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# Developments for spherical single phase LXe TPCs

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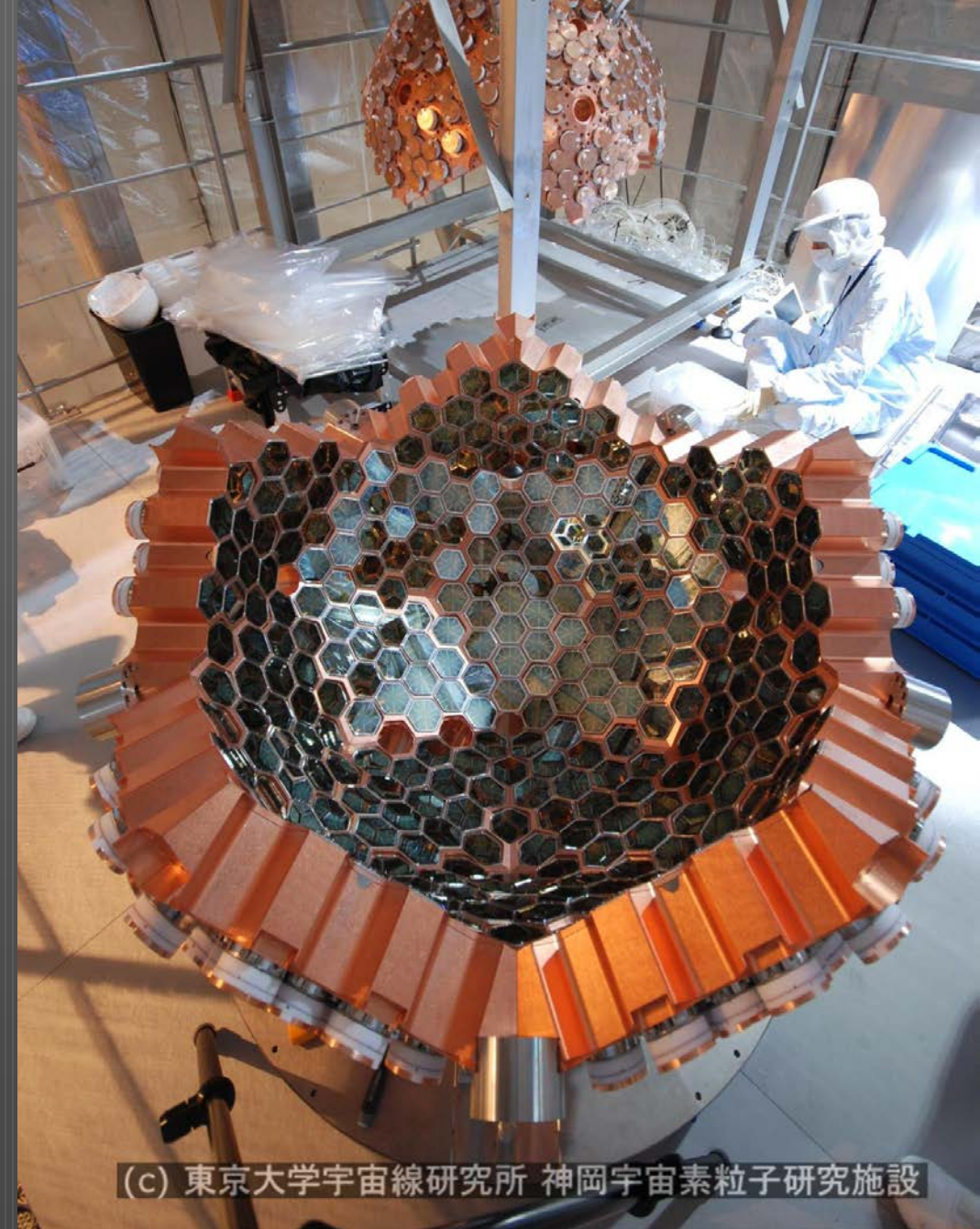
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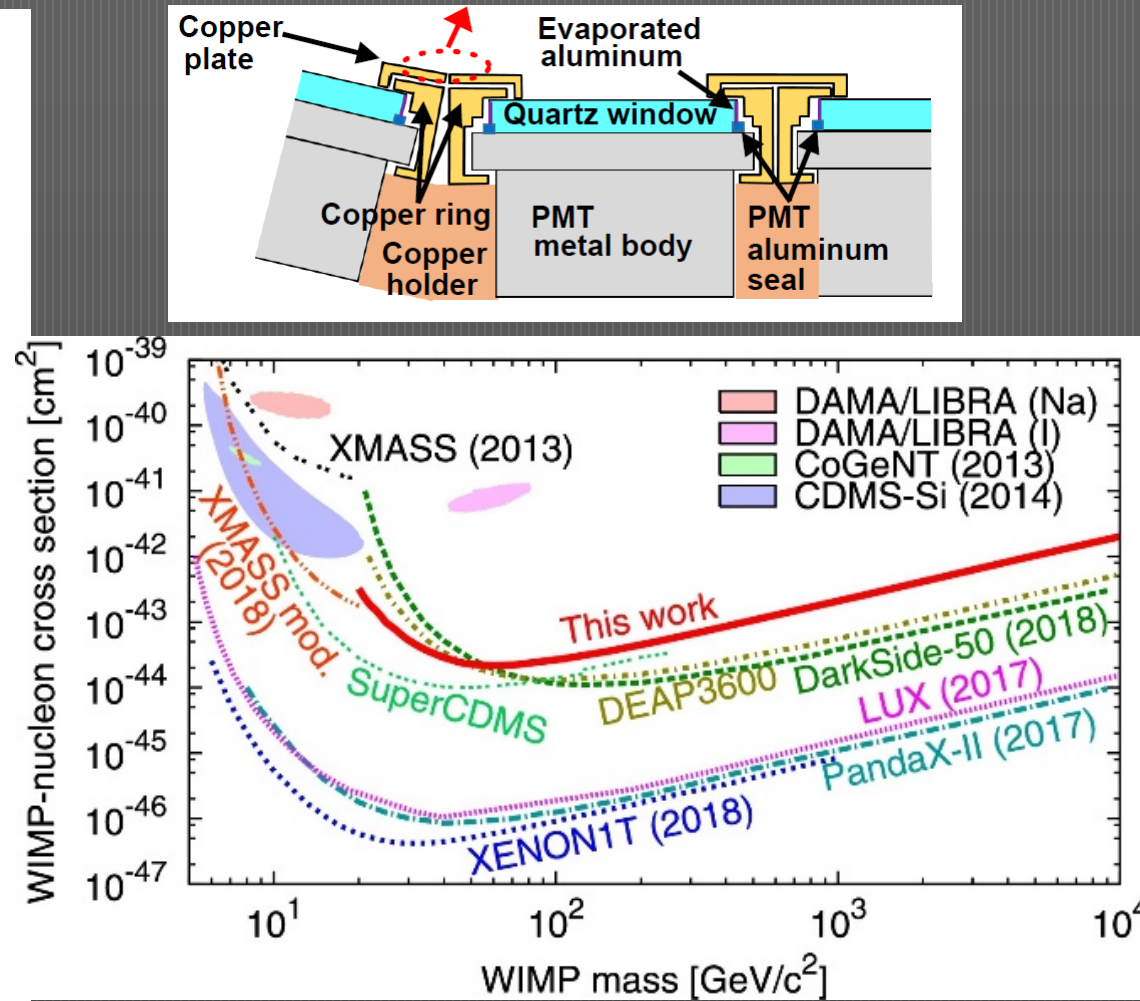
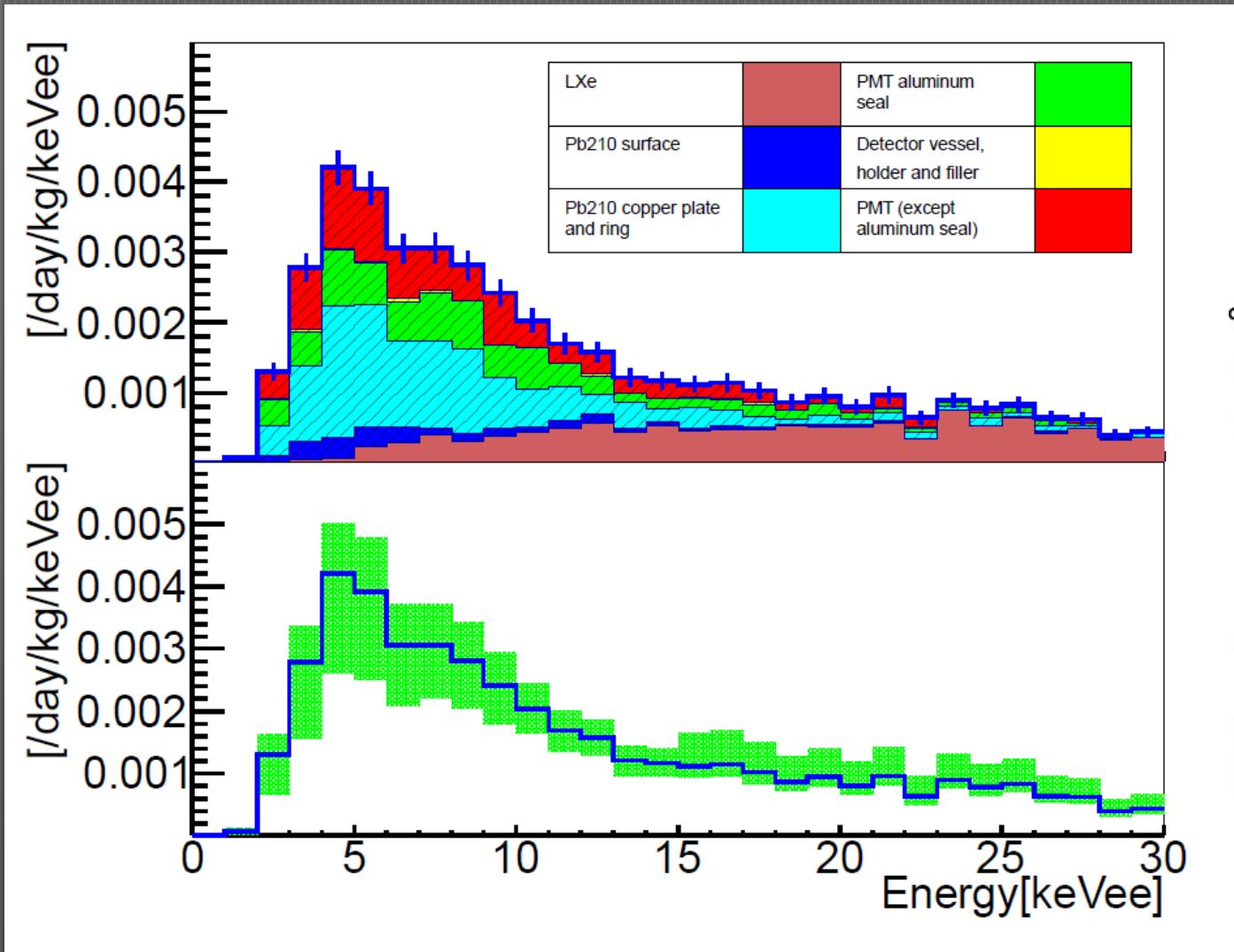
# Motivation

- XMASS
  - LXe spherical detector



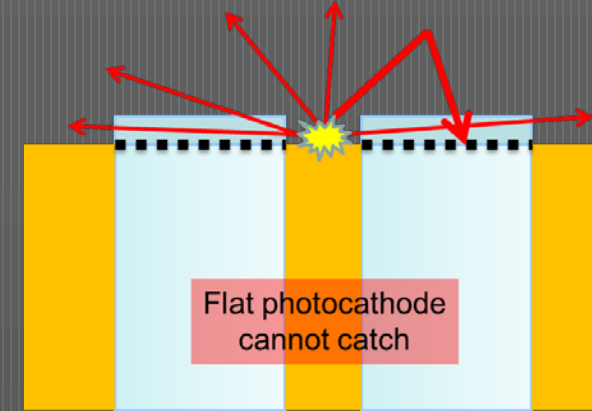
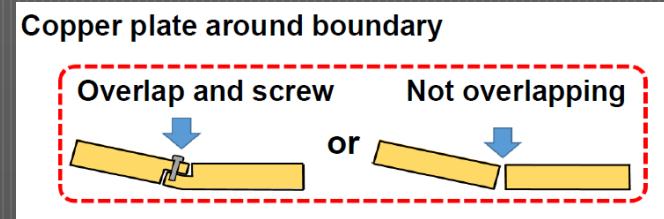
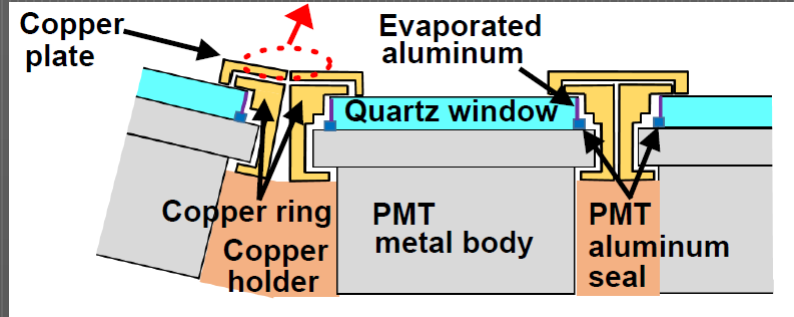
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## Final XMASS results

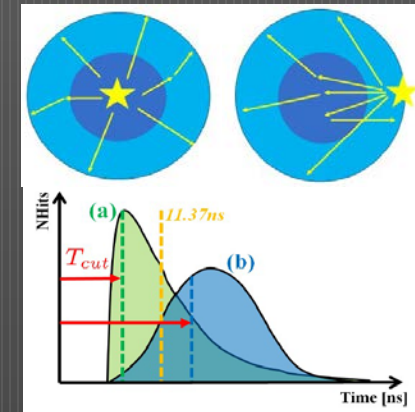
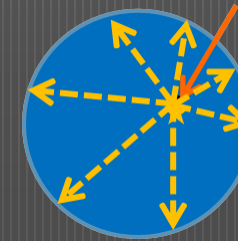


- To survey below  $10^{-47} \text{cm}^2$  region
  - This is not the way...

# Surface background problem in low energy region



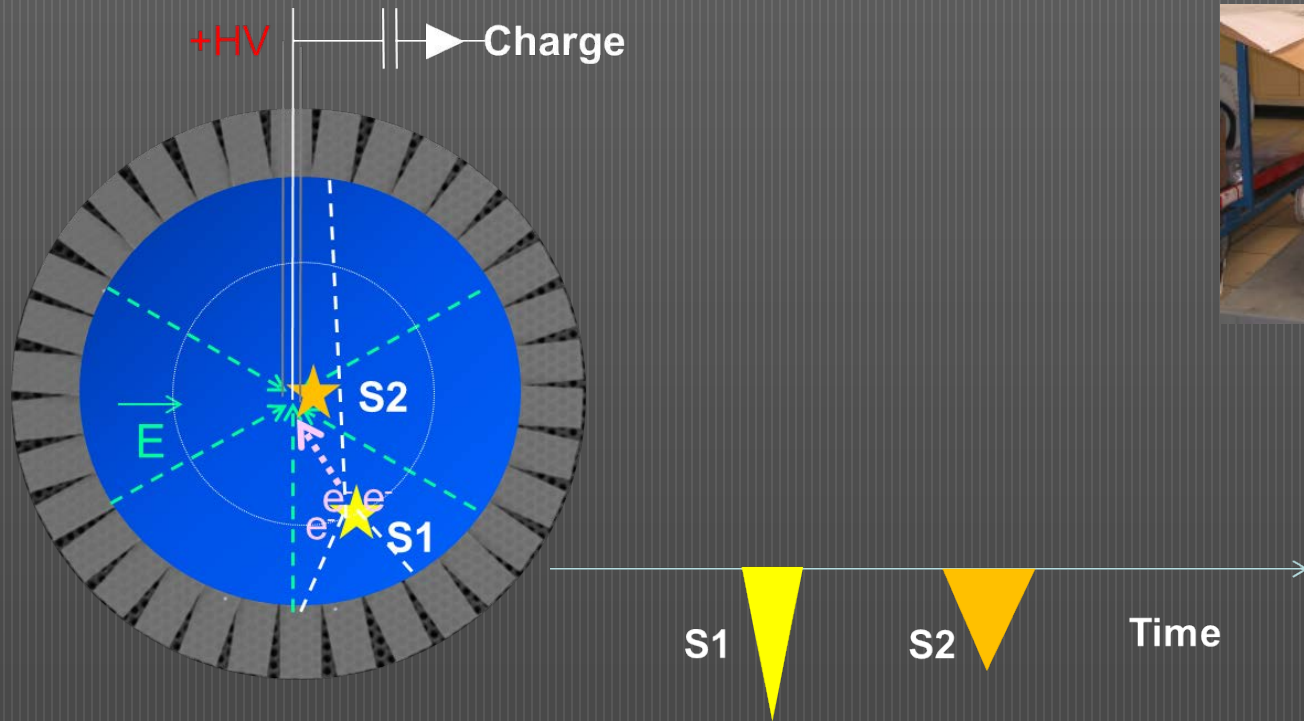
- Software vertex reconstruction with Q & T information of scintillation light may fail when the number of photoelectron is limited.
  - Especially surface BG events would be misreconstructed in the fiducial volume.
- Improvement of the hardware is indispensable.



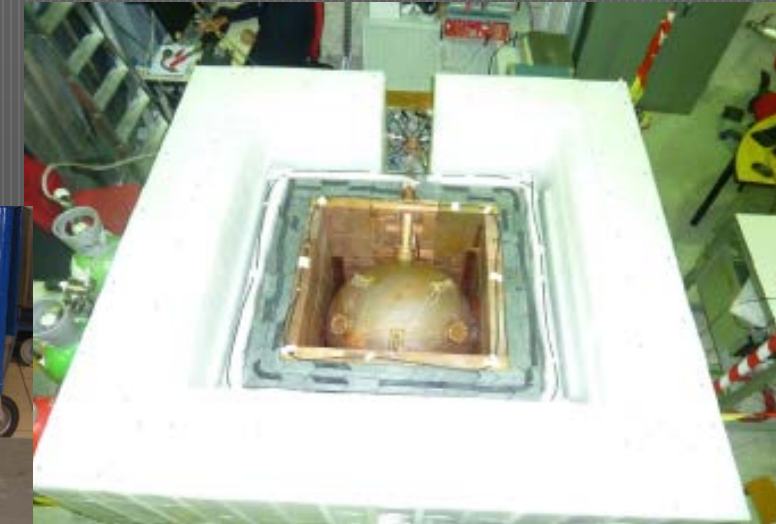
Q reconstruction and T cuts

# TPC hardware vertex reconstruction

- Single phase TPC



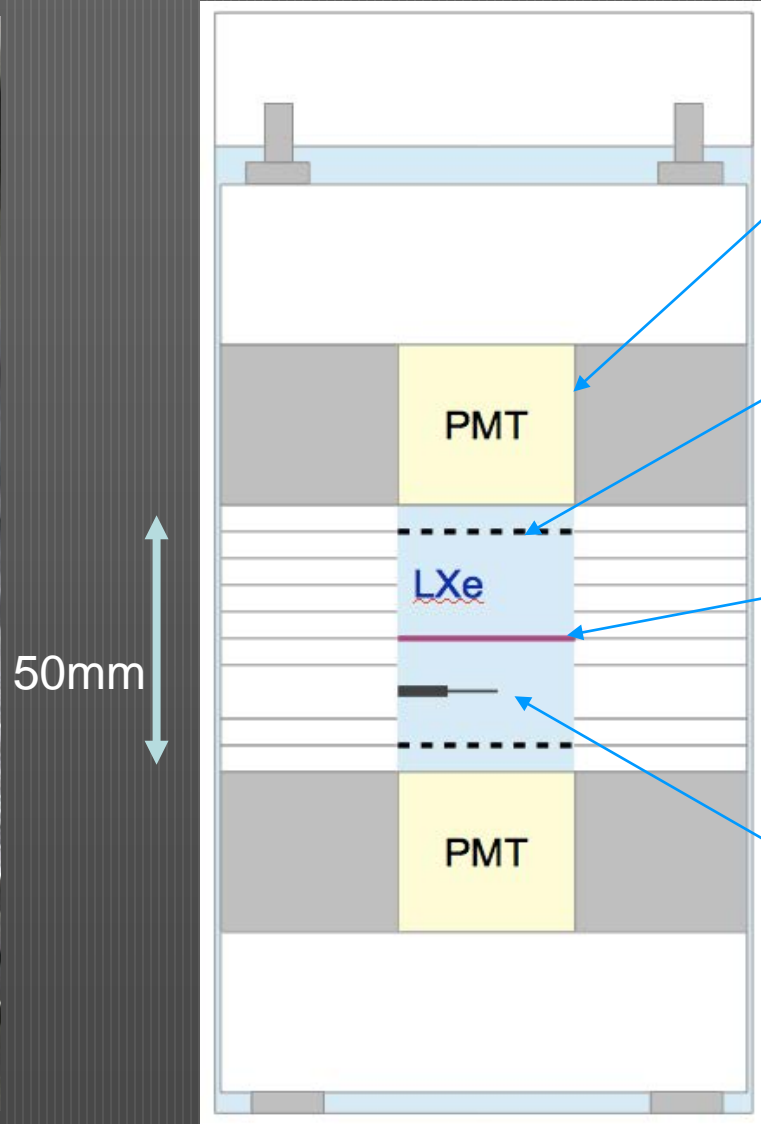
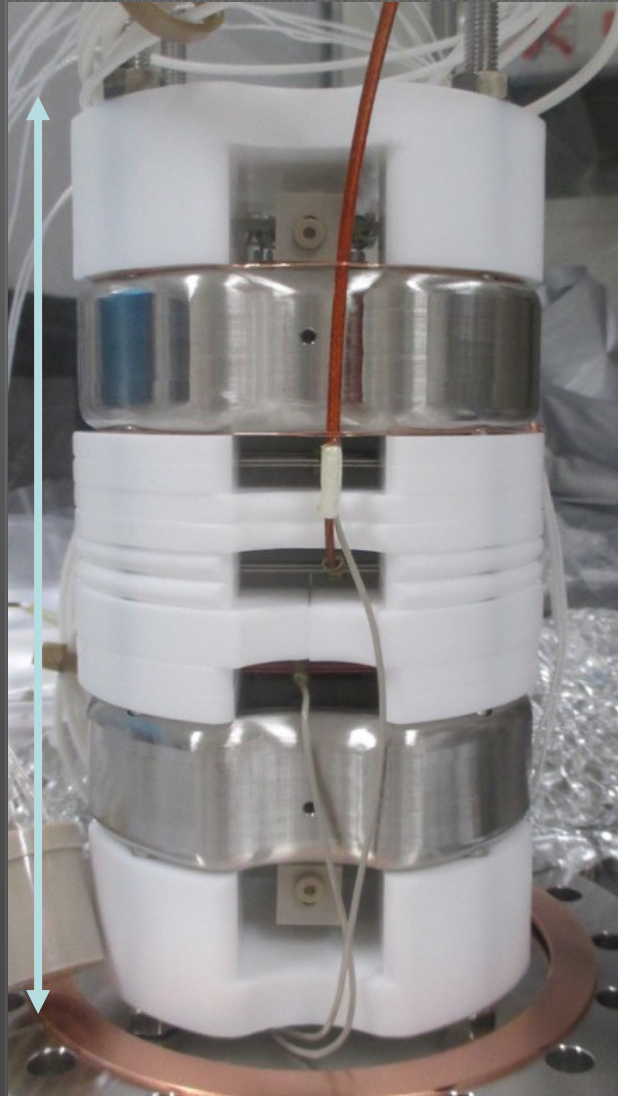
NEWS-G



Taken from Ioannis's 7<sup>th</sup> TPC Paris

NEWS-L ?

# 2016 wire setup



Hamamatsu  
R8520-406



24mm□  
+HV

GND wires

Au coated  
10µm W wire

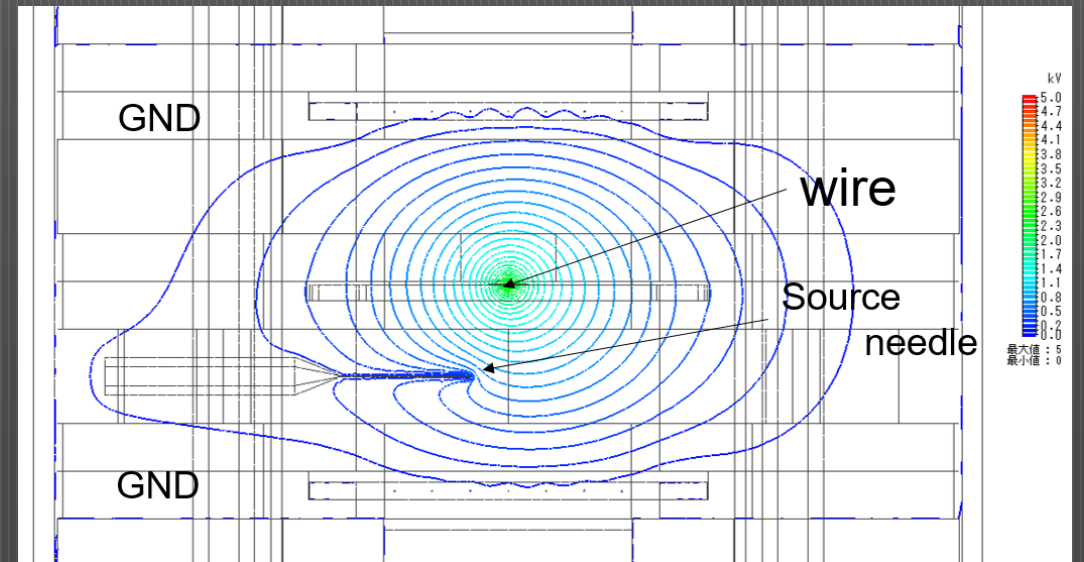
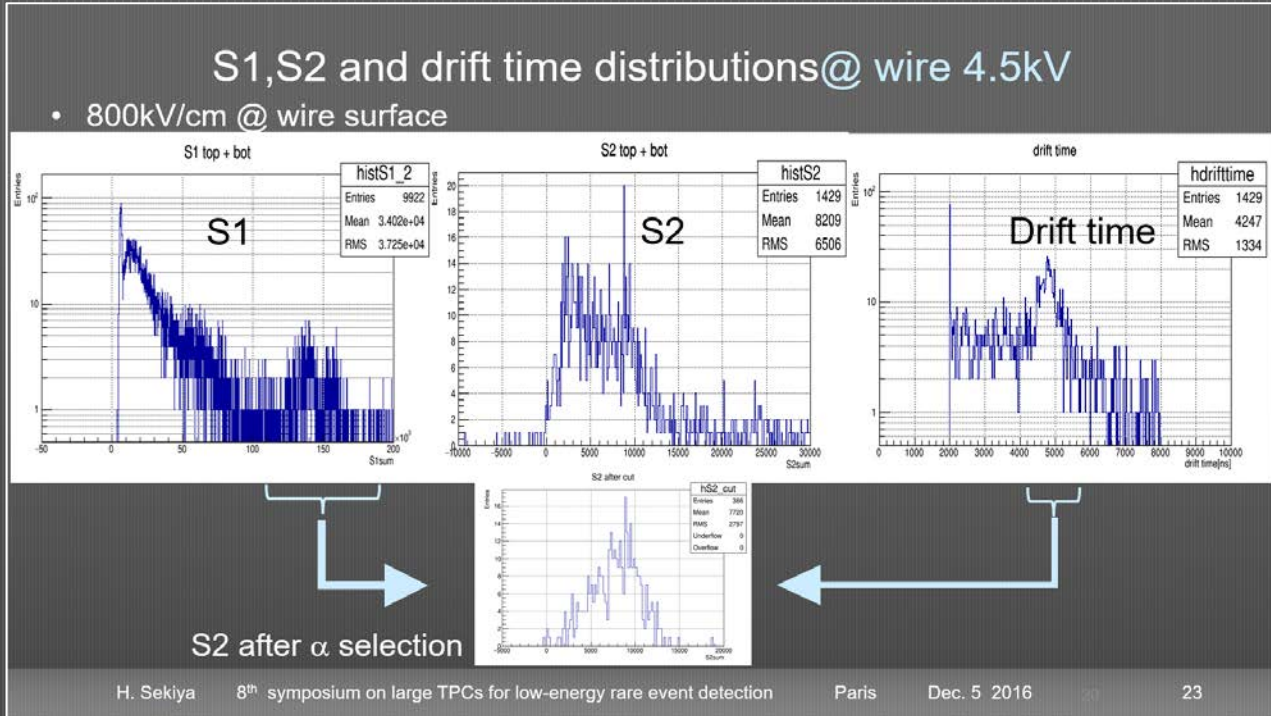
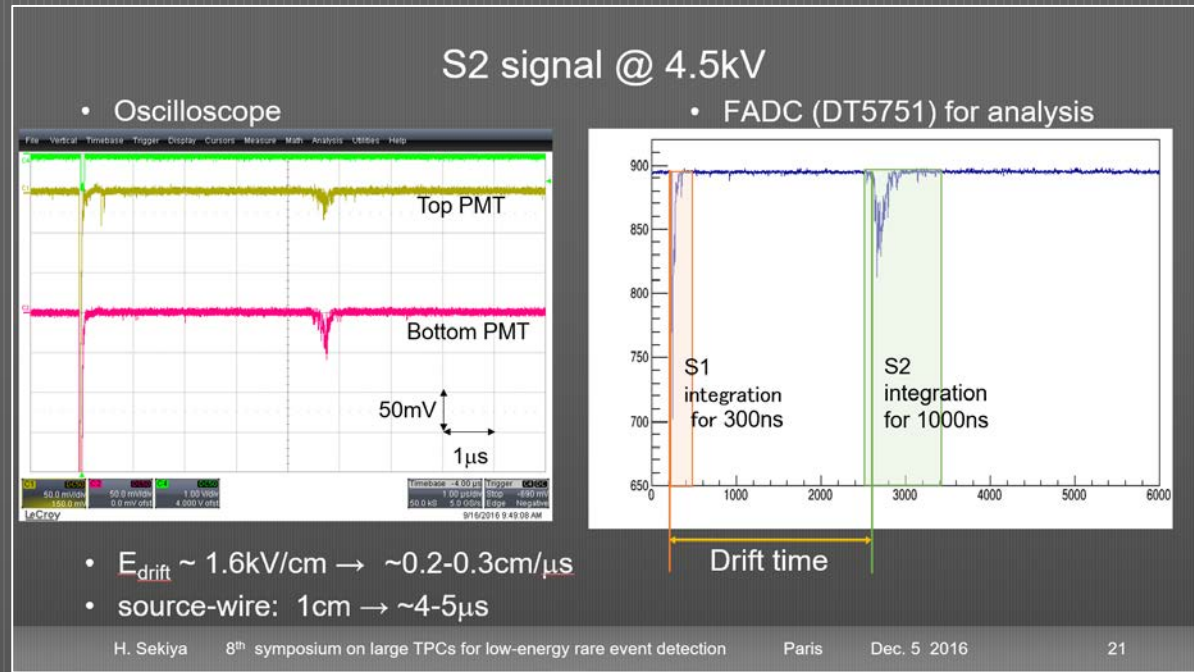
<sup>241</sup>Am

γ: 59.5, 26.3keV  
X: 13.9keV  
α: 5.49, 5.44, 5.39MeV



# In 2016 Paris TPC

- S2 from  $^{241}\text{Am}$  was observed.
  - Electron collection efficiency  $\sim 0.75\%$
  - Only from  $5.5\text{MeV } \alpha$
  - No S2 from  $59.5\text{keV } \gamma$

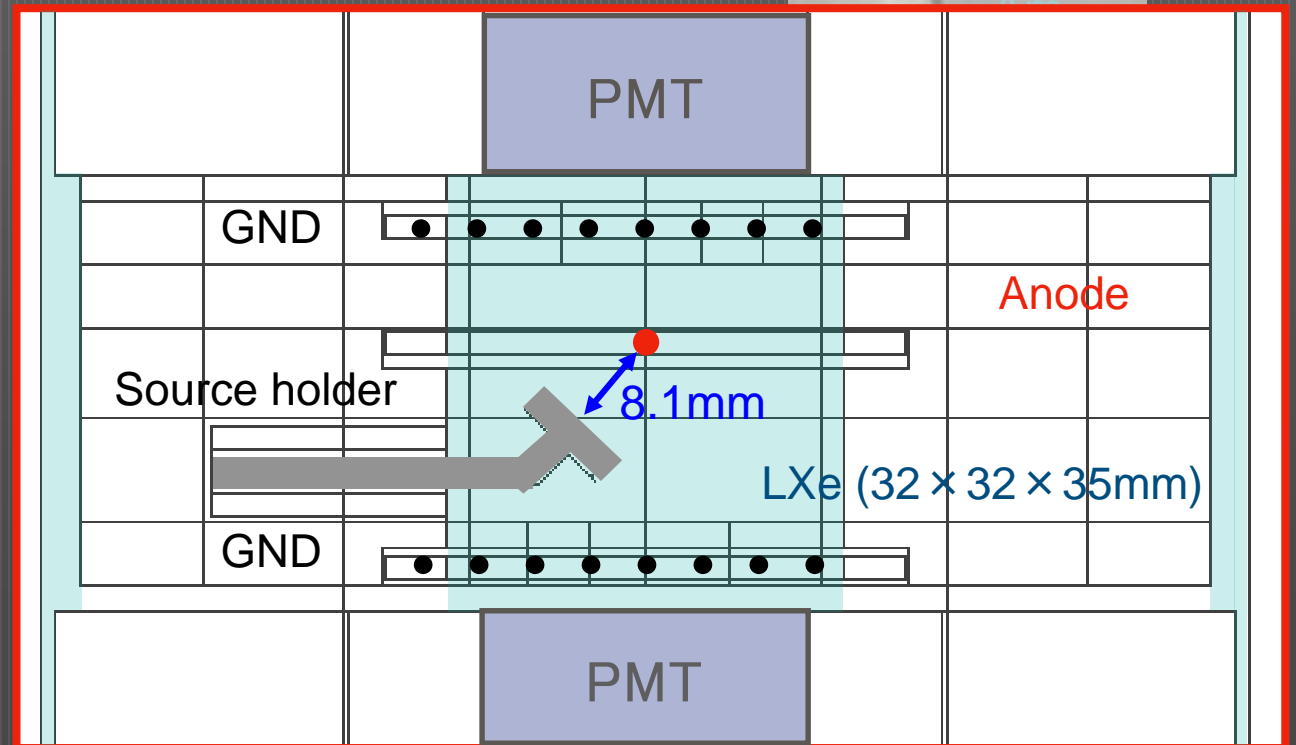
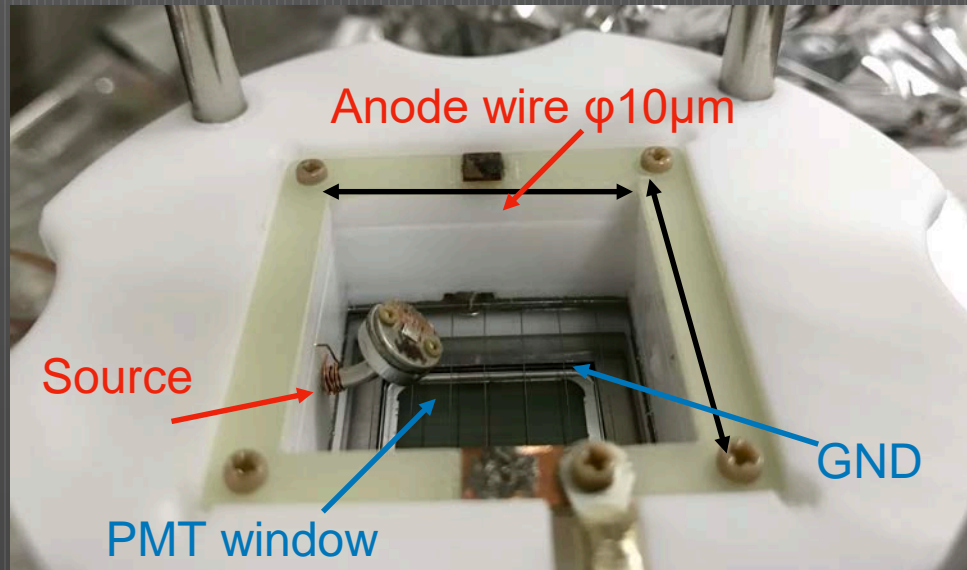
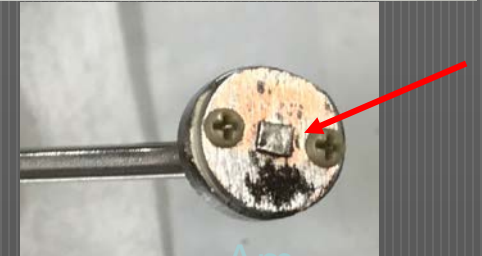
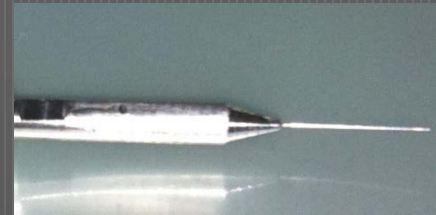


# Improved 2018 setup

- Smaller dead region
  - Was non-negligible BG source

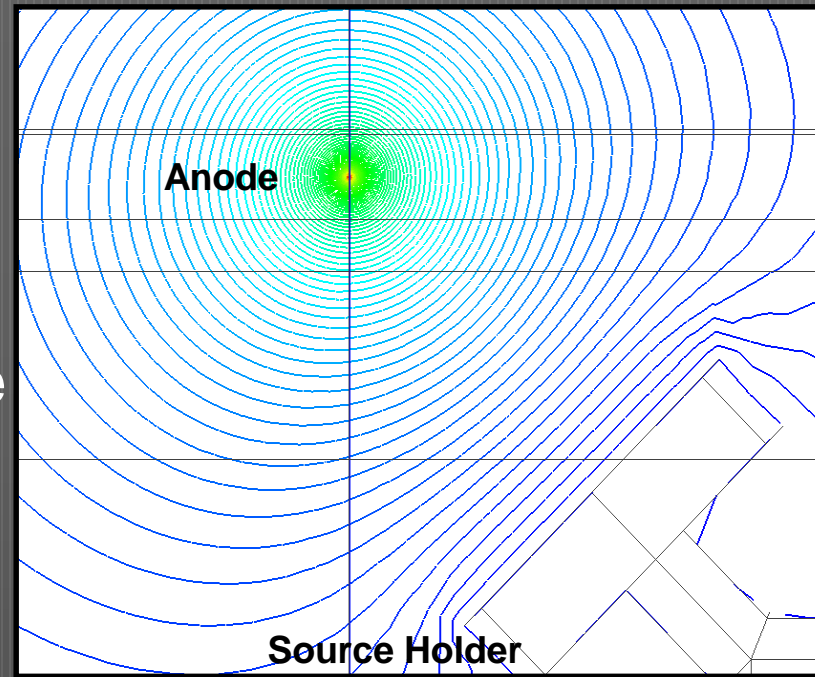


- Better  $^{241}\text{Am}$  source
  - Was non-uniform
  - Was discharge source

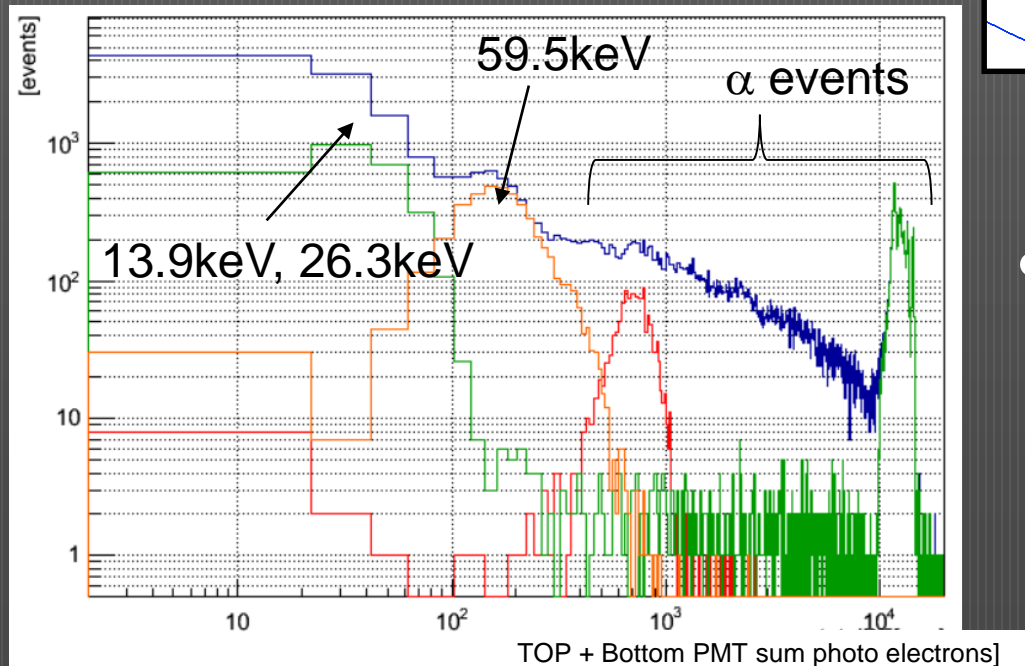
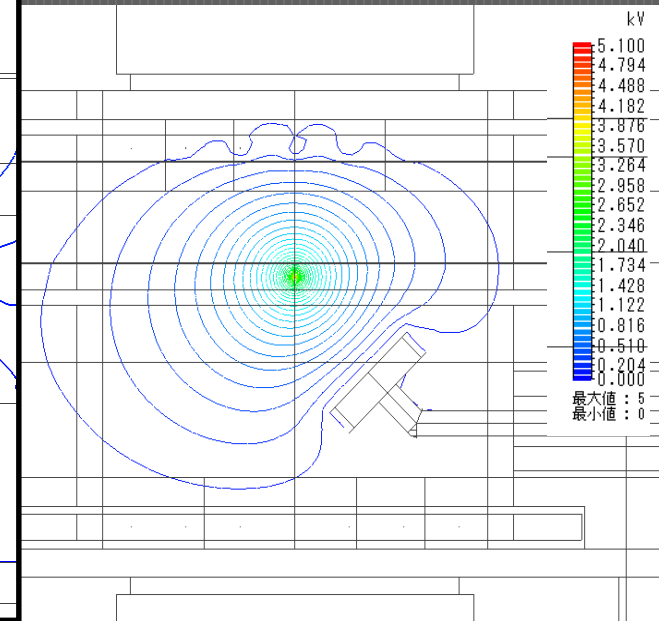


# Simulations

- Electric field
  - More uniform between the source the anode wire



Anode 5kV



- S1 spectrum (Anode 0V)
  - Full light simulation w/ Geant4
  - 4 p.e./keV assumed
  - 13.9keV(X-ray) should be observed

# Cryogenics

- 281.6L of Xe gas used

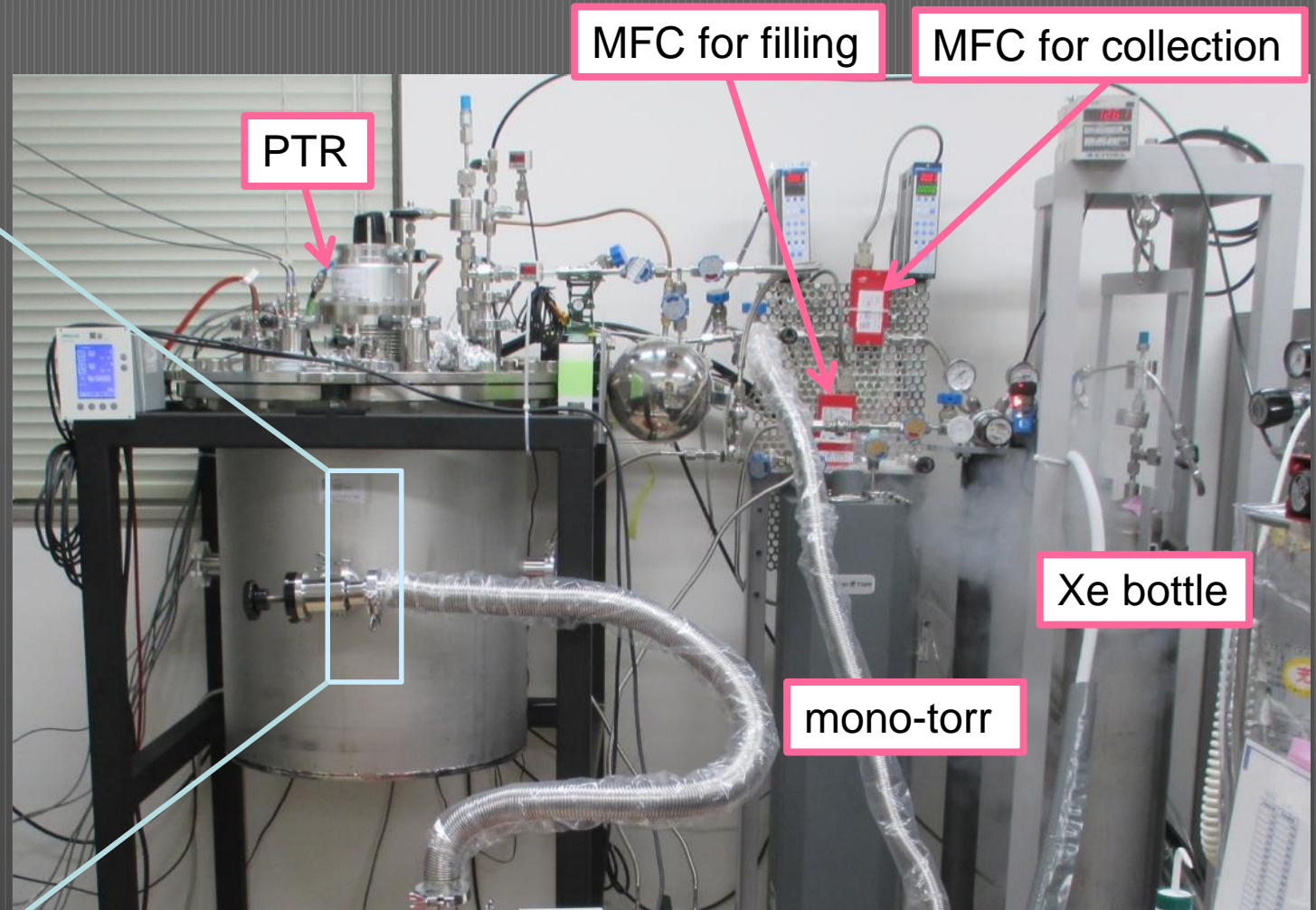
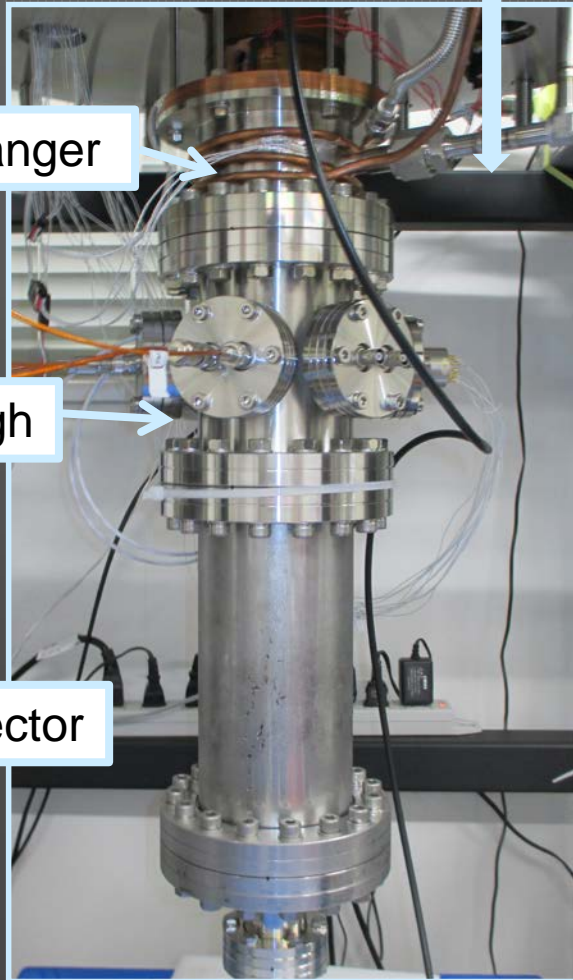
Inside of the outer chamber

Xe line

Heat-exchanger

Feedthrough

LXe detector



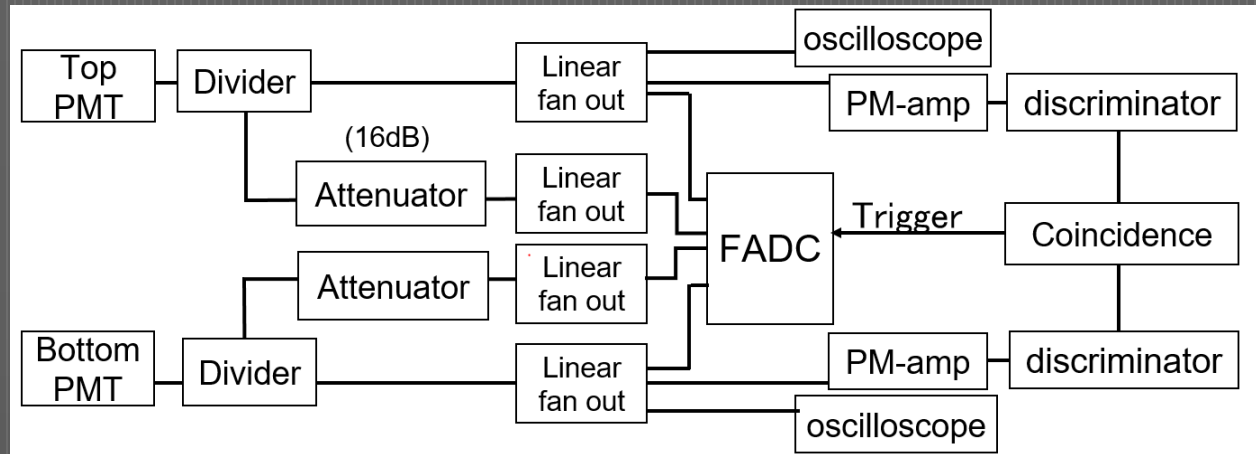
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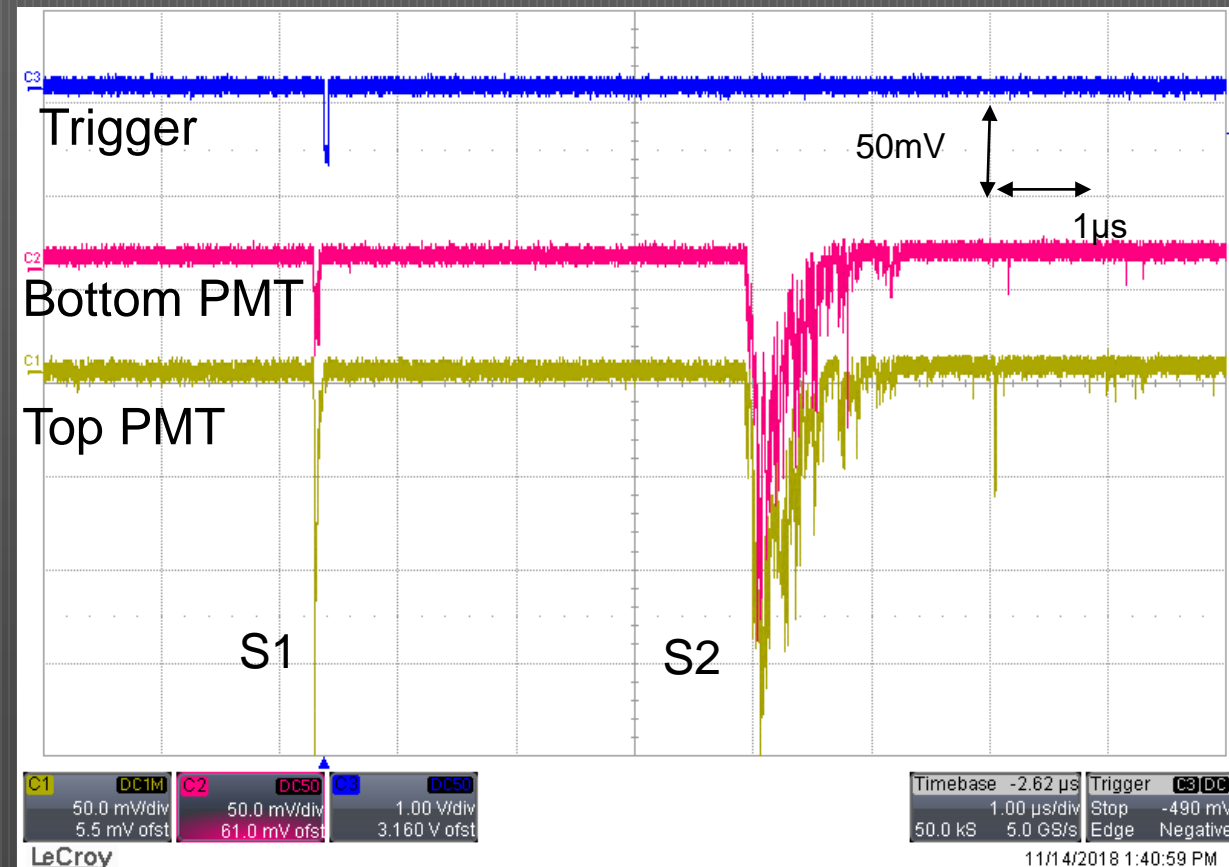
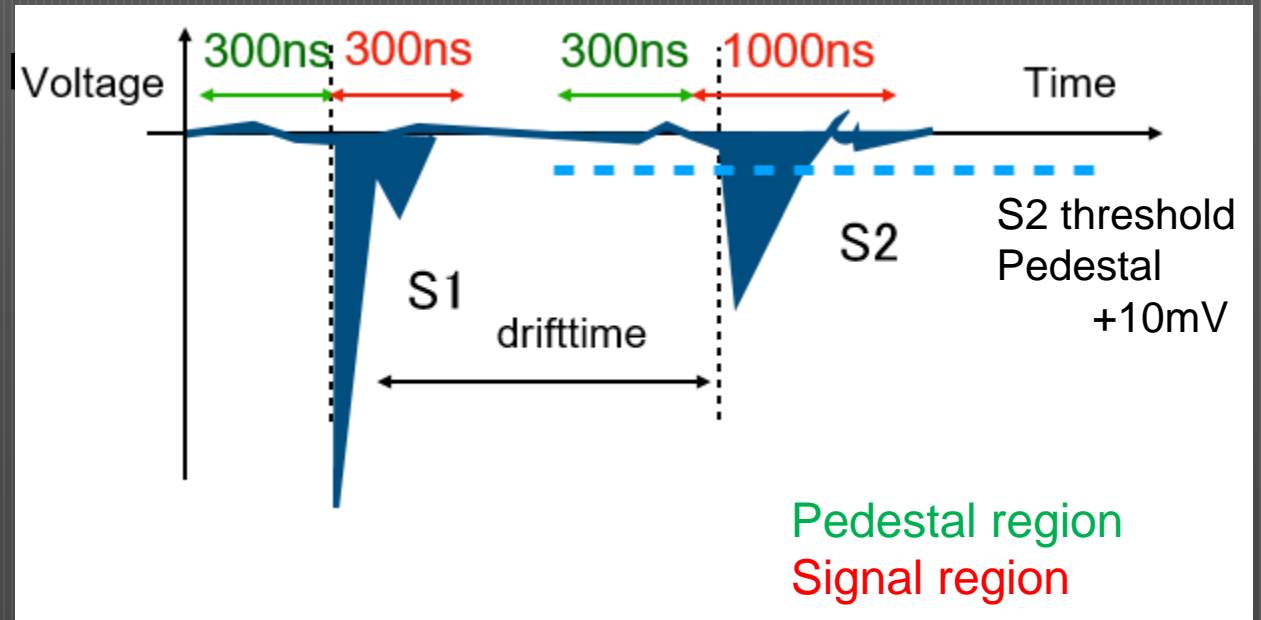
# DAQ and Analysis

- Attenuator for wide dynamic range
  - To record both 5.5 MeV / $\alpha$  and 13.9 keV/X with a FADC

Anode 5kV

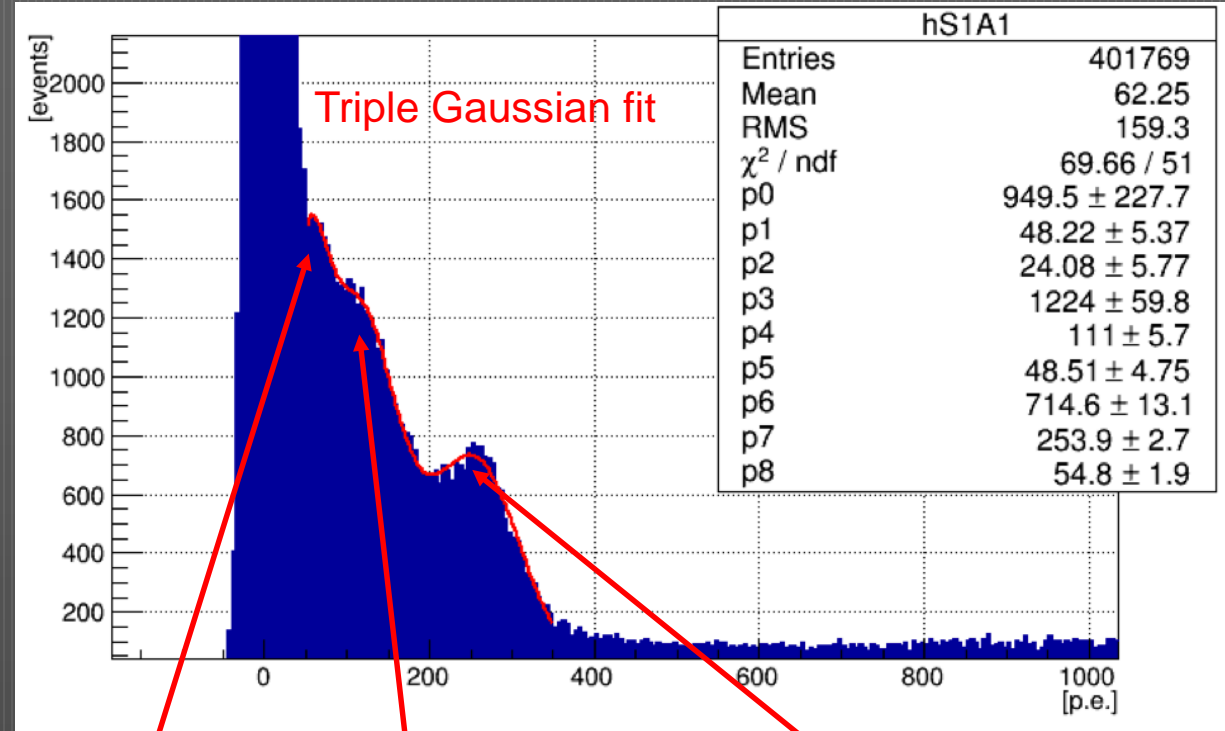
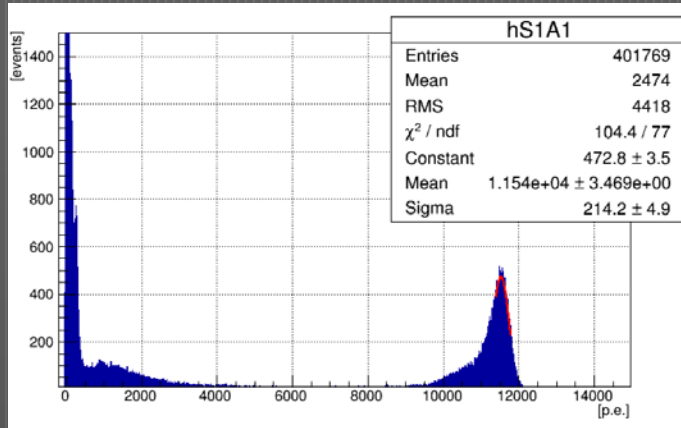


## S1/S2 peak calculations



# Low energy S1 spectrum @0V

- Wide range data

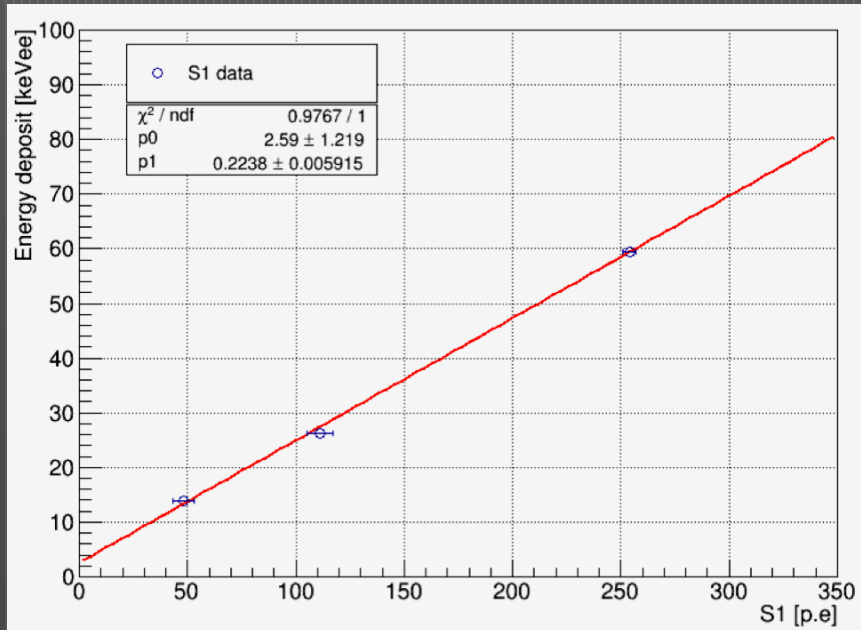


$48 \pm 5$  p.e.  
13.9 keV

$111 \pm 6$  p.e.  
26.3 keV

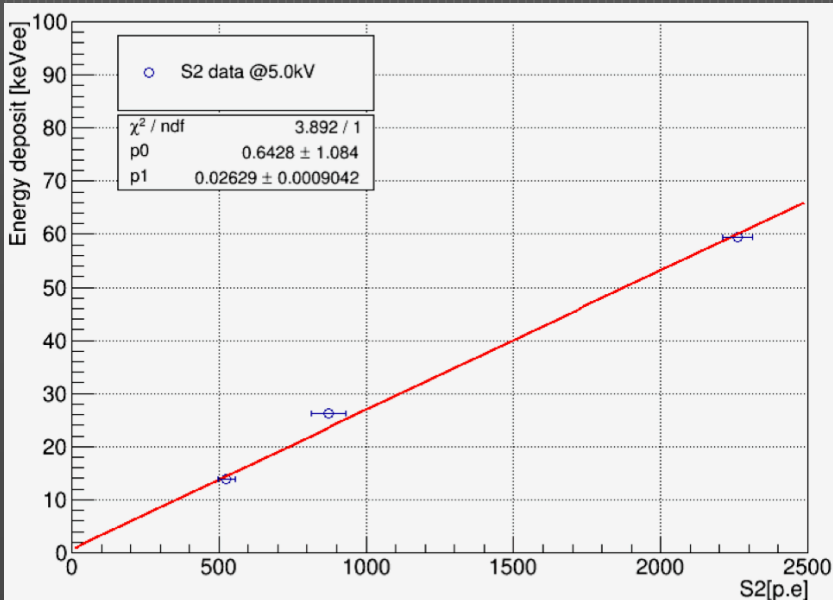
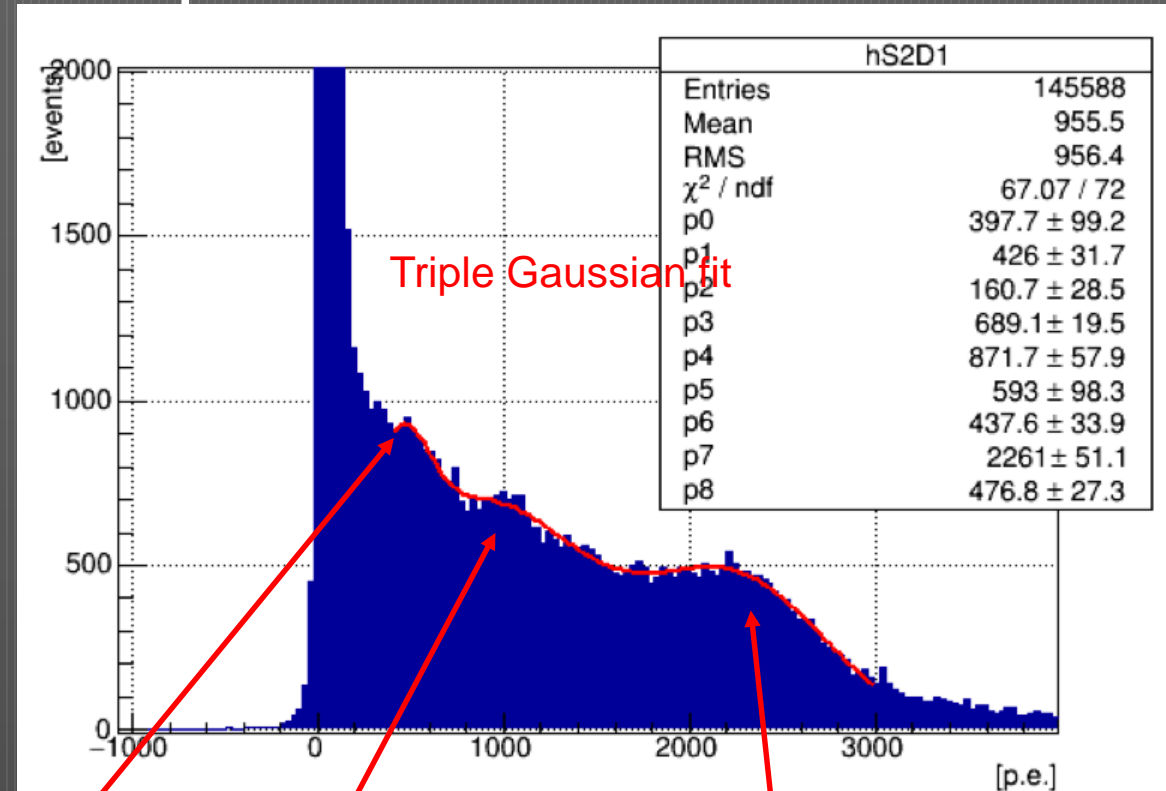
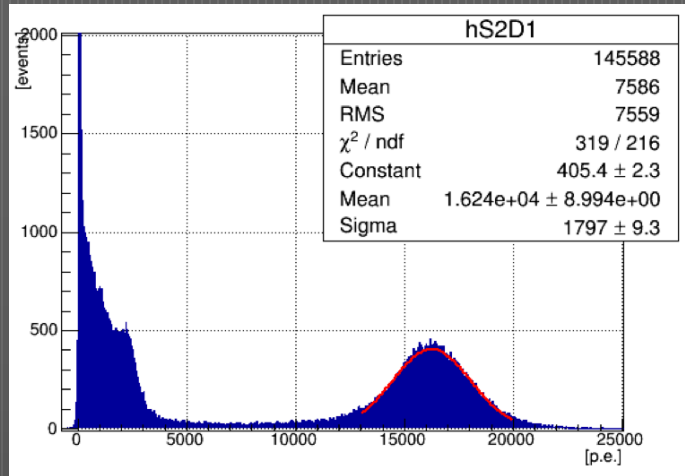
$254 \pm 3$  p.e.  
59.5 keV

S1(@0kV): 4.2 p.e./keV



# Low energy S2 spectrum @5kV

- Wide range data



$426 \pm 31$  p.e.  
13.9 keV

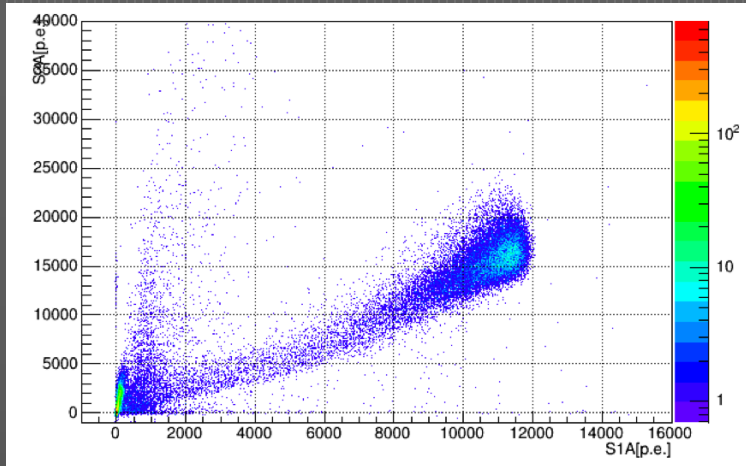
$872 \pm 58$  p.e.  
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$2261 \pm 51$  p.e.  
59.5 keV

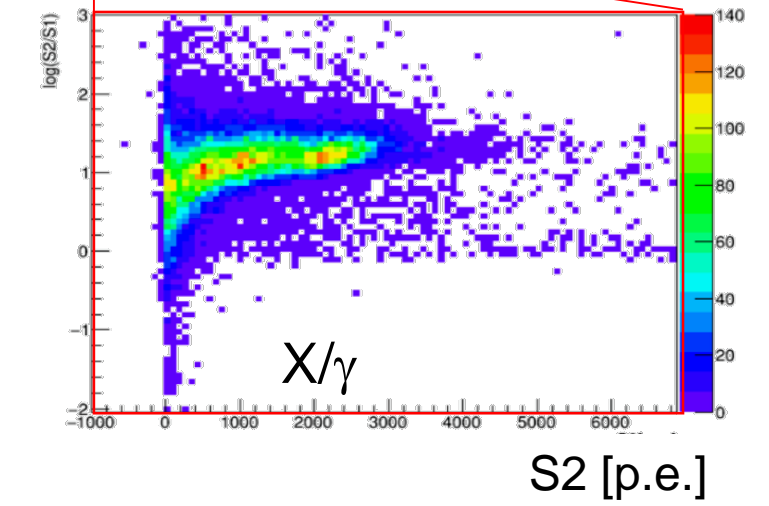
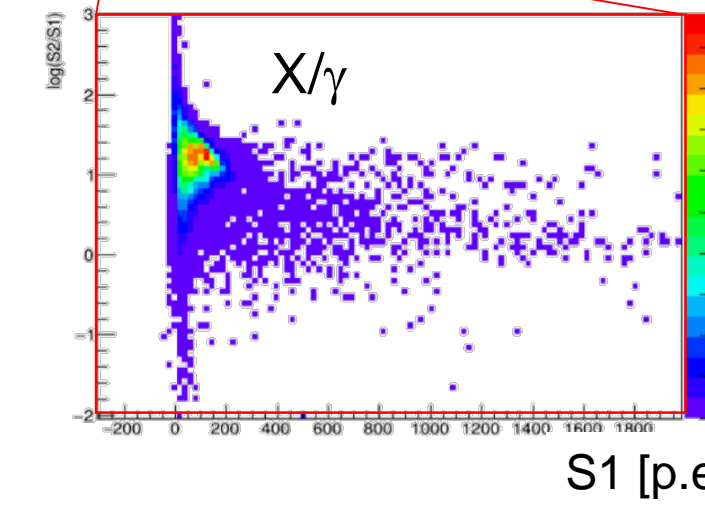
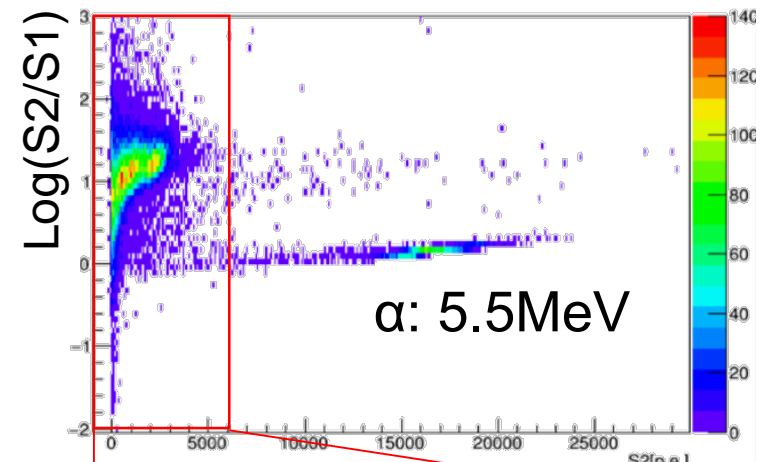
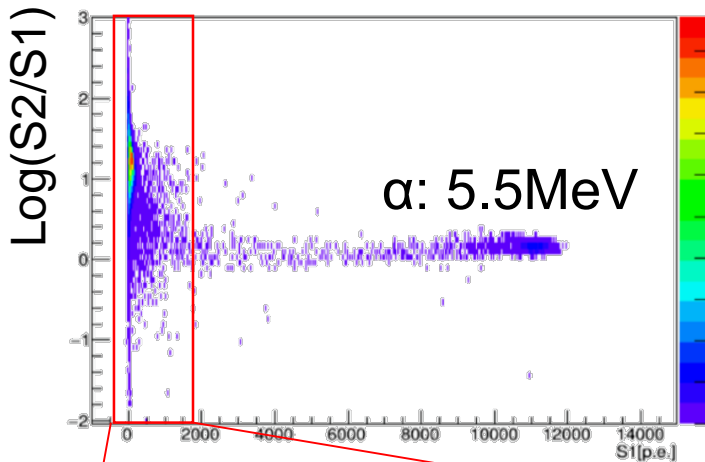
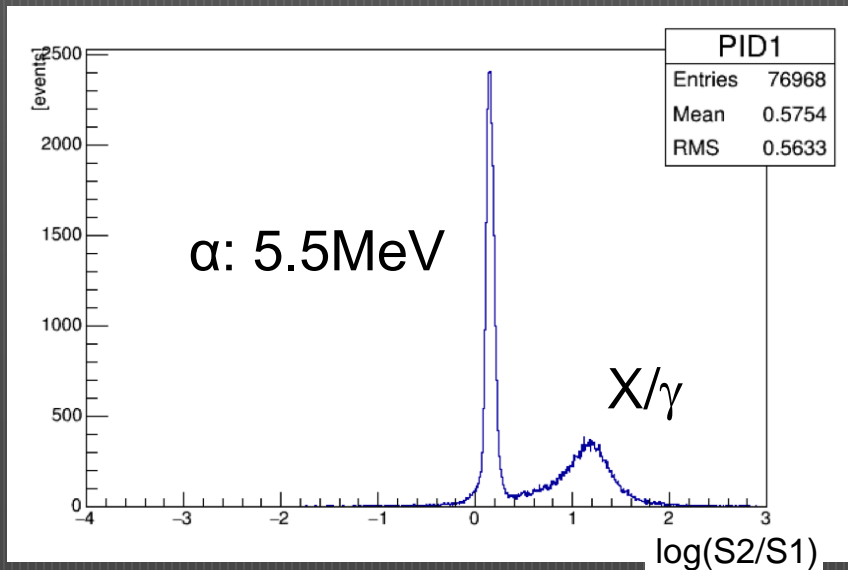
S2(@5kV): 39 p.e./keV

# S1 vs S2 @ 5kV

S2 [p.e.]

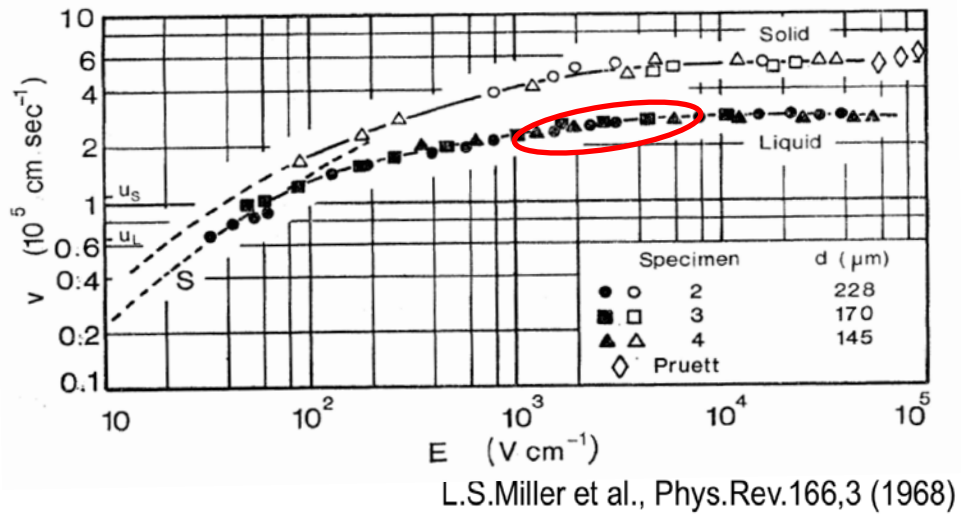


S1 [p.e.]

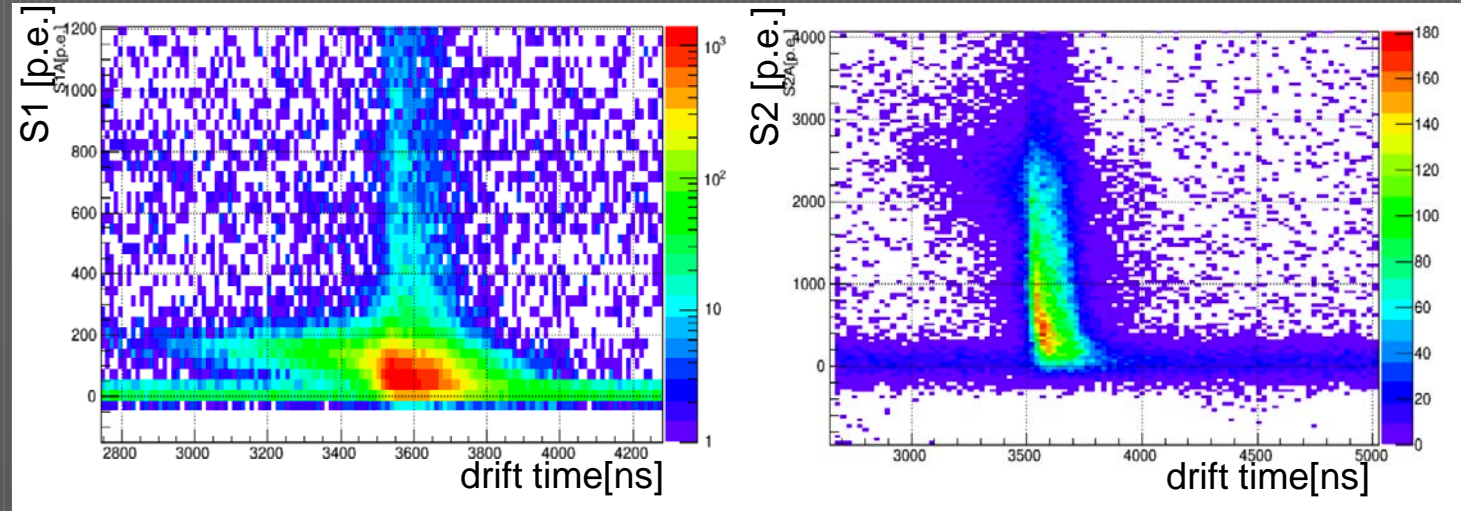


- $\alpha$ s and  $\gamma$ s are clearly separated
  - Down to  $\sim 10$ keVee??

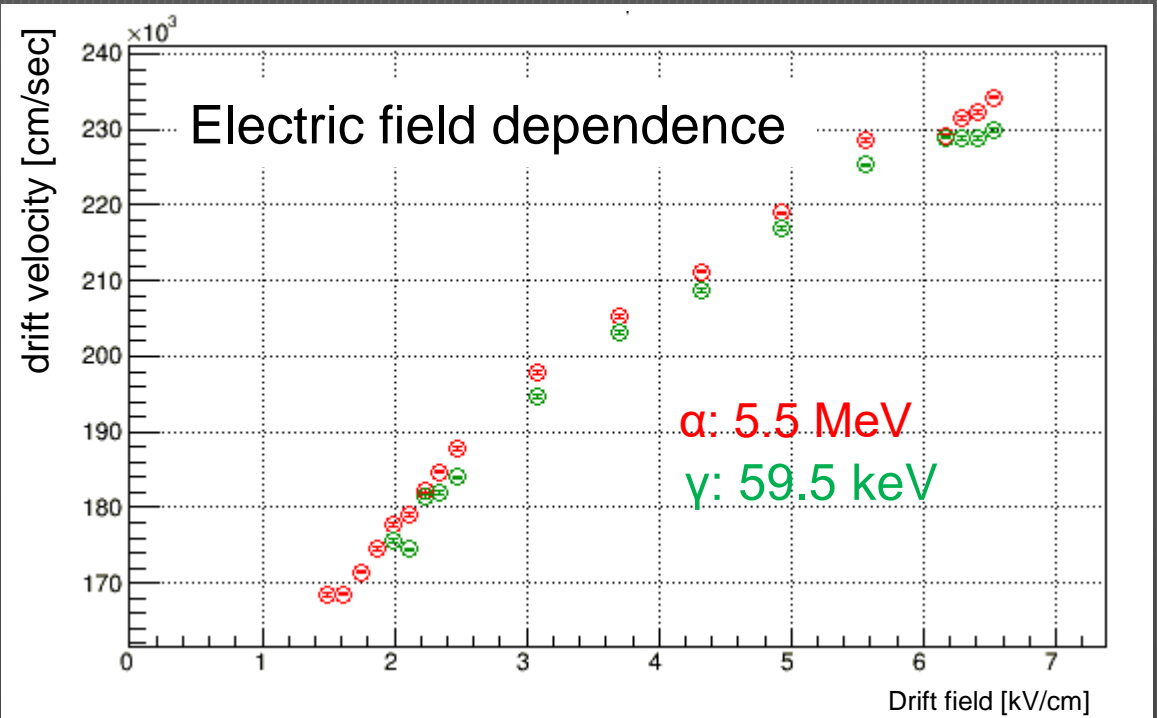
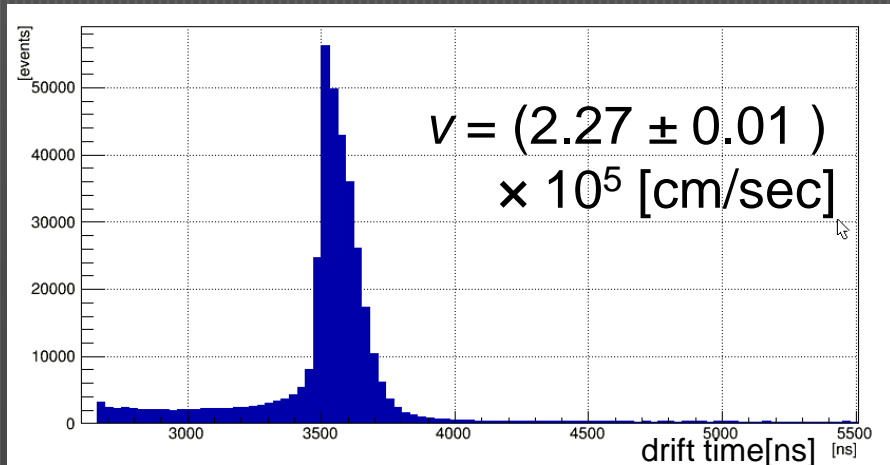
# Drift velocity



Raw events in low energy region @5kV



1D drift time distribution @5kV



# S1: Drift field dependence

- Relative S1 amplitude

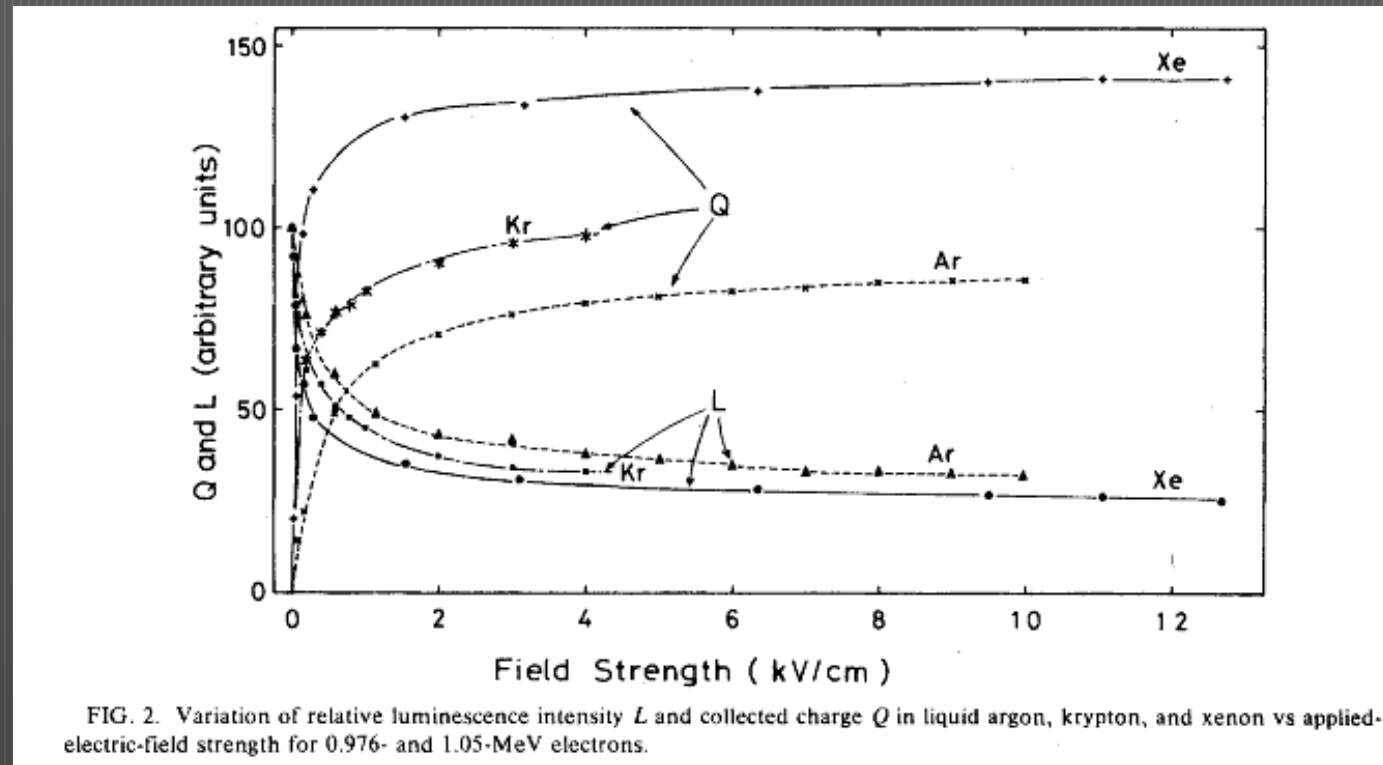
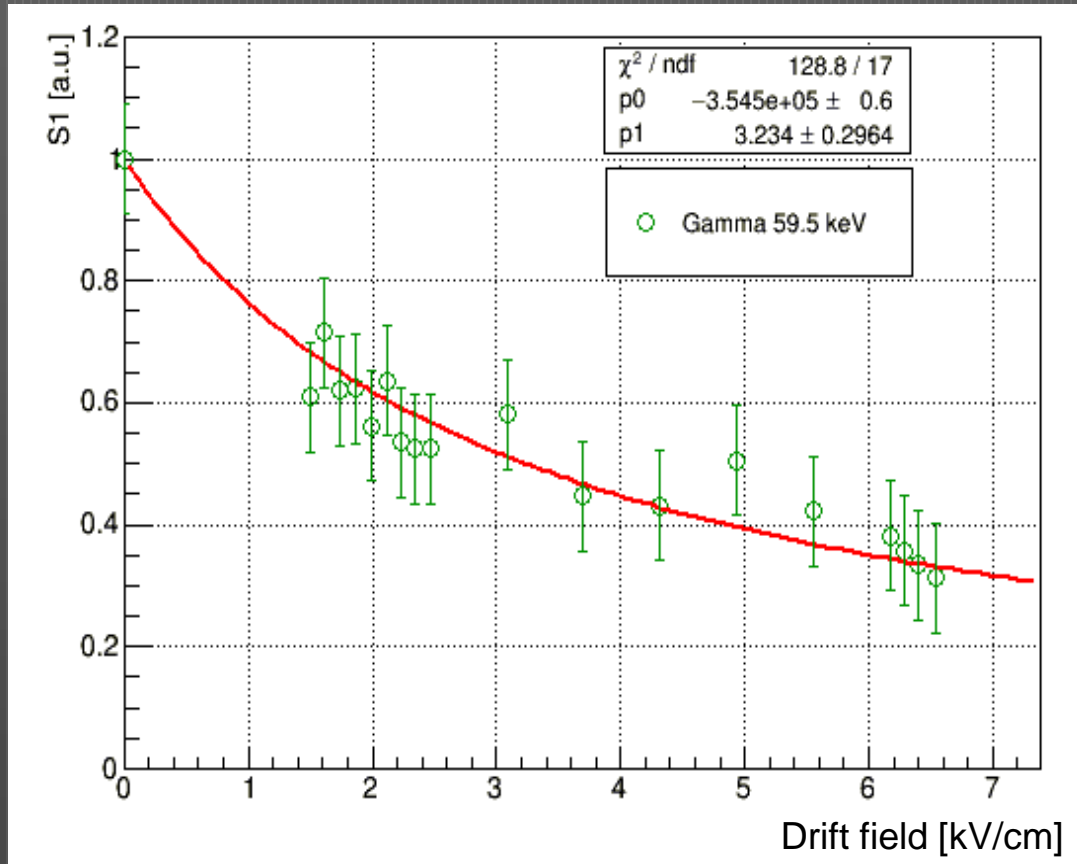


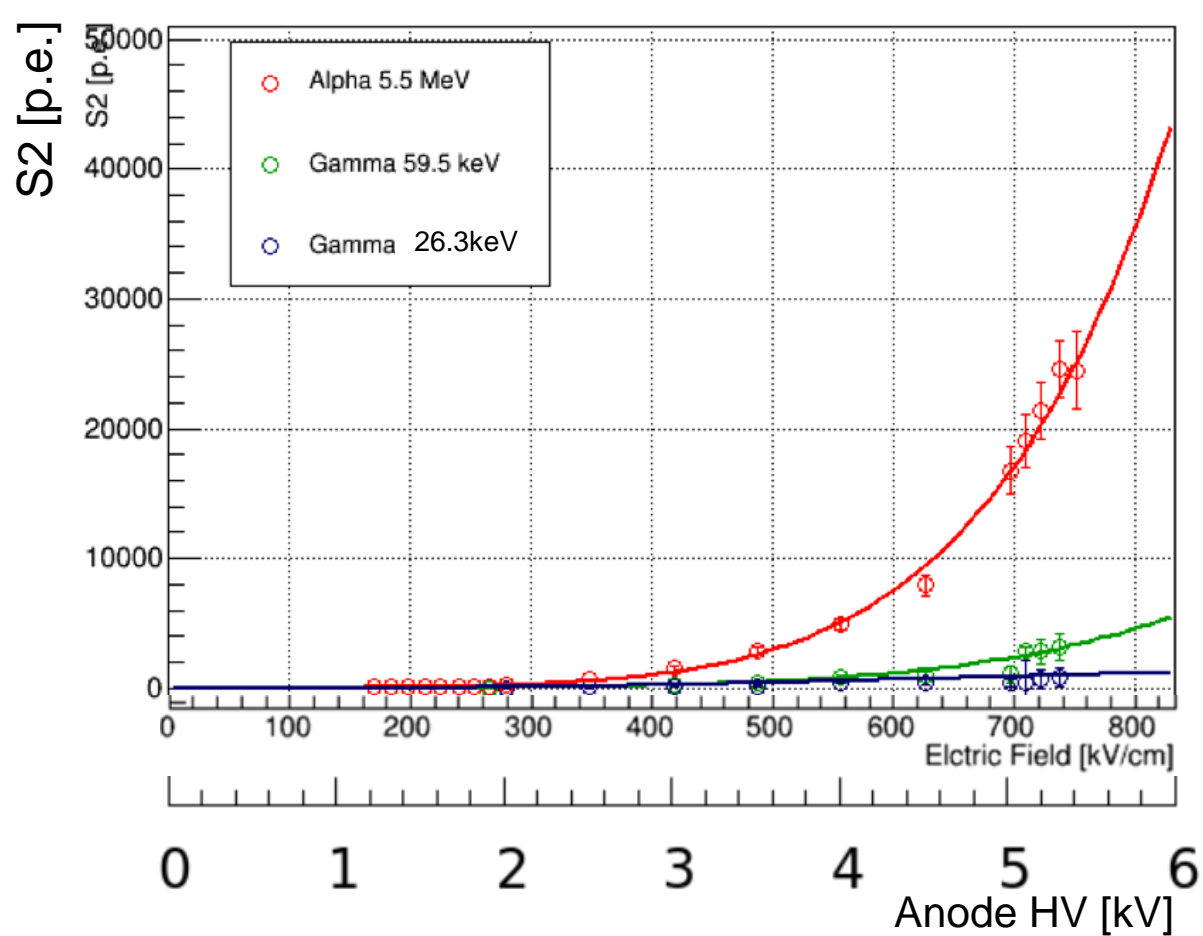
FIG. 2. Variation of relative luminescence intensity  $L$  and collected charge  $Q$  in liquid argon, krypton, and xenon vs applied-electric-field strength for 0.976- and 1.05-MeV electrons.

T. Doke et al., Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. Vol. 41 (2002) pp. 1538–1545

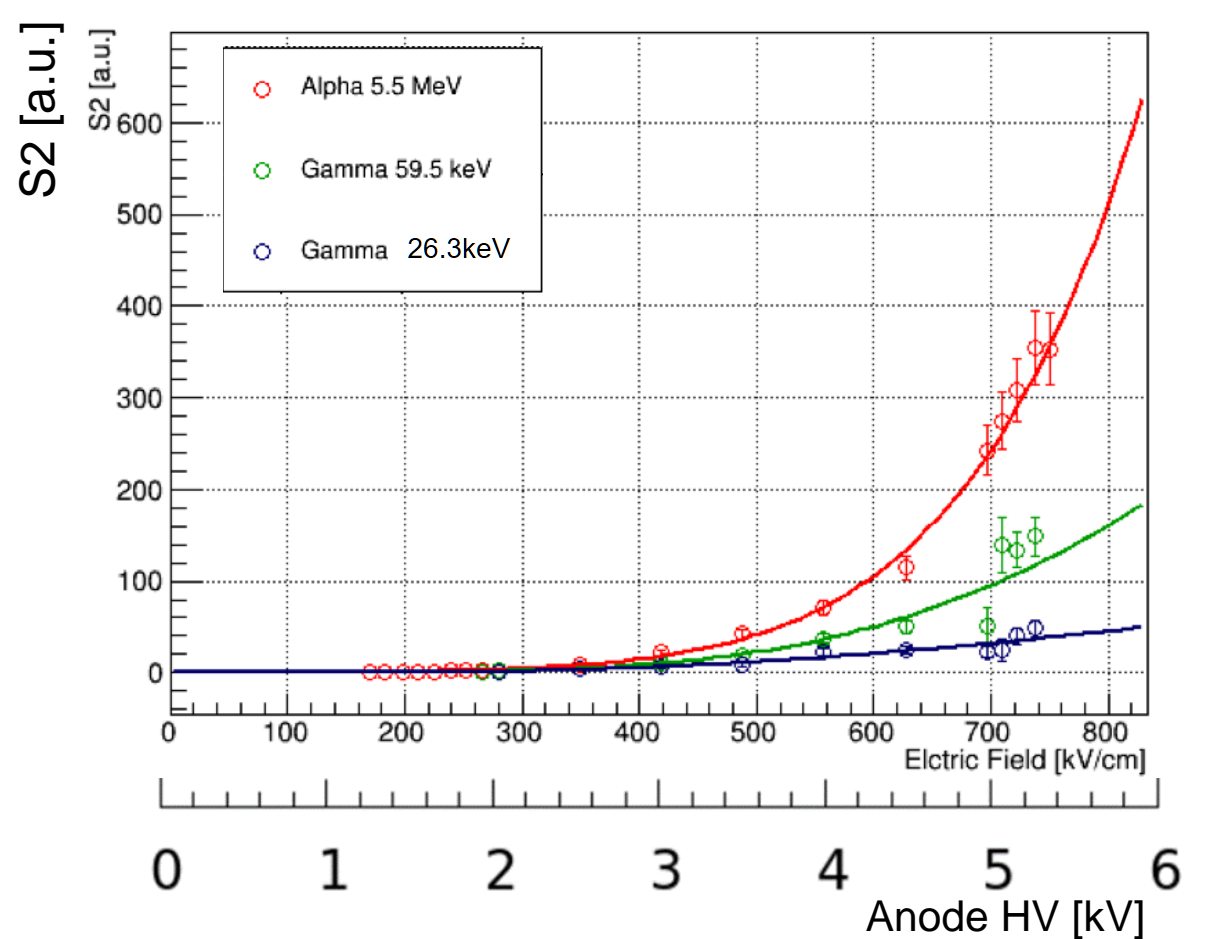
# S2: Anode HV/ Field dependence

- First results for low energy gamma
- Threshold  $\sim 350\text{kV/cm}$

## S2 photoelectron

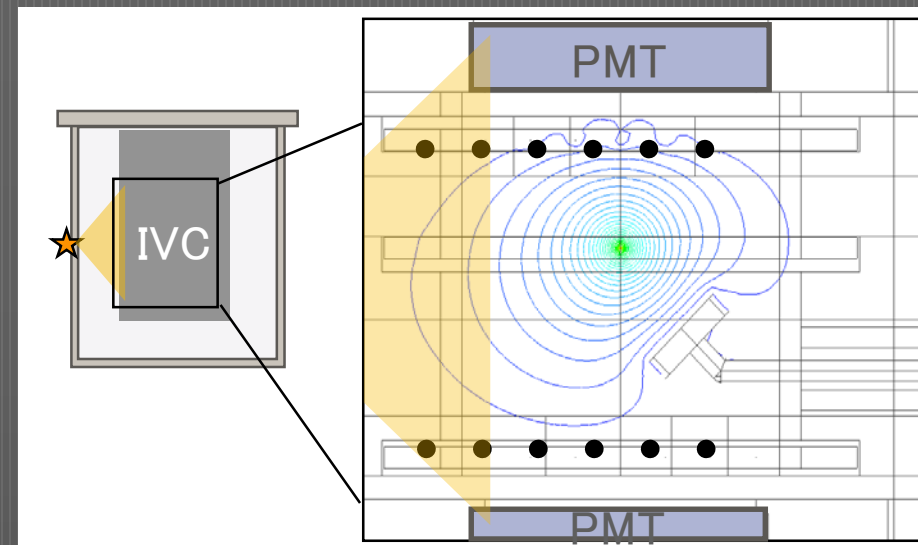
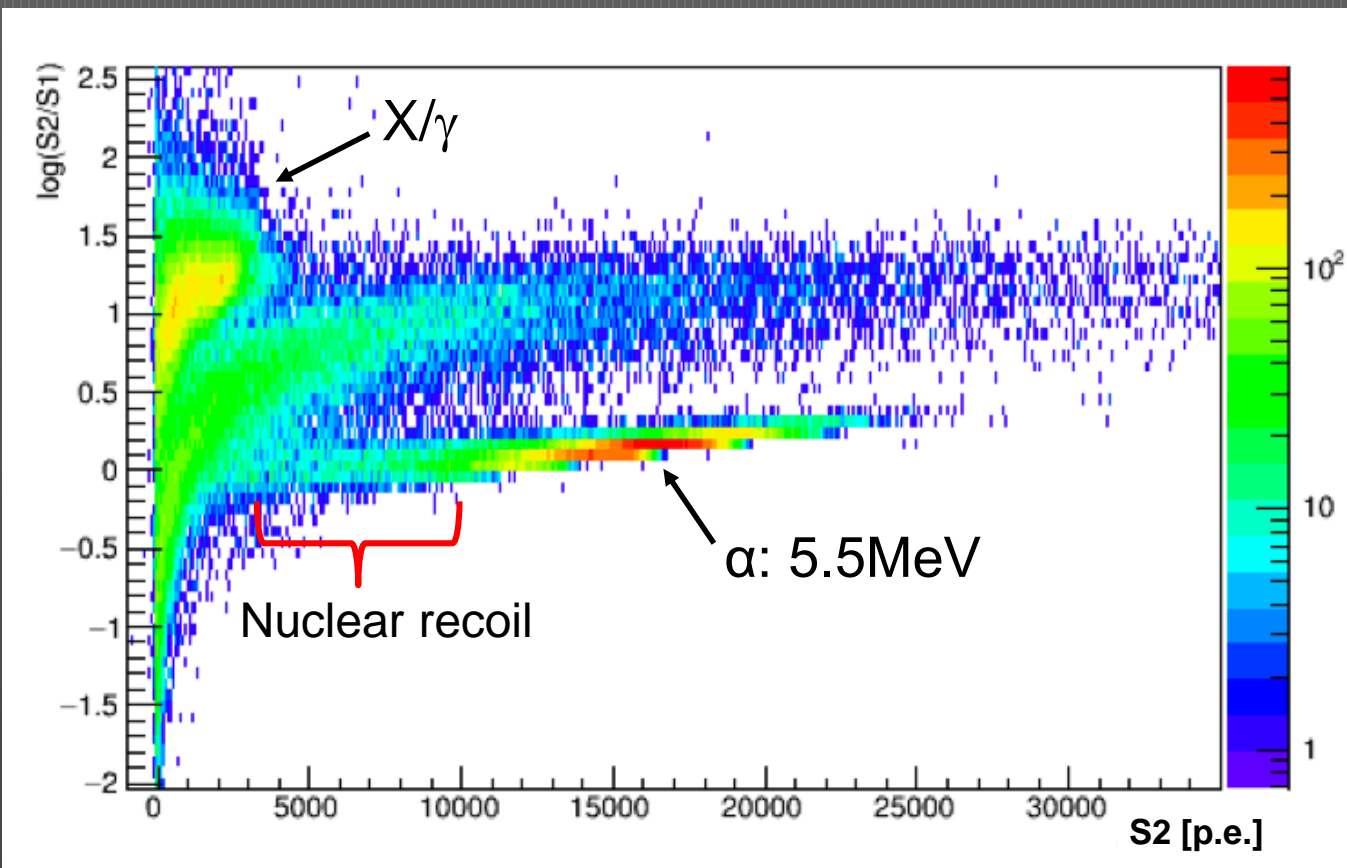


## S2 relative amplitude

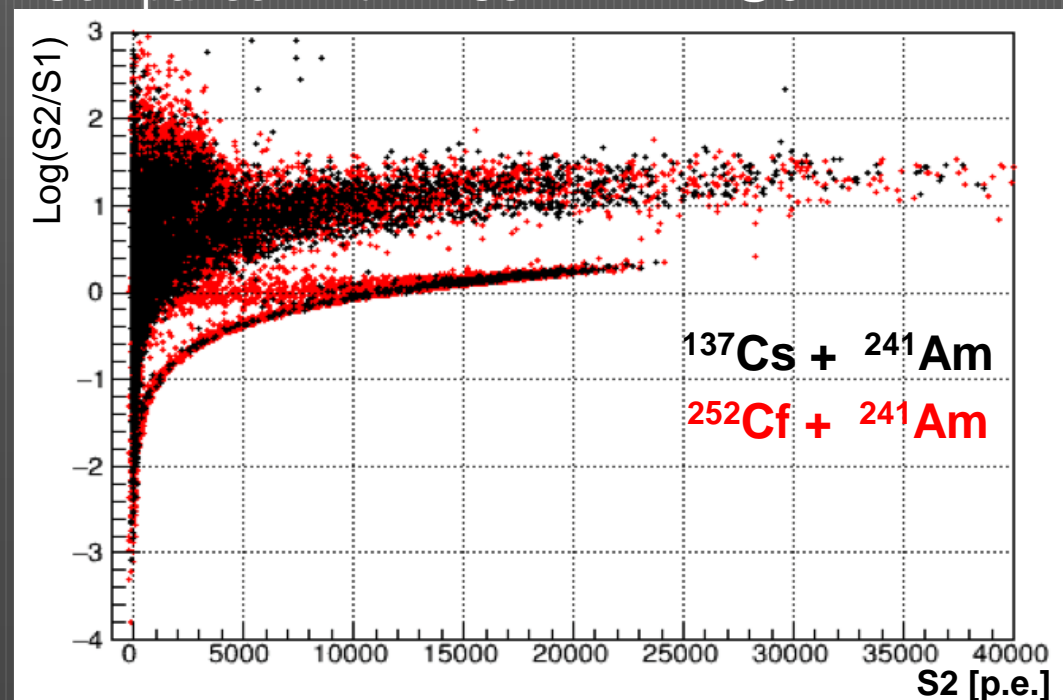


# Nuclear recoils by $^{252}\text{Cf}$ external irradiation

$^{252}\text{Cf} + ^{241}\text{Am}$  @5kV

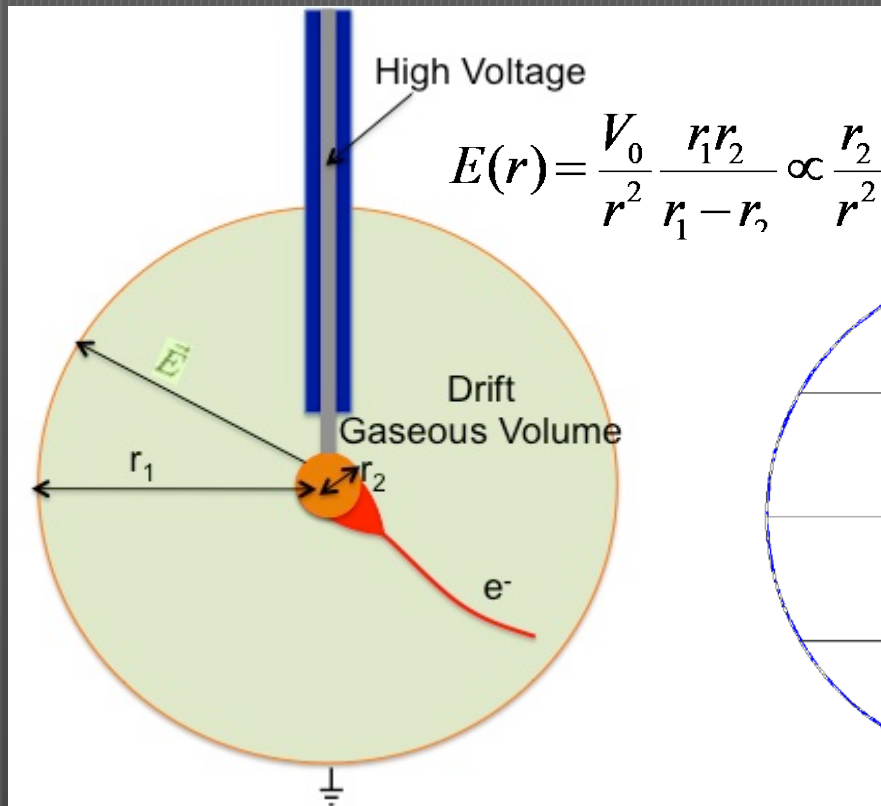
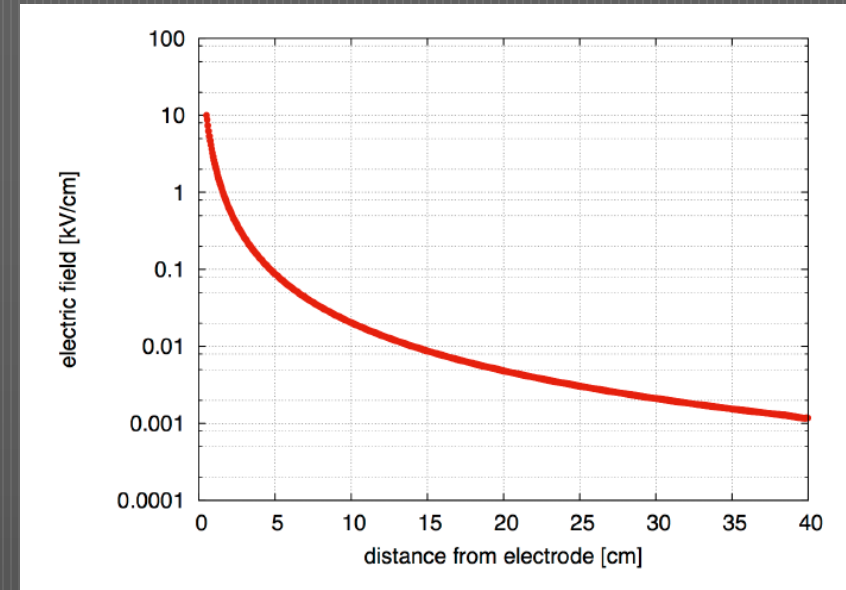


Comparison with  $^{137}\text{Cs} + ^{241}\text{Am}$  @5kV

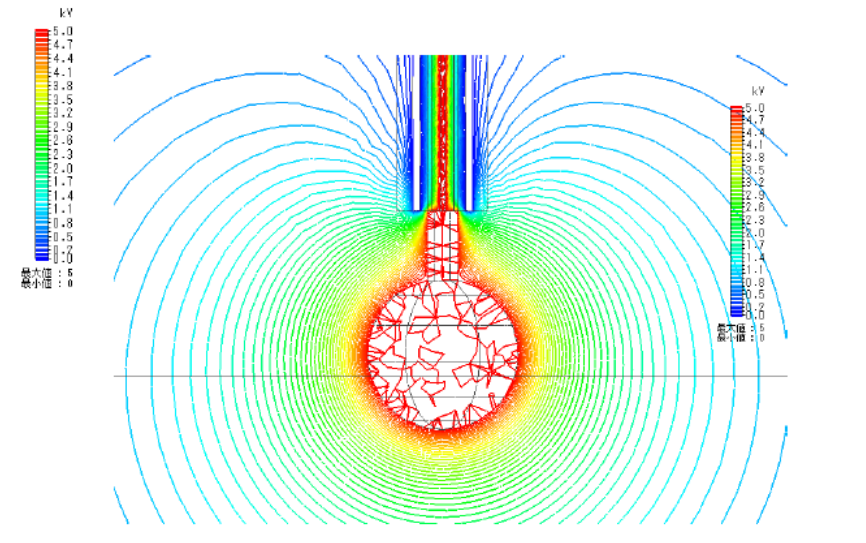
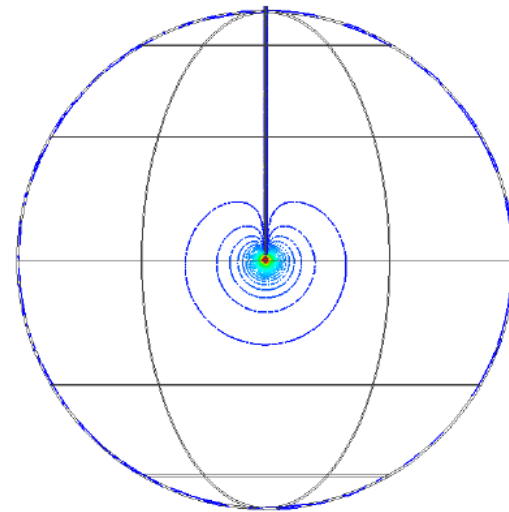


# Towards spherical detector

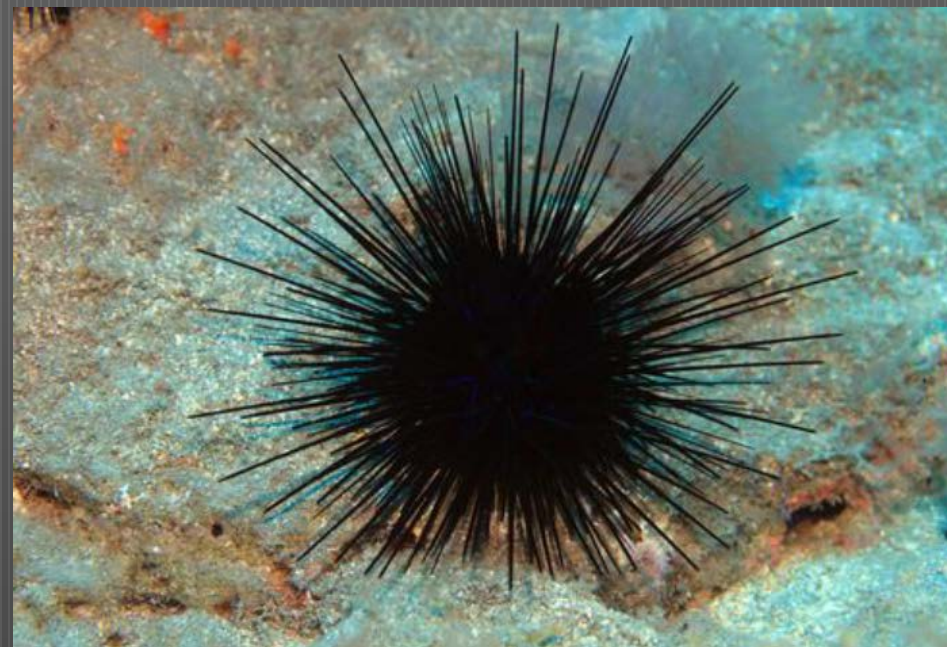
- The issue: too low voltage @ surface
  - Simulation: 5kV 5mm ball in XMASS (80cm sphere) only 1V @ surface



$$E(r) = \frac{V_0}{r^2} \frac{r_1 r_2}{r_1 - r_2} \propto \frac{r_2}{r^2}$$

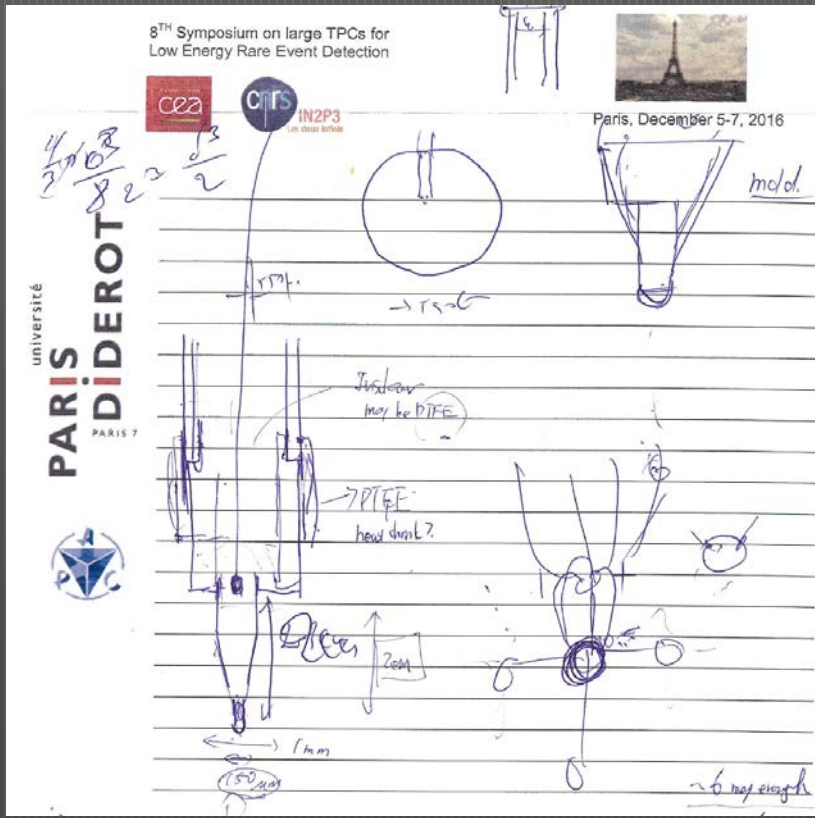


# Multi ball or more Achinos-like electrode is necessary

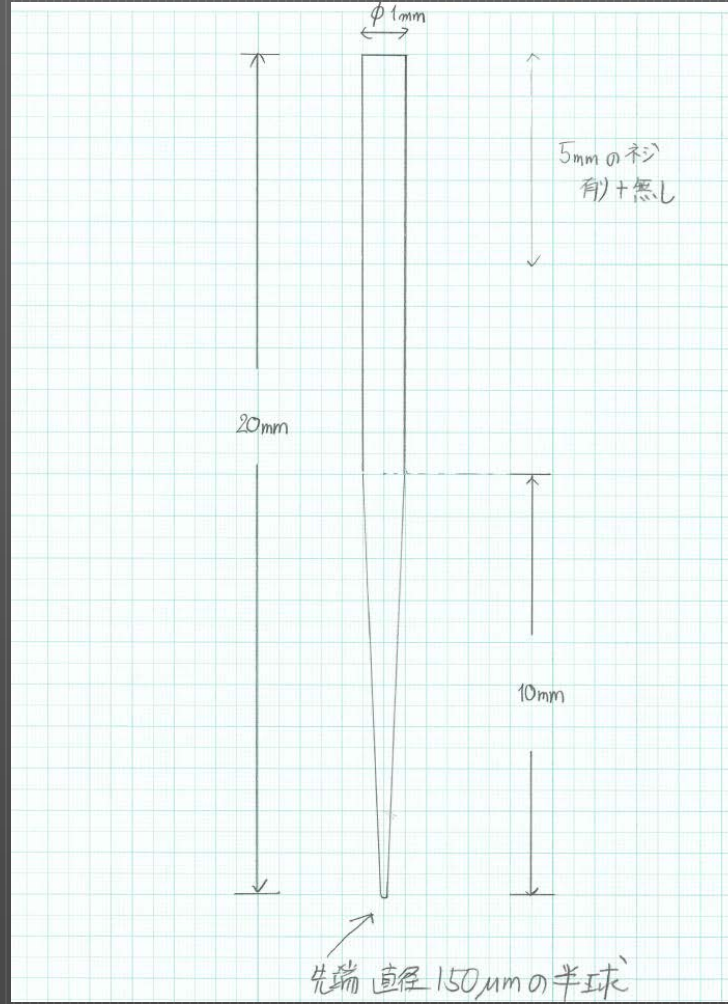


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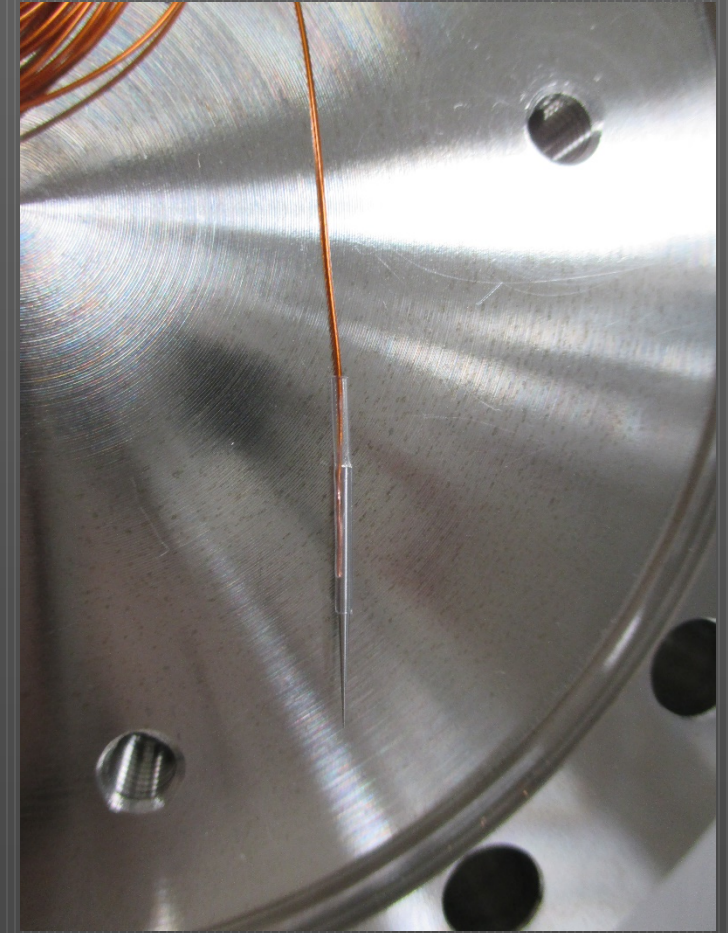
- 150 $\mu$ m half ball



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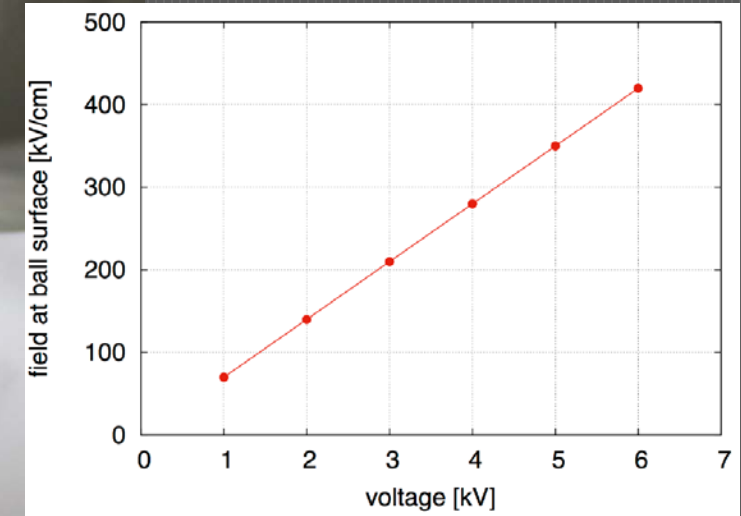
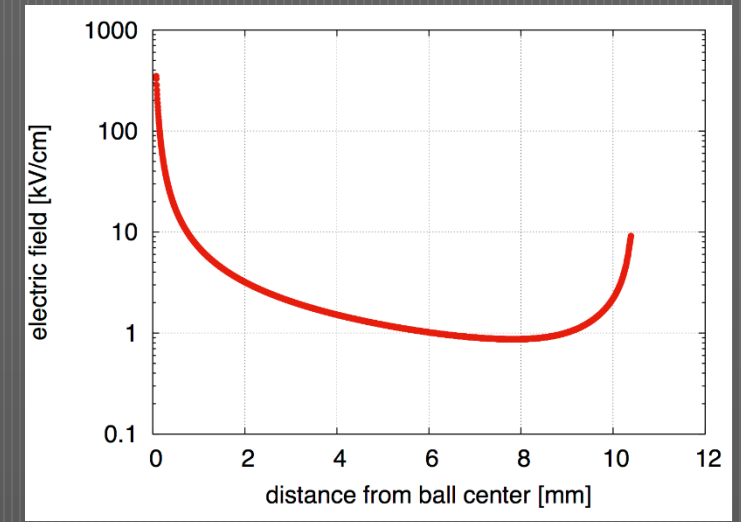
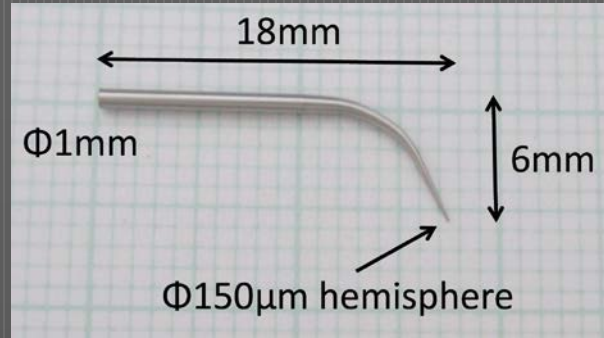
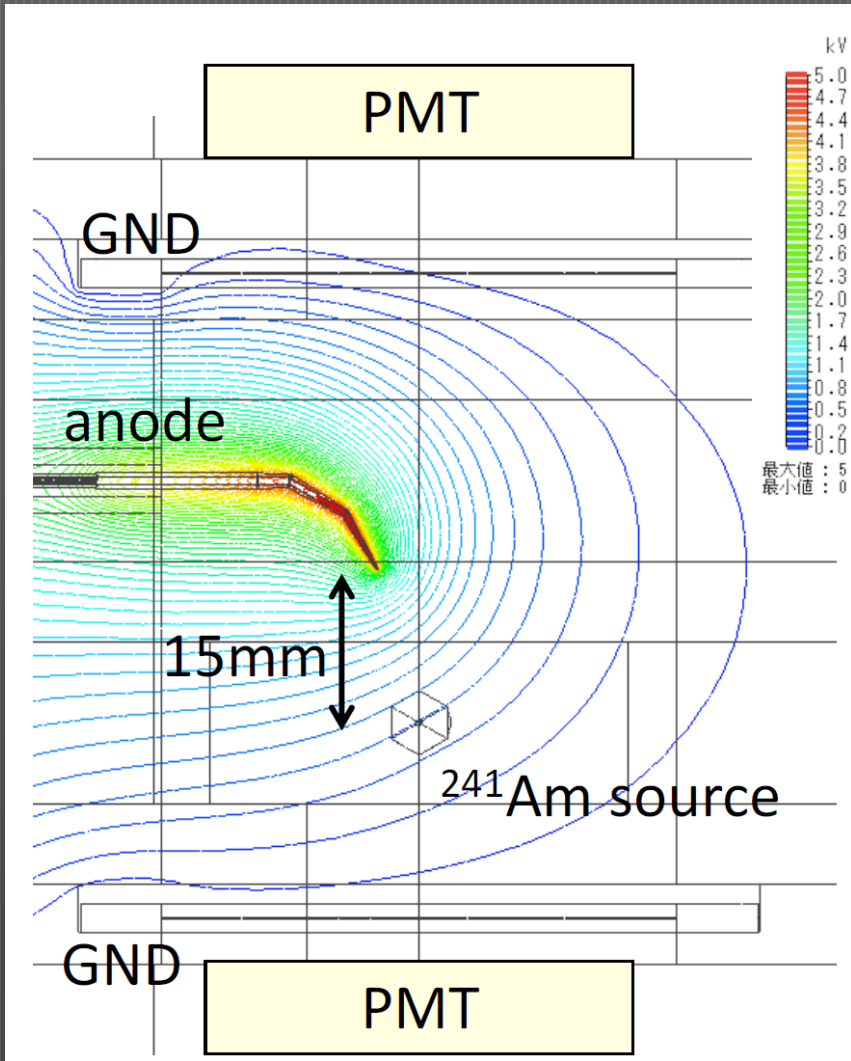


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HV should be 6kV for to get 400kV/cm

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Discharge

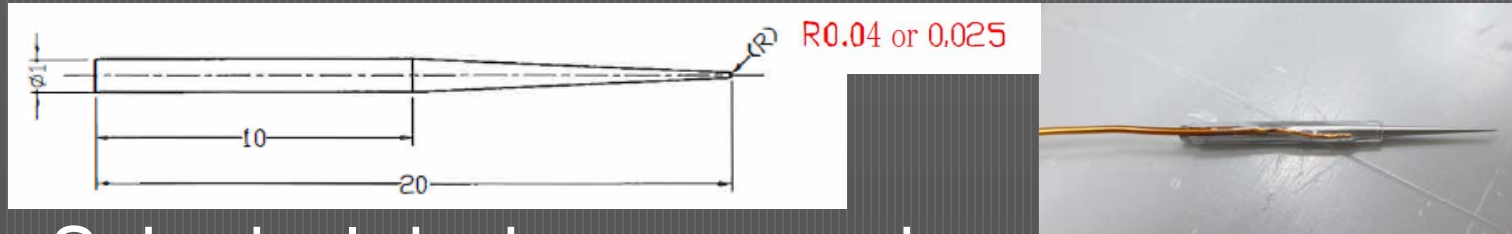


@Feedthrog  
(PEEK)

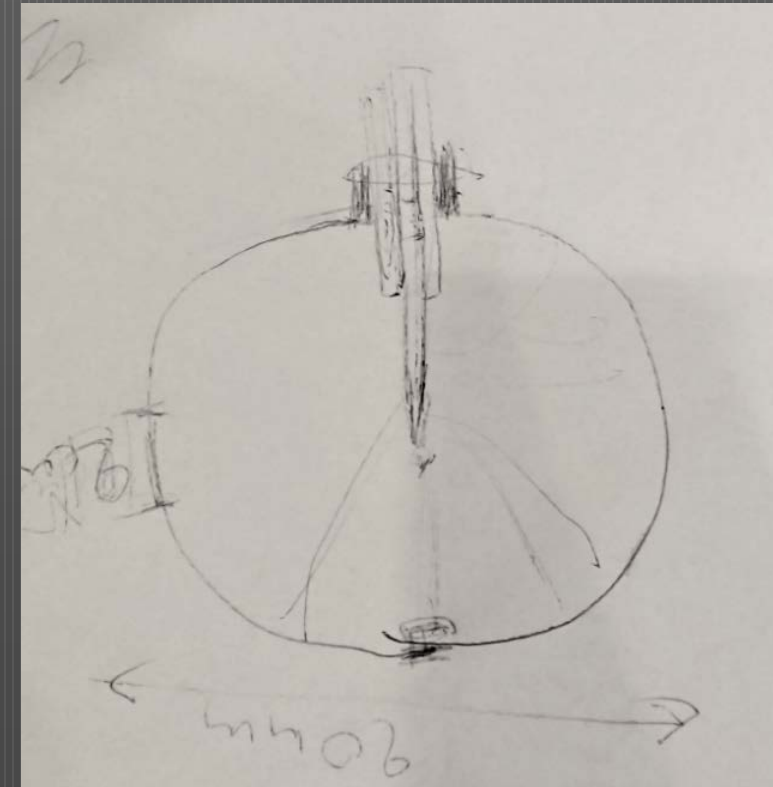
- Stable 6kV application was not achieved
- Electron collection efficiency extremely low
- Only S1 signals

# Things are on-going

- The new source setup is already established.
- 80 $\mu$ m and 50 $\mu$ m “ball” electrode are ready.



- Spherical designs are underway
  - Tea strainer can be used as GND sphere



# Summary

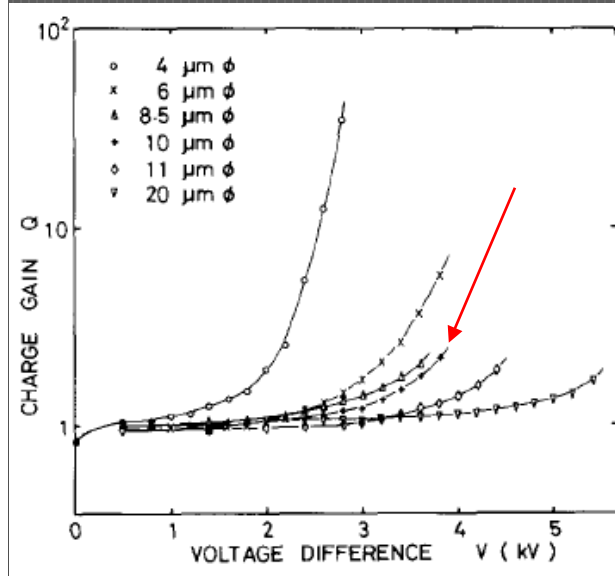
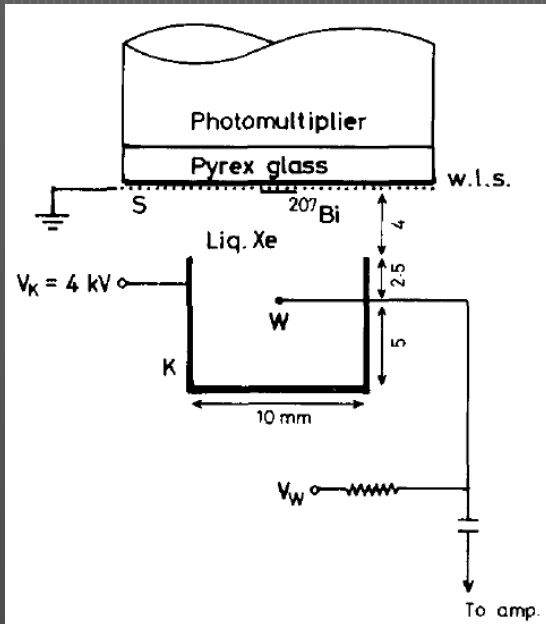
- LXe single phase detector has been tested.
- With a 10 $\mu$ m wire, it was operated stably at 700kV/cm and S2 signals for 13.9keV X-ray was observed for the first time.
  - Demonstration of LXe single phase TPC @ ~10keV region!!
  - LY was only 4.2p.e./keV. There is room to improve!
- Single phase PID performance was also investigated.
- Design works are ongoing towards the 1st 10cm size prototype of spherical detector.

# Extra slides

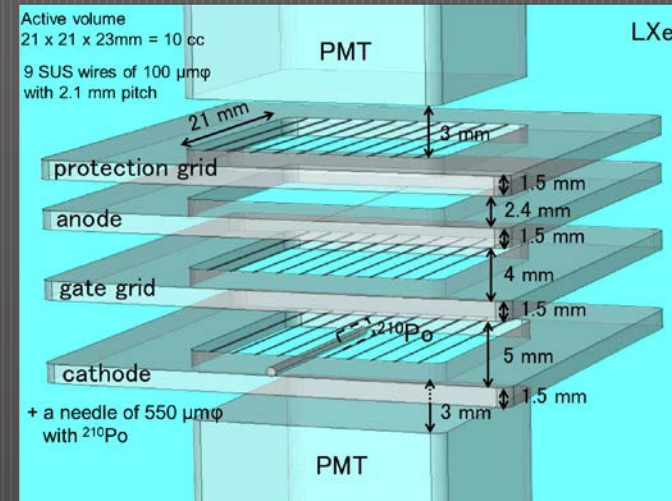
# Previous works

- 1MeV  $\beta$  from  $^{207}\text{Bi}$ 
  - S2 threshold 410kV/cm

- 5.3MeV  $\alpha$  from  $^{210}\text{Po}$ 
  - S2 threshold  $412 \pm 10\text{kV/cm}$



K. Masuda et al. NIMA 160(1979)247



E. April et al. JINST 9(2014) P11012

