



### Observation of Excess Electronic Recoil Events in XENON1T

XENON collaboration + X. Mougeot

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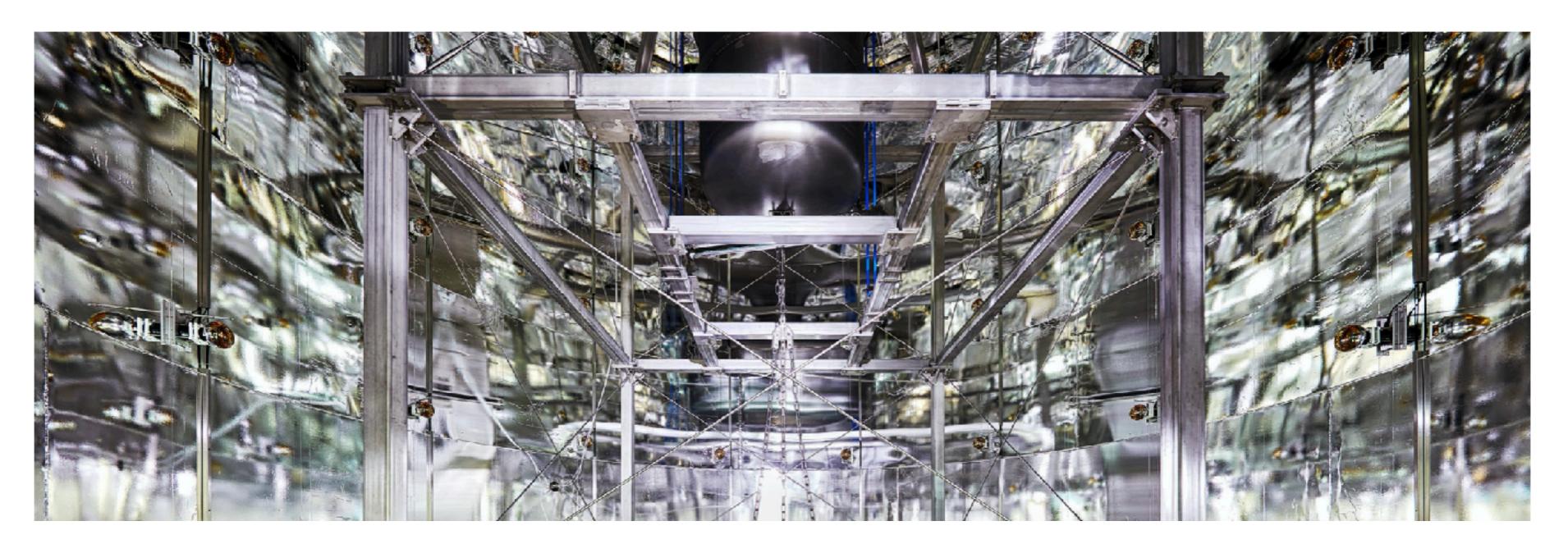
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# New York Times Seeking Dark Matter, They Detected Another Mystery

in physics?



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# Outline



- XENON1T Detector
- •What is Electronic Event?
- Background model
  - + Tritium
  - + Solar Axion
  - + neutrino magnetic moment
  - + Bosonic dark matter
- Future prospect





# XENON1T Experiment

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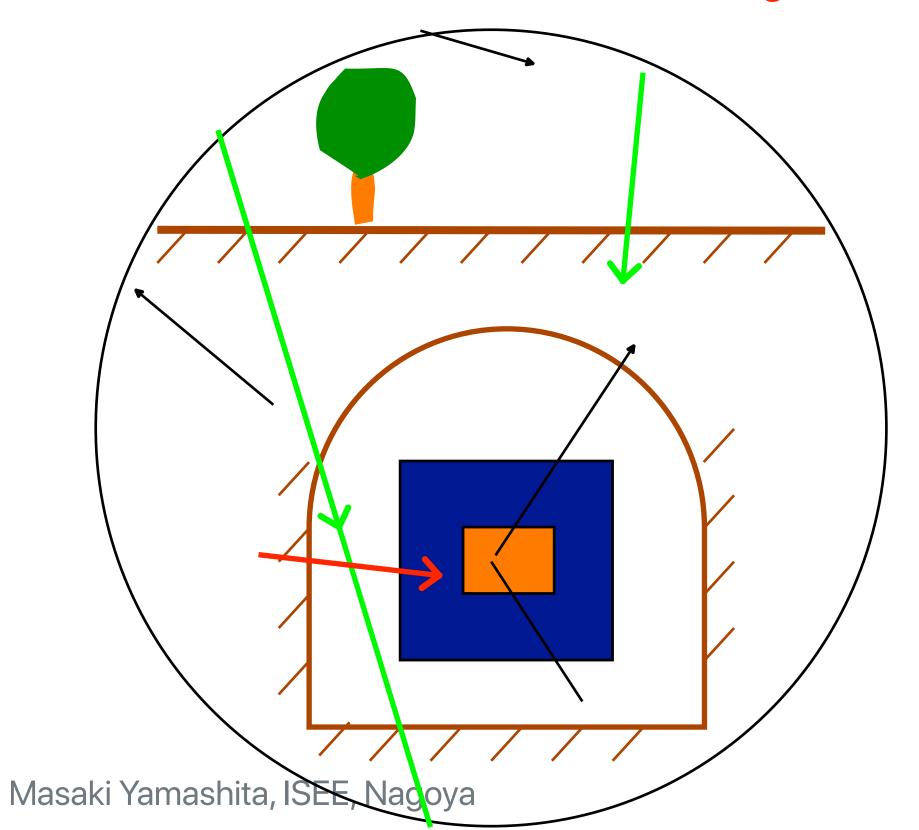
# Very quick introduction for underground experiment

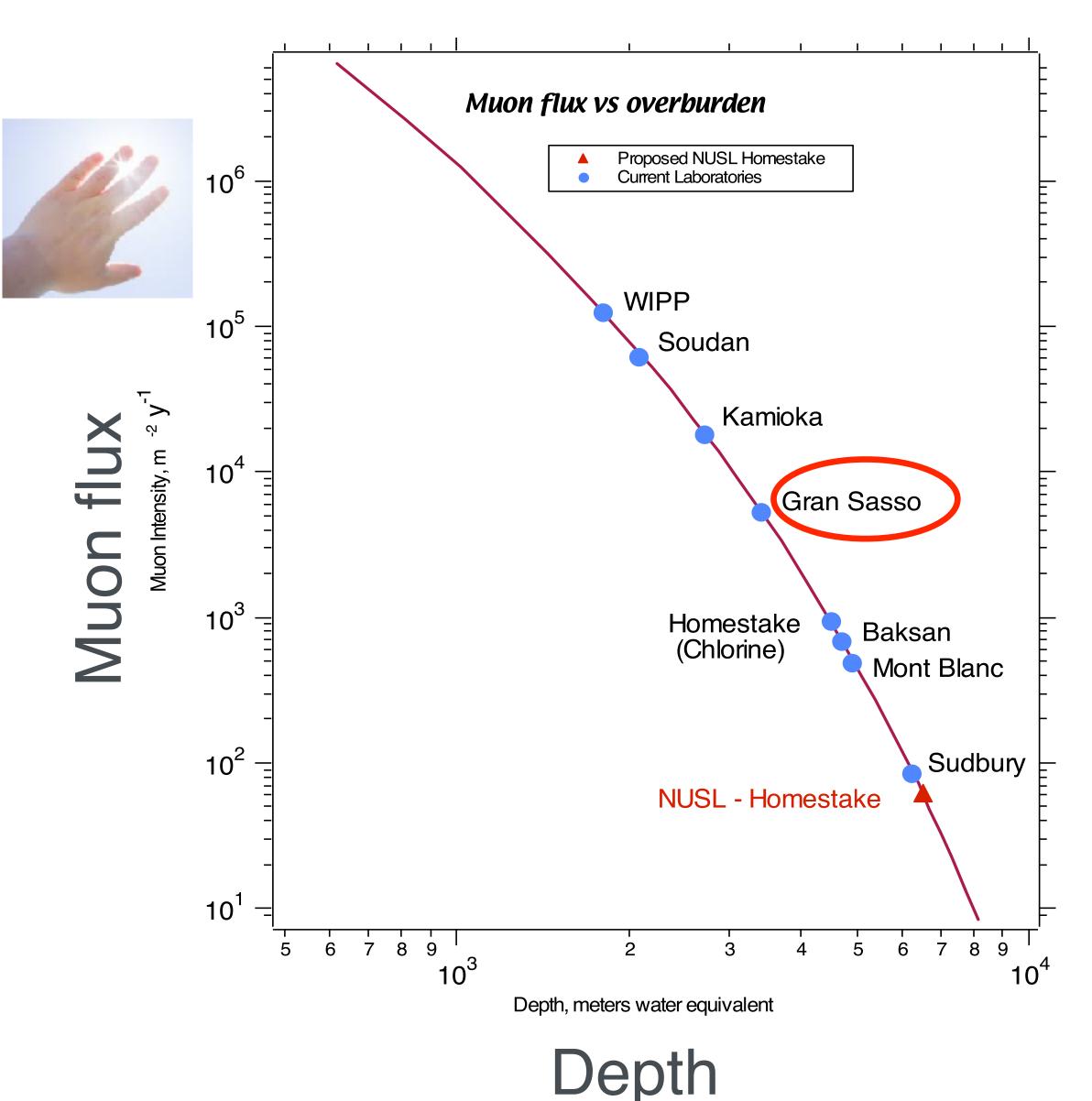


# Searching for rare events (hopefully beyond standard model)

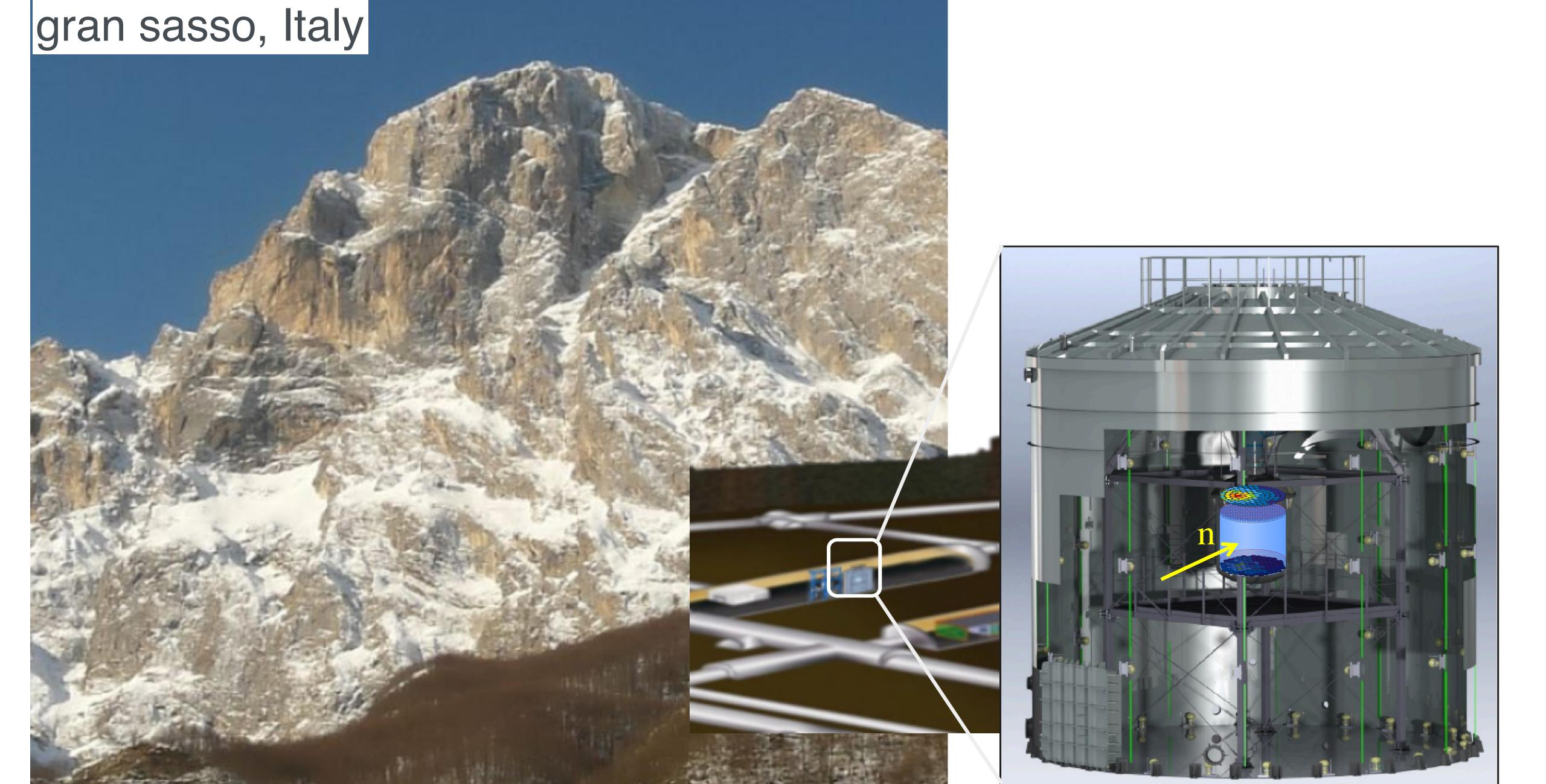
A few Hz cosmic ray go though your hand at the surface.

About 1/10<sup>5</sup> or smaller in the underground.

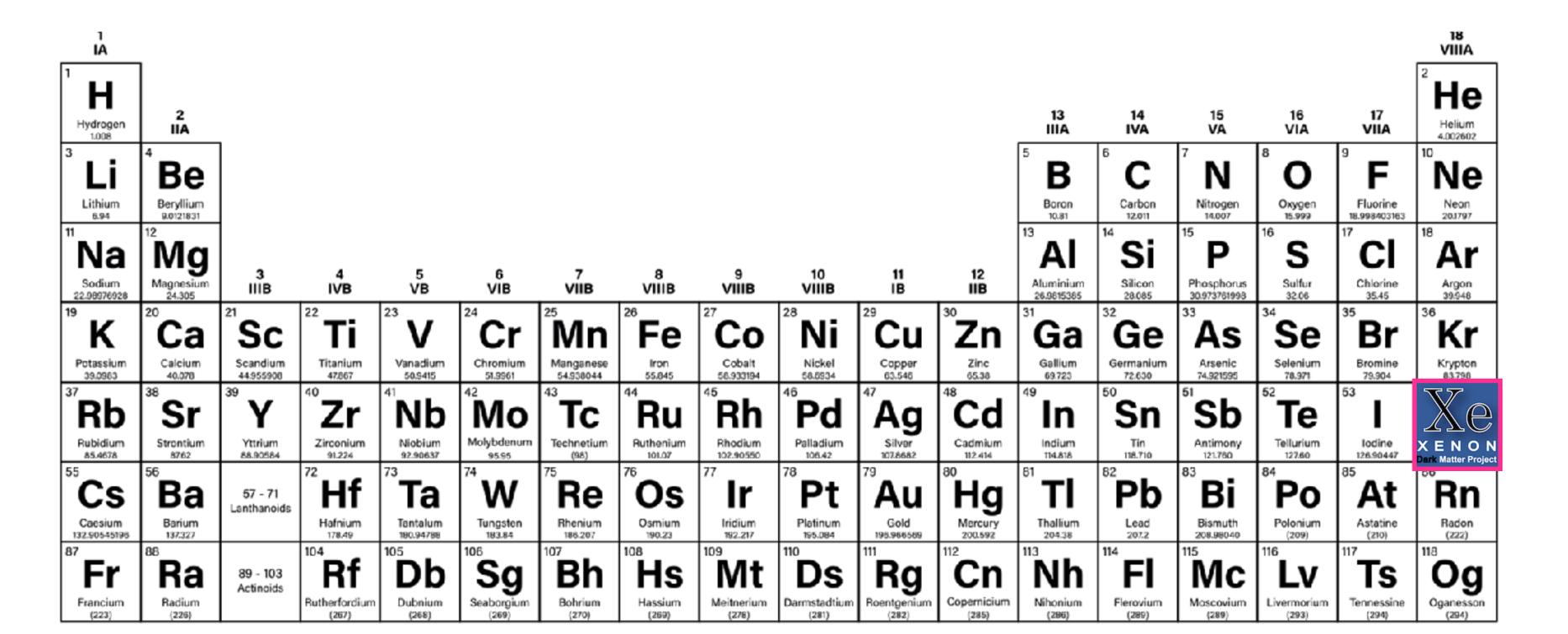




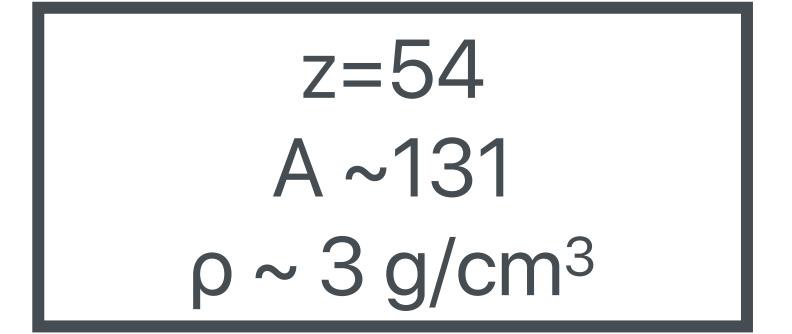
# XENON1T at Gran Sasso, Italy



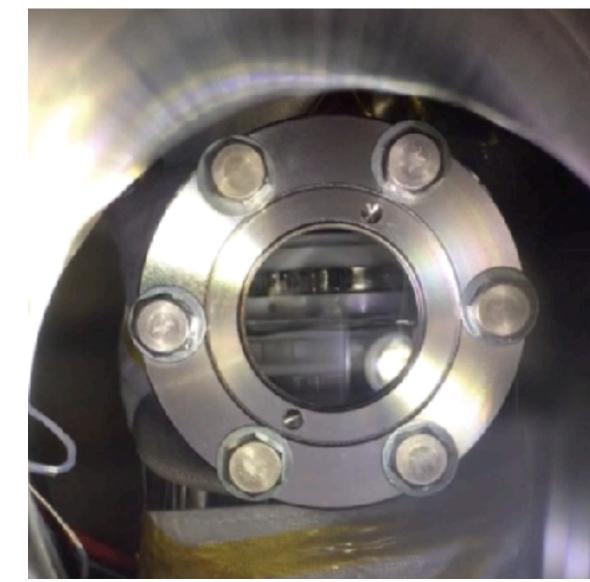




| Lanthanum<br>138.90547 | Cerium                          | Praseodymium | l                          | Promethium      | Samarium  | Europium  | Gd<br>Gadolinium       | 7b Terbium 158,92535                  | Dy<br>Dysprosium<br>162,500 | 67<br>Ho<br>Holmium<br>164,93033 | Erbium<br>167,259 | Tm Thulium 168,93422       | Yb Ytterbium 173,045 | Lutetium   |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Ac<br>Actinium         | 90<br>Th<br>Thorium<br>232.0377 | Protactinium | 92<br>Uranium<br>236,02891 | Np<br>Neptunium | Plutonium | Americium | °Cm<br>Curium<br>(247) | 97<br><b>Bk</b><br>Berkelium<br>(247) | Californium                 | Einsteinium                      | Fm                | Md<br>Mendelevium<br>(258) | Nobelium (259)       | Lawrencium |









# History of XENON Experiment



XENON10

XENON100

XENON1T

XENONnT









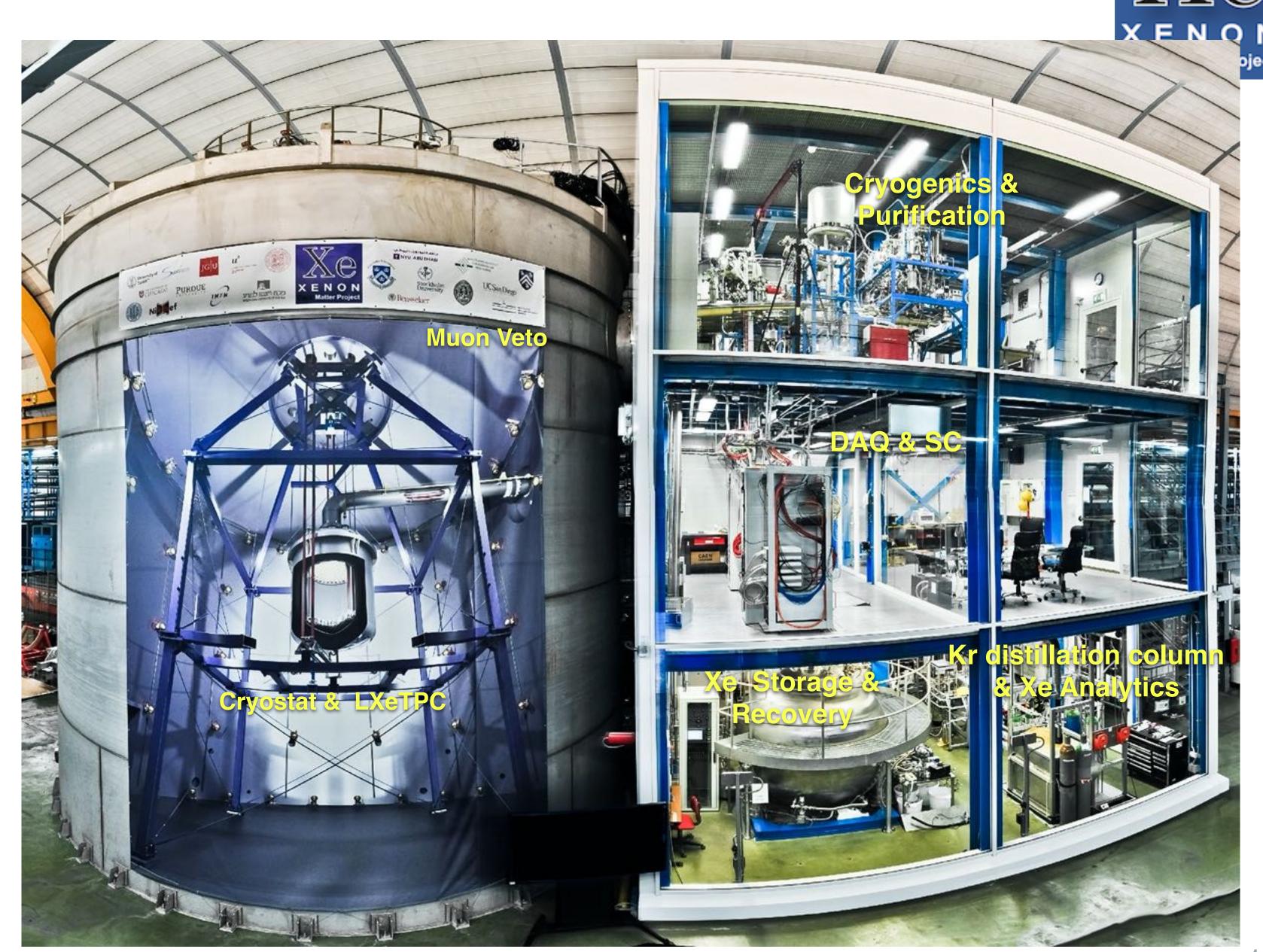
| 2005-2007                          | 2008-2016                          | 2012-2018                          | 2019-202x                          |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 25 kg - 15cm drift                 | 161 kg - 30 cm drift               | 3.2 ton - 1 m drift                | 8 ton - 1.5 m drift                |
| ~10 <sup>-43</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> | ~10 <sup>-45</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> | ~10 <sup>-47</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> | ~10 <sup>-48</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> |

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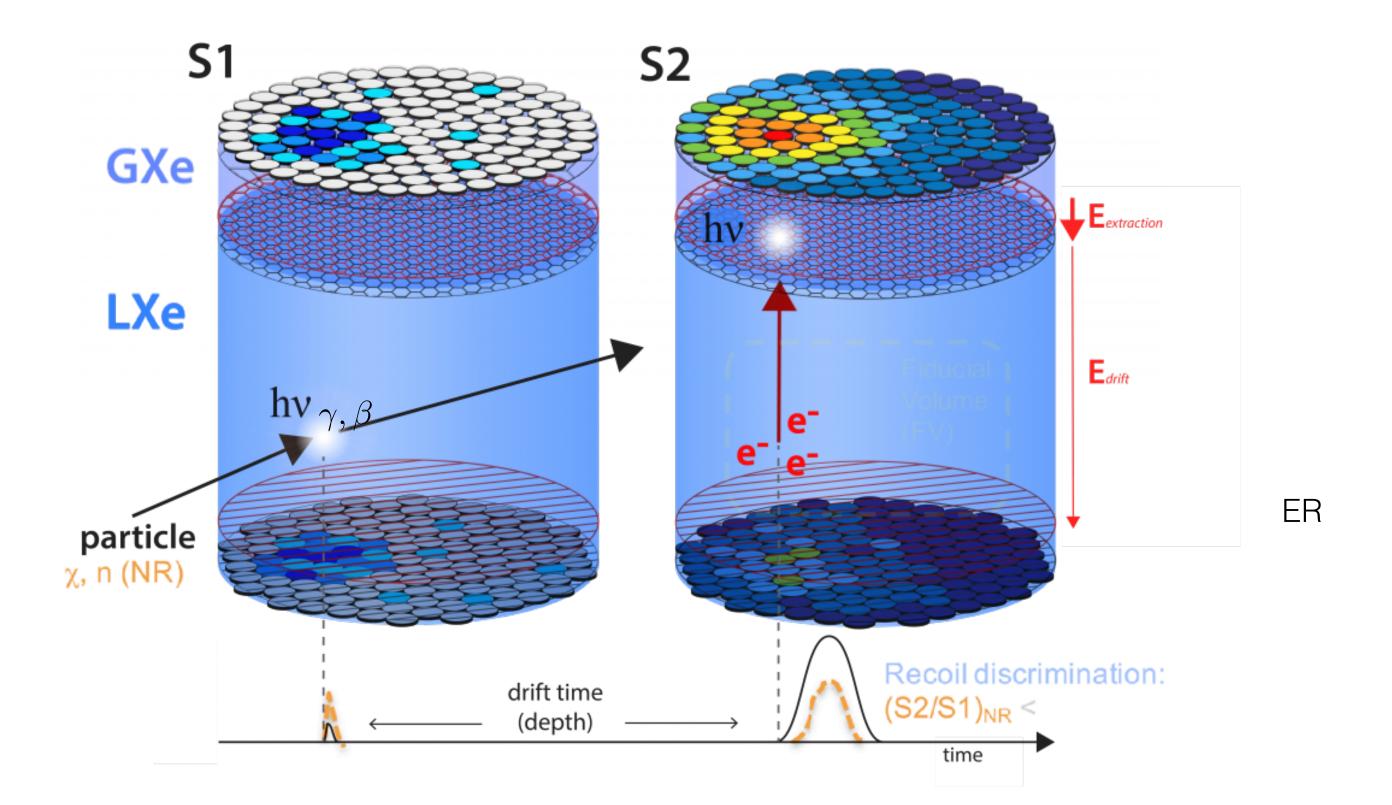
# XENON1T Detector

- Direct Dark Matter(WIMP) search detector
- •3.2 tonne total/ 1 tonne fiducial LXe
- Two phase Xe TPC
- •~250 x 3 inch PMTs
- •2012-2018 (terminated)

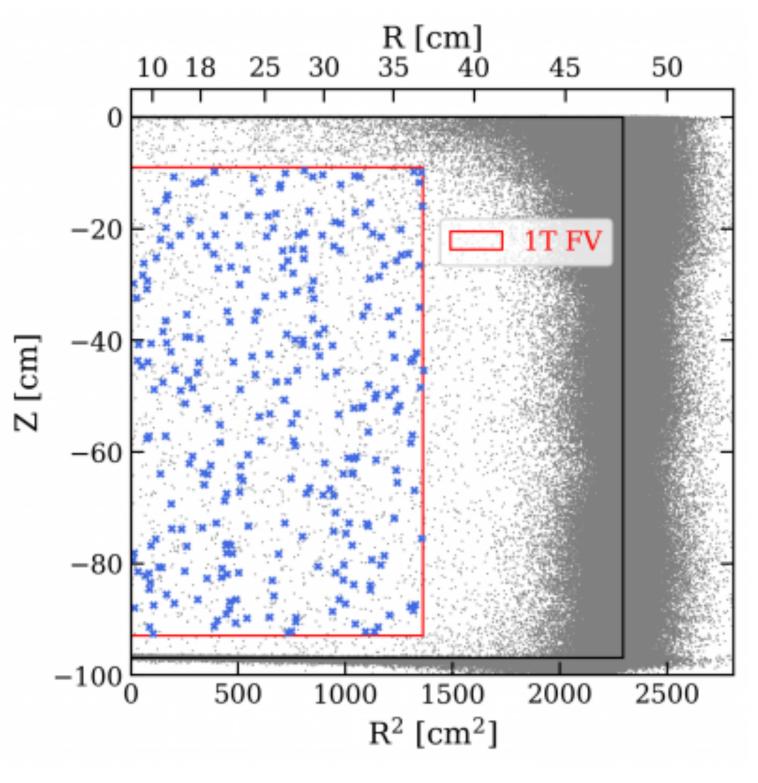


### Two-phase Xe Time Projection Chamber

- · Scintillation light S1
- · Ionization electron -S2



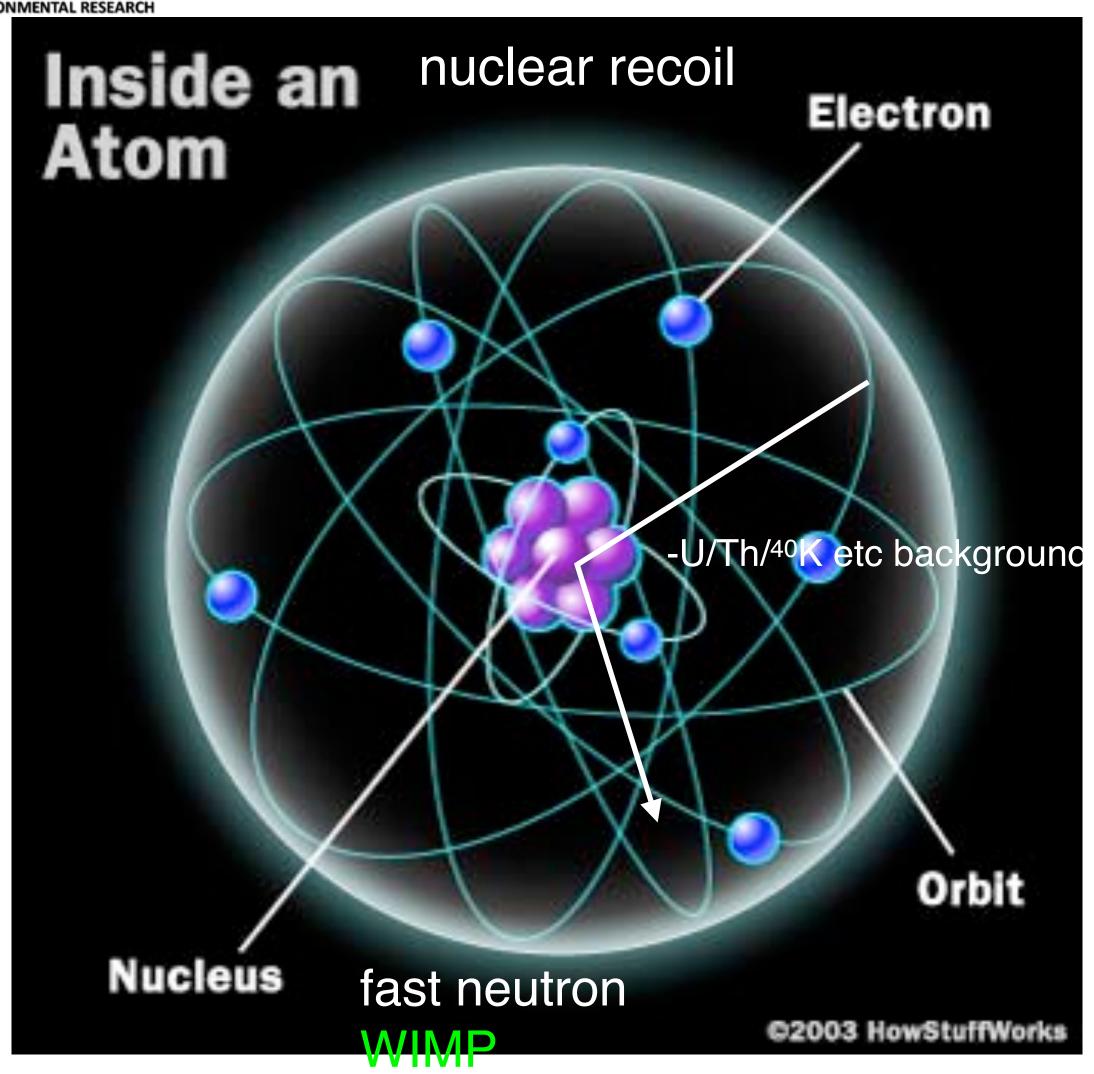
- two signals for each event:
  - 3D event imaging: x-y (S2) and z (drift time)
  - self-shielding, surface event rejection, single vs multiple scatter events
  - Particle identification using S2/S1 ratio (nuclear recoil vs beta, gamma)

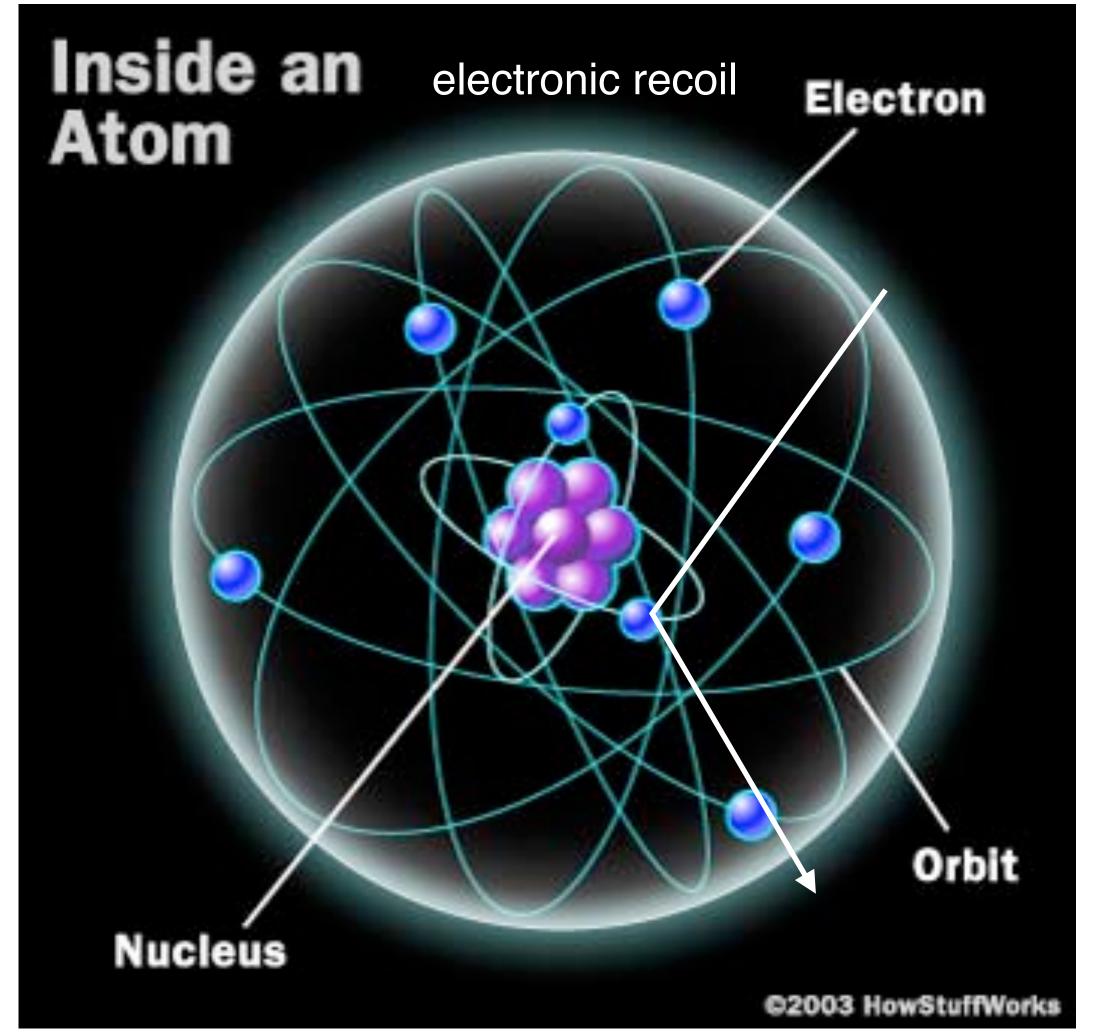




### Interaction with dark matter

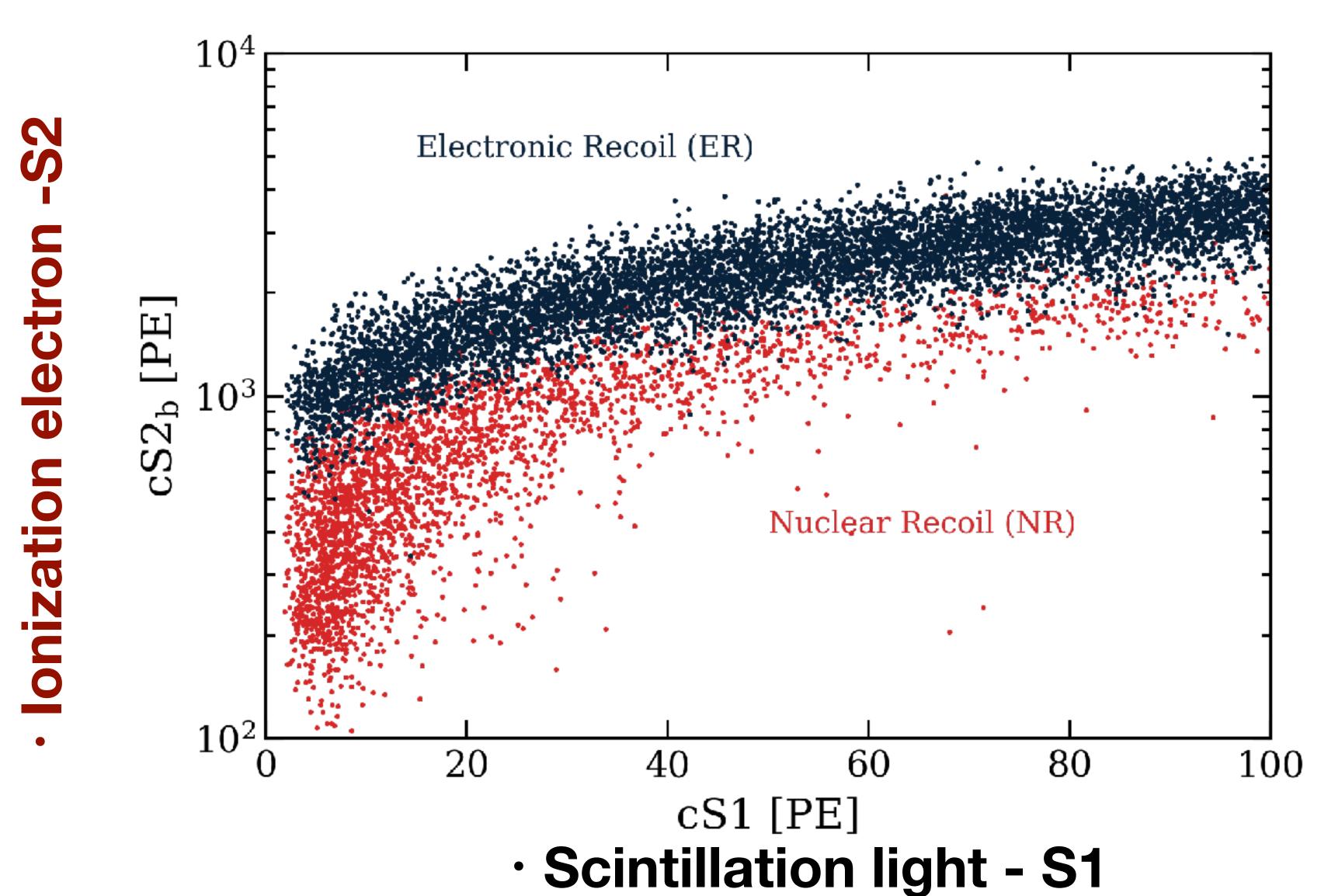






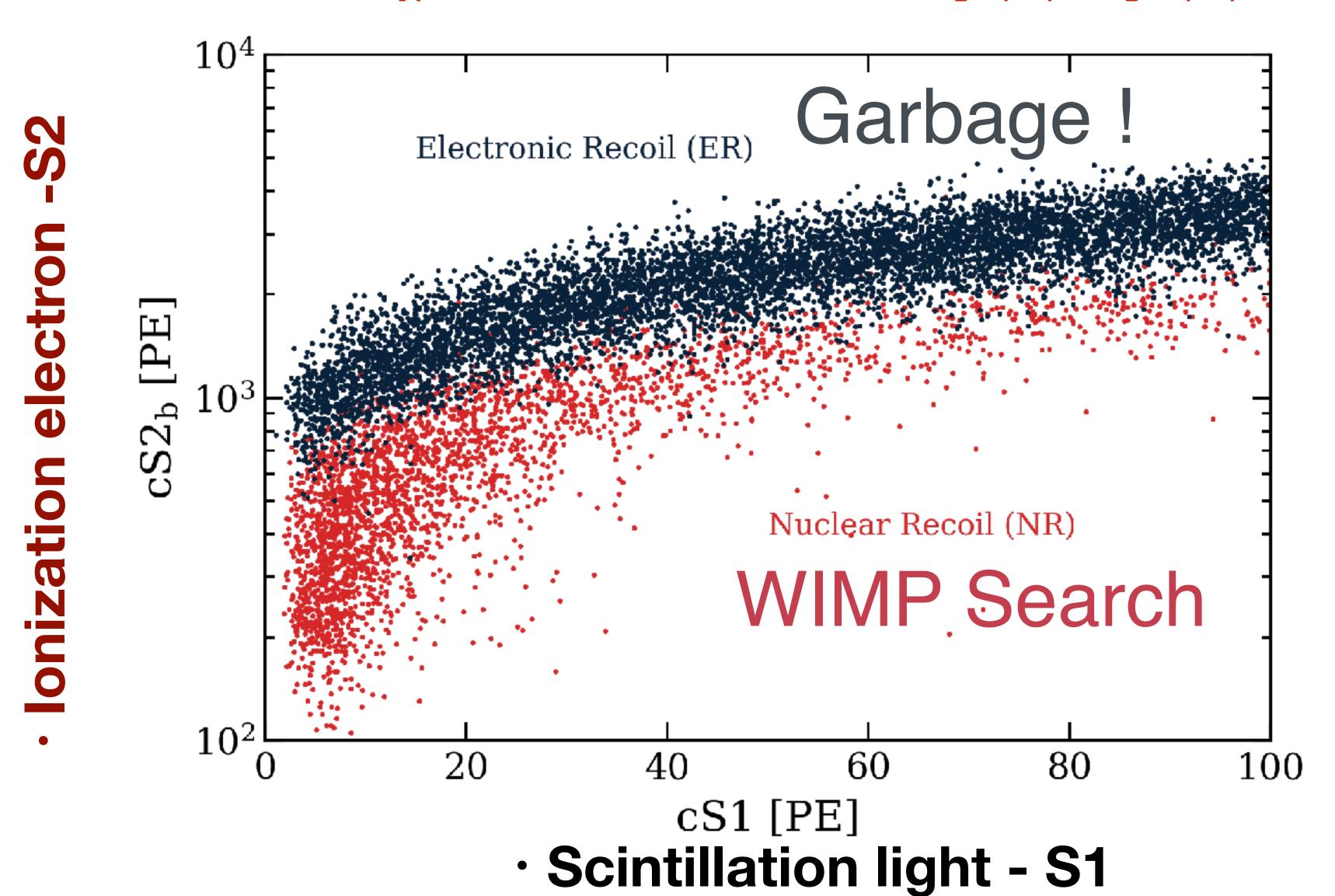
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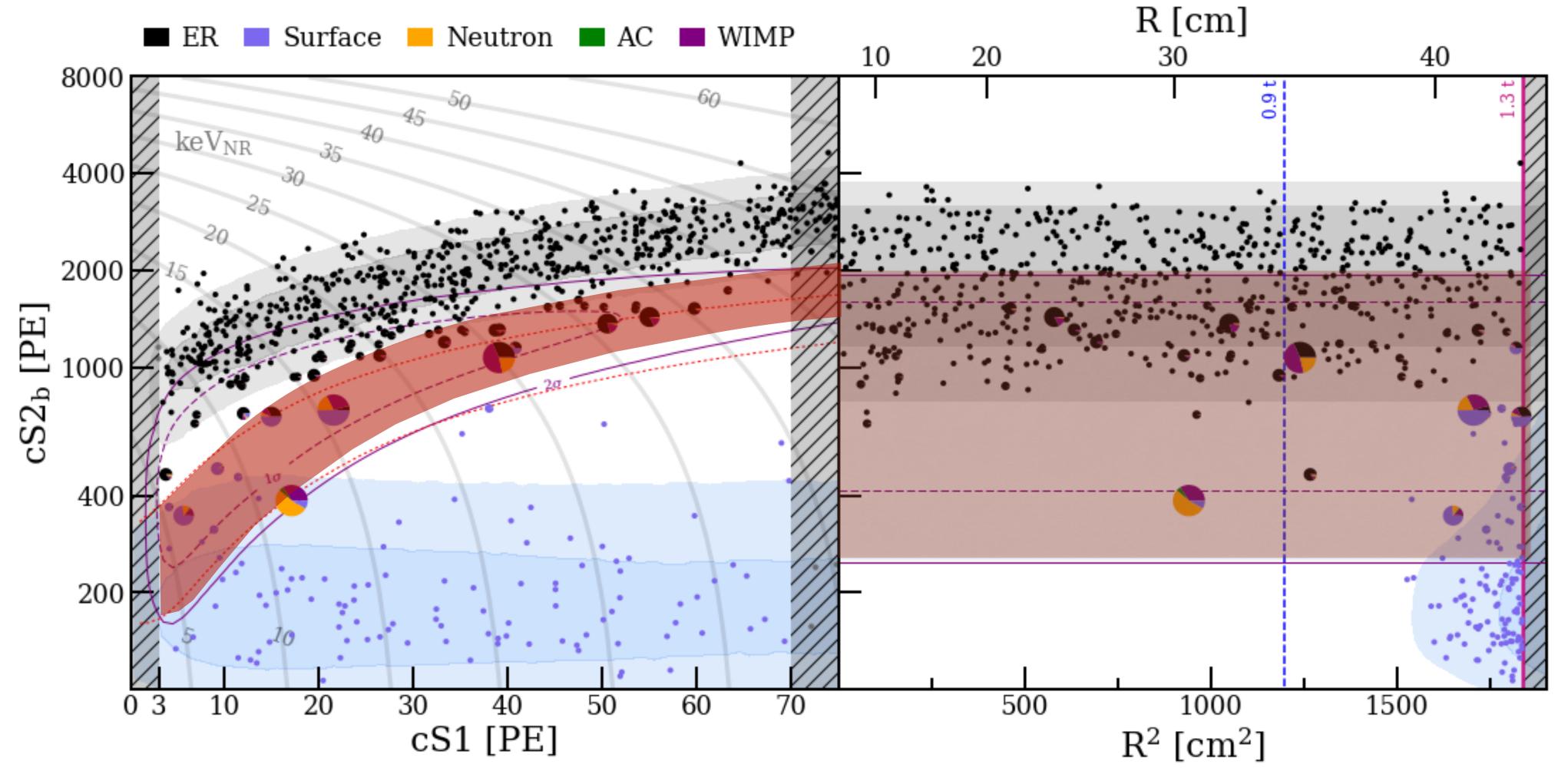




### XENON1T WIMPs Search - 2018

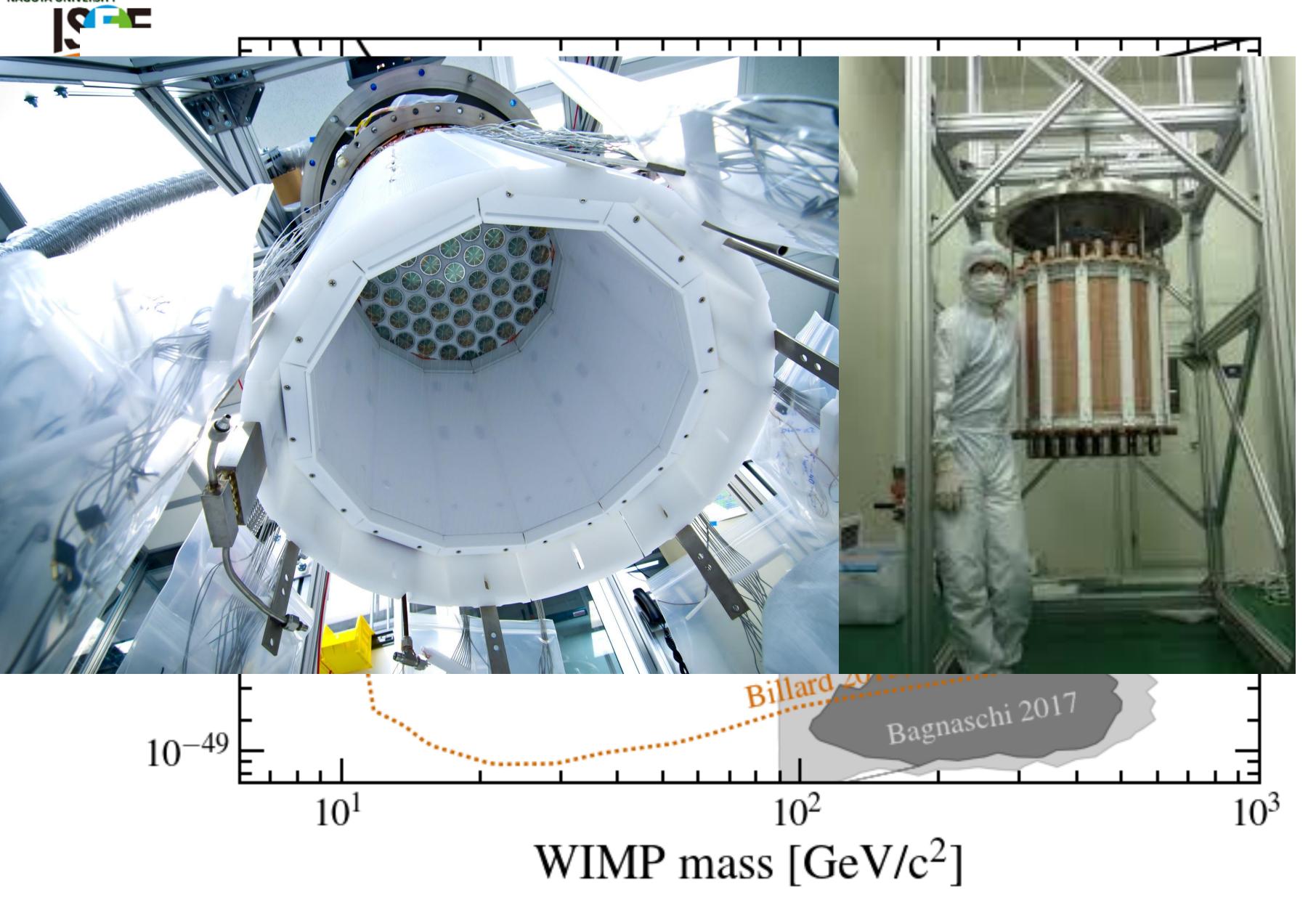


### One ton-year of search for WIMPs induced nuclear recoils



Most stringent result on WIMP Dark Matter down to 3 GeV/c² masses [PRL 121, 111302 + PRL 123, 251801]

## WIMP Search Result

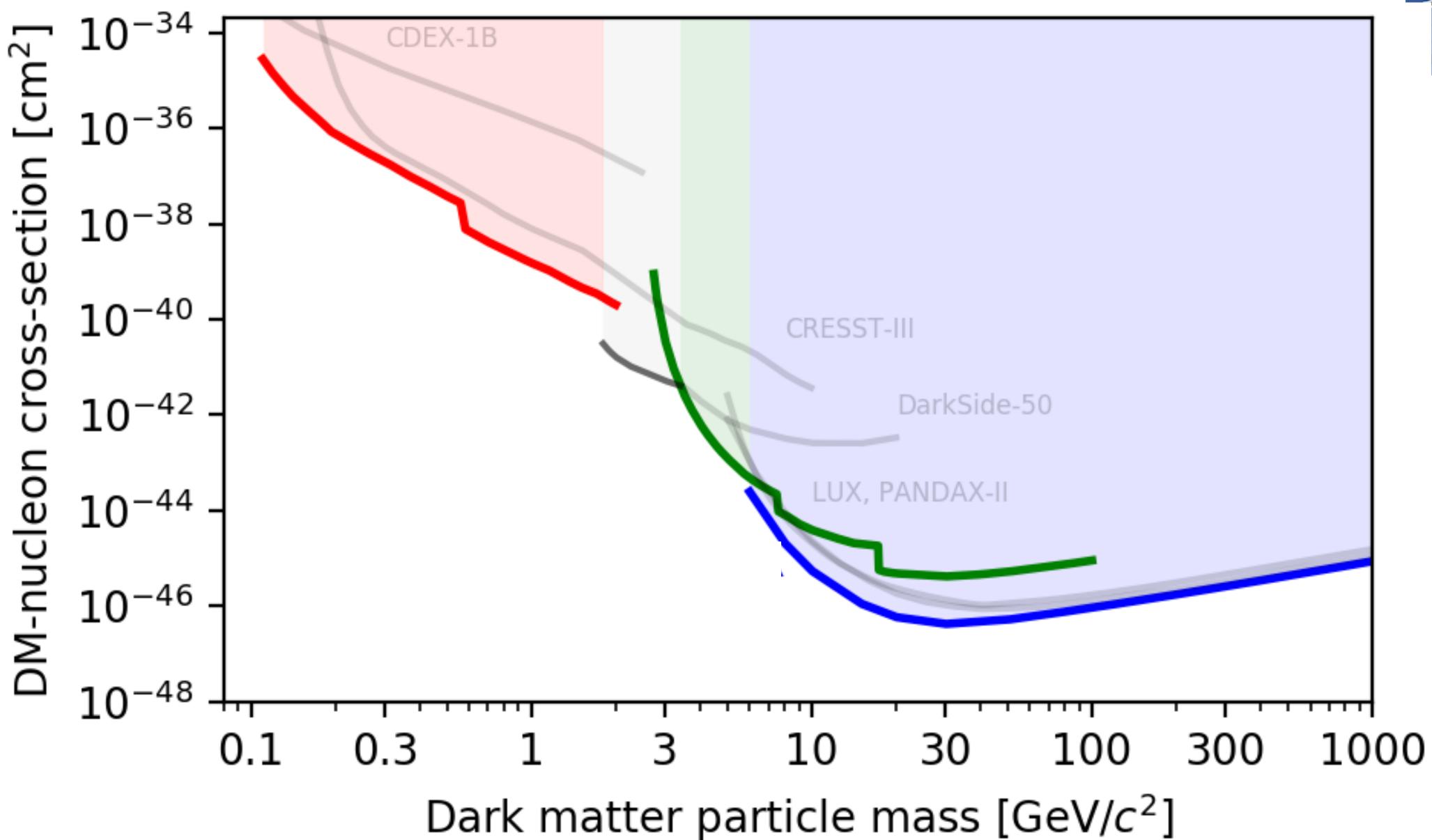




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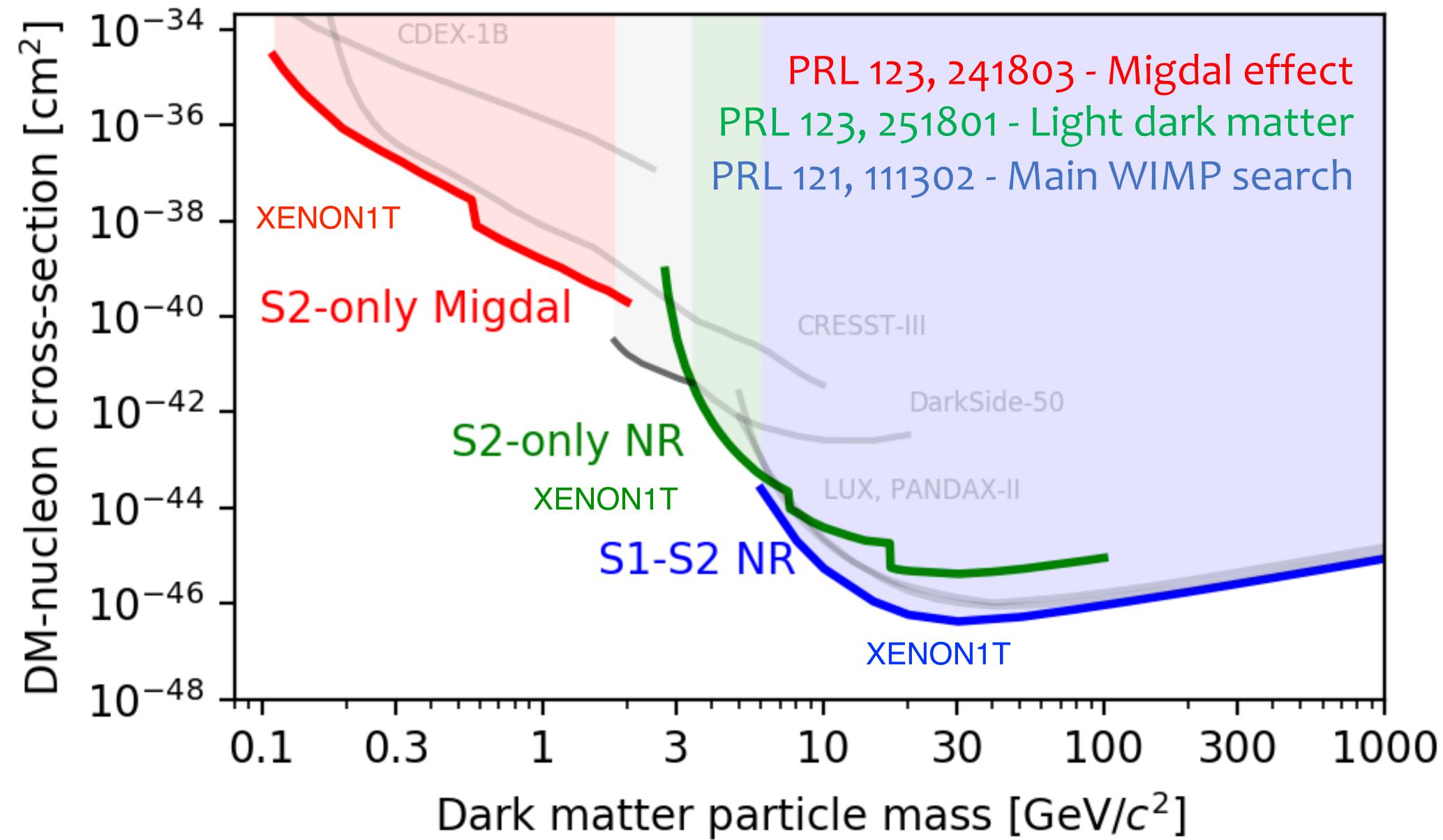








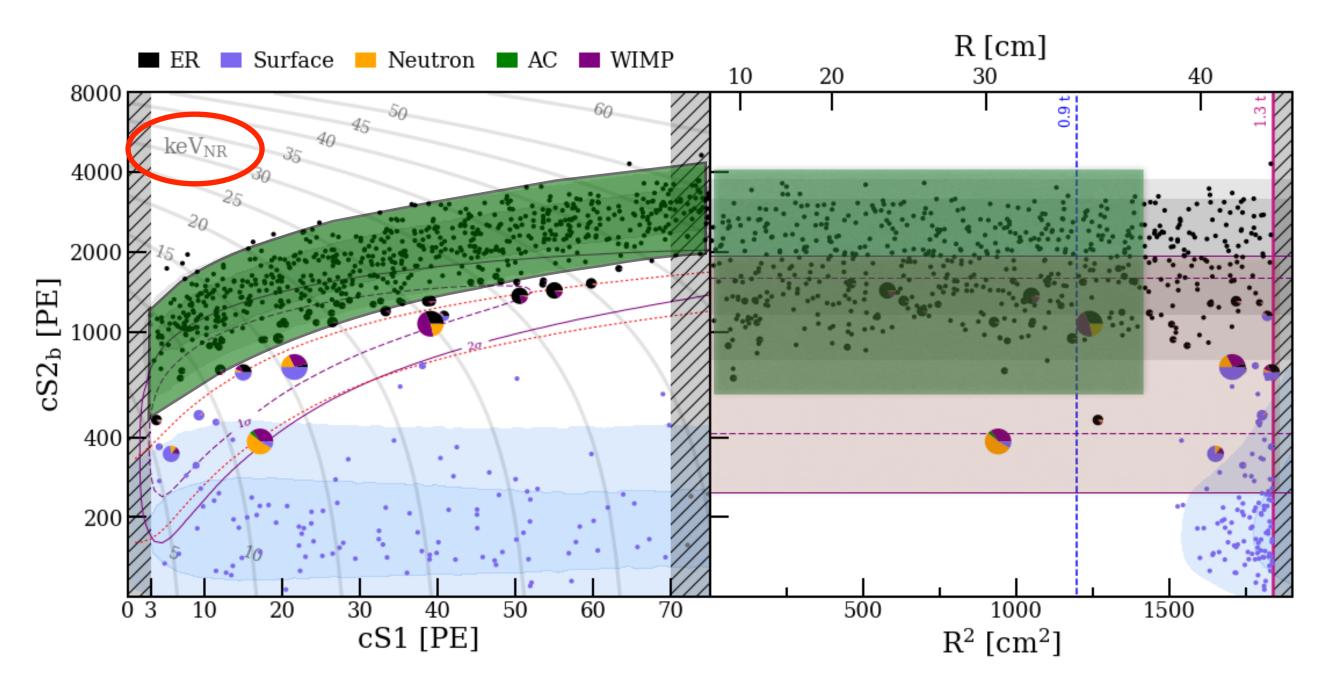


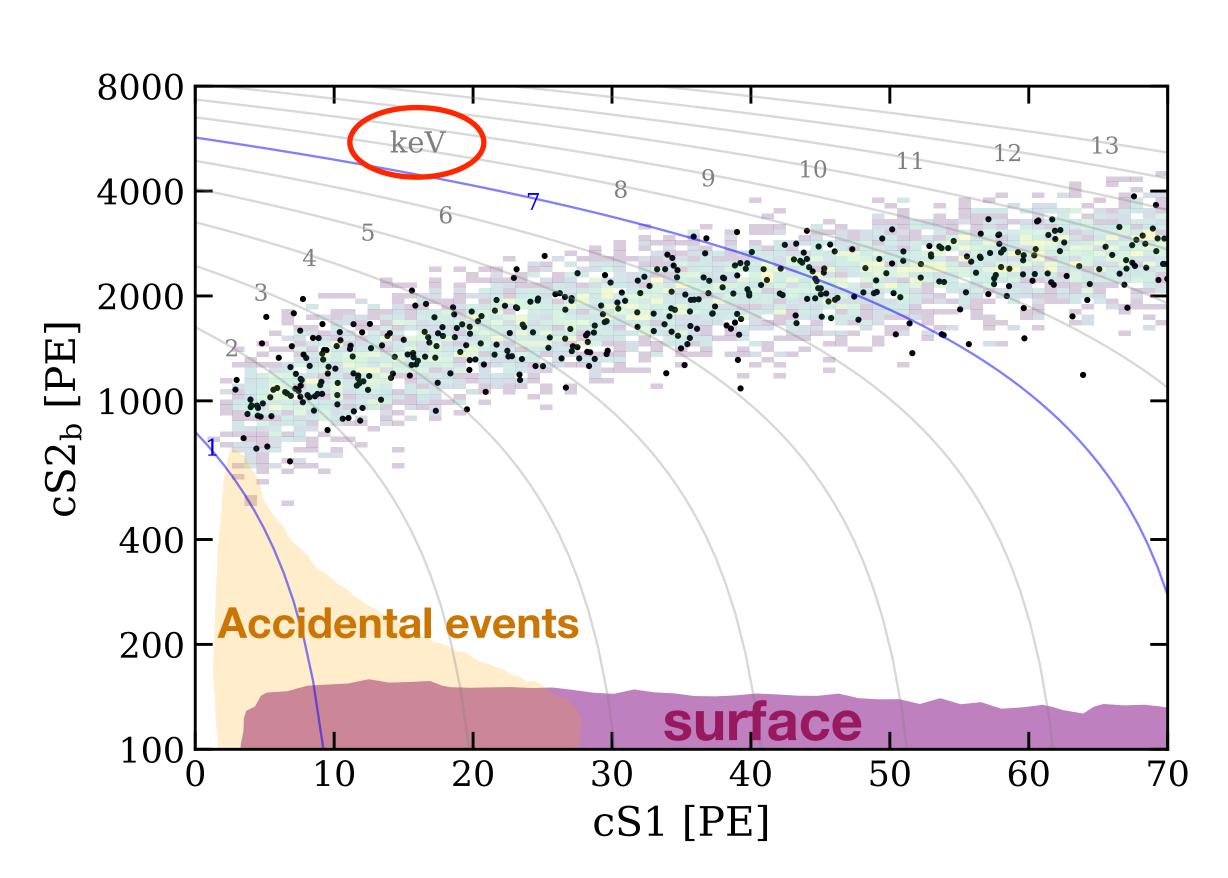




# XENON1T ER band







Nuclear recoil energy scale -> Electronic recoil energy scale



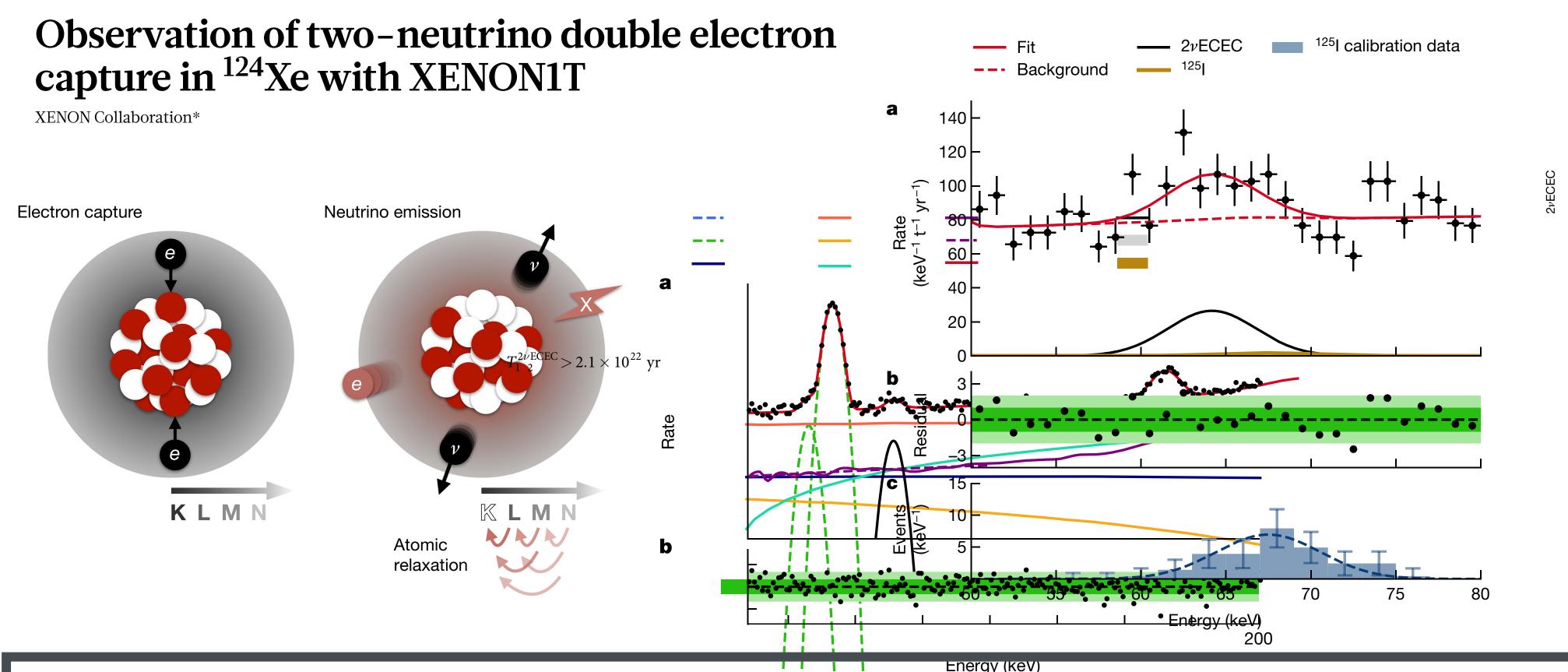
# In the past ...



LETTER

Nature 568, 532-535

https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-019-1124-4



The direct observation of 2vECEC in 124Xe with the XENON1T dark-matter detector. The corresponding half-life of 1.8  $\times$  1022 years is the longest measured directly so far.

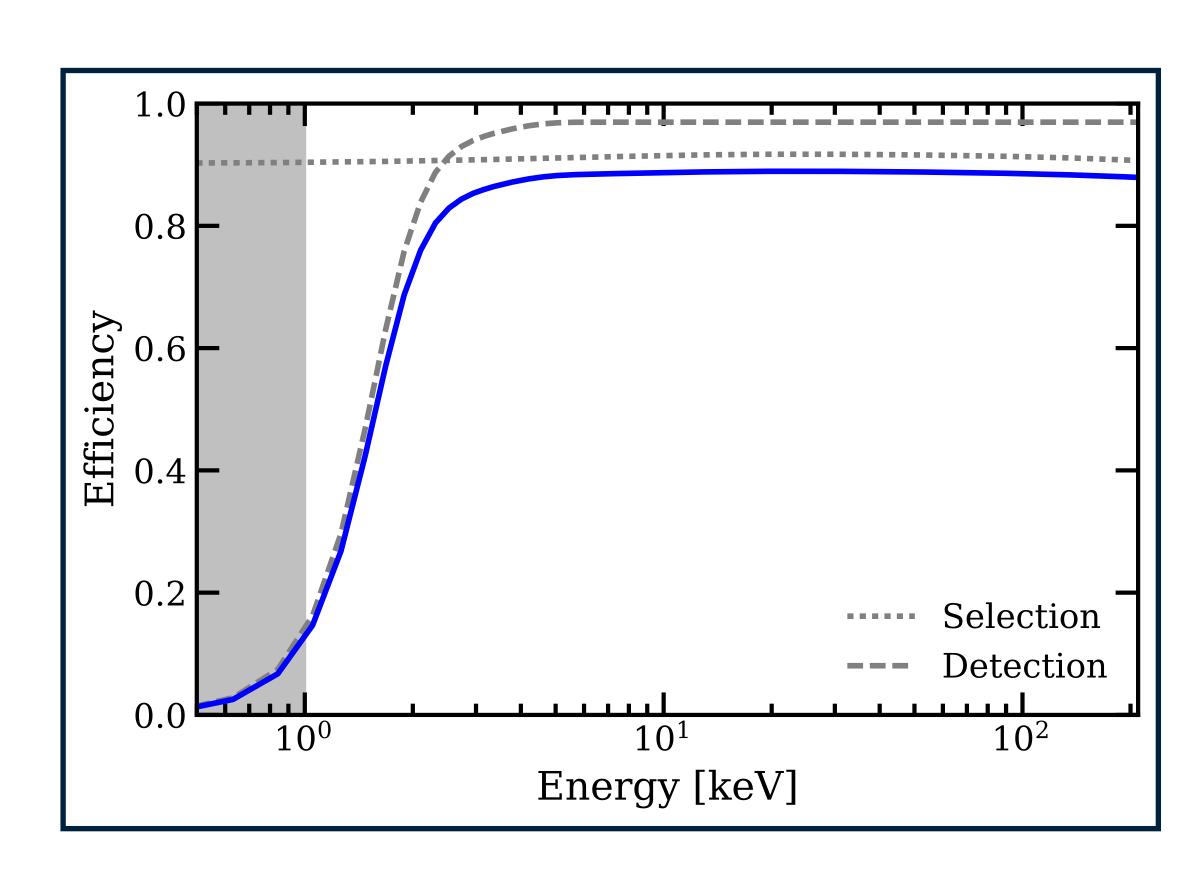
(2013)

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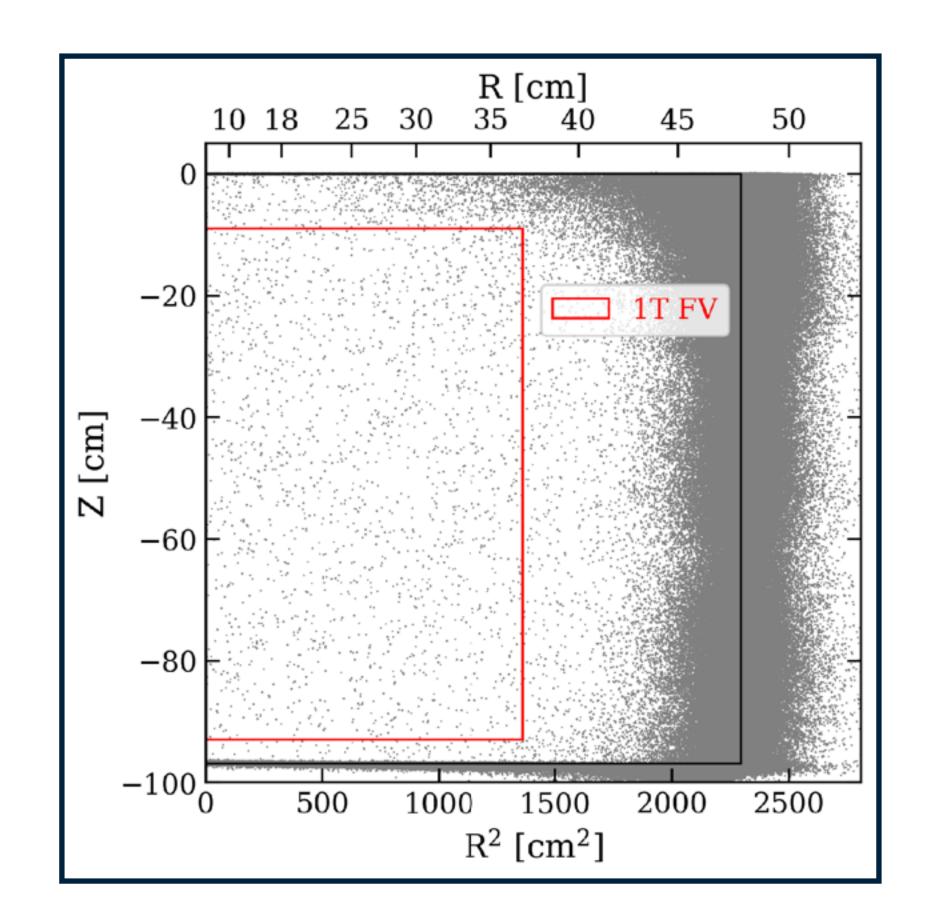
# Signal Efficiency and Fiducial volume





Similar selection criteria as WIMPs search in 2018

High acceptance for ER energy > 2 keV

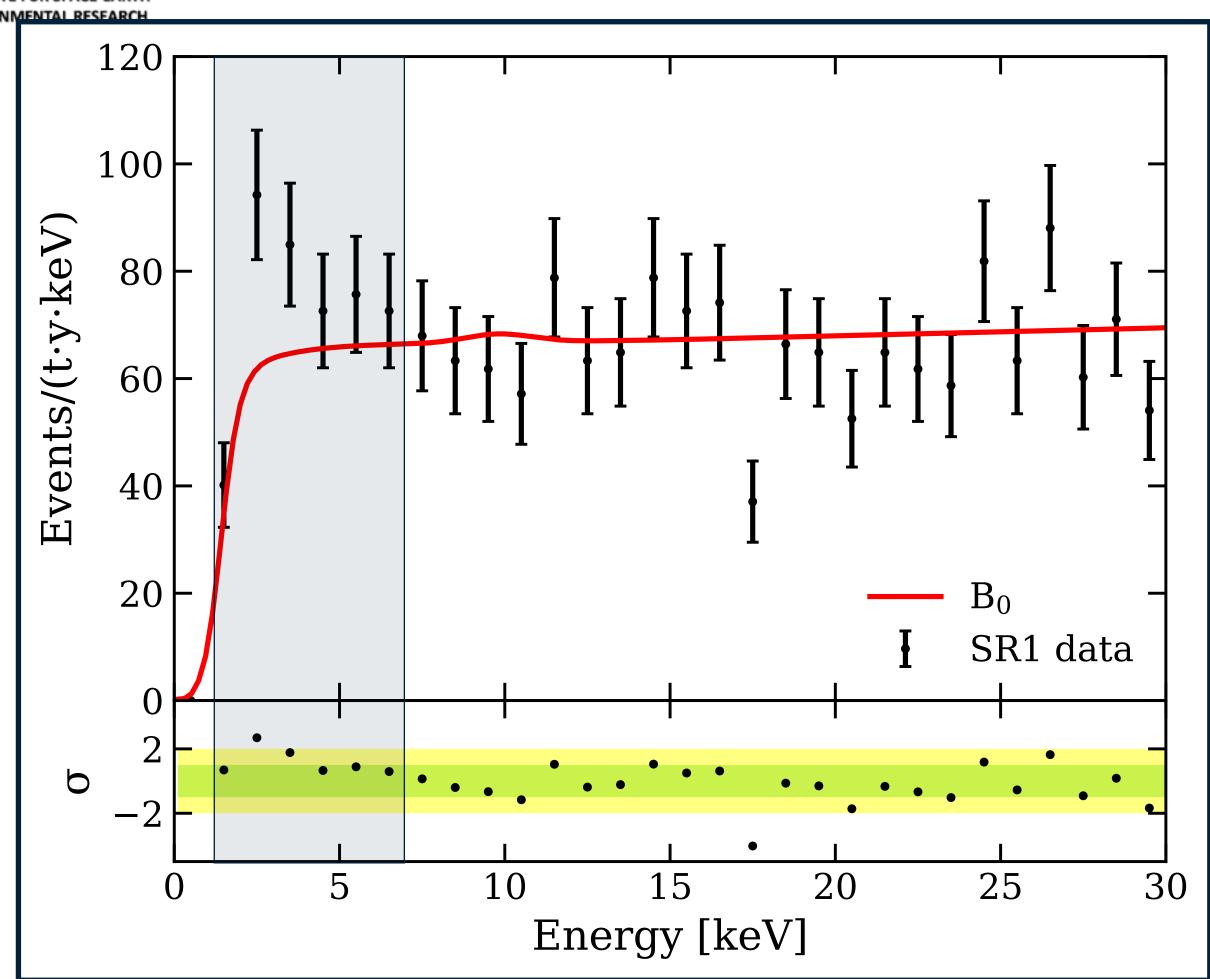


Reduced fiducial volume for ER search



# The Low Energy Excess (ER)





Excess between 1-7 keV!

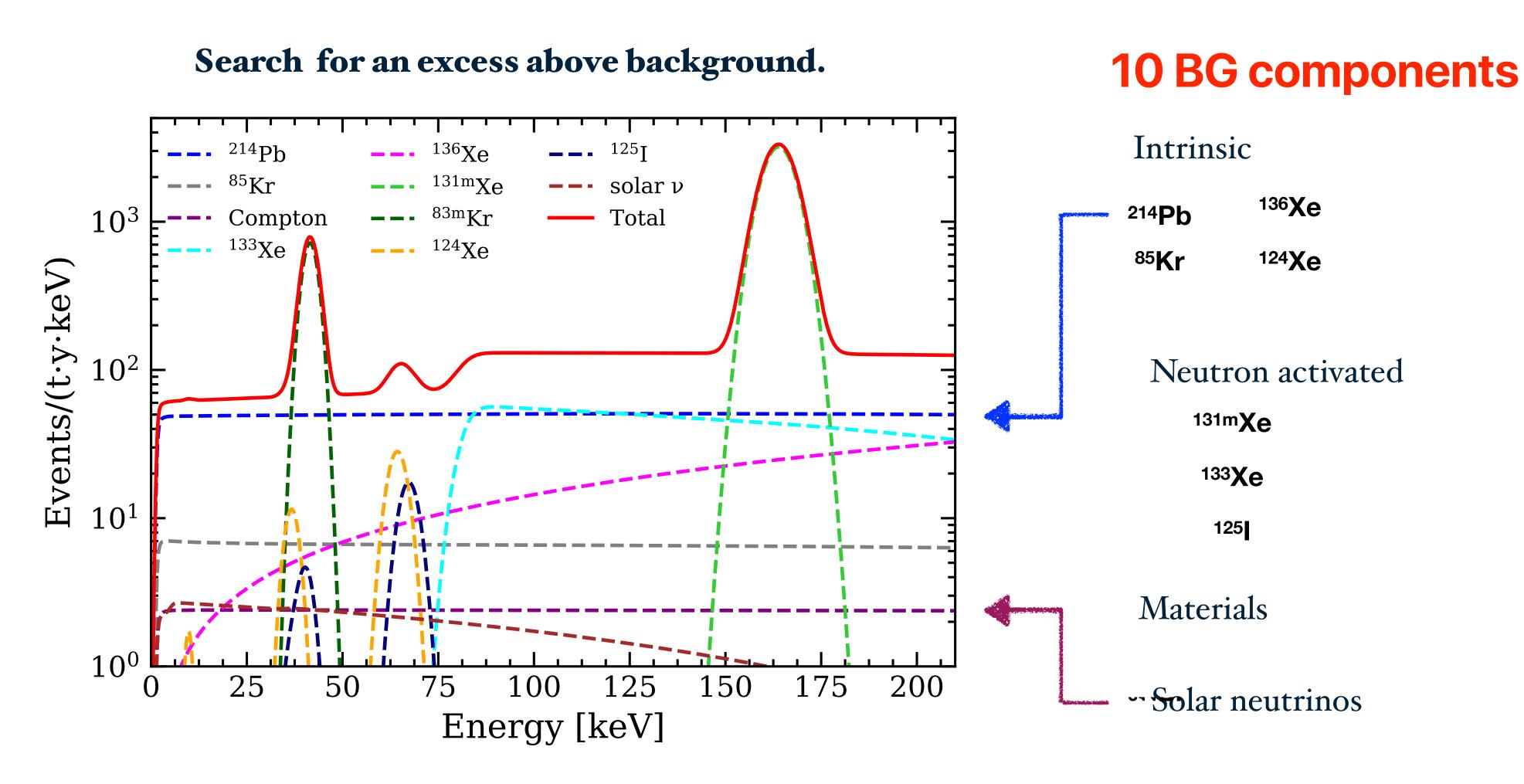
Expectation: 232±15

**Observation: 285** 



# Background model





Predicted energy spectra based on detailed modeling of each background component Rates constrained by measurements and/or time dependence, except <sup>214</sup>Pb and <sup>124</sup> Xe



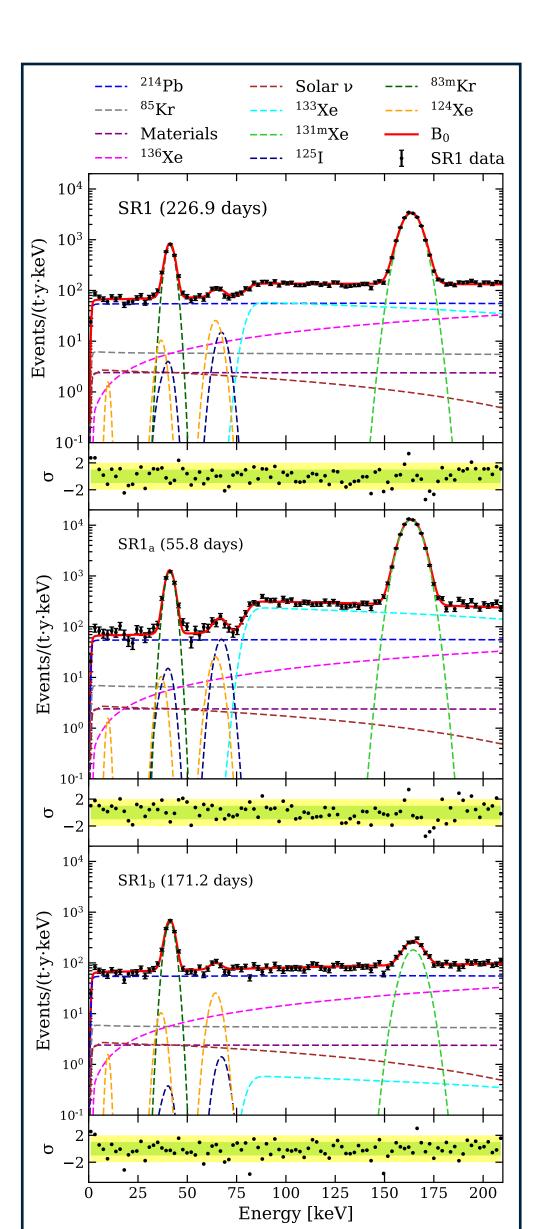
# Background fit



# SR1(all)

SR1a

SR<sub>1</sub>b



### Unbinned profile likelihood analysis

$$\mathcal{L}(\mu_{s}, \boldsymbol{\mu_{b}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \operatorname{Poiss}(N|\mu_{tot})$$

$$\times \prod_{i}^{N} \left( \sum_{j} \frac{\mu_{b_{j}}}{\mu_{tot}} f_{b_{j}}(E_{i}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \frac{\mu_{s}}{\mu_{tot}} f_{s}(E_{i}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right)$$

$$\times \prod_{m} C_{\mu_{m}}(\mu_{b_{m}}) \times \prod_{n} C_{\theta_{n}}(\theta_{n}), \qquad (14)$$

$$\mu_{tot} \equiv \sum_{j} \mu_{b_{j}} + \mu_{s},$$

Profile over the nuisance parameters

Combining the likelihoods of the 2 partitions

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{a}} imes \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{b}}$$



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Background?

Signal? (Beyond Standard Model)

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### Neutrio Magnetic moment

In the (extended) SM:

$$\mu_{\nu} \approx 3 \times 10^{-19} \left(\frac{m_{\nu}}{\text{eV}}\right) \mu_B$$

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- candidate for Warm Dark Matter
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# What is this?



### Background?

### β-decay of tritium?

Low-energy (Q value 18.6 keV)
Long half life (12.3 years)
Atmospherically "abundant" and cosmogenically produced in xenon

Removed by purification system?

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### Statistical Inference



Unbinned likelihood ratio tests

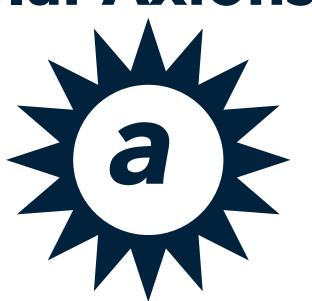
Profiled over nuisance parameters

$$q(\mu_s) = -2\ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mu_s, \hat{\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}}_b, \hat{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}})}{\mathcal{L}(\hat{\mu}_s, \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_b, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})},$$

statistical significance:

→ q(0)

### **Solar Axions**



independent\*
parameters

ABC rate
Primakoff rate

\*No assumptions about specific QCD

<sup>57</sup>Fe rate

axion models



Toy-MC methods for significance

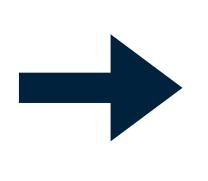
 $g_{an}^{\mathrm{eff}}$ 

### Neutrino Magnetic Moment



parameter

solar v rate enhancement



-dimensional confidence interval

 $\mu_{
u}$ 

smoothly transitions from upper- to two-sided limit at  $3\sigma$ . (K.D. Morå, arXiv:1809.02024)





# Tritium Solara Axion Neutrino magnetic moment + others

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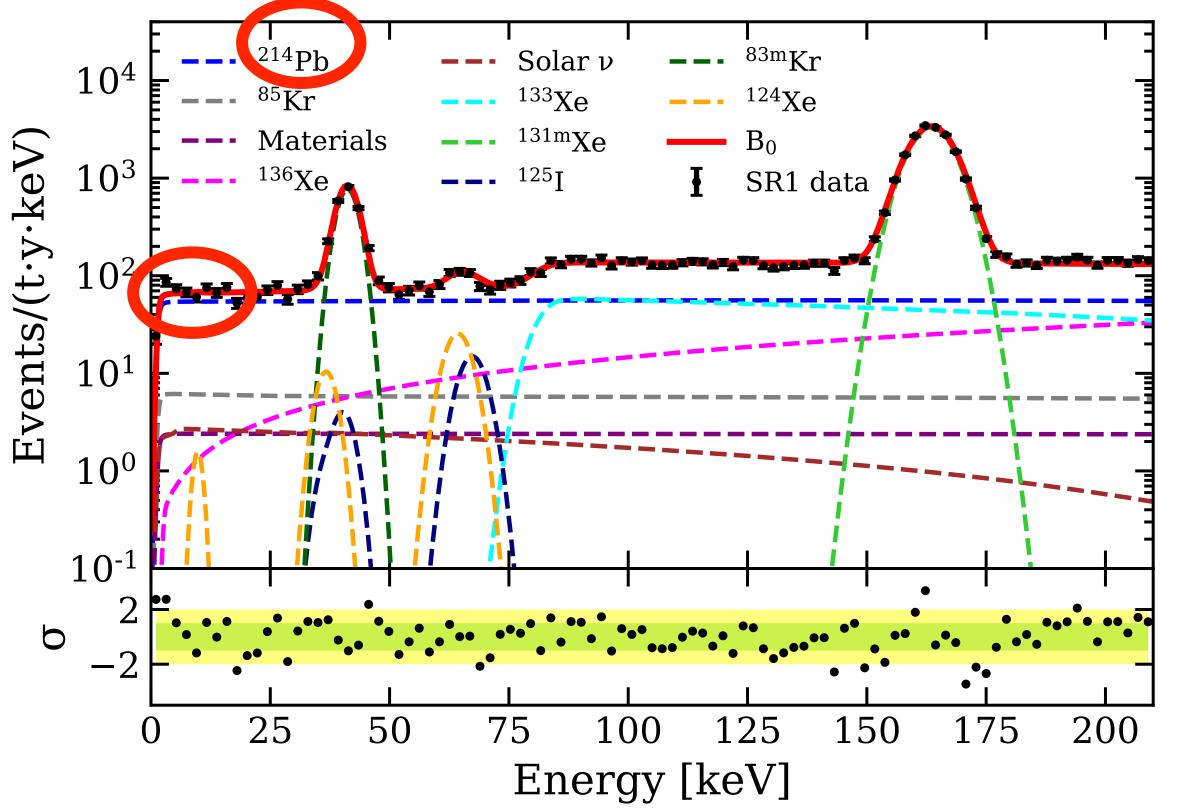


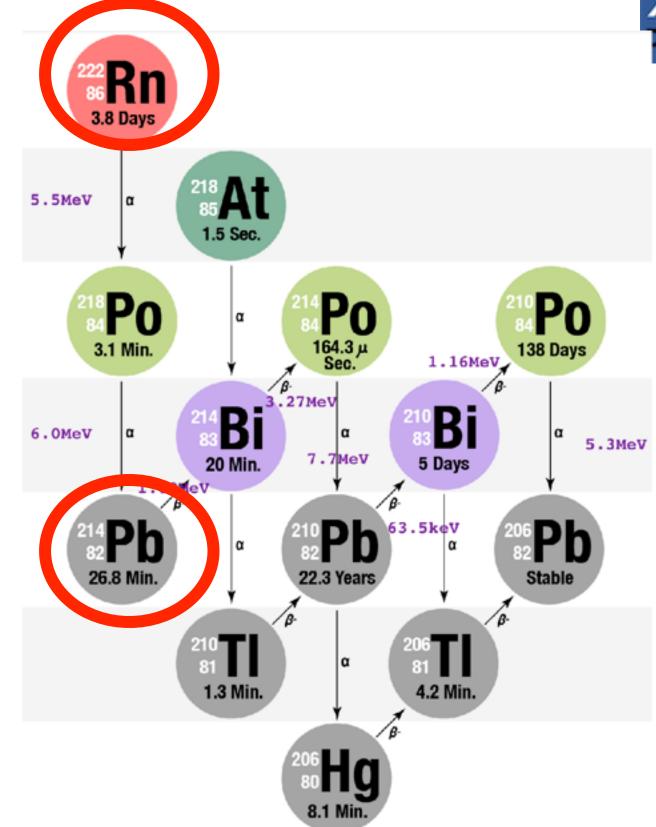
### The XENON1T ER Background



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

### dominated by Pb214 betas



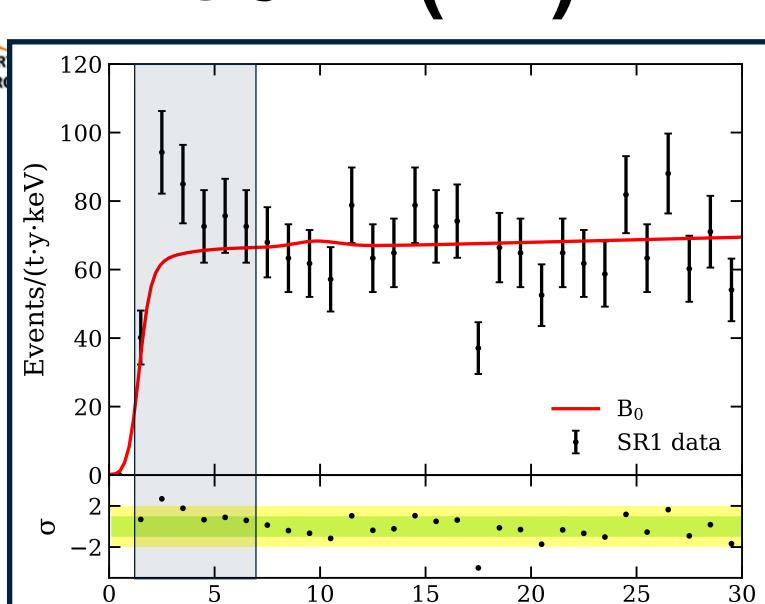


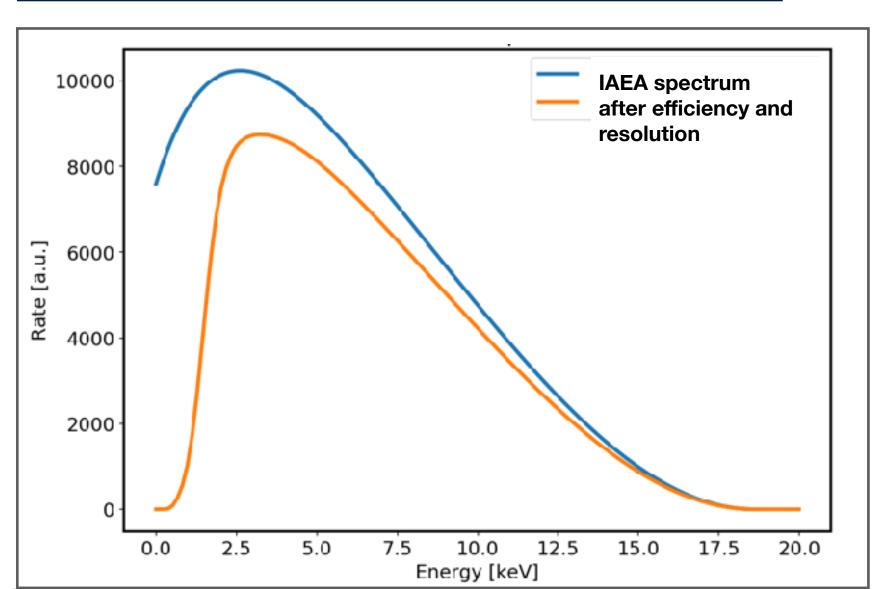
Decent matching across the whole energy range 1-210 keV

(76 +/- 2) events/(t·y·keV) in [1, 30] keV



# Tritium (<sup>3</sup>H)?





Energy [keV]



Low energy (Q-value 18.6keV)

Long half life (12.3 years)

Two possible ways to introduce tritium:

Cosmogenic production

**Atmospherically abundant** 

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# Tritium Fit



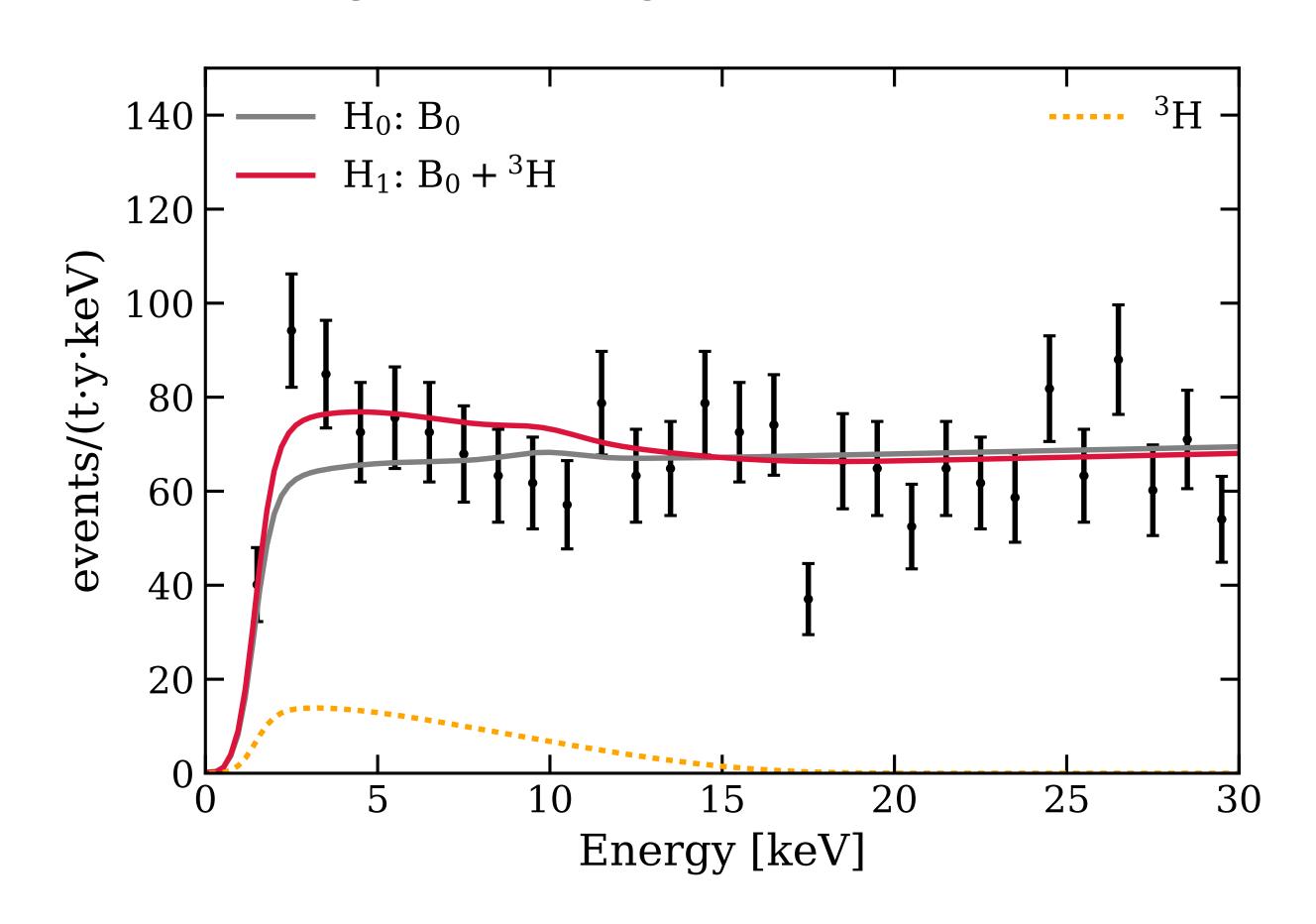
### Tritium favored over background-only at 3.20

### Tritium Rate

$$159 \pm 51 \, \text{events/(t \cdot y)}$$

### <sup>3</sup>H:Xe concentration

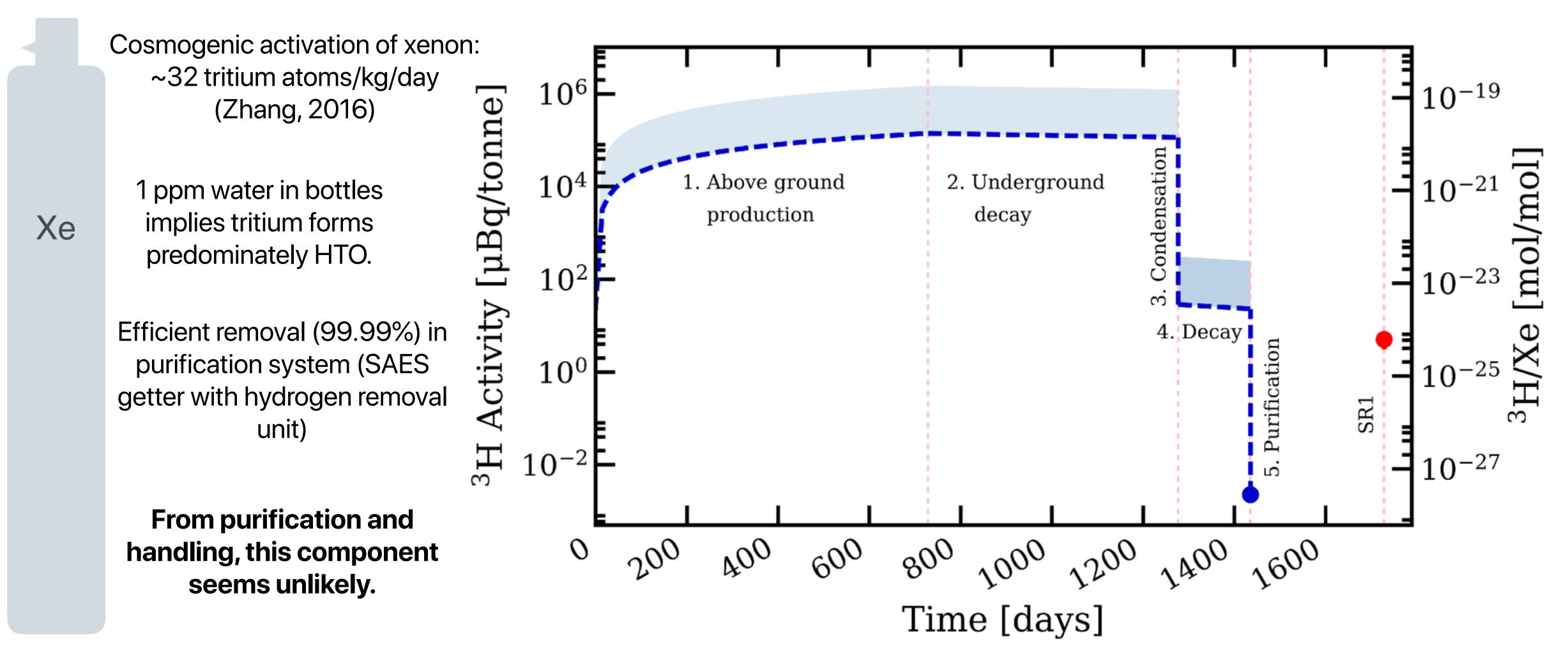
$$6.2 \pm 2.0 \times 10^{-25} \text{ mol/mol}$$





# Tritium hypothesis





(note: tritium from activation While underground is negligible.)

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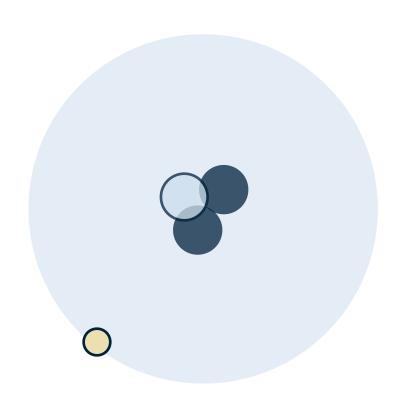
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# Atmospheric abundance in materials

Any T in xenon gas *prior to* filling would be removed.

What about T emanating from materials in equilibrium with removal?



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(assume same for HT)

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60-120 ppb

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H<sub>2</sub>O:Xe concentration constrained from light yield measurement

O(1) ppb

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### $H_2$

 $H_2$ :Xe concentration not constrained by any measurement.

O2-equivalent concentration is **<ppb** from xenon purity measurement (e-lifetime)

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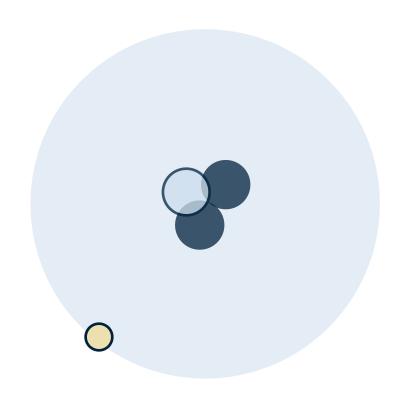
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#### And there are additional uncertainties...

- Unknown radiochemistry in liquid xenon environment (isotopic exchange, diffusion, solubility, etc.)
- Presence of other tritiated molecules?

light yield measurement

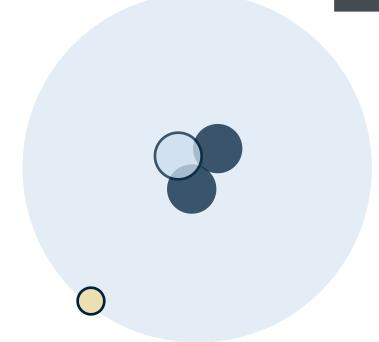
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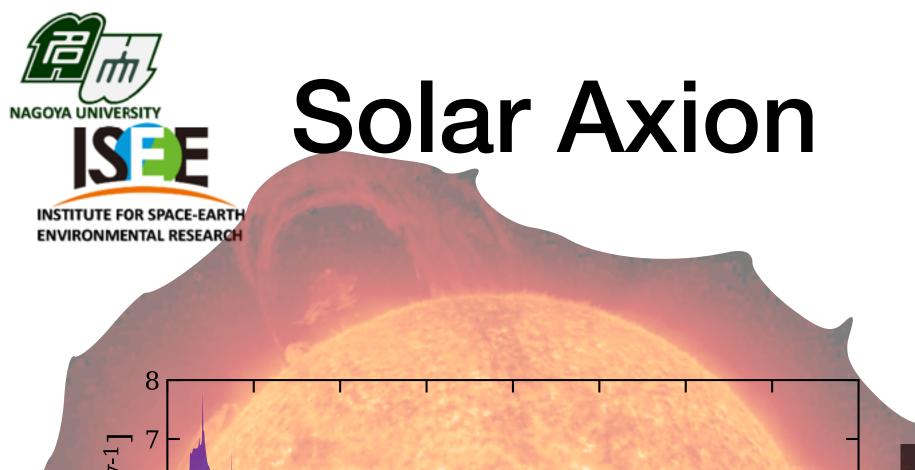




# Tritium

# Solara Axion

Neutrino magnetic moment + others



**Axion** 

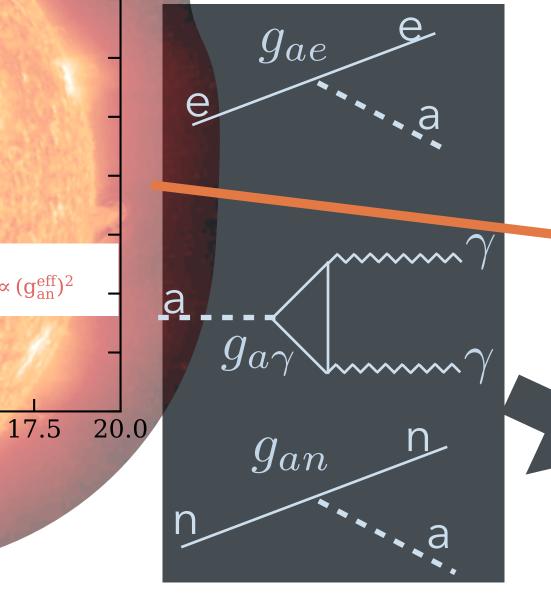
Solution to the "strong CP problem"

Natural candidates of the dark matter



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However, solar axion is not a dark matter.



Production

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•ABC axion (Redondo 2013, Dimopoulos 1986) (atomic recombination, Bremsstrahlung, Compton)

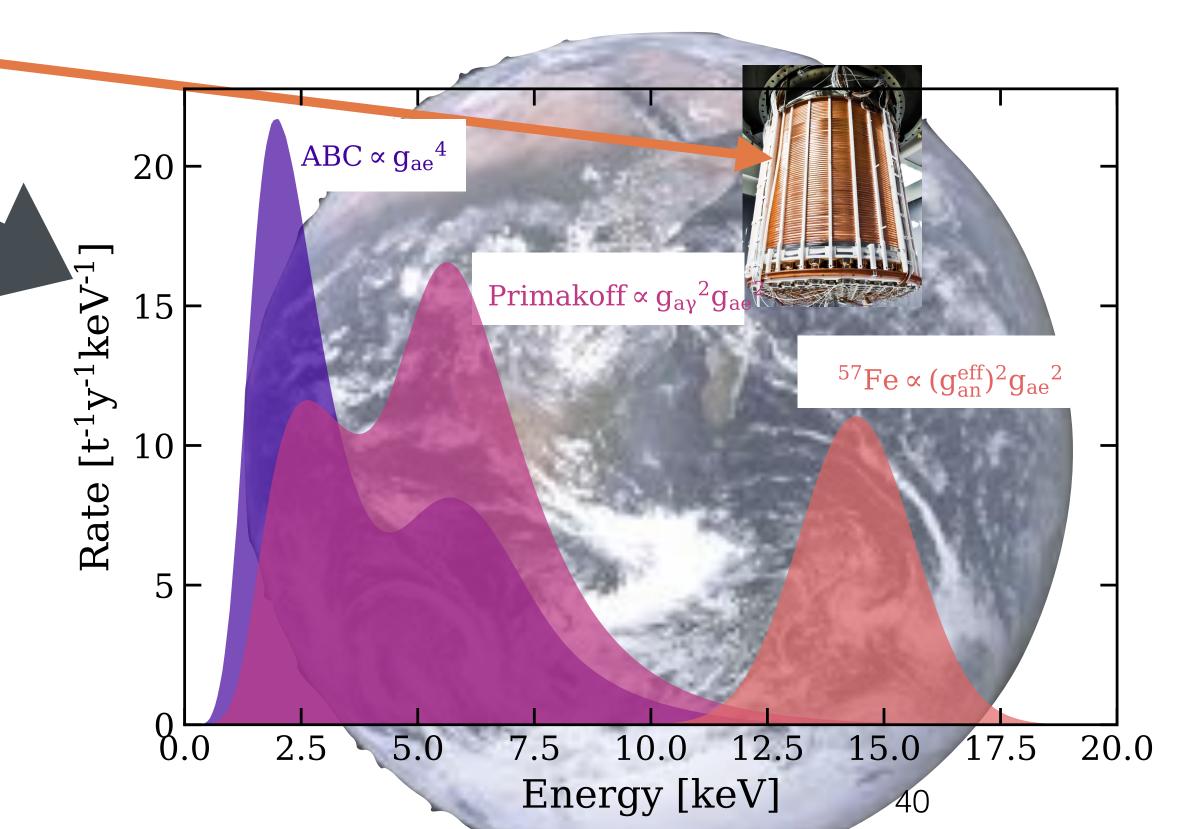
12.5

Energy [keV]

15.0

 $^{57}$ Fe  $\propto (g_{an}^{eff})^2$ 

- Primakoff (Primakoff 1951, Dicus 1978)
- •M1 transition of 57Fe (Moriyama 1995)



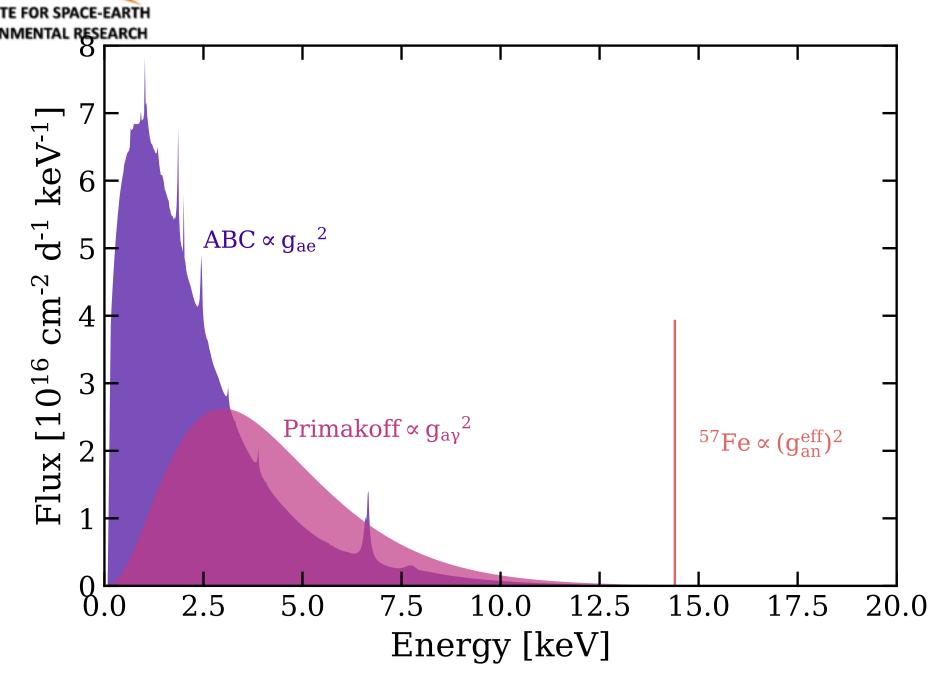
 $ABC \propto g_{ae}^2$ 

Primakoff  $\propto g_{av}^2$ 



# Solar Axion

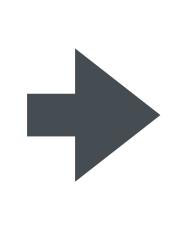


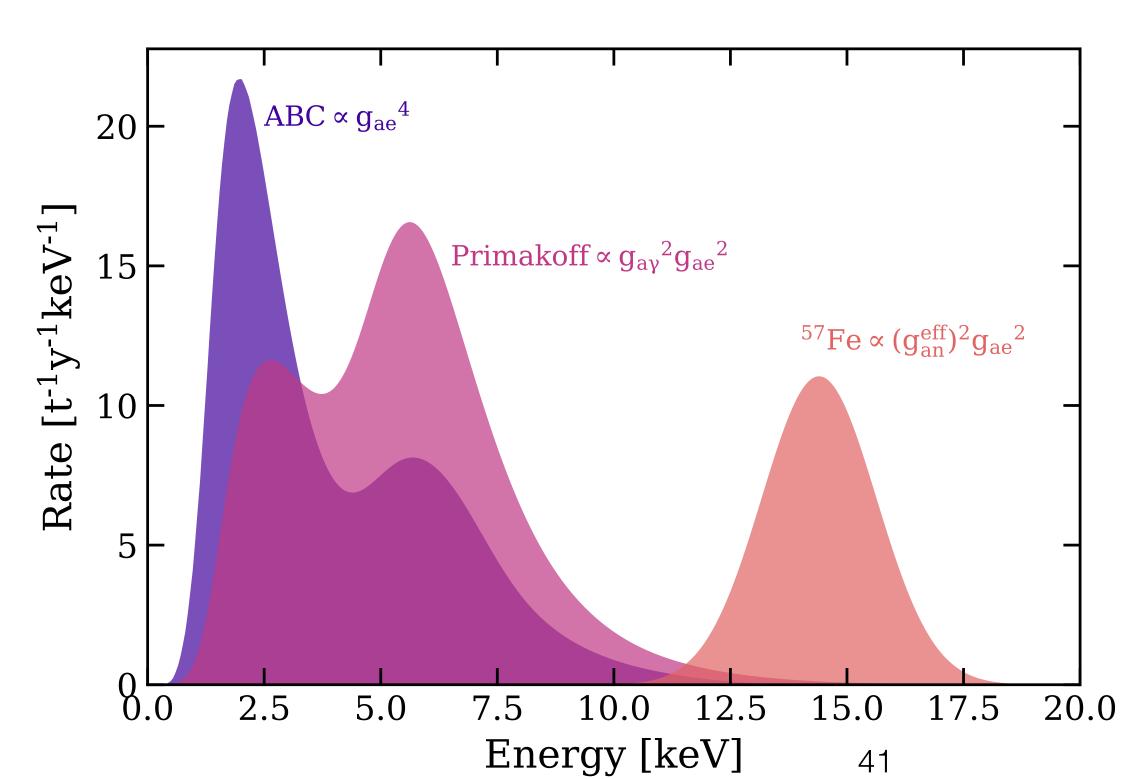


### Axioelectric effect



$$\sigma_{ae} = \sigma_{pe} \frac{g_{ae}^2}{\beta} \frac{3E_a^2}{16\pi\alpha m_e^2} \left(1 - \frac{\beta^{2/3}}{3}\right)$$



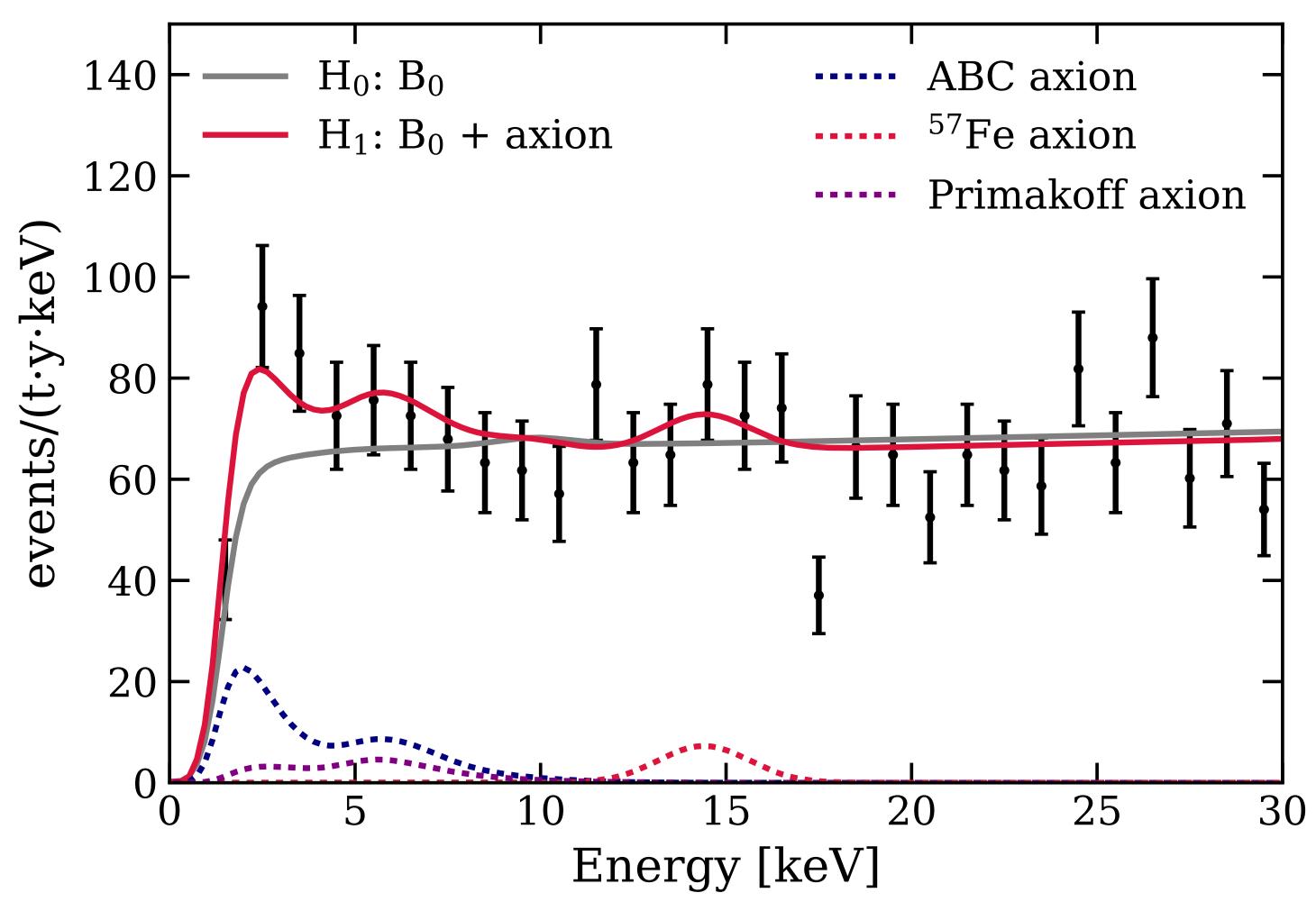




### Fitting Axions to the Excess



- Unbinned profile likelihood analysis
- XENON1T BG + Axion (ABC, Primakov, 57Fe)
- + Tritium background will com later.



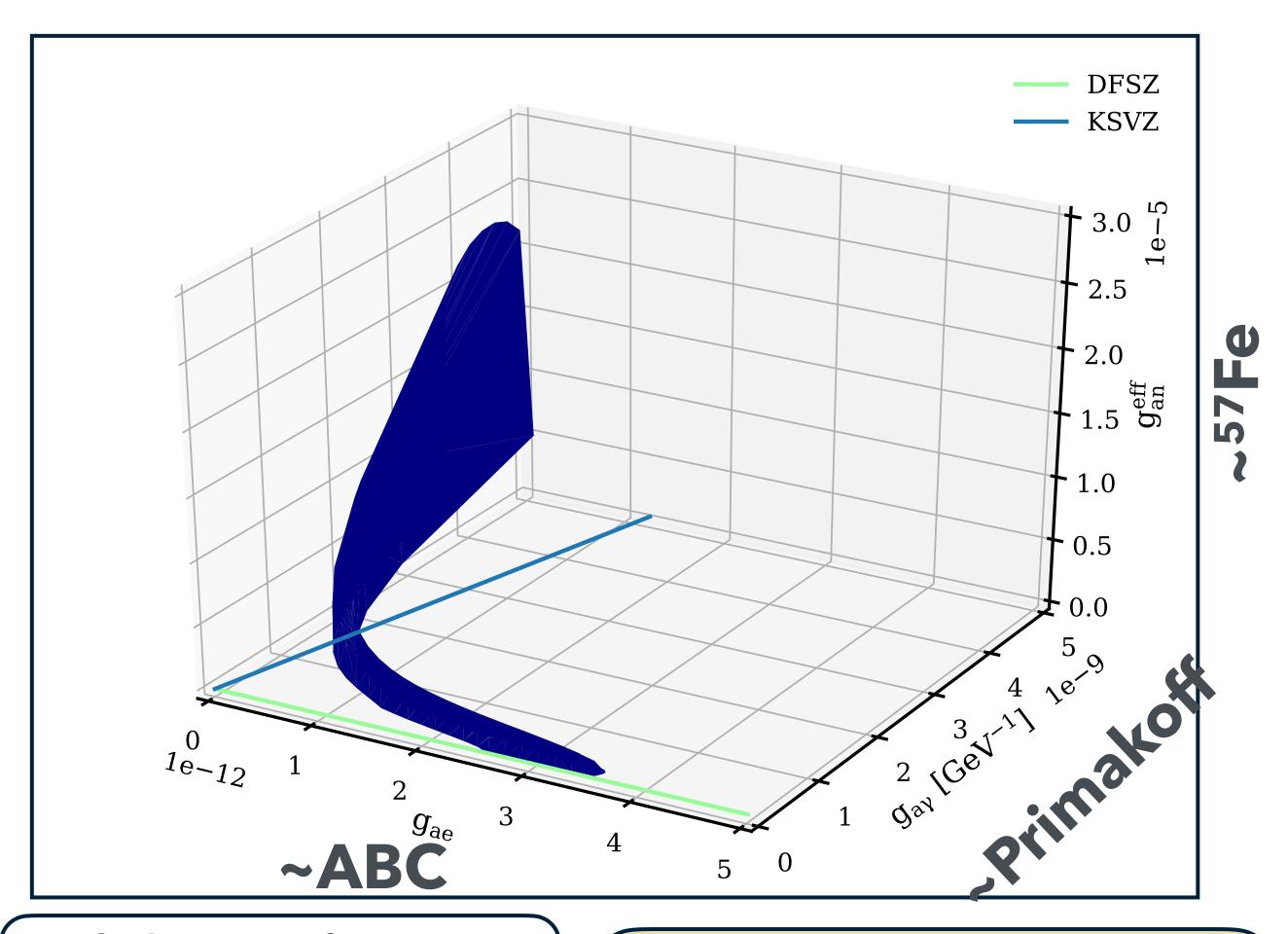
Axion favored over background-only at  $3.5\sigma$ 



### Solar Axion Results



3D confidence volume (90% C.L.)



#### **Excludes one of:**

- $g_{ae} = 0$
- $\bullet g_{a\gamma} = g_{an}^{eff} = 0$

$$g_{ae} < 3.7 \times 10^{-12}$$

$$g_{ae}g_{an}^{eff} < 4.6 \times 10^{-18}$$

$$g_{ae}g_{a\gamma} < 7.6 \times 10^{-22} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

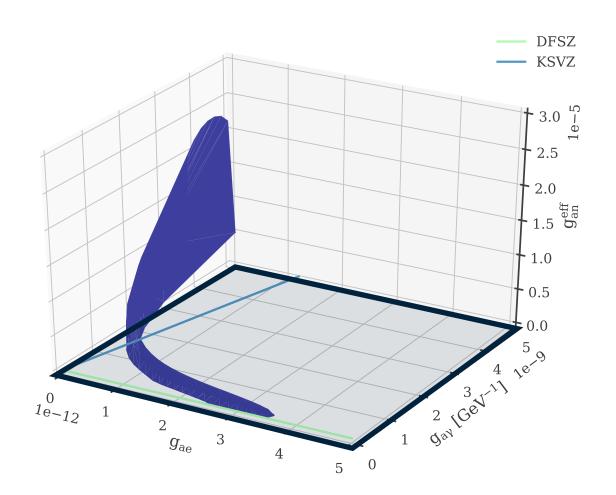


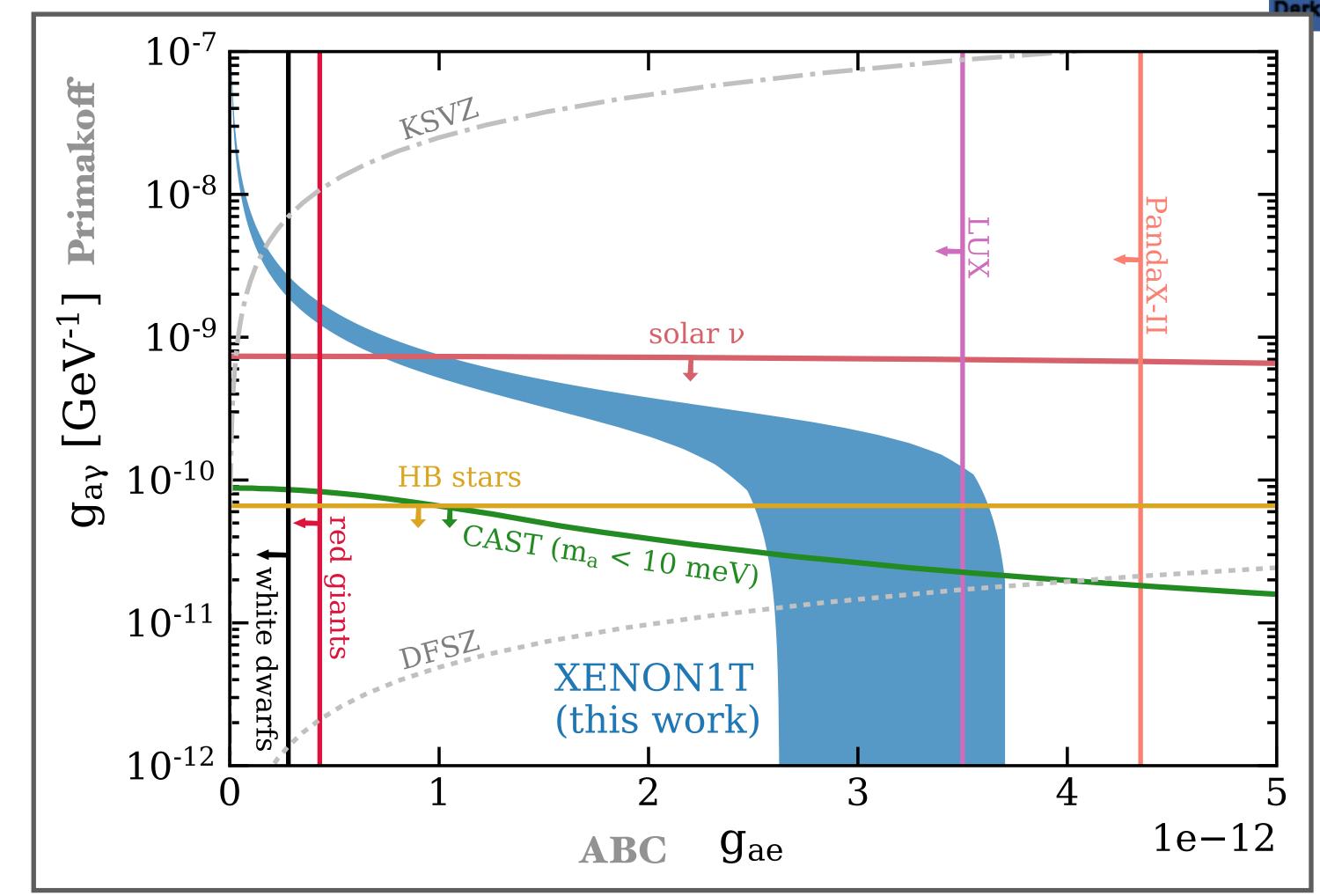
### Allowed Parameter Space



# Tension: Red giants White dwarfs HB stars

- extra cooling
- if axions take away energy from starts too much..





In tension with astrophysical constraints from stellar cooling (arXiv 2003.01100)

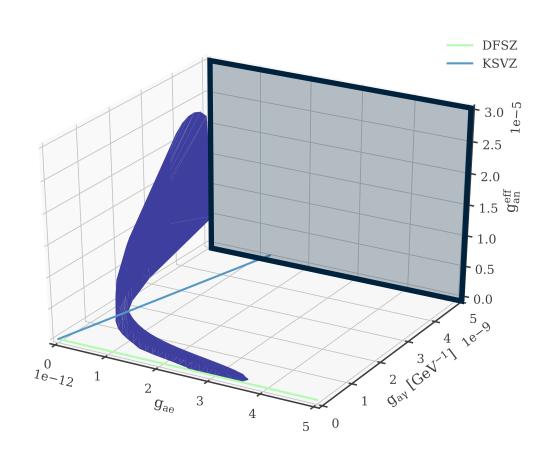


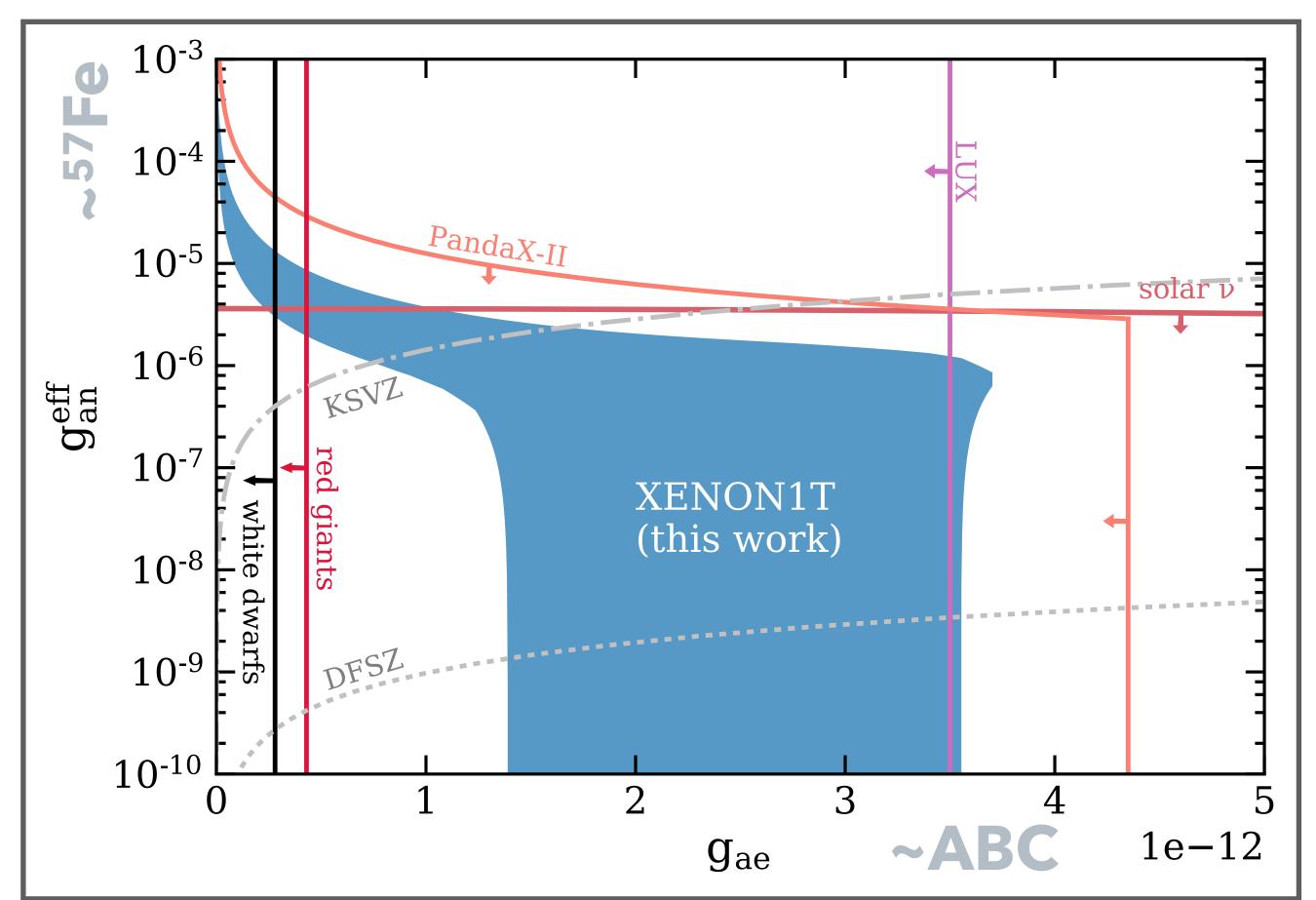
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### Profile over Primakoff

- •3D confidence volume (90% C.L.)
- Projected onto 2D regions





Poor fit for small ABC rate

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Only accept <sup>57</sup>Fe value near best-fit



### Considering the Inverse Primakoff Process

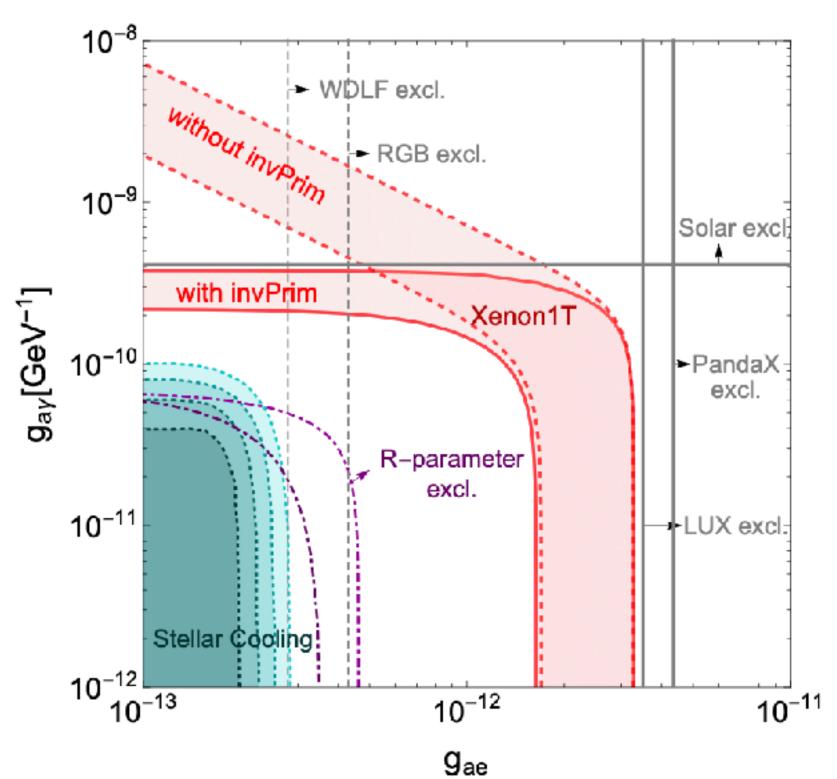


(arXiv 2006.14598v1)

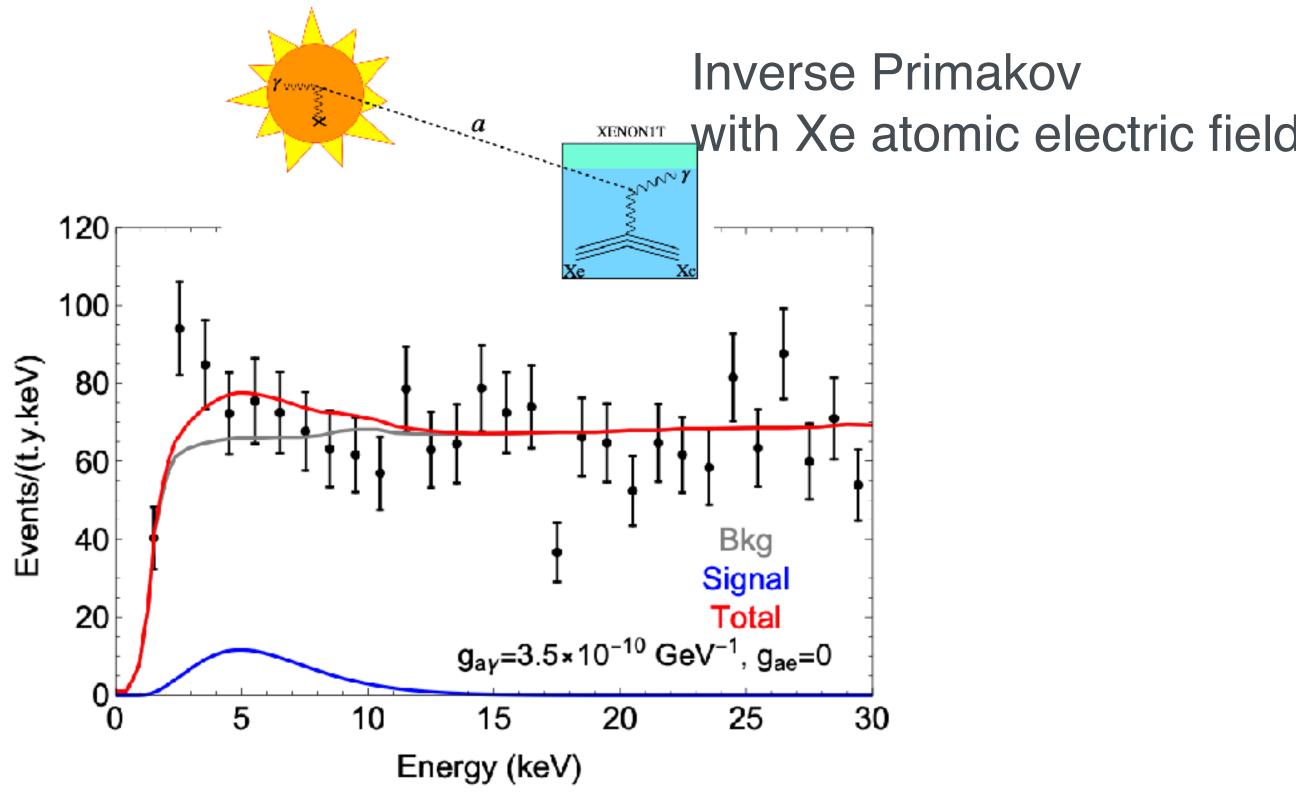
#### Interesting additions from theorists to our data analysis

#### Re-examining the Solar Axion Explanation for the XENON1T Excess

Christina Gao, Jia Liu, Lian-Tao Wang, Xiao-Ping Wang, Wei Xue, and Yi-Ming Zhong



**Considering inverse Primakoff process** can weaken the tension with stellar Masaki Yamashita, ISEE, Nagoya



If inverse Primakoff process dominates, it will not fit the excess as good

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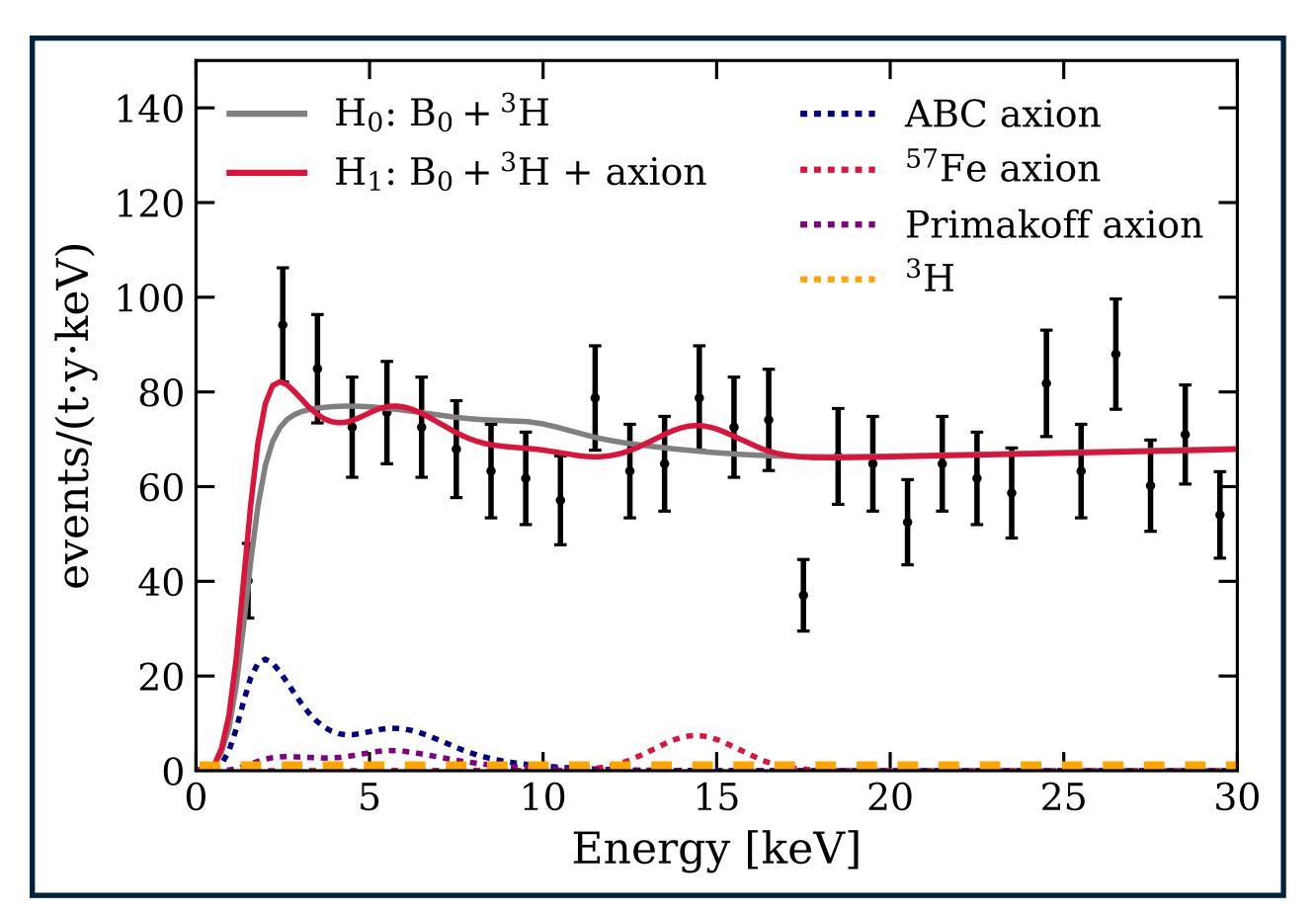


### Tritium + solar axion



### Axion + <sup>3</sup>H favored over <sup>3</sup>H hypothesis at 2.1σ

Tritium (3H) is almost zero, but likelihood ratio  $L_{signal}$  vs  $L_{bg}$  is small so the significance is reduced.



Can we distinguish the two hypothesis by additional checks?





# Tritium Solara Axion

Neutrino magnetic moment + others



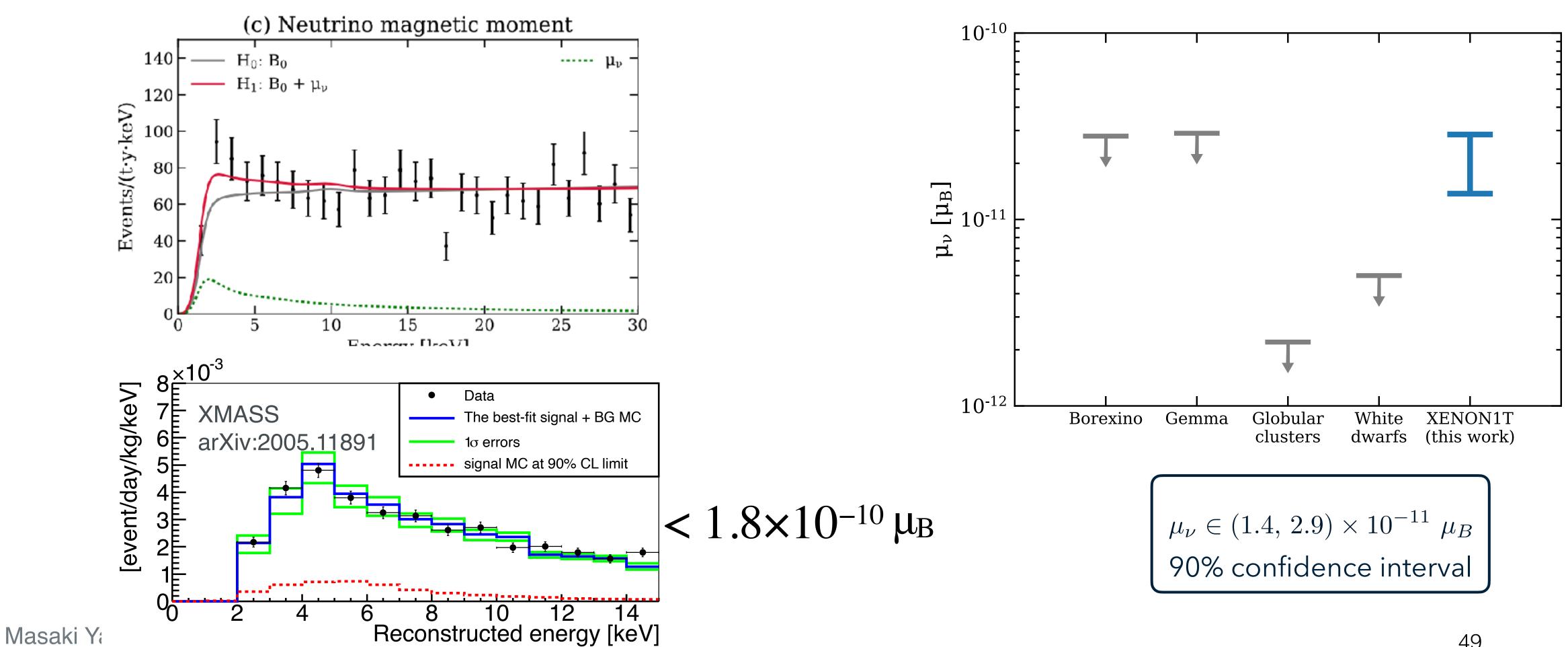
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#### XENON1T observes ER excess events in 1-7 keV region

Neutrino Magnetic Moment (3.2σ)

v magnetic moment enhance the cross section. (Solar v in this case)

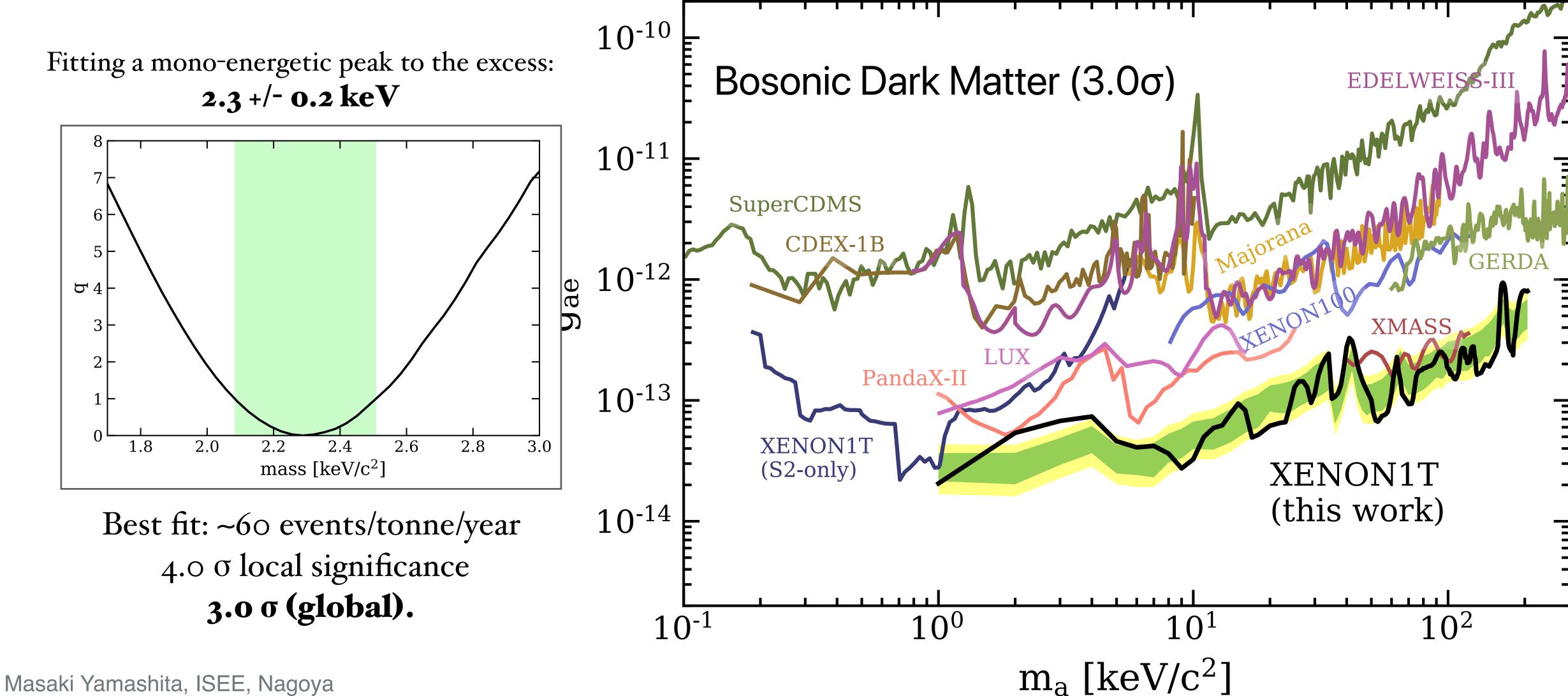




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# Summary



### Background?

### β-decay of tritium?

Low-energy (Q value 18.6 keV)

Long half life (12.3 years)

Atmospherically "abundant" and cosmogenically produced in xenon

Removed by purification system?

### Signal? (Beyond Standard Model)

Solar Axions

 $3.5\sigma$ 

- QCD axion
- = Axions would also be produced in the Sun, with kinetic energies ~ keV

Neutrio Magnetic moment 3.20

In the (extended) SM:

$$\mu_{\nu} \approx 3 \times 10^{-19} \left(\frac{m_{\nu}}{\text{eV}}\right) \mu_{B}$$

A larger value would imply new physics, and possibly solve Dirac vs Majorana.

### **Bosonic Dark matter**

 $3.0\sigma$ 

- candidate for Warm Dark Matter
- Axion-like particles like QCD axions.
- allows for ALPs to take on higher masses than QCD axions



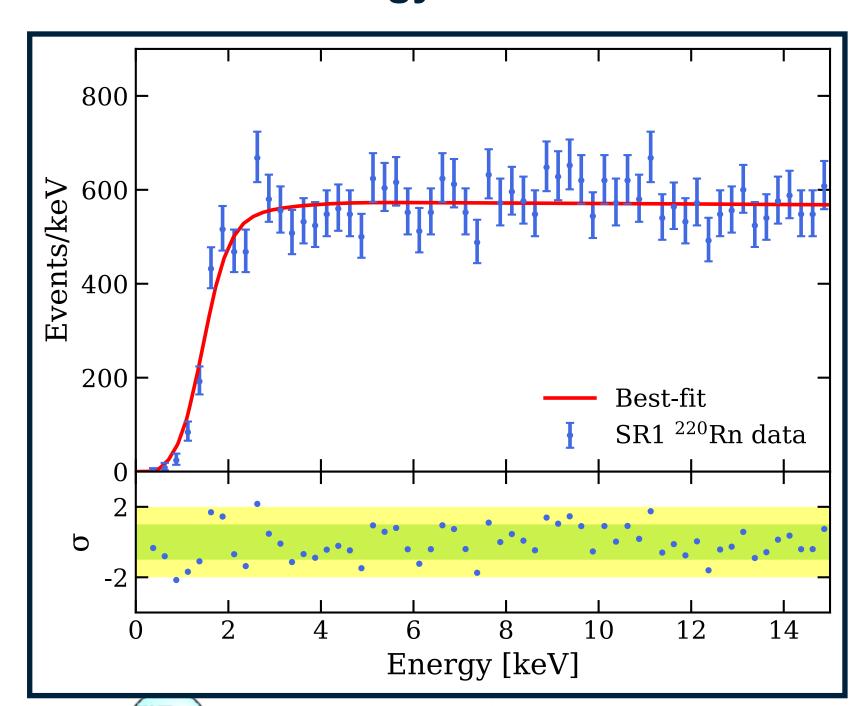


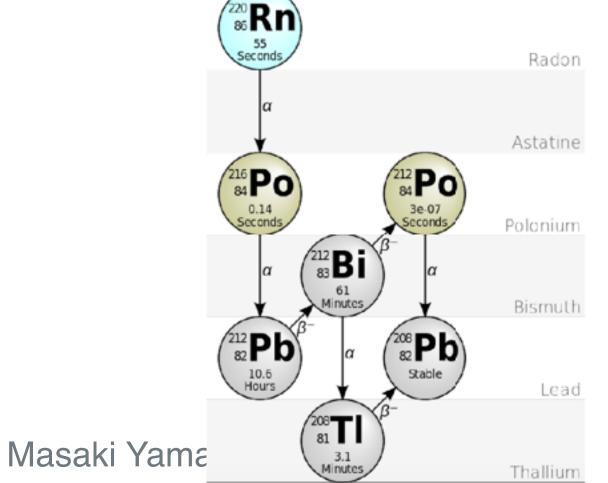
# More detail on analysis (Any systematic??)

# XENON1T's Response to Betas

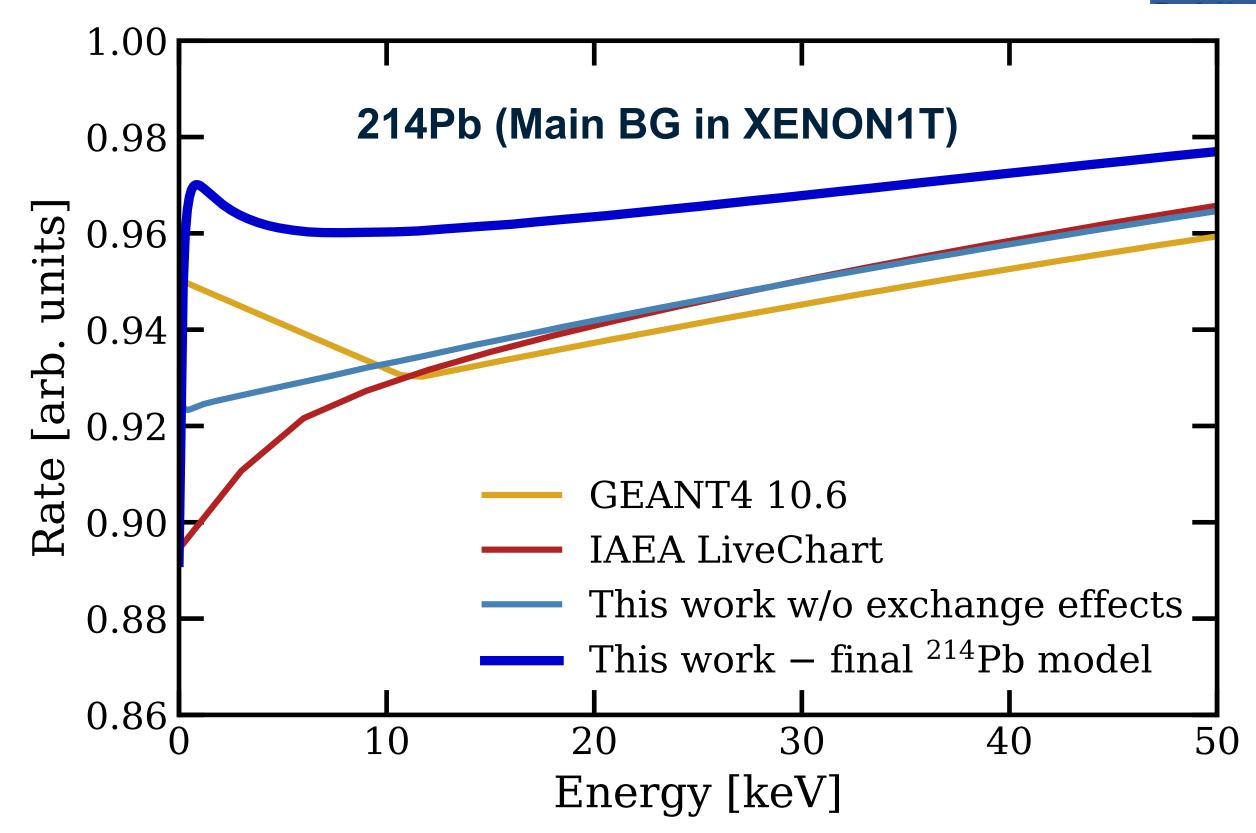
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Decent matching between data and MC INSTITUTE FOR SPACE FARTH n to the energy threshold <~2keV!





beta decay of Pb212 is used to calibrate detector's response to ER background



Atomic effects can increase rate at low energies, but have a small impact.

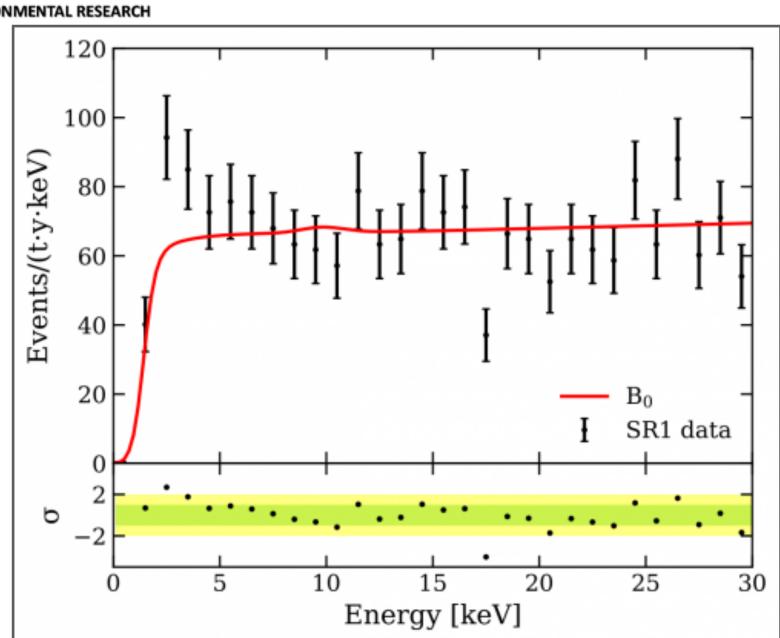
~6% uncertainty on the shape ~50% needed to account for excess

Teamed up with expert on  $\beta$ -decay spectra (X. Mougeot)



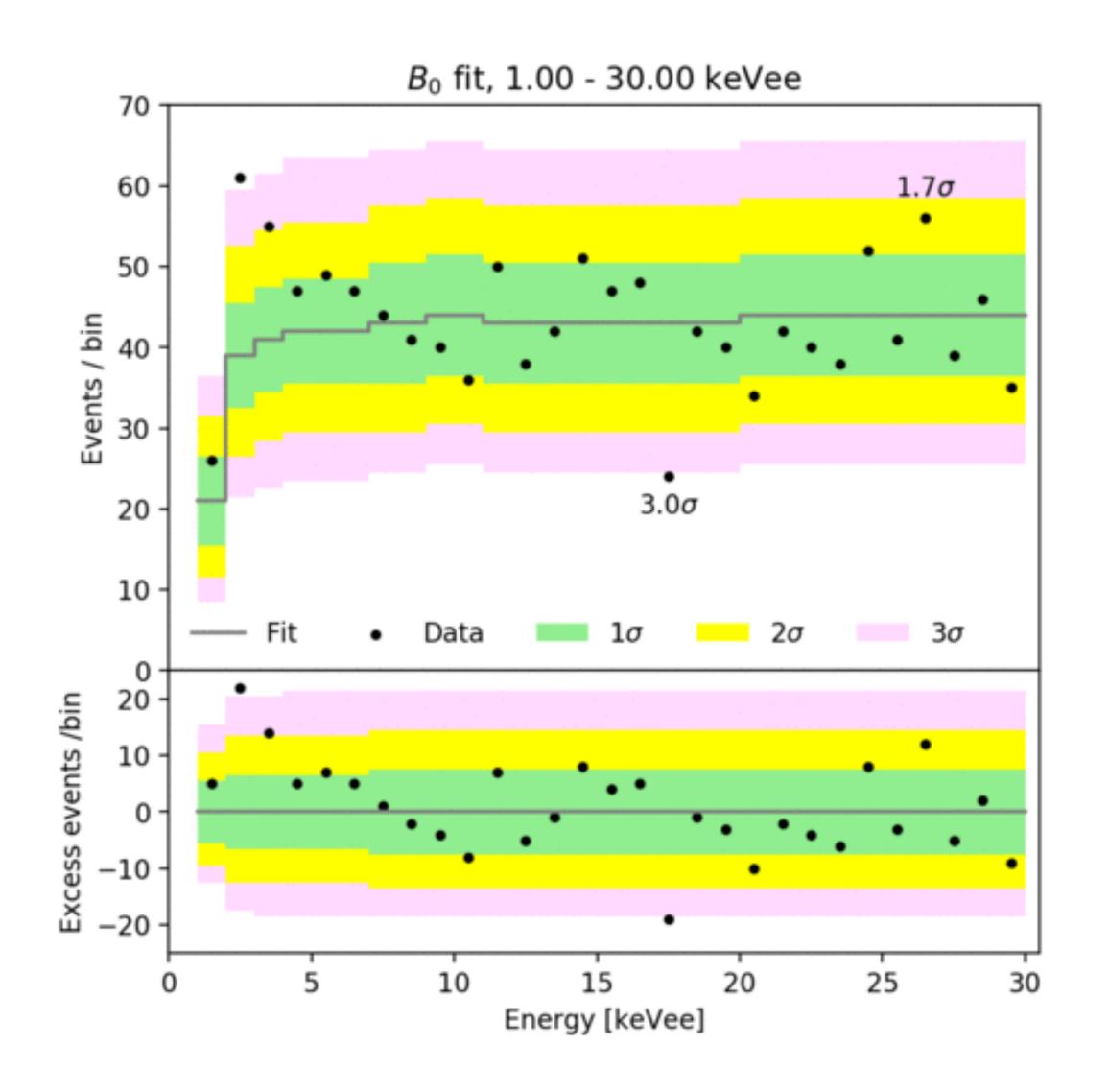
### Fluctuations and correlations





statistical fluke? (see 17 keV dip)

funny correlation? (1-10 keV rising steadily)

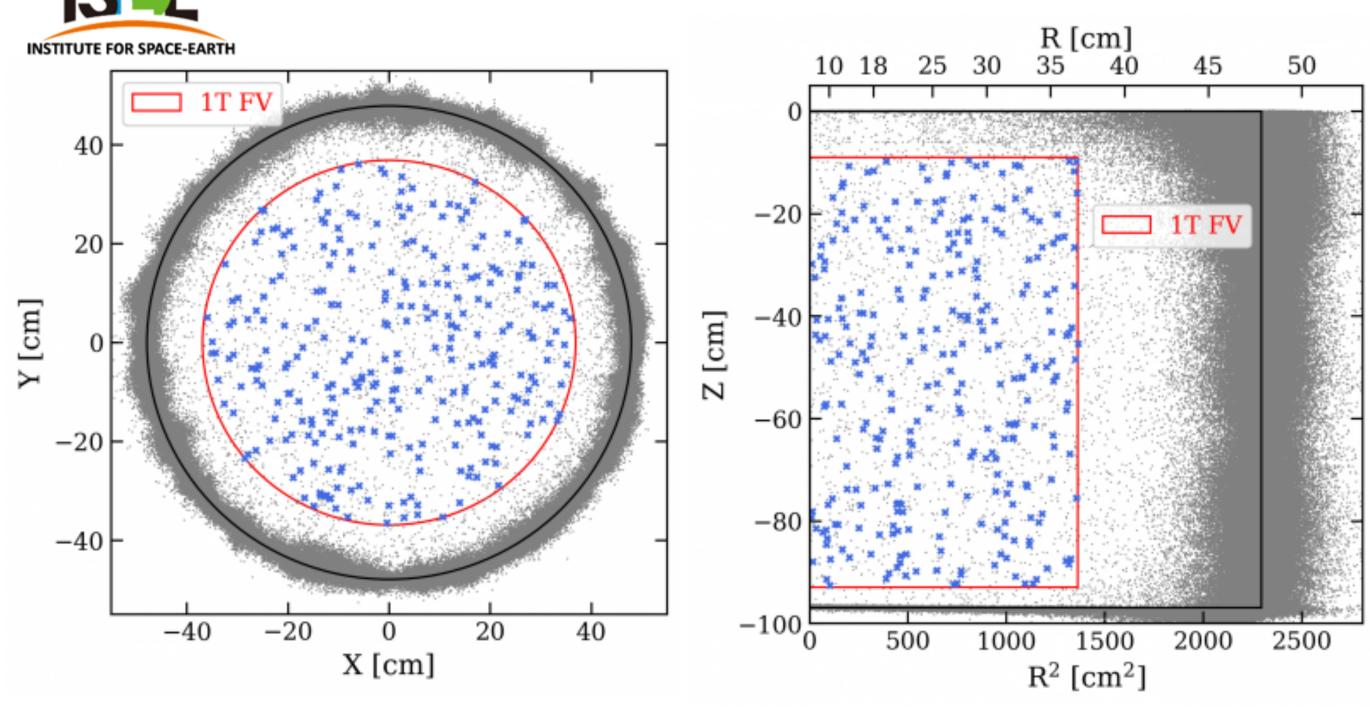


Note: we use an unbinned profile likelihood analysis

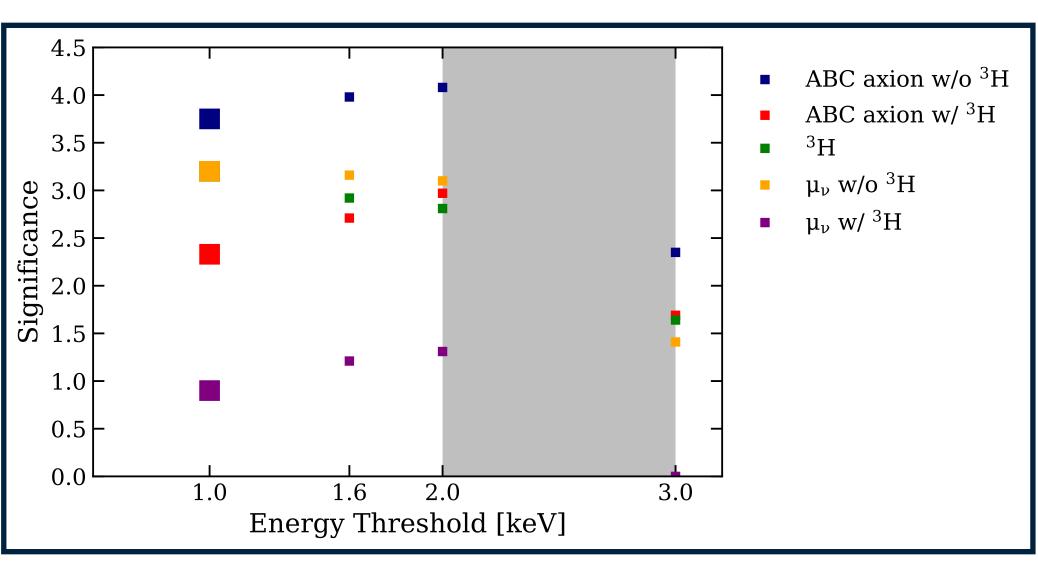


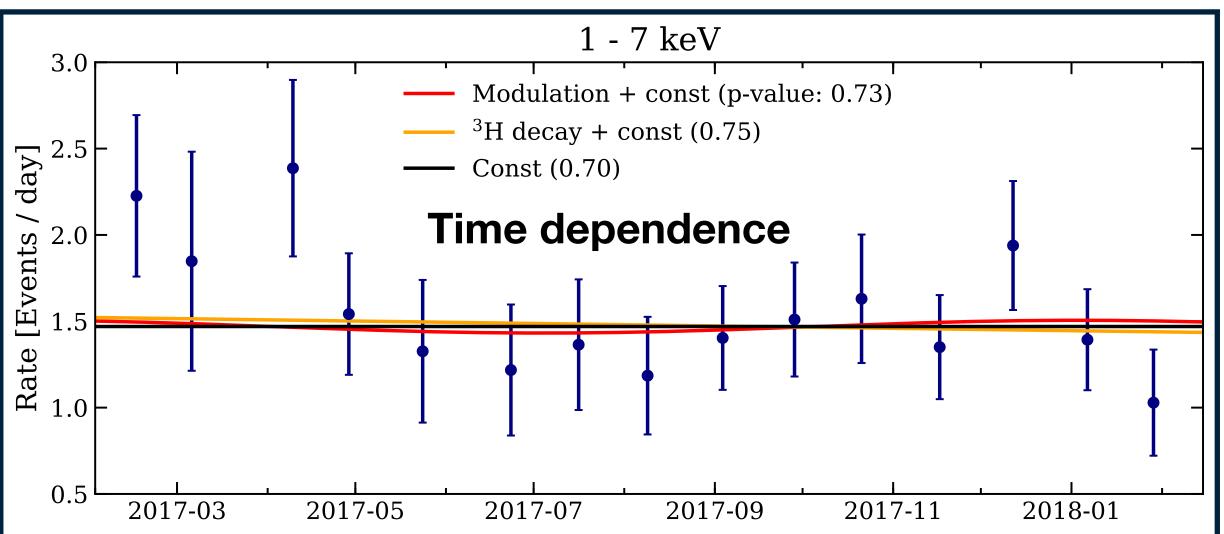
### Uniformity, Energy threshold, time dependency...





#### **Threshold effects**







### **Energy Calibration at Low Energy**

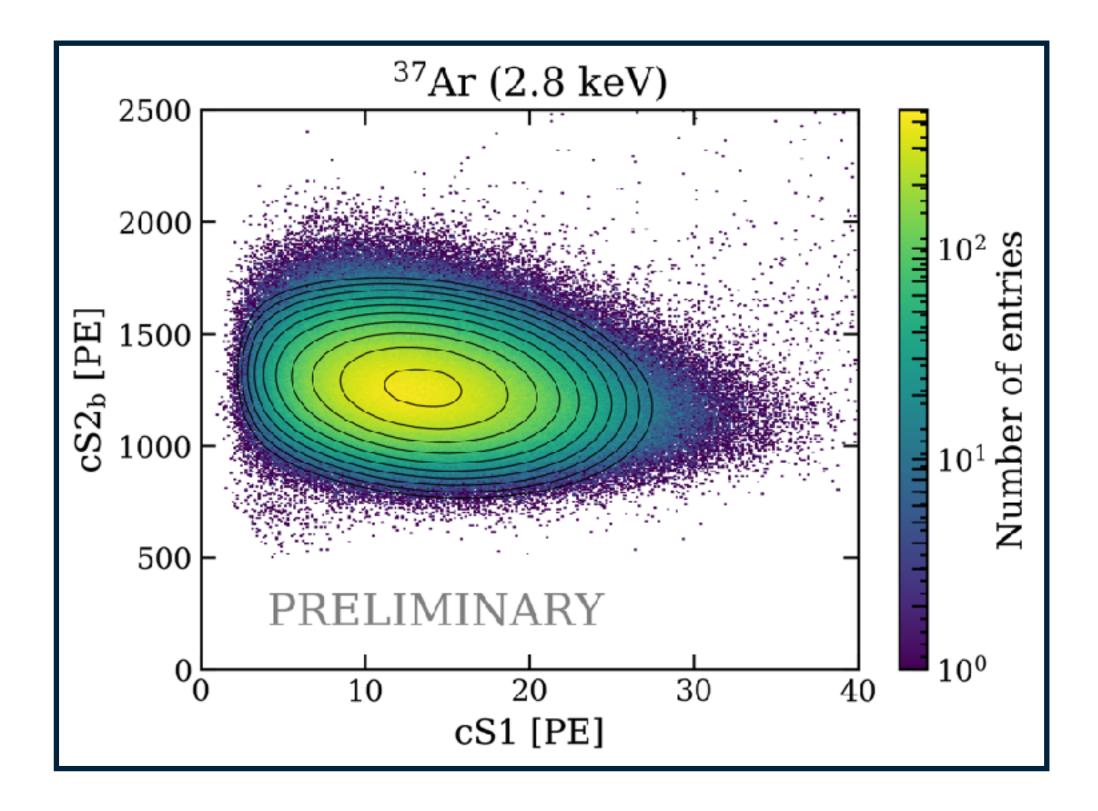


$$E = W(n_{ph} + n_e)$$

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$$E = W\left(\frac{S1}{g_1} + \frac{S2}{g_2}\right)$$

g1 and g2: detector-specific gain constants



Calibration of XENON1T down to 2.8 keV

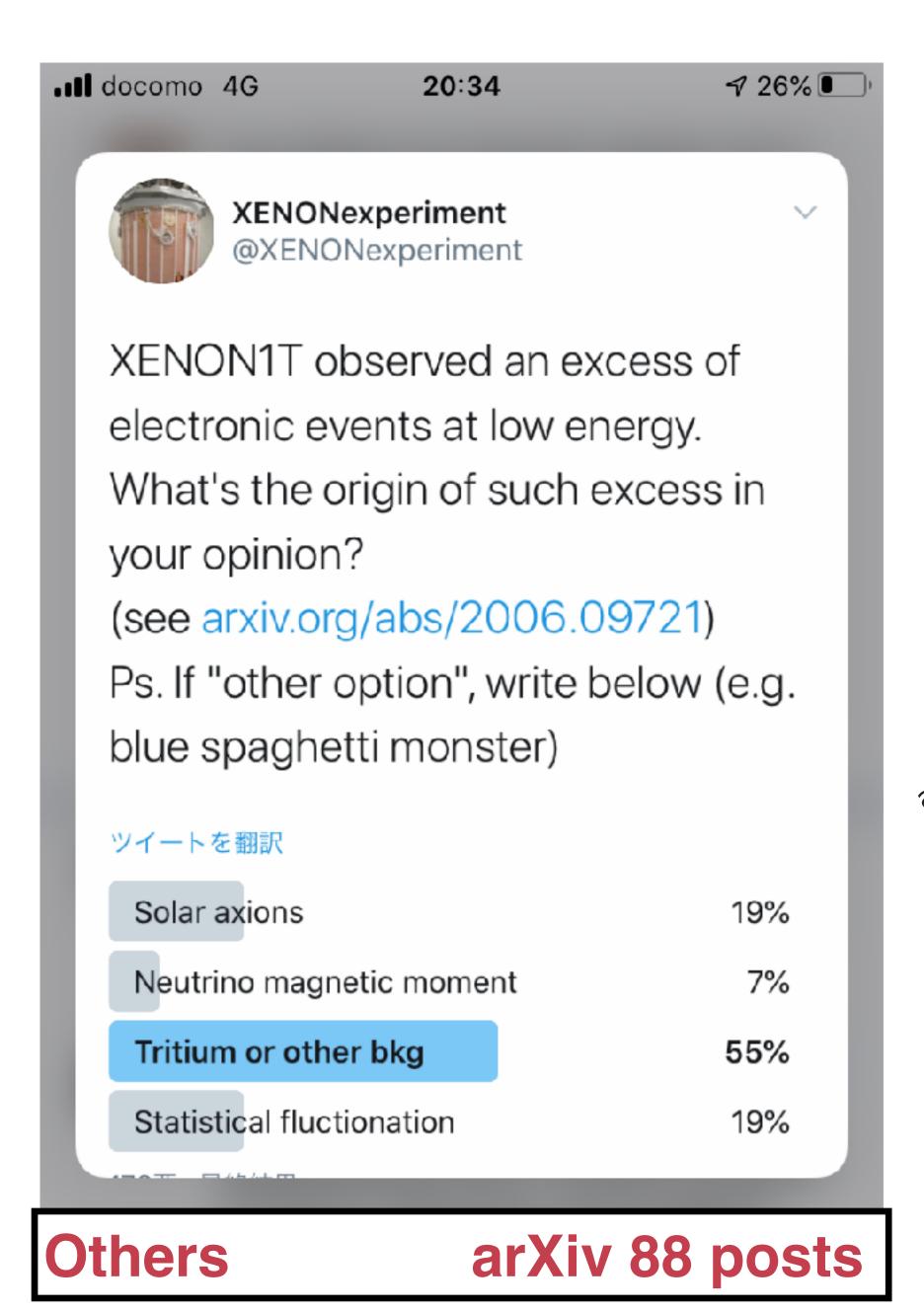
XENON1T results are ... inconclusive.
Then?





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| XENONexperiment  @XENONexperiment        | ~              |
| XENON1T observed an excess of            | of             |
| electronic events at low energy.         |                |
| What's the origin of such excess in      |                |
| your opinion?                            |                |
| (see arxiv.org/abs/2006.09721)           |                |
| Ps. If "other option", write below (e.g. |                |
| blue spaghetti monster)                  |                |
| ツイートを翻訳                                  |                |
| Solar axions                             | 19%            |
| Neutrino magnetic moment                 | 7%             |
| Tritium or other bkg                     | 55%            |
| Statistical fluctionation                | 19%            |
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# Next Step: XENONnT

Sensitivity Paper:arXiv:2007.08796



Larger active volume



Reduced background level



Commissioning ongoing

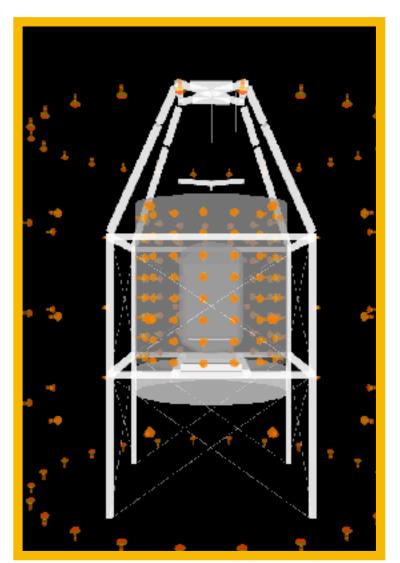






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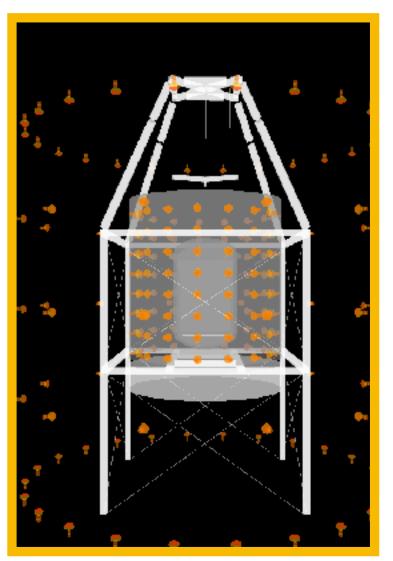
# 222RM distillation

- Reduce Rn (<sup>214</sup>Pb) from pipes, cables, cryogenic system
- New system,
   PoP in XENON1T



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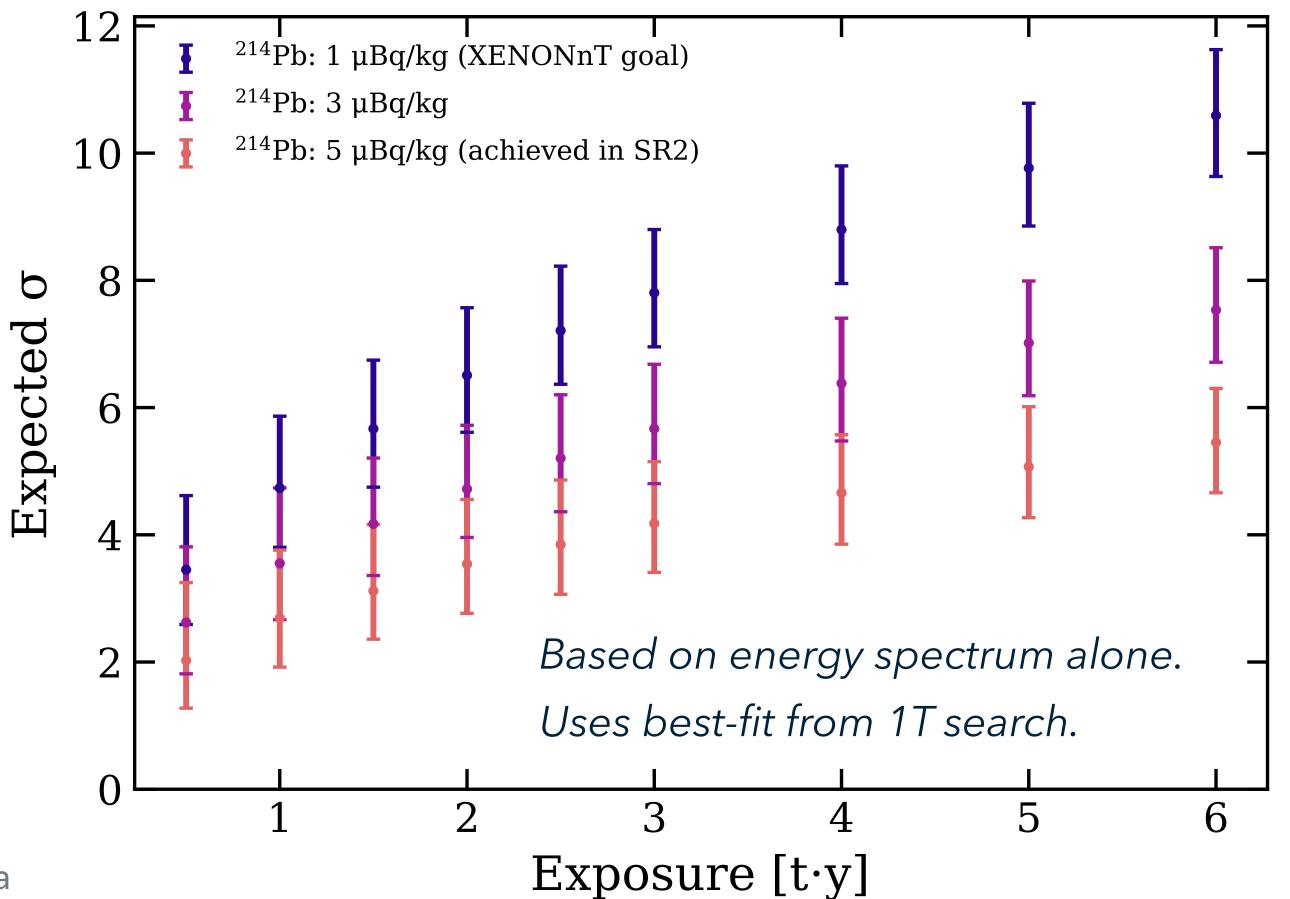




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# XENONnT will discriminate axions from tritium with ~ few months of data





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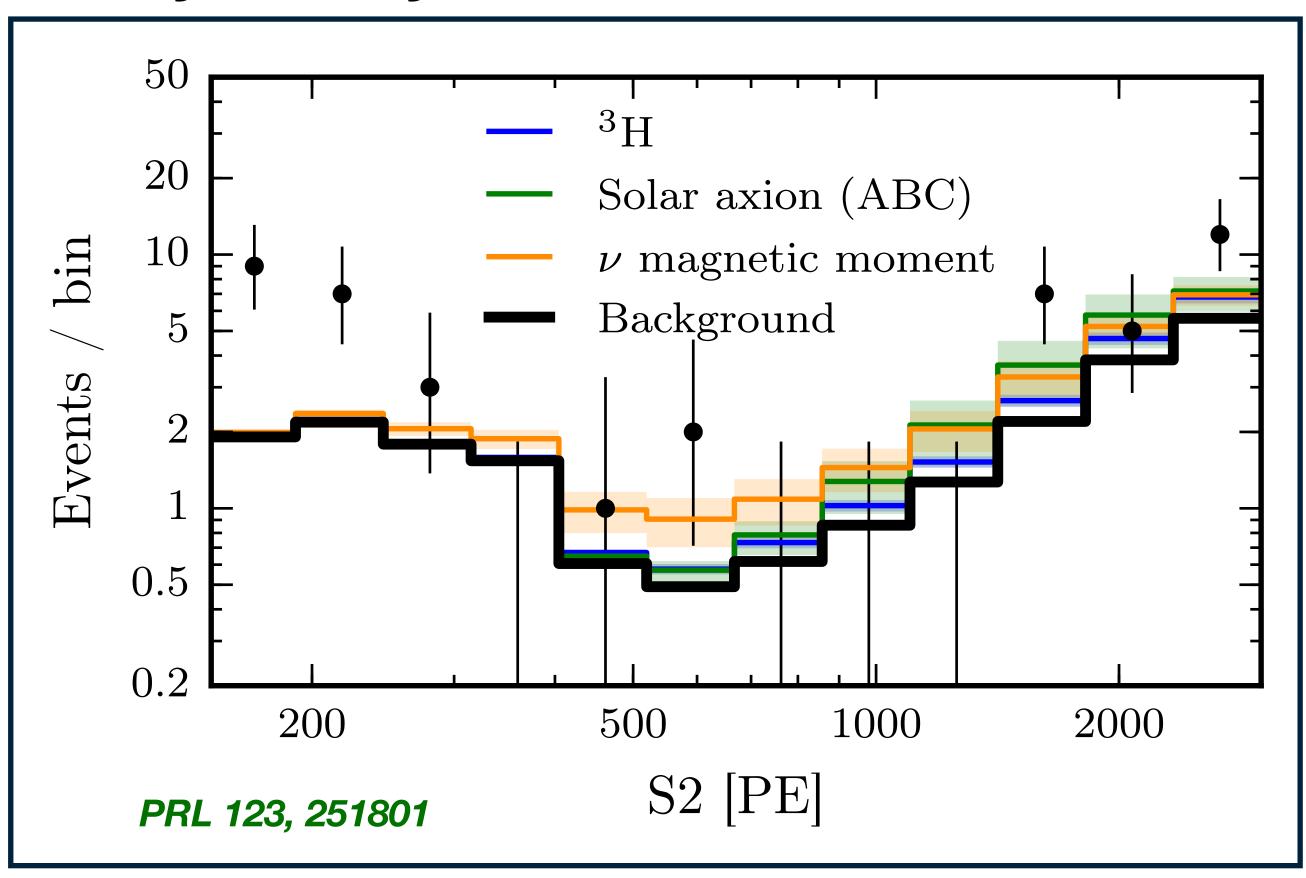






# S2-only analysis





S2-only analysis allows for a lower energy threshold

$$\mu_{\nu} < 3.1 \times 10^{-11} \ \mu_{B}$$
 $g_{ae} < 4.8 \times 10^{-12}$ 
 $R_{\rm H3} < 2256 \ {\rm events/t/y}$ 

consistent with this work for all 3 hypotheses



### **Energy Resolution**



