



# A DEAP Search For Dark Matter

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# Outline

- What is DEAP-3600?
- Backgrounds
- Calibrating DEAP
- First Physics from DEAP
- Summary and Outlook





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



# What is DEAP-3600?

- **D**ark matter **E**xperiment using **A**rgon **P**ulse-shape discrimination
- DEAP-3600: Liquid Argon (LAr) detector
  - Designed for 3600 kg LAr, 1000 kg Fiducial mass
  - SNOLAB – Sudbury, Ontario
  - 6800 feet underground = 6000 m.w.e
  - Single phase detector
- Single phase – No gaseous amplification region
  - No electron drift requirements
  - $4\pi$  PMT coverage
  - ➔ Detector scalability to O(kTonne)





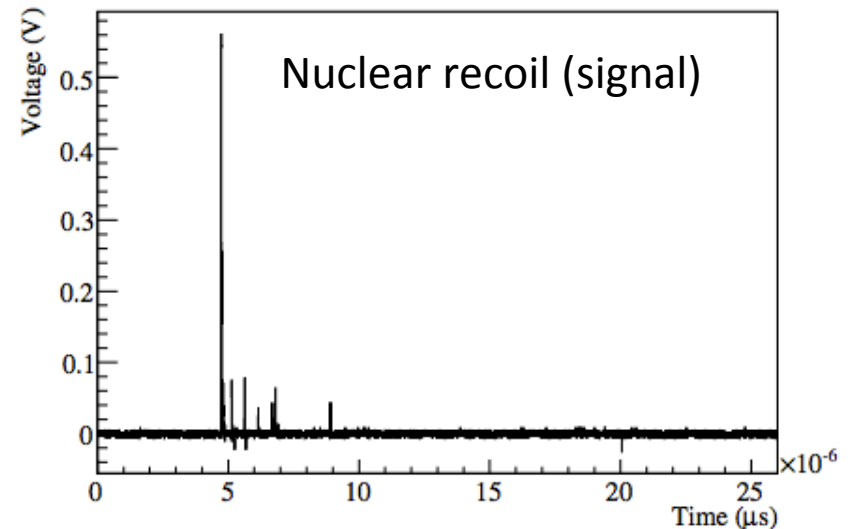
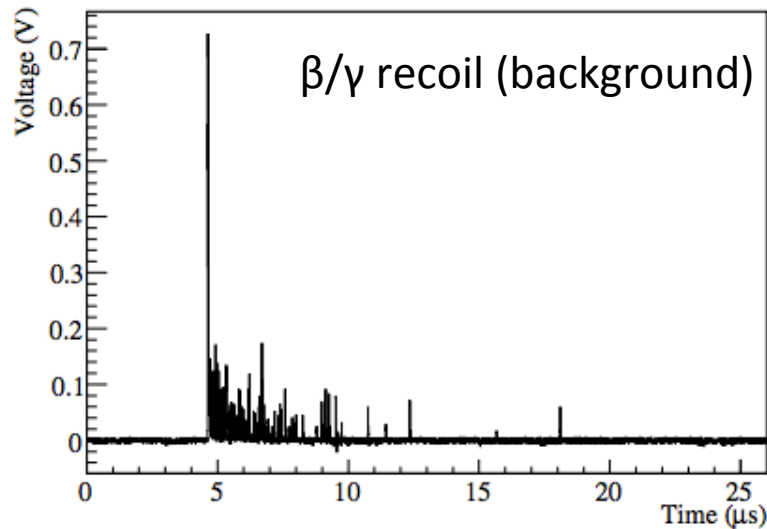
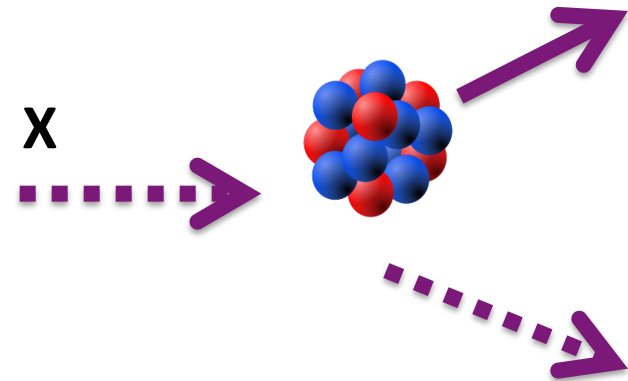
# What is DEAP-3600?

- Why Argon?
  - Ar transparent to 128nm scintillation photons
    - Large fiducial masses
  - Well separated singlet (6ns) and triplet state lifetimes (1.3us)
    - Signal and background events produce different ratio of singlet and triplet states
  - Easy to purify and inexpensive



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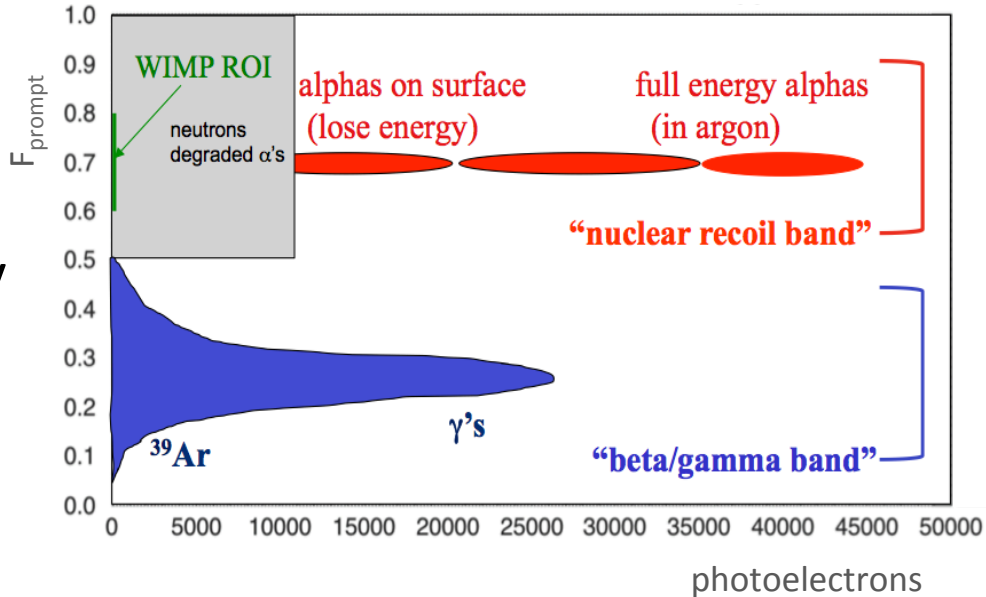


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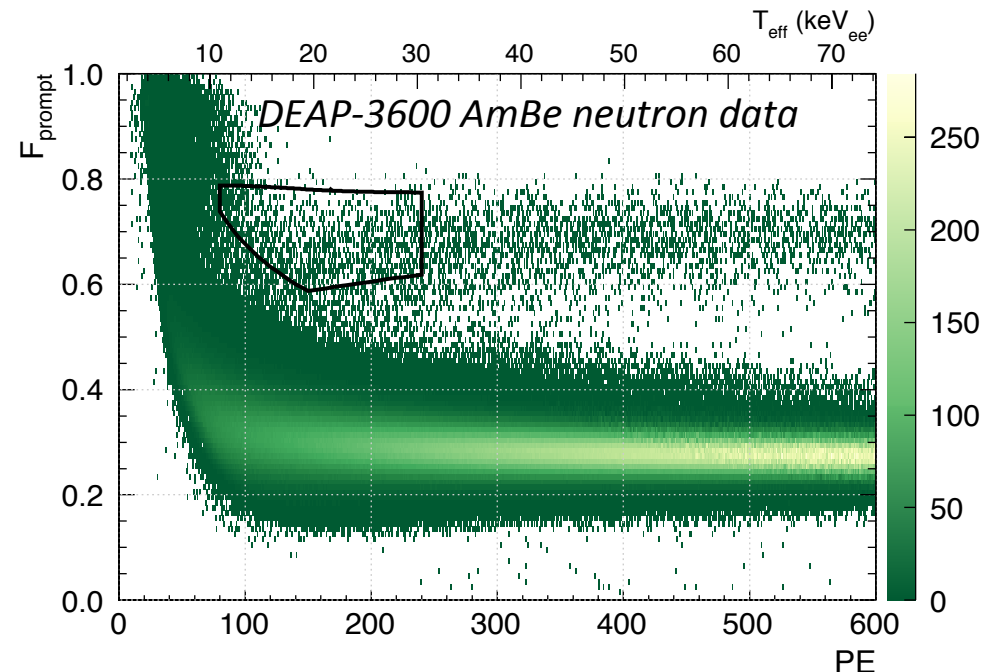
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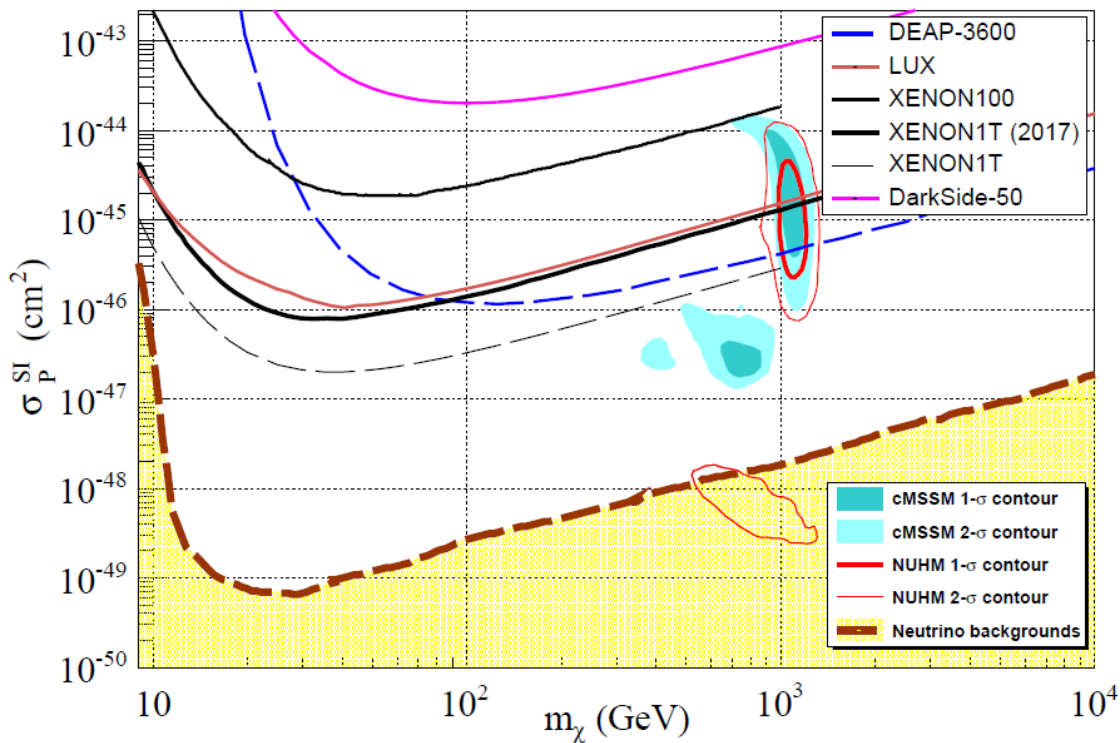
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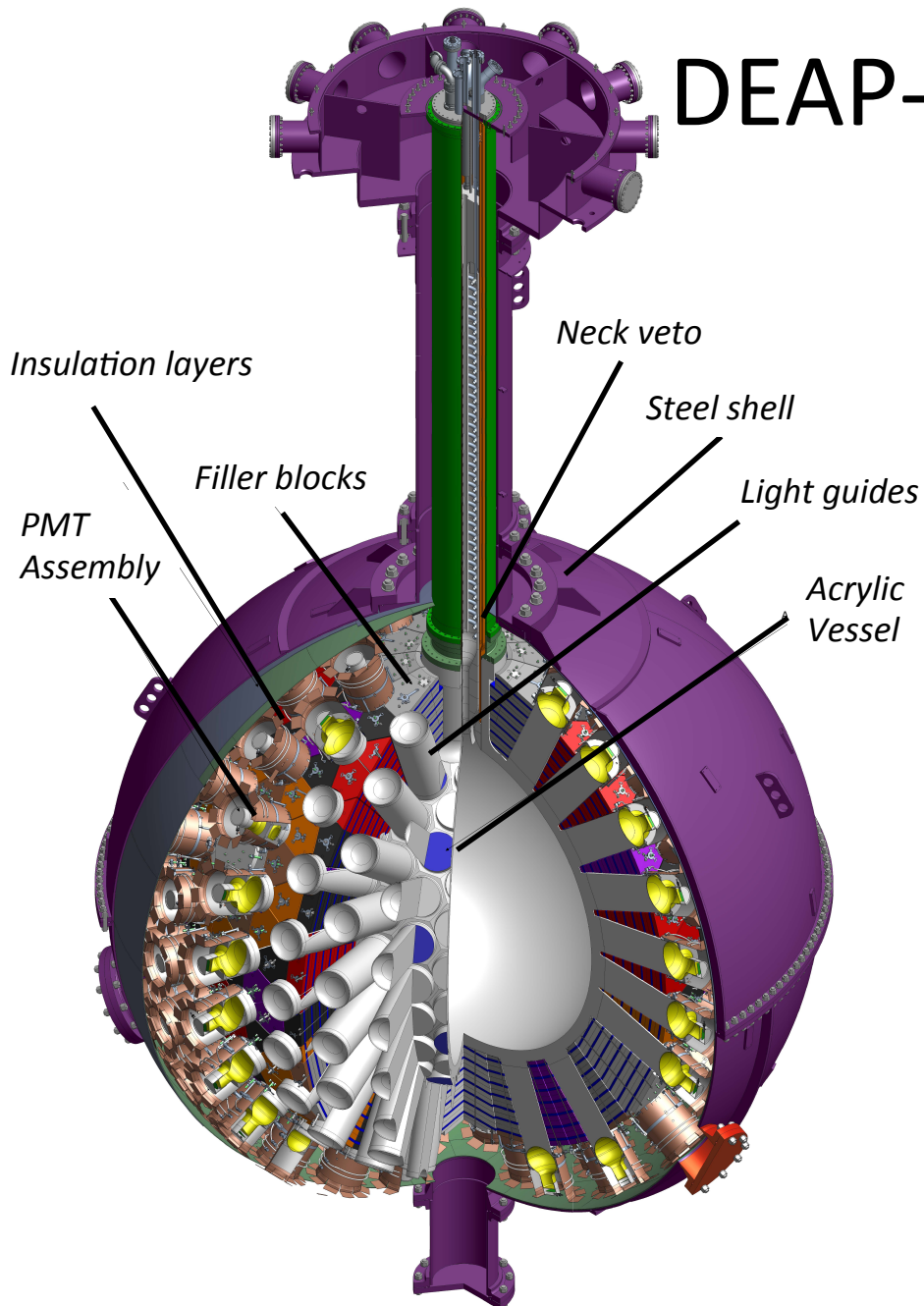


# DEAP Sensitivity



GOAL: 3000 kg-year allows  $\sim 10^{-46}$   $\text{cm}^2$  sensitivity (SI) with  $\sim 15$  keVee (60 keVr) threshold (bkgd limit)

# DEAP-3600 Detector

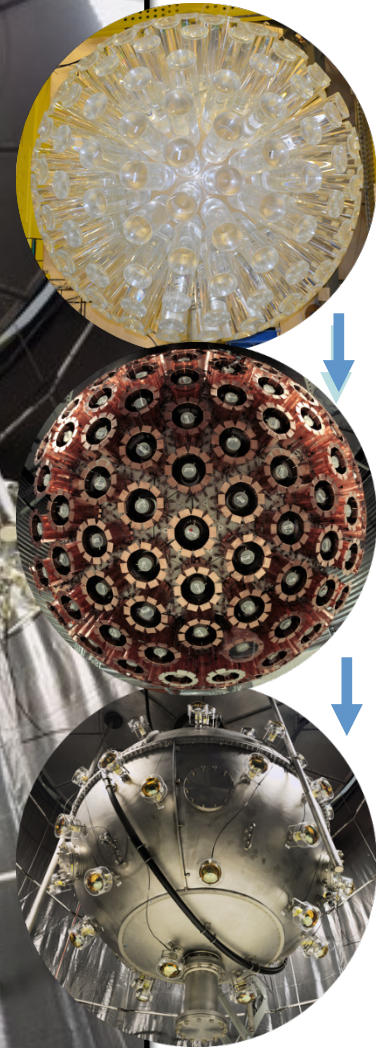
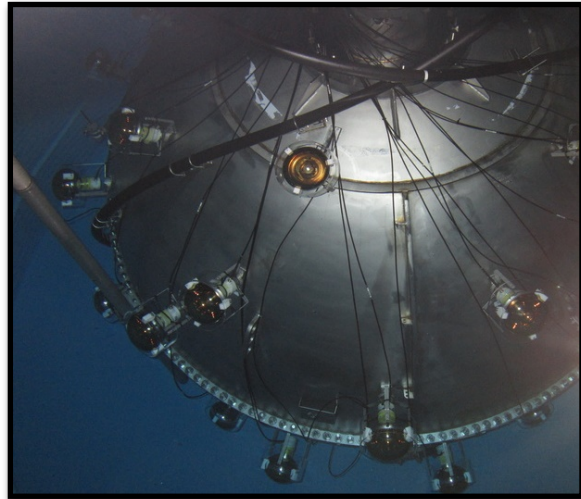
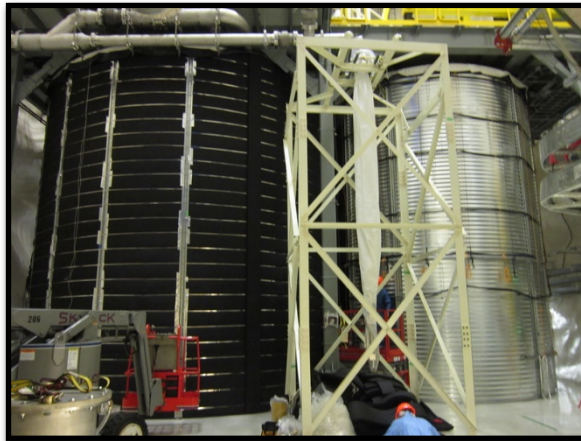


- LAr housed in sealed ultraclean acrylic vessel
- Strict material control and assaying procedures
- 255 8-inch Hamamatsu R5912 HQE PMTs
  - 32% QE, 75% coverage
- 85cm radius acrylic vessel & 50cm light-guides provide PMT neutron shielding
- Tetraphenyl-butadiene (TPB) used as wavelength shifter (128nm to 430nm)
- Cosmic veto
  - SNOLAB (2km underground)
  - Detector submerged in 8m diameter water tank



# DEAP Construction

Completed early 2016



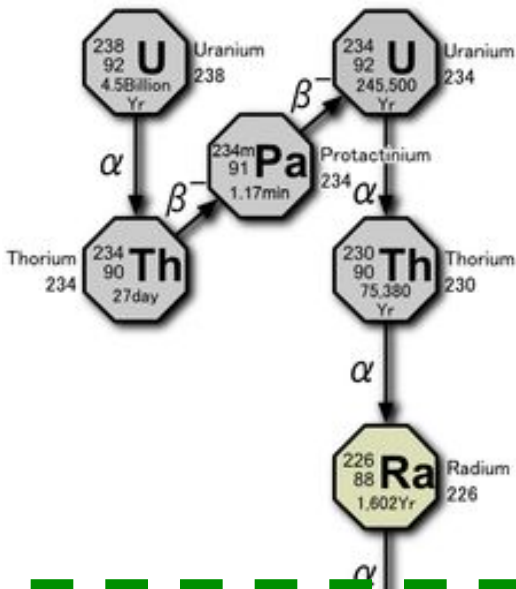




# Backgrounds



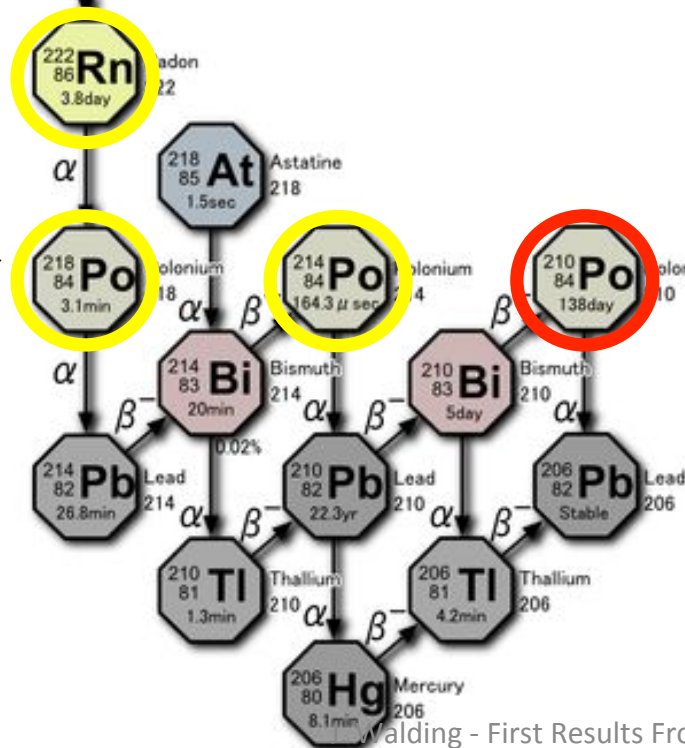
# $^{238}\text{U}$ Decay Chain



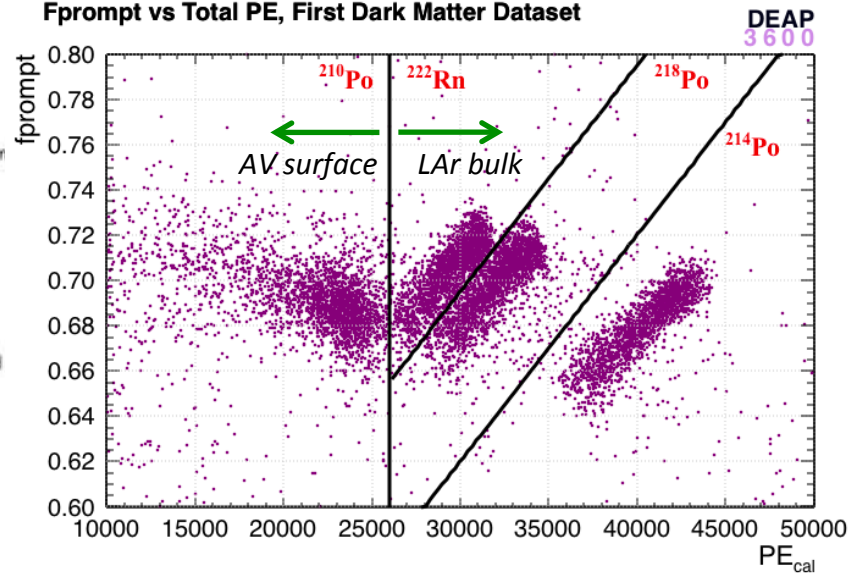
- $\alpha$ 's in LAr above ROI window, however surface alpha can leak into ROI...
- $\alpha$ 's from:
  - $^{210}\text{Po}$  on AV surface (from  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ : 22 yr  $t_{1/2}$ )
  - $^{222}\text{Rn}$ ,  $^{218}\text{Po}$ ,  $^{214}\text{Po}$  in LAr bulk (short  $t_{1/2}$ 's)
  - $^{220}\text{Rn}$  can also enter LAr bulk through process system but no long lived  $\alpha$ 's further down the chain

Broken chain:  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  (3.8 day half-life) from process system into LAr, can stick to surfaces

Quickly decays to  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  which feeds  $^{210}\text{Po}$  (22 yr  $t_{1/2}$ )

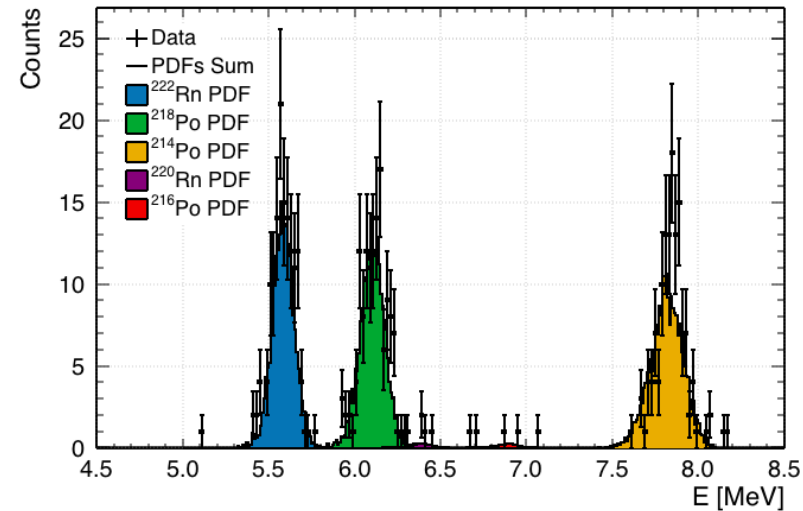


Prompt vs Total PE, First Dark Matter Dataset

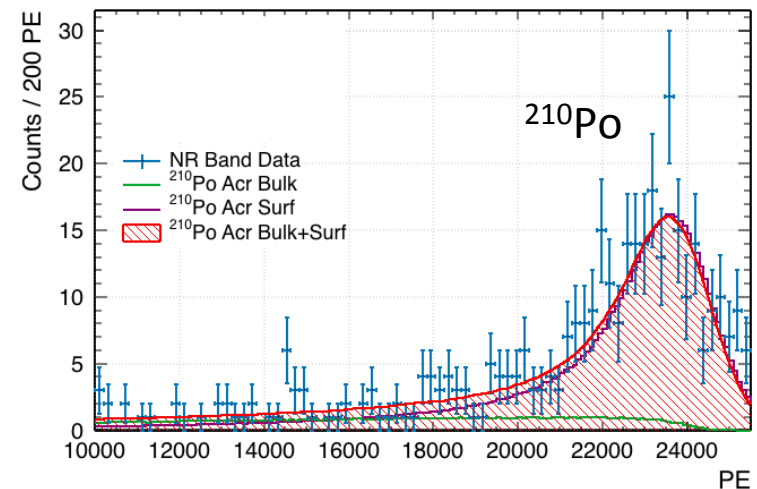


# Surface and bulk alphas

- $^{222}\text{Rn}$ ,  $^{218}\text{Po}$ ,  $^{214}\text{Po}$  tagged from time delayed coincidences ( $\alpha$ - $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ - $\alpha$ )
- $^{214}\text{Po}$  activity in LAr consistent with activity earlier in the chain
- $^{210}\text{Po}$  (out-of-equilibrium) tagged with degraded energy signal ( $^{210}\text{Po}$  below TPB surface)
  - Simulation of surface contamination to 80um and bulk contamination agree with data



Component	Activity
$^{222}\text{Rn}$ LAr	$(1.8 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-1} \mu\text{Bq/kg}$
$^{214}\text{Po}$ LAr	$(2.0 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-1} \mu\text{Bq/kg}$
$^{220}\text{Rn}$ LAr	$(2.6 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-3} \mu\text{Bq/kg}$
$^{210}\text{Po}$ AV surface	$0.22 \pm 0.04 \text{ mBq/m}^2$
$^{210}\text{Po}$ AV bulk	$< 2.2 \text{ mBq}$

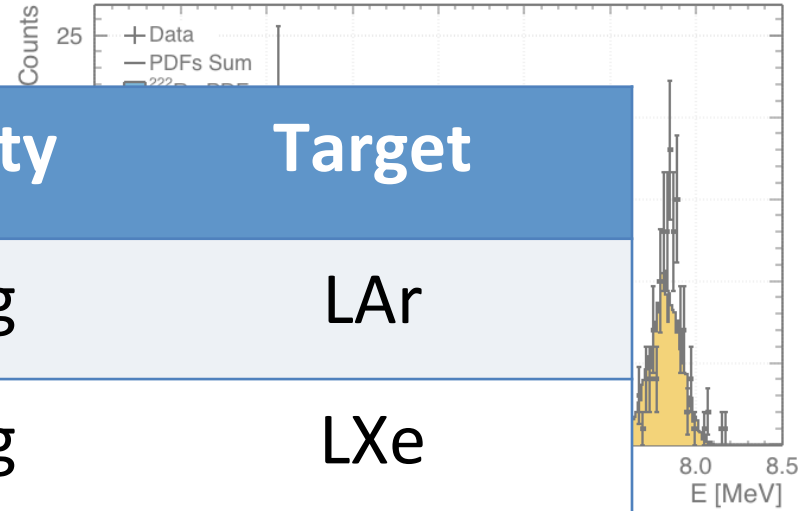




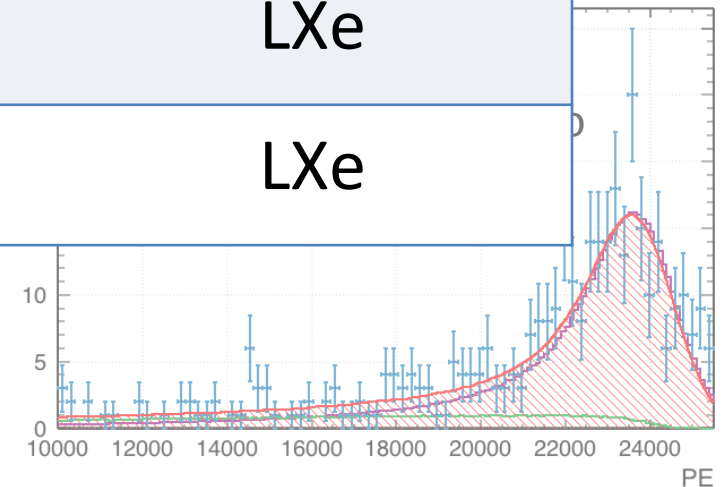
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Experiment	$^{222}\text{Rn}$ Activity	Target
DEAP-3600	0.2 $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$	LAr
PandaX-II	6.6 $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$	LXe
LUX	66 $\mu\text{Hz/kg}$	LXe
XENON-1T	10 $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$	LXe



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# Gamma/Beta Backgrounds

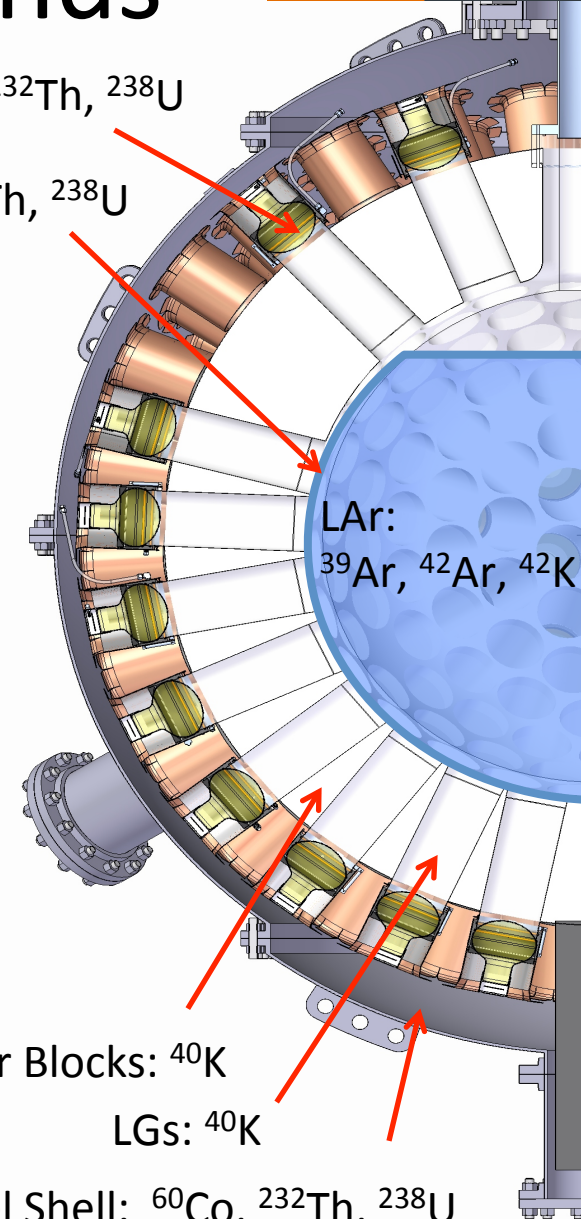
- Activities of materials predicted from results from comprehensive screening program
- LAr activity taken from literature\*

Isotope	Location	Activity	Specific activity (mBq/kg)	Concentration (ppb)
$^{39}\text{Ar}$	LAr	3300	1010	
$^{232}\text{Th}$	PMT Glass	26	139	34
$^{238}\text{U}$	PMT Glass	169	921	75
$^{40}\text{K}$	Acrylic	7.5	~2	70

\*P. Benetti et al., NIM A 574, 83 (2007)

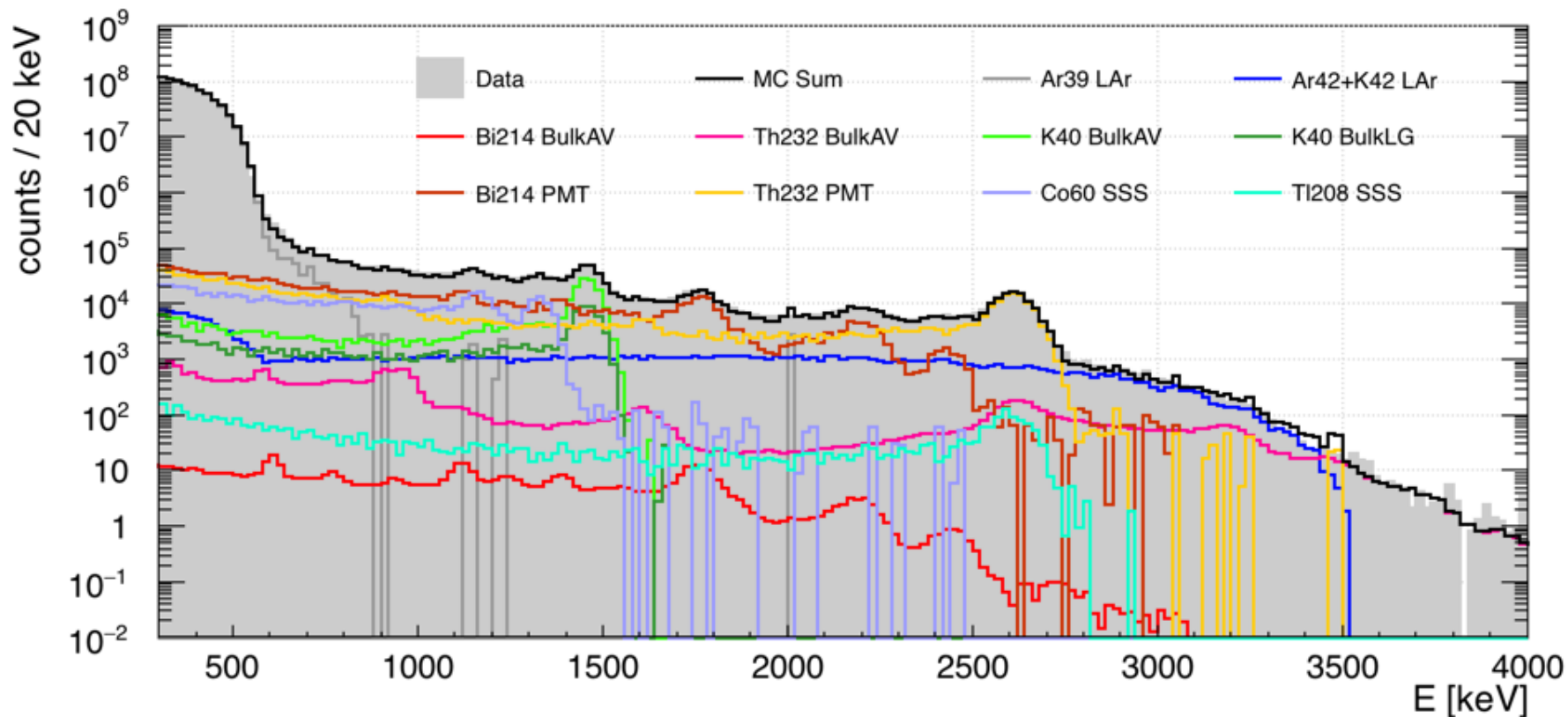
PMT Glass:  $^{232}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$

AV:  $^{40}\text{K}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$



# Electron Recoil Band Model

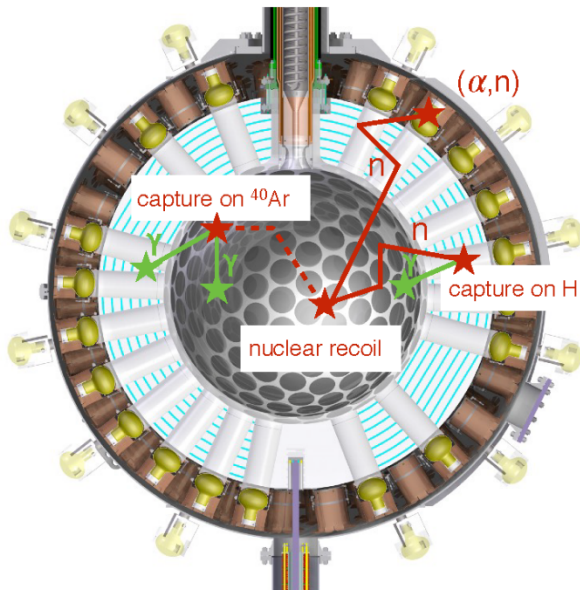
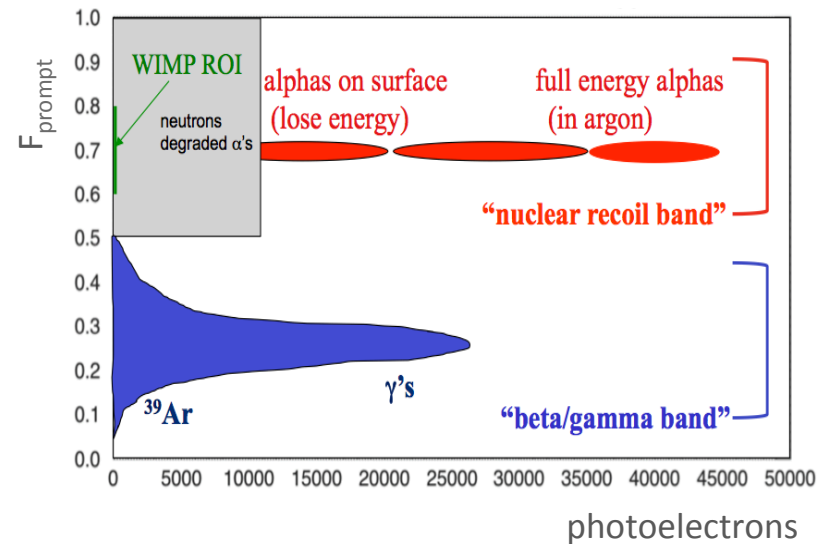
Background Model in ER Band ( $0.2 < f_{\text{prompt}} < 0.4$ ) MC components scaled to radioassay data



- MC scaled screening values or literature values ( $^{39}\text{Ar}$ )
- Low energy region ( $< 500$  keV) dominated by  $^{39}\text{Ar}$
- Mid energy region (500-2600 keV) dominated by external componentry gammas (PMT glass)
- High energy region ( $> 2600$  keV) dominated by  $^{42}\text{K}$  & bulk AV  $^{232}\text{Th}$

# Neutron Backgrounds

- Neutrons from:
  - ( $\alpha$ -N) interactions in detector and external materials
  - Fission neutrons
  - Cosmogenic muon induced neutrons
- Extensive MC campaign using radio-purity assays and ( $\alpha$ -N) yields from SOURCES-4C\*
  - PMT glass dominant source (~70%)
  - Well constrained using gamma from  $^{238}\text{U}$  and  $^{232}\text{Th}$  – consistent with target values



## Data driven limit on neutron interactions:

- **Idea:** Eventually all neutrons capture and leave gamma signature
  - 2.2 MeV  $\gamma$  from  $^1\text{H}$  in acrylic
  - 6.1 MeV  $\gamma$ -cascade from  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  in LAr
  - Search for n -  $\gamma$  coincidences
- **Preliminary result:**
  - No coincidence found above expected random background
  - Limit on neutron interactions consistent with target value

\*E.F.Shores, LA-UR-02-1839 (April 2002)





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Event position reconstruction

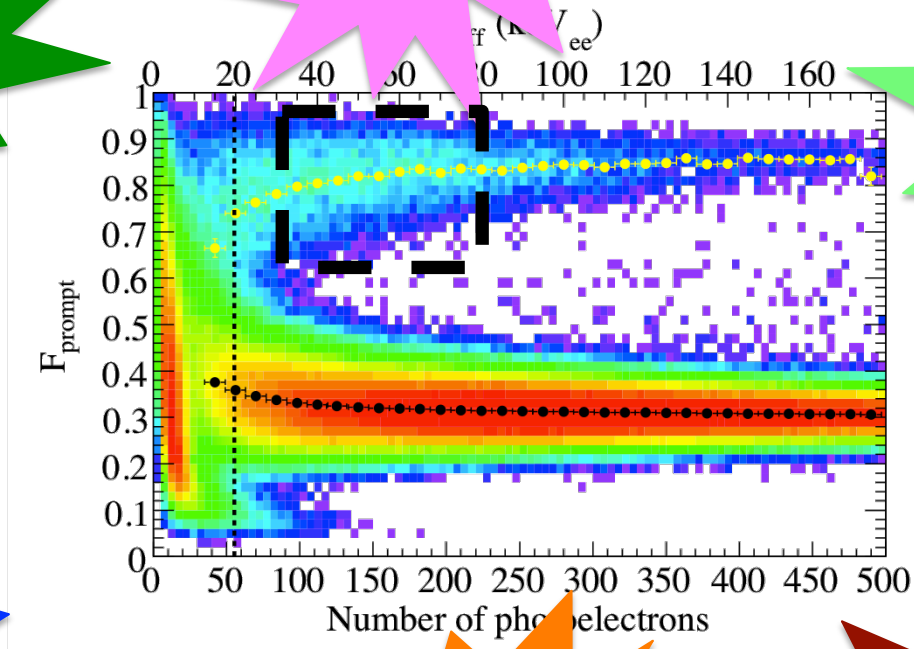
Relative PMT Efficiencies

Cut acceptance

PMT timing offsets

Energy Response

Neutron response



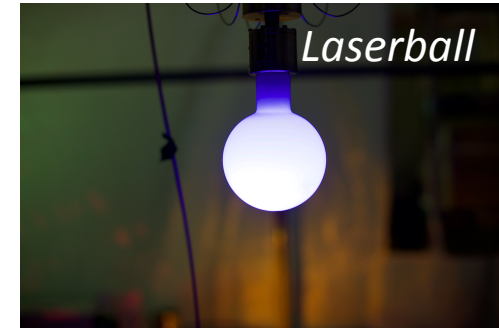
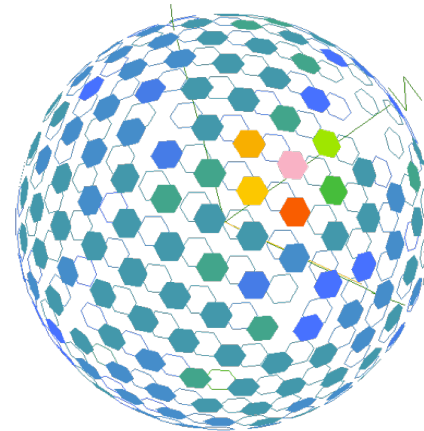
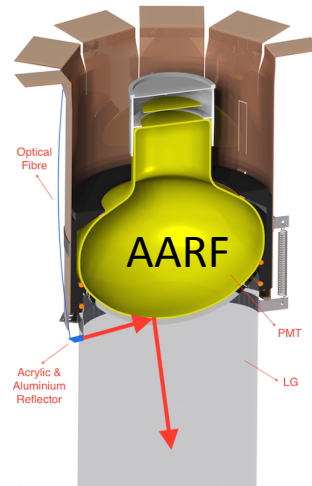
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Extensive calibration program

- Begun in 2015 (once PMTs ramped up)

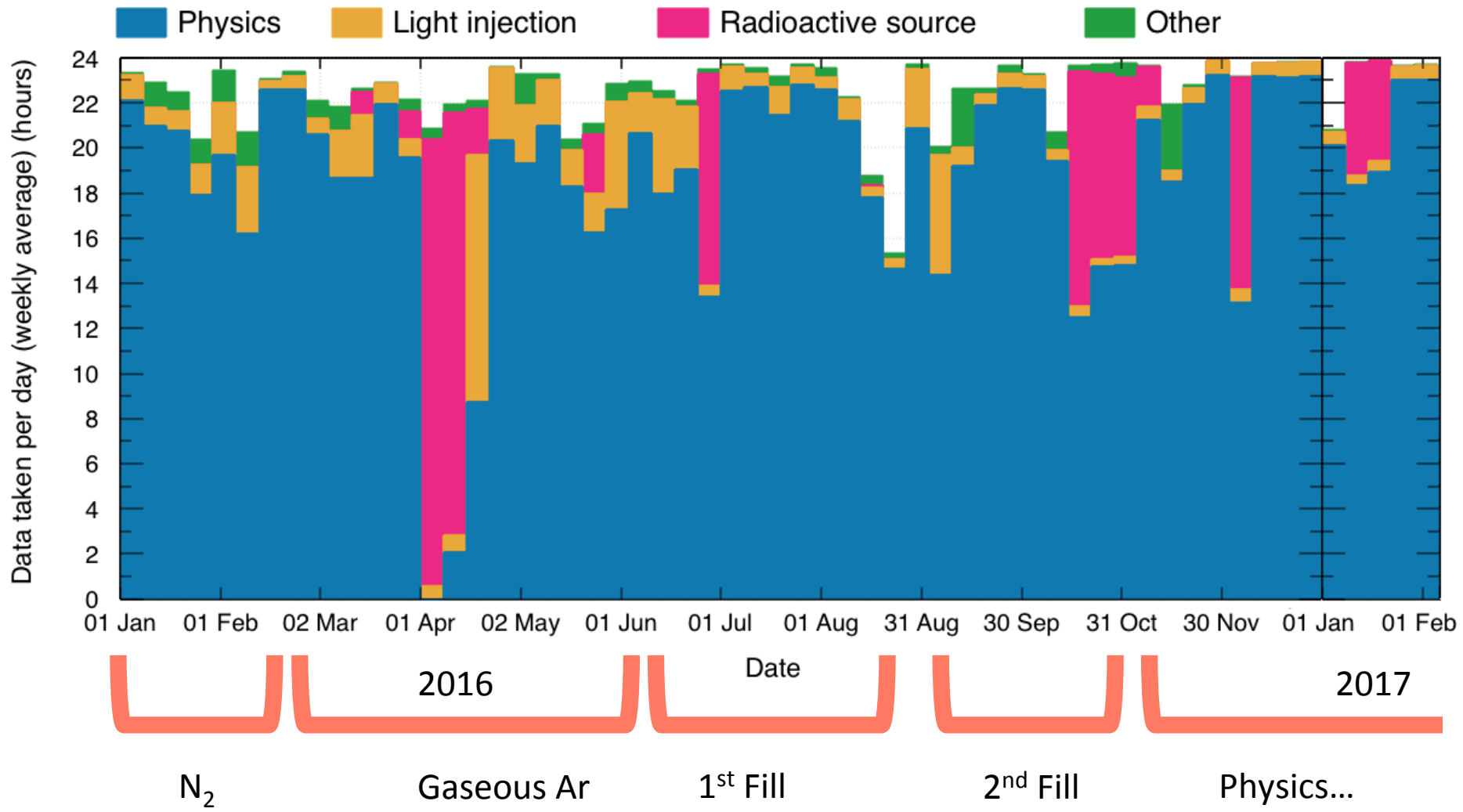
Five calibration handles

- Developed by UK groups
- Two optical systems:
  - Acrylic-Aluminium Reflector Fibre System (AARFs)
  - Laserball
- Three external sources:
  - Tagged  $^{22}\text{Na}$  source
  - $^{232}\text{Th}$  source
  - Tagged AmBe source
- And Ar-39!





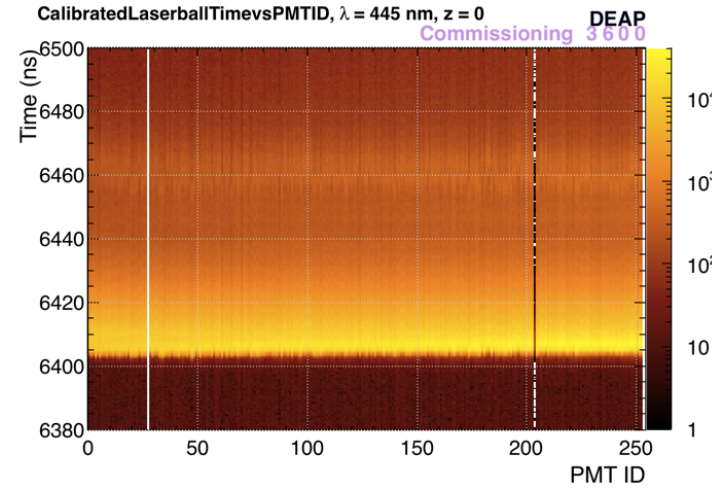
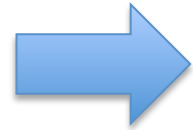
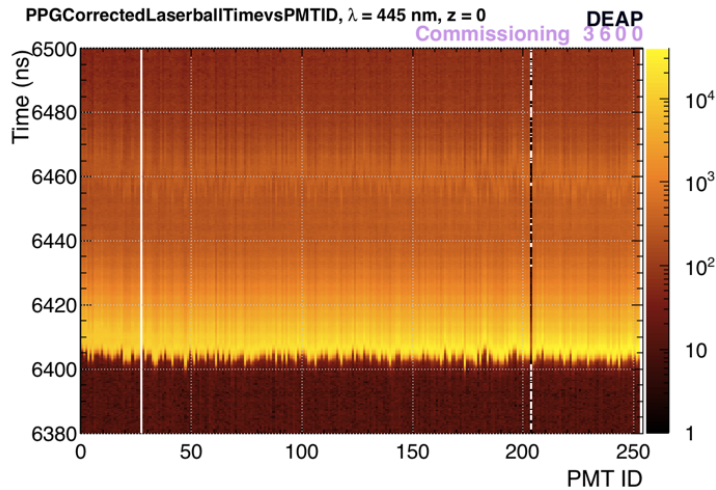
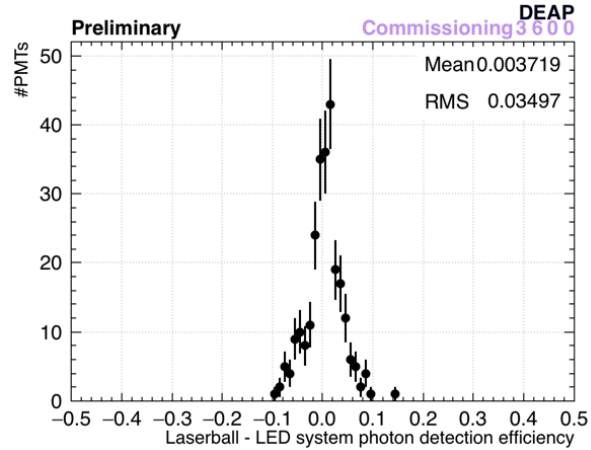
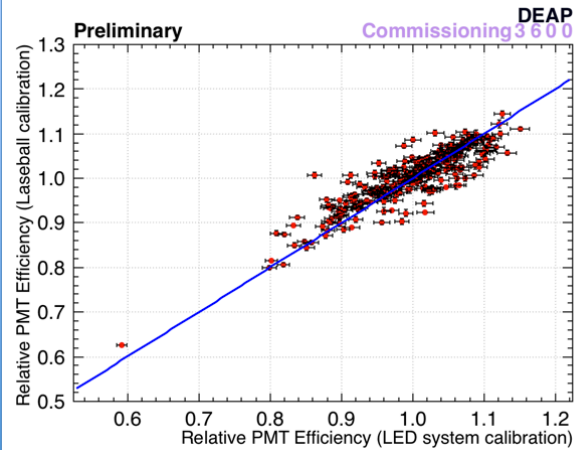
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## Vacuum/N<sub>2</sub>:

- Relative PMT efficiency (AARFs, Laserball) – 3%
- PMT timing (Laserball) – 1 ns
- Detector Optics (Laserball, AARFs)

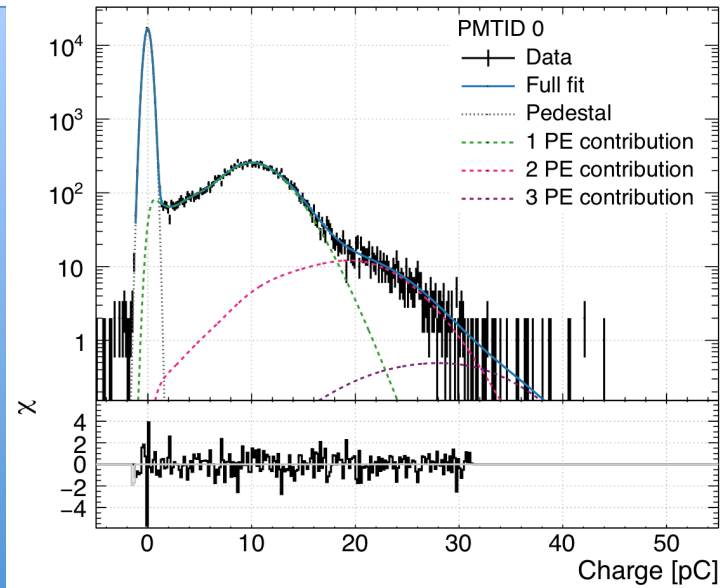




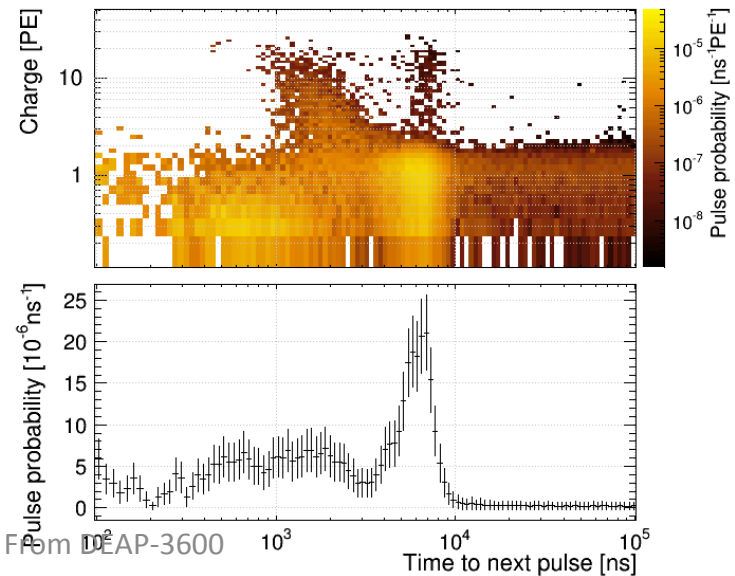
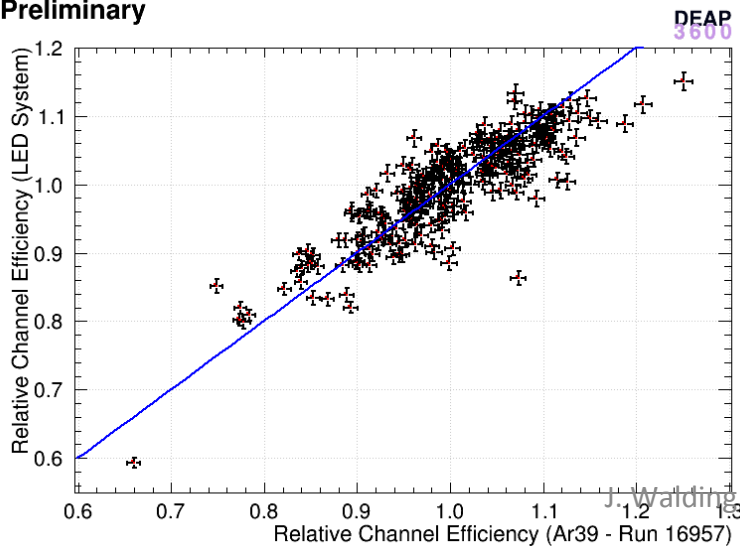
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## LAr:

- PMTs:
  - Relative PMT efficiency (AARFs,  $^{39}\text{Ar}$ )
  - PMT SPE response (3% uncertainty)
  - PMT Afterpulsing
- Energy response ( $^{39}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{22}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$ )
- Position reconstruction ( $^{22}\text{Na}$ )
- Neutron response (AmBe)



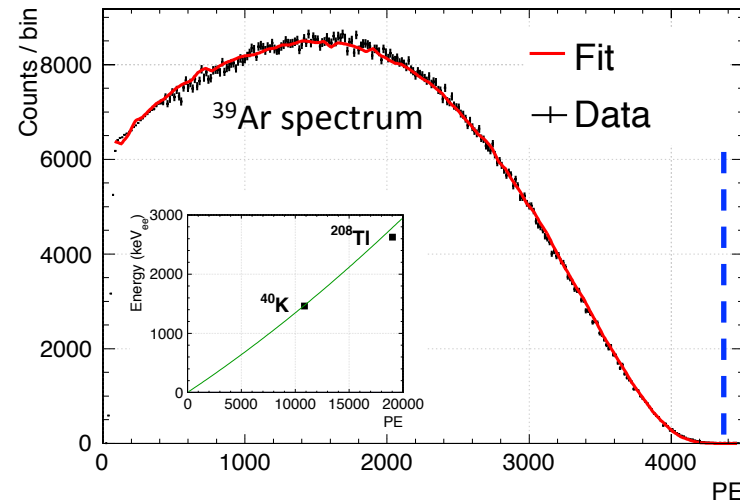
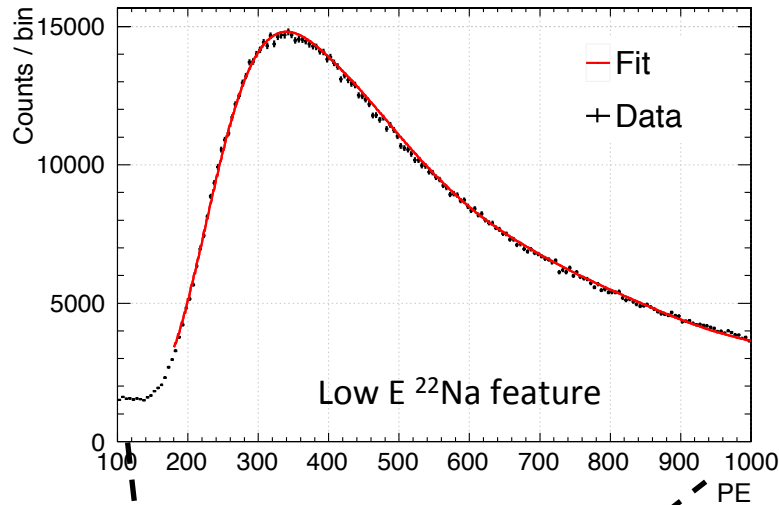
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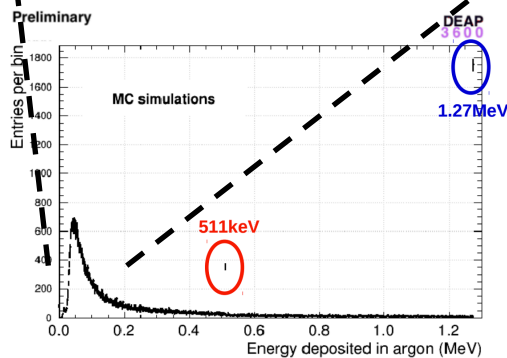
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# Energy Calibration



565 keV

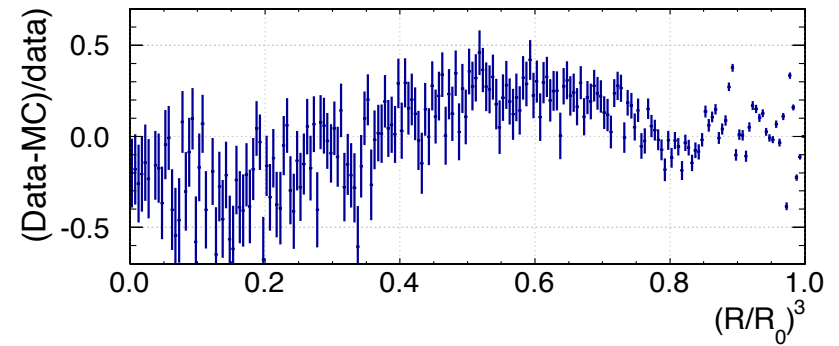
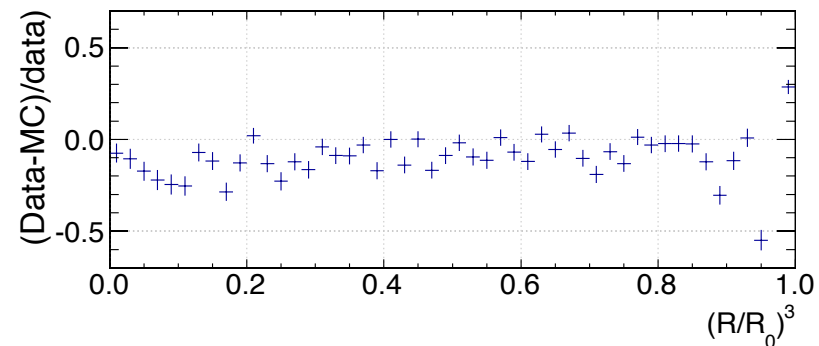
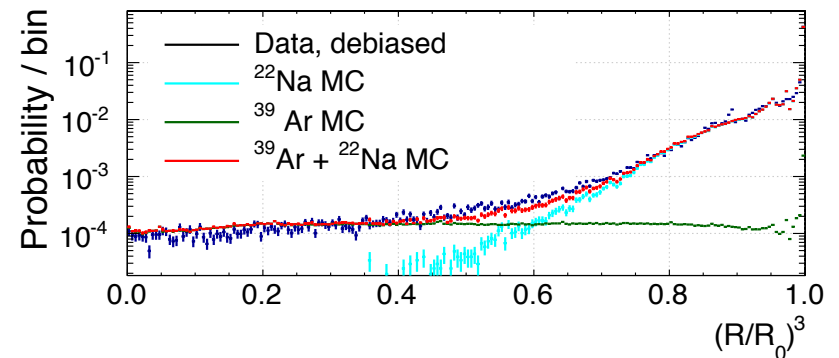
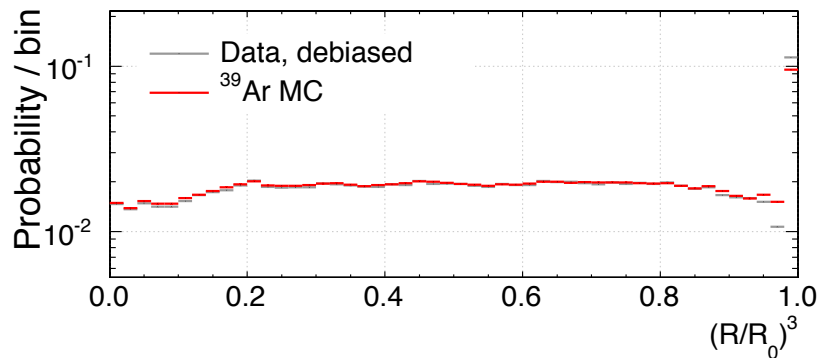


- Quadratic fit to full  $^{39}\text{Ar}$  spectrum:  $c_0 + c_1 \text{PE} + c_2 \text{PE}^2$
- Extrapolating light yield fit from  $^{22}\text{Na}$  feature and  $^{39}\text{Ar}$  spectrum agrees with high energy line ( $^{40}\text{K}$ ), discrepancy with  $^{208}\text{Tl}$  from saturation effects not yet accounted for

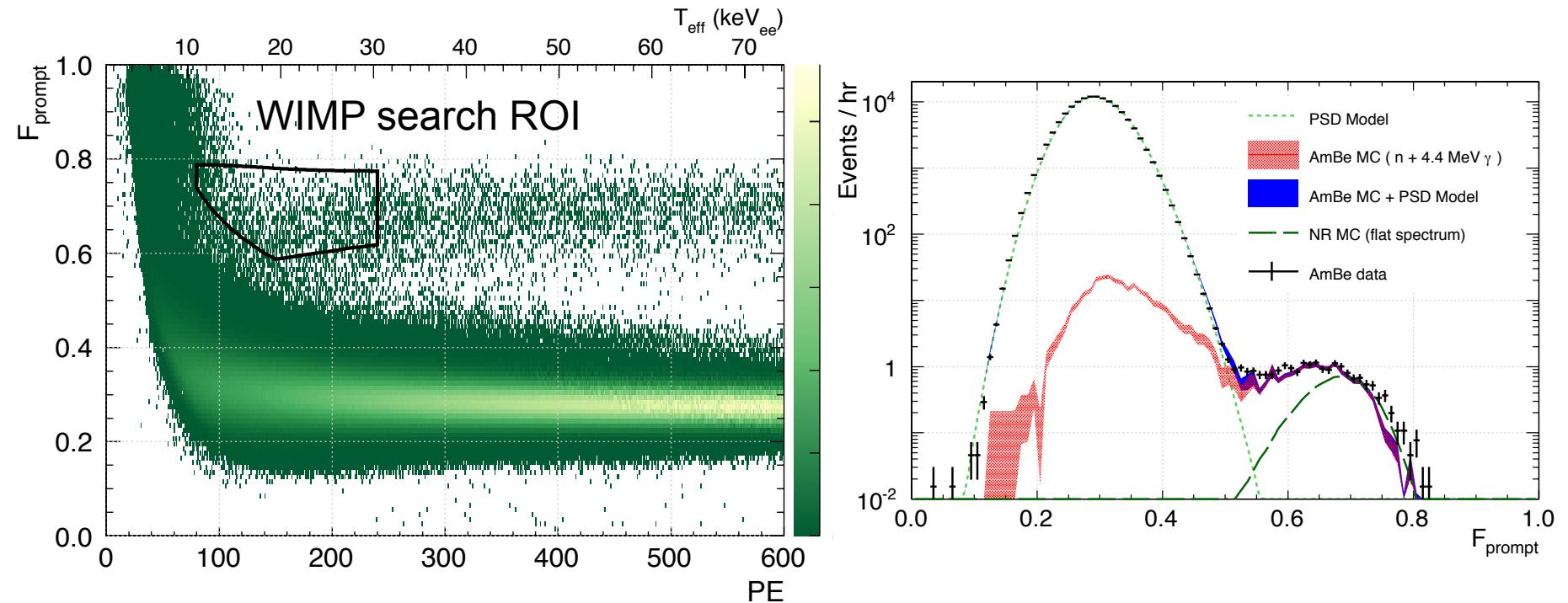
$$LY = 7.36^{+0.61}_{-0.52} (\text{fit syst.}) \pm 0.22 (\text{SPE syst.}) \text{PE/keV}_{ee} @80 \text{PE}$$

# Position Reconstruction

- Likelihood based position reconstruction algorithm developed
  - Good agreement between debiased data and MC
- Not used for this analysis
  - Lower level variables used instead
- Fiducial mass (using lower level variables: 2,223 kg) – Calculated using  $^{39}\text{Ar}$  rate
  - Design goal: 1000 kg!



# Neutron Response in DEAP



- AmBe neutron source deployed outside of Steel Shell
- Detect neutrons and gammas from source (+ capture gammas)
- Use data for cross-check of simulation
- Simulation used to evaluate single-recoil response



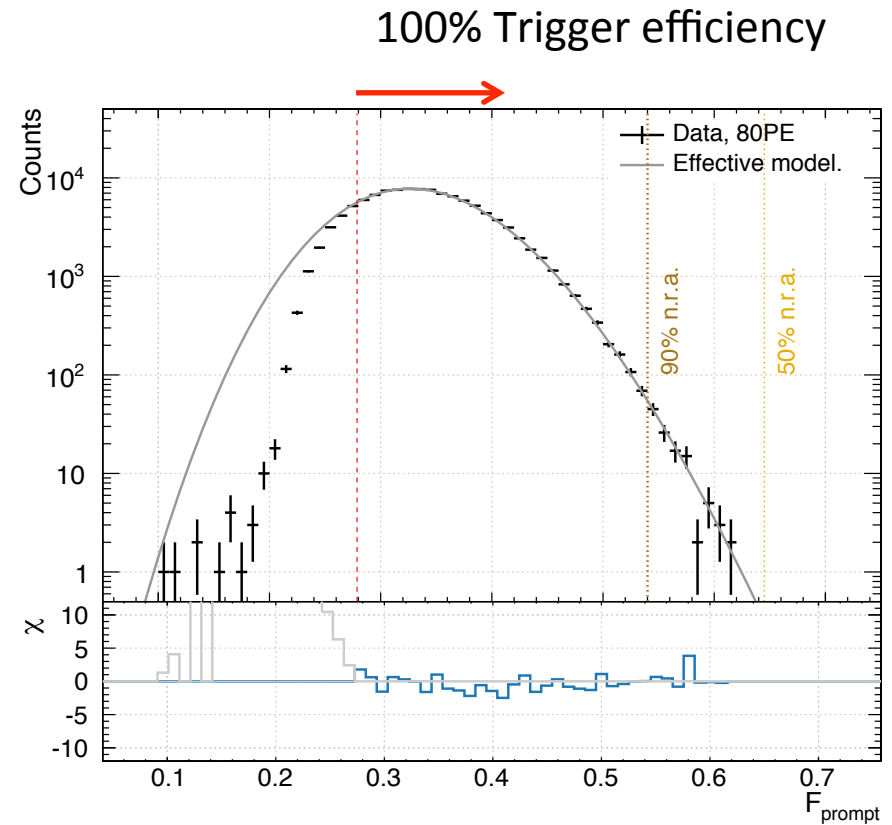
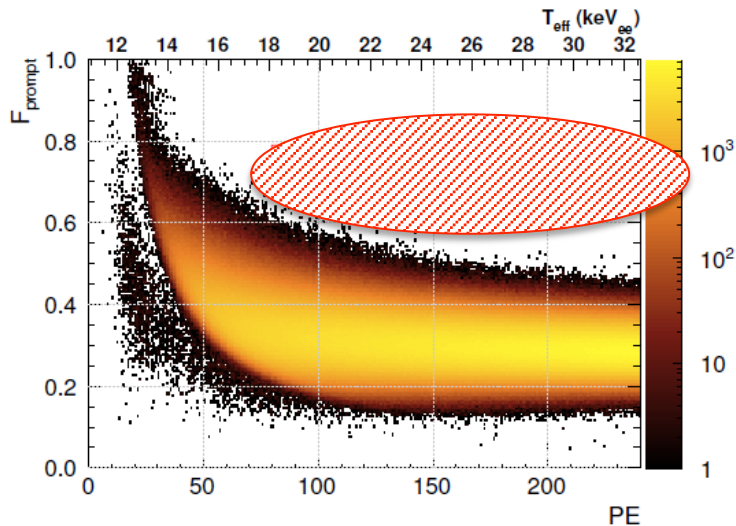


# First Physics Result



# Pulse-Shape Discrimination

- Observe good PSD of  $\beta$  event down to 11 keVee
  - Best ever demonstrated at low PE

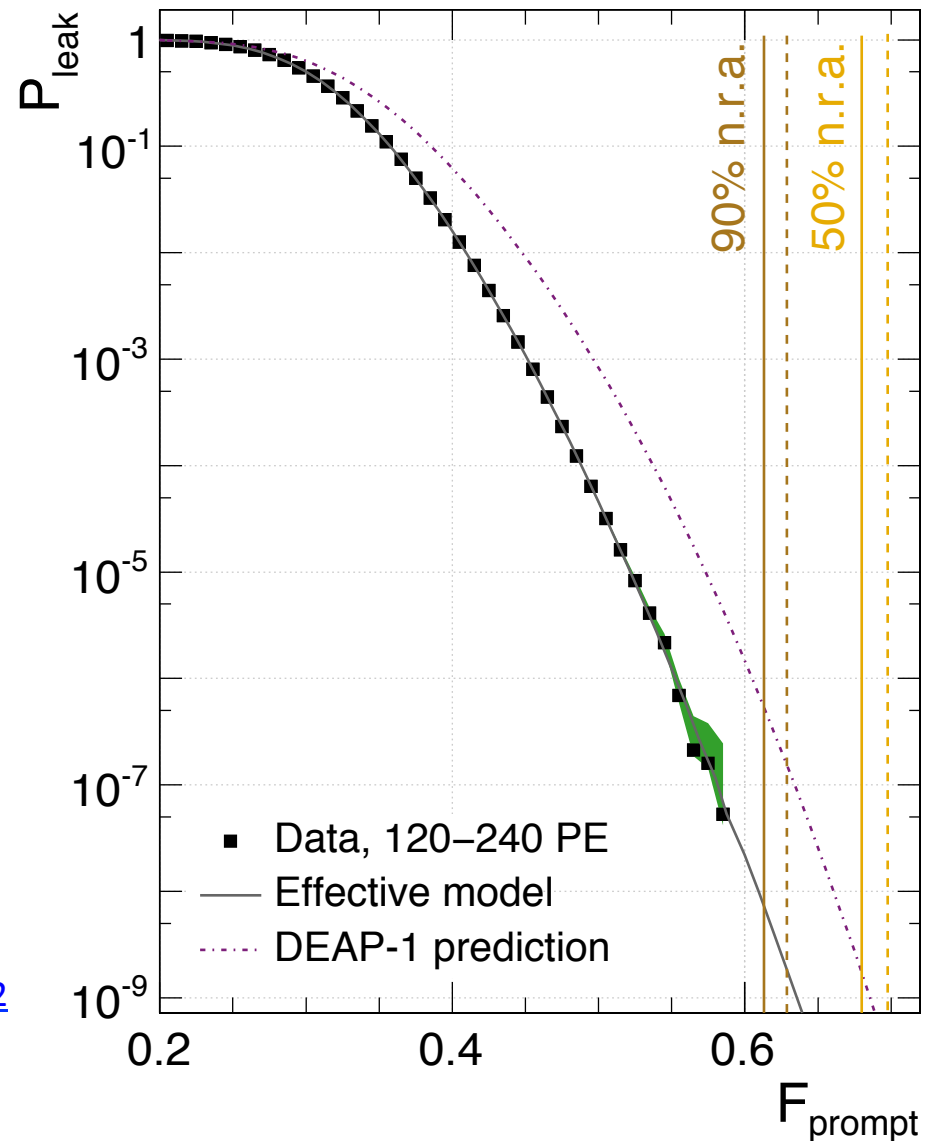


DEAP-1 PSD paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/0904.2930>

# Pulse-Shape Discrimination

- Better leakage than DEAP-1 prediction
  - Detector calibration key
  - Allowed us to drop our ROI window from 120 to 80 PE!
    - Equivalent to a  $39\text{keV}_{\text{NR}}$  threshold (design goal:  $60\text{keV}_{\text{NR}}$ )

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 Our new measurement: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.08042>

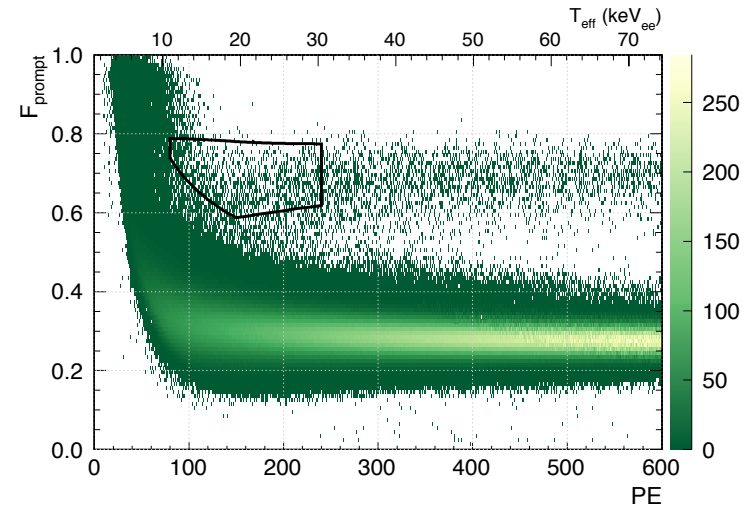




# DEAP's First Search!

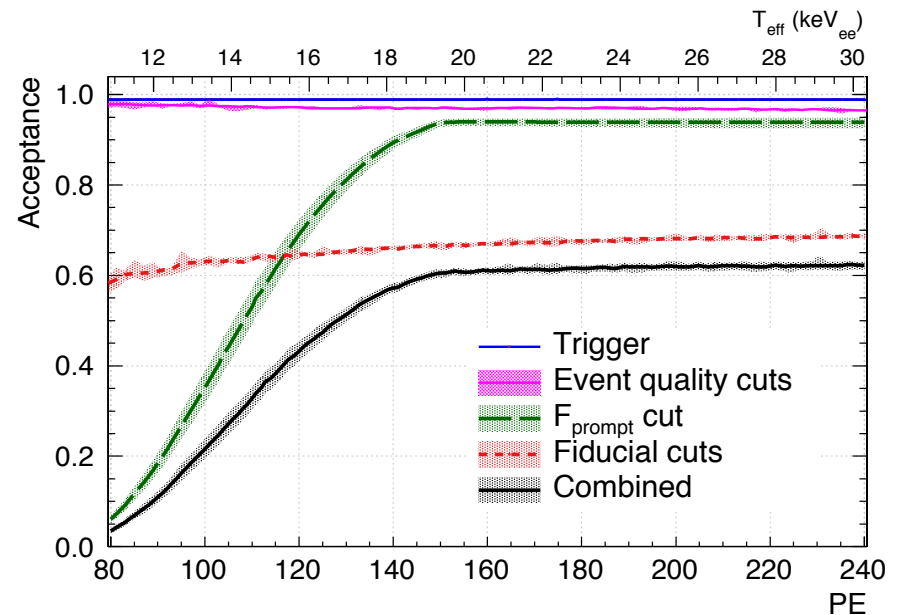
- 4.44 live days of data
- Acceptance for NR calculated using  $^{39}\text{Ar}$ 
  - No cut variables depend on pulse time
- Selected ROI for  $<0.2$  leakage from  $\beta$ 's
- ROI: 80-240 PE
- 95% acceptance of NR above 150PE
- 9,870 kg-day exposure

ROI illustration (AmBe data)



So what do we see...?!

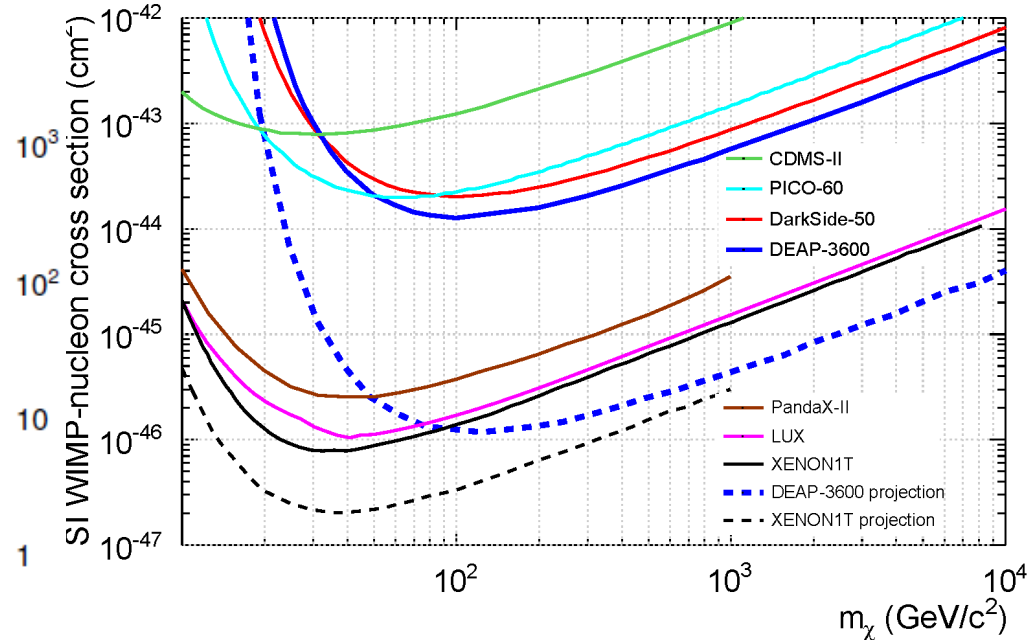
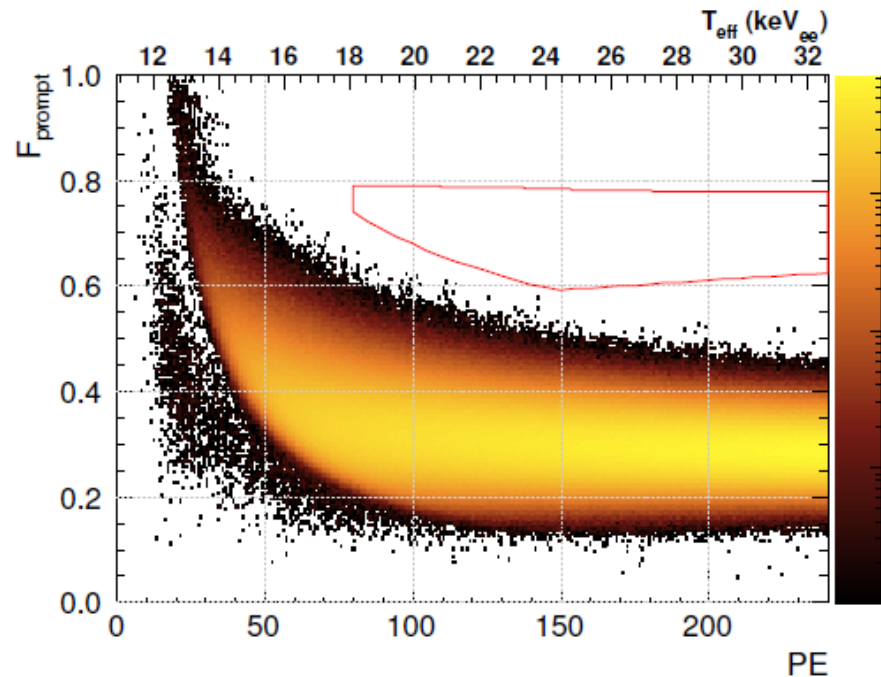
Cut	Livetime	Acceptance %	#ROI # <sub>evt.</sub>
run			
Physics runs	8.55 d		
Stable cryocooler	5.63 d		
Stable PMT	4.72 d		
Deadtime corrected	4.44 d		119181
low level			
DAQ calibration			115782
Pile-up			100700
Event asymmetry			787
quality			
Max charge fraction per PMT		99.58±0.01	654
Event time		99.85±0.01	652
Neck veto		97.49 <sup>+0.03</sup> <sub>-0.05</sub>	23
fiducial			
Max scintillation PE fraction per PMT		75.08 <sup>+0.09</sup> <sub>-0.06</sub>	7
Charge fraction in the top 2 PMT rings		90.92 <sup>+0.11</sup> <sub>-0.10</sub>	
Total	4.44 d	96.94±0.03 66.91 <sup>+0.20</sup> <sub>-0.15</sub>	!



Zero events

# WIMP Exclusion

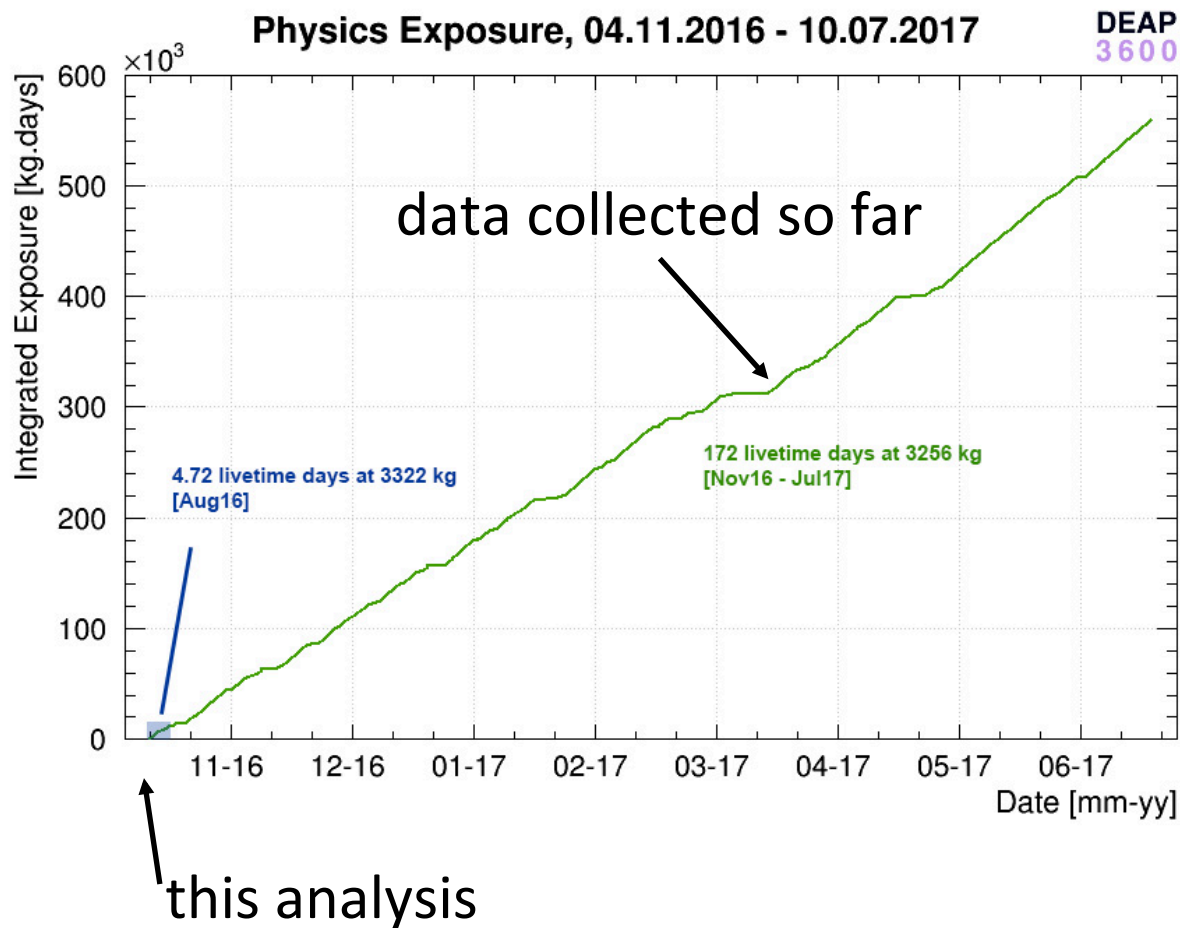
Worlds best limit on Ar above  $100 \text{ GeV}/c^2$   
 $\sigma < 1.2 \times 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$  (90% C.L.)



*DEAP projection assumes 120 PE threshold and 1 tonne fiducial mass*



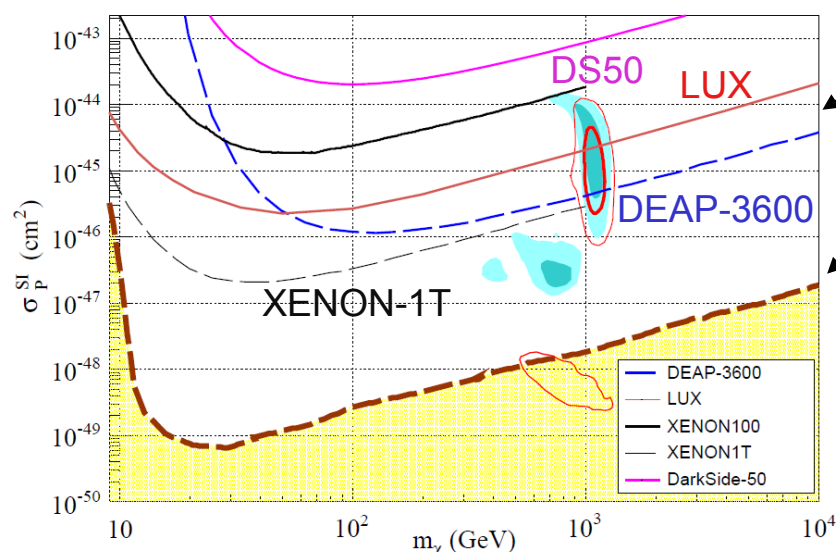
# What next...



Next result: Early 2018 – on one year of data

DEAP Goal: Cover  $\sim 1$  TeV allowed region for SUSY

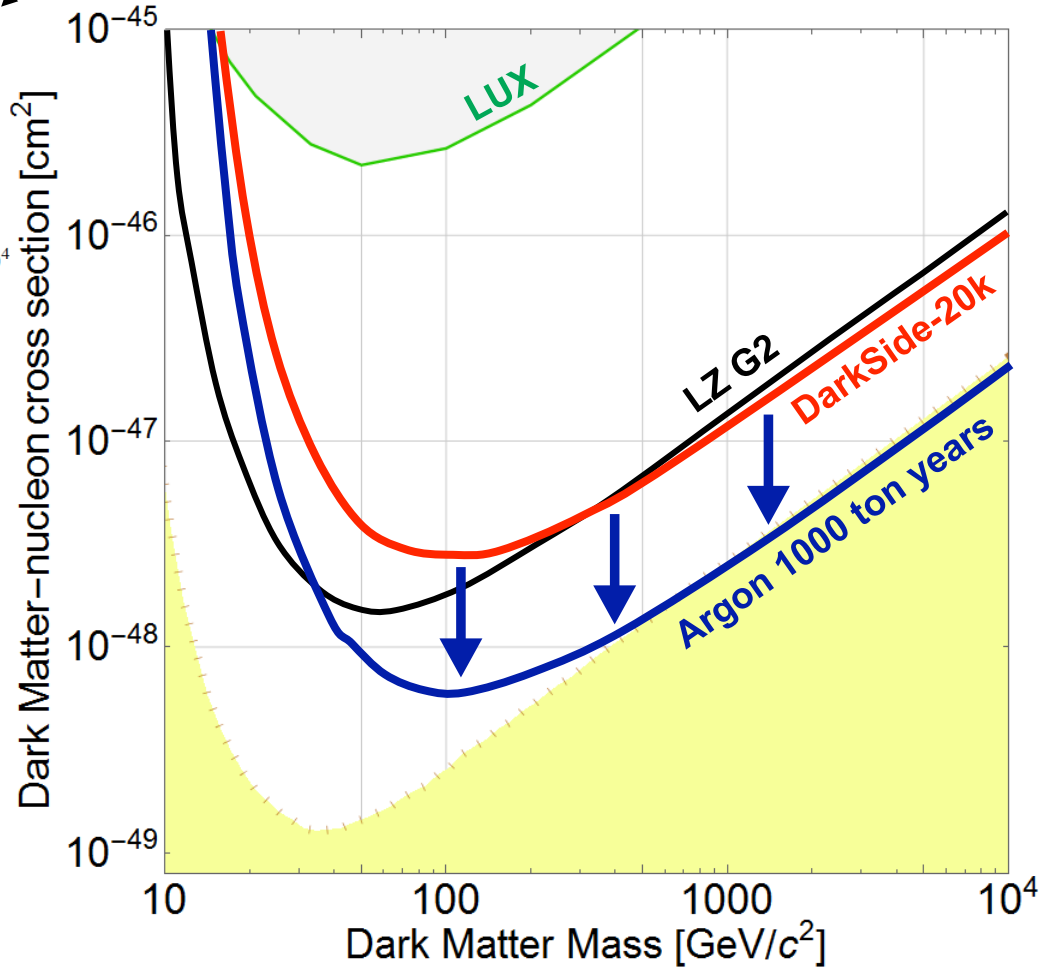
# Beyond DEAP-3600: Sensitivity with Argon



we are currently here

want to get here

Spin-Independent *High-Mass* Region




- Argon has good sensitivity in high-mass region
- Have shown PSD potential in low-mass region
- DarkSide-20k** (20 tonnes argon) competitive with LZ
- 1000-tonne years (future detector) reaches down to neutrino floor
- Complimentary to xenon – only other target allowing such large exposure

# Conclusions and Outlook

- DEAP-3600 collecting data since 2016
  - UK delivered all the calibration systems
- First analysis presented here used approximately 5 days of data collected in August 2016:
  - Stable performance
  - Good light yield
  - Good PSD – best ever demonstrated at low threshold in argon
  - Preliminary analyses of internal background components promising
  - Larger fiducial volume and lower energy threshold than design goal!
- No events observed in WIMP ROI allows best-ever limit on WIMP-nucleon cross-section at high mass in argon
- Data collection with DEAP-3600 ongoing:
  - Approx. 600,000 kg-days total exposure in the can (this analysis: 12,000 kg-days)
- Beyond DEAP: DS20k @LNGS – first physics in 2021!

**<https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.08042>**

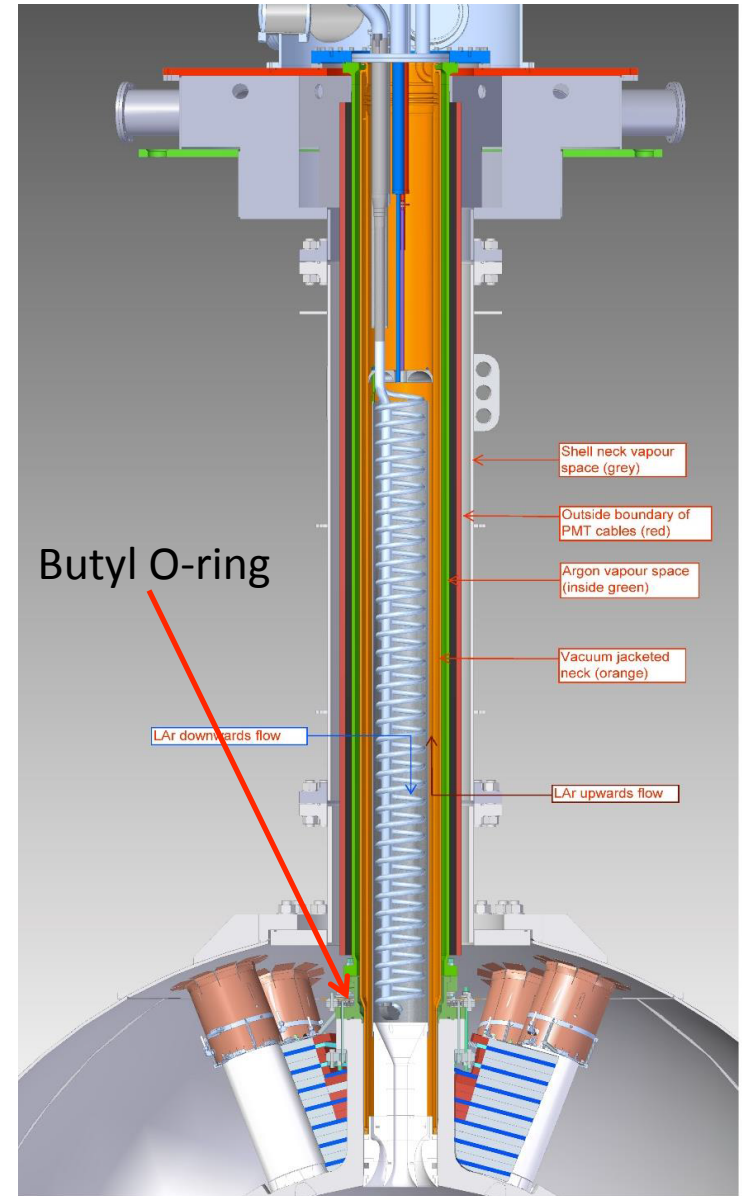


The image shows the interior of a large, cylindrical industrial vessel, likely a reactor or processing tank. The interior is metallic and features a central vertical pipe with a flanged top. The inner wall is lined with a grid of circular lights, some of which are illuminated, casting a warm glow. A label on the upper right side of the vessel reads "INNOVATION.CA". The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the array of lights.

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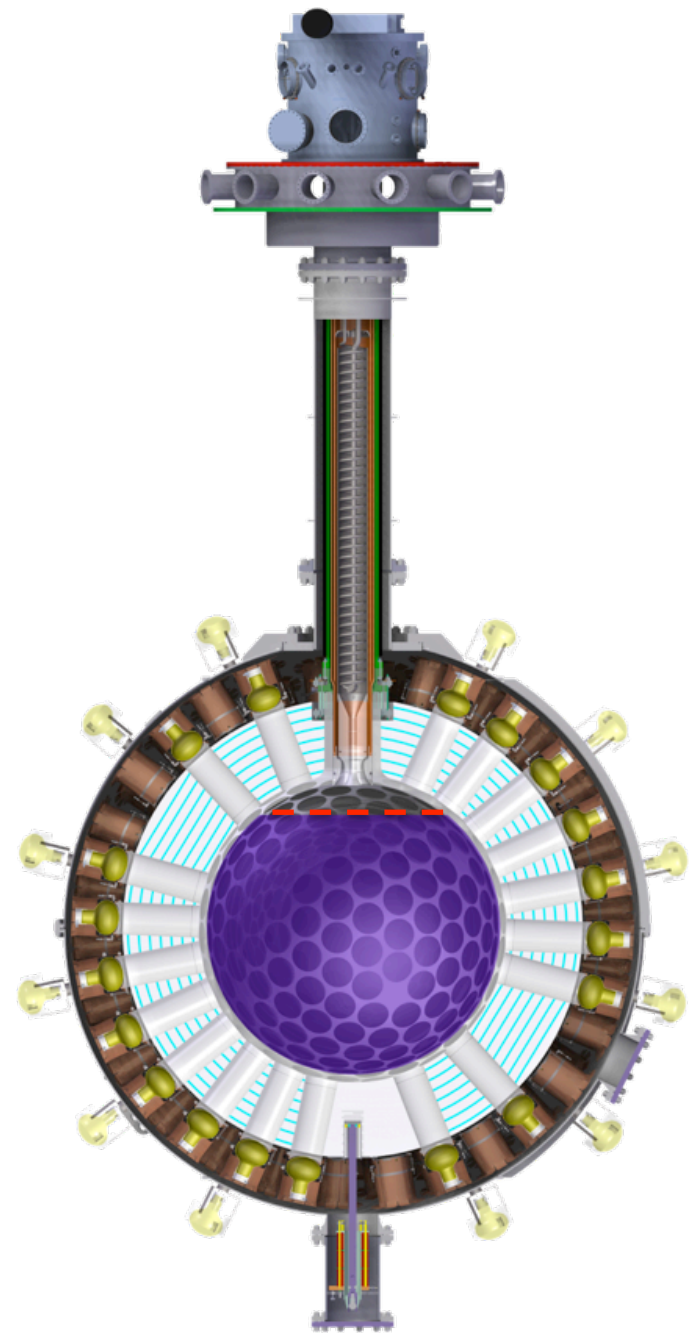
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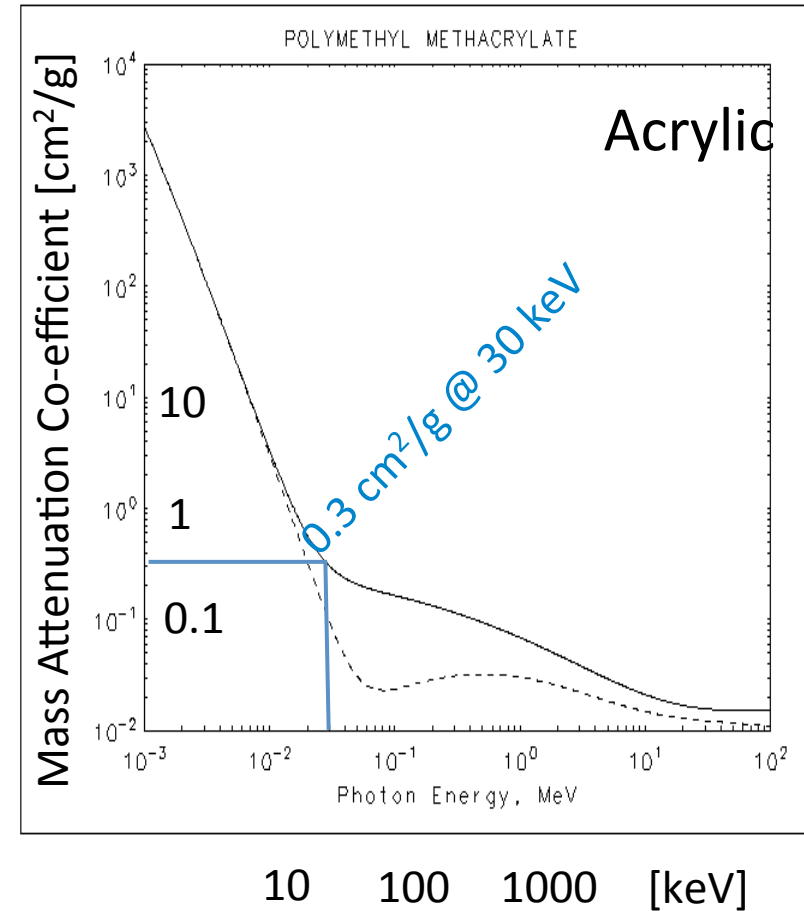
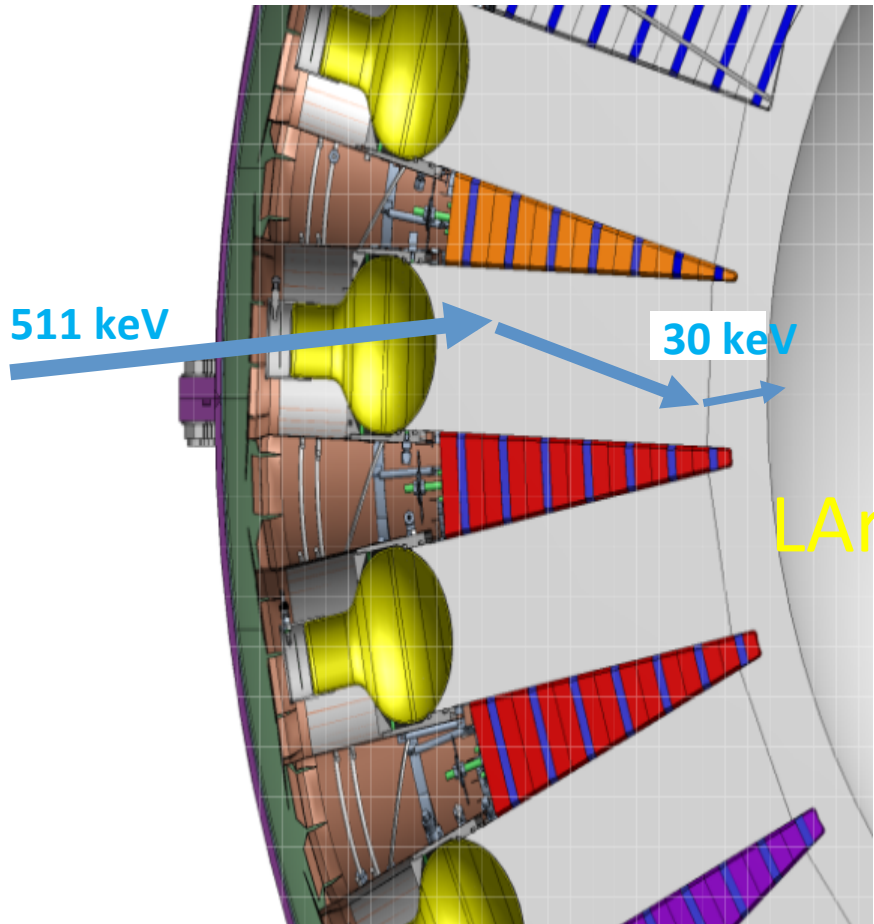
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  - 3,600kg LAr  $\rightarrow$  3,322 kg LAr
- Continued data collection from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 2016

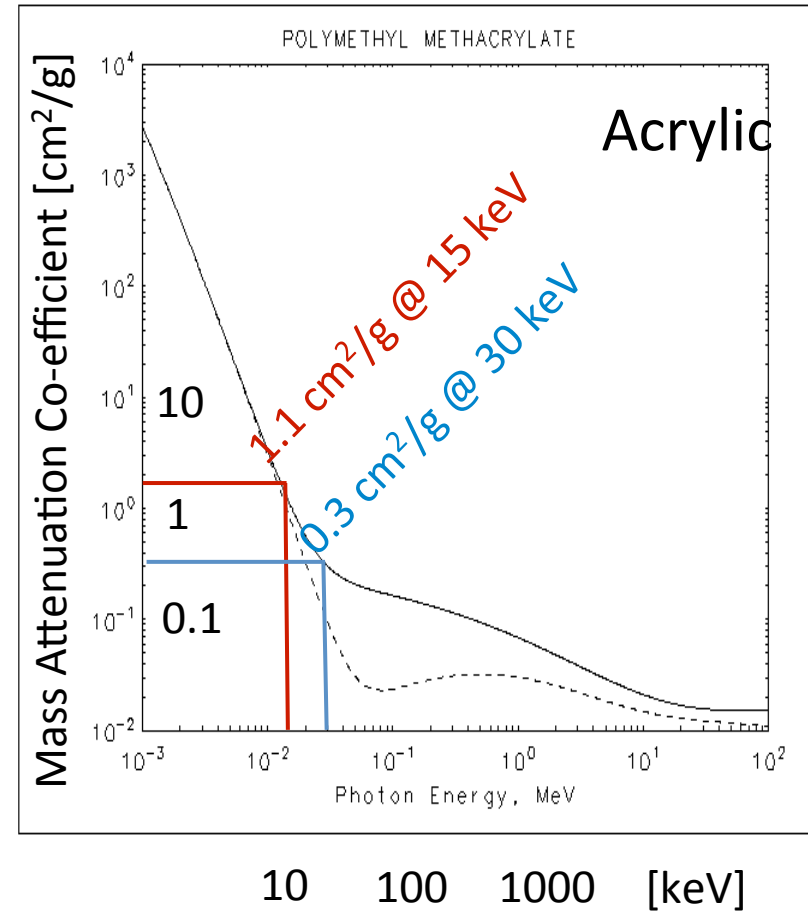
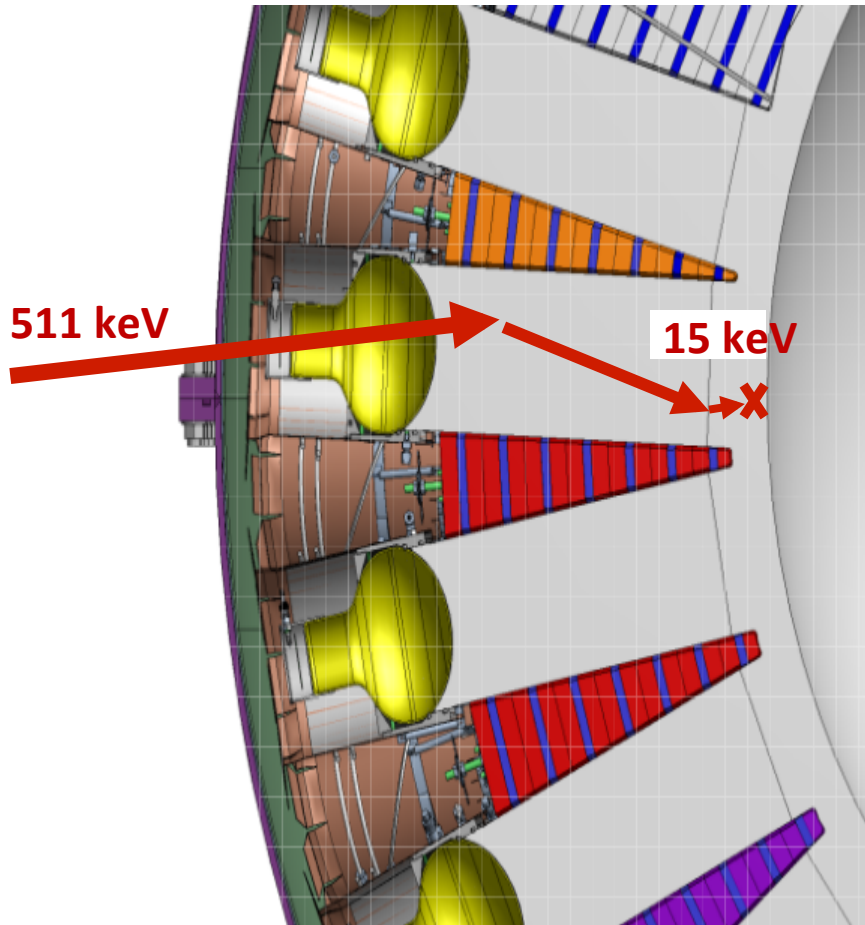




# $^{22}\text{Na}$ 300 PE feature

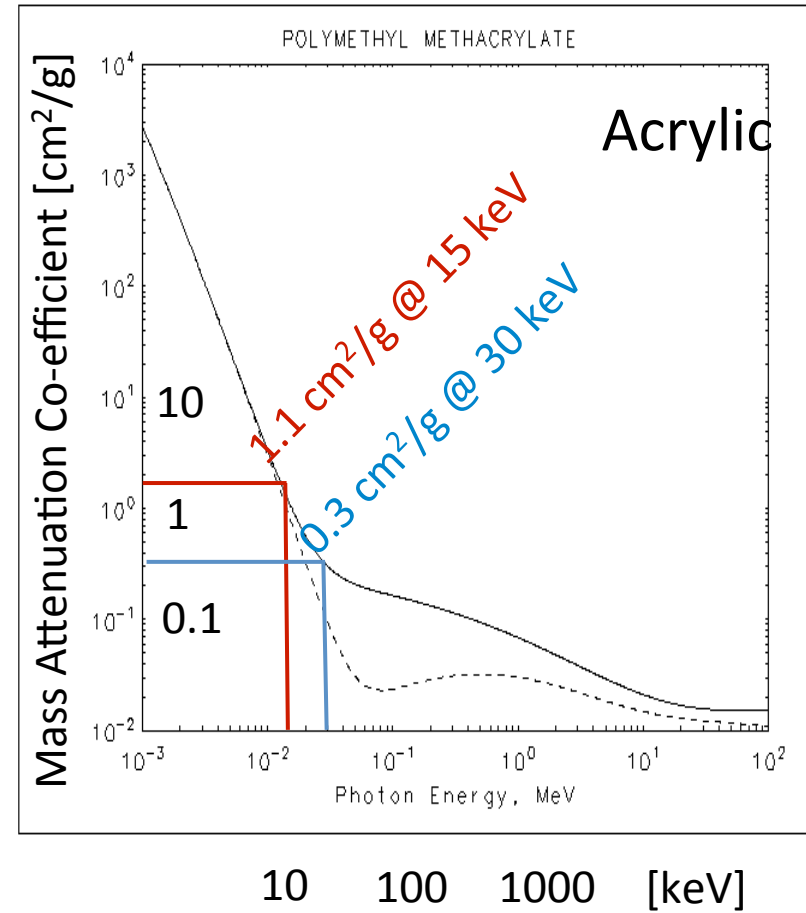
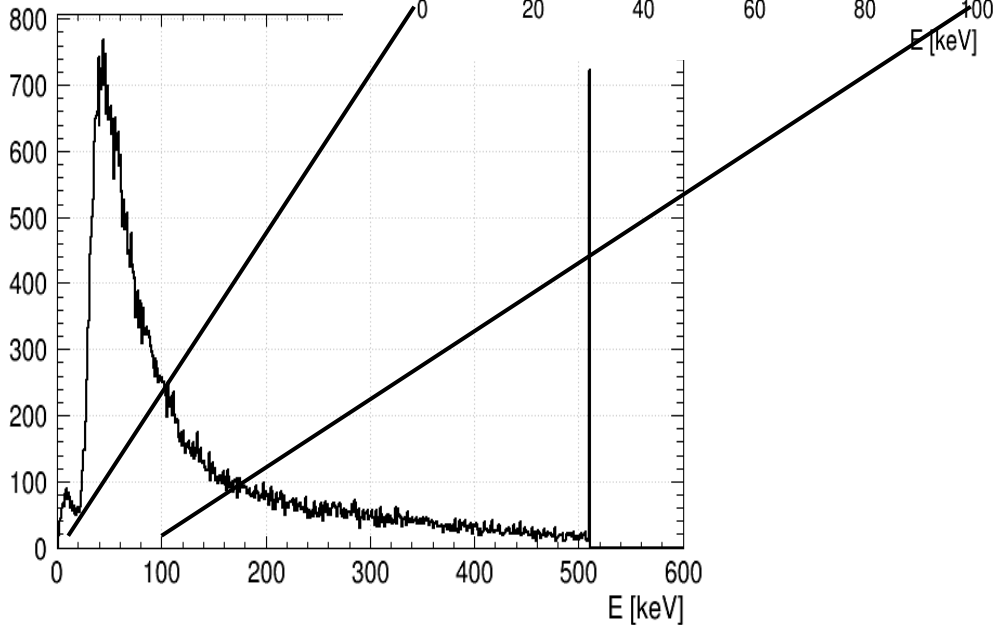
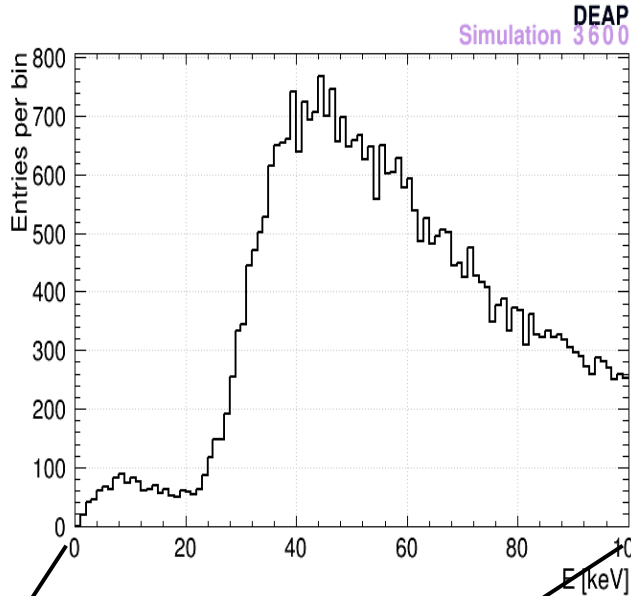


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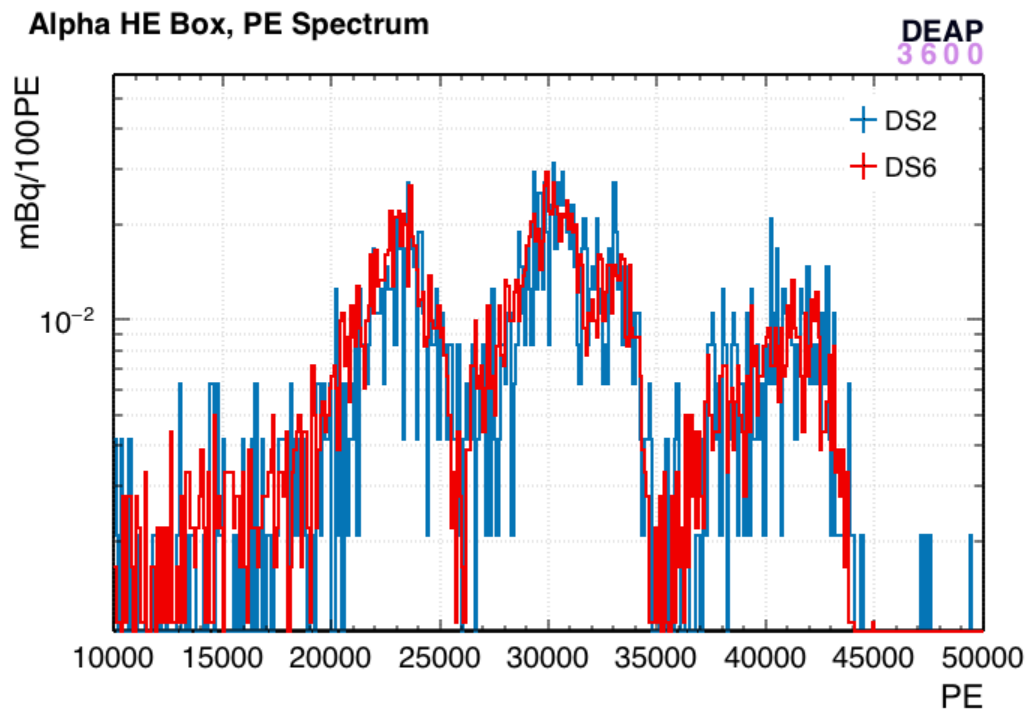
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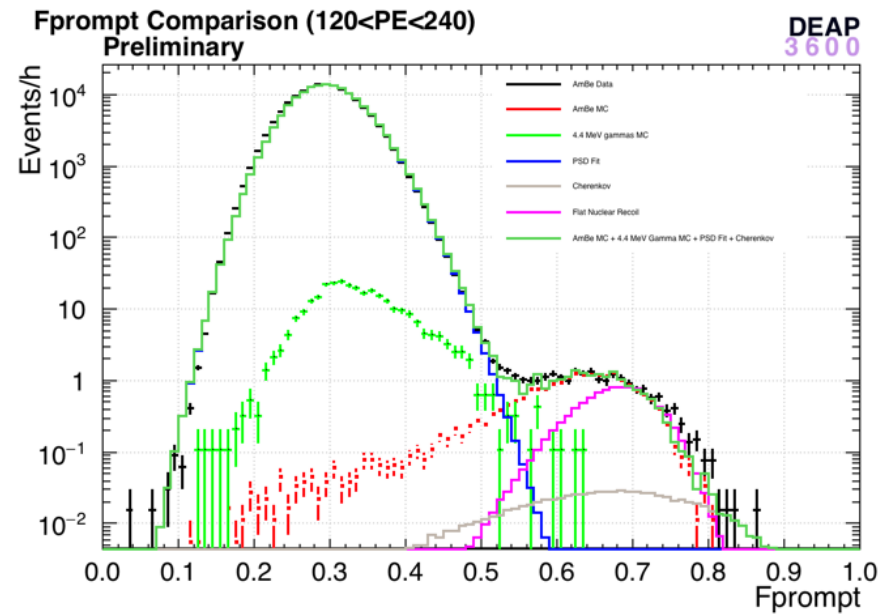
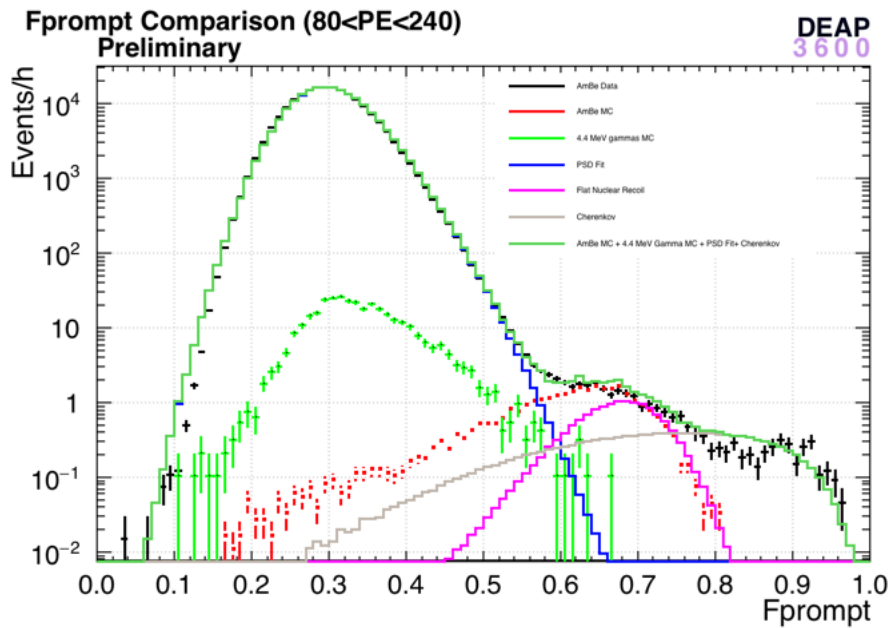


# Radon rate before and after...

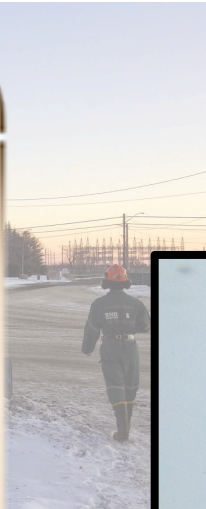


Alpha	DS2	DS6
222Rn	0.55±0.05 [mBq]	0.53±0.06 [mBq]
210Po	0.93±0.1 [mBq]	0.91±0.1 [mBq]

# Neutron calibration



# Going DEAP underground!



2 km

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553 m (DEAP) 600

2073 m (6800 ft.) level



SNO Site



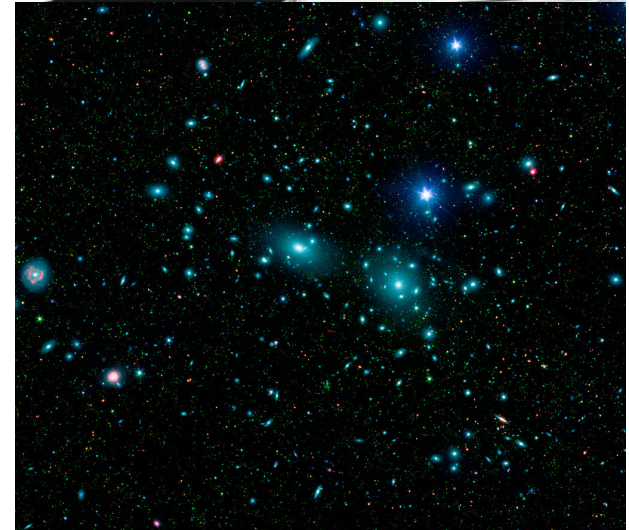
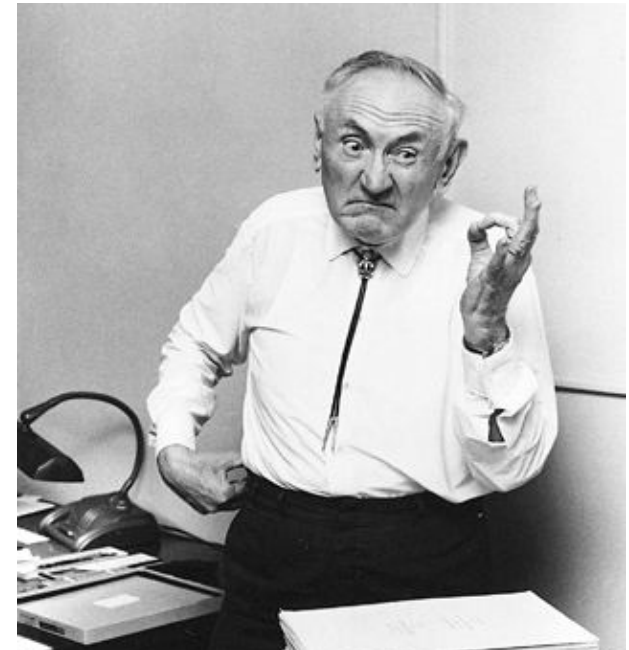


Why do we think there's dark matter?



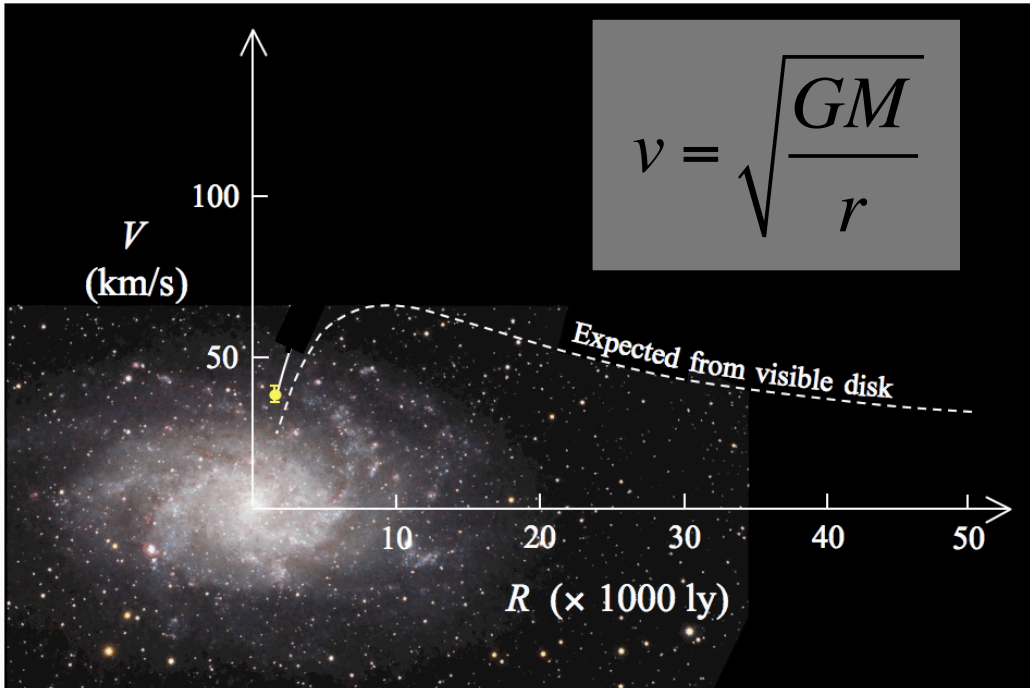
# A brief history of dark matter

- Fritz Zwicky observed motions of Coma cluster of galaxies (1933)
- Calculated the mass of the cluster from the velocities of the outer galaxies
- Also estimated the mass of the cluster based on the Luminosity
- The calculations differed by a factor of 400!
- The cluster needed much more mass to explain their velocities than was present from stars and hot gas alone...



# A brief history of dark matter

- In the 1970's Vera Rubin saw the same anomaly when observing rotations of individual galaxies
- If no dark matter:

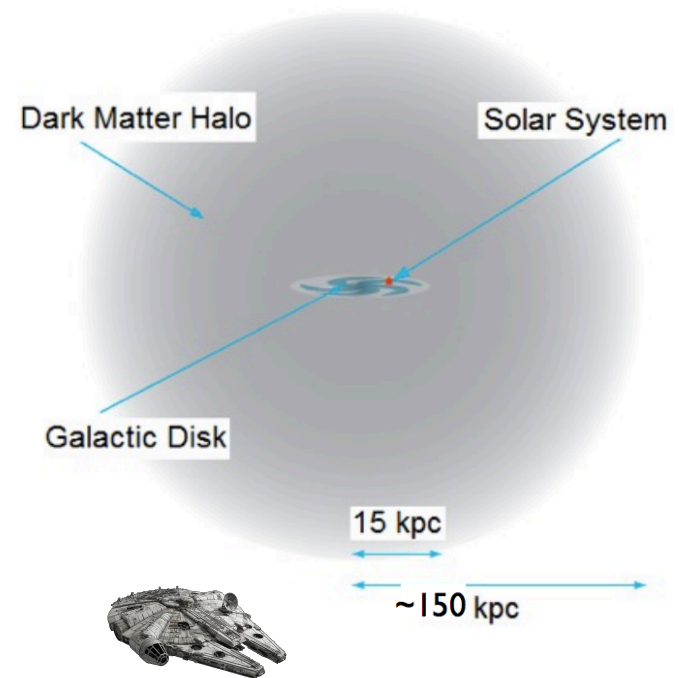
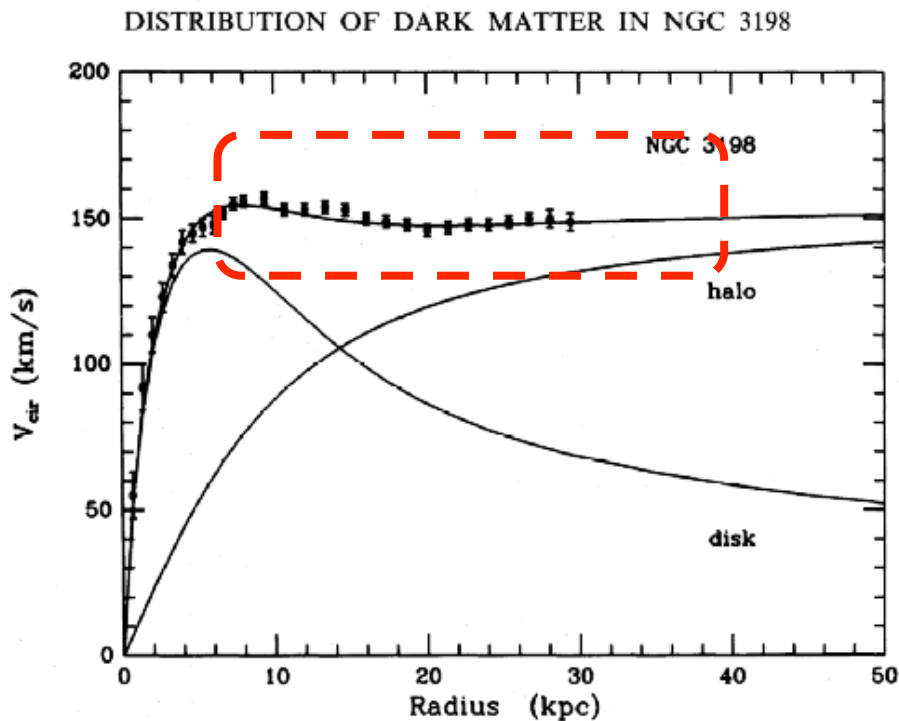


**However...**



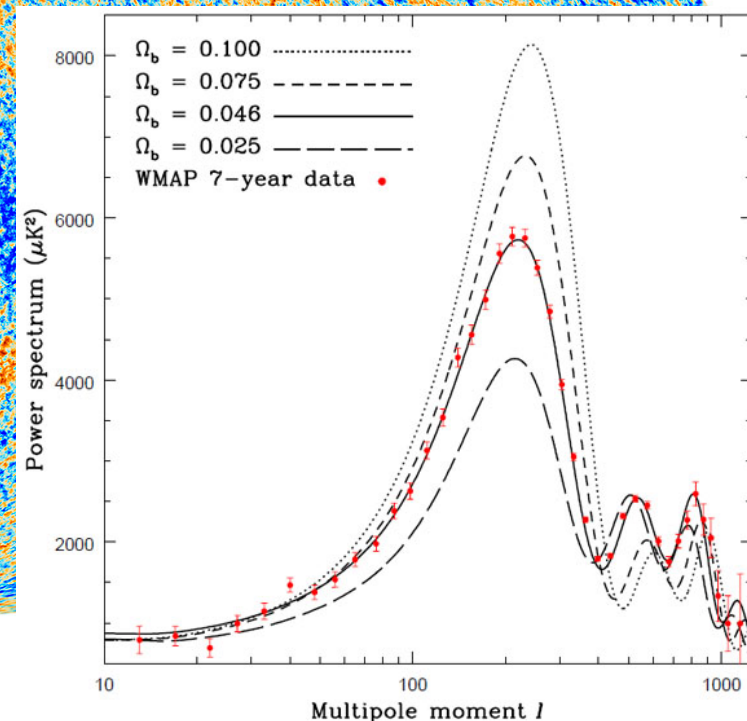
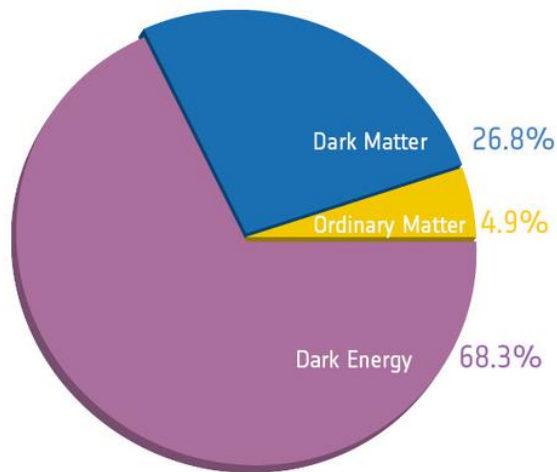
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- Velocities constant at large radii!



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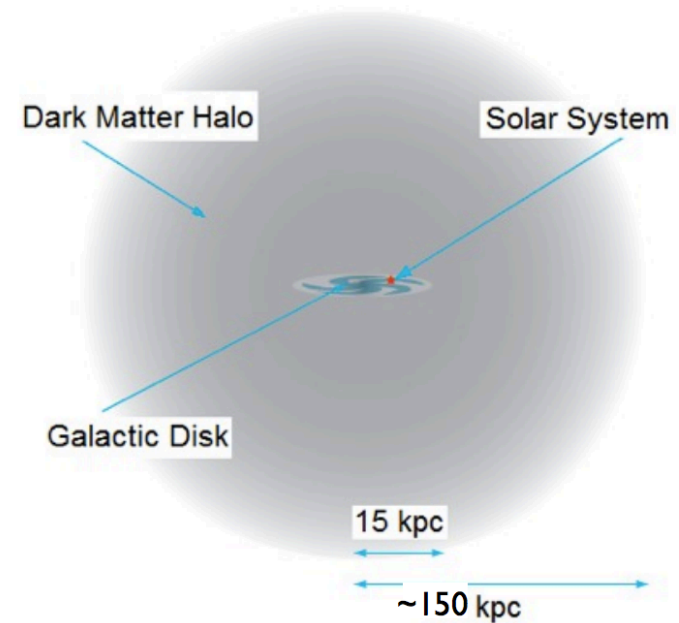
- Best measurement from Cosmic Microwave Background
- Cobe, WMAP and PLANCK surveys
- 26.8% Dark Matter, < 5% baryonic matter!



Ordinary matter: 4% is hot H and He gas, 0.5% stars, 0.3% neutrinos, 0.03% heavy elements

# How much Dark Matter is there?

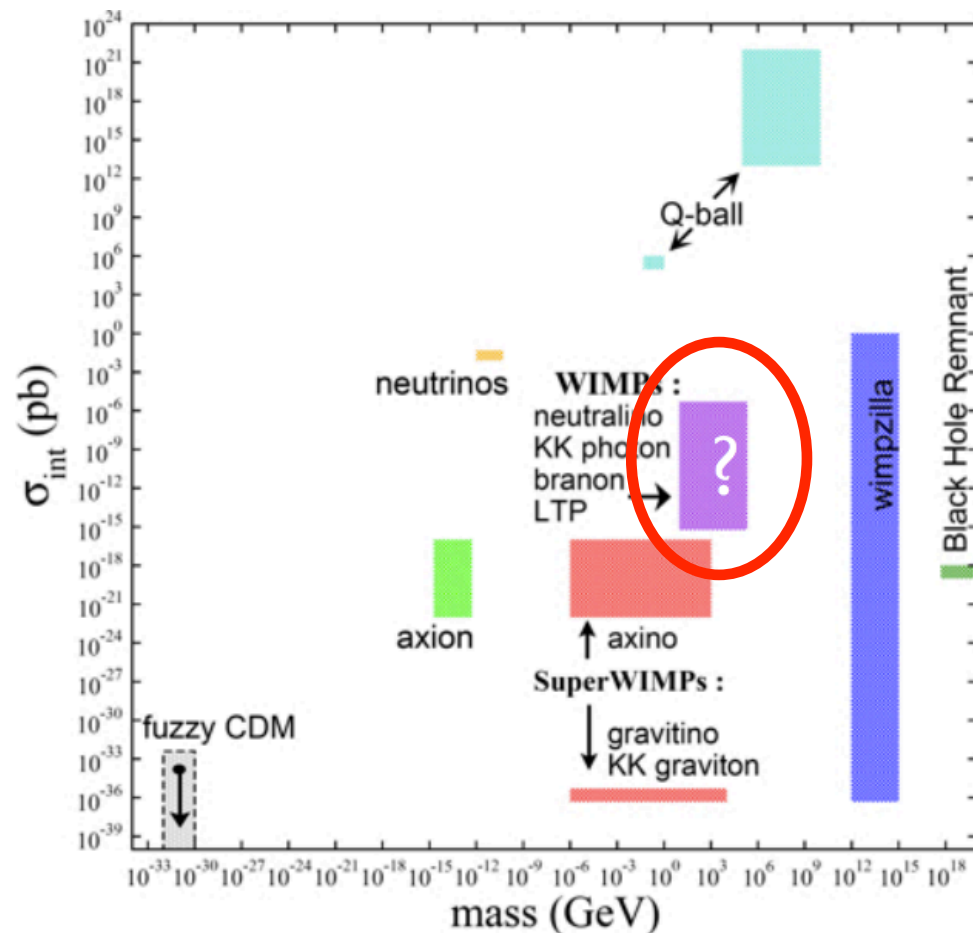
- The dark matter density in this room is  $\sim 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$
- Essentially 1 dark matter particle per teacup
- In comparison, the baryonic matter density is  $\sim 5 \text{ g/cm}^3$  which is  $\sim 3 \times 10^{24} \text{ GeV/cm}^3$ !



*I take mine dark and weak!*

# What is dark matter?

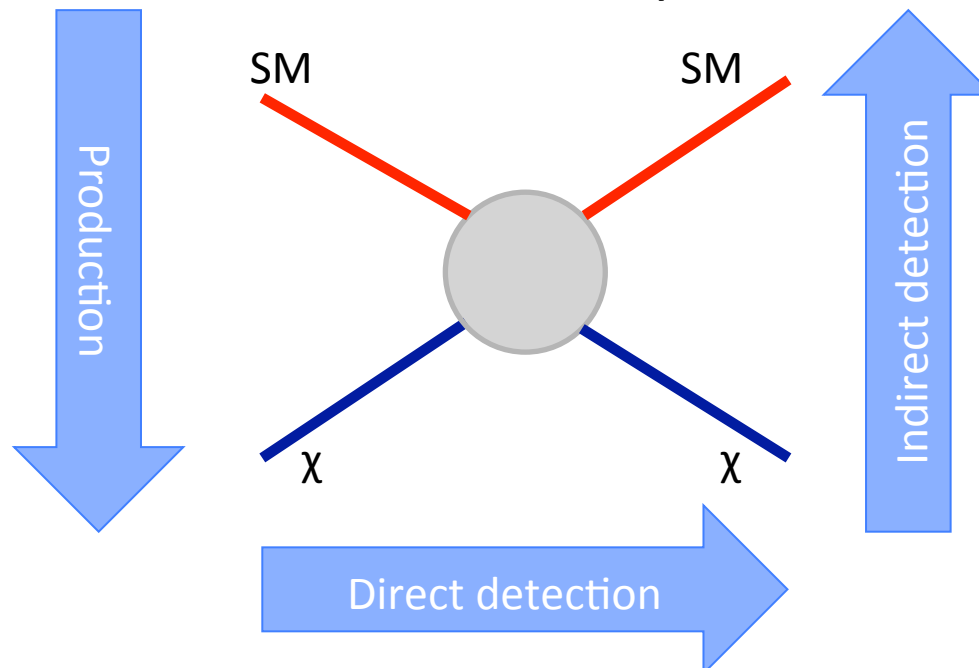
- Many models spanning orders of magnitude in mass and cross-section
- Concentrate on Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)
  - Motivated by SUSY





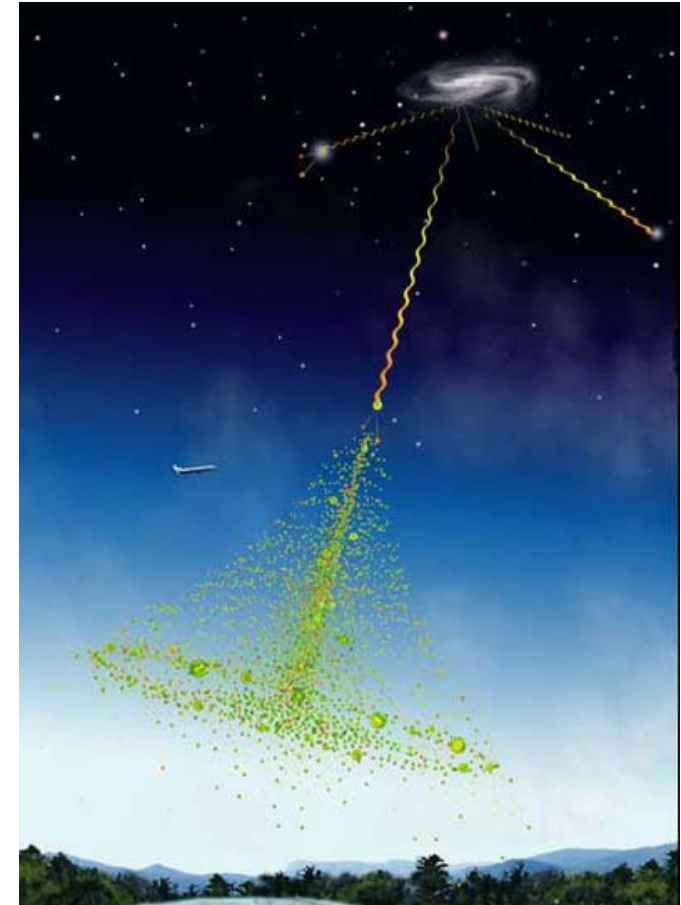
# If it's so dark, how do we see it?

- Three methods of observation – “Break it, make it, shake it!”
  - Indirect detection: Annihilation (AMS...)
  - Production: LHC
  - Direct detection (DEAP)
- Two methods needed for discovery. Or directionality...



# If it's so dark, how do we see it?

- Indirect detection (e.g. AMS):
  - Look for signals of dark matter annihilation in the cosmos
    - Resonant peak
  - Dark matter weakly interacting so rare in the galaxy, but could happen at high enough rate to be visible if high enough dark matter density
  - e.g. Centre of stars and galaxies (large gravitational well's)





# If it's so dark, how do we see it?

- Production:
  - If dark matter interacts with ordinary matter we could make it in a collider
  - However new particles made at LHC only dark matter candidates
  - Need to observe directly in the to confirm

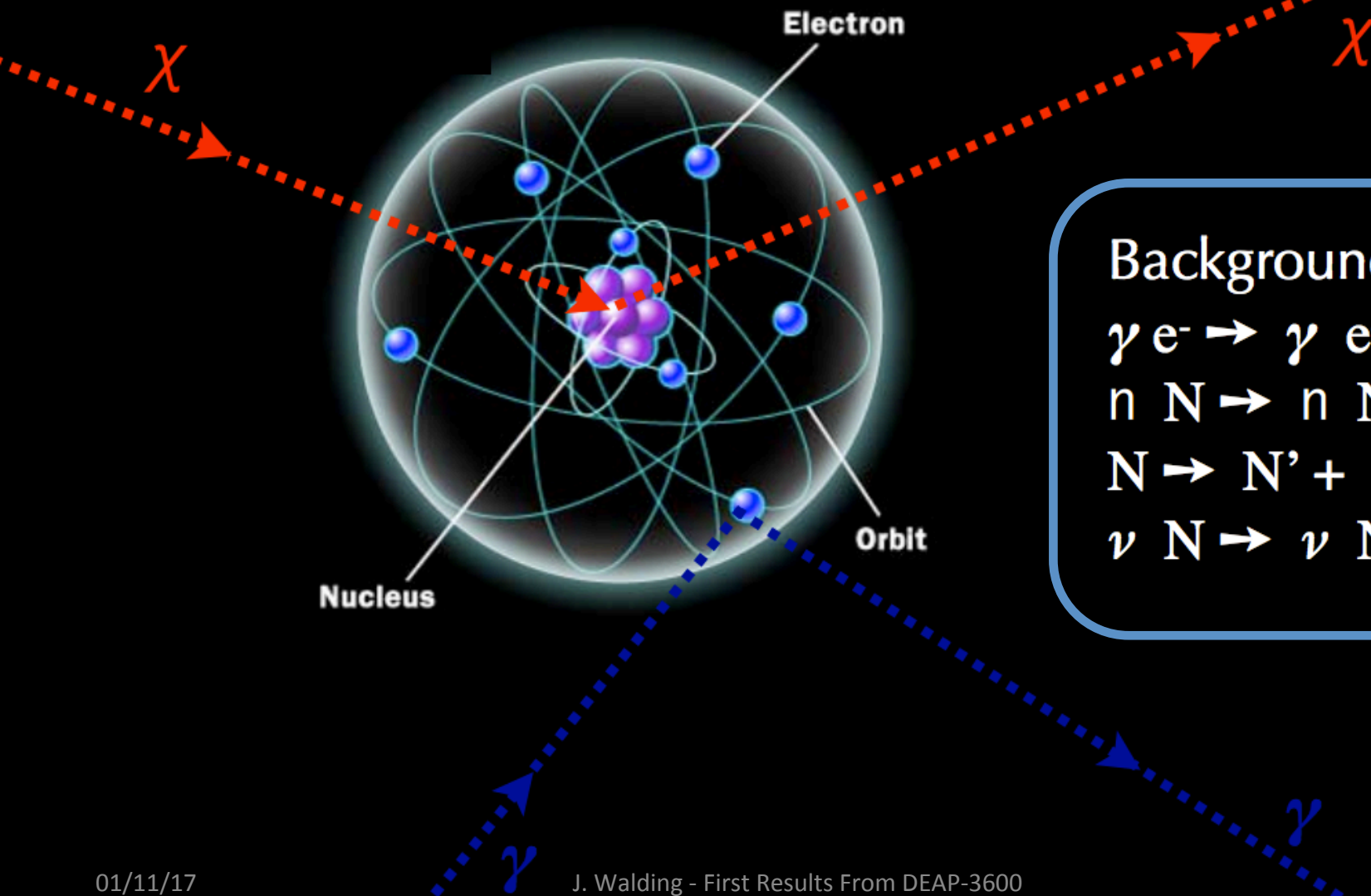
 **ATLAS**  
EXPERIMENT  
<http://atlas.ch>

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# Direct Detection



Signal:  $\chi N \rightarrow \chi N$



Backgrounds:

$$\gamma e^- \rightarrow \gamma e^-$$

$$n N \rightarrow n N$$

$$N \rightarrow N' + \alpha, e^-$$

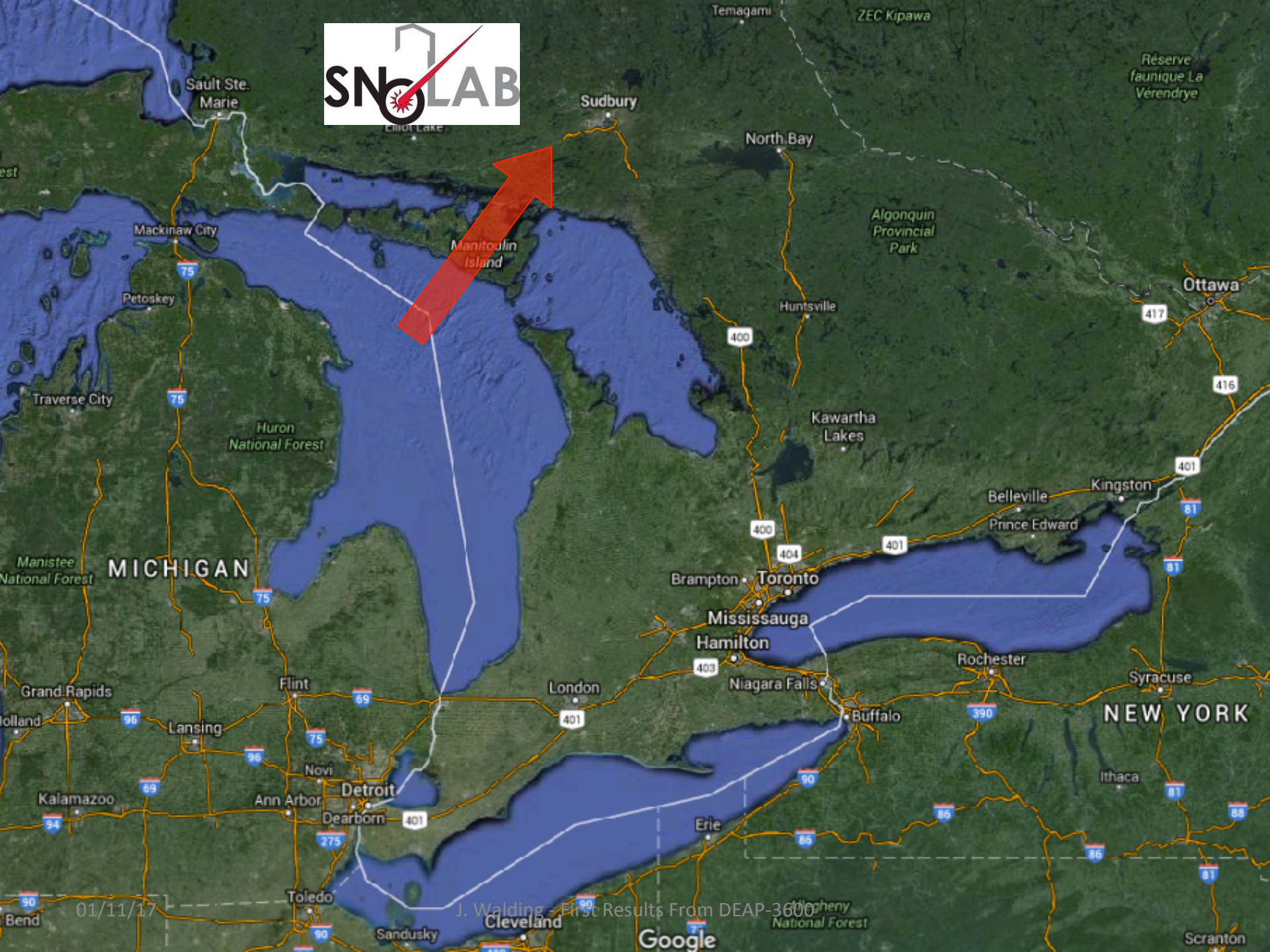
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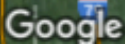
A large, spherical detector assembly, the DEAP-3600, is shown in a cleanroom environment. The detector is composed of numerous copper rings arranged in a spherical pattern, with photomultiplier tubes (PMTs) mounted on the surface. A person in a white cleanroom suit and blue gloves is working on the detector from a metal platform. The background shows the curved, metallic walls of the cleanroom.

# What is DEAP-3600



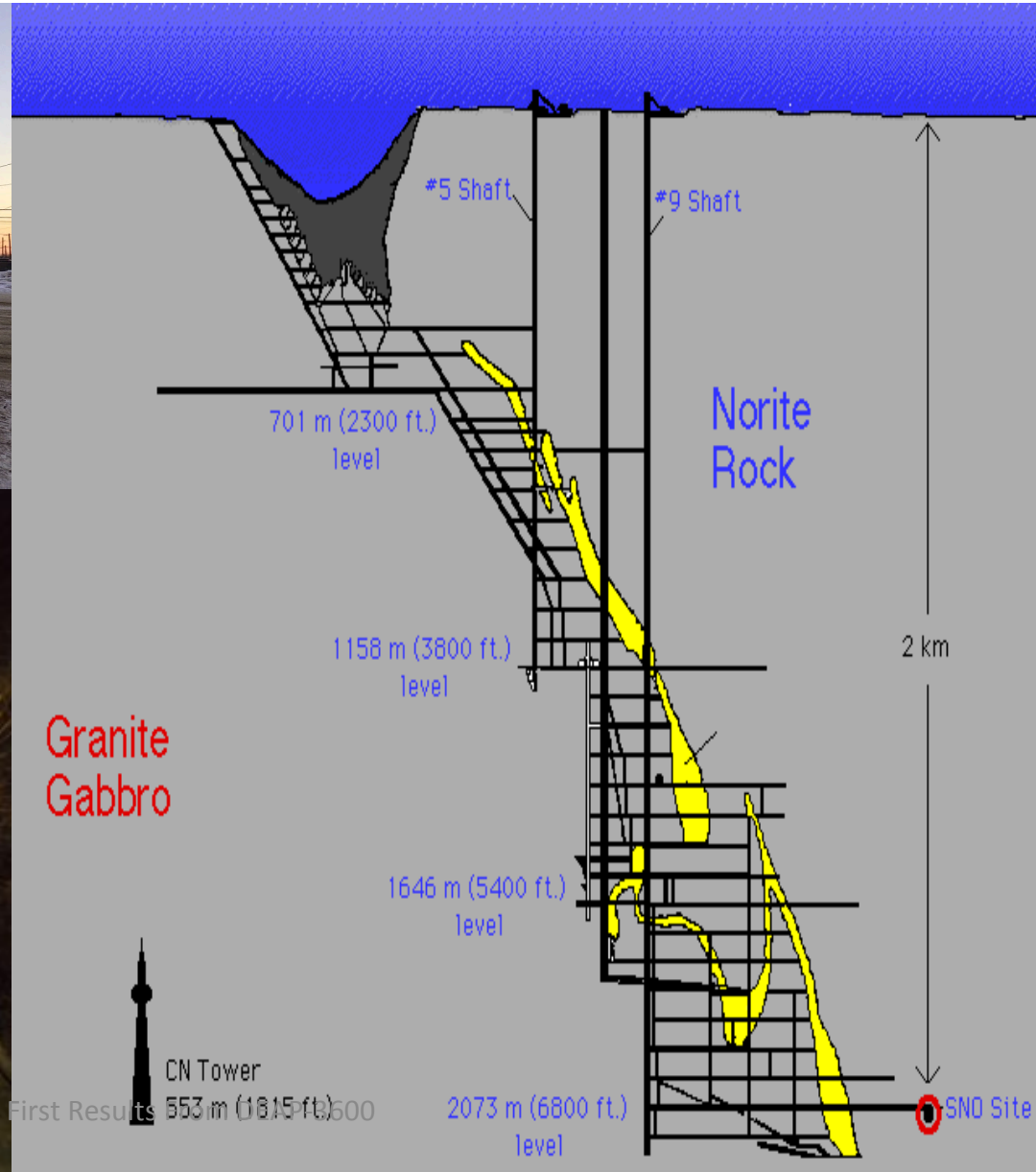


J. Wadding - First Results From DEAP-3600





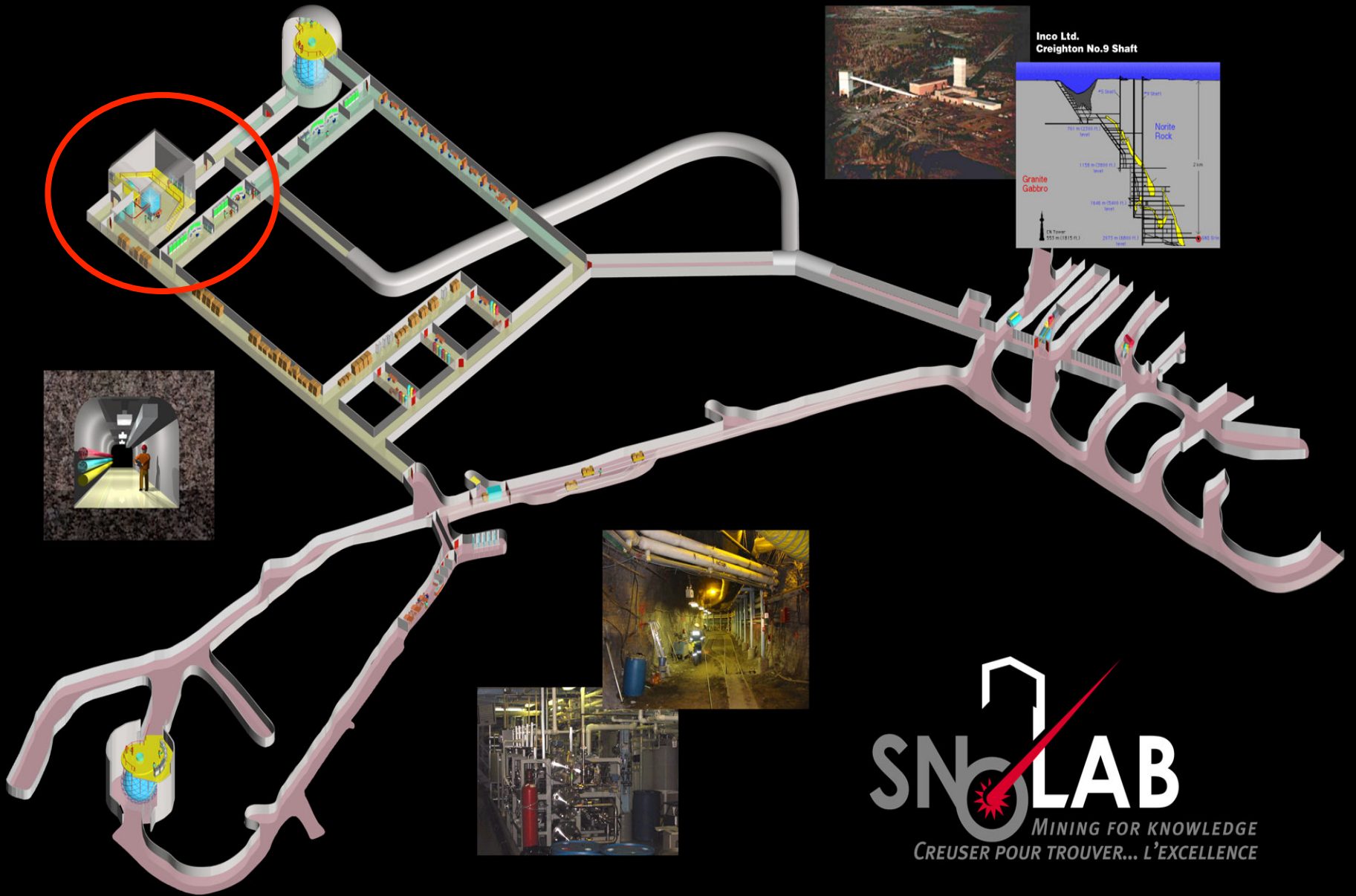
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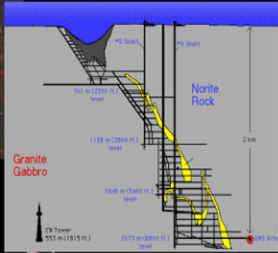
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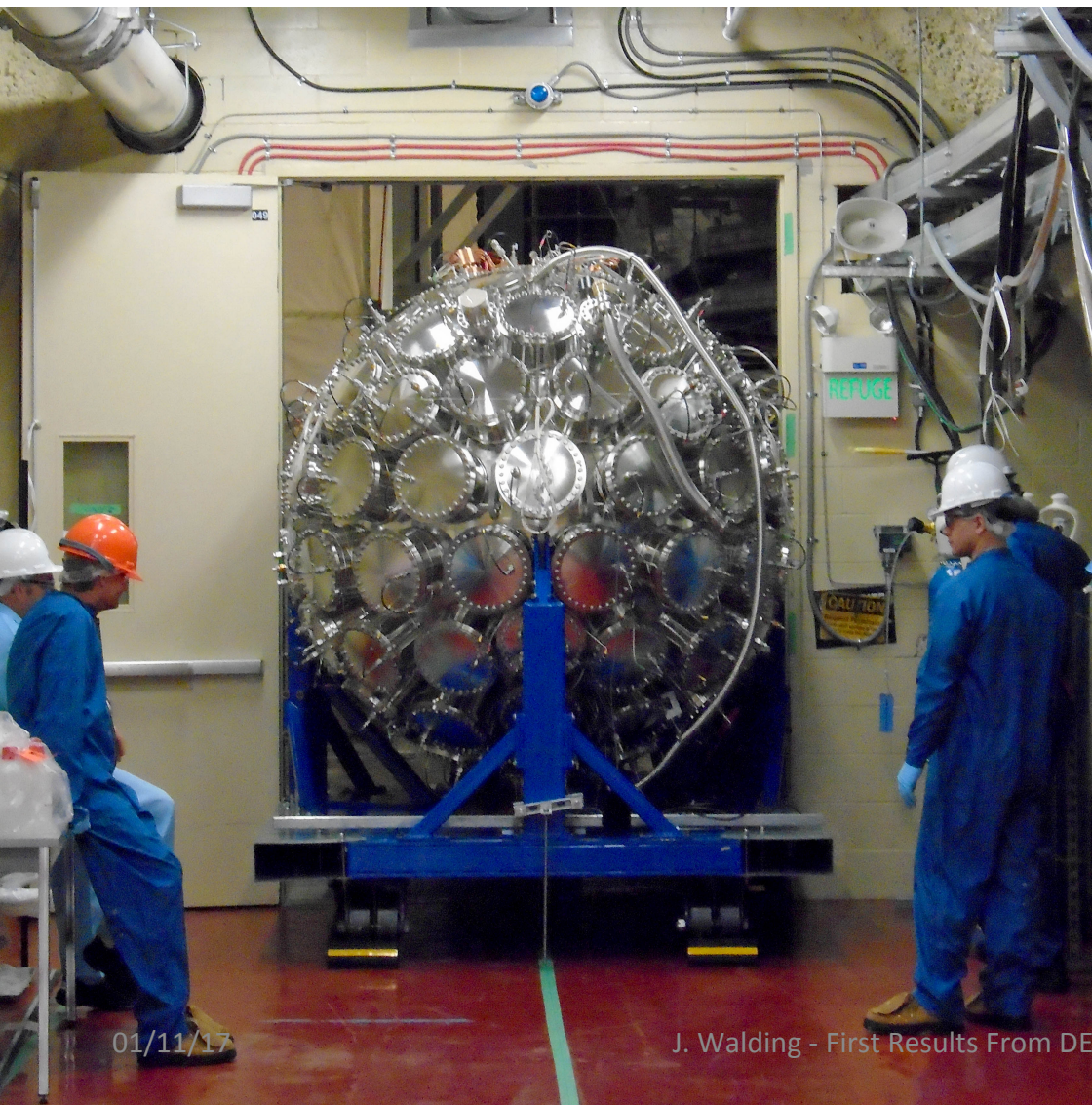
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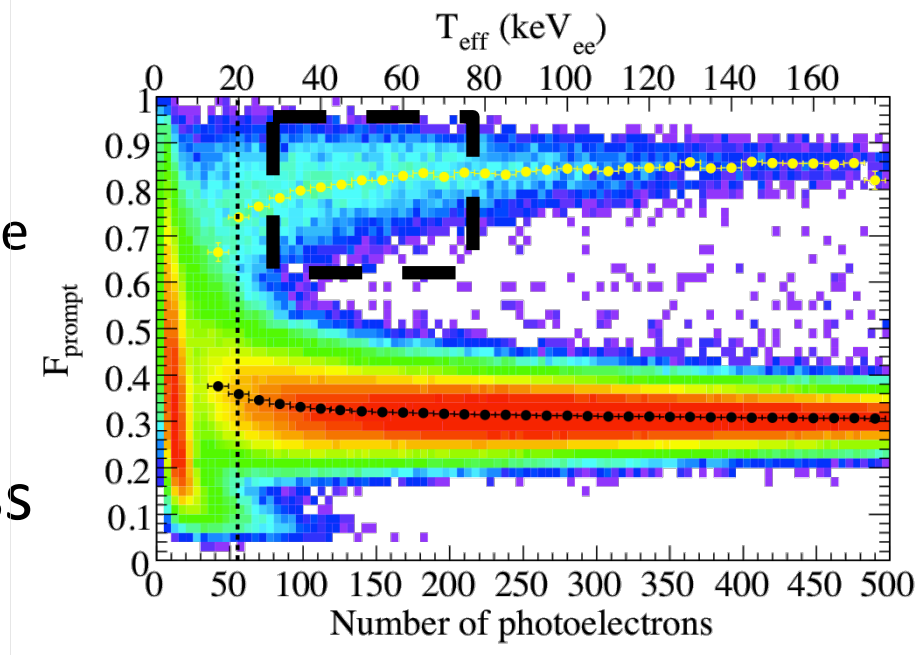
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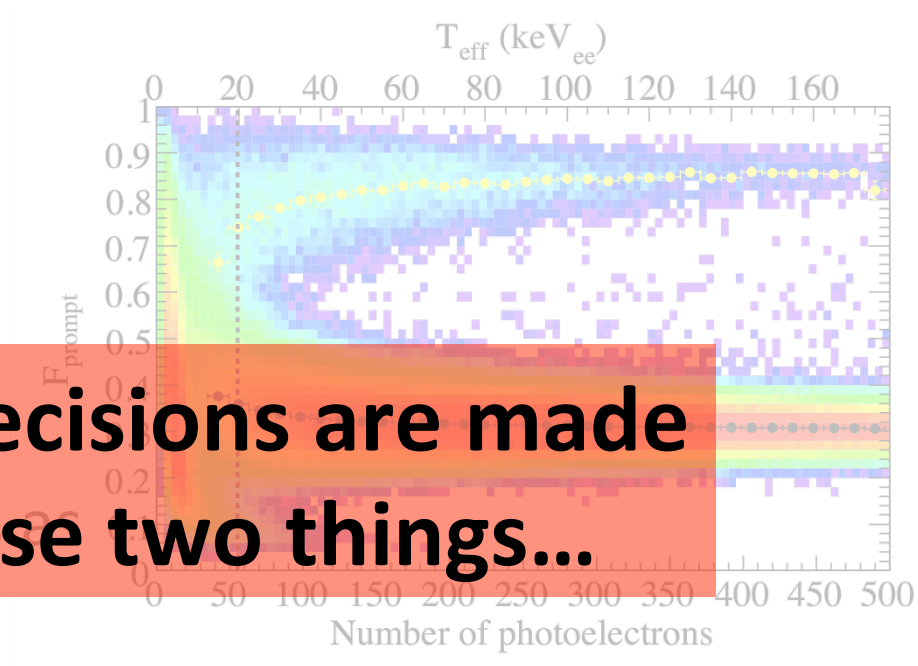


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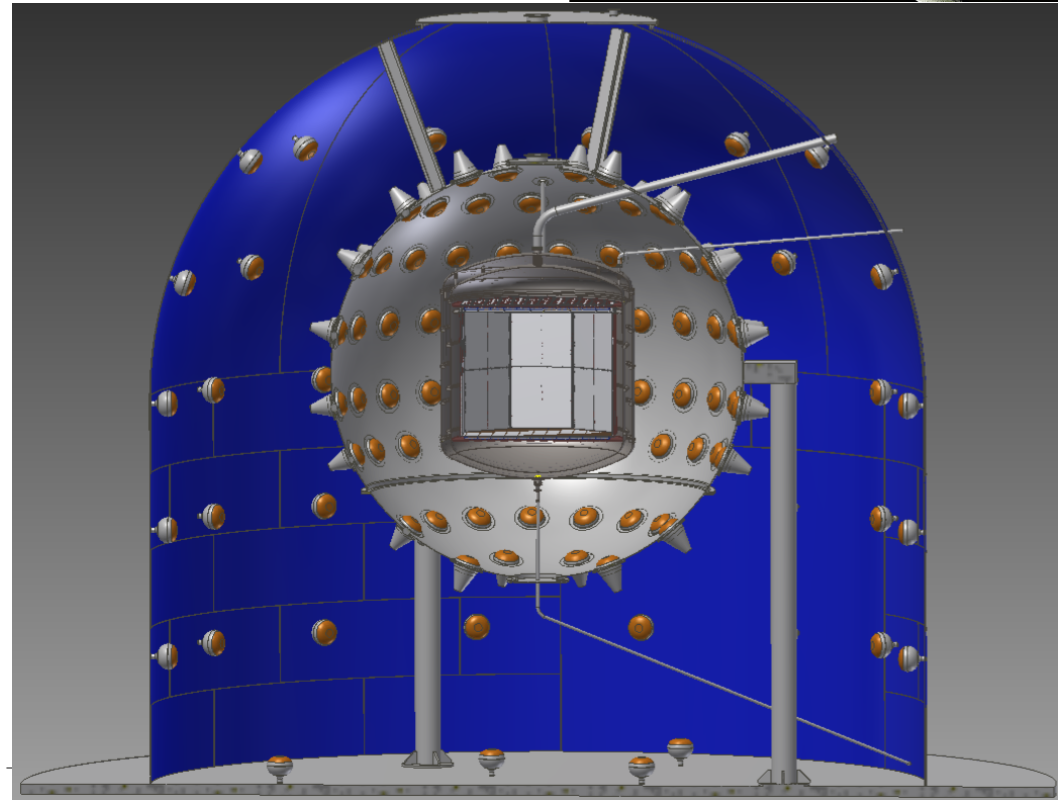
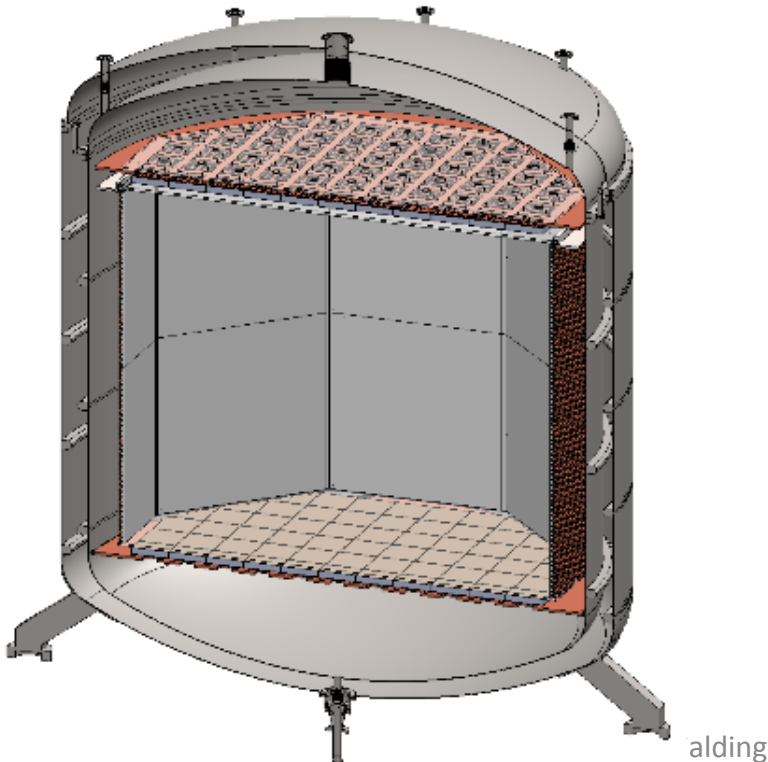
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# DarkSide-20k

- TPC: Scaled up version of DS-50
- 20 tonnes of depleted argon, starts operation at LNGS in 2021
- Collaboration of DarkSide, DEAP, MiniCLEAN and ArDM
- First large-scale use of SiPMs for light readout

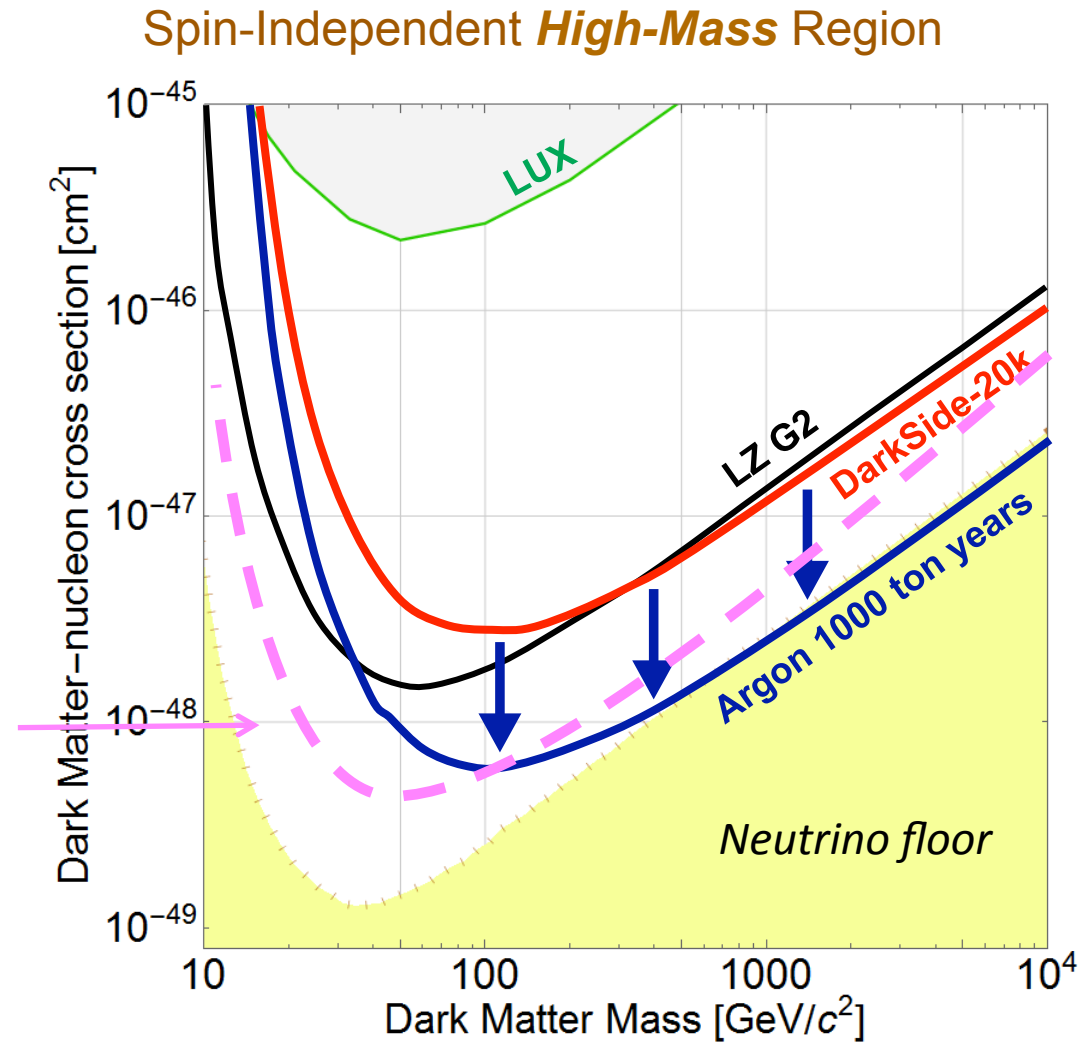
**darkside**  
two-phase argon TPC for Dark Matter Direct Detection



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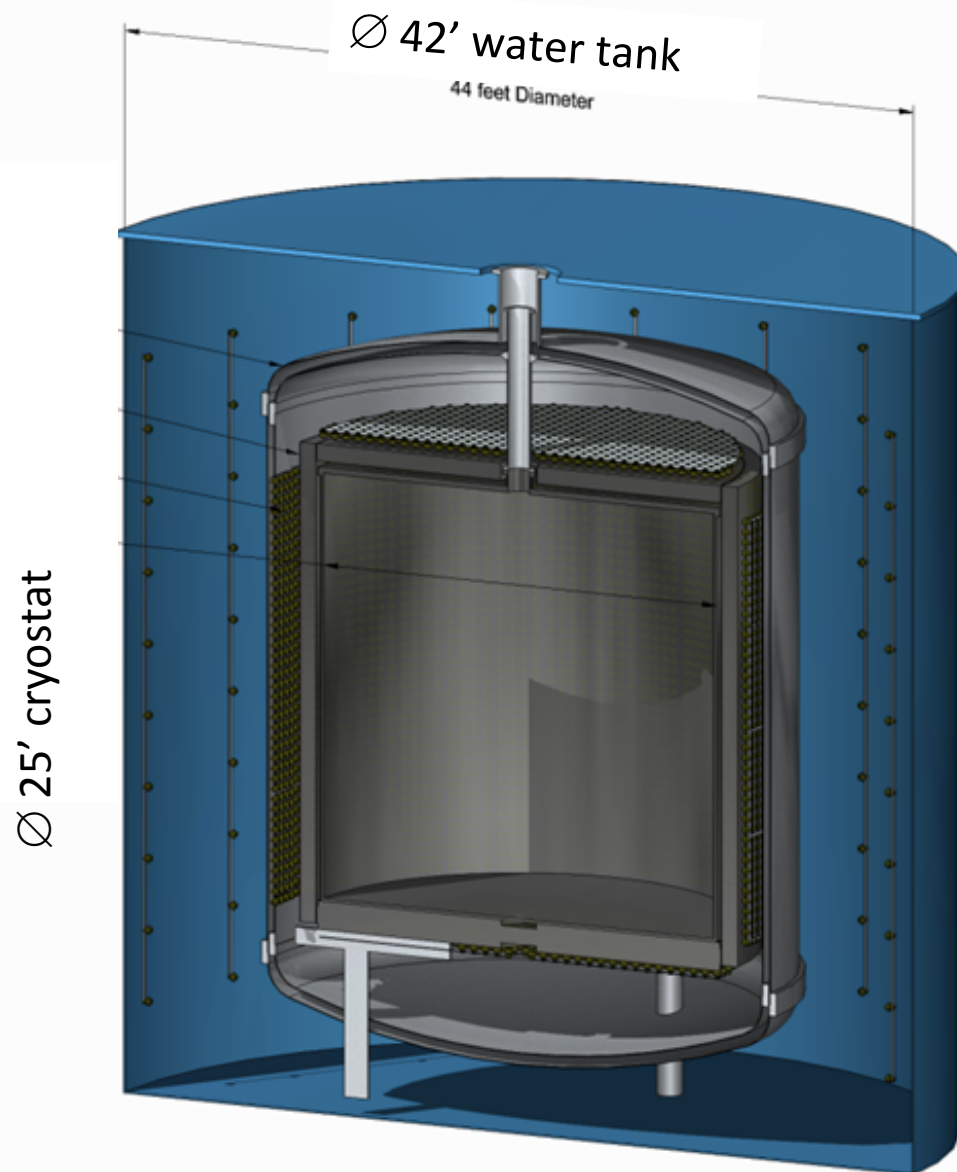
Neutrino-electron elastic scattering cross-section



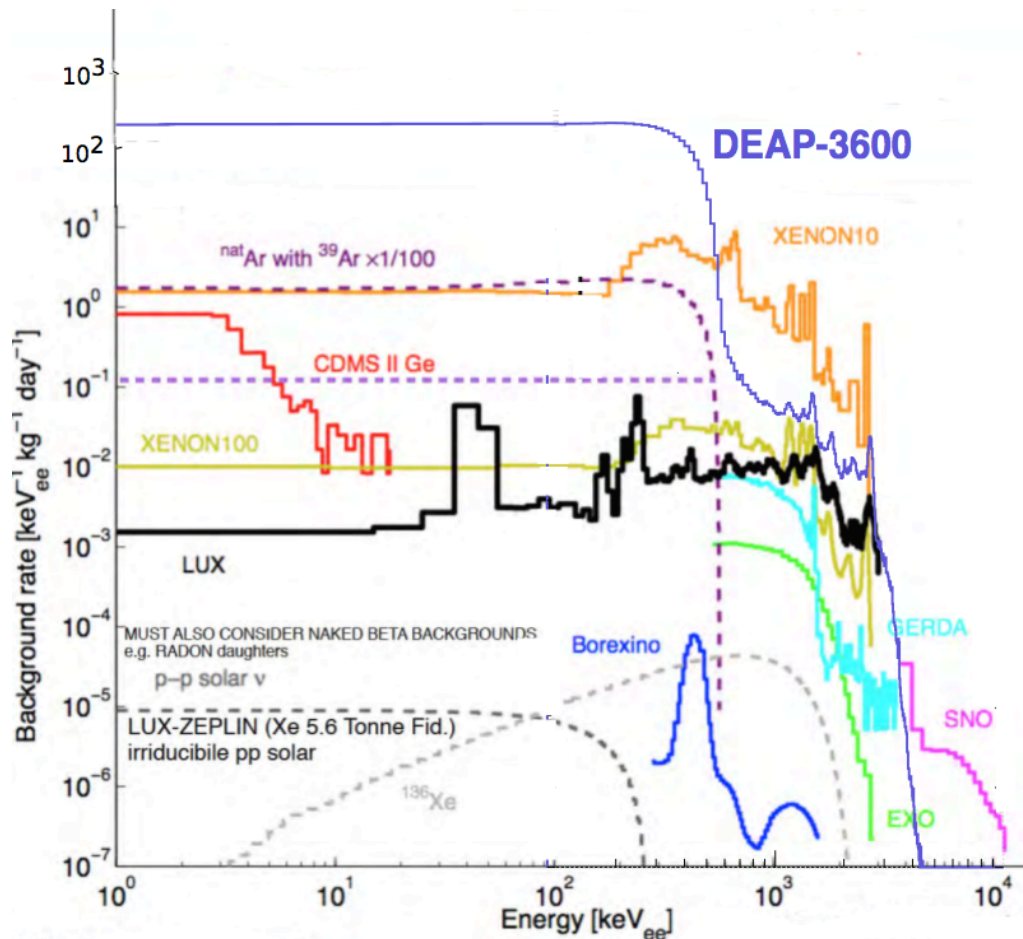


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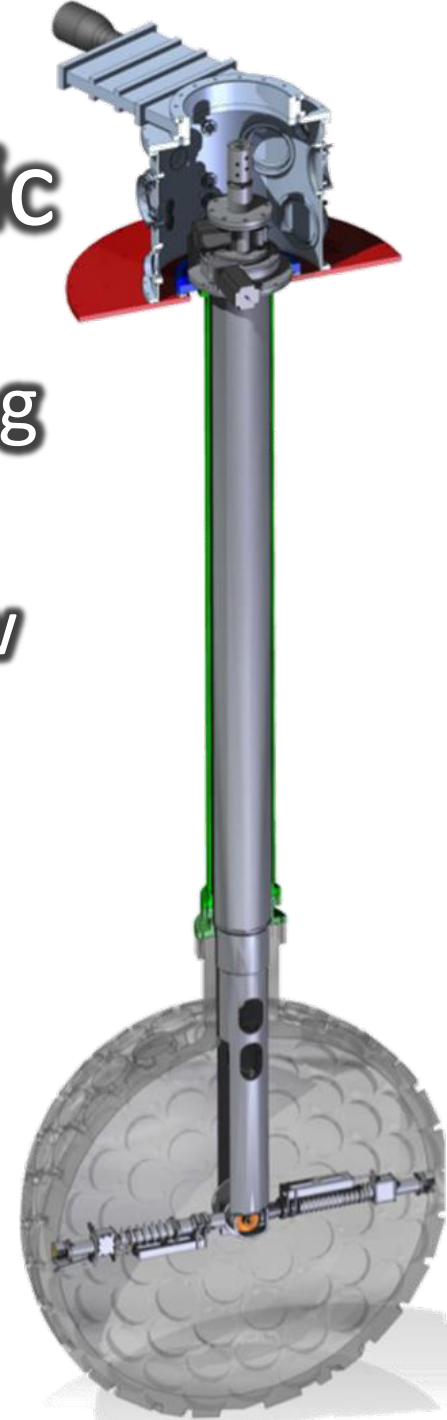
# Electron Recoil Band Model



- MC scaled screening values or literature values ( $^{39}\text{Ar}$ )
- Low energy region (<500 keV) dominated by  $^{39}\text{Ar}$
- Mid energy region (500-2600 keV) dominated by external componentry gammas (PMT glass)
- High energy region (>2600 keV) dominated by  $^{42}\text{K}$  & bulk AV  $^{232}\text{Th}$

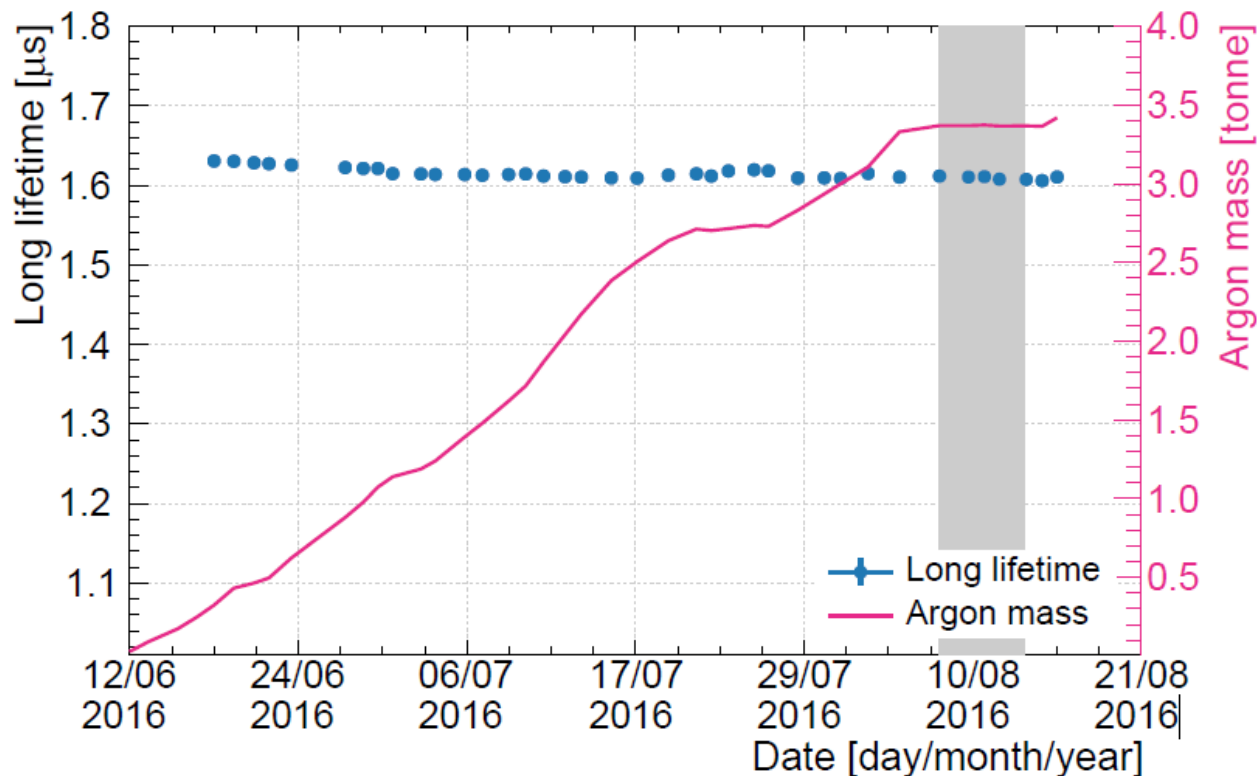
# Resurfacing the Acrylic

- Removed 0.5 mm Acrylic in-situ using mechanical sander
- Removes surface contaminants (new surface = bulk level impurities)





# DEAP-3600 detector filling



- Argon triplet lifetime measured during fill
  - Higher than 1.3 $\mu$ s: afterpulsing and TPB scintillation
- First analysis uses 4.4 days of data taken during first fill in August 2016
  - Originally a data challenge





# Construction



# The DEAP Acrylic

- Fabrication from pure MMA monomer at RPTAsia (Thailand),
- Strict control of radon exposure
  - $< 10^{-20}$  g/g  $^{210}\text{Pb}$
- RPT fabricated the SNO Acrylic Vessel
- Assay of production acrylic  $< 2.2 \times 10^{-19}$  g/g  $^{210}\text{Po}$ 
  - Equivalent to  $< 0.2$  bkg events/3 years (C. Nantais Thesis, 2014)



Monomer cast at RPT Asia, 2010

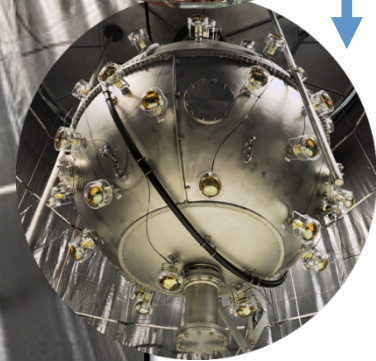
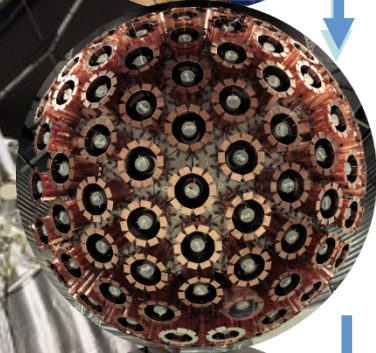
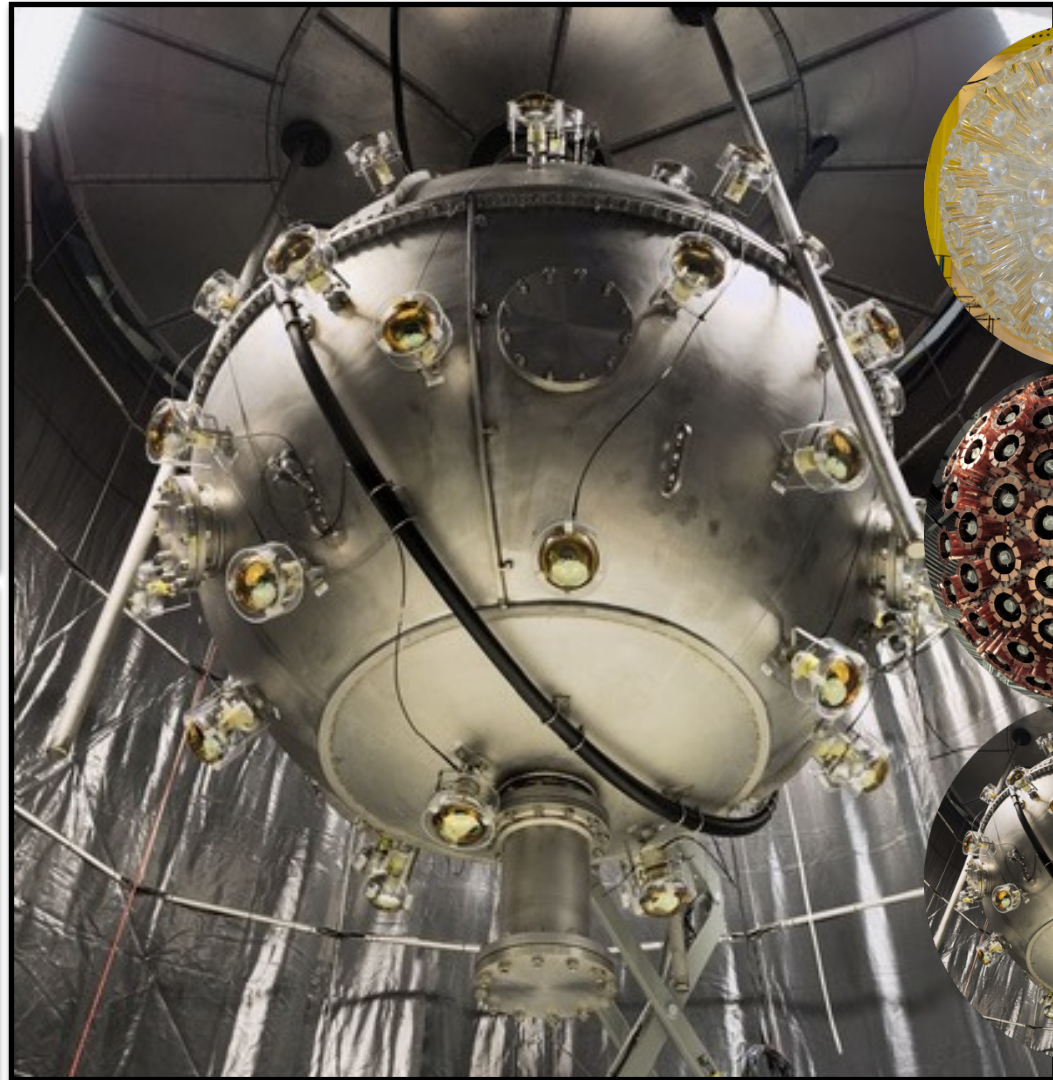
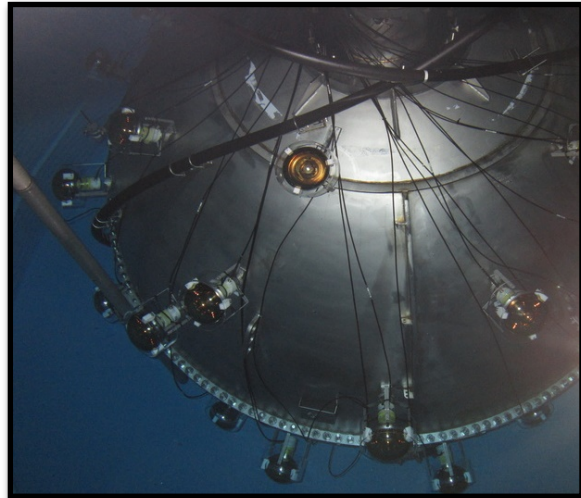
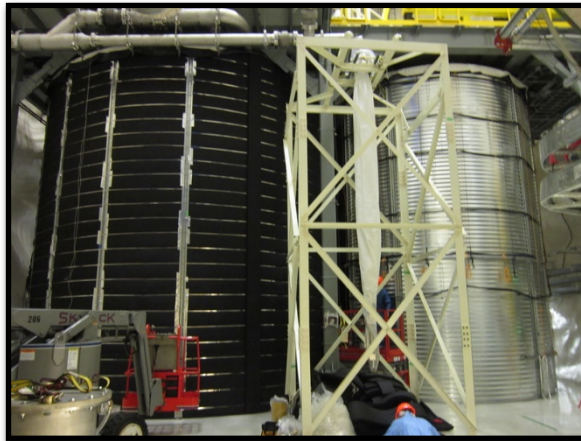


Thermoformed Panel at RPT Colorado



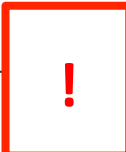
# DEAP Construction

Completed early 2016

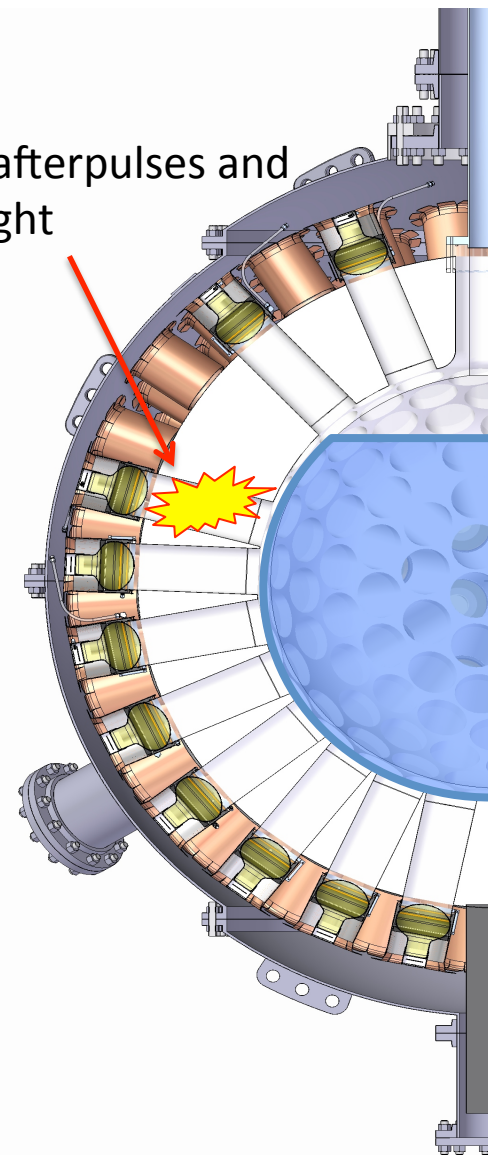




# DEAP's First Search!

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High charge afterpulses and Cherenkov light

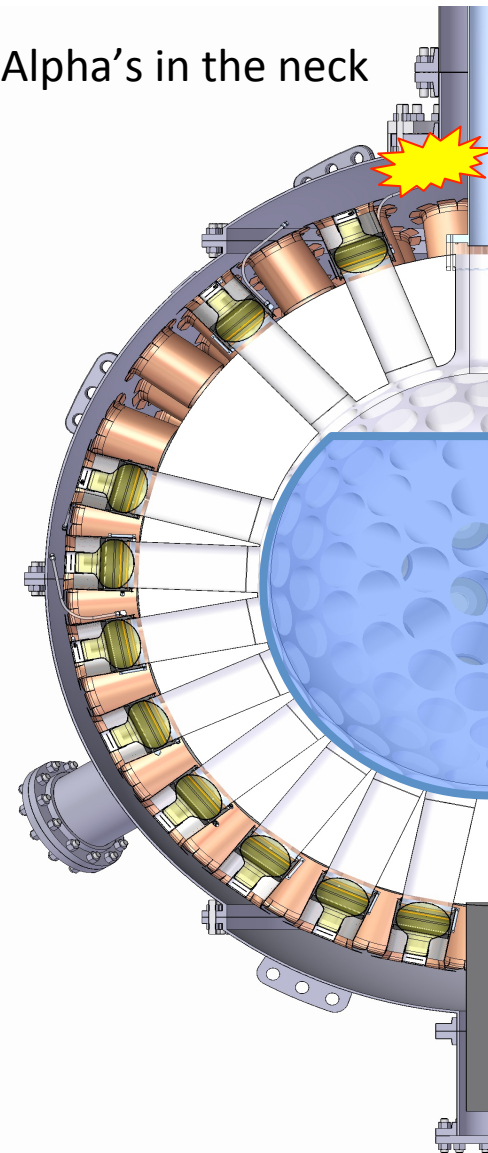




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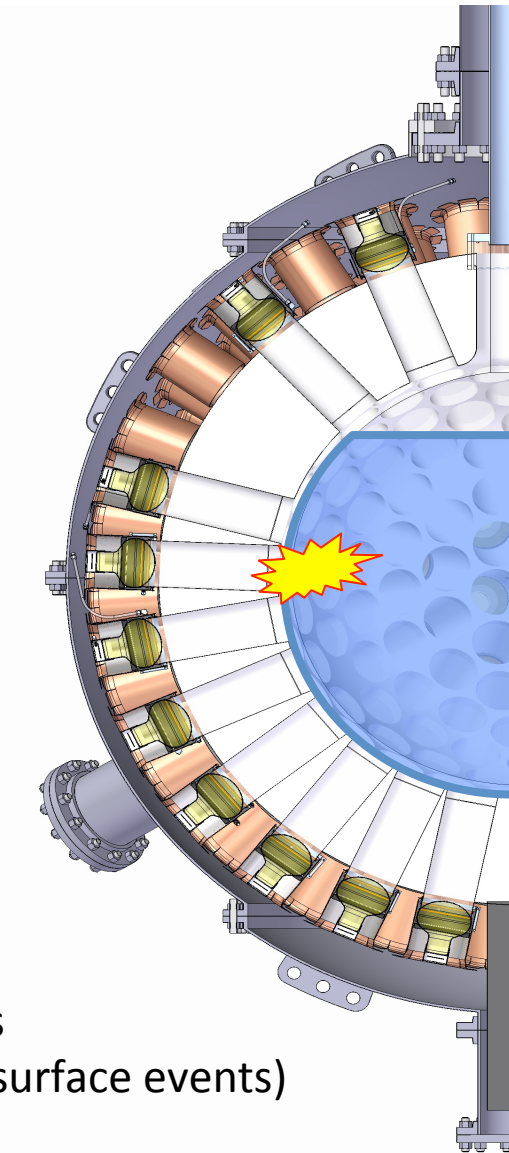






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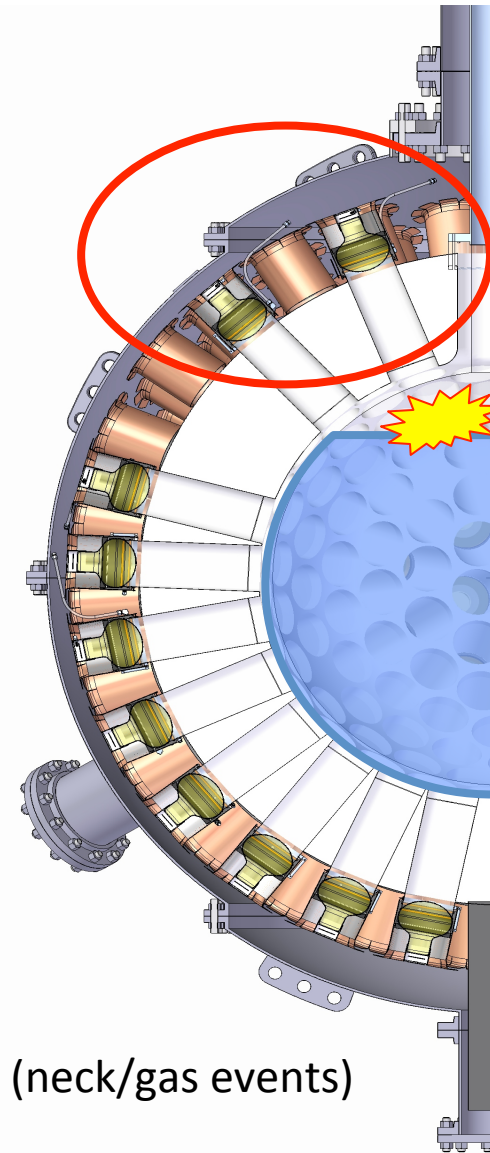
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Removes events at large radius (surface events)

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quality	Max charge fraction per PMT	99.58±0.01	787
	Event time	99.85±0.01	654
	Neck veto	97.49 <sup>+0.03</sup> <sub>-0.05</sub>	652
fiducial	Max scintillation PE fraction per PMT	75.08 <sup>+0.09</sup> <sub>-0.06</sub>	23
	Charge fraction in the top 2 PMT rings	90.92 <sup>+0.11</sup> <sub>-0.10</sub>	7
Total	4.44 d	96.94±0.03	66.91 <sup>+0.20</sup> <sub>-0.15</sub>



Developed cuts to remove instrumental and external-source events  
2,223 kg fiducial mass

Removes events at high z position (neck/gas events)