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# Recent Progress and Plan of PandaX Experiment

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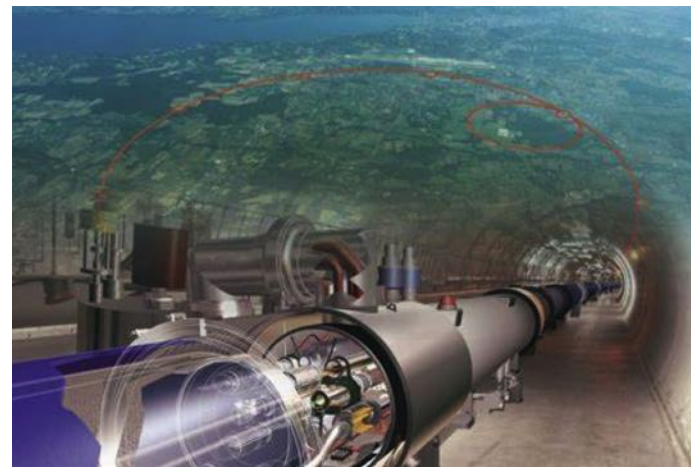
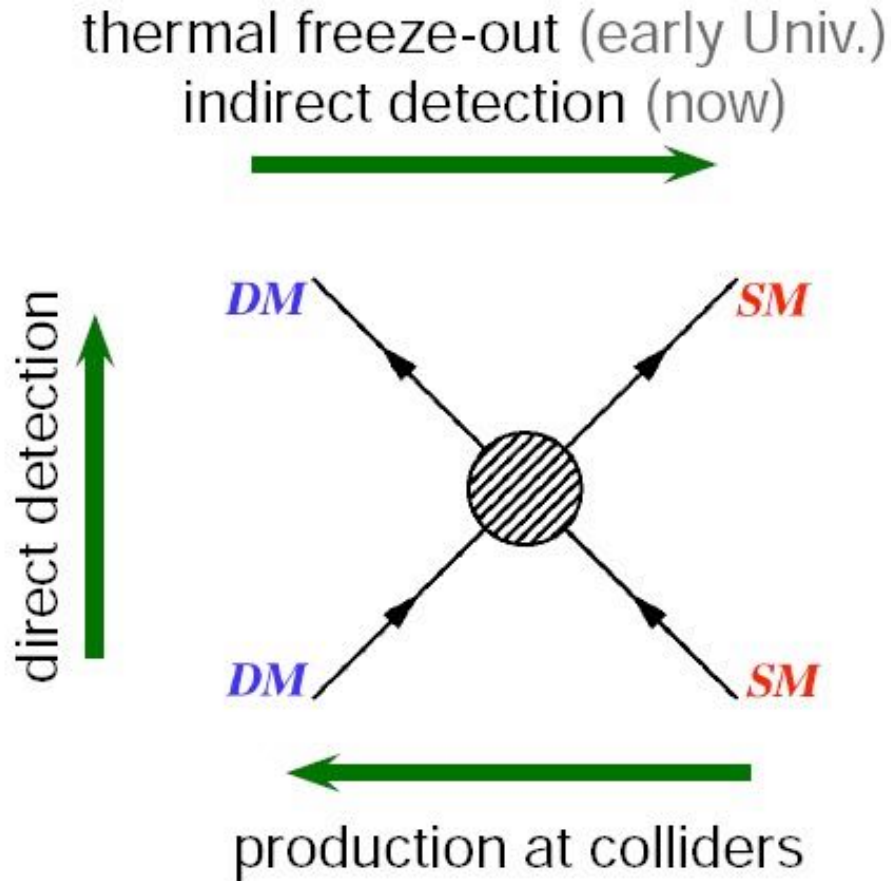
A decorative graphic of a network of nodes and lines, resembling a particle detector or a complex system, located in the bottom left corner.

**SUSY 2021**

# Dark matter searches



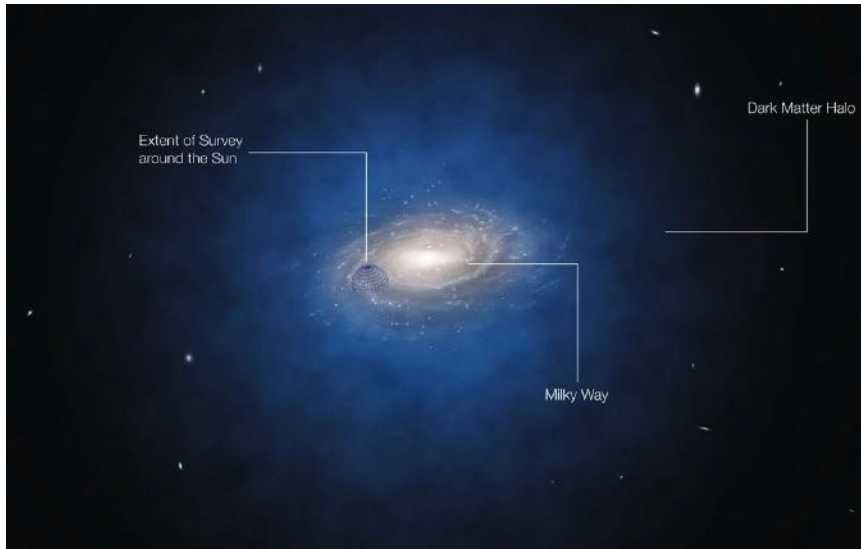
- Direct detection, indirect detection, collider search



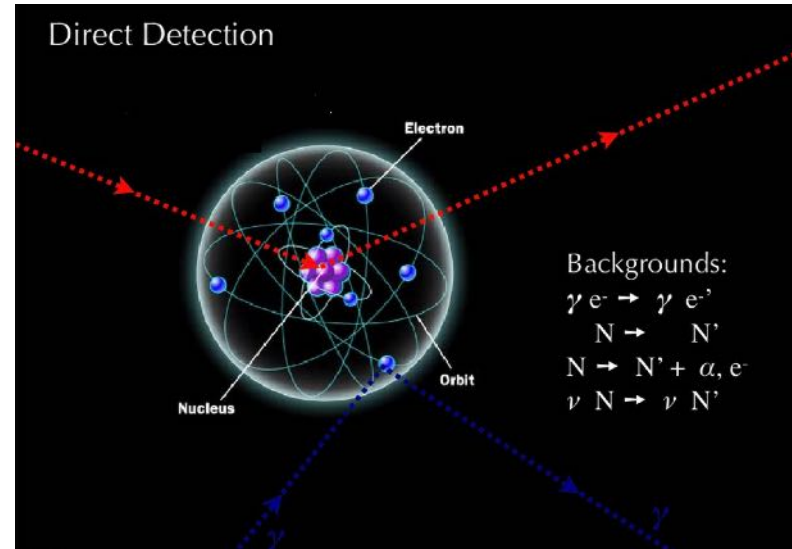
# Dark matter direct detection



- Solar system in the dark matter halo
- Detection of incoming dark matter scattering off target atom
  - Nuclear recoil (NR) signature
  - Electronic recoil (ER) signature
  - Small and rare signals: underground laboratory



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DARK MATTER OVERVIEW: COLLIDER, DIRECT AND INDIRECT DETECTION SEARCHES - QUEIROZ, FARINALDO S. ARXIV:1605.08788

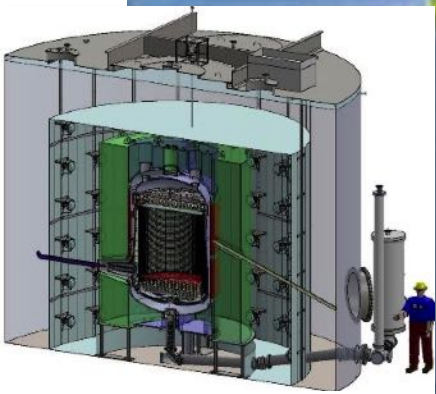
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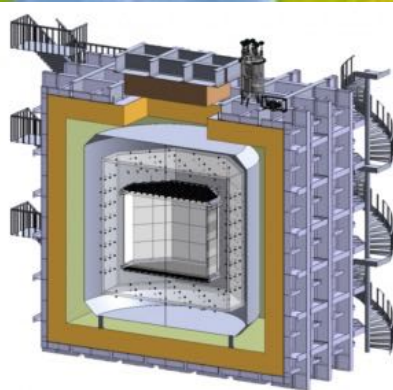
# Global efforts



- Multi-tonne scale direct detection experiments



LZ, 7t LXe,  
Sanford Lab, US



Darkside-20k, 23t LAr  
LNGS, Italy



XENONnT, 6t LXe  
LNGS, Italy

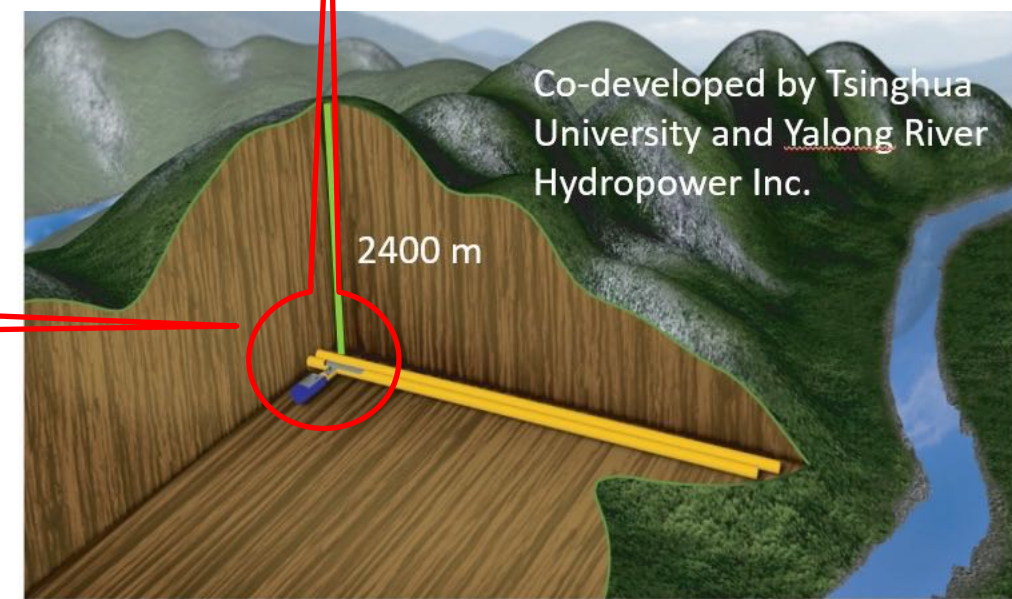
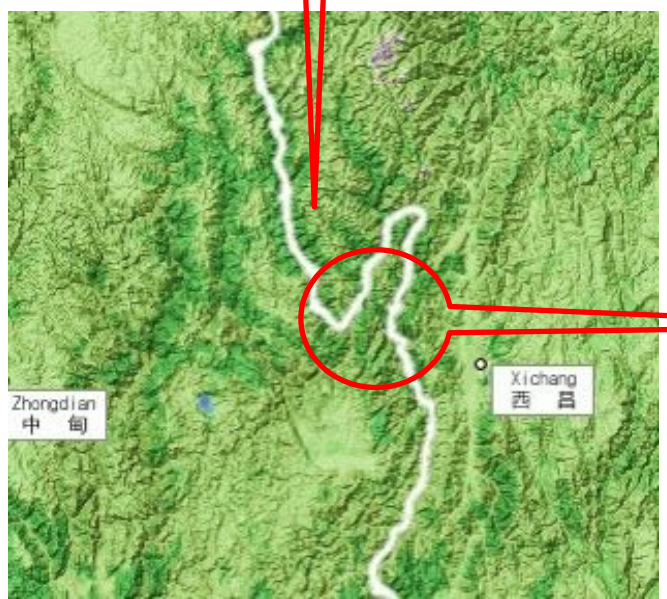
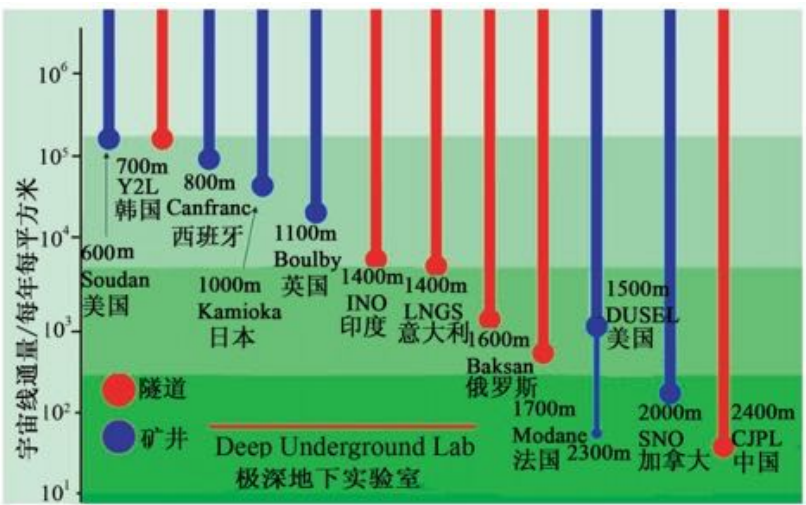
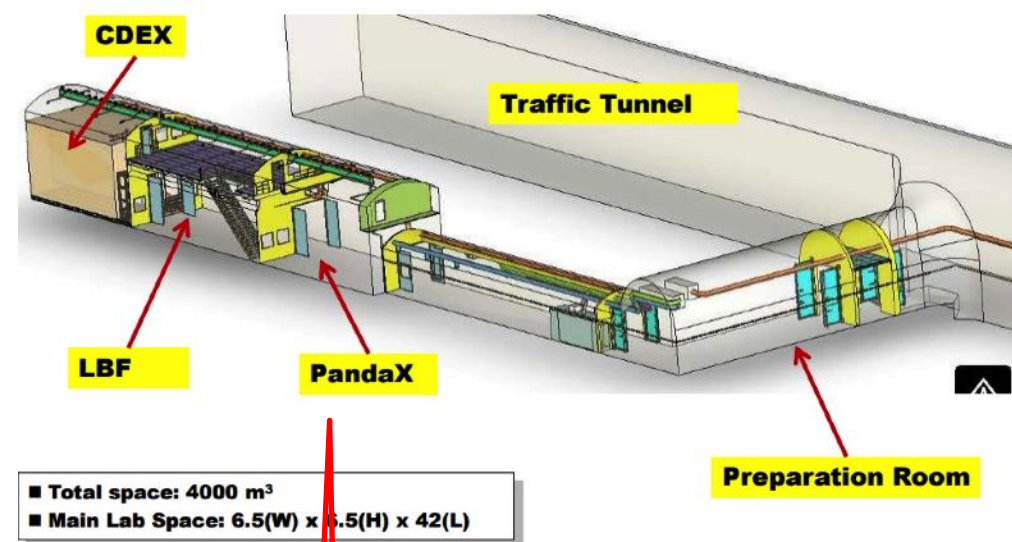
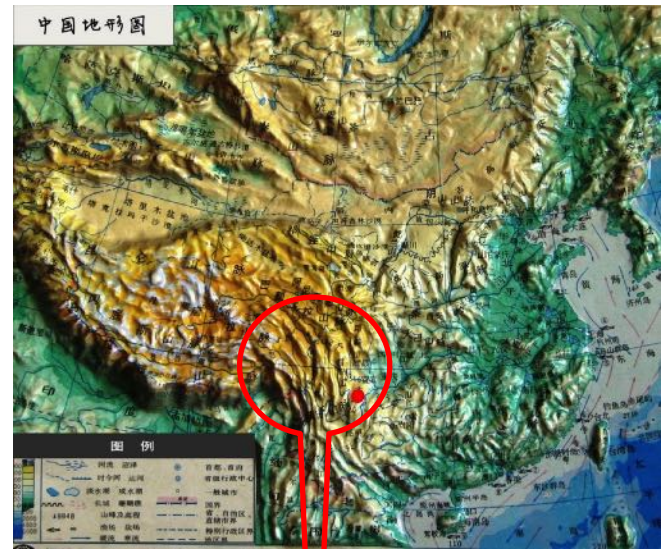


PandaX-4T, 4t LXe  
CJPL, China

# China Jinping Underground Laboratory (CJPL)



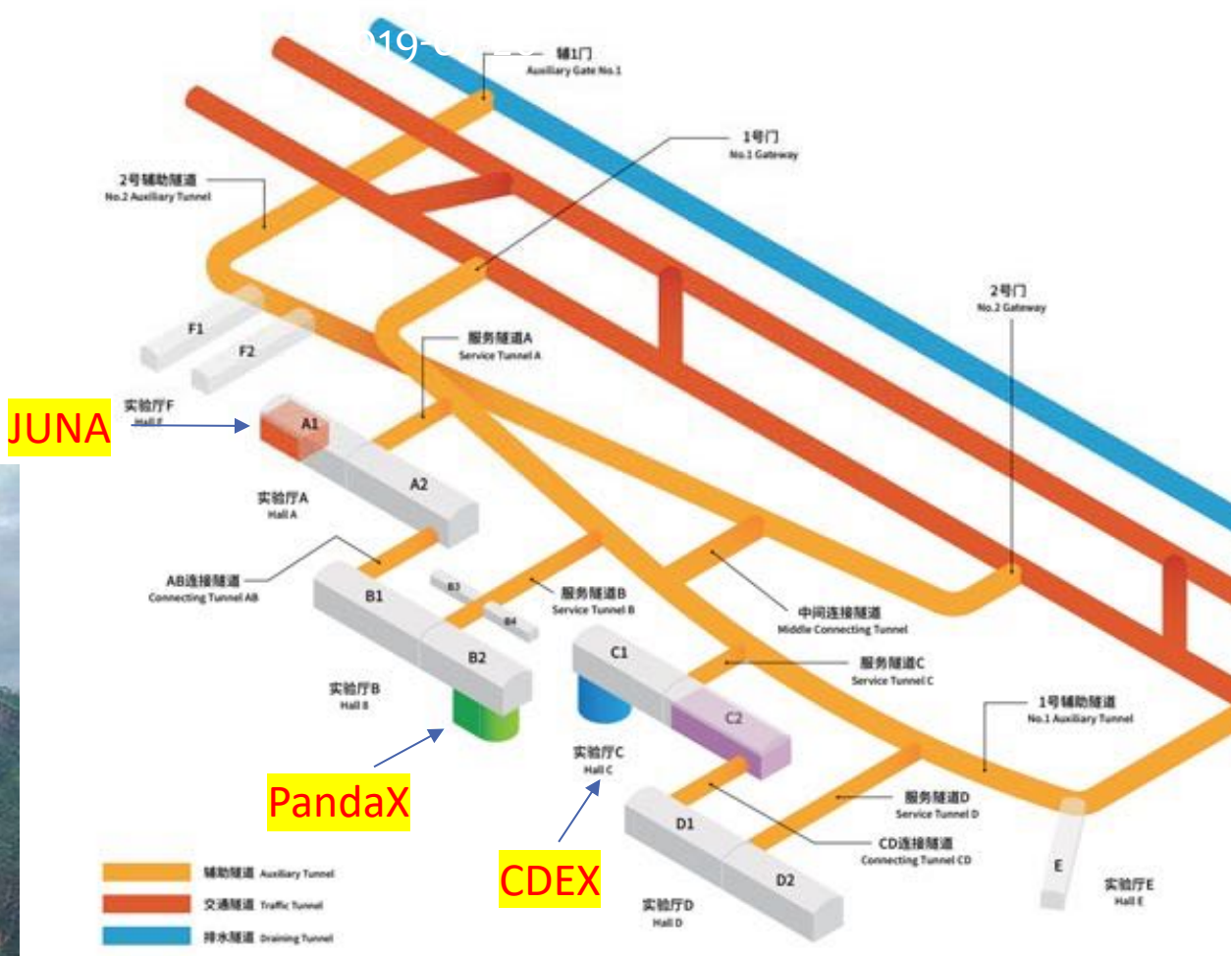
- Deepest
  - 6800 m.w.e.
  - $< 0.2 \text{ muons/m}^2/\text{day}$
- Horizontal access
  - 9 km long tunnel



# CJPL-II



- 8 new experiment halls
  - L: 65m
  - H: 14m
  - W: 14m



# PandaX collaboration

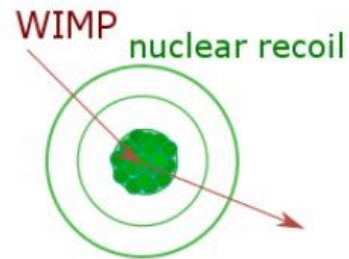
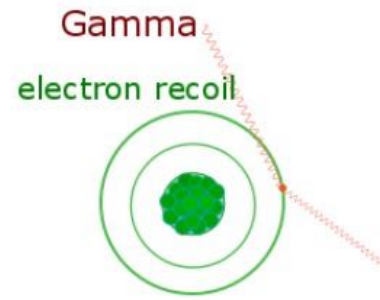
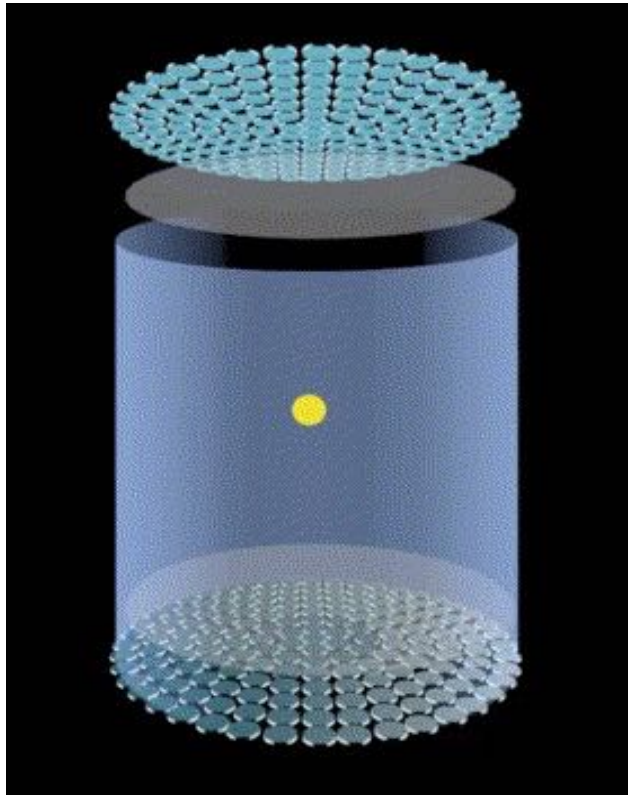


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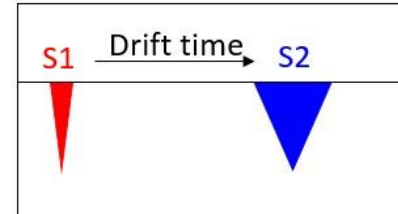
# PandaX experiment



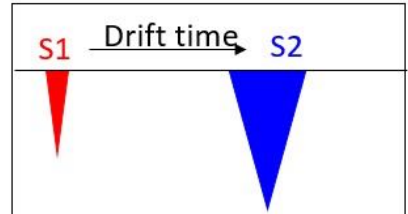
- Dual-phase Xenon TPC
  - Large scale target, precise energy and 3D-position reconstruction
  - Xenon self-shielding, NR and ER discrimination power



Dark matter: nuclear recoil (NR)

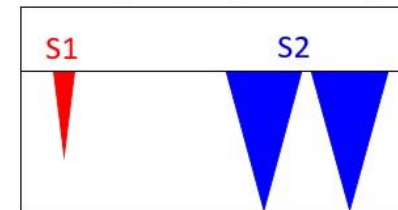


$\gamma$  background: electron recoil (ER)



$$(S2/S1)_{NR} \ll (S2/S1)_{ER}$$

Multi-site scattering background (ER or NR)





# PandaX experiment



Collaboration  
formed



2009.3

2012.7



PandaX-I apparatus  
moved to Jinping

PandaX-I started



2014.3



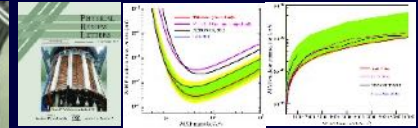
PandaX-I, 120 kg  
operation

2014.5-10

PandaX-II, 580 kg  
operation



2016.7  
-2019.7



2019.8-

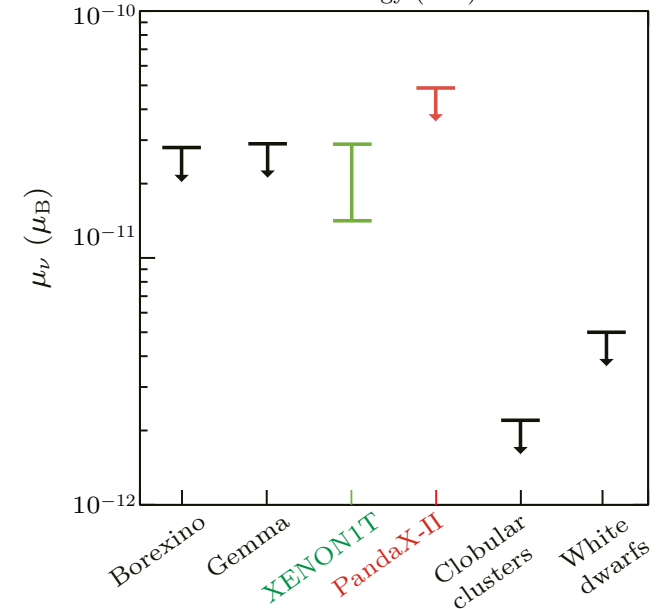
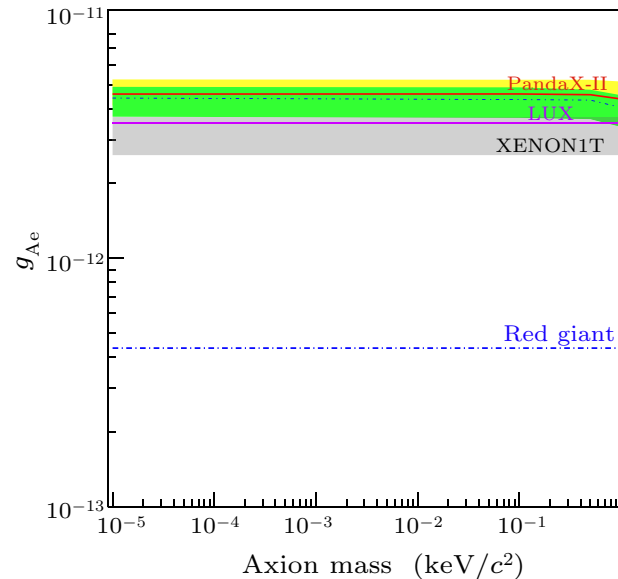
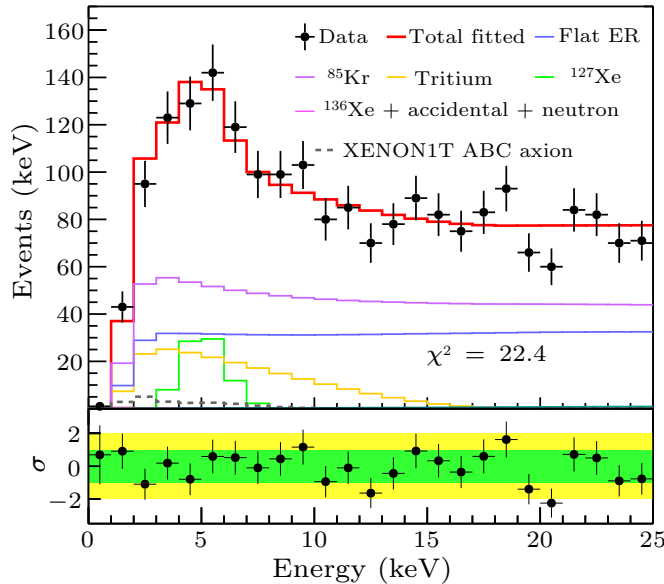
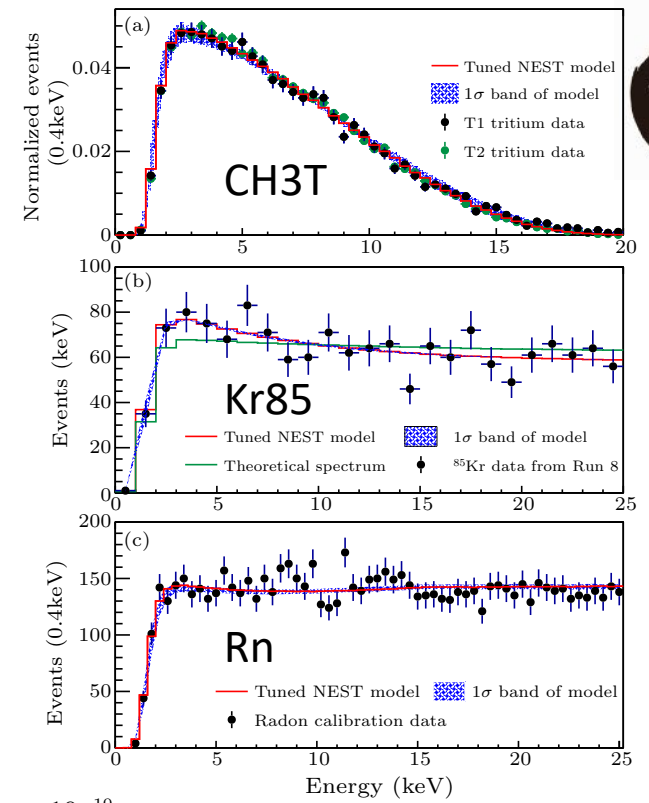


PandaX-4T  
moved to CJPL-II

# PandaX-II: electron scattering

- Signal: axions, neutrino magnetic moment
- Major background spectra obtained from calibration data directly
- Independent check of XENON1T low energy ER excess

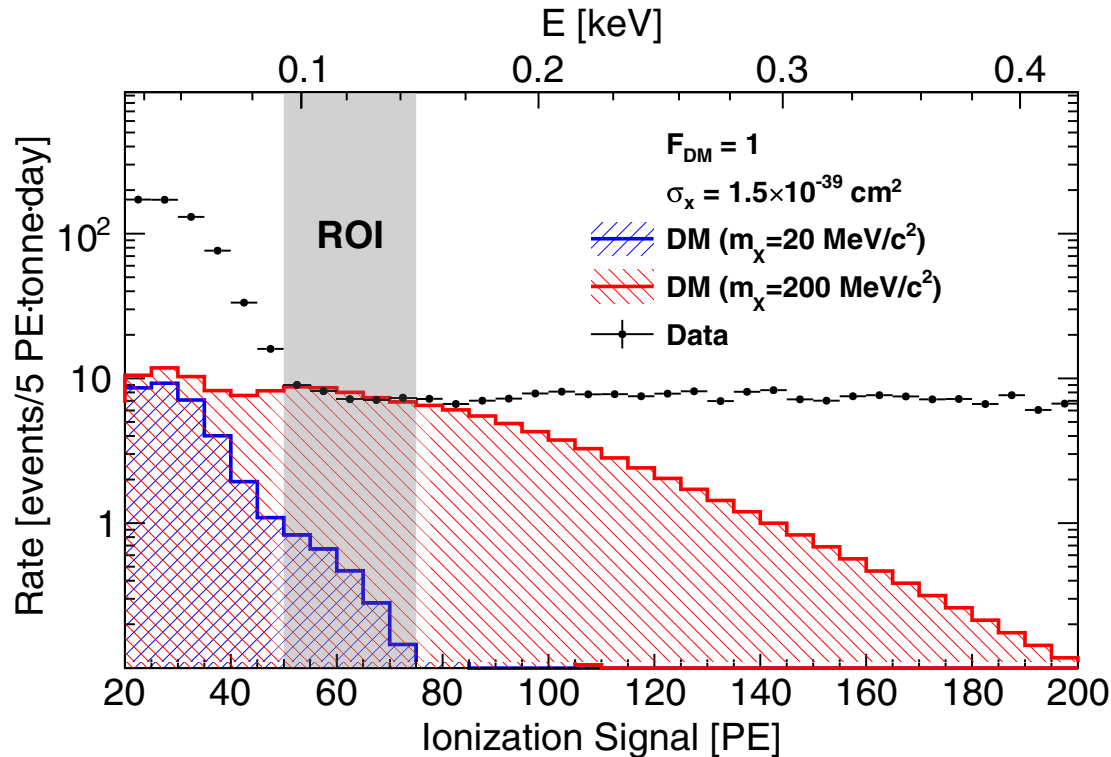
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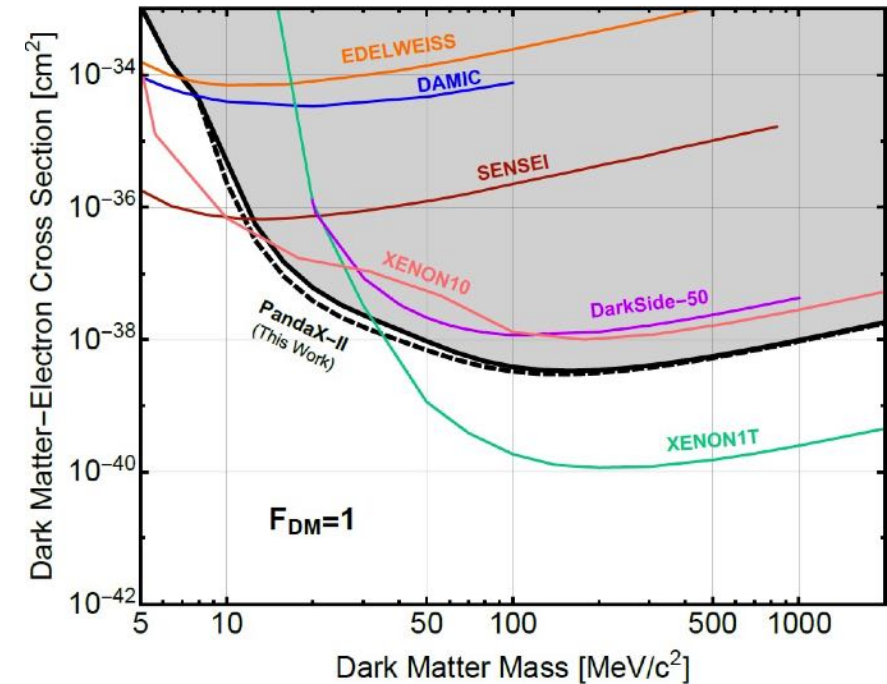
# PandaX-II: WIMP-electron scattering



- light WIMP scattering with electrons
- S2-only analysis: effective threshold 80eV
- 15-30  $\text{MeV}/c^2$  WIMP: strongest constraints



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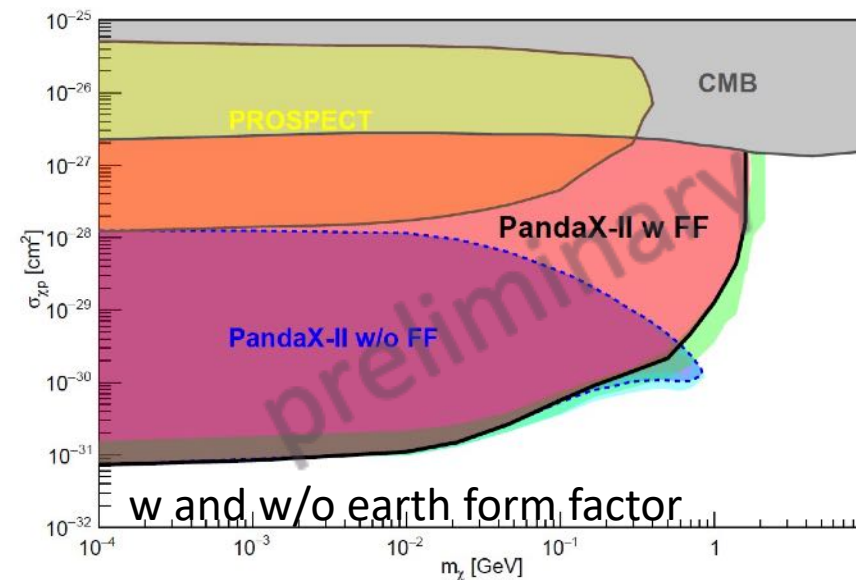
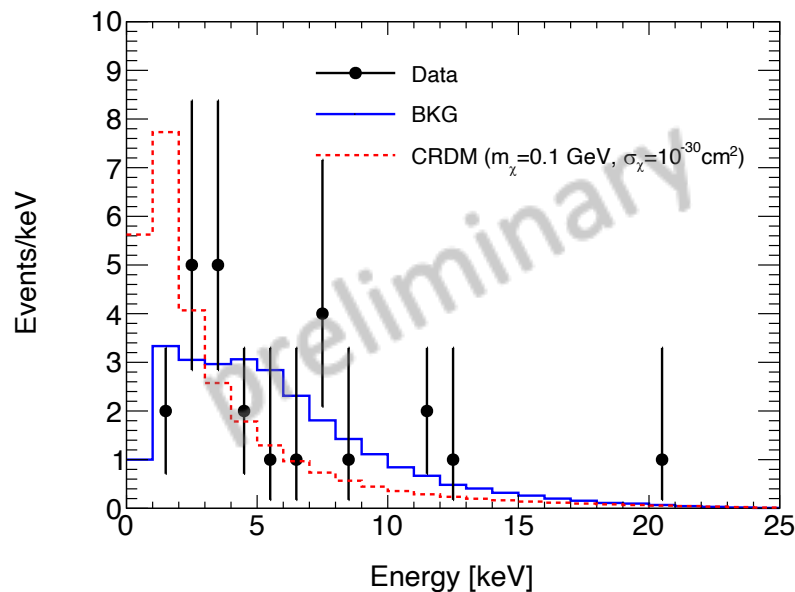
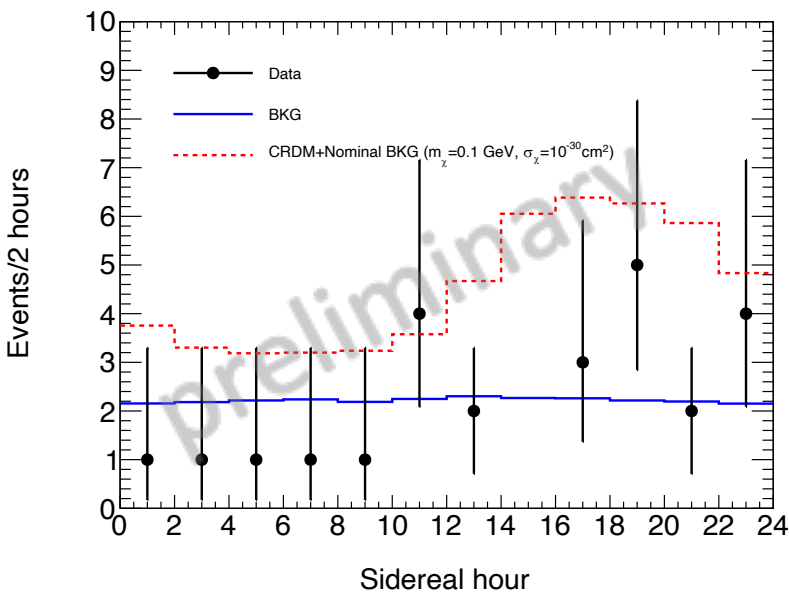
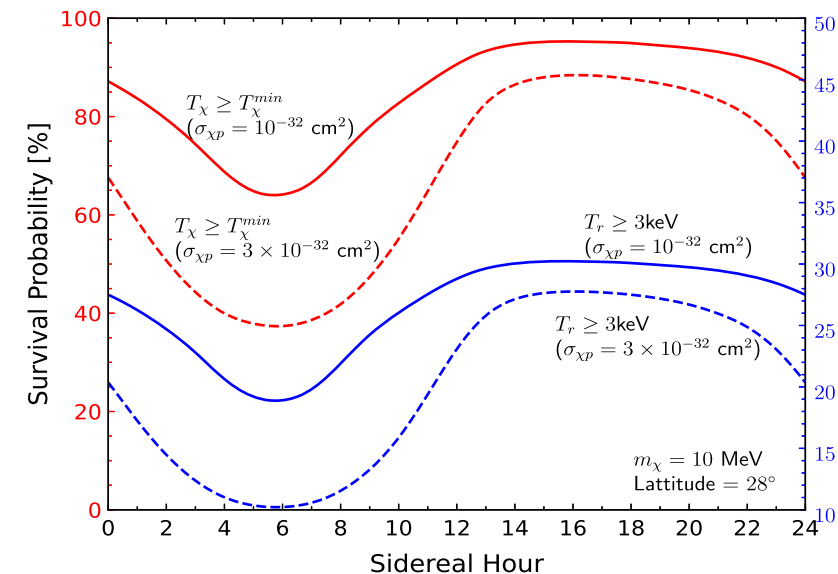


# PandaX-II: cosmic ray boosted DM

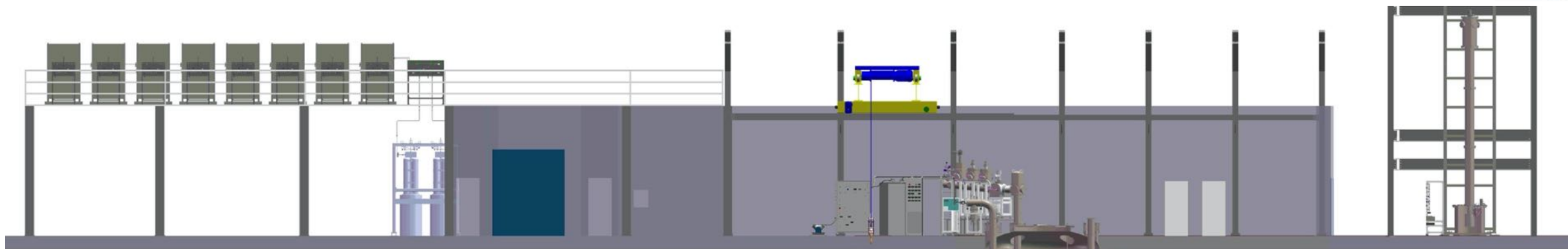


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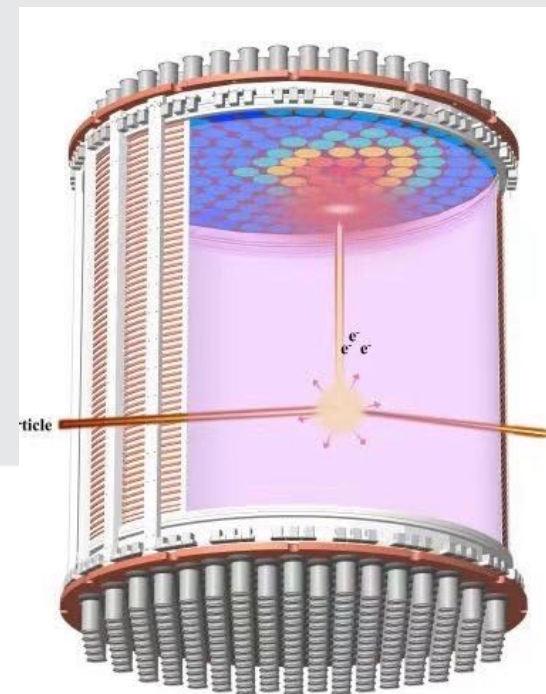
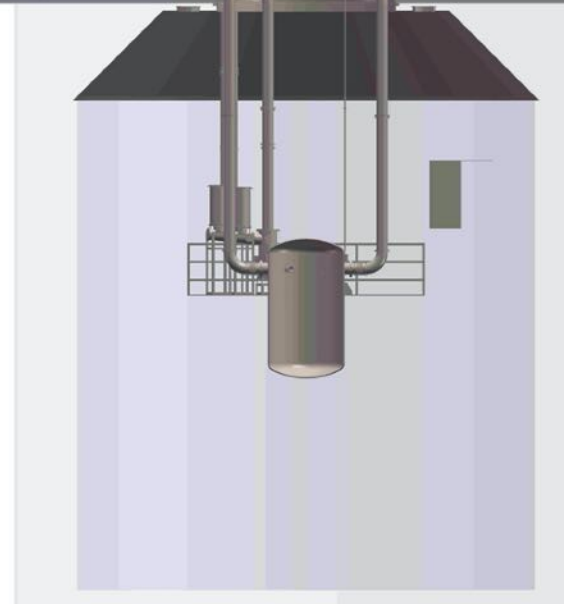
- Light DM with cosmic ray boosting
- Signature: **diurnal modulation**
- Using events below NR median
  - 25 events (expected 26.6 background)



# PandaX-4T @ CJPL-II



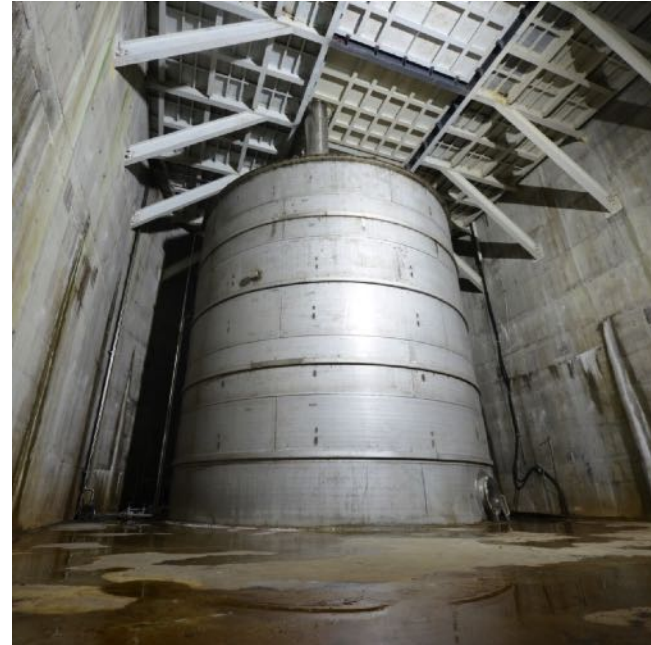
- high purity water shielding
  - 13m H x 10m D ~ 900 m<sup>3</sup>
- Sensitive volume: **3.7-tonne LXe**
  - 1.2m H x 1.2m D
- 3-inch PMTs: 169 top / 199 bottom



# PandaX-4T major milestones



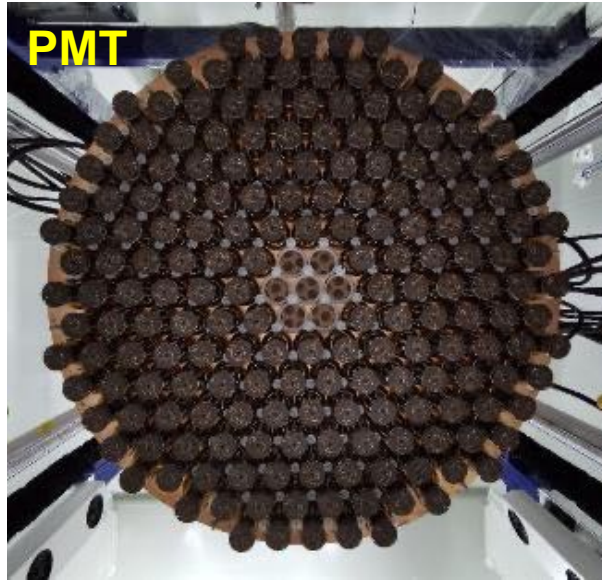
- **2018/04/02**
  - B2 hall construction started
- **2019/08/19**
  - infrastructure completed
  - detector installation started
- **2020/05/06**
  - offline xenon distillation completed
- **2020/05/28**
  - installation completed
- **2020/11/28 – 2021/04/16**
  - commissioning run



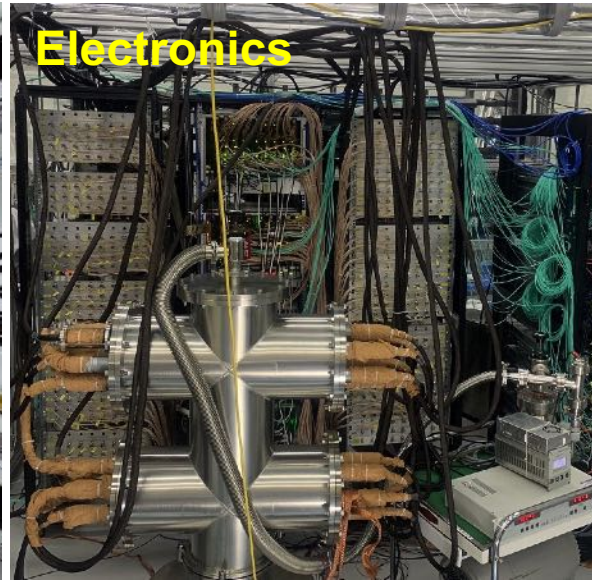
# PandaX-4T subsystems



TPC



PMT



Electronics



Kr distillation tower



Cryogenics system

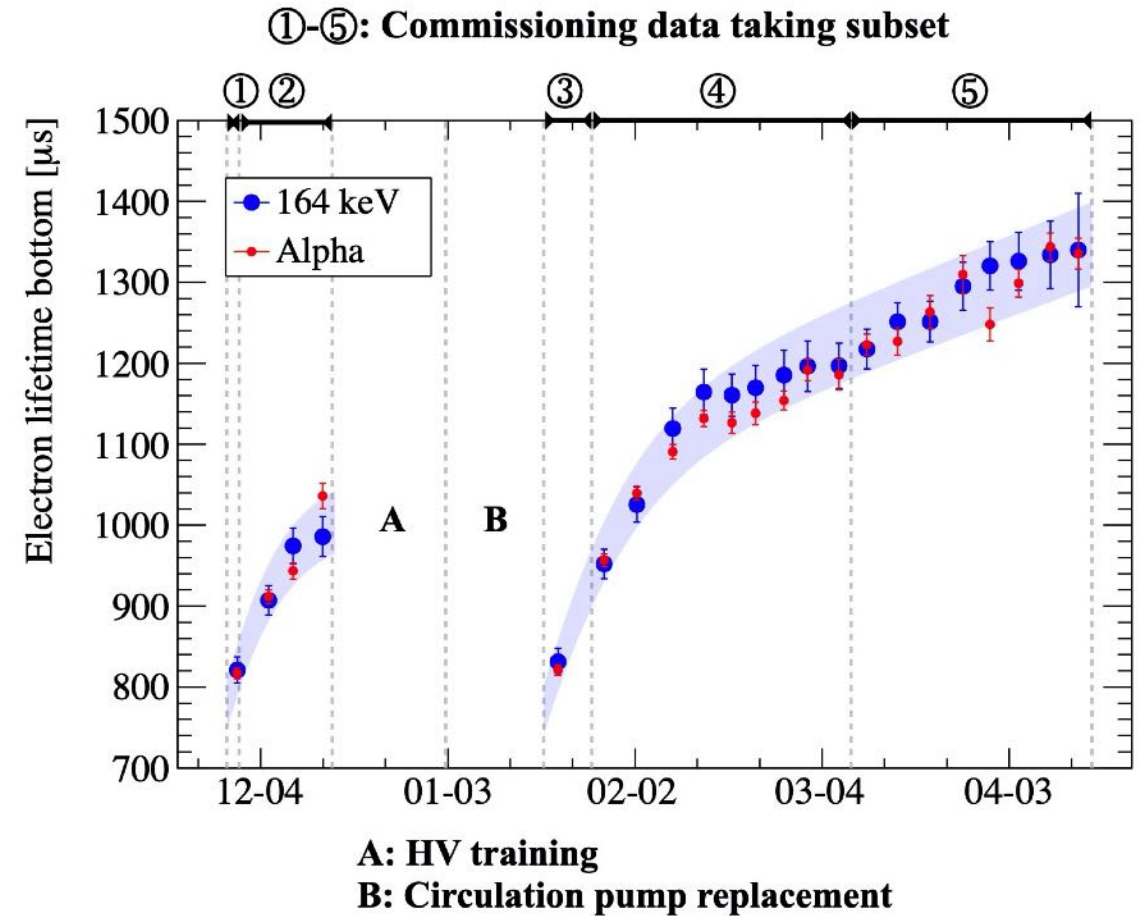
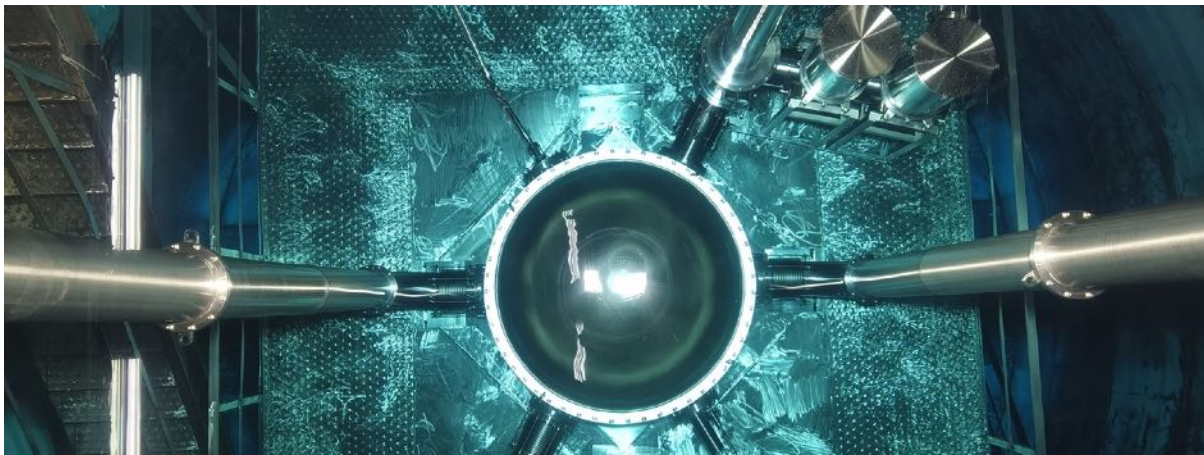


Gas storage system

# PandaX-4T commissioning



- Stable data running period: 95.0 calendar days

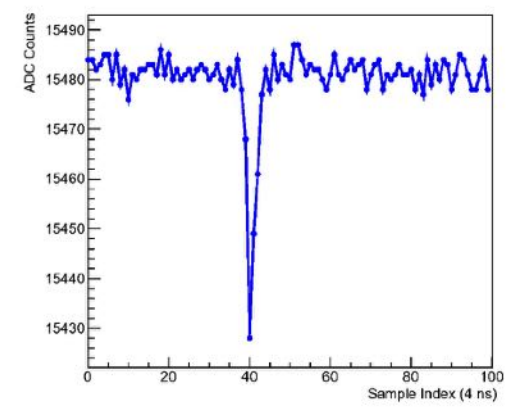




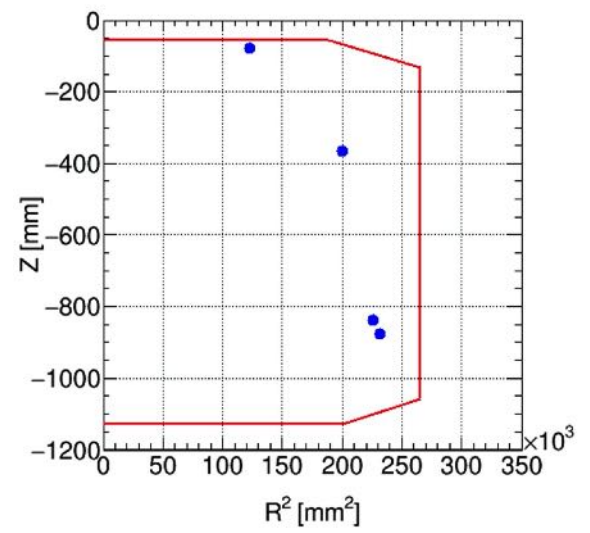
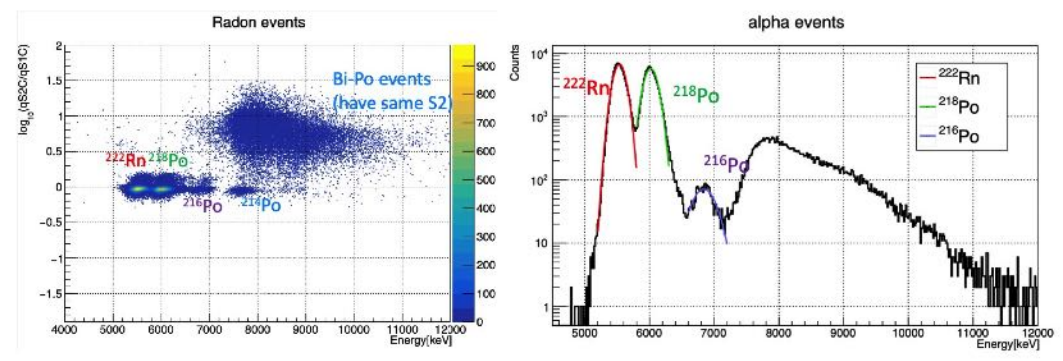
# PandaX-4T major improvement



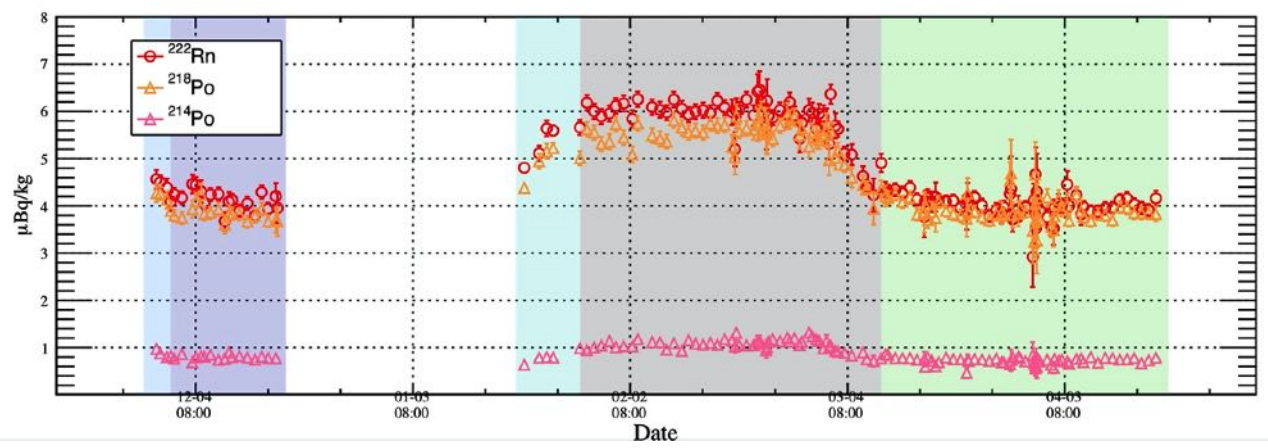
- **Triggerless DAQ: low threshold**
  - read out pulses above 20 ADC ( $\sim 1/3$  PE)
- $^{222}\text{Rn}$ :  $\sim 5$   $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$ 
  - 1/6 of PandaX-II
- $^{85}\text{Kr}$ :  $\sim 0.3$  ppt mol/mol
  - 1/20 of PandaX-II



Typical single photon pulse  
average single photon detection efficiency: 96%.



Vertex distribution of  $\beta$ - $\gamma$  candidates

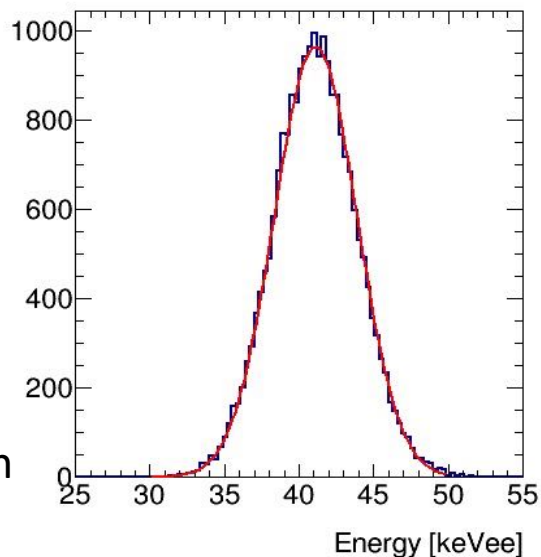
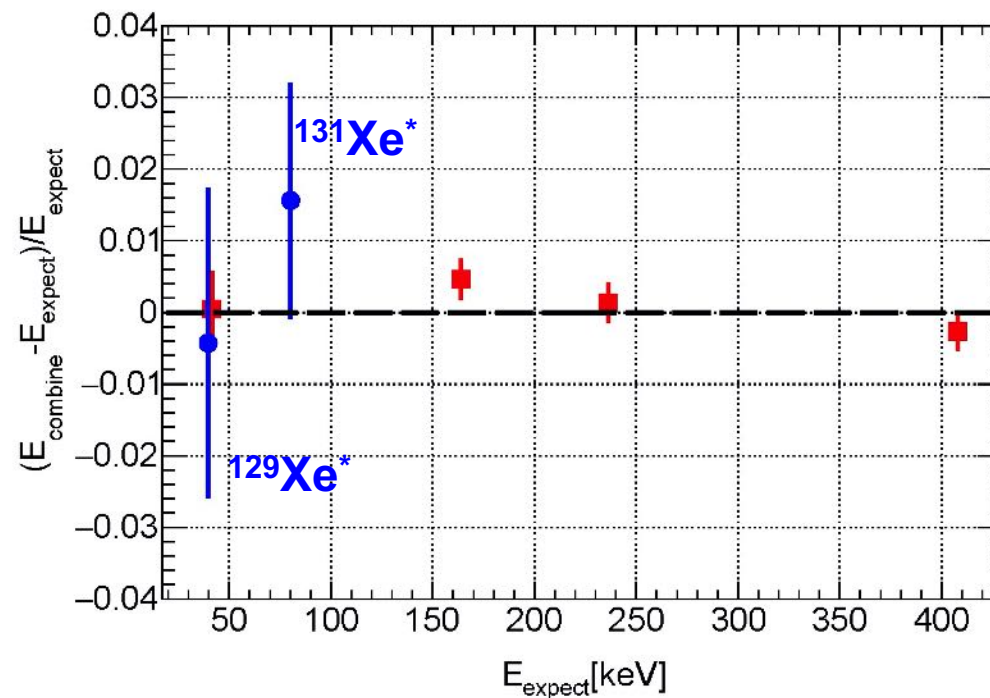
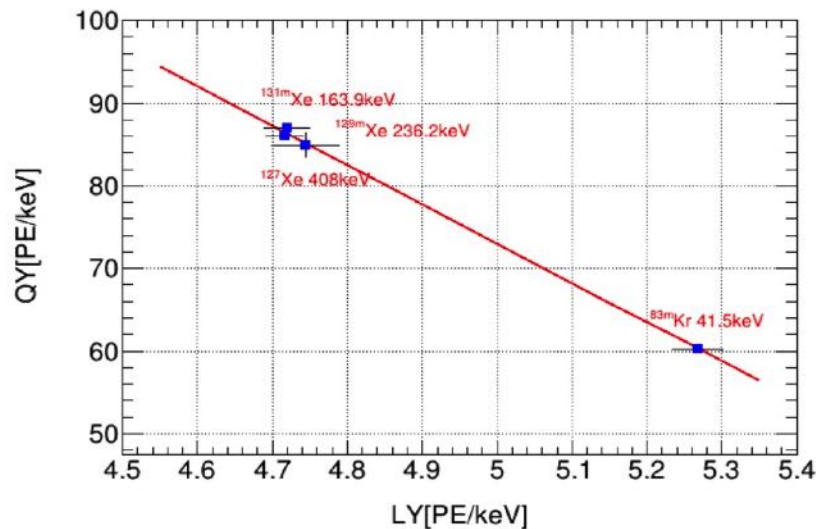


# Energy reconstruction



- Energy resolution @ 41.5 keV: 6.8%

$$E = 13.7\text{eV} \times \left( \frac{S1}{\text{PDE}} + \frac{S2_b}{\text{EEE} \times \text{SEG}} \right)$$



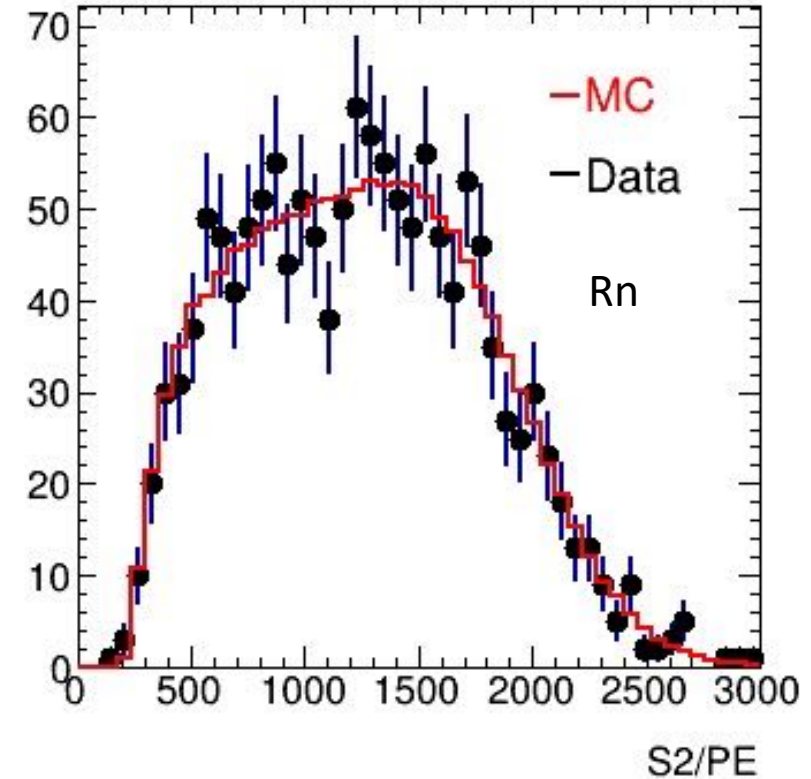
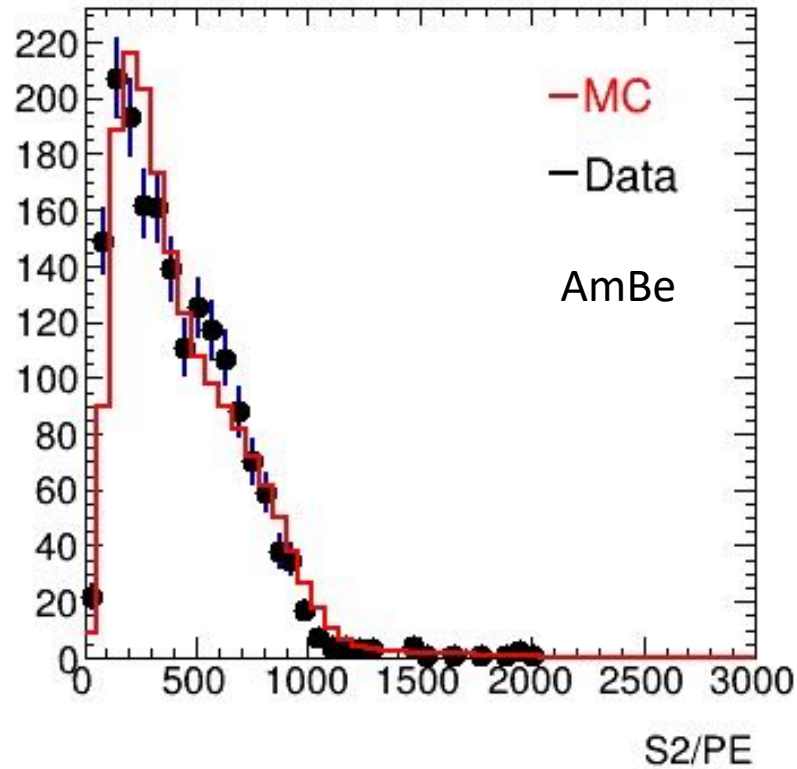
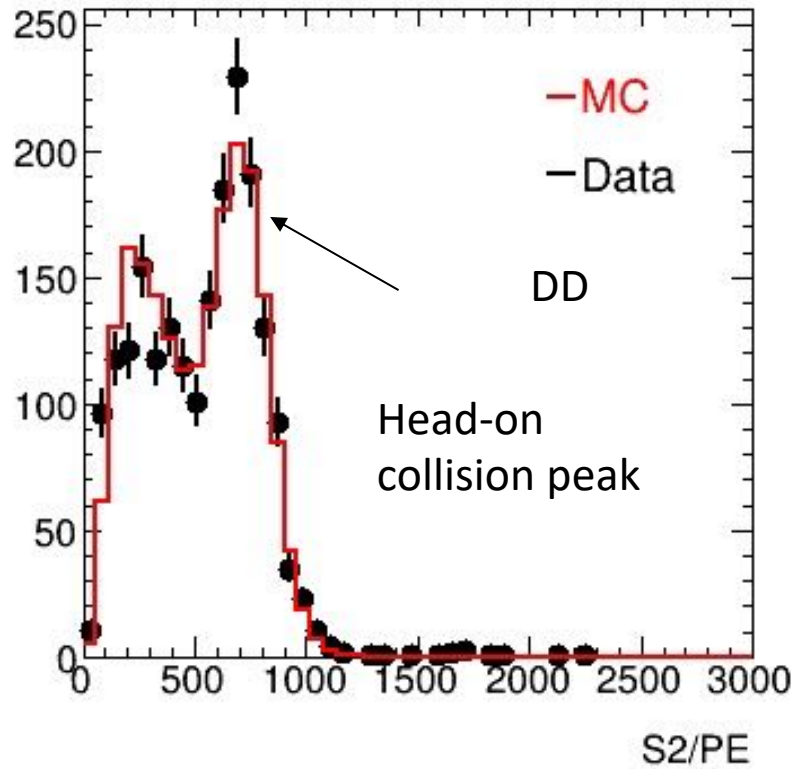
Kr83m calibration

| #Set | PDE [%] | EEE [%]  | SEGb [PE/e] |
|------|---------|----------|-------------|
| 1-2  | 9.0±0.2 | 90.2±5.4 | 3.8±0.1     |
| 3-5  | 9.0±0.2 | 92.6±5.4 | 4.6±0.1     |

# Detector response calibration



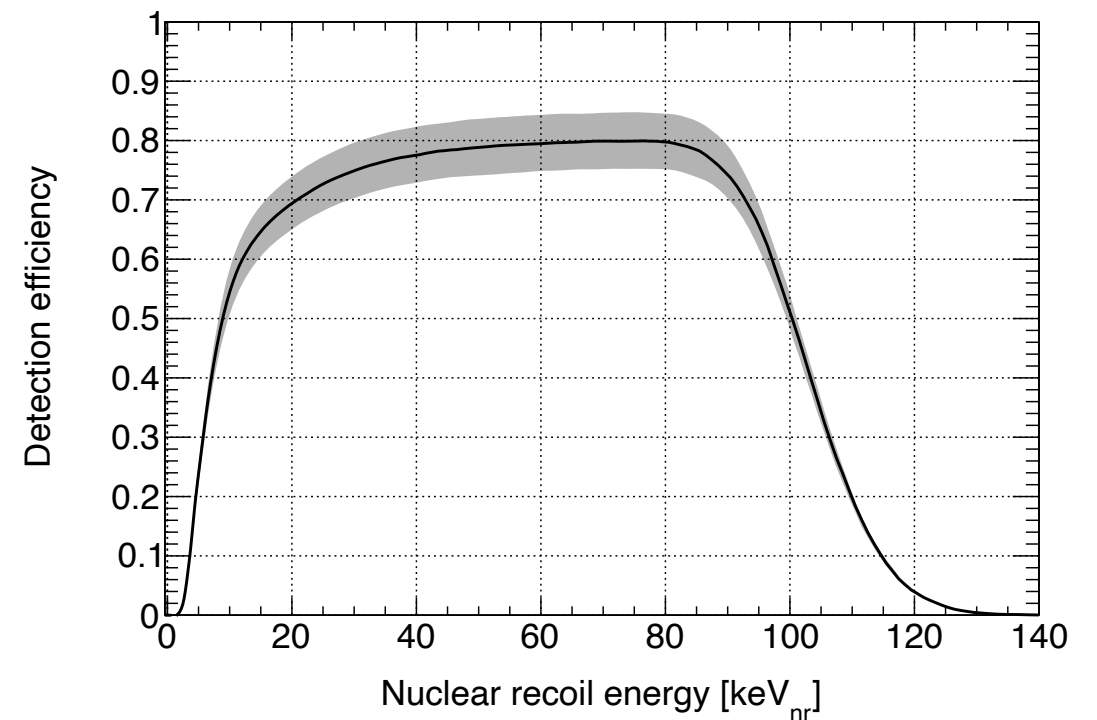
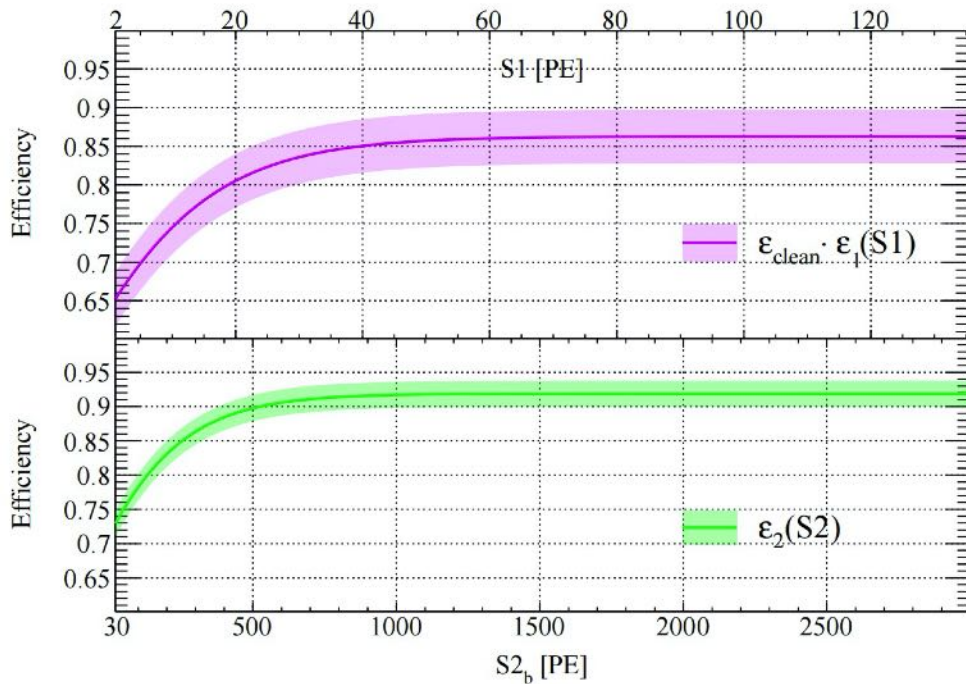
- Light/charge yield, as well as fluctuations
  - Deuteron-deuteron (DD) neutron data used together with AmBe
  - Rn data



# Efficiencies obtained from calibration data



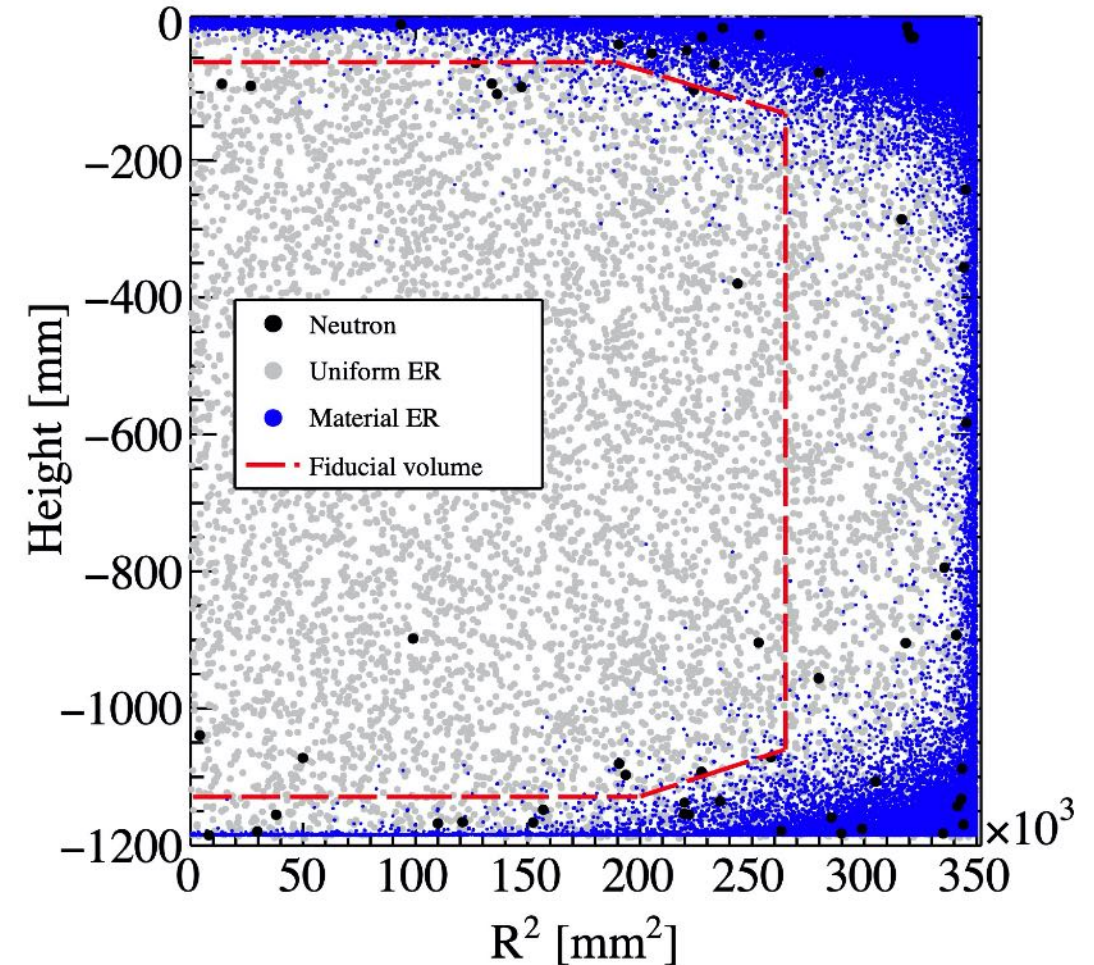
- Same S1 and S2 efficiency obtained from the ER and NR data
- Plateaued efficiency  $\sim 80\%$



# Fiducial volume determination



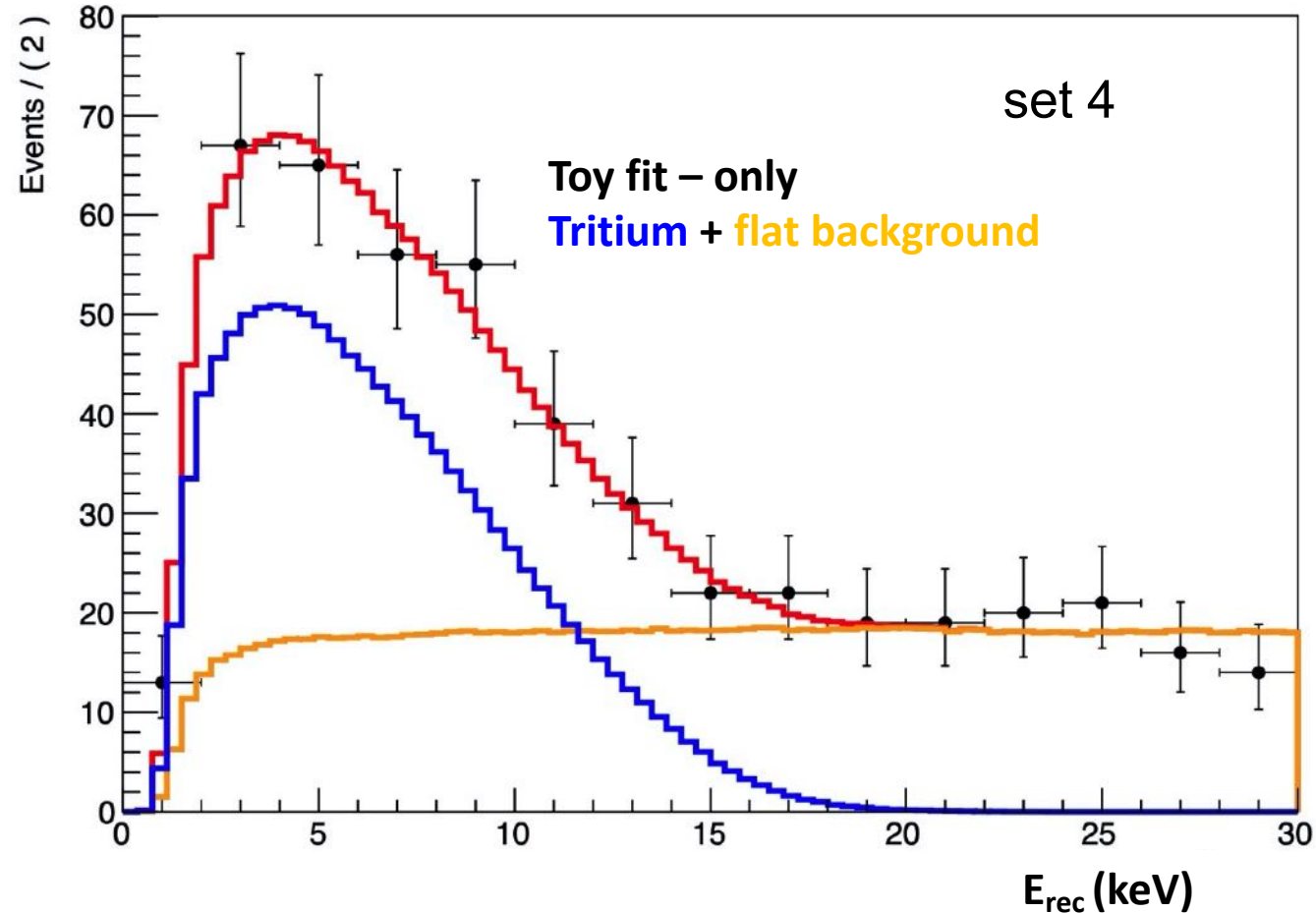
- Based on background simulation
  - Uniform ER (including tritium) normalization from data
- Define FoM =  $\sqrt{B}/M$
- Best FV = 2.67 tonne
- FV cuts in the data maintaining the same FV (correcting for reconstruction bias)



# Tritium background



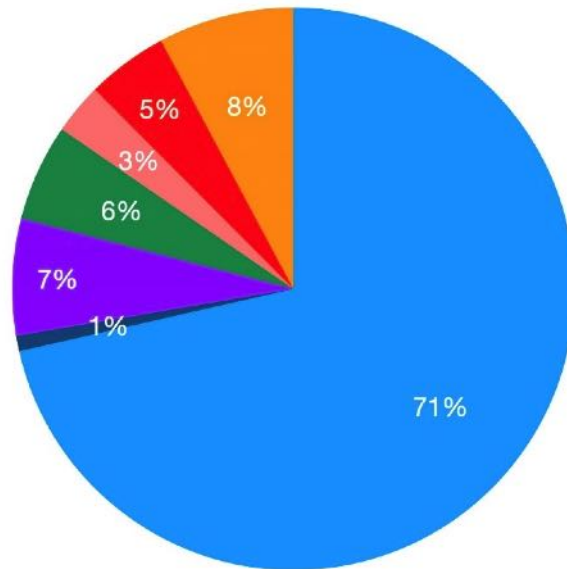
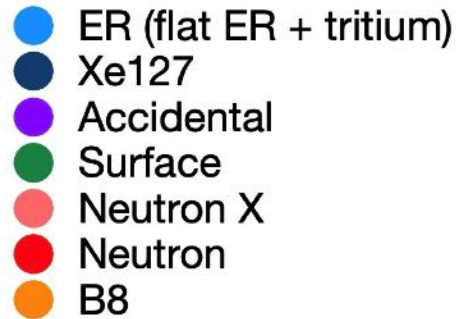
- Tritium spectrum identified in the data
- Likely originated from a tritium calibration at the end of PandaX-II
- Level floating in the final dark matter fit:  $\sim 5(0.3) \times 10^{-24}$  (mol/mol)



# Background composition



- Background per unit target is improved from PandaX-II by 4 times (<10 keV)
- Expected below-NR-median events: 9.8 (0.6) evts

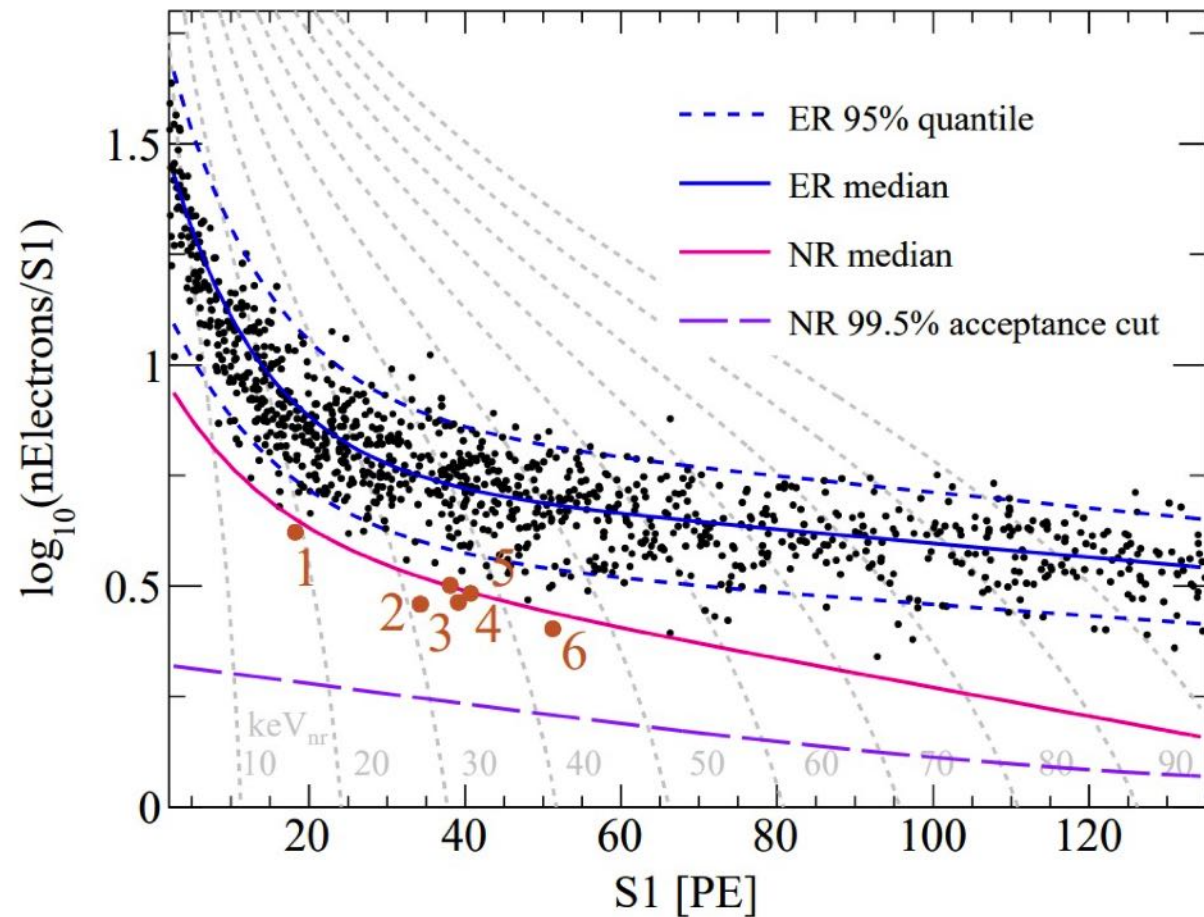


| Component                       | Nominal (evts) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| $^3\text{T}$ (from fit to data) | 532 (32)       |
| Flat ER* (18-30keV side band)   | 492 (31)       |
| Rn                              | 347 (190)      |
| Kr                              | 53 (34)        |
| Material                        | 40 (5)         |
| pp neutrino                     | 37 (8)         |
| Xe136                           | 31 (6)         |
| Xe127                           | 8 (1)          |
| Neutron                         | 0.9 (0.5)      |
| Neutron-X                       | 0.2 (0.1)      |
| Surface                         | 0.5 (0.1)      |
| Accidental                      | 2.4 (0.5)      |
| B8                              | 0.6 (0.3)      |
| Sum                             | 1037 (45)      |

# DM candidates



- FV: 2.67 tonne
- Exposure: 0.63 tonne-year
- Selection:
  - S1: 2 – 135 PE
  - S2raw: > 80 PE
  - S2 < 20000
- Candidates
  - **1058 candidates**
  - **6 below NR median line**

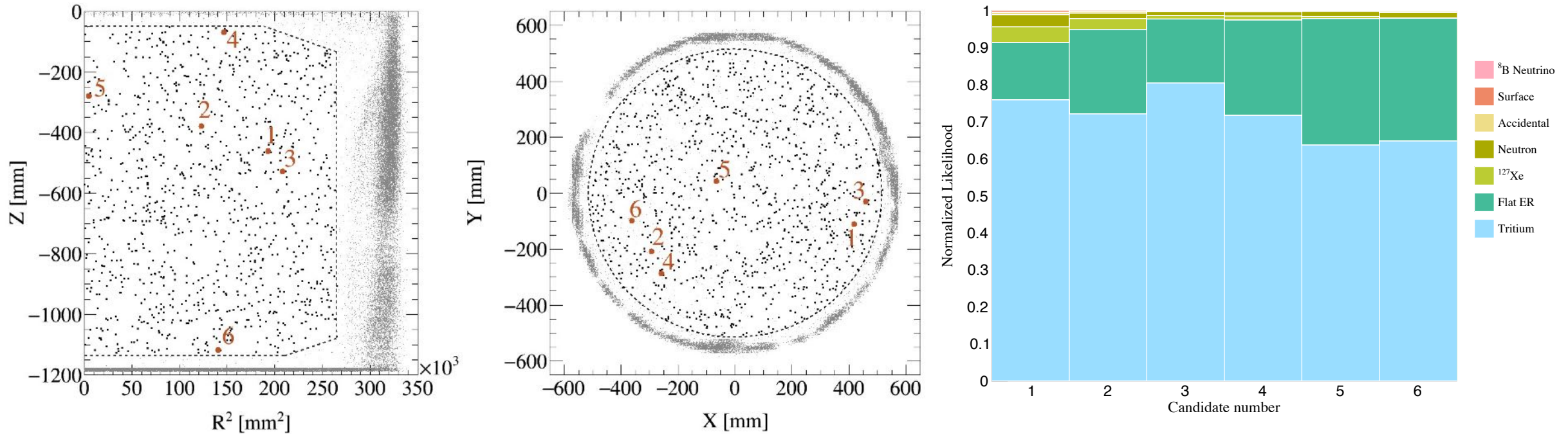




# Position distributions



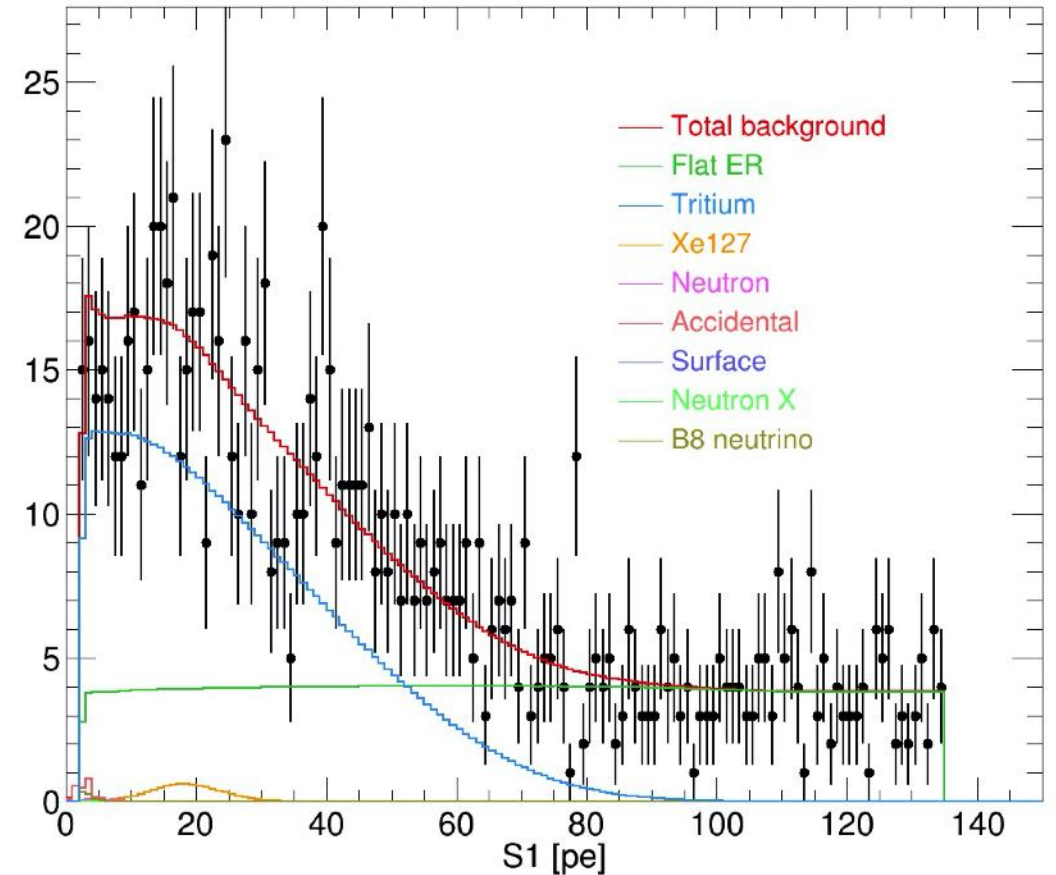
- Events uniformly distributed in the FV, expected if dominated by tritium and radon events.



# Spectral comparison



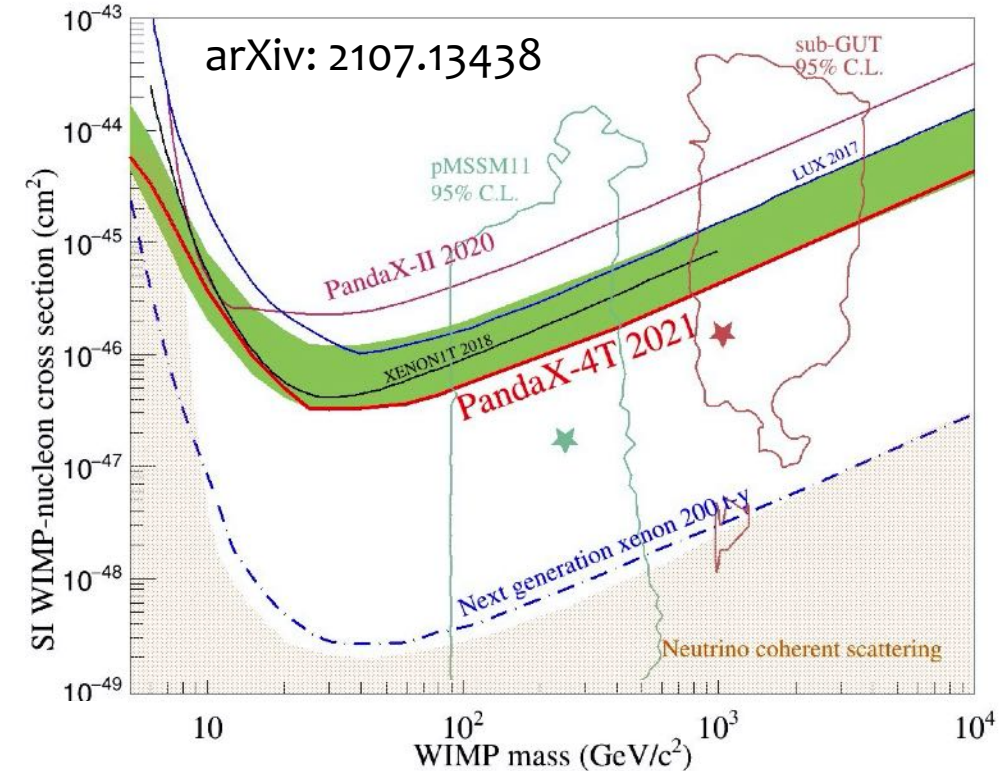
- Fit data with unbinned likelihood with all signal/background PDFs in  $(S1, S2_b)$
- No excess found, background-only p-value **0.58**
- Spectrum agrees with expected background



# WIMP-nucleon SI exclusion limits



- Exposure: 0.63 tonne-year
- Sensitivity improved from PandaX-II final analysis by 2.9 times ( $30 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ )
- Our limit is  $\sim 1.24$  times stronger than XENON1T around  $30 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Dived into previously unexplored territory!
- Approaching the “low E” neutrino floor



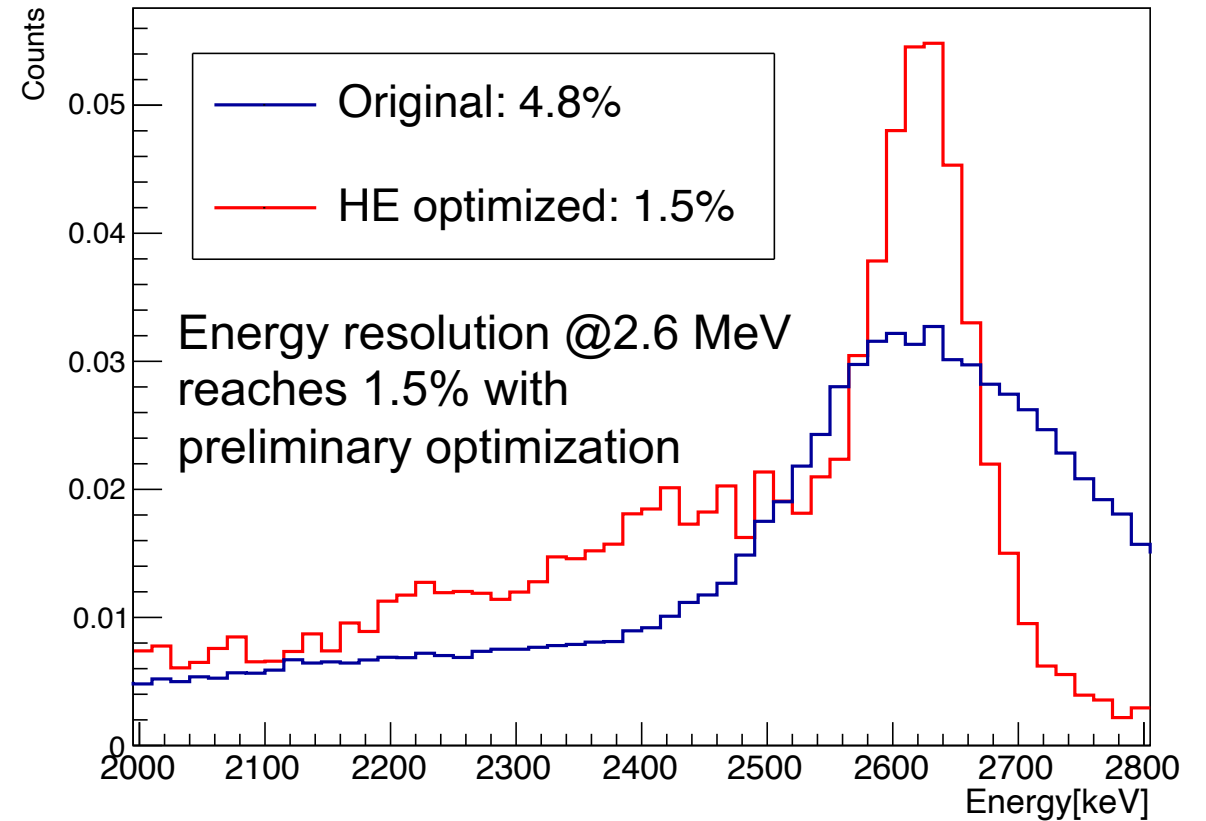
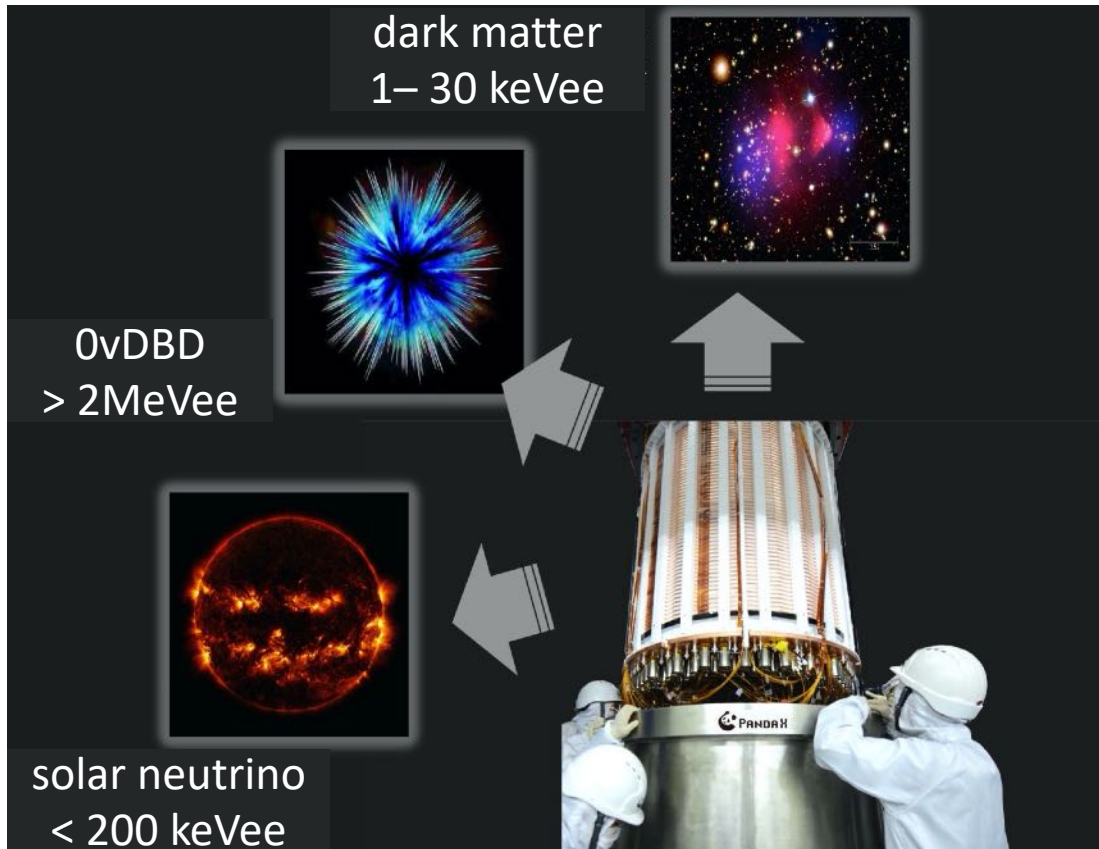
SUSY benchmark contours (MasterCode)

EPJC 78, no.3, 256 (2018), EPJC 78, 158 (2018)

# Next plan



- Xenon distillation to remove radioactive impurity like tritium
- Multiple physics tasks: DM, Xe136 0vDBD, solar neutrino, etc

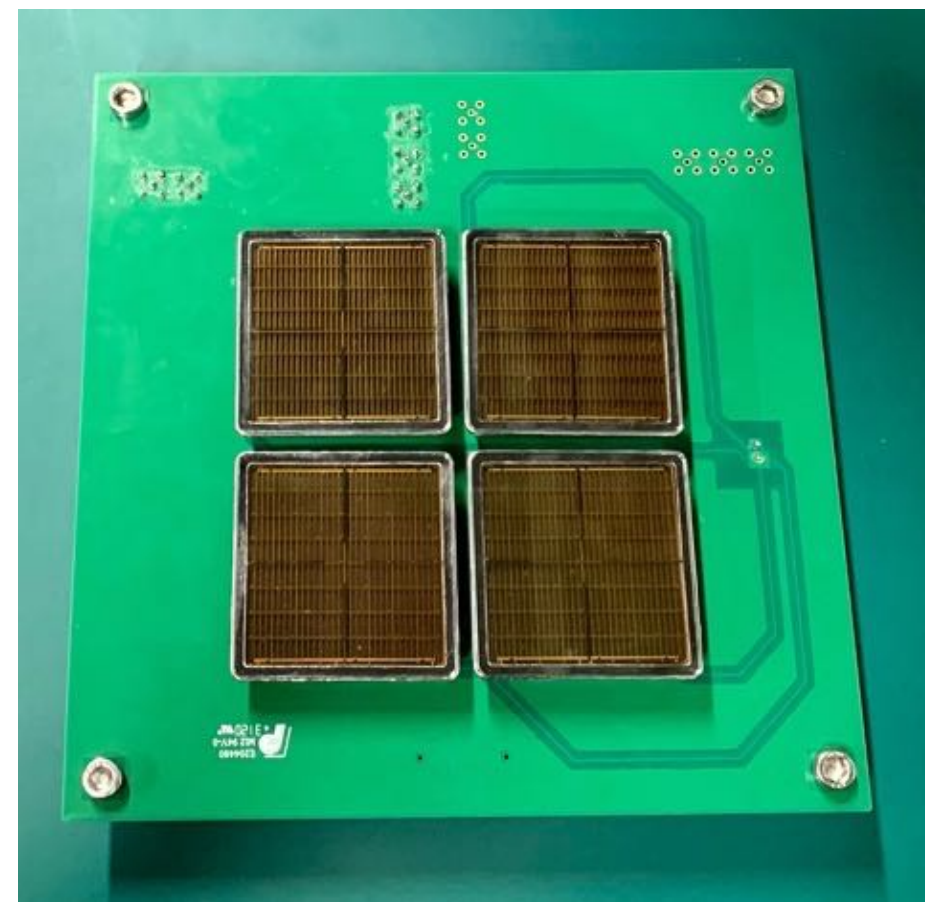


# Next-generation detector R&D



- Low background PMT, xenon isotope separation, etc

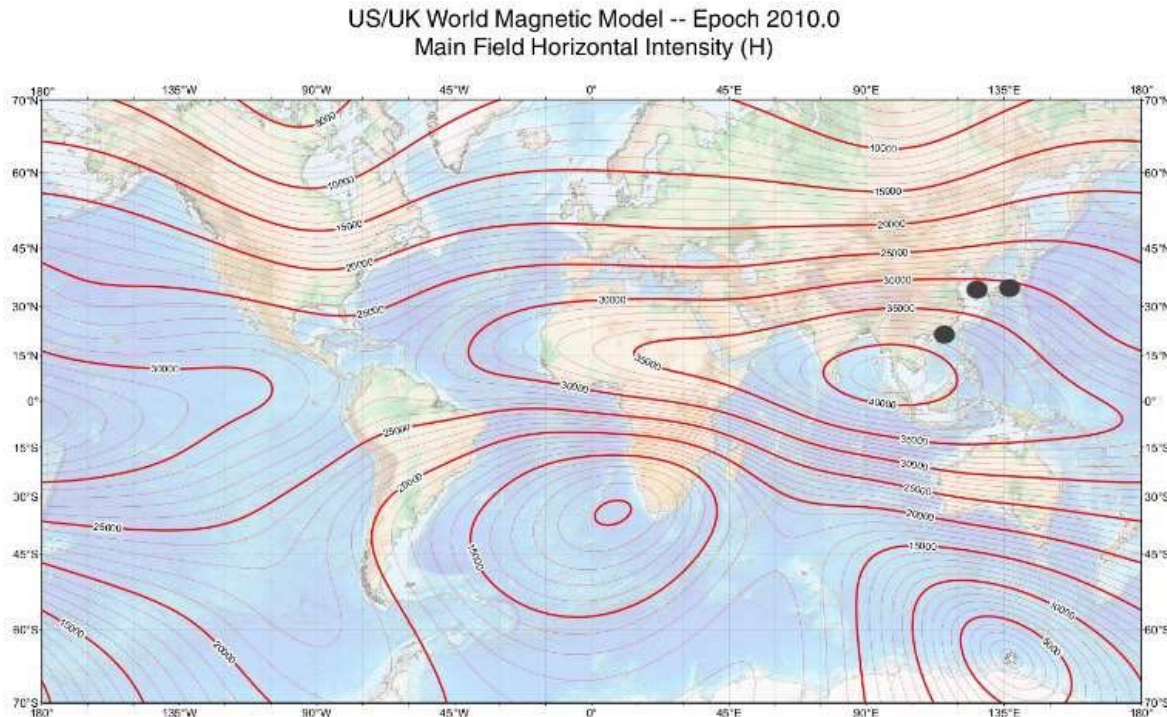
| Unit: mBq/pc  | R12699 (30T)             | R11410 (4T)                 |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Co-60         | $0.76 \pm 0.10$          | $1.16 \pm 0.72$<br><2.34    |
| Cs-137        | $0.02 \pm 0.08$<br><0.16 | $0.52 \pm 0.81$<br><1.85    |
| K-40          | $26.42 \pm 1.78$         | $8.37 \pm 8.47$<br><22.31   |
| Th-232(early) | $0.06 \pm 0.25$<br><0.46 | $4.33 \pm 2.16$<br><7.88    |
| Th-232(late)  | $0.00 \pm 0.08$<br><0.12 | $1.50 \pm 0.96$<br><3.08    |
| U-235         | $0.00 \pm 0.68$<br><1.11 | $13.13 \pm 8.53$<br><27.16  |
| U-238(early)  | $3.32 \pm 1.84$<br><6.35 | $26.29 \pm 16.90$<br><54.09 |
| U-238(late)   | $0.60 \pm 0.14$          | $2.05 \pm 1.18$<br><3.99    |



# Neutrino floor



- Non-uniform atmosphere neutrinos distribution, due to magnetic field
- CJPL has a unique advantage towards the “neutrino floor”



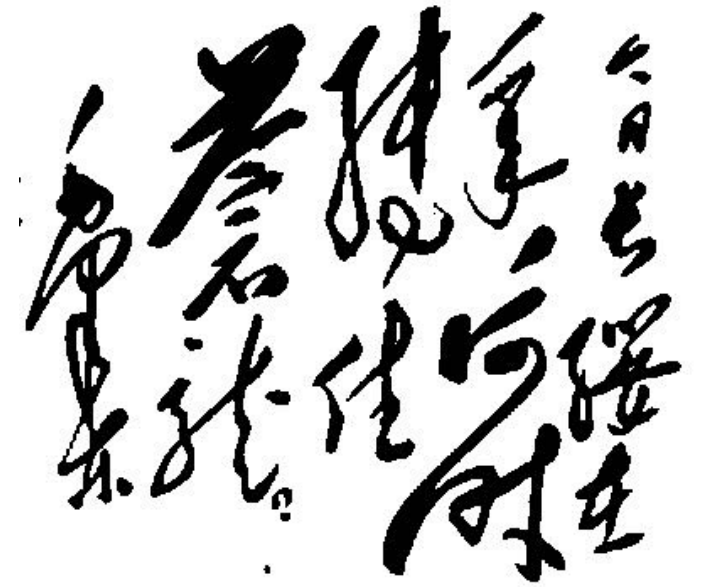
magnetic field

| Site       | Flux ( $\text{m}^2 \text{ sec sr GeV}^{-1}$ ) [100MeV] |
|------------|--|
| Kamioka    | 4249   |
| Gran Sasso | 7304   |
| Sudbury    | 11879  |
| Frejus     | 8215   |
| INO        | 2554   |
| South Pole | 12001  |
| Pythasalmi | 12208  |
| Homestake  | 11774  |
| JUNO       | 2871   |

Honda et al. [arXiv: 1502.03916](https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.03916) neutrino flux

# Summary

- PandaX-II has completed successfully in 2019
- PandaX-4T, x10 more sensitive than PandaX-II
- PandaX-4T commissioning has completed
- Currently, PandaX-4T is performing an offline tritium removal, aiming to reduce the electron recoil background
- In parallel, developing plan for the next generation experiment at CJPL
- Stay tuned!



Today we hold the long  
cord in our hands,  
when shall we bind fast  
the Grey Dragon?

# THANK YOU