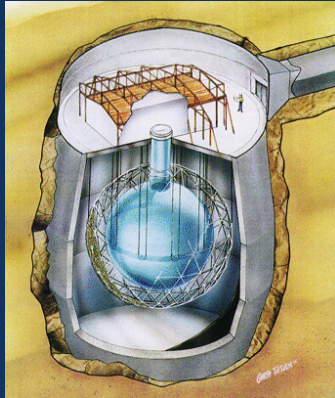


# Deep Underground Measurements in Fundamental Physics and Astrophysics

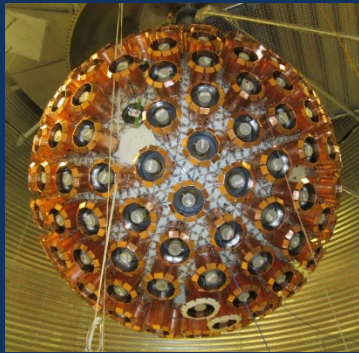
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# Neutrinos and Dark Matter at SNOLAB



**Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO) (NOW SNO+)**



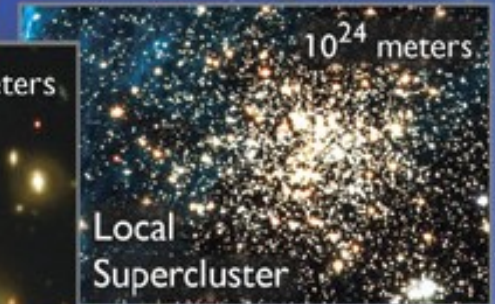
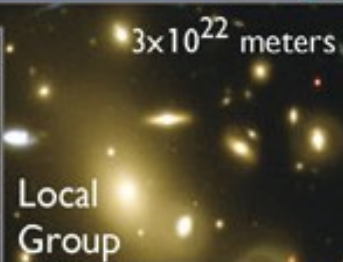
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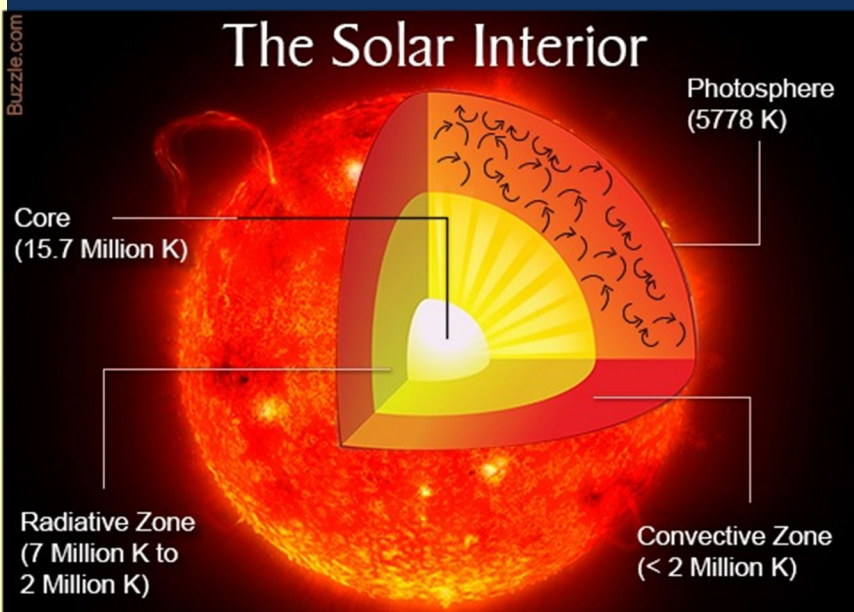
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## Our Cosmic Address

Our sun is one of 400 billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy, which is one of more than 100 billion galaxies in the visible universe.



# The Solar Interior



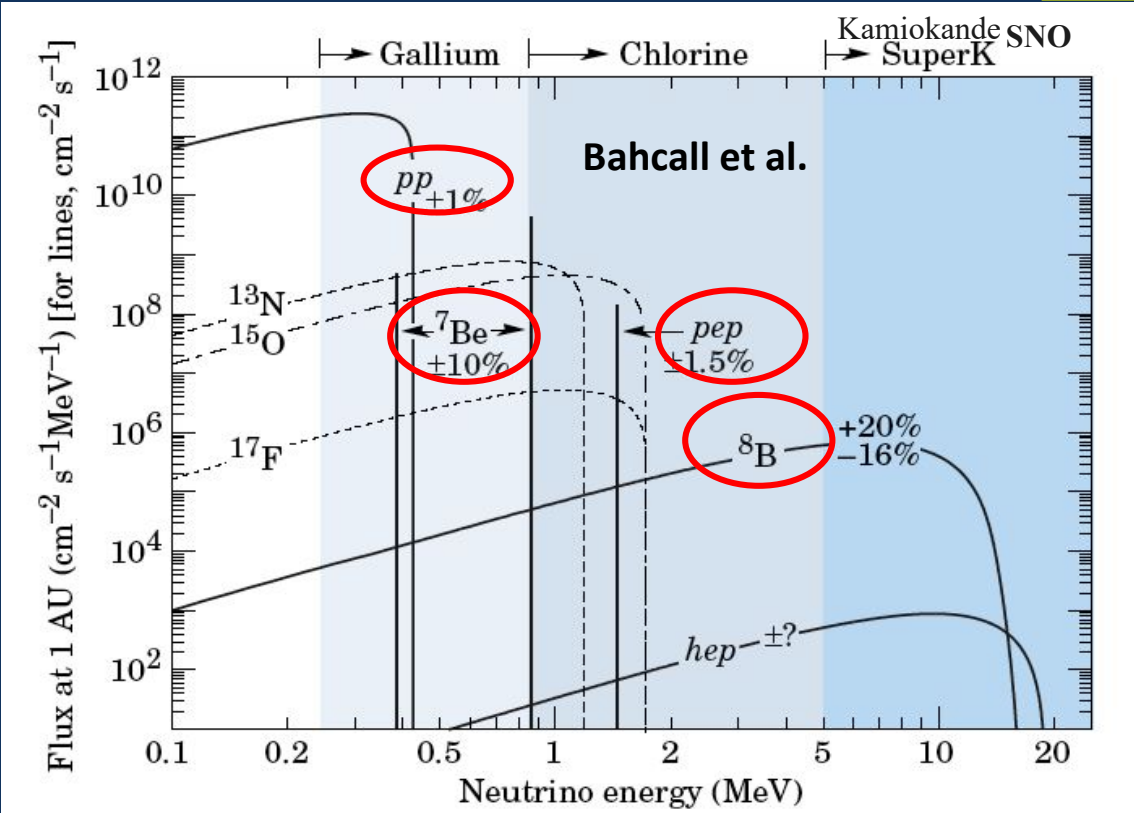
## NEUTRINO FLUXES FROM THE SOLAR CORE

### EXPERIMENTS

- 1992 on
- 1968 on
- 1989 on
- 2001 on

## HOW DOES THE SUN BURN?

Nuclear fusion reactions produce enormous numbers of electron neutrinos

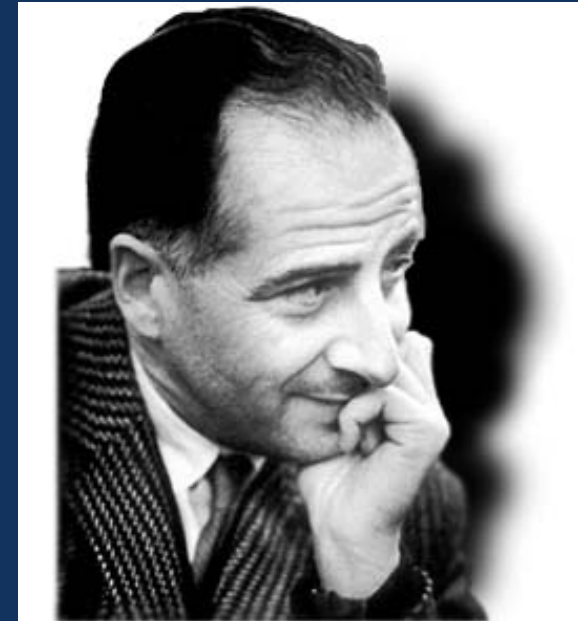


**Pioneers of Solar Neutrino Physics: Davis, Bahcall, Pontecorvo & Gribov**



**1968: Davis' Measurements of electron neutrinos with Chlorine-based detector show 3 times fewer than Bahcall's calculations.**

**Ray Davis: Nobel Laureate 2002**



*Бруно Понтекорво*

**1968: Gribov and Pontecorvo suggest flavor change (oscillation) of electron neutrinos to muon neutrinos as a possible reason.**



## The major scientific question that SNO set out to answer starting in 1984

- DAVIS' EXPERIMENT WITH CHLORINE OBSERVED TOO FEW OF THE ELECTRON FLAVOUR NEUTRINOS PRODUCED IN THE SUN, COMPARED TO SOLAR MODEL CALCULATIONS BY BAHCALL

- EITHER :

1. THE SOLAR MODEL CALCULATIONS WERE INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT

OR

2. THE ELECTRON NEUTRINOS CREATED IN THE SUN ARE CHANGING TO ANOTHER FLAVOUR AND ELUDING THE PAST EXPERIMENTS THAT WERE SENSITIVE MAINLY TO ELECTRON NEUTRINOS ALONE.

In 1984, Herb Chen proposed that with ~1000 tonnes of Heavy Water ( $D_2O$ ), one could measure separately electron neutrinos and the sum of all three flavours and answer the question clearly.

# Unique Signatures in SNO (D<sub>2</sub>O)

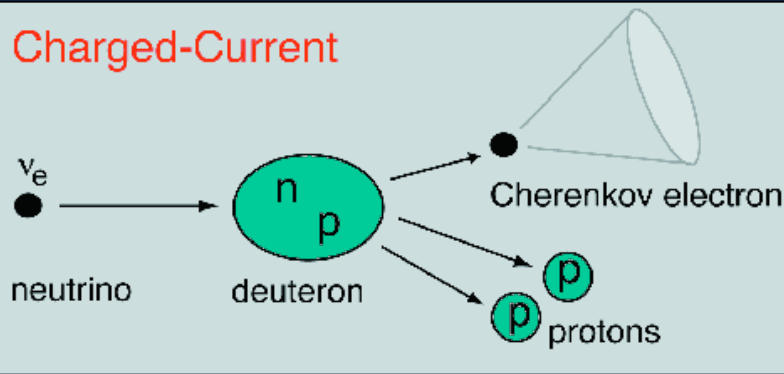
(1 in 6400 molecules in ordinary water are D<sub>2</sub>O. We used >99.75% D<sub>2</sub>O)

## Electron Neutrinos (CC)



$$E_{\text{thresh}} = 1.4 \text{ MeV}$$

### Charged-Current

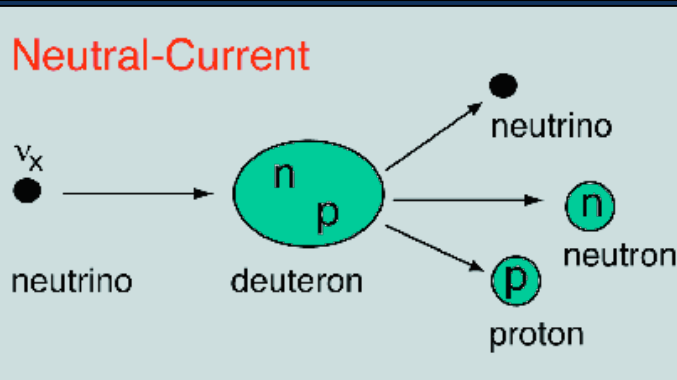


## Equal Sensitivity All Types (NC)



$$E_{\text{thresh}} = 2.2 \text{ MeV}$$

### Neutral-Current



3 ways to detect neutrons

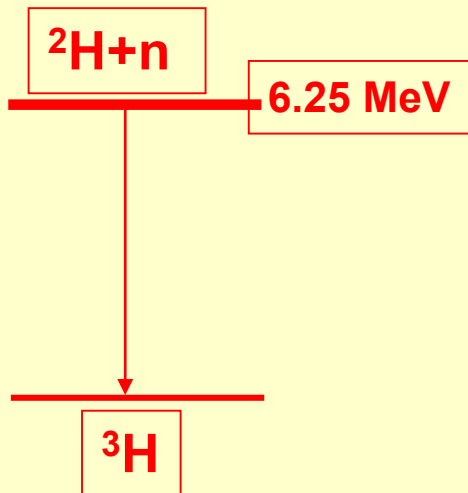
Comparing these two reactions tells if electron neutrinos have changed their type.

Radioactivity must be carefully controlled because gamma rays can also break apart deuterium and produce a free neutron. Less than one decay per day per ton of water from U, Th.

# 3 neutron (NC) detection methods (systematically different)

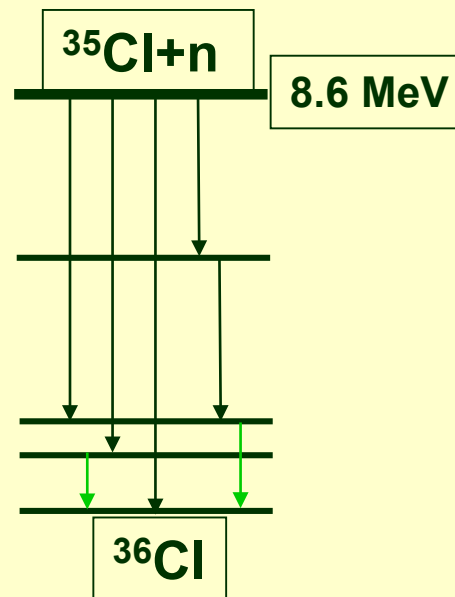
**Phase I (D<sub>2</sub>O)**  
**Nov. 99 - May 01**

n captures on  
 $^2\text{H}(n, \gamma)^3\text{H}$   
 Effic. ~14.4%  
 NC and CC separation  
 by energy, radial, and  
 directional  
 distributions



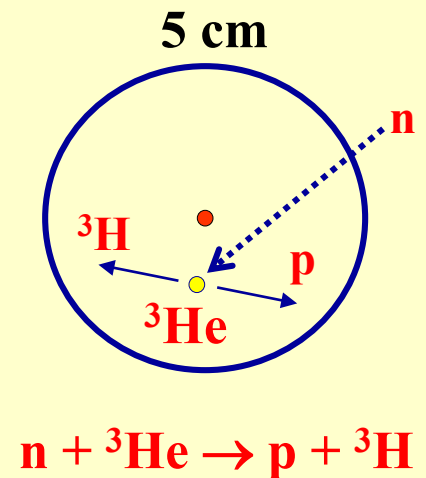
**Phase II (salt)**  
**July 01 - Sep. 03**

2 tonnes of NaCl  
 n captures on  
 $^{35}\text{Cl}(n, \gamma)^{36}\text{Cl}$   
 Effic. ~40%  
 NC and CC separation  
 by event isotropy

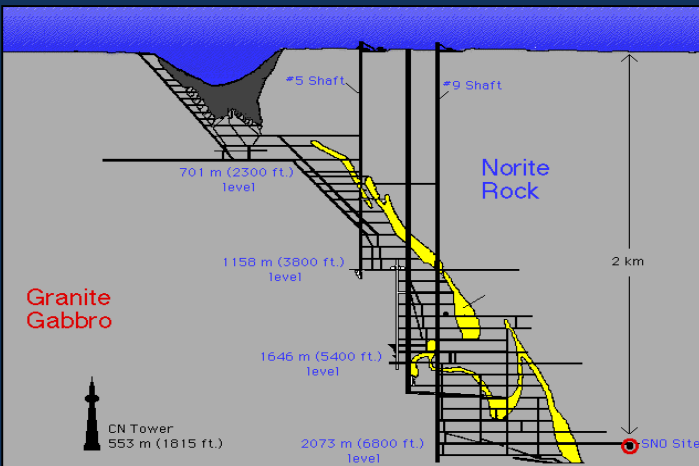


**Phase III ( $^3\text{He}$ )**  
**Nov. 04-Dec. 06**

400 m of proportional  
 counters  
 $^3\text{He}(n, p)^3\text{H}$   
 Effic. ~ 30% capture  
 Measure NC rate with  
 entirely separate  
 detection system.



# Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO)



NEUTRINO

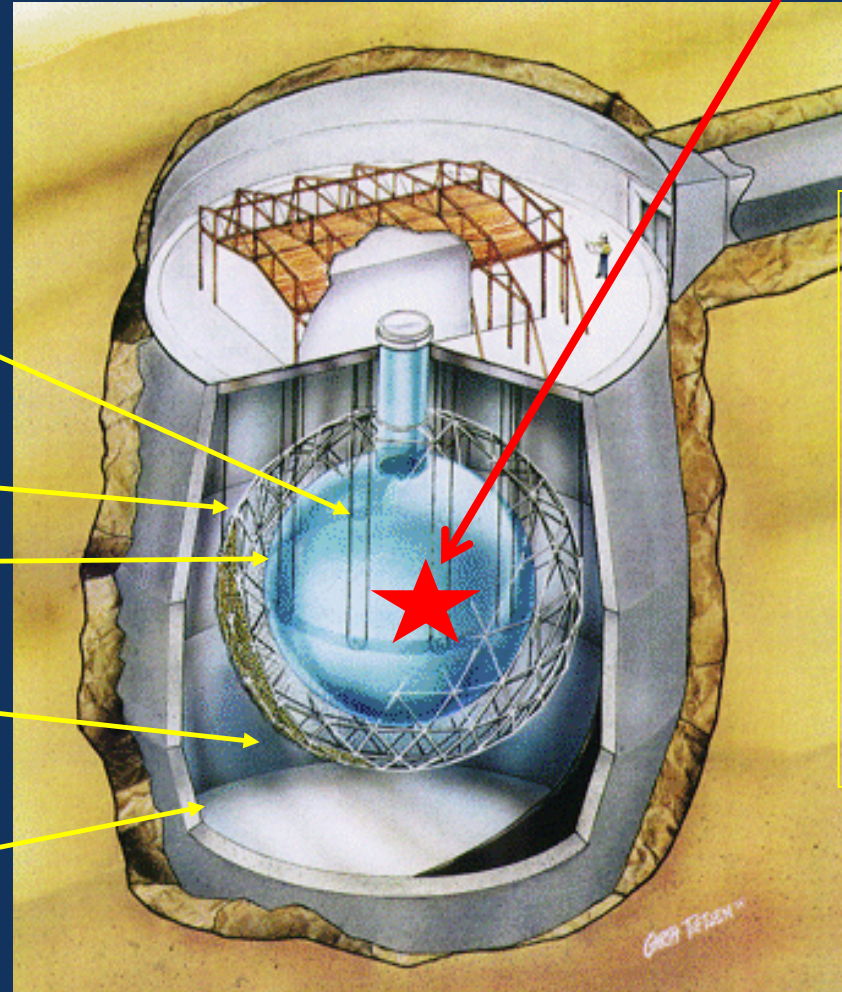
1000 tonnes of heavy water:  $D_2O$   
\$ 300 million on Loan for \$1.00

9500 light sensors

12 m Diameter Acrylic Container

Ultra-pure Water:  $H_2O$ .

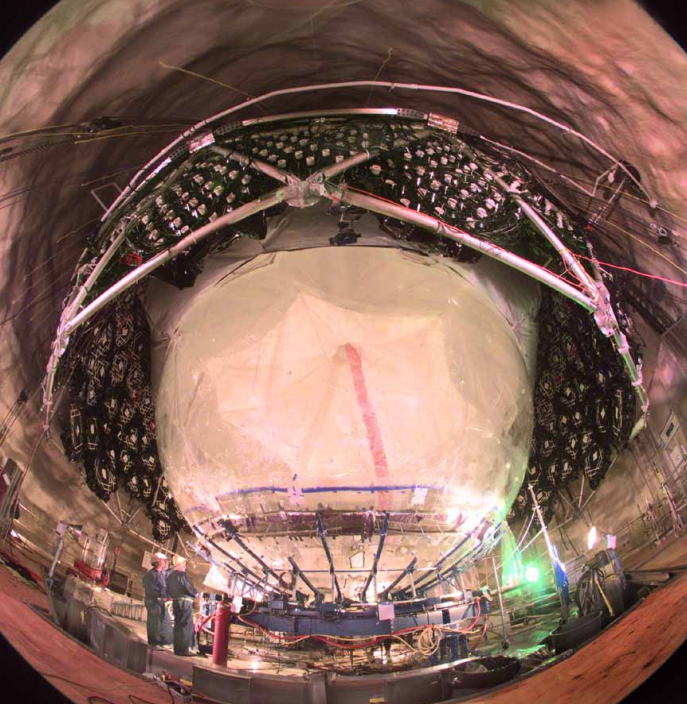
Urylon Liner and Radon Seal



34 m  
or  
~ Ten  
Stories  
High!

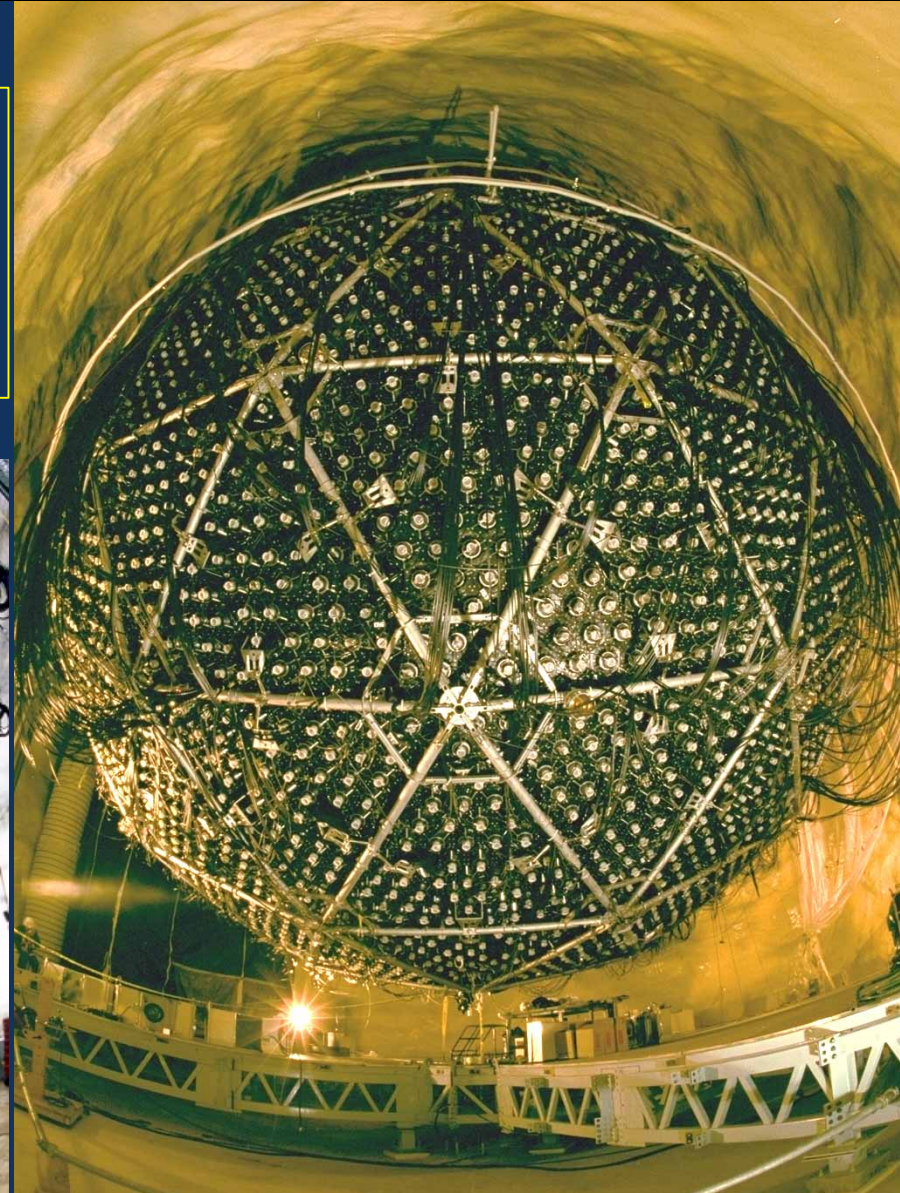
2 km  
below  
the  
ground





**SNO: One million pieces transported down in the 3 m x 3 m x 4 m mine cage and re-assembled under ultra-clean conditions. Every worker takes a shower and wears clean, lint-free clothing.**

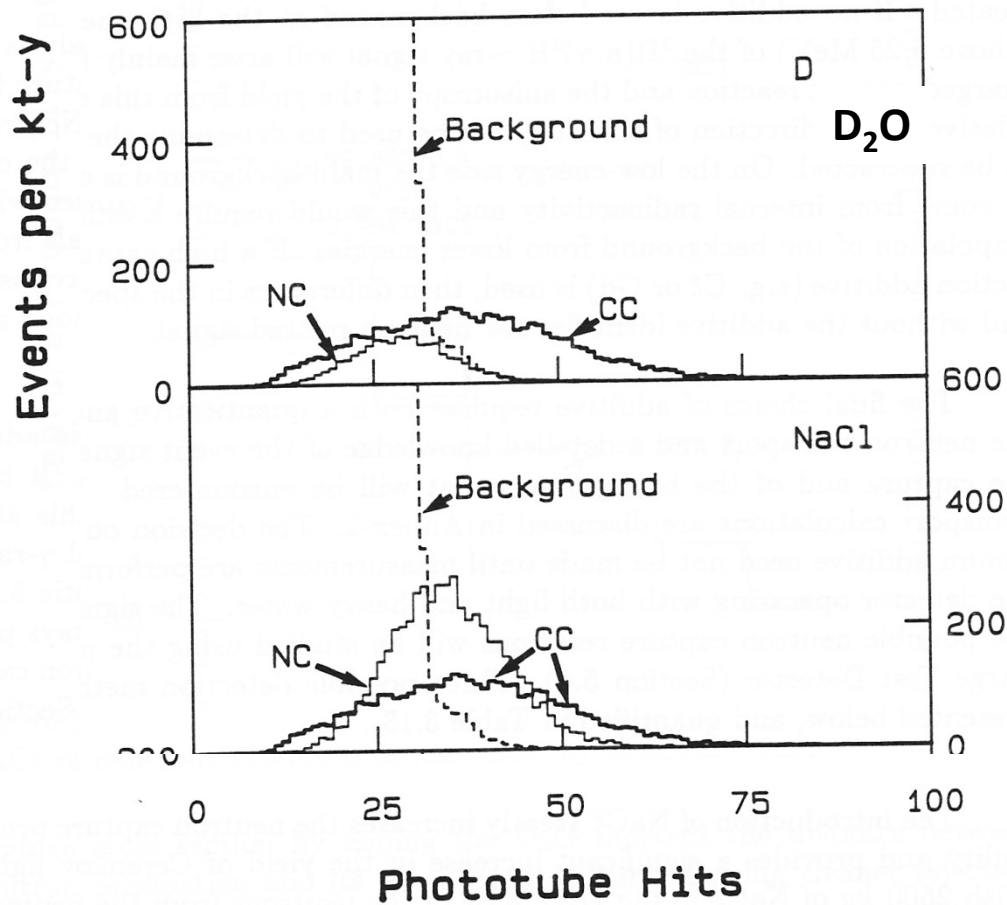
70,000 showers during the course of the SNO project



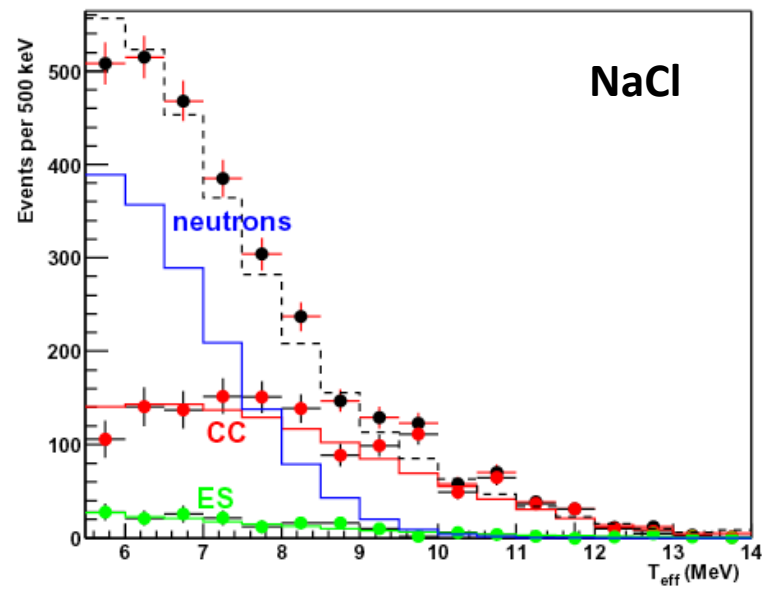
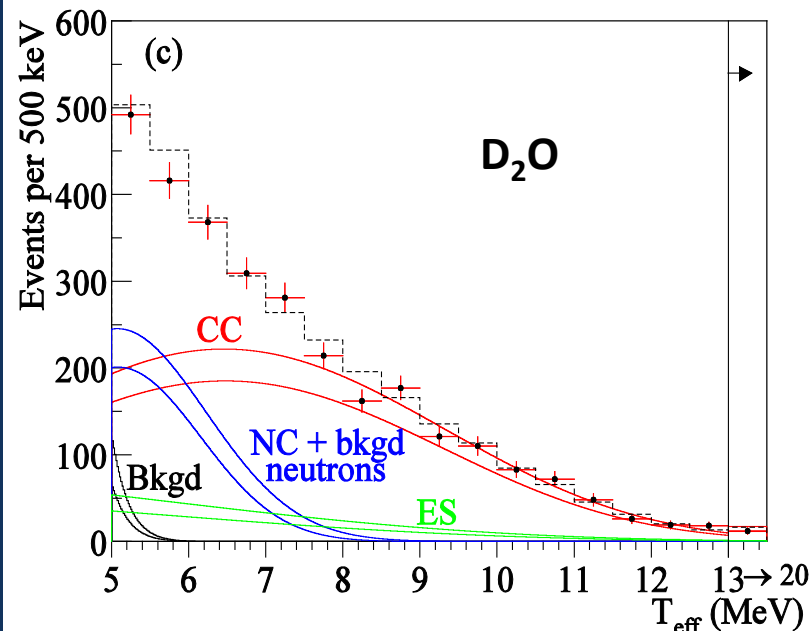


# SNO results from Pure D<sub>2</sub>O and Salt Phases

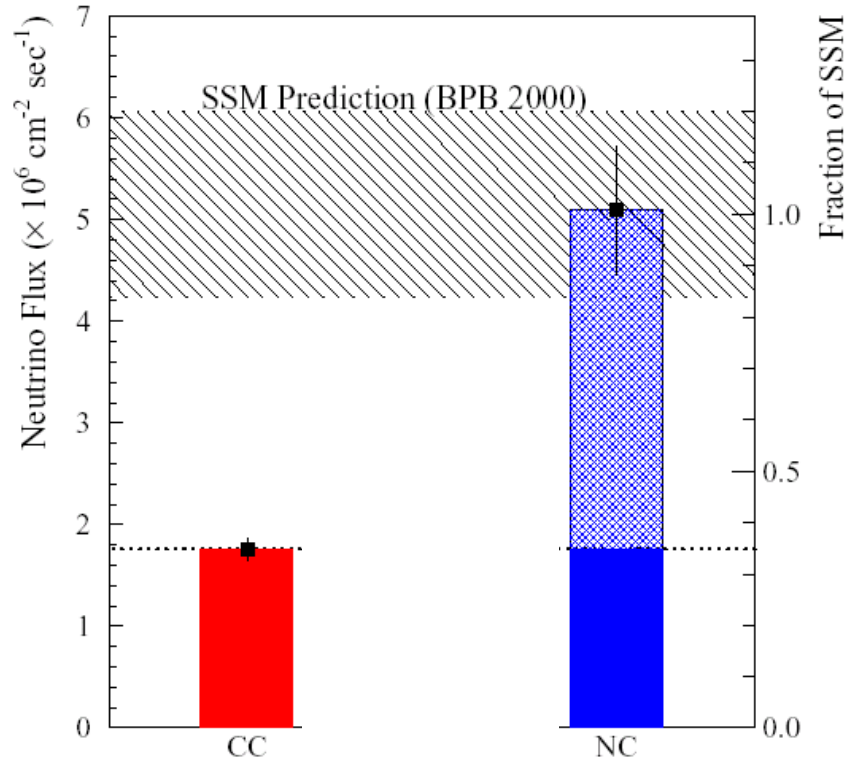
As simulated in 1987



As measured 1999-2003



SOLAR MODEL



ELECTRON NEUTRINOS

ALL NEUTRINO TYPES

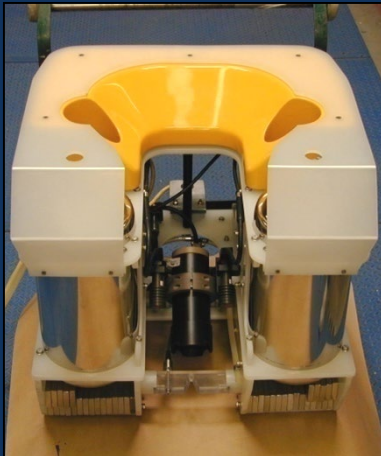
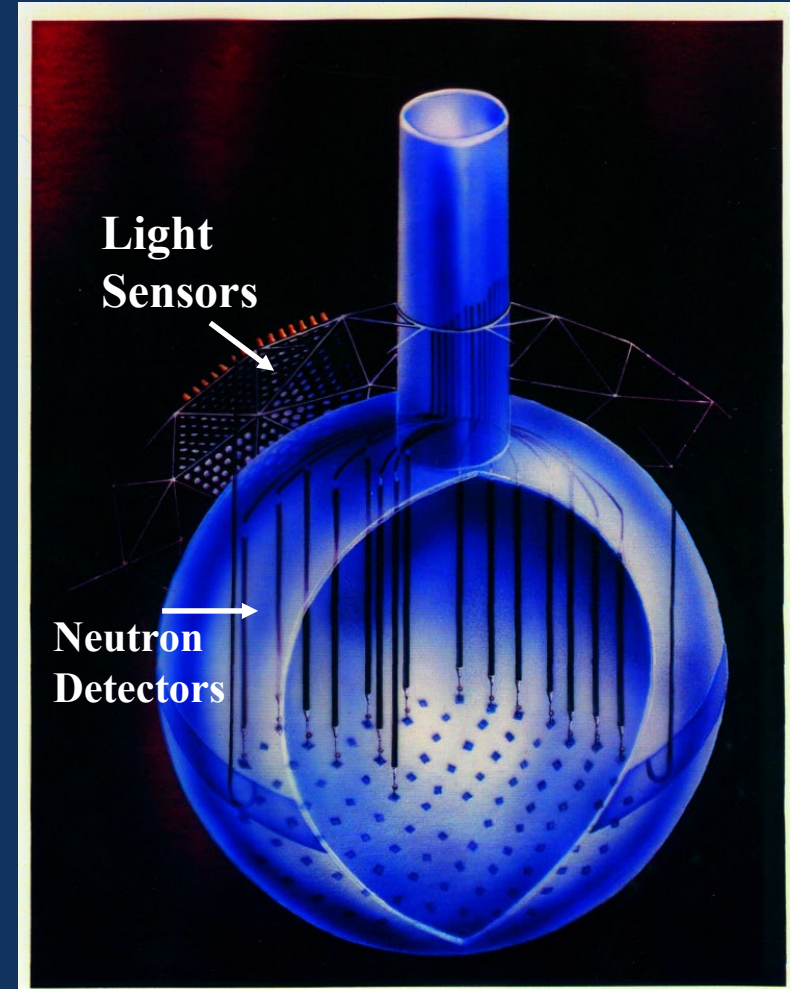
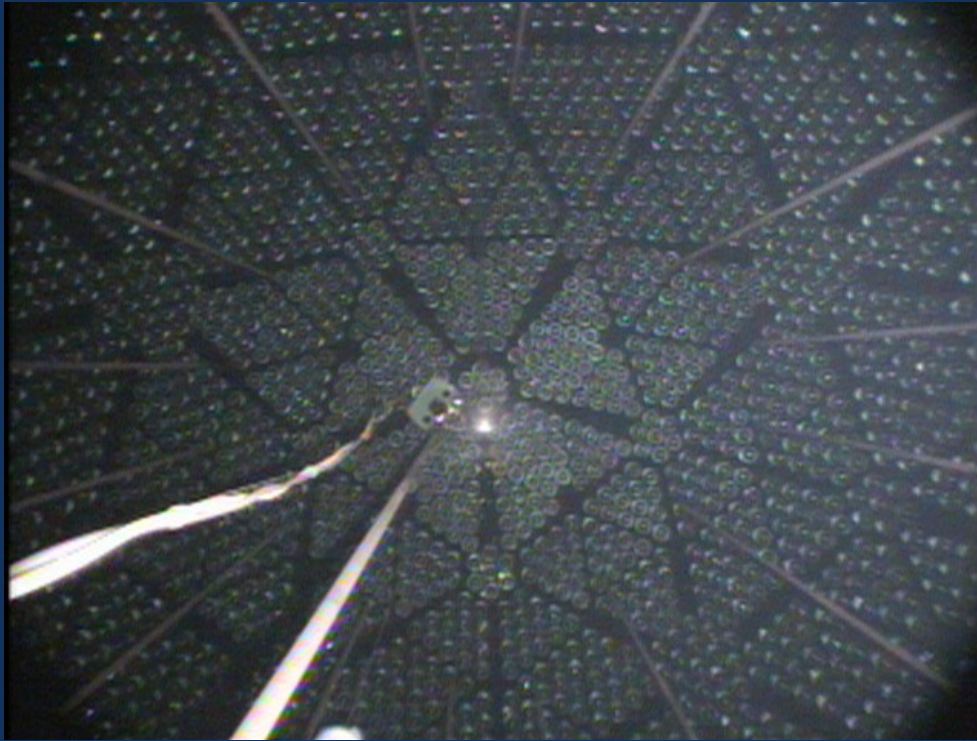
Excellent Agreement With the Solar Model Calculations

LESS THAN ONE CHANCE IN 10 MILLION FOR "NO CHANGE IN NEUTRINO TYPE"

SNO MEASUREMENTS IN 2001-02 PROVIDE A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION THAT NEUTRINOS CHANGE THEIR FLAVOR: 2/3 OF THE ELECTRON NEUTRINOS HAVE CHANGED TO MU, TAU NEUTRINOS ON THE WAY FROM THE SOLAR CORE TO EARTH.

SNO USED HEAVY WATER TO MEASURE TWO SEPARATE THINGS

# Phase 3: 400 m of Ultra Low Background Neutron Counters installed in the heavy water by a remotely controlled submarine



The original Submarine ...

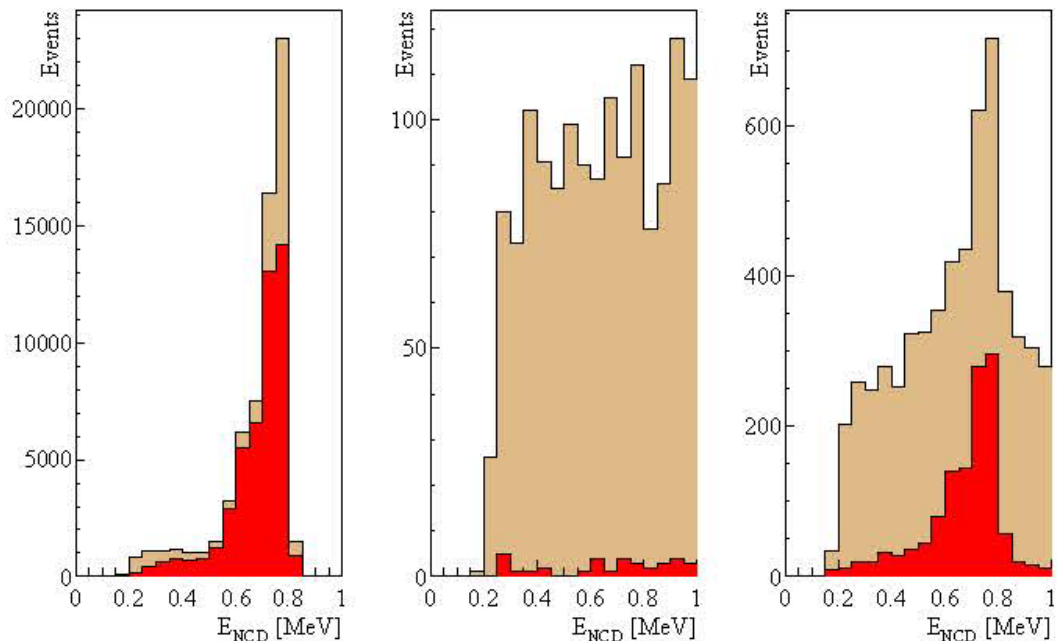
The Neutron Counters were made by chemical vapor deposition, creating very low-radioactivity nickel.



# Final Complete Analysis of SNO solar data

The SNO Collaboration (B. Aharmim et al) Phys. Rev. C 88, 025501 (2013)

## NCD pulse shape analysis to identify neutron events



**$^3\text{He}$  detectors:  
neutron source**

**$^4\text{He}$  detectors:  
alpha backgnd**

**$^3\text{He}$  detectors:  
neutrino data**

$$CC / NC = 0.317 \pm 0.016 (stat) \pm 0.009 (syst)$$

implies flavor change at far more than  $7 \sigma$  and shows that  $\theta_{12}$  is non-maximal by more than  $5 \sigma$ .

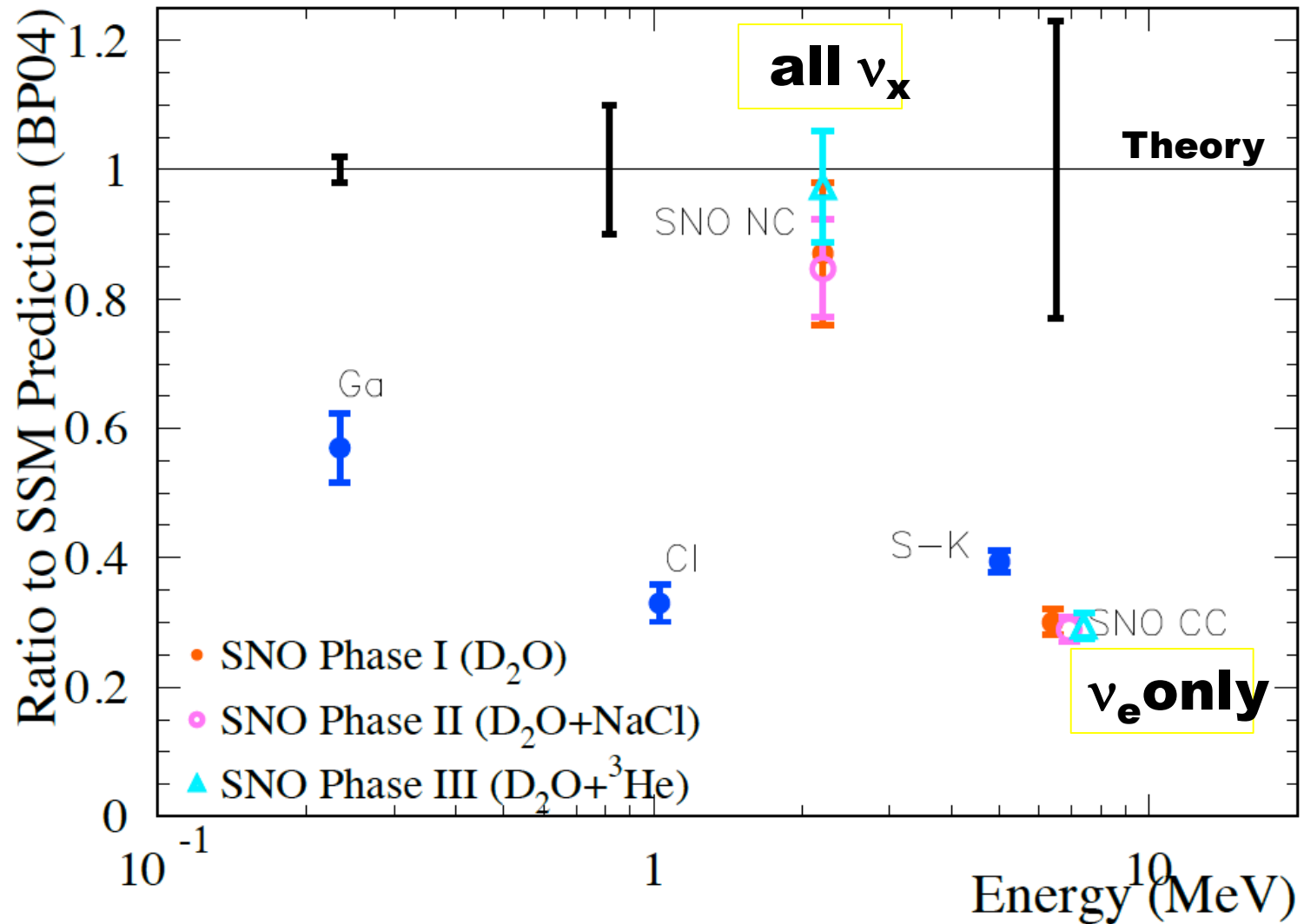
**Full joint analysis of solar data from all three phases provides best sensitivity with all correlations, backgrounds, systematic uncertainties included.**

**Individual results from all three phases are very consistent within uncertainties**

$$\Phi_{8B} = 5.25 \pm 0.16^{+0.11}_{-0.13}$$

**More accurate than current solar models and lying between the fluxes predicted for two values of metallicity in the sun**

# Solar Neutrino Problem Resolved

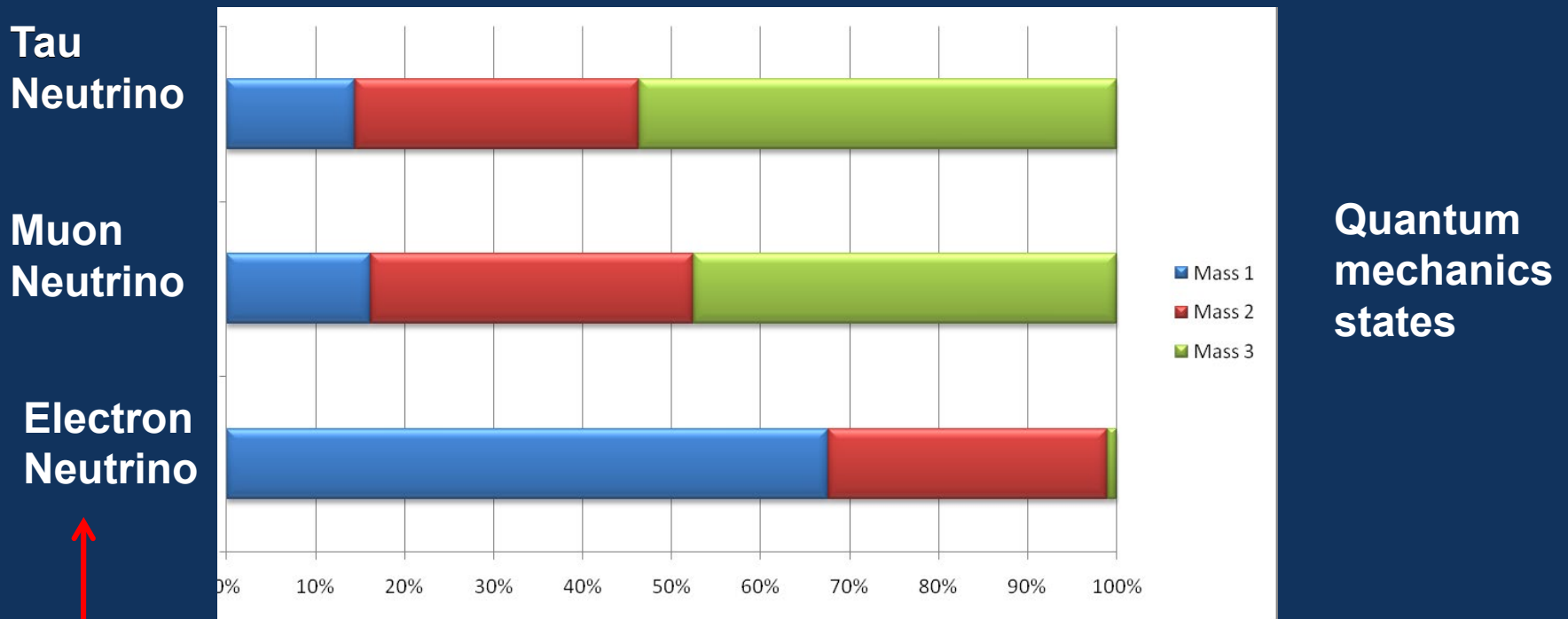


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# NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS AND NEUTRINO MASS

Neutrino Flavors (Electron, Muon, Tau) can be expressed as combinations of Masses (1,2,3)



Created in a unique Flavor State

The mass fractions change as the neutrino travels

After traveling there is a finite probability to be detected as a different flavor type



As of today: Oscillation of 3 massive active neutrinos is clearly the dominant effect:

If neutrinos have mass:  $|\nu_l\rangle = \sum U_{li} |\nu_i\rangle$

For 3 Active neutrinos.

Flavor (e, μ, τ)

Mass 1,2,3

$$U_{li} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata matrix**

(Double β decay only)

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i\delta} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\alpha_2/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i\alpha_3/2+i\delta} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Atmospheric, Accel.**   **CP Violating Phase**   **Reactor, Accel.**   **Solar, Reactor**   **Majorana CP Phases**

where  $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ , and  $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$

**Range defined for  $\Delta m_{12}, \Delta m_{23}$**

For two neutrino oscillation in a vacuum: (a valid approximation in many cases)

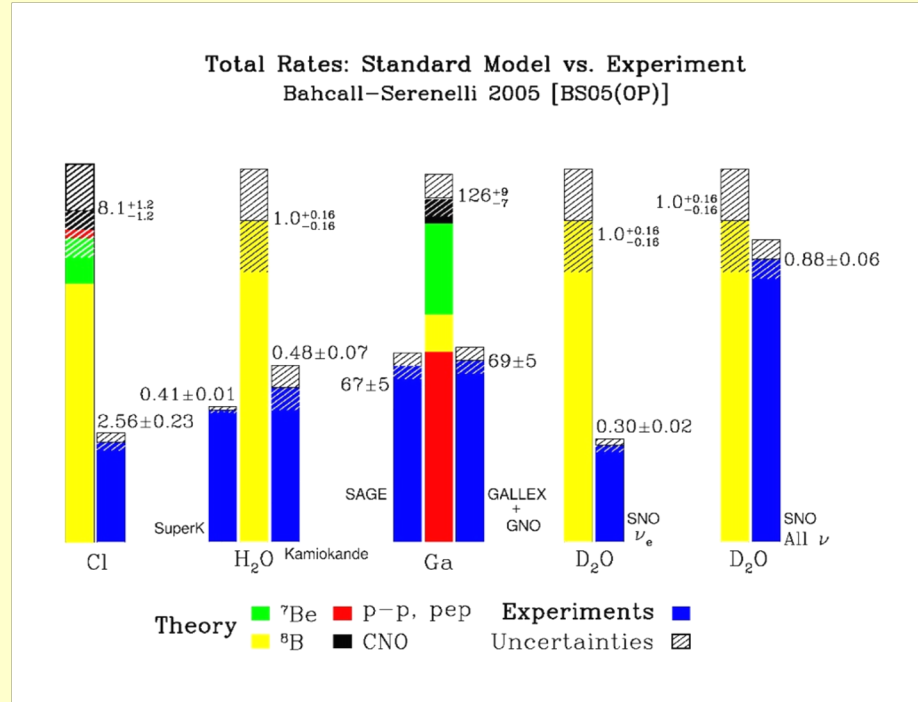
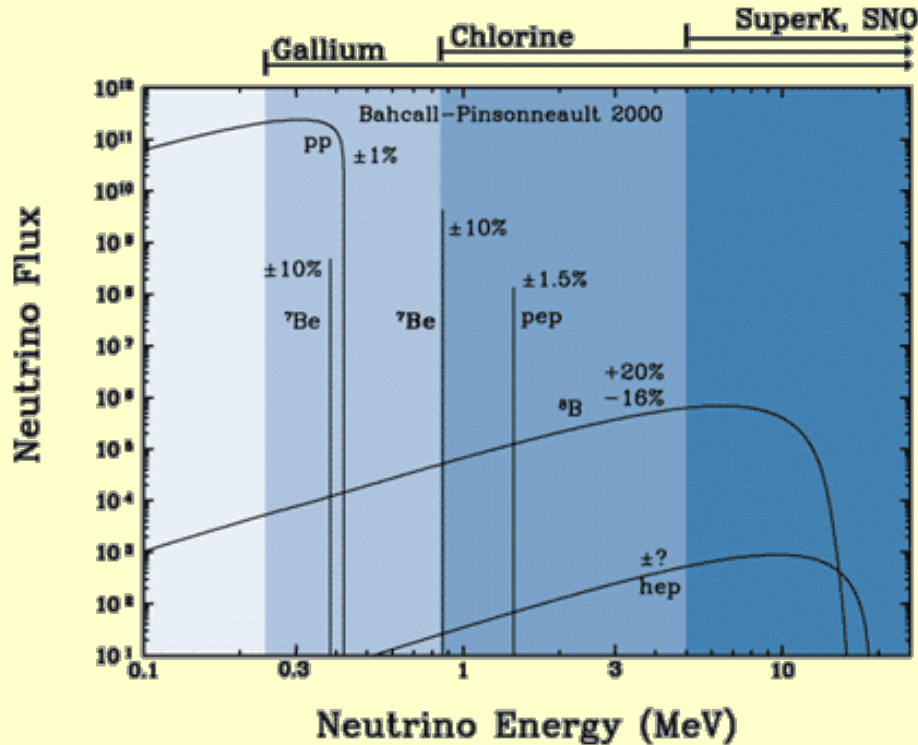
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left( 1.27 \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{E} \right)$$

**Interactions with high electron density can influence the process in the sun and the earth**

# Combining SNO with other solar measurements

## Solar Fluxes: Bahcall et al

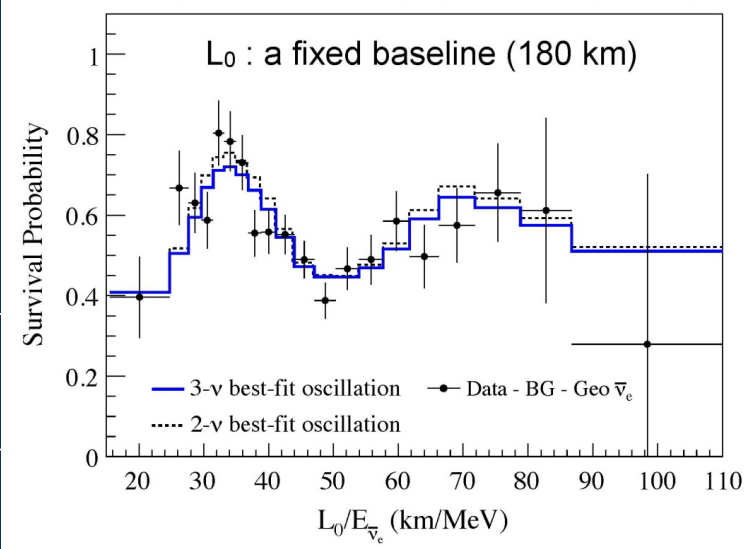
## Experiment vs Solar Models



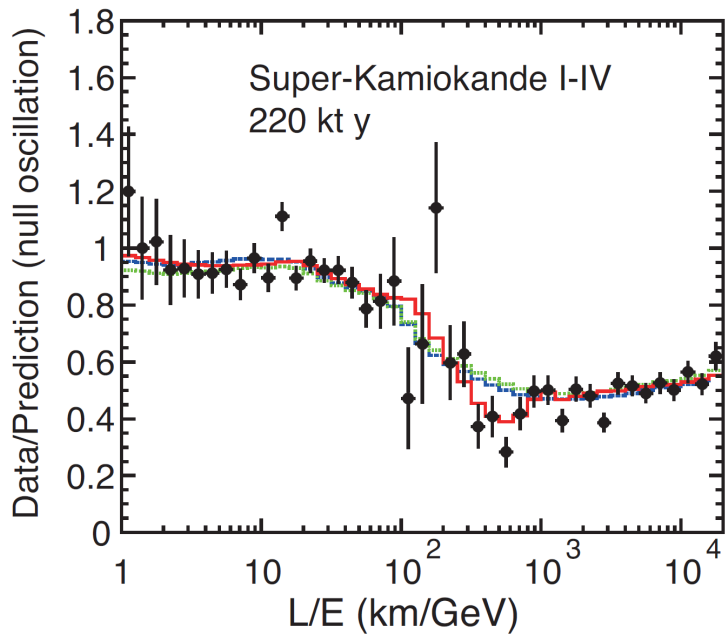
The analysis concludes that the electron neutrinos are converted to a pure Mass 2 state by interaction with the dense electrons in the sun via the Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein (MSW) effect. This interaction determines that Mass 2 is greater than Mass 1 as well as determining  $\Delta m_{12}^2$  and the mixing parameter  $\theta_{12}$ .

# Oscillation Patterns (Various Neutrino Sources)

KamLAND  
Reactor  
Neutrinos

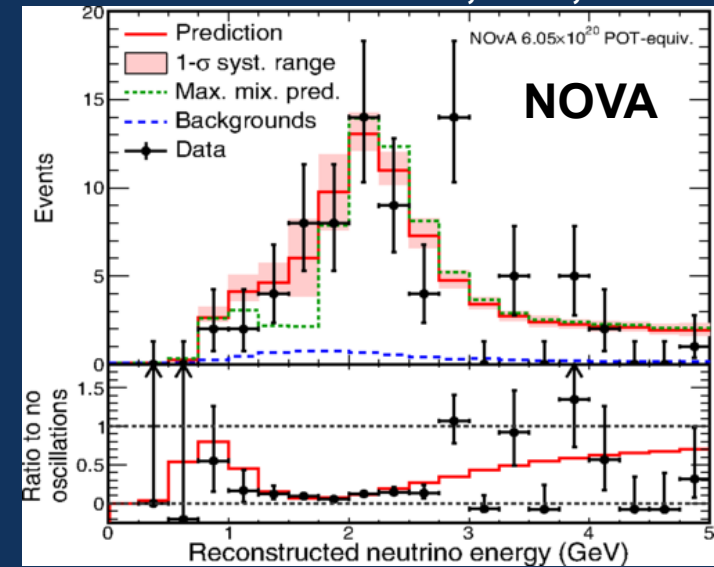


Atmospheric Neutrinos: SuperKamiokande,  
Oscillation reported 1998: Nobel Prize: Kajita 2015



$\nu_\mu$  oscillation  
Disfavored:  
Neutrino  
decay,  
Decoherence

Accelerator Neutrinos: NOVA, T2K, MINOS

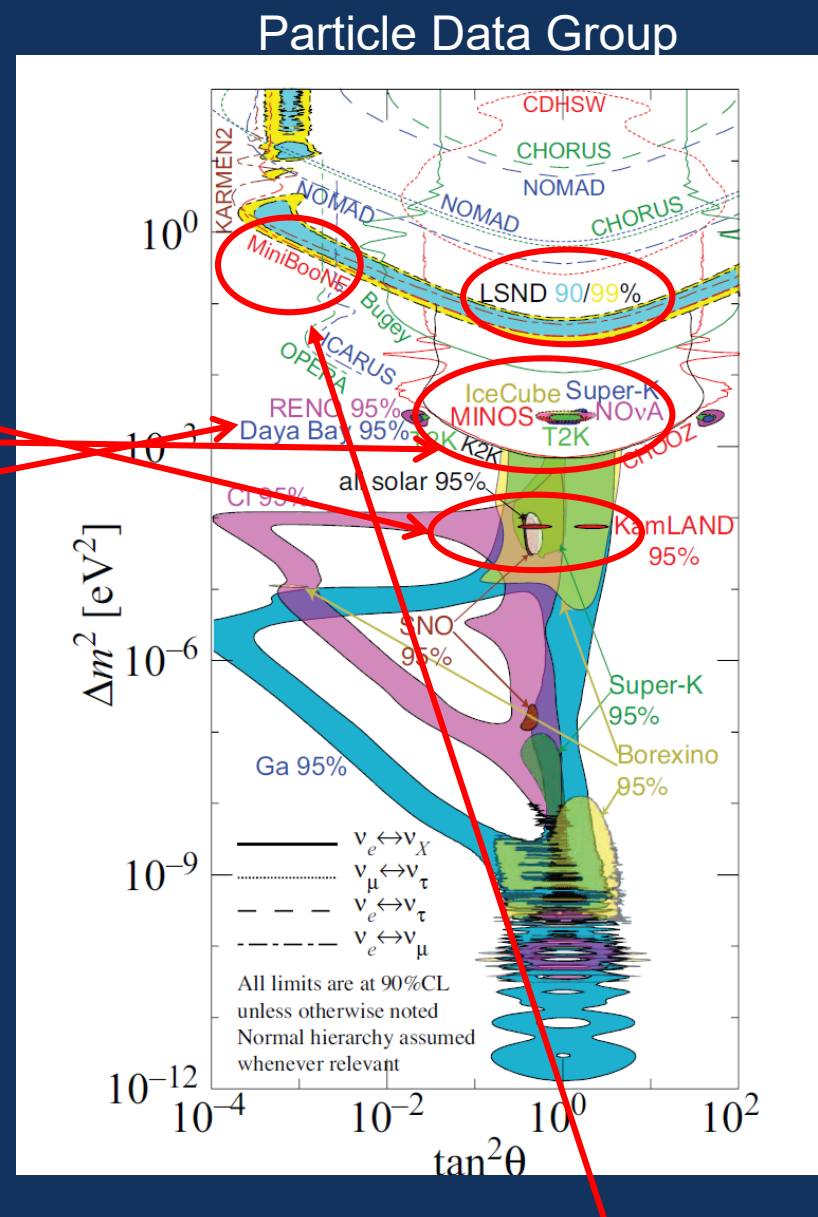
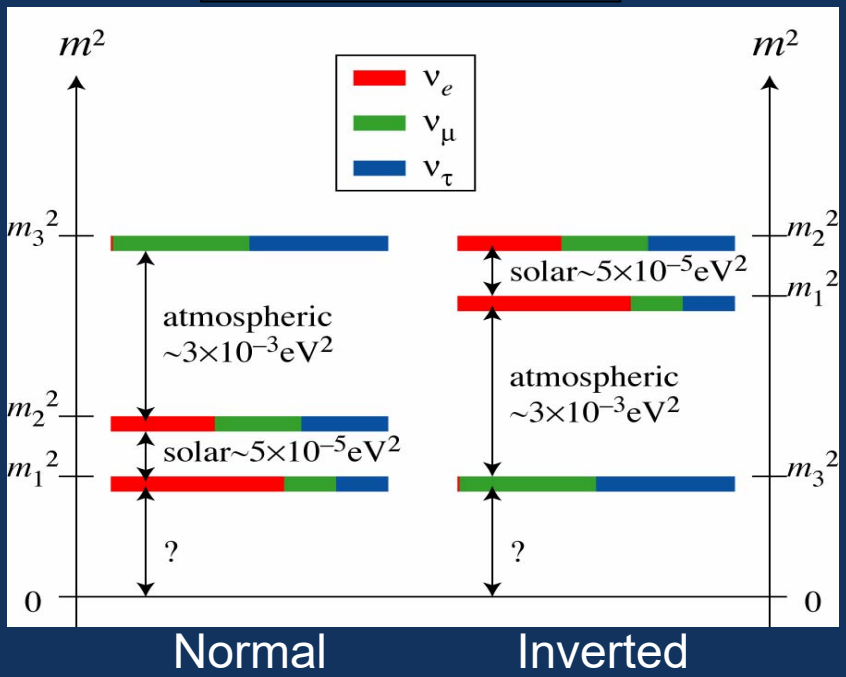


Such oscillations can only occur if neutrinos have the ability to “sense” elapsed time in their rest frame and change type as time evolves. If they can do that, Einstein’s theory of relativity requires that they travel at slightly less than the speed of light and thus have a finite rest mass.

# SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR THREE ACTIVE $\nu$ TYPES

Parameter	best-fit	$3\sigma$
$\Delta m_{21}^2$ [ $10^{-5}$ eV <sup>2</sup> ]	7.37	6.93 – 7.97
$ \Delta m^2 $ [ $10^{-3}$ eV <sup>2</sup> ]	2.50 (2.46)	2.37 – 2.63 (2.33 – 2.60)
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.297	0.250 – 0.354
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}, \Delta m^2 > 0$	0.437	0.379 – 0.616
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}, \Delta m^2 < 0$	0.569	0.383 – 0.637
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}, \Delta m^2 > 0$	0.0214	0.0185 – 0.0246
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}, \Delta m^2 < 0$	0.0218	0.0186 – 0.0248
$\delta/\pi$	1.35 (1.32)	(0.92 – 1.99) ((0.83 – 1.99))

## Mass Hierarchies



Future objectives: Majorana  $\nu$ ?, absolute mass,  $\delta_{CP}$ , hierarchy,  $\theta_{23}$  max? sterile  $\nu$ ?

**DUNE**



Where did all the Anti-matter go?  
(Neutrino Properties: Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay)

What is the Absolute Neutrino Mass? It influences formation of stars, galaxies  
(Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay)

Impact of Future underground experiments

# THE BIG BANG THEORY

	<b>TIME BEGINS</b>		<b>ONE SECOND</b>			<b>PRESENT DAY</b>
Time	$10^{-43}$ sec.	$10^{-32}$ sec.	$10^{-6}$ sec.	3 min.	300,000 yrs.	15 billion yrs.
Temperature		$10^{27}$ °C	$10^{13}$ °C	$10^8$ °C	$10,000$ °C	$-270$ °C

- 1** The cosmos goes through a superfast "inflation," expanding from the size of an atom to that of a grapefruit in a tiny fraction of a second
- 2** Post-inflation, the universe is a seething, hot soup of electrons, quarks and other particles
- 3** A rapidly cooling cosmos permits quarks to clump into protons and neutrons
- 4** Still too hot to form into atoms, charged electrons and protons prevent light from shining; the universe is a superhot fog
- 5** Electrons combine with protons and neutrons to form atoms, mostly hydrogen and helium. Light can finally shine
- 6** Gravity makes hydrogen and helium gas coalesce to form the giant clouds that will become galaxies; smaller clumps of gas collapse to form the first stars
- 7** As galaxies cluster together under gravity, the first stars die and spew heavy elements into space; these will eventually form into new stars and planets

A Major Question: what are the Dark Matter particles making up 26% of the Universe?

NOTE: The numbers in cosmology are so great and the numbers in subatomic physics are so small it is often necessary to express them in exponential form. Ten multiplied by itself, or 100, is written as  $10^2$ . One divided by itself, or  $10^{-1}$ , is written as  $10^{-1}$ .  $10^{-43}$  is written as  $10^{-43}$ .  $10^{27}$  is written as  $10^{27}$ .  $10^{13}$  is written as  $10^{13}$ .  $10^8$  is written as  $10^8$ .  $10,000$  is written as  $10^4$ .  $10^{-270}$  is written as  $10^{-270}$ . Source: The Birth of the Universe; The Kingfisher Young People's Book of Space TIME Graphic by Ed Gallo

# Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay: SNO+

Replace the heavy water in SNO with organic liquid scintillator (LAB) plus Te (~4 ton). Liquid is lighter than water so the Acrylic Vessel must be held down.

Existing  
AV Support  
Ropes

AV Hold Down  
Ropes

“SNO  
RELOADED”

1 year of data with pure water. Filling with LAB. Te (Diol) to be installed in 2020.



# The SNO+ collaboration



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Black Hills S.U.  
U. Armstrong Atlantic  
U. Chicago  
U. North Carolina  
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120 members of 23 institutions over 6 countries

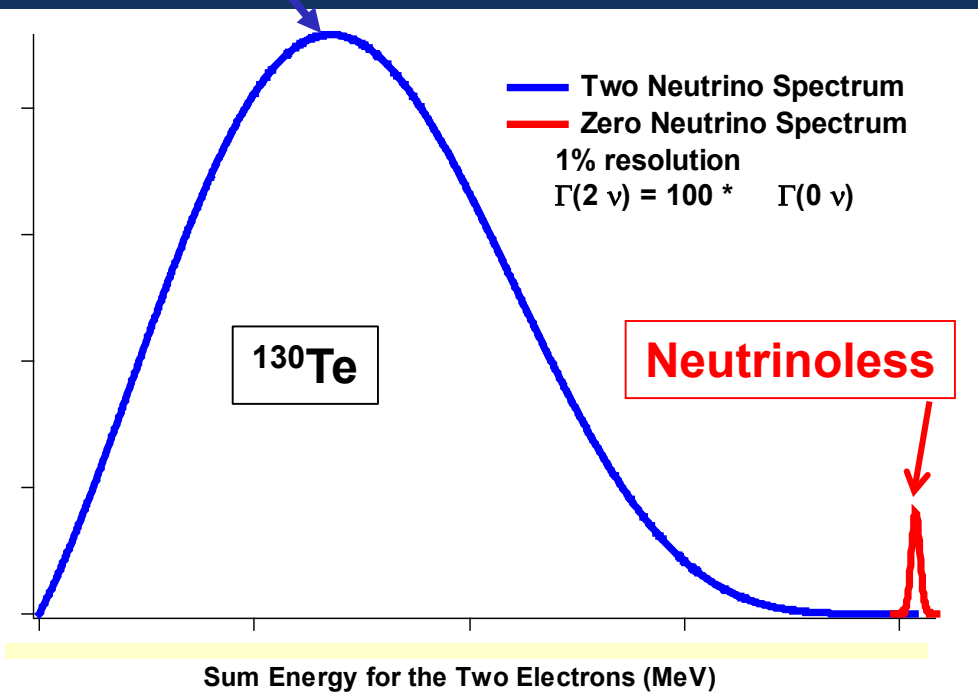
# $\nu$ -less Double Beta Decay: Measuring Effective $\nu$ Mass

$$(\mathbf{T}_{1/2})^{-1} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{Q}_{\beta\beta}, \mathbf{Z}) |\mathbf{M}^{0\nu}|^2 \langle \mathbf{m}_{\nu\beta\beta} \rangle^2$$

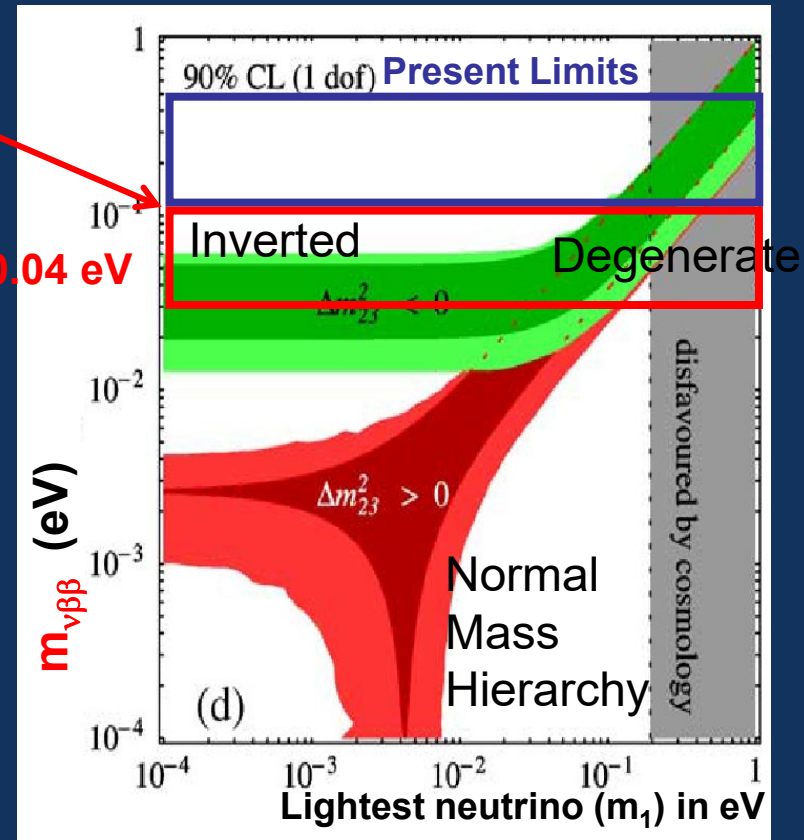
Additional phases

$$\mathbf{m}_{\nu\beta\beta} = |m_1 \cos^2\theta_{13} \cos^2\theta_{12} + m_2 e^{2i\alpha} \cos^2\theta_{13} \sin^2\theta_{12} + m_3 e^{2i\beta} \sin^2\theta_{13}|$$

2  $\nu$   
Emission

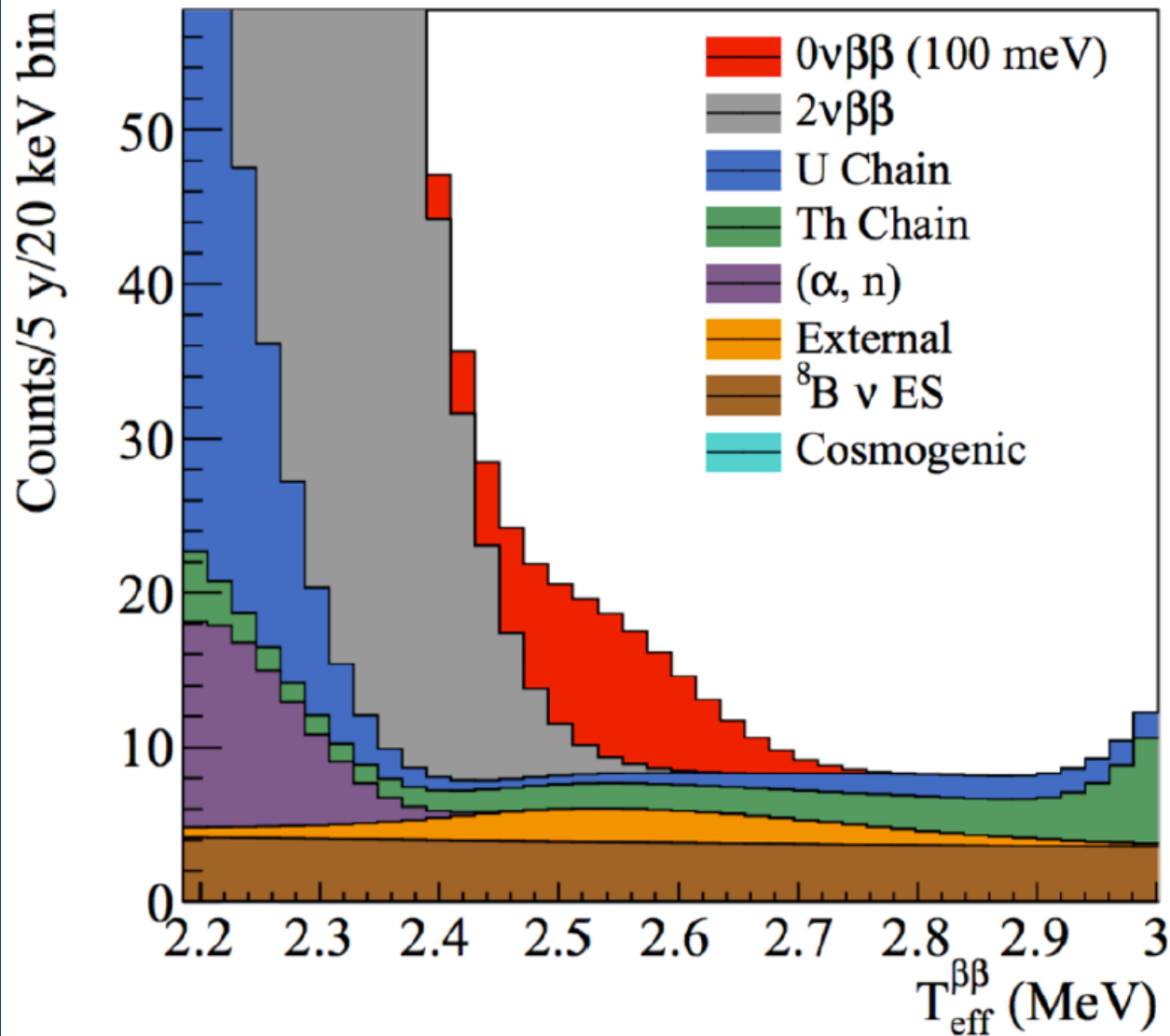


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Requires: Neutrinos to be their own antiparticle (Majorana particles)

- Finite  $\nu$  mass: Lifetimes  $> \sim 10^{26}$  years imply  $\nu$  mass  $< 0.1$  eV



**1 year of operation with pure water, looking for nucleon decay in oxygen. Now filling with liquid scintillator. Te projected for 2020.**

SNO+

5 years at 0.5%

Te Loading:

1300 kg  $^{130}\text{Te}$

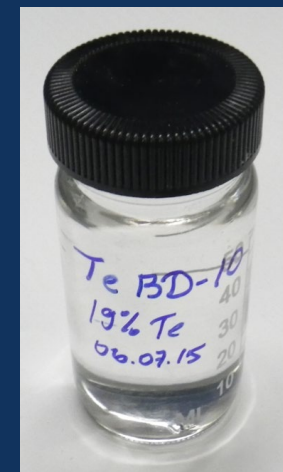
$T_{1/2} > 2 \times 10^{26}$  yr  
(90% CL)

$m_{\beta\beta} < 36-90$  meV

Phase II ??

5.0%  $^{130}\text{Te}$

HQE PMT's

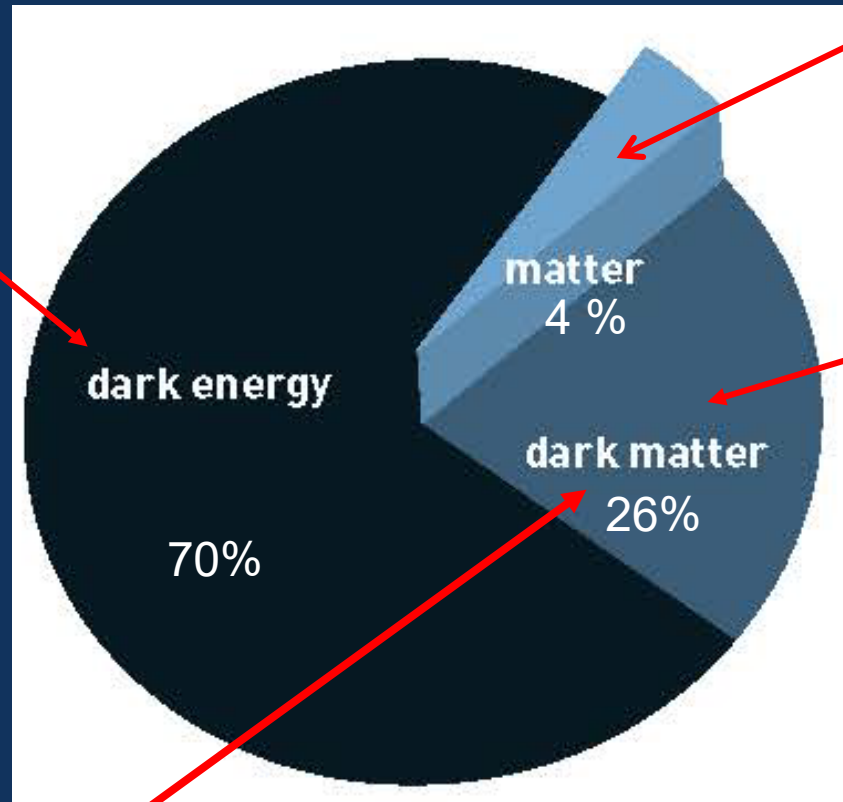
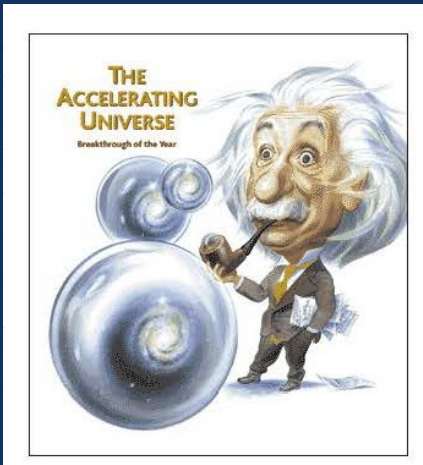




# Composition of the Universe as we understand it today

(Very different than 20 years ago thanks to very sensitive astronomical and astrophysical experiments such as measurements of the cosmic microwave background, large scale structure and distant supernovae.)

Responsible for accelerating the Universe's expansion



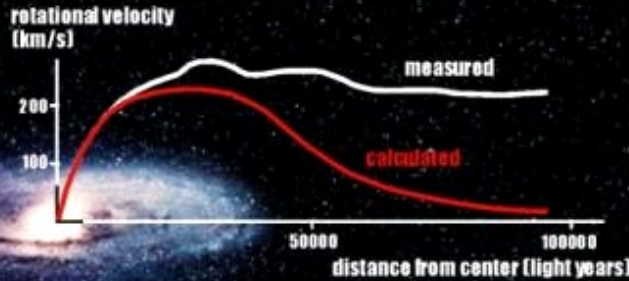
US!!!

Neutrinos Are only a few %

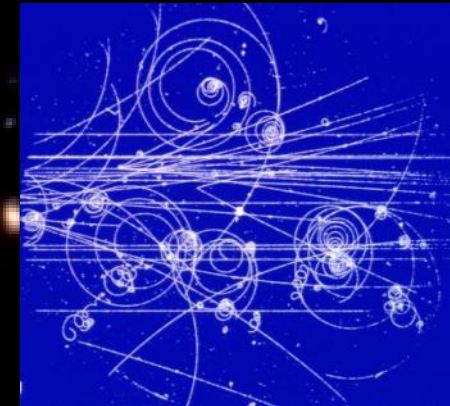
With underground labs we look for Dark Matter particles left from the Big Bang, with ultra-low radioactive background.

At CERN Accelerator: Try to create it for the first time since the Big Bang

# Dark Matter



Not observed in  
accelerator  
experiments:

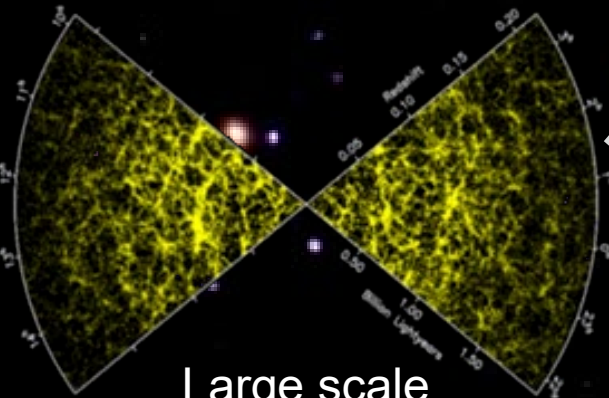


Here, but not yet  
observed directly in  
nature: **Weakly  
interacting**

**WIMP**  
(Weakly  
Interacting  
Massive Particle)

Interaction with  
ordinary matter:  
**Nuclear Recoils**  
(most  
backgrounds:  
electron recoils)

Predicted by SUSY:  
**Neutralino**  
Universal extra  
dimensions:  
**Kaluza-Klein  
particles**



Large scale  
structure of the  
Universe:  
**Slowly moving ('cold')**

# SNOLAB

DEAP 3300 kg Ar,  
MiniCLEAN 500 kg Ar: **Dark Matter**

Cube Hall

New large scale project.

Very low Cosmic  $\mu$  fluxes at 2 km depth

HALO SuperNovae

Phase II Cryopit

Now: NEWS-G,  
DAMIC: **Dark Matter**

Now: PICO-60, PICO-40:  
Future: PICO-500 **Dark Matter**

CUTE, SuperCDMS: **Dark Matter**

SNO+: Double Beta,  
solar, geoneutrinos

**New Area**

Low Background counting facility

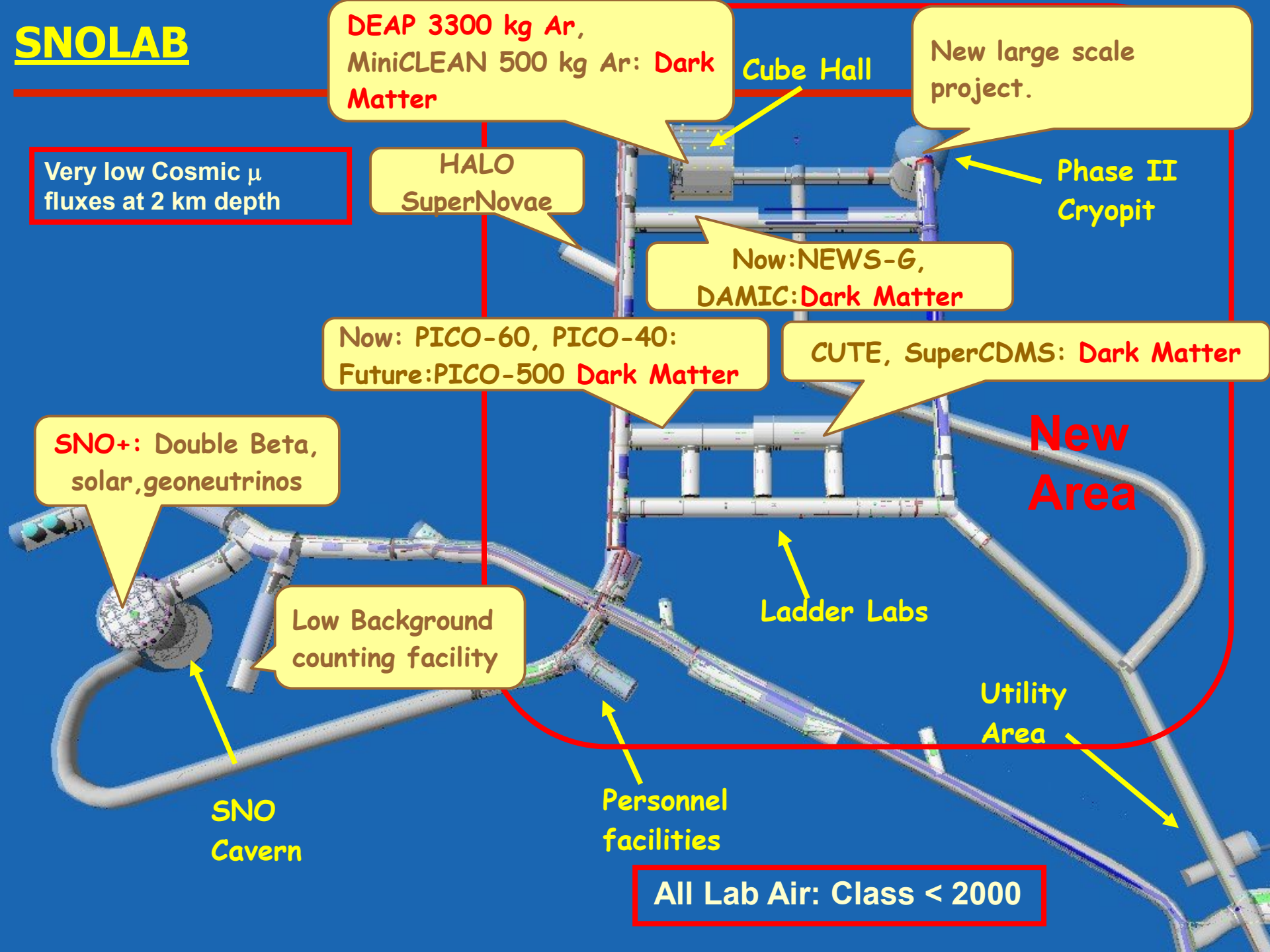
Ladder Labs

Utility Area

SNO Cavern

Personnel facilities

All Lab Air: Class < 2000





**SNOLAB  
Experimental Area**

**Stephen Hawking  
and fans observing  
the CRYOPIT area in  
September 2012**

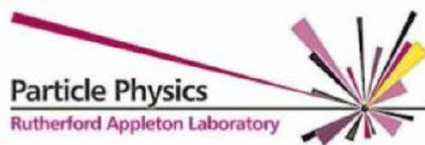




# DEAP-3600 Collaboration



**DEAP Collaboration: 75 researchers in Canada, UK, Mexico and Germany**



Canadian Nuclear Laboratories  
Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens



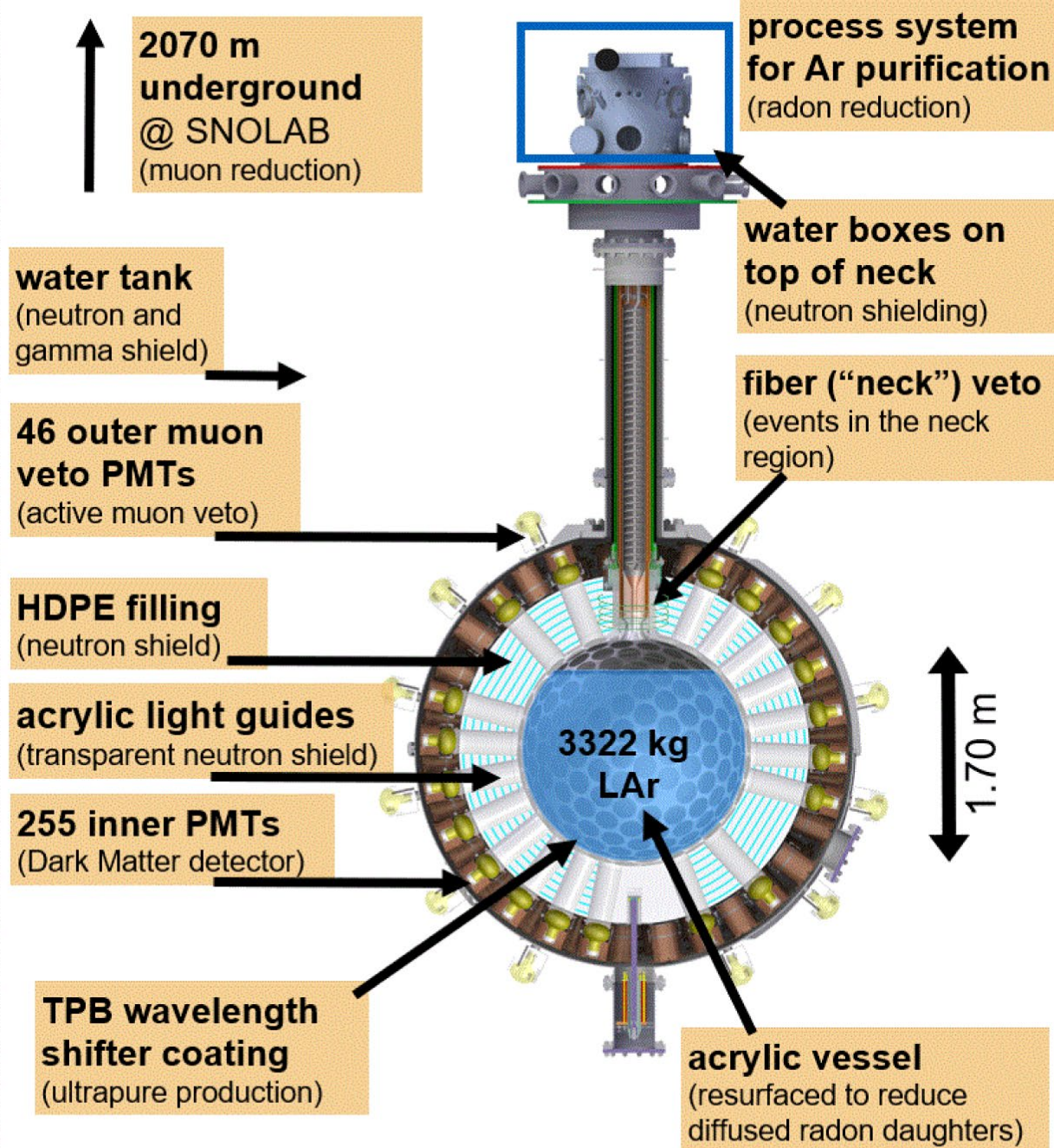
**TRIUMF**



**+ recent new DarkSide collaborators from 6 institutions**



# DEAP-3600

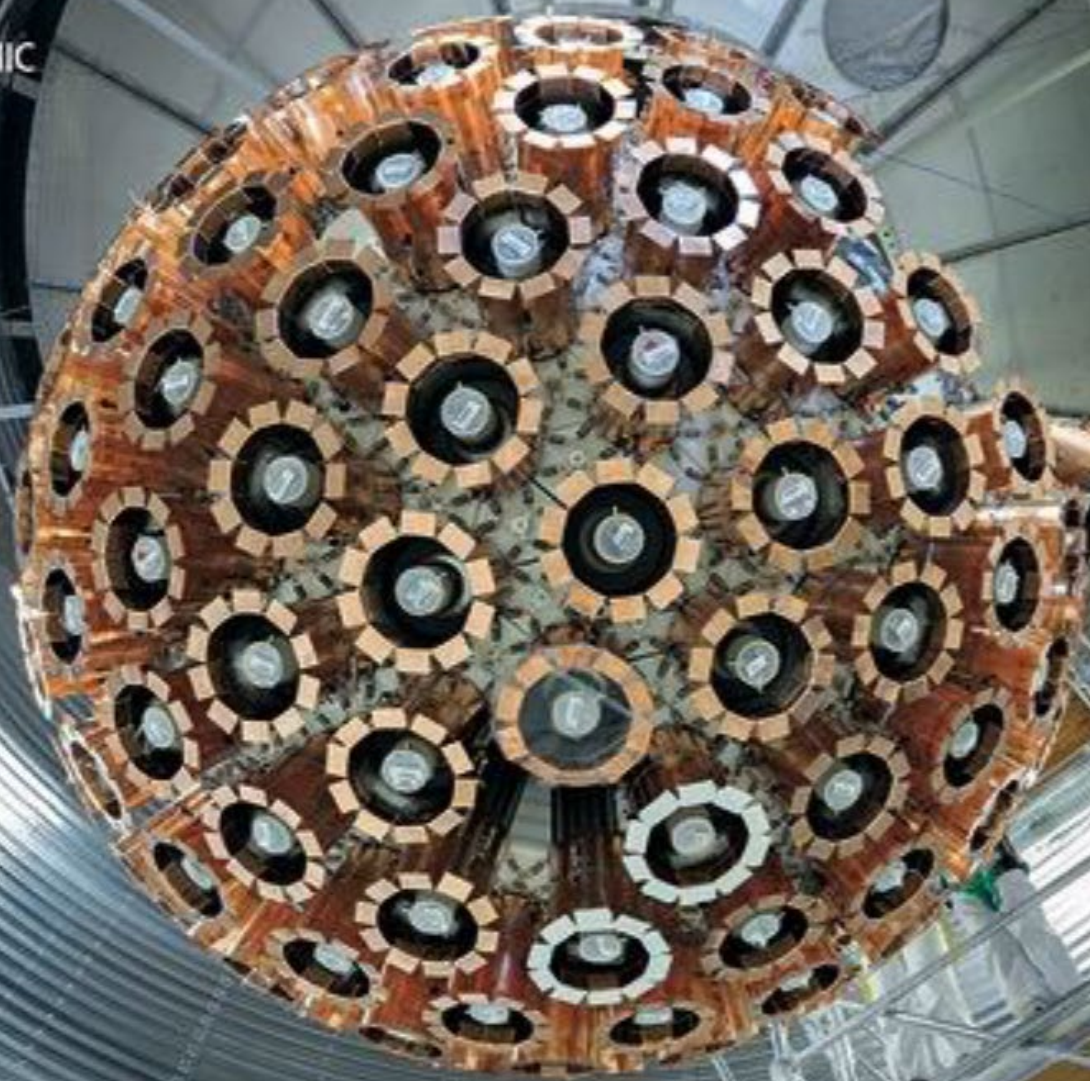


- **Single phase liquid argon (LAr)** target (new concept)
- Detection of **scintillation** light
- Goal: **< 1 background event** in 3000 kg x yr fiducial exposure
- Sensitivity for spin-independent WIMP-nucleon cross-section:  **$10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2$**  (@100 GeV)

## Hardware design concepts for background mitigation:

- Deep underground
- Active muon veto
- Onion-layer passive shielding
- Resurfacing of acrylic vessel to remove diffused radon
- Neutrons from PMTs shielded by long transparent acrylic light guides

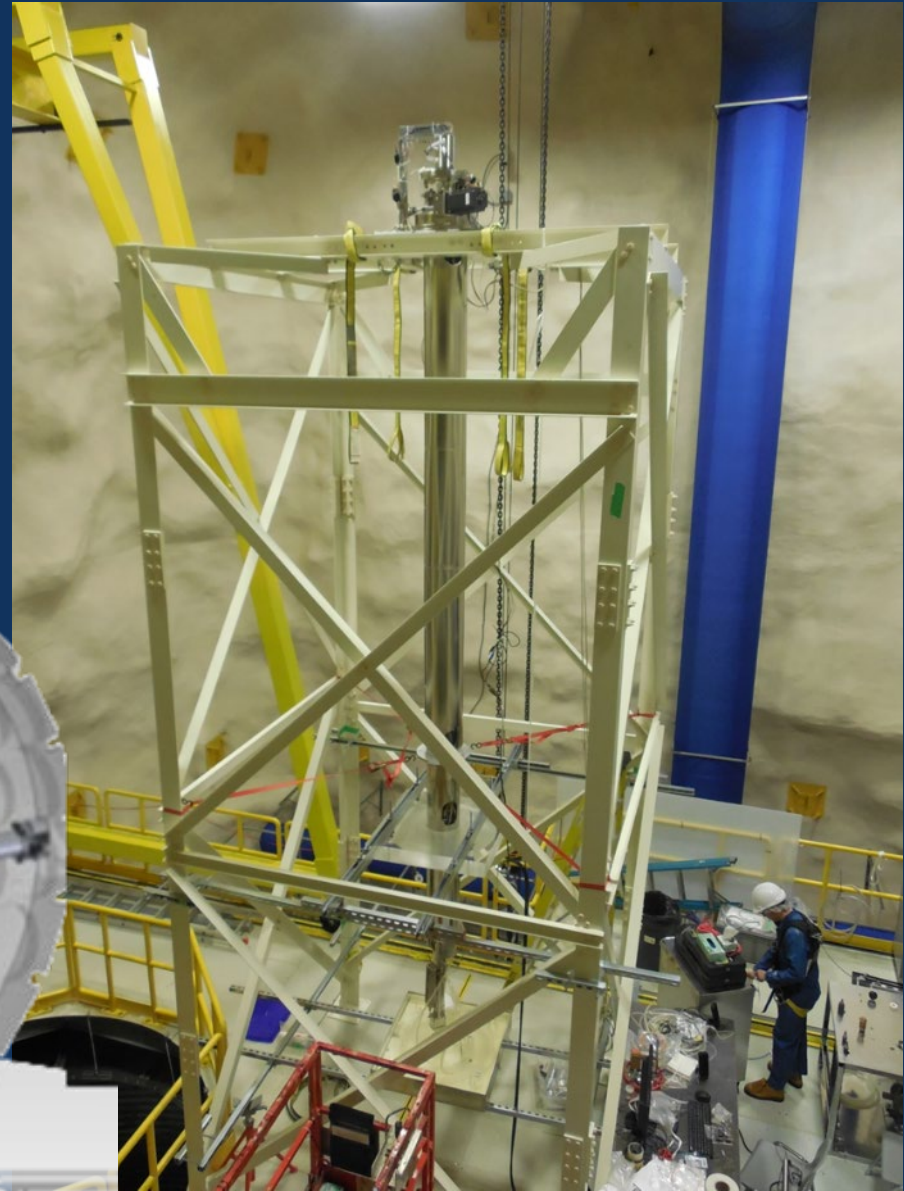
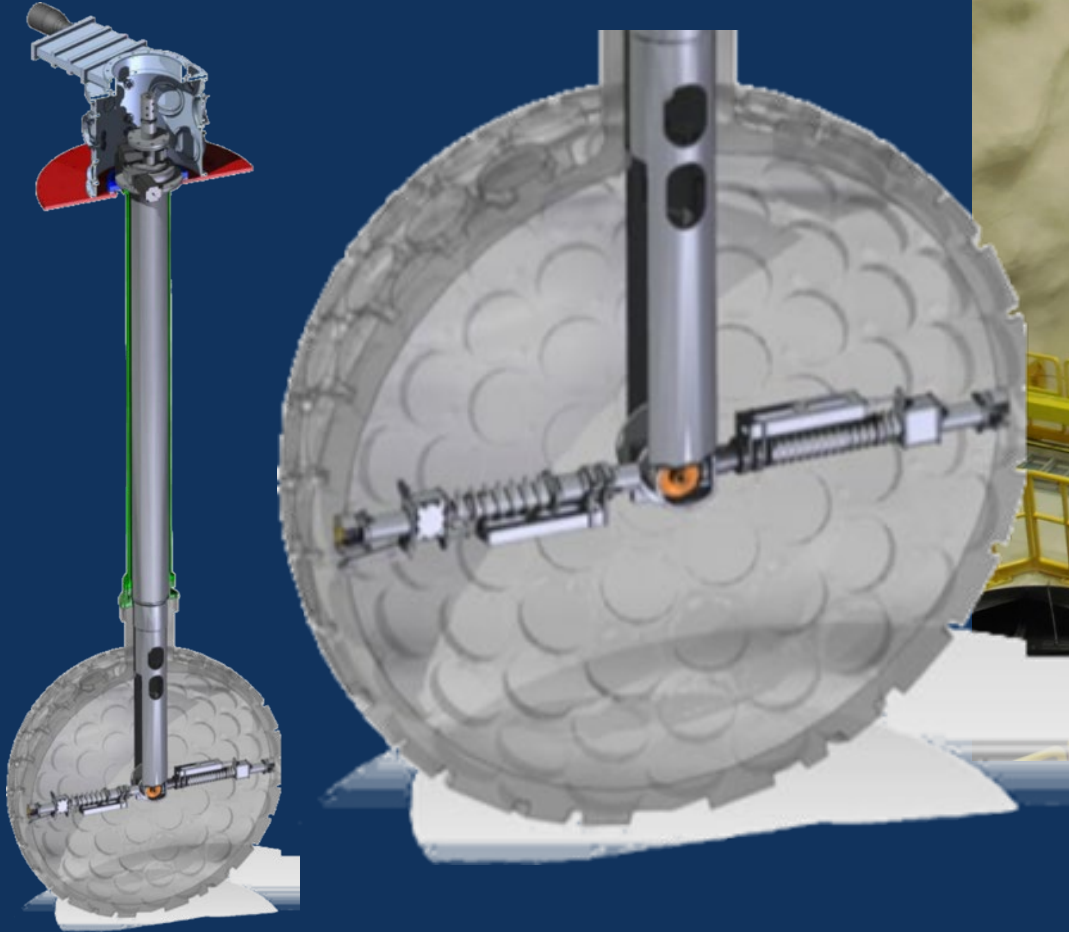






# Acrylic Vessel Resurfacers

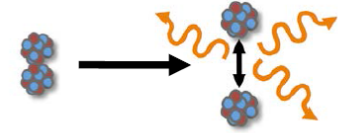
- Mechanical sander to clean inner surface
- Components selected for low radon emanation
- Remove 0.5-mm surface *in situ* with N<sub>2</sub> purge
- Cleans surface to bulk-level impurities (order 100,000 cleaner than SNO vessel)



# Experimental Signature: Pulse Shape Discrimination

Ar scintillation:

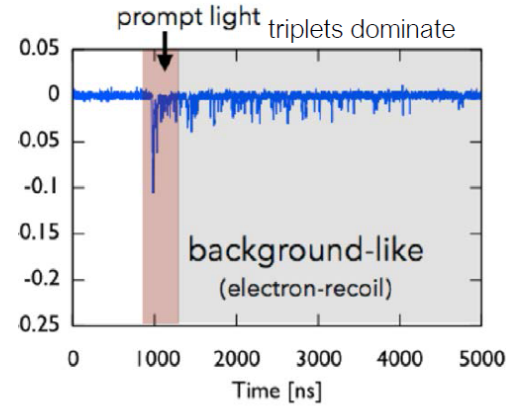
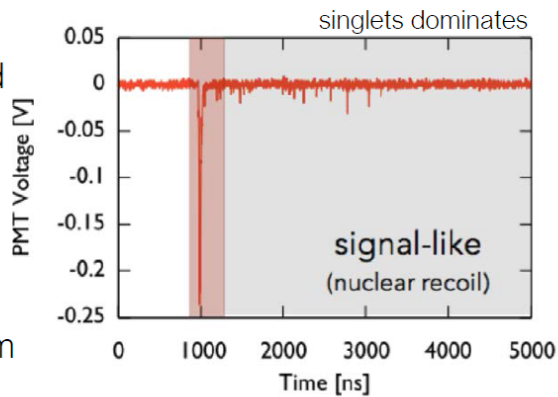
- excimers are created



- singlet: 6 ns

- triplet: 1300 ns

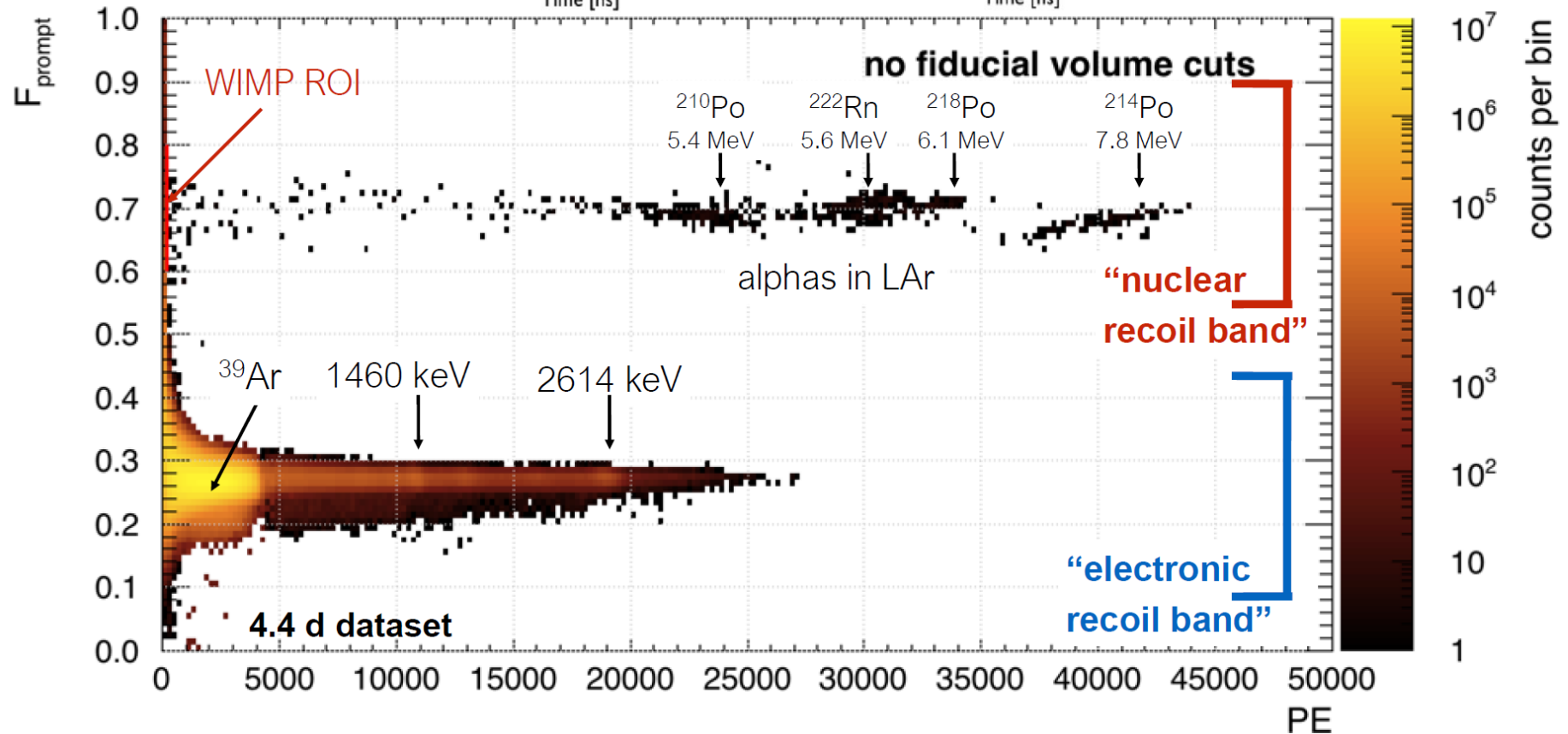
- wavelength: 128 nm



Pulse shape discrimination (PSD) parameter:

$$F_{\text{prompt}} = \frac{\text{prompt light (150 ns)}}{\text{total light (10000 ns)}}$$

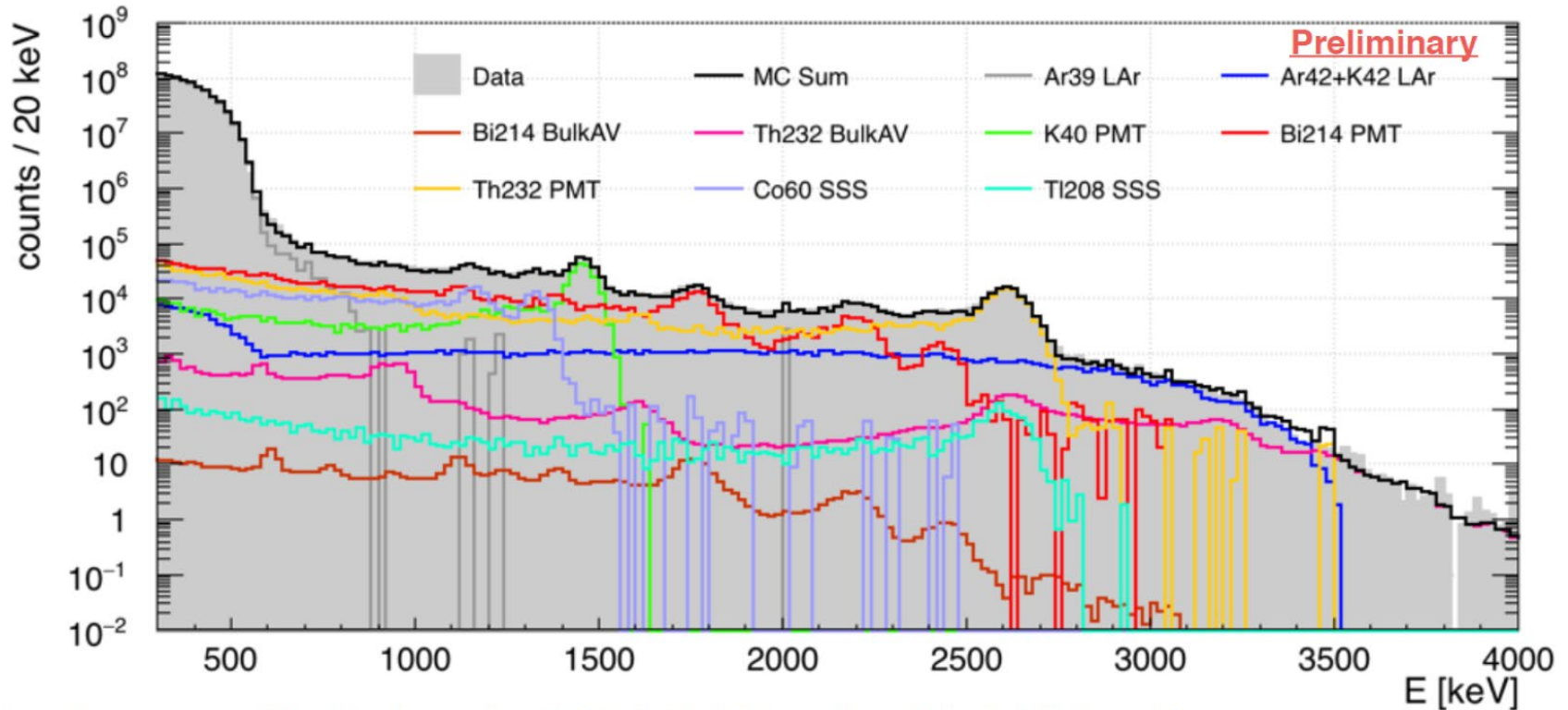
factor  $10^{10}$  separation





# Gamma and Beta Background Model

Background Model in ER Band ( $0.2 < f_{\text{prompt}} < 0.4$ ) MC components scaled to radioassay data



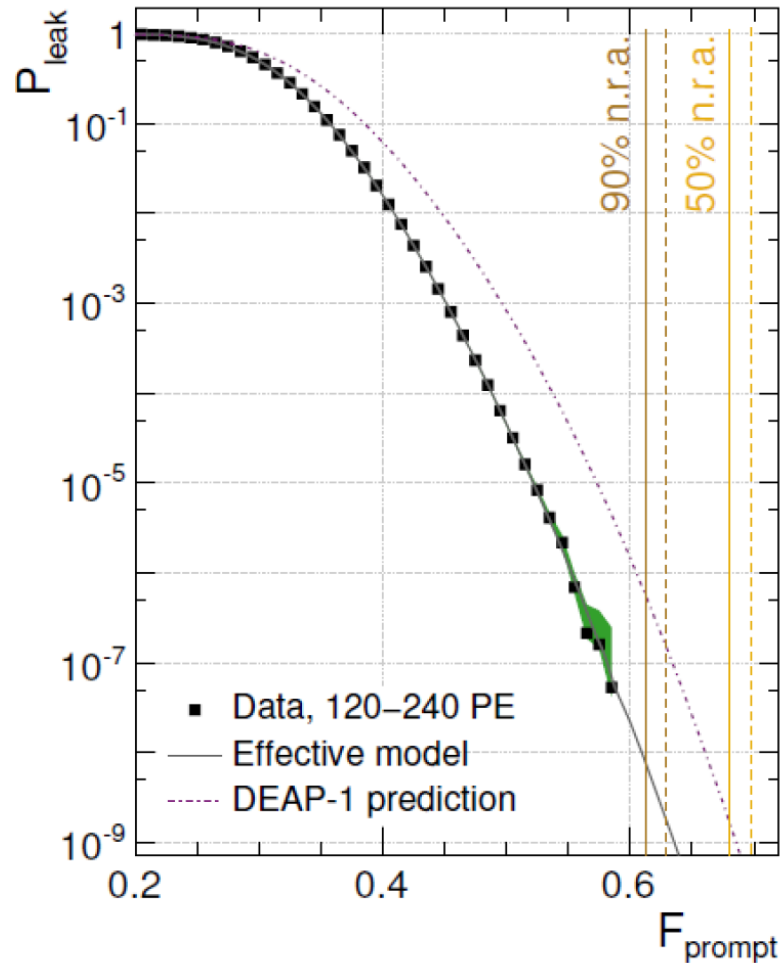
- Empiric energy calibration based on 1460 keV ( $^{40}\text{K}$ ) and 2614 keV ( $^{208}\text{Tl}$ ) peak
- Scaling of MC simulations to known screening / literature values (this is not a fit)
- Low energy region ( $< 0.5$  MeV) dominated by  $^{39}\text{Ar}$
- Mid energy region (0.5 - 2.6 MeV) dominated by gammas from outside components (mainly PMT glass)
- High energy region ( $> 2.6$  MeV) dominated by  $^{42}\text{K}$  and by close  $^{208}\text{Tl}$  sources

- **Gamma line measurements can be used to constrain ( $\alpha, n$ ) neutron production within a factor of 2**

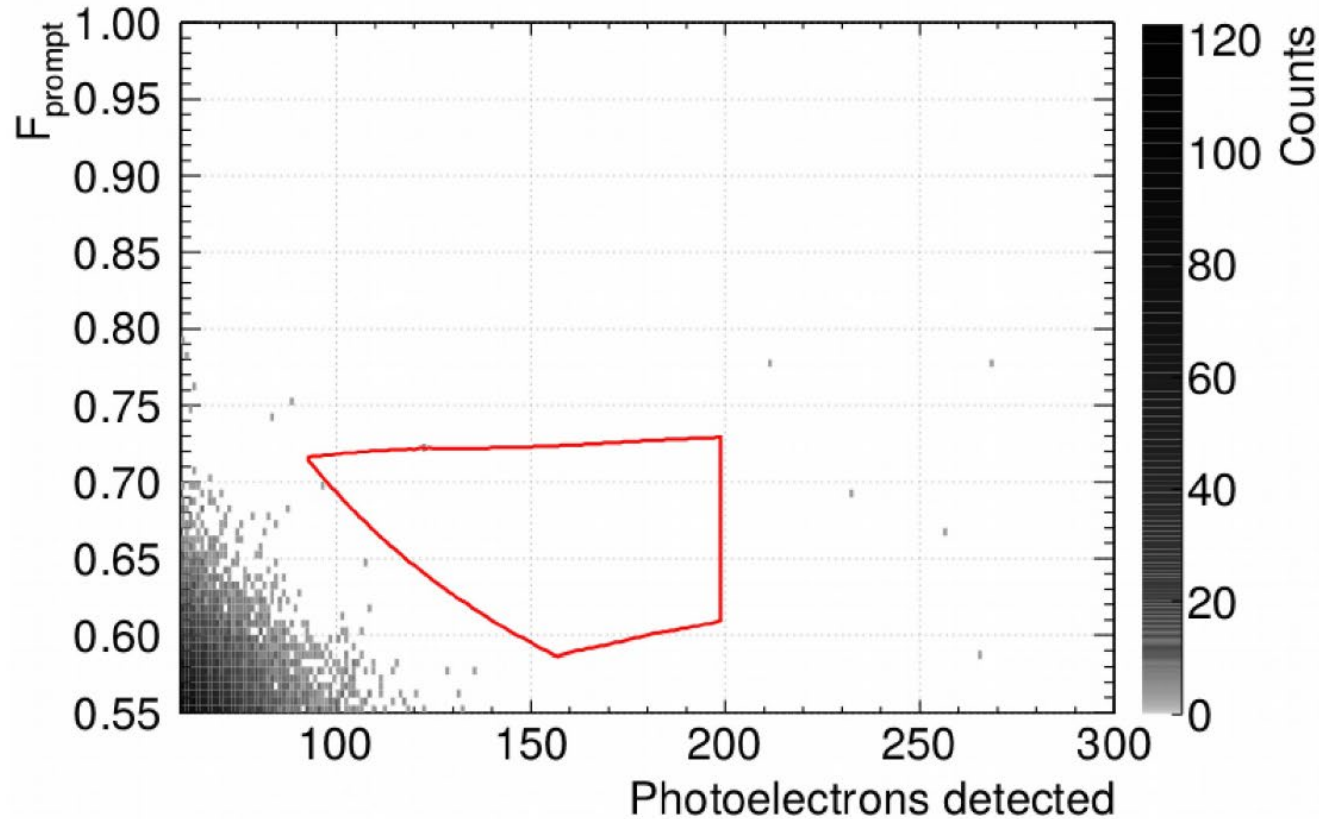
# Pulse-Shape Discrimination in DEAP-3600

**Fraction of the data leaking above a given value of  $F_{\text{prompt}}$**

**Vertical lines show 90% and 50% acceptance for nuclear recoils**



# After all cuts, no WIMP-like signals

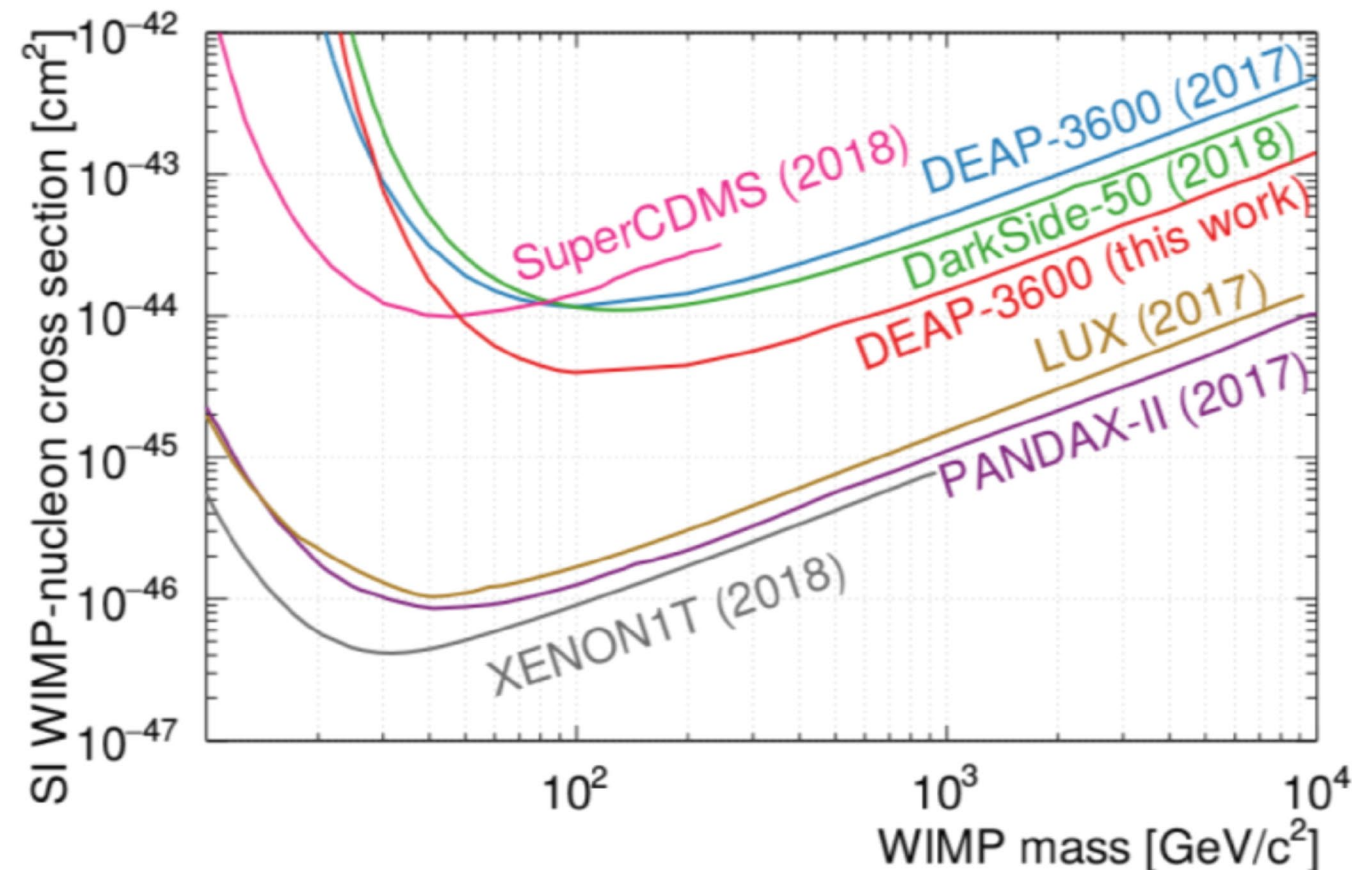


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824 kg fiducial mass

0 events in ROI

# Most sensitive WIMP search to date with LAr target



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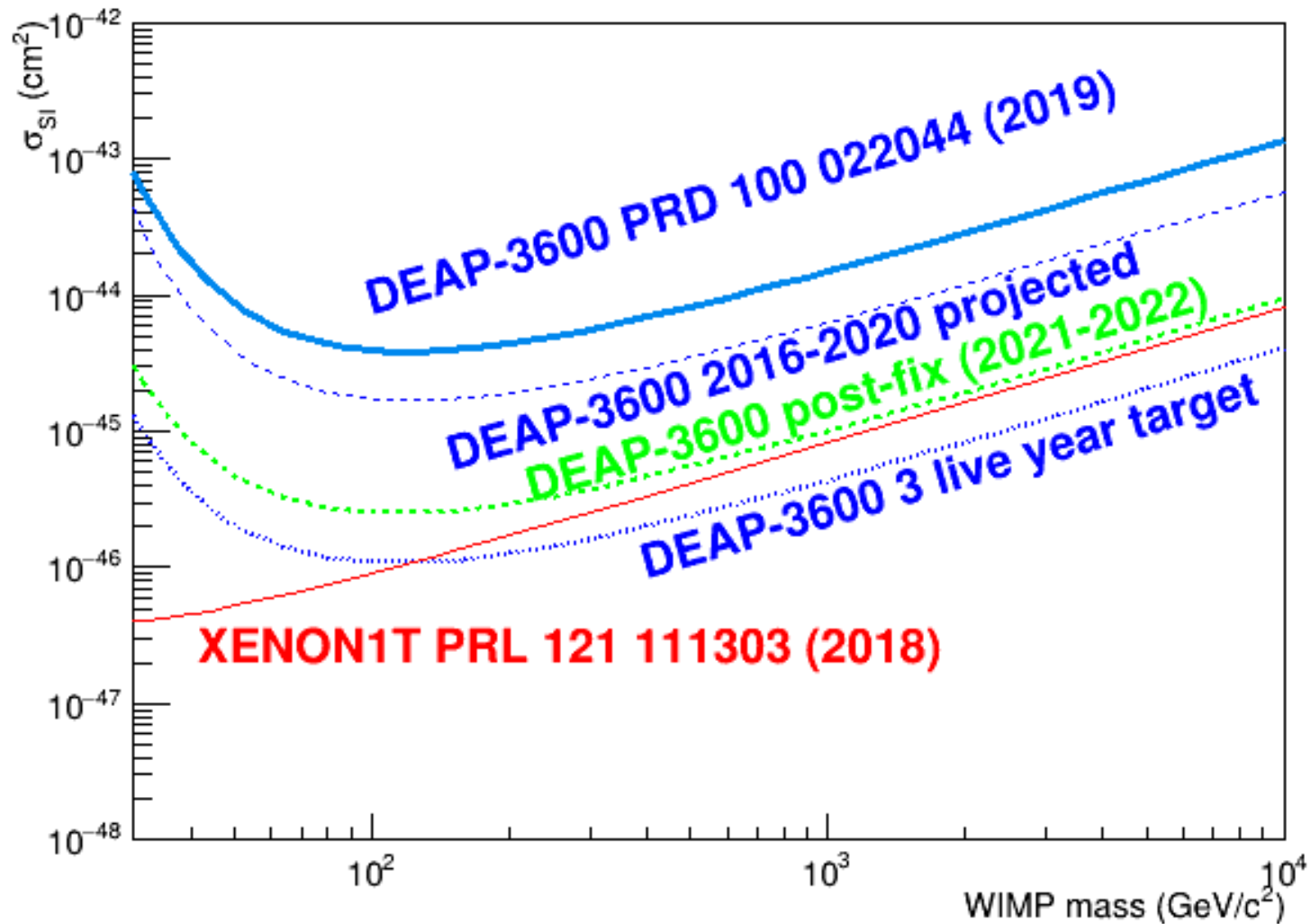
Exclude S.I. WIMP-nucleon cross sections above  $3.9 \times 10^{-45}$  cm<sup>2</sup> for 100 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> WIMP mass

arXiv:1902.0408

Run plan: continue counting until June 2020, upgrade the neck region and restore recirculation. Maximum Likelihood and Machine Learning analysis techniques are being developed that are improving the efficiency for WIMP detection with zero background.



# DEAP Sensitivity after Planned Upgrade



# Global Argon Dark Matter Collaboration

Towards global argon collaboration:  
DarkSide, DEAP, miniCLEAN, ArDM > 350 researchers

- 68 institutes
- 416 researchers
- Strong assistance from CERN
- 14 nations:  
Brazil, Canada, China, France,  
Greece, Italy, Mexico, Poland,  
Romania, Russia, Spain, Switzerland,  
UK, USA

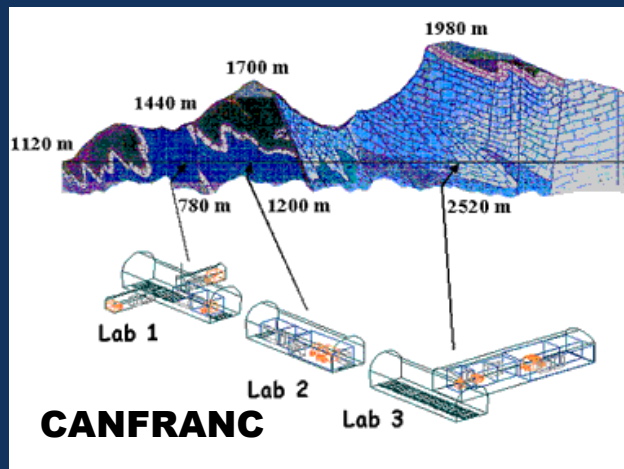


## Sequence of experiments:

- SNOLAB: DEAP: 3 tonnes
- GranSasso: DarkSide 20K: 50 tonnes
- SNOLAB: Argo: 400 tonnes to reach the “Neutrino Floor”

Letter of support from Gran Sasso,  
SNOLAB, CanFranc Laboratory  
Directors

# Support from International Underground Laboratories



**Darkside – 50 (50 kg)**  
**Darkside – 20k (50 tonnes: 20 tonne fiducial)**

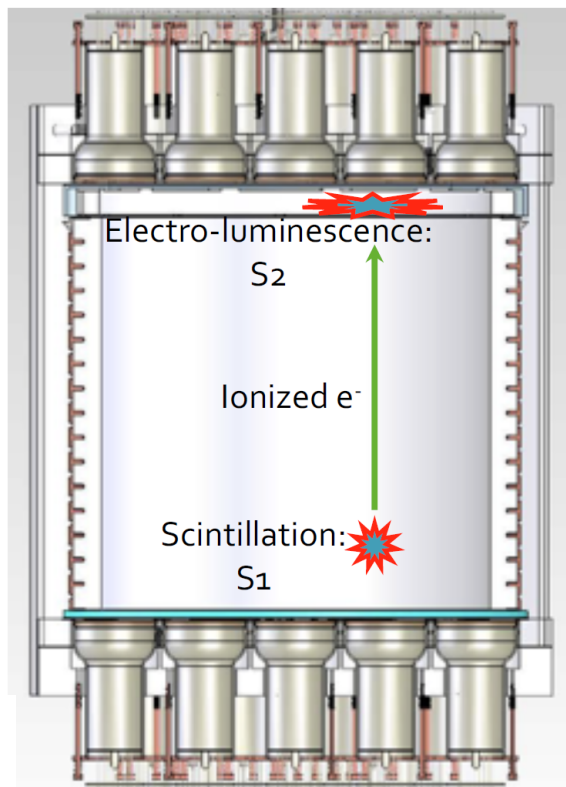
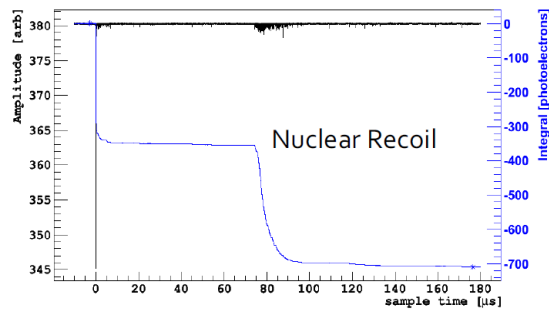
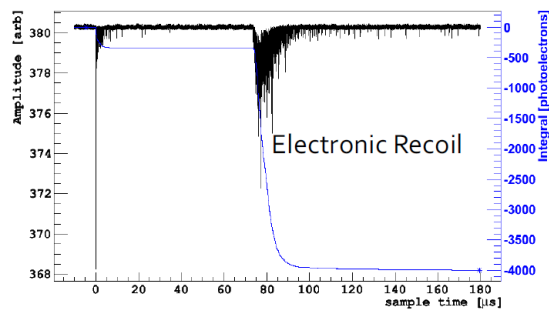
**DART:**  
**Use ARDM to measure depletion factor for  $^{39}\text{Ar}$**

**DEAP (3.3 tonne) (~1 tonne fiducial)**  
**Argo: Future ~400 tonne**

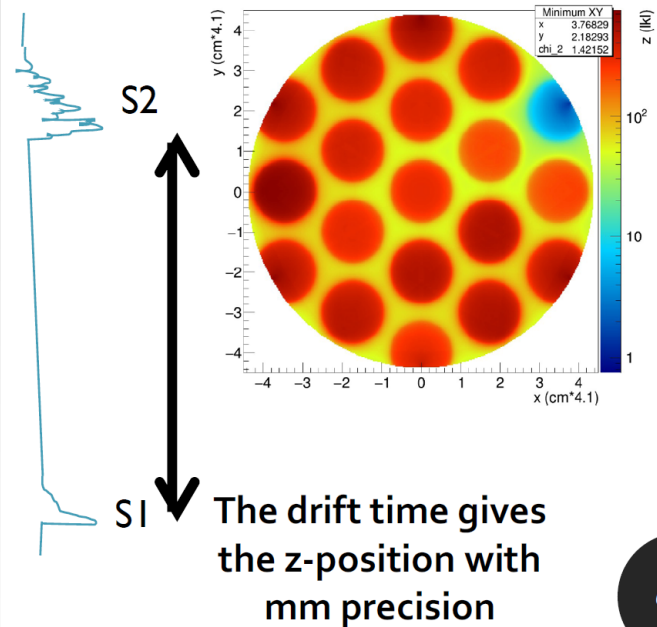


# Darkside-50 and Future Darkside 20k

## *Two-Phase LAr Dark Matter Detectors*



DS-50 Top Array PMT light fractions for S<sub>2</sub> gives x,y location

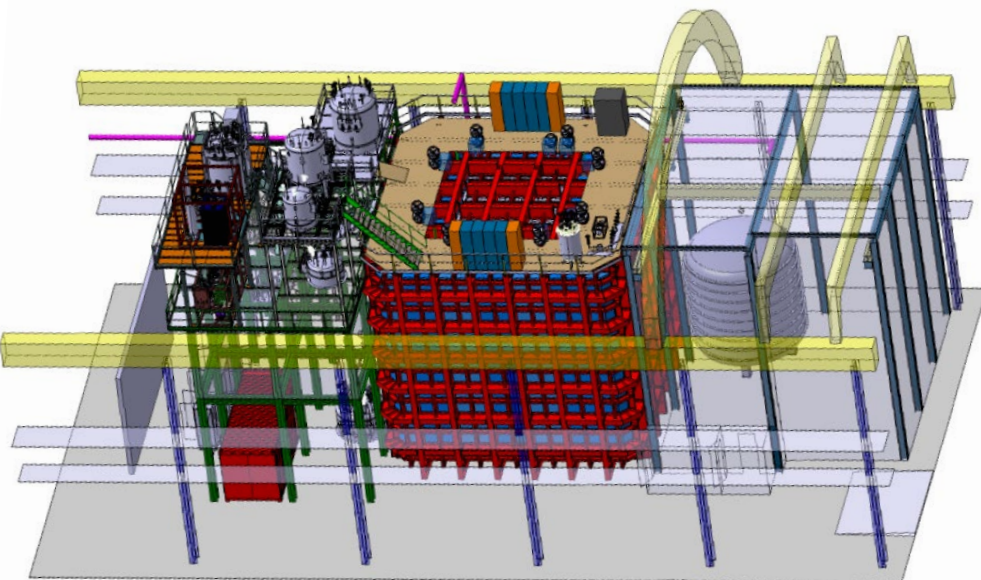


## Proto Dune detector at CERN

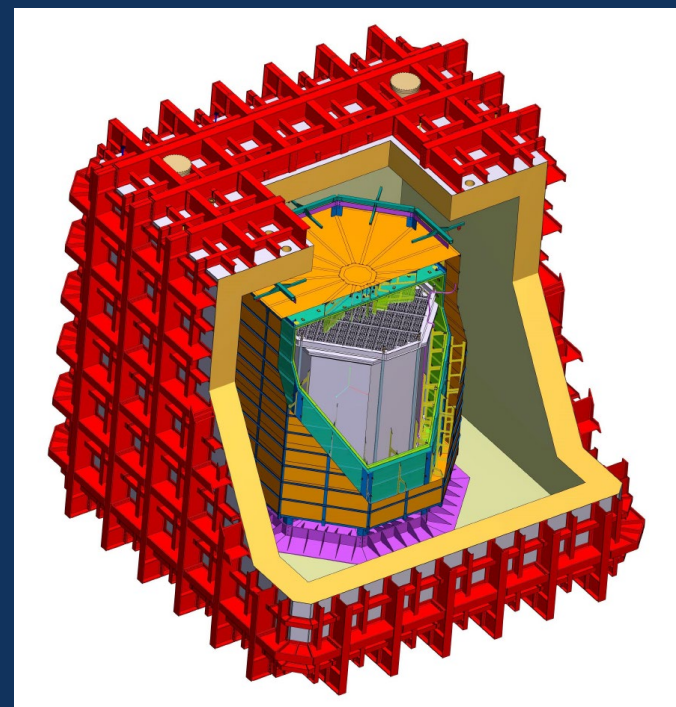


**DarkSide-20k builds on the technology from the Proto-DUNE detector at CERN**

## DarkSide-20k Full Layout at Gran Sasso

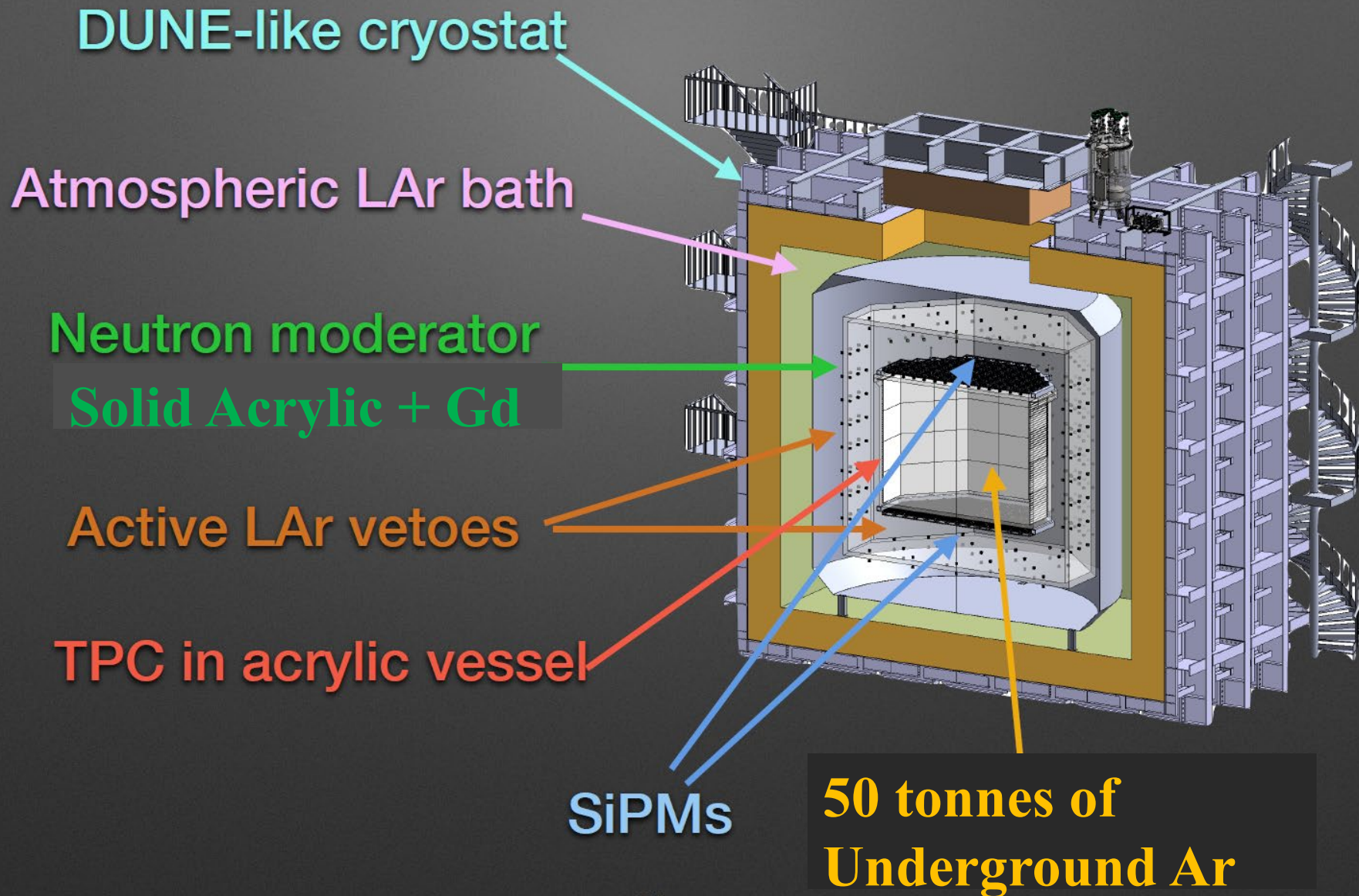


## DarkSide-20k detector at Gran Sasso





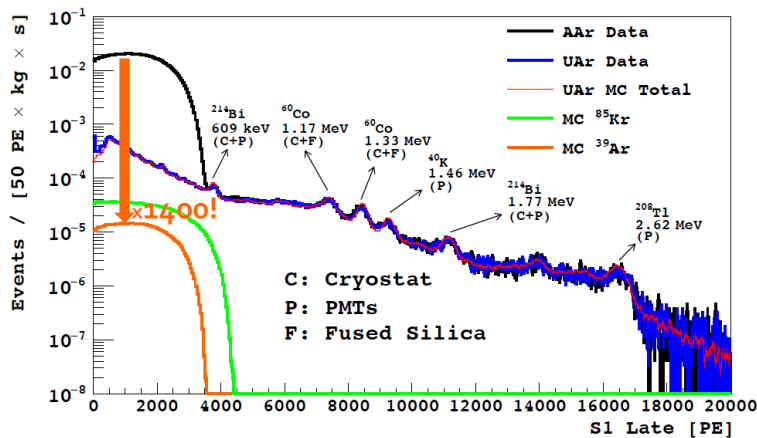
# DarkSide-20k new design





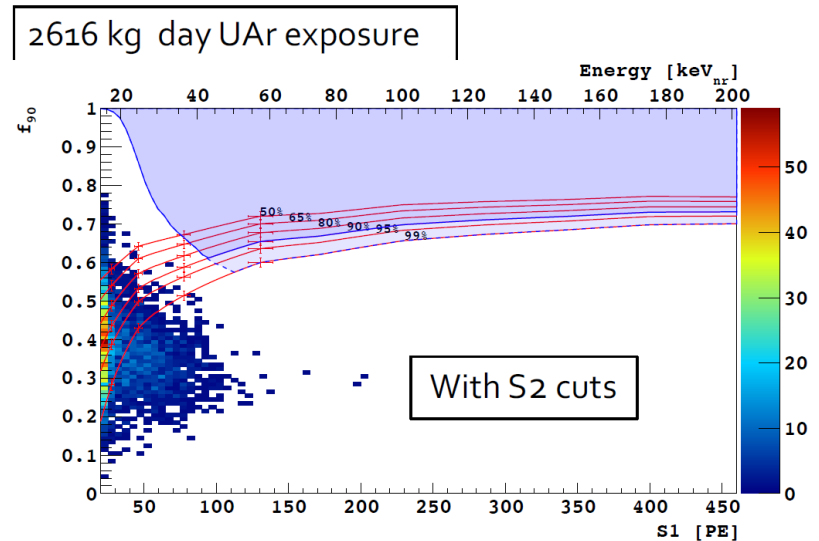
# Underground Argon (UAr)

- $^{40}\text{Ar}(n,2n)^{39}\text{Ar}$  occurs in the atmosphere  $\rightarrow$  1 Bq/kg
- Argon that has remained underground can therefore have extremely low levels of  $^{39}\text{Ar}$



August 17, 2017

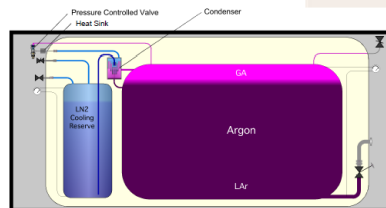
A. Renshaw



DarkSide 50 data

# UAr for DS-20k

Extract Ar from Cortez, CO  
underground CO<sub>2</sub> flow.



• Urania: procure 50 t of UAr

• Extract 260 kg/day

• UAr transported to Sardinia for final chemical purification at Aria

Extraction capacity  
of 90 Tonnes/year  
for the longer term.

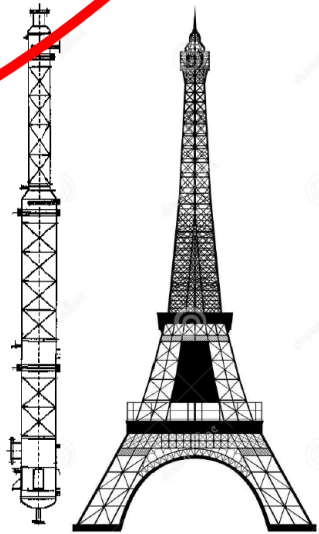


• Aria project: final chemical purification of the UAr

• Process O(1 t/day) with 10<sup>3</sup> reduction of all chemical impurities

• Ultimate goal - isotopically separate <sup>39</sup>Ar from <sup>40</sup>Ar

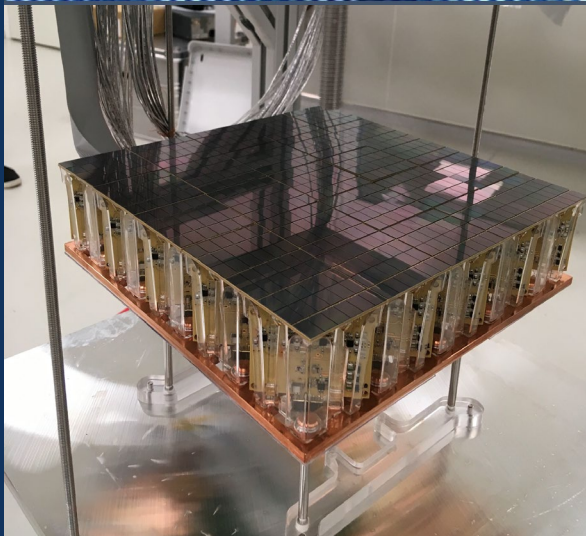
• At 10 kg/day: projected enrichment of factor of 10



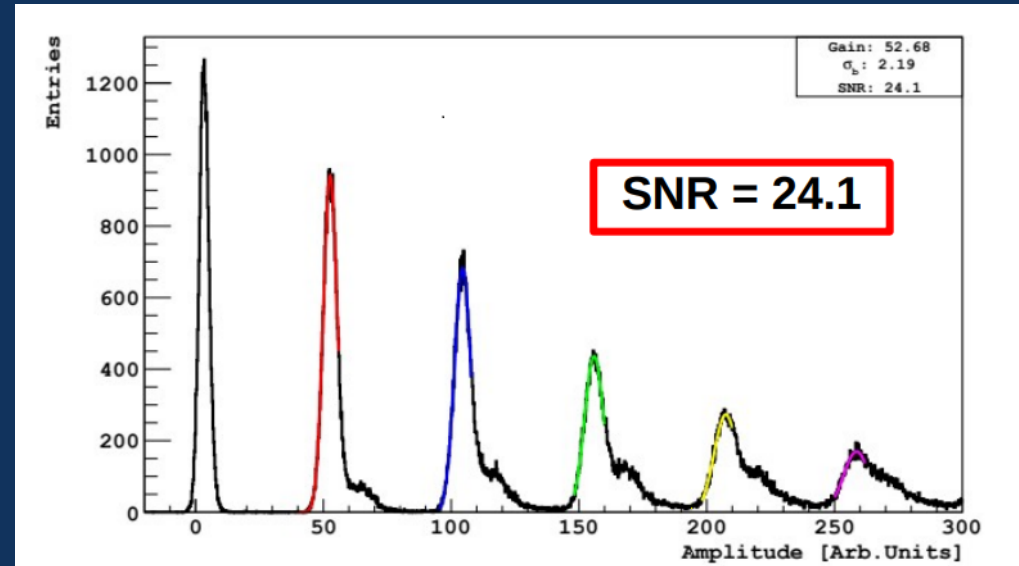
Tender let by INFN (Italy) for the Urania extraction equipment.

First sections of ARIA commissioned in Sardinia after vacuum tested at CERN. Specifications are met.

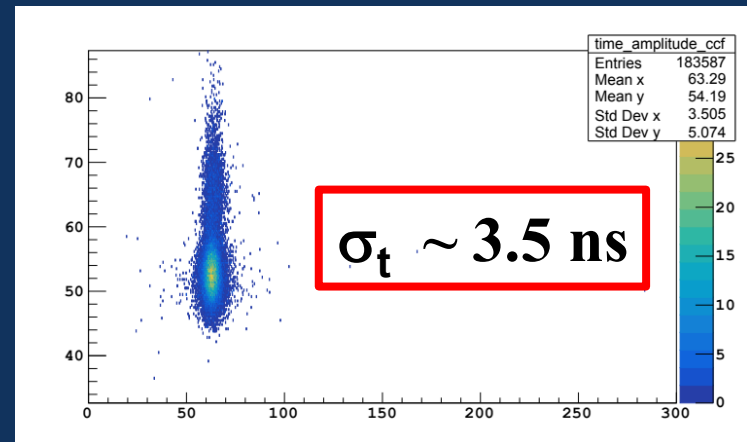
# SPECIALIZED NEW SILICON PHOTOMULTIPLIERS (SiPM's) DEVELOPED IN ITALY FOR DARKSIDE-20K.



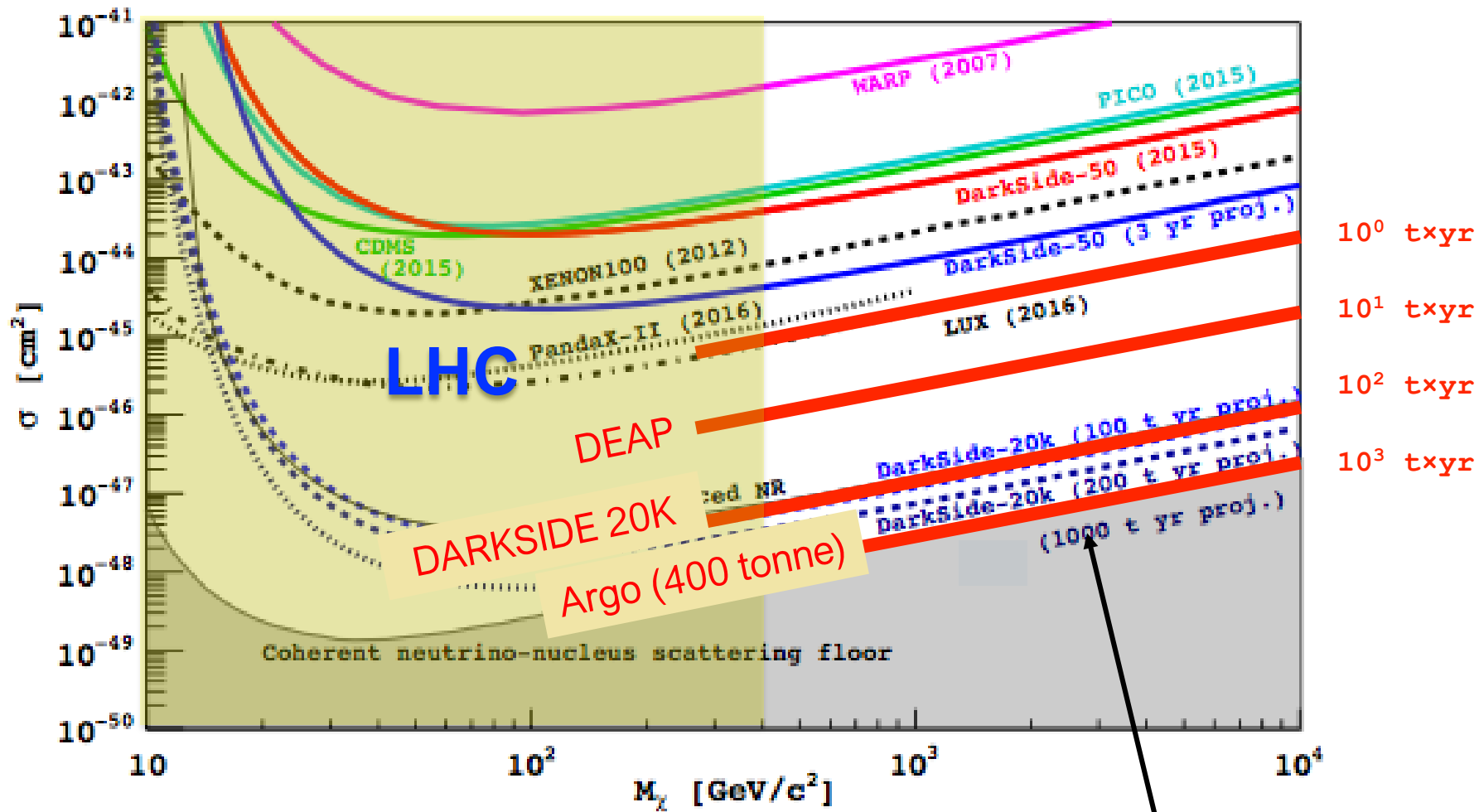
Motherboard being tested at CERN



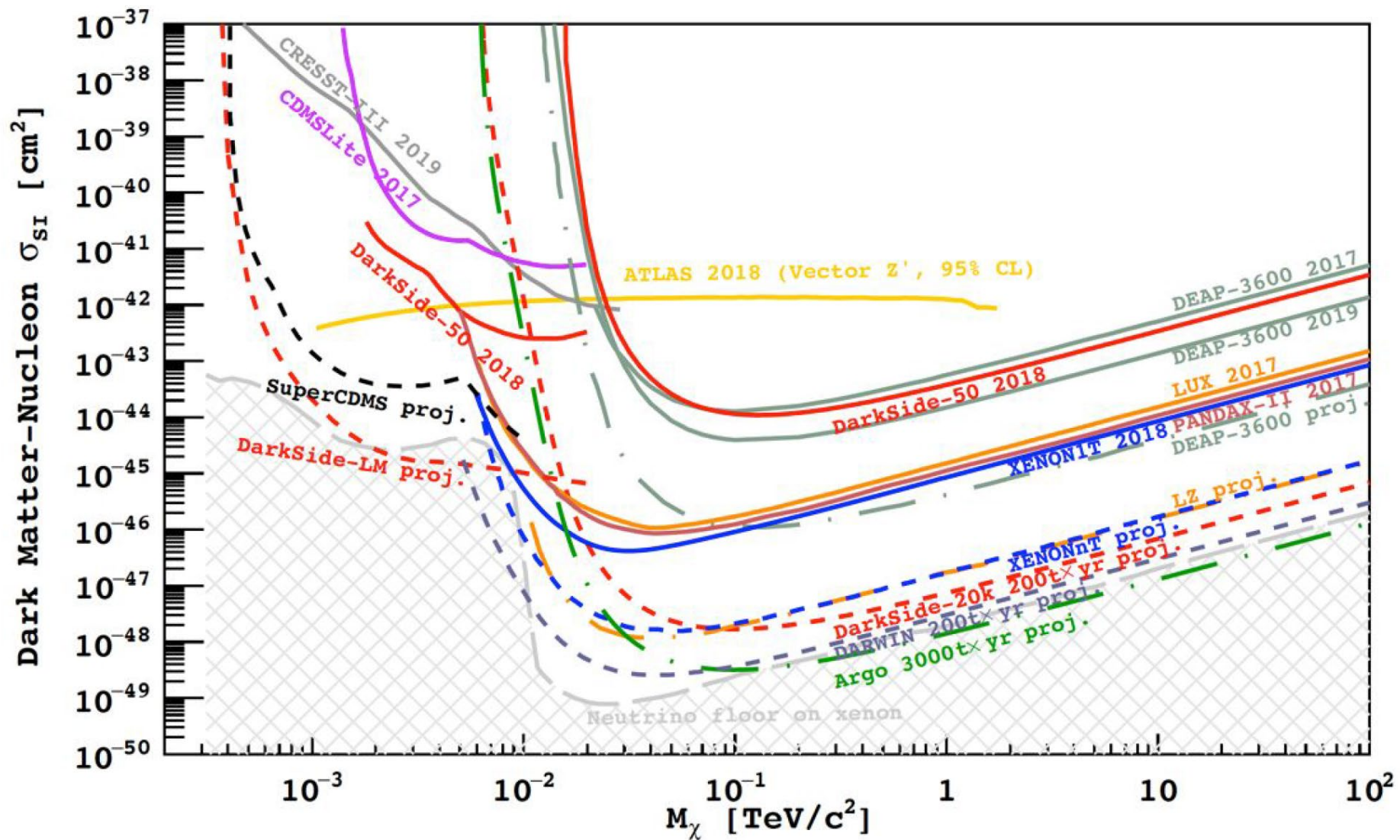
Single photo-electron timing







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# Conclusions

- Particle Astrophysics is a thriving field of study with the potential for significant fundamental discoveries.
- Underground laboratories provide excellent conditions for studies of rare decays such as Neutrino-less double beta decay and detection of rare, weakly interacting particles such as neutrinos and Dark Matter.
- Noble Liquid detectors have the potential for a factor of 100 more sensitivity for WIMPs as Dark Matter candidates with excellent sensitivity in the region being studied with the LHC and for factors of 100 or more beyond in mass.
- Stay tuned!



