
First Science Results from the LUX Dark Matter Experiment

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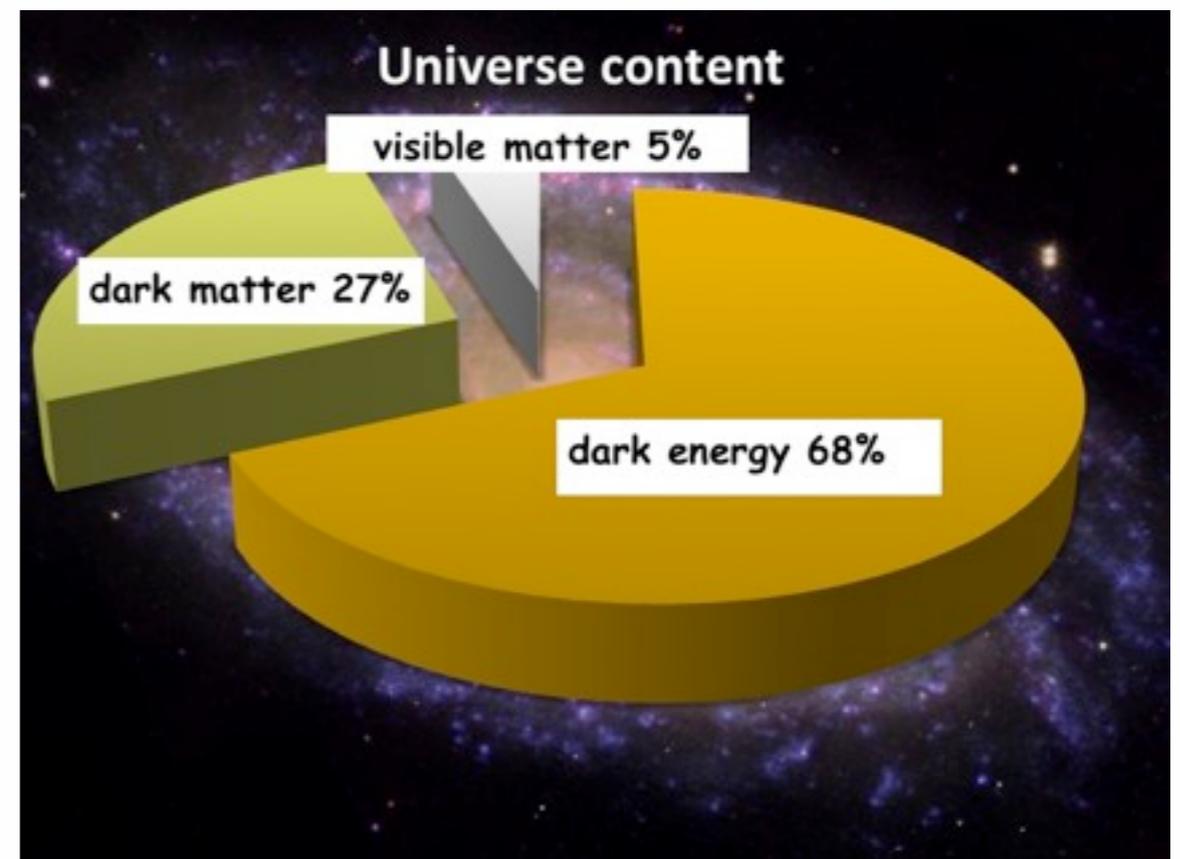
Composition of the Universe

The Higgs particle has been discovered, the last piece of the Standard Model.

But as successful as it has been, the Standard Model describes only 5% of the universe. The remaining 95% is in the form of dark energy and dark matter, whose fundamental nature is almost completely unknown.



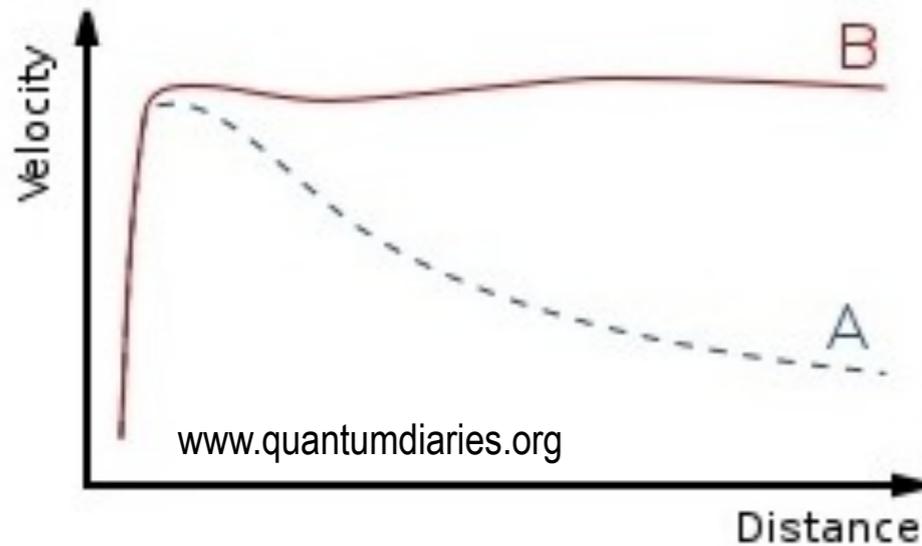
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Evidence for Dark Matter

Galaxy rotation curves



The cosmic microwave background

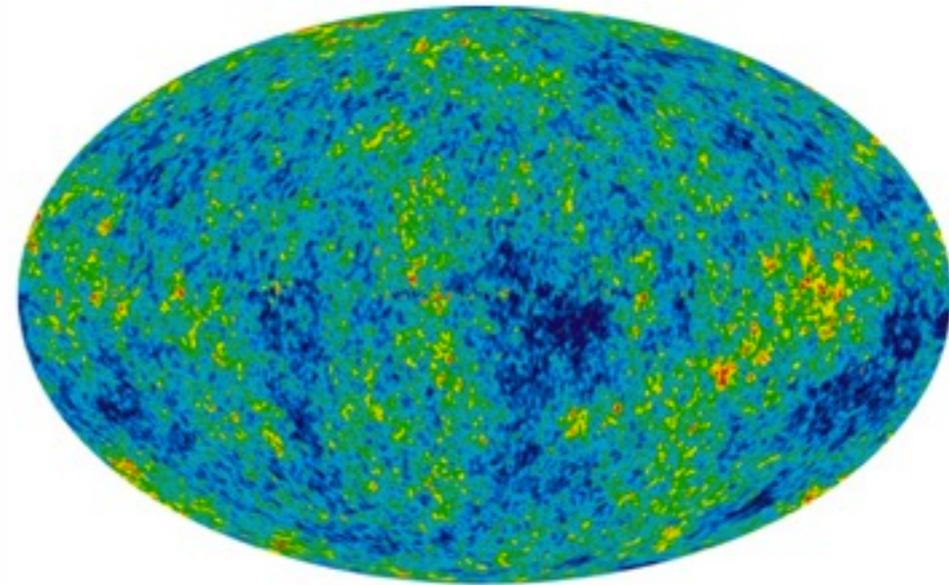
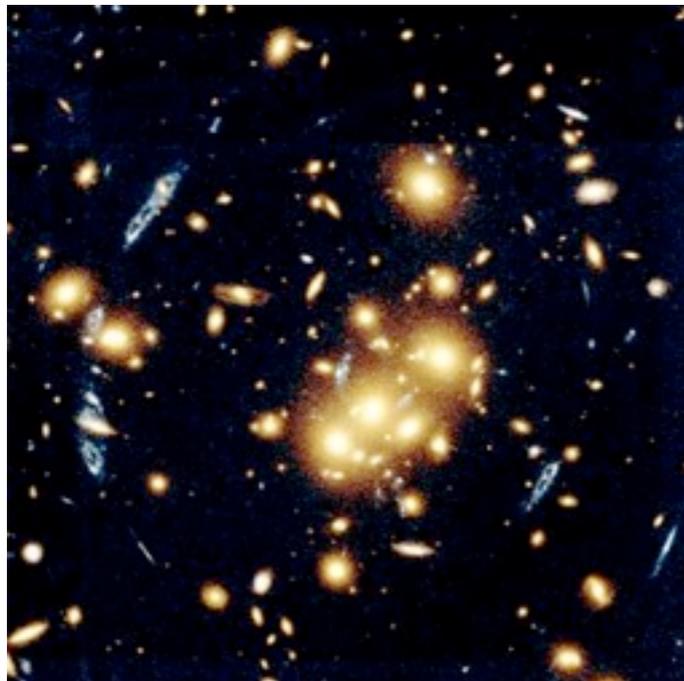


Image: ESA and the Planck collaboration

Gravitational lensing



Colley, Turner, Tyson, and NASA

- 27% of the energy composition of the universe
- Properties:
 - Stable and electrically neutral
 - Non-baryonic
 - Non-relativistic
- Estimated local density: $0.3 \pm 0.1 \text{ GeV} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$
- Candidates: WIMPs, axions, dark photons,...

Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)

A new particle that only very weakly interacts with ordinary matter could form **Cold Dark Matter**

- Formed in massive amounts in the Big Bang.
- Non-relativistic freeze-out. Decouples from ordinary matter.
- Would exist today at densities of about $1000/\text{m}^3$.

Supersymmetry provides a natural candidate – the **neutralino**.

- Lowest mass superposition of photino, zino, higgsino
- Mass range from the proton mass to thousands of times the proton mass.
- Wide range of cross-sections with ordinary matter, from 10^{-40} to 10^{-50} cm^2 .
- Charge neutral and stable!

Universal Extra Dimensions: **predicts stable Kaluza-Klein (KK) particles**

- Similar direct detection properties as neutralino
- Distinguishable from neutralinos at accelerators

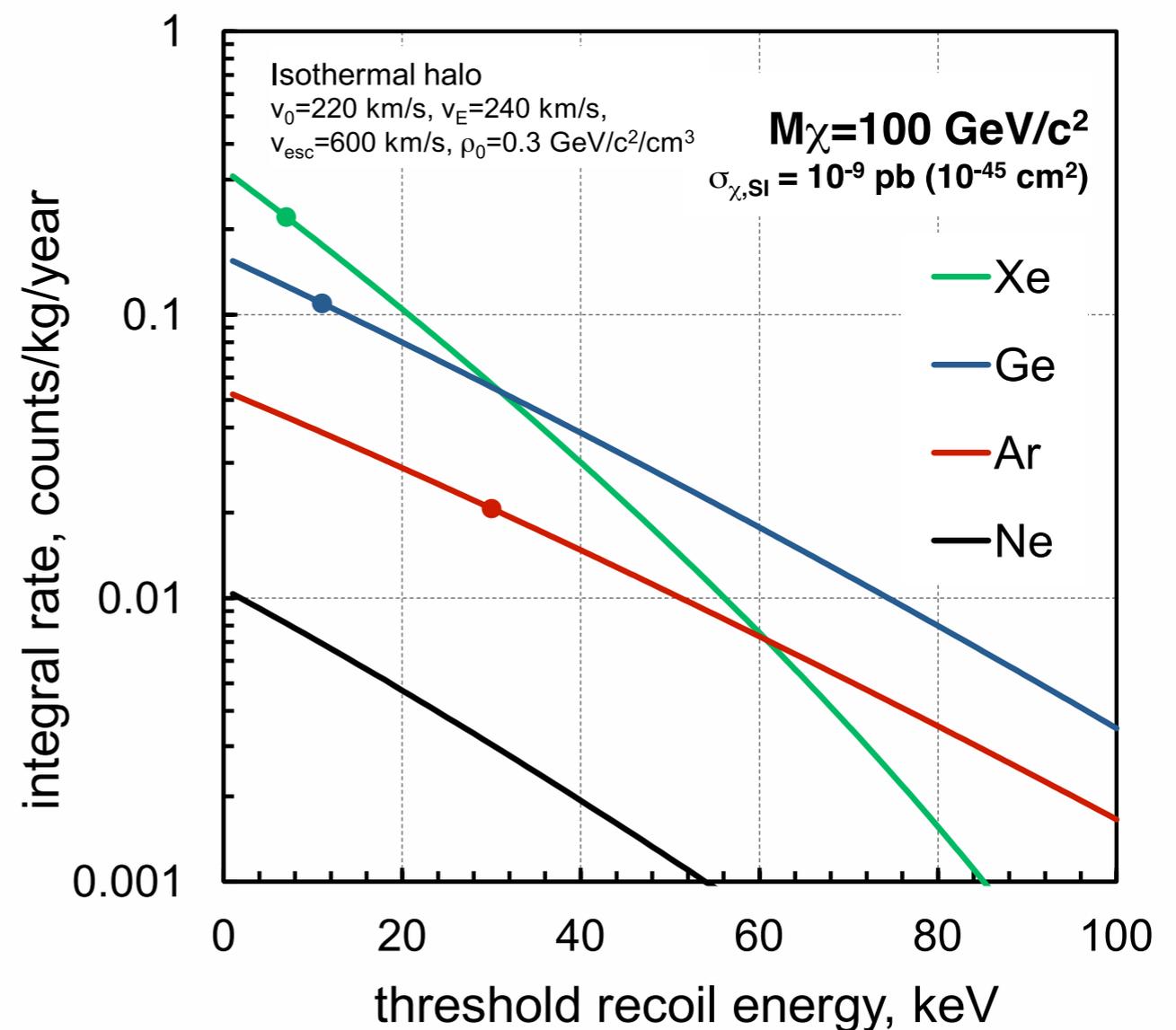
WIMP Direct Detection

Look for anomalous nuclear recoils in a low-background detector.

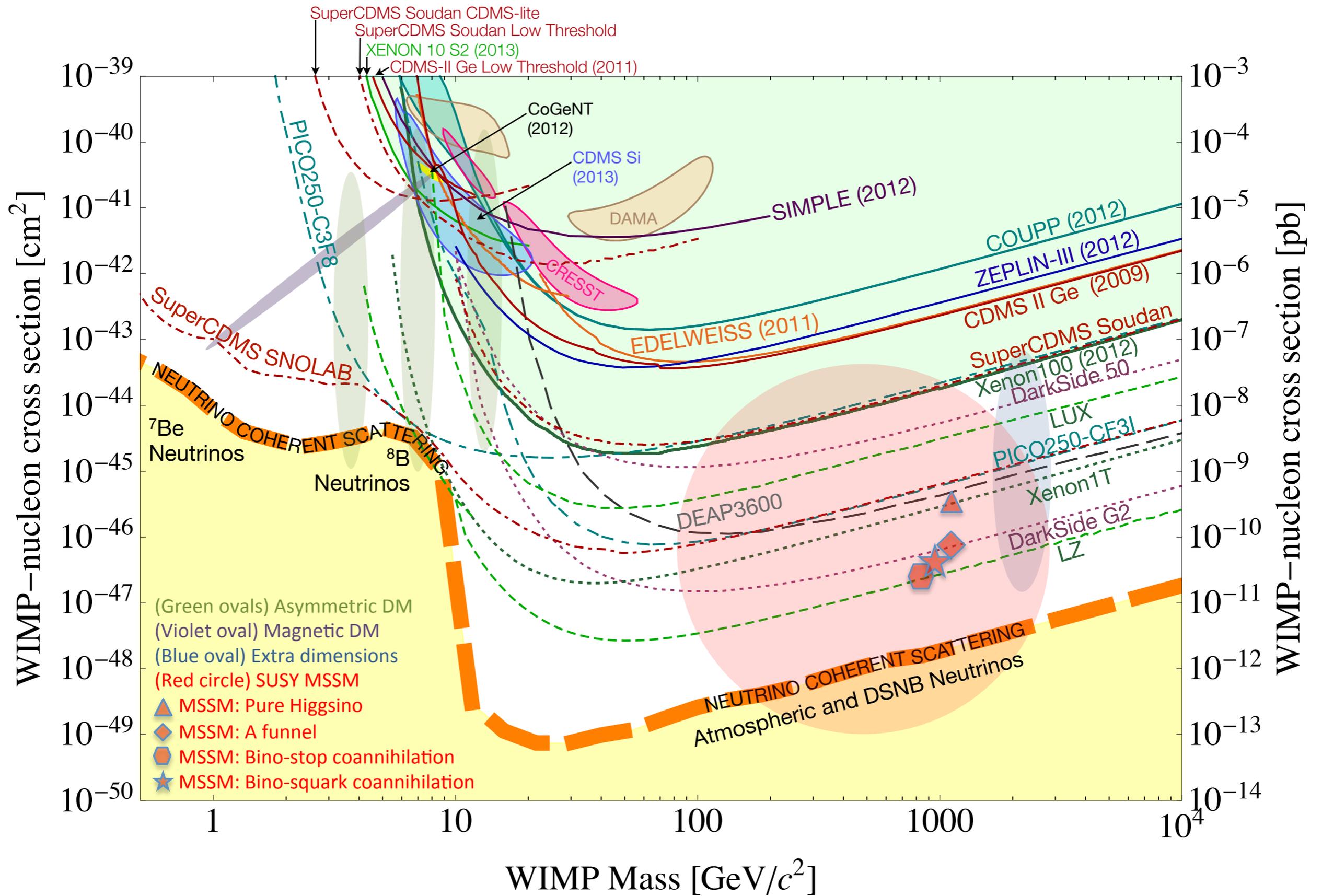
$R = N \rho \sigma \langle v \rangle$. From $\langle v \rangle = 220$ km/s, get order of 10 keV deposited.

Requirements:

- Low radioactivity
- Low energy threshold
- Gamma ray rejection
- Scalability
- Deep underground laboratory



Current WIMP Cross-section Limits



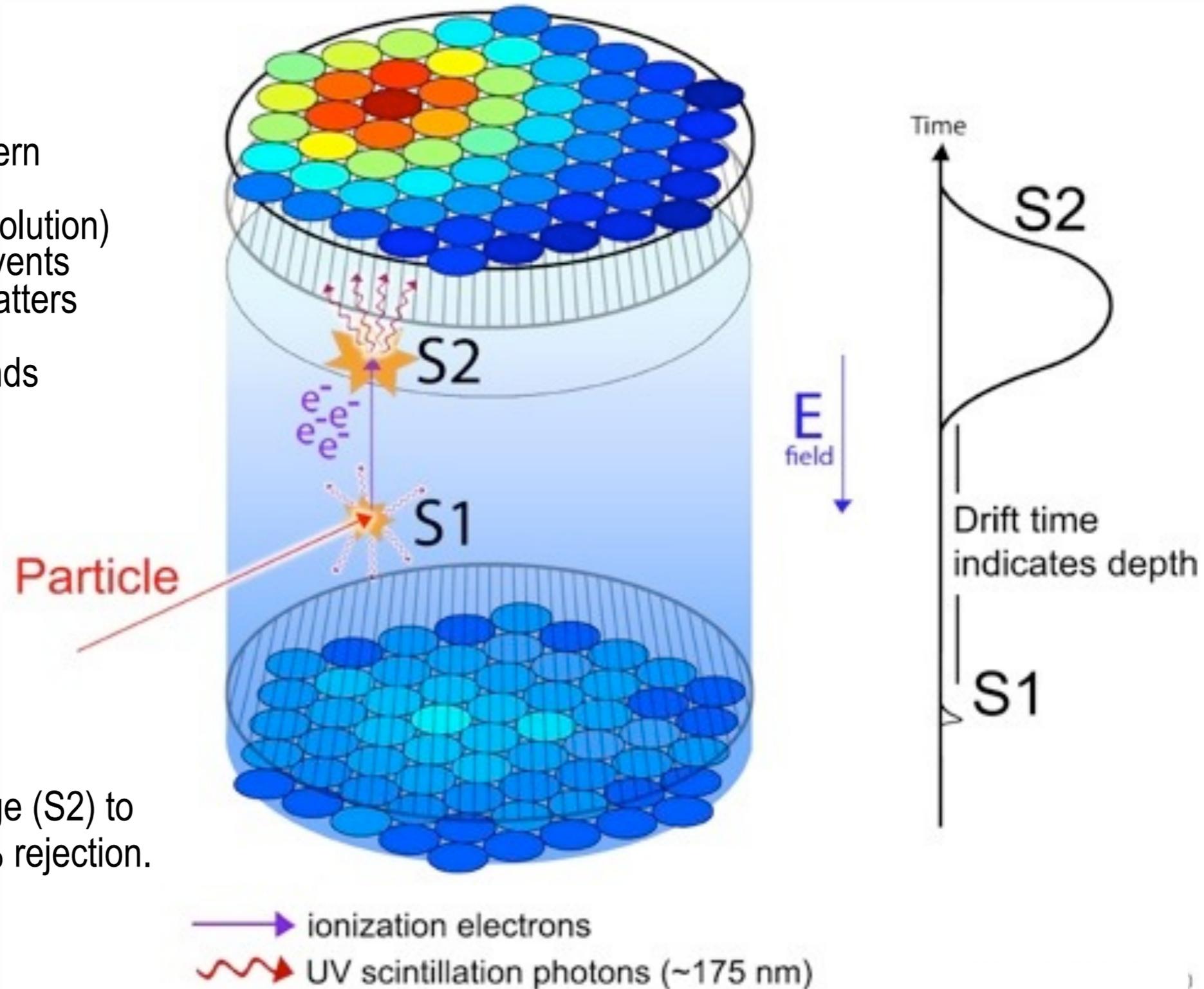
Two-phase Xenon WIMP Detectors

Z position from S1 – S2 timing
X-Y positions from S2 light pattern

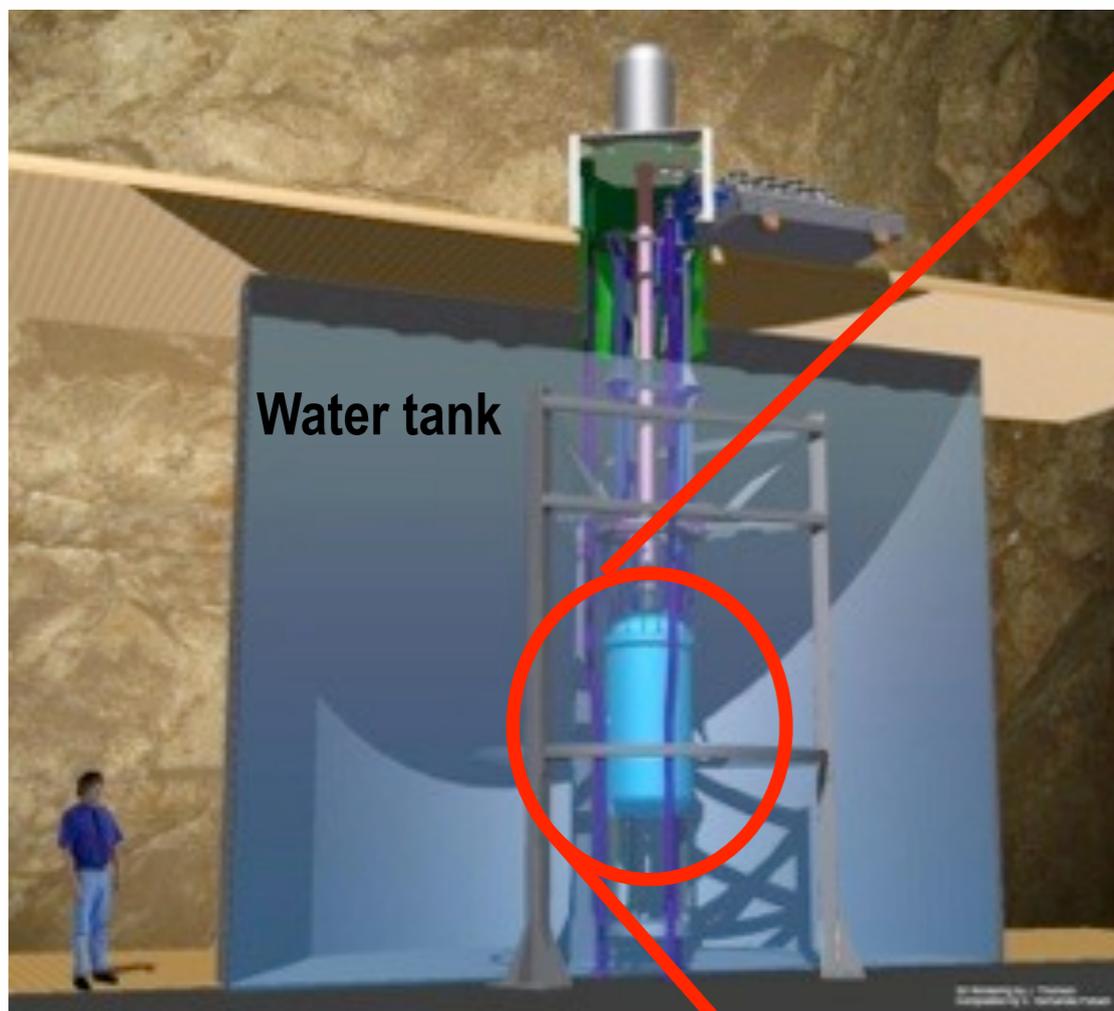
Excellent 3D imaging (~mm resolution)
- eliminates edge events
- rejects multiple scatters

Gamma ray, neutron backgrounds
reduced by self-shielding

Reject gammas, betas by charge (S2) to
light (S1) ratio. Expect > 99.5% rejection.



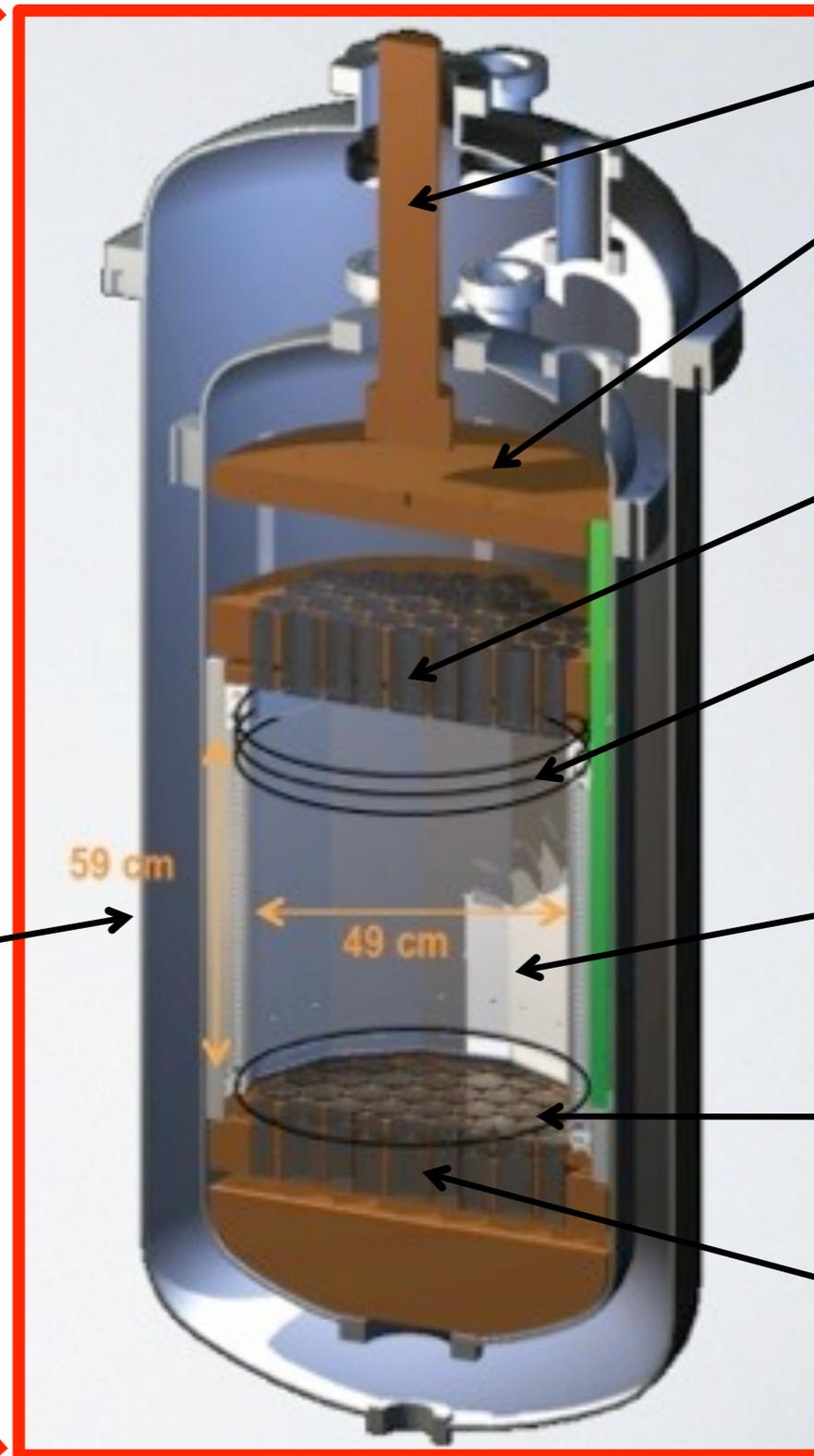
The LUX Detector



Water tank

Low-radioactivity
Titanium Cryostat

370 kg total xenon mass
250 kg active liquid xenon
118 kg fiducial mass



Thermosyphon

Copper shield

Top PMT array

Anode grid

PTFE reflector
panels and field
cage

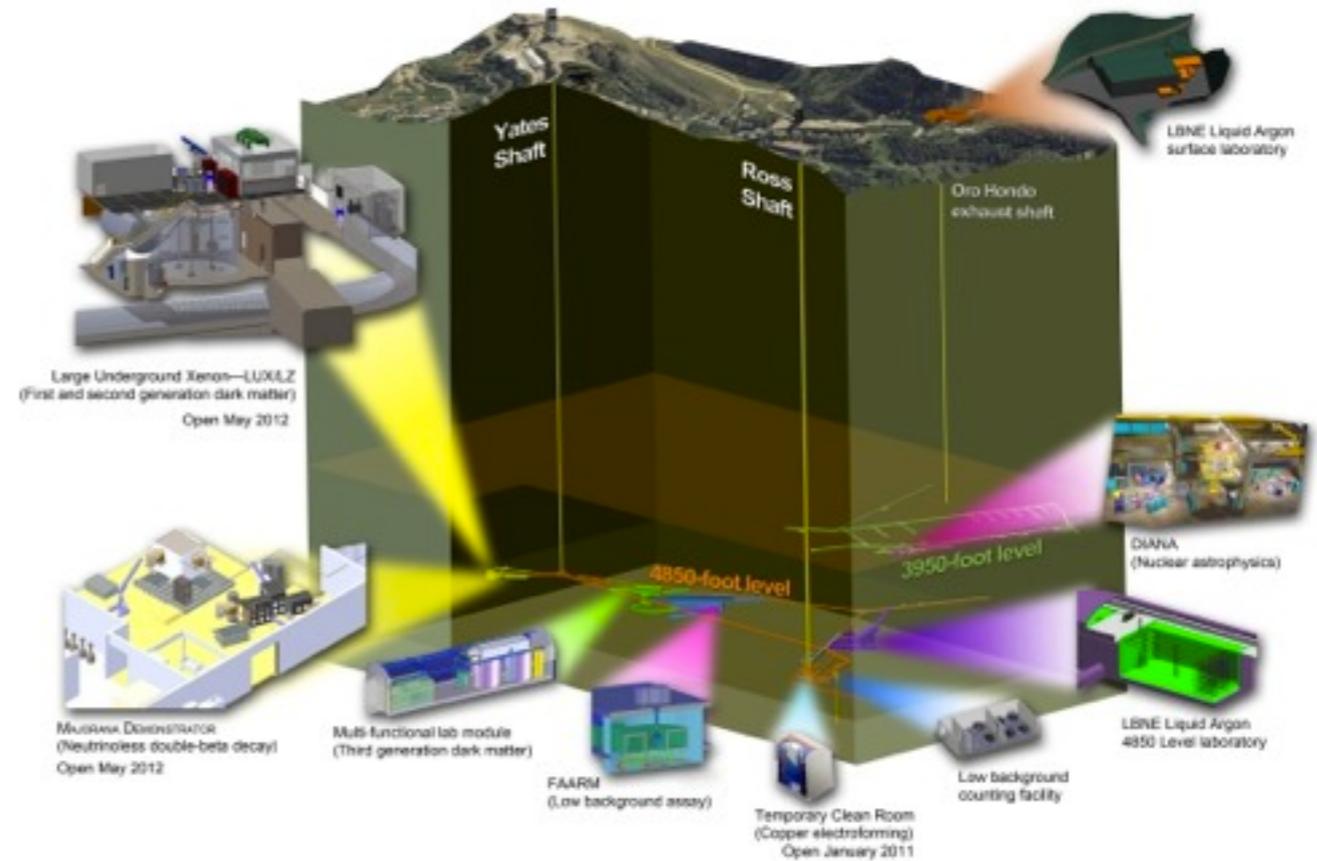
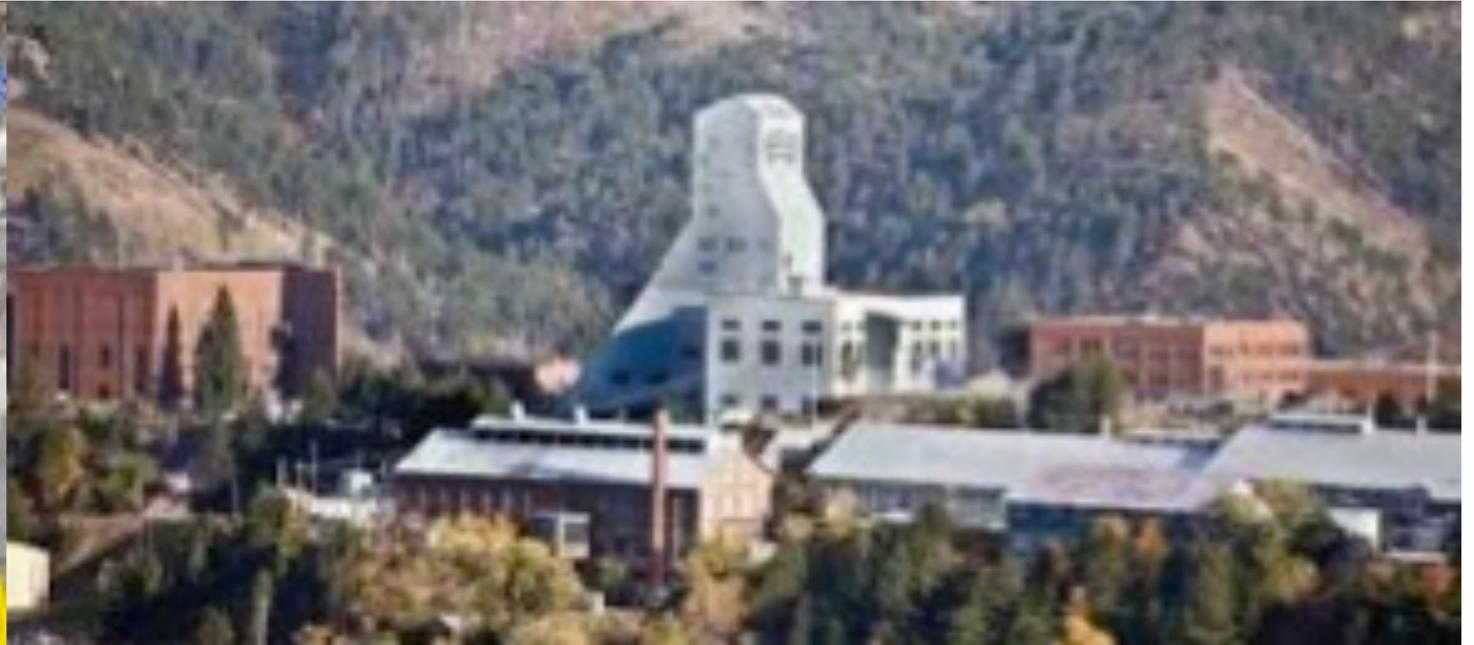
Cathode grid

Bottom PMT array

59 cm

49 cm

LUX Benefits from an Exceptional Lab and Exceptional Lab Support



The LUX Collaboration: ~100 researchers from 17 institutions



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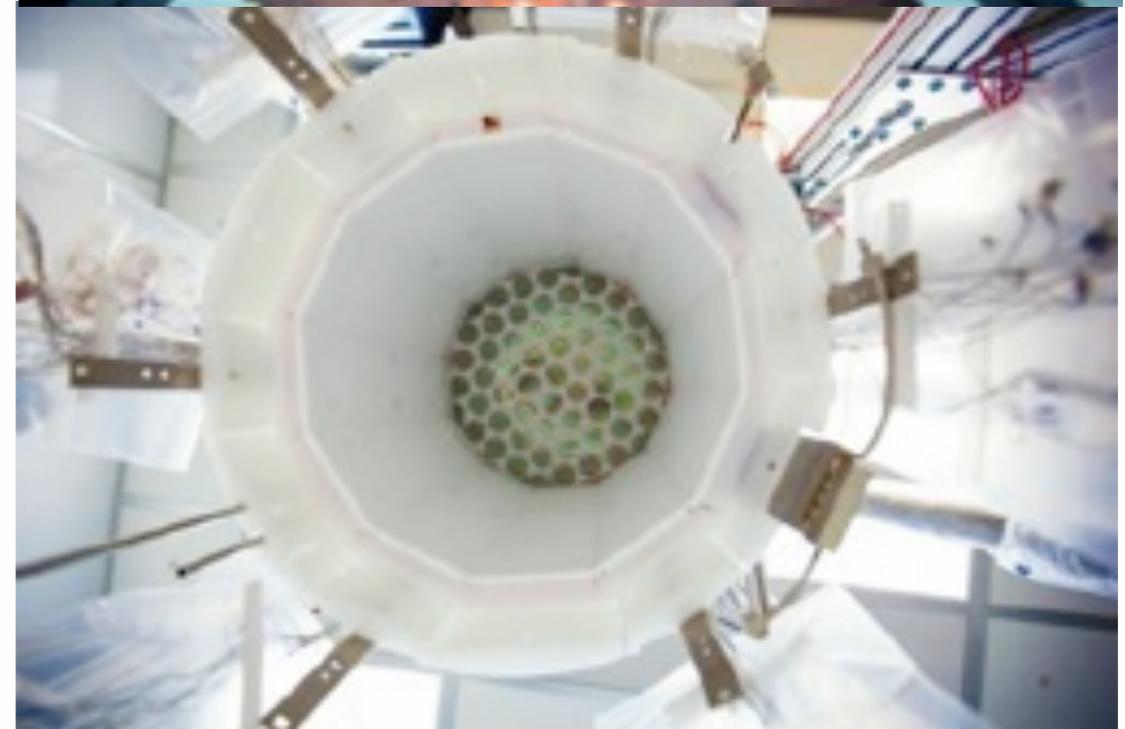
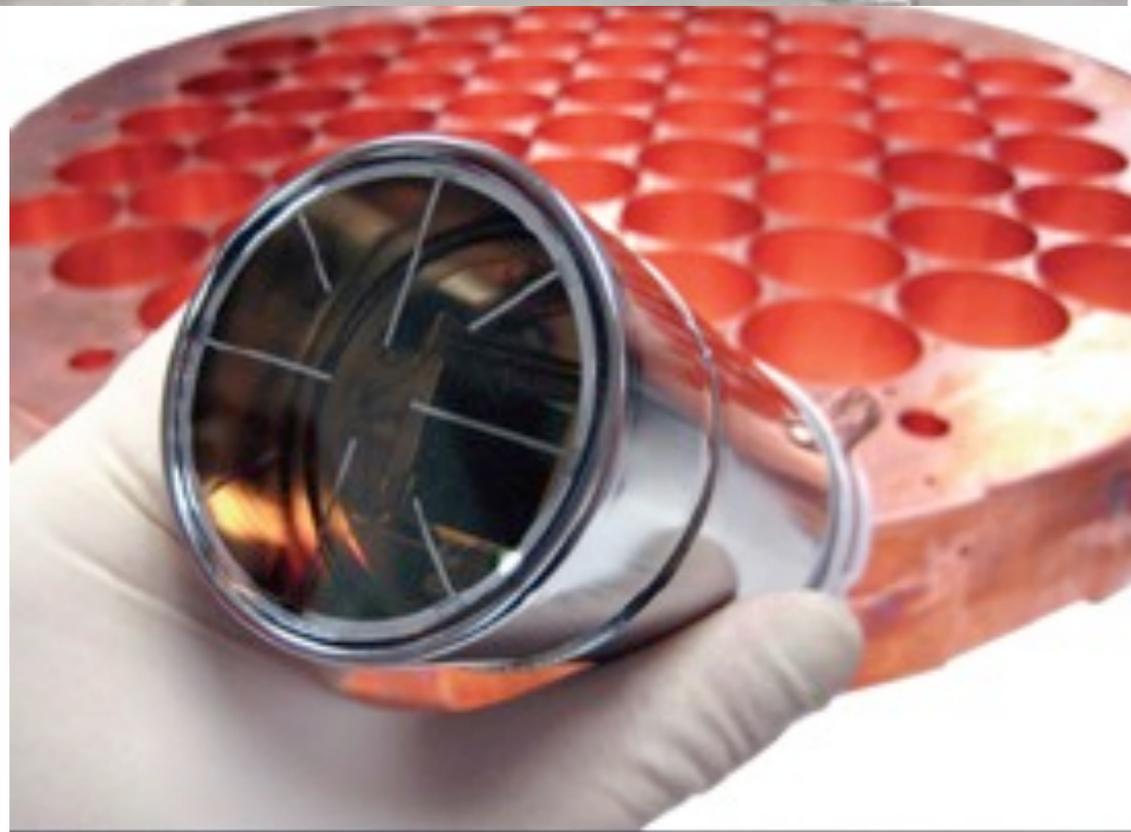
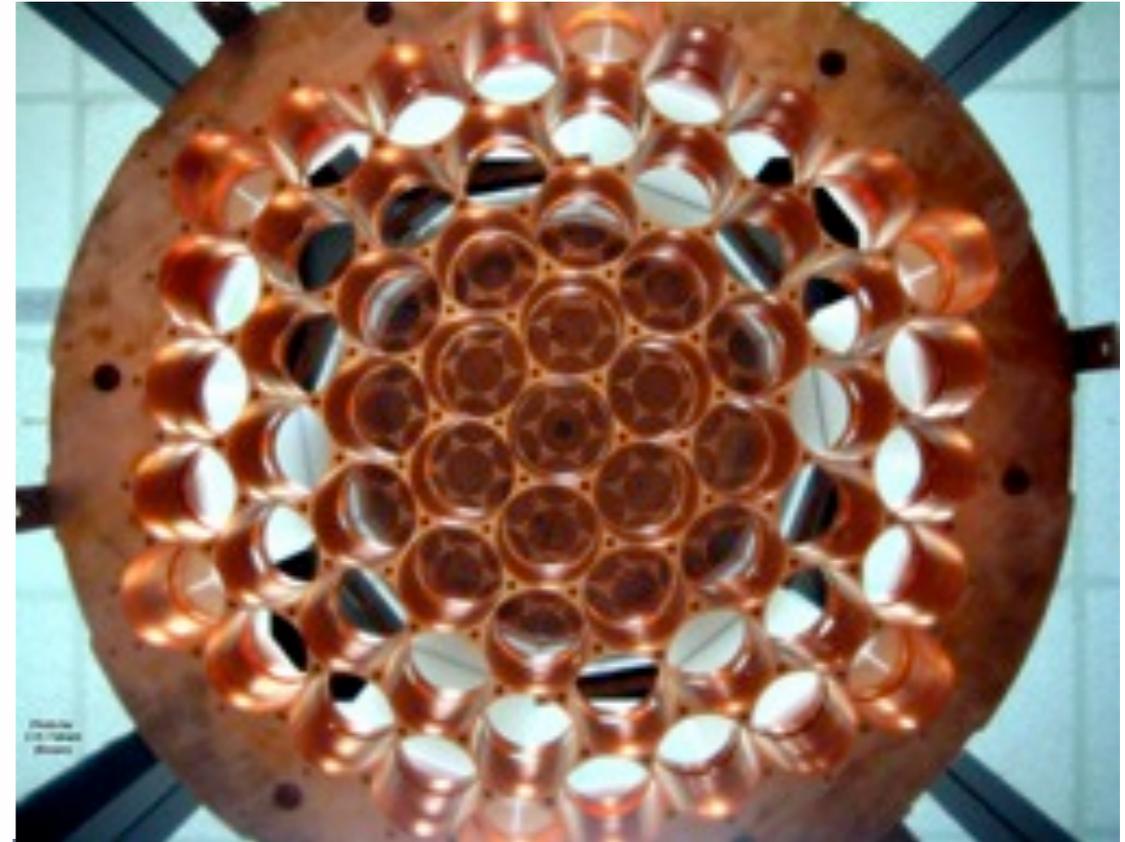
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In Memoriam – Dr. James White

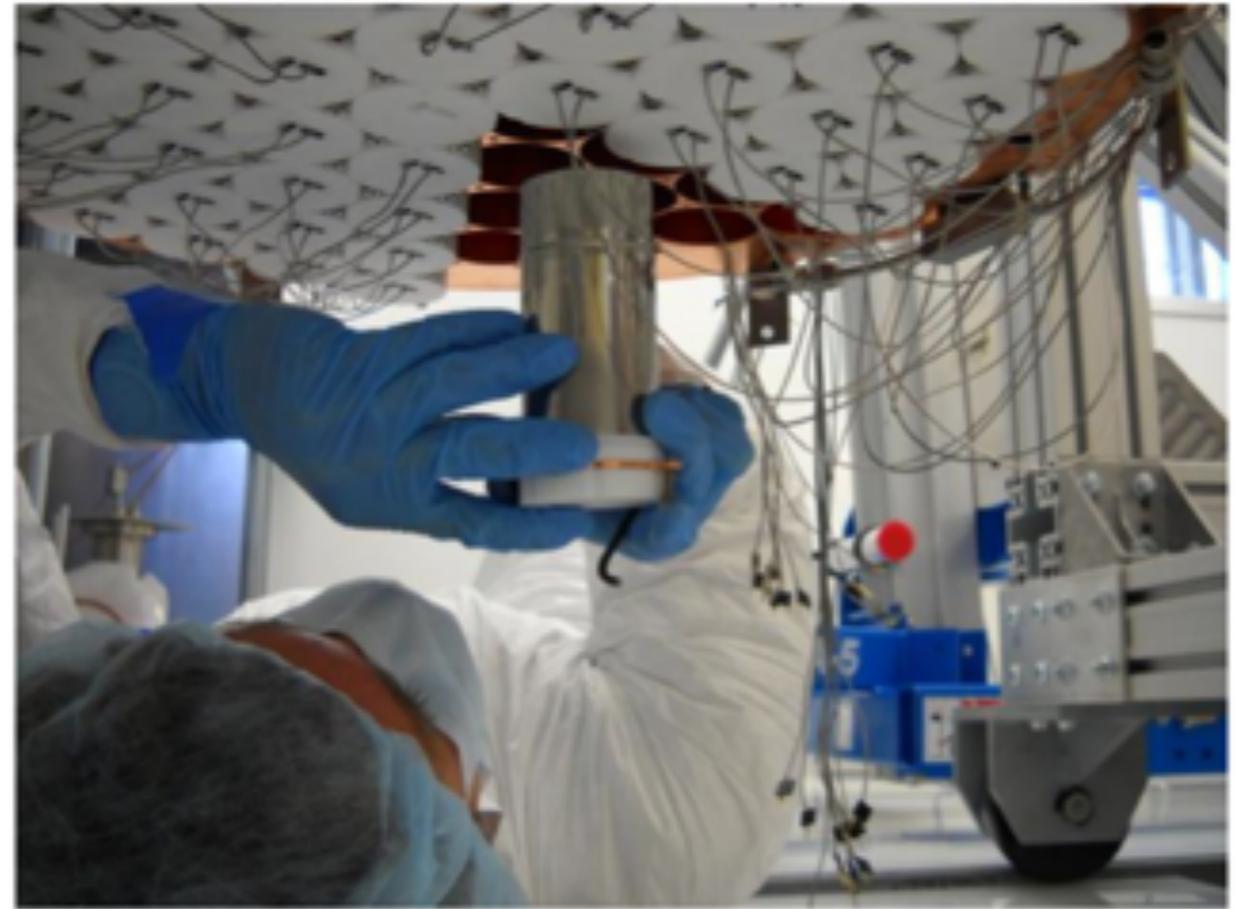
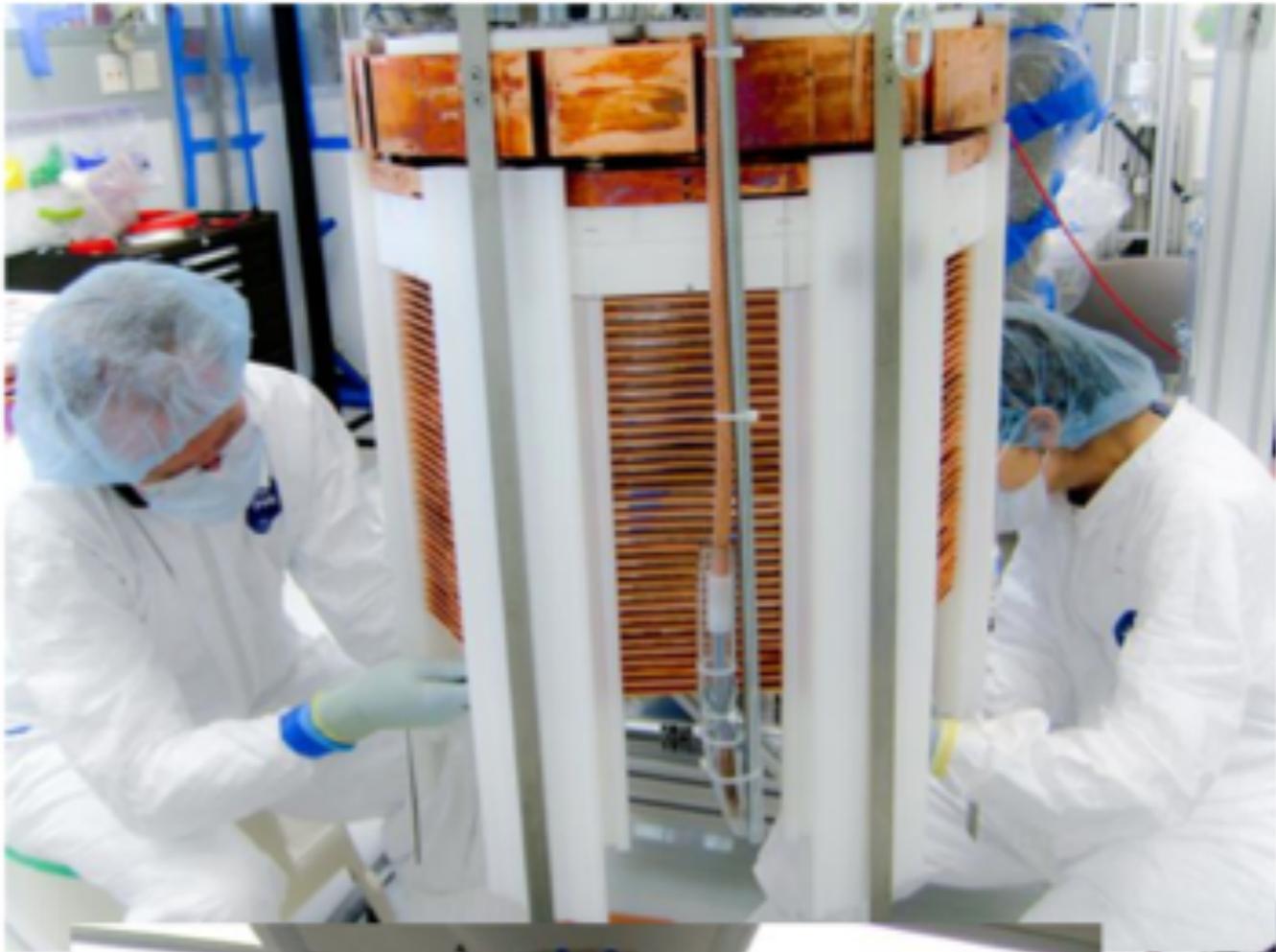


A key innovator in xenon dark matter detector technology, a creator of LUX, and a dearly missed colleague

LUX – the Instrument



LUX Construction

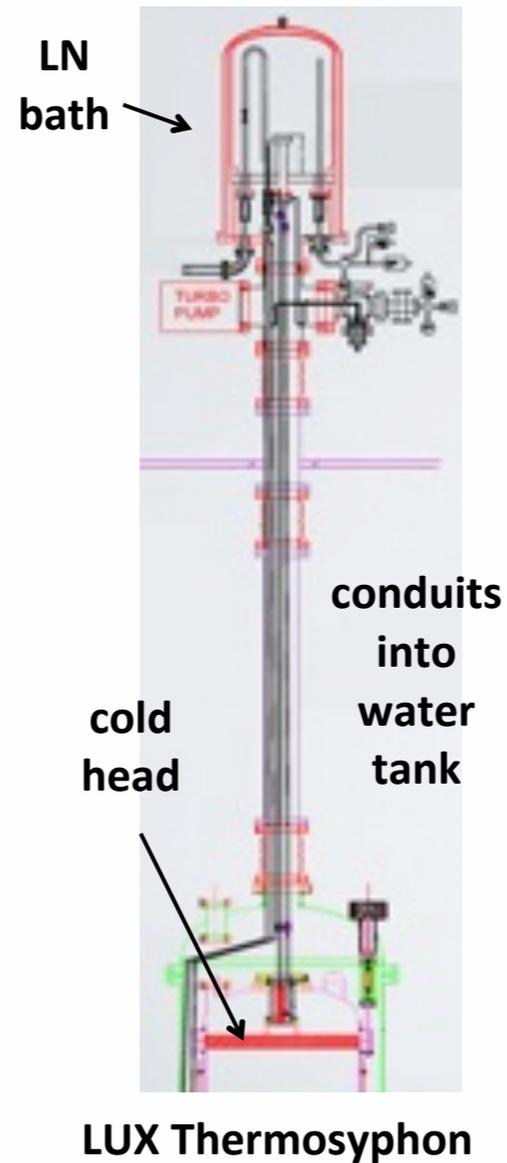


LUX – Supporting Systems

Xenon gas handling and sampling



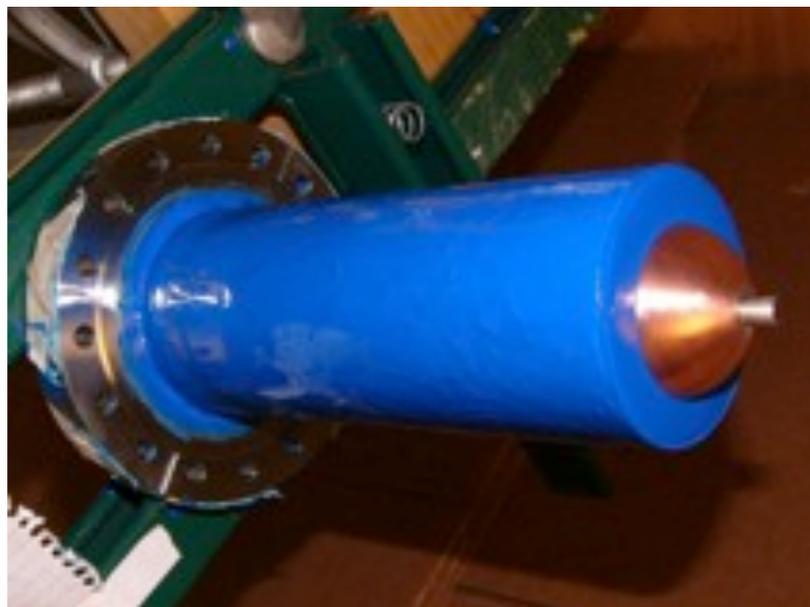
Thermosyphon cryogenics



Xe storage and recovery



Cathode HV feedthrough



LUX Timeline

LUX funded in 2008 by DOE and NSF

Above-ground laboratory completed at SURF in 2011

LUX assembled; above-ground commissioning runs completed

Underground laboratory completed at SURF in 2012.

LUX moves underground in July to its new home in the Davis cavern.

Detector cooldown and gas phase testing completed early February 2013

Xenon condensation completed mid February 2013

Detector commissioning completed April 2013

Initial (3-month) WIMP search. First results presented today!

Full year-long WIMP search to begin in 2014. Result in 2015

LUX Has Exceptional Technical Performance

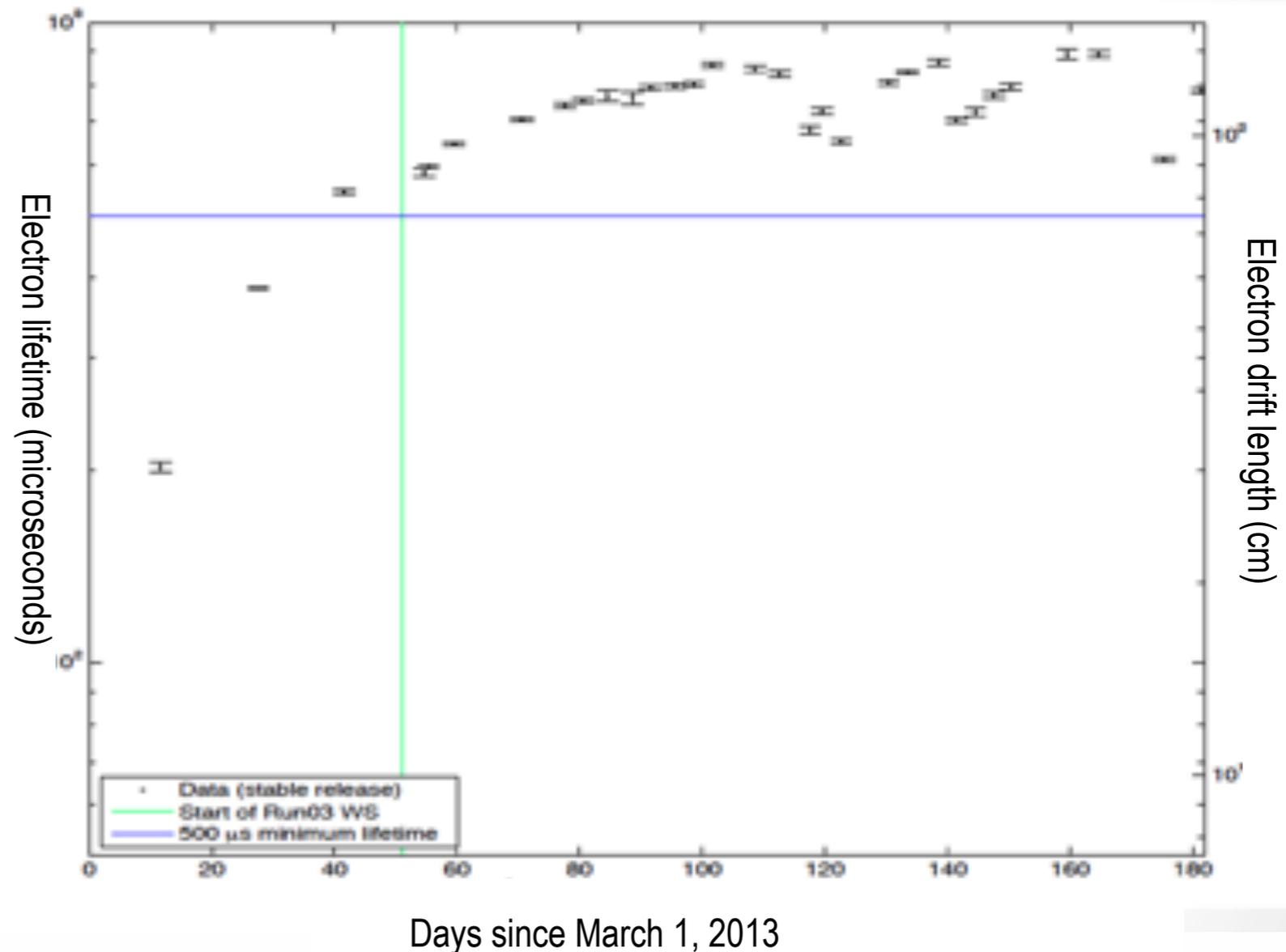
Low-energy electron recoil rate of $3e-3$ events/keV/kg/day.

Kr/Xe ratio of 3.5 ppt.

Electron drift length longer than 130 cm.

Light detection efficiency of 14%.

Electron recoil discrimination of 99.6%,
with drift field of 181 V/cm.

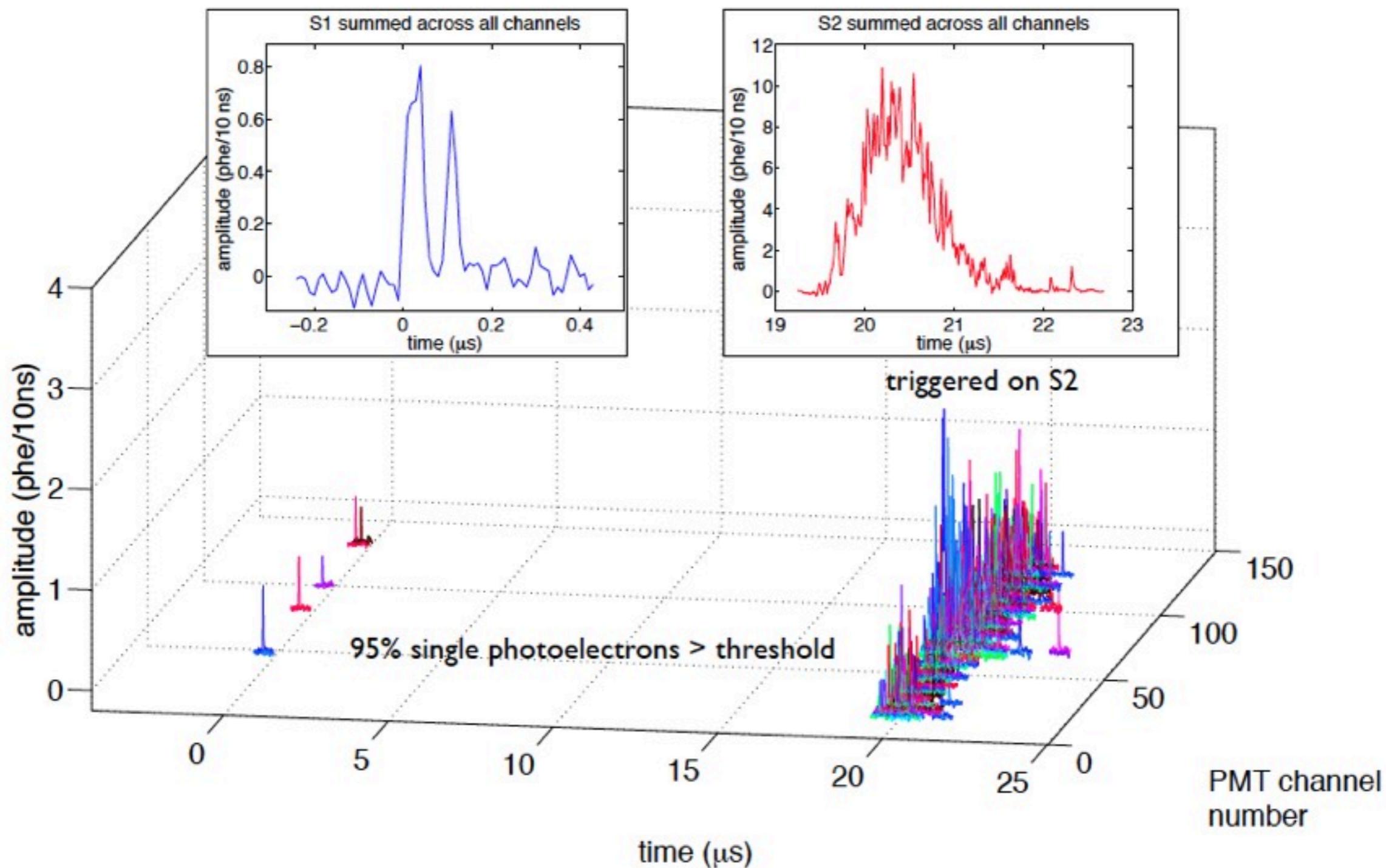


LUX installed in its water tank shield, a mile underground at SURF



Typical Event in LUX

1.5 keV gamma ray scattering event



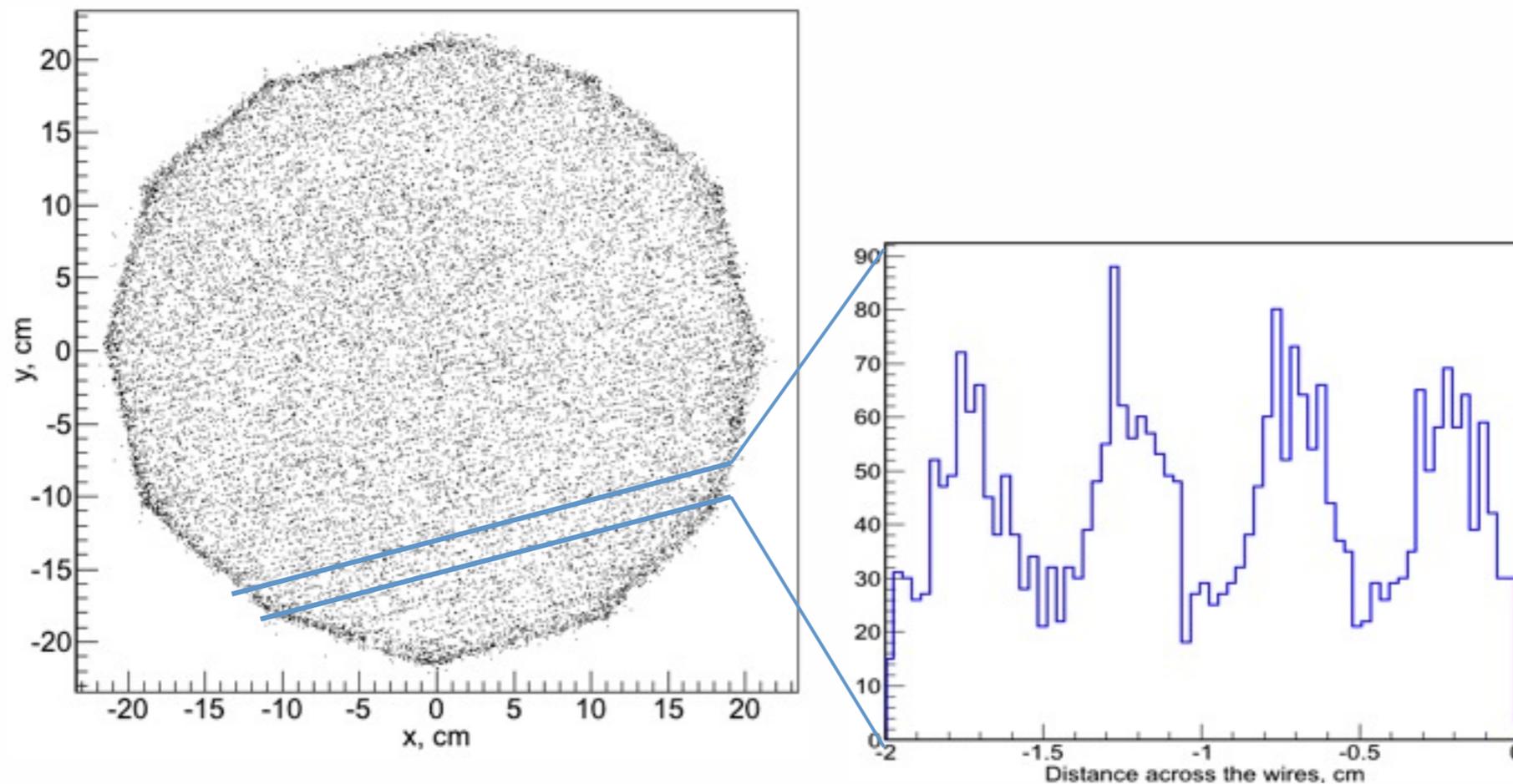
XYZ Position Reconstruction

Z coordinate is determined by the time between S1 and S2 (electron drift speed of 1.51 mm/microsecond)

Light Response Functions (LRFs) are found by iteratively fitting the distribution of S2 signal for each PMT.

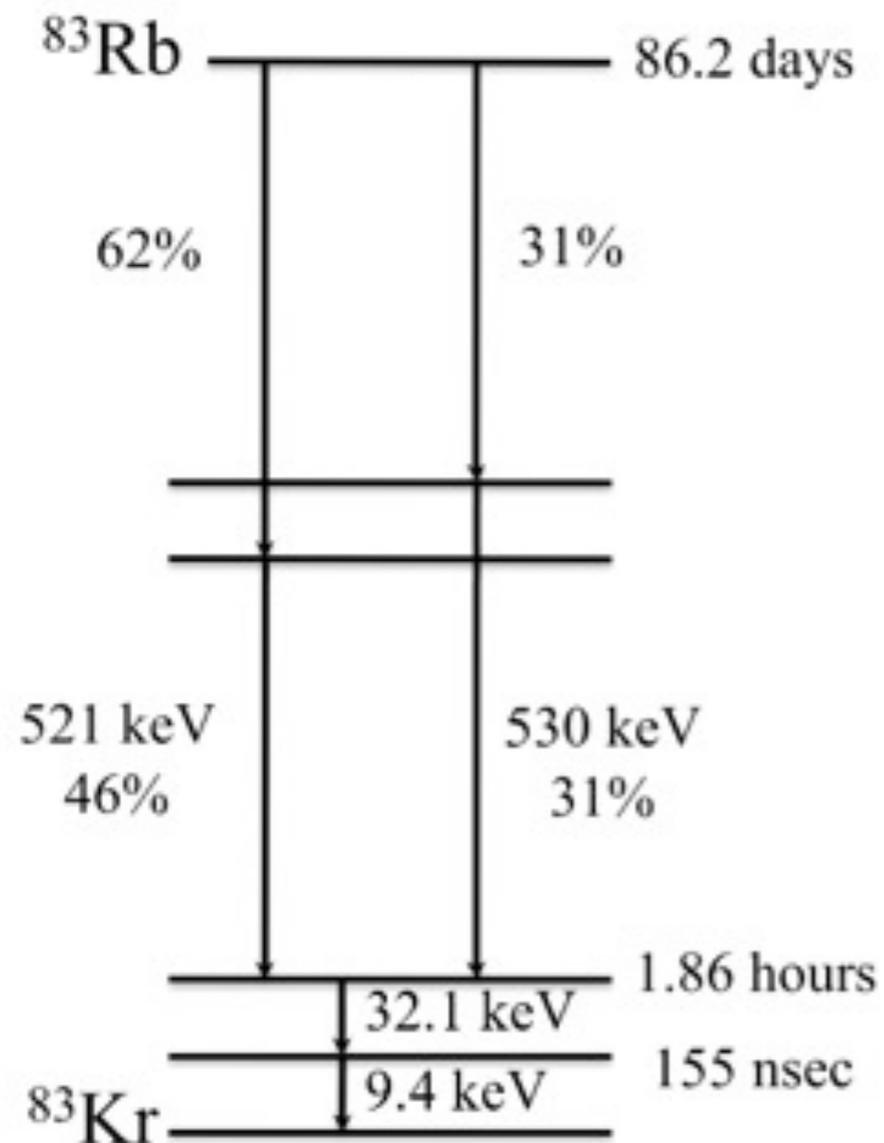
XY position is determined by fitting the S2 hit pattern relative to the LRFs.

Reconstruction of XY from events near the anode grid resolves grid wires with 5 mm pitch.



Kr-83m Calibration

- Rb-83 produces Kr-83m when it decays; this krypton gas can then be flushed into the LUX gas system to calibrate the detector as a function of position.
- Provides reliable, efficient, homogeneous calibration of both S1 and S2 signals, which then decays away in a few hours, restoring low-background operation..



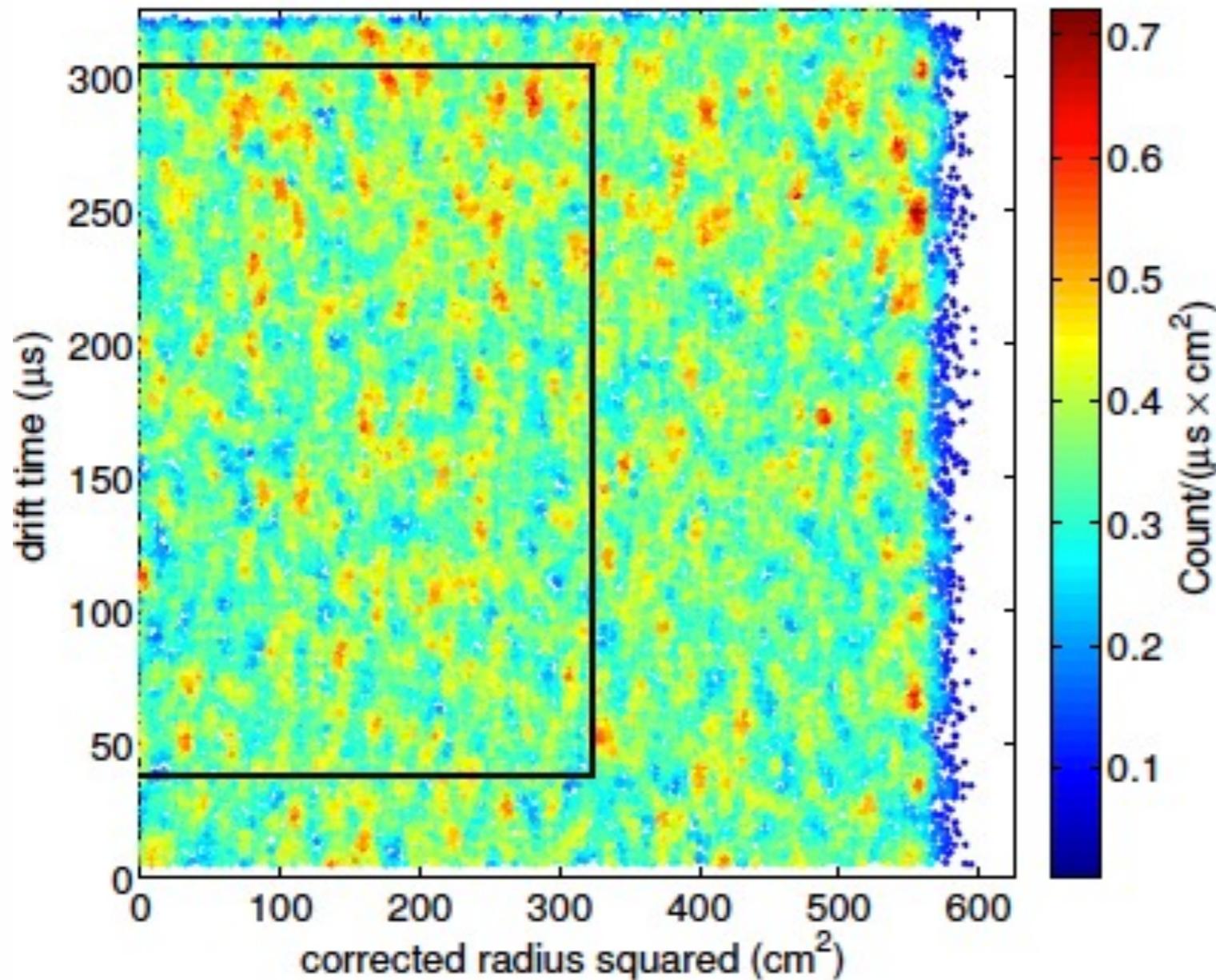
Kr-83m source (Rb-83 coated on charcoal, within xenon gas plumbing)



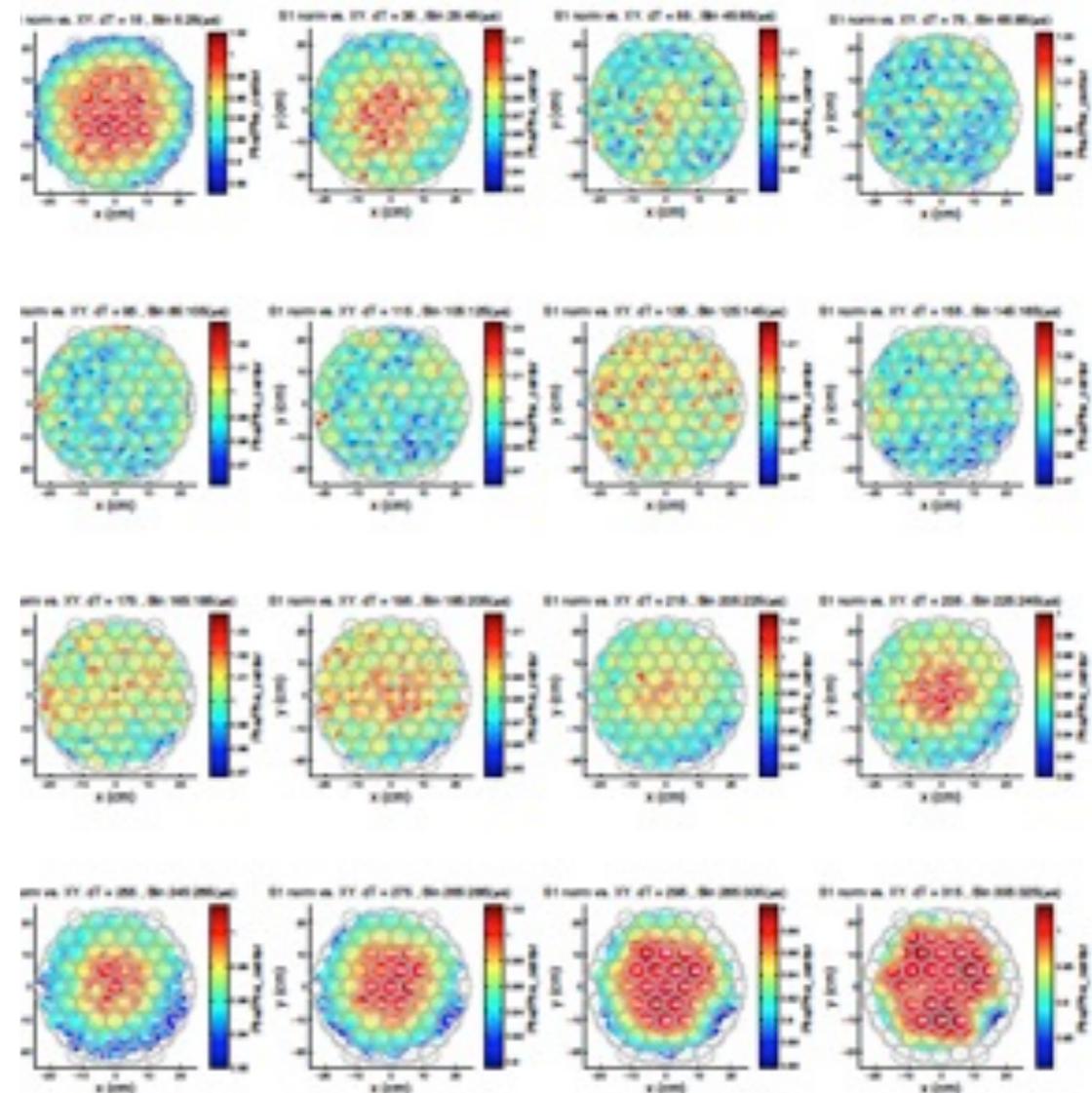
Kr-83m Calibration

- Over 1 million Kr-83m events, spread uniformly through the detector.

Fiducial volume determination



Position-based S1 corrections

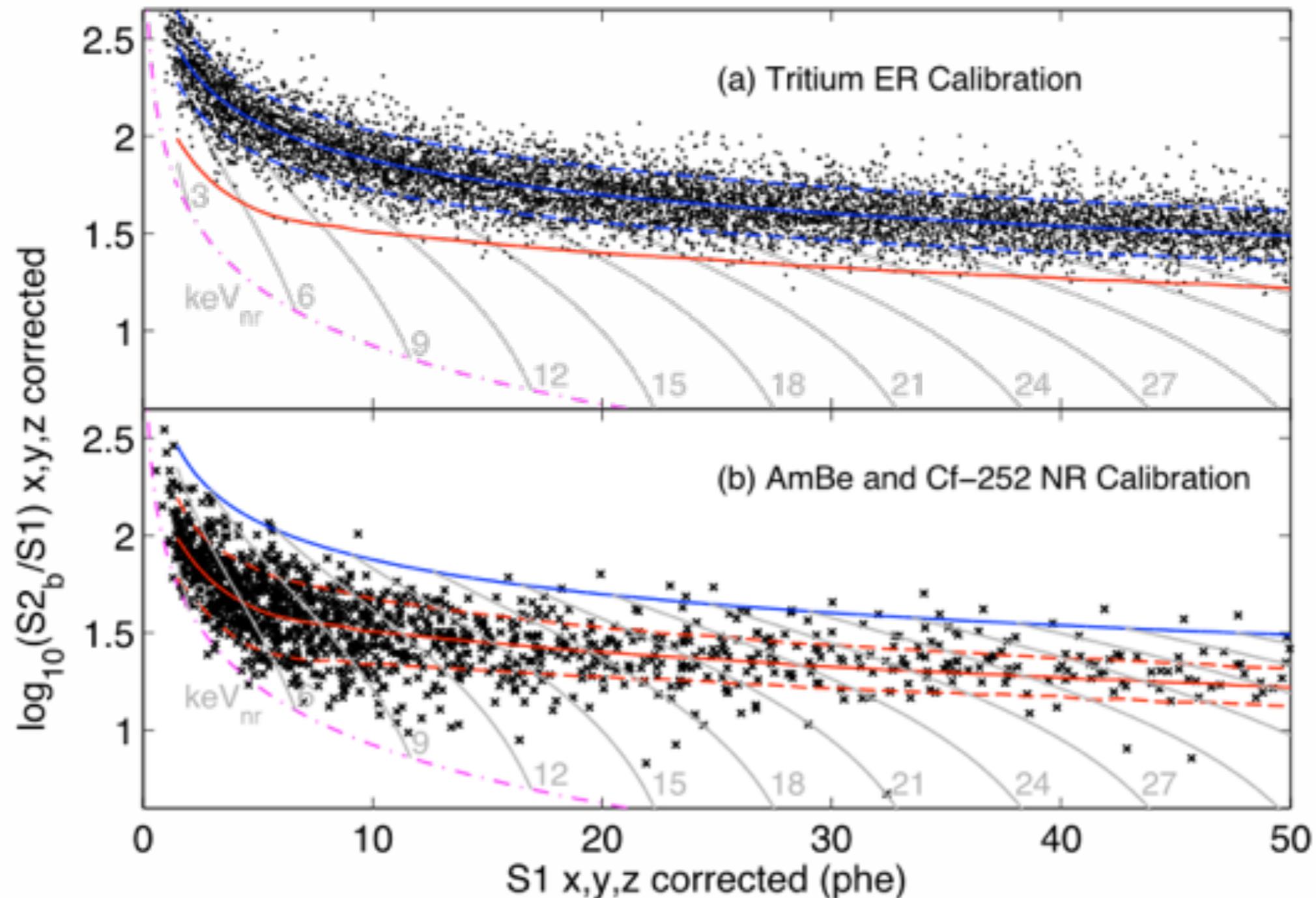


Tritiated Methane Calibration

- LUX uses tritiated methane, doped into the detector, to accurately calibrate the efficiency of background rejection.
- This beta source (endpoint energy 18 keV) allows electron recoil S2/S1 band calibration with unprecedented accuracy
- The tritiated methane is then fully removed by circulating the xenon through the getter
- Parametrization of the electron recoil band from the high-statistics tritiated methane data is then used to characterize the background model.

Electron Recoil and Nuclear Recoil Bands

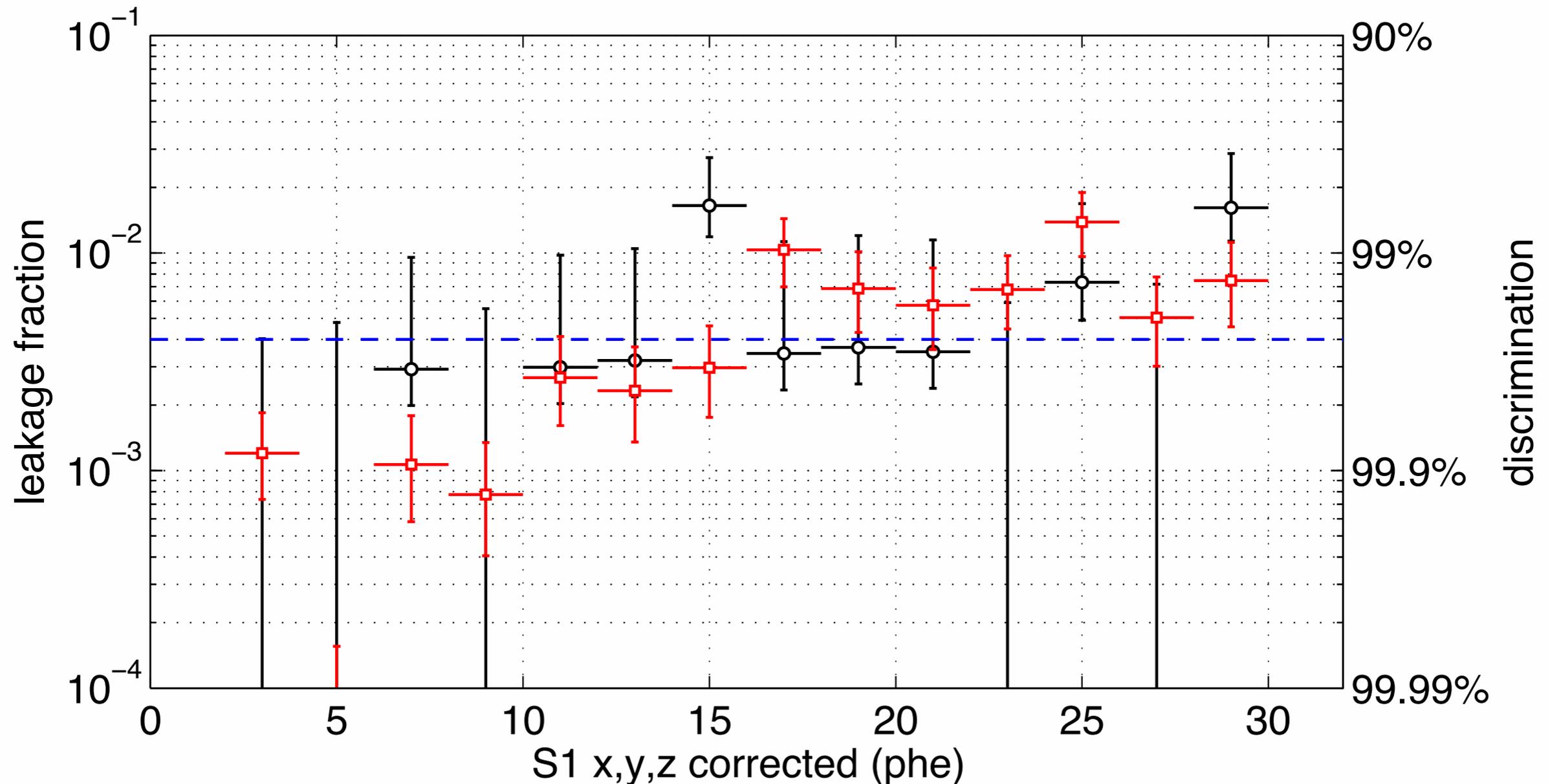
Tritium provides very high statistics electron recoil calibration (200 events/phe)
Neutron calibration is consistent with NEST + simulations



Gray contours indicate constant energies using a S1-S2 combined energy scale

Electron Recoil Discrimination

Average discrimination from 2-30 S1 photoelectrons measured to be 99.6% (with 50% nuclear recoil acceptance)

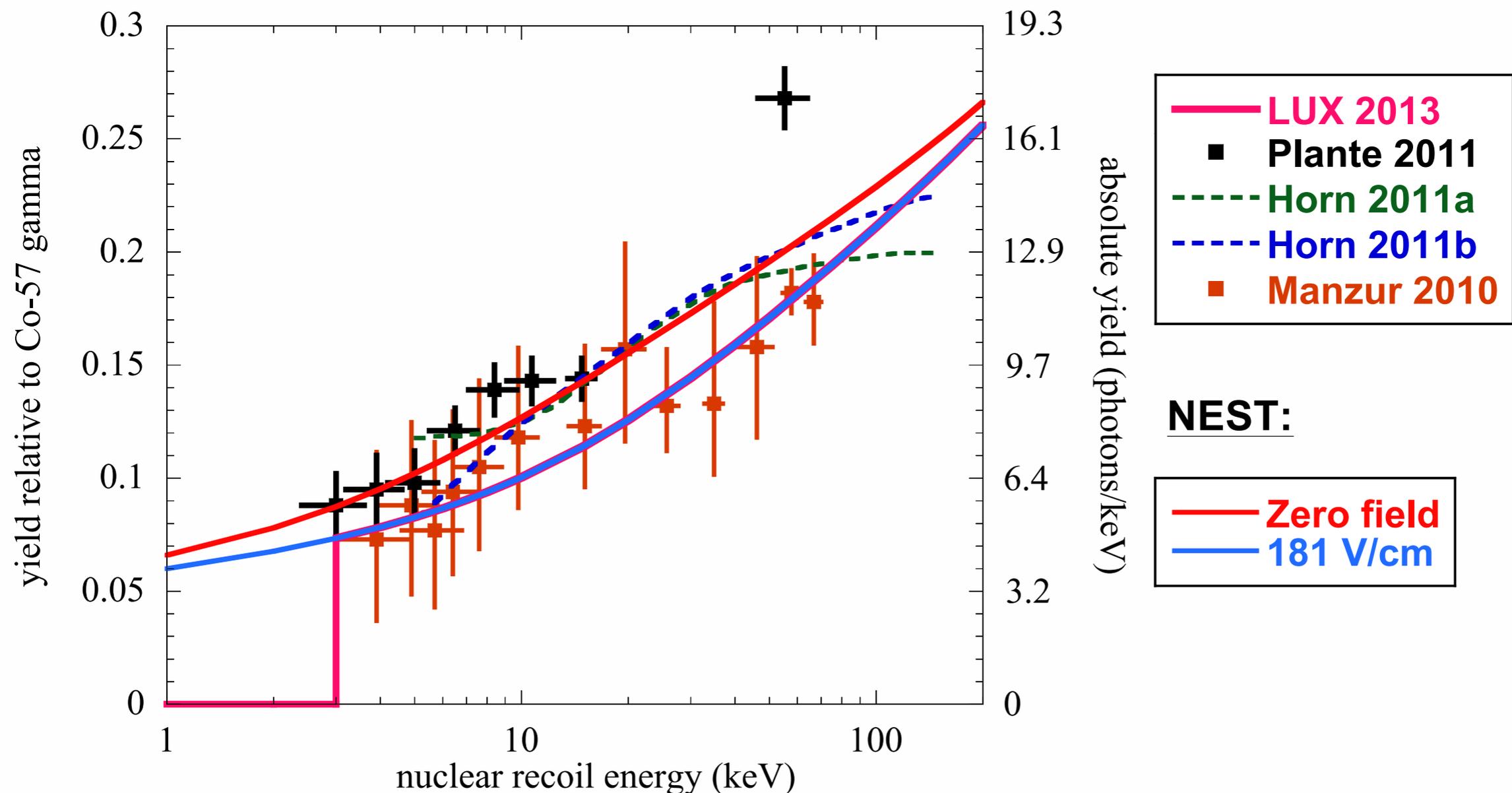


Black circles show leakage from counting events from the dataset

Red circles show projections of Gaussian fits below the nuclear recoil band mean

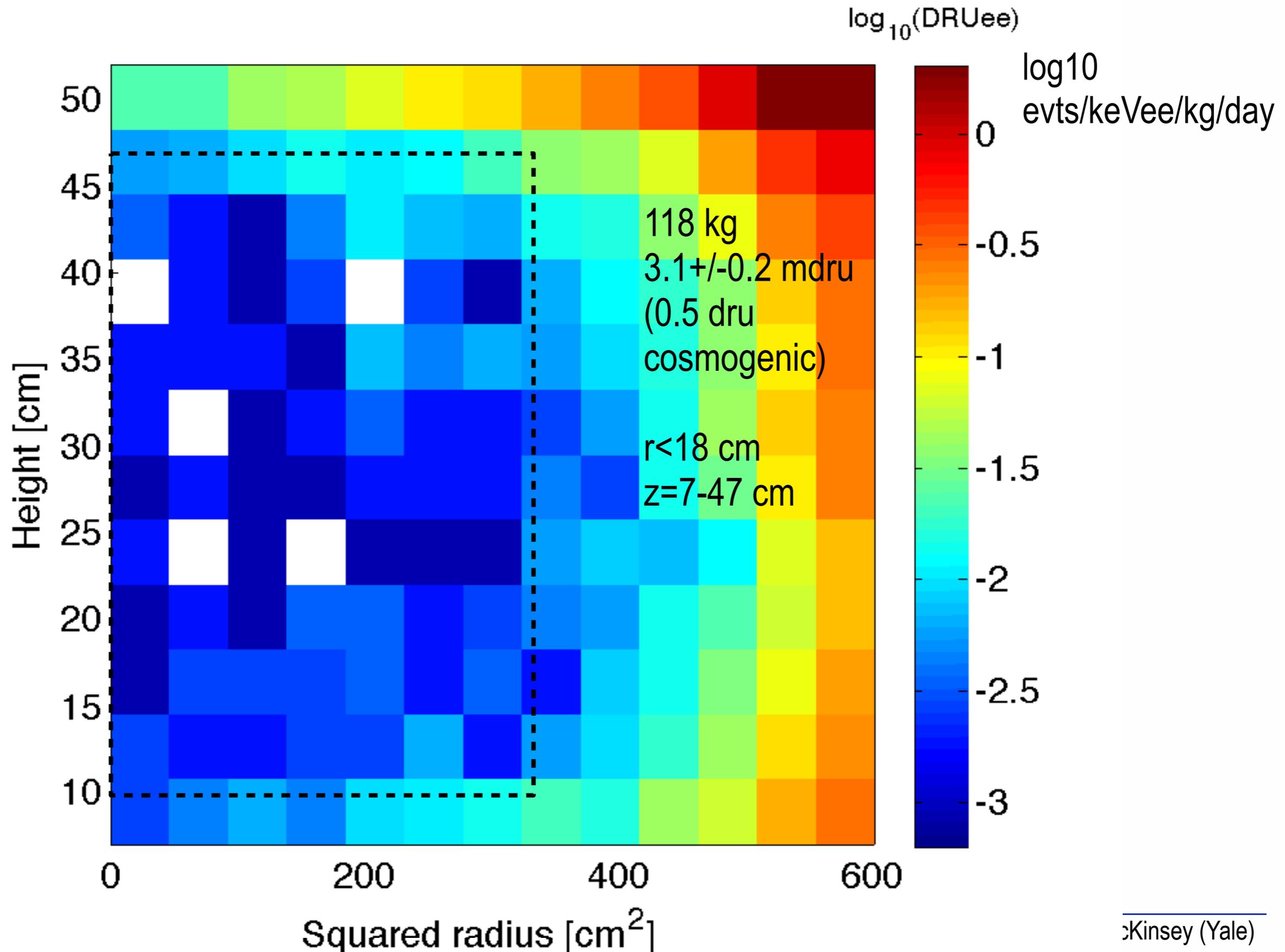
Light and Charge Yields in LUX

- Modeled Using Noble Element Simulation Technique (NEST).
- NEST based on canon of existing experimental data.
- Artificial cutoff in light and charge yields assumed below 3 keVnr, to be conservative.
- Includes predicted electric field quenching of light signal, to 77-82% of the zero field light yield

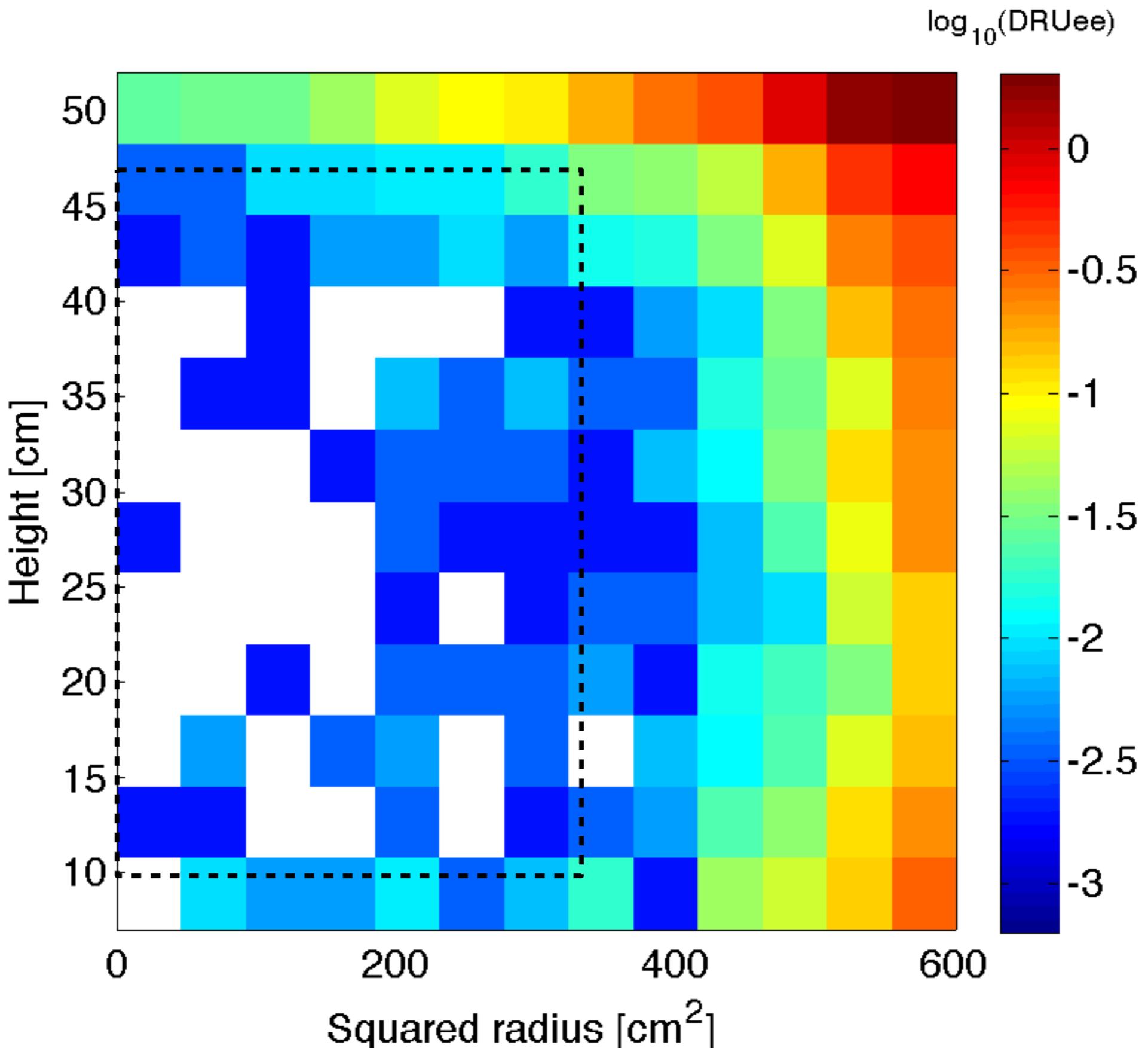


The center of LUX, measured at low energies,
is the radioactively quietest place in the world.

Total Electron Recoil Event Rate <5 keVee



And it continues to get quieter - Xe Cosmogenic Activity cools (rate in 44 days)



How Quiet is it in the LUX Detector?

When we ran it above ground the energy being deposited in the detector can be thought of as:

Standing in the middle of the Super Bowl at the start of a game and listening to the noise generated by 75,000 people clapping for their team (twice a second)

Once we took LUX underground the energy deposited by backgrounds in the inner Fiducial Volume at the center of the detector becomes:

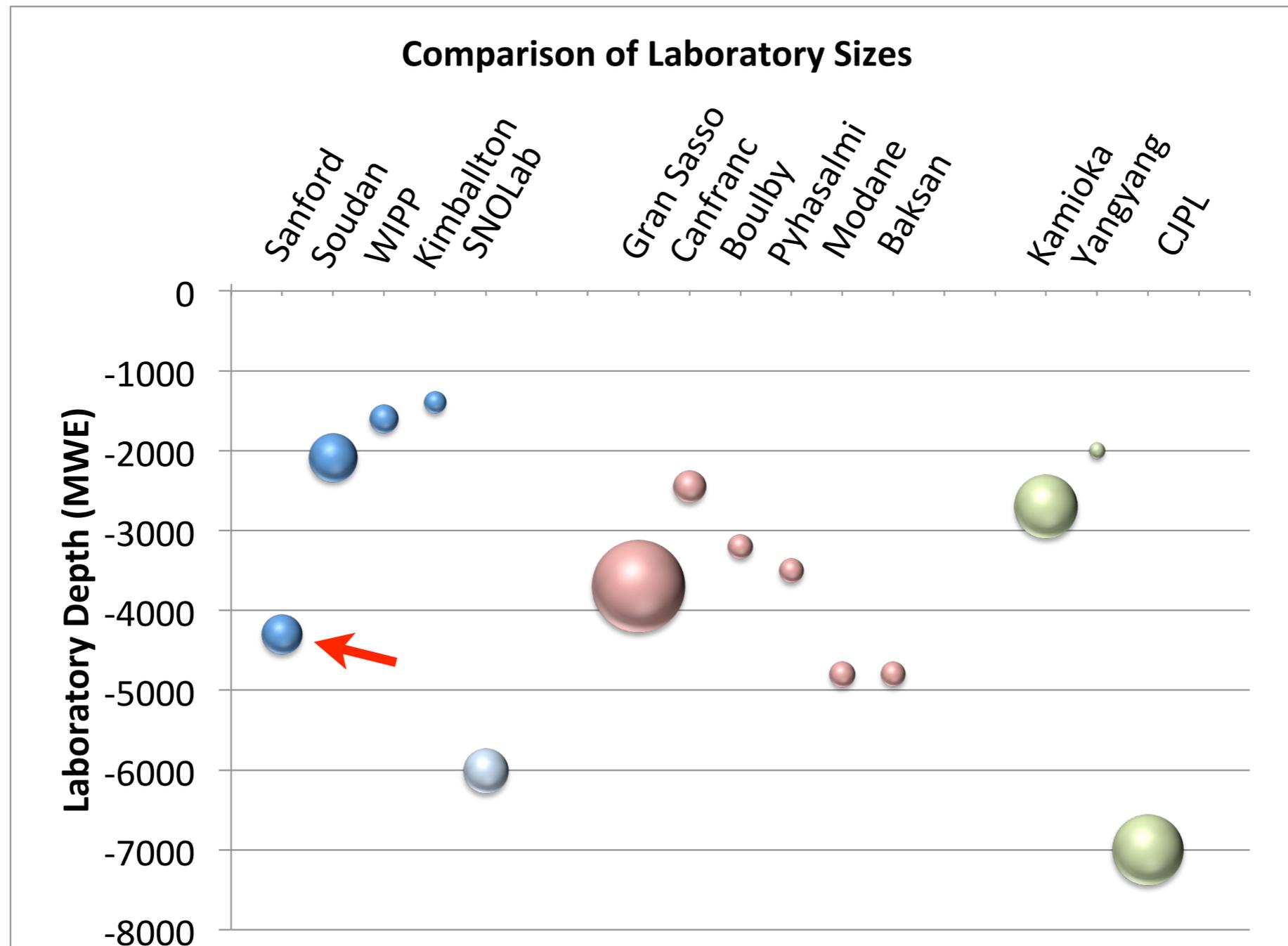
Listening to one person clapping from the stands every 1 minute

The WIMP signal is even lower energy:

It is like listening for someone taking the occasional a breath

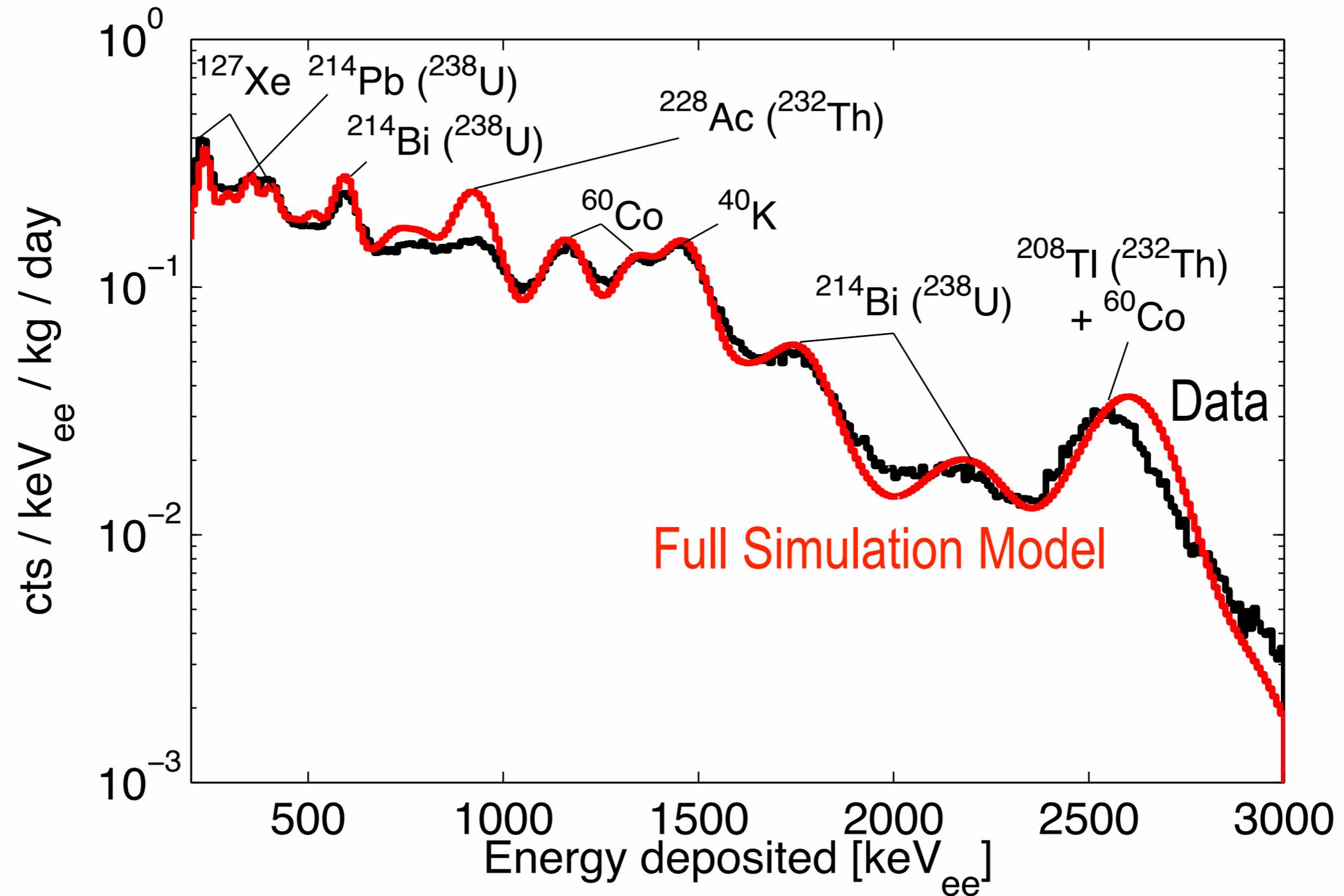
4850ft Depth Reduces Muon Flux by 3 million

- At Sanford Lab LUX's first run we don't have to worry about signals from subterranean muons



LUX High Energy Gamma Background in 220 kg

- Full gamma Spectrum, excluding region ± 2 cm from top/bottom grids

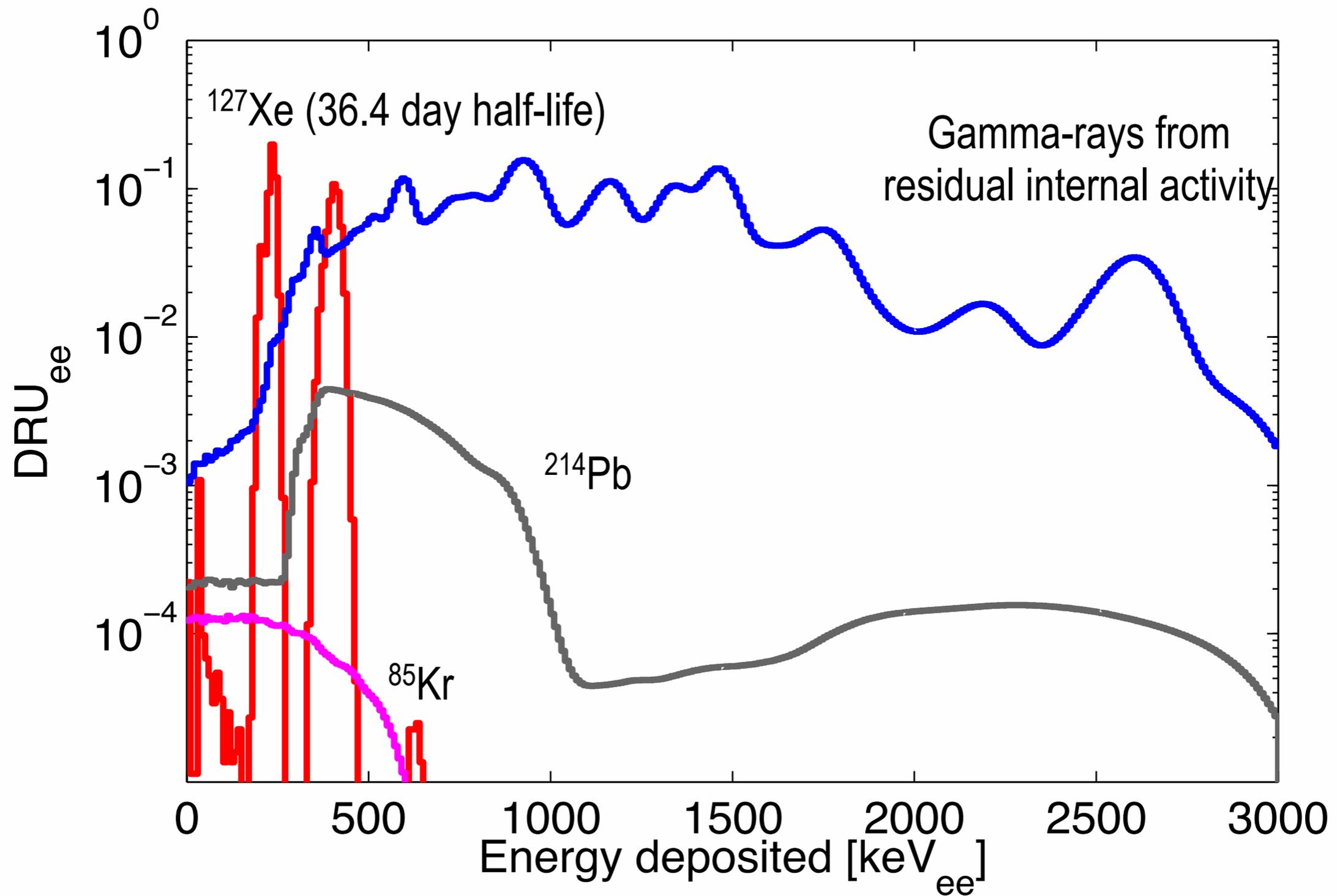


Background Summary for 118 kg Fiducial

- Average levels over period April-August WIMP Search Run

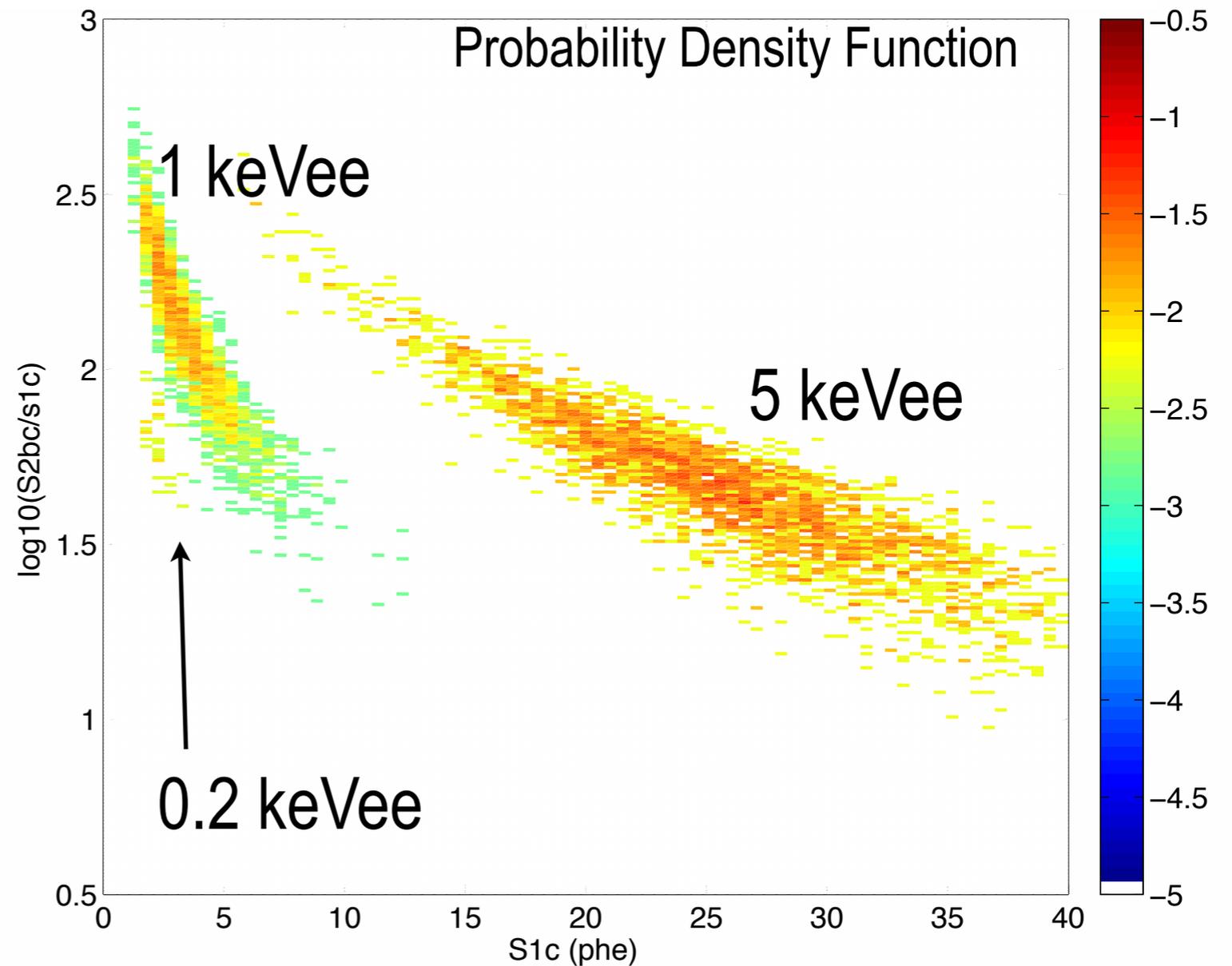
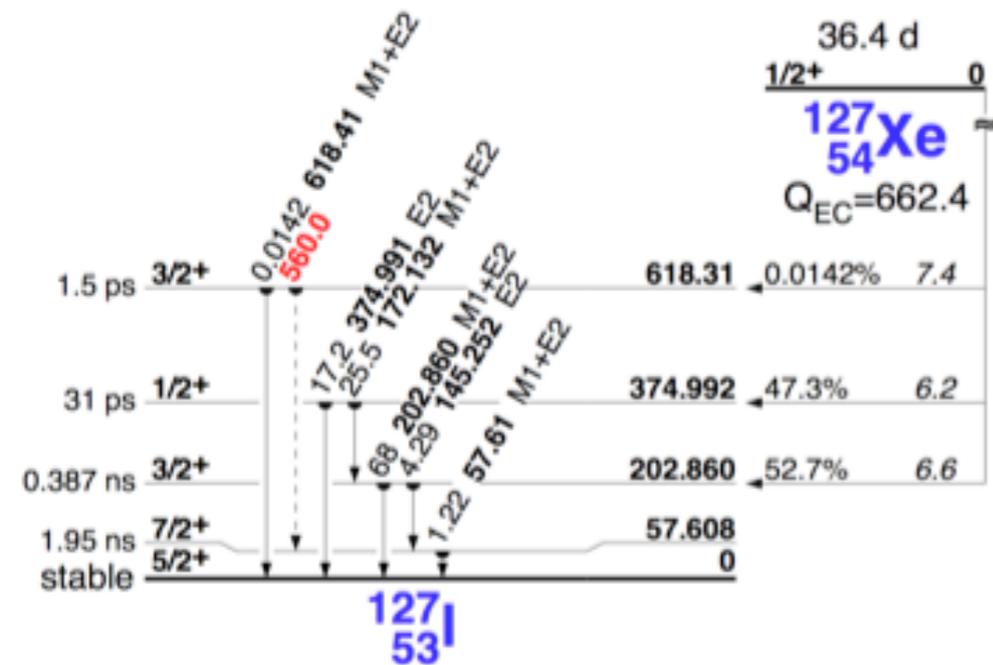
Background Component	Source	$10^{-3} \times \text{evts/keVee/kg/day}$
Gamma-rays	Internal Components including PMTS (80%), Cryostat, Teflon	$1.8 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.3_{\text{sys}}$
^{127}Xe (36.4 day half-life)	Cosmogenic 0.87 \rightarrow 0.28 during run	$0.5 \pm 0.02_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.1_{\text{sys}}$
^{214}Pb	^{222}Rn	0.11-0.22 _(90% CL)
^{85}Kr	Reduced from 130 ppb to 3.5 ± 1 ppt	$0.13 \pm 0.07_{\text{sys}}$
Predicted	Total	$2.6 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.4_{\text{sys}}$
Observed	Total	$3.1 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}}$

Full Background Model Fits ER Data Over Entire Range



127Xe Electron Capture - Simulation

- x-ray line emission in center of detector following full escape of gamma associated with nuclear excited state



LUX WIMP Search Summary - How did you spend your summer?

- April 21 - August 8, 2013 - 110 calendar days
 - ◆ 85.3 live days of WIMP Search
 - ◆ 118.3+/-6.5 kg fiducial mass
- Calibrations
 - ◆ Frequent injected ^{83m}Kr calibration to correct for any S1 or S2 gain shifts
 - ◆ AmBe&Cf calibrations+Sims to define NR band
 - ◆ Injected Tritiated Methane defines full ER band at all relevant energies
- Efficiency
 - ◆ Efficiency for WIMP event detection was studied using data from calibration sets using multiple techniques and all were all shown to be consistent with one another

“The Sensitivity of a Dark Matter Experiment Scales as its Mass”

“The problems scale as its Surface Area”

LUX WIMP Search Summary /2

• Data Analysis and Blinding Discussion

- ◆ The Xe Target inner fiducial volume is very simple, it sits inside a larger volume of Xe with only a “virtual” surface dividing them
 - Modeling of extrinsic and intrinsic background signals in large monolithic Xe volume has low systematics
- ◆ No blinding was imposed for the first WIMP data analysis
 - We aimed to apply minimum set of cuts in order to reduce any tuning of event cuts/acceptance.
 - The cuts list is very short ...
- ◆ Fiducial Volume was selected based on requirement to keep low energy events from grid and teflon surface out of WS data. Primarily alpha-decay events.
 - Low energy alpha-parent nuclear recoil events generate small S2 + S1 events. Studies position reconstruction resolution. Tested using data outside WIMP search S1 energy range. This ensured that position reconstruction for sets were similar, and definition of fiducial was not biased.
- ◆ Use of Profile Likelihood Ratio (PLR) analysis means we don't have to draw acceptance boxes
 - This avoids potential bias in data analysis from selecting regions in S1,S2 signal-space
- ◆ Inputs for Profile Likelihood Ratio analysis were developed using high statistics in situ calibrations, with some simulations to cross check

Event & Cuts Summary: 85 live days

Cut	Explanation	Events Remaining
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Detector Stability	Cut periods of excursion for Xe Gas Pressure, Xe Liquid Level, Grid Voltages	82,918,901
Single Scatter Events	Identification of S1 and S2. Single Scatter cut.	6,585,686
S1 energy	Accept 2-30 phe (energy \sim 0.9-5.3 keVee, \sim 3-18 keVnr)	26,824
S2 energy	Accept 200-3300 phe (>8 extracted electrons) Removes single electron / small S2 edge events	20,989
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Drift Time Cut away from grids	Cutting away from cathode and gate regions, $60 < \text{drift time} < 324$ us	8731
Fiducial Volume radius and drift cut	Radius < 18 cm, $38 < \text{drift time} < 305$ us, 118 kg fiducial	160

- ~11.5 Hz of S2-like triggers

- ◆ >99% efficiency for events $S2_{\text{area}} > 200$ phe

keVnr = keV nuclear recoil
keVee = keV electron equivalent

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- <0.8% of run time lost to instabilities

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- Primary method of defining energy range of analysis

- ◆ Note S1 analysis threshold of $S1_{\text{area}} \geq 2$ phe. Expected S1 for a 3 keVnr event is 1.94 phe.
- ◆ This threshold is very low, and provides high sensitivity over full WIMP mass range

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- Low energy efficiency is dominated by S1 acceptance
 - ◆ S2 area cut is looser constraint on WIMP energy range

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- The aftermath of large S2 events in the detector can lead to additional single electron events, for periods ~ 0.1 -1 ms afterwards
 - ◆ Events that coincide with periods of non-quiescence can be cut by simply demanding <4 extracted electron events (<100 phe) of spurious signal occurs during +/-0.5 ms around the primary S1 and S2 event
 - ◆ This cut causes < 0.8% dead time

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- ◆ Events from residual radioactivity on cathode and gate grids lead to significant number of events in energy region of interest. Use a simple drift time cut to remove them.

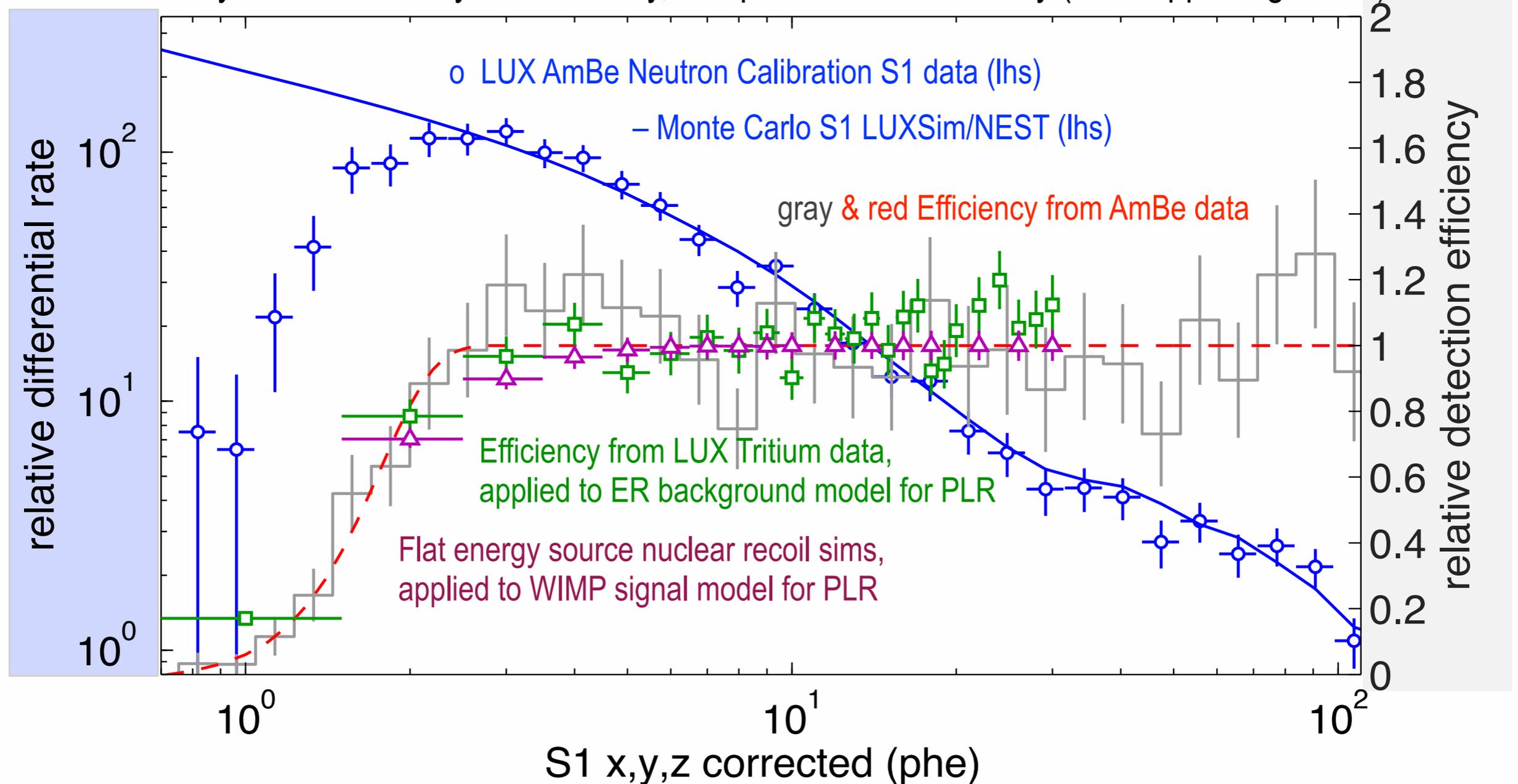
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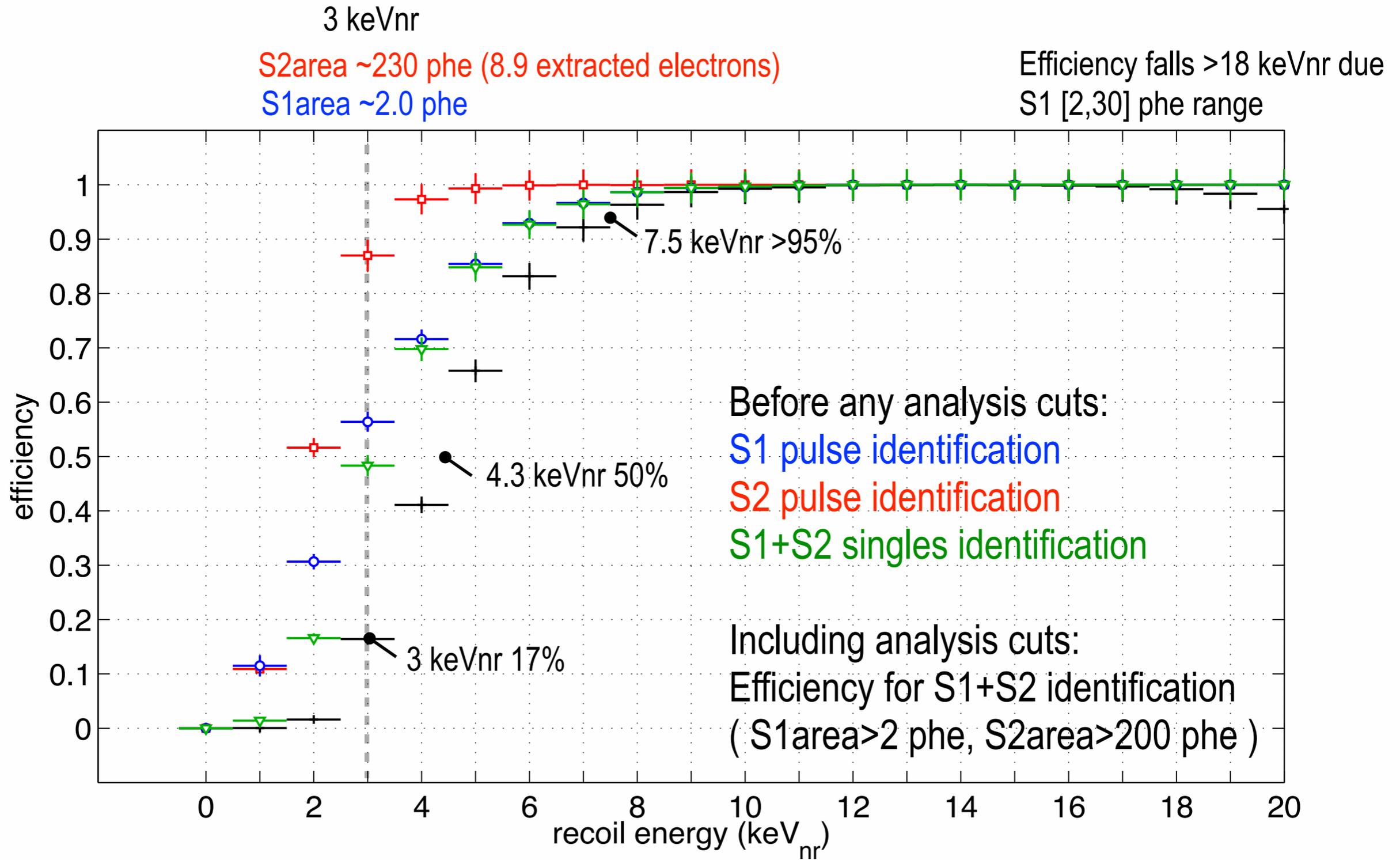
- Define a Fiducial Volume of 118 kg using combination of radius and drift time cut
 - ♦ Low energy alpha-parent nuclear recoil events generate small S2 + S1 events. The radius and drift time cuts were set using population of events which had S1's outside of the WIMP signal search range, but with S2's of a comparable size to lower S1 events in same population. This ensured that position reconstruction for sets were similar, and definition of fiducial was not biased.
- Cuts also remove corner regions where ER event rates are proportionally very high

S1 Efficiency For WIMP Detection

- S1 efficiency was studied in detail using
 - AmBe NR calibration
 - Tritiated-Methane calibration
 - Full Monte Carlo sim of NR events (S1+S2 processed by same analysis chain)
- Overall efficiency is dominated by S1 efficiency, compared to S2 efficiency (see supporting slides)



WIMP Detection Efficiency - True Recoil Energy

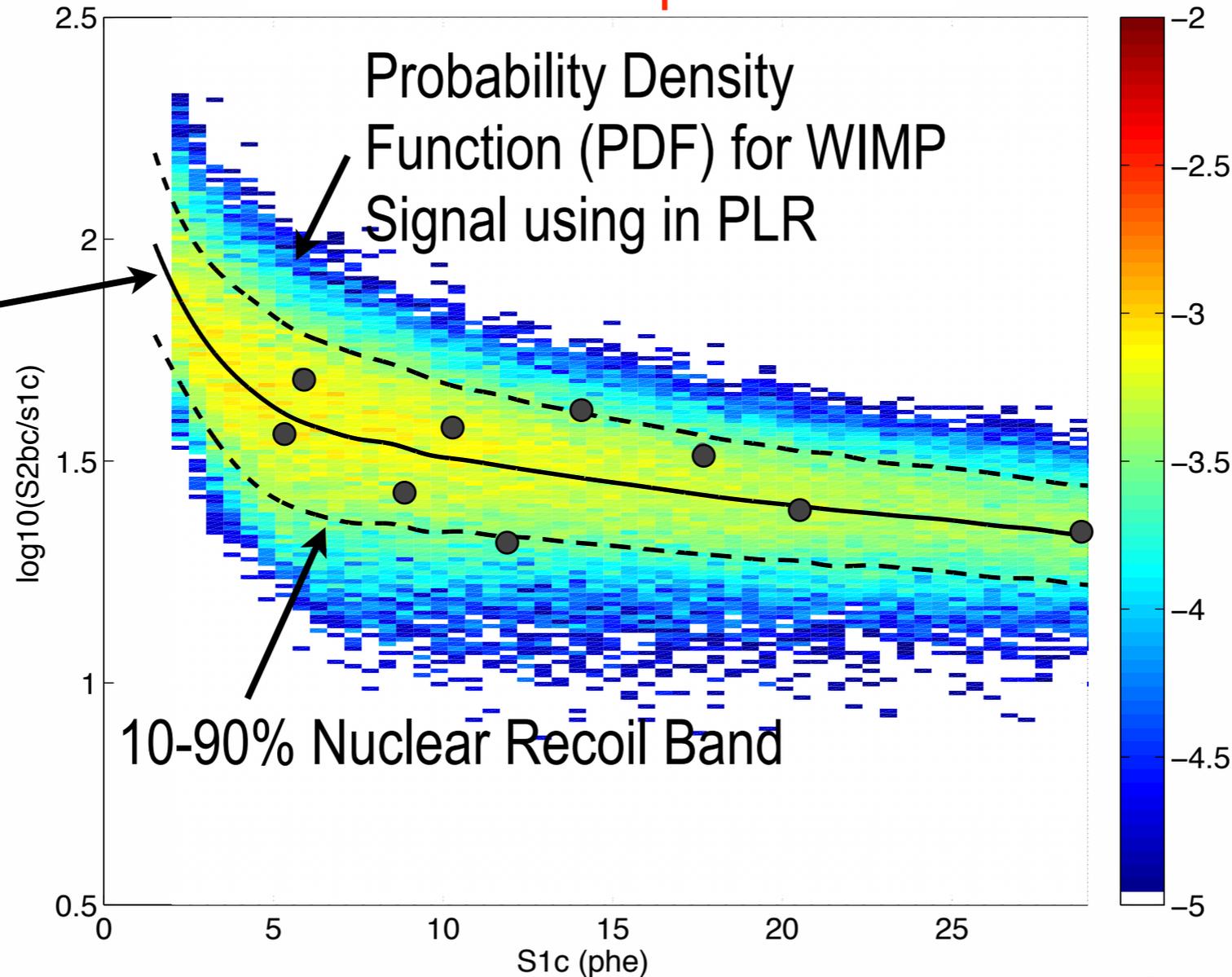


True Recoil Energy equivalence based on LUX 2013 Neutron Calibration/NEST Model

Simulated WIMP Signals for 85 days, 118 kg

- Pick a mass of 1000 GeV and cross section at the existing XENON100 90% CL Sensitivity $1.9 \times 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$ - **Would expect 9 WIMPs in LUX Search**

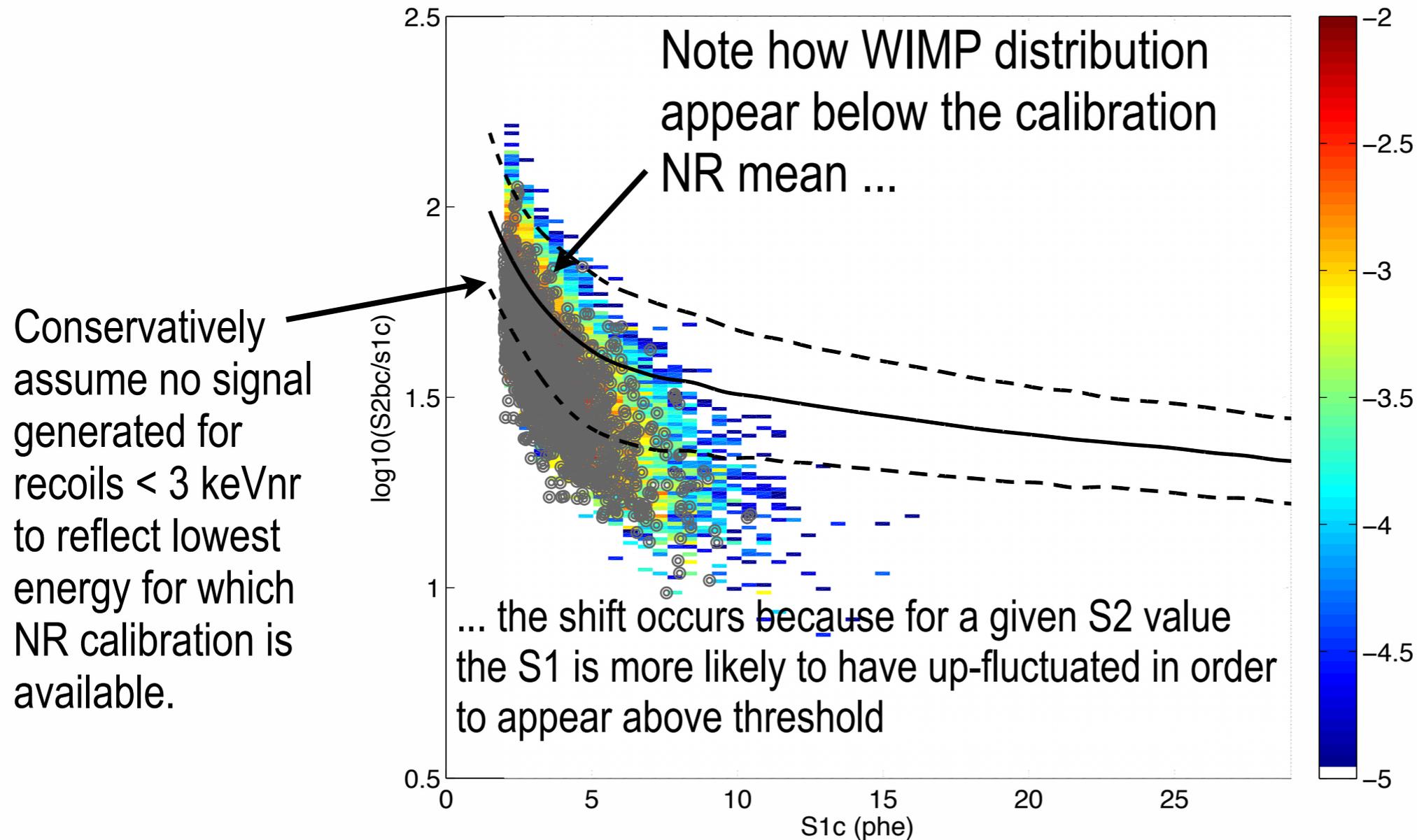
Conservatively assume no signal generated for recoils $< 3 \text{ keVnr}$ to reflect lowest energy for which NR calibration is available.



- ◆ PDF assumes Standard Milky Way Halo parameters as described in Savage, Freese, Gondolo (2006) $v_0 = 220 \text{ km/s}$, $v_{\text{escape}} = 544 \text{ km/s}$, $\rho_0 = 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, $v_{\text{earth}} = 245 \text{ km/s}$
- Helm Form Factor.

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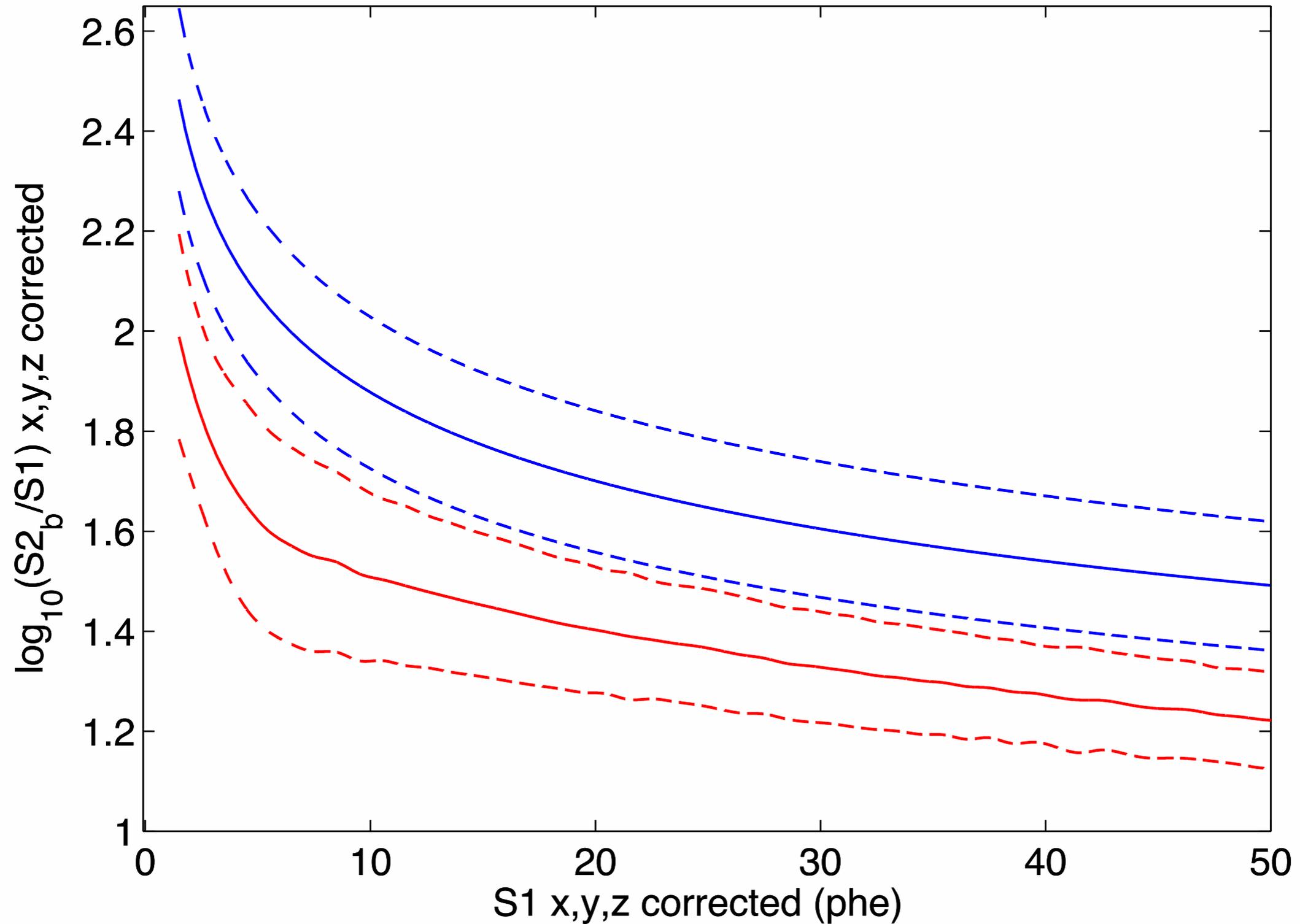
- At a mass of 8.6 GeV and cross section favored CDMS II Si (2012) cross section $2.0 \times 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2$ - **Expect 1550 WIMPs in LUX Search**



- ◆ The shift in the WIMP PDF downwards improves the effective ER event leakage fraction

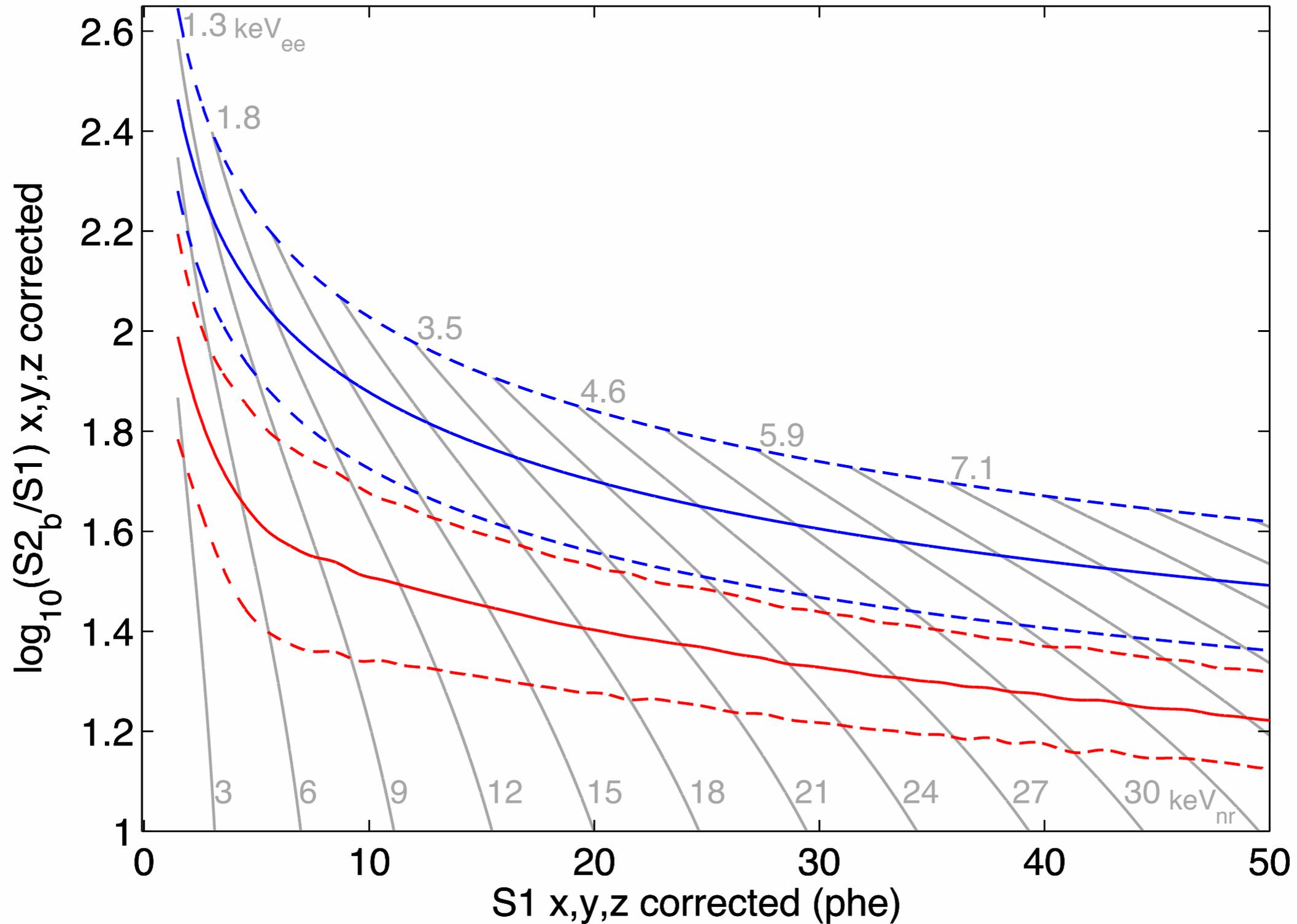
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- Electron Recoil and Nuclear Recoil Bands

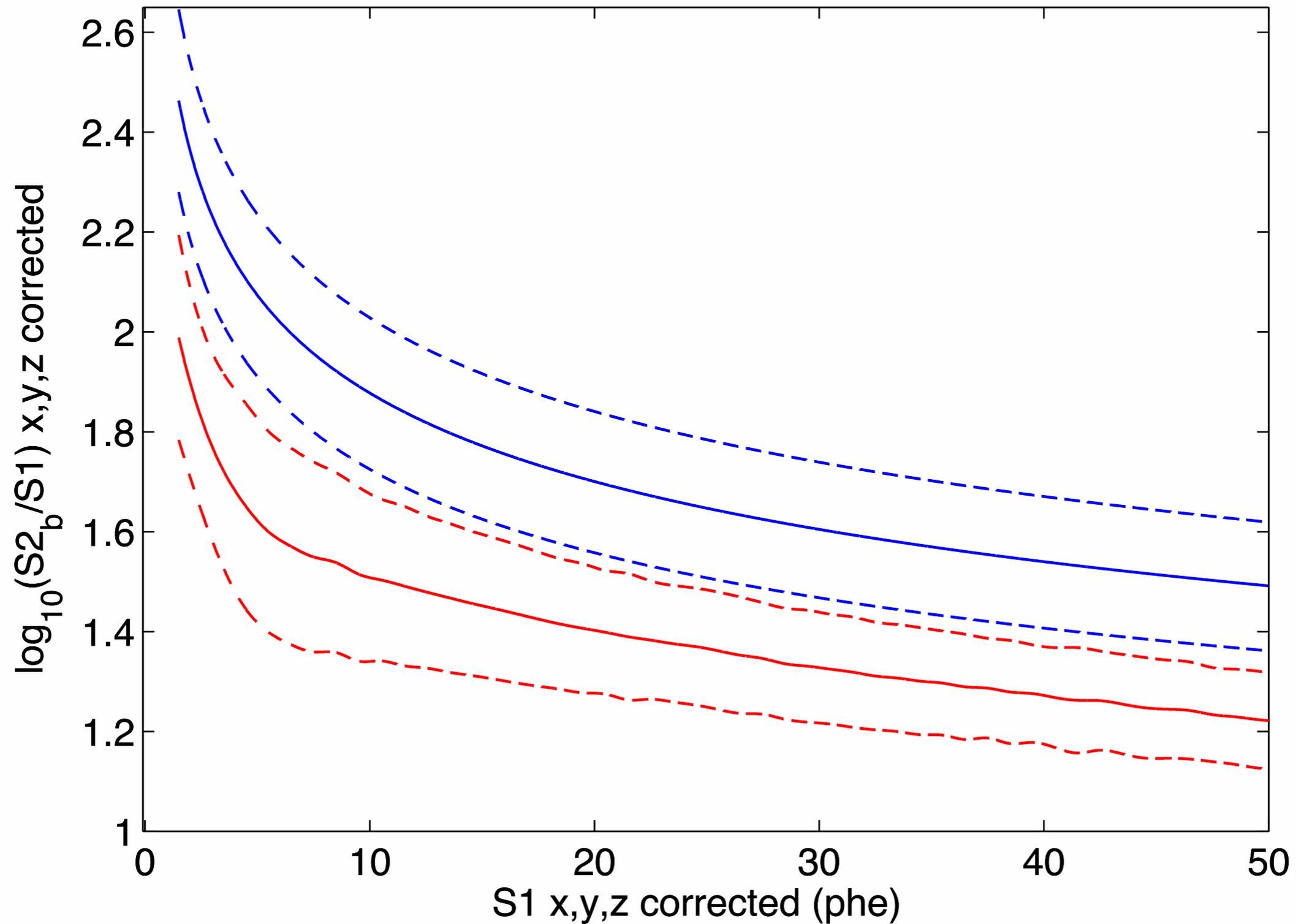


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- Event energies in keV_{ee} and keV_{nr}

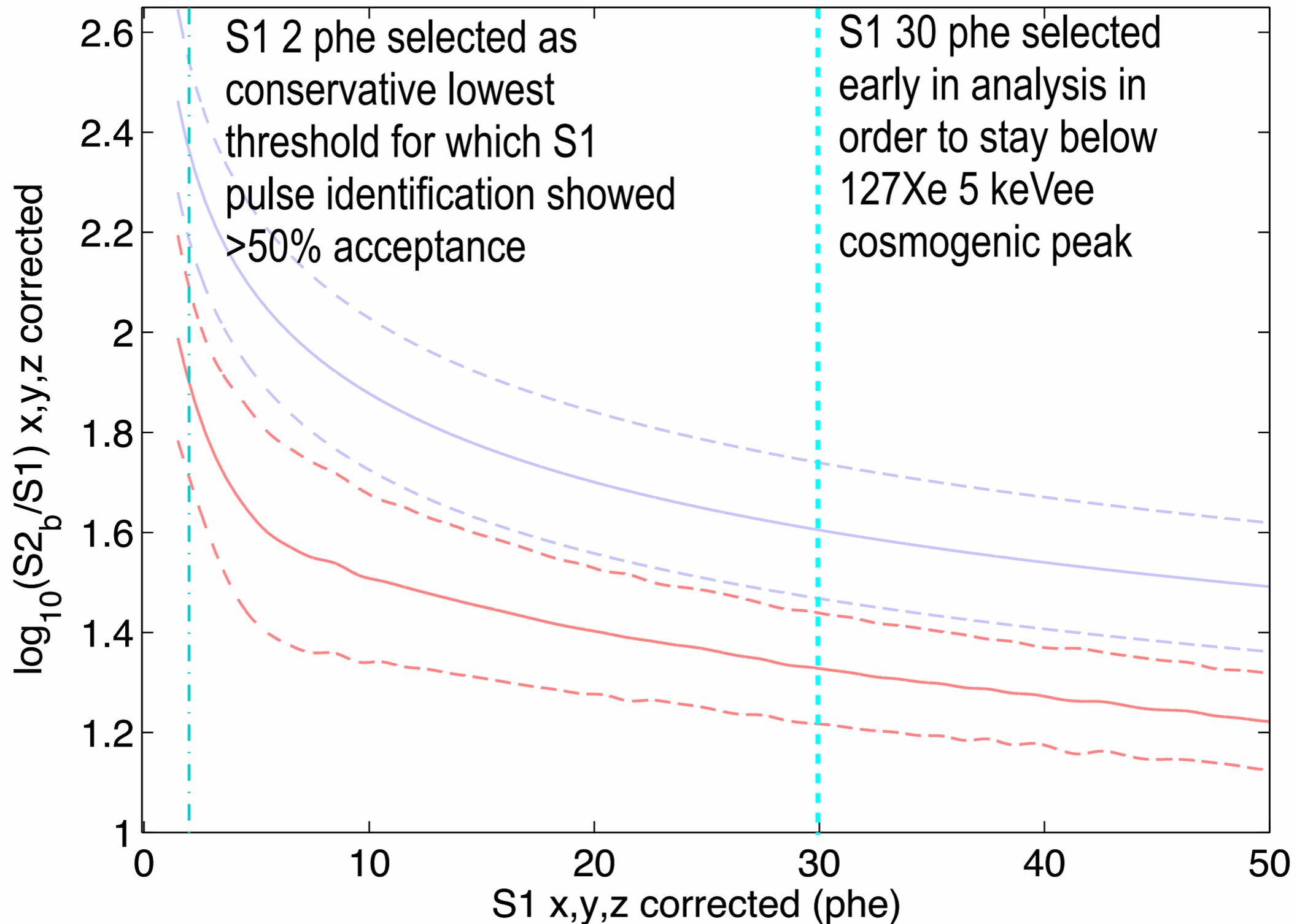


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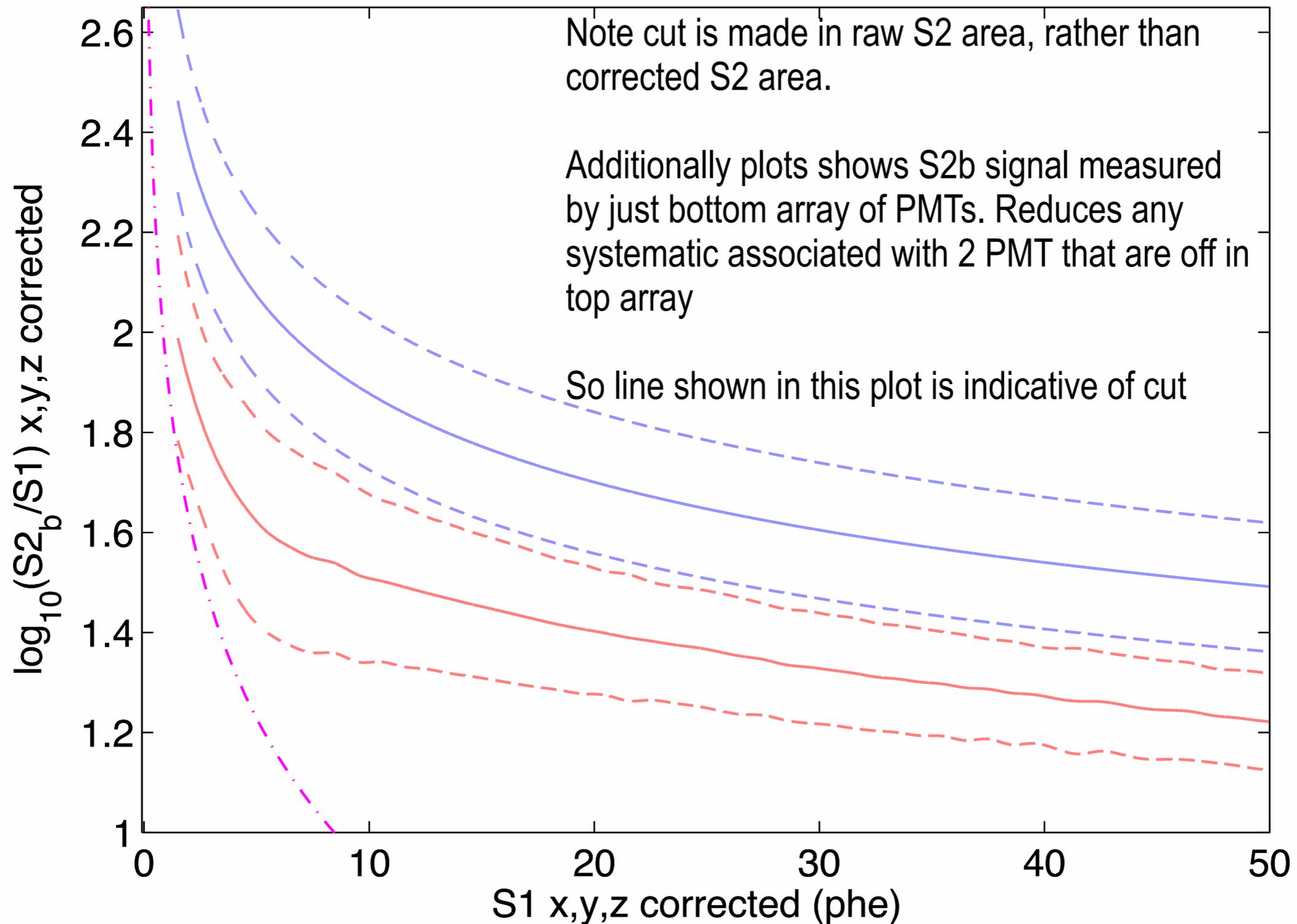
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- S1 area ≥ 2 phe analysis threshold. S1 area ≤ 30 phe

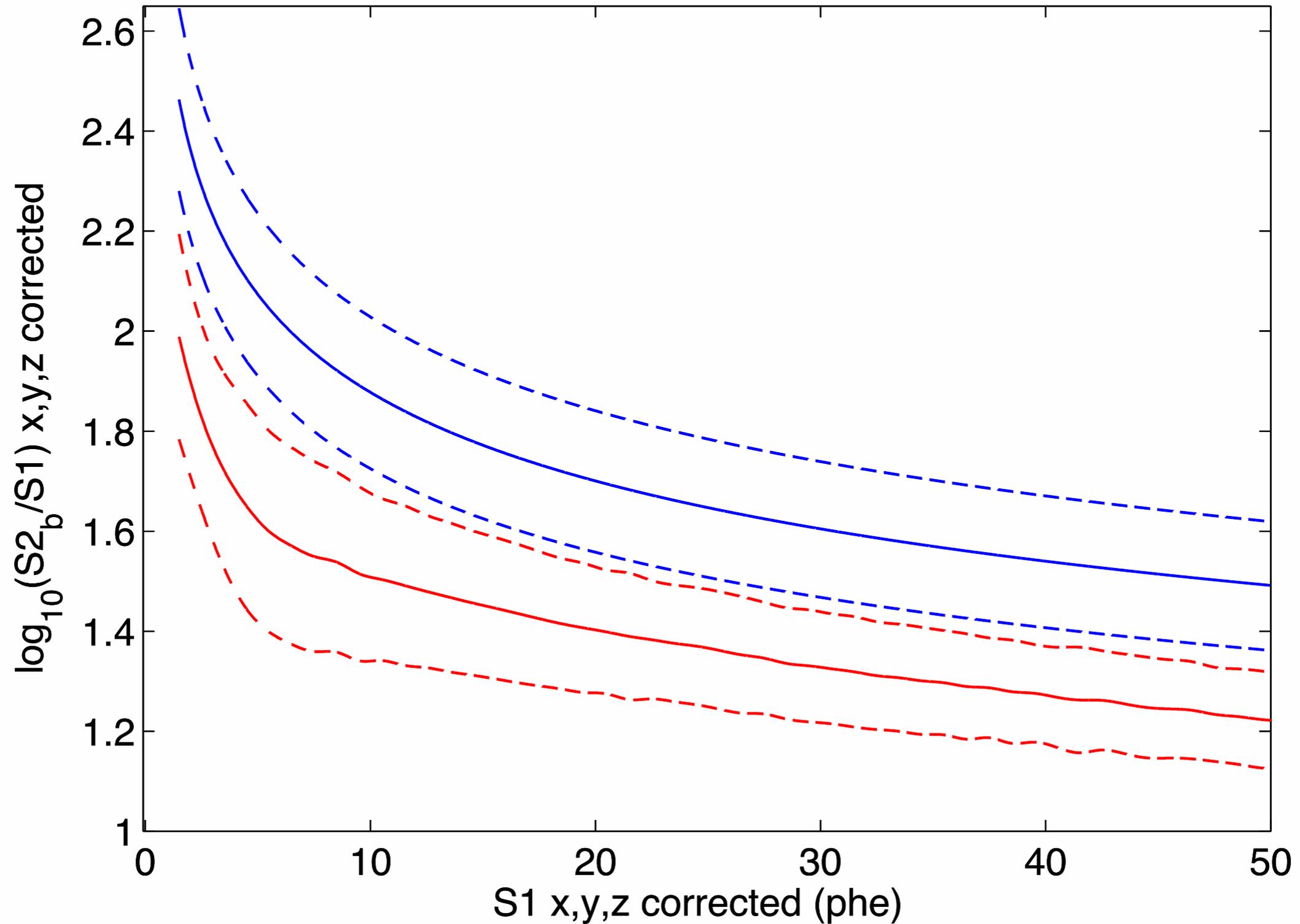


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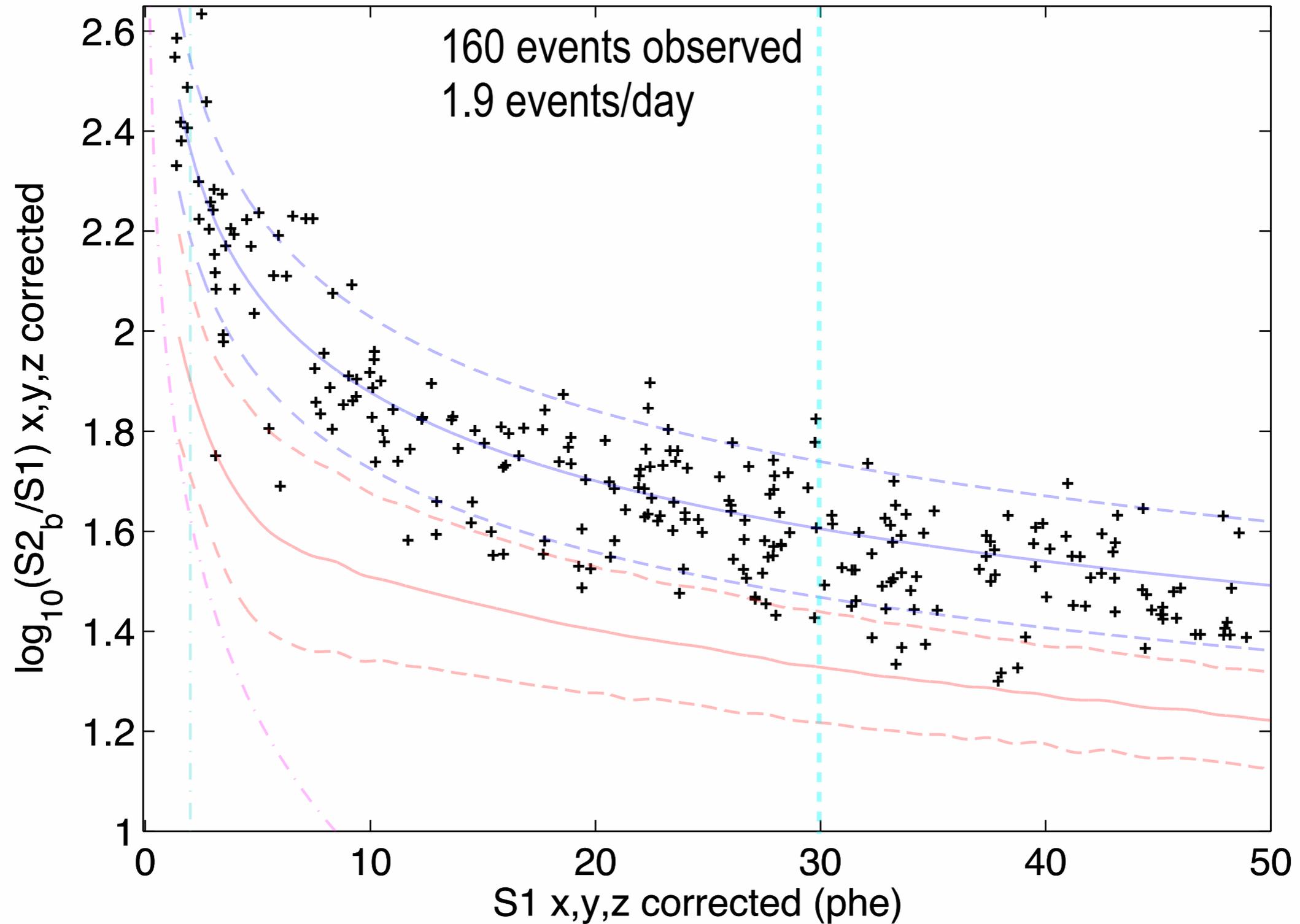
- Total S2area ≥ 200 phe analysis threshold.



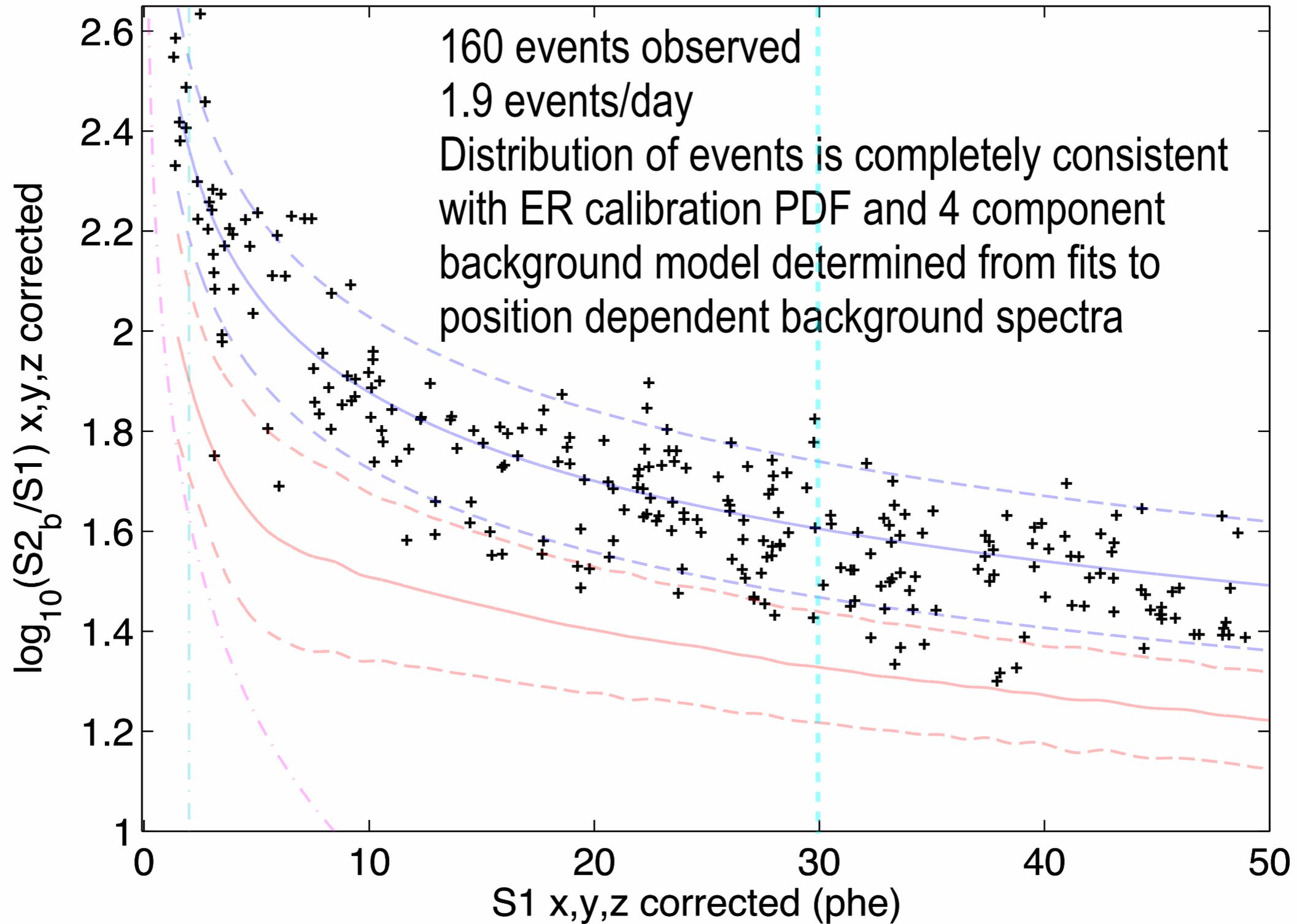
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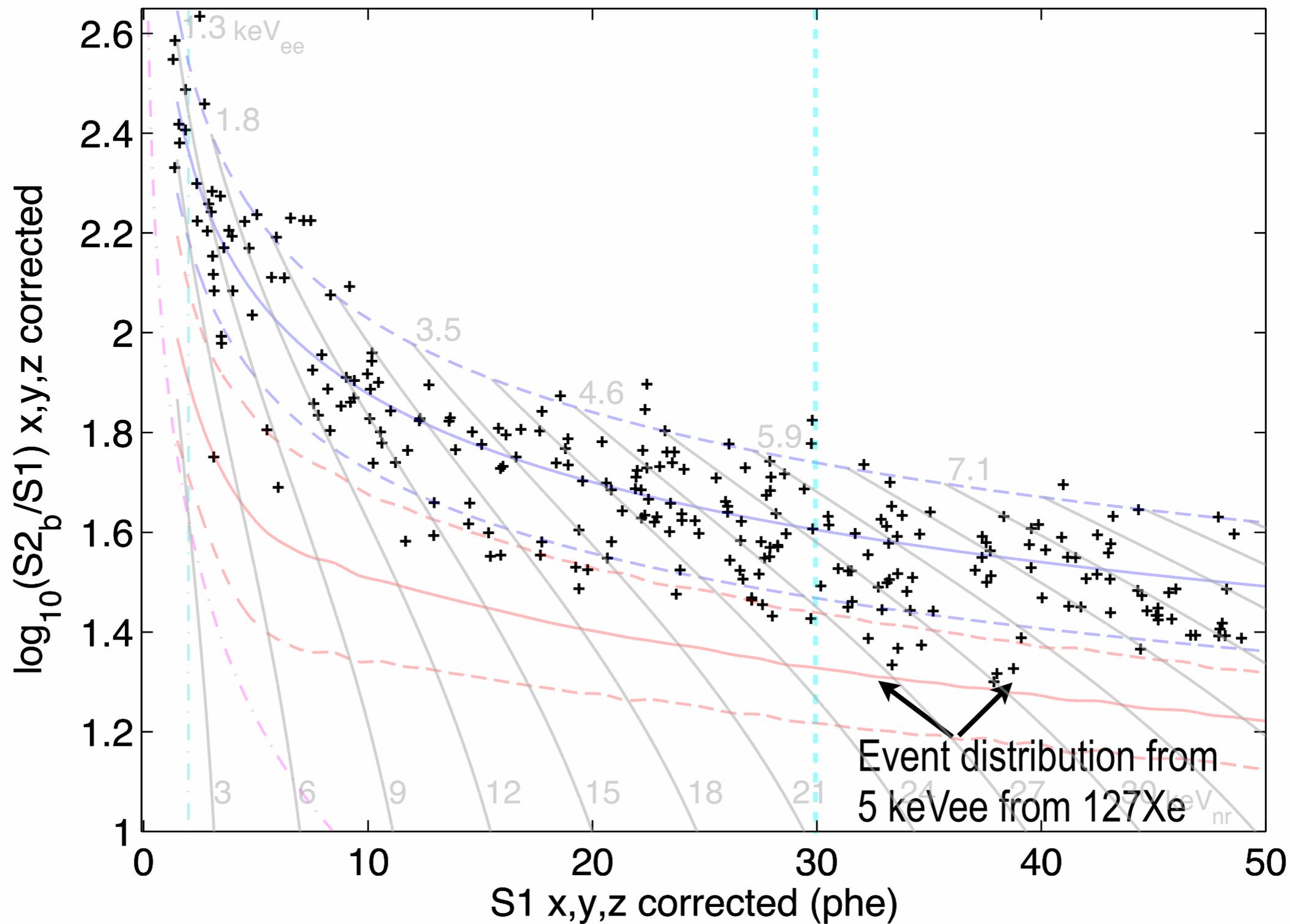
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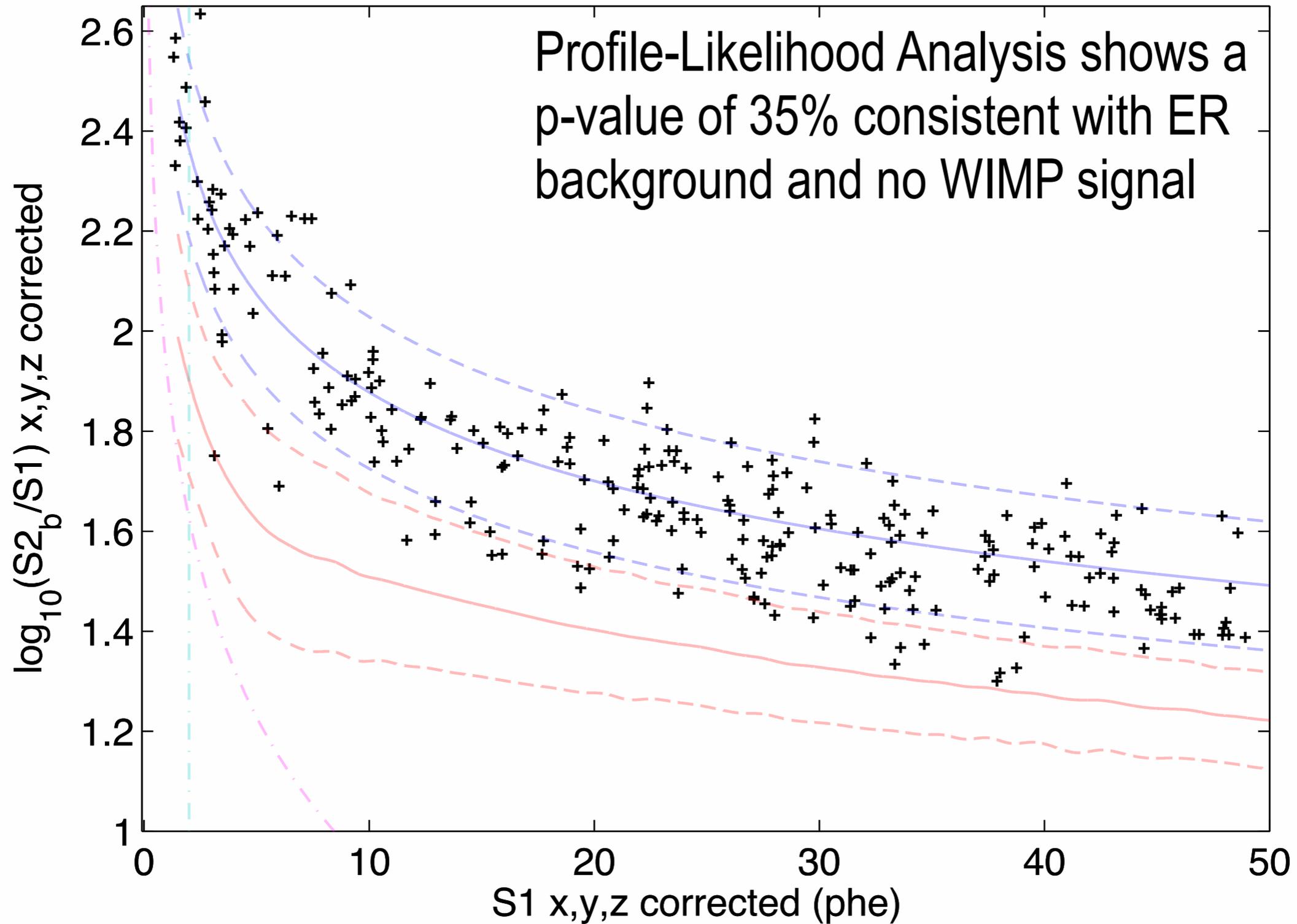
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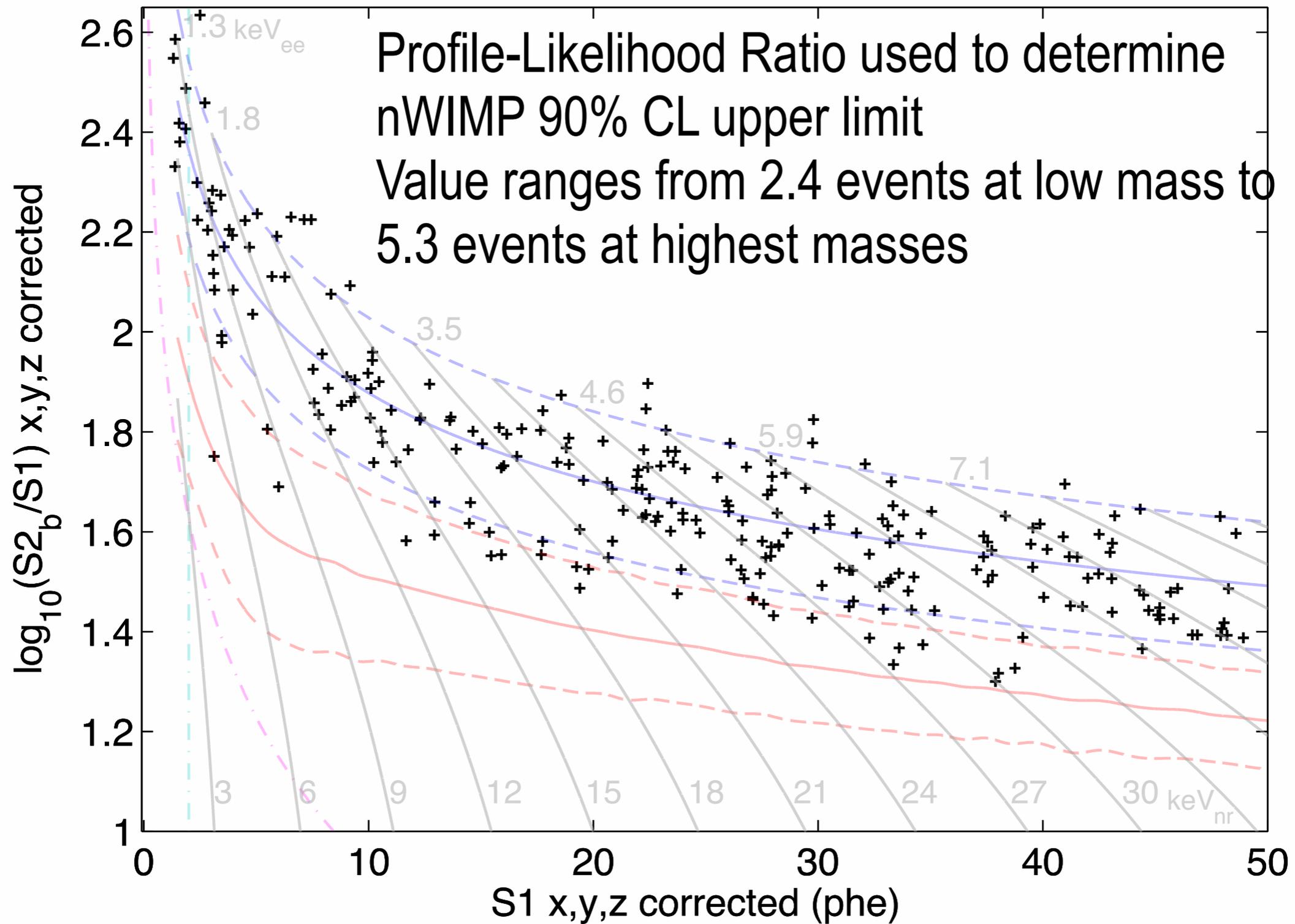
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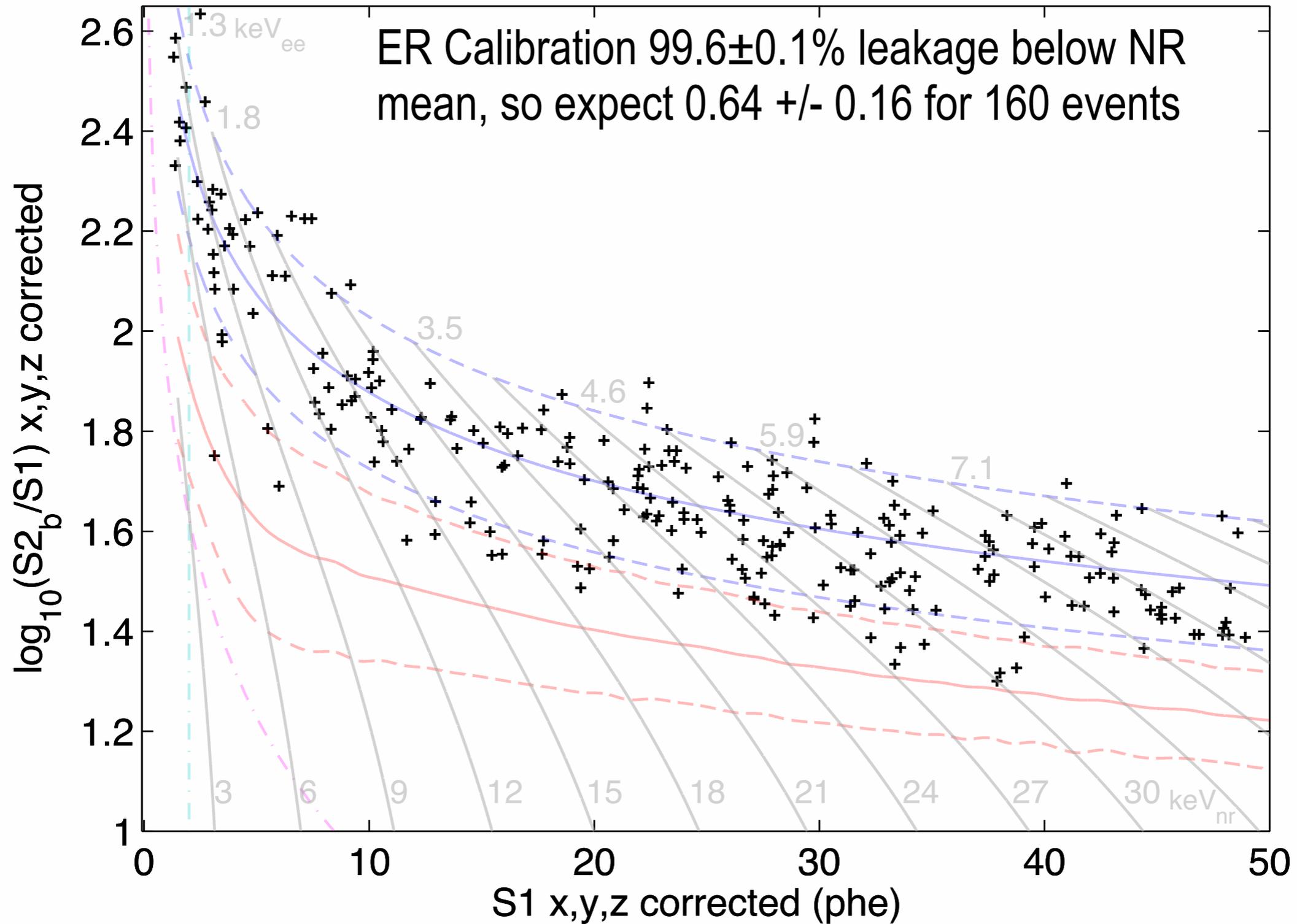
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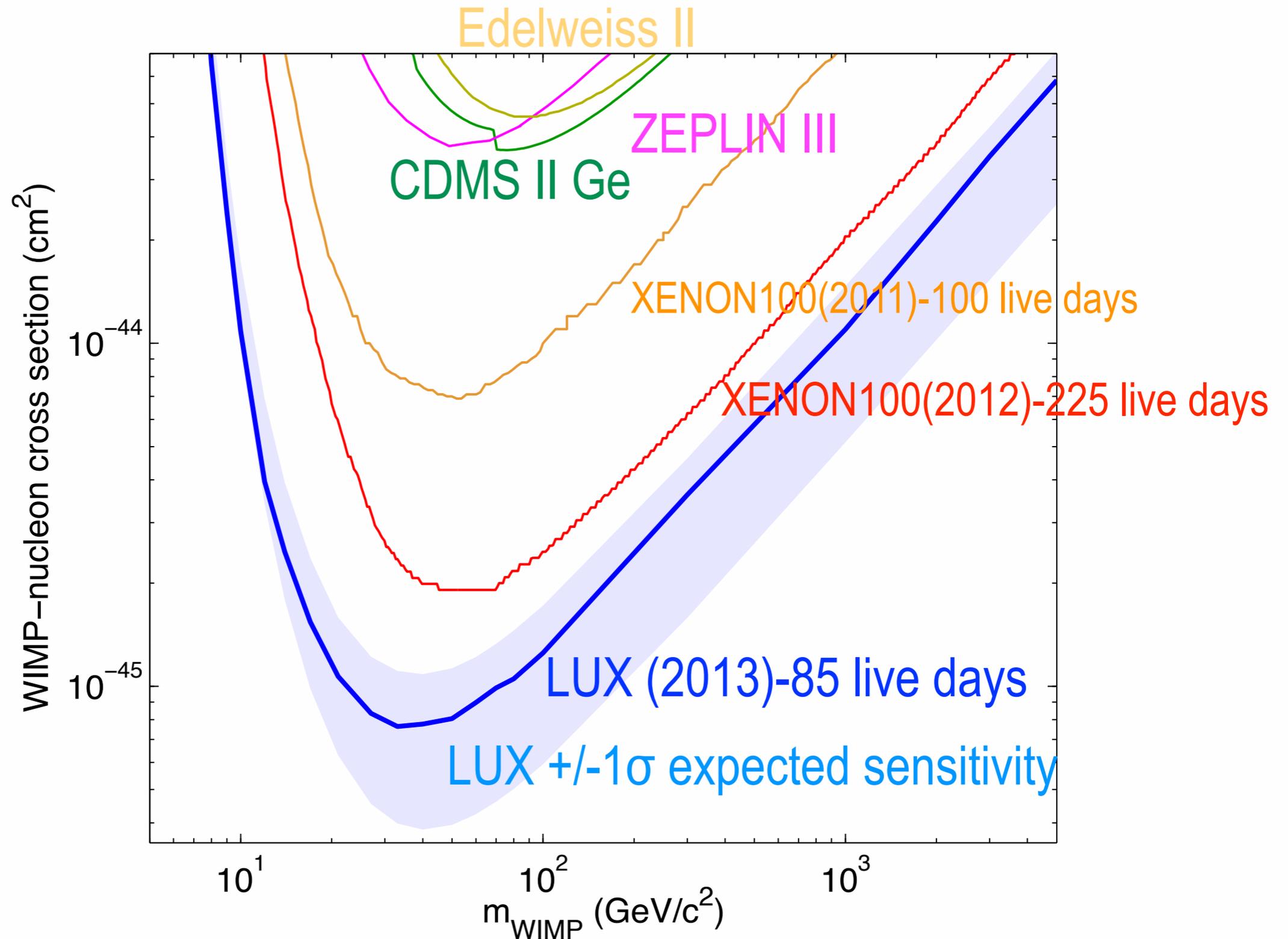
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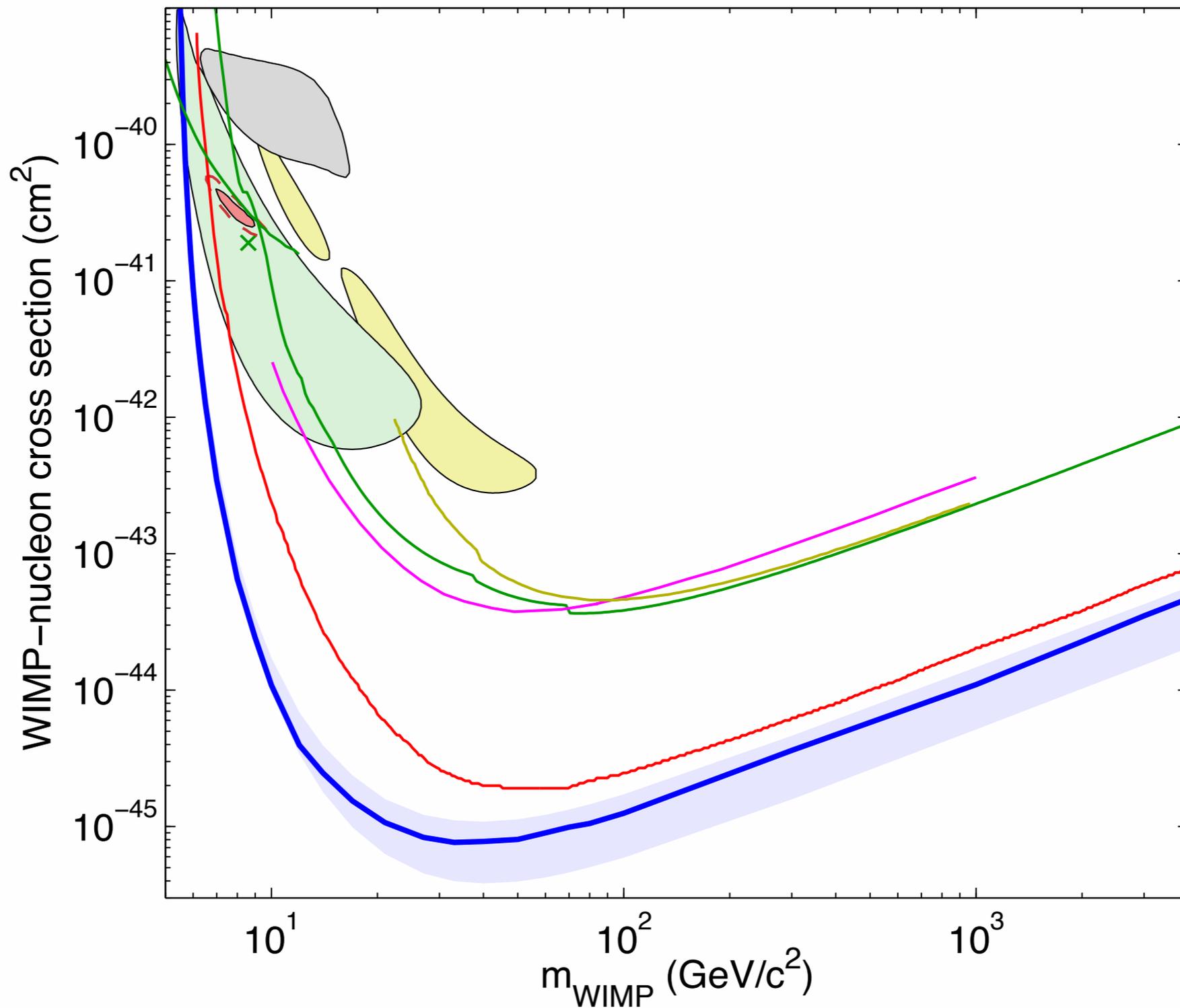
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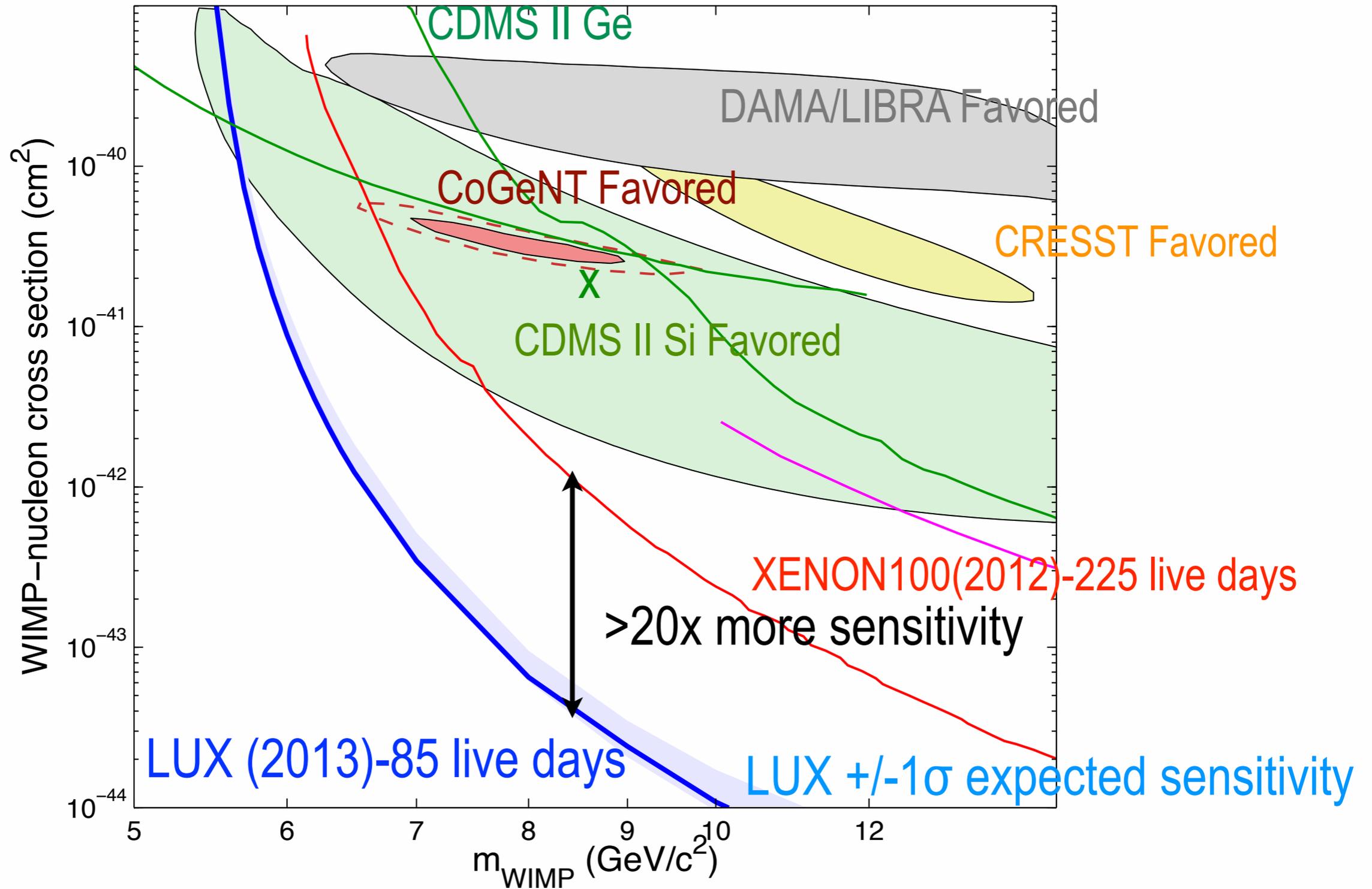
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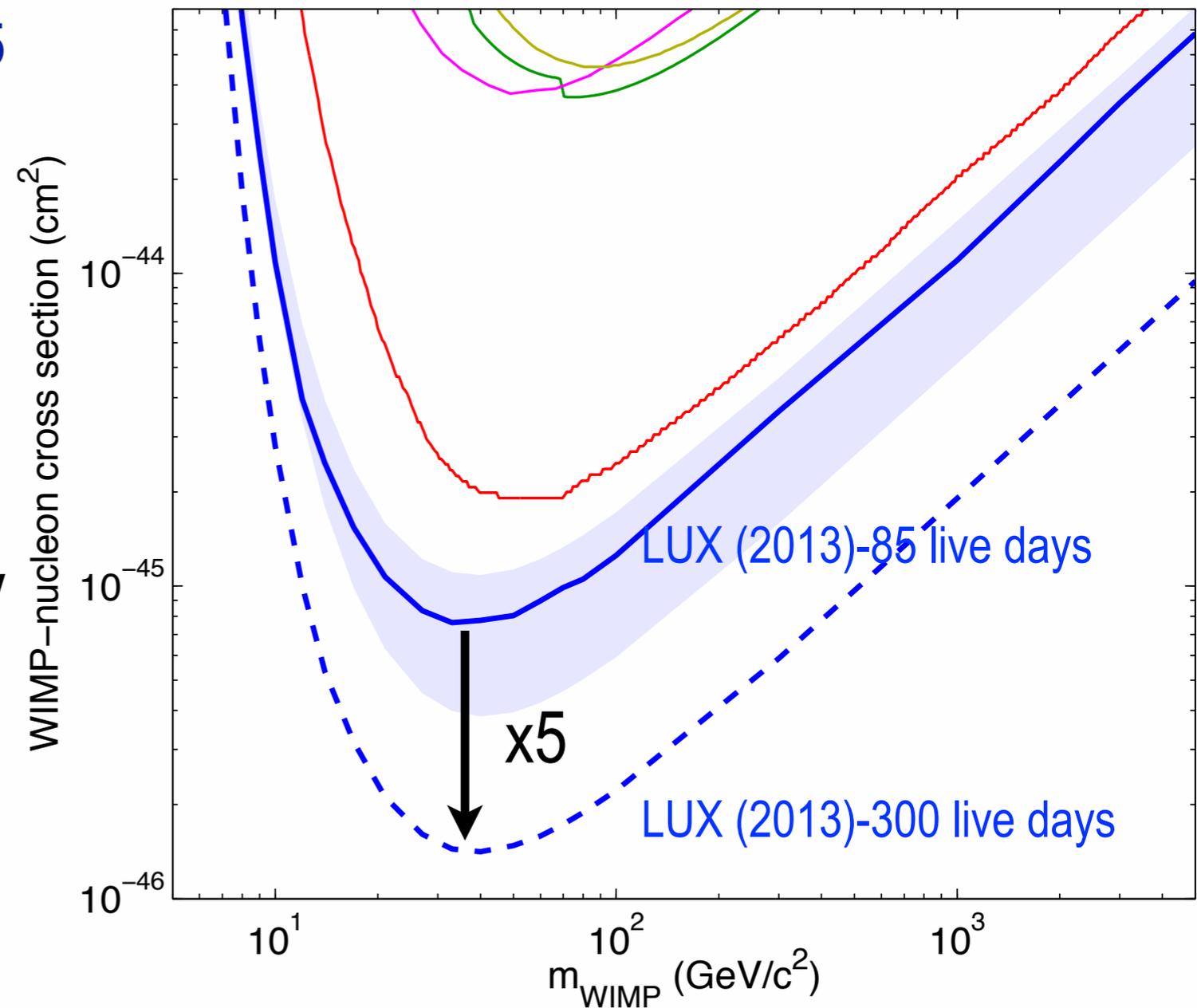


Low Mass WIMPs - Fully excluded by LUX



Projected LUX 300 day WIMP Search Run

- We intend to run LUX for a new run of 300 days in 2014/15
 - ◆ Extending sensitivity by another factor 5
 - ◆ Even though LUX sees no WIMP-like events in the current run, it is still quite possible to discover a signal when extending the reach
 - ◆ LUX does not exclude LUX
- WIMPs remain our favored quarry
- LZ 20x increase in target mass
 - ◆ If approved plans to be deployed in Davis Lab in 2016+
 - ◆ (Talk by Tom Shutt)



LUX Statistics

12,474 person-days on site at Sanford Lab so far ...

5.8 million feet travelled vertically

>1/2 million Wiki Page Reads

(that is reading all of War and Peace every day for over a year)

We started to estimate the number of USPS employees that would have been employed to move the 2 million+ P2P email messages, if messages were still carried by conventional means ... but then we realized we had talks to write

Conclusion

- LUX has made a WIMP Search run of 86 live-days and released the analysis + PRL submission within 9 months of first cooling in Davis Lab
 - ◆ Backgrounds as expected, inner fiducial ER rate < 2 events/day in region of interest
 - ◆ Major advances in calibration techniques including ^{83m}Kr and Tritiated- CH_4 injected directly into Xe target
 - ◆ Very low energy threshold achieved 3 keVnr with no ambiguous/leakage events
 - ◆ ER rejection shown to be $99.6 \pm 0.1\%$ in energy range of interest
- Intermediate and High Mass WIMPs
 - ◆ Extended sensitivity over existing experiments by x3 at 35 GeV and x2 at 1000 GeV
- Low Mass WIMP Favored Hypotheses ruled out
 - ◆ LUX WIMP Sensitivity 20x better
 - ◆ LUX does not observe 6-10 GeV WIMPs favored by earlier experiments
- Thanks to:
 - ◆ DOE and NSF
 - ◆ Governor and State of South Dakota and Denny Sanford
 - ◆ Sanford Lab for all their support to get to this world-leading result

LUX Results Paper

LUX Results Paper will be available at 10.15 am MT on

<http://sanfordlab.org>

<http://luxdarkmatter.org>

Will also be available on <http://arXiv.org> tonight.

Paper has been submitted to PRL

Welcome to **Club Sub Zepto** (*)

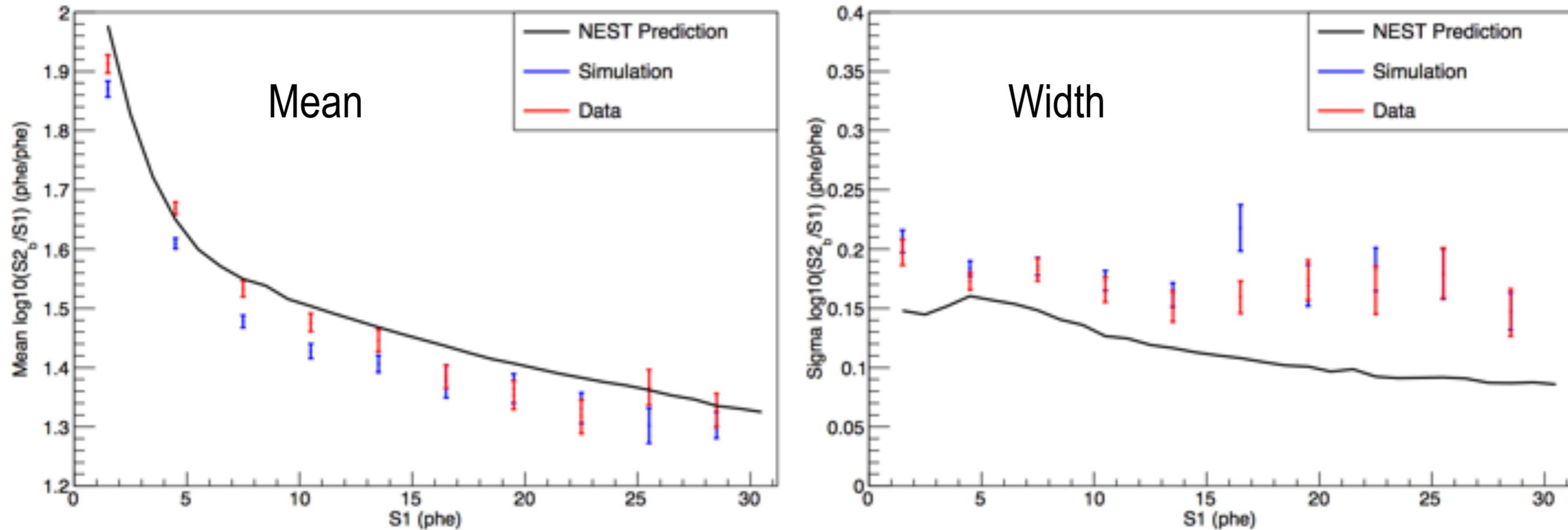
LUX is the first WIMP detector to reach below a zeptobarn cross section

* zeptobarn is 10^{-45} cm²

A barn is the size of barn door at nuclear scales!

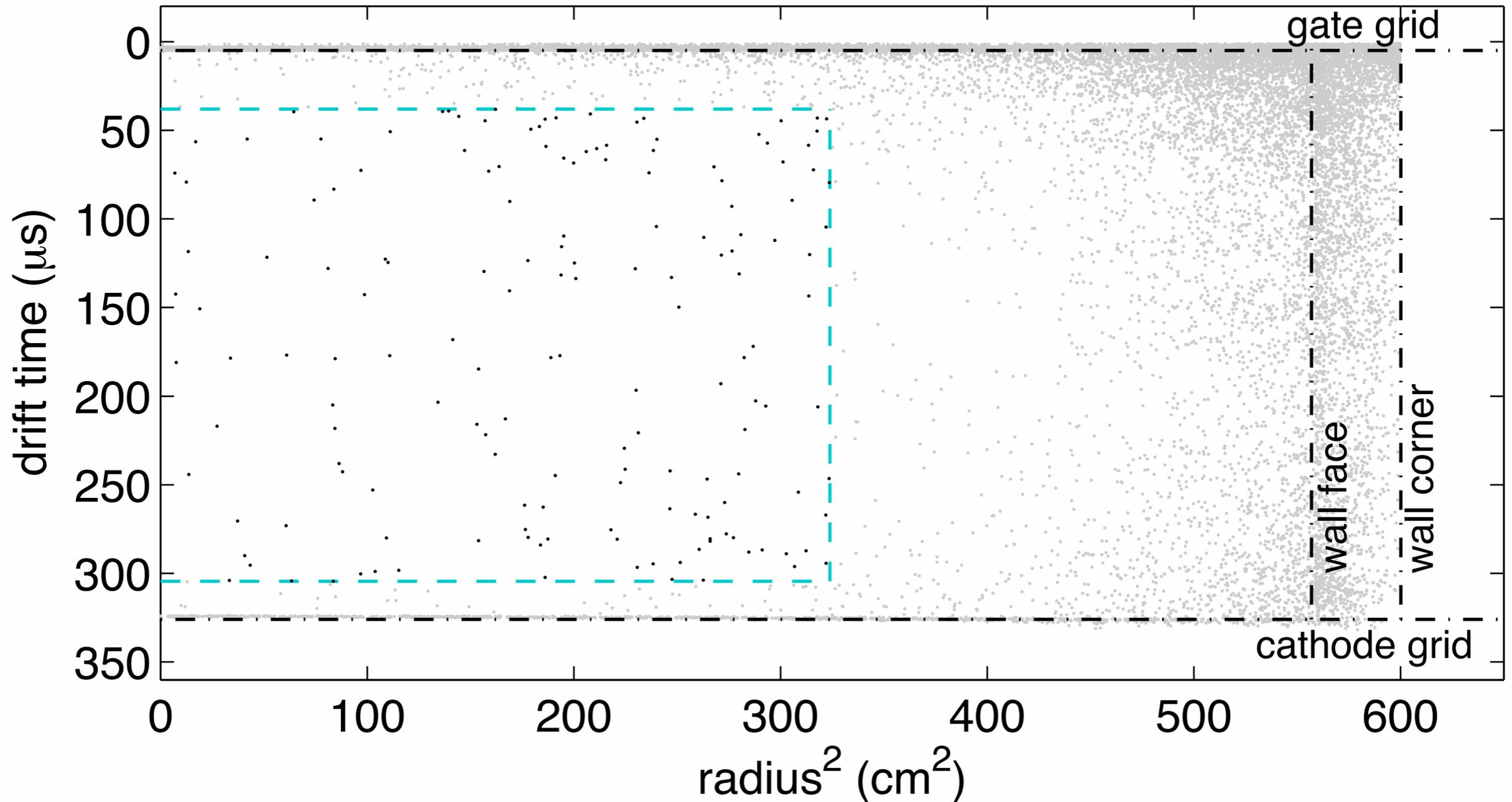
- **SUPPORTING MATERIAL**

NR Calibrations



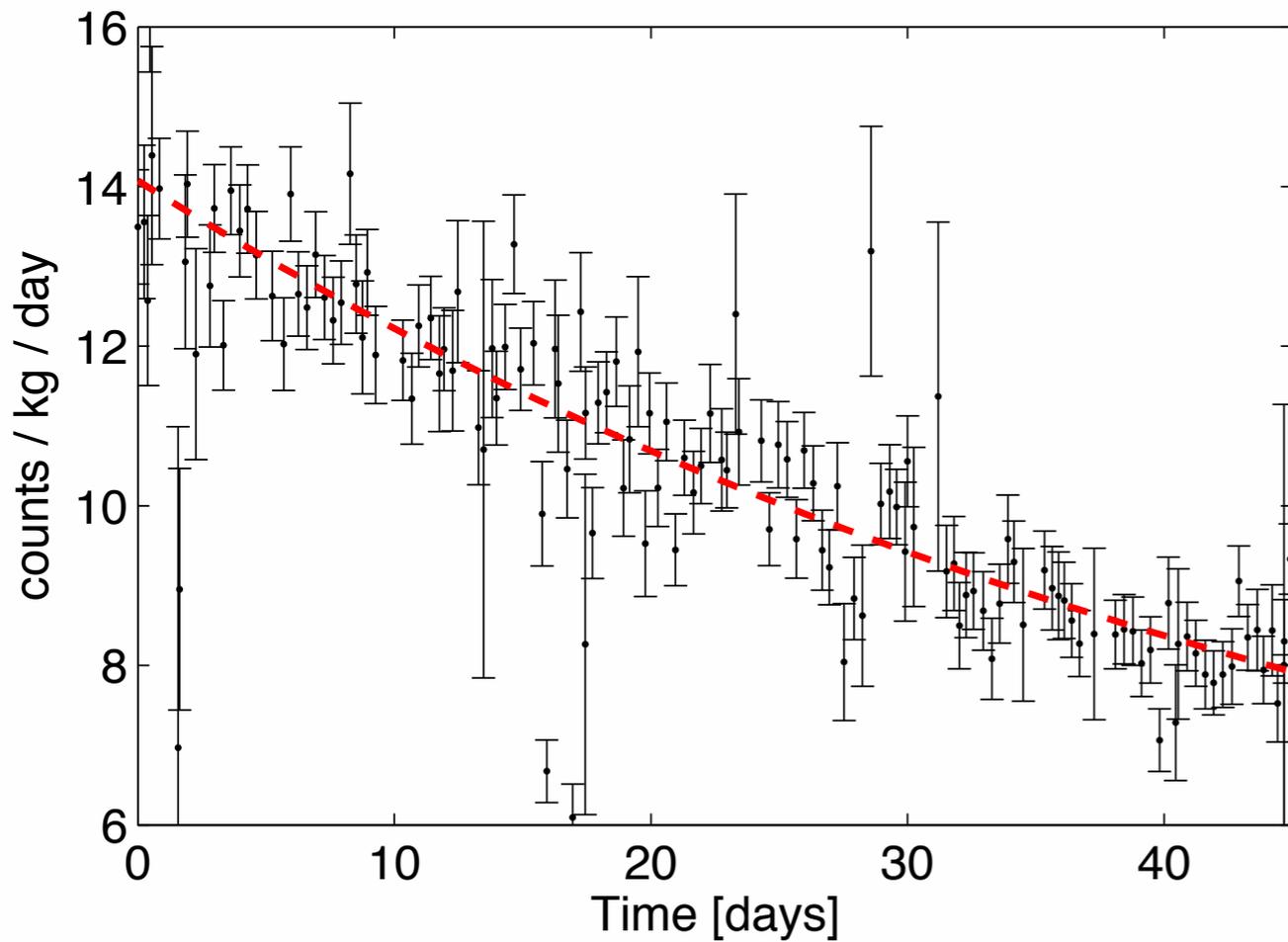
- Above plots show comparisons between simulation (blue), the NEST prediction (black), and data for the mean and width of the nuclear recoil band from AmBe calibrations
- The mean and width are different in the calibrations because the data contain ER contamination and neutron-X events, which are modeled well by the simulation

Position of Low Energy Events in 85 day Exposure

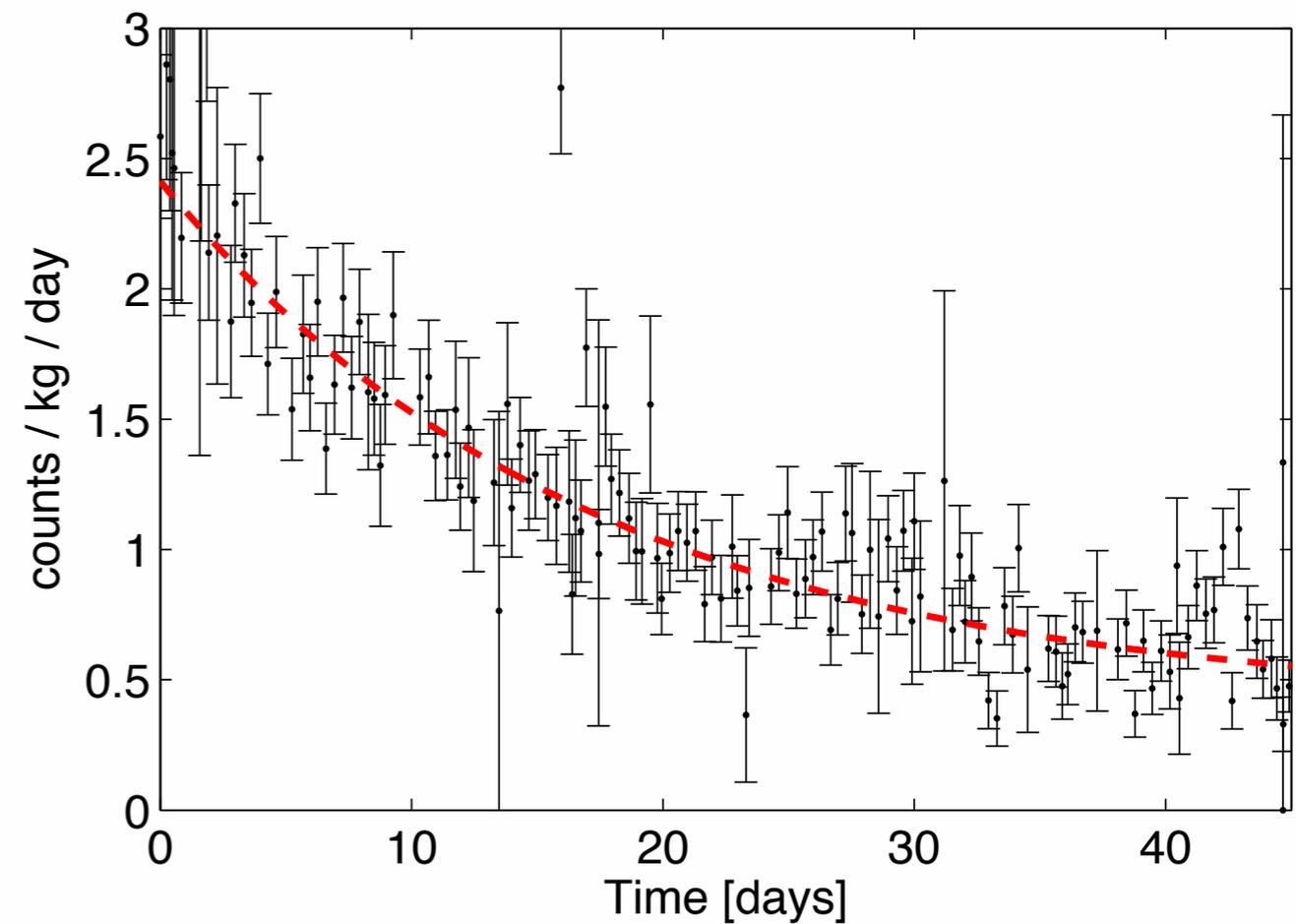


Cosmogenic Isotopes Decaying

• ^{127}Xe Decay vs Time



$^{131\text{m}}\text{Xe}$ Decay vs Time



AmBe S2 Calibration

