A SURF Low Background Module ('SLoMo')

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Overview

- **Concept of SLoMo as described in Snowmass2021 Whitepaper (**e-Print: 2203.08821 [physics.ins-det]**) and in J.Phys.G 50 (2023) 6, 060502 (**e-Print: 2301.11878 [hep-ex]**)**
- **Key idea: Radiopure underground argon (UAr) at kton scale from prospective commercial source**
- **Use outer large regular argon volume as shield and as a combined target for undisturbed long-baseline neutrino physics**
- **Better supernova detection efficiency (incl. 'CEvNS glow')**
- **Precision solar neutrino physics possible (incl. NSI searches and resolve high- or low-metallicity)**
- **Competitive Dark Matter searches allowing for probing seasonal variation of galactic WIMPs (potential smoking gun for WIMP nature)**
- **Potentially 0nuBB searches at later stage with xenon doping**
- **Additional Topics**

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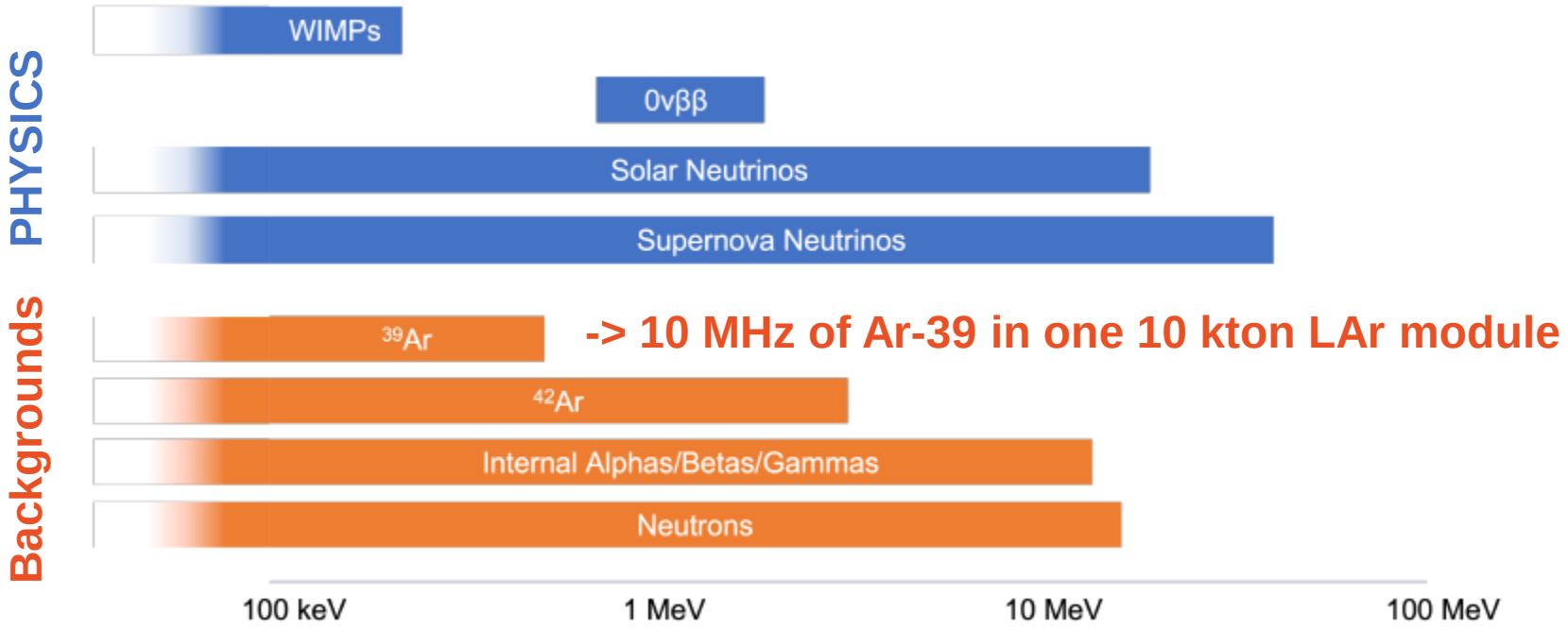

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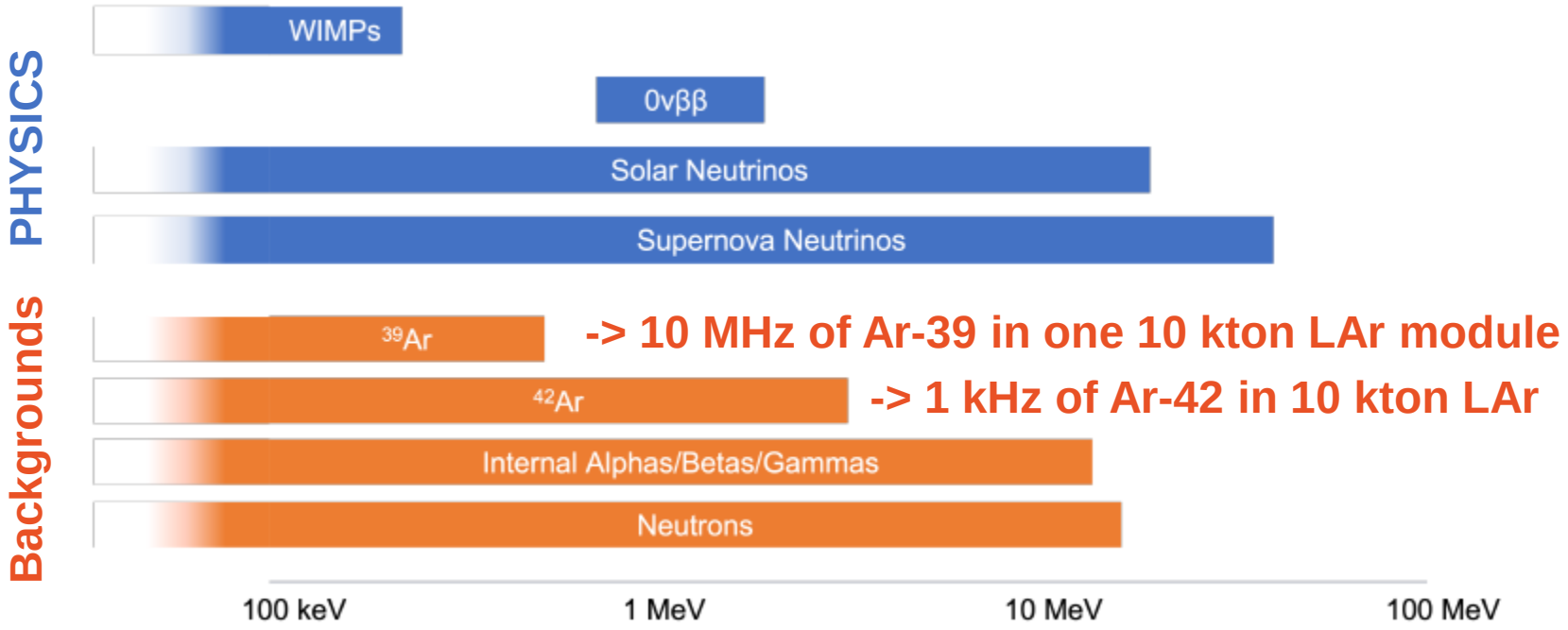

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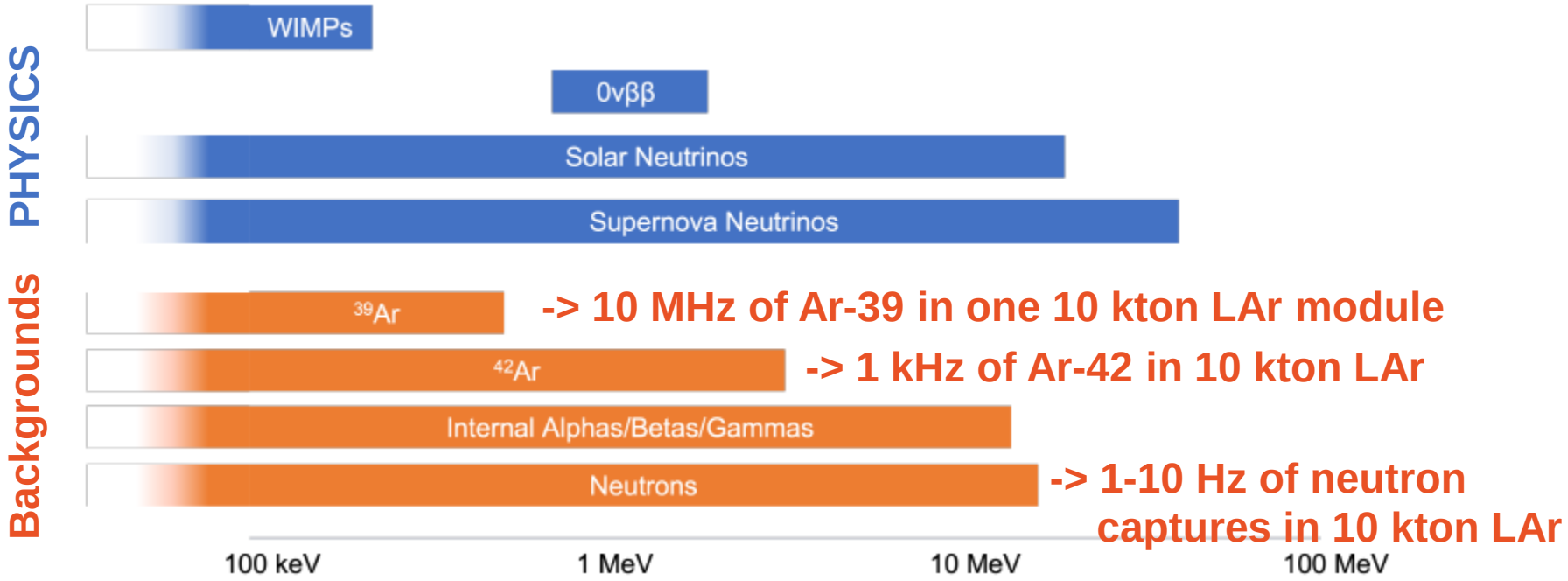

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-> 1-10 Hz of neutron captures in 10 kton LAr

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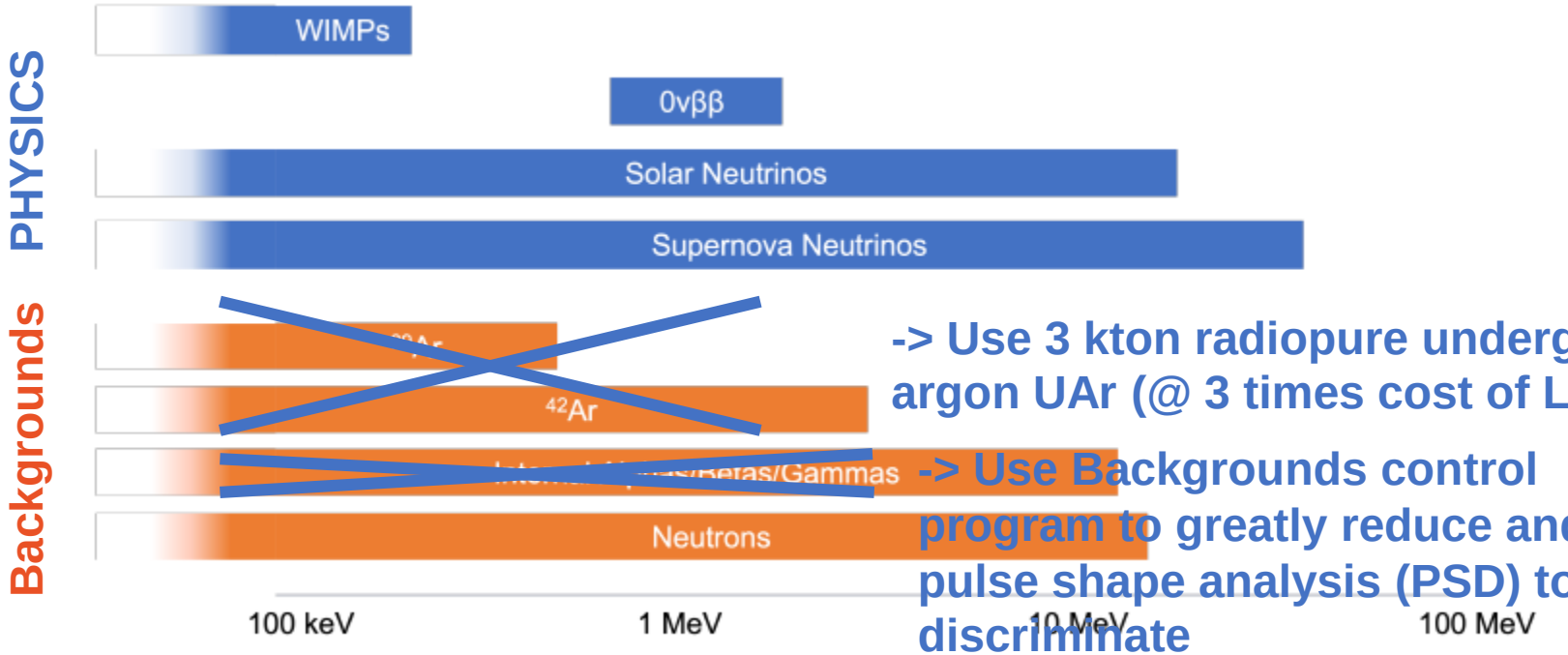

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-> Use Backgrounds control program to greatly reduce and pulse shape analysis (PSD) to discriminate

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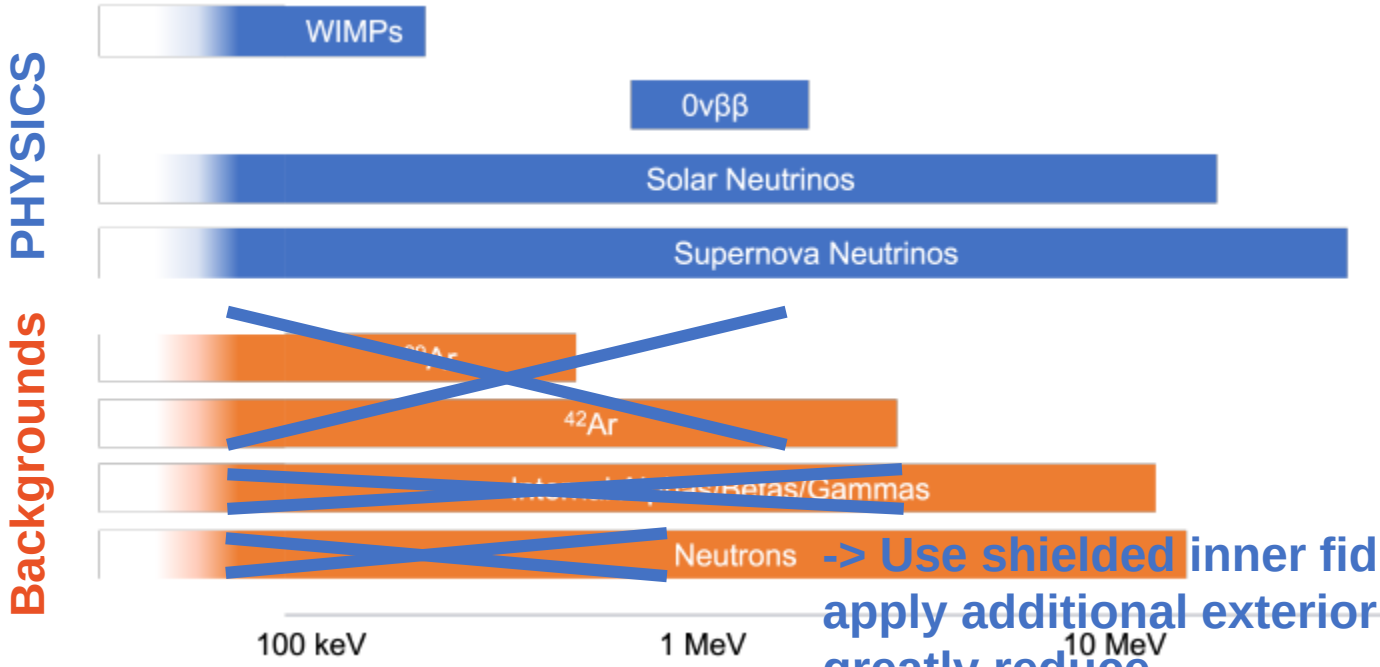

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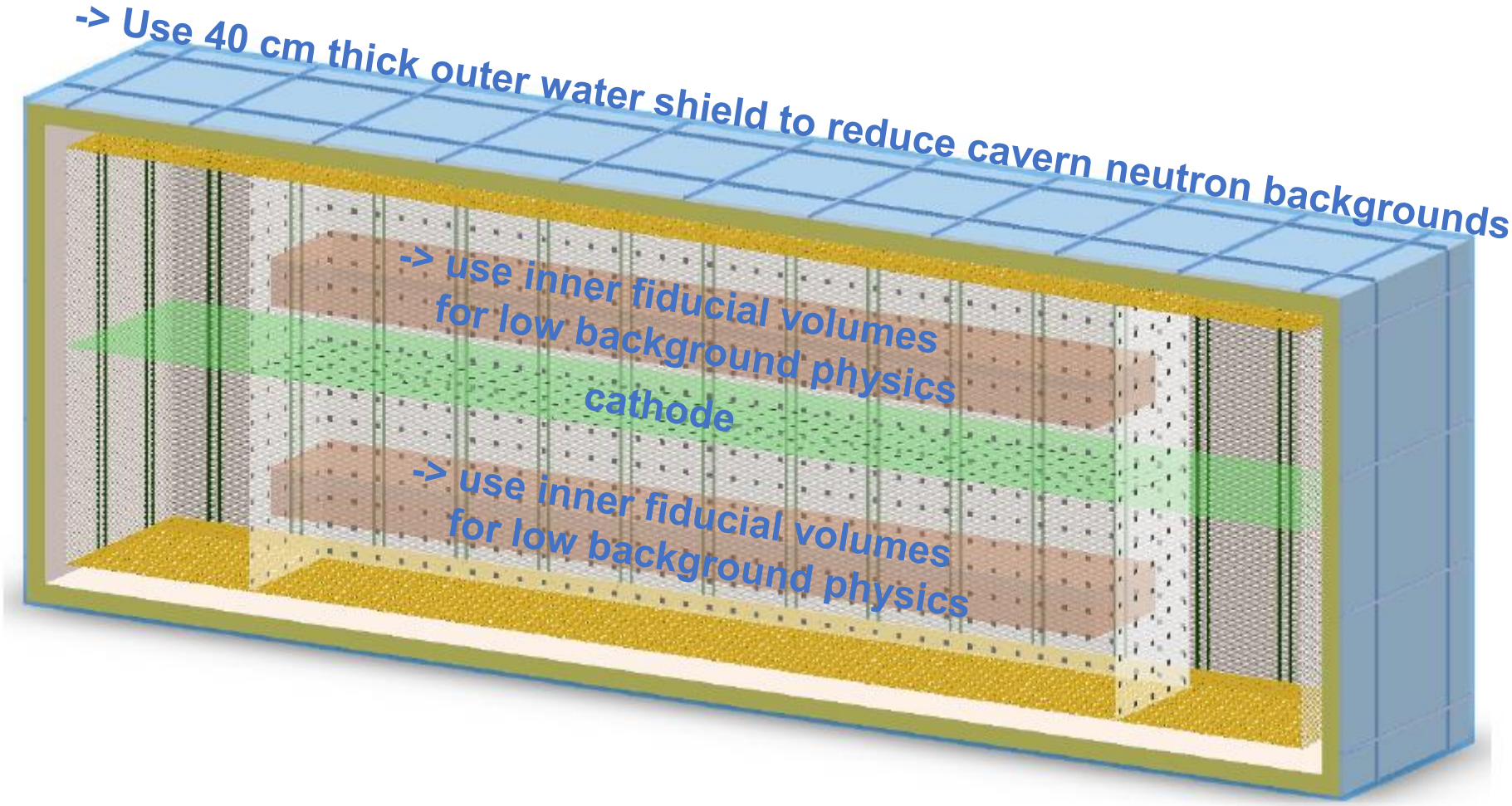
SLoMo Detector Concept (DUNE-Like Vertical Drift w/ Cathode at Half-Height)



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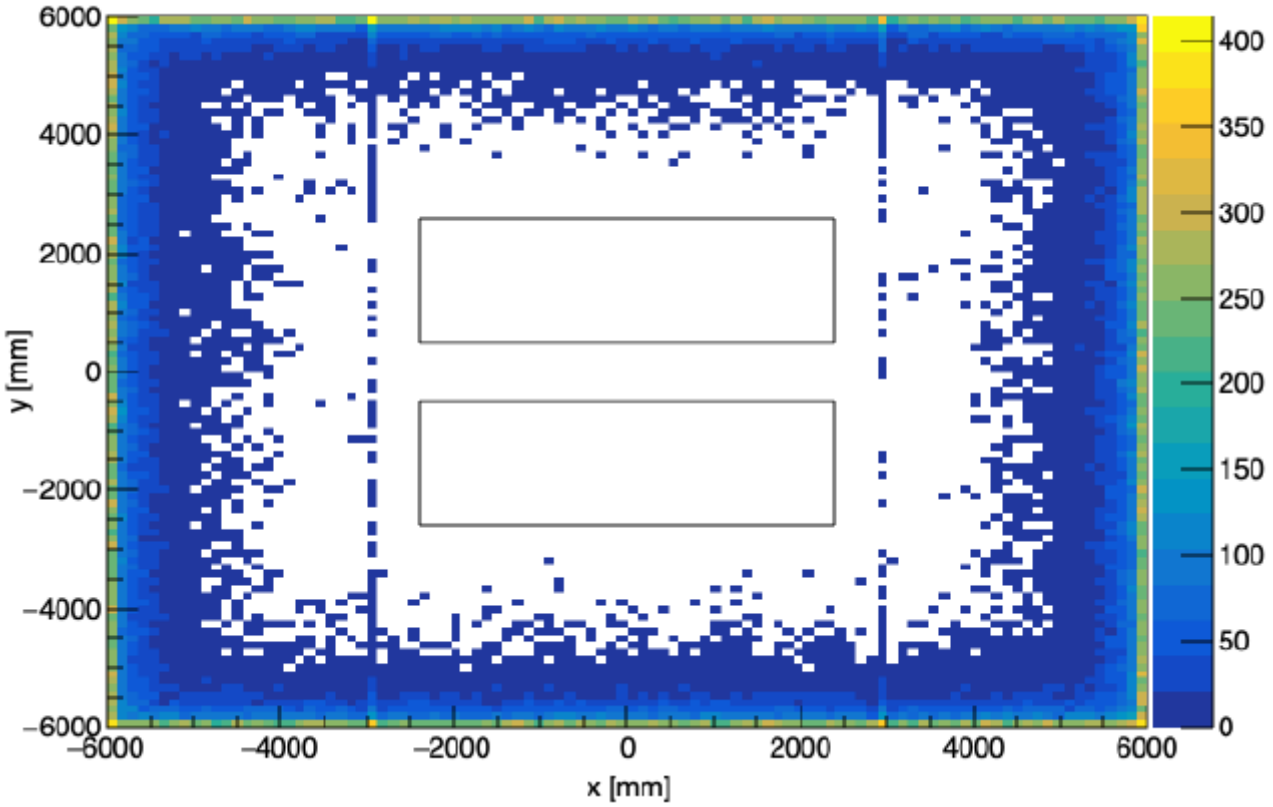
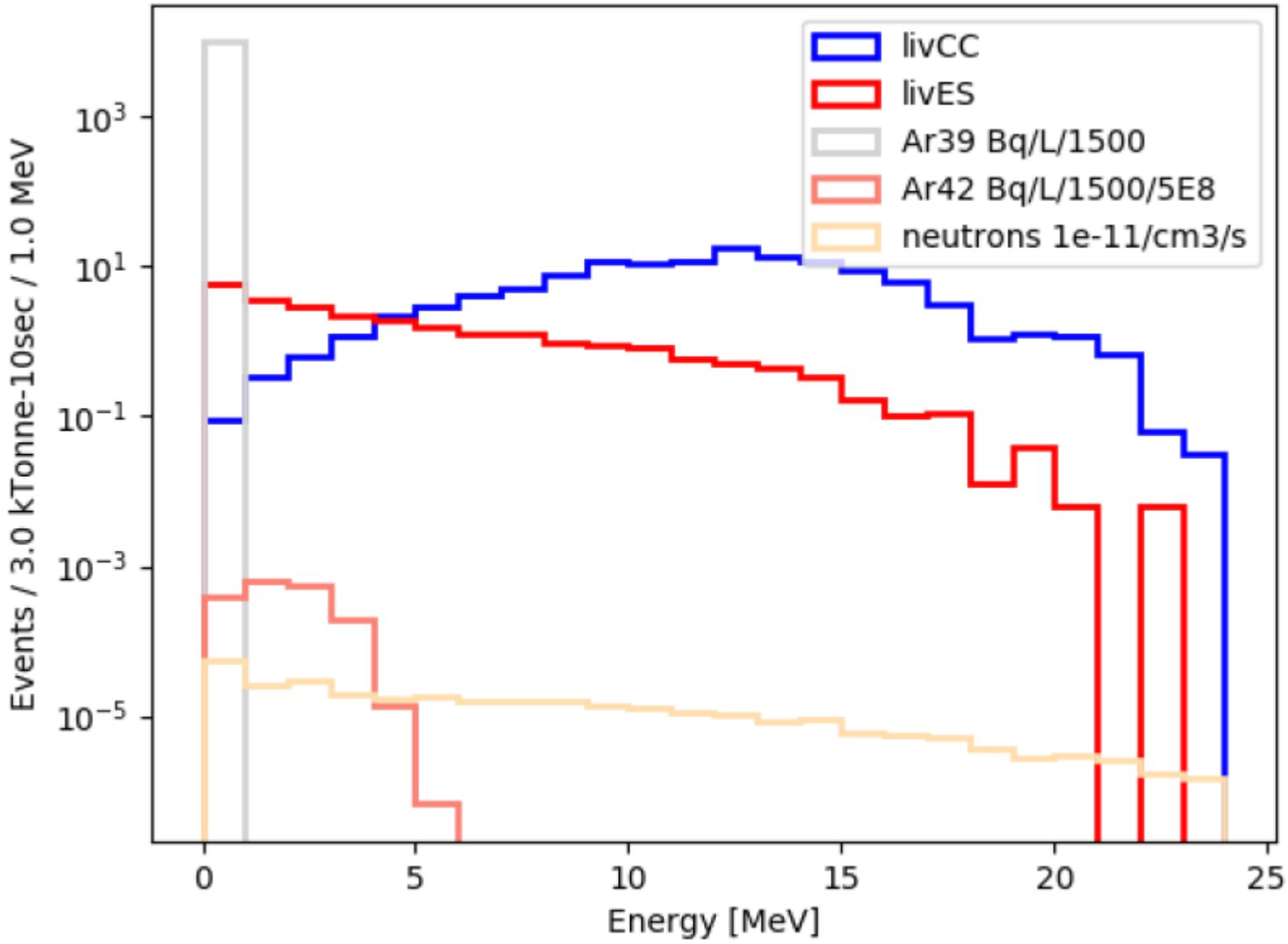
-> Use high light yield detection 100 pe/MeV
(SiPMs on optically segmented UAr volume walls)

Use Outer Large Regular Argon Volume as Shield and as a Combined Target for Undisturbed Long-Baseline Neutrino Physics



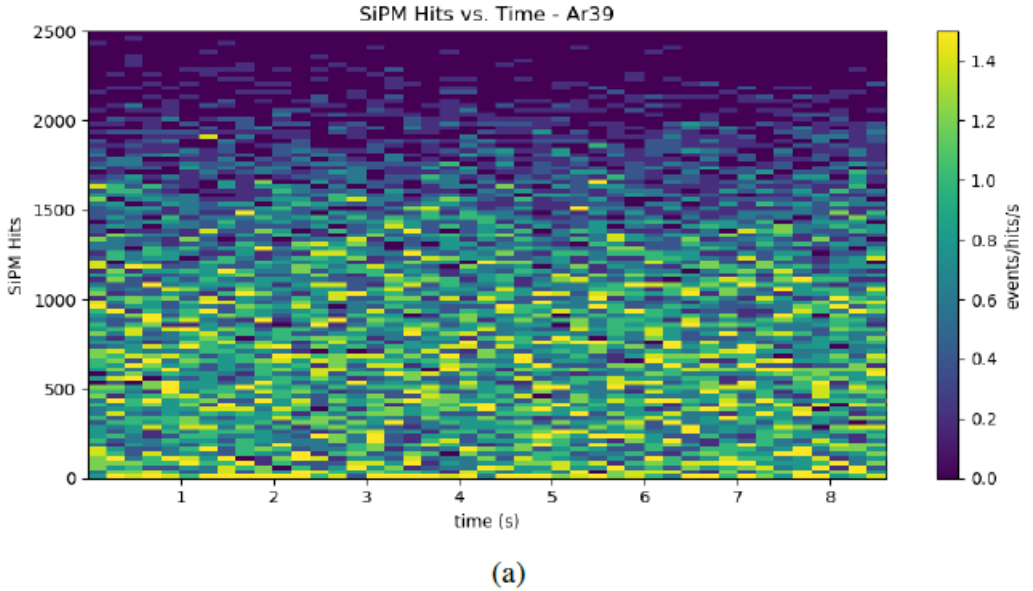
-> Use shielded inner fiducial volume and apply additional exterior watershield to greatly reduce exterior backgrounds (cavern/cryostat neutrons and γ's)

Galactic Supernova Detection in Shielded 3 kton UAr



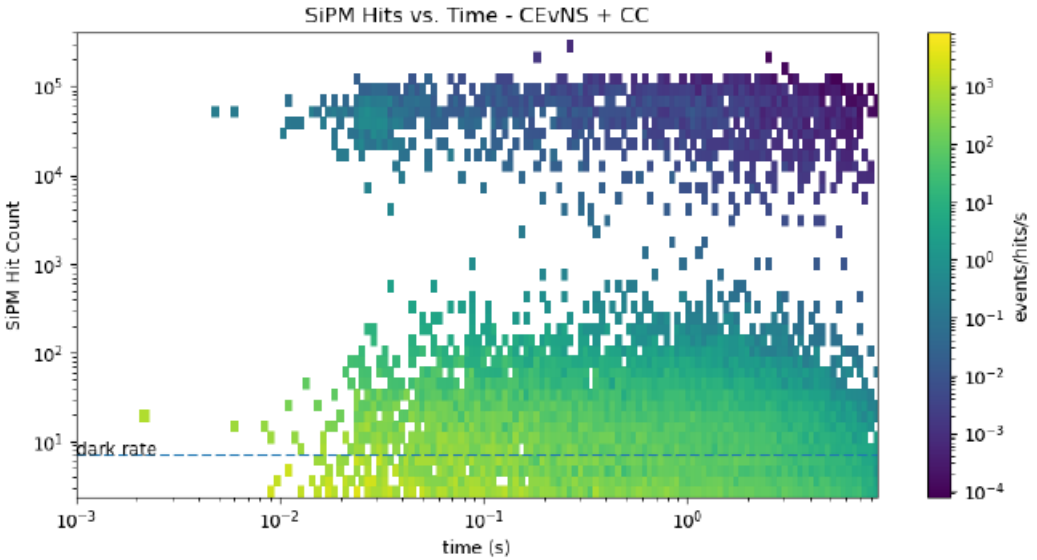
CEvNS Glow from Galactic Supernova Detection

atmospheric LAr



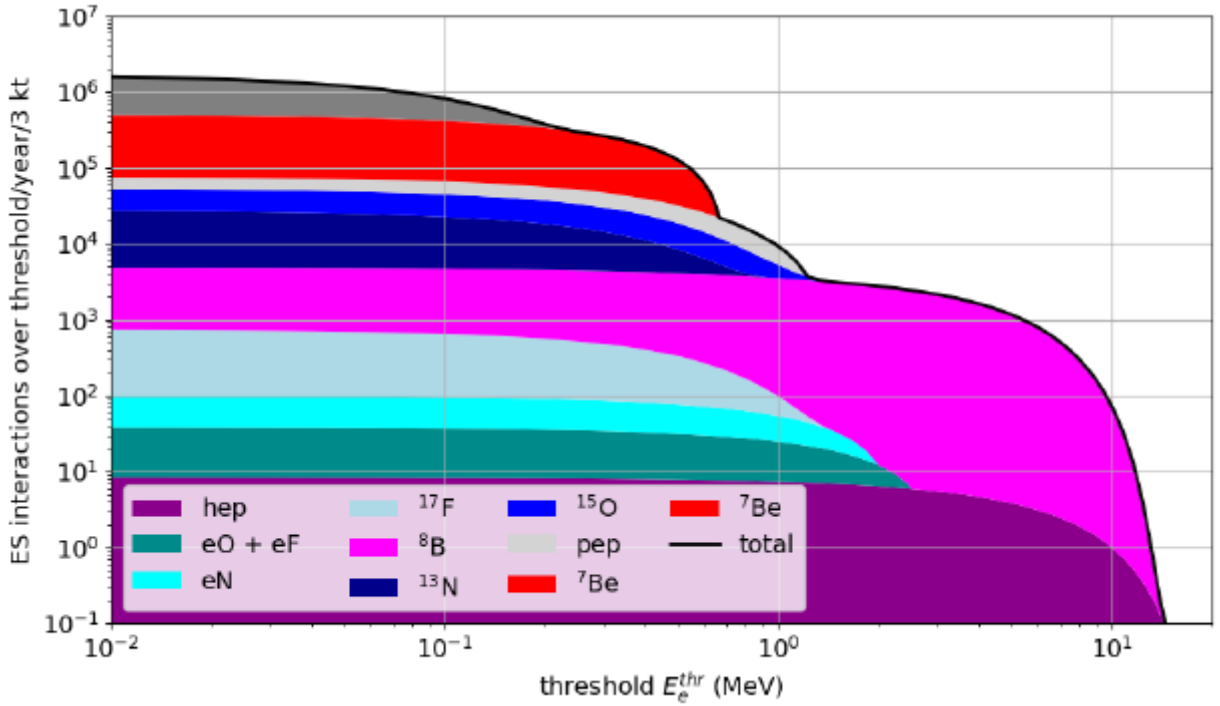
(a)

UAr allows to see CEvNS Glow!

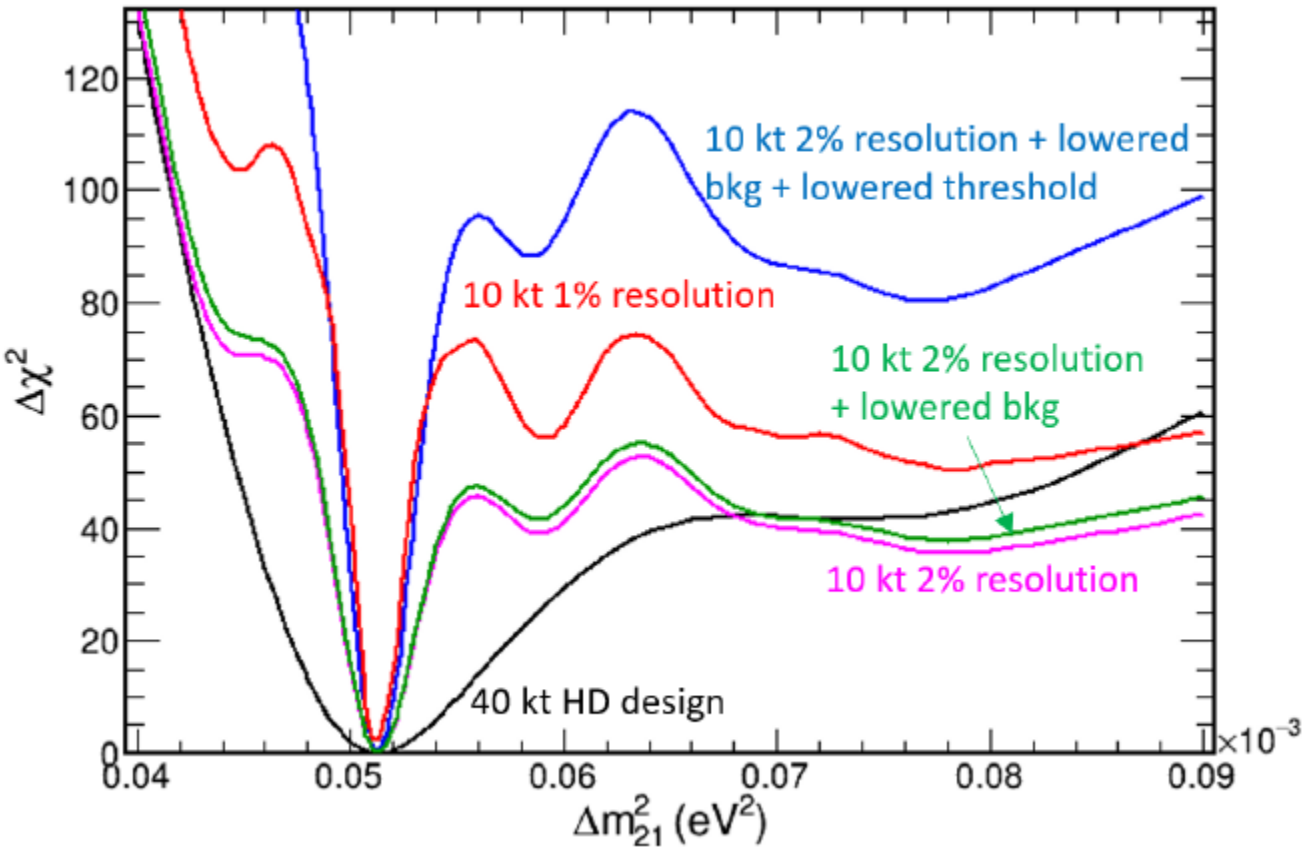


(b)

Solar Neutrino Physics: Spectral Rates in 3 kton as Function of Threshold



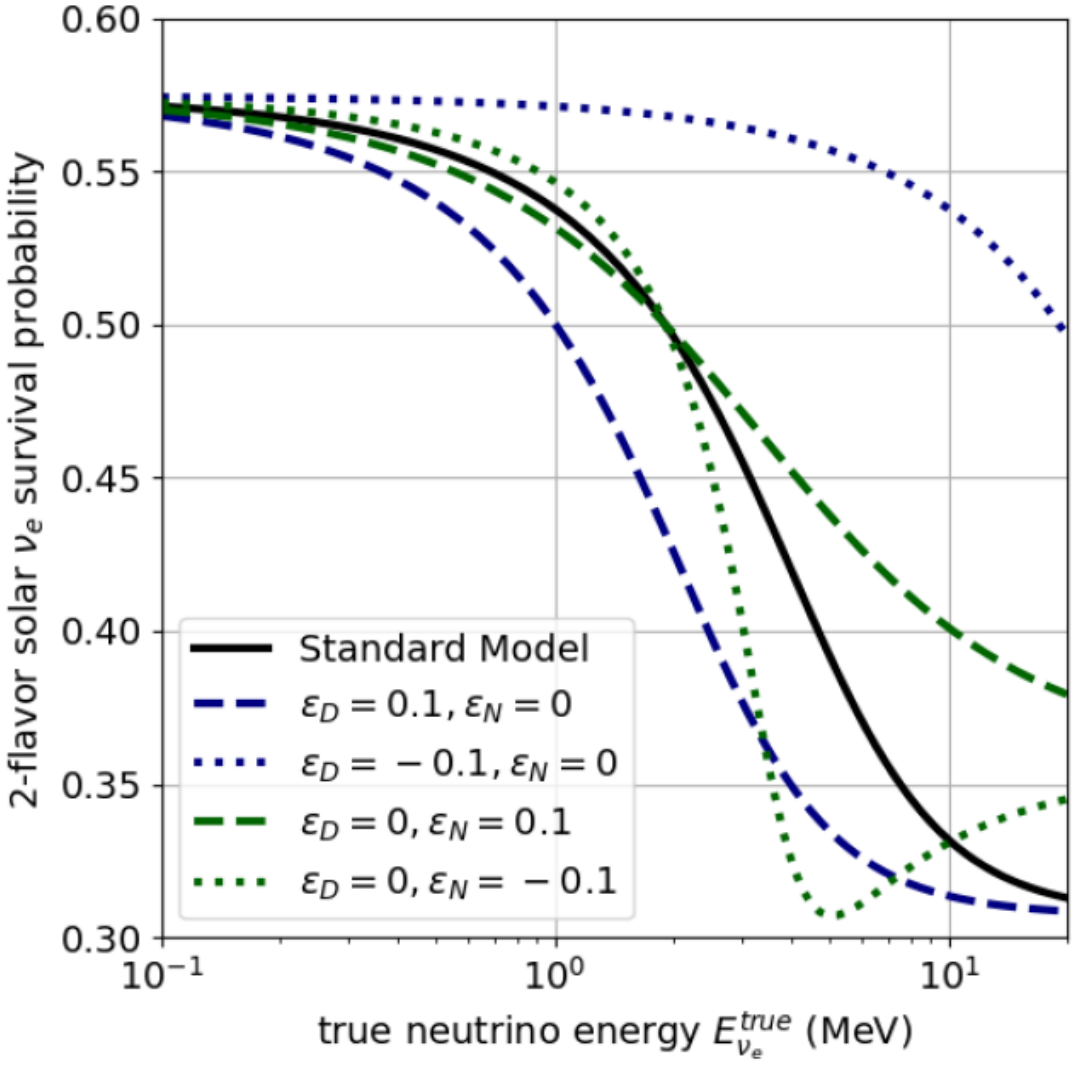
Precision Solar Neutrino Physics Possible



Improved Δm_{21}^2 measurements possible!

-> Interesting to compare to JUNO reactor neutrino results in future

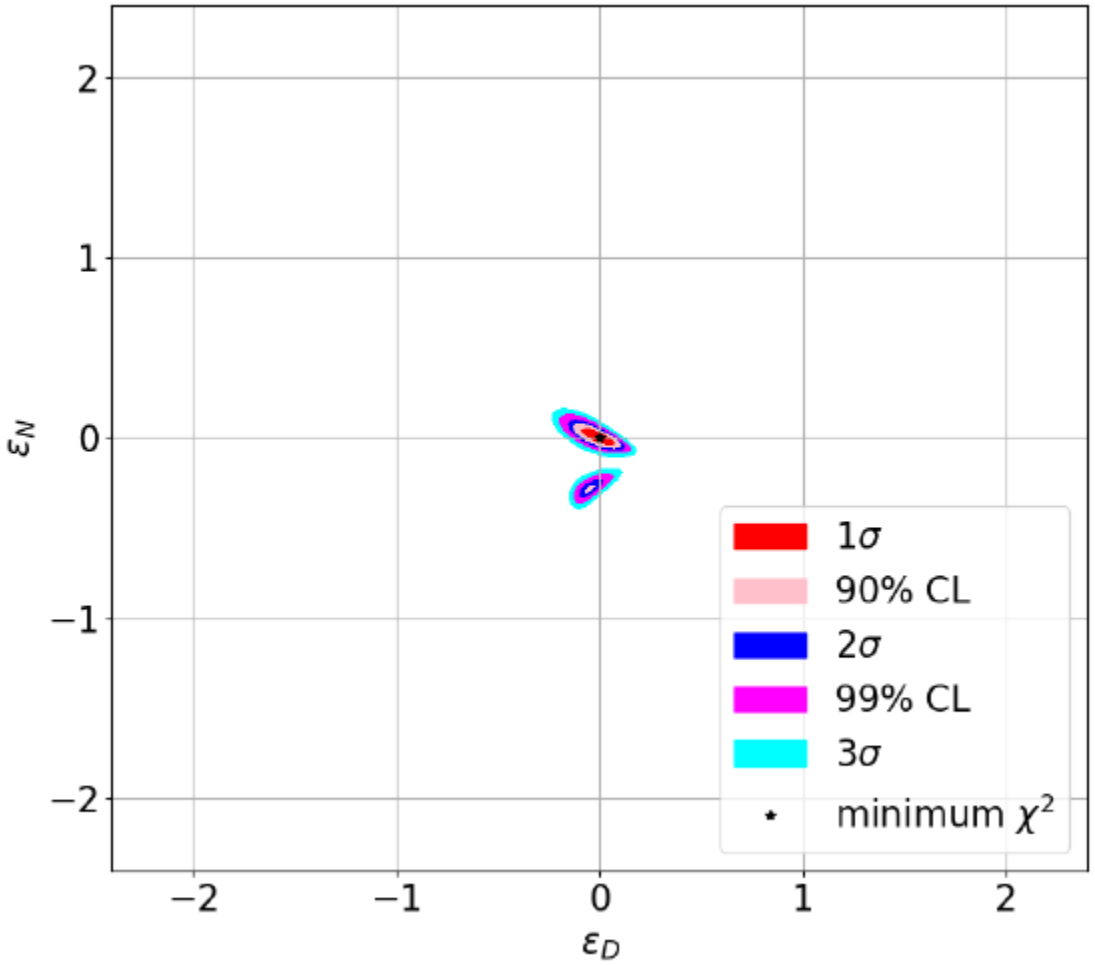
NSI Searches (NC) with Solar Neutrinos Possible (Resolution to Solar Neutrino Anomaly?)



$$H_\nu^{NSI} = \sqrt{2} G_F (n_u + n_d) \begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon_D & \epsilon_N \\ \epsilon_N^* & \epsilon_D \end{pmatrix}$$

-> can replicate w/ good agreement KamLAND curve (reactor nu's)

Improve Constraints on NSI Parameters with Solar Neutrinos Detected in 3 kton X years UAr



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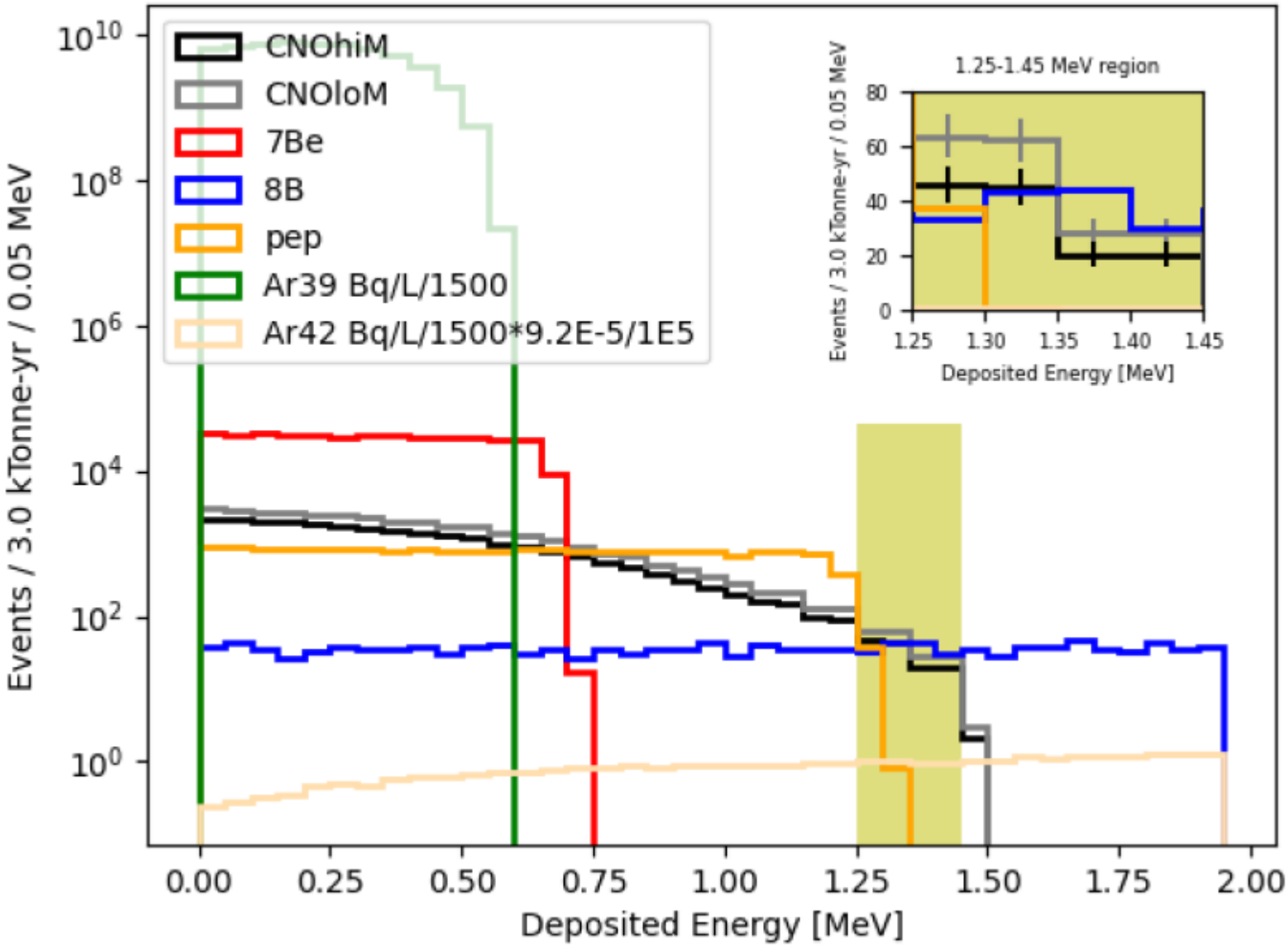
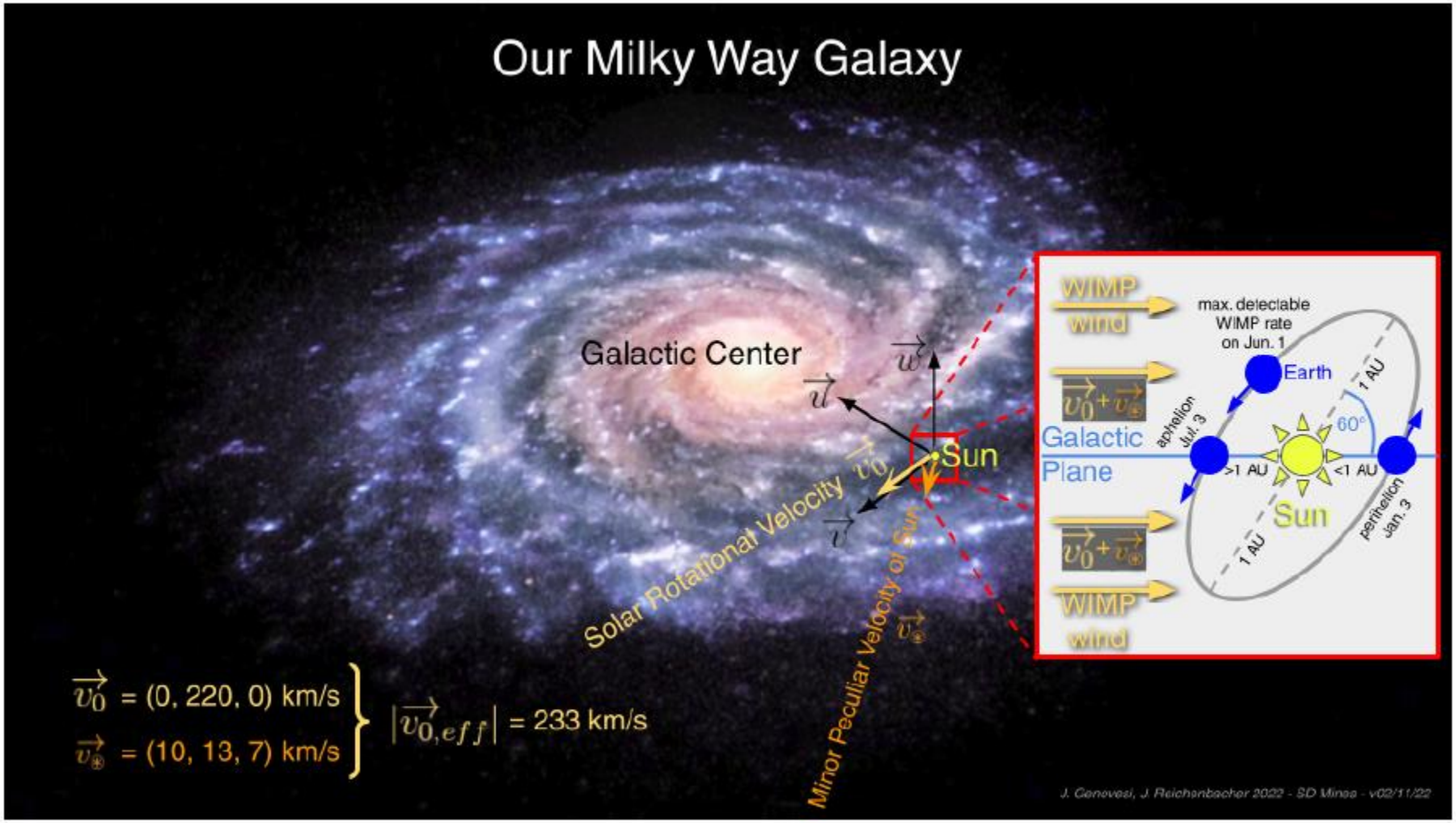
Resolve High- or Low-Metallicity in Sun

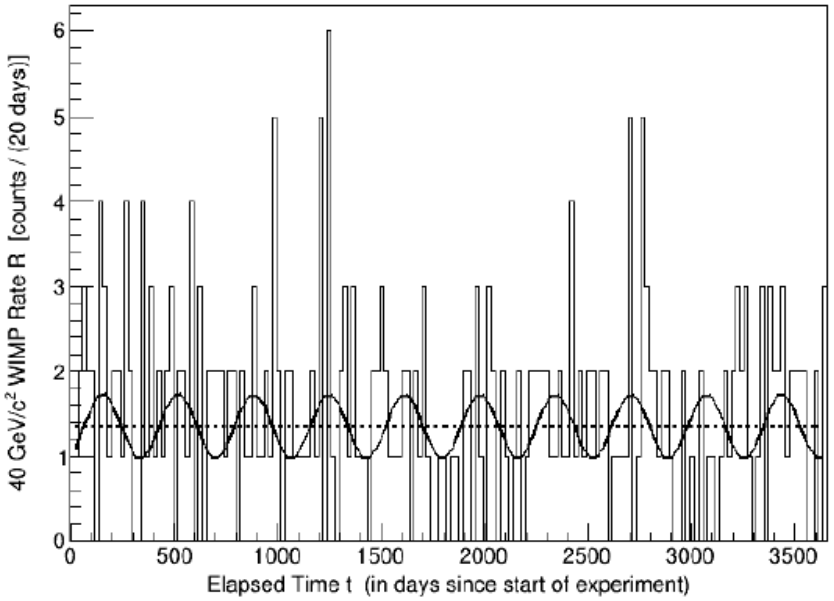


Competitive Dark Matter Searches Allowing for Probing Seasonal Variation of Galactic WIMPs



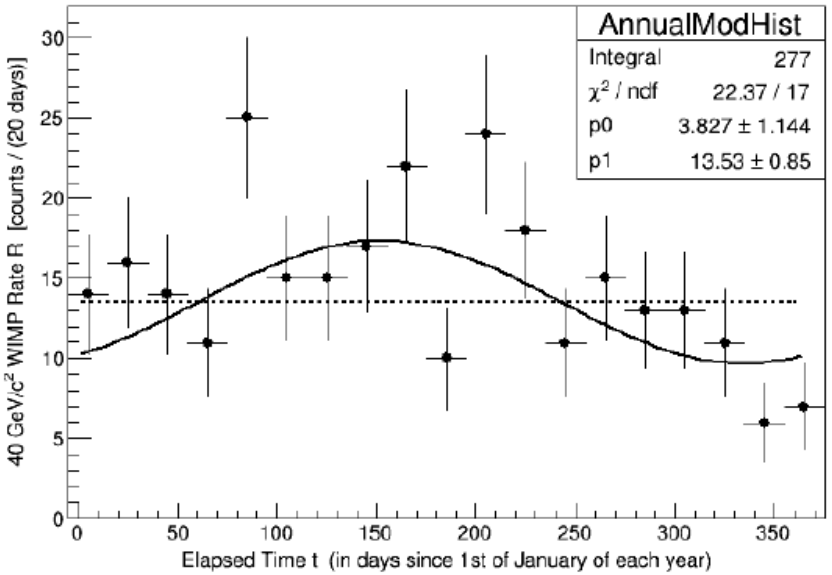
-> Rate can e.g. go up when going faster into galactic WIMP wind or vice versa (depends also on WIMP mass, form factor, and E_NR threshold of 50 keV)

Potential Smoking Gun for Galactic WIMP Nature:



$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \sigma_N^{SI} \frac{A^2 m_A N_T \rho_\chi}{2 m_\chi \mu_N^2} F^2(E_R) \int_{\nu_{min}(E_R)}^{\infty} \frac{d^3\vec{v}}{v} f_\oplus(\vec{v}, \vec{v_{obs}})$$

$$R([d^{-1}]) = A\,[d^{-1}] \times \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T[d]} \times (t[d] - t_{June1}[d])\right) + R_{avg}\,[d^{-1}]$$

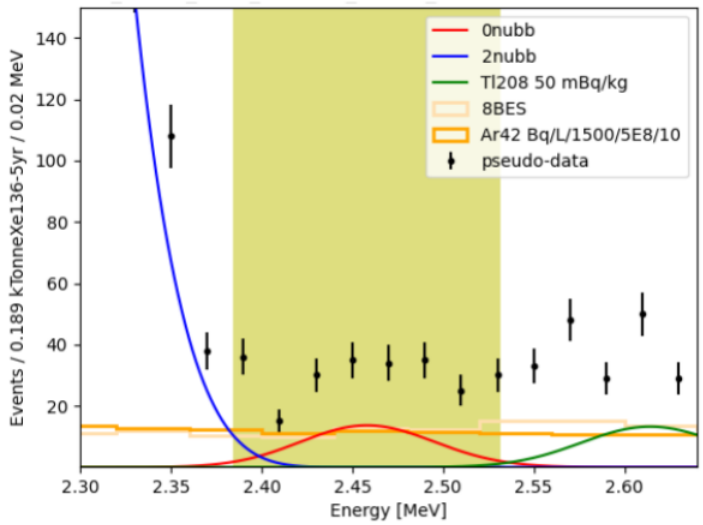


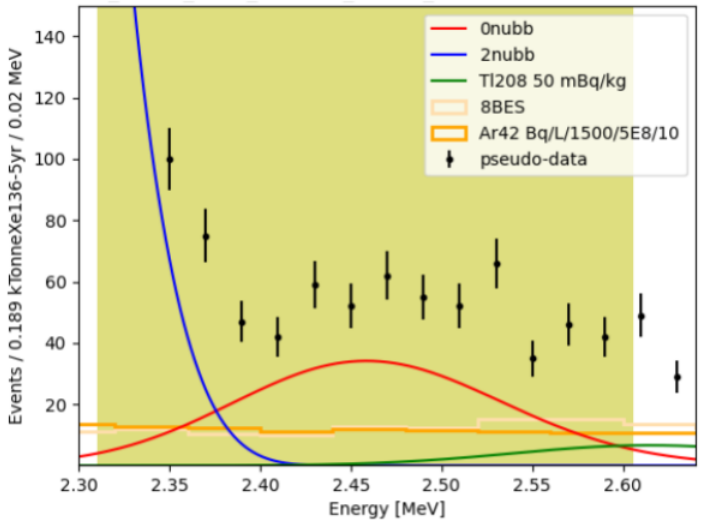
-> need with x-section of 4x10^-48 cm^2 and 40 GeV WIMPS already ~kton targets to be able to observe potentially the annual modulation after a decade!

-> argon with lower mass enhances effect compared to xenon

-> assumes E_NR threshold of 50 keV and no backgrounds (perfect PSD)

Potentially 0nuBB Searches at Later Stage with Xenon Doping





-> xenon in argon forfeits PSD of backgrounds

-> no DM search possible anymore

-> use xenon doping only in later stage
(takes cumulative world production of xenon
also a long time to get to kton target mass ;-)

Additional Topics

- **CEvNS detection of atmospheric neutrinos (background check for dark matter experiments)**
- **Strangelets (potential cleaner signature for search in LAr with UAr)**
- **Charged micro-black holes and Superheavy dark matter**

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Large Low Background kTon-Scale Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers

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