

# Simulations in PandaX

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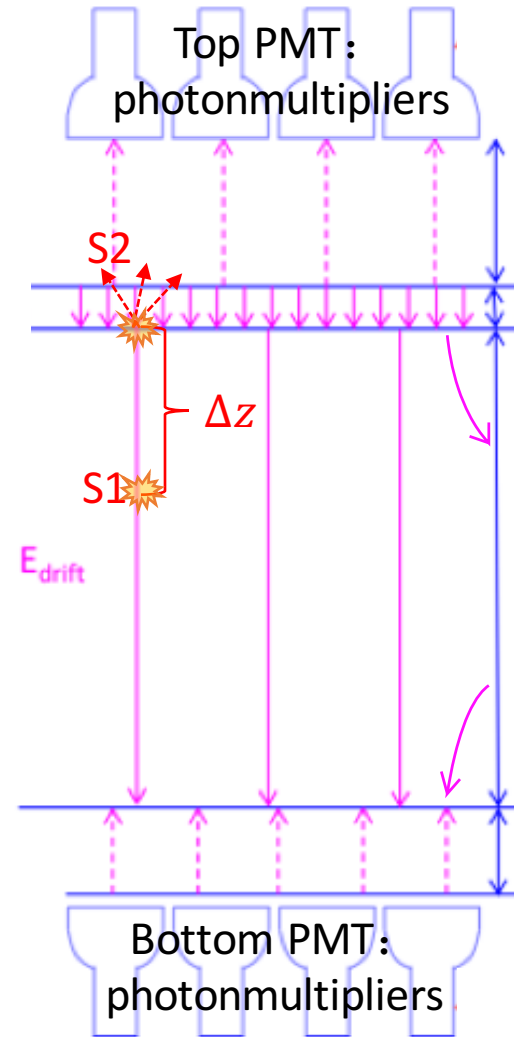
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# General scope

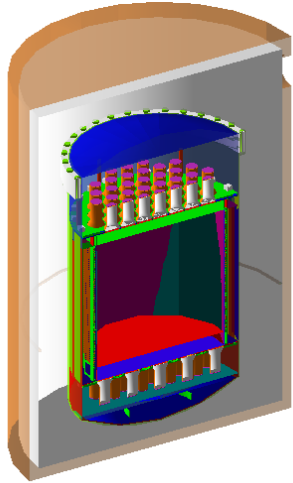
1. Energy deposition & kinetics
  - Recoiling energy spectrum,  $dR/dE$
  - Stopping kinetics of particles
  - Energy spectrum + BambooMC (kinetics)
2. Light/charge signal model
  - Energy  $\rightarrow$  (excitation, ionization, heat)  $\rightarrow$  (S1, S2)
  - NEST1.0
3. Photon collection
  - Horizontal position reconstruction
  - BambooMC
4. **Waveform**



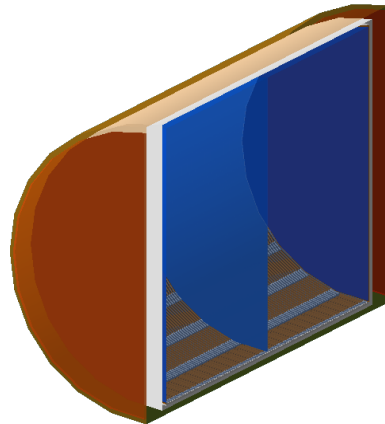
# Platform - BambooMC

<https://github.com/pandax-experiments/BambooMC>

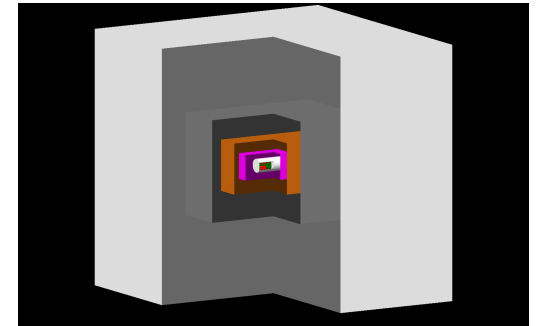
- Geant4-based Monte Carlo simulation program
- Structure
  - Generator
  - Detector Geometry and Material
  - Physics Analysis
- Integrate with other simulation toolkit



PandaX-I, II, 4T dual-phase liquid xenon detector



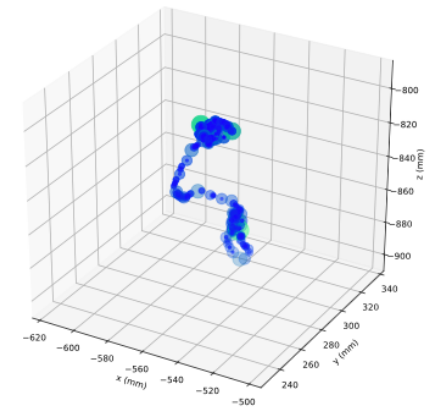
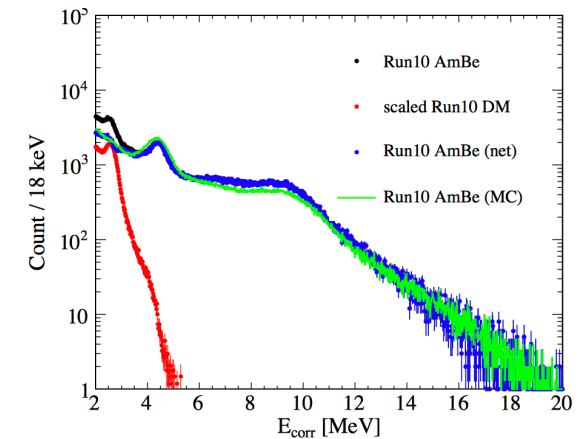
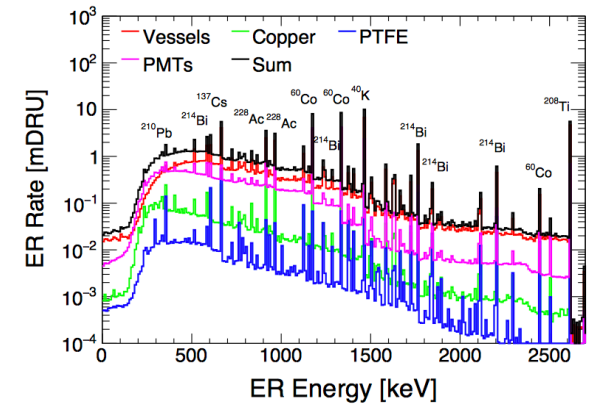
PandaX-III gaseous xenon detector



PandaX germanium counting station

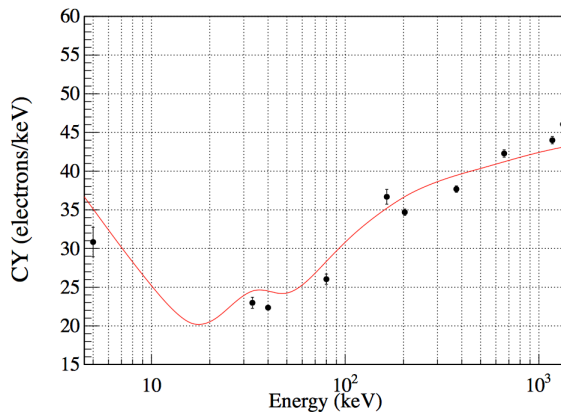
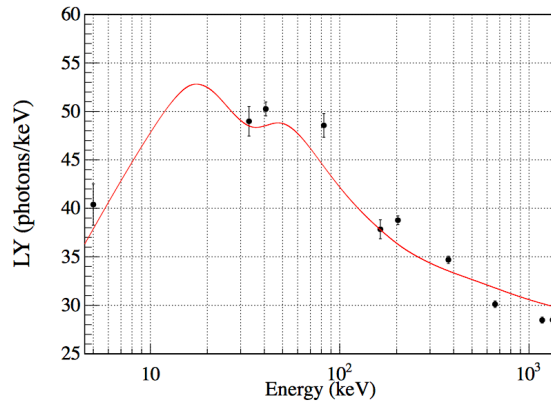
# 1. Energy deposition & kinetics

- Electron recoil backgrounds in DM search
  - GEANT4 gps generator
  - Hongguang Zhang et. al., PandaX-xT sensitivity estimation (2018)
- Neutron backgrounds in DM search
  - JENDL database (neutron energy spectrum) + BambooMC (kinematics)
  - Qihong Wang et. al., Neutron background in PandaX-II (2019)
- Neutrinoless double beta decay
  - DECAY0 (kinetic energy of two outgoing electrons) + BambooMC (kinetics for the track in gaseous xenon)
  - Qiao Hao et. al., Signal-background discrimination in PandaX-III (2018)

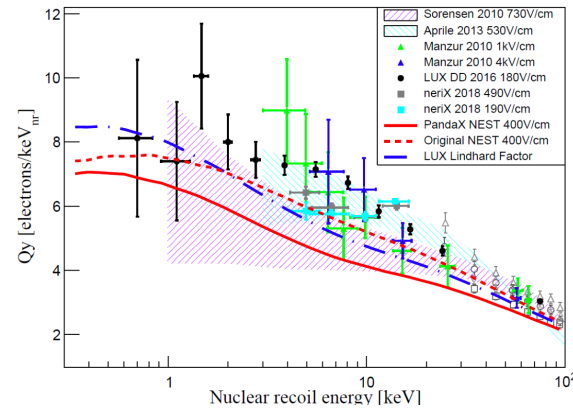
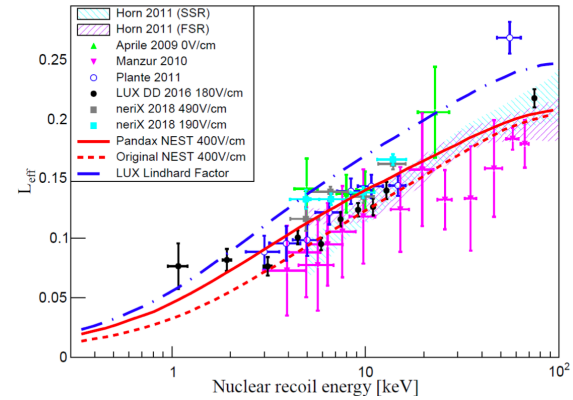


# 2. Light/charge signal model

- PandaX-II uses NEST1.0
  - Andi Tan et al. (PandaX-II Collaboration) Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 121303 (2016). Supplements
  - Brian Lenardo et al. (NEST) IEEE Tran.s on Nucl. Sci. (2014)
- CY or QY – charge yield, L – charge yield



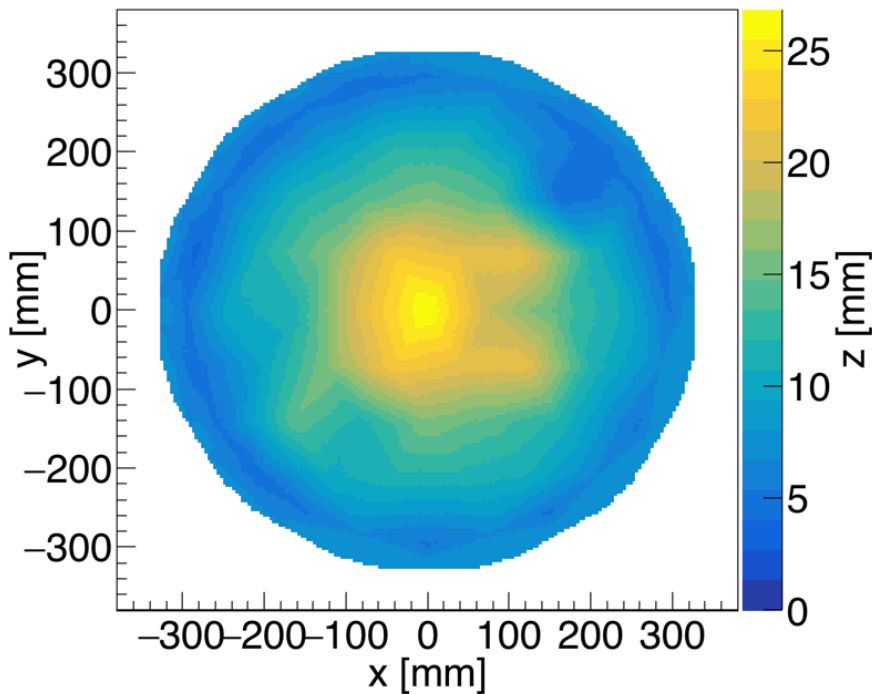
Electron recoil:  
 red NEST1.0 prediction,  
 black dots – data



Nuclear recoil:  
 low energy single scattering events

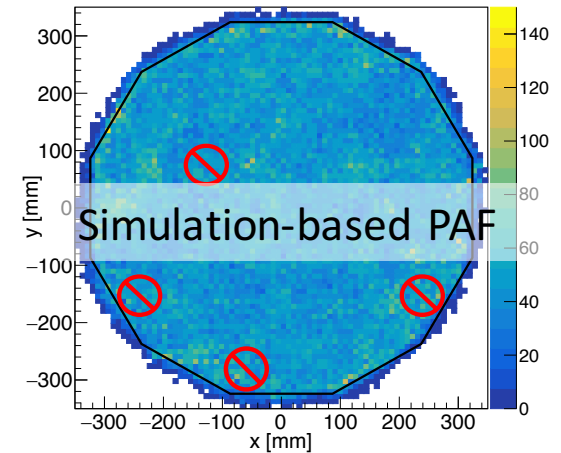
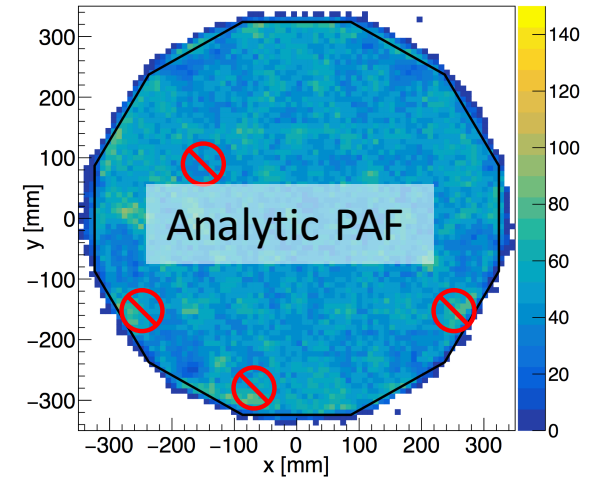
# 3. Photon collection process

- Tune gaseous scattering points of S2,  $z$ , as a function of  $(x,y)$
- Mitigate clustering under PMT center
- $z=0$  corresponds to liquid-gas interface



To be published

$^{83m}\text{Kr}$  data in PandaX-II



# Challenges

- Discussion 1:
- Lack of integrated low energy spectrum toolkit (  $E < 100$  keV)
  
- Discussion 2:
- How fast can we reach with a GPU based GEANT4?
- Time-consuming data transmission between host and device

Thank you!