



Recent results from the XMASS experiment

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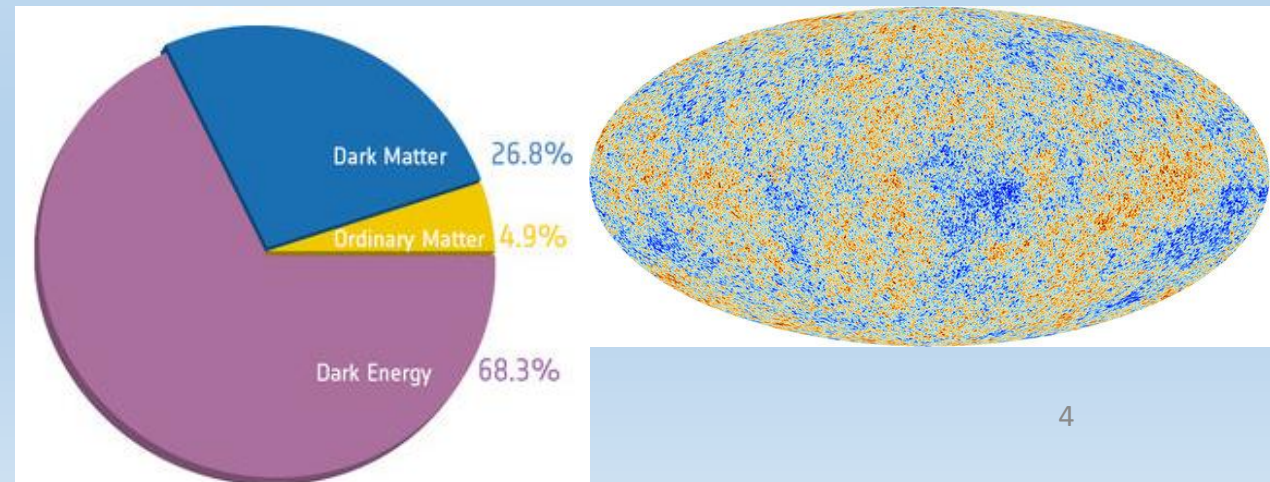
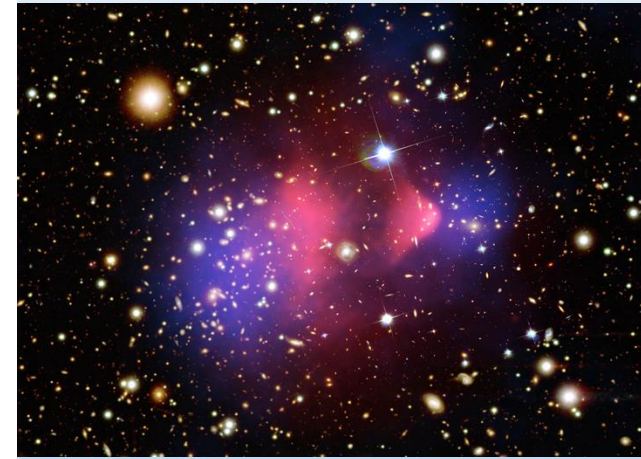
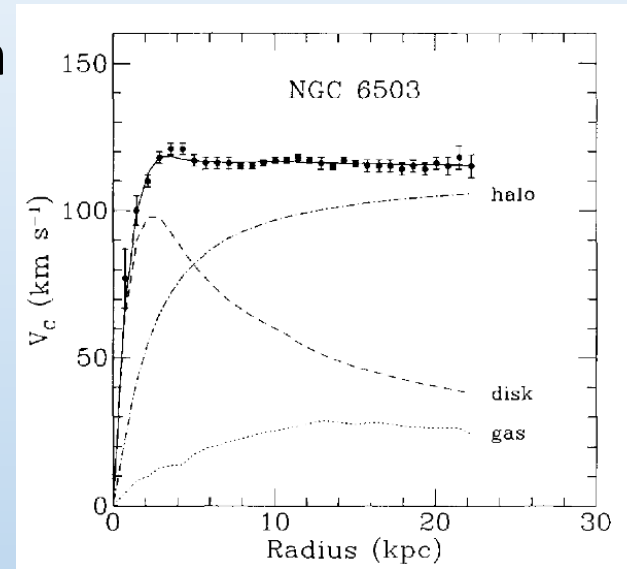
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Introduction

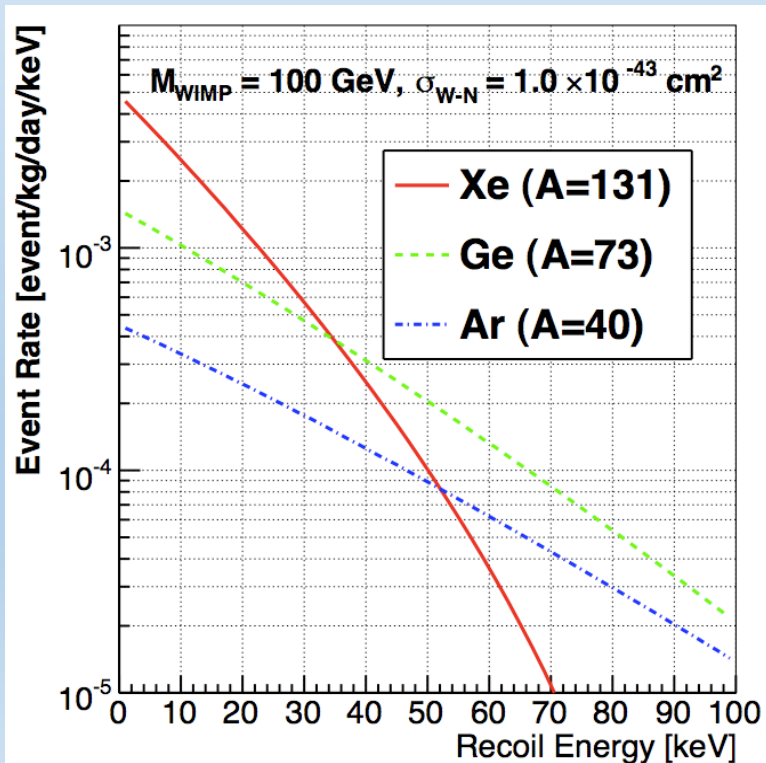
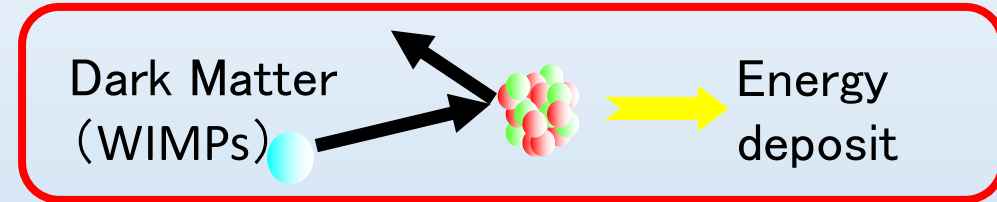
Dark matter

- There are substantial astronomical observations which support the existence of dark matter in the universe.
 - Rotation curve of galaxies
 - Bullet clusters
 - Gravitational lensing
 - Cosmic microwave background
 - etc
- However, its identity is still unknown.
- The most plausible candidate is Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs).



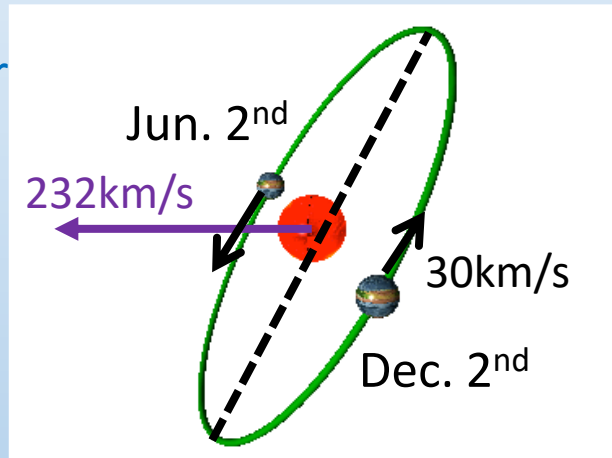
Strategy of direct dark matter searches

- Look for scattering of dark matter and detector material
 - Energy spectrum (or number of events)
 - Annual modulation of event rate
 - Direction of dark matter “wind”



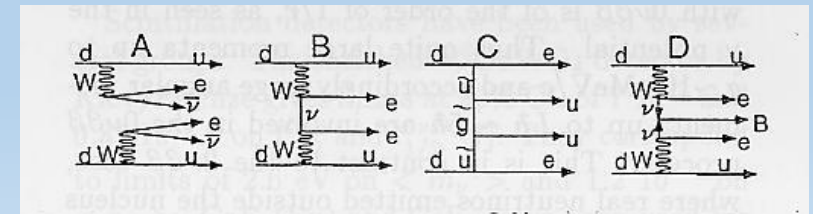
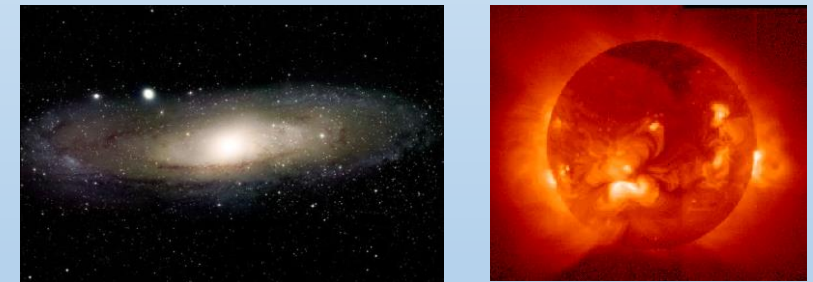
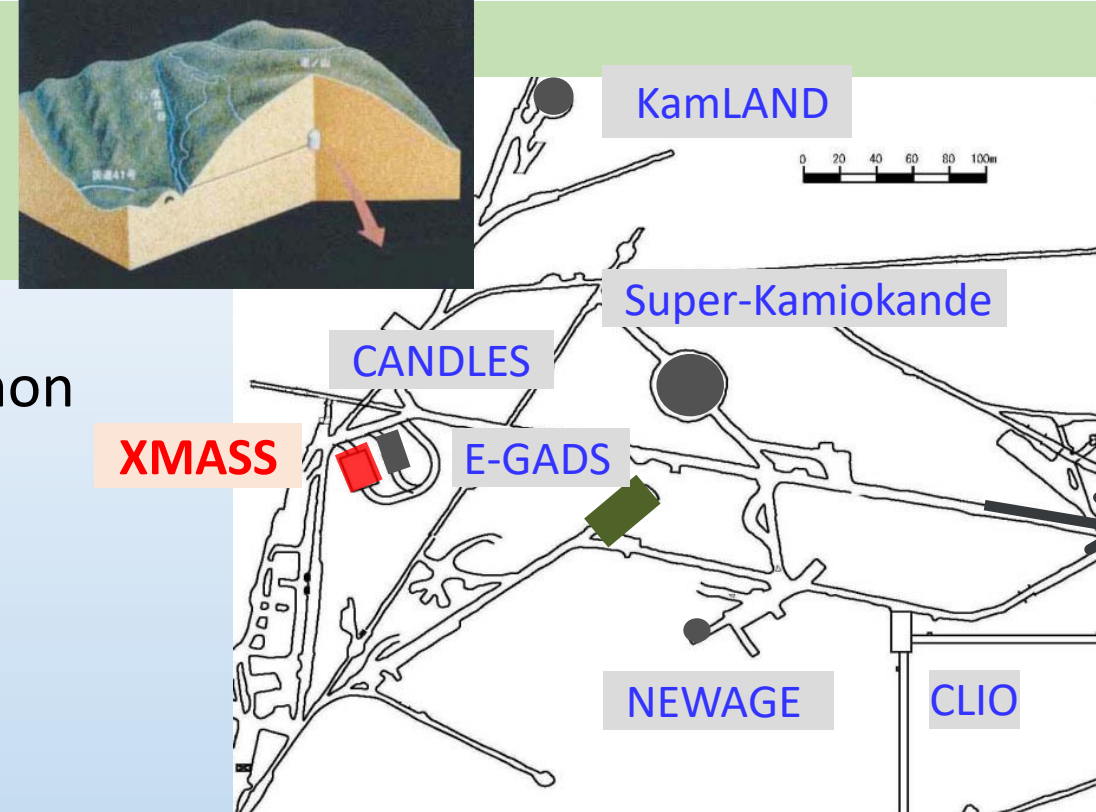
“Wind” of dark matter

Cygnus



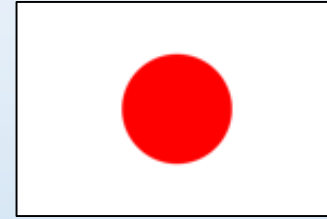
The XMASS project

- XMASS: a multi purpose experiment with liquid xenon
- Located 1,000 m underground (2,700 m.w.e.) at the Kamioka Observatory in Japan
- Aiming for
 - ❑ Direct detection of **dark matter**
 - ❑ Observation of low energy **solar neutrinos ($pp/{}^7\text{Be}$)**
 - ❑ Search for **neutrino-less double beta decay**
- Features
 - ❑ Low energy threshold ($\sim 0.5\text{keVee}$)
 - ❑ Sensitive to e/γ events as well as nuclear recoil
 - ❑ Large target mass and its scalability



XMASS Collaboration

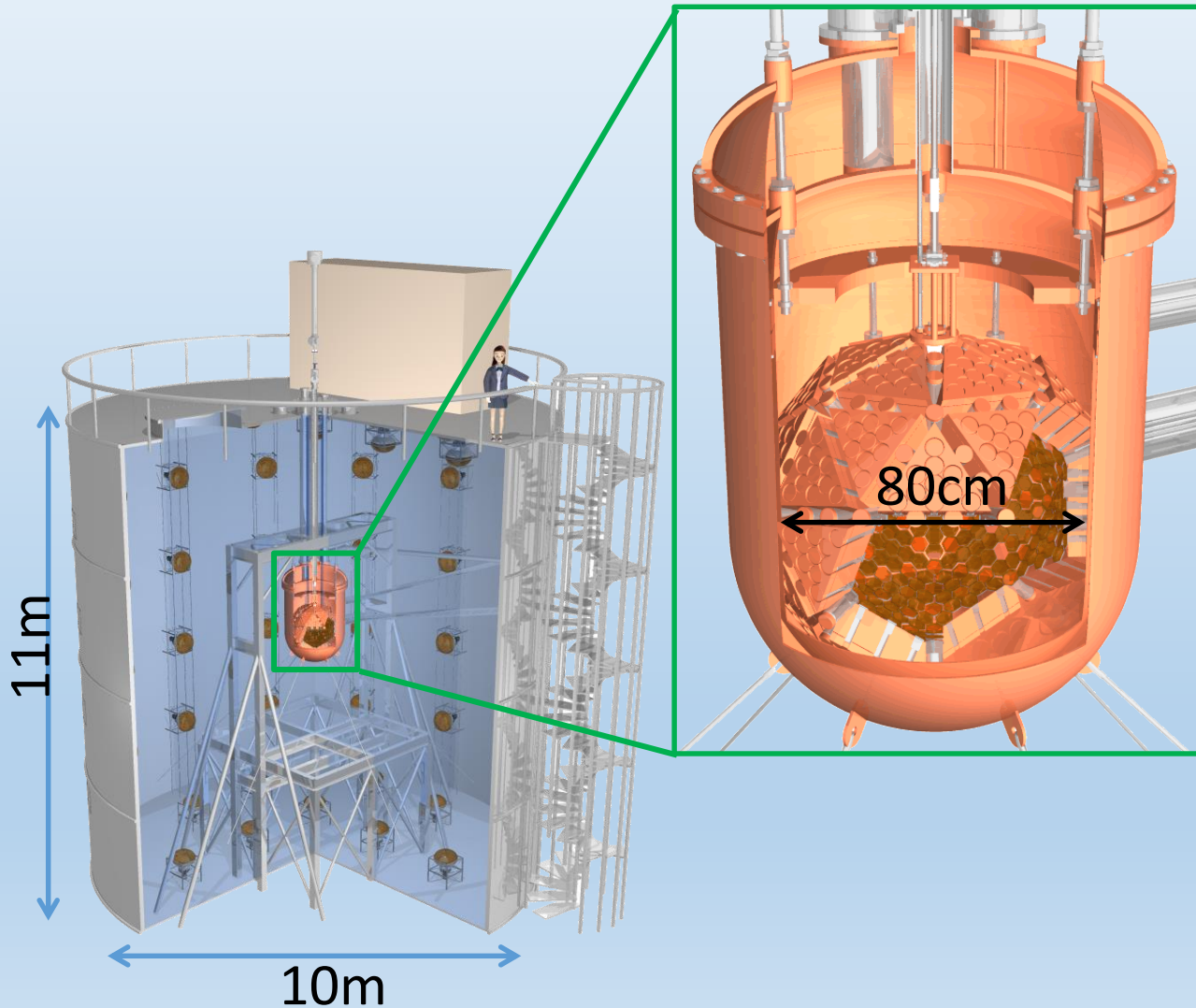
- Kamioka Observatory, the University of Tokyo
- Institute for Basic Science
- Nagoya University
- Kavli IPMU, the University of Tokyo
- Kobe University
- Korea Research Institute of Standards and Science
- Miyagi University of Education
- Nihon University
- Tokai University
- Tokushima University
- Yokohama National University



~40 physicists
from 11 institutes



Single-phase liquid Xenon detector: XMASS-I



● Liquid xenon detector

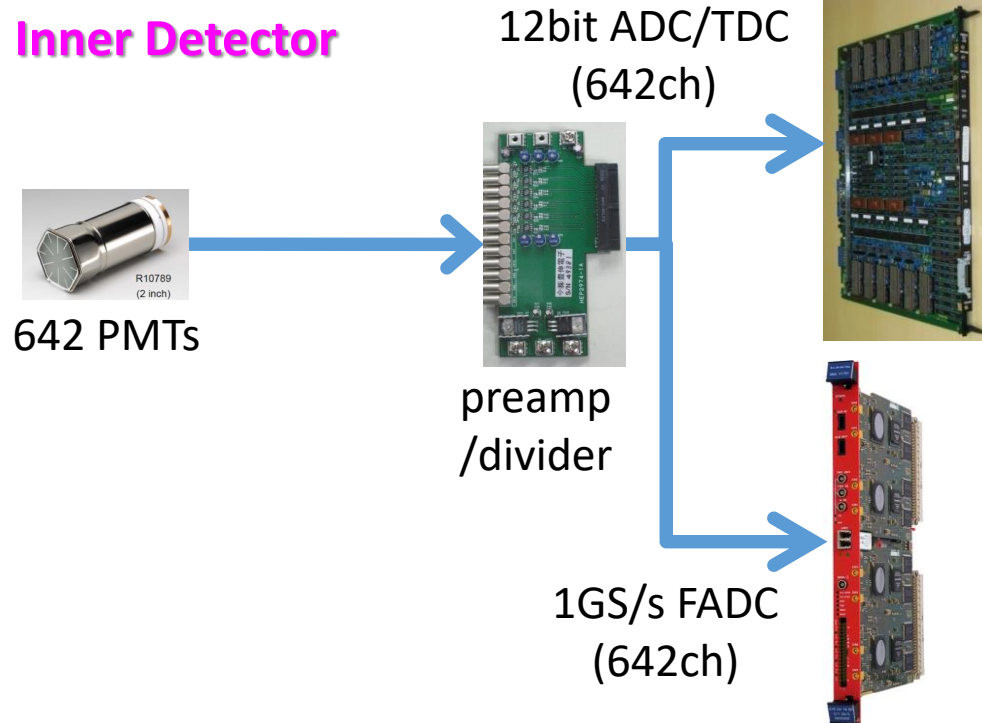
- ❑ 832 kg of liquid xenon (-100 °C)
- ❑ 642 2-inch PMTs
(Photocathode coverage >62%)
- ❑ Each PMT signal is recorded by 10-bit 1GS/s waveform digitizers

● Water Cherenkov detector

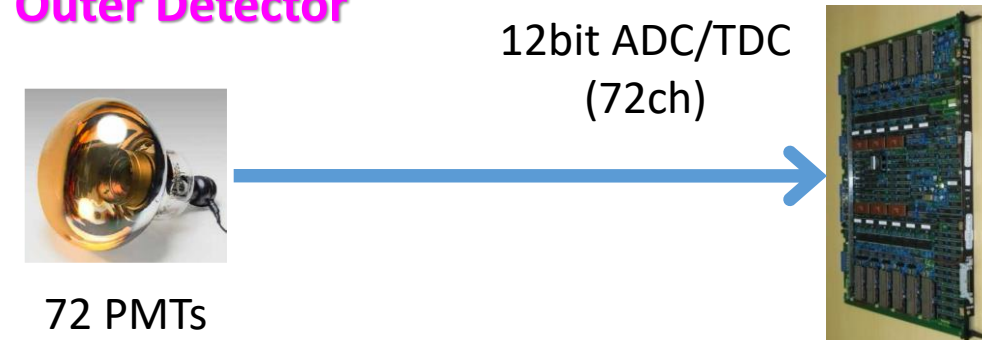
- ❑ 10m diameter, 11m high
- ❑ 72 20-inch PMTs
- ❑ Active shield for cosmic-ray muons
- ❑ Passive shield for n/γ

Readout electronics/DAQ

Inner Detector



Outer Detector



- ADC/TDC (ATM)
 - 642ch (ID) + 72ch (OD)
 - 12 bit resolution
 - ADC dynamic range: 0-450pC
 - TDC dynamic range: 1.3 μ sec
 - Readout through VME
- Flash-ADC (CAEN V1751)
 - 642ch
 - 10 bit resolution, 1V_{pp}
 - Readout through optical links

Inner calibration system

- Various RI sources can be inserted
- Used for light yield monitoring, optical parameter tuning, energy and timing calibrations etc.

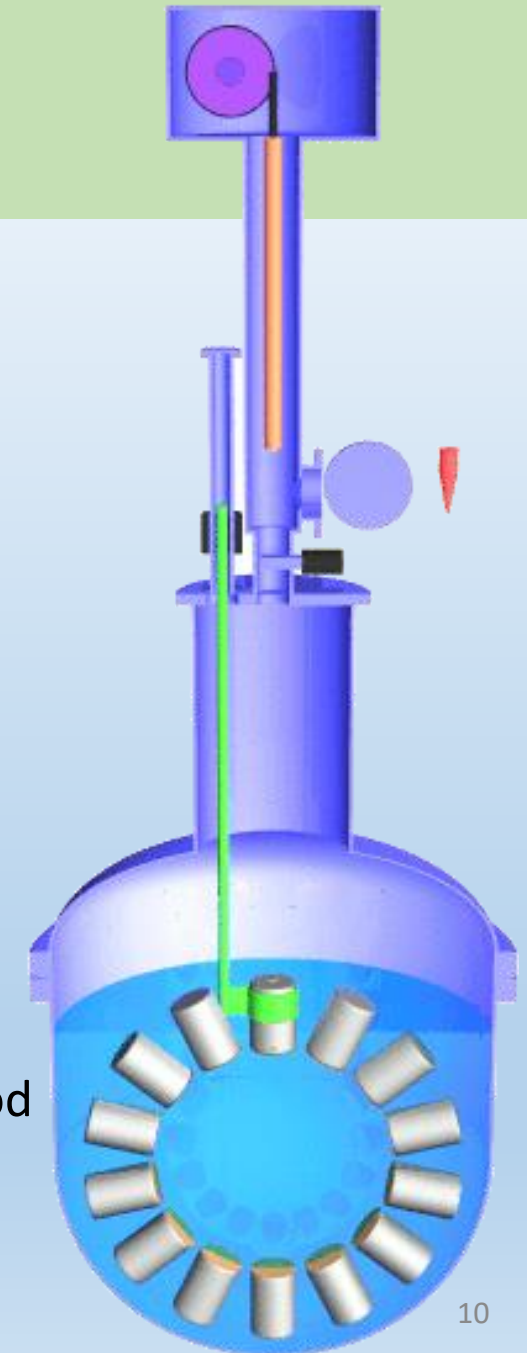
RI	Energy [keV]	Diameter [mm]	Geometry
^{55}Fe	5.9	10	2pi source
^{109}Cd	8, 22, 25, 88	5	2pi source
^{241}Am	17.8, 59.5	0.17	2pi/4pi source
^{57}Co	59.3 (W X-ray), 122	0.21	4pi source
^{137}Cs	662	5	cylindrical

^{57}Co source



Active region is concentrated on the 1.8 mm edge region

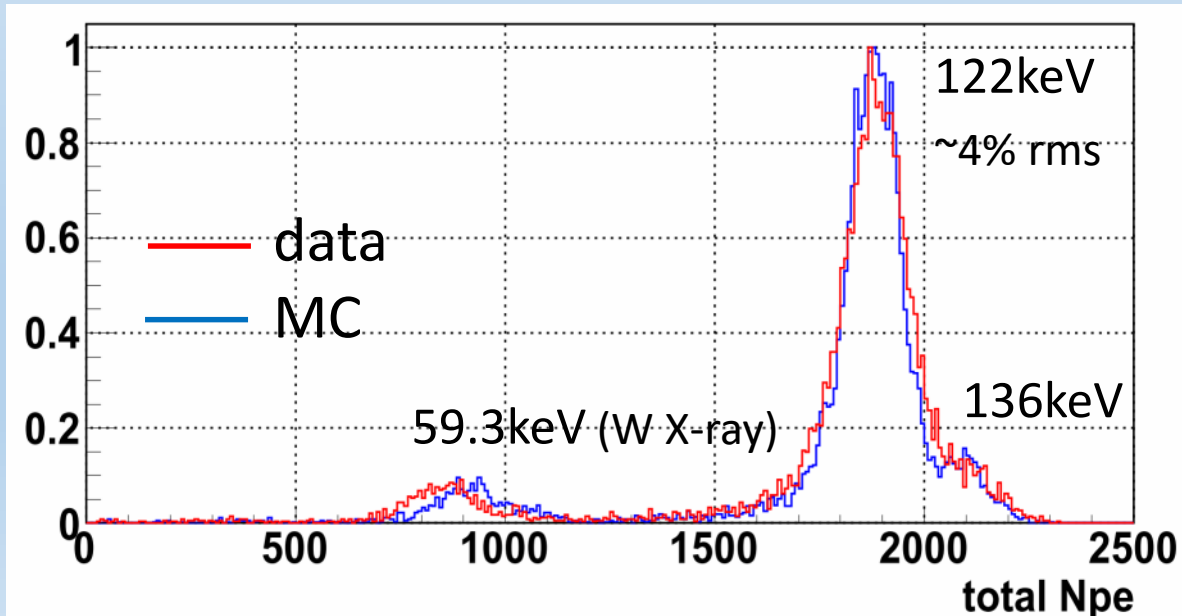
Source rod
(Ti)



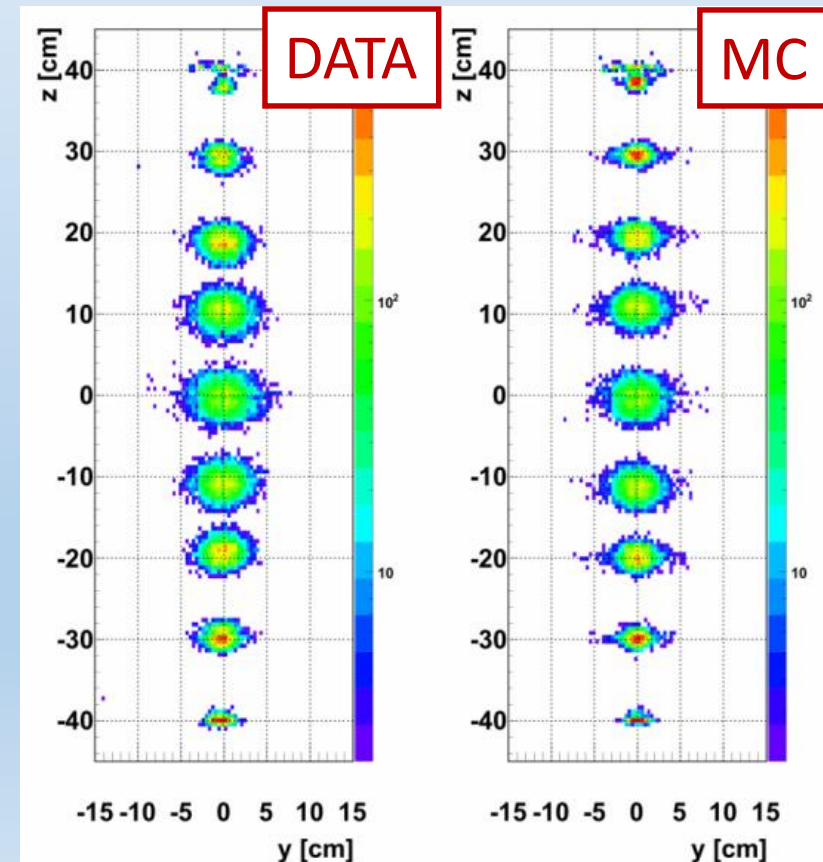
Detector response

- Photoelectron yield is monitored by the ^{57}Co source.
- The distributions are reproduced by simulation well.

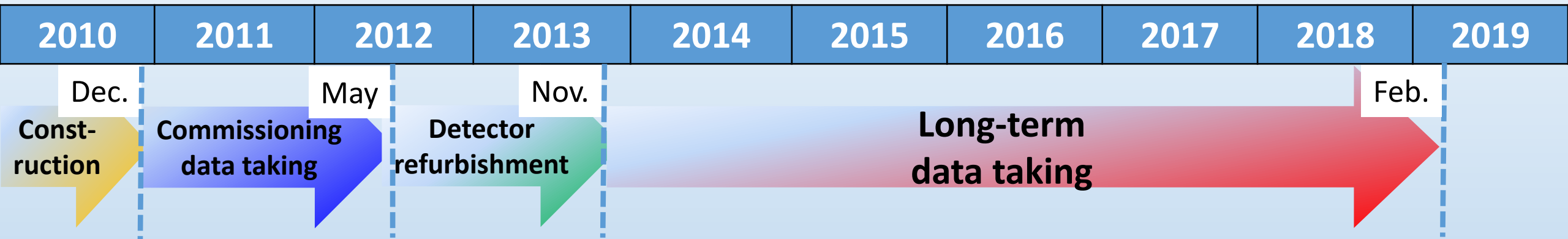
Total number of photoelectrons



Reconstructed vertex



History of XMASS-I data-taking



- Detector construction completed in Dec. 2010
- Commissioning data-taking in 2010-2012
 - Low mass WIMPs, solar axions, bosonic super-WIMPs, etc.
- Detector refurbishment in 2012-2013
- Long-term data-taking in 2013-2019
 - Annual modulation, standard WIMPs, etc.
 - >5 years of data
- Data analyses are still ongoing.

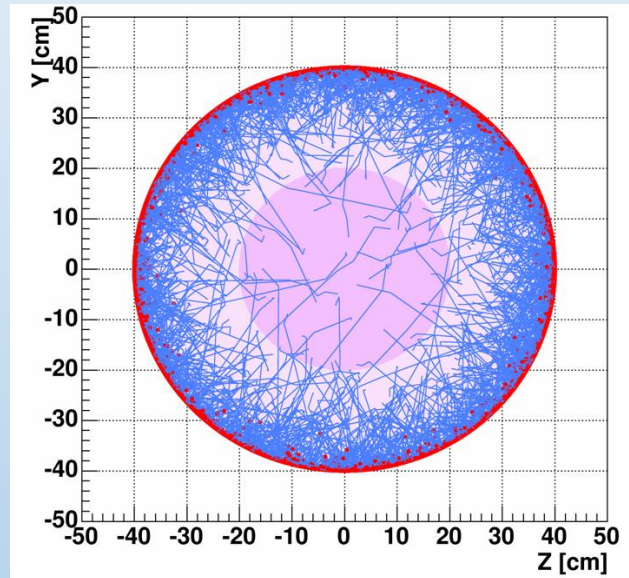
Recent dark matter search results from XMASS

1) WIMP dark matter search by fiducialization

Introduction

^{57}Co 122keV

Traces of γ -rays from PMTs



Fiducial volume
 $R < 20\text{cm}$

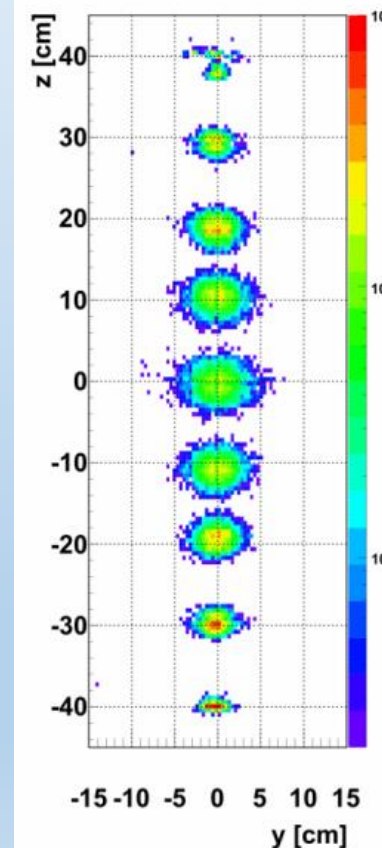
- Self-shielding of external γ -rays owing to high atomic number ($Z=54$) and high density (2.9g/cm^3)
- Event vertex position and energy are reconstructed using number of PE in each PMT

$$L(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{642} p_i(n_i)$$

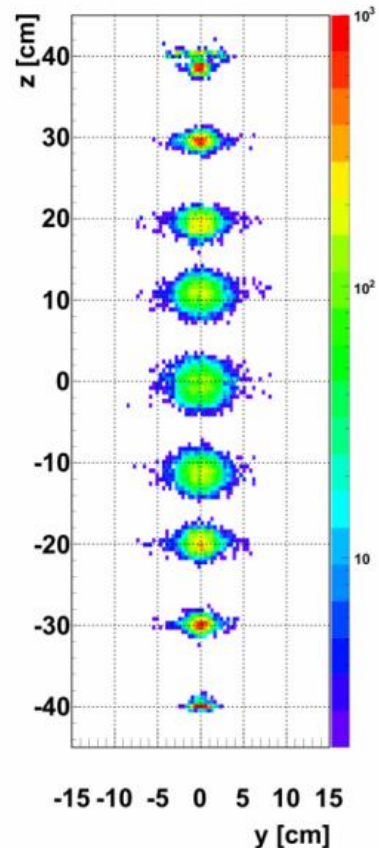
$P_i(n)$: probability that the i -th PMT detects n PE

Reconstructed vertex

DATA

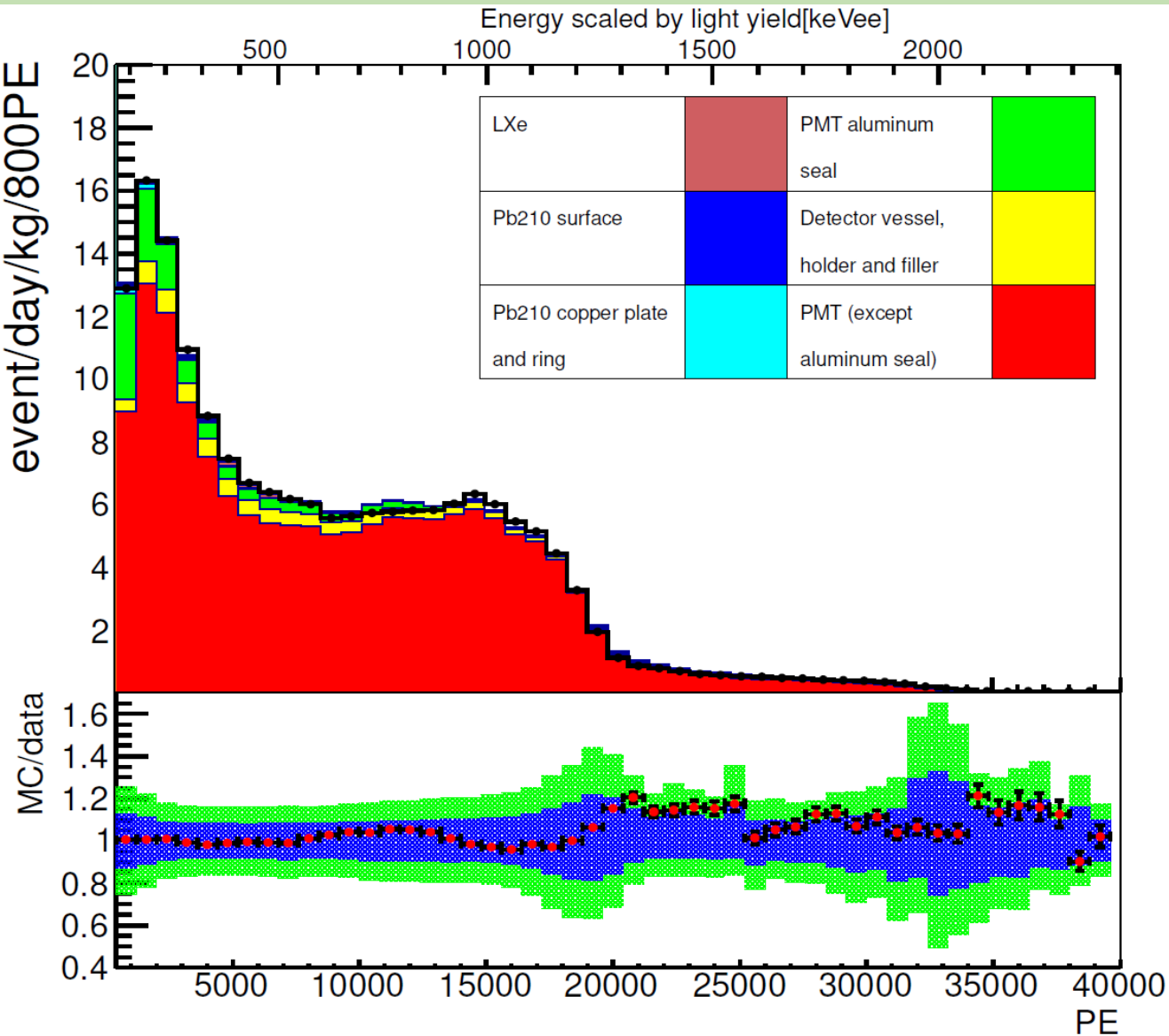


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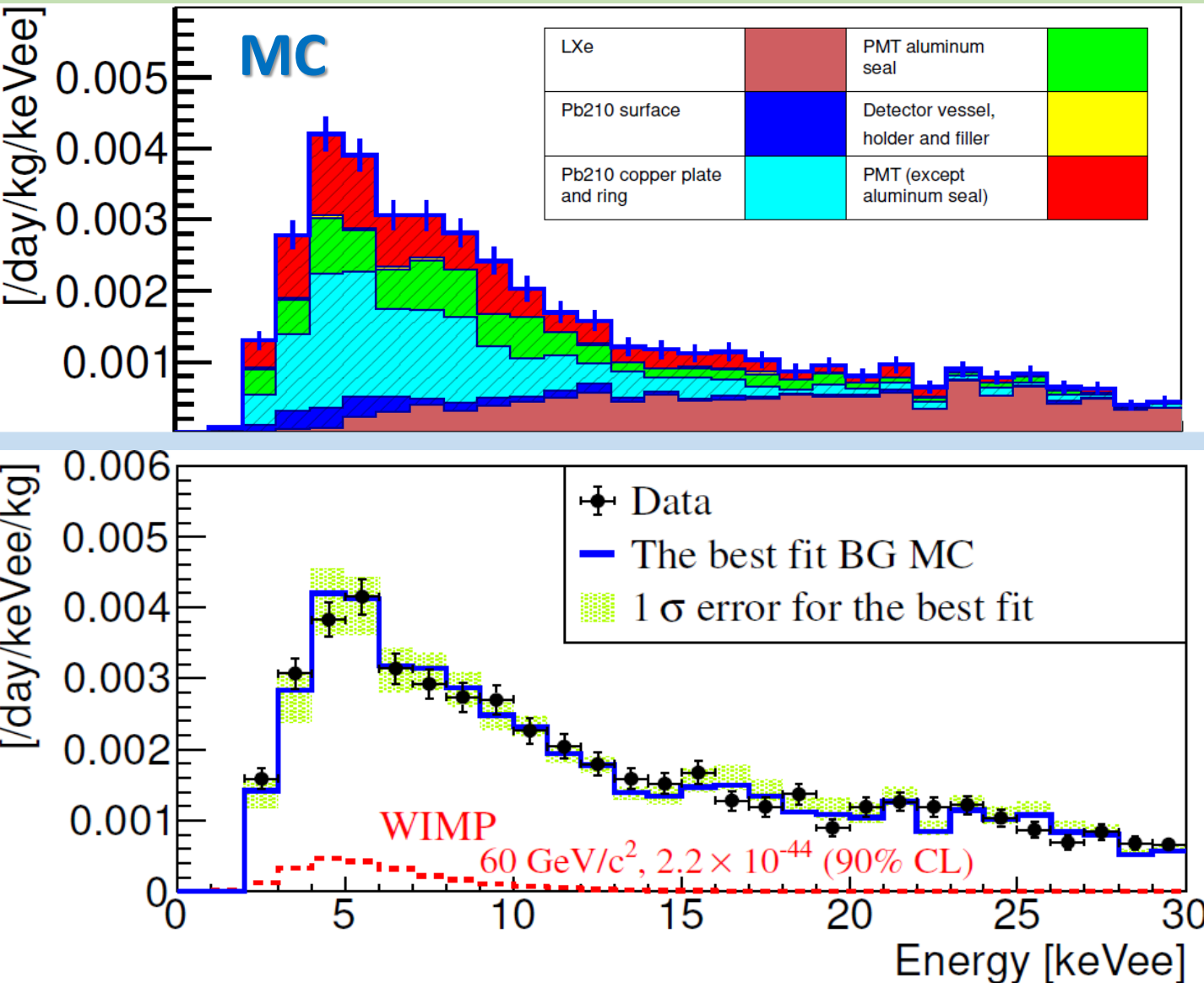
Background spectrum in the whole 832kg volume



- All the detector material (except for copper and LXe) was screened by the Ge detector before installation.
- Then, the energy spectrum above 30 keV was fitted under these constraints.
- α -rays are selected using scintillation decay time to constrain PMT/copper surface/bulk ^{210}Pb .
 - ▣ Contamination of ^{210}Pb (~ 20 mBq/kg) in the bulk of the copper was identified by a low-BG alpha-particle counter
- Internal background (RIs in LXe)
 - Negligible in this figure
 - ^{222}Rn : 10.3 ± 0.2 $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$
 - ^{85}Kr : 0.30 ± 0.05 $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$
 - ^{39}Ar , ^{14}C : evaluated by spectrum fit in $R < 30\text{cm}$ and $30 - 250$ keV_{ee}

1) WIMP dark matter search by fiducialization

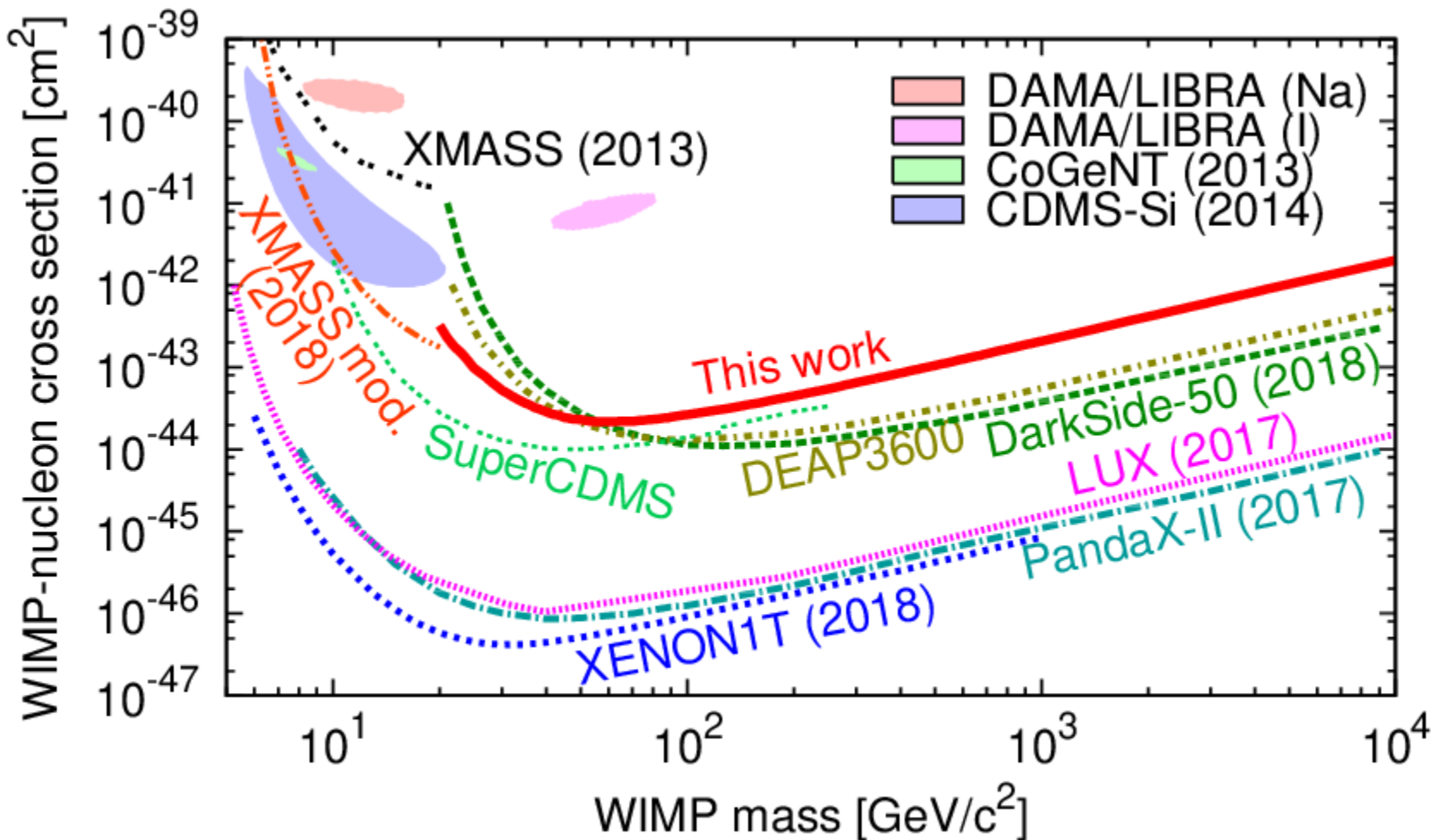
Results: energy spectrum in the fiducial volume



- 706 live days taken in Nov. 2013 – Mar. 2016
- Fiducial mass 97kg ($R < 20\text{cm}$)
- Main background in the WIMP search region
 - ^{210}Pb in the copper bulk
 - γ -rays from PMTs
 - Neutrons, alpha-rays are negligible
- The energy spectrum at 2-15 keVee is fitted with signal + background.
- Systematic uncertainties are taken into account as nuisance parameters in the fit.
 - Detector surface conditions (gap, roughness) are dominant.

1) WIMP dark matter search by fiducialization

Results: Limits on SI WIMP-nucleon cross section



- 97kg x 706 days exposure
- 90% CL upper limit on spin-independent WIMP-nucleon cross section was derived.
 - $\sigma_{\text{SI}} < 2.2 \times 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2 (60 \text{ GeV}/c^2)$
- First stringent constraint by a single-phase LXe detector
- Published in Phys. Lett. B789 (2019) 45.

2) WIMP- ^{129}Xe inelastic scattering

Introduction

- Inelastic scattering of WIMP- ^{129}Xe with nuclear excitation



□ Nuclear recoil + 39.6 keV γ -ray

□ Natural abundance of ^{129}Xe : 26.4% (2nd highest in xenon)

- Observation of the inelastic channel would imply

□ WIMP has a spin

□ Spin-dependent (SD) interaction exists

- XMASS has intensively searched for this process

□ 1st analysis [*PTEP*2014, 063C01 (2014)]

✓ 132 days x 41 kg

✓ Conservative limit w/o background subtraction

□ New analysis:

✓ 800 days x 327 kg (x48 larger exposure)

✓ Spectrum fitting with signal + background model

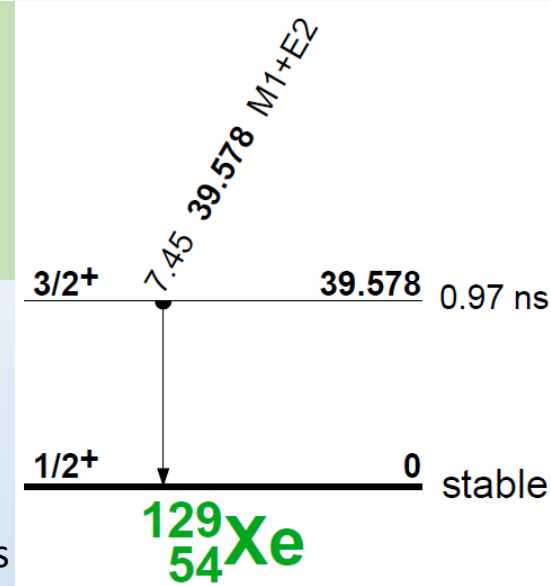
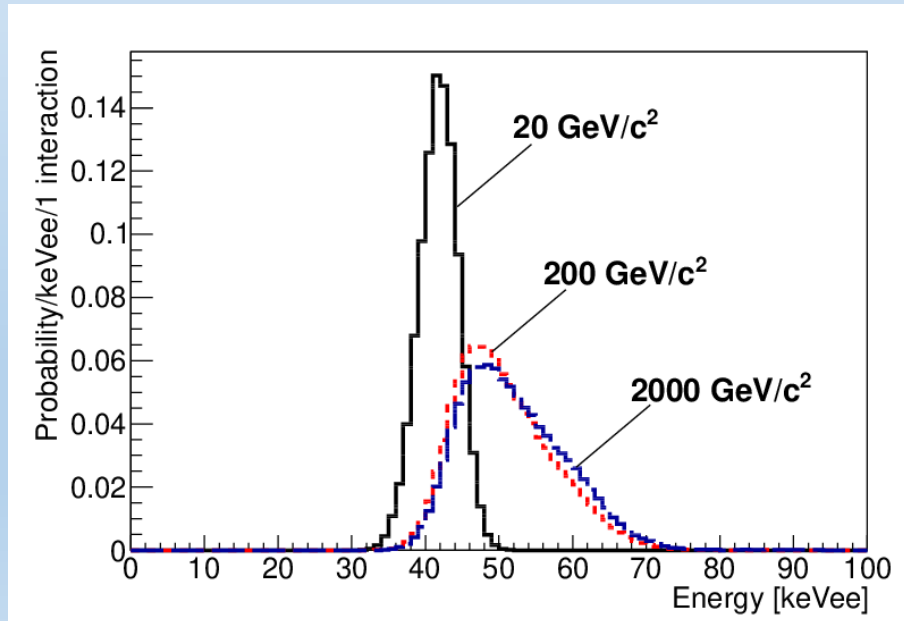


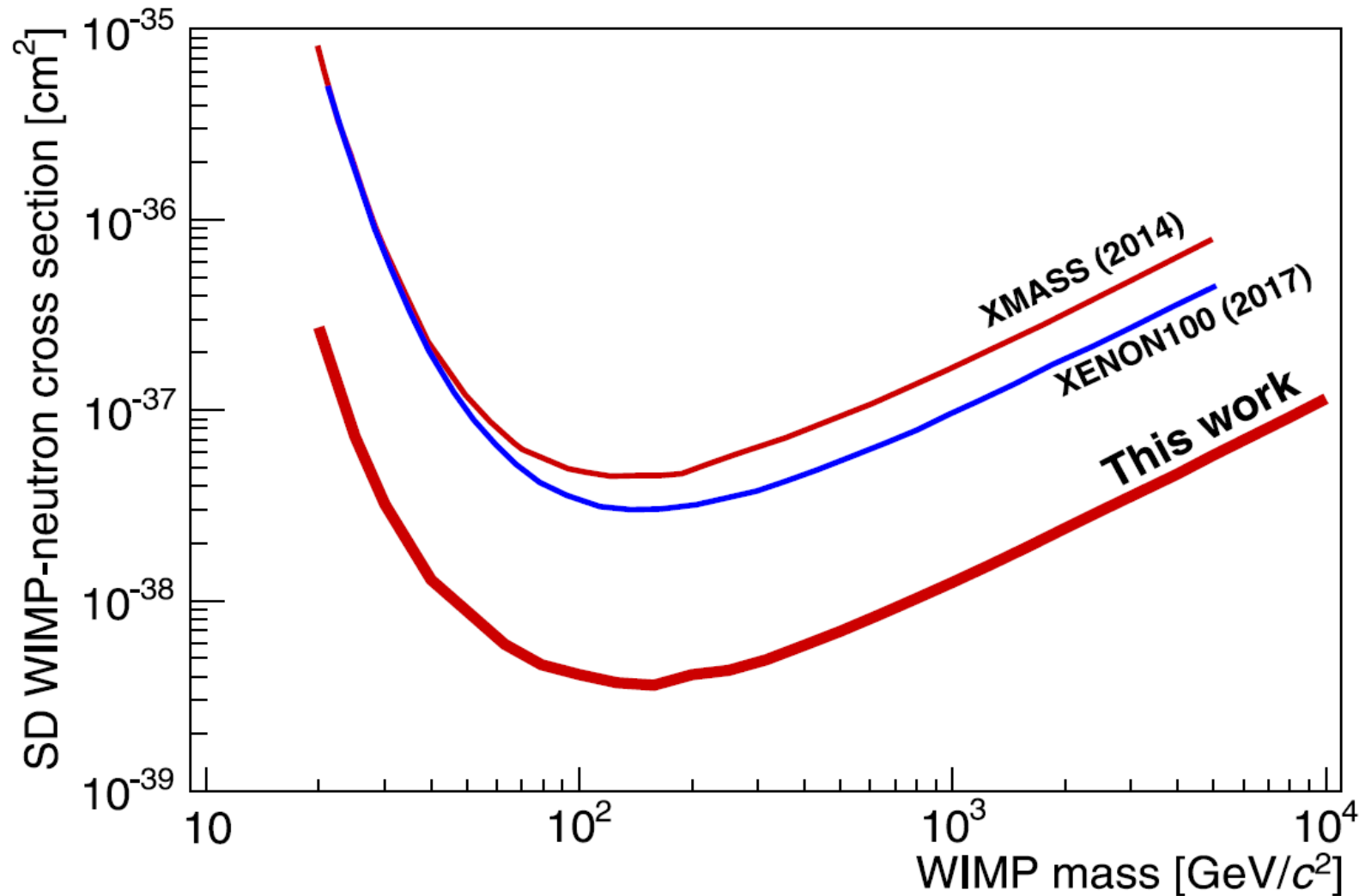
Fig. taken from
Table of isotopes

Simulated energy spectra (area normalized)



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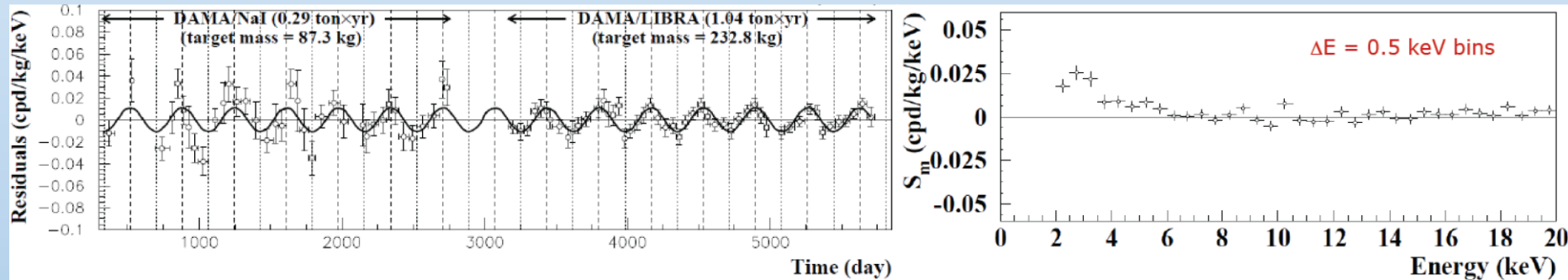
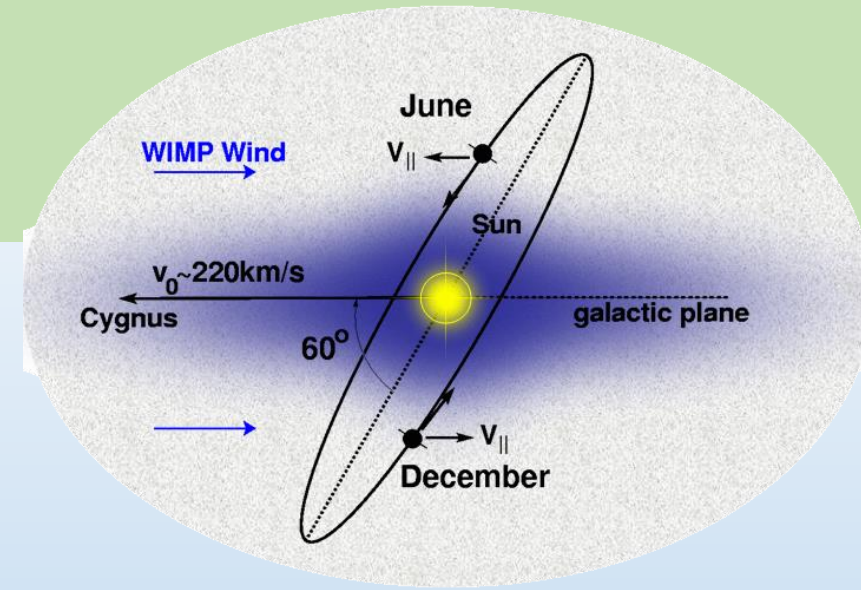


- 800 days x 327 kg exposure
- No significant signal was observed.
- Hence, 90% CL limit on the SD WIMP-neutron cross section was set.
 $\square \sigma < 4.1 \times 10^{-39} \text{ cm}^2$ for $200 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- The most stringent limit among searches in the SD inelastic channel
- Published in *Astropart. Phys.* 110 (2019) 1.

3) Annual modulation search

Introduction

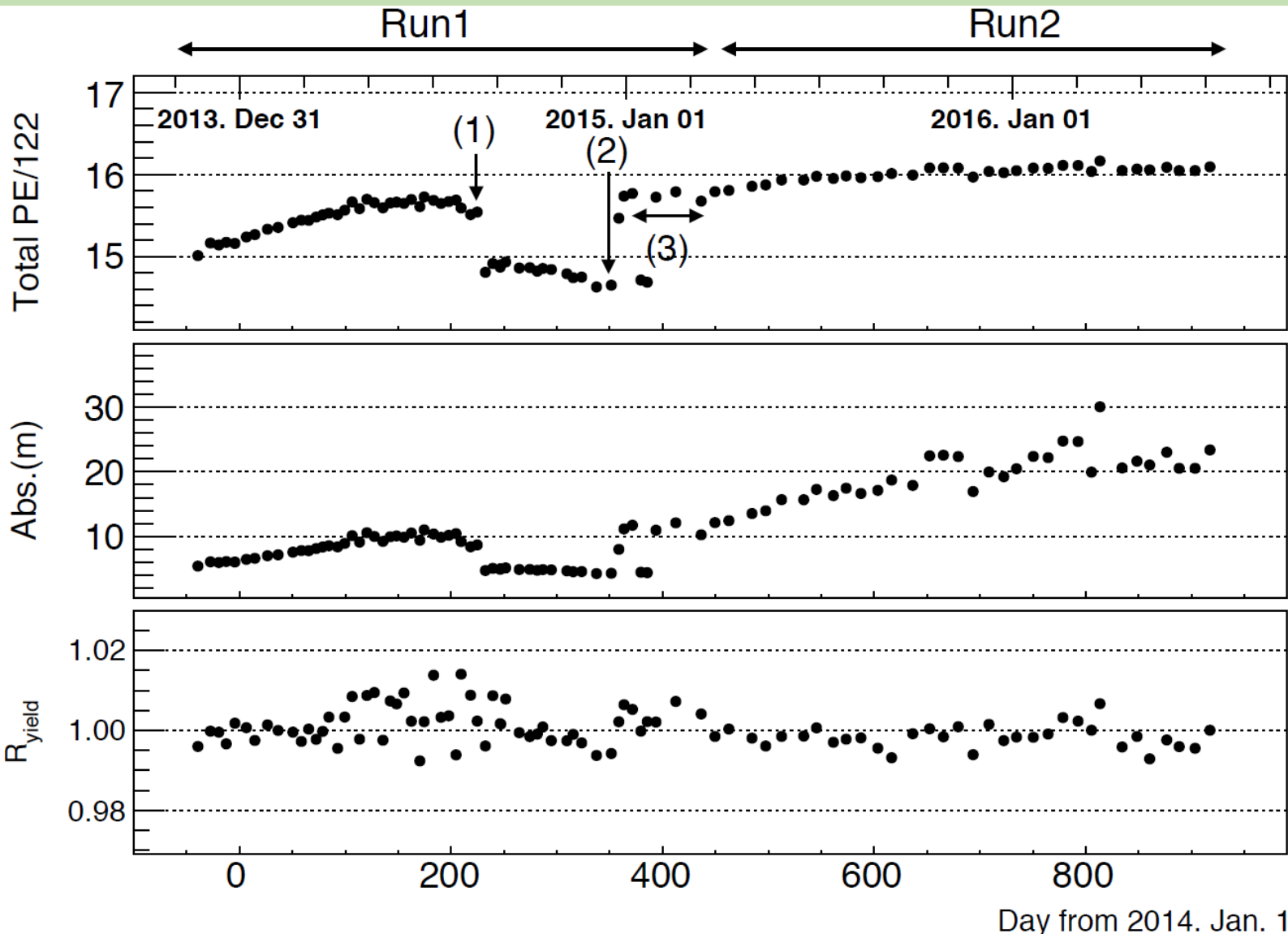
- Expect annual modulation of event rate of dark matter signal due to Earth's rotation around the Sun.
- DAMA/LIBRA claims modulation at 9.3σ
 - Total exposure of 1.33 ton year (14 cycles)
 - Modulation amplitude of (0.0112 ± 0.0012) cpd/kg/keV for 2-6 keV



- Annual modulation search in XMASS
 - 800.0 live days x 832 kg (=1.82 ton year)
 - Analysis threshold 1 keVee (=4.8 keVnr)
 - Look for event rate modulation not only for nuclear recoil but also for e/γ events

3) Annual modulation search

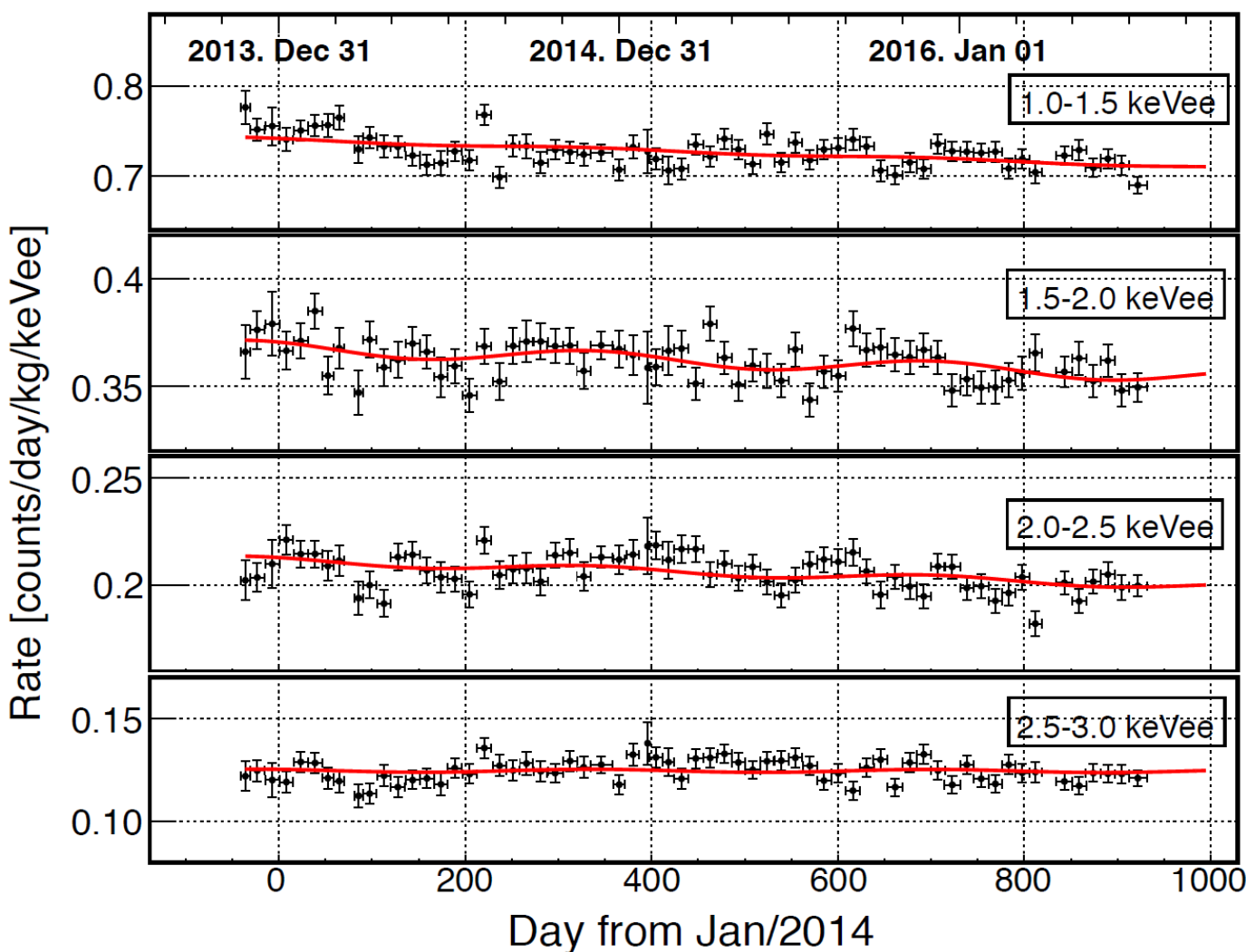
Detector stability



- (1) Power cut
- (2) Switched to other refrigerator
- (3) Purification work
- Large photoelectron yield
~15 PE/keV
- Evaluated absorption length
4-30 m, scattering length ~52cm
- Stable intrinsic light yield
Std: 2.4% (Run1), 0.5% (Run2)

3) Annual modulation search

Results: time variation of event rate



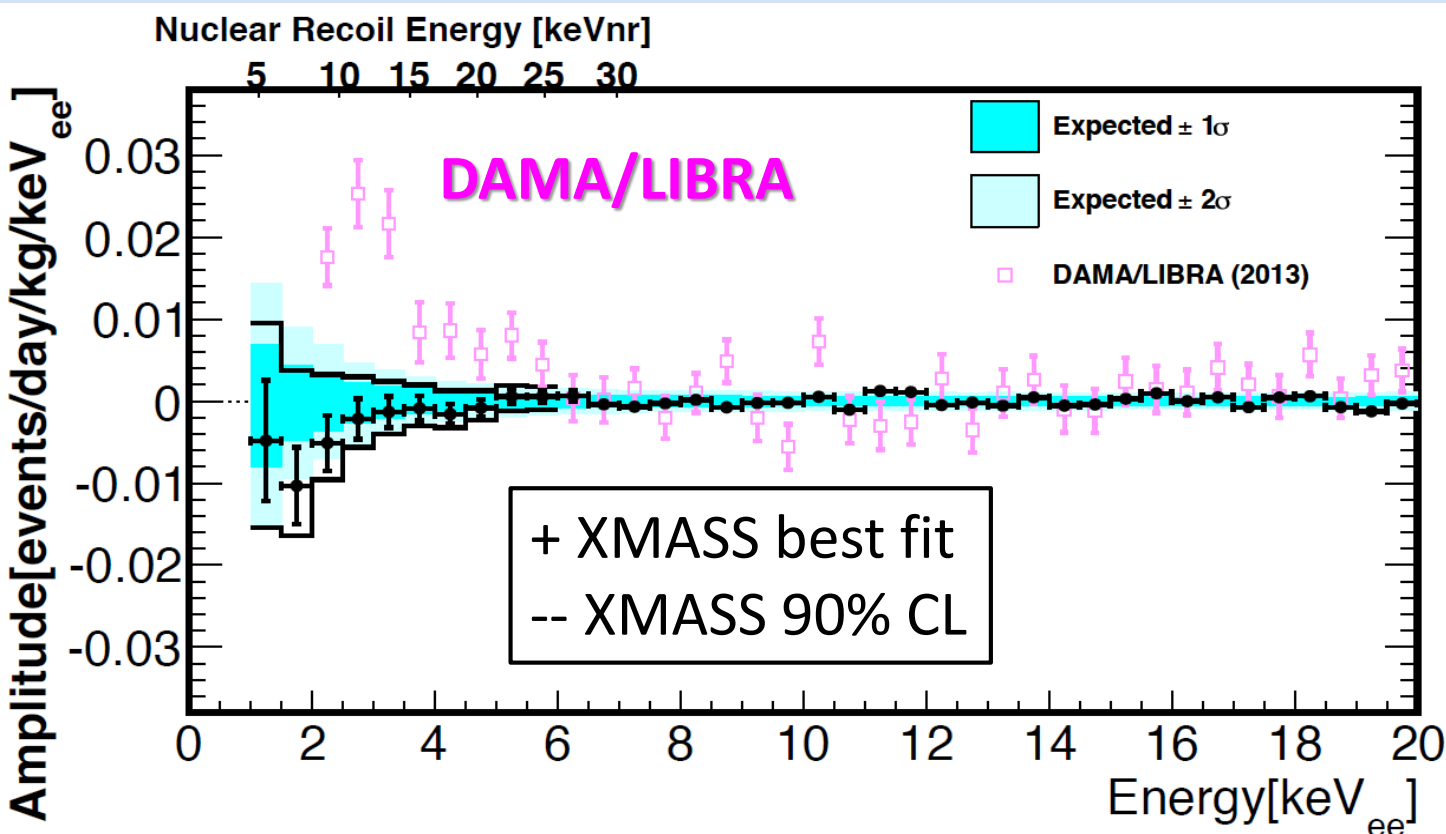
$$R_{i,j}^{\text{ex}} = \int_{t_j - \frac{1}{2}\Delta t_j}^{t_j + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t_j} \left(\epsilon_{i,j}^s A_i^s \cos 2\pi \frac{(t - \phi)}{T} + \epsilon_{i,j}^b(\alpha) (B_i^b t + C_i^b) \right) dt$$

- Background was modeled using a simple linear function to take into account long-lived isotopes (e.g. ^{60}Co and ^{210}Pb)
- Energy resolution (σ/E) is estimated to be 36% (19%) at 1 keVee (5keVee) based on gamma-ray calibrations

3) Annual modulation search

Results: model independent analysis

- Without assuming any specific dark matter model.
- $T=365.24$ days and $\phi=152.5$ day are fixed.
- Important to look for various candidates.



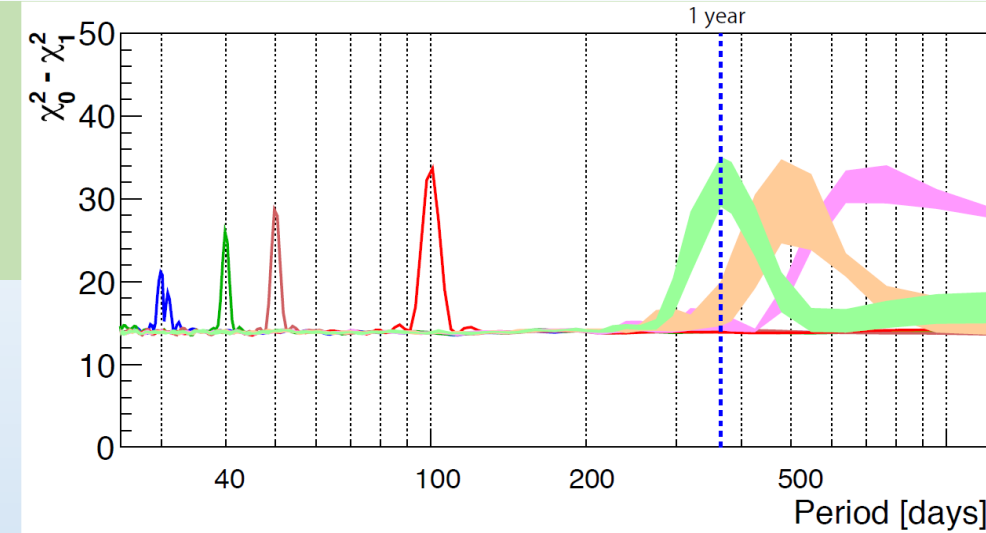
Experiment	Amplitude (/day/kg/keV _{ee})
DAMA/LIBRA	$\sim 20 \times 10^{-3}$ (2-3.5 keV _{ee})
XENON100	$(1.67 \pm 0.73) \times 10^{-3}$ (2-5.8 keV _{ee})
XMASS	$< (1.3-3.2) \times 10^{-3}$ (2-6 keV _{ee})

- 1-20 keV_{ee} energy range
- Null hypothesis: p-value=0.11 (1.6 σ)
 - Less significant than the previous result (2.5 σ)
- Most stringent constraints on modulation amplitudes.

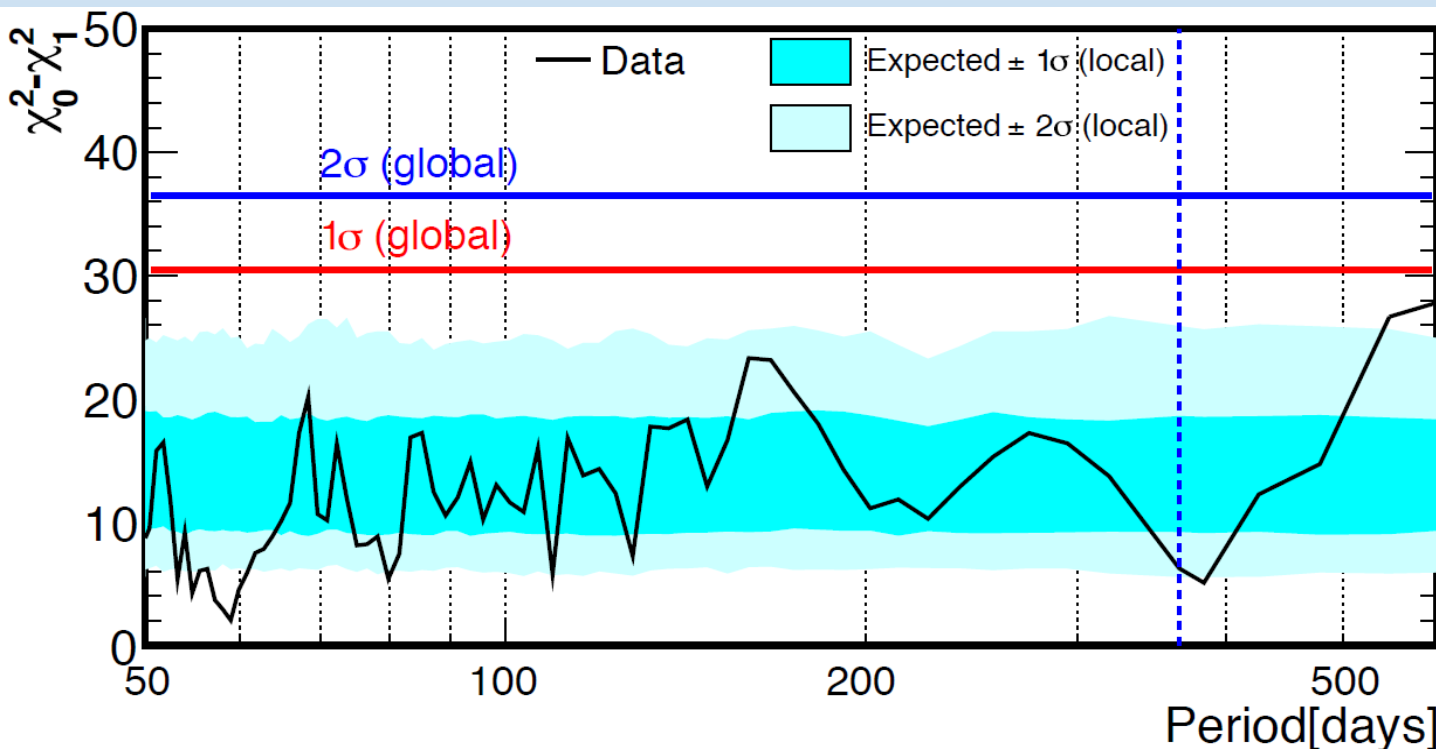
3) Annual modulation search

Results: frequency analysis

- Test statistics: $\Delta\chi^2 = \chi^2(\text{null}) - \chi^2(\text{modulation})$
- Use the 1-6 keV energy range
- Phase is a free parameter
- Checked global significance to take into account “look elsewhere effect”



Dummy samples with artificial periodicity



- Sensitivity study
 - ❑ Lose significance in $T < 50$ days (← using 15-day time-bins)
 - ❑ Worse resolution for $T > 600$ days (← nearly duration of data-taking)
- Tested only for $T = 50$ -600 days for the data
 - ❑ No significant periodicity was found.

4) sub-GeV and multi-GeV DM search by annual modulation

Introduction

- Conventional searches for WIMPs dark matter
 - ❑ Via DM-nucleus elastic scattering
 - ❑ Difficult to search for $M_\chi < 4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- New approach to sub-GeV dark matter
 - ❑ There are irreducible DM-nucleus inelastic scattering
 - ❑ Bremsstrahlung photon emission
 - ✓ Photon emission from the nucleus in the DM-nucleus scattering
 - ✓ C. Kouvaris and J. Pradler, PRL 118, 031803 (2017)
 - ❑ Electron emission by Migdal effect
 - ✓ Ionization and excitation of the atom after nuclear recoil in the DM-nucleus scattering
 - ✓ M. Ibe et al., JHEP03, 194 (2018)
- XMASS searches for annual modulation of such signals

Focused
in this work

Fig. from C. Kouvaris & J. Pradler, PRL 118, 031803 (2017)

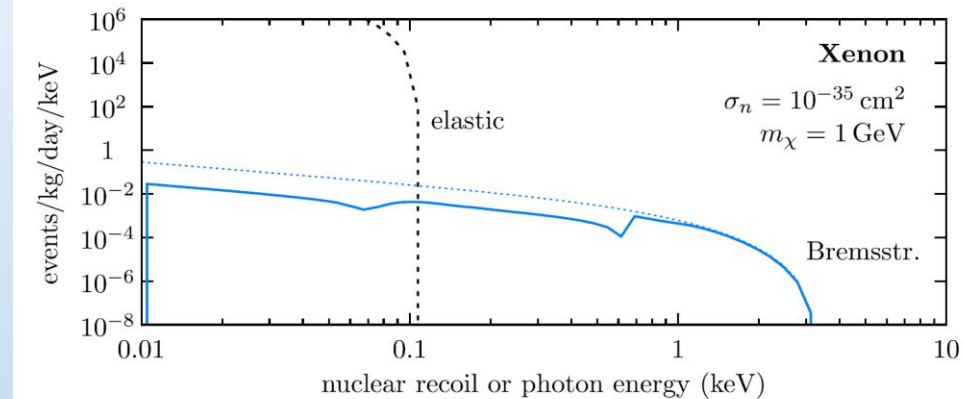
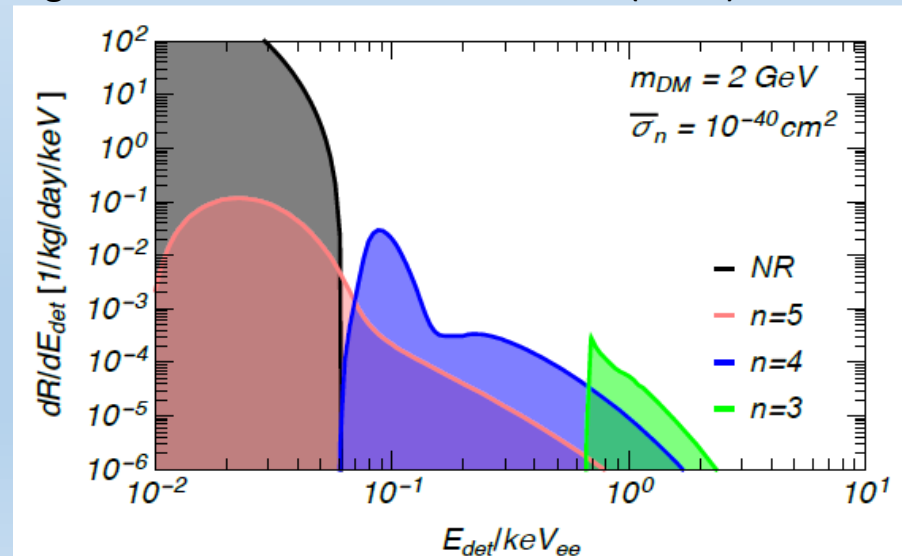


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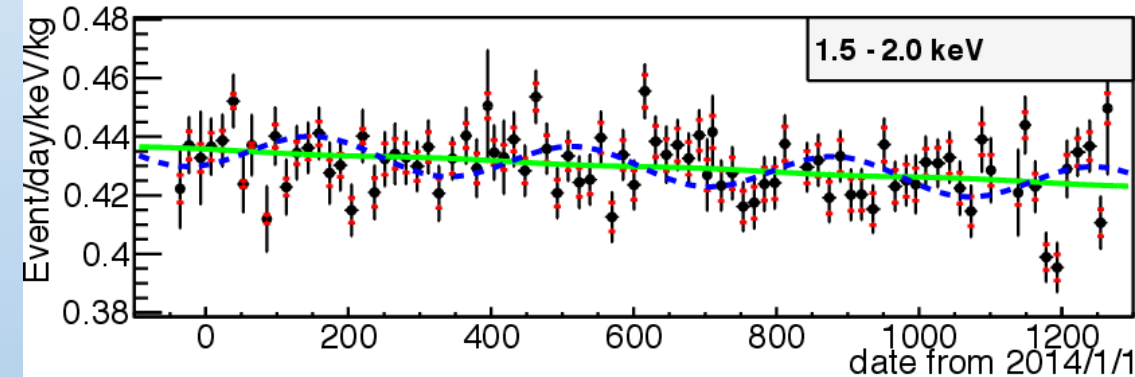
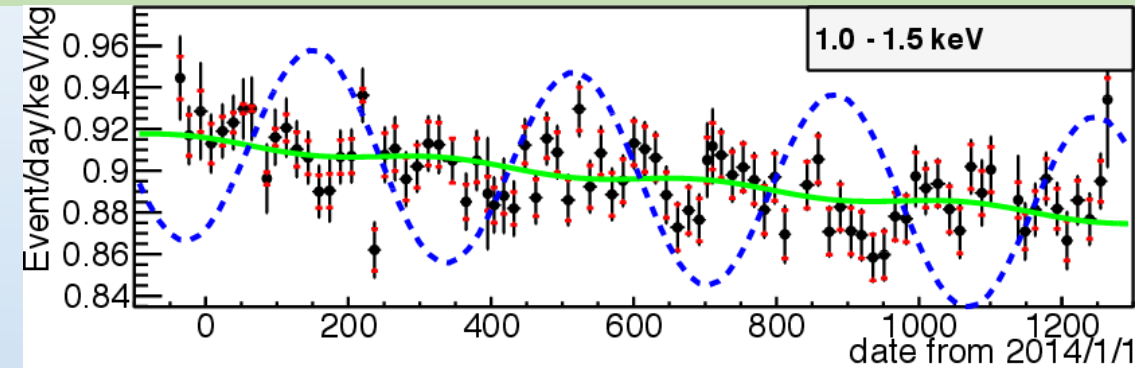
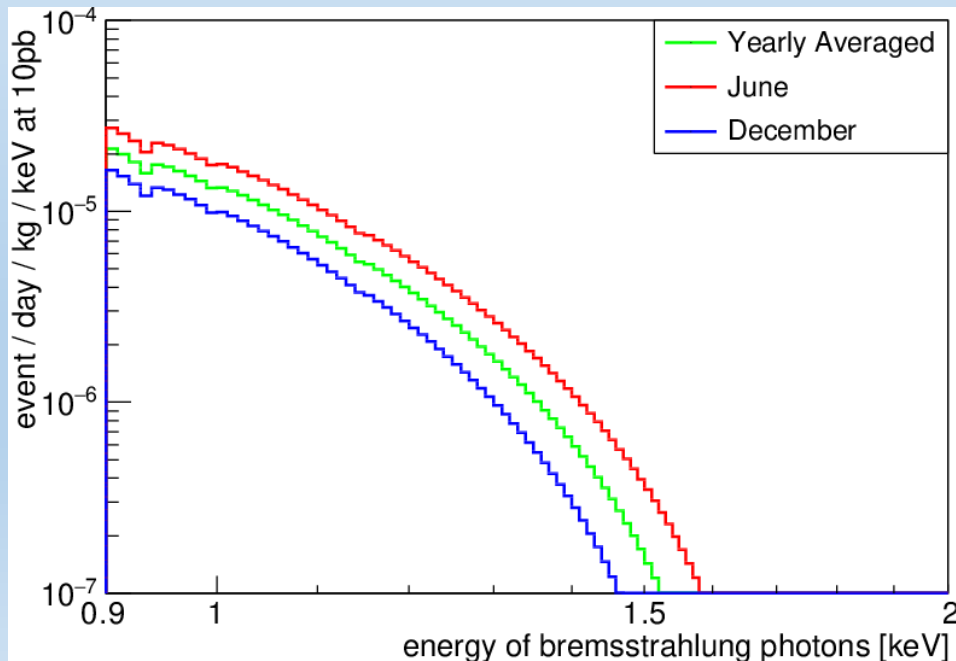
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Annual modulation search

- Total live time of 2.8 year (in 3.5 calendar year)
= Total exposure of 2.38 ton-years
- Energy threshold of 1 keV_{ee} for brems. search

$$R_{exp} = \int_{t_j - \delta t_j}^{t_j + \delta t_j} dt \left[\underbrace{E_{bg} \cdot (C_{bg} + S_{bg} \cdot t)}_{\text{BG}} + \underbrace{\sigma \cdot E_{sig} \left\{ C_{sig} + A_{sig} \cos 2\pi \frac{t - t_0}{T} \right\}}_{\text{signal}} \right]$$

Simulated
time variation of
energy spectrum



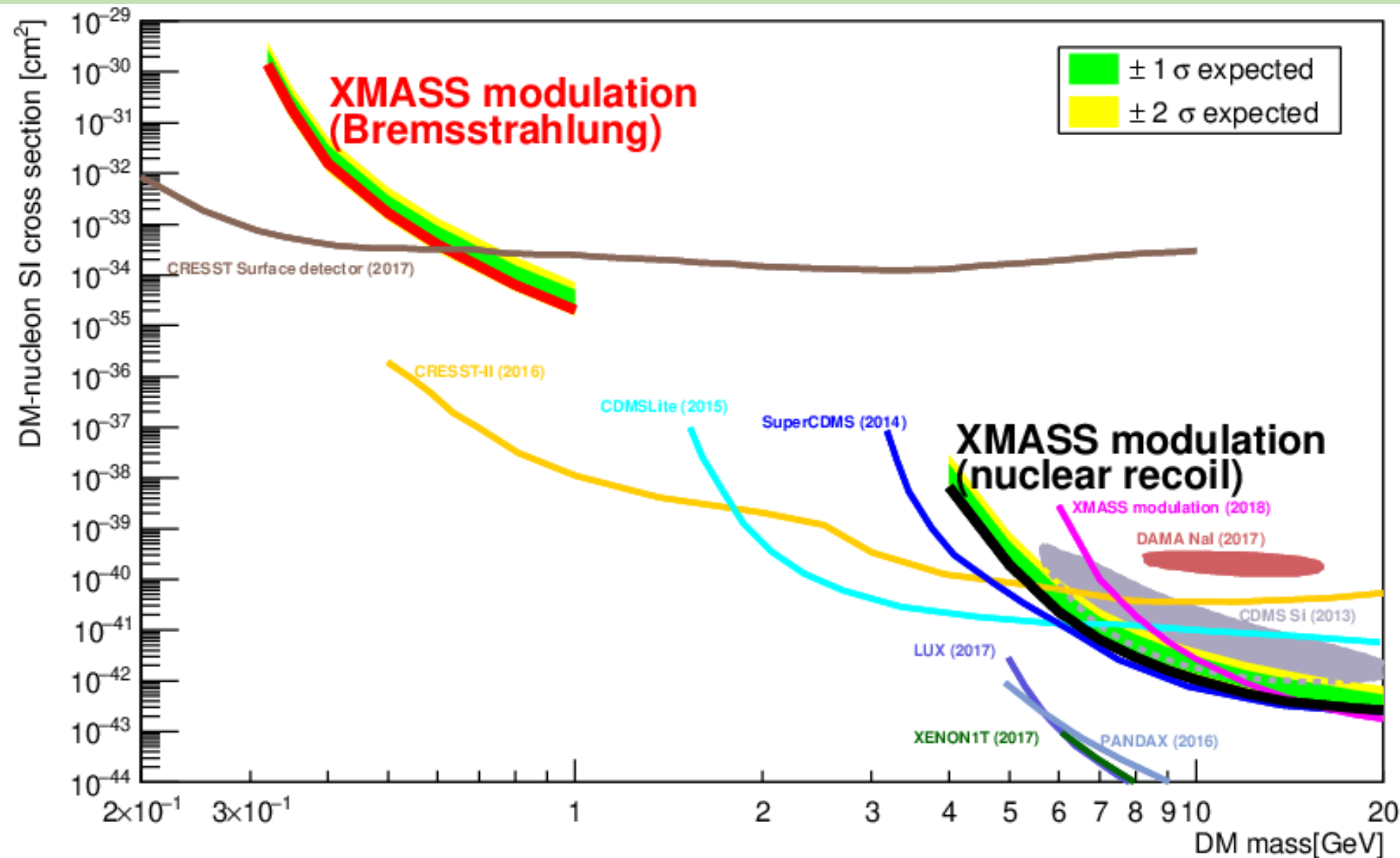
+ Data

-- Best-fit time variation

-- Expected time variation (σ = 3 × 10⁻³² cm²)

4) sub-GeV and multi-GeV DM search by annual modulation

Results



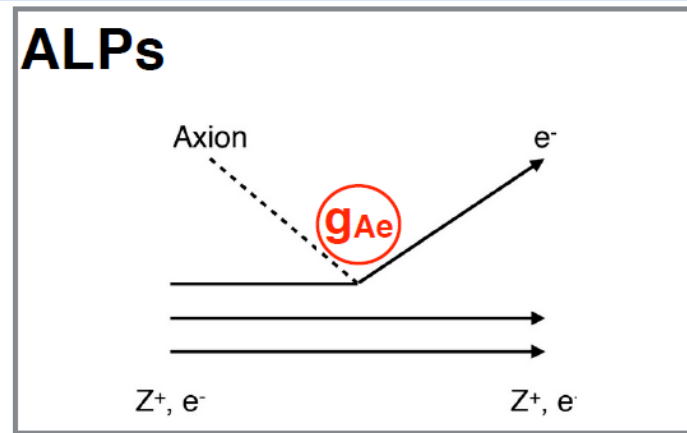
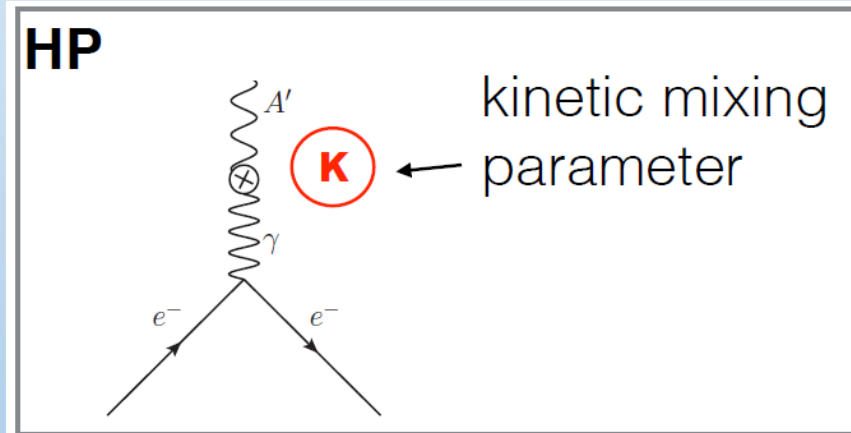
- Sub-GeV ($0.32\text{--}1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$)
 - The first experimental result focused on brems. photon emission and searched by annual modulation
 - $\sigma < 1.6 \times 10^{-39} \text{ cm}^2$ (for $0.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$)
- Multi-GeV ($4\text{--}20 \text{ GeV}/c^2$)
 - Elastic nuclear recoil searched by modulation
 - $\sigma < 2.9 \times 10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2$ (for $8 \text{ GeV}/c^2$)
- [arXiv:1808.06177](https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.06177)

5) Hidden photons & axion-like particles dark matter

Introduction

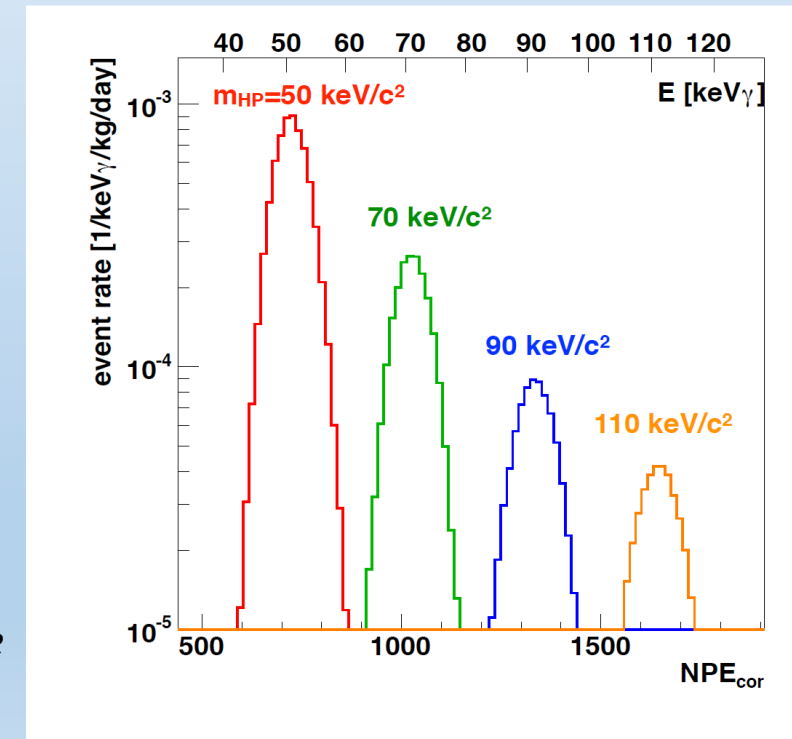
- Hidden photon (HP): gauge boson of hidden U(1)
Axion-like particles (ALPs): pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone boson
- Both bosons can be absorbed in the detector medium with emission of an electron. → analogue to photoelectric effect

Cold dark matter candidates



$$\frac{\sigma_{abs} v}{\sigma_{pe}(\omega = m_{HP})c} = \frac{\alpha'}{\alpha}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{abs} v}{\sigma_{pe}(\omega = m_{ALP})c} = \frac{3m_{ALP}^2}{16\pi\alpha m_e^2} \times g_{Ae}^2$$

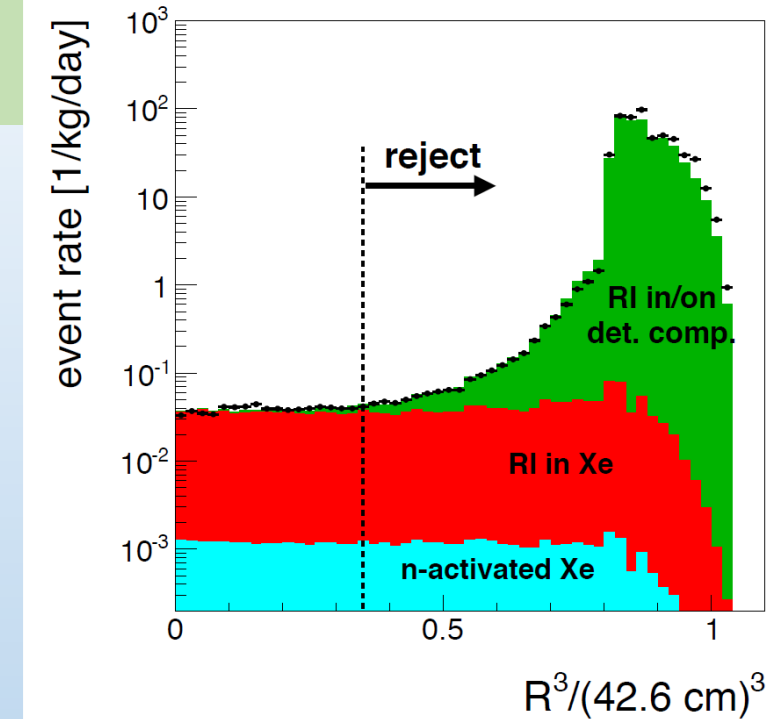
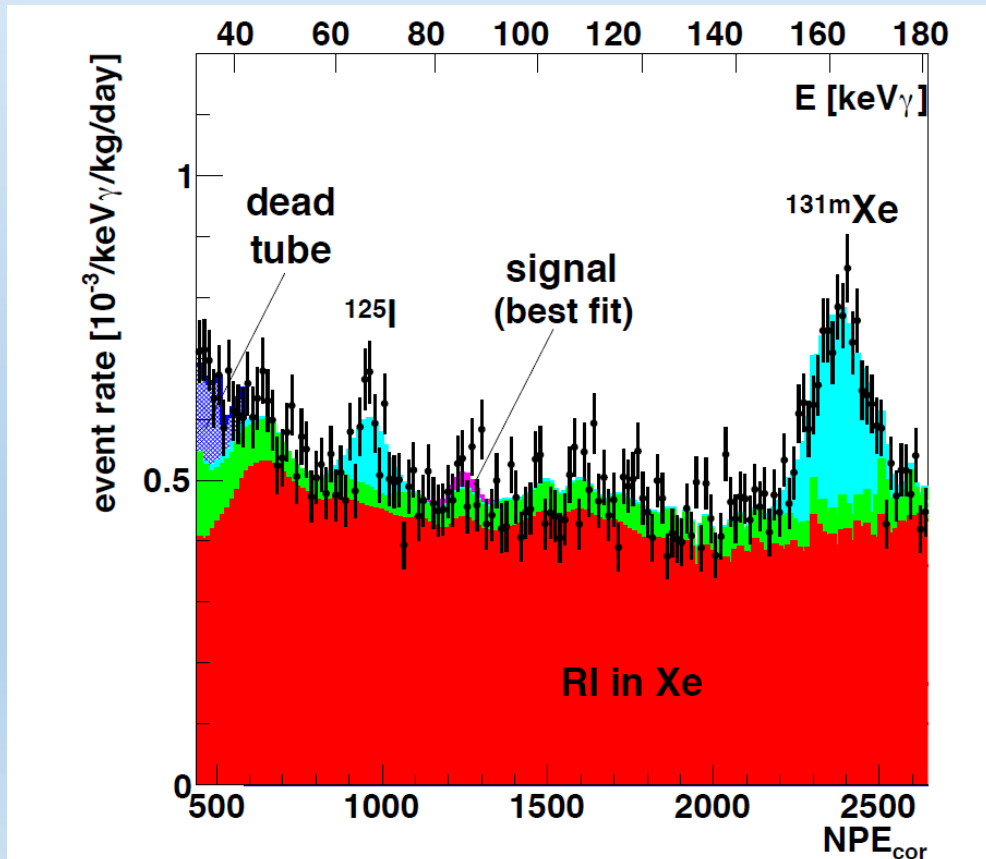


- Event rate $\propto (a'/a)/m_{HP}$ or $g_{Ae}^2 \times m_{ALP}$

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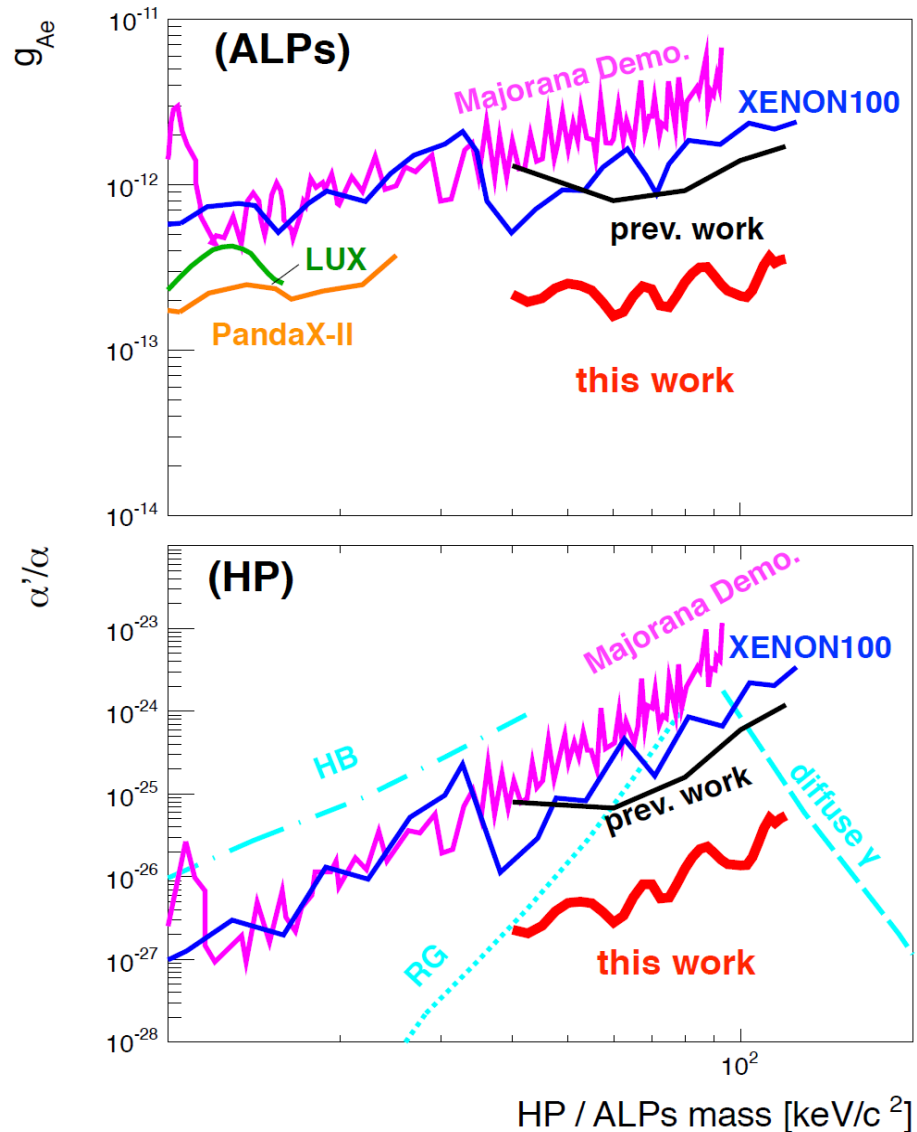
- 800 live days of data (Nov. 2013 – Jul. 2016)
- Fiducial volume was extended to $R < 30\text{cm}$ (327 kg of LXe)



- Peak search by fitting the energy spectrum with the signal + background model.
- Fitting energy range 30-180 keV
- Scanning mass every $2.5\text{ keV}/c^2$ in $40\text{-}120\text{ keV}/c^2$

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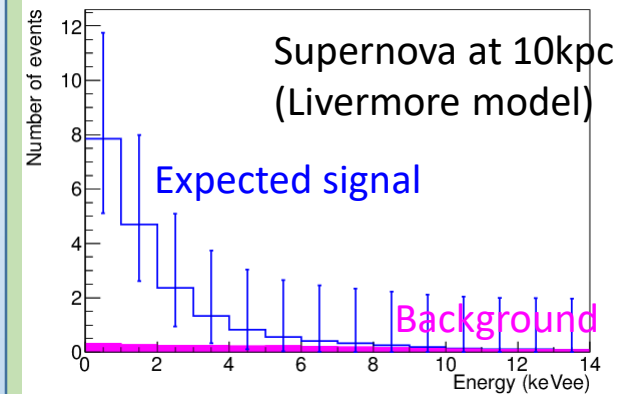
- 800 days x 327 kg exposure
- No significant signal was observed.
- Axion-like particles DM
 - $g_{Ae} < 4 \times 10^{-13}$ (90% CL) for 40-120 keV/c²
 - Cover higher mass region than LUX and PandaX-II
- Hidden photon DM
 - $\alpha'/\alpha < 6 \times 10^{-26}$ (90% CL) for 40-120 keV/c²
 - Cover a region where indirect searches are weak
- **The best constraint in 40-120 keV/c² for both cases.**
- **Published in Phys. Lett. B787 (2018) 153.**

Diversity of physics targets with XMASS

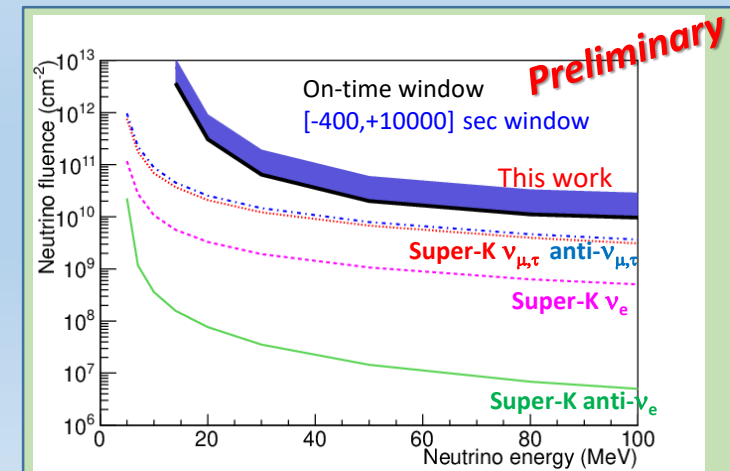
Diversity of physics targets with XMASS

■ Possibility of supernova neutrino detection

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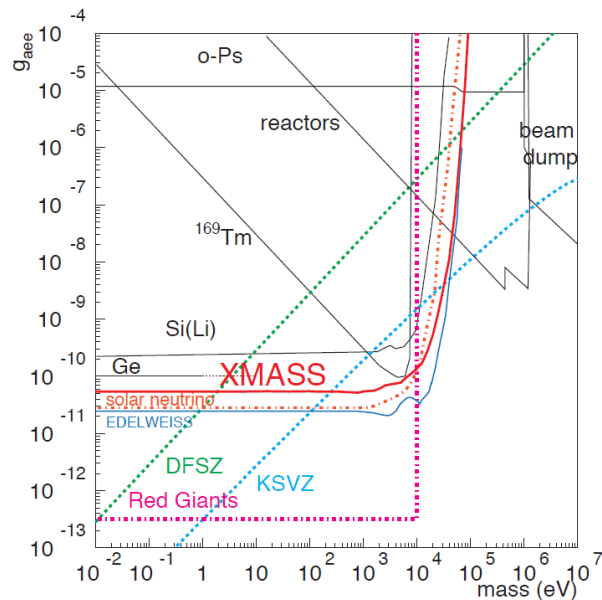


■ Search for event burst correlated with GW



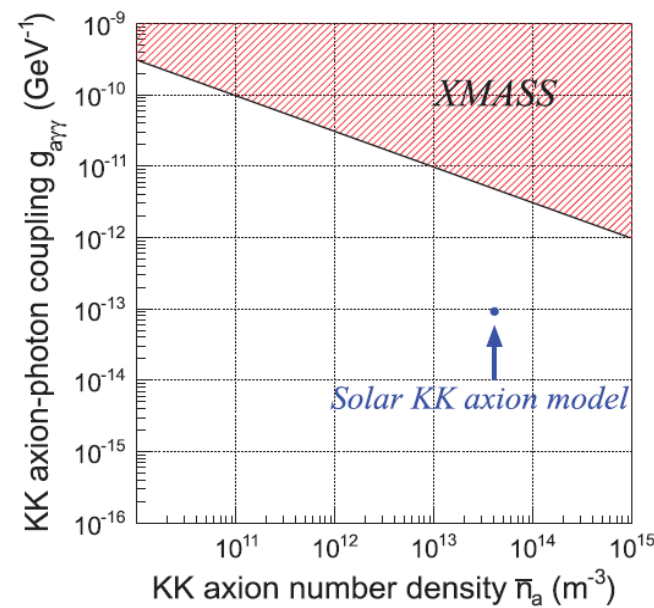
■ Solar axion search

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■ Solar Kaluza-Klein axion search

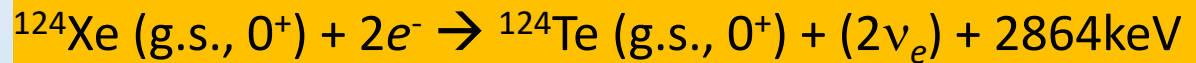
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6) ^{124}Xe 2ν double electron capture (ECEC)

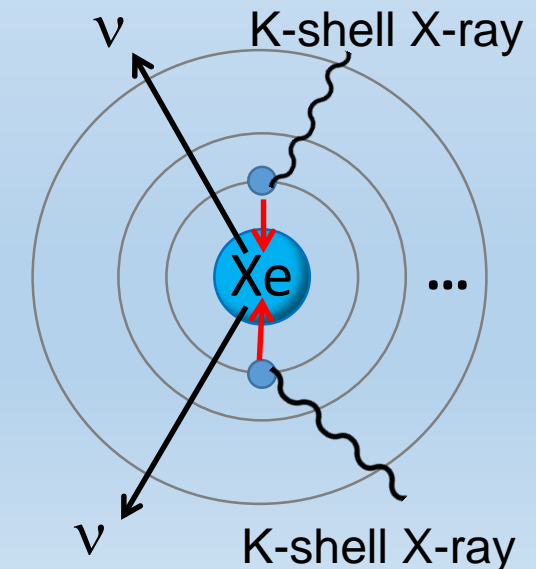
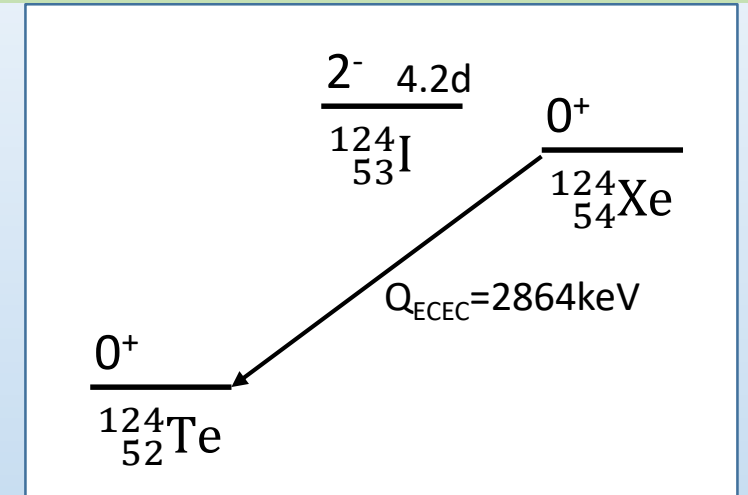
Introduction

- Natural xenon contains ^{124}Xe (N.A.=0.095%) and ^{126}Xe (N.A.=0.089%) which can undergo double electron capture.



ECEC, β^+/EC , and $\beta^+\beta^+$ are possible

- 0ν mode \rightarrow Evidence of lepton number violation
 2ν mode \rightarrow New input for nuclear matrix element calculation
- ^{124}Xe 2ν double electron capture from K-shell ($2\nu 2K$)
 - Total deposit energy of **64 keV by X-rays/Auger electrons**
 - Expected half-life is **10^{20} - 10^{24} years**
- Previously, XMASS set a lower limit $T_{1/2}^{2\nu 2K} > 4.7 \times 10^{21}$ years (@90%CL) using 132 live days x 41 kg LXe (39g of ^{124}Xe) *Phys. Lett. B759 (2016) 64*
- An improved search was conducted using a new data set, 800.0 live day x 327 kg (311g of ^{124}Xe)



6) ^{124}Xe 2 ν double electron capture

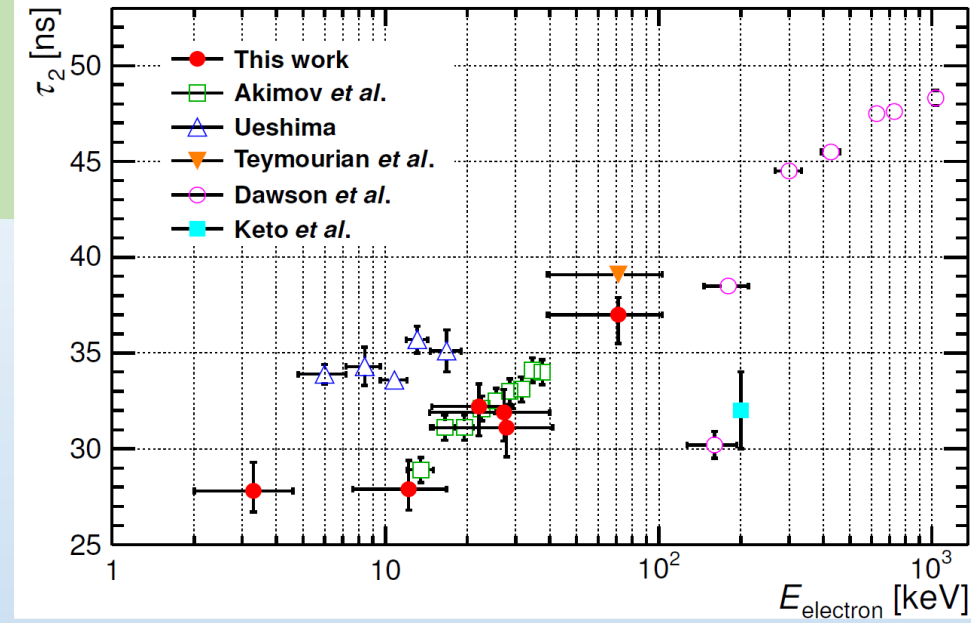
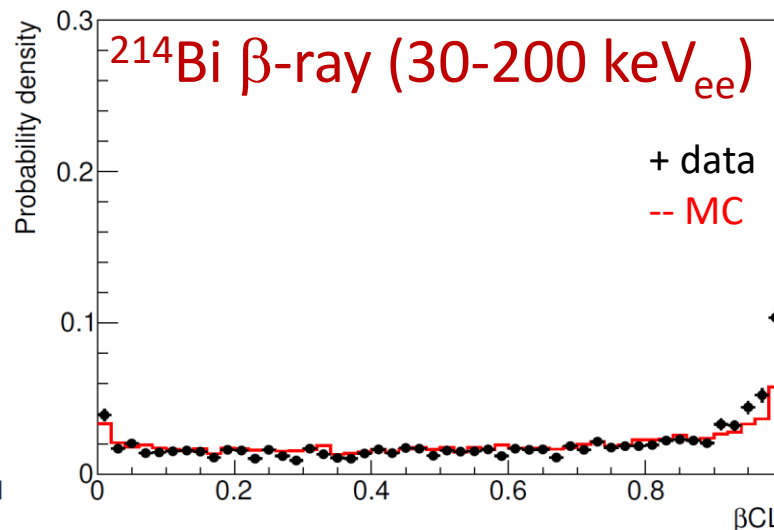
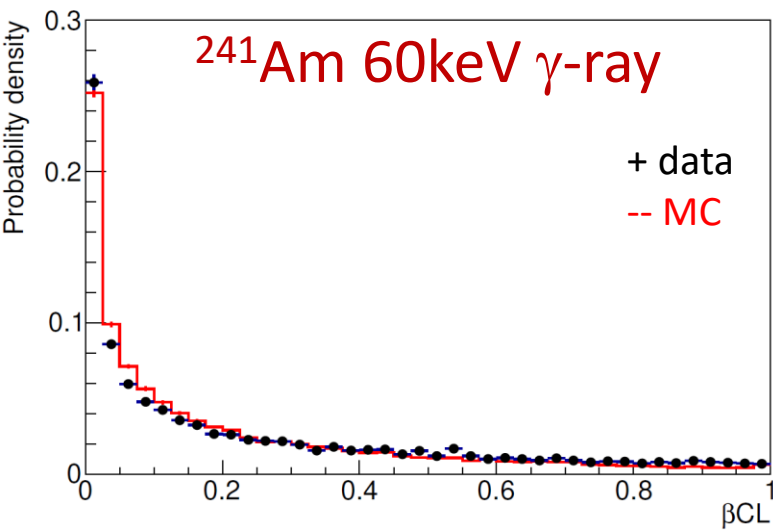
Particle ID using scinti. time profile

- LXe scintillation decay time depends on electron kinetic energy
- This allows us to separate

β -ray
(single electron track)

vs.

γ -ray/X-ray or 2 ν 2K
(multiple electrons)
- Particle ID parameter (βCL) is constructed from each photoelectron's timing assuming the event is caused by a β -ray.



Scintillation decay time for electronic events
XMASS Collaboration, NIM A834 (2016) 192

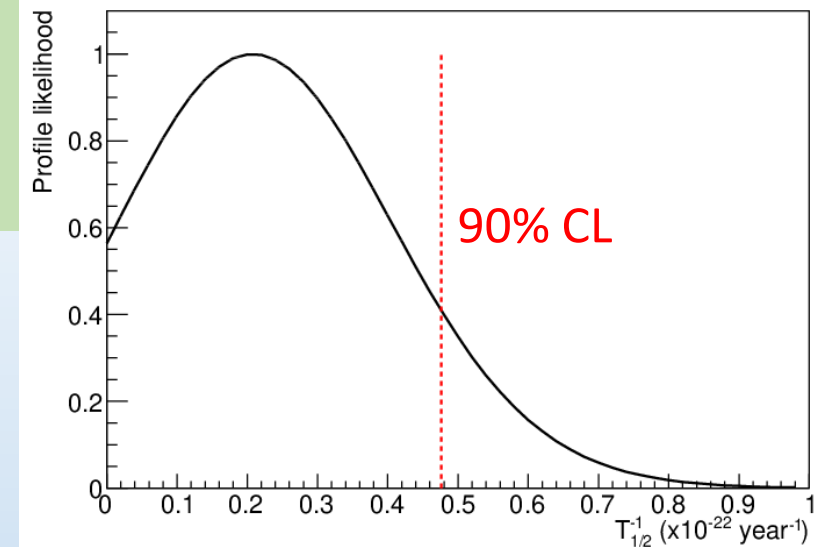
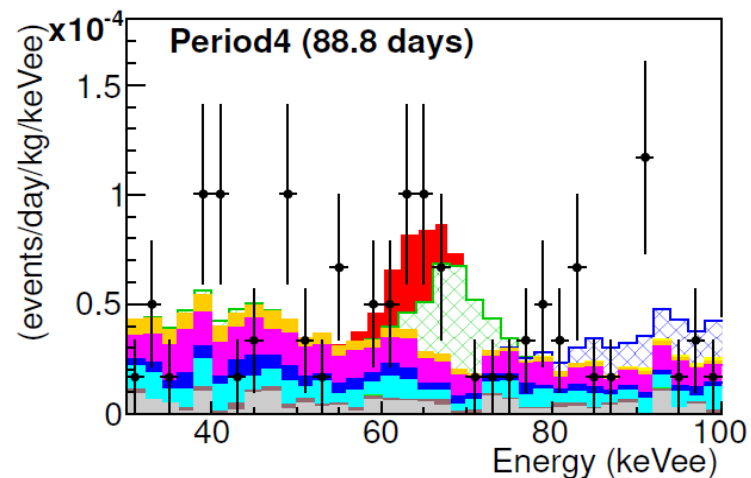
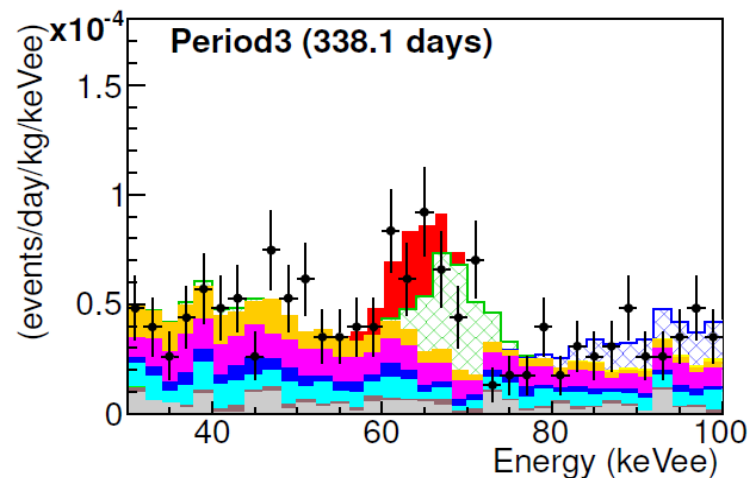
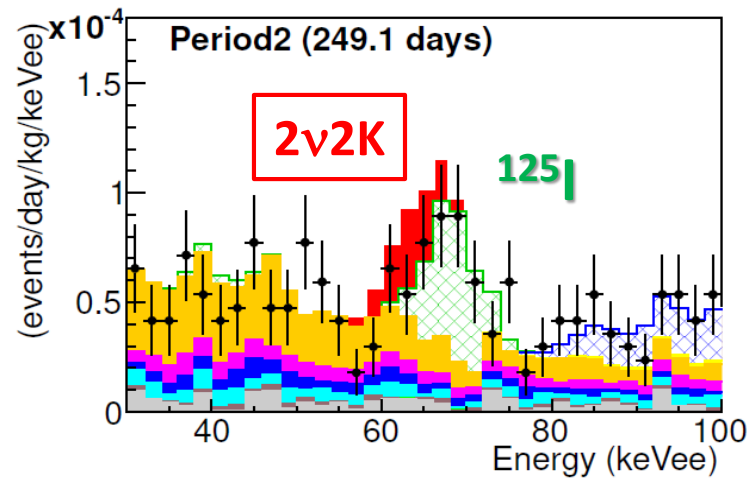
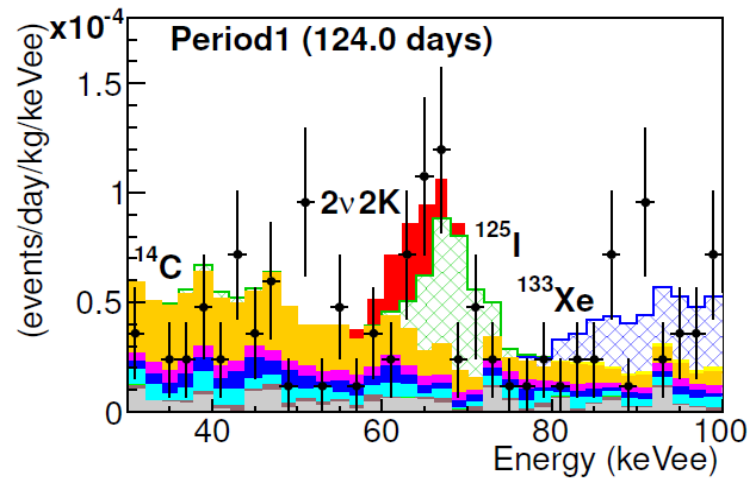
$$\beta\text{CL} = P \times \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-\ln P)^i}{i!} \quad P = \prod_{i=1}^n \text{CL}_i$$

$\beta\text{CL} < 0.05$

- Acceptance for γ -ray $\sim 35\%$
- Acceptance for β -ray $\sim 7\%$
- S/N improves by x5

6) ^{124}Xe 2ν double electron capture

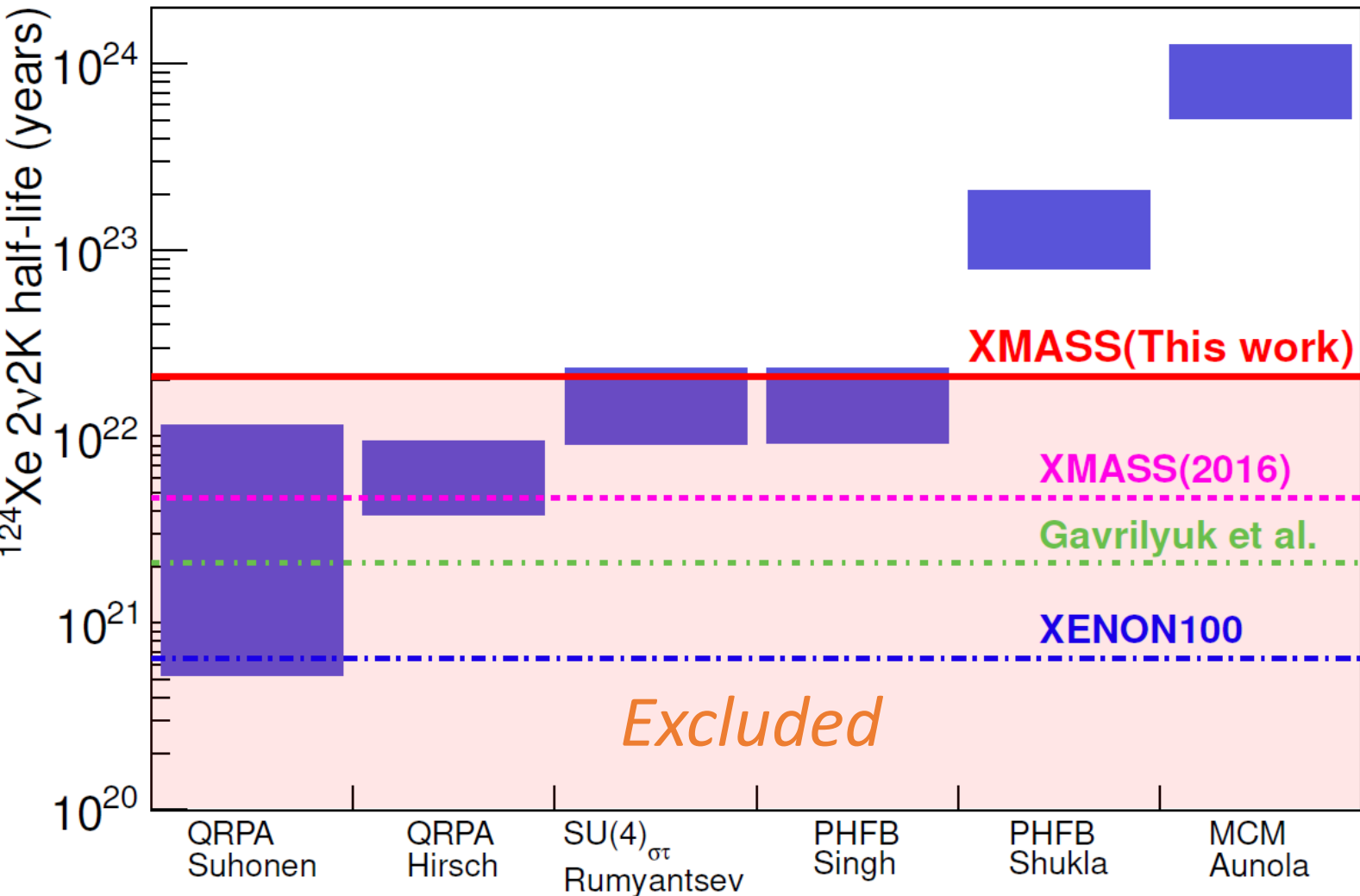
Results: close-up spectrum of ROI



- ^{125}I is created by thermal neutron capture on ^{124}Xe outside the water shield, giving a peak at 67.5 keVee.
- Thermal neutron flux is constrained by independent measurement.
- No significant signal was observed.

6) ^{124}Xe 2ν double electron capture

Results: comparison with other exp. and predictions



Note on theoretical predictions:

- $g_A = 1.26$ (lower) – 1(upper)
- Probability of 2K-capture = 0.767

- The most stringent lower limits to date

$$\square T_{1/2}^{2\nu 2K}(^{124}\text{Xe}) > 2.1 \times 10^{22} \text{ yrs}$$

$$\square T_{1/2}^{2\nu 2K}(^{126}\text{Xe}) > 1.9 \times 10^{22} \text{ yrs}$$

- Published in
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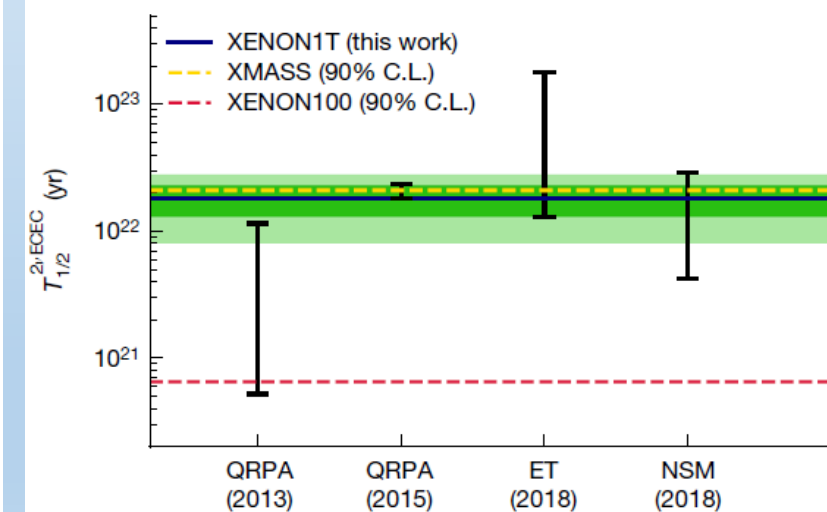
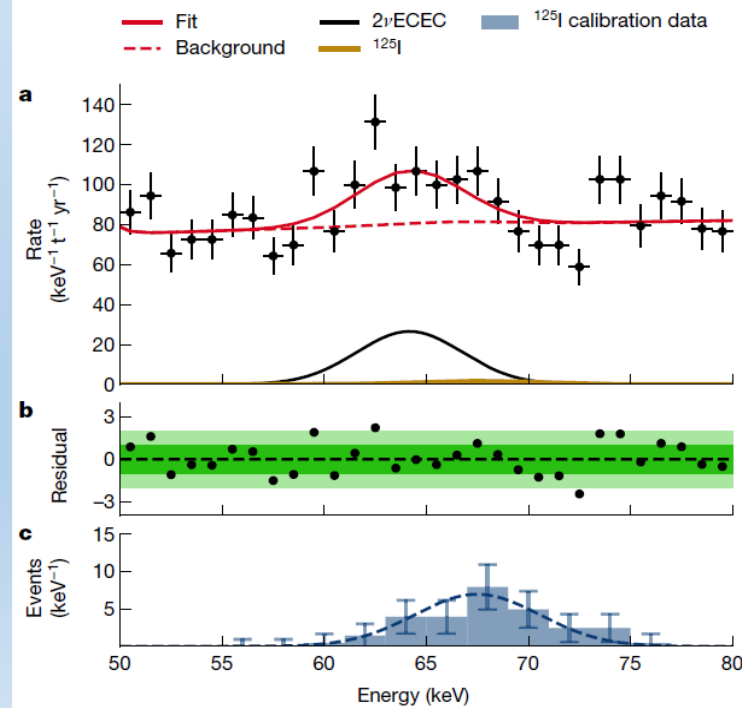
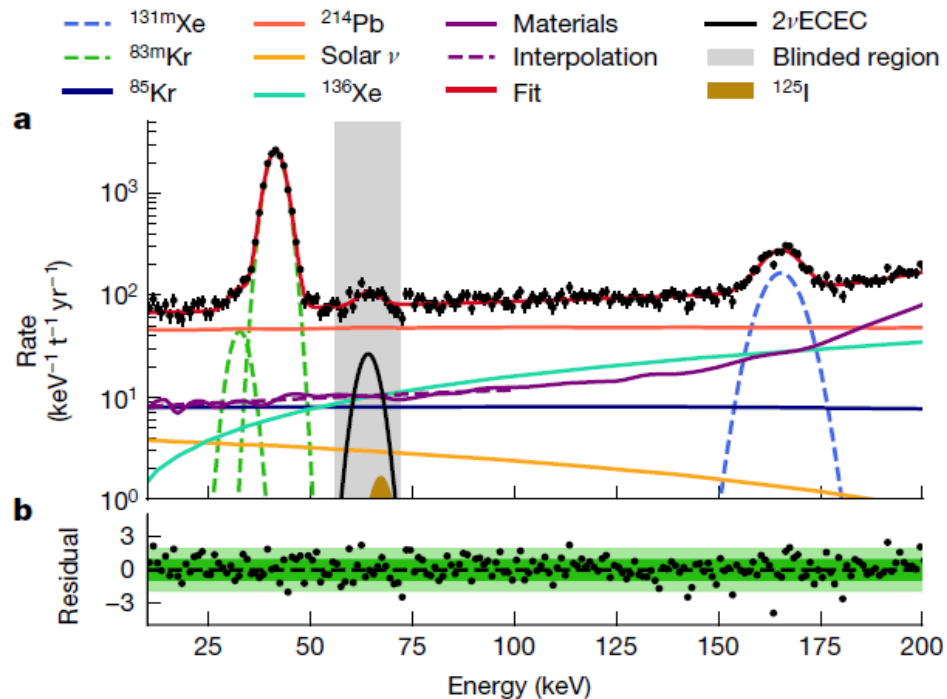
^{124}Xe 2ν double electron capture

LETTER

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Observation of two-neutrino double electron capture in ^{124}Xe with XENON1T

XENON Collaboration*

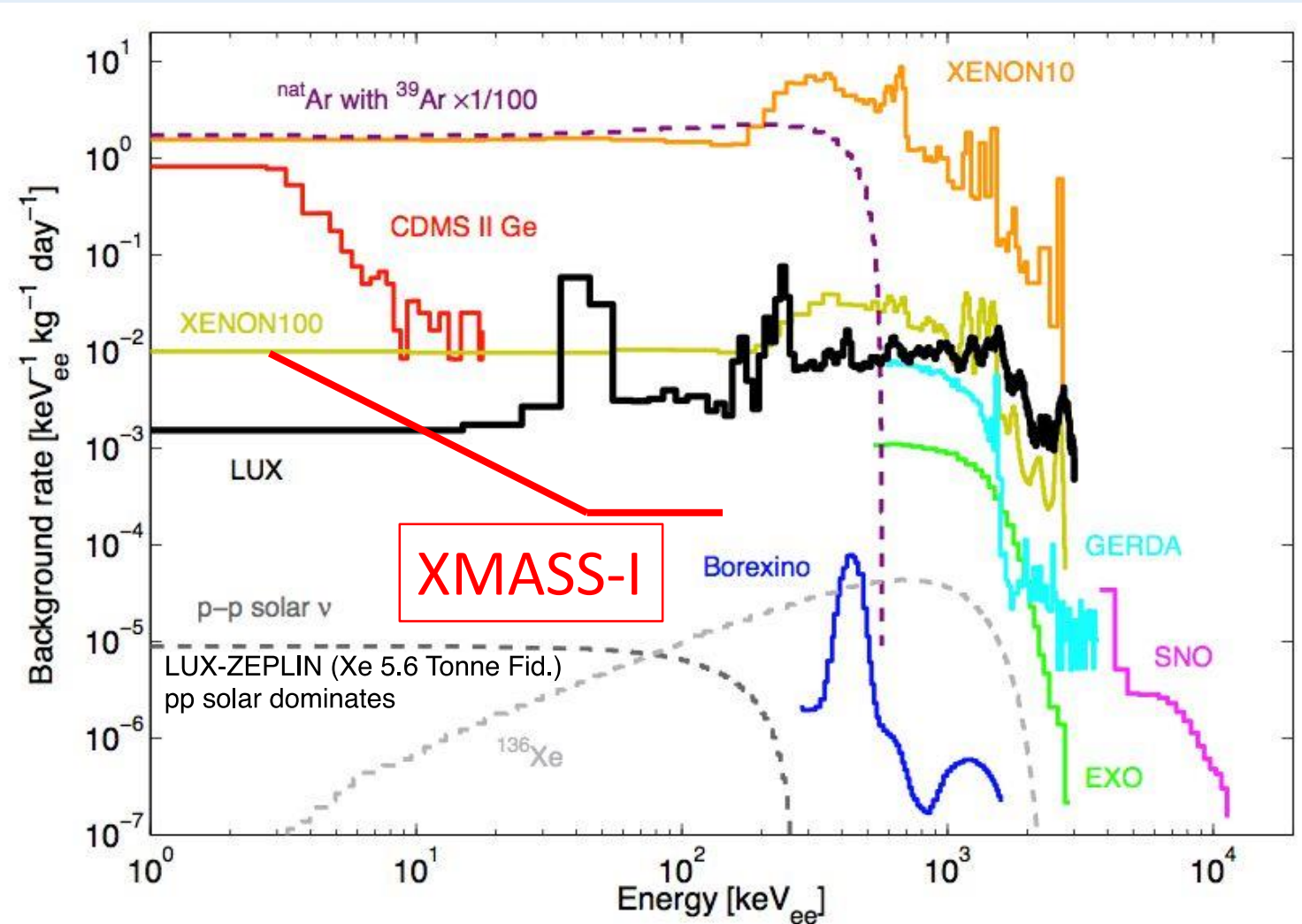


Summary

- XMASS is a multi-purpose experiment using 832 kg of Lxe located at the Kamioka underground laboratory in Japan.
- We have successfully taken data for >5 years.
- We searched for various types of dark matter particles and interactions.
 - Standard WIMPs *Phys. Lett. B789 (2019) 45*
 - WIMP- ^{129}Xe inelastic scattering *Astropart. Phys. 110 (2019) 1*
 - Annual modulation *Phys. Rev. D97 (2018) 102006*
 - Sub-GeV dark matter via nuclear bremsstrahlung *arXiv: 1808.06177*
 - Hidden photon/axion-likes particles *Phys. Lett. B787 (2018) 153*
- We have also challenged various topics in particle and astroparticle physics.
 - ^{124}Xe 2 ν double electron capture *PTEP2018 (2018) 053D03*

Backup slides

Comparison of background rate in fiducial volume including both nuclear recoil and e/ γ events

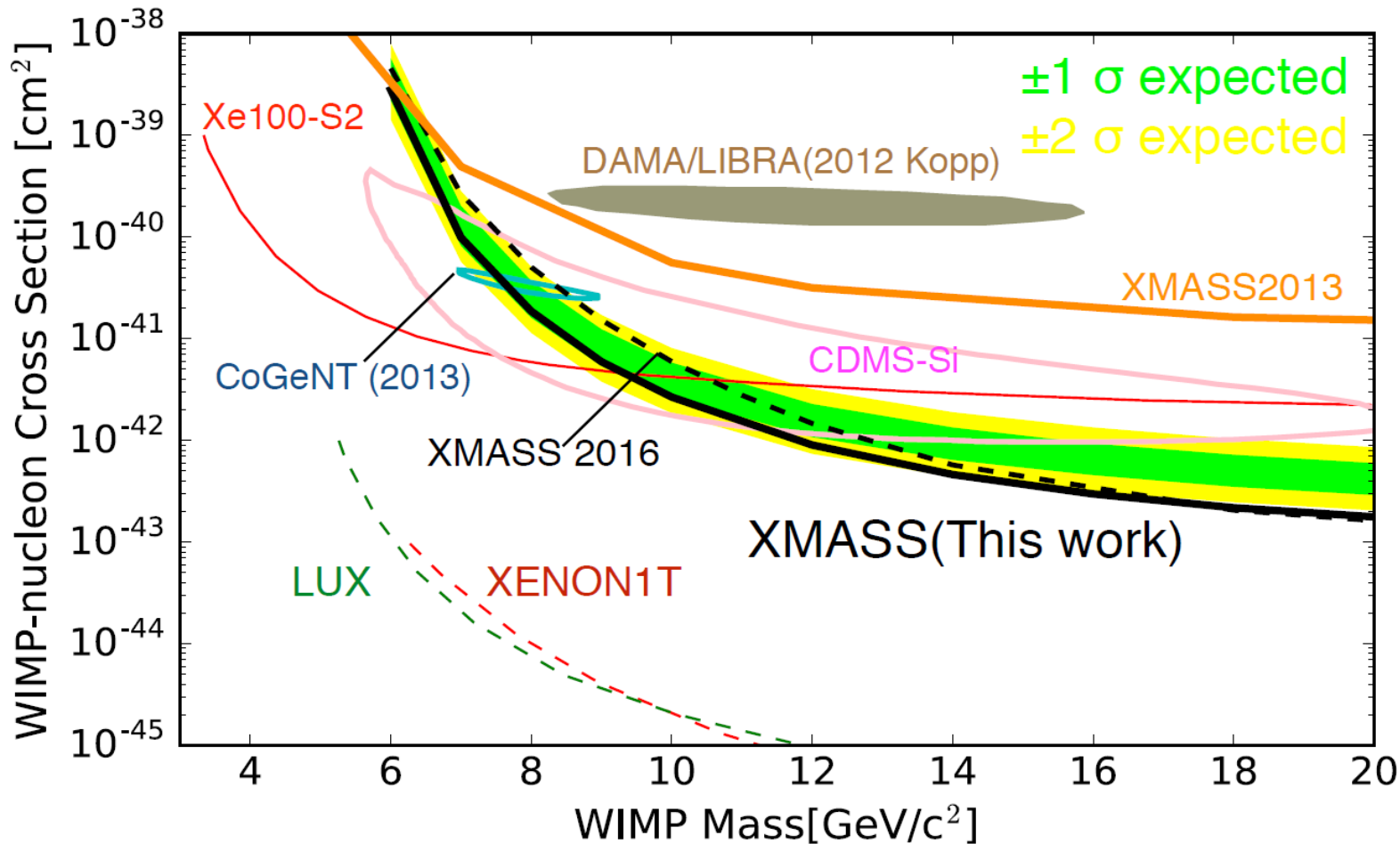


- XMASS achieved low background rate of $O(10^{-4})$ dru in a few 10s keV including e/ γ events
- Low background rate for e/ γ events is good for searching for dark matter other than WIMPs.

Original figure taken from
D. C. Mailing, Ph.D (2014) Fig 1.5

3) Annual modulation search

Results: WIMP analysis

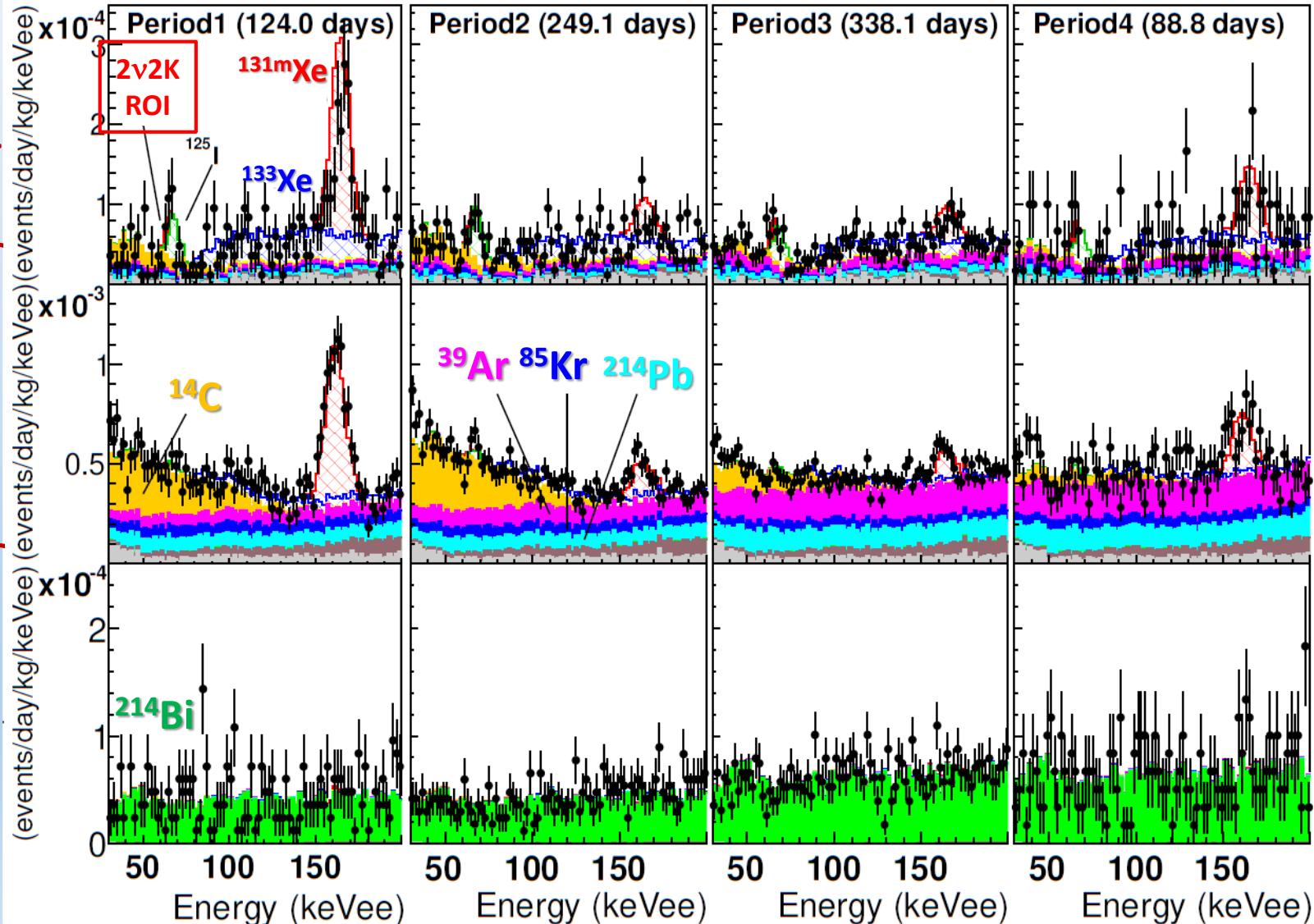


- Assuming WIMP and standard halo model
 - Lewin and Smith (1996, APP)
 - $V_0=232$ km/s, $V_{\text{esc}}=544$ km/s
 - $\rho_{\text{DM}}=0.3$ GeV/cm³
 - $T=365.24$ days, $\phi=152.5$ day
- DAMA/LIBRA allowed region was excluded by annual modulation search.
 - $\sigma_{\chi n} < 1.9 \times 10^{-41}$ cm² (90%CL) for 8 GeV/c²

6) ^{124}Xe 2 ν double electron capture

Spectrum fitting in 30-200 keVee

^{214}Bi β -enriched β -depleted

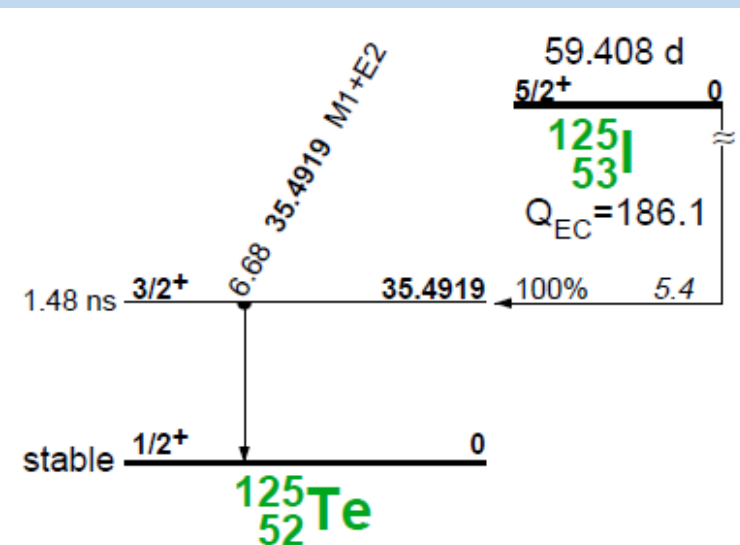


- 4 periods x 3 sub-samples are fitted simultaneously.
- ^{131m}Xe , ^{133}Xe , ^{125}I : xenon activation by neutrons
- ^{214}Pb : ^{222}Rn daughter
- ^{85}Kr : constrained by external β - γ coincidence measurement
- ^{39}Ar : confirmed by gas chromatography measurement
- ^{14}C : decreased after gas circulation
- ^{214}Bi : ^{222}Rn daughter, increased after gas circulation

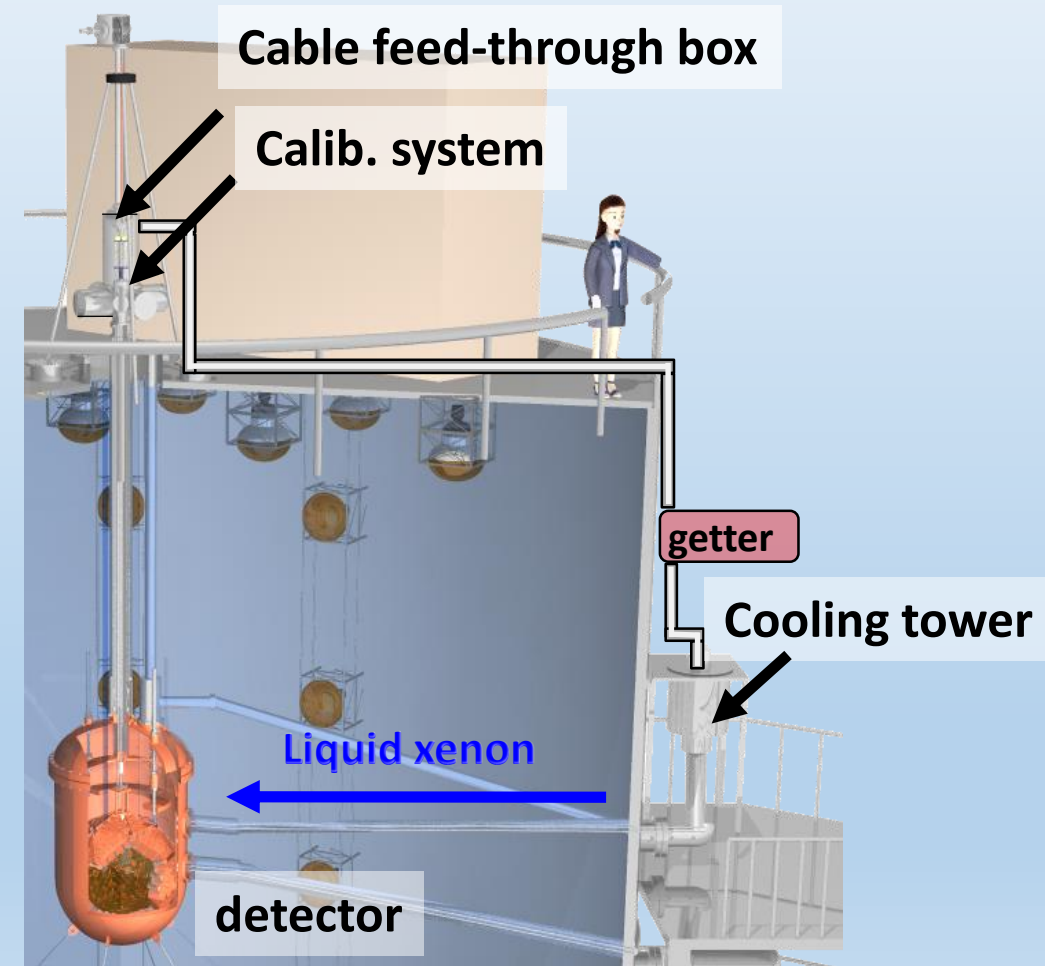
6) ^{124}Xe 2ν double electron capture

^{125}I background

- ^{125}I is created by thermal neutron capture on ^{124}Xe
 - $^{124}\text{Xe}(n, \gamma)^{125}\text{Xe}$ ($\sigma=137$ barn)
 - $^{124}\text{Xe}(n, \gamma)^{125\text{m}}\text{Xe}$ ($\sigma=28$ barn)
 - $^{125\text{m}}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{125}\text{Xe}$ (IT, $T_{1/2}=57$ sec)
 - $^{125}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{125}\text{I}$ (β^+/EC , $T_{1/2}=16.9$ hours)
- Thermal neutron flux in the Kamioka mine $(0.8-1.4) \times 10^{-5} / \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$
- Xenon gas volume outside the water shield $2.6 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^3$ (STP)



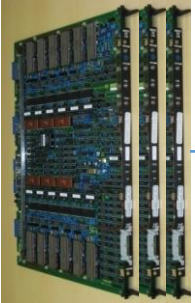
^{125}I decay scheme
(Table of isotope)



Trigger system

ID trigger

ATMs
for ID



"HITSUM"

OD trigger

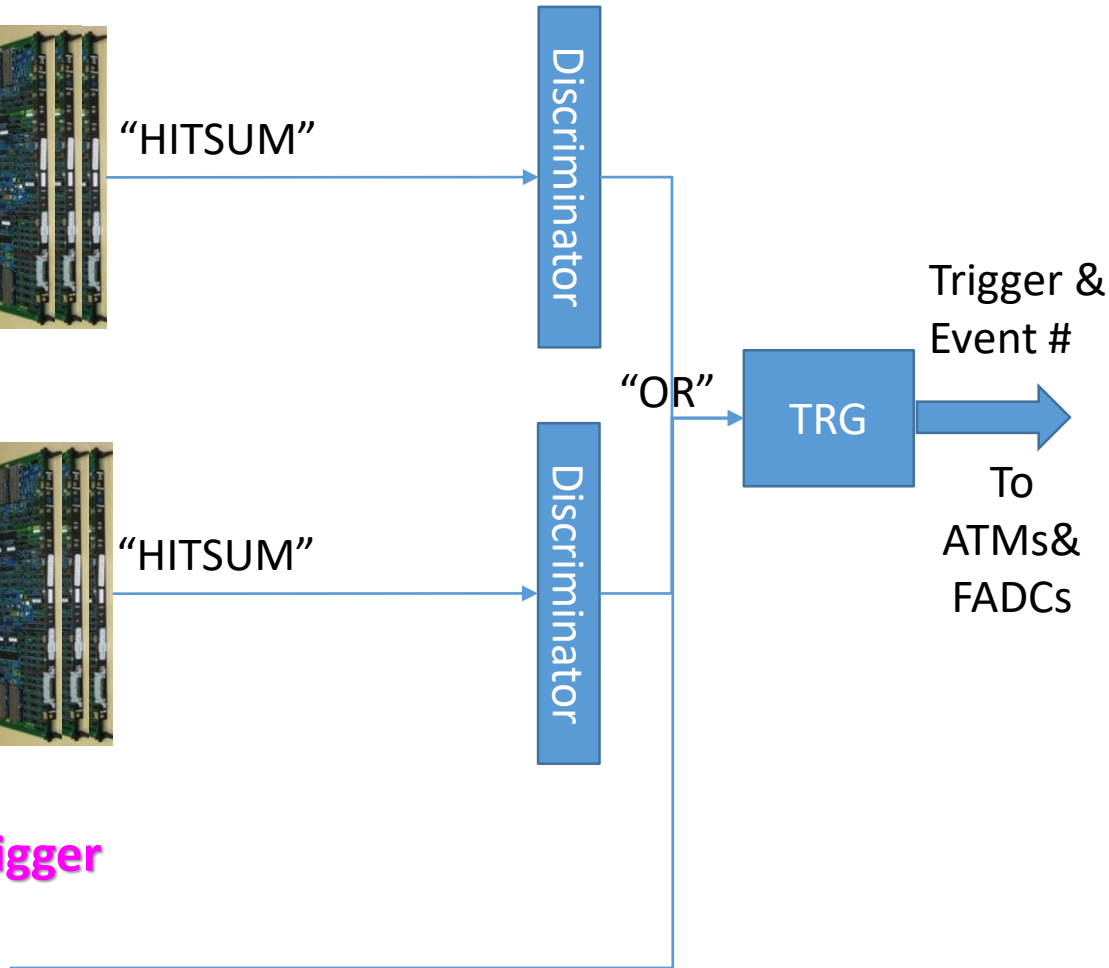
ATMs
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"HITSUM"

GPS-1PPS trigger

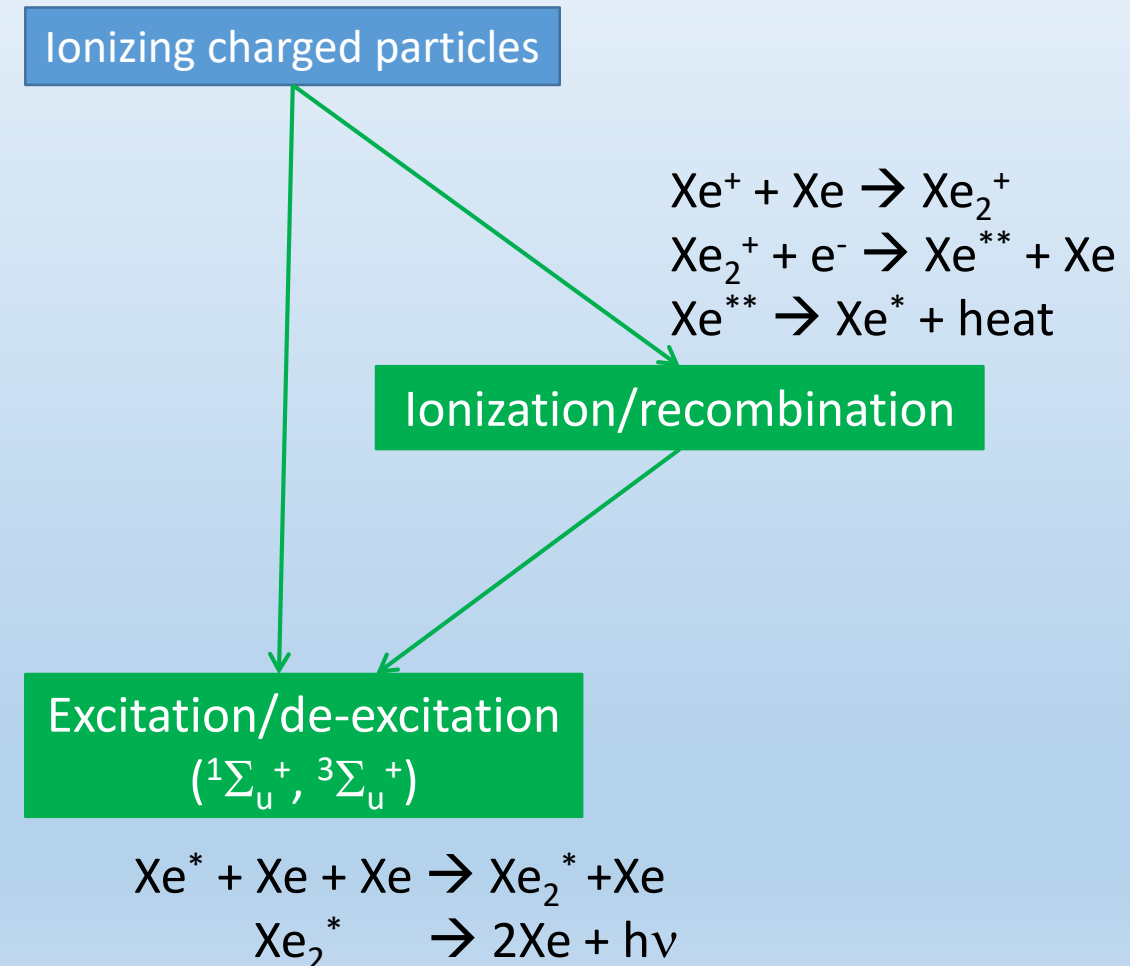
From GPS
receiver



- ID (or OD) trigger
 - ATM outputs the analog signal whose height is proportional to the number of hits within 200 nsec (HITSUM).
- GPS-1PPS trigger
 - To calibrate absolute time.
 - Also used to monitor PMTs' dark rate and gain by flashing LED.
- Trigger module (TRG)
 - 8ch input at maximum.
 - Assign event number.
 - Record type of trigger and trigger time with 20 ns resolution.

Scintillation time profile

- Scintillation time profile is important for
 - Discrimination between nuclear recoil and electron/gamma-ray
 - Vertex reconstruction using hits' timing
- Liquid xenon scintillation processes
 - Direct excitation
 - Singlet ($^1\Sigma_u^+$): $\tau \sim$ a few ns
 - Triplet ($^3\Sigma_u^+$): $\tau \sim 20$ ns
 - Recombination: $\tau > \sim 30$ ns



Measurement of LXe scintillation time profile for low energy gamma-ray induced events

- Waveforms are decomposed into “single PE” pulses
- Timing distributions of data and MC are compared to obtain intrinsic decay time parameters.
- MC simulation takes into account optical parameters (absorption, scattering, ...), electronics response.

