

Directional dark matter search with nuclear emulsion

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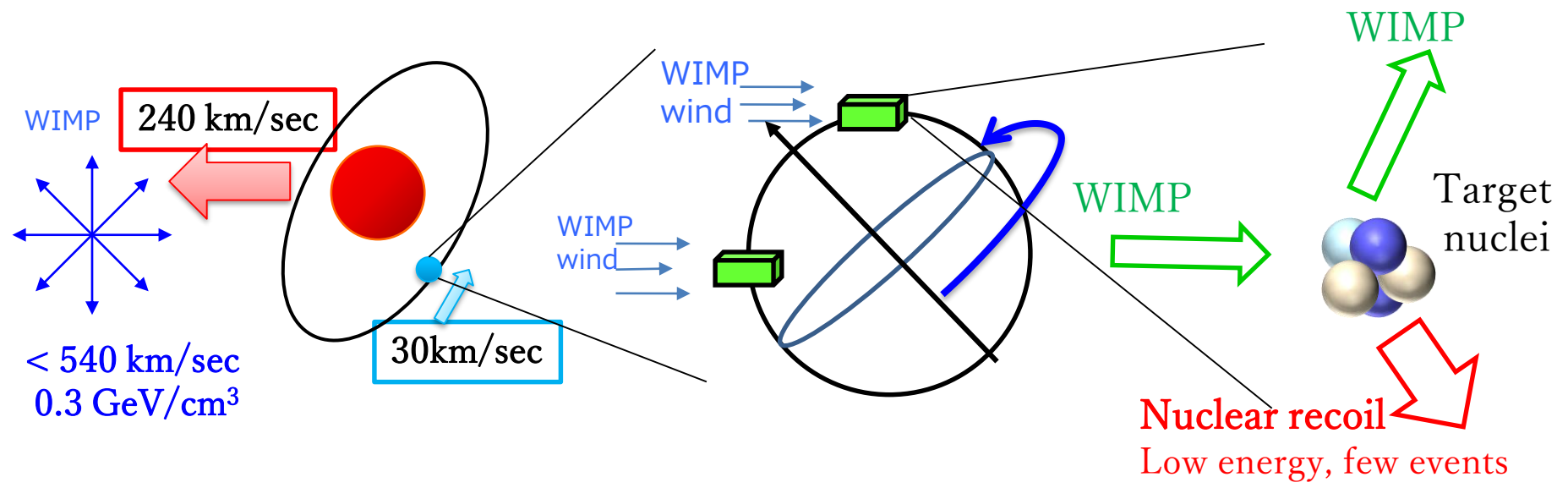
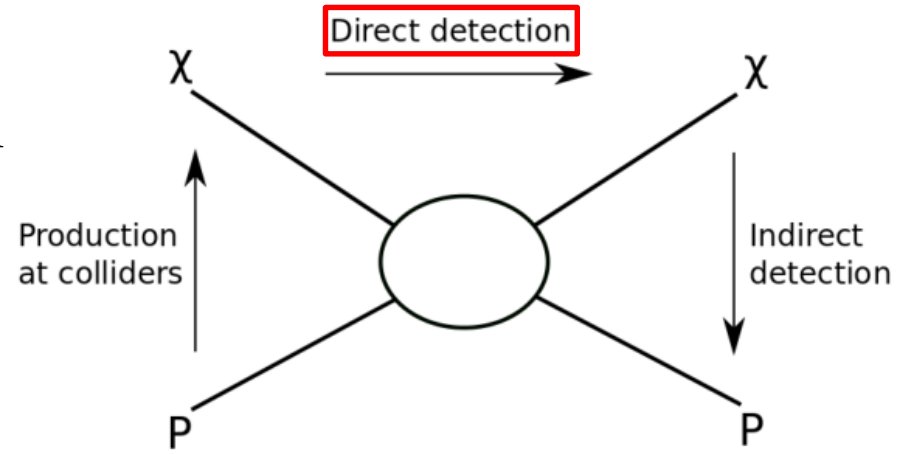
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On behalf of NEWSdm collaboration

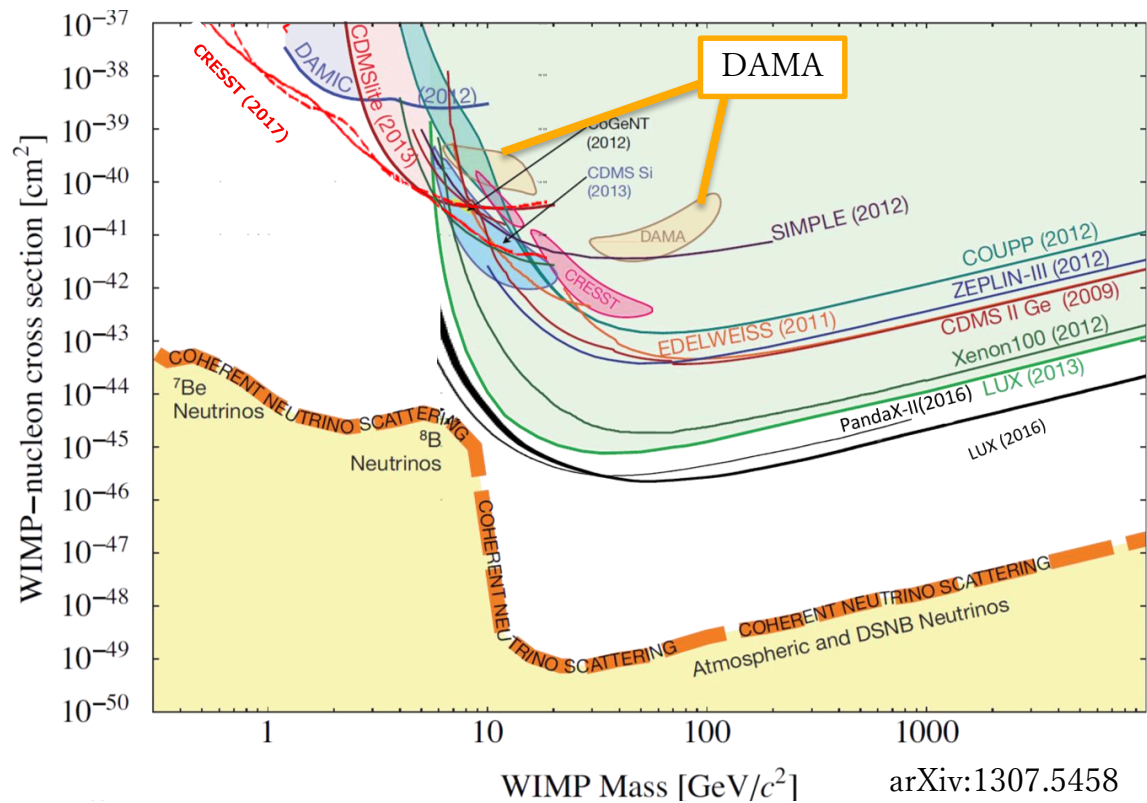
Direct Dark Matter Search

The aim is the detection of nuclear recoil come from WIMP interaction

WIMP wind is good feature to proof the detection and the galactic origin



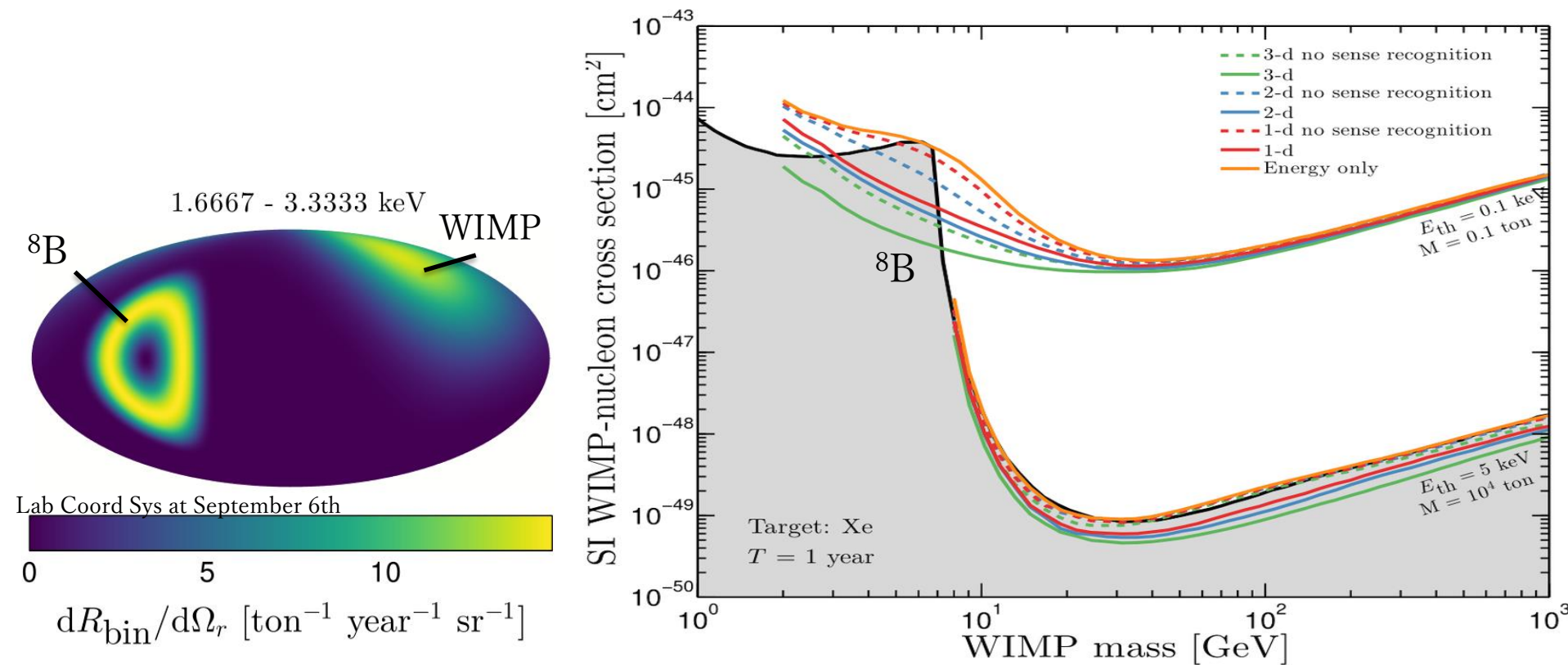
Recent Direct Dark Matter Searches



arXiv:1307.5458
 + IDM2016 reports
 + ICNFP2017

The direct detection is approaching to neutrino floor

The Advantage of Directionality

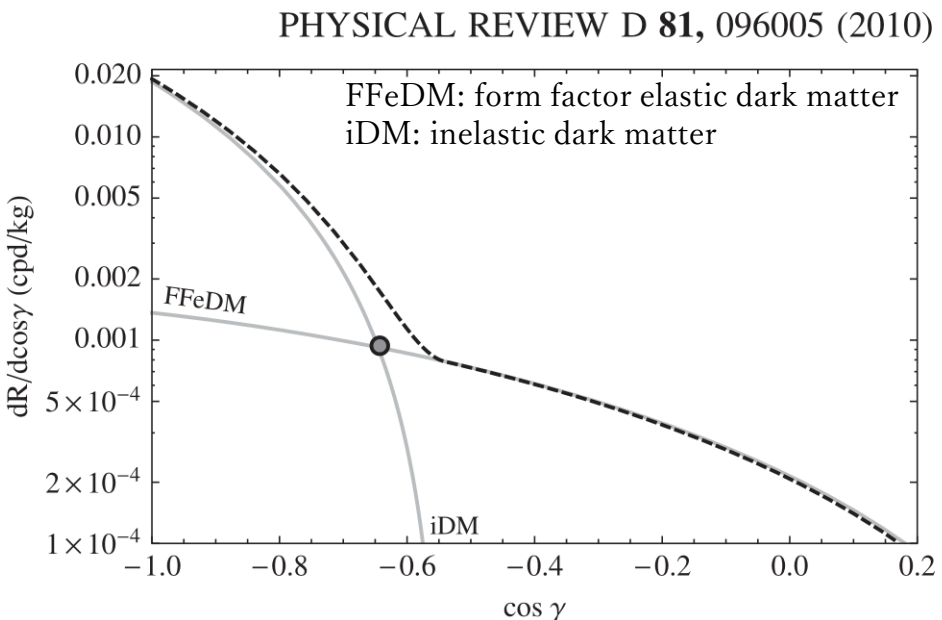


F. Mayet *et al.*, Physics Reports 627 (2016) 1

Directional detection will overcome the neutrino floor

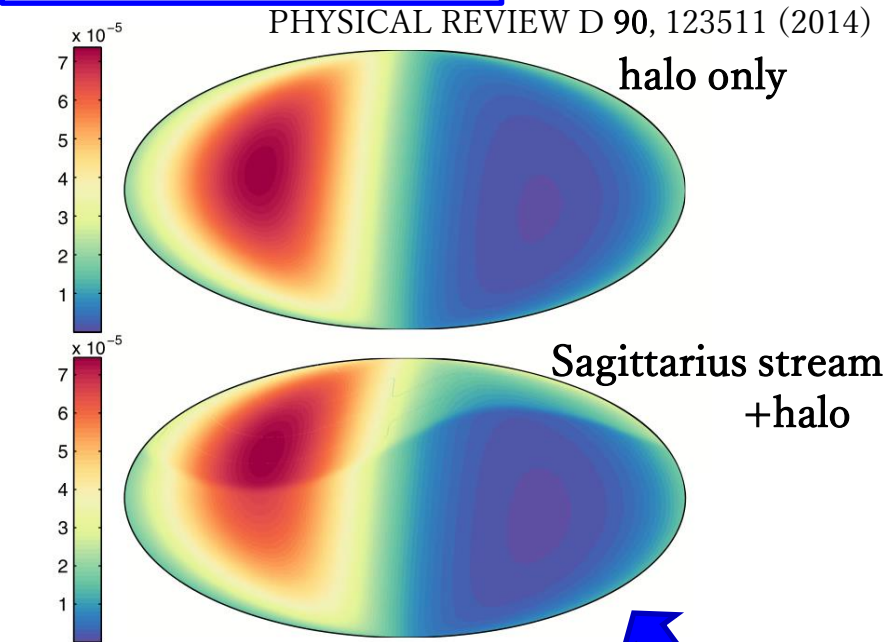
The Advantage of Directionality

inelastic dark matter



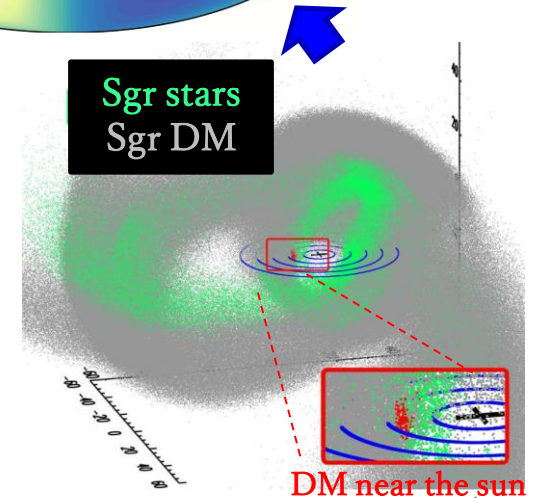
this effect is emphasized with heavier target!

dark matter streams



And other anisotropic DM velocity models...
(cf. Nagao's talk, 22 Aug)

Directionality will contribute for the physics of WIMP



NEWSdm collaboration

Nuclear Emulsions for WIMP Search

+ directional measurement

<http://news-dm.lngs.infn.it>



LoI under review by
the LNGS Scientific Committee

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.04199>

NEWSdm Collaboration
70 physicists, 14 institutes



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INFN e Univ. Bari,
LNGS, INFN e Univ. Napoli,
INFN e Univ. Roma
GSSI Institute



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LPIRAS Moscow, JINR Dubna
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Yandex School of Data Analysis



SOUTH KOREA

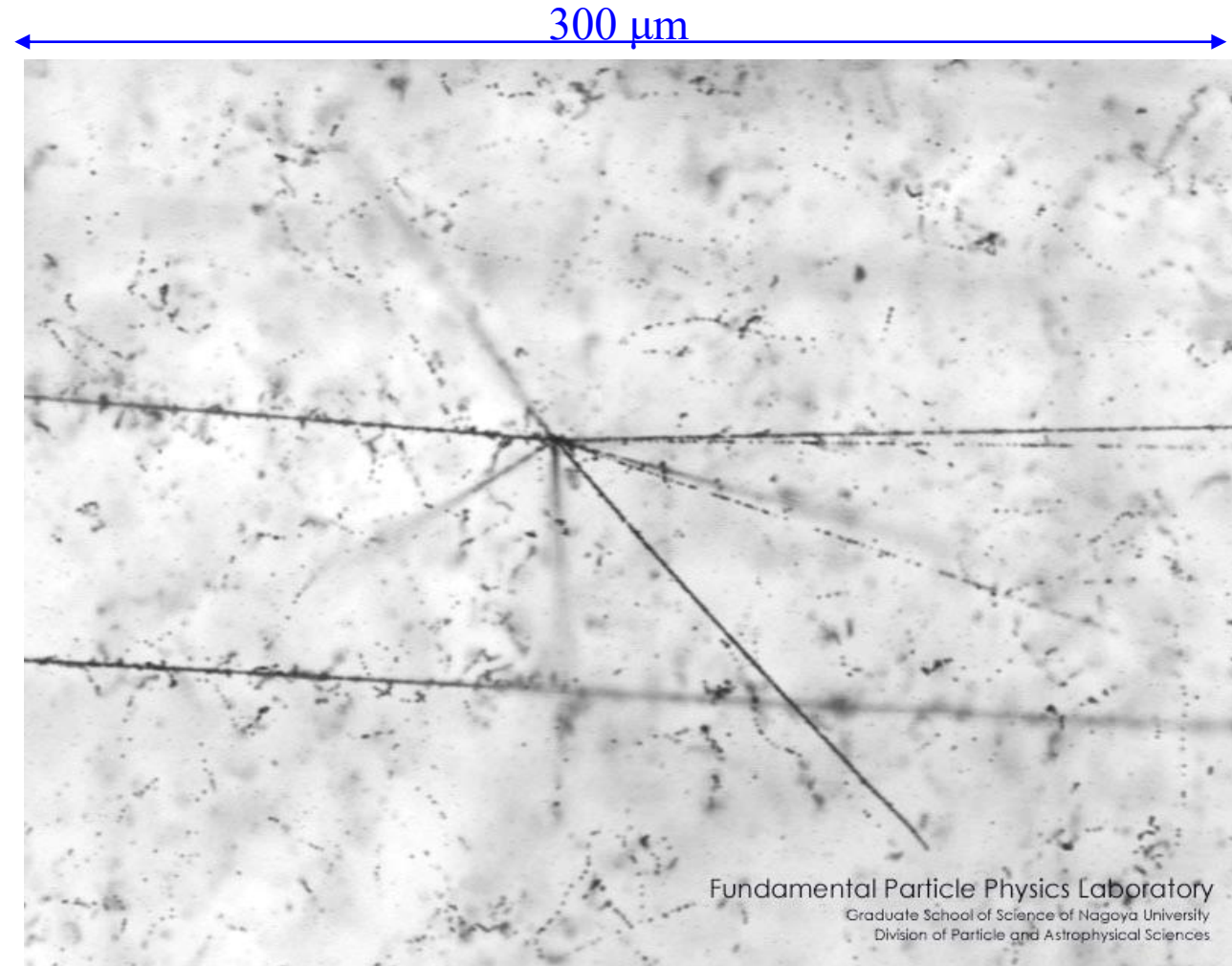
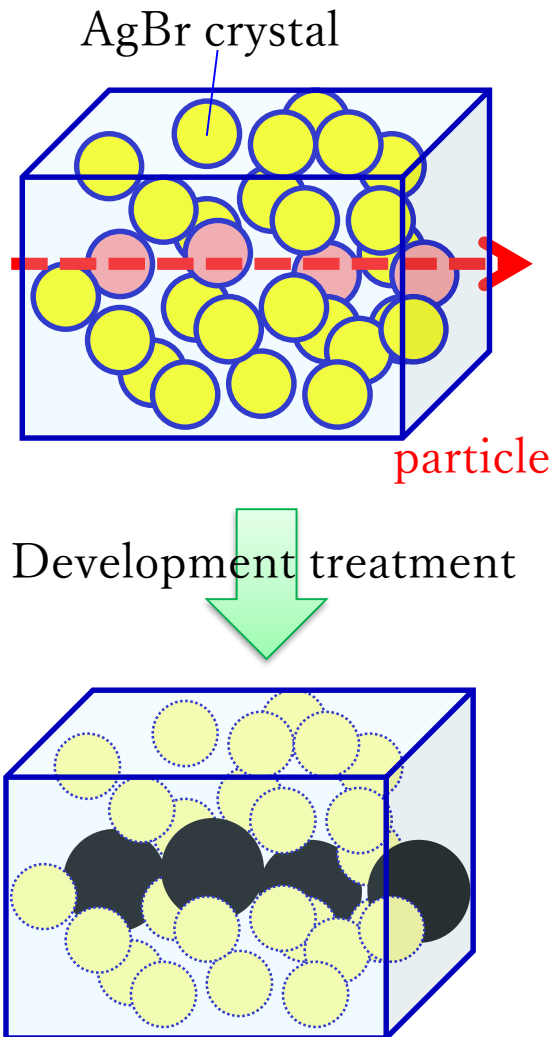
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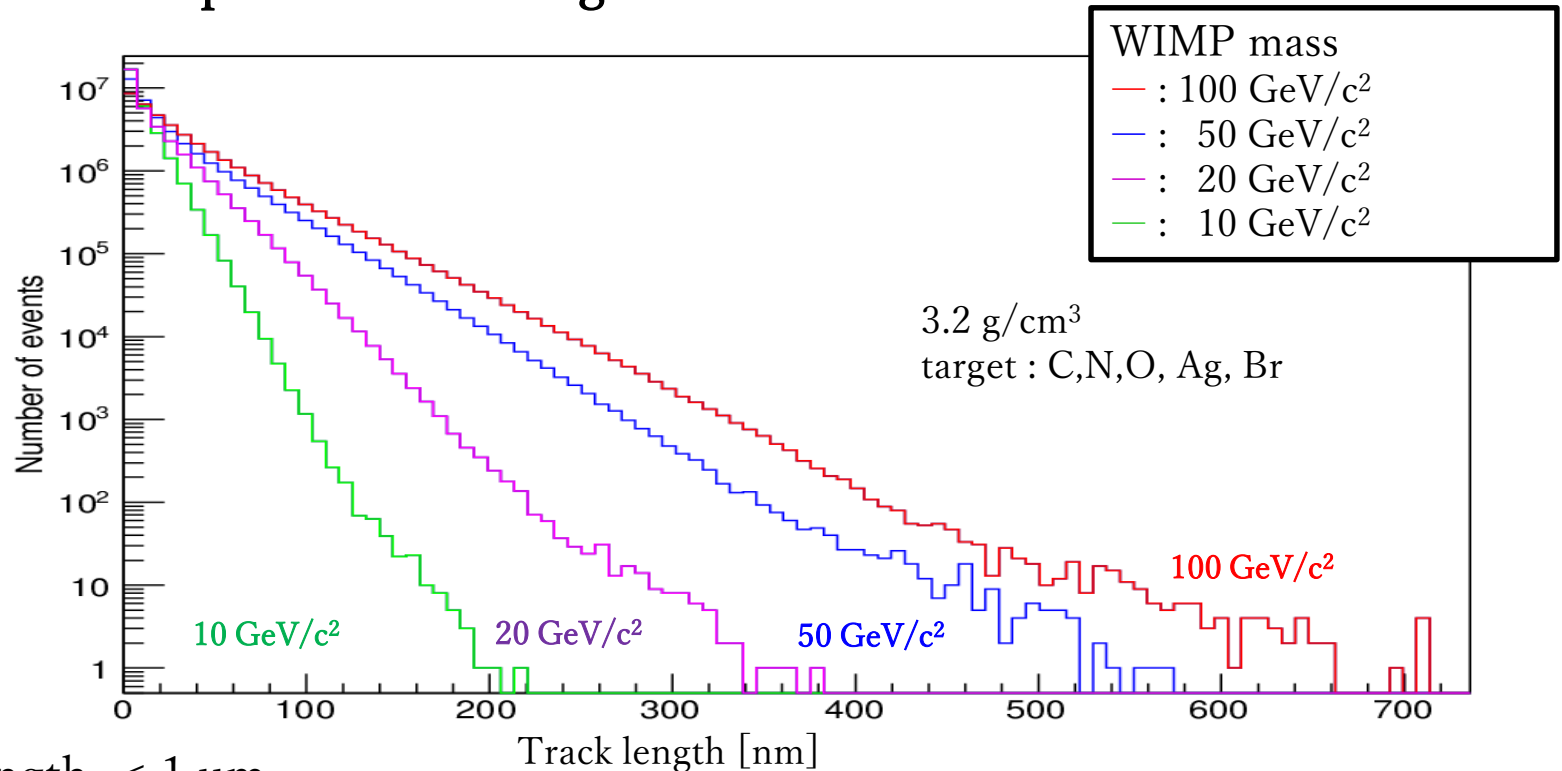
Nuclear Emulsion



3 dimensional tracking with high spatial resolution

The challenge of NEWSdm

expected recoil length in the nuclear emulsion



recoil length < 1 um

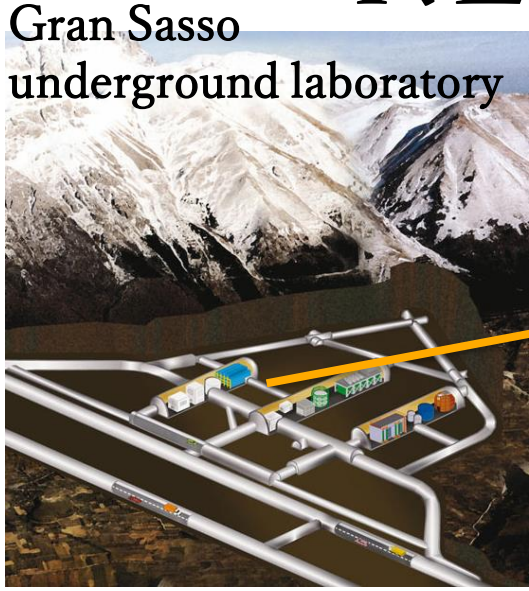
Angular dispersion due to straggling ~ 25 deg

low background

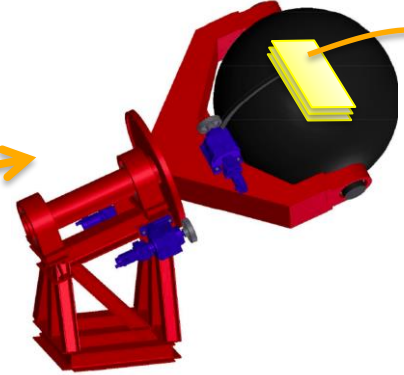
scalability

→ new technologies both detector and analysis

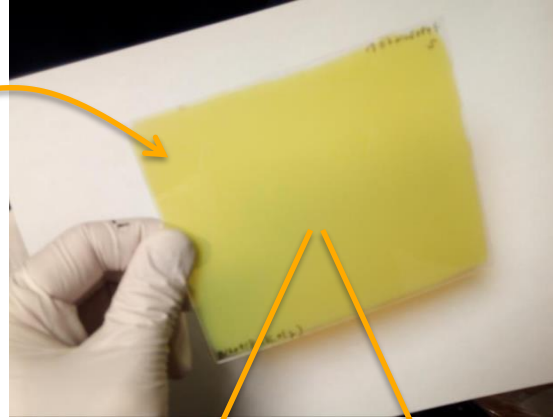
NEWSdm Experiment



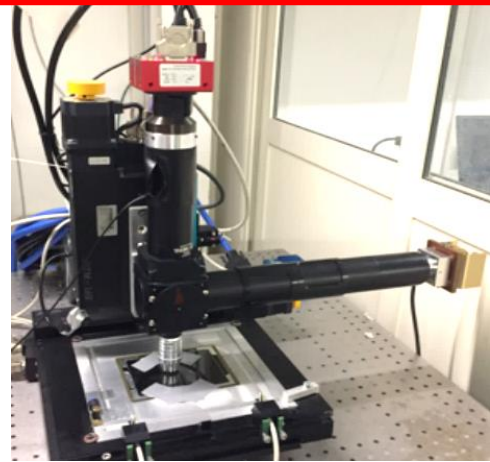
Equatorial Telescope



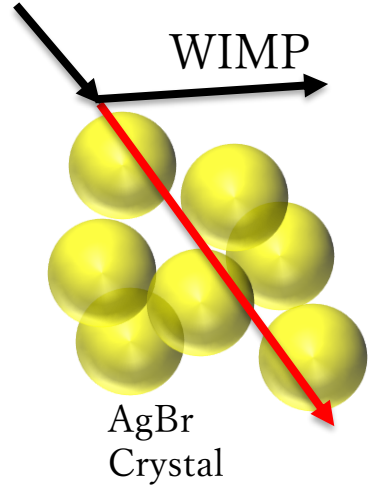
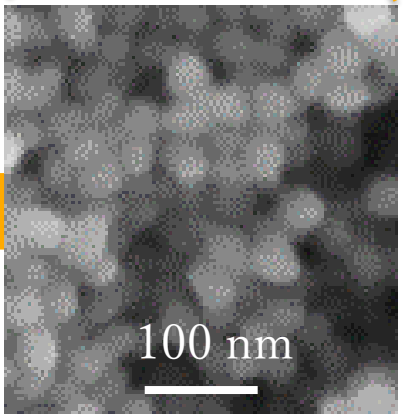
Emulsion film



multiple analysis (high-speed/high-precision)

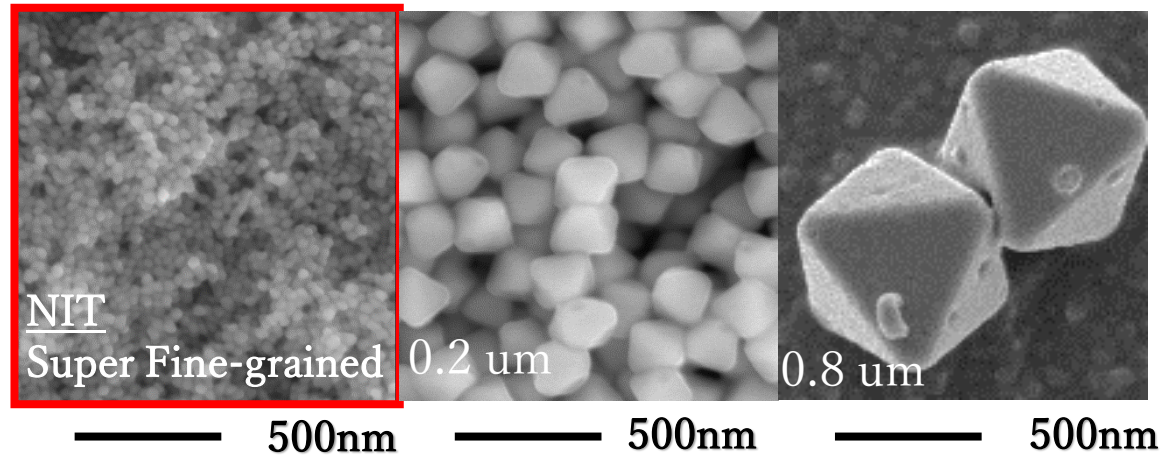
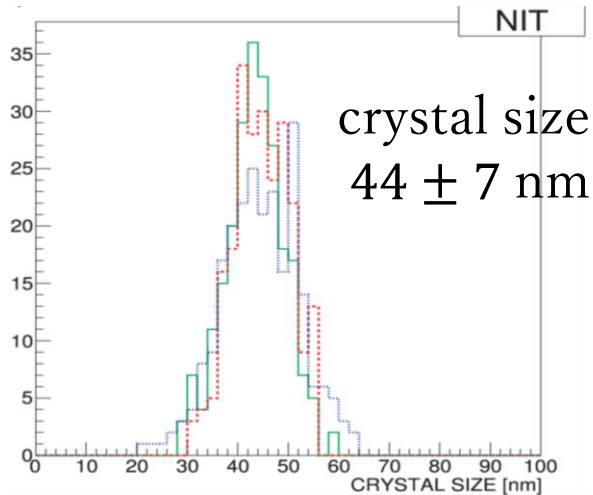


Super-high resolution device



Super Fine-grained Nuclear Emulsion : NIT

NIT(Nano Imaging Tracker) [PTEP \(2017\) 063H01](#)



Smaller crystals give higher resolution

theoretical resolution
(average crystal distance)
→ 71 nm!

Self production facility in Japan

Production time : 4–5 hours /batch

Production amount : ~ 100 g (+ 300 g)
(2nd machine)

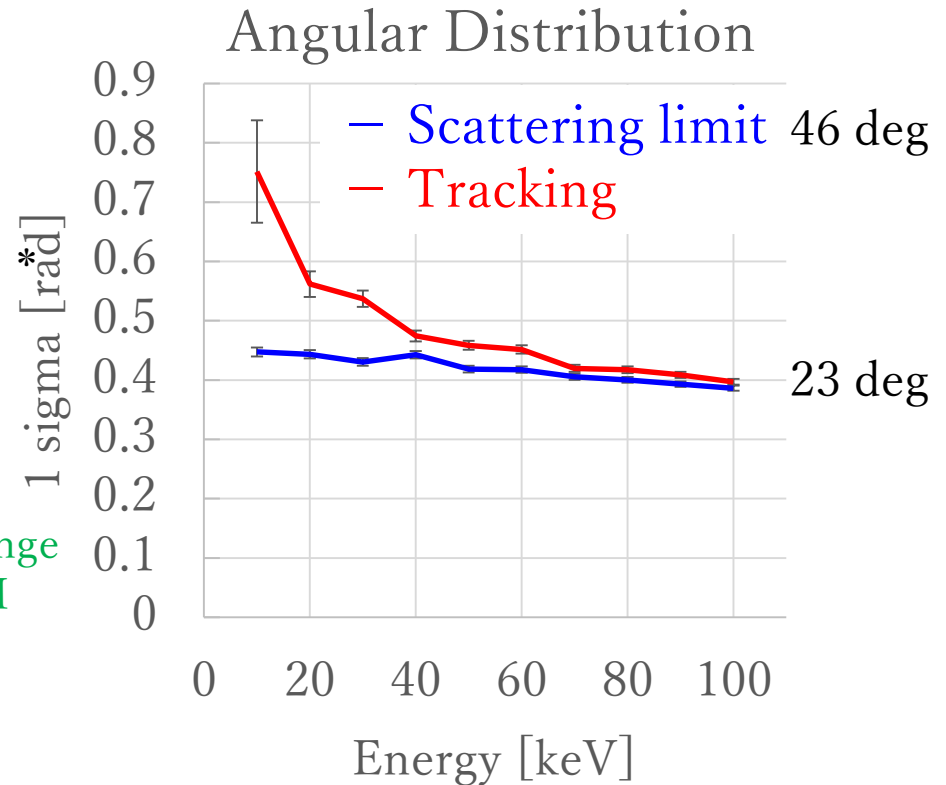
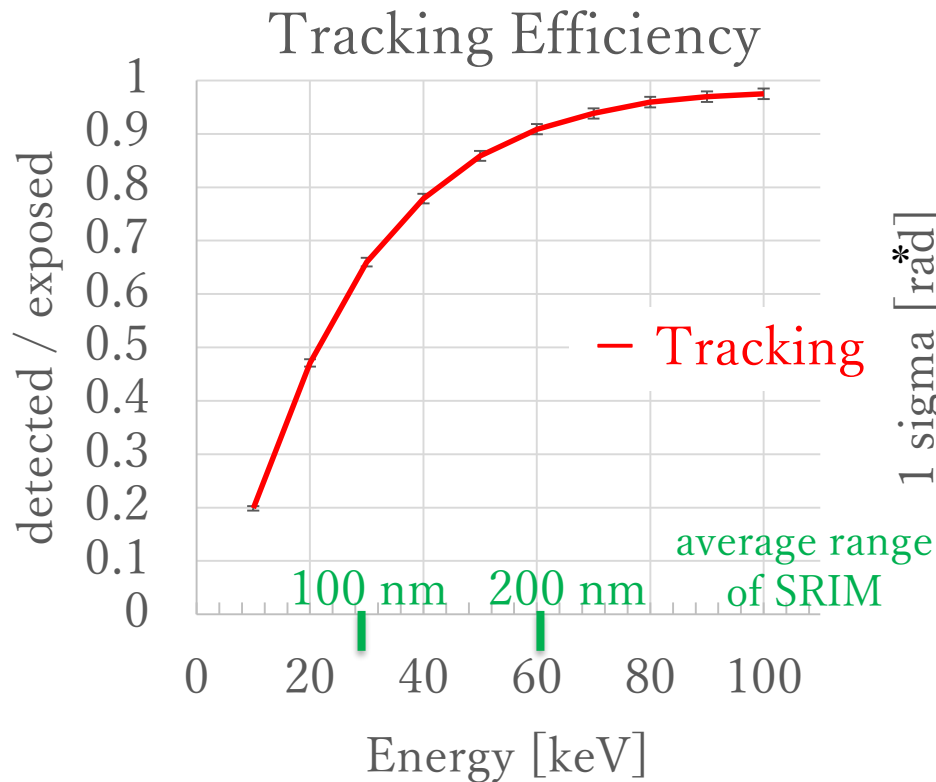
large mass easily achievable!



Potential of NIT

MC of scattering (SRIM) and crystal size of NIT

*case of ^{12}C
in emulsion



tracking : at least 2 crystal

high angular resolution for low energy track

Readout strategy

overall scan : 1st selection

trigger of signal candidates

- high speed scanning
- minimum selection for next analysis

Higher level selection 1

multiple scanning for higher precision

Higher level selection 2

- complex software analysis

Higher level selection 3

- repeat scanning
- analysis by other imaging system

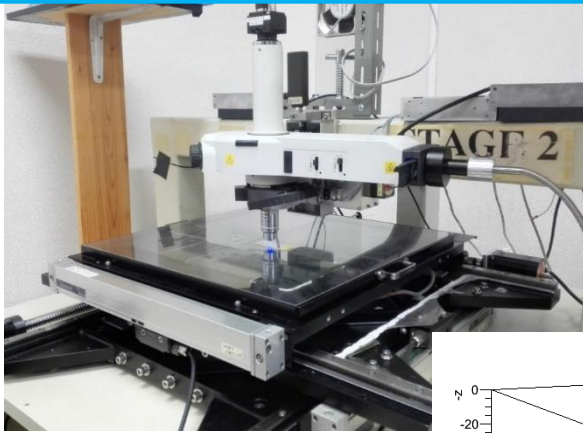
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- plasmon effect
- 3 dimensional readout

signal confirmation

1st selection : shape analysis

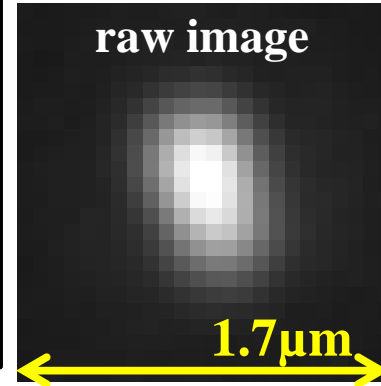
Optical Microscope PTS-2



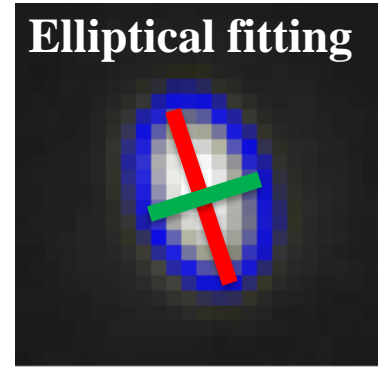
grain (image)



raw image

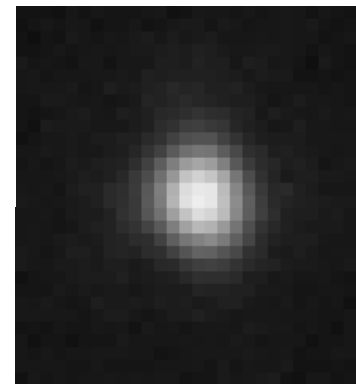
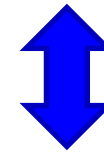
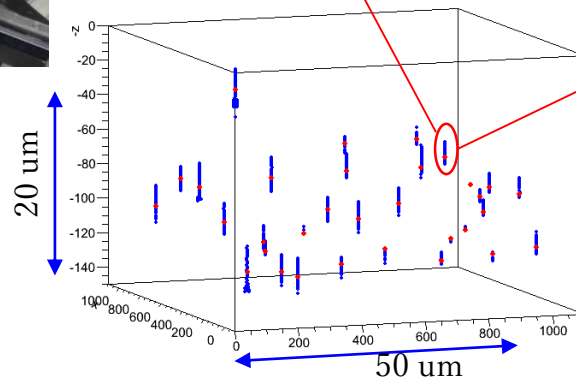


Elliptical fitting



$$\text{ellipticity} = \text{major} / \text{minor}$$

-z:xy



dominant noise (spherical shape)

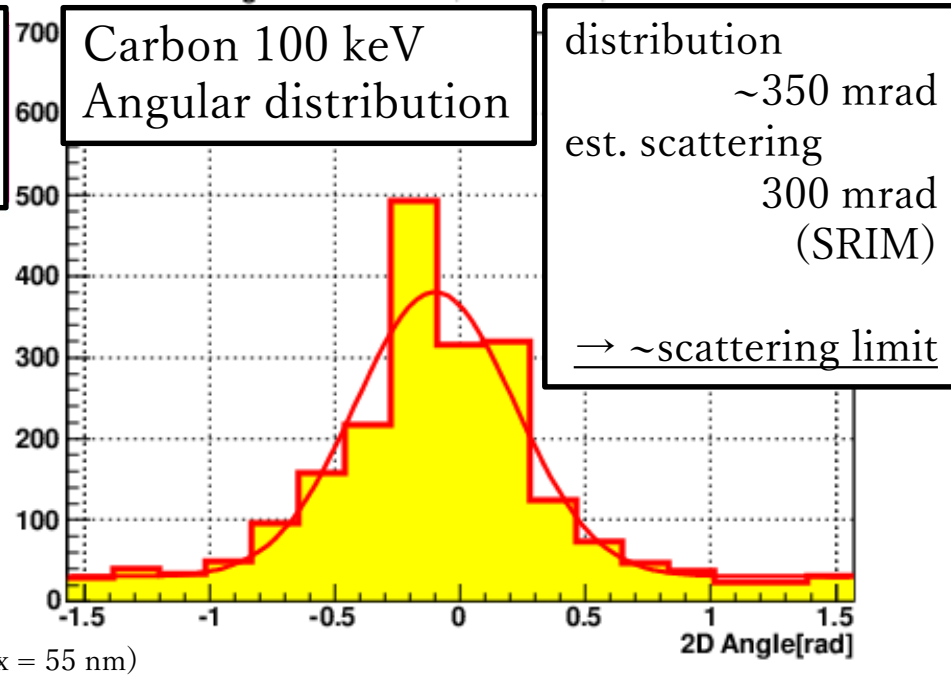
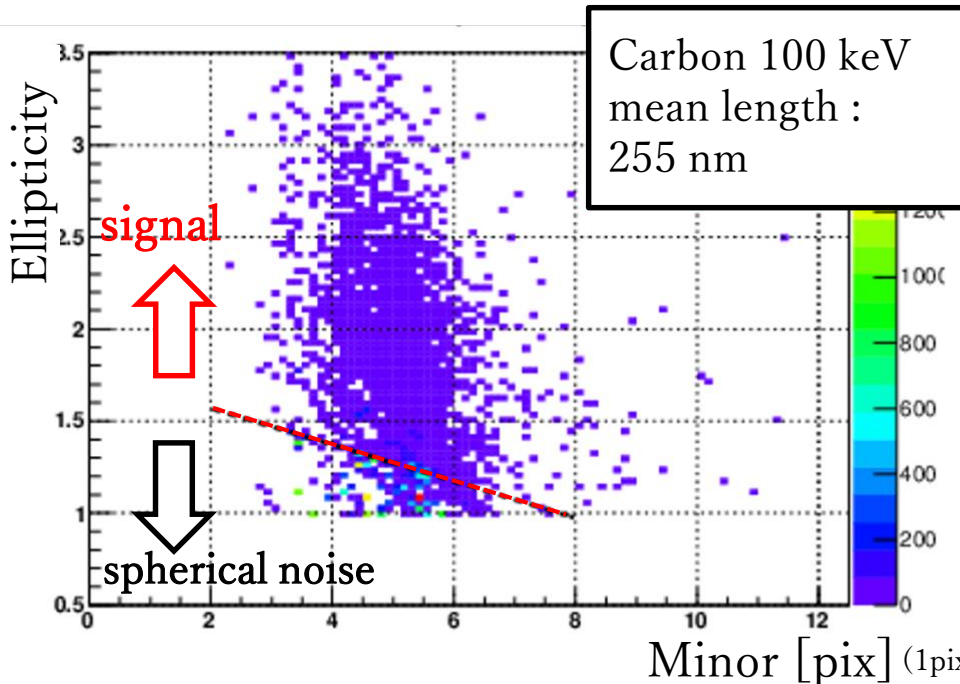
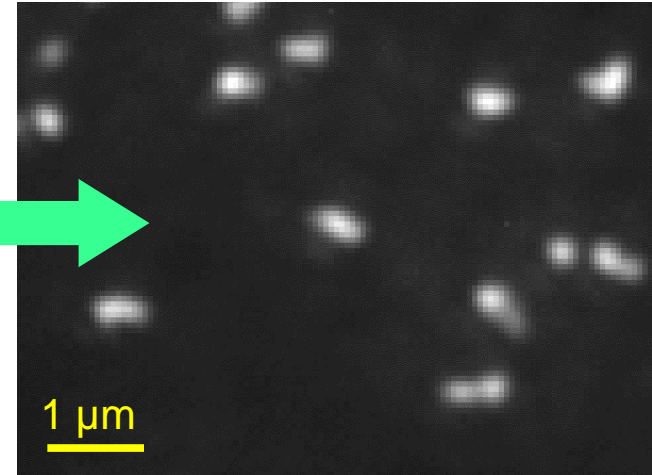
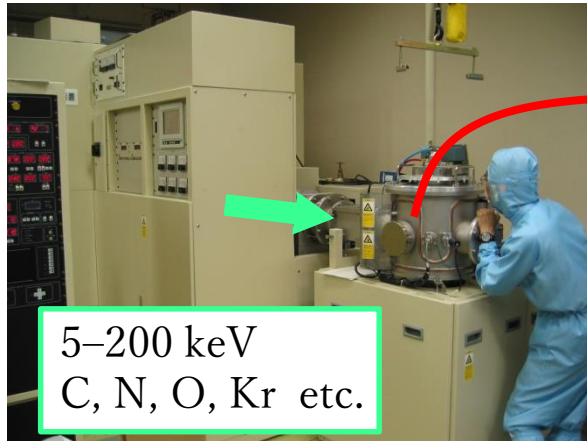
- unexpected developing crystal
- tiny dust from material

[JINST 12 \(2017\) T04002](#)

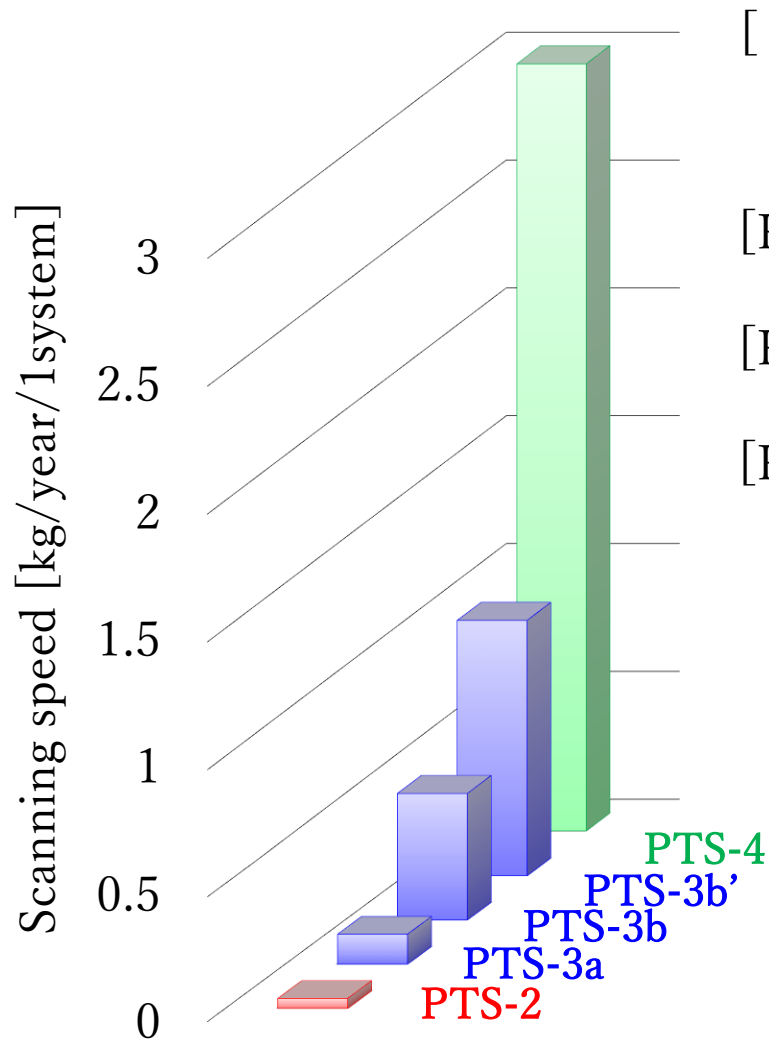
- high speed scanning
- 3D positioning for each events
- minimum amount selection for next analysis

Detection of low energy tracks

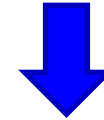
Ion implantation system @Nagoya Univ.



Roadmap of 1st selection system



[PTS2] 40 g/y (current system)



[PTS3a] 120 g/y expected (x 3 higher than PTS2)]

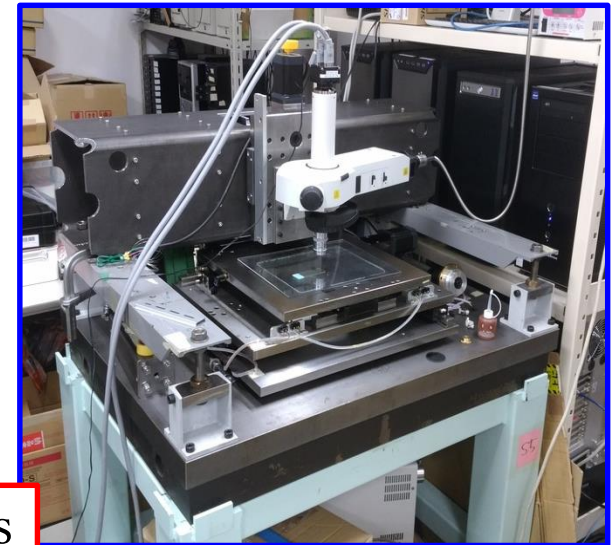
Wider FOV due to higher vision camera

[PTS3b] 500 g/y expected

PTS3a + large DOF system

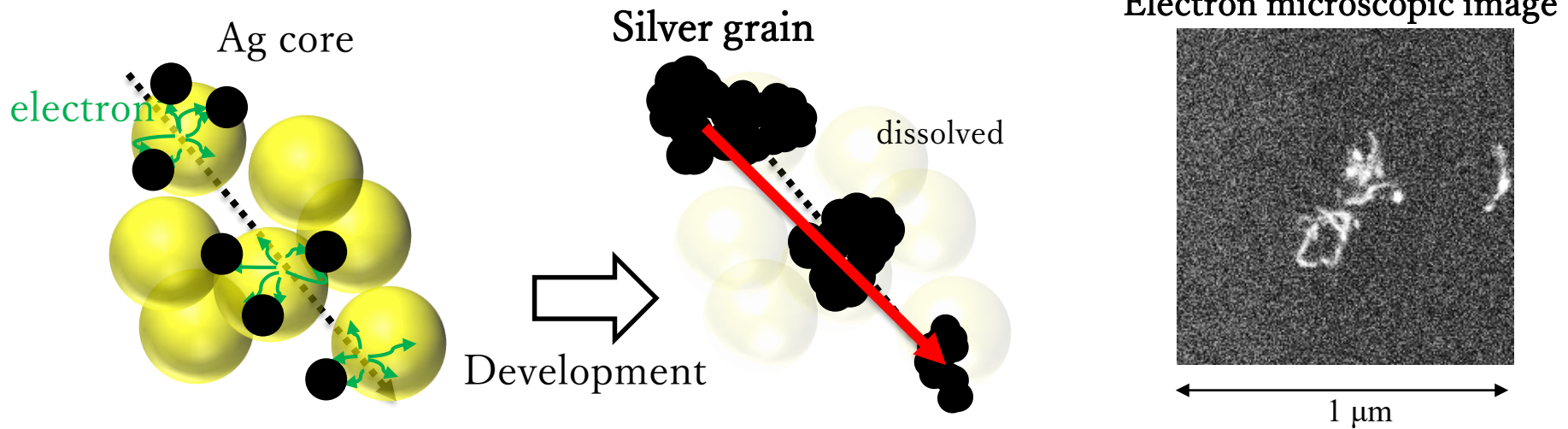
[PTS3b', PTS4] 1000 - 3000 g/y expected

PTS3b + custom special lens, high framerate



scan-sharing with multi-laboratory/multi-systems

Higher Level Analysis



Purpose :

- signal confirmation and BG separation
- accurate measurement of track details (angle, length...)

characteristic nano-structure of silver grain is not negligible
→ super-resolution

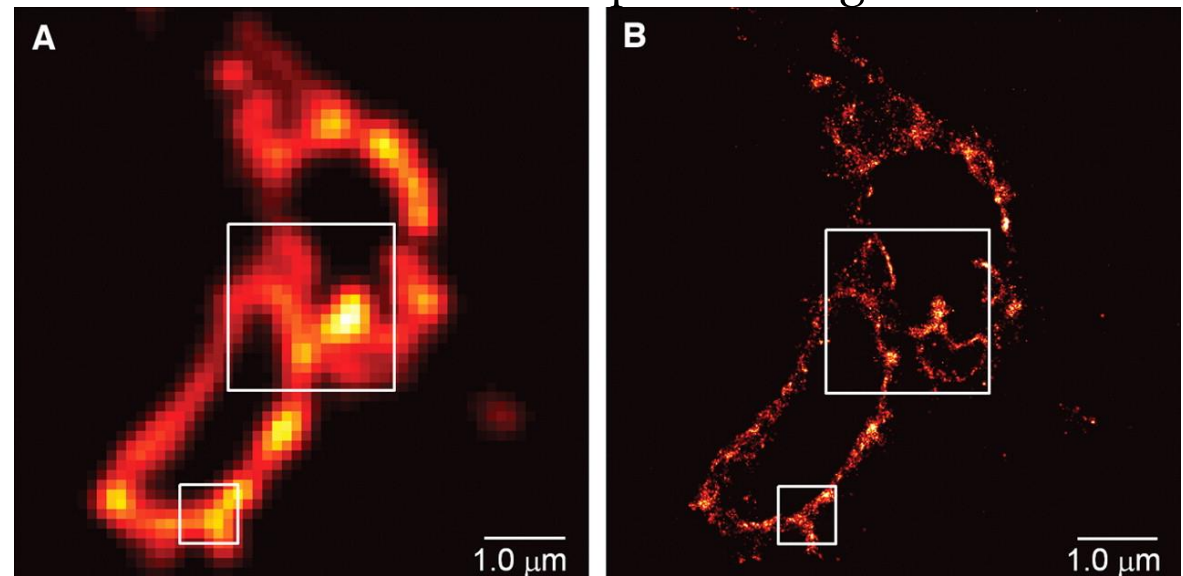
Imaging beyond the optical resolution

The position accuracy is superior than the optical resolution

each fluorescence molecular can be observed

→ super resolution

COS-7 cell optical images

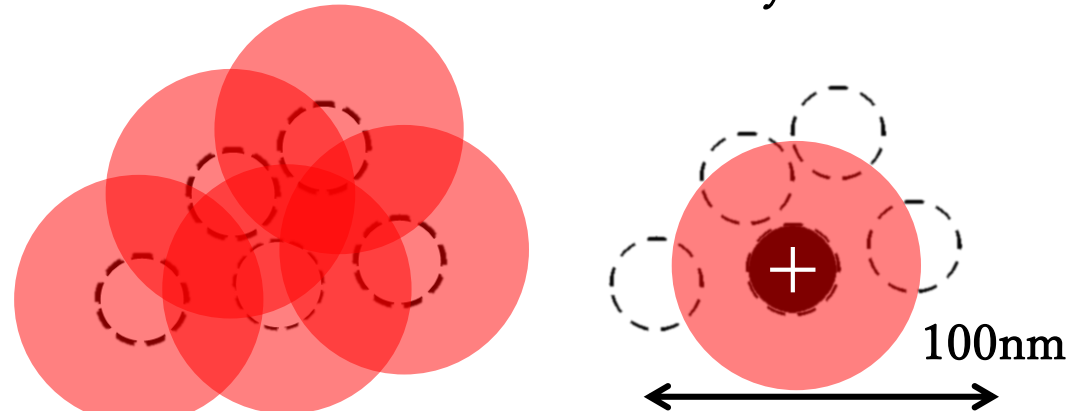


Eric Betzig *et al.*, Science 313, 1642 (2006)
2014 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

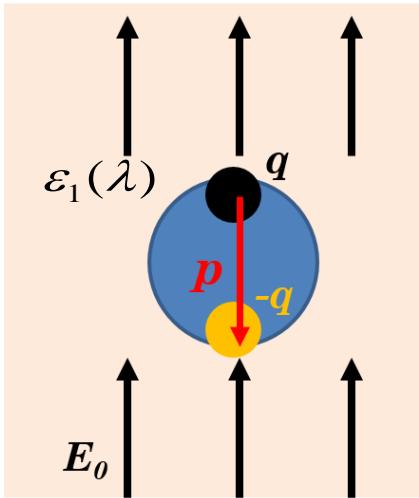
How our case is?

Silver (metal) structure

→ Local Surface Plasmon



LSP (Localized Surface Plasmon resonance)



dipole in metallic particle

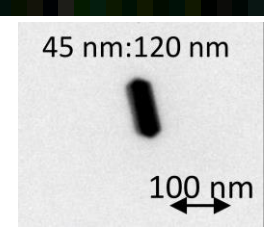
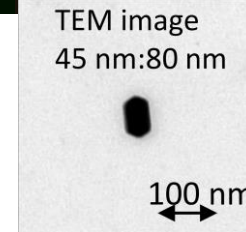
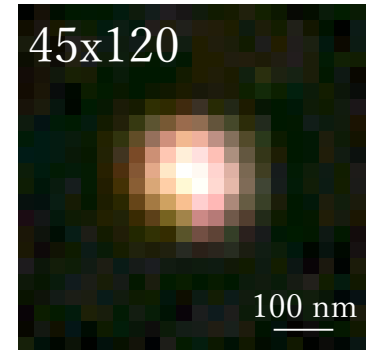
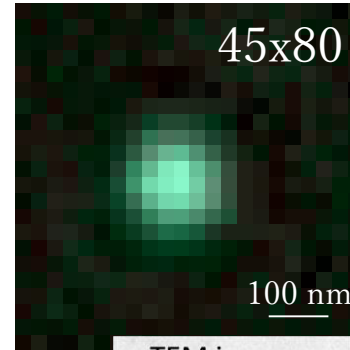
dipole moment

$$p = 4\pi\epsilon_m a^3 \frac{\epsilon_1(\lambda) - \epsilon_m(\lambda)}{\epsilon_1(\lambda) + 2\epsilon_m(\lambda)} E_0$$

resonance

$$\epsilon_1(\lambda_l) + 2\epsilon_m(\lambda_l) \approx 0$$

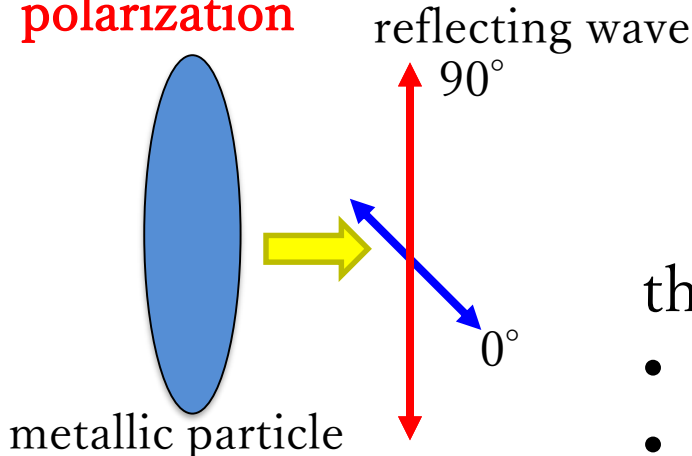
Colored optical image of silver rod
*polarization rotating



~45 nm : blue ~45 nm : blue
~80 nm : green ~120 nm : orang-red

[Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem. 58 \(2007\) 267-297](#)

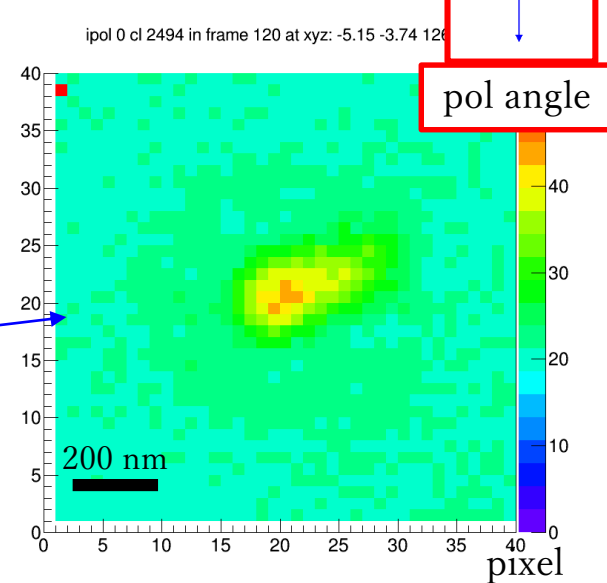
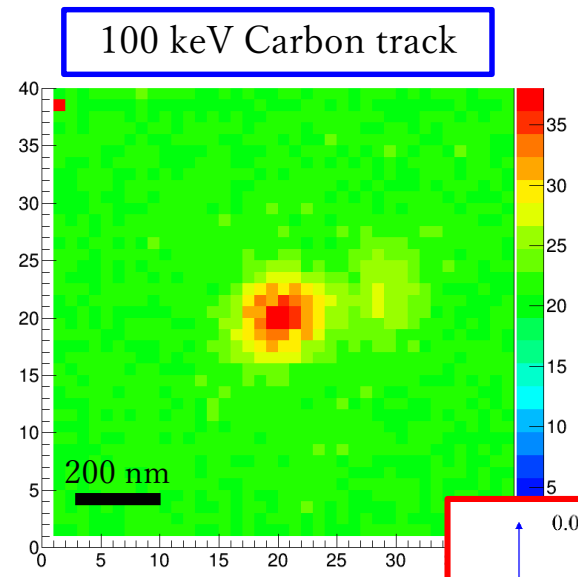
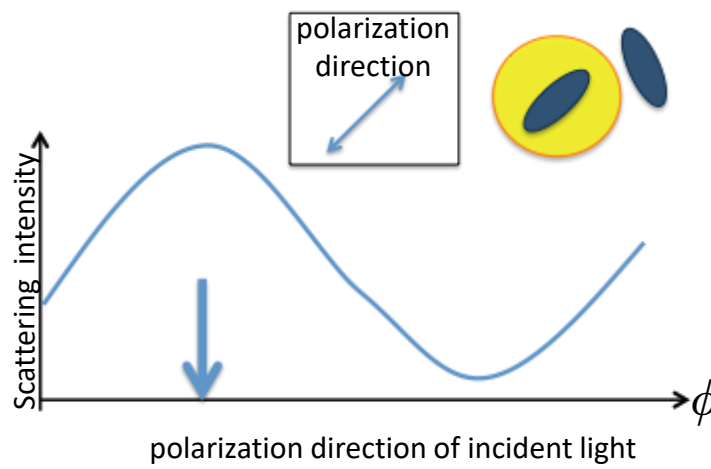
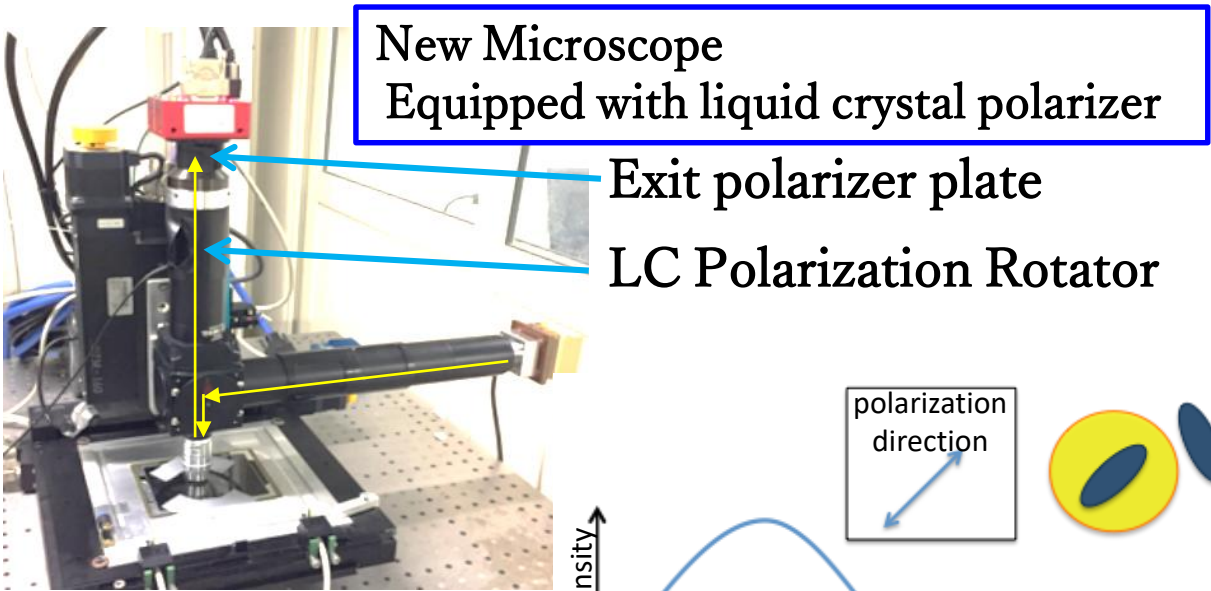
polarization



[Appl. Phys. Lett. 80, 1826 \(2002\)](#)

- the shape of particle affect to resonance
- particle direction → resonance pol angle
 - particle length → resonance wavelength

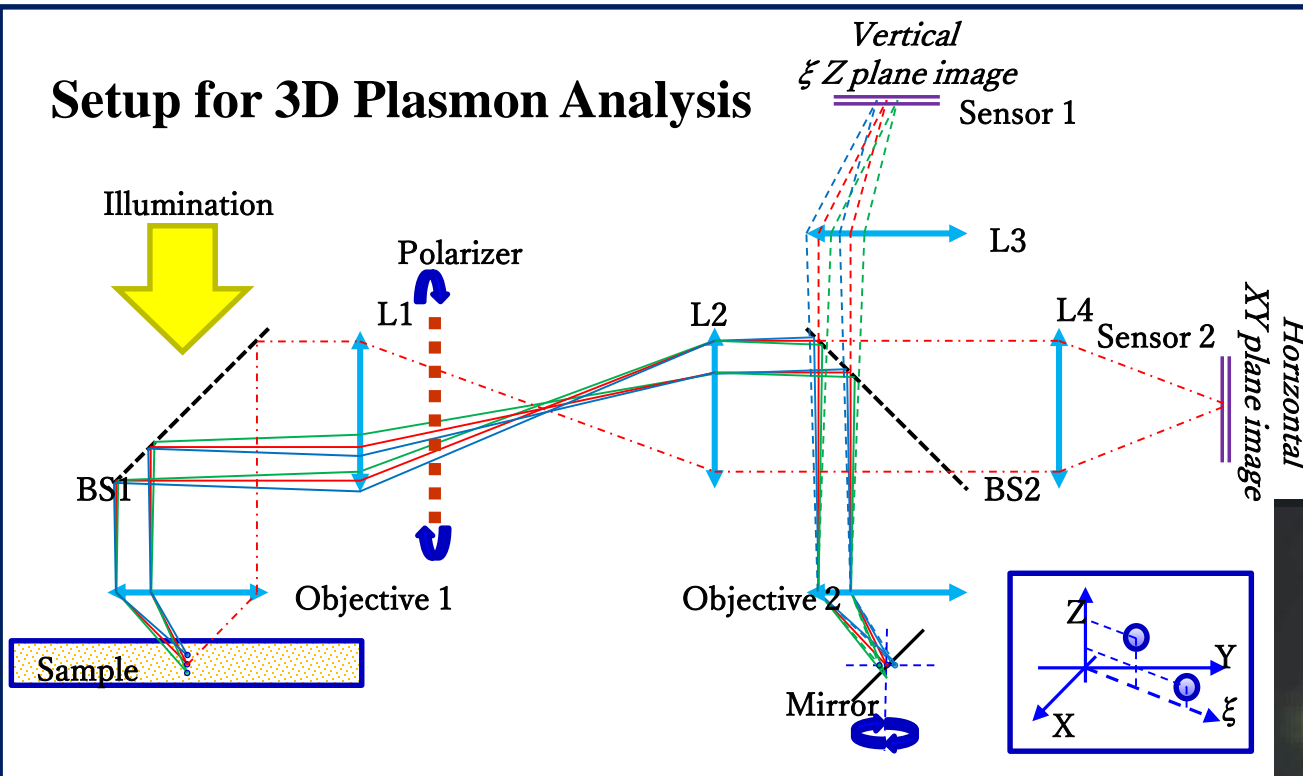
Super resolution analysis with LSP polarization



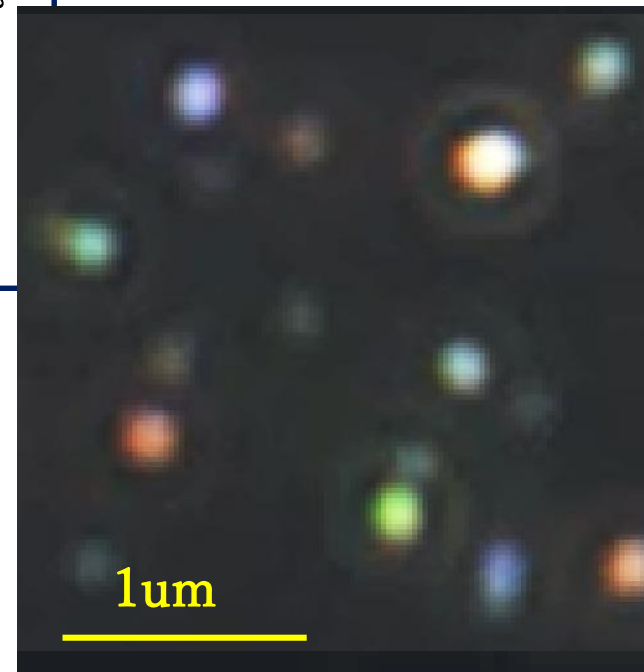
The positions of indistinguishable silver grains can be measured as barycenter moving

We are evaluating this new system now

R&D of further analysis



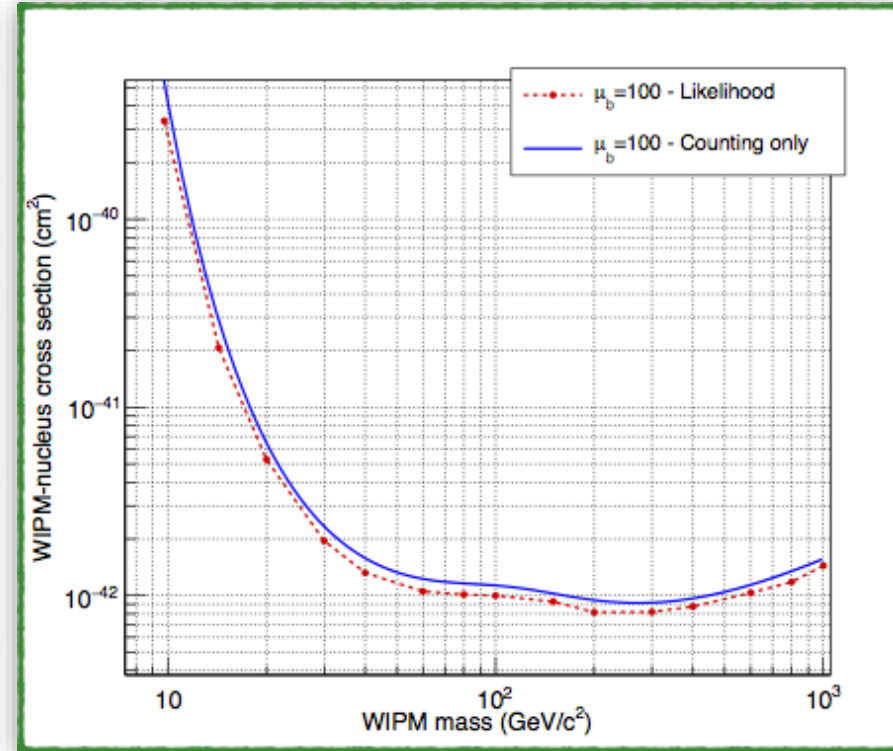
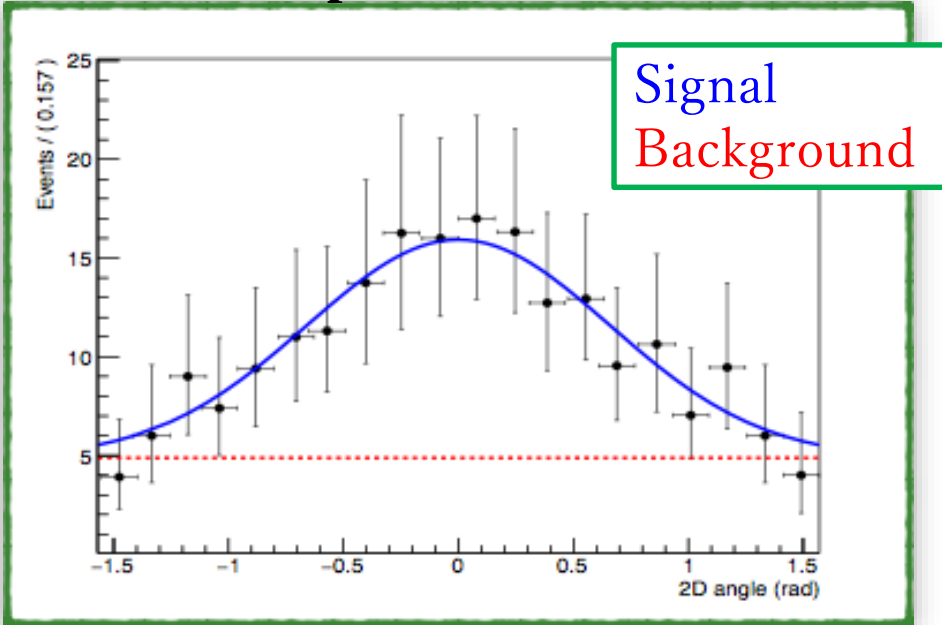
color camera image
of carbon tracks



- 3D reconstruction
 - super-resolved analysis with LSP of z axis
- multi-wavelength analysis
 - super-resolution by color difference
 - dE/dx information by grain length

Exploit Directionality

Evaluation of upper limit and sensitivity based on the profile likelihood ratio test



Likelihood function

expected number of WIMP events expected number of BG events signal pdf background pdf

$$\mathcal{L}(\sigma_{\chi-n}, R_b) = \frac{e^{-(\mu_\chi + \mu_b)}}{N!} \times \prod_{i=1}^N [\mu_\chi f_\chi(\vec{q}_i; t_i) + \mu_b f_b(\vec{q}_i)]$$

total number of observed events set of observables

- Threshold = 100 nm
- Straggling estimated by TRIM
- Exposure = 100 kg years
- $N_{\text{background}} = 100$

[arXiv:1705.00613](https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.00613)

Towards Neutrino Floor

- Discrimination based on measurement of recoil direction
- Unique possibility to search for WIMP signal beyond “neutrino floor”

Neutrino coherent scattering
indistinguishable from WIMP
interactions

*Phys.Rev.D89 (2014) no.2,
023524 (Xe/Ge target)*

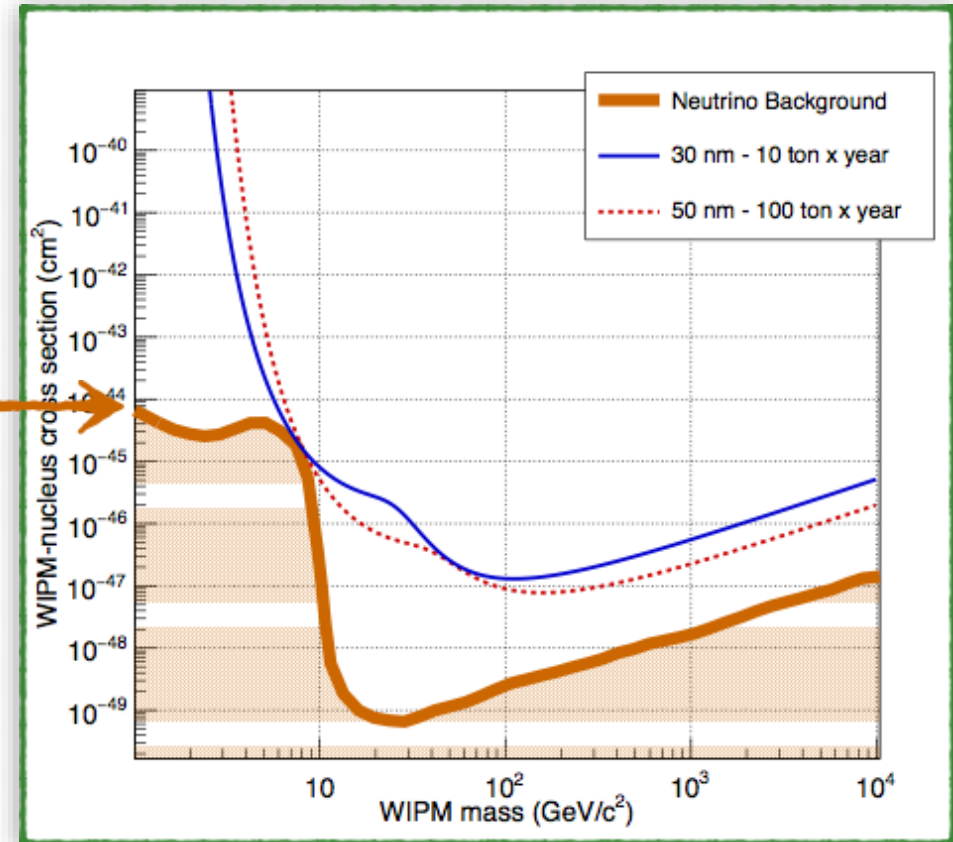
REQUIREMENTS

Reduction of track length threshold

- Ultra-NIT (25nm crystal) has 40 nm theoretical resolution
- high resolution analysis with LSP

Larger mass scale detector

- further high speed scanning system
- extreme low BG detector

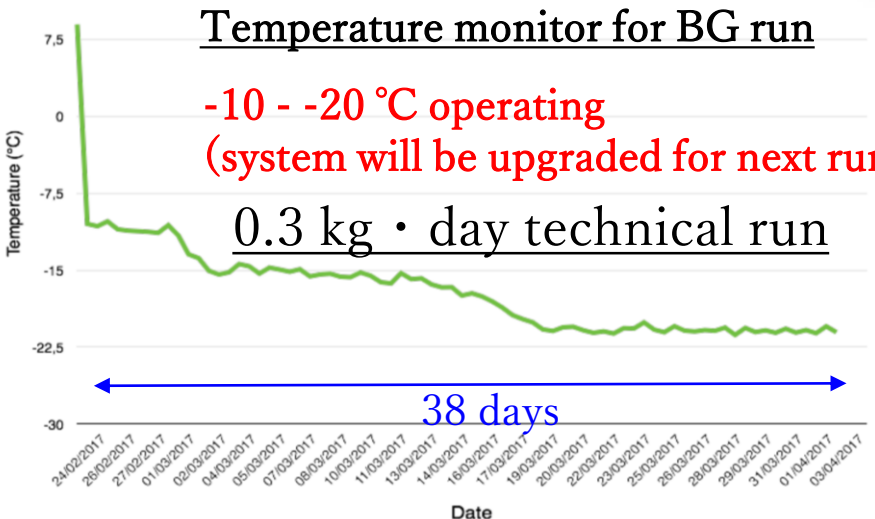
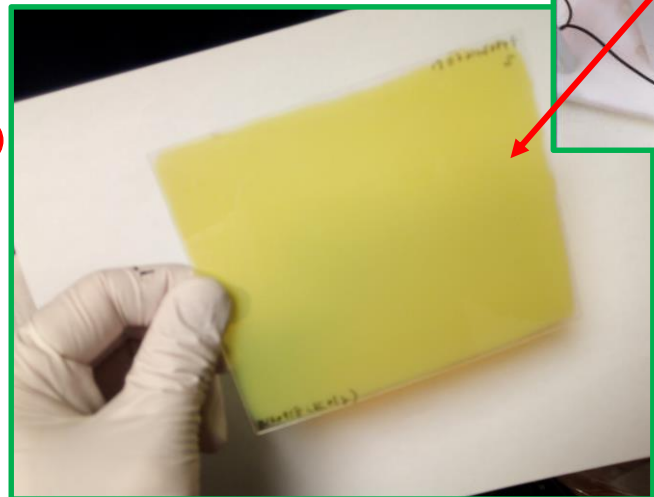
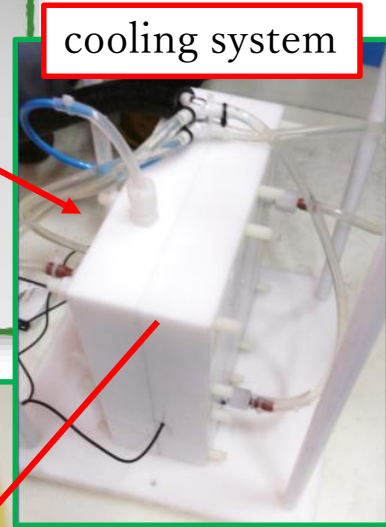
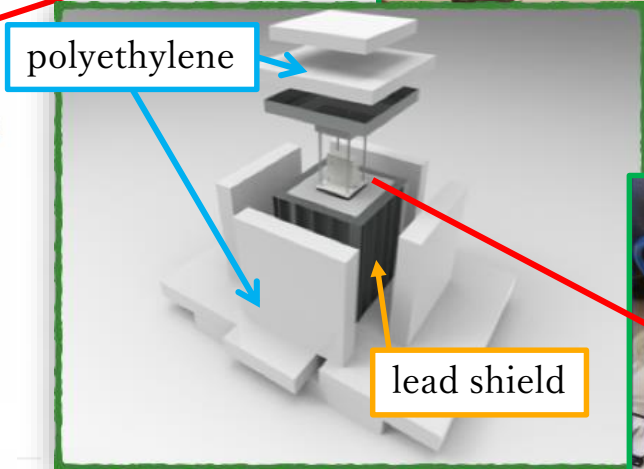
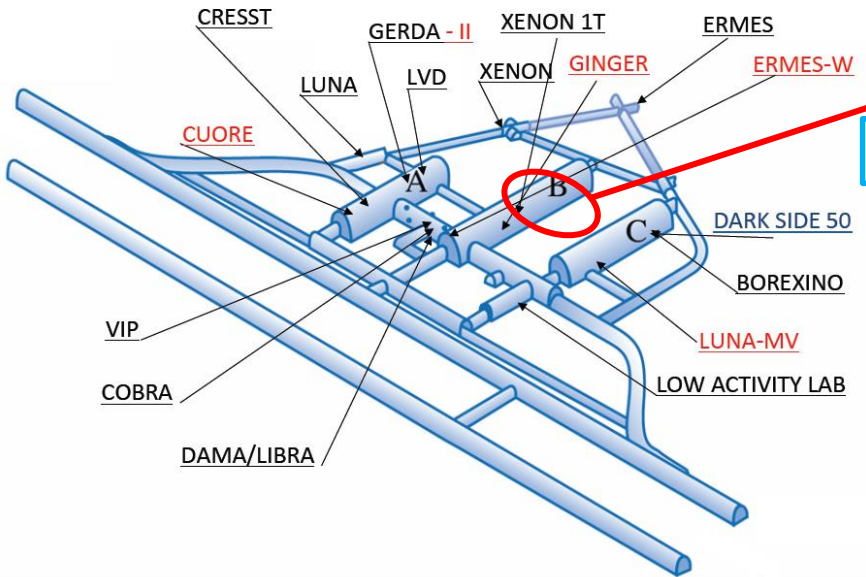


The neutrino bound is reached with:

- 10 ton x year exposure if 30 nm threshold
- 100 ton x year exposure if 50 nm threshold

pilot-run

Gran Sasso underground laboratory, Italy



summary

- Directionality is good parameter to discover WIMP
- NEWSdm is directional dark matter search experiment using many new techniques
 - super-high resolution detector of nuclear emulsion
 - multiple readout with high-speed/high-precision
- We are now R&D status and performed pilot run at Gran Sasso in 2017 and analyzing it now
- We plan to start physics run of $\text{kg} \cdot \text{year}$ scale exposure in 2019