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**Experimental limit of the atmospheric concentration of  $^{42}\text{Ar}$**   
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National Laboratory, LLAMA TEAM — Any small amount of radioactivity can have  
significant implications for many large scale physics experiments that are searching  
for unique signals such as those from double beta decay and the hunt for dark matter.  
These ultra-low background measurements have a need to understand all possible  
sources of background present in the system.  $^{42}\text{Ar}$  has been identified as a possi-  
ble small source of background due to its presence in the atmosphere and in liquid  
argon. This work combines ultra-sensitive separations with ultra-low background  
detection techniques to experimentally determine a new quantitative upper limit of  
 $^{42}\text{Ar}$  in the atmosphere

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