







RESULTS FROM A 1 TONNE YEAR EXPOSURE WITH XENON1T

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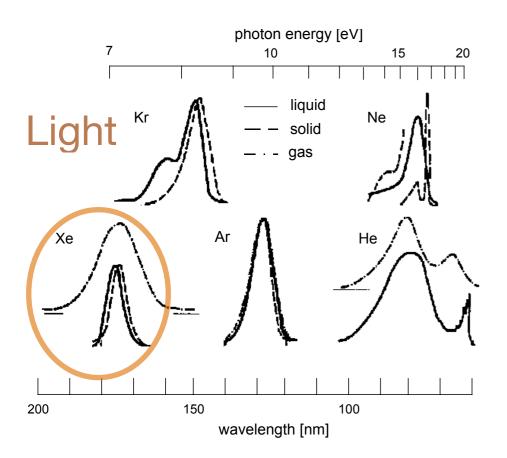
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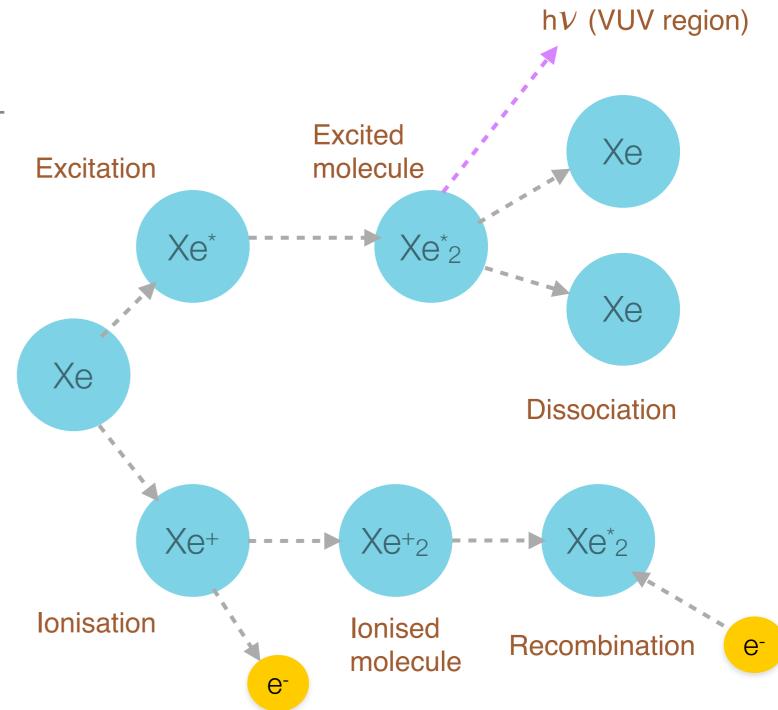
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XENON ("THE STRANGE ONE") AS A NOBLE GAS

Discovered by William Ramsay,
 student of Bunsen & professor at UCL

Nobel prize 1904 in Chemistry





A XENON TIME PROJECTION CHAMBER

- 3D position resolution
 via light (S1) and charge
 (S2) signals
- S2/S1 depends on particle ID
- Fiducialisation
- Single versus multiple interactions

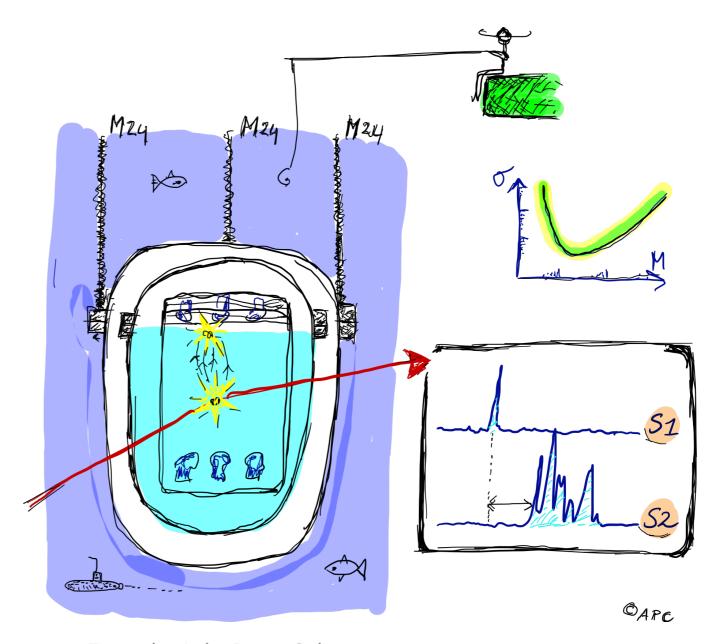
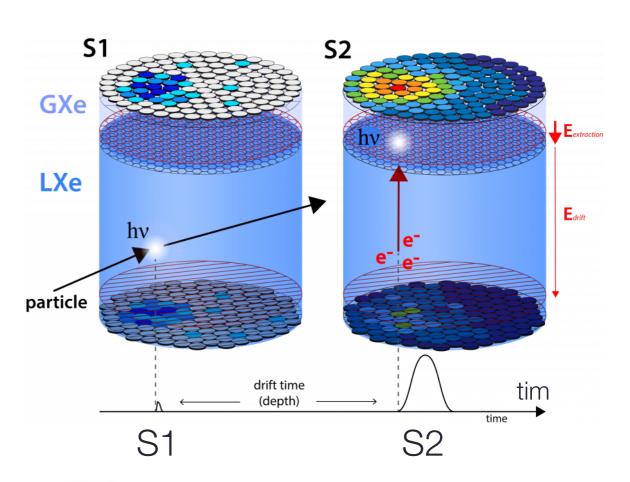
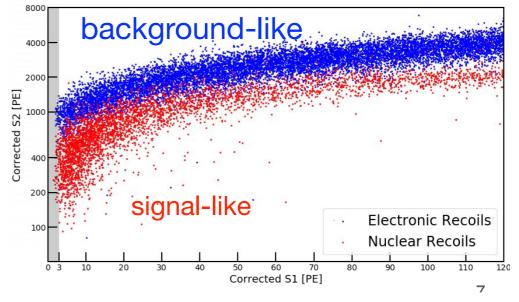


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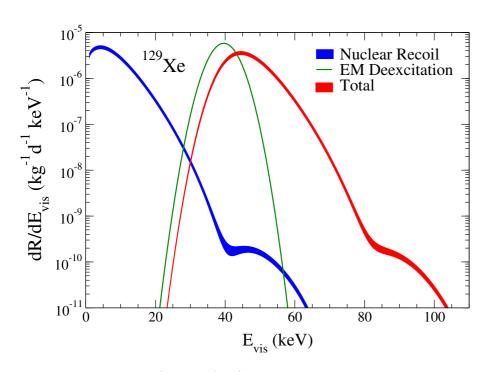
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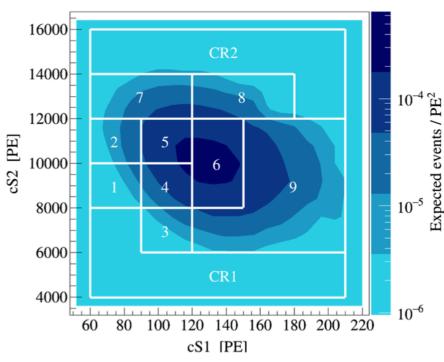


WIMP PHYSICS WITH XENON NUCLEI

- SI elastic scatters ¹²⁴Xe, ¹²⁶Xe, ¹²⁸Xe, ¹²⁹Xe, ¹³⁰Xe, ¹³¹Xe, ¹³²Xe (26.9%), ¹³⁴Xe (10.4%), ¹³⁶Xe (8.9%)
- ▶ SD elastic scatters ¹²⁹Xe (26.4%), ¹³¹Xe (21.2%)
- ▶ Inelastic, SD scatters: $\chi + ^{129,131} Xe \rightarrow \chi + ^{129,131} Xe^* \rightarrow \chi + ^{129,131} Xe + \gamma$



L. Baudis et al, Phys. Rev. D 88, 2013



XENON collaboration, Phys. Rev. D 96, 2017

THE XENON (&DARWIN) TIMELINE

XENON10

XENON100

XENON1T

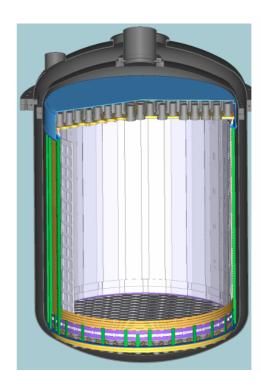
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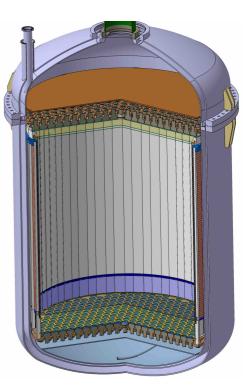
DARWIN











2020+

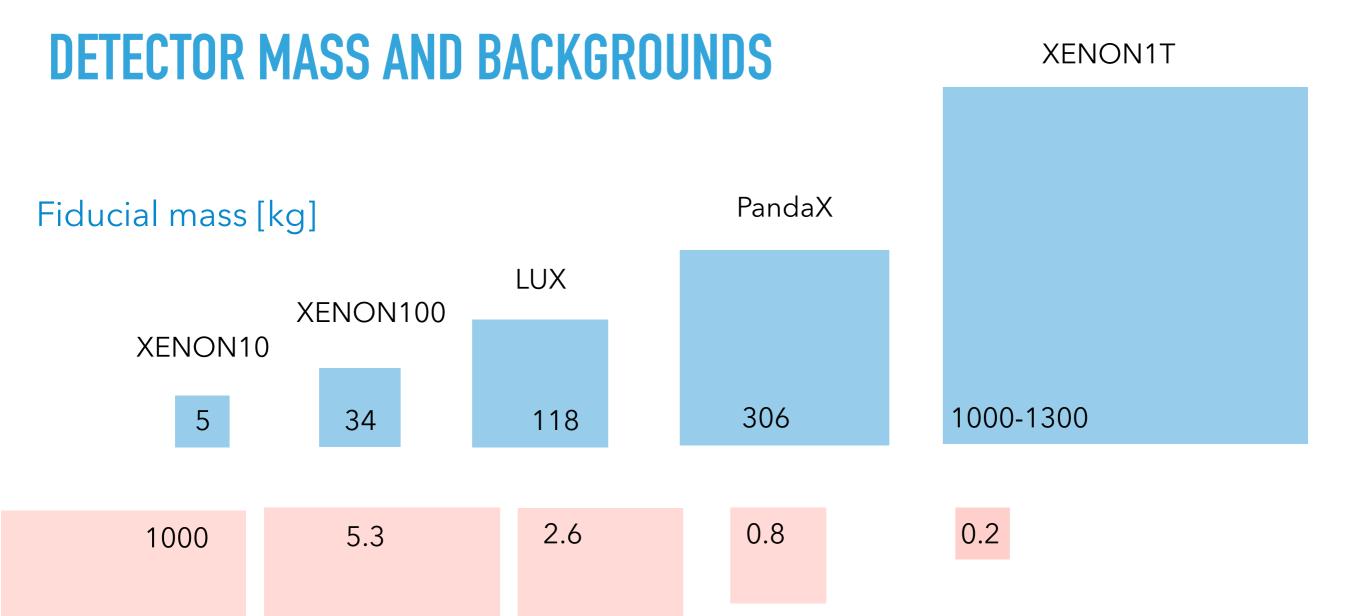
2005-2007
15 kg
~10 ⁻⁴³ cm ²

2008-2016
161 kg
$\sim 10^{-45} cm^2$

2012-2018 3200 kg ~10-47 cm² 2019-2023 8200 kg

200 kg 50 tonnes

 $\sim 10^{-48} \, cm^2$ $\sim 10^{-49} \, cm^2$



Low-energy ER background [events/(t keV day)]

GO UNDERGROUND

- Bad news: you can't shield neutrinos
- Good news:eventually these willbe one of your signals

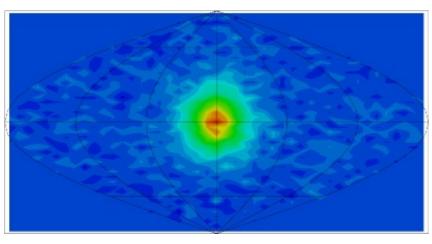
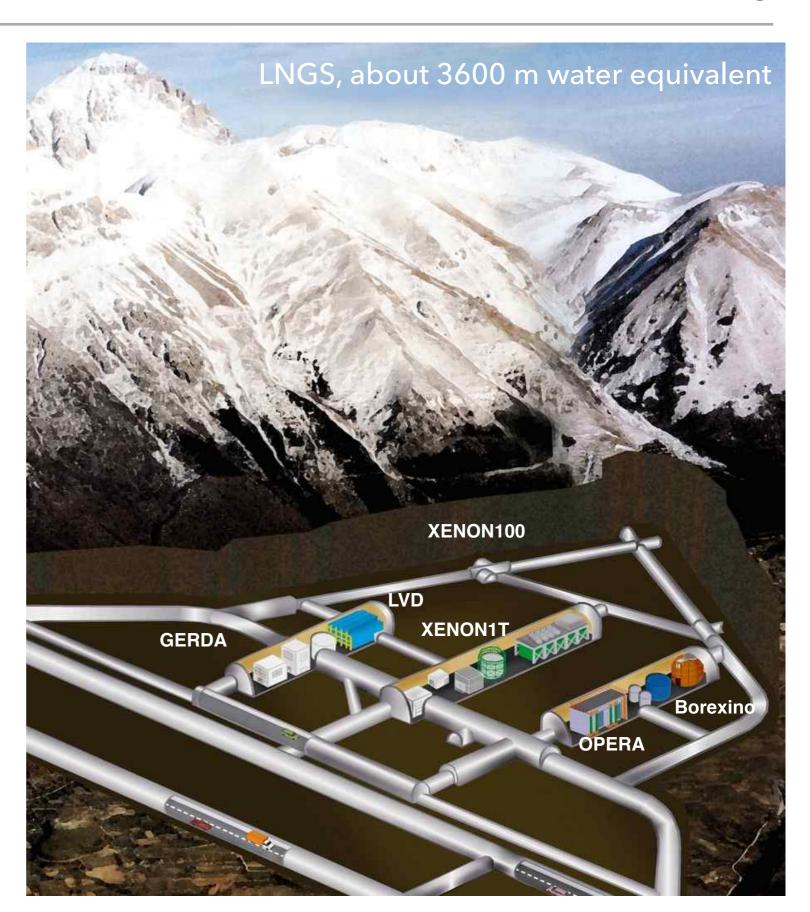


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SHIELD, SHIELD, SMARTER SHIELD

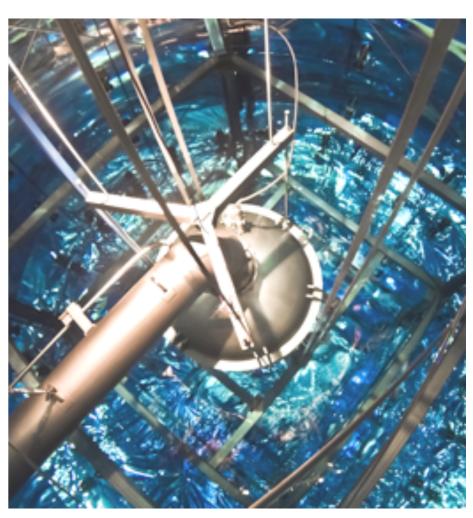
XENON10





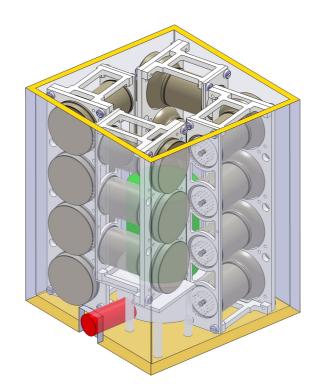






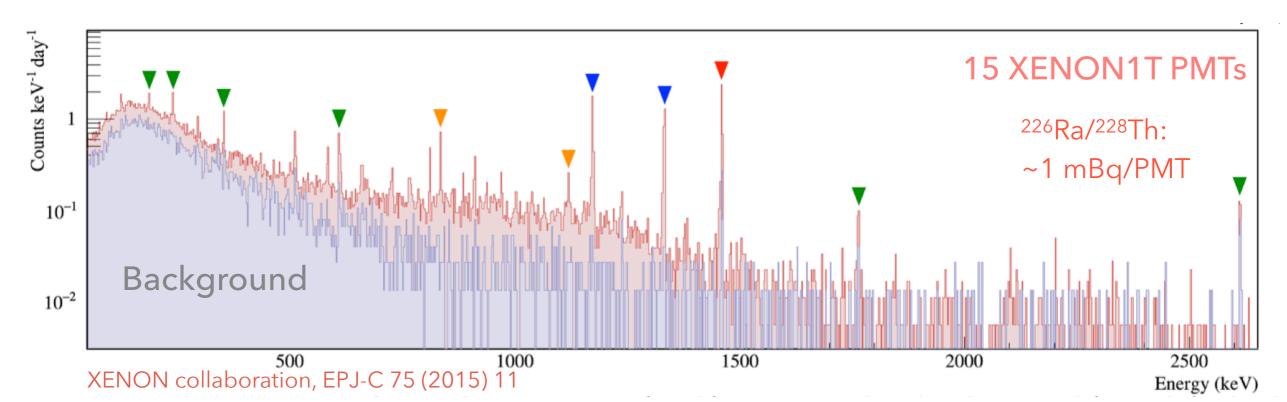
MATERIAL SCREENING AND SELECTION

- Ultra-low background,
 HPGe detectors
- Mass spectroscopy
- Rn emanation facilities





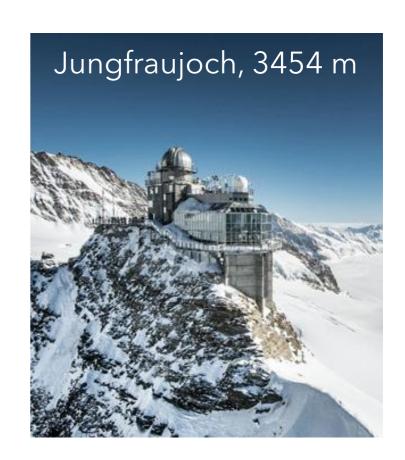
L. Baudis et all, JINST 6, 2011

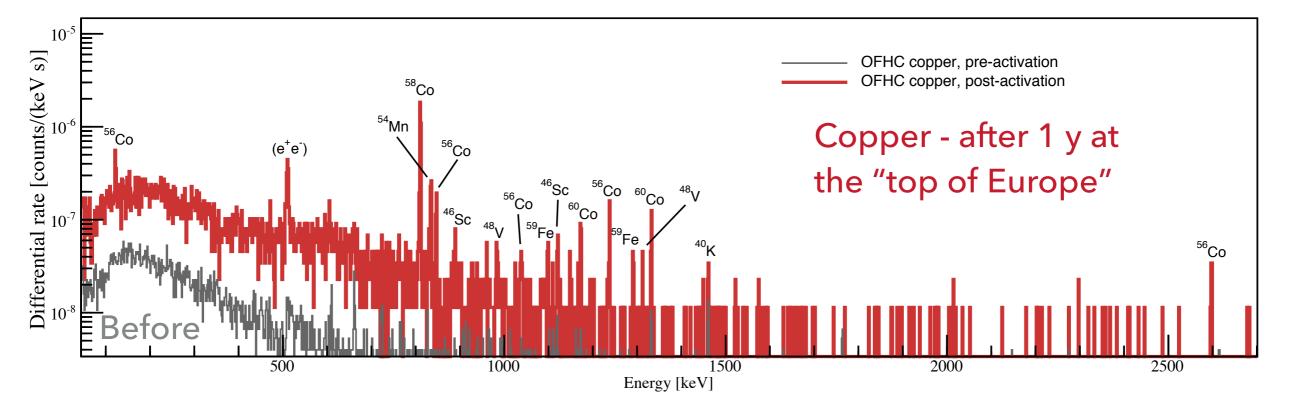


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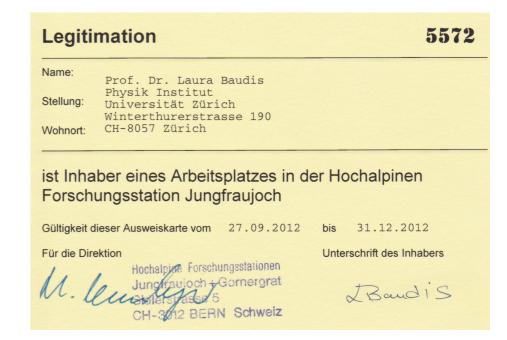


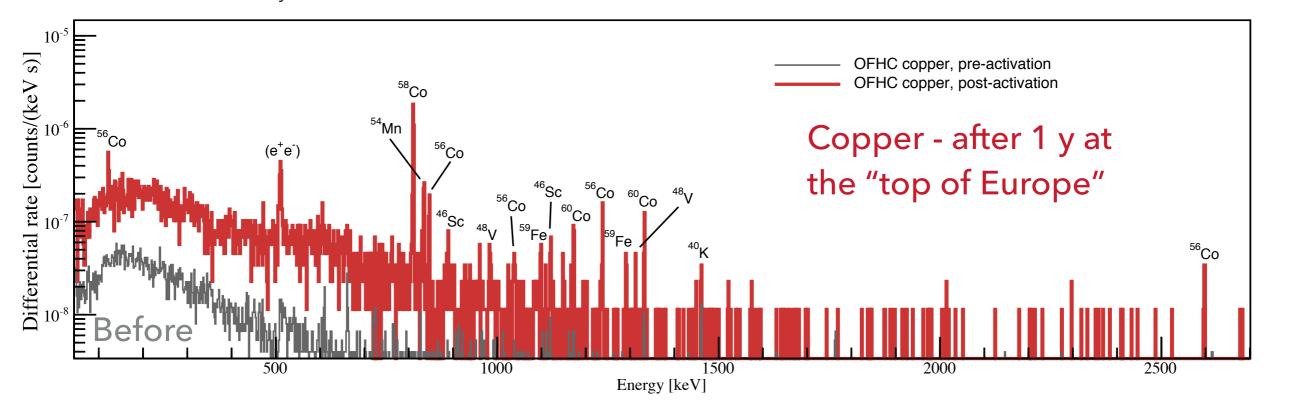


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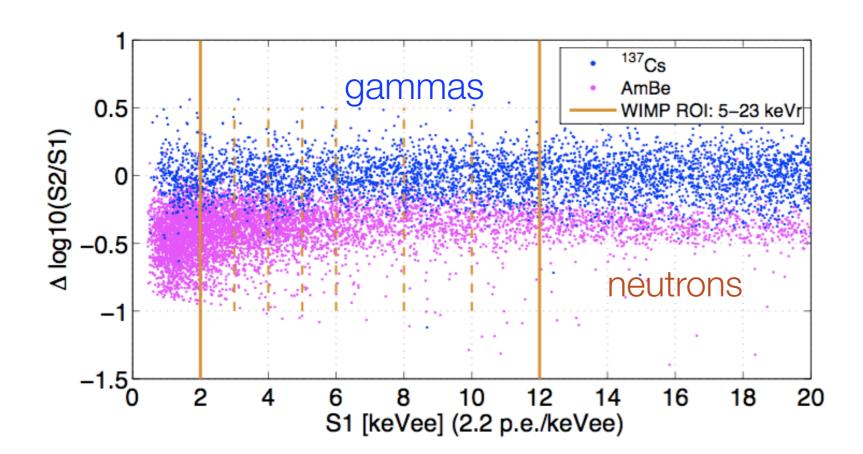
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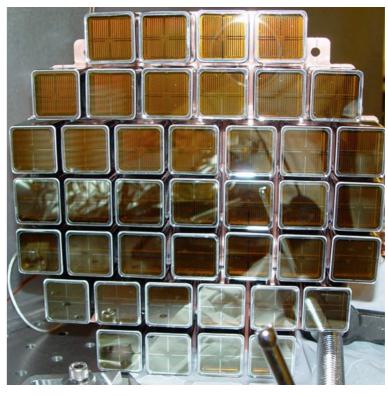


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- > 20 cm diam, 15 cm drift
- ▶ 89 1-inch PMTs

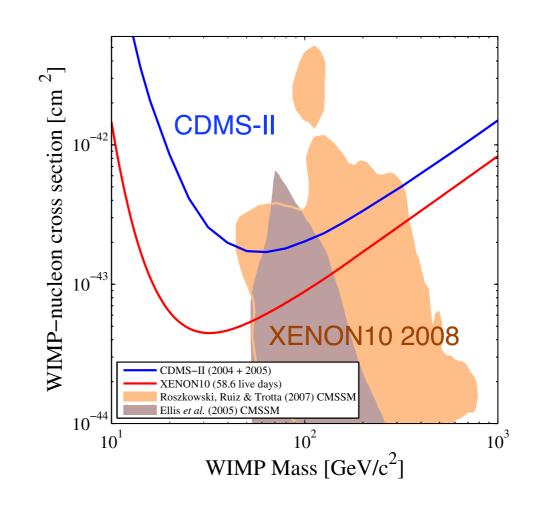






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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

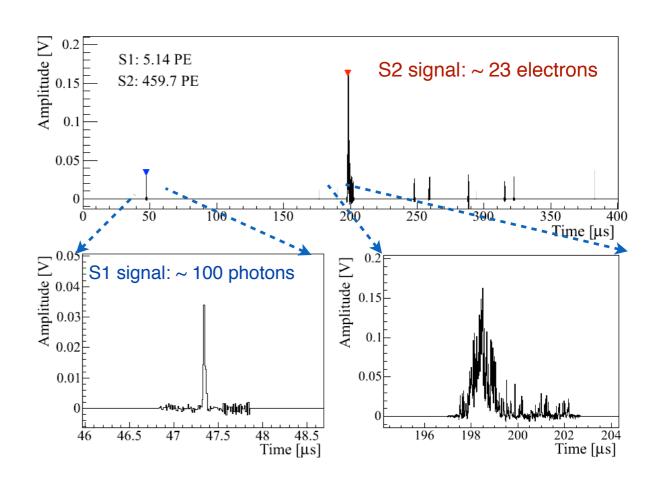
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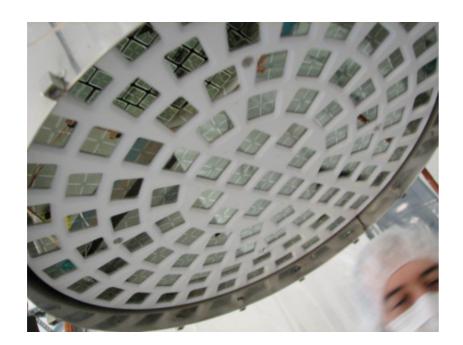
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- Factor 100 lower backgrounds



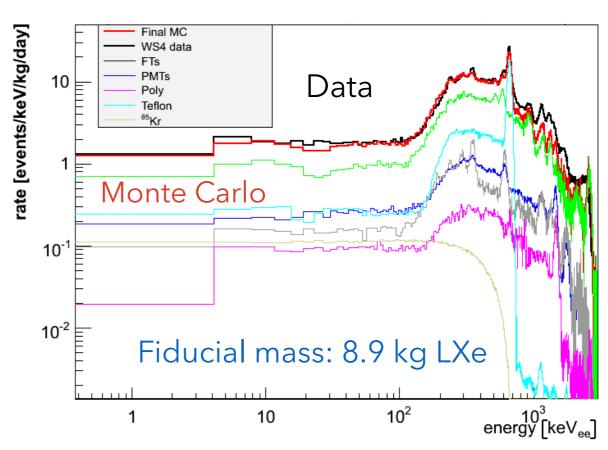


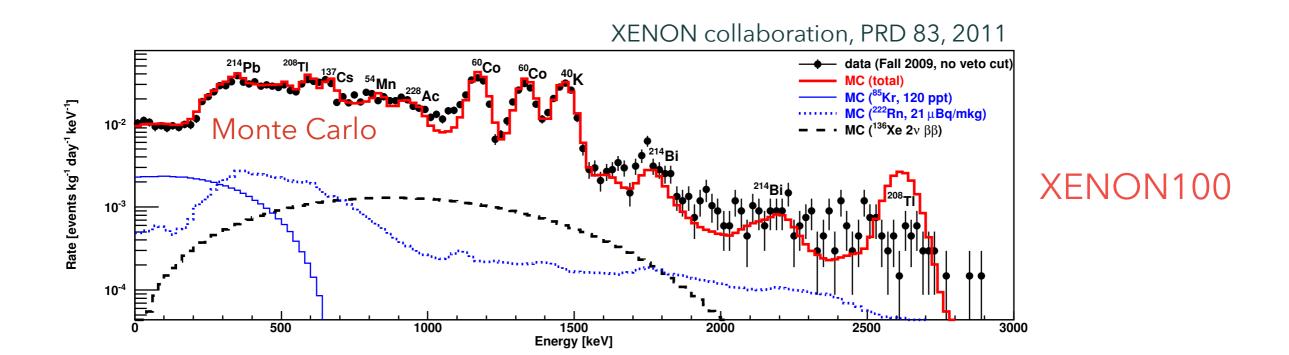


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XENON10

LNGS, May 2006



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XENON1T/NT

170 scientists

25 institutions

11 countries





XENON1T AT THE GRAN SASSO LABORATORY

Water tank and Cherenkov muon veto

Cryostat and support structure for TPC

Time projection chamber

Cryogenics pipe (cables, xenon)

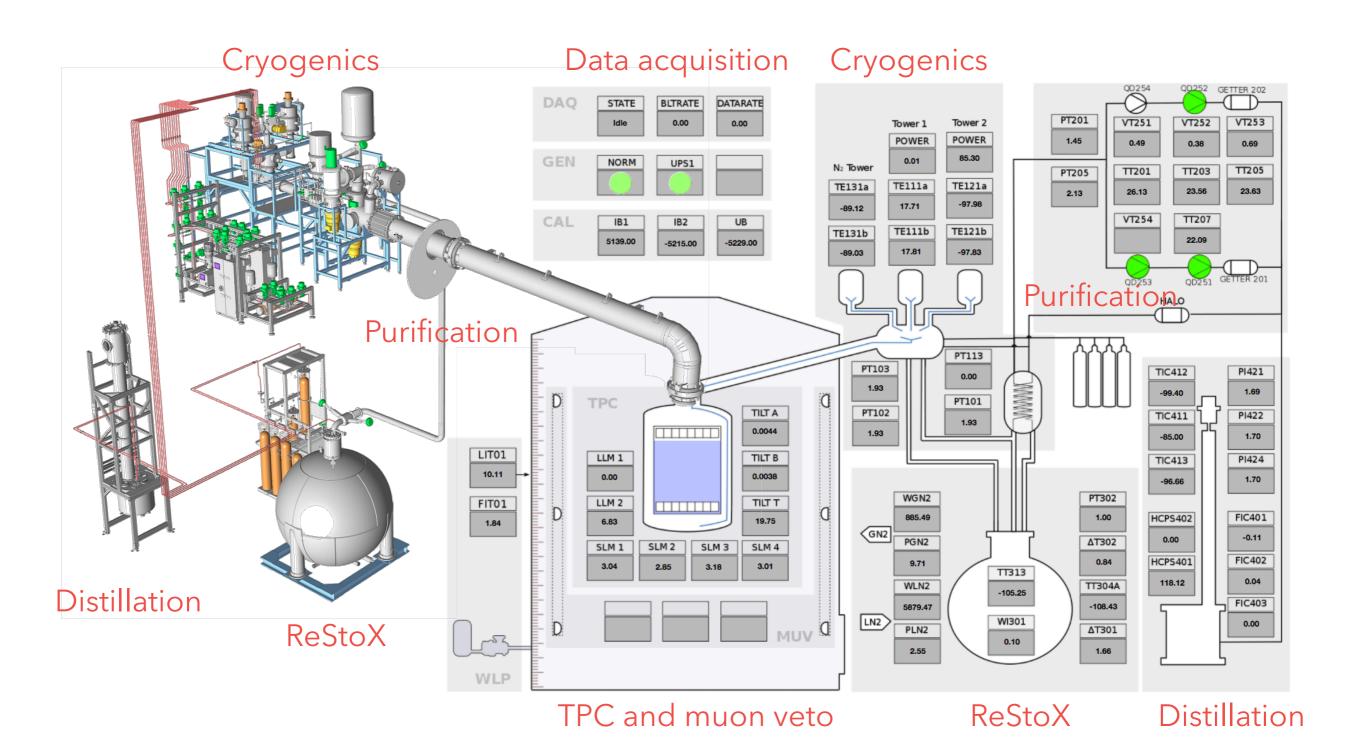


Cryogenics and purification

Data acquisition and slow control

Xenon storage, handling and Kr removal via cryogenic distillation

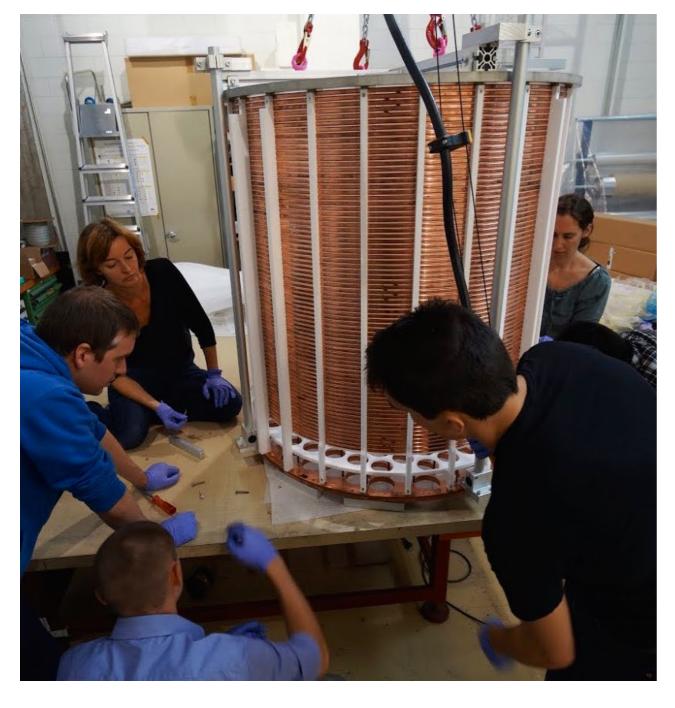
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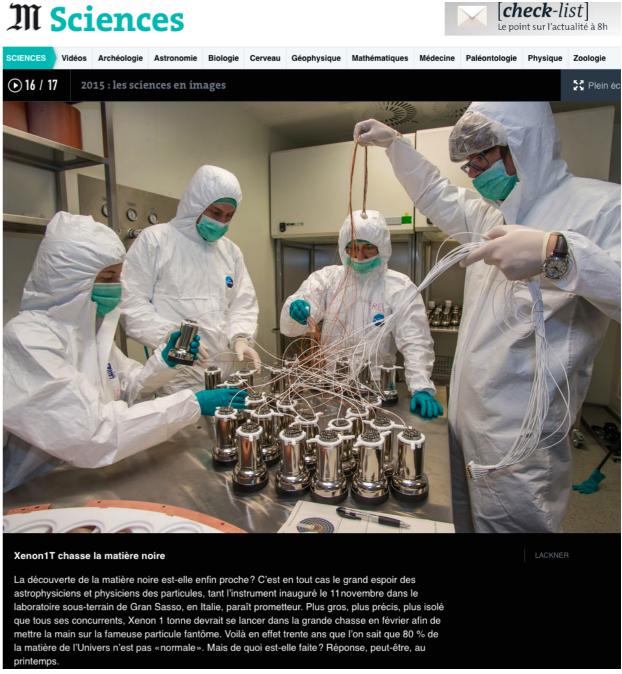


CRYOSTAT AND WATER CHERENKOV SHIELD



TPC AND PMT ARRAYS FIRST ASSEMBLY & TESTS





THE XENON1T TPC IN THE CLEANROOM AT LNGS



THE TIME PROJECTION CHAMBER

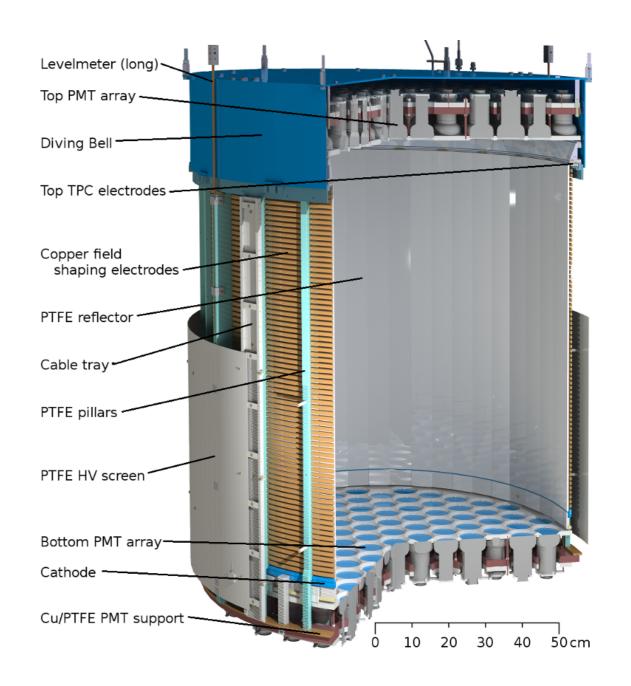
- ▶ 3.2 t LXe in total, 2 t in the TPC
- > 97 cm drift, 96 cm diameter
- > 248 3-inch PMTs
- 74 Cu field shaping rings, 5 electrodes, 4 level meters

127 PMTs top array



121 PMTs bottom array

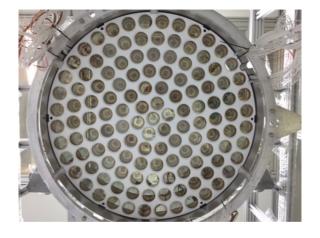




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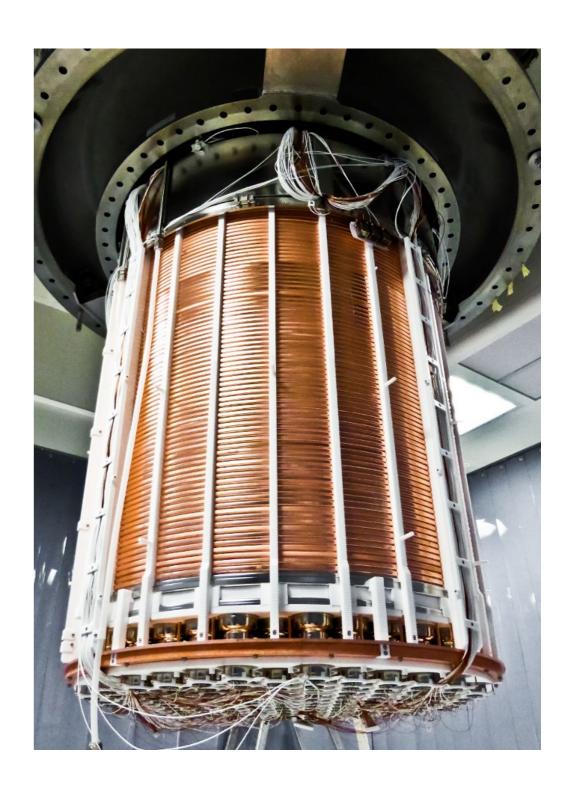
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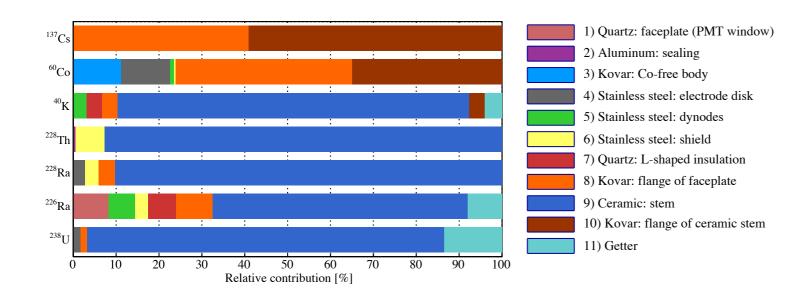
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THE LIGHT DETECTION SYSTEM

- > 248 low-radioactivity, Hamamatsu R11410-21 3-inch PMTs
- Average QE@175 nm: 36%, average gain: 2e6 @ 1500 V
- ▶ Tests in cold N₂ gas and in GXe & LXe (P. Barrow et al., JINST12, 2017)

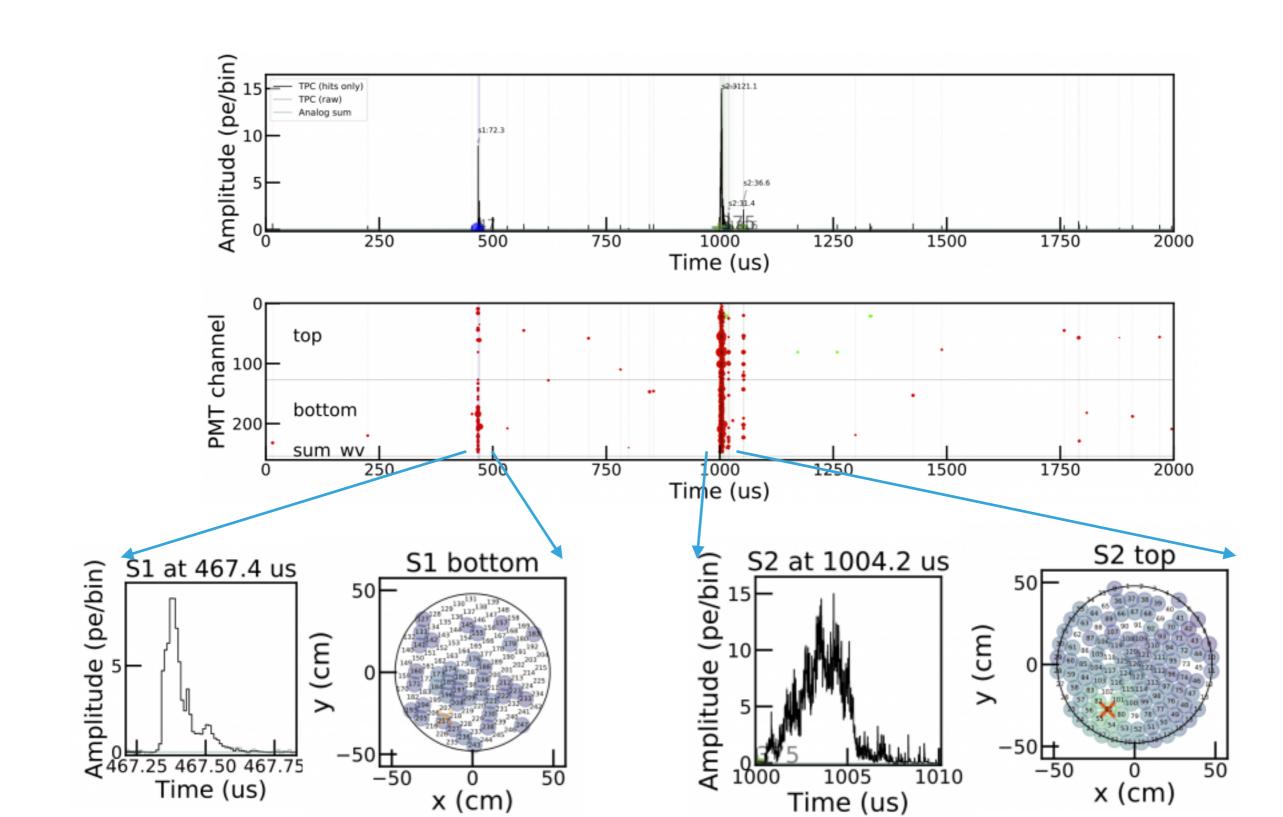




First: screening of all PMT materials

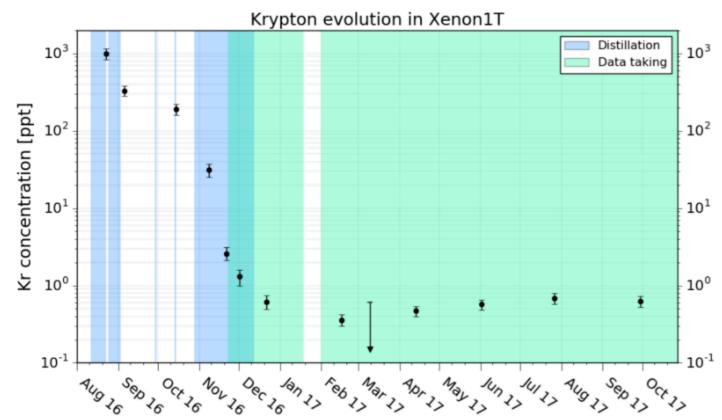
Second: screening of final products

EXAMPLE OF A LOW-ENERGY EVENT IN THE TPC



THE KRYPTON DISTILLATION COLUMN

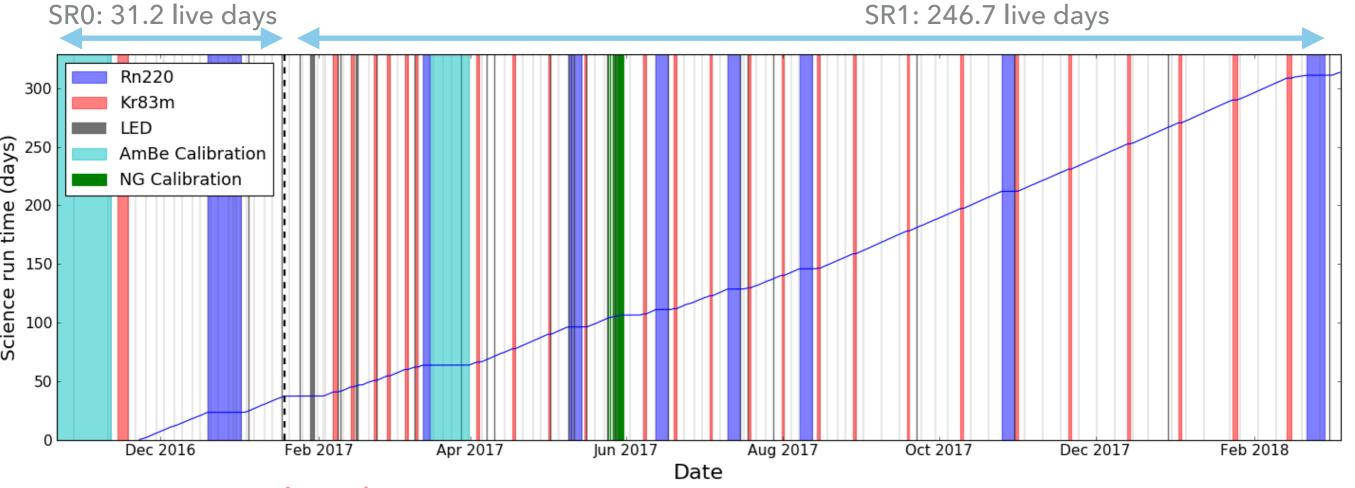
- Commercial Xe: 1 ppm 10 ppb natKr
- ightharpoonup 85Kr is unstable (T_{1/2} = 10.8 y, Q-value = 687 keV)
- ▶ XENON1T sensitivity demands 0.2 ppt natKr
- Solution: 5.5 m distillation column, 6.5 kg/h output > 6.4e5 separation, to < 48 ppq





DATA OVERVIEW

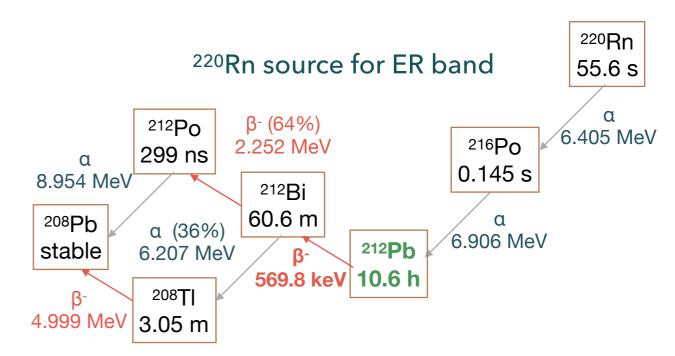
- First science run: Oct 2016 Jan 2017
- Second science run: Feb 2017 Feb 2018



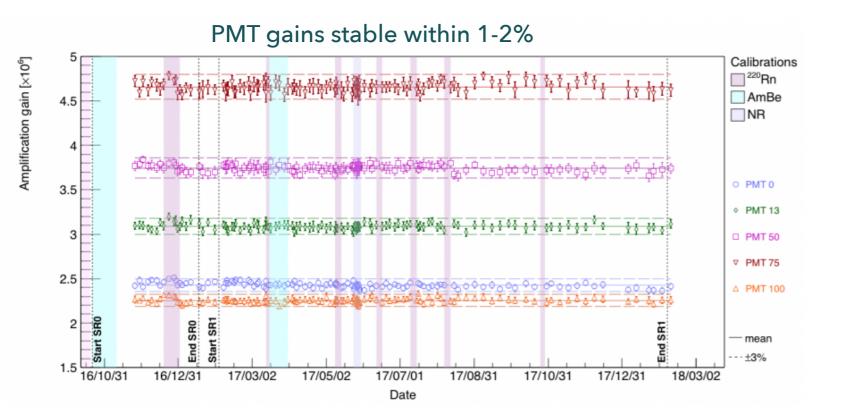
PRL 118, 2017 Earthquake mag 5.7

CALIBRATION

- Energy scale: $83 \text{mKr} (T_{1/2} = 1.85 \text{ h})$
- ▶ ER band: 220 Rn ($T_{1/2} = 56$ s); NR band: AmBe, D-D fusion n-generator
- PMT gains: LED light via optical fibres



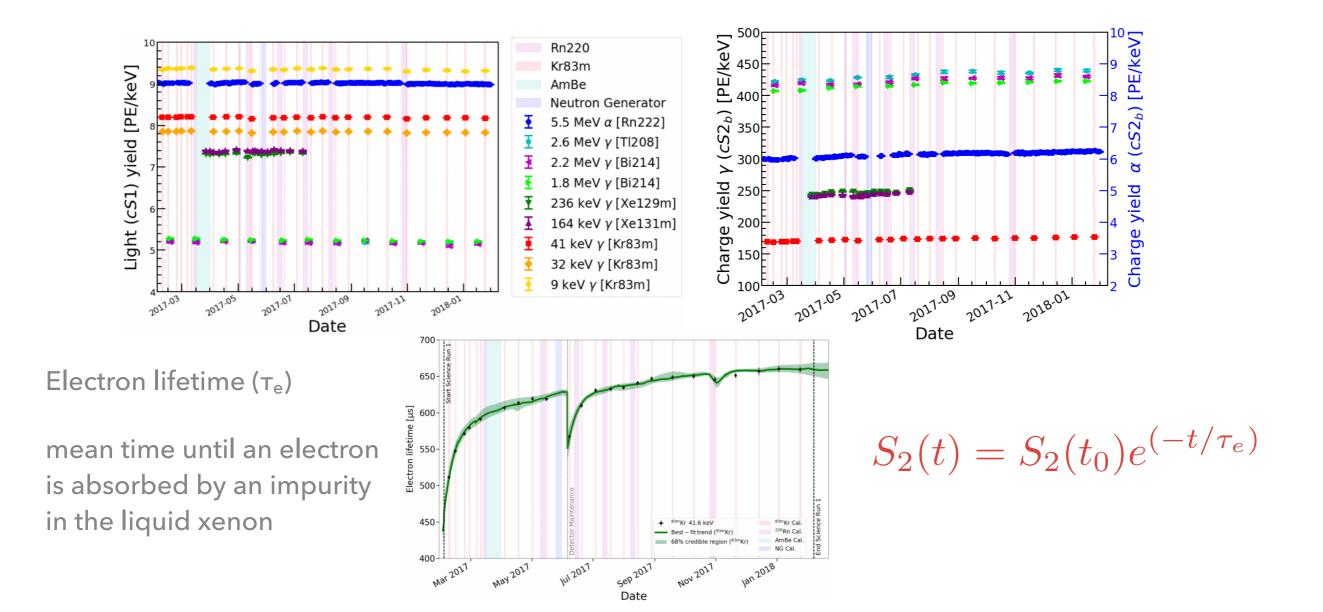
Neutron generator for NR band





LIGHT AND CHARGE YIELD VERSUS TIME

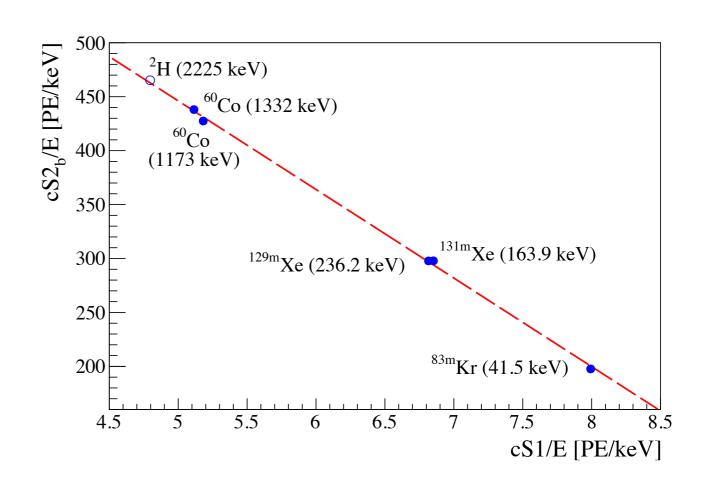
- ▶ Light yield: stable within 0.16% (83mKr) and 0.18% (222Rn)
- ▶ Charge yield: slightly increasing for all sources, 1.4% (83mKr) and 1.2% (222Rn)



ENERGY RESPONSE

- Excellent linearity with electronic recoils up to 2.2 MeV
- Photon gain
 - $g_1 = (0.144 \pm 0.007) \text{ pe/photon}$
- Electron gain

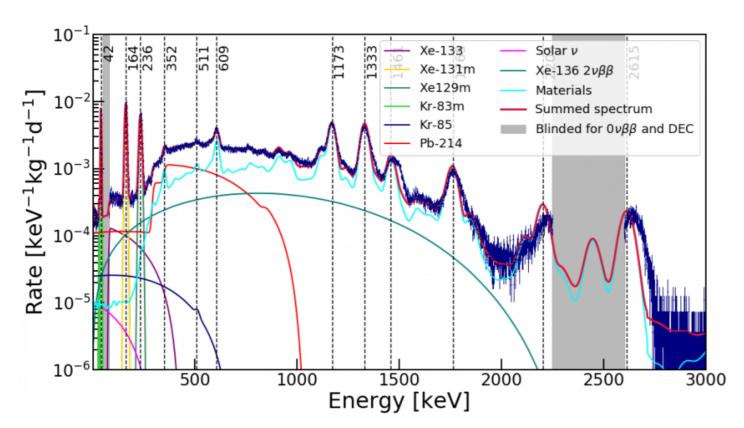
 $L_y = (8.02\pm0.06) \text{ pe/keV at } 41.5 \text{ keV}$ $Q_y = (198.3\pm2.3) \text{ pe/keV at } 41.5 \text{ keV}$



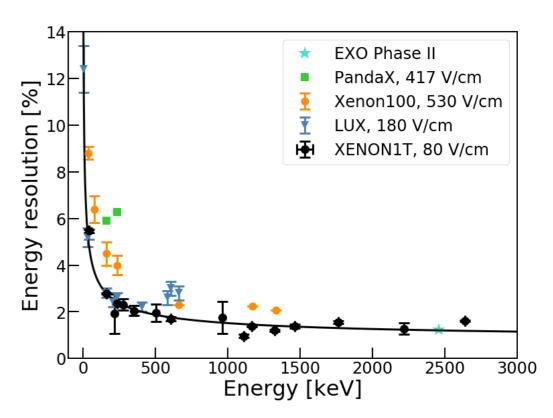
$$E = (n_{ph} + n_e) \cdot W = \left(\frac{S_1}{g_1} + \frac{S_2}{g_2} \right) \cdot W$$
 W-value = 13.7 eV

ENERGY RESOLUTION

- One of the best among Xe-TPCs
- Covers large energy range
- Relevant for DEC (¹²⁴Xe) and 0vββanalysis (¹³⁶Xe) & for background understanding



1.5% energy resolution at 2.5 MeV

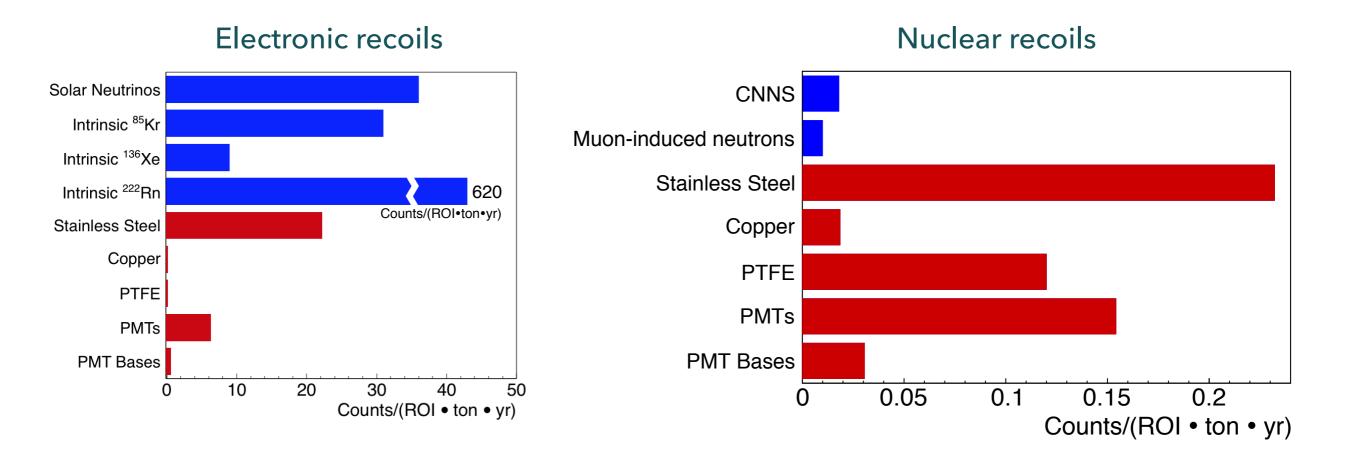


Background spectrum: data versus MC

Blinded regions: DEC and $0v\beta\beta$ -search

BACKGROUND PREDICTIONS

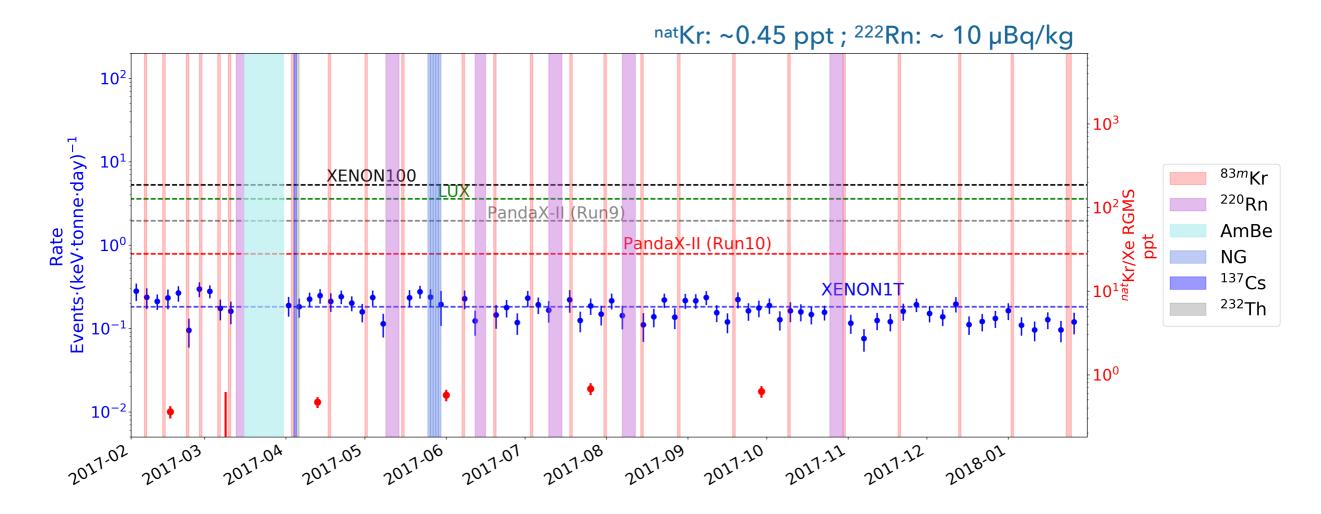
- Based on material screening & selection
- ▶ Electronic and nuclear recoils in 1 t fiducial, 1-12 keV_{ee} and 4-50 keV_{nr}



Intrinsic and neutrinos + materials

BACKGROUND PREDICTIONS AND DATA

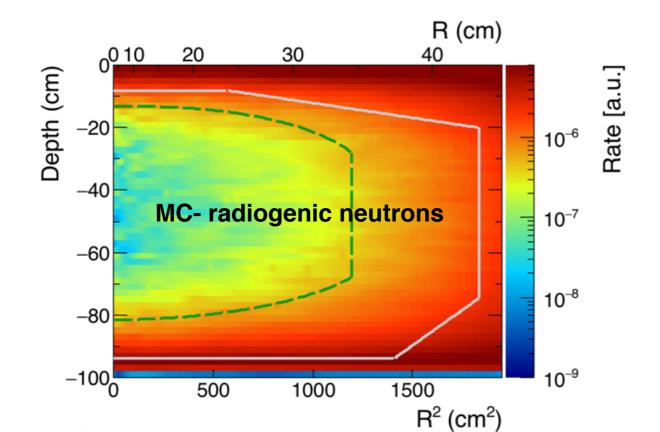
- ▶ ER rate: (1.7± 0.1) events/(keV t d) in 1.3 t and below 25 keV_{ee}
- Or: (63±2) events/(keV t y), lowest background in a dark matter detector



²²²Rn: 85.4%, ⁸⁵Kr: 4.3%, solar v: 4.9%, materials: 4.1%, ¹³⁶Xe: 1.4%

NUCLEAR RECOIL BACKGROUND

- Muon-induced neutrons: reduced by overburden and veto
- CEvNS from ⁸B neutrinos: irreducible background < 1 keV</p>
- Radiogenic neutrons from (a,n) and fission: reduced via material selection, multiplicity and fiducialisation

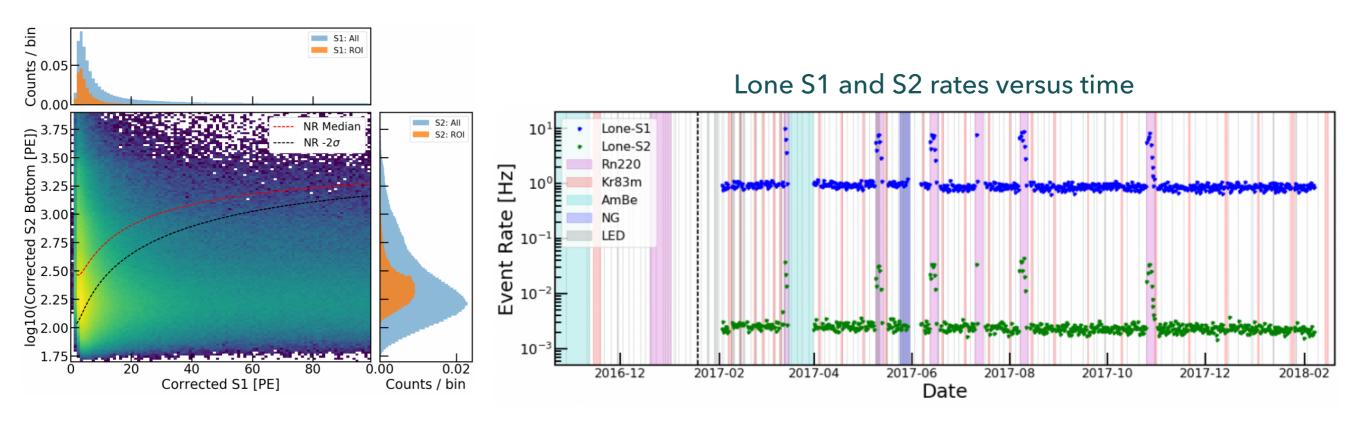


Source	Rate [t ⁻¹ y ⁻¹]	Fraction [%]
Radiogenic	0.6±0.1	96.5
CEvNS	0.012	2.0
Cosmogenic	<0.01	<2.0

Expectation in 1tonne FV, 4-50 keV_{nr} window

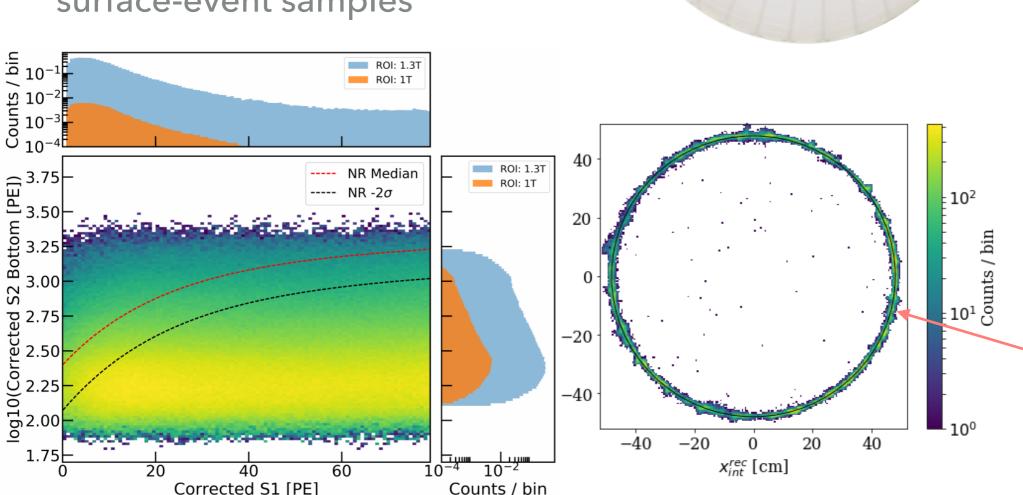
ACCIDENTAL COINCIDENCE BACKGROUND

- "Lone" S1 S2 coincidences: S1 from e.g. events below the cathode, S2 e.g. near field grids - can fake events that populate signal region
- ▶ Empirical model: select unpaired S1 [0.7,1.1] Hz S2 (2.6±0.1) mHz from data, randomly pair to form events; apply analysis selection criteria
- ▶ Performance verified using ²²⁰Rn data and sidebands background data



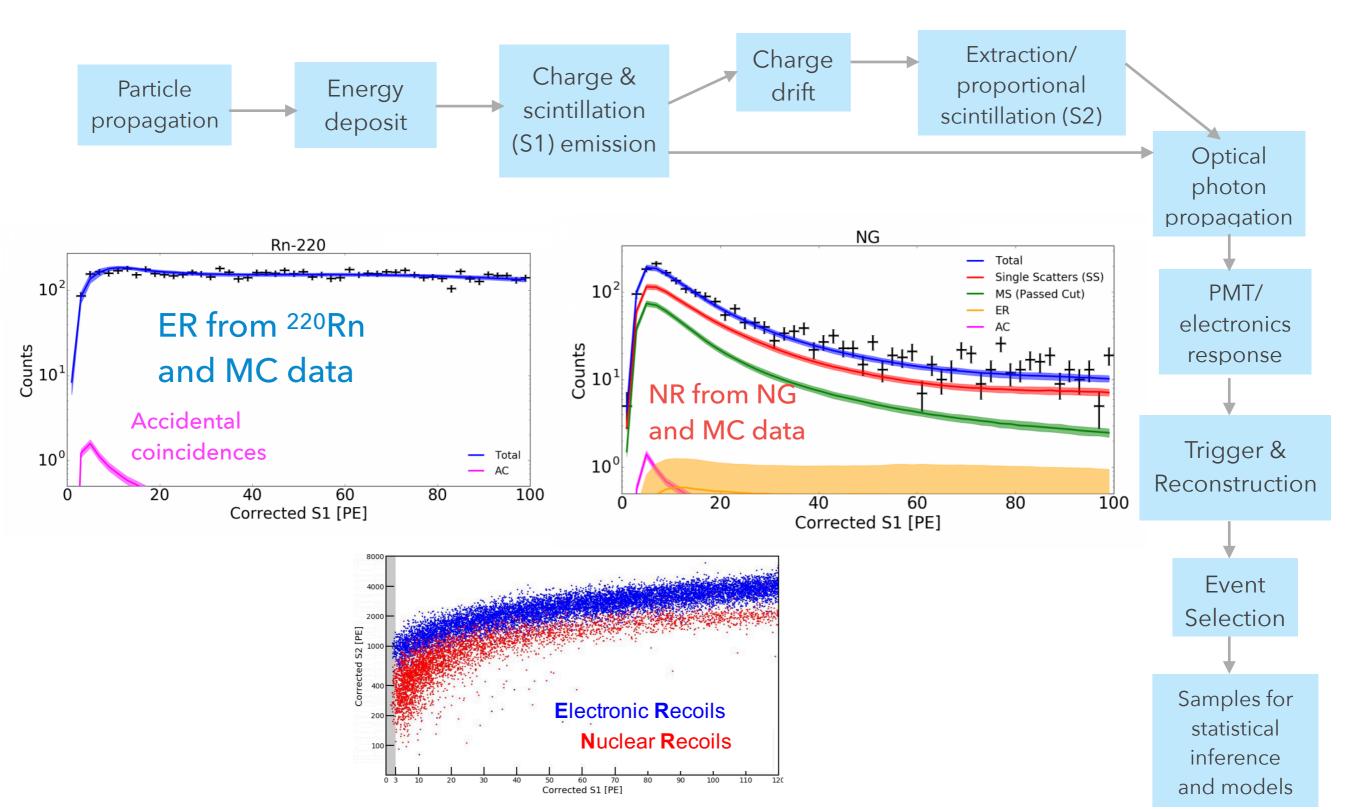
SURFACE BACKGROUND

- Radioactivity on PTFE surface & charge loss: event can be reconstructed in the NR region
- Data driven model derived from surface-event samples

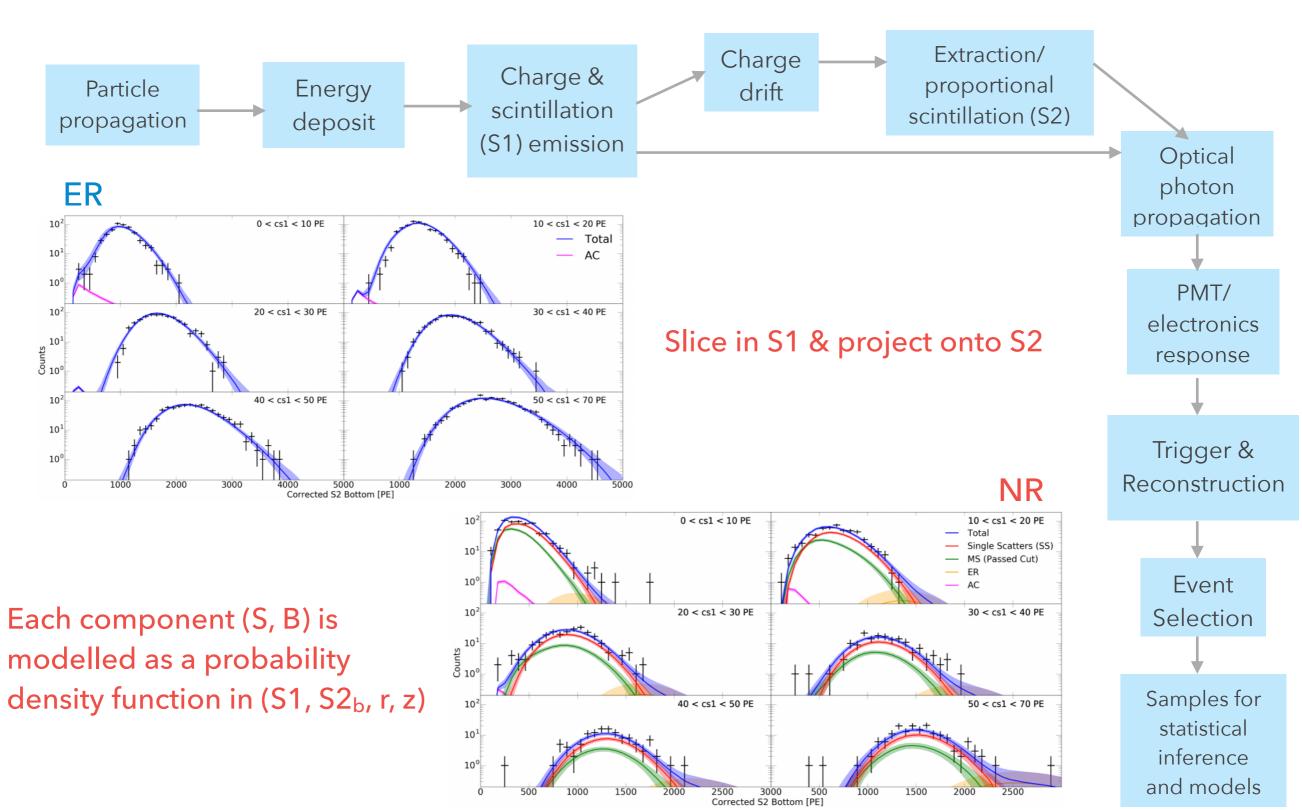




SIGNAL AND BACKGROUND MODELLING



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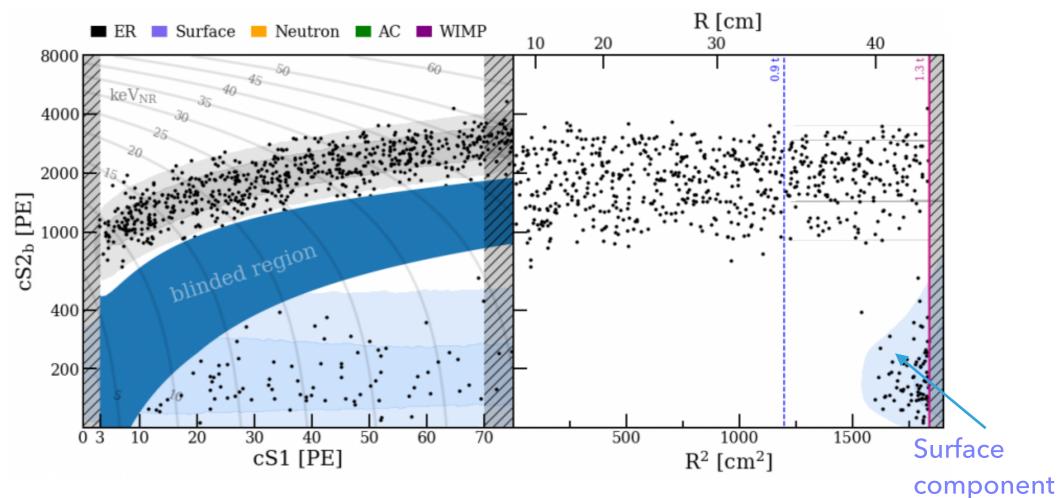
DARK MATTER SEARCH DATA

- Blinded: avoid bias in event selection and S/B modelling
- Salted: protect against post-unblinding tuning of cuts and background models

Blinded region:

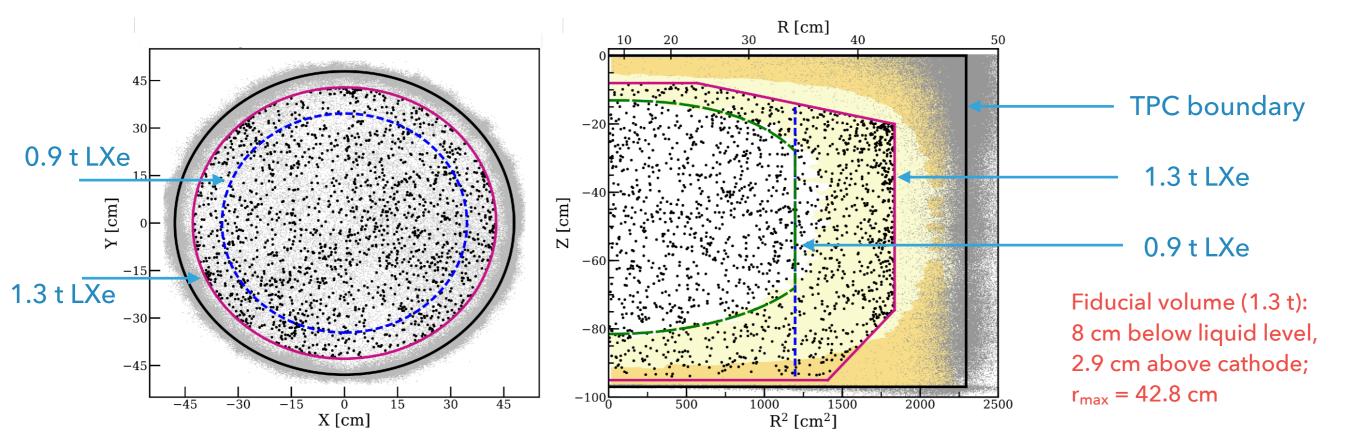
S2 > 200 PE

S2 > 200 PE $\frac{E}{200}$ $\frac{E}{200}$ below the ER -2 σ quantile in S2_b versus S1 space



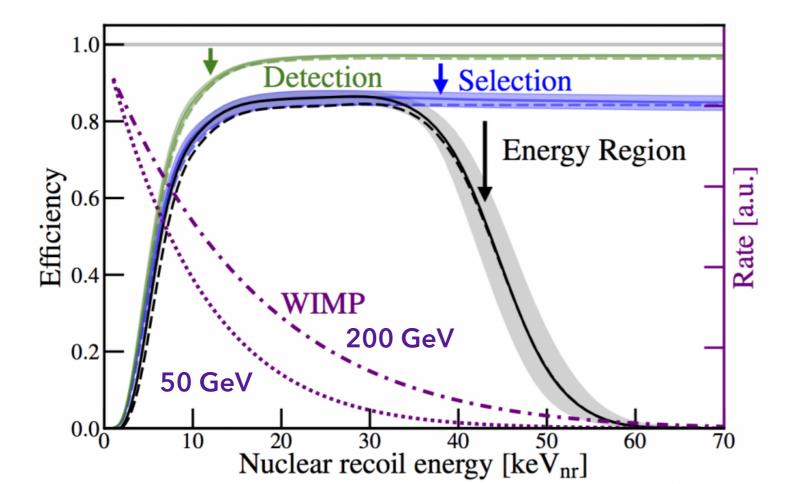
FIDUCIAL VOLUME SELECTION

- ▶ Optimised prior to unblinding to reduce materials and surface background: $1.0 t \rightarrow (1.3\pm0.01) t$
- Included radius r in statistical inference due to surface background model; analysis in (S1, S2_b, r, z)-space



EVENT SELECTION AND DETECTION EFFICIENCY

- Detection efficiency: due to 3-fold PMT coincidence requirement
- Selection efficiencies: from MC and data control samples
- Dark matter search region: [3-70] PE in S1



Bands: 68% credible regions

ROI: [3 - 70] PE corresponds to

ER: [1.4 - 10.6] keV_{ee}

NR: [4.9 - 40.9] keV_{nr}

BACKGROUND PREDICTION AND UNBLINDING

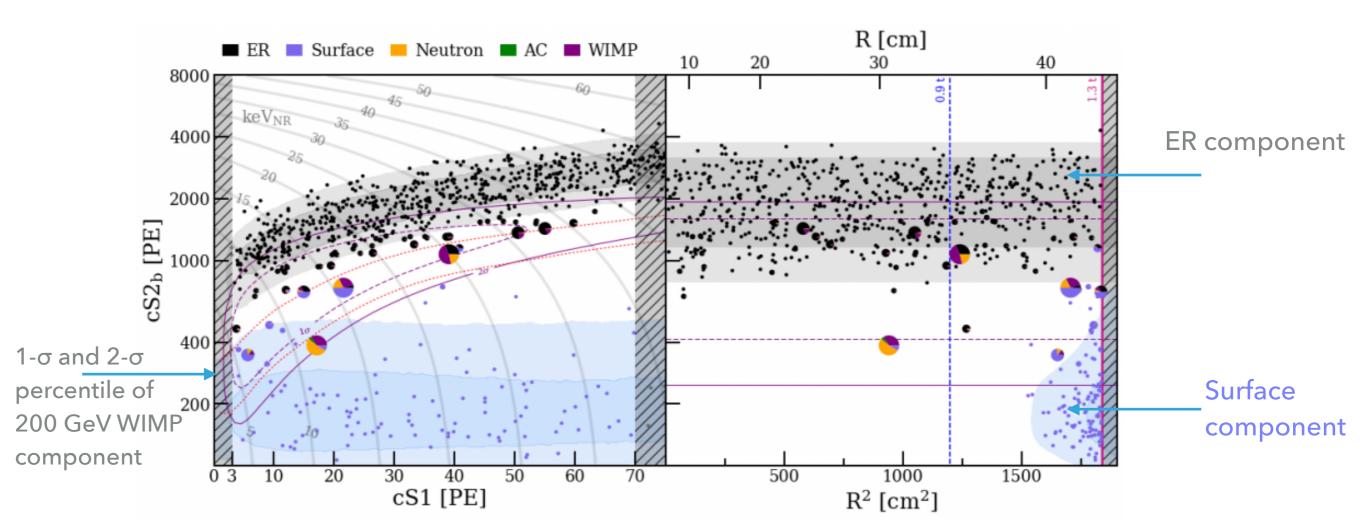
- Reference region: space
 between NR median and NR-2σ
- Numbers in reference region for illustration only, statistical inferences based on PL analysis in (S1, S2_b, r, z) space
- ER: most significant background, uniformly distributed
- Surface background: most significant in reference region

Best fit event rates with 278.8 days live-time

Source	1.3 tonnes	1.3 tonnes
(S2, S1)	Full ROI	Reference NR
ER	627±26	2.17±0.09
Radiogenic	1.44±0.61	0.75±0.30
CEvNS	0.05±0.02	0.02±0.01
Accidental	0.47+0.29-0.02	0.10+0.06-0.00
Surface	106±11	5.36±0.54
Total	736±28	8.40±0.63
Data	739	11
WIMP _{best-fit} 200 GeV, 4.2e-47 cm ²	3.36	1.55

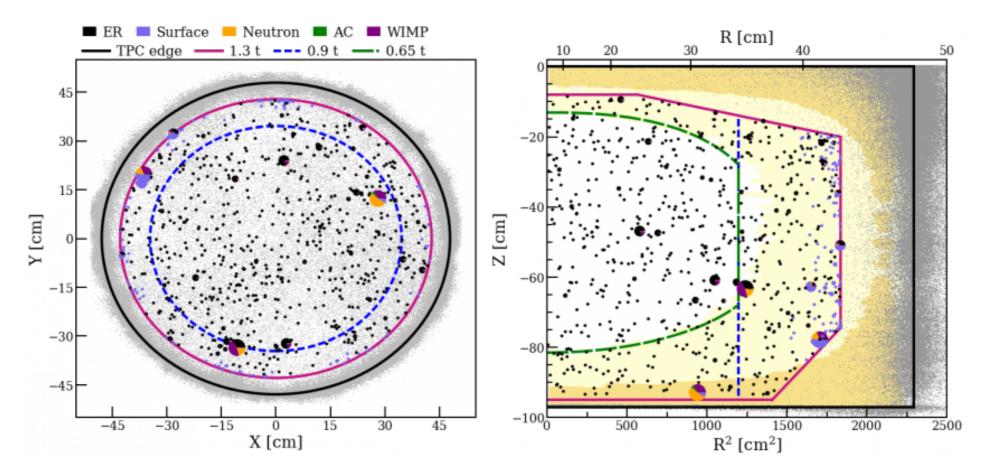
DARK MATTER SEARCH RESULTS

- Results interpreted with unbinned profile likelihood analysis (all model uncertainties included in the likelihood as nuisance parameters)
- ▶ Piecharts: relative PDF from the best fit of 200 GeV WIMPs with 4.2x10⁻⁴⁷ cm²



SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF EVENTS

- Results interpreted with unbinned profile likelihood analysis (all model uncertainties included in the likelihood as nuisance parameters)
- Core volume: to distinguish WIMPs over neutron background



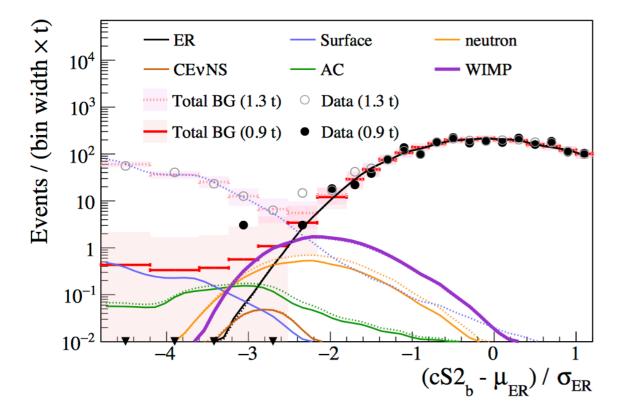
Events passing all selection criteria:

pie charts \rightarrow relative probabilities of background and signal components for each event under the best fit model (assuming 200 GeV WIMP and $\sigma_{SI} = 4.2e-47$ cm²)

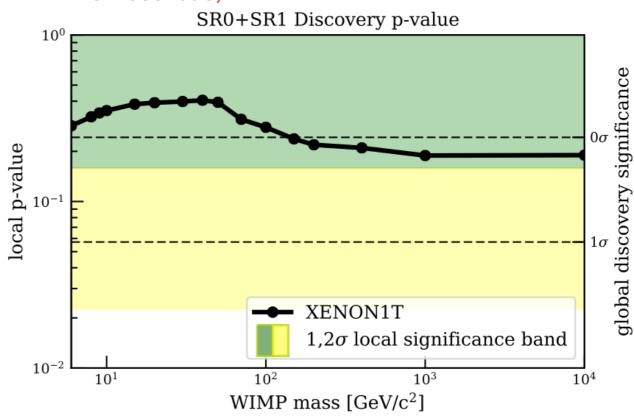
STATISTICAL INTERPRETATION

- ▶ ER & surface background shape parameters included in the likelihood
- Safeguard to protect against background mis-modelling (N. Priel et al., JCAP 5, 2017)
- No 3-σ excess at any WIMP mass, background-only hypothesis accepted (p-value is 0.41 at 50 GeV, and 0.22 at 200 GeV)

Background and 200 GeV WIMP signal best-fit predictions compared to data in 1.3 t and 0.9 t

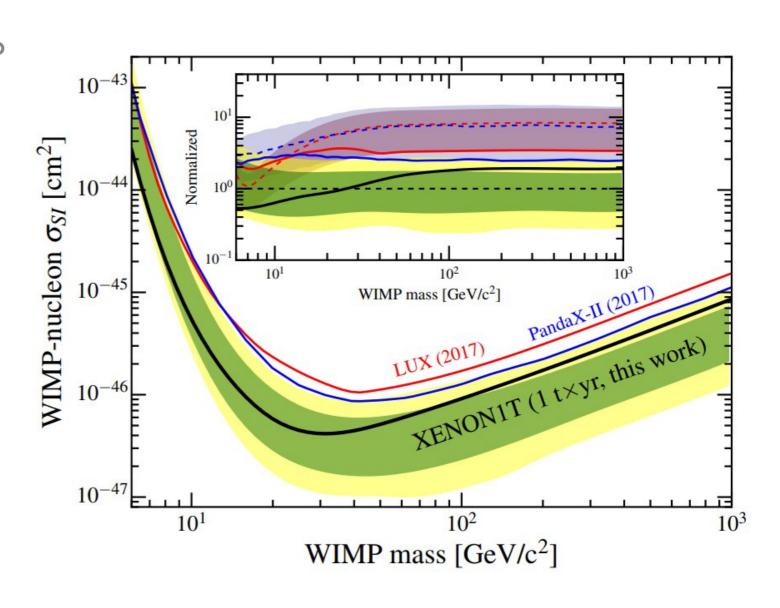


Probability that the no-signal hypothesis could have produced a dataset at least as "extreme" (in terms of log likelihood ratio)



NEW CONSTRAINTS ON WIMPS

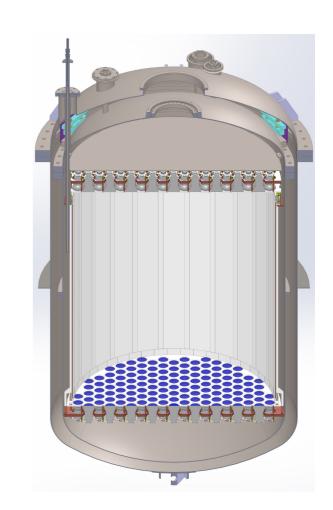
- Strongest upper limit (at 90% CL) on SI WIMP-nucleon cross sections > 6 GeV
- Median sensitivity: factor 7
 higher than for previous
 experiments (LUX, PandaX-II)
- 1-σ fluctuation at higher
 WIMP masses could be due
 to background or signal



$$\sigma_{\rm SI} < 4.1 \times 10^{-47} {\rm cm}^2 {\rm at } 30 {\rm GeV/c}^2$$

XENONNT

- Rapid upgrade to 8.2 t total mass, 6 t in the TPC
- Most sub-systems in place from XENON1T
- New inner cryostat, new TPC, 476 PMTs (most of these tested & screened)
- Neutron veto, Rn removal tower, additional storage system
- Installation at LNGS scheduled to start in late 2018, commissioning in 2019





SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

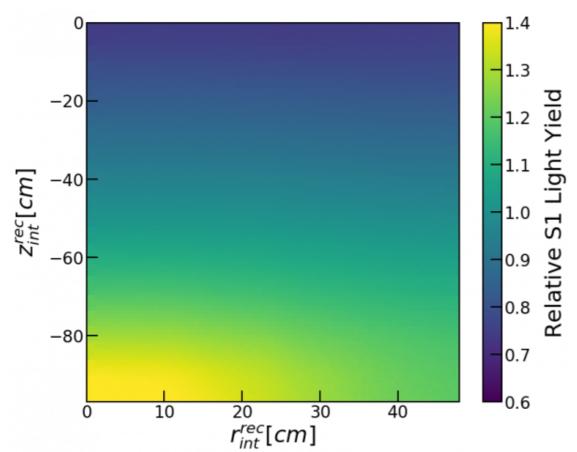
- The first multi-ton scale LXe-TPC was operated > 1 y
- Achieved the lowest background in a dark matter detector
- Result from an analysis of 1 tonne year exposure: the strongest upper limit on SI WIMP-nucleon cross sections for masses > 6 GeV, with 4.1×10^{-47} cm² at 30 GeV
- XENON1T acquires more data until its upgrade, XENONnT, is ready for installation at LNGS
- Many analyses in the pipeline (DEC, 0vββ-decay, annual modulation, lowmass WIMPs, bosonic SuperWIMPs, etc)
- XENONnT is designed for a factor 10 increase in sensitivity

BACKUP SLIDES

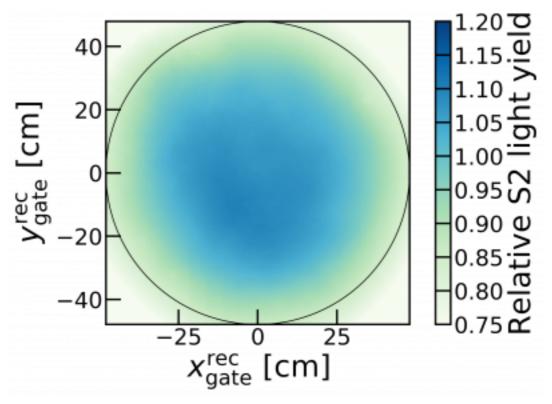
CORRECTION MAPS

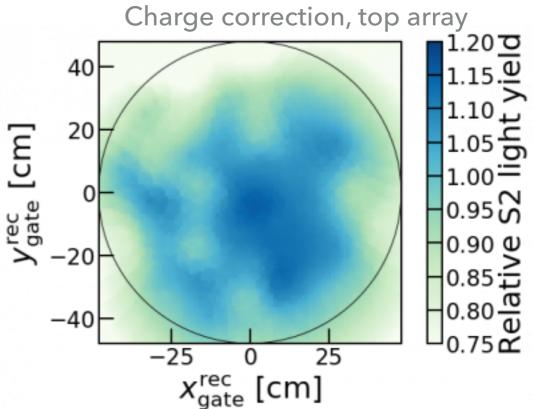
 Multiplicative corrections applied to S1s (light) and S2s (charge), depending on their position in the TPC

Light collection efficiency correction



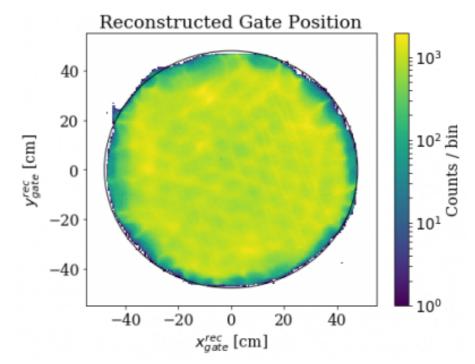


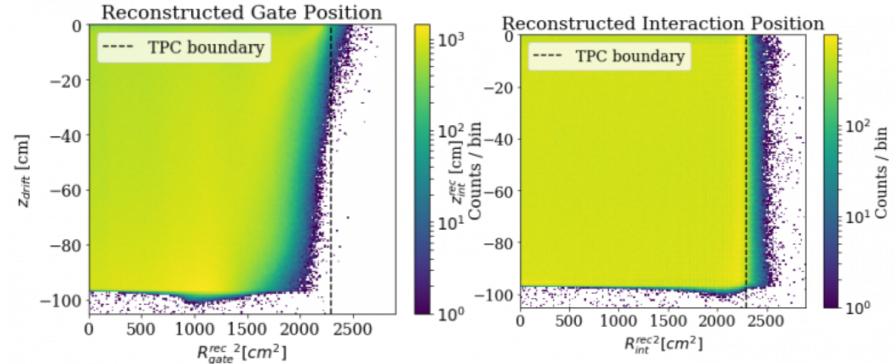


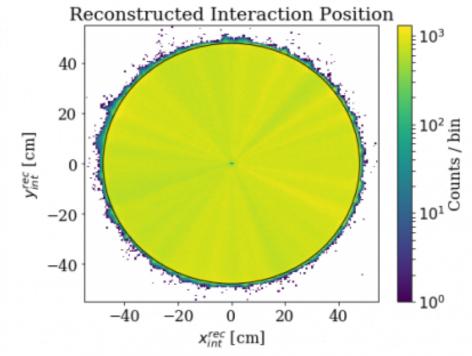


POSITION RECONSTRUCTION & CORRECTION

- ▶ Here shown using ^{83m}Kr data
- Reconstructed positions at gate and interaction positions, as determined via artificial NN algorithms (x-y resolution: 1-2 cm)
- Shown are positions before & after corrections



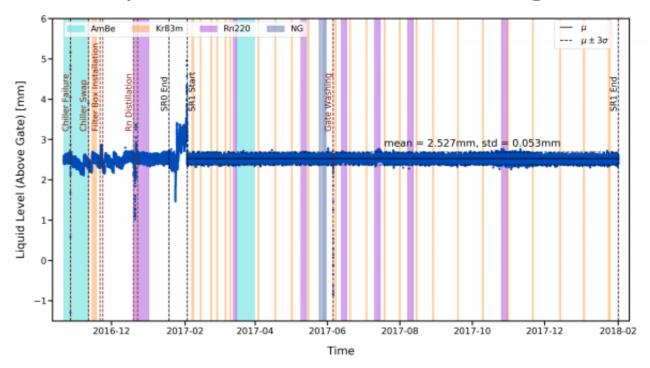


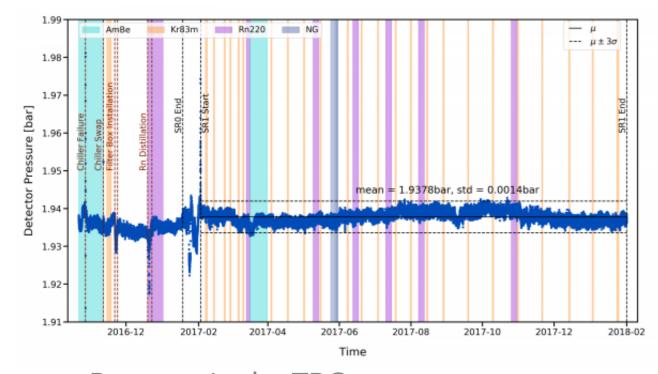


DETECTOR STABILITY

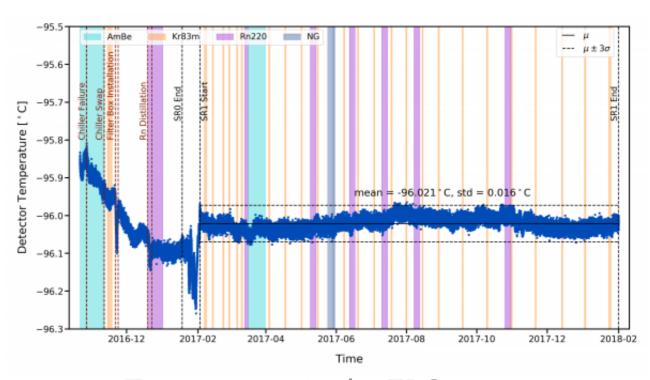
The TPC pressure (1.94 bar), temperature (-96°C) and liquid xenon level (2.5 mm above gate) were stable during normal operation

Liquid xenon level in mm above gate





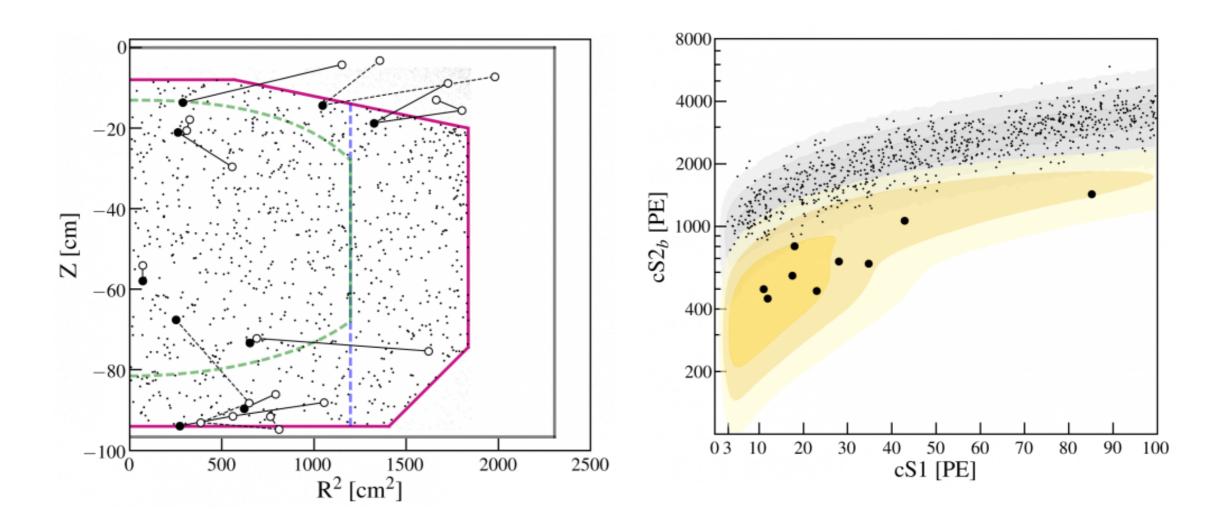




Temperature in the TPC

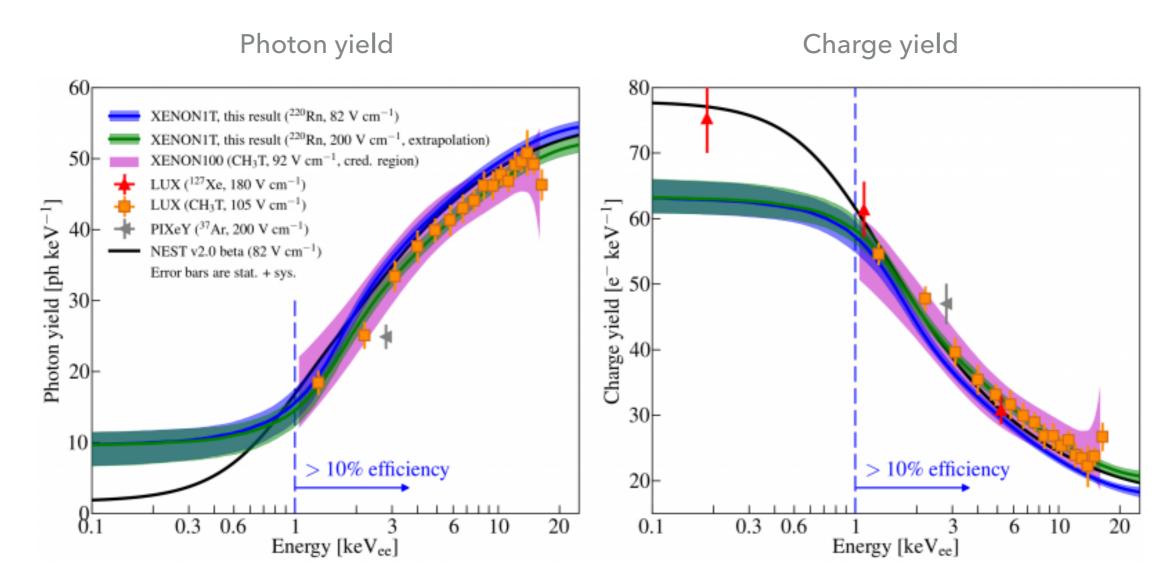
MULTIPLE SCATTERS

- Expected rate of MS: about 5 x higher than single scatters
- Data: 9 candidates; MC prediction: (6.4±3.2) events
- Used to constrain the number of expected single scatter in the data



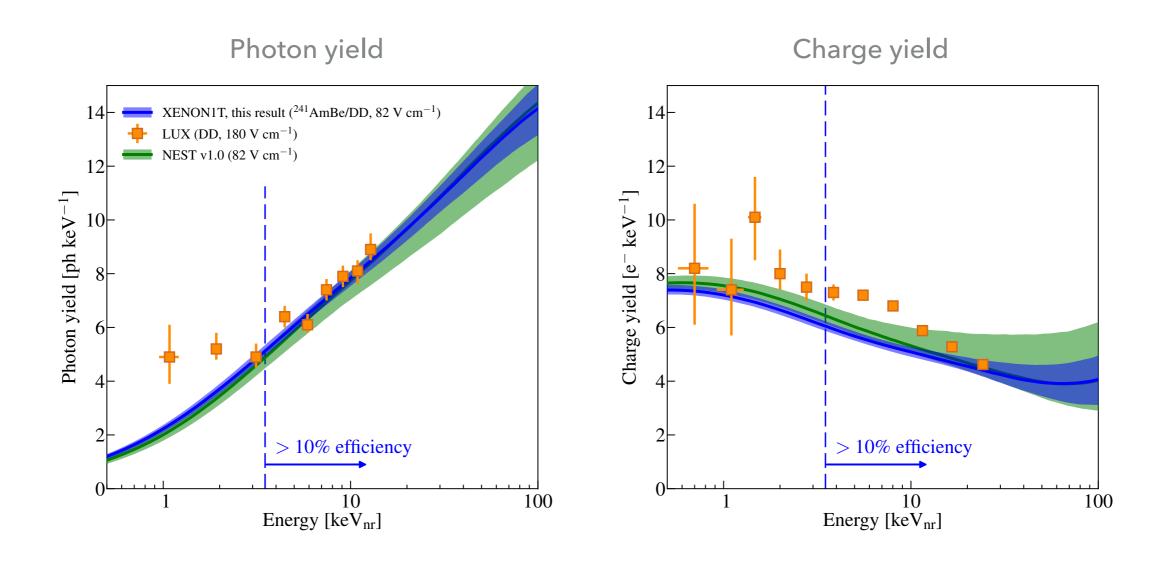
MODELLING THE LIGHT AND CHARGE YIELD

- ▶ Electronic recoil photon and charge yields [0.1, 25] keV_{ee}
- XENON1T best-fit (SR1) together with other experiments (LUX, XENON100) and NEST predictions



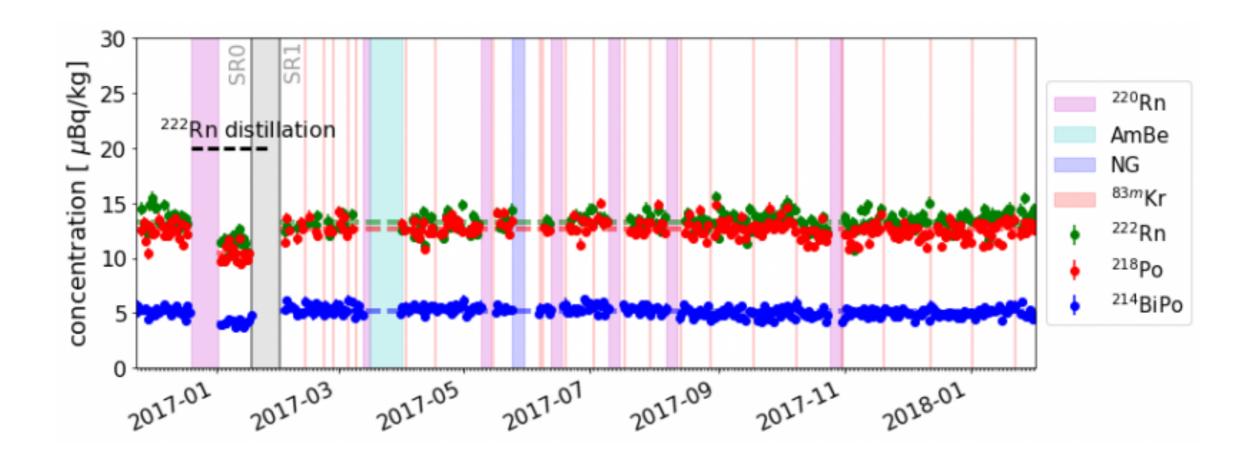
MODELLING THE LIGHT AND CHARGE YIELD

- Nuclear recoil photon and charge yields [0.5, 100] keV_{nr}
- XENON1T best-fit (SR1) together with LUX and NEST predictions



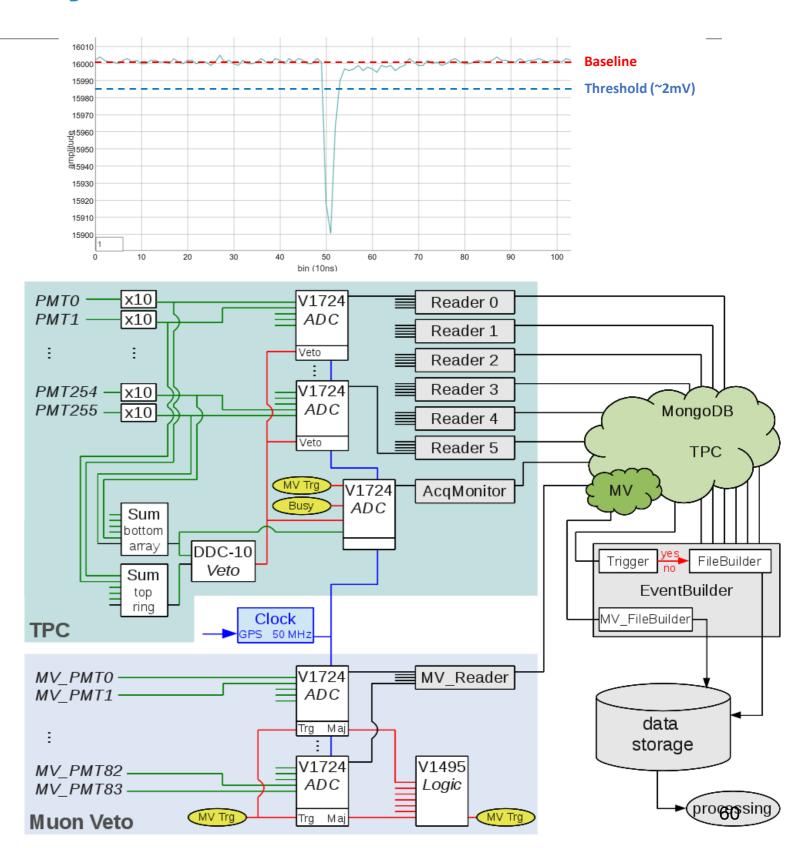
BACKGROUND RATES IN TIME

- ▶ The ²²²Rn induced rates are stable in time
- ▶ Shown are the α-rates from ²²²Rn, ²¹⁸Po and the ²¹⁴BiPo β-α coincidence rate
- These give upper & lower limits on the ²¹⁴Pb (naked β-decay, largest contribution to the ER rate uniformly distributed in the TPC)



The Data Acquisition System

- PMT signals: amplified x 10, and digitised by 100 MHz flash ADCs with 14 bit resolution
- Every TPC pulse > 0.33 PE is recorded
- 6 computers read out the 32 ADCs in parallel, at max rate of 300 MB/s (1 kHz in calibration mode)
- Time-stamped digitised pulses are stored in MongoDB
- A multi-core machine groups the data into causally connected events and stores to file
- Various software trigger configurations are available



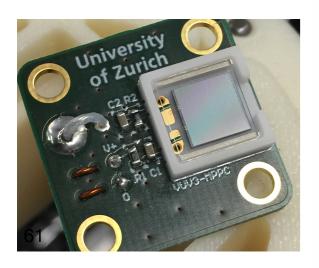


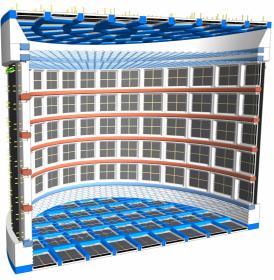


"Ultimate" WIMP detector

50 tonnes liquid xenon

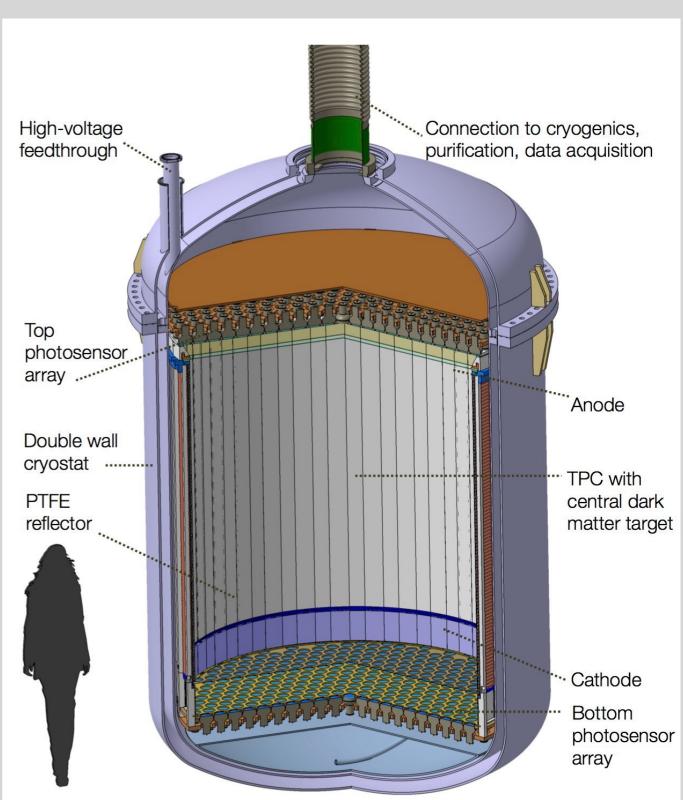
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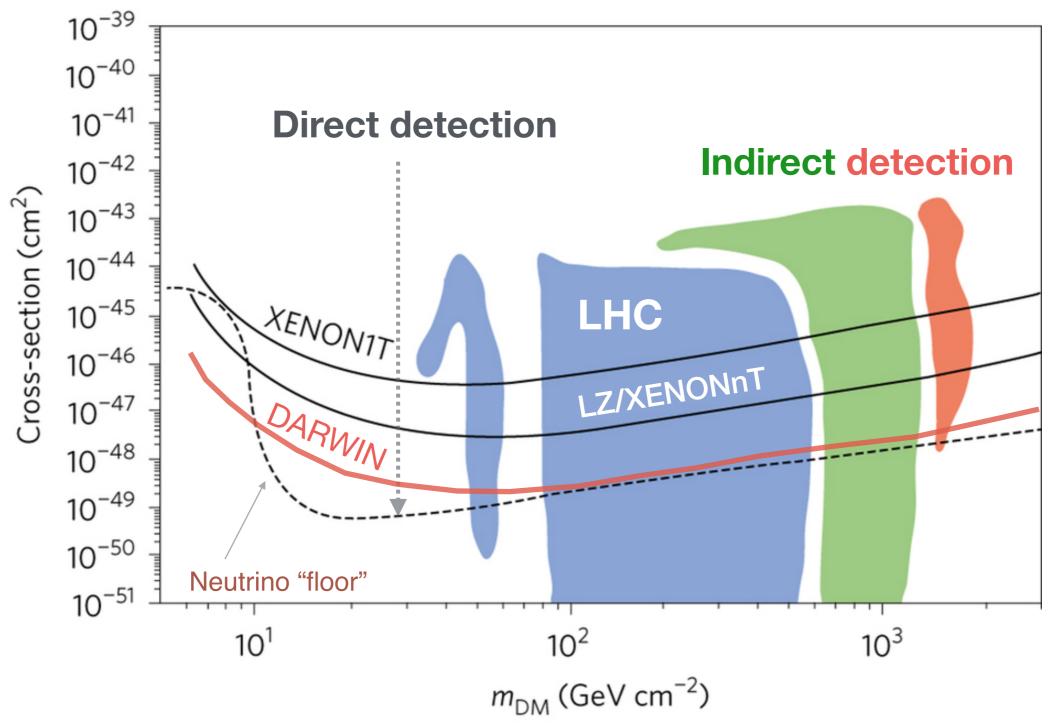


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WIMP Physics: Direct, indirect detection, and LHC



Direct detection versus time

Sensitivity: about a factor of 10 increase every ~ 2 years

