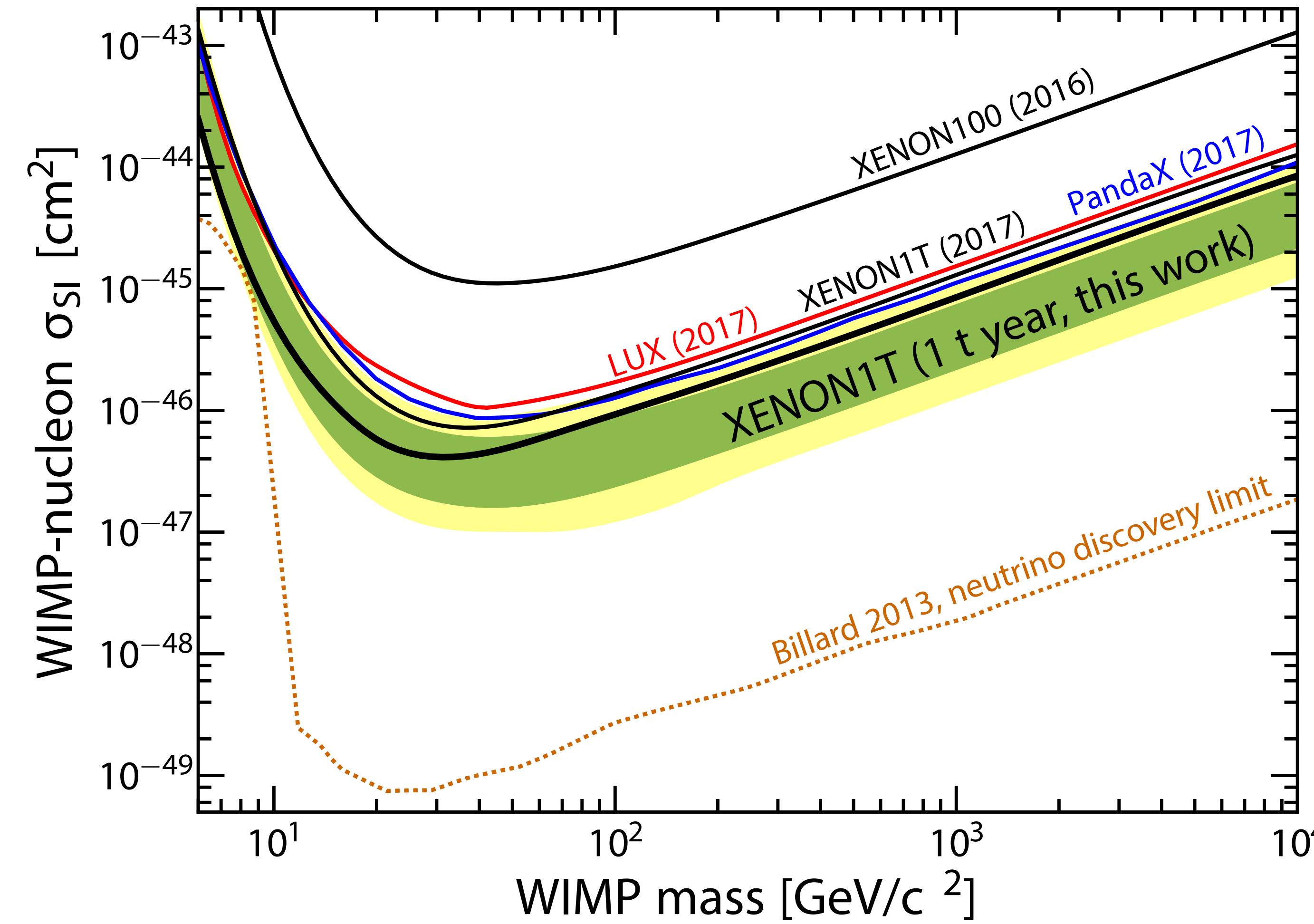
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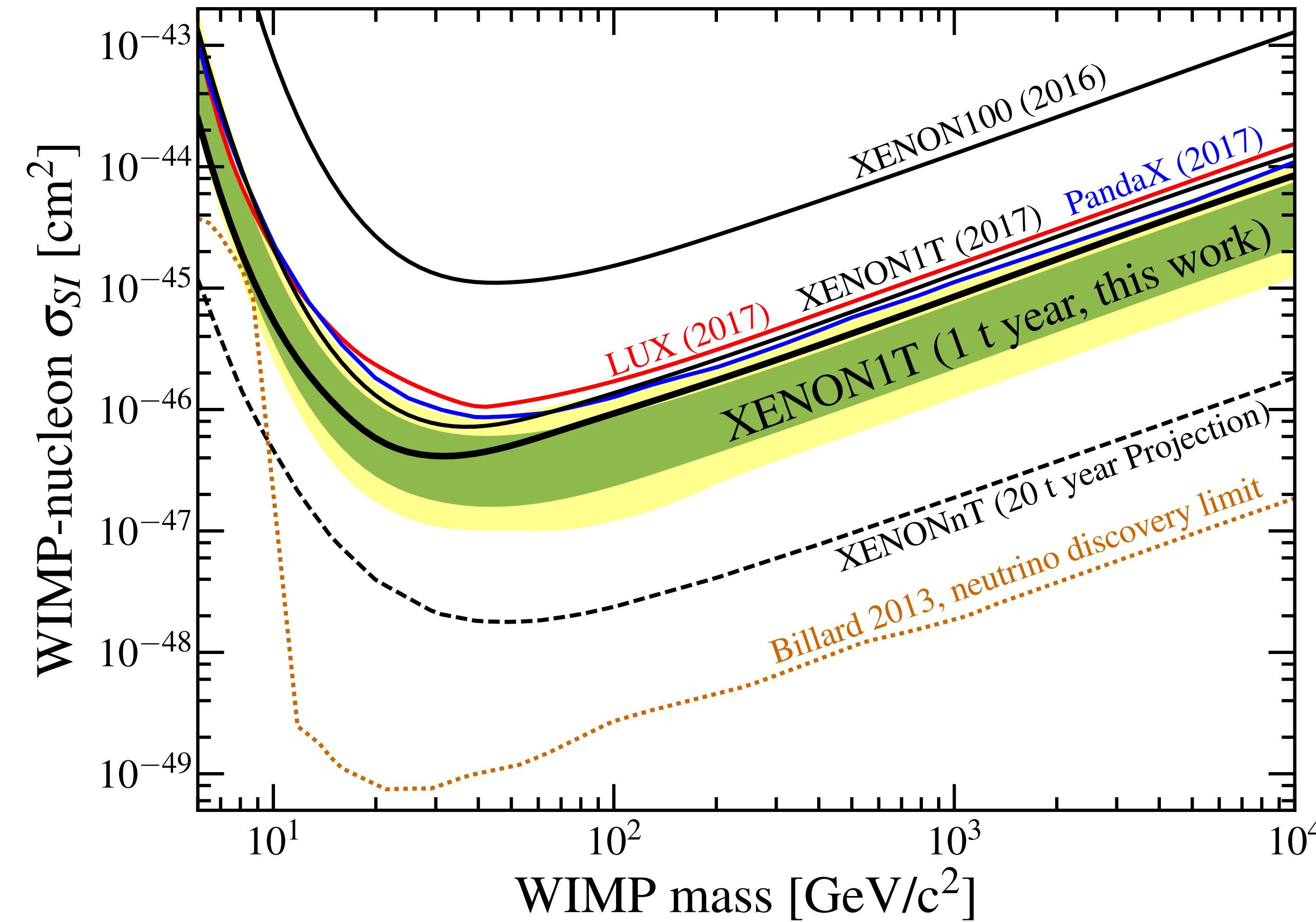
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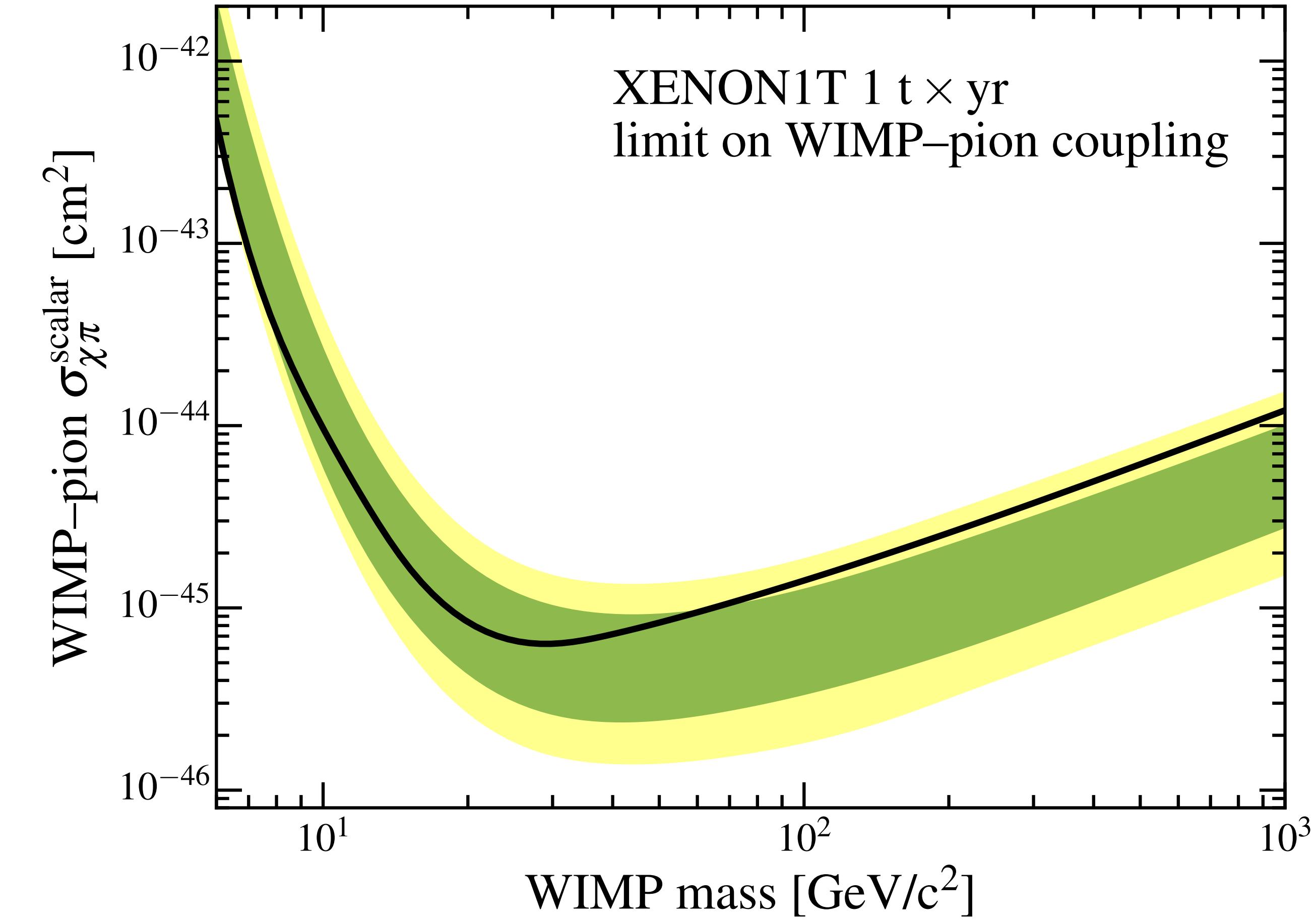
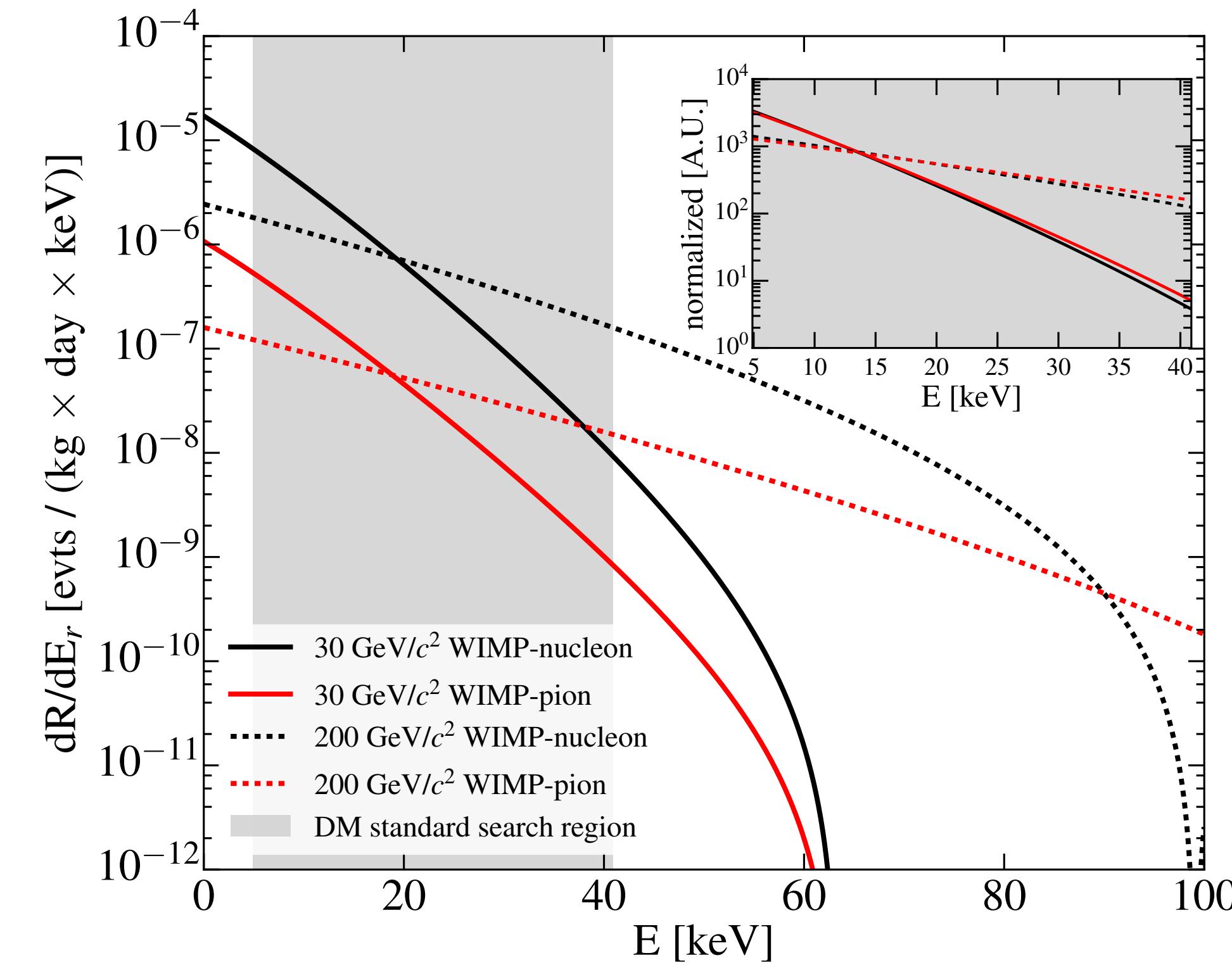
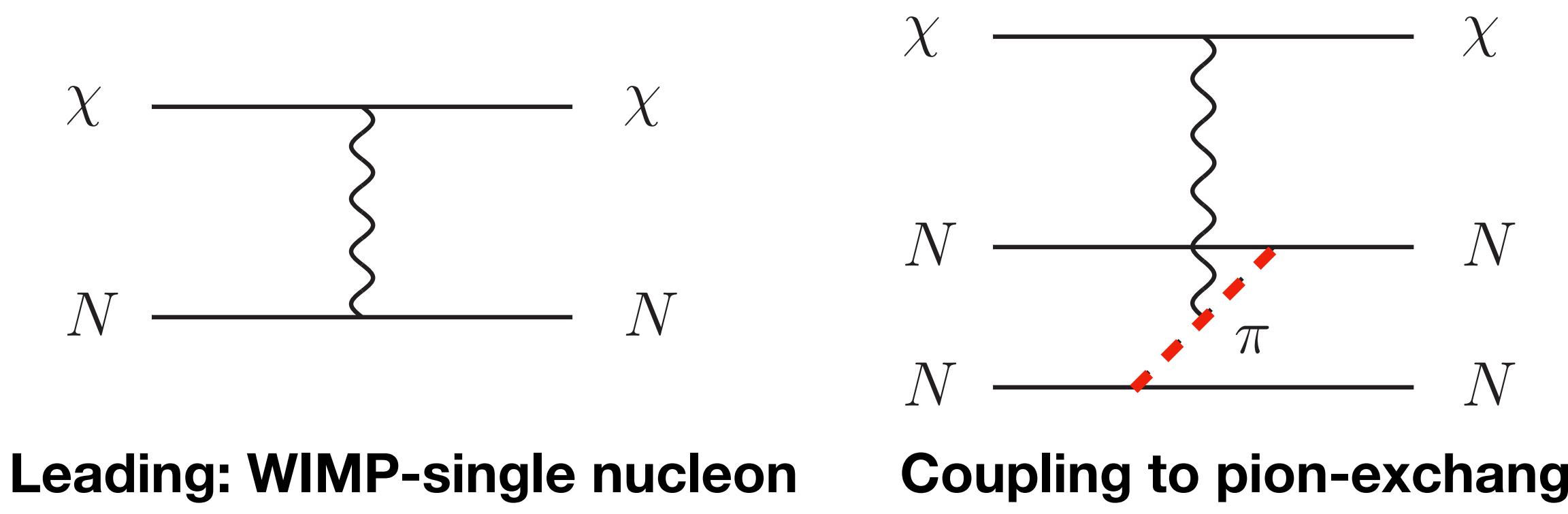
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**4. An absorption profile centred at 78 megahertz in the sky-averaged spectrum**

# WIMP-pion coupling

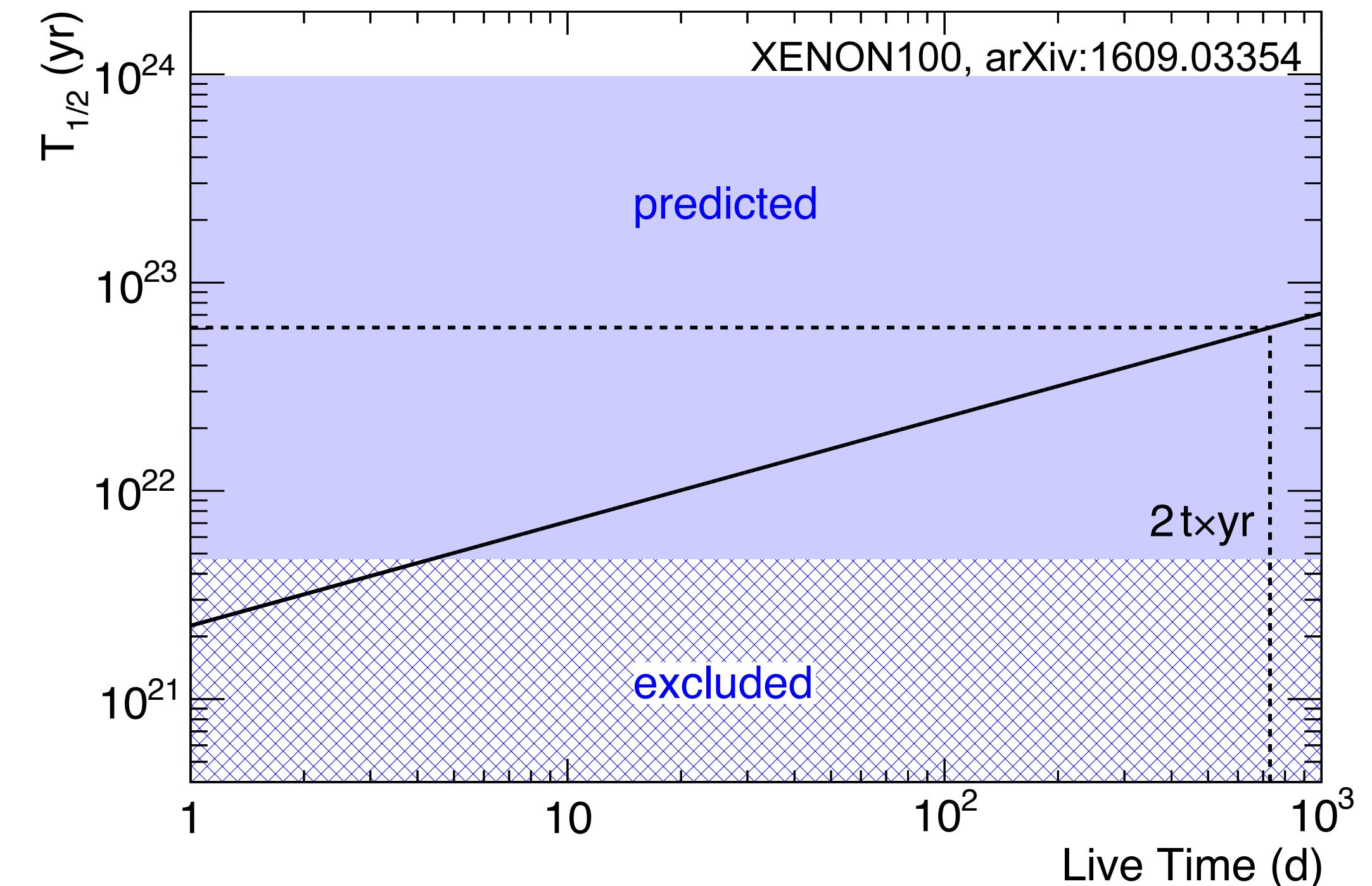
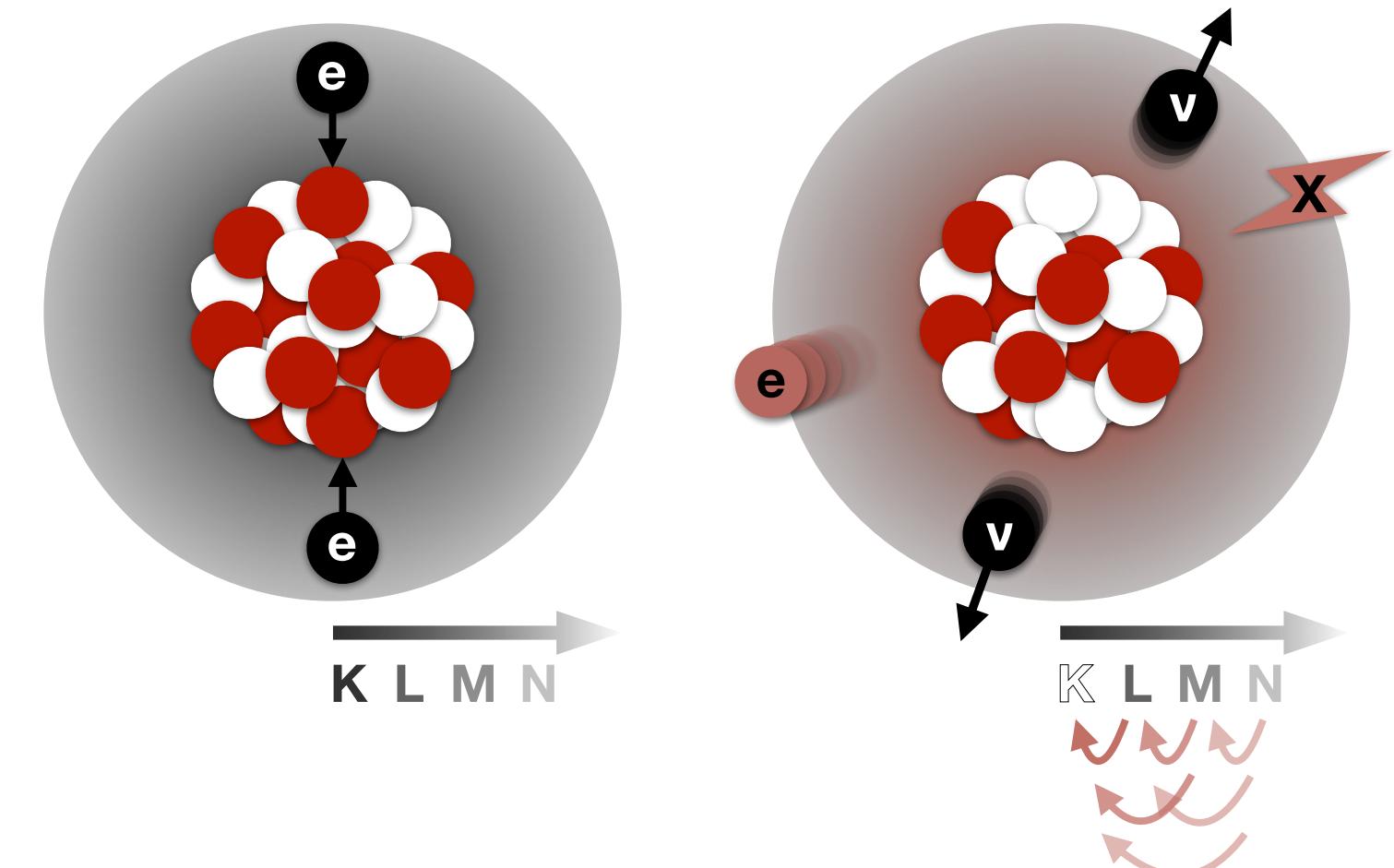


# Double Electron Capture

- Second order process like double  $\beta$ -decay, but longer lived - so far only measured in  $^{130}\text{Ba}$  and  $^{78}\text{Kr}$
- $^{124}\text{Xe}$  is a candidate isotope
  - 0.095% Nat. abundance
  - Peak at 64.3 keV from K-shell captures

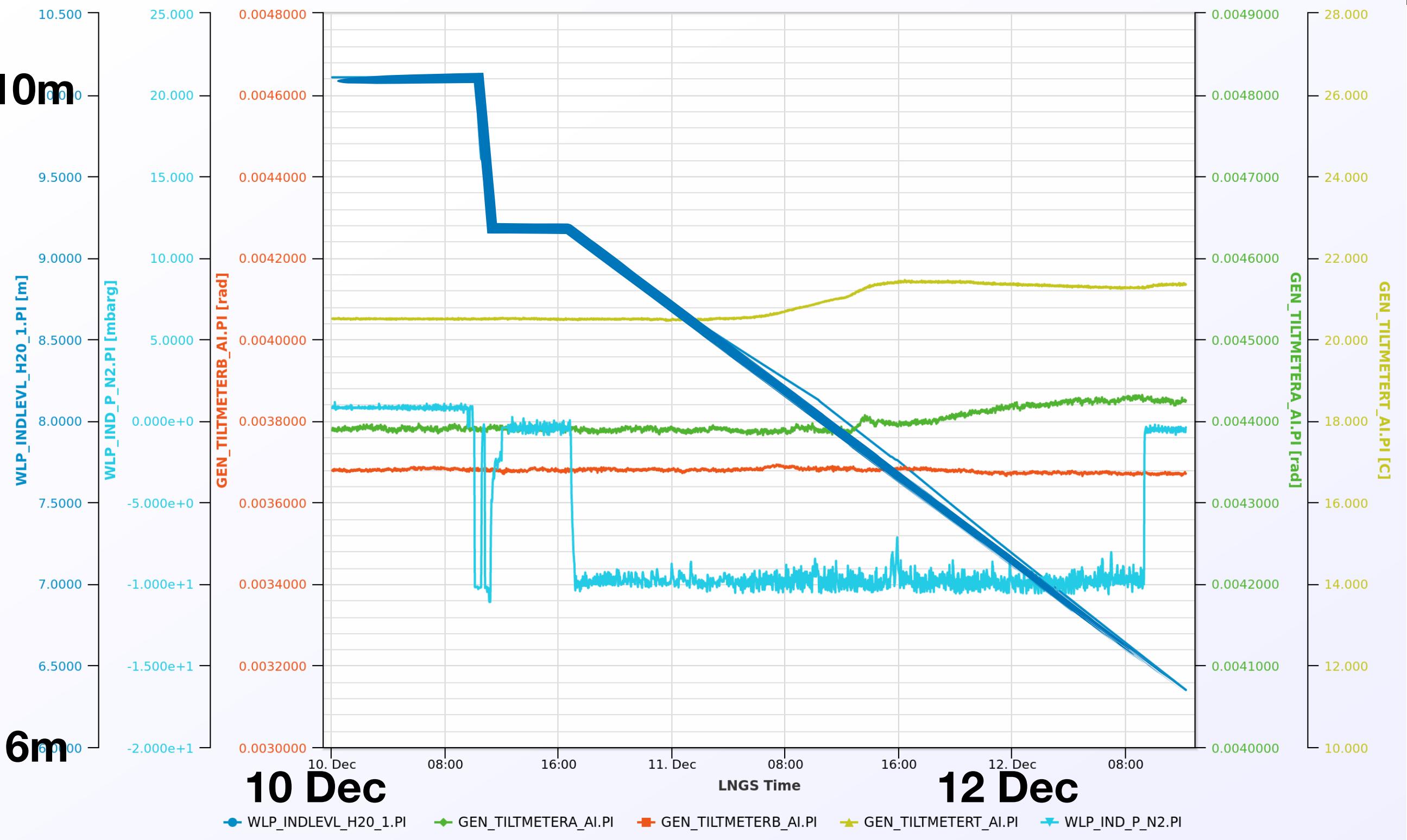
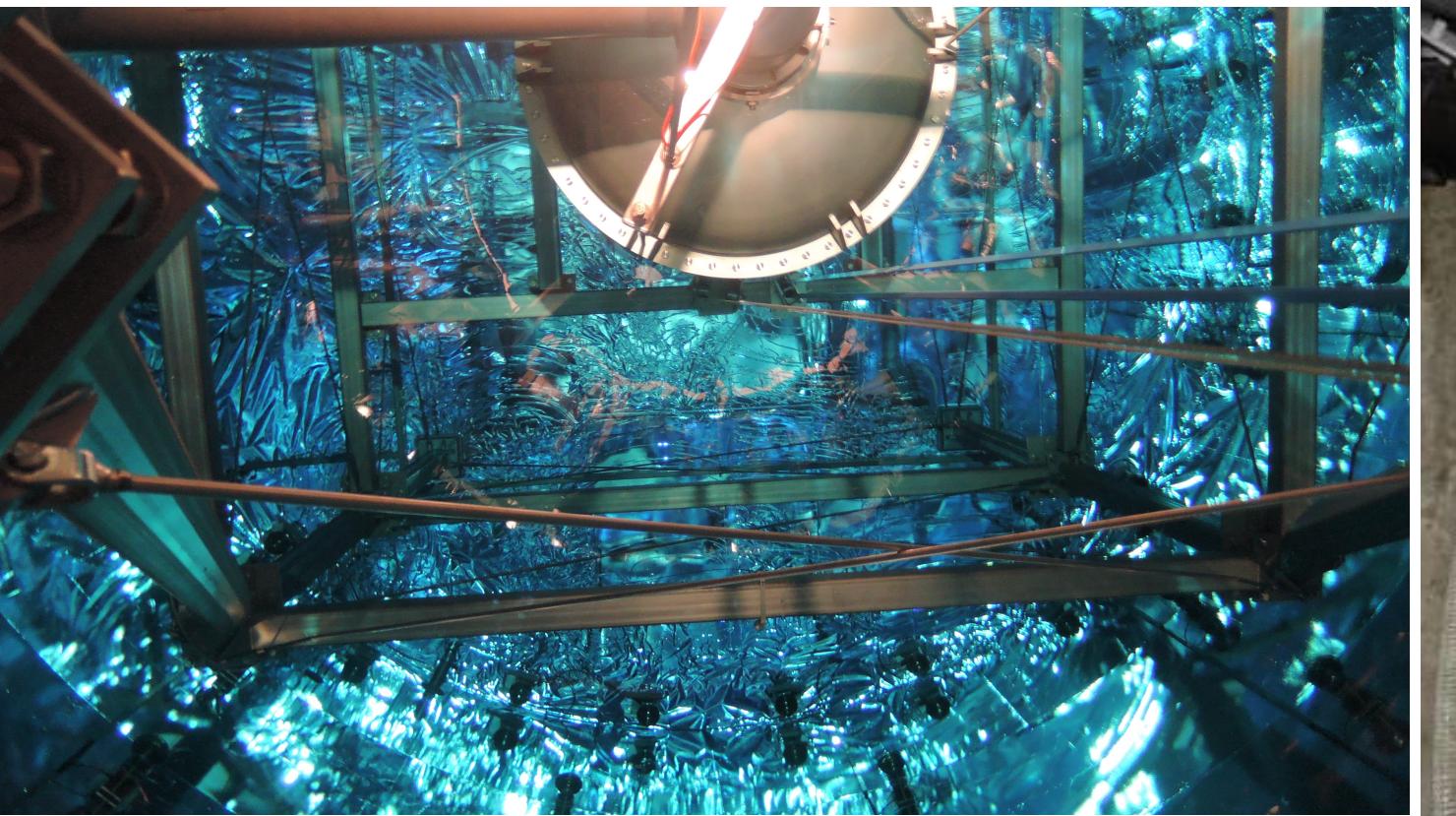
$$T_{1/2}^{2\nu 2EC} \propto G_{2\nu} |M_{2\nu}|^2$$

Phase Space Factor ↑  
Nuclear Matrix Element

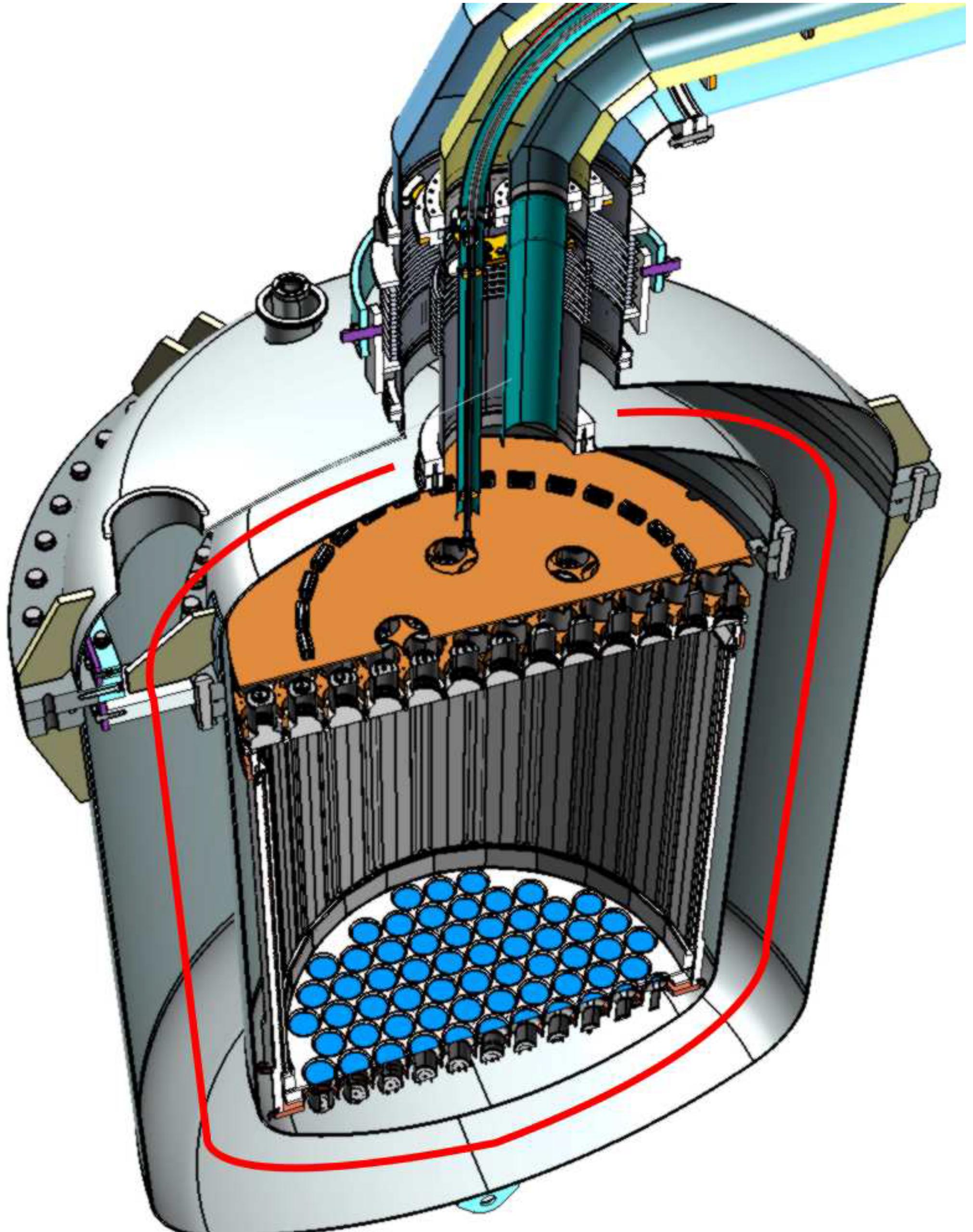


# Ending XENON1T Ops

- XENON1T as XENONnT R&D setup since May 2018:
  - XENONnT DAQ test
  - $^{37}\text{Ar}$  calibration: 2.82 and 0.27 keV lines
  - Continuous Rn distillation
  - Changing drift and extraction fields
  - ...
- **XENON1T officially ended December 10**
  - Water from the water tank discharged
  - LXe recuperation ongoing...



# From XENON1T to XENONnT

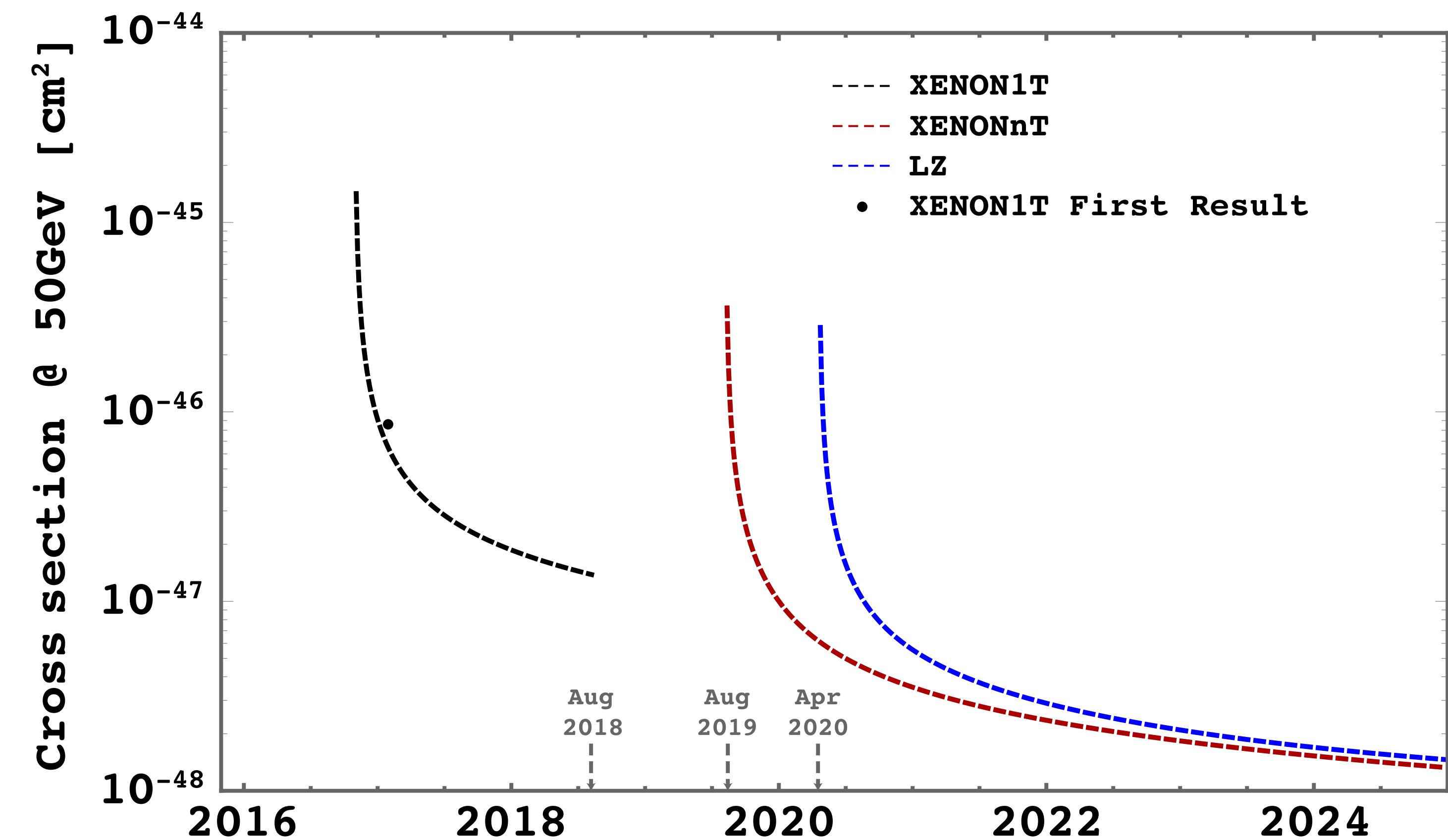


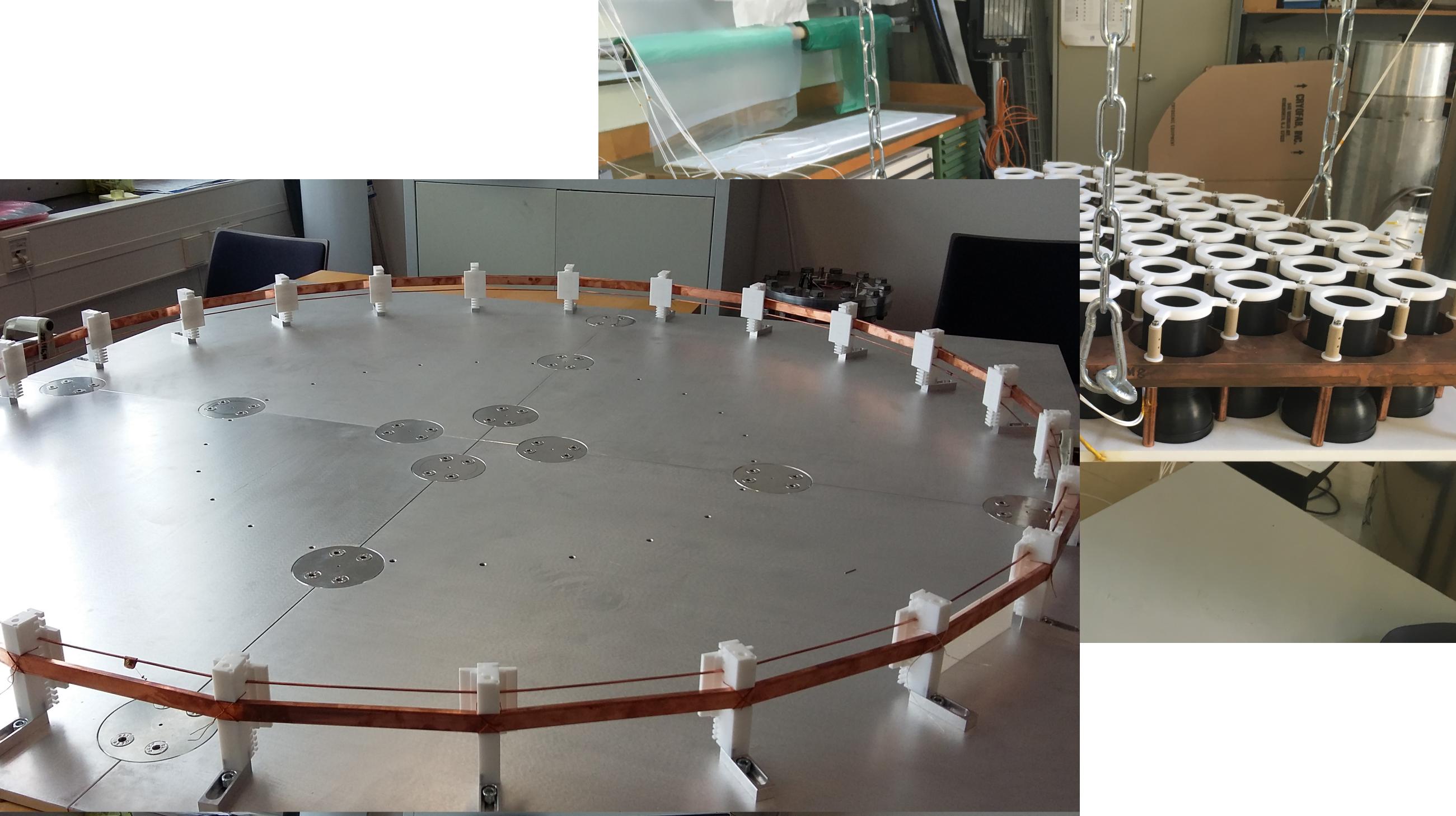
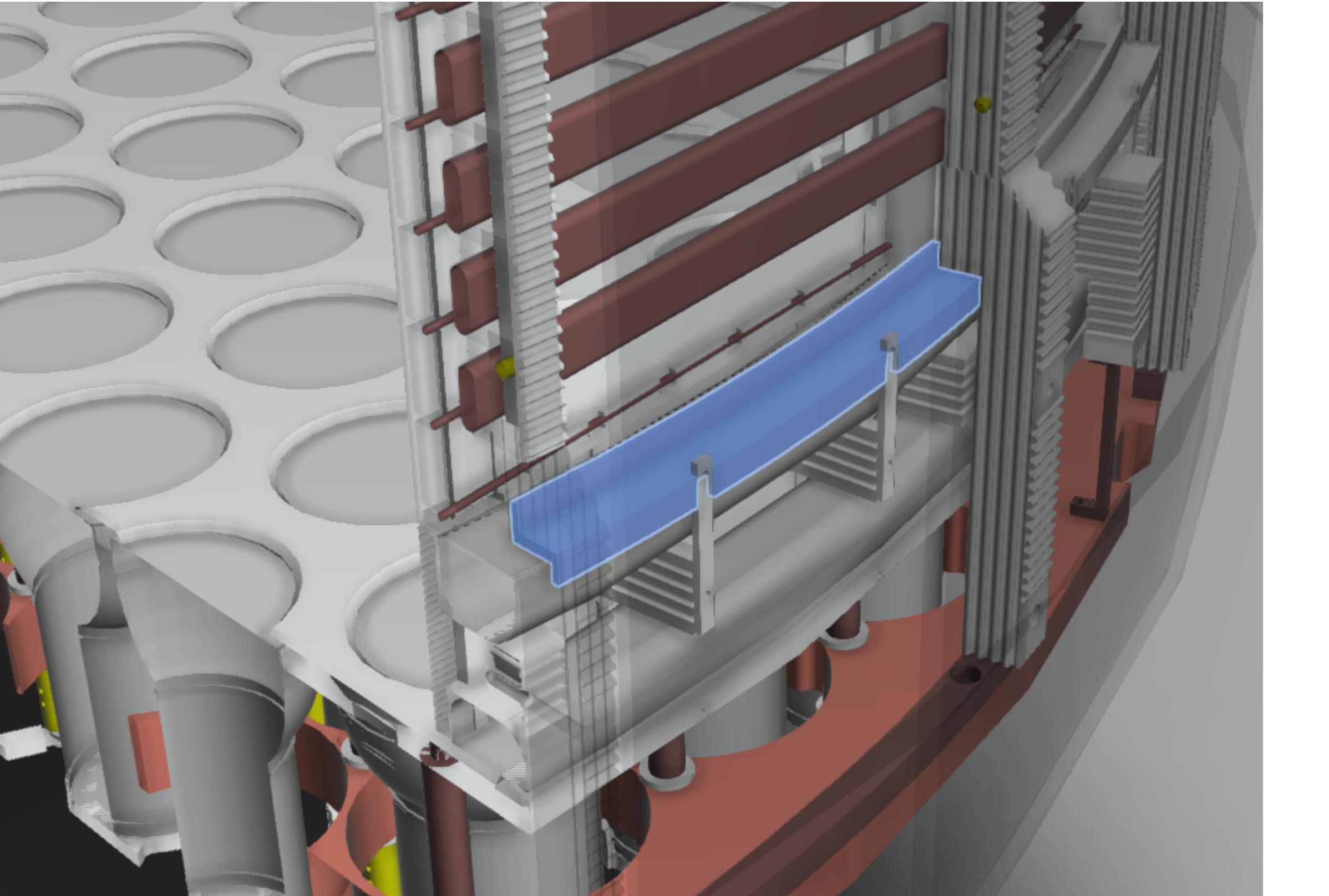
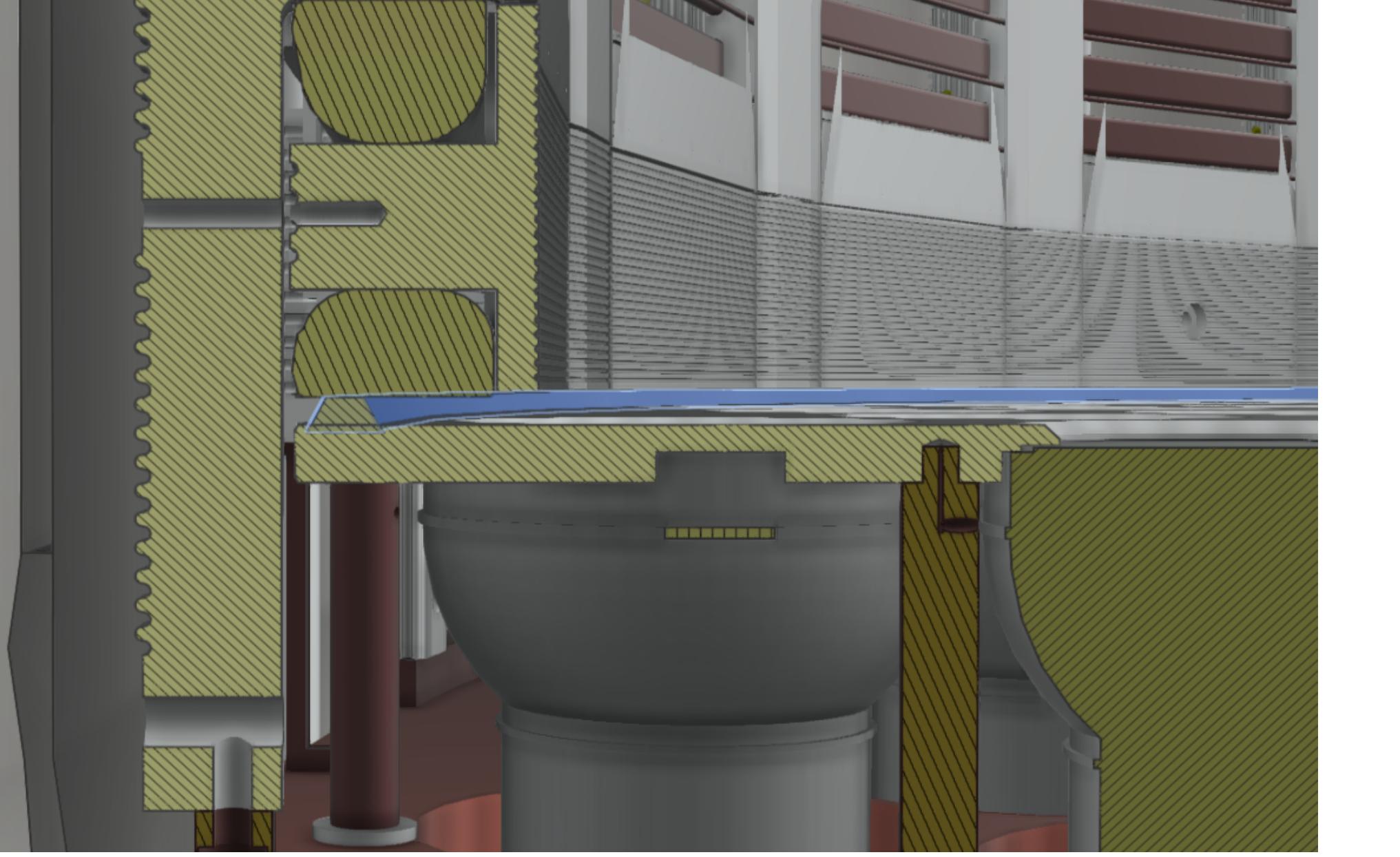
- Reuse most of XENON1T
- Larger inner cryostat vessel
- New TPC
- Additional ~250 PMTs (~500 total)
- Total of ~8 tons of LXe
- 10x lower  $^{222}\text{Rn}$
- Funding complete
- Detector being built / designed
- Start in 2019

Similar efforts: LZ (USA), PandaX-xT (China)

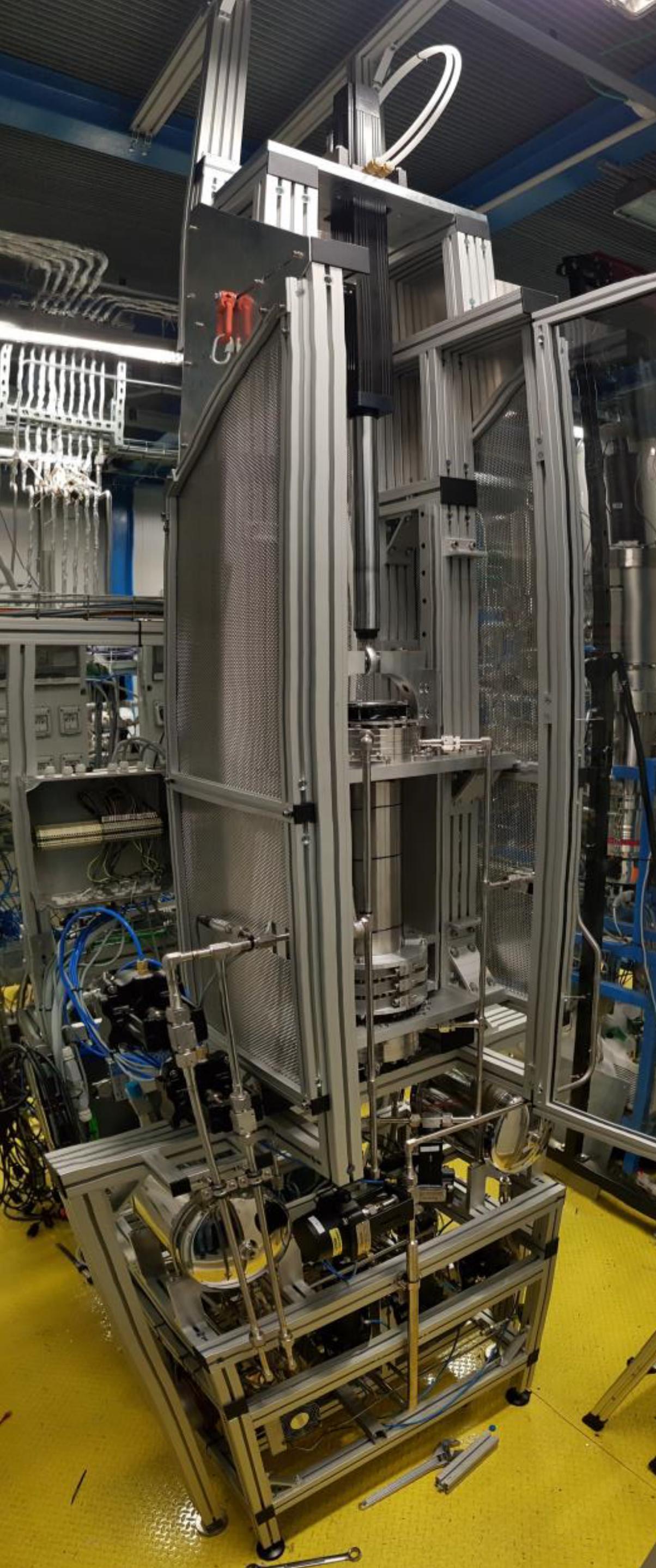
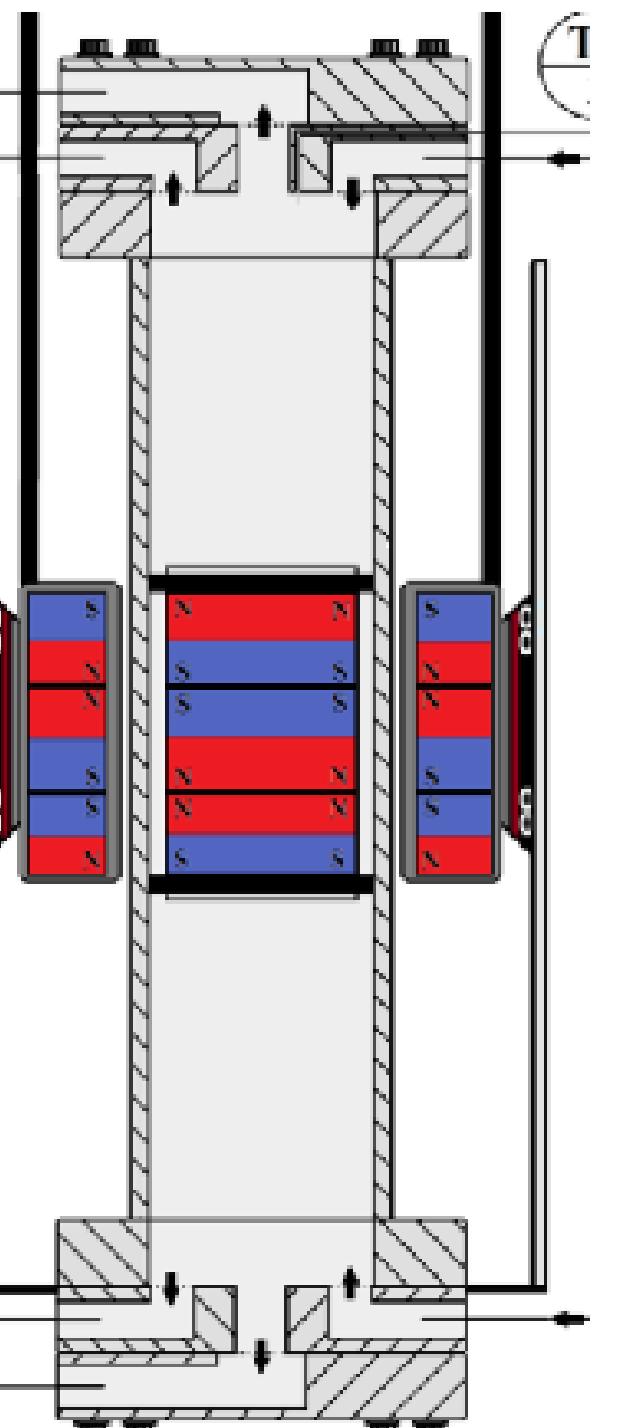
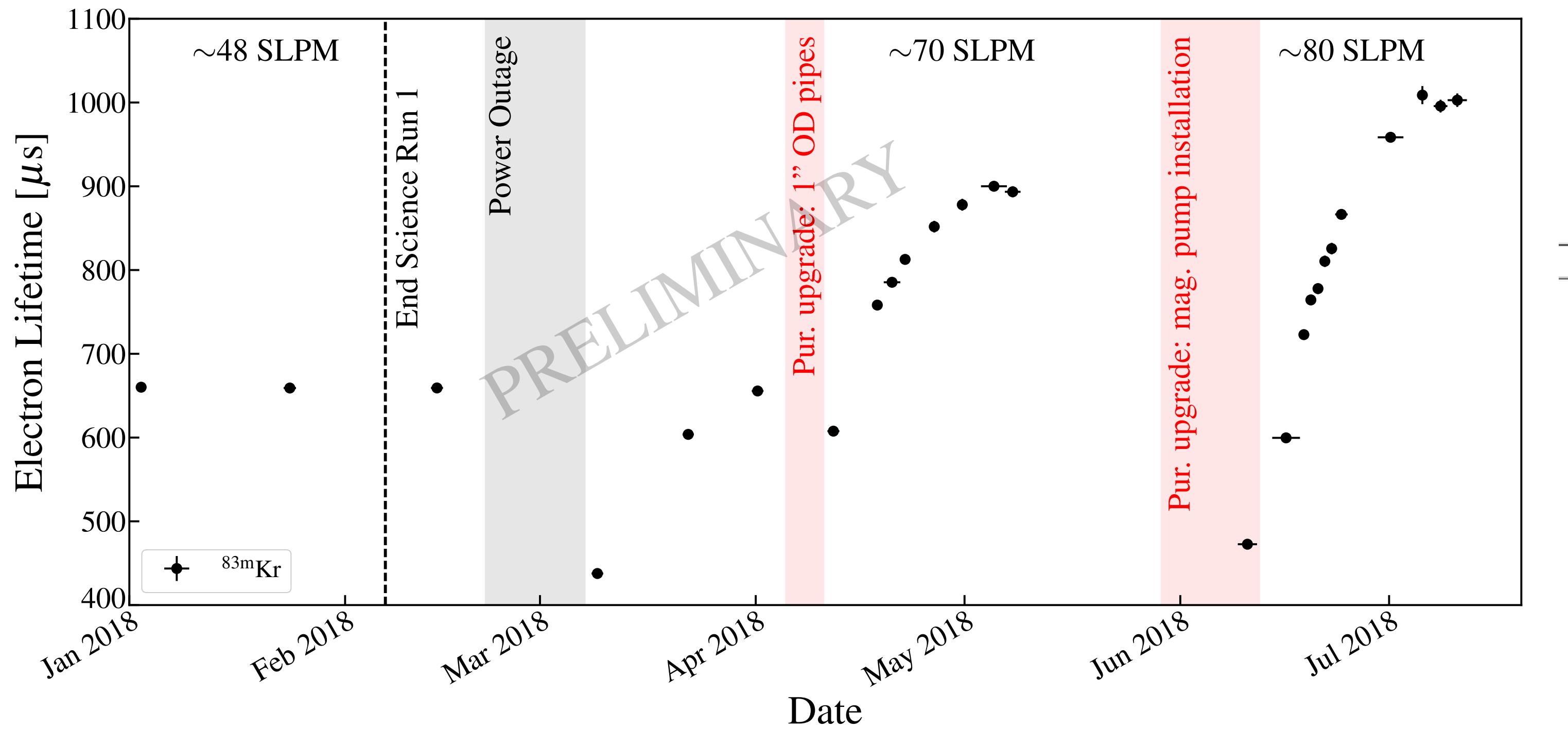
# Our XENONnT Goal

- Increase Xe mass by 3x
- Reduce  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  background by 10x
- Veto the ultimate neutron background
- Complement continuous gas purification by liquid purification





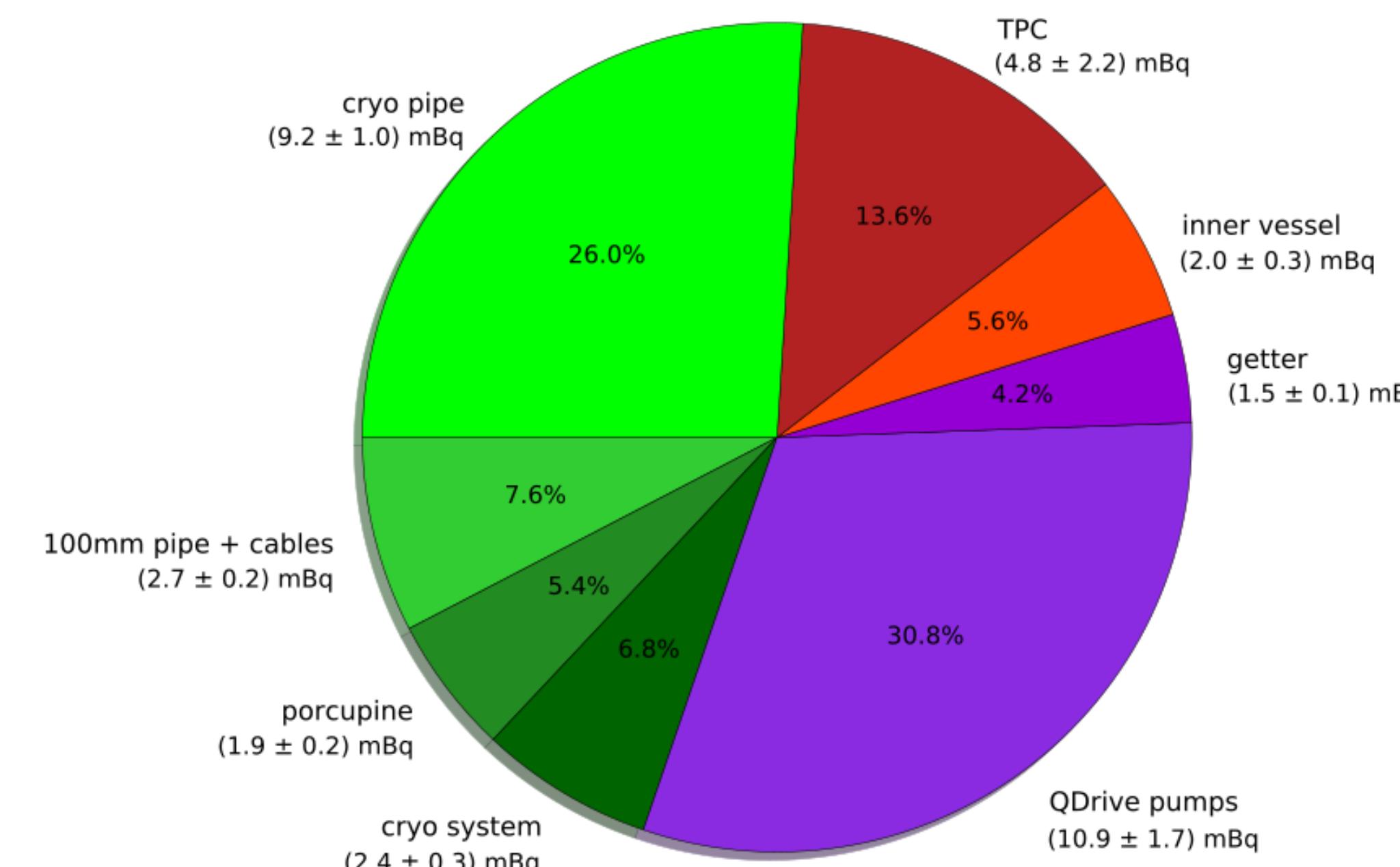
# New Magnetic Pump



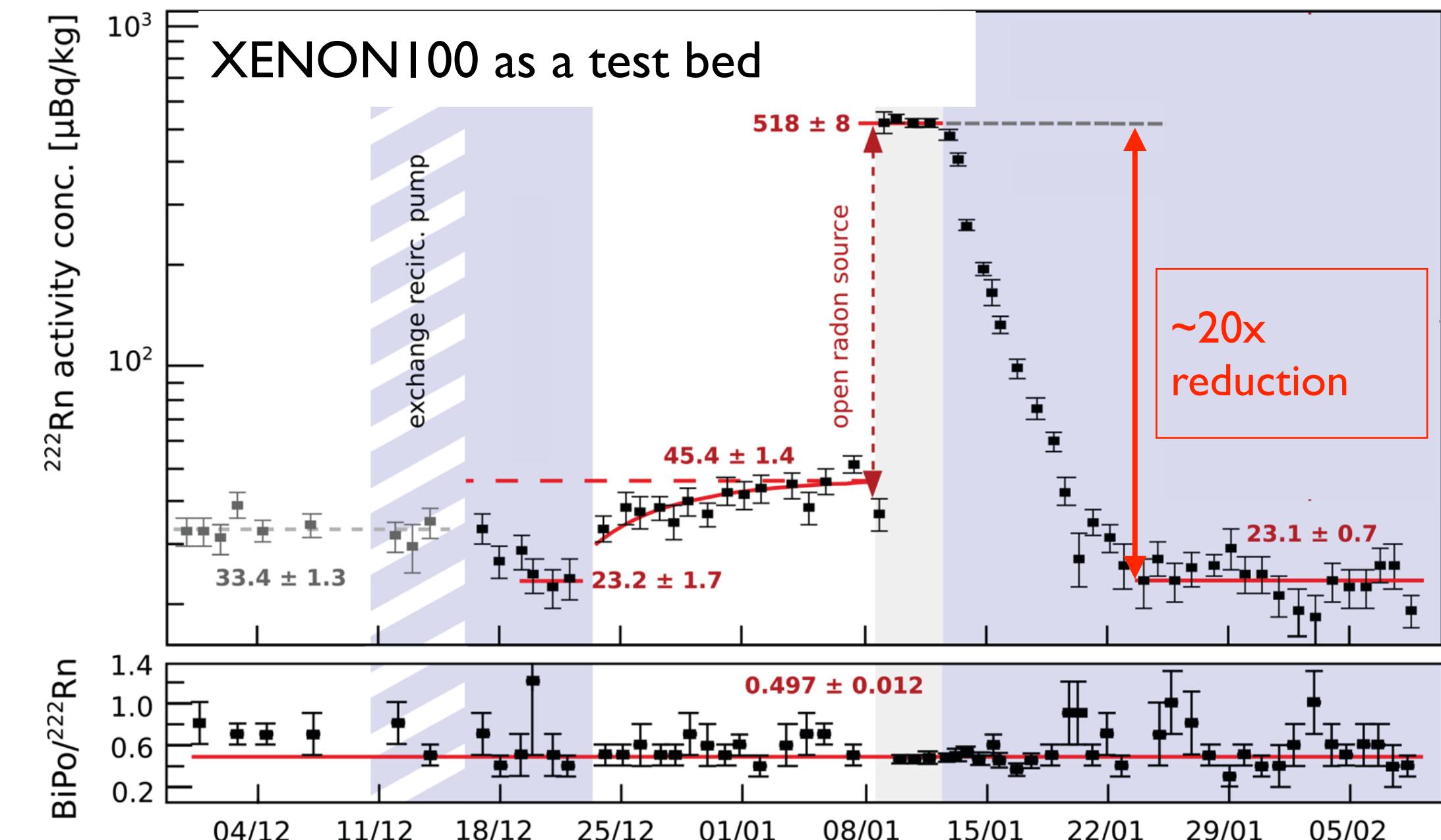
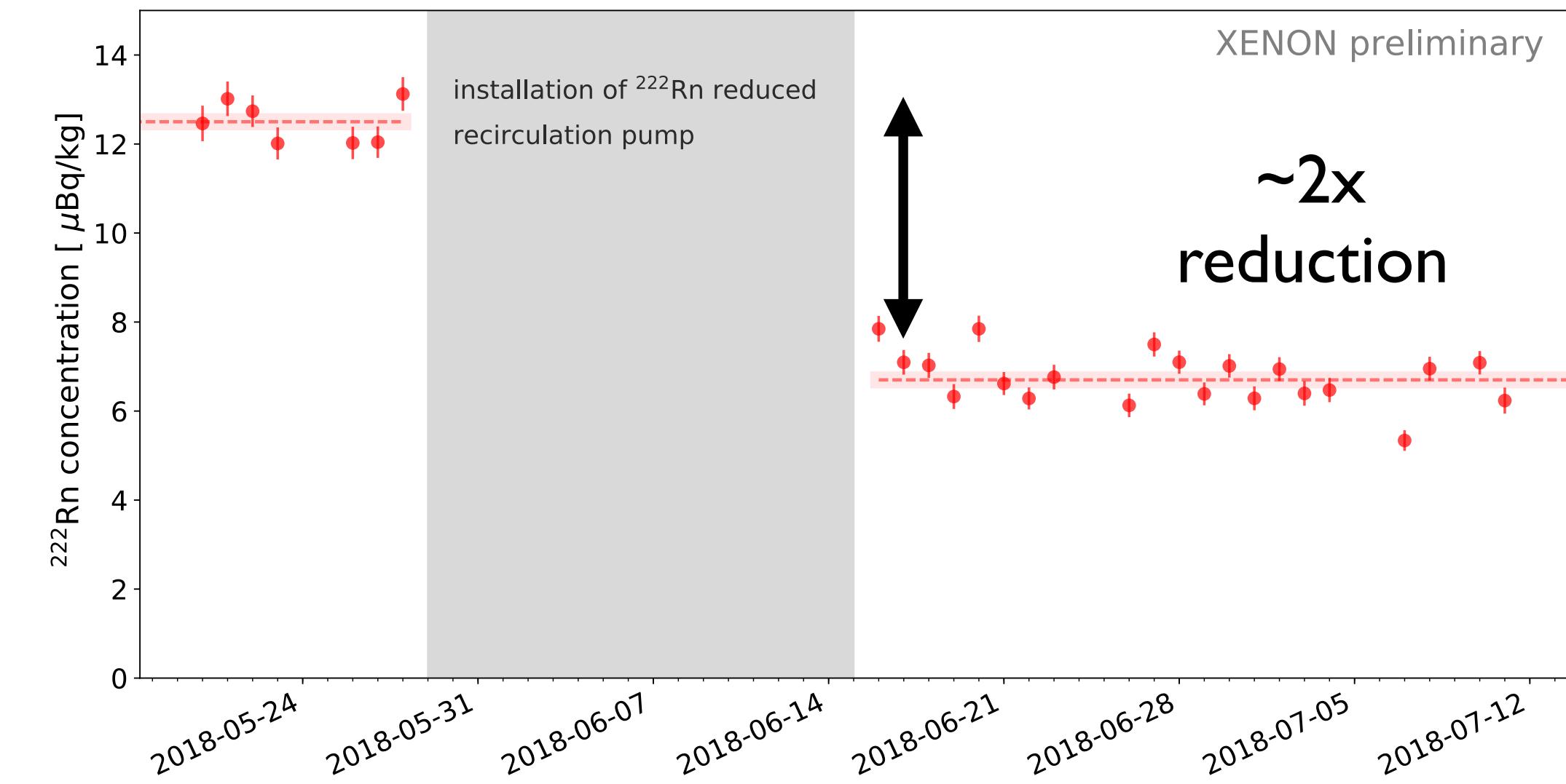
- XENONnT R&D on XENONiT
- New Magnetic Pump
  - Increase LXe purity - longer drift
  - Reduce  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  contamination (from emanation of pump materials)

# $^{222}\text{Rn}$ Background

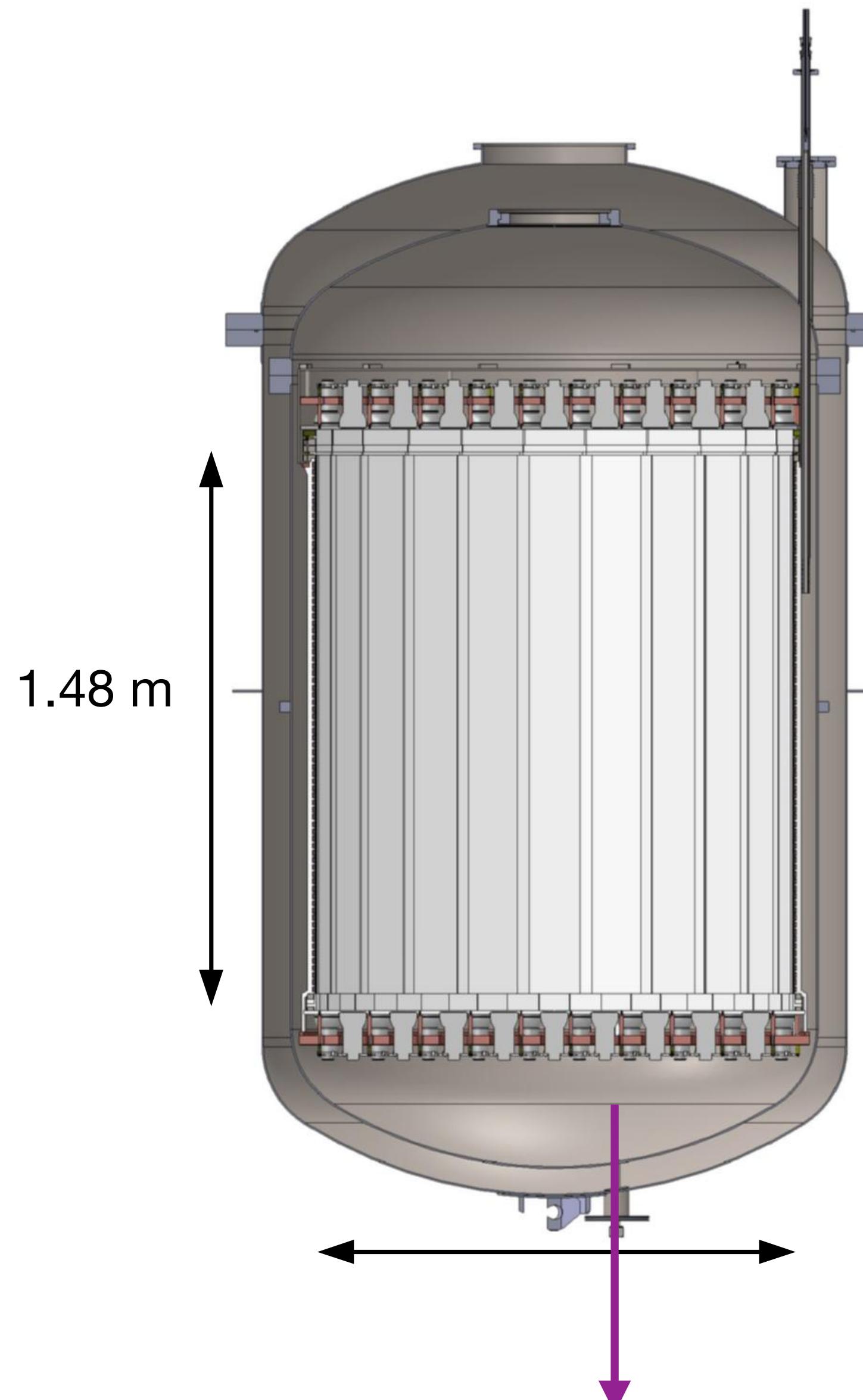
## $^{222}\text{Rn}$ contributions in XENON1T



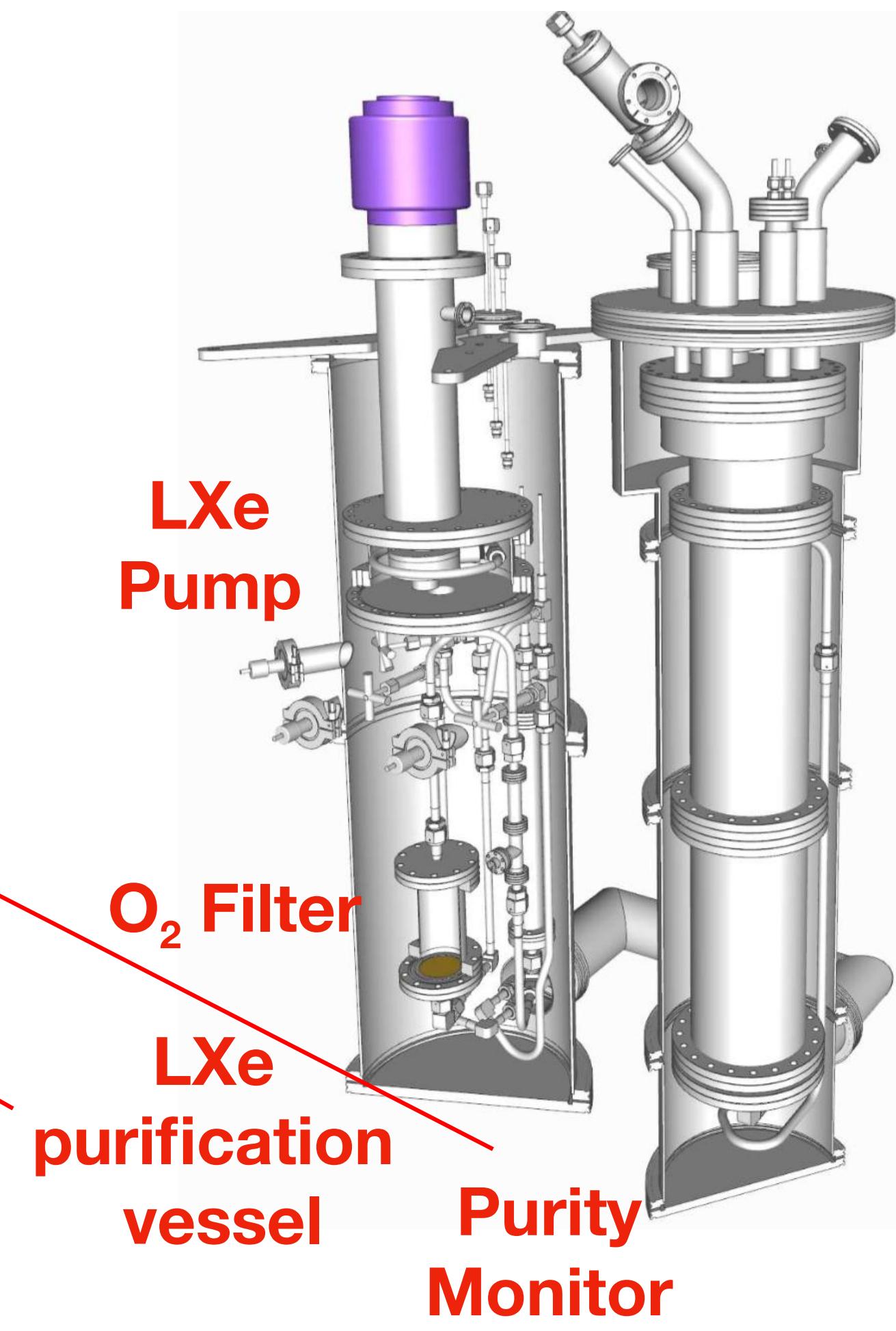
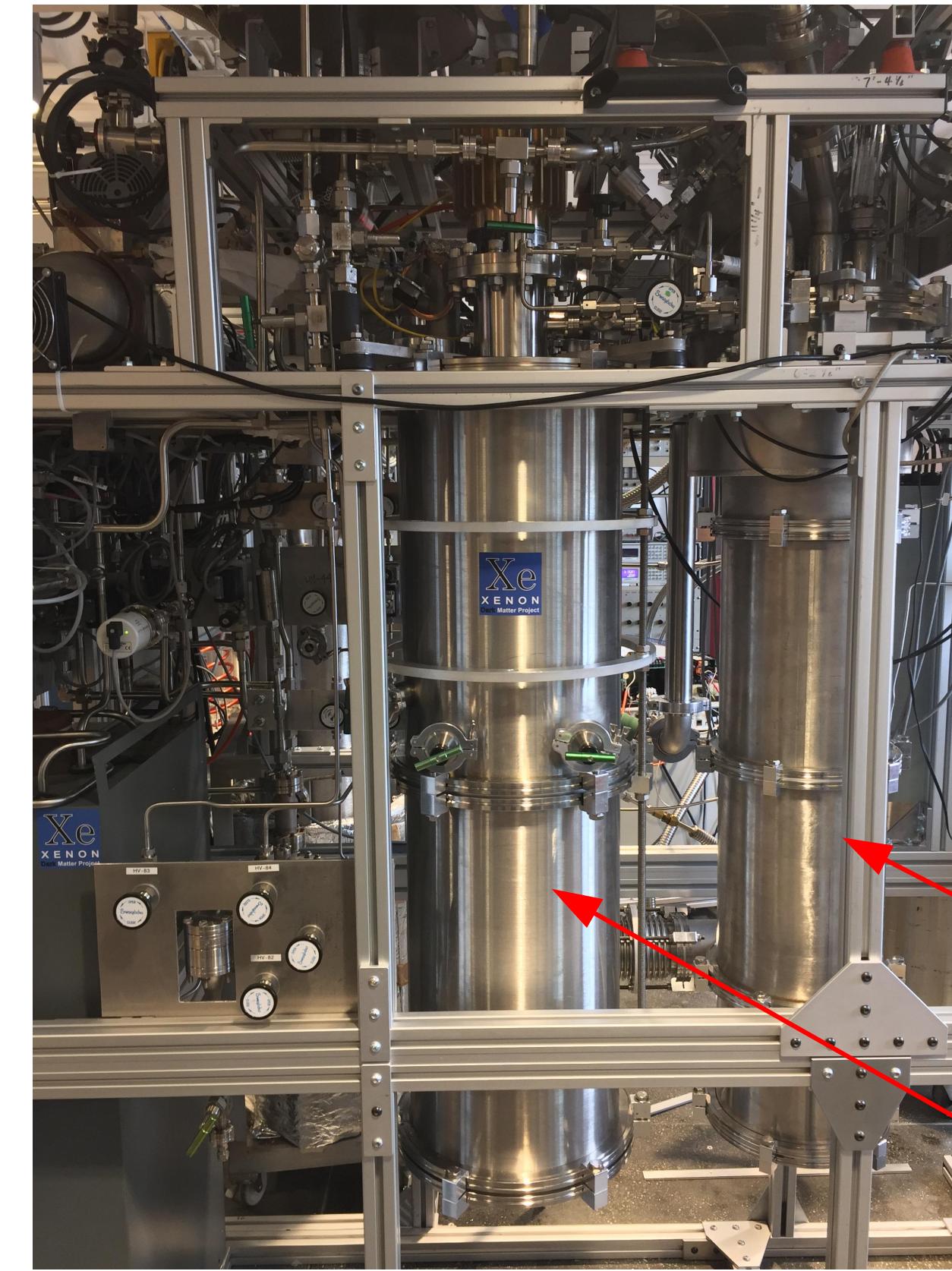
- Ten-fold radon reduction:
  - New pumps:
    - Novel magnetic piston pump R&D
    - Continuous radon distillation
    - Already shown to work



# LXe purification

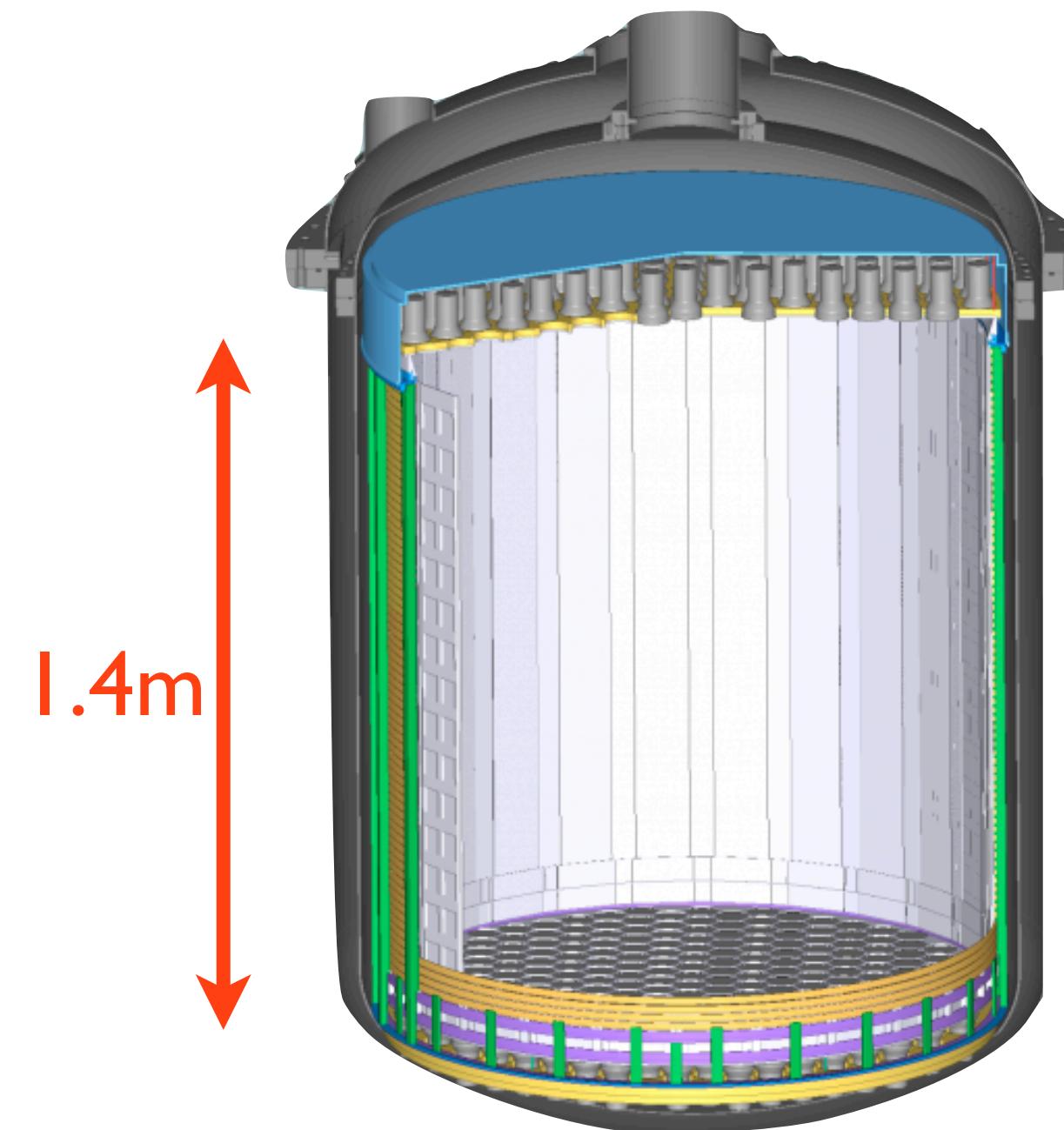


Demonstrator at Columbia



To LXe purification

# Even larger Xe detectors



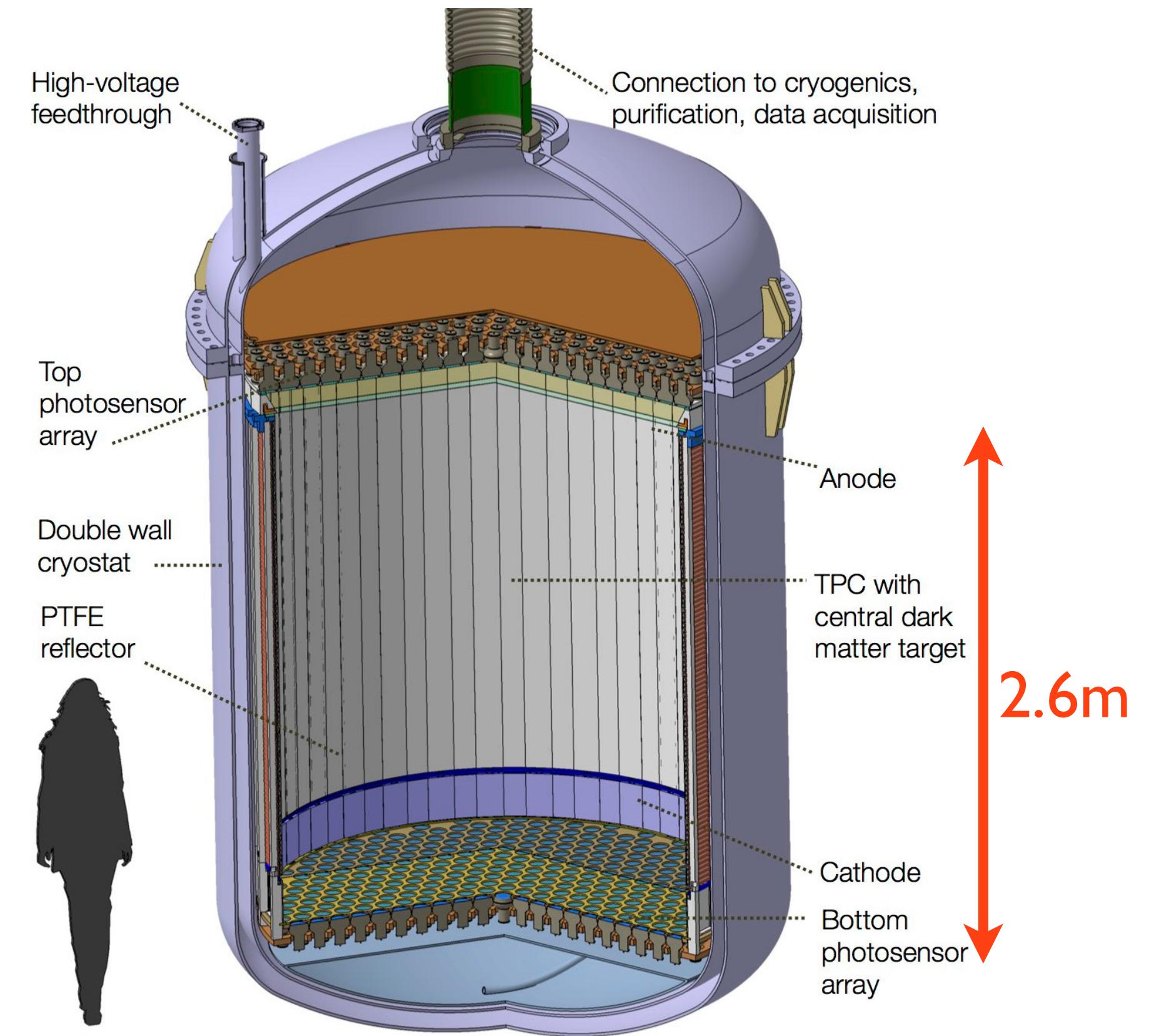
XENONnT

8t of LXe total

Reuse a lot of XENON1T infrastructure

Funding fully secured

**Start in 2019**



DARWIN

50t of LXe total

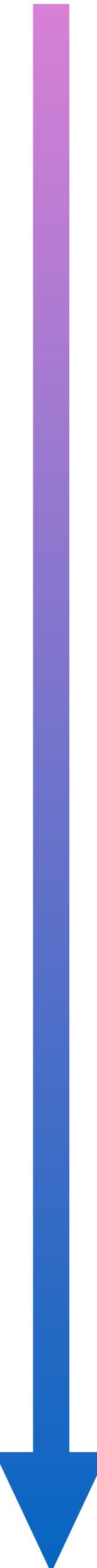
Global effort

Funded through 2 ERC grants

**Start in 2025**

# Physics Channels

As detector size increases physics channels open up

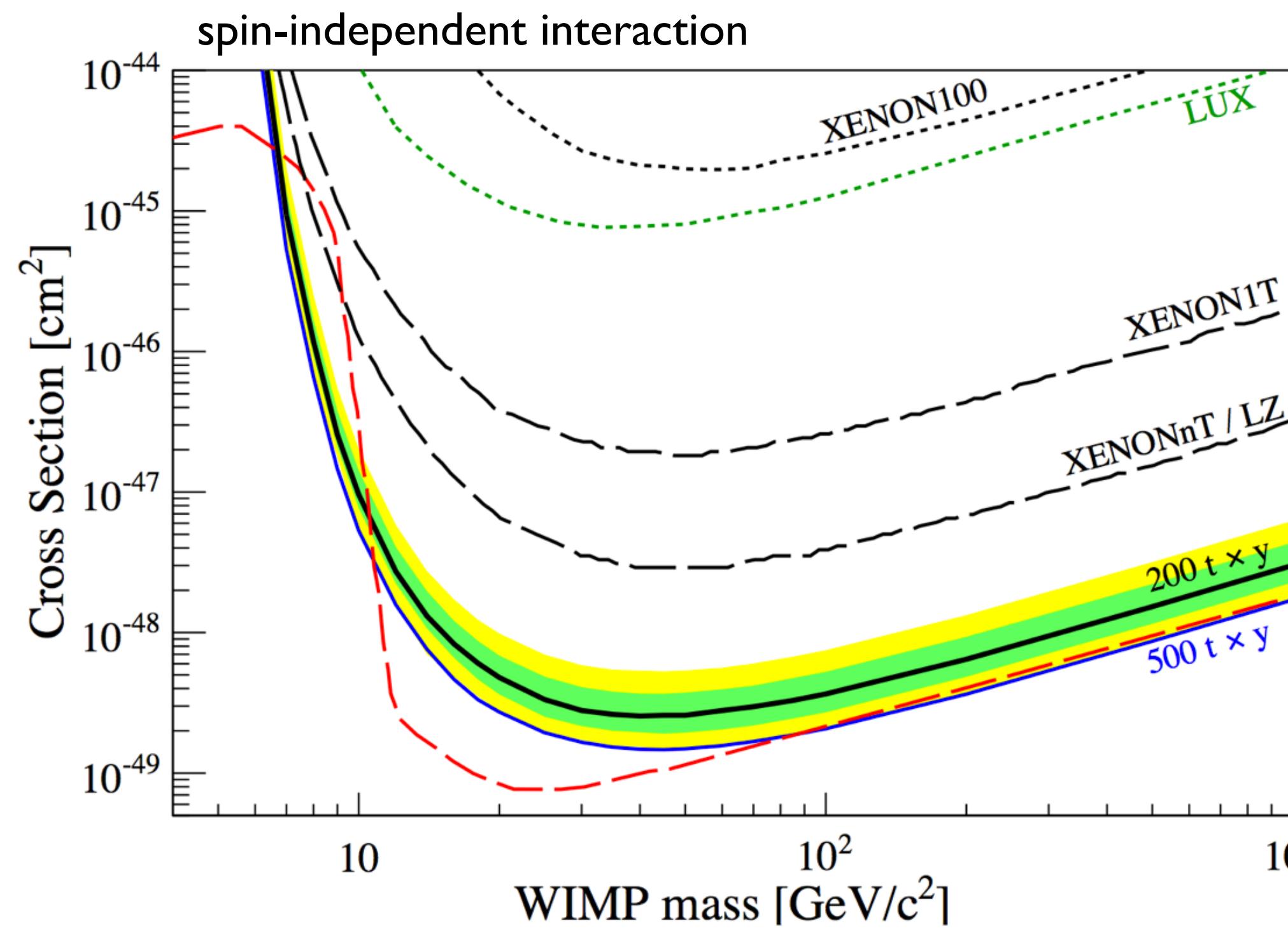


- **WIMP searches**
  - Spin-independent
  - Spin-dependent and inelastic interactions
- **Solar axions and galactic axion-like particles (ALPs)** ER
  - Alternative dark matter candidates
  - Coupling to electrons via axio-electric effect
- **Supernova neutrinos** NR
  - Sensitivity to all neutrino flavors (via CNNS)
  - Complementarity to large-scale neutrino detectors
- **Coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering (CNNS)** NR
  - Predicted by SM, *only very recently observed!*
- **Low-energy solar neutrinos: pp,  $^{7}\text{Be}$**  ER
  - Test/improve solar model, test neutrino models
- **Neutrinoless double beta decay** ER
  - Lepton number violating process, effective Majorana mass
  - No enrichment in  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  required

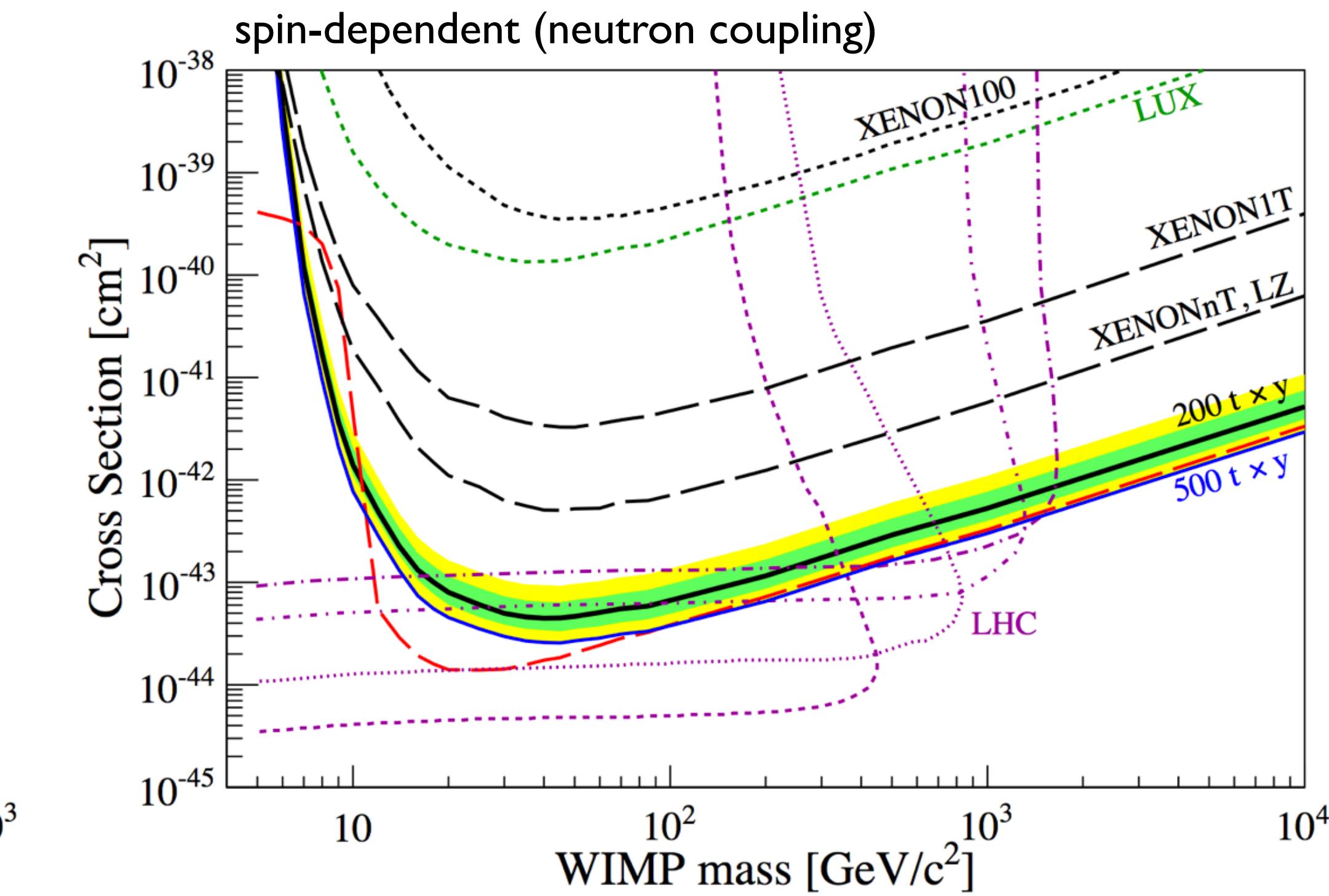
# DARWIN WIMP Sensitivity

JCAP 10, 016 (2015)

- Assumed exposure  $200 \text{ ton} \times \text{yr}$ , all backgrounds included
- Likelihood analysis: 99.98% ER rejection, 30% NR acceptance
- Combined (S1+S2) energy scale
- Energy window  $5\text{-}35 \text{ keV}_{\text{nr}}$
- Light yield 8 PE/keV



→ minimum sensitivity:  $2.5 \times 10^{-49} \text{ cm}^2$  @ 40 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

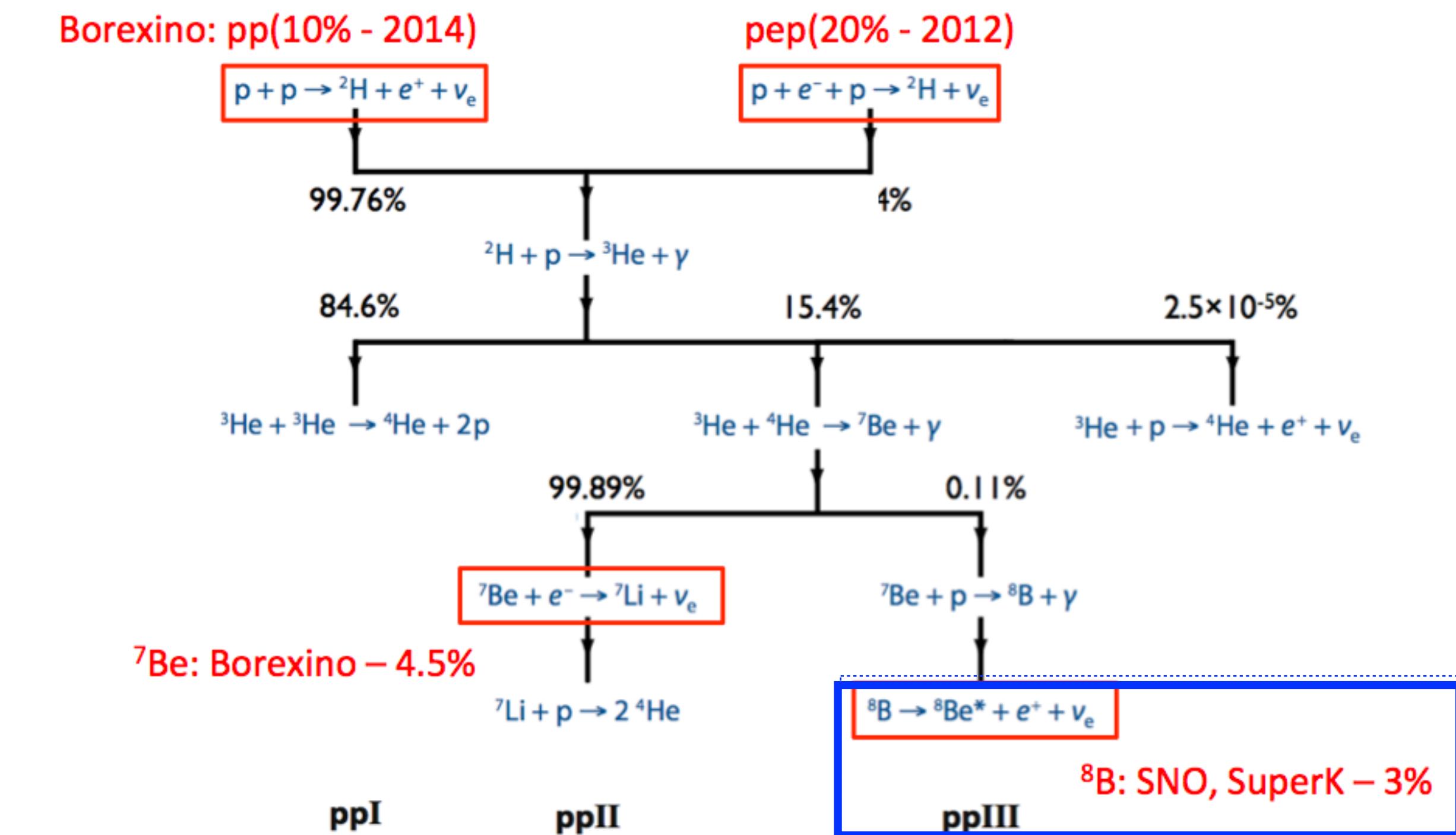
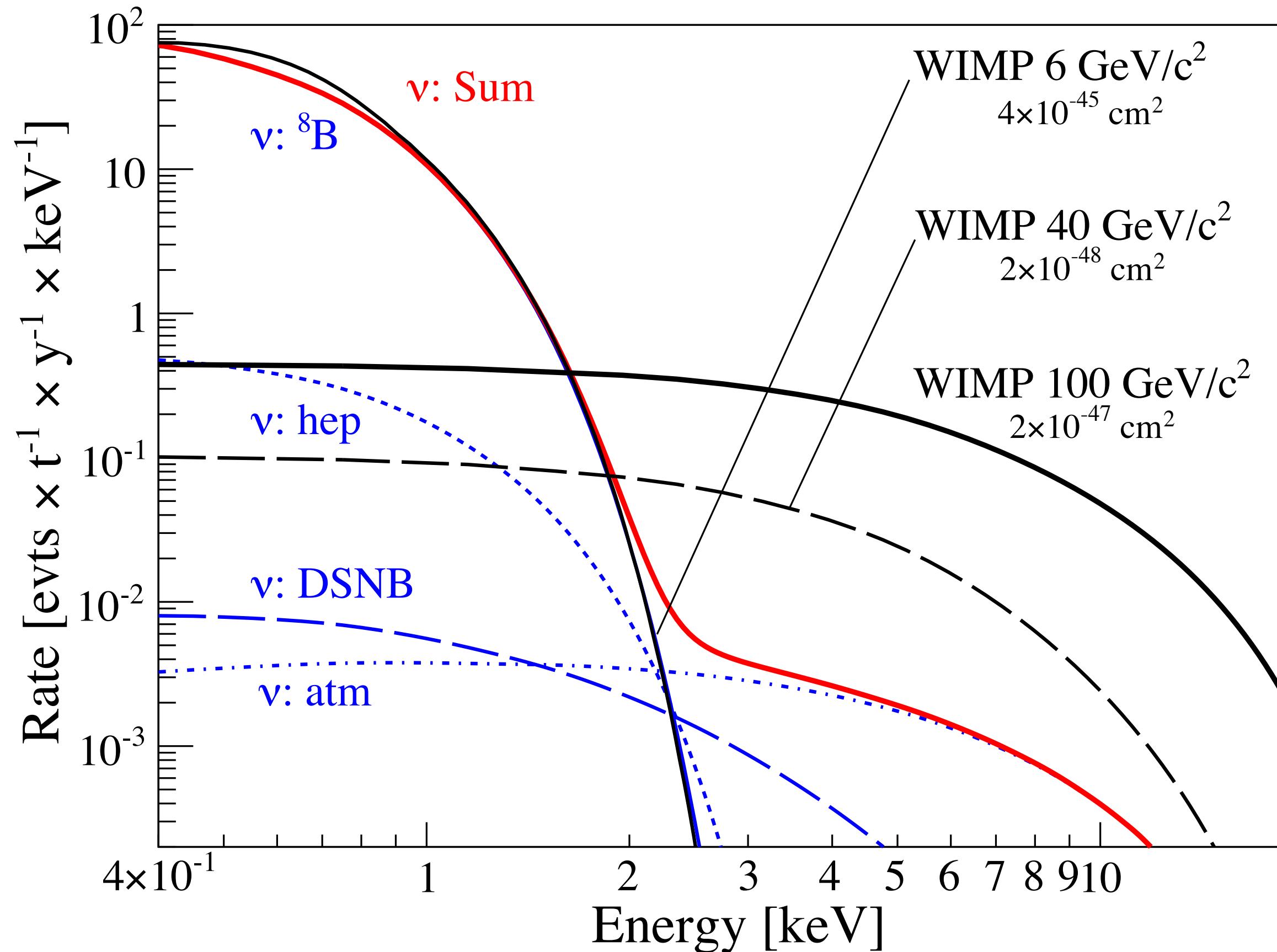


→ complementarity to LHC searches

# Coherent Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering

JCAP 01, 044 (2014)

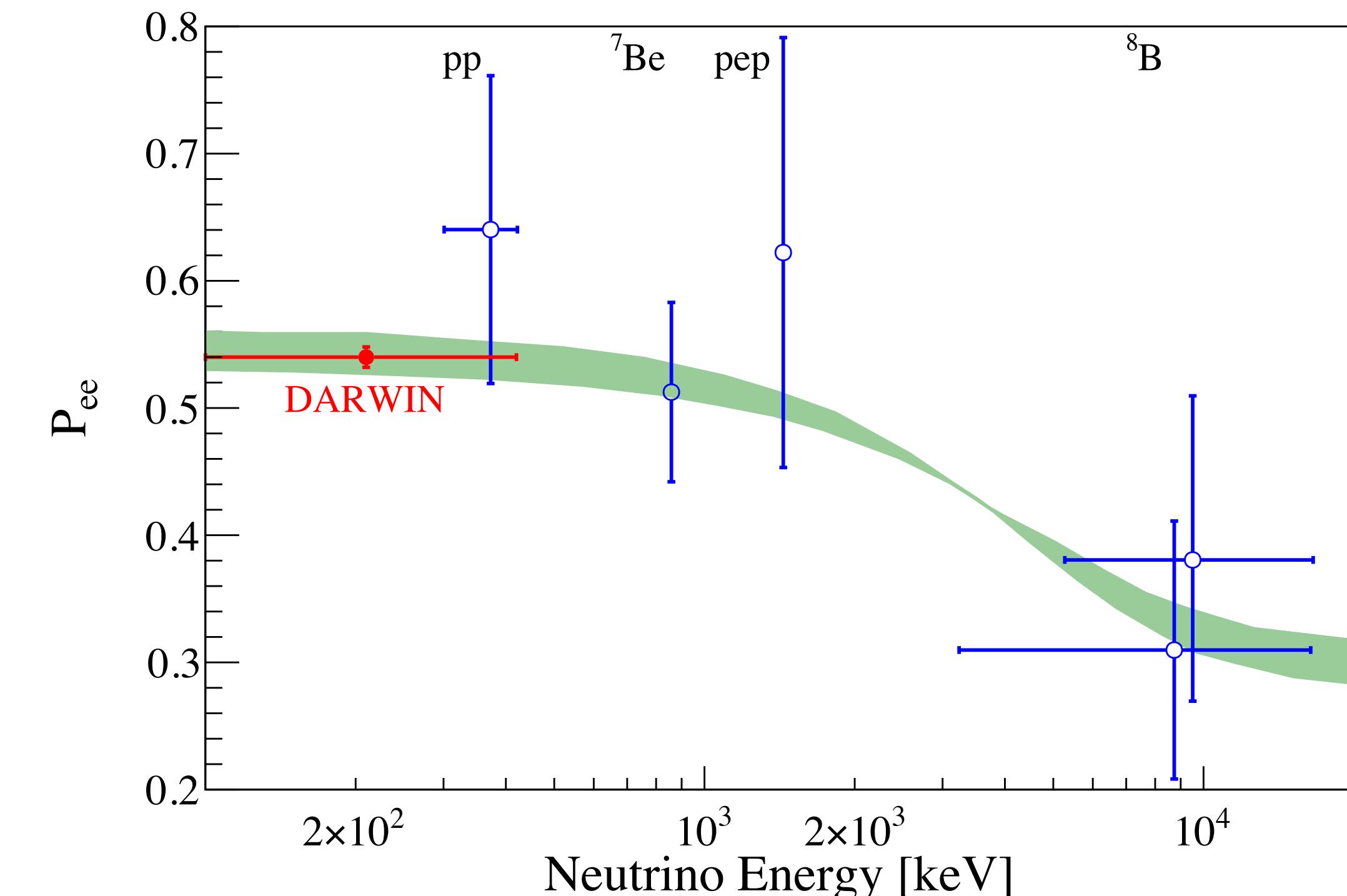
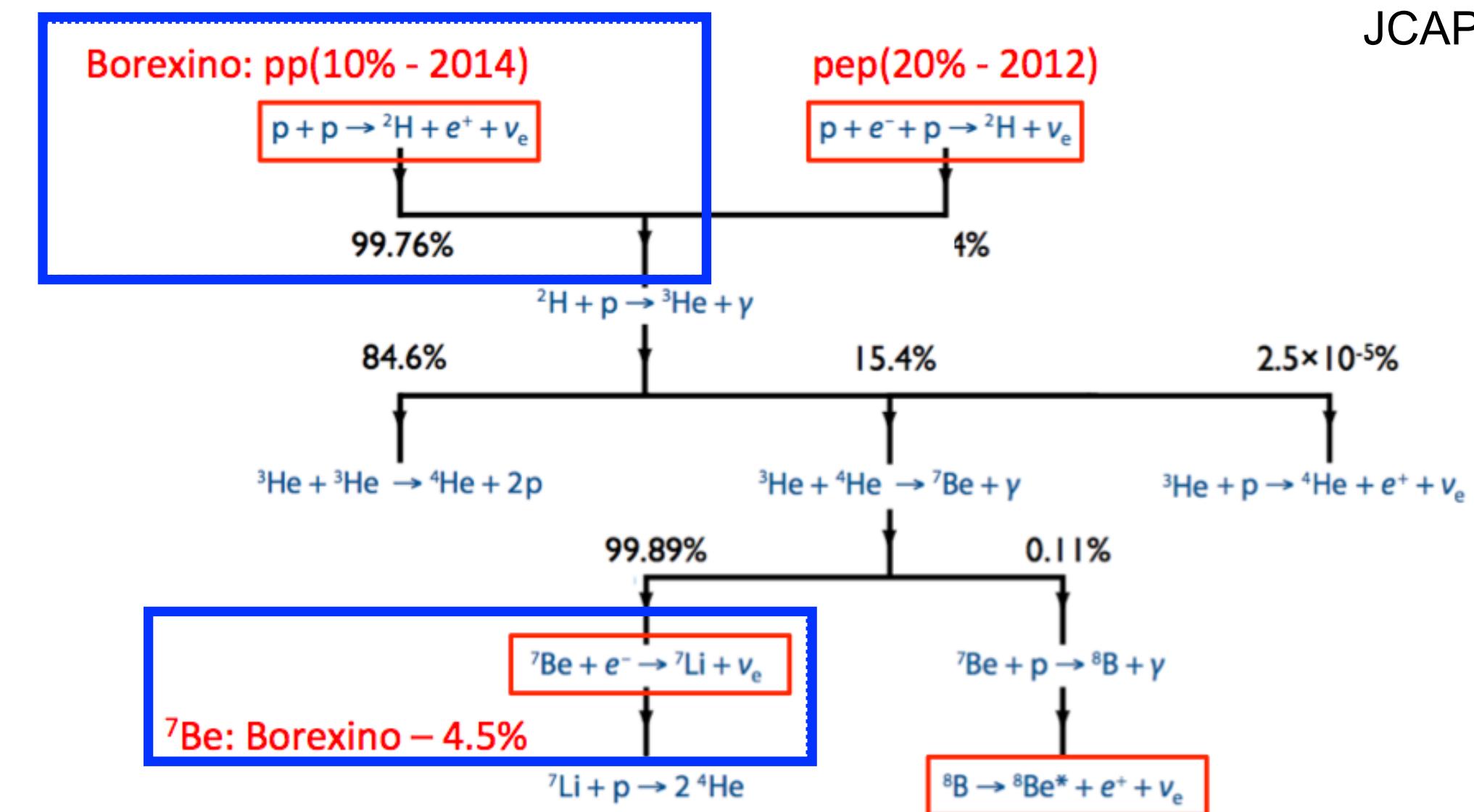
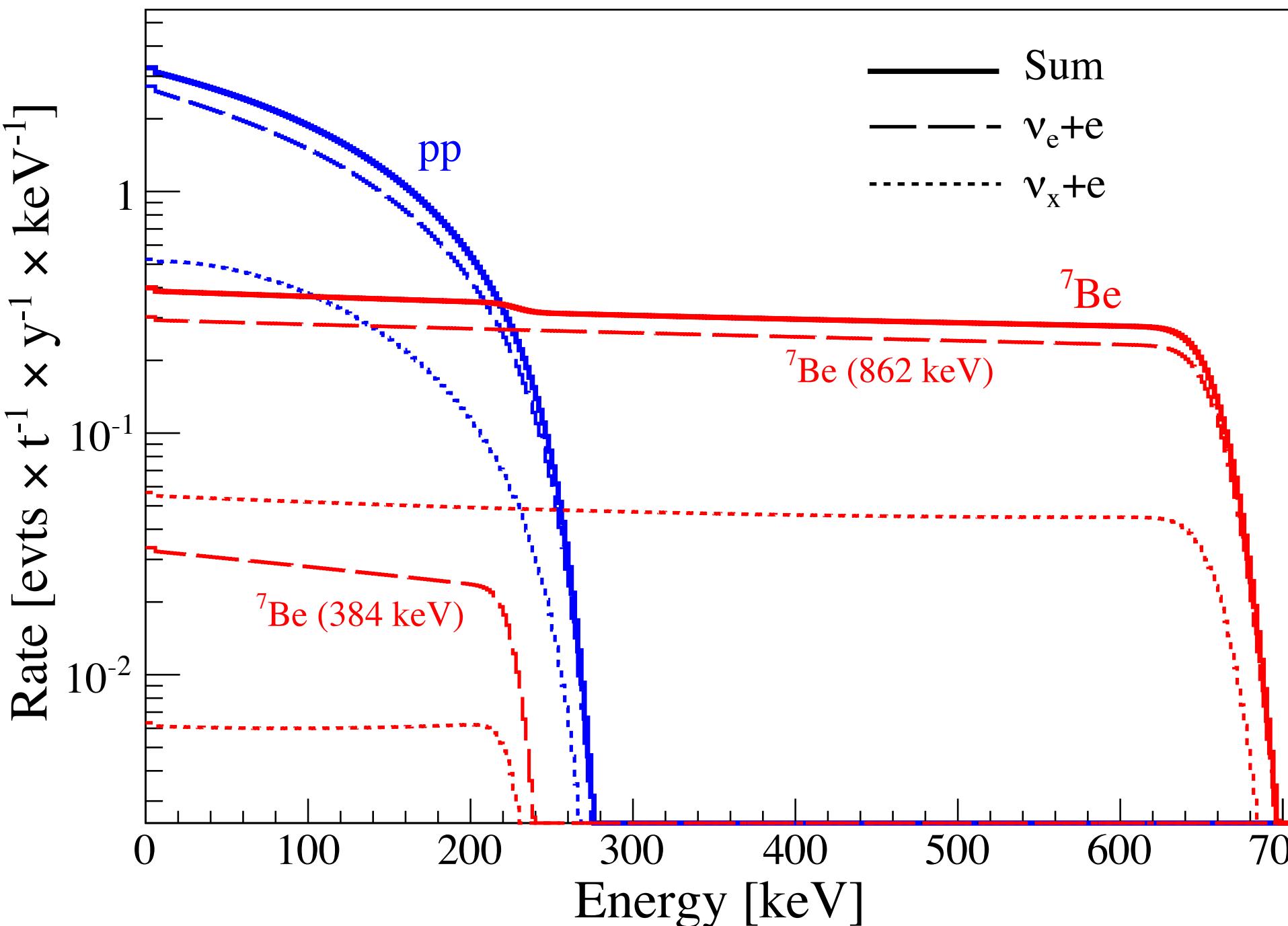
- $\nu + N_{Xe} \rightarrow \nu + N_{Xe}$
- Predicted by SM, recently observed
- CNNS is background for WIMPs,
- Steeply falling spectrum



# Solar Neutrinos

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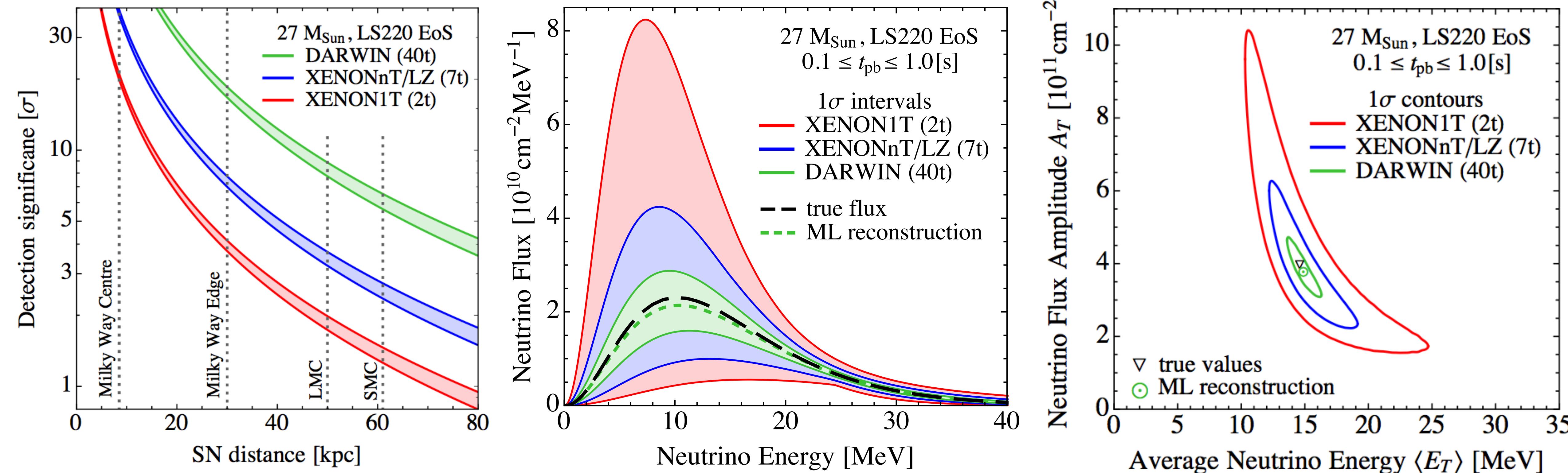
- Neutrino-electron elastic scattering
- Real-time measurement of neutrino flux  
→ 7.2 events/day from pp  
→ 0.9 events/day from  ${}^7\text{Be}$
- 2% (1%) statistical precision after 1 year (5 years)  
→ constrain solar models
- Neutrino survival probability measurement  
→ deviation from prediction indicates new physics
- Atomic binding effects have to be taken into account!



# Supernova Neutrinos

R. Lang et al., arXiv:1606.09243

- Low threshold (due to S2-only)
- Negligible background due to short burst ( $\sim$ sec)
- $>5\sigma$  sensitivity to a supernova burst in Milky Way
- Detection of all 6 neutrino species via neutral current reactions



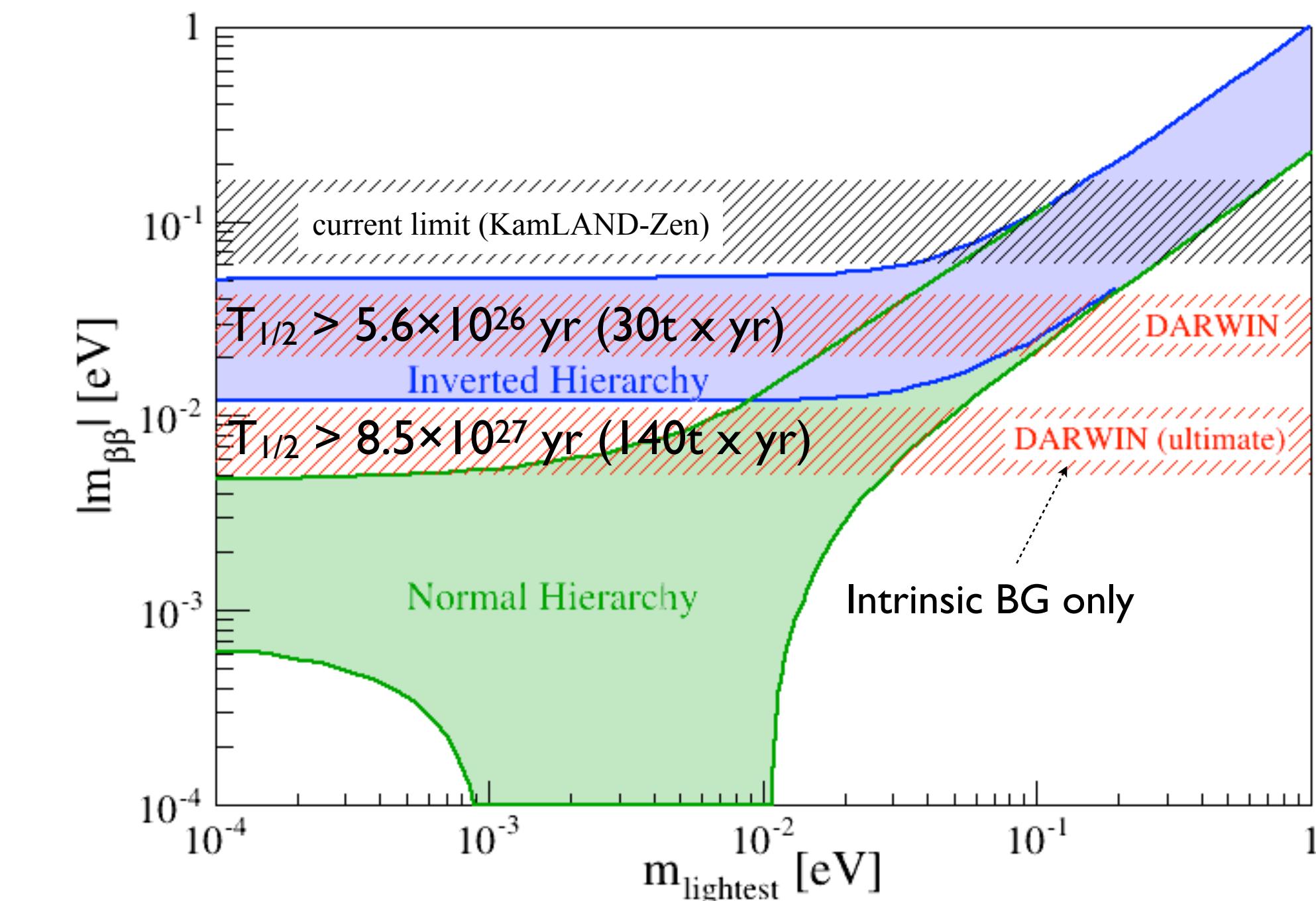
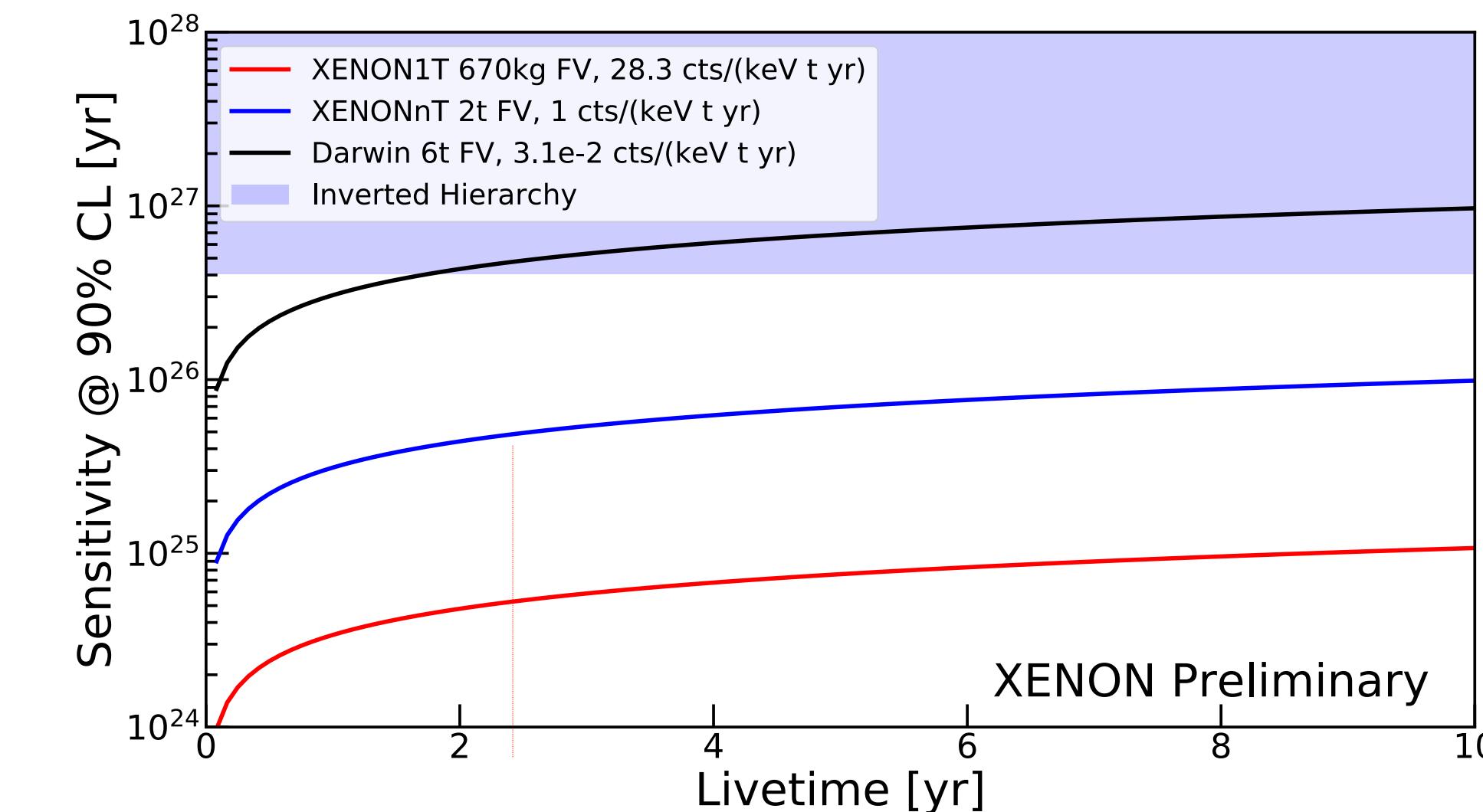
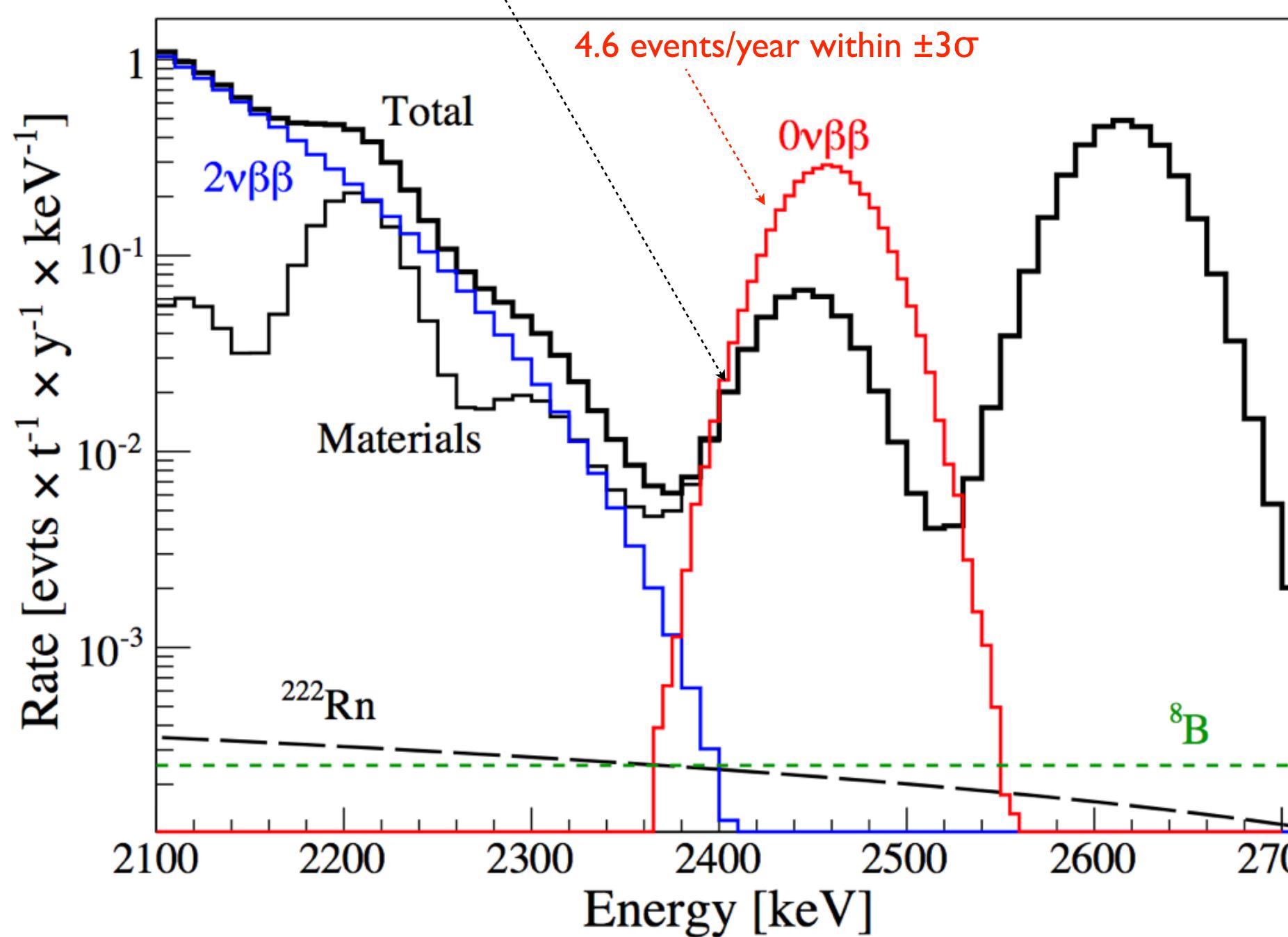
- **Hundreds** of events for a  $27M_{\odot}$  SN progenitor at 10 kpc
- Flavor-insensitive neutrino energy measurement  
→ constrain total explosion energy and reconstruct the SN light curve

# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

JCAP 01, 044 (2014)

## Is the neutrino a Majorana particle?

- $^{136}\text{Xe}$  abundance in natural xenon 8.9%
  - 40t of Xe has 3.6t of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$
- Q-value  $(2458.7 \pm 0.6)$  keV
- Energy resolution ( $\sigma/\mu$ ) at  $Q_{\beta\beta}$  1%



# Summary

- XENON1T has achieved extraordinary sensitivity and is the leading direct detection DM exp
  - Still many analysis ongoing: many papers in the pipe-line
- WIMP dark matter still very much alive and a large parameter space has not yet been probed
  - Future experiments (~2025) will improve sensitivity by 100x!
- At the same time - diversify
  - Look for broader DM candidates: low-mass WIMPs, Axions, ALPs, sterile nus, ...
  - New physics channels: extraordinarily pure volume - new surprises?
- XENONnT, DARWIN are addressing all of these!
- Finally: big thank you to the MT, ET and CT/PDP groups for all their help!

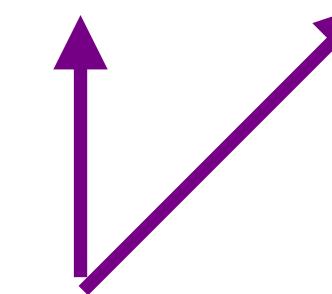


# Cut & Count

Mass (cS1, cS2 <sub>b</sub> )	1.3 t Full	1.3 t Reference	0.9 t Reference	0.65 t Reference
ER	627±18	1.62±0.30	1.12±0.21	0.60±0.13
neutron	1.43±0.66	0.77±0.35	0.41±0.19	0.14±0.07
CE $\nu$ NS	0.05±0.01	0.03±0.01	0.02	0.01
AC	0.47 <sup>+0.27</sup> <sub>-0.00</sub>	0.10 <sup>+0.06</sup> <sub>-0.00</sub>	0.06 <sup>+0.03</sup> <sub>-0.00</sub>	0.04 <sup>+0.02</sup> <sub>-0.00</sub>
Surface	106±8	4.84±0.40	0.02	0.01
Total BG	735±20	7.36±0.61	1.62±0.28	0.80±0.14
WIMP <sub>best-fit</sub>	3.56	1.70	1.16	0.83
Data	739	14	2	2



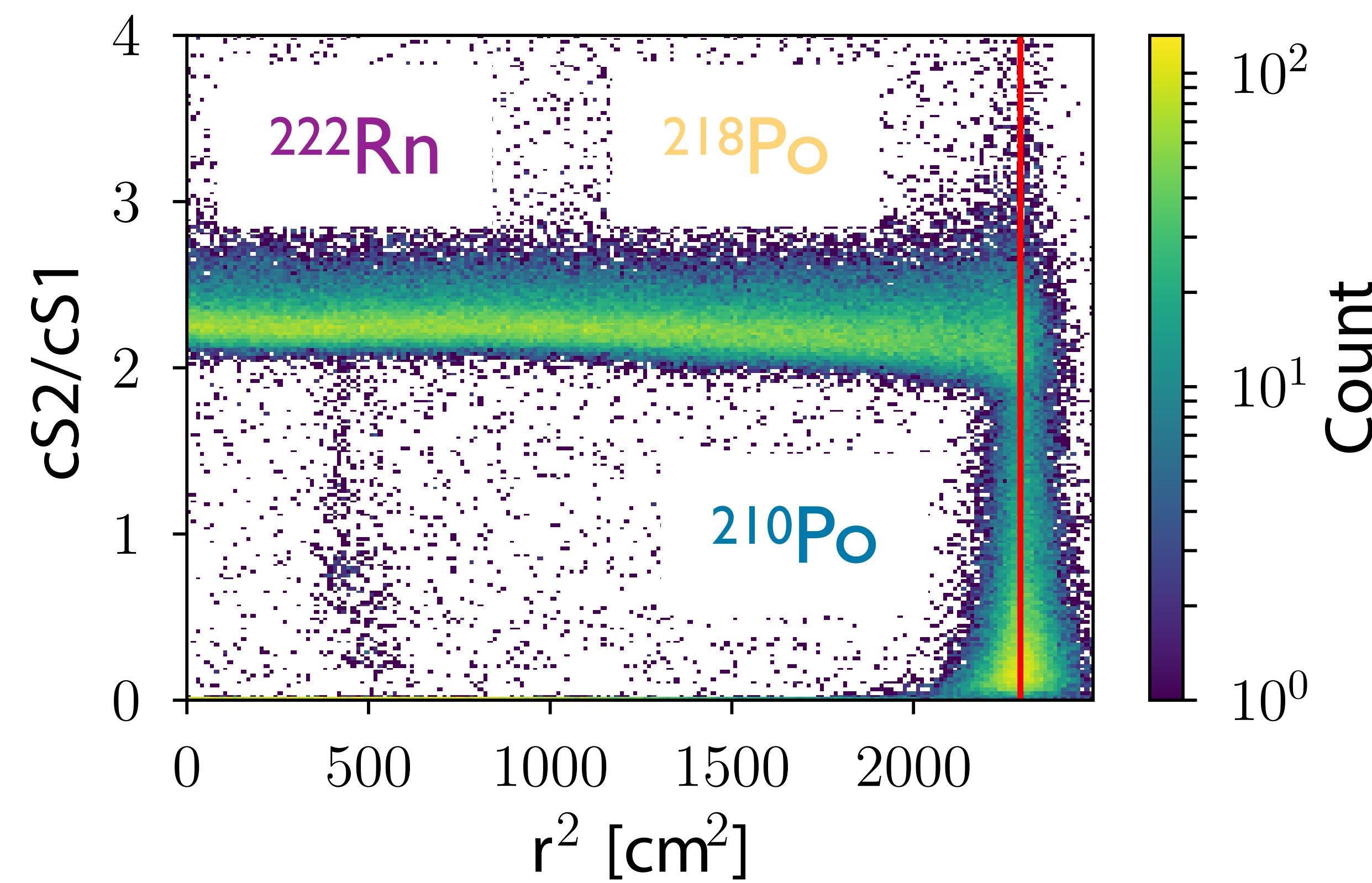
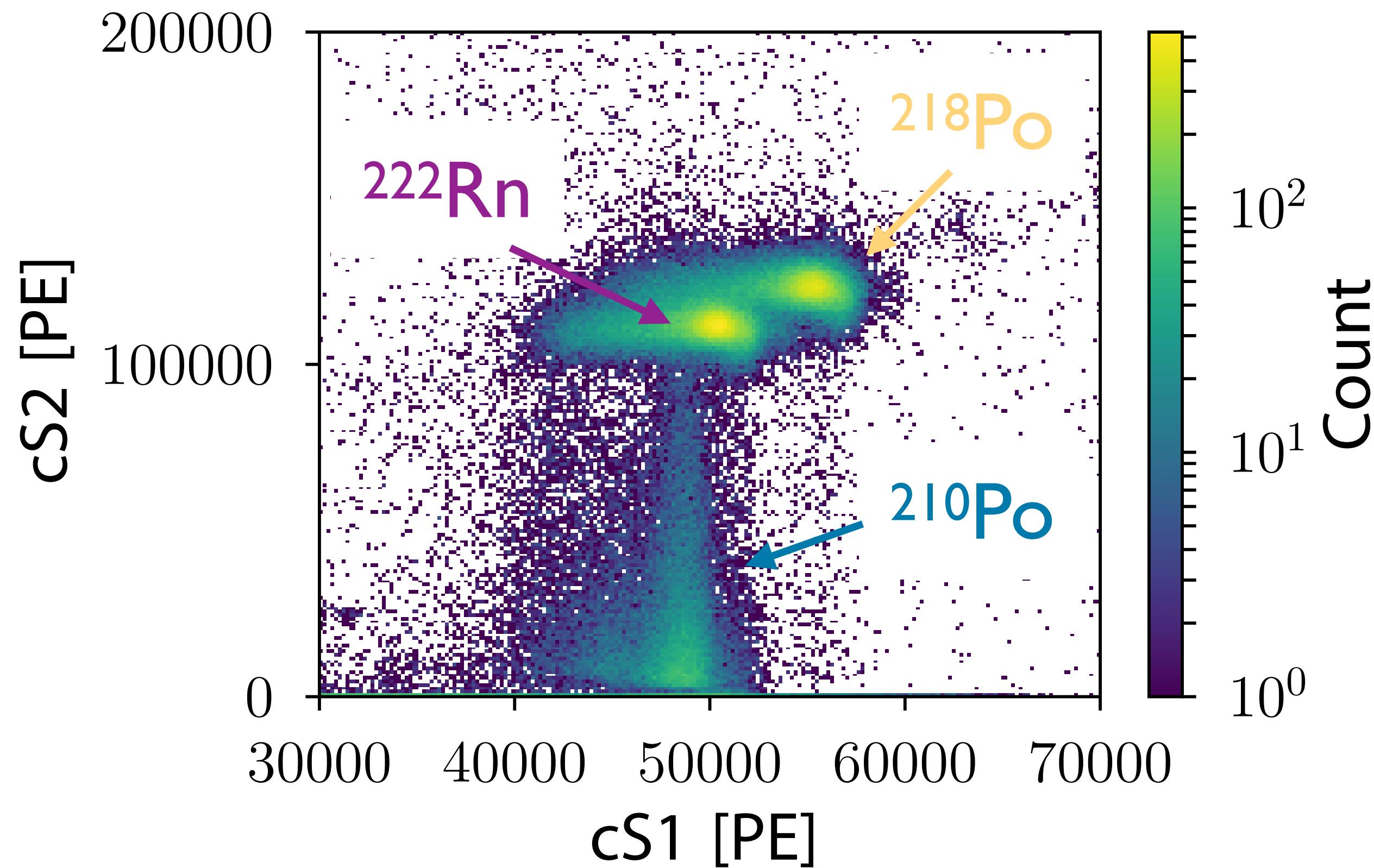
Using full S+BG model  
(S1, S2, R, "Z") space



"Safe" reference regions

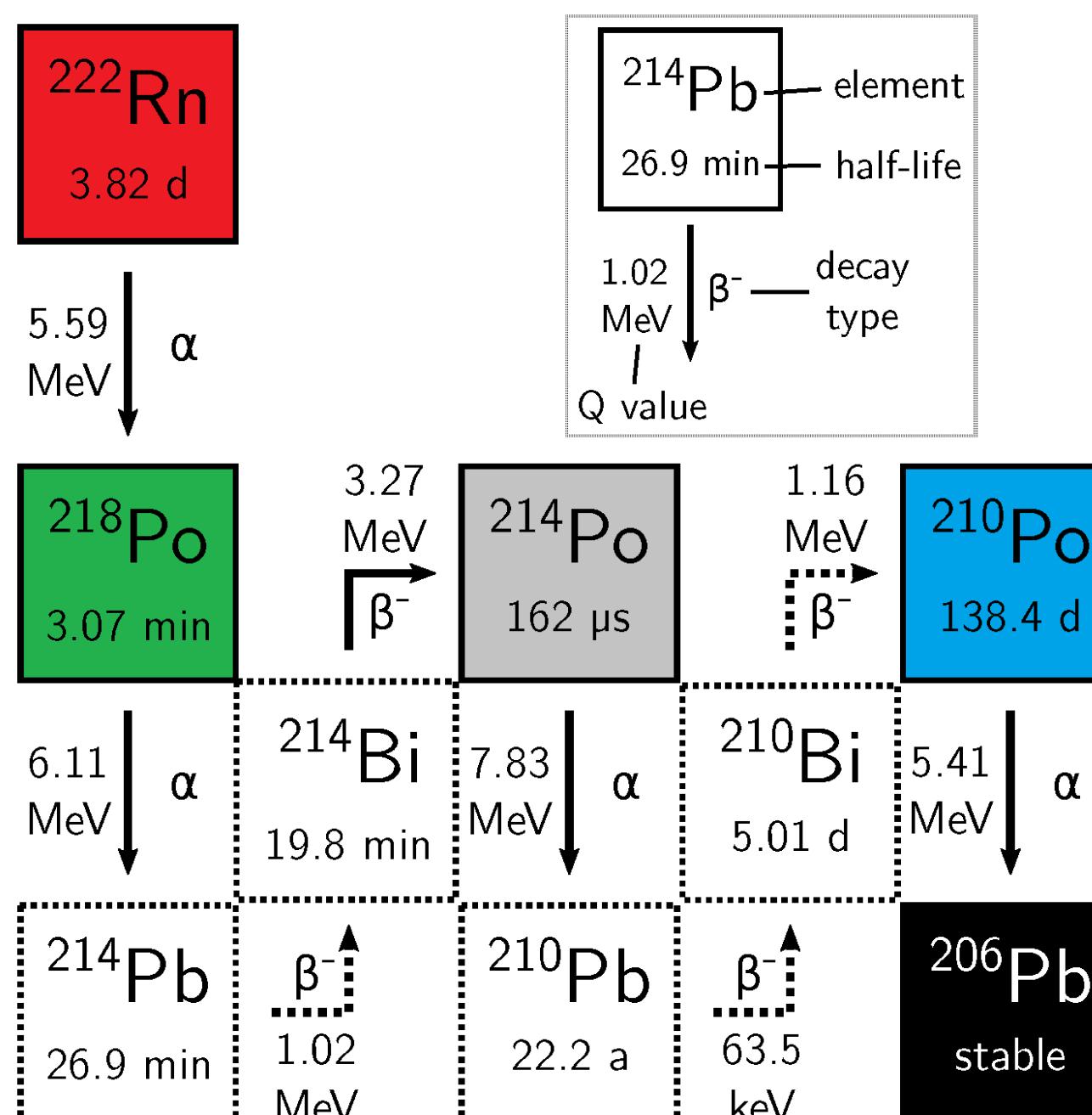
# Plate out in PTFE

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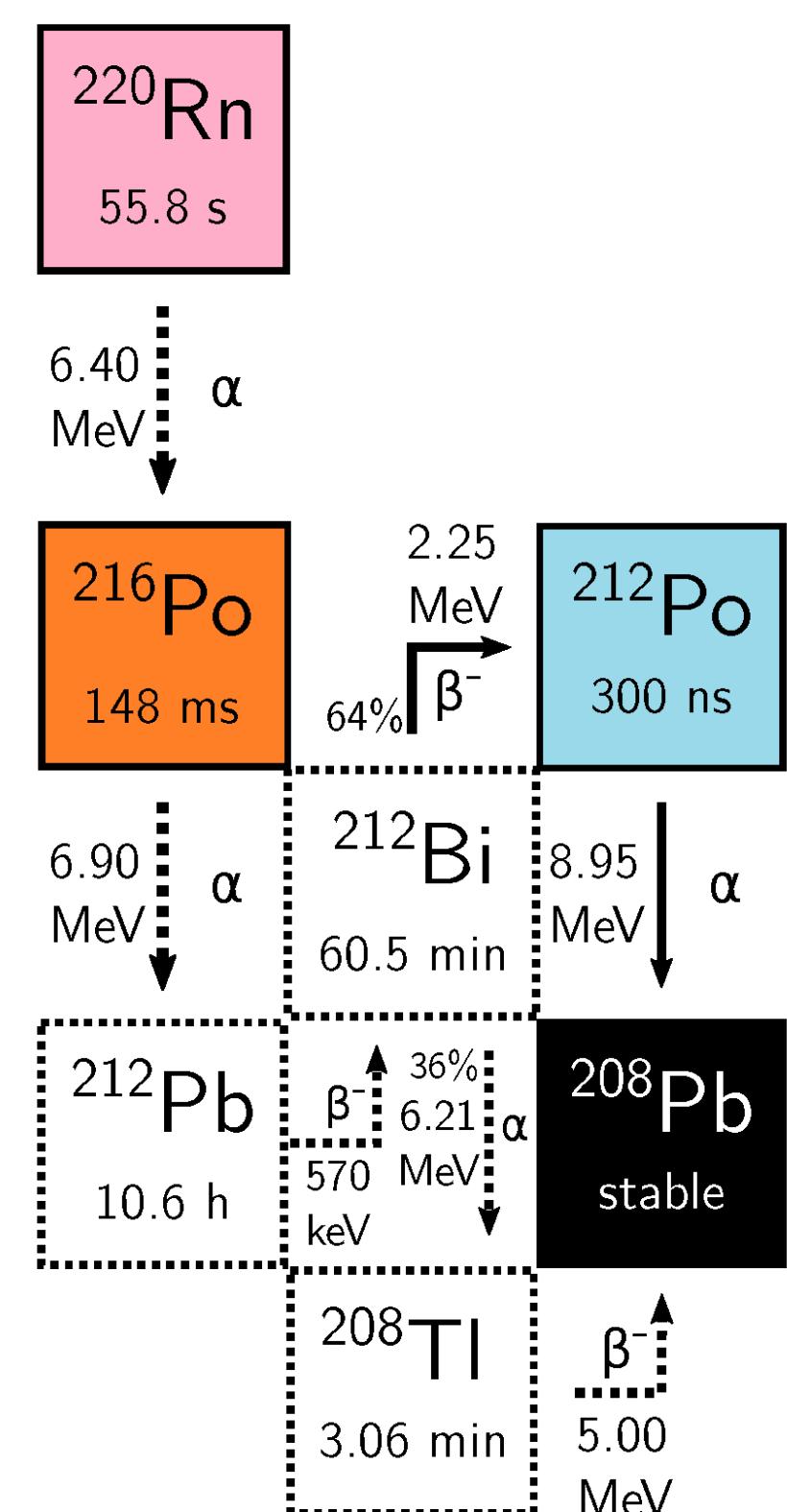


# Radon decay chains

## “Bad” Radon



## “Good” Radon



Background

Calibration