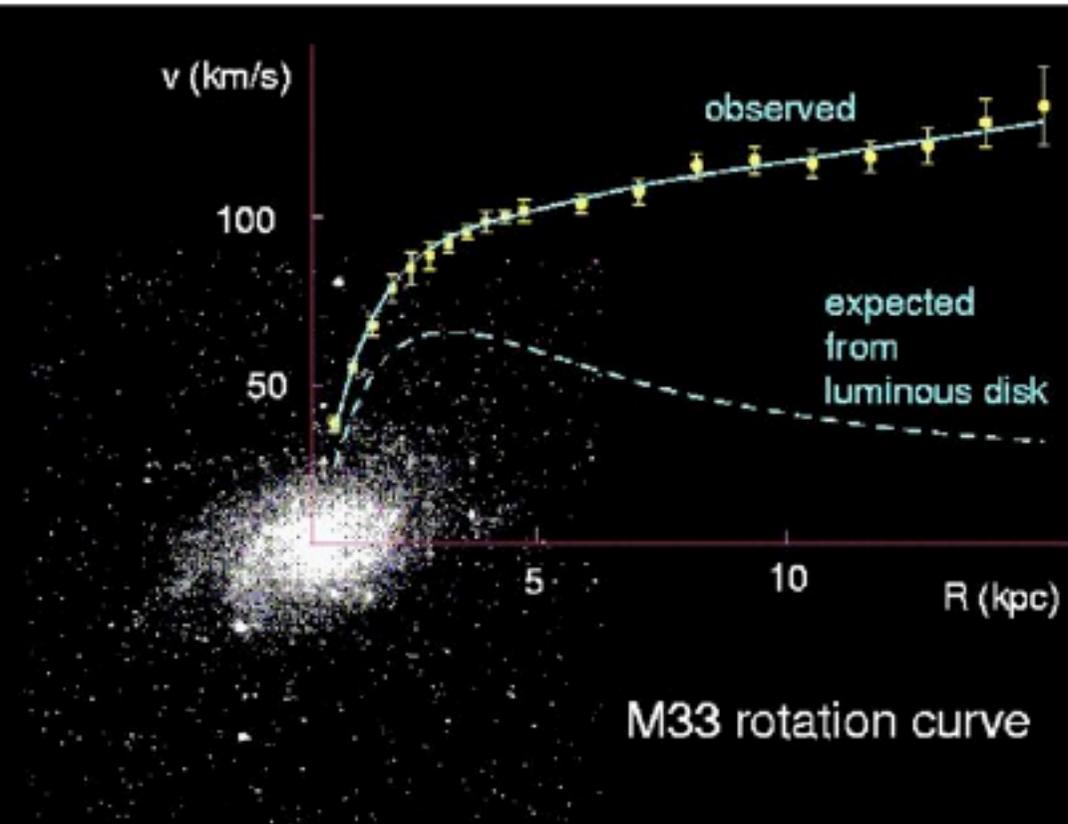


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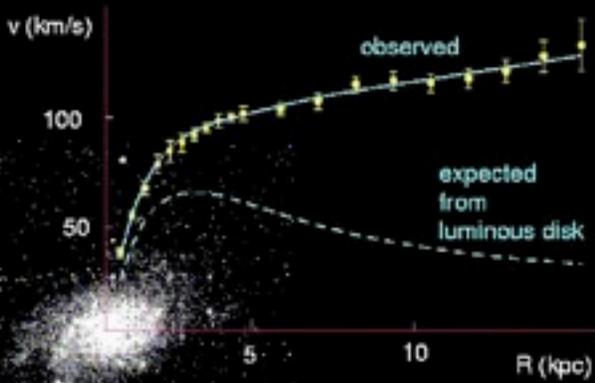
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- Zwicky in 1933: luminous matter insufficient to describe gravitational binding in clusters of galaxies
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Need non-luminous “Dark Matter”

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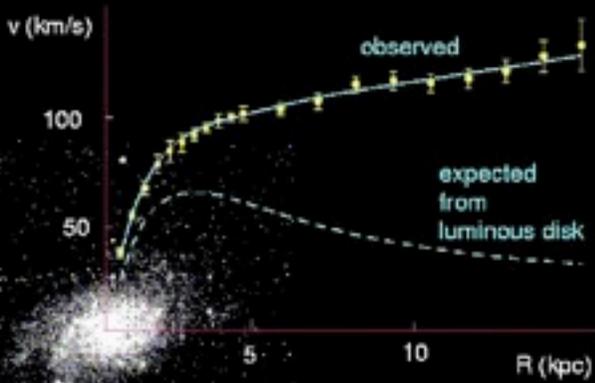


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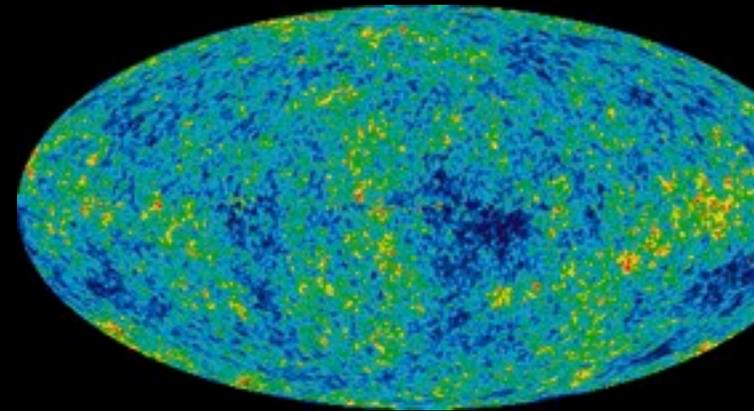


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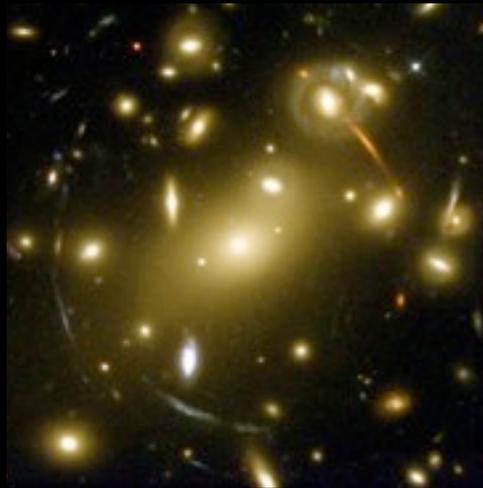
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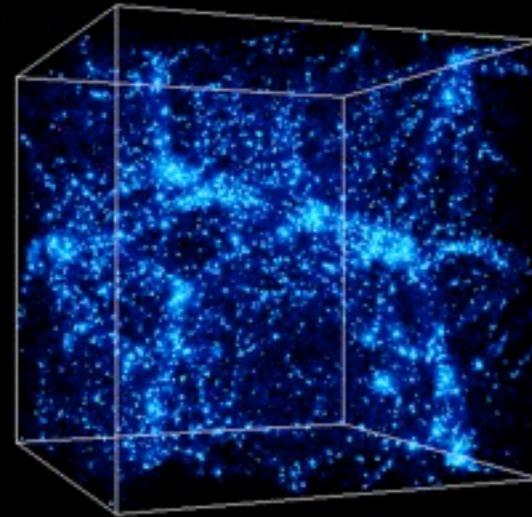
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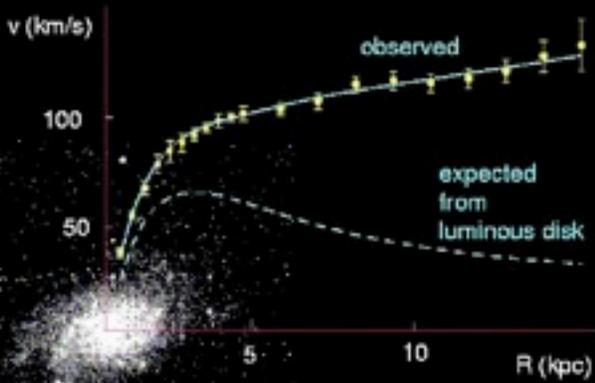
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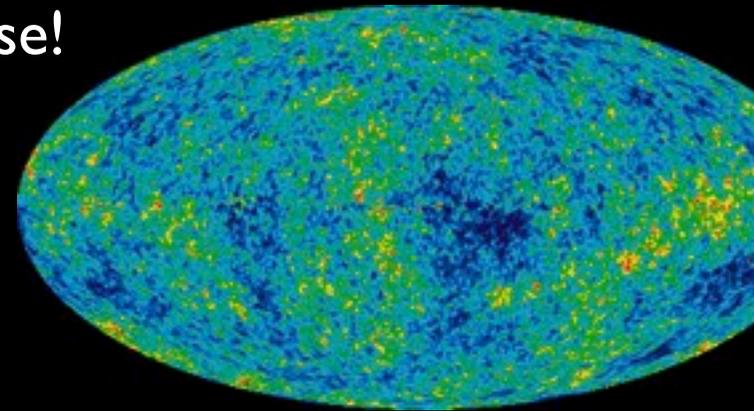
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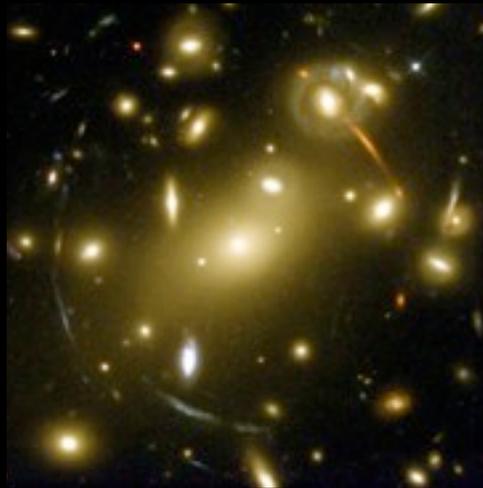
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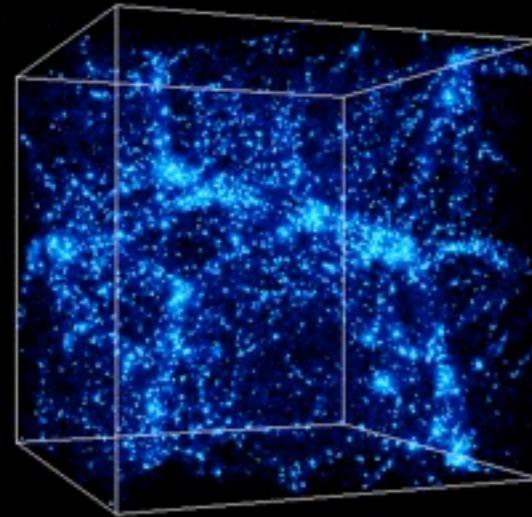
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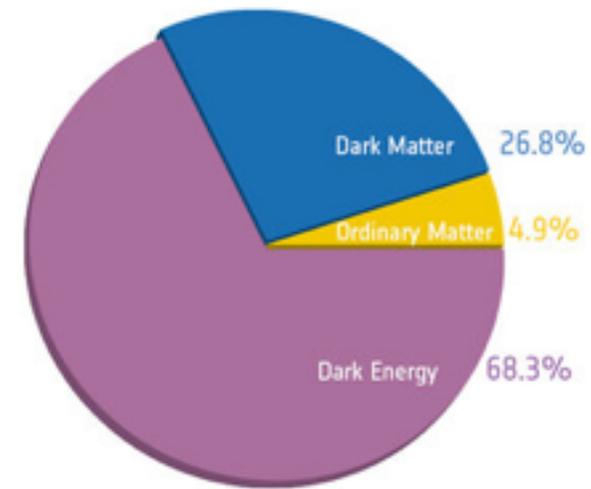
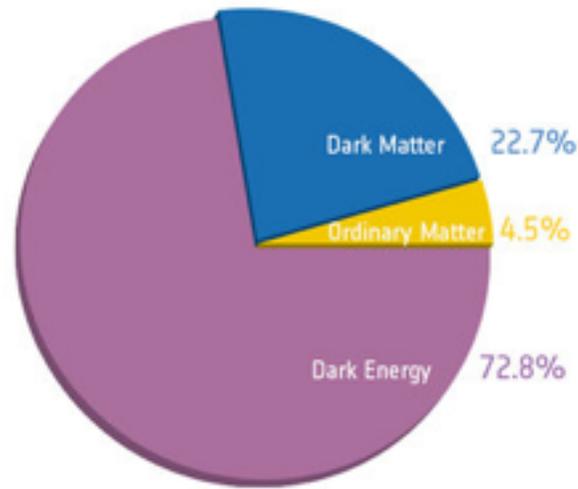
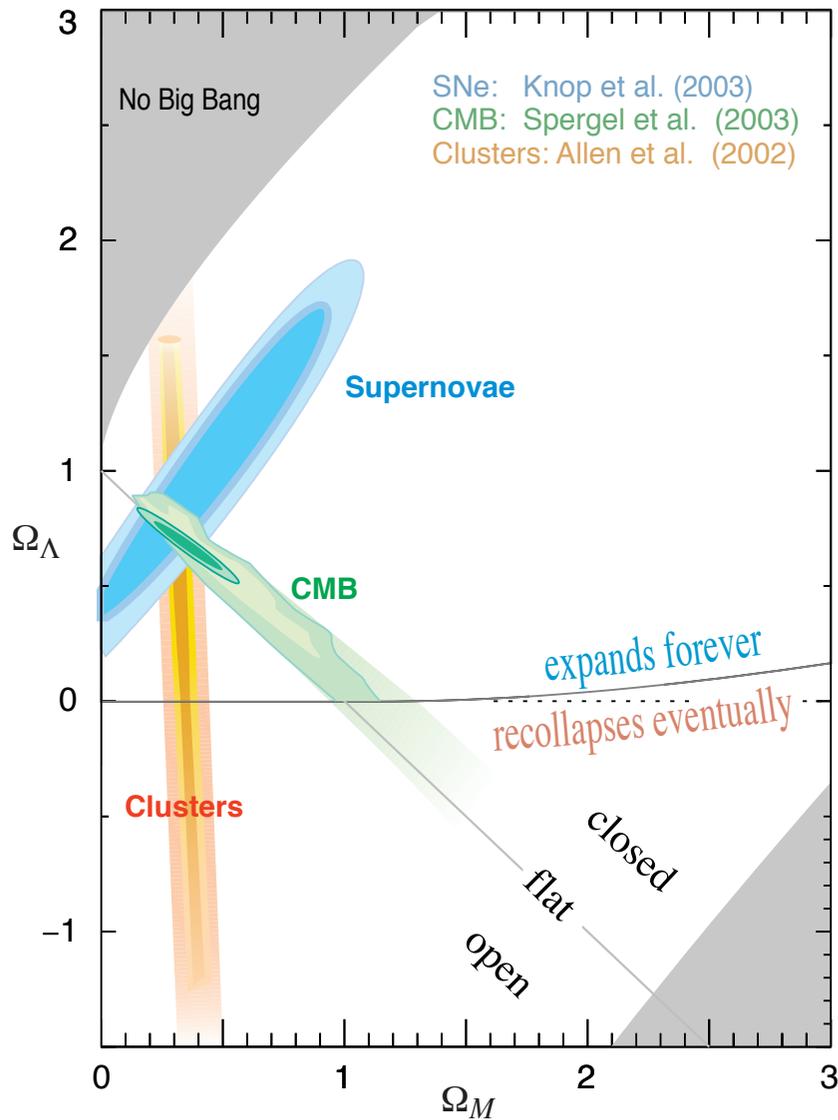


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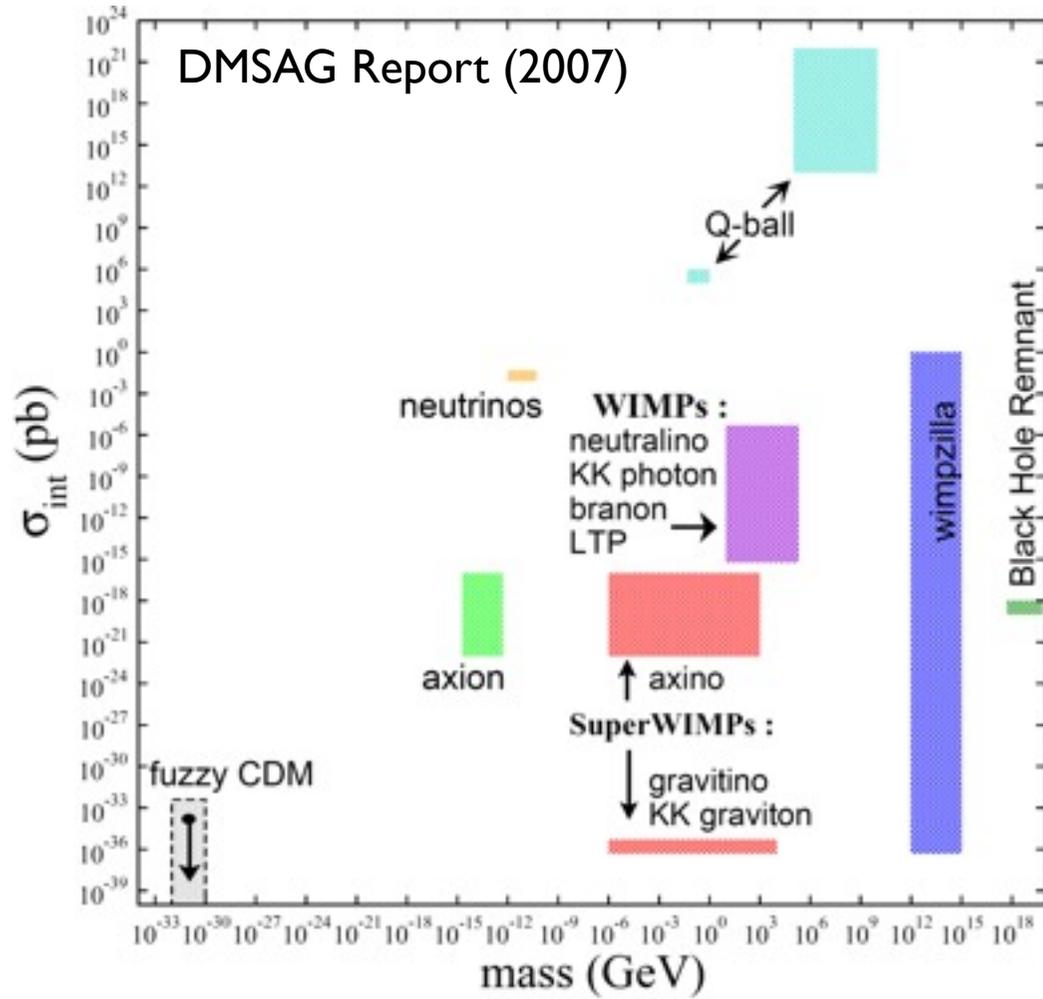
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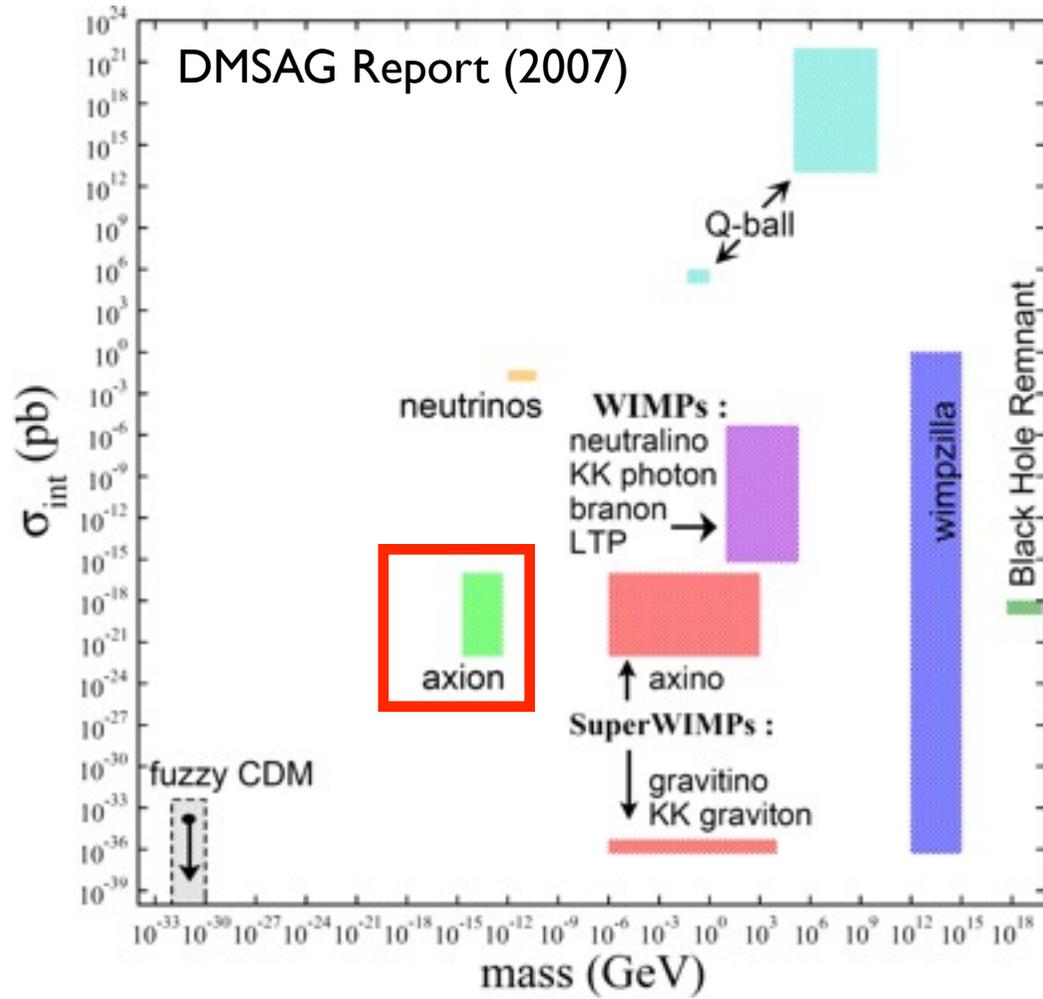
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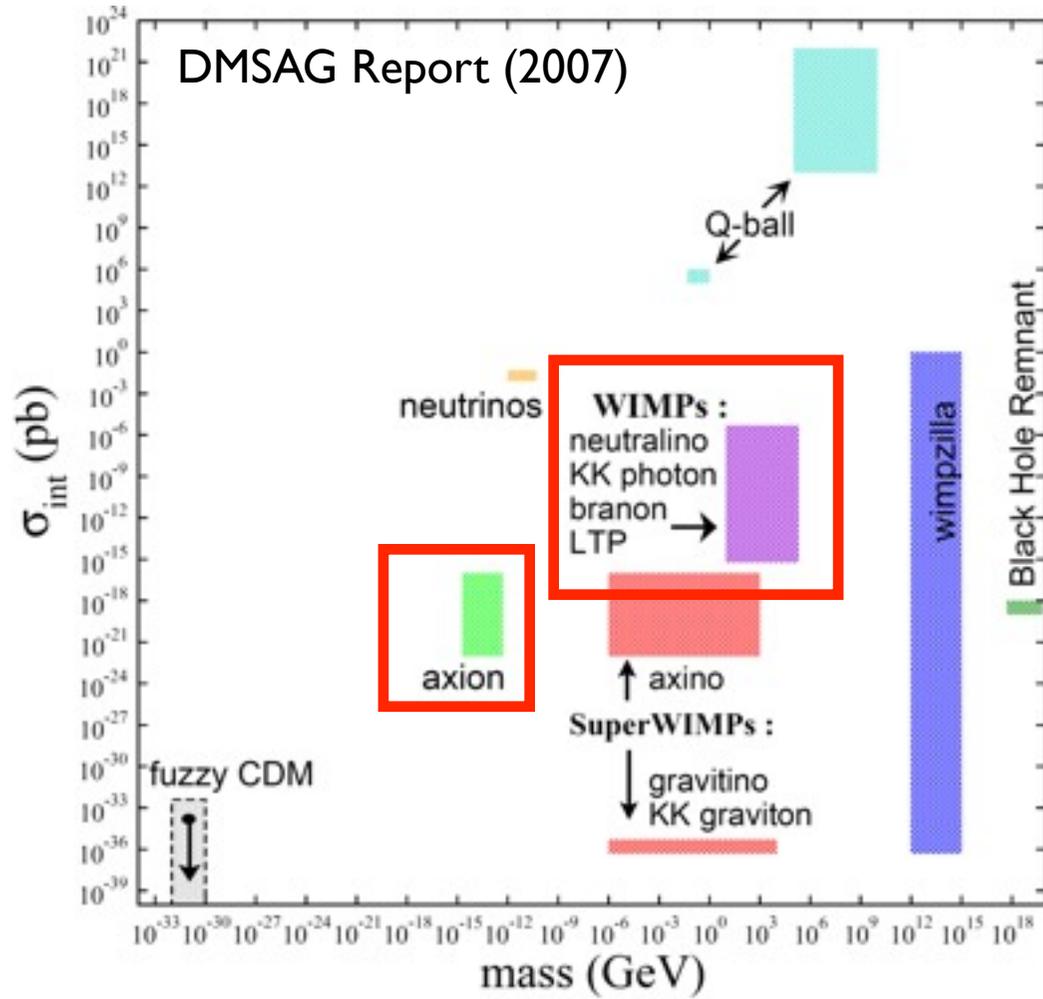
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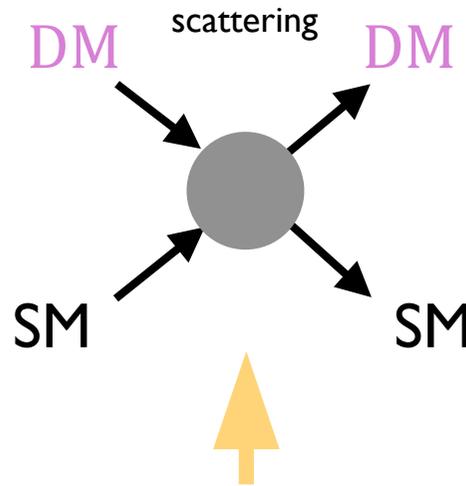
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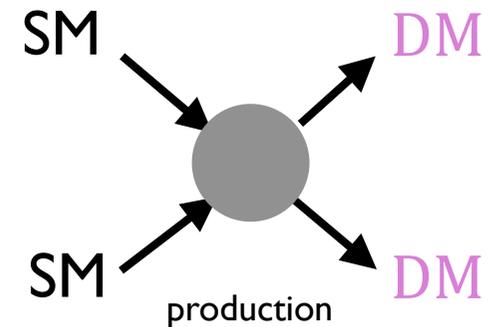
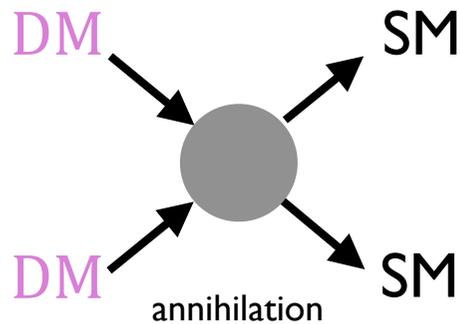
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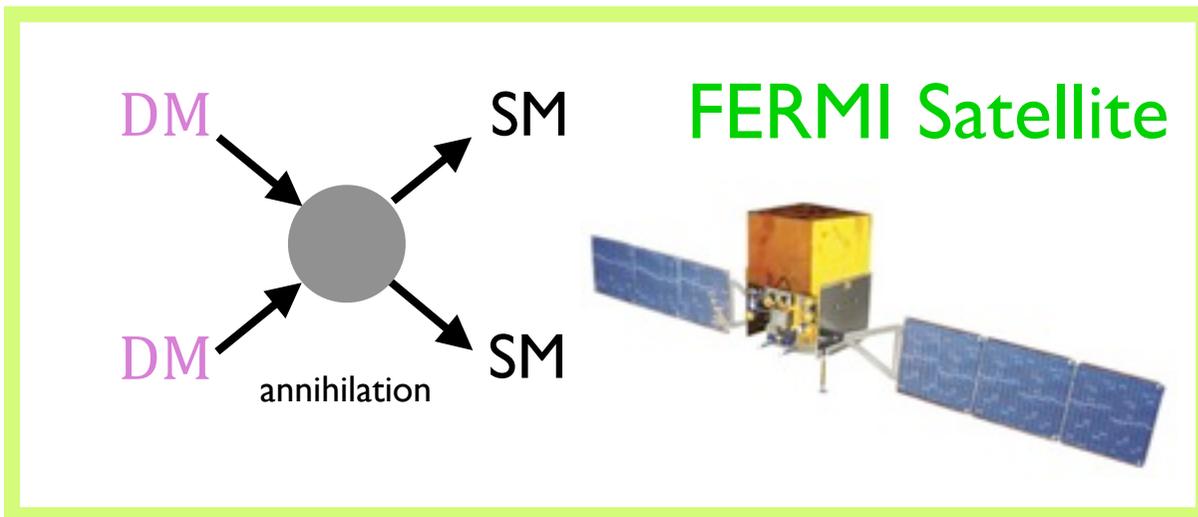
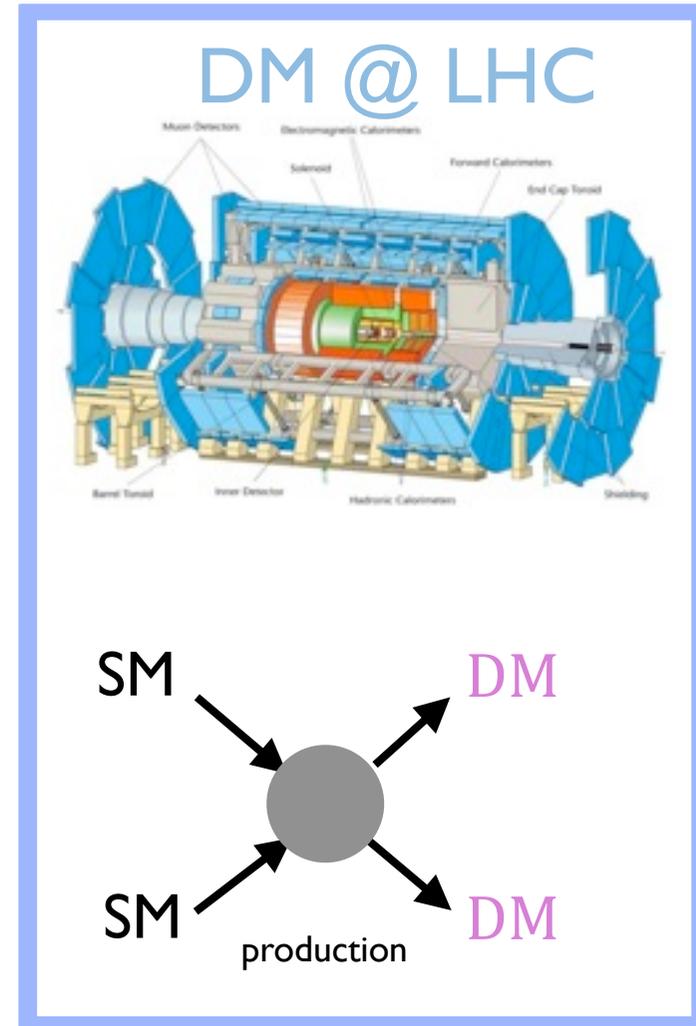
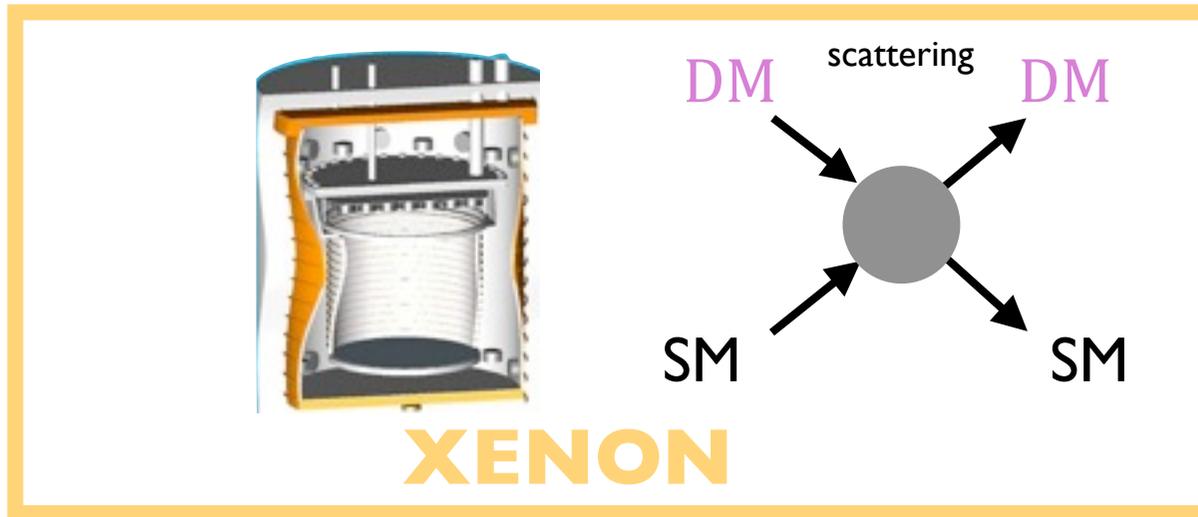
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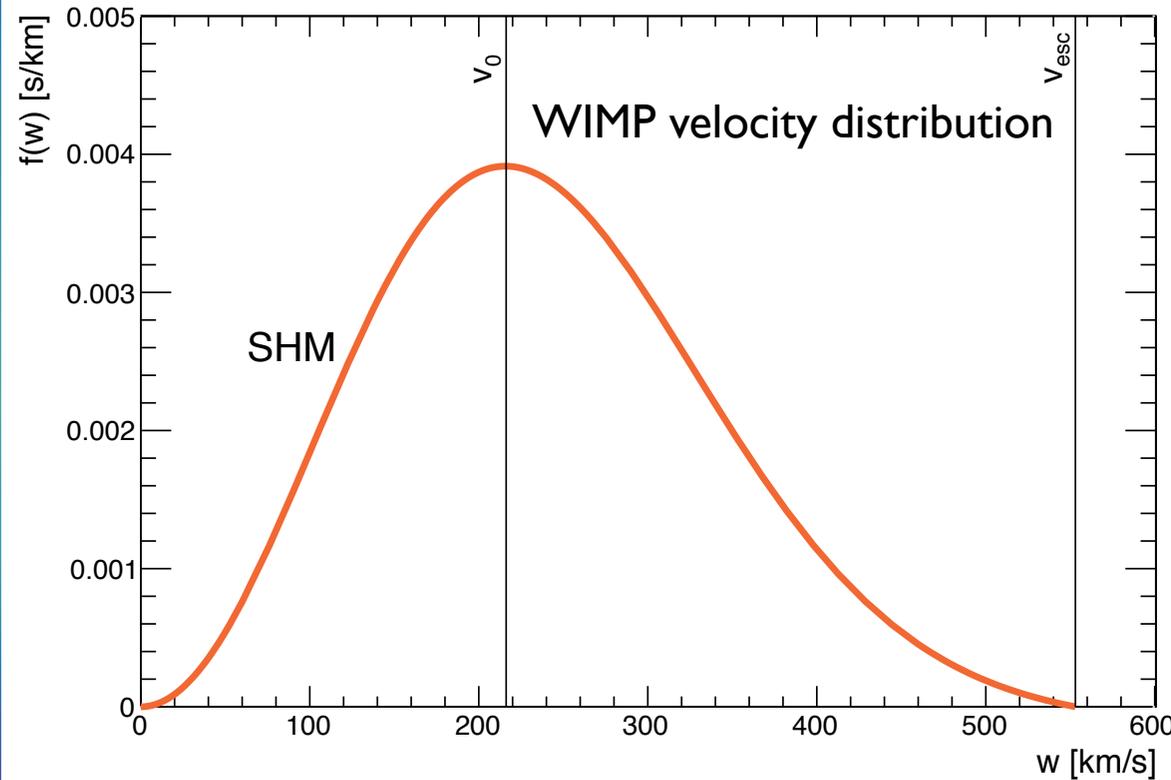
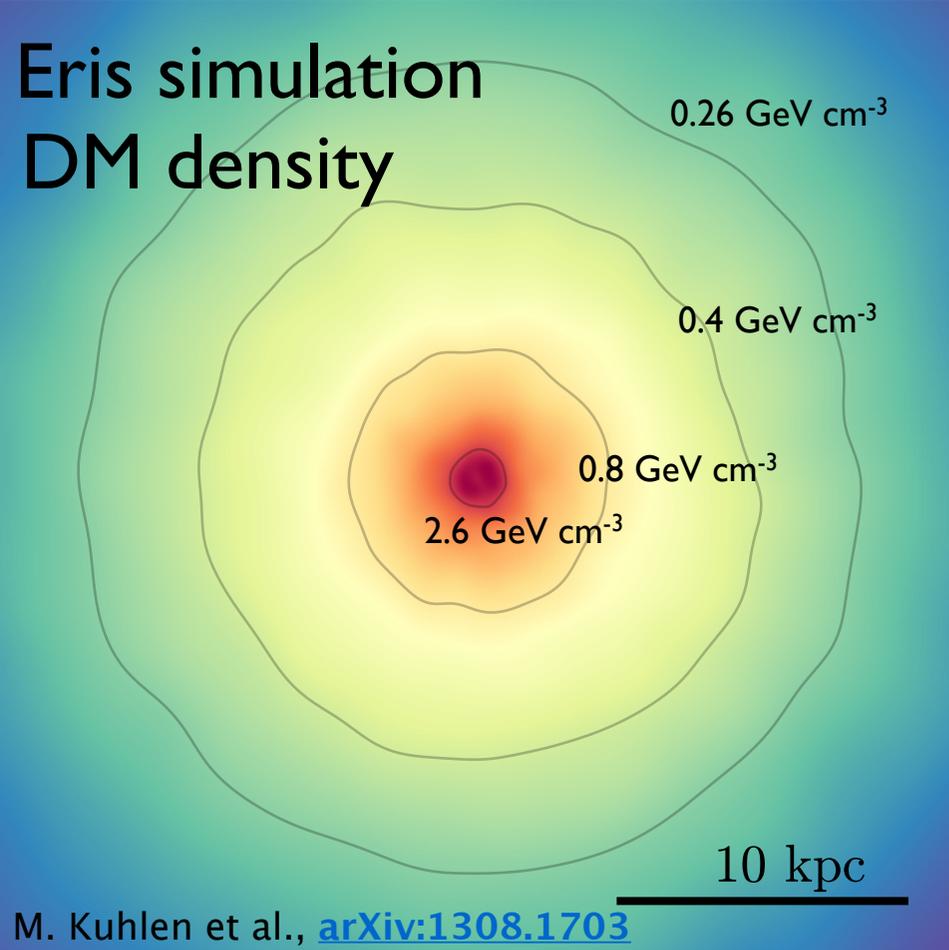


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# Dark Matter density and velocity distribution

From astrophysics: observation & simulation



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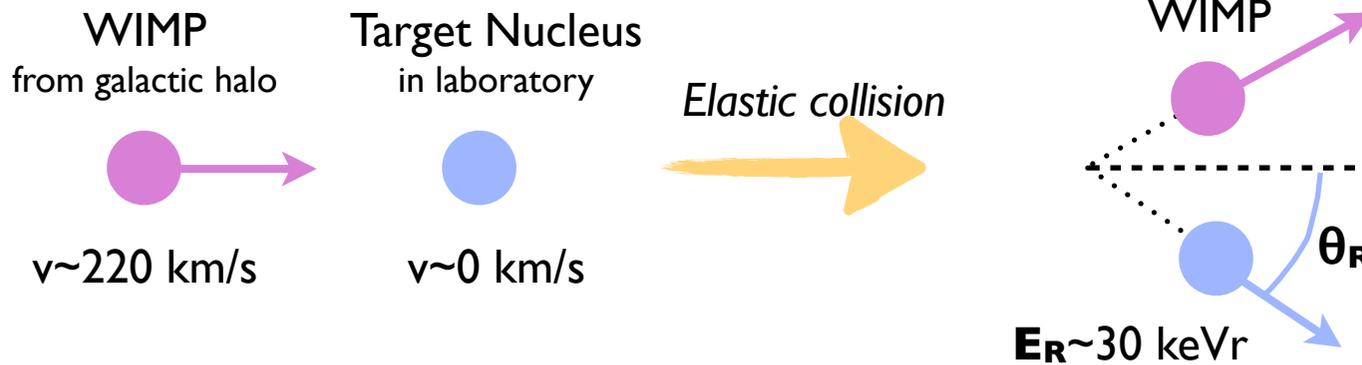
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Sun velocity vector pointing roughly to Cygnus

Assume WIMP is not only gravitationally interacting

M. W. Goodman and E. Witten, Phys. Rev. D 31, 3059 (1985).



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$$\sigma_{SD} = \frac{32\mu^2}{\pi} G_F^2 \left( \frac{J+1}{J} \right) [a_p \langle S_p \rangle + a_n \langle S_n \rangle]^2$$

Only axial vector  
describing state  
of nucleus as  $q \rightarrow 0$

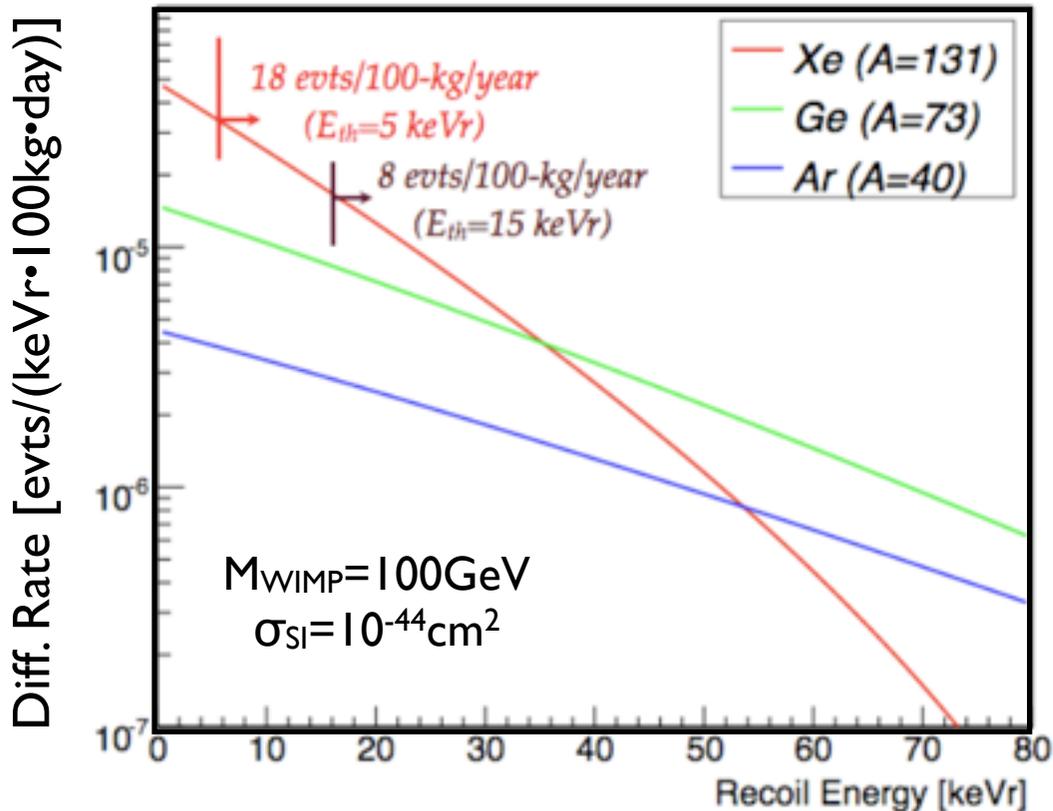
WIMP couplings to protons & neutrons

# WIMP-nucleus scattering

- Need to consider 3 energy scales for WIMP-nucleus elastic scattering
  - **Electroweak scale:** determines composition and mass of WIMP
    - E.g. the SUSY part of the problem → sweeps through SUSY parameter space
  - **QCD scale:** determines quark distributions inside the nucleons (both spin&density)
    - This has been measured to high precision
  - **Nuclear physics:** at the modest scattering energies, interaction is with the entire nucleus:
    - Not measurable and need to rely on calculations → e.g. nuclear shell model

# Expected Energy Spectrum

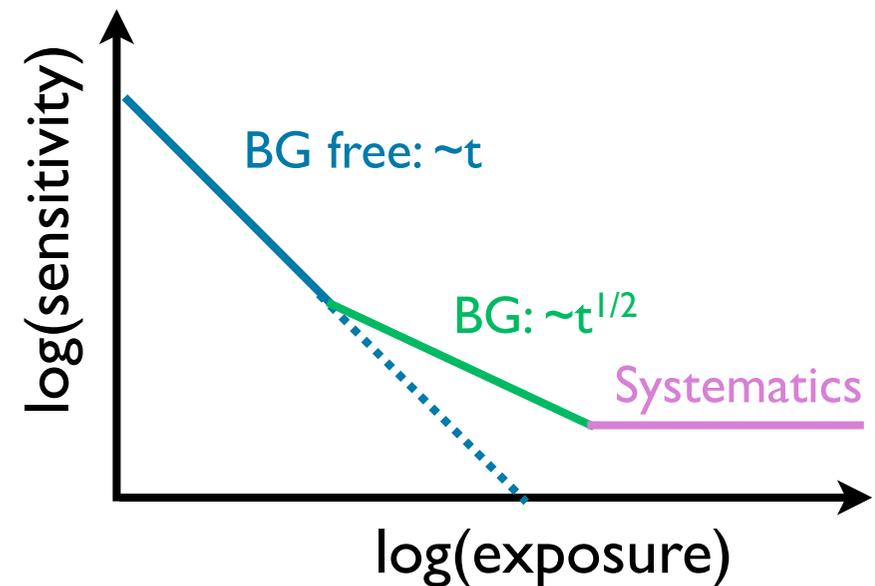
WIMP Scatt. Rates per 100kg per day  
for different targets (Xe, Ge, Ar)



- Elastic collisions with nuclei
- WIMP velocity  $\sim 10^{-3}c$
- Energy of recoiling nucleus is tiny :  $<50$  keV
- Rates are uncertain, since they depend on model
- Spectrum is featureless (no peaks)

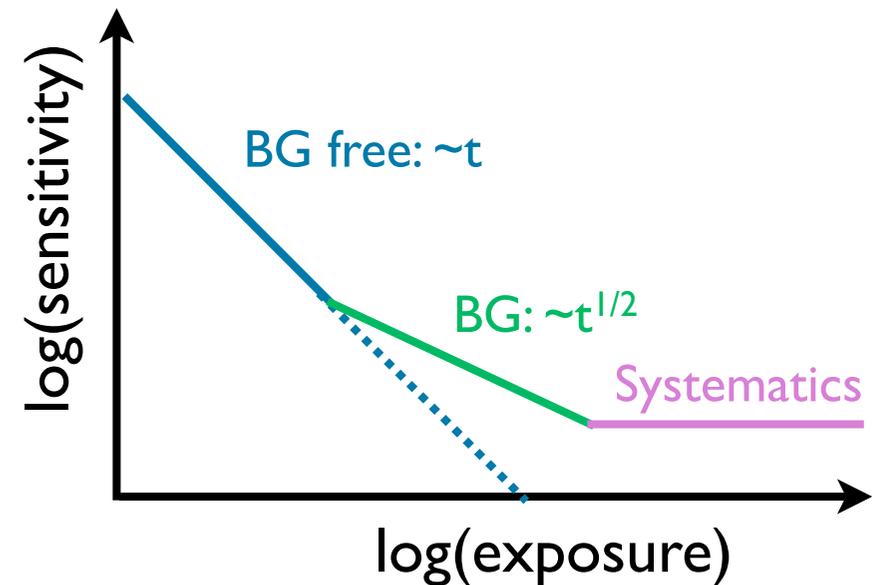
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Current state-of-the-art:  $< 1 \text{ ev}/(\text{kg}\cdot\text{yr})$   
Moving to:  $1 \text{ ev}/(\text{ton}\cdot\text{yr})$

# Underground Labs with DM Experiments



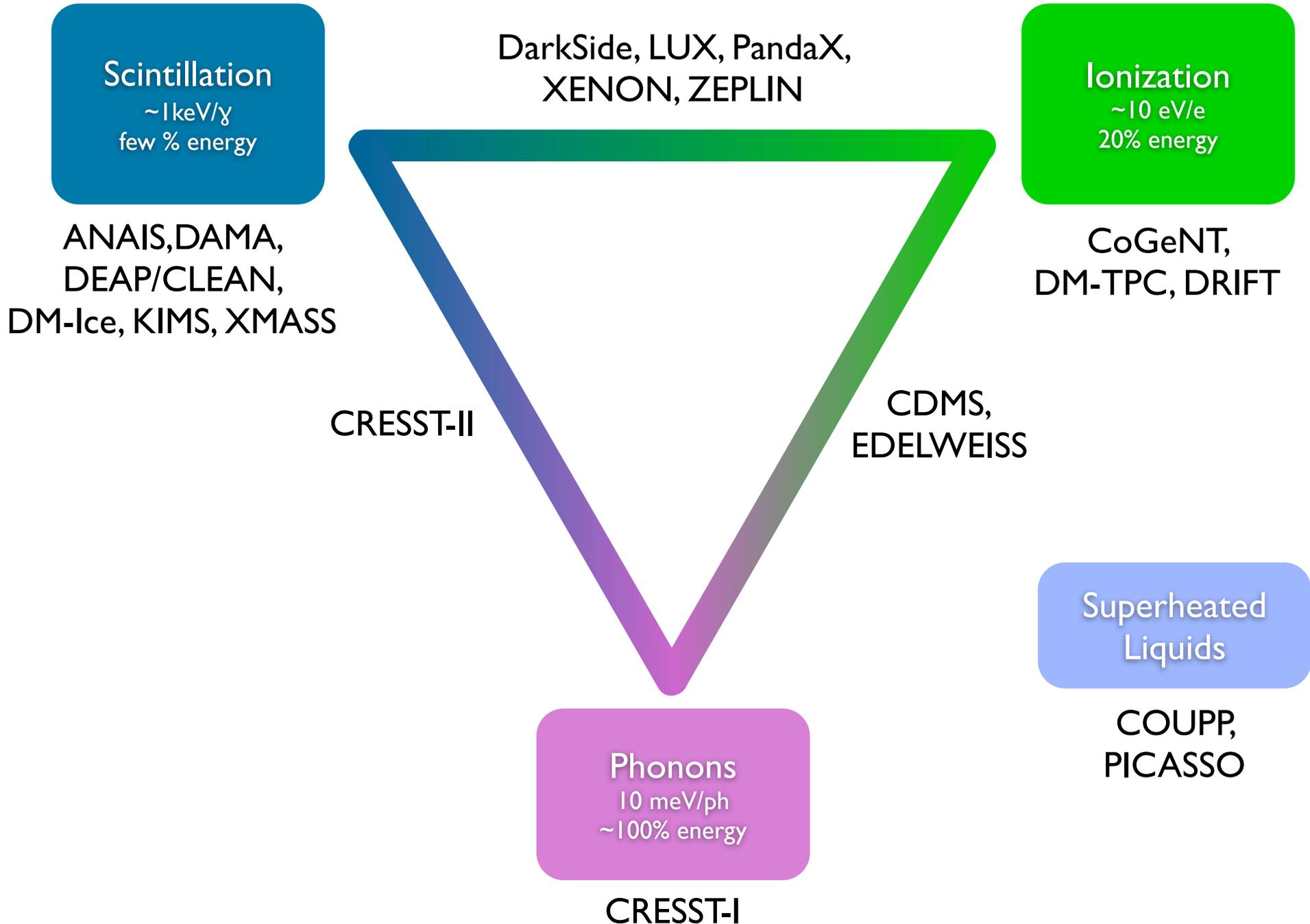
Need at least 1000m rock ( $\sim 3000$  mwe) overburden  
Reduces muon rate by  $\sim 10^5$

South Pole

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# Detection Techniques



# Particle-dependent Response

CDMS, CRESST, DarkSide,  
LUX, XENON etc.

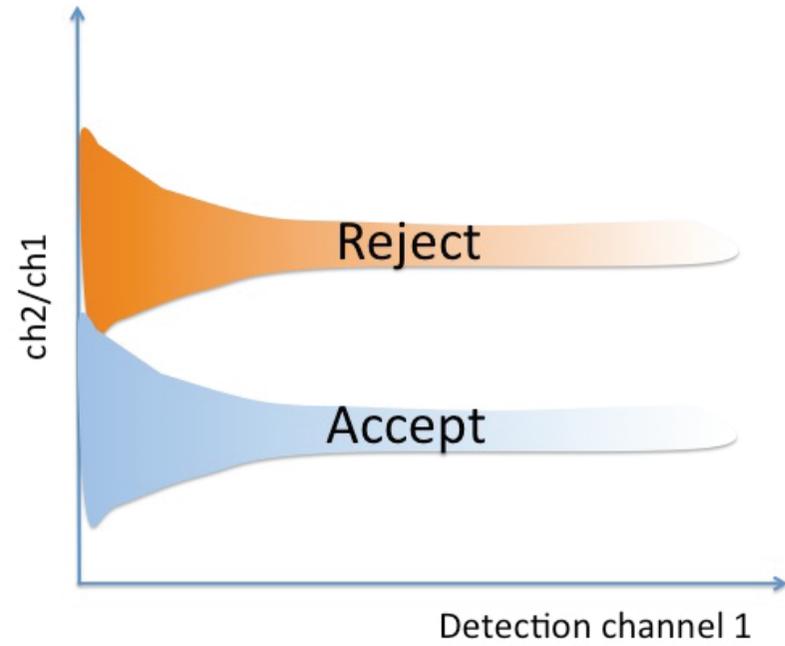
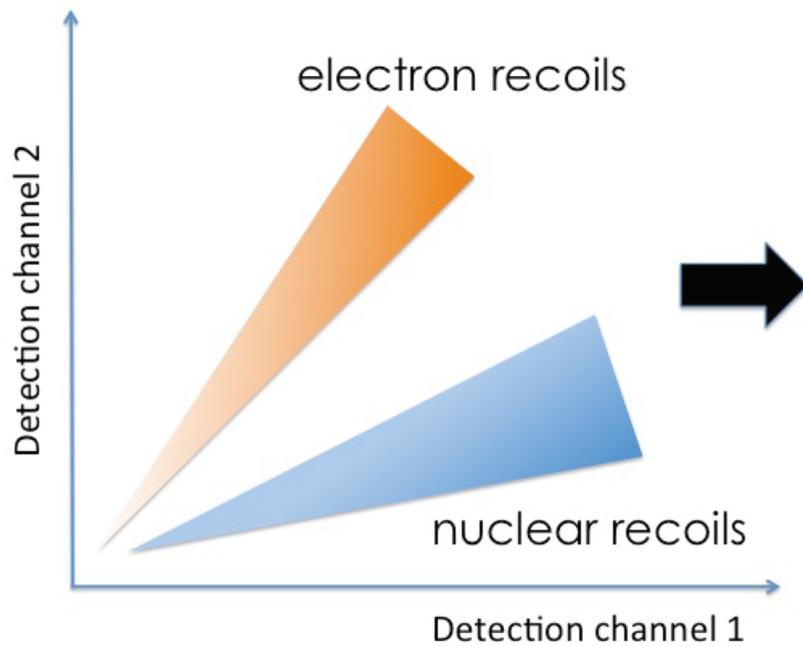
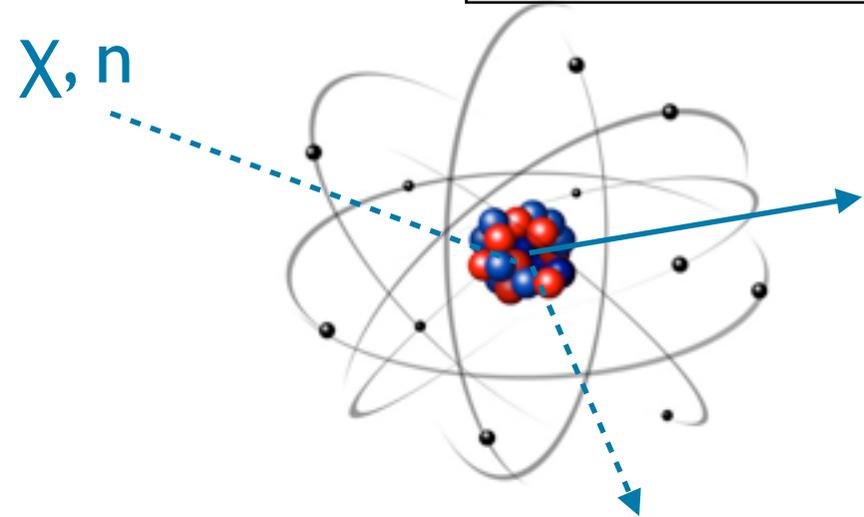
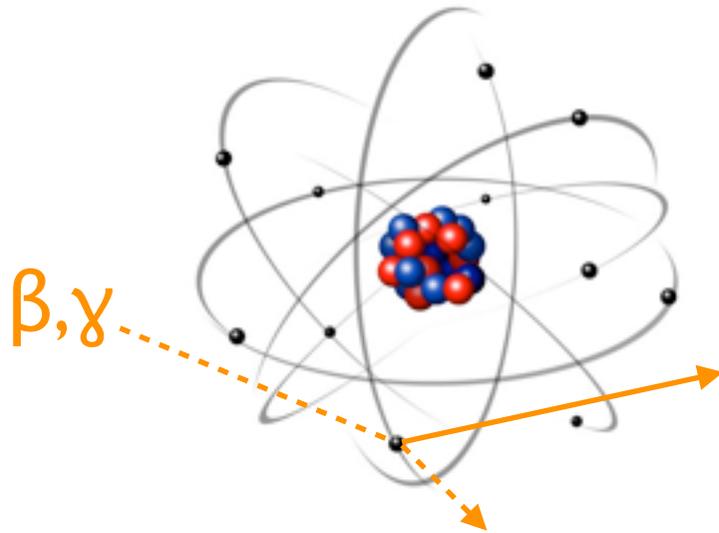


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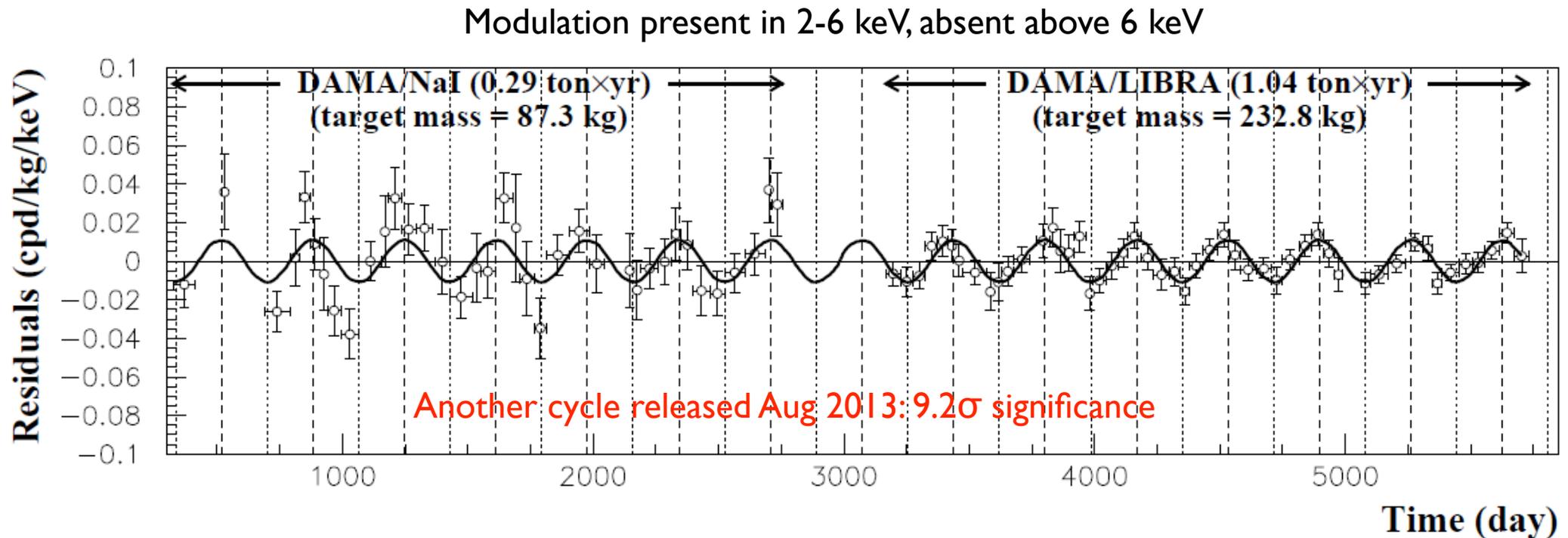
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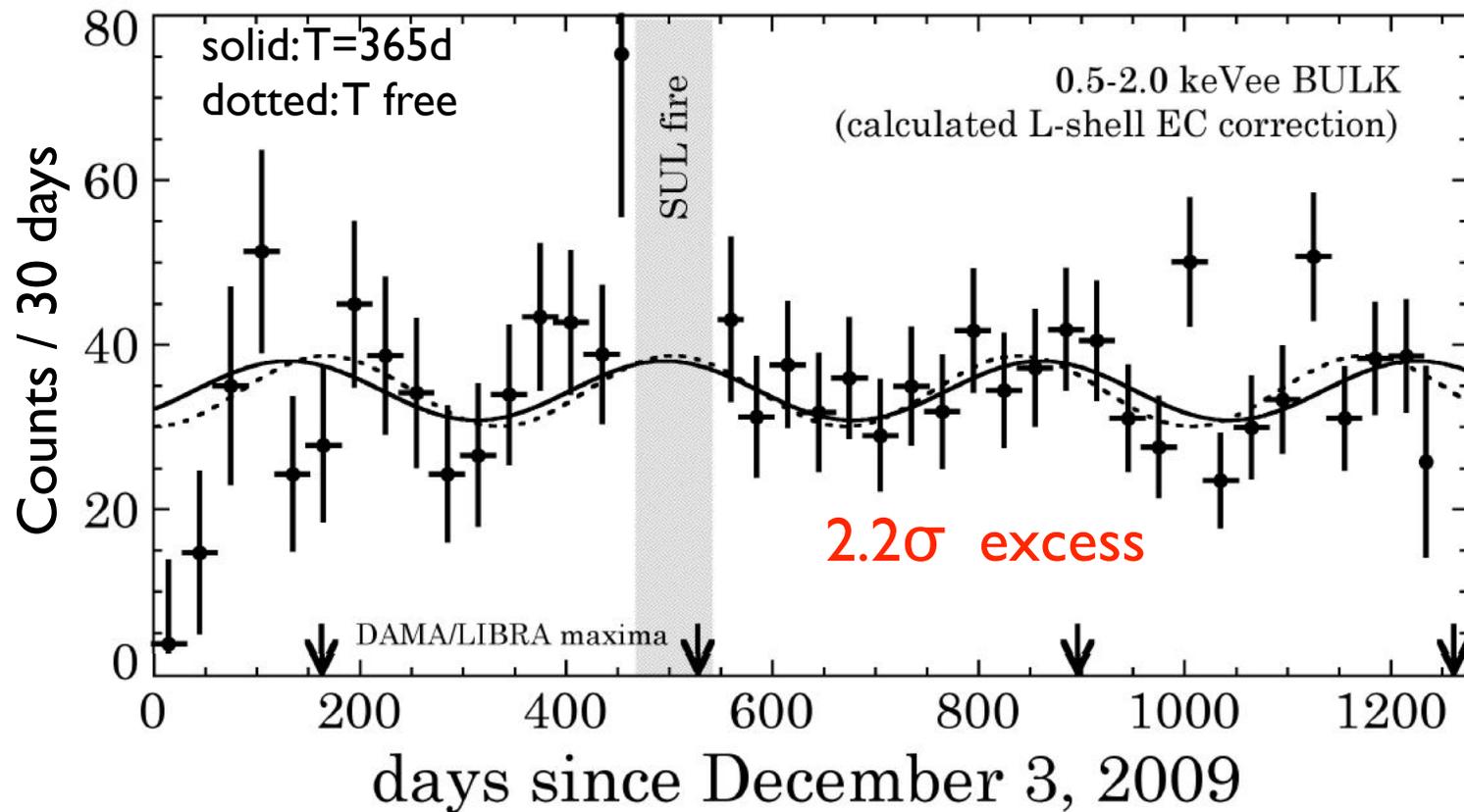
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CoGeNT results presented at TAUP2013: ~2.5x more data



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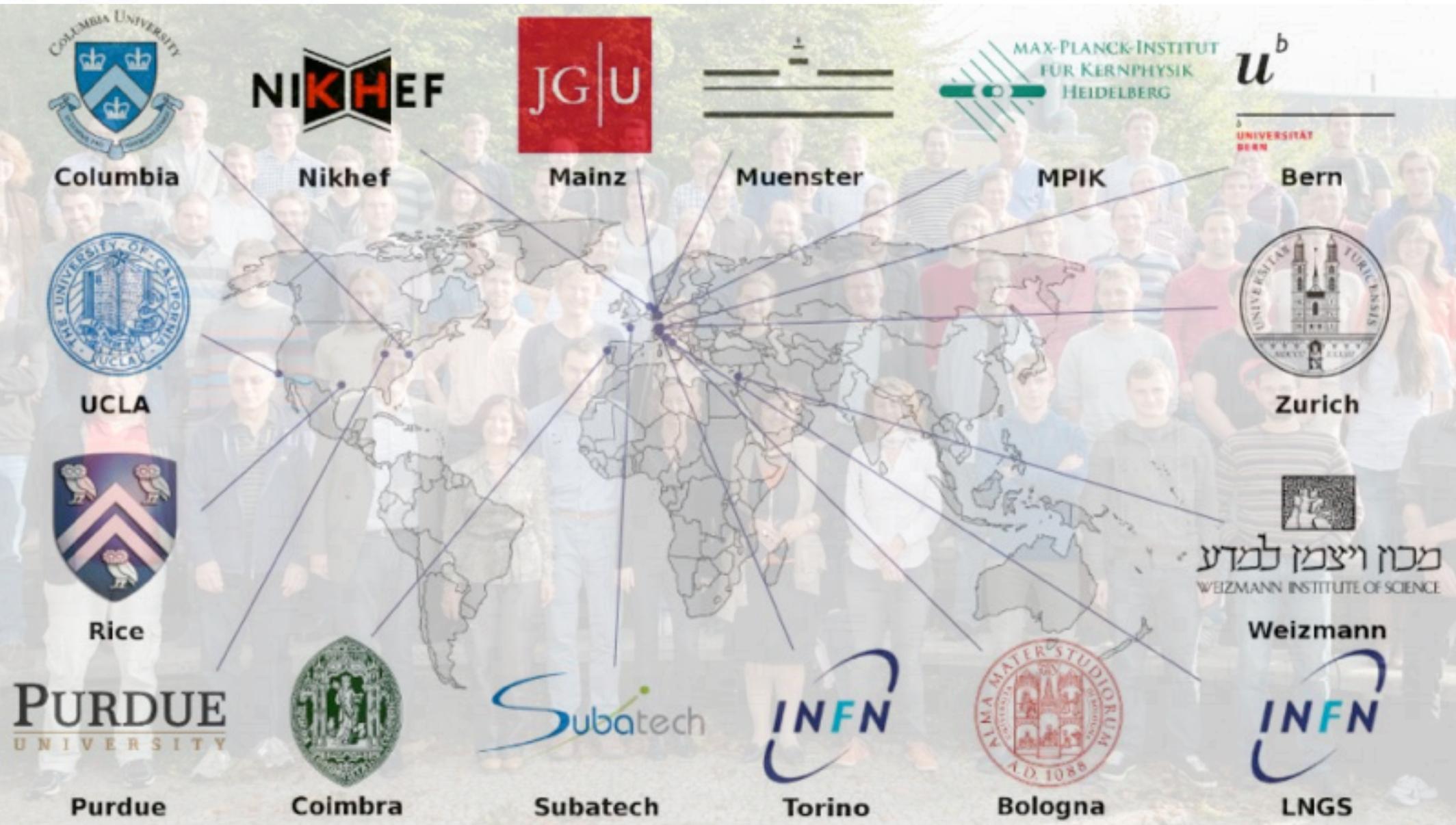
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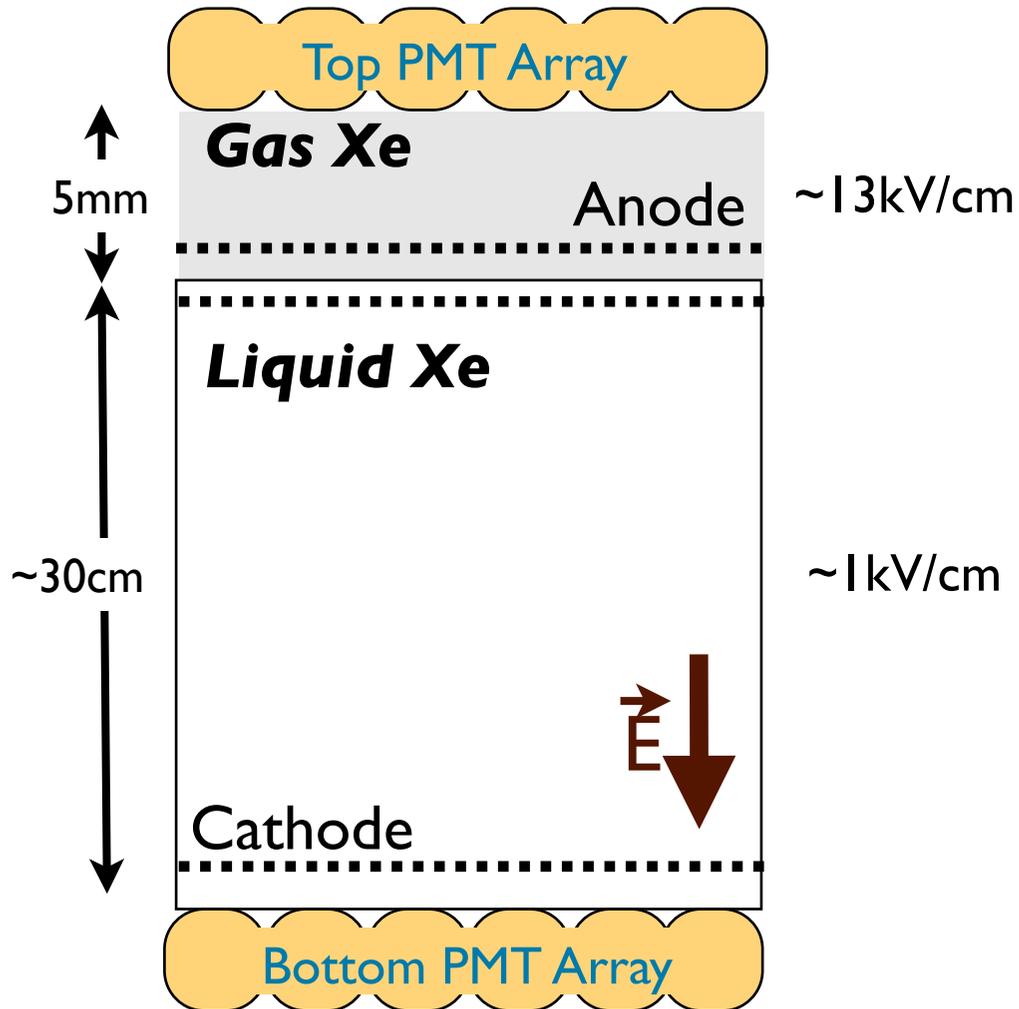
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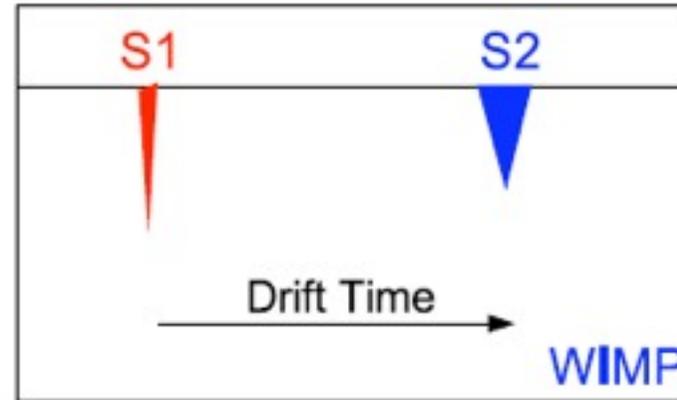
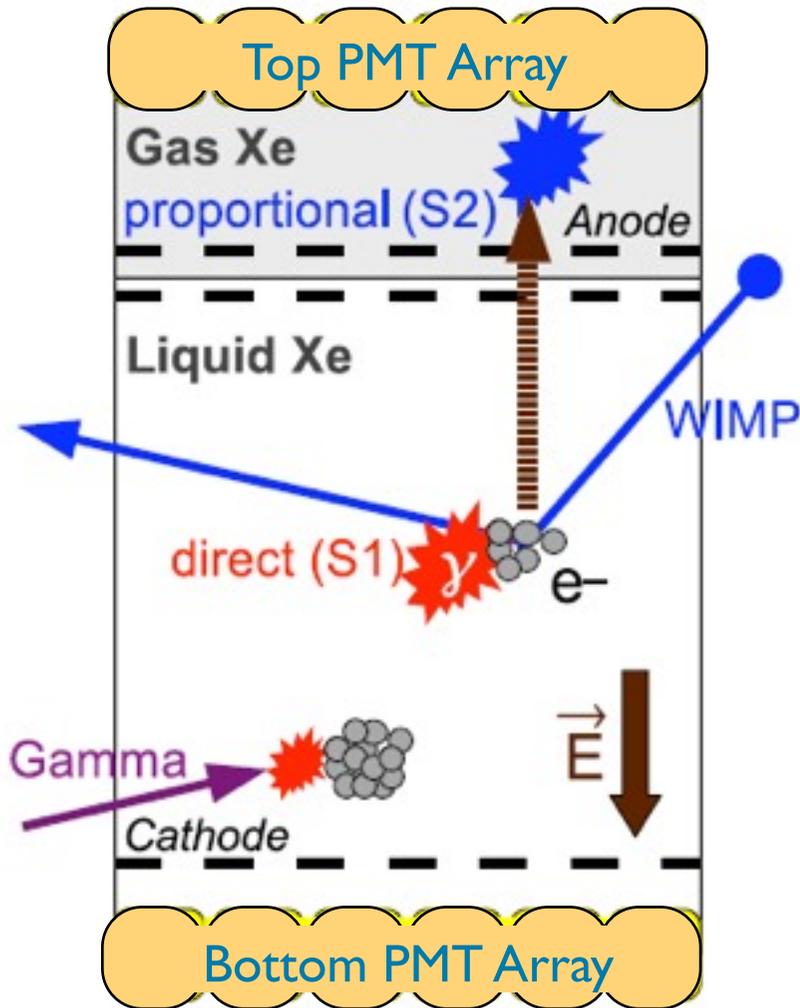


XENON10, XENON100, XENON1T, XENONnT

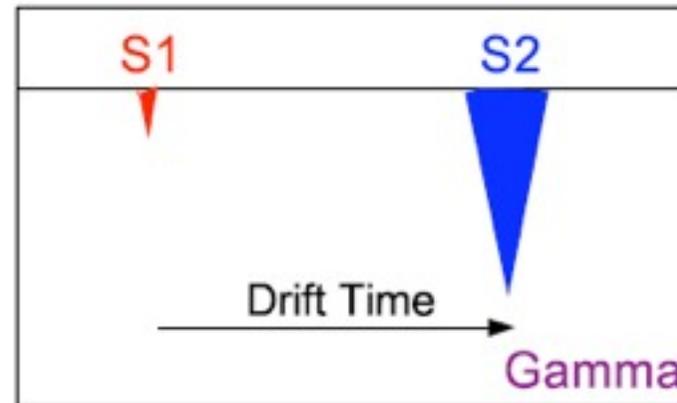
# Dual-Phase Xe TPC



# Detection Properties



Signal:  
Nuclear recoil



Background:  
Electron recoil

$$(S2/S1)_{WIMP} \ll (S2/S1)_{Gamma}$$

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LNGS 1400 m Rock (3100 w.m.e)



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**XENON IT (2015)**

**XENON100**

LVD

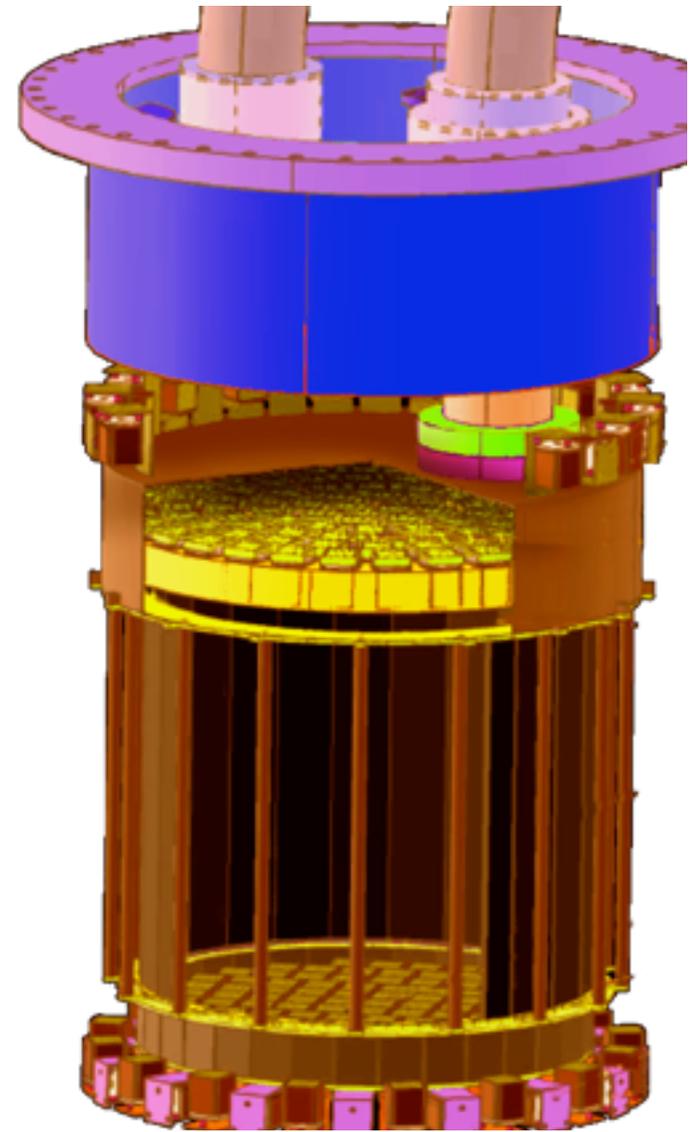
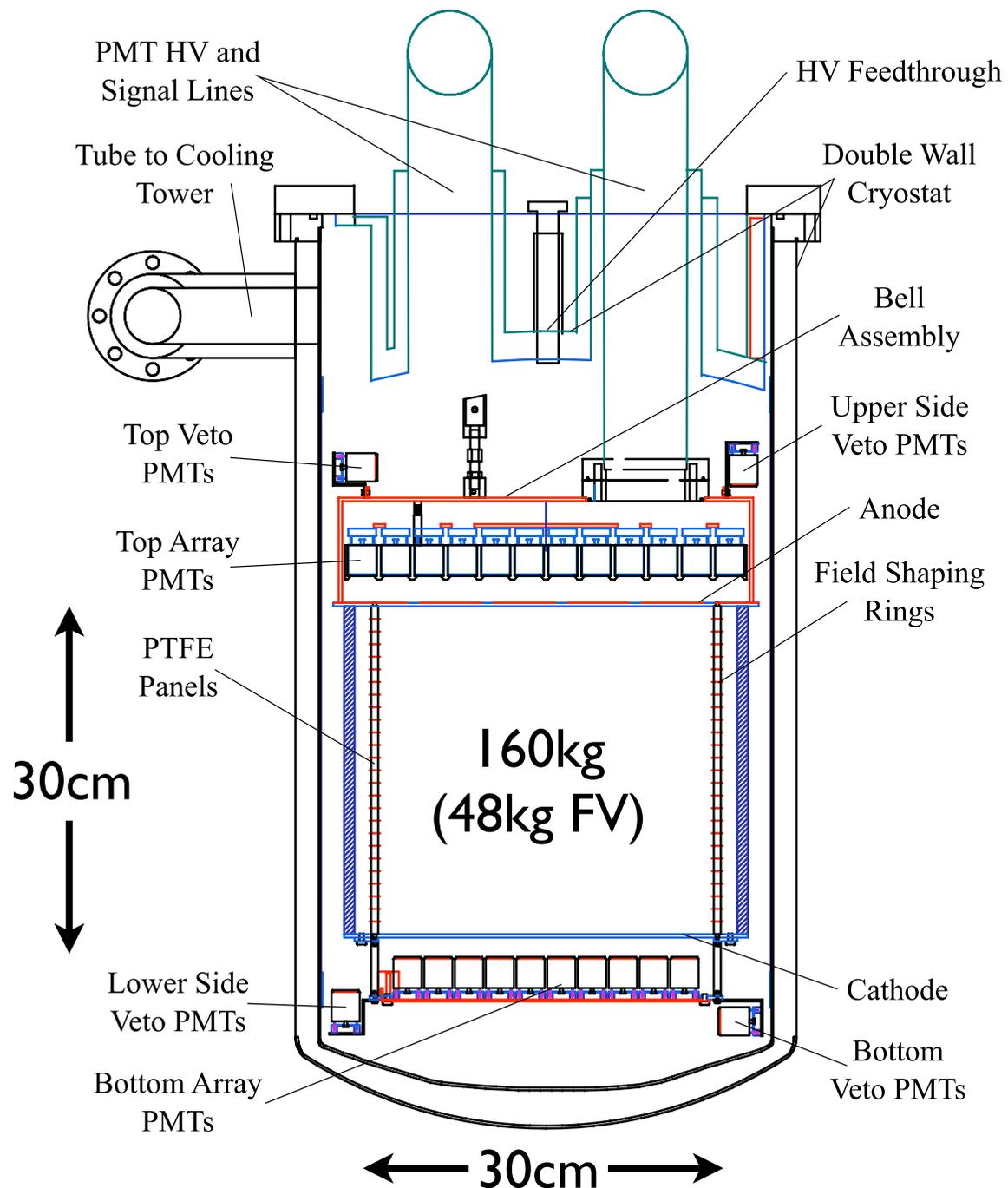
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# XENON100



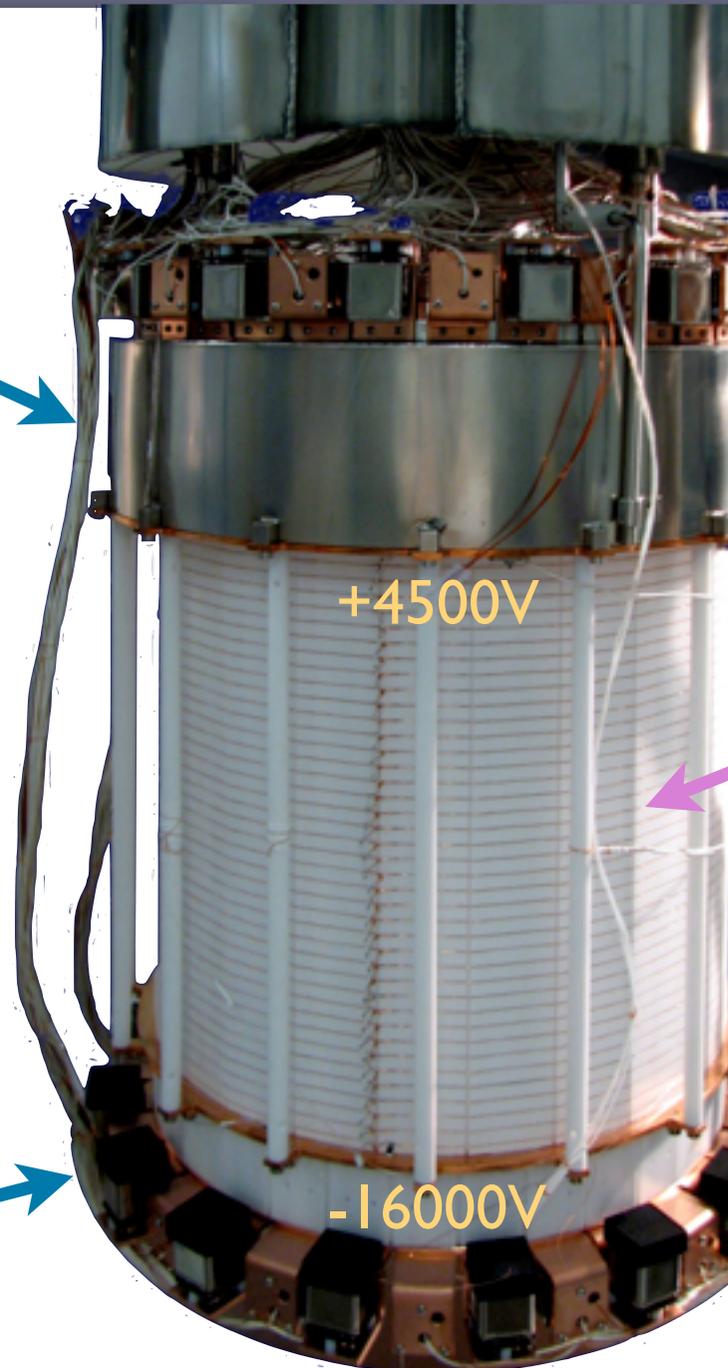
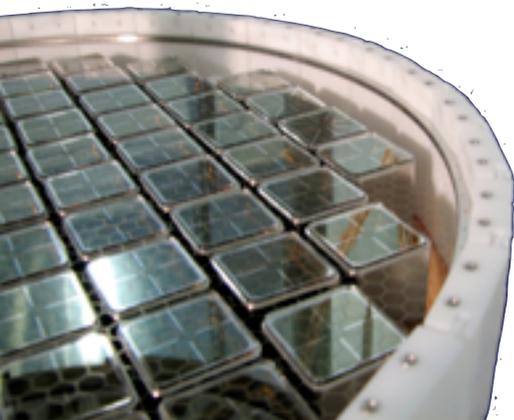
XENON100 started physics run in early 2010

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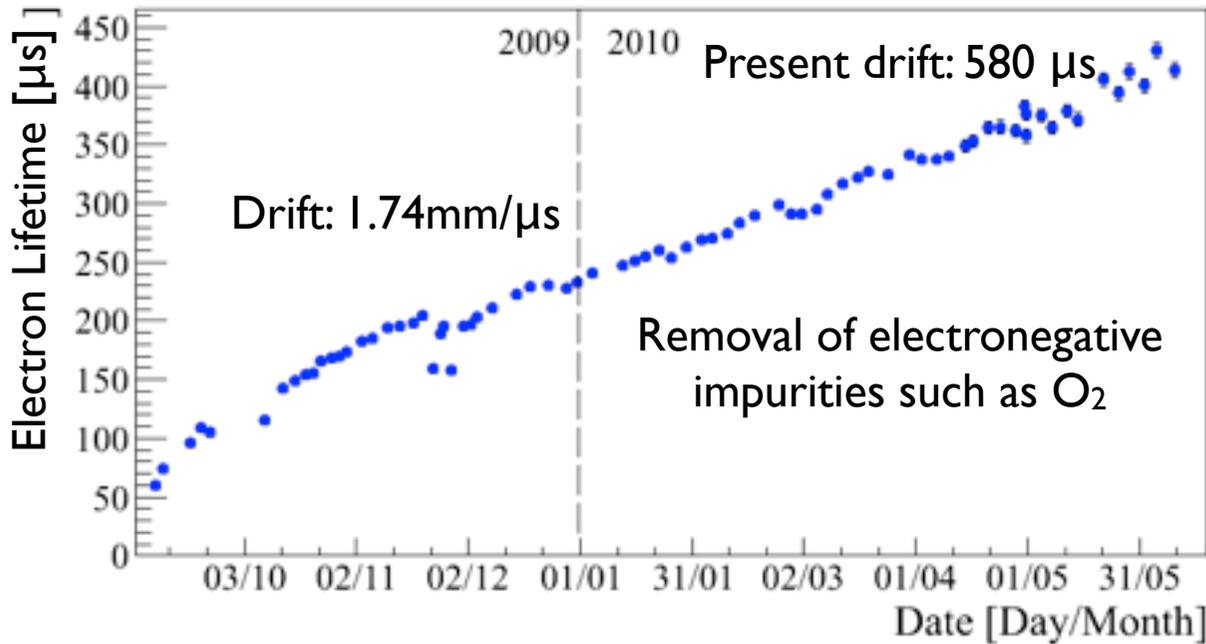
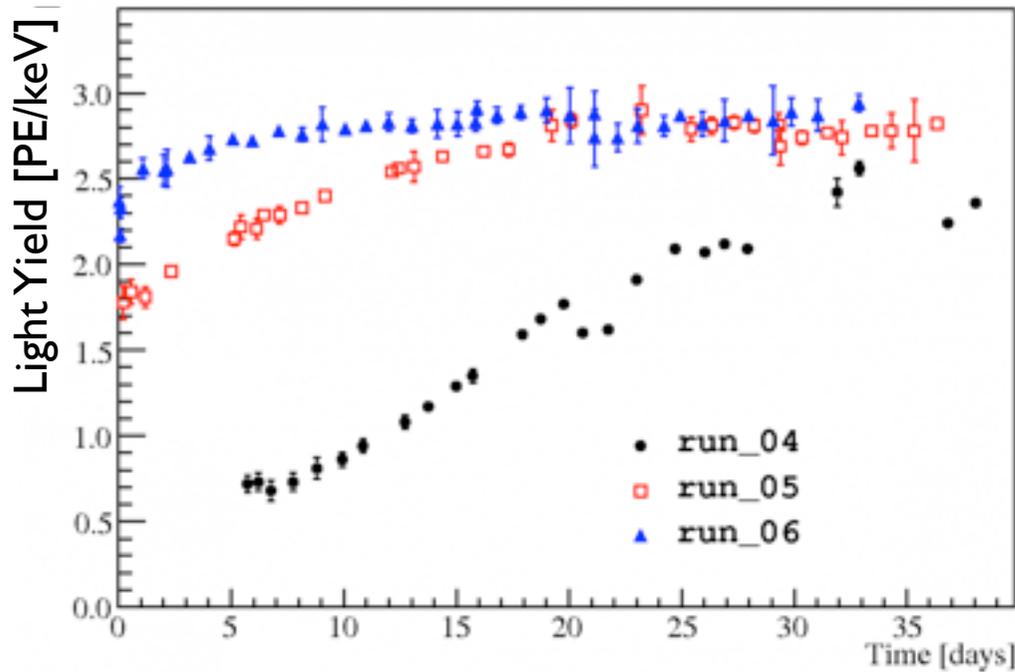
Top array: 98 PMTs

Bottom array: 80 PMTs



PTFE TPC,  
Field shaping rings

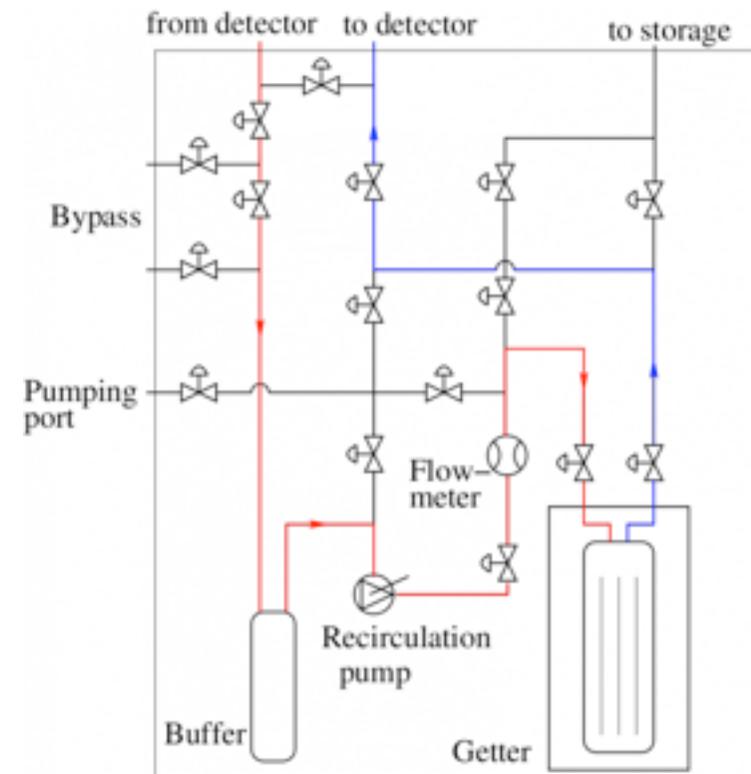
# Impurities



Non-radioactive impurities have an impact on:

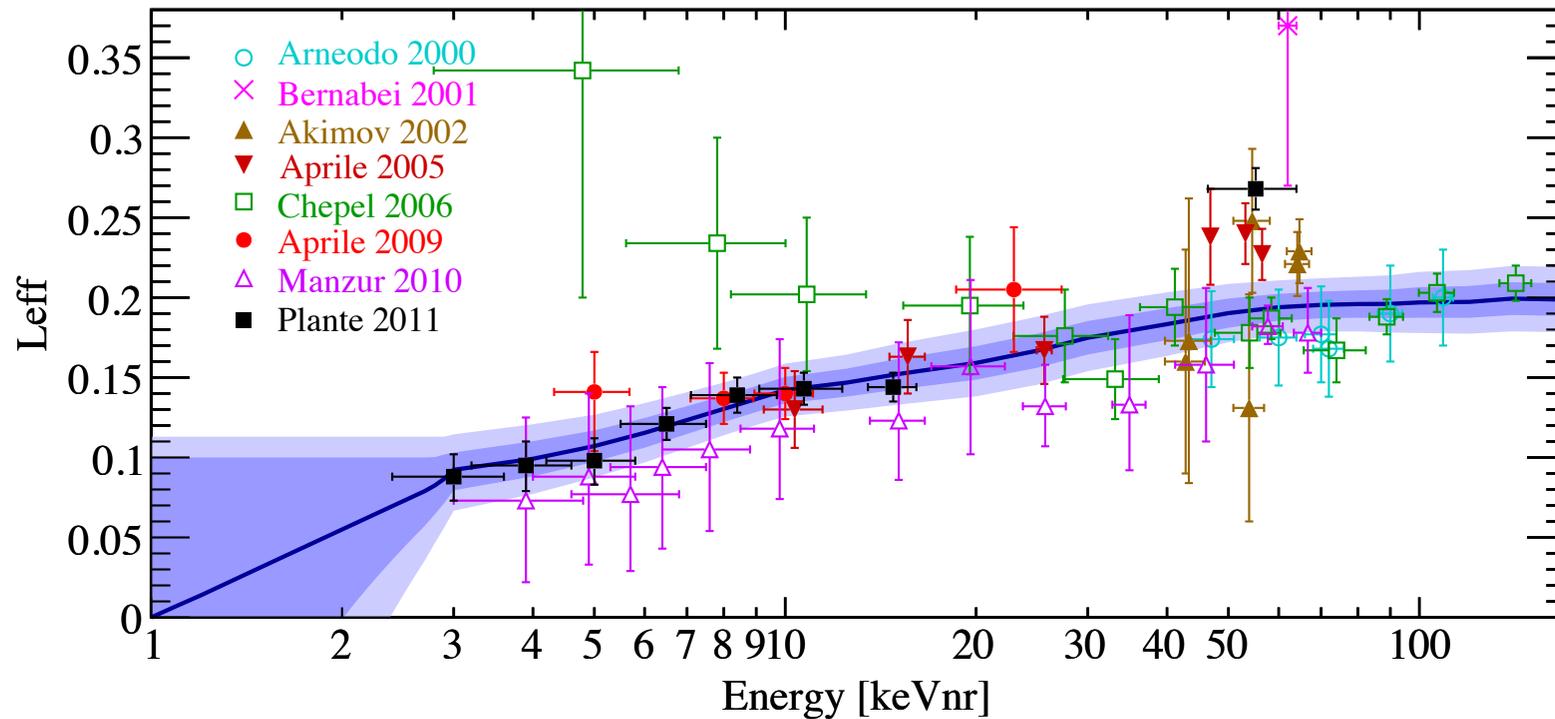
- Light Yield
  - Electron Lifetime
- Purify continuously

## Gas purification system



# Energy determination

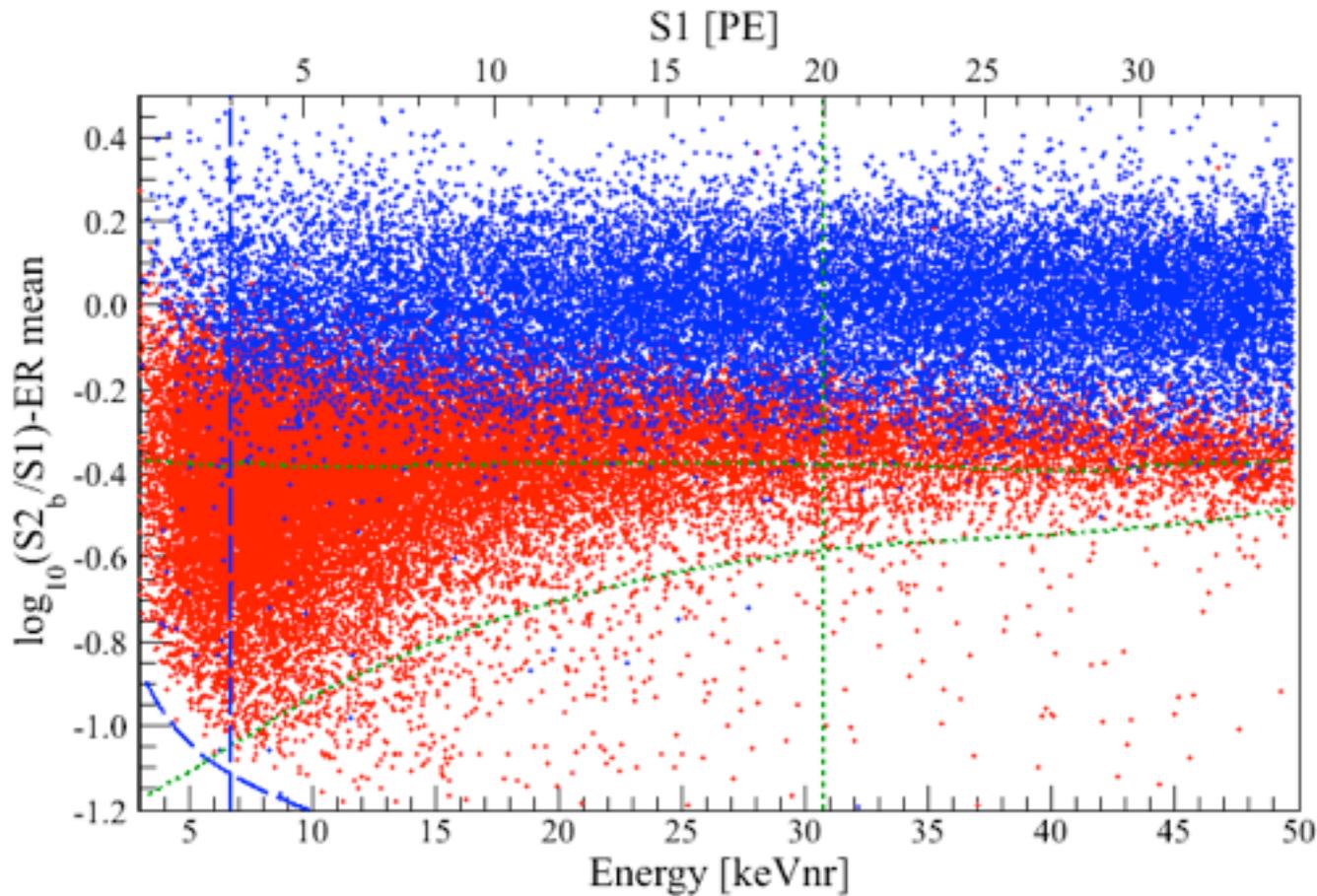
$E_{nr} = \text{fcn}(SI) \rightarrow$  measured in dedicated setups



$$E_{nr} = \frac{S_1}{L_y \cdot \mathcal{L}_{eff}} \cdot \frac{S_e}{S_n}$$

# Discriminating Nuclear from Electron Recoils

Using dedicated radioactive source runs



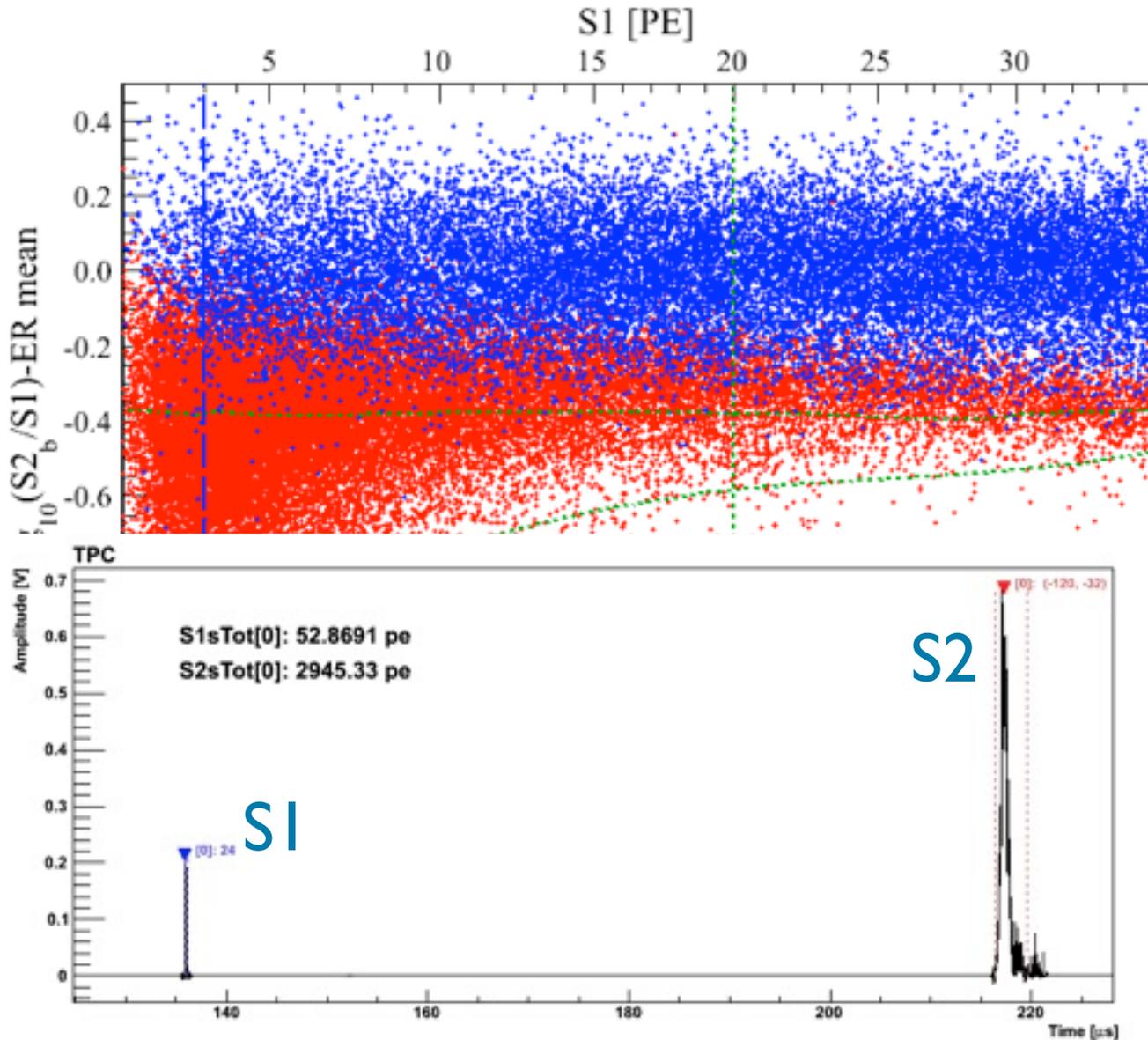
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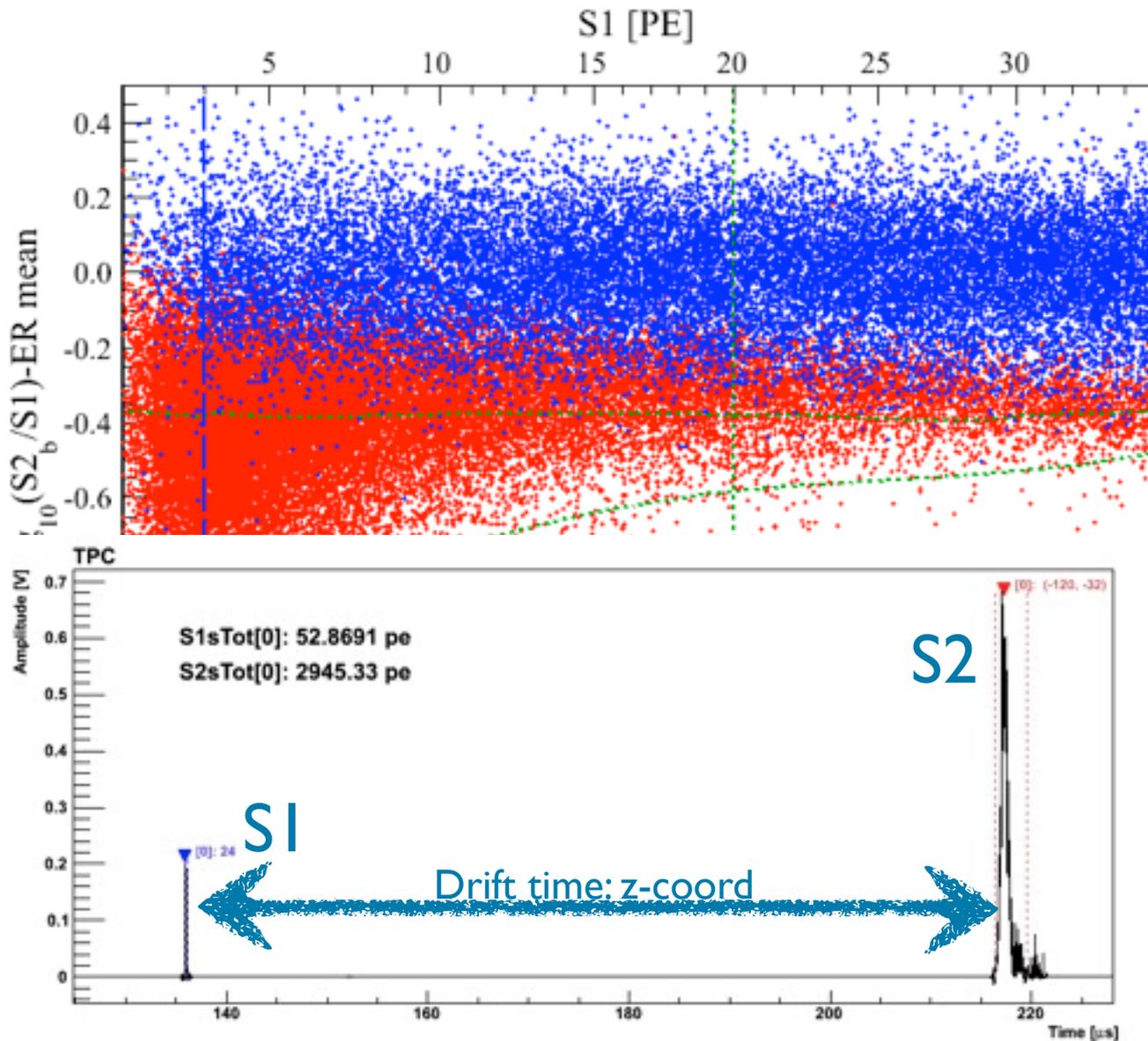
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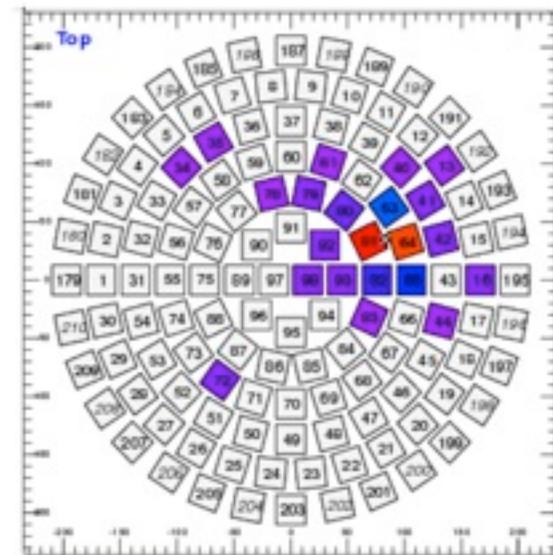
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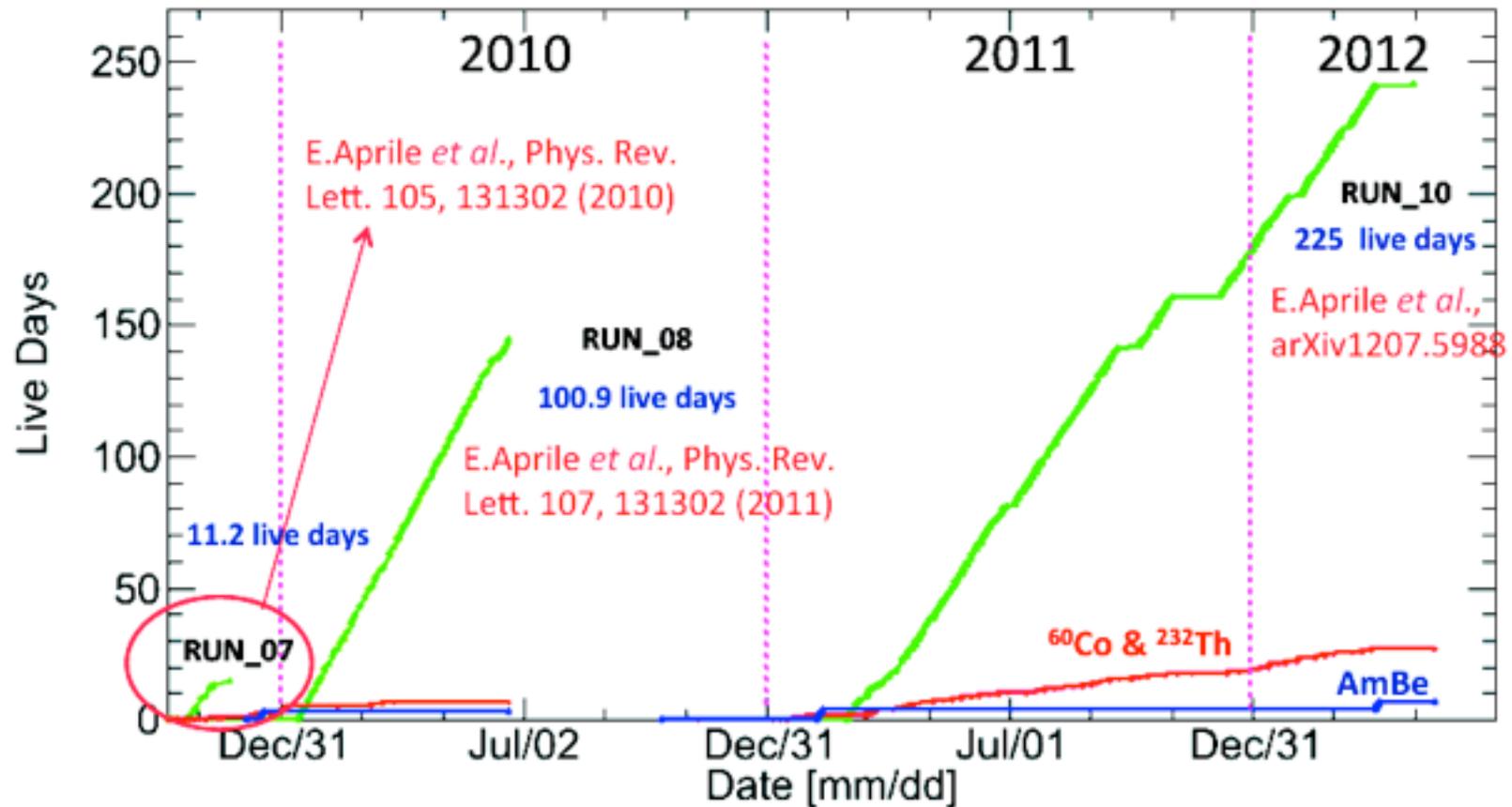
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x-y coord

# Our Luminosity plot

Regular calibrations are critical

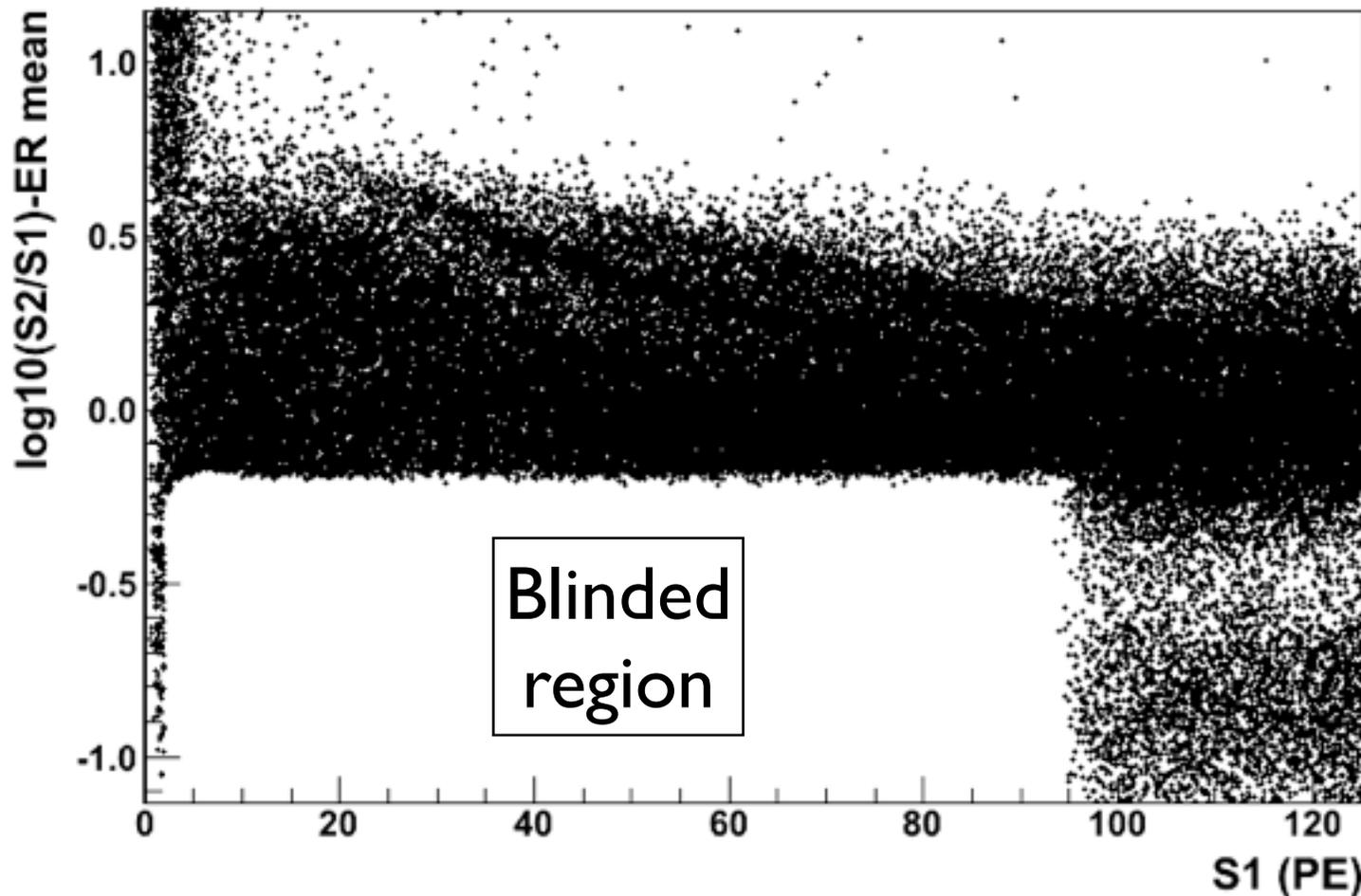


3<sup>rd</sup> data release from XENON100 - 225 livedays

# Analysis Steps

All events in 48kg Fiducial Region

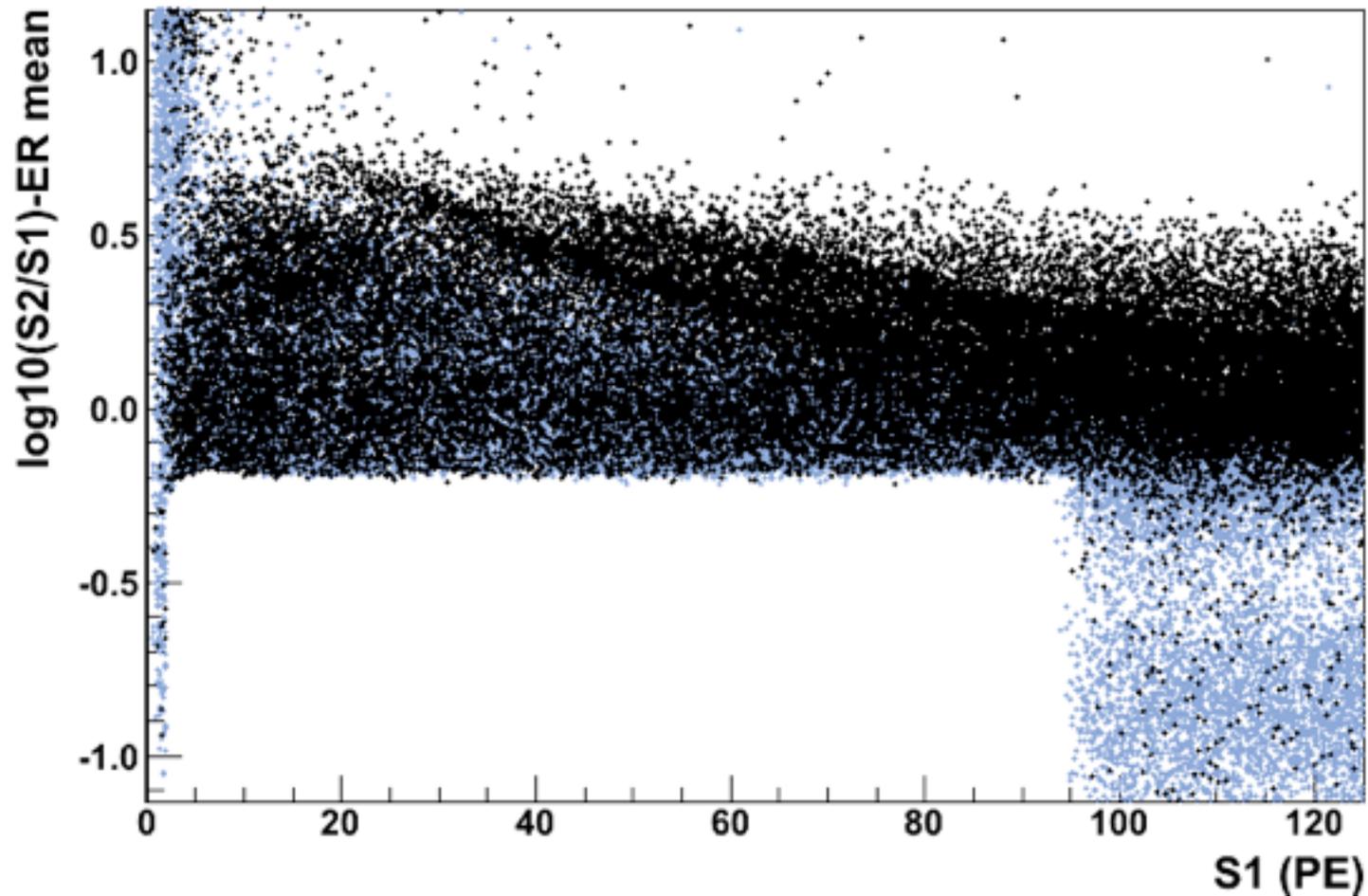
ER vs NR discr.  
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Recoil Energy →

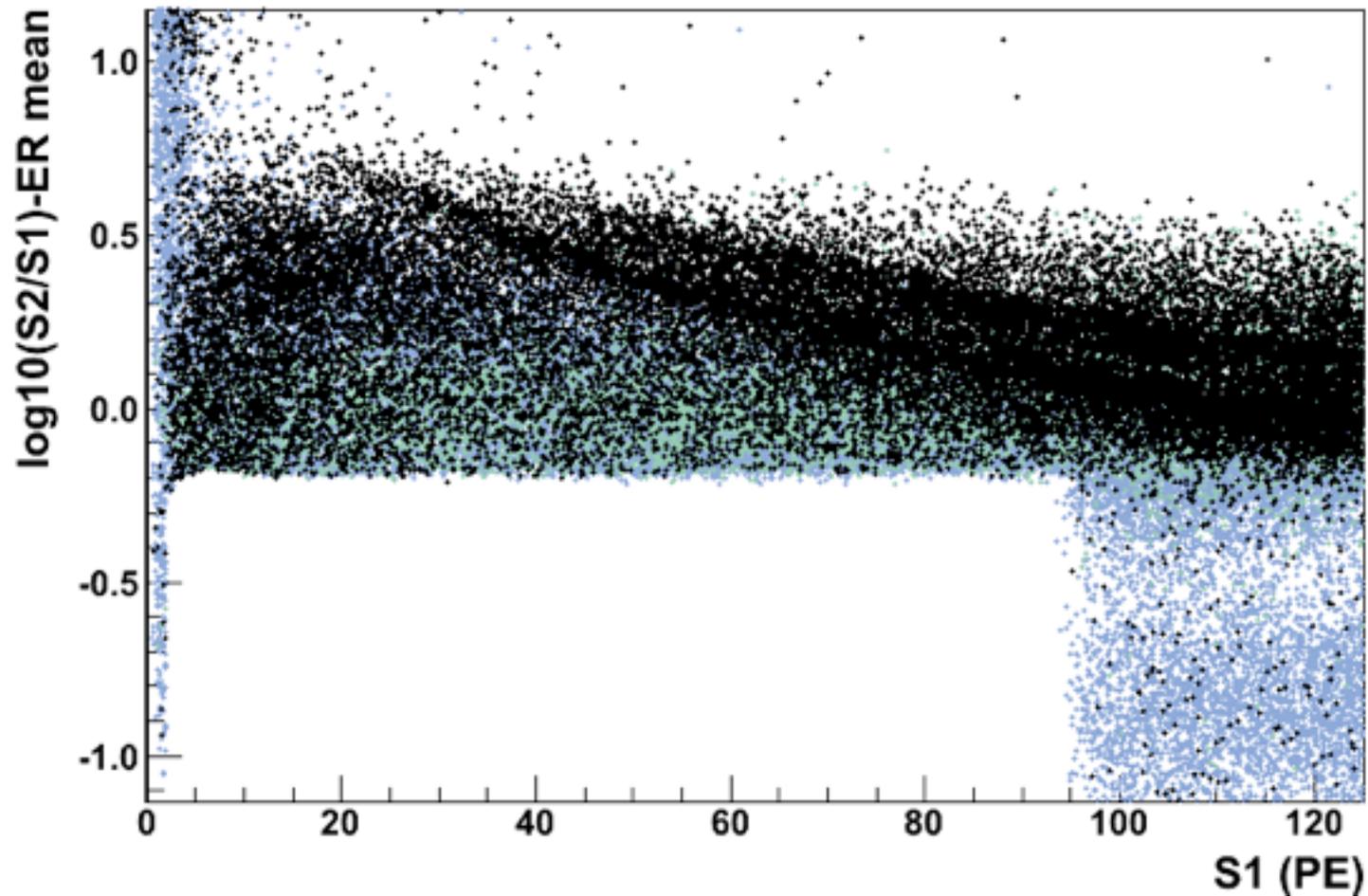
# Analysis Steps

Apply basic noise cuts



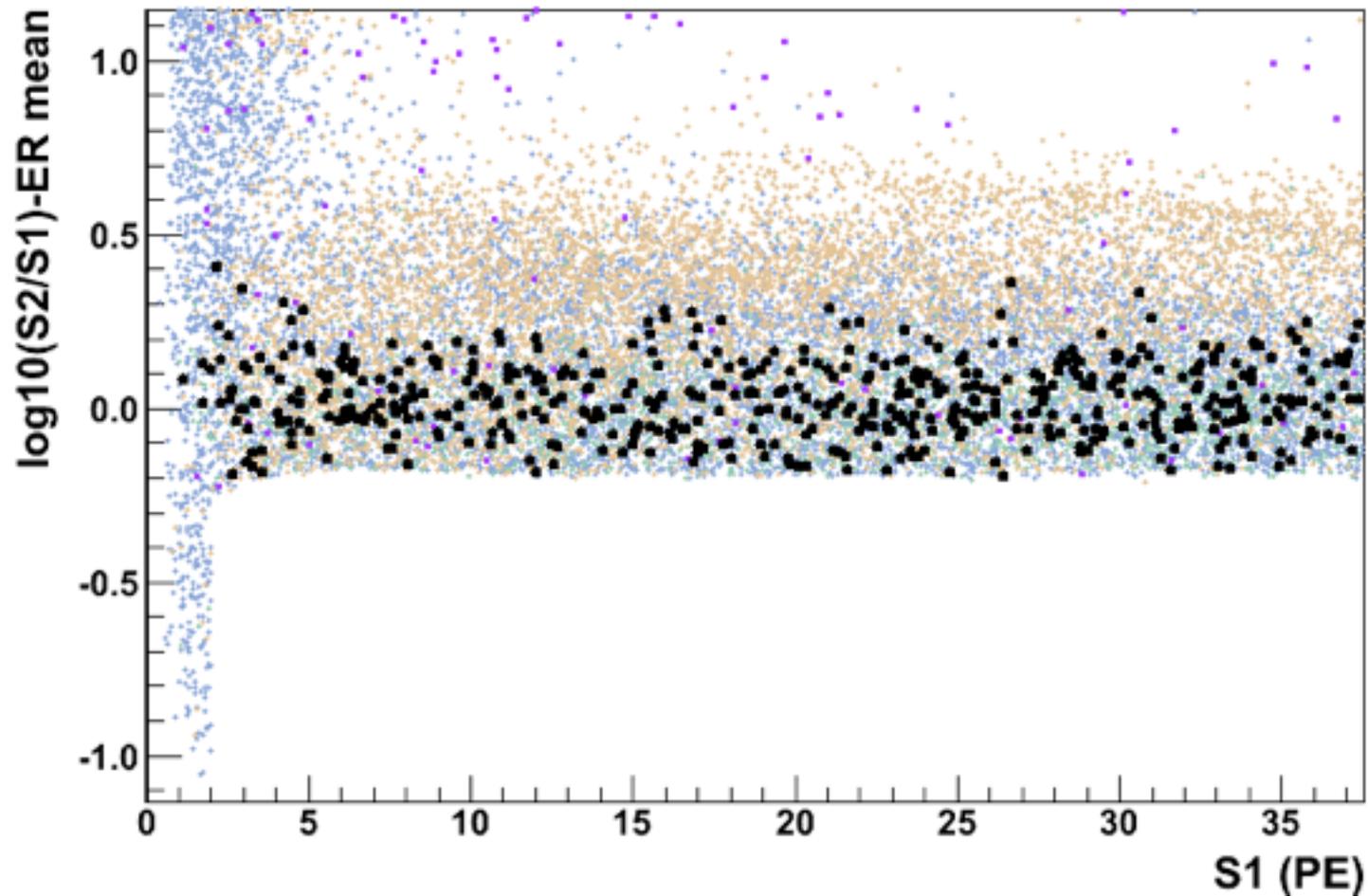
# Analysis Steps

Single Scatter Cut: WIMPs don't multiple-scatter



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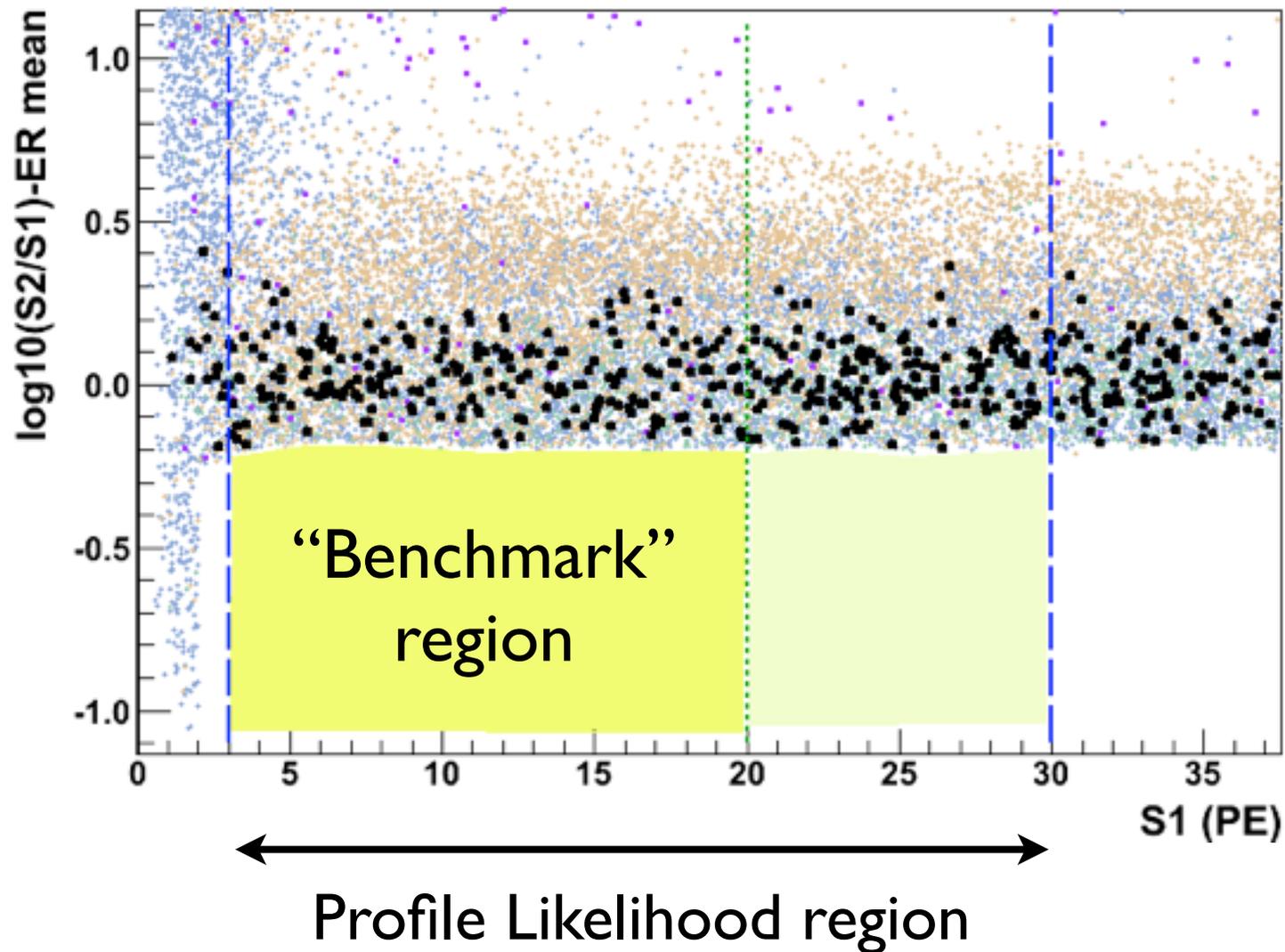
Set lower E threshold & restrict E range  
(+ various consistency cuts)



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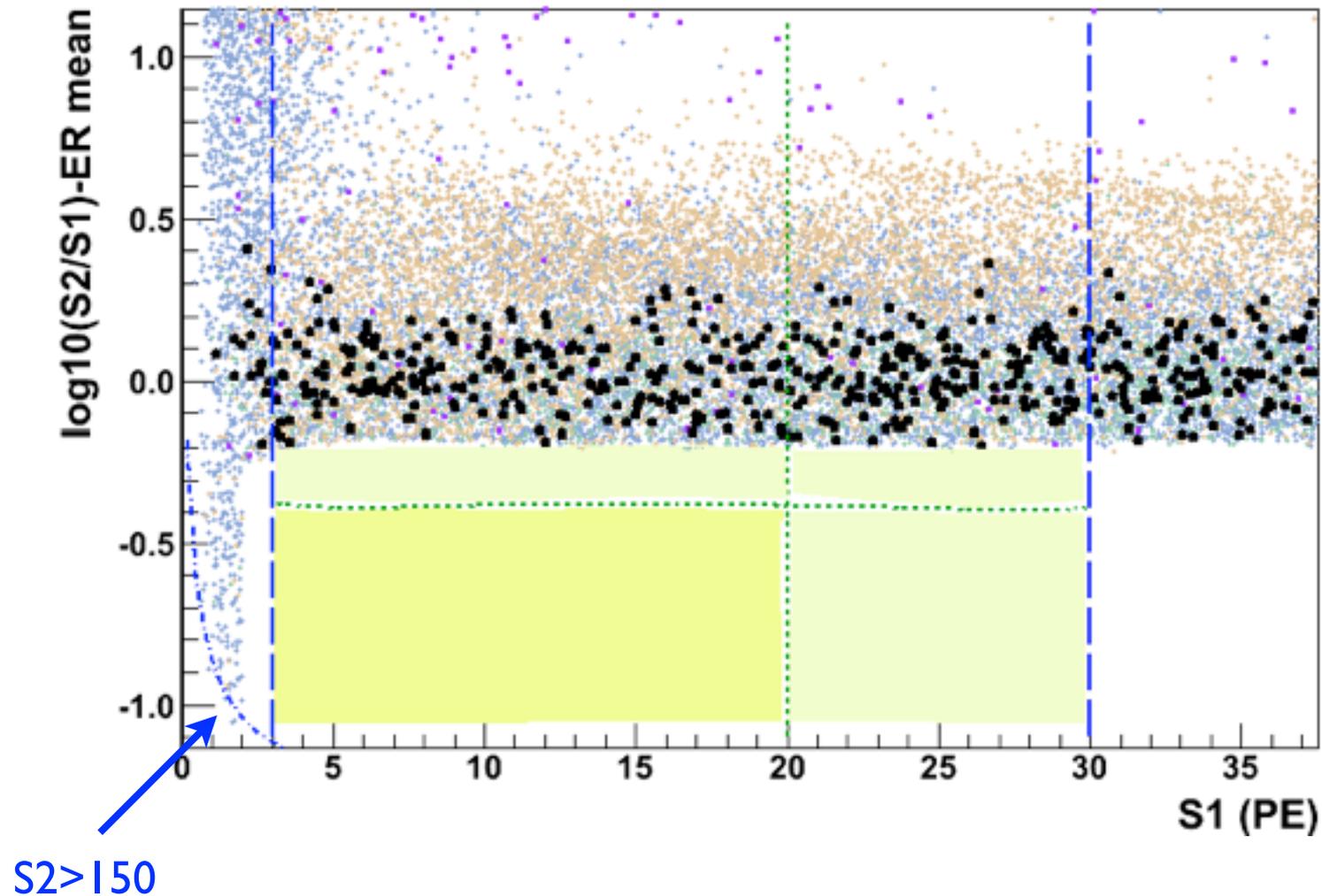
Two analyses:

1. Old-style cut-based analysis as a “Benchmark”
2. Profile Likelihood analysis in wider E range



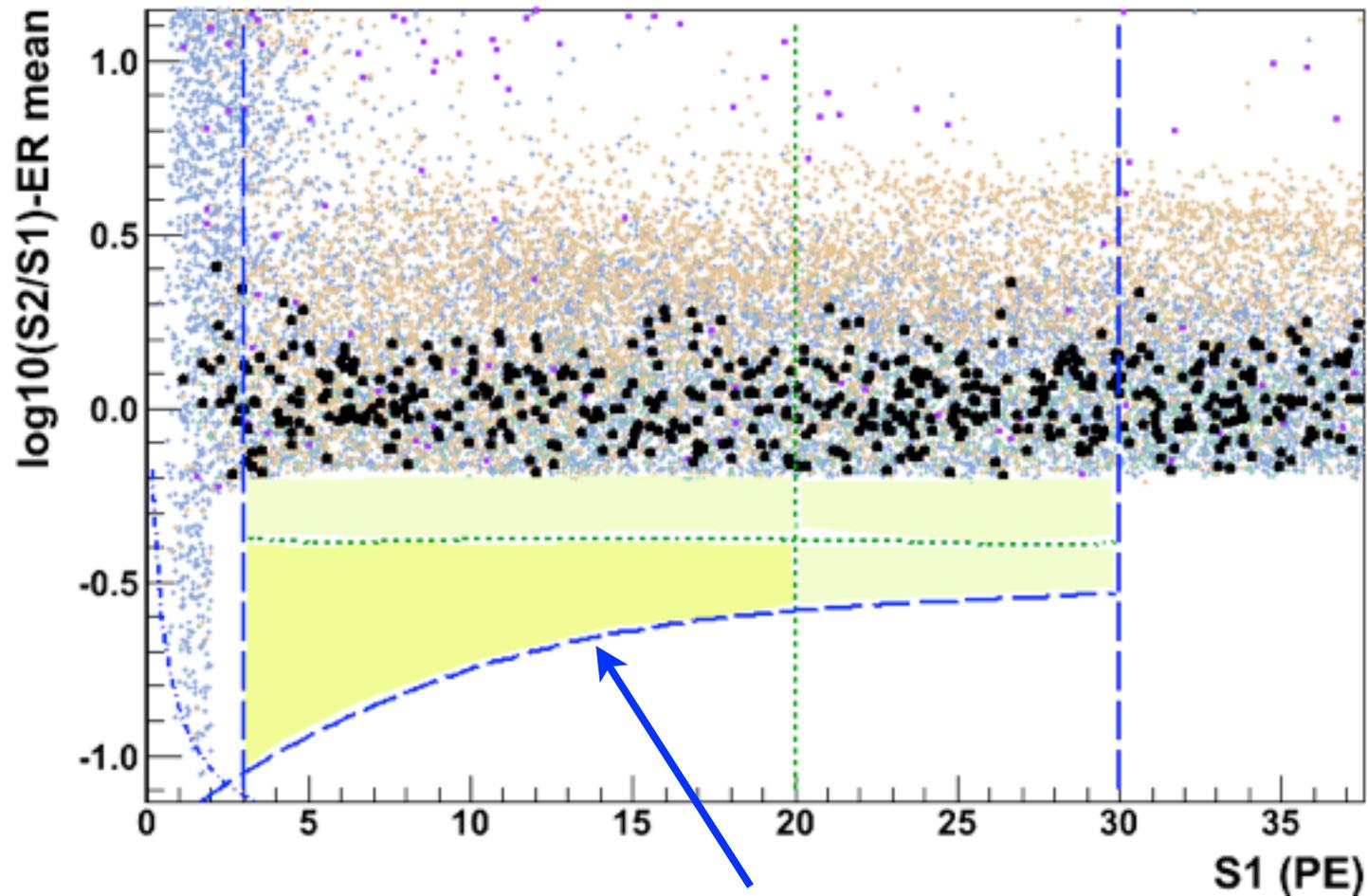
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For benchmark region: require 99.75% ER discrimination



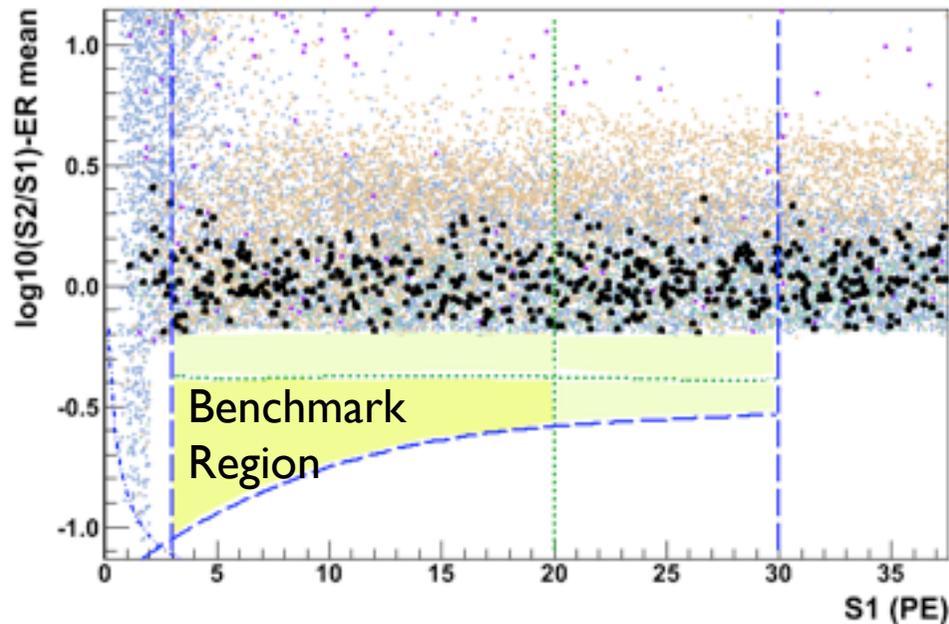
# Analysis Steps

Restrict from below to ensure signal is NR-like



Signal must be NR-like

# Expected Background & Efficiencies

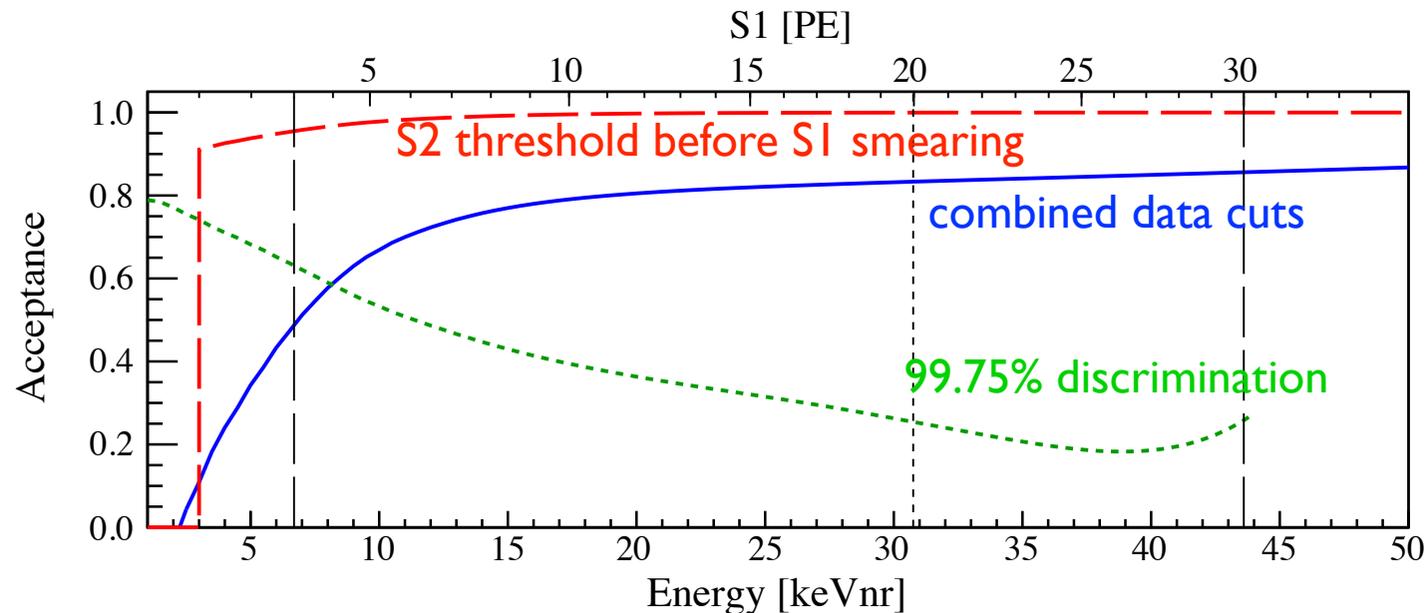


Profile likelihood uses detailed BG model

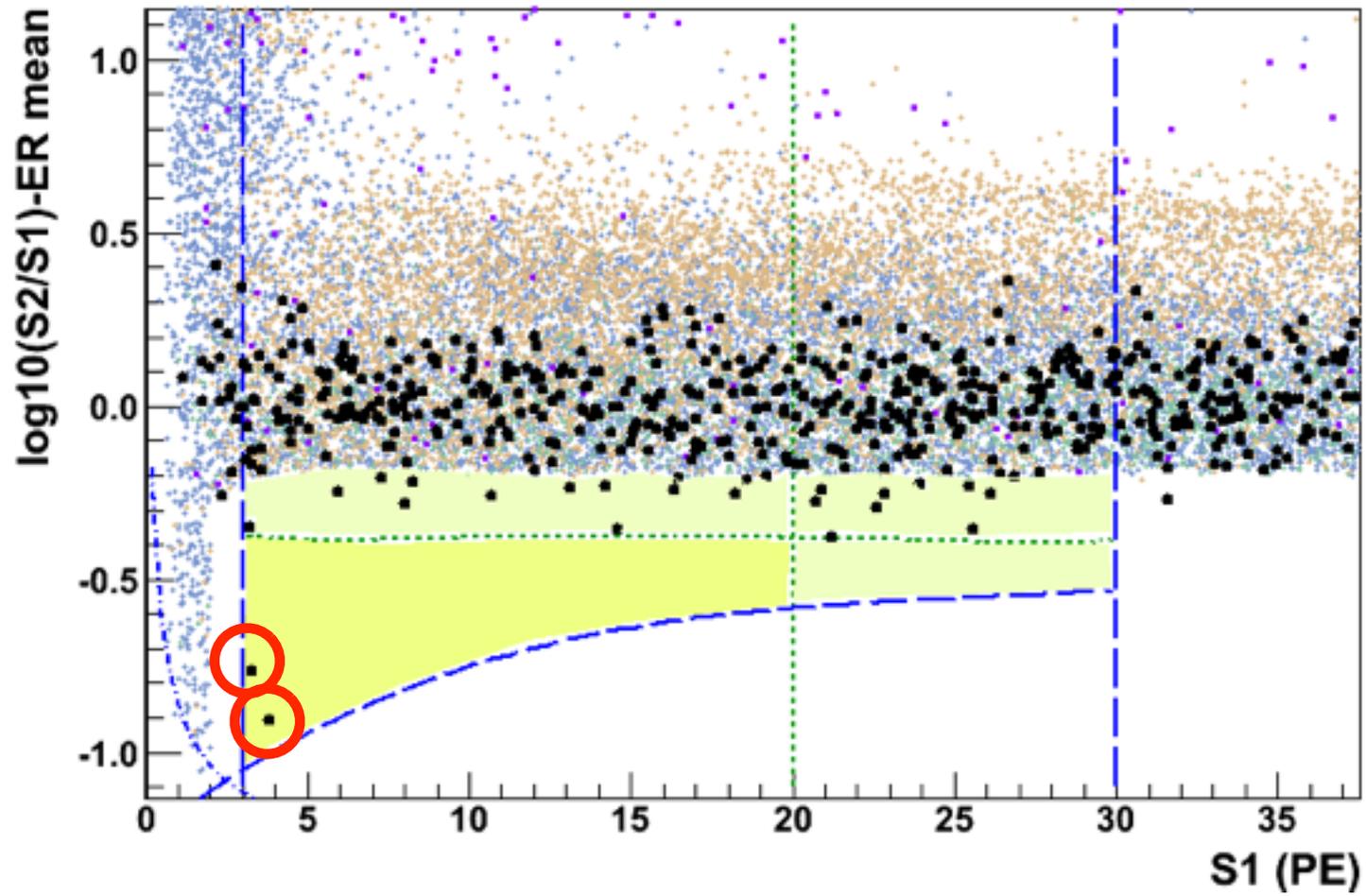
In Benchmark Region:

ER leakage	$0.79 \pm 0.16$ ev
Neutrons (est. from MC)	$0.17^{+0.12}_{-0.07}$ ev
Total	$1.0 \pm 0.2$ ev

Efficiencies:

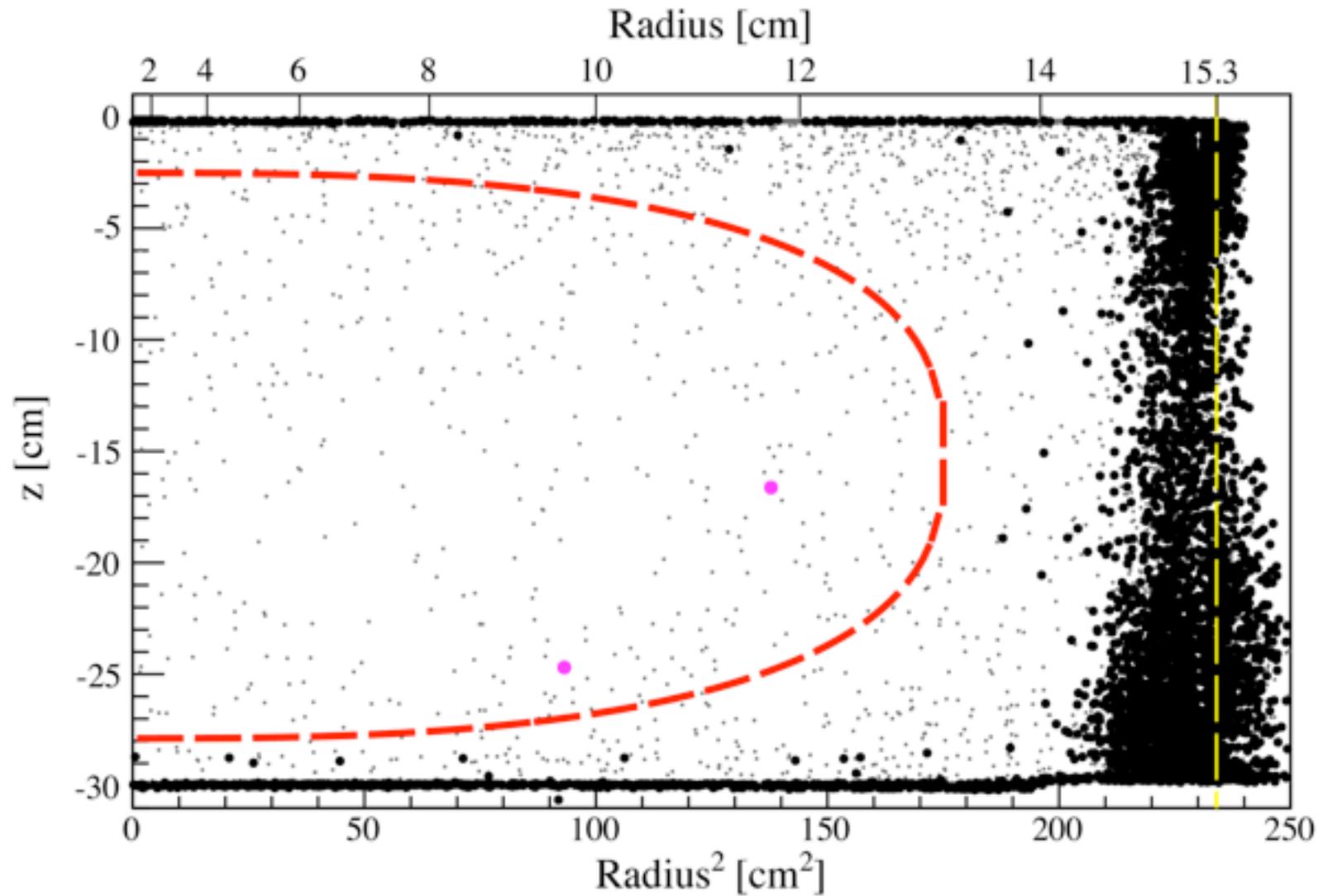


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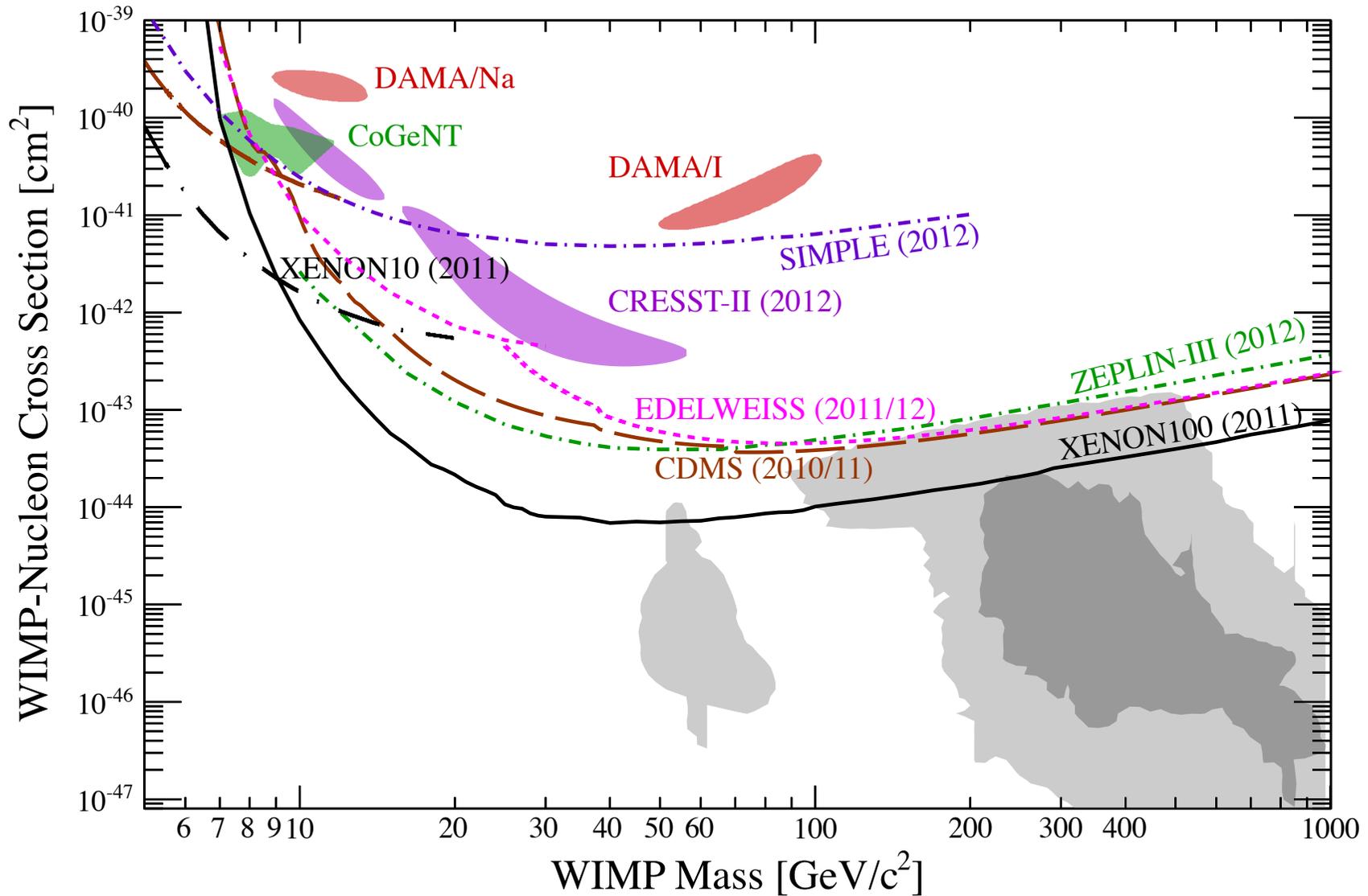
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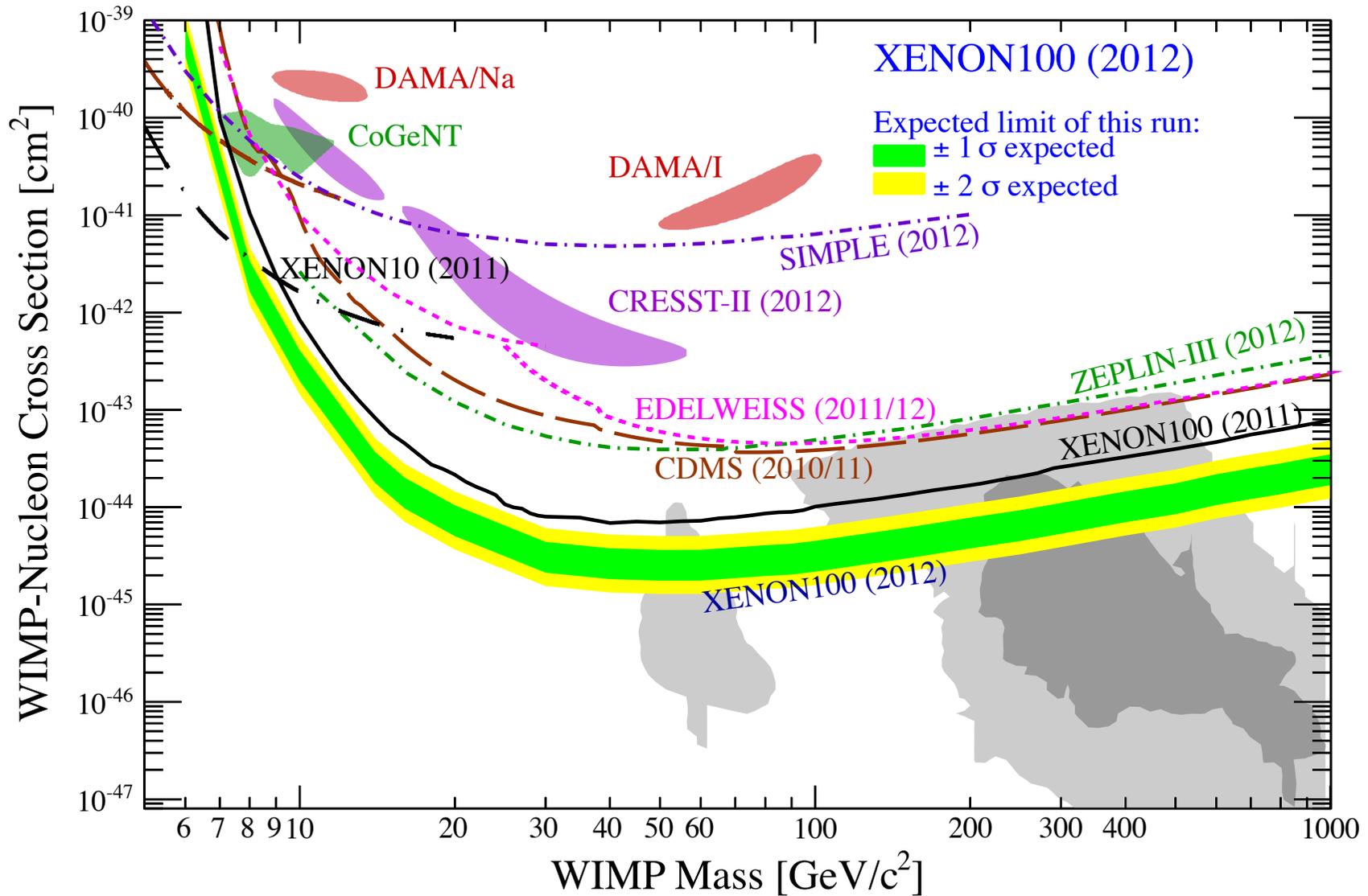
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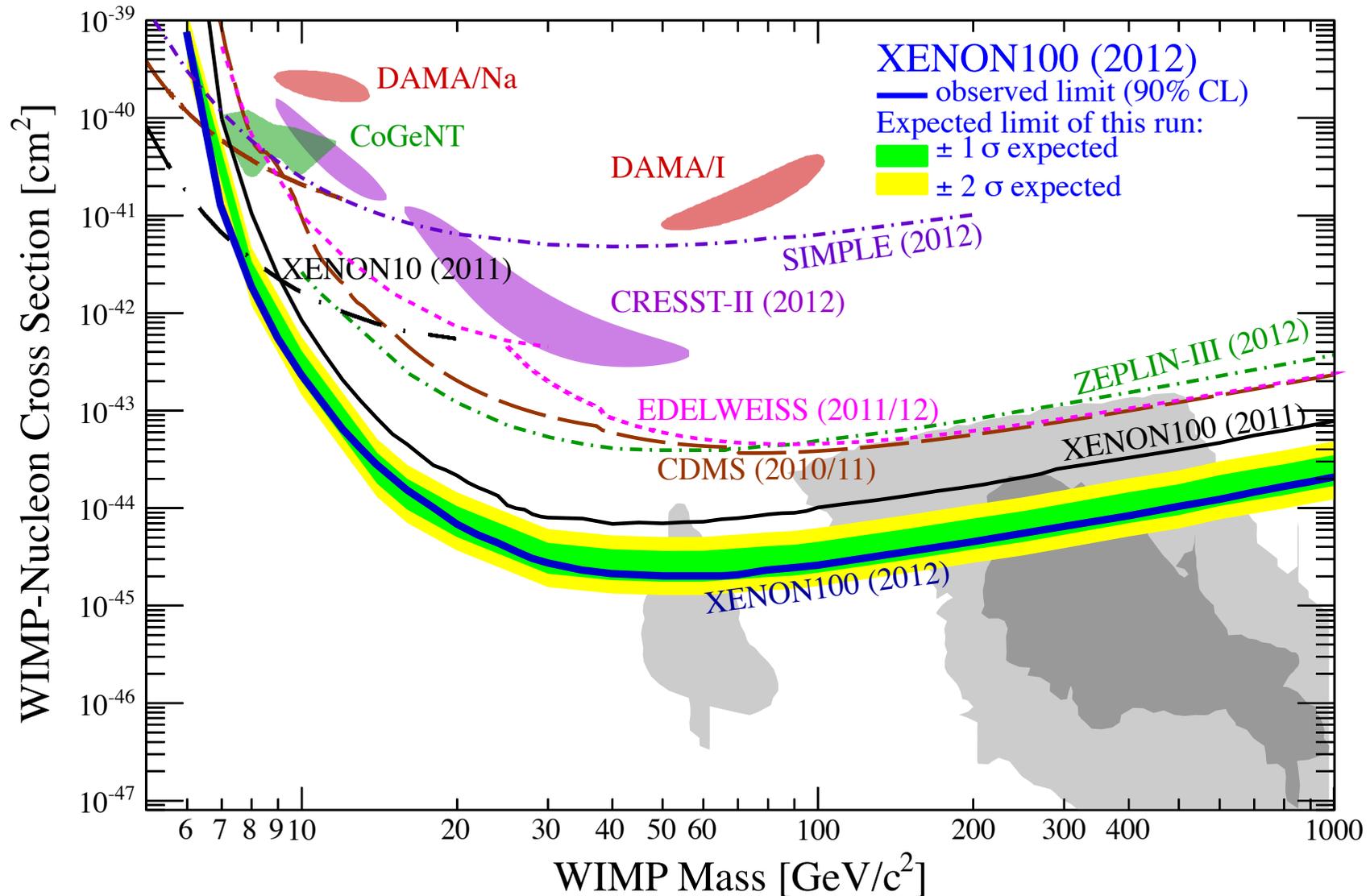
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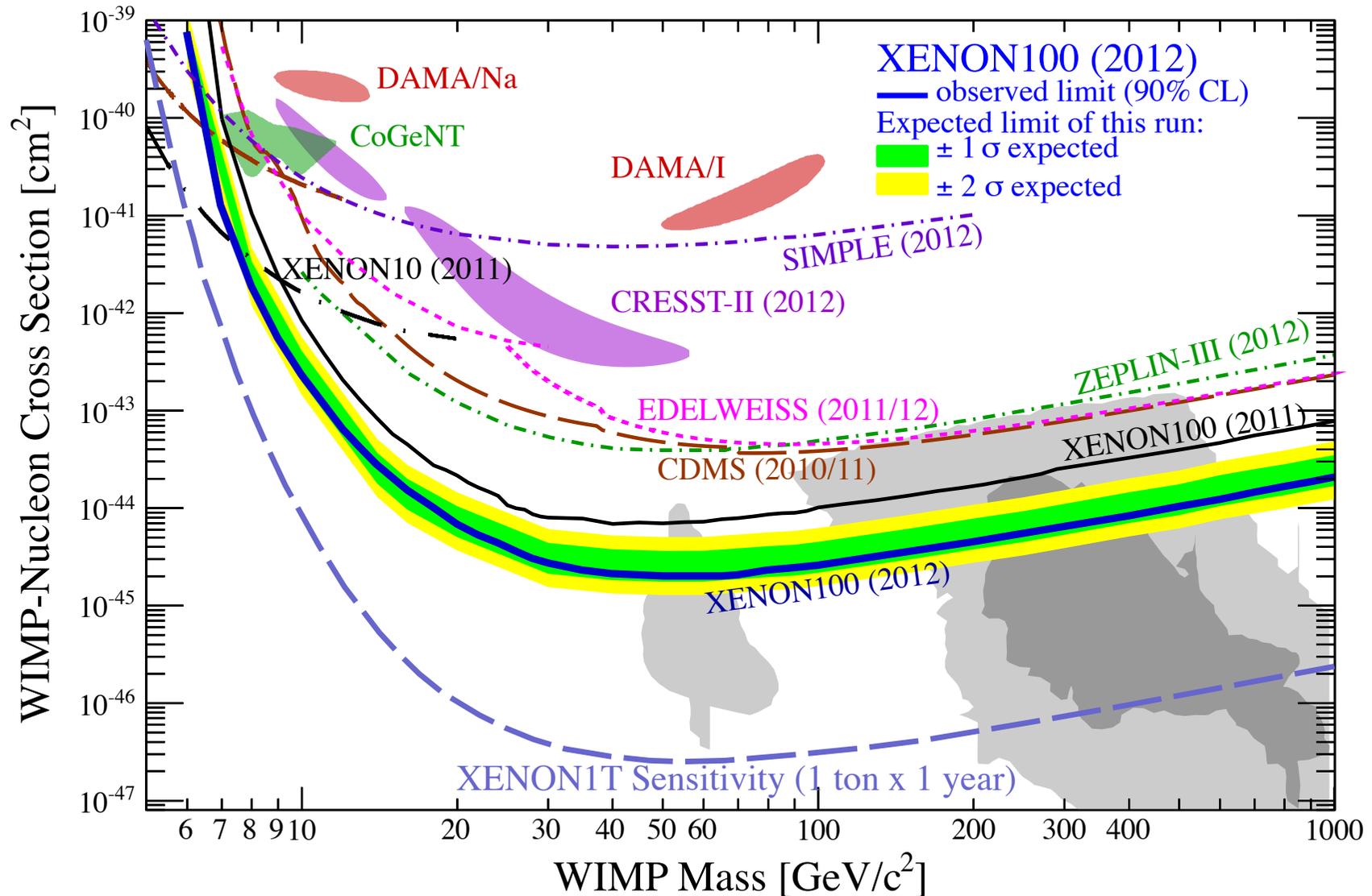
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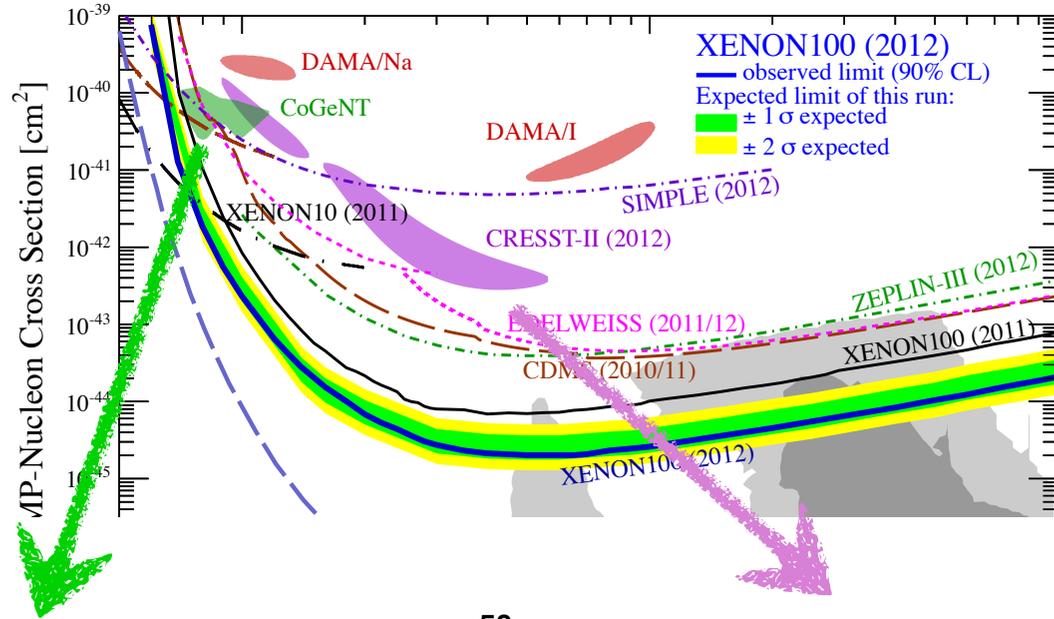
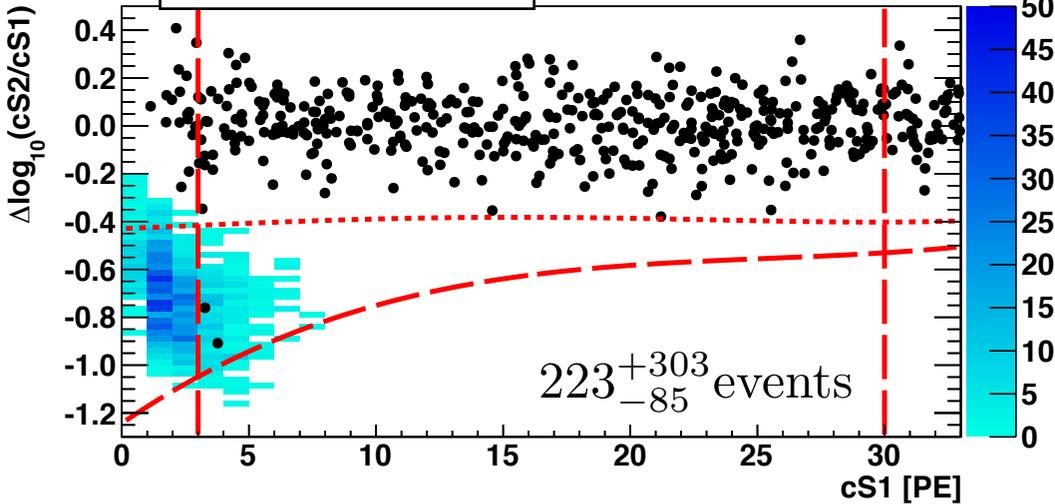


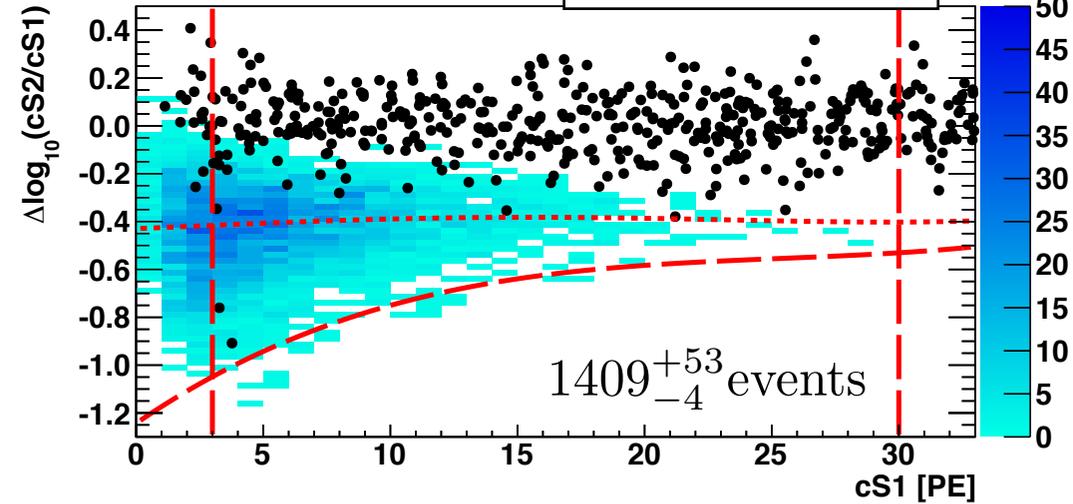
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CoGeNT/CDMS-Si-like WIMP

$$m_\chi = 8 \text{ GeV}, \sigma = 3 \times 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2$$

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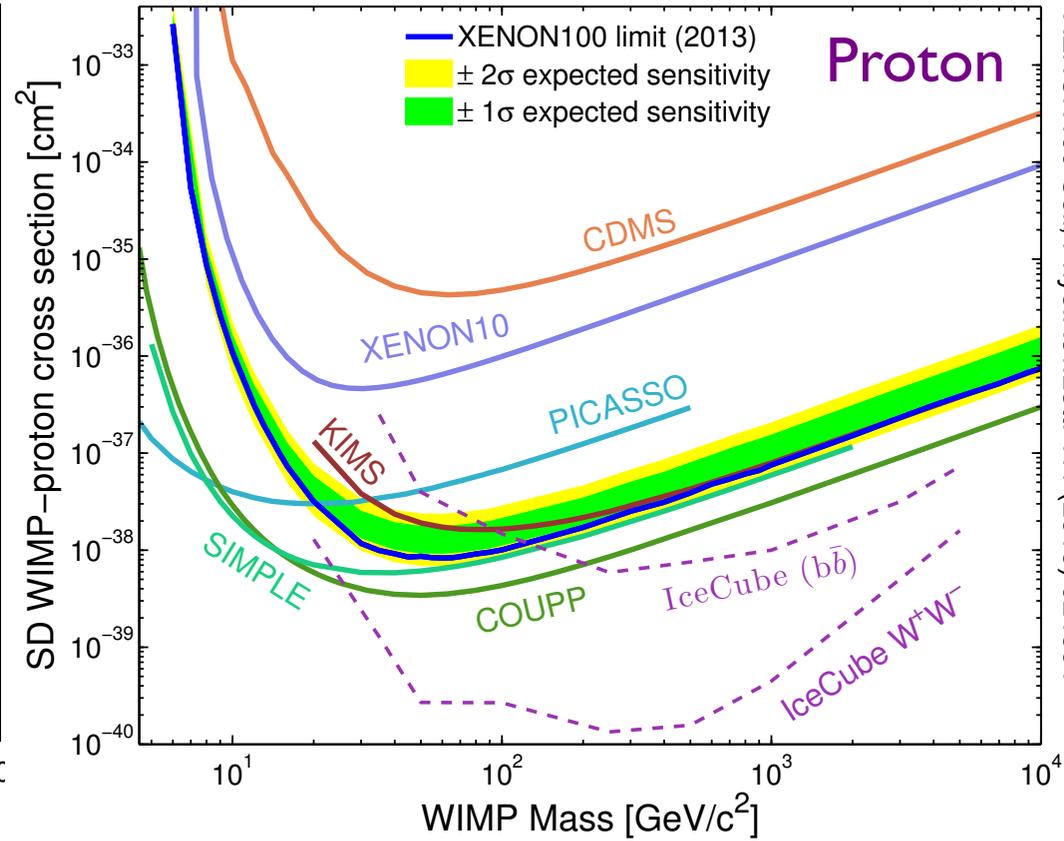
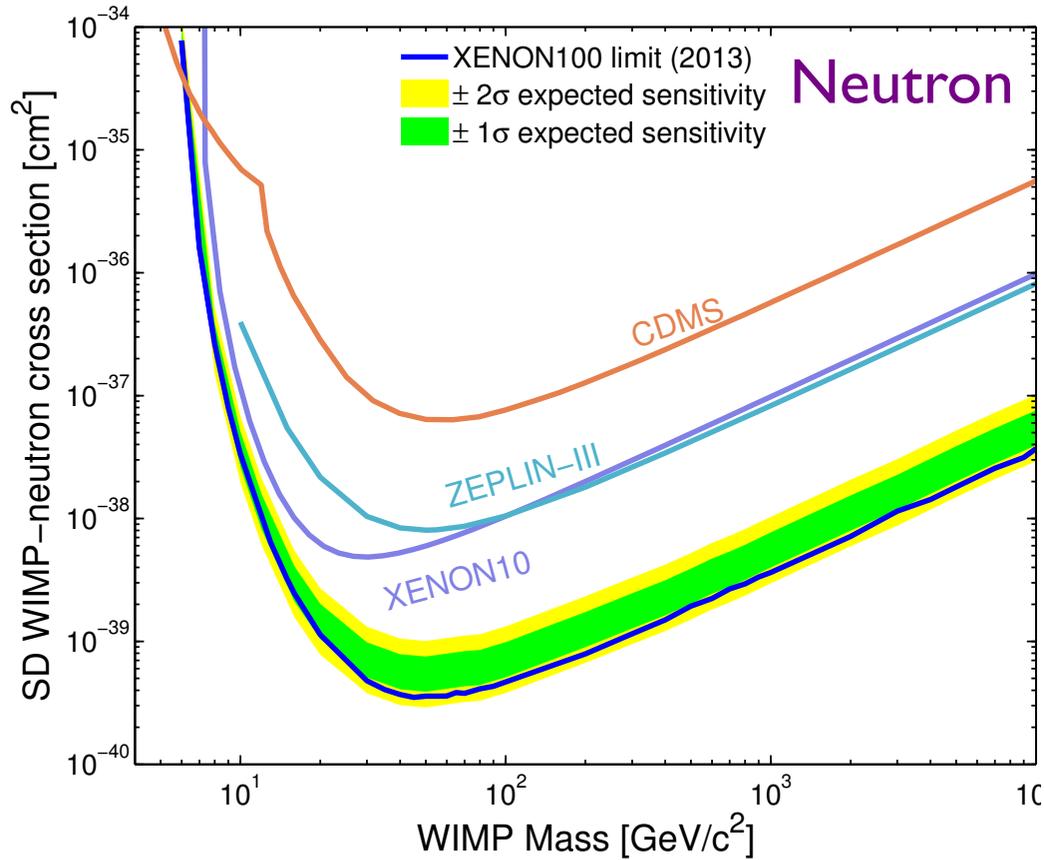


CRESST-like WIMP

$$m_\chi = 25 \text{ GeV}, \sigma = 1.6 \times 10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2$$

# Spin-dependent Limits

Reinterpret rate limits as spin-dependent WIMP-nucleon limits

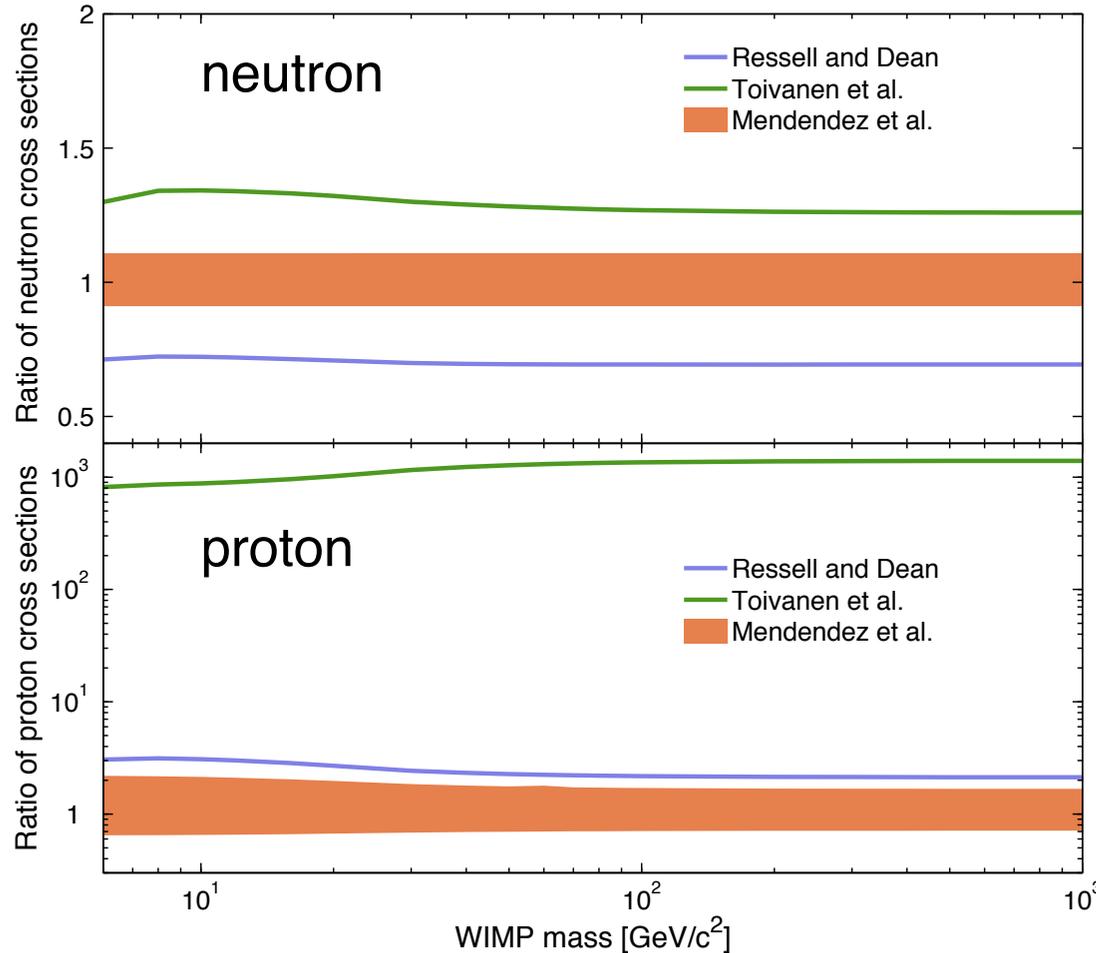


XENON100 Coll, Phys.Rev.Lett. 111 (2013) 021301

# Nuclear Models: Interpreting SD limits

Rate on nucleus  $\rightarrow$  Nuclear Model  $\rightarrow$  WIMP-nucleon spin-dependent limits

Xe specific case... (others?)  $\sigma_{p,n}(q) = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\mu_{p,n}^2}{\mu_A^2} \frac{2J+1}{\pi} \frac{\sigma_{SD}(q)}{S_A(q)}$

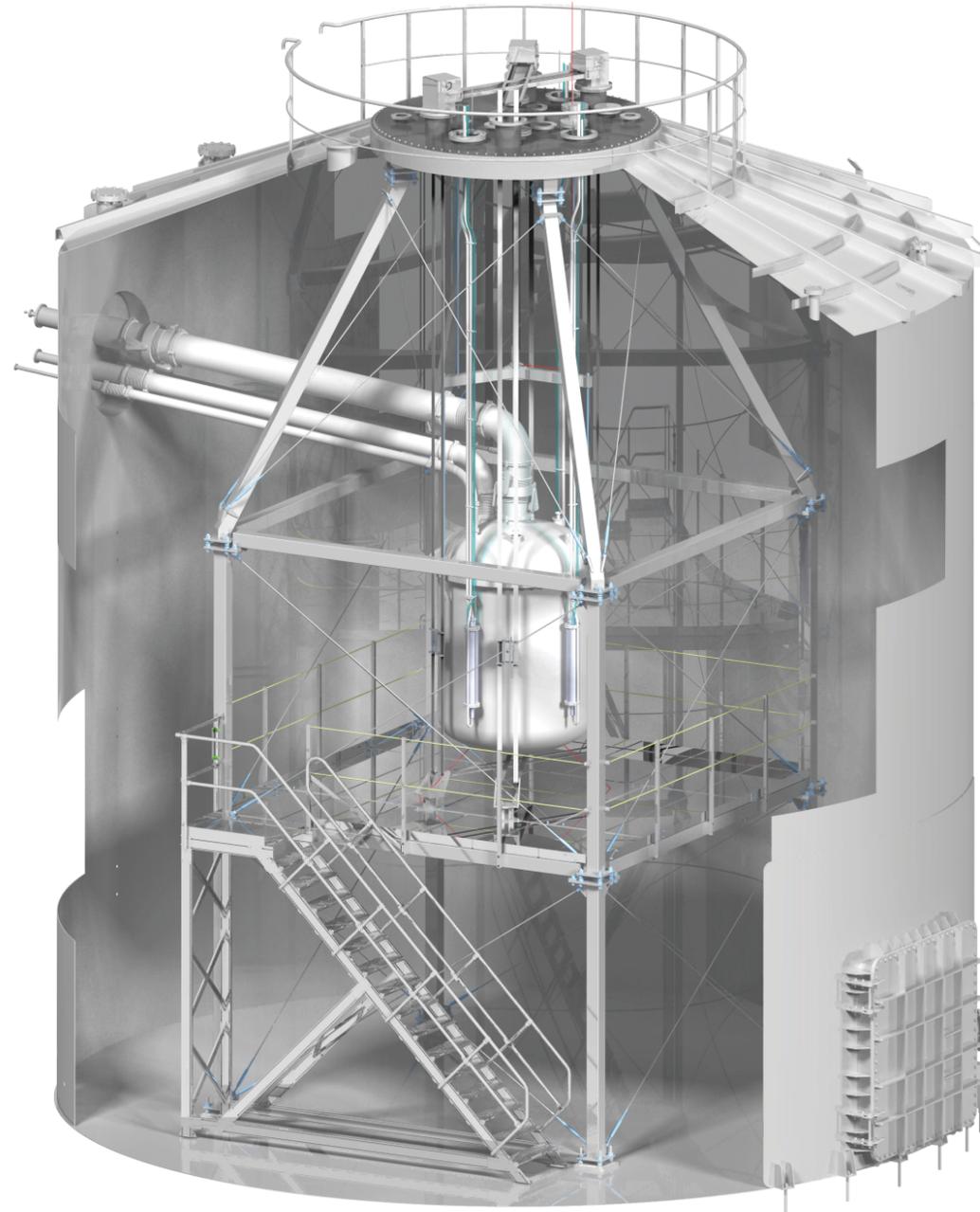


Nuclear structure uncertainties

Affects **interpretation** of WIMP-proton SD limits.  
Measurements to help constrain nuclear models?

# XENONIT

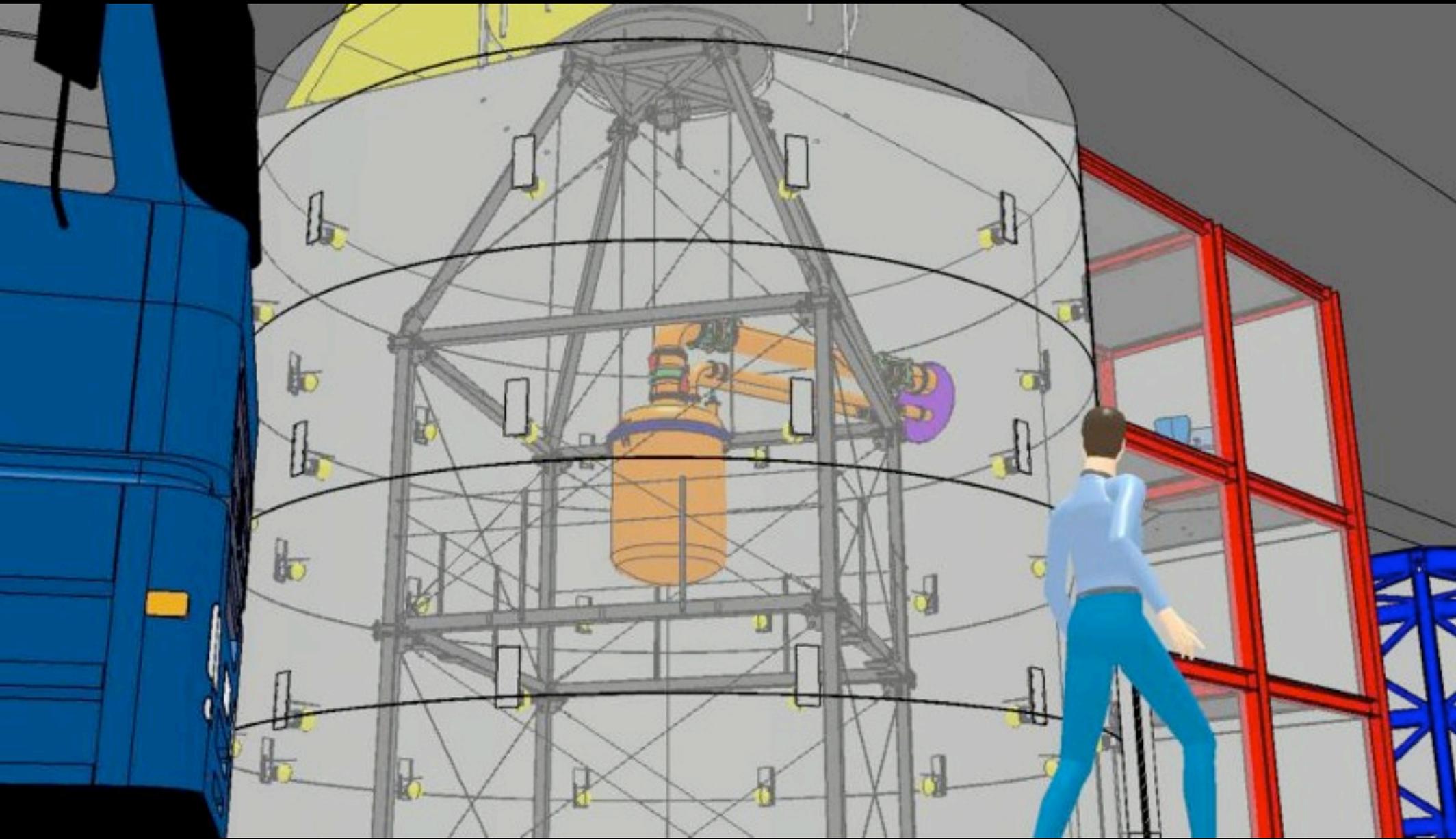
- 100x more sensitive than XENON100
- Around 3 tons of Xe, cleaner materials
- Upgrade option to large detector
- Start of science in 2015
- Building has started!

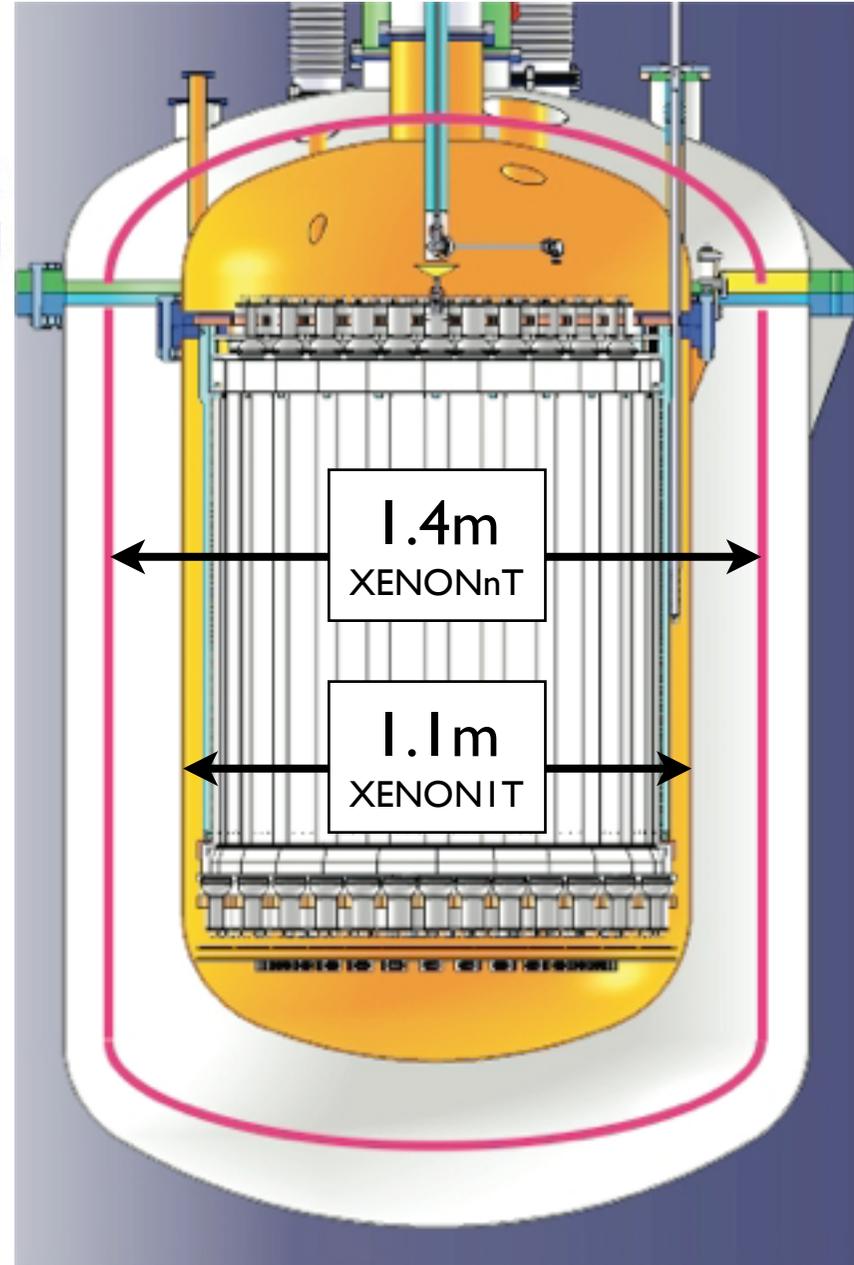
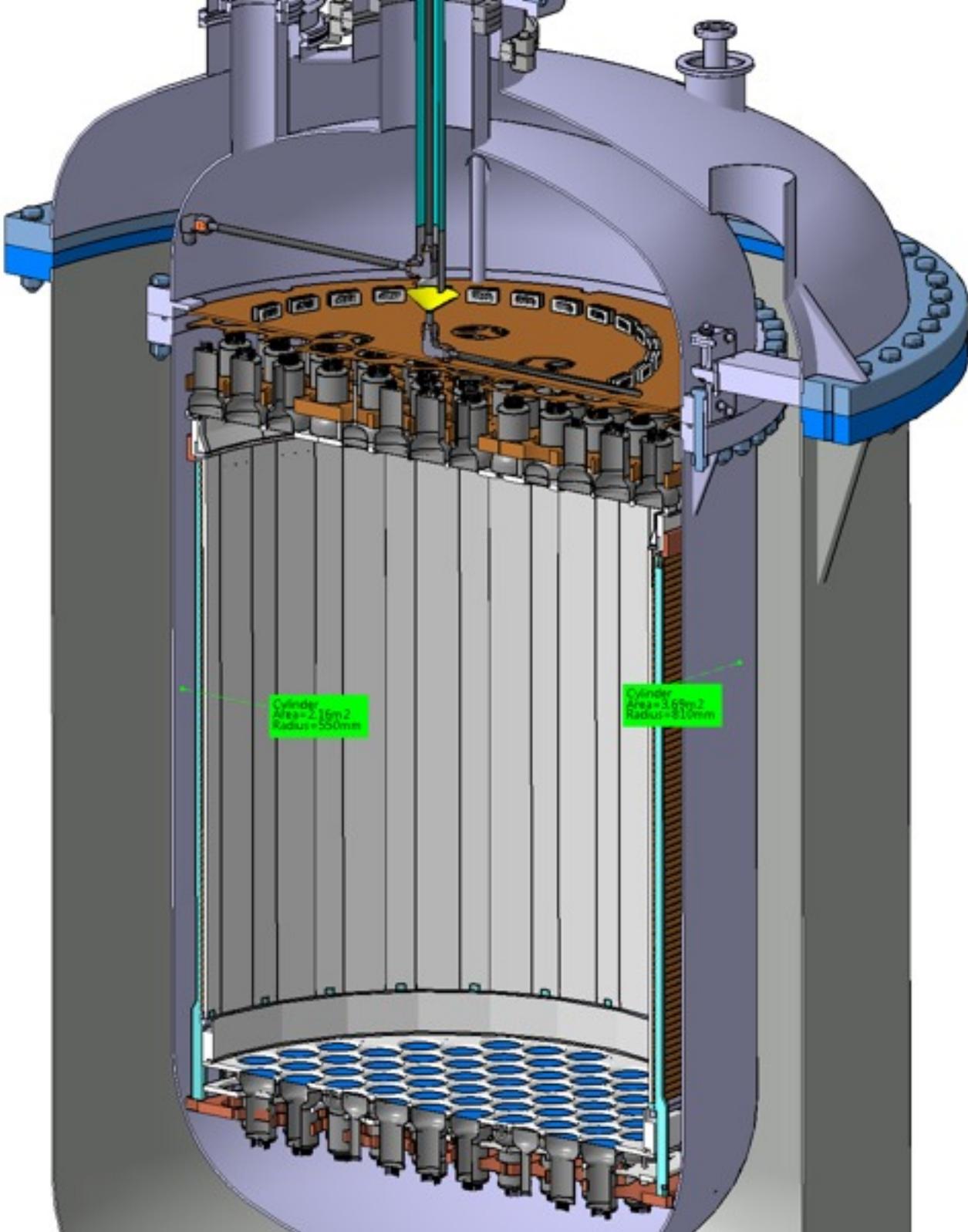




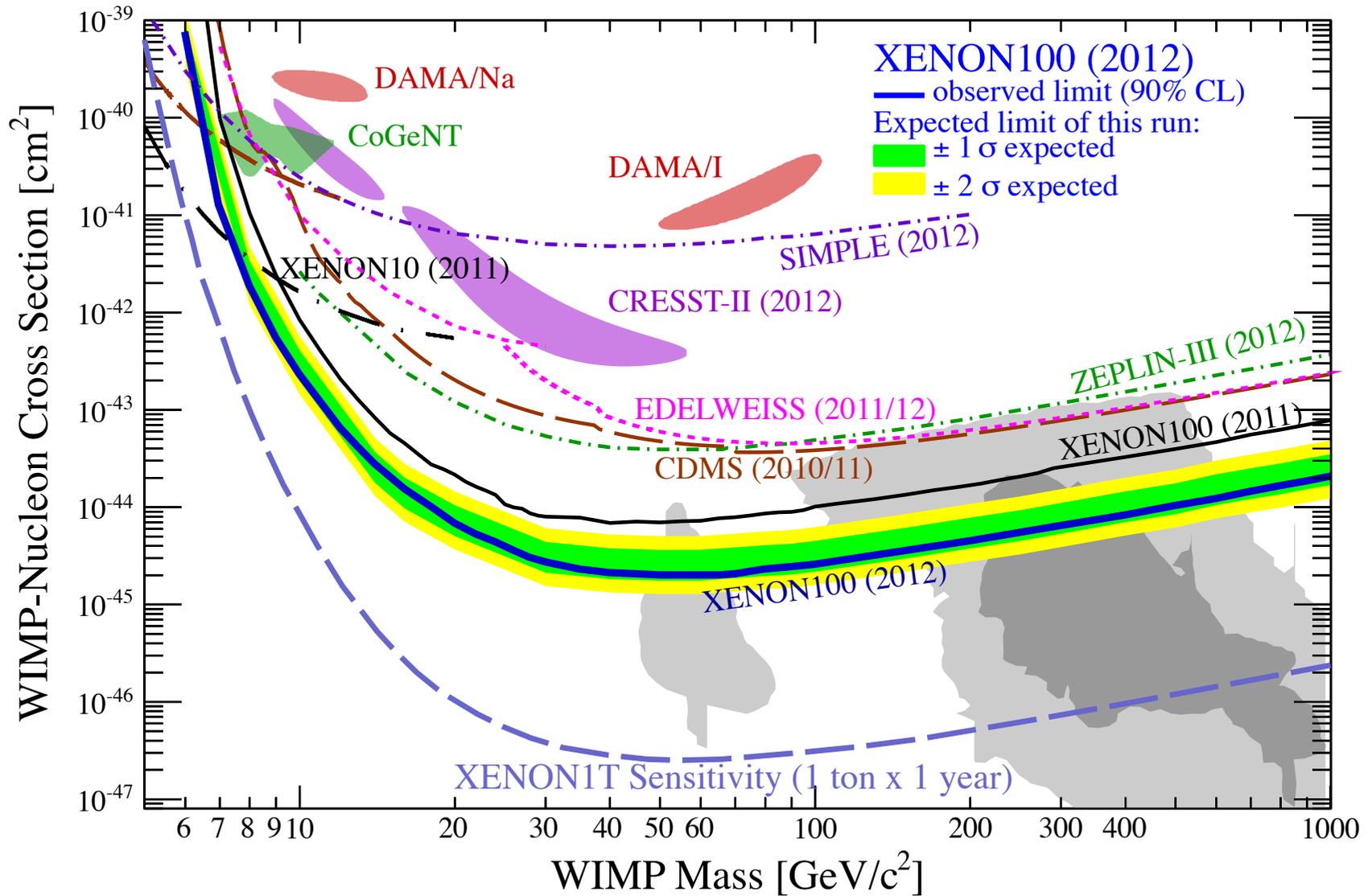






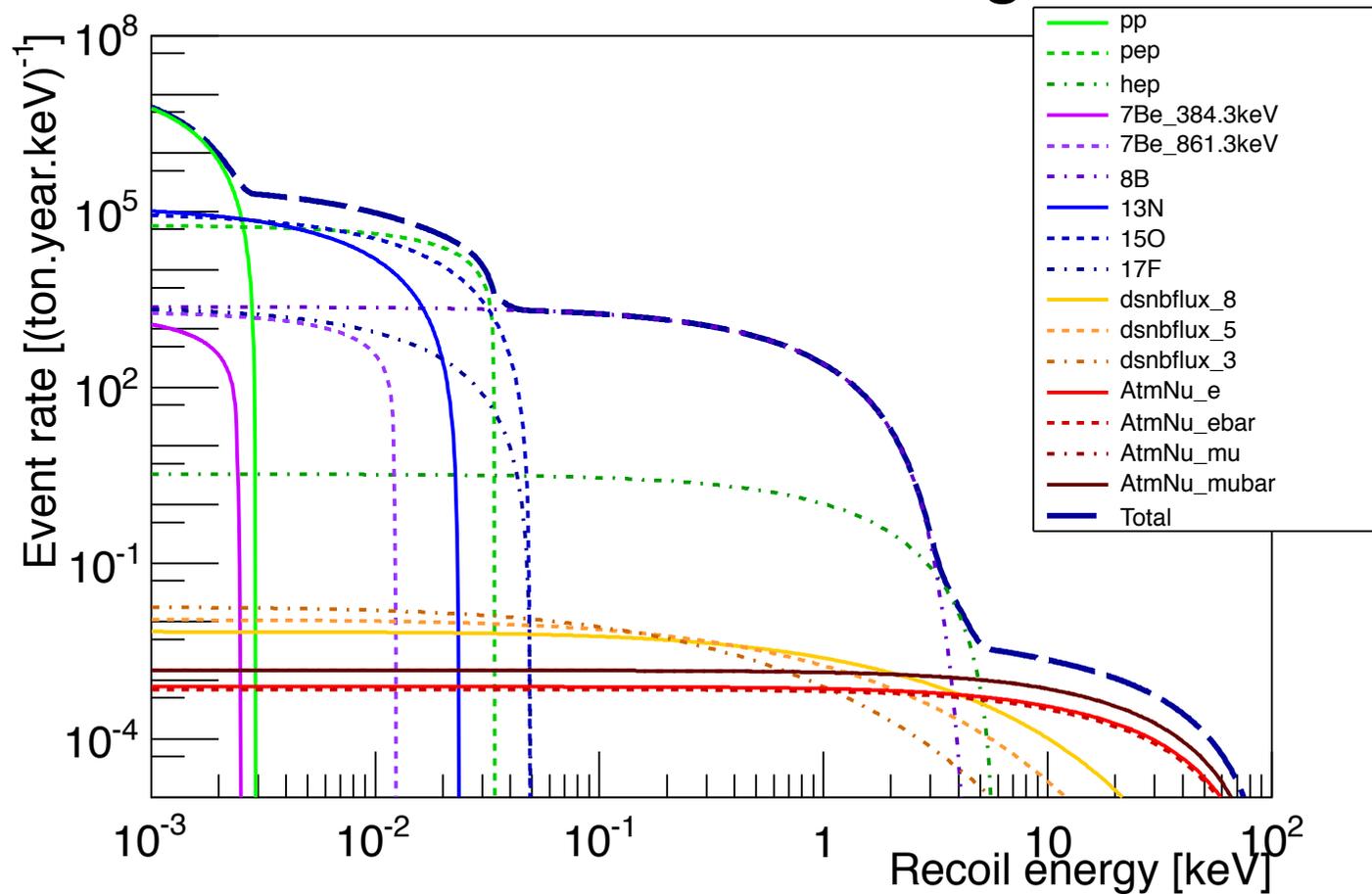


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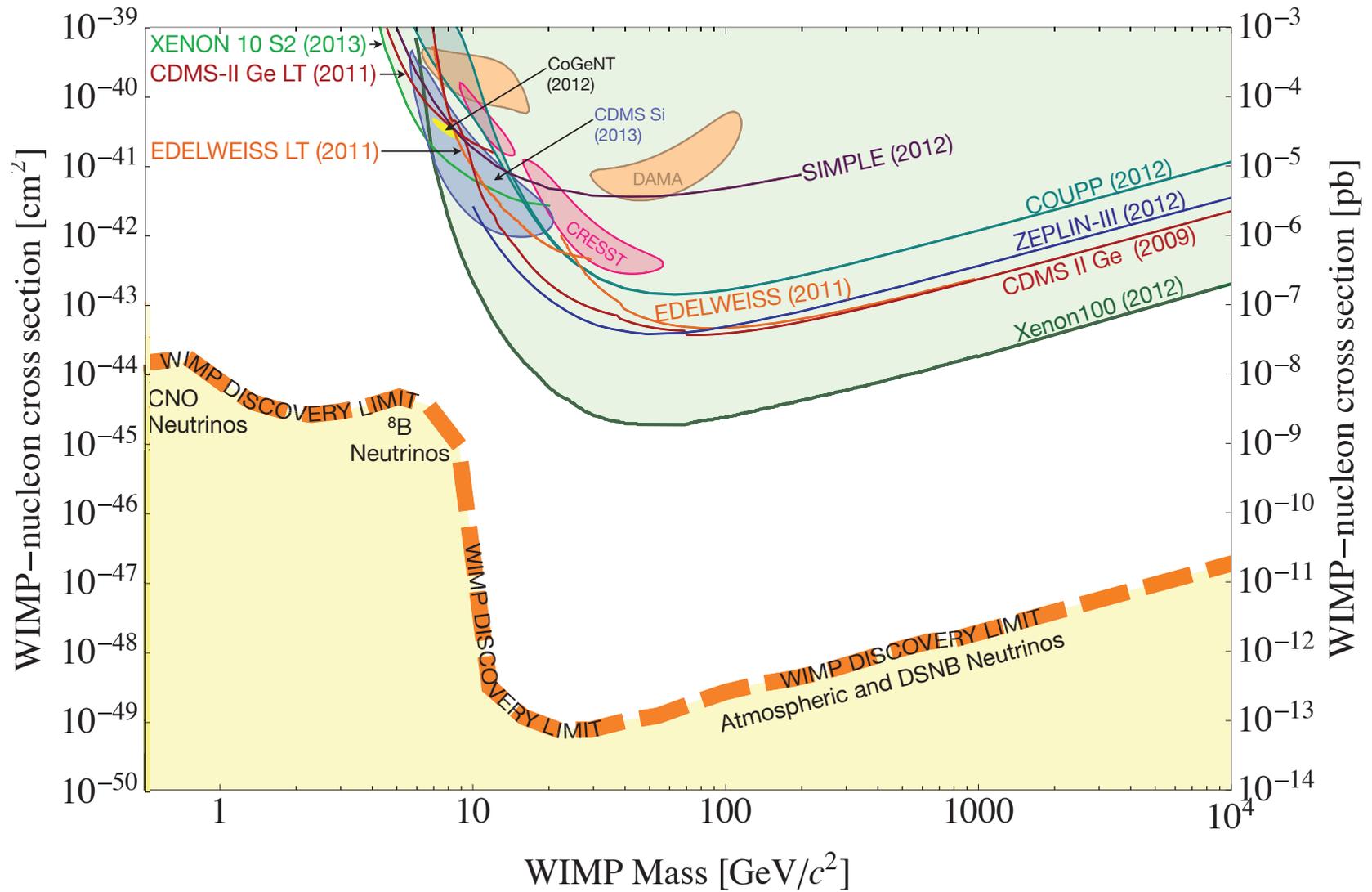


# Neutrinos are the ultimate background

## Neutrino-induced nuclear recoils: Coherent Neutrino Scattering

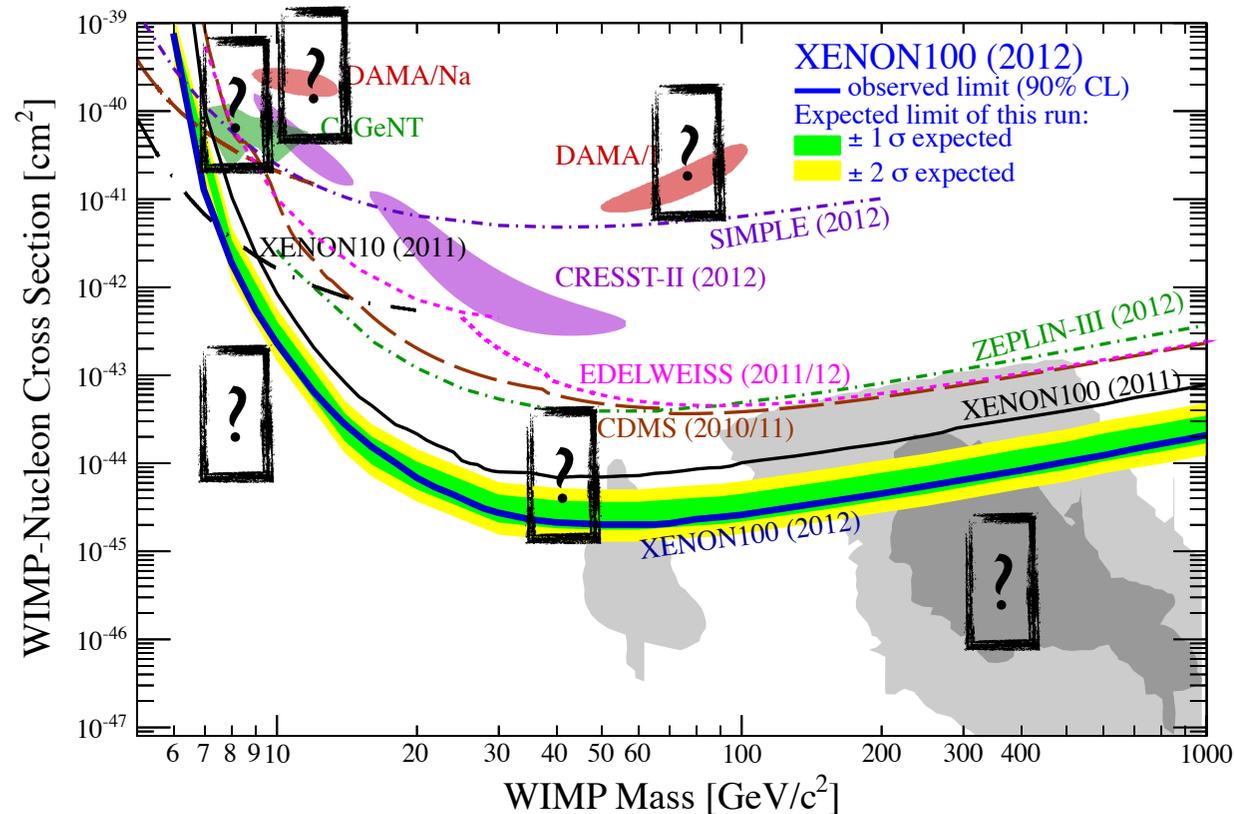


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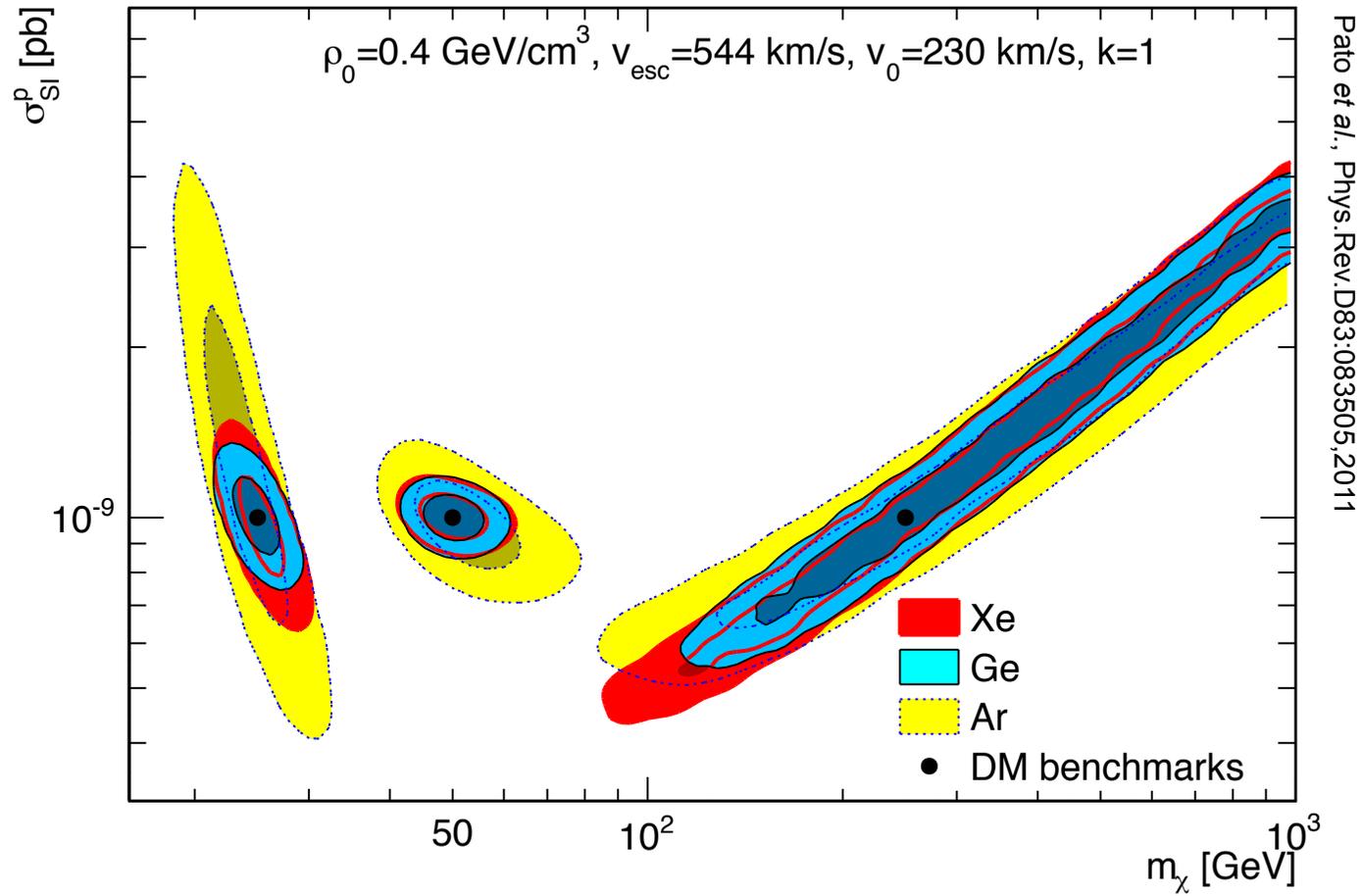
# What will near future bring?

- This year:
  - LUX running: Oct 30
  - XMASS back running
  - DarkSide-50 running
  - COUPP-60 running
- SuperCDMS running (2012)
- CoGeNT about to release
- DAMA running high QE PMTs since Dec 2010...
- Start of XENONIT in early 2015
- ...

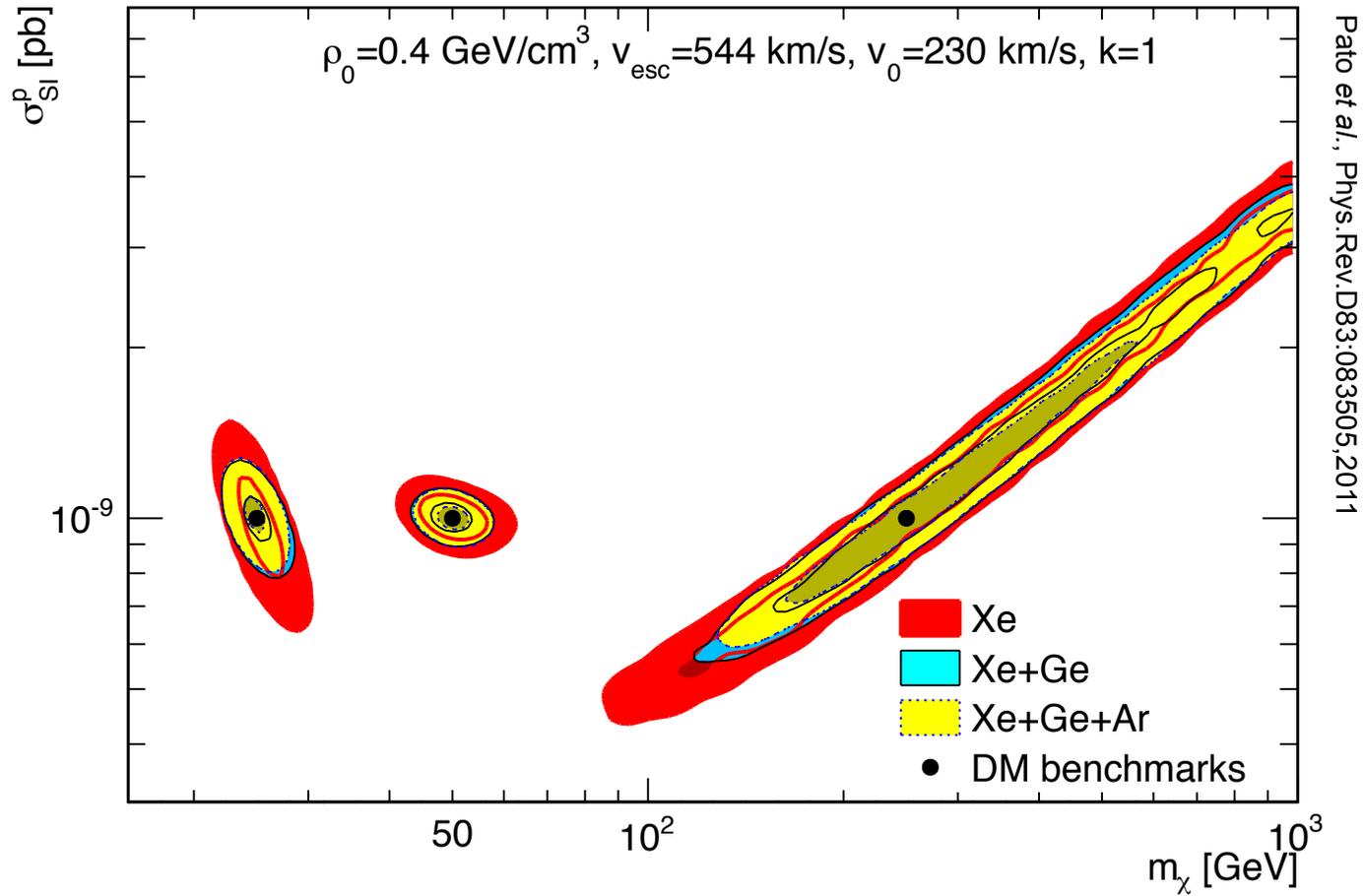


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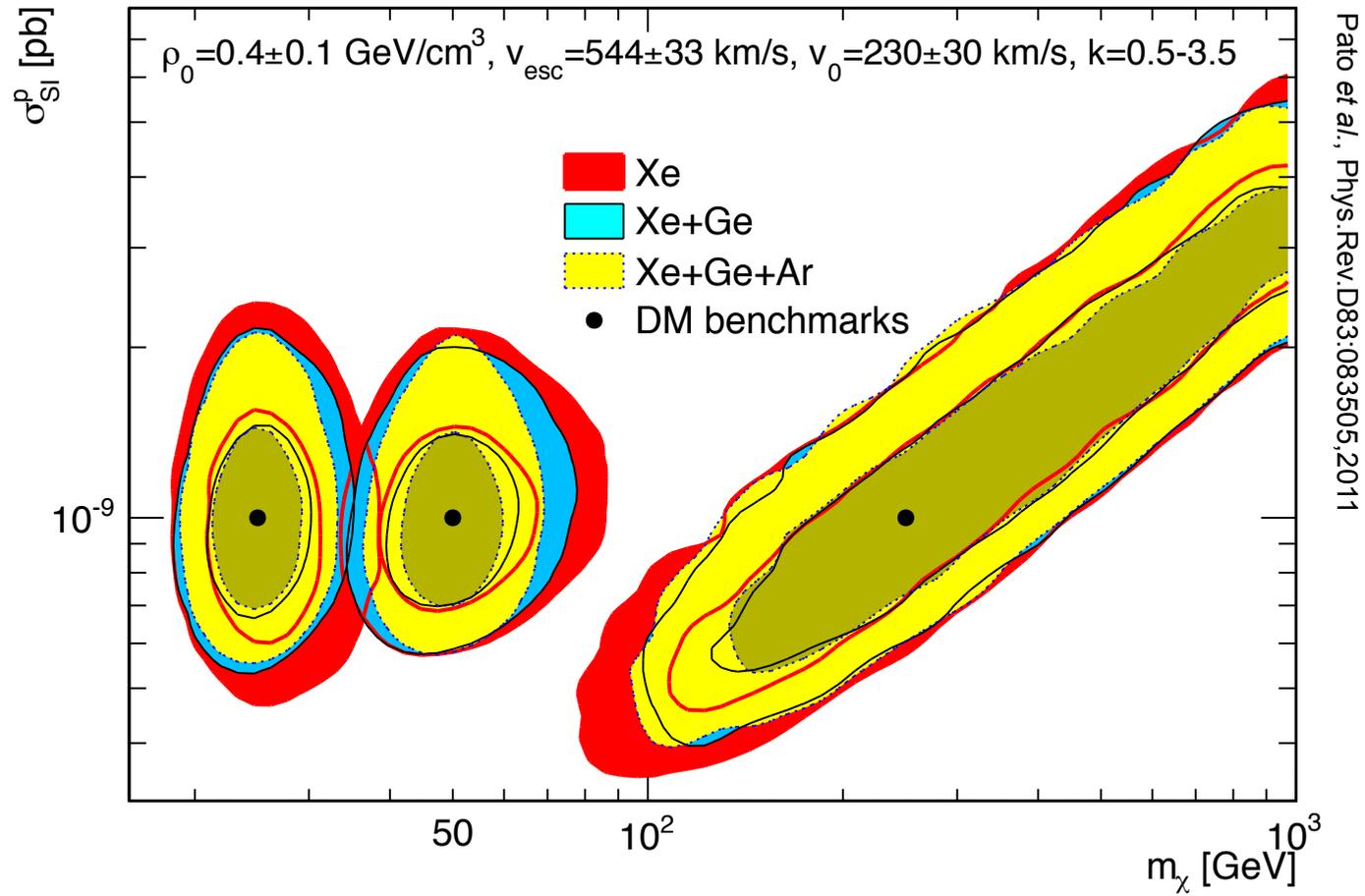
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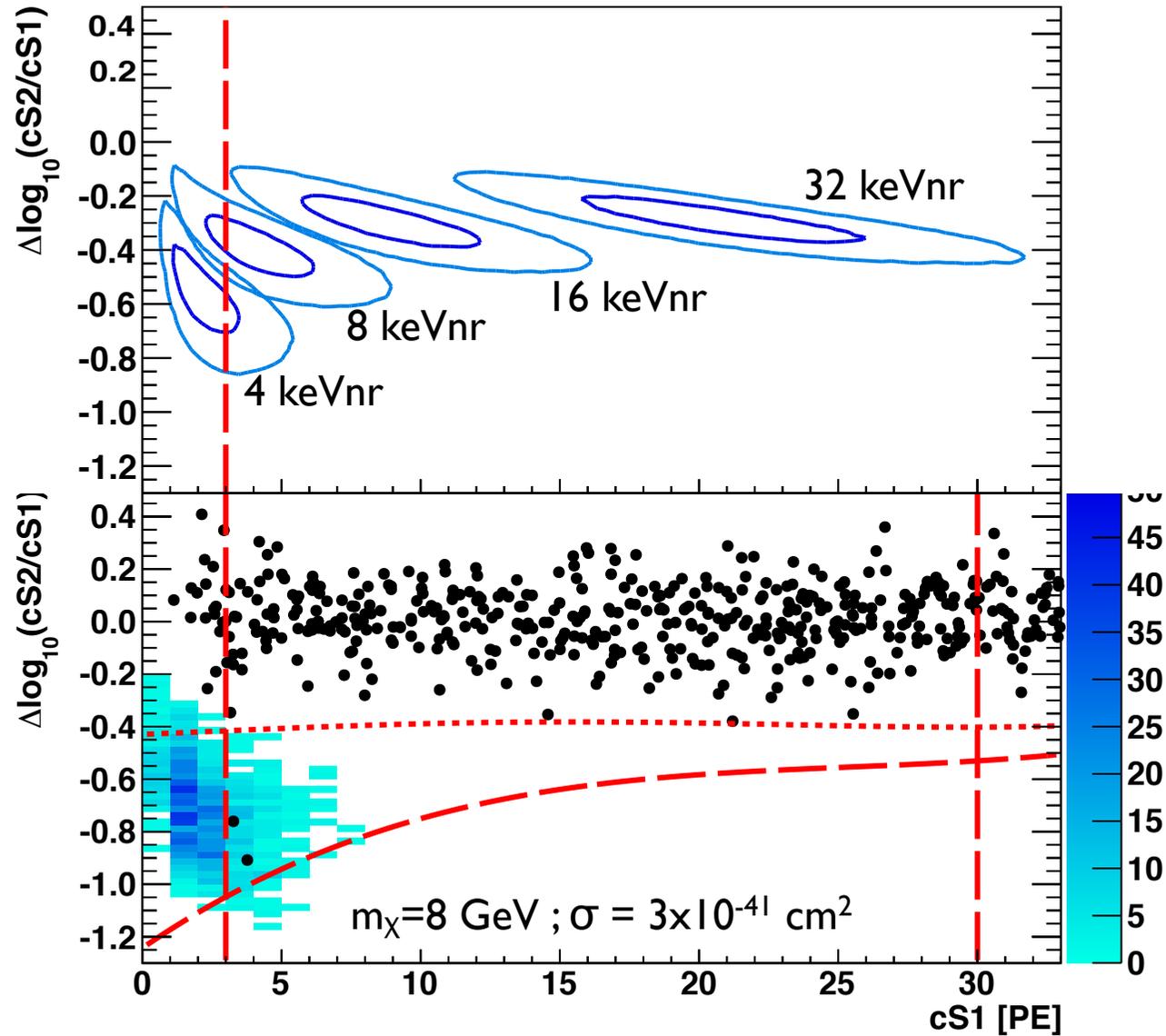
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# Nuclear Recoil Response



# How many sigma?

Search	Degree of surprise	Impact	LEE	Systematics	Number of $\sigma$
Higgs search	Medium	Very high	Mass	Medium	5
Single top	No	Low	No	No	3
SUSY	Yes	Very high	Very large	Yes	7
$B_s$ oscillations	Medium/low	Medium	$\Delta m$	No	4
Neutrino oscillations	Medium	High	$\sin^2(2\theta), \Delta m^2$	No	4
$B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$	No	Low/Medium	No	Medium	3
Pentaquark	Yes	High/very high	M, decay mode	Medium	7
$(g - 2)_\mu$ anomaly	Yes	High	No	Yes	4
H spin $\neq 0$	Yes	High	No	Medium	5
4 <sup>th</sup> generation $q, l, \nu$	Yes	High	M, mode	No	6
$v_\nu > c$	Enormous	Enormous	No	Yes	>8
Dark matter (direct)	Medium	High	Medium	Yes	5
Dark energy	Yes	Very high	Strength	Yes	5
Grav waves	No	High	Enormous	Yes	7

Table 1: Summary of some searches for new phenomena, with suggested numerical values for the number of  $\sigma$  that might be appropriate for claiming a discovery.

Lyons, arXiv:1310.1284