



XMASS/NEWAGE

Dark Matter Search

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Dark Matter Group in Kobe

Members

- Professor: Y. Takeuchi (2010~)
- Associate Professor: K. Miuchi (2011~)
- graduate Students: Doctor course 3 students
Master course 3 students

Projects

- XMASS: large mass
 - low BG liquid scintillator
 - 1ton XMASS-I largest running
 - future ~5ton XMASS-1.5
- NEWAGE: direction-sensitive
 - current background study @ underground
 - best direction-sensitive limit



Dark Matter Activities in Japan

■ XMASS (ICRR+)

- Liq. xenon, underground, large mass

■ NEWAGE (Kobe+)

- Gas, underground, direction-sensitive

■ NEWS (Nagoya+)

- Emulsion, surface R&D, direction-sensitive

■ ANKOK (Waseda+)

- Liq argon, surface R&D, large number of photon

■ PICO-LON (Tokushima+)

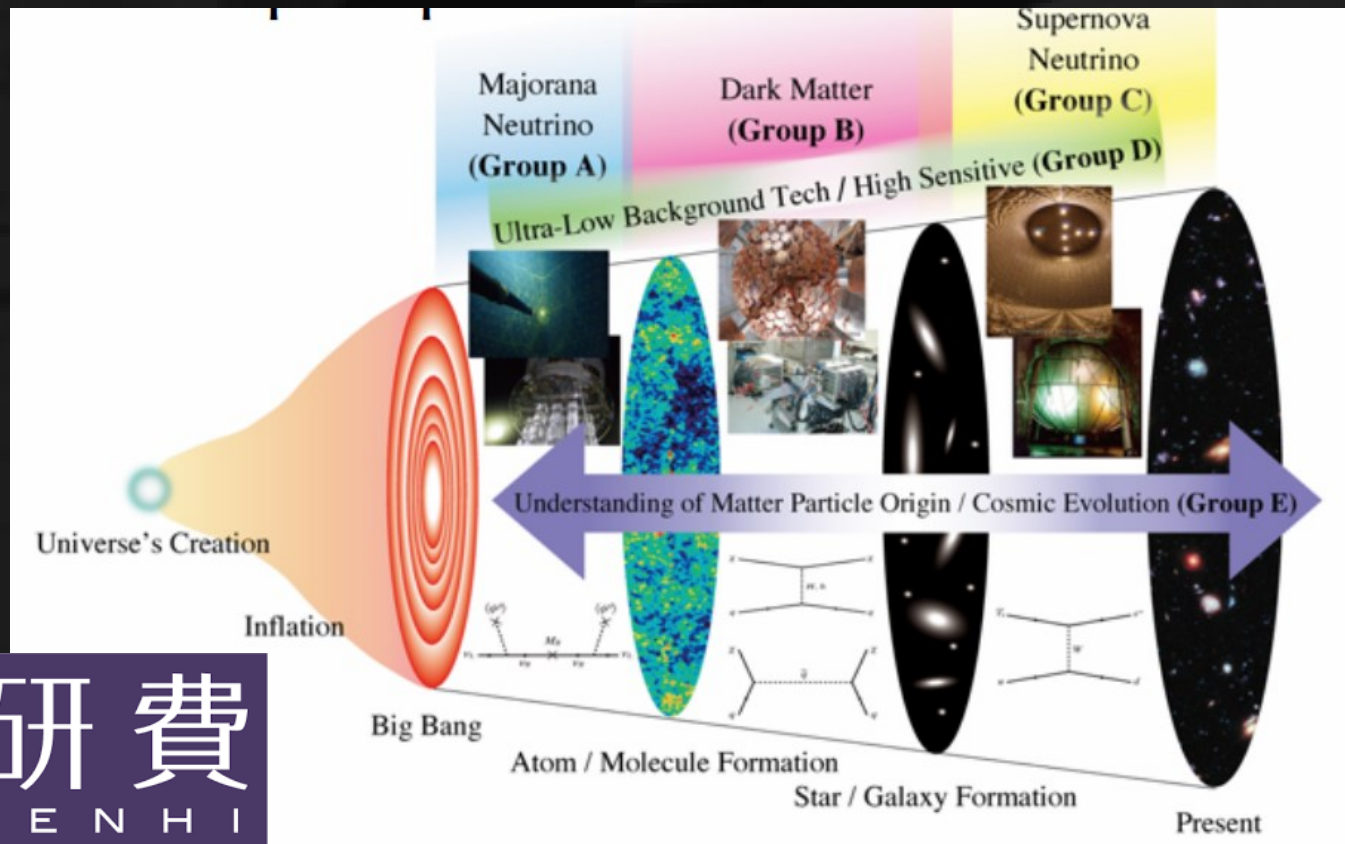
- NaI, surface R&D, pure crystal, inelastic

Related Activities in Japan

■ KAKENHI group Funding (FY 2014-2018)

■ New Innovative area:

“Revealing the history of the universe with underground particle and nuclear research”



科研費
KAKENHI

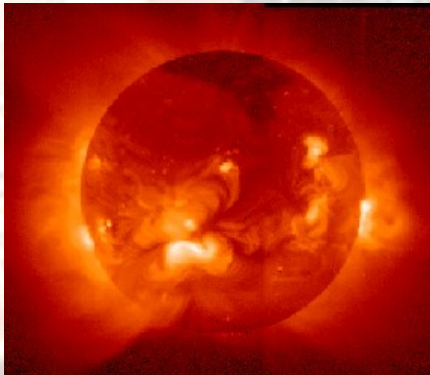
The image shows a large, circular detector component, likely a cryogenic calorimeter, with a complex hexagonal pattern of cells. The structure is surrounded by various support structures and cables. The text "XMASS" is overlaid in the center of the image.

XMASS

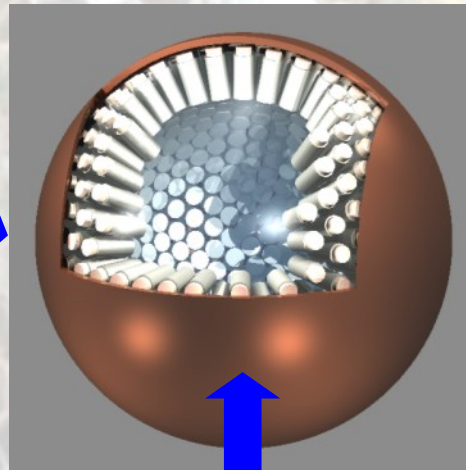
XMASS project

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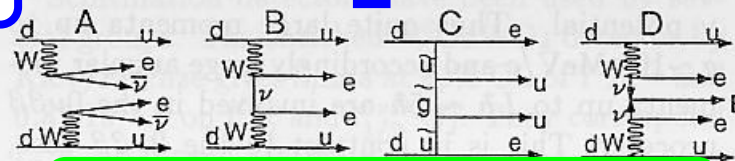
- XMASS experiment is a multi purpose, low-background and low-energy threshold experiment with large volume of liquid Xenon
 - Xenon detector for Weakly Interacting **MASS**ive Particles (**DM search**)
 - Xenon **MASS**ive detector for solar neutrino (**pp/⁷Be**)
 - Xenon neutrino **MASS** detector (**$\beta\beta$ decay**)
- XMASS-I, the first phase of the XMASS project, is dedicated to a direct dark matter search.



Solar neutrino



Dark Matter

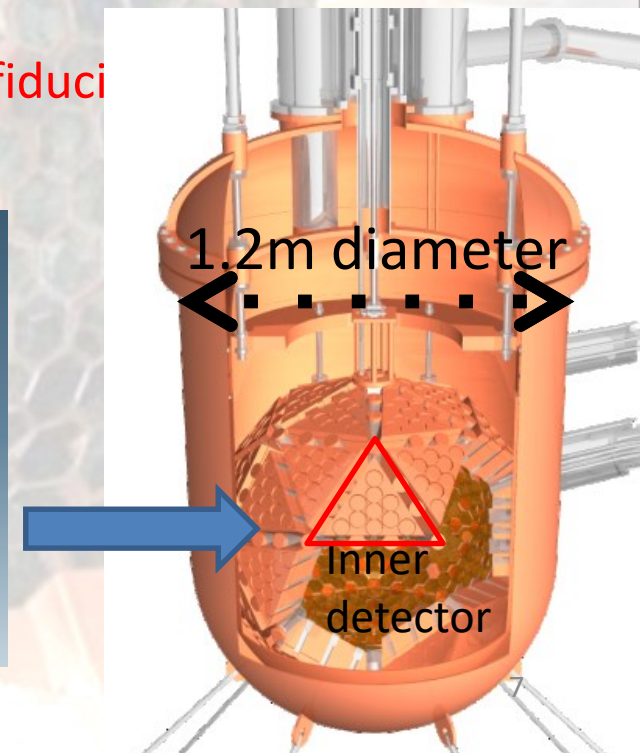
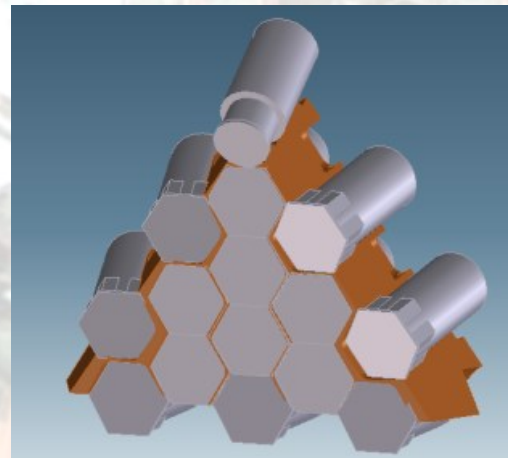


Double beta decay

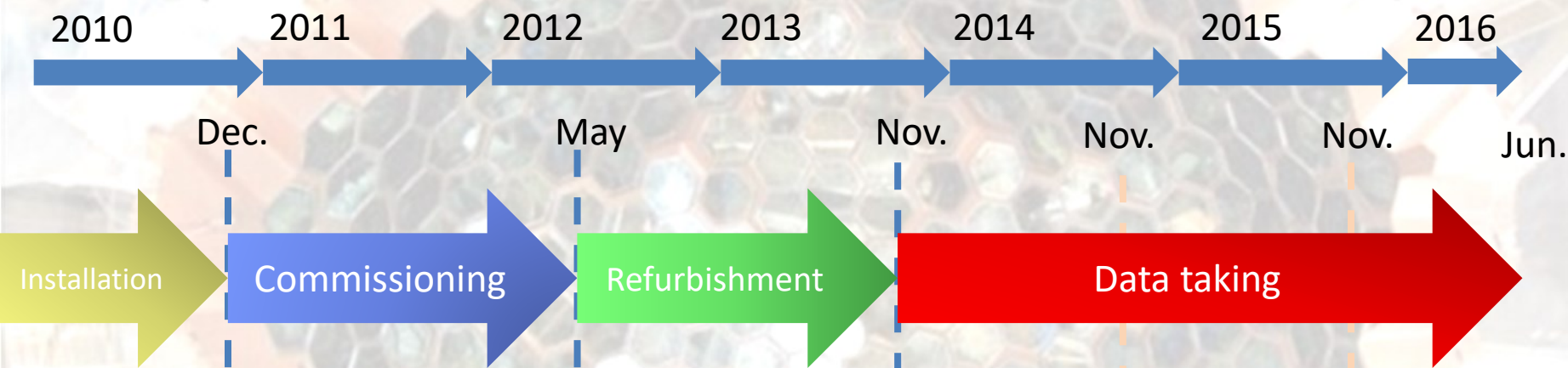
+axion, supernova, etc

XMASS detector

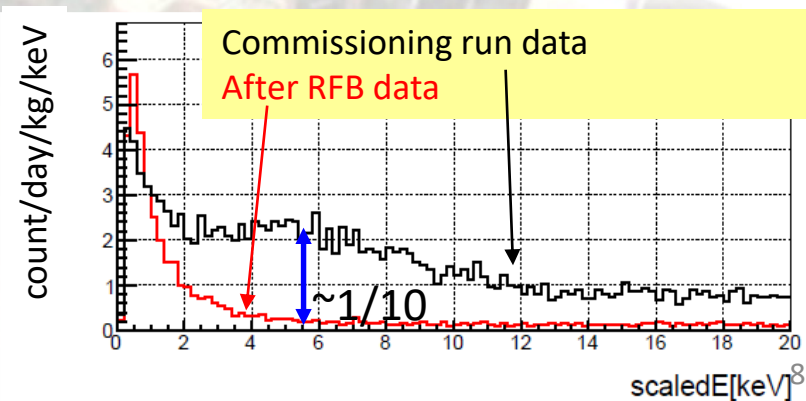
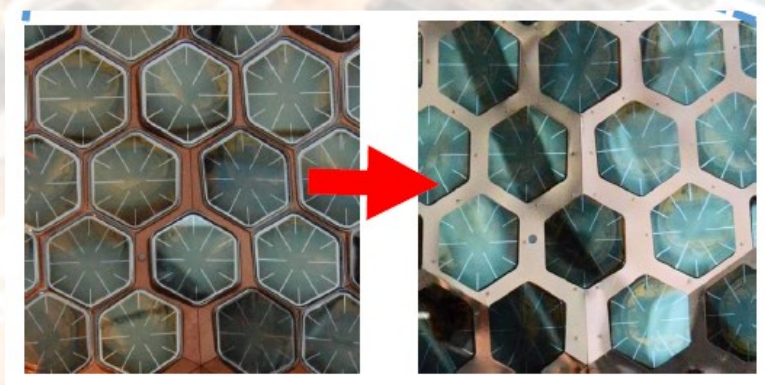
- Single phase (scintillation only) liquid Xenon detector : **sensitive to e/γ events with very low backgrounds as well as nuclear recoil events**
- **Large 100 kg fid. mass & 835 kg inner mass (0.8 m ϕ)**
- 630 hexagonal & 12 round PMTs with 28-39% Q.E.
- High light yields(13.9 pe/keV) & Large photon coverage (> 62% of inner surface)
 - **Low energy threshold : < 5 keV_{ee} (\sim 25 keV_{NR}) for fiduciary volume and 0.3 keV_{ee} for full volume**



History of XMASS-I

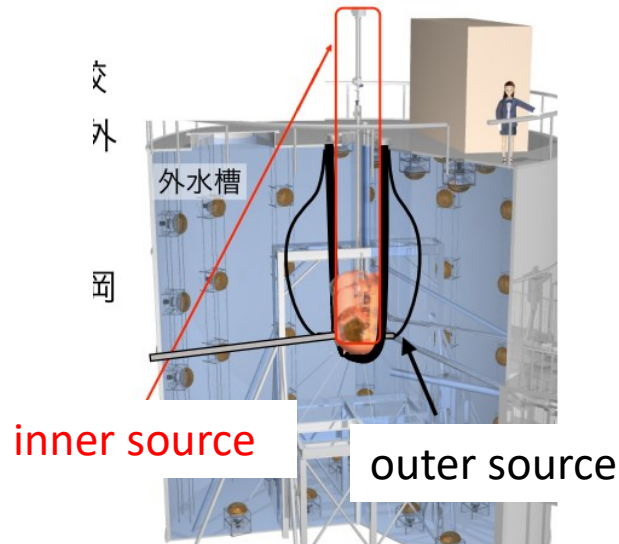


PMT Al seal were covered by copper ring and plate to reduce BG as detector refurbishment. After refurbishment, event $\sim 5\text{keV}$ is reduced to $\sim 1/10$. Now, the 3rd year continuity operation (2 years and 7 months) is ongoing. The longest running time among LXe detectors!



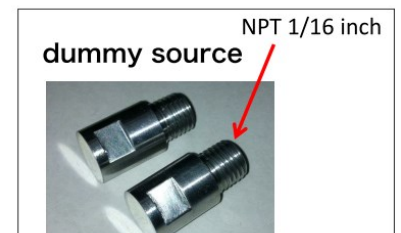
Kobe in XMASS

- Annual modulation analysis
 - K. Hosokawa PhD thesis 2016/3
- Calibration(source development and conduct calibration)
- Radon BG monitoring in the water
 - PTEP(2015) 033H01
- new PMT development



low energy inner source

Alpha source(^{241}Am) deposition





XMASS physics results

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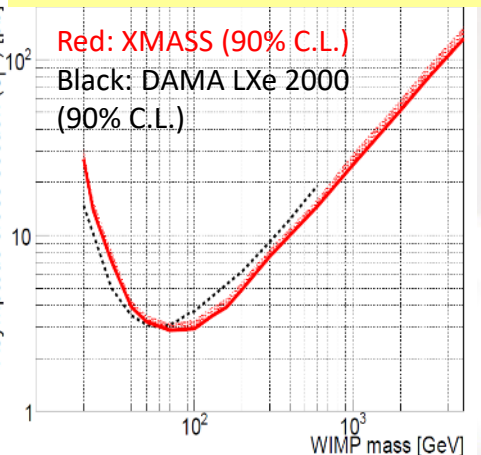
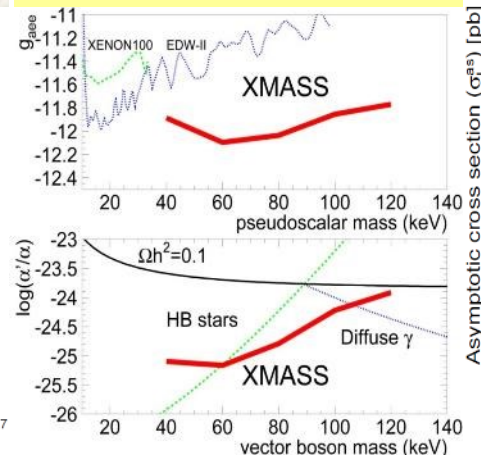
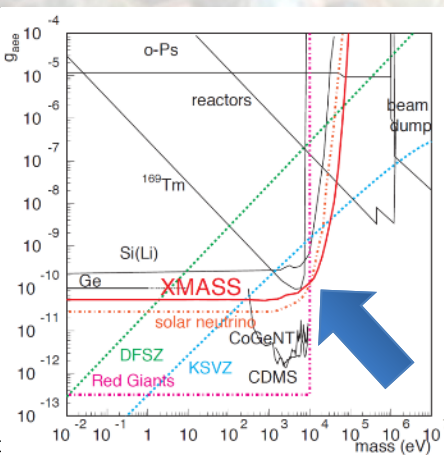
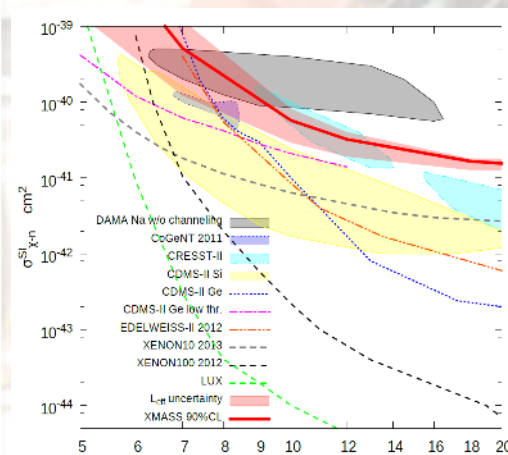
- various kinds of dark matter candidates and physics

Low mass WIMPs search, PLB 719 (2013) 78

Solar axion search, PLB 724 46 (2013)

Bosonic super-WIMPs search, PRL 113, 121301 (2014)

Inelastic WIMP nucleus scattering search, PTEP 063C01 (2014)



Recent results

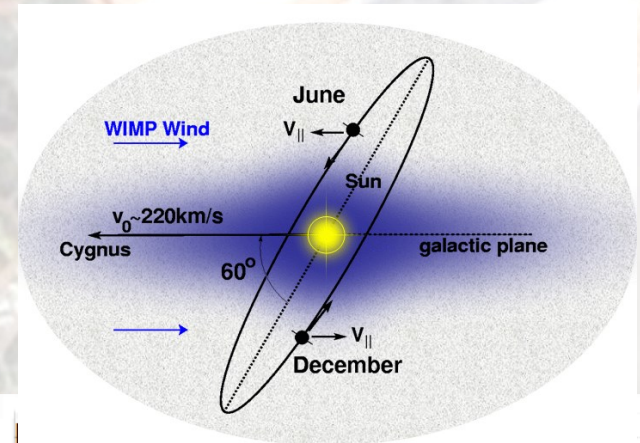
- Direct dark matter search by annual modulation (PLB 759 272 (2016))
- Search for 2ν double electron capture on ^{124}Xe (PLB 759 272 (2016))

Search for annual modulation (1)

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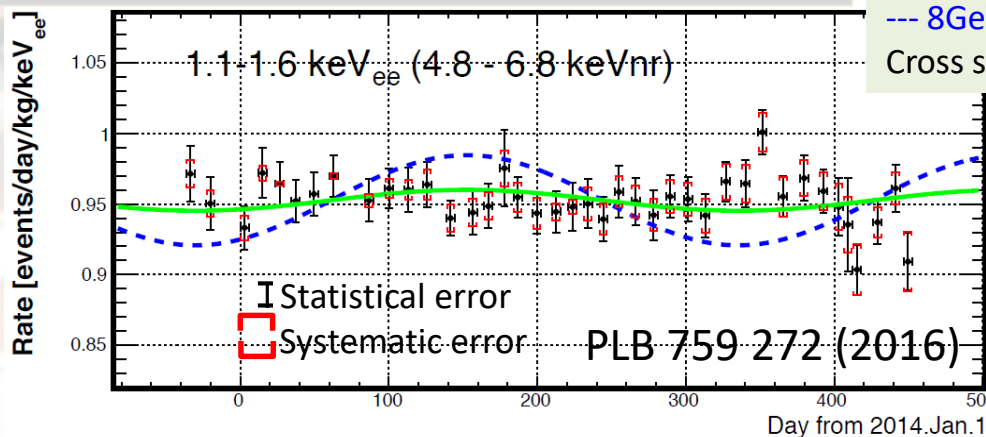
KOBE: K. Hosokawa's Doctor thesis

- Dataset: after refurbishment (Nov 2013-Mar 2015)
 - 0.83ton*year data(1 year cycle) with low threshold (1.1keV_{ee}). Comparable to 1.33ton*year of DAMA/LIBRA data (14 cycles)
 - Rejection of noise, Cherenkov and front of PMT event.
 - No particle ID just like DAMA/LIBRA
- The observed count rate as function of time in each energy bin.
- Clear modulation signal is expected if WIMP parameters are in the range where DAMA/LIBRA experiment indicates.

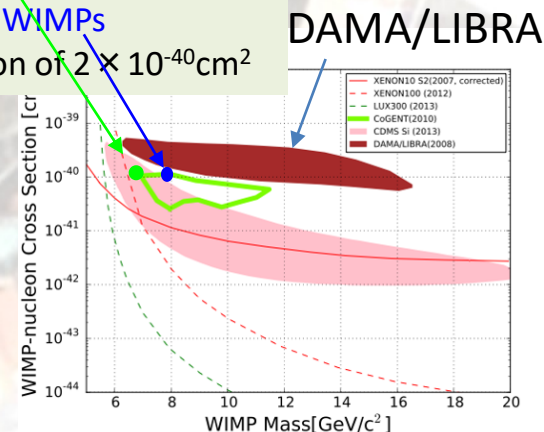


The expected WIMP flux variation due to earth h's orbit.

Time variation of event rate from 1.1 to 1.6 keV_{ee}



Expected rates for
 — 7 GeV/c² WIMPs
 --- 8 GeV/c² WIMPs
 Cross section of $2 \times 10^{-40} \text{cm}^2$



Search for annual modulation (2) Byeongsu Yang @PATLAS2016

- Assuming standard WIMP, data is fitted with the following equation:

$$R^{\text{pred}}(E_i, t_j) = C_i + \sigma \times A(m_\chi, E_i) \cos 2\pi(t_j - t_0)/T$$

t_0 (phase)=152.5days, T (period)=365.25days,

A (modulated amplitude) and C_i
(unmodulated amplitude)

- Two independent modulation analyses were performed using different χ^2 definition.

- Leff uncertainty is taken into account.
- The difference between two methods are within 30%.

- Figure is drawn by Method 1.
- DAMA/LIBRA region is mostly excluded by our measurement.**

Model assumption

V_0 : 220.0 km/s
 V_{esc} : 650.0 km/s
 ρ_{dm} : 0.3 GeV/cm³
 Lewin, Smith (1996)

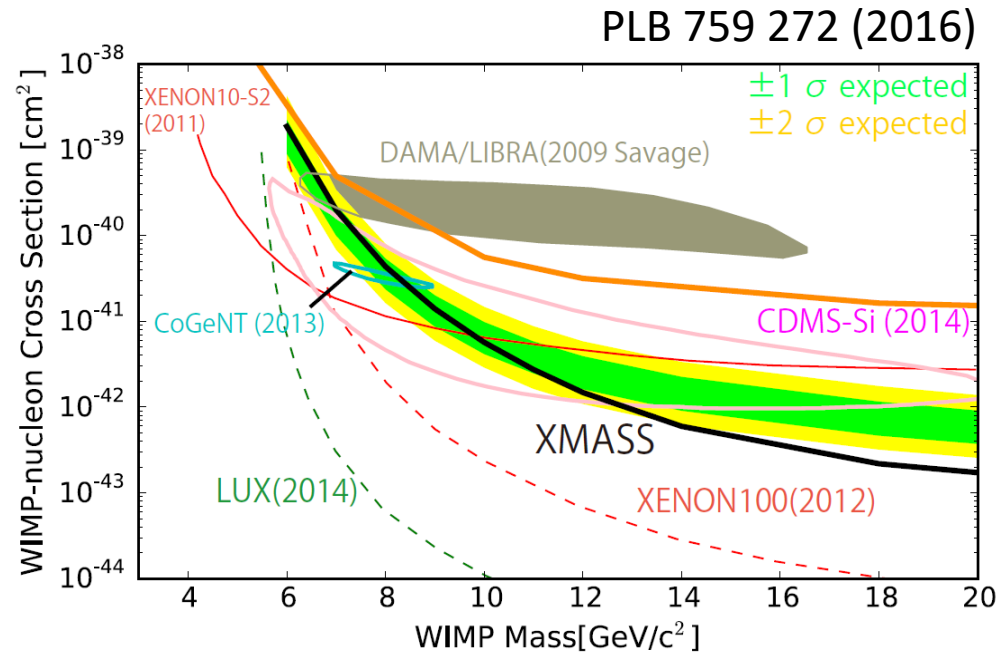
Method 1 (pull term)

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \left(\sum_j \frac{(R_j^{\text{obs}} - R_j^{\text{pred}} - \alpha K_{i,j})^2}{\sigma(\text{stat})^2} \right) + \alpha^2$$

Method 2

(covariance matrix)

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i,j} (R_i^{\text{obs}} - R_i^{\text{pred}})(V_{\text{stat}} + V_{\text{sys}})^{-1}_{ij} (R_j^{\text{obs}} - R_j^{\text{pred}})$$



The first extensive search against the DAMA region, including electron recoils.

Search for annual modulation (3)

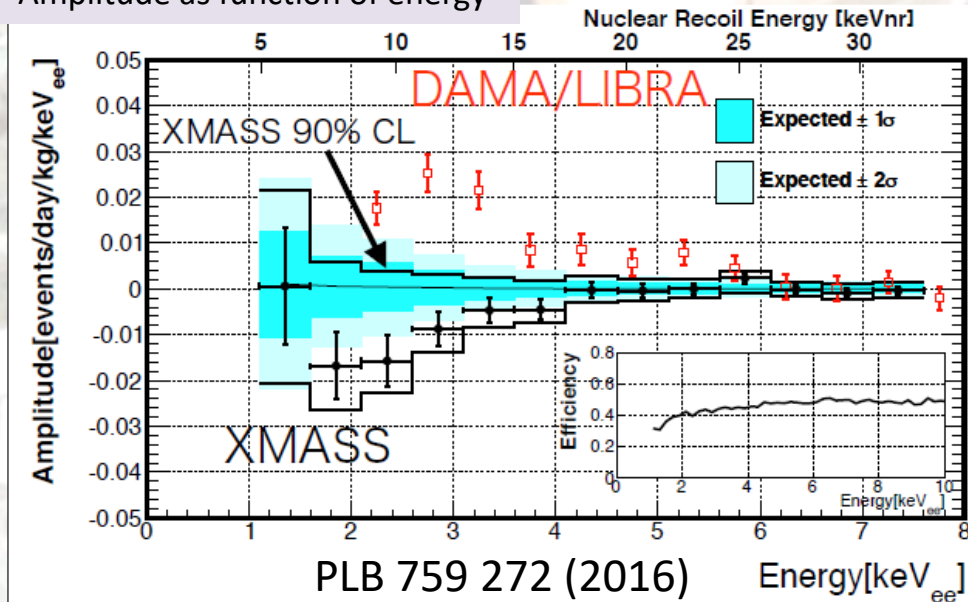
- Annual modulation signal is searched for without any model assumption.
- A_i (modulated amplitude) and C_i (unmodulated amplitude) are fitted by :

$$R_{i,j}^{\text{ex}} = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}\Delta t_j}^{\frac{1}{2}\Delta t_j} (C_i + A_i \cos 2\pi(t_j - t_0)/T) dt_j$$

$t_0=152.5\text{days}$, $T=365.25\text{days}$, fitting range : $1.1\text{-}7.6\text{keV}_{ee}$

- Small negative amplitude is observed in $1.6\text{-}4.1\text{keV}_{ee}$ region. Significance was evaluated with test statistic (10,000 dummy samples) and **no significant modulated signal** has been observed. (p-value= $0.014(2.5\sigma)$ and $0.068(1.8\sigma)$ for 2 methods.)
- Direct comparisons with other experiments: more stringent constraint.

Amplitude as function of energy



Experiments	Amplitude(events/day/kg/keV _{ee})
DAMA/LIBRA	~0.02, 2.0-3.5keV _{ee}
XENON100	3.7×10^{-3} , 90% C.L. upper limit, 2.0-5.8keV _{ee} ^(*)
XMASS	$(1.7\text{-}3.7) \times 10^{-3}$, 90% C.L. positive upper limit, 2-6keV _{ee}

*Estimated based on PRL 115 (2015) 091302 and Science 349 (6250) (2015) 852

Search for double electron capture (1)

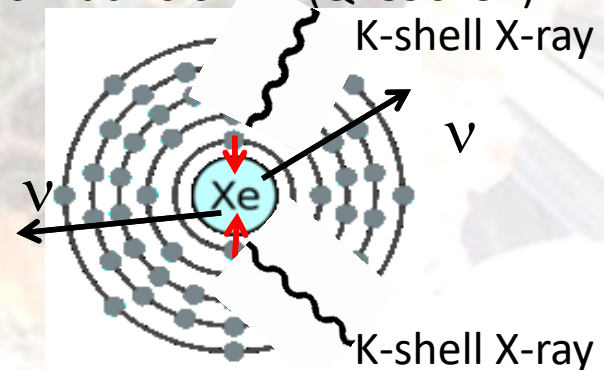
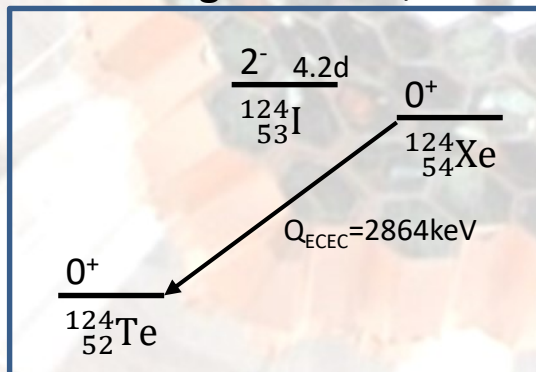
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- 2ν double electron capture: new reference for the calculation of nuclear matrix elements from the proton-rich side of the mass parabola of even-even isobars.
- 0ν double electron capture is lepton number violating process as well as $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay.

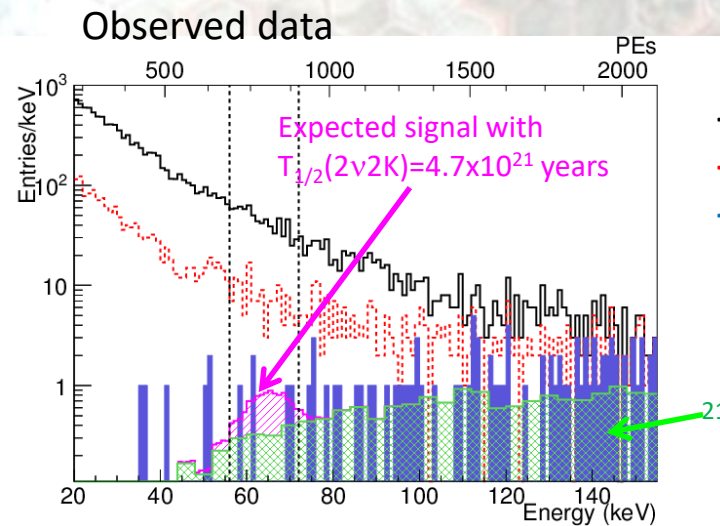
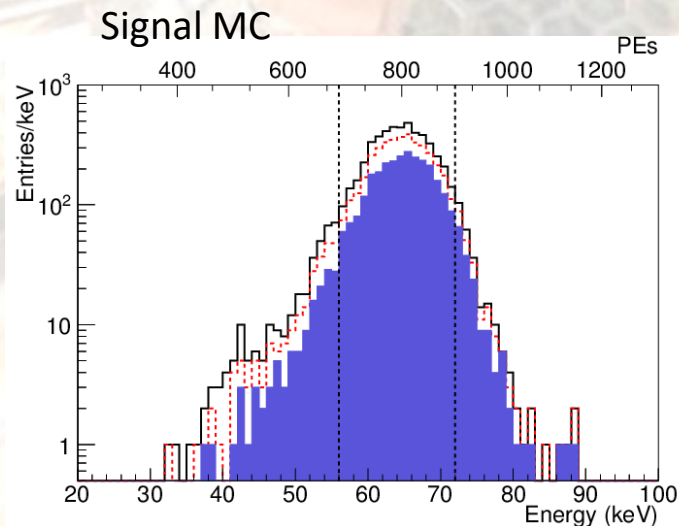
Isotope Natural abundance	^{124}Xe	^{126}Xe	^{128}Xe	^{129}Xe	^{130}Xe	^{131}Xe	^{132}Xe	^{134}Xe	^{136}Xe
	0.095%	0.089%	1.9%	26.4%	4.1%	21.2%	26.9%	10.4%	8.9%

- Natural xenon contains **double electron capture nuclei** as well as **double beta decay nuclei**
- 2ν double electron capture on ^{124}Xe ($2\nu\text{ECEC}$)
 - $^{124}\text{Xe} (\text{g.s.}, 0^+) + 2e^- \rightarrow ^{124}\text{Te} (\text{g.s.}, 0^+) + 2\nu_e + 2864\text{keV}$
 - In the case of $2K$ -capture, signal is total energy deposition of 63.6keV from atomic X-rays and Auger electrons.
 - Theoretical predictions of $T_{1/2} = 10^{20} \sim 10^{24}$ years
 - Previous experimental results : $T_{1/2} > 2.0 \times 10^{21}$ years, w/ proportional counter.
- ^{126}Xe can also undergo $2\nu\text{ECEC}$, but this reaction is much slower ($Q=896\text{keV}$)



Search for double electron capture (2)

- Signal MC
 - X-rays and Auger electrons after 2ν 2K-capture are simulated.
 - Energy window: 56-72keV 90% of the simulated signal.
 - Efficiency for signal is 59.7%.
- Observed data
 - Commissioning run data were analyzed.
 - Effective live time is 132.0 days, and fiducial mass of natural xenon is 41kg (It contains 39g of ^{124}Xe).
 - 5 events remained in the signal region. Main background in this energy region is ^{214}Pb (daughter of ^{222}Rn) in the detector, and expected number of ^{214}Pb BG events in the signal region is 5.3 ± 0.5 . No significant excess above background was observed.
- Set the world best lower limit of half-life : $T_{1/2} > 4.7 \times 10^{21}$ years (90%CL).
- Also for ^{126}Xe , set the lower limit : $T_{1/2} > 4.3 \times 10^{21}$ years (90%CL).



(arXiv:1510.00754)

- Fiducial volume cut
- Timing cut
- Band-like pattern cut

^{214}Pb background MC



Future plans of XMASS

XMASS future plans

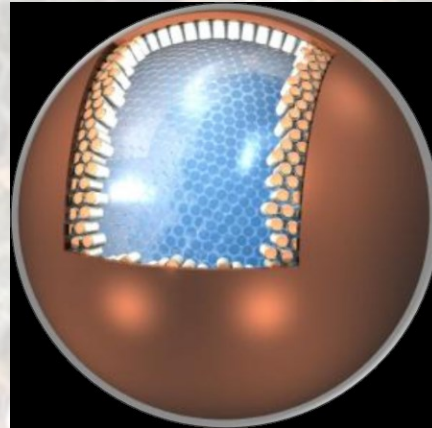
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XMASS-I



835kg, **100kg FV**
80cm ϕ
DM search

XMASS-1.5



6ton, **1~3ton FV**
1.5m ϕ , ~1800 PMTs
DM search :
 $\sigma_{SI} < 10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2$
pp solar ν : ~a few cpd

XMASS-II

multi purpose
DM search : $\sigma_{SI} < 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$
pp solar ν : ~10 cpd
 $0\nu 2\beta$ decay of ^{136}Xe

- To improve the sensitivity,
 - increase the fiducial volume
 - select ultra low BG detector material → Continues material screening
 - discriminate against BG events, especially surface BG. → Developed a new PMT.
 - reduce inner detector RI → Distillation (^{85}Kr) and screening for Rn emanating material

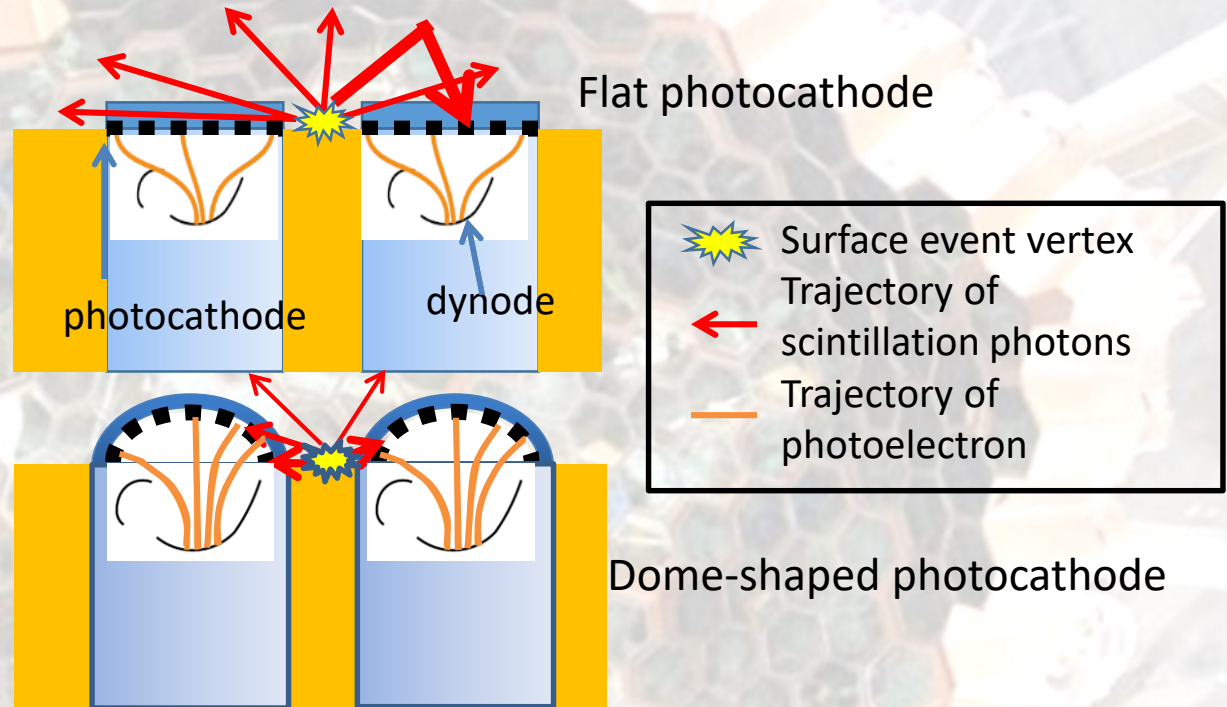
New PMTs for future XMASS

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2inch hex shape
current PMT
R10789



3inch dome shape
new PMT
R13111

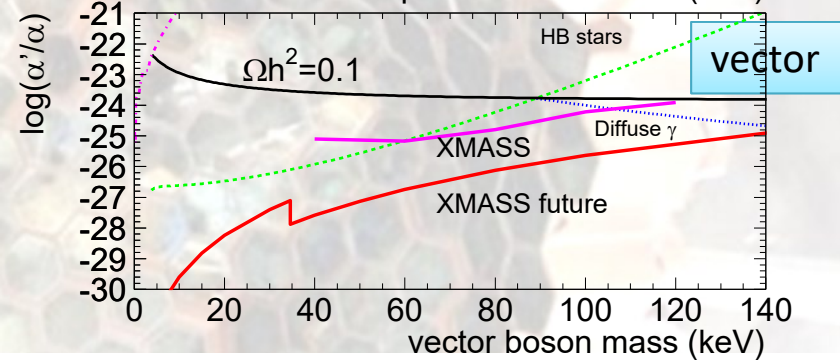
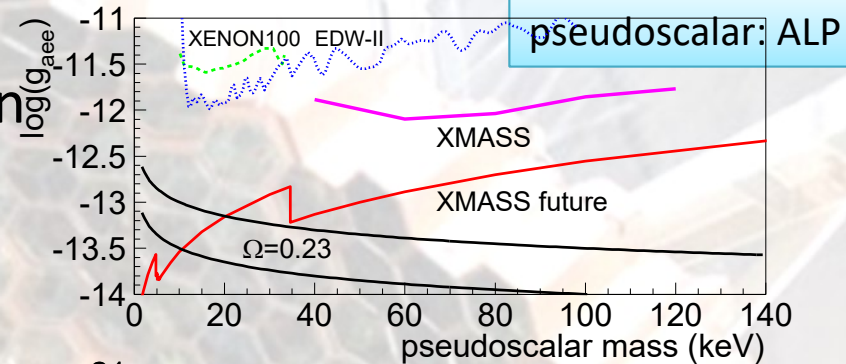


- Surface events can be identified and rejected very effectively by new dome-shaped PMTs, which have high and uniform collection efficiency for whole area.
- TTS(Transit Time Spread) of the new PMT is improved, and it will result in improvement of Cherenkov BG rejection and position reconstruction using timing.
- Performance test was carried out using the first batch of the new PMTs.
- Reduction of radioactivity in PMT parts was done. **KOBE's contribution**

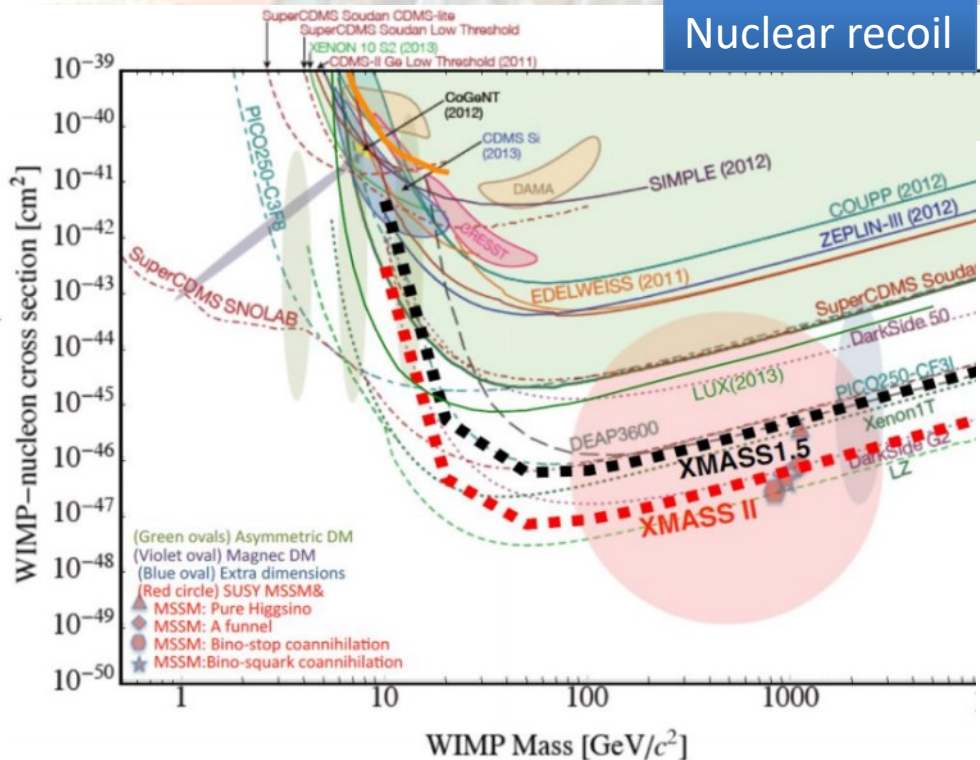
Expected sensitivity

- XMASS-1.5 : Total 5ton/ fiducial 1-3ton
- XMASS-II : Total 25ton/ fiducial 10ton
- $<10^{-46} \text{cm}^2$ & $2 \times 10^{-47} \text{cm}^2$ @100GeV
- $\sim 1 \times 10^{-5} / \text{keV/kg/d}$ ($\sim 1 \times \text{pp solar } \nu$)
- Sensitive both nuclear recoil and e/γ

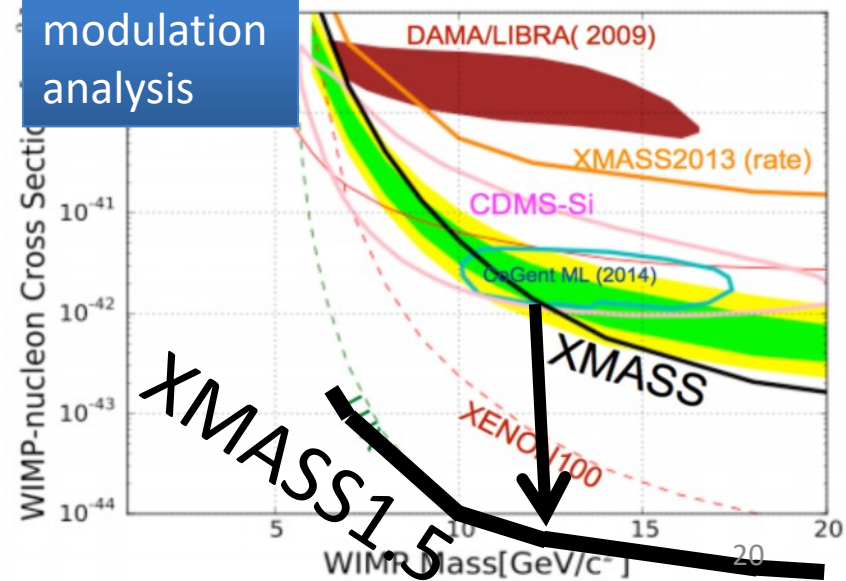
bosonic super-WIMPs in XMASS-1.5



Nuclear recoil



modulation analysis

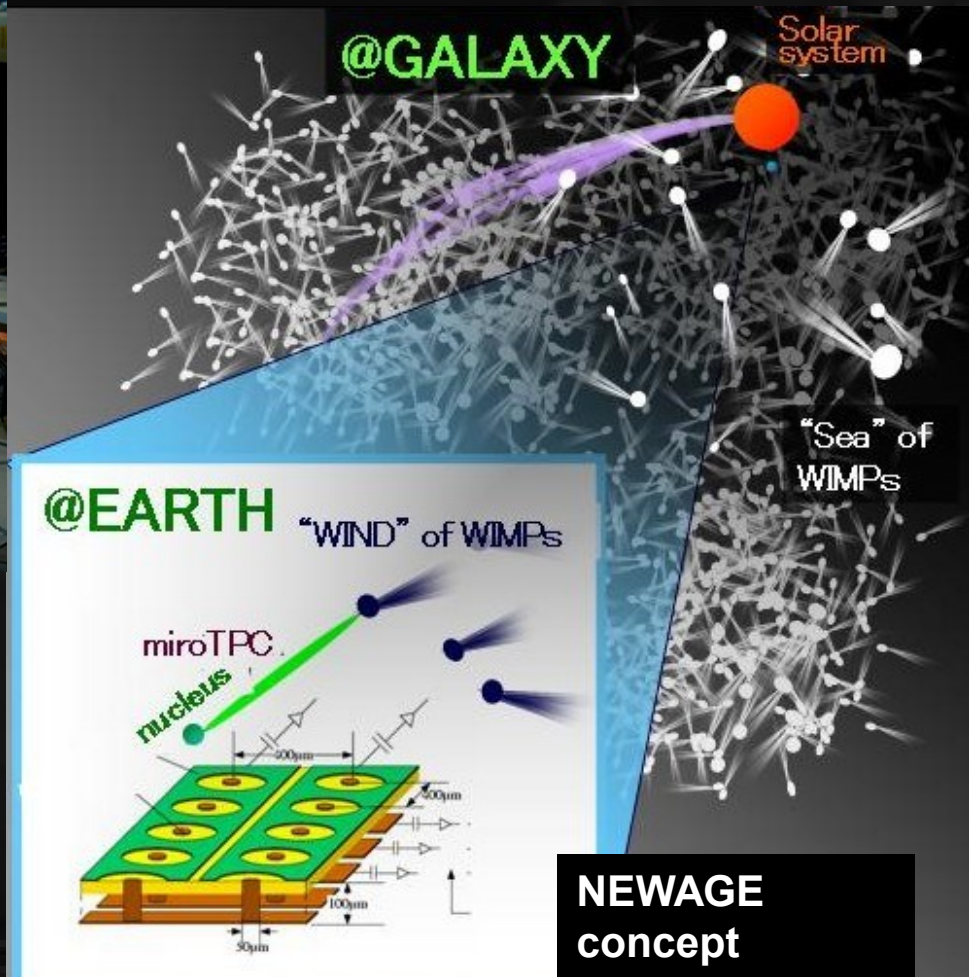


NEWAGE

NEWAGE : run by Kobe university

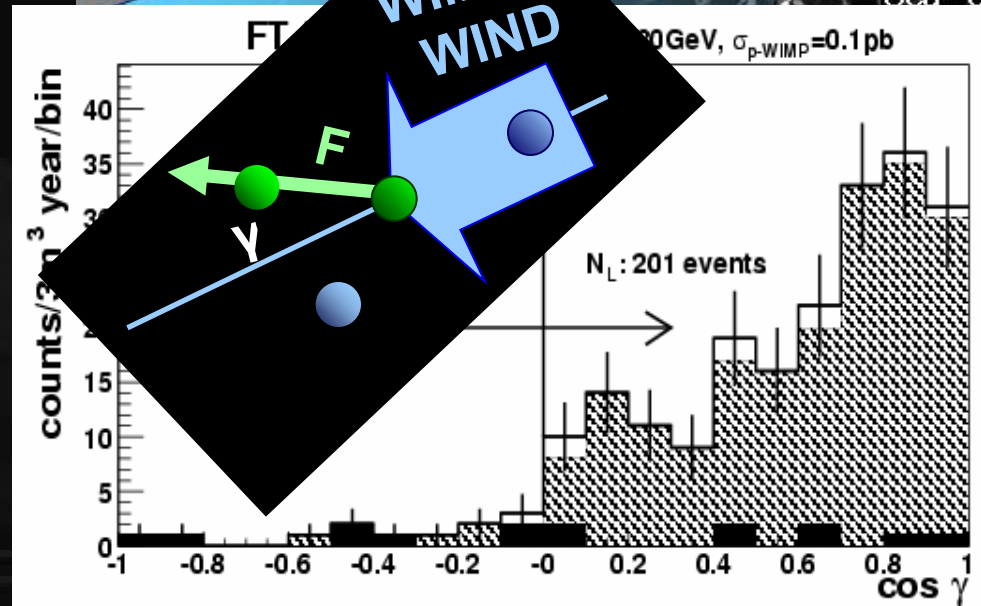
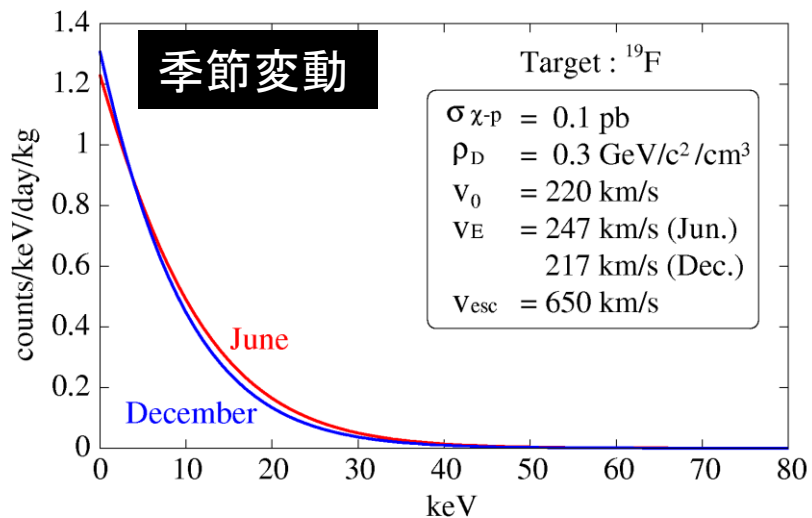
Direction-Sensitive
WIMP-search
NEWAGE

- WIMP-wind detection
- μ -PIC three dimensional gas tracking device



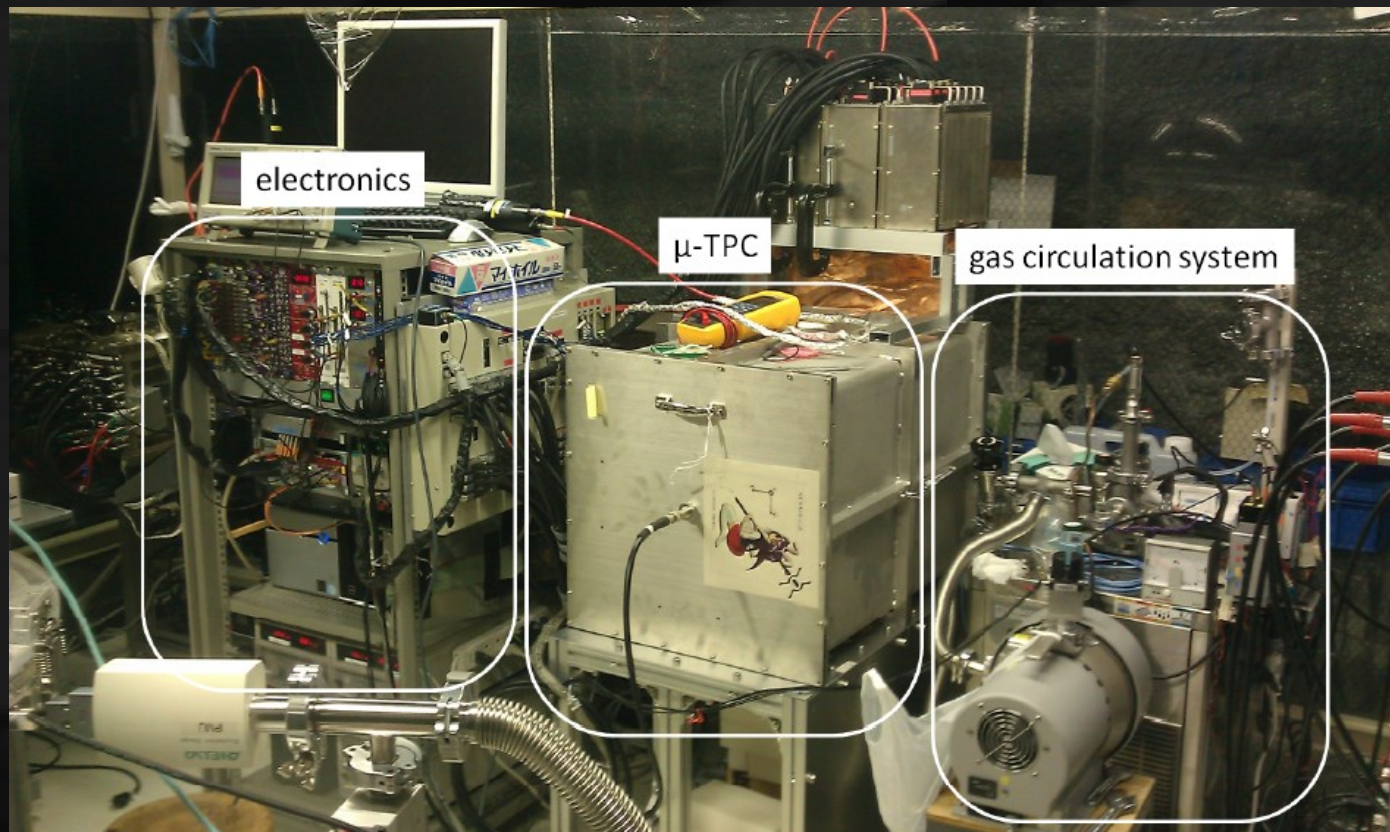
Advantages of directionality

- large asymmetry compared with annual modulation
- detailed study after “detection”



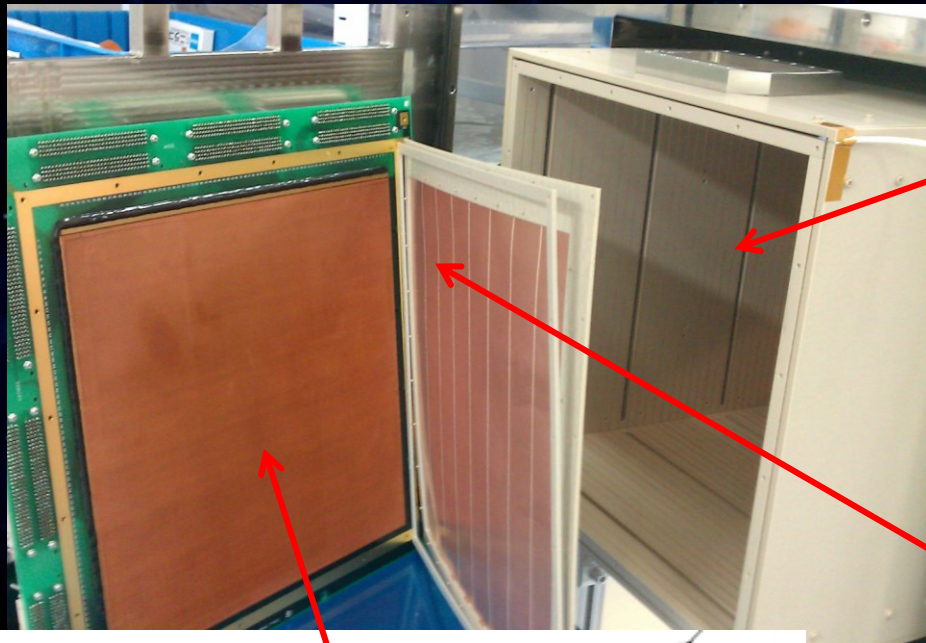
NEWAGE detector

- 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

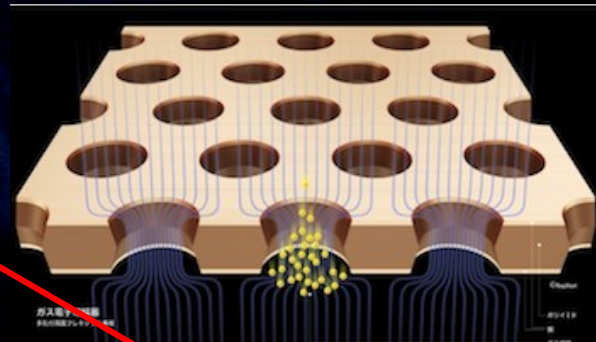


NEWAGE-0.3b' inside view

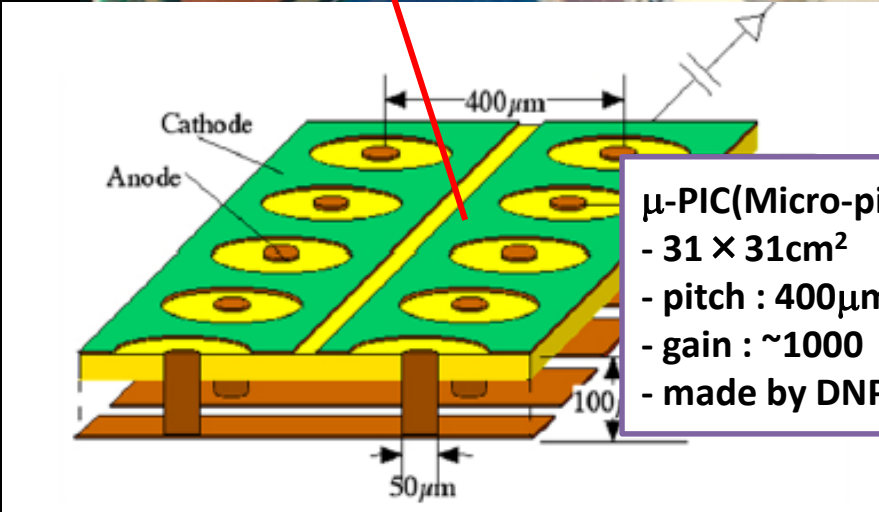
Detection Volume: $30 \times 30 \times 41 \text{ cm}^3$



Field cage
Drift length: 41cm
PEEK + copper wires



GEM
- $31 \times 32 \text{ cm}^2$
- 8-segmented
- hole pitch : $140 \mu\text{m}$
- hole diameter: $70 \mu\text{m}$
- insulator : LCP $100 \mu\text{m}$
- gain : ~ 5
- made by Scienergy, Japan

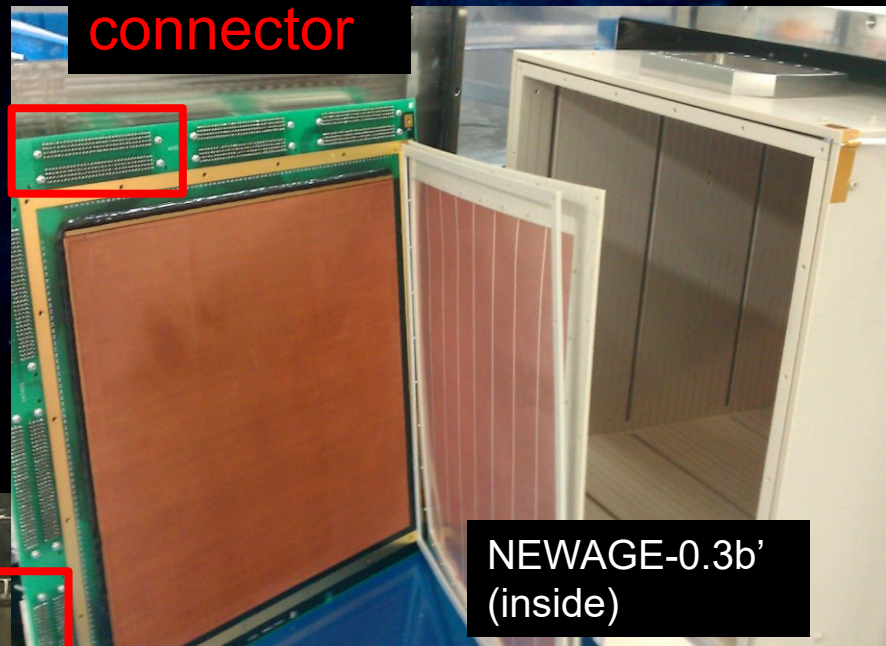


μ -PIC(Micro-pixel chamber)
- $31 \times 31 \text{ cm}^2$
- pitch : $400 \mu\text{m}$
- gain : ~ 1000
- made by DNP, Japan

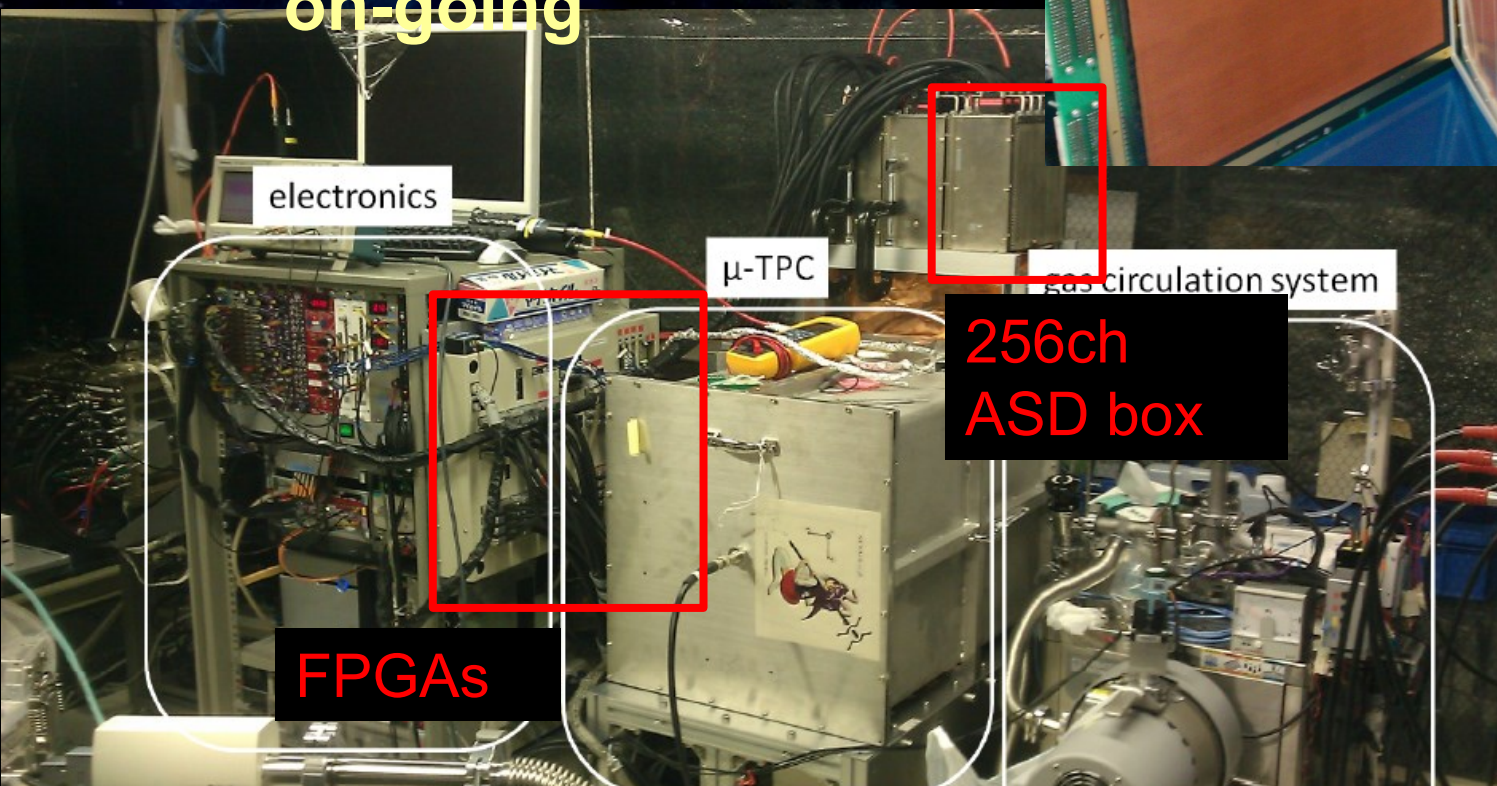
NEWAGE-0.3b' readouts

- μ -PIC is X-Y readout
- General purpose FPGA-based electronics since early 2000's.
- Updates are always on-going

256ch
connector



NEWAGE-0.3b'
(inside)



electronics

μ -TPC

gas circulation system

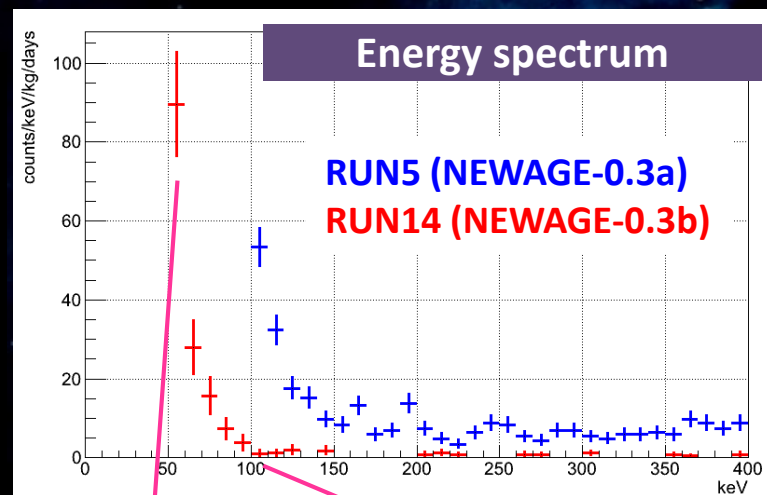
256ch
ASD box

FPGAs

NEWAGE underground run

RUN14

- period : 2013/7/20-8/11, 10/19-11/12
- live time : 31.6 days
- fiducial volume : $28 \times 24 \times 41 \text{ cm}^3$
- mass : 10.36g
- exposure : 0.327 kg·days

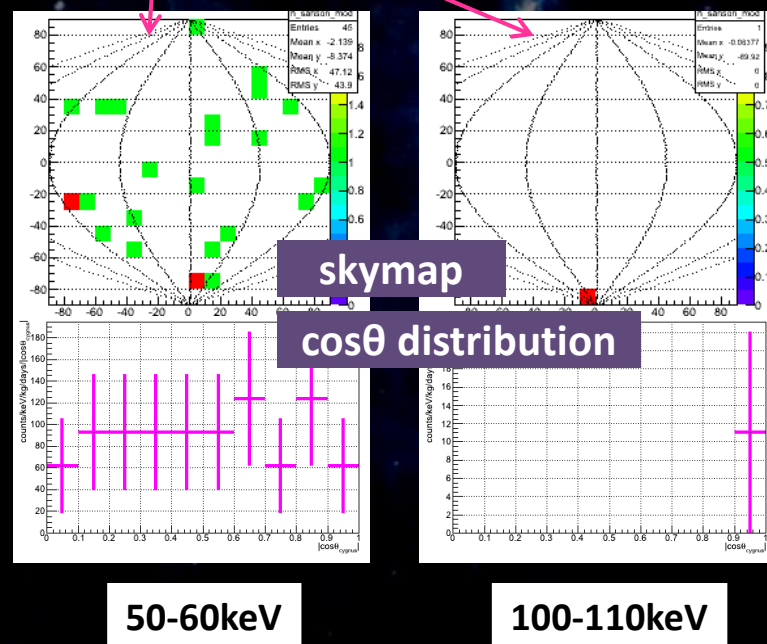


Energy spectrum

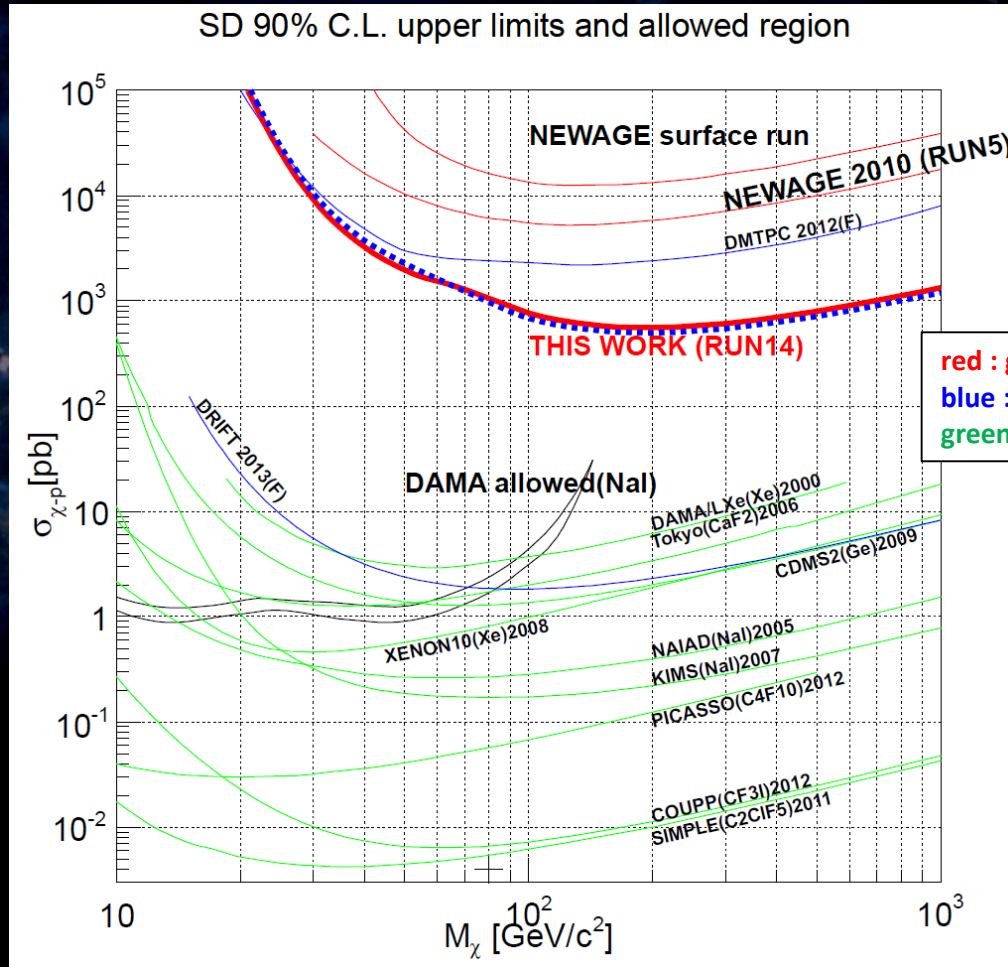
- Threshold : 100 => **50keV**
- BG rate : **1/10**@100keV

Skymap, $\cos\theta$ distribution

- Set limit by significant difference in 2-binned measured $\cos\theta$ and DM-wind simulated $\cos\theta$



Direction-sensitive limit



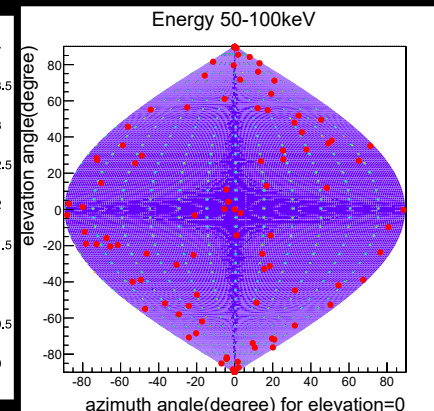
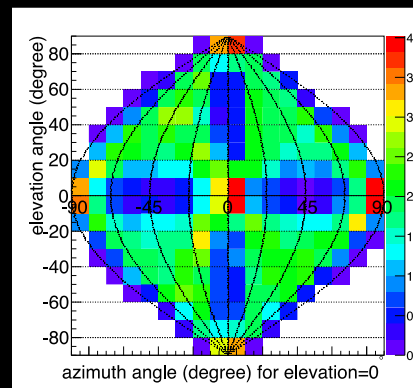
PTEP (2015) 043F01s

- Obtained limit : **557pb @200GeV**
 (Best direction-sensitive limit)
- Improved one order of magnitude from previous RUN5

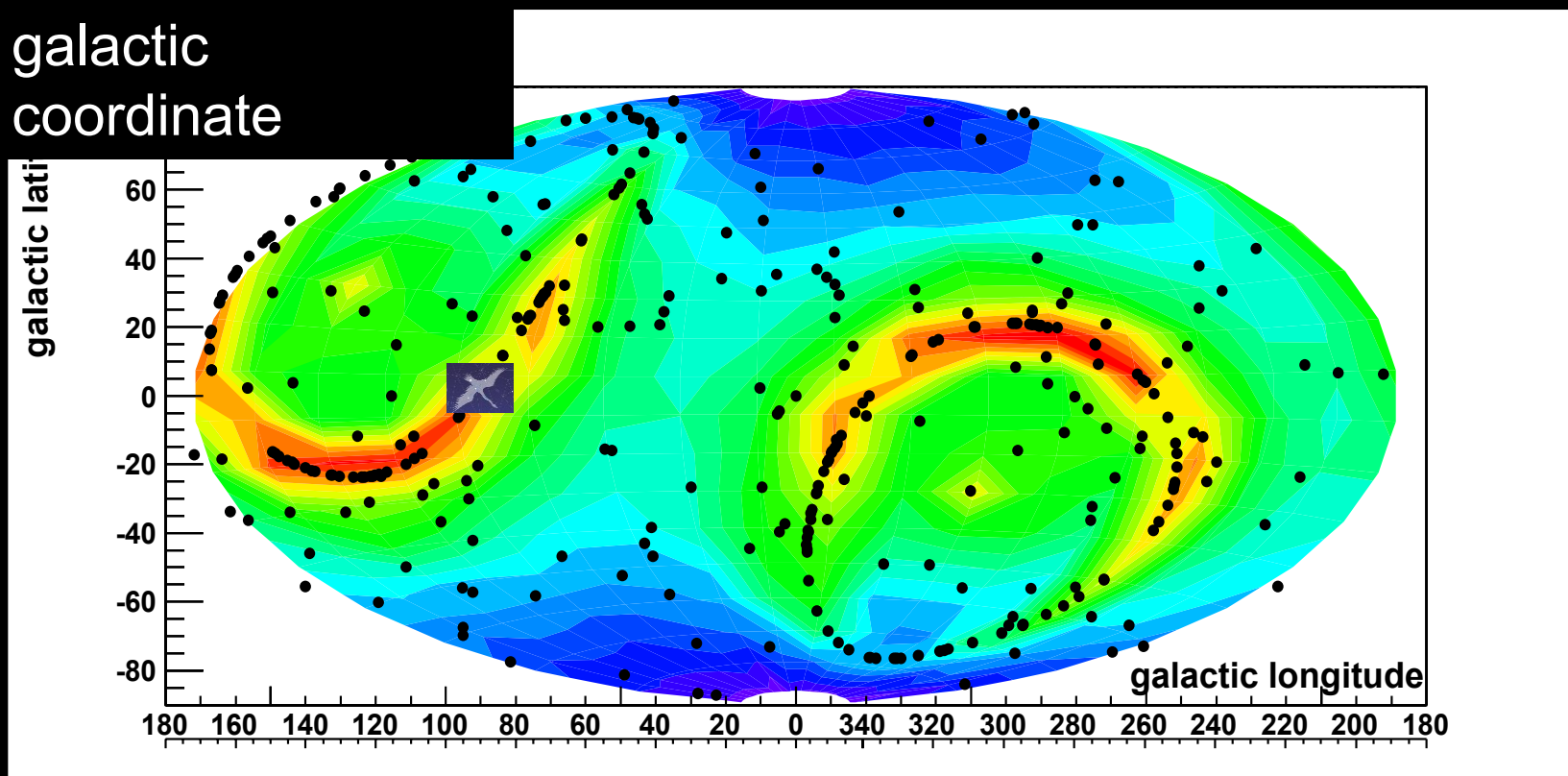
Galactic-plane sky-map

lab-coordinate

correlation with efficiency = consistent with isotropic



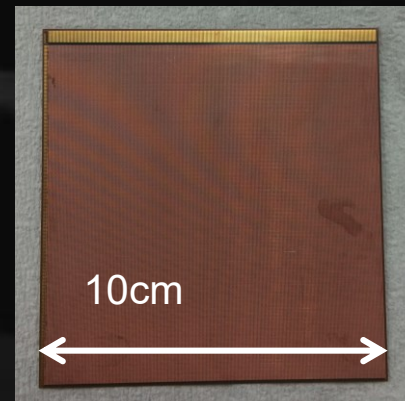
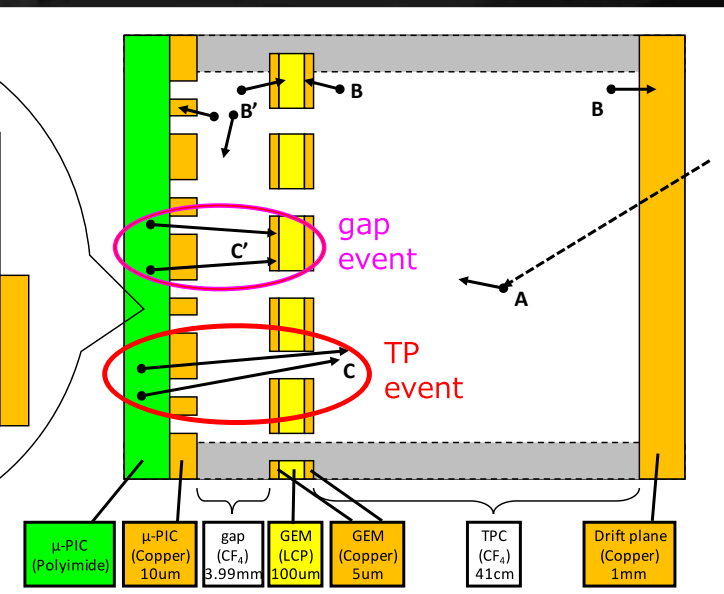
galactic coordinate



BG study and more

Poster by HASHIMOTO

- Largest BG source: alpha particle from μ -PIC
- Development of radio-pure μ -PIC:
 $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$ μ -PIC was made and tested



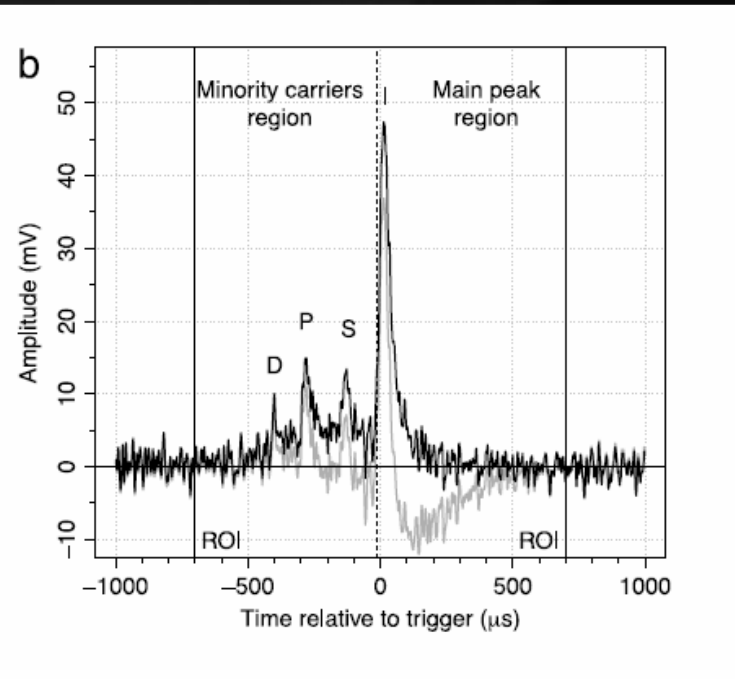
- FY2016: development of $30 \times 30 \text{ cm}^2$ μ -PIC
- FY2017~: underground run

Z-fiducialization

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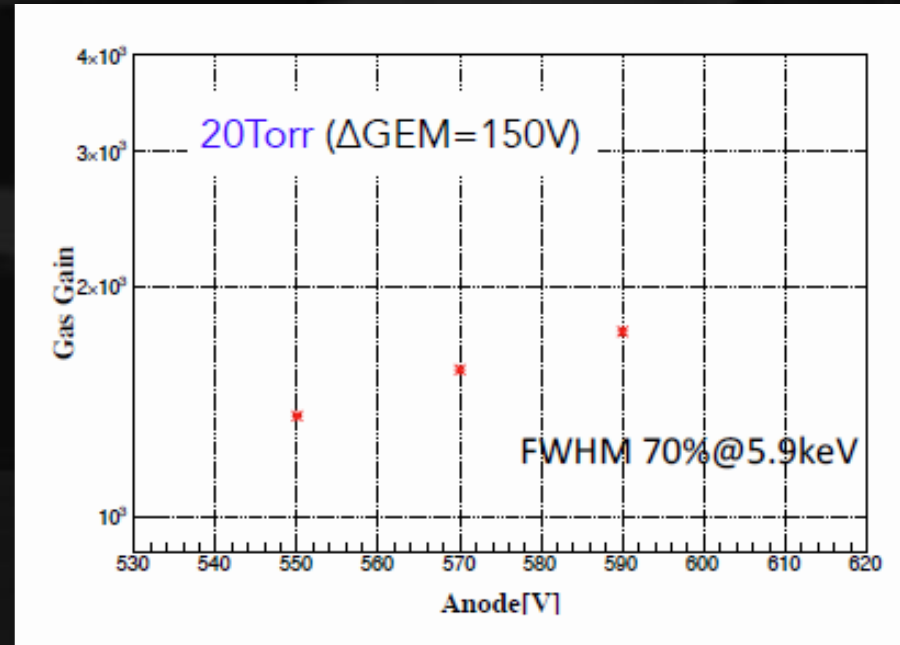
- minority peaks “discovery” by DERIT group
- SF₆ study for GEM+ μ PIC system

minority peaks (DRIFT group)



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SF₆ study

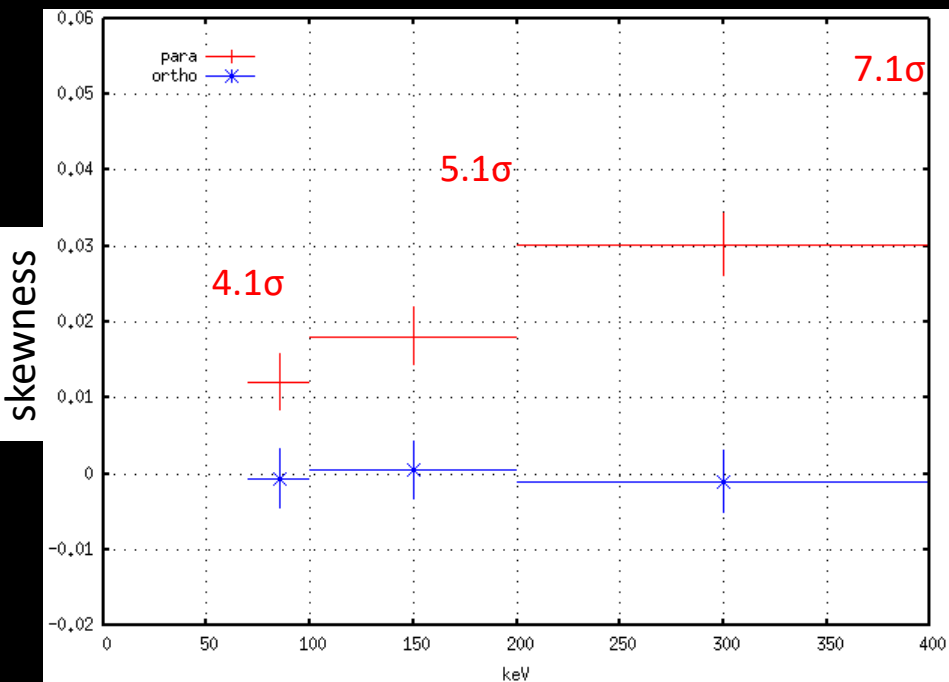


Head/tail study

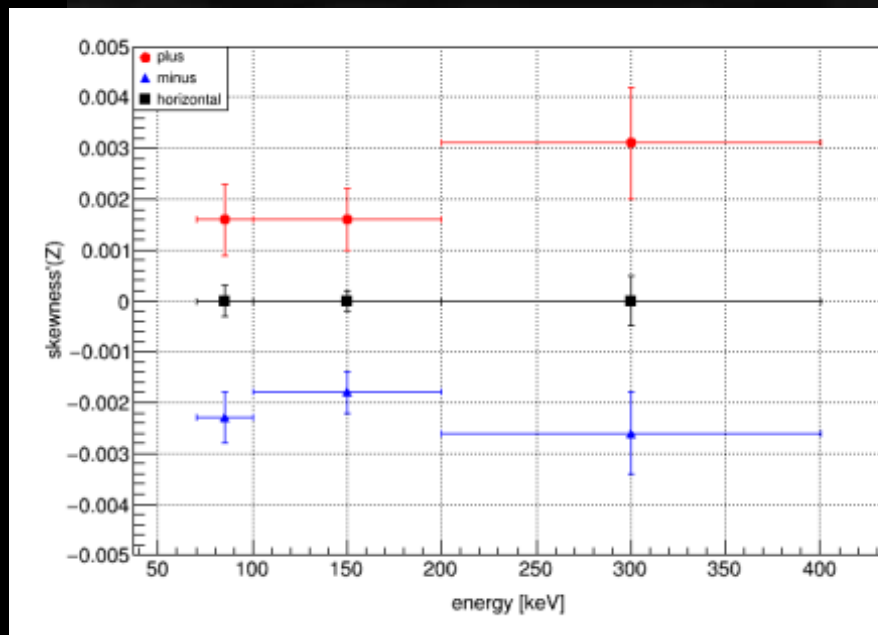
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- Head tail in X-Y plane, Z-axis
- Proof of concept, DONE.
- Improvement for practical use: being studied

X-Y plane



Z axis



NEWAGE



Dark Matter group in Kobe



- **XMASS: large mass** ▪ **low BG** liquid scintillator
 - 1tonのXMASS-I largest running
 - future ~5ton **XMASS-1.5**
- **NEWAGE: direction-sensitive**
 - current background study @ underground
 - best direction-sensitive limit
- **strategy: XMASS indication and detection**
-> **NEWAGE confirmation and detailed study**