

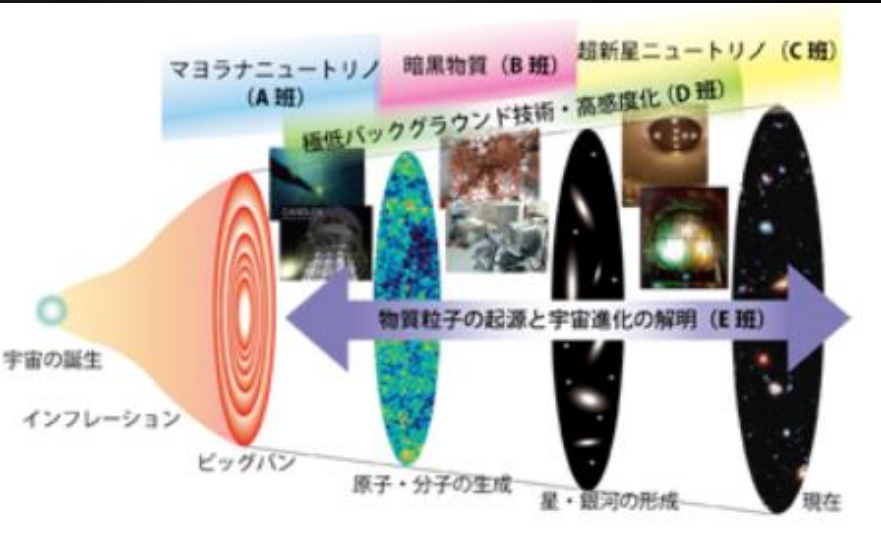
# NEWAGE

## 2014-2019 and beyond

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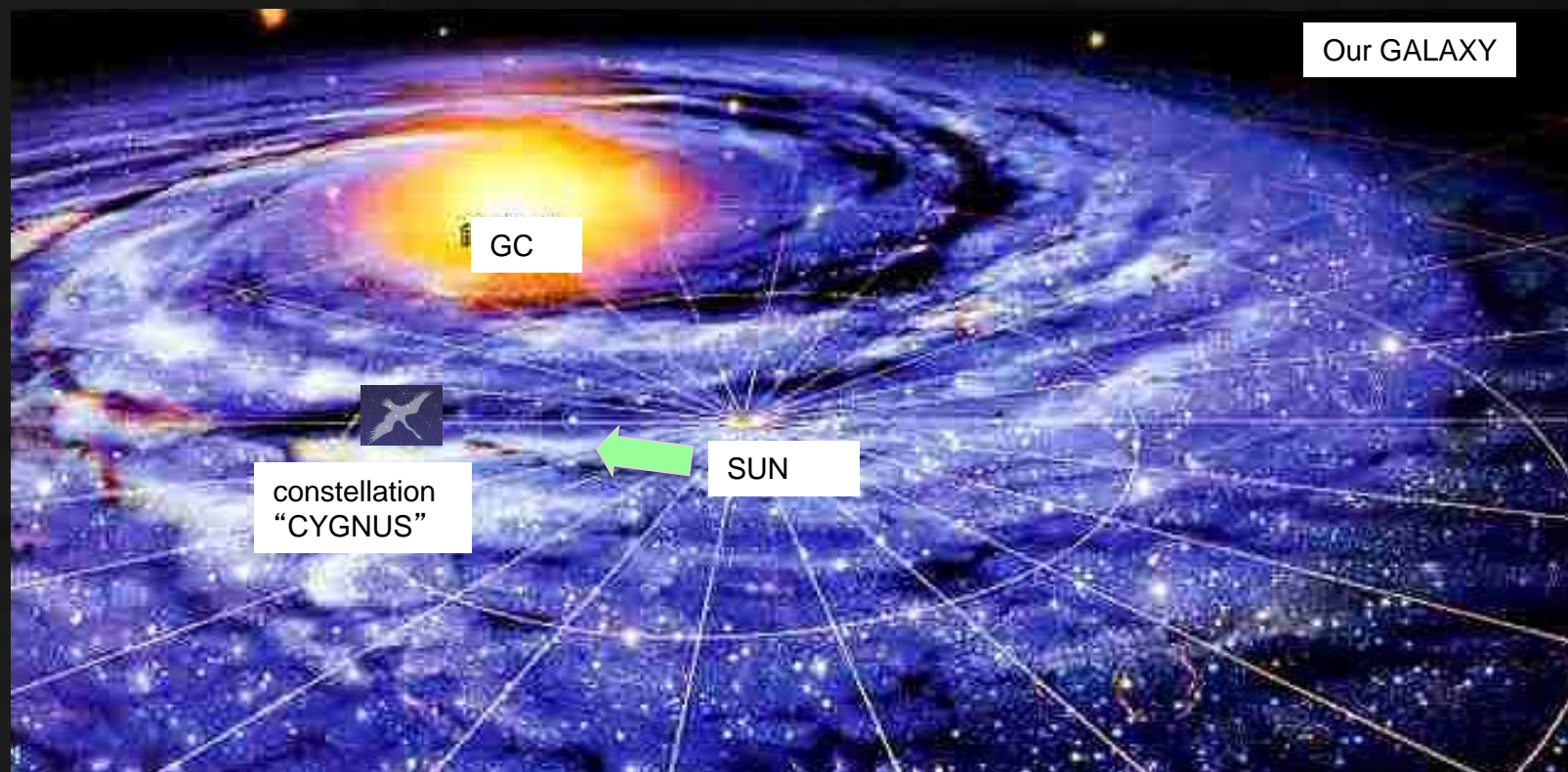
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# NEWAGE

New general **W**IMP search with an **A**dvanced **G**aseous tracker **E**xperiment

# Direction-Sensitive Dark Matter Search



**WIMP-WIND from "CYGNUS"**

# NEWAGE before 2014

◆  $\mu$ -PIC(MPGD) based TPC

● 3-D tracks SKYMAP

◆ CF4 gas for SD search

◆ Proposal PLB 578 (2004) 241

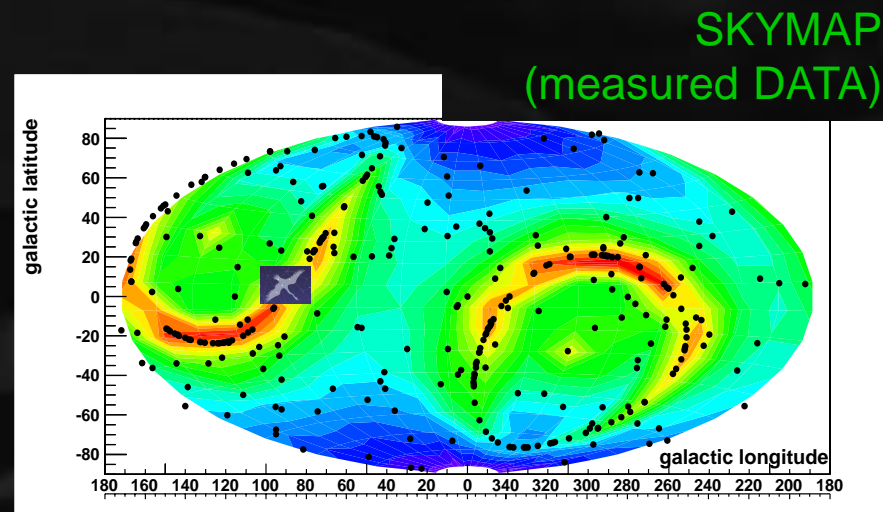
◆ First direction-sensitive limits

PLB654 (2007) 58

◆ Underground results

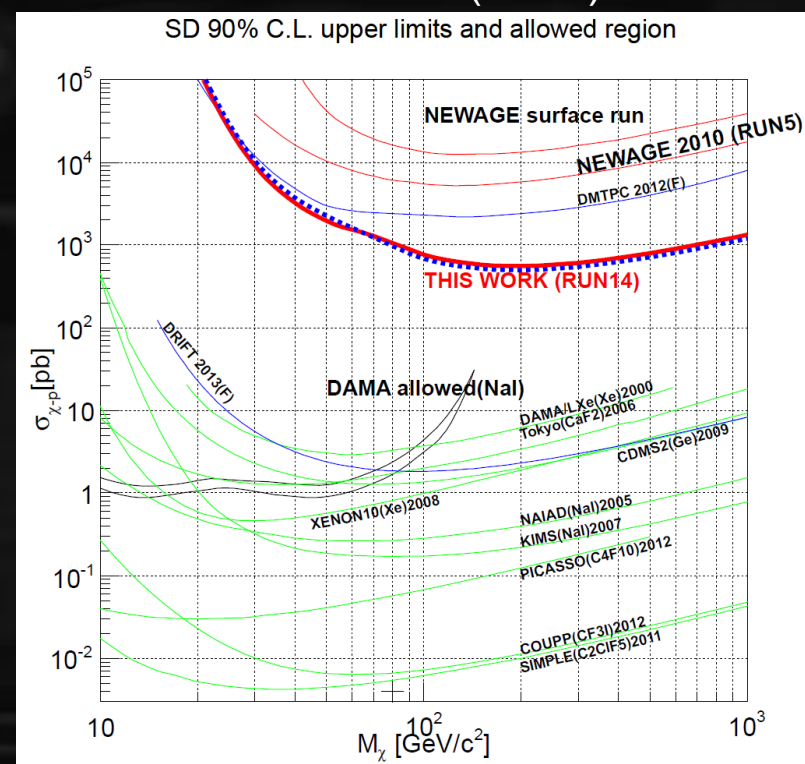
PLB686 (2010) 11, PTEP (2015) 043F01s

◆ Phase for “low BG detector”



limits

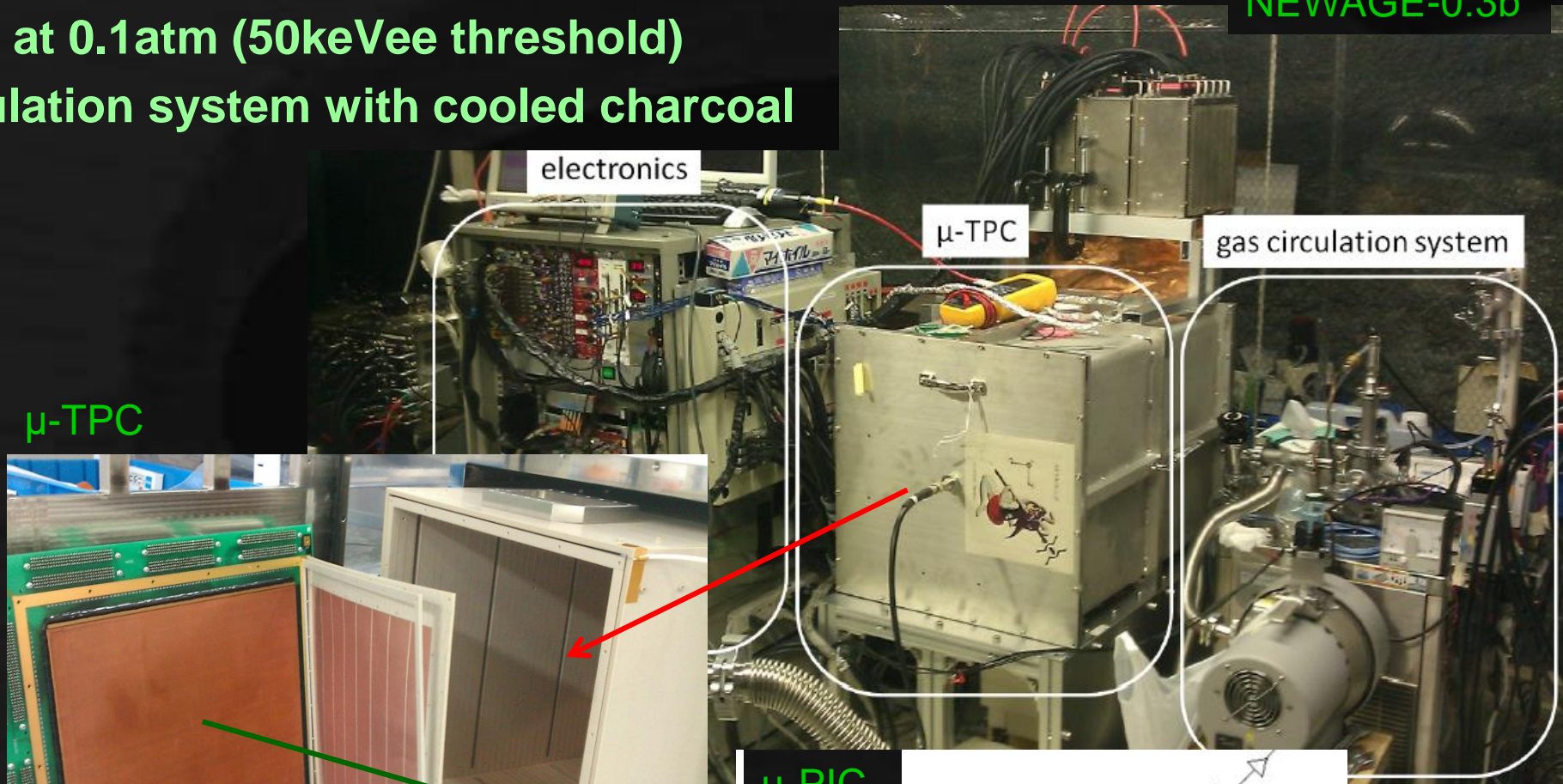
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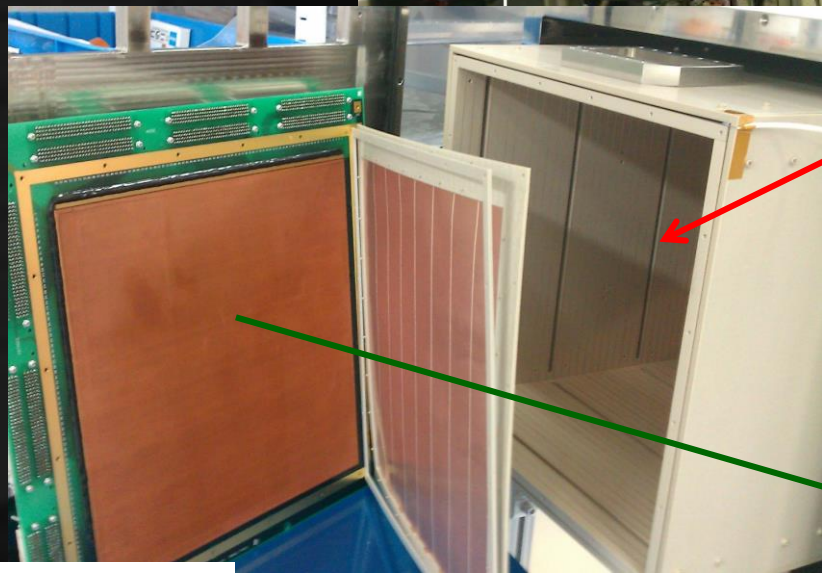
# NEWAGE detector

- NEWAGE-0.3b'
- Detection Volume:  $31 \times 31 \times 41 \text{cm}^3$
- Gas: CF4 at 0.1atm (50keVee threshold)
- Gas circulation system with cooled charcoal

NEWAGE-0.3b'

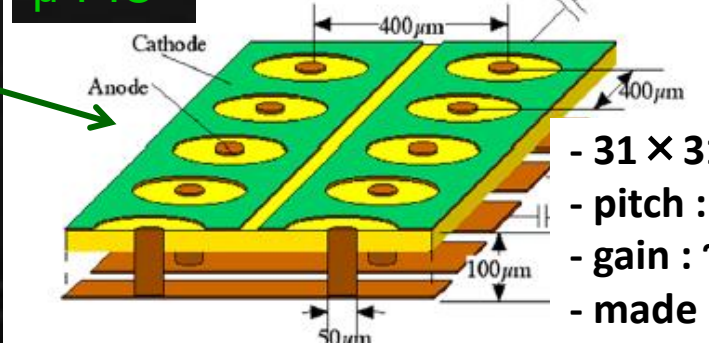


μ-TPC

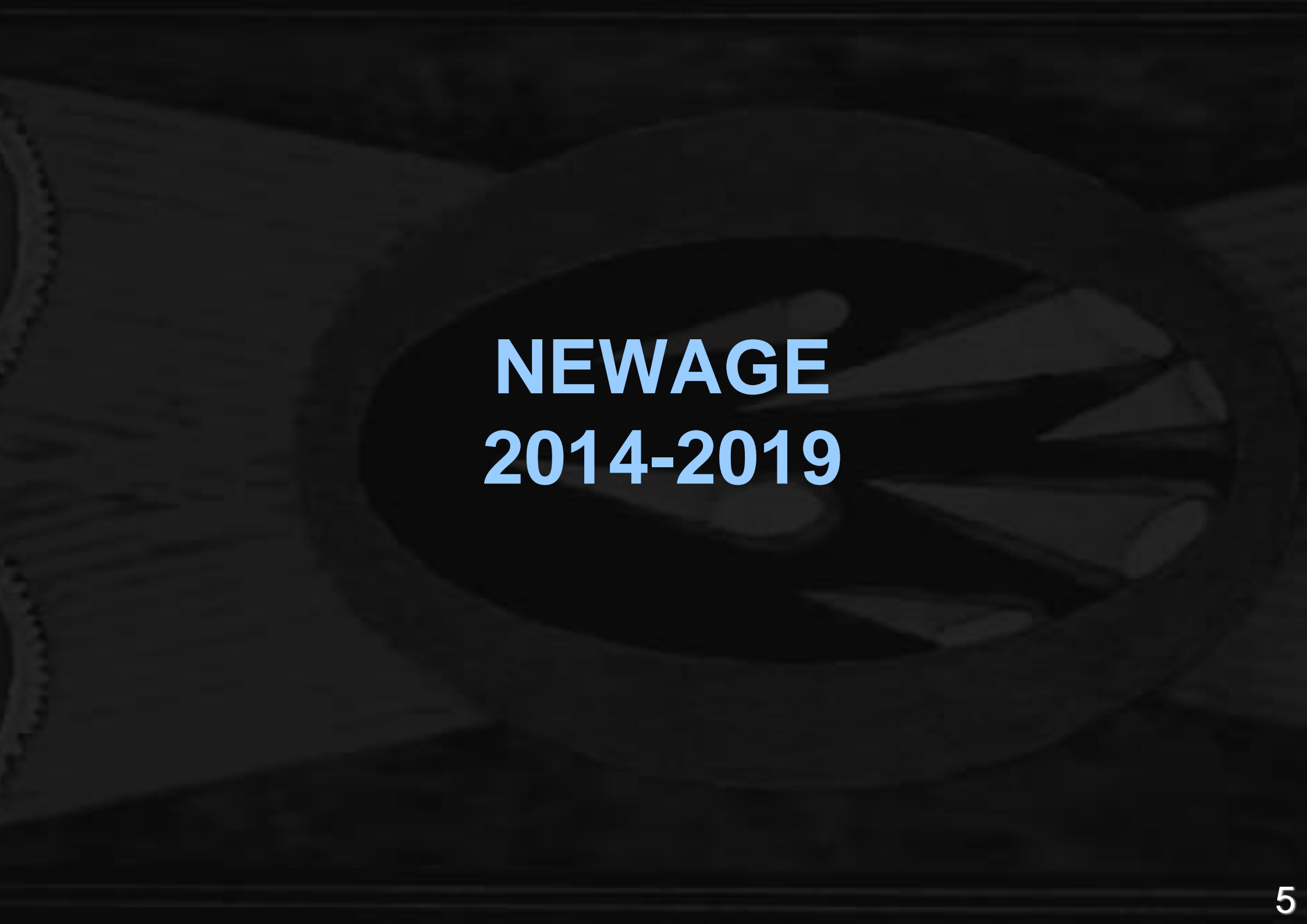


Drift length: 41cm  
PEEK + copper wires

μ-PIC



- $31 \times 31 \text{cm}^2$
- pitch :  $400 \mu\text{m}$
- gain :  $\sim 1000$
- made by DNP, Japan



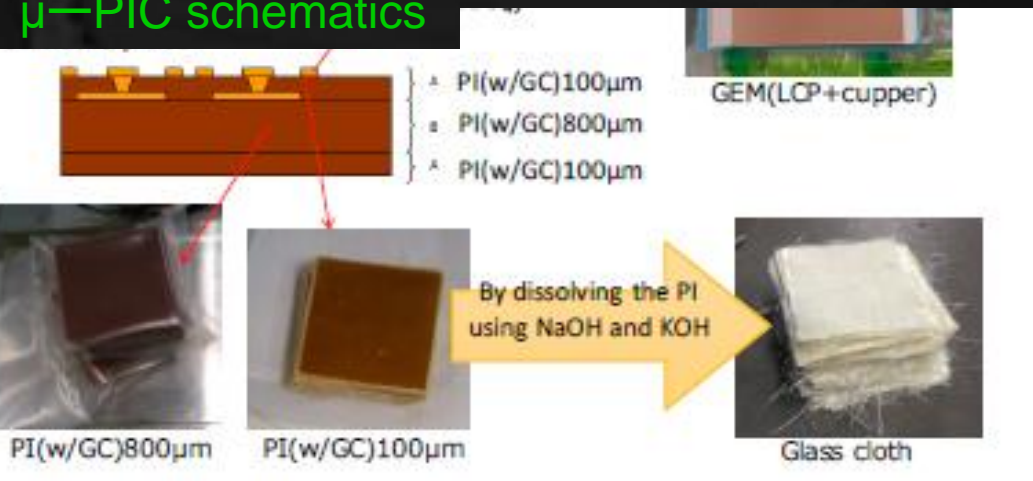
**NEWAGE**  
**2014-2019**

# BG study (2014)

K. Nakamura  
T. Hashimoto

## BG source: alpha particle from $\mu$ -PIC

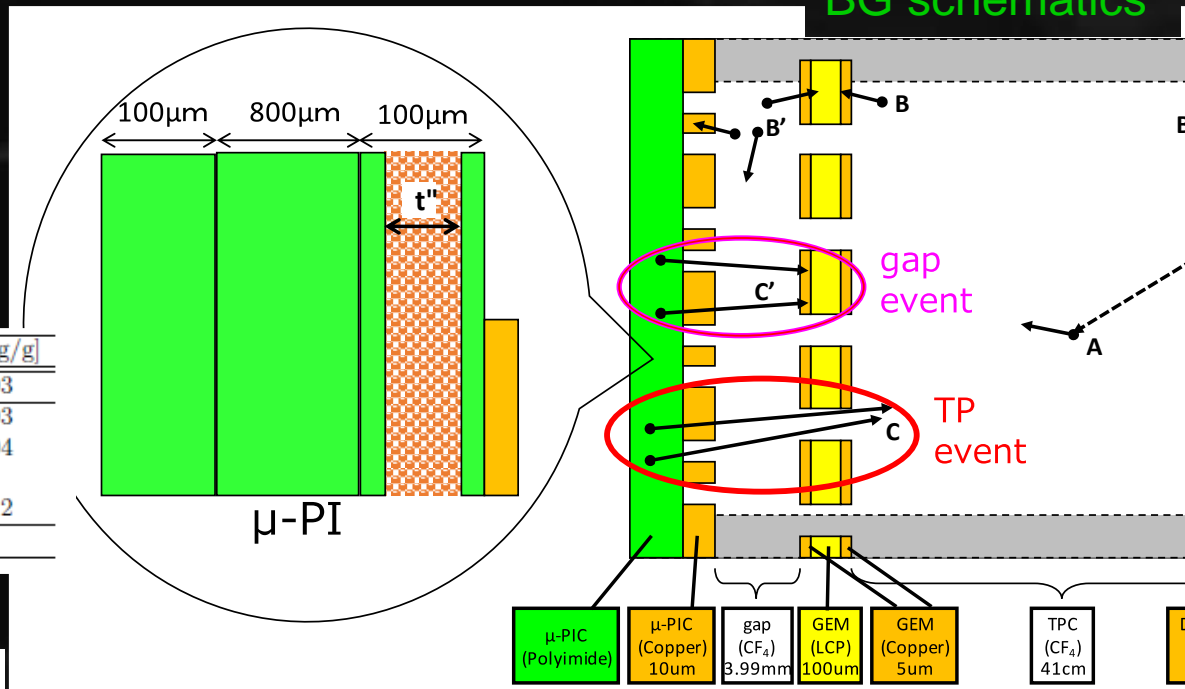
### $\mu$ -PIC schematics



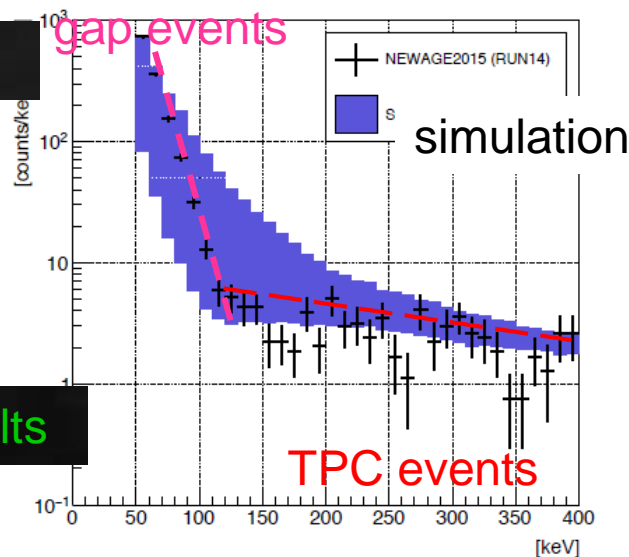
Glass cloth in PI had O(ppm) U/Th

Sample	$^{238}\text{U}$ middle stream [ $10^{-6}$ g/g]	$^{238}\text{U}$ upper stream [ $10^{-6}$ g/g]	$^{232}\text{Th}$ [ $10^{-6}$ g/g]
$\mu$ -PIC	$1.17 \pm 0.01$	$1.14 \pm 0.01$	$5.84 \pm 0.03$
PI(w/GC)800 $\mu$ m part	$0.78 \pm 0.01$	$0.76 \pm 0.01$	$3.42 \pm 0.03$
PI(w/GC)100 $\mu$ m part	$0.39 \pm 0.01$	$0.38 \pm 0.01$	$1.81 \pm 0.04$
Plating solution <sup>1</sup>	< 0.01	< 0.13	< 0.06
Glass cloth	$0.84 \pm 0.03$	$0.91 \pm 0.02$	$3.48 \pm 0.12$
GEM	< 0.02	< 0.17	< 0.12

### BG schematics



### HPGe results



### MC results

TARGET:  
low- $\alpha$  emitting  $\mu$ -PIC development

# Low- $\alpha$ $\mu$ -PIC

T. Hashimoto

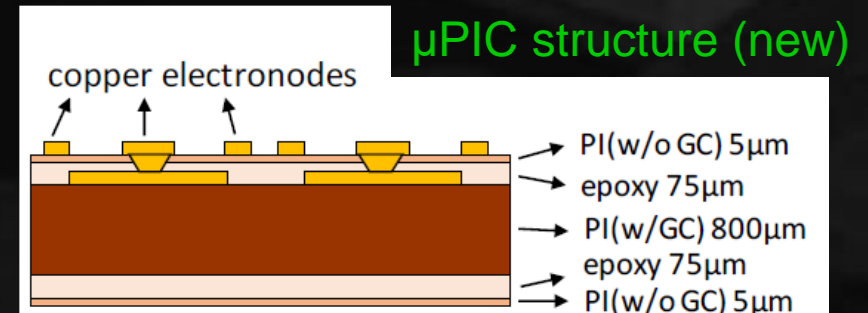
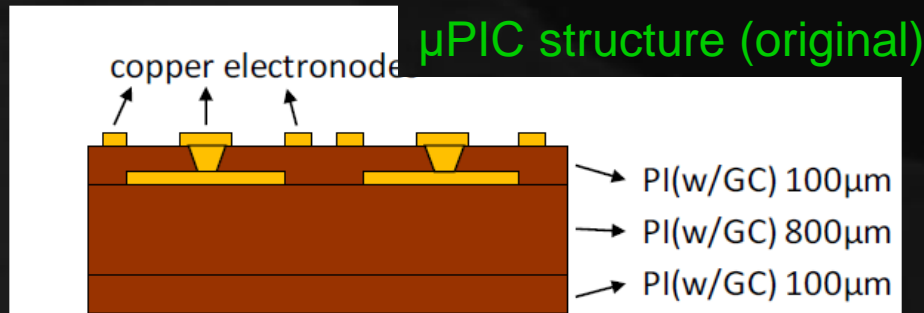
helped by K. Ichimura, K.Abe (XMASS, B01,D01)

## 2014 material selection

- new material :PI + epoxy
- BG level:  $< 1/100$

material selection results

	$^{238}\text{U}$ [ppm]	$^{232}\text{Th}$ [ppm]	
PI including glass cloth	$0.39 \pm 0.01$	$1.81 \pm 0.04$	
PI+epoxy	$< 2.98 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 6.77 \times 10^{-3}$	← New material





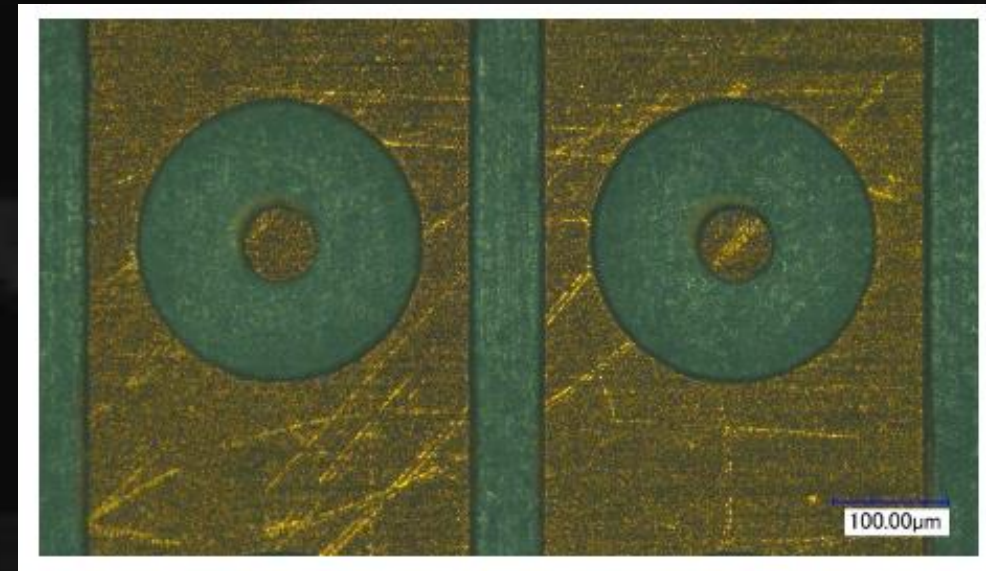
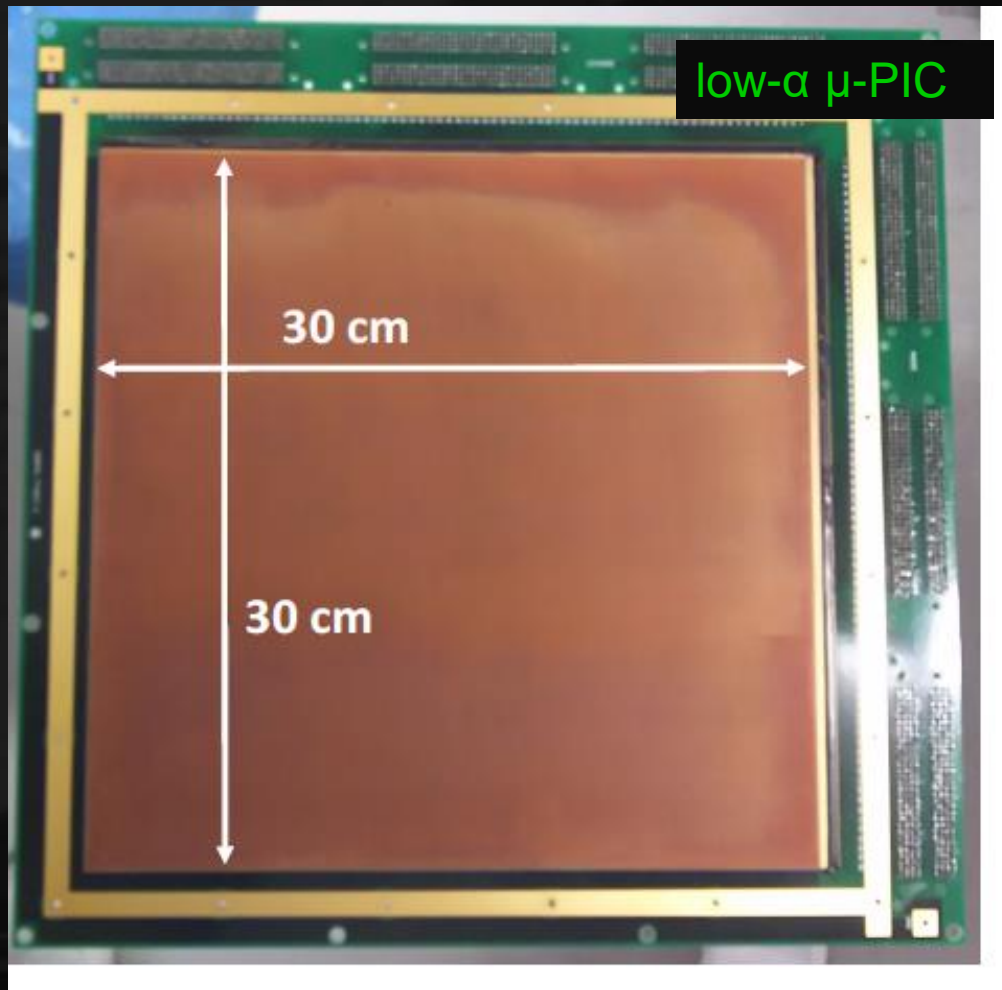
# Low- $\alpha$ $\mu$ -PIC : development

T. Hashimoto  
& DNP Co.

## Development of low- $\alpha$ emitting $\mu$ -PIC

- 2015:  $10 \times 10$  cm<sup>2</sup>  $\mu$ -PIC
- 2016:  $30 \times 30$  cm<sup>2</sup>  $\mu$ -PIC

low- $\alpha$   $\mu$ -PIC  
electrodes



**perfectly produced !**  
in spite of the material change

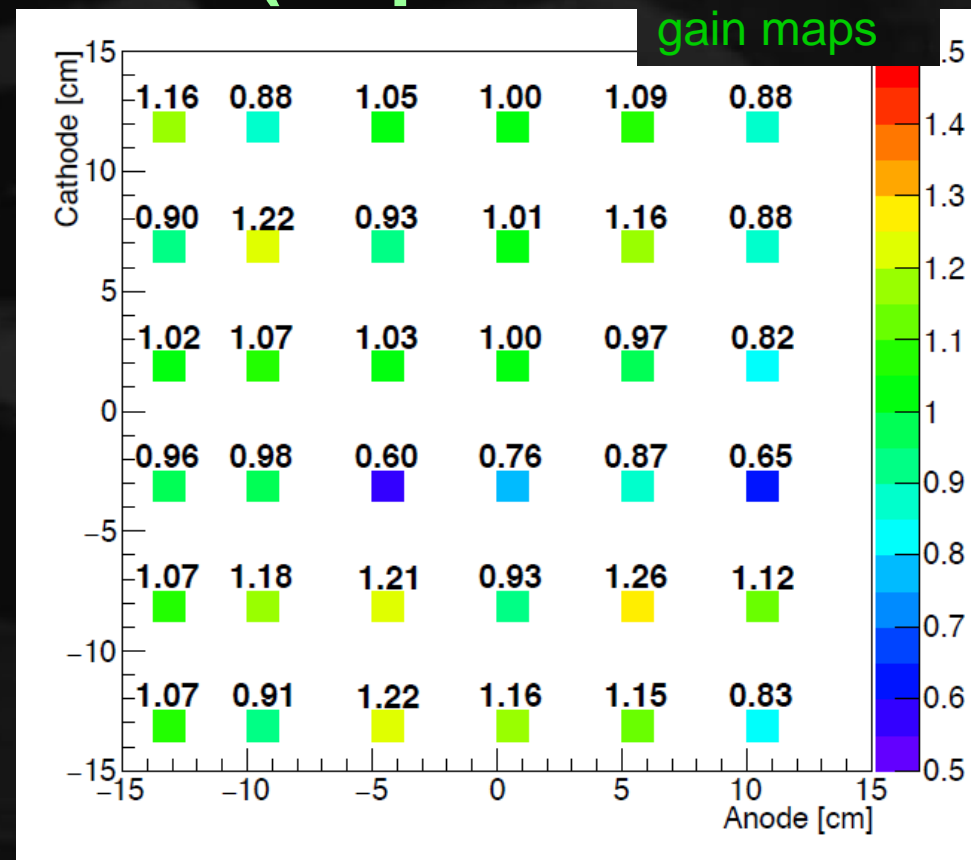
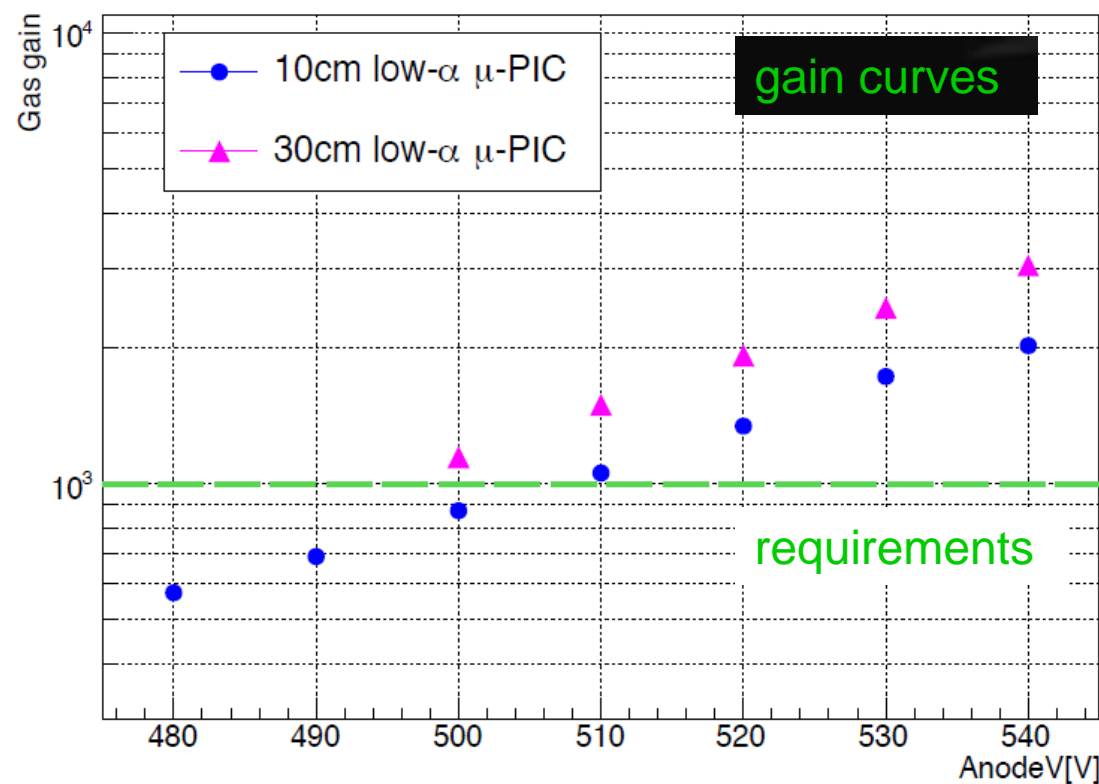
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# Low- $\alpha$ $\mu$ -PIC : performance

T. Hashimoto

## 2017: performance of low- $\alpha$ emitting $\mu$ -PIC

- gas gain  $>1000$  (requirements)
- gain non-uniformity RMS  $< 20\%$  (requirements)



Direction Sensitive

requirements satisfied !

# Low- $\alpha$ $\mu$ -PIC : DM run

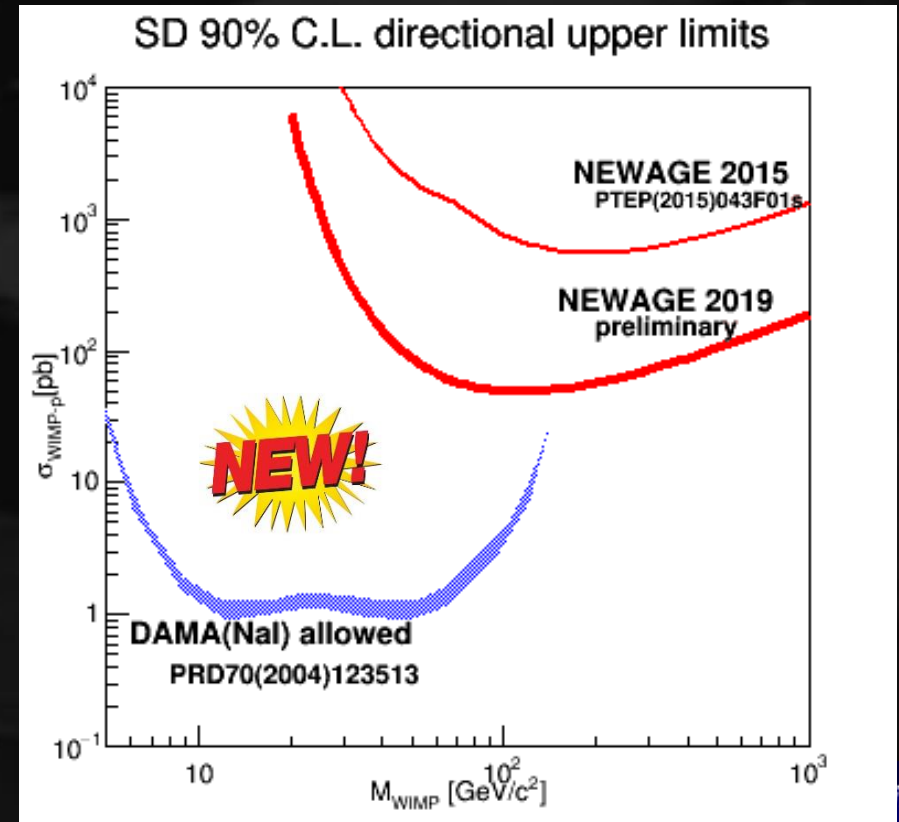
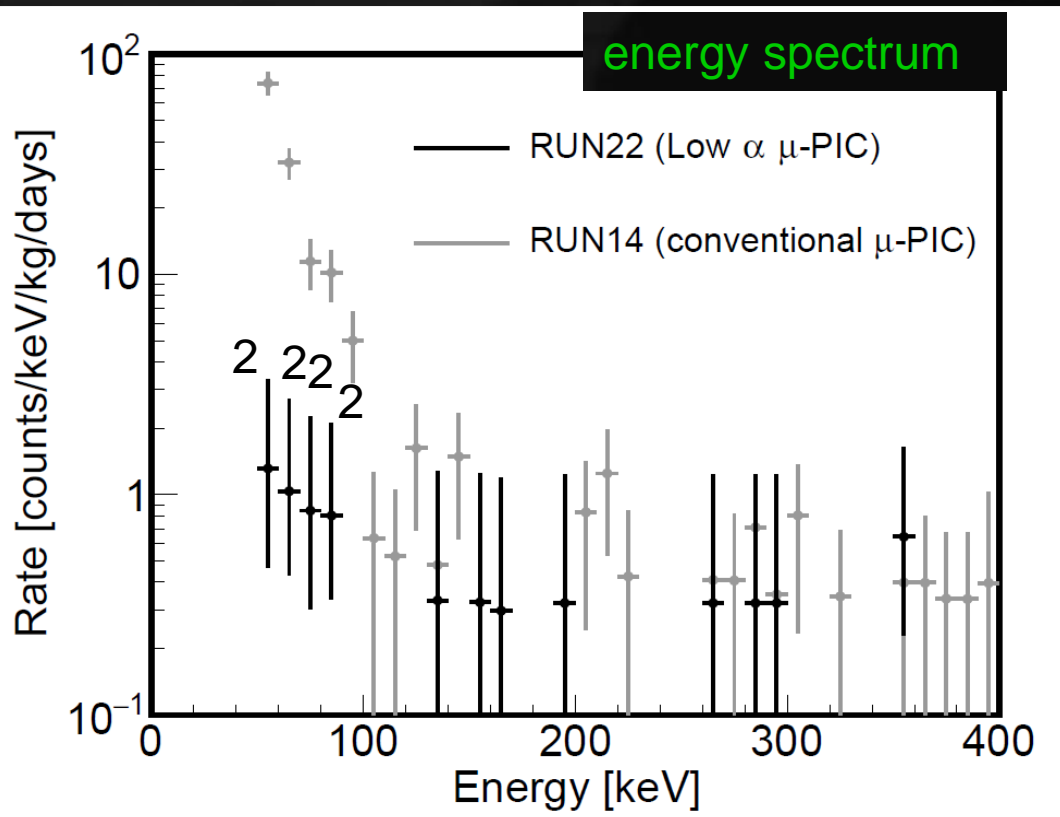
measurement: T. Hashimoto  
analysis: T. Ikeda (poster #3)

◆ Installation: Dec. 2017


◆ DM run: 2018-

- RUN22-1 2018/6/6~2018/8/24 (47days)
- RUN22-2 2018/9/20~2018/12/3 (61days)

directional limits



$\sim \times 10$  improvements



**NEWAGE**  
**and beyond**

# NEWAGE : next

## new main BG:

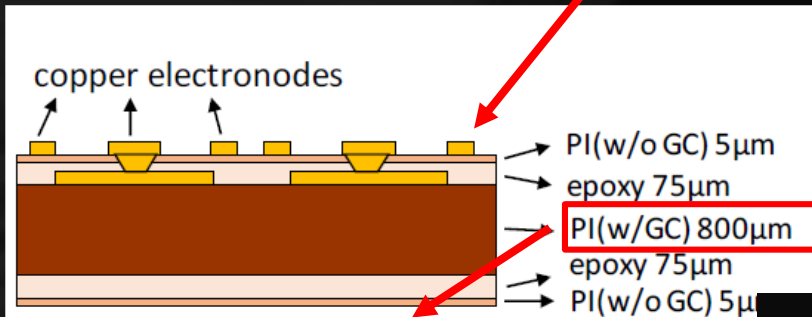
- $\mu$ -PIC: surface BG
- radons

study: T. Ikeda (poster #3)

helped by K. Kobayashi  
(XMASS, B01 D01)

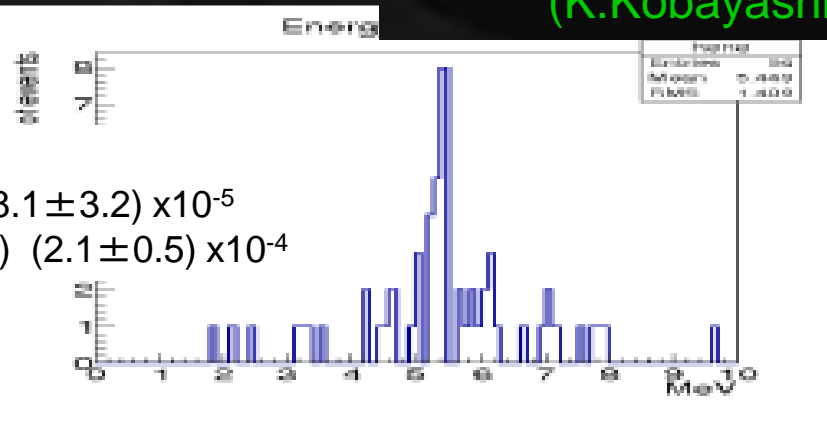
$\mu$ PIC structure (now)

surface BG was observed



$\beta$ -rays from the 800  $\mu$ m  
"core substrate"  
(near future BG)

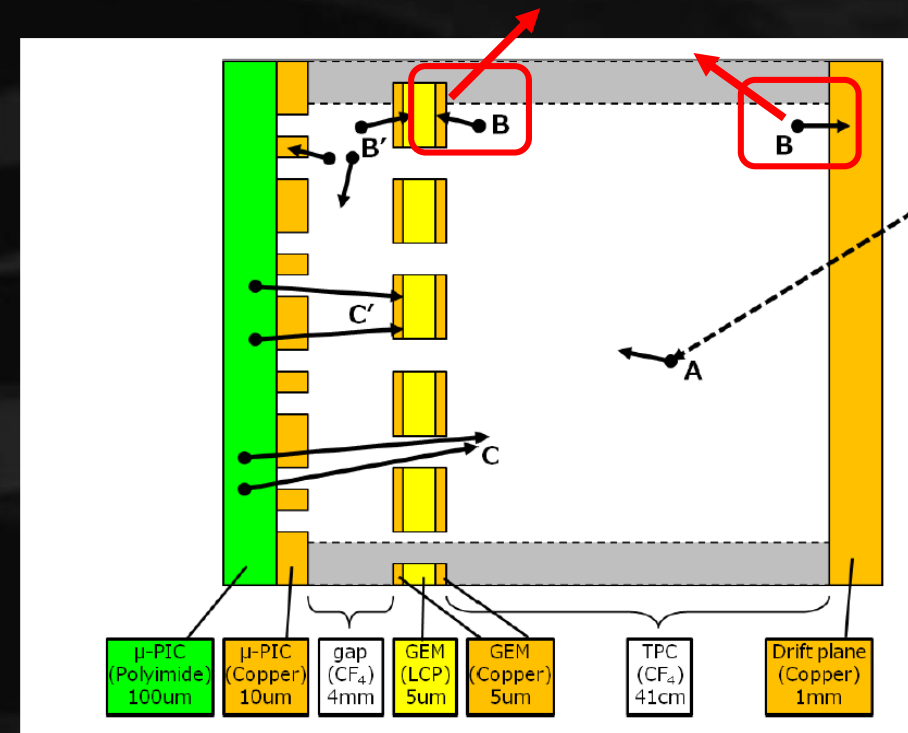
$\alpha$  counter results  
(K.Kobayashi)



[ $\alpha$ /cm<sup>2</sup>/hr]  
2.5<E<4.8MeV(bulk)  $(8.1 \pm 3.2) \times 10^{-5}$   
4.8<E<5.8MeV(surface)  $(2.1 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-4}$

BG schematics

Radon BG



**BG study: see  
poster #3(T. Ikeda)**

more than  $\times 10$  improvements in next 5 years

# ◆ Negative ion TPC

◆ minority peaks “discovery” (DRIFT group)

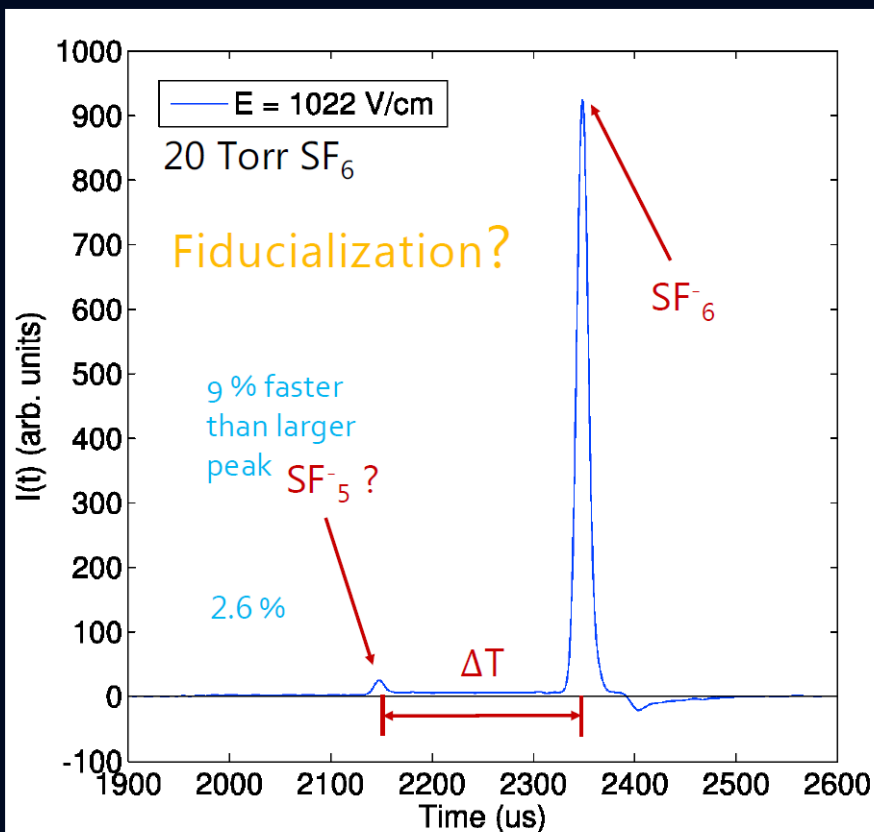
◆ O<sub>2</sub> addition to CS<sub>2</sub>+CF<sub>4</sub> gas

◆ SF<sub>6</sub> gas

several species of ions with different velocities

$$z = (t_a - t_b) \frac{v_a v_b}{(v_b - v_a)}$$

## SF<sub>6</sub> results



averaged waveform

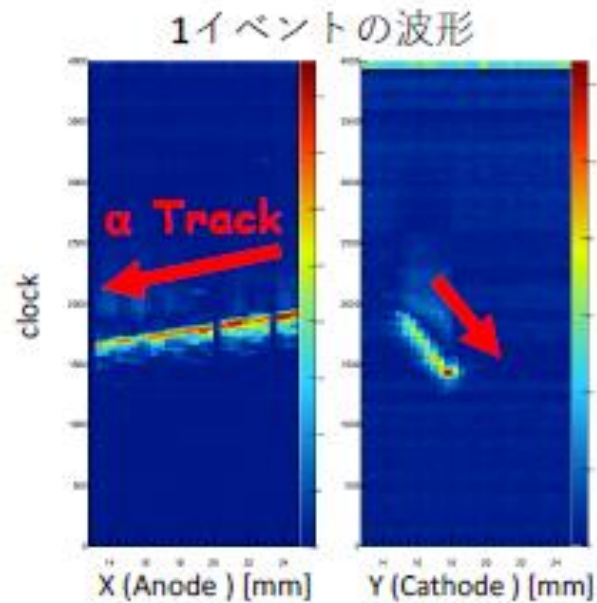
Detection of absolute z-position

⇒ BG reduction

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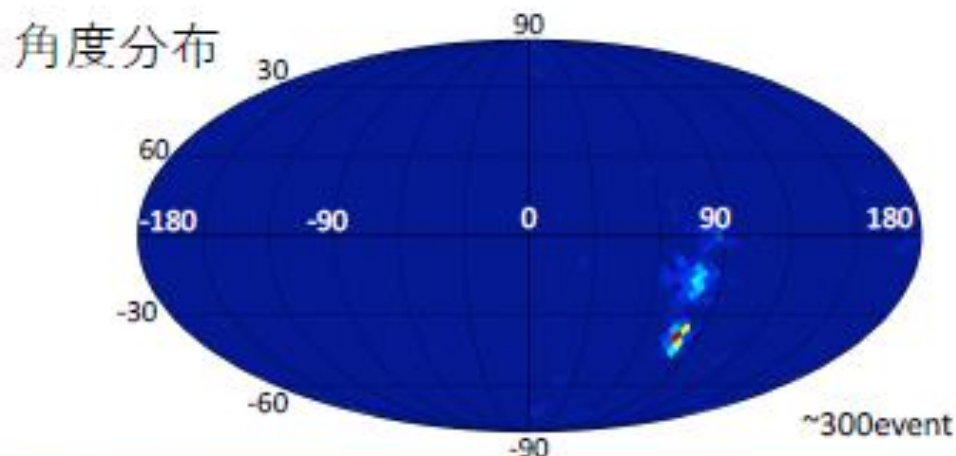
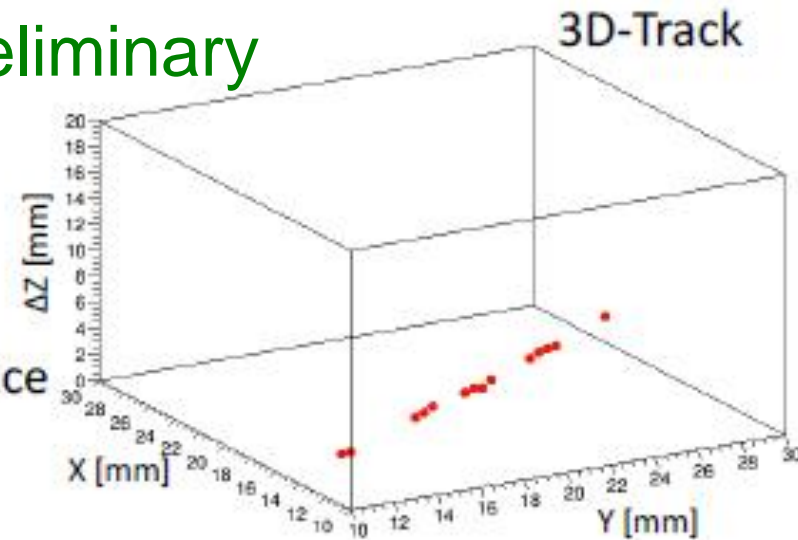
# 3D tracking + z-fiducialization ( first! )

Tomonori Ikeda JPS  
Mar2018



preliminary

coincidence



$^{241}\text{Am}$ 配置図

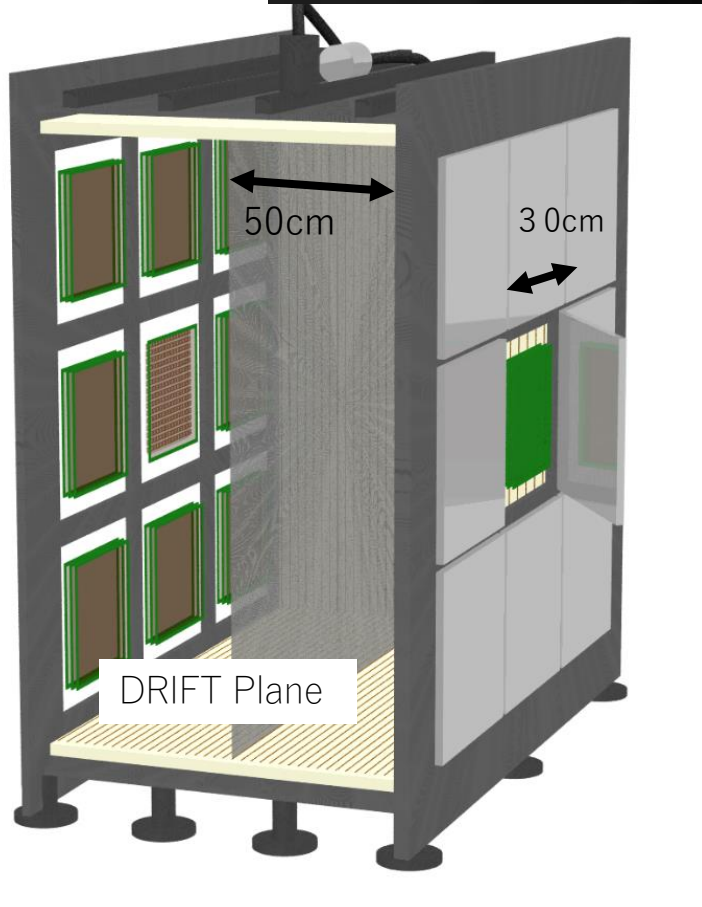


paper in preparation

# ◆ large chamber (CYGNUS/NEWAGE)

- 18 windows for  $30 \times 30$  cm<sup>2</sup> detectors
- new concept detectors are welcome!

C/N-1.0 chamber



C/N-1.0 chamber



“BENTO” chamber



ready for low rate  
measurement



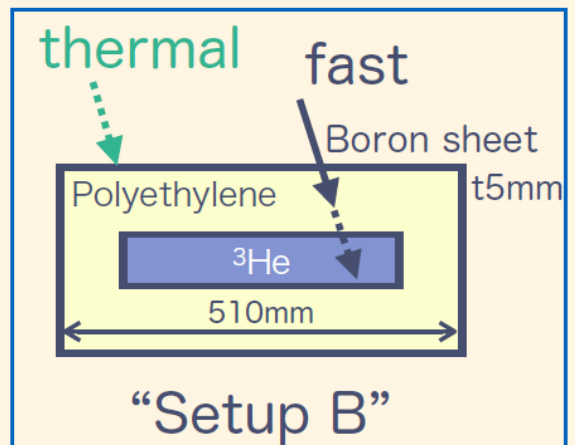
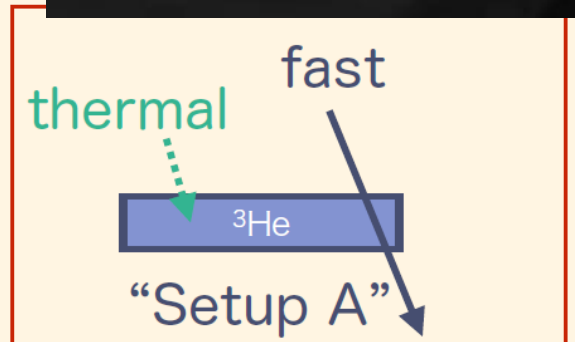


**NEWAGE**  
**and low BG activities**

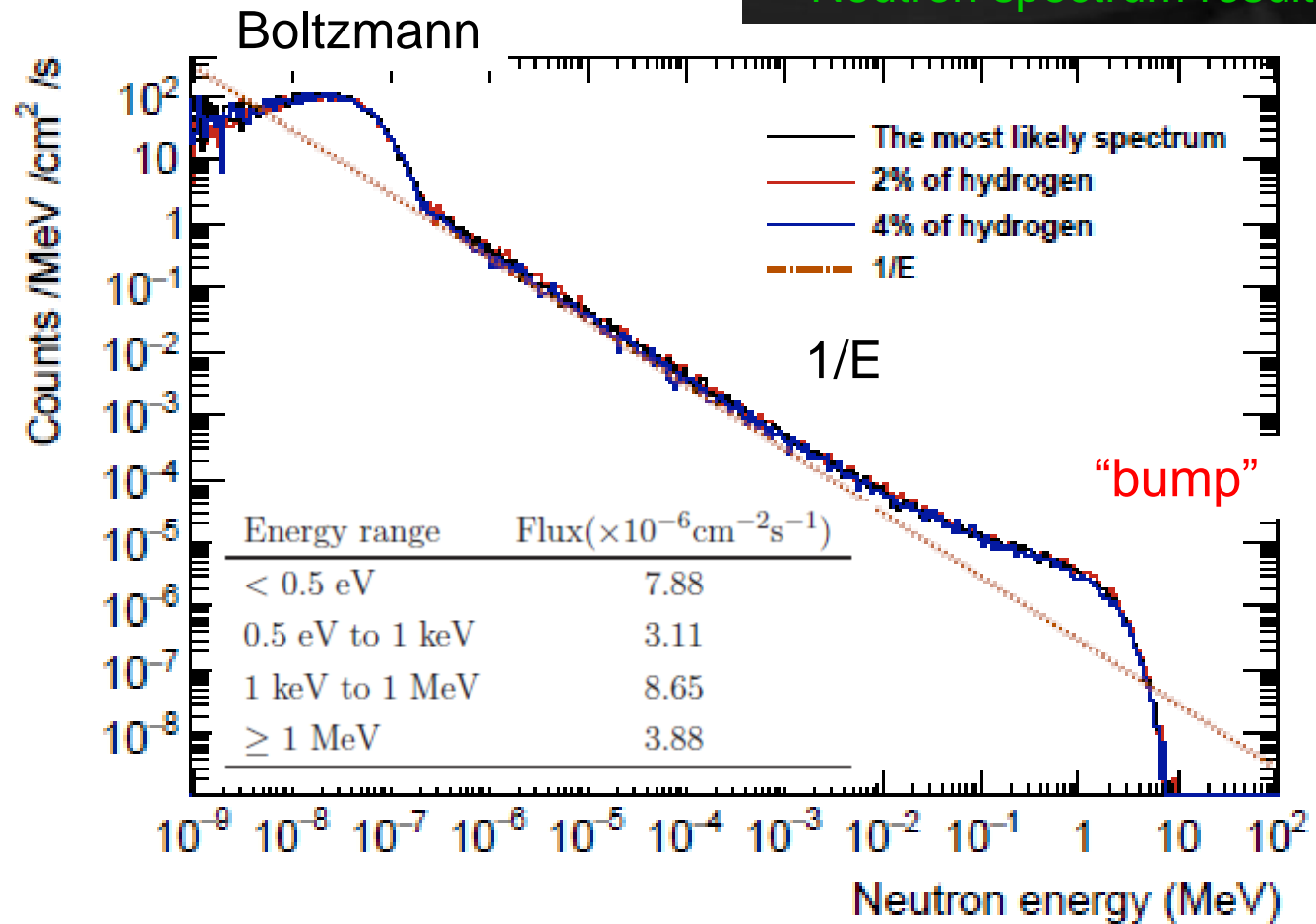
# Neutron flux @ Kamioka

- $^3\text{He}$  counter + sim (Geant4+PHITS)
- w/ spectrum prediction
- Other detectors are being prepared

## Detection schematics



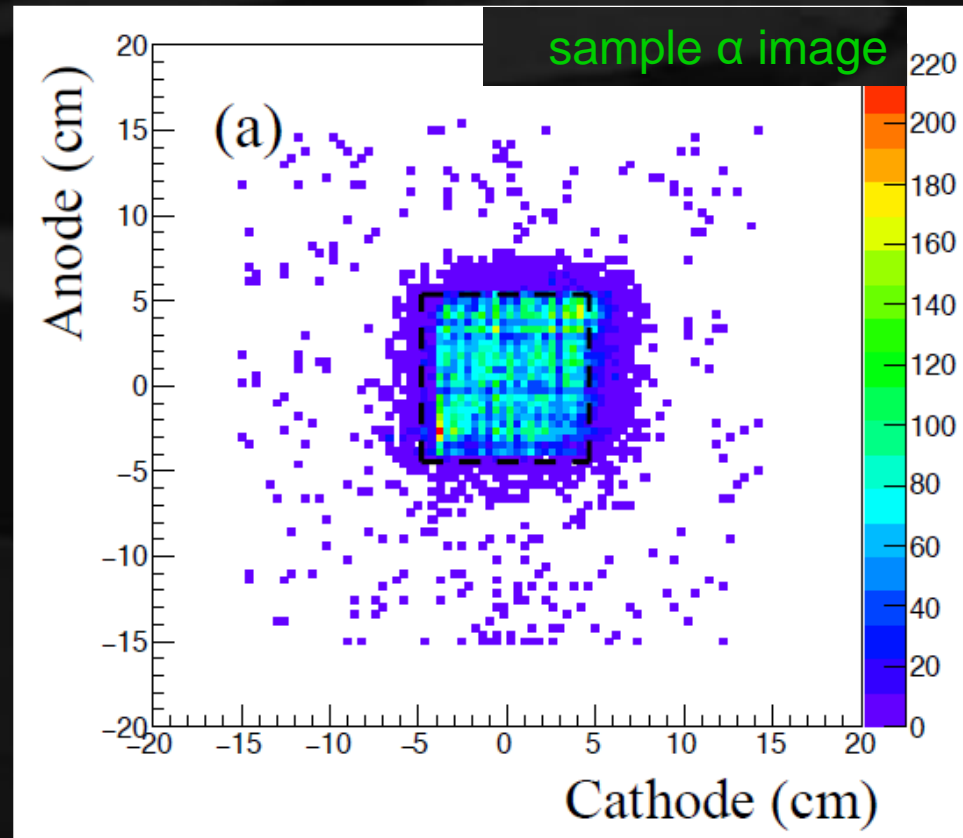
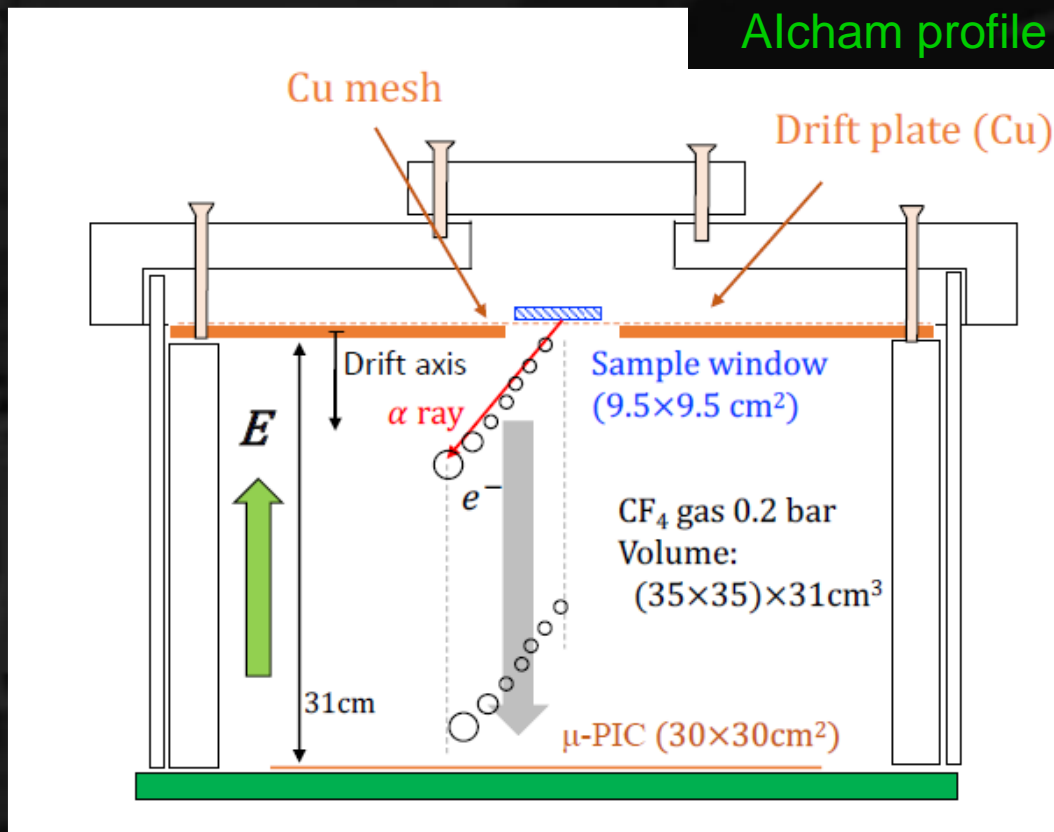
## Neutron spectrum results



# ◆ $\alpha$ -ray imaging chamber (Al-cham)

- application of low- $\alpha$   $\mu$ -PIC
- $\alpha$ -ray imaging ( pos. res. = 0.68 cm)
- BG level =  $1.58 \times 10^{-2}$   $\alpha$ /h/cm<sup>2</sup> (subtraction possible)

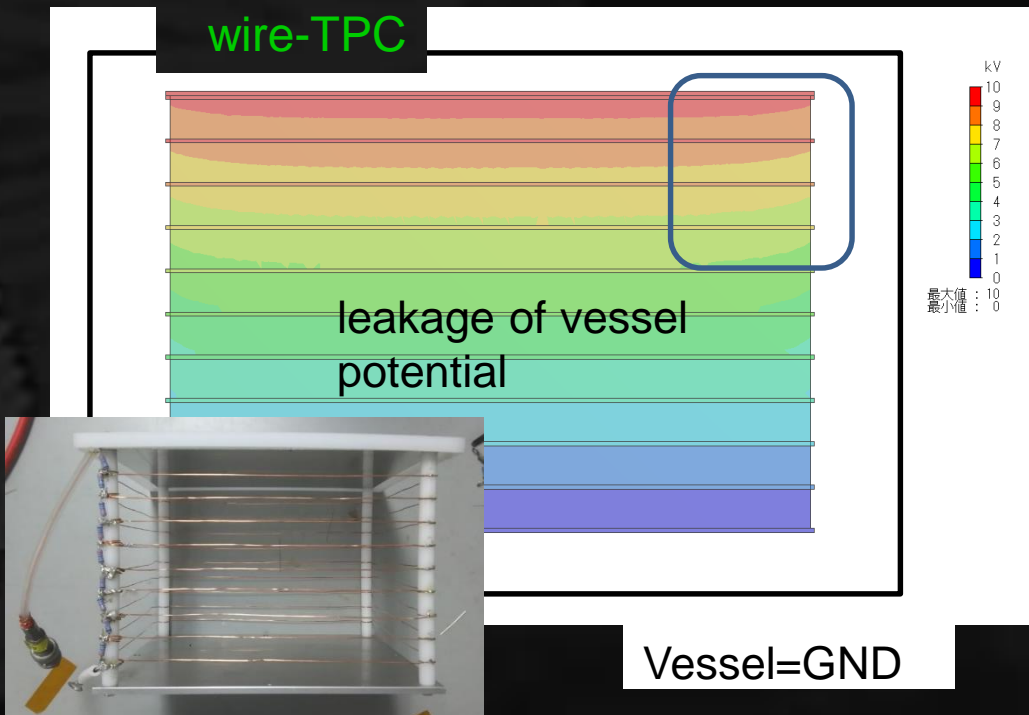
H. Ito. (NIMA submittd, 1903.01090)  
with K. Kobayashi (XMASS, B01 D01)



# New concept TPC with sheet resistor

- to overcome potential problem of existing TPCs:
  - distortion of field cage or complicated design
  - radioactive background

E filed of wire-TPC



Commercially available resistive sheet

The screenshot shows a product page for '帯電防止窓用フィルム ビニラス 透明0. 2×1000×10m' (Anti-static window film, Vinilas, transparent 0.2mm, 2x1000x10m) on the website 'モノタロウ' (Monotaro). The price is listed as ¥34,900 (excluding tax).

(~10GΩ/□)

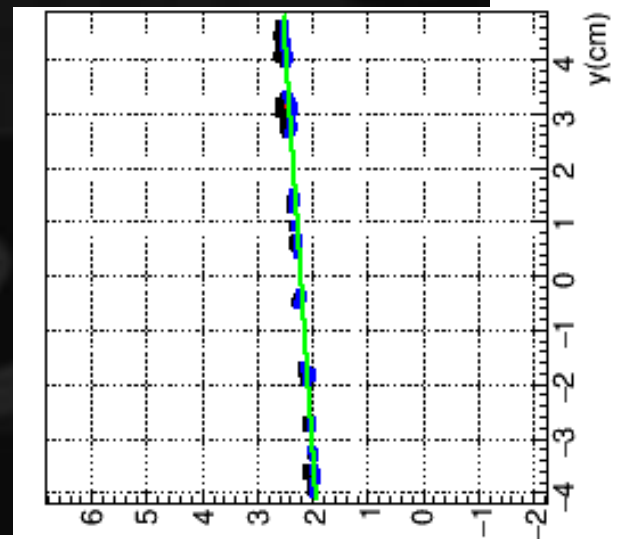
# ● prototype of SR $\mu$ -TPC

K. Miuchi (PTEP submitted, 1903.01663)  
With K.ichimura, K. Abe (XMASS, B01, D01)

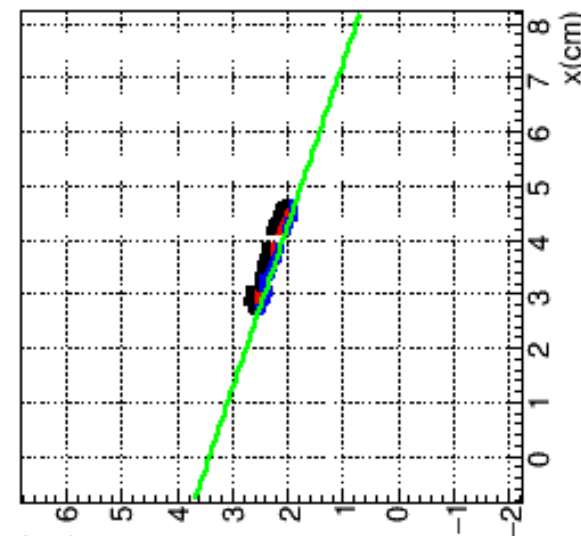
RI measurement (mBq/kg)

Upper U-chain	Middle U-Chain	$^{210}\text{Pb}$	$^{232}\text{Th}$	$^{40}\text{K}$
< 59.6	< 18.4	< 134	< 7.77	< 112

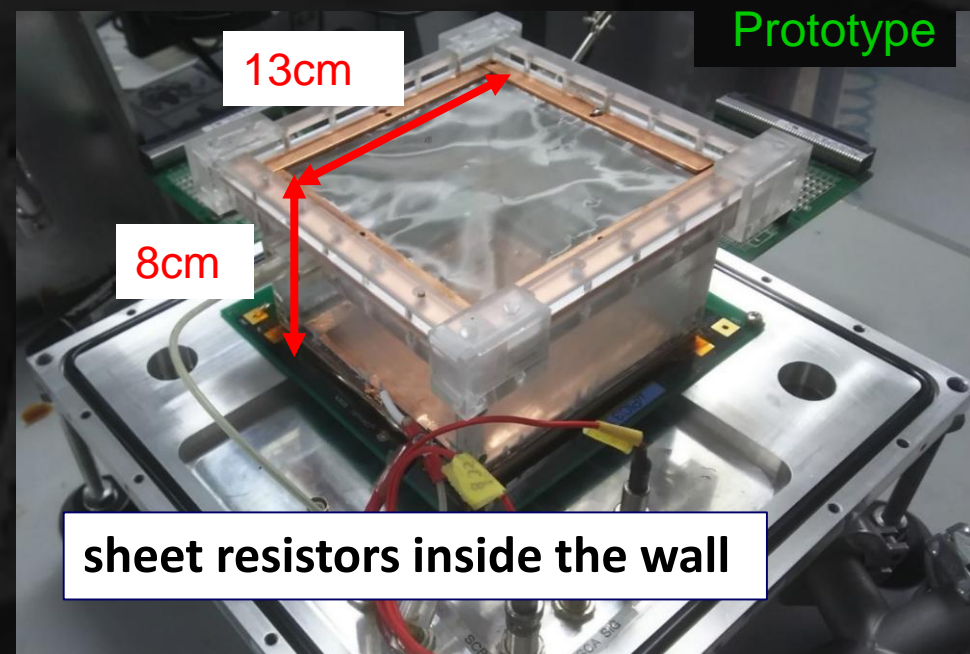
Measured  $\mu$  tracks



z (drift) (cm)



z (drift) (cm)



Prototype

13cm

8cm

sheet resistors inside the wall

# Columnar recombination

## SI (Xe), high pressure

K. D. Nakamura (JINST 13(2018)P7015)  
With AXEL (B02-KOUBO)

## proof of concept (for high energy $\alpha$ 's)

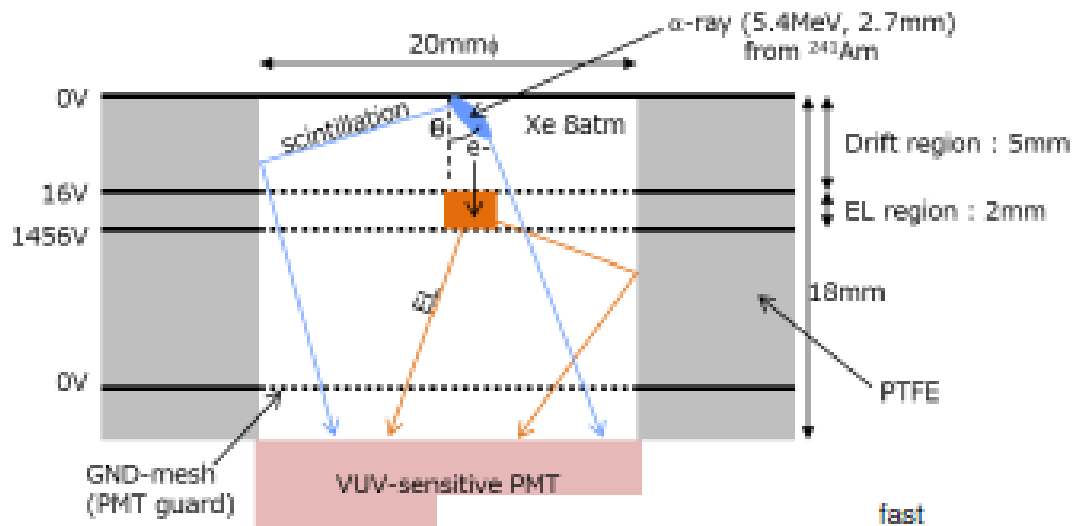
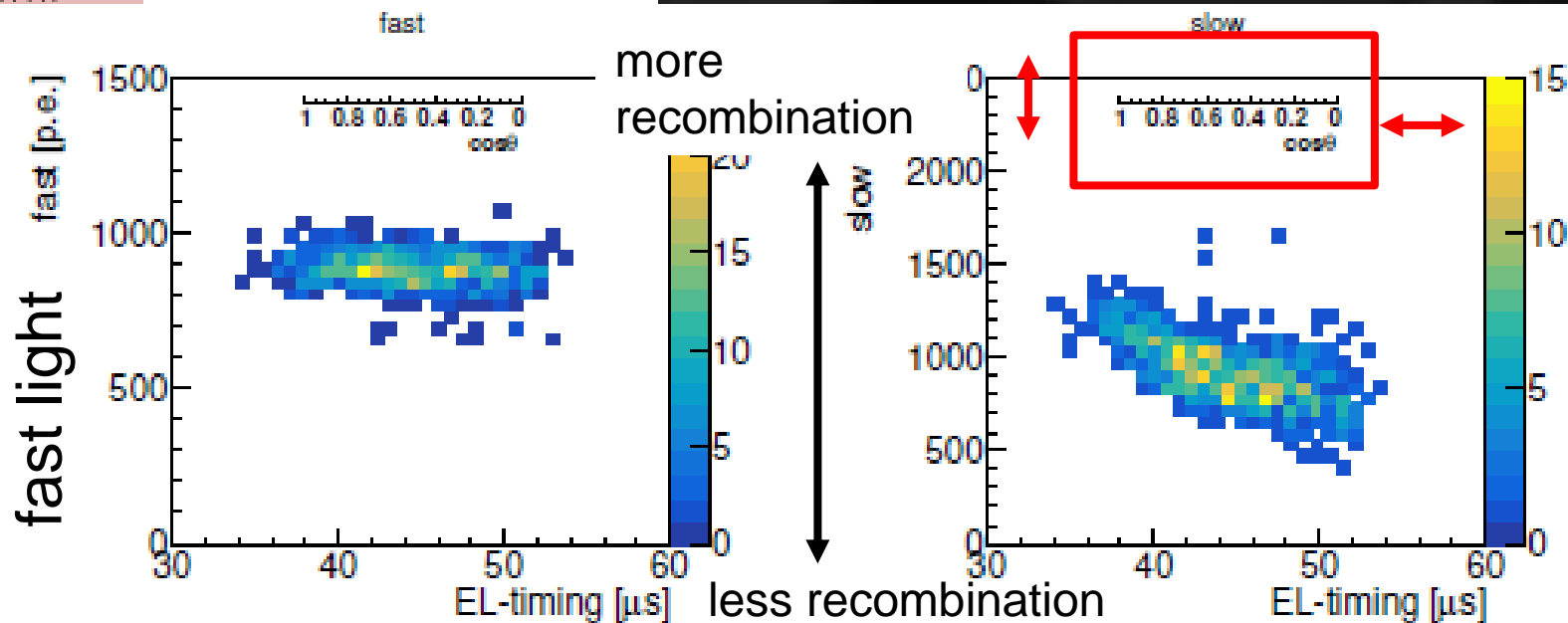


Figure 1.



## ◆ Summary

- **NEWAGE 2014-2019 : low- $\alpha$   $\mu$ -PIC development**  
 **$\Rightarrow$  great success**
- **DM sensitivity  $\times 10$  improvement**
  
- **Neutron flux measurement**
- **$\alpha$ -imaging chamber (Al-cham)**
- **low BG TPC with sheet resistor (SR $\mu$ -TPC)**