



Recent Results from XENON1T

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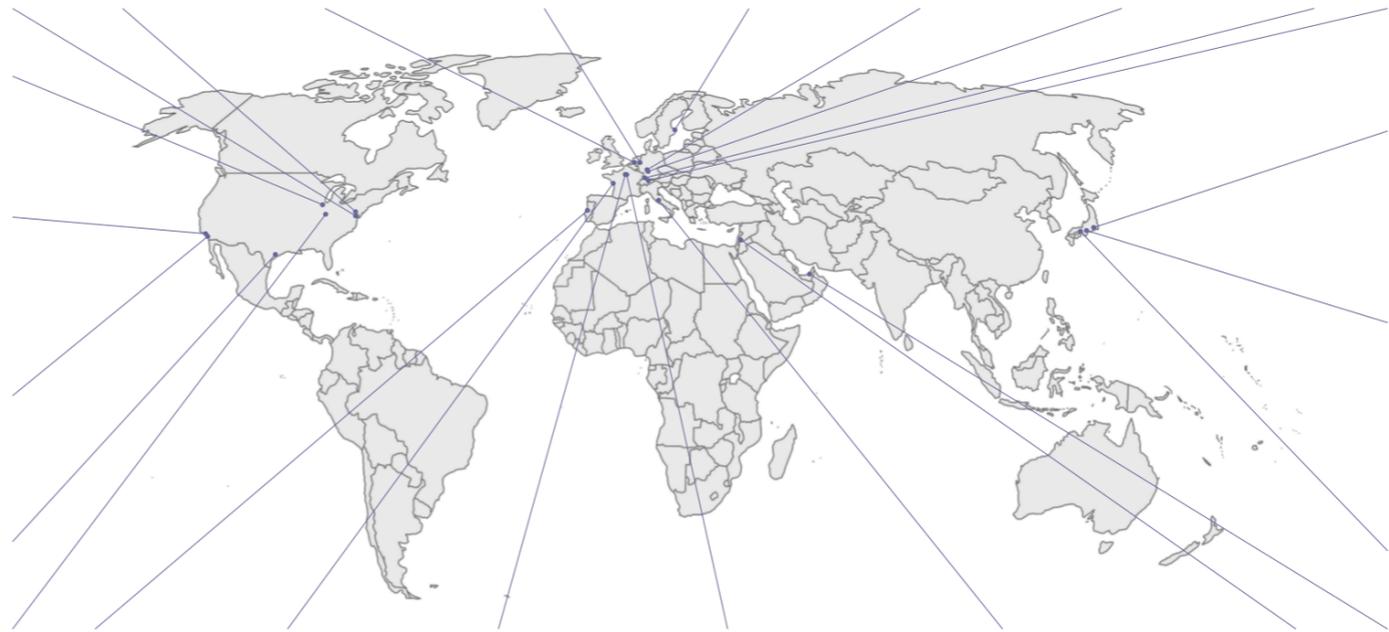


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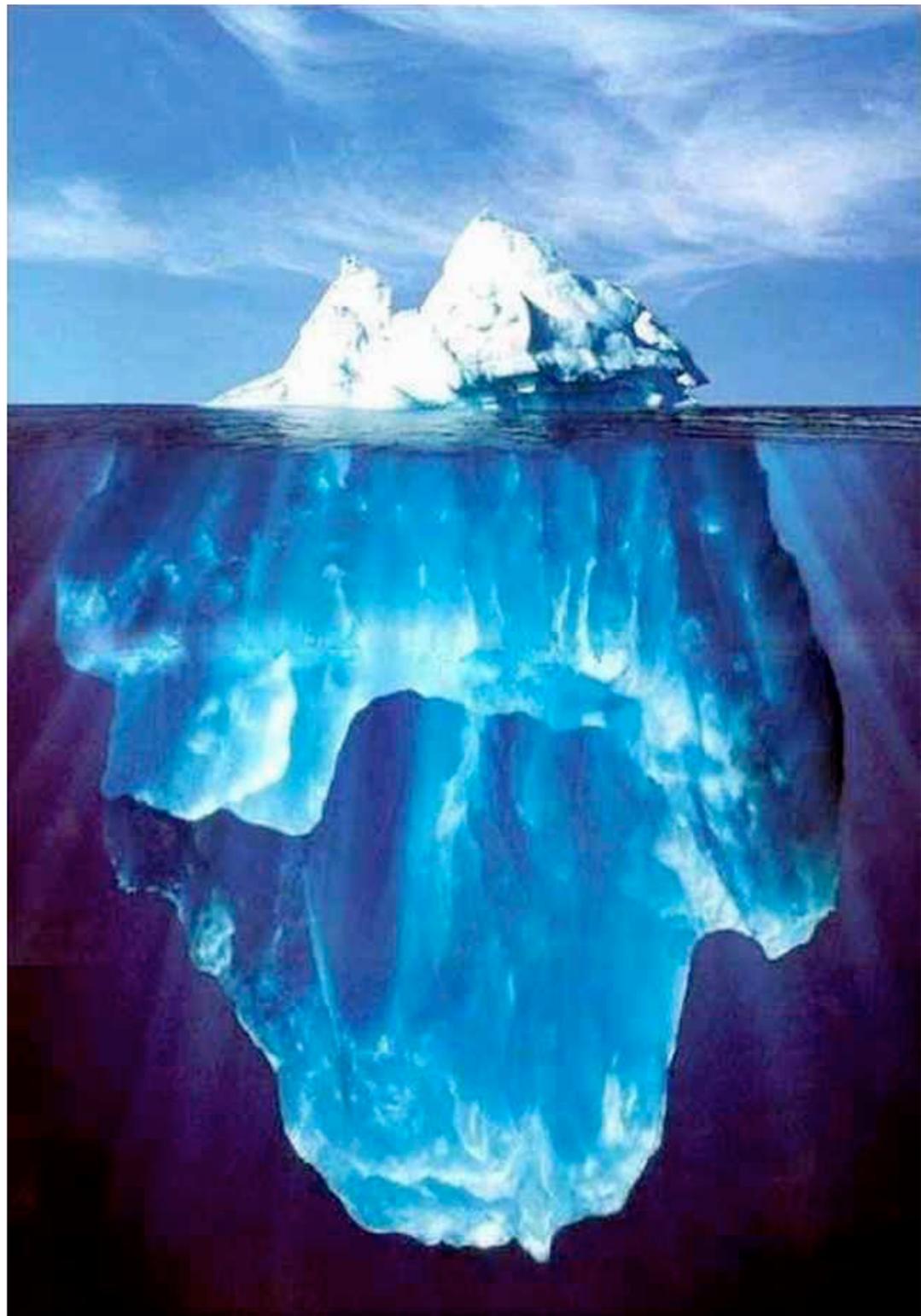
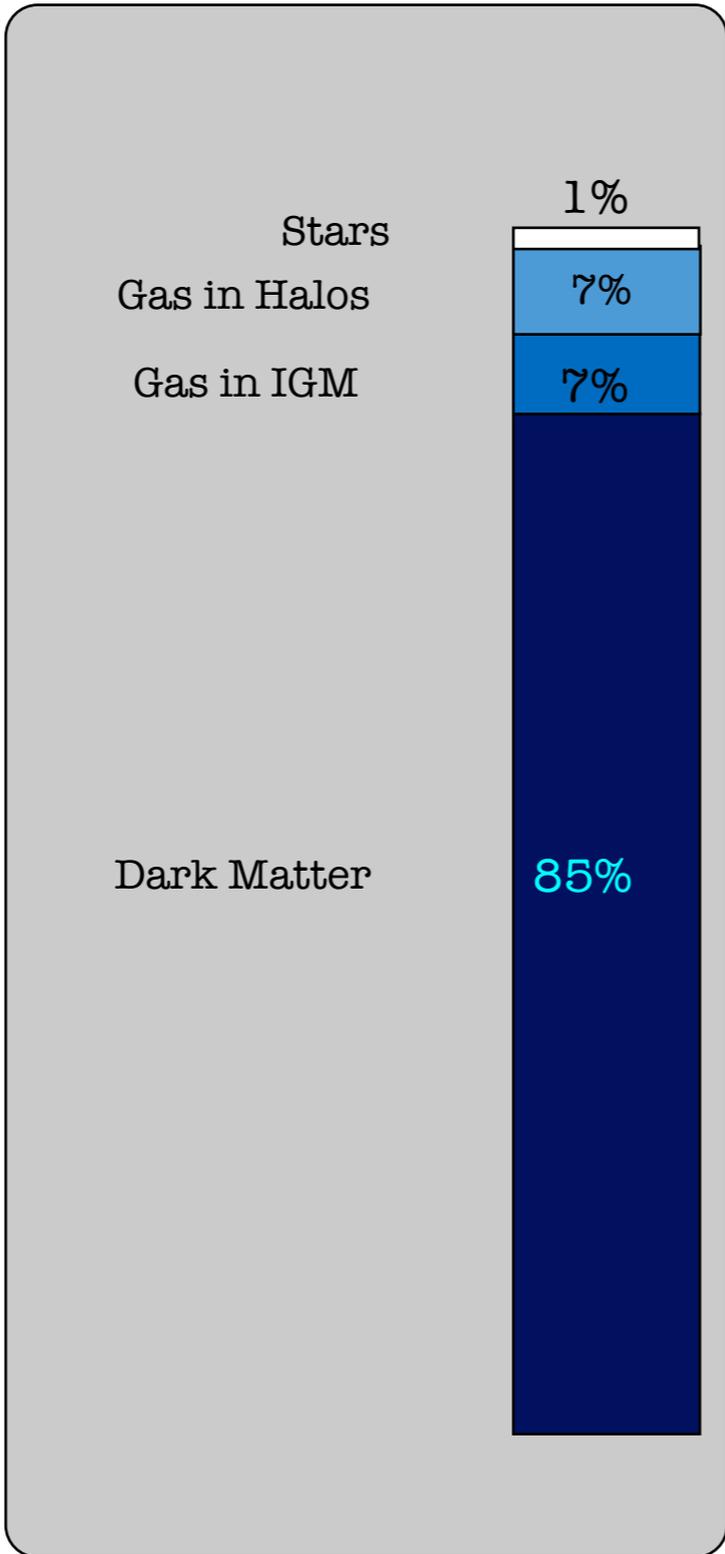
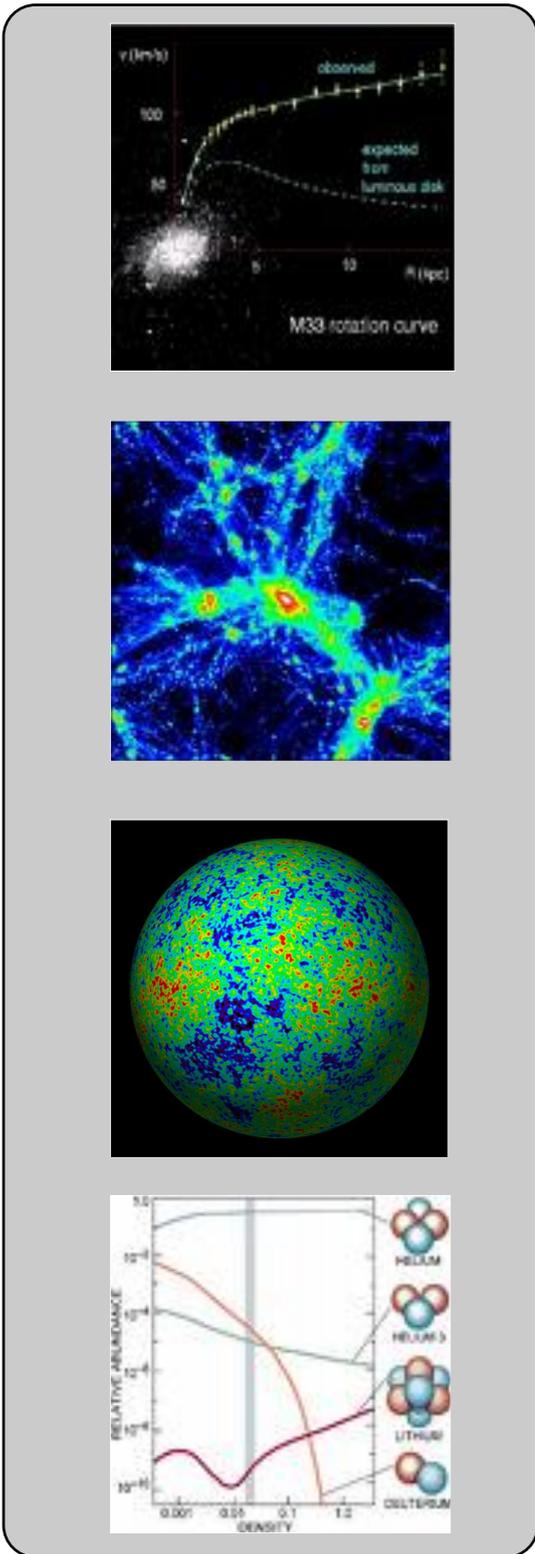
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85% of matter in Universe invisible





Direct Search for WIMPs

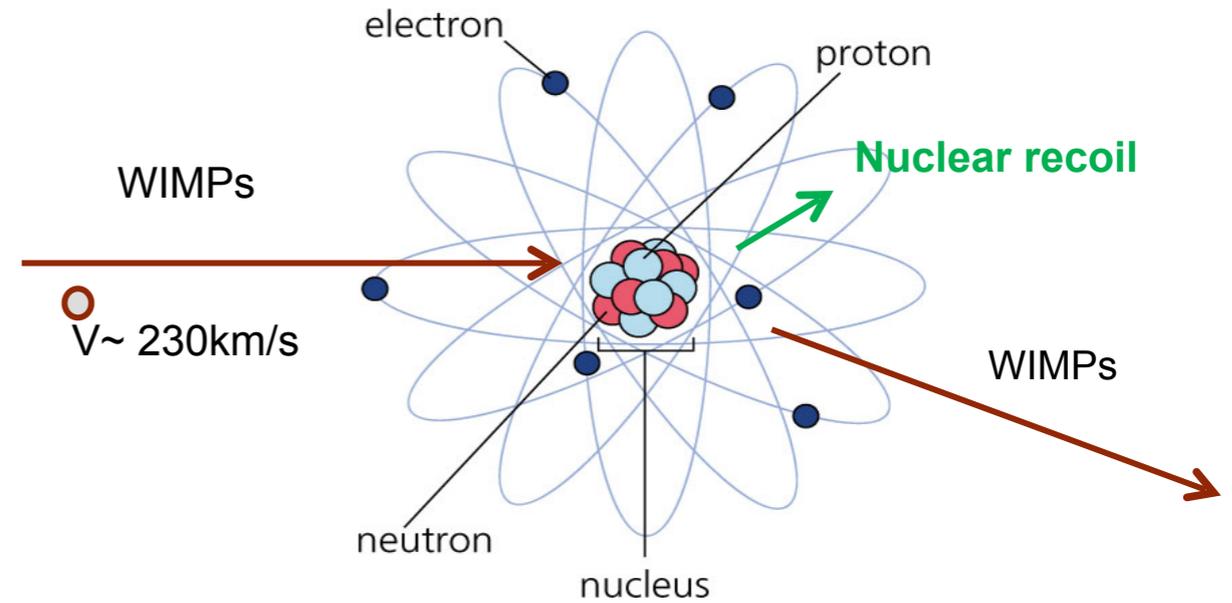


Elastic Scattering of WIMPs off target

Recoil Energy:

$$E_r = \frac{\mu^2 v^2}{m_N} (1 - \cos\theta) \sim 10 \text{ keV}$$

$$R \propto N \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi} \langle \sigma_{\chi \leftrightarrow N} \rangle$$



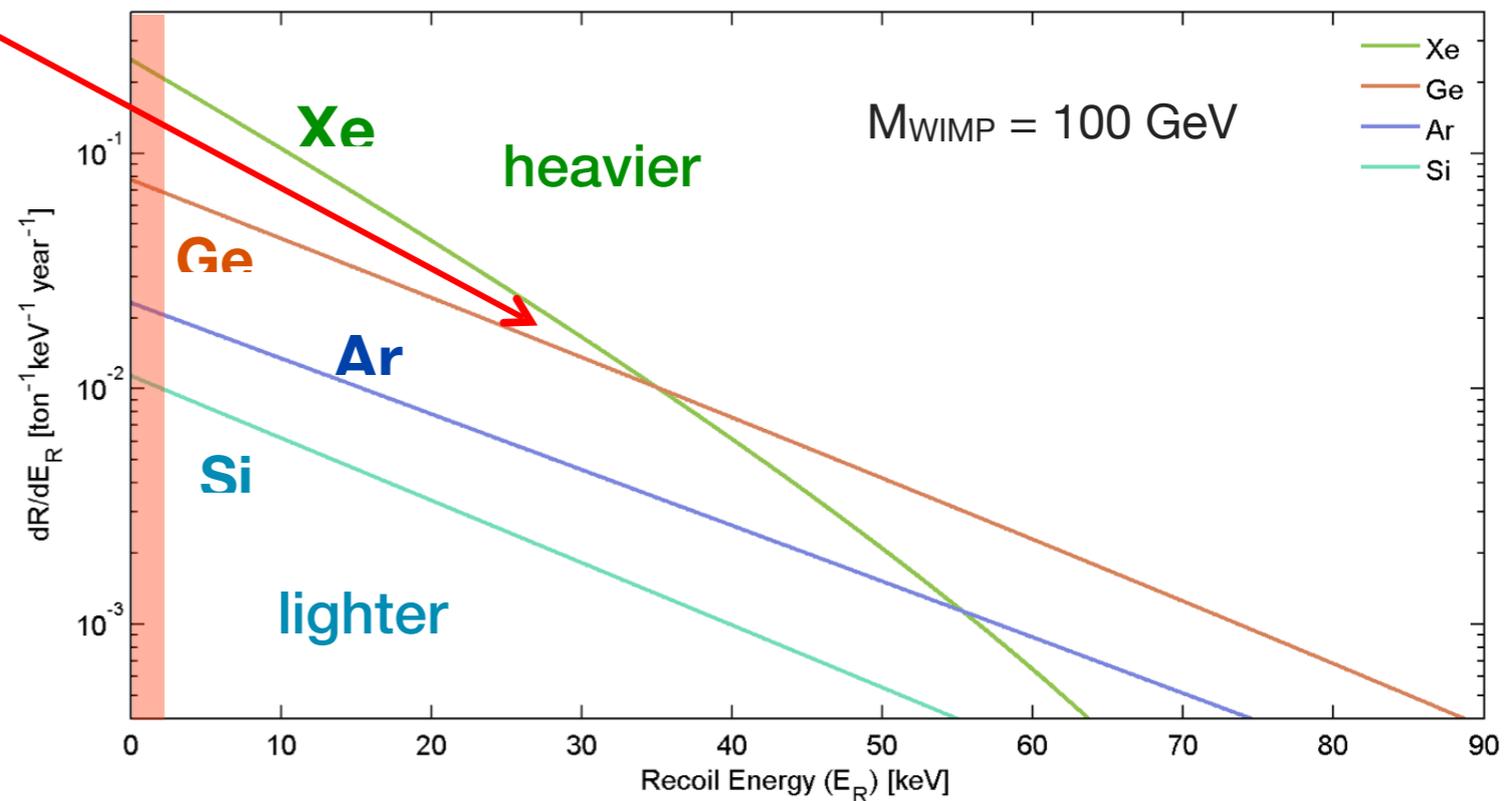
Requirements for WIMPs detectors

Large target mass

Low energy threshold

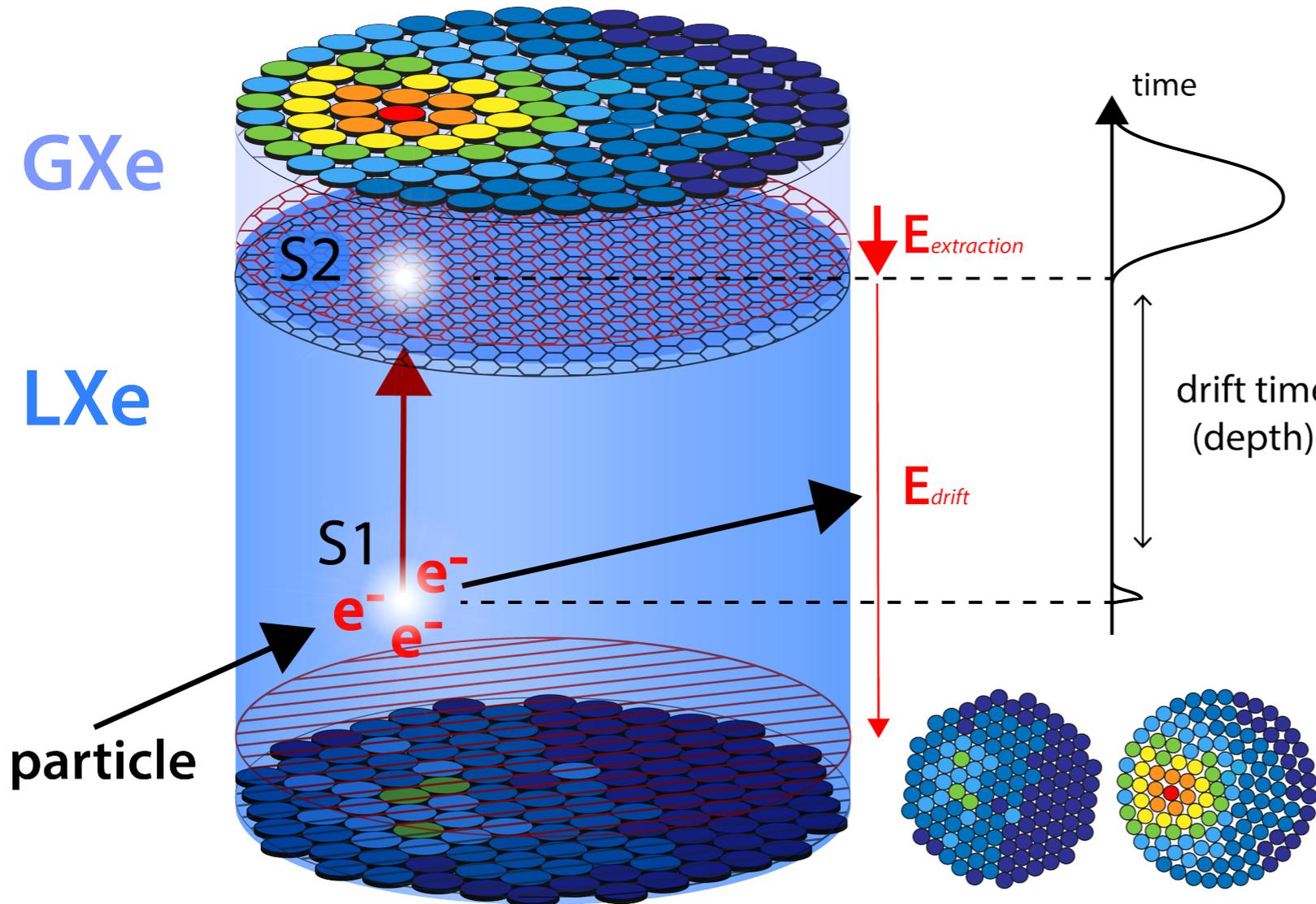
Ultra-low background

Interaction type discrimination



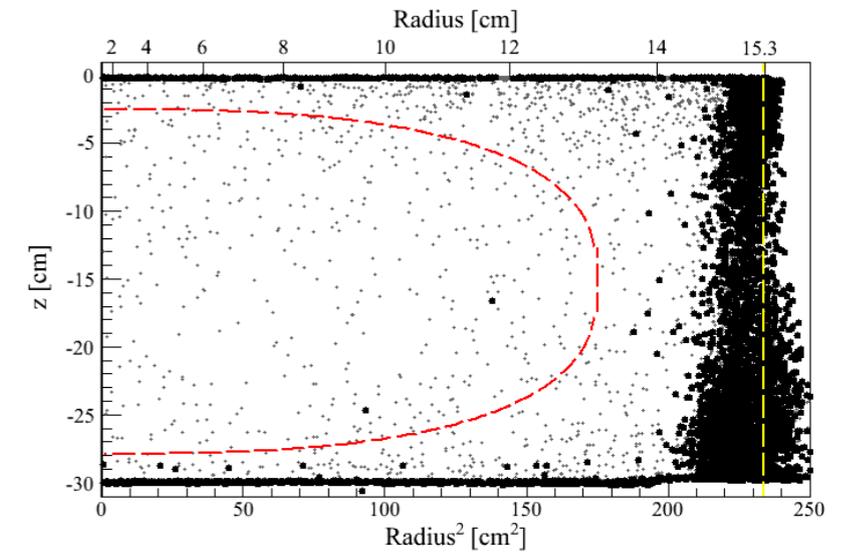


Dual phase xenon TPC



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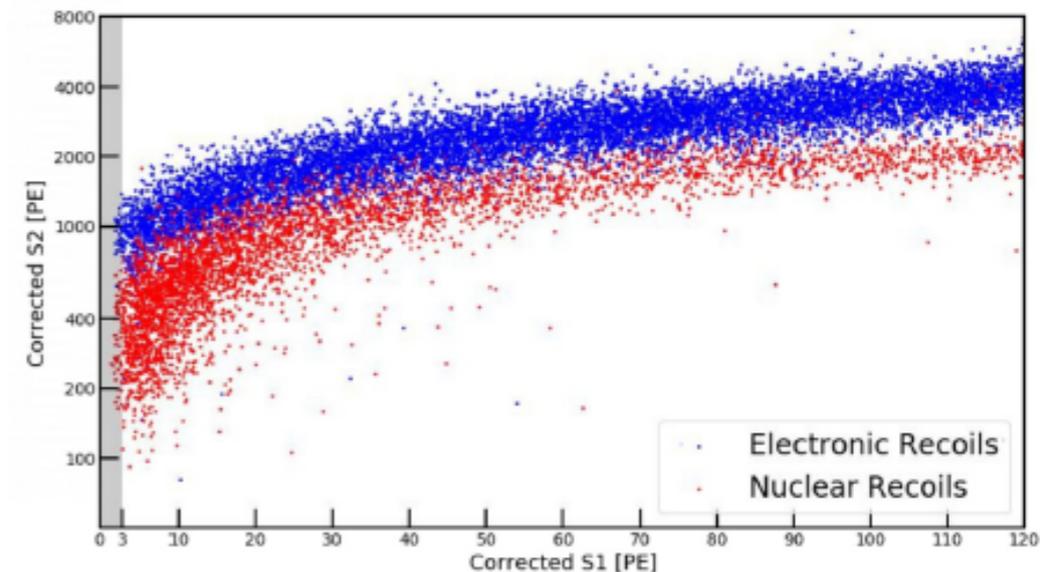
Strong self shielding to gamma



NR/ER Discrimination
>99.5% gamma & beta rejection

Why TPC?

Excellent position reconstruction
resolution ~ cm

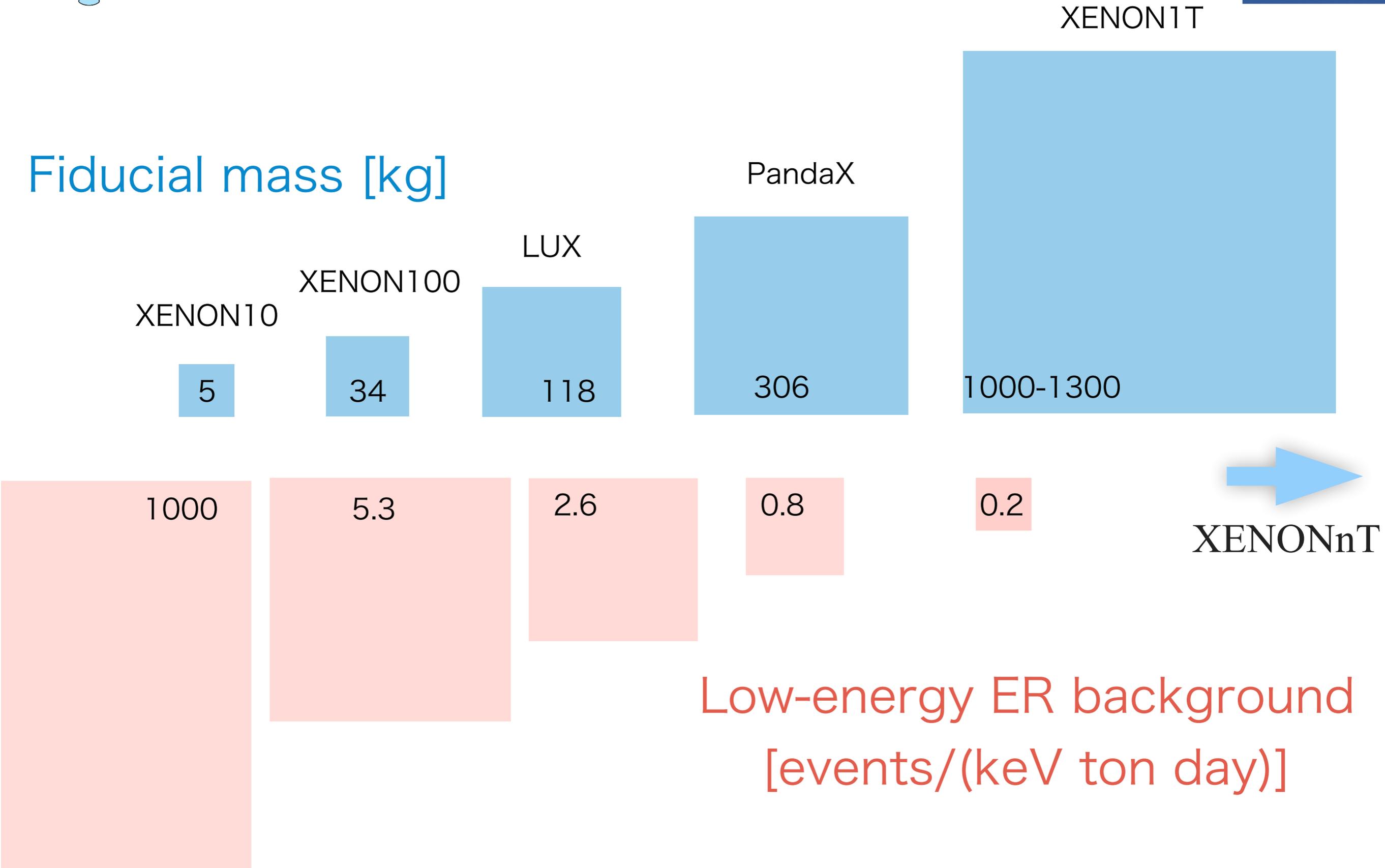




Detector Mass & Background



Fiducial mass [kg]





Outline



- XENON1T Detector
- Understanding the Detector
- XENON1T Results
- Next step: XENONnT



XENON1T Detector



XENON1T @ LNGS



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Muon Veto

Cryostat & LXeTPC

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Cryogenics & Purification

DAQ & SC

Kr distillation column & Xe Analytics

Xe Storage & Recovery

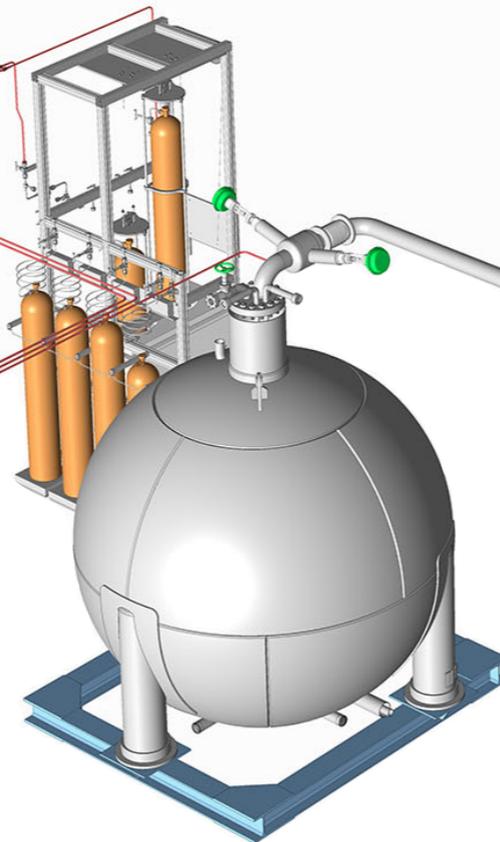
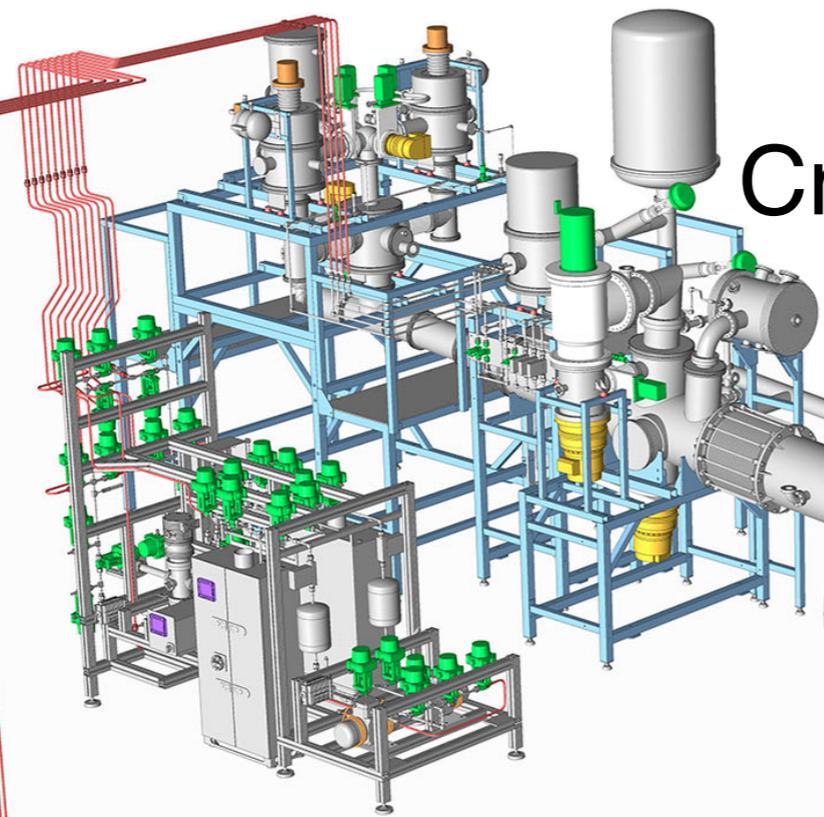
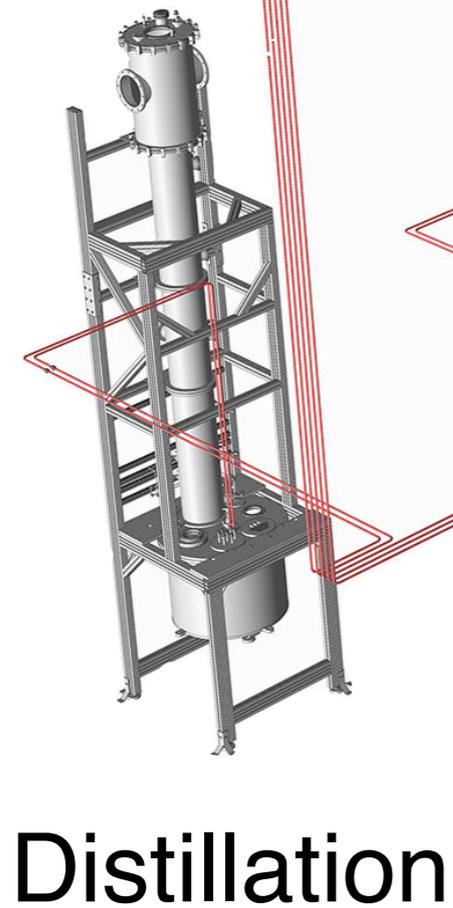
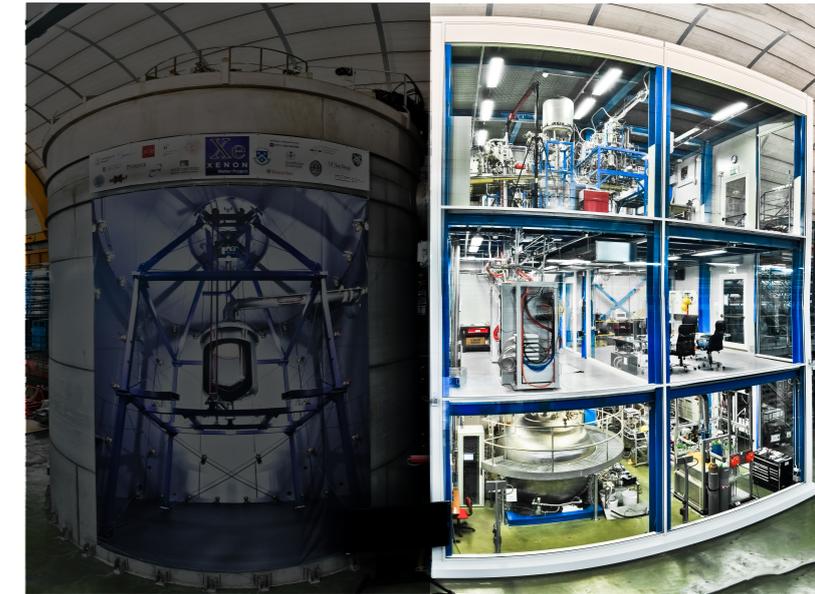


Xenon Plants



Purification

Cryogenic



ReStoX
(Recovery/Storage)

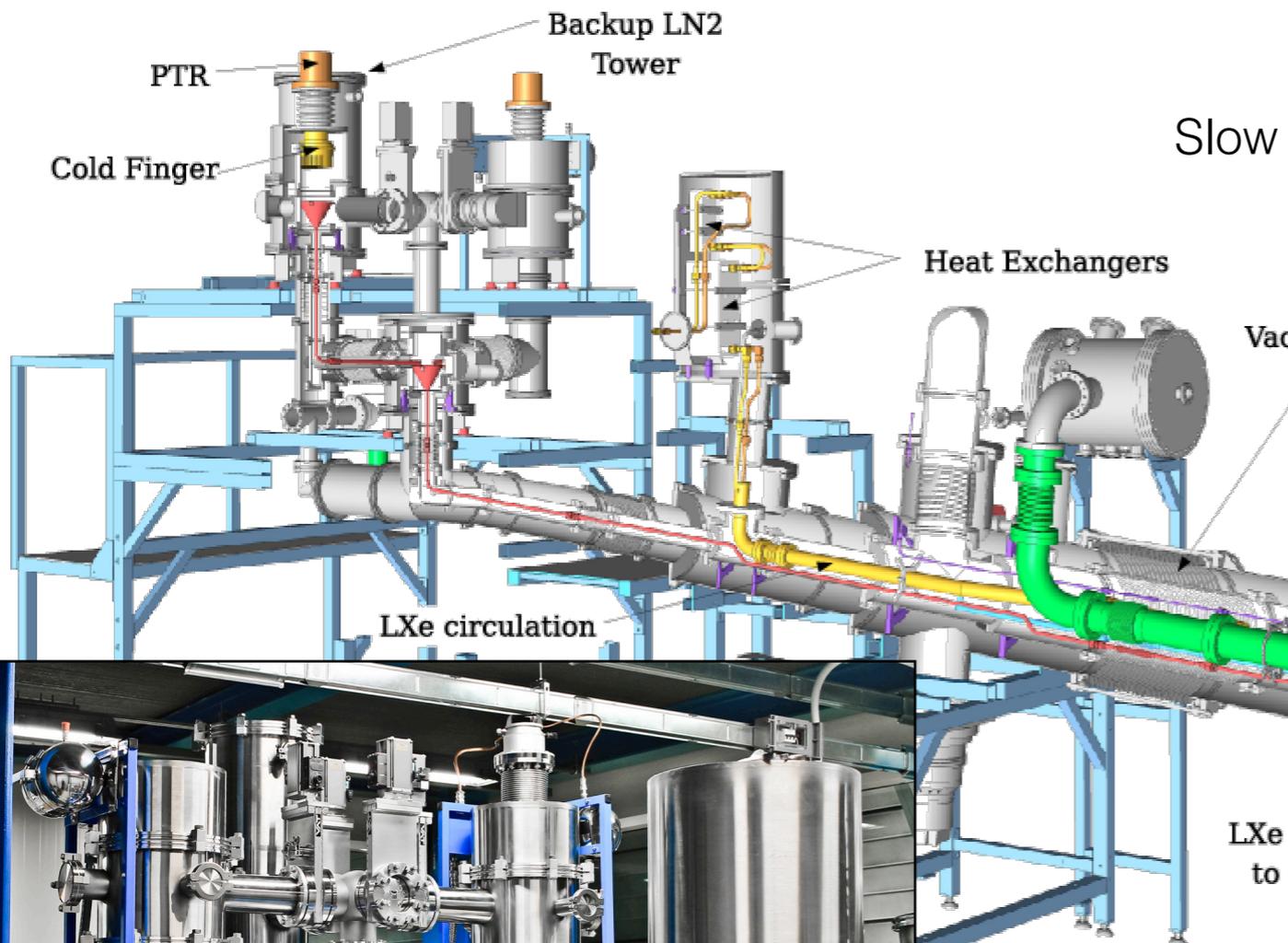




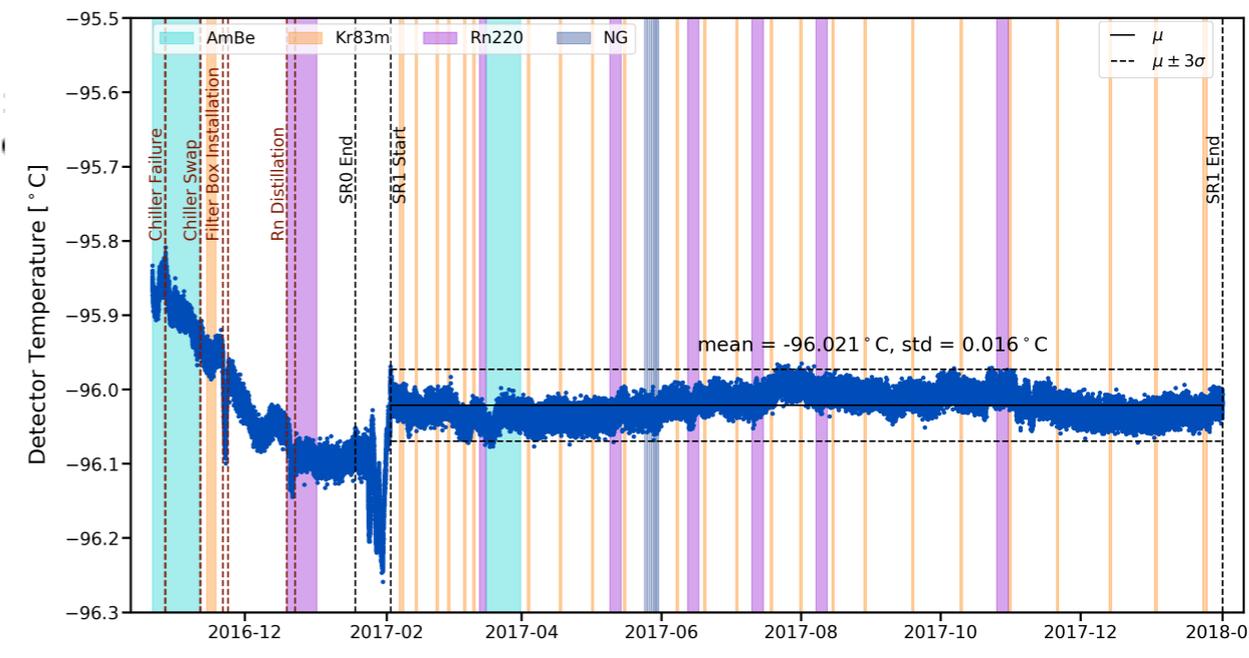
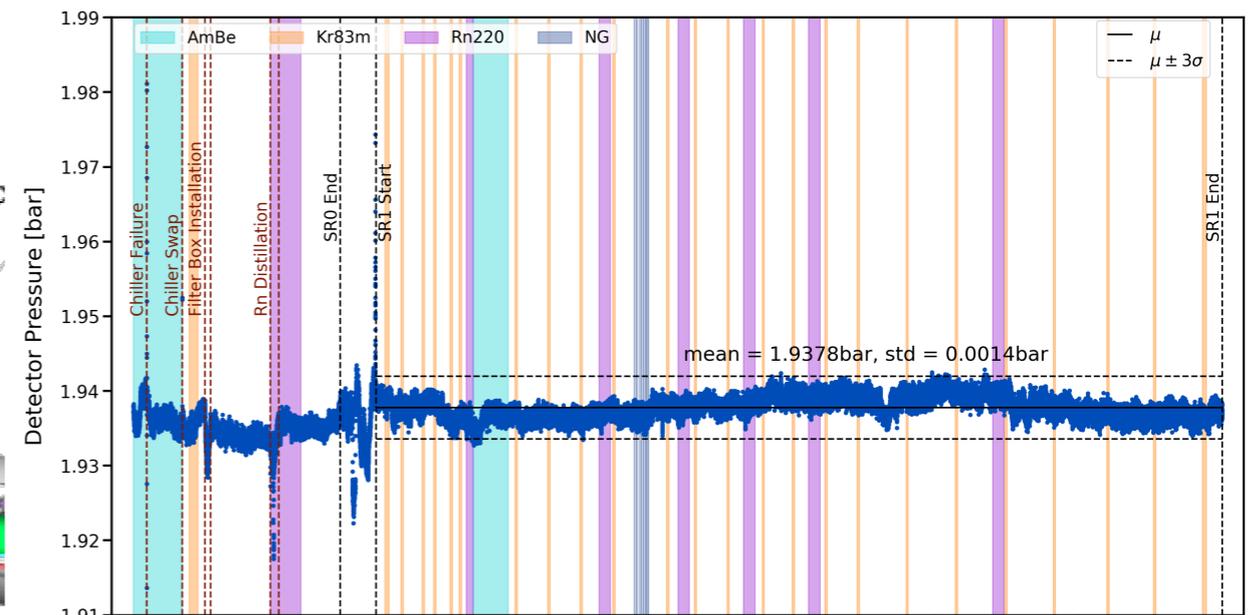
Detector Stability



- LXe temperature stable at $-96.02\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, RMS $0.02\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- GXe pressure stable at 1.938 bar , RMS 0.001 bar



Slow control/Historian monitoring



LXe to

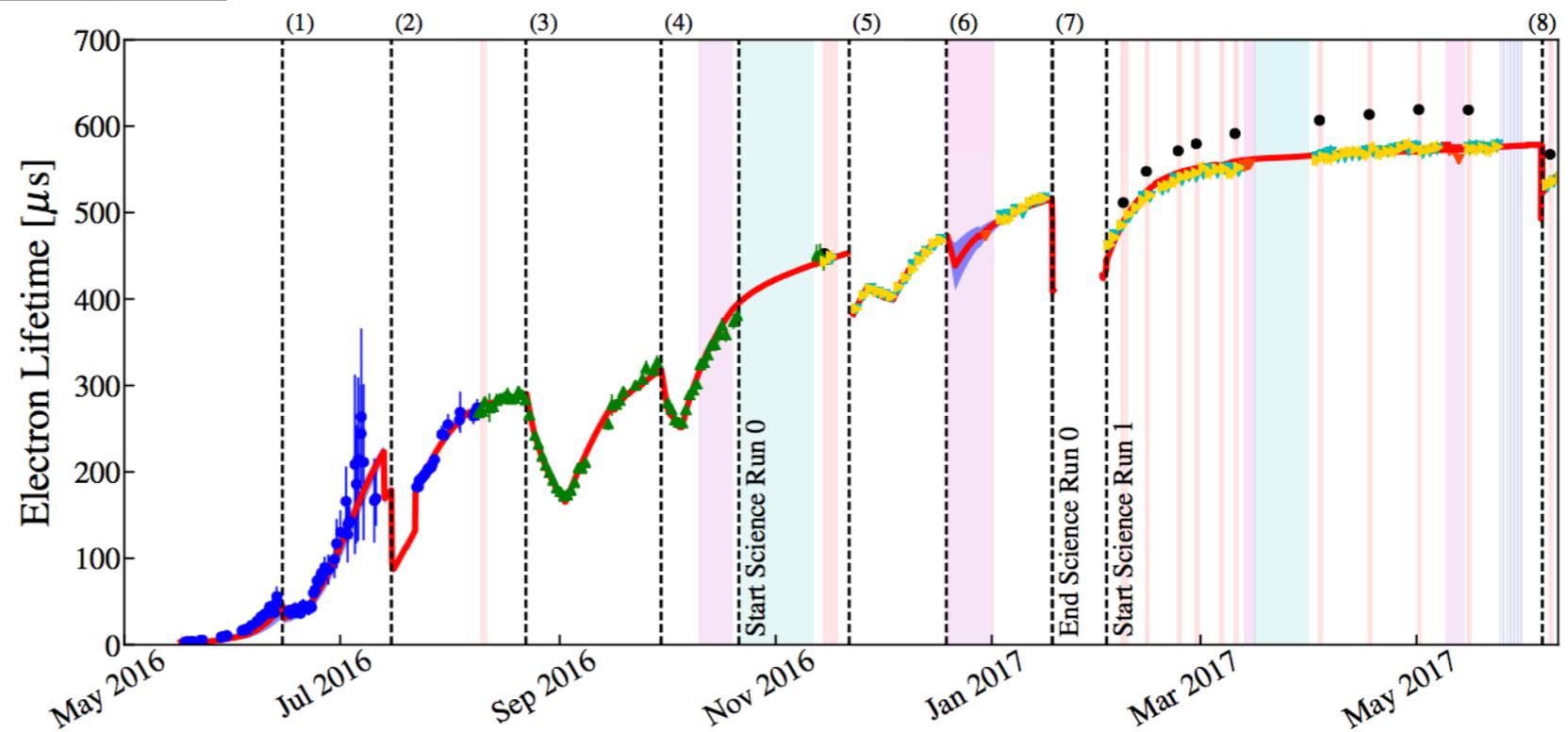


Xe Purification



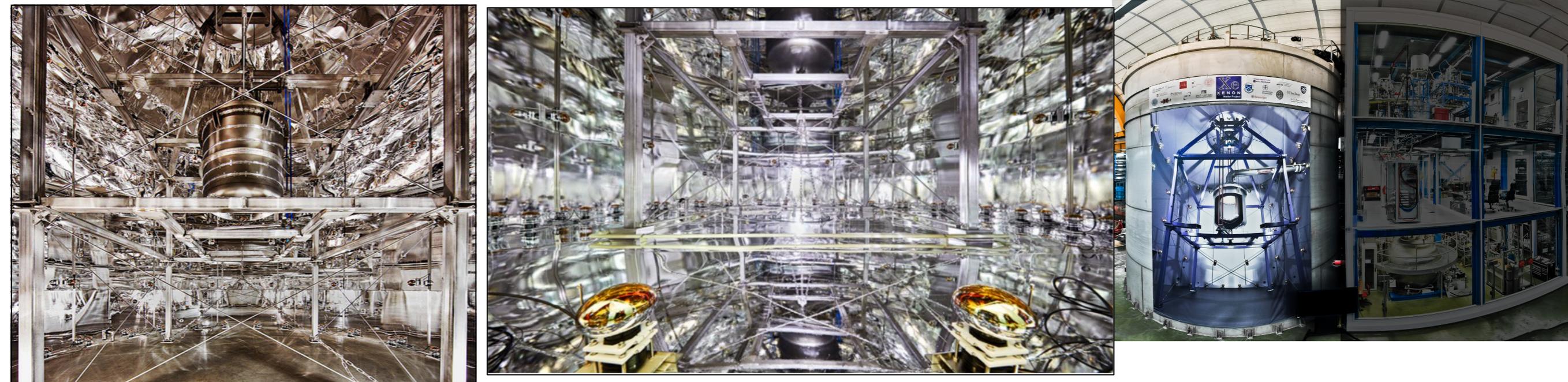
Goal: remove electronegative impurities below 1 ppb (O2 equivalent) in the Xe gas fill and from outgassing of detector's components with continuous circulation of Xe gas at high speed through hot getters

Performance: evolution of e-lifetime, monitored regularly with ERs calibration sources, well described by physical model. Current value approaching the max drift time of the LXeTPC.

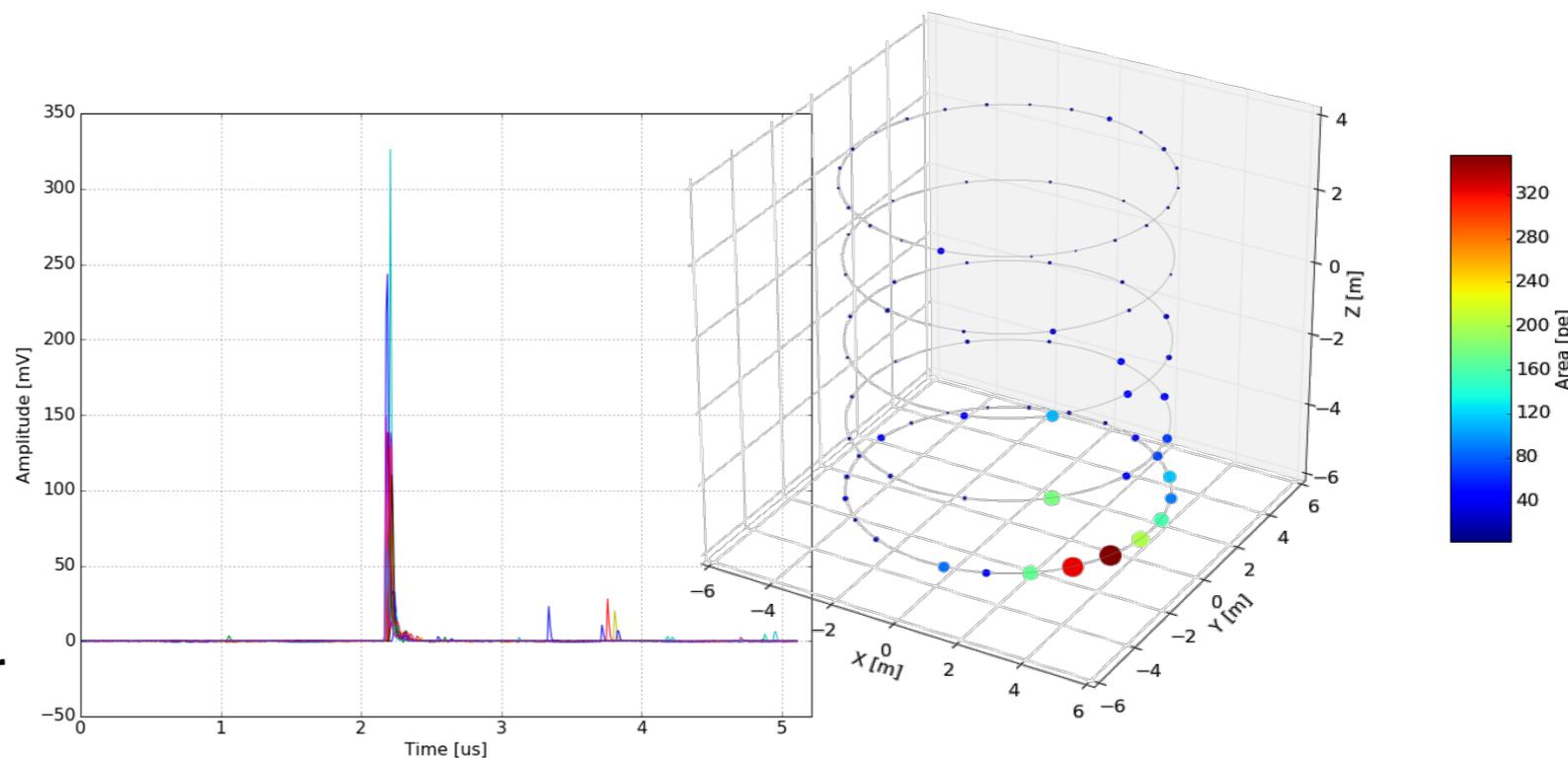




Cherenkov Muon Veto



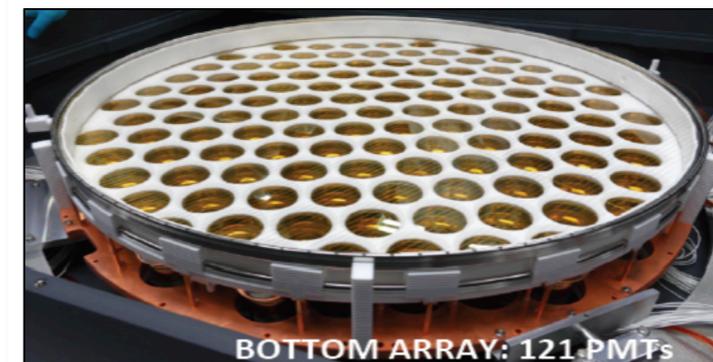
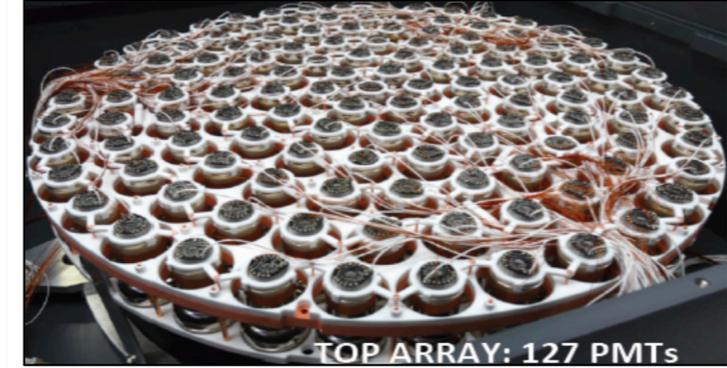
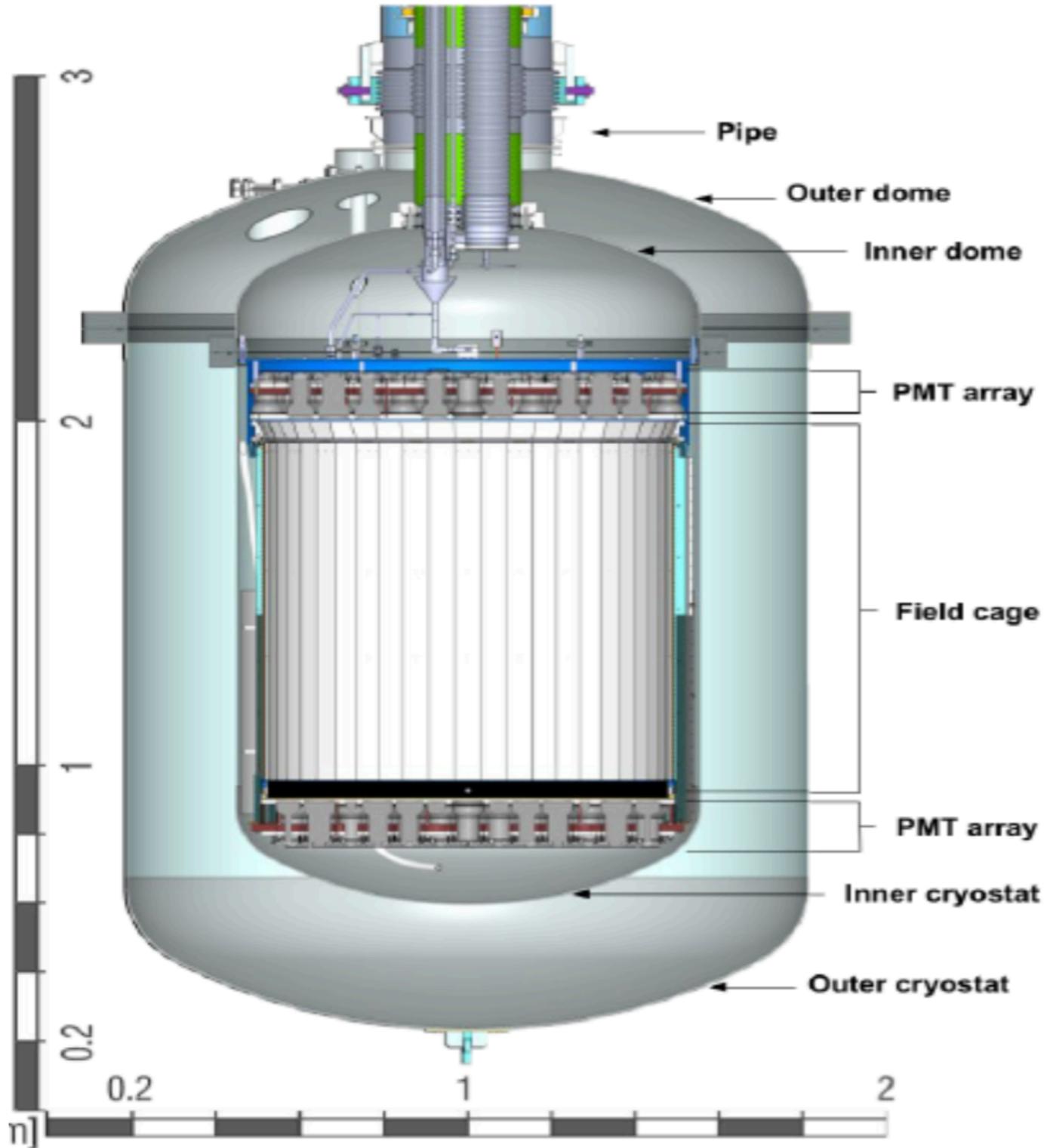
- Active shield against muons
- 84 high-QE 8" Hamamatsu R5912 PMTs
- Trigger efficiency $> 99.5\%$ for muons in water tank
- Can suppress cosmogenic neutron background to < 0.01 events/ton/year
- No coincidences with TPC found in this science run



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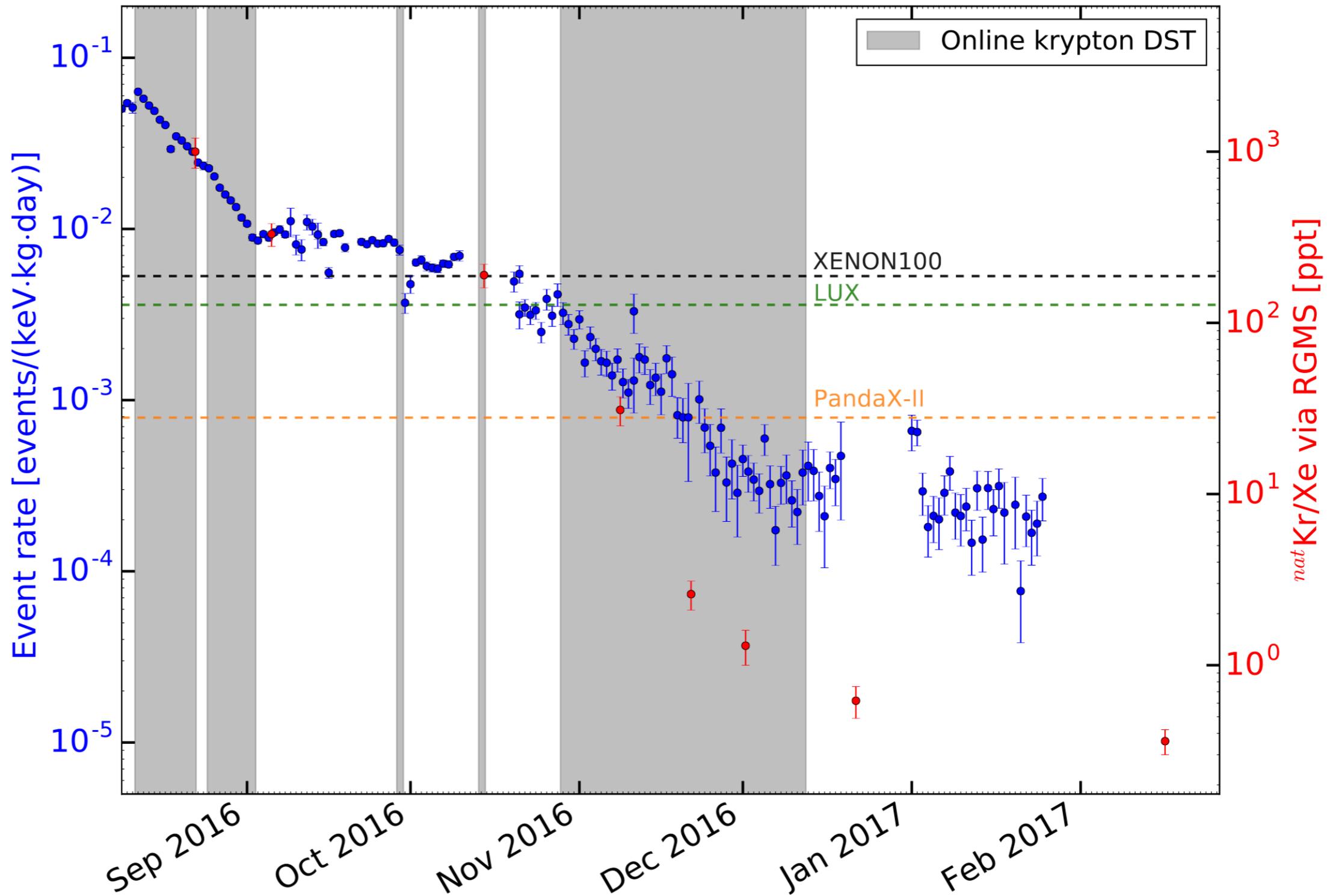
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Kr Reduction



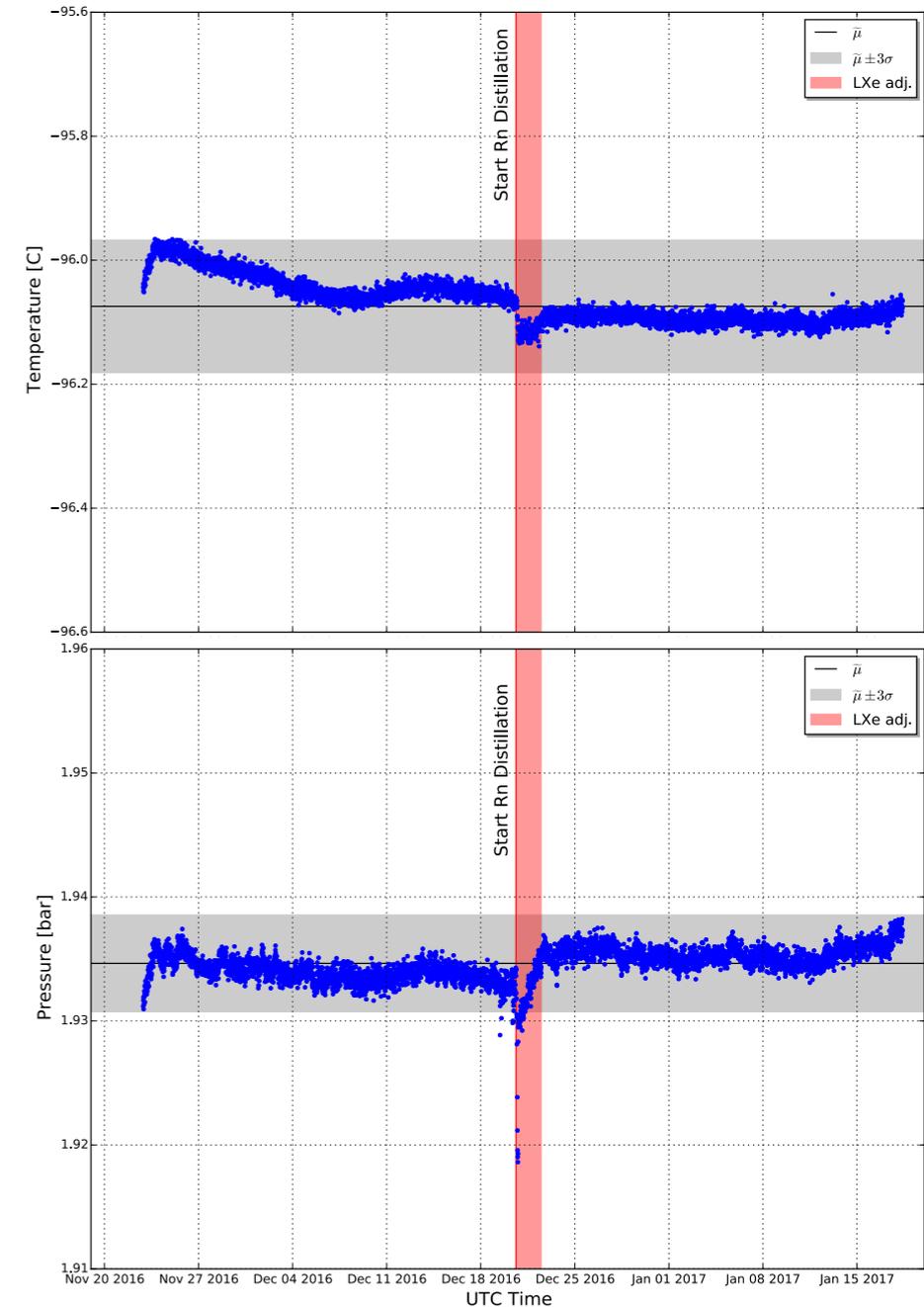
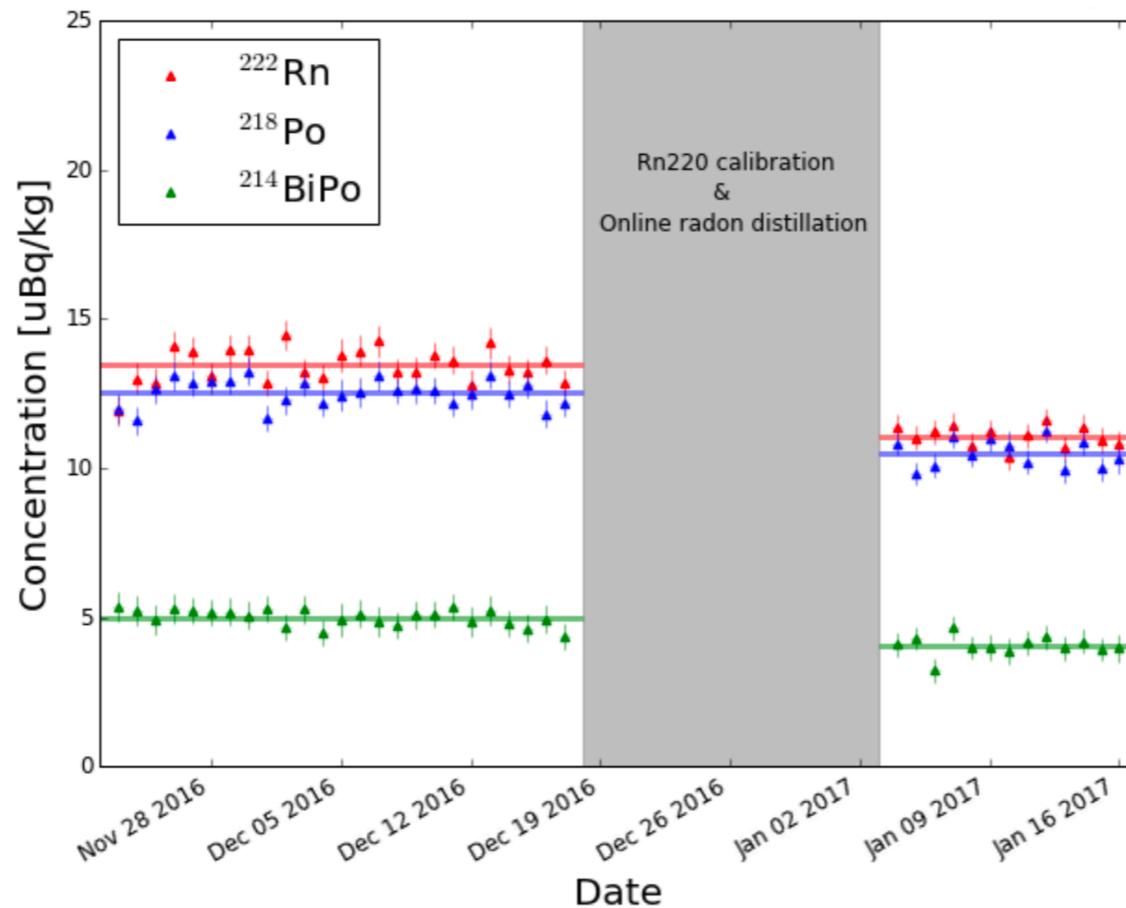
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Rn reduction



- Online Rn distillation does not affect data taking
- Reduction of $\sim 20\%$



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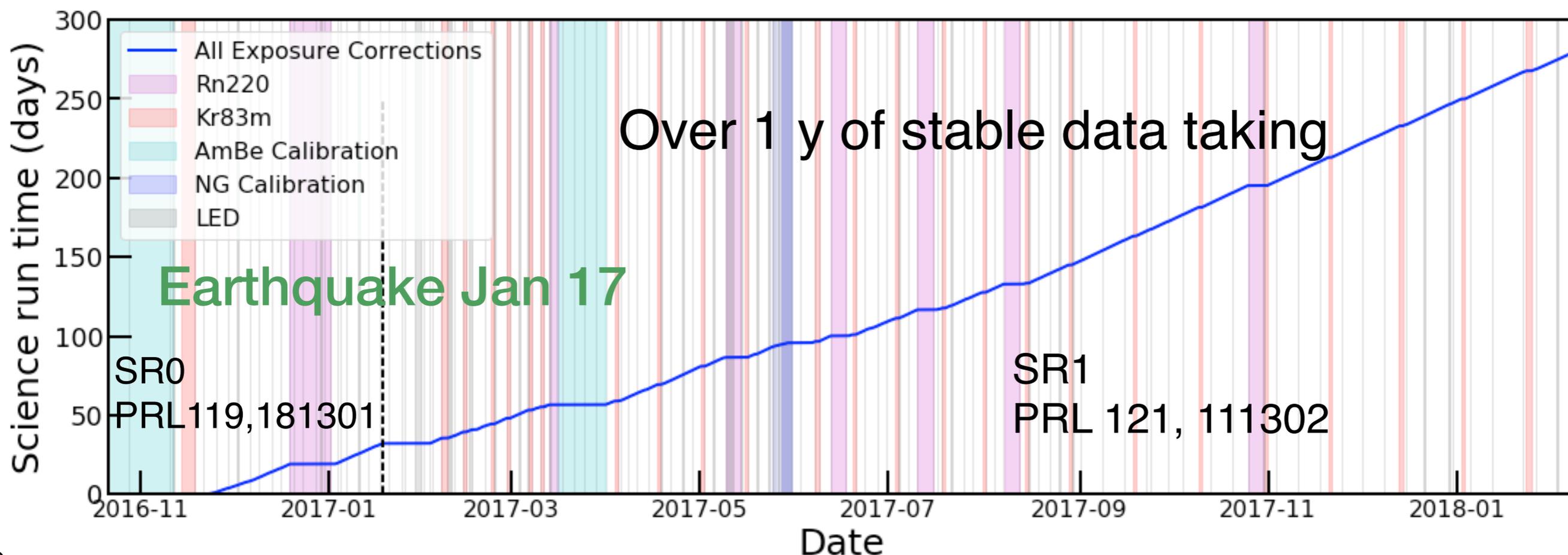
Understanding Detector



XENON1T: Science and calibration data

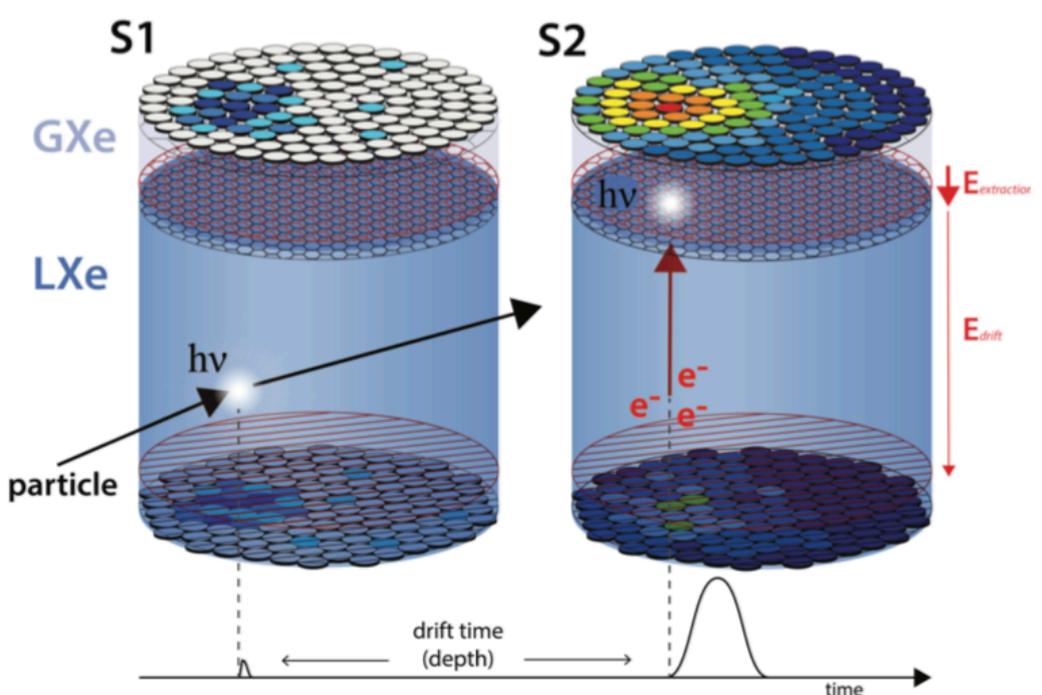
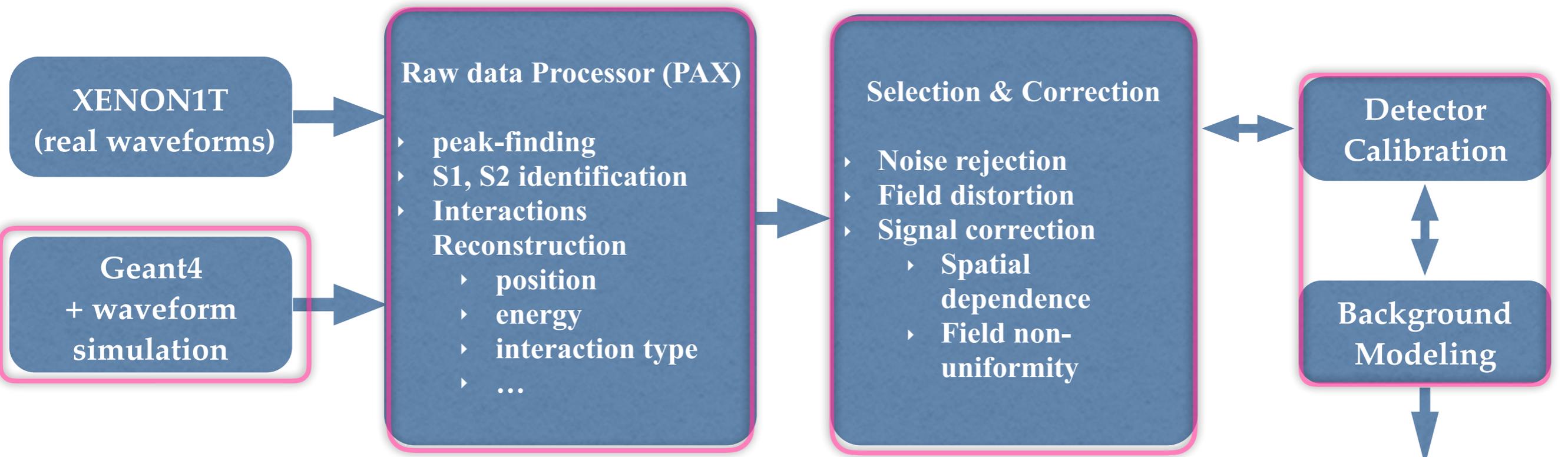


- 279 days high quality data (lifetime-corrected) spanning more than 1 year of stable detector's operation. The LXeTPC has been “cold” since Summer 2016
- 1 tonne x year exposure given 1.3 tonne fiducial volume- the largest reported to-date with this type of detector
- Experiment still running smoothly and collecting more data





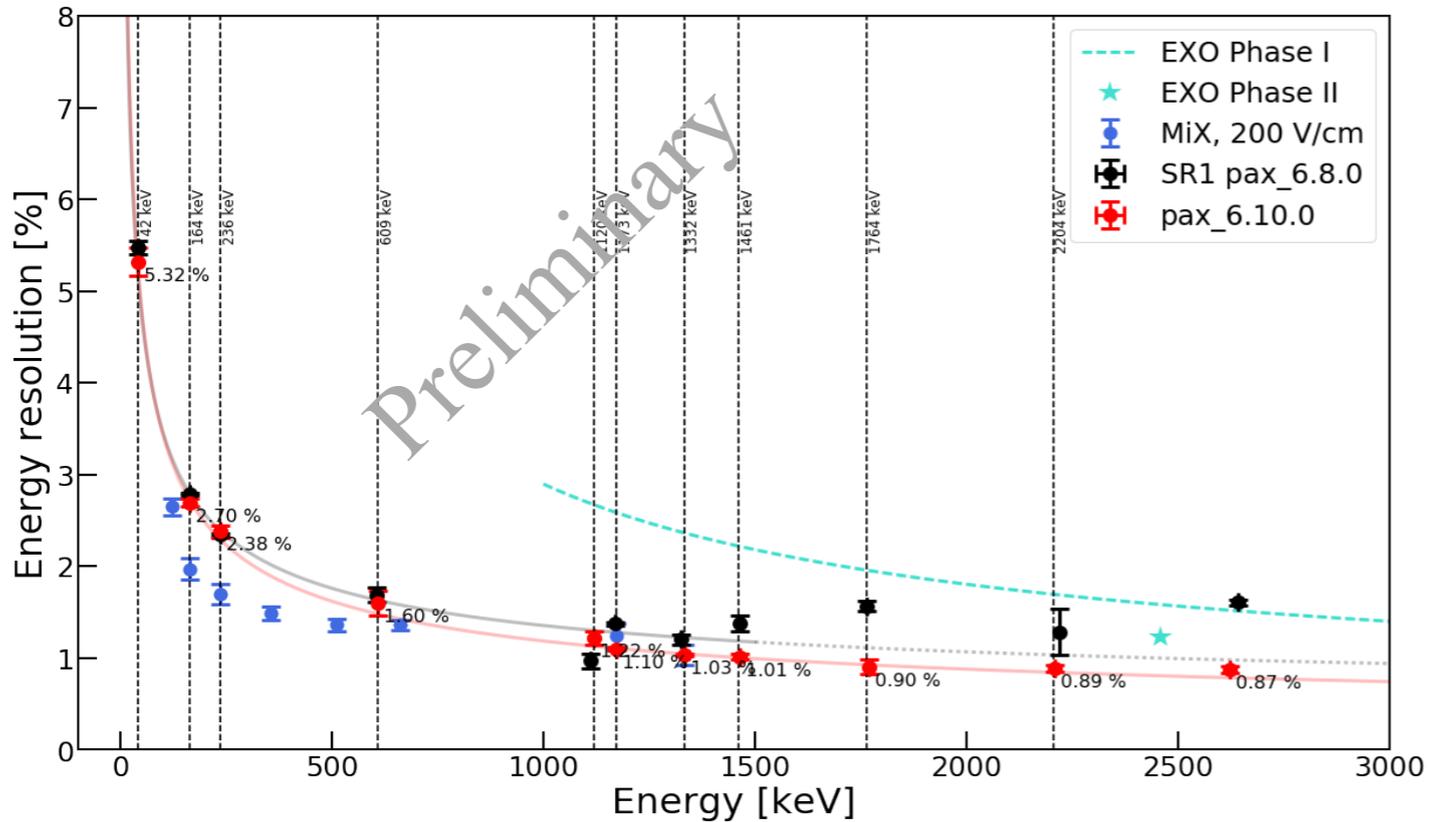
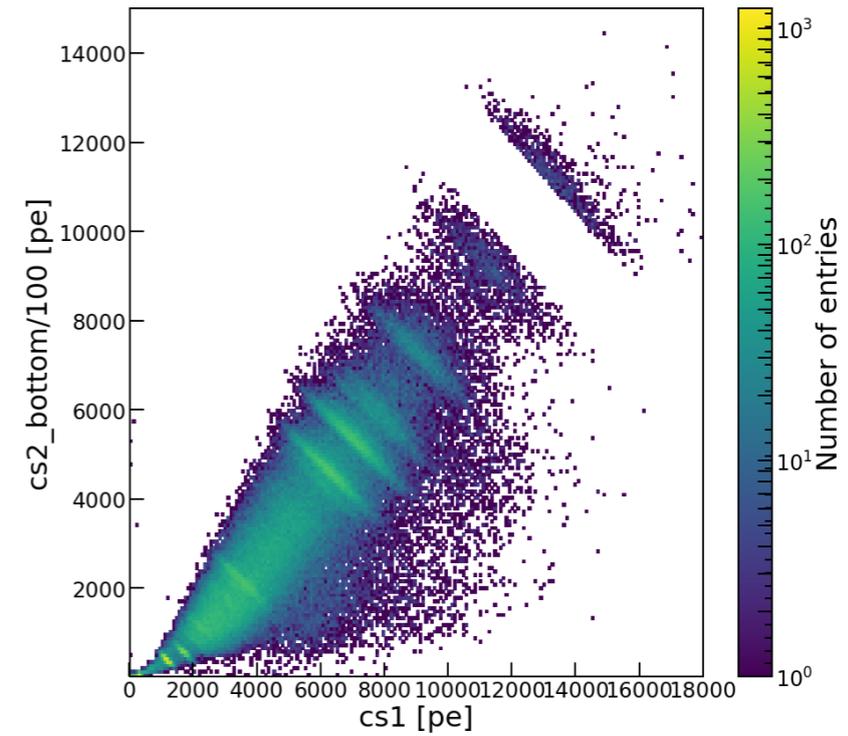
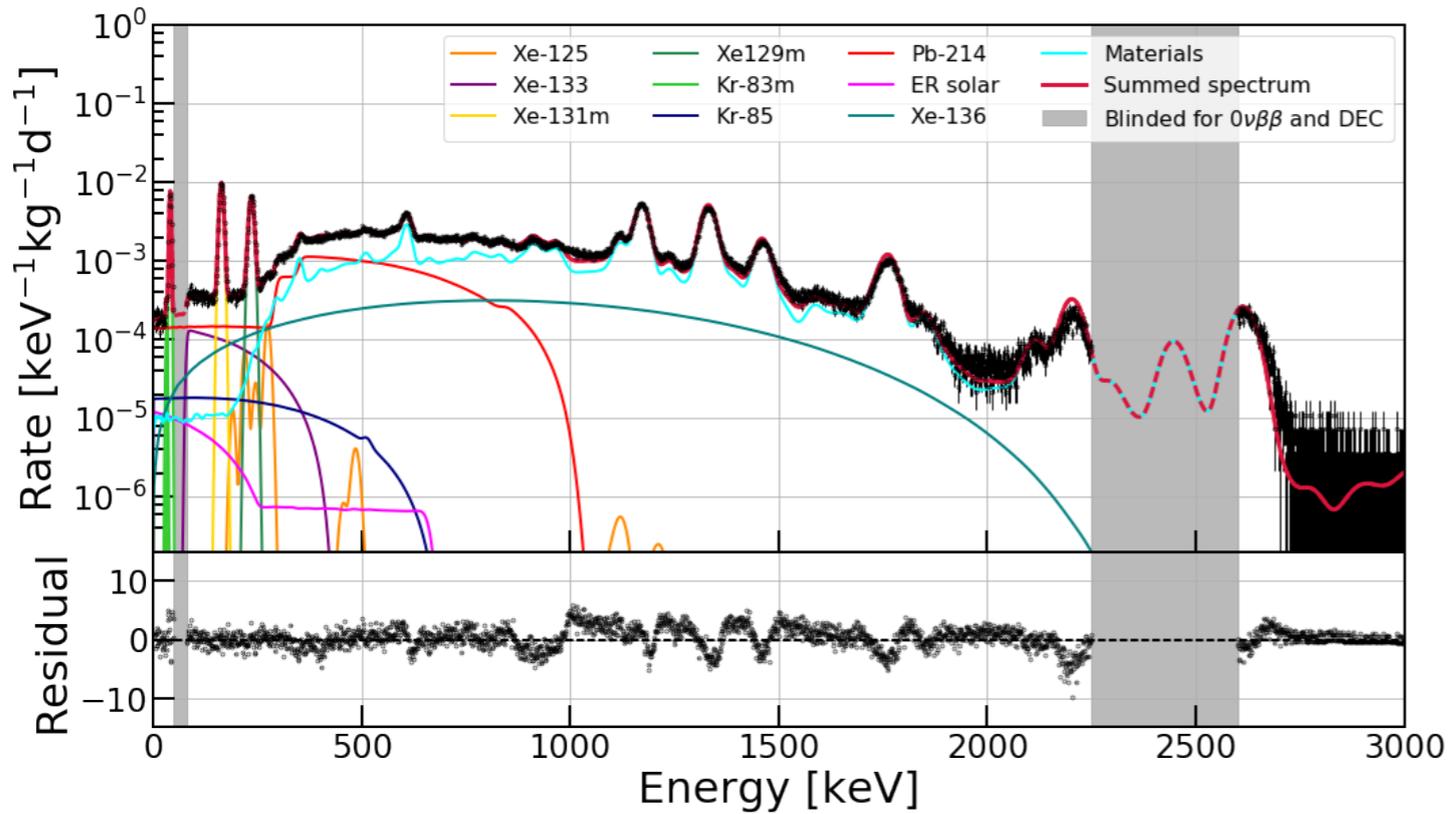
Overview of Data Analysis



Developed by the XENON collaboration **Publicly available to the community**
<https://github.com/XENON1T/pax>



Energy Linearity

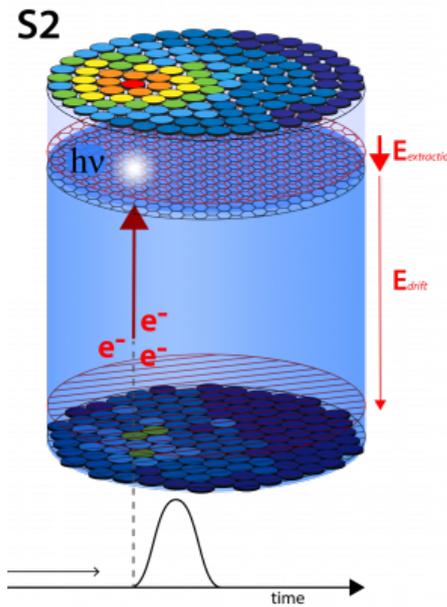


Linear energy reconstruction from
0 to 3 MeV

Energy resolution @ 2.5MeV is
<1%

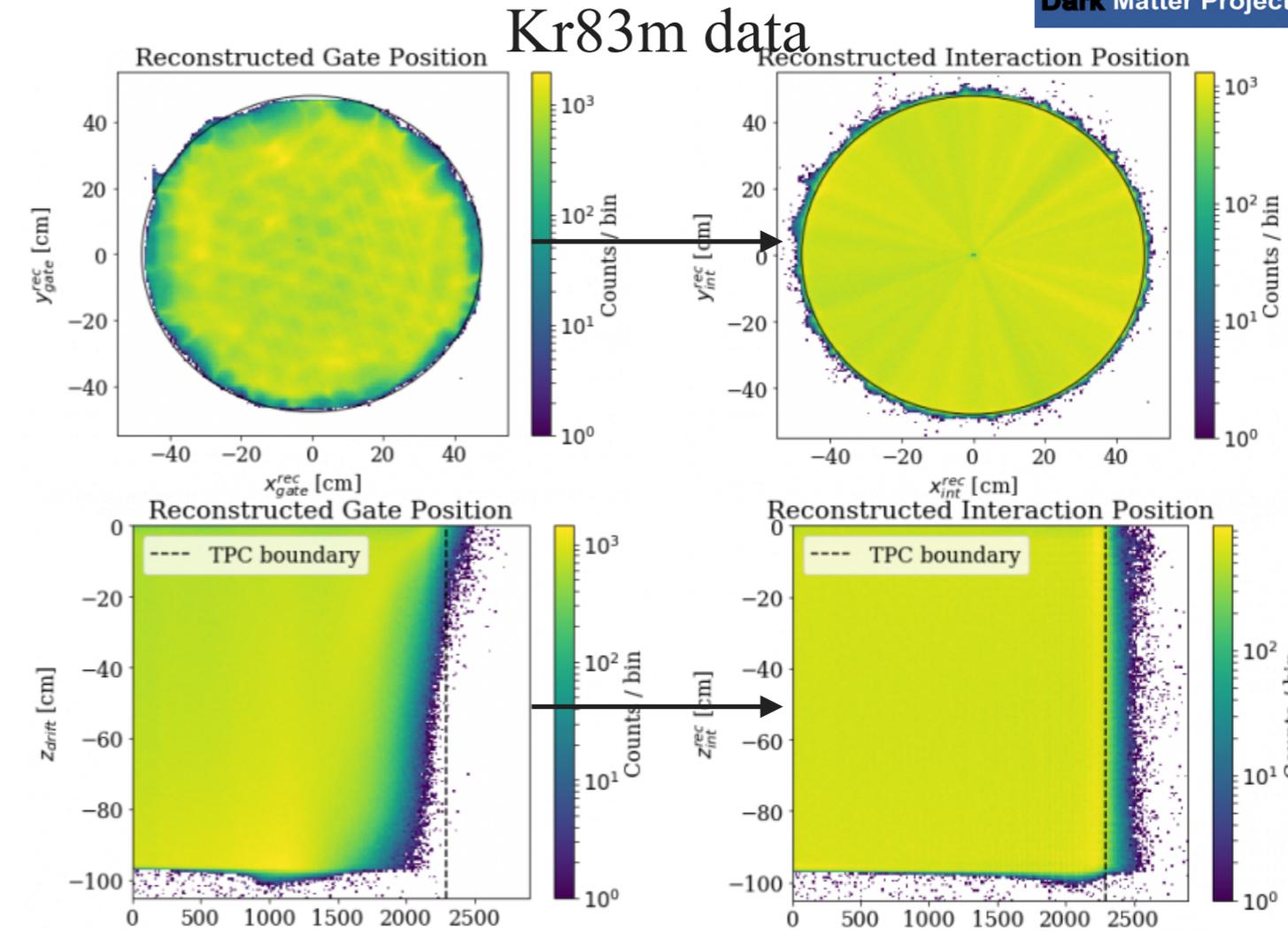


Position Reconstruction & Correction



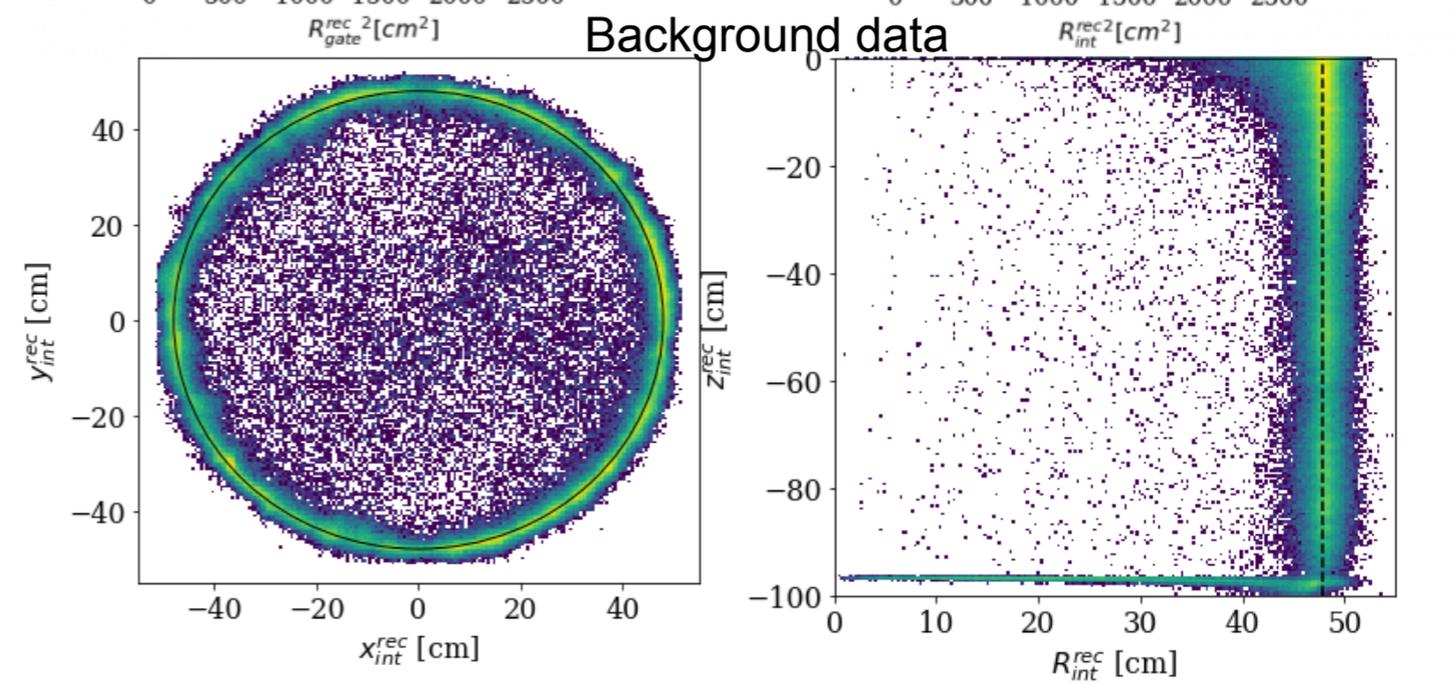
X-Y reconstruction via neural network:

- **Input:** charge/channel top array
- **Training:** Monte Carlo simulation



Position corrections using ^{83m}Kr

- **Drift field distortion**
- Localized inhomogeneities from inactive PMTs
- Data-derived correction verified by comparison to MC with several event sources



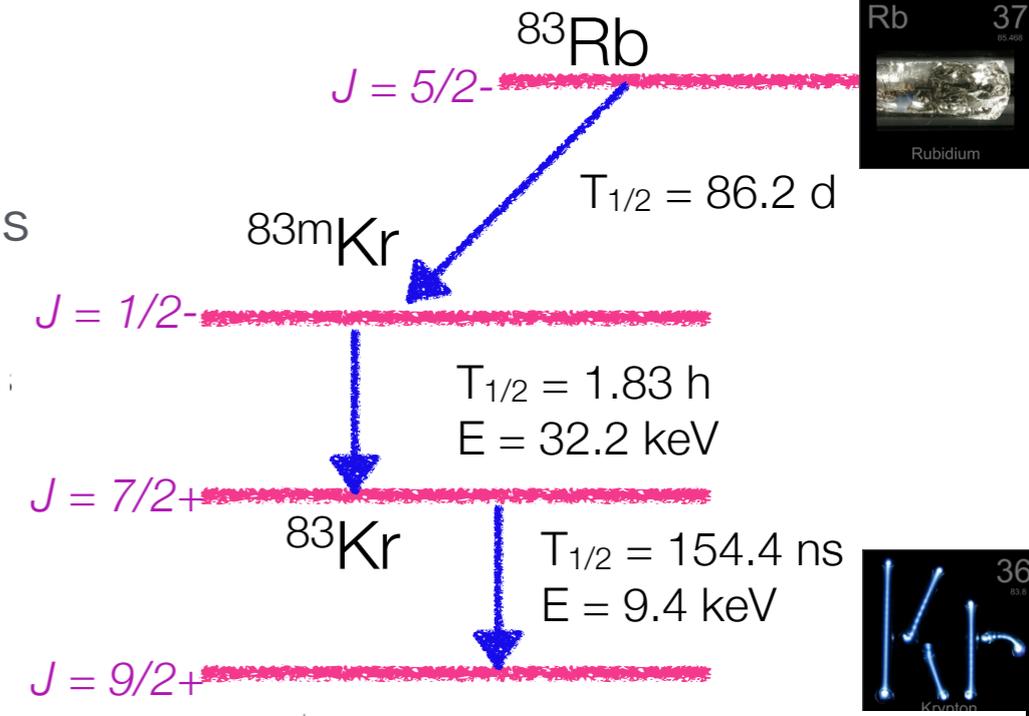


Signal Correction

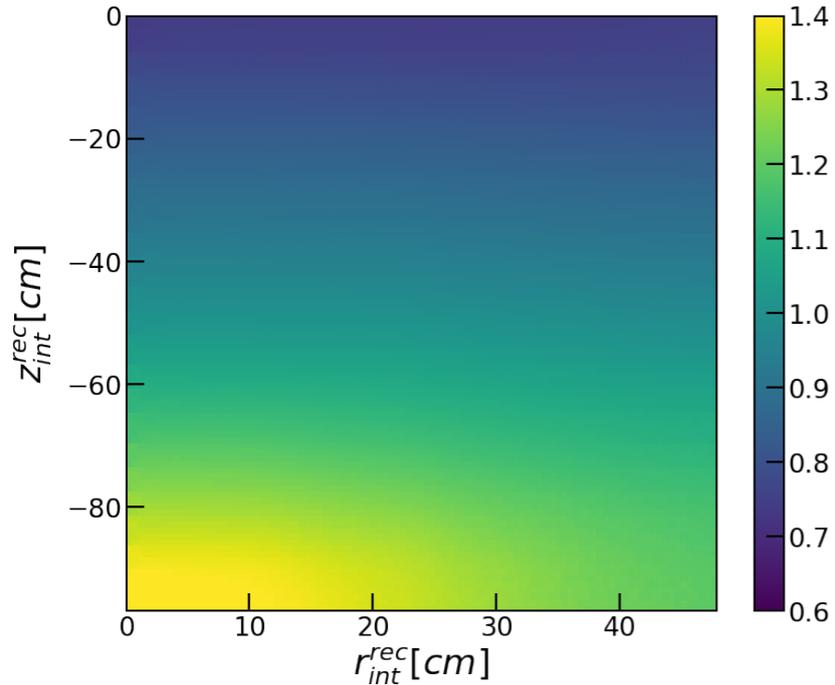


Spatial signal corrections with ^{83m}Kr source

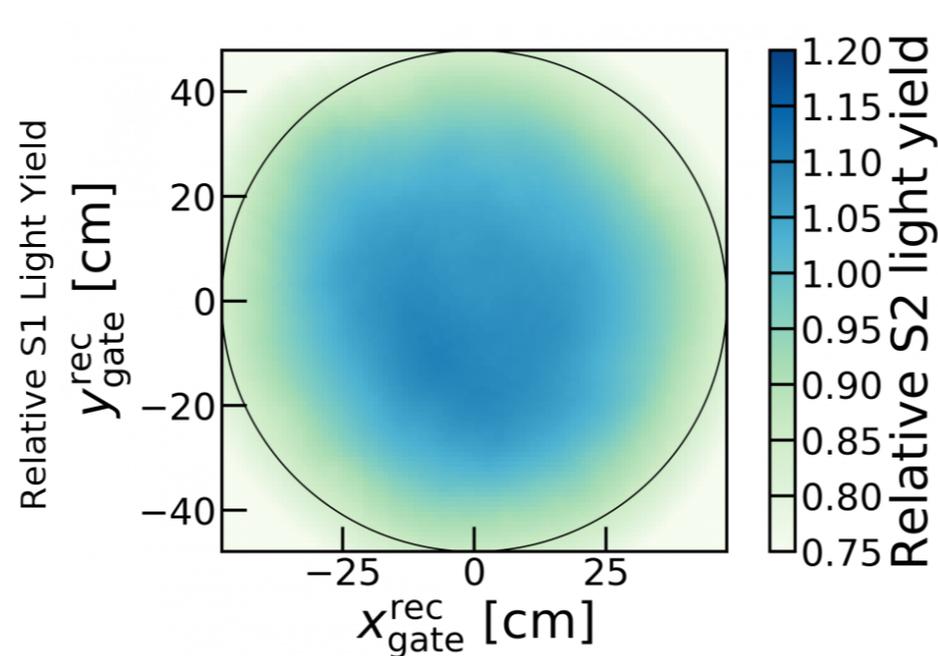
- ▶ Internal source (injected directly into LXe)
- ▶ 32.2 keV and 9.4 keV emissions separated by $T_{1/2} = 154 \text{ ns}$
- ▶ Used for several corrections
 - Position dependent light collection efficiency
 - Position dependent S2 amplification
 - Electron lifetime correction



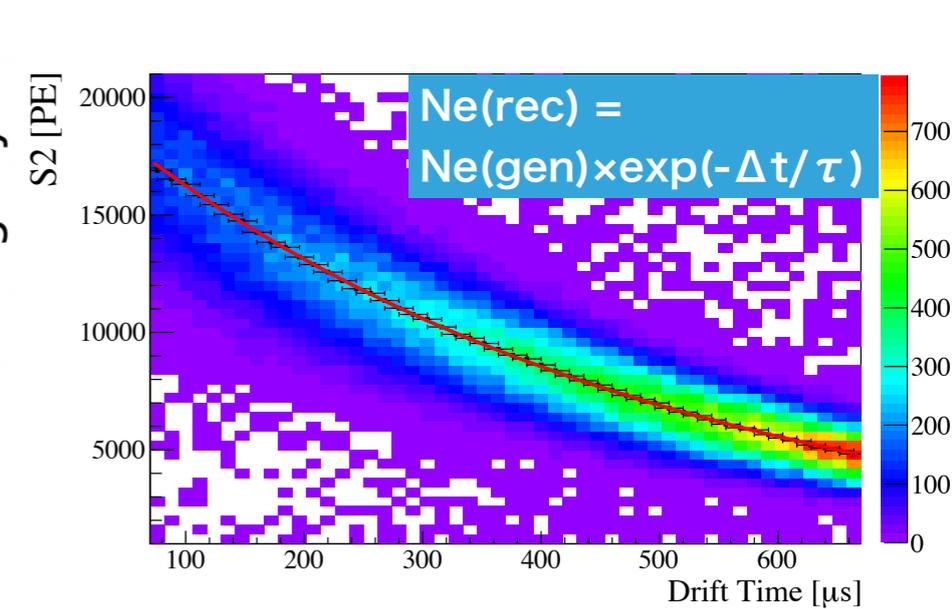
Relative S1 light yield



Relative S2 light yield



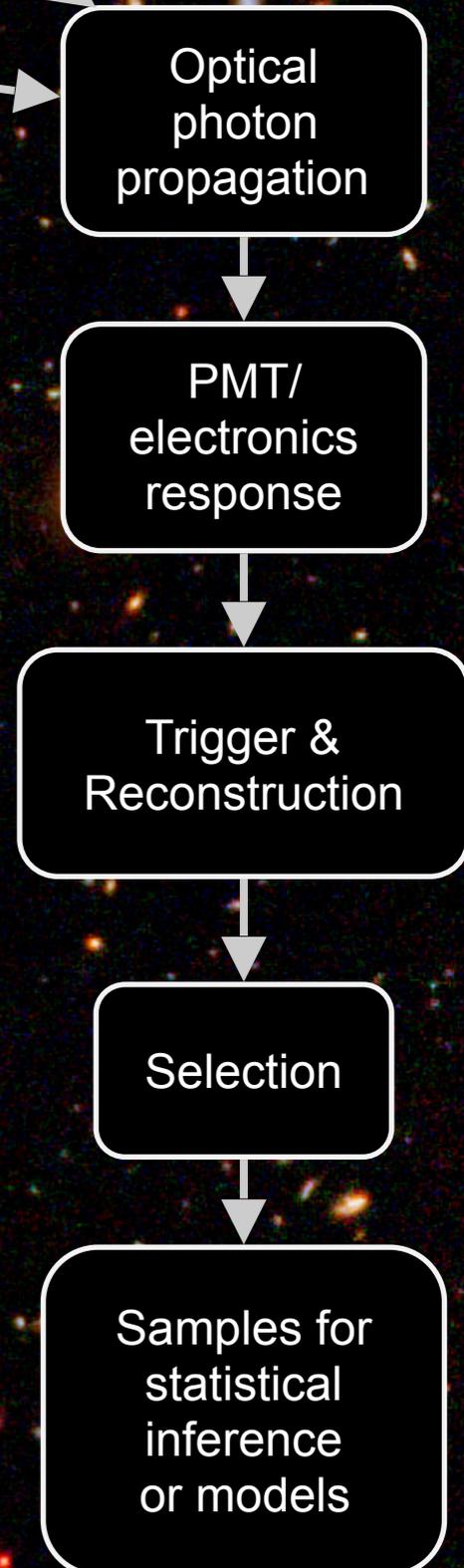
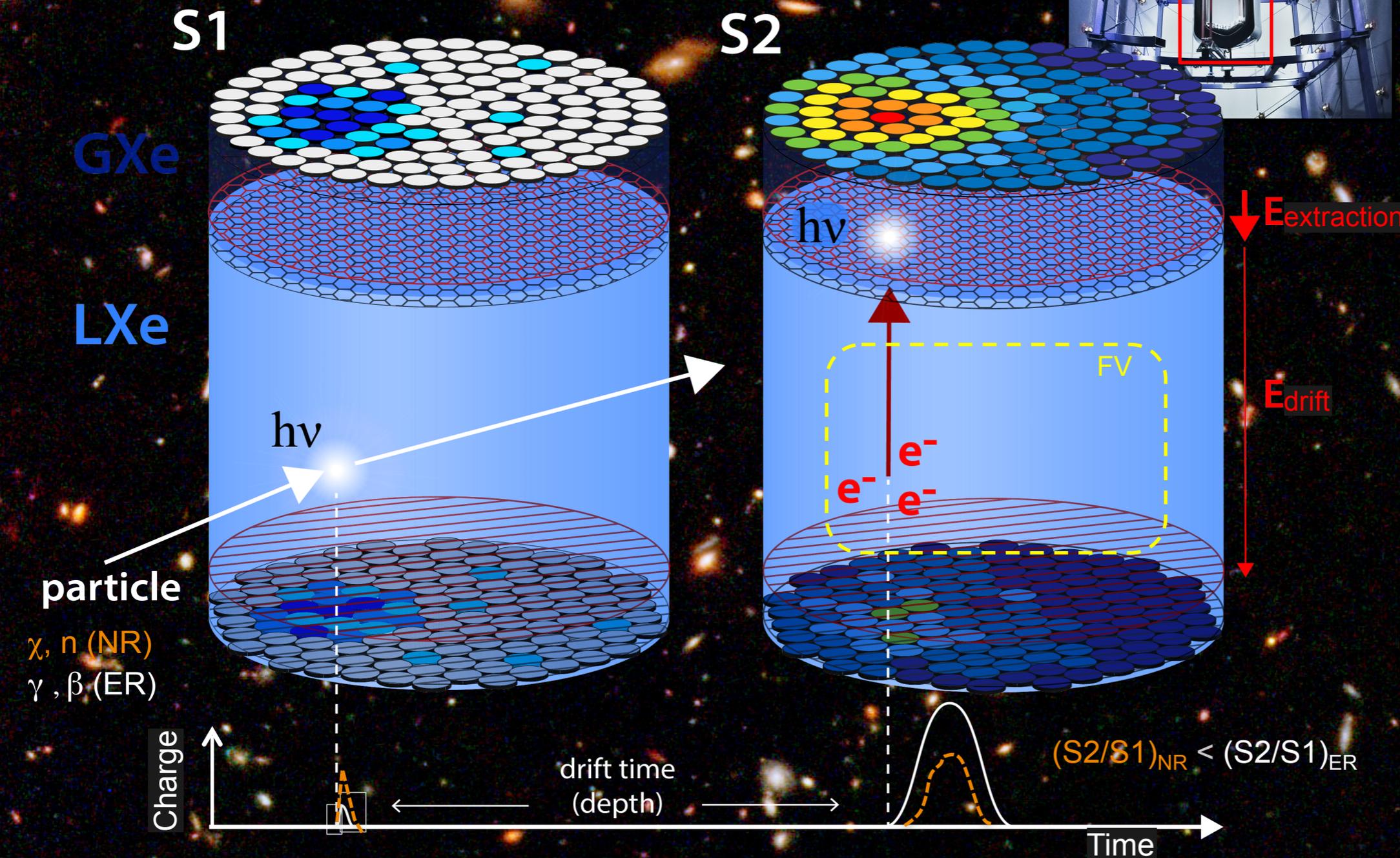
S2 electron lifetime vs dt



Detector Signal Principle

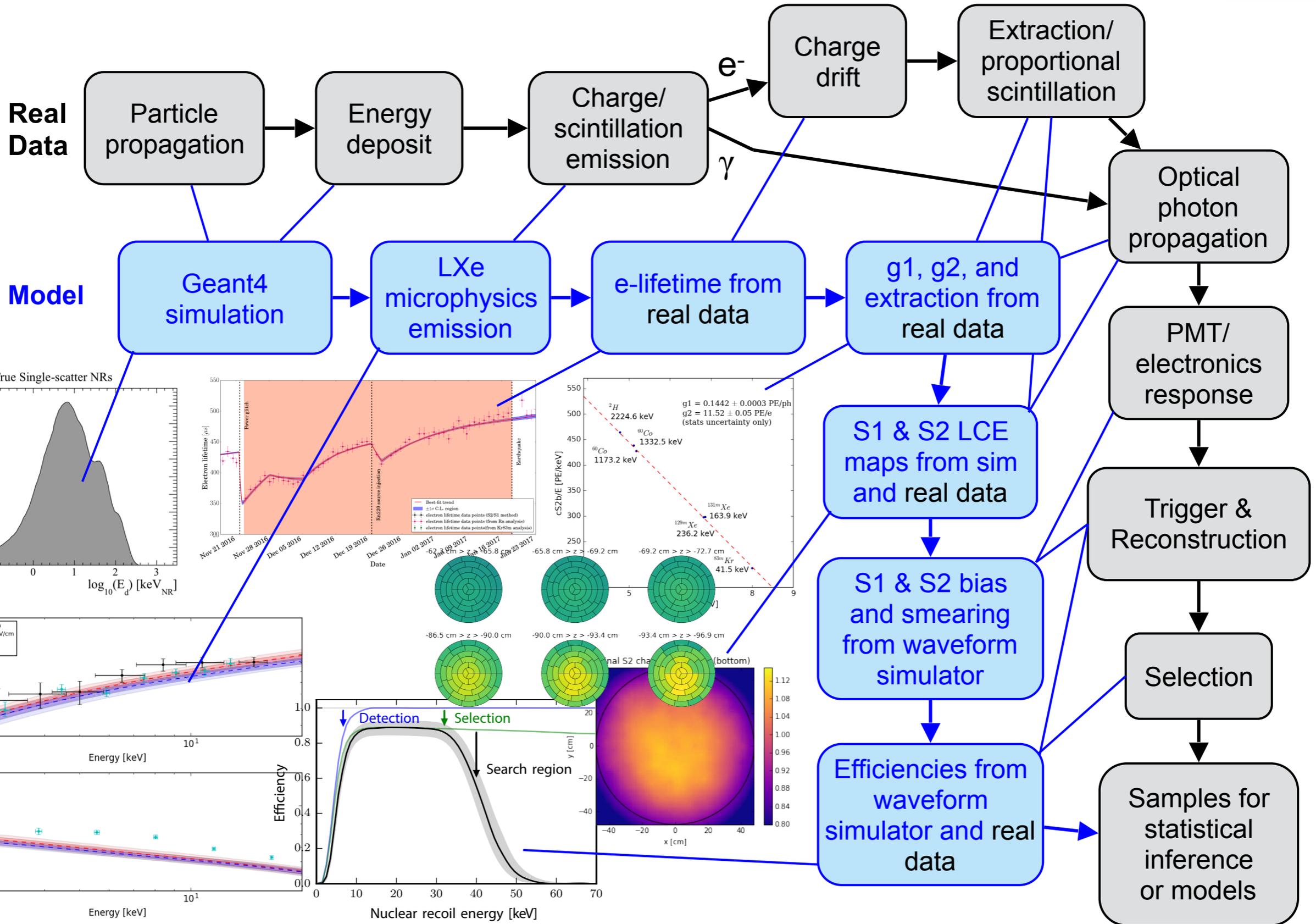


Dual-phase liquid-gas xenon time projection chamber

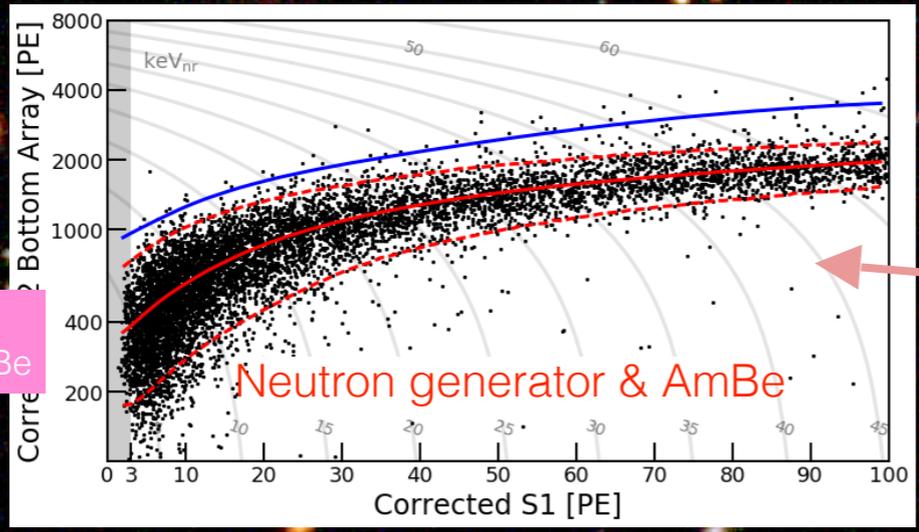
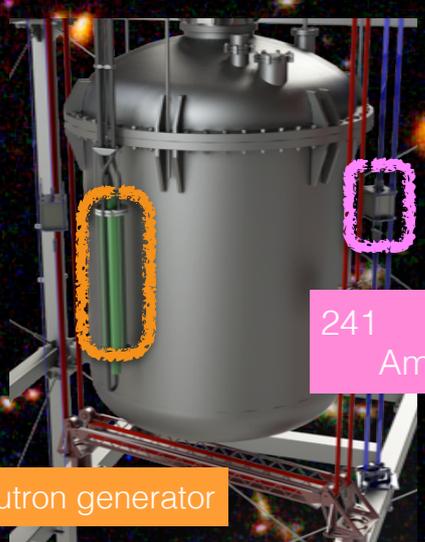
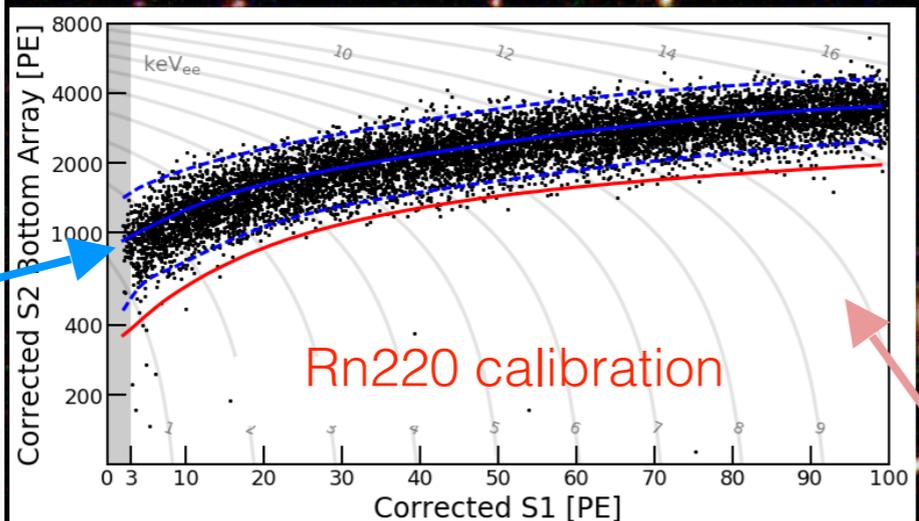
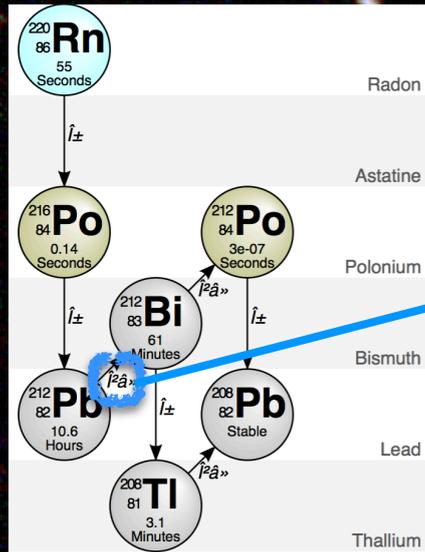
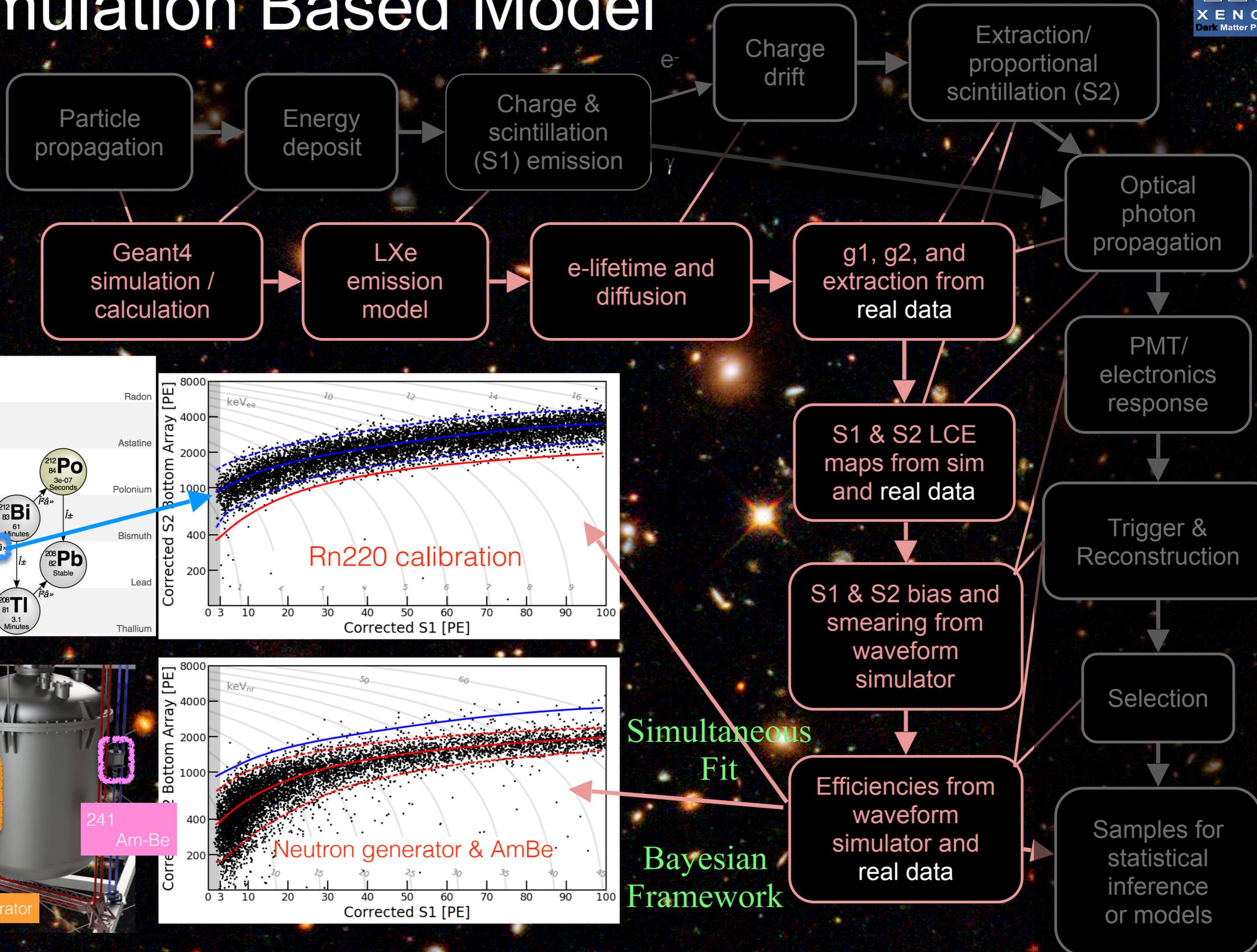




The ER and NR Models



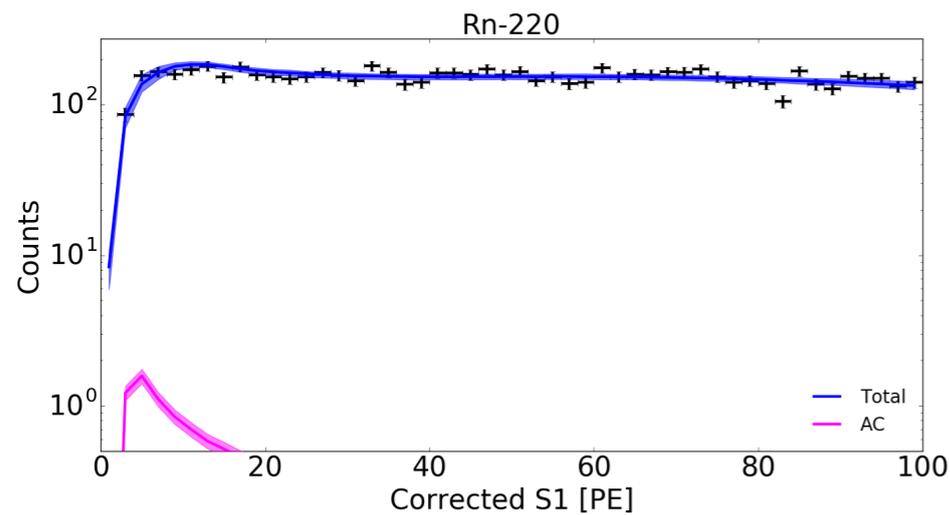
Simulation Based Model



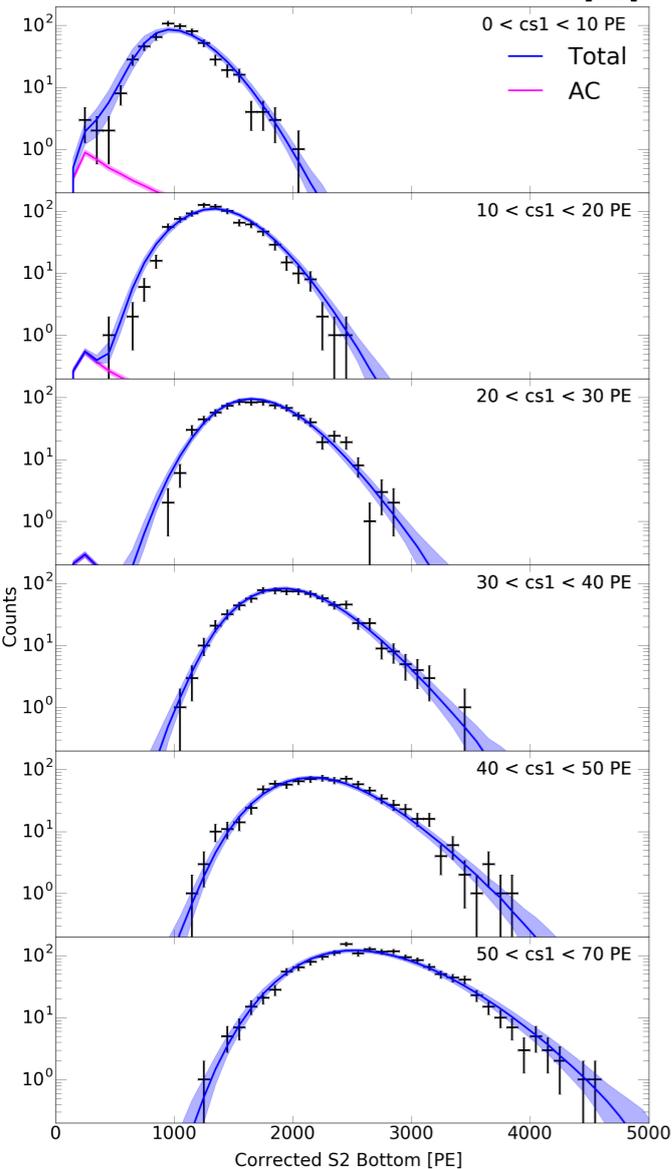
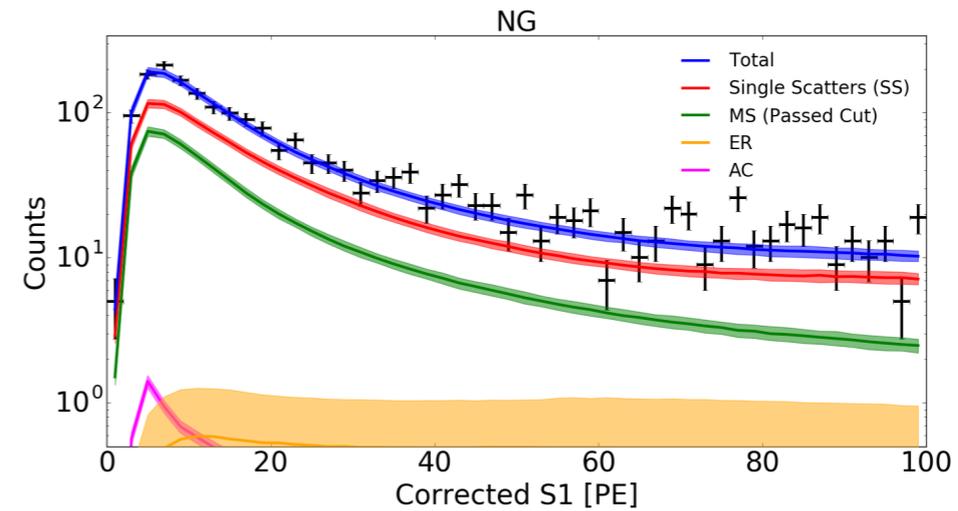
Simultaneous Fit
Bayesian Framework



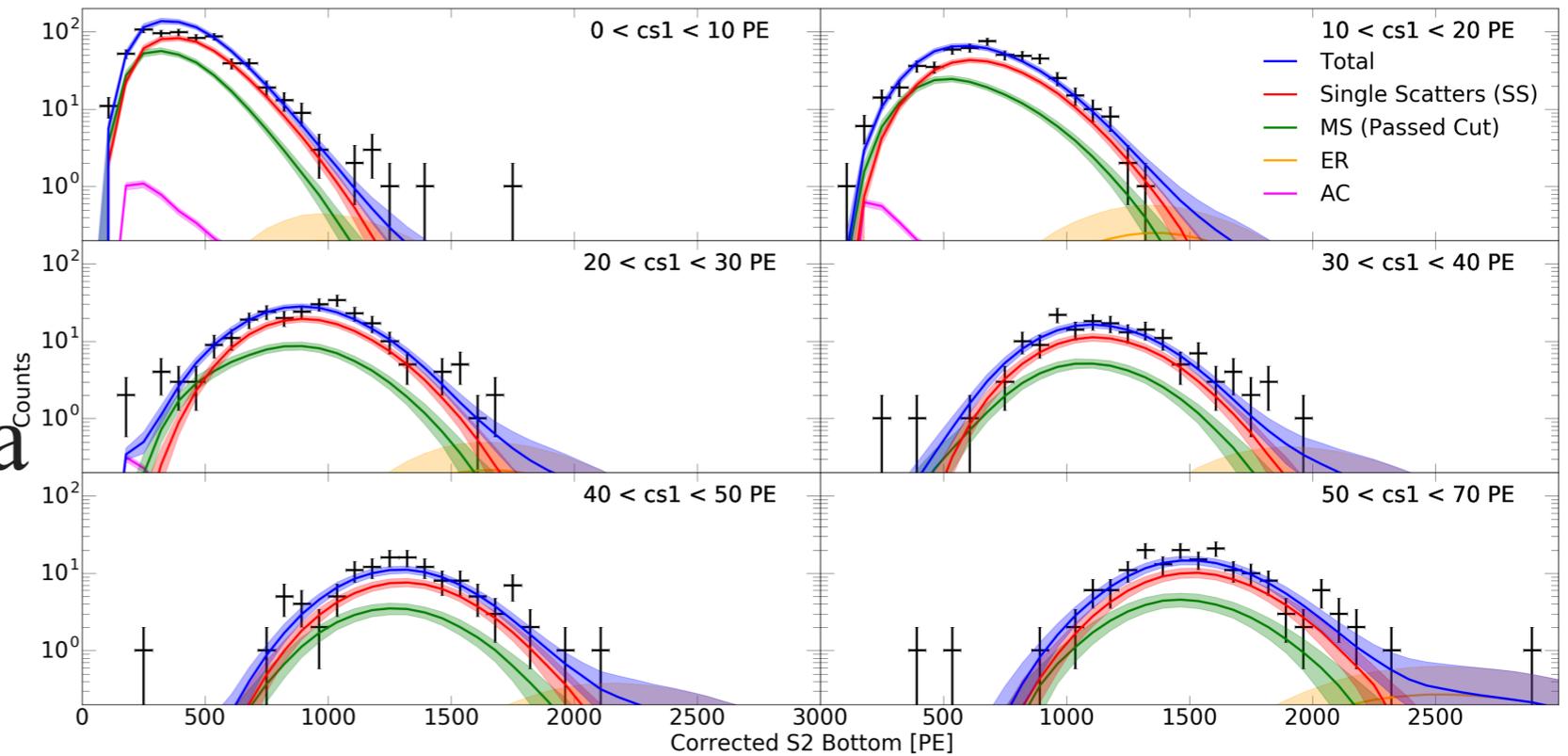
Good matching to data



cS1 spectra



cS2 spectra



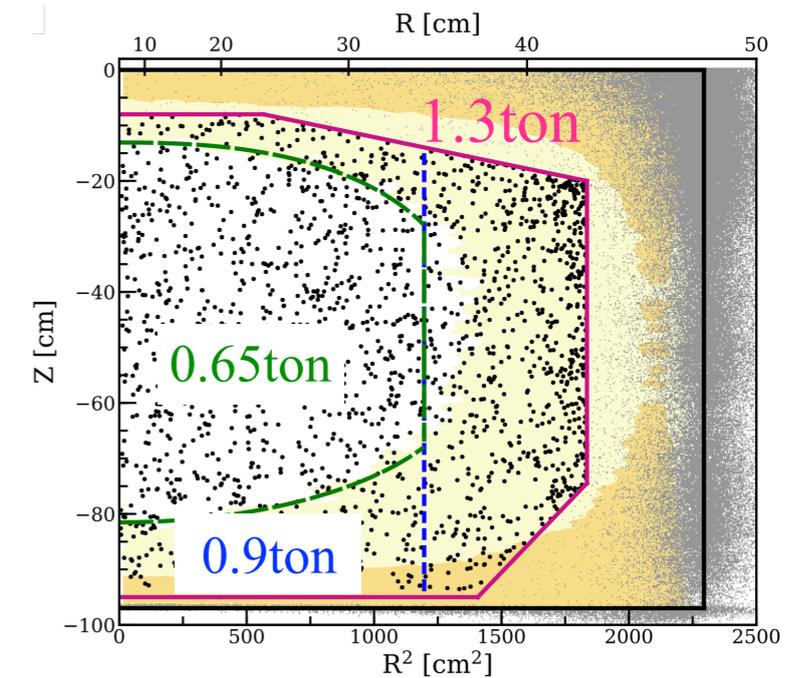
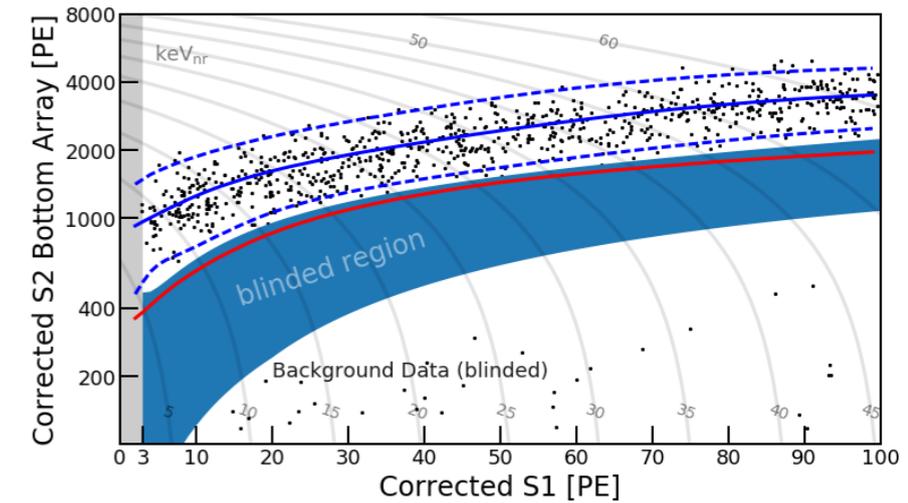
More challenging for NR: Need to model the multiple scatters



Backgrounds



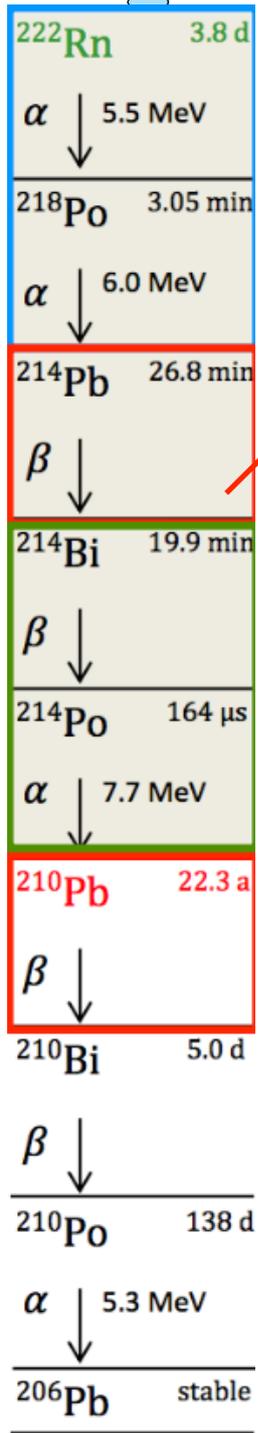
Mass	1.3t	1.3t	0.9t	0.65t
(S2, S1)	Full	Reference	Reference	Reference
ER	627 ± 18	1.6 ± 0.3	1.1 ± 0.2	0.6 ± 0.1
Neutron	1.4 ± 0.7	0.8 ± 0.4	0.4 ± 0.2	0.14 ± 0.07
CENNS	0.05 ± 0.01	0.03 ± 0.01	0.02	0.01
AC	0.47 ± 0.15	0.10 ± 0.03	0.06 ± 0.02	0.04 ± 0.01
Surface	106 ± 8	4.8 ± 0.4	0.02	0.01
BG	735 ± 20	7.4 ± 0.6	1.6 ± 0.3	0.8 ± 0.1
Data	739	14	2	2



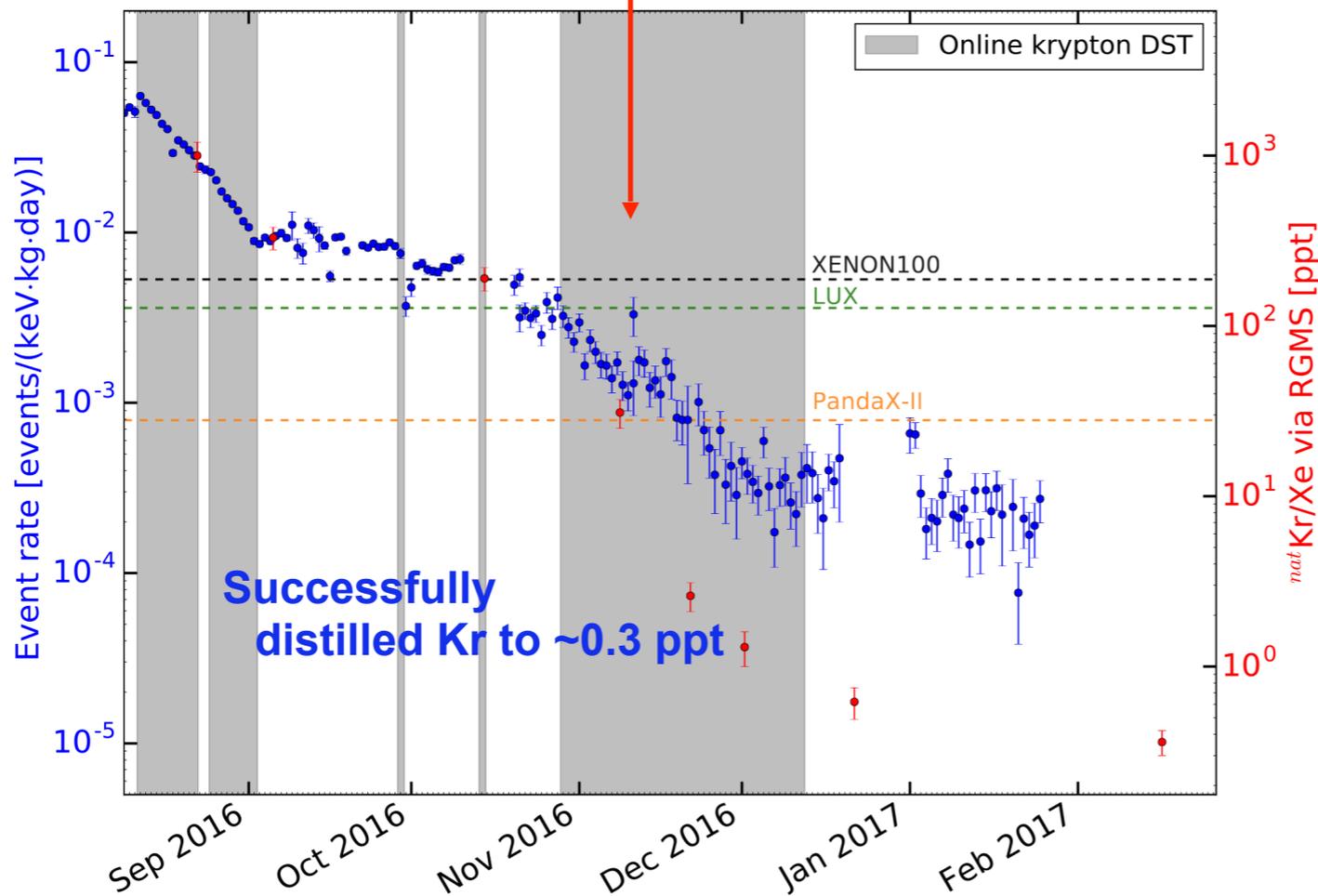
- ER is the dominant background
- Surface background & neutron distribution are not uniform. Spatial likelihood is taken into consideration.



Electronic recoil background



- Rn222 : 10 uBq/kg
 - Achieved with careful surface emanation control and measurements
 - Further reduction with online cryogenic distillation
- Kr85 : sub-ppt Kr/Xe
 - Achieved with online cryogenic distillation
- Materials radioactivity (HPGe gamma screening): subdominant



Source	Rate (1.3t) [$\text{t}^{-1} \text{y}^{-1} \text{keV}^{-1}$]	Fraction [%]
222Rn	56 ± 6	74.7
85Kr	7.7 ± 1.3	10.3
Materials	8 ± 1	10.7
Solar ν	2.5 ± 0.1	3.3
136Xe	0.8 ± 0.1	1.1
Total	75 ± 6	
Measured	$82 \pm 5(\text{sys}) \pm 3(\text{stat})$	



Nuclear recoil background



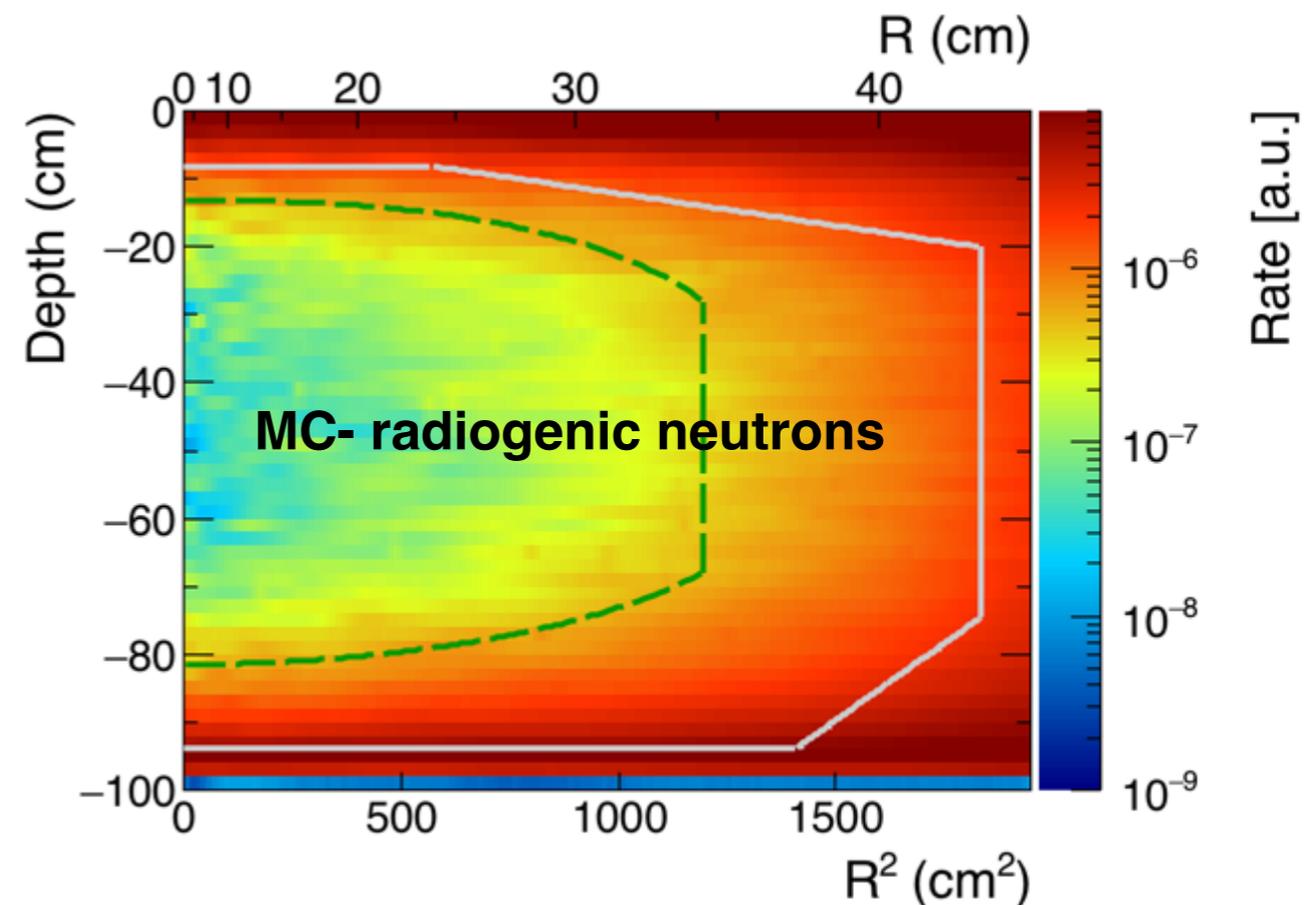
(Expectations in 4-50 keV search window, 1t FV, single scatters)

Cosmogenic μ -induced neutrons significantly reduced by rock overburden and muon veto

Coherent elastic ν -nucleus scattering, constrained by ^8B neutrino flux and measurements, is an irreducible background at very low energy (1 keV)

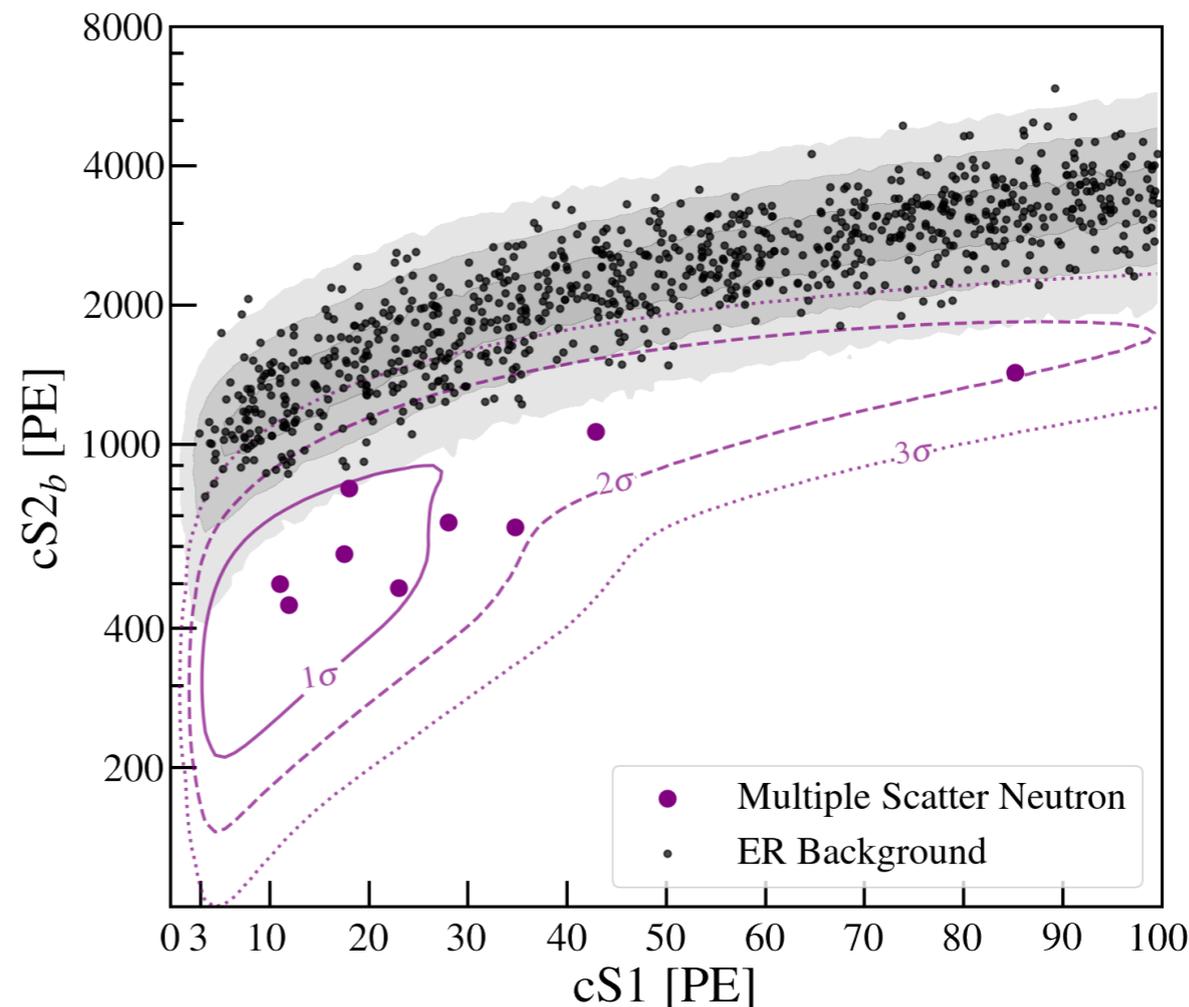
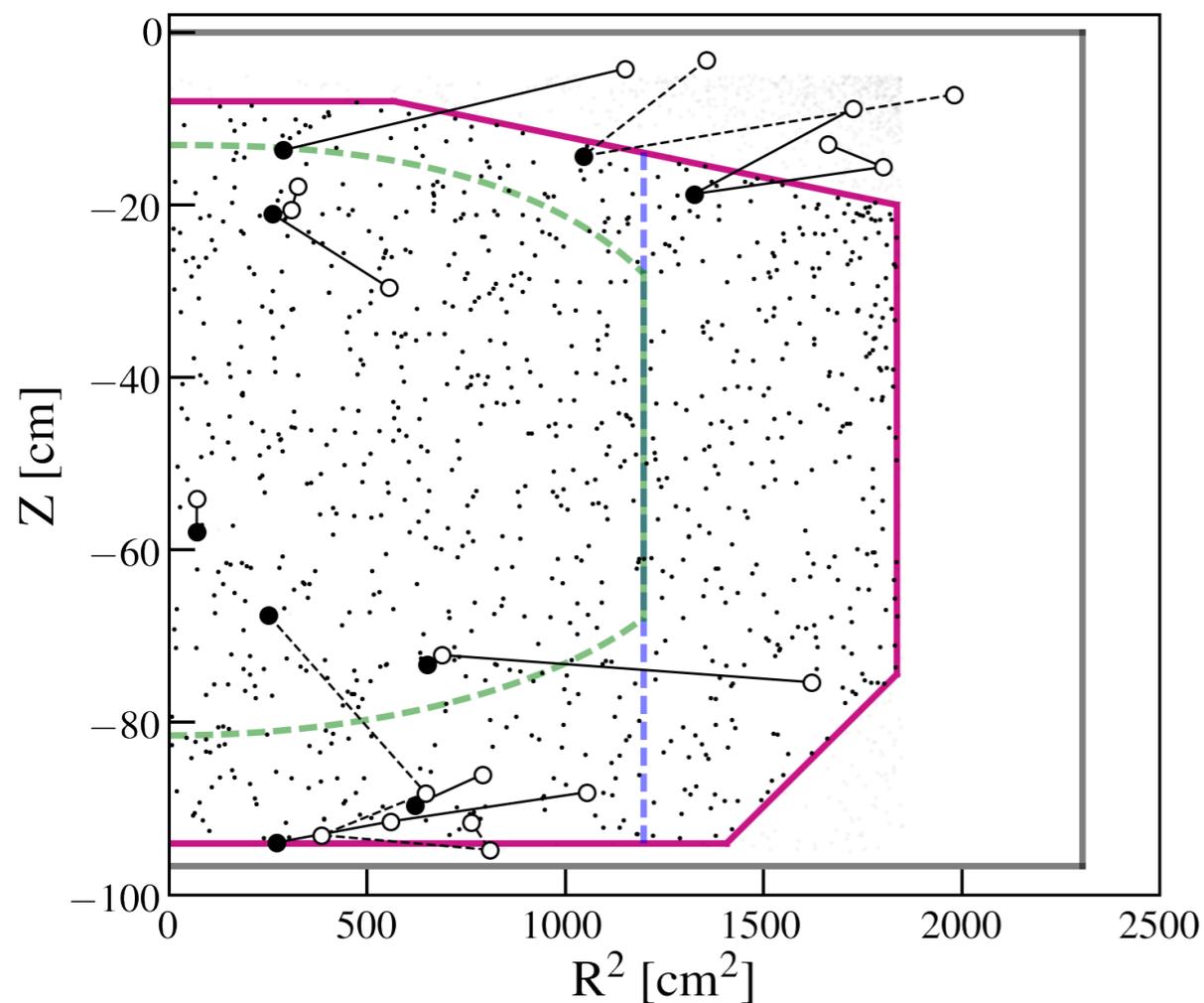
Radiogenic neutrons from (α, n) reactions and fission from ^{238}U and ^{232}Th : reduced via careful materials selection, event multiplicity and fiducialization

Source	Rate [$\text{t}^{-1} \text{y}^{-1}$]	Fraction [%]
Radiogenic n	0.6	96.5
CE ν NS	0.012	2.0
Cosmogenic n	< 0.01	< 2.0





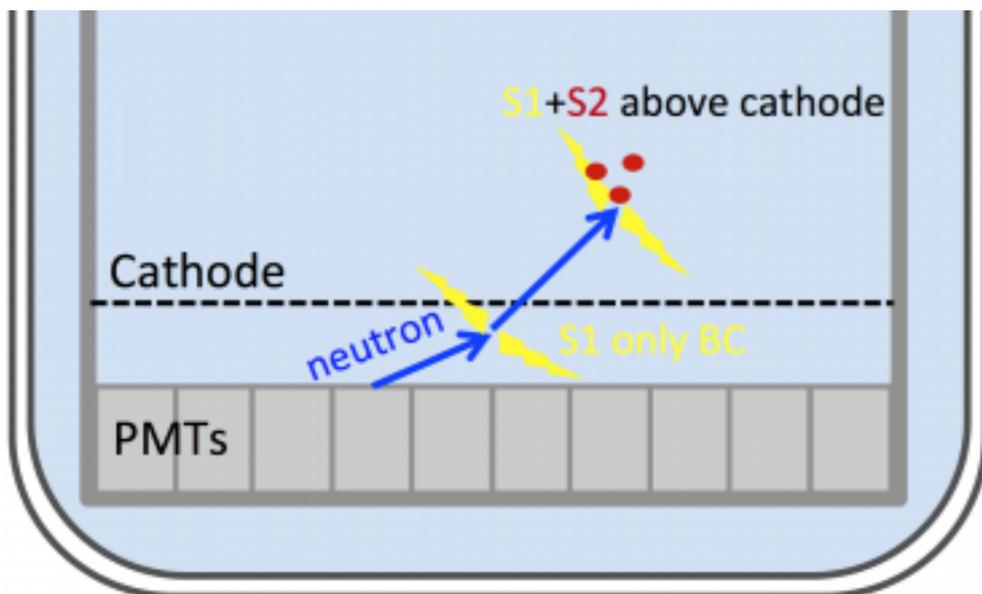
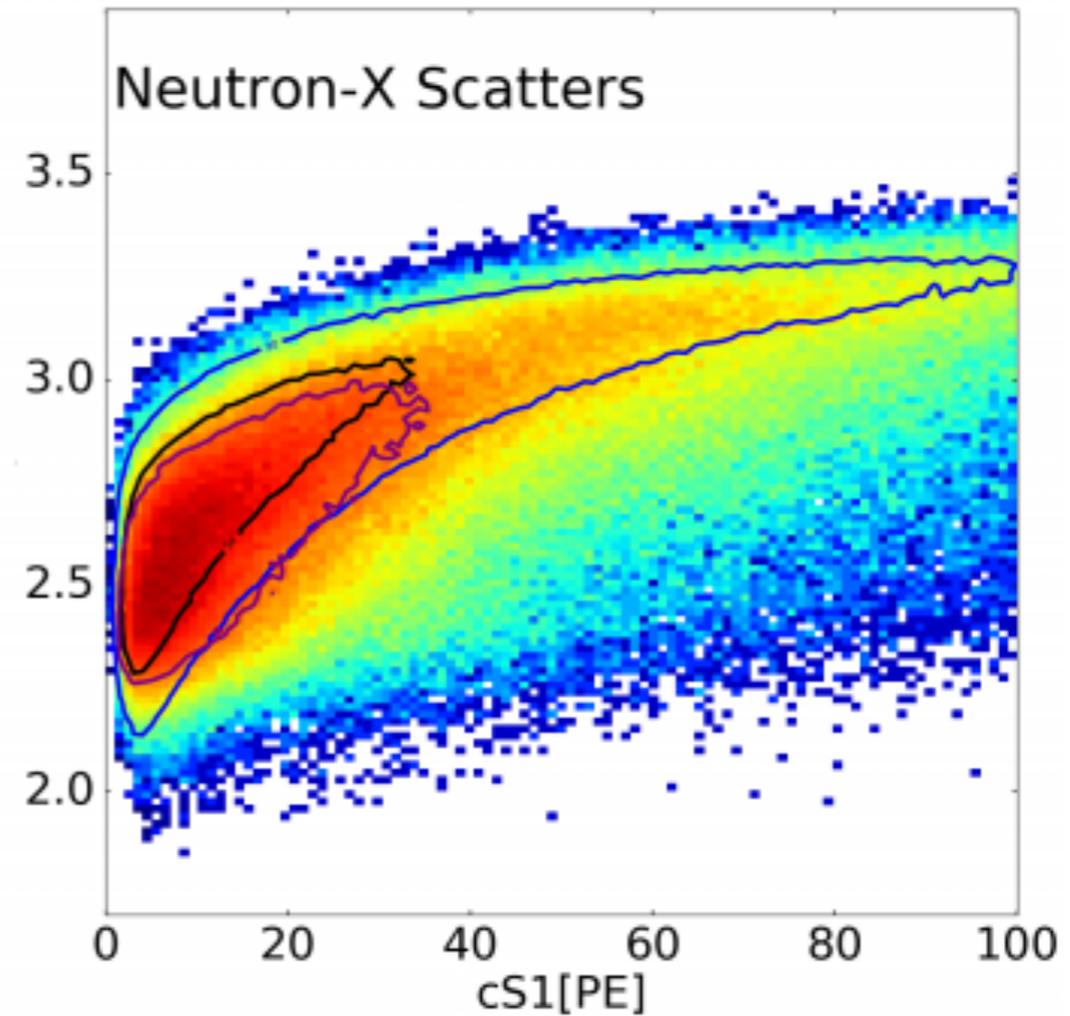
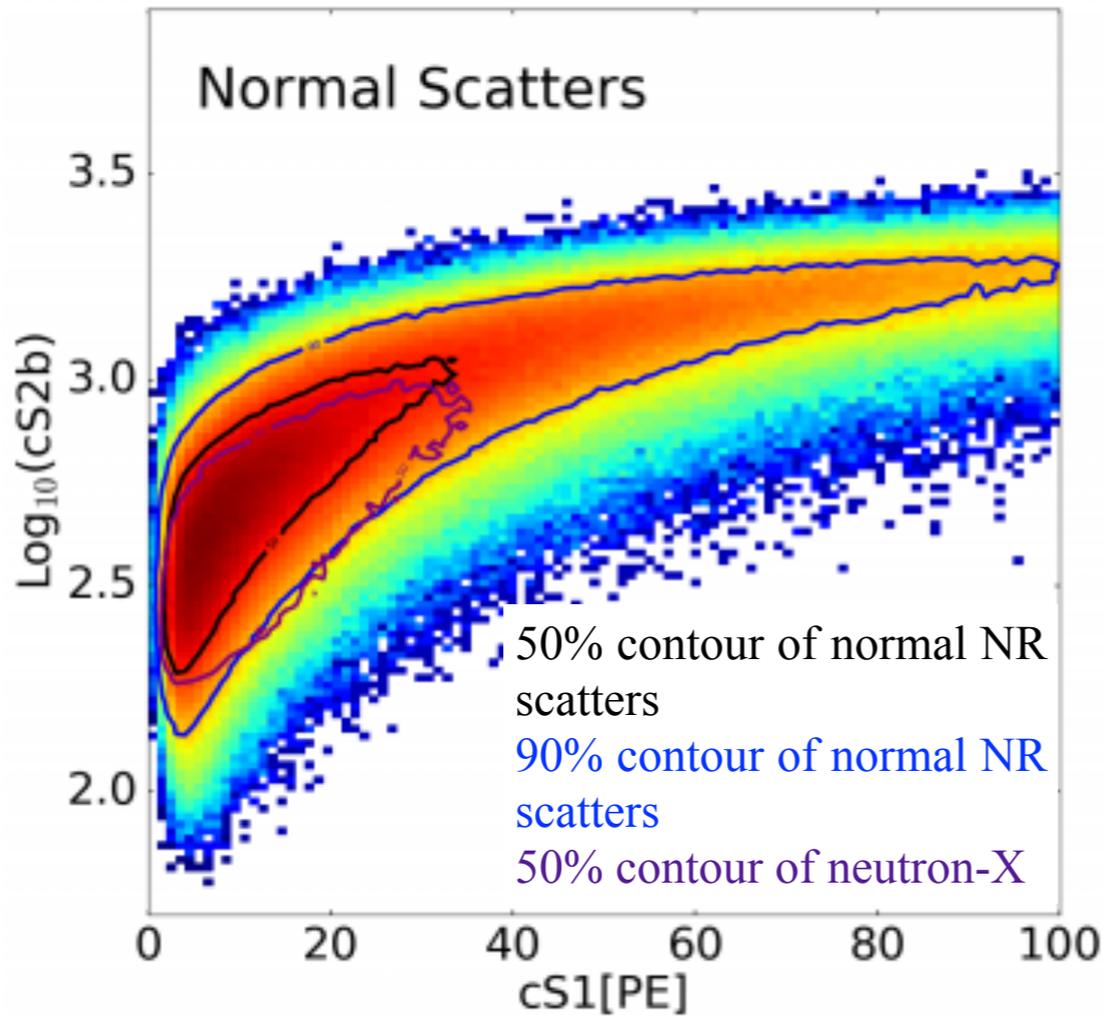
Constraint from multiple scatters



Multiple neutron scatters are good samples for constraining the radiogenic neutron models because no other background has multiple scatters in low energy region. Nine events are identified.



Neutron-X



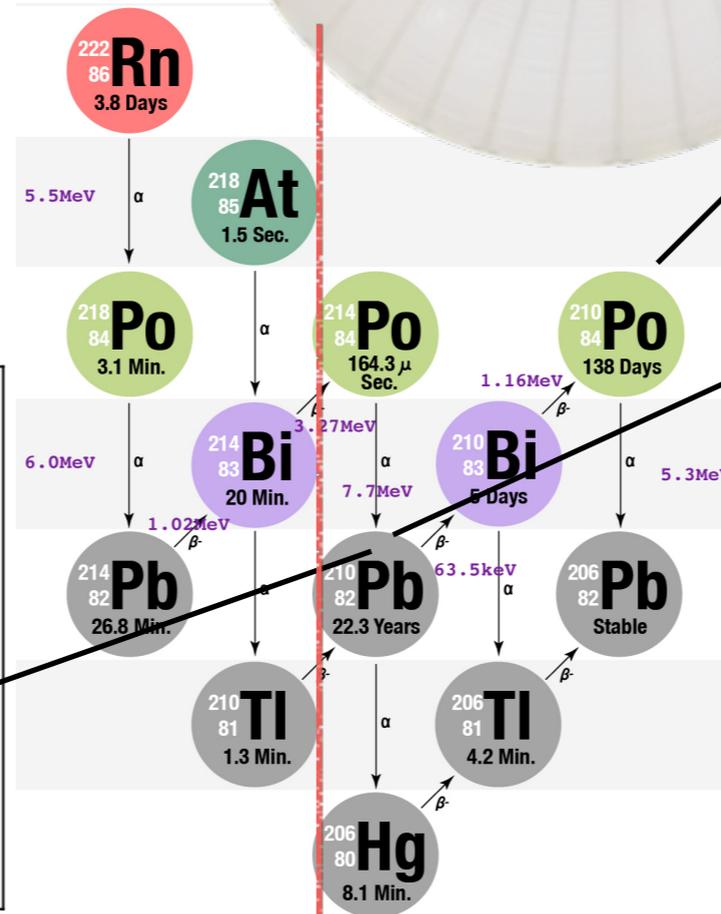
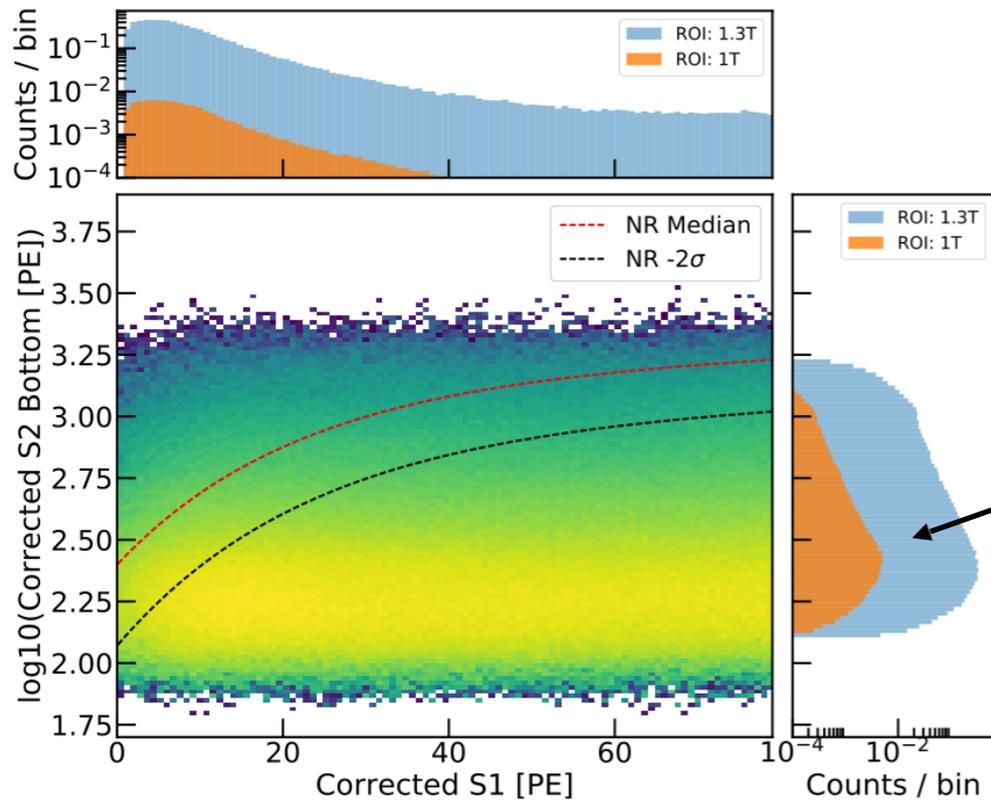
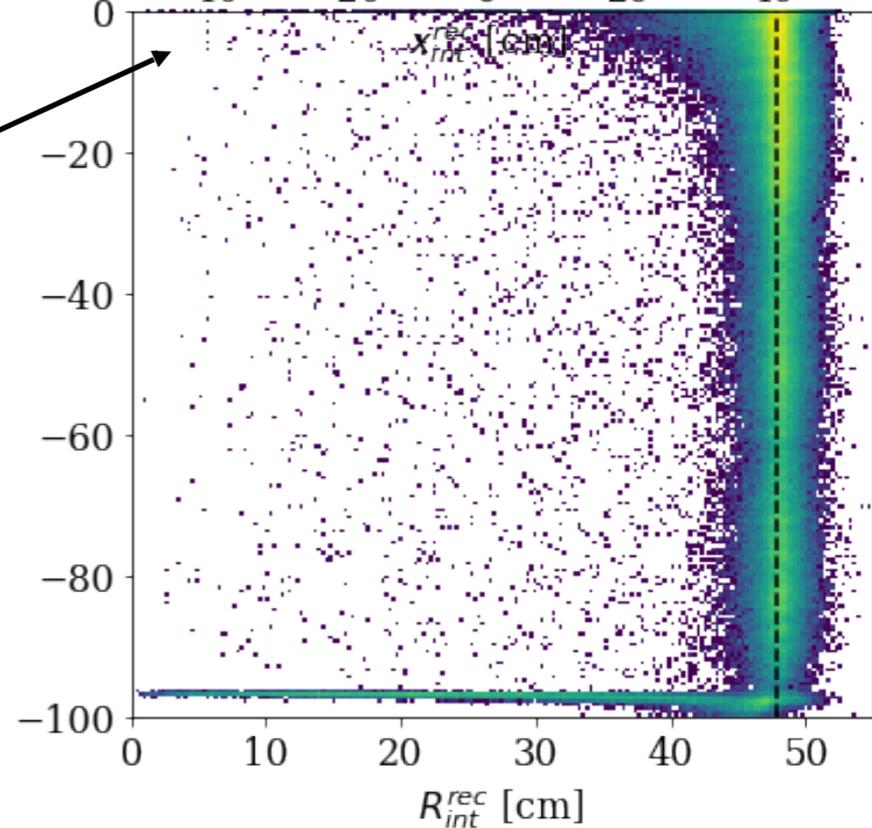
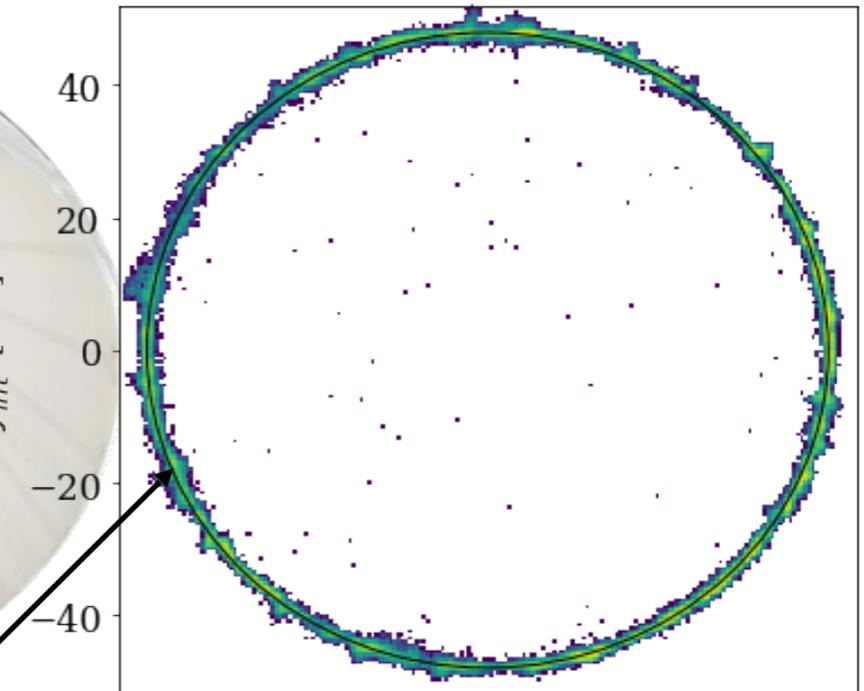
Scintillation signal of the non-active energy deposition is lost, leading to smaller $S2/S1$ ratio. The shape variation is important in the likelihood analysis.



Surface Background



- Pb210 and Po210 plate-out on PTFE surface produce events with reduced S2 -> can be misreconstructed into NR signal region
- Suppressed by fiducialization of volume
- Data-driven model derived from surface event control samples

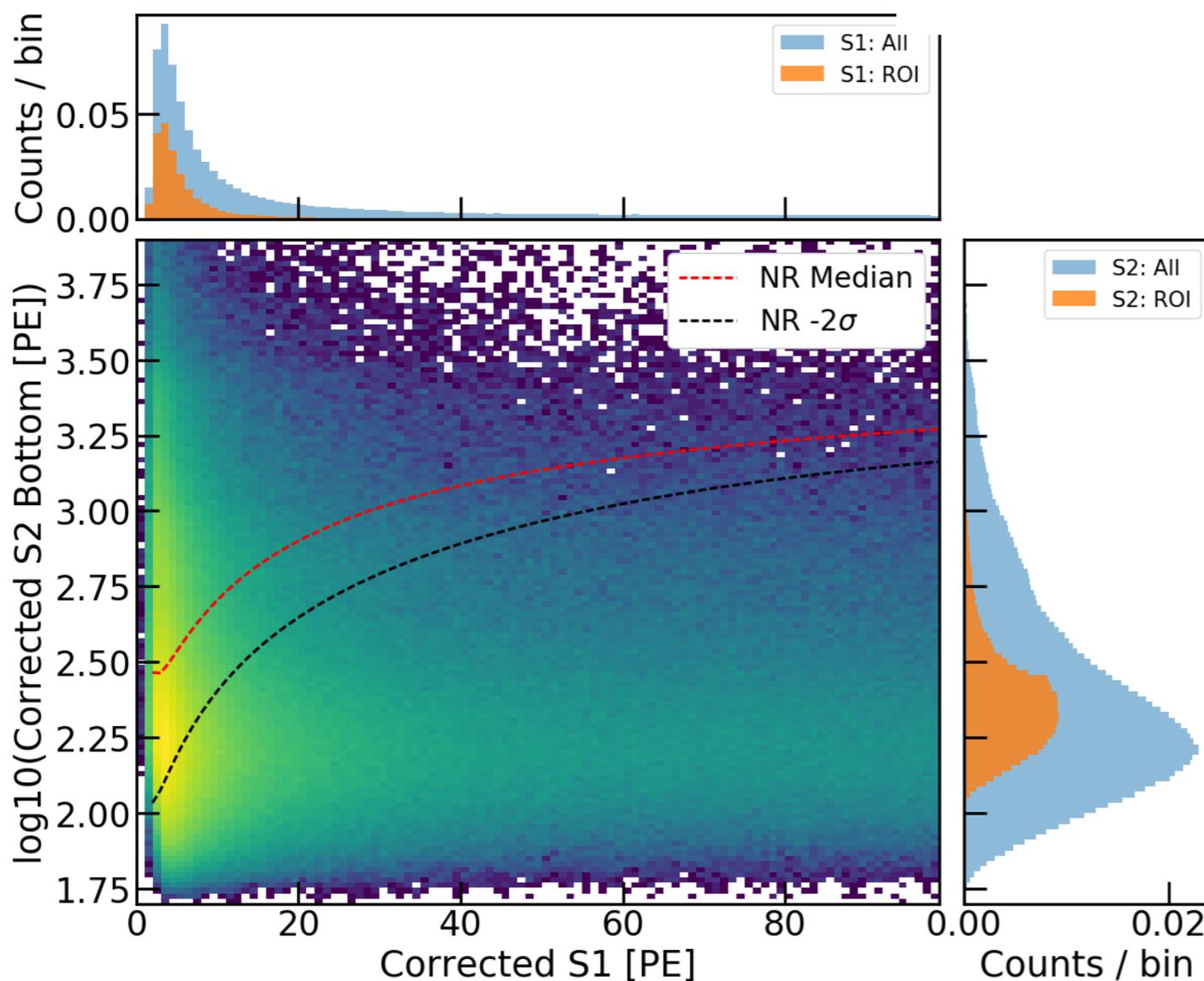
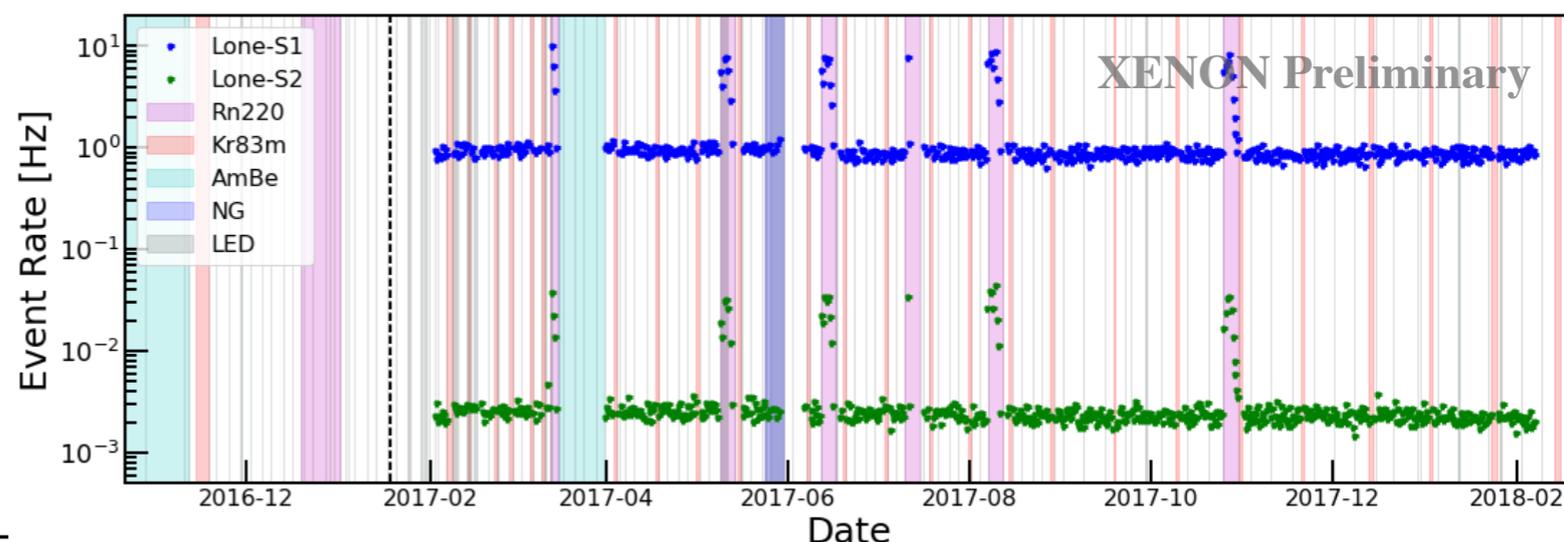




Accidental Coincidence Background



A “lone” S1 or S2 signal produced in light and charge insensitive regions of the TPC may be accidentally combined to produce fake events in signal region



Empirical model shows an overall small rate in the ROI for NRs

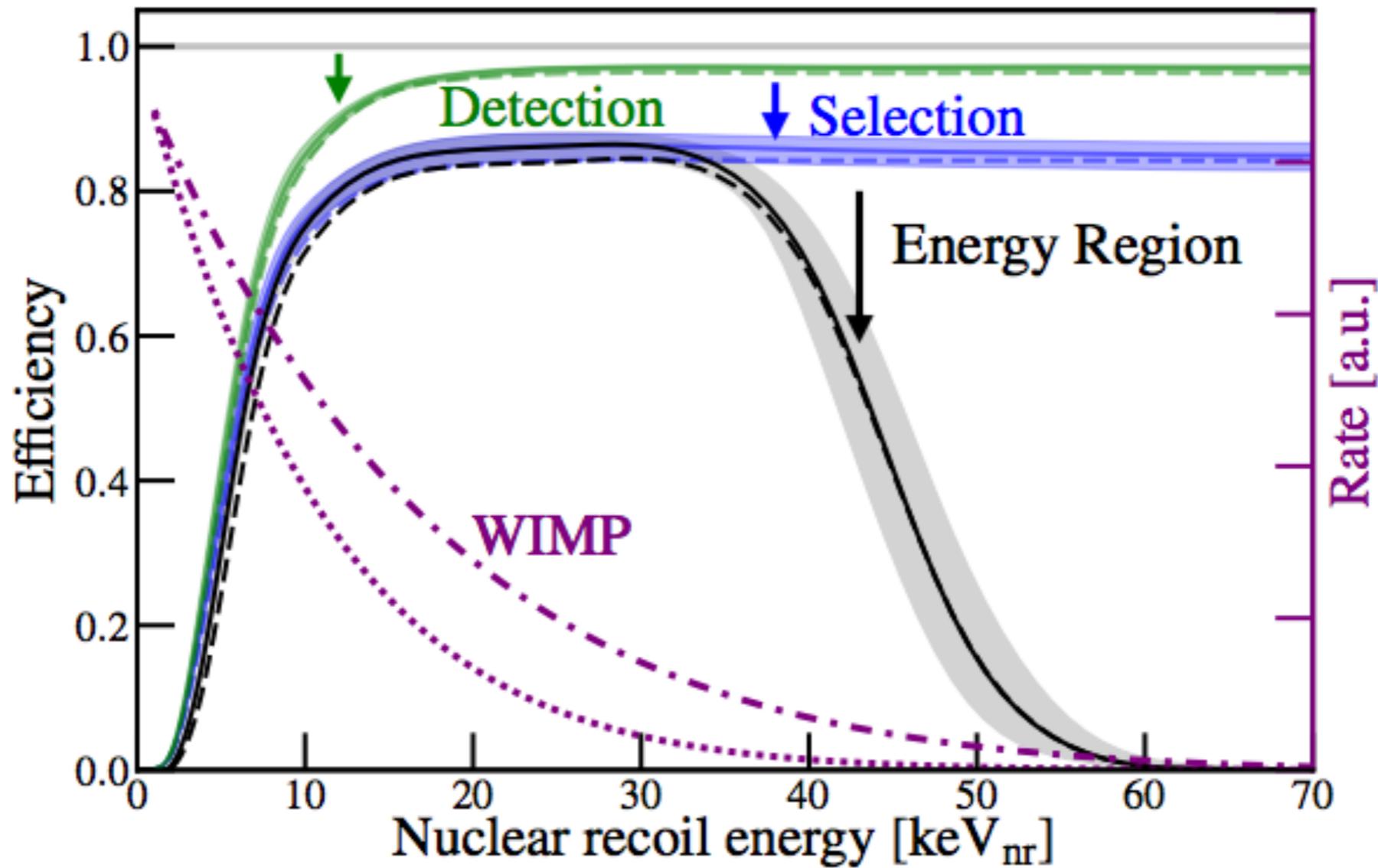
- Select unpaired S1/S2 from data
- Randomly pair to form events
- Apply selection conditions from analysis
- Performance verified with ²²⁰Rn data and background sidebands



XENON1T Results



Efficiency



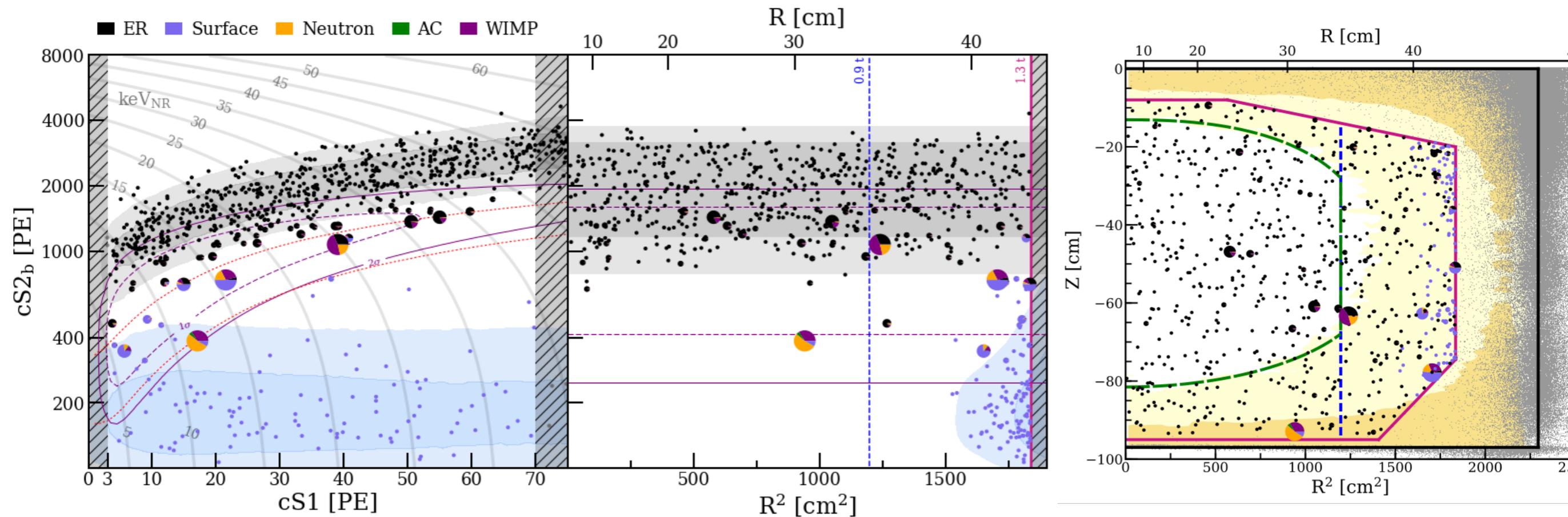
- Detection efficiency dominated by 3-fold coincidence requirement
 - Estimated via novel waveform simulation including systematic uncertainties
- Selection efficiencies estimated from control or MC data samples
- Search region defined within 3-70 PE in cS1
- 50 GeV (dotted) and 200 GeV (dashed and dotted) WIMP spectra shown



Dark Matter Search Results

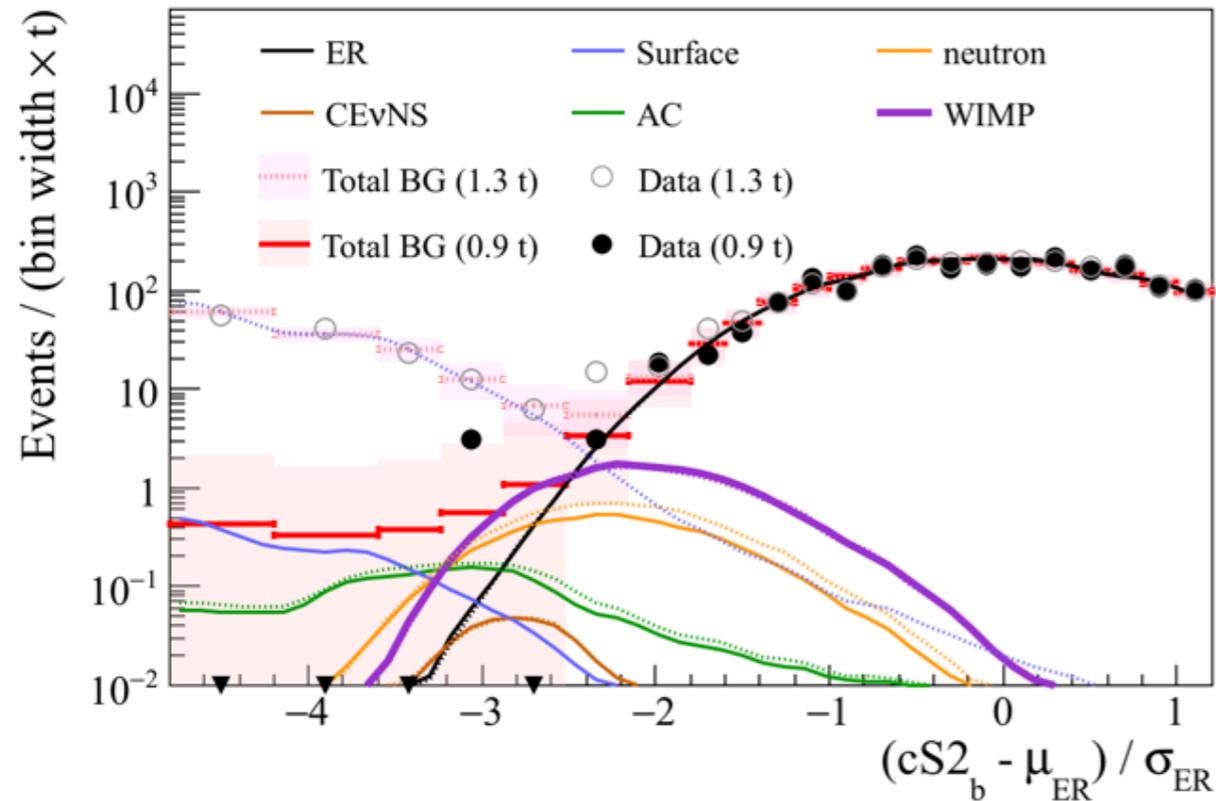


- Results interpreted with unbinned profile likelihood analysis in cs_1 , cs_2 , r space
- piechart indicate the relative PDF from the best fit of $200 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ WIMPs with a cross-section of $4.6 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$



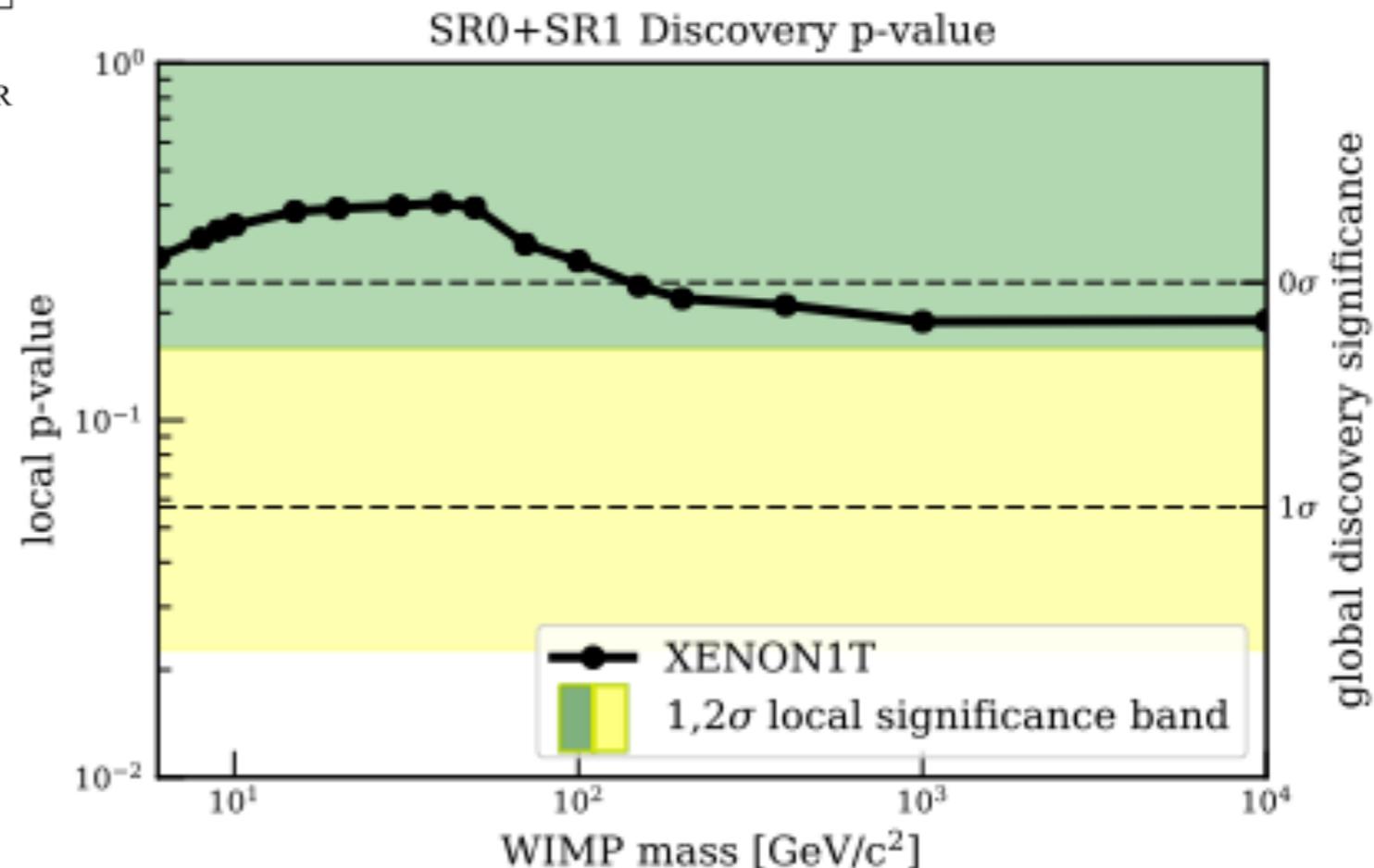


Statistical Interpretation



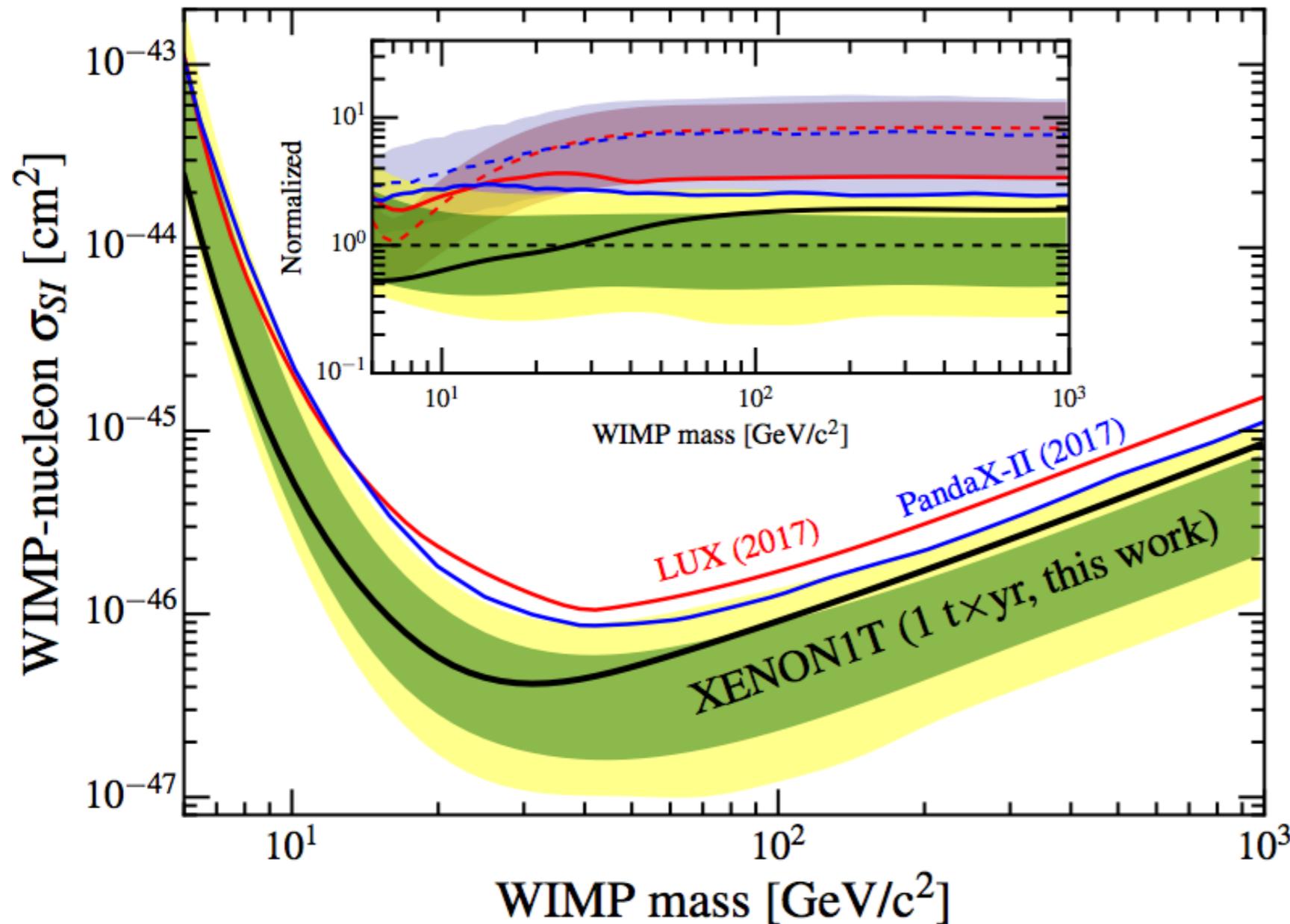
- Extended unbinned profile likelihood analysis
- Example left: Background and 200 GeV WIMP signal best-fit predictions, assuming $4.7 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$, compared to data in 1.3T and 0.9T
- Most significant ER & Surface backgrounds shape parameters included
- Safeguard to protect against spurious mis-modeling of background

- No significant (>3 sigma) excess at any scanned WIMP mass
- Background only hypothesis is accepted although the p-value of ~ 0.2 at high mass (200 GeV and above) does not disfavor a signal hypothesis either





Constraint on SI WIMP

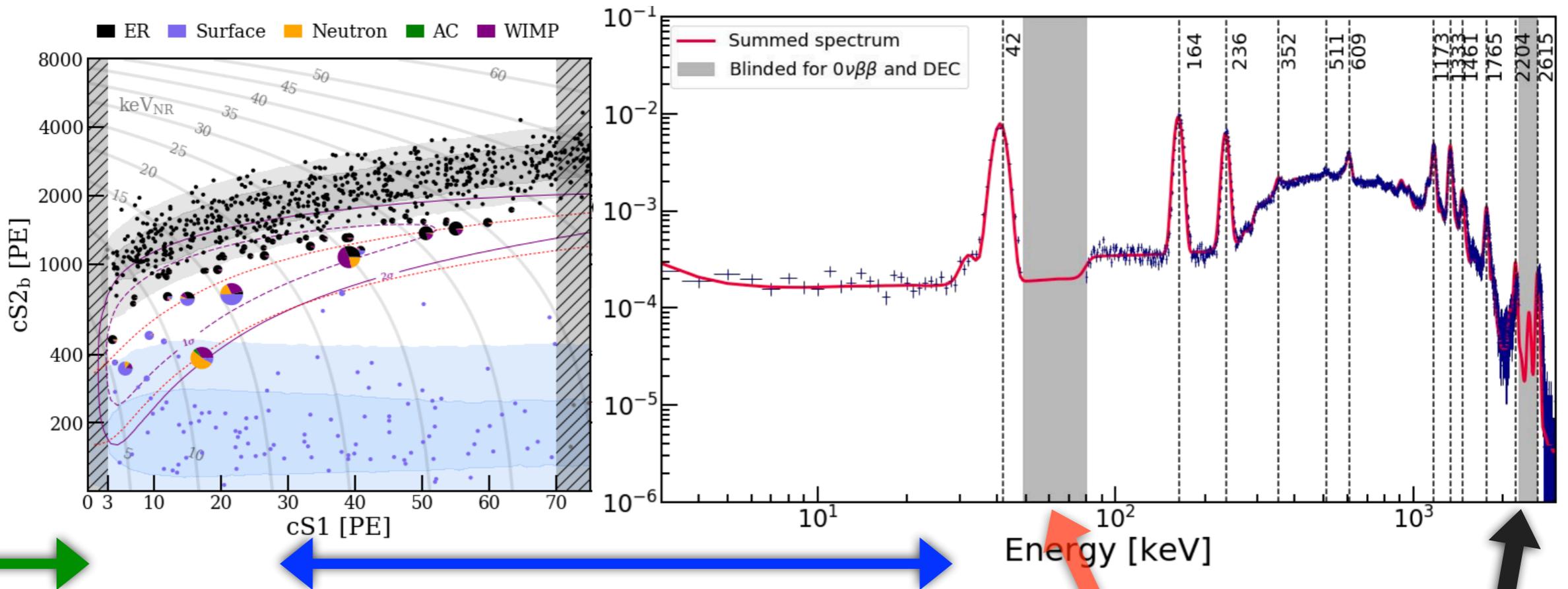


- Most stringent 90% CL upper limit on WIMP-nucleon cross section at all masses above 6 GeV
- Factor of 7 more sensitivity compared to previous experiments (LUX, PandaX-II)
- ~ 1sigma upper fluctuation at high WIMP masses, could be due to background or signal

Minimum at $4.1 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$ for a WIMP of $30 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



Alternative searches



Light WIMPs through:

- S2 only
- Single-electrons

- EFT search using high energy NR
- dark photon, superWIMP, Axion-like particle search using ER

Double electron capture of Xe124

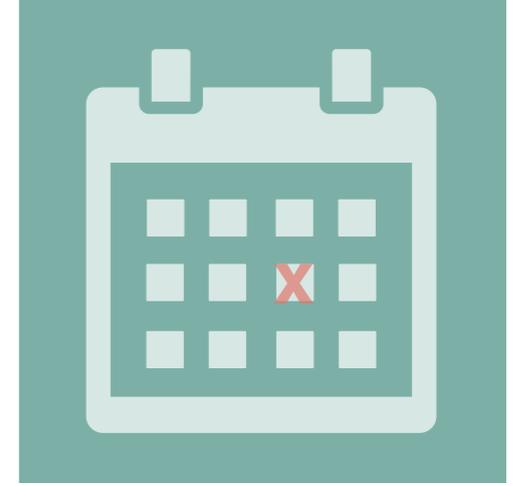
Neutrino less double beta decay ($0\nu\beta\beta$) of Xe136



Next step: XENONnT



XENONnT



Minimal Upgrade

Fiducial Xe Target

Background

Fast Turnaround

The XENON1T infrastructure and sub-systems were originally designed to **accommodate a larger LXe TPC.**

XENONnT TPC features:
total Xe mass = 8 t
target mass = 5.9 t
fiducial mass = ~4 t

Record low-back levels in XENON1T dominated by ^{222}Rn -daughters.
Identified strategies to effectively **reduce ^{222}Rn by ~ a factor 10.**

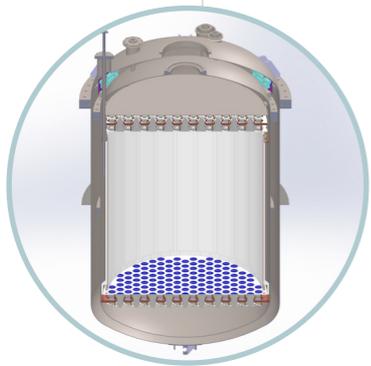
Use **XENON1T sub-systems**, already tested
Fast pace:
Installation starts in 2018
commissioning in 2019



XENONnT: what's new

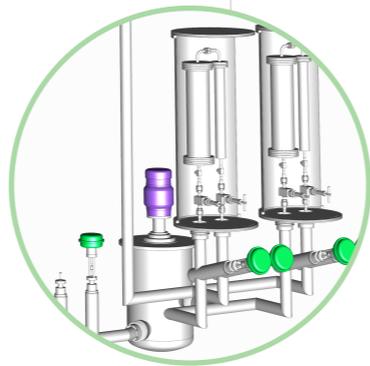


New



New TPC

5.9-ton Time Projection Chamber

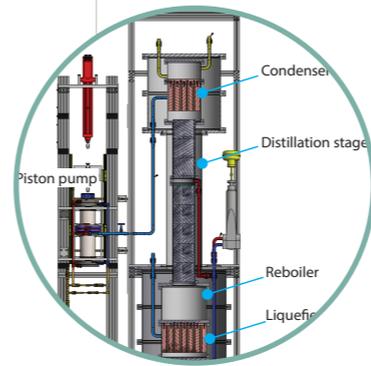


LXe Purification

To achieve fast cleaning of the large LXe volume (5L/min LXe, 2500 SLPM)

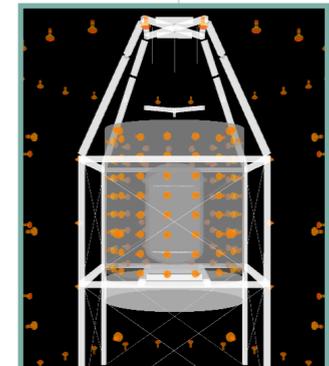


GXe purification (120 SLPM)



Radon Distillation

To online remove the ^{222}Rn emanated inside the detector



Neutron Veto

To tag and measure in situ neutron-induced background

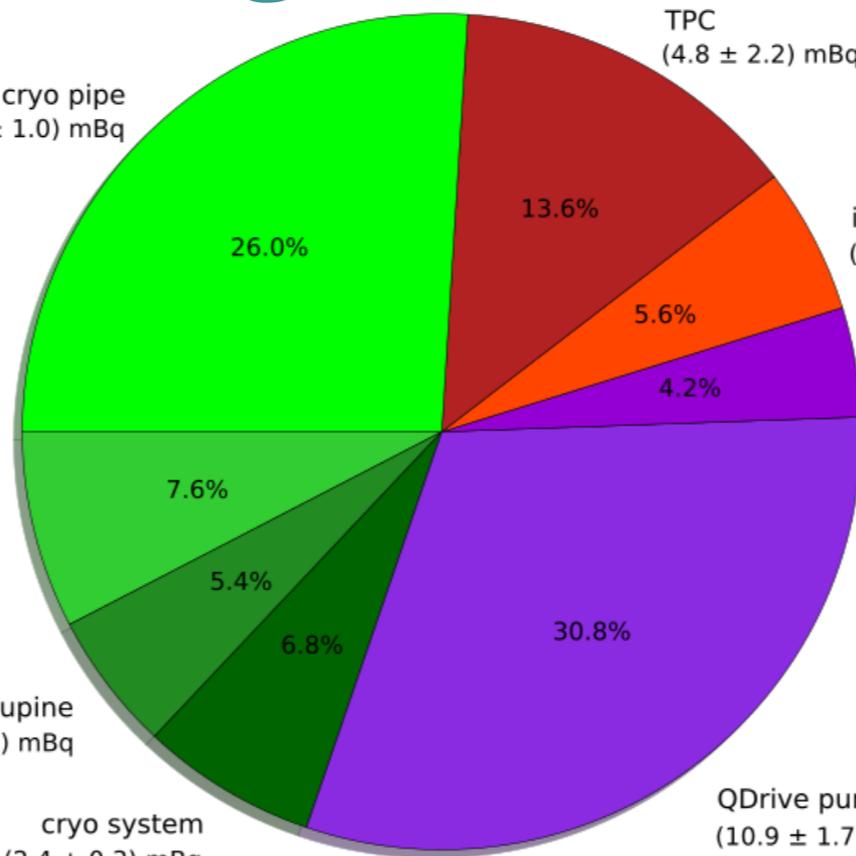
Gd-loaded Water Cherenkov detector



Purification upgrade & Rn reduction



Rn budget@XENON1T



Purification system emanates 35% of total budget



Reduce by pump exchange

Cryo pipe/cables/CRY system system emanates 46% of total budget



Reduce with online distillation

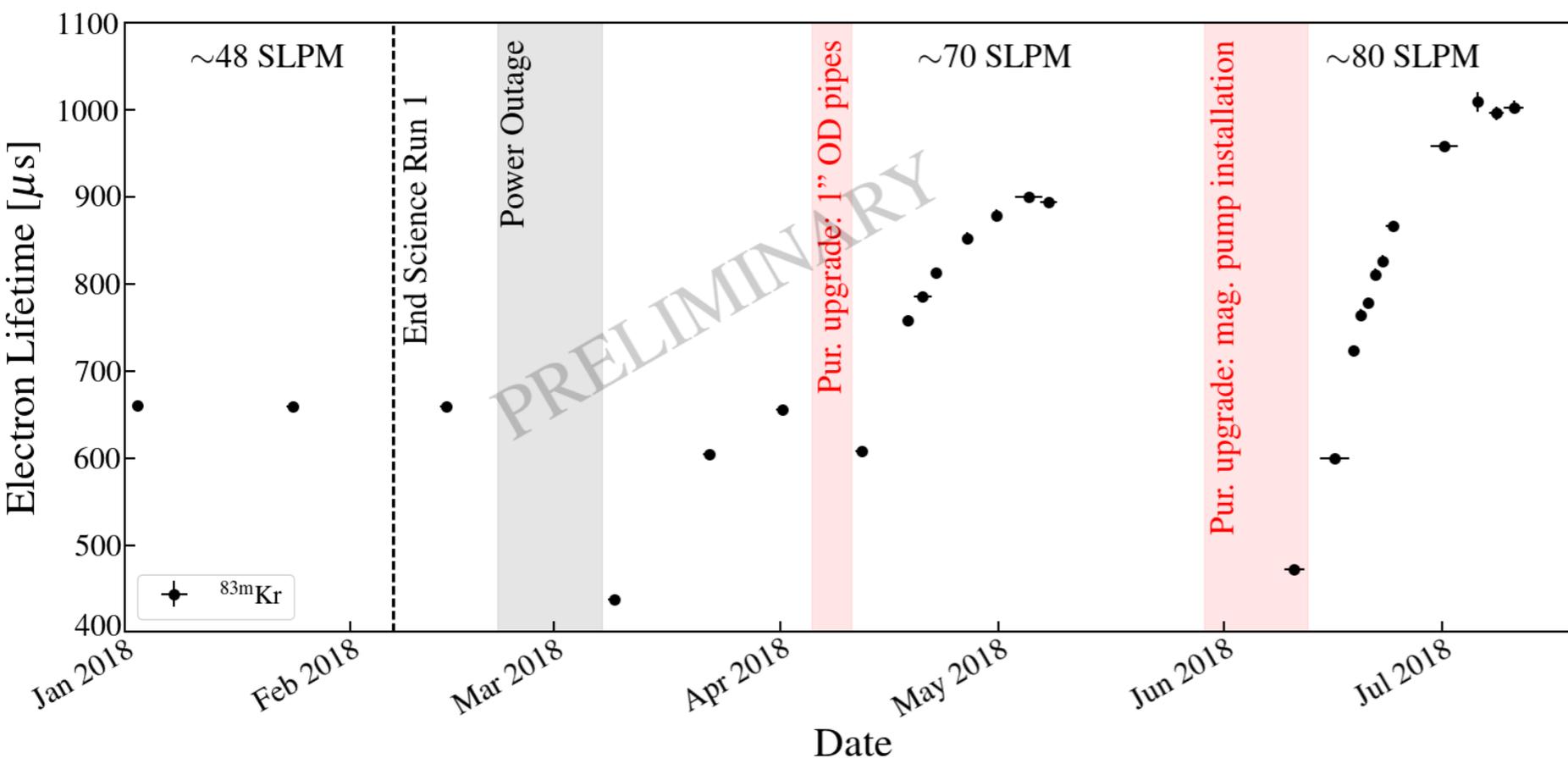




Switch to magnetic pump

- ▶ Q-Drive pumps: dominant Rn-source (3 pumps)
- ▶ Replaced by magnetically-coupled piston pump
 - Installed at PUR system in May/June 2018
- ▶ Running since 12.06.2018 (> 3 months)
- ▶ Flow: 75 slpm (54 slpm with 3 Q-drive)
- ▶ Inlet pressure: 1.6 bar, compression: 1.5 bar

▶ Now electron lifetime reaches ~1ms



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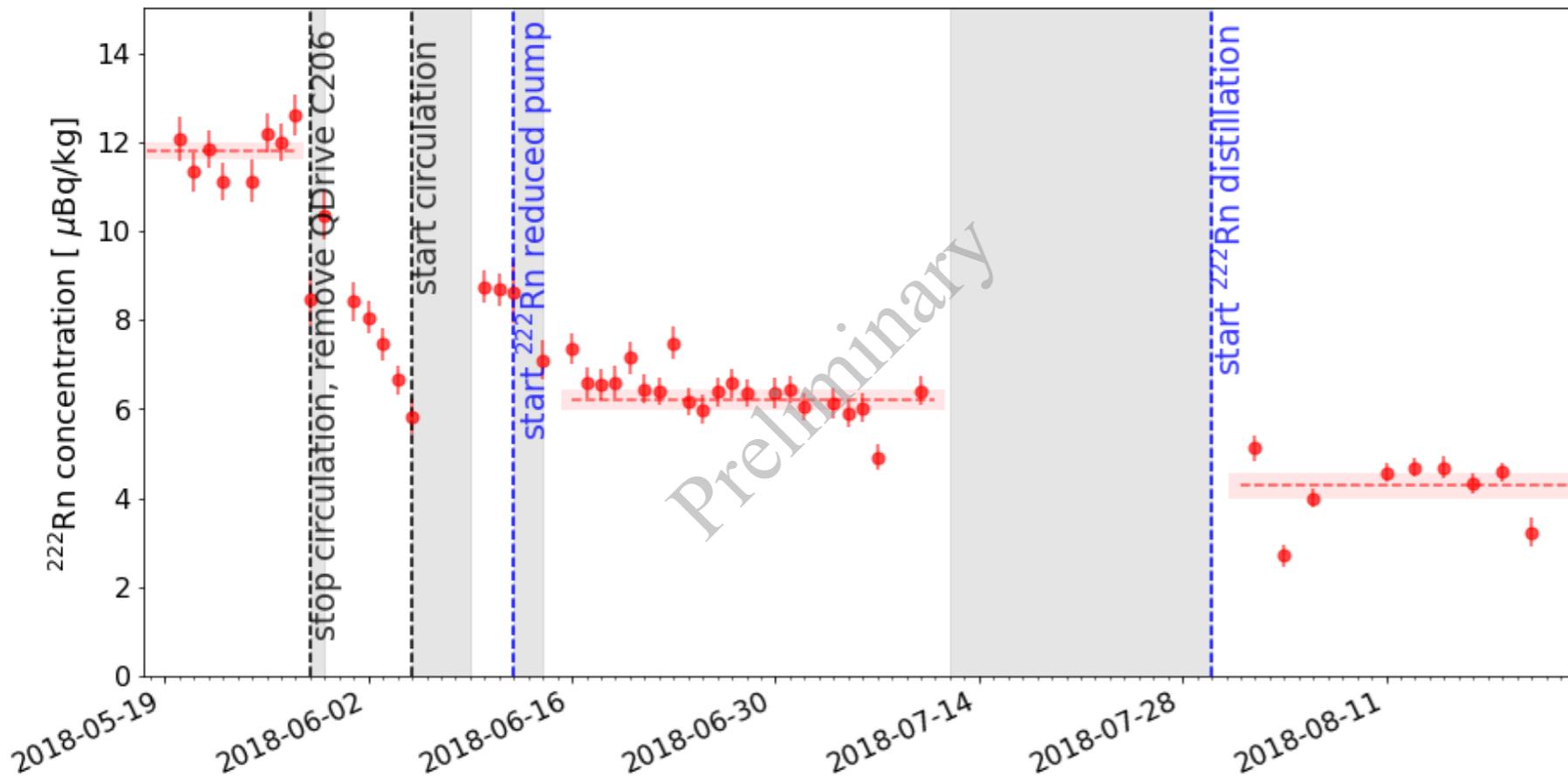


Rn reduction



- ▶ Extract and remove radon from GXe of CRY emanated by cryo-pipe and cables
- ▶ Less Rn can enter TPC
 - Total radon activity concentration inside TPC reduced without xenon loss

Period	Conc. [$\mu\text{Bq/kg}$]
SR1	11.8 ± 0.2
+ MagPump	6.3 ± 0.1
+Online Distillation	4.3 ± 0.2



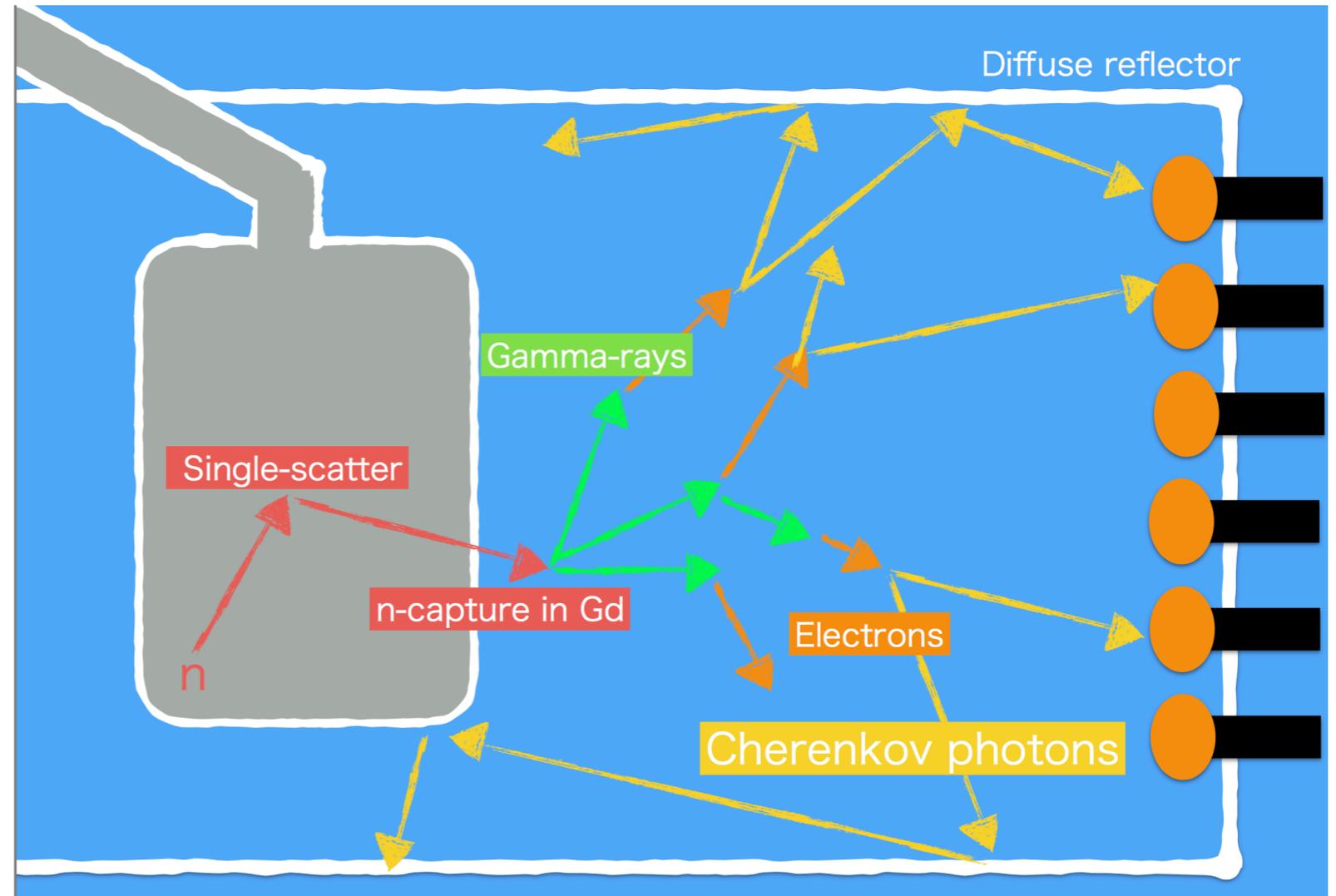
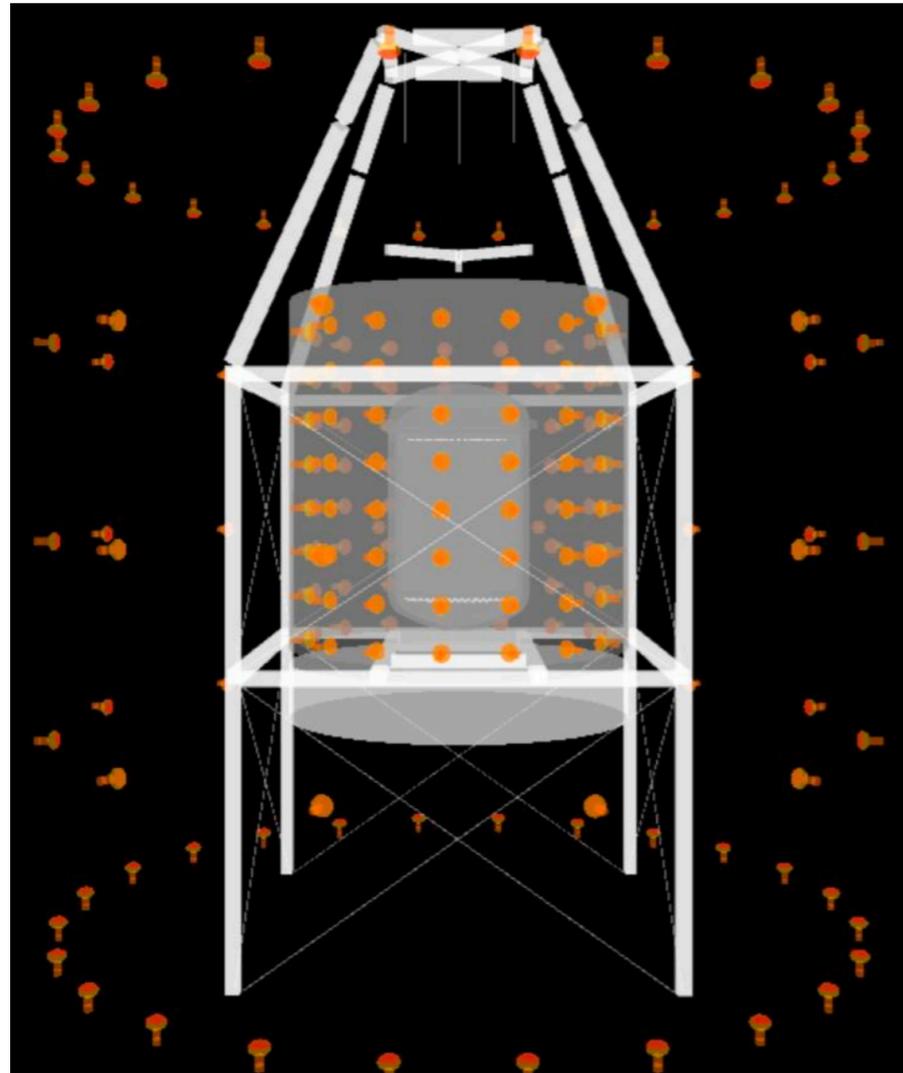
- ▶ Magnetically-coupled piston pump reduces 45% w.r.t SR1
 - Online DST reduces 20% w.r.t SR1
 - Reduction by 65 % w.r.t SR1 (factor 2.7)



Promising results for XENONnT!



Neutron Veto

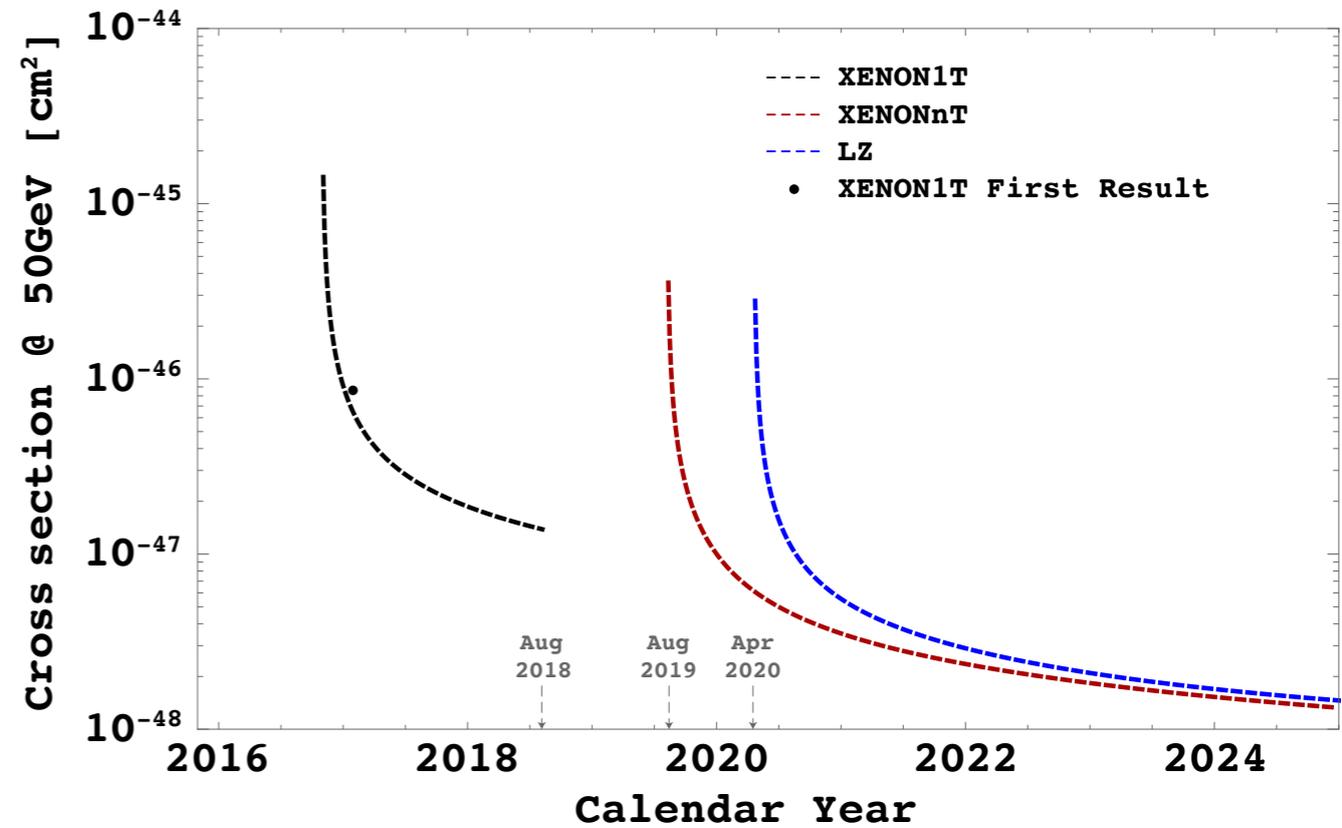
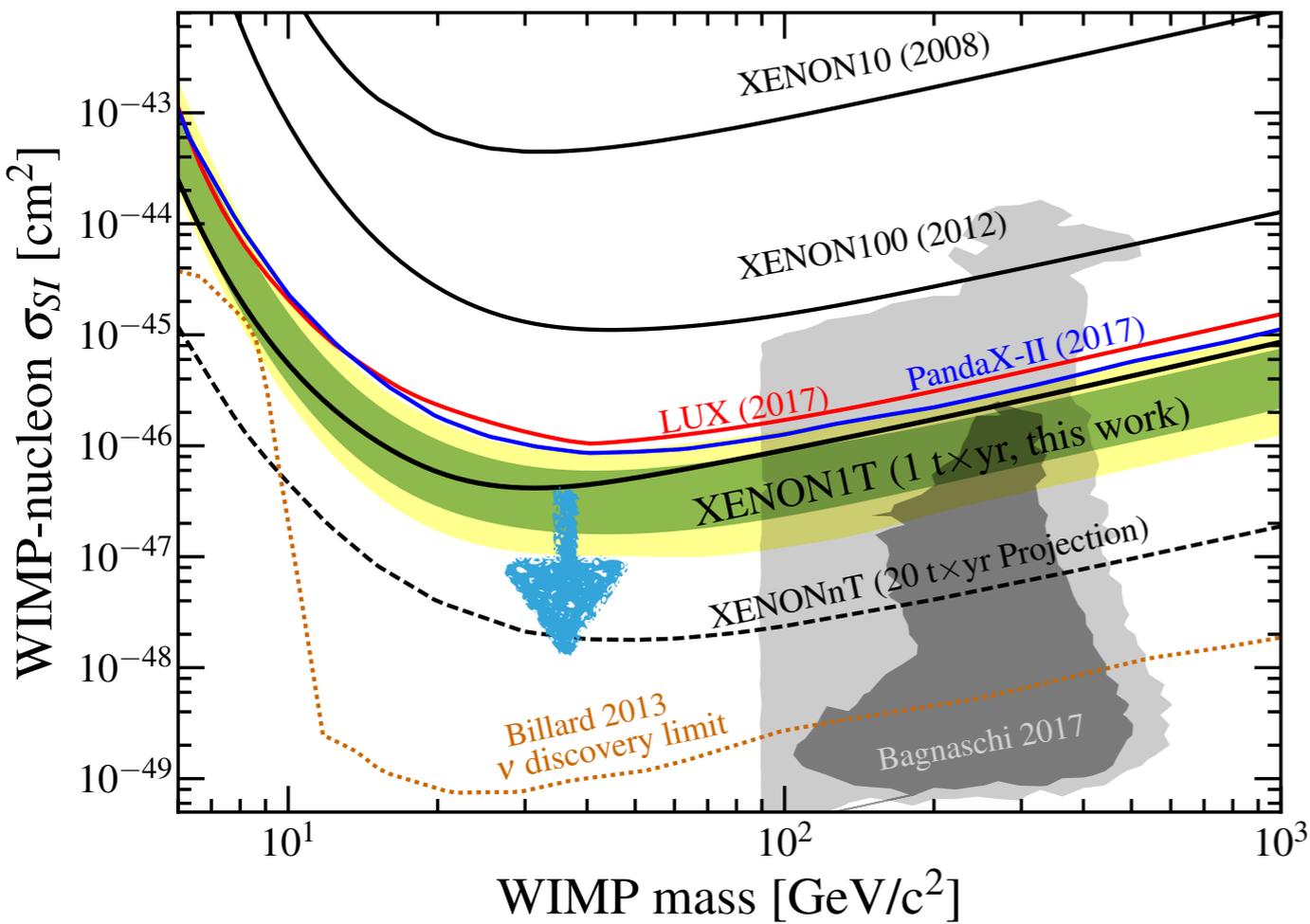


Gd-Water Cherenkov veto detection is going to be deployed as neutron veto

>85% tagging efficiency is expected.



Fast upgrade to XENONnT

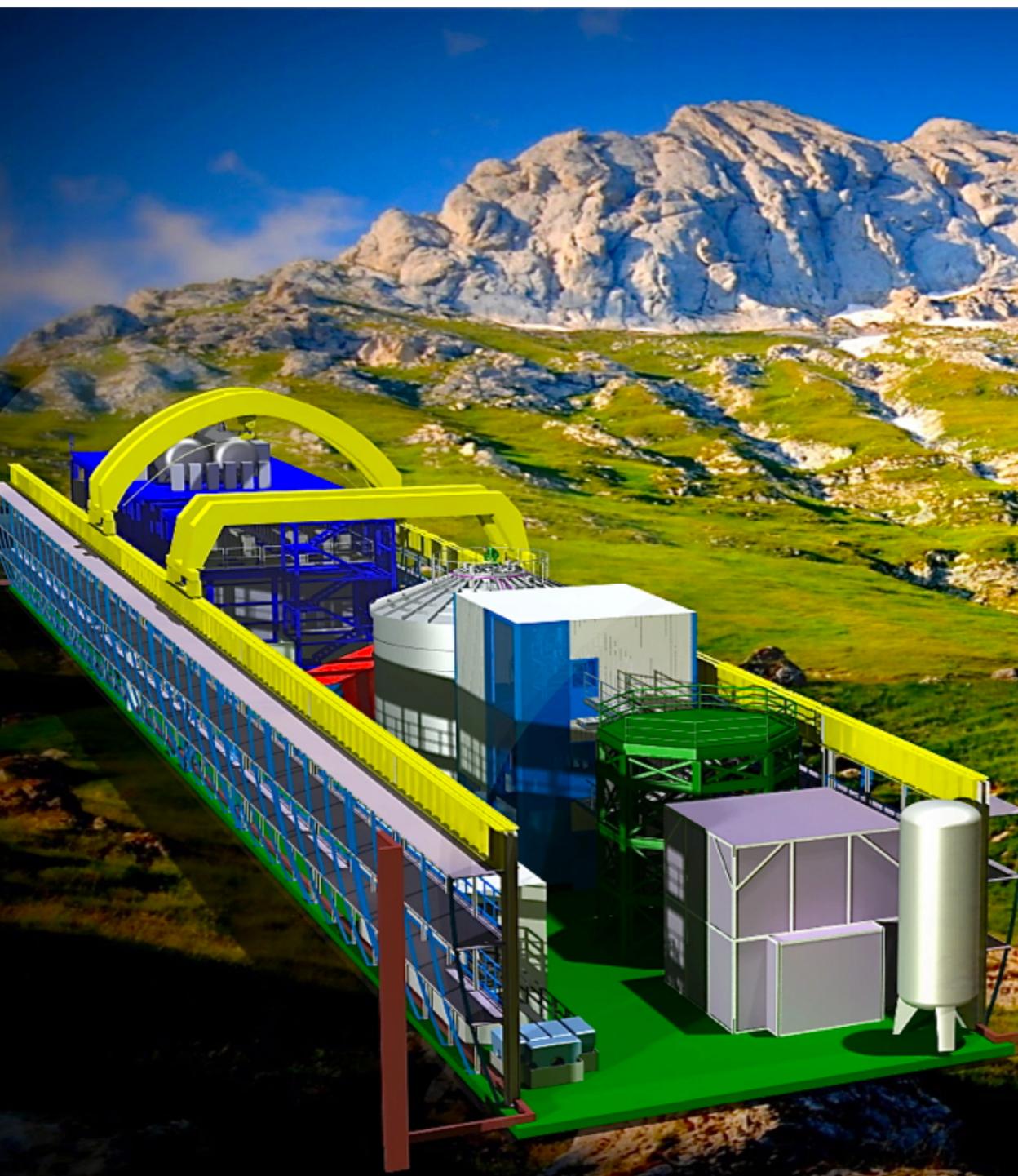


Thank you!

Backup



The XENON1T Experiment





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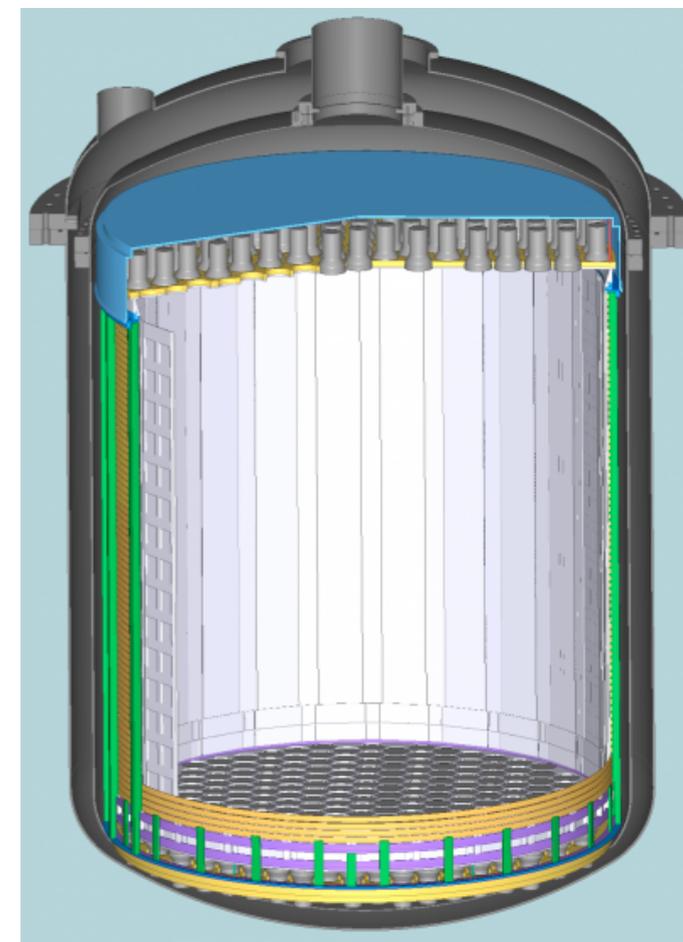
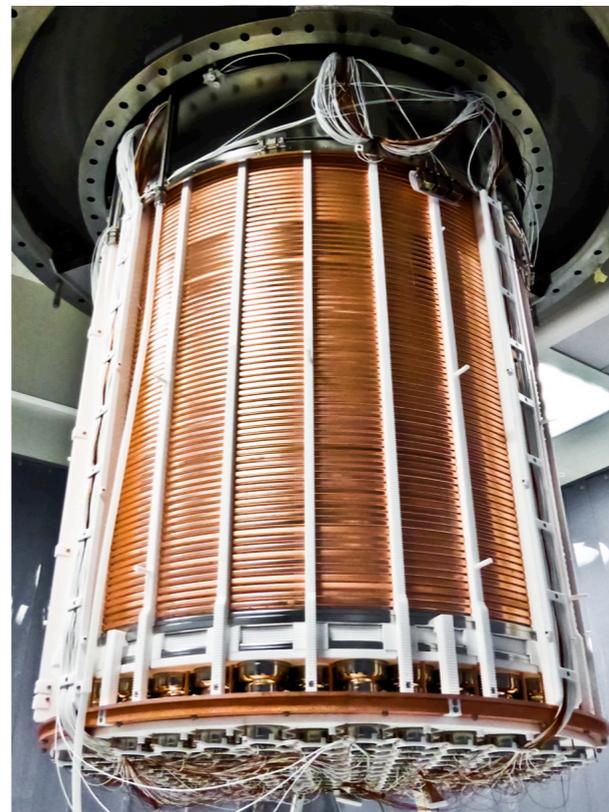
Phases of the XENON program



XENON10

XENON100

XENON1T / XENONnT



2005-2007

15 cm drift TPC – 25 kg

Achieved (2007)

$$\sigma_{SI} = 8.8 \times 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$$

2008-2016

30 cm drift TPC – 161 kg

Achieved (2016)

$$\sigma_{SI} = 1.1 \times 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$$

2013-2018 / 2019-2023

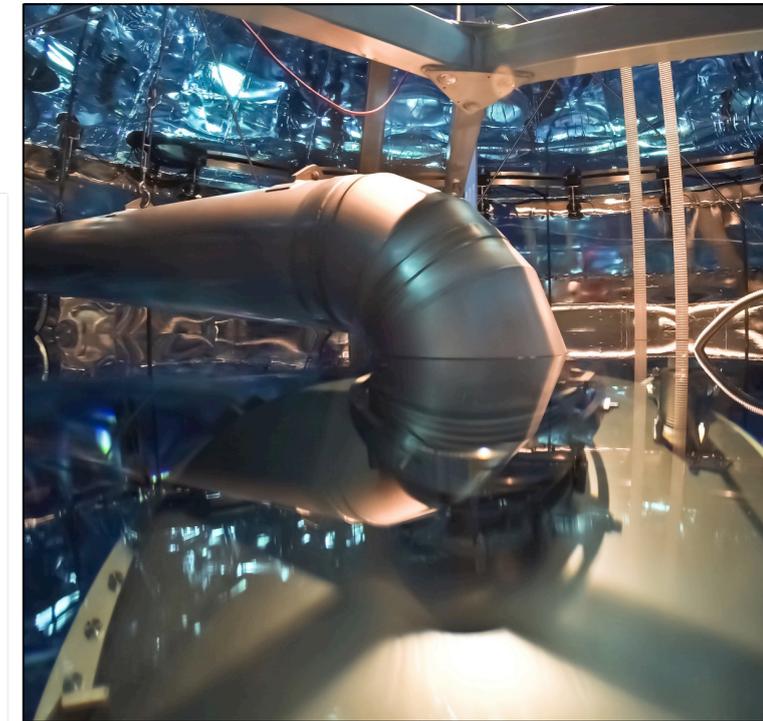
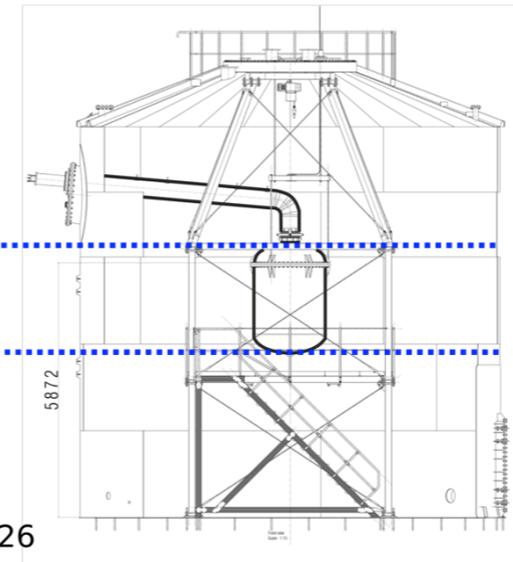
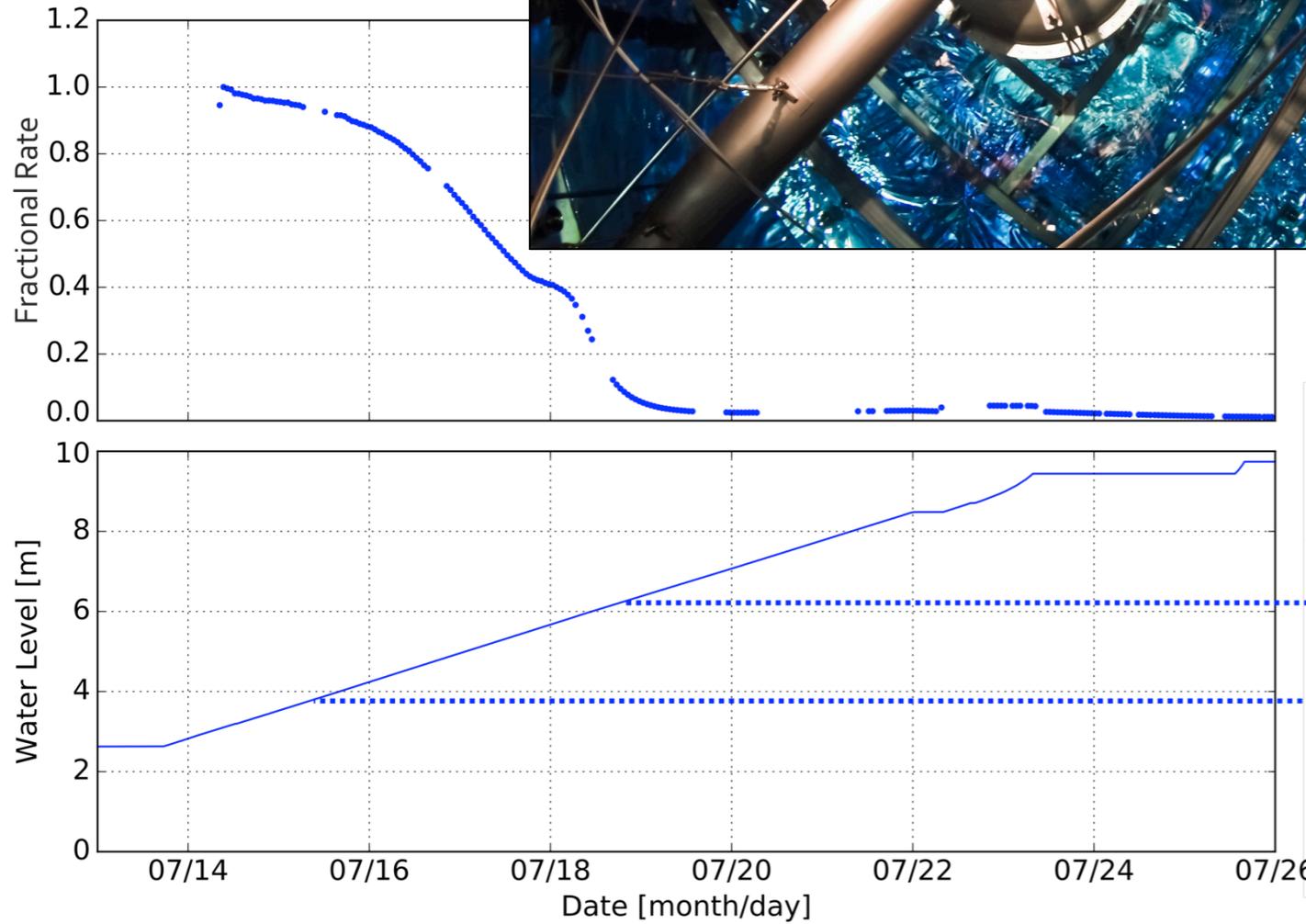
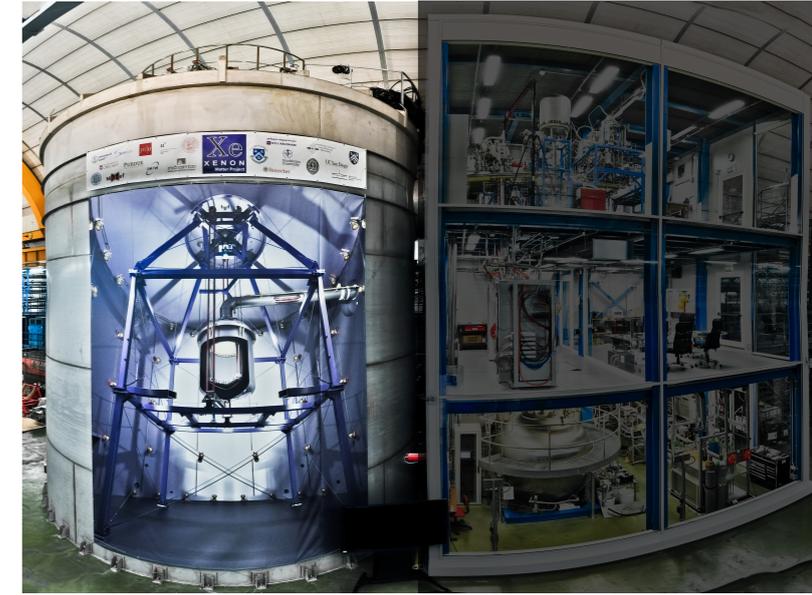
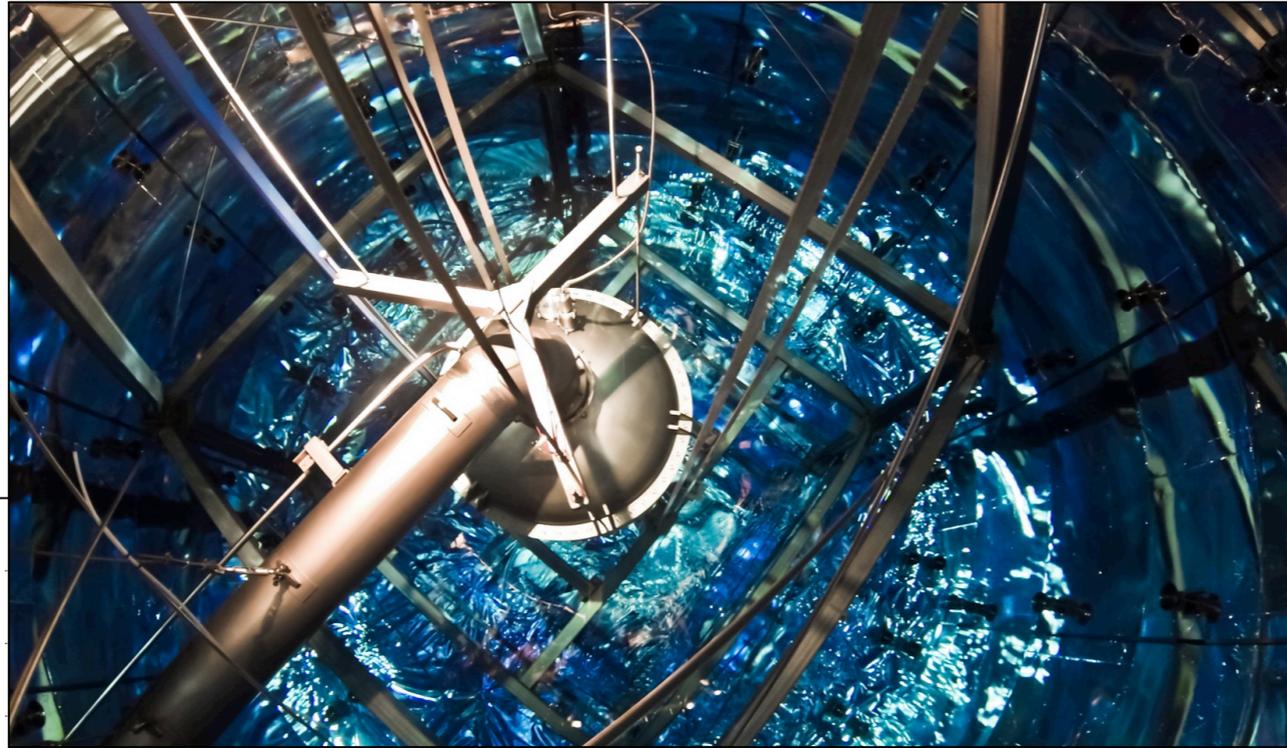
100 cm / 144 cm drift TPC - 3200 kg / ~8000 kg

Projected (2018) / Projected (2023)

$$\sigma_{SI} = 1.6 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2 / \sigma_{SI} = 1.6 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$$



Cryostat in the Water Tank

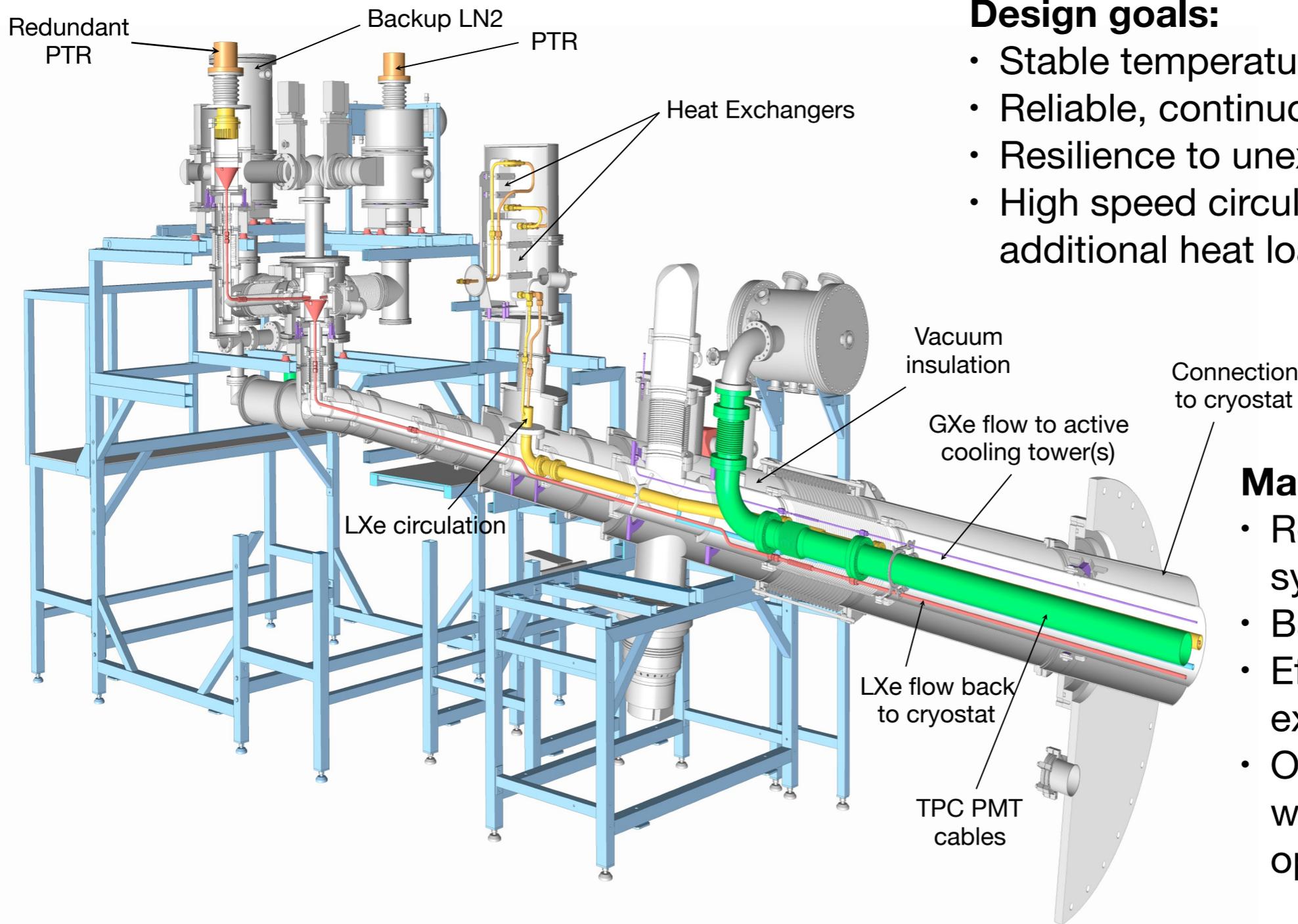




Xe Cooling System



Goal: liquefy 3300 Kg of Xe and maintain the xenon in the cryostat in liquid form, at a constant temperature and pressure, and so for years without interruption.



Design goals:

- Stable temperature and pressure control
- Reliable, continuous, long term operation
- Resilience to unexpected failures
- High speed circulation with low additional heat load

Main features:

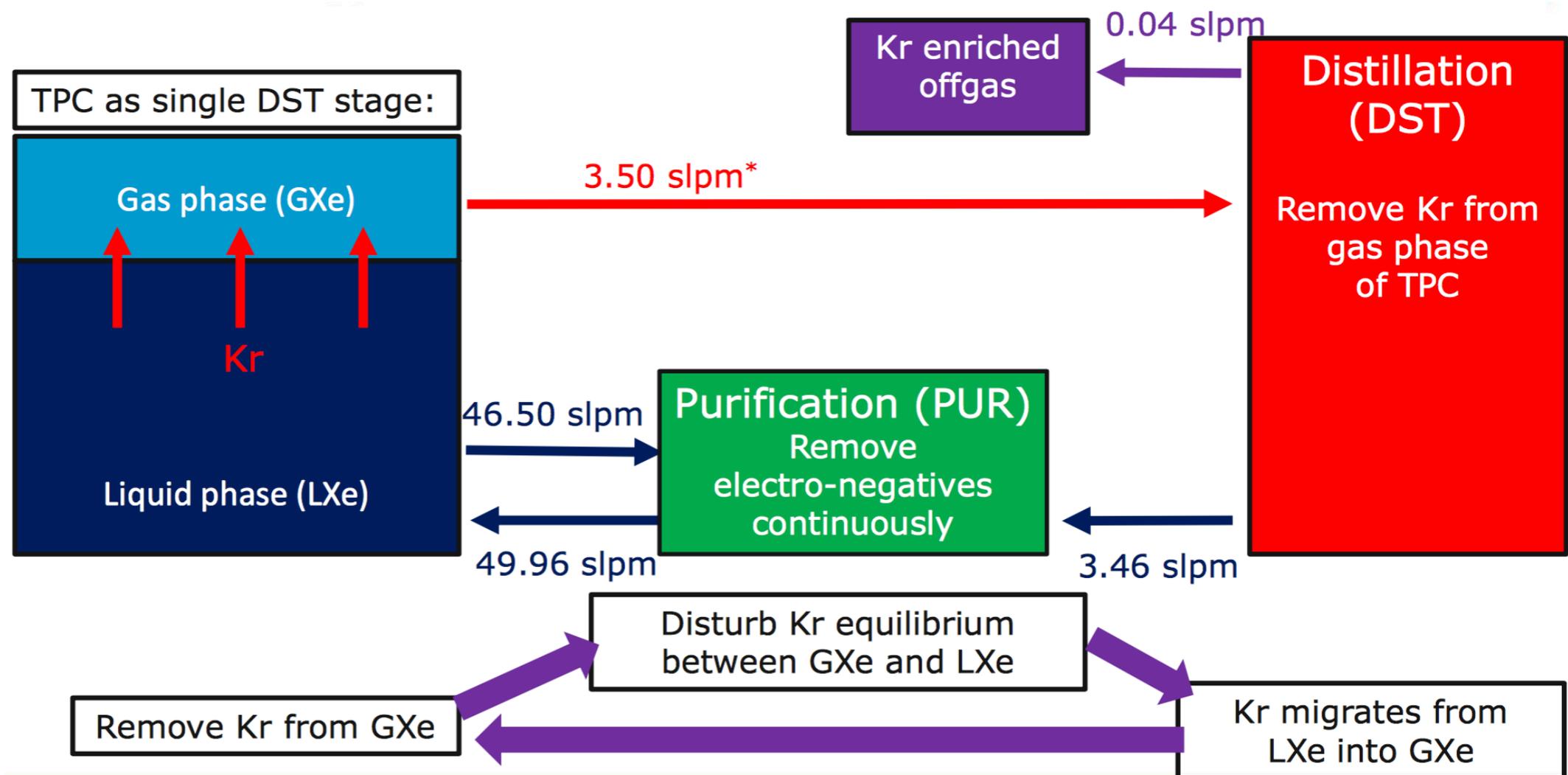
- Redundant PTR cooling systems
- Backup LN2 cooling tower
- Efficient two-phase heat exchangers
- One PTR can be serviced while the other is in operation



Online Kr/Rn distillation



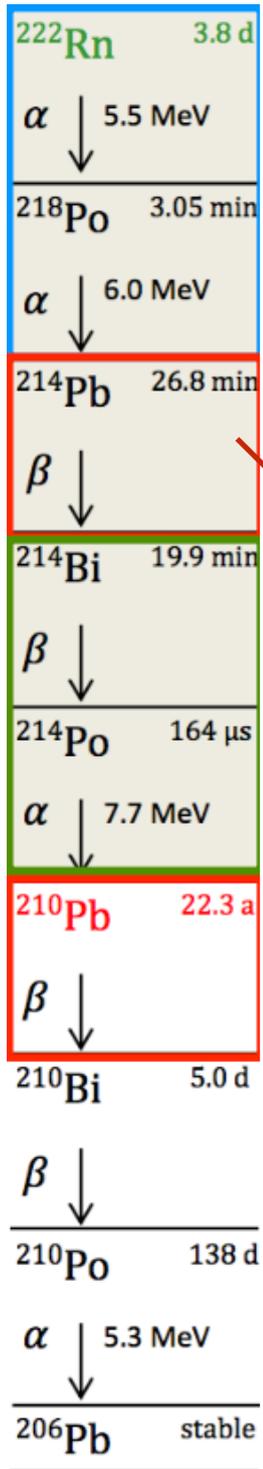
Online distillation does not affect data taking
The same column is used for both Kr/Rn removal



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Background budget

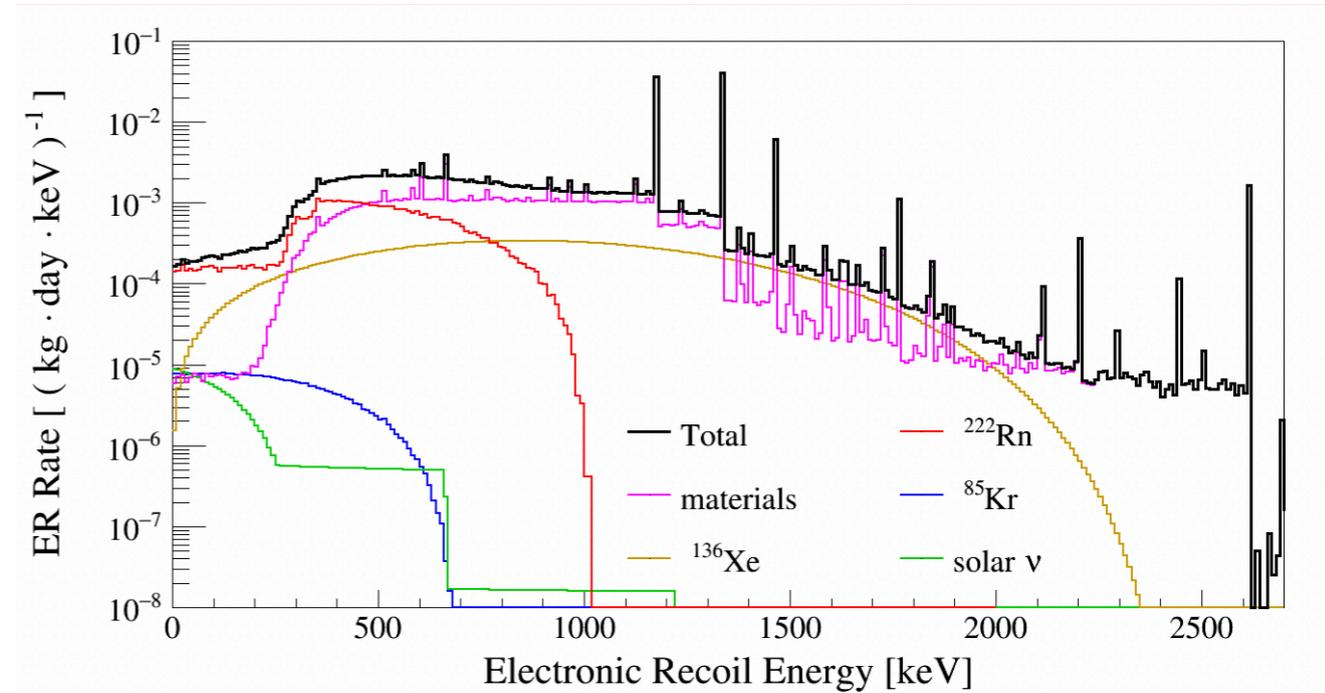
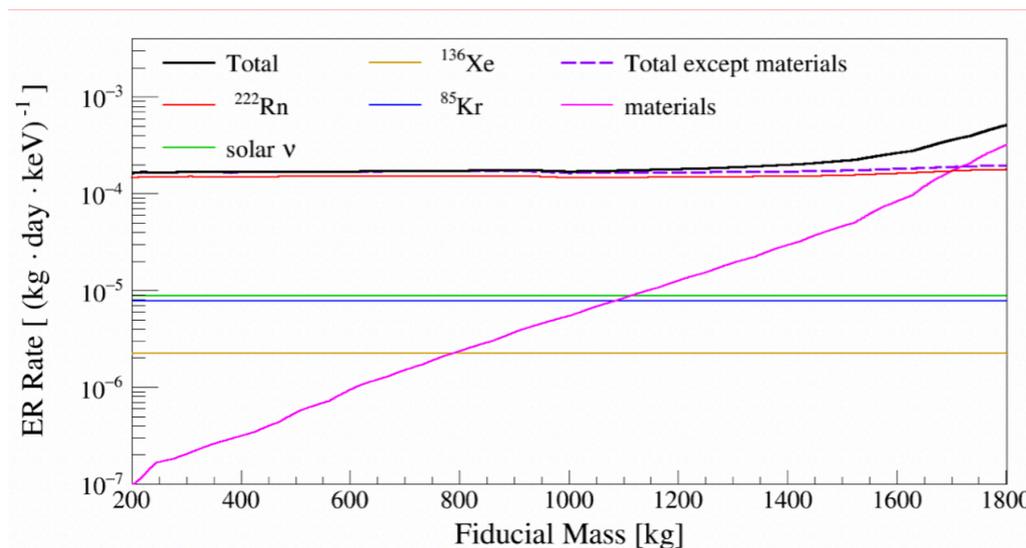


Internal beta backgrounds:

- Bkg goal for Kr85: 0.2 ppt Kr/Xe
- 8.9% of Xe136 abundance
- Bkg goal for Rn222: 10 uBq/kg

Dominating backgrounds

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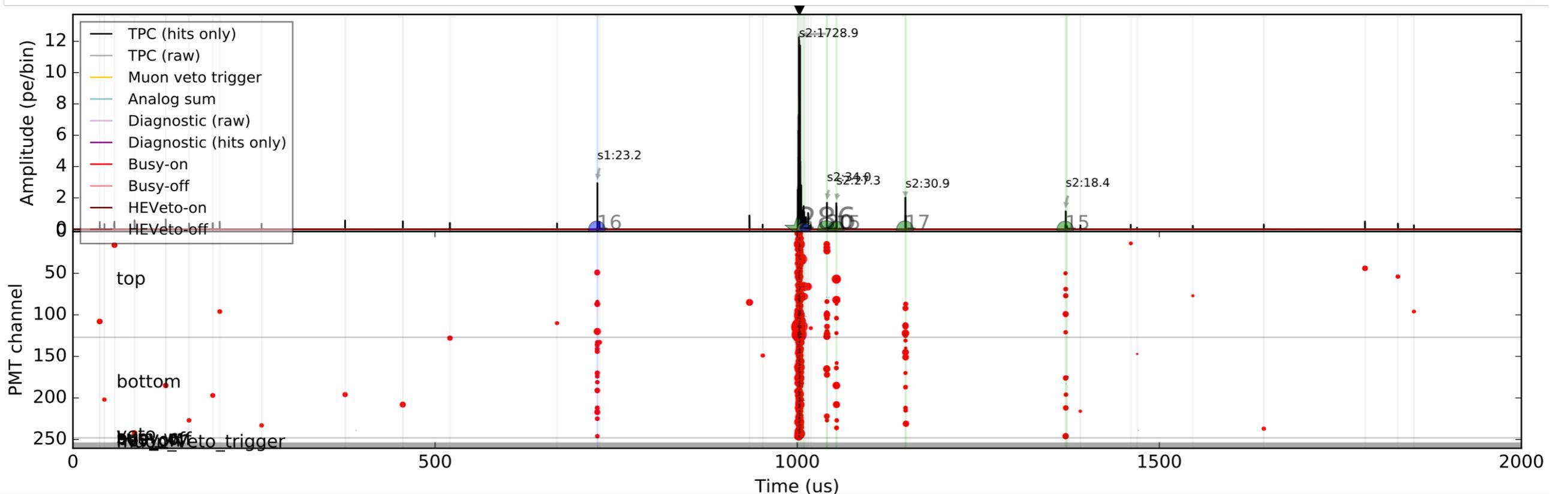
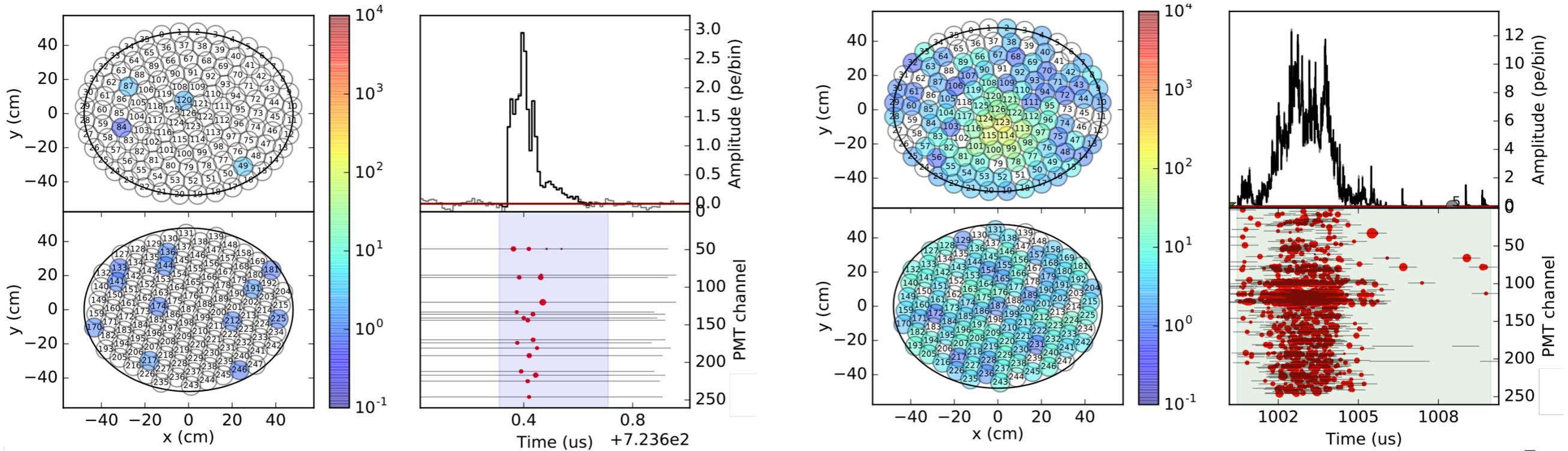


In 1 ton FV, gamma bkg from materials is of the same order as the one from Kr85

Source	Background [(kg · day · keV) ⁻¹]	Background [y ⁻¹]	Fraction [%]
Materials	$(7.3 \pm 0.7) \cdot 10^{-6}$	29 ± 3	4.1
^{222}Rn	$(1.54 \pm 0.15) \cdot 10^{-4}$	620 ± 60	85.4
^{85}Kr	$(7.7 \pm 1.5) \cdot 10^{-6}$	31 ± 6	4.3
^{136}Xe	$(2.3 \pm 1.1) \cdot 10^{-6}$	9 ± 4	1.4
Solar neutrinos	$(8.9 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{-6}$	36 ± 1	4.9
Total	$(1.80 \pm 0.15) \cdot 10^{-4}$	720 ± 60	100

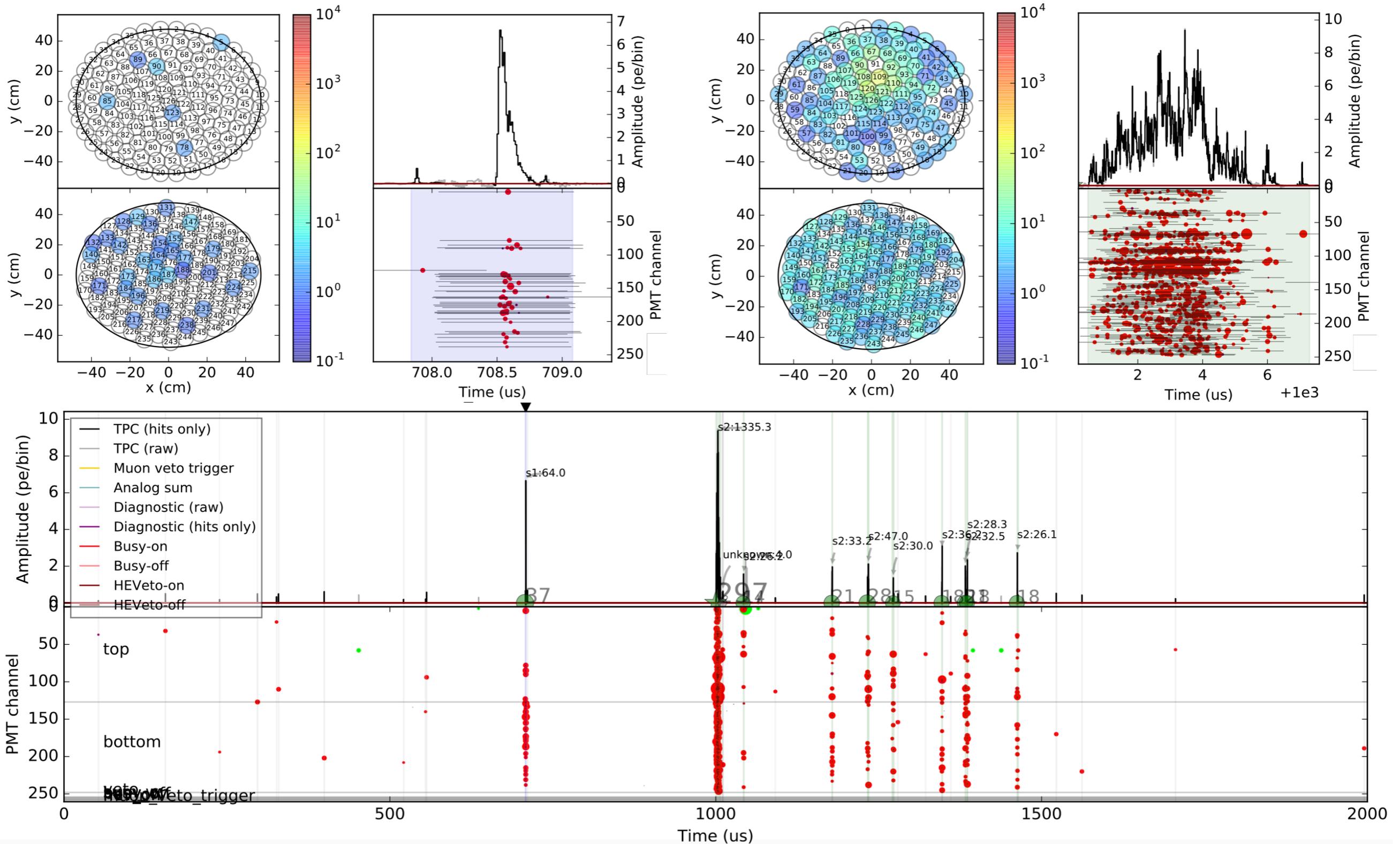


Real Waveform Example 1



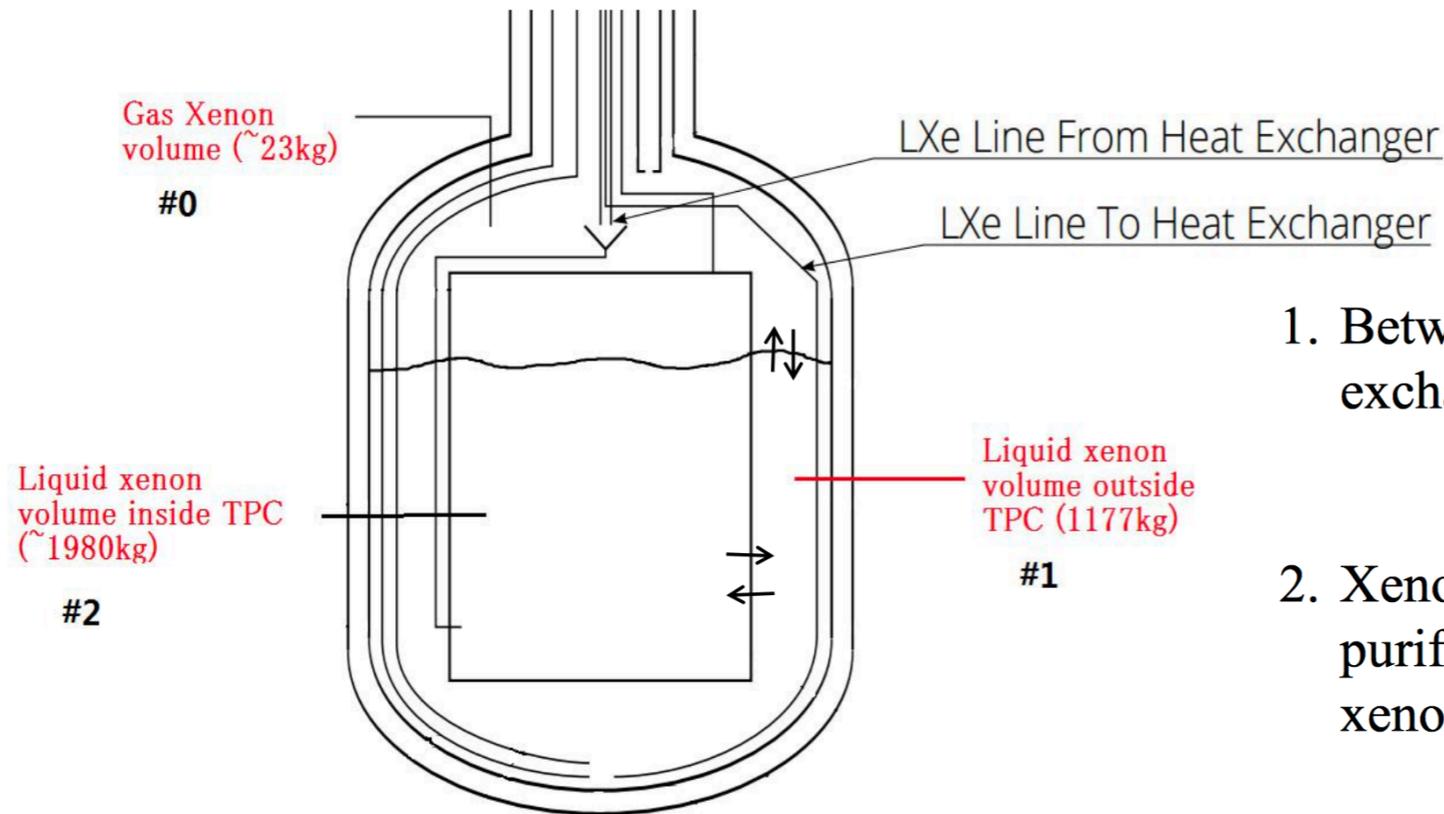


Real Waveform Example 2





Electron lifetime evolution model



1. Between volumes, there're xenon exchange also impurity exchange.
2. Xenon is taken from Volume#1 to purification system, and clean xenon comes back to Volume#0.

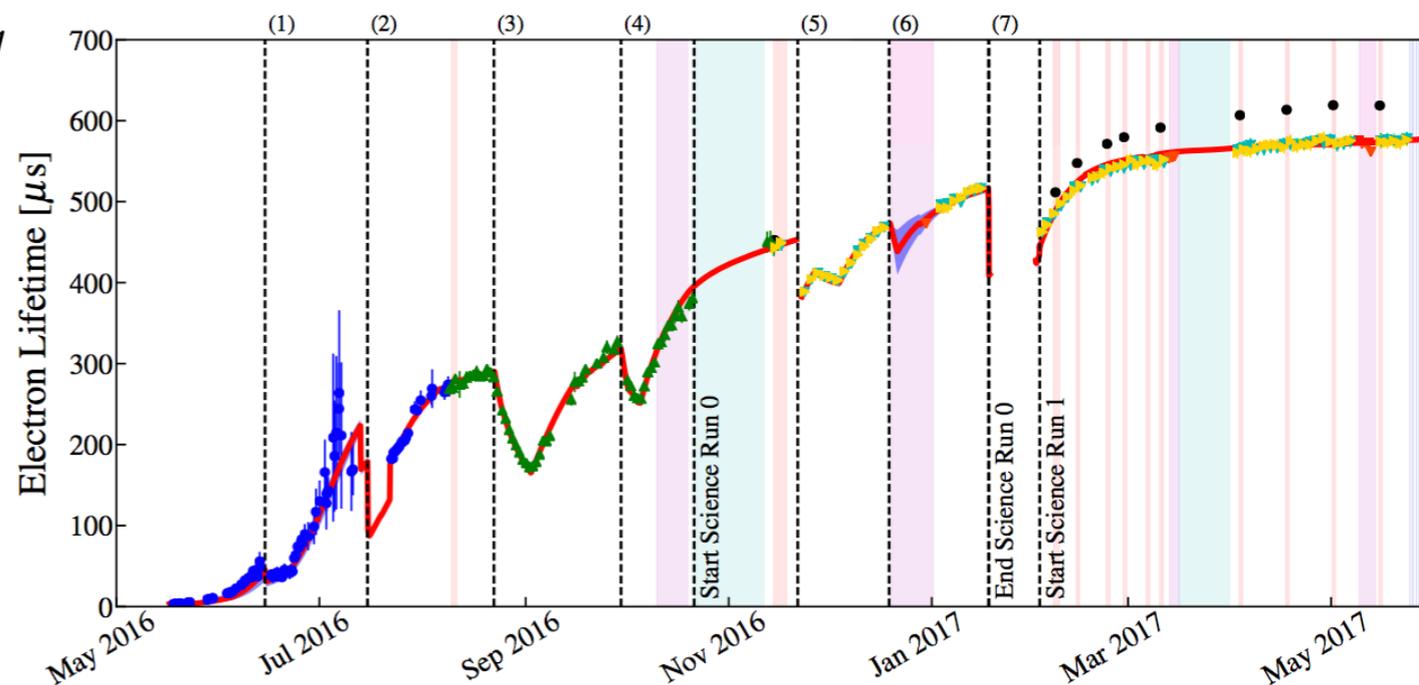
$$\begin{cases} M_g \frac{dI_g}{dt} = -F_g \rho I_g + \frac{\epsilon_1 P_c I_l}{h} - \frac{\epsilon_2 P I_g}{h} + \Lambda_g \\ M_l \frac{dI_l}{dt} = -F_l \rho I_l - \frac{\epsilon_1 P_c I_l}{h} + \frac{\epsilon_2 P I_g}{h} + \Lambda_l \end{cases}$$

P - cooling power

P_c - cooling power with no flow

ϵ_1 - probability of impurity to migrate from liquid xenon to gaseous xenon

ϵ_2 - probability of impurity to migrate from gaseous xenon to liquid xenon



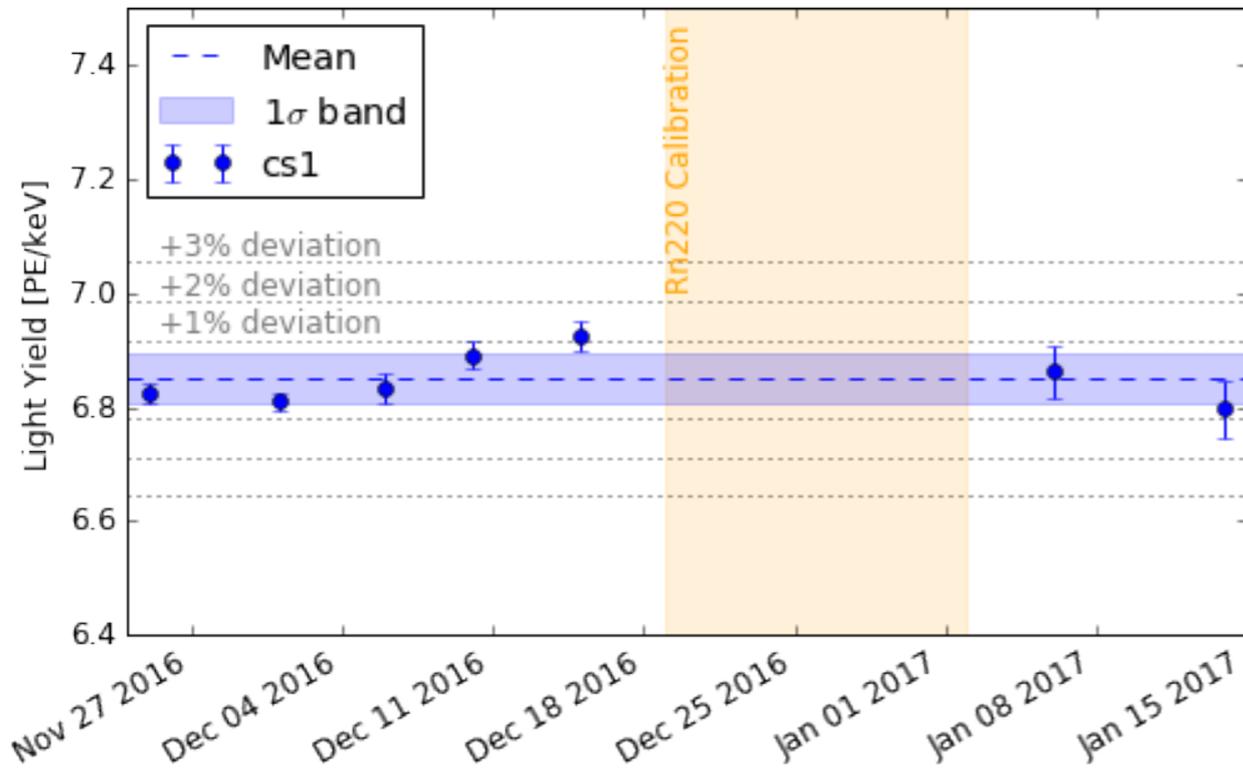


Light/Charge Yield Stability

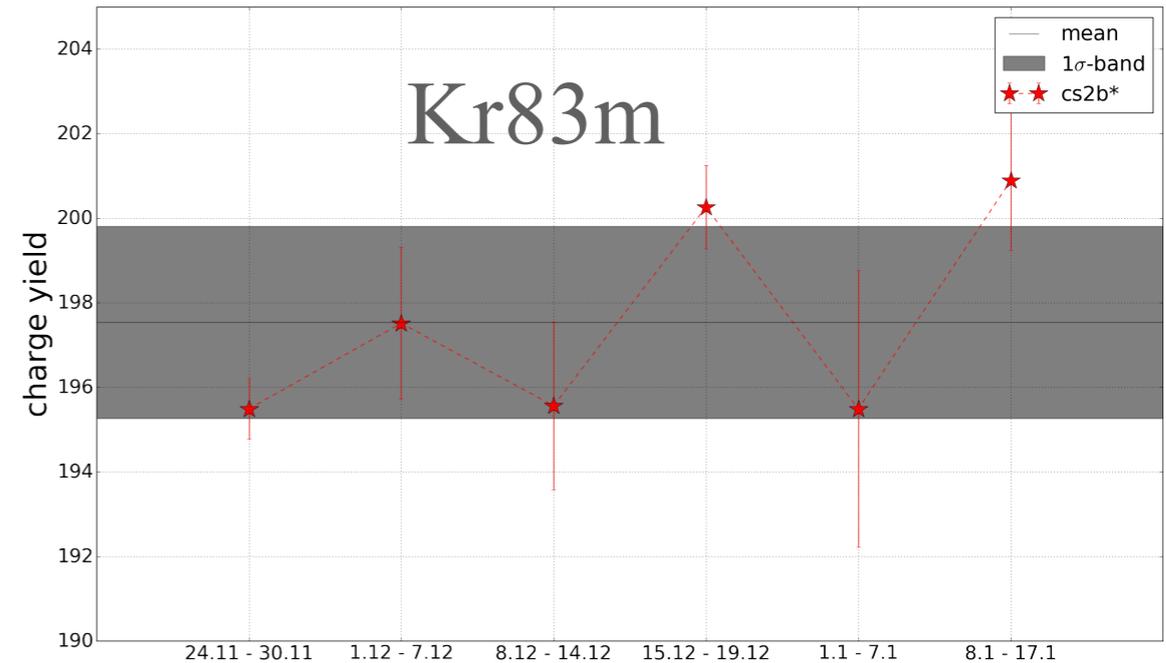
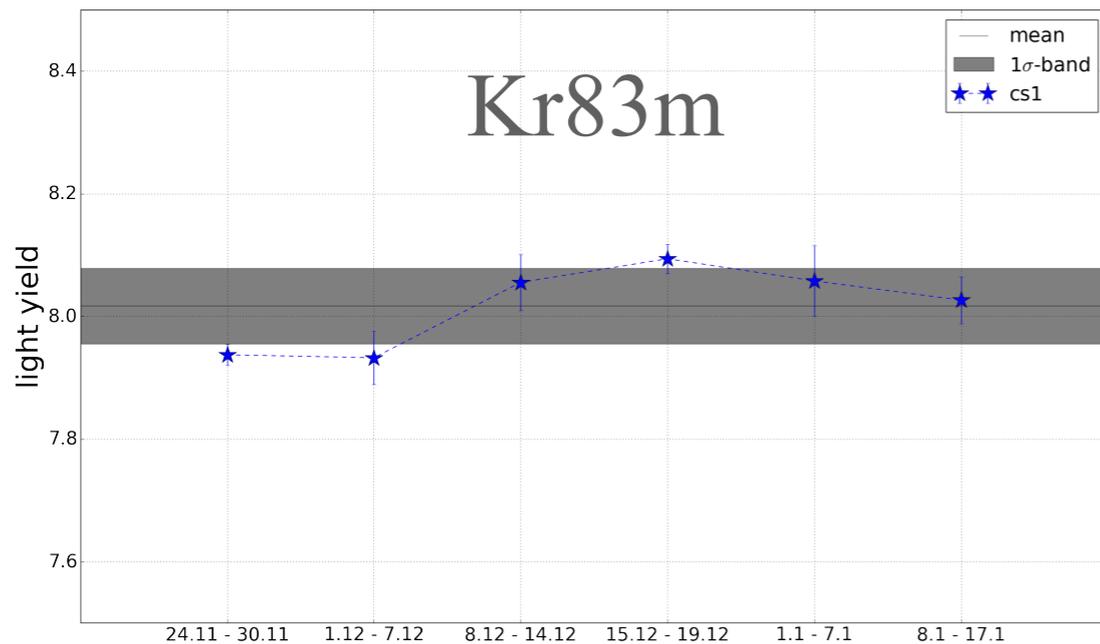
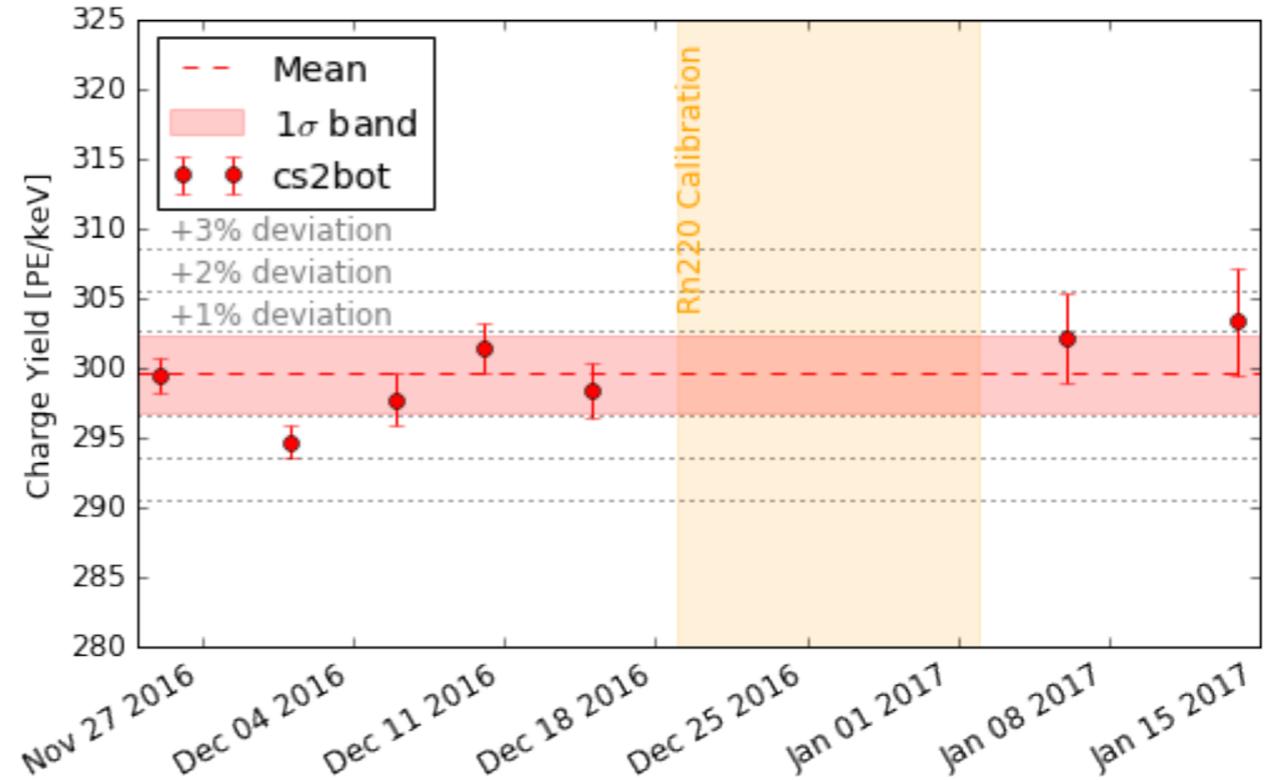


From Kr83m and activated Xe131m, variation in LY and CY is at $\sim 1\%$ level.

Light yield (164 keV) over SR0

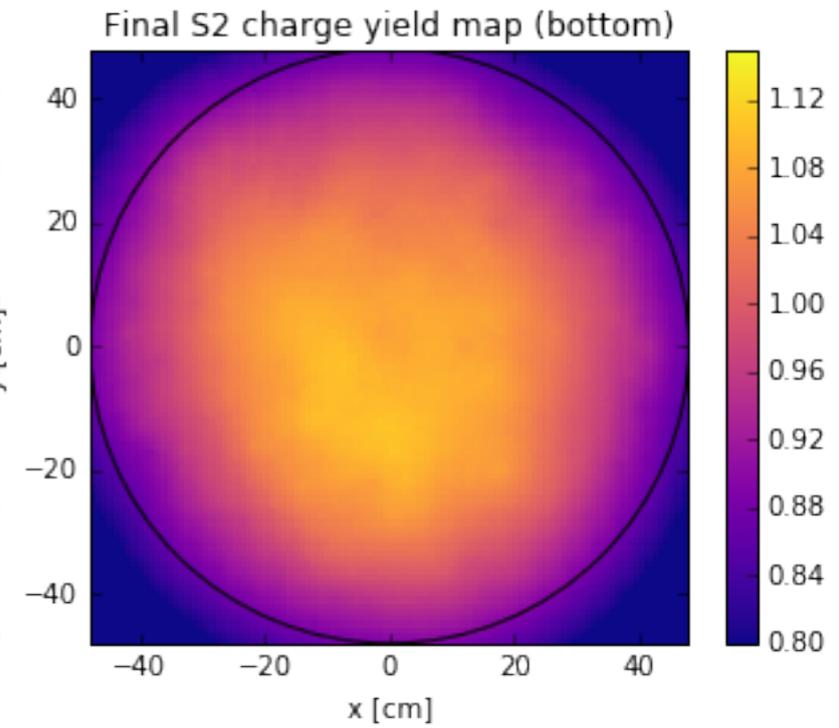
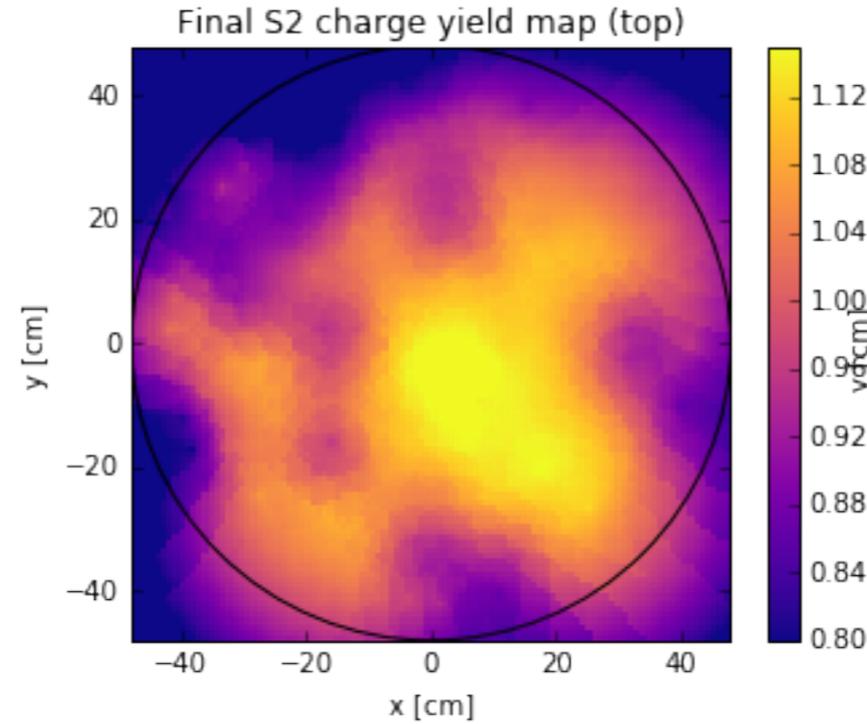
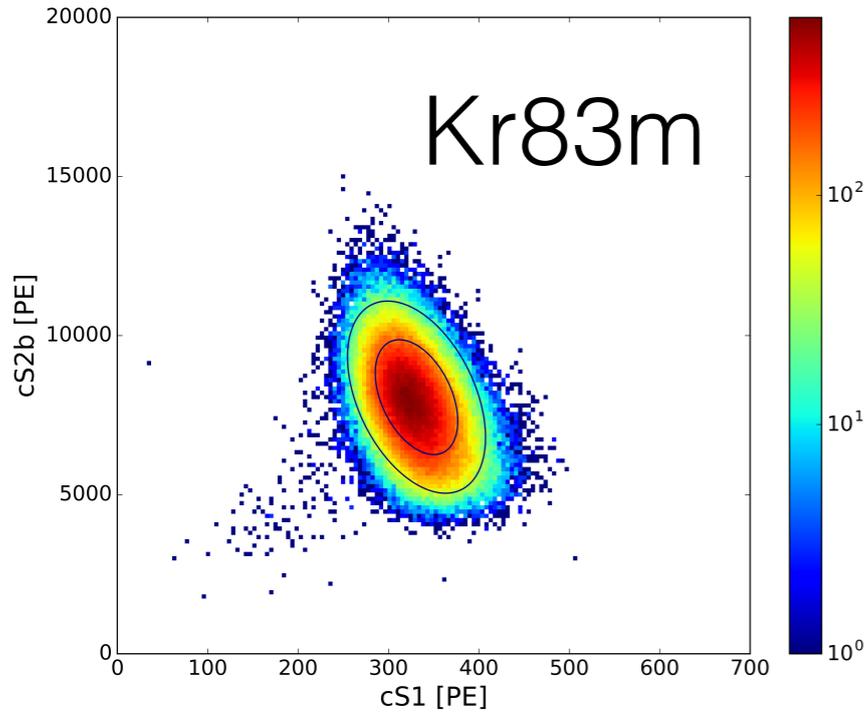


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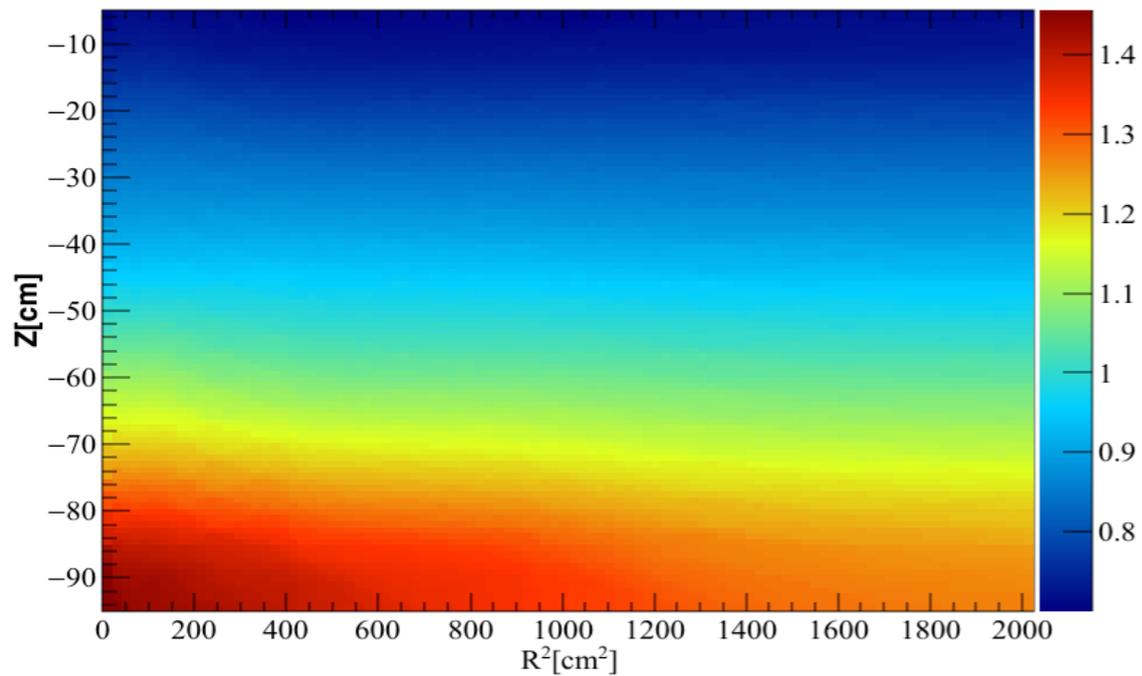




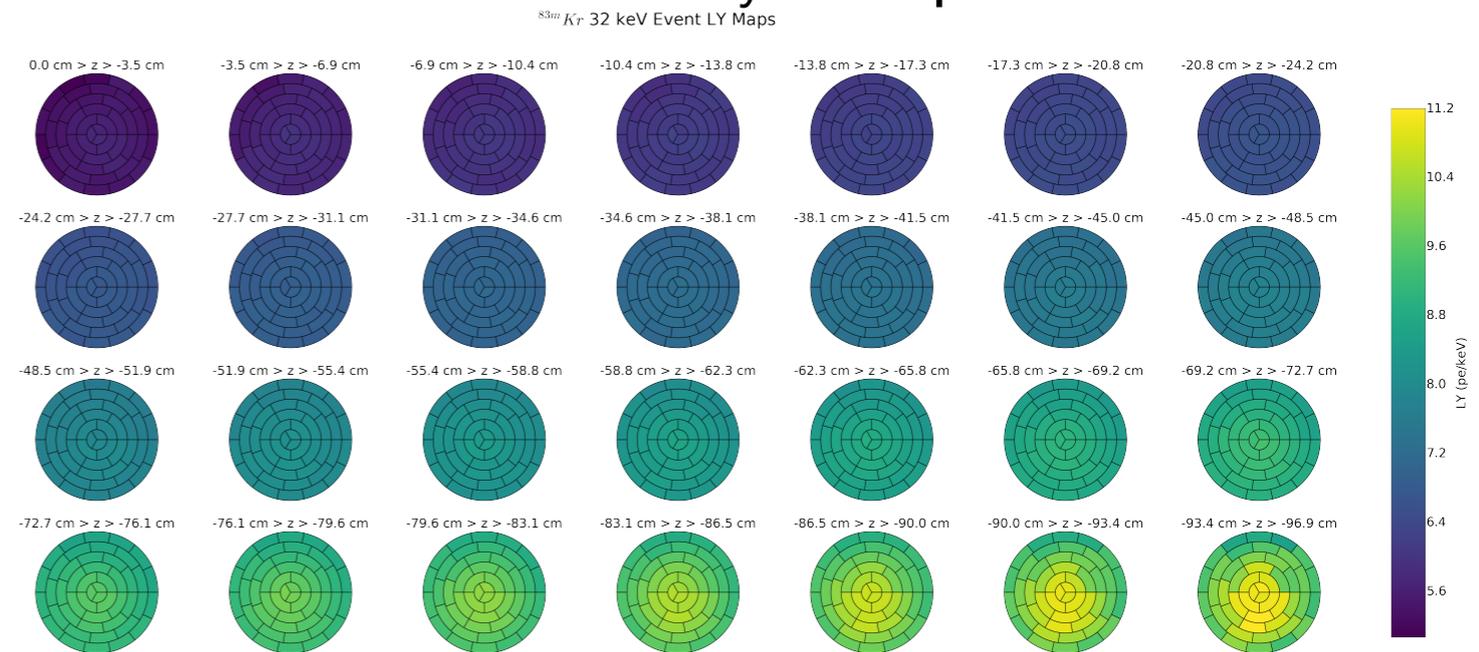
Signal Corrections



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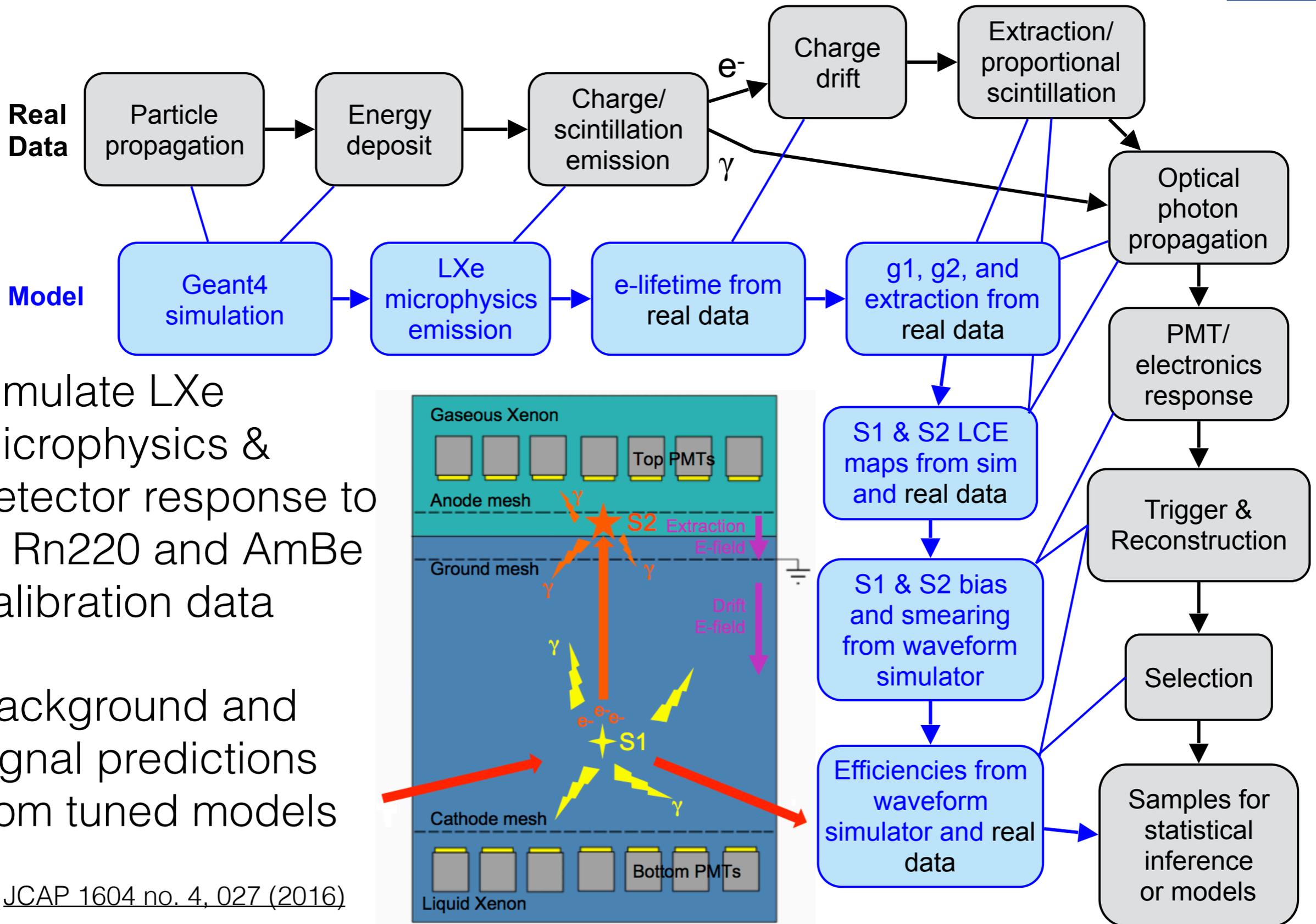


Detailed Ly Maps





The ER and NR Models

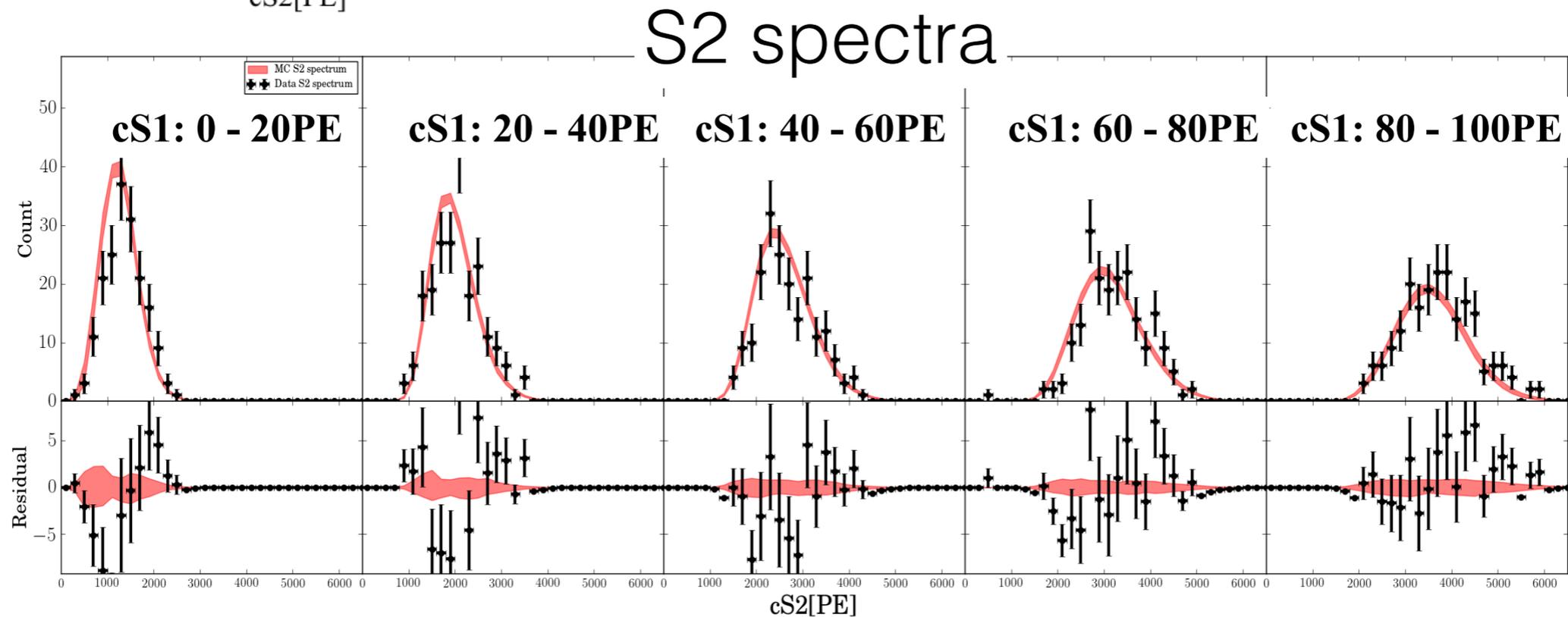
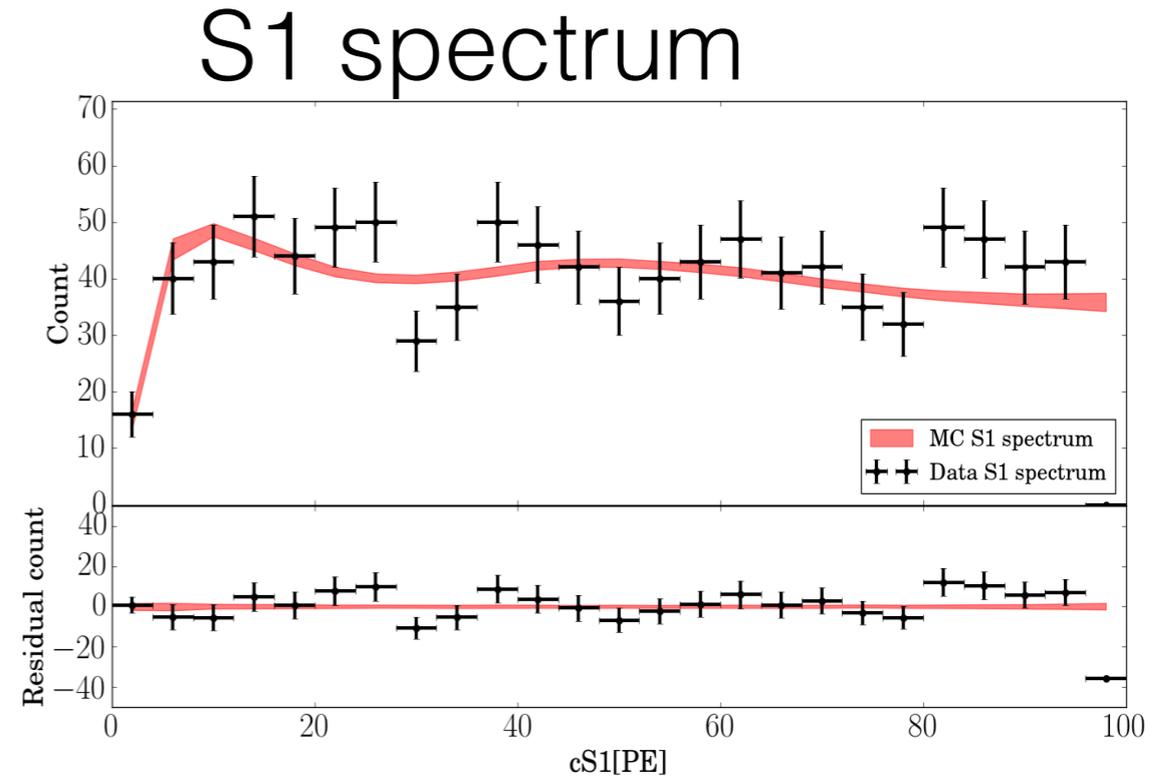
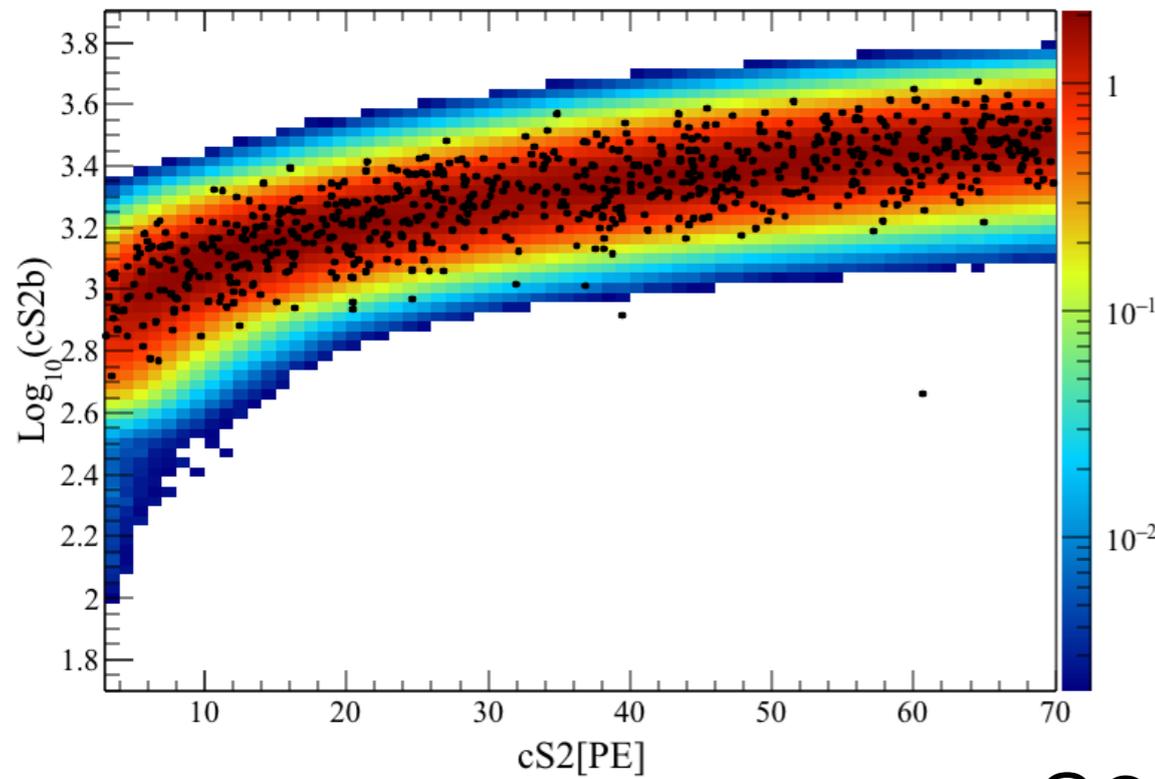


- Simulate LXe microphysics & detector response to fit Rn220 and AmBe calibration data
- Background and signal predictions from tuned models

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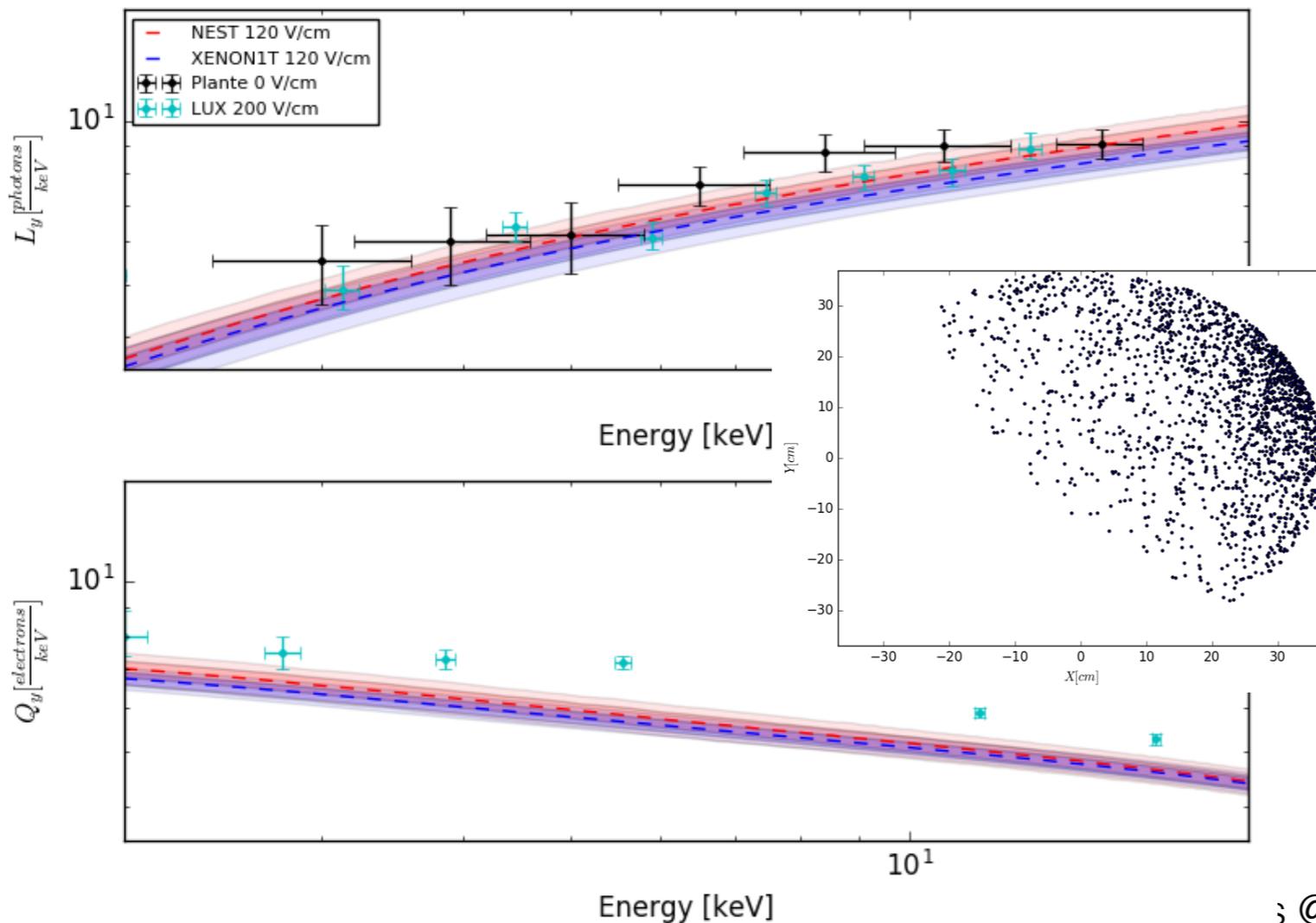
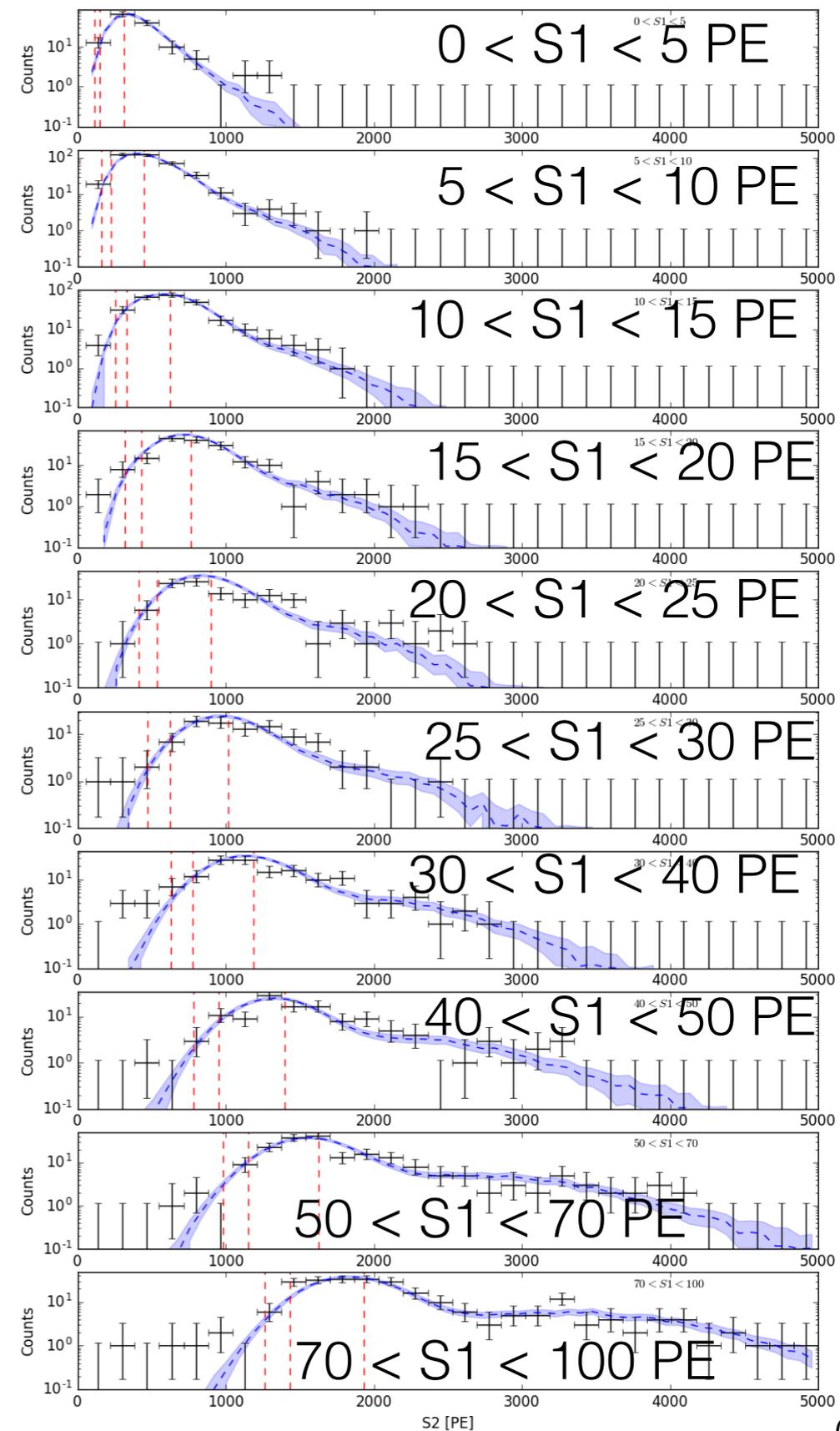
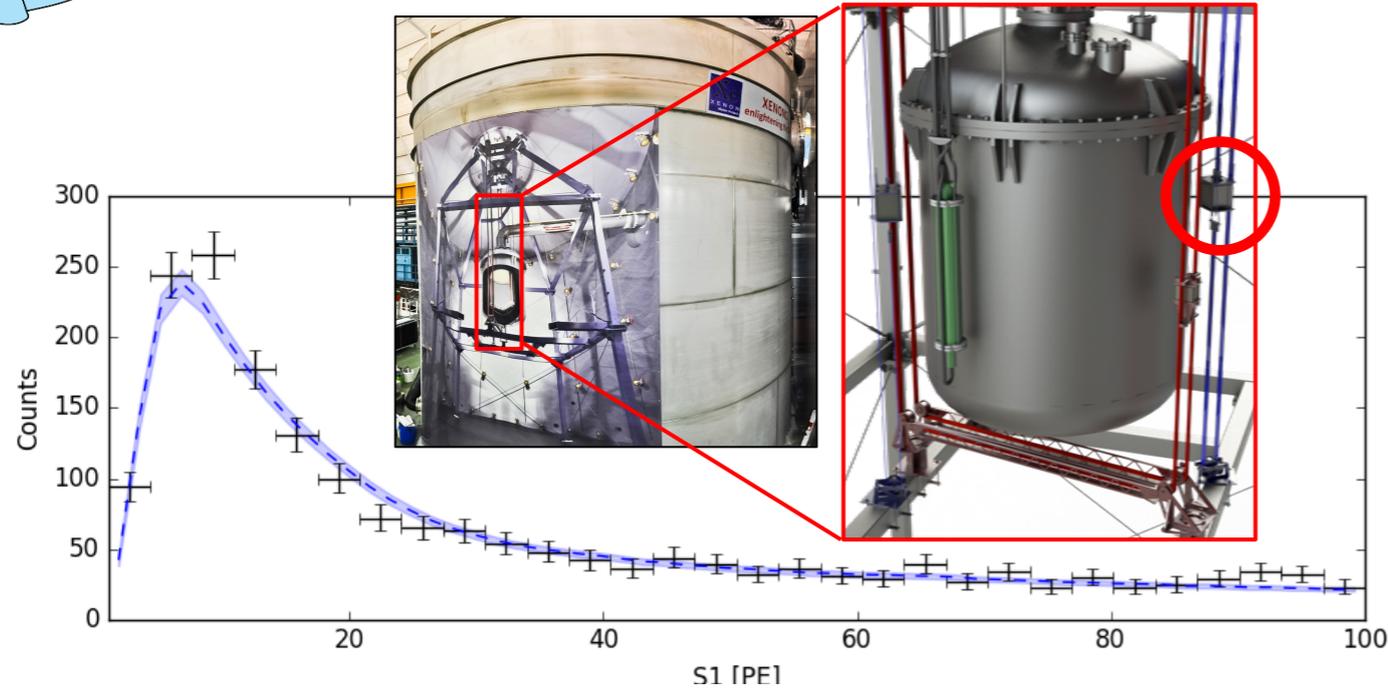


Rn220 Calibration





AmBe Calibration

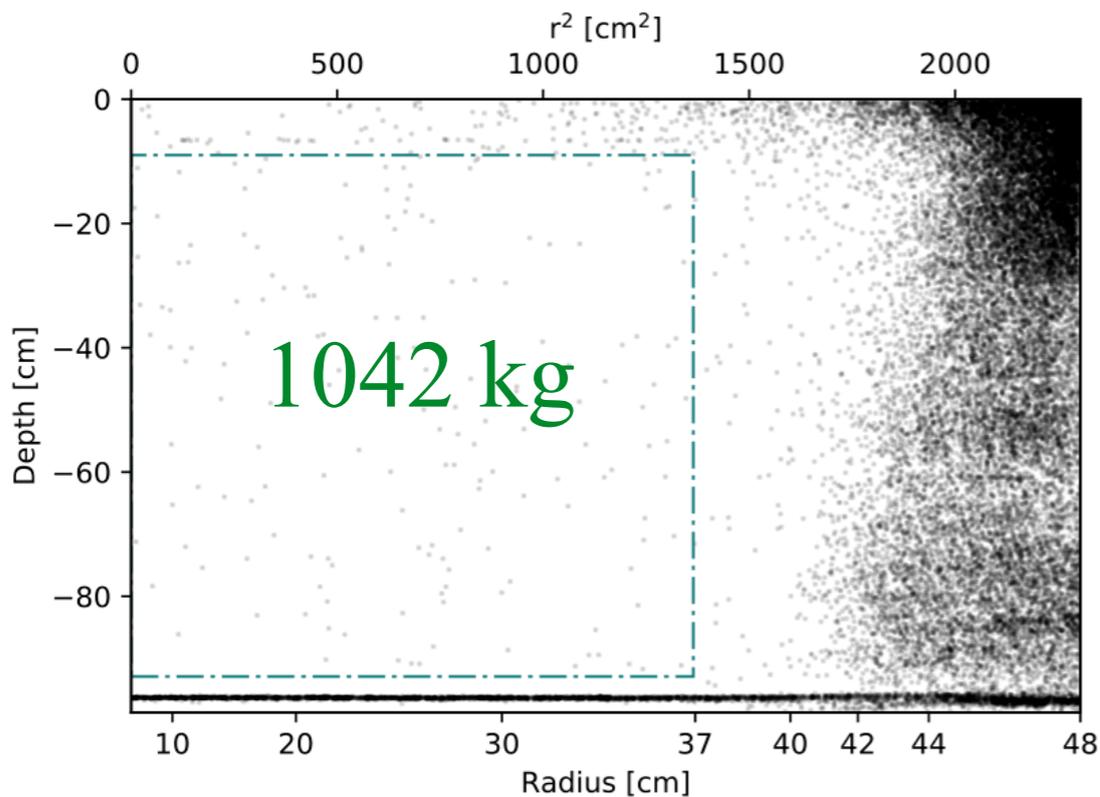
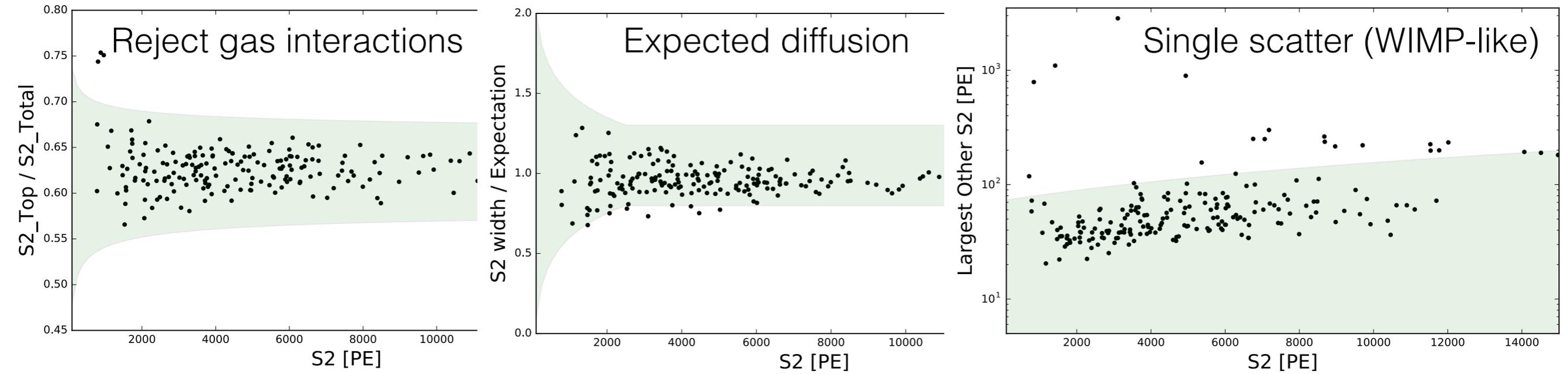




Event Selection



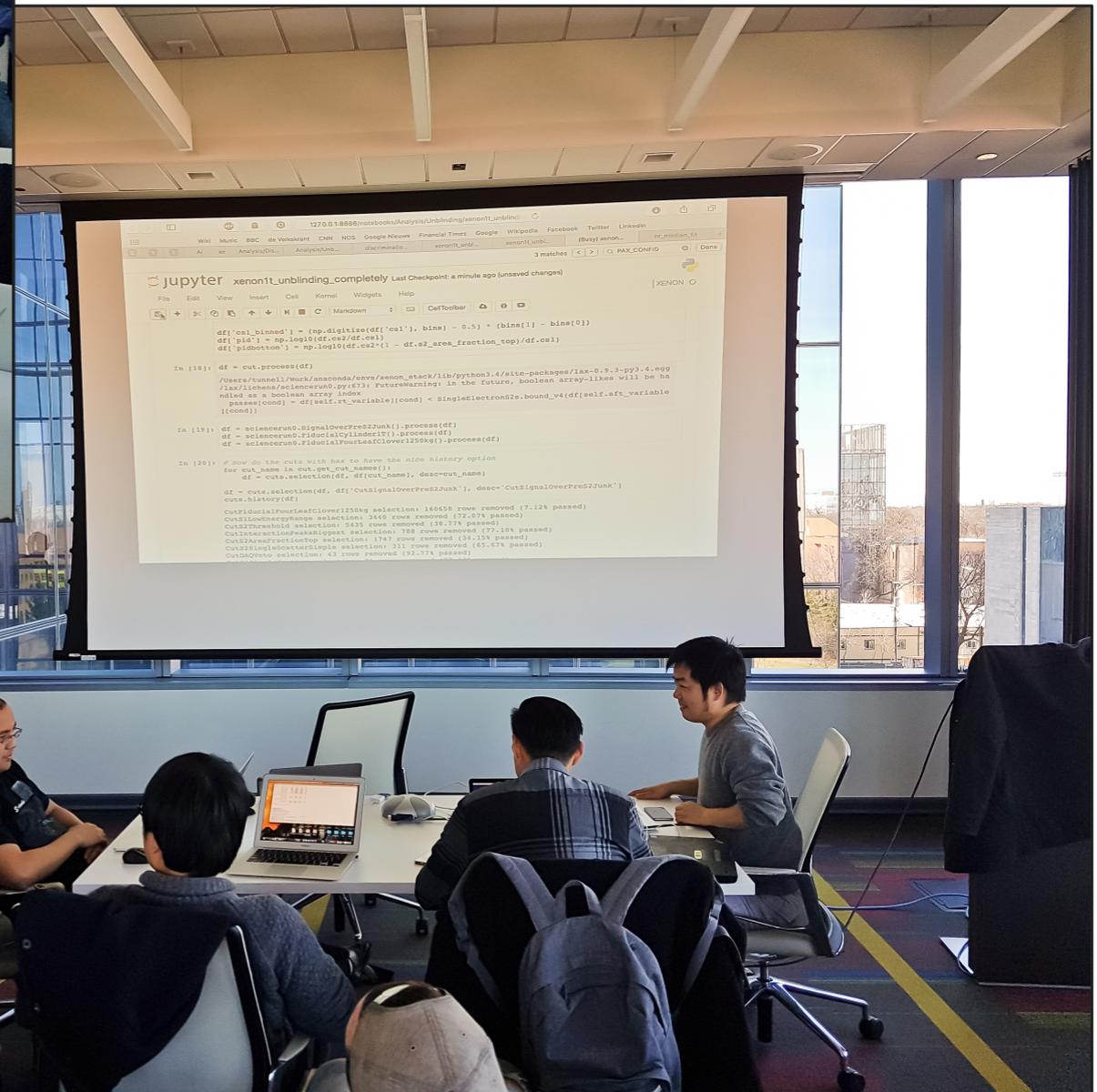
- Data quality and selection cuts tuned to calibration data



Cut	Events remaining
All Events ($cS1 < 200$ PE)	128144
Data Quality and Selection	48955
Fiducial Volume	180
S1 Range ($3 < cS1 < 70$ PE)	63

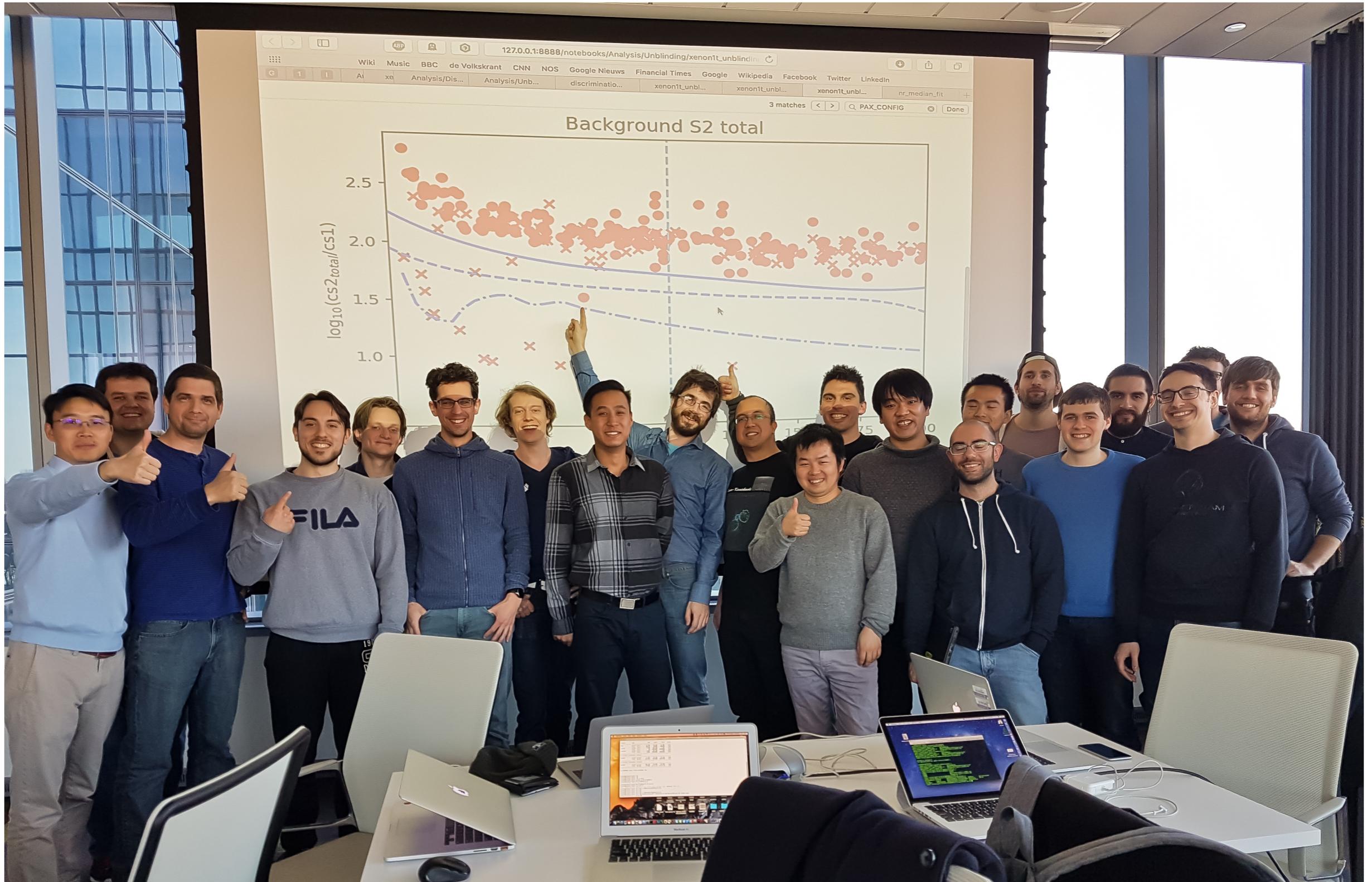


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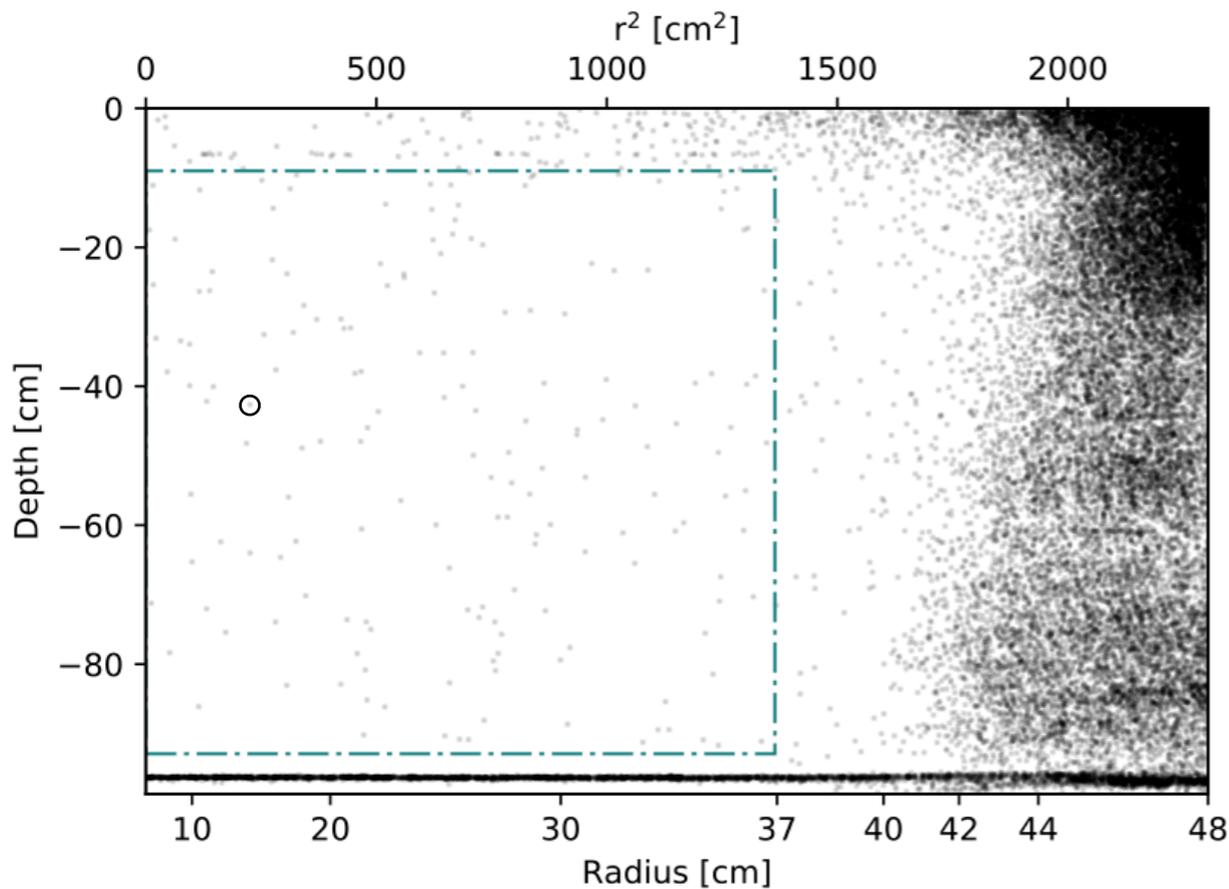


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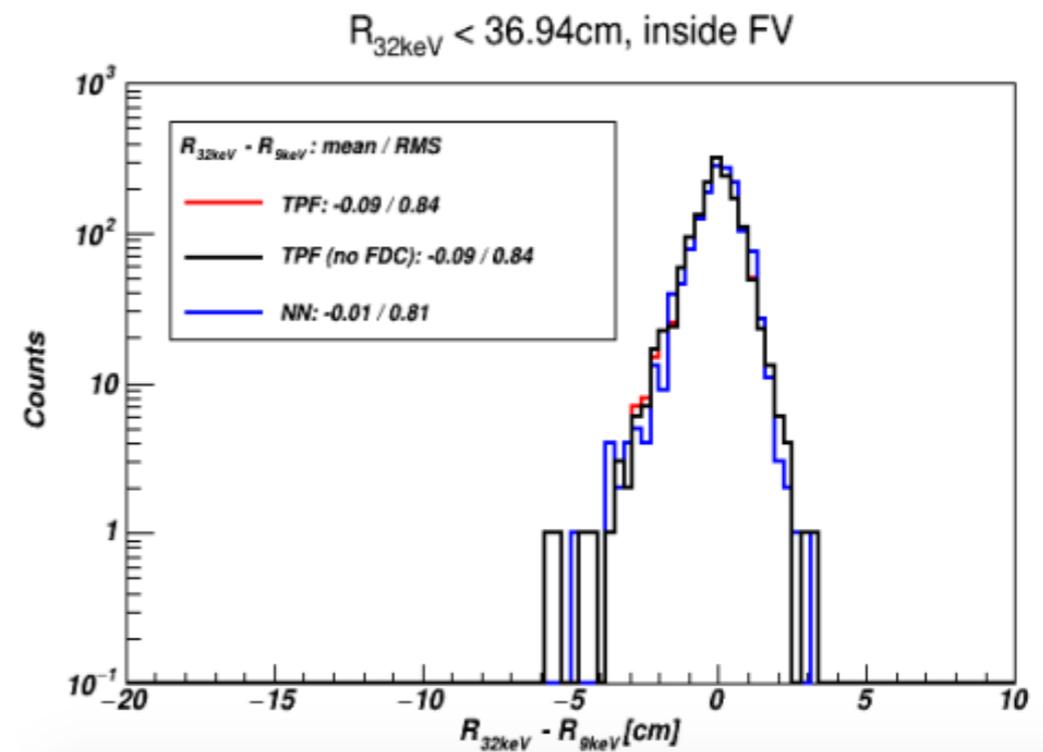
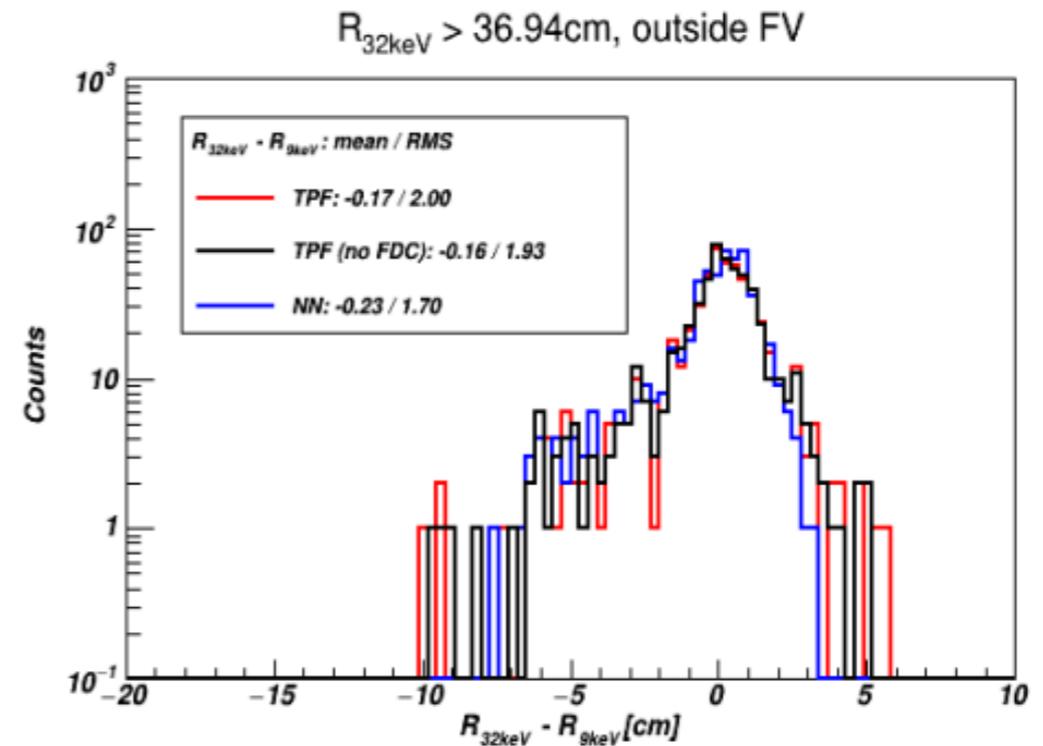




Position Reconstruction



- Position resolution (RMS) is less than 1 cm inside the FV, and ~2 cm outside the FV, estimated using the difference from two peaks (32 keV and 9 keV) from Kr83m events.

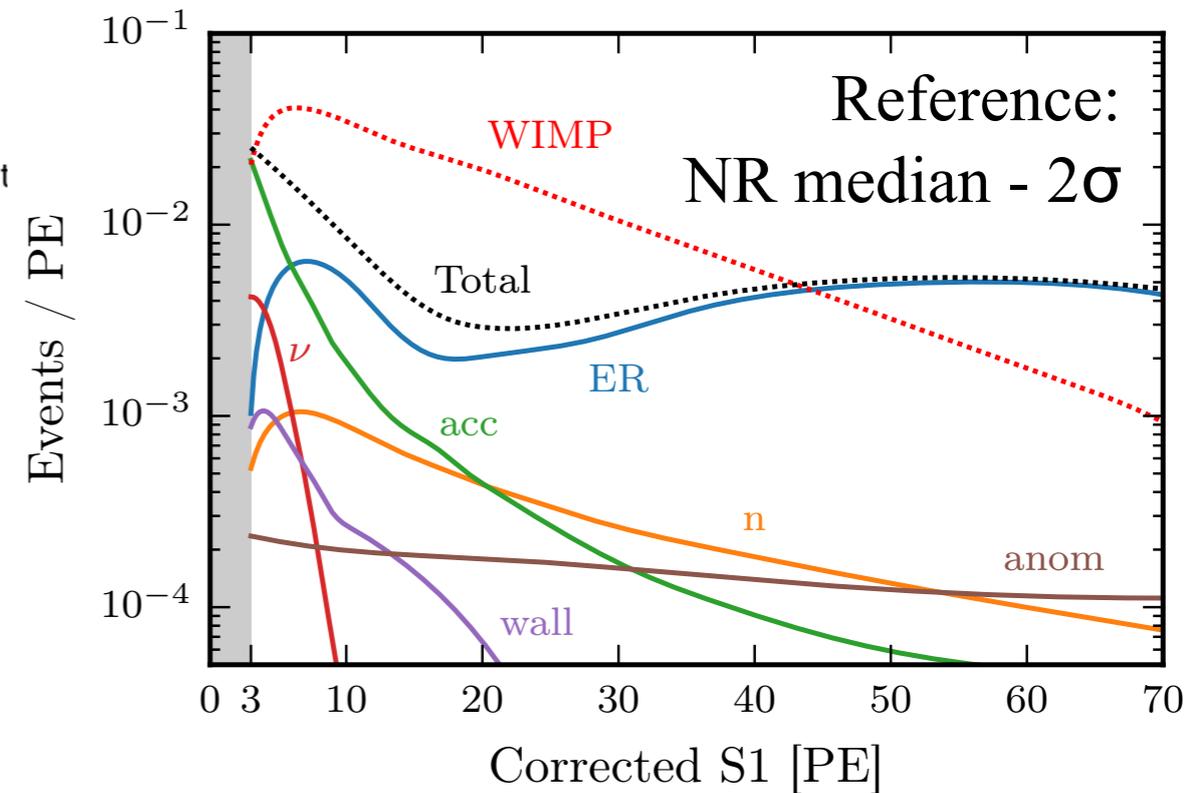
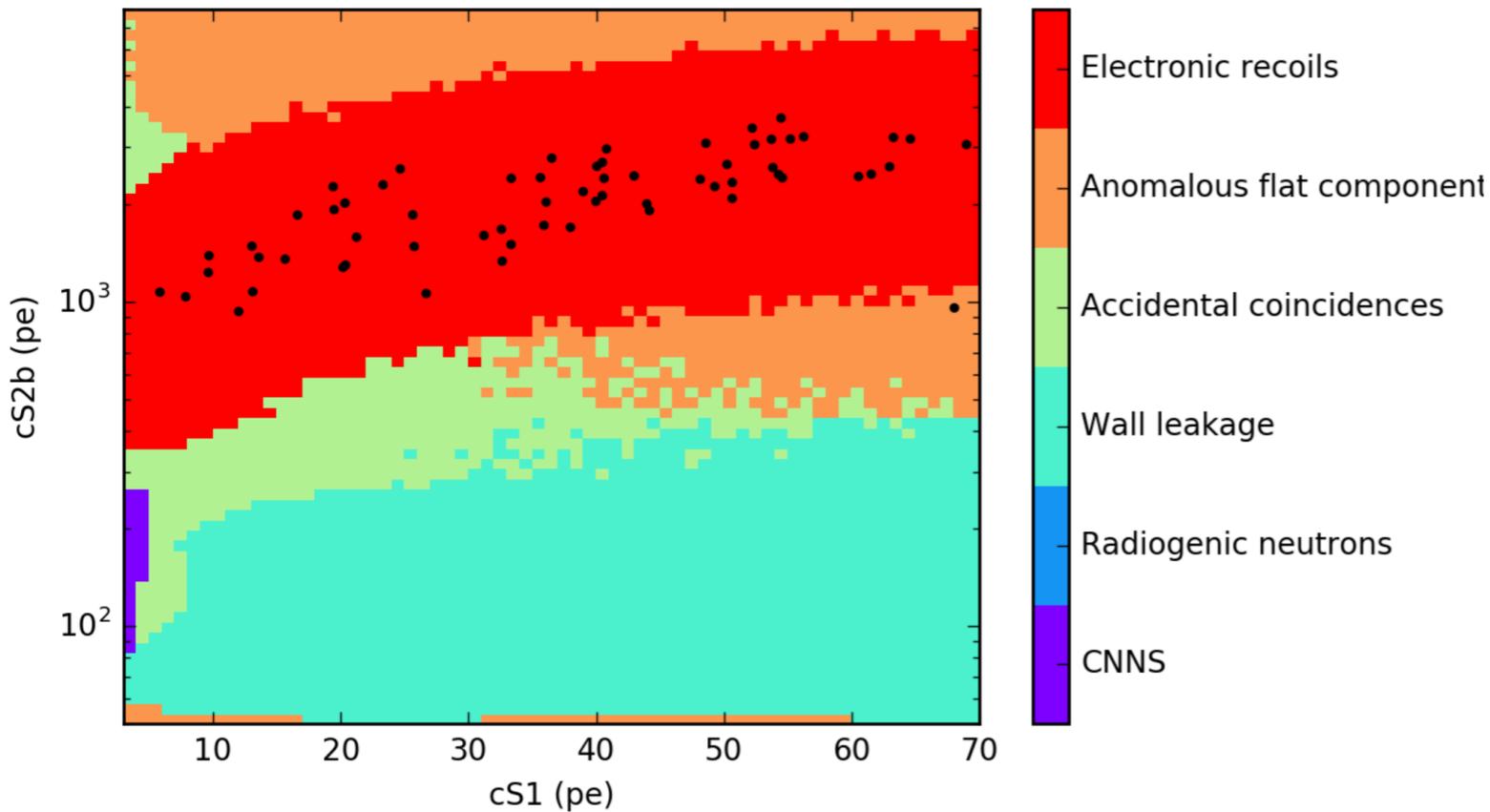




Predicting Backgrounds



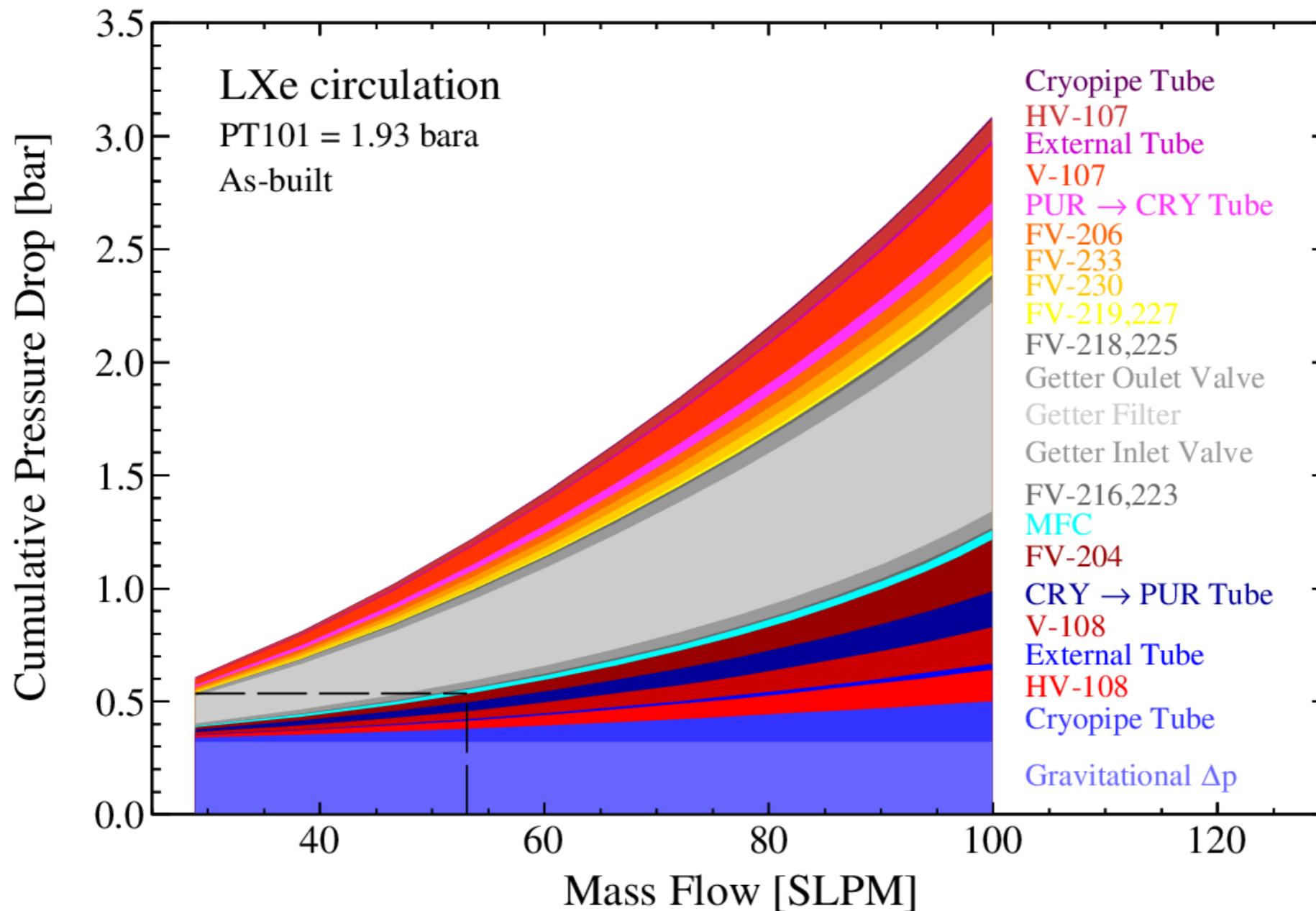
Most dominant component



- ER/NR background predictions from fitted models.
- Other background predictions are data-driven, derived from control samples
- Correlated shape and normalization uncertainties including prior constraints



Lessons from XENON1T



Pressure threshold at Q-drive inlet (~ 1.45 bara) is the limitation for higher flow in Xe1T.



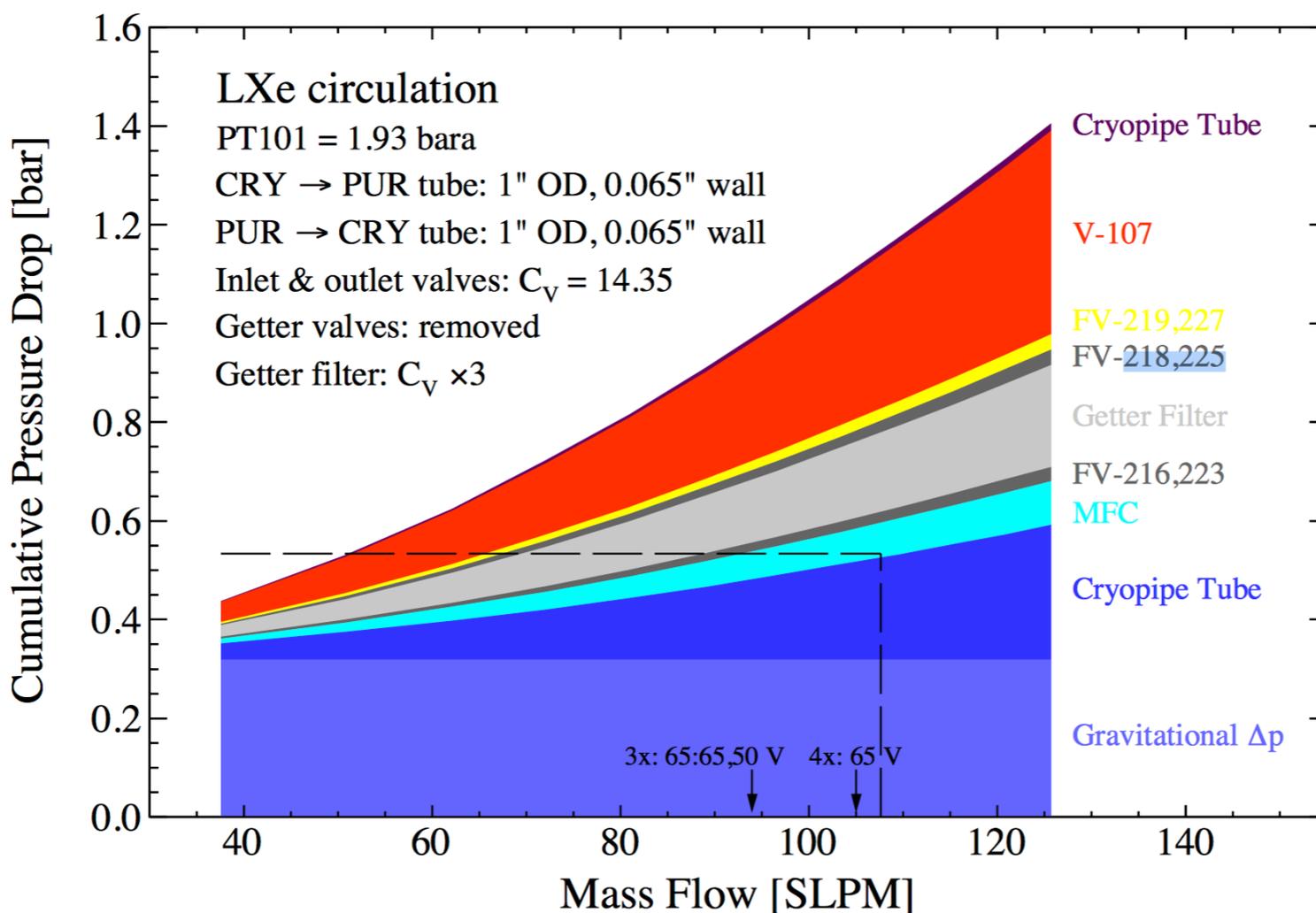
XENONnT Purification



- Gas phase LXe/GXe purification
 - With our current understanding, using the XENON1T purification system as-is for XENONnT would roughly mean:
 - Bulk cleaning (exponential) phase would end after ~ 6 months when the electron lifetime is about $100 \mu\text{s}$, when outgassing is in equilibrium with the removal rate
 - Slow decrease with time of outgassing leads to an increase of the electron lifetime to about $300 \mu\text{s}$ after ~ 1.5 years
 - This comes from assuming 8000 kg LXe, that most impurities are released from materials in the LXe, and an increase in outgassing of a factor of $3^{2/3} \approx 2$ with respect to XENON1T
 - Planning to upgrade current XENON1T purification flow path to reduce the flow resistances in the circulation path considerably
- Cryogenic LXe purification
 - Attractive since easier to achieve large flows but no turn-key solutions for O_2 removal to sub-ppb levels in LXe
 - Some reagents tested in LAr can probably work but have large Rn emanation rates
 - About to start R&D with demonstrator facility at Columbia University



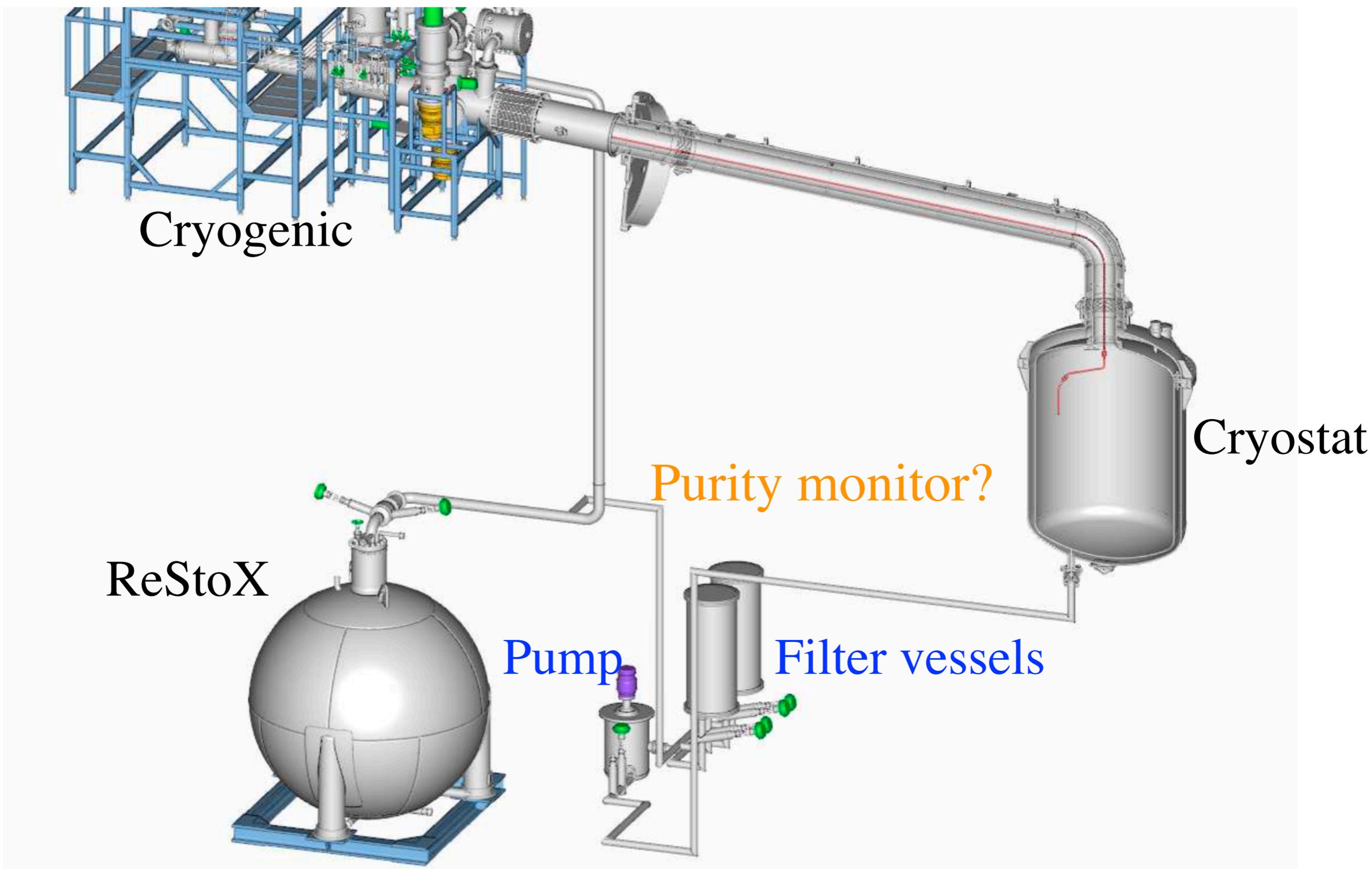
XENONnT GXe Purification



- ~120SLPM is achievable with the magnetically-driven piston pump.
- Flows much larger than that will be difficult with the 0.5 in tube inside the cryopipe.
- Also, getters are limited to about 60SLPM each so we would likely need additional getters
- With the previous assumptions, a purification flow of 120 SLPM for XENONnT would mean an electron lifetime roughly equivalent to that of XENON1T.
- An acceptable fallback plan if cryogenic LXe purification is not useable in XENONnT.

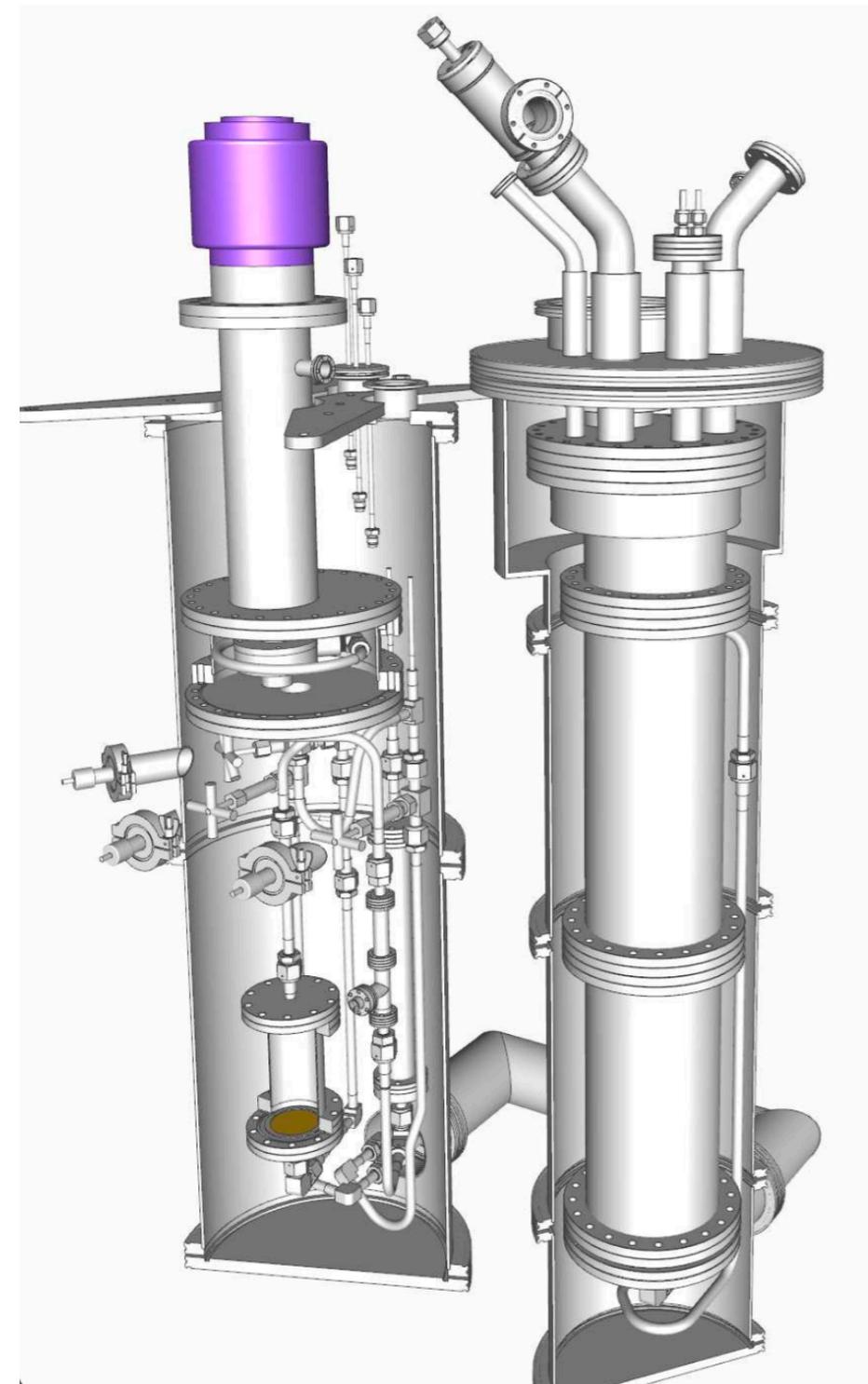


XENONnT: Cryogenic LXe Purification





XENON_nT: Cryogenic LXe Purification: Test Facility



- Design of system completed, fabrication started
- Use XENON1T demonstrator cryostat with a “purity monitor”-type detector to measure electron lifetime for ultra-fast response
- Use cryogenic LXe pump with 100 L/h capacity and 2 bar pressure differential from Muenster
- Regenerate the O₂ filter while detector is operating
- Change O₂ filter type or geometry with detector operating
- Three types of O₂ reagents procured, can be tested for Rn emanation
- Strategy is to test filter O₂ absorption capacity and efficiency of different reagents under similar flow conditions and O₂ concentration as in XENON_nT
- Given large Rn emanation rate from O₂ reagents identified, goal is to find minimum amount that can be used for purification



XENONnT: Cryogenic LXe Purification: Test Facility

