



**PANDA X**  
PARTICLE AND ASTROPHYSICAL XENON TPC

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# Status and Plan of PandaX Experiment

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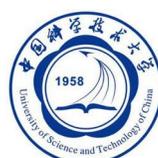
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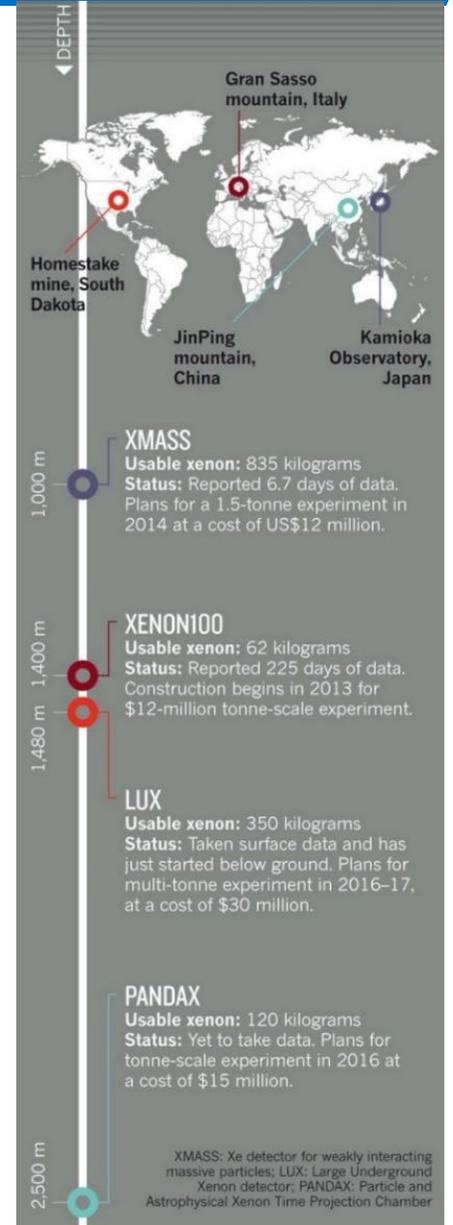
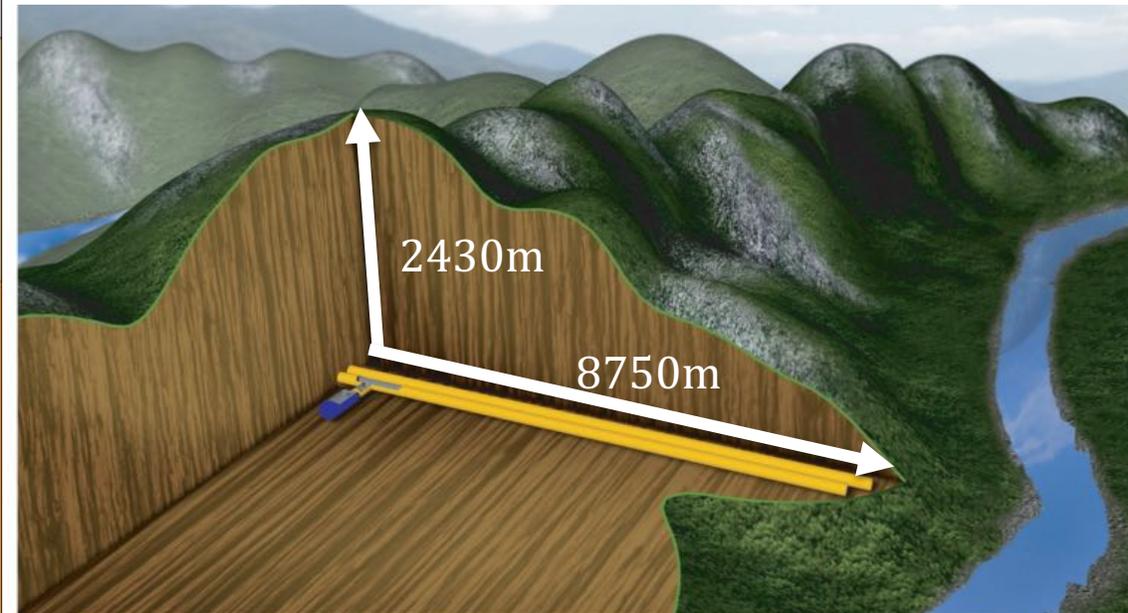
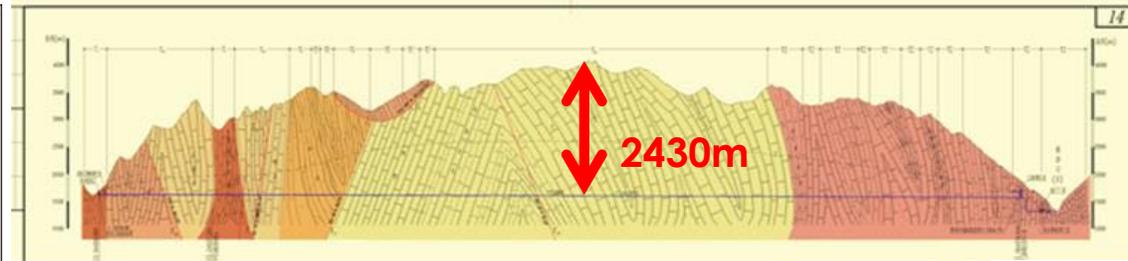
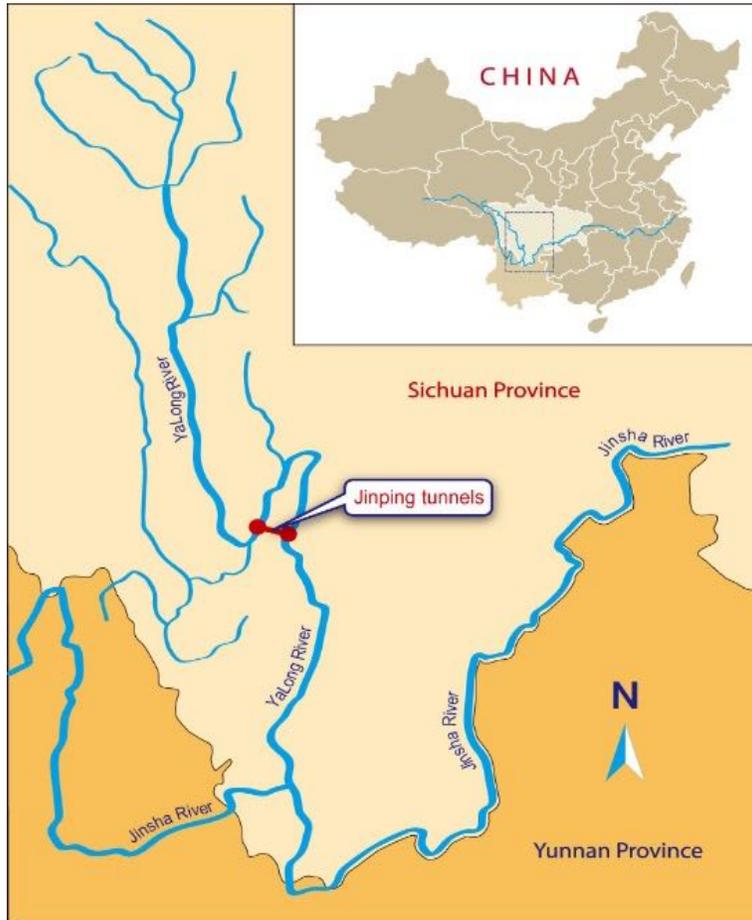


- **Particle and Astrophysical Xenon Experiment**  
– Formed in 2009



# China Jinping Underground Laboratory

- Deepest (6800 m.w.e):  $< 0.2$  muons/m<sup>2</sup>/day
- Horizontal access: 9 km long tunnel



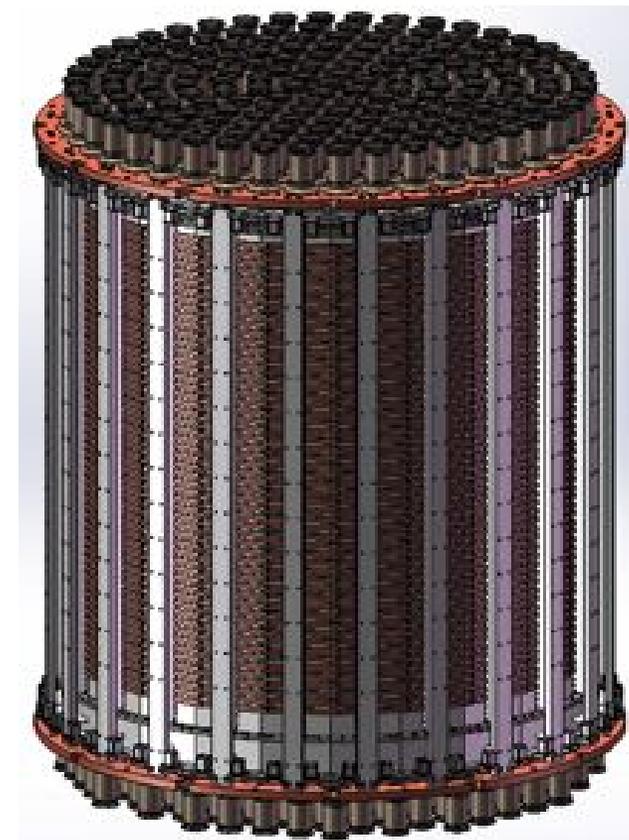
- PandaX-II:
  - completed in 2019
- **PandaX-4T**
  - 4 ton liquid xenon in sensitive volume



**PandaX-I: 120 kg DM  
experiment  
2009-2014**



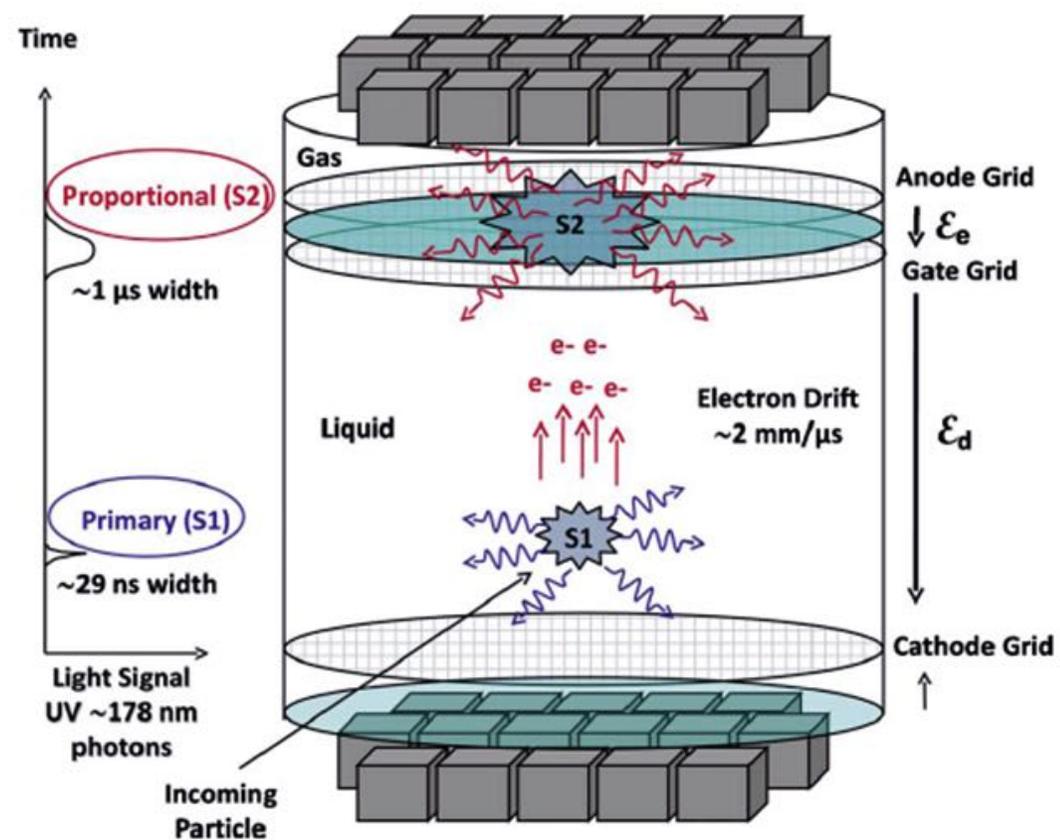
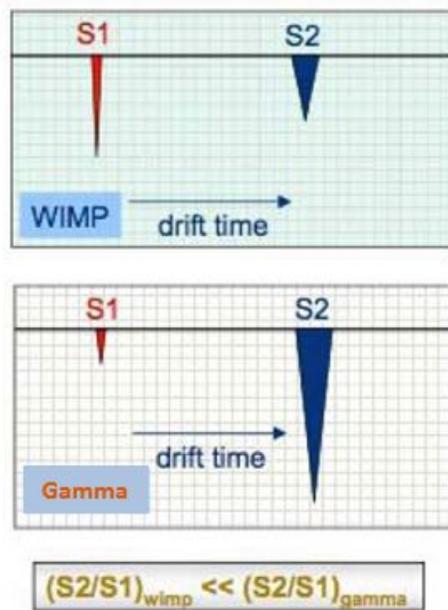
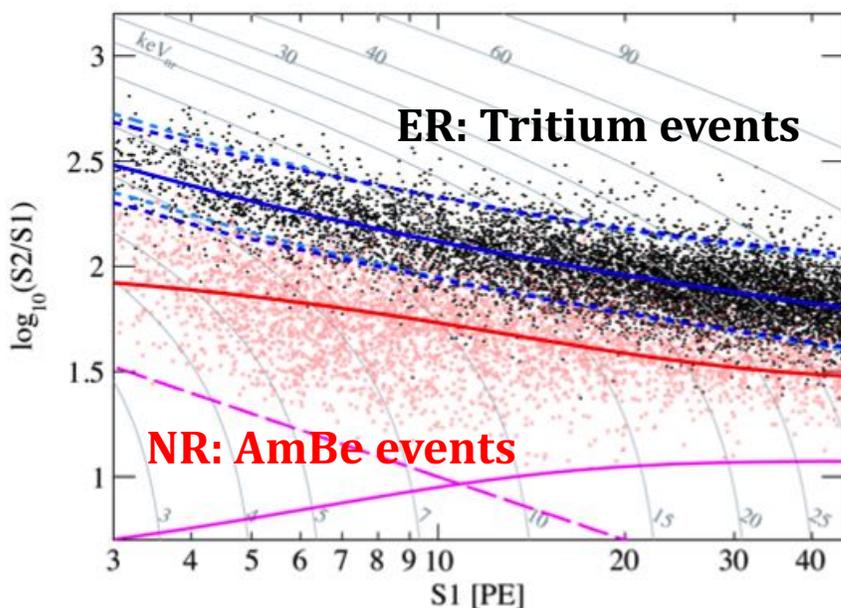
**PandaX-II: 580 kg  
DM experiment  
2014-2019**



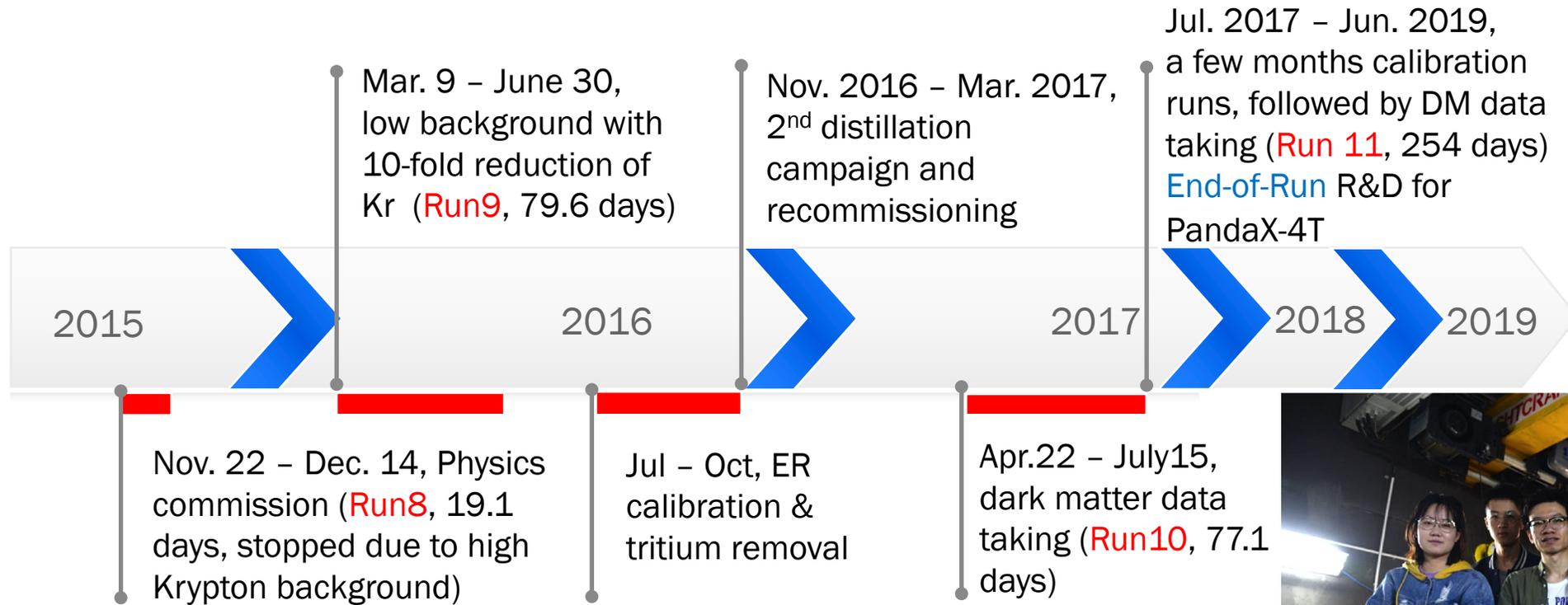
**PandaX-4T: multi-  
ton DM experiment  
2019-**

# Dual-phase Xenon TPC

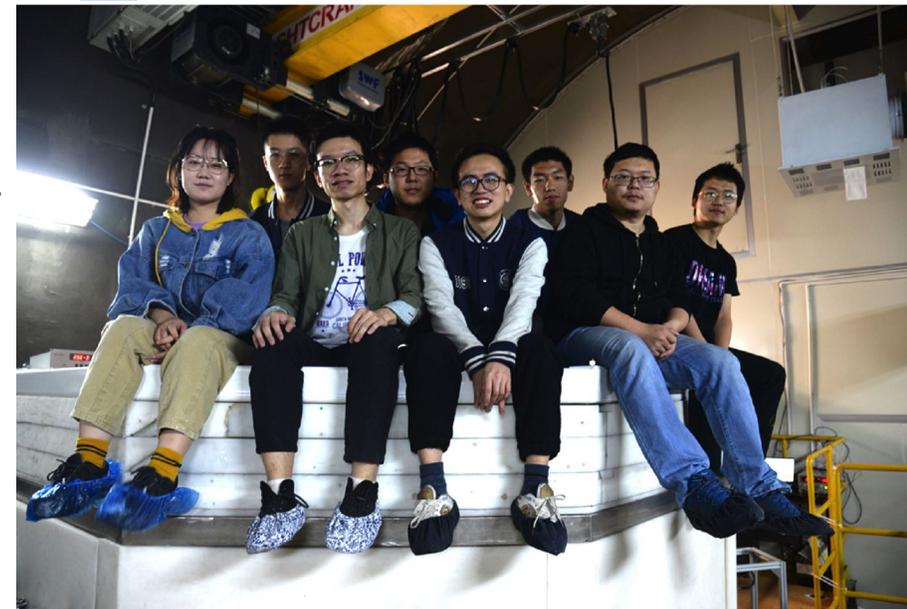
- Dual-phase xenon TPC
  - prompted S1 (scintillation) and delayed S2 (ionization) signals
- 3D position reconstruction
- Recoil energy measurement
- ER/NR discrimination



- Total exposure: ~140 ton-day
  - Full analysis work-in-progress, expected to release early in 2020



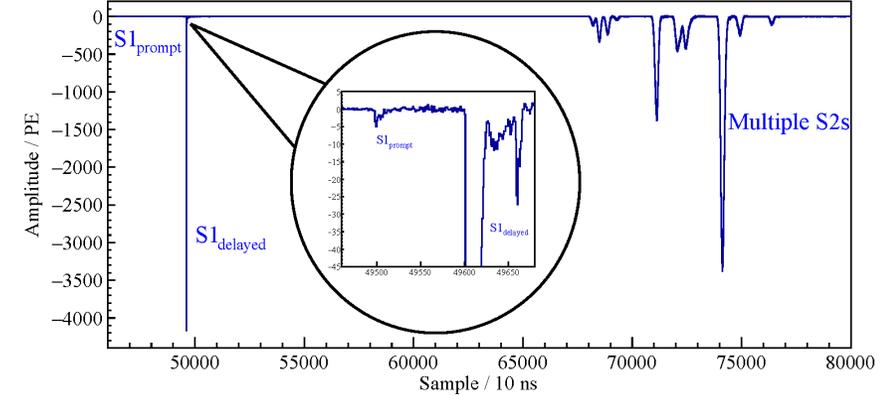
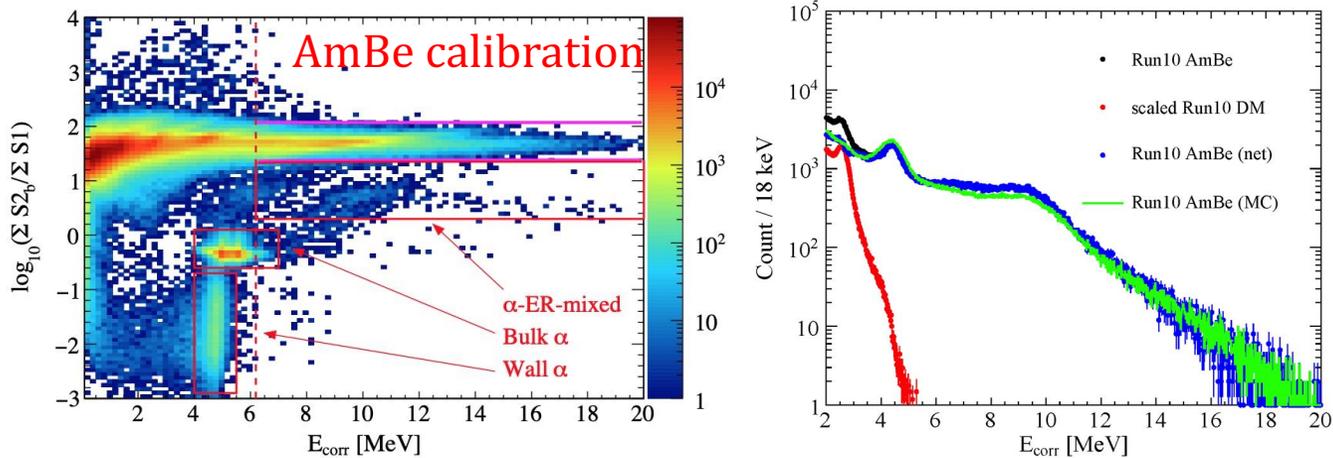
- 2019.06 “End-of-Run” completed
  - 1.16 ton of liquid xenon recuperated



# Data-Driven Neutron Background Estimation

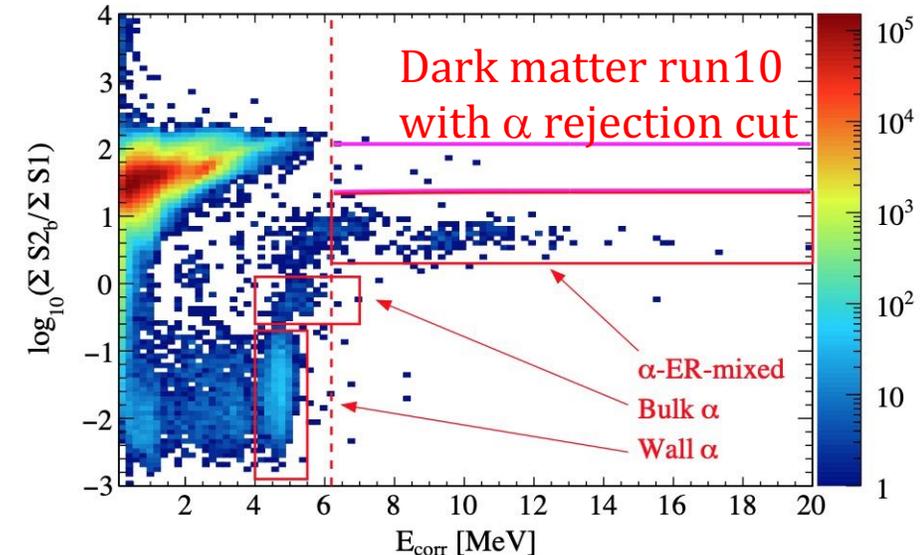


- Neutron background can be associated with high energy gammas (HEG signal)
  - Nuclear de-excitation (prompt), neutron capture (delayed)



AmBe Run	Data			MC
	# SSNR	# HEG	Ratio	Ratio
Run 9	3415	49159	1/14.4	1/14.7
Run 10	10390	151783	1/14.6	1/15.2

- New neutron MC simulation
  - Take into account the gamma associated process
- Dark matter data
  - Estimated  $11.5 \pm 5.7$  HEGs in Run10 DM data
  - SSNR/HEG ratio  $\approx 1/24.6$ , predicted by MC
  - Estimated neutron background:  $0.47 \pm 0.25$  (vs old MC-based  $0.83 \pm 0.42$ )

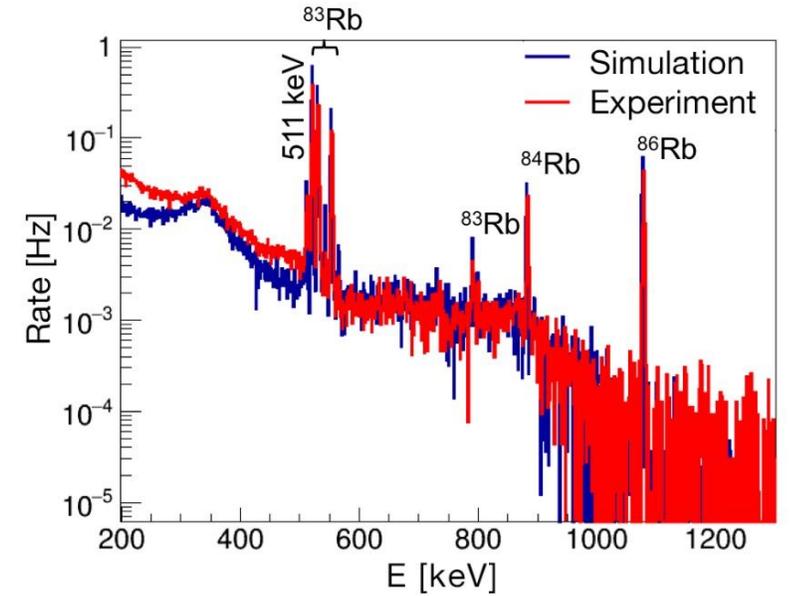
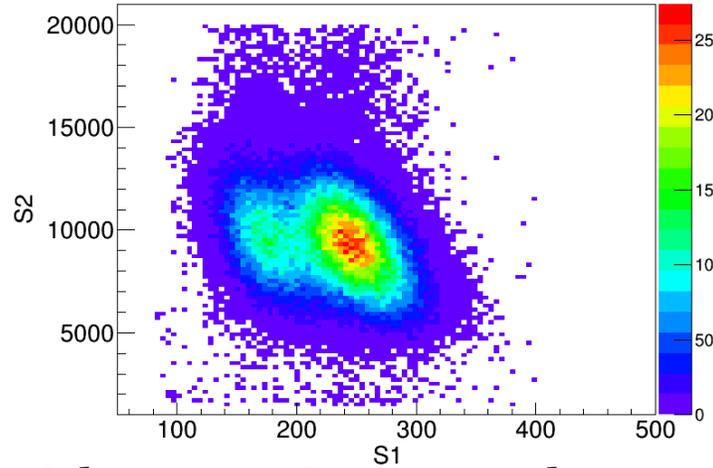


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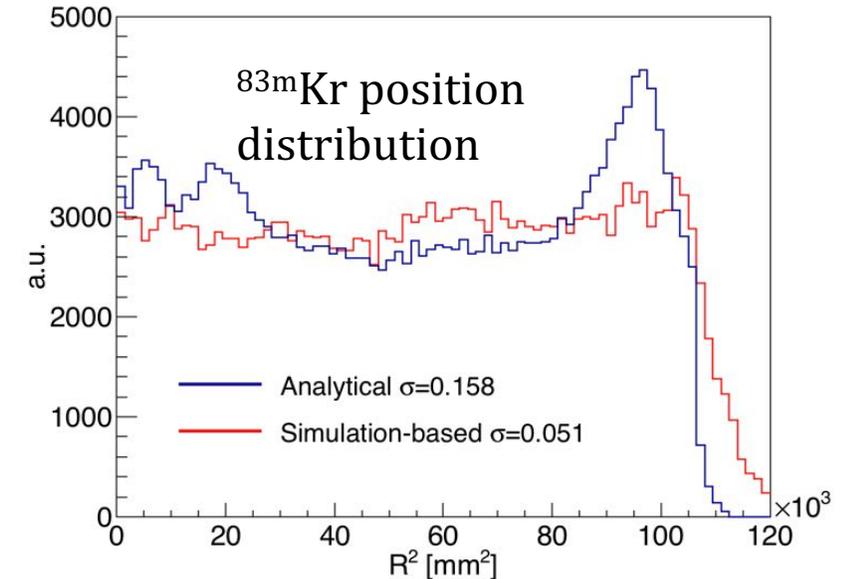
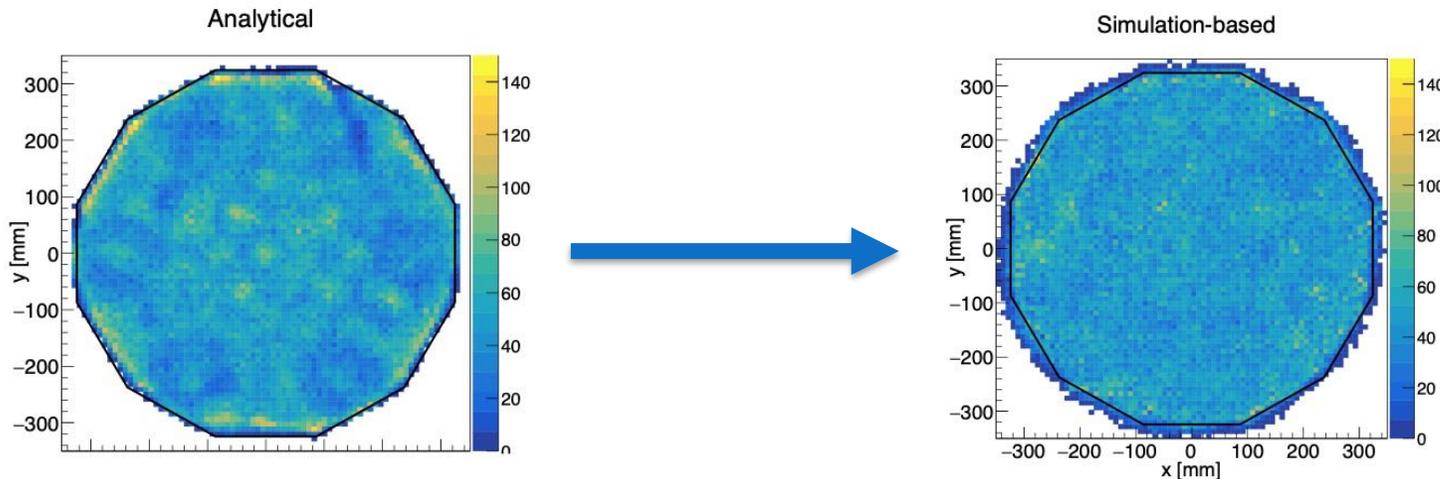
# $^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$ Injection Calibration

- $^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$  calibration source for PandaX experiment
  - With the newly built 20 MeV proton beam at IMP, China

- Injection test at PandaX-II
  - 32.1 keV and 9.4 keV energy

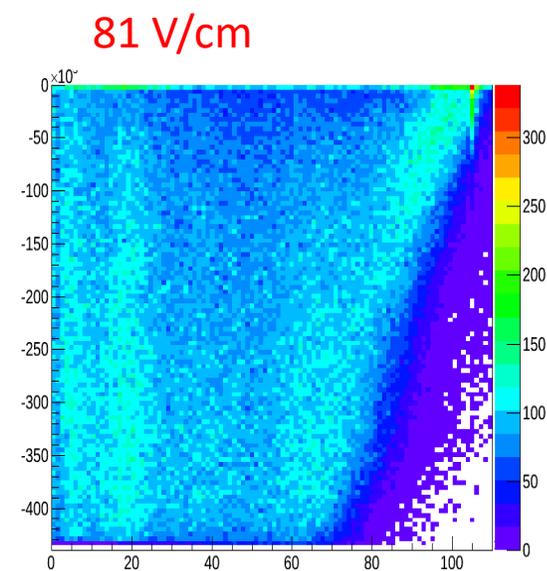
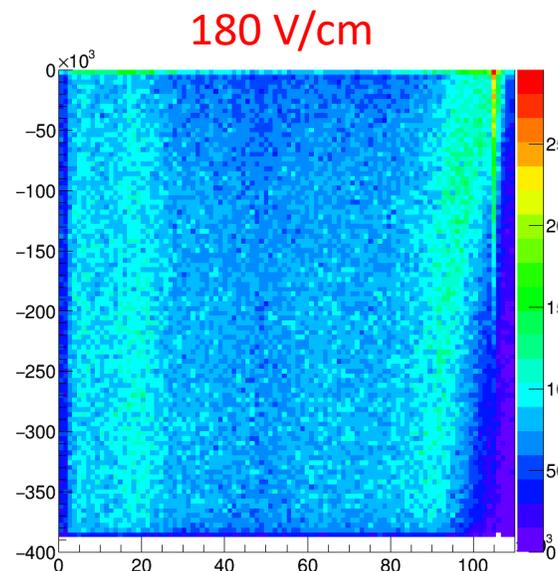
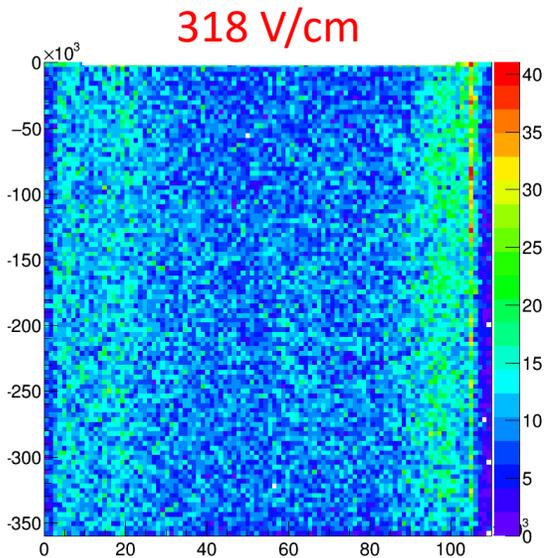
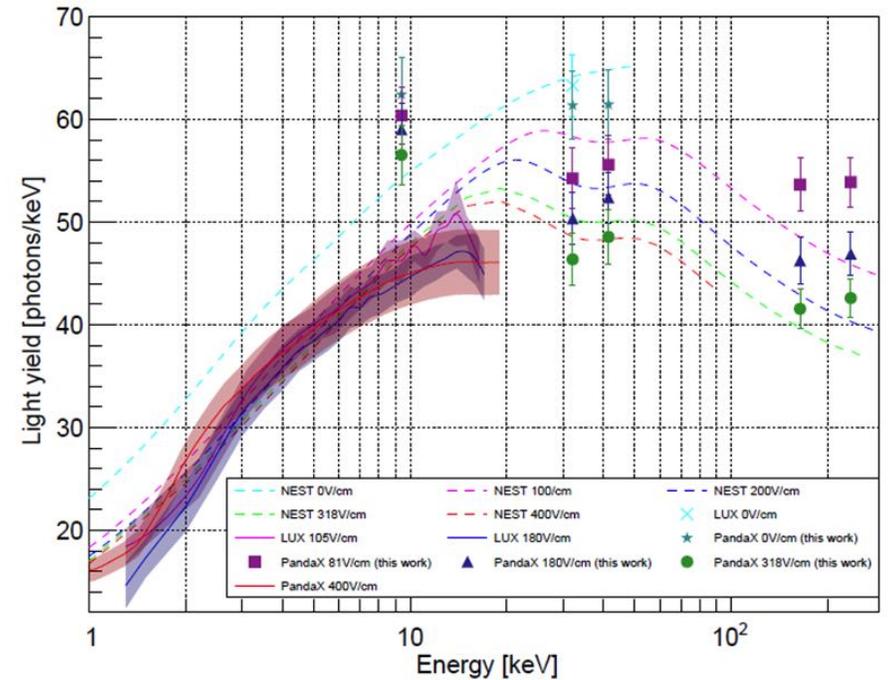


- Position reconstruction algorithm was improved with  $^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$  calibration data

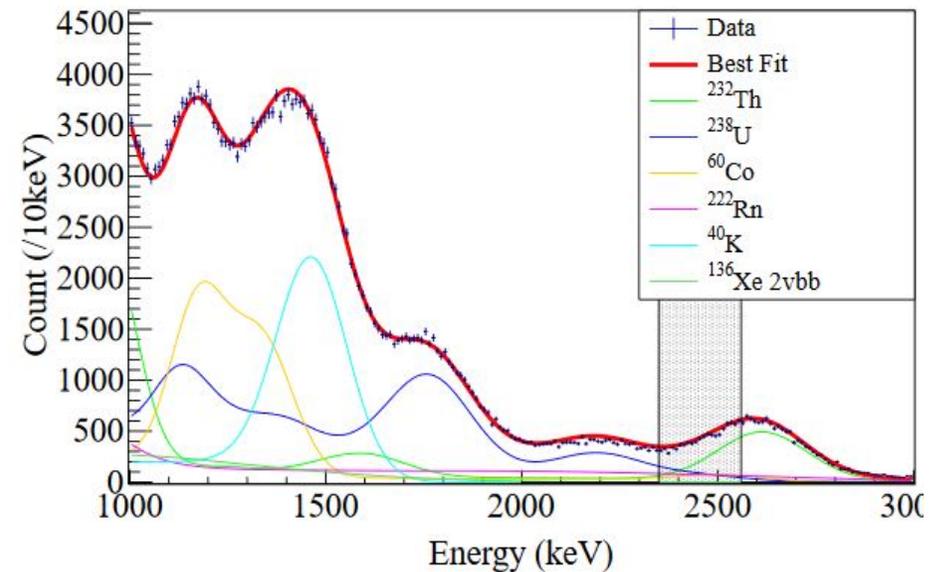
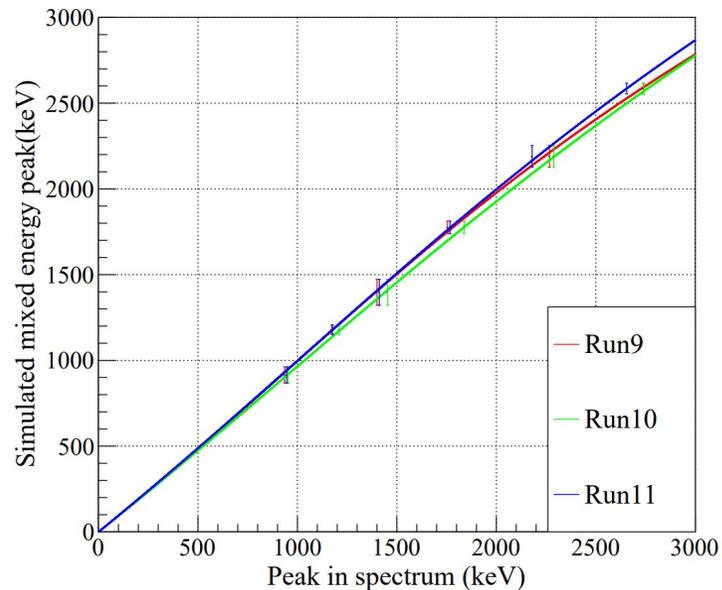
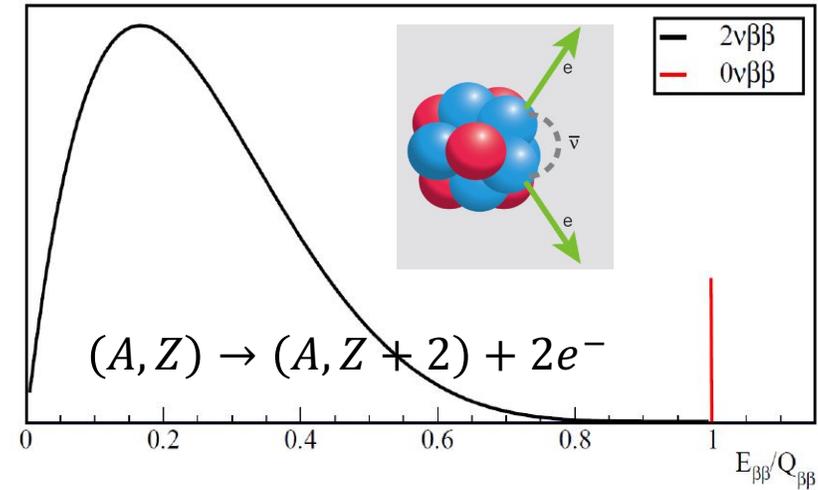


# Xenon Light Yield: Field Dependence

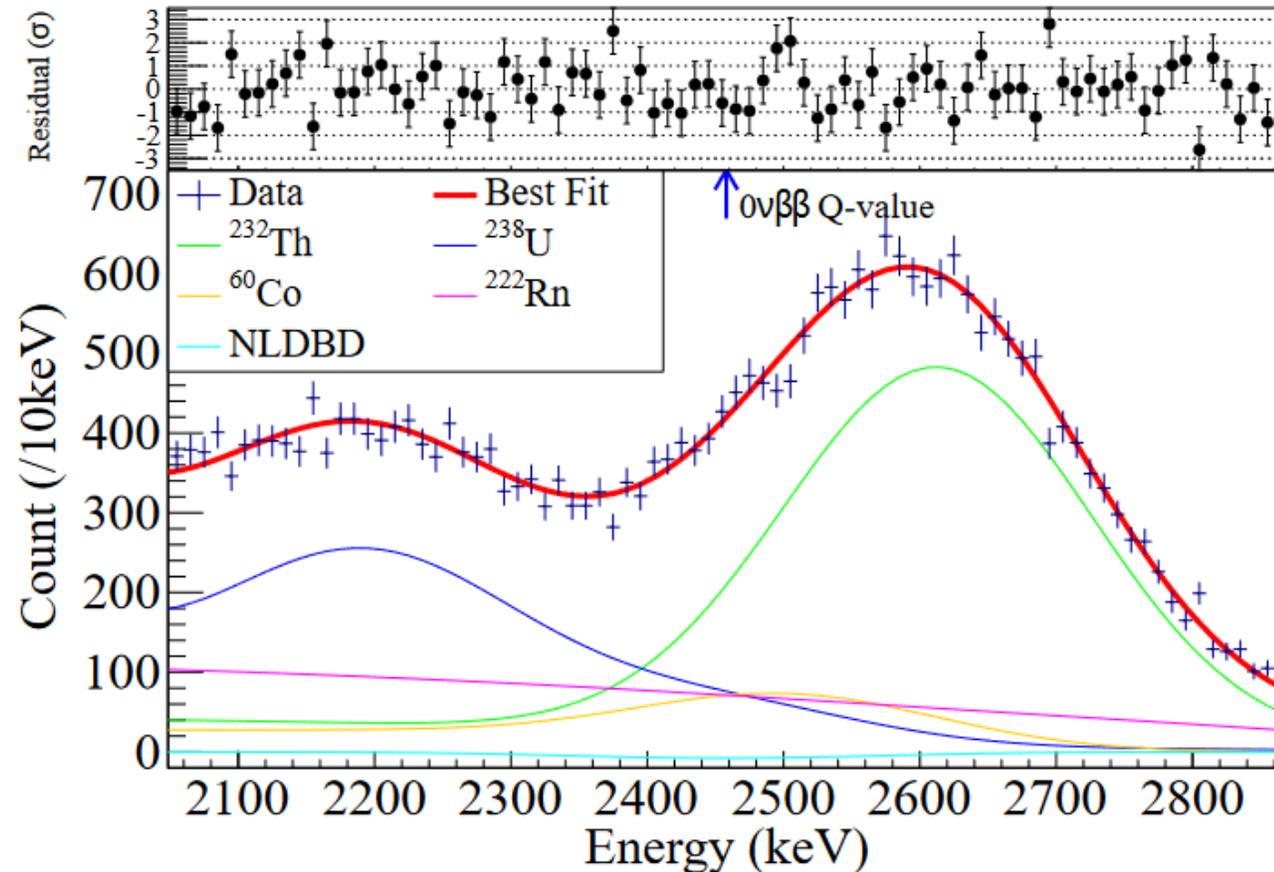
- Calibration data
  - 83mKr (9.4keV, 32.1 keV, 41.5 keV)
  - $^{131m}\text{Xe}$  (164 keV)
  - $^{129m}\text{Xe}$  (236 keV)
- Field variation:
  - 318 V/cm, 180 V/cm, 81 V/cm, 0V/cm
- Light yield variation as expected from Nest
- Reconstruction deformation with weak electric field



- 580kg  $^{\text{nat}}\text{Xe}$  in PandaX-II detector
  - 51.6kg  $^{136}\text{Xe}$
- $^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba}$  Q-value 2458 keV
- High energy reconstruction
  - PMT saturation
  - $^{232}\text{Th}$  calibration
- Examined the high-energy region in the 88 ton-day of DM exposure data (8.1 ton-day of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$ )



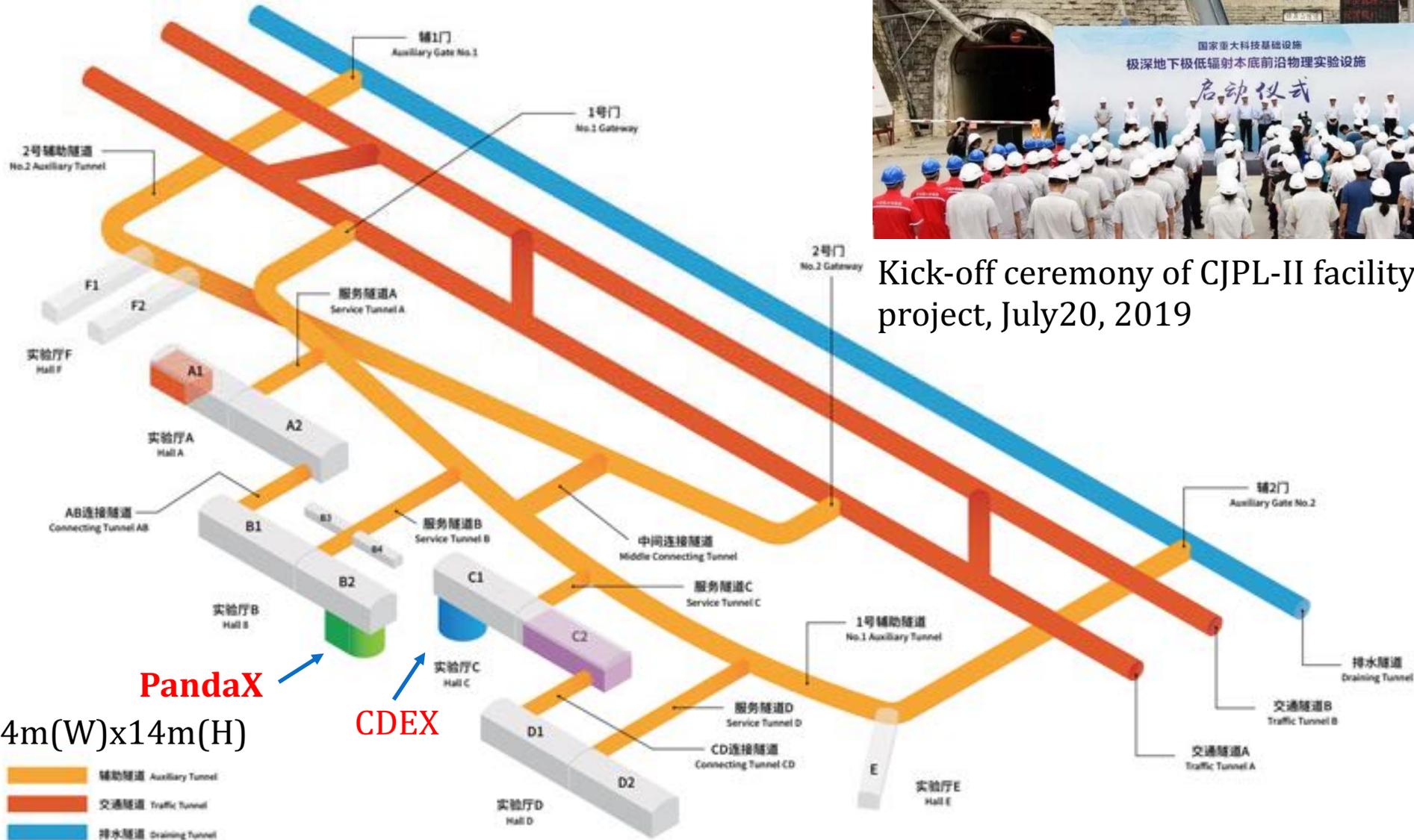
- Obtained 90% CL lower Limits on half-life:  $2.4 \times 10^{23}$  year
- Effective Majorana mass less than 1.3-3.5 eV
- **First  $0\nu 2\beta$  result from dual-phase xenon experiment**



# New Experiment Hall at CJPL-II



Kick-off ceremony of CJPL-II facility construction project, July 20, 2019



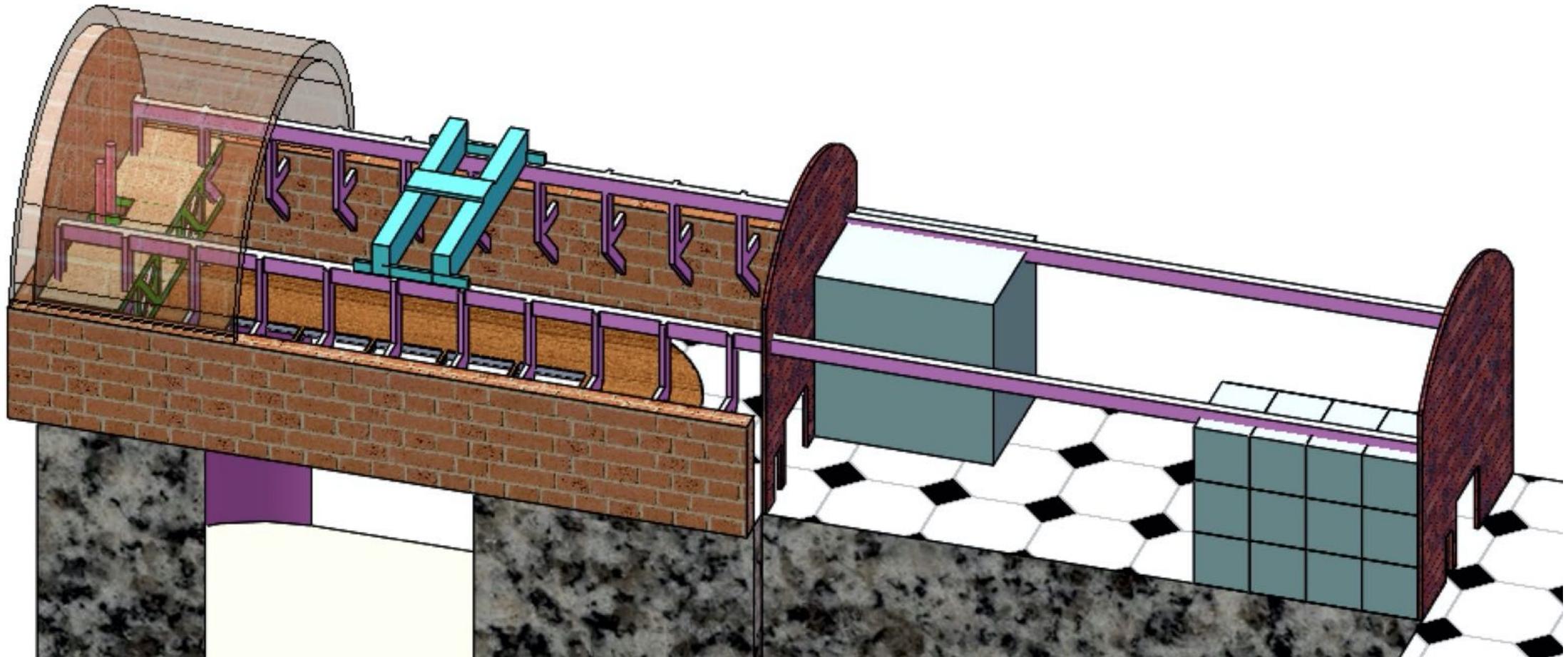
65m(L)x14m(W)x14m(H)

PandaX

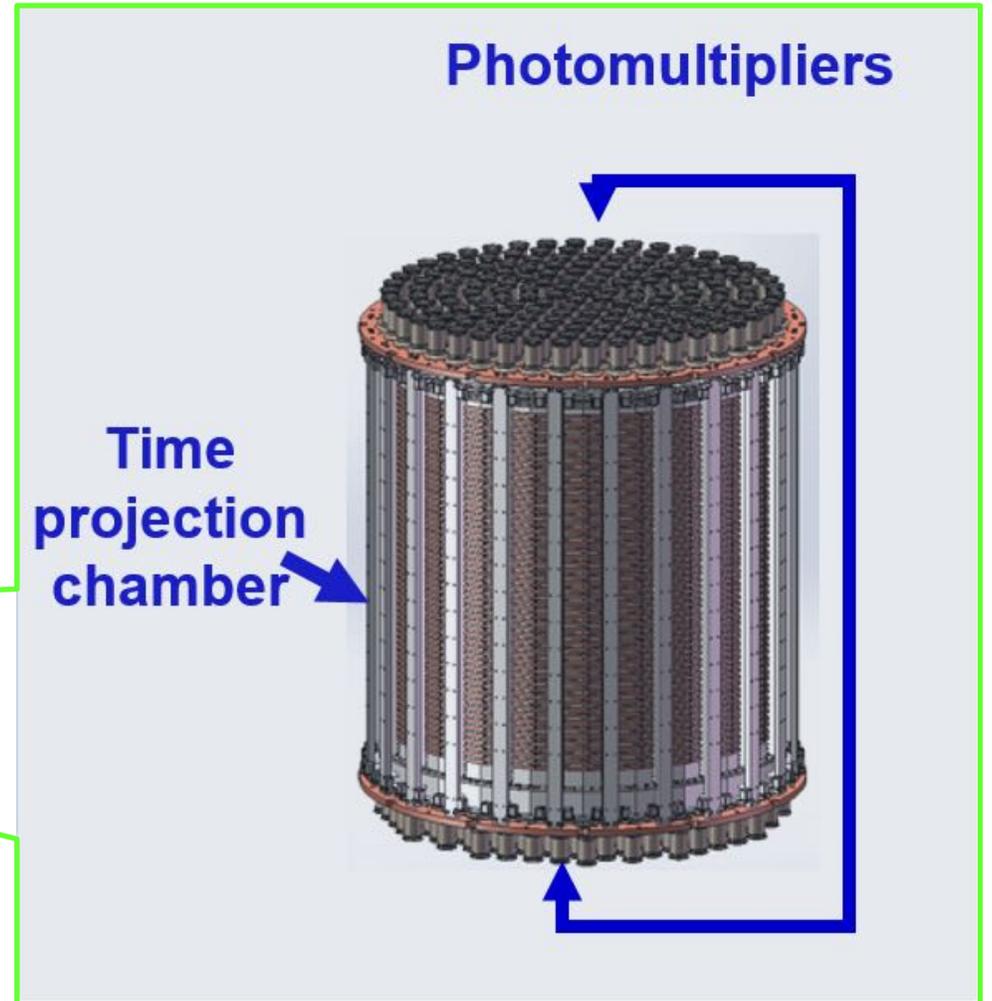
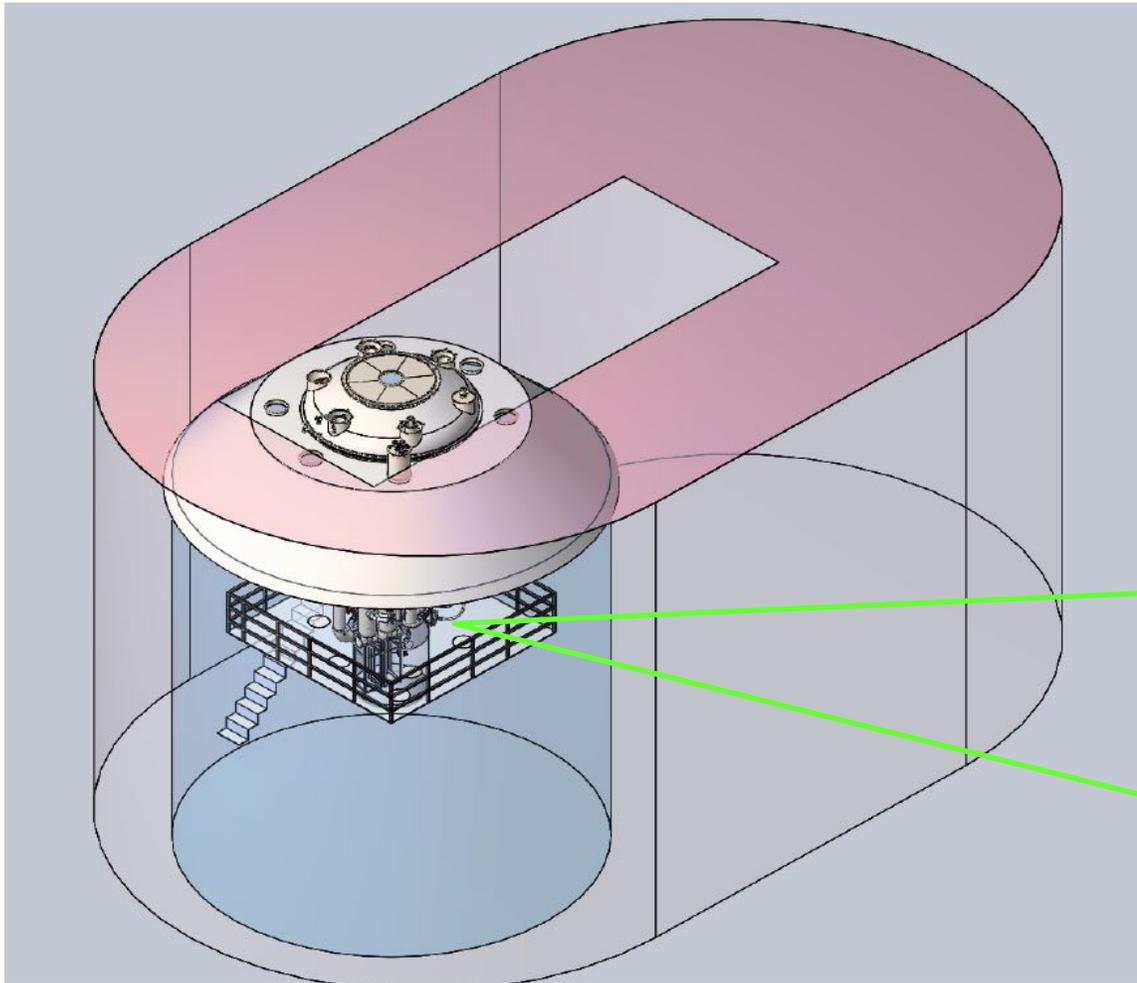
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# B2 hall in CJPL-II construction plan

- A general facility containing an ultrapure water shield of 4500 m<sup>3</sup> to host large scale DM and  $0\nu 2\beta$  experiments



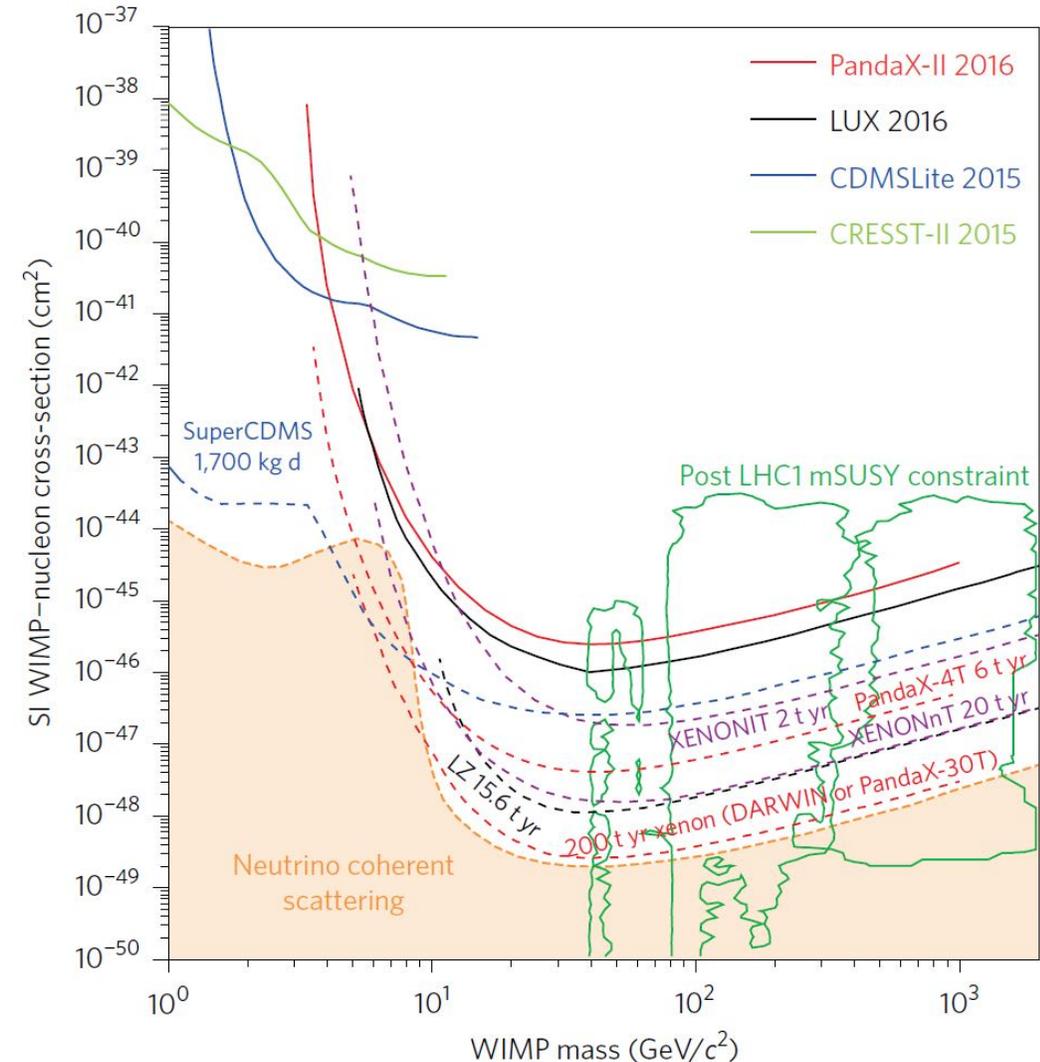
- **Temporary infrastructure** (fresh air, dual electricity supply, ultrapure water supply, Rn-free clean room), primarily funded by SJTU, to ensure a timely deployment of PandaX-4T



- 4-ton liquid xenon in sensitive volume (2.8 ton in fiducial volume)
- Onsite detector assembly started: [Aug. 2019](#)
- Expected sensitivity
  - **10x** more sensitive than PandaX-II

**Table 4** Final background budget within the WIMP search window

Sources	ER in mDRU	NR in mDRU
Materials	0.0210±0.0042	$(2.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-4}$
<sup>222</sup> Rn	0.0114±0.0012	–
<sup>85</sup> Kr	0.0053±0.0011	–
<sup>136</sup> Xe	0.0023±0.0003	–
Neutrino	0.0090±0.0002	$(0.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4}$
Sum	0.049±0.005	$(2.8 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-4}$
2-year yield (evts)	1001.6±102.2	5.7±1.0
after selection (evts)	2.5±0.3	2.3±0.4



- Low background SS detector platform: 13m(H)x10m(D) ~ 900 m<sup>3</sup>
- Ultrapure water: 18 Mohm-cm, production rate 10 m<sup>3</sup>/h
  - <sup>238</sup>U: 0.03ppt (ICPMS)
  - <sup>232</sup>Th: 0.06ppt (ICPMS)
  - Rn requirements:
    - 0.2 Bq/m<sup>3</sup> for DM
    - 2 mBq/m<sup>3</sup> for 0vDBD (R&D)



# Radon-Free, Clean, Assembly

- Class-10000 and class-1000 rooms constructed
- Radon-free air provided for class-1000 clean room
  - Radon level  $< 1 \text{ Bq/m}^3$

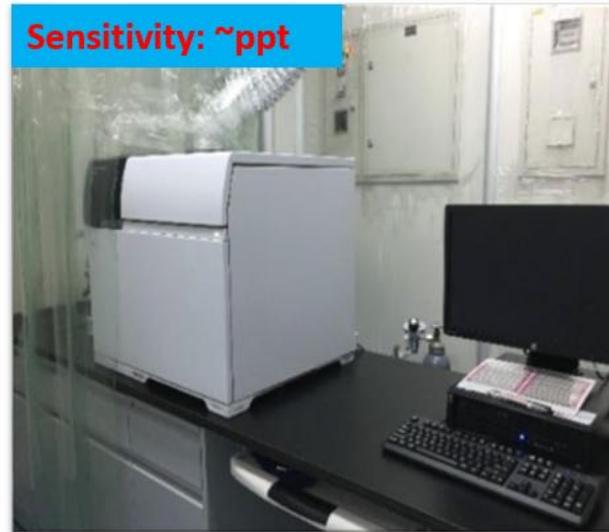


- Materials screening with variety of ultra-low radioactive detection techniques



Sensitivity:  $\sim$ mBq/kg

HPGe



Sensitivity:  $\sim$ ppt

ICPMS



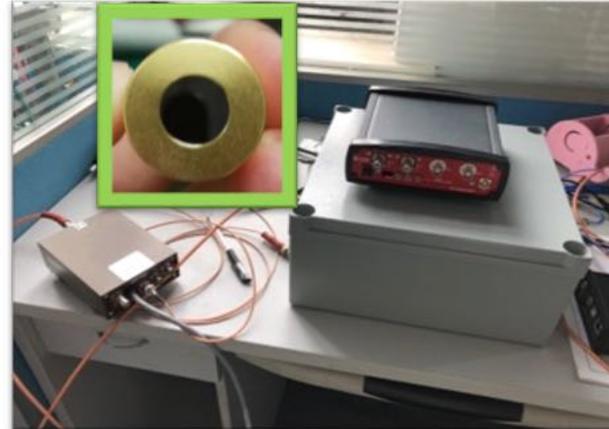
Sensitivity:  $\sim$ 2mBq

Radon emanation measurement system

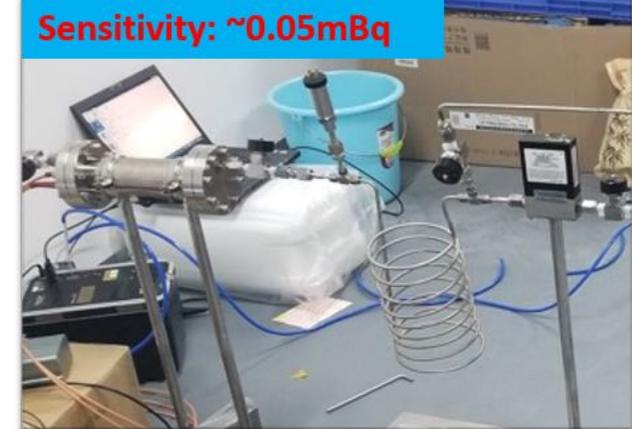


Sensitivity: 1 ppt

Kr assay system



Alpha detector (commissioning)

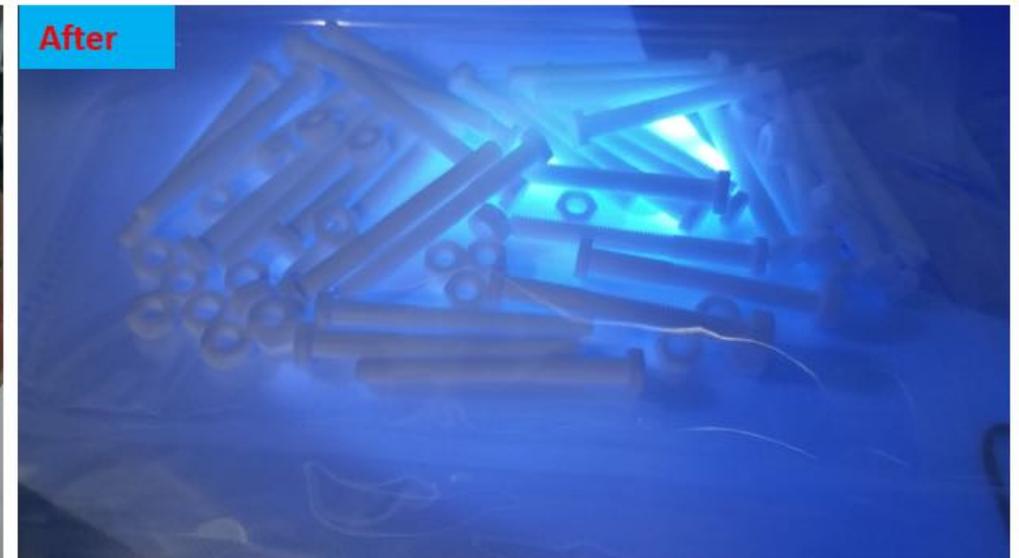
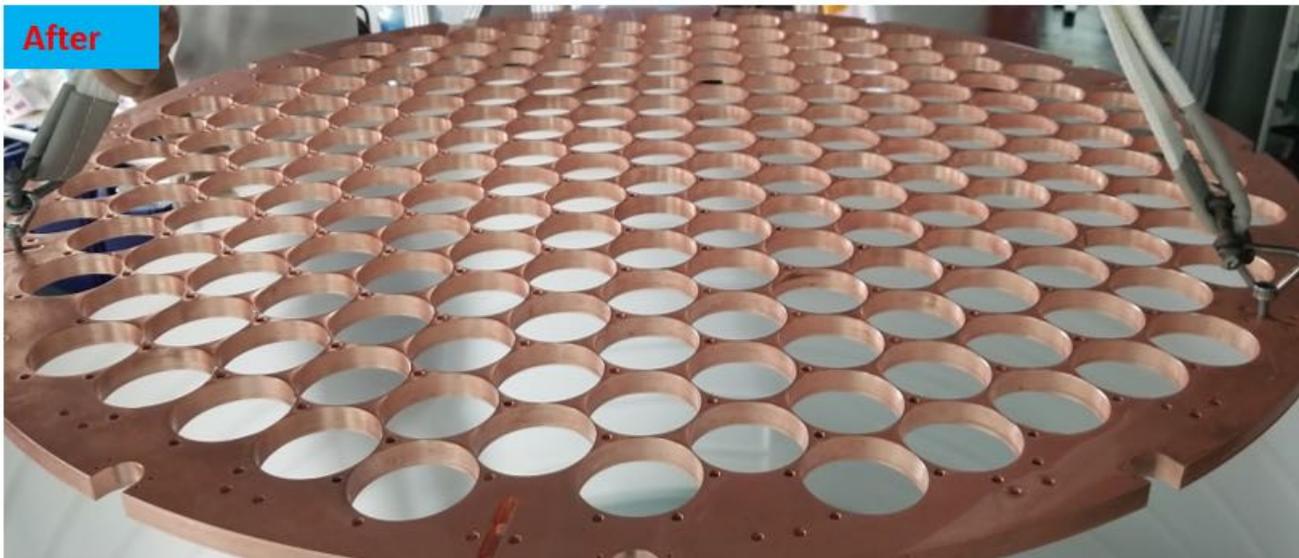


Sensitivity:  $\sim$ 0.05mBq

Radon emanation cold trap system

# Low background control (surface)

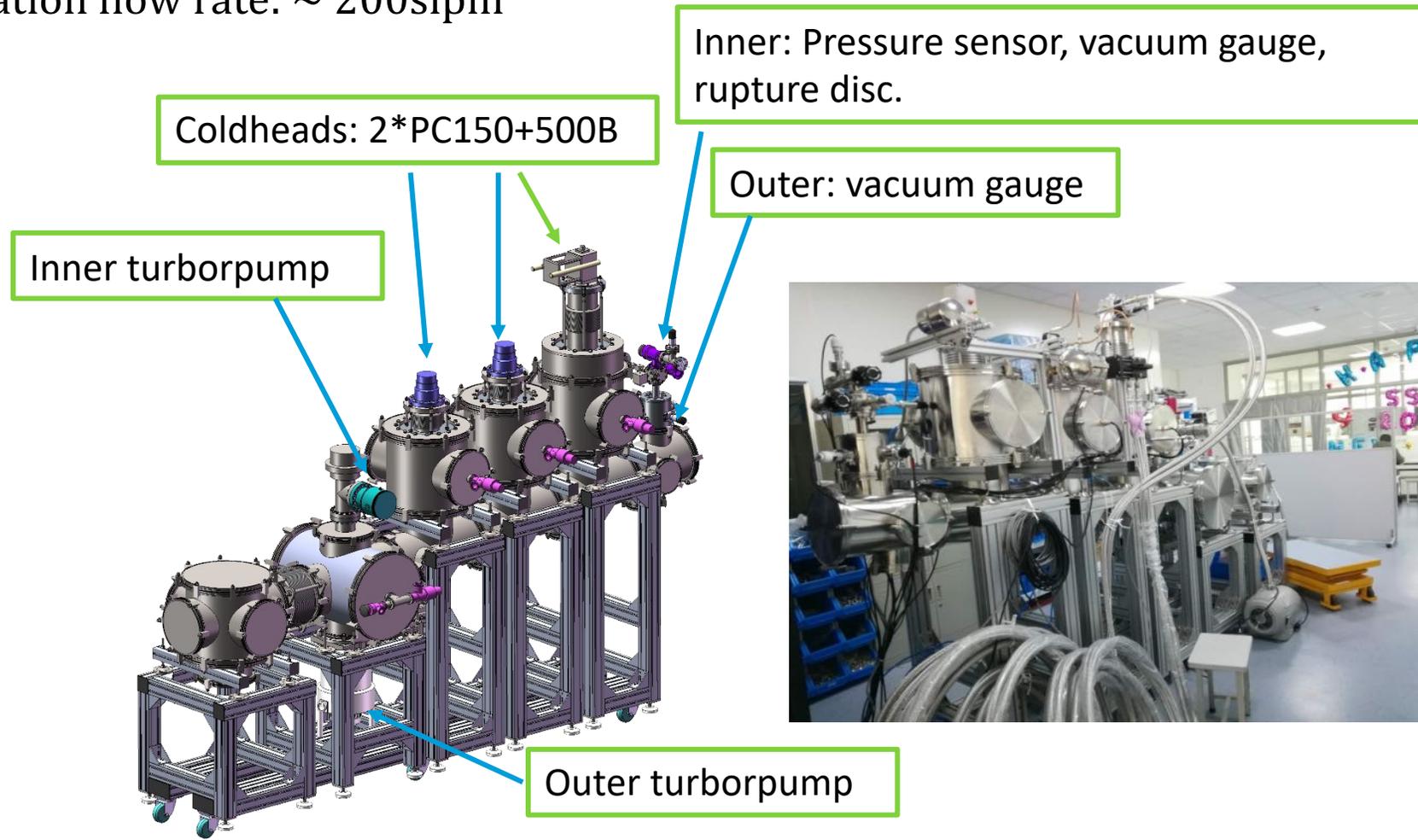
- Rigorous cleaning protocols/procedures established



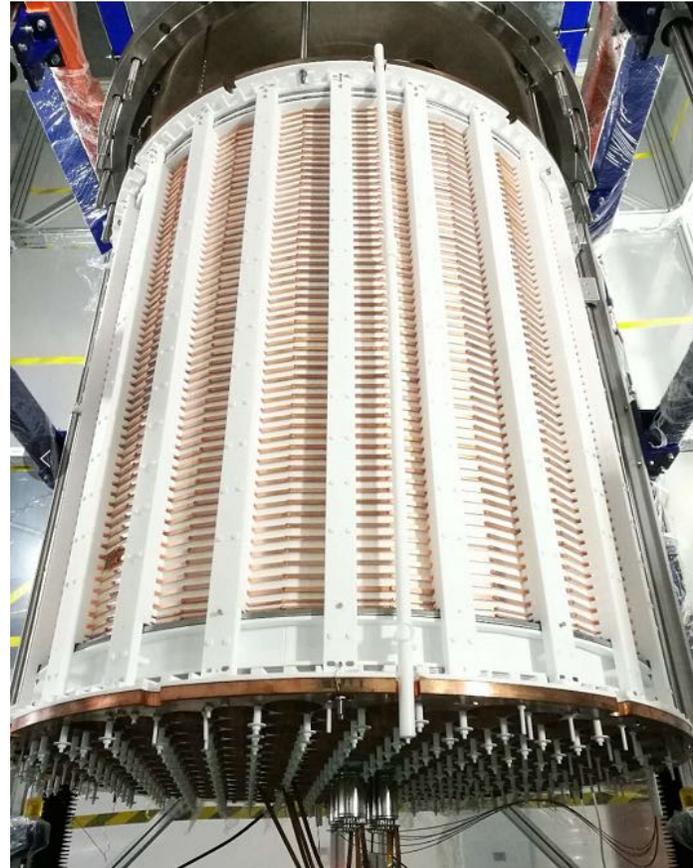
- Challenging targets:
  - Kr/Xe  $\leq$  0.1 ppt
  - $^{222}\text{Rn}$  = 1  $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$  (PandaX-II:  $\sim 8 \mu\text{Bq/kg}$ )
- Distillation tower design goals:
  - Operate offline (initial Kr removal) and **online**
  - Two modes: Kr (**10 kg/h**, 99% Xe collection) and Rn (**56.5 kg/h**, need to beat Rn half-life)
- Distillation tower
  - Number of theoretical plates: 17
  - Tower Height: 8m
  - Tower Diameter: 125mm



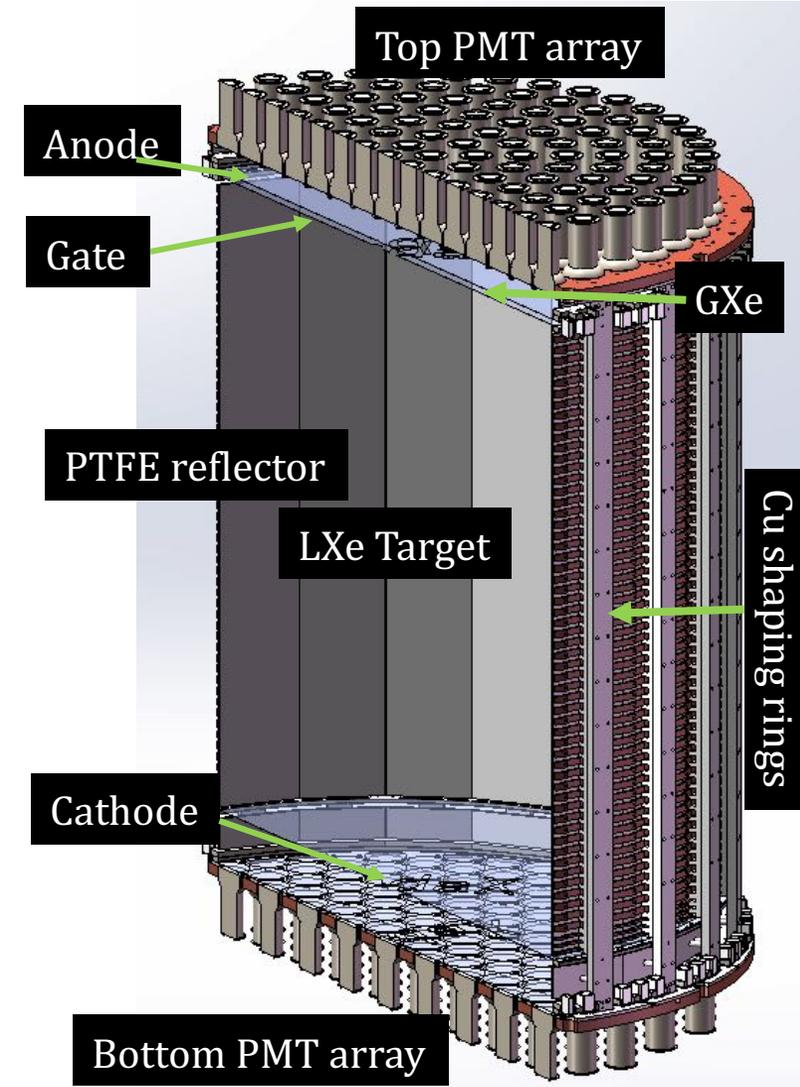
- Design goals
  - Gas storage system for 6-ton xenon
  - Cooling power:  $\geq 360$  W
  - Total circulation flow rate:  $\sim 200$ slpm



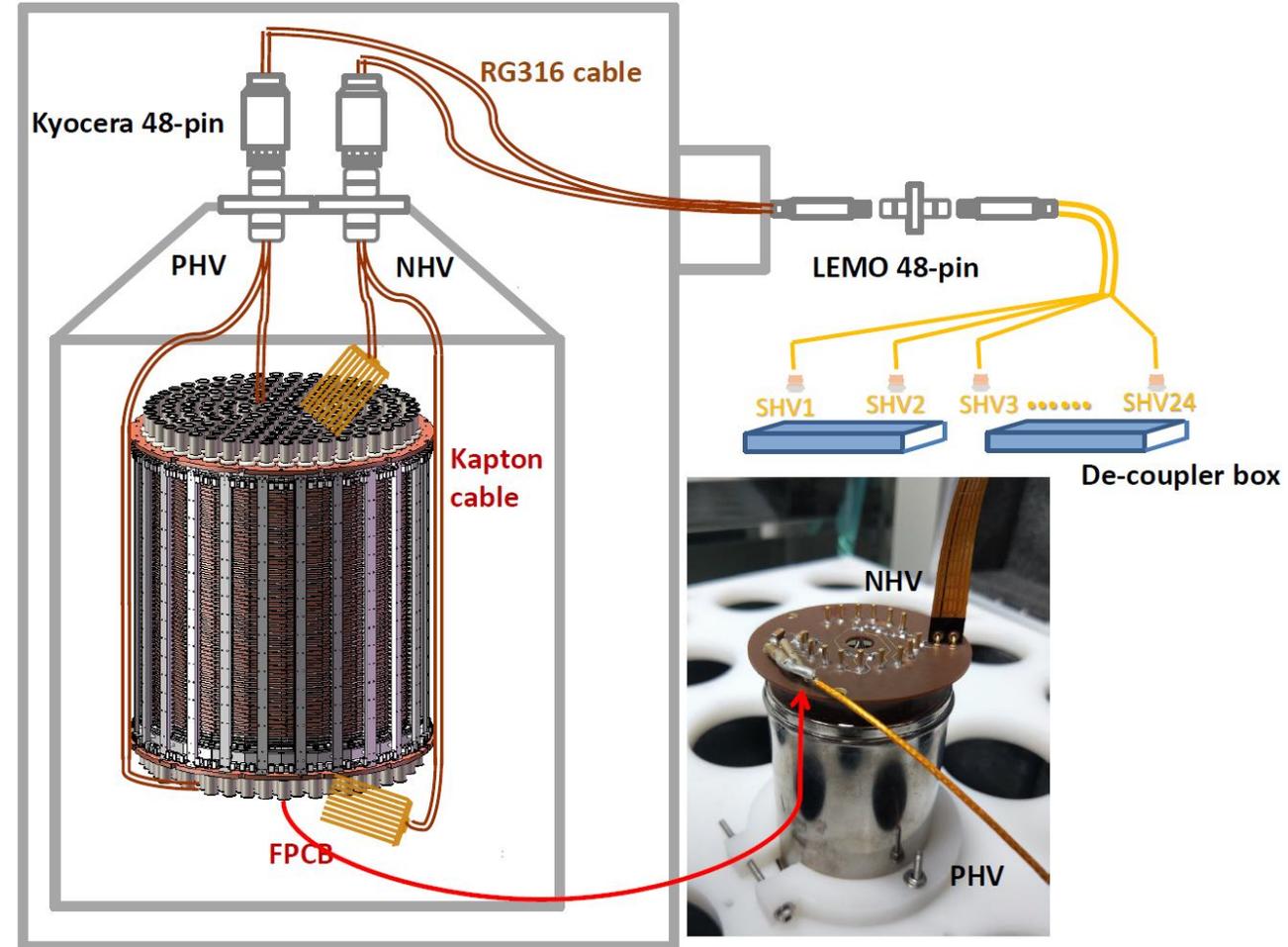
- 4-ton liquid xenon in sensitive volume (2.8 ton in fiducial volume)
- Drift region: 1.2m(H)x1.2m(D)
- Designed field: drift ( $400 \text{ V/cm}$ ), extraction ( $6 \text{ kV/cm}$ )
- 3-in PMTs, 169 top/199 bottom
- 1-in veto PMT 126



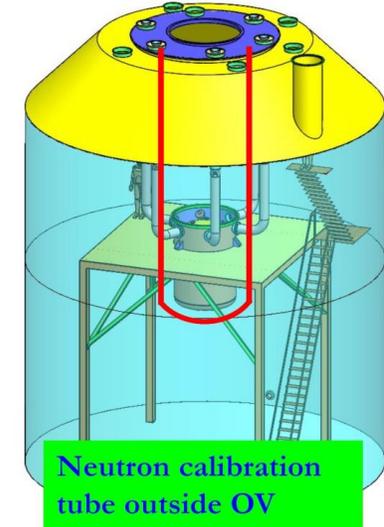
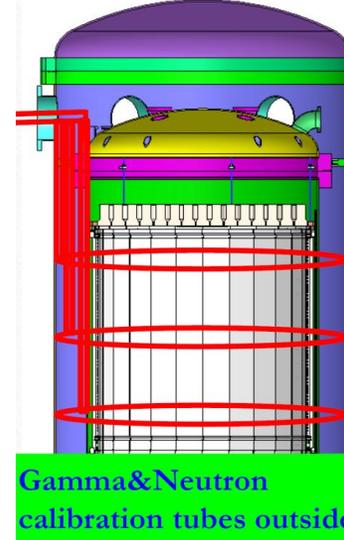
TPC Test Assembly



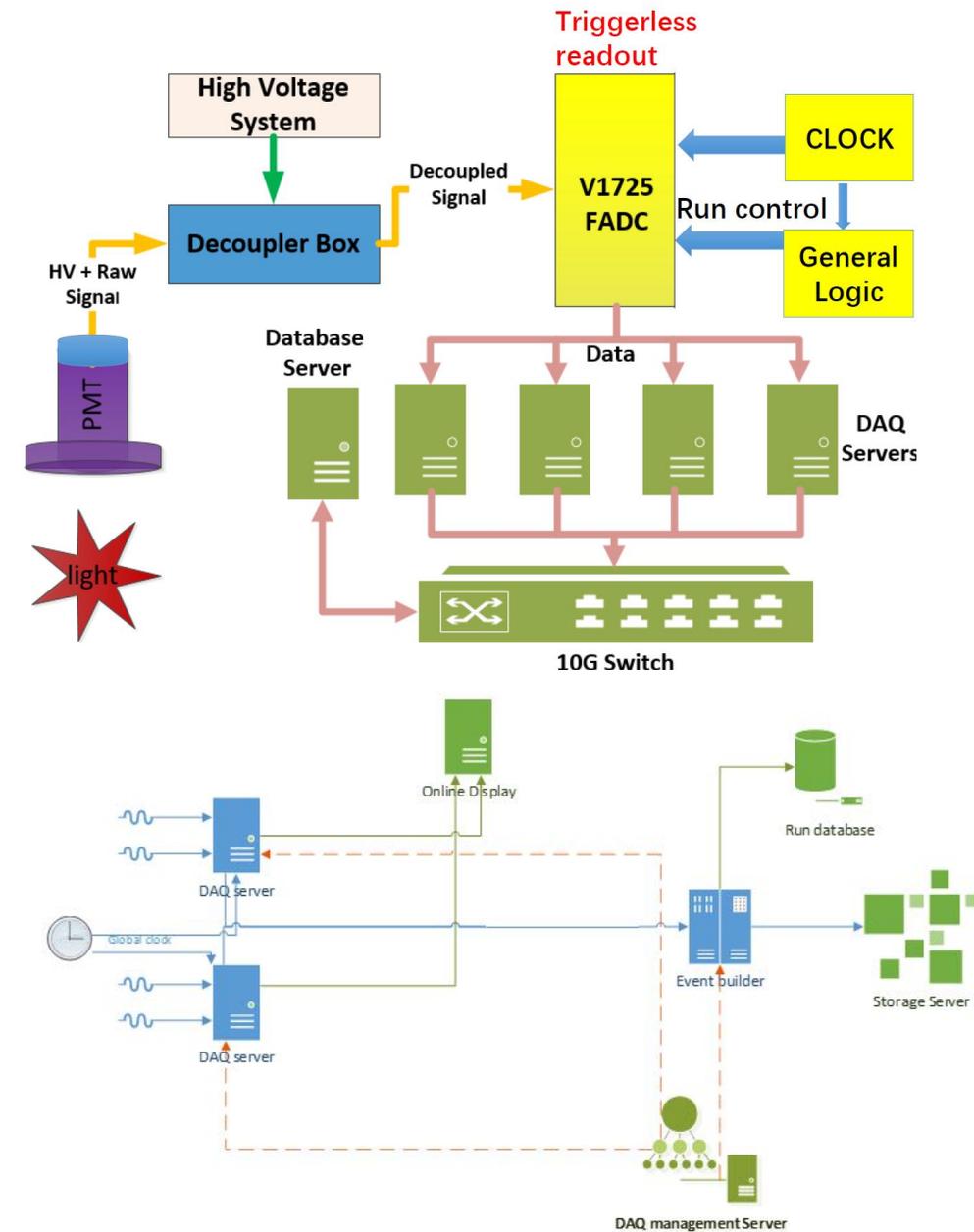
- 178 nm QE: 30% typical
- Gain: 5E6 under 1500 V
- Dark Rate: typical < 1kHz (20 °C), typical 50 Hz (-100 °C), to suppress accidentals
- After-pulsing probability: < 5% between 400 ns to 5  $\mu$ s
- Split HV divider chain to minimize discharge
- All PMTs measured with 3 cold cycles, acceptance ratio 92.3%!



- External source loops for gamma and AmBe neutron sources
- Dedicated SS pipe for DD neutron generator
  - DD generator under commissioning at Shanghai
- Internal source
  - Generic injection system for  $^{83m}\text{Kr}$  and  $^{220}\text{Rn}$  under construction
  - $^{83m}\text{Kr}$ :  $^{83}\text{Rb}$  source made at IMP and commissioned in PandaX-II
  - $^{220}\text{Rn}$ :
    - Baseline: lantern mantles ( $^{232}\text{Th}$ ) commissioned in PandaX-II
    - $^{228}\text{Th}$  surface source will be procured and tested

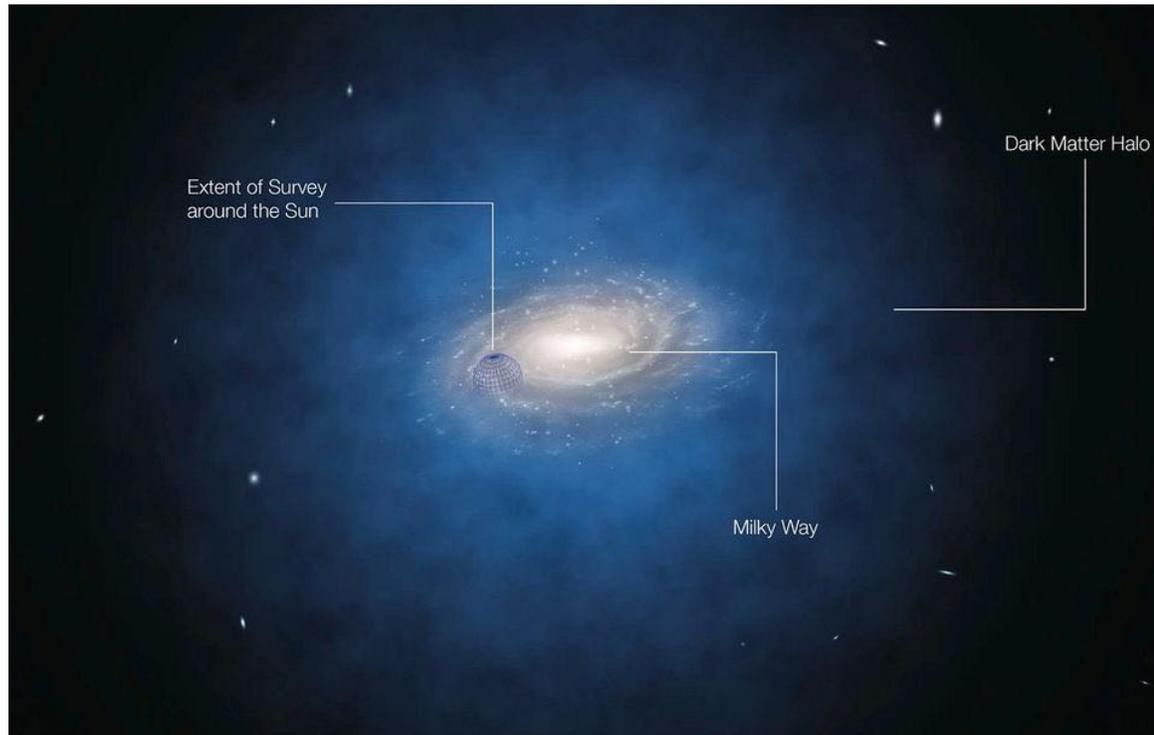


- Design goal
  - “0 threshold”: triggerless
  - Maximum calibration event rate: 100 Hz, data rate: 300 MB/s
- Architecture
  - One digitizer board (16 channels) per readout link
  - 4 DAQ servers to collect raw data in parallel
  - Raw data sent to one server via 10Gbps switch
- DAQ
  - Event builder to save time-ordered data to SSD
  - Tested bandwidth limit > 1GB/s!
  - Webpage based DAQ software

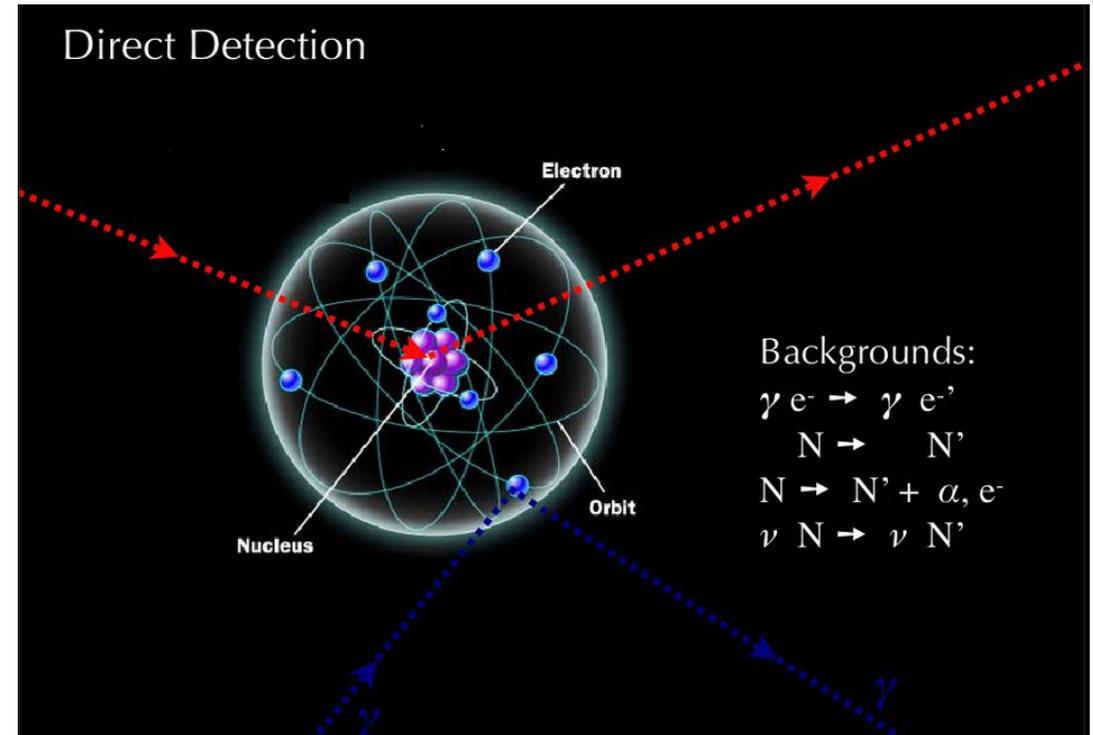


- PandaX-4T experiment, x10 more sensitive than PandaX-II, is going forward rapidly
- Temporary infrastructure construction in B2 hall of CJPL-II recently completed
- Onsite detector assembly started: [Aug. 2019](#)
- Expected commissioning of PandaX-4T: end of 2020. The science operation will be in parallel with the CJPL-II facility construction
- Stay tuned!

- Solar system in the dark matter halo
- Detection of incoming dark matter scattering off target atom
  - Nuclear recoil (NR) signature
  - Electronic recoil (ER) signature



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