New physics in the dark

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Dark Matter Searches at DarkSide

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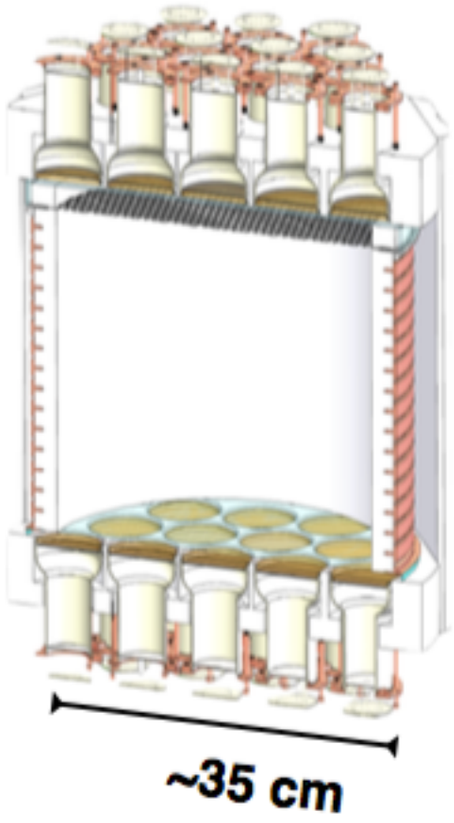
Outline

- DarkSide-50 detector design;
- Recent results:
  - DarkSide-50 532-day Dark Matter Search with Low-Radioactivity Argon
    Phys. Rev. D 98 (10), 102006 (2018);
  - Low-mass Dark Matter Search with DarkSide-50 Experiment
    Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 (8), 081307 (2018);
  - Constraints on Sub-GeV Dark Matter-Electron Scattering from the DarkSide-50 Experiment
    Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 (11), 111303 (2018);
- Future DarkSide program;
- Conclusions.

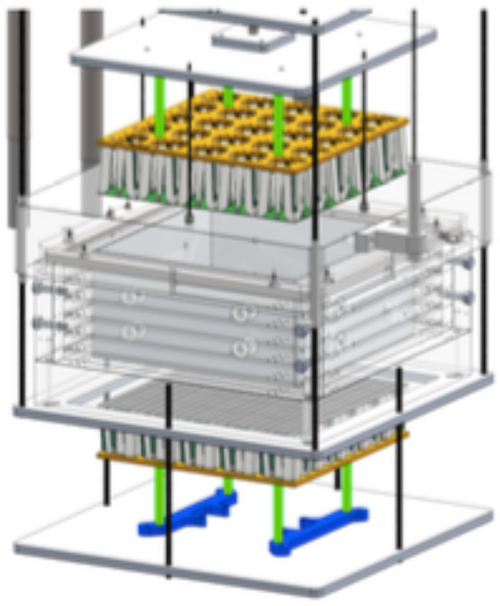
The DarkSide program at LNGS

38 PMTs



DS-50 (Running)
~50 kg

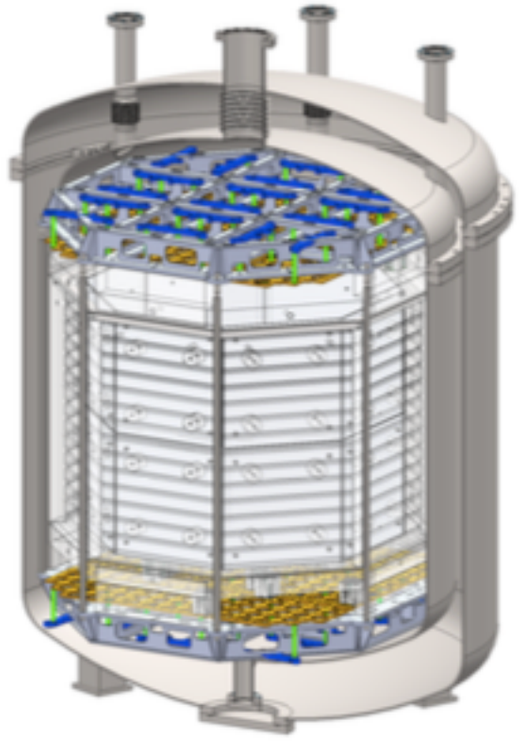
2 MBs
50 PDMs
1200 SiPMs



DS - Proto-0

~10kg: S2 study with
SiPMs as photosensors

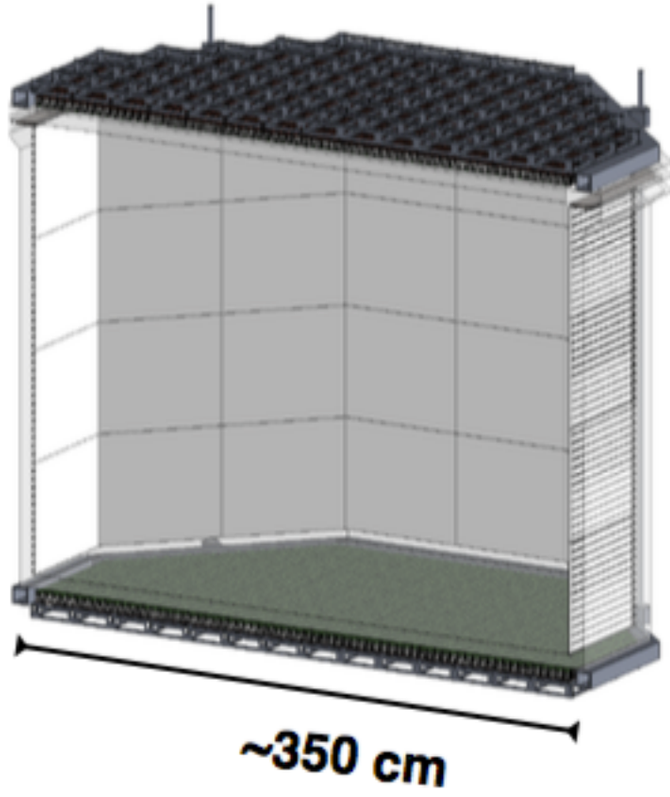
18 MBs
370 PDMs
~9000 SiPMs



Darkside - Proto

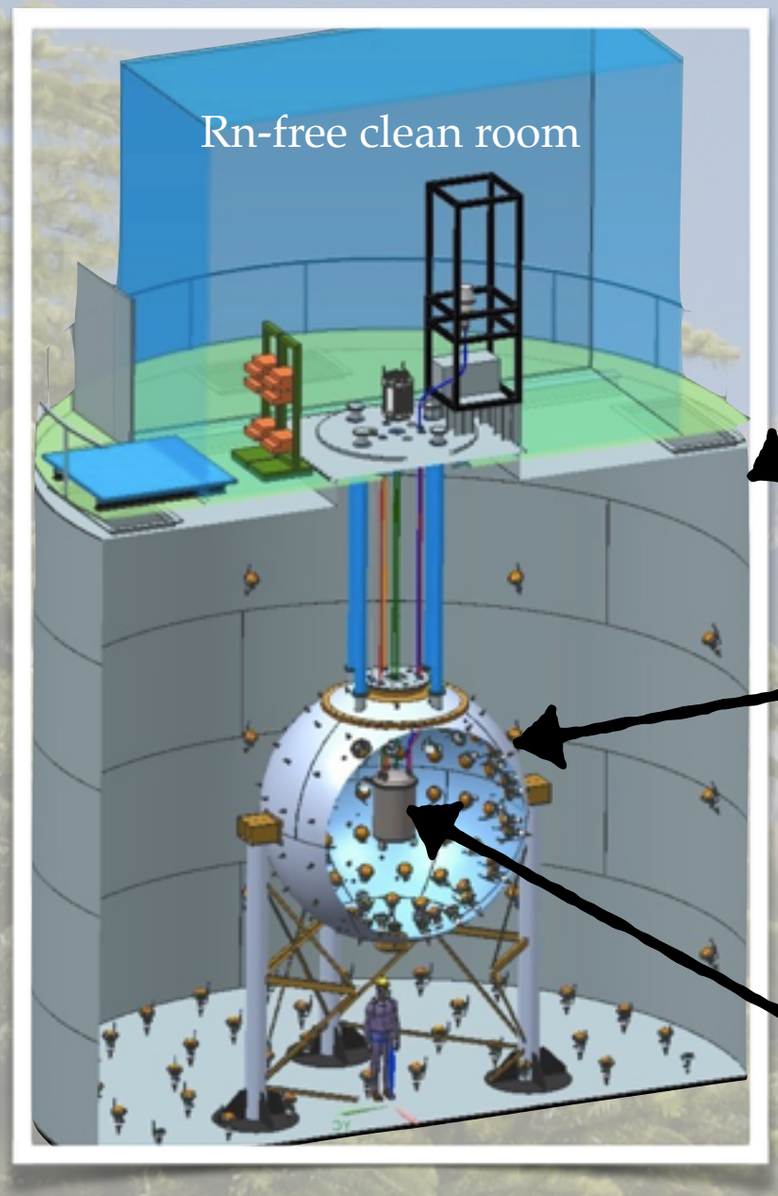
1ton: to validate DS-20k
in mechanical and functional
aspect

344 MBs
8280 PDMs
~200000 SiPMs



DS-20k
20t fiducial

DarkSide-50



The Gran Sasso massif provides 3800 m.w.e. passive shielding against cosmic rays

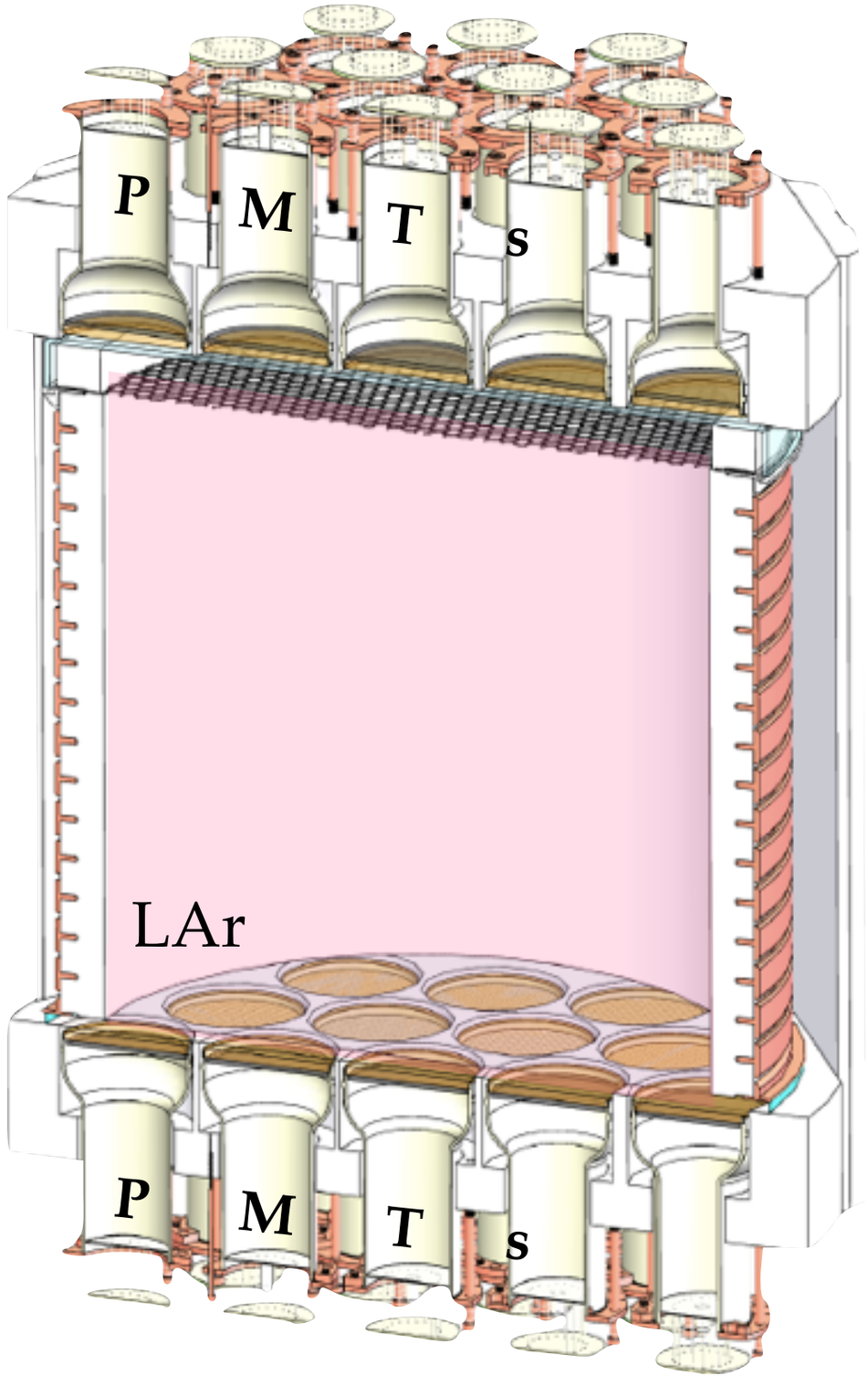
11m-diameter, 10m-tall, 1 kt Water Čerenkov Detector (WCD) instrumented with 80 8”-PMTs provides active shielding against μ’s

4m-diameter 30 t borated Liquid Scintillator Veto (LSV) instrumented with 110 8”-PMTs provides additional active shielding against γ’s, n’s and μ’s

…these all surround the inner detector, the Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

DarkSide-50 Dual-phase TPC

- Cylindrical shape of 35.6 cm radius x 35.6 cm height x 2.54 cm thick with PTFE reflector walls;
- TetraPhenyl Butadiene (TPB) wavelenght shifter on the walls;
- 19 3”-PMTs in the top and 19 on the bottom with cold amplifiers;
- Drift Field: 0.2 kV/cm
- Extraction Field: 2.8 kV/cm



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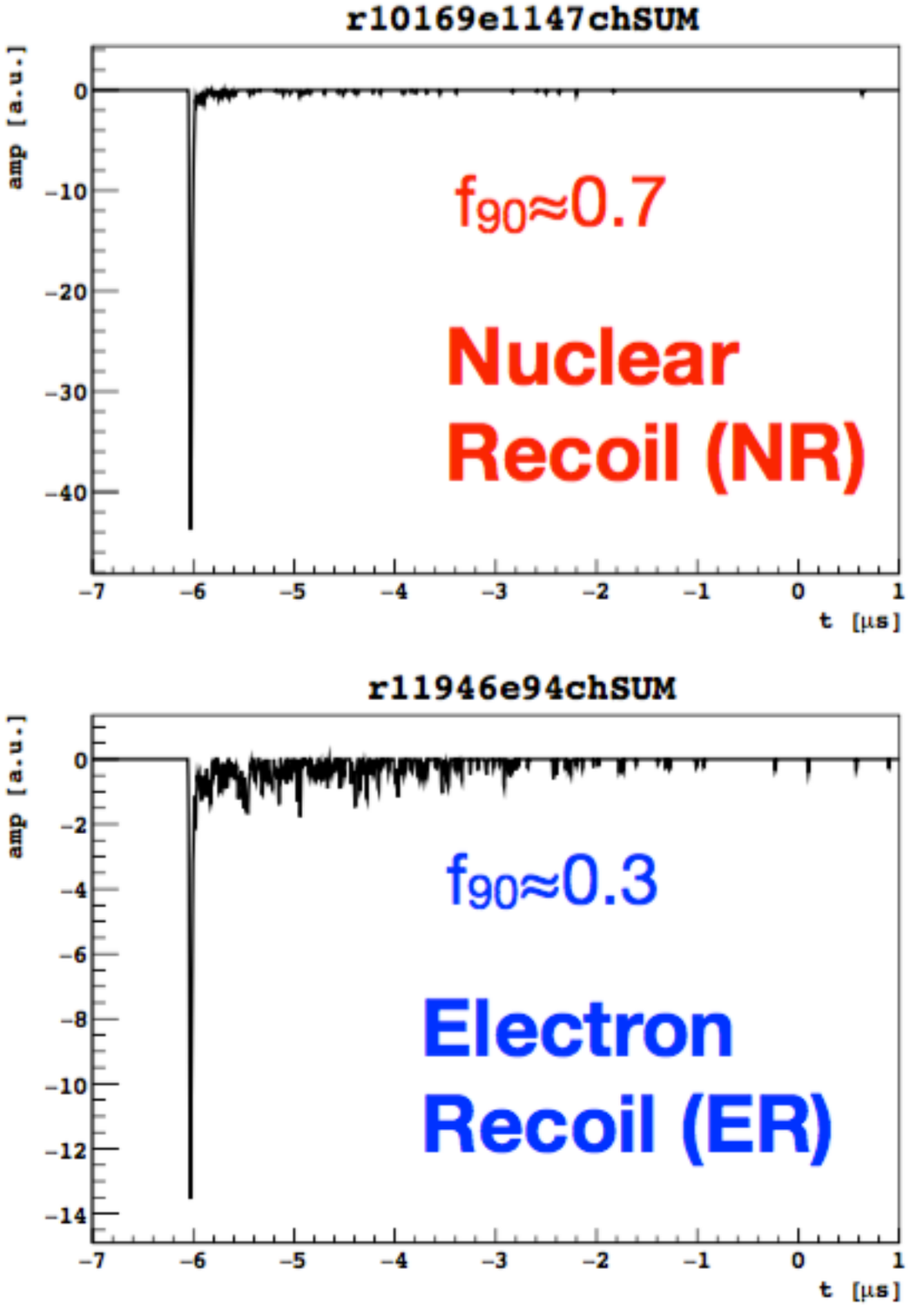

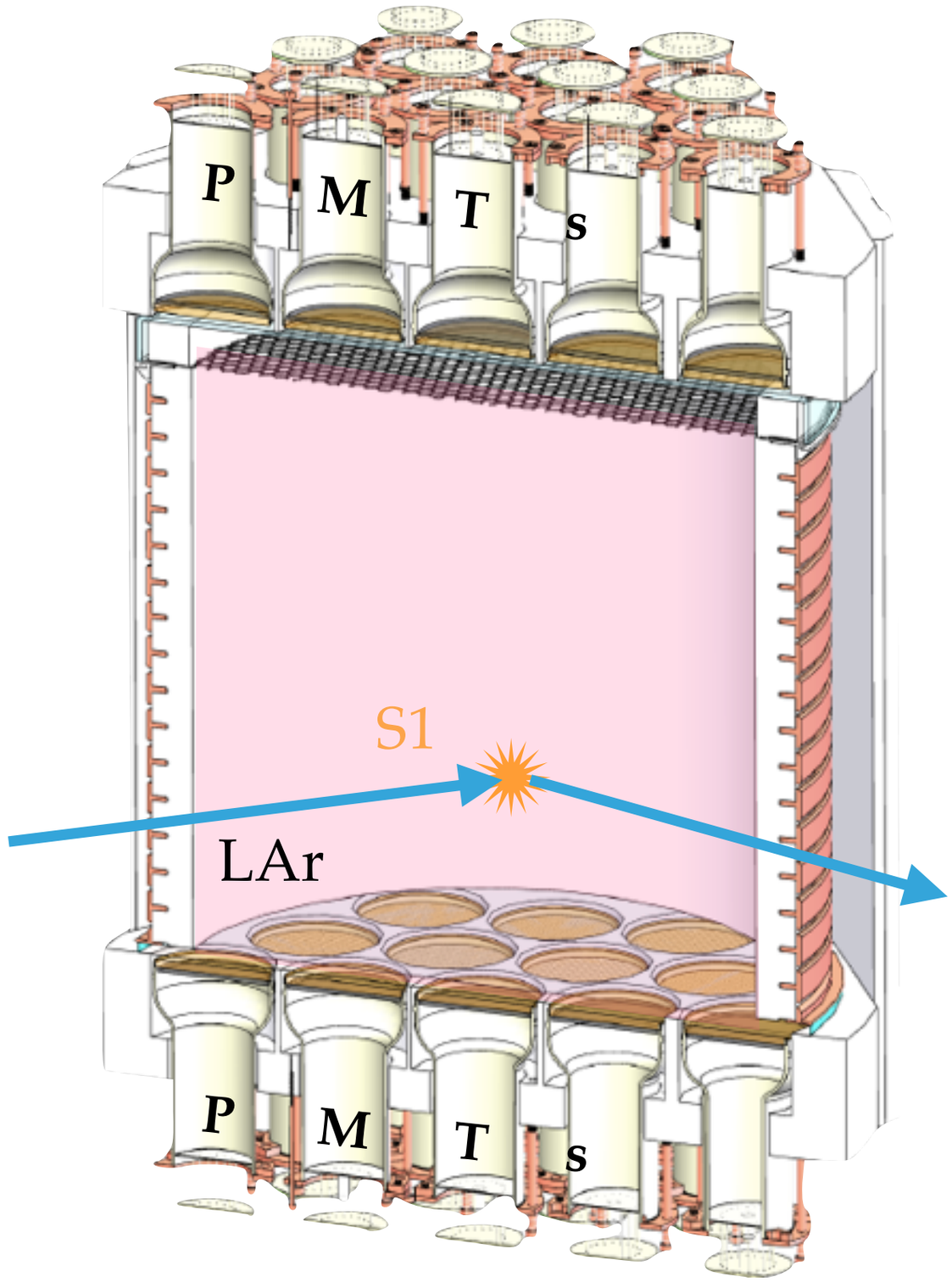

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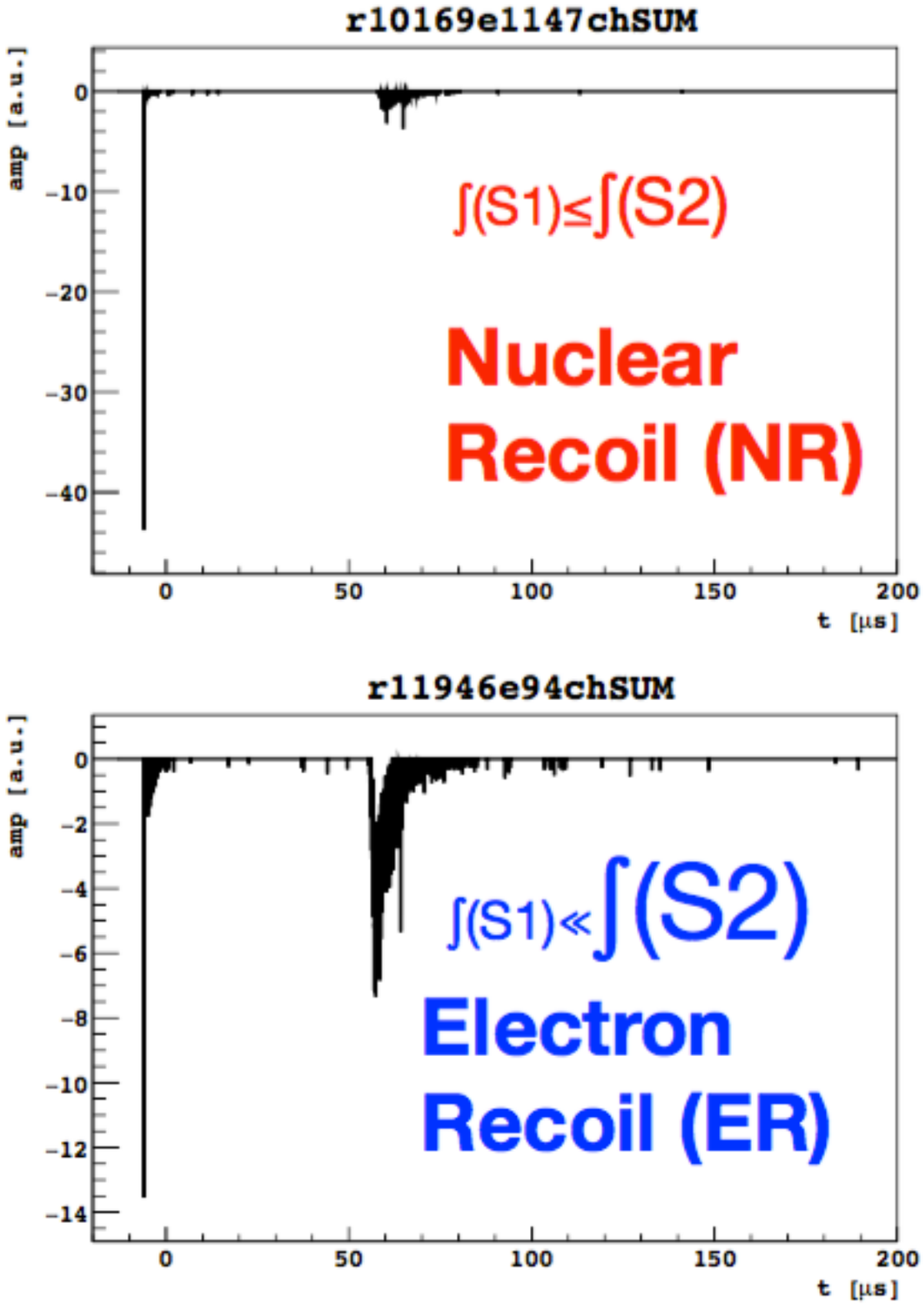
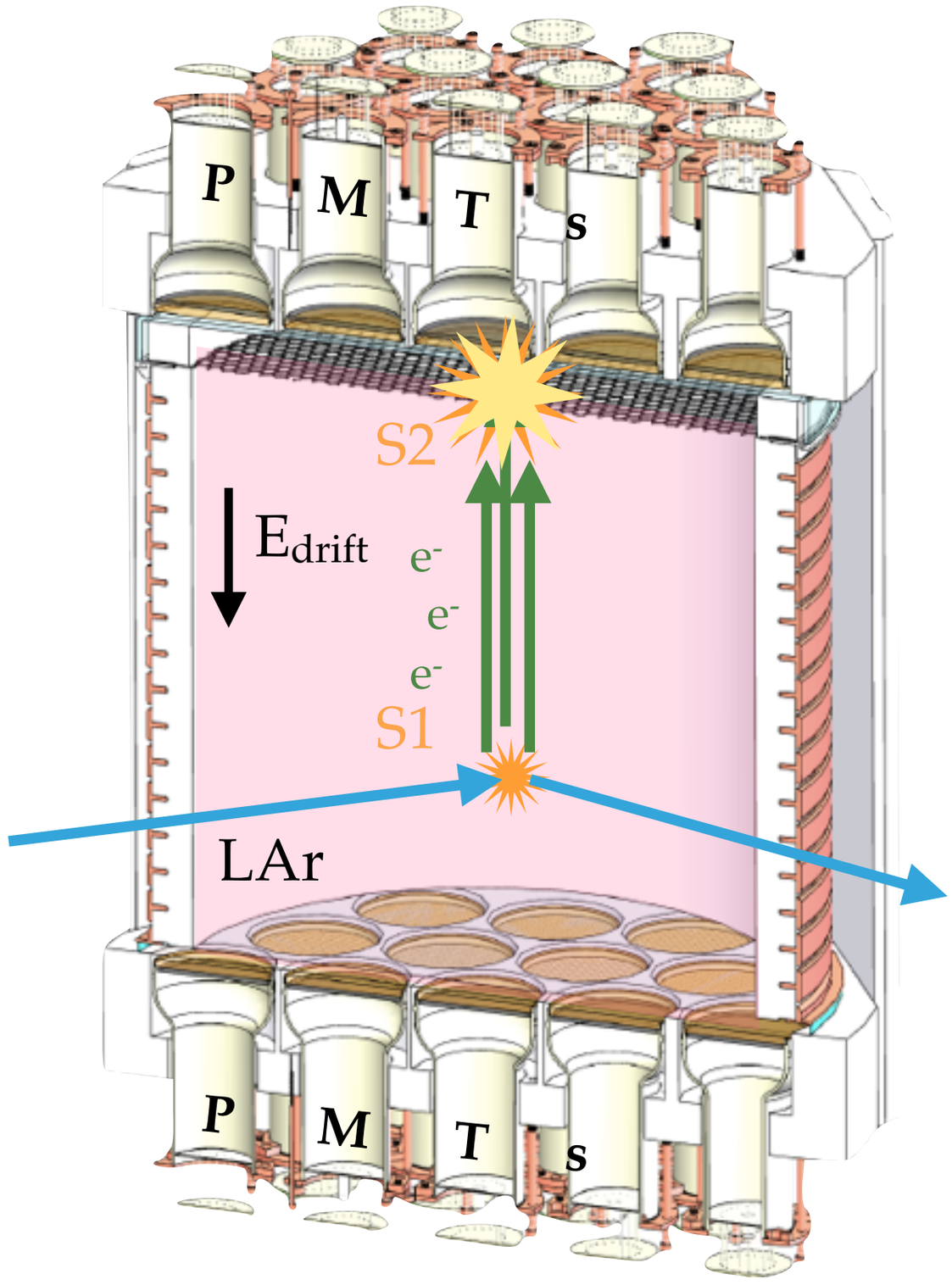
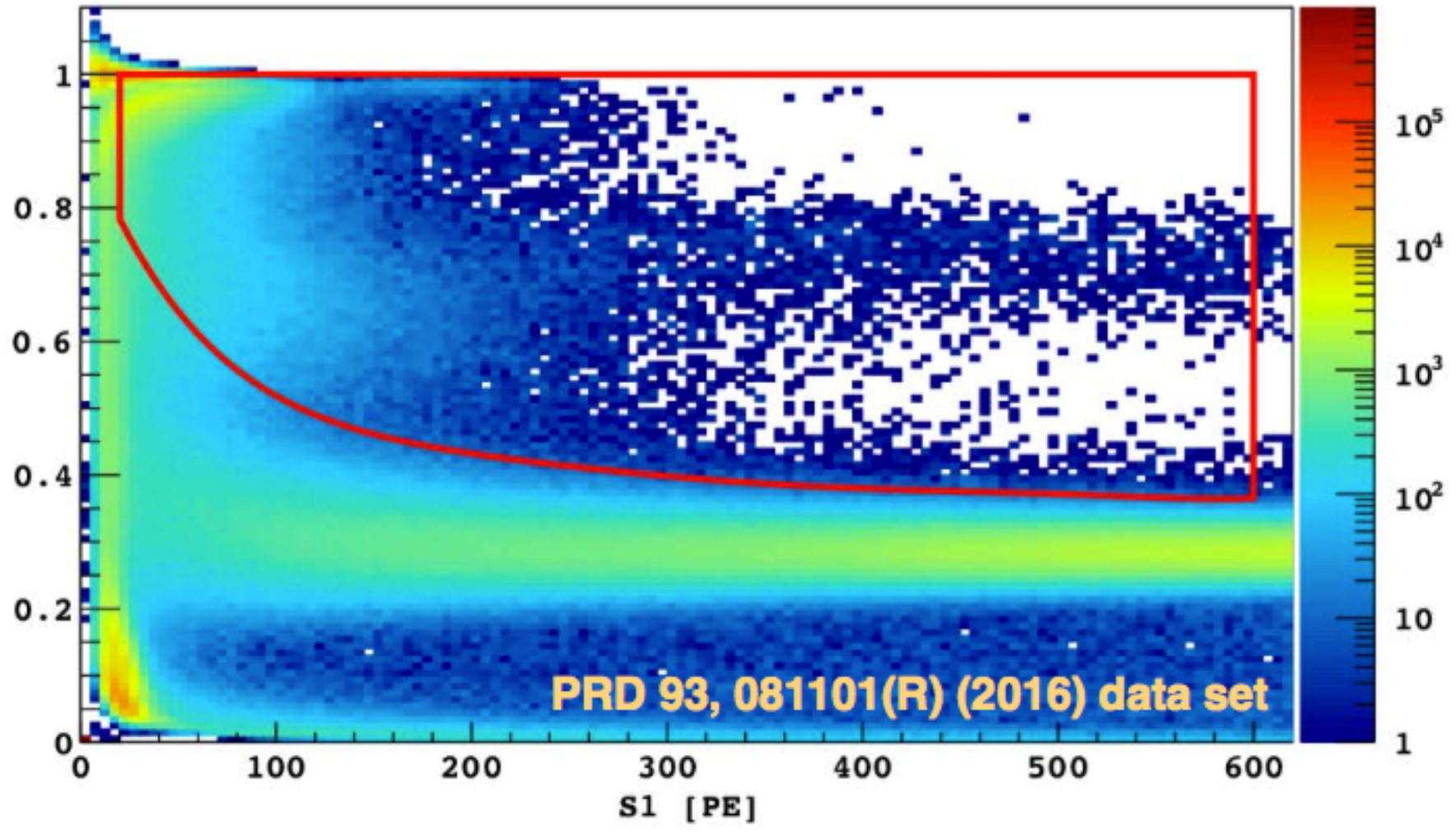




High mass WIMP search: blind analysis

- Blind analysis of about 532 live-days of WIMP search data;
- blinded region defined on 70 live-days of data from Phys. Rev. D 93, 081101 (2016);
- design a background free analysis (< 0.1 background events in the WIMP search box).



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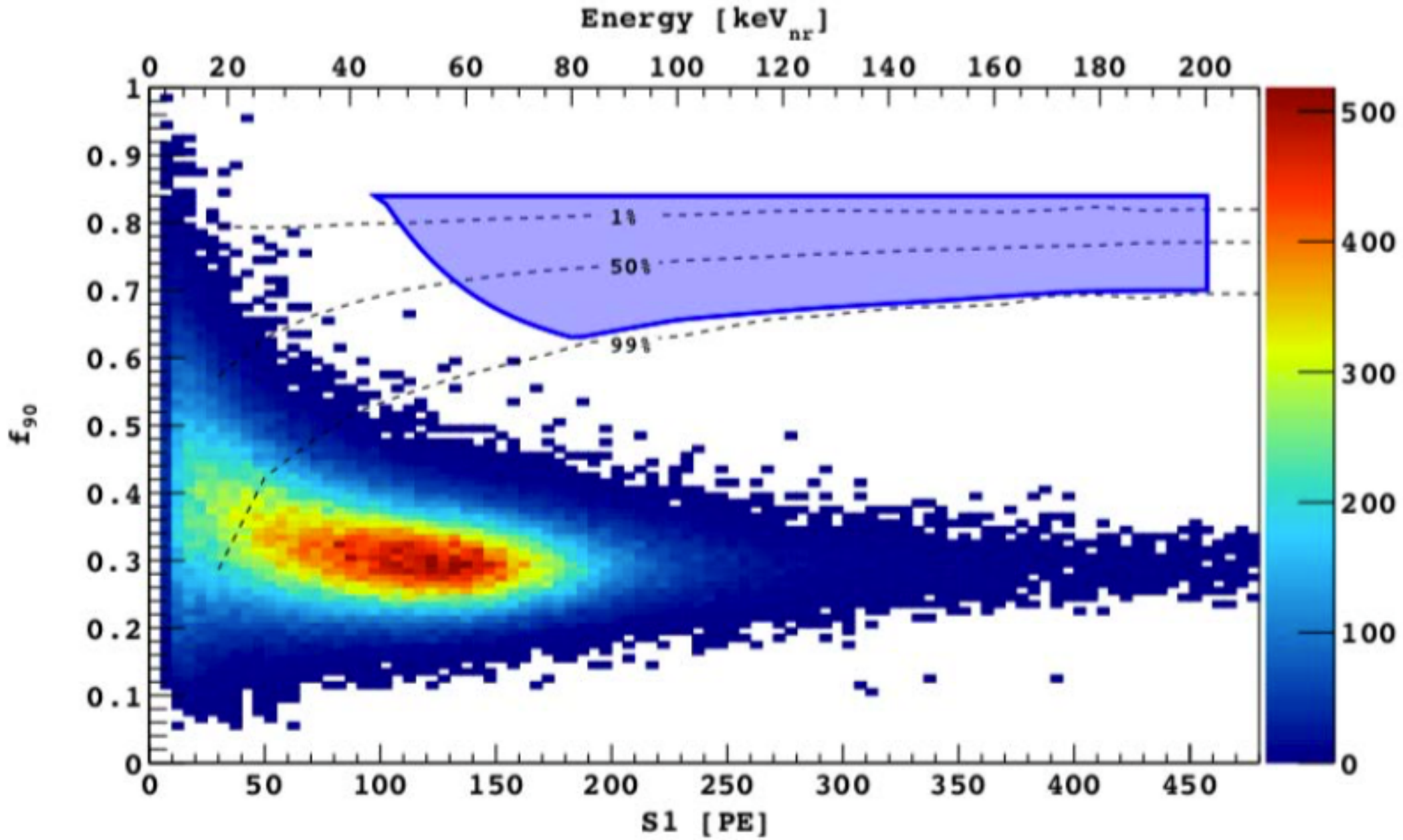
Blind analysis: unblinded data



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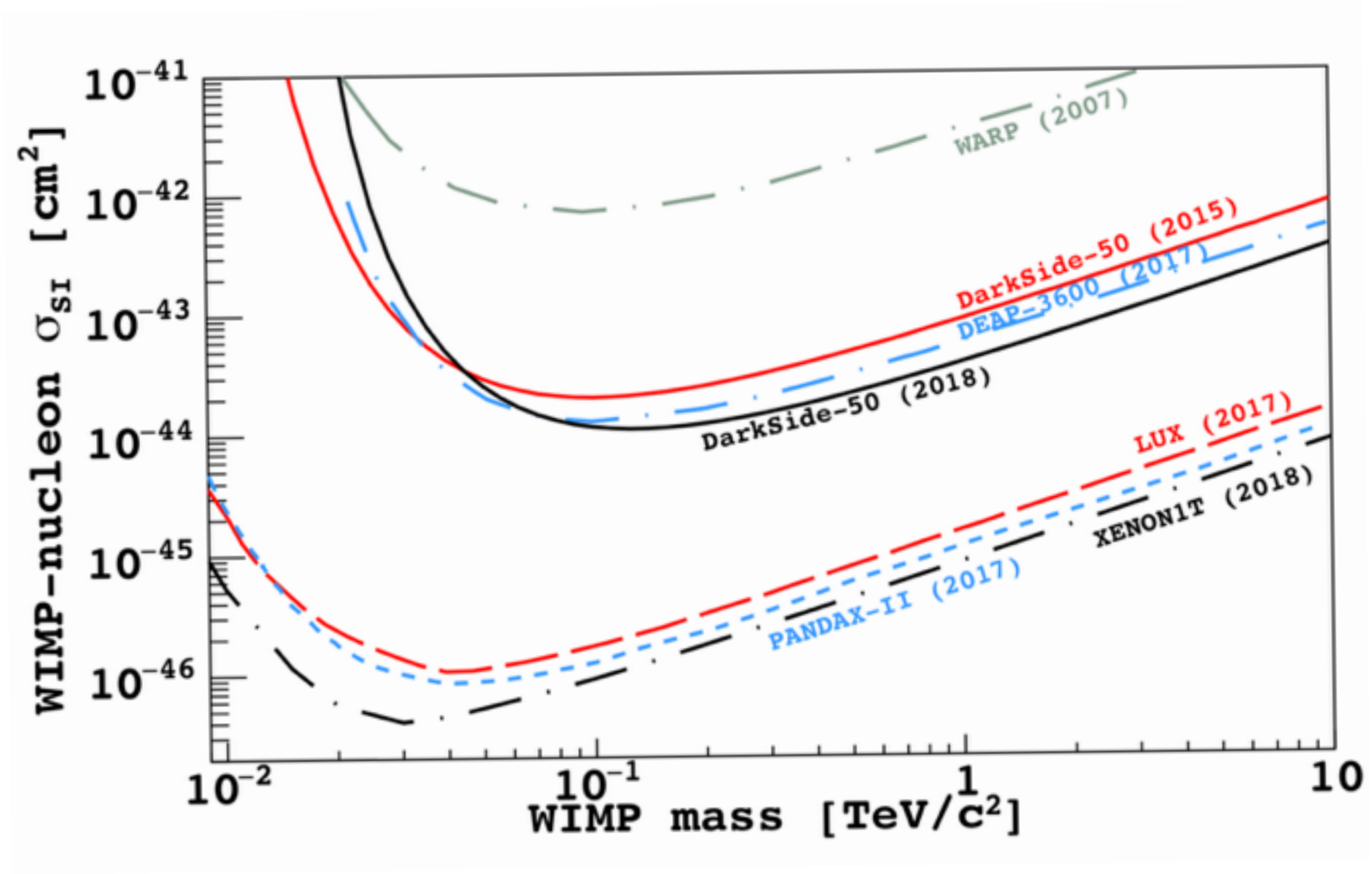
High mass WIMP search: results



- Exposure = 532 live days x 31.3 kg = 16660 kg*days
- 1.14 × 10^{-44} cm^2 @ 100 GeV
- Underground Ar (UAr) activity ~ 0.7 mBq/kg
- LY ~ 8 PE/keV

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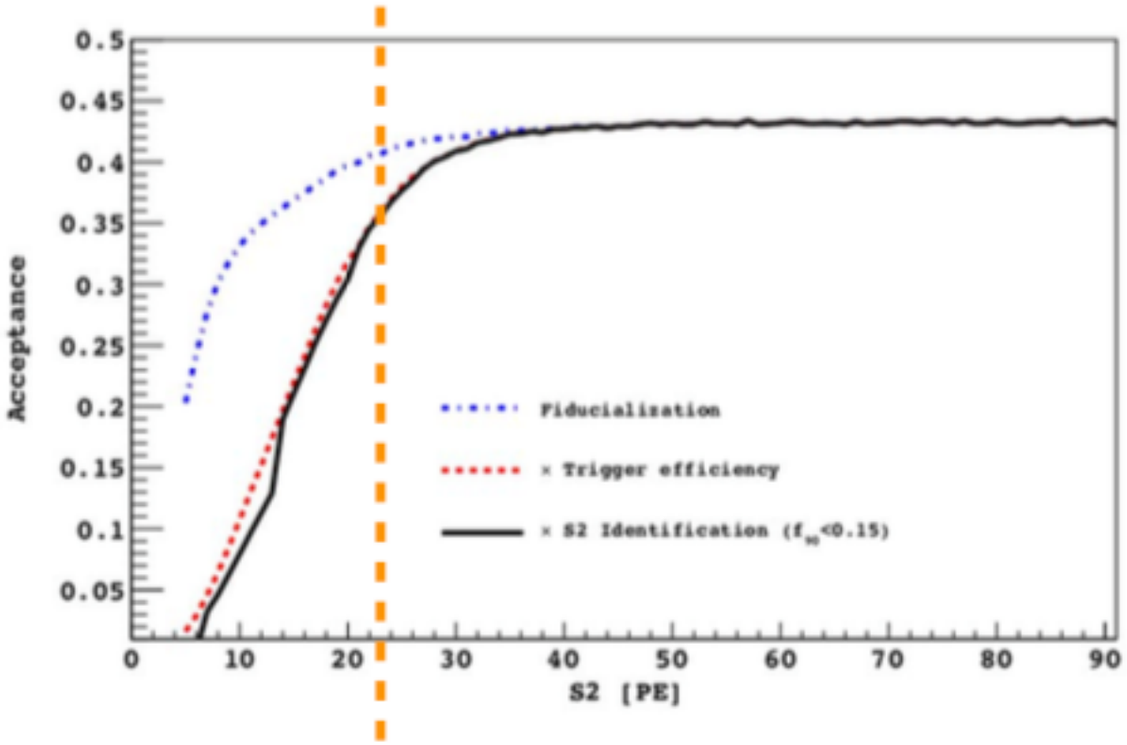
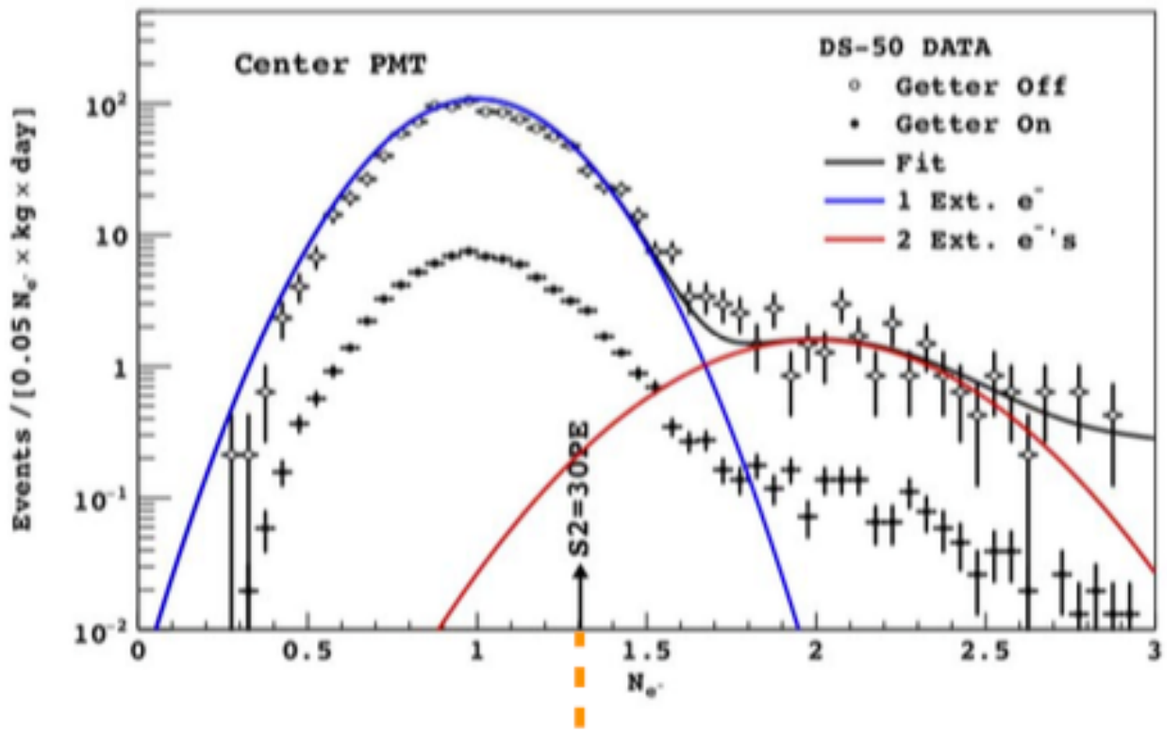
Low mass WIMP search: S2-only analysis





single electron (23±1)PE **30 PE**

- Use S2 signal only:
  - give up S1 signal, PSD, vertical position and S2/S1;
  - lower detection threshold to single electron;
  - sensitivity to lower mass dark matter (~1.8 GeV/c^2);
- Trigger efficiency and pulse finding efficiency are 100% for S2 > 30 PE.

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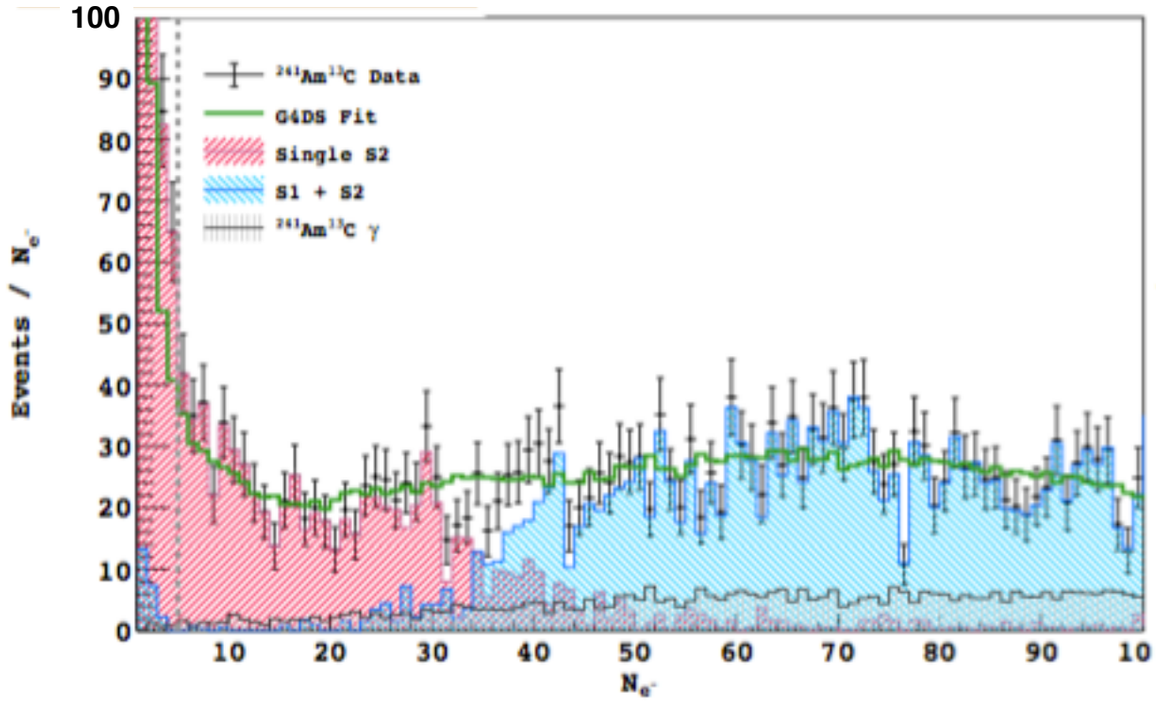
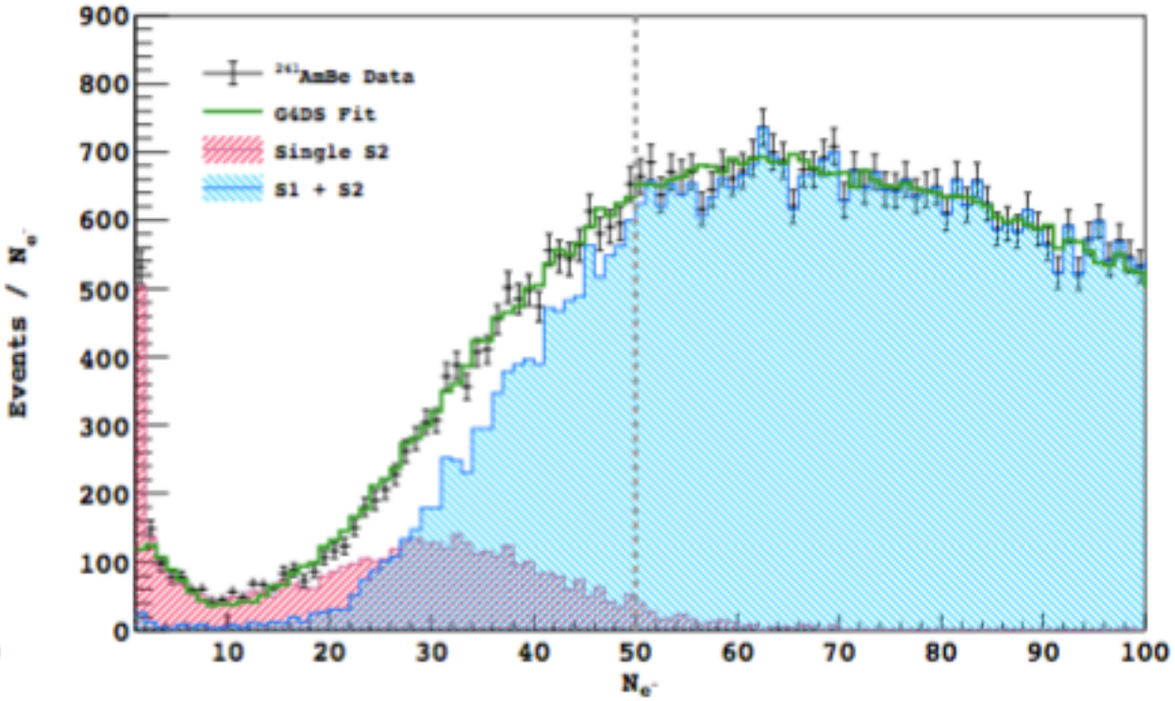
S2-only analysis: NR (*in-situ*) energy calibration



- *In-situ* calibration with ^{241}Am^{13}C source;
- low rate source with little γ activity;
- find NR scale by fitting simulated spectrum to data and background distribution;
- allow measure down to 4 Ne^- threshold.



- *In-situ* calibration with ^{241}AmBe source;
- high rate source: neutrons produced with associated γs;
- find NR scale by fitting simulated spectrum to data with 4.4 MeV γ in LSV detector;
- deep at low Ne due to LSV data available only for S1 triggers. Joint fit with AmC data for Ne^- >50.

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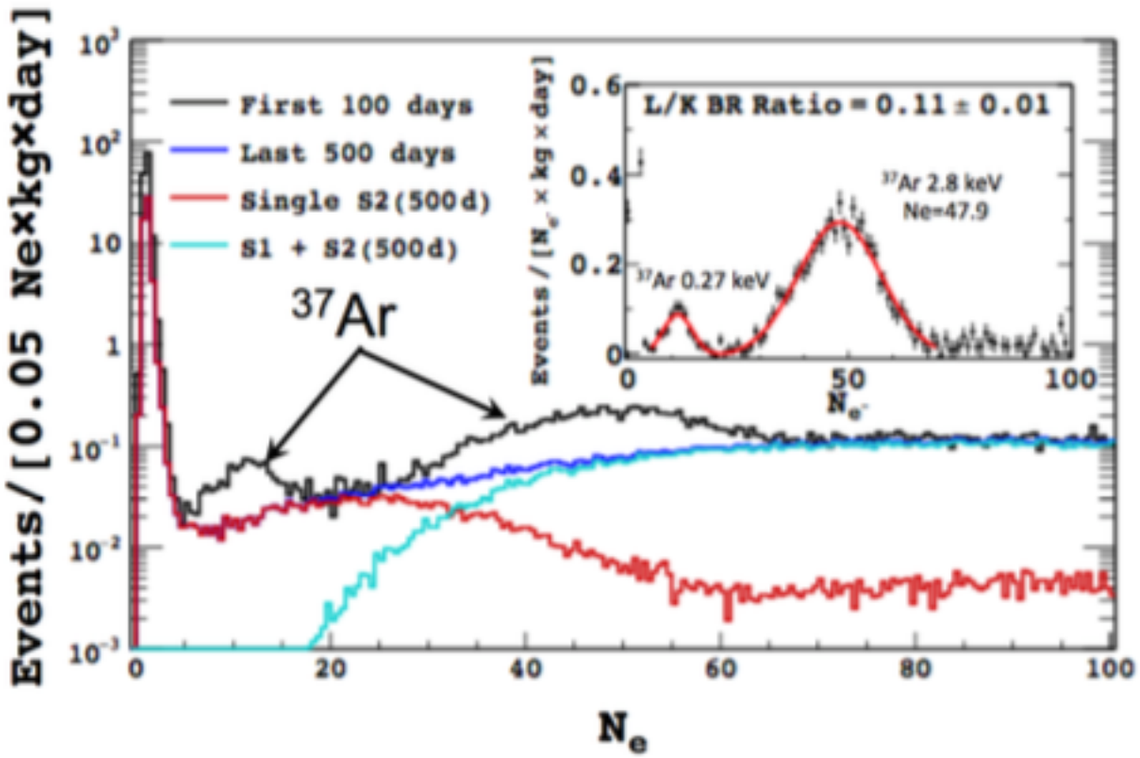
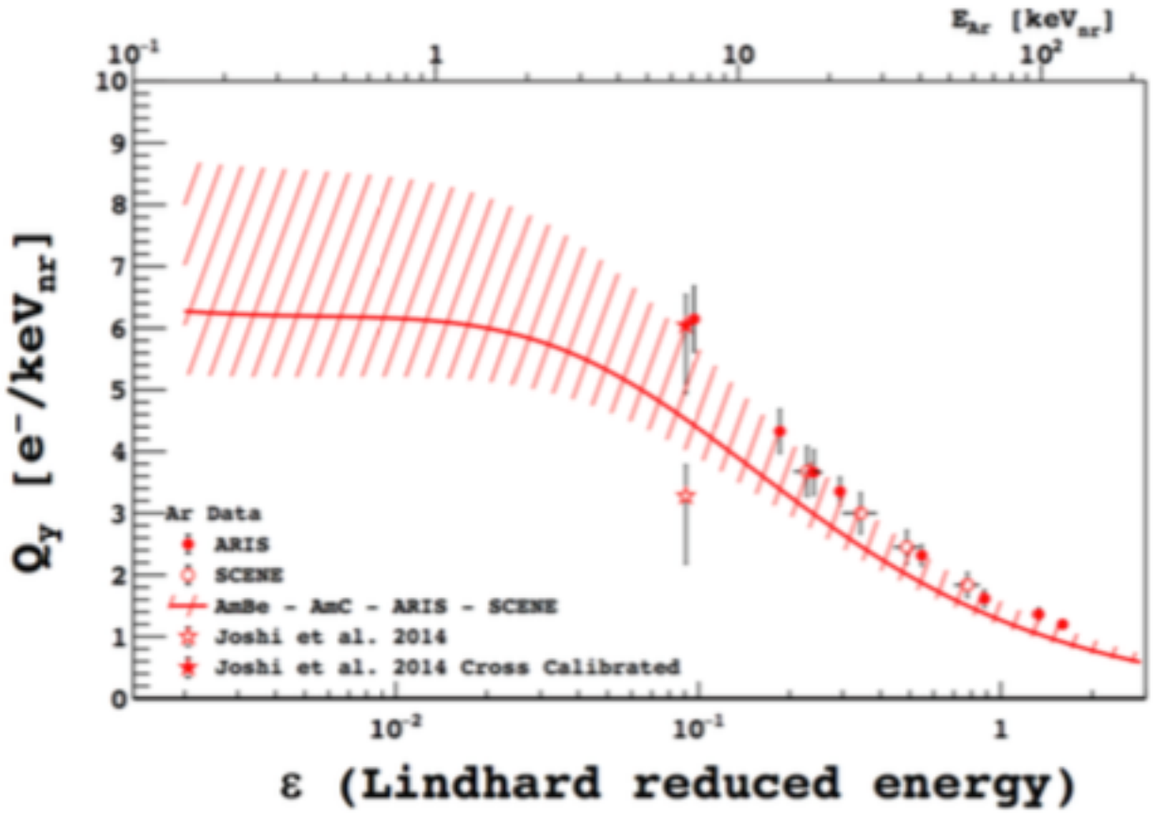
S2-only analysis: ER/NR energy calibration





- Excellent low-energy ER calibration point from ^{37}Ar:
  - from cosmogenic activation ($t_{1/2}$ ~ 35 days);
  - 0.27 keV L-shell and 2.82 keV K-shell following e^- capture in ^{37}Ar.

- Ionization yield from NR energy:
  - measured with DS-50 neutron calibrations and neutron beam experiments like SCENE and ARIS;
  - no knowledge of ionization yield at low energy recoil neither of the shape of charge distribution (probably with ReD, see next).

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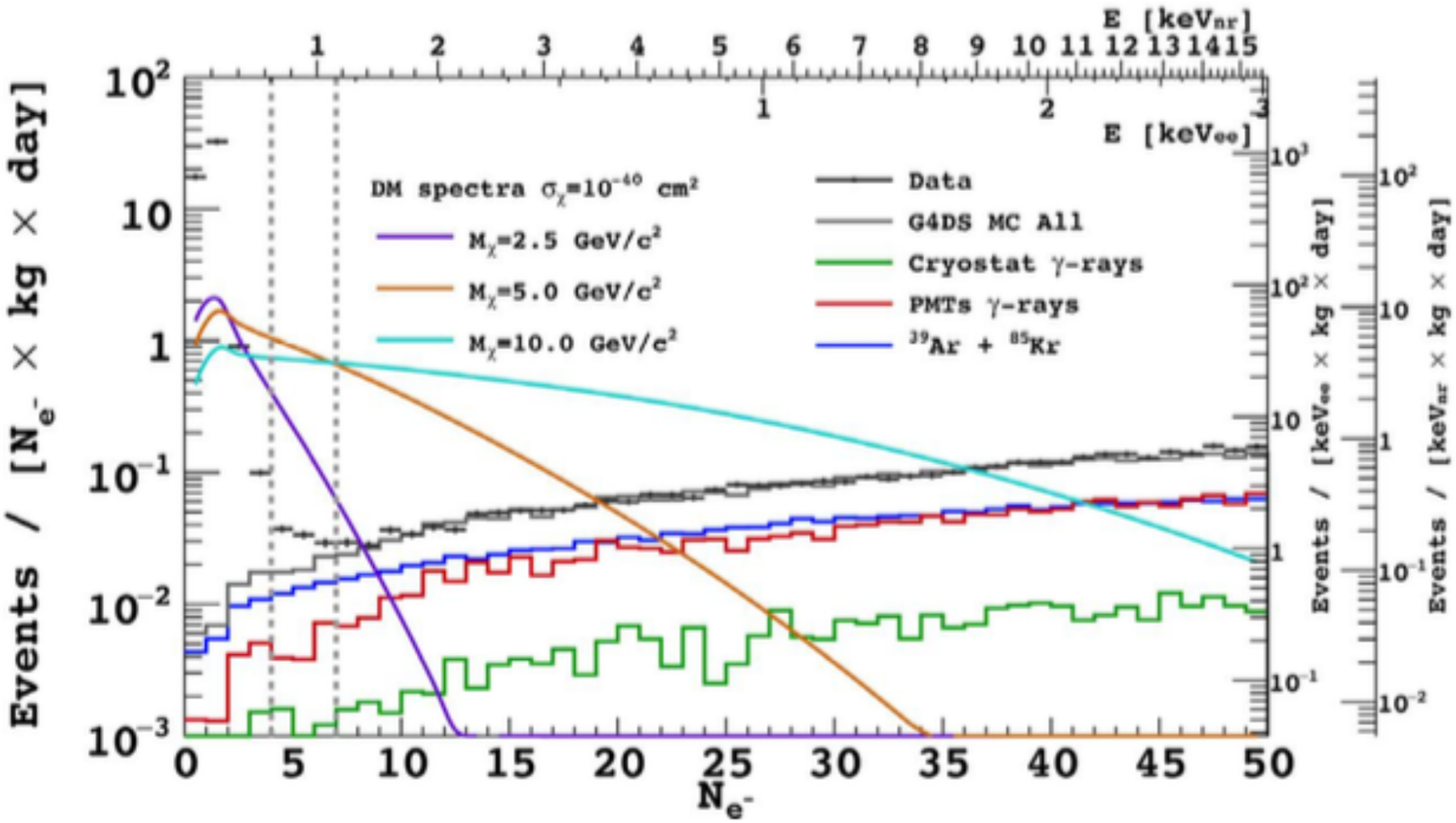
S2-only analysis: Ne spectrum



- Analysis threshold at $Ne^- > 4$;
- excess below $Ne^- \sim 4$ due to trapped electrons;
- expected signal assumes standard DM halo;
- uncertainties in signal dominated by fluctuations in ionization yield.

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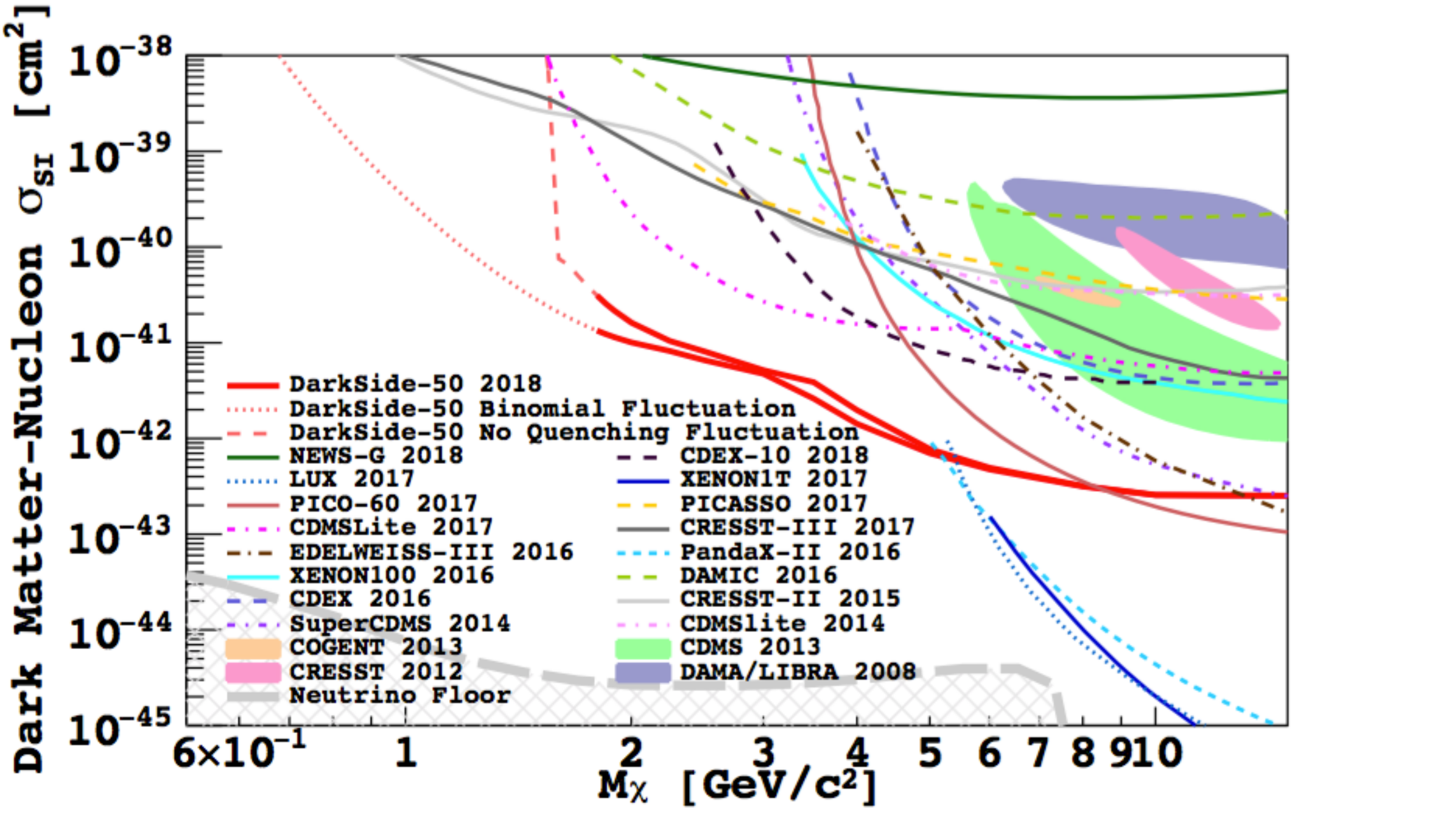
S2-only analysis: results

90 % CL upper limits on WIMP-nucleon cross section



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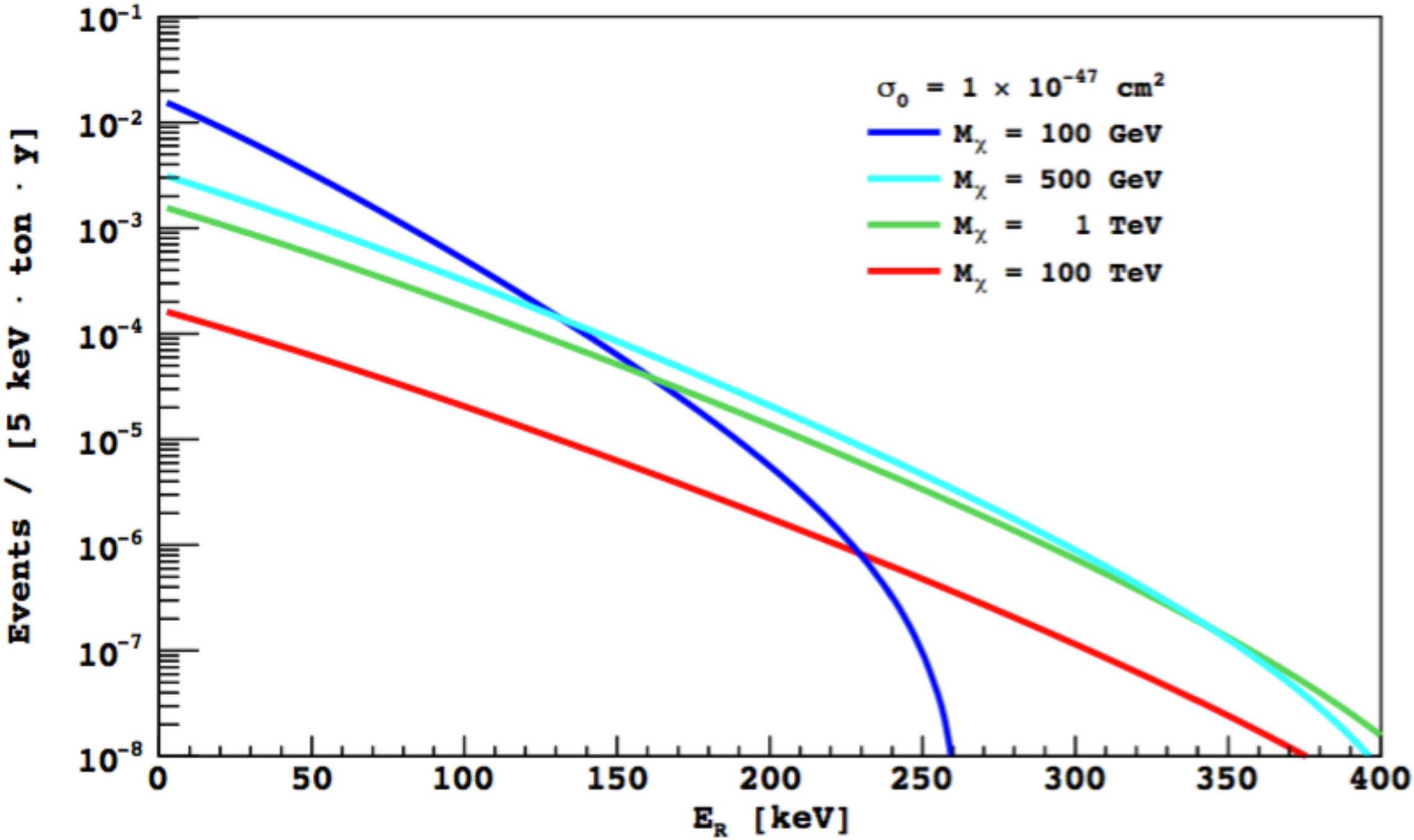
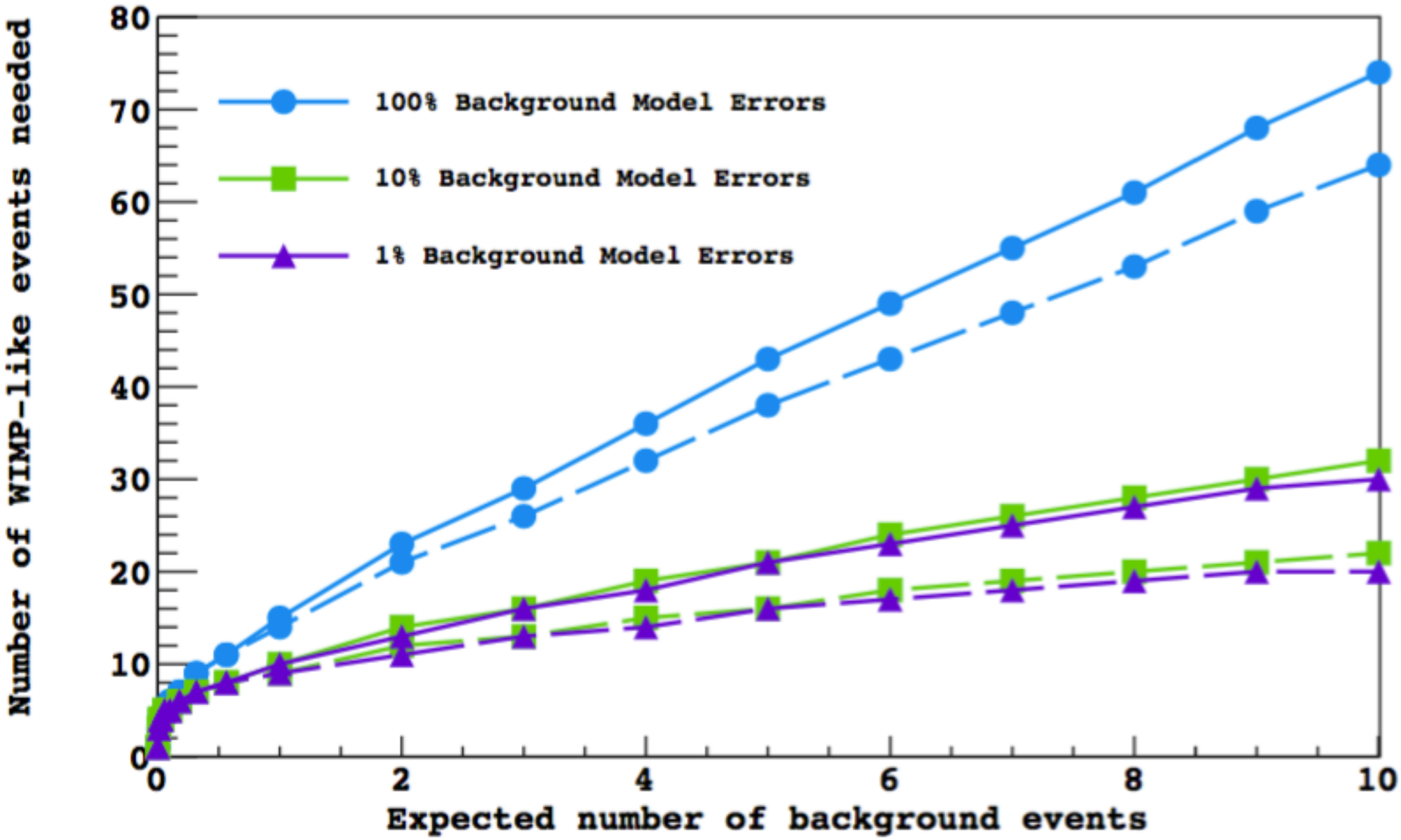
The future of Dark Matter Direct Detection with LAr: DarkSide-20k

The case for DarkSide-20k: WIMPs NR in LAr

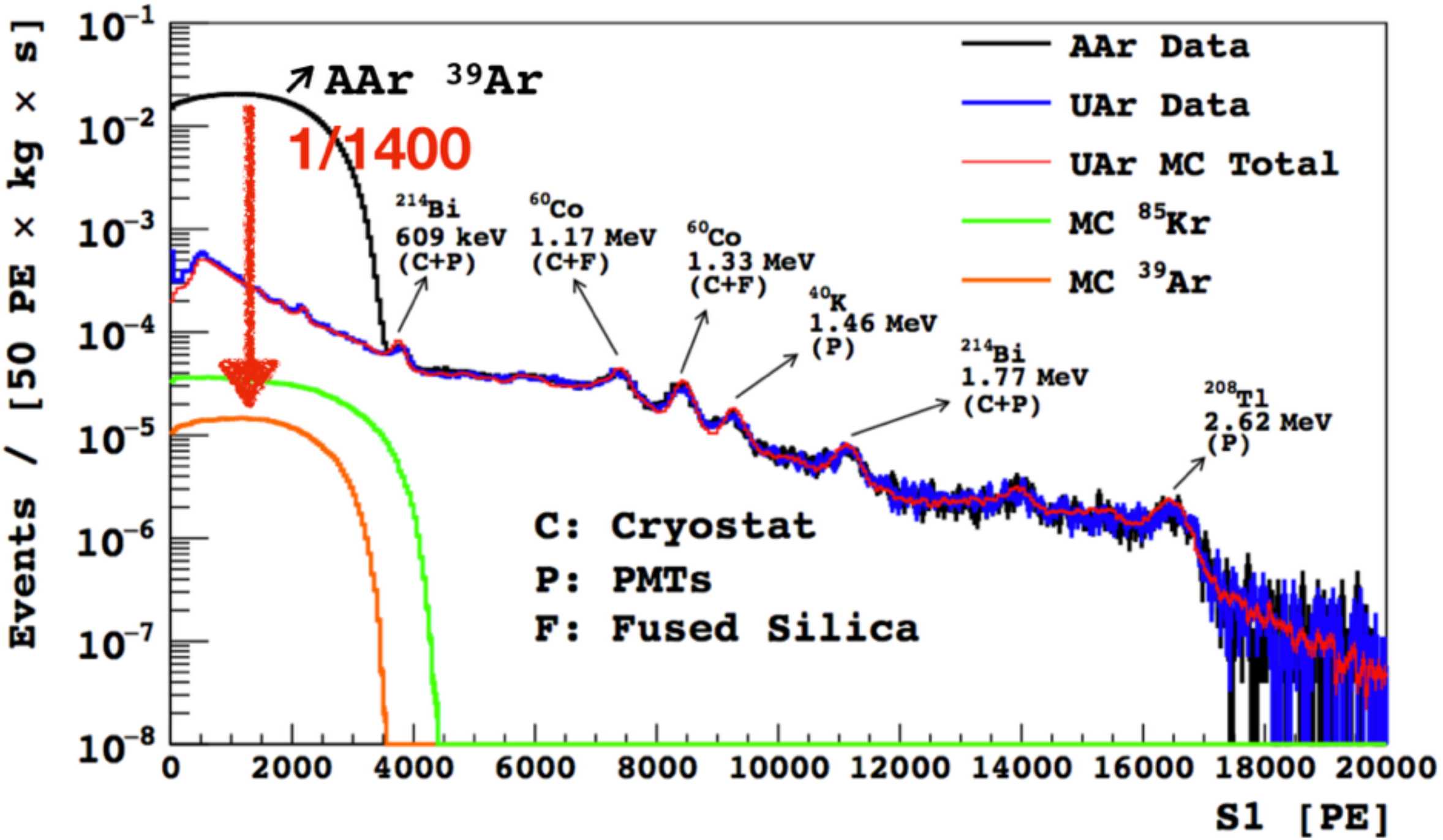


The case for DarkSide-20k: Background

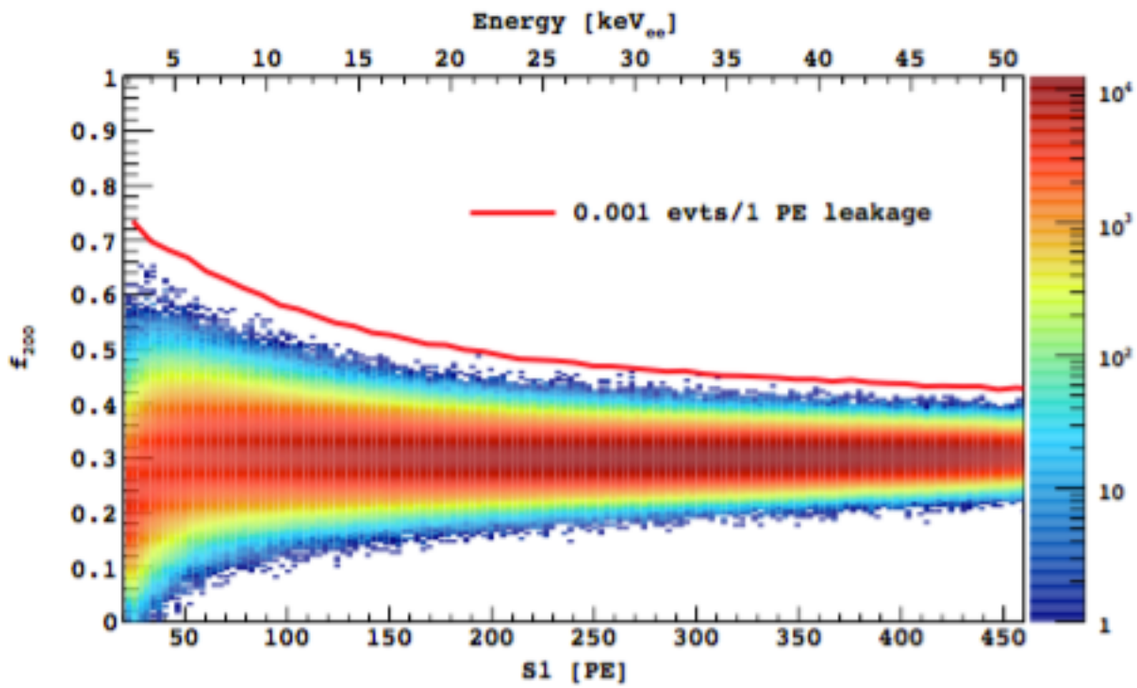


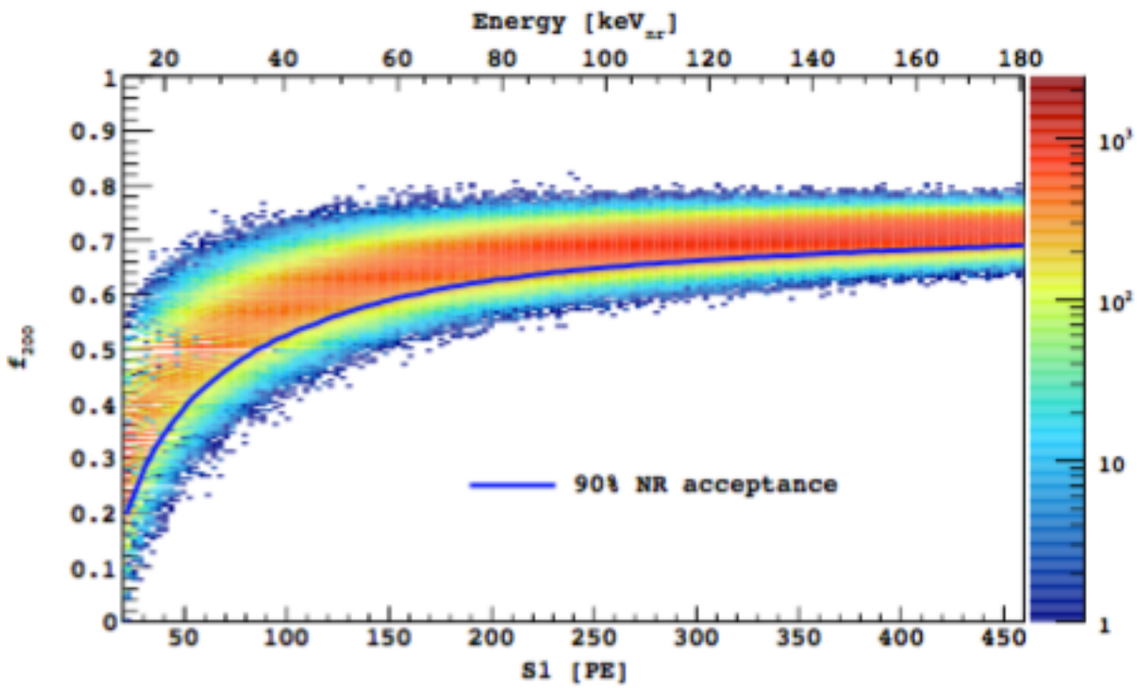
If the number of background events is < 0.1, assuming the correct model, then as few as five events would claim discovery!

DarkSide-20k: underground Argon

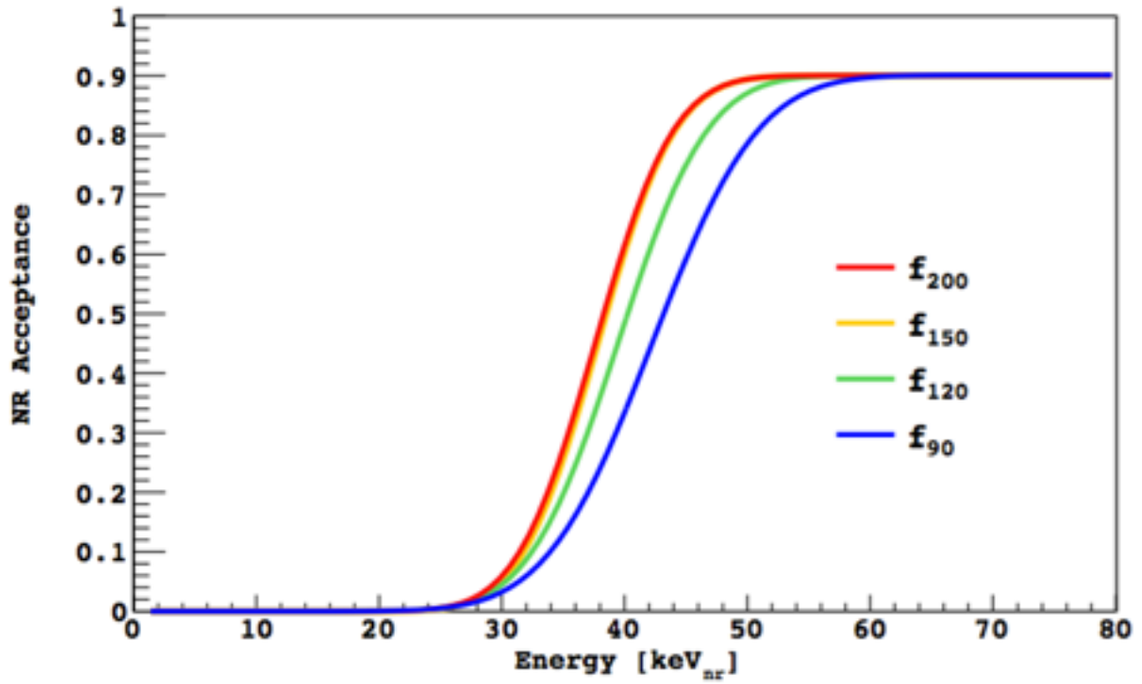


DarkSide-20k: sensitivity to WIMPs

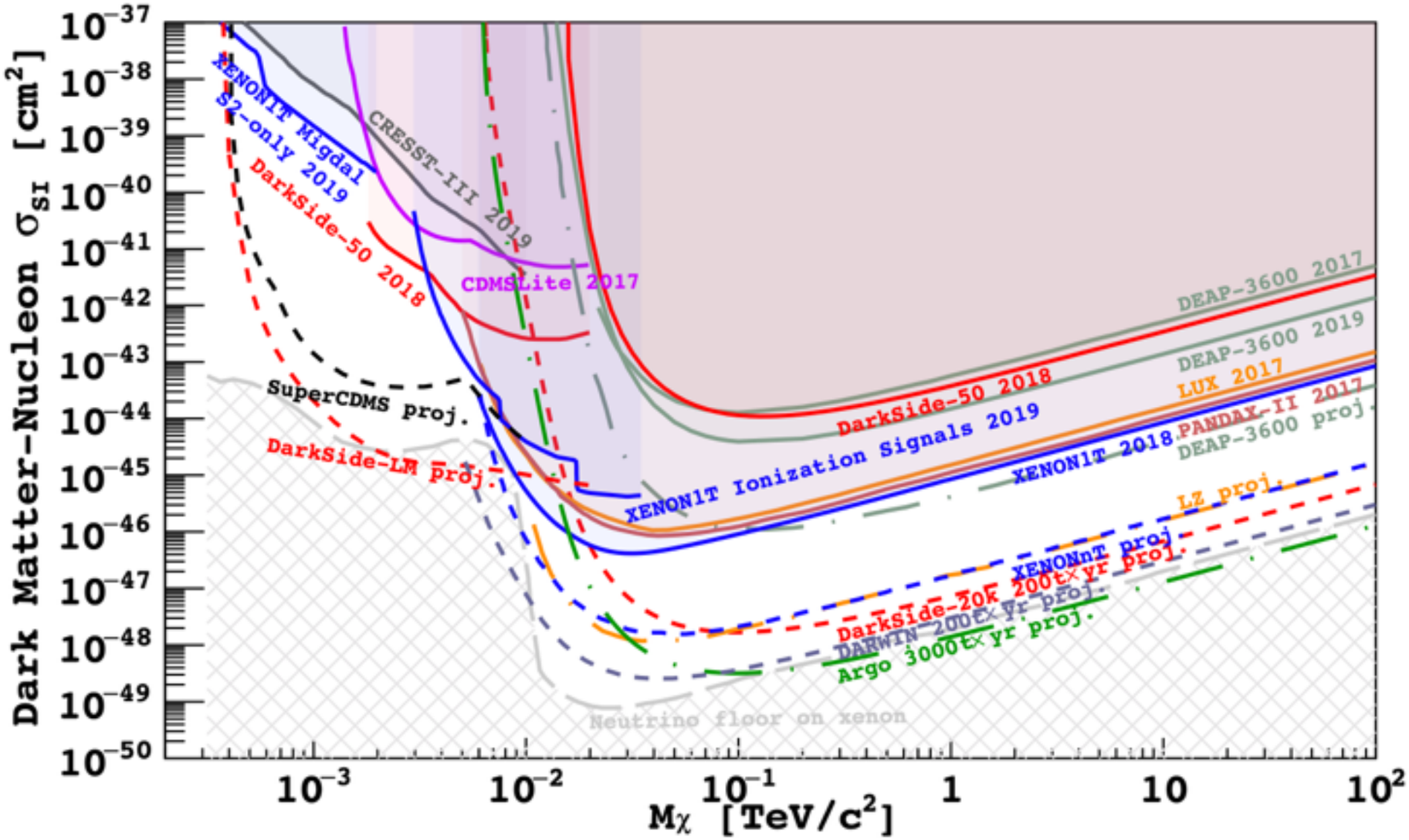




- ERs < 0.005 evts/5PE*bin
- ~ 10^6 simulated evts from both NRs and ^{39}Ar β-decay and β/γ's in the energy range 7 - 50 keV$_{ee}$ in ROI
- Expected 10 PE/keV LY at null fields and 9 PE/keV at 200 V/cm drift field from β/γ's



DarkSide-20k: projected sensitivity

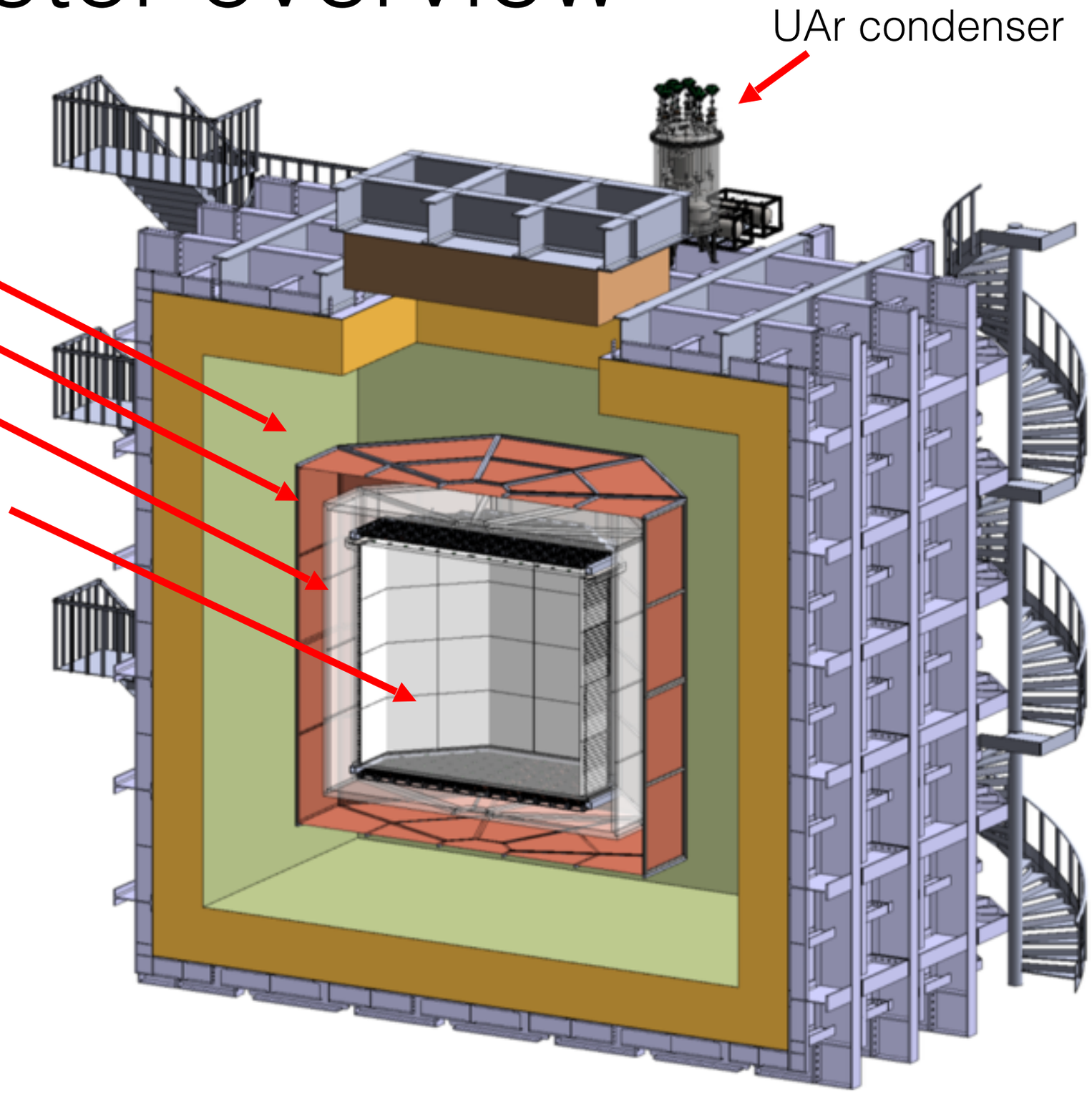


- Exposure = 100 (200) t yr ~ 5 (10) yrs run
- 1.2×10^{-47} cm^2 (7.4×10^{-48} cm^2) @ 1 TeV
- Expected ~ 3.2 evts from CEvNS

DarkSide-20k: detector overview

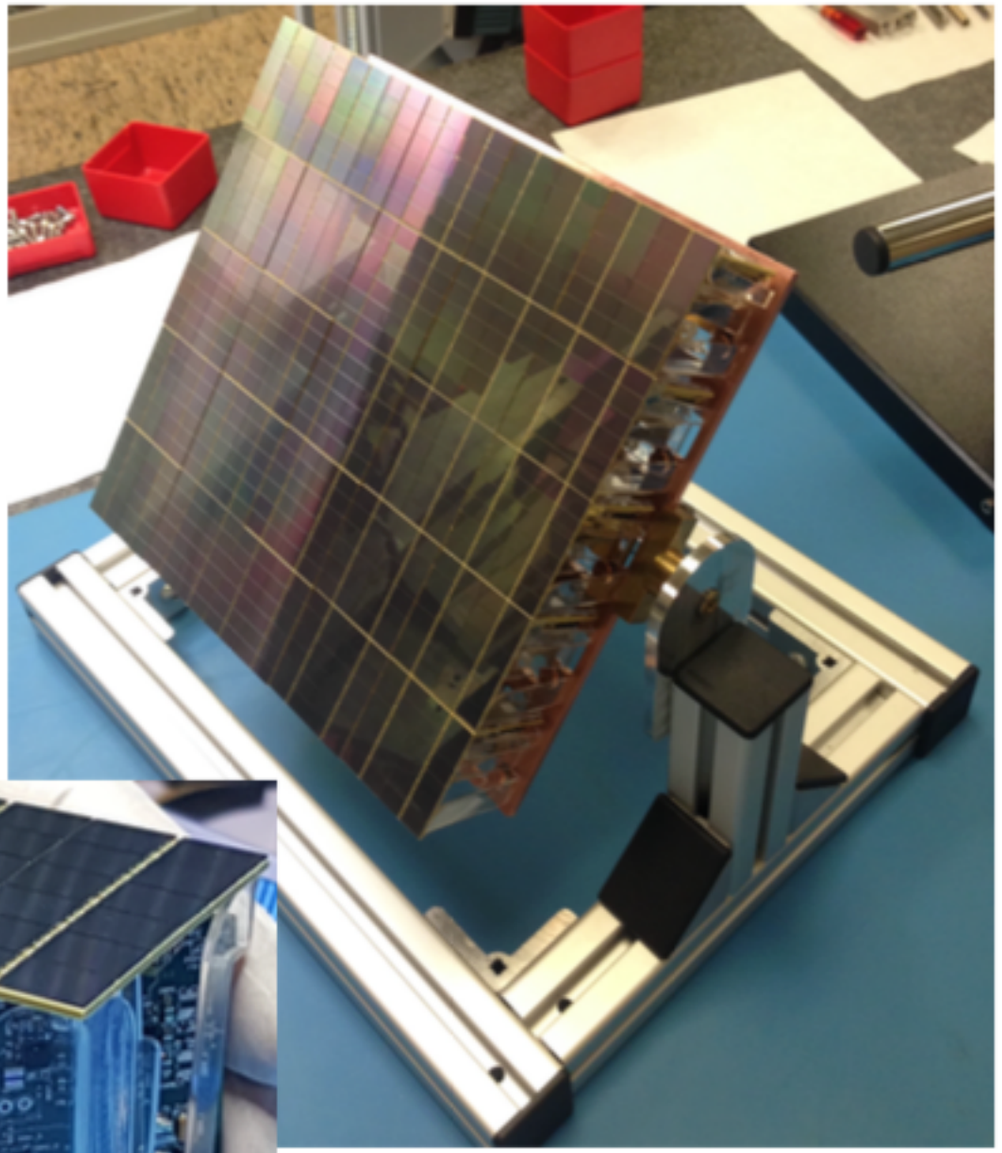
- ProtoDUNE like **cryostat**
- **Optical and EM barrier**
- **Neutron veto** will use Gd doped acrylic panels and Atmospheric Argon (AAr)
- **Inner TPC** will be a sealed acrylic vessel containing UAr
- Separate cryogenic systems for UAr and AAr volumes
- Acrylic knowledge from DEAP-3600 is being implemented

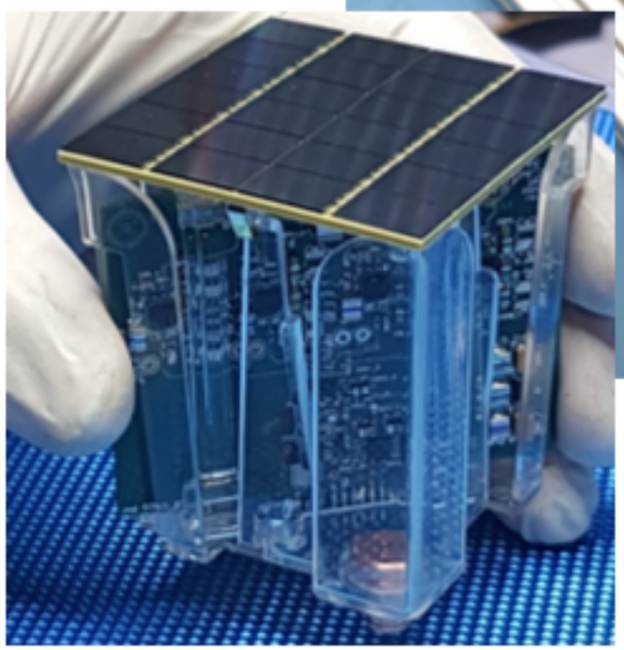
- **30 m^2 of SiPM scintillation detecting surface** (8280 channels for TPC and ~3000 channels for Veto)



DarkSide-20k: SiPMs

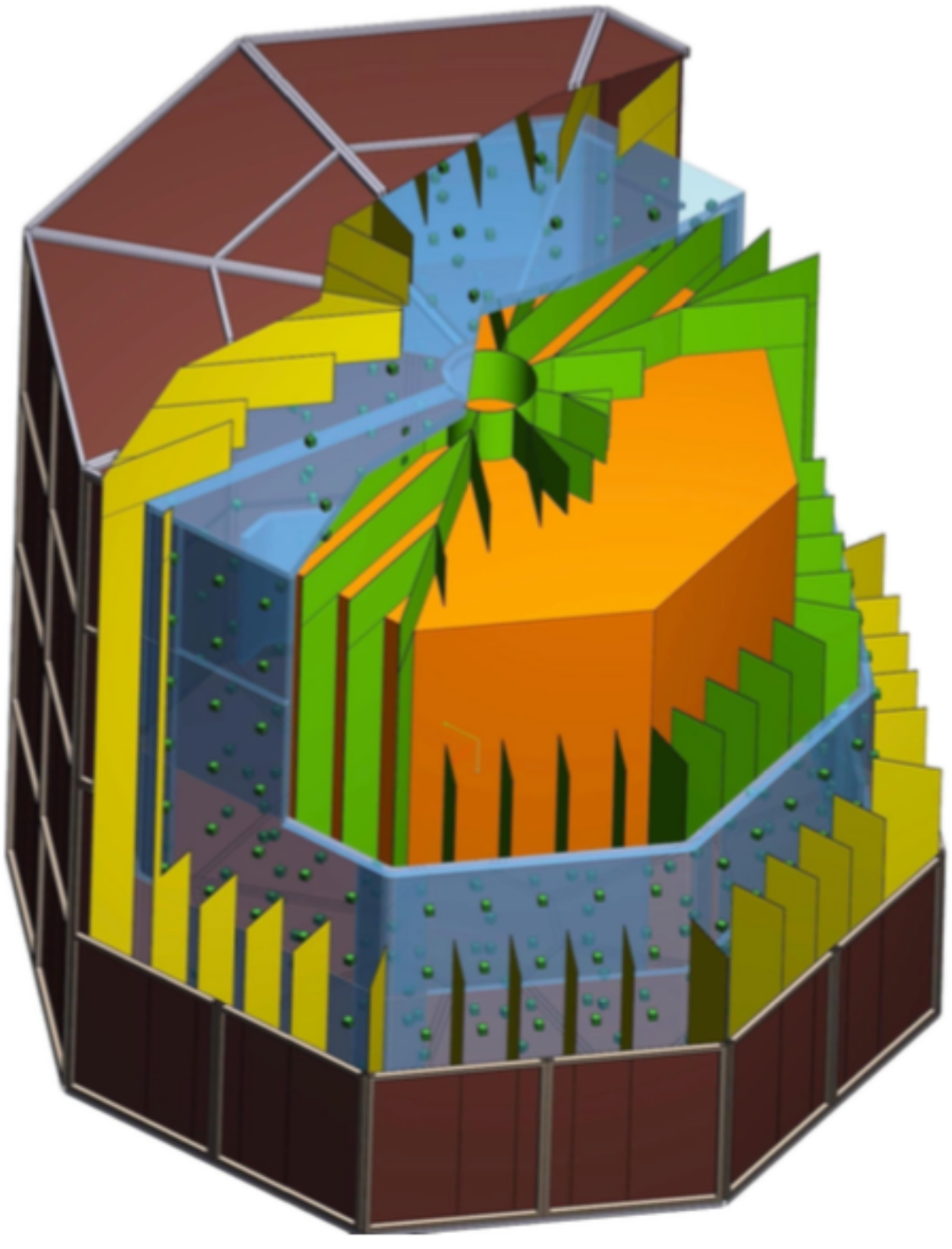
- Designed for LAr by combined effort between DarkSide and Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK);
- compact and high coverage;
- high SNR (> 8);
- high PDE (~50%);
- massive production by LFoundry and packaging of PDMs in NOA, L'Aquila;
- full production chain largely funded by Regione Abruzzo, Italy.





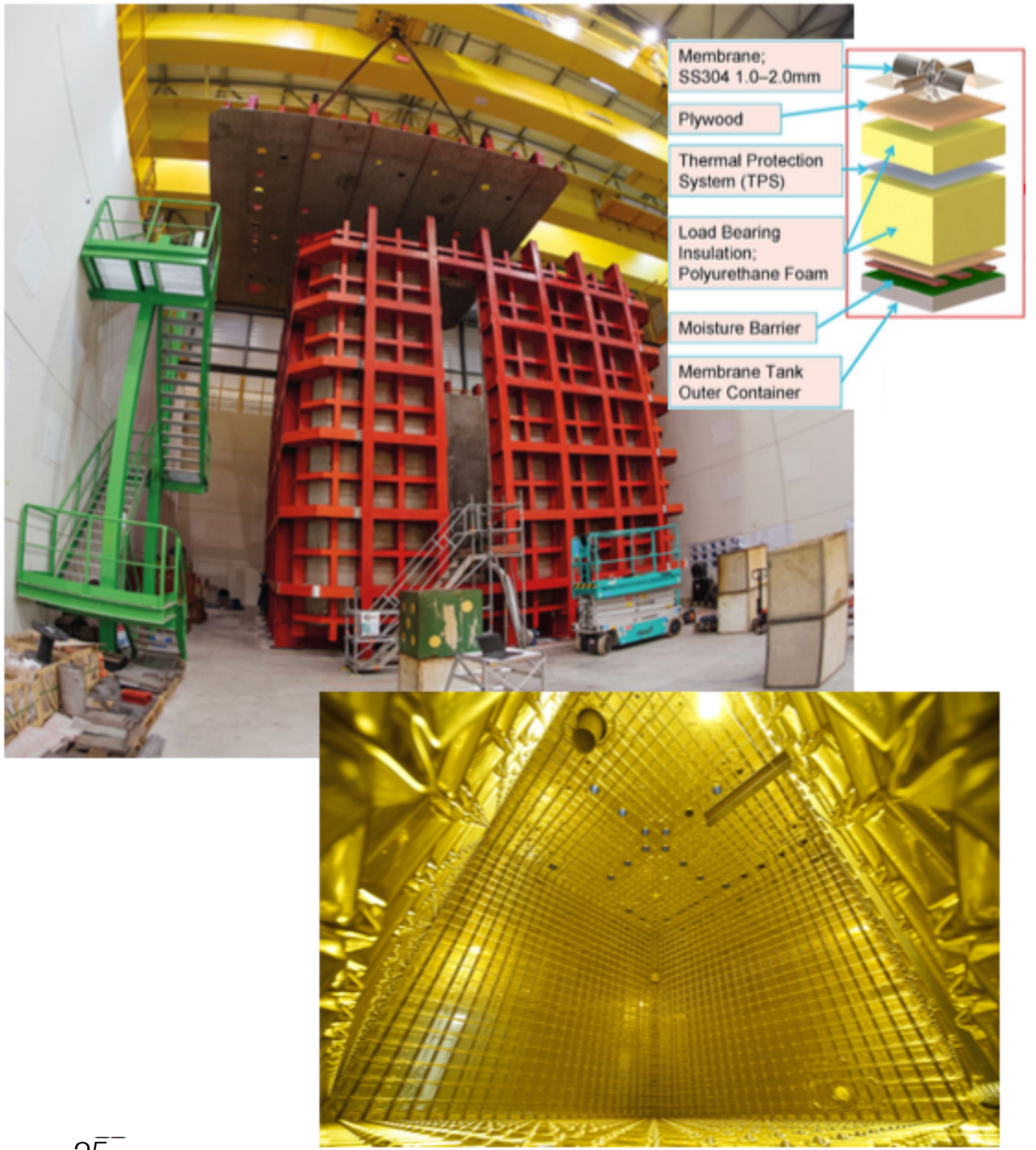
DarkSide-20k: the neutron veto

- 4π coverage;
- 10 cm thick passive Gd-loaded acrylic shell to moderate and capture neutrons;
- 40 cm thick inner and outer active liquid AAr volumes to detect gamma cascade due to neutron capture on Gd;
- Faraday cage to optically and electrically isolate both veto and TPC;
- vertical segmentation to reduce pile-up rate of ^{39}Ar (1Bq/kg in AAr) event from AAr and ESR foil as reflector to maximize light collection;
- all internal surface of each sector coated with TPB as wavelength shifter.



DarkSide-20k: the cryostat

- Developed at CERN for ProtoDUNE neutrino experiment;
- membrane and passive thermal insulation;
- maturated technique adopted from the Liquified Natural Gas carriers and vessels;
- access and support of TPC and Veto from top roof;
- penetrations on top roof determined by the requirements of all sub-systems.



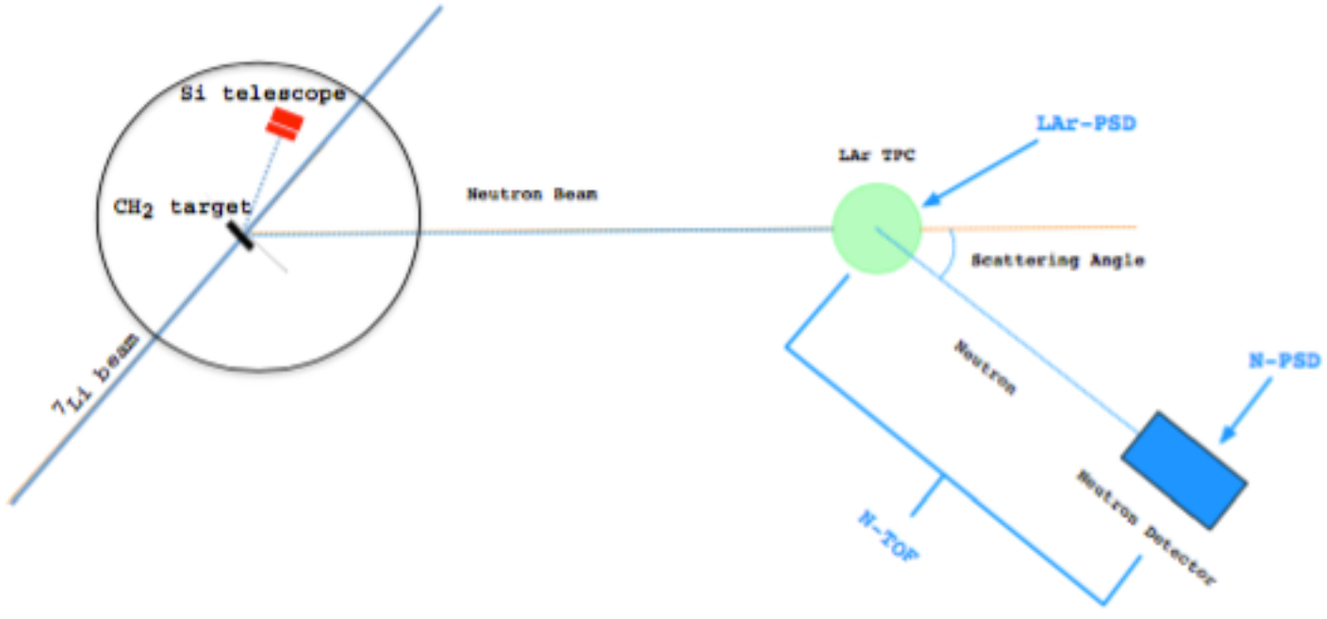
DarkSide R&D: the UAr

- **Urania:** procurement at least 60 tonnes of UAr from Colorado, USA (**extraction rate of 250 kg/day, 99.9% purity**);

- **Aria:** UAr shipped to Sardinia, Italy, for **chemical purification via a 350 m tall cryogenic distillation column** in the former Seruci Mine:

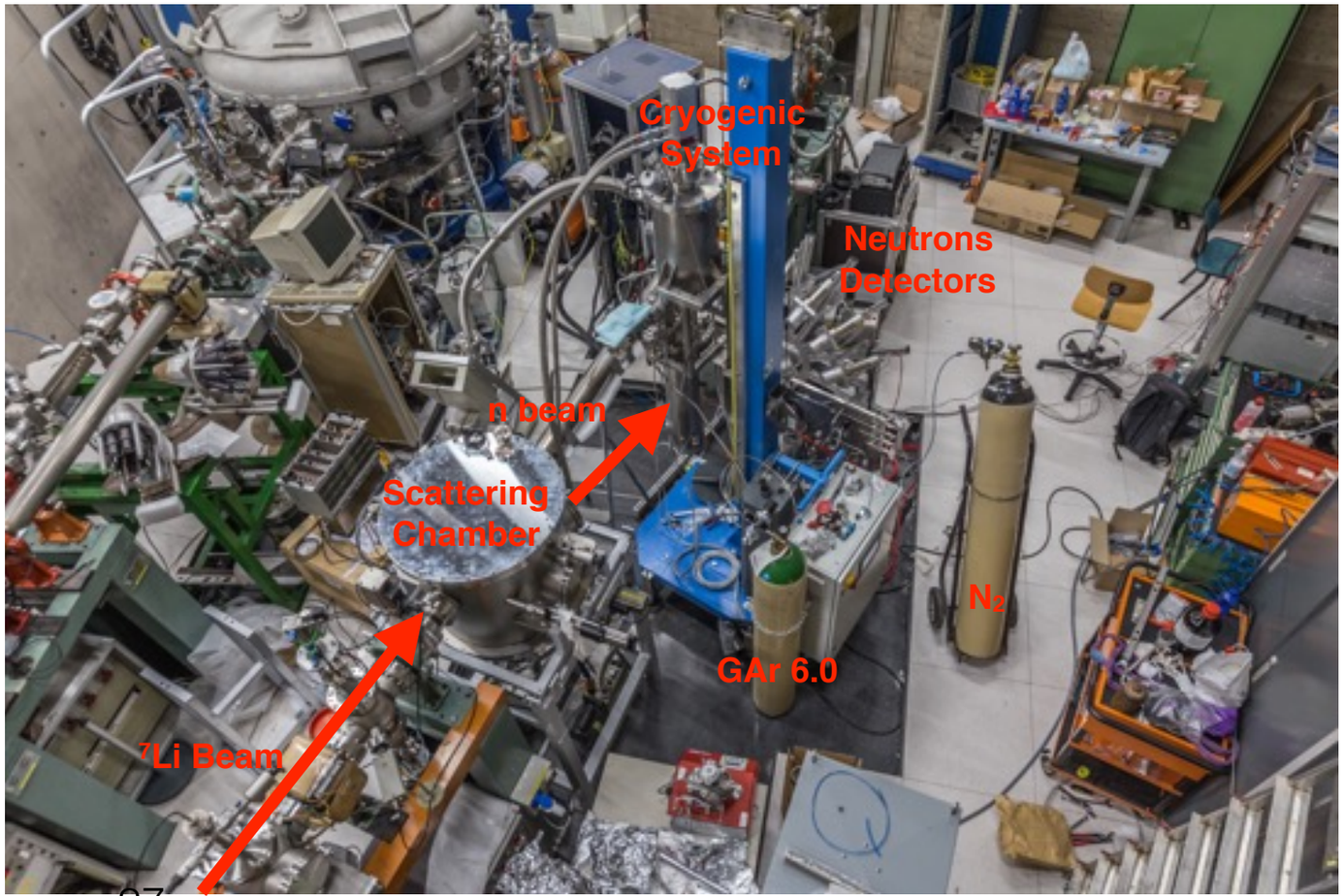
- **process ~1 tonnes/day with 1000 reduction** of all chemical impurities and **isotopically separate ^{39}Ar from ^{40}Ar**.

DarkSide R&D: the ReD experiment



- **Main goal:** irradiate a small LAr TPC with neutrons and produce **recoil parallel or orthogonal wrt the E field** in order to probe the **directionality of NR** in liquid argon;
- **How:** neutron beam is produced at **INFN - Laboratori Nazionali del Sud (LNS)** in Catania by the **15 MV Tandem** via the **p(^{7}Li,n)** reaction;
- **Bonus: direct measurement of low energy nuclear recoil** with the same TPC by tuning appropriately the beam and the geometry setups.

- ReD saw **beam in June and July 2018**:
  - for 6 nA of ^{7}Li and 0.2 mg/cm^2 target of CH_2: **~10^5 n/s (expected)**;
  - TPC-beam: 22°, TPC-LSci: 37°;
  - **TPC rate: ~Hz**;
  - **TPC+LSci: a few 100's of ev/day/nA expected**);
- **new physics run just concluded (14 Feb. 2020), analysis in progress**.



Summary and Conclusions

- DarkSide-50 at LNGS: LAr TPC technology proven competitive for a wide range of WIMP masses:
  - **Physical Review D 98 (10), 1022006 (2018)**: background free analysis of high-mass WIMP search data;
    - best exclusion limit from a LAr experiment for WIMP-nucleon cross section > 1.1 x 10^{-44} cm^2 @ 100 GeV/c^2;
  - best sensitivity limit from a LAr experiment in the field of low mass WIMP search in the range of 1.8-6 GeV/c^2: **Physical Review Letters 121 (8), 081307 (2018)** and **Physical Review Letters 121 (11), 111303 (2018)**;
- Ambitious dark matter search program with the ***Global Argon Dark Matter Collaboration*** (DarkSide-Proto, DarkSide-20k, …).


ENJOY THE DARK SIDE!