

# XMASS Experiment (including a brief review of Direct Dark Matter Search Experiments)

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## Outline

- Brief Introduction
- Direct Dark Matter (WIMPs) Search Experiments
- Status of the XMASS experiment

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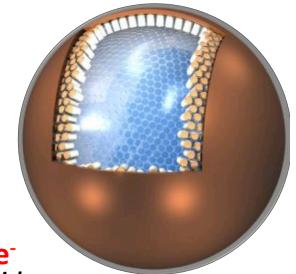
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## "XMASS Experiment"

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**XMASS: Multi-purpose liq. Xenon detector  
(10 ton fiducial mass(2.5m $\phi$ ))**

- Xenon MASSive detector for Solar neutrino
  - pp-solar neutrinos:  $\nu + e \rightarrow \nu + e$
- Xenon neutrino MASS detector
  - Double beta decay  $^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow ^{136}\text{Ba} + 2\text{e}^-$
- Xenon detector for Weakly Interacting MASSive Particles
  - Dark Matter:  $\chi + \text{Xe} \rightarrow \chi + \text{Xe}$



### → Phase-I: 100 kg fid. dedicated for dark matter search

- Construction was completed
- Under commissioning in the Kamioka Underground Observatory
- Conducted by Kamioka Observatory (ICRR, Tokyo), ITPU(Tokyo), Kobe, Tokai, Gifu, STEL(Nagoya), Yokohama National, Miyagi U. of Education and Korean institutions (KRIS, Sejong): 10 institutes & 41 Collaborators

### → I will discuss 'phase-I XMASS' in my talk.

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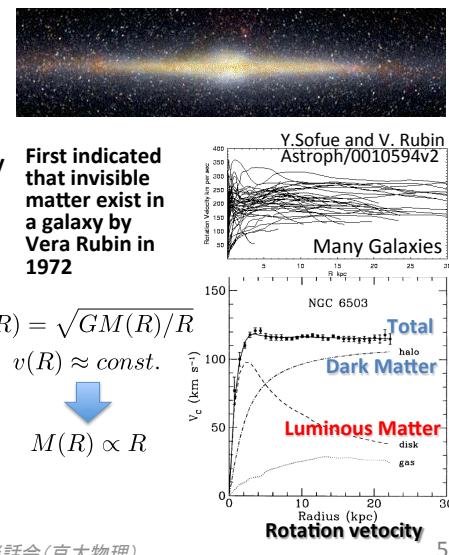
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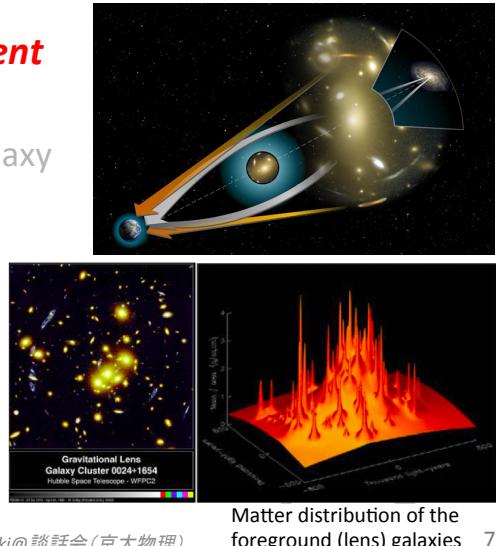
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- First in 1933: Fritz Zwicky  
Luminous matter  
<< matter from orbital velocities  
← Virial theorem

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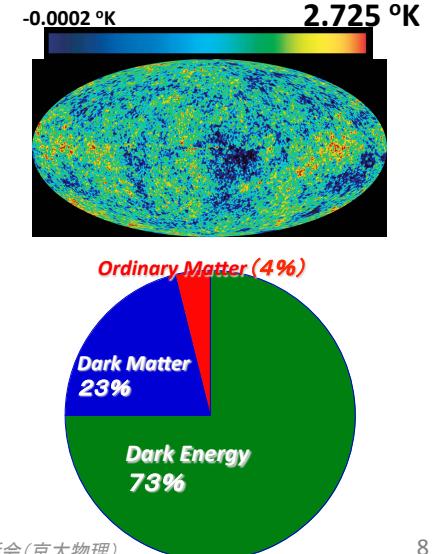
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## Dark Matter Candidates

- Gravitationally interacting
- Neutral (not charged)
- Stable or long lived  
    ↳  $\Omega_{\text{DM}} = 0.23$
- Cold (not hot)  
    ↳ large scale structure
- non-Barionic  
    ↳ CMB, BBNS



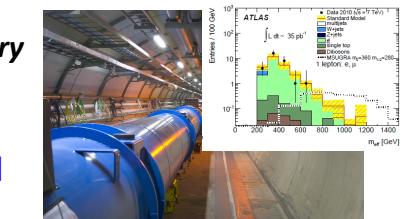
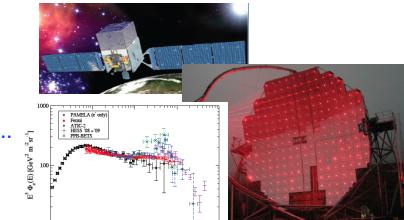
### Physics beyond The Standard Model

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- AXION
  - AXINO
  - Gravitino
  - Sterile Neutrinos
  - WIMP
  - .....

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## Detection of DM other than Gravitational Effect

- Indirect Detection
  - Annihilation & decay
  - Charged Particles
    - PAMELA, Fermi, ATIC, HESS...
  - Gammas
  - Neutrinos
- Direct Detection
  - *Scattering in the laboratory detectors*
  - AXION searches...
- Accelerator: Creation and Measurement

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## WIMPs (Weakly interacting Massive Particles)

- Gives right relic amount at weak scale

$$\Omega_\chi = \frac{m_\chi n_\chi}{\rho_c h^2} \simeq \left( \frac{3 \times 10^{27} \text{cm}^3 \text{sec}^{-1}}{< \sigma_A v >} \right)$$

- Natural candidates from SUSY ??? LHC

<NOW>

- Many experiments to look for WIMPs are conducted
  - For the last couple of years, direct dark matter experiments have been very exciting.
    - Indications of low mass DM (a few ~ 10 GeV)?
    - By DAMA/LIBRA, CoGeNT, CRESST-II
  - Limits and exclusions?
    - By CDMS-II, EDELWEISS, XENON10, XENON100
  - **Very strong tensions!**

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## Direct searches for WIMPs

- I will not explain the various efforts to reconcile the conflicting experiments.
- Instead, I will discuss on what experimentalists should do in order to clarify or strengthen the observed results.

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## Galactic Dark Matter

- Isothermal Halo Model (Standard Halo Model)
    - a single component isothermal sphere with a Maxwellian velocity distribution

$$f(v)dv = \frac{4\pi v^2}{(v_0^2\pi)^{\frac{3}{2}}} e^{-\frac{v^2}{v_0^2}} dv$$

Typical Values:

- $v_0 = 220 \text{ km/s}$
  - $\langle v_{\text{DM}}^2 \rangle = 270 \text{ km/s}$
  - Escape speed,  $v_{\text{esc}} \sim 550 \text{ km/s}$
  - Density:  $\rho_v = 0.4 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$

$$\phi \sim 10^5/cm^2/s \cdot \left(\frac{100GeV}{m_\chi}\right) \left(\frac{\rho_\chi}{0.4GeV/cm^3}\right)$$

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## Event Rate

$$dR = N_A n_\chi \sigma_{0\chi A} v f(\vec{v}) d^3 \vec{v}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\chi A}(q)}{dq^2} = \frac{1}{\pi v^2} |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{\sigma_0 \chi_A F^2(q)}{4\mu_\chi^2 v^2}$$

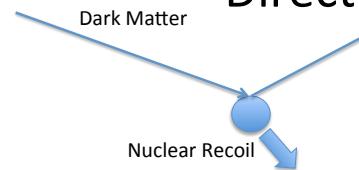
## TYPICAL:

- $\sim 0.1 \text{ ev/day}/100\text{kg-Xenon}$   
 for  $m_\chi = 50 \text{ GeV}$  and  $\sigma_{\text{SI}} = 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$   
 with  $10\text{keV}_{\text{NR}}$  threshold, 30% detection efficiency

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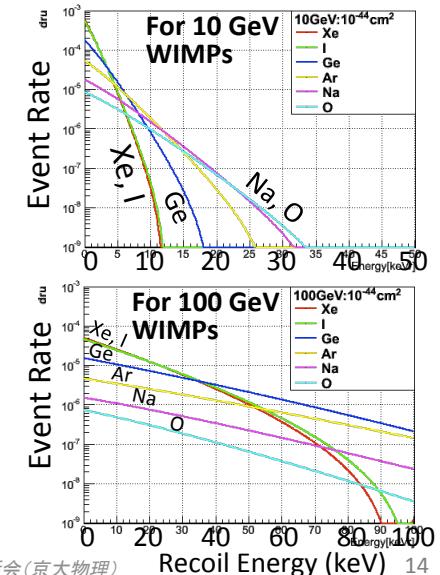
## Direct Detection



- Direct searches : Observe Nuclear Recoils
    - $\chi + N \rightarrow \chi + N$
  - Recoil Energy:
    - Kinetic energy of DM
    - $$E_R = \frac{M_\chi v^2}{2} \frac{4M_\chi M_A}{(M_\chi + M_A)^2} \frac{(1 - \cos\theta)}{2}$$
    - 1~100 keV
    - For low mass DM, spectrum becomes very soft for heavy target masses like Xe, Ge,,,
      - Loose efficiency unless lowering the threshold

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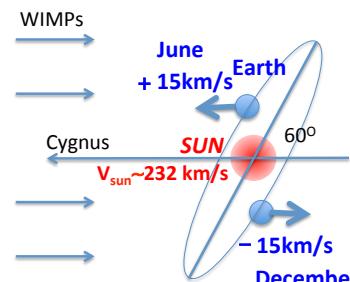
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## Seasonal Variation

$$\mathbf{v_E} \approx (220 + 12) + 15 \times \cos\left(2\pi \frac{t - 152.5}{365.25}\right) km/s$$



- Seasonal variations of the velocity:  $\pm 15\text{km/s}$
  - Max: June-2
  - $< \sim 10\%$  modulation effects
    - depend upon spectrum shape, trigger efficiency, analysis cuts and so on

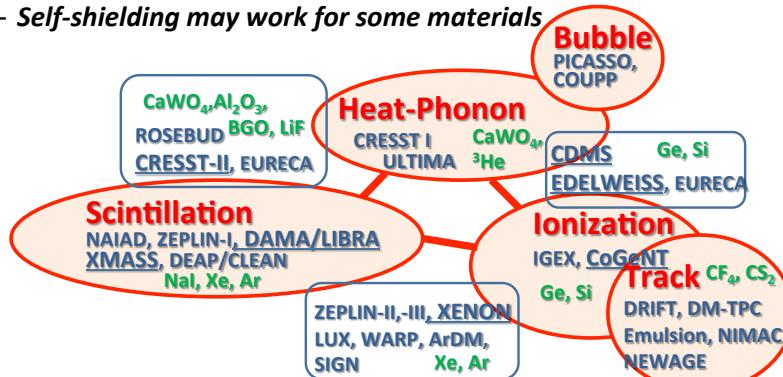
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## Direct Search Experiments

- Various Detection Technology
  - Scintillation, Heat-Phonon and Ionization
  - Usually combined technologies to reduce backgrounds
  - Self-shielding may work for some materials



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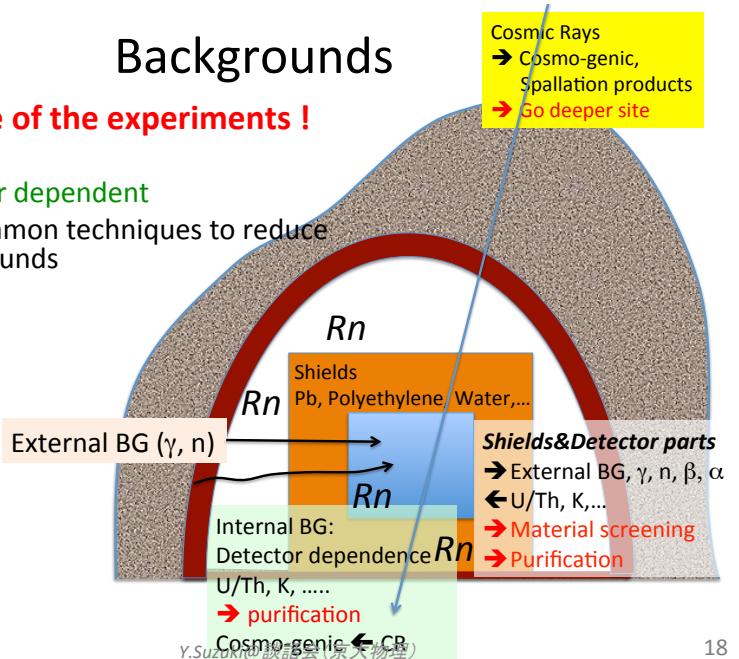
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## Backgrounds

### Key Issue of the experiments !

Many:

- detector dependent
- but common techniques to reduce backgrounds

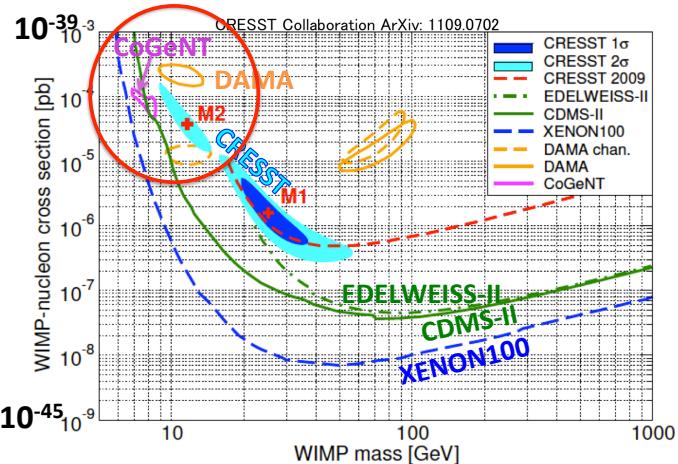


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### Positive Indication

Experiment	Target	Threshold	Total Exposure	Recoil Identification	Main body of Signal ?	Modulation
DAMA/LIBRA	Nal	2.0 keV <sub>ee</sub>	427,000 kg-days	(NR+EM)	—	○
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### Negative and set limit

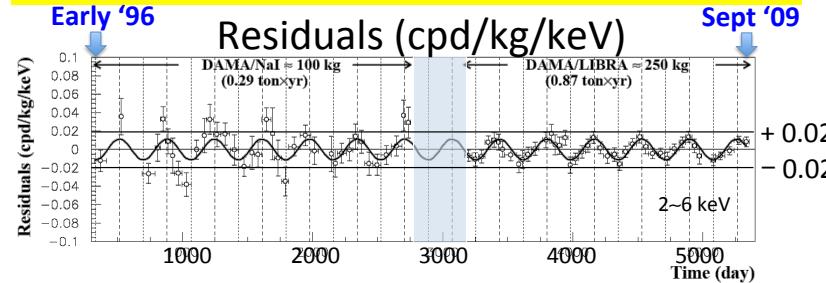
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## DAMA/LIBRA



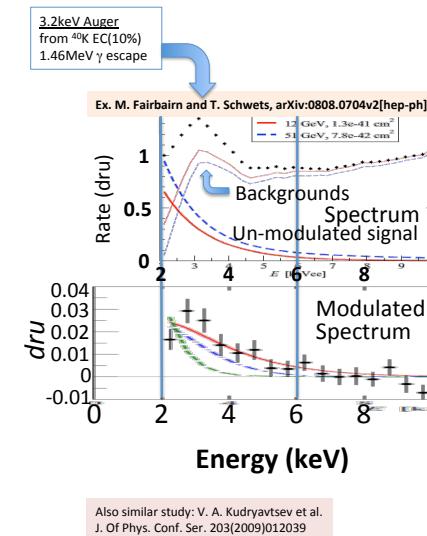
- DAMA/LIBRA: High purity low BG NaI
    - 250kg NaI(Tl) for DAMA/LIBRA
  - Total exposure: 1.17 ton-yr (13 cycles)
    - 427,000 kg-days
- Result → Modulation (8.9 $\sigma$ )**
- $S_k = S_0 + S_m \cos(\omega(t-t_0))$
  - Amplitude( $S_m$ ): for 2–6 keV



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Question: Where is the un-modulated part of signal,  $S_0$  ?



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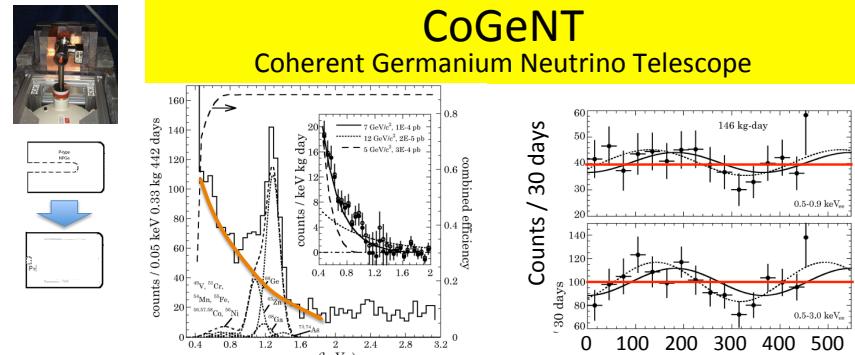
• Must be in somewhere underneath of the spectrum !

- In most of the elastic scattering cases,  $S_0(E)$  monotonically goes down as energy increase, then backgrounds must sharply goes down below 3~4 keV.
- This may not be natural
- Simple Elastic Scattering interpretation may have a internal inconsistency?
- Inelastic? also strong tension
- Other scenarios ???

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## CoGeNT

Coherent Germanium Neutrino Telescope



- P-type Point Contact (PPC) germanium detectors: 440g
    - High resolution (low C)
  - Threshold ~ 0.4 keVee (lowest)
  - But no Nuclear Recoil separation
  - BG: Reject surface events
- irreducible excess below 3 keV

- 442 effective days, assuming all the unknown excess is 'signal'
  - Modulation (0.5 – 3.0 keVee):
    - 2.8  $\sigma$
    - Amplitude:  $16.6 \pm 3.8\%$
    - Minimum: Oct 16±12 d
- Need more data

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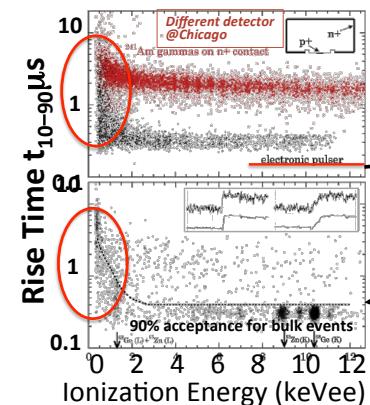
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## What should we watch

Backgrounds are crucial for all the DM experiments

- Surface events (CoGeNT)
  - (n+) 1mm: dead, 1mm transition (-external  $\gamma$ 's)
- rise time difference to discriminates
  - bulk ( $0.3 \mu s \sim 2 \mu s$  @low energy)
  - Surface ( $2 \mu s \sim 4 \mu s$  @low energy)
- They said that any such contamination should be modest
- Calibration was done for different detector
  - Need clear and quantitative evaluation of the leakage from the surface event



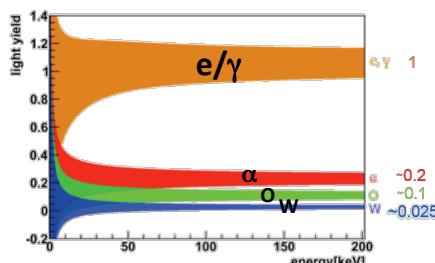
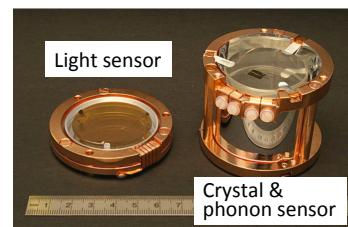
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## CRESST-II

- CaWO<sub>4</sub>(Multi-material target)
  - up to 10 kg, 33 crystals, (0.3kg each)
  - phonon (~10 mK)
  - Scintillation
    - Reduced light output for nuclear recoils
    - Light output decreases with increasing mass number of recoiling nucleus
- Data used (2009 – 2011)
  - 730kg\*days
  - 8 detector modules

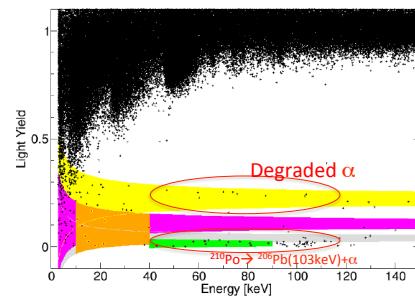


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- O-band events
  - 67 events
- 4 source of BG
  - Leakage from e/γ band
  - Leakage from α related
    - Degraded α events
  - Neutron events (O)
  - Pb recoils:
 
$$^{210}\text{Po} \rightarrow ^{206}\text{Pb}(103\text{keV}) + \alpha(\text{out})$$
- “room for signal”
  - 36 ~ 44 %



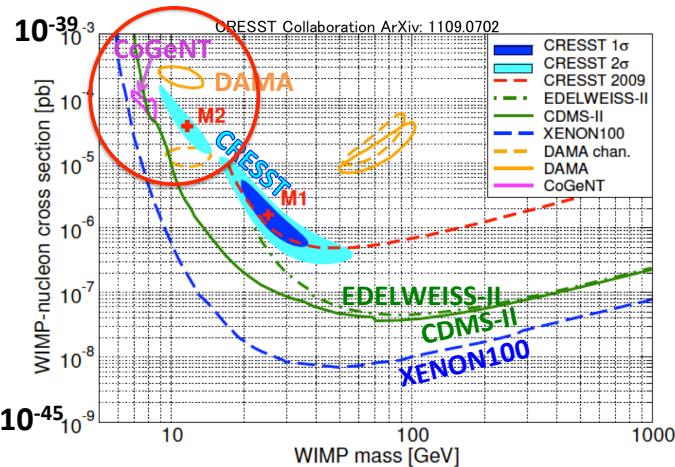
	M1	M2
e/γ-events	$8.00 \pm 0.05$	$8.00 \pm 0.05$
α-events	$11.5^{+2.6}_{-2.3}$	$11.2^{+2.5}_{-2.3}$
neutron events	$7.5^{+6.3}_{-5.5}$	$9.7^{+6.1}_{-5.1}$
Pb recoils	$15.0^{+5.2}_{-5.1}$	$18.7^{+4.9}_{-4.7}$
signal events	$29.4^{+8.6}_{-7.7}$	$24.2^{+8.1}_{-7.2}$
$m_\chi$ [GeV]	25.3	11.6
$\sigma_{\text{WN}}$ [pb]	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$3.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$

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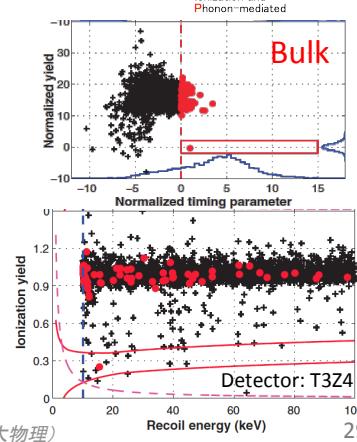
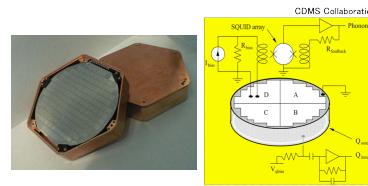
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## CDMS-II

- Ge(&Si) detector (~10mm thick and  $\phi=76\text{mm}$ )
- $230\text{g} \times 19 \sim 4\text{ kg}$
- Ionization and phonon (<50mK)
  - Ionization yield  $\rightarrow 1 \text{ in } 10^4 \text{ raj.}$  for  $\gamma$ 's
  - Timing cut  $\rightarrow$  surface events ( $>10^6 \text{ raj.}$ )
- 10 keV threshold &  $< 100\text{keV}$
- Data: 612kg-days
- 2 events found
- Backgrounds:  $0.9 \pm 0.2$ 
  - $0.8 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.2$  surface events
  - 0.1 neutron events

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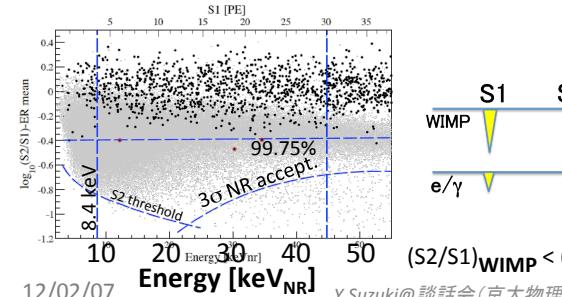
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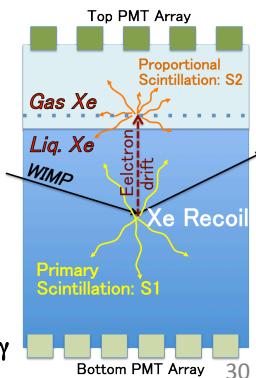
## XENON-100 2 phase liquid Xenon detector

- Simultaneous detection of light (S1) and charge (as S2)
  - Ionization e's  $\rightarrow$  S2 (prop. Scint.)
- $S2/S1 \rightarrow$  NR and EM discri:  $\sim 1/1000$
- 100.9 live days (till June in 2010) w/48 kg fiducial mass (62kg)  $\rightarrow 1471\text{kg-day}$
- 3 events remain after  $S2/S1$  selection (99.75% EM rejection)
- Expected BG:  $1.8 \pm 0.6$ 
  - $^{85}\text{Kr}$ :  $1.14 \pm 0.48$
  - Others:  $0.56 (+0.21/-0.27)$



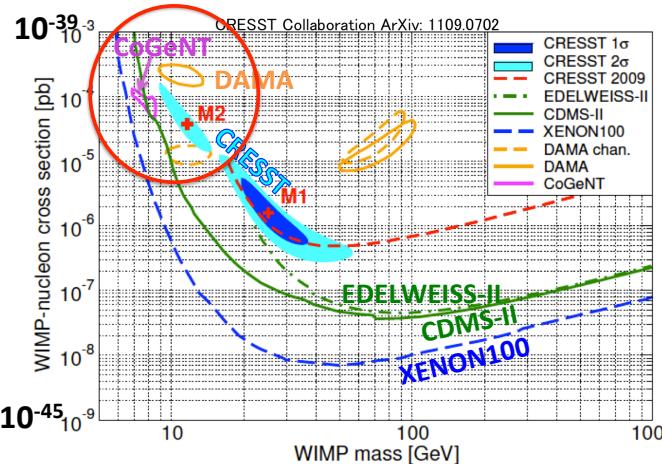
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## Current and Future direct WIMP Search experiments 35 programs (not complete list : sorry for those projects I have missed)

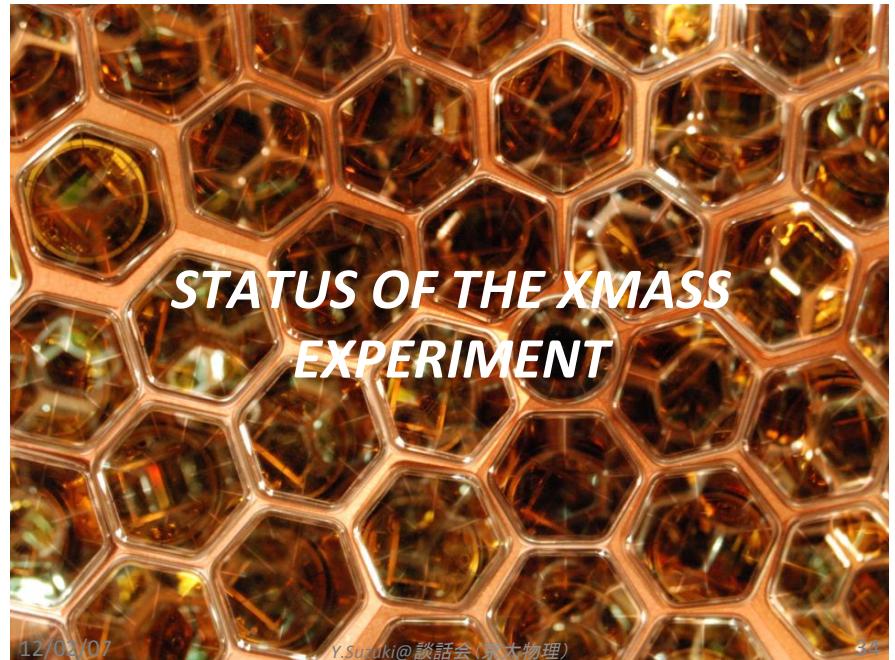
Experiment	site	Target & mass	technology	Achieved (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Sensitivity (cm <sup>3</sup> )	Status & comments	Year to start
<b>Xenon</b>							
ZEPLIN-III	Boulby	Xe: 8kg	two phase	Si: $10^{-43}$	Stop in 5-2011	results soon	
XENON100	LNGS	Xe: 48kg	two phase	Si: $7 \times 10^{-45}$	On going		
XENON1T	LNGS	Xe: 1t	two phase	Si: $10^{-47}$		2015	
XMASS	Kamioka	Xe: 100kg	single phase	Si: $10^{-45}$	commissioning	On going	
XMASS-1.5	Kamioka	Xe: 1ton	single phase	Si: $10^{-46}$		2013	
XMASS-II	Kamioka	Xe: 10ton	single phase	Si: $10^{-47}$		2016	
PANDA-X	Jing Ping	Xe: 25kg	two phase	Si: $10^{-45}$		> 2013	
LUX	SUSEL	Xe: 100kg	two phase	Si: $< 10^{-45}$	Surface lab	2012	
LZS	SUSEL/ SNO	Xe: 1ton	two phase	Si: $10^{-47}$		2015	
<b>Ar</b>							
WARP	LNGS	Ar: 140kg	two phase	Si: $5 \times 10^{-45}$	commissioning		
DarkSide50	LNGS	DAr: 50kg	two phase	Si: $10^{-45}$	prototype		
ArDM	Canfranc	Ar: 850kg	two phase		Prototype	2011	
DEEP3600	SNO LAB	Ar: 1ton	Single phase	Si: $10^{-45}$		2012	
MiniCLEAN	SNO LAB	Ar: 150kg	Single phase	Si: $10^{-44}$		2011	
DARWIN	Europe	Ar or Xe: tons	two phase	Si: $< 10^{-47}$			
MAX	DUSEL	Ar and Xe		Si: $< 10^{-47}$	R&D		

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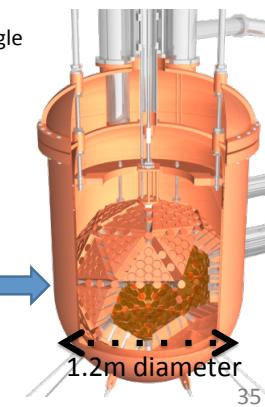
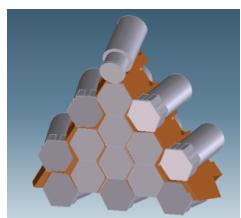
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Experiments	site	Target & mass	technology	Sensitivity (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Achieve (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Status & comments	Year to start
<b>Ge</b>							
Super-CDMS	SOUDAN	Ge: 15kg	char+phonon	SI: $5 \times 10^{-45}$			2011
Super-CDMS	SNOLAB	Ge: 100kg	char+phonon	SI: $3 \times 10^{-46}$			2015
CoGeNT-C4	SOUDAN	Ge: 4kg	charge			installation	2011
CDEX	Jing Ping L	PC-Ge:10 kg	charge	SI: $10^{-43}$		1kg test	
<b>Bubble Chamber</b>							
PICASSO	SNOLAB	C <sub>4</sub> F <sub>10</sub> : 2.6kg	BC	SD: $2 \times 10^{-37}$			On going
SIMPLE	Rustrel	C <sub>2</sub> ClF <sub>5</sub> : 26 kg	BC		Test 0.2kg	Install 2012	
COUPP	SNOLAB	60kg	BC		4kg test		2011
<b>Scintillation (+phonon)</b>							
DAMA	LNGS,	Nal: 250kg	Scintillation	SI: $10^{-40}$			On going
KIMS	Yang Yang	CsI: 104.4kg	Scintillation	SD: $10^{-38}$			On going
CINDMS	Jing Ping L	CsI(Na)	Scintillation			R&D	
CRESST-II			Sintill+phonon				On going
ROSEBUD	Canfranc	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> etc.	Scintill+phonon			R&D	
DM-Ice	South pole	Nal:>250kg	Scintillation	Test DAMA	Prototype: 17kg	?	
EURECA	LSM	Multi-T: 1ton	many	SI: $10^{-46}$	Phase-I: 150kg		2015
<b>Tracking</b>							
Drift-III	Boulby	CS2:4kg,24m <sup>3</sup>	TPC	SD: $10^{-40}$			?
DM-TPC		CF4	PMT+TPC			Prototype test	
NewAGE	Kamioka	CF4	microTPC			Prototype test	
MiMac	LSM	CF4	microTPC		Prototype	2011 1m <sup>3</sup>	
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## The phase-I XMASS detector

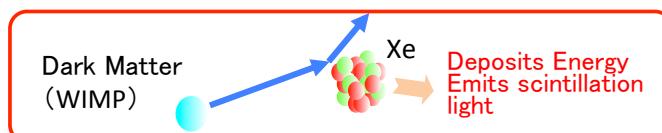
- Detector**
  - Single phase (scintillation only) liquid Xenon detector
  - Operated at -100°C and ~0.065MPa
  - 100 kg fid. mass, [835 kg inner mass (0.8 mΦ)]
  - Pentakis-dodecahedron
    - ← 12 pentagonal pyramids: Each pyramid ← 5 triangle
  - 630 hex & 12 round PMTs with 28-39% Q.E.
  - photocathode coverage: > 62% inner surface



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## Detection Principle

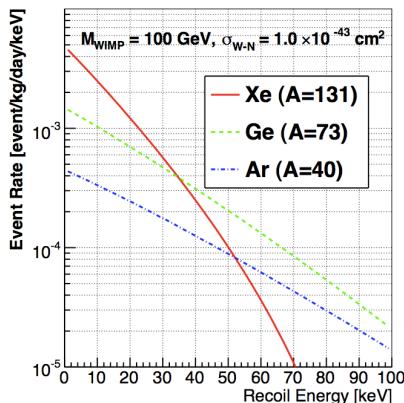


- WIMPs scattering off nuclei in targets, produce nuclear recoils.
- $X + N \rightarrow X + N$ 
  - $V_{\text{sun}} \sim 232 \text{ km/s}$
  - $E_{\text{recoil}} \leq 100 \text{ keV}$
  - Less than 1 WIMPs/day interactions in 100 kg material

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## Energy Spectrum (SI)



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## Xenon Property

- Why liquid Xenon
  - High atomic number ( $Z=54$ ) and density ( $\rho \sim 3 \text{ g/cm}^3$ )
    - Effective self-shielding.
    - Compact for large mass detector.
  - High photon yield ( $\sim 46000 \text{ UV photons/MeV}$  at zero field)
  - Easy to purify for radioactive impurities (Purification in Gas and Liquid phase)
    - By circulation of Xe with getter
    - Distillation (for example  $^{85}\text{Kr}$  removal)

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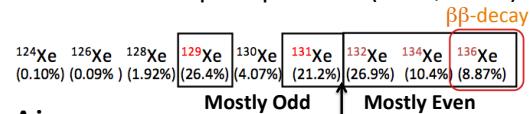
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## Characteristics and Aim

- Low energy threshold  $< 5 \text{ keV}_{\text{ee}}$  ( $\sim 25 \text{ keV}_{\text{NR}}$ ) and good energy/vertex resolution
  - High light yields ( $\sim \text{NaI}$ ) and high photo-cathode coverage

### ← Study Spin dependence (option)

← Easier isotope separation (odd \$ even)



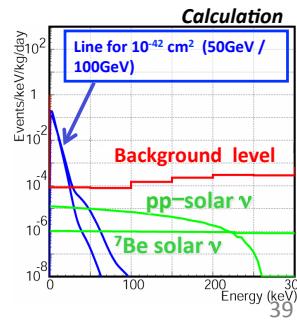
### Aim

- Background:  $10^{-4} \text{ dru}$  (ev/kg/keV/day)
- $10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ SI}$  for  $\sim 100 \text{ GeV}$  WIMPs

**Challenge to reduce backgrounds**

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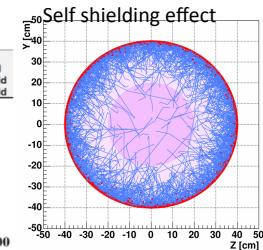
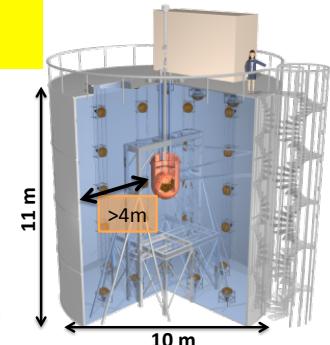
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## External backgrounds

- $\gamma, n$  from Rocks
  - Water tank (active: 72 20" PMTs)
    - $> 4 \text{ m}$  water shields
    - $\gamma$ :  $10^3$  reduction by 2m
      - smaller than PMT BG
    - $n \ll 10^{-4}/\text{d/kg}$  (by 2m)
  - $\gamma, n$  from PMT, detector parts
    - Low BG PMT ( $\sim 1/100$  of regular PMT)
    - Material selection by HPGe detector
    - Self-Shields
      - $< 10^{-4} \text{ /keV/day/kg}$



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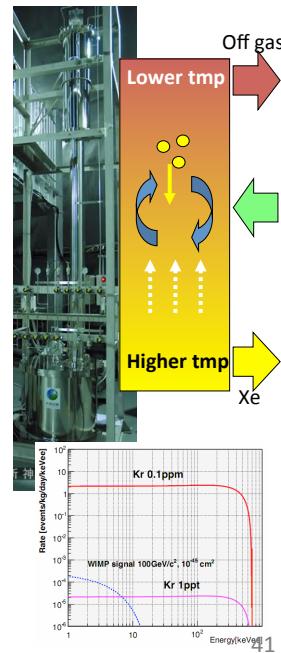
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## Internal backgrounds

- Kr ( $Q_\beta = 687$  keV)
  - Distillation: Kr has lower boiling point
  - 5 orders of magnitude reduction (test)
    - 0.1ppm  $\rightarrow$  1ppt with 4.7kg/hr  
K. Abe et al. for XMASS collab., Astropart. Phys. 31 (2009) 290
  - Distillation: 10 days before filling into the detector (~ 1 ton)
- Rn
  - target value
    - $^{222}\text{Rn}$ : target 1.0mBq for 835 kg inner volume
    - $^{220}\text{Rn}$ : target 0.43mBq for 835 kg inner volume
  - Filtering by circulation
    - liquid  $\rightarrow$  gas (30litter-GXe/min)  $\rightarrow$  liquid
      - Charcoal
    - liquid (a few litter-LXe/min)
      - Under study

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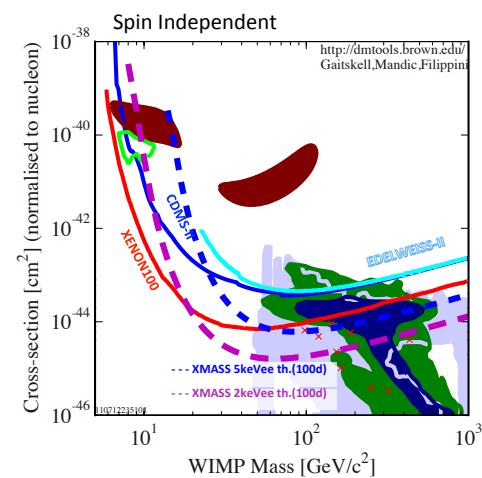
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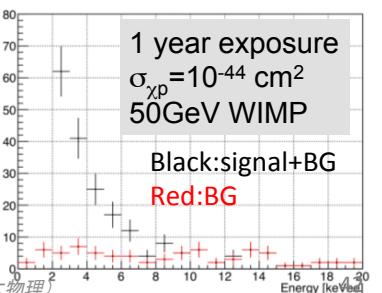
## Expected sensitivity

$\sigma_{\chi p} > 2 \times 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$   
for 50-100GeV WIMP,  
90% C.L.  
1yr exposure, 100kg FV,  
BG:  $1 \times 10^{-4} / \text{keV/d/kg}$   
Scintillation efficiency: 0.2

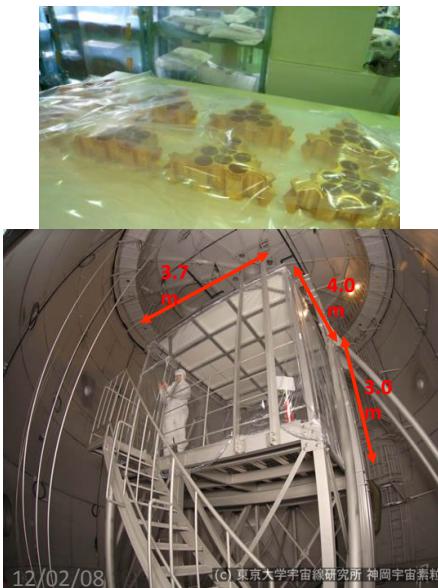
Expected energy spectrum



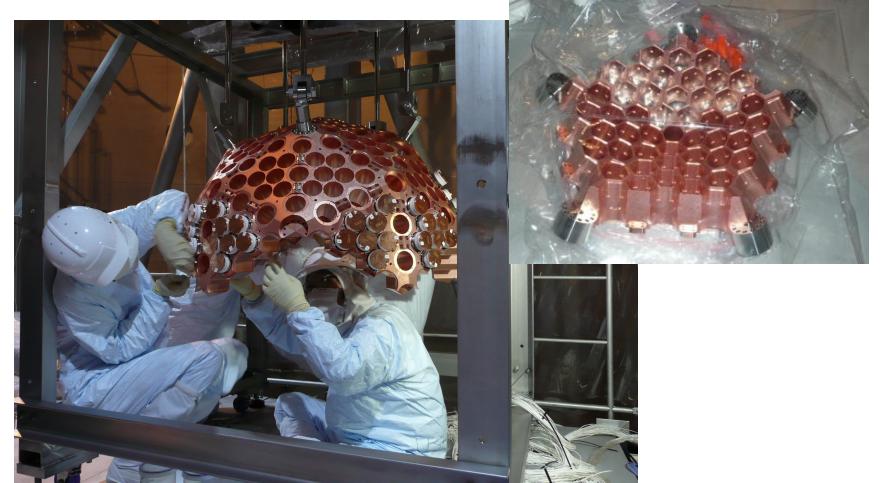
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## PMT holder



## PMT Holders



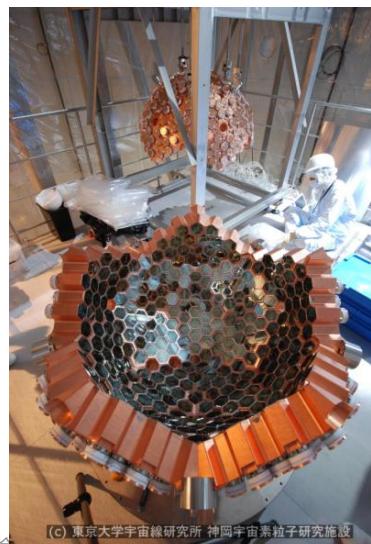
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## Assemble PMTs

- 642 PMTs are attached during 13 days.
- 200g/PMT
- ~200kg for all PMTs



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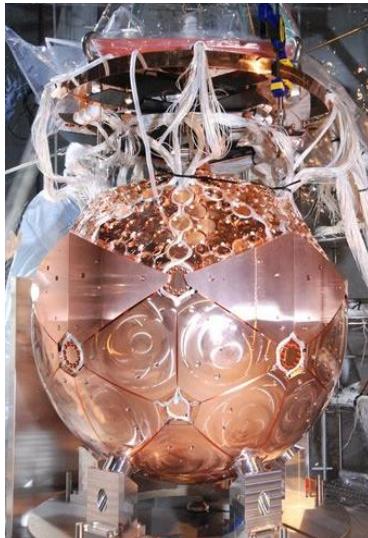


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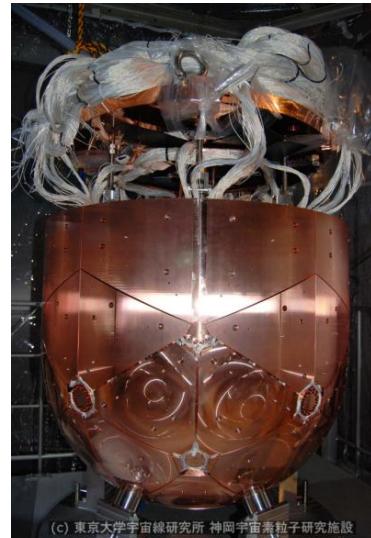
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## Filler (total 2.8ton) attachment.



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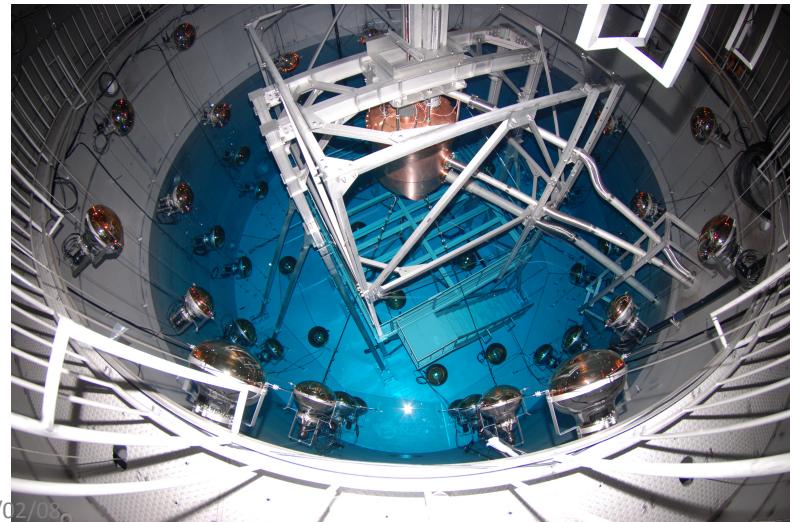
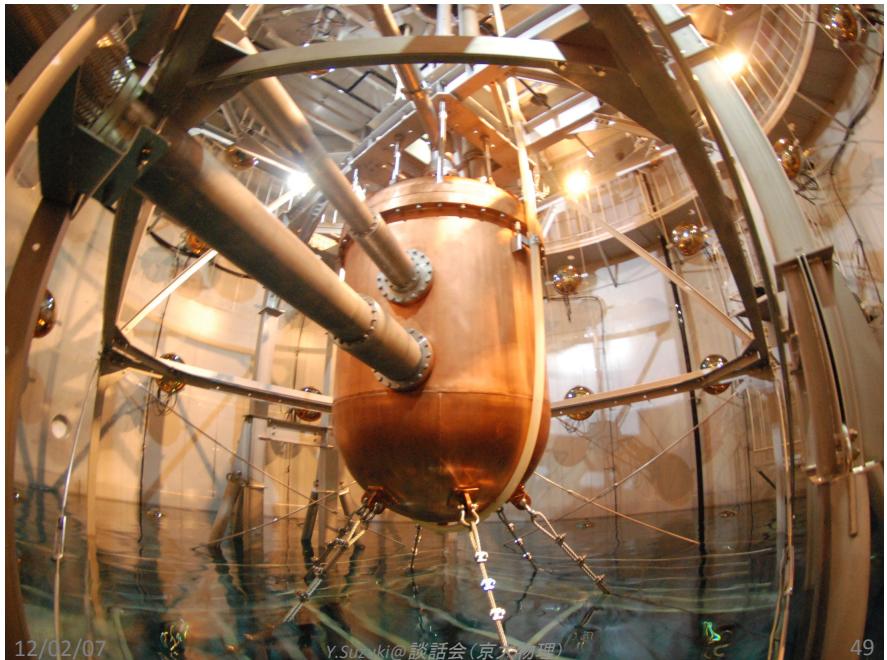
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## Manufacturing detector vessel

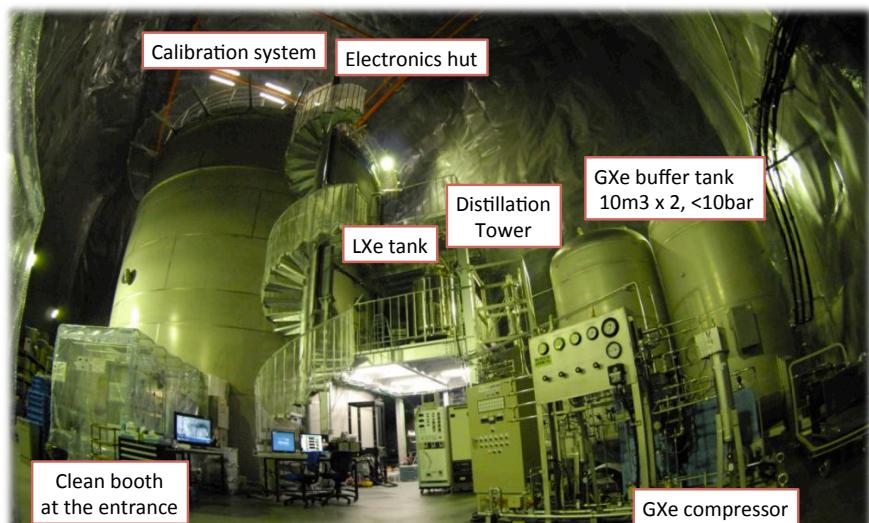
- A challenge: Manufacturing a large flange with soft OFHC copper. Inside: Electro-polished
- Due to insufficient strength of its neck part, it needed to be reinforced by adding ribs.
- It took four months.



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## Each components and construction status



## Calibration

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## Calibration system

- Gamma source
  - To check
    - Position reconstruction
    - Energy resolution
  - From inside and outside of the detector.



- LED
  - PMT Gain (1pe)
  - 8 LEDs are attached to the PMT holder
- Laser + diffuser
  - PMT Timing

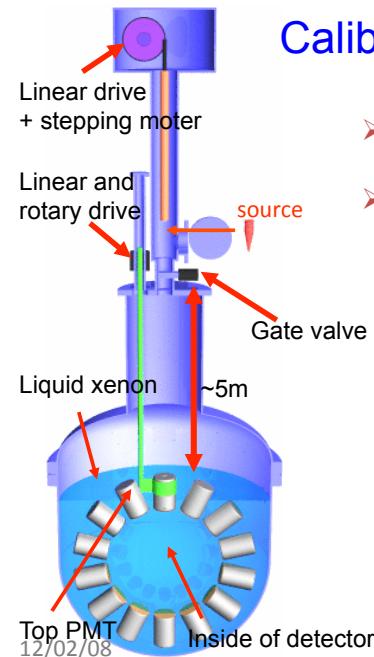


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## Calibration system for inside detector

- To introduce calibration source to inside detector
- Operate from the water tank top, 5m above detector



- Move top PMT and make window through which source can enter
- Introduce source to inside of the detector.
- Open/close of the window can be checked by optical fiber scope.
- Source can be changed even during observation.

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## Calibration source rod

- $\phi 12\text{mm}$ , length 1560mm, 1.54kg
- Lift up and down by  $\phi 0.3\text{mm}$  SUS301 wire
- Calibration source is attached at the end of rod.



Source + holder  
(exchangeable)

Adaptor (SUS304)

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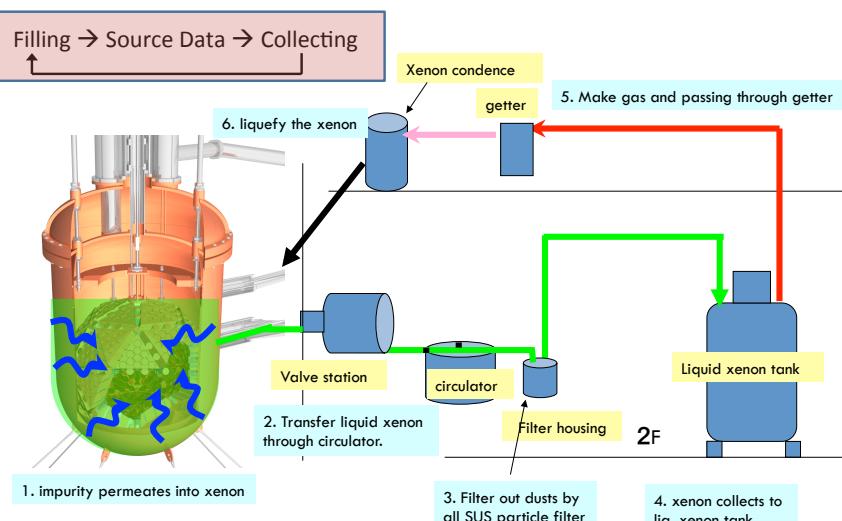
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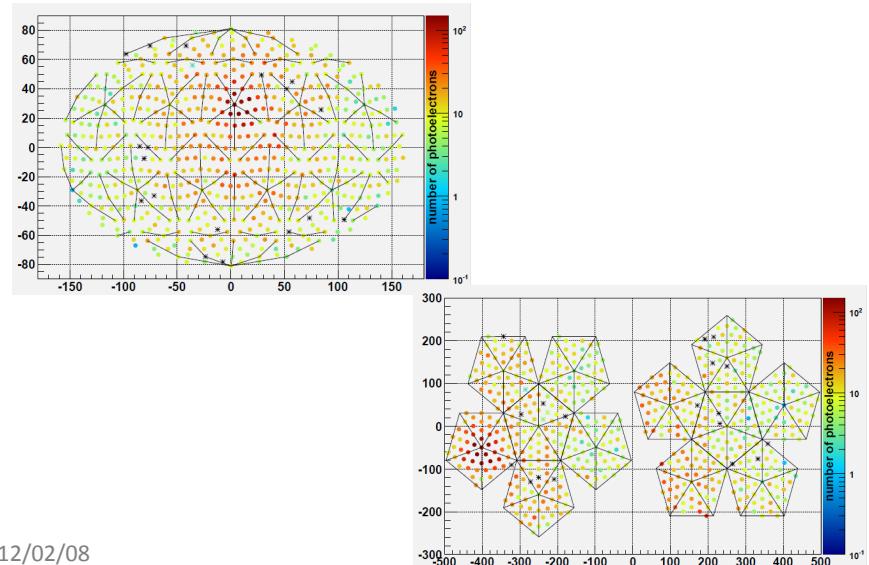
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## Detector cleaning

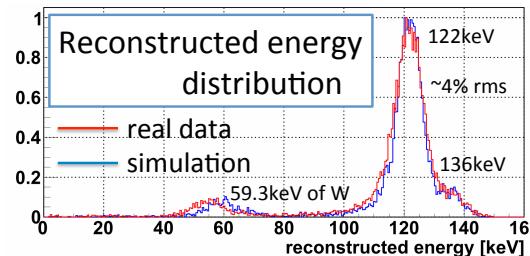


## Event Display



## Detector performance

### Reconstruction

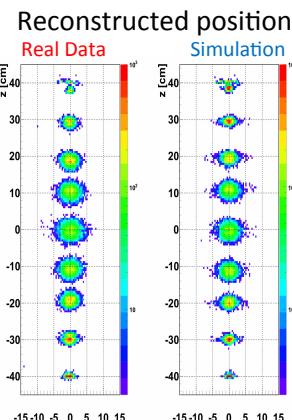


- Reconstruction:
  - pe-distribution, hit pattern (and timing)
  - energy, position (and particle id)
  - High p.e. yield:  $15.1 \pm 1.2$  pe/keV

- Energy resolution for  $^{57}\text{Co}$  (122keV,  $\gamma$ -rays)
  - 4% rms

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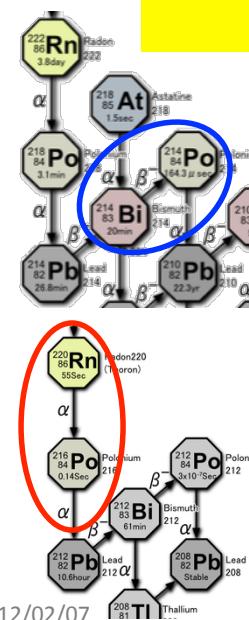
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Position Resolution for  $^{57}\text{Co}$  (122keV  $\gamma$  rays)  
1.4cm rms (0cm: center)  
1cm rms (@r=±20cm)

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## Internal BG (Rn)



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- 222Rn: Identify  $^{214}\text{Bi} \rightarrow ^{214}\text{Po} \rightarrow ^{210}\text{Pb}$  decays
    - $^{214}\text{Po}$  decays with 164  $\mu\text{s}$  half life
    - $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  coincidence
    - $8.2 \pm 0.5 \text{ mBq}$  in the inner volume
- Fitting with an expected decay curve

Entries total number of PEs x 10^3 Time difference ( $\mu\text{s}$ )
- 220Rn: Identify  $^{220}\text{Rn} \rightarrow ^{216}\text{Po} \rightarrow ^{212}\text{Pb}$  decays
    - $^{216}\text{Po}$  decays with 0.14sec half life
    - two  $\alpha$ 's with short coincidence
    - Upper limit <0.28mBq (90%C.L.)

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## Summary

- XMASS phase I (100kg fiducial) is a single phase liquid Xenon detector which has a sensitivity to  $2 \times 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$  (SI cross section)
- Commissioning runs are on going to understand the detector performance and backgrounds
  - Energy resolution and vertex resolution were as expected: ~1cm position resolution and ~4% energy resolution for 122 keV  $\gamma$ .
  - Radon backgrounds are close to be expected.
- Direct dark matter search experiments are in a very exciting and interesting stage: Some indications for low mass DM, but there are conflicting results.
- We ‘hope’ that we will show some results in next month.

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