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# NEWAGE/ CYGNUS-KM

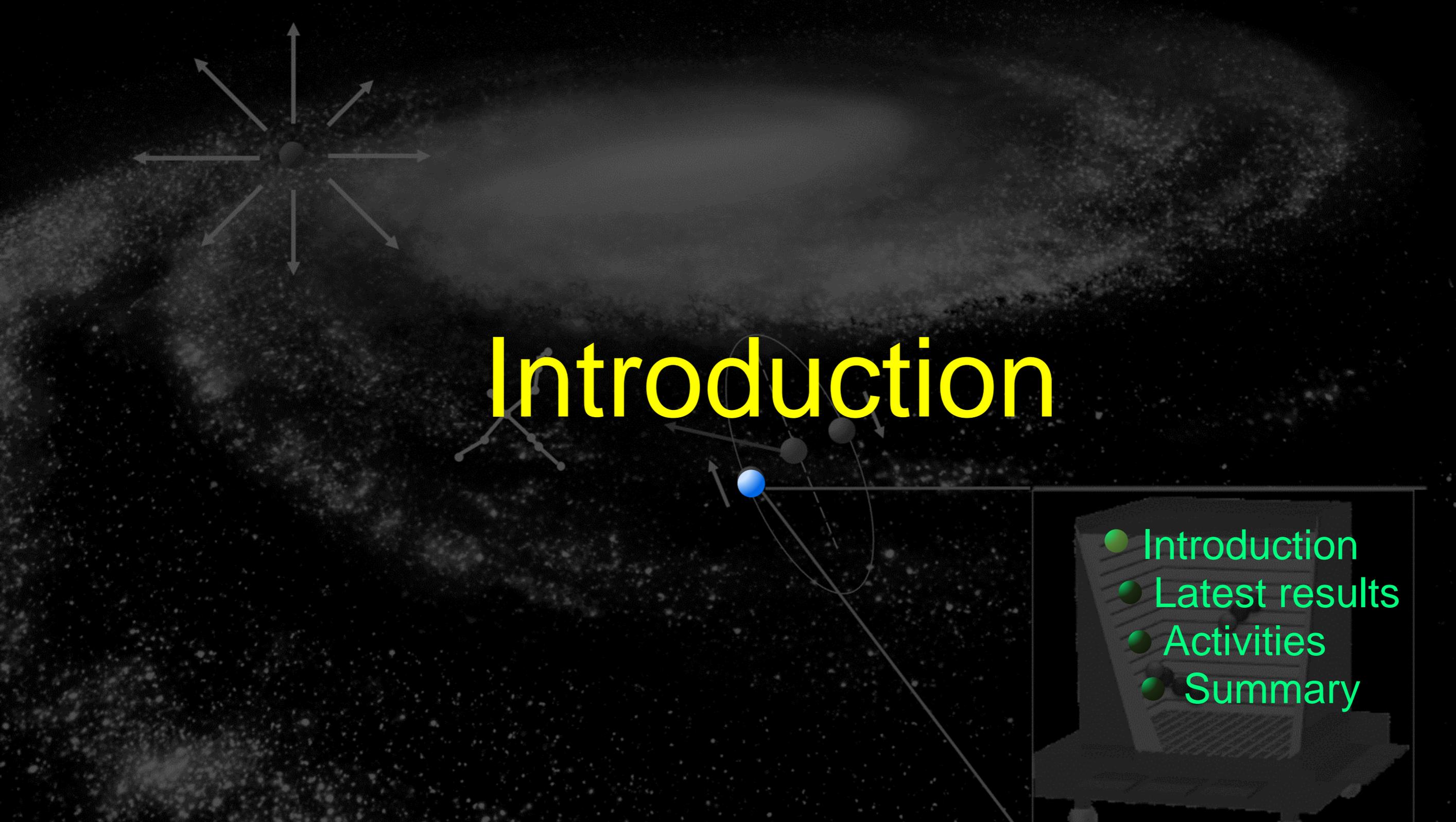
Kentaro Miuchi  
(Kobe University)

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科研費  
KAKENHI

地下から解き明かす宇宙の歴史と物質の進化  
Unraveling the History of the Universe and Matter Evolution with Underground Physics

Direction-Sensitive  
WIMP-search  
**NEWAGE**

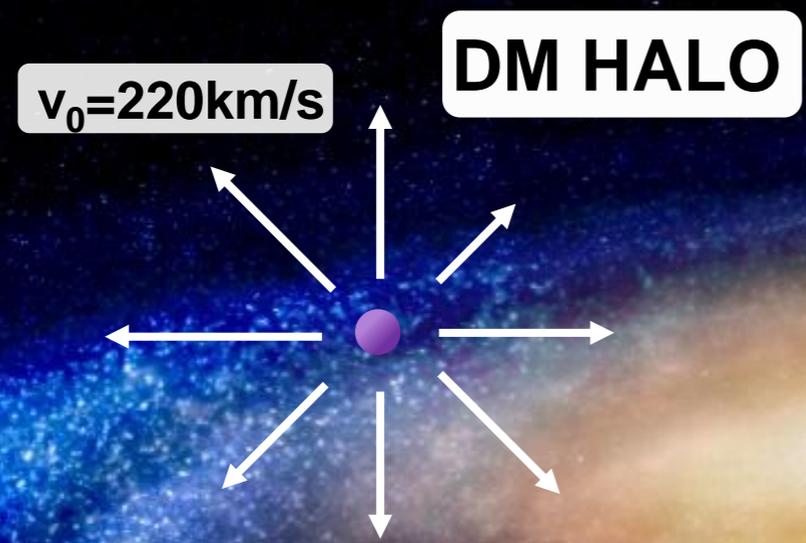


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# “CYGNUS” concept

## WIMP-wind detection



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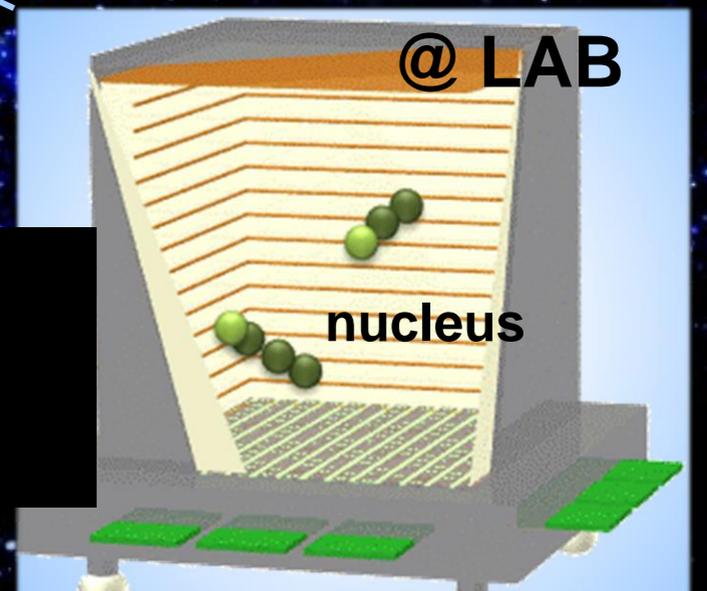
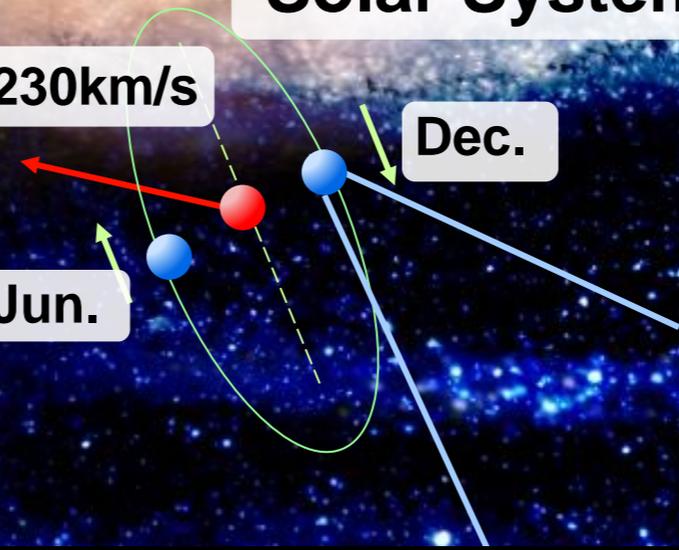
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Solar System

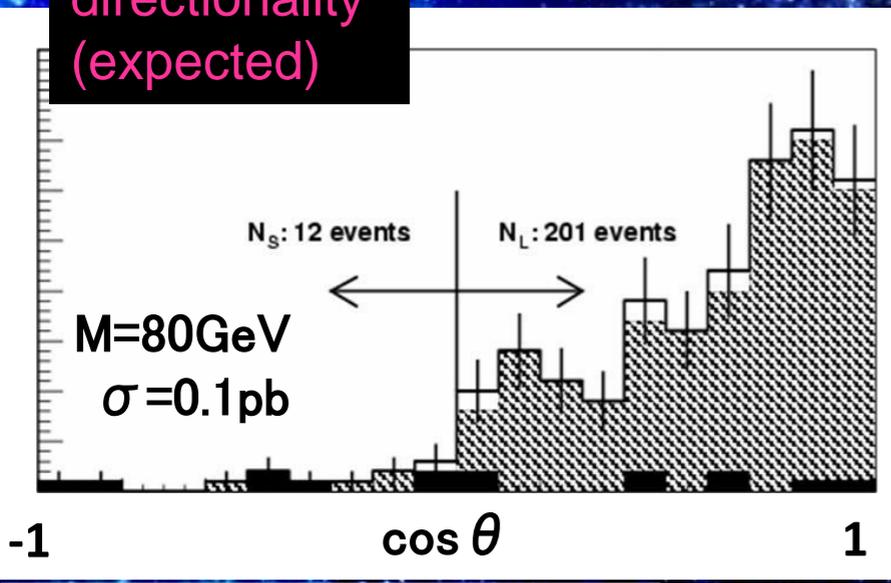
$v_{\odot} = 230 \text{ km/s}$

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directionality (expected)



detector:  
low pressure gas  
emulsions  
diamond detectors, scintillators...

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# NEWAGE history

## μ-PIC(MPGD) based TPC

- 3-D tracks SKYMAP

## CF4 gas for SD search

## Proposal PLB 578 (2004) 241

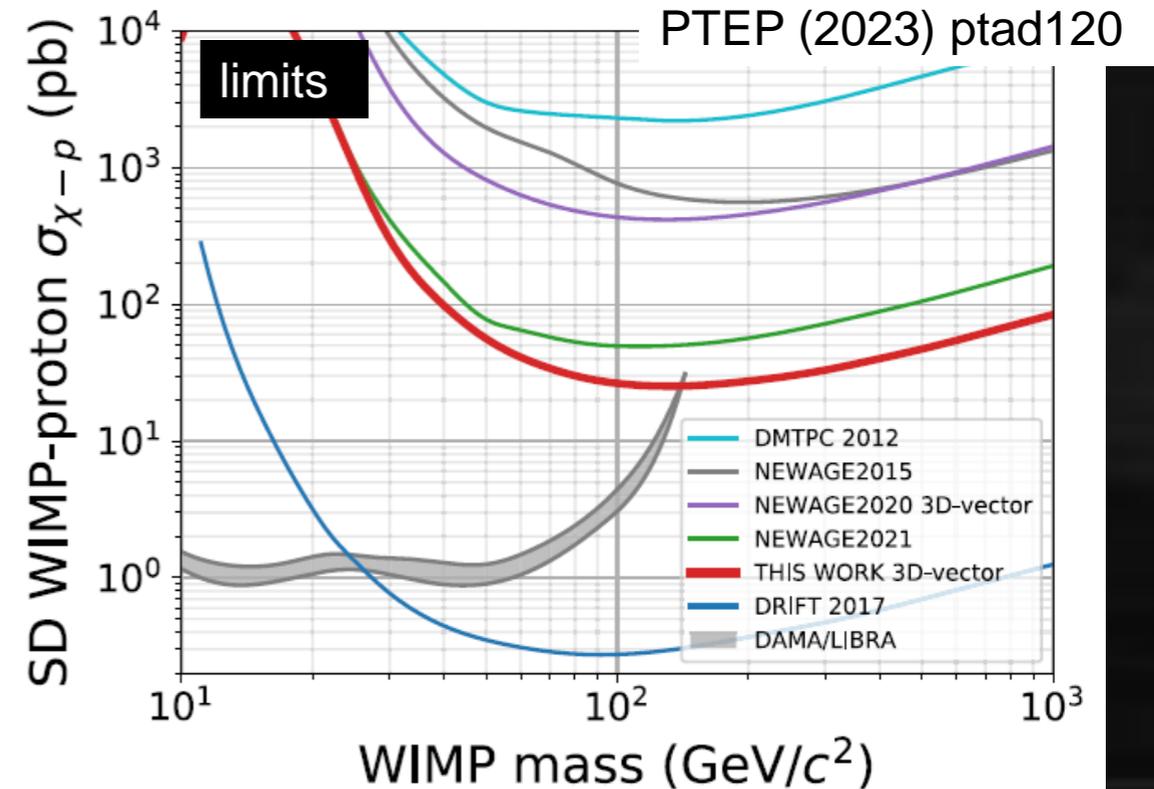
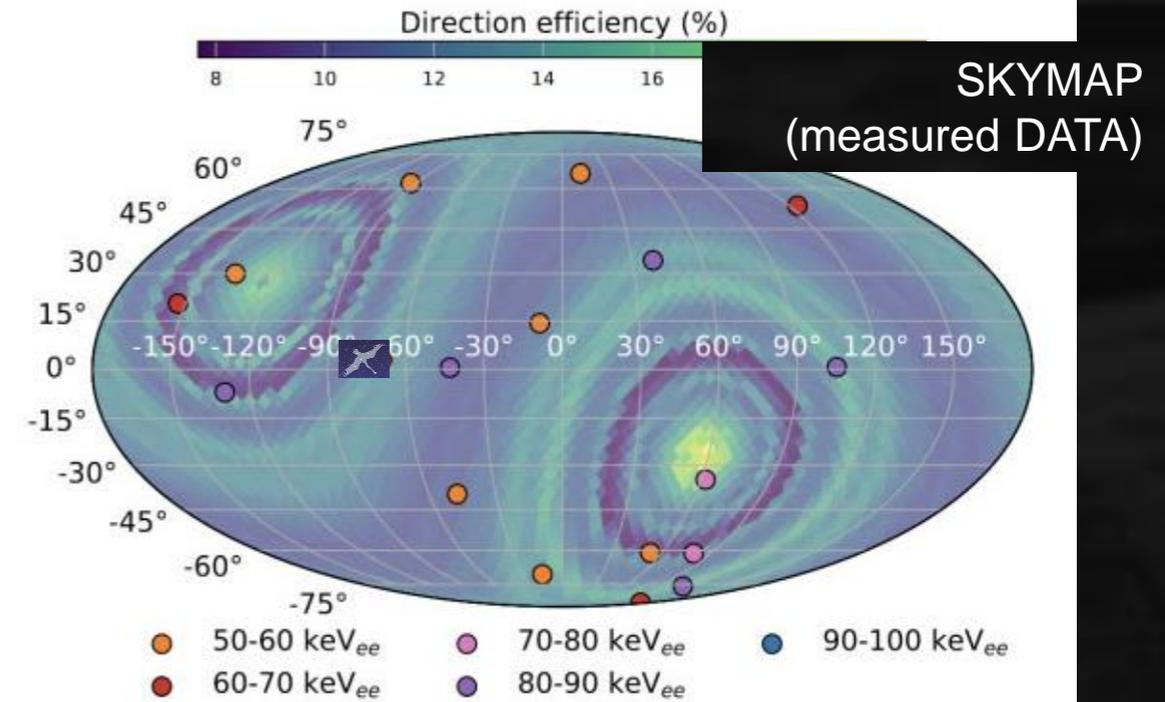
## First direction-sensitive limits

PLB654 (2007) 58  $\sim 10^4$ pb

## Underground results

PLB686 (2010) 11, PTEP(2023)ptad120 26 pb

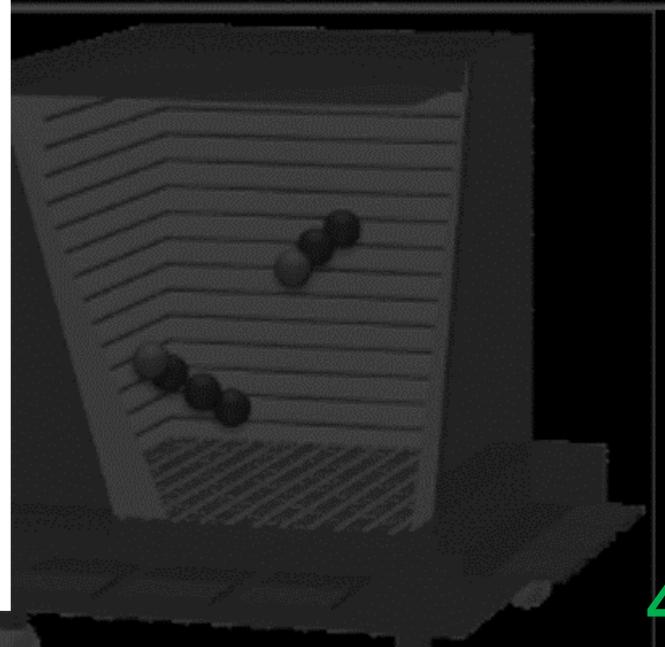
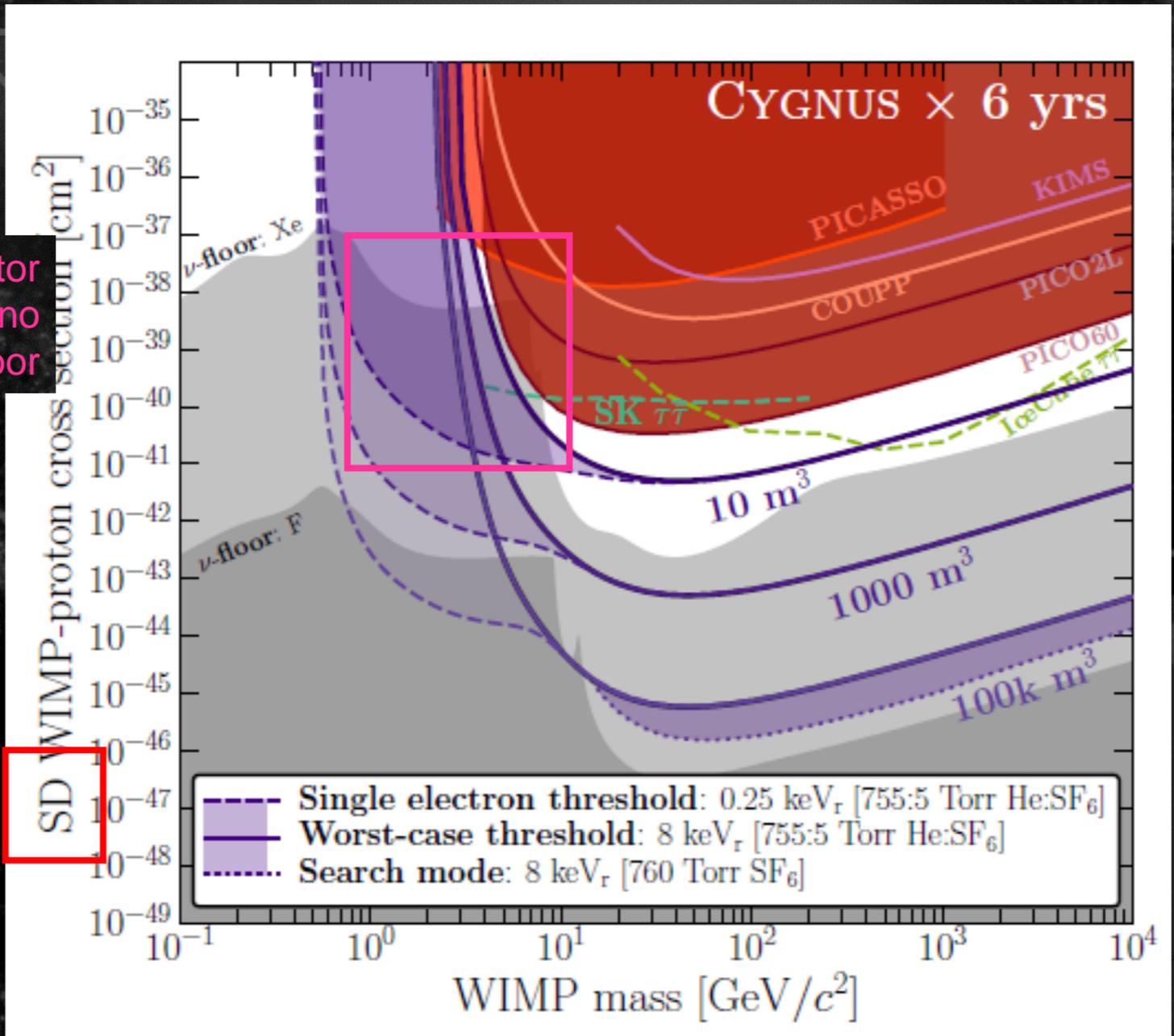
## lower BG, larger volume



• Fluorine advantage

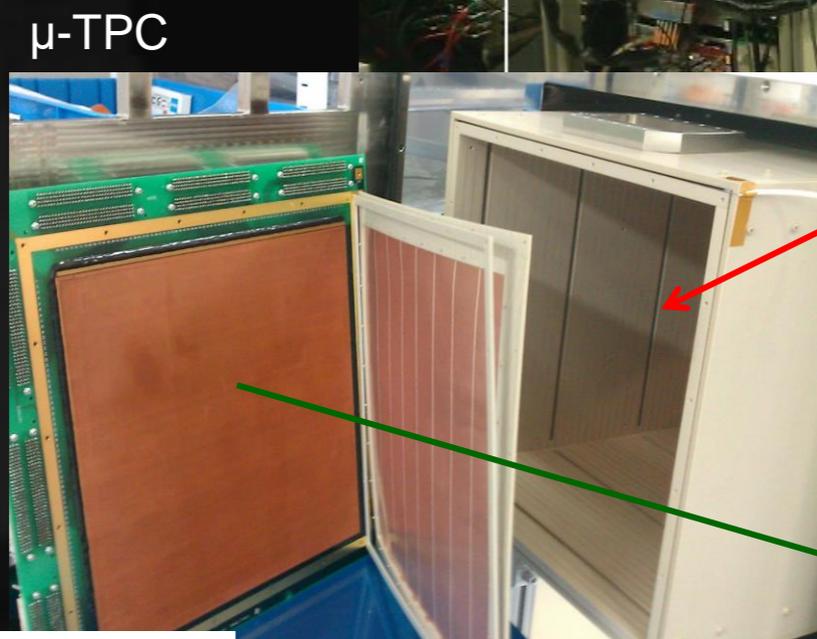
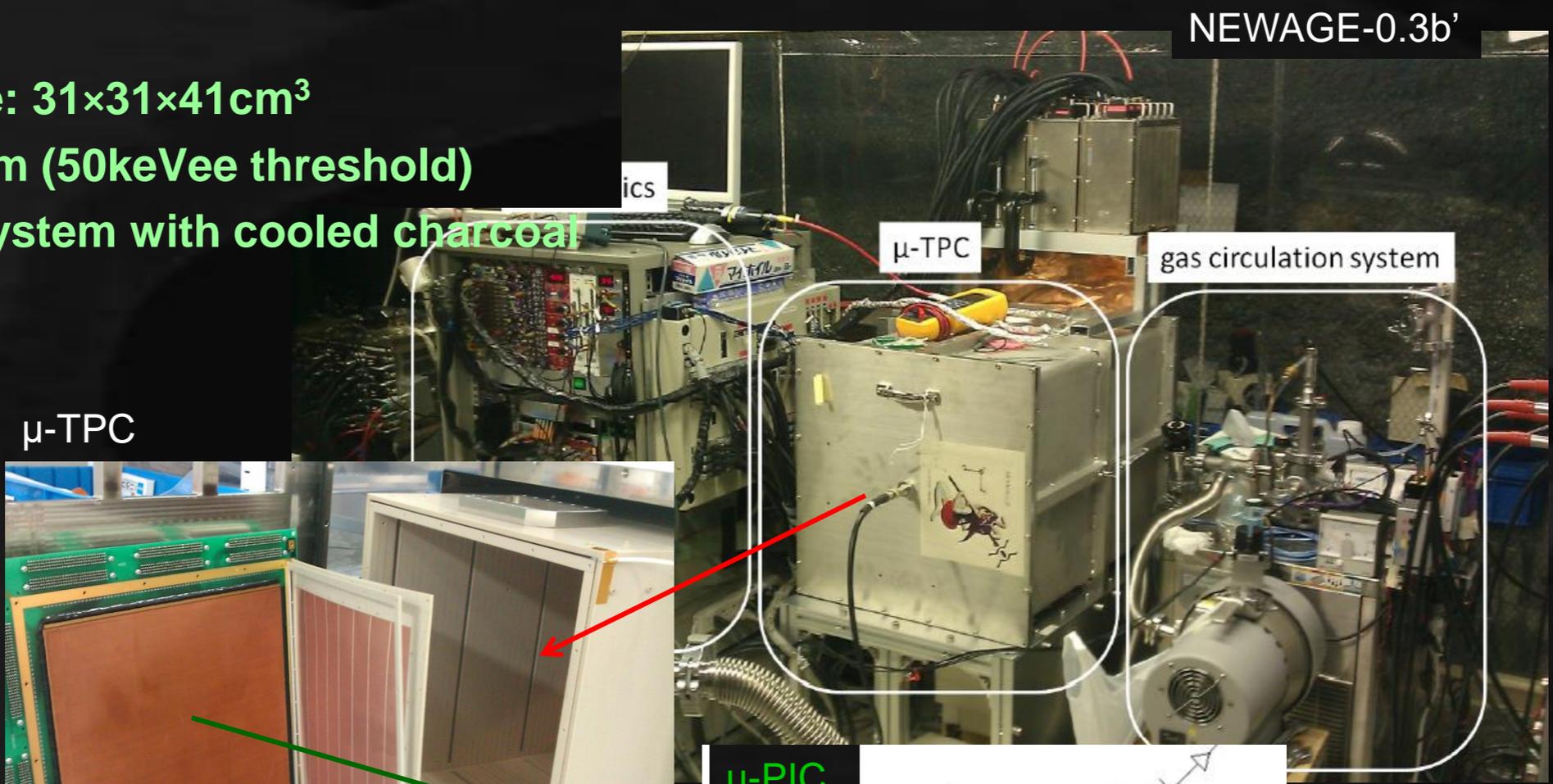
arXiv 2008.12587

even 10m<sup>3</sup> detector  
can start exploring Xe neutrino  
floor

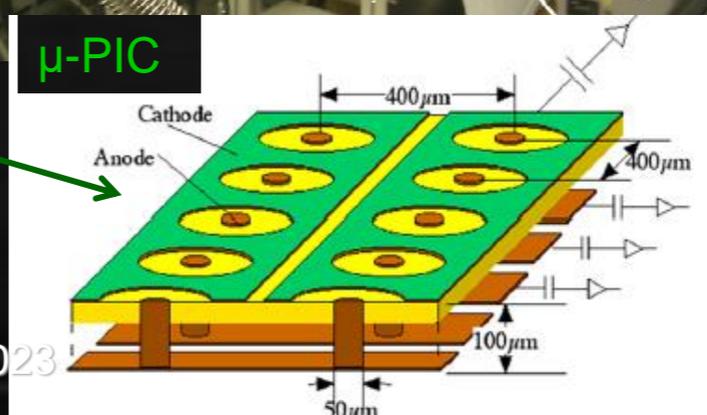


# NEWAGE detector

- ◆ Kamioka underground
- ◆ NEWAGE-0.3b''
- ◆ Detection Volume:  $31 \times 31 \times 41 \text{cm}^3$
- ◆ Gas:  $\text{CF}_4$  at 0.1atm (50keVee threshold)
- ◆ Gas circulation system with cooled charcoal



Drift length: 41cm  
PEEK + copper wires



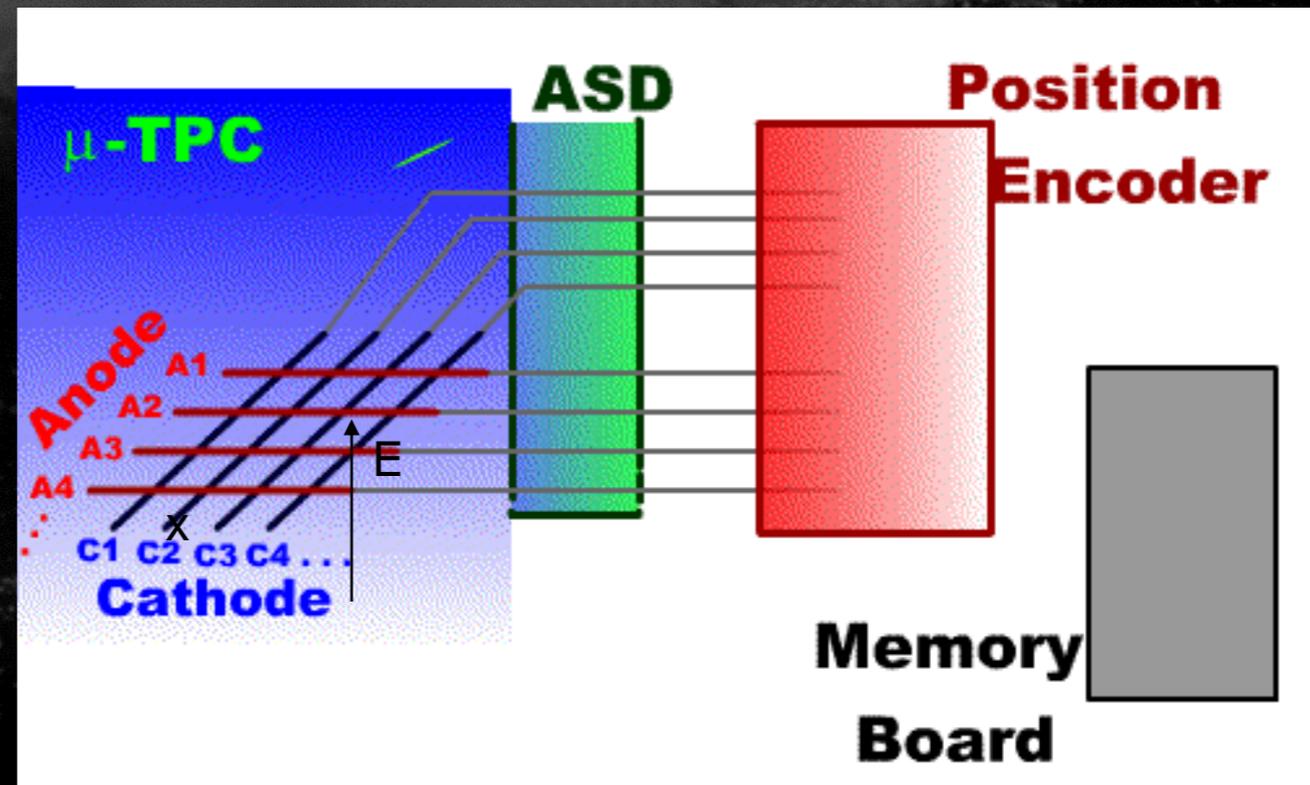
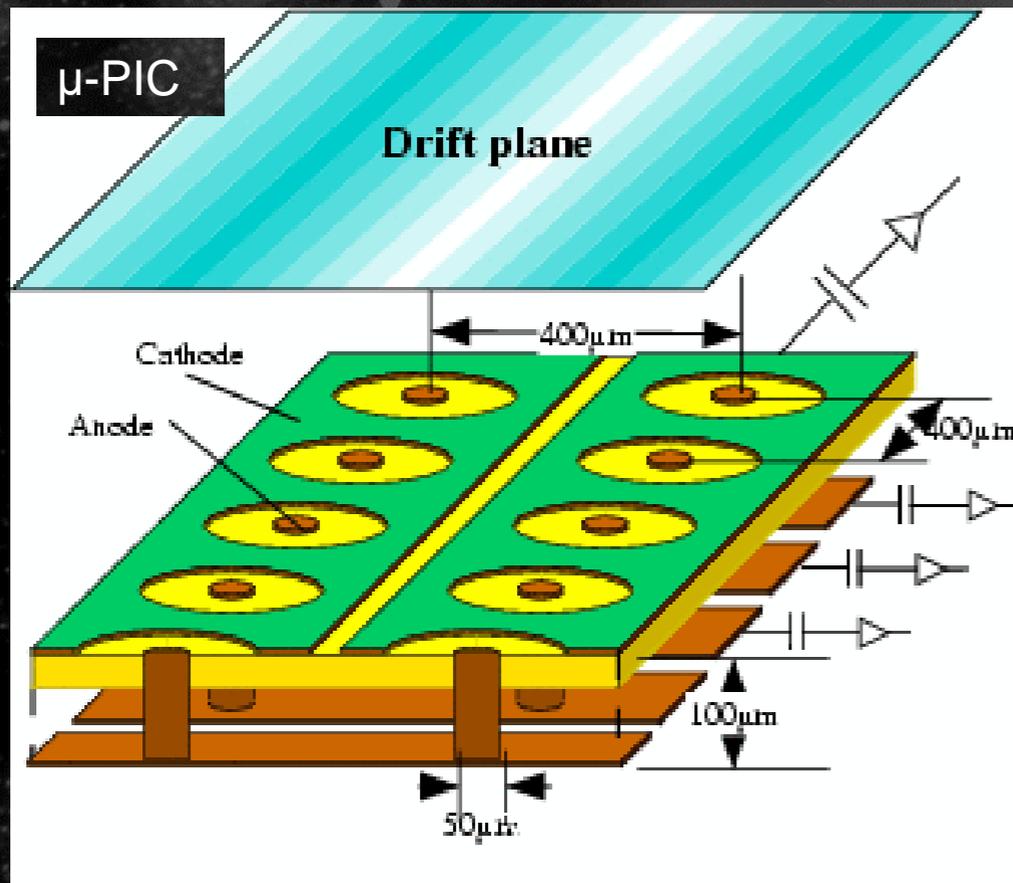
-  $31 \times 31 \text{cm}^2$   
- pitch : 400  $\mu\text{m}$   
- gain :  $\sim 1000$   
- made by DNP, Japan

Kentaro Miura

# • Key technology: Gaseous Time Projection Chamber

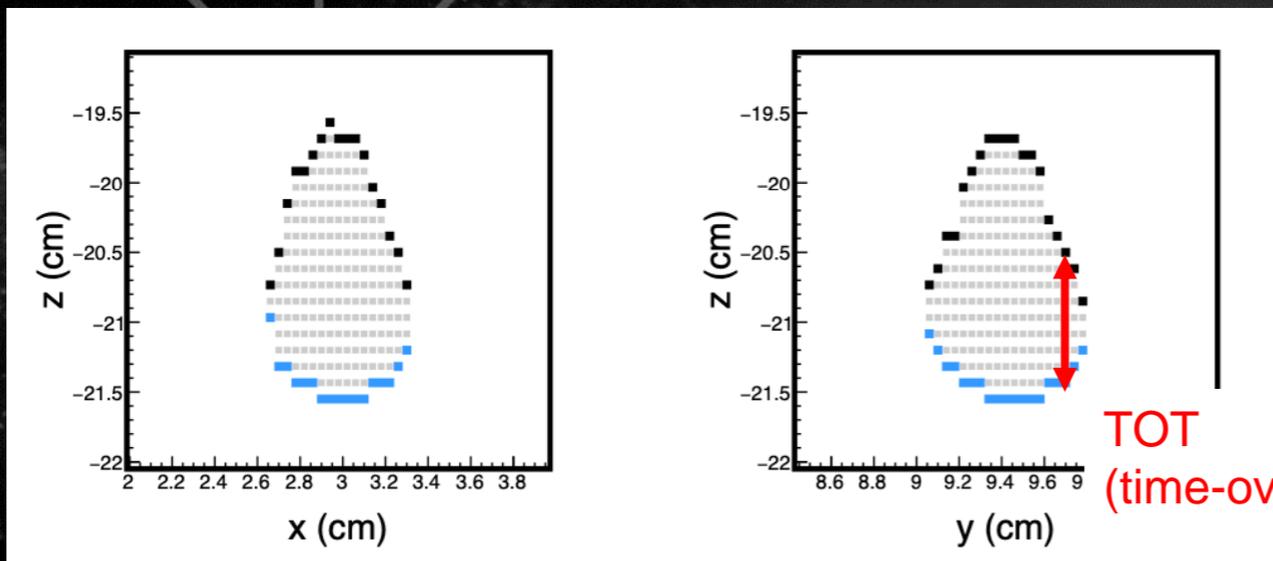
- 2-dimensional image: Micro Patterned Gaseous Detector (MPGD)
- timing information: 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension
- realtime 3-dimensional tracking

MPGD:  
GEM, micromegas,  $\mu$ -PIC



- drawback: small mass  $O(\text{kg}) / \text{m}^3$

- Data we record

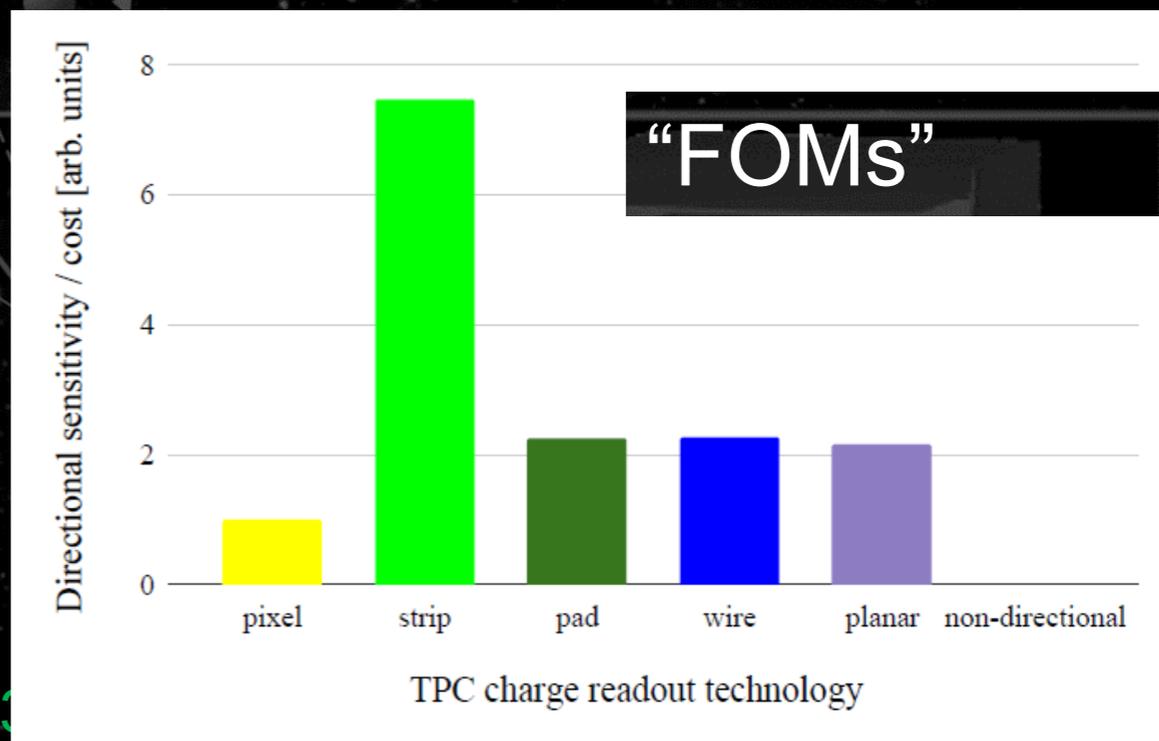


+summed waveform

TOT  
(time-over-threshold)

- Interestingly, 2d strip was found to be the “ideal” for us.

CYGNUS: Feasibility of a nuclear recoil observatory with directional sensitivity to dark matter and neutrinos



(Anode strips)

(Cathode strips)

2008.12587

## • Publications since last CYGNUS

### • DM search

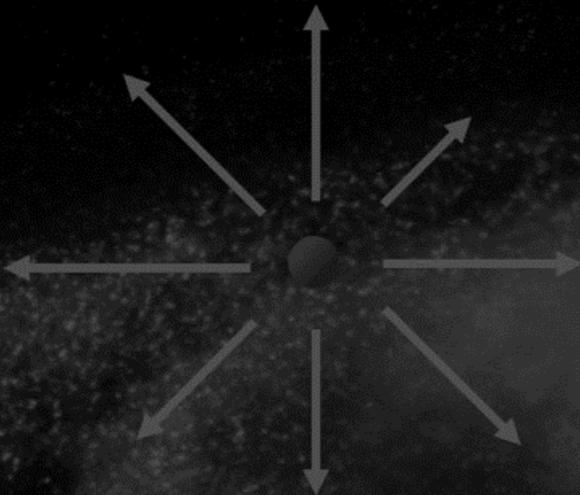
- First limits from a 3d-vector directional dark matter search with the NEWAGE-0.3b' detector  
PTEP, (2020) ptaa147 DOI: 10.1093/ptep/ptaa147
- "Direction-sensitive dark matter search with a low-background gaseous detector NEWAGE-0.3b"  
PTEP (2021) ptab053
- "Direction-sensitive dark matter search with three-dimensional vector-type tracking in NEWAGE",  
PTEP(2023)ptad120

### • Technical papers

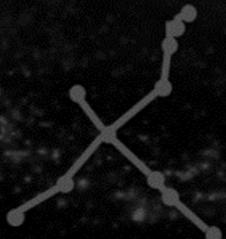
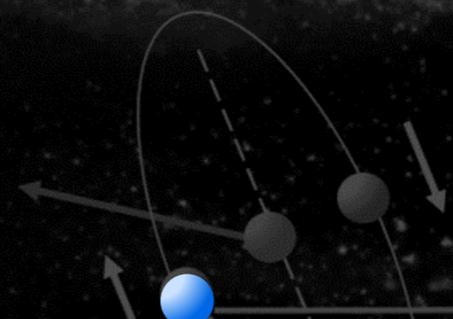
- Development of a low- $\alpha$  emitting  $\mu$ -PIC as a readout device for direction-sensitive dark matter detectors  
NIM A Volume 977, 11 October 2020, 164285
- Development of an alpha-particle imaging detector based on a low radioactive micro-time-projection chamber  
NIM A Volume 953, (2020), 163050 , arXiv1903.01090
- LTARS: analog readout front-end ASIC for versatile TPC-applications  
JINST (2020) 15 T09009
- Development of a Negative Ion Micro TPC Detector with SF6 Gas for the Directional Dark Matter Search  
JINST (2020), P07015
- "Test of low radioactive molecular sieves for radon filtration in SF6 gas-based rare-event physics experiments"  
JINST (2021) 16 P06024

### • Future physics

- "Detection capability of Migdal effect for argon and xenon nuclei with position sensitive gaseous detectors"  
PTEP(2020) ptaa162
- "Directional direct detection of light dark matter up-scattered by cosmic-rays from direction of the Galactic center",  
JCAP07(2023)061,



# Latest results



PTEP (2023) ptad120

## Direction-sensitive dark matter search with 3D-vector-type tracking in NEWAGE

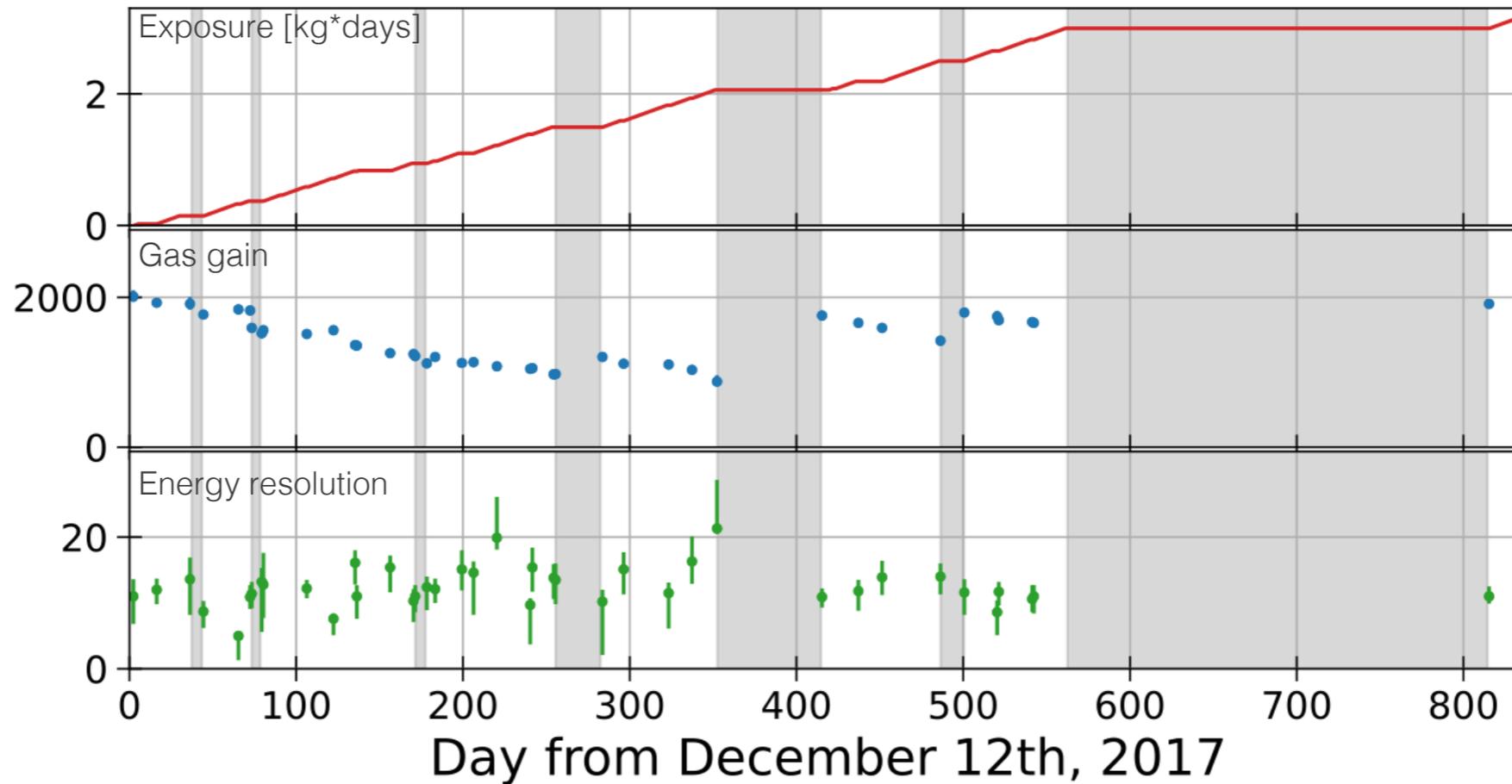
Takuya Shimada<sup>1</sup>, Satoshi Higashino <sup>1,\*</sup>, Tomonori Ikeda <sup>2</sup>, Kiseki Nakamura<sup>3</sup>,  
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Ko Abe<sup>6,7</sup>, Kazuyoshi Kobayashi<sup>8</sup>, Toru Tanimori<sup>2</sup>, Hidetoshi Kubo<sup>2</sup>,  
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# • Underground measurements

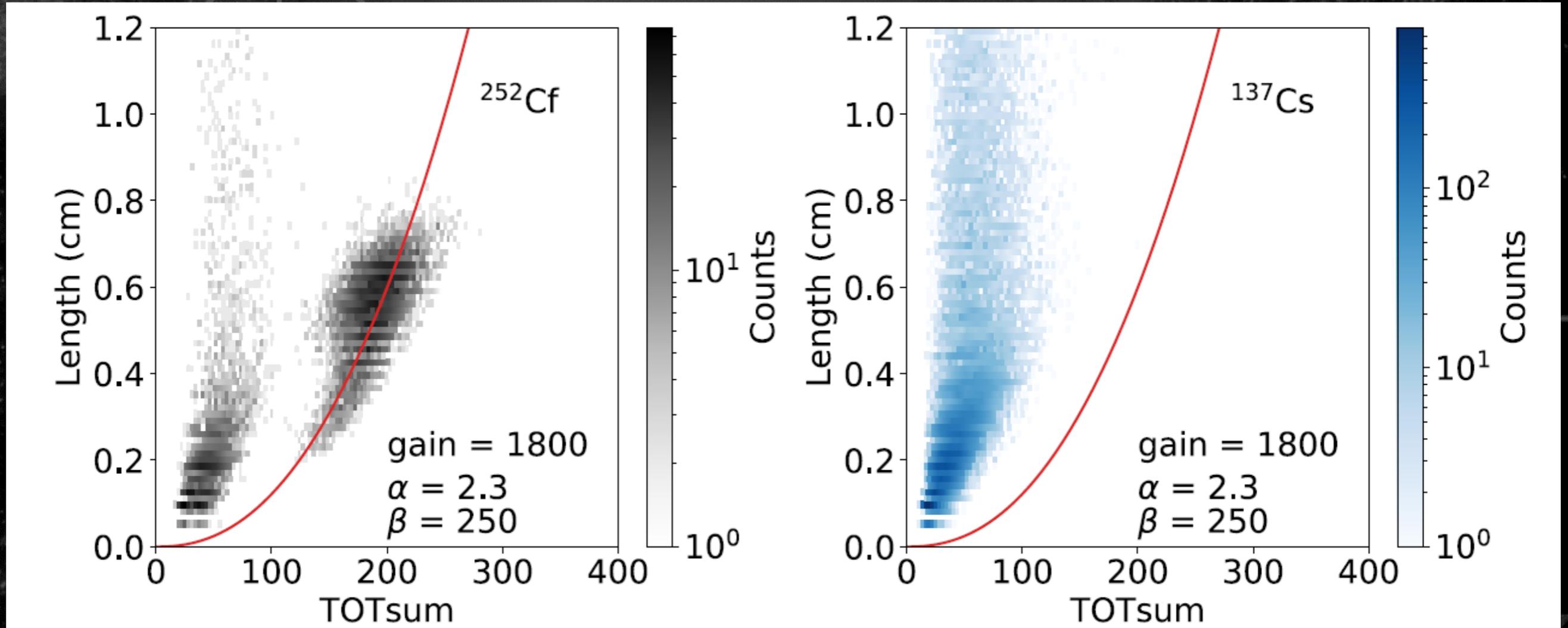
- $28 \times 24 \times 41 \text{cm}^3$  fiducial volume (10g)  
out of  $31 \times 31 \times 41 \text{cm}^3$  active volume
- 318 live-days

PTEP (2023) ptad120



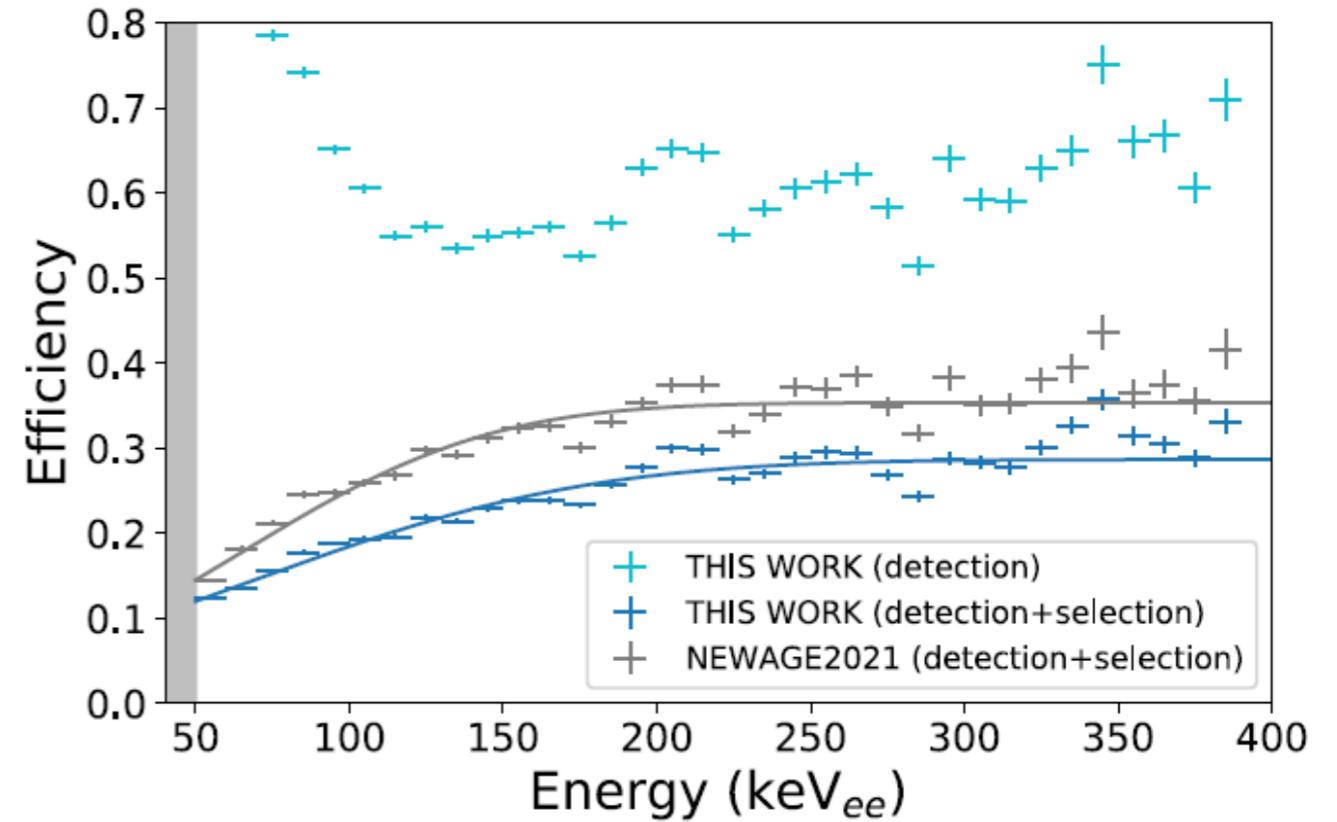
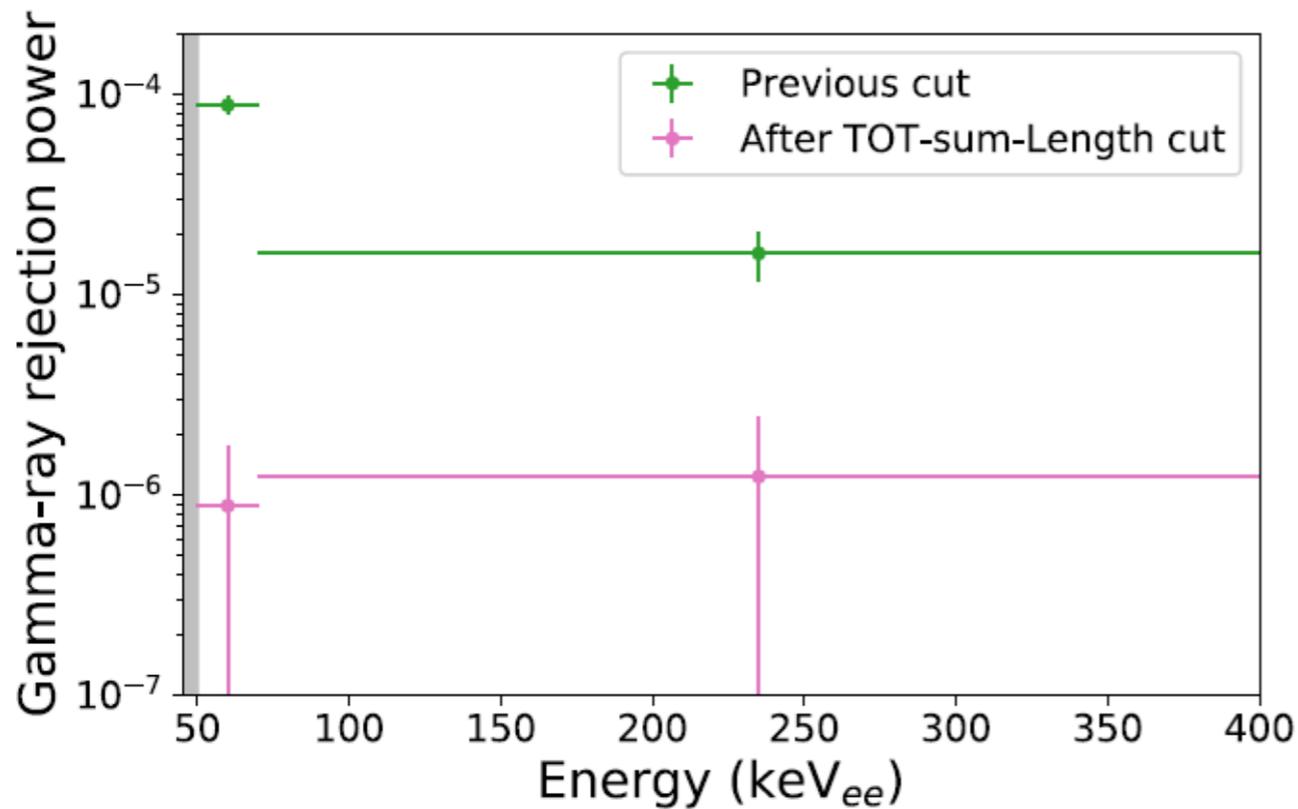
## • Event selections

- Additional selection applied with multi-variate analysis to reject electron recoil (ER) events



# • Event selections

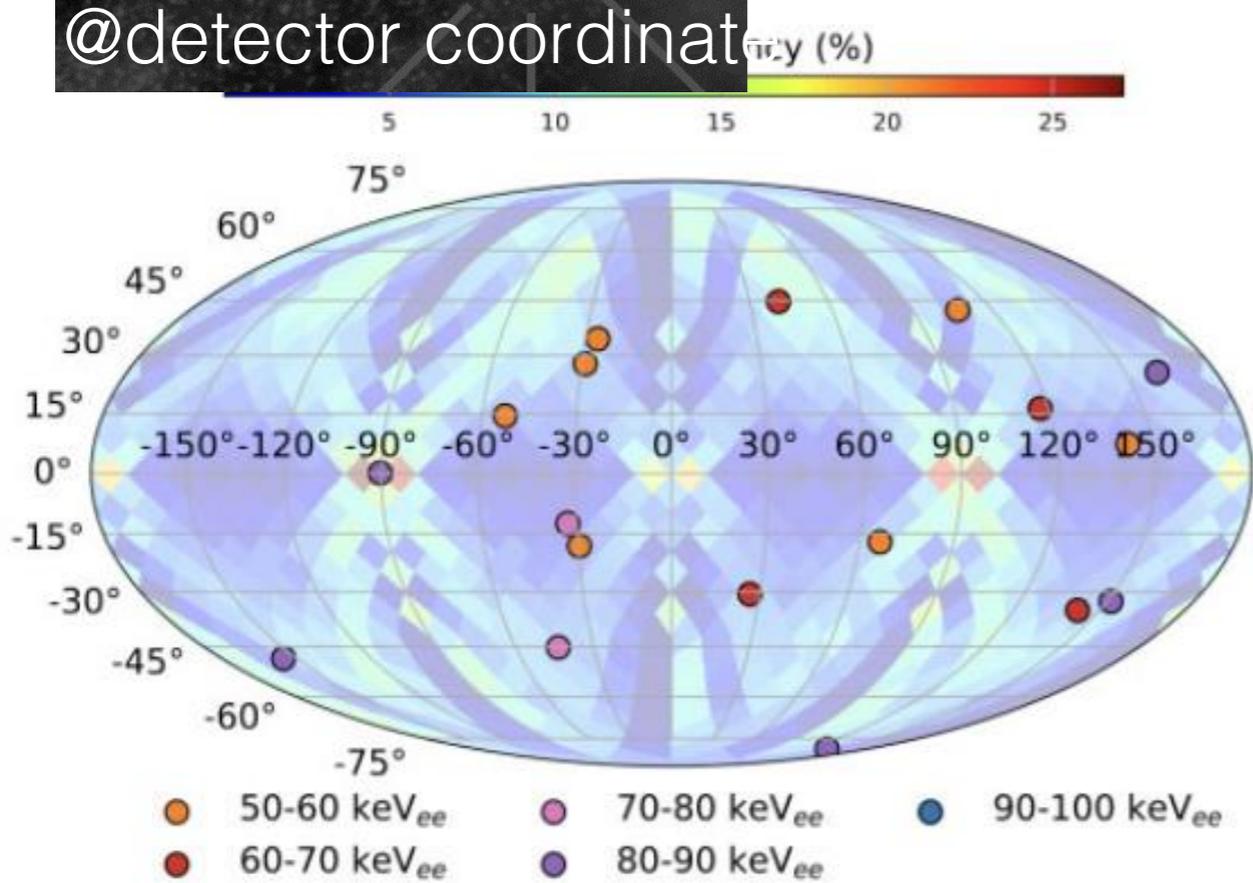
- Additional selection applied with multi-variate analysis to reject electron recoil (ER) events
- at a cost of some efficiency loss



- Results: sky maps

sky map

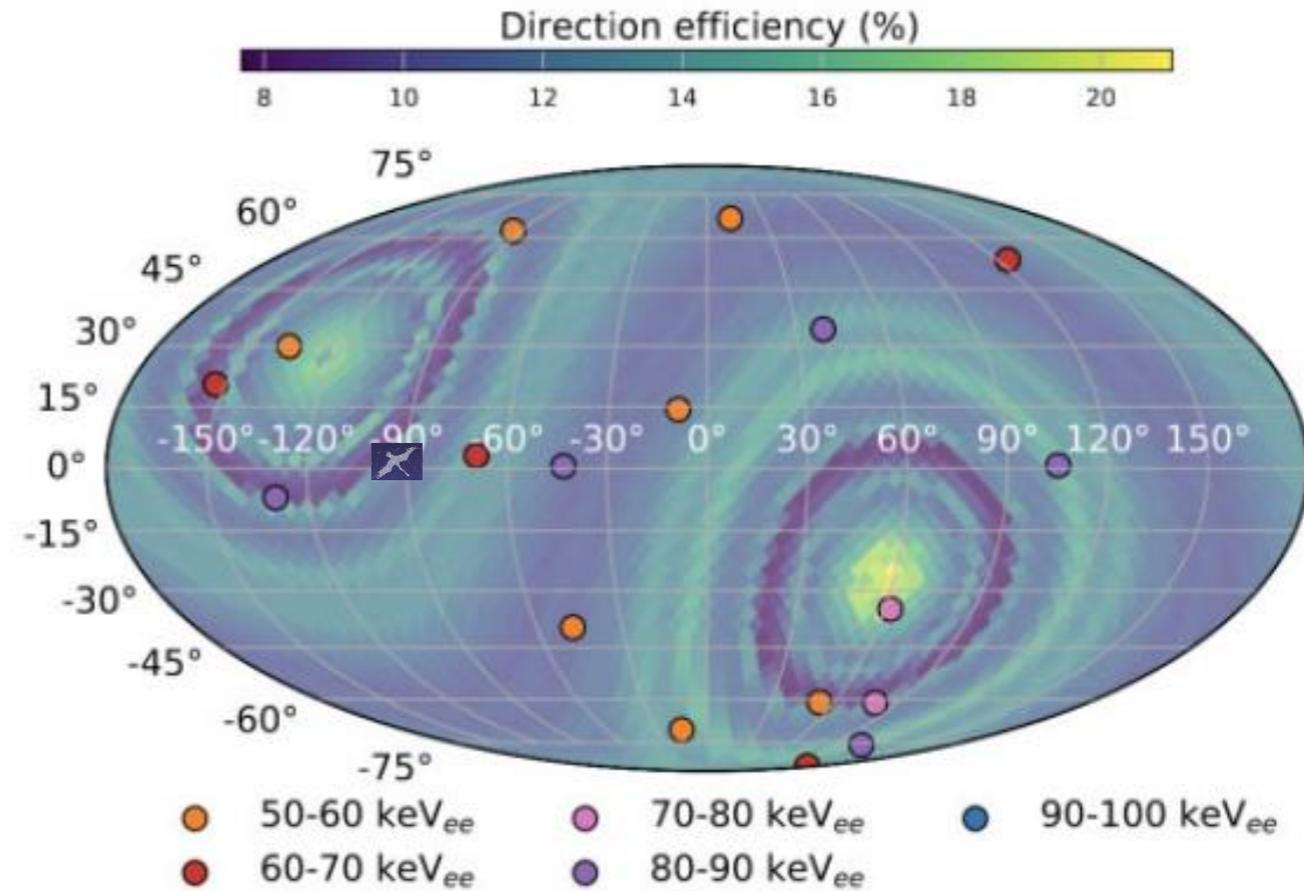
@detector coordinate



(a) Nuclear-recoil directions in the detector coordinate

sky map

@detector galaxy coordinate



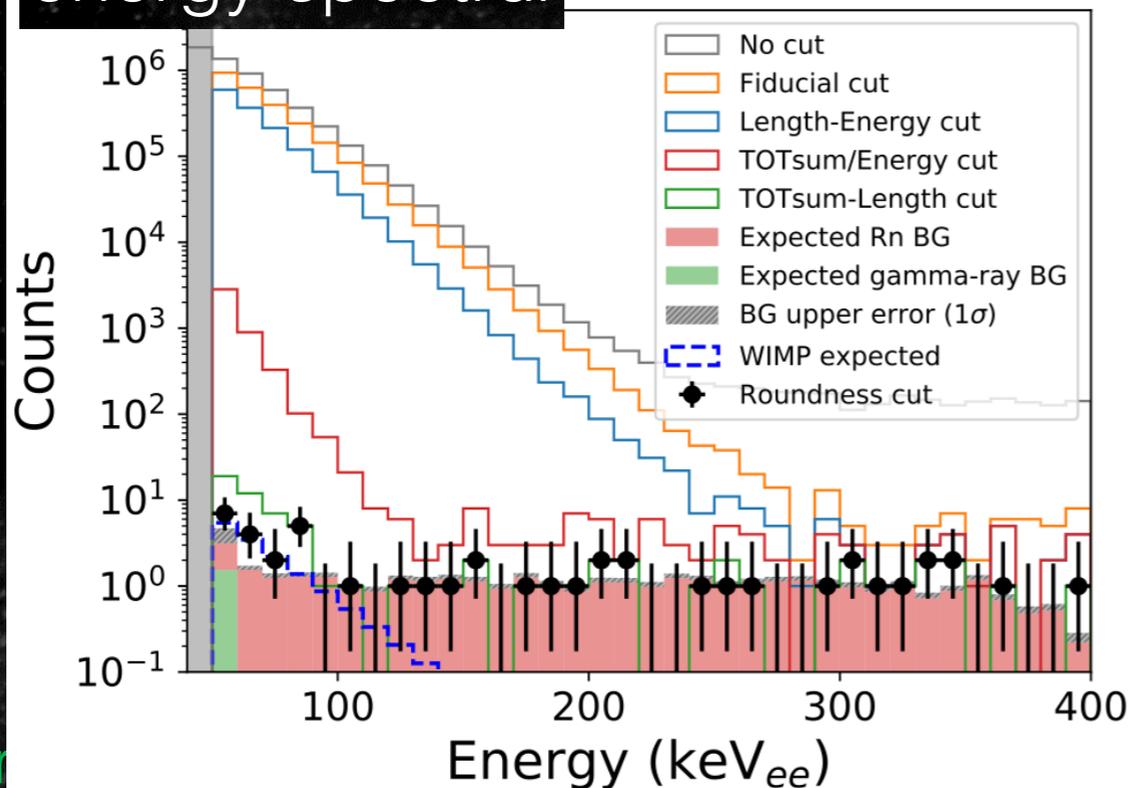
(b) Nuclear-recoil directions in the galaxy coordinate

- no "unexpected" was seen

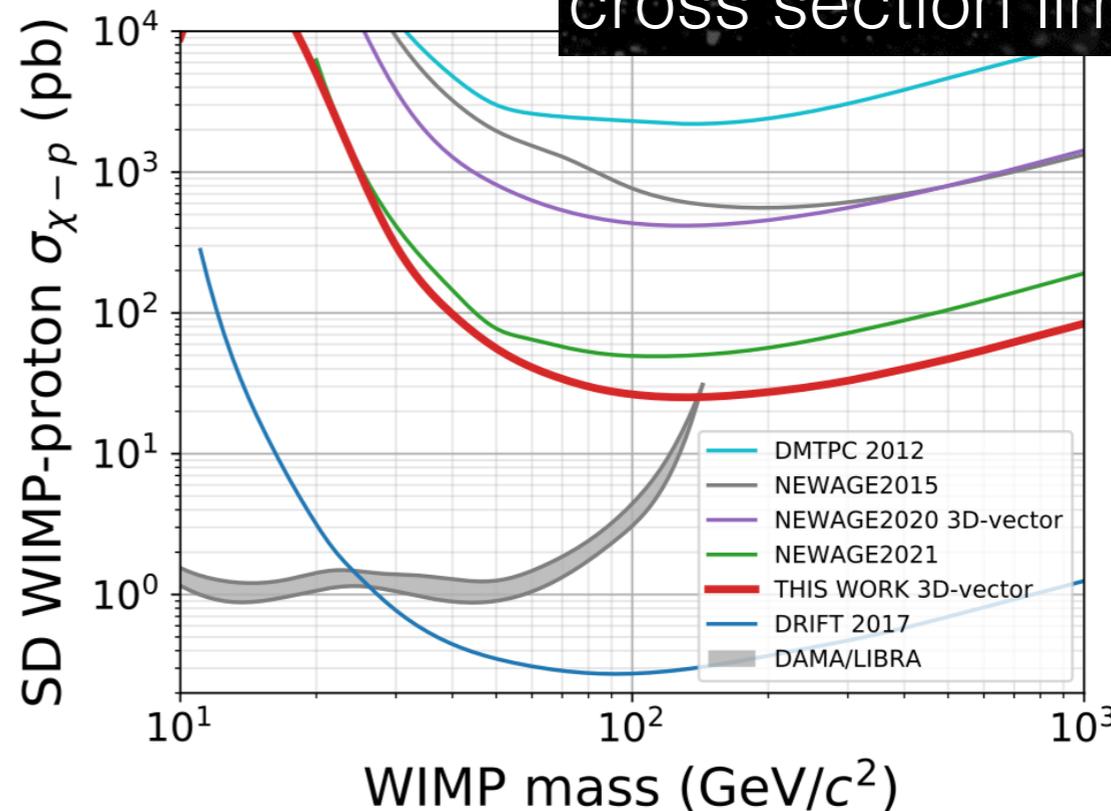
# • Results

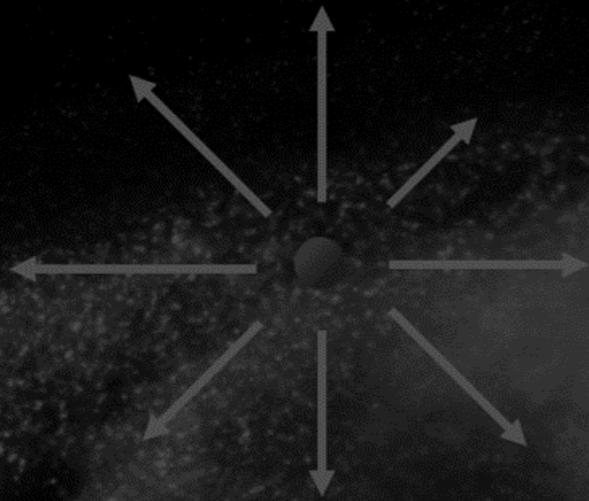
- Best limits with directional analysis
  - ×  $\sim 2$  improvement in a DM mass range of  $> 100$  keV
- Cutting into DAMA/LIBRA interpretation region
- Best limits with directional and head-tail analysis
  - × 10 improvement from NEWAGE2020 (first head-tail analysis)

energy spectrum



cross section limits



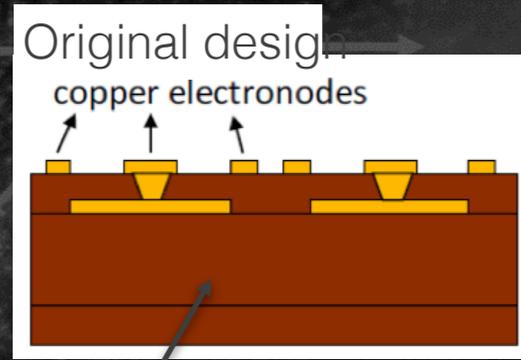


# Activities

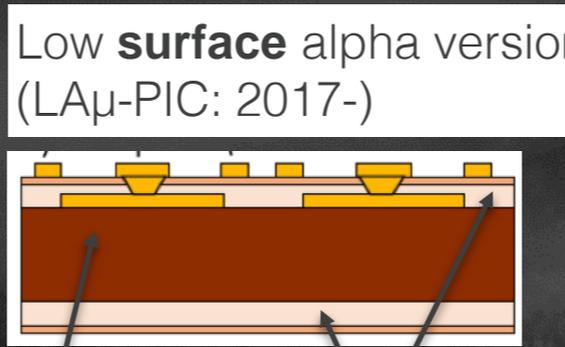


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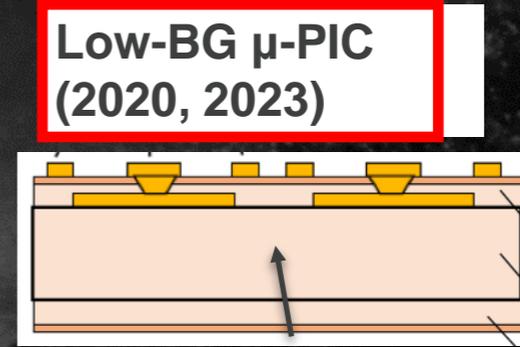
# Making $\mu$ -PIC low BG



Polyimide  
w/ glass cloth  
(Rn contaminated)



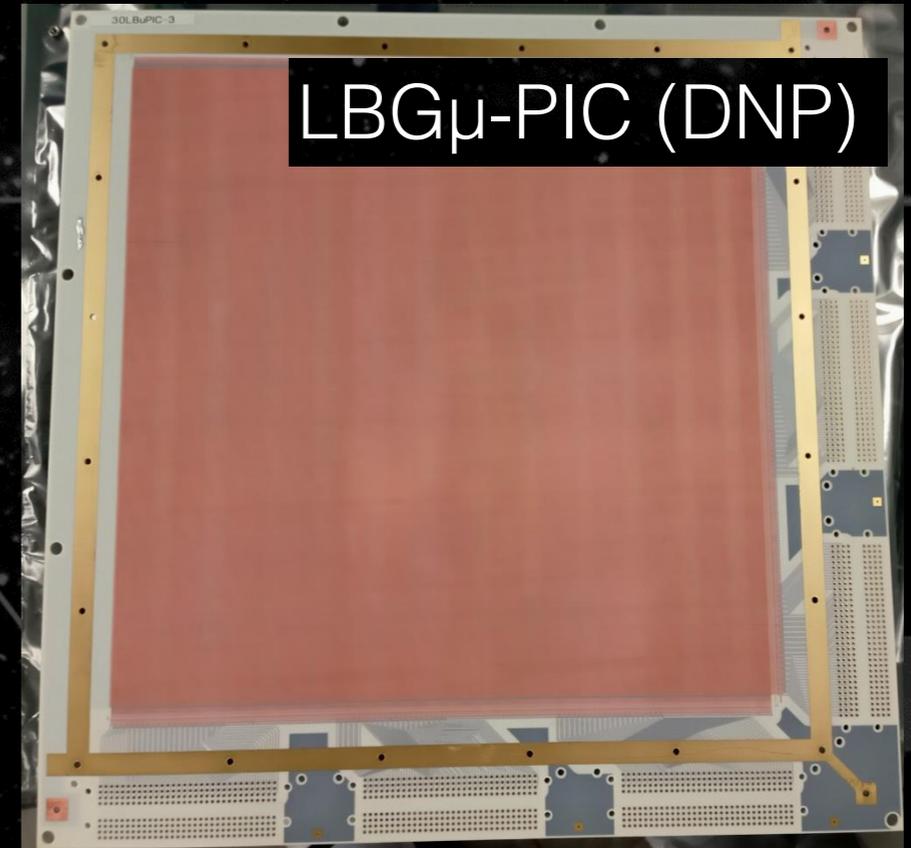
Polyimide  
w/ glass cloth



Quartz + Resin (Shinetsu)

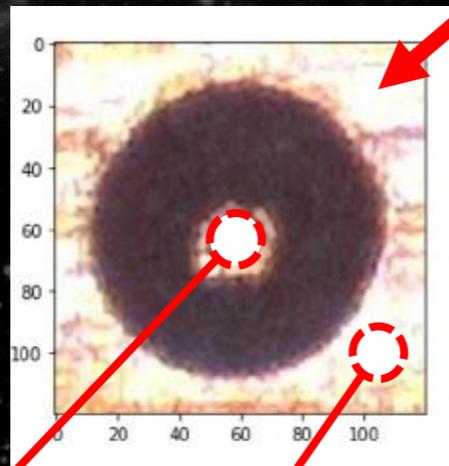
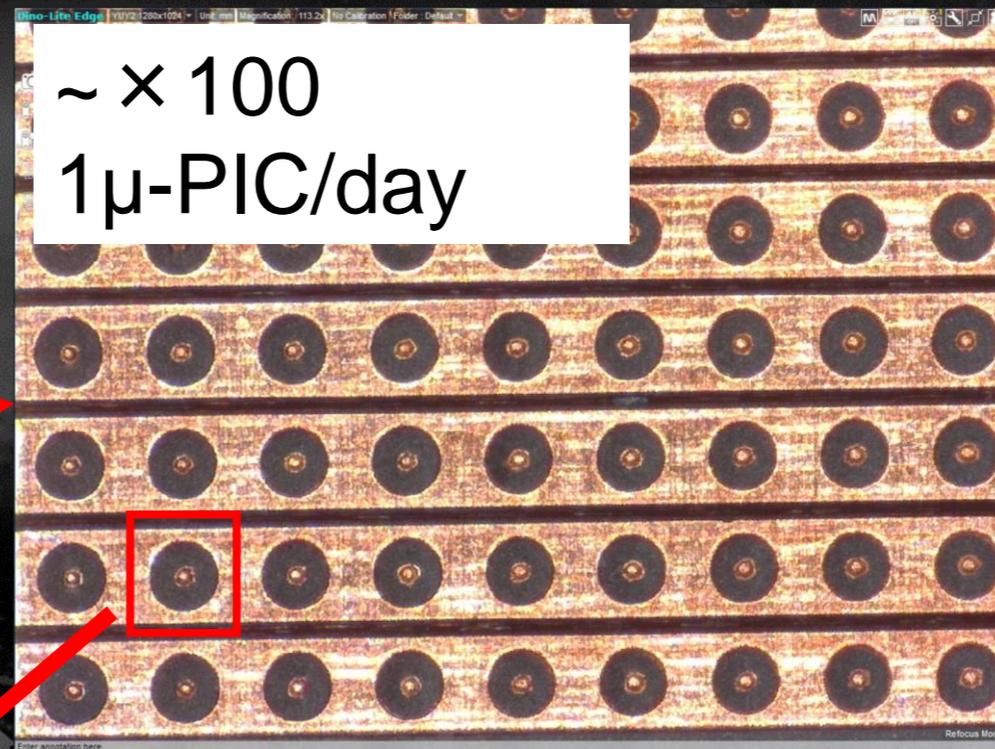
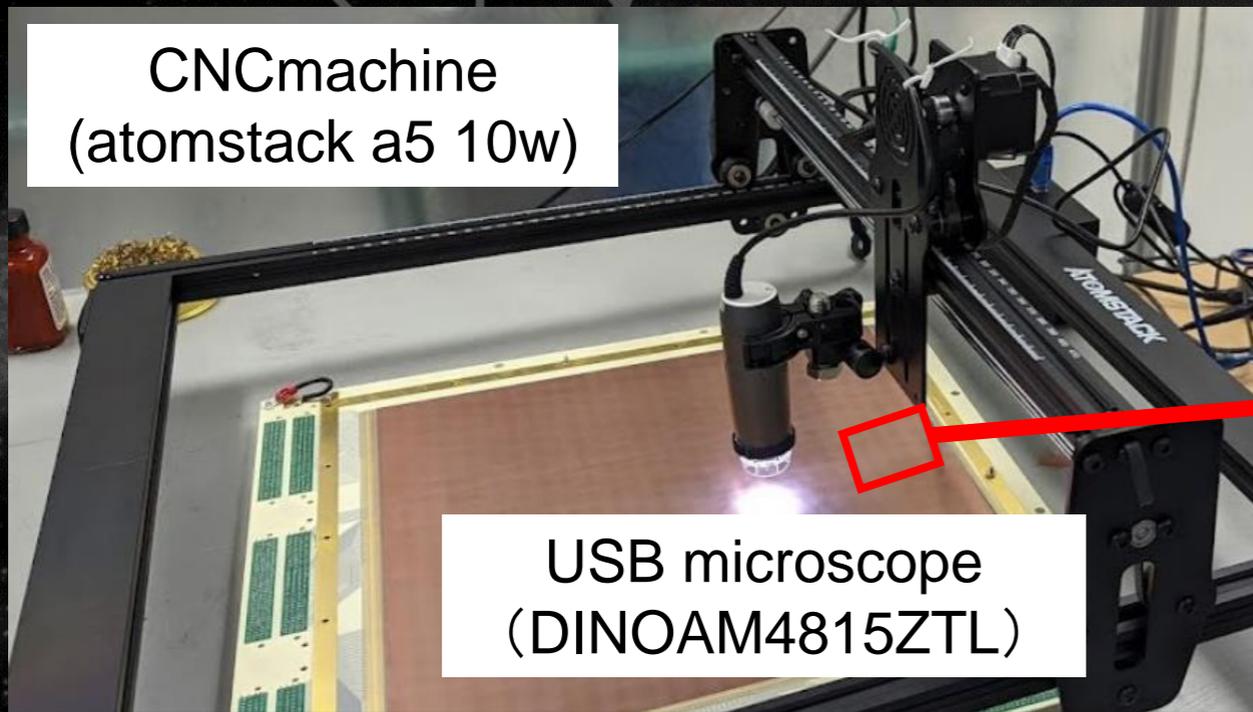
Radon emanation measurement:  
LA $\mu$ -PIC:  $2.3 \pm 0.5$  [mBq /  $\mu$ -PIC]

LBG $\mu$ -PIC (2023) :  $<0.10$  [mBq /  $\mu$ -PIC]  
(90% C.L.)



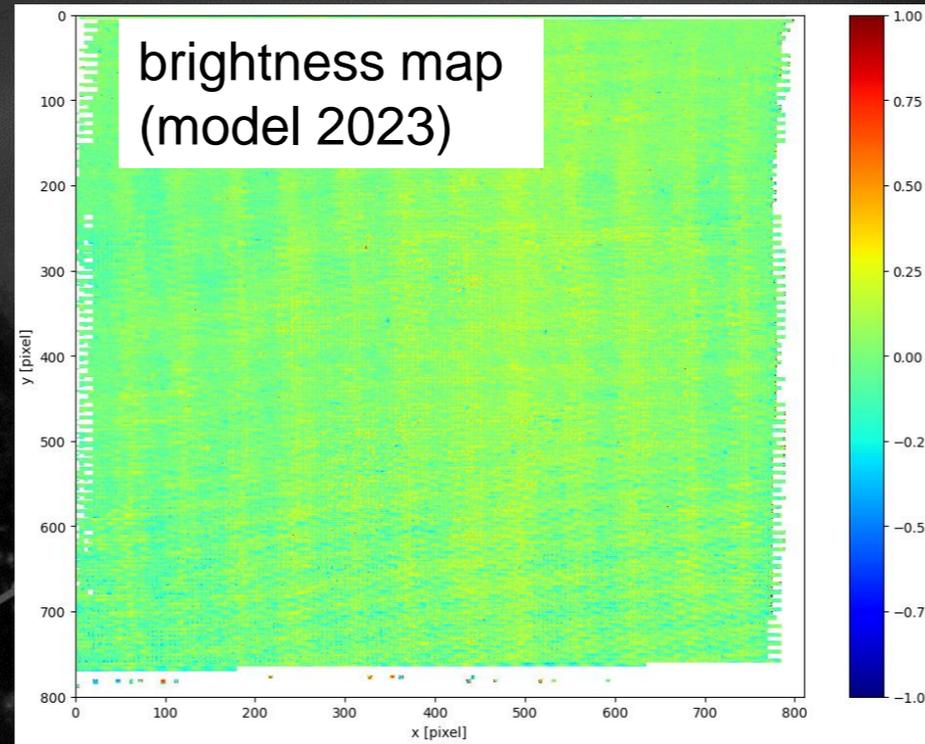
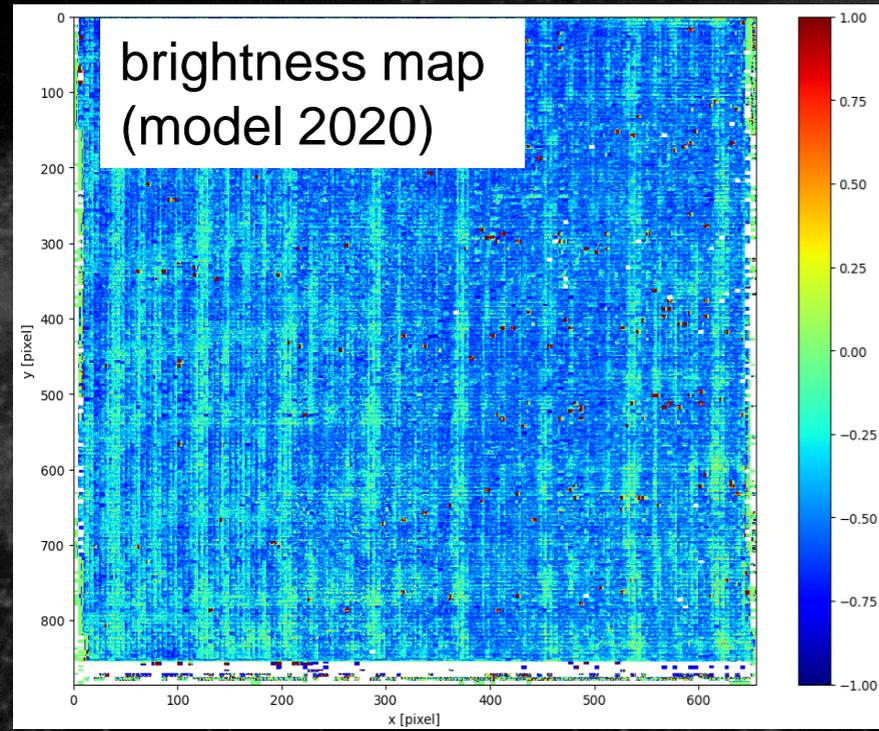
paper in preparation

# • Visual inspection (R.Namai)

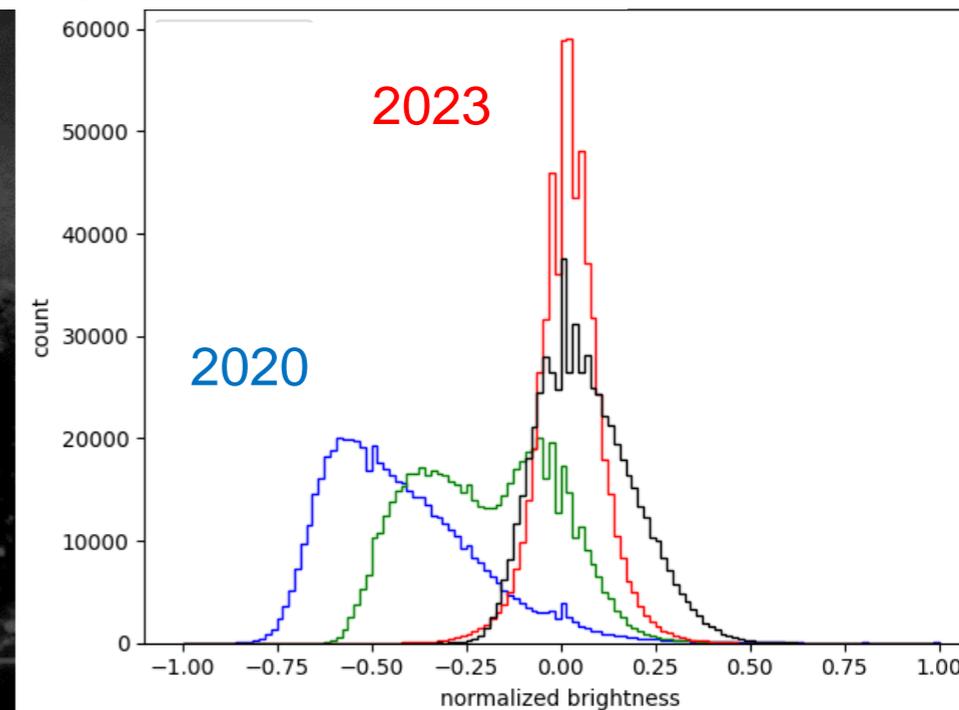


- anode pixel formation matters
- "brightness" =  $(\text{anode} - \text{cathode}) / \text{cathode}$

# • Anode “brightness” comparison

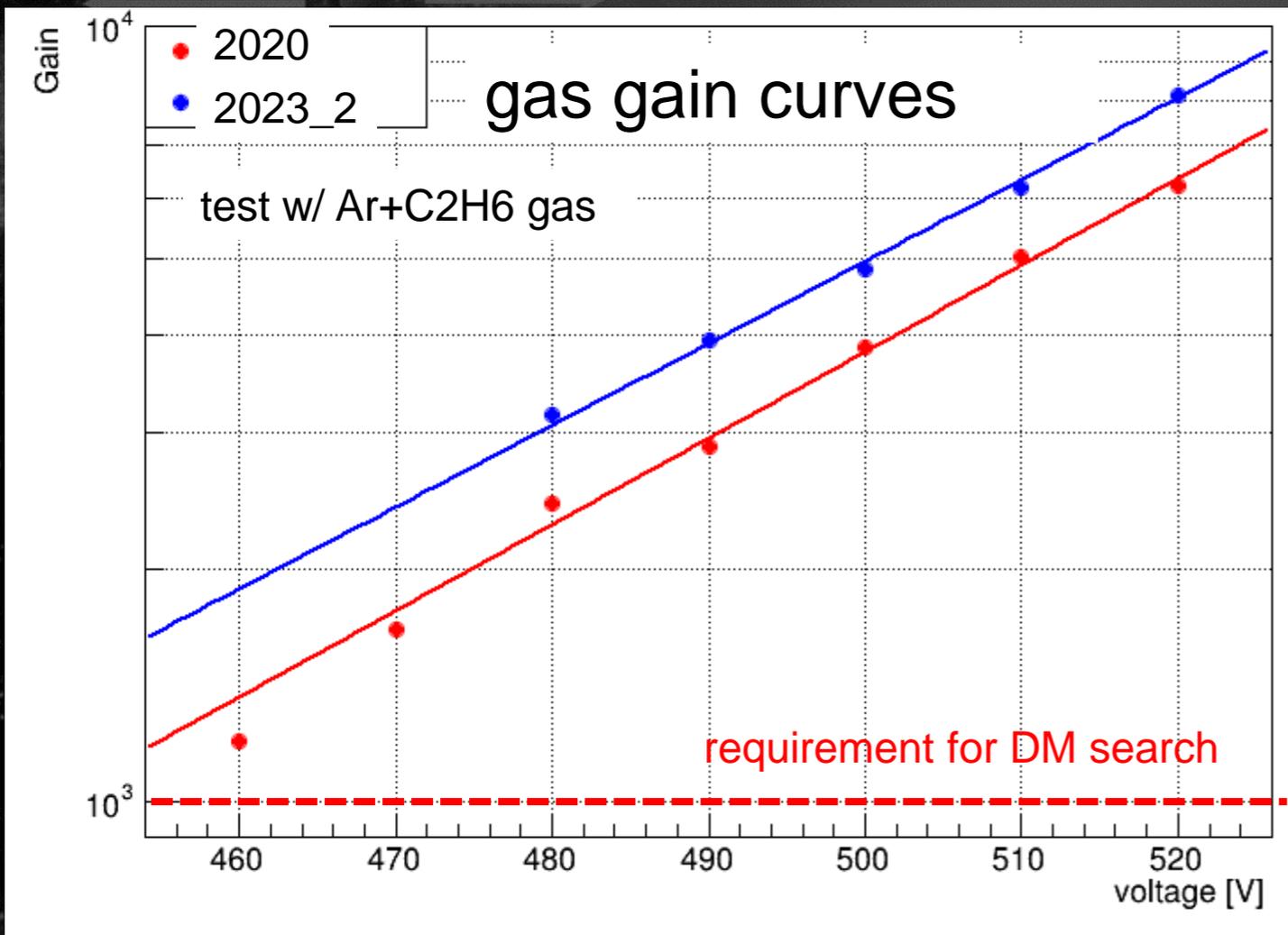


brightness histogram

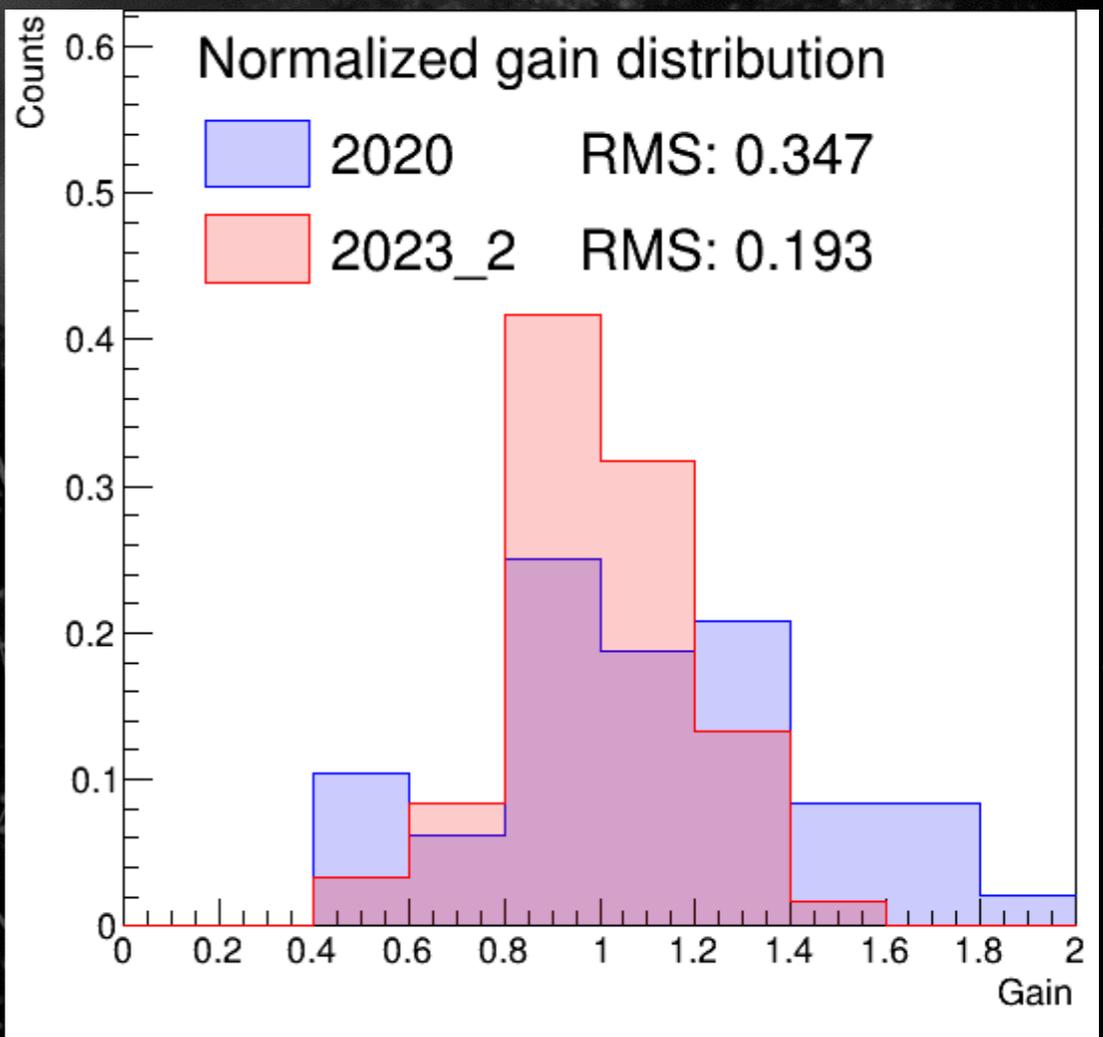


- Model 2020 had line structure.
- Same pattern was seen in the gas gain
- Great improvement was seen for model 2023.

- Low BG  $\mu$ -PIC performance



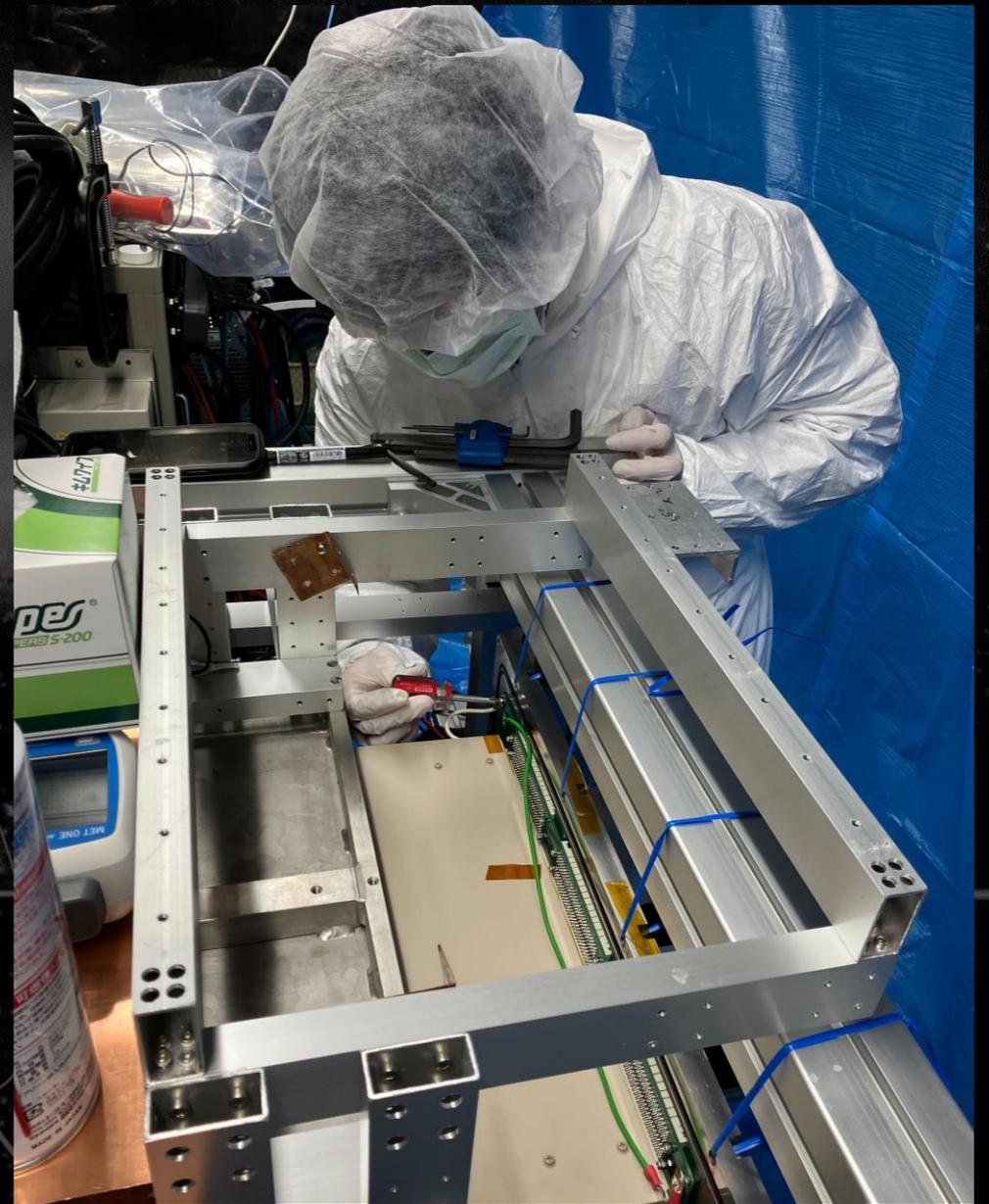
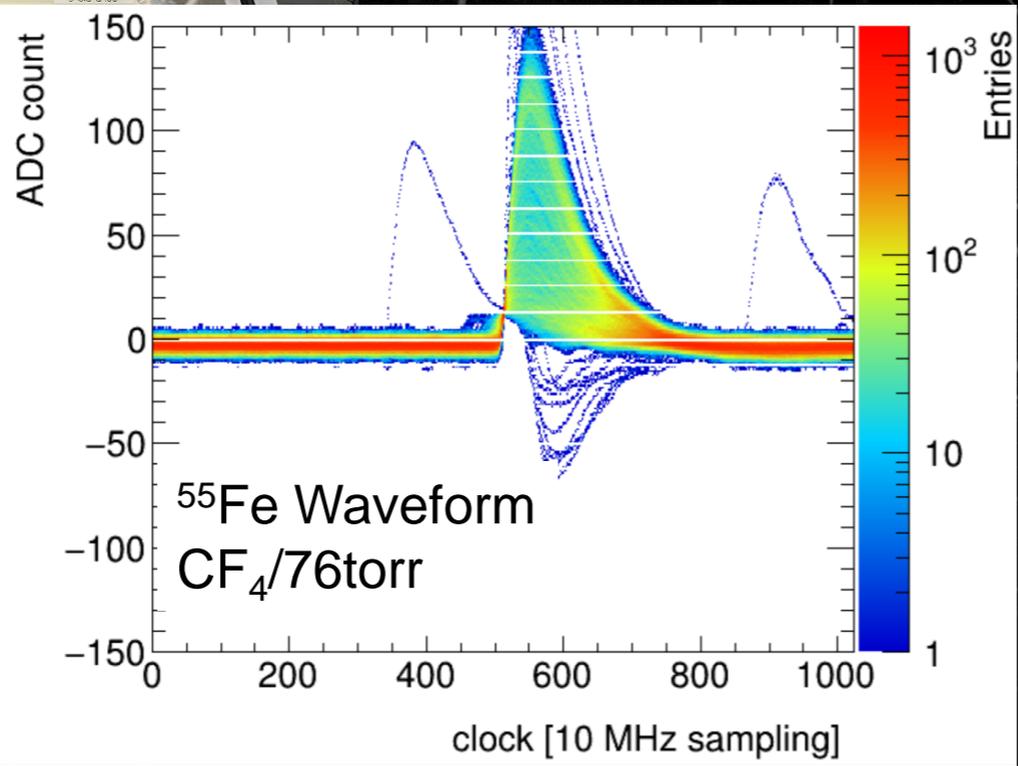
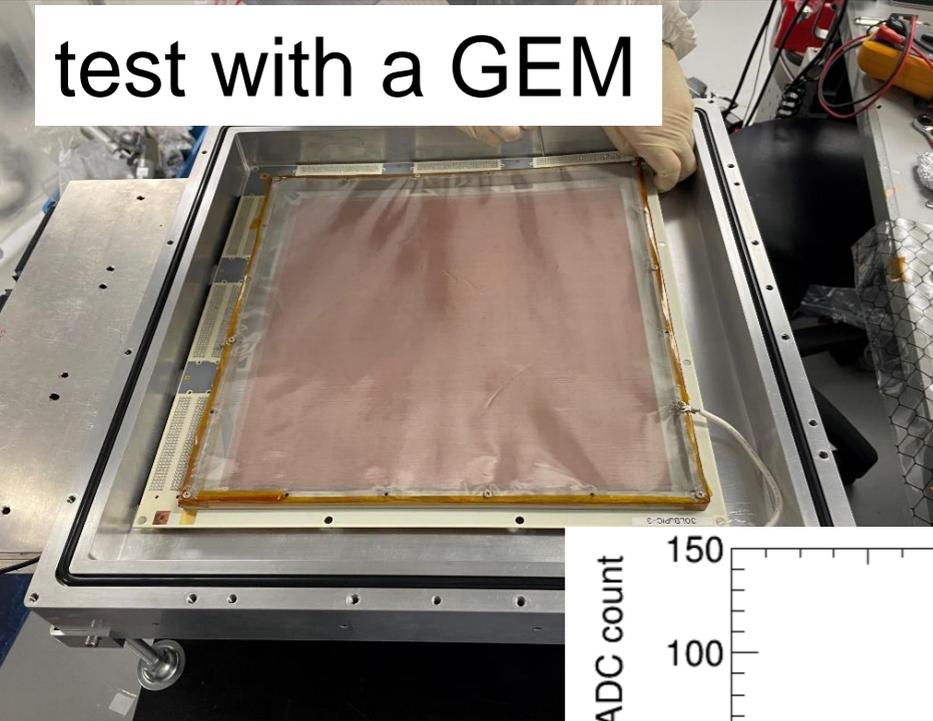
gas gain distribution



- 2023 model shows sufficient performance

# • Low BG $\mu$ -PIC for Kamioka run

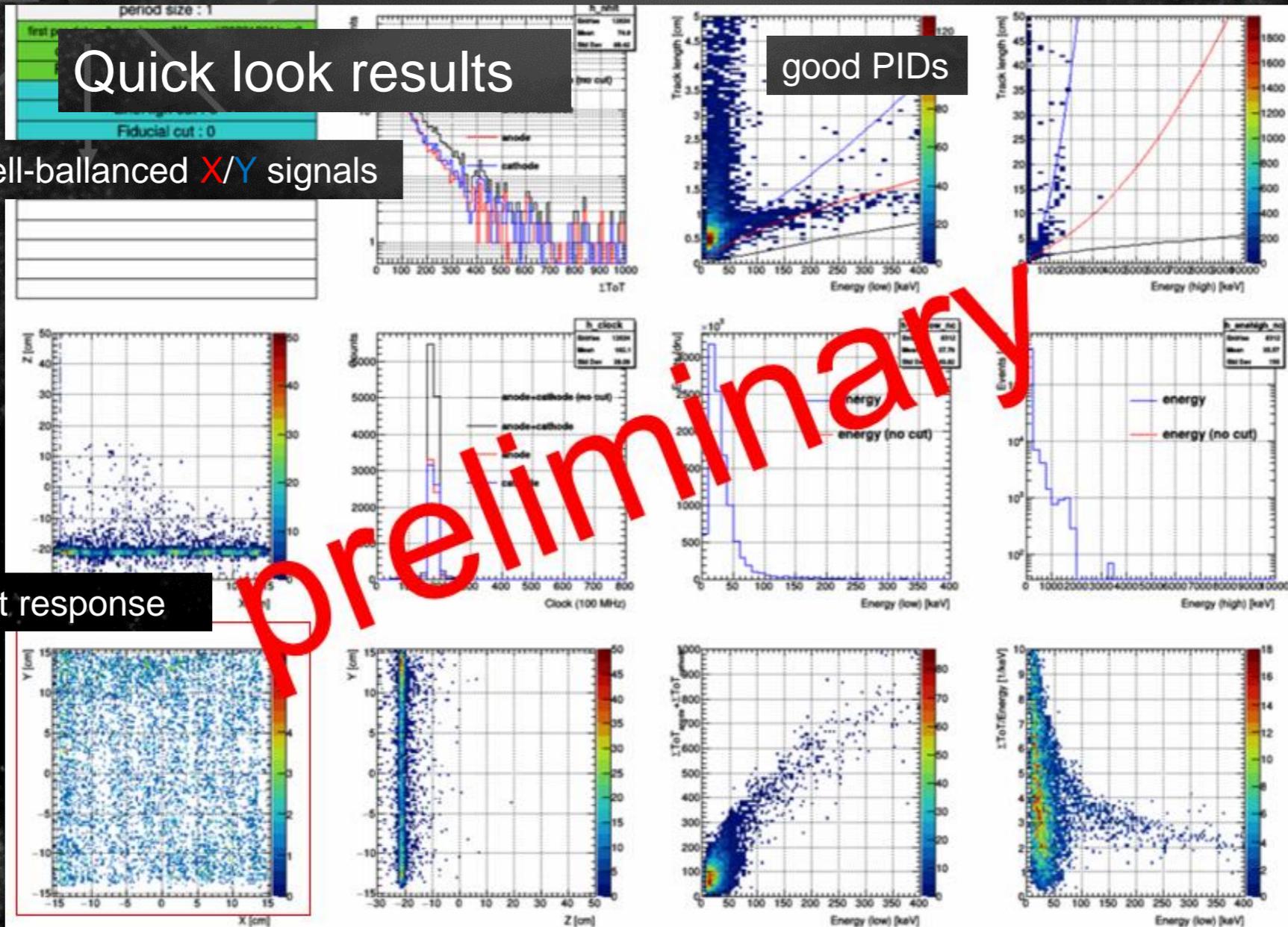
test with a GEM



- Installation Nov. 2023
- NEWAGE-0.3 b<sup>'''</sup> : commissioning ongoing

- NEWAGE-0.3b'' status: so far so good!

- Details will be reported in a few months



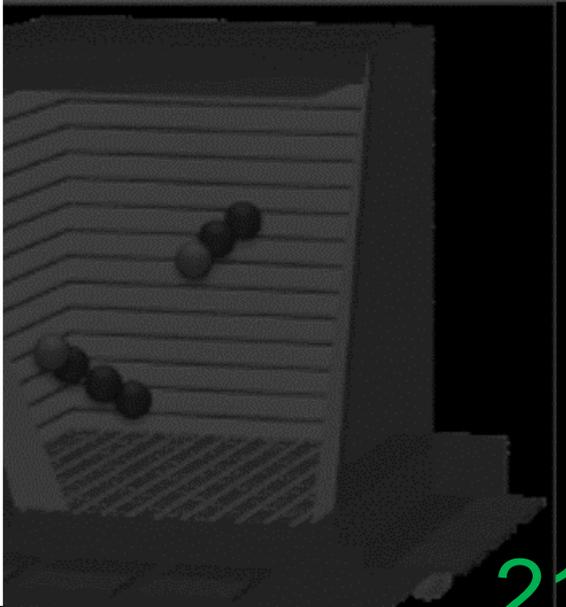
Quick look results

well-balled X/Y signals

good PIDs

flat response

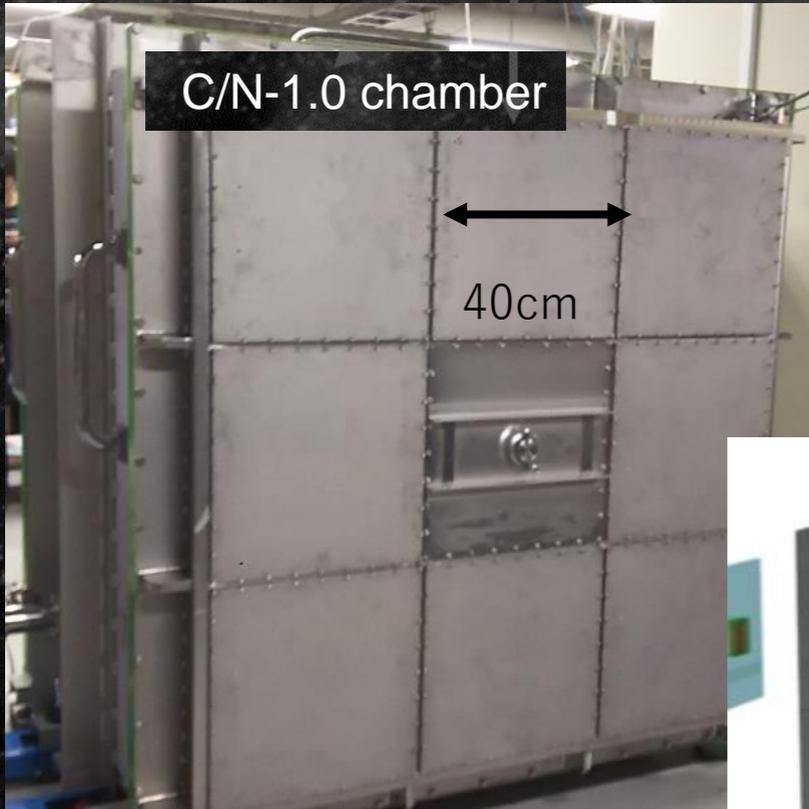
preliminary



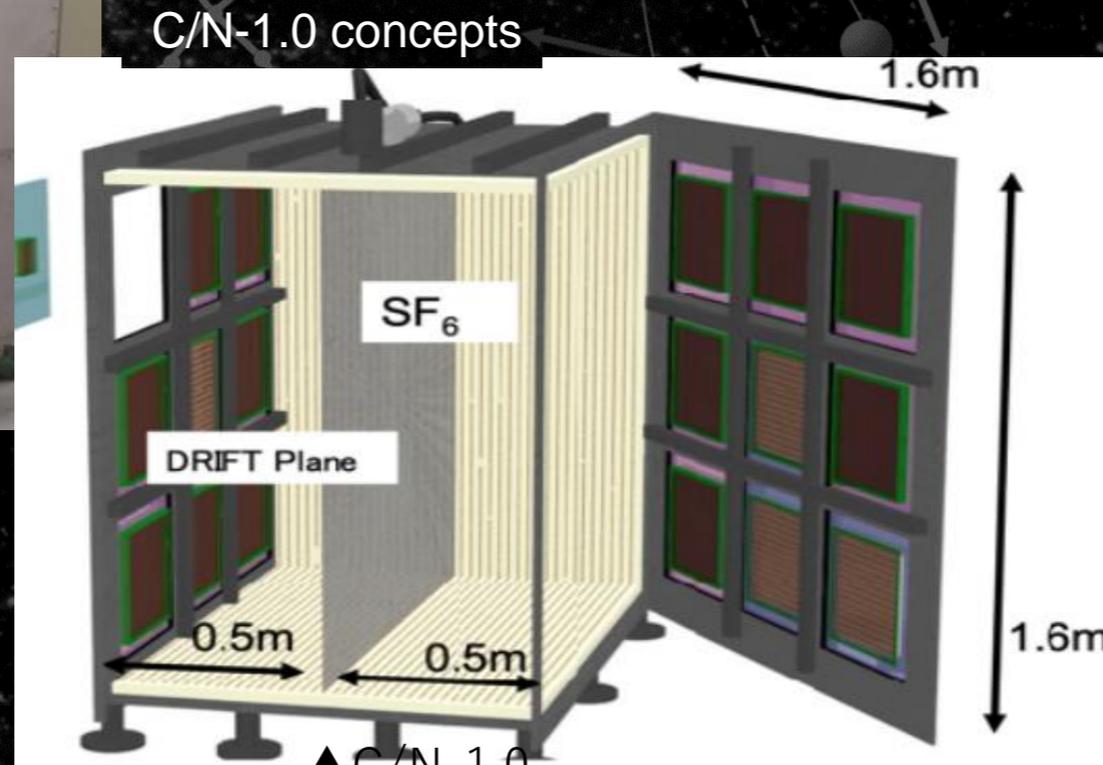
# “CYGNUS”-KM chamber

S. Higashino

- C/N-1.0 chamber (18pcs  $\times$  40  $\times$  40 cm<sup>2</sup> windows)



- Originally we planned to use resistive sheet for the field cage.
- Performance degradation was seen in a long-term use...



# • Low BG Molecular Sieve production (H. Ogawa)

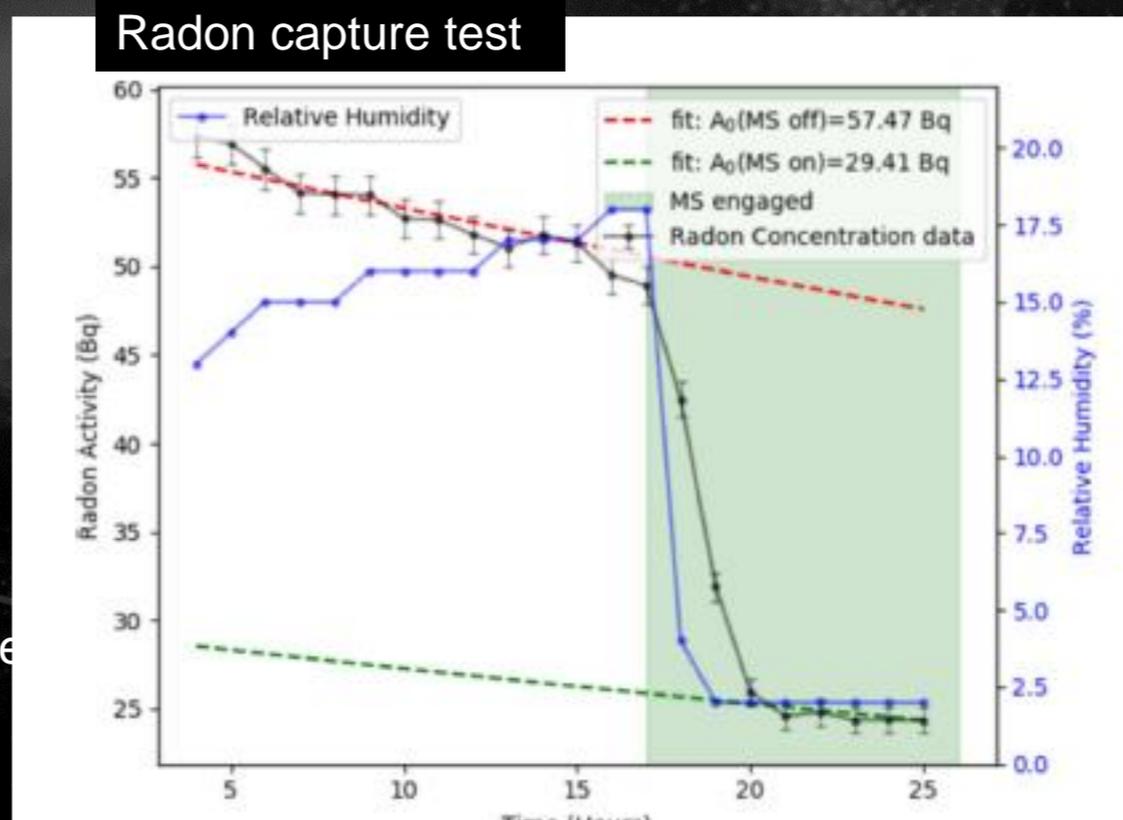
JINST (2021) 16P06024

- production procedure established



This work  
(Nihon University)

Commercially available one  
(Sigma-Aldrich)



## Results

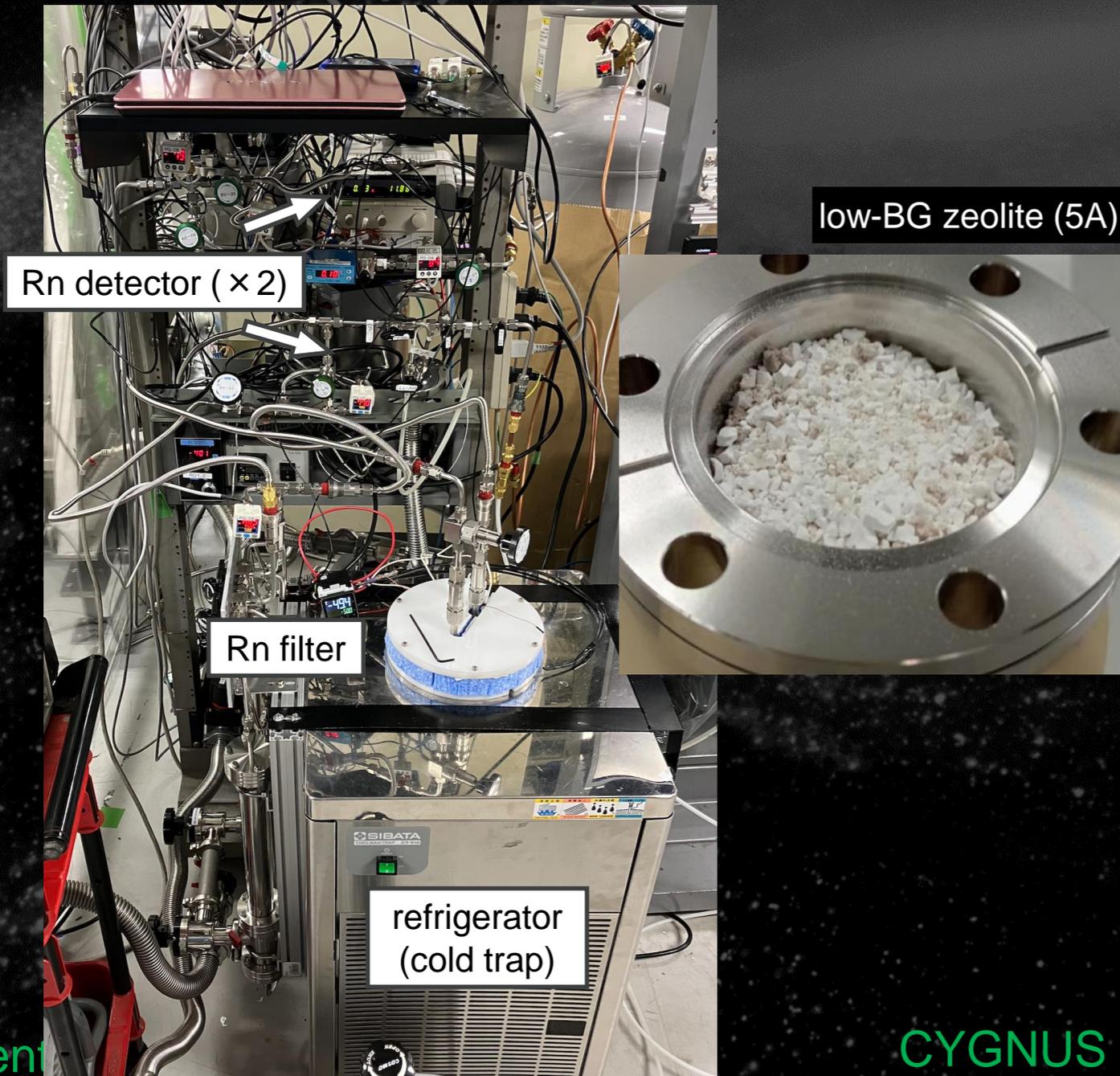
Molecular Sieve	$^{222}\text{Rn}$ Emanated per $^{222}\text{Rn}$ captured ( $\times 10^{-3}$ )
NU-developed	$2.8 \pm 0.7$
Sigma-Aldrich	$5.4 \pm 0.4$

NU-developed MS	$^{222}\text{Rn}$ Captured per kg ( $\text{Bq kg}^{-1}$ )	$^{222}\text{Rn}$ Emanated per kg ( $\text{mBq kg}^{-1}$ )	$^{222}\text{Rn}$ Emanated per $^{222}\text{Rn}$ Captured ( $\times 10^{-3}$ )
Granules	$35 \pm 2$	$99 \pm 23$	$2.8 \pm 0.7$
Powder	$330 \pm 3$	$680 \pm 30$	$2.1 \pm 0.1$

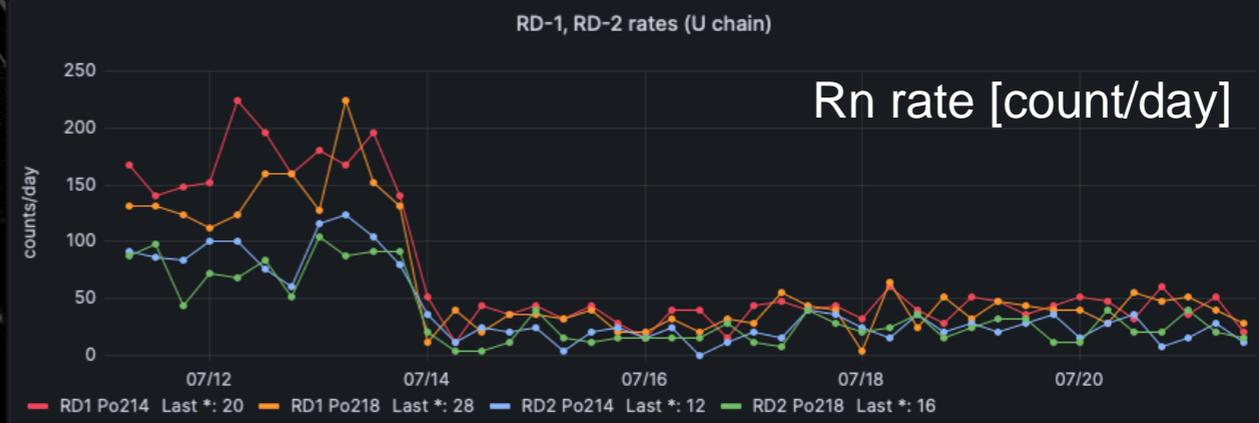
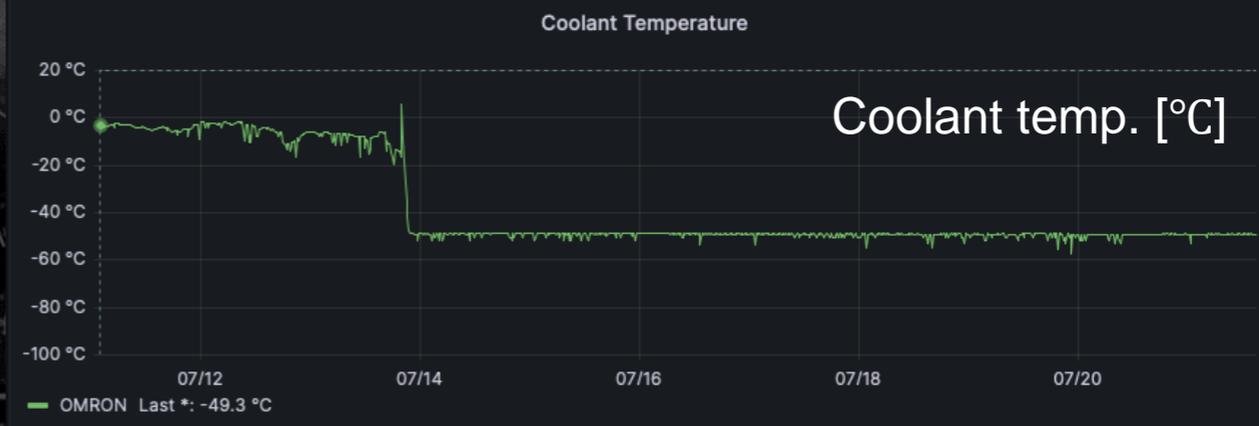
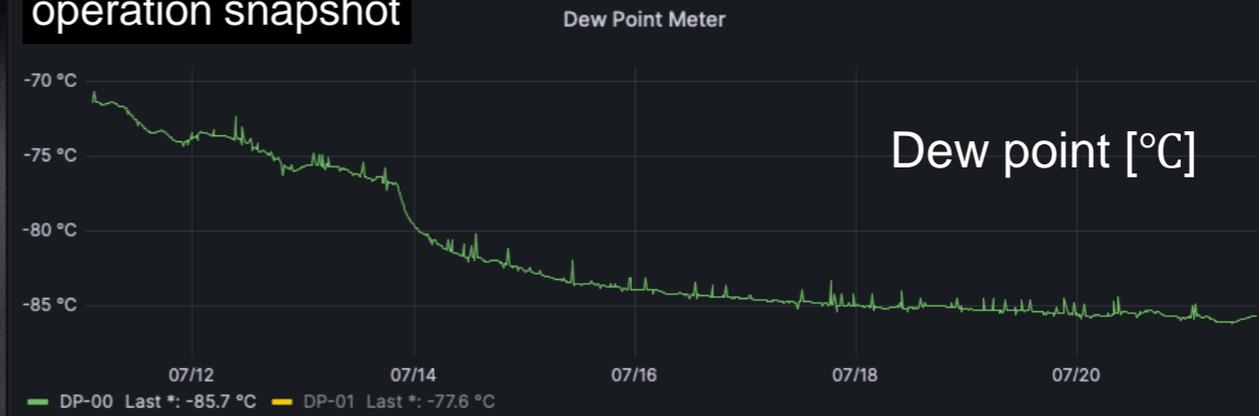
CYGNUS 202

- Better performance
- Repeating O(kg) productions

# Gas circulation system



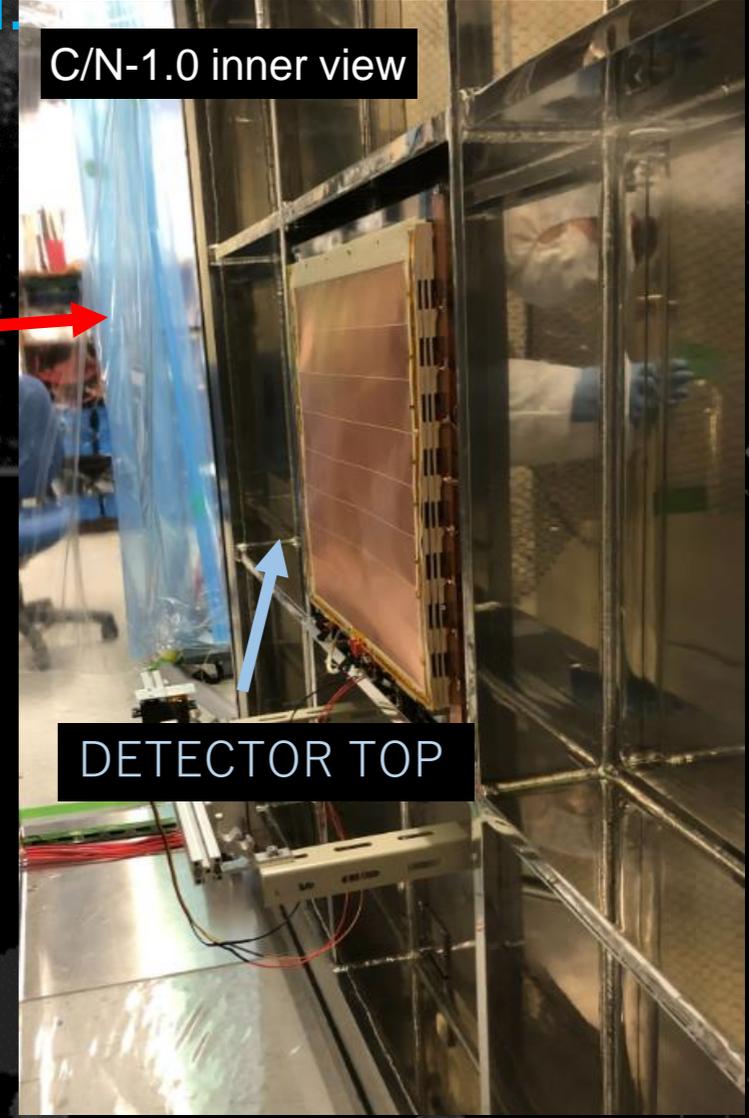
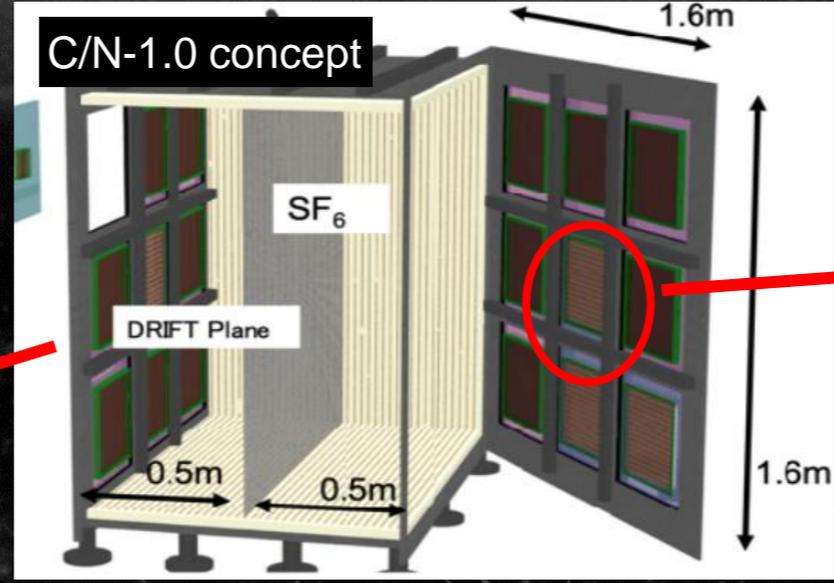
## operation snapshot



ready for housing detectors

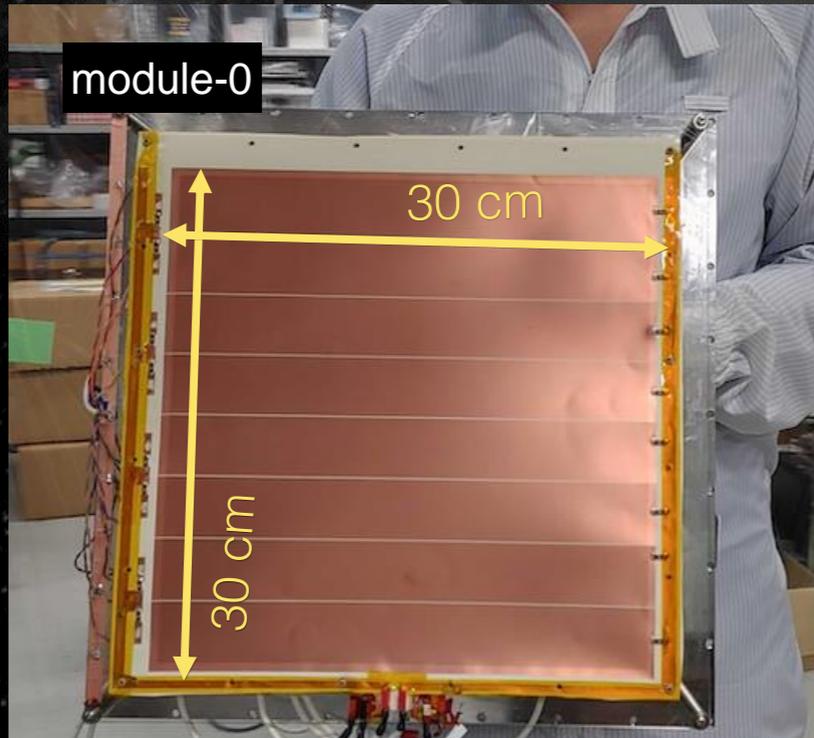
# Detectors for C/N-1.0

- Two requirements for the detector modules
  - Electronics needs to fit  $46 \times 46 \text{ cm}^2$ .
  - Detector top needs to be at the electrical ground level.

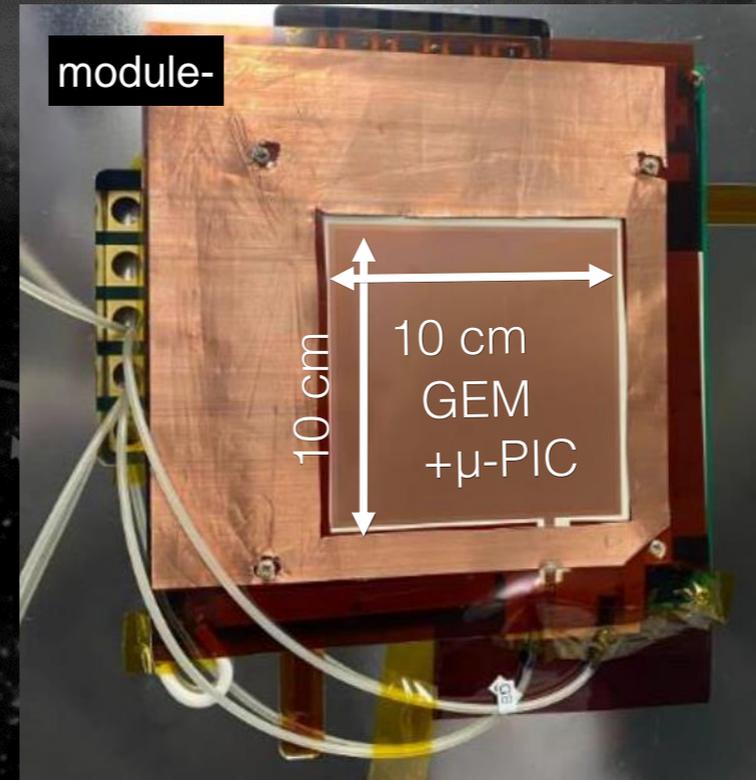


# • Two Kobe modules for C/N-1.0 (M. Ofuji)

- Module-0: larger, w/o tracking for BG measurement
- Module-1: smaller, w/ tracking as a DM detector



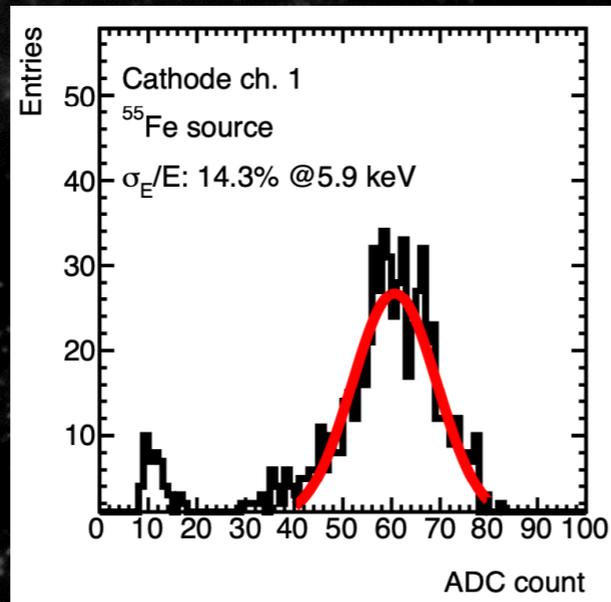
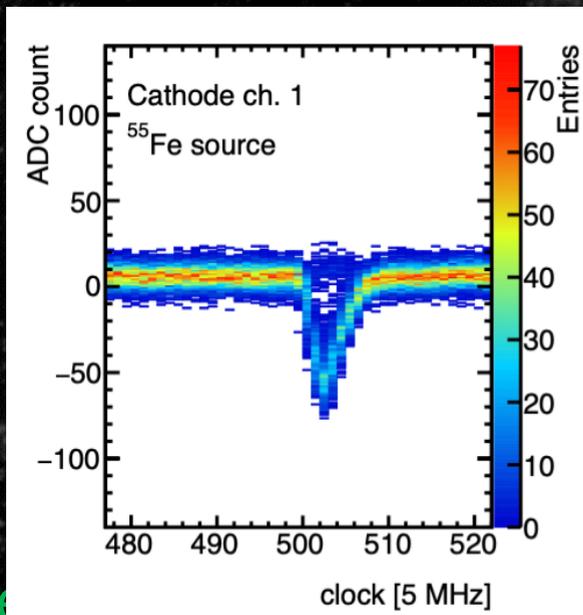
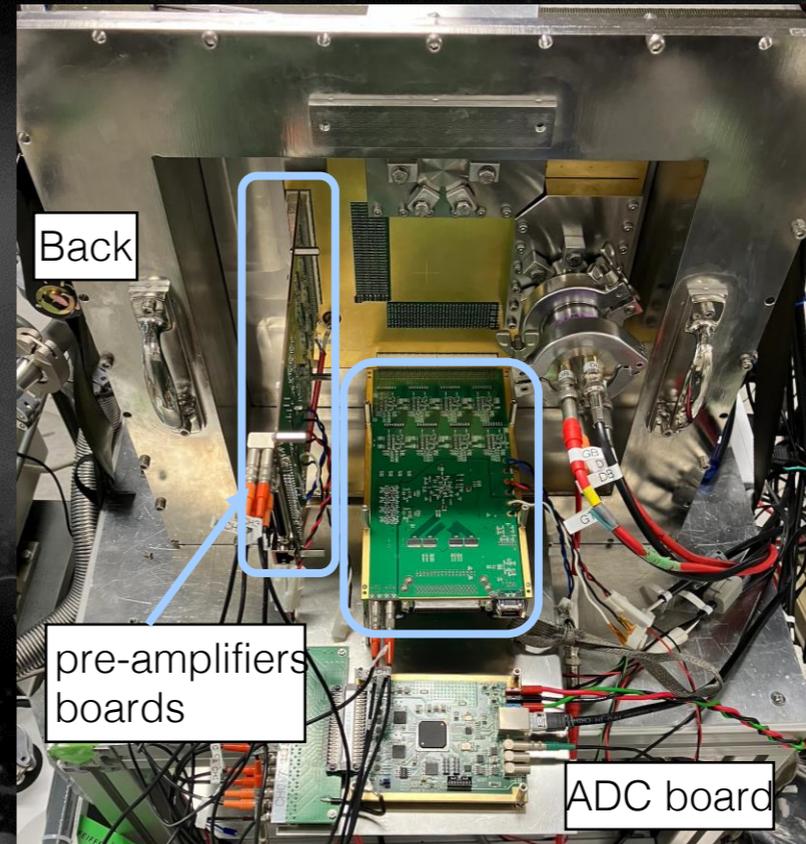
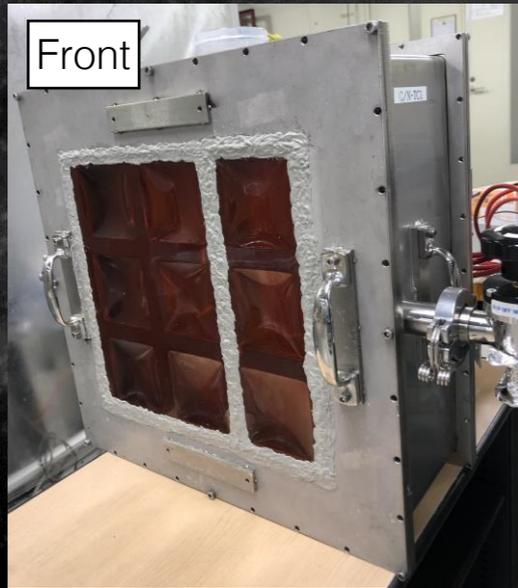
3 GEMs  
30 × 30 cm<sup>2</sup> detection area  
read by 8 pads  
8 readout channels



GEM +  $\mu$ -PIC  
10 × 10 cm<sup>2</sup> detection area  
read by 256 strips  
Track reconstruction

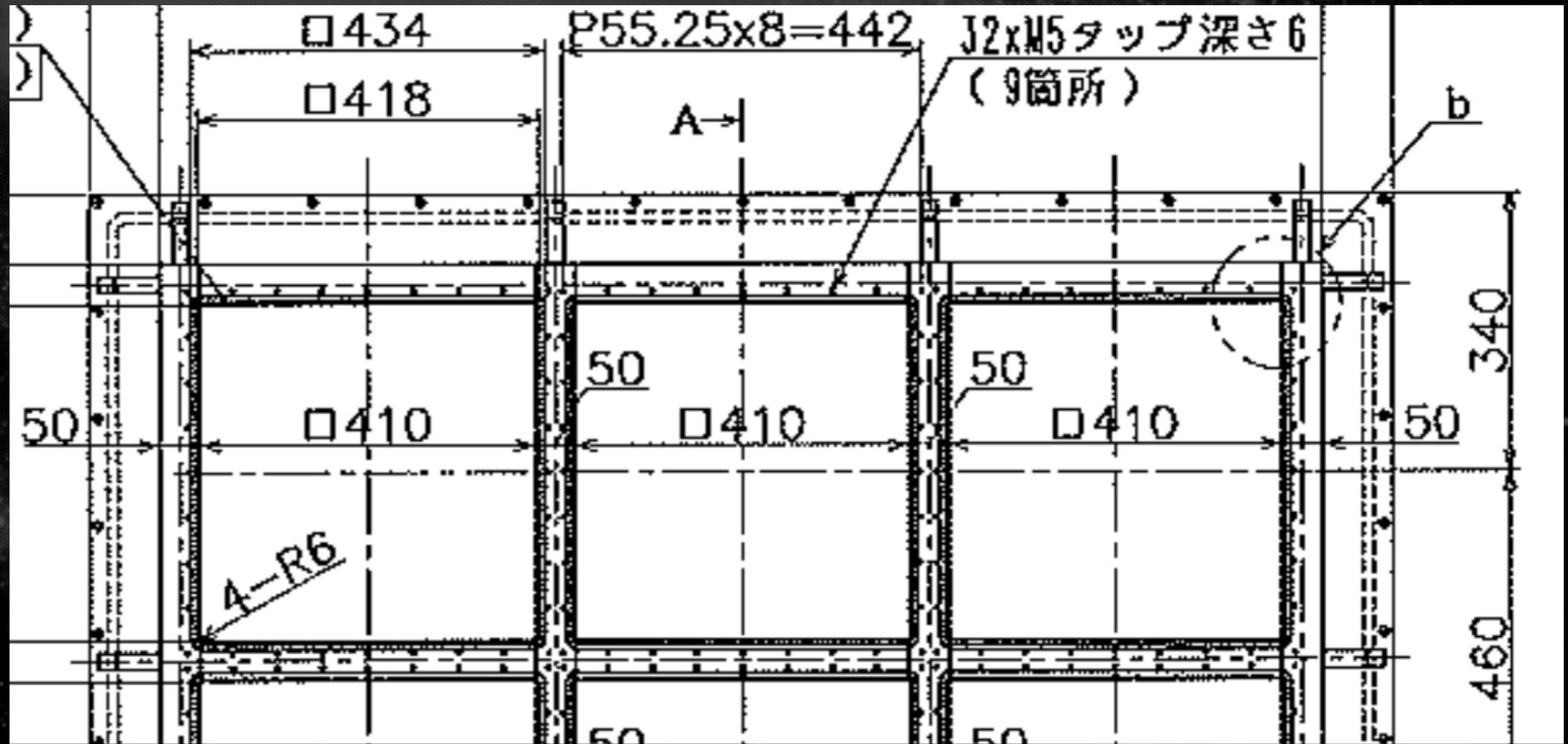
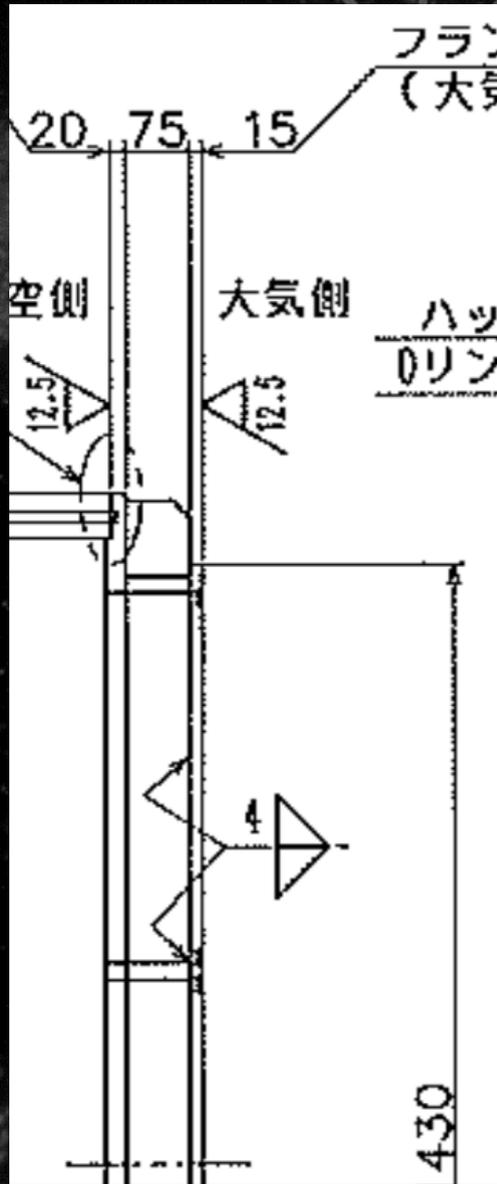
# • Module-1 test status

- being tested in a test chamber

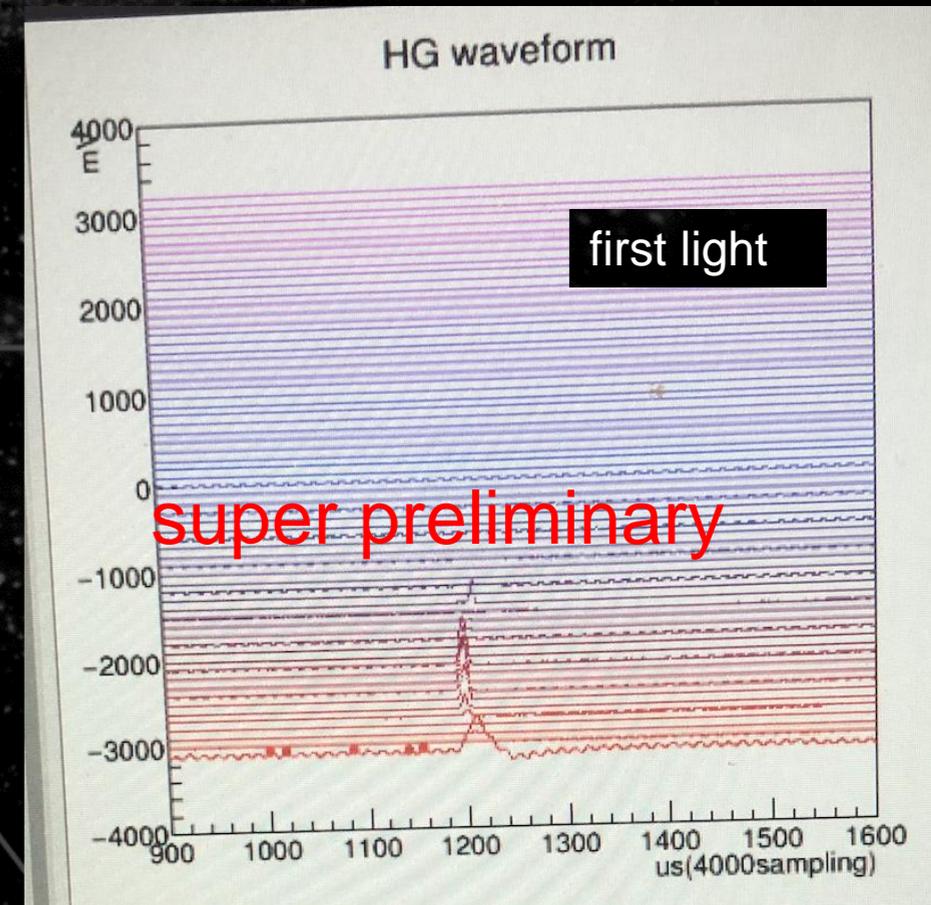


- Fundamental test as a gas detector was completed.
- Tracking performance is being tested

- Details to welcome your modules...



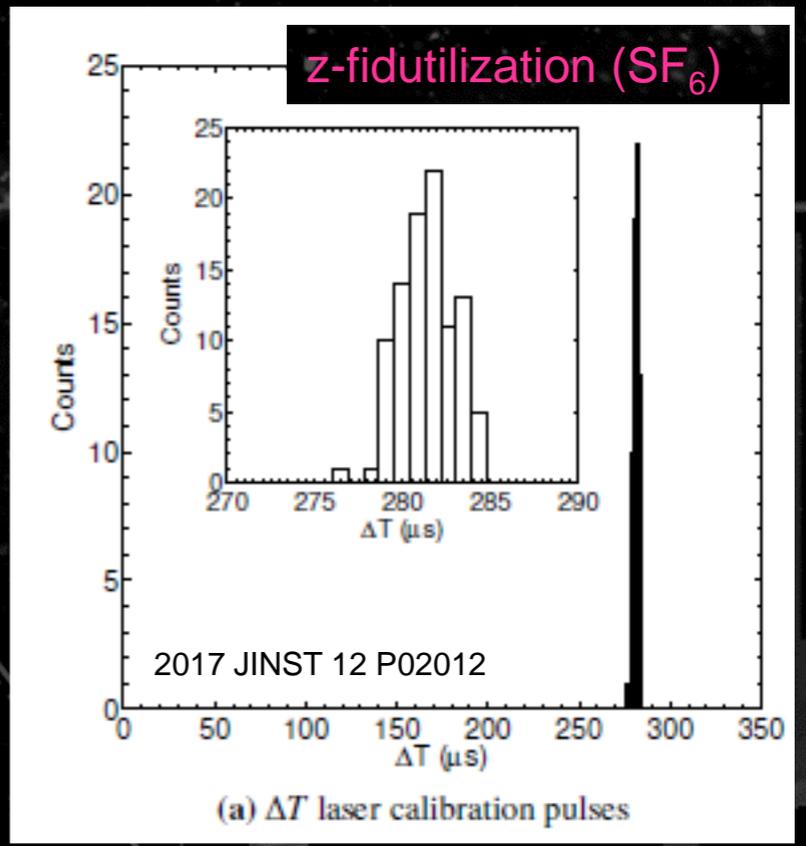
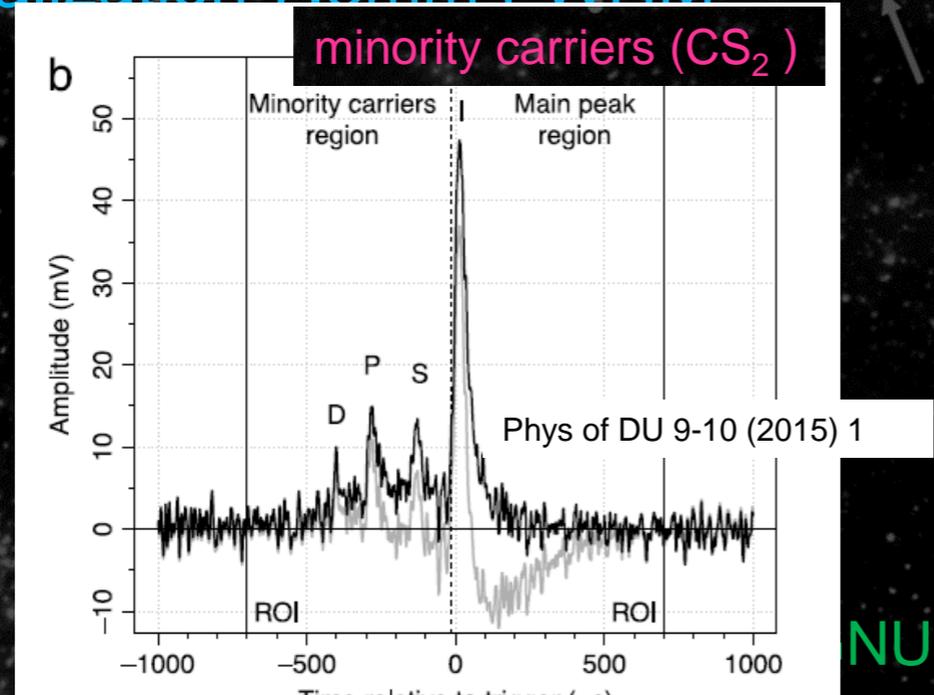
- and, actually welcomed.
- Sheffield MICROME GAS detector test



# Negative ion TPC Study

- no "S1" signal
- Pioneered by DRIFT group
- Minority carrier discovery ( $\text{CS}_2 + \text{O}_2$ , Occidental group)
  - use several ion species with different drift velocities
  - $\Rightarrow z$  fiducialization possible  $\Rightarrow$  LOW BG !
- $\text{SF}_6$  discovery (2015, UNM group).
  - z-fiducialization 7.3mm FWHM

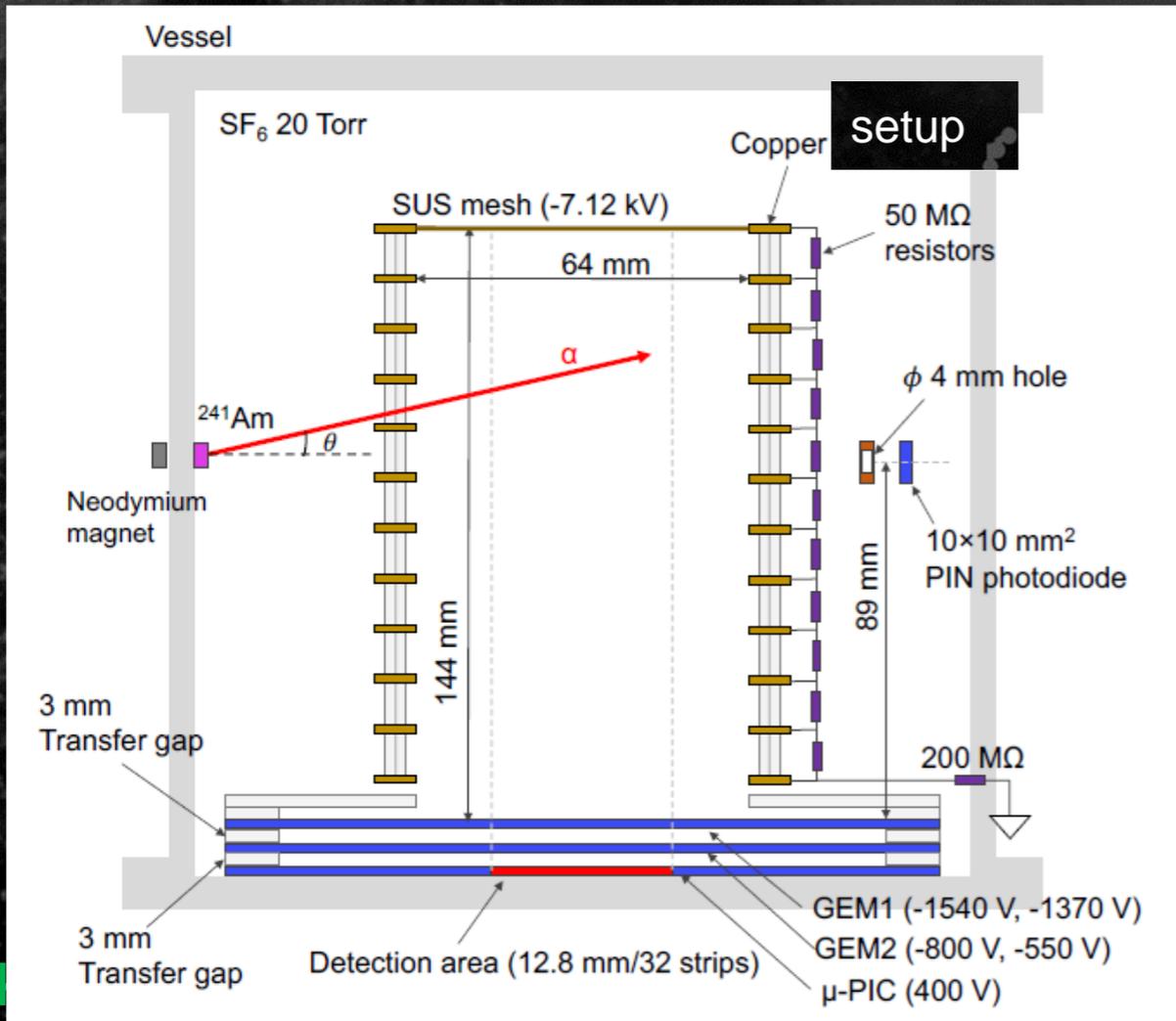
small diffusion



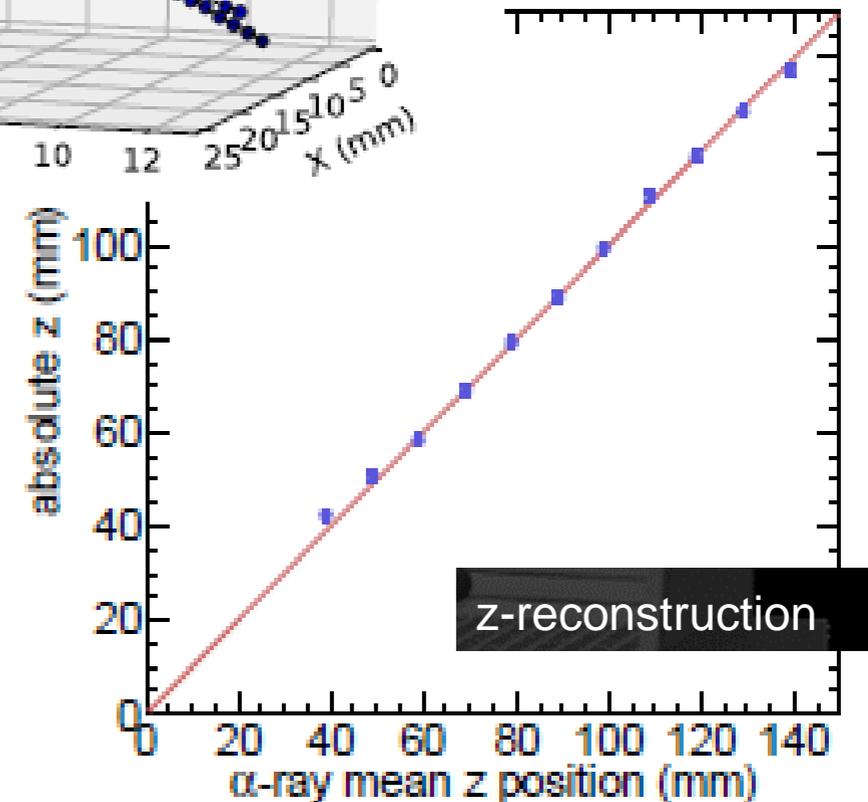
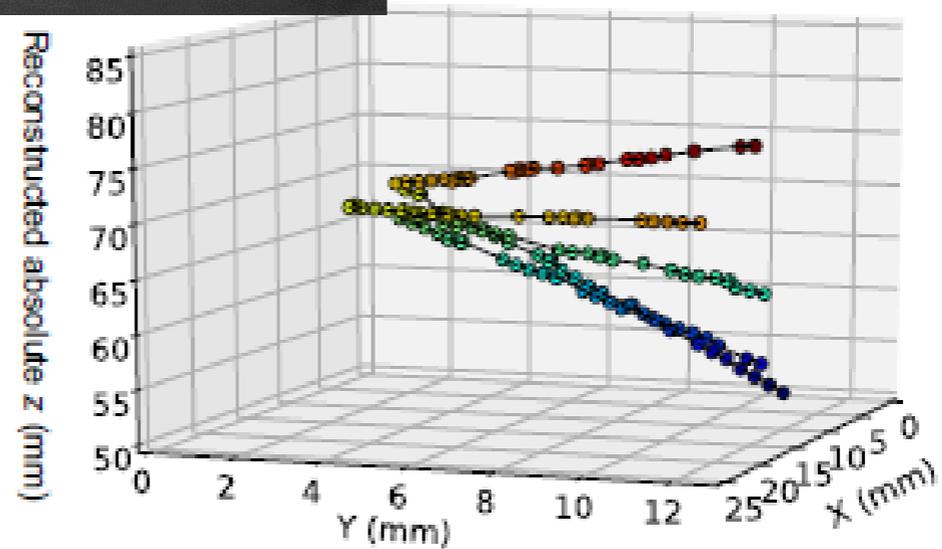
# Nuclear tracks detection in SF<sub>6</sub>

- strip readout + dedicated ASICs
- z-reconstruction
- tracking

T. Ikeda+  
JINST (2020), P07015



alpha-ray tracks



# • ASIC development for negative ion TPCs

- “LTARS” series with Liq. argon groups at KEK, Iwata
- LTARS 2018 at hand

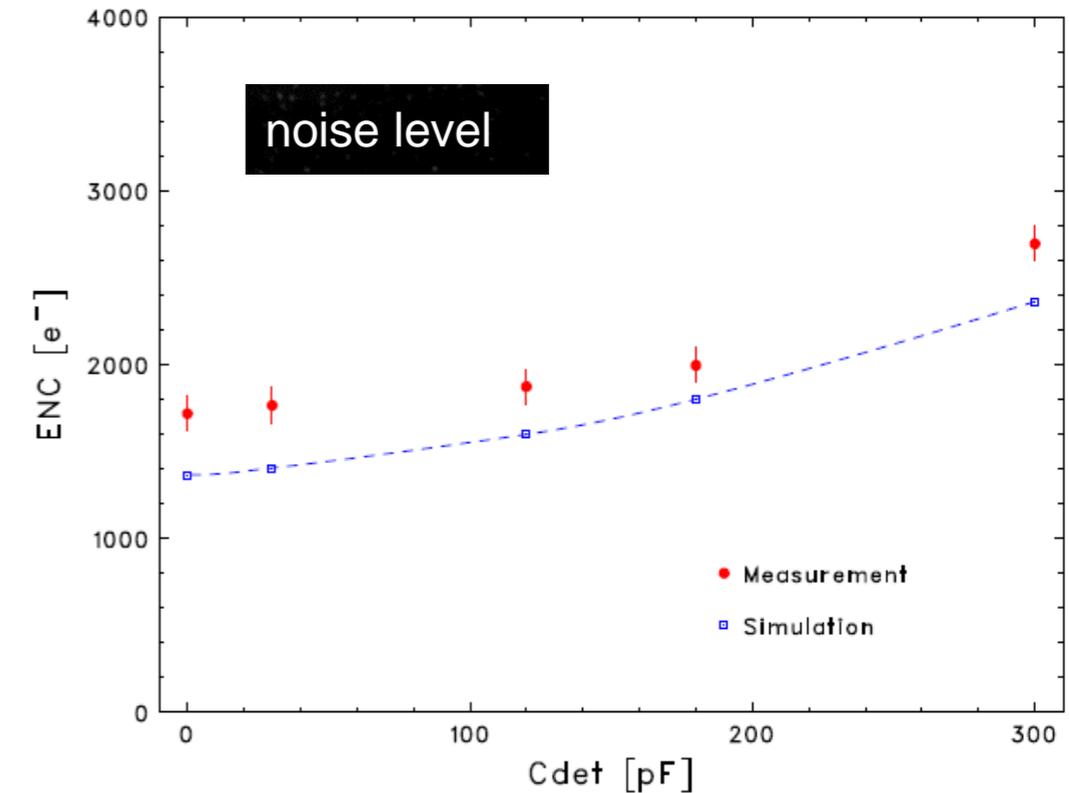
T. Kishishita+  
JINST (2020) 15 T09009

## LTARS 2018 SPECS

Table 1. Technological parameters and requirements to the ASIC.

Technology	Silerra 180 nm CMOS	
Chip size	2.5×5 mm <sup>2</sup>	
The number of channels	16	
Supply power	1.8 V core/IO, max. 2.4 mW/ch	
Fabrication options	6 metals, deep N-well, high-value poly res., MIM cap.	
Detector type	NI $\mu$ -TPC	LAr-TPC
Minimum signal charge	≈3 fC	≈10 fC
Shaping time	4 $\mu$ s	1 $\mu$ s
Operating condition	room temperature	-185 °C
Detector capacitance ( $C_{det}$ ) <sup>a</sup>	~300 pF	
Dynamic range	±80 fC for narrow range, ±1600 fC for wide range	
Voltage gain	10 mV/fC for narrow range, 0.5 mV/fC for wide range	
ENC	3000 e <sup>-</sup> (S/N>20) for small signals, < 6.4 × 10 <sup>4</sup> e <sup>-</sup> for large signals	

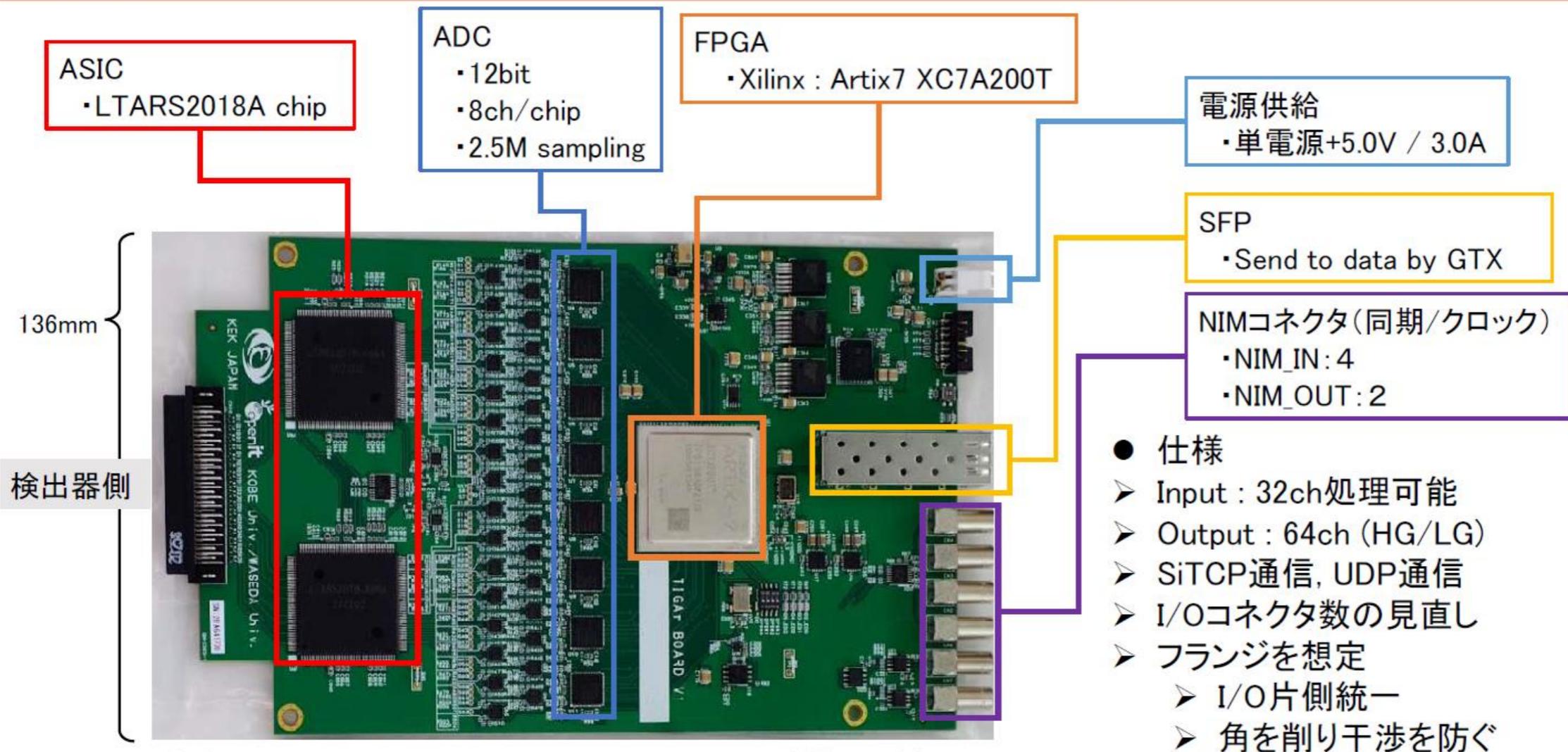
<sup>a</sup>: Estimated from the pad size of MPGDs.



# • “TIGAr”, a compact board to fit with C/N-1.0

T. Shimizu (Waseda)

## TIGArBoard 構造/仕様



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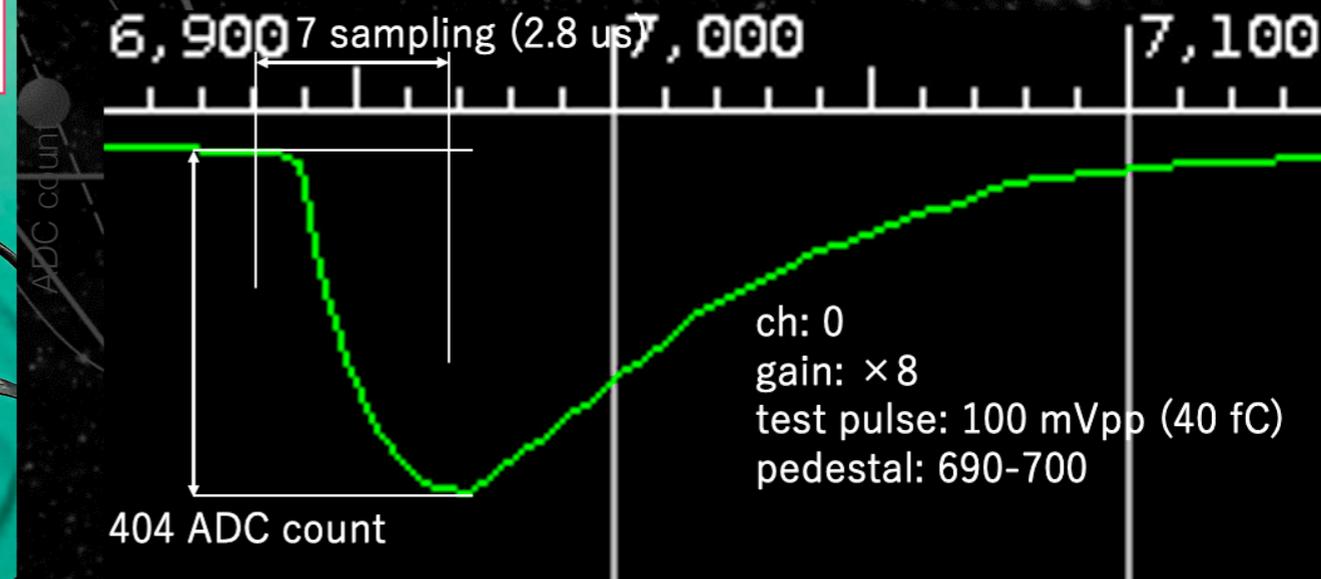
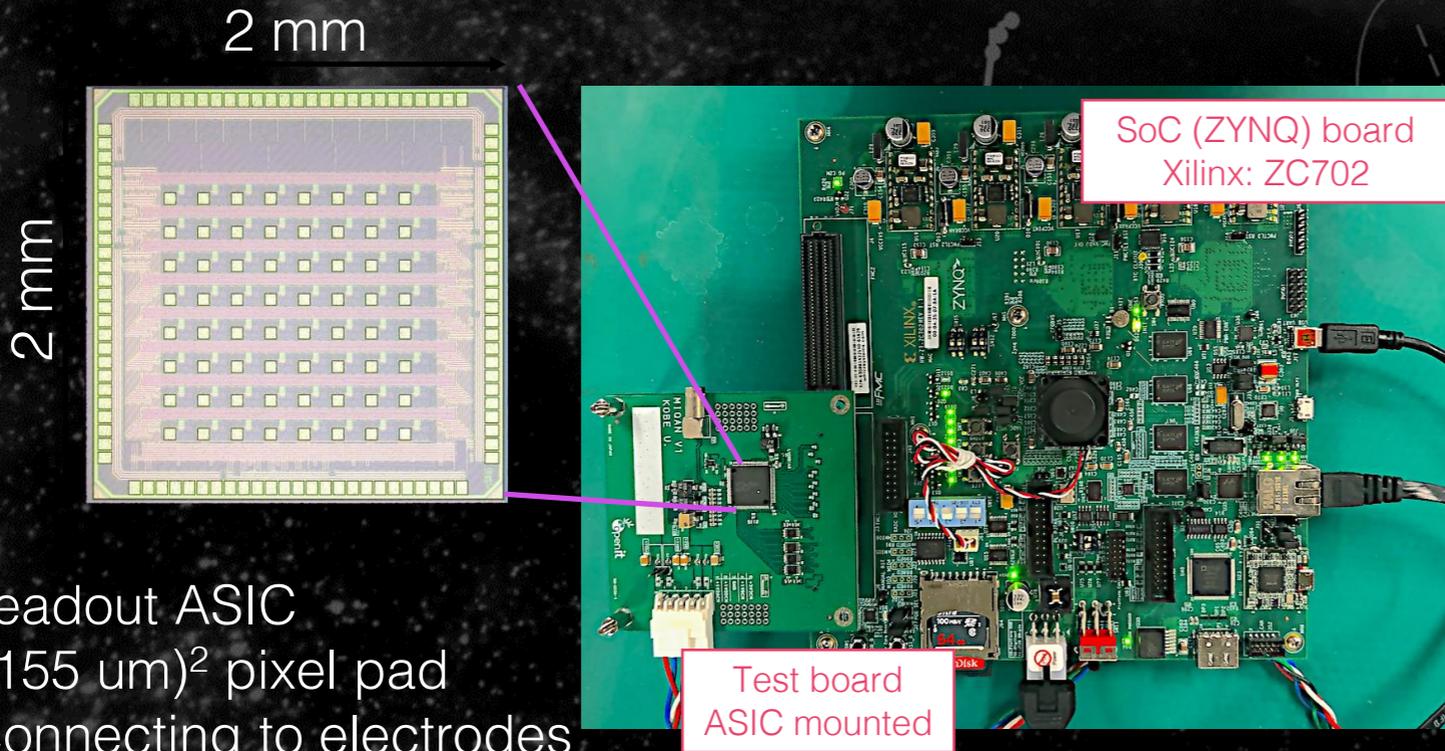
MPGD&Active媒質TPC研究会2023

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# PIXEL readout (QPIX NEO v1)

S. Higashino

- Energy threshold is limited due to electrode's strip pitch ( $400\ \mu\text{m}$ )
- Started to develop fine granularity "pixel" readout detector
- 64 ch ASIC developed and testing its performance



Analog circuit + ADC  
successfully working!

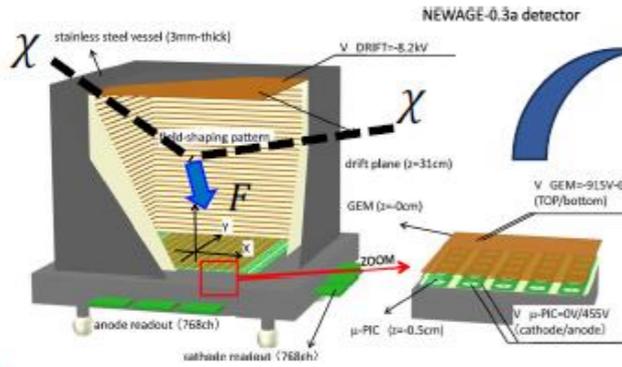
# α-ray Imaging

H.Ito

NIM A Volume 953, (2020), 163050

## Reusing NEWAGE-0.3a

(Sep. ~ Dec. 2008 in 神岡)  
PLB 686 (2010) 11.

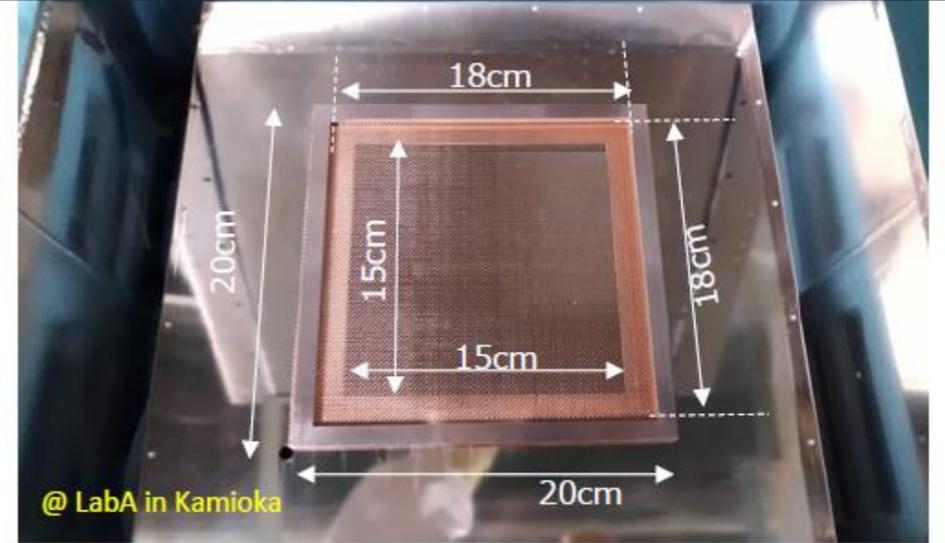
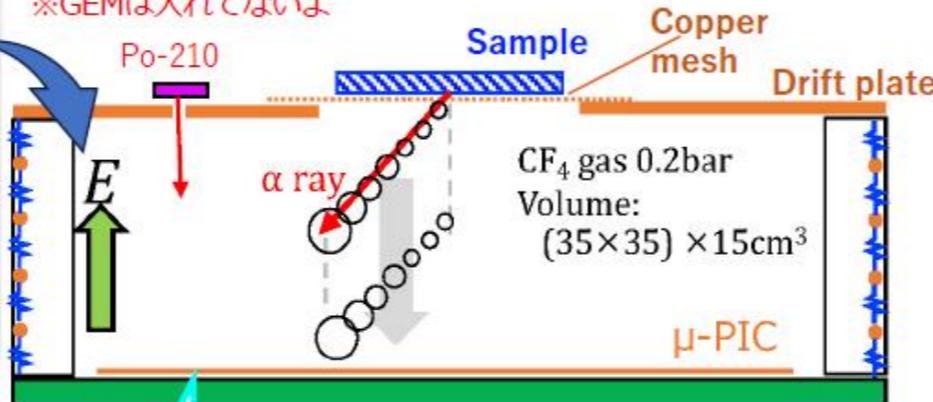


## AICHAM: Alpha-particle Imaging CHAMber

表面アルファ線イメージ分析のための、  
μ-PICを用いたガスTPC(time-projection chamber)

NIMA 953 (2020) 163050.

※GEMは入れてないよ



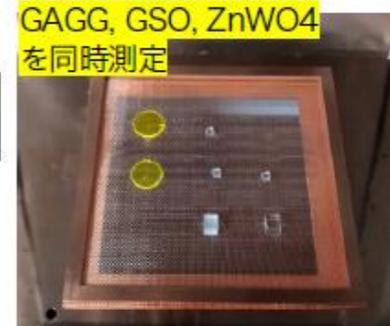
AICHAMを使った分析は、

感度  $\sim 10^{-3}$  a/hr/cm<sup>2</sup> (90%CL)

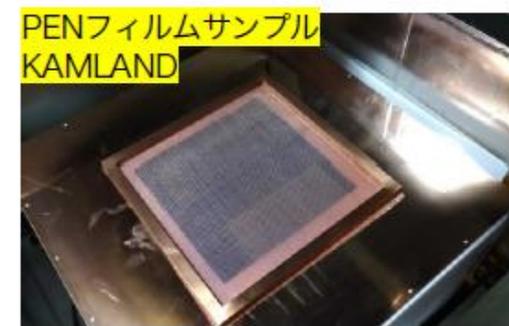
@E>2.5MeV, 15x15cm<sup>2</sup>で、

measuring samples of various experiments

GAGG, GSO, ZnWO<sub>4</sub>を同時測定

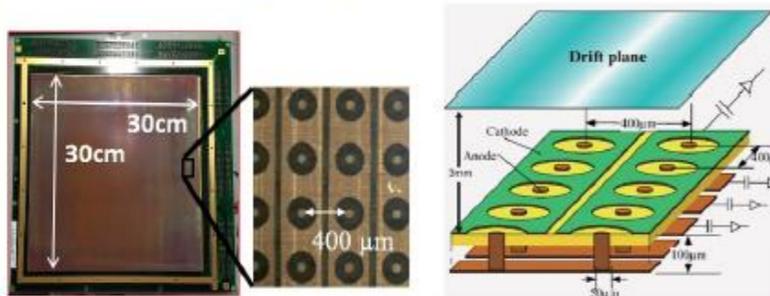


PENフィルムサンプル KAMLAND

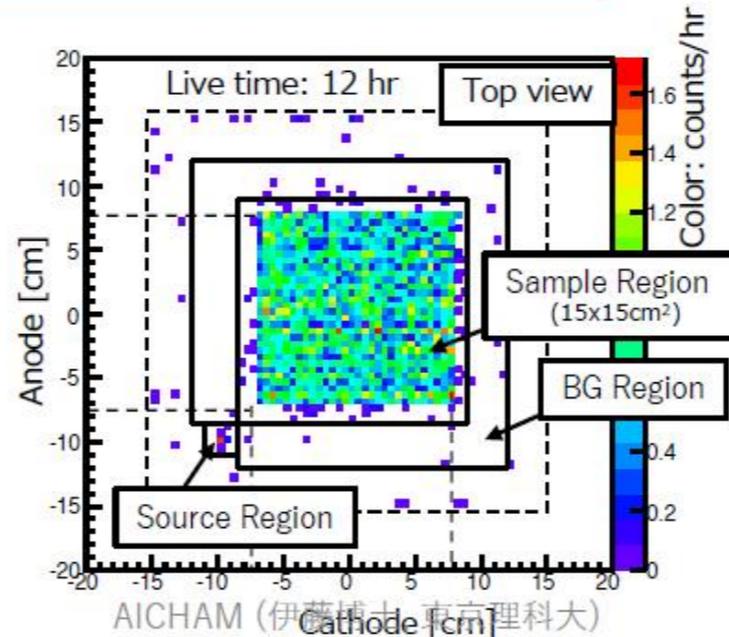


## Low-α μ-PIC (micro-pixel imaging chamber)

- Anode and cathode 2-D strip sensor.
  - 400 μm pitch, 768ch+768ch, 300 x 300 mm<sup>2</sup> covered.
  - Low alpha emission from the surface
- MINA 977 (2020) 164285.



2023/09/17



学会・研究会公開を条件に、現在無償で測定してます。

# MIRACLUE (MIGDAL study)

PTEP 2021 013C01

K. Nakamura (Tohoku)

- Ar (1atm) and Xenon (8 atm) gas
  - direct interests in DM search
- start with existing technologies
  - less R&D

**Direction Sensitive WIMP-search NEWAGE DM探索**

**AXEL 0νββ探索**

- Ar 1atm
- GEM +  $\mu$ PIC
- (10cm)<sup>3</sup>

- 高压 Xe
- ELCC + MPPC
- 16cm  $\phi$  × 10cm

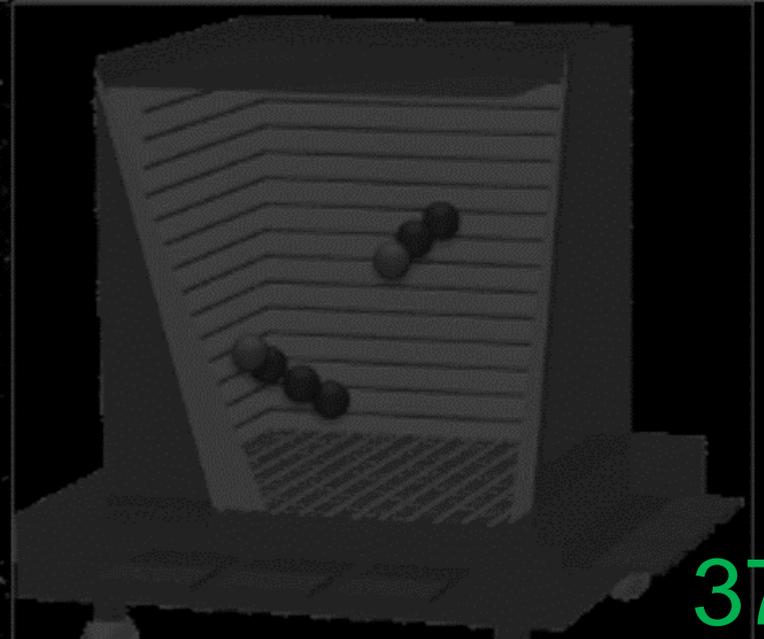
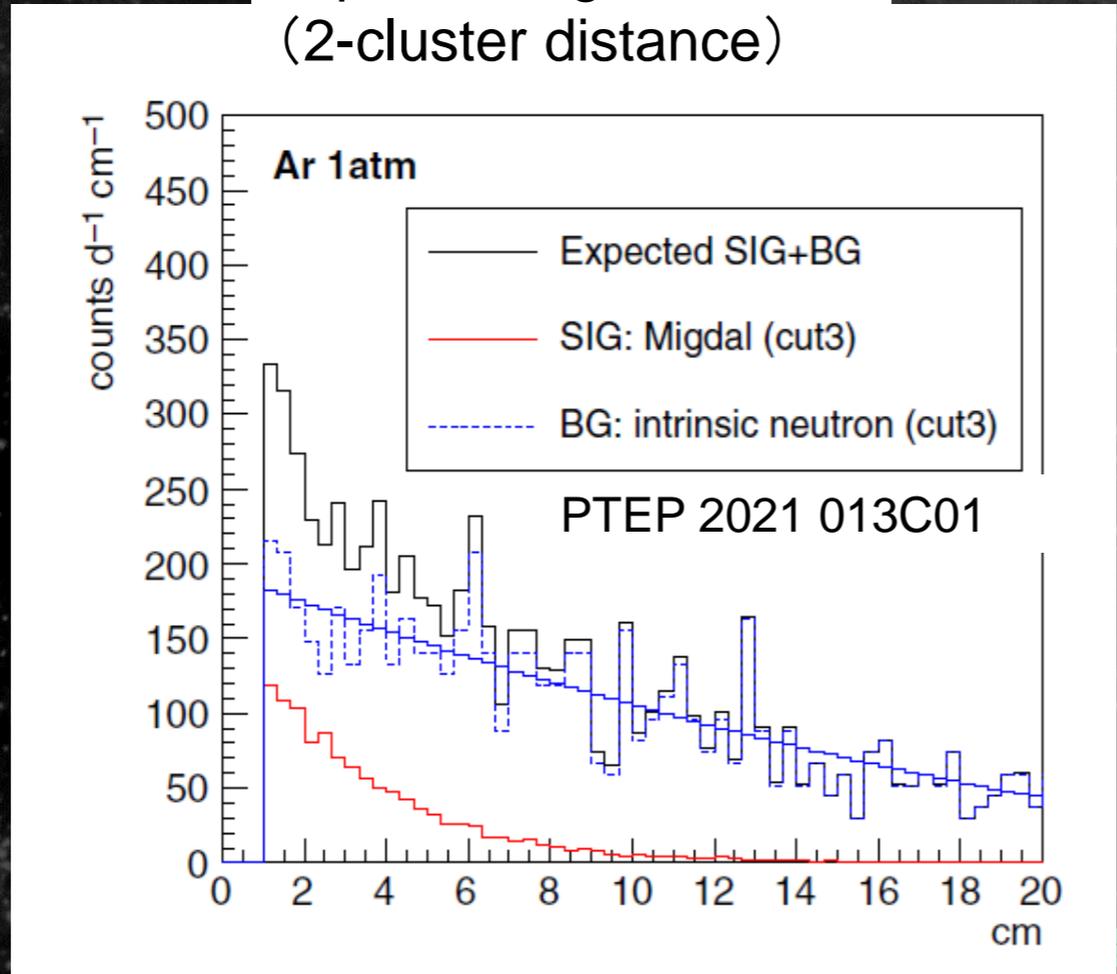
- Characteristic X-ray channel for 2-cluster detection (first step)

- less BG

- Low energy (565keV) neutrons (@AIST, Japan)

- less BG

expected signature  
(2-cluster distance)

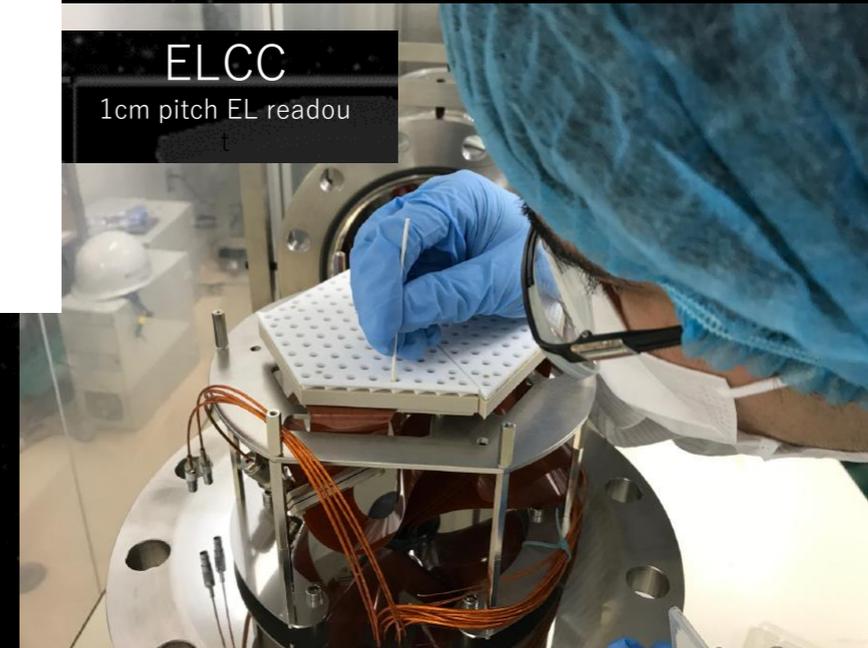


# • High pressure Xenon TPC

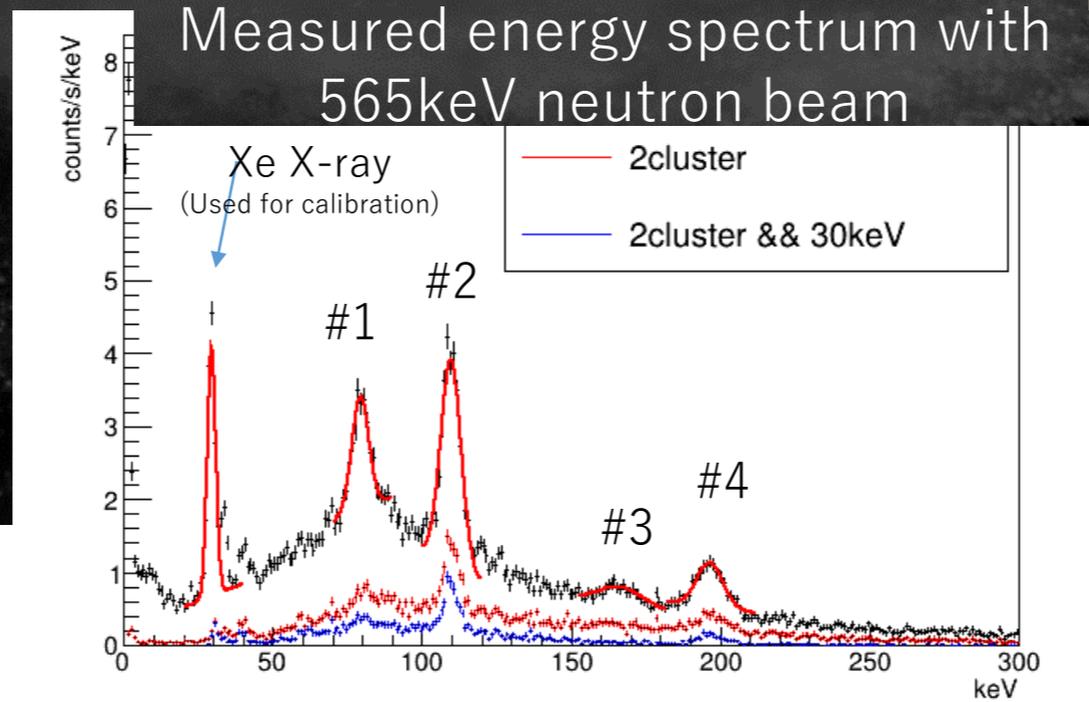
- Xenon TPC worked with neutron beam successfully
- Energy & topology were measured
- Analysis for Migdal branching is ongoing



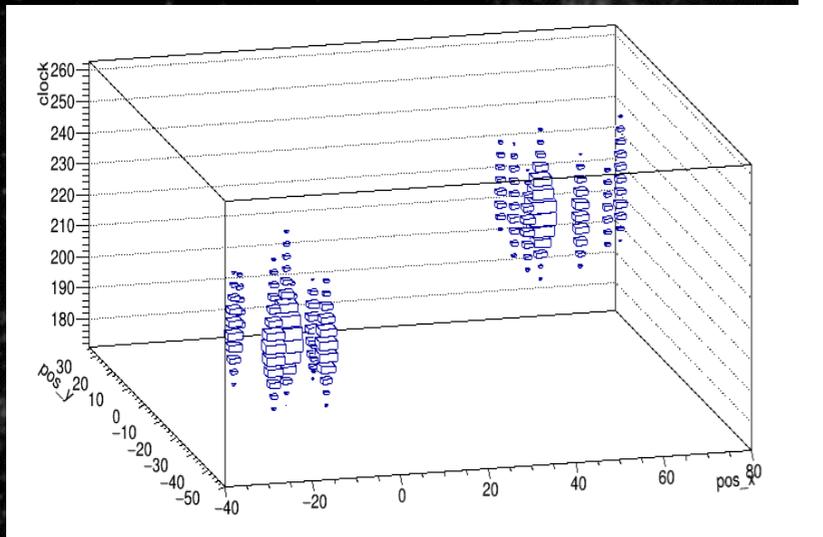
Xenon TPC



ELCC  
1cm pitch EL readout



“2 cluster“ event



No.	Energy [keV]	Note
#1	$79.3 \pm 0.14$	escape peak of #2
#2	$109.7 \pm 0.08$	$^{19}\text{F}(n, \gamma) 110\text{keV}$
#3	$166.5 \pm 0.74$	escape peak of #4
#4	$196.5 \pm 0.25$	$^{19}\text{F}(n, \gamma) 197\text{keV}$

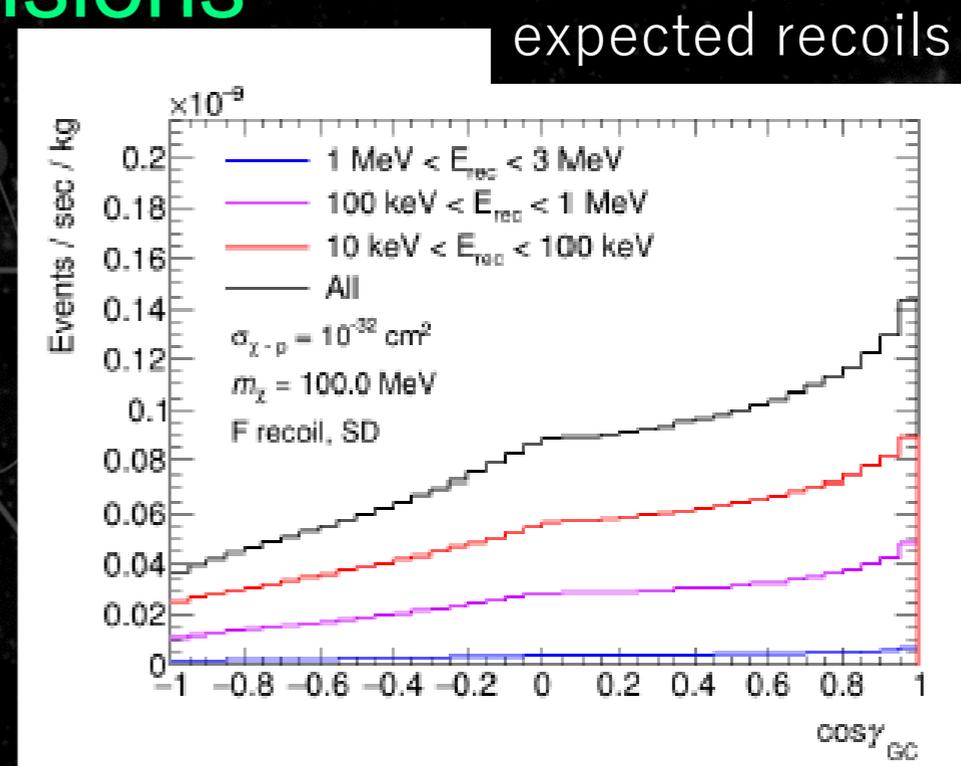
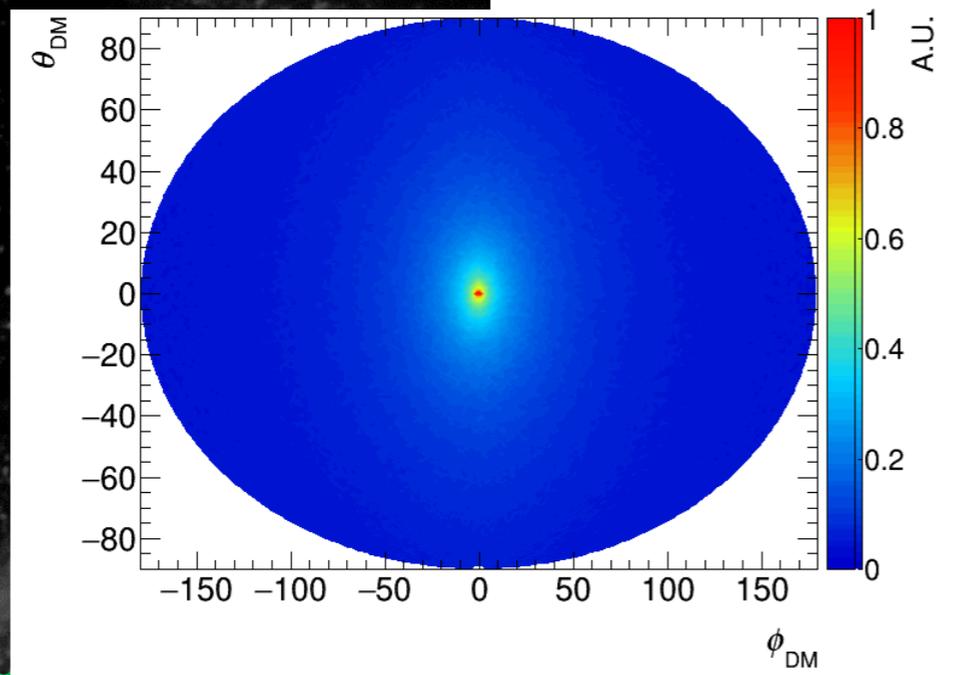
# Cosmic-ray up-scattered DMs(CR-DM)

JCAP07(2023)061  
K. Nagao

- Light (1~100MeV) DMs would be up-scattered at Galactic Center by cosmic-ray protons
- Can be detected with directional detectors
- Studied for gaseous TPCs and emulsions

also in Nicole's talk

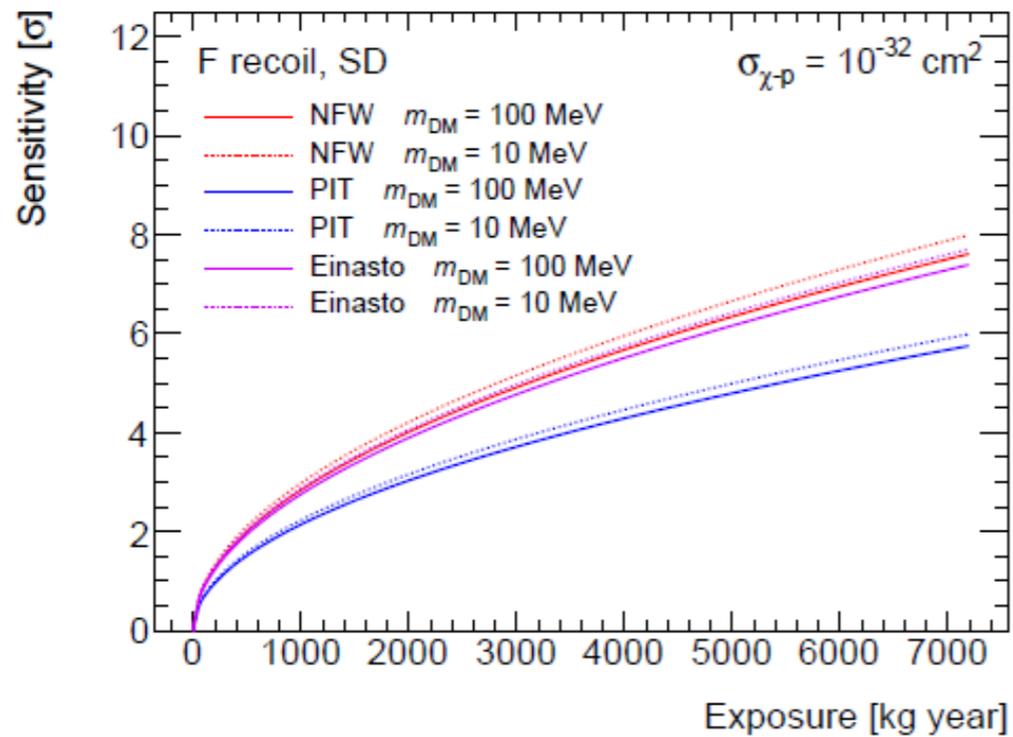
Incoming DM maps  
@Galactic coordinate



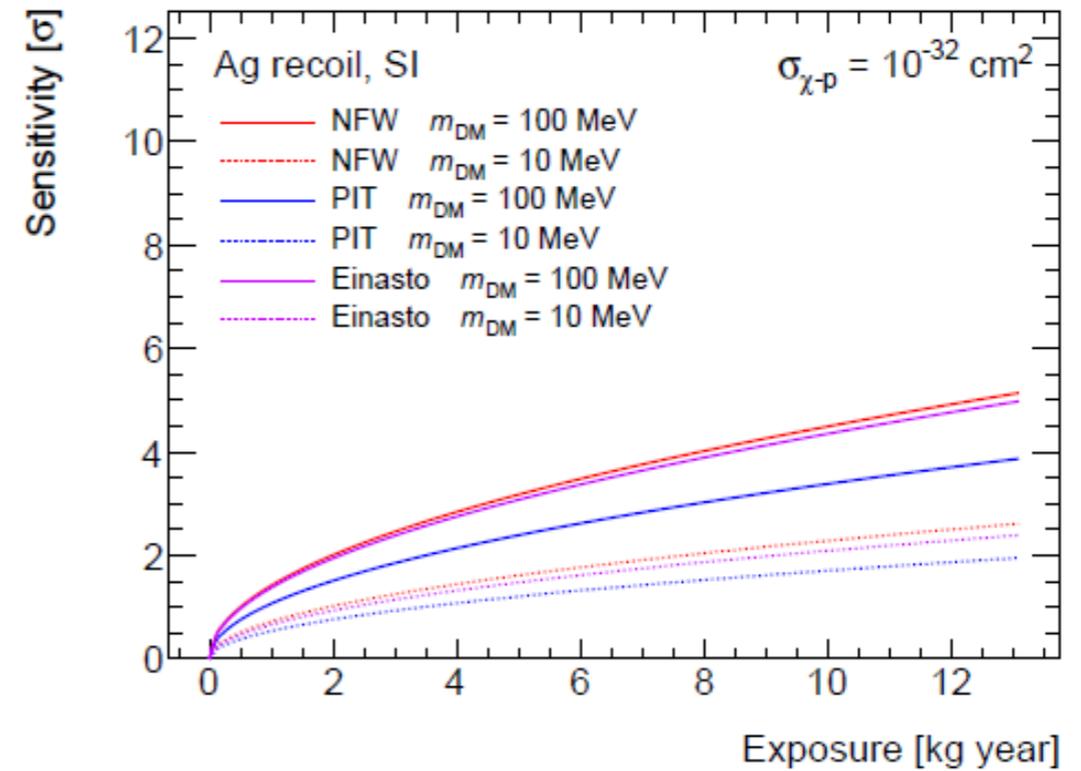
NFW,  $m_\chi = 100 \text{ MeV}$

# • Results

- Need LARGE exposures
- CYGNUS framework (even with emulsions) is necessary



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# SUMMARY

## • Since last CYGNUS,

### • DM search

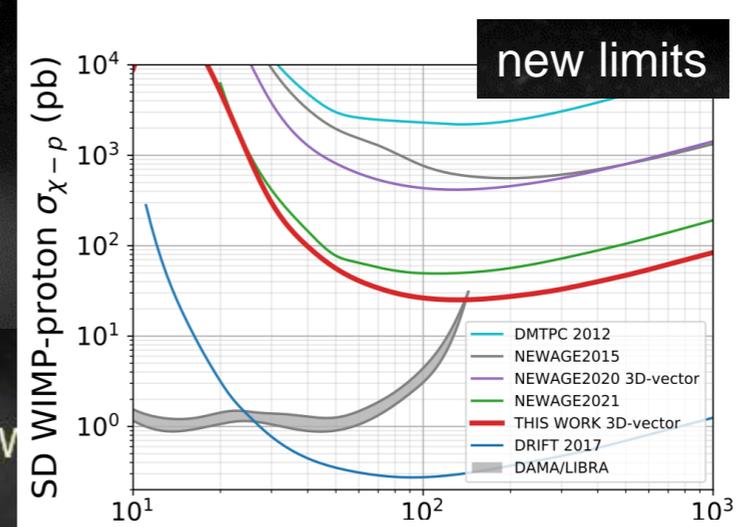
- First limits from a 3d-vector directional dark matter search with CYGNUS, PTEP, (2020) ptaa147 DOI: 10.1093/ptep/ptaa147
- "Direction sensitive dark matter search with CYGNUS", PTEP (2020) ptaa147
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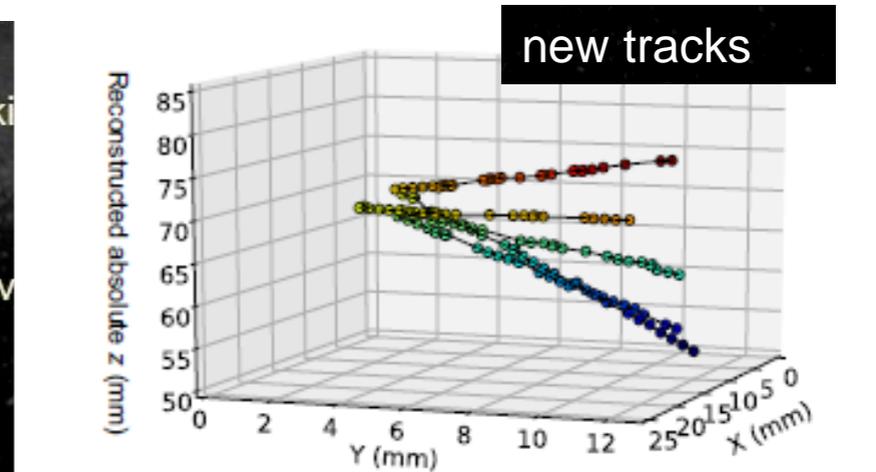
new detector



new powder



new limits



new tracks



new playground

Waiting

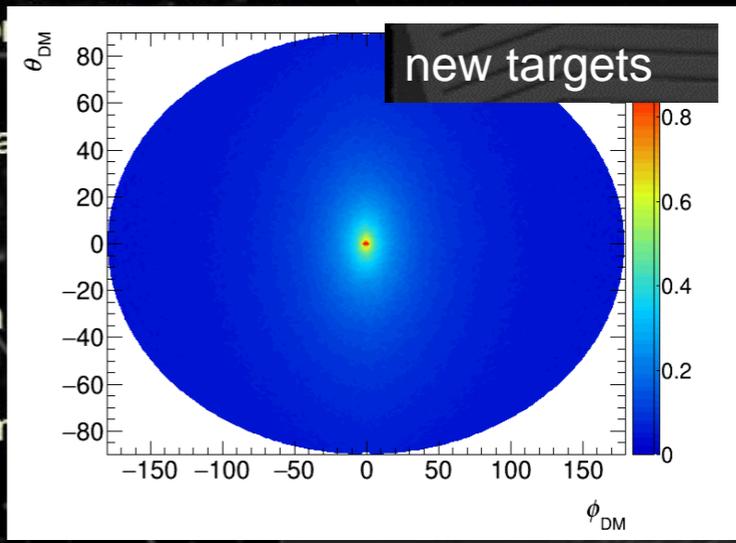
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### • Future physics

- "Detection capability of CYGNUS", PTEP(2020) ptaa162
- "Directional direct detection of dark matter", JCAP07(2023)061,



new targets