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# Axion

- Strong CP problem in QCD
  - CP non-conserving term in QCD Lagrangian
  - EDM in neutron can be induced however the EDM highly suppressed.
- Peccei-Quinn mechanism solves the strong CP problem
  - Axion appears
- Invisible axion models
  - DFSZ axion...interacts with lepton and quark at tree level
  - KSVZ(hadronic) axion...interacts with nucleus, and both lepton and quark at loop level

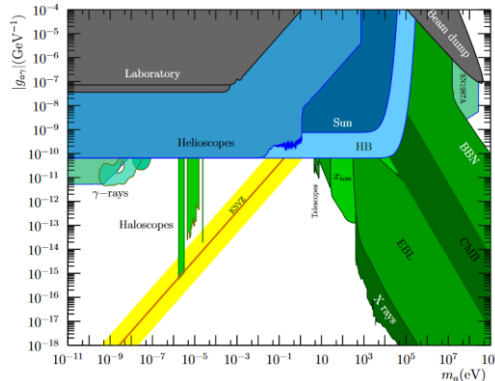
$$m_a \simeq \left( \frac{6 \times 10^6}{f_a(\text{GeV})} \right)$$

Low-reheating scenarios  
Pierluca Carenza et al., JCAP07(2021)031

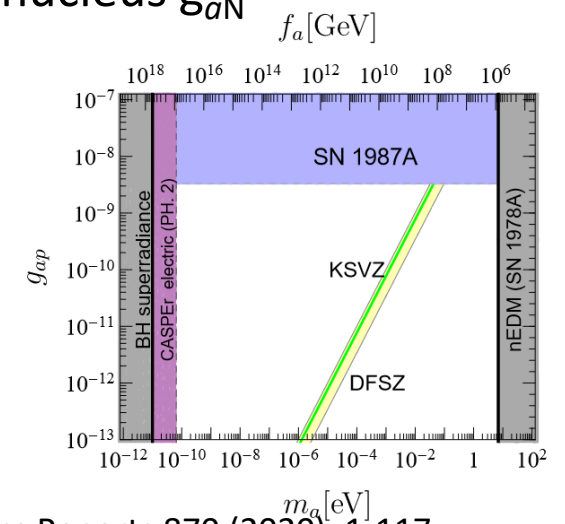
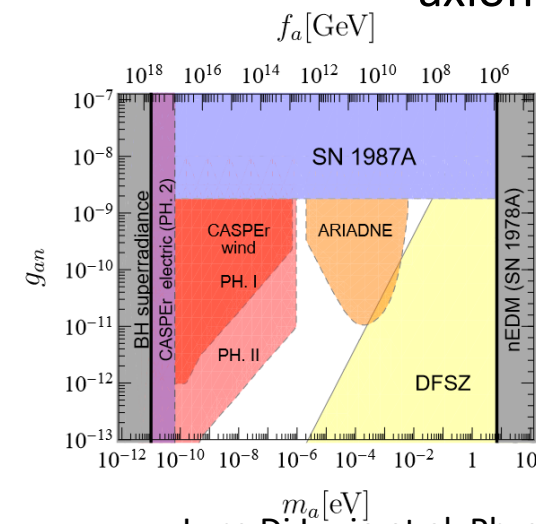
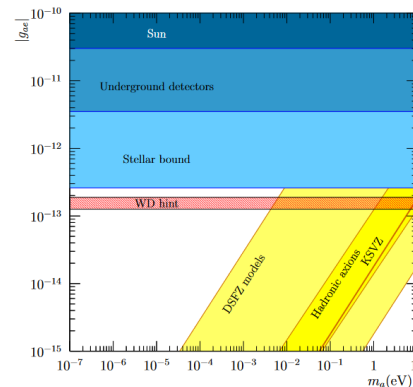


axion-nucleus  $g_{aN}$

axion-gamma interaction  $g_{a\gamma}$

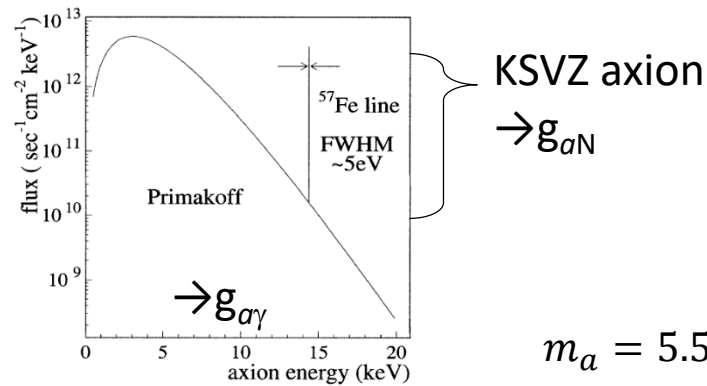
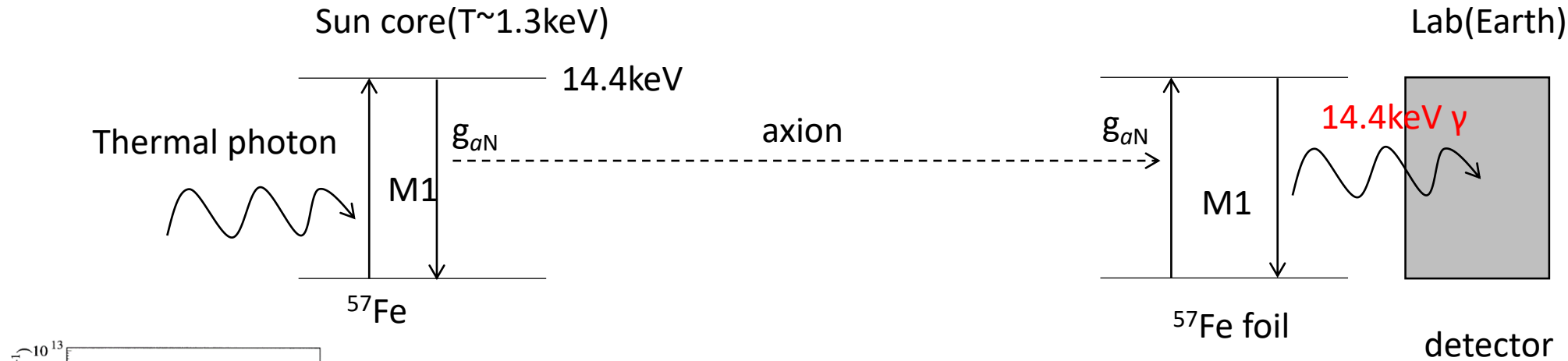


axion-electron  $g_{ae}$





# Solar axion via $^{57}\text{Fe}$



$$m_a = 5.55 \times \left( \frac{R_d}{1 \text{ day}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}} \right)^{1/4} \text{ eV}$$

$$R_d = \frac{N}{M \eta \varepsilon}$$

$^{57}\text{Fe}$  natural abundance 2.119% Mössbauer nuclei can absorb axion thanks to Doppler broadening.

$R_d$ :  $^{57}\text{Fe}$  de-excitation rate

$N$ : observed event

$M$ :  $^{57}\text{Fe}$  mass

$\eta$ :  $\gamma$  fraction without internal conversion 0.105

$\varepsilon$ : detection efficiency

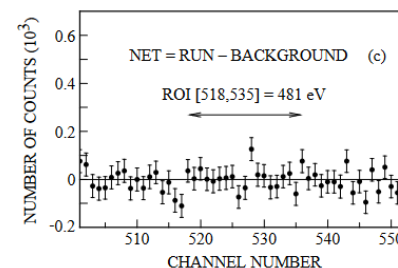
Moriyama, Phys.Rev.Lett, 75, 3222

Independent  $g_{aN}$  measurement by 14.4 keV  $\gamma$  without introducing the other interactions.

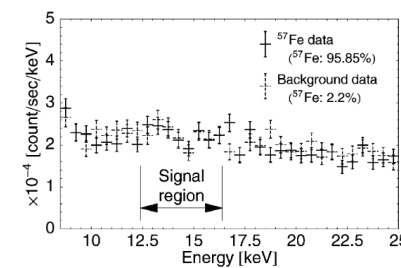


# Measurements and feasibility study

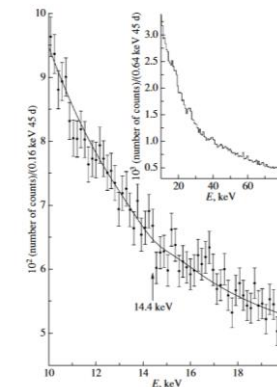
- $m_a < 745 \text{ eV}@95\% \text{C.L.}$ ,  
Si(Li), 61days, M. Krčmar et al., Phys. Lett. B 442 (1998) 38.
- $m_a < 216 \text{ eV}@95\% \text{C.L.}$ ,  
PIN photo diodes, 14days T. Namba, Phys.Lett.B 645, 398 (2007)
- $m_a < 145 \text{ eV}@95\% \text{C.L.}$ ,  
Si(Li), 45days, A.V. Derbin et al., Phys.At.Nucl. 74, 596 (2011)



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T. Namba



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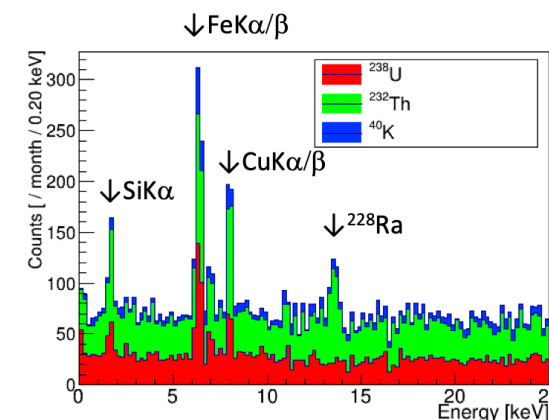
New experiment using X-ray SOI pixel sensor equipped with self-trigger and high energy resolution (XRPIX)

- G10 rigid circuit board  
XRPIX on G10



Radiation shield

- Rigid-flex circuit board  
XRPIX on flex



Feasibility study w/ Geant4

Y. Onuki et al., NIM A,  
924, 448–451 (2019)

$^{228}\text{Ra}$  from  $^{232}\text{Th}$  series  
could be crucial BG.

Rebooted as “ISAI” experiment since 2021  
“Investigating Solar Axion by Iron-57”

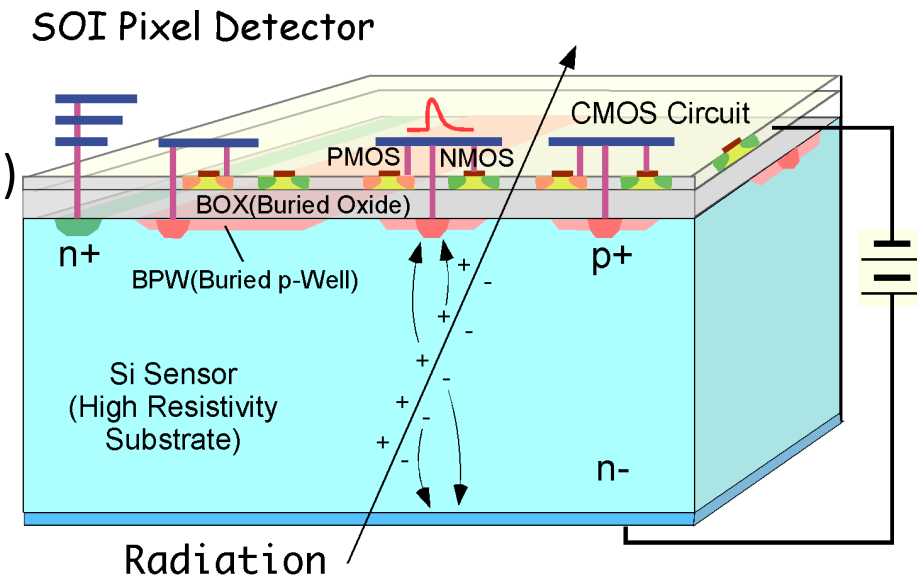
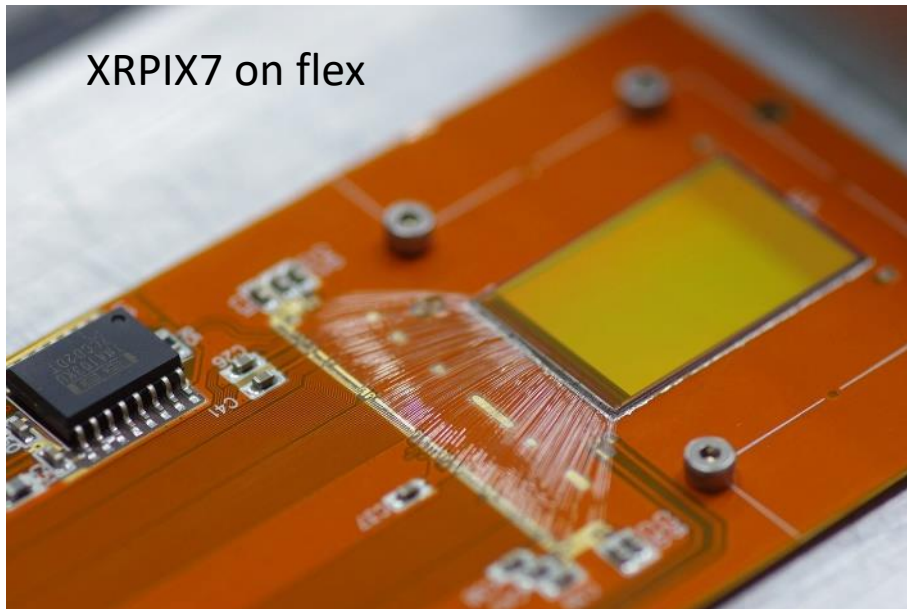
ISAI means conspicuous in Japanese

# XRPIX: X-ray pixel sensor using SOI technology

- Originally developed(ing) for future X-ray astronomy mission
- Full depleted SOI process(0.2 $\mu\text{m}$ ) by Lapis-semiconductor Co., Ltd.
- 24.6 mm  $\times$  15.3 mm  $\times$  300  $\mu\text{m}$  (608  $\times$  384 pixels, pix size 36  $\mu\text{m}$  square)
- Each pixel has a trigger circuit with a 10  $\mu\text{s}$  timing resolution
  - Anti-coincidence enables to reduce cosmic-ray backgrounds
- High energy resolution : 590 eV (FWHM) @14.4 keV(Goal : 250 eV)



Rigid-flex circuit board



T.G. Tsuru et al., Proc. SPIE 10709,(2018)

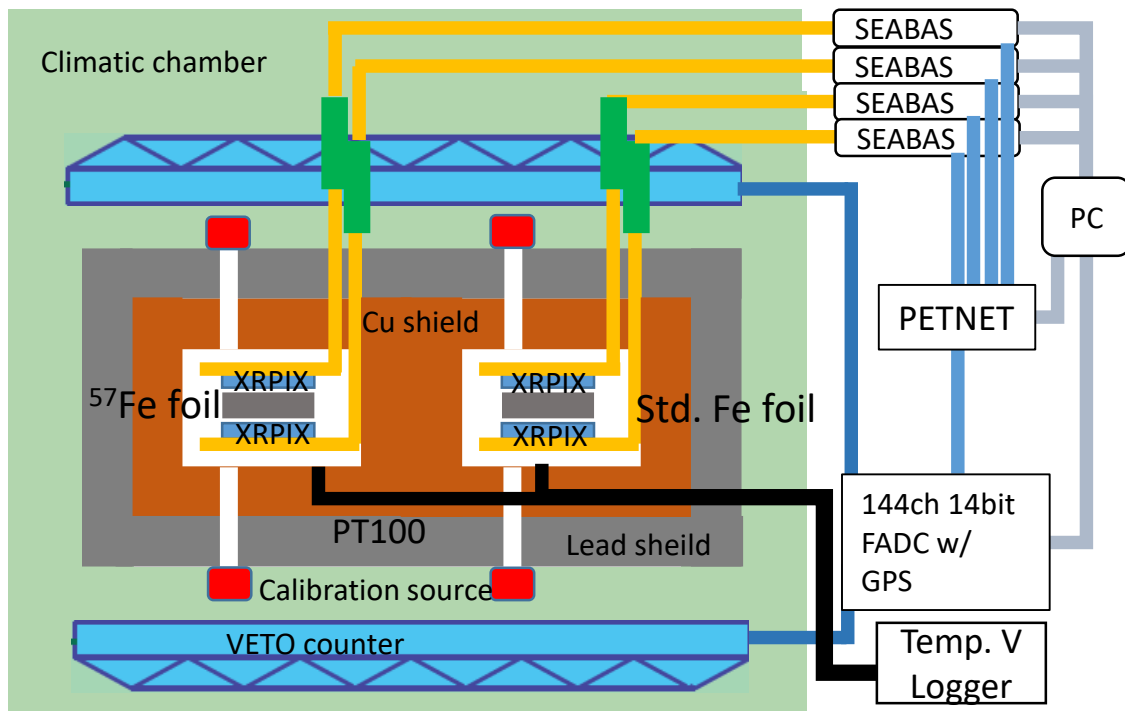
Current latest chip is XRPIX10.  
XRPIX7 (double SOI) is adapted for ISAI experiment.



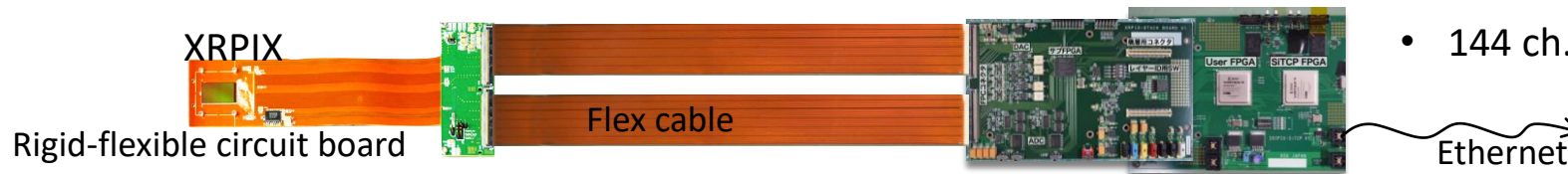


# ISAI detector configuration and the status

- Enriched  $^{57}\text{Fe}$  foil sandwiched by two XRPIX7 sensors -> Signal module
- Standard Fe foil sandwiched by two XRPIX7 sensors -> BG module
- In climatic chamber, the detectors shielded by t5mm OFC and t50mm lead.



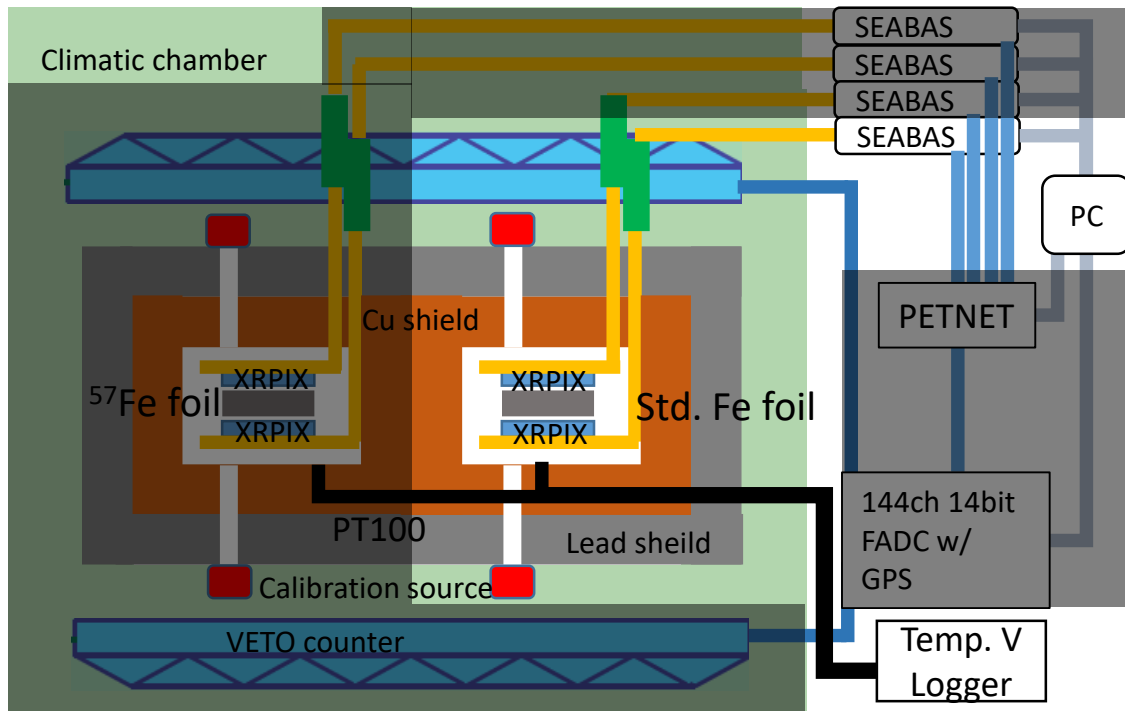
- Readout by SEABAS IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. 55(3) 1631 (2008).
- Temperature monitors
  - Climatic chamber
  - PT100 logger inside shield
- Calibration source through pin-hole
  - Collimated irradiation on the part of XRPIX
  - Gain monitoring while observing.
- Position sensitive plastic scintillator VETO counter
  - Staggered triangular scinti. bars with SiPM.
- Time stamp IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. , 68(8), 1801(2021)
  - PETNET originally developed for PET application
  - 144 ch. Input with 62.5psec resolution



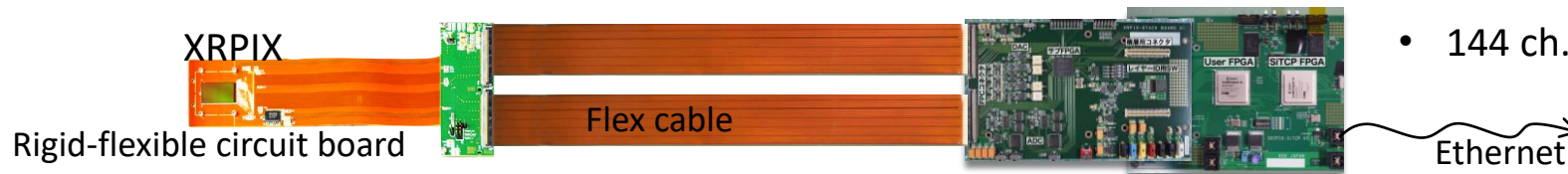


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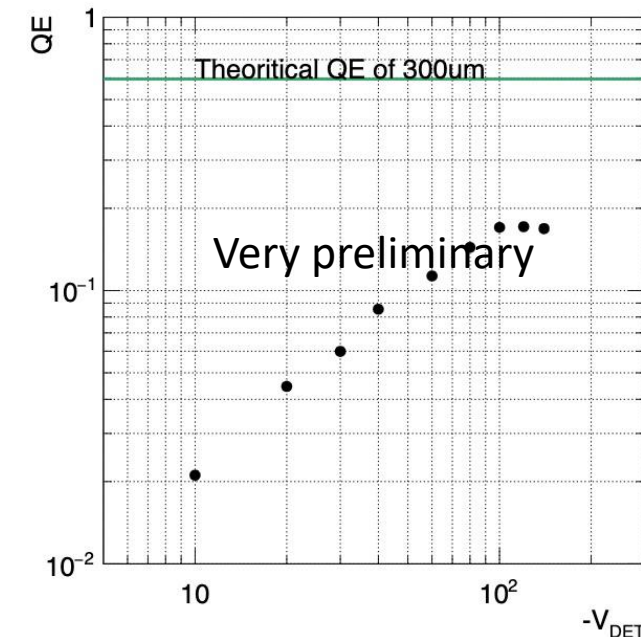






# Detection efficiency

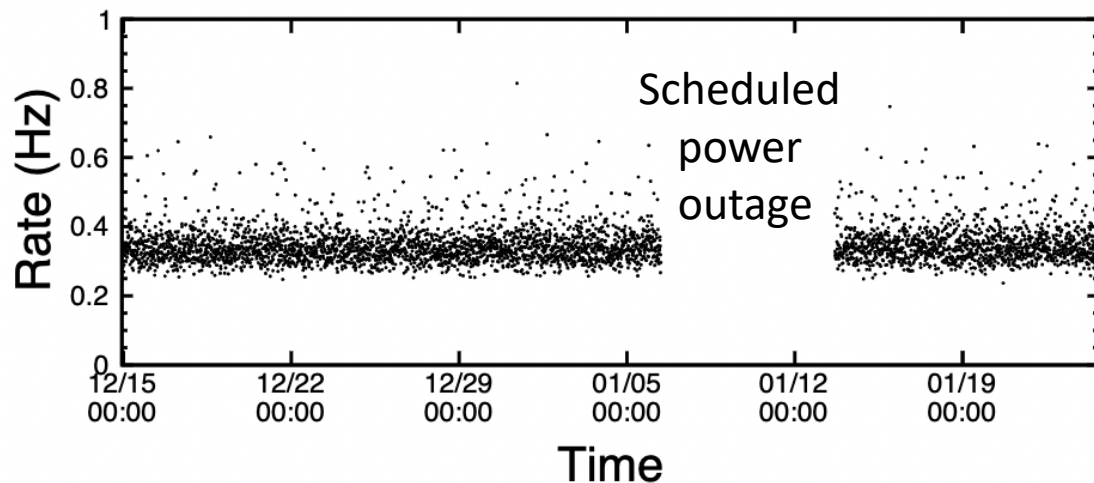
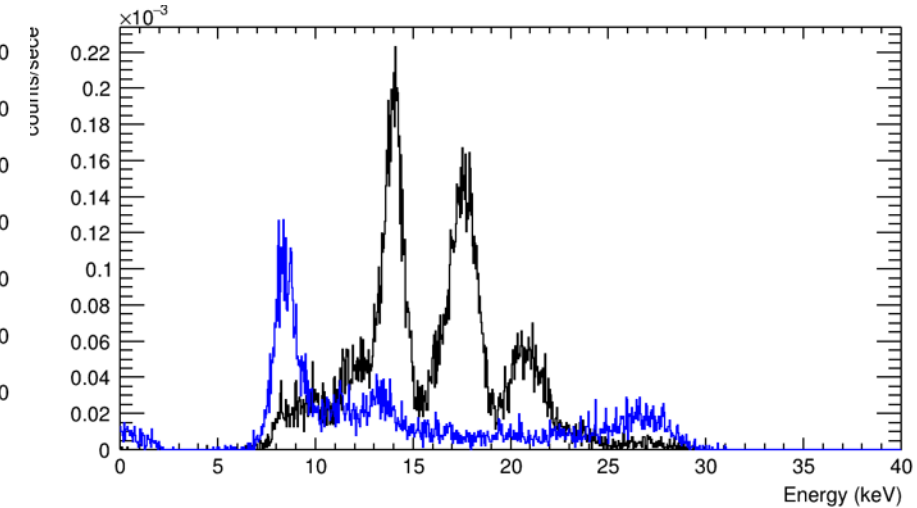
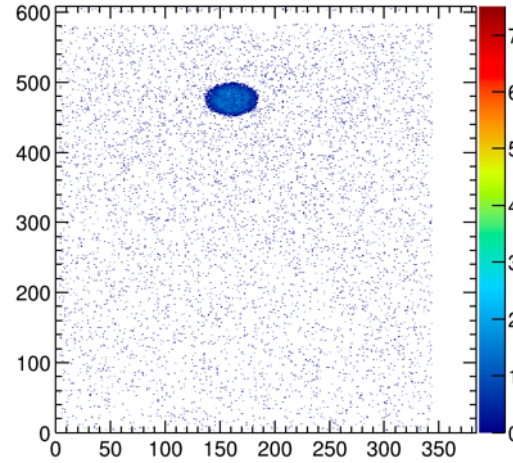
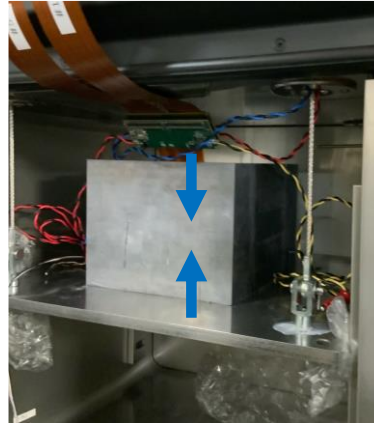
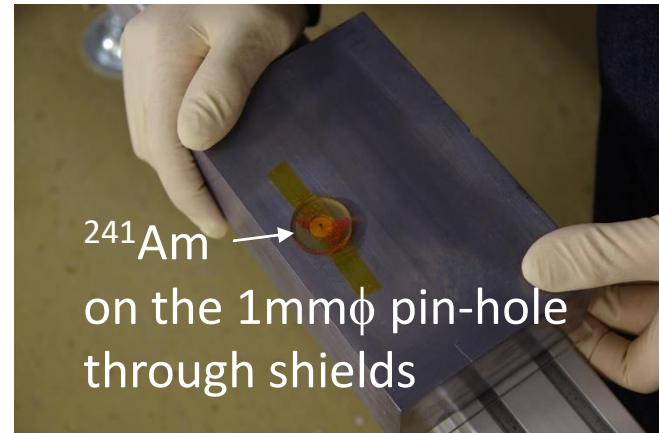
- XRPIX7 has an issue in higher sensor bias under a low temperature.
  - Several chips were broken. Still the reason is not understood.
  - Should operate moderate  $V_{\text{bias}} \sim -10\text{V}$  and temperature  $0^\circ\text{C}$ .
- Collimated  $^{241}\text{Am}$  13.9keV source flux measured by SDD using the efficiency in spec sheet.
  - XRPIX7 detection efficiency rough estimation  $\sim 2\%$  at  $V_{\text{bias}} = -10\text{V}$ .



Need more study !



# Calibration source through pin-hole.



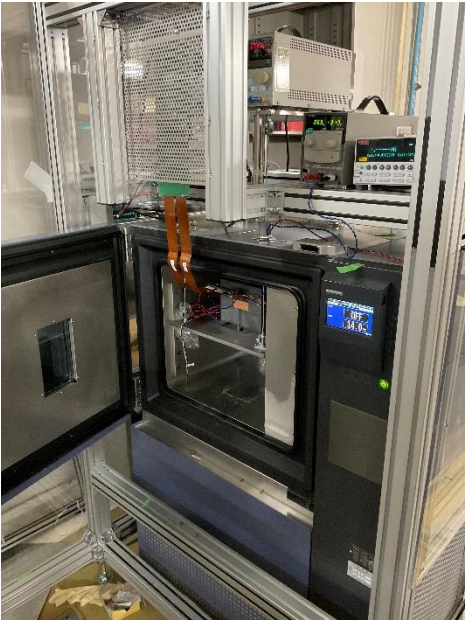
BG enhanced run for demonstration of pin-hole calibration.

- Stable operation for 42 days(15 days livetime).
- Gain monitoring area under the pin-hole.
- Observing area except for the are under pin-hole.
- No veto.
- 2.8keV(FWHM)@13.9keV

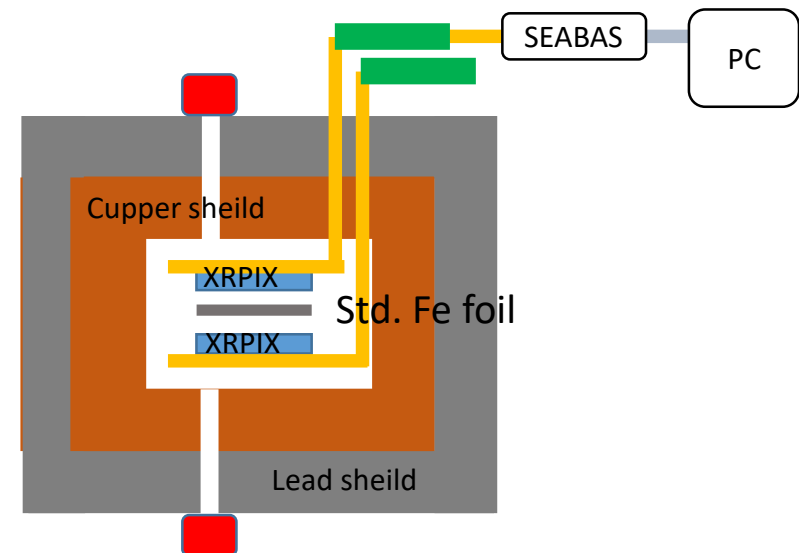
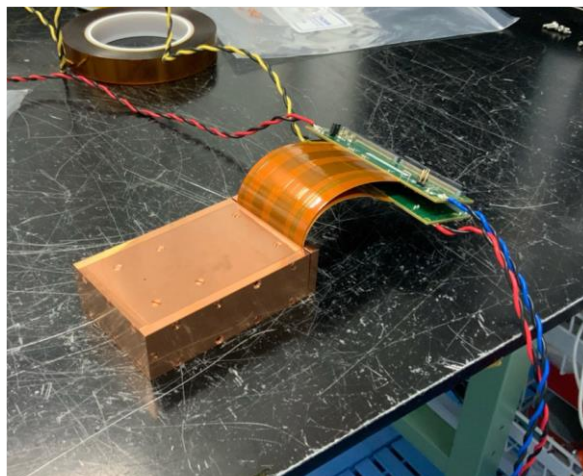
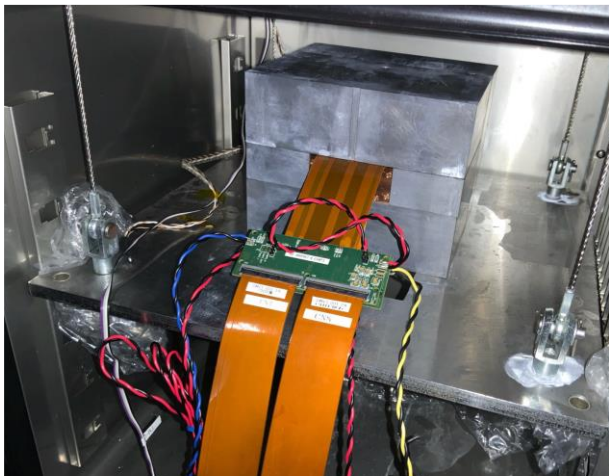
Pin-hole calibration seems working !



# ISAI BG module assembly and the BG run

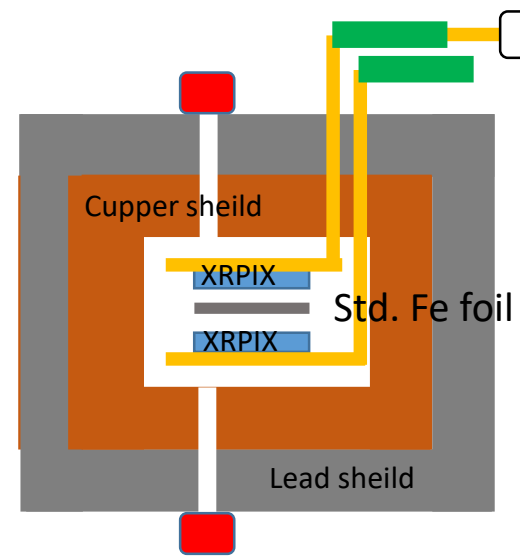


BG module was assembled and shielded.  
First BG run conducted 2023/07/13-2023/08/10.  
But only one of two XRPIX7 chips was readout.



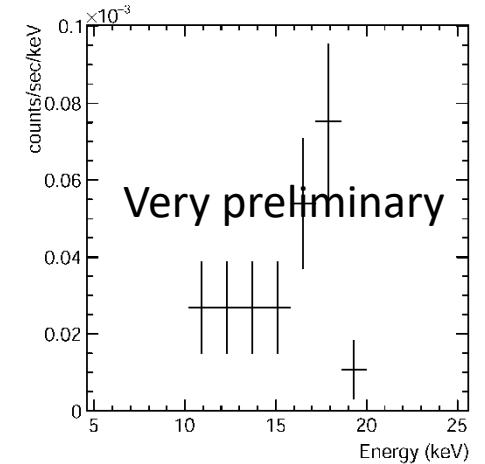


# First BG run using ISAI BG detector and the sensitivity.



- BG module without veto.
- 2023/07/13-2023/08/10
- Livetime 10.07days

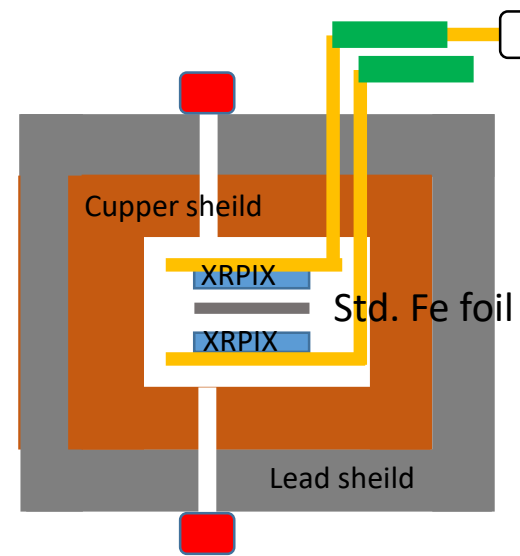
$\sim 4.3$  counts/day/2.8keV@14.4keV obtained





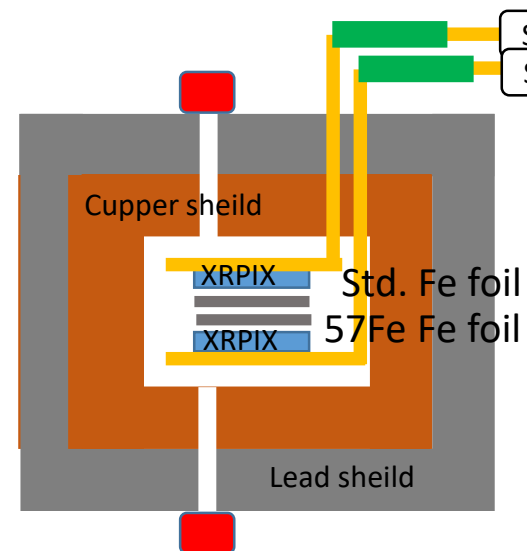
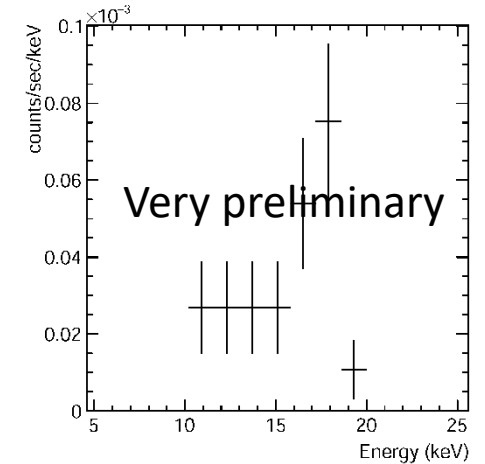


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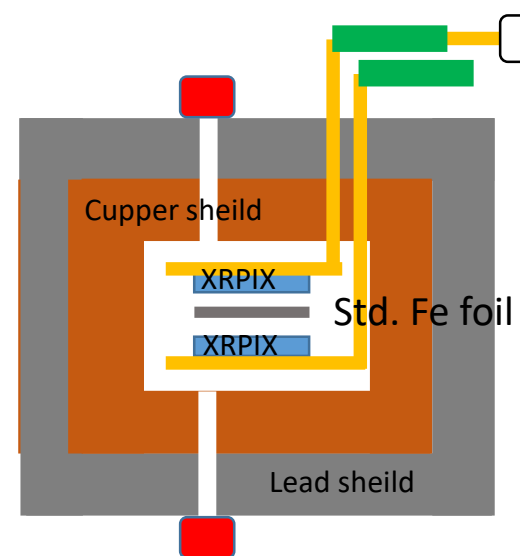
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- Assume 2% detection eff.

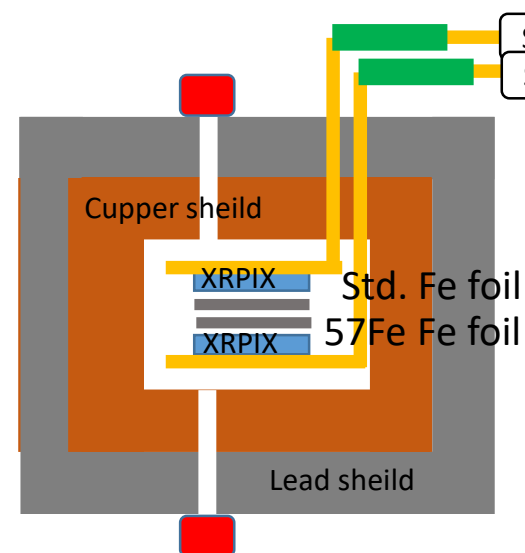
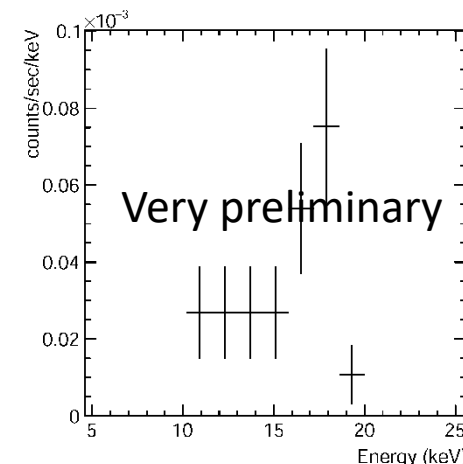


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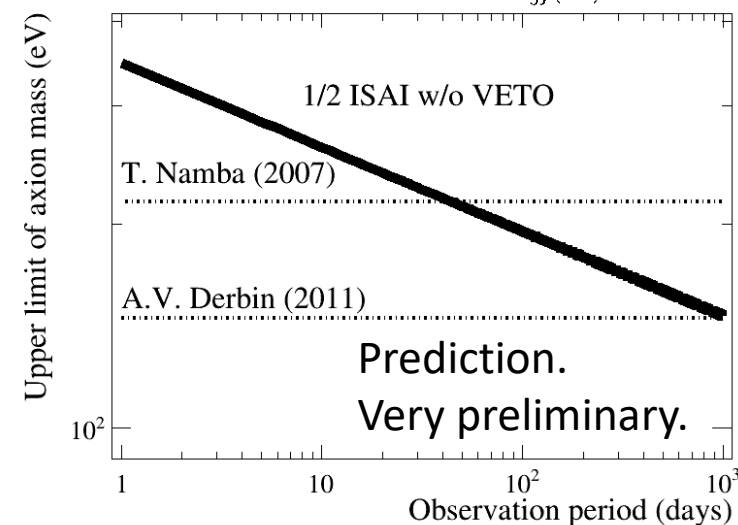
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Predicted upper limit @95% C.L. obtained →

- 1/2 ISAI detector to full detector
- BG reduction by timing-veto
- Recovery of the detection efficiency



are essential to precede the current limit.



# Prospect

- Learning ISAI detector
  - BG reduction achieved by rigid-flex
  - Veto and recovery of detection efficiency is crucial for the sensitivity
  - Veto commissioning starts soon.
  - 1/2 ISAI to full ISAI => improve twice efficiency.
  - First physics run soon after the veto commissioning.
- The latest XRPIX10 solves the back bias issue
  - It can apply bias -70V(i.e. -10V for XRPIX7)  
though the detection eff. not measured yet
  - Switching XRPIX7 to XRPIX10 somewhere after the intensive study using XRPIX7.

# Summary

- ISAI is dedicated measurement of  $g_{aN}$  using the solar axion.
- The module, stacking std. Fe foil sandwiched by two XRPIXs, was assembled and conducted BG run without veto.
- XRPIX7 issue compels operation in moderate Vbias and temperature.
  - the latest XRPIX10 seems the issue solved.
- BG run w/ corresponding 1/2 ISAI detector without veto conducted.
  - found necessity {
    - Full scale experiment
    - Significant BG reduction by veto
    - Recovery of detection efficiency
- Veto commissioning will start soon.

Thank you !

# Backup

# マスコットキャラ (ISAIさん)

ISAI

太陽をイメージした髪型

太陽中心でできたFe-57  
とアクションの髪飾り

鉛ブロックの本

三角シンチレーターの腕

XRPIXのベスト

XRPIXで挟んだFe-57と  
アクションのアクセサリー

フレキシブル基板のスカート

リジッド基板の裾

三角シンチレーターの脚

