

Detecting neutrinos from supernova bursts in PandaX-4T

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1. Introduction

First/only observation of supernova (SN) neutrinos from 1987A.



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Core-collapse SN explosion:

- Approximately three times per century in Milky Way
- Last for ~10 s
- Total energy ~10⁵³ erg

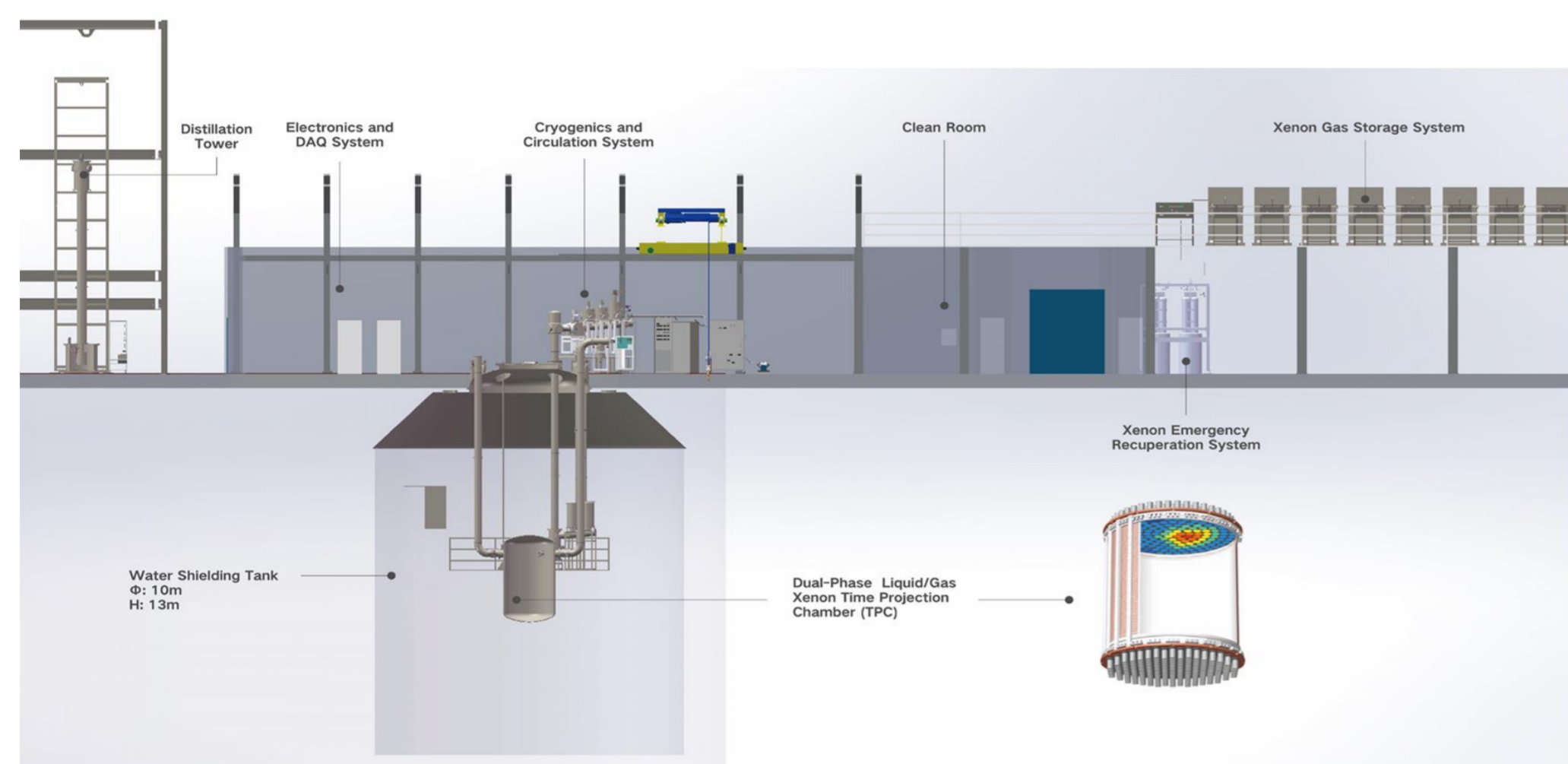
Start of neutrino astronomy!

- Neutrinos arrive on earth much earlier than electromagnetic radiation.
- Supernova early warning can be provided for the astronomical community.

2. PandaX-4T experiment

Dual-phase xenon time projection chamber (TPC) technique to detect dark matter and neutrino.

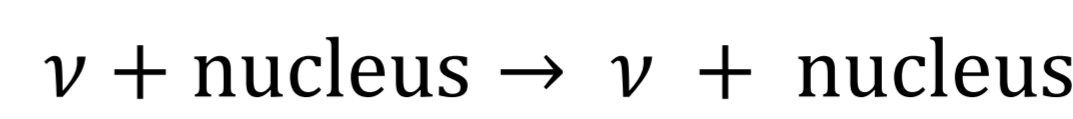
Locate in Jinping Underground laboratory in China with 2400m overburden.



- Sensitive volume: 3.7 tonne liquid xenon
- 3-inch PMTs: 169 top / 199 bottom
- Good discrimination of electron recoil/nuclear recoil
- 3D position reconstruction

3. Detection of SN neutrinos at PandaX-4T

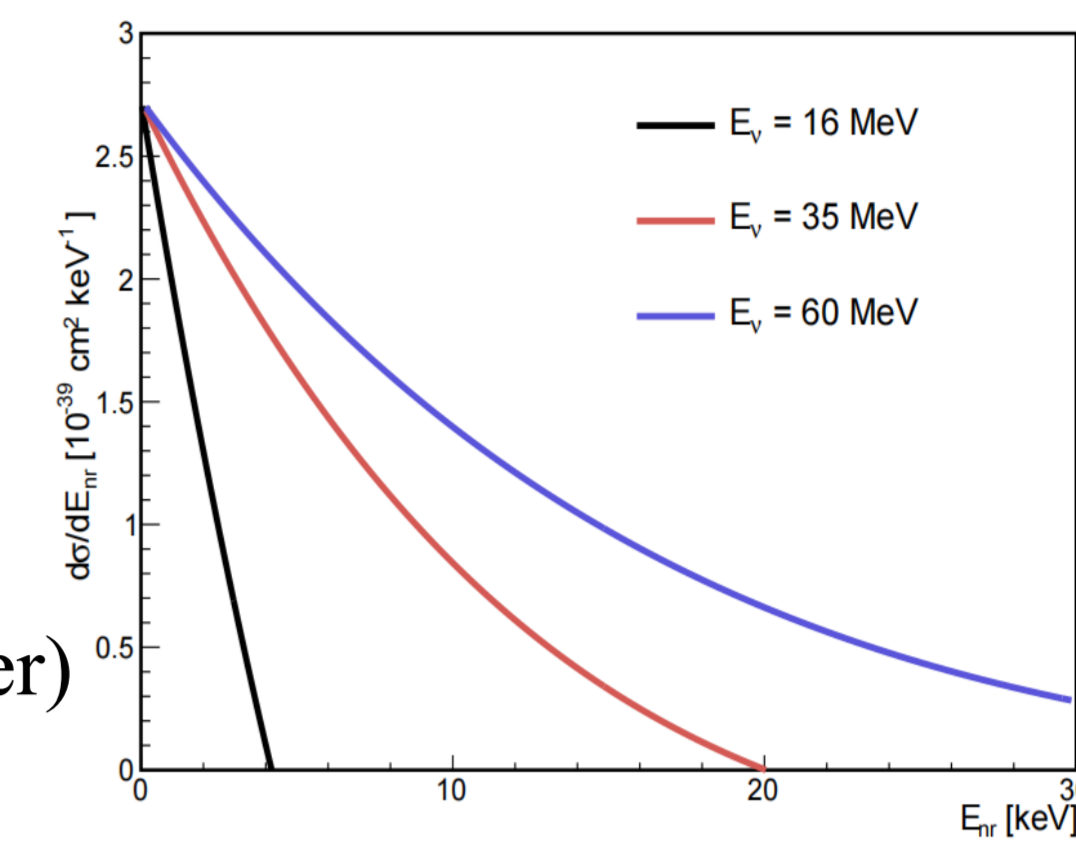
- **Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering (CEvNS):**



The differential cross section of the CEvNS :

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_{NR}}(E_\nu, E_{NR}) = \frac{G_F^2 m_A Q_W^2}{4\pi} \left(1 - \frac{m_A E_{NR}}{2E_\nu^2}\right) \times F^2(q) \Theta(E_{max} - E_{NR})$$

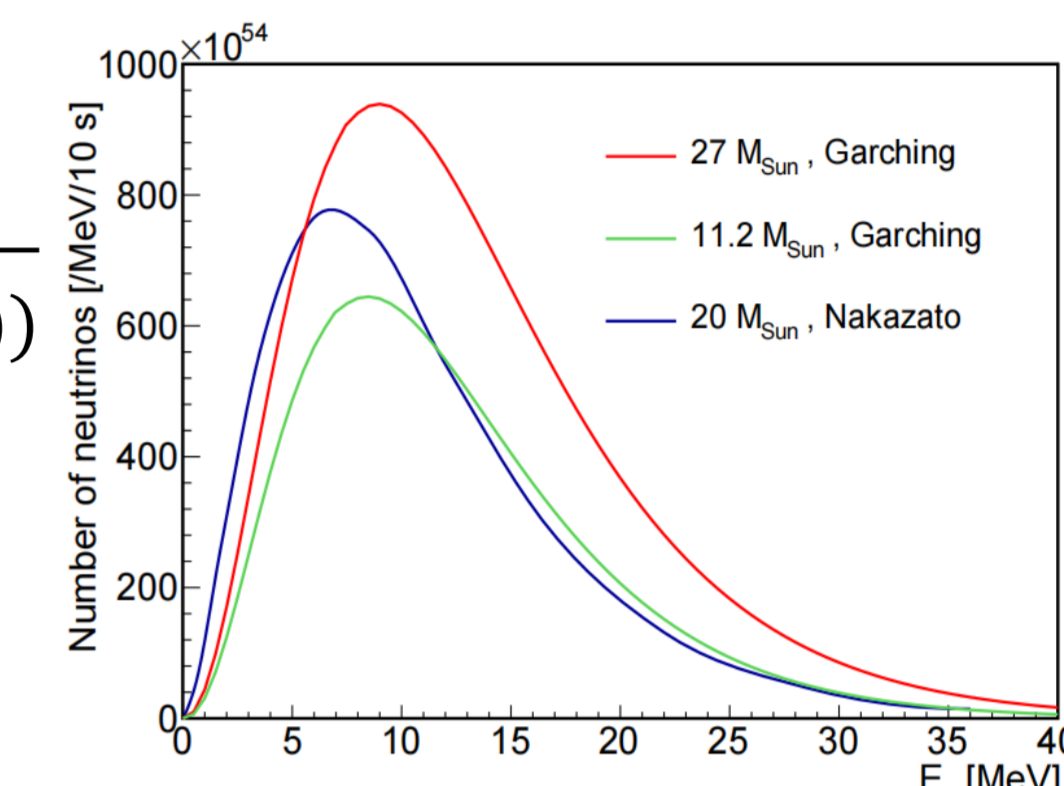
- Sensitive to all neutrino flavors
- $\propto N^2$ (N represents the neutron number)



- **Energy spectrum of SN neutrinos**

For Garching model, it can be characterized using Keil-Raffelt-Janka (KRJ) parametrization:

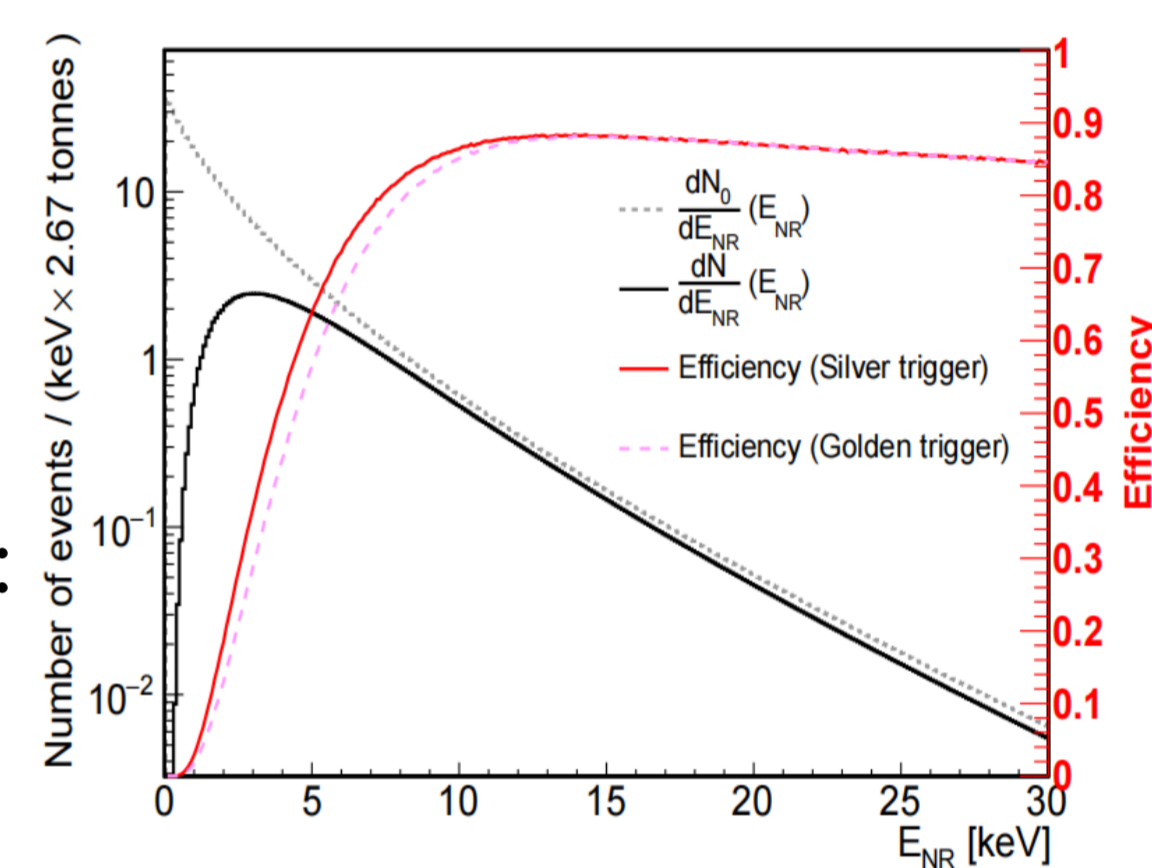
$$\frac{dF(E_\nu, t_{pb})}{dE_\nu} = \sum_{\nu=1}^6 L_\nu(t_{pb}) \frac{(1 + \gamma(t_{pb}))^{1+\gamma(t_{pb})}}{\langle E_\nu(t_{pb}) \rangle^2 \Gamma(1 + \gamma(t_{pb}))} \times \left(\frac{E_\nu}{\langle E_\nu(t_{pb}) \rangle}\right)^{\gamma(t_{pb})} \exp\left[-\frac{(\gamma + 1)E_\nu}{\langle E_\nu(t_{pb}) \rangle}\right]$$



- **Signal spectrum in liquid xenon detector**

The differential event rate :

$$\frac{dN_0}{dE_{NR}}(E_{NR}) = \frac{m_{det} N_A}{M_A (4\pi D^2)} \int_{E_{min}}^{\infty} \frac{d\sigma}{dE_{NR}}(E_\nu, E_{NR}) \times f(E_\nu) dE_\nu$$



Considering the detection efficiency:

$$\frac{dN}{dE_{NR}}(E_{NR}) = \epsilon(E_{NR}) \times \frac{dN_0}{dE_{NR}}(E_{NR})$$

The red and pink lines indicate efficiency.

Golden trigger : False alert rate is once a month.

Silver trigger : False alert rate is once a week.

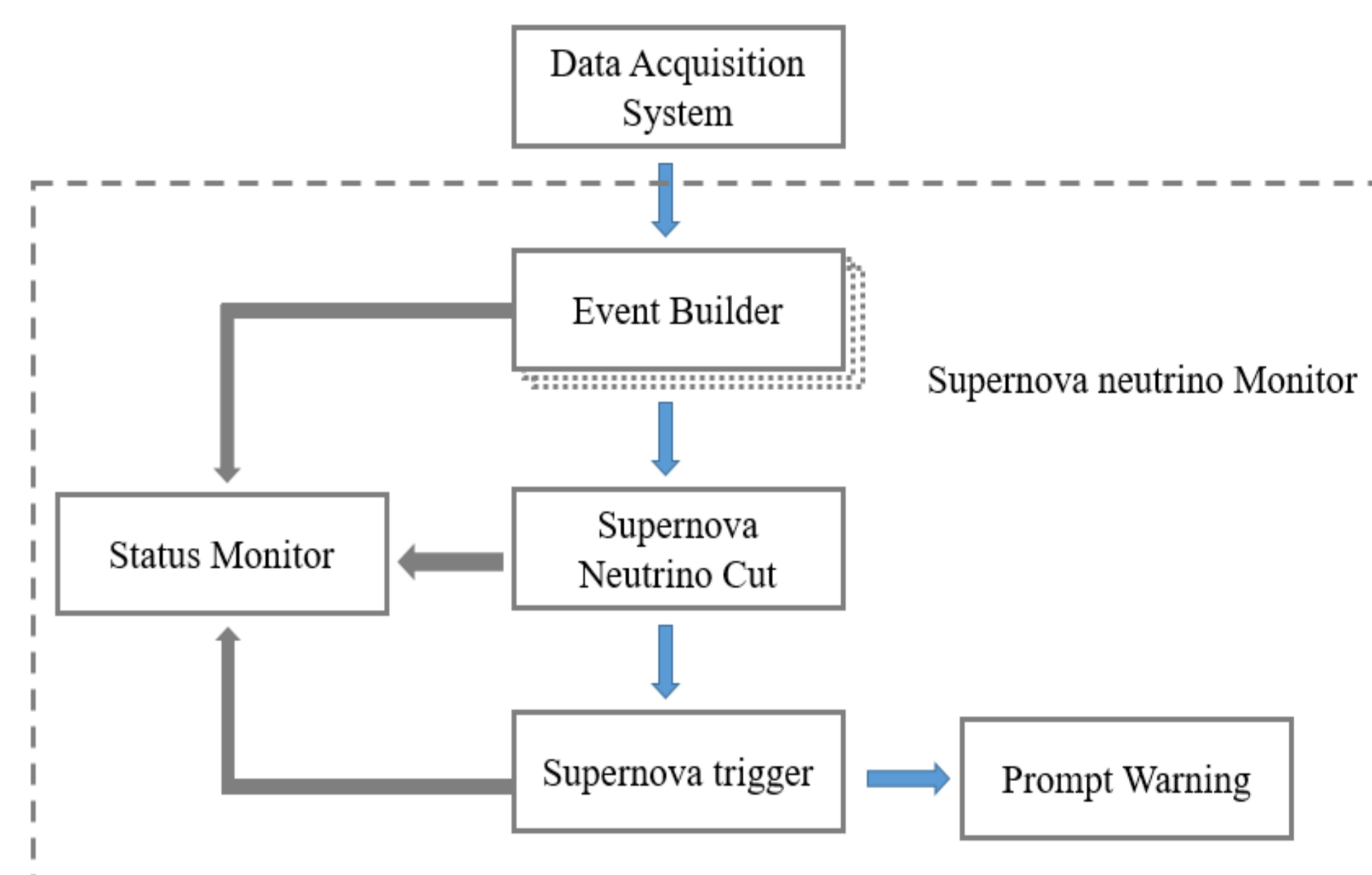
4. SN off-line trigger system of PandaX-4T

Level 1: Preliminary filter to build event.

Level 2: Apply data quality selection to reduce background.

Level 3: The trigger algorithm to search alarm signal.

The entire process takes **several minutes** for each individual file on average.



5. Estimation of false alert rate & trigger efficiency

- Trigger probability:

$$p(N_{thr}; T_{SN}; r) = 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{N_{thr}-1} \frac{1}{n!} e^{-rT_{SN}} (rT_{SN})^n$$

- The false alert rate per week:

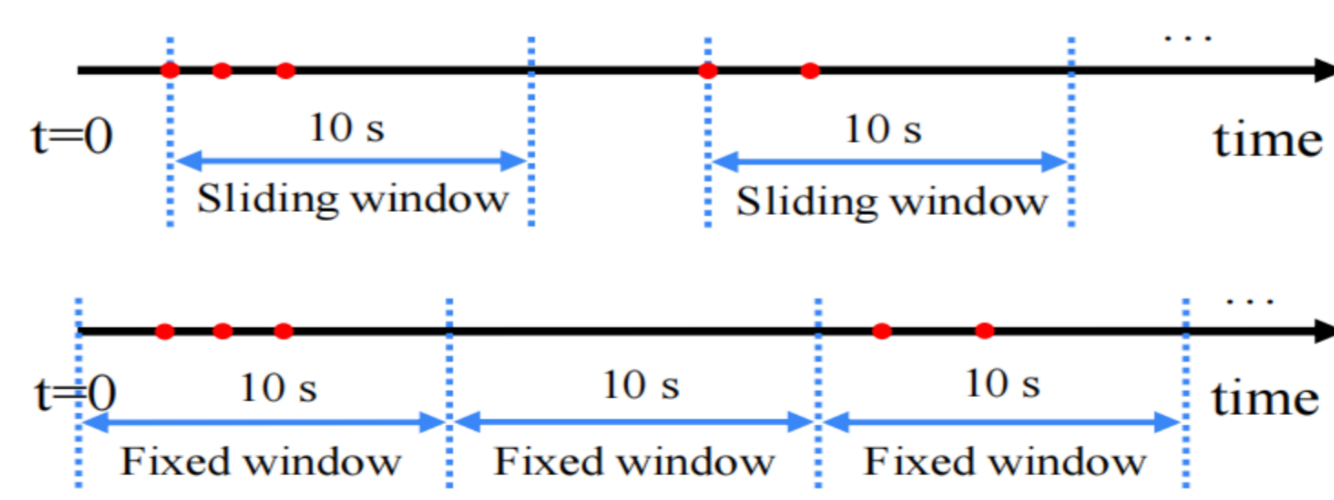
$$R_{false} = \frac{3600 \cdot 24 \cdot 7}{T_{SN}} p(N_{thr}; T_{SN}; r_{bg})$$

The background is nearly negligible.

- The signal trigger efficiency:

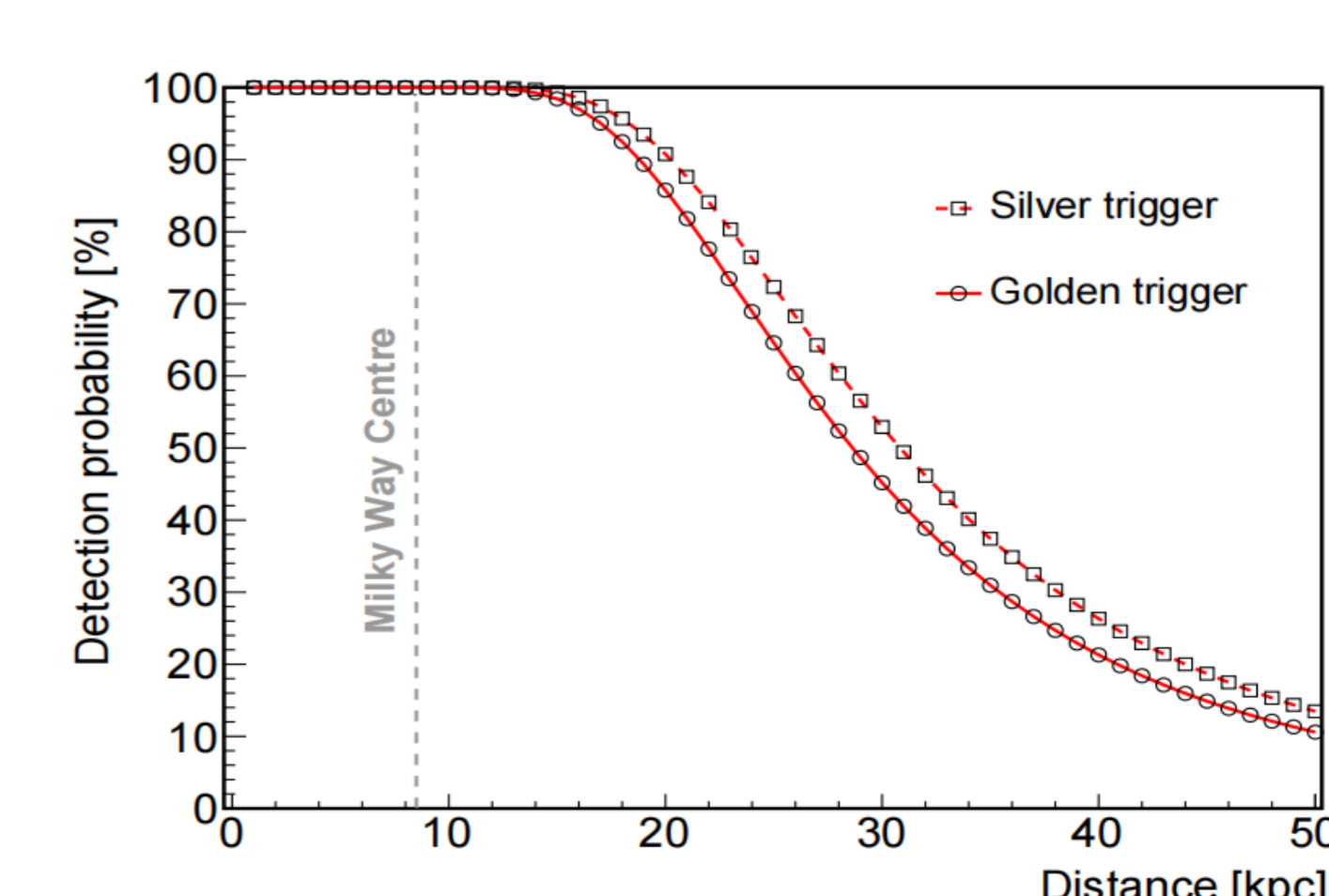
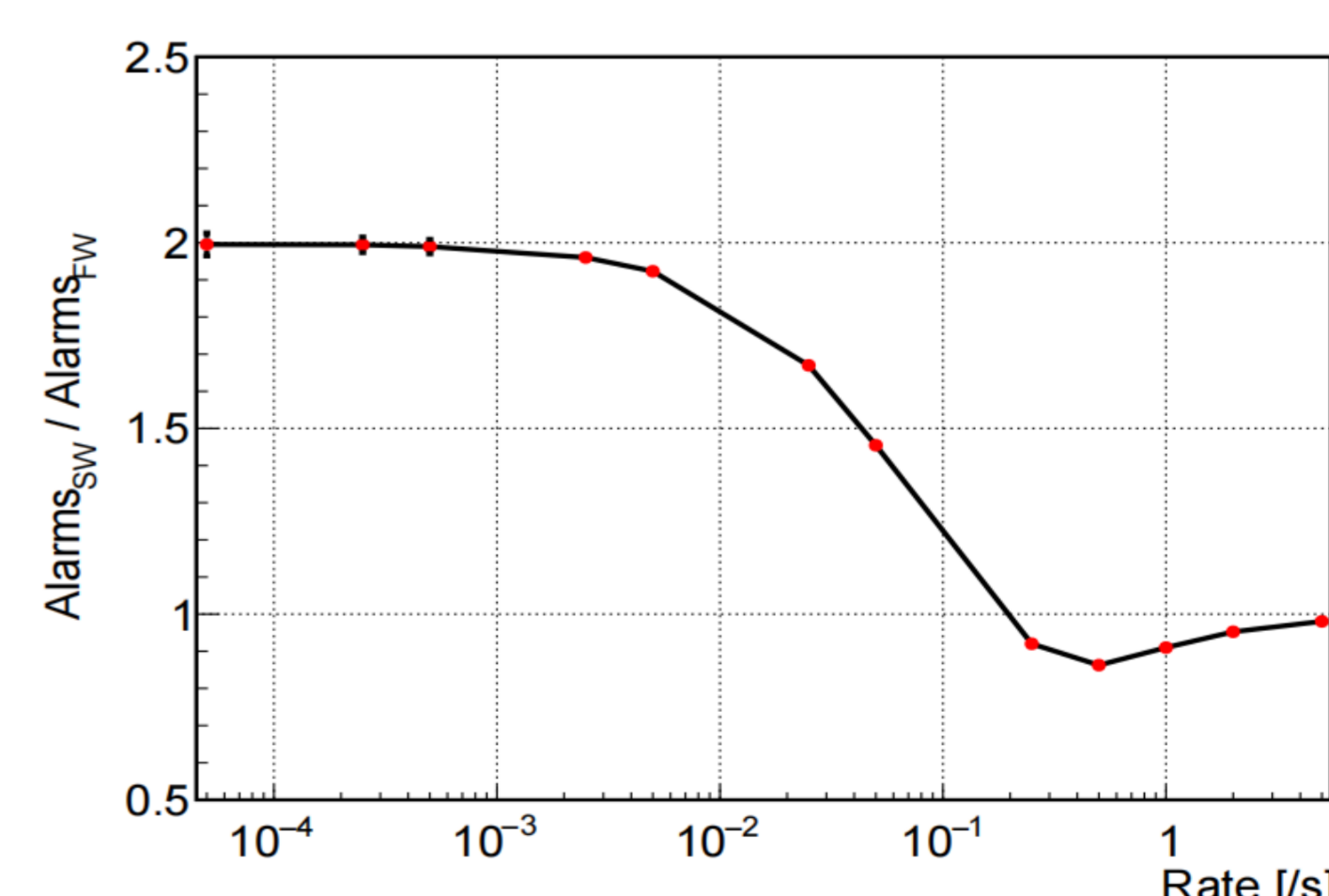
$$\epsilon = p(N_{thr}; T_{SN}; r_{SN})$$

- ~100% probability @ 10 kpc
- 678.2 per century on the rate of core-collapse SN explosion in our galaxy out to 10 kpc



Data type	Rate [/s]	Calendar time	Observed	Expected
DD	3.61×10 ⁻³	3.58 days	40	38
AmBe	3.12×10 ⁻³	5.7 days	49	46
Physical	3.6×10 ⁻⁴	86.1 days	8	9.8

SN model	Golden alarm		Silver alarm	
	D=10 kpc	168 pc	10 kpc	168 pc
20 M _⊙ Nakazato	7.2	2.6×10 ⁴	8.3	2.9×10 ⁴
11.2 M _⊙ Garching	6.6	2.3×10 ⁴	7.7	2.7×10 ⁴
27 M _⊙ Garching	13.7	4.9×10 ⁴	15.9	5.7×10 ⁴



6. Future prospects

- The relevant electronics is being designed.
- Pandax-4T will apply to join SuperNova Early Warning System (SNEWS).
- PandaX-xT (~40-tonne liquid xenon) has been proposed.

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