

# Recent results from LUX and status of LZ

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# Outline

- The Large Underground Xenon (LUX) experiment

New results on WIMP searches and calibration

- The LUX-ZEPLIN experiment

# Direct search

**Dark matter (DM)** Milky Way's halo

=> flux on Earth  $\sim 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

$\rho_\chi \sim 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$  and  $100 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

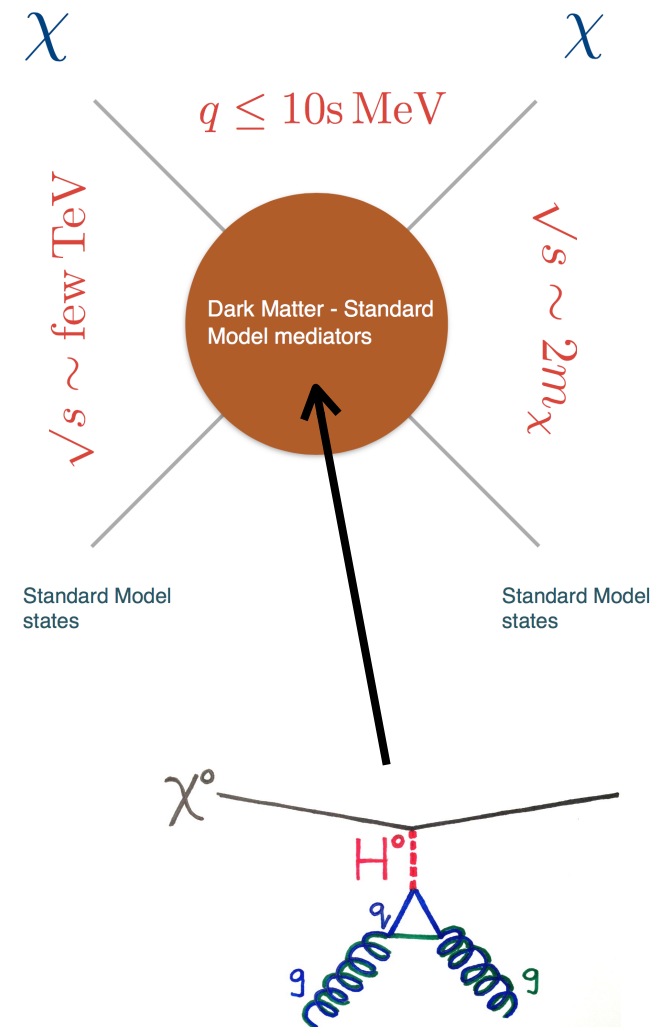
Basic goal: search for **nuclear recoil** from DM elastic scattering.

Simple dynamics: *cross section*  $\propto (\text{form-factor})^2$

**Spin-independent:** nucleon form-factor gives rise to  $A^2$  enhancement due to coherence.

The dependence on  $q^2$  is also contained in the form-factors.

**Spin-dependent:** form-factor depends on nuclear spin. No coherence enhancement.



# Large Underground Xenon



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# LUX detector

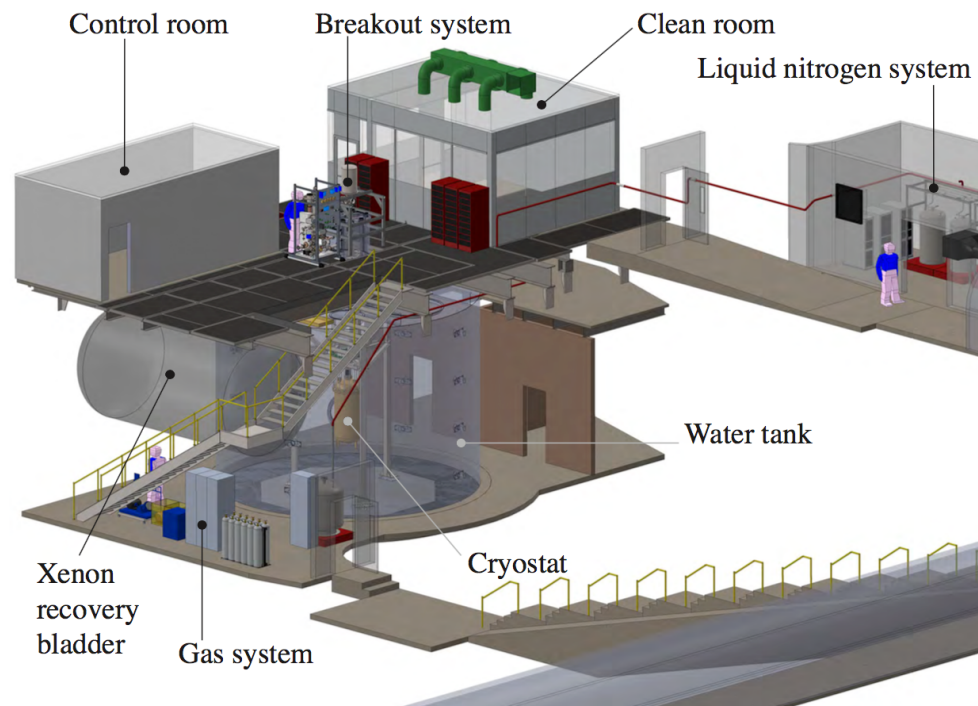
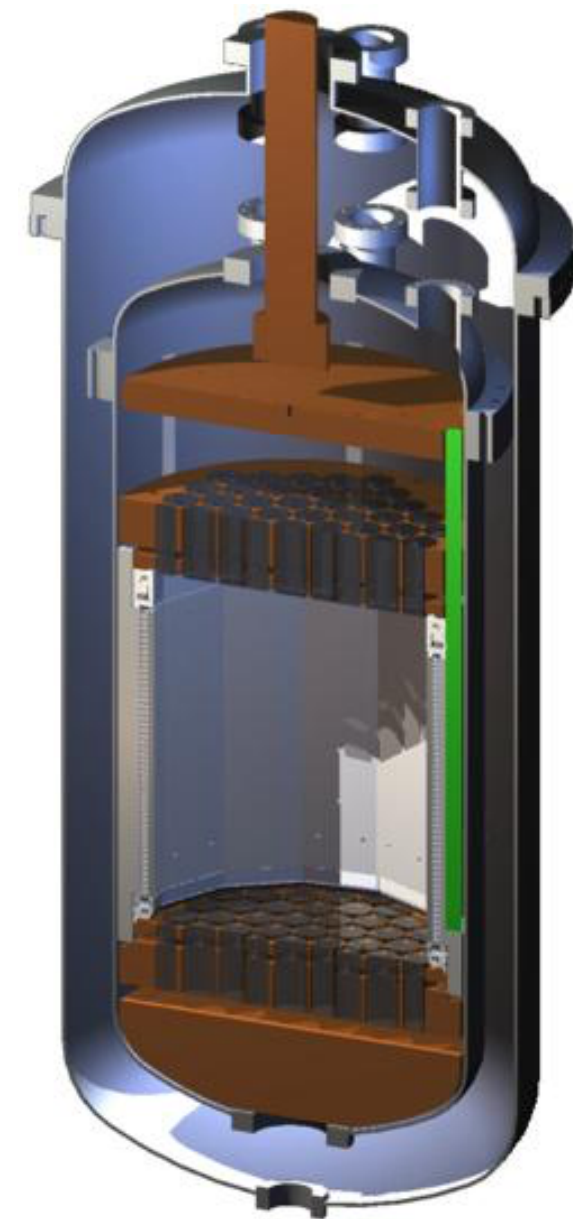
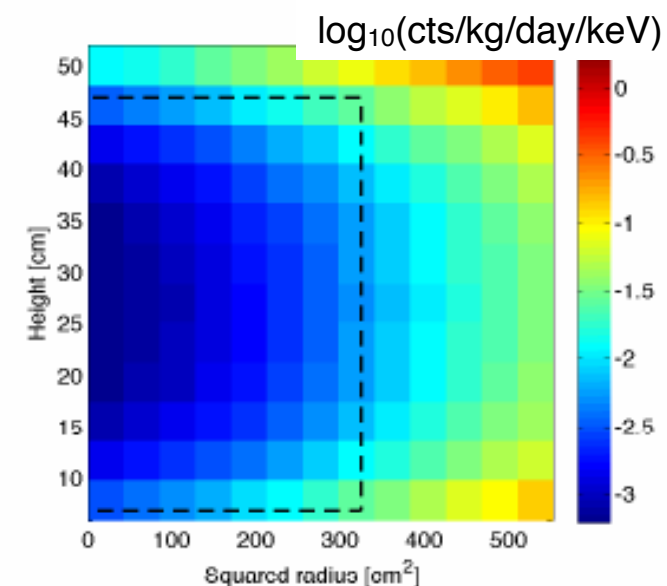


Figure 16: Rendering of the layout of the Davis Laboratory.

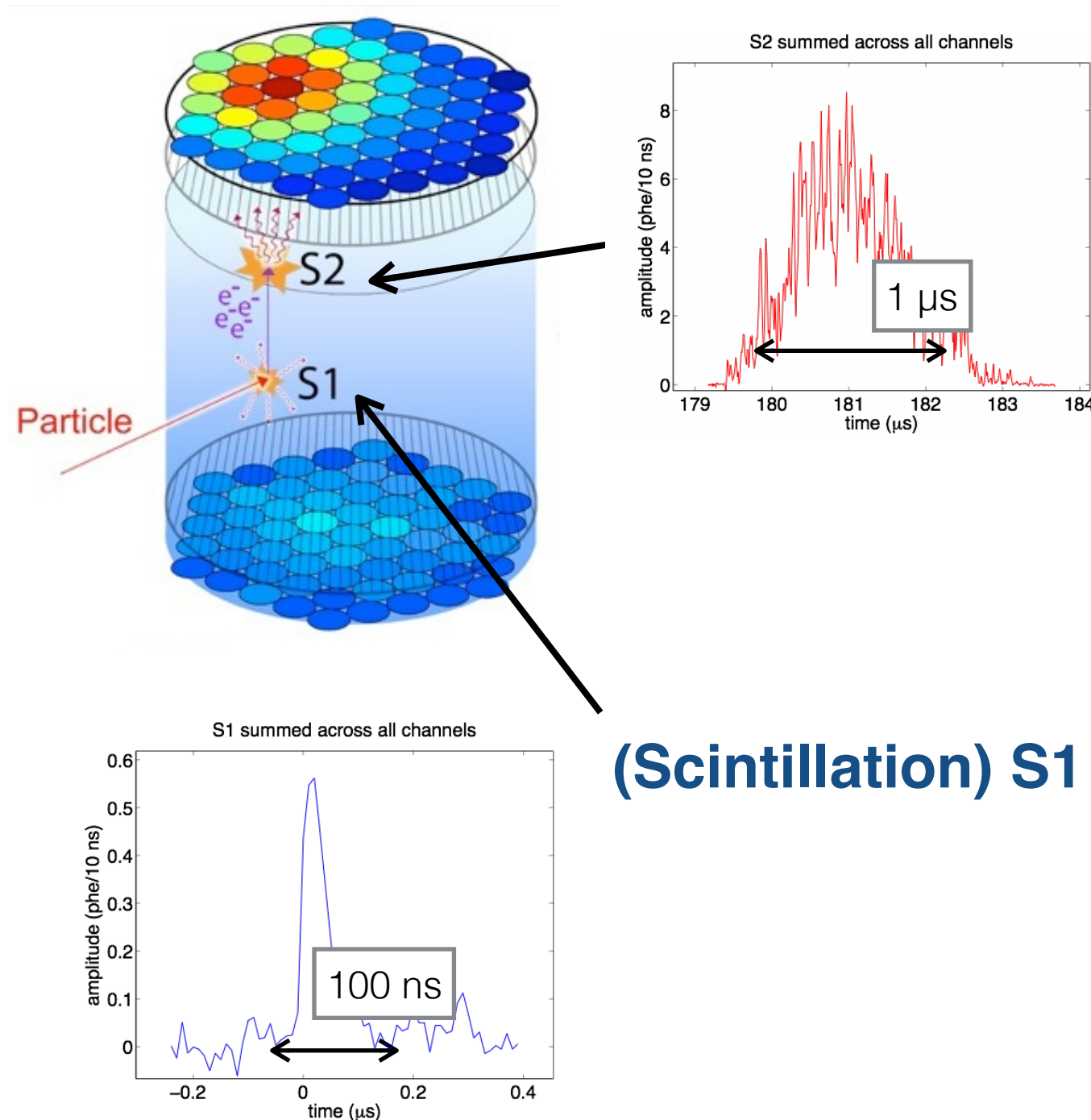


- Davis Cavern @ Sanford Lab (SURF), 4850 ft (1.5 km) underground
- 250 kg (47 x 49 cm<sup>2</sup>) of active LXe dual phase time projection chamber (TPC)
- Two arrays each of 61 ultra-pure PMTs
- Reducing background:
  - cosmic  $\mu$  flux reduced to  $6.2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
  - low background materials
  - 3D event localisation (LXe target fiducialization)



# S1, S2 and CES

Liquid xenon / dual-phase time projection chamber (TPC)



**(Ionisation) S2**

**‘Combined Energy scale’**

$$E = \frac{1}{L(E)} \cdot \left( \frac{S1}{g_1} + \frac{S2}{g_2} \right) \cdot W$$

- $W = 13.7 \text{ eV}$
- $g_1 = \text{Light Collection}$
- $g_2 = \text{Extraction} + \text{Light Eff.}$
- $L(E) = \text{Lindhard Factor}$

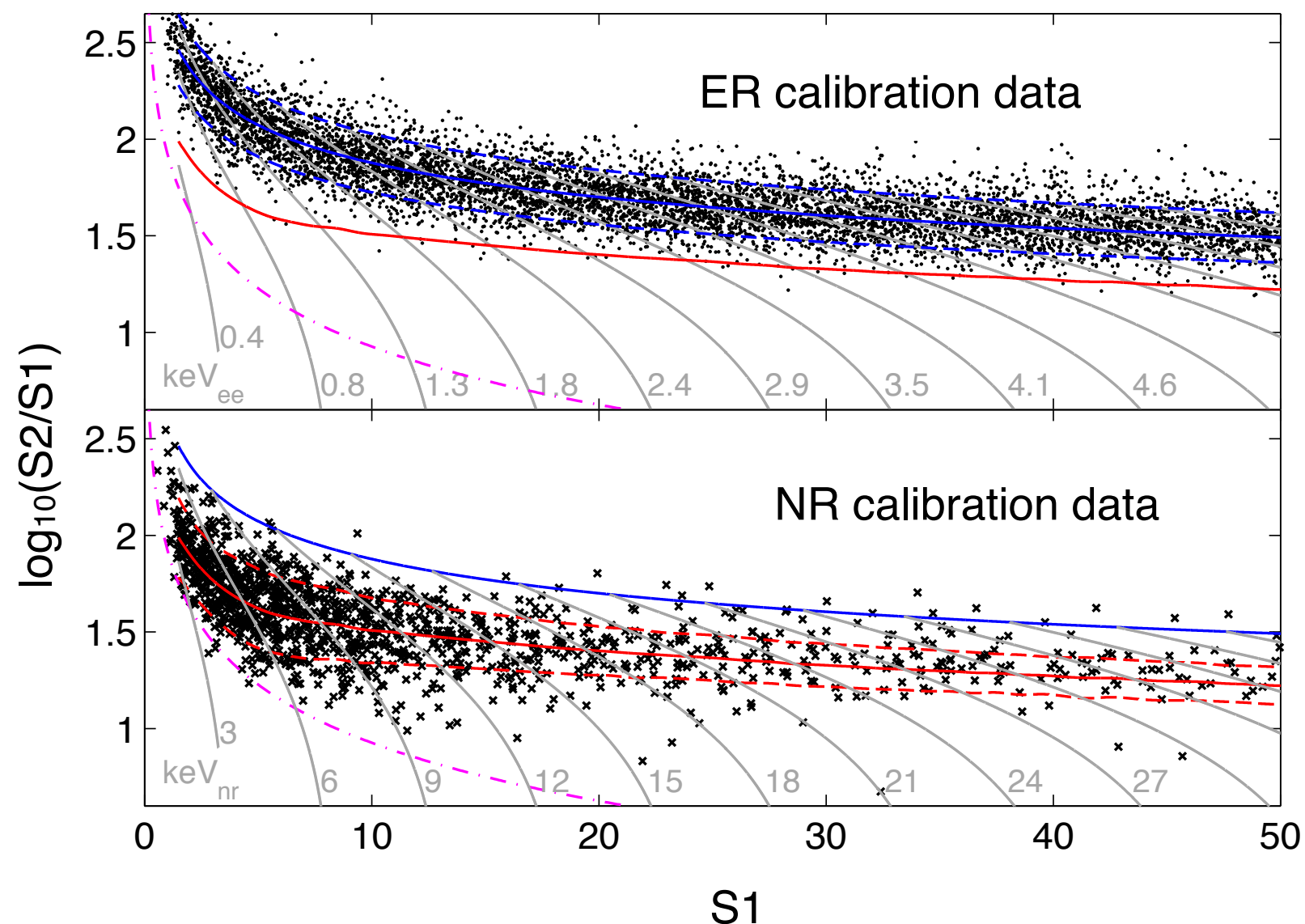
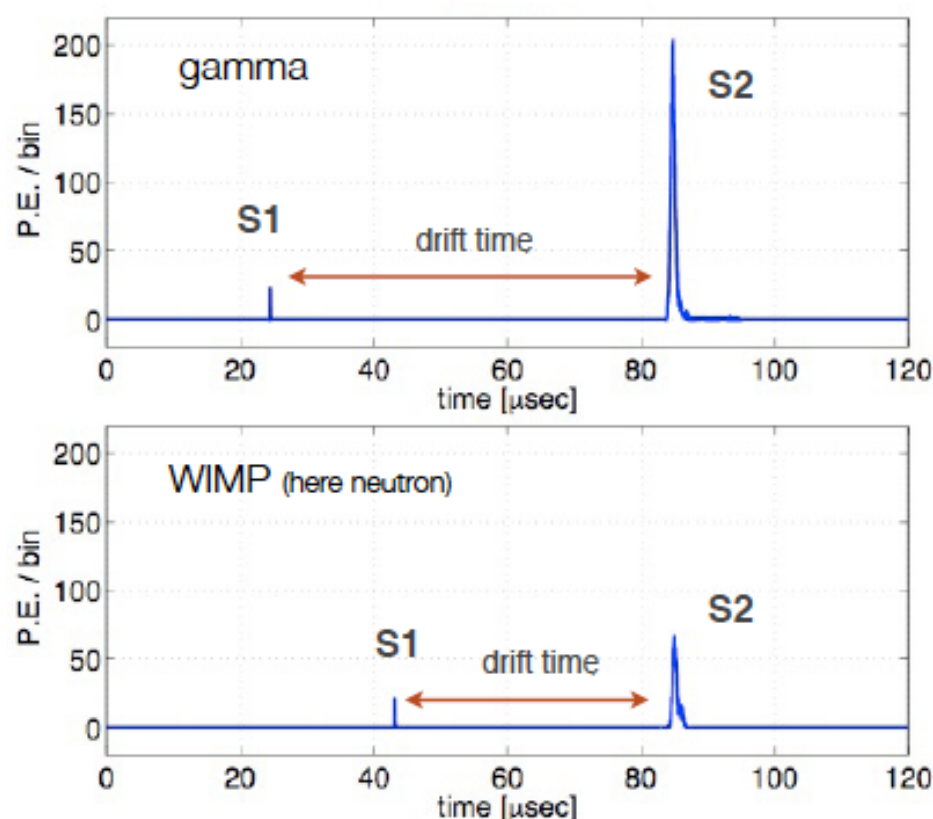
Nuclear recoil enhancement of  
heat relative to electron recoils

# Nuclear vs. Electron recoil

Combination of Scintillation (S1) and Ionisation (S2)  
event-by-event particle identification

**Electron Recoil (ER) events**

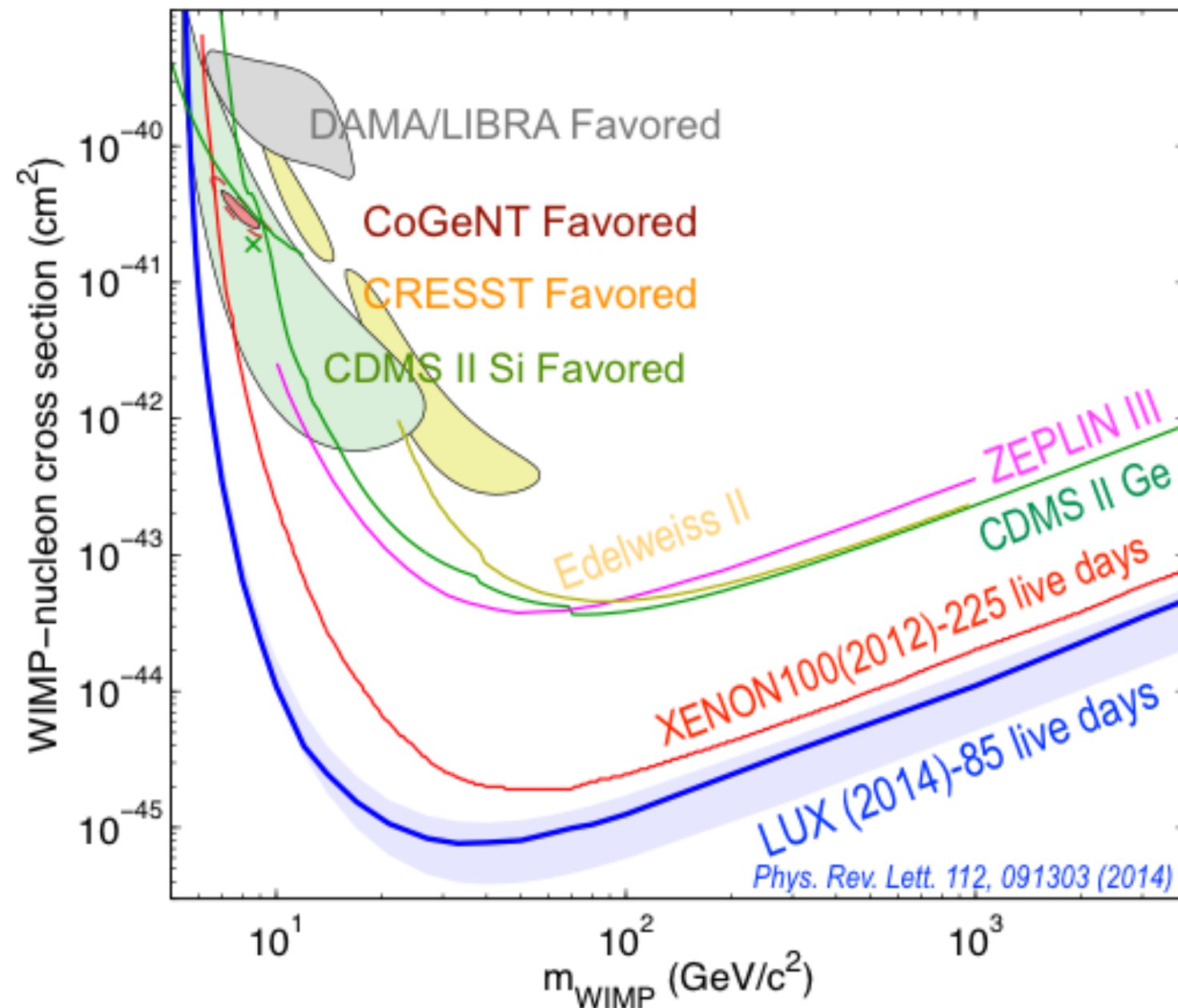
**Nuclear Recoil (NR) events**





# Reminder: 1st LUX results

Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 091303 (2014)



Limit on Spin-Independent WIMP-nuclei at  $7.6 \times 10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2$  at  $33 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



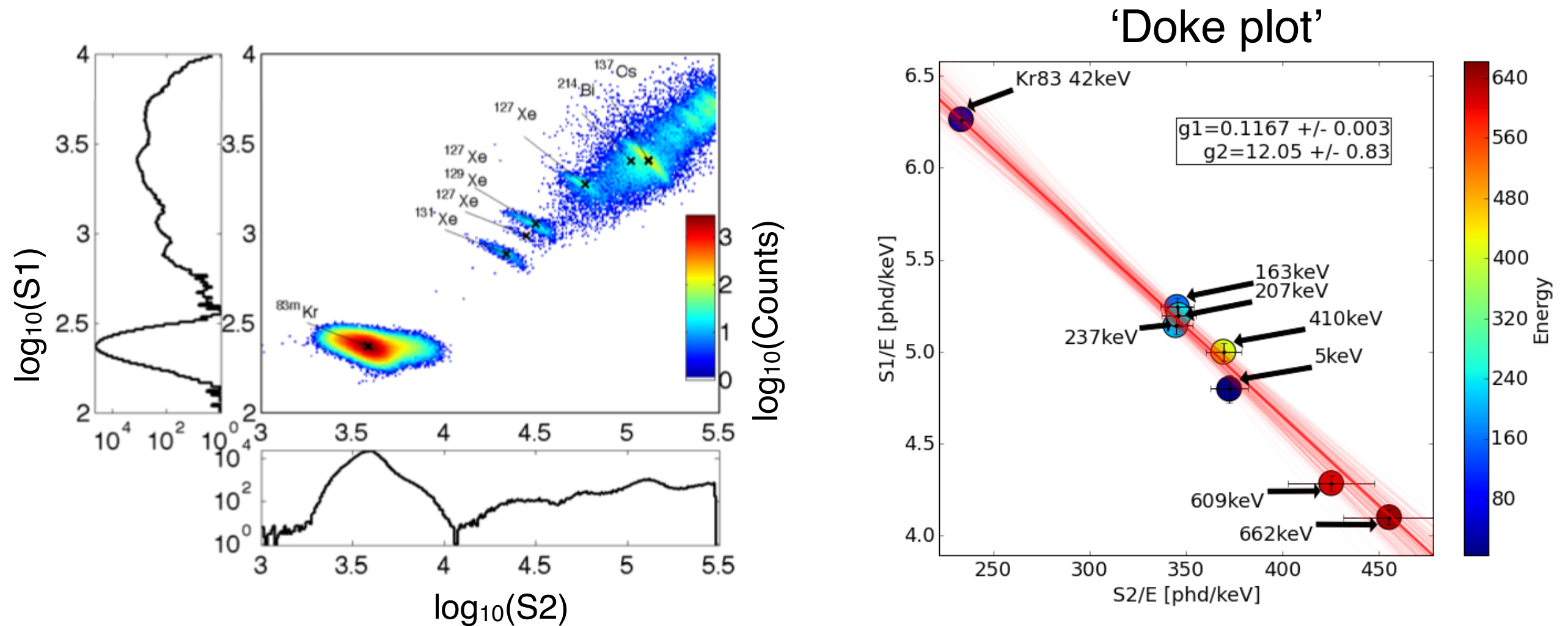
# LUX Run03 reanalysis

- Improved PMT response and light measurement:
  1. removed a bias in baselines;
  2. photon digital counting;
  3. photon response calibrated with VUV light.
- Improved calibration:
  1. electronic recoil (ER): mono energetic sources, and  $\text{CH}_3\text{T}$  internal source;
  2. nuclear recoil (NR): mono energetic neutrons with *in-situ* D-D generator.
- New WIMP signal and background modelling.
- Improved profile likelihood ratio (PLR) analysis.

# ER Calibration

## 5 - 662 keV Mono-energetic sources in the mean-yields plane.

Line fit and  $W = 13.7$  eV give absolute quanta.



x-intercept  $\Rightarrow n_y \rightarrow 0$ ;  $S2/E = g_2/W$

y-intercept  $\Rightarrow n_e \rightarrow 0$ ;  $S1/E = g_1/W$

$$E = \frac{1}{L(E)} \cdot \left( \frac{S1}{g_1} + \frac{S2}{g_2} \right) \cdot W$$

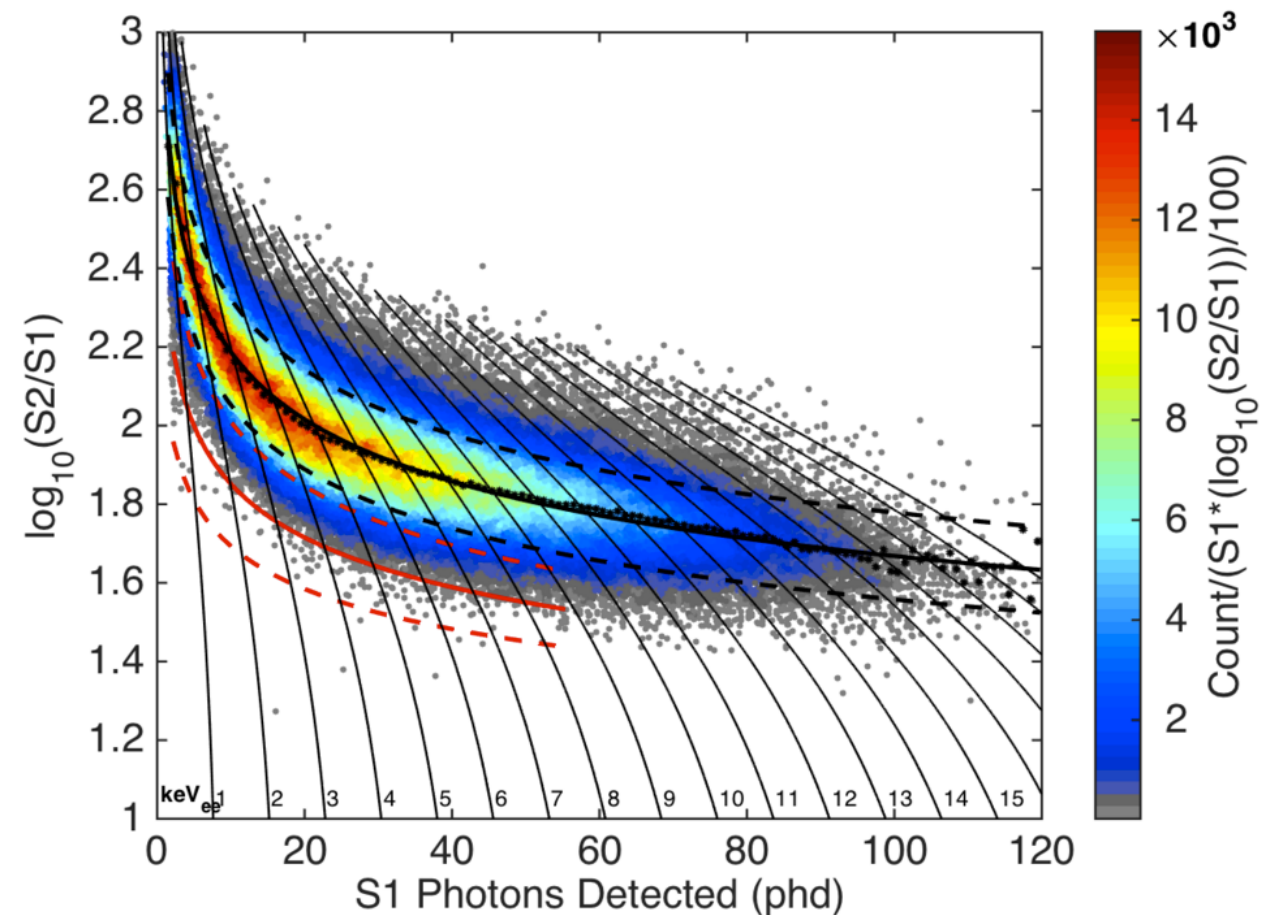
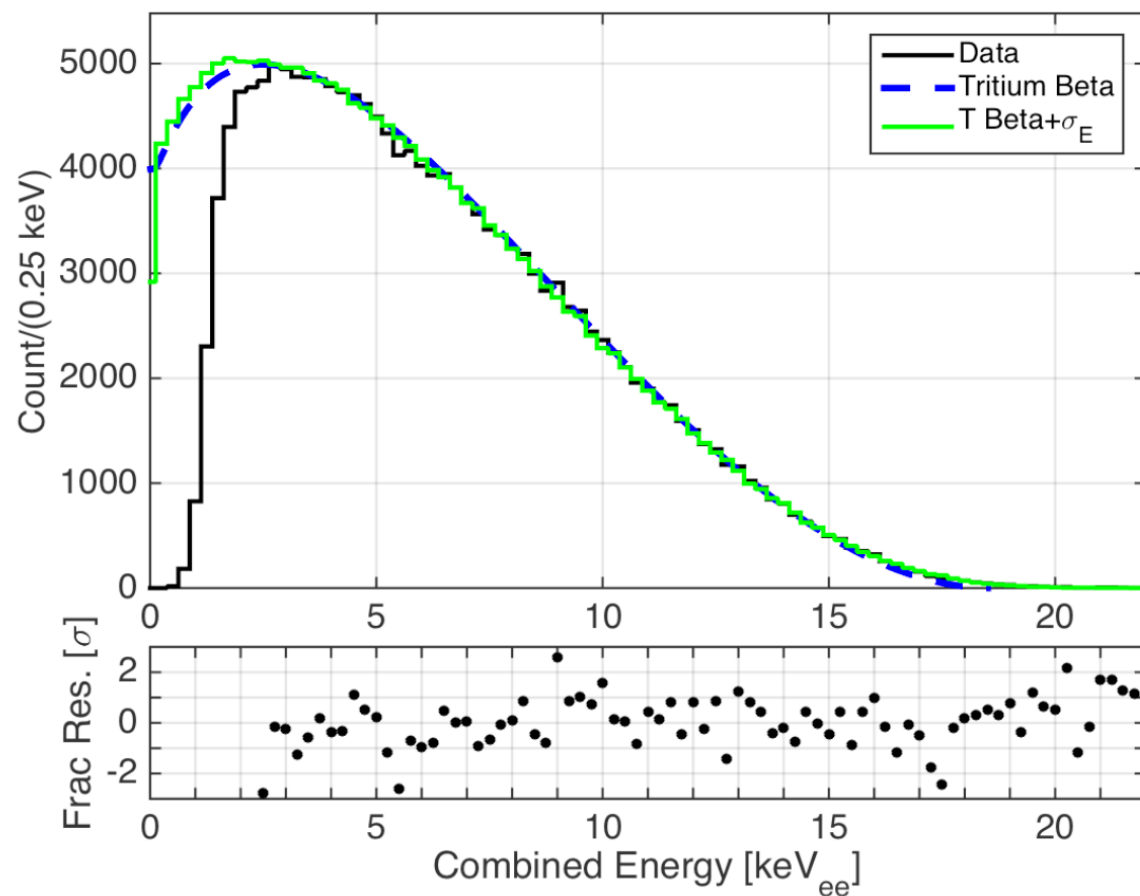
# ER Calibration

## 0 - 18 keV CH<sub>3</sub>T (tritiated methane) internal source

- Beta-decay to calibrate ER background (peaks at 2.5 keV)
- Bare tritium: 12 year half-life. But CH<sub>3</sub>T: 6 hr effective half-life via getter

2<sup>nd</sup> campaign of CH<sub>3</sub>T calibration in LUX, Dec 2013 : 180 000 events

arXiv:1512.03133

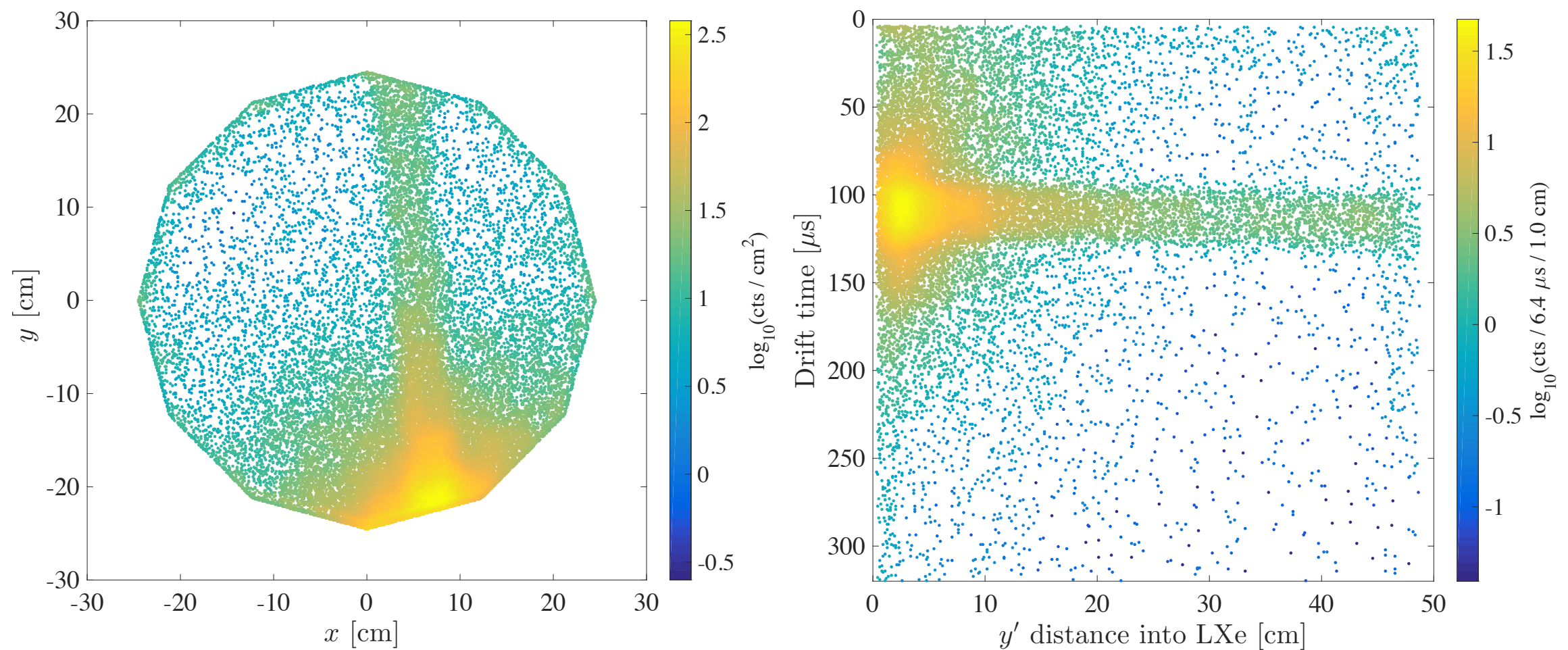


# NR Calibration

## Mono-energetic neutrons: D-D generator

2.45 MeV neutron fired into LUX WIMP-like NR with:

- in situ measurement
- long lever-arm  $\rightarrow$  unique energy reach



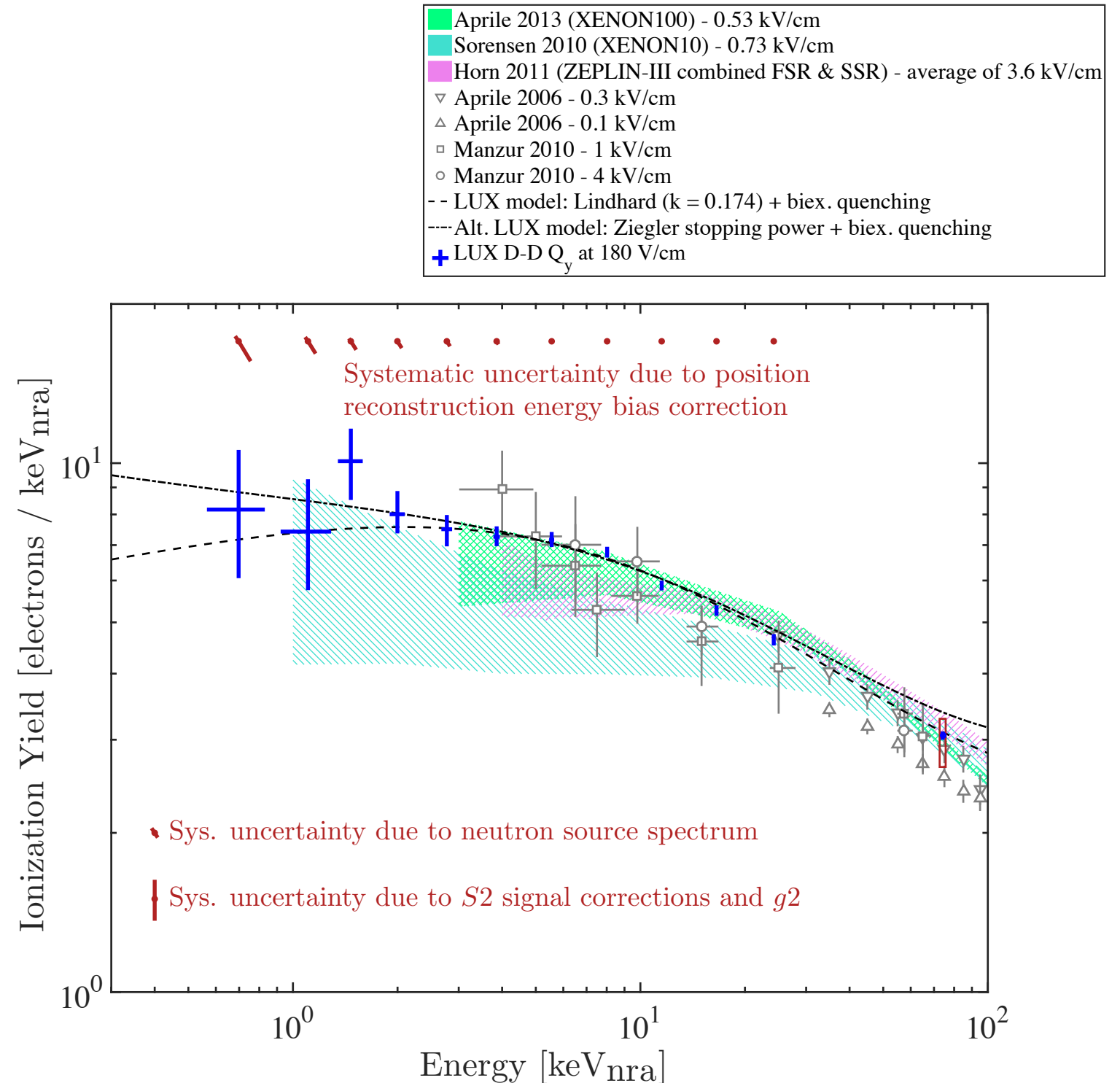
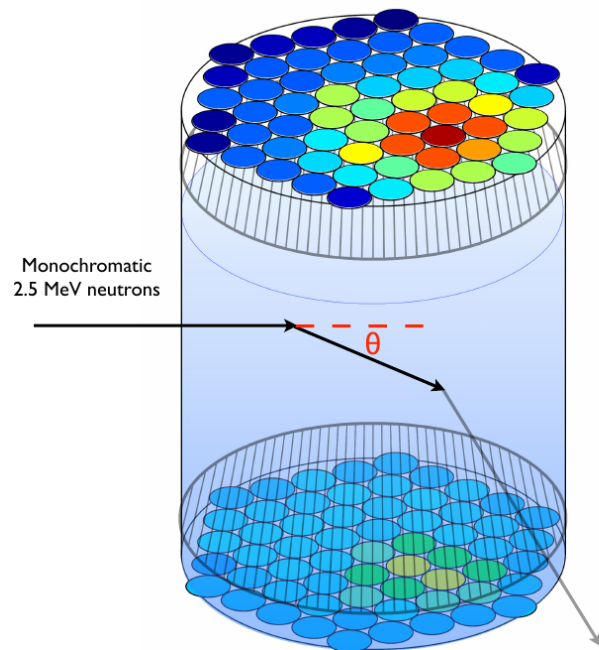


# NR Calibration

Mono-energetic neutrons: D-D generator

## S2 vs energy via $E(\theta)$ for multiple scatters

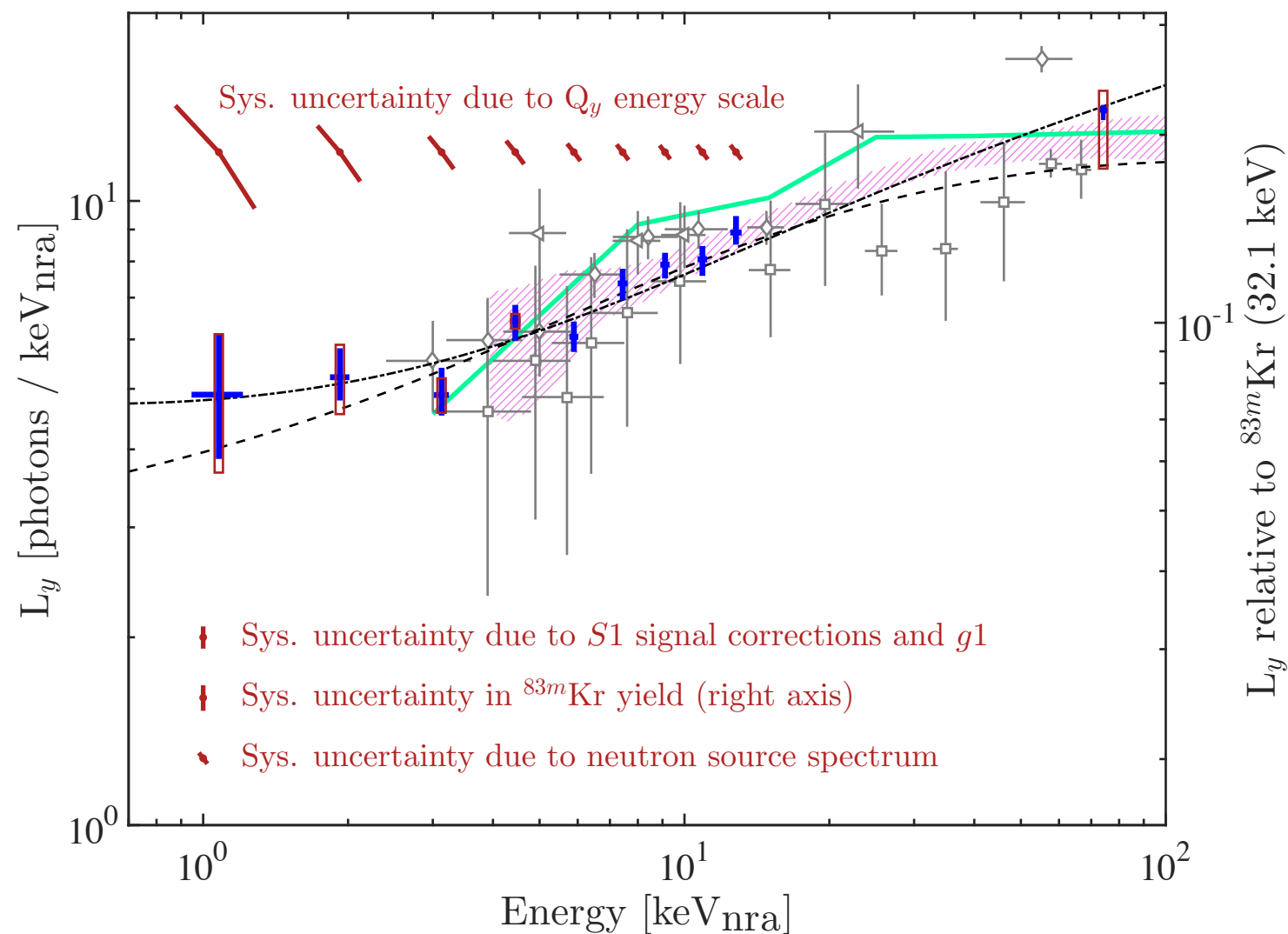
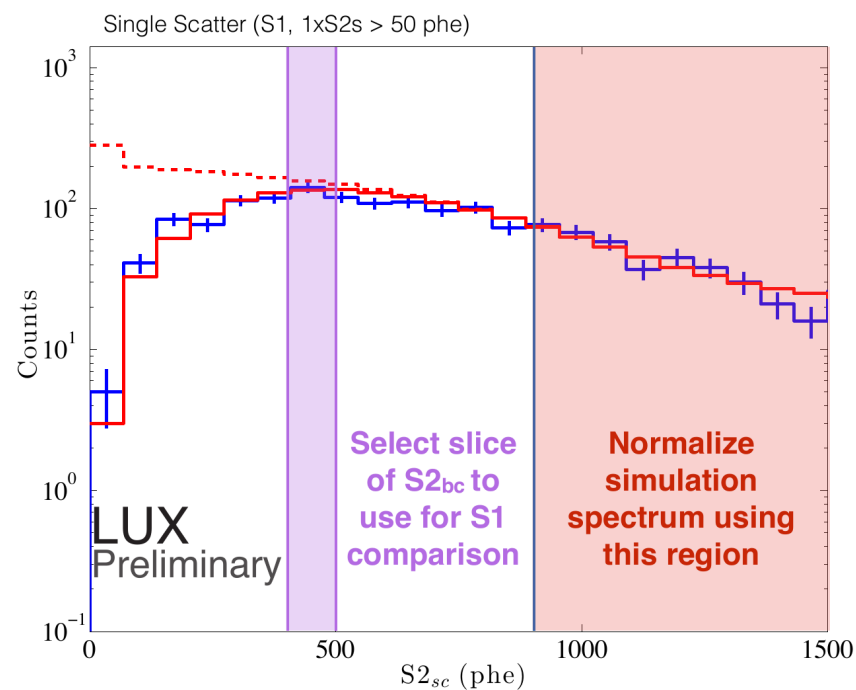
$$E_r = E_n \frac{4m_n m_{Xe}}{(m_n + m_{Xe})^2} \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}$$



# NR Calibration

Mono-energetic neutrons: D-D generator

## S1 vs energy via E(S2) for single scatters

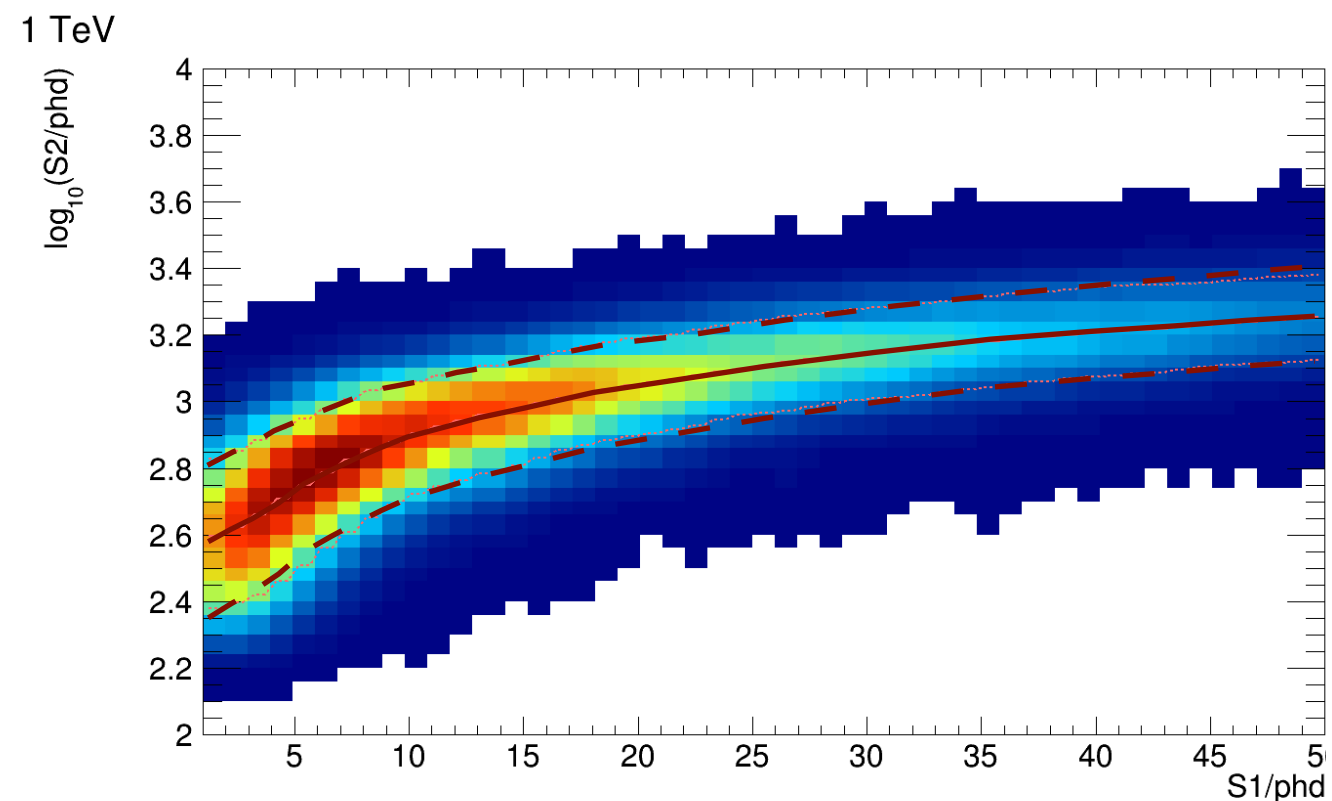
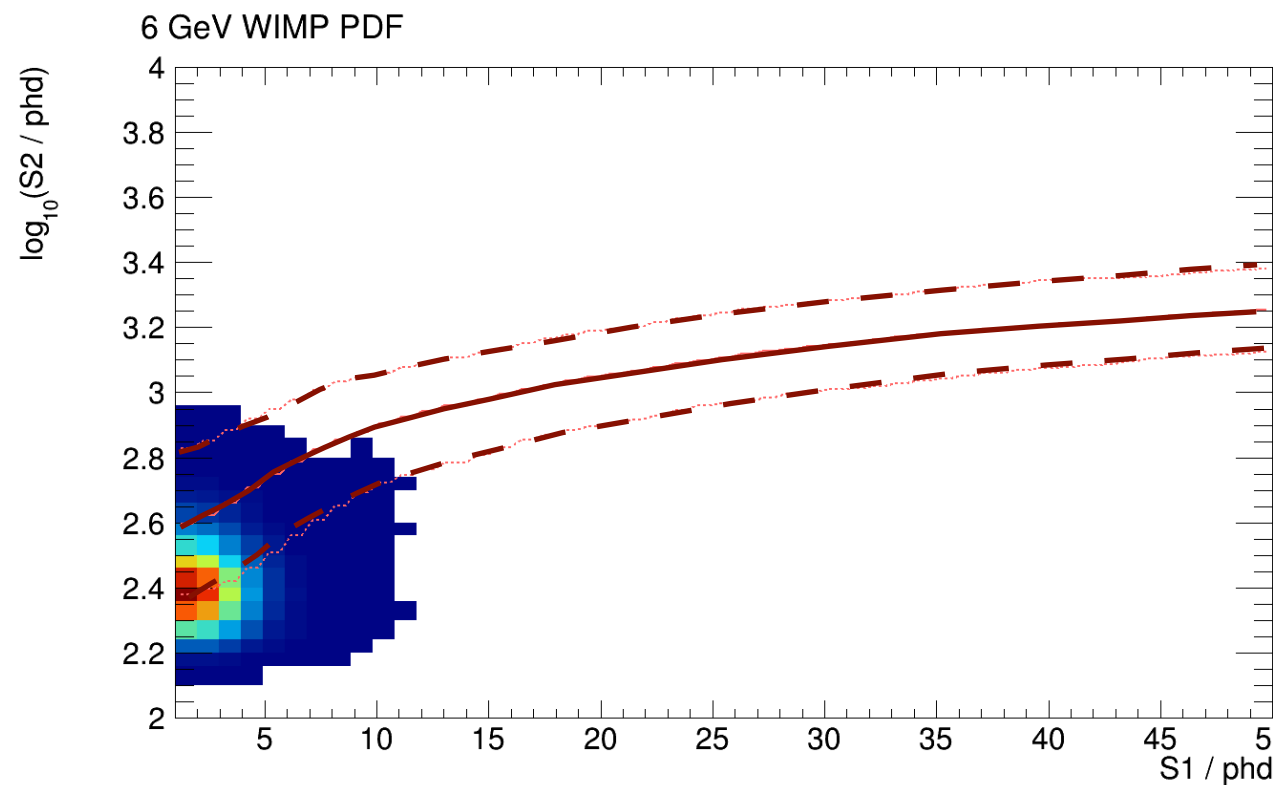


# Signal and background

Source	Spectrum	'S2/S1'	Spatial distribution
<b>New WIMPs</b>	~ exponential	low (NR)	uniform
<b>Compton Scatters from material <math>\gamma</math></b>	~ flat	high (ER)	peripheral
<b>Internal <math>\beta</math> from Kr-85, Rn, impurities</b>	~ flat	high (ER)	uniform
<b>X-rays from Xe-127 (<math>\lambda = 36.4</math> d)</b>	1 keV, 5 keV lines	high (ER)	peripheral
<b>New Decays on wall</b>	~ flat	low, variable (NR and ER with charge loss)	high radius

# Signal

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<b>WIMPs</b>	$\sim$ exponential	low (NR)	uniform



Simulation: Noble Element Simulation Technique (NEST), arXiv:1412.4417

Data: DD-tuned NEST-like model mass-dependence of the WIMP PDFs.

New test statistics profile likelihood: Nuisance params (Lindhard,  $g_{2DD} / g_{2WS}$ ).

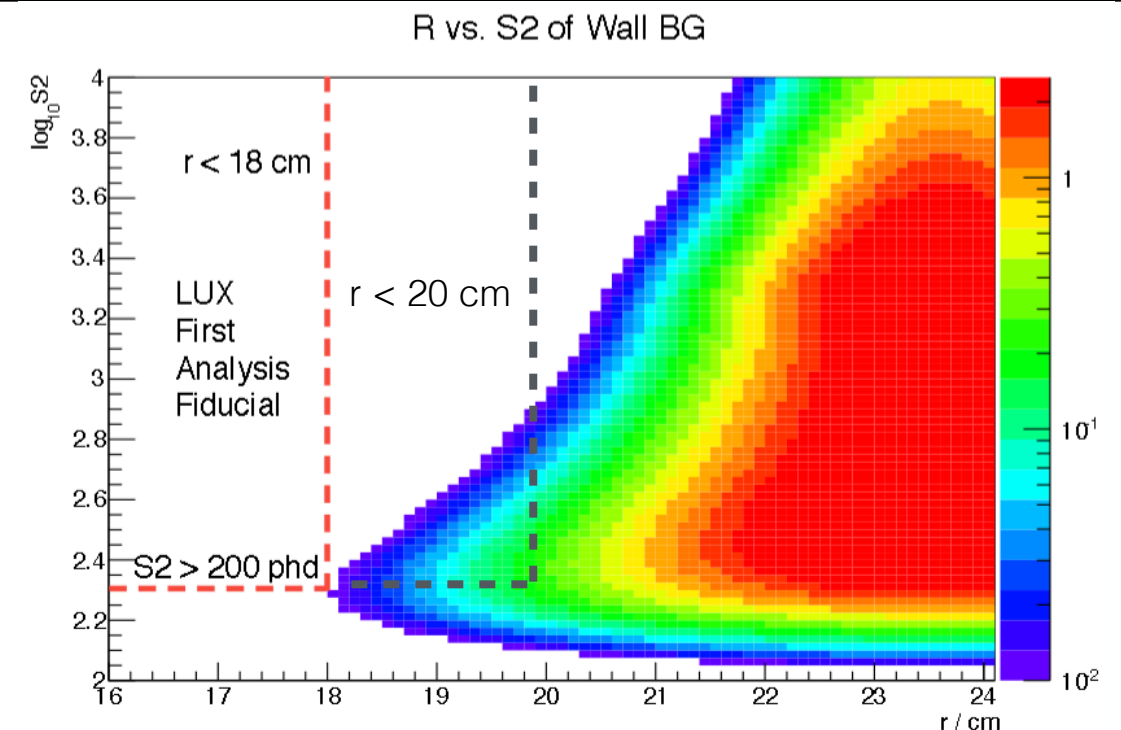


# Background

- Detector Material: Gamma rays from Co-60, K-40, Tl-208, Bi-214  
Global fit to 3 MeV  
Asymmetric source from top and bottom
- Internal Background (in Xe): Ar-37, Kr-85m, Xe-127

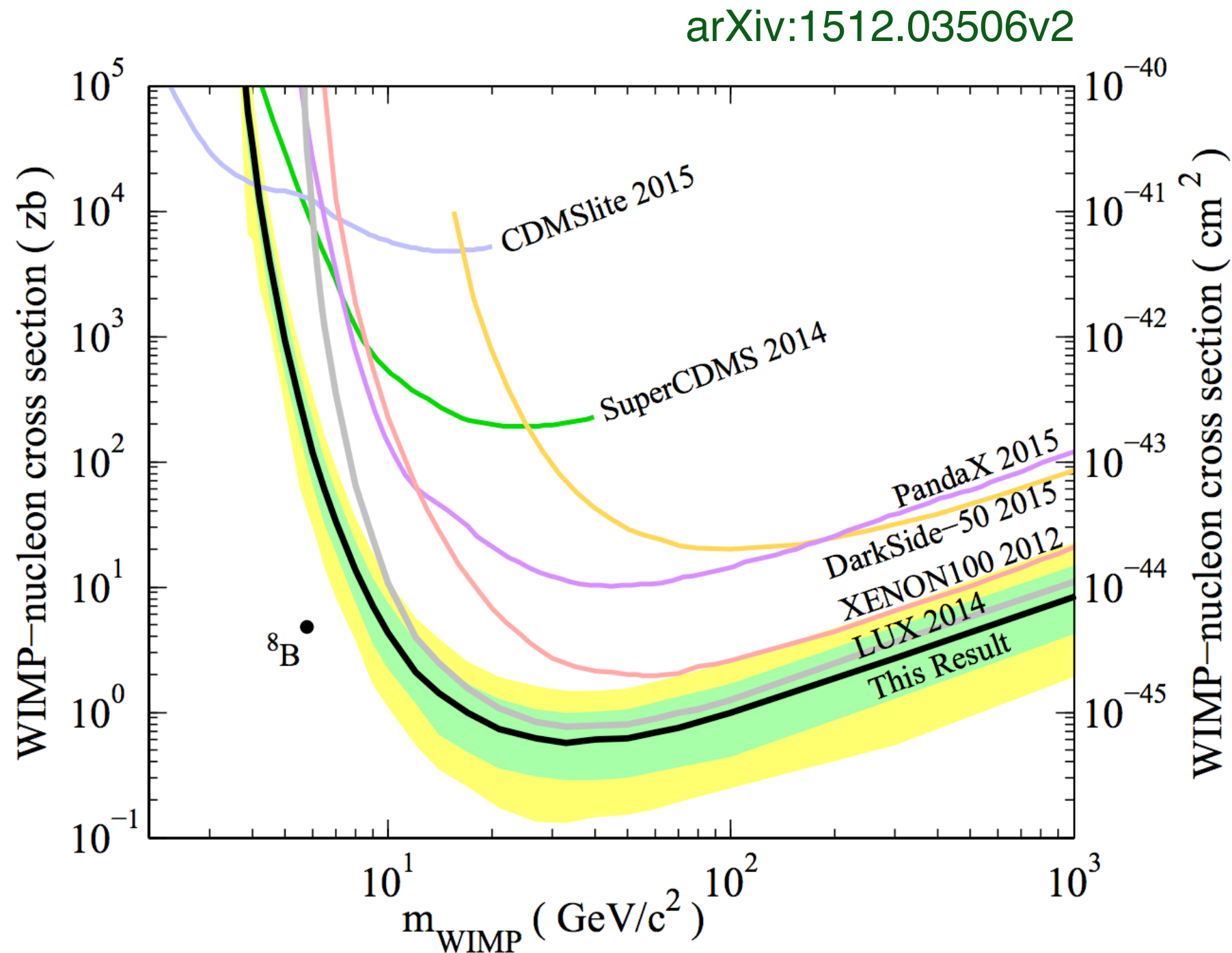
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<b>Decays on wall</b>	~ flat	low, variable (NR and ER with charge loss)	high radius

- Rn-222 - Pb-206
- Occurs on the wall at 24.2 - 5 cm
- Resolution leaks below 18 cm
- Charge loss
- Inclusion of 'wall background' increase fiducial radius to 20 cm



	2013 analysis	2015 re-analysis
<b>Live days [days]</b>	85	95
<b>Fiducial Volume [kg]</b>	118	145
<b>S1 cut</b>	2 - 30 phe	1 - 50 phd
<b>S2 cut</b>	200 phe (on S2 raw)	165 phd (on S2 raw)
<b>Energy threshold</b>	3 keV => 5.2 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	1.1 keV => 3.3 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>

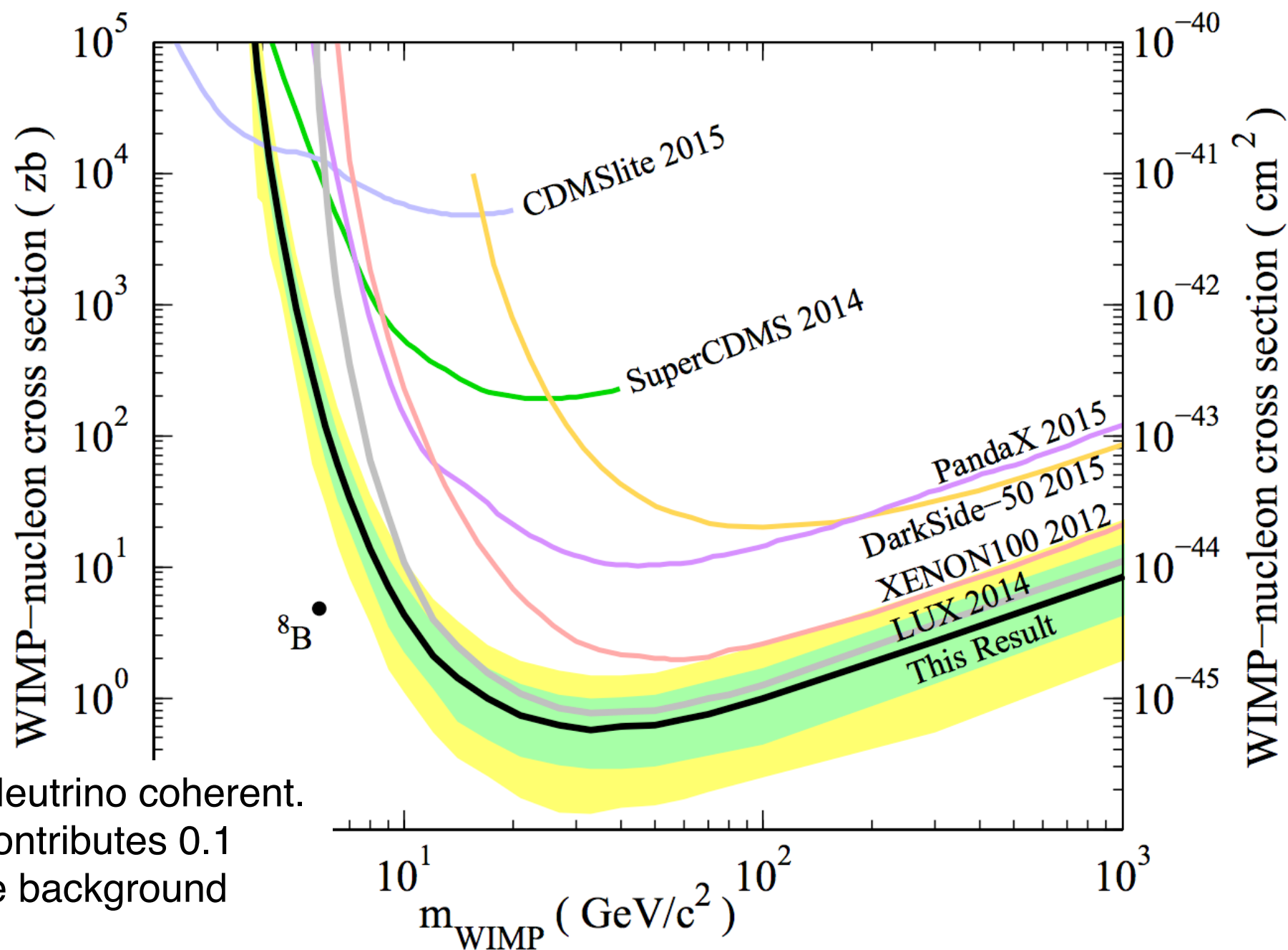
# Spin-independent



Limit on Spin-Independent WIMP-nuclei at  
 $6 \times 10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2$  at  $33 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

# Spin-independent

arXiv:1512.03506v2

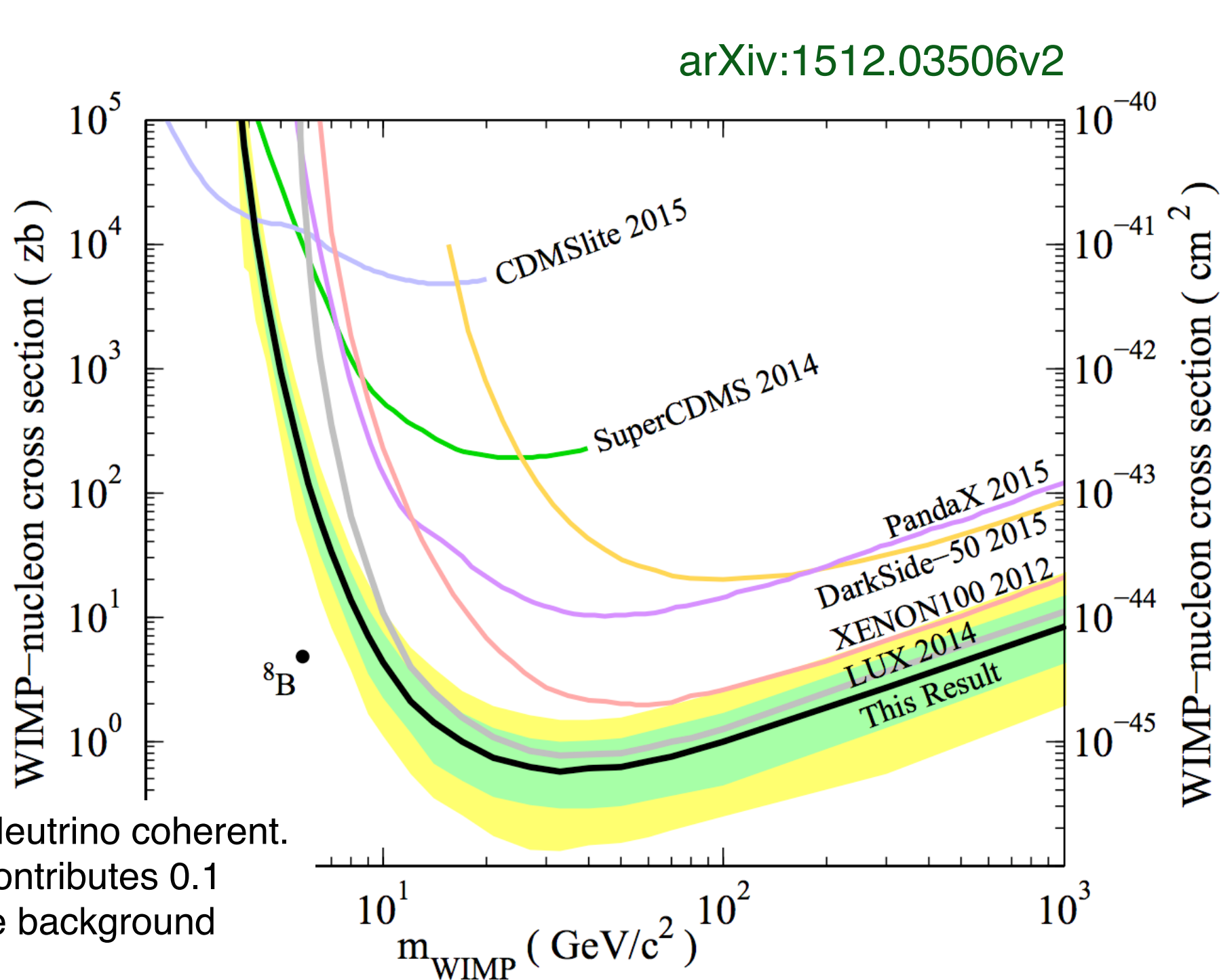


B-8 Solar Neutrino coherent.  
Currently contributes 0.1  
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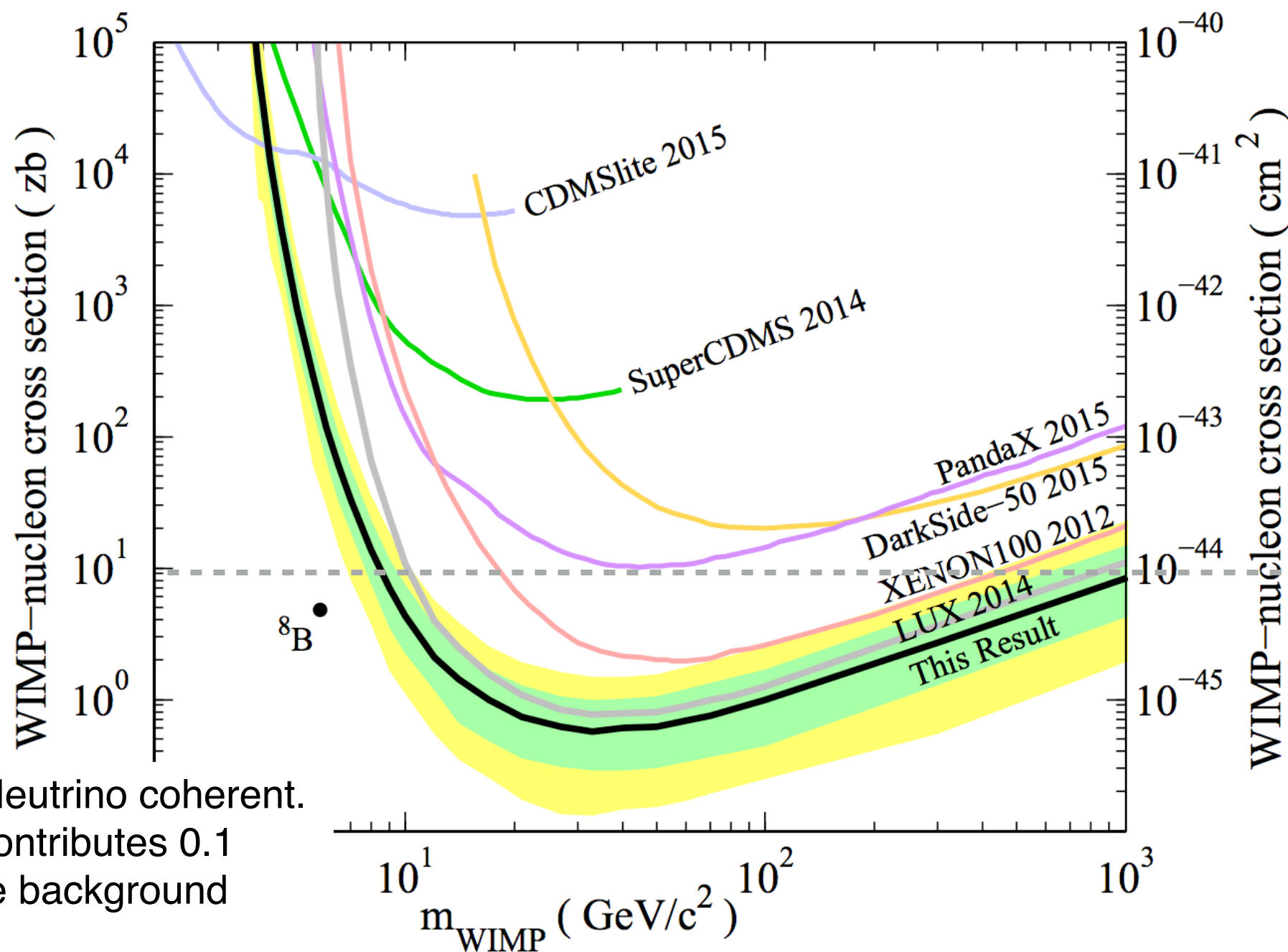


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$10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2$

Z exchange  
 $\sigma \sim 10^{-2} \lambda_{Z\chi}^2 \text{ pb}$

Higgs exchange  
 $\sigma \sim 10^{-8} \lambda_{h\chi}^2 \text{ pb}$

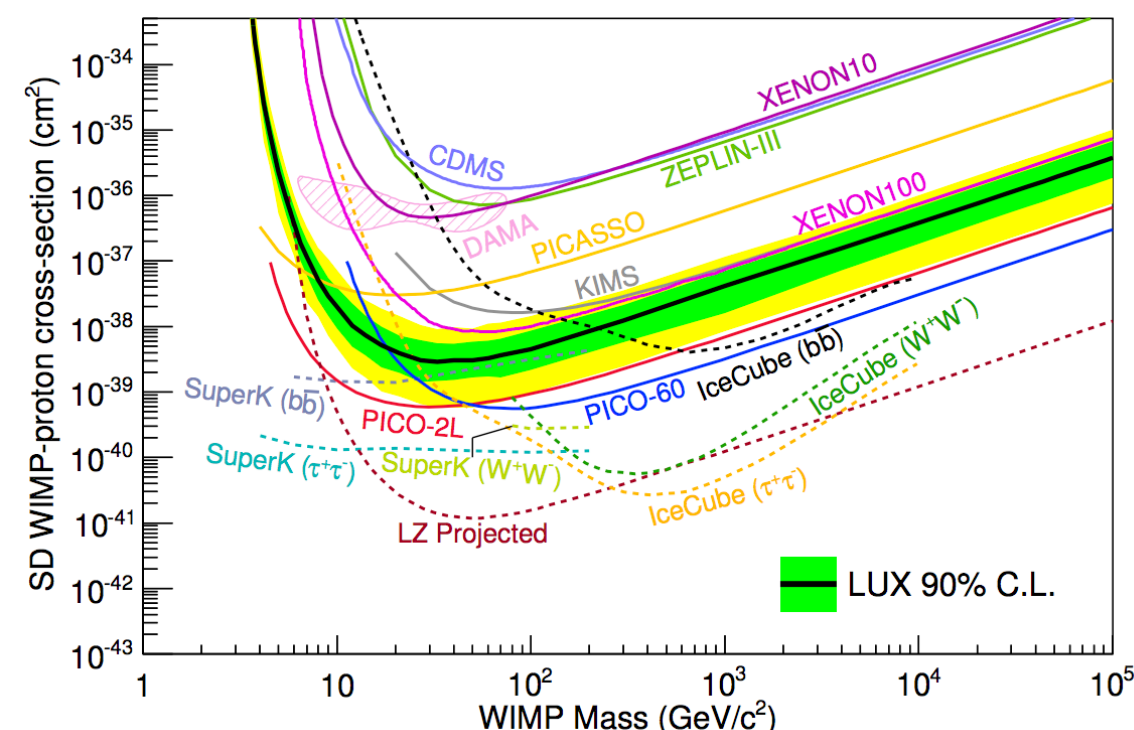
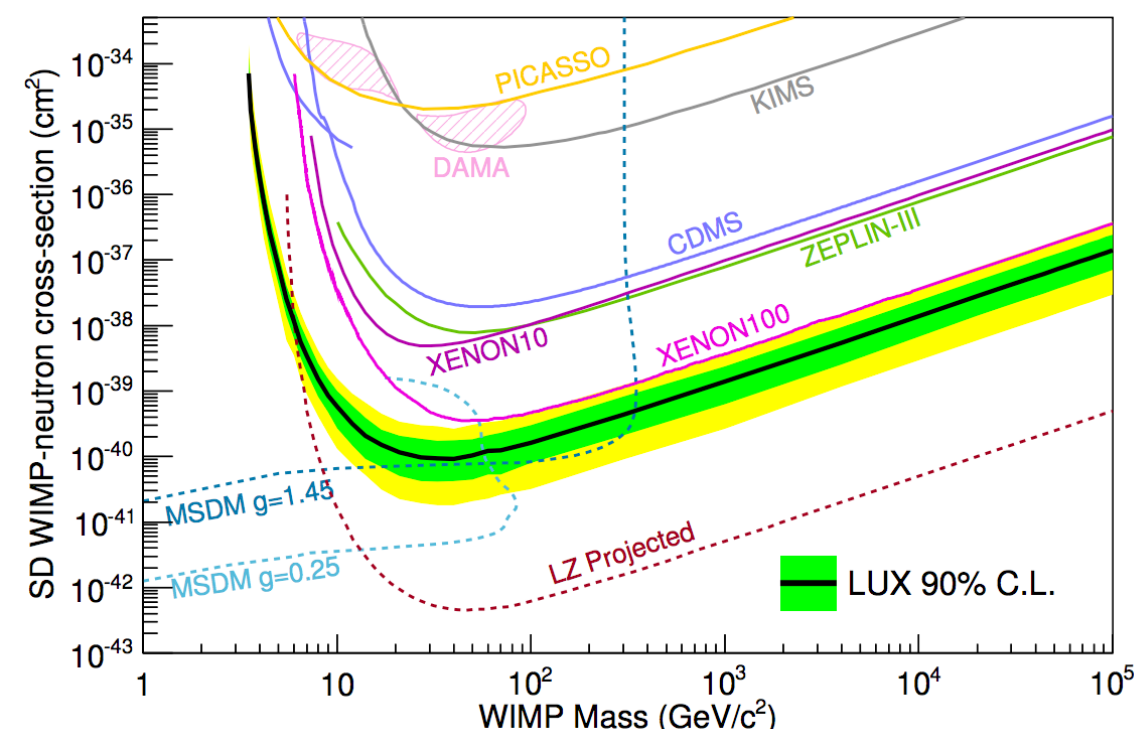
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# Spin-dependent

arXiv:1602.03489

$$\sigma_{p,n} = \frac{3\mu_{p,n}^2(2J+1)}{4\pi\mu_N^2} \frac{\sigma_0}{S_A(0)}$$

- Same analysis framework used for Spin Independent
- Xenon  $Z = 54$
- Xenon 131  $\sim 24\%$
- Xenon 129  $\sim 29\%$
- Enhances the Neutron-only scattering

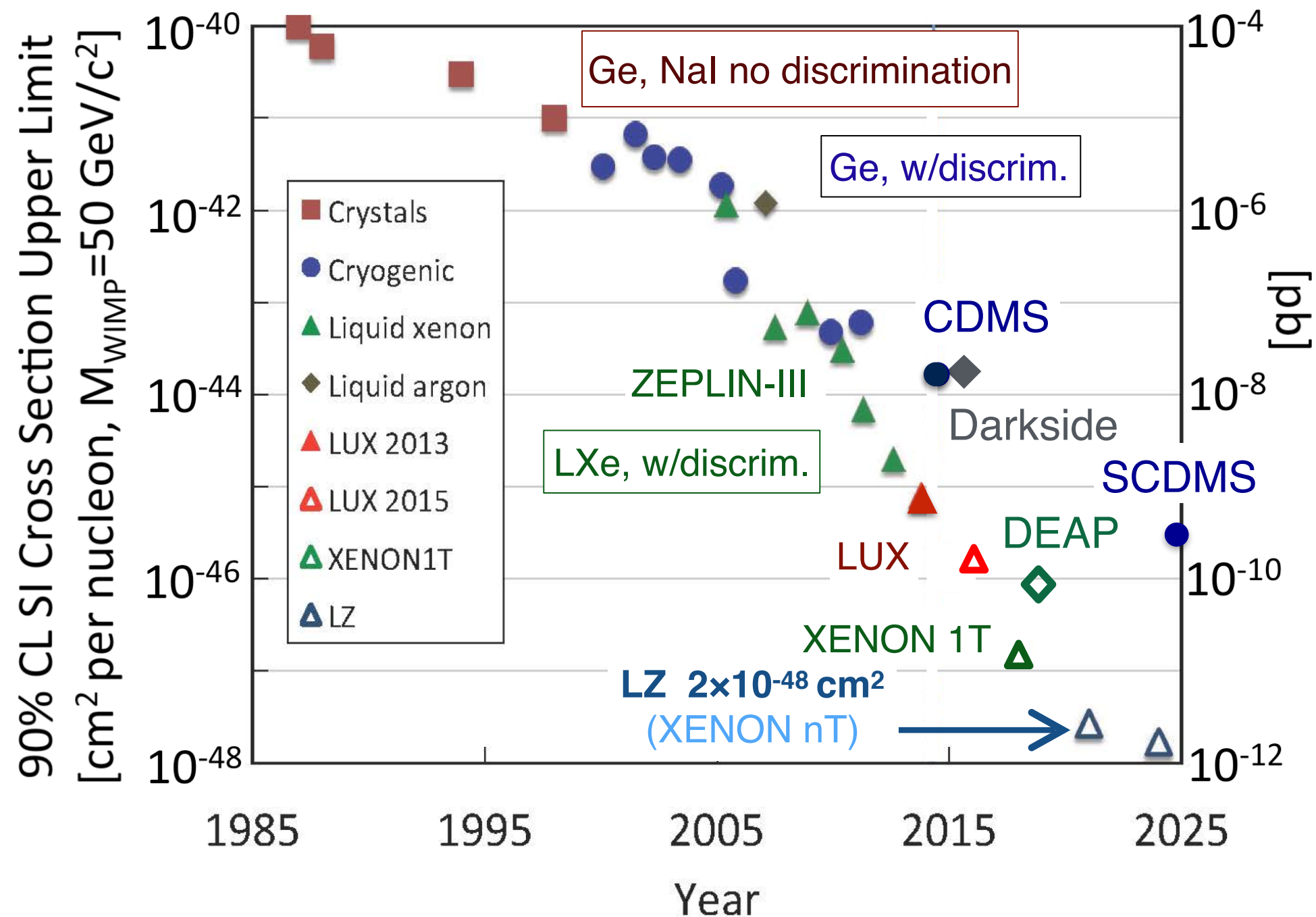


# LUX plan

- Currently on data taking until mid of 2016
- Additional 300+ live-days of data (exposure increase by a factor of 4)
- E-field improved model
- Background models with full 3D information ( $\phi$ )
- Further improvement in WIMP search
- Additional physics:
  - effective field theory limits
  - axion and axion-like particle
  - S2-only analysis



# Direct detection timeline









# LZ = LUX + ZEPLIN



Counts: 31 Institutions  
≈ 200 Headcount

Center for Underground Physics (Korea)  
LIP Coimbra (Portugal)  
MEPhI (Russia)  
Edinburgh University (UK)  
University of Liverpool (UK)  
Imperial College London (UK)  
University College London (UK)  
University of Oxford (UK)  
STFC Rutherford Appleton, and Daresbury, Laboratories (UK)  
University of Sheffield (UK)

University of Alabama  
University at Albany SUNY  
Berkeley Lab (LBNL)  
Brookhaven National Laboratory  
University of California Berkeley  
Brown University  
University of California, Davis  
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory  
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory  
University of Maryland  
Northwestern University  
University of Rochester  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of South Dakota  
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology  
South Dakota Science and Technology Authority  
SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory  
Texas A&M  
Washington University  
University of Wisconsin  
Yale University

# The detector

(LUX):

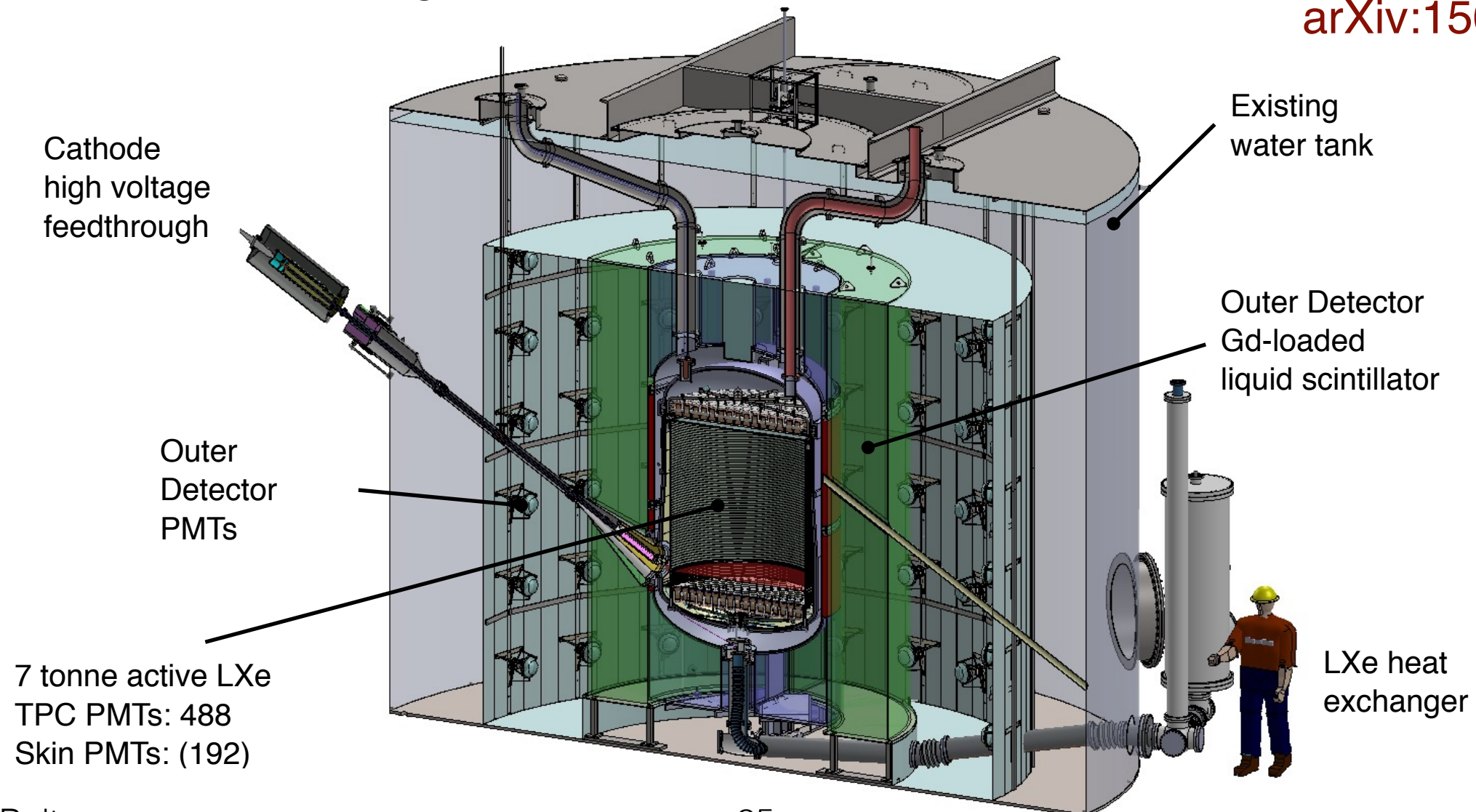
world leading Generation-1  
experiment, Sanford  
Underground Research  
Facility (SURF),  
250 kg of active LXe target



LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ):

Generation-2 flagship experiment  
for Direct Detection in US and UK,  
7 tonnes of active LXe target

[arXiv:1509.02910](https://arxiv.org/abs/1509.02910)



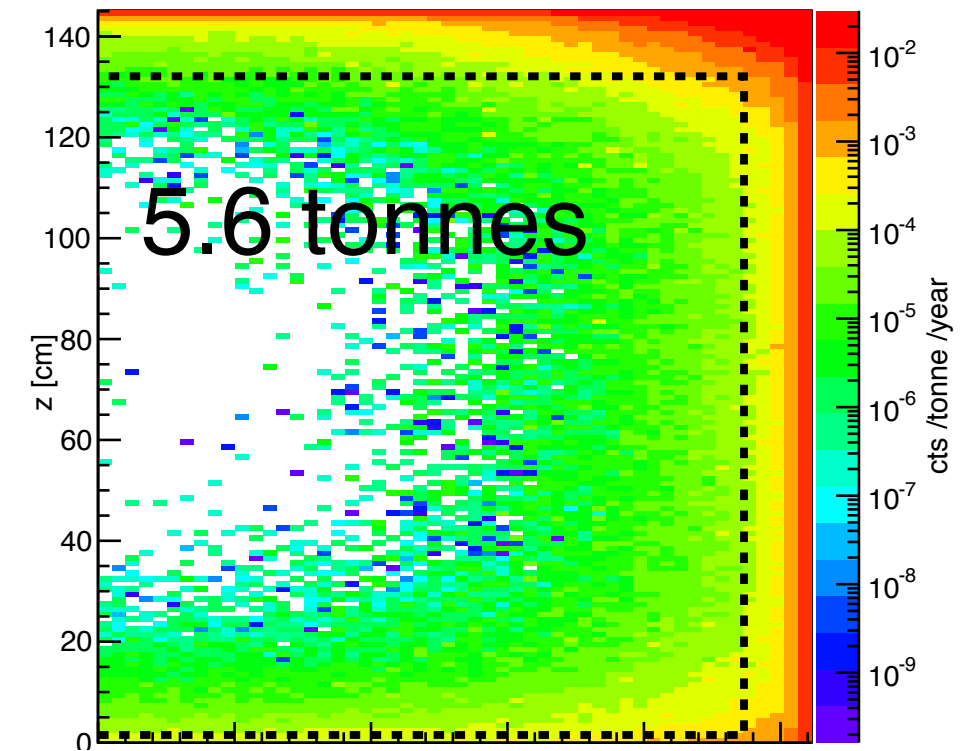
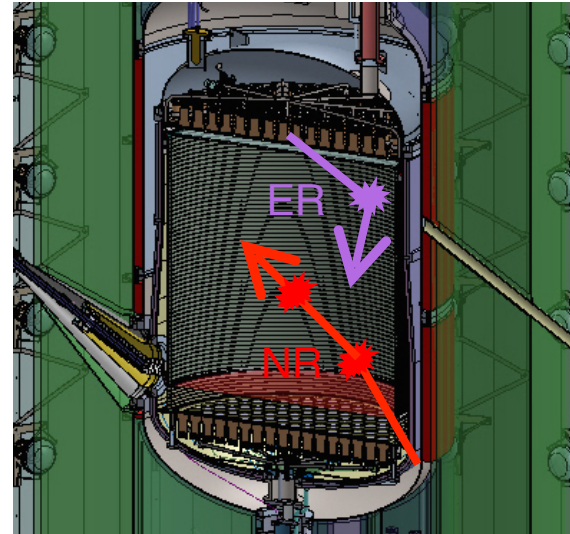


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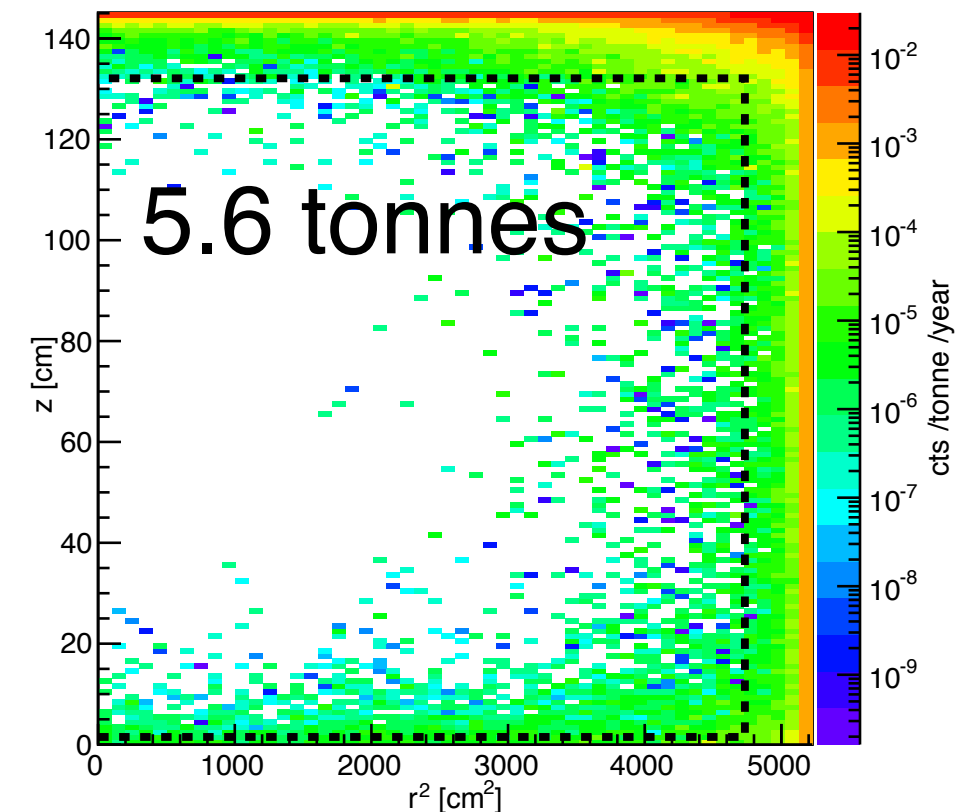
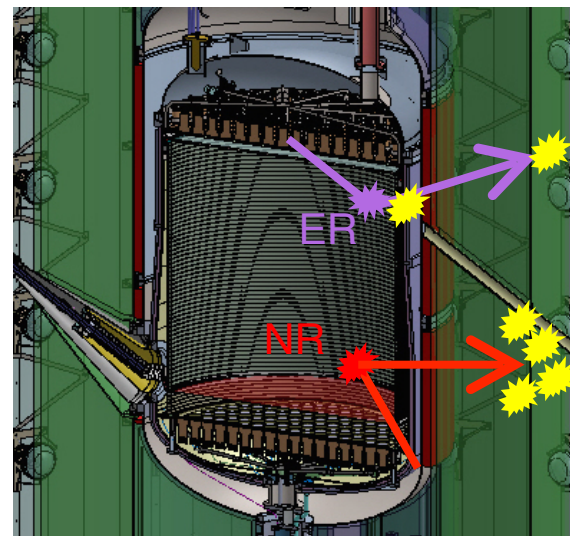


Detector material component backgrounds

**LXe self shielding,  
TPC multiple hit**



**LXe self shielding,  
TPC multiple hit  
+ LXe skin  
+ Outer Detector**



# Backgrounds

Vast screening materials campaign for radio-pure components identification

Detailed simulation based on NEST and S1+S2 analysis

Projected sensitivity performed with PLR

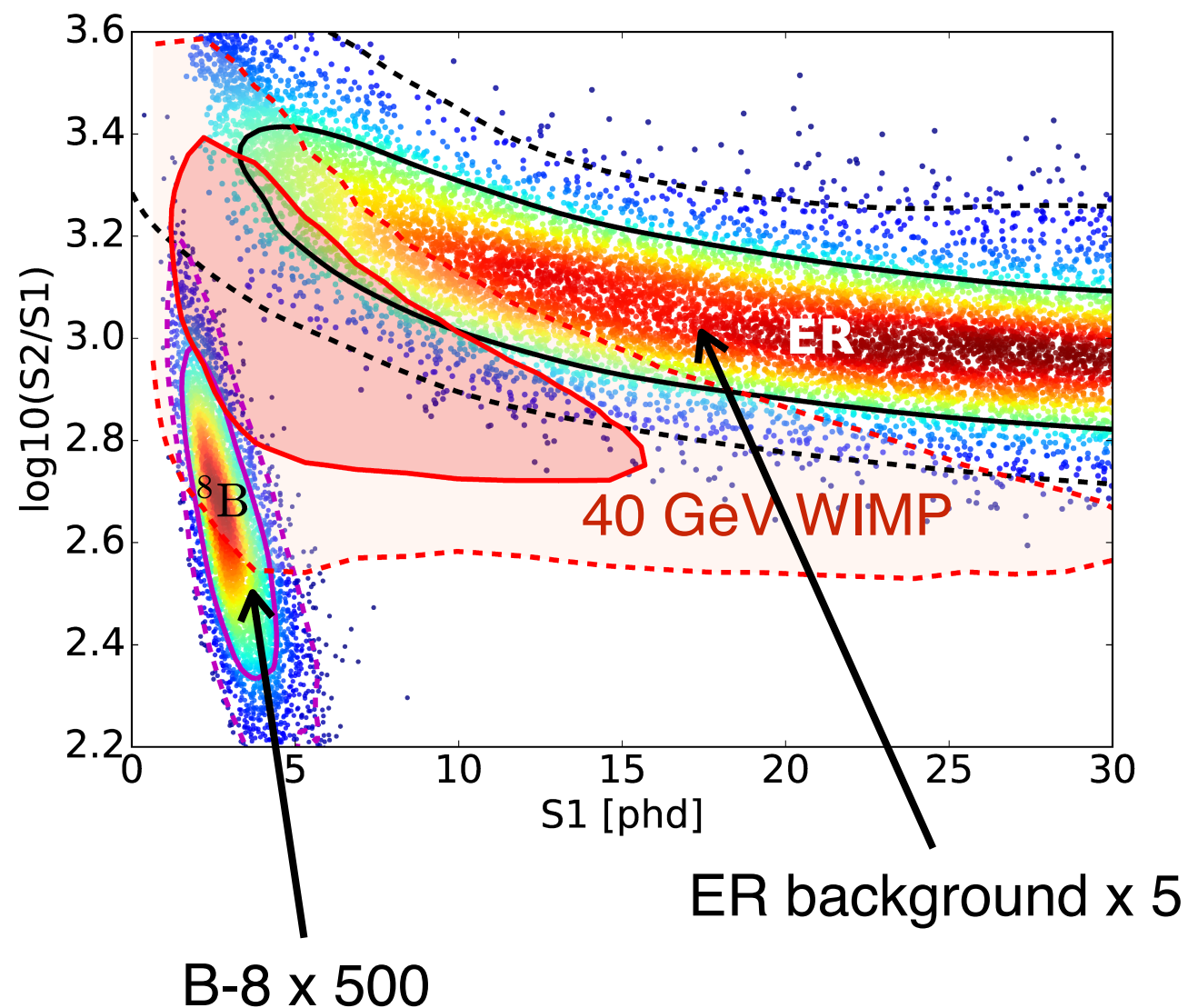
Background	Type	Counts in LZ nominal exposure (5,600 tonne-days)	Nuisance parameter uncertainty
$^8\text{B}$	NR	7	$\pm 10\%$
HEP	NR	0.21	$\pm 30\%$
DSN	NR	0.05	$-50\%$
ATM	NR	0.46	$+33\%$
pp solar $\nu$	ER	255	1%
$^{136}\text{Xe}$ ( $2\nu\beta\beta$ )	ER	67	7%
$^{85}\text{Kr}$	ER	24.5	$\pm 5\%$
$^{222}\text{Rn}$	ER	782	$\pm 10\%$
$^{220}\text{Rn}$	ER	129	$\pm 10\%$
Det. components	ER	62	$\pm 10\%$
Det. components	NR	0.9	$\pm 10\%$

# Signal and background

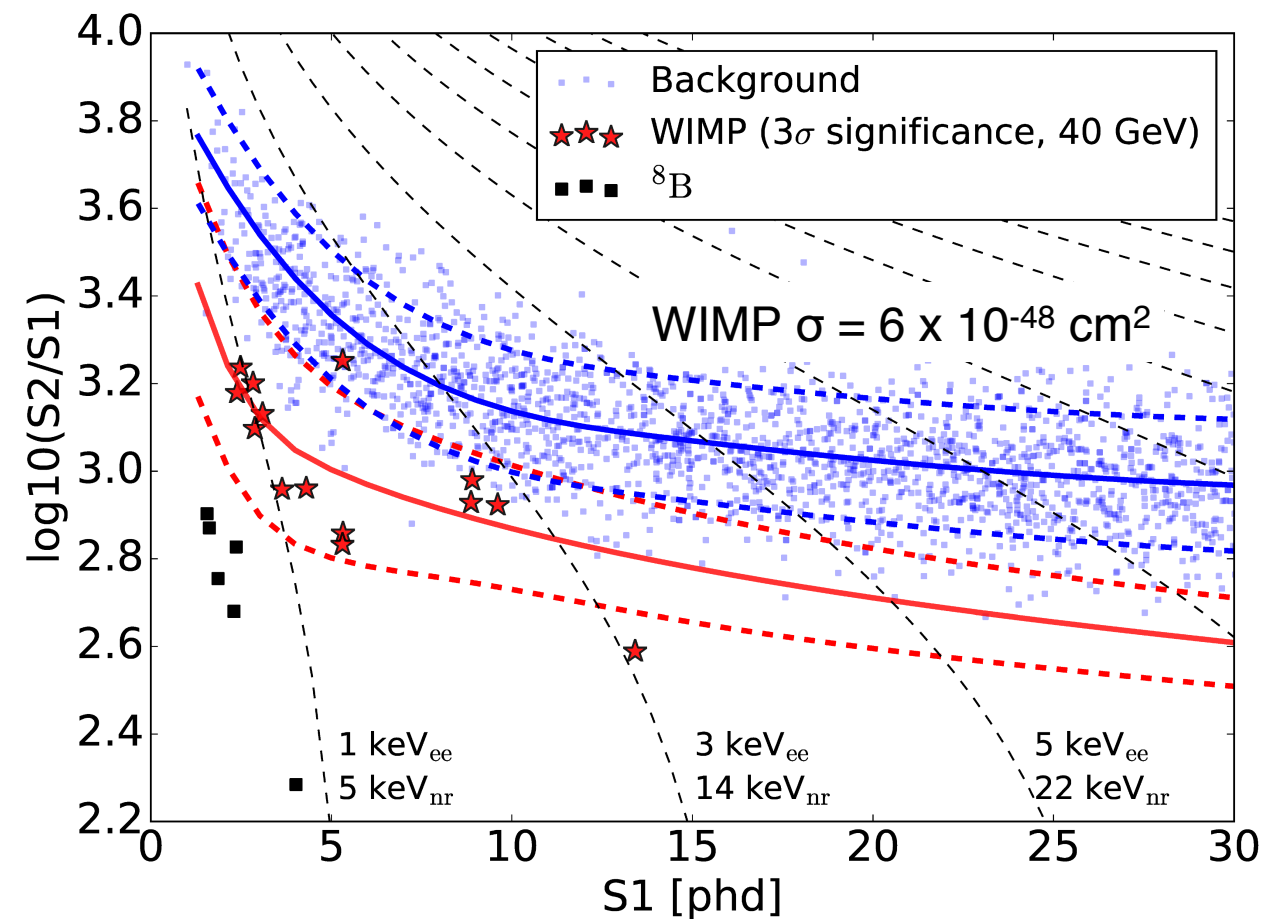


Advanced analysis procedure PDFs for PLR

Signal and background models distributions



Simulated LZ experiment (1000 days, 5.6 tonnes fiducial)





# Projected sensitivity

Simulated LZ experiment (1000 days, 5.6 tonnes fiducial)

**Baseline**

$$\sigma_{\text{SI}} = 2.2 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$$

**B-8 = 7**

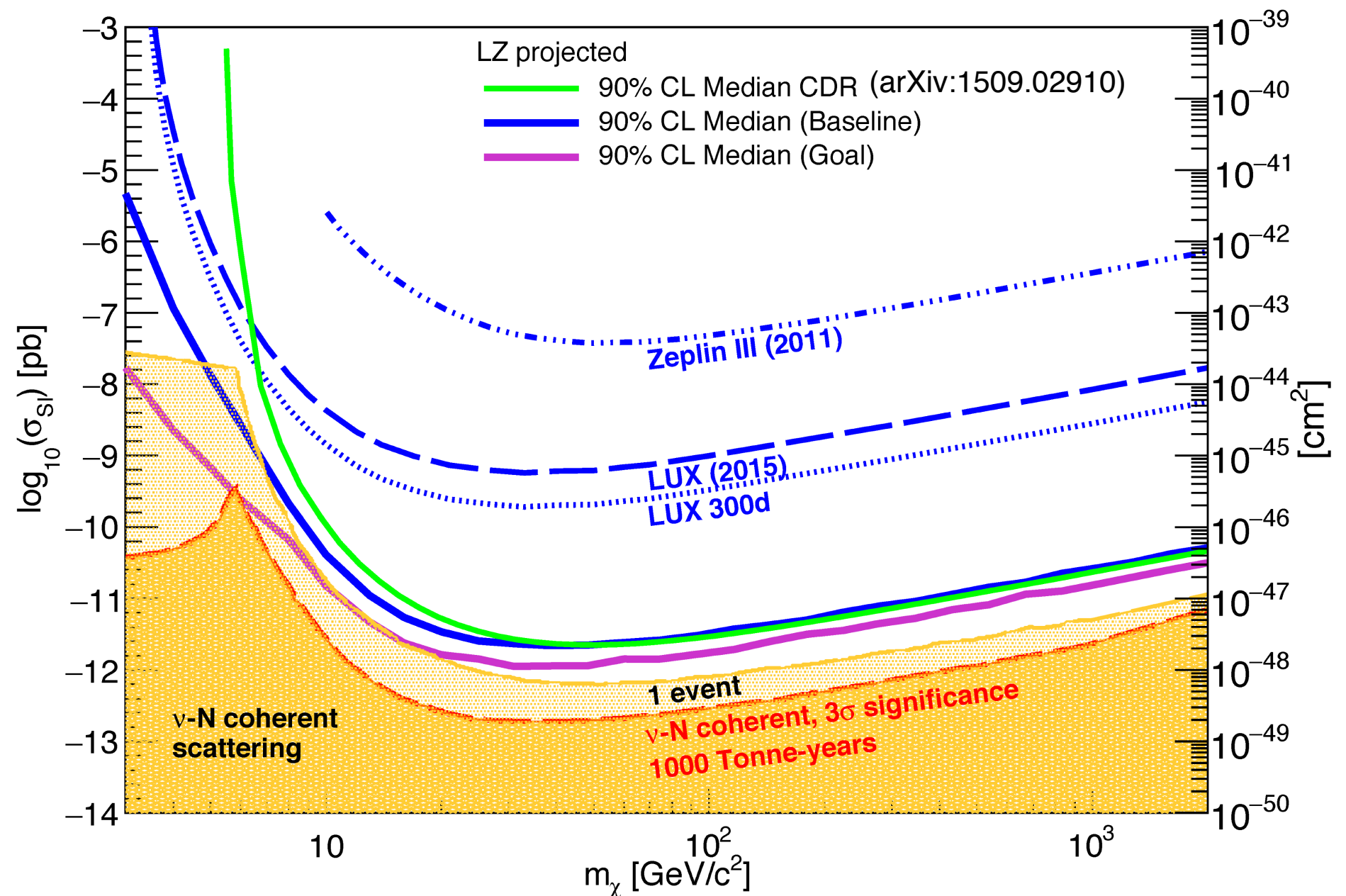
**ATM  $\nu = 0.4$**

**Goal**

$$\sigma_{\text{SI}} = 1.2 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$$

**B-8 = 220**

**ATM  $\nu = 3$**

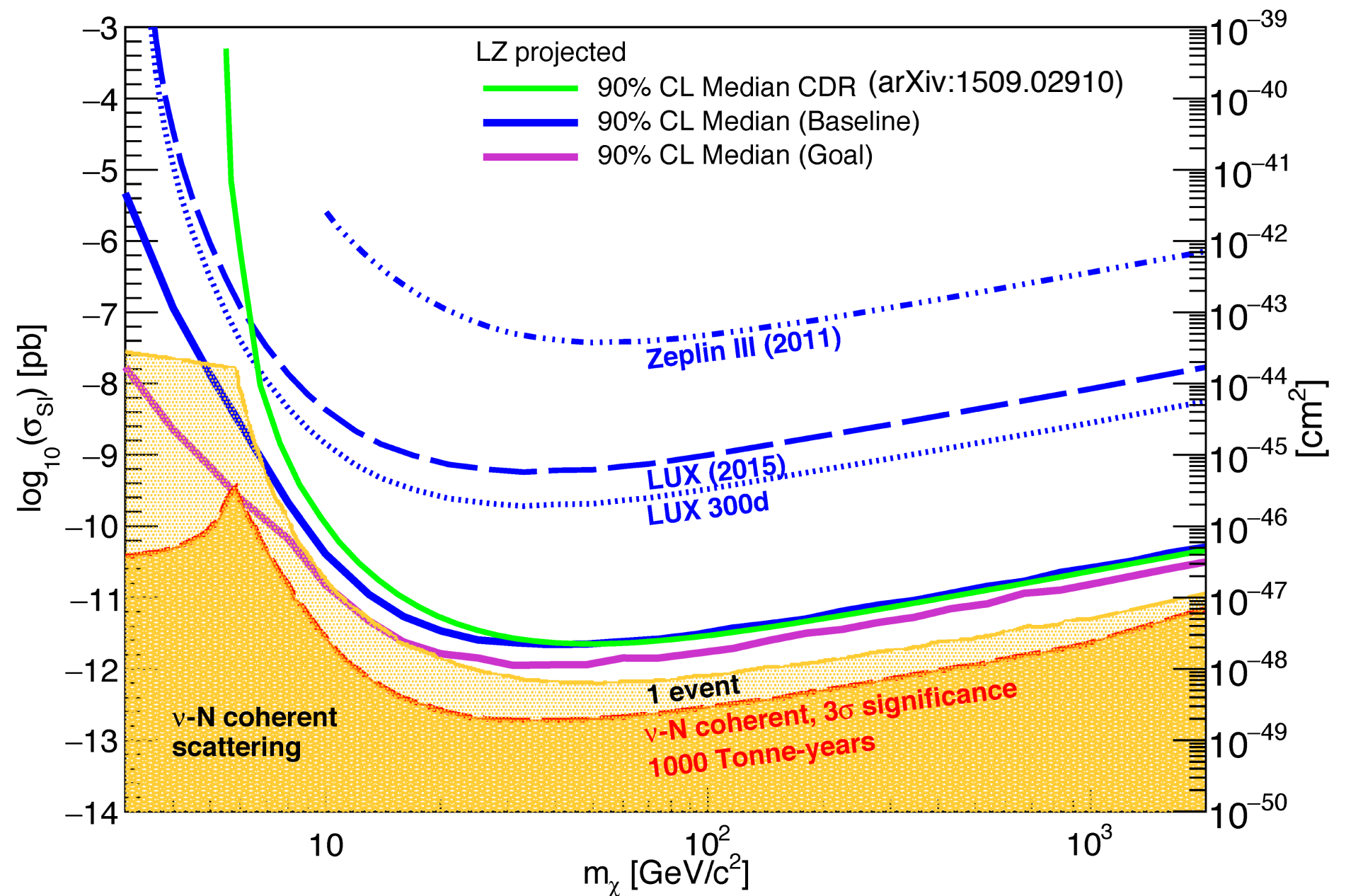




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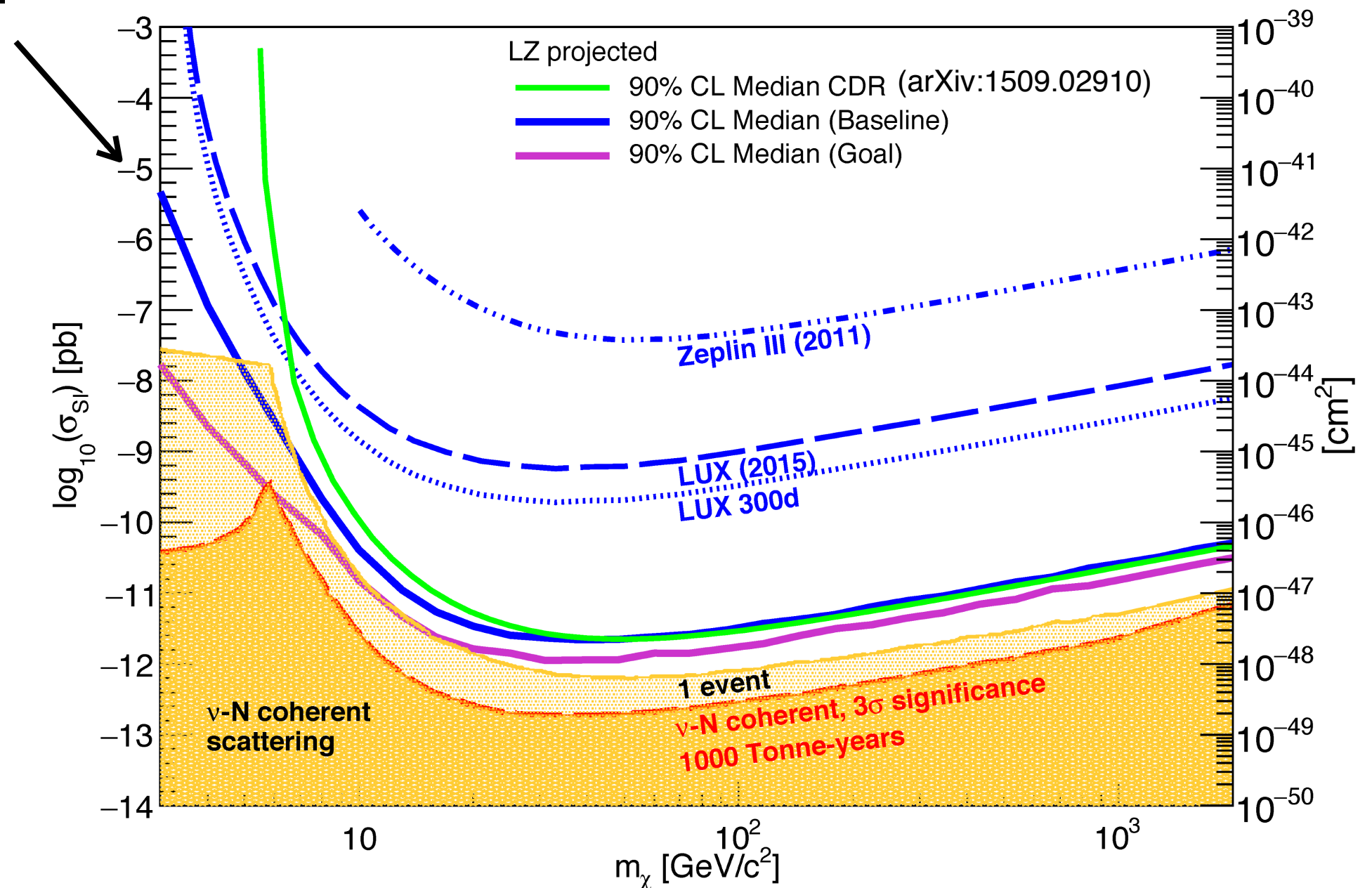


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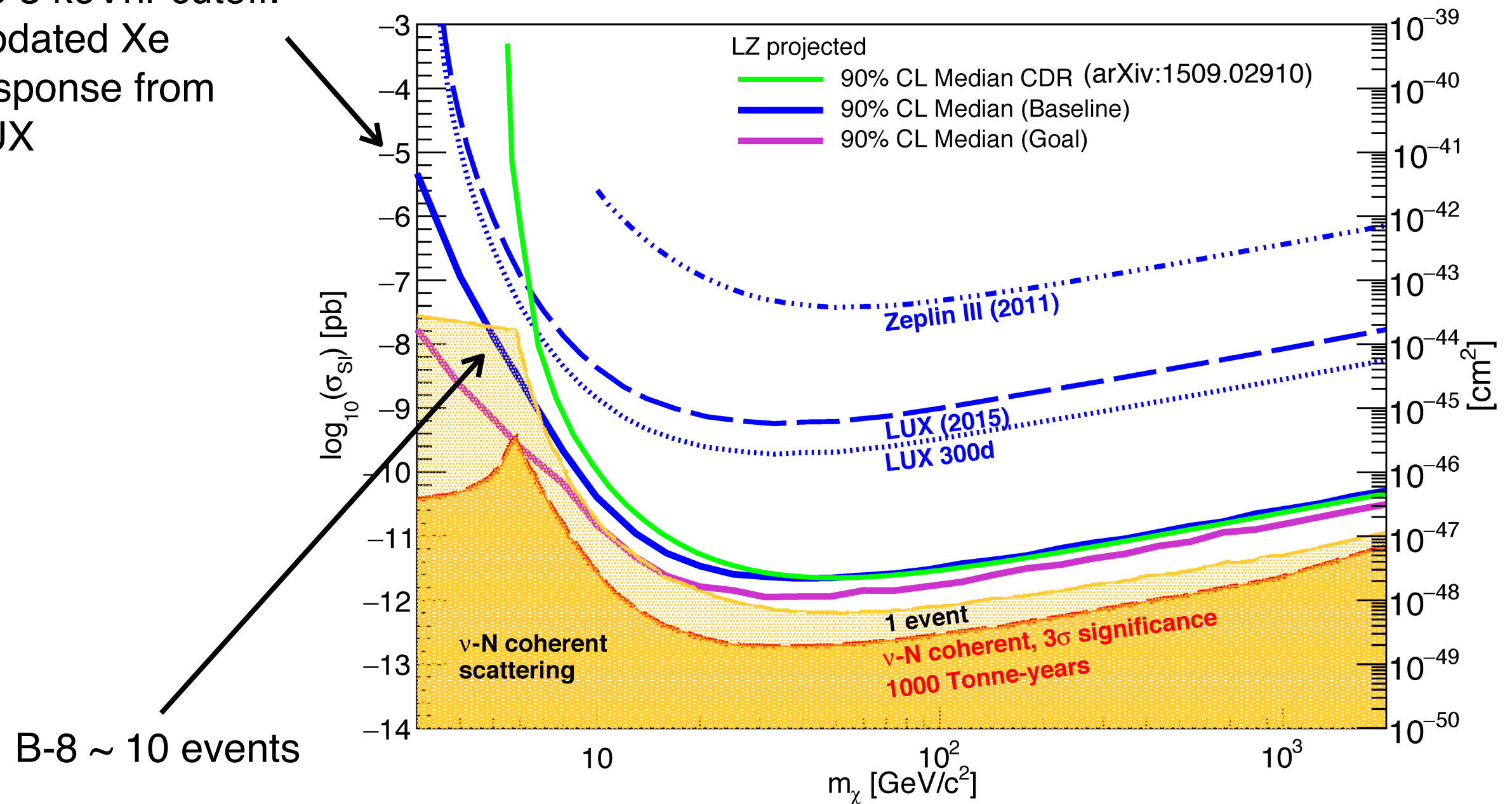
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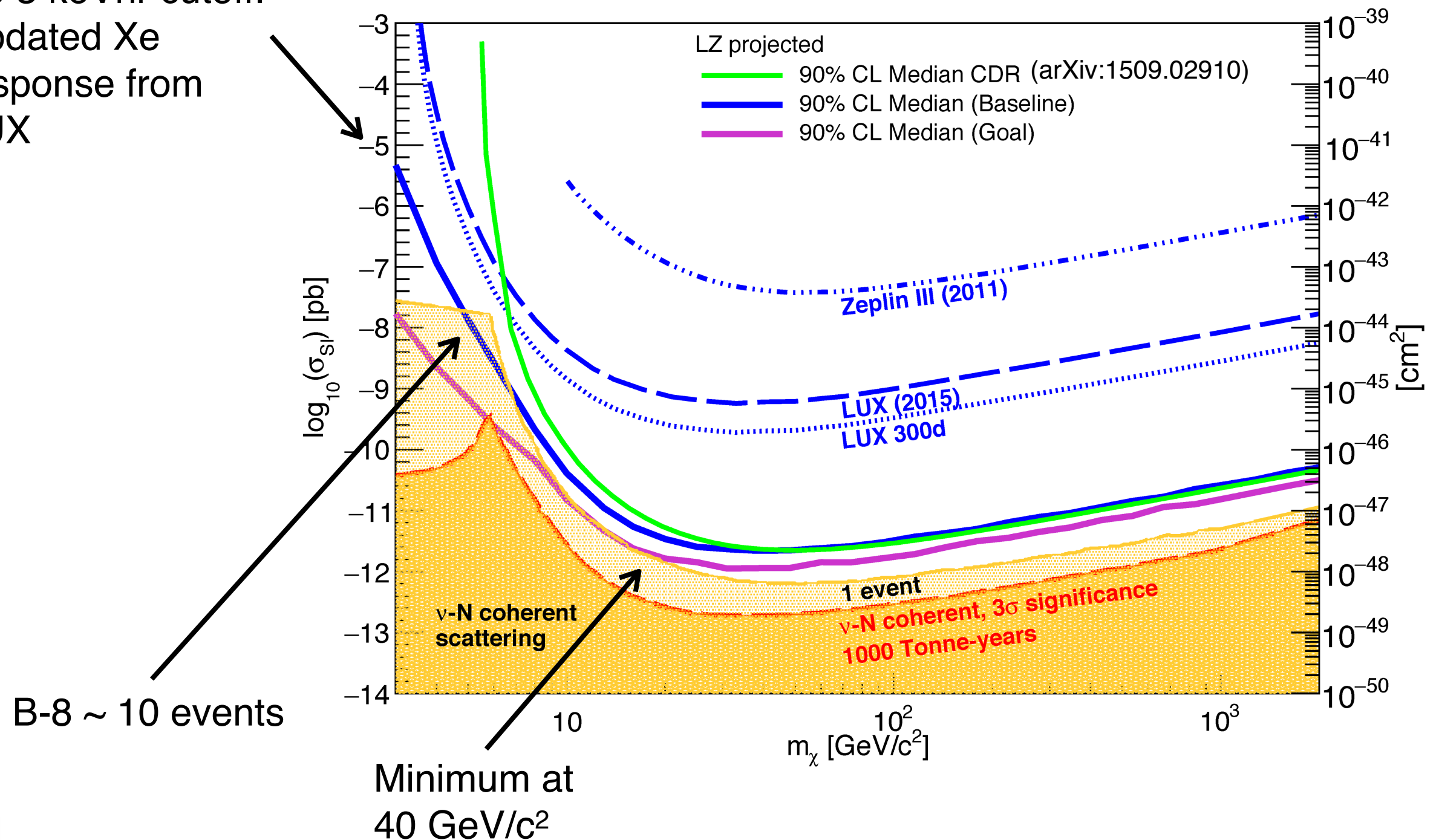
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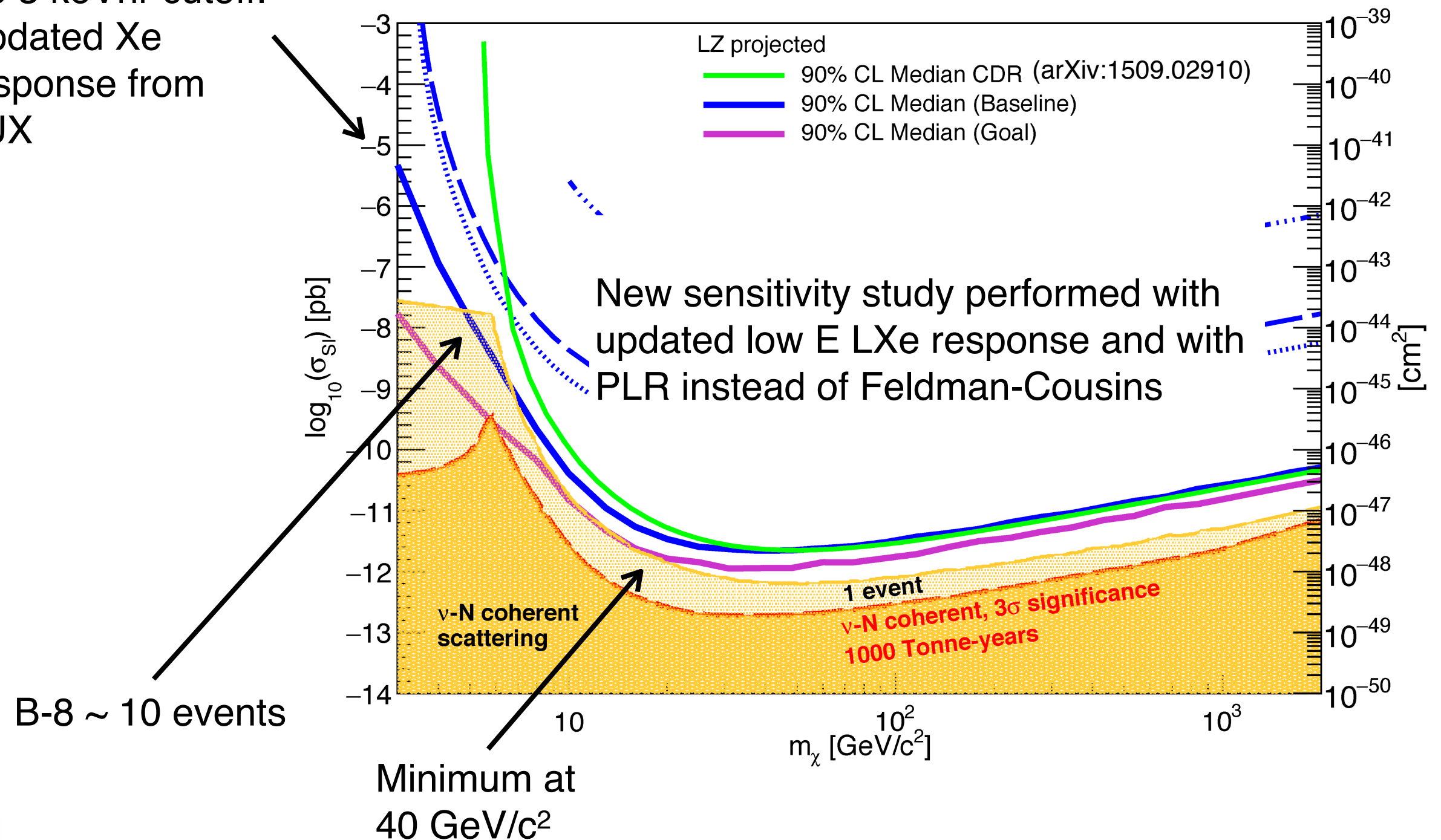
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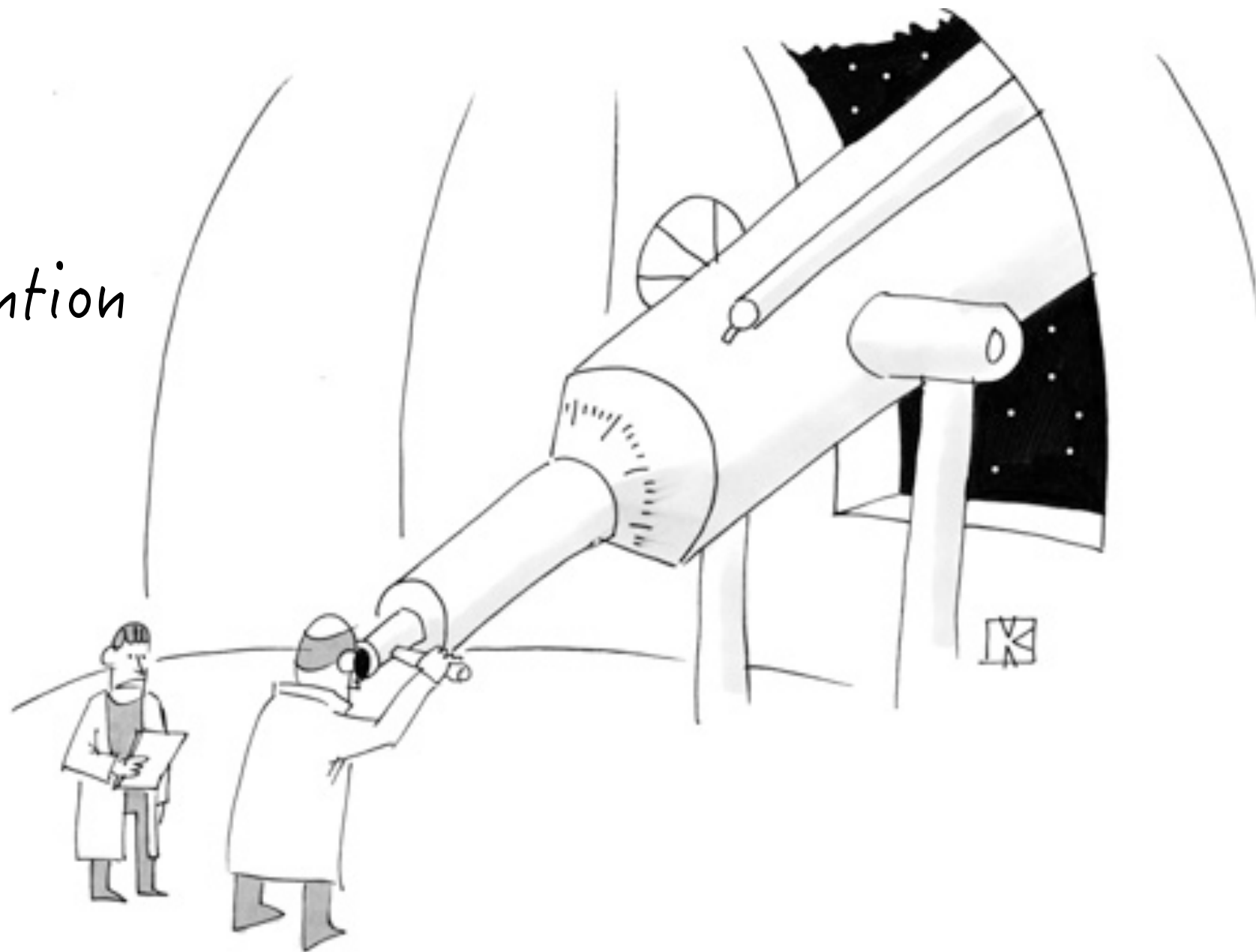
# LZ timeline

Year	Month	Activity
2012	March	LZ (LUX-ZEPLIN) collaboration formed
	September	DOE CD-0 for G2 dark matter experiments
2013	November	LZ R&D report submitted
2014	July	LZ Project selected in US and UK
2015	April	DOE CD-1/3a approval, similar in UK Begin long-lead procurements (Xe, PMT, cryostat)
2016	April	DOE CD-2/3b review
2017	February	LUX removed from underground
2017	July	Begin surface assembly prep @ SURF
2018	May	Begin underground installation
2019	April	Begin commissioning
2021	Q3FY21	CD-4 milestone (early finish July 2019)
2025		Planning on ~5 year of operations



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*“That isn’t dark matter, sir—you just forgot to take off the lens cap.”*

# Backup Slides

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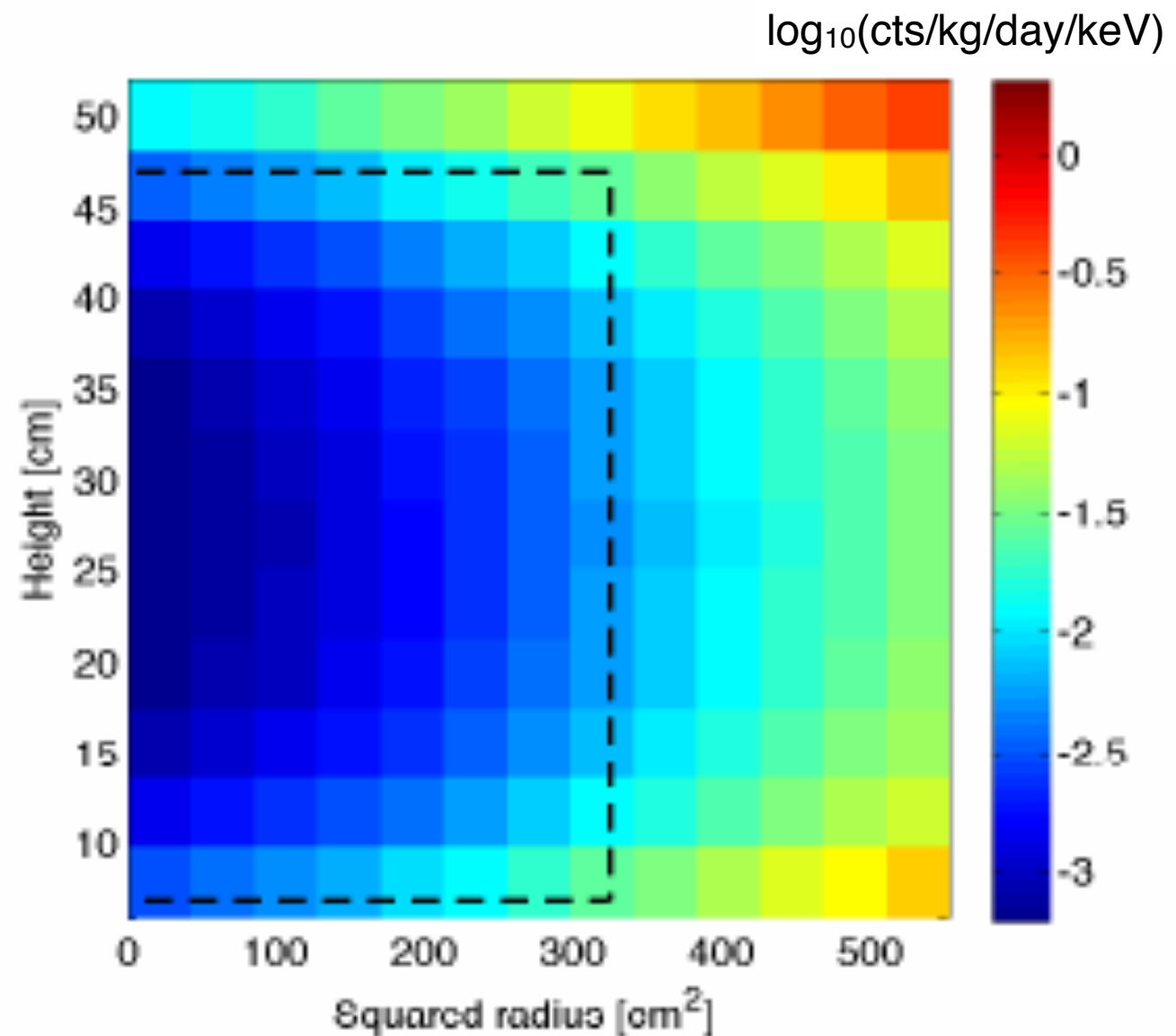
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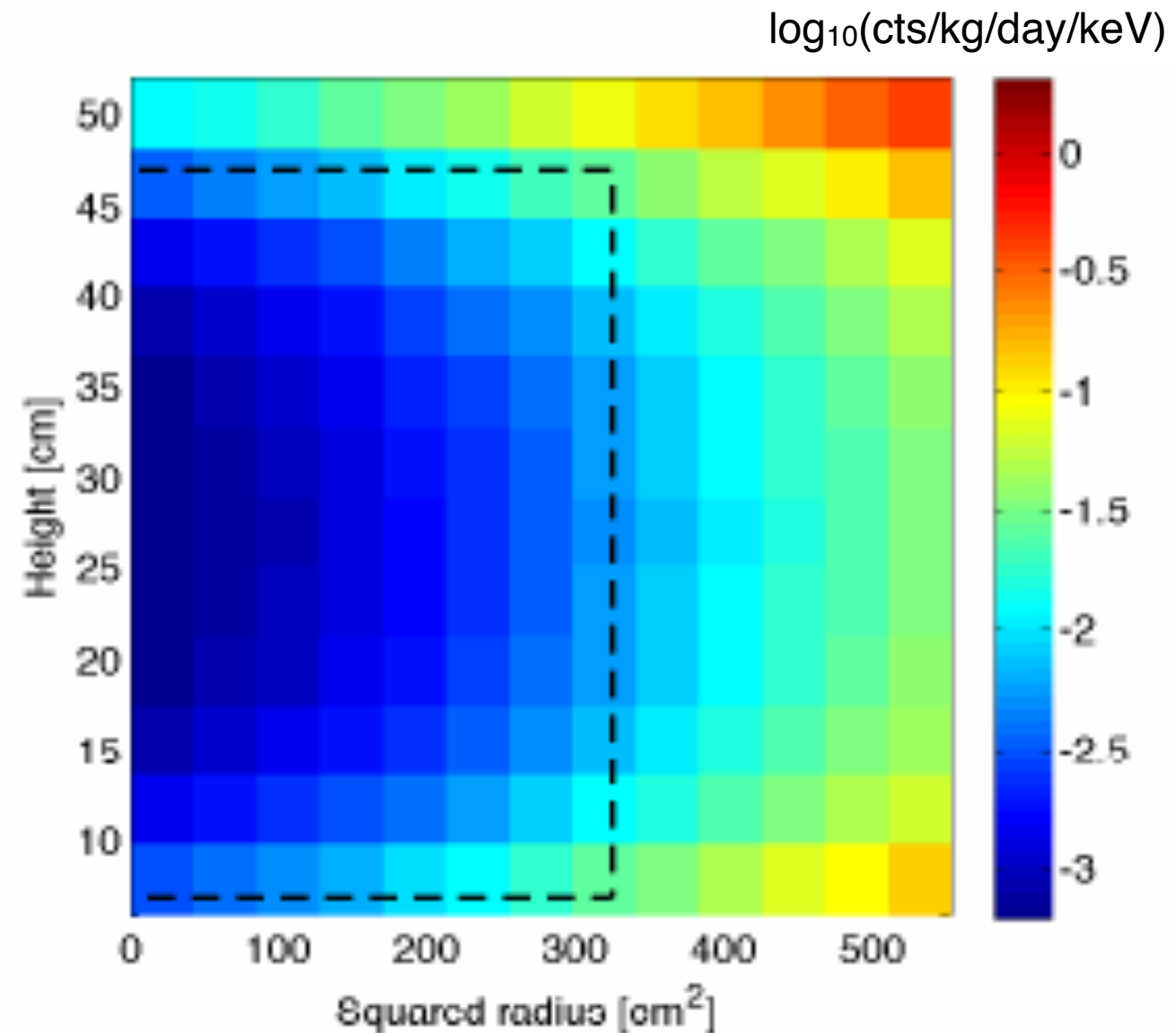
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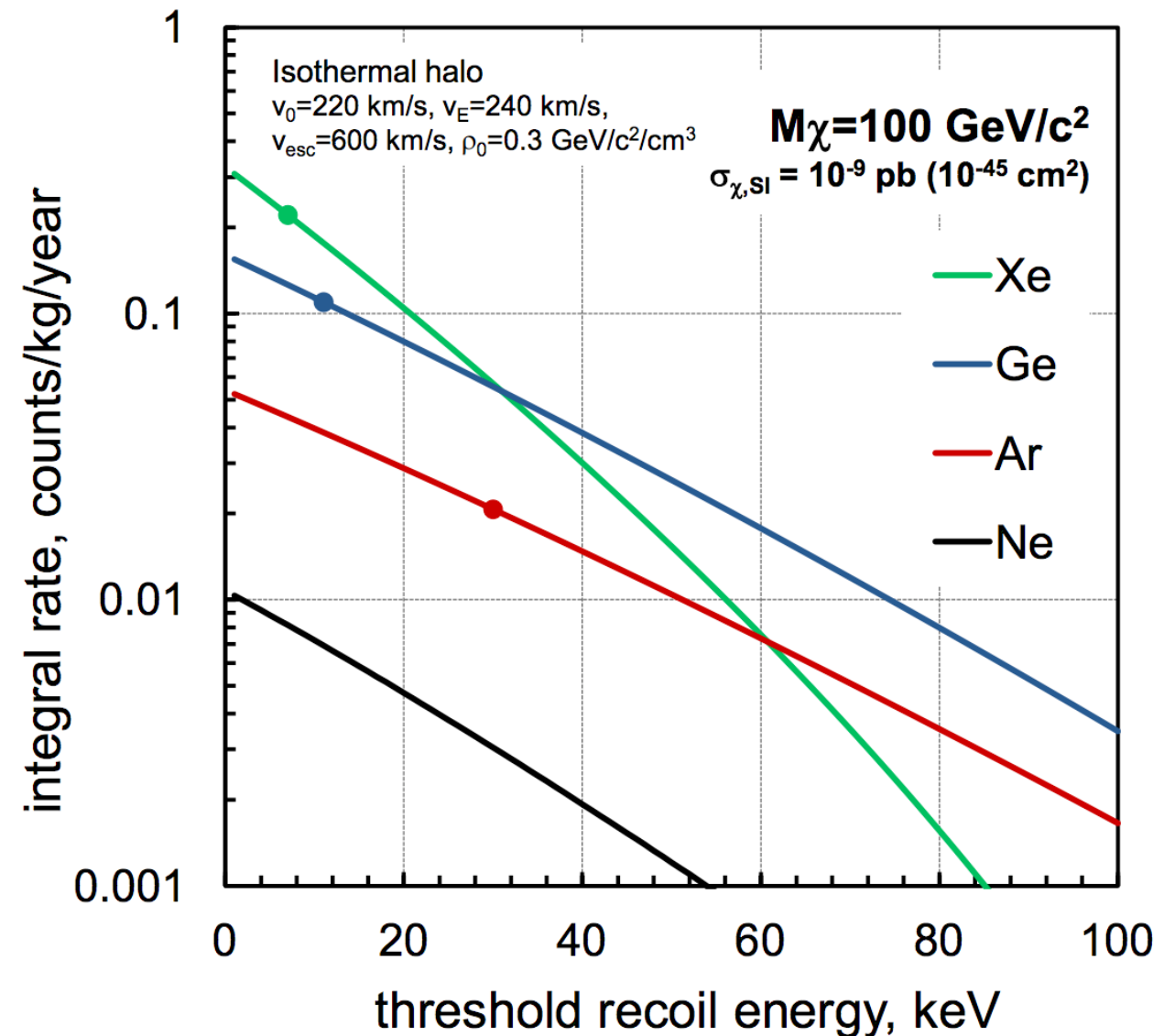
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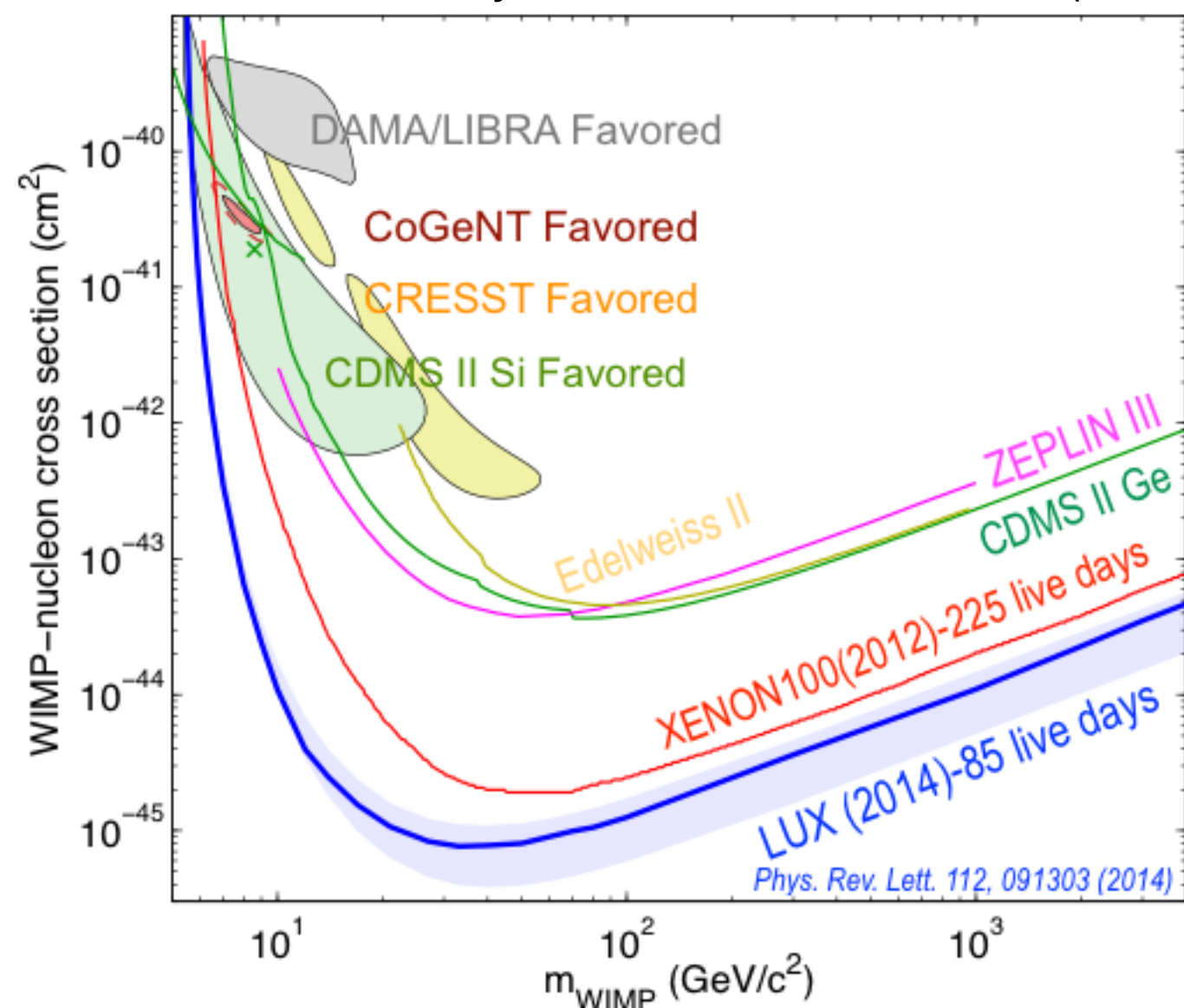
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# Reminder: 1st LUX results

Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 091303 (2014)



- 118 kg fiducial x 85 live day
- Energy threshold at 3 keVnr
- $2 \leq S1 \leq 30$  phe
- $S2 > 200$  phe
- $(99.6 \pm 0.1)\%$  ER rejection at 50% signal acceptance (180 V/cm)
- 160 events observed in data after selection cuts

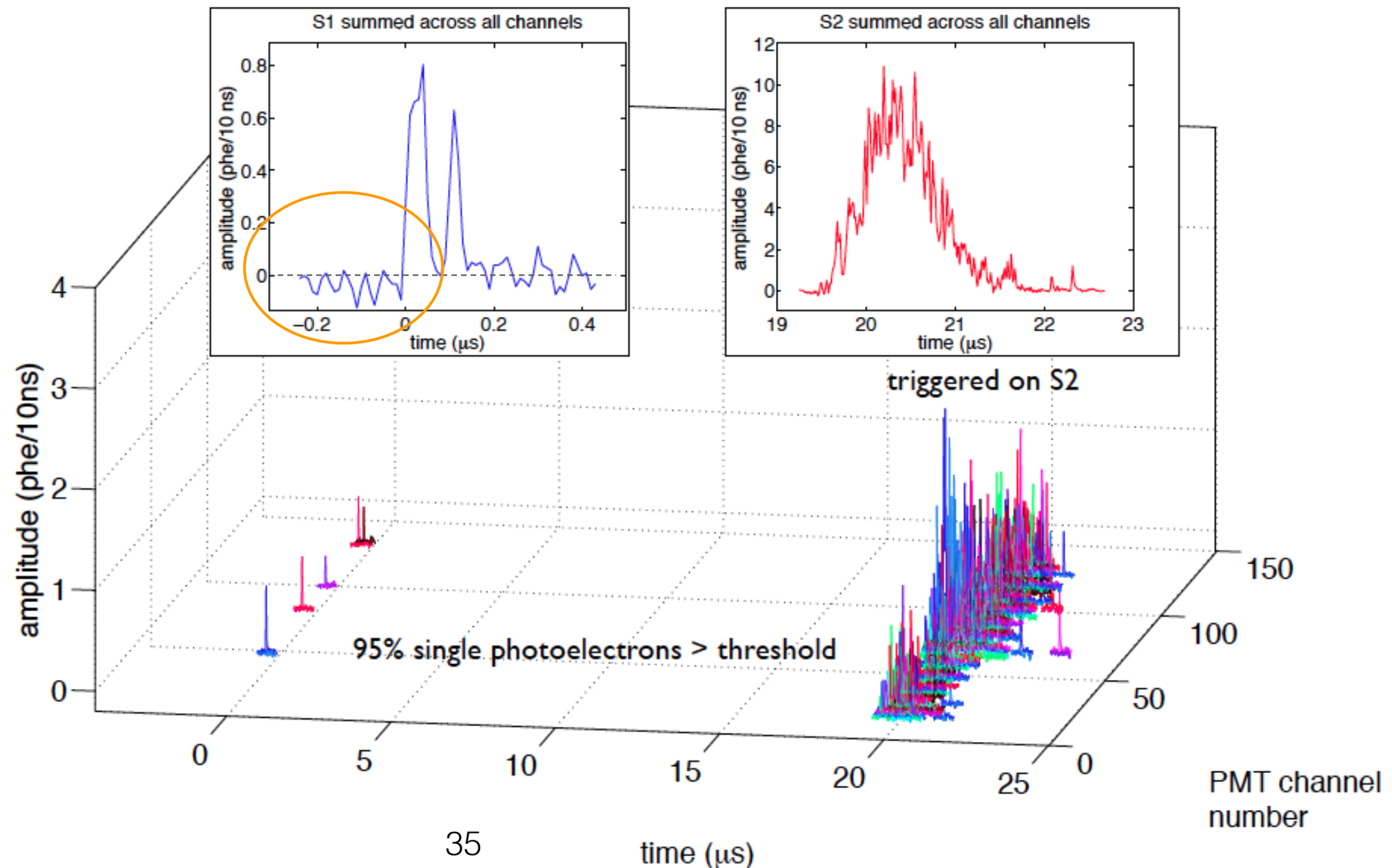
Analysis 4-parameter profile likelihood, p-value of 35% consistent with backgrounds

Limit on Spin-Independent WIMP-nuclei at  
 $7.6 \times 10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2$  at  $33 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

# Measuring light

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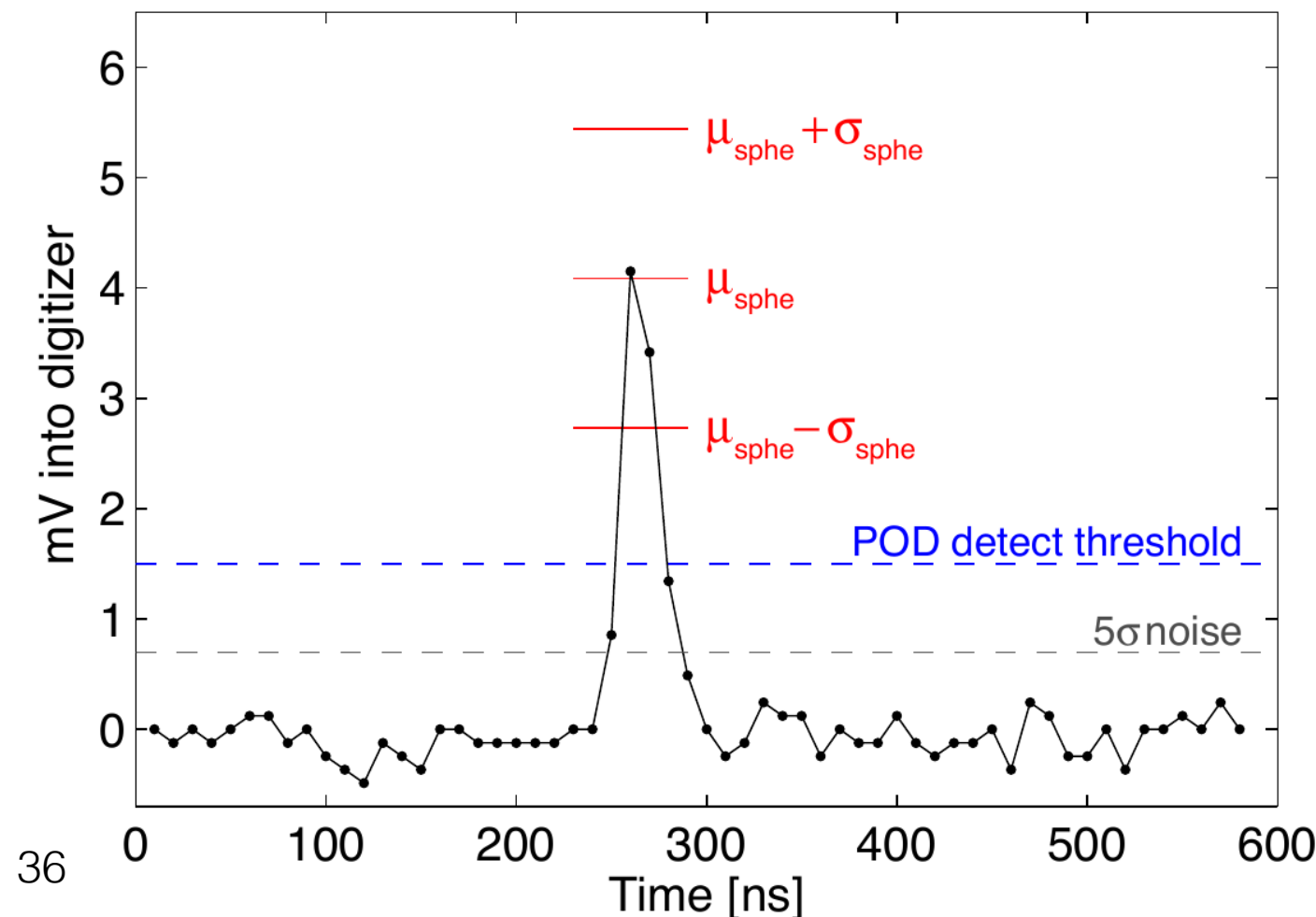
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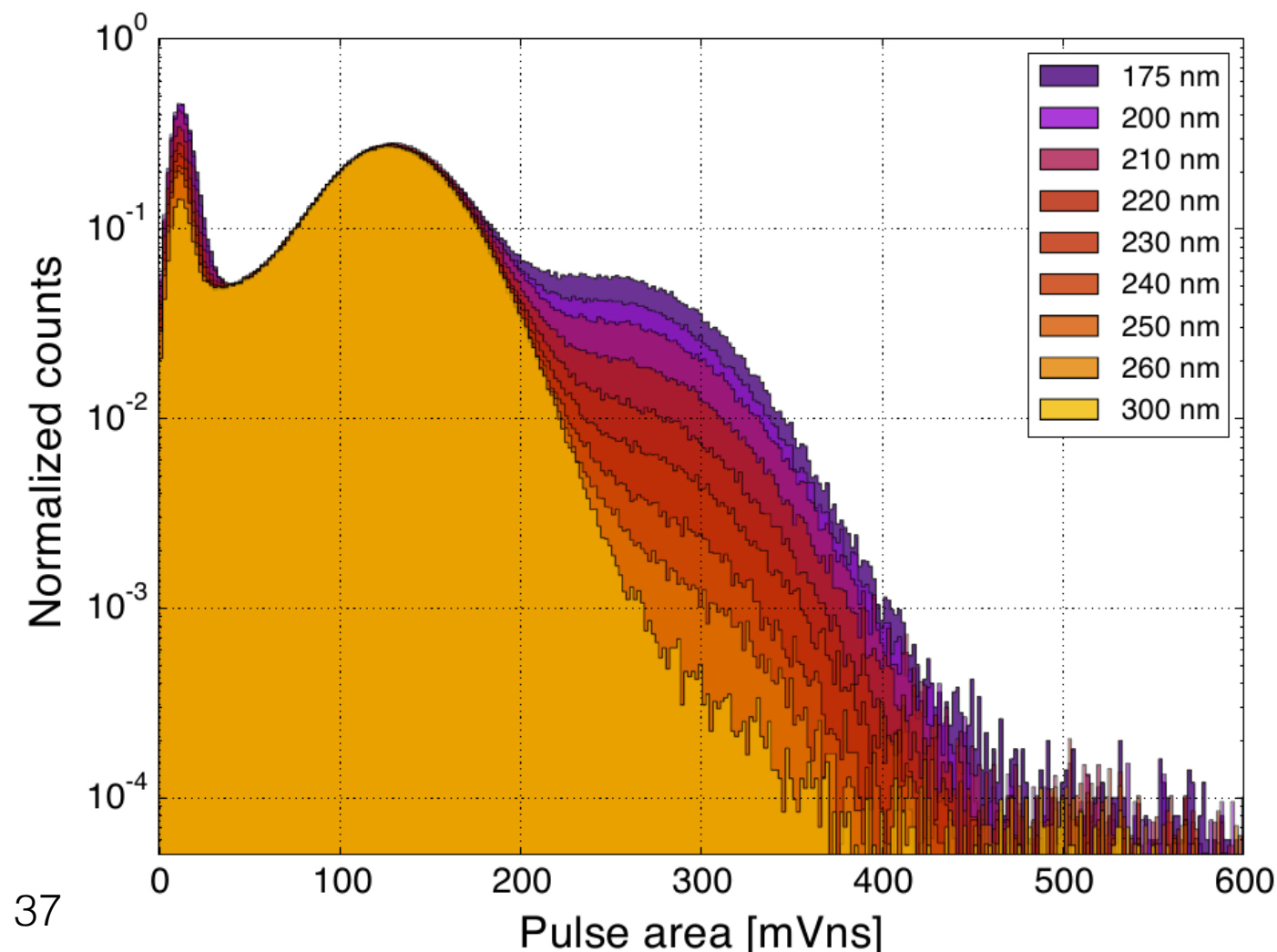


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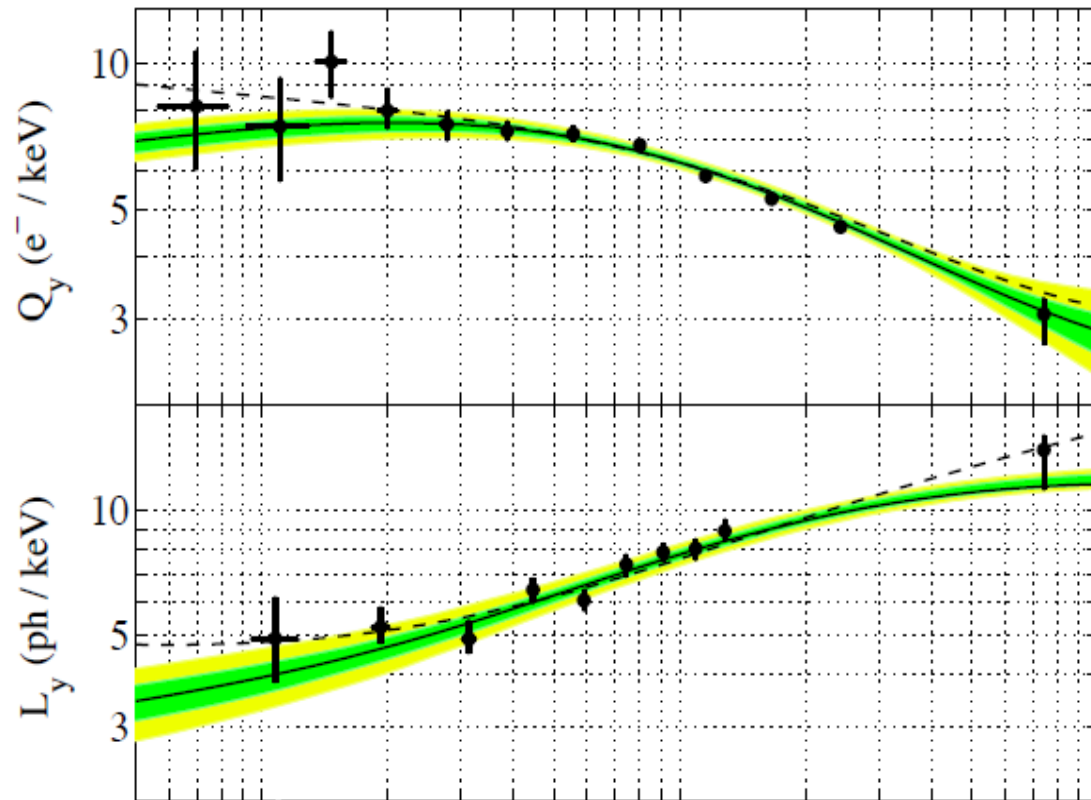
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3. Photon response calibrated in the VUV (accounting for ~20% of 2phe from 1photon)

arXiv:1506.08748



# Calibration NR



$$E = \frac{1}{L(E)} \cdot \left( \frac{S1}{g_1} + \frac{S2}{g_2} \right) \cdot W$$

$$L = \frac{kg}{1 + kg}$$

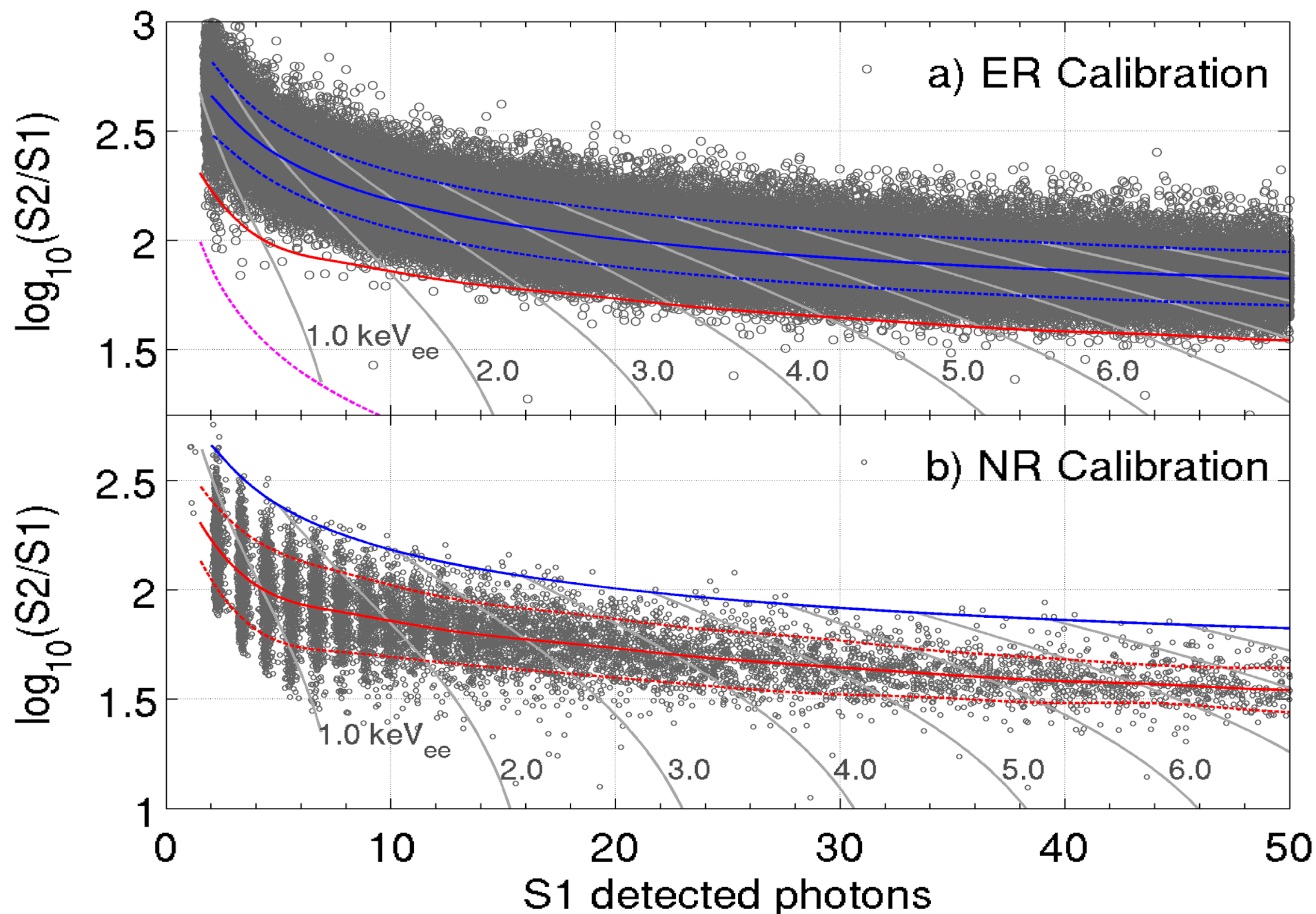
$$r = 1 - \frac{\ln(1 + \text{TIB } N_i)}{\text{TIB } N_i}$$

$$q_f = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \beta \epsilon^{1/2}}$$

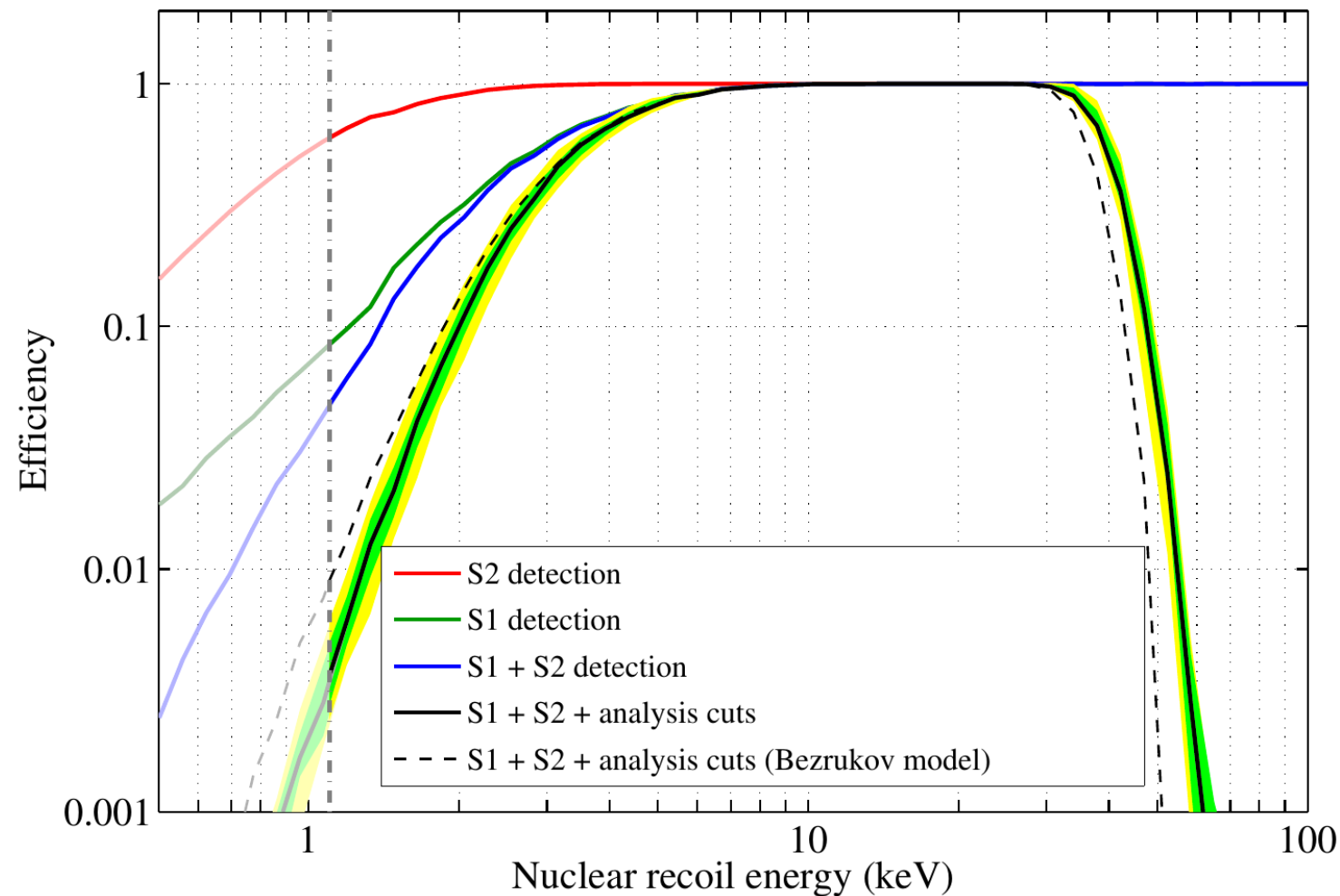
- NEST simulation package parameter best fit to DD-data in both charge and light yields
- Given  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ , determine the  $L(\theta / E)$ .  $\theta$  are 5 Lindhard NR Parameters
- Implement full NEST simulation in the sensitivity calculation

Noble Element Simulation Technique (NEST), arXiv:1412.4417

# Calibrations



# Efficiency for NR



Signal calibration extended to  $< 1\%$  efficiency threshold.

Modelling cutoff 3 keV  $\rightarrow$  1.1 keV: WIMP 5.2 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>  $\rightarrow$  3.3 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>.

Bezrukov an alternative to the Lindhard model of NR energy loss to electrons.

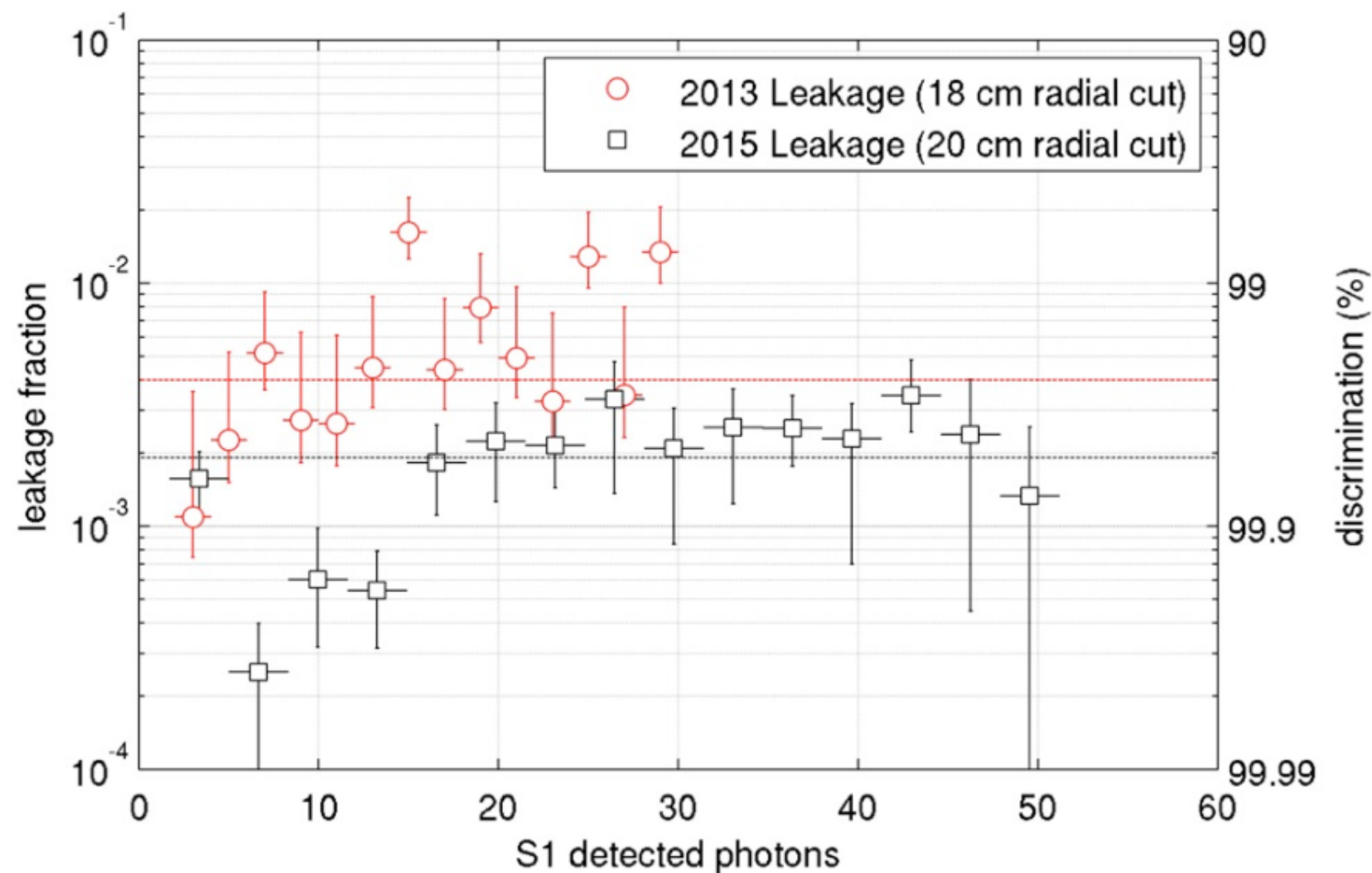
Both consistent w/data; set limit with lower-yield Lindhard.



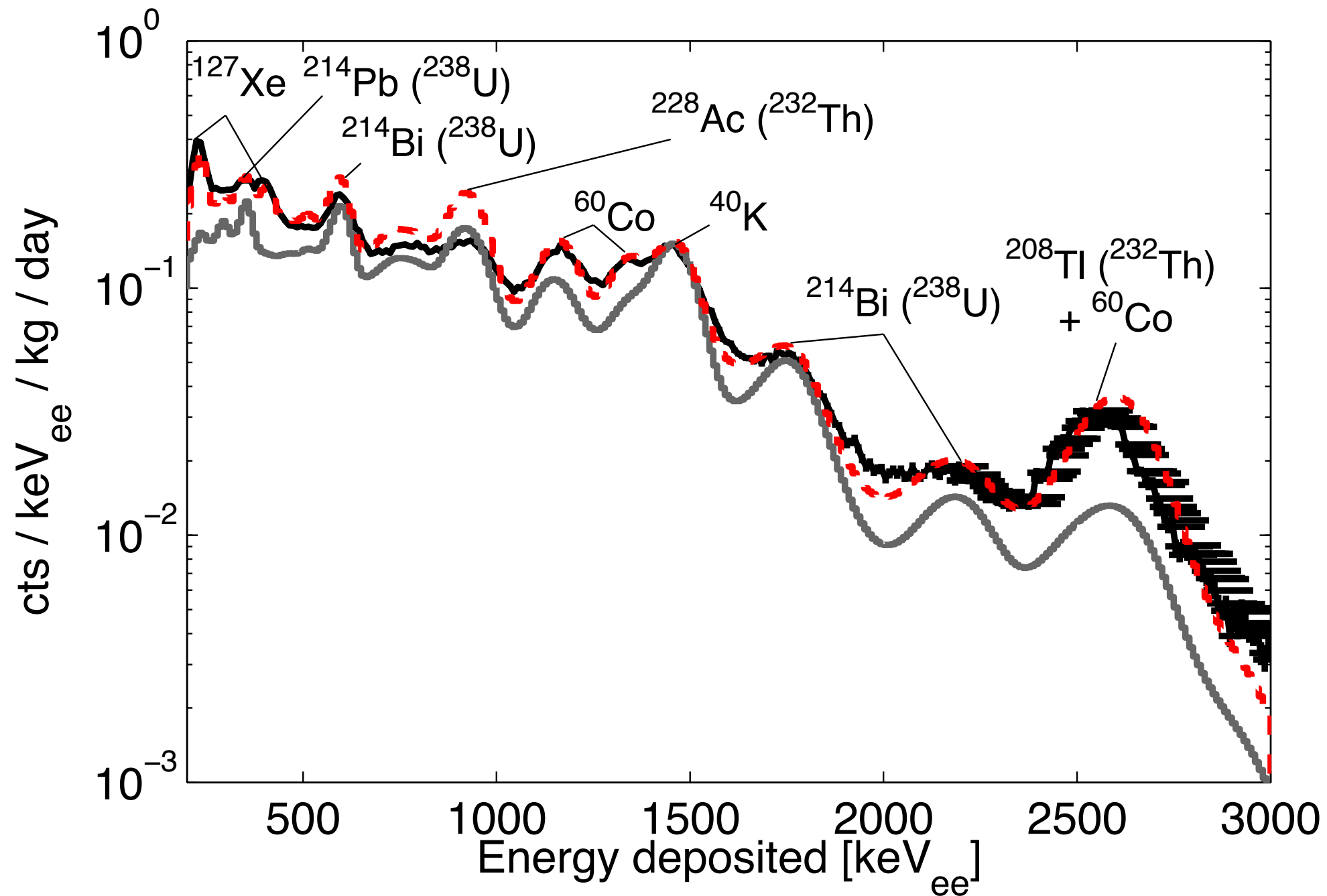
# Background Rejection

Figure of merit: ER rejection at 50% acceptance of NR calibration, based on charge/light

Analysis improvements and large tritium calibration sample boost performance and precision



# Background Model



# Profile Likelihood

$$L(\sigma_{WIMP}, \theta; x) = P(x; \sigma_{WIMP}, \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | \sigma_{WIMP}, \theta)$$

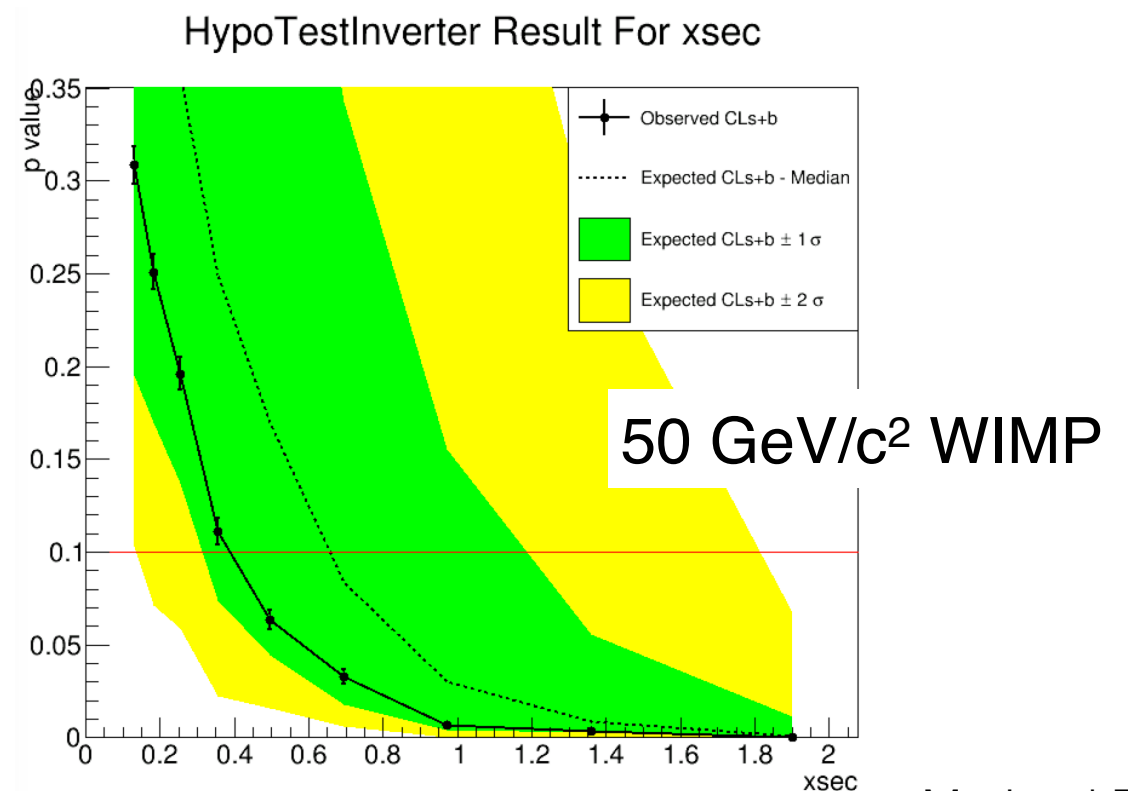
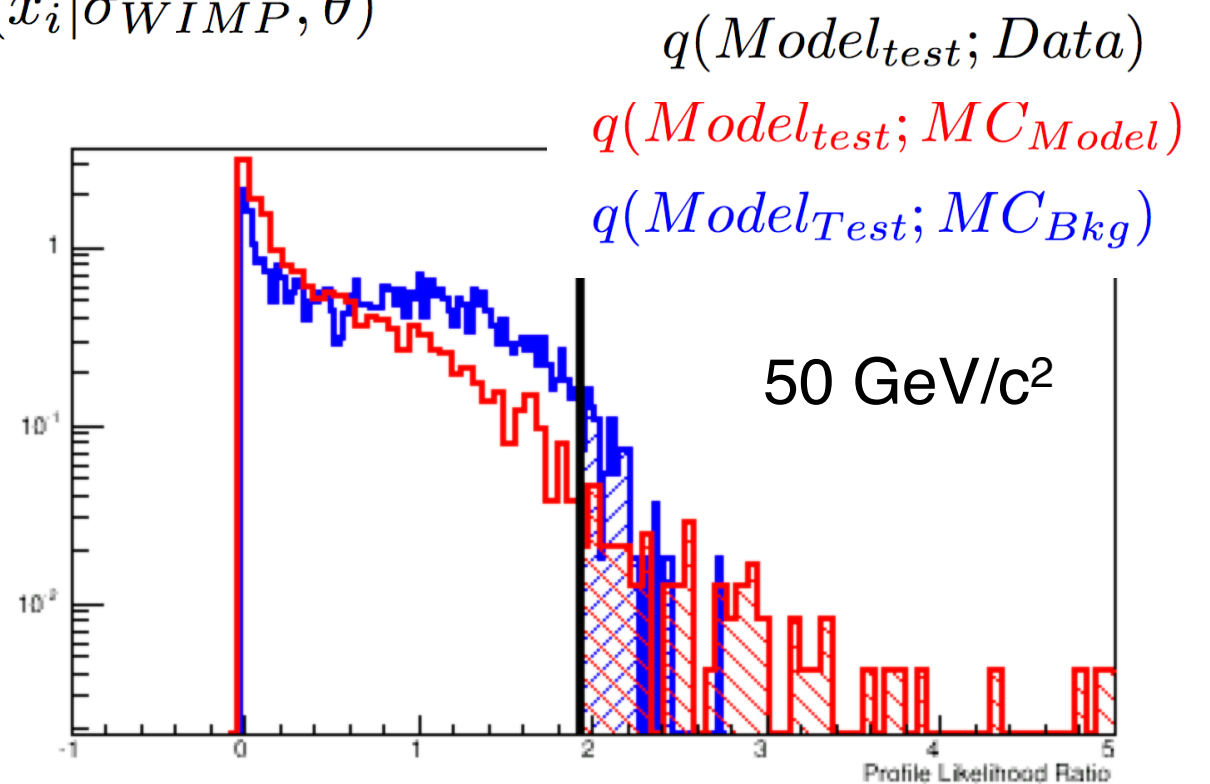
$$x = \{S1, \log(S2), r, z\}$$

$$\theta = \{N_{bkg}, \nu_{signal}\}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{L(\sigma_{WIMP}^{Test}, \theta; x)}{L(\sigma_{WIMP}, \theta'; x)}$$

$$q = -2 \ln(\lambda)$$

- Fraction of Bkg.+Sig. MC above the Data in  $q$  (obs. limit)
- Translate  $L \rightarrow p$ -values
- Expected limits: counting from the mean of the Bkg.-only MC to Bkg.+Sig. Model
- $\pm 1\sigma$ ,  $\pm 2\sigma$  quantiles are shown in green and yellow



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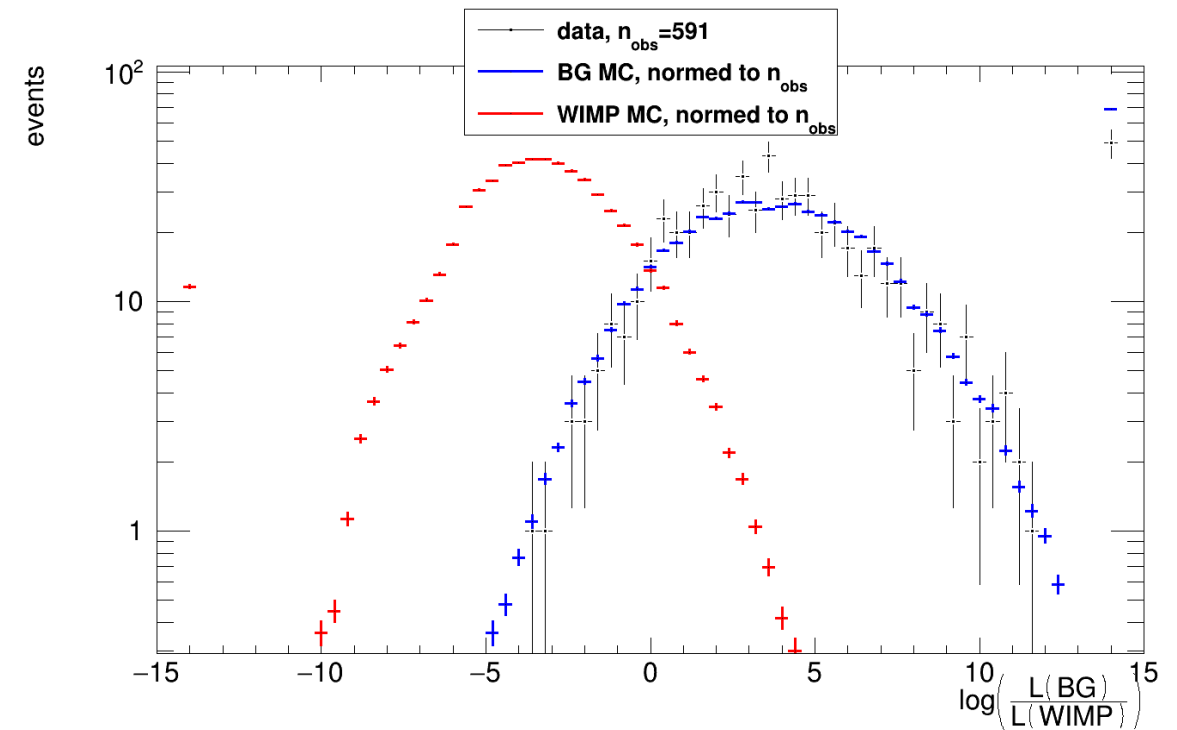
**Multivariate background rejection, per-event discriminant.**

Limit is un-binned PLR with 4 observables.

Nuisance parameters:

- background population normalisation
- WIMP PDF & efficiency.

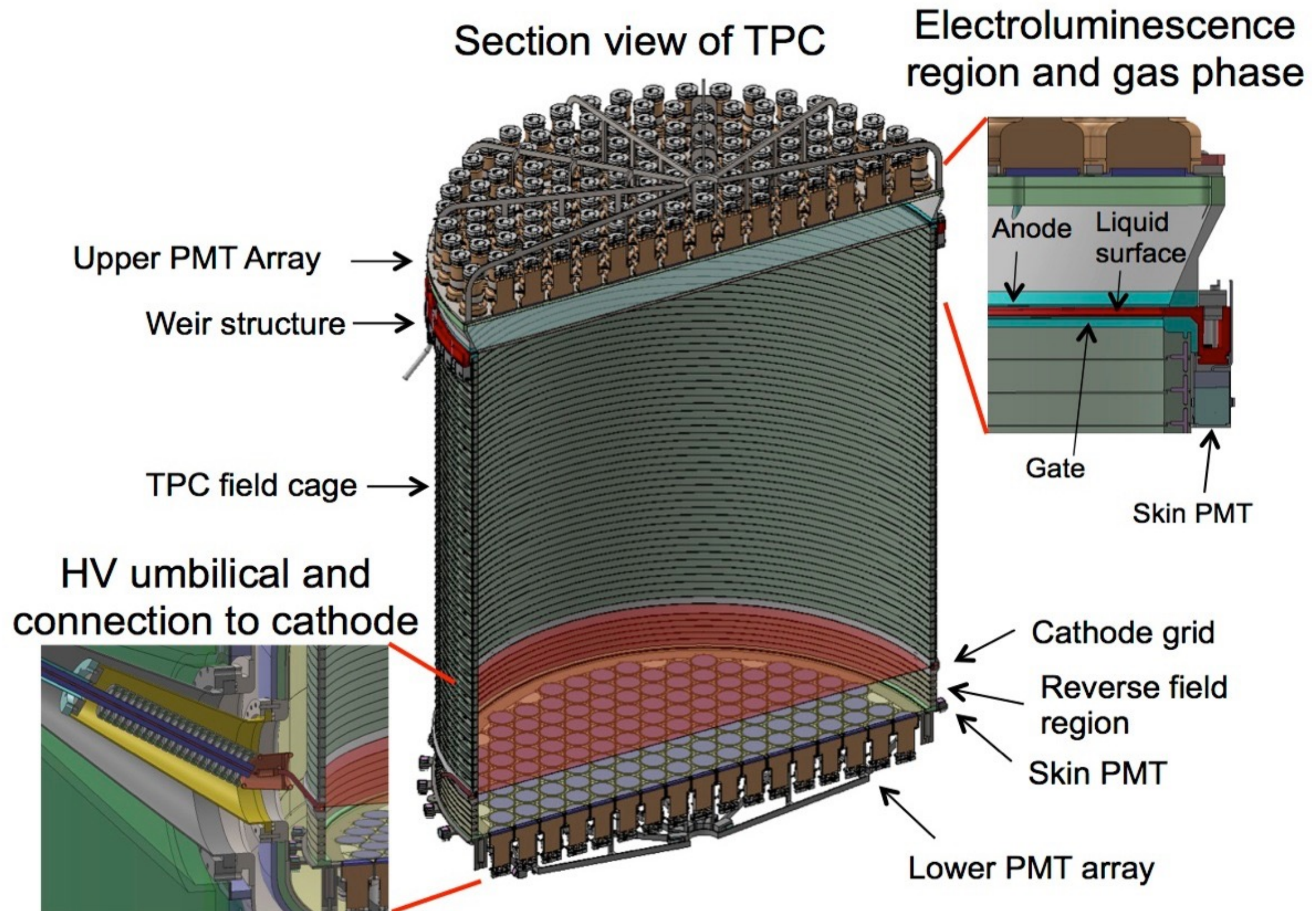
**Power constraint at median background-only limit.**



Parameter	Constraint	Fit value
Lindhard $k$	$0.174 \pm 0.006$	-
S2 gain ratio: $g_{2,DD}/g_{2,WS}$	$0.94 \pm 0.04$	-
Low-z-origin $\gamma$ counts: $\mu_{\gamma, \text{bottom}}$	$172 \pm 74$	$165 \pm 16$
Other $\gamma$ counts: $\mu_{\gamma, \text{rest}}$	$247 \pm 106$	$228 \pm 19$
$\beta$ counts: $\mu_{\beta}$	$55 \pm 22$	$84 \pm 15$
$^{127}\text{Xe}$ counts: $\mu_{\text{Xe-127}}$	$91 \pm 27$	$78 \pm 12$
$^{37}\text{Ar}$ counts: $\mu_{\text{Ar-37}}$	-	$12 \pm 8$
Wall counts: $\mu_{\text{wall}}$	$24 \pm 7$	$22 \pm 4$



# The detector



# Extensive calibration

- Building on experience from LUX
  - Kr-83m (routine, roughly weekly)
  - Tritiated methane (every few months)
  - External radioisotope neutron sources
  - External radioisotope gamma sources
  - DD neutron generator (upgraded early next year to shorten pulse)
- New in LZ
  - Activated Xe (Xe-129m and Xe-131m)
  - Rn-220
  - Am-Li
  - YBe

# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay of Xe-126

- Use self-shielding to reduce gamma-ray backgrounds in a 1-2 tonne fiducial mass
- Projected sensitivity: 90% confidence level  $T^{0\nu}_{1/2}$  of  $2 \times 10^{26}$  years
- Enriching the Xe target could increase this to  $\sim 2 \times 10^{27}$  years
- Current limit is  $2.6 \times 10^{25}$  years (preliminary) from KamLAND-Zen

# External Neutrino Physics

- Solar neutrinos
  - Expect about 850 pp neutrino events between 1.5 and 20 keV<sub>ee</sub>
- Supernova neutrinos
  - Via flavor-blind coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering
  - For a 10 kpc SN, LZ would see about 50 events with energy > 6 keV and 100 events > 3 keV
- Sterile neutrinos
  - Could use a 5 MCi Cr-51 source near LZ
  - Excellent position reconstruction for better source normalization, higher sterile neutrino masses.
- Neutrino magnetic moment
  - Sensitivity near astrophysical limit of  $2 \times 10^{-12}$  Bohr magnetons.