

# DarkSide

Cristiano Galbiati

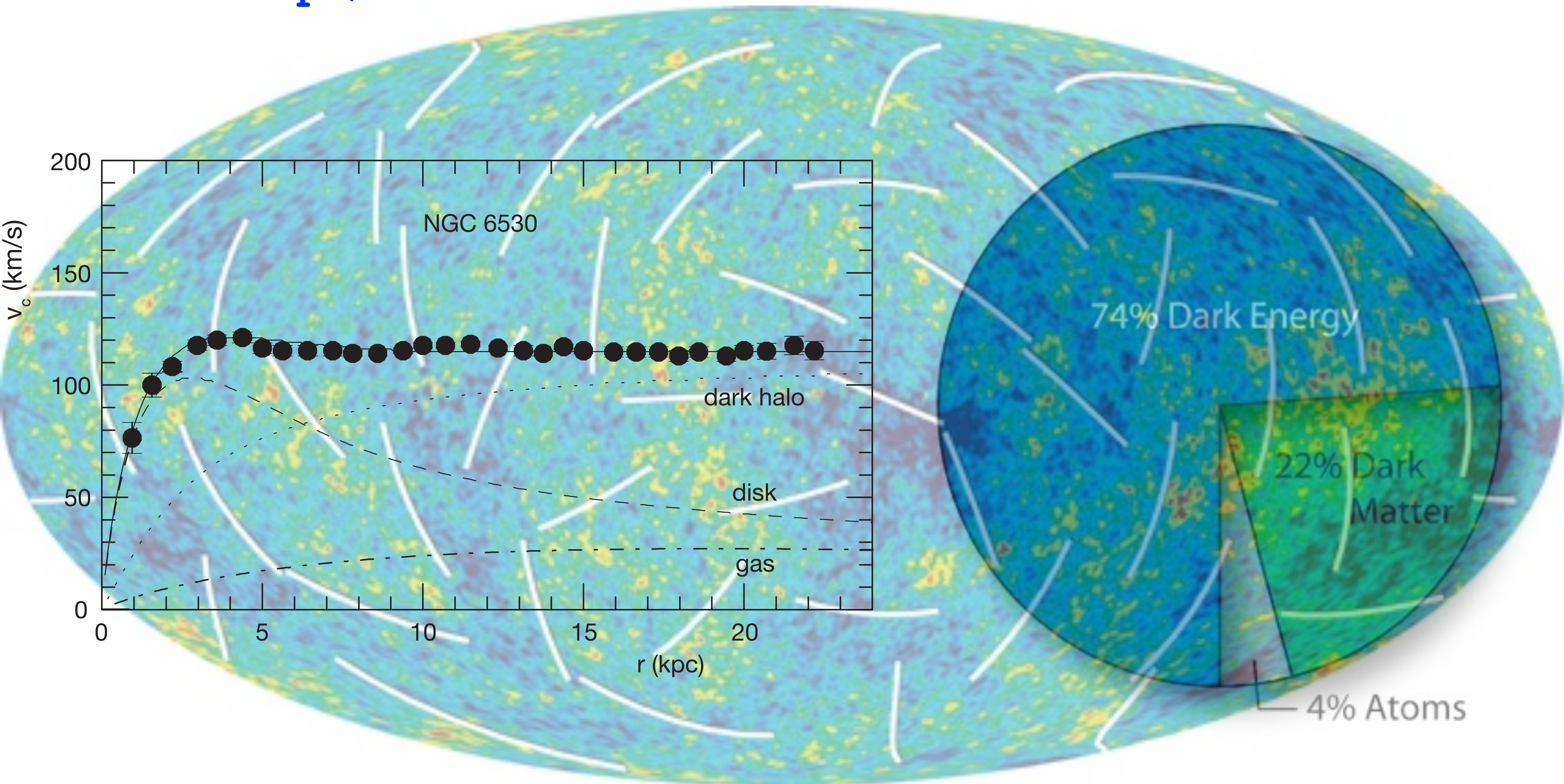
Gran Sasso Science Institute and Princeton University

Seminar at CPPM

Marseille

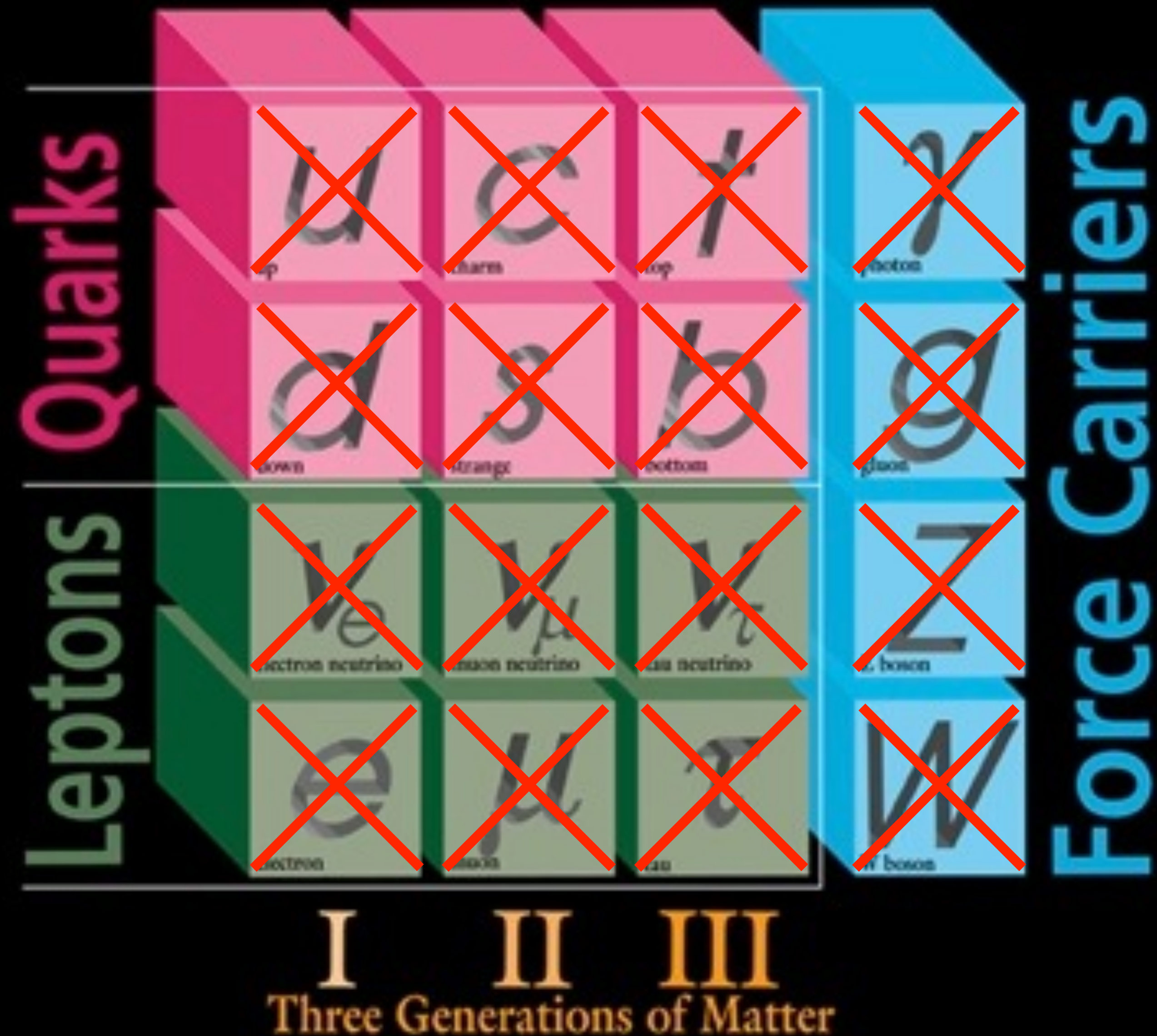
September 24, 2018







# ELEMENTARY PARTICLES



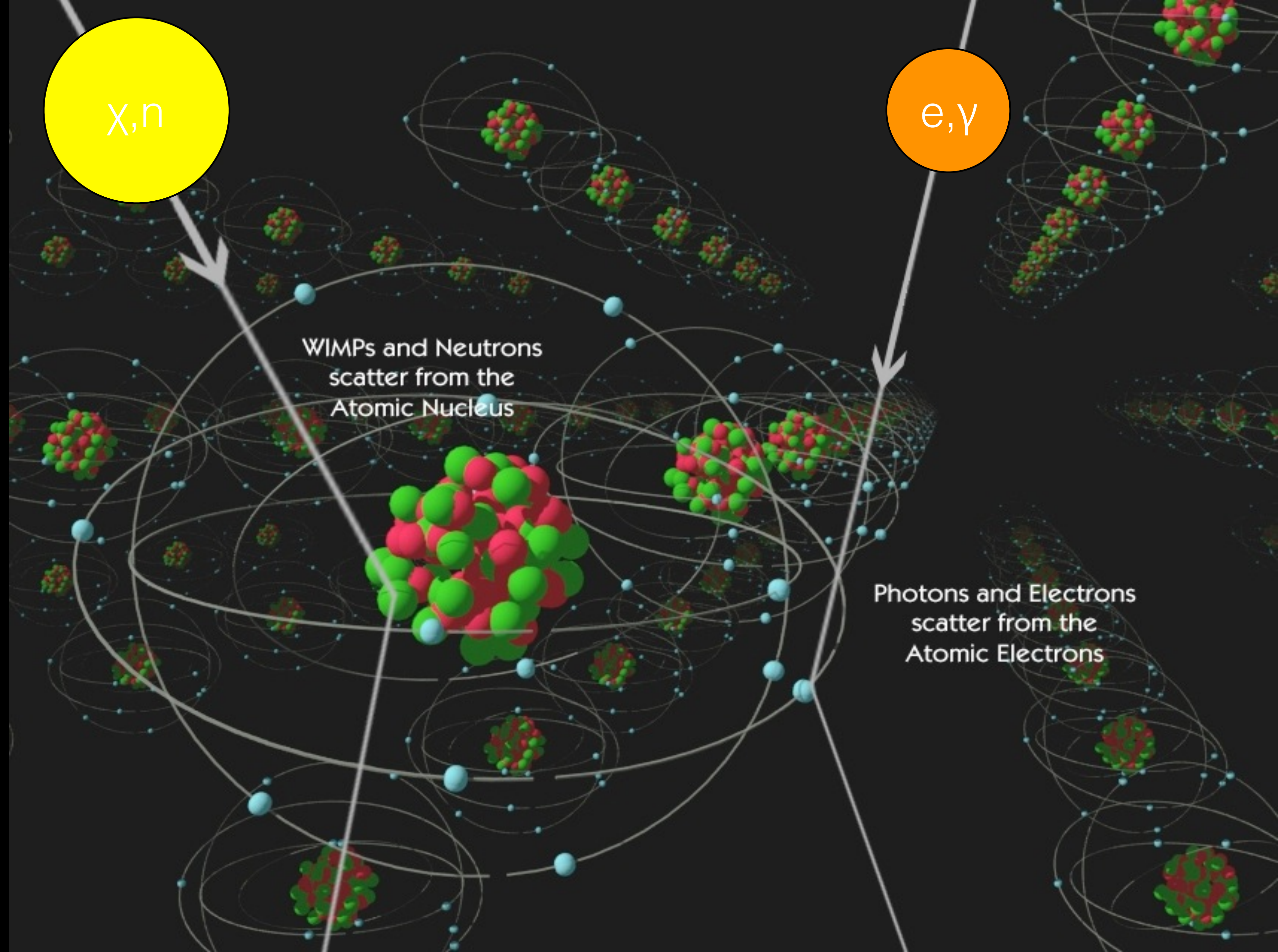
Has gravitational interactions

Is long lived

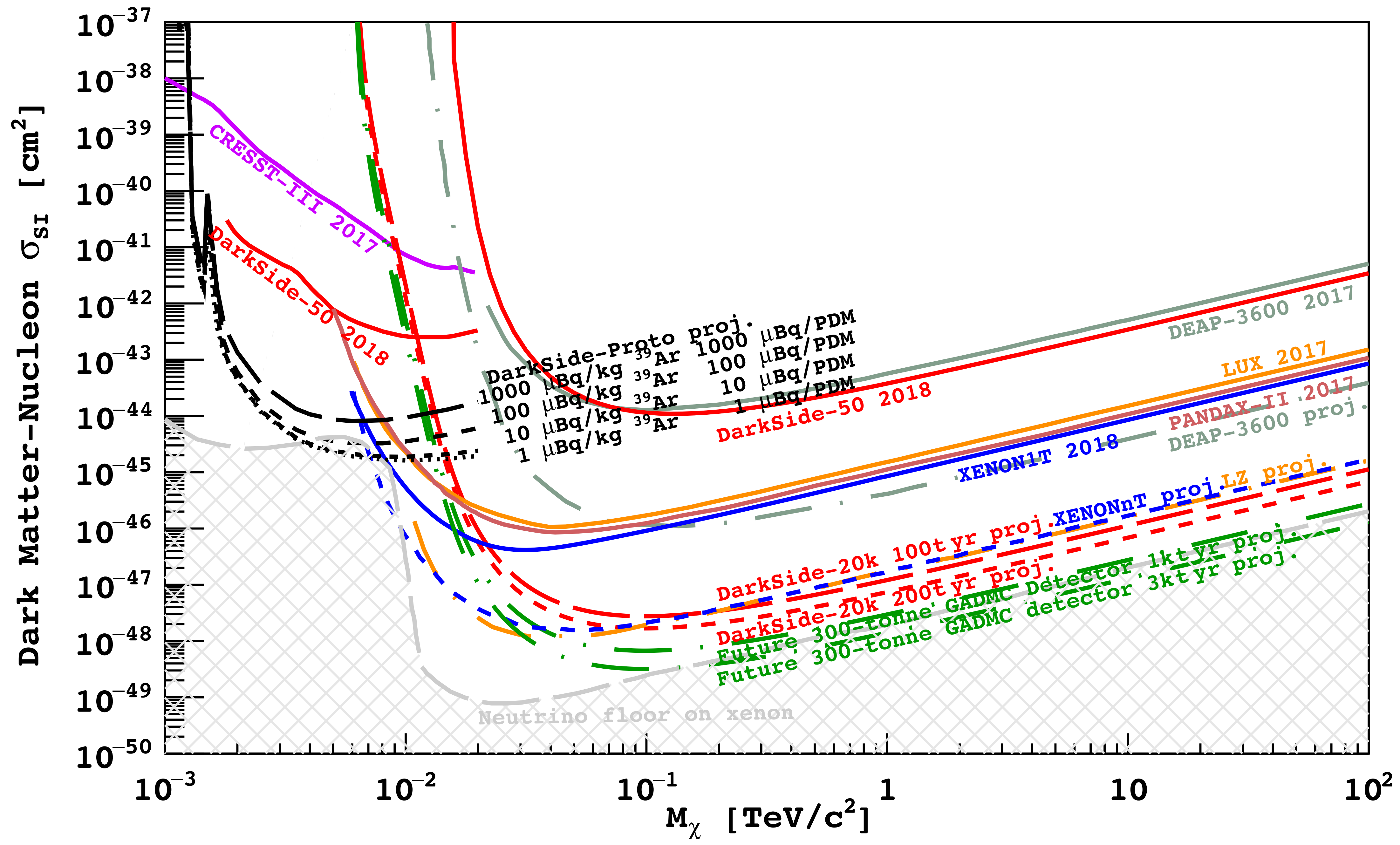
Is cold

Is not baryonic

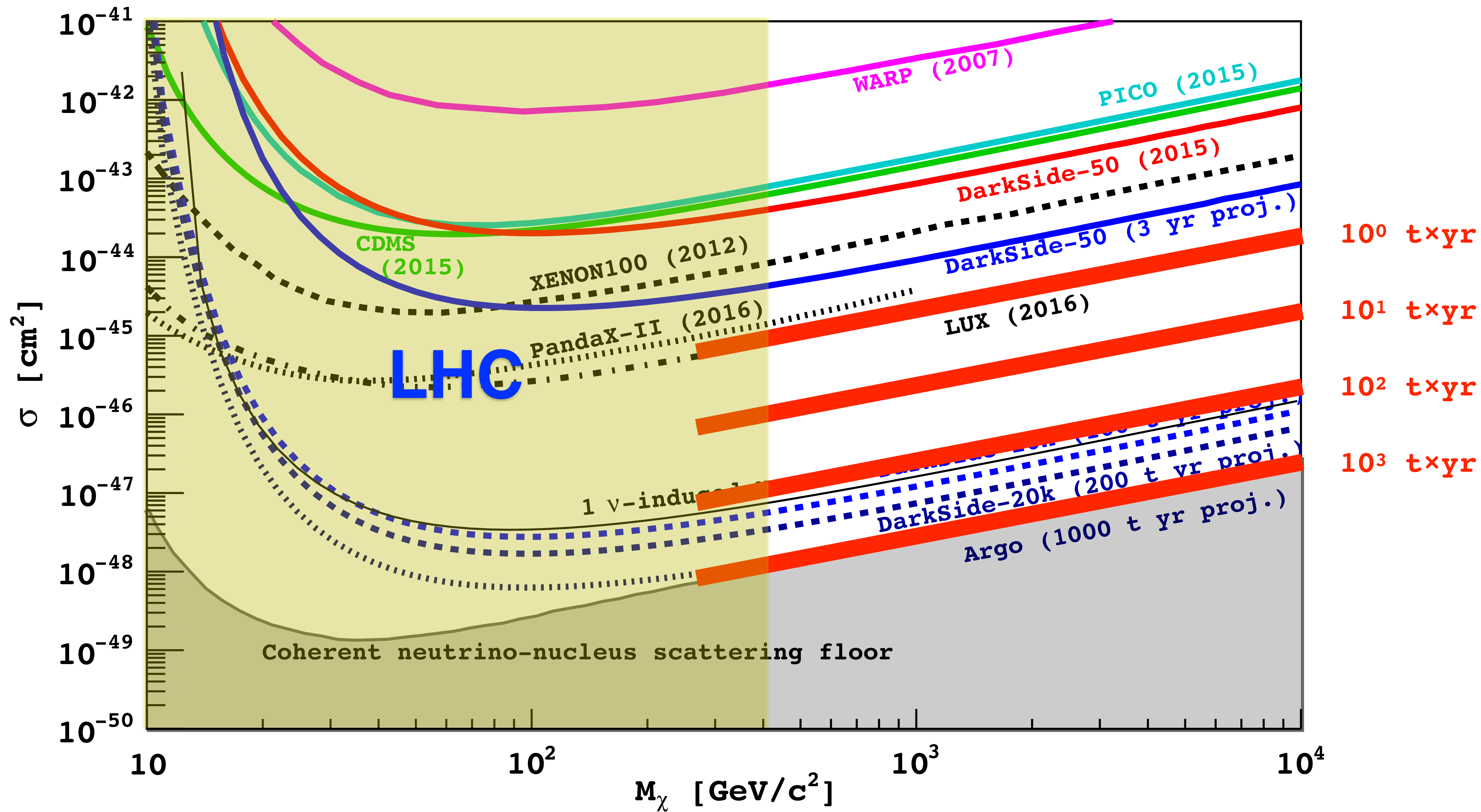






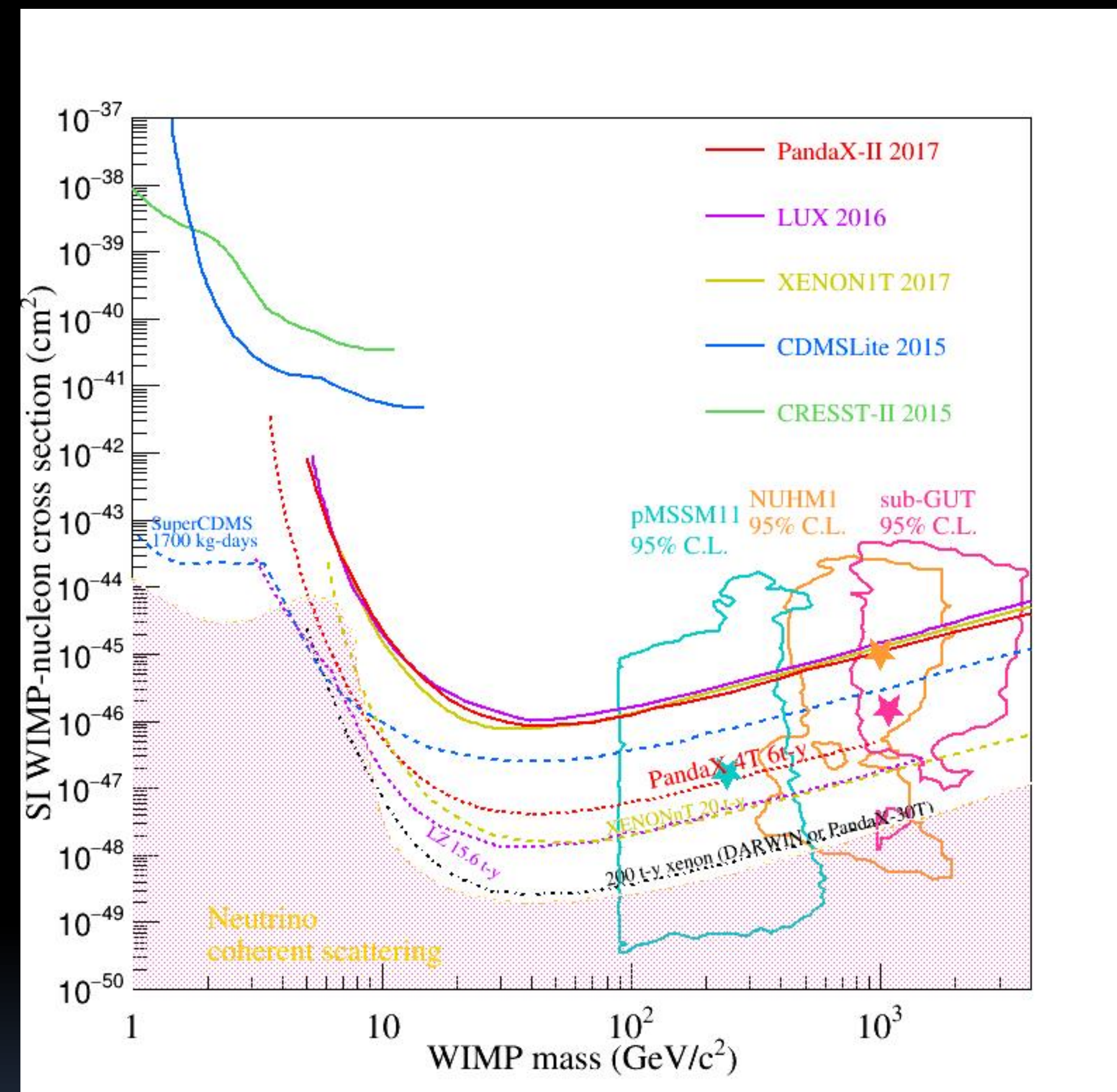
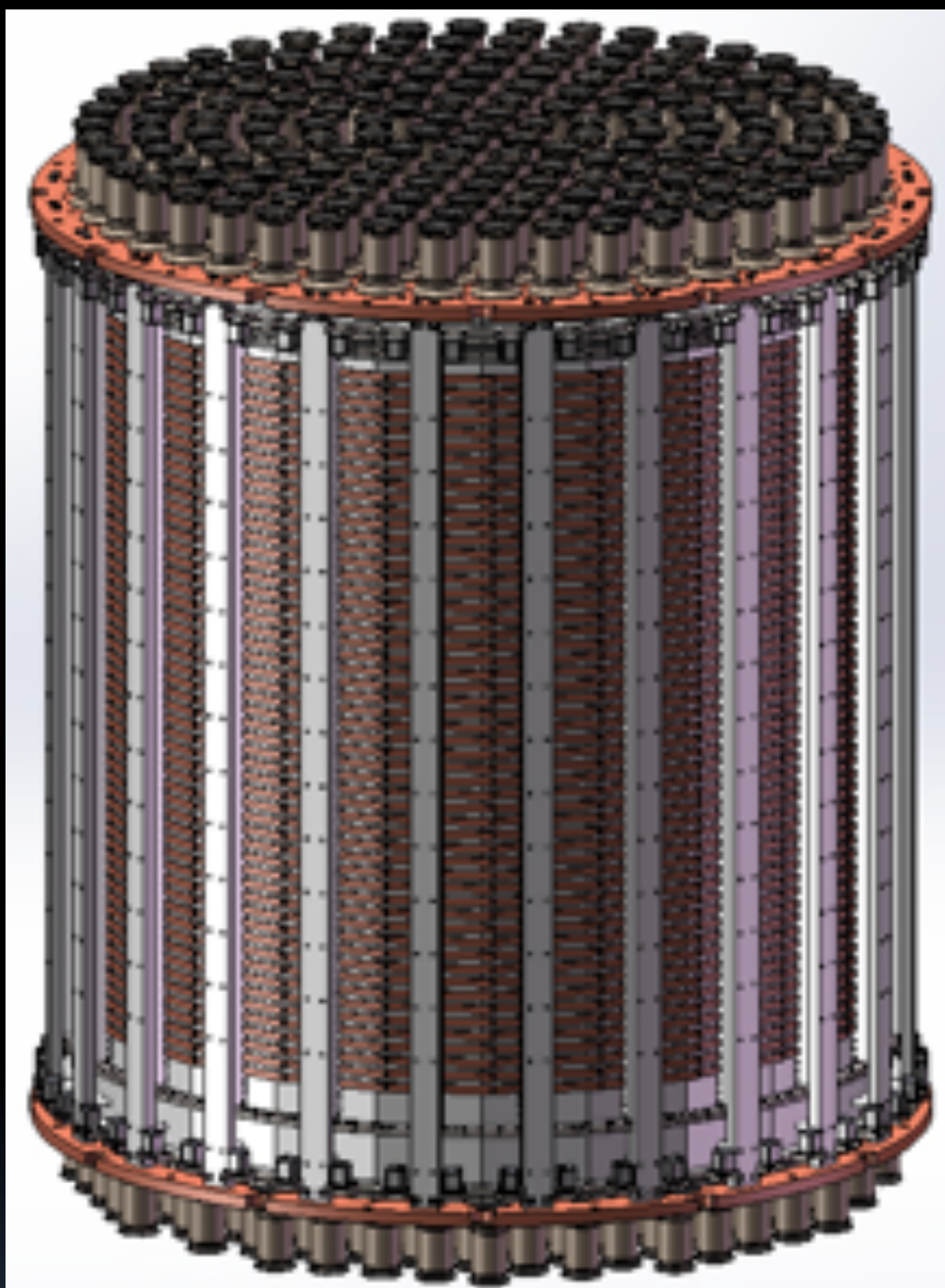








# PandaX-xT

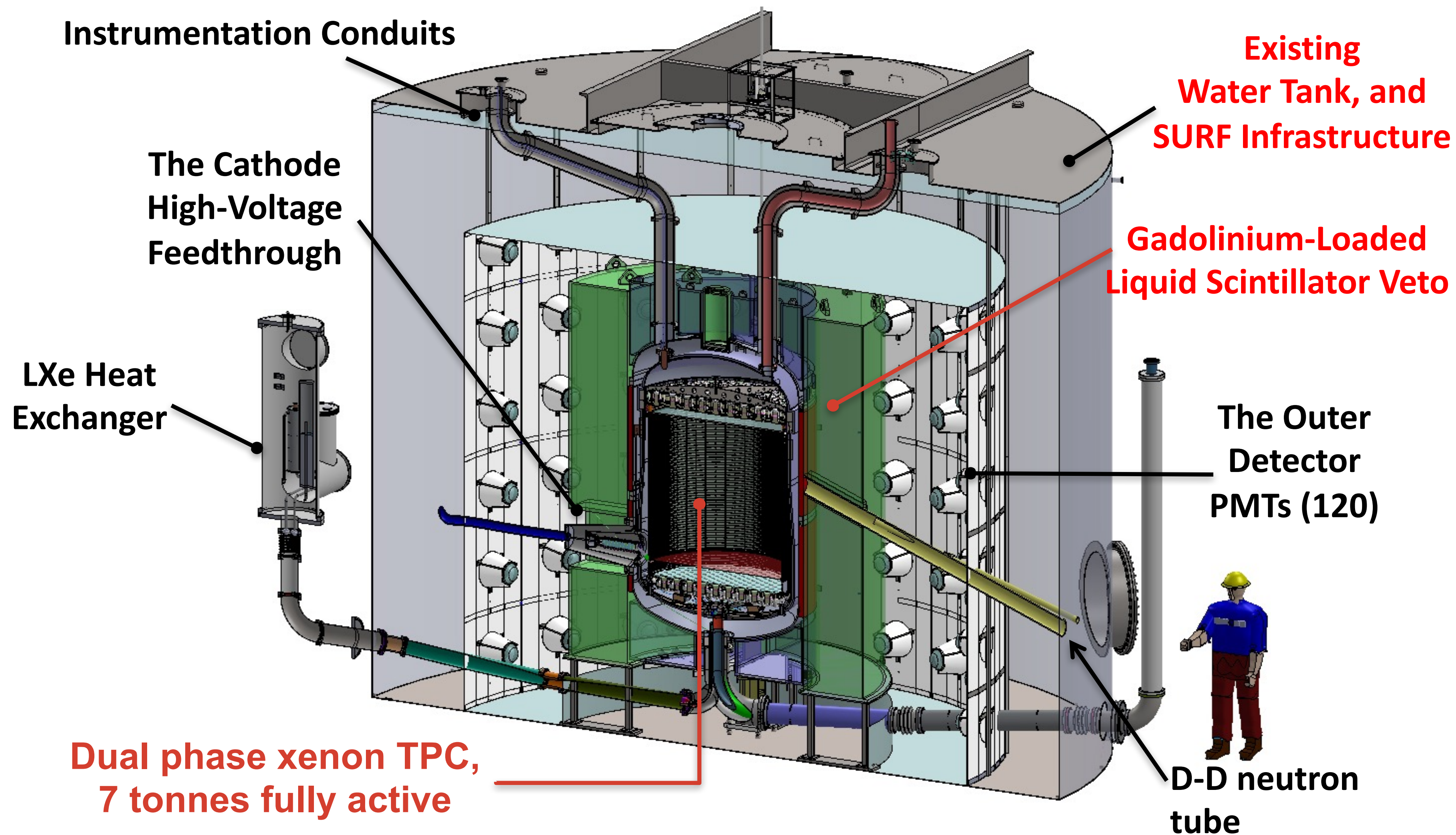


- Intermediate stage:
  - **PandaX-4T** (4-ton target) with SI sensitivity  $\sim 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$
  - On-site assembly and commissioning: 2019-2020





# The LUX-ZEPLIN detector







# LZ backgrounds summary

5.6 tonnes, 1000 days

Radon dominates  
ER backgrounds

| Intrinsic Contamination Backgrounds           | ER (cts)     | NR (cts)<br>(w/ SF rej.) |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Subtotal (Detector Components)</b>         | <b>9</b>     | <b>0.072</b>             |
| 222Rn (1.81 $\mu$ Bq/kg)                      | 681          | -                        |
| 220Rn (0.09 $\mu$ Bq/kg)                      | 111          | -                        |
| natKr (0.015 ppt g/g)                         | 25           | -                        |
| natAr (0.45 ppb g/g)                          | 2            | -                        |
| 210Bi (0.1 $\mu$ Bq/kg)                       | 40           | -                        |
| Laboratory and Cosmogenics                    | 5            | 0.06                     |
| Fixed Surface Contamination                   | 0            | 0.39                     |
| <b>Subtotal (Non-<math>\nu</math> counts)</b> | <b>873</b>   | <b>0.52</b>              |
| <b>Physics Backgrounds</b>                    |              |                          |
| 136Xe $2\nu\beta\beta$                        | 67           | 0                        |
| Astrophysical $\nu$ counts (pp+7Be+13N)       | 255          | 0                        |
| Astrophysical $\nu$ counts (8B)               | 0            | 0**                      |
| Astrophysical $\nu$ counts (Hep)              | 0            | 0.21                     |
| Astrophysical $\nu$ counts (diffuse)          | 0            | 0.05                     |
| Astrophysical $\nu$ counts (atmospheric)      | 0            | 0.46                     |
| <b>Subtotal (Physics backgrounds)</b>         | <b>322</b>   | <b>0.72</b>              |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>1,190</b> | <b>1.24</b>              |
| <b>Total (with 99.5% ER discrimination,</b>   | <b>5.97</b>  | <b>0.62</b>              |
|                                               | <b>6.59</b>  |                          |

Gamma backgrounds  
(PMTs, cryostat) are  
negligible.

pp solar neutrinos,  
elastic scattering on  
atomic electrons

Coherent neutrino  
scattering on xenon  
nuclei

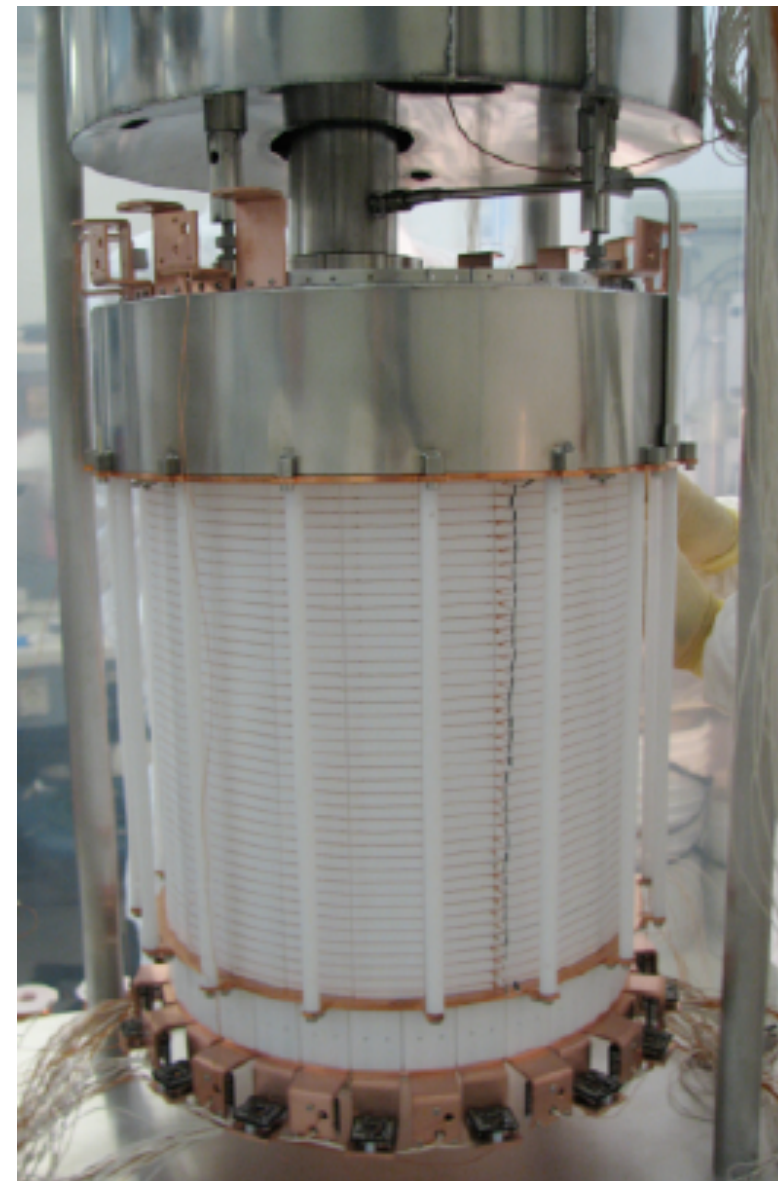


# The phases of the XENON Program

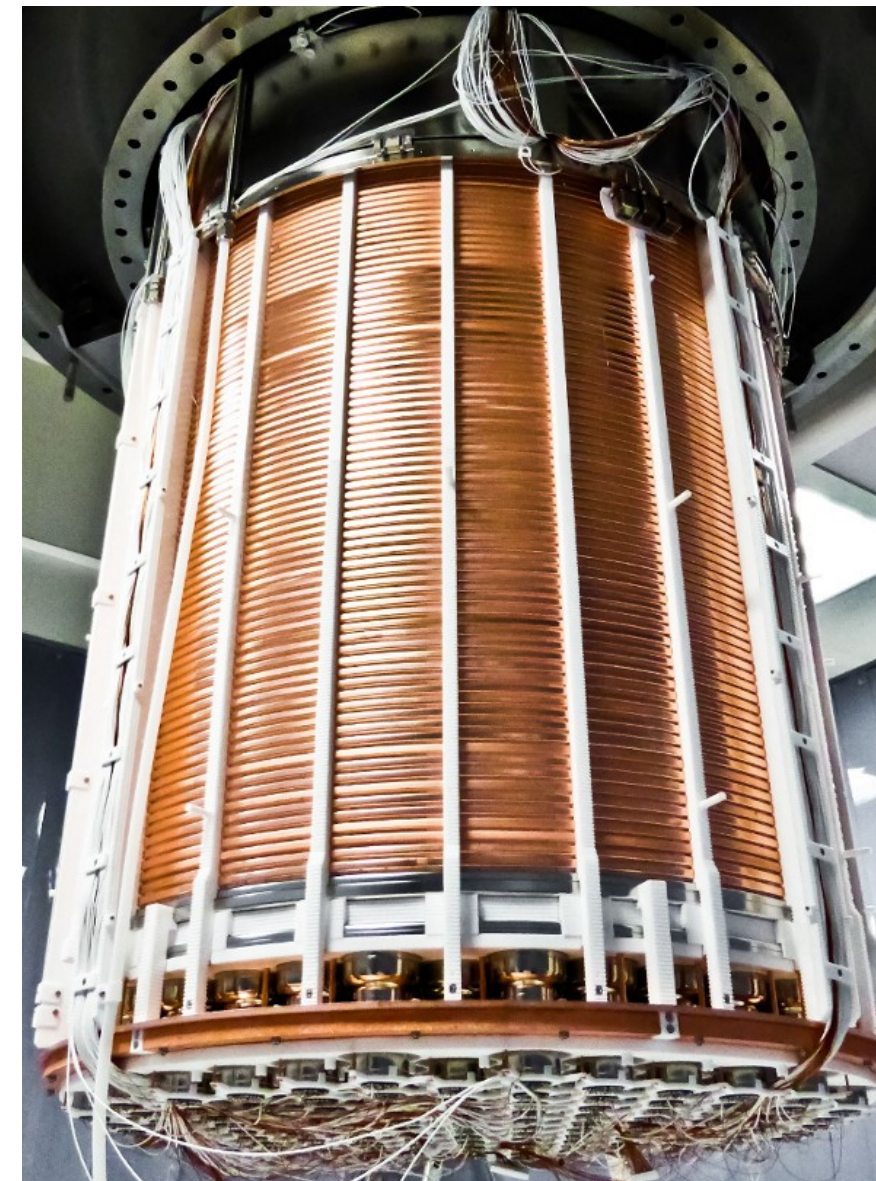
XENON10



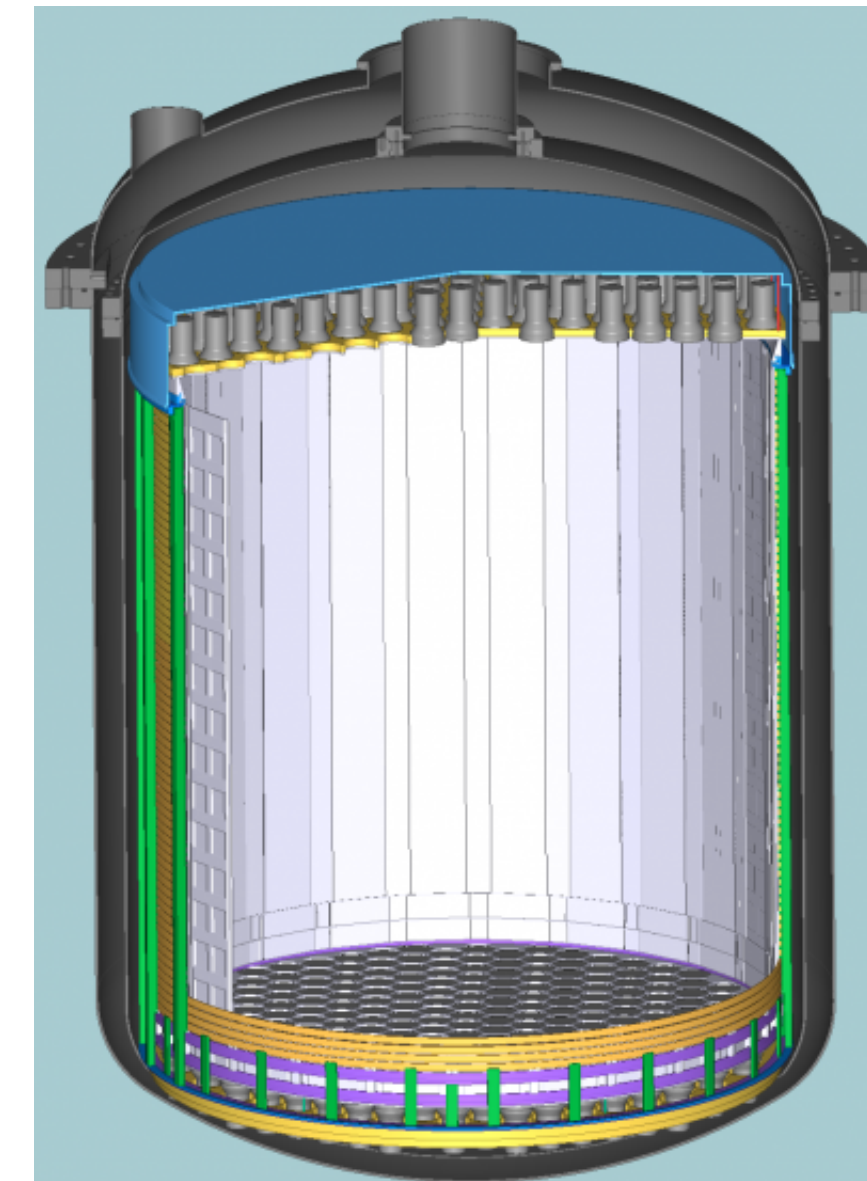
XENON100



XENON1T



XENONnT



2005-2007

25 kg- 15cm drift

$\sim 10^{-43} \text{ cm}^2$

2008-2016

161 kg- 30 cm drift

$\sim 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$

2012-2018

3200 kg- 100 cm  
drift

$\sim 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$

2019-2023

8000 kg-150 cm drift

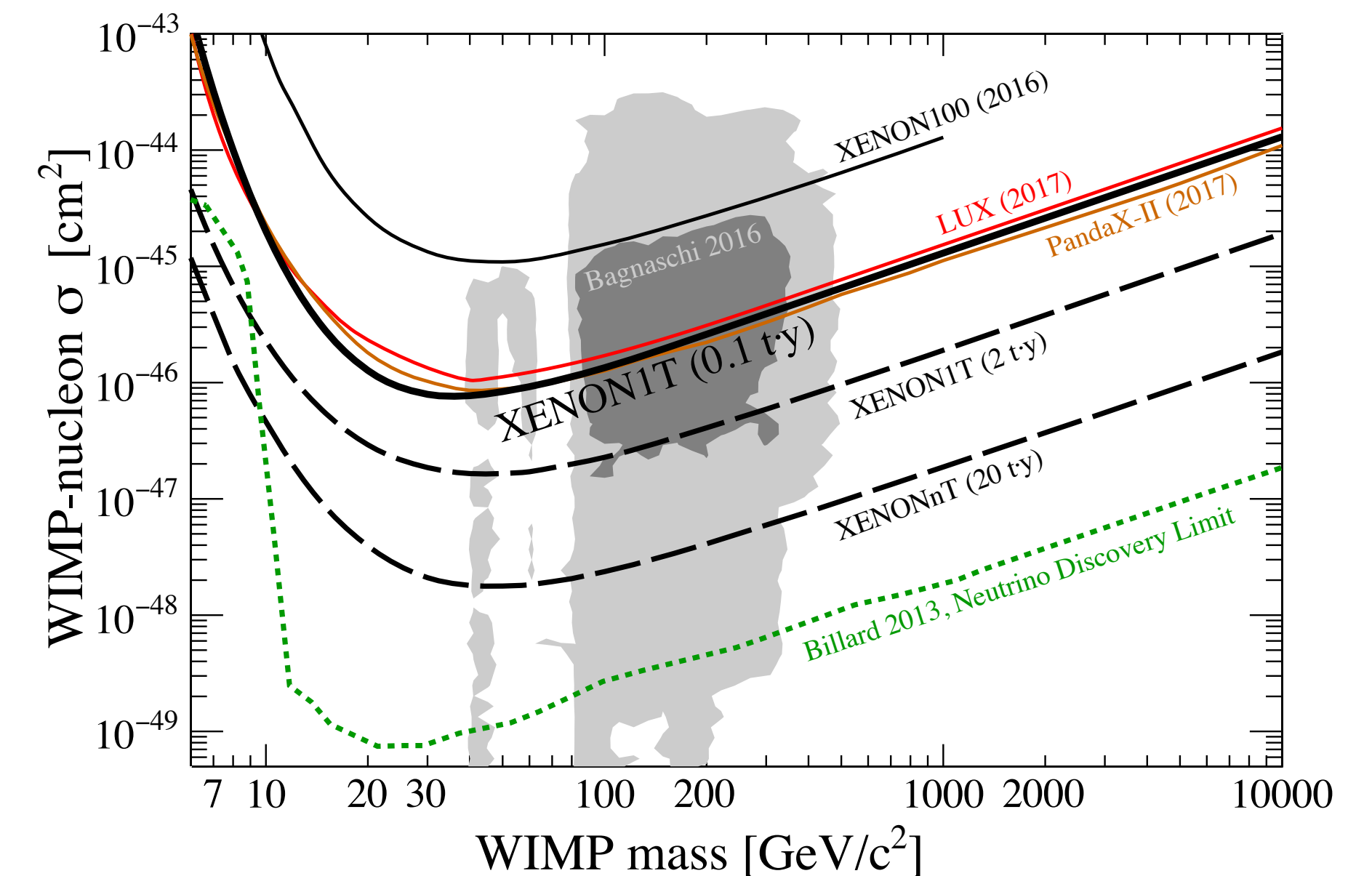
$\sim 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$



# XENON1T and XENONnT science reach

- XENON1T:  $1.6 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$  with an exposure of 2 tonnes x year
- XENONnT: to start in mid 2019, aiming for 20 tonnes x year exposure

|                                        | XENON1T | XENONnT | LZ    |
|----------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| Fiducial Volume [tons]                 | 1       | 4       | 5.6   |
| Livetime Fraction                      | 80%     | 80%     | 80%   |
| WIMP Energy Range [keV <sub>nr</sub> ] | 4-50    | 4-50    | 6-30  |
| NR Acceptance                          | 40%     | 40%     | 50%   |
| ER Rejection                           | 99.75%  | 99.75%  | 99.5% |
| Bkg rate [evt/year]                    | 2.08    | 1.15    | 2.35  |





# Background prediction and Unblinding

| Mass                    | 1.3t            | 1.3t            |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| (S2, S1)                | Full            | Reference       |
| ER                      | $627 \pm 26$    | $2.2 \pm 0.1$   |
| Neutron                 | $1.4 \pm 0.6$   | $0.8 \pm 0.3$   |
| CENNS                   | $0.05 \pm 0.02$ | $0.02 \pm 0.01$ |
| AC                      | $0.47 \pm 0.15$ | $0.10 \pm 0.03$ |
| Surface                 | $106 \pm 11$    | $5.4 \pm 0.5$   |
| BG                      | $736 \pm 28$    | $8.4 \pm 0.6$   |
| Data                    | <b>739</b>      | <b>11</b>       |
| WIMPs best-fit (200GeV) | 3.36            | 1.55            |

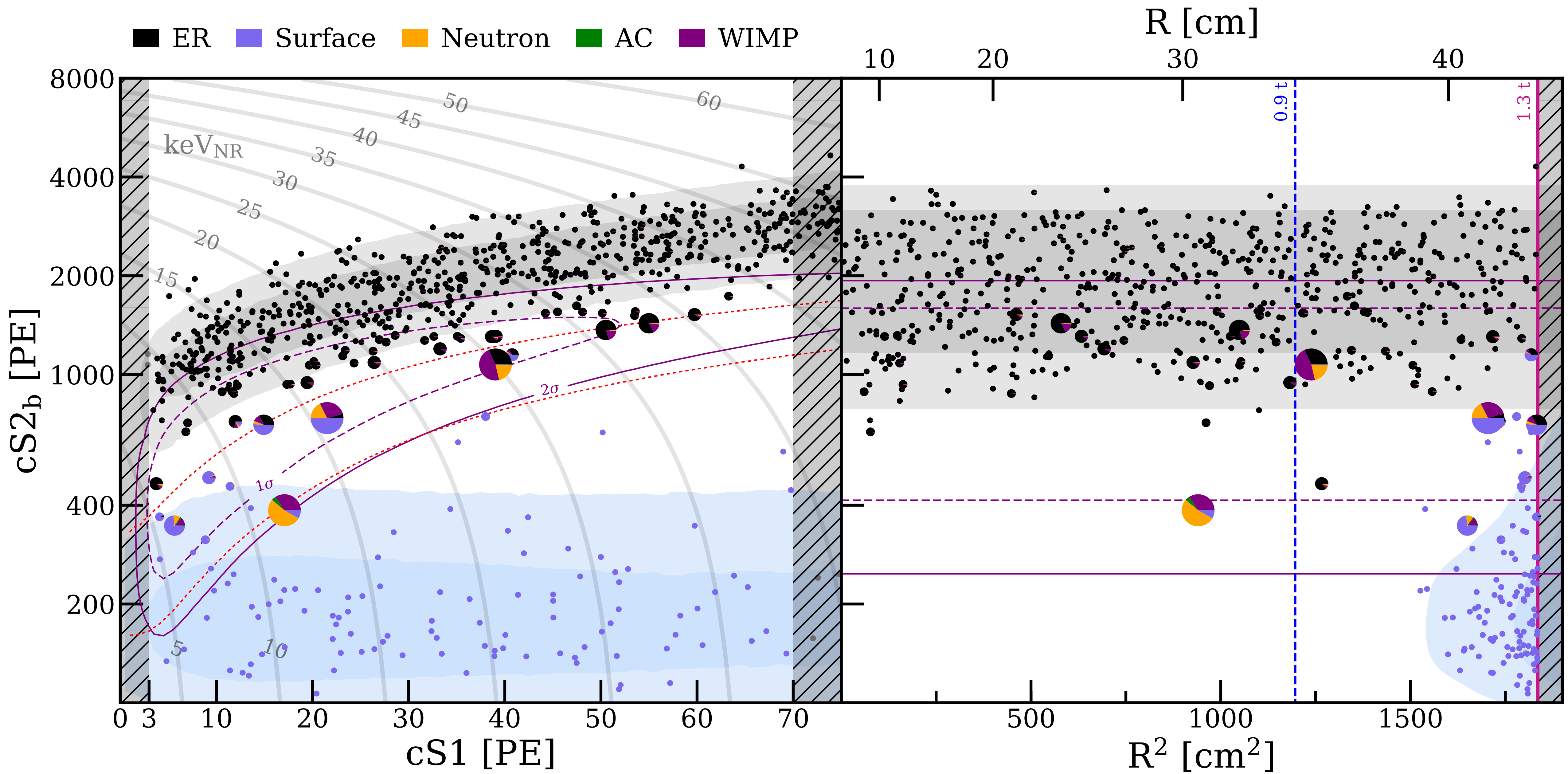
- Reference region is defined as between NR median and NR - 2sigma
- ER is the most significant background and uniformly distributed in the volume
- Surface background contributes most in reference region, but its impact is subdominant in inner R
- Neutron background is less than one event, and impact is further suppressed by position information
- Other background components are completely sub-dominant
- Numbers in the table are just for illustration, statistical interpretation is done based on profile likelihood analysis



TABLE I: Best-fit expected event rates with 278.8 days live-time in the 1.3 t fiducial mass, 0.9 t reference mass, and 0.65 t core mass, for the full (cS1, cS2<sub>b</sub>) ROI and, for illustration, in the NR signal reference region. The table lists each background (BG) component separately and in total, the observed data, and the expectation for a 200 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> WIMP prediction assuming the best-fit  $\sigma_{SI} = 4.7 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$ .

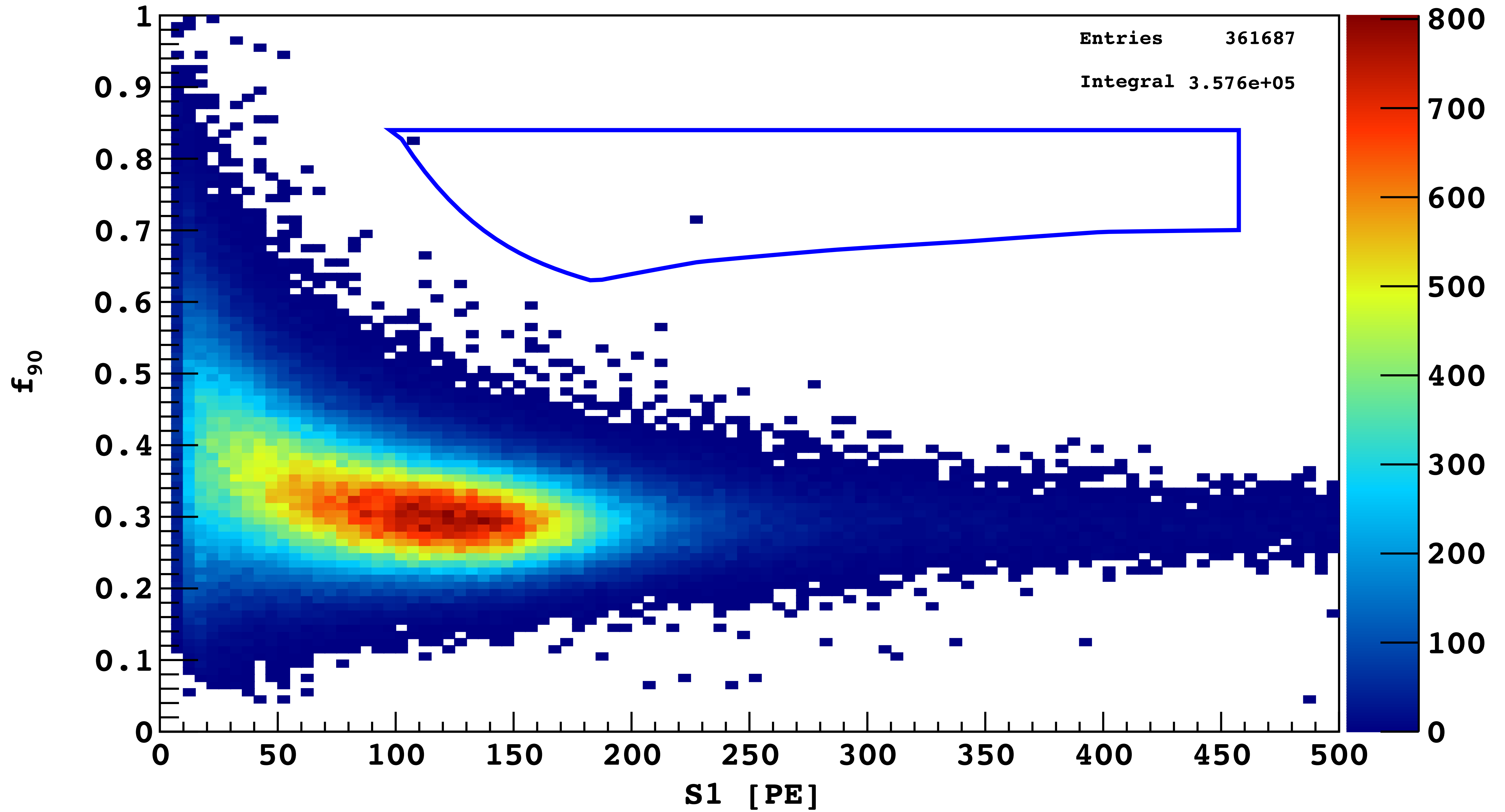
| Mass                     | 1.3 t                                  | 1.3 t                                  | 0.9 t                                  | 0.65 t                                 |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| (cS1, cS2 <sub>b</sub> ) | Full                                   | Reference                              | Reference                              | 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                              |
| CEνNS                    | 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                                      |





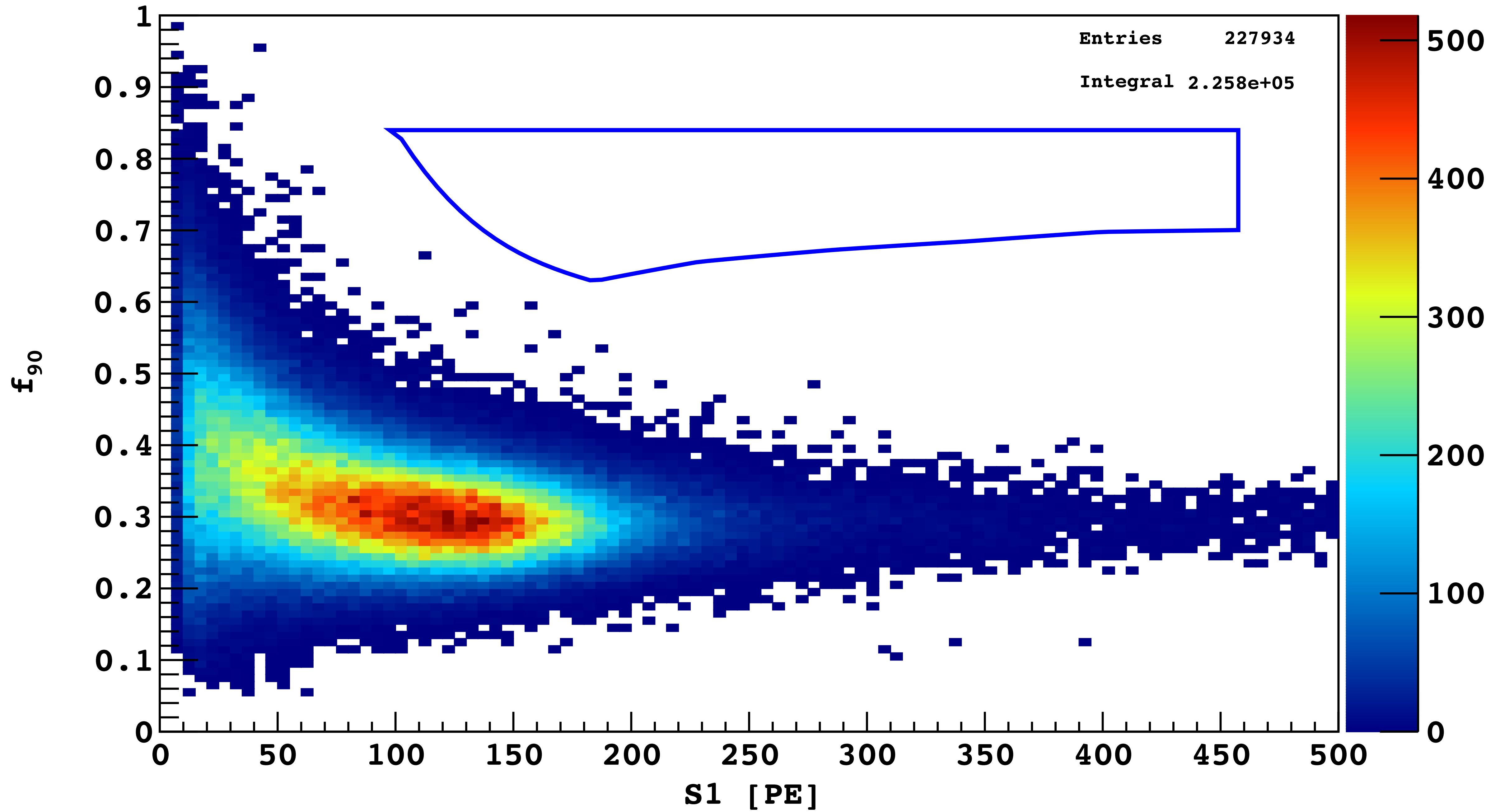


+R 2





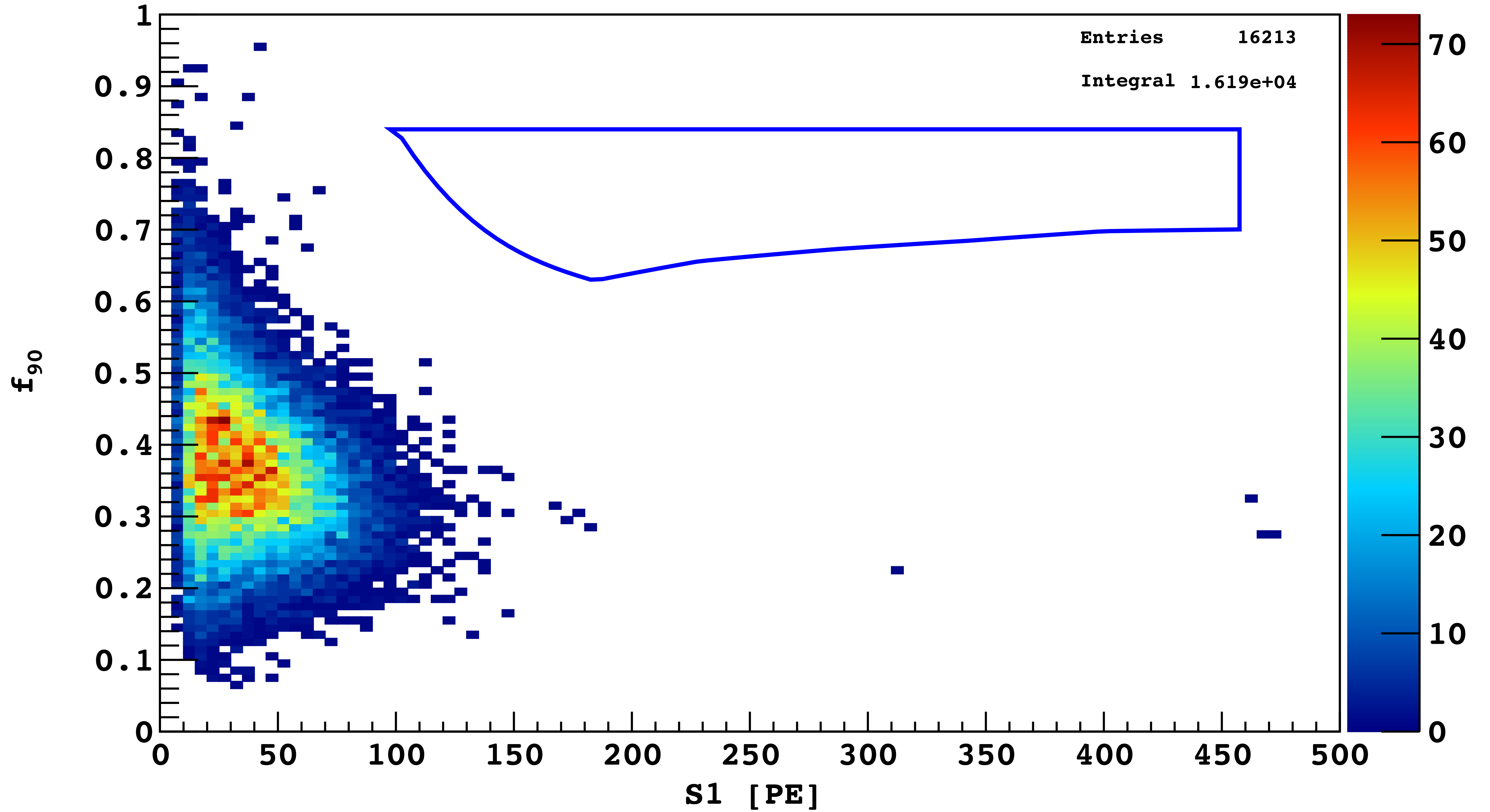
+Veto



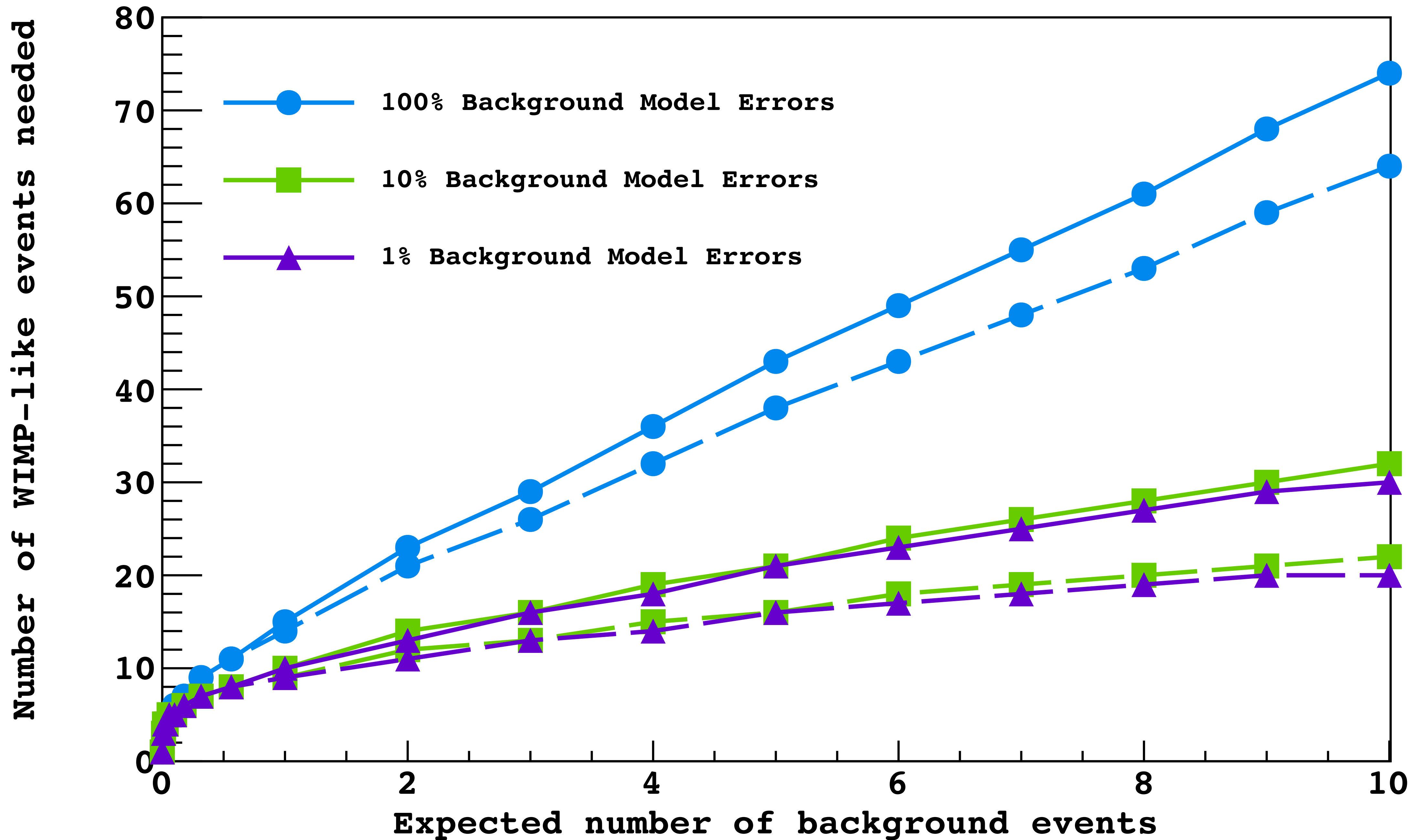


+r<10 cm && 50% loss S2/S1 cut (70d)

14





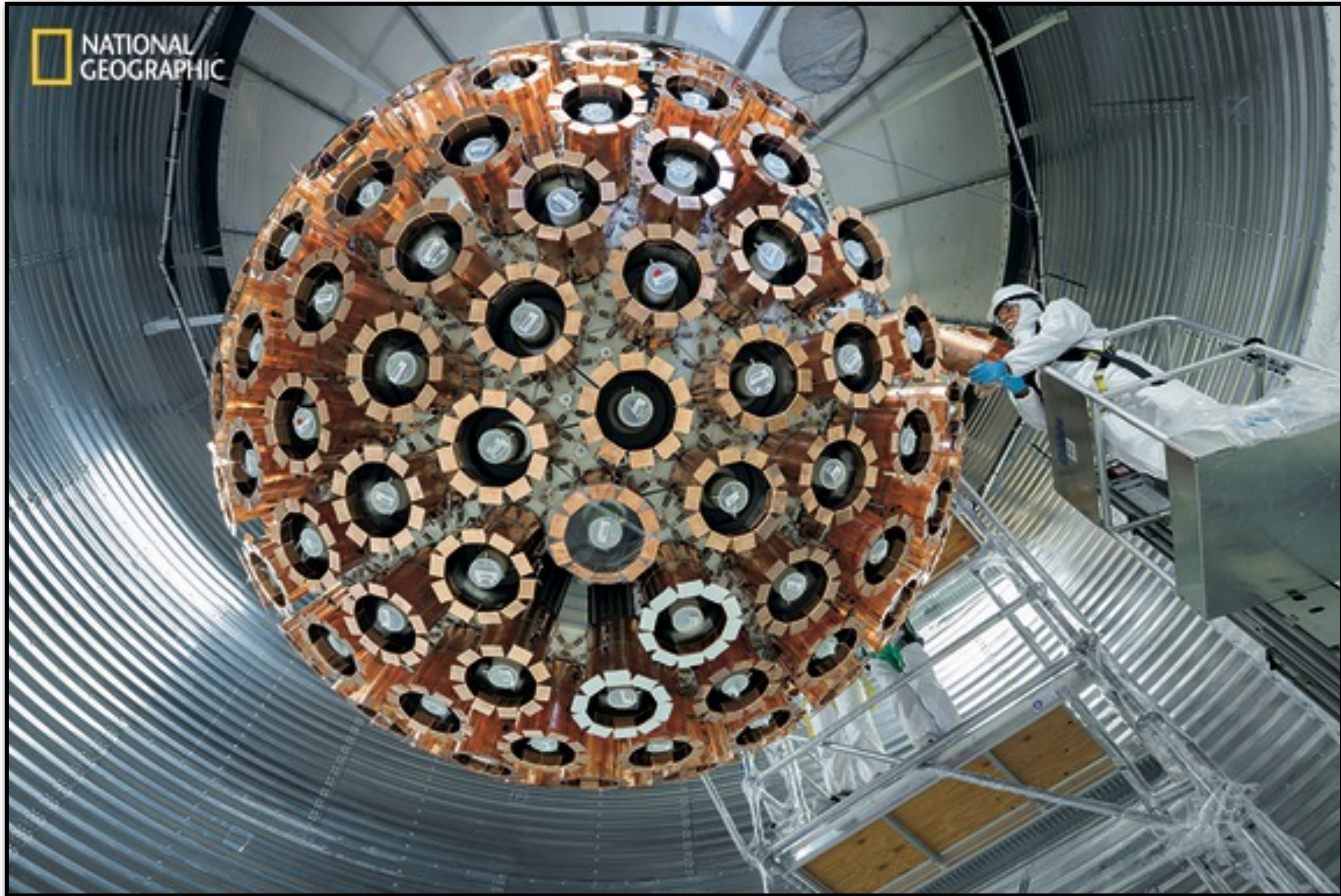




“Zero Background” condition  
( $<0.1$  background events)  
necessary to conduct  
discovery program



# DEAP-3600 Status

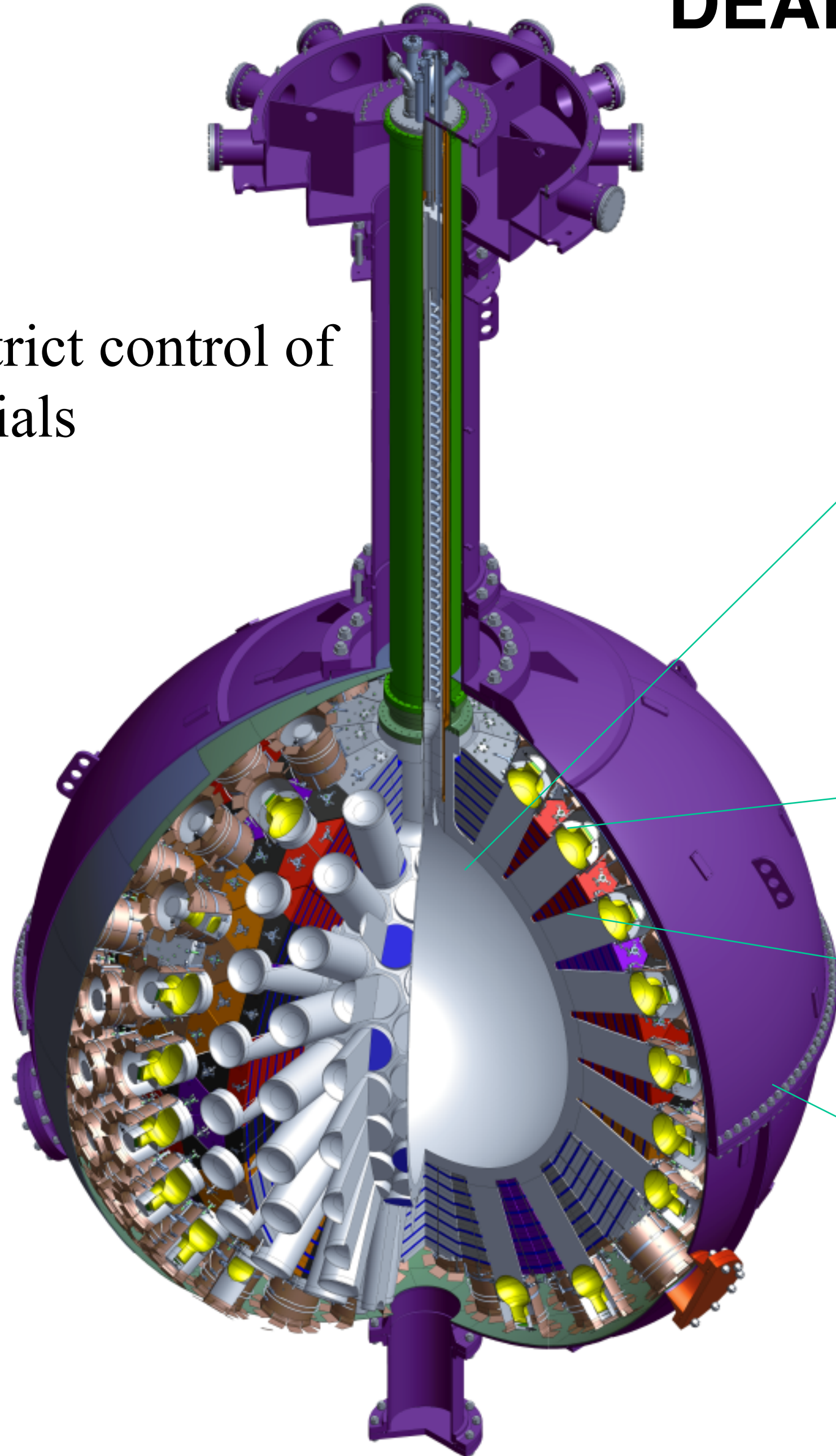




# DEAP-3600 Detector (single-phase)

very strict control of  
materials

3.5 meters



3600 kg argon  
in sealed ultraclean  
Acrylic Vessel (1.7 m ID)

Vessel is “resurfaced”  
in-situ to remove  
deposited Rn daughters  
after construction

255 Hamamatsu  
R5912 HQE PMTs 8-inch  
(Light Sensors)

50 cm light guides +  
PE shielding provide neutron  
moderation

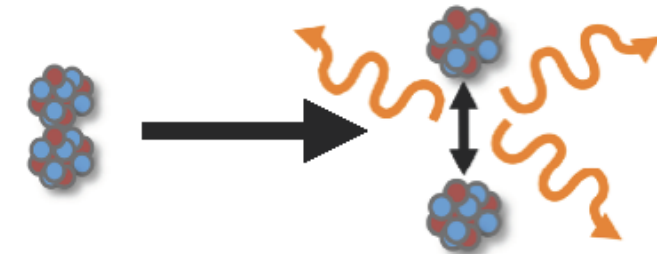
Steel Shell immersed in 8 m  
water shield at SNOLAB



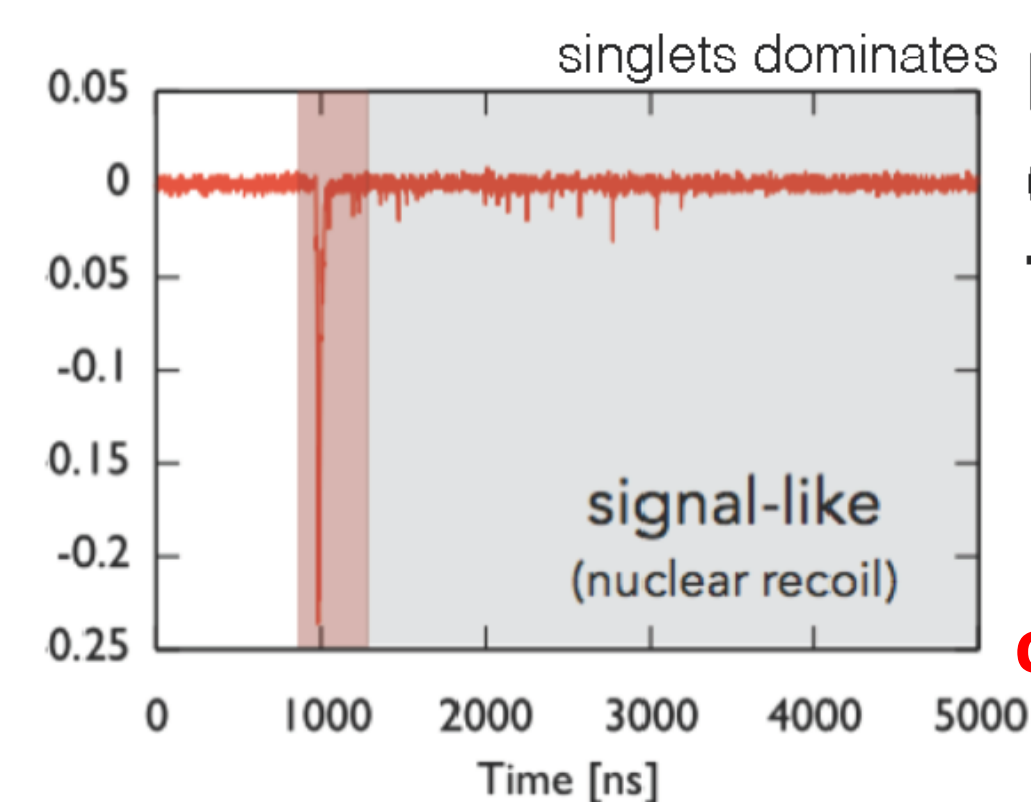
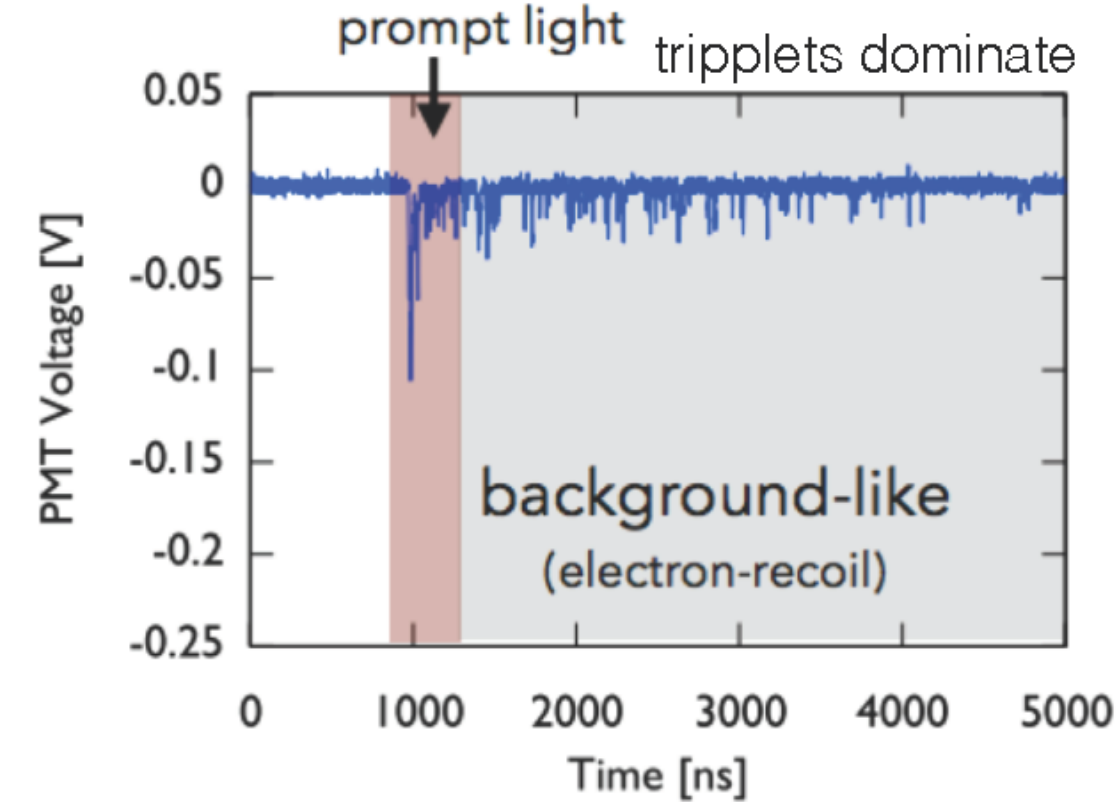
# Experimental Signatures

Ar scintillation:

- excimers are created



- singlet: 6 ns
- triplet: 1500 ns
- wavelength: 128 nm



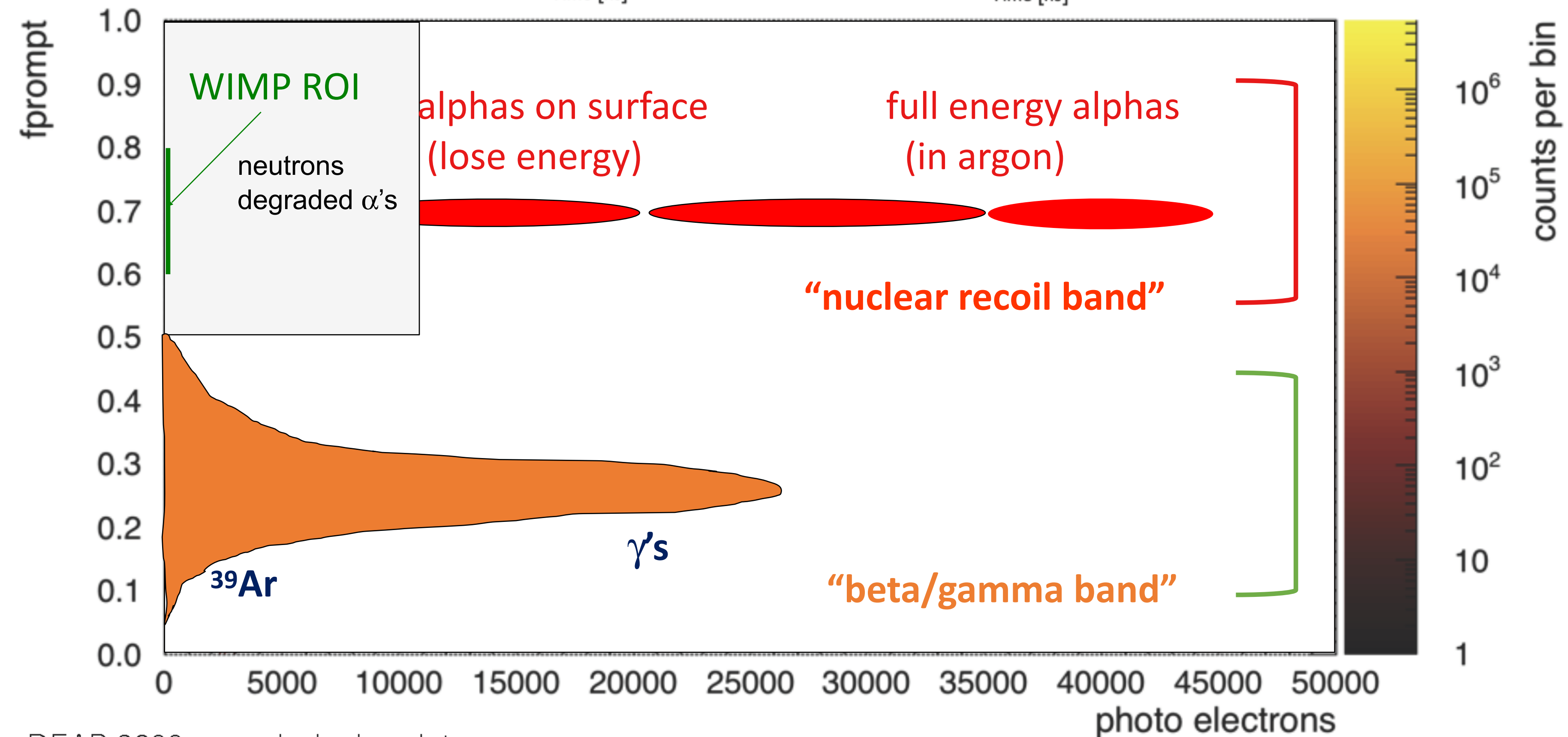
Pulse shape discrimination (PSD) parameter:

$f_{\text{prompt}} =$

$\frac{\text{prompt light (150 ns)}}{\text{total light (10000 ns)}}$

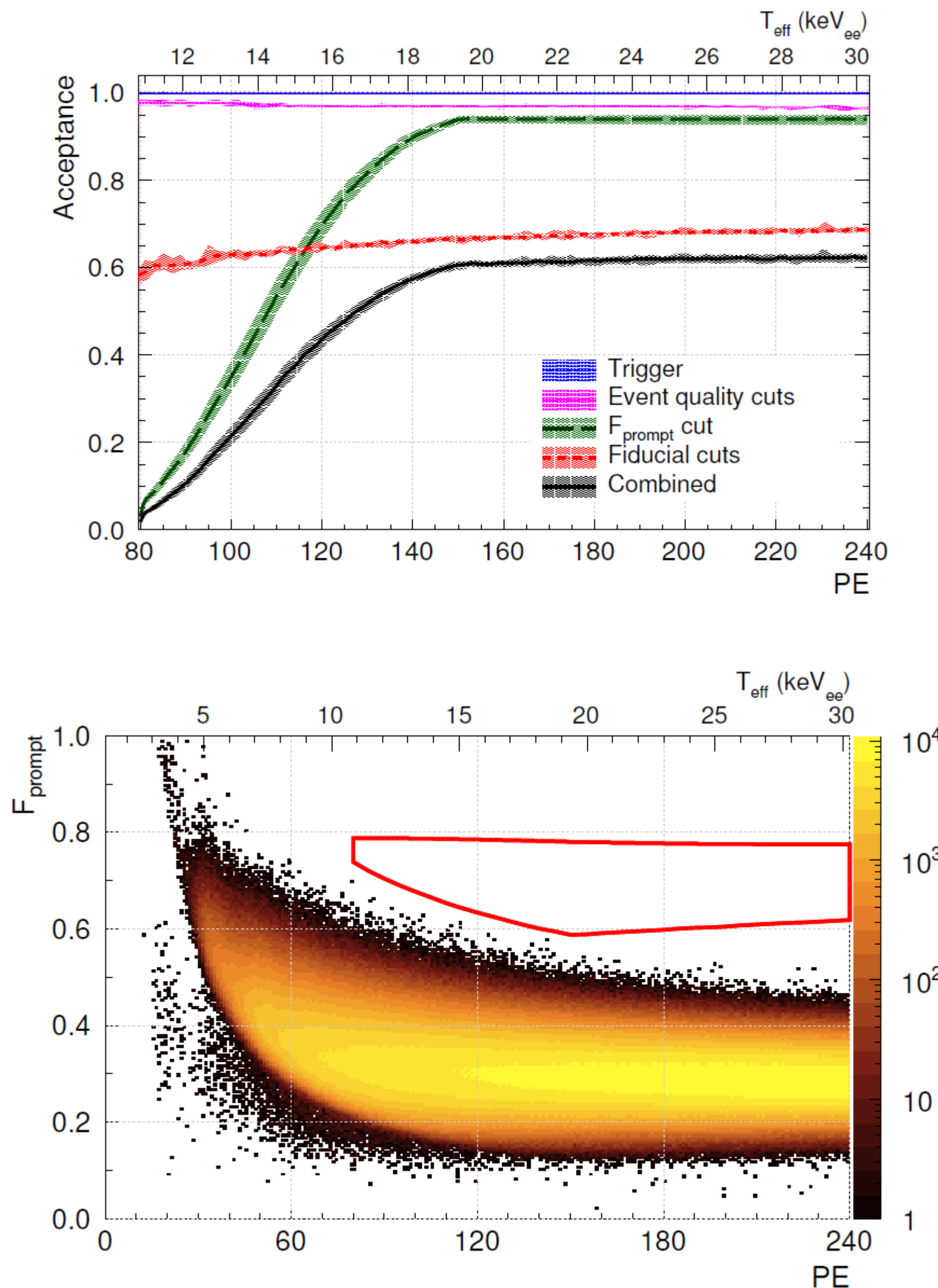
total light (10000 ns)

overview of backgrounds:  
see Bjoern Lehnert R1-5



DEAP 3600 commissioning data





| Cut                                    | Livetime | Acceptance %                                          | # <sup>ROI</sup> <sub>evt.</sub> |
|----------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| run                                    |          |                                                       |                                  |
| Physics runs                           | 8.55 d   |                                                       |                                  |
| Stable cryocooler                      | 5.63 d   |                                                       |                                  |
| Stable PMT                             | 4.72 d   |                                                       |                                  |
| Deadtime corrected                     | 4.44 d   |                                                       | 119181                           |
| low level                              |          |                                                       |                                  |
| DAQ calibration                        |          |                                                       | 115782                           |
| Pile-up                                |          |                                                       | 100700                           |
| Event asymmetry                        |          |                                                       | 787                              |
| quality                                |          |                                                       |                                  |
| Max charge fraction per PMT            |          | 99.58±0.01                                            | 654                              |
| Event time                             |          | 99.85±0.01                                            | 652                              |
| Neck veto                              |          | 97.49 <sup>+0.03</sup> <sub>-0.05</sub>               | 23                               |
| fiducial                               |          |                                                       |                                  |
| Max scintillation PE fraction per PMT  |          | 75.08 <sup>+0.09</sup> <sub>-0.06</sub>               | 7                                |
| Charge fraction in the top 2 PMT rings |          | 90.92 <sup>+0.11</sup> <sub>-0.10</sub>               | 0                                |
| Total                                  | 4.44 d   | 96.94±0.03    66.91 <sup>+0.20</sup> <sub>-0.15</sub> | 0                                |

4.4 live days

Selected ROI for < 0.2 leakage from  $\beta$ 's

9,870 kg-day exposure

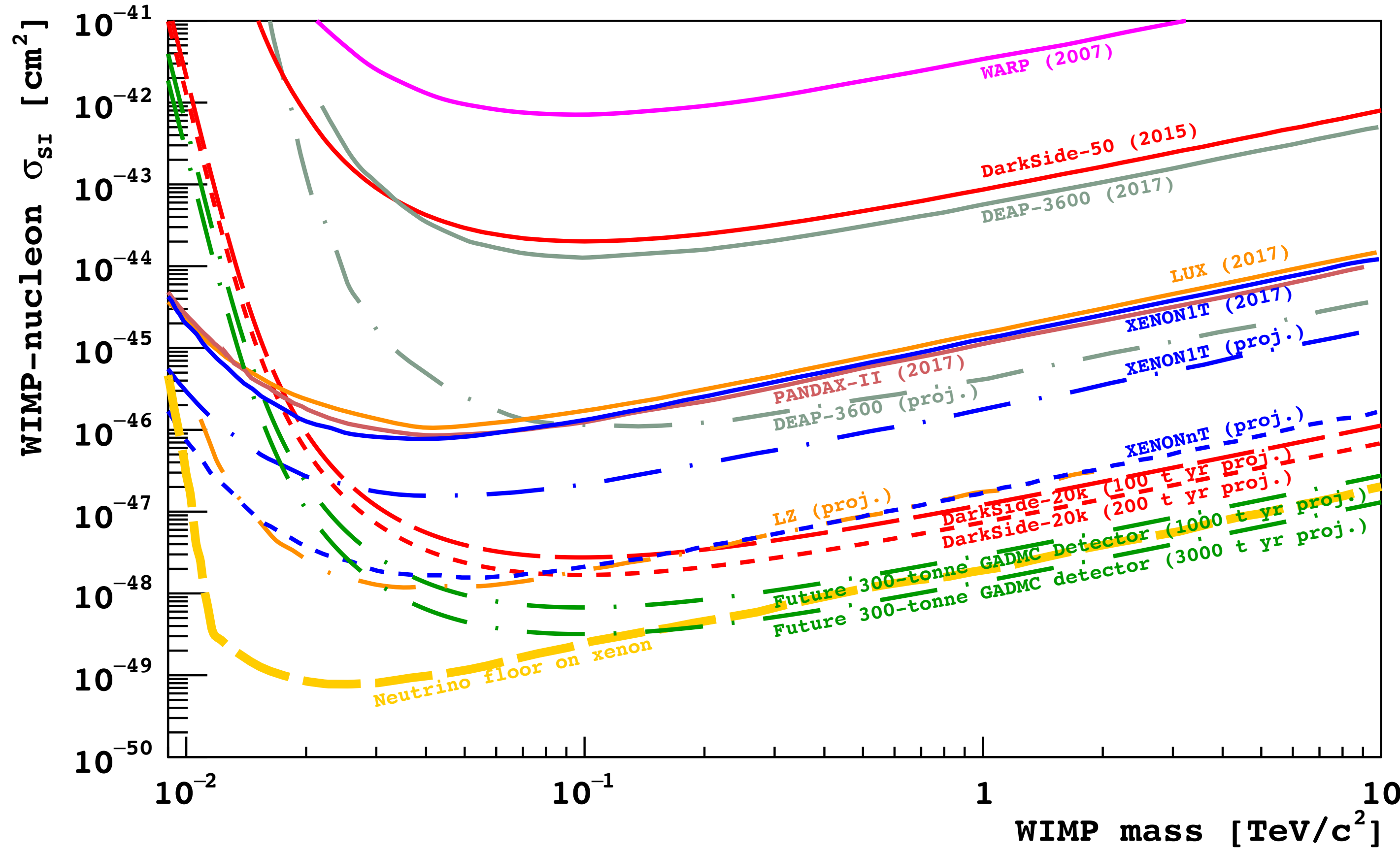
No events observed in ROI



# The Global Argon Dark Matter Collaboration

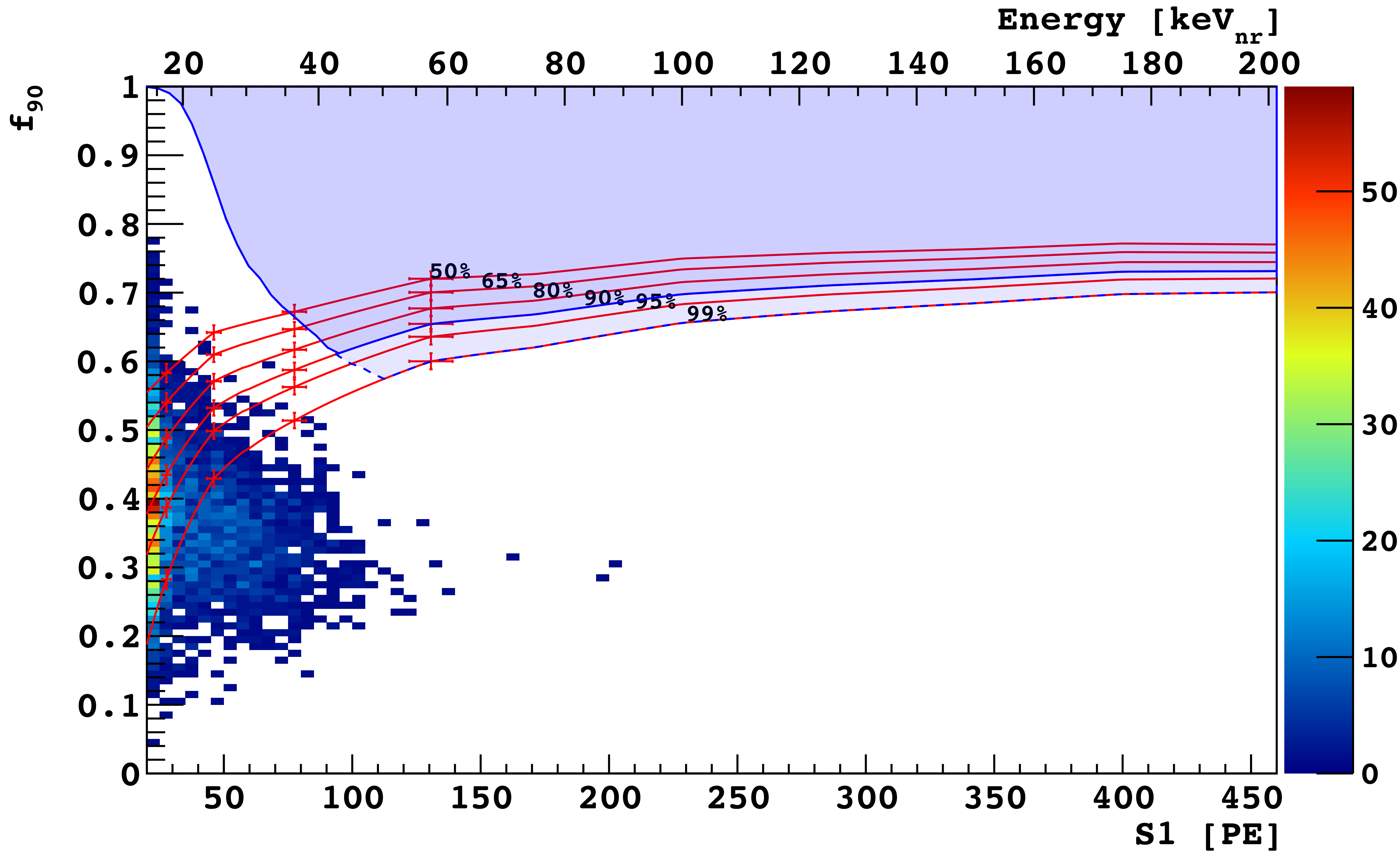
ArDM  
DarkSide  
DEAP  
MiniCLEAN

} A Single Global Program for Direct Dark Matter Searches  
Currently taking data: ArDM, DarkSide-50, **DEAP-3600**  
**Next step: DarkSide-20k at LNGS (2021-)**  
Last Step: **300 tonnes detector**, location t.b.d **(2027-)**



DarkSide-20k approved by INFN and LNGS in April 2017 and by NSF in Oct 2017  
Officially supported by LNGS, LSC, and SNOLab  
30 tonnes (20 tonnes fiducial) of low-radioactivity underground argon  
14 m<sup>2</sup> of SiPM coverage















# Letter of Intent

September 8, 2017

*Rev B*

Scientists at LNGS, LSC, and SNOLAB are joining in an international effort to mount a phased argon dark matter program with the goal of being sensitive to the neutrino floor. This effort will include a broad collaboration of scientists and will represent the global community for dark matter searches with argon. This letter is an update of a previous communication dating June 2017, which detailed the first conception of the program; this letter was expanded to capture the intent of all institutions and scientists participating in the program.

In this document, the undersigned representatives of groups working on argon dark matter searches, including Brazilian, Canadian, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Mexican, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swiss, US, and UK groups among others, memorialize their intent to form a Global Argon Dark Matter Collaboration to carry out a program for direct dark matter searches, consisting of two main elements.

The first element of the program is the DarkSide-20k experiment at LNGS, whose science goal is to perform a dark matter search with an exposure of 100 tonne·yr of low-radioactivity underground argon (the low intrinsic background, free from any background other than that induced by atmospheric neutrinos, may also permit a 200 tonne·yr exposure for





**Deep underground laboratory support for global collaboration towards discovery of dark matter utilising liquid argon detectors.**

To whom it may concern;

As hosts of the existing operational liquid argon direct dark matter detectors, and as proponents and supporters of the Underground-GRI initiative, the LNGS, SNOLAB and LSC deep underground research facilities are pleased to recognize the collaborative developments within the global liquid argon dark matter community. The DarkSide project at LNGS, the DEAP project at SNOLAB and the ArDM project at LSC are all developing new technologies and capabilities to search for WIMP dark matter, and are beginning to coalesce into one collaboration to develop future, larger generations of liquid argon direct dark matter detectors. We encourage and support the development of this global community, with a focus on the development of DarkSide-20k at LNGS in the first instance, and a larger detector at a location to be determined from scientific requirements, in the future. Using available assay and research infrastructure,



# DarkSide-20k

**20-tonnes fiducial dark matter detector  
start of operations at LNGS within 2021**

**100 tonnextyear background-free search for dark matter**



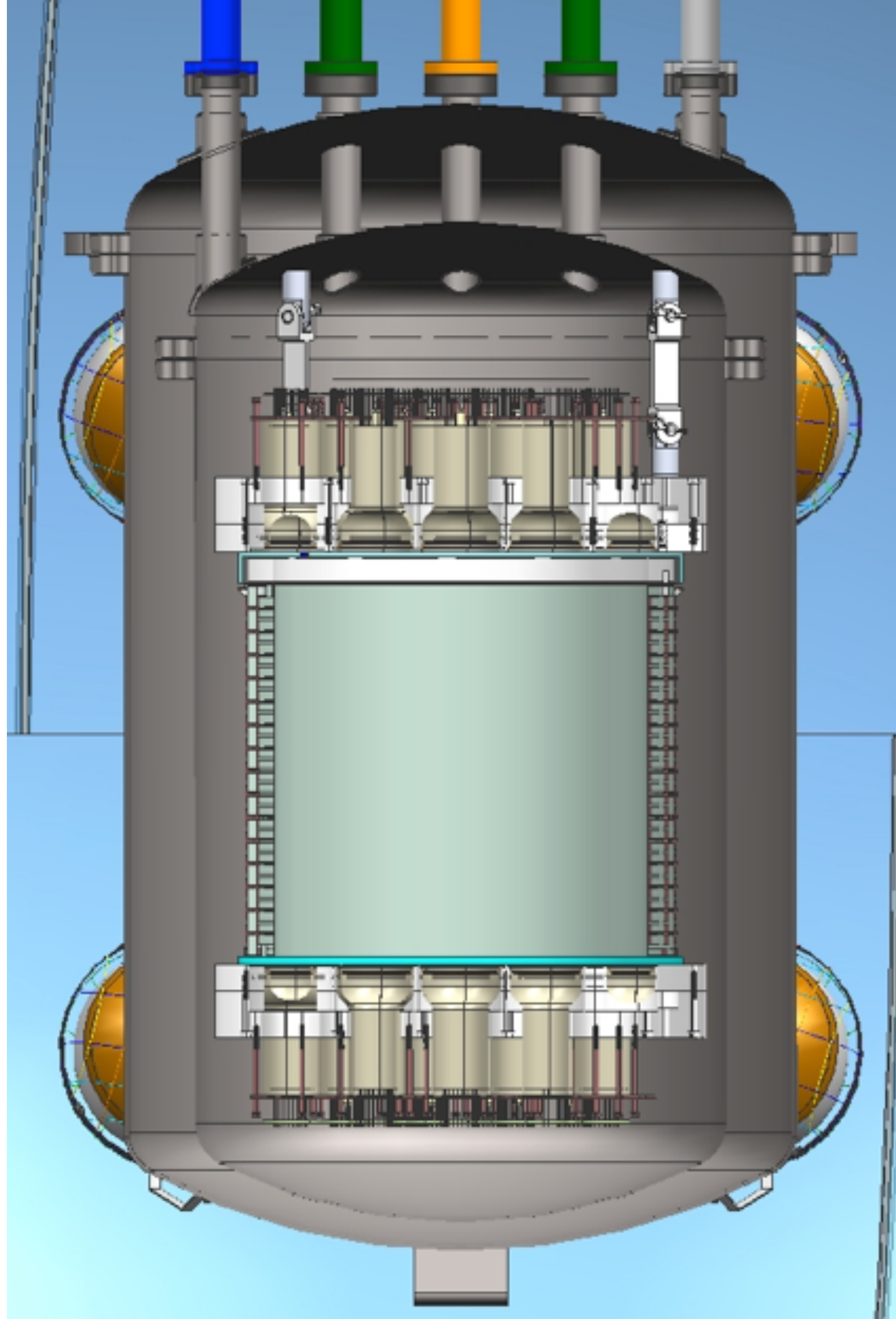
## Future 300-tonne Detector

**300-tonnes depleted argon detector  
start of operations within 2026**

**1,000 tonnextyear background-free search for dark matter  
precision measurement of solar neutrinos**

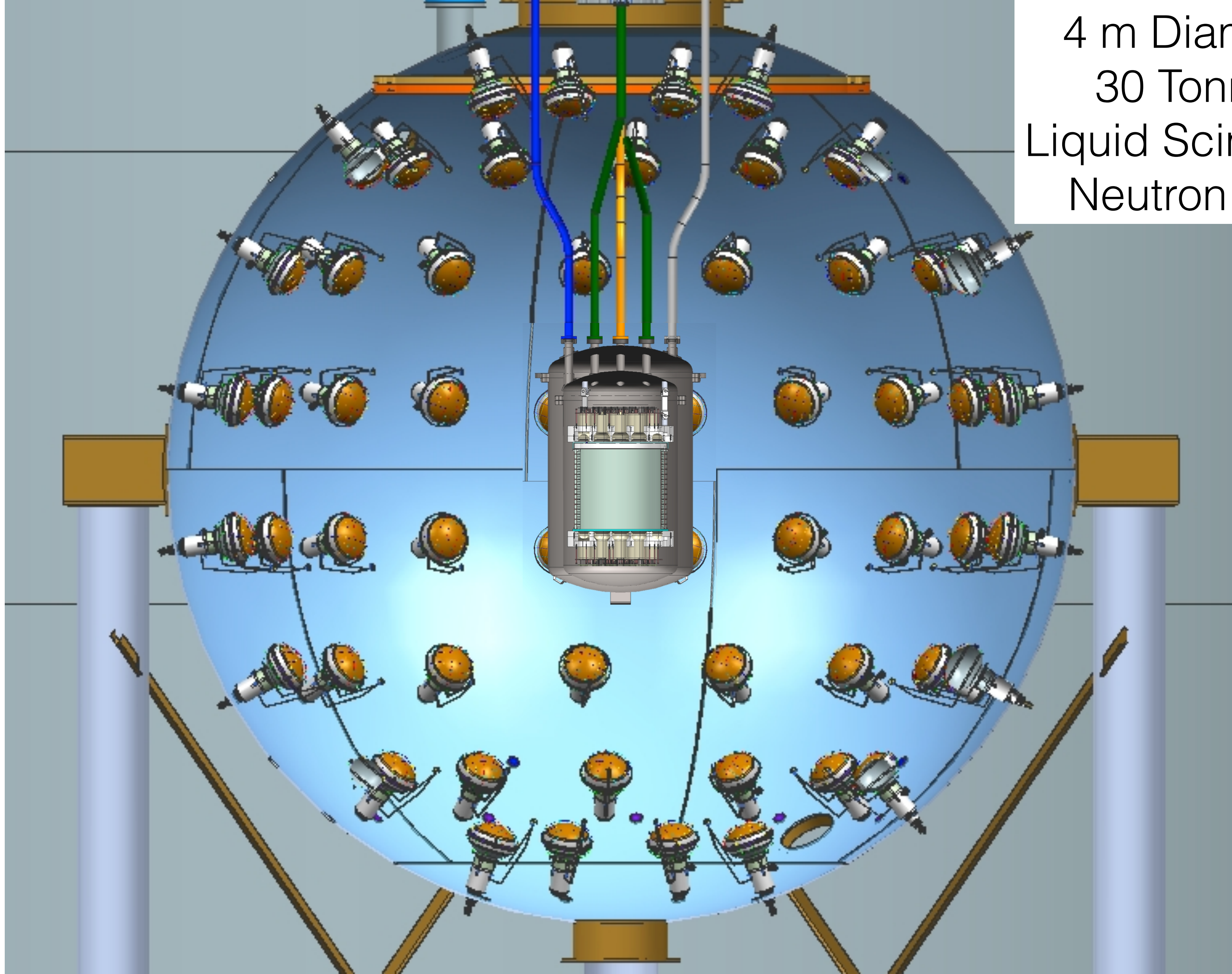


Liquid Argon TPC  
153 kg  $^{39}\text{Ar}$ -Depleted  
Underground Argon  
Target



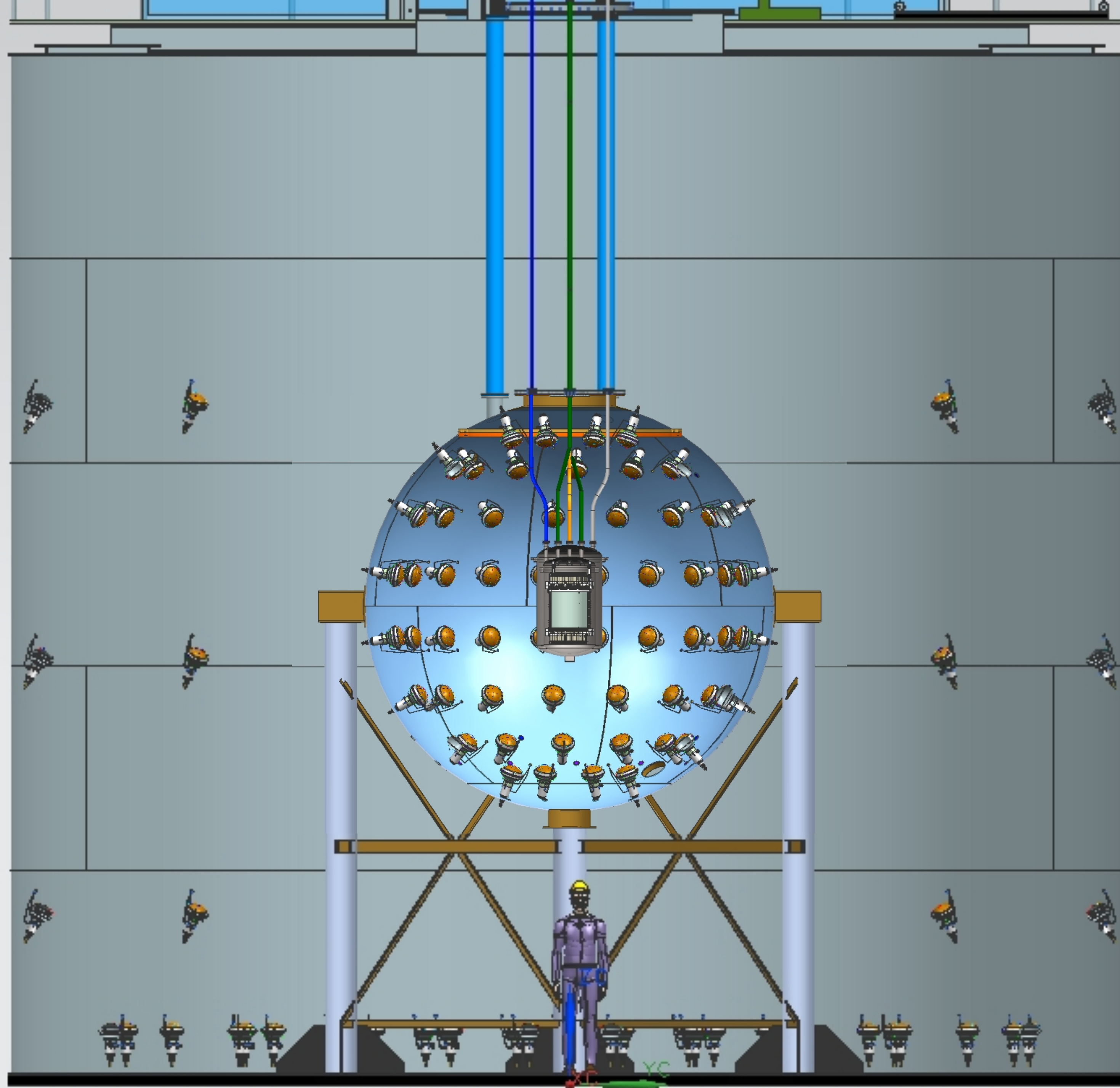


4 m Diameter  
30 Tonnes  
Liquid Scintillator  
Neutron Veto





10 m Height  
11 m Diameter  
1,000 Tonnes  
Water Cherenkov  
Muon Veto

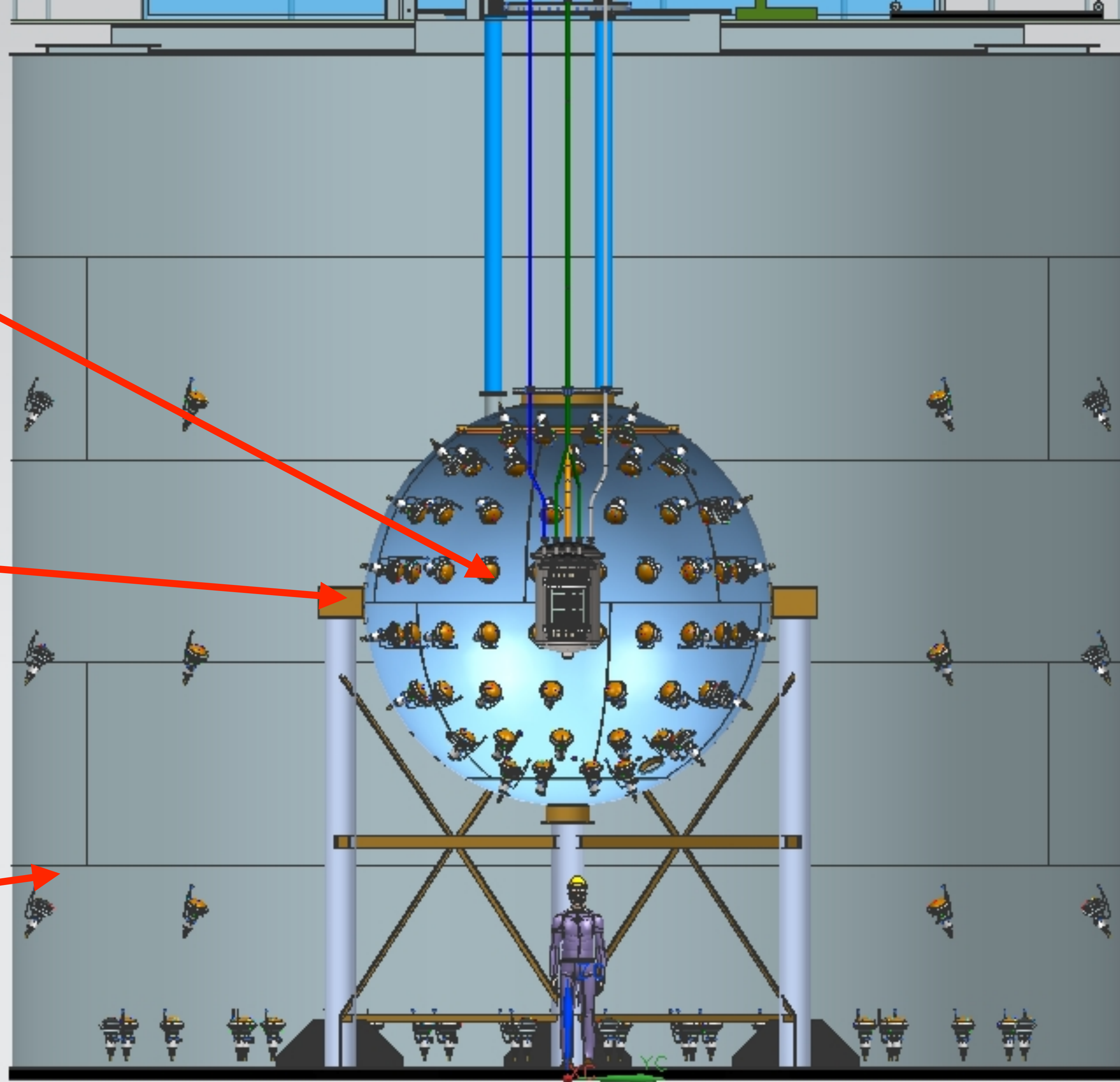




Liquid Argon TPC  
153 kg  $^{39}\text{Ar}$ -Depleted  
Underground Argon  
Target

4 m Diameter  
30 Tonnes  
Liquid Scintillator  
Neutron Veto

10 m Height  
11 m Diameter  
1,000 Tonnes  
Water Cherenkov  
Muon Veto







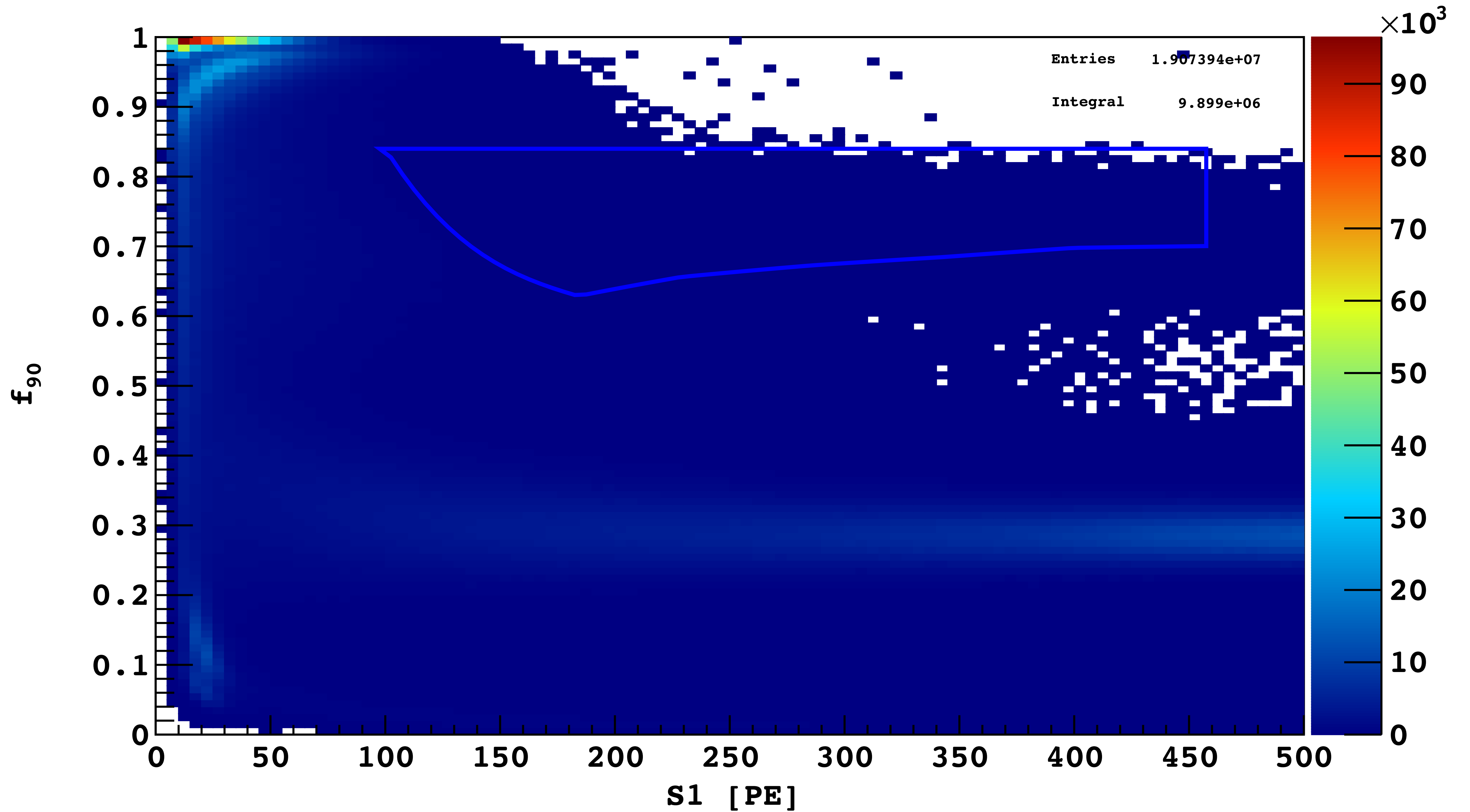


# DarkSide-50

- P. Agnes et al. (The DarkSide Collaboration), "DarkSide-50 532-day Dark Matter Search with Low-Radioactivity Argon", [arxiv:1802.07198](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.07198).
- P. Agnes et al. (The DarkSide Collaboration), "Constraints on Sub-GeV Dark Matter-Electron Scattering from the DarkSide-50 Experiment", [arxiv:1802.06998](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.06998).
- P. Agnes et al. (The DarkSide Collaboration), "Low-mass Dark Matter Search with the DarkSide-50 Experiment", [arxiv:1802.06994](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.06994).

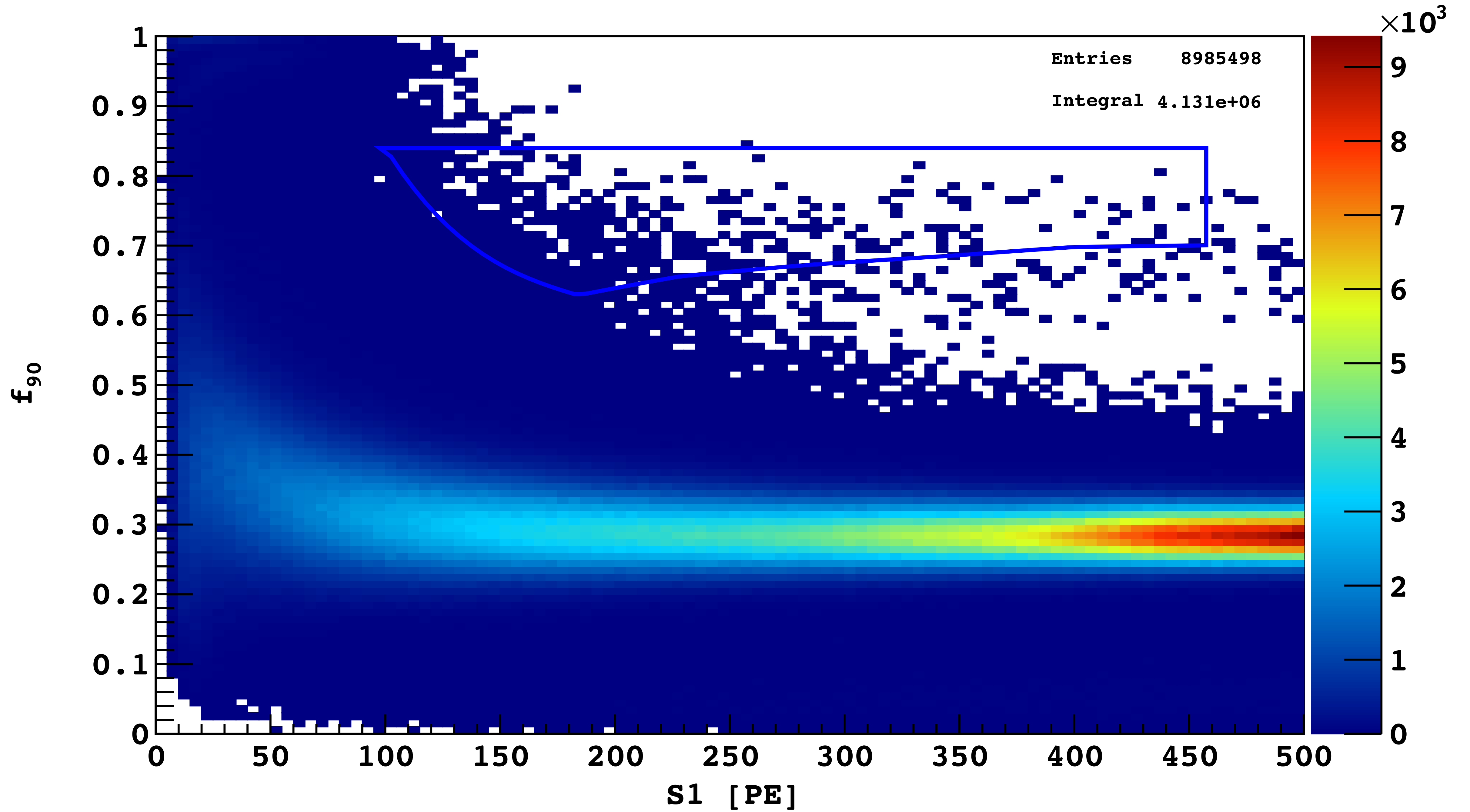


# Quality +Trgtime +S1sat



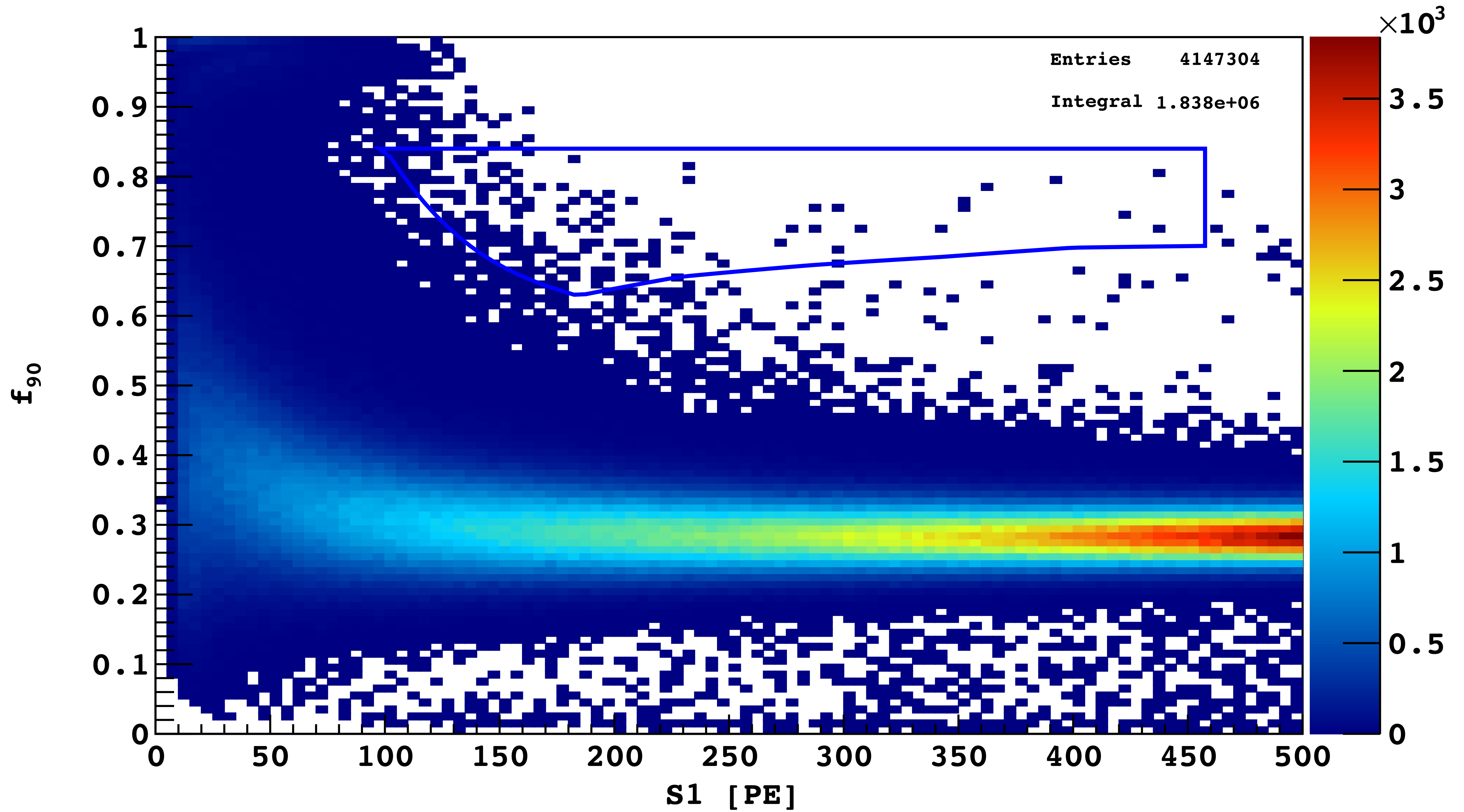


+Npulses



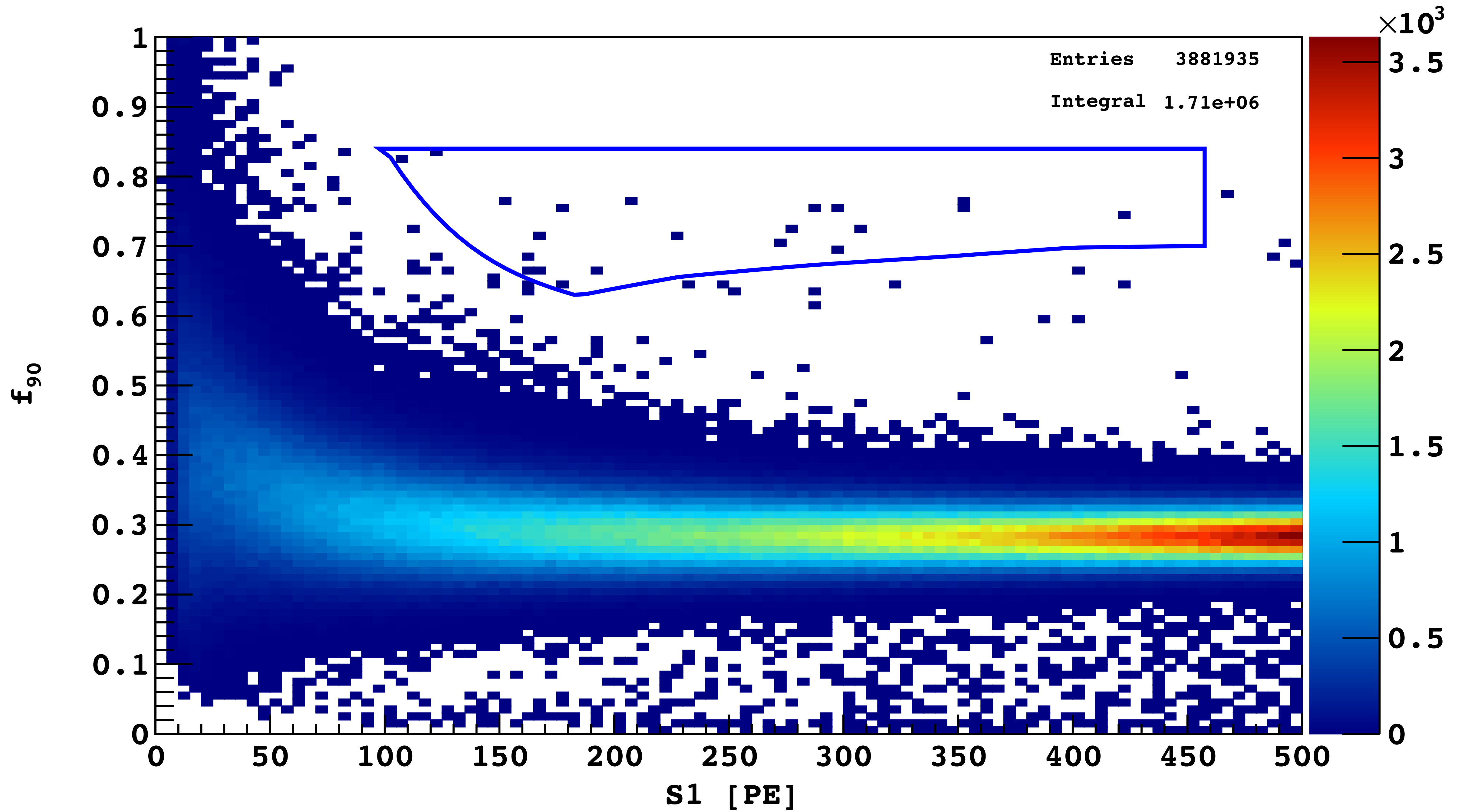


+40 $\mu$ s fid



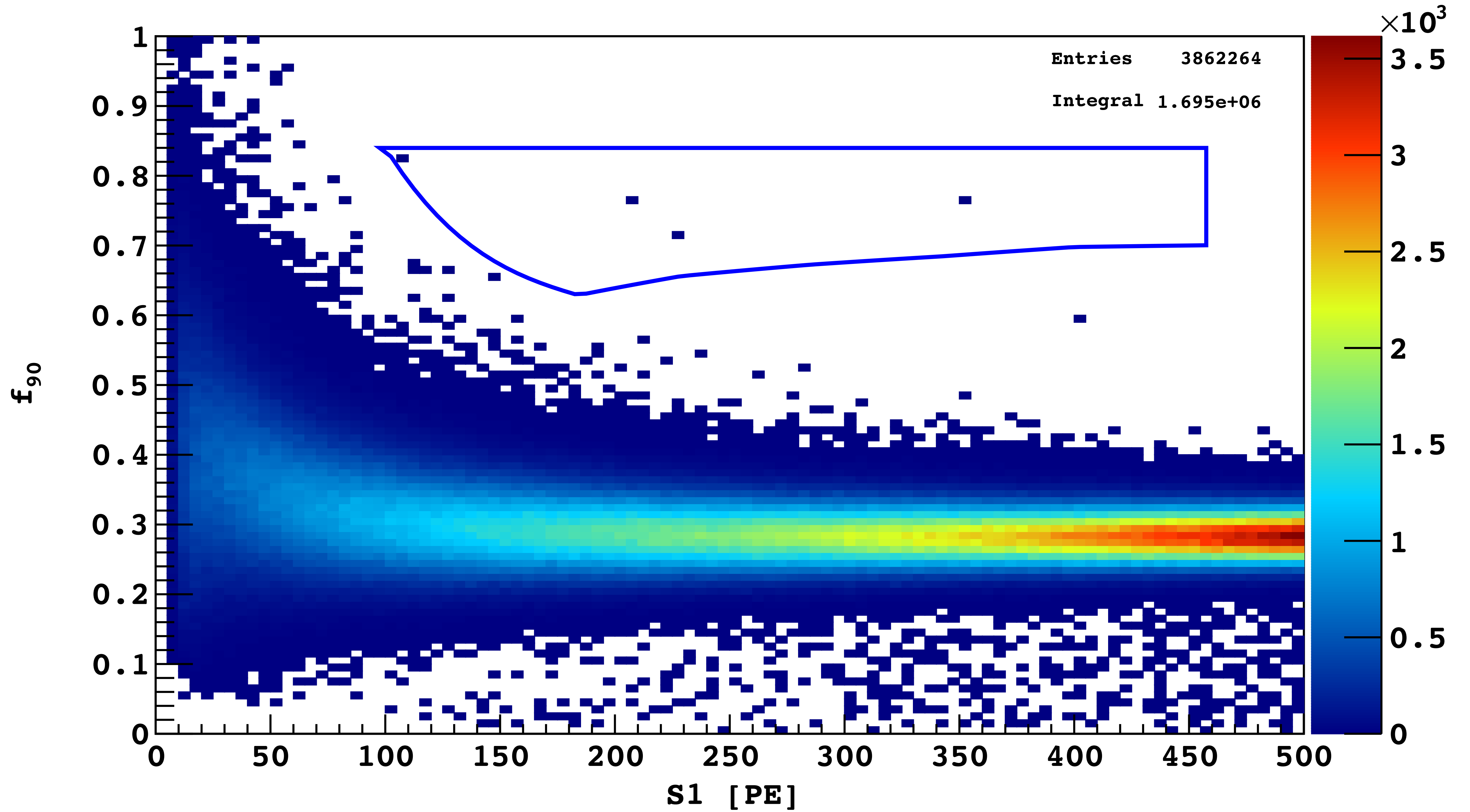


+S1pmf



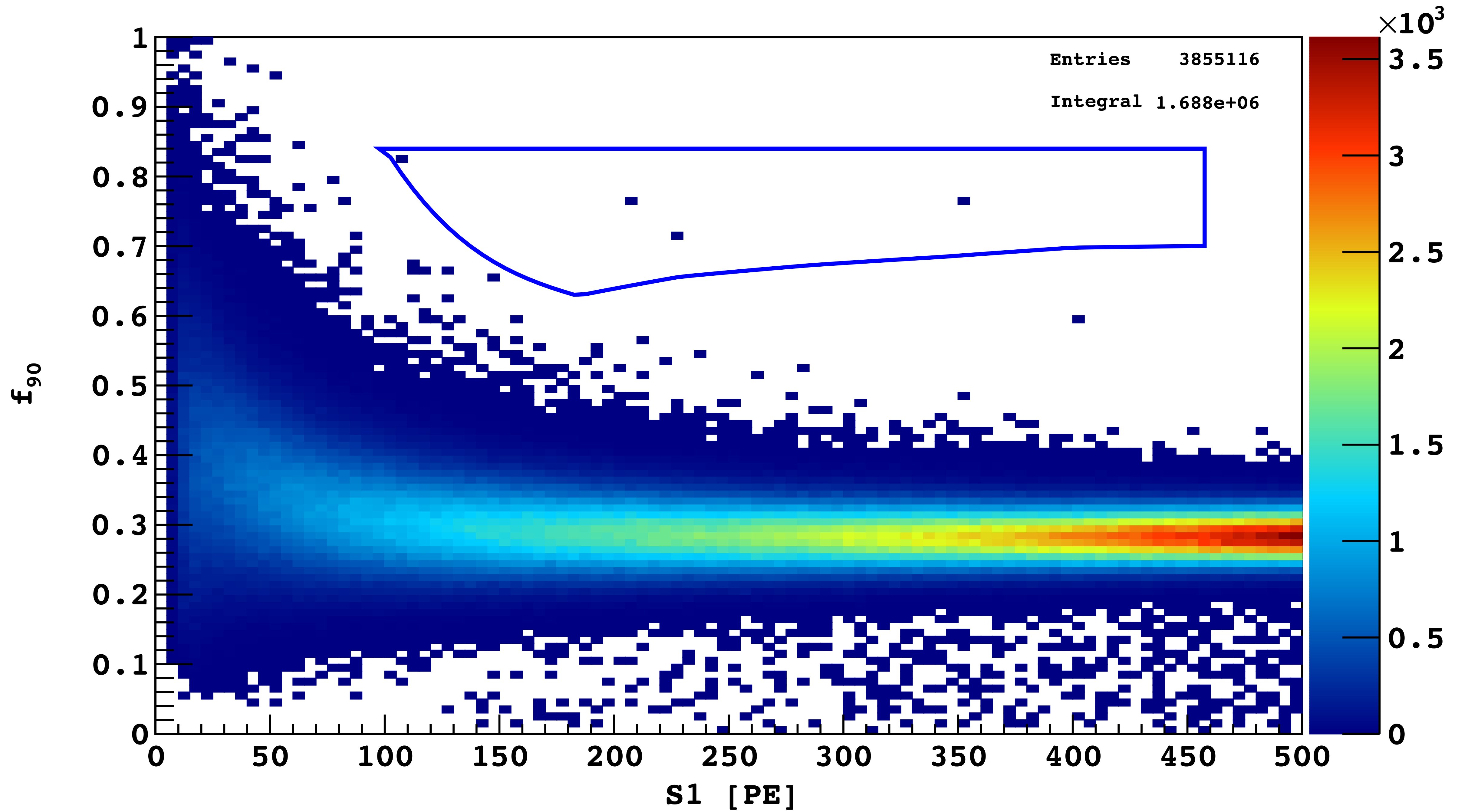


+min S2uncorr



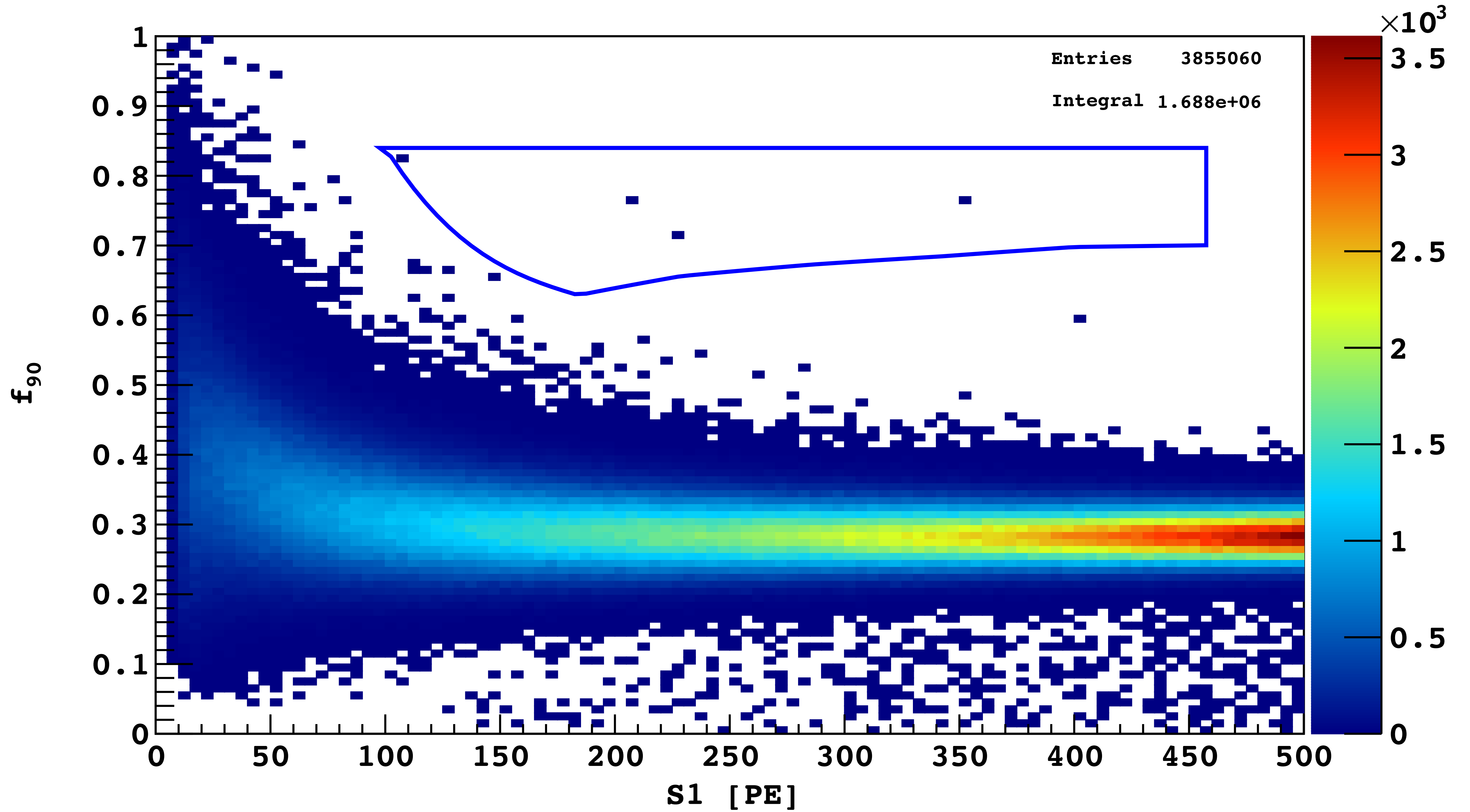


# +xy-recon



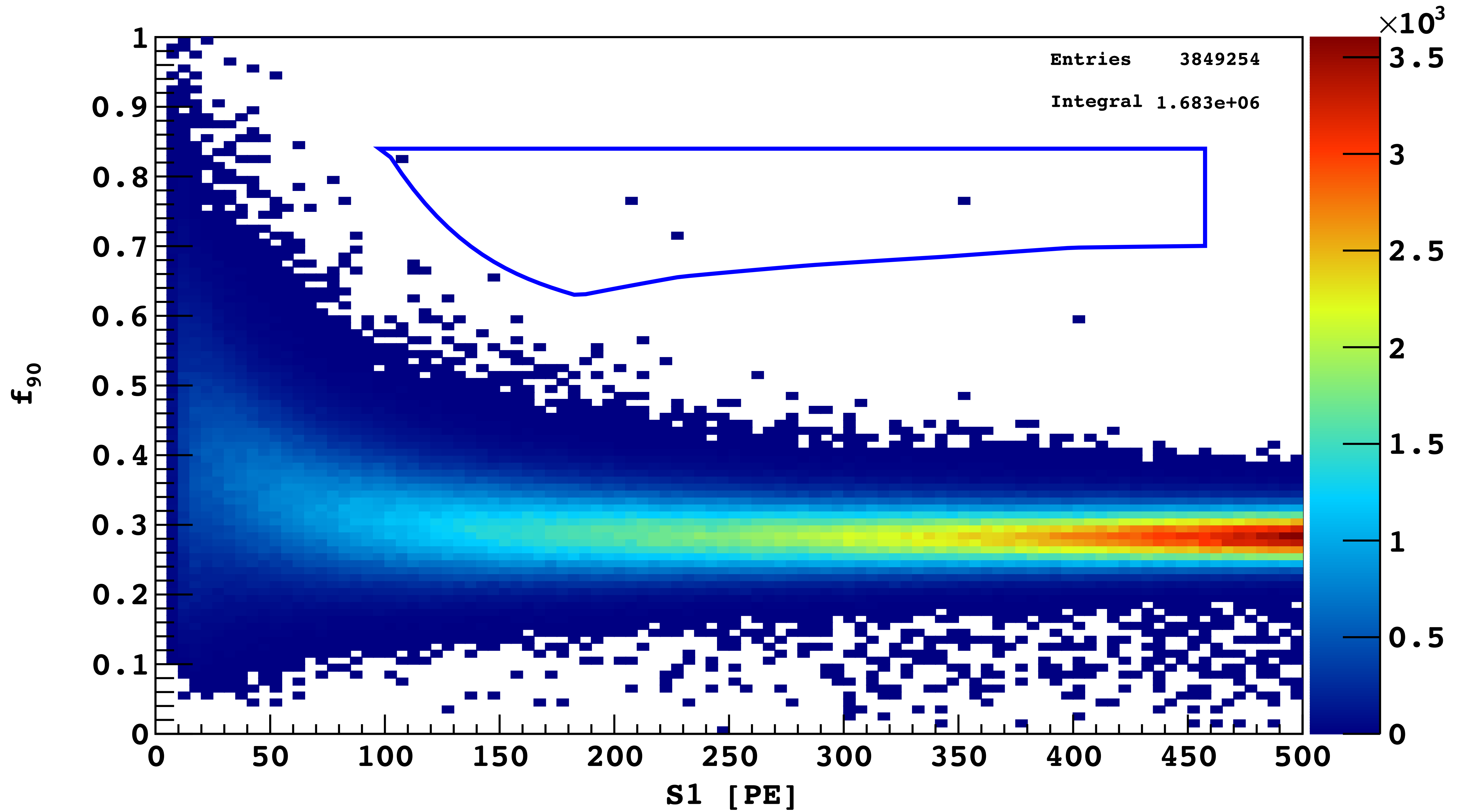


# +S2 F90



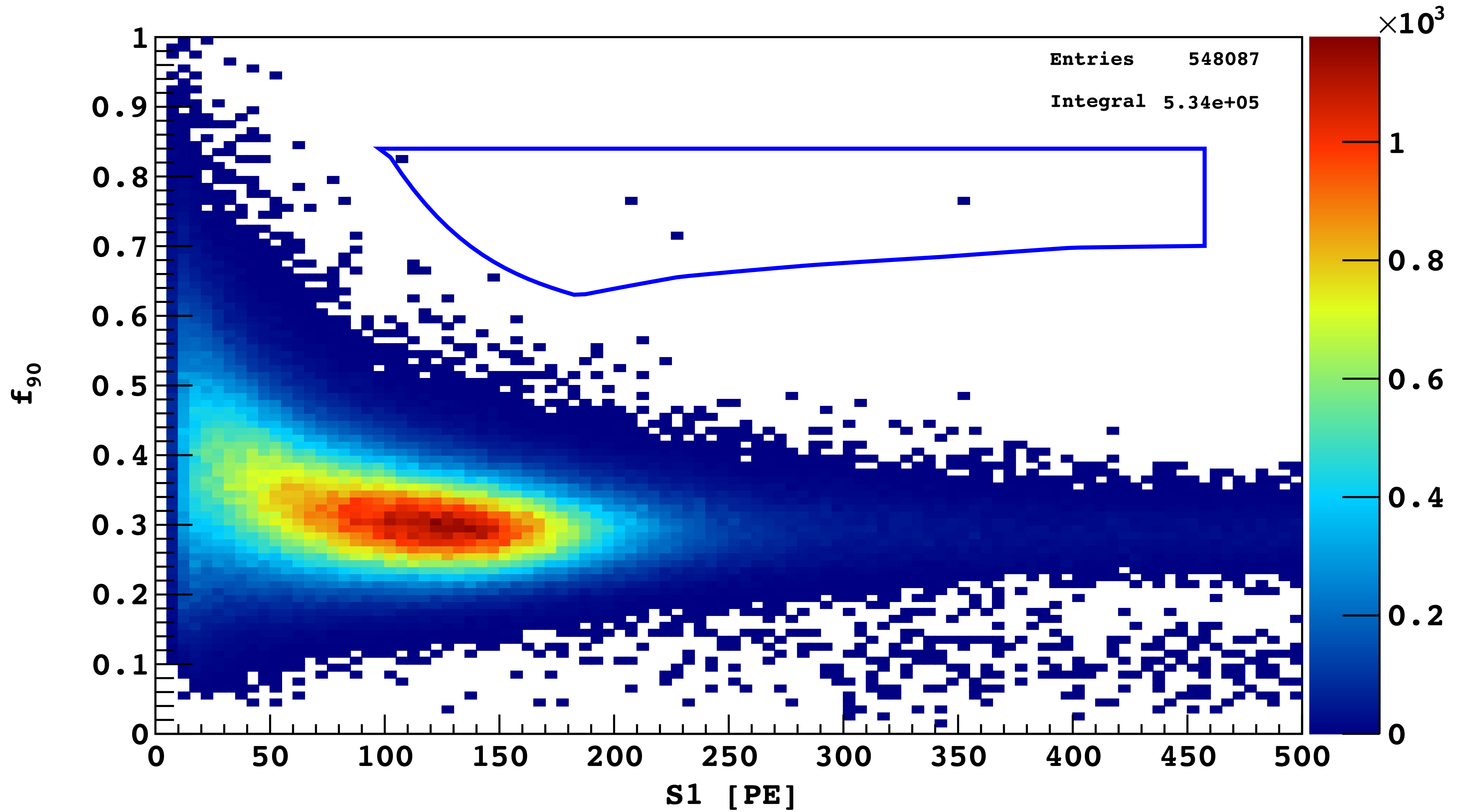


+min S2/S1



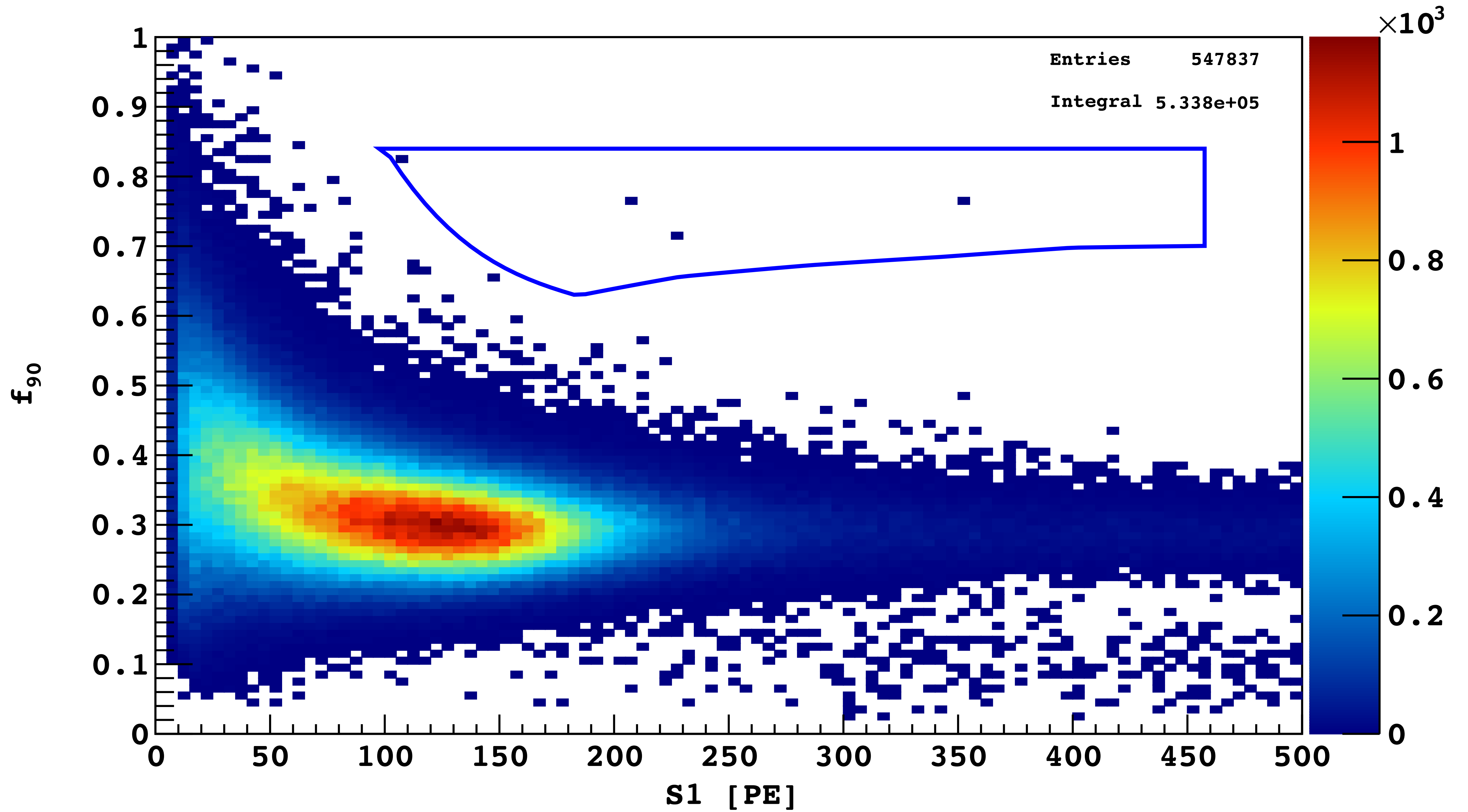


+max S2/S1



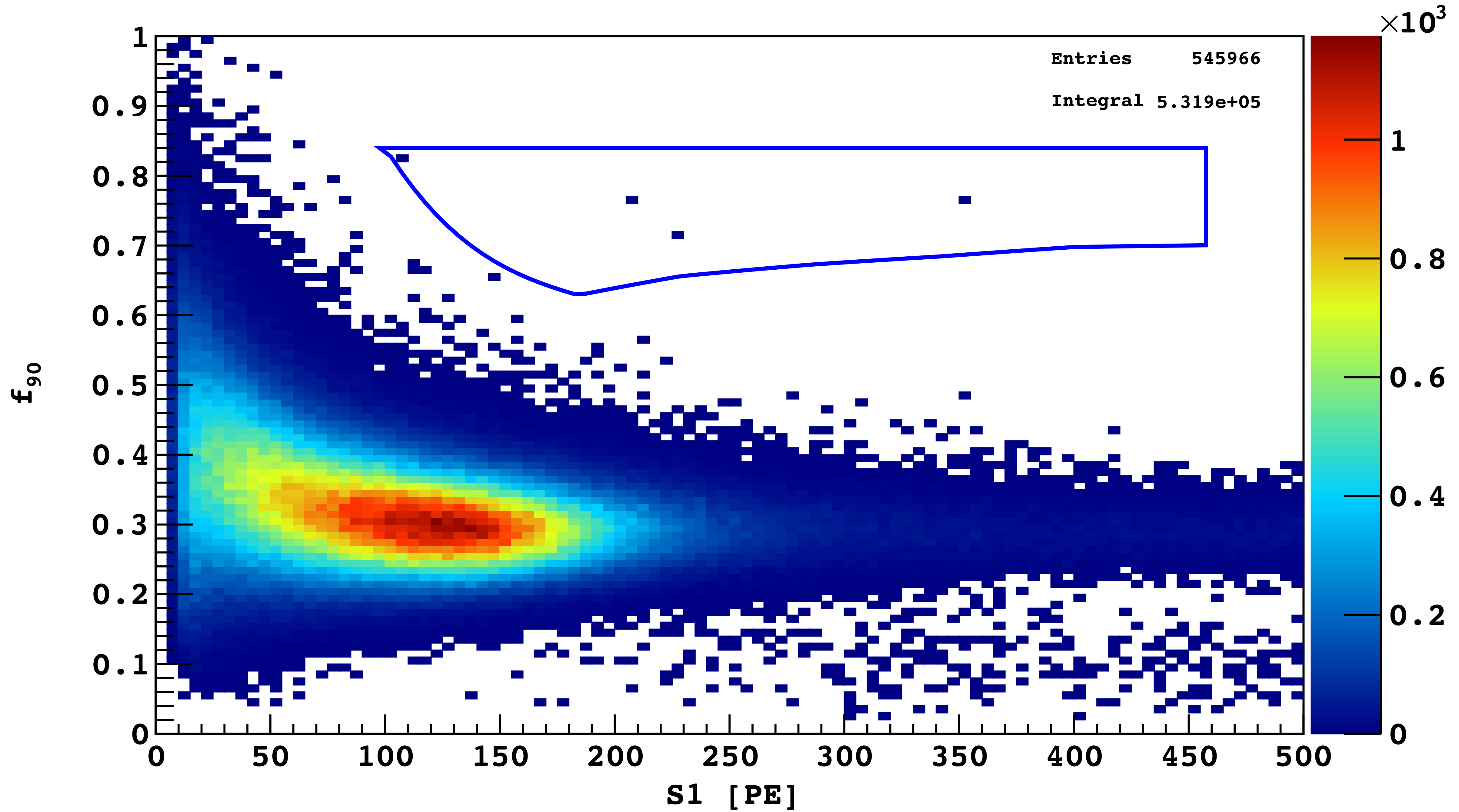


+S2 i90/i1



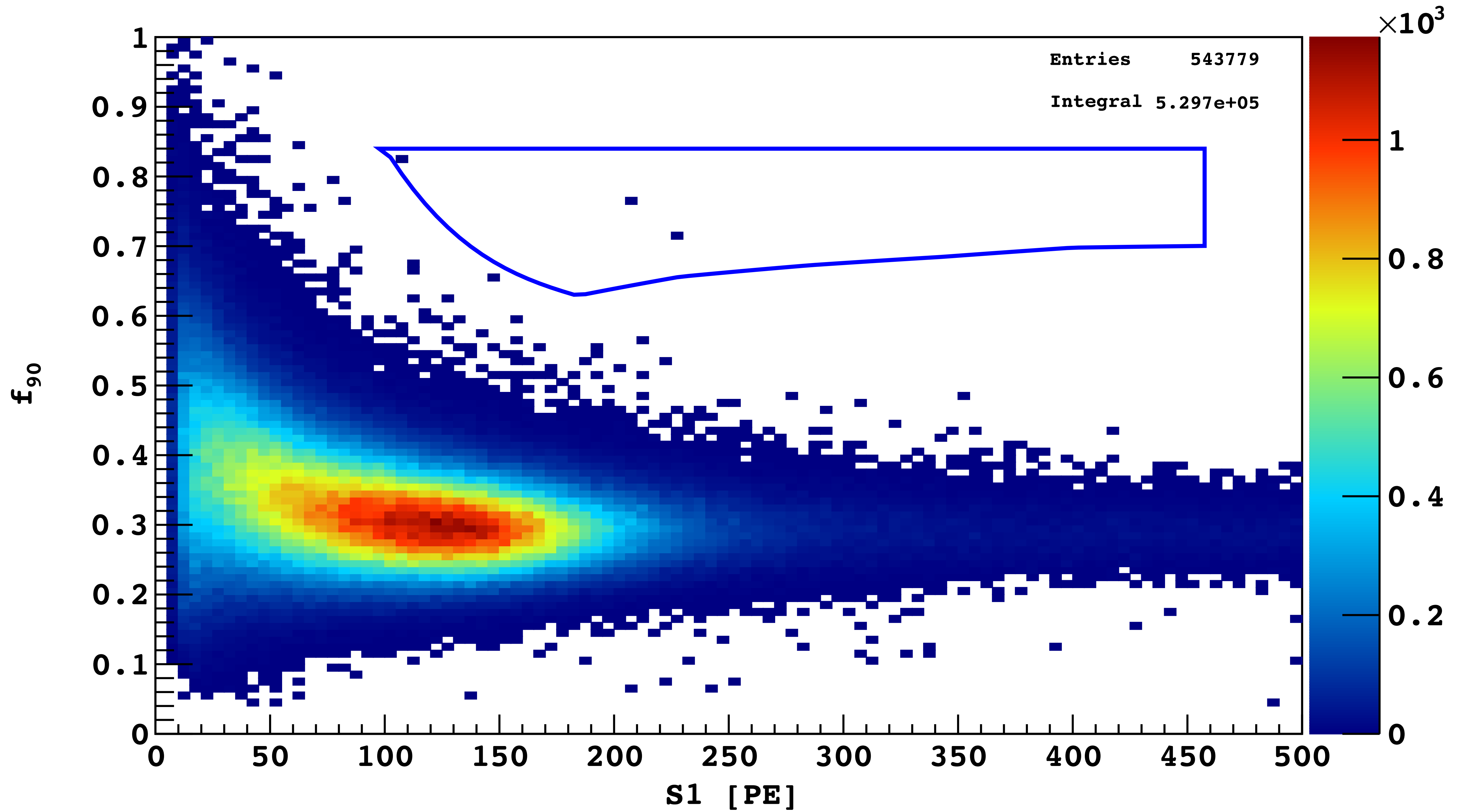


# +S1 TBA



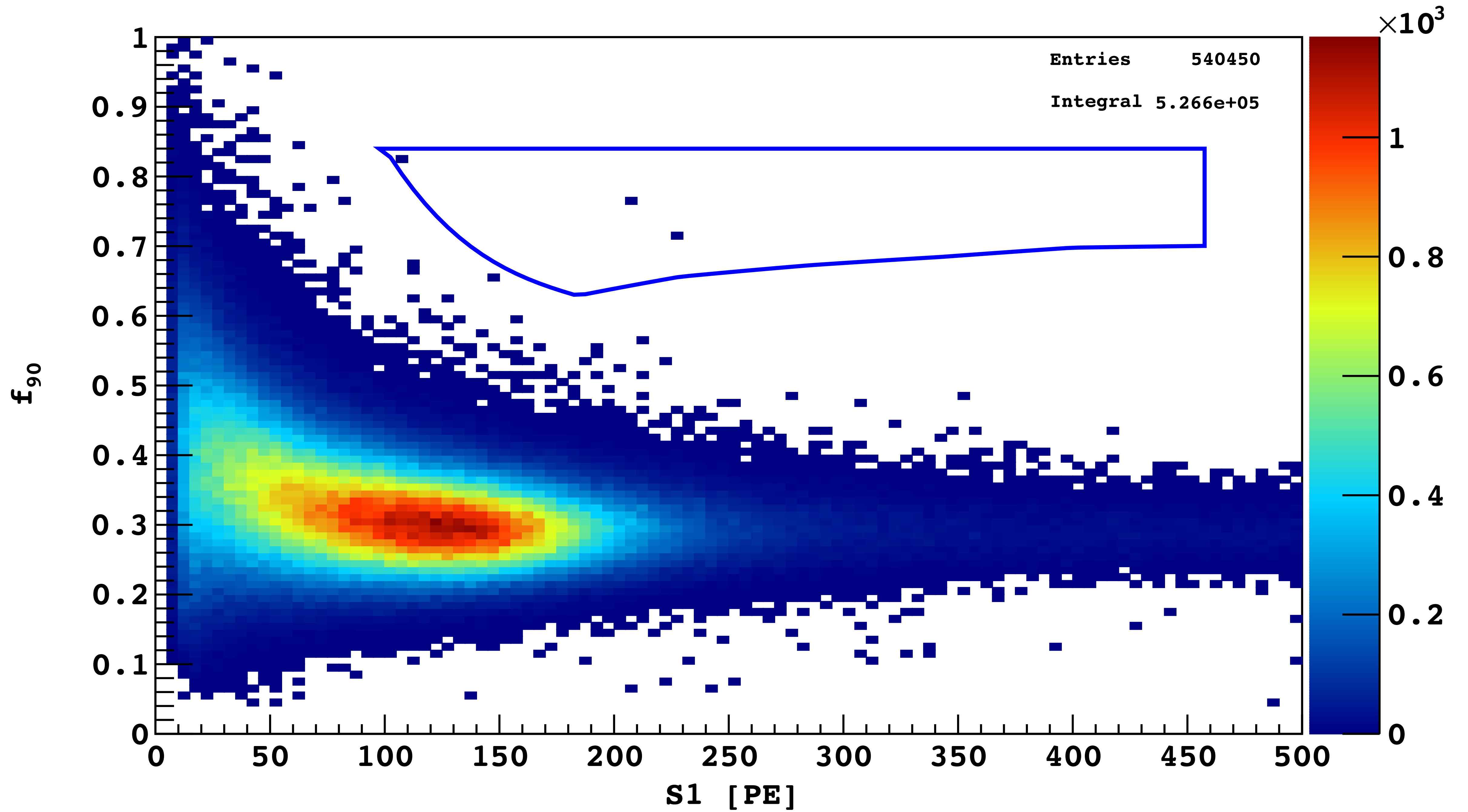


# +TPB Tail



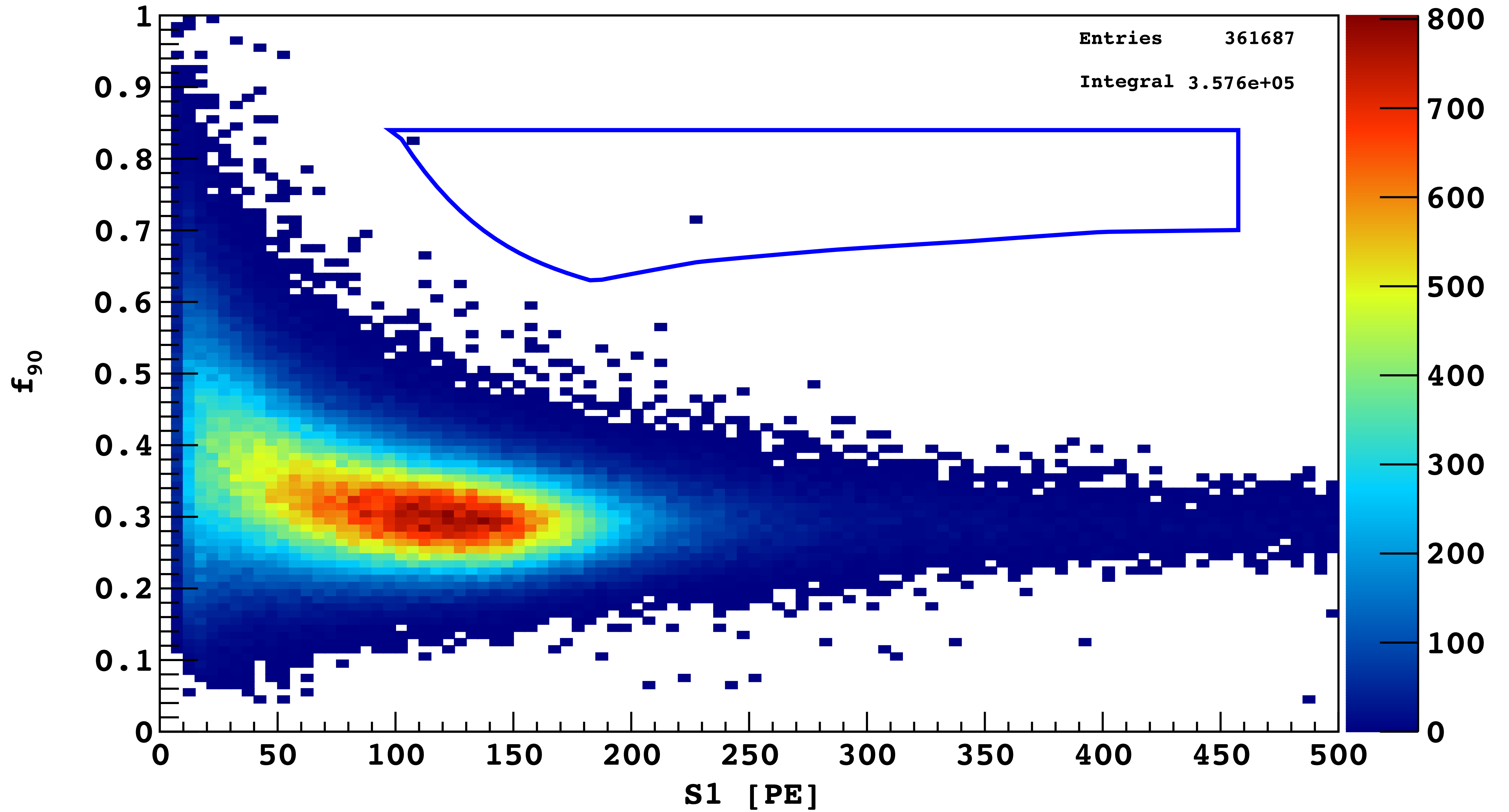


+NLL



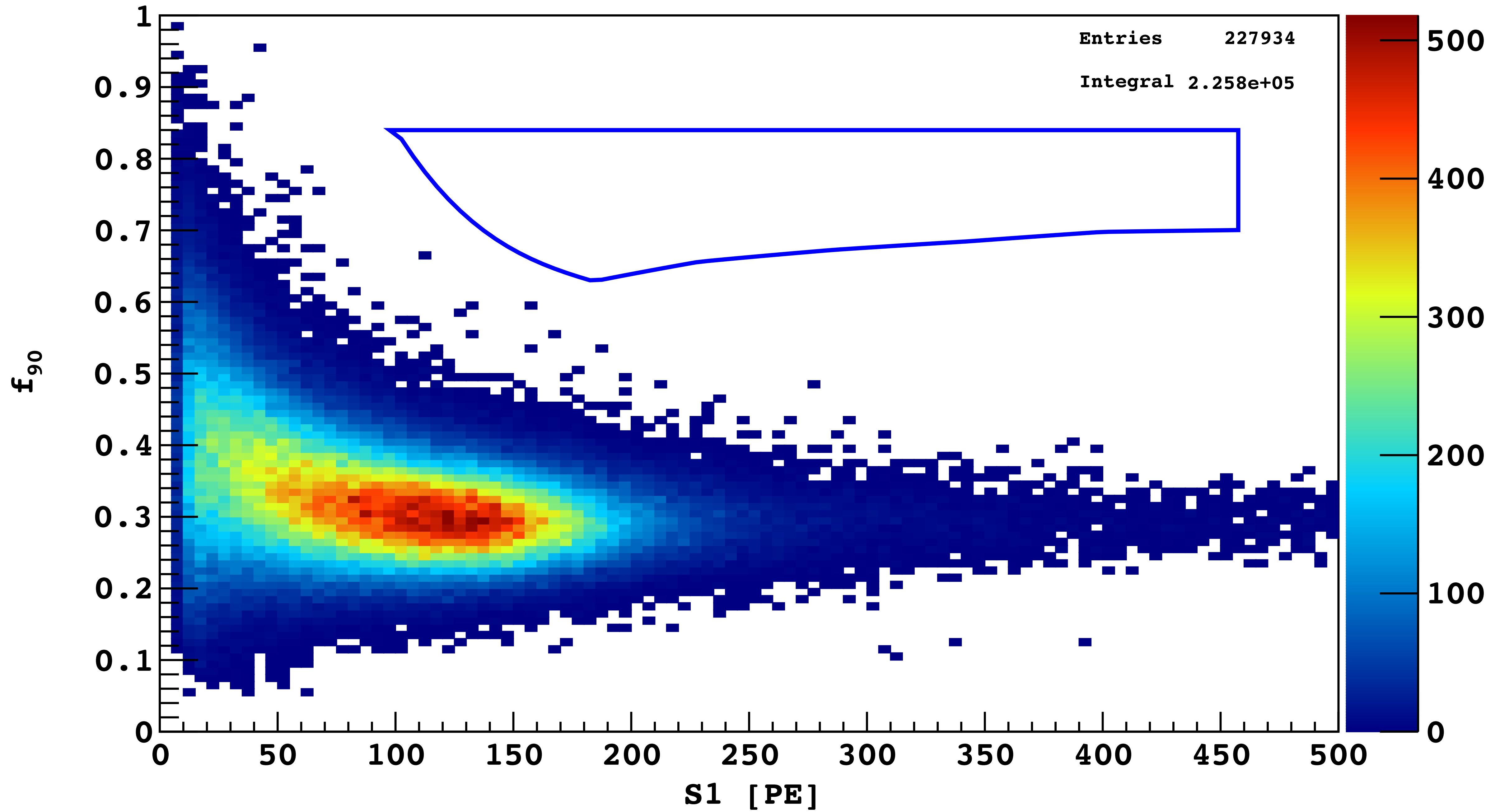


+R 2





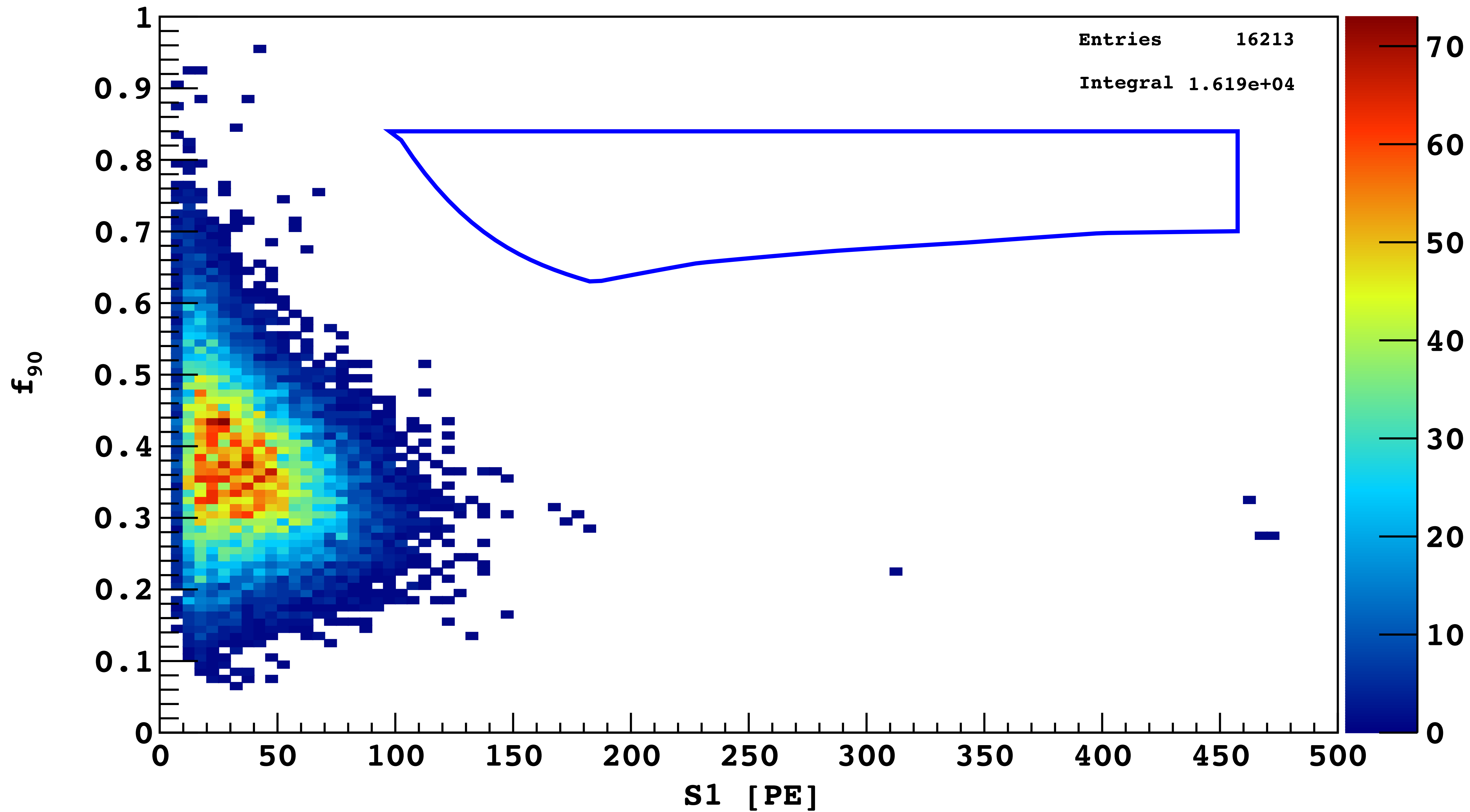
+Veto

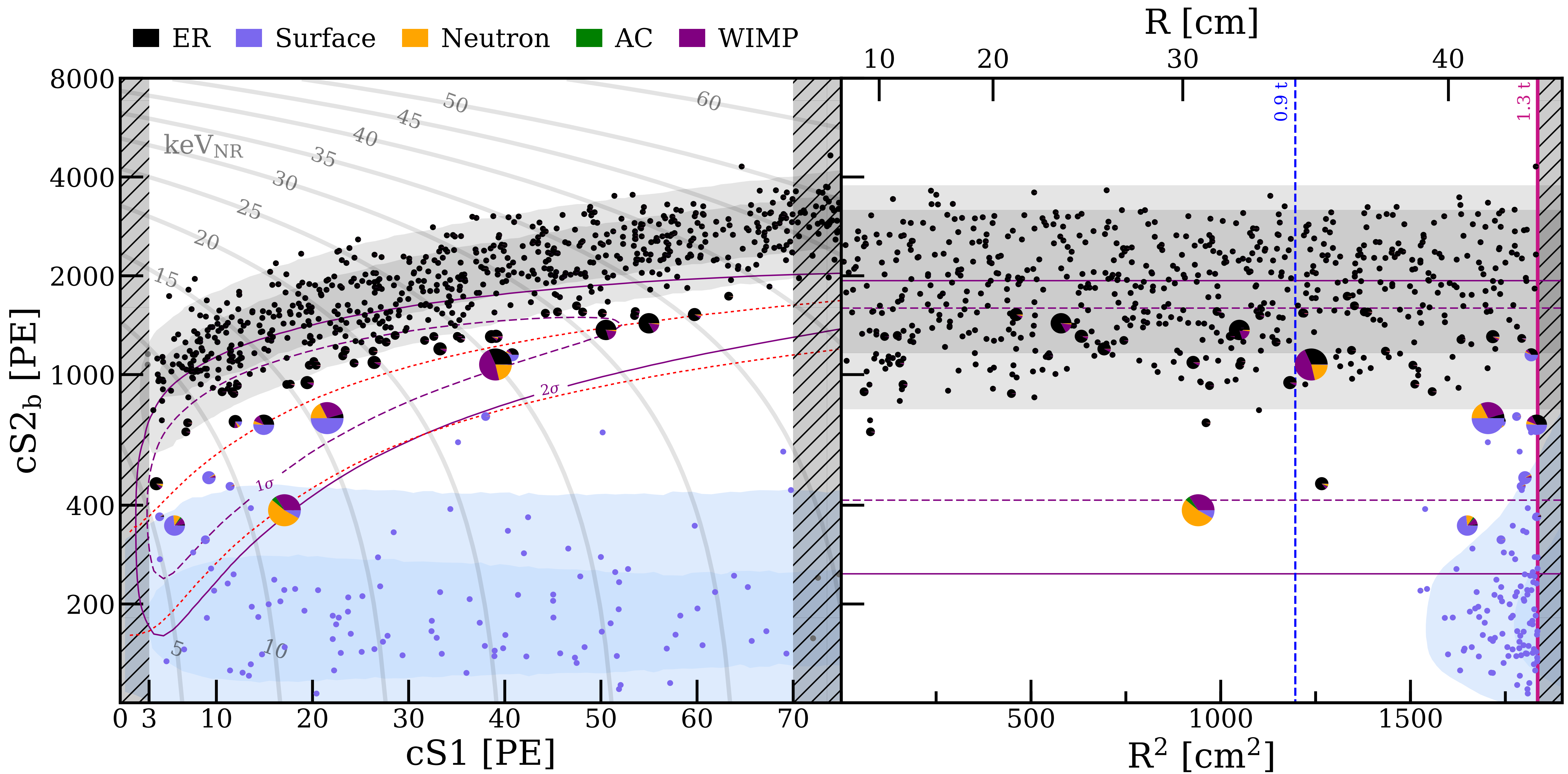




+r<10 cm && 50% loss S2/S1 cut (70d)

14

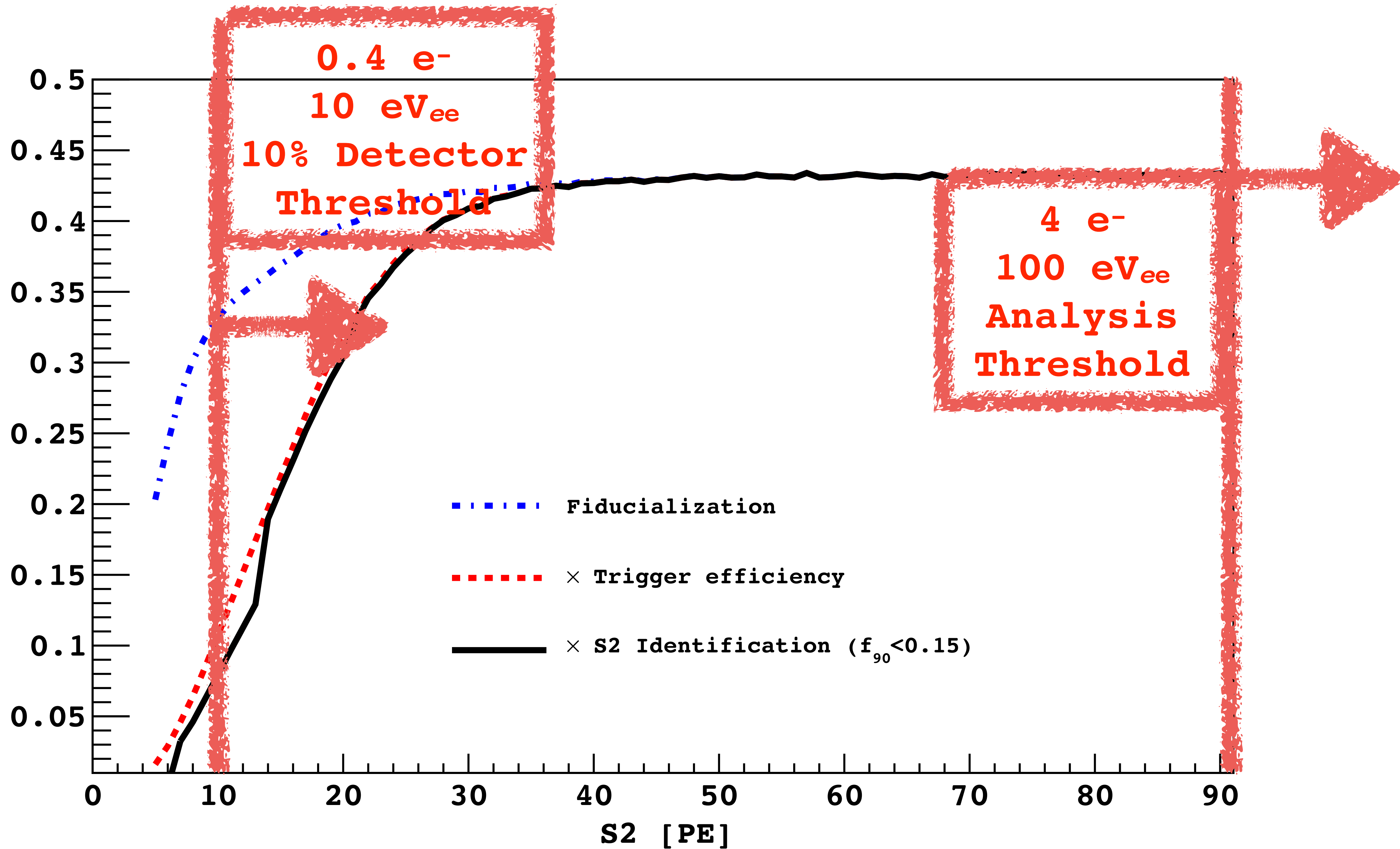




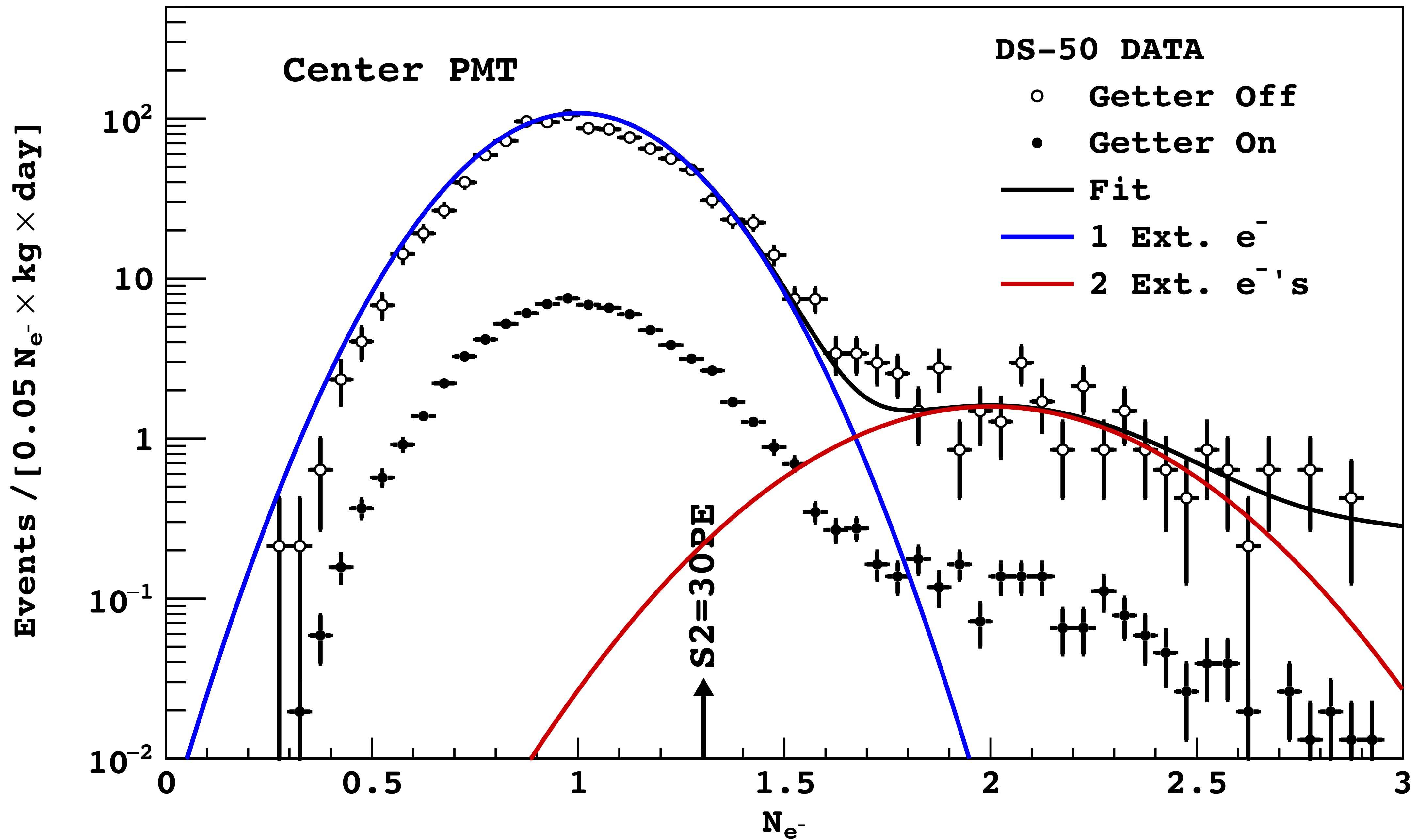


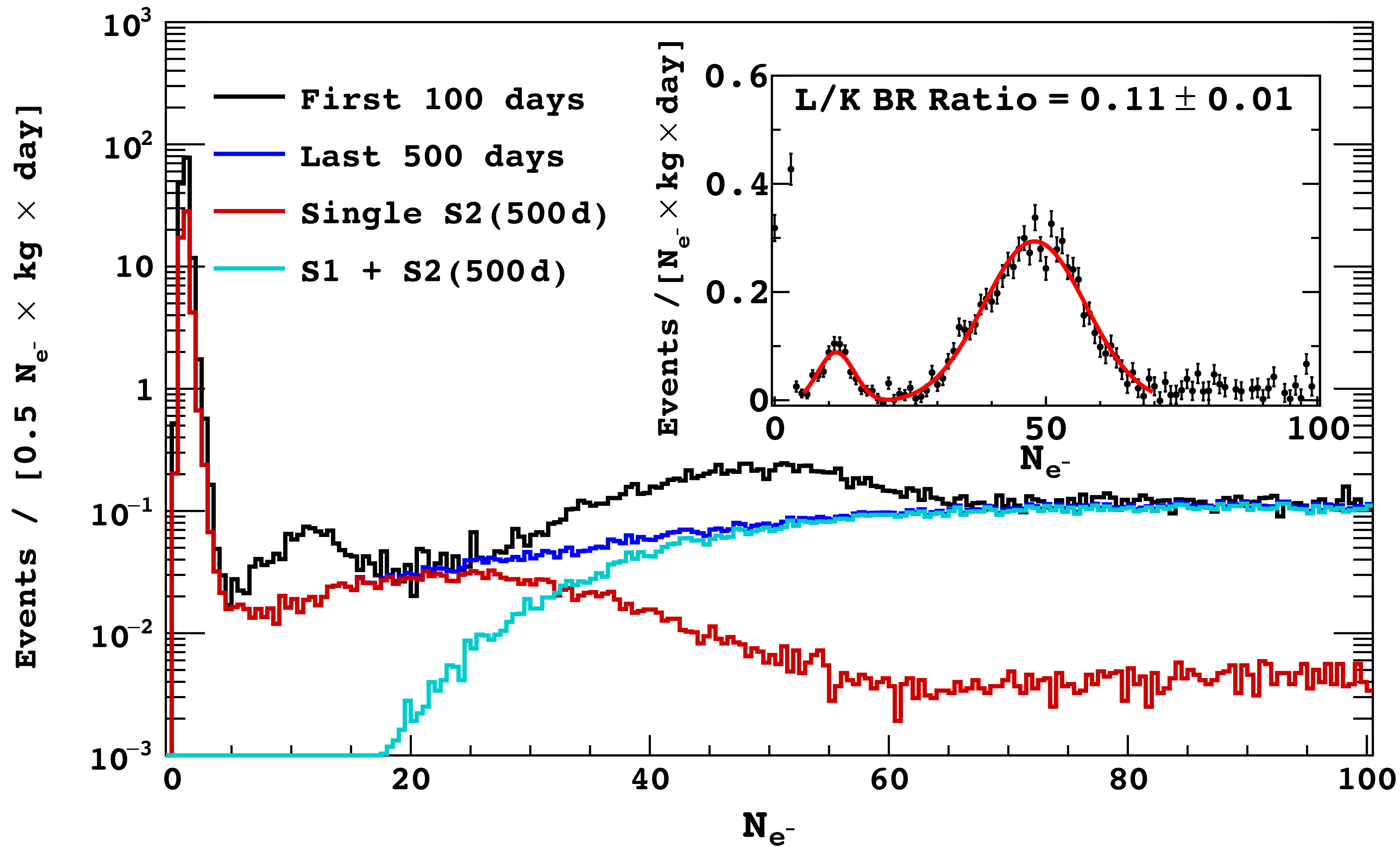
# Ionization-Only (S2-Only) Signals

1. The PMTs have zero dark rate at 88 K so a signal is always real
2. The gain in the gas region ( $\sim 70$  PE/e<sup>-</sup>, reduced to 23 PE/e<sup>-</sup> when accounting for the 30% QE of the PMTs) means that we are sensitive to a single extracted electron
3. The radioactivity rate in the detector is remarkably low, so ...
4. We don't need PSD
5. The electron yield for nuclear recoils rises at low energy

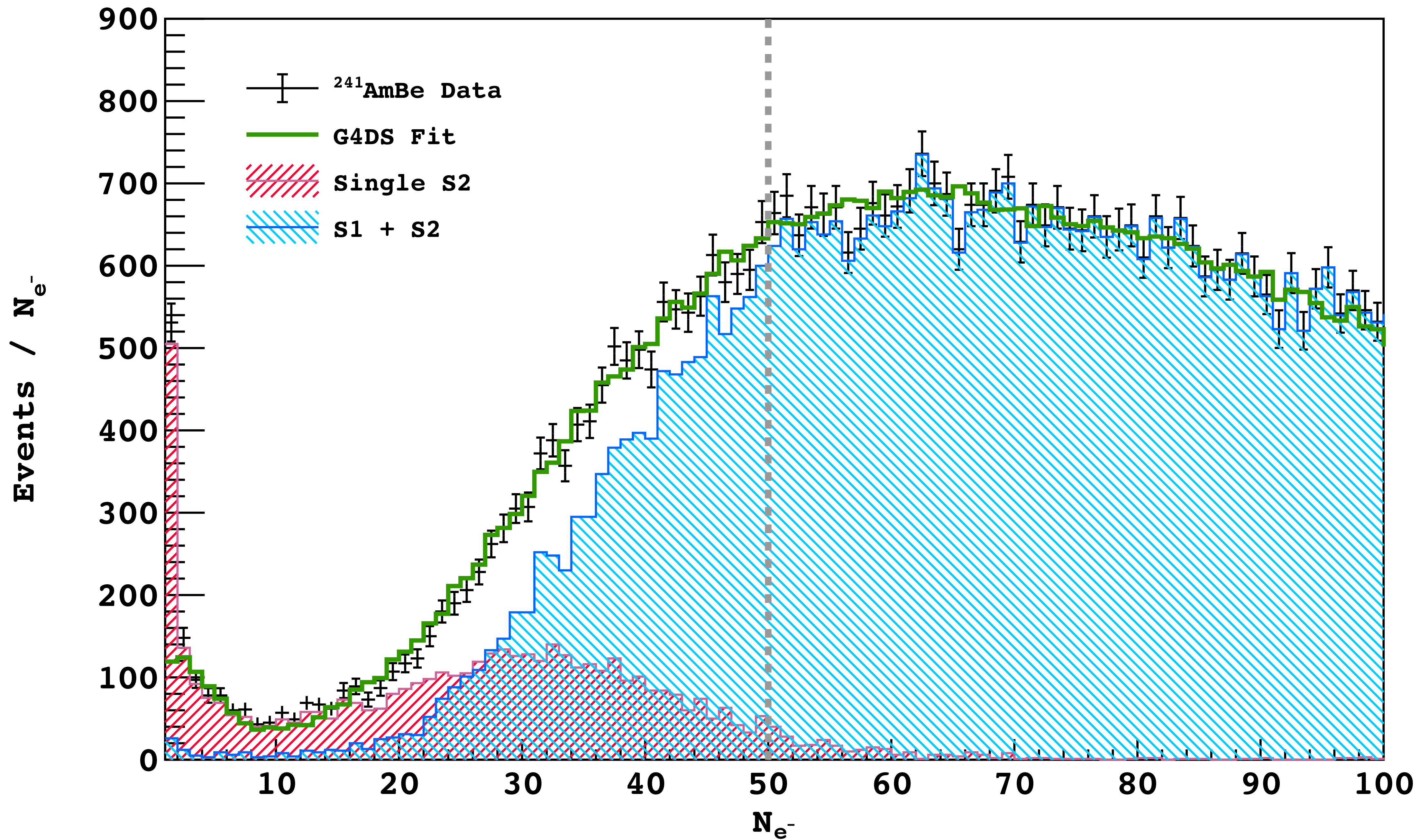


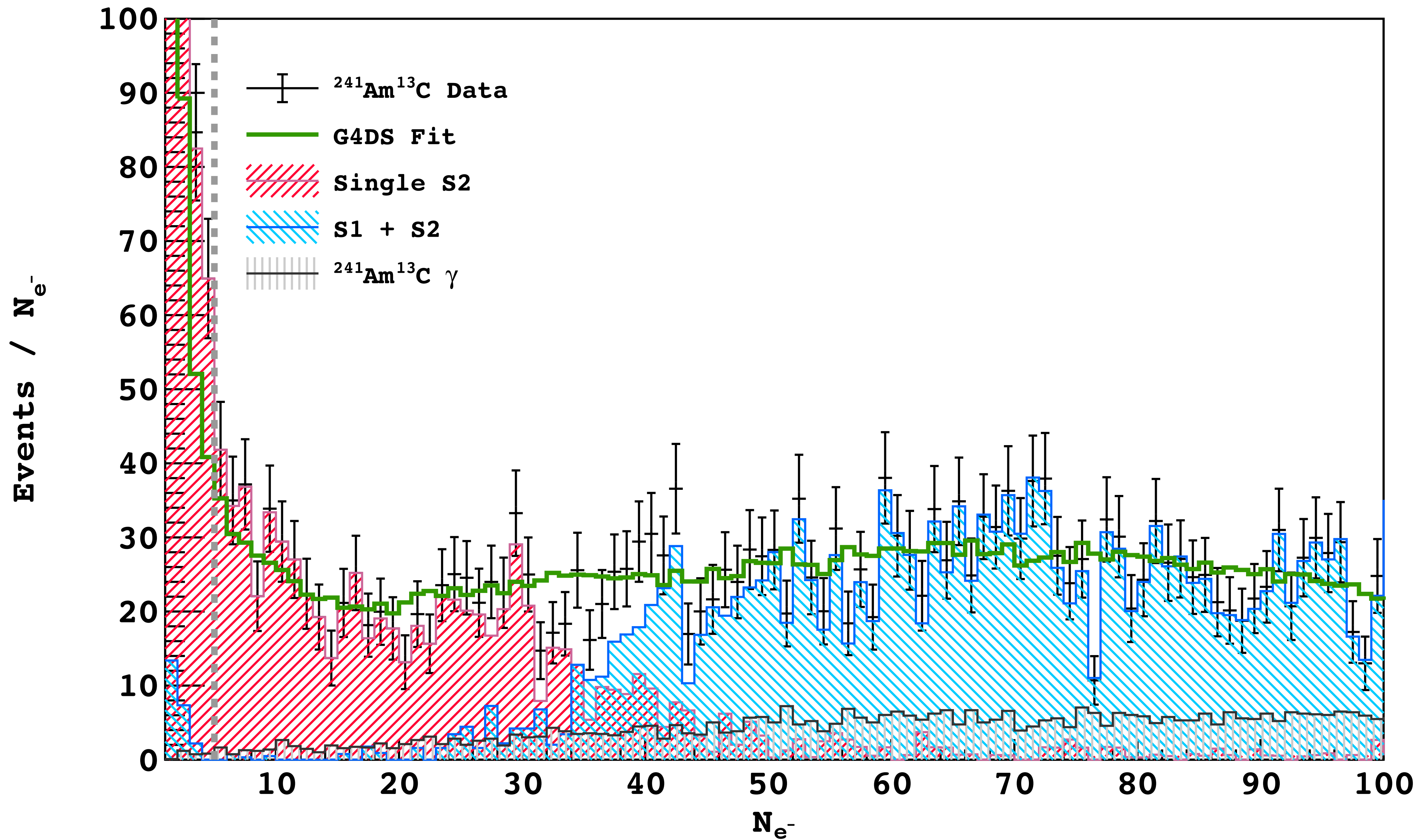




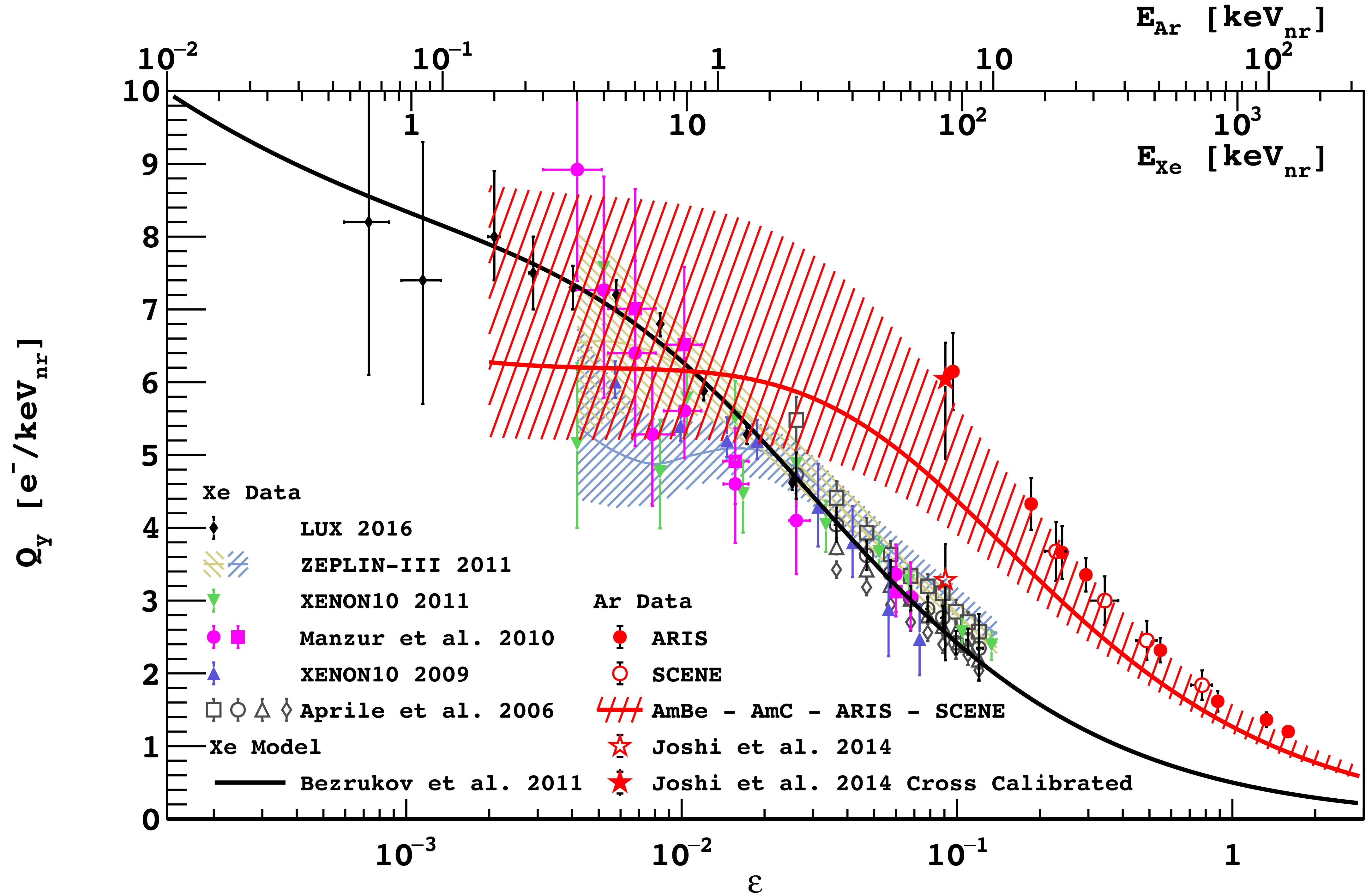


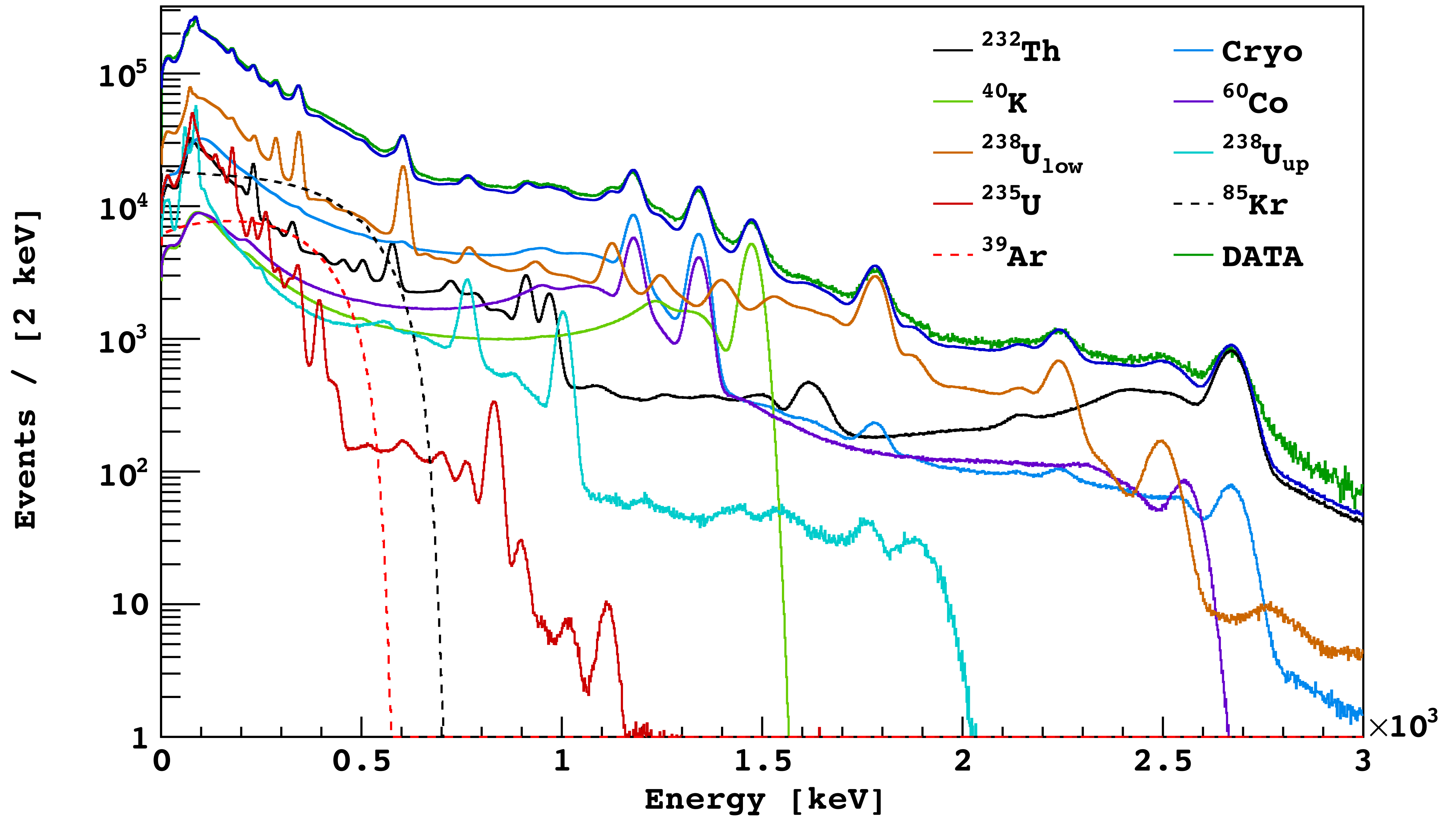




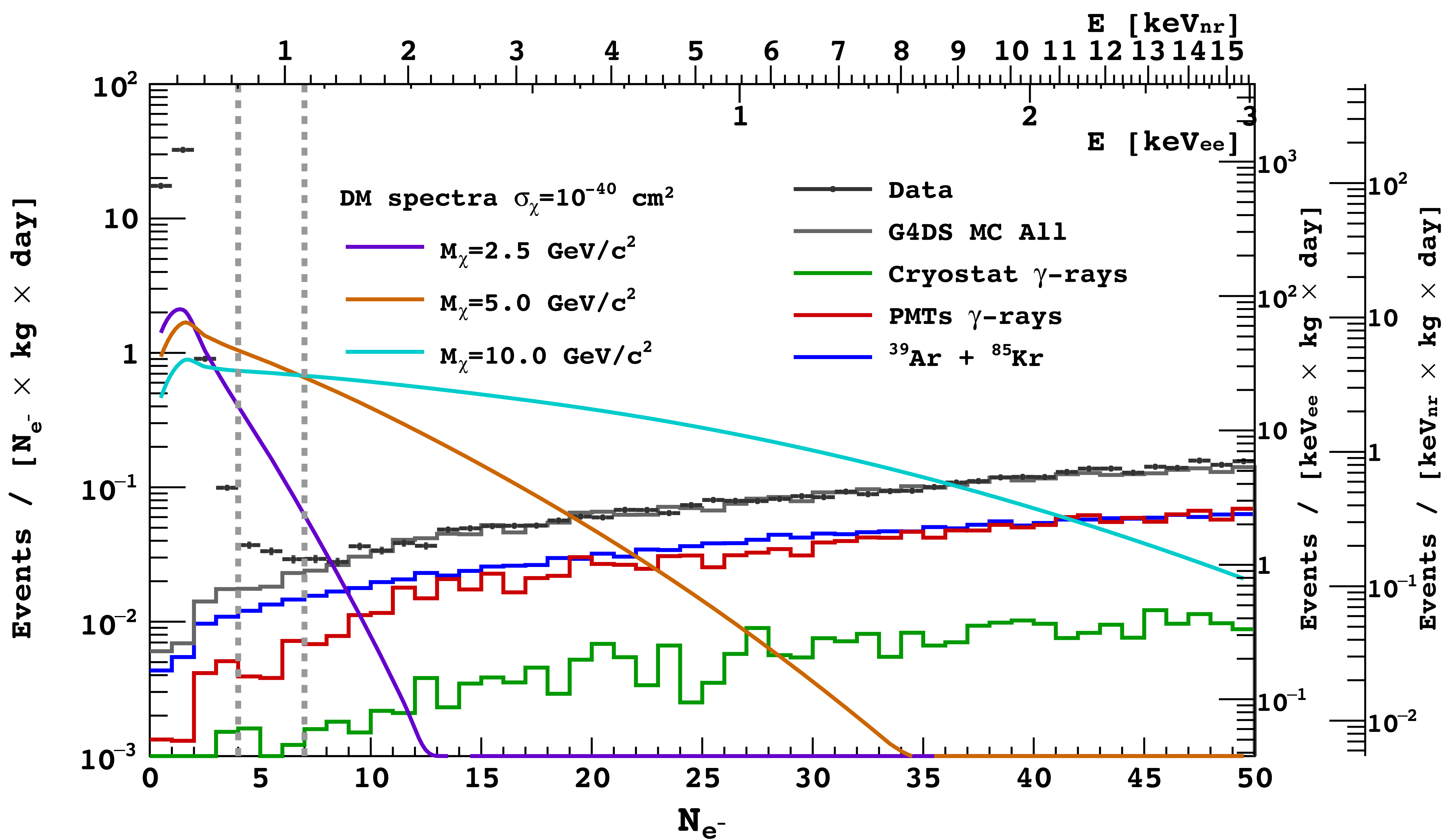


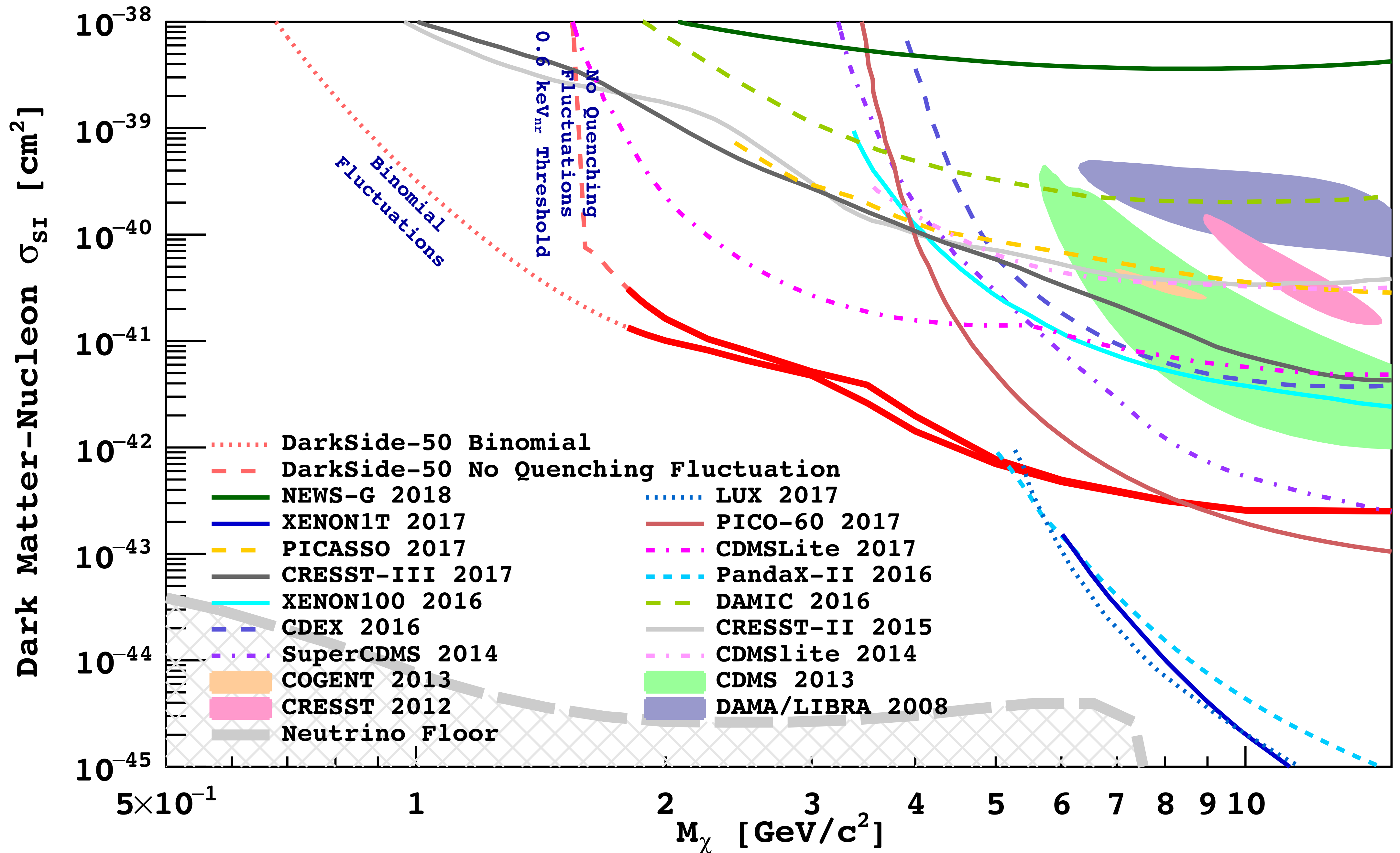




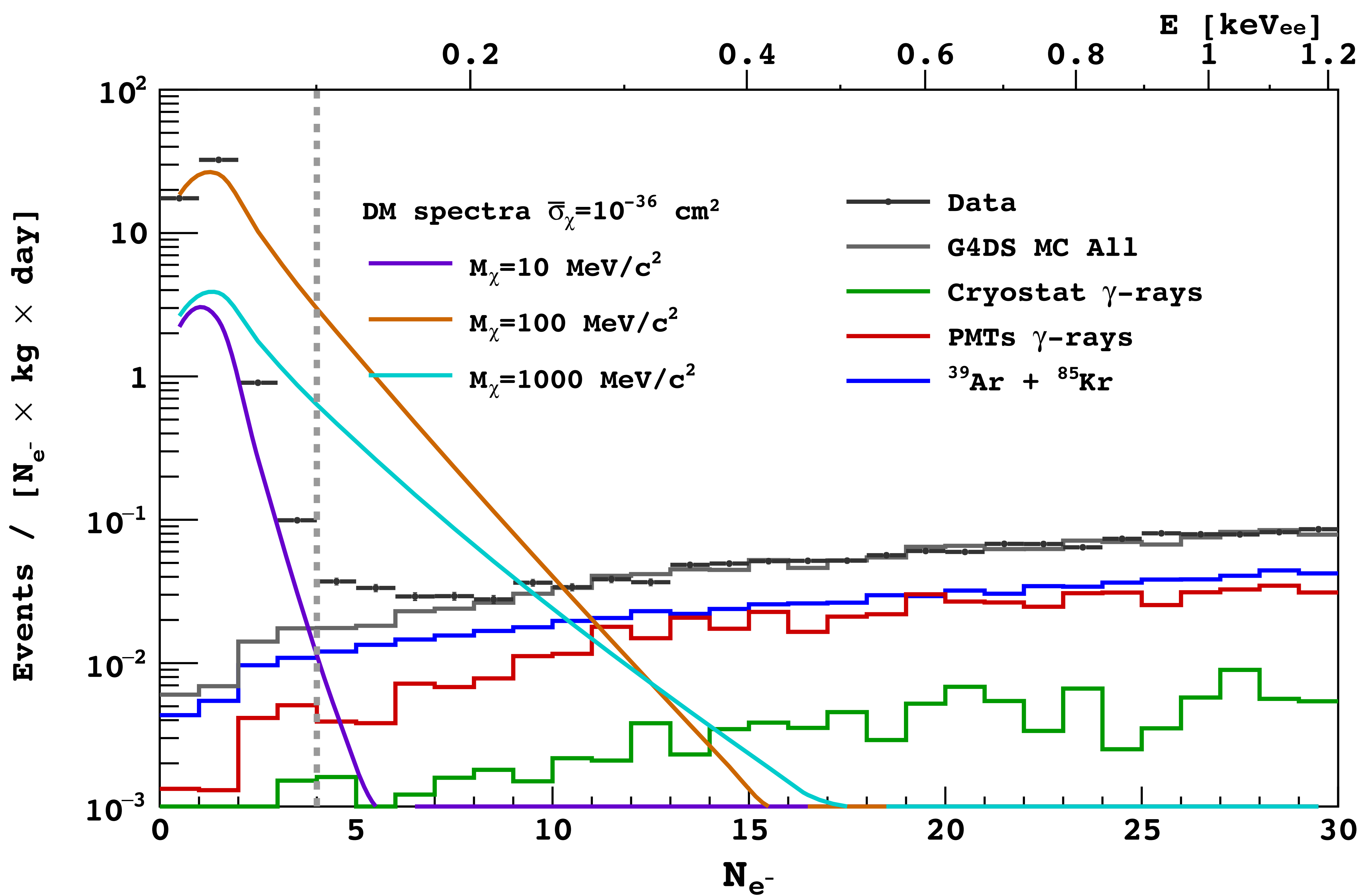


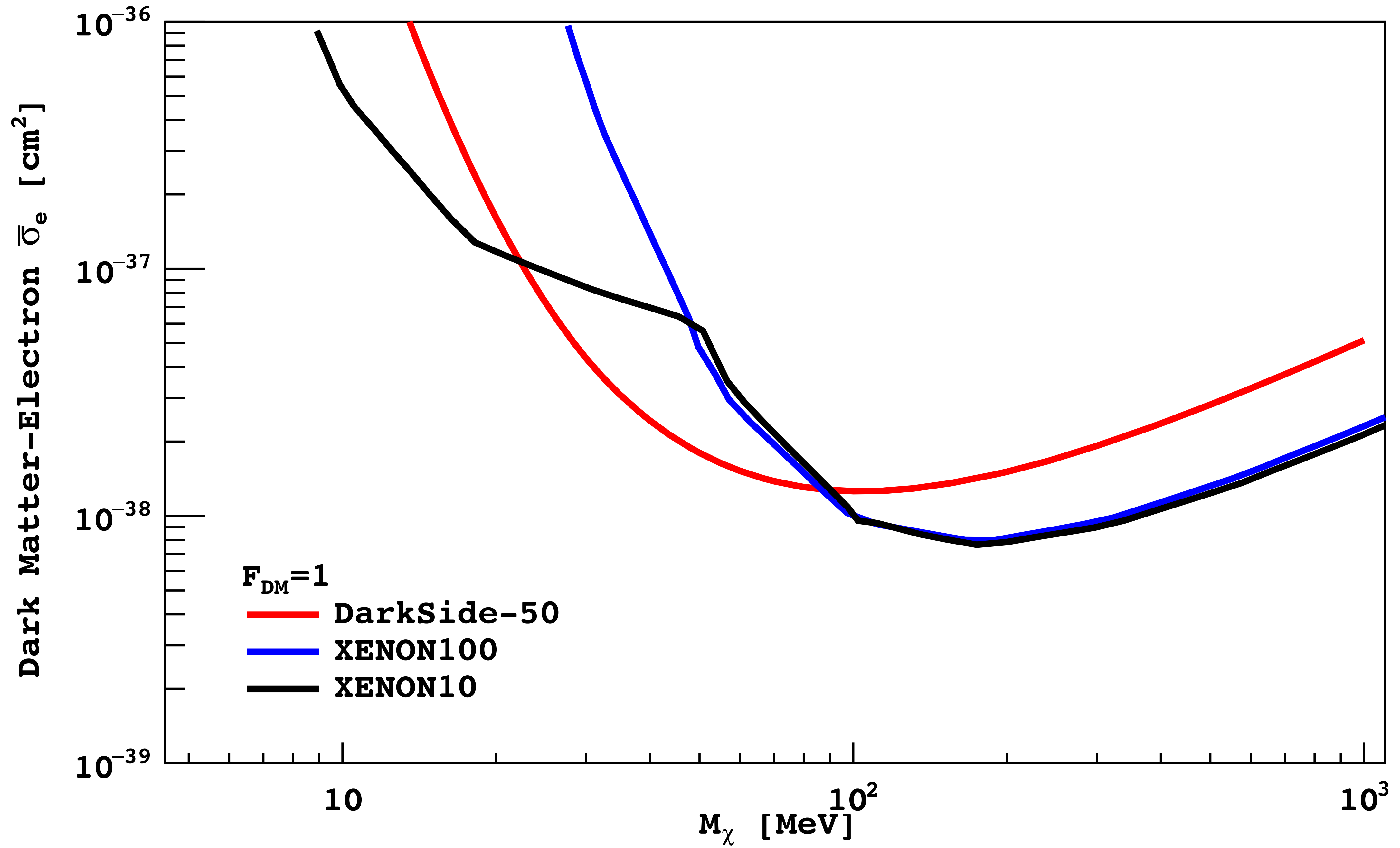




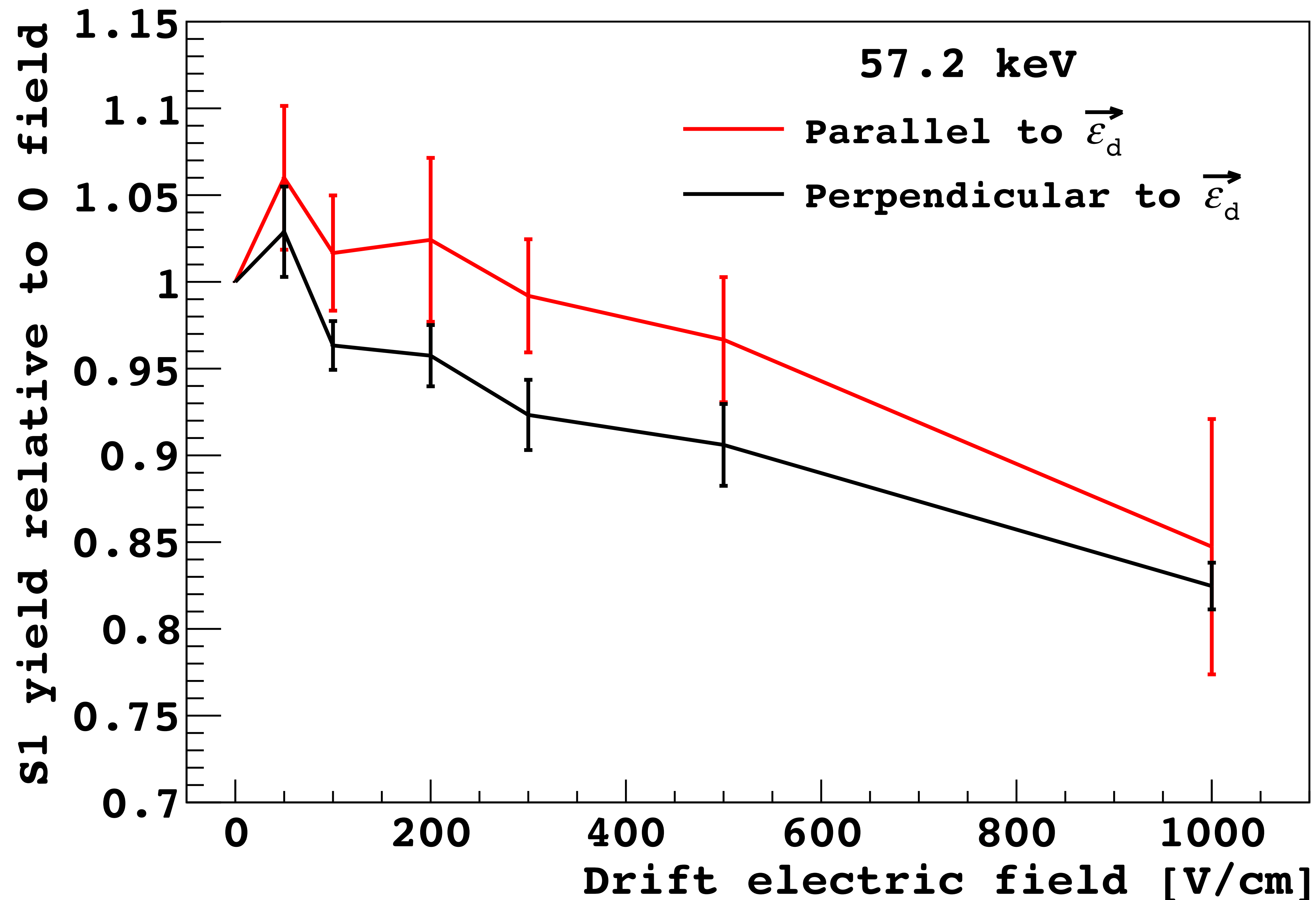




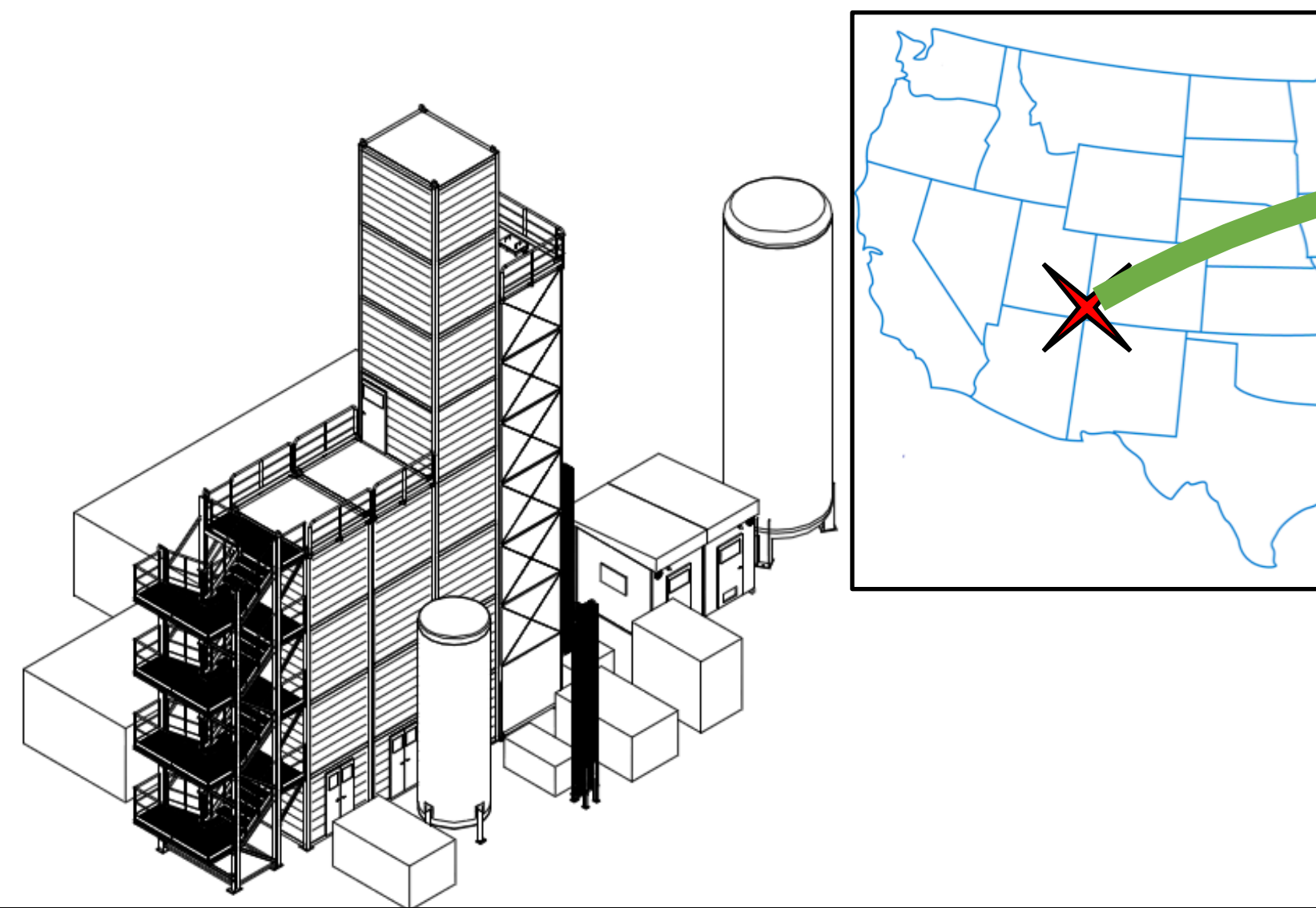








# Production and Purification



## Production: Urania

- Commercial-scale plant to extract UAr
  - Located in Southwestern Colorado
- UAr extracted from CO<sub>2</sub> well gas at the tonne scale

**Focus of this talk**

UAr transported via boat  
for final purification at Aria



## Purification: Aria

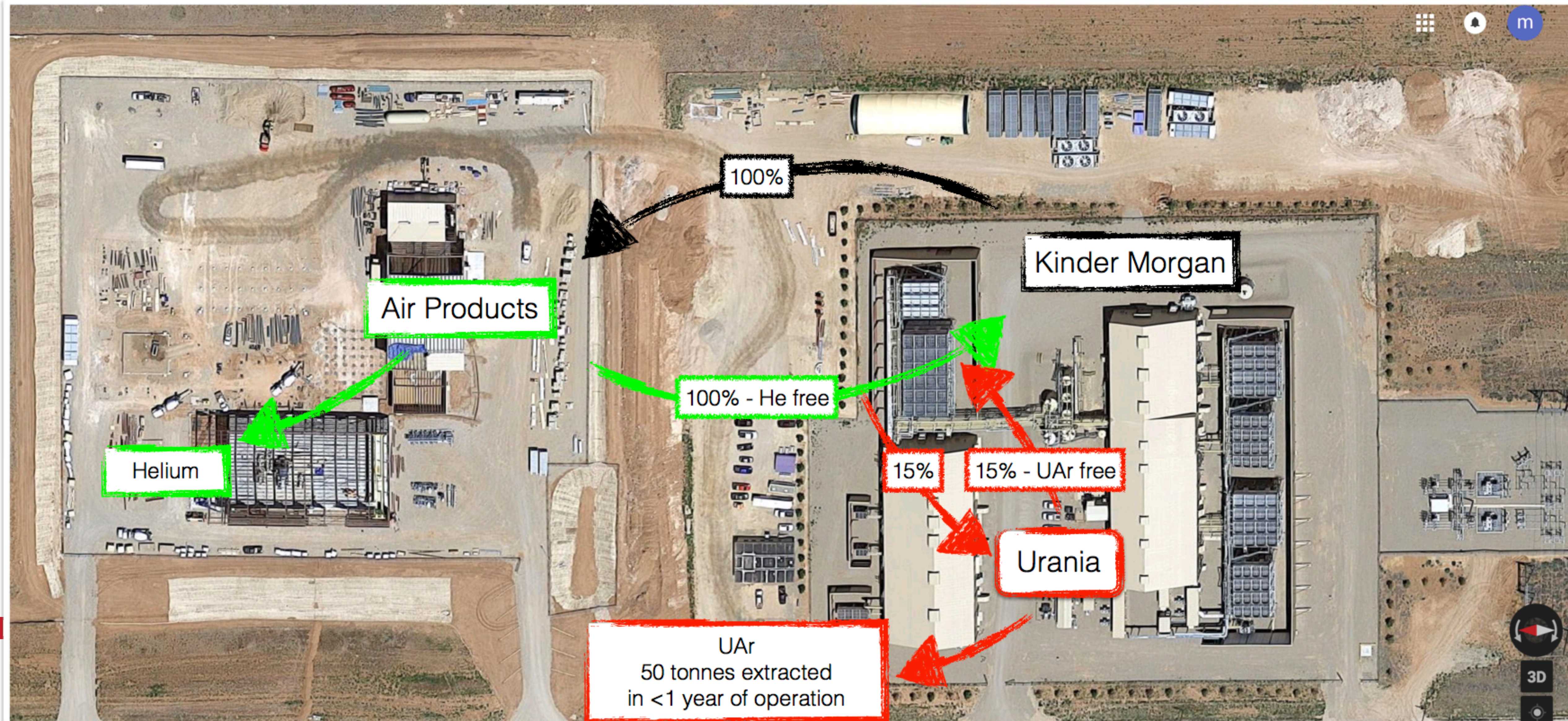
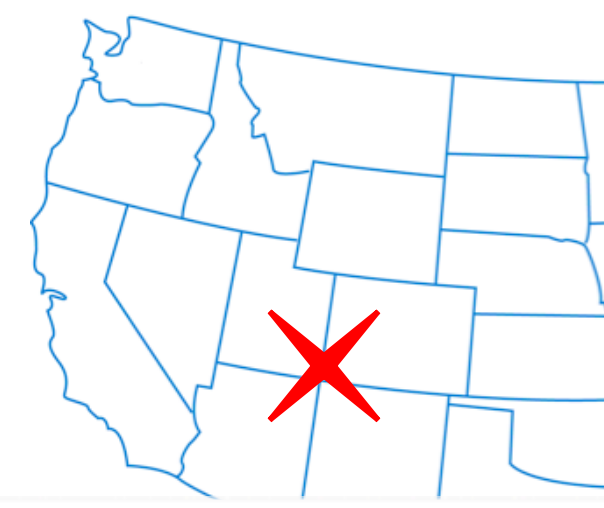
(see M. Simeone's talk for details)

- 350 m tall cryogenic distillation column to purify UAr and isotopically separate argon and other elements
- Located in refurbished carbon mine shaft in Sardinia, Italy
- Will chemically purify the UAr for DS-20k to detector grade

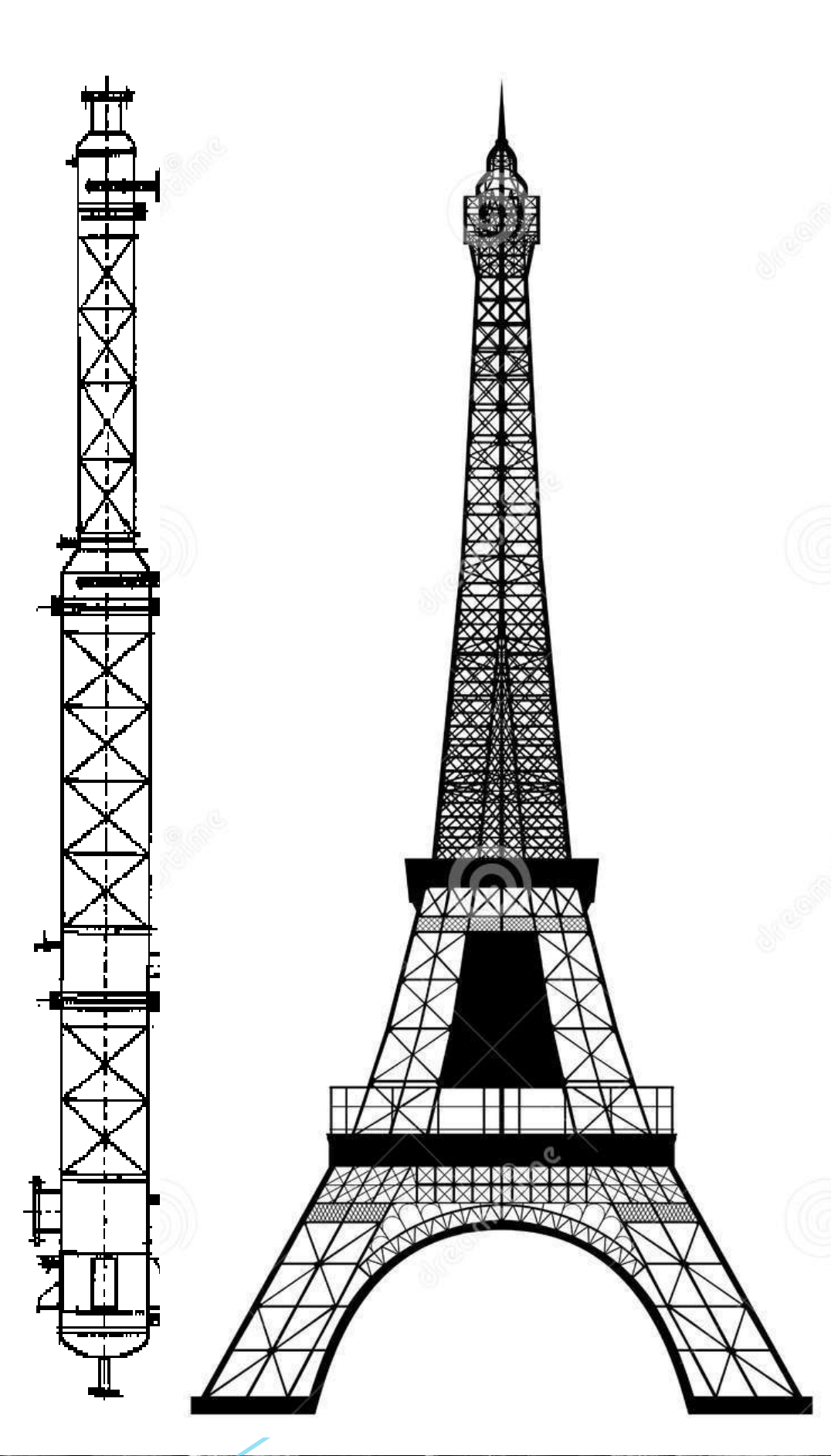
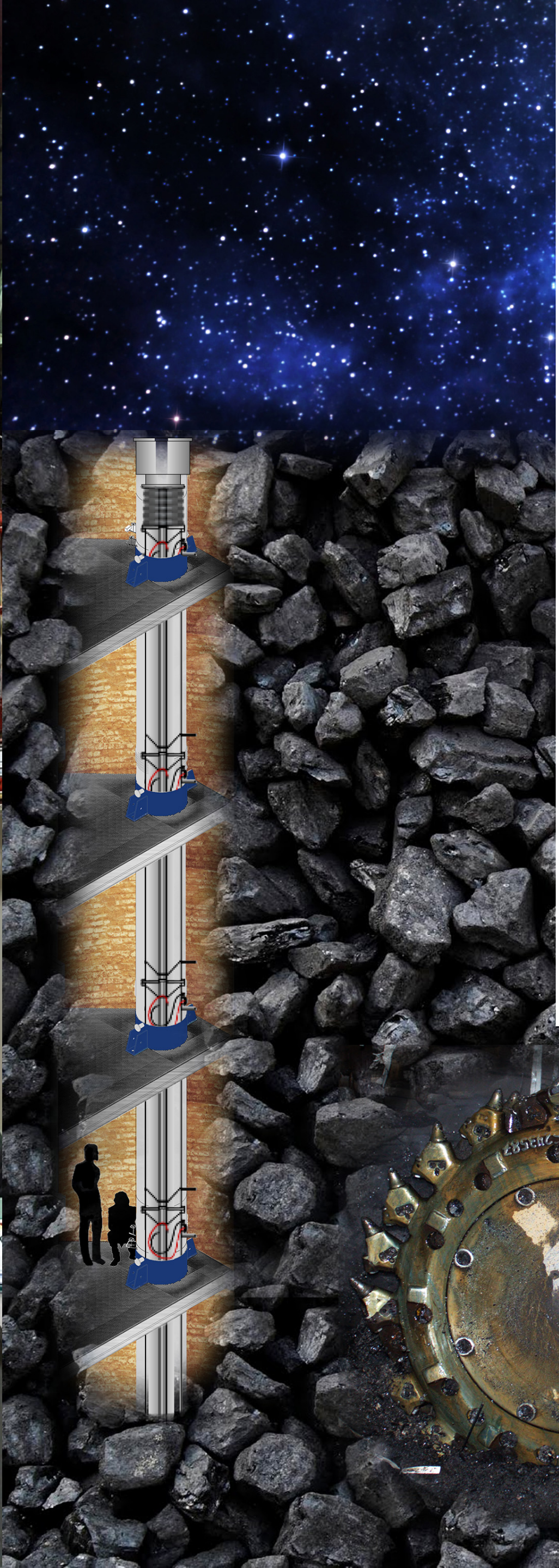




# Enter the Age of Urania







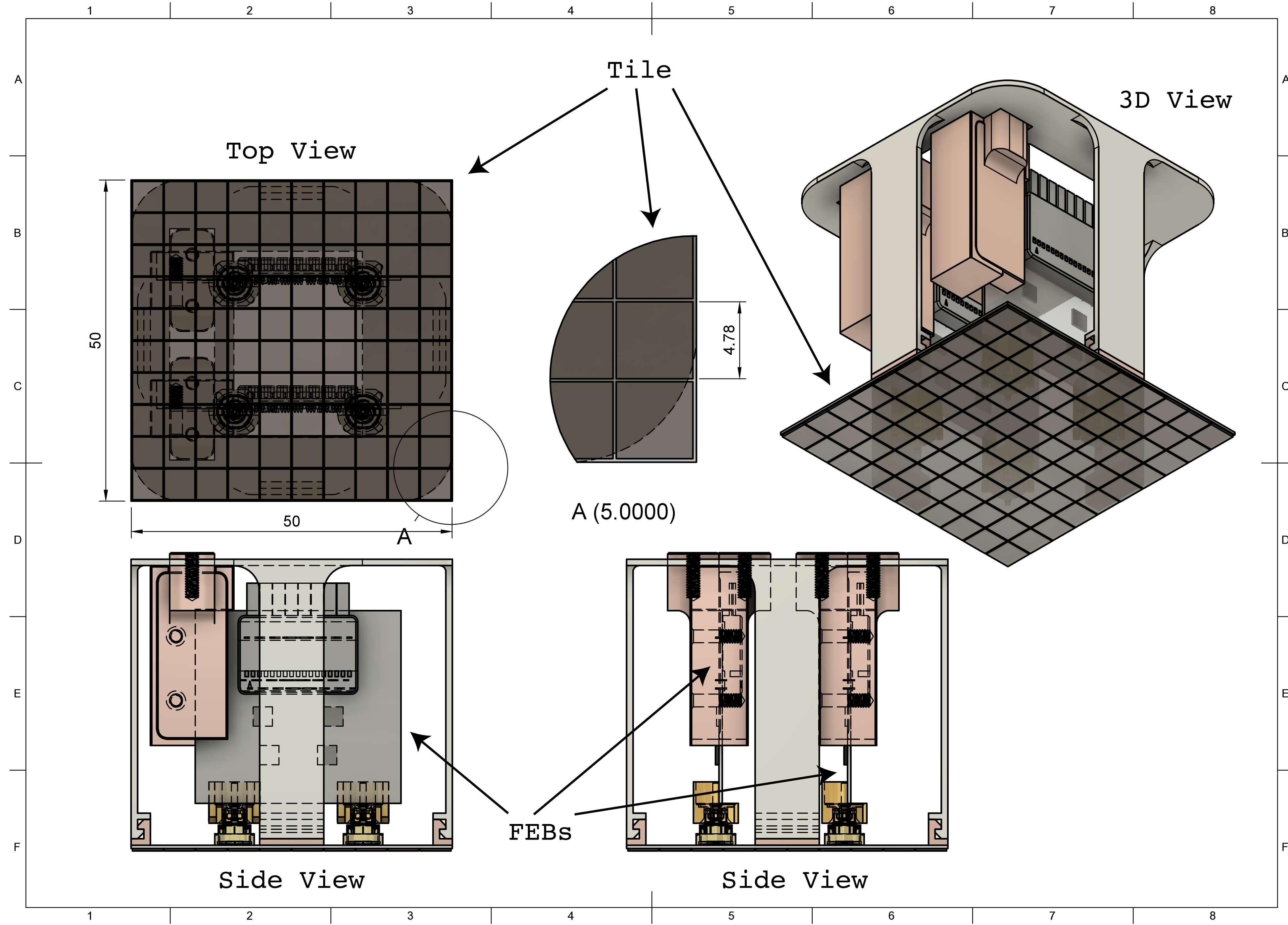




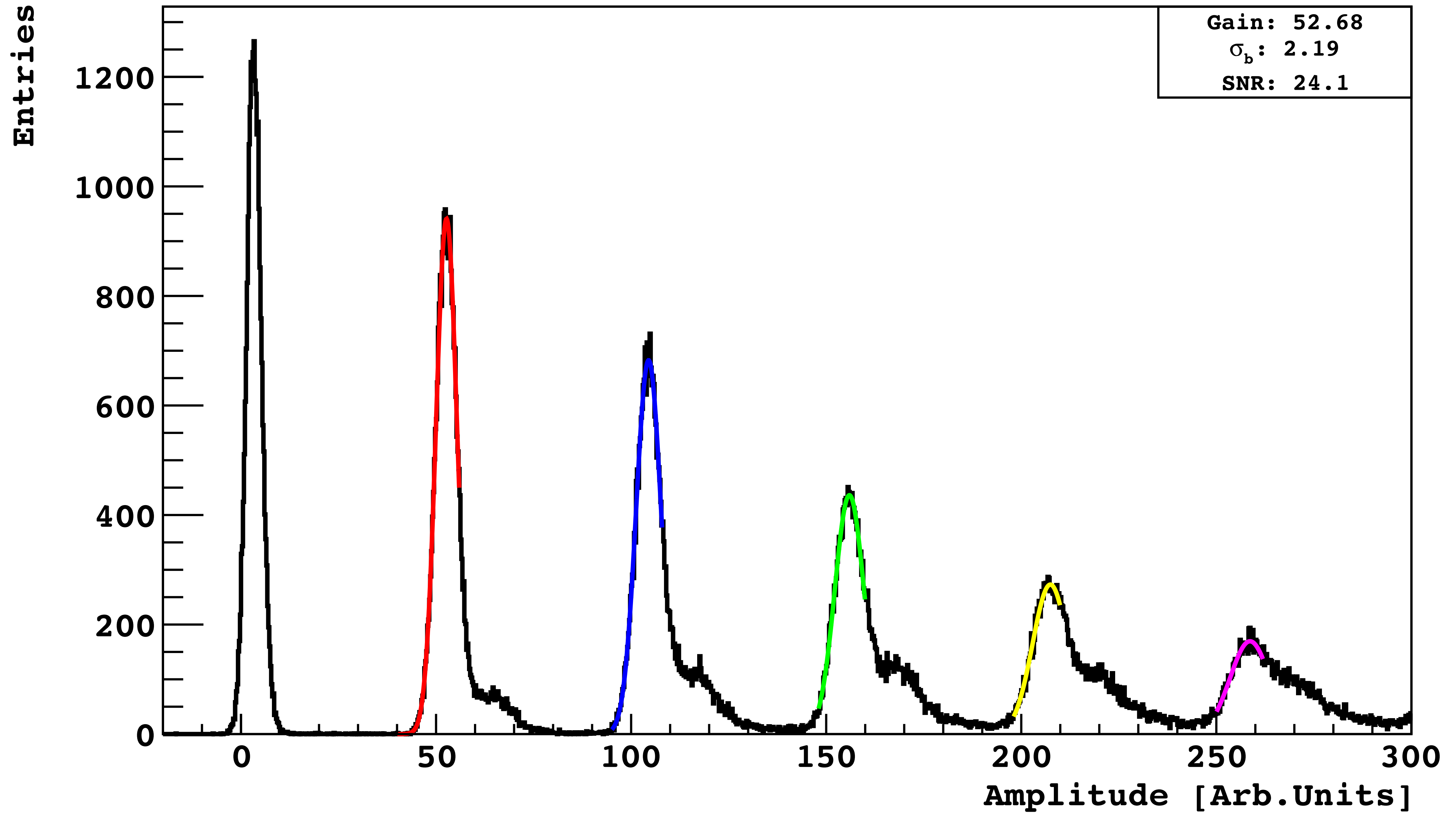




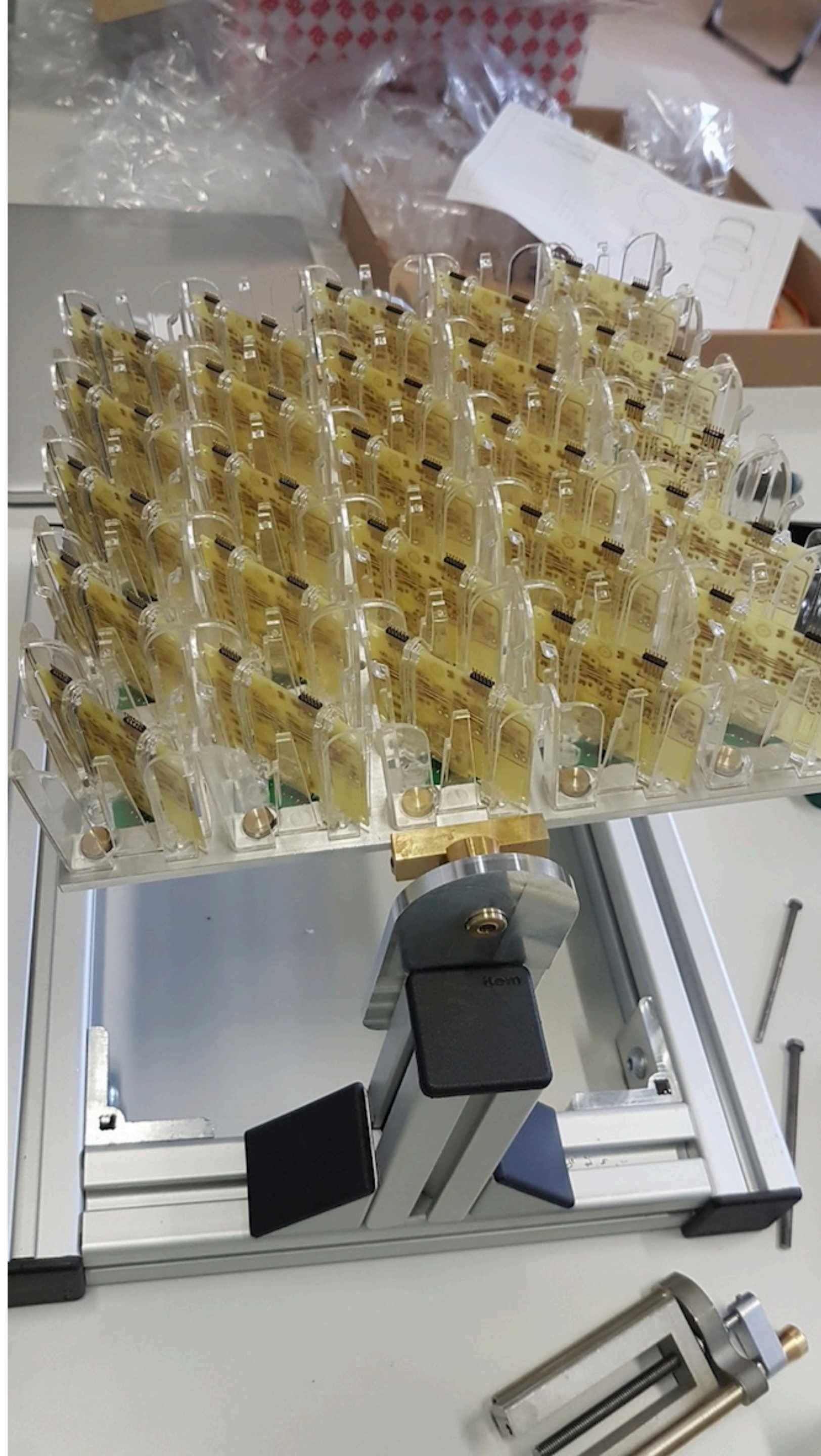
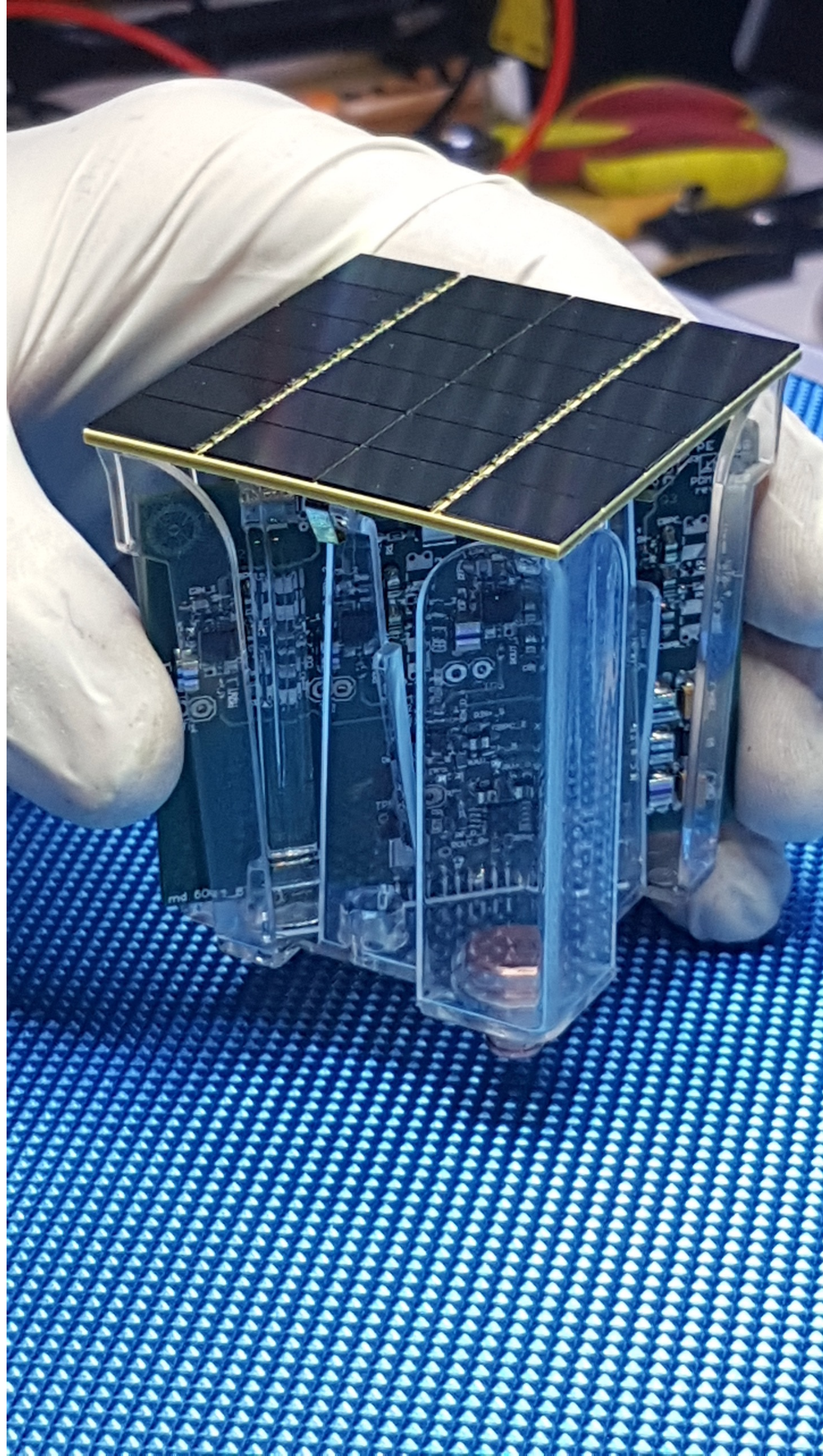




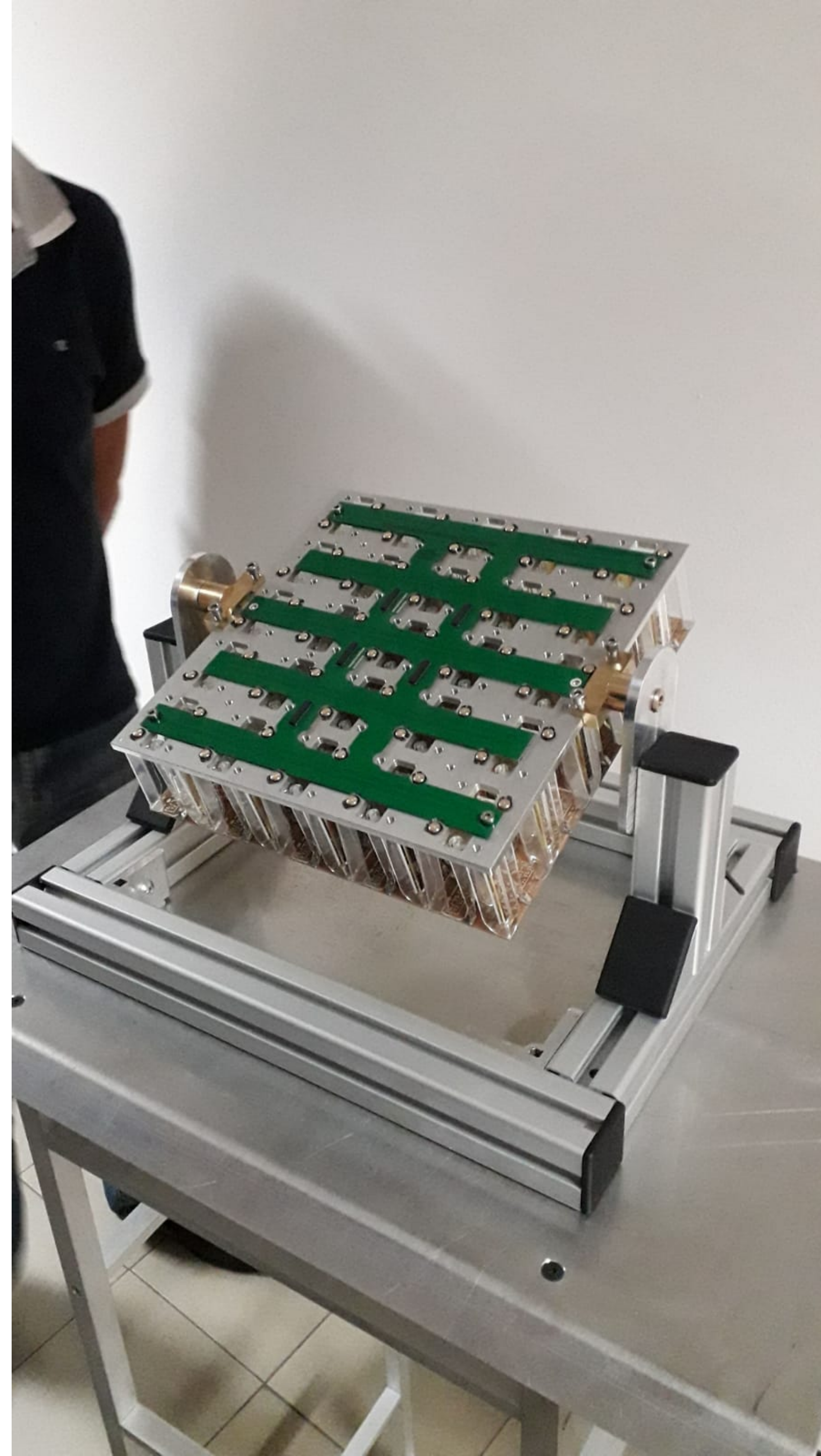
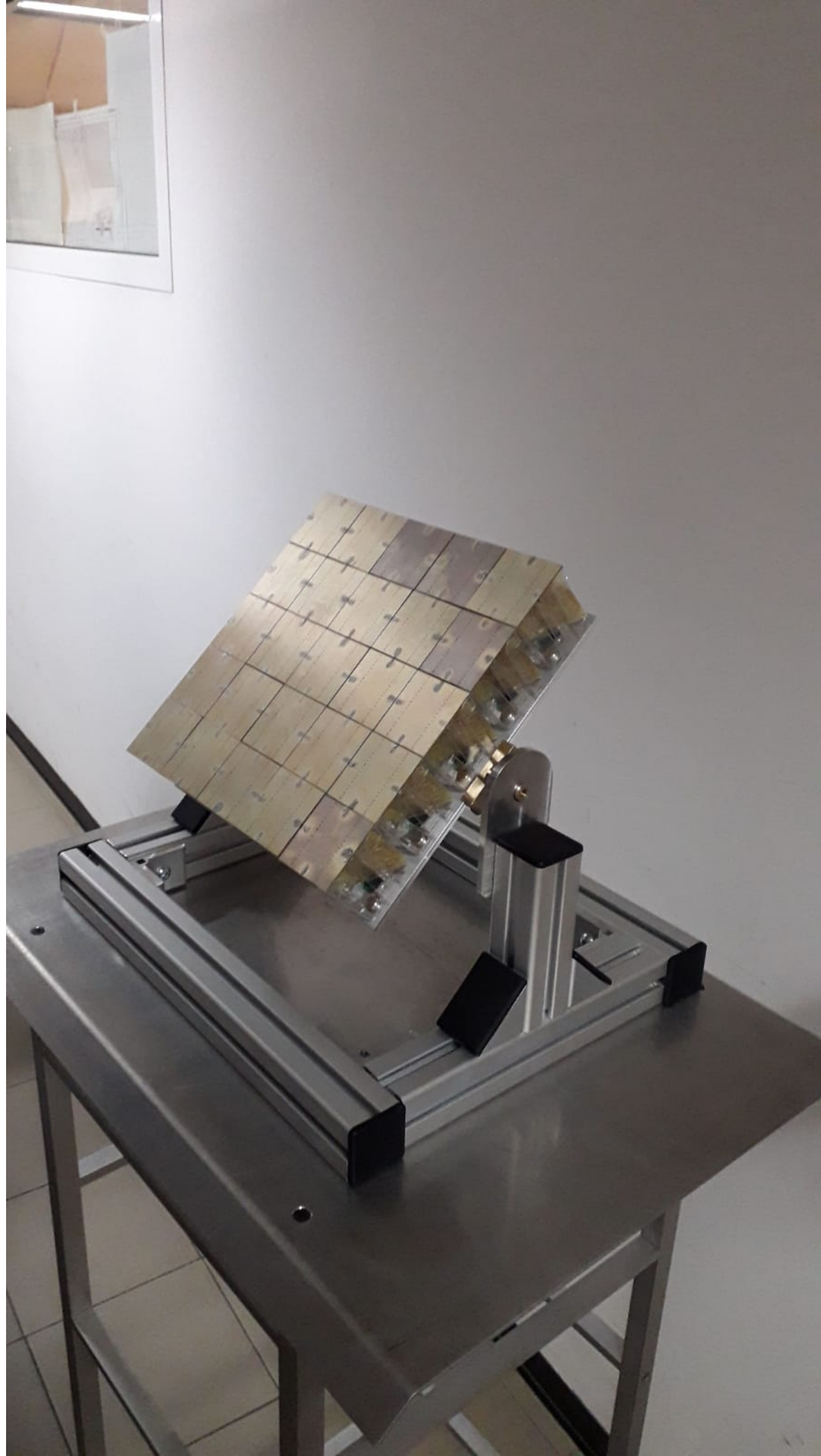




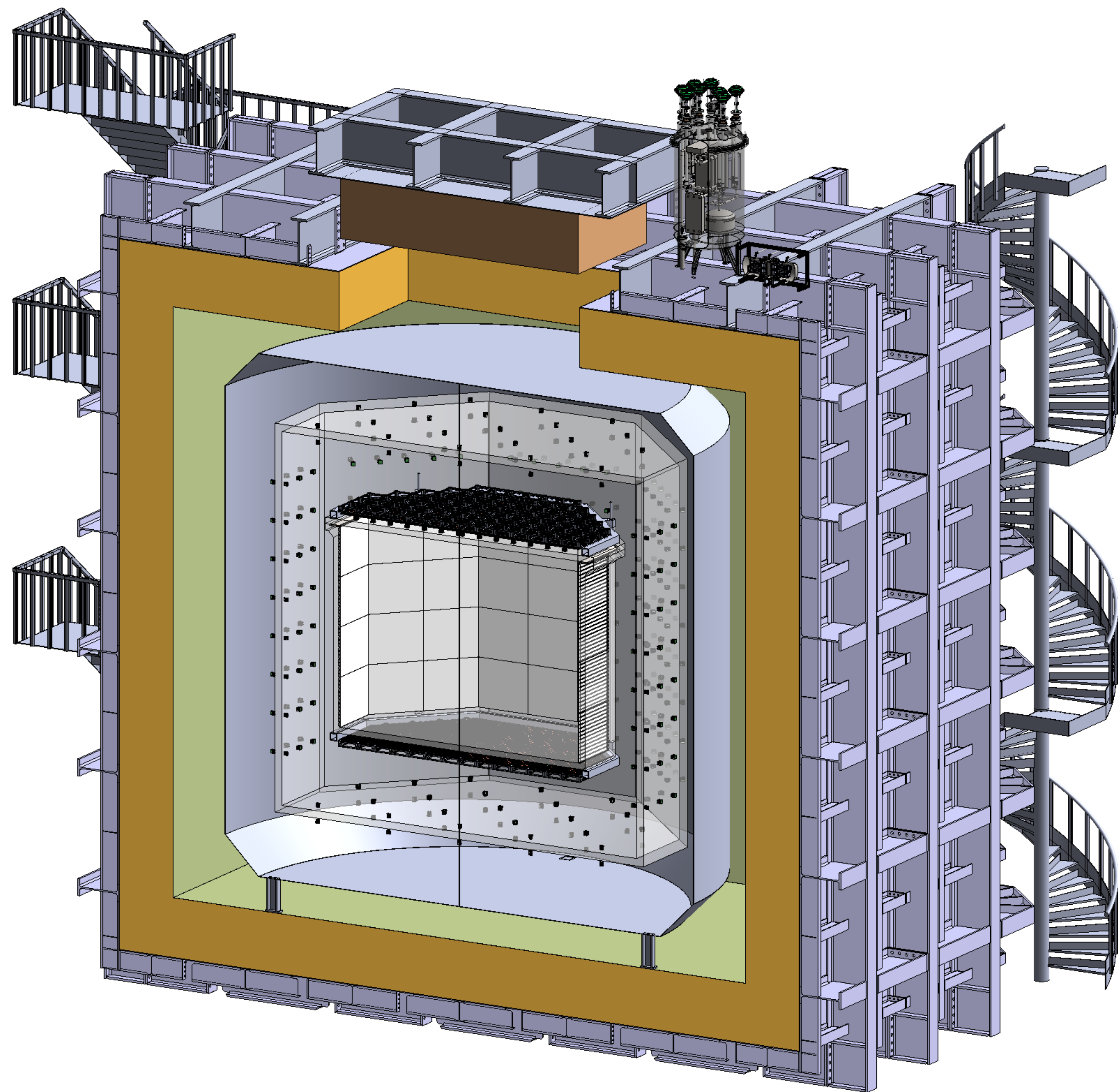














The End

