

# The XMASS experiment



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The image shows a large, circular detector component of the XMASS experiment. It features a prominent honeycomb or hexagonal pattern of cells, likely made of scintillating crystals. The center of the structure is brightly lit, creating a white glow that fades into the darker, more detailed hexagonal cells. The entire structure is surrounded by a complex network of support beams and cables, suggesting it is part of a larger experimental setup. The text "Introduction to the XMASS" is overlaid in the center of the image.

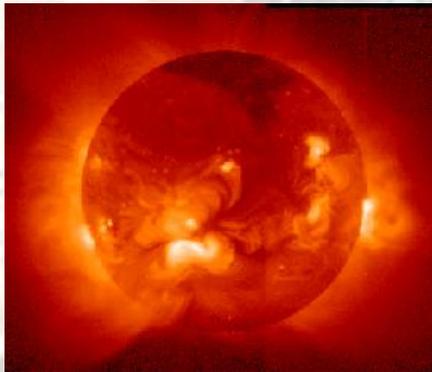
# Introduction to the XMASS

# XMASS experiment

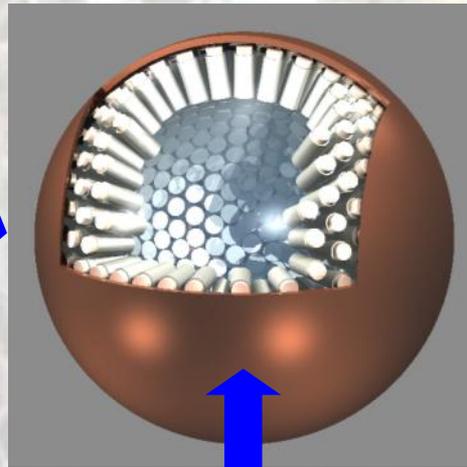
## ● What is XMASS?

Multi purpose, low-background and low-energy threshold experiment with large volume of liquid Xenon

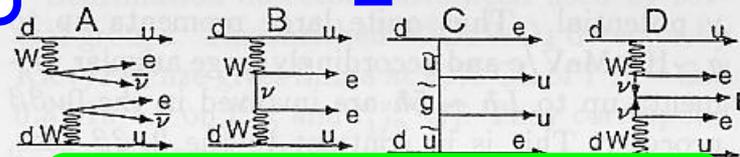
- **X**enon detector for Weakly Interacting **MASS**ive Particles (**DM search**)
- **X**enon **MASS**ive detector for solar neutrino (**pp/<sup>7</sup>Be**)
- **X**enon neutrino **MASS** detector ( **$\beta\beta$  decay**)



Solar neutrino



Dark Matter

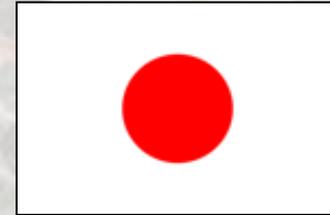


Double beta decay

+ axion, etc

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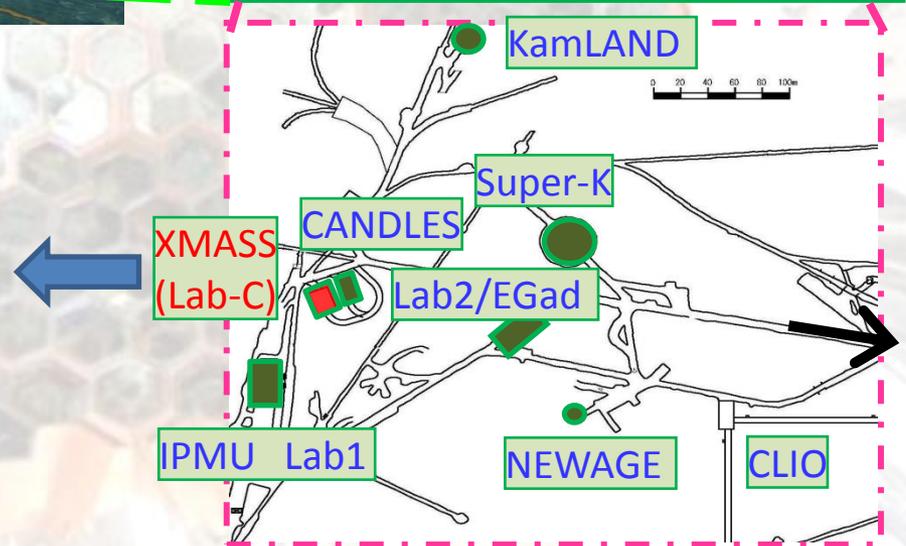
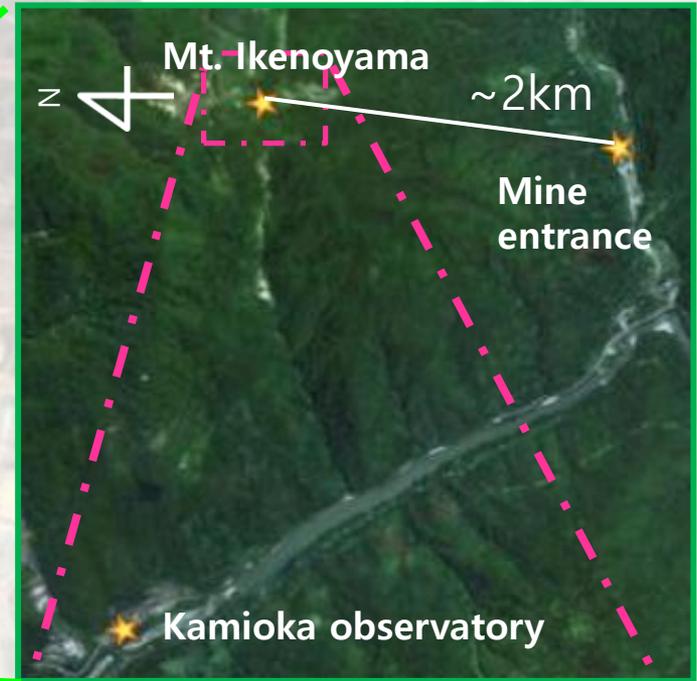
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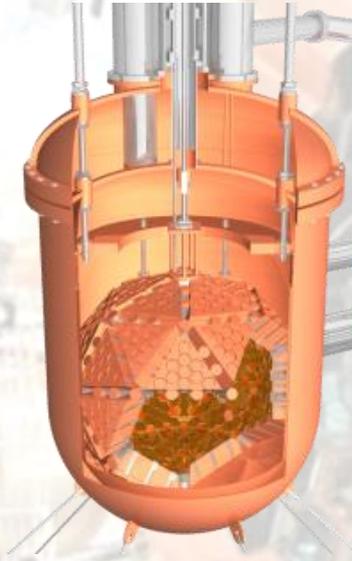


# XMASS detector : site



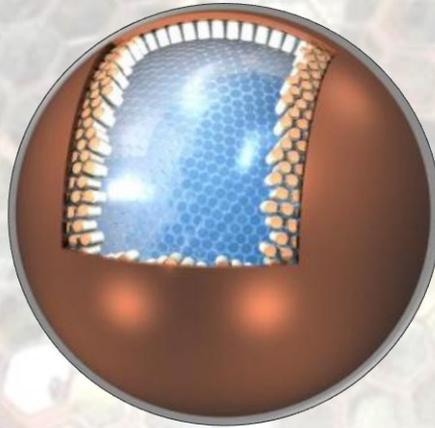
# XMASS experiment

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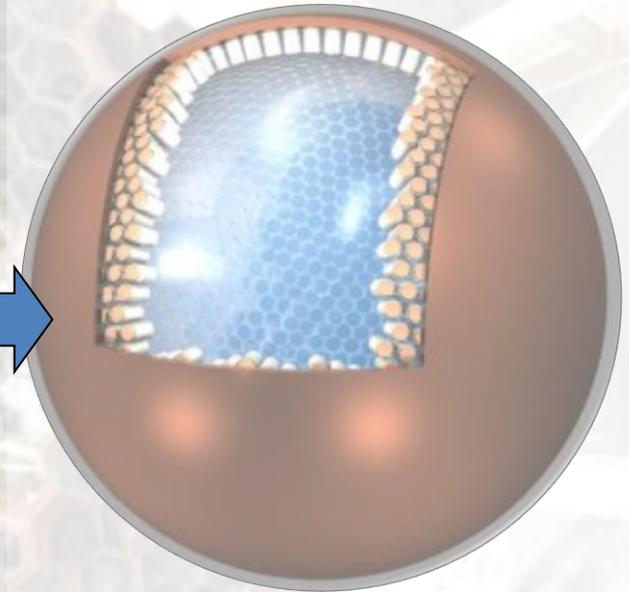
835kg,  
**100kg FV**  
80cm $\phi$   
2010Nov  
DM search

XMASS-1.5



5ton, **1ton FV**  
( x 10 of XMASS-I)  
1.5m $\phi$ , ~1800 PMTs  
DM search

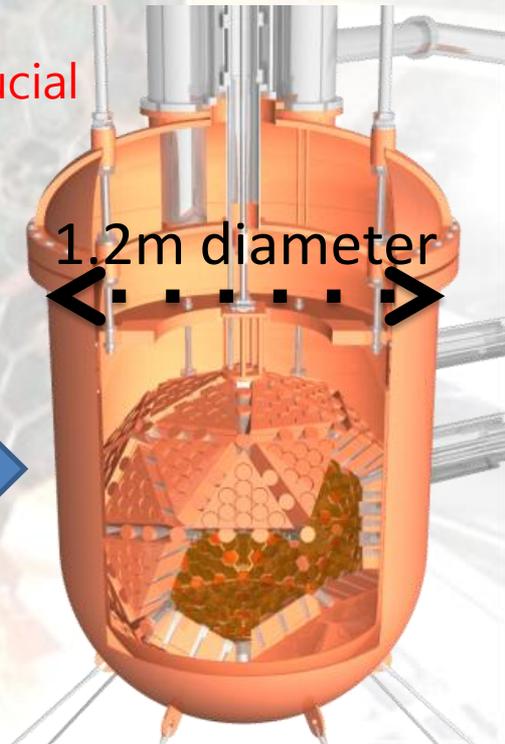
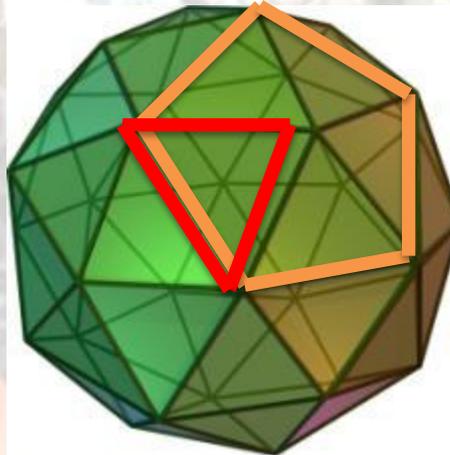
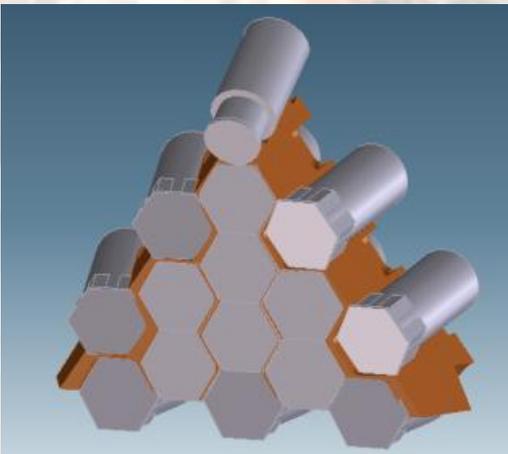
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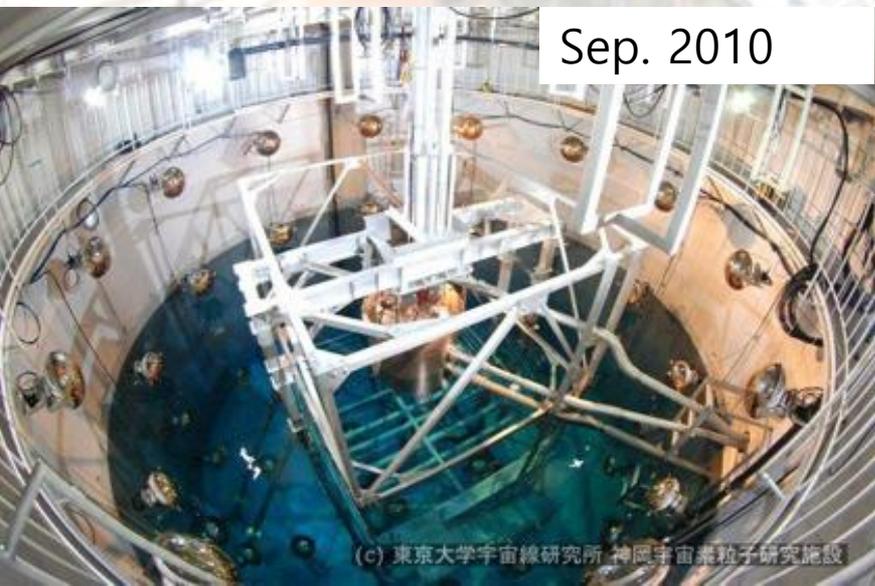
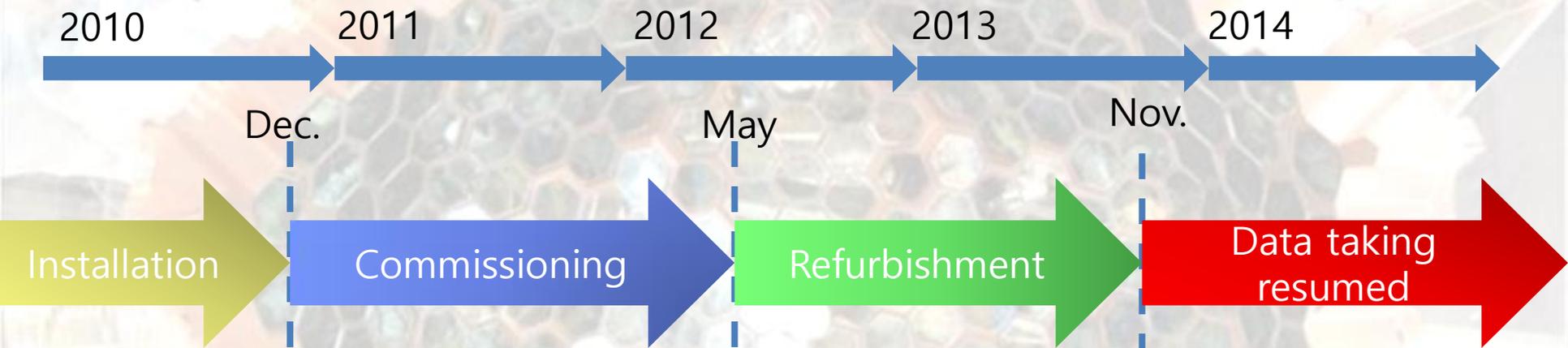
25ton, **10ton FV**  
2.5m $\phi$   
Multi purpose  
DM search  
pp solar neutrino  
 $0\nu 2\beta$  decay

# XMASS-I detector

- Single phase (scintillation only) liquid Xenon detector : sensitive to  $e/\gamma$  events with very low backgrounds as well as nuclear recoil events
- Operated at  $-100^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $\sim 0.065\text{MPa}$
- Large 100 kg fid. mass, [835 kg inner mass (0.8 m $\phi$ )]
- Pentakis-dodecahedron  $\leftarrow$  12 pentagonal pyramids: Each pyramid  $\leftarrow$  5 triangle
- 630 hexagonal & 12 round PMTs with 28-39% Q.E.
- High light yields(13.9 pe/keV) & Large photon coverage
  - photocathode coverage:  $> 62\%$  inner surface
  - Low energy threshold :  $< 5\text{ keV}_{ee}$  ( $\sim 25\text{ keV}_{NR}$ ) for fiducial volume and  $0.3\text{ keV}_{ee}$  for full volume



# History of XMASS-I



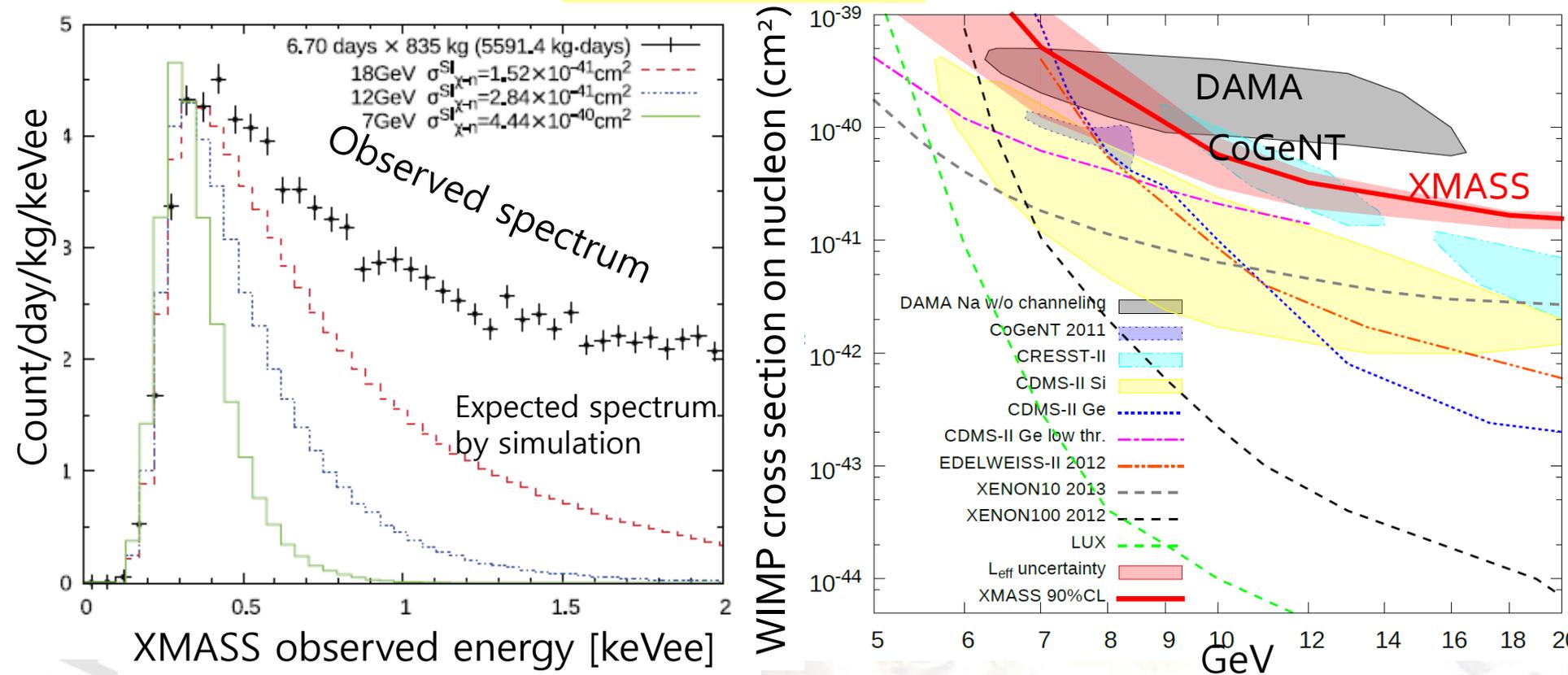
The image shows a large, circular, hexagonal-patterned detector structure, likely the XMM-Newton EPIC detector. The structure is composed of many small, dark, hexagonal cells arranged in a honeycomb pattern. The center of the structure is bright, suggesting a central source or a bright spot. The background is a blurred, industrial-looking environment with various pipes and structures.

# Results from XMASS commissioning run

# Low mass WIMPs search

- Search for elastic WIMP nucleus scattering without discriminating between nuclear-recoil and electron events
- **Threshold is 0.3keVee** and Full volume analysis.
- Set absolute maxima of the cross section.
- With just **6.70 days × 835kg** data, excluded most of the parameter space favored by DAMA.

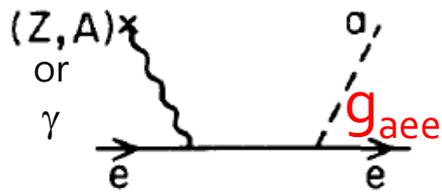
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# Solar axion search

- Axions can be produced in the sun by bremsstrahlung or Compton effect, and detected by axio-electric effect in XMASS.
- Our detector is suitable to see these events, especially because of a large mass, low background, and sensitivity to electron recoil.
- The same data set as the low mass WIMPs search.
- No indication of signals. Set maximum of  $g_{aee}$  for each mass.
- In 10-40keV, stringent constraint

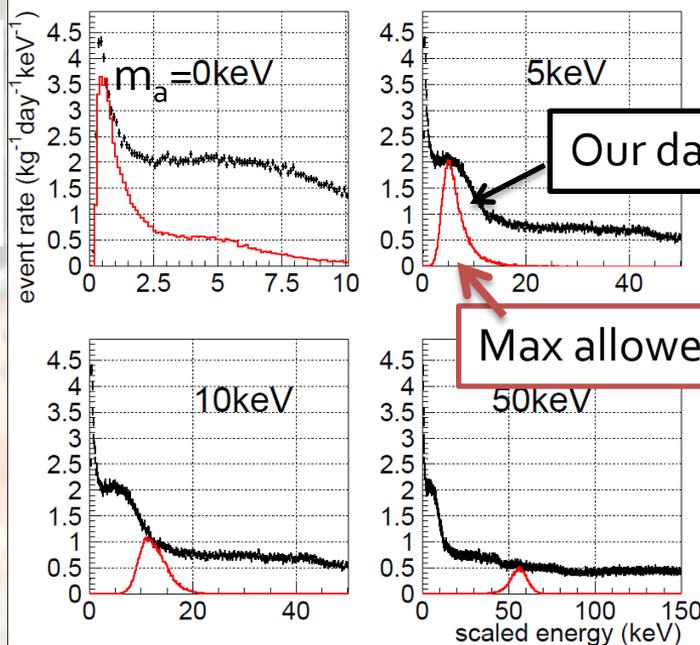
Bremsstrahlung and Compton effect



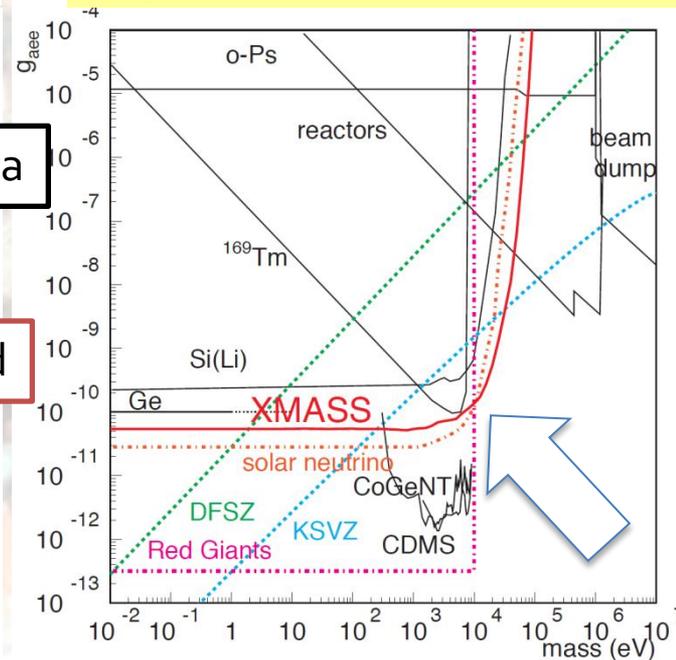
Axio-electric effect (like photo-electric)



Observed and expected energy spectrum.



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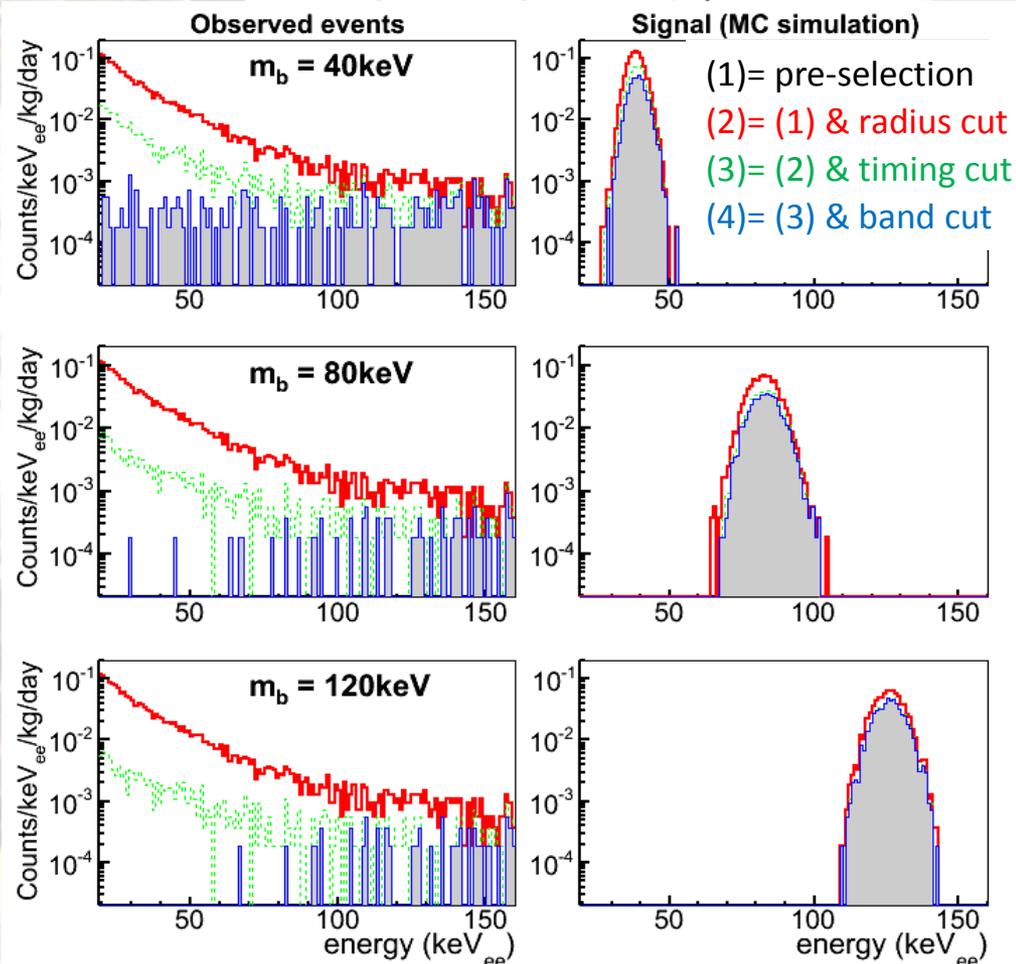
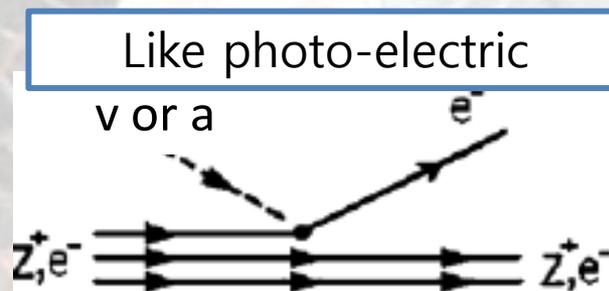


# Bosonic super-WIMPs search(1)

- The latest results in XMASS (Published in PRL 113, 121301(2014), in Sep. 18, 2014)
- Due to the followings, search for lighter and more weakly interacting particles is attracting attention.
  - Expectation on the structure on galactic scales of the CDM scenario is richer than observed.
  - So far no evidence of supersymmetric particles at the LHC.
  - LUX excluded parameter space  $\sigma_{SI} < 10^{-45} \text{cm}^2$  around 30GeV, also low mass WIMP regions.
- Bosonic super-WIMPs search
  - A lukewarm dark matter candidate, and lighter and more weakly interacting particles than WIMPs
  - Experimentally interesting since their absorption in a target material would deposit an energy essentially equivalent to the super-WIMP's rest mass.
  - Search for pseudoscalar and vector boson (sometimes called as dark, para, or hidden photon)
  - For vector boson, there is only astrophysical constraint.
    - ➔ Need experimental search

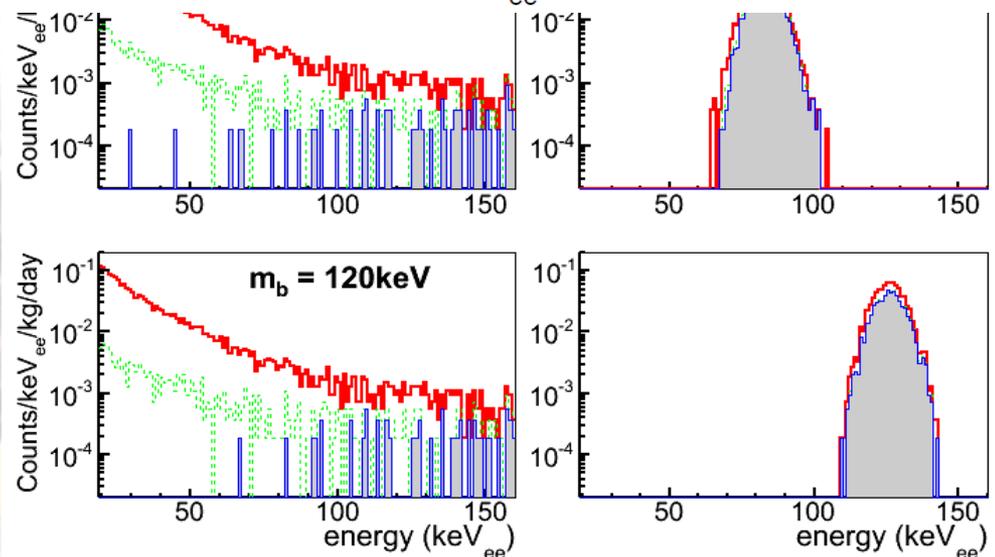
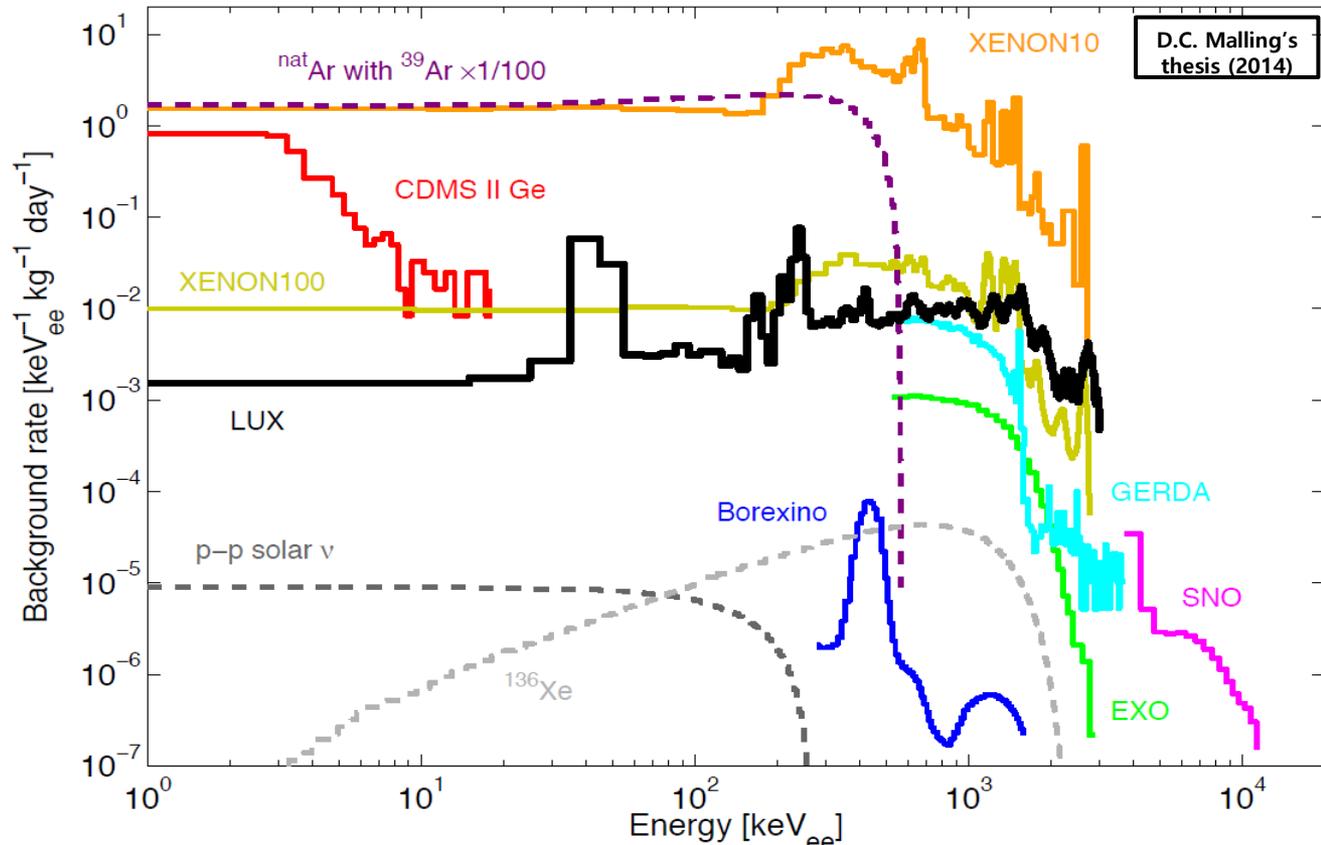
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- Can be detected by absorption of the particle, which is similar to the photoelectric effect.
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- Search for mono-energetic peak at  $m_b$  (the rest mass of a bosonic super-WIMP)
- optimized cut for each  $m_b$
- The remaining event rate ( $O(10^{-4})/\text{day}/\text{kg}/\text{keV}_{ee}$ ), the lowest ever achieved, is in good agreement w/ expected BG from  $^{214}\text{Pb}$  w/ keeping  $> 50\%$  signal efficiency



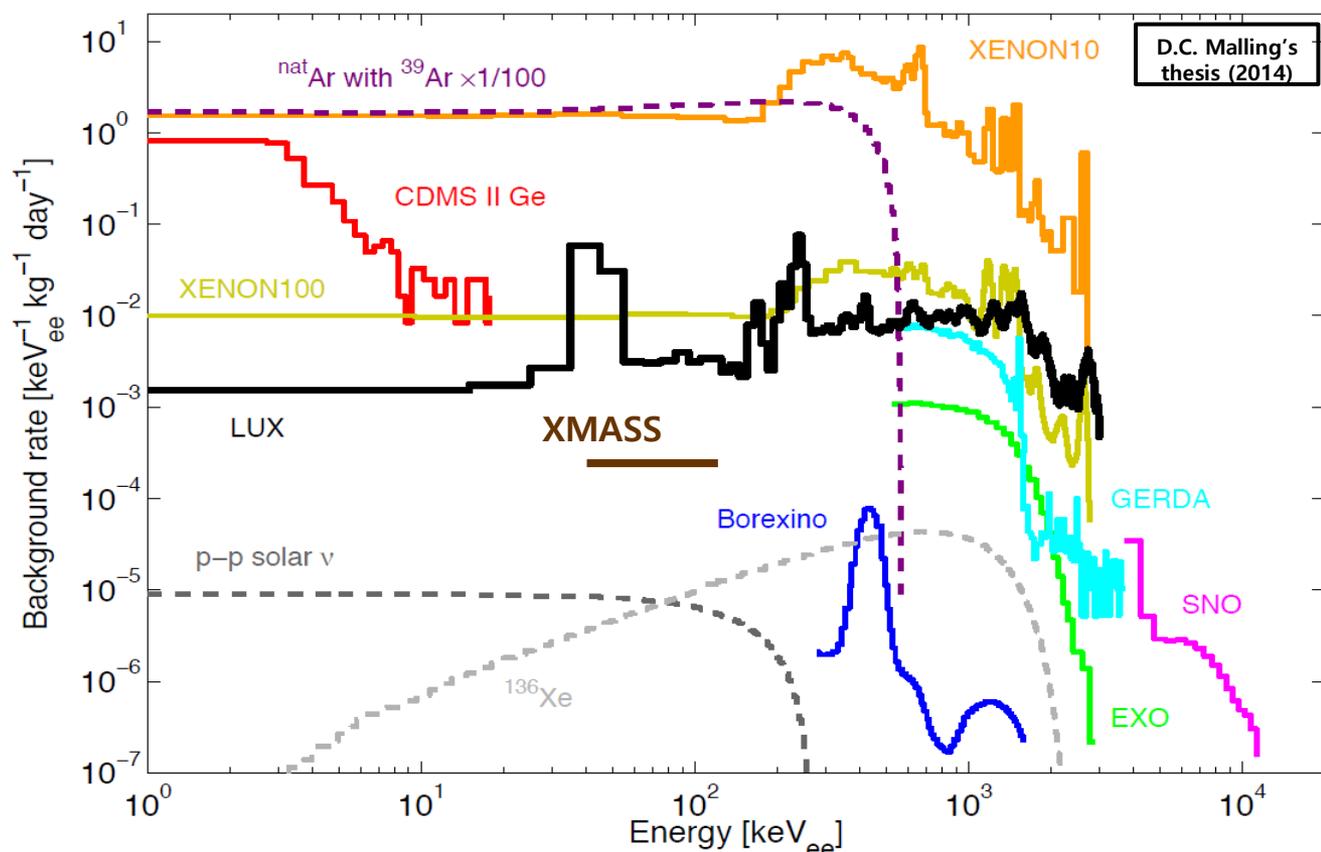
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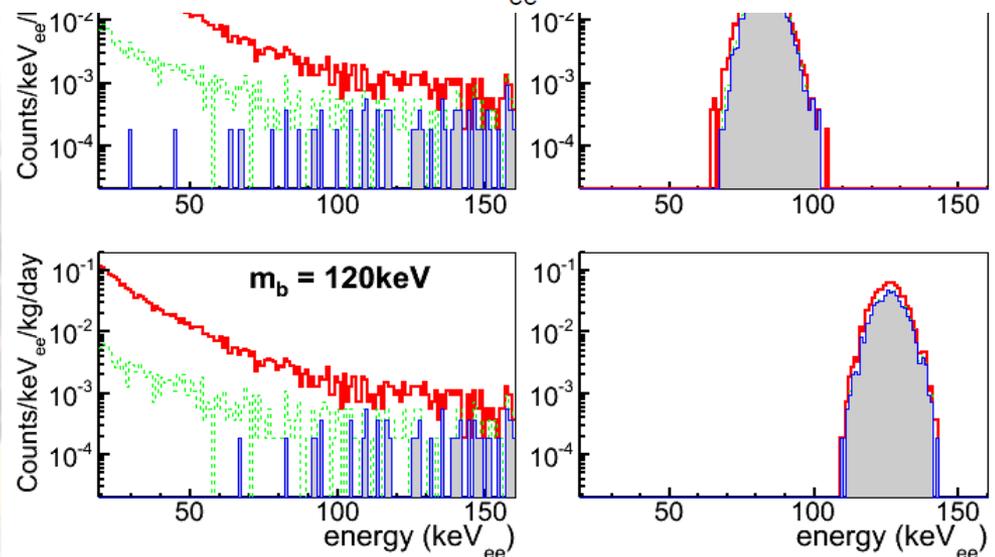


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D.C. Malling's thesis (2014)



# Bosonic super-WIMPs search(3)

■ The counting rate in the detector becomes :

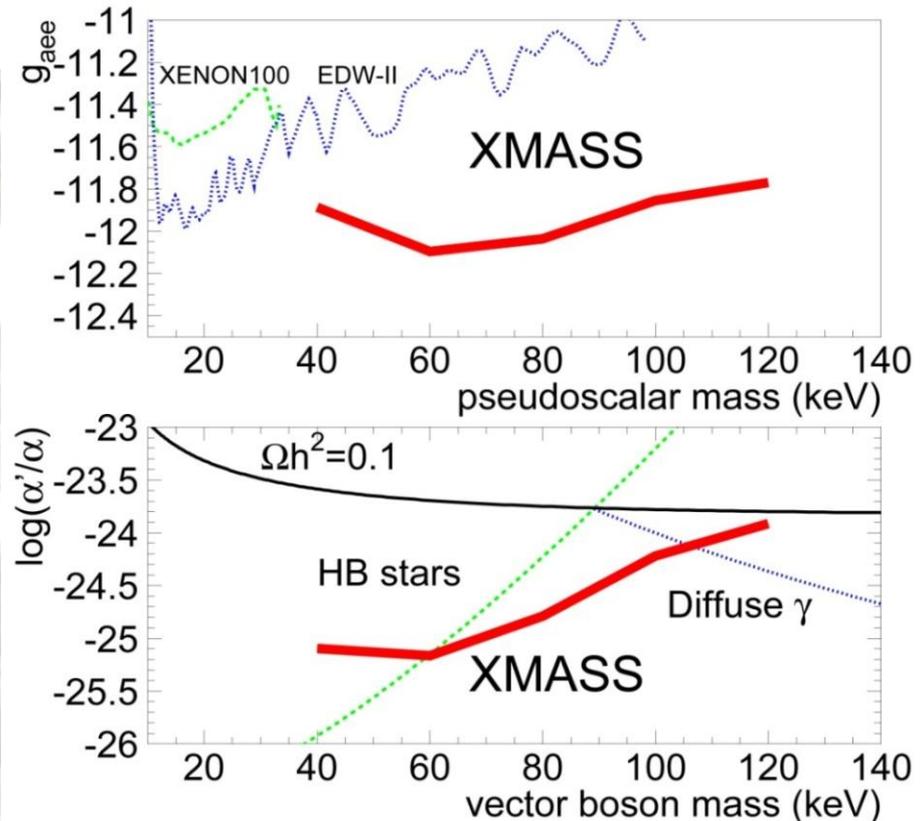
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$$S_a \approx \frac{1.2 \times 10^{19}}{A} g_{aee}^2 \left( \frac{m_a}{\text{keV}} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{\text{photo}}}{\text{barn}} \right) \text{kg}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$$

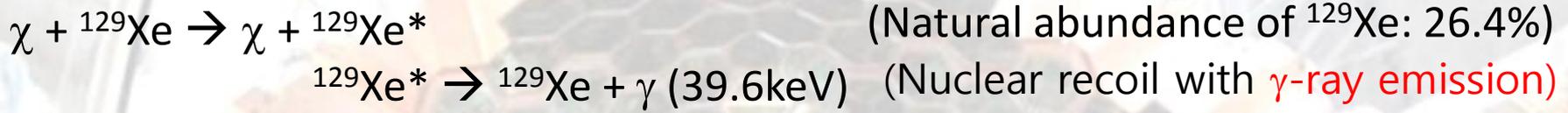
$$S_v \approx \frac{4 \times 10^{23}}{A} \frac{\alpha'}{\alpha} \left( \frac{\text{keV}}{m_V} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{\text{photo}}}{\text{barn}} \right) \text{kg}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$$

where,  $\alpha'$  is the vector boson analogue to the fine structure constant.

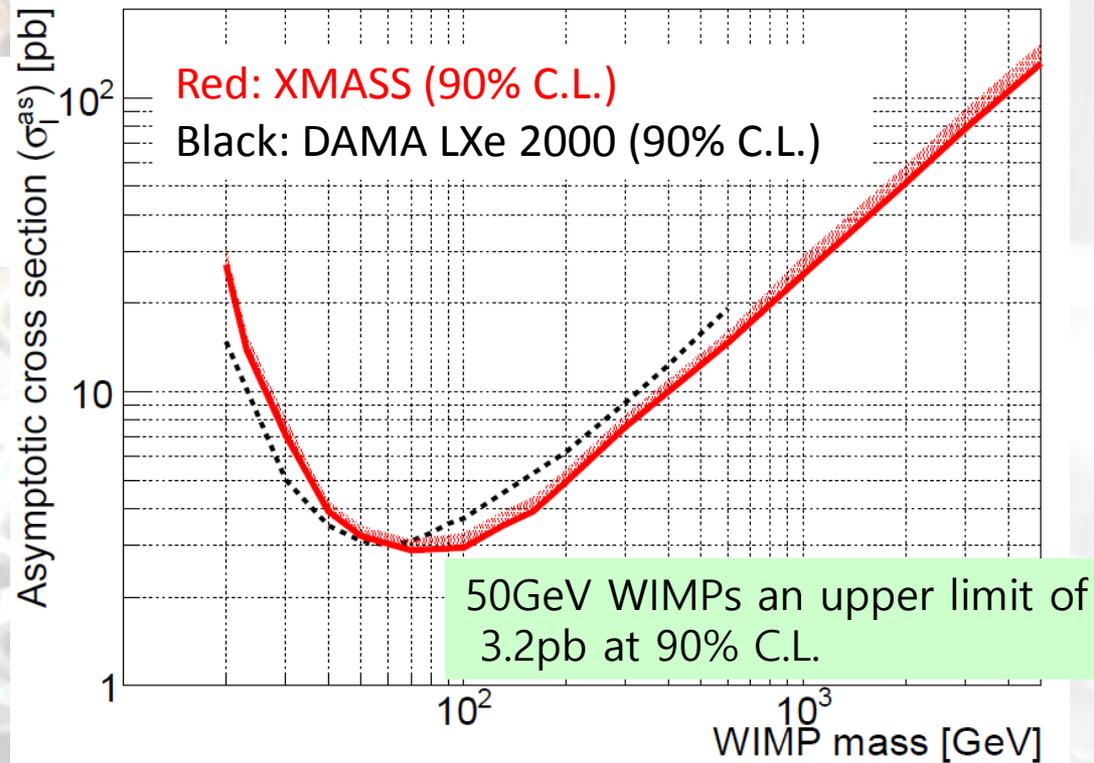
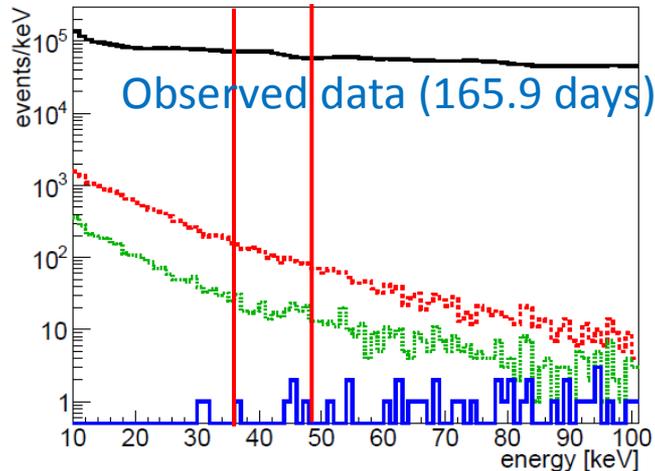
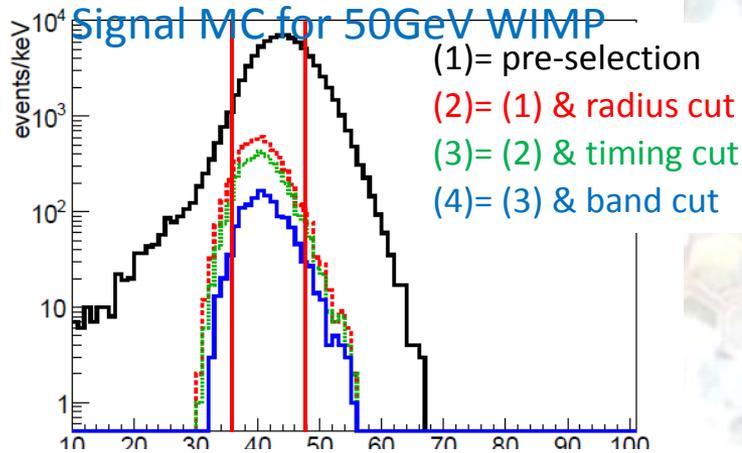
■ For vector bosonic super-WIMPs, the first direct search in the 40-120keV range. The limit excludes the possibility that such particles constitute all of dark matter. The most stringent direct constraint on  $g_{aee}$  because of the low background in this energy range.



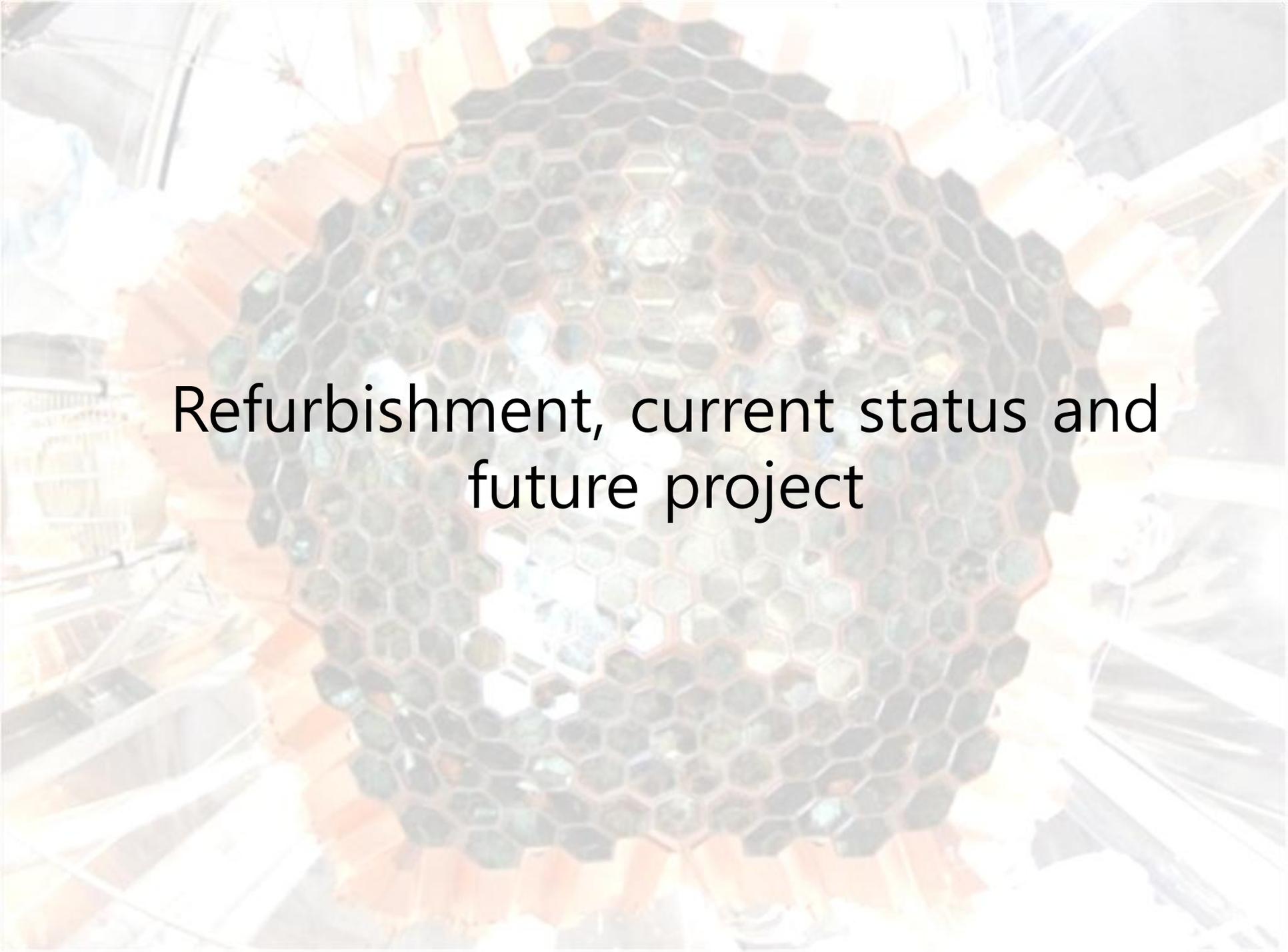
# Inelastic WIMP nucleus scattering search



- The same data set as the bosonic super-WIMPs search was used.
- Cuts are optimized to have best S/N in 30-80keV using calibration data
- Achieved without explicit background subtraction because of low background.



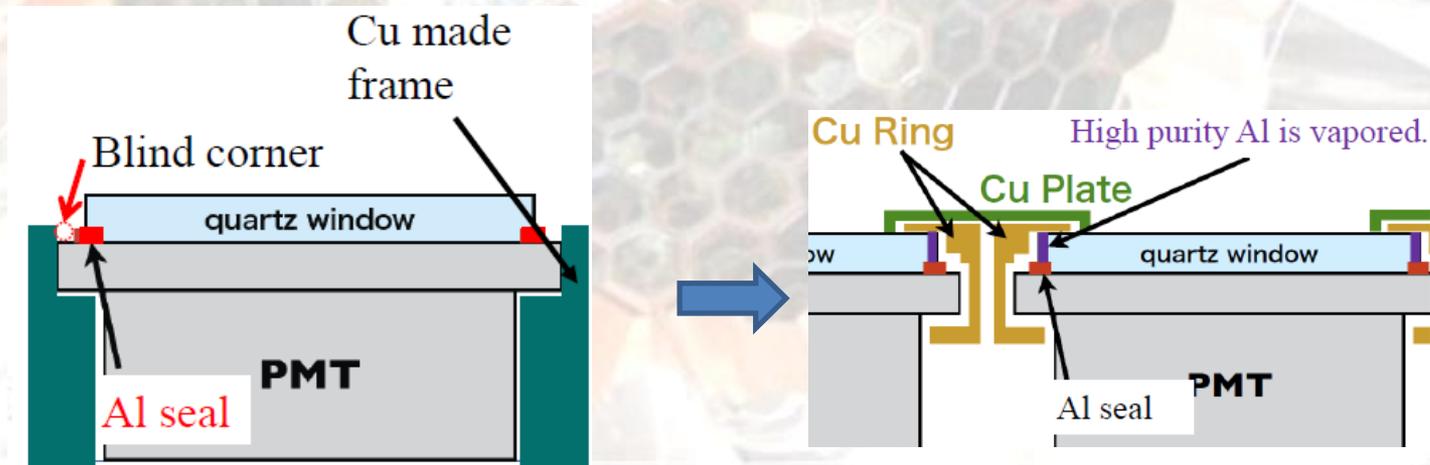
Achieved  $\sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$  dru @ a few 10's keV  
 Published in PTEP 063C01 (2014)

The image shows a large, circular, honeycomb-patterned structure, likely a nuclear reactor core, with a central opening. The structure is composed of many small, hexagonal cells. The background is a blurred industrial setting with various pipes and equipment. The text "Refurbishment, current status and future project" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Refurbishment, current status and  
future project

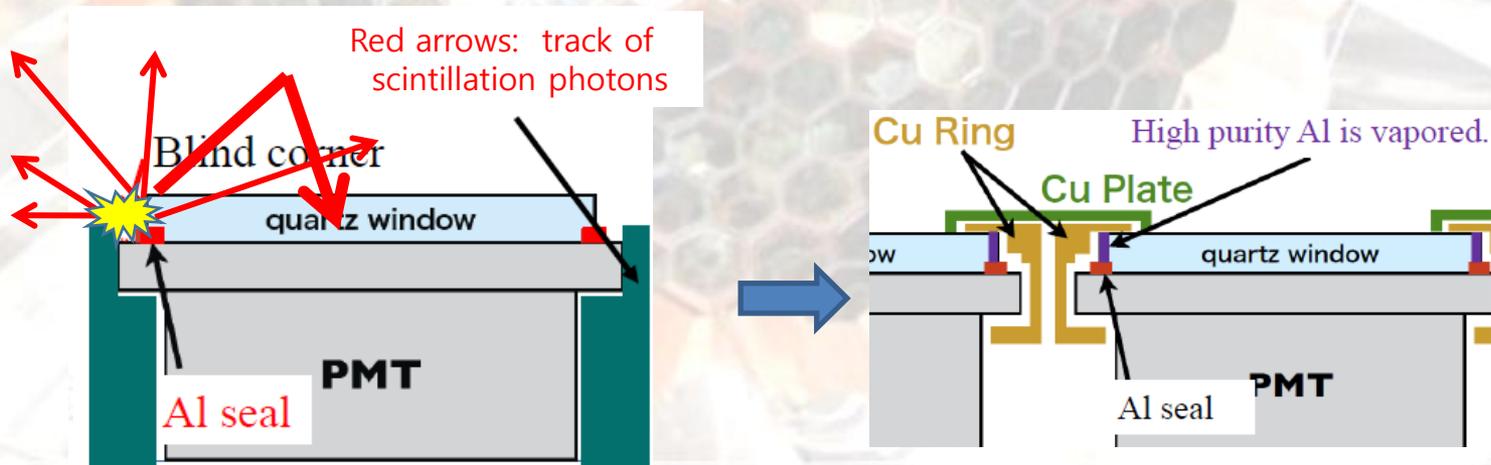
# Refurbishment

- BG in the commissioning run originated from “detector surface” is dominant.
  - RI in PMT Al seal and on surface of PMT and PMT holder
  - Such events are likely to be leakage, because photons are hardly detected in neighboring PMTs.
- Refurbishment from May 2012 to Nov. 2013
  - PMT Al seal are covered by copper ring and plate, to reduce the beta and X-ray and make a simple and flat surface to reduce the mimic of inside event.
  - Also those rings, plates & PMT holders were electropolished.



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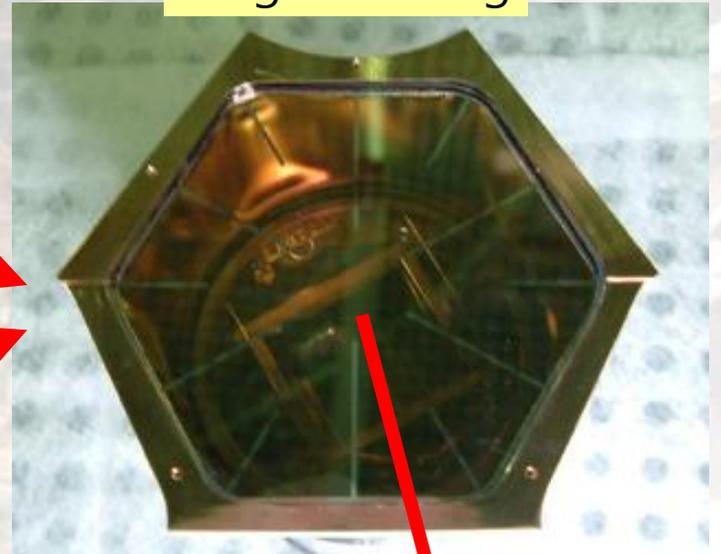
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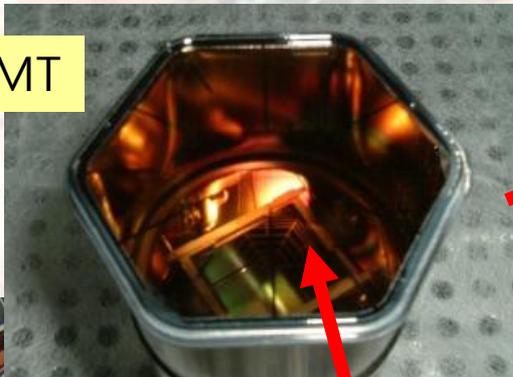
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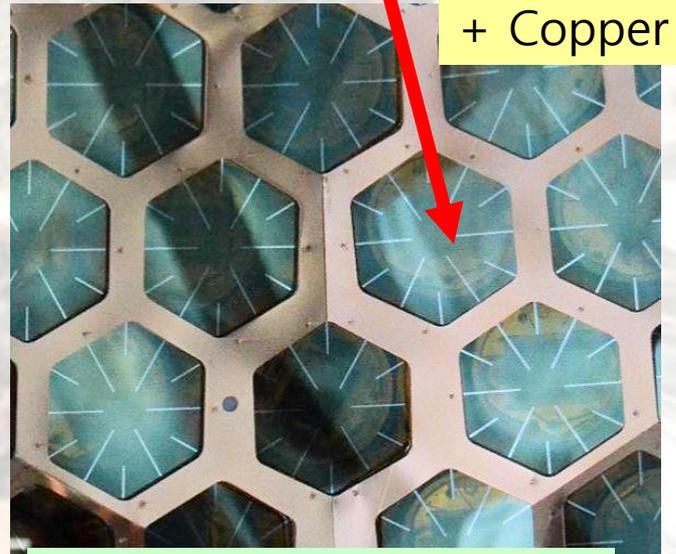
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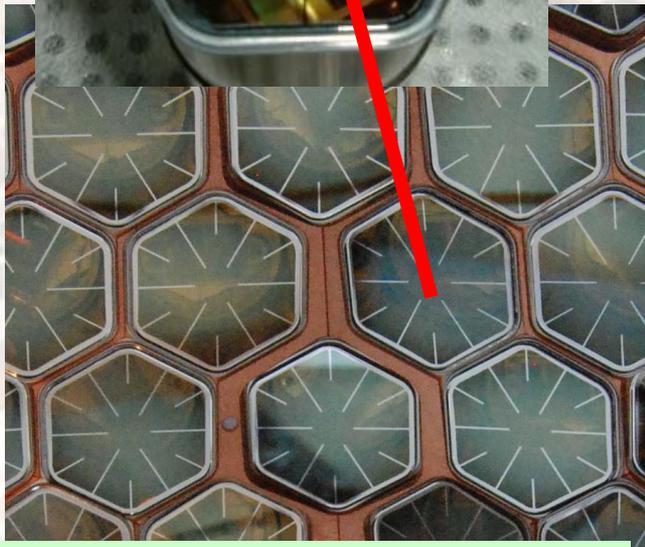
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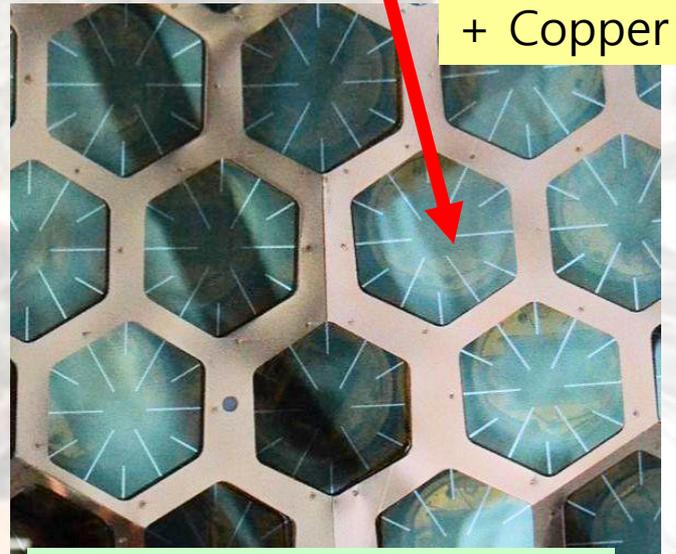
+ Copper plate



Before refurbishment



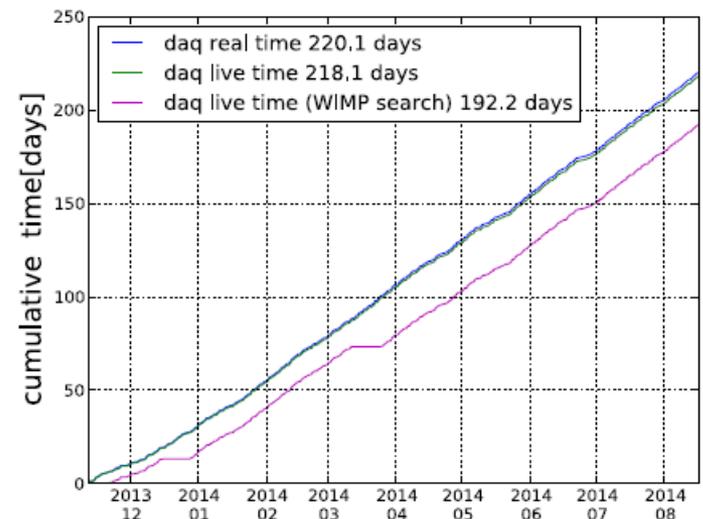
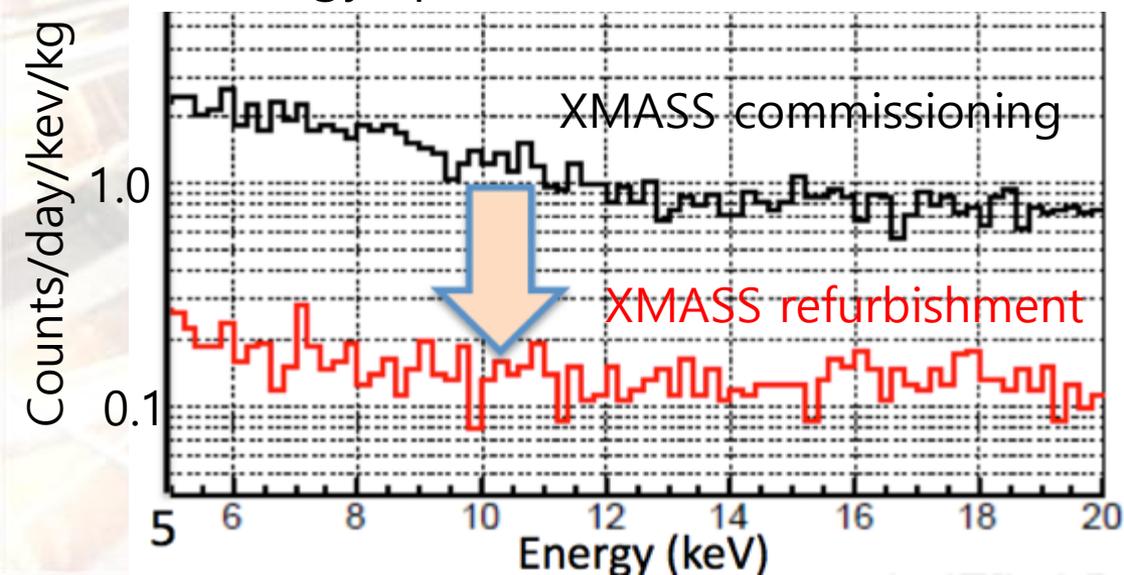
After refurbishment



# Current status(1)

- Restarted data taking from Nov. 2013
- Quick check of energy spectrum indicates one order reduction of background from commissioning run data.
- Already accumulated 192.2 days data for WIMP search till Sep. 2014.
- Using this data, physics analyses including WIMP search with fiducialization and annual modulation are on-going.

Energy spectrum for entire volume



# Current status (2)

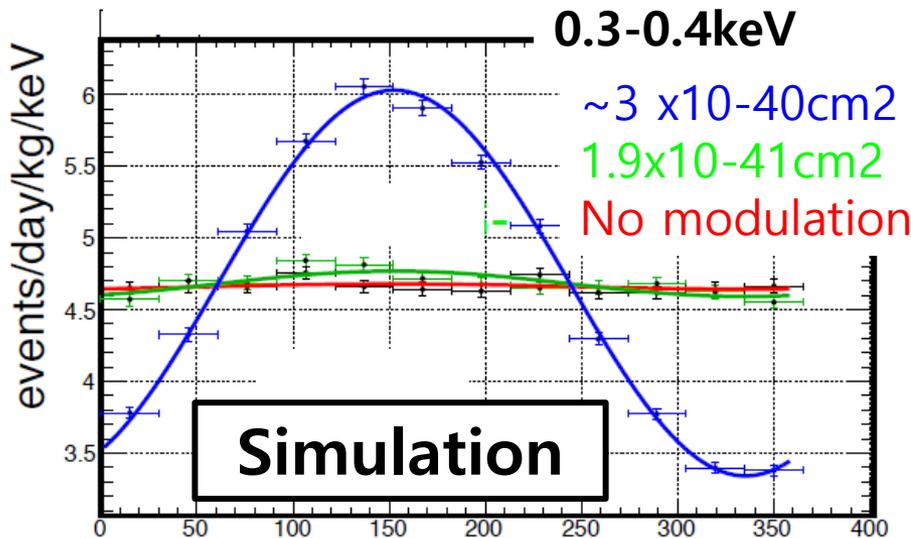
- Annual modulation analysis after the refurbishment

- For full volume

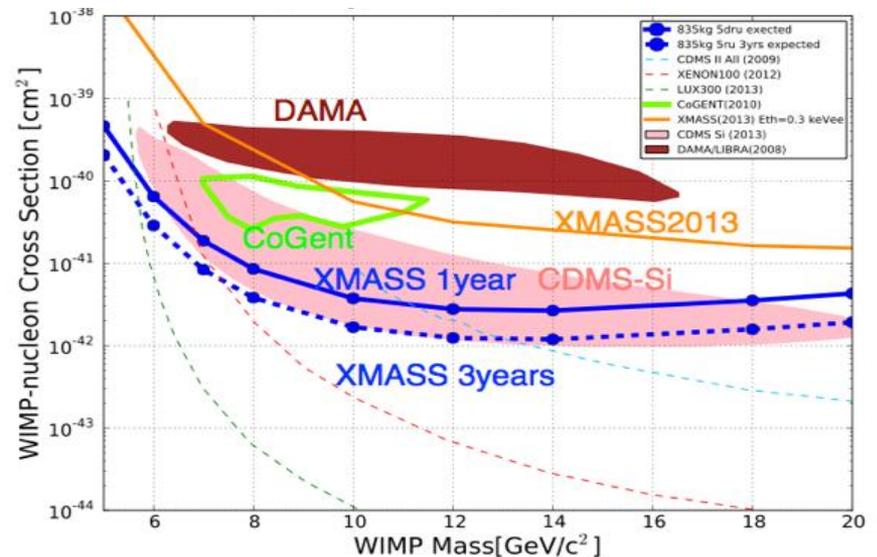
- World's largest mass : 1 yr data of XMASS  $\sim$  14yrs data of DAMA/LIBRA  
0.8 ton\*year  $\sim$  1.33 ton\*year  
Current statistics is  $\sim$  half of DAMA/LIBRA data
    - Low energy threshold : 0.3keVee
    - Select events with simple cut w/o reconstruction
    - For several physics (DM, axion,..) w/o PID.
    - The results for 1yr data will come in near future.

- To be analyzed for fiducial volume in near future.

Expected modulation in XMASS  
for 8GeV WIMP

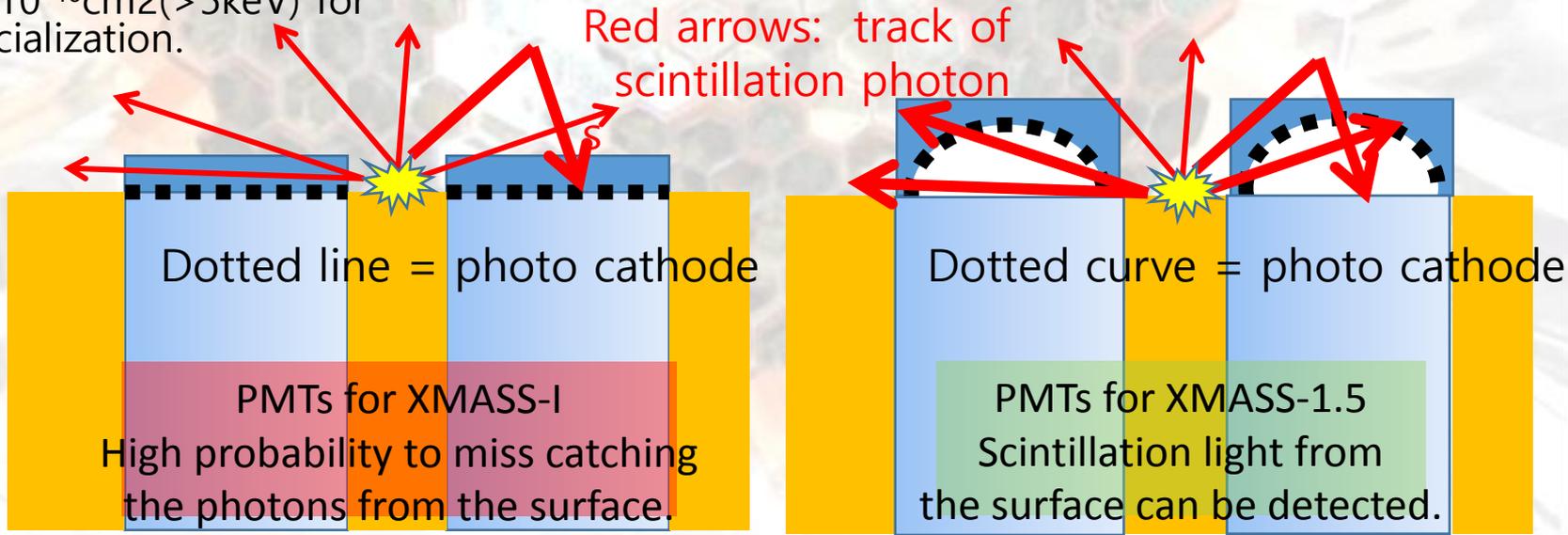
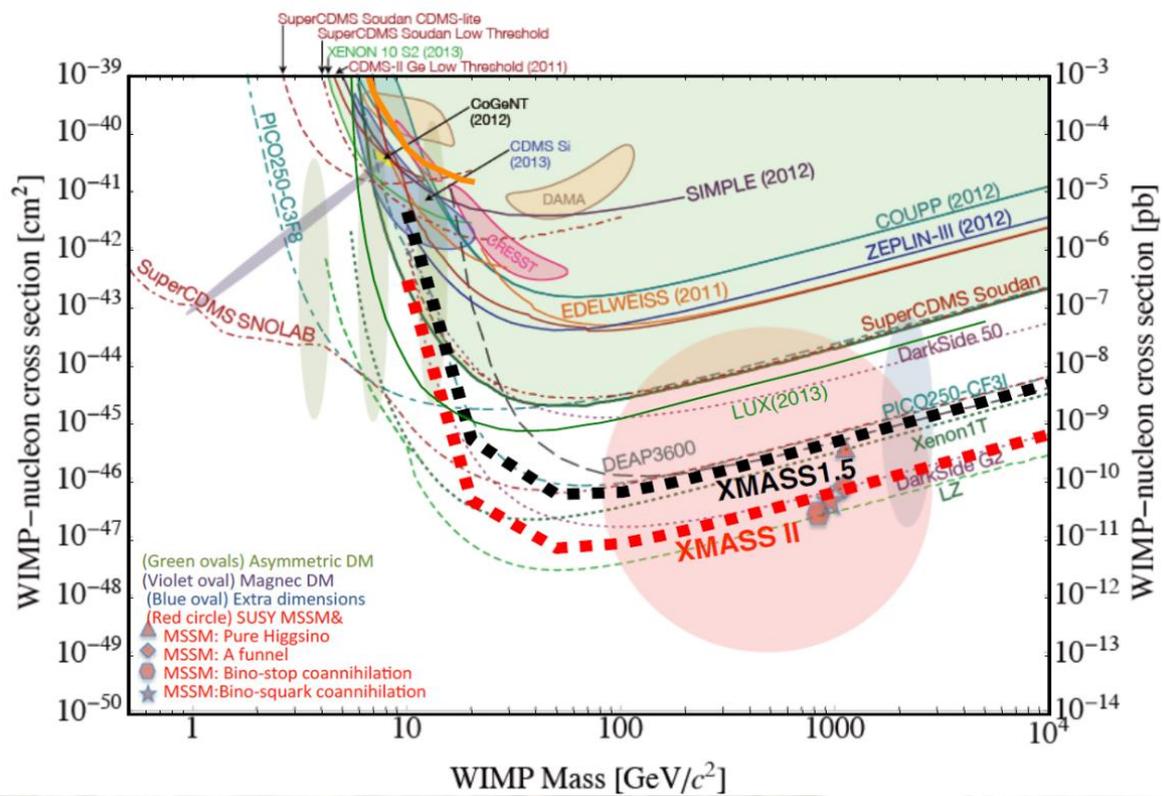


Prospects after refurbishment for full volume



# Future project

- XMASS-1.5 : FV 1ton, Full 5tons xenon
- New PMT:
  - More clean material (include Al seal) will be selected.
  - New PMTs being developed help to identify surface events.
- BG will be controlled by techniques of refurbishment .
- Sensitivity for DM search:
  - $\sigma_{SI} < 10^{-46} \text{cm}^2 (> 5 \text{keV})$  for fiducialization.



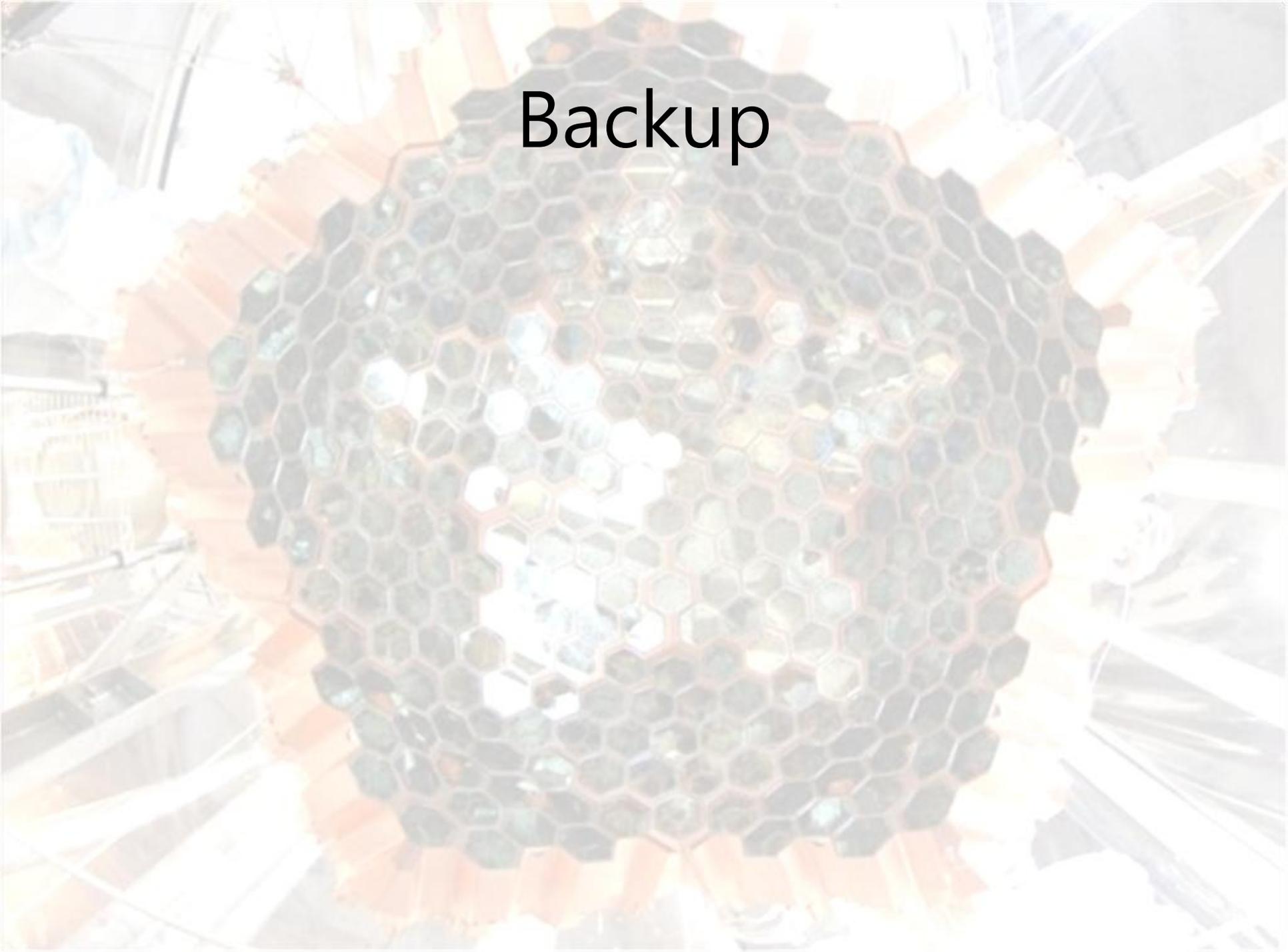
# Summary

- Physics results from commissioning data
  - Taking the full advantage of sensitivity to  $e/\gamma$  events as well as nuclear recoil, large volume, low threshold and low background at a few 10's keV at a level of  $10^{-4}/\text{day}/\text{kg}/\text{keV}_{ee}$ 
    - Low mass WIMPs : with just 6.70 days ( $\times 835\text{kg}$ ) data, excluded most of the parameter space favored by DAMA. (Phys. Lett. B 719 78 (2013))
    - Solar axions : In 10-40keV, stringent constraint for  $g_{aee}$  (Phys. Lett. B 724 46 (2013))
    - Bosonic super-WIMPs : For vector boson, the first direct search in the 40-120keV range. The limit excludes the possibility that such particles constitute all of dark matter. For pseudoscalar, the most stringent direct constraint on  $g_{aee}$ . (Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 121301(2014))
    - Inelastic WIMP nucleus scattering : Achieved the limit without explicit background subtraction (PTEP 063C01 (2014))
- Current status
  - The refurbishment of detector completed and data-taking resumed in Nov. 2013.
  - Succeeded one order reduction of background from commissioning run data. Using these data, physics analyses including WIMP search with fiducialization and annual modulation are on-going. Its results will come in near future.
- Future
  - Designing of XMASS-1.5 is on-going.
  - Aim to  $\sigma_{SI} < 10^{-46} \text{cm}^2 (> 5\text{keV})$  for fiducialization.



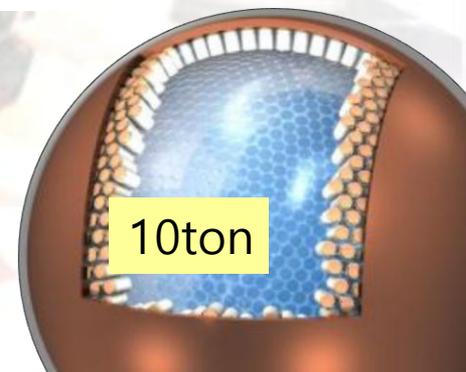
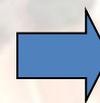
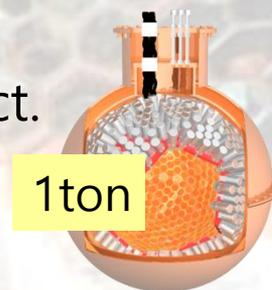
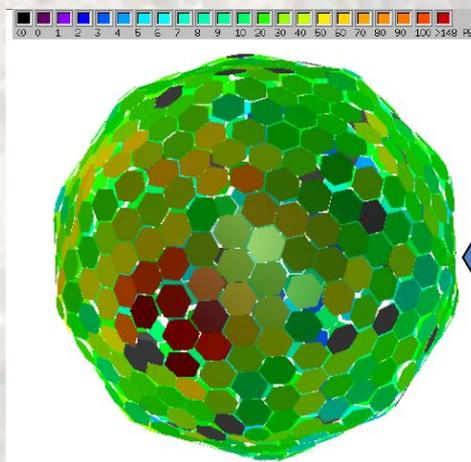
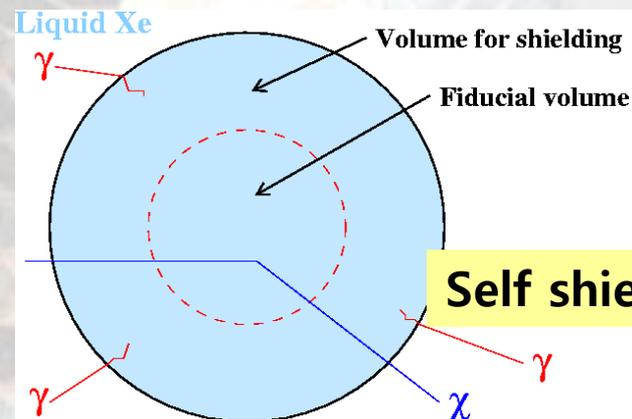
New

Backup



# Characteristics of XMASS

- XMASS : single phase detector
  - Large volume and simple structure, operation.
    - 1 ton scale xenon detector, 100kg for fiducial volume.
  - Background reduction technique :
    - Self shielding
    - Reconstruction by hit pattern of PMTs
  - High light yields & Large photon coverage (15 pe/keV)
    - Low energy threshold (< 5 keVee ~ 25 keVNR ) for fiducial volume
    - Lower energy threshold: **0.3 keV for whole volume**
  - Large Scalability, simple to construct.



# Low background technique

## (1) BG from detector materials

- 642 PMTs: We developed new ultra low RI PMT with Hamamatsu. (1/100 of ordinary one).
- OFHC copper: Bring in the mine < 1month after electrorefining (Mitsubishi Material Co.)
- Other materials: All the components were selected with HPGe and ICP-MS. (>250 samples were measured) The total RI level is much lower than PMT BG.

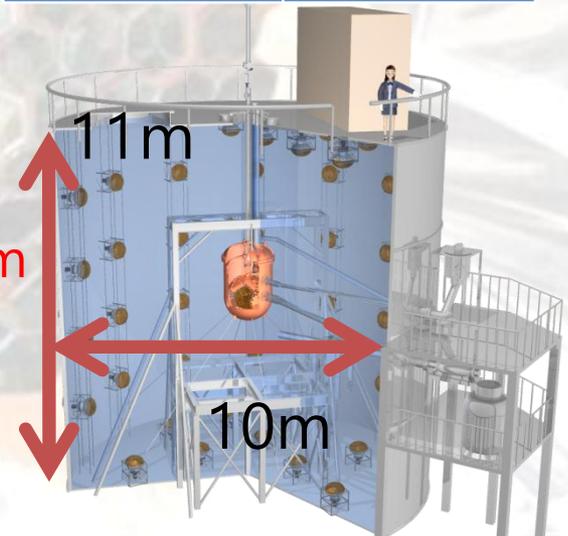


### PMT HPGe meas. result

RI in PMT	Activity per 1PMT(mBq/PMT)
238U-chain	0.70+/-0.28
232Th-chain	1.51+/-0.31
40K-chain	9.10+/-2.15
60Co-chain	2.92+/-0.16

## (2) External BG

- gamma and n from rock are sufficiently reduced by a >4m thickness pure water tank :  $\gamma < \gamma$  from PMT,  $n \ll 10^{-4}$  /day/kg
- 72 20" PMTs for active veto for CR  $\mu$



### (3) Internal BG (in Xenon)

- Radon : Our goal ( $<10^{-5}$  /day/keV/kg )= $>$   $^{222}\text{Rn} < 0.6$  mBq/detector

- Radon emanation from detector material was measured with material selection.  $<15$ mBq/detector was estimated.
- Radon concentration in XMASS by Bi-Po coincidence analysis :  $8.2 \pm 0.5$ mBq.
- The radon removal system from xenon gas are prepared.

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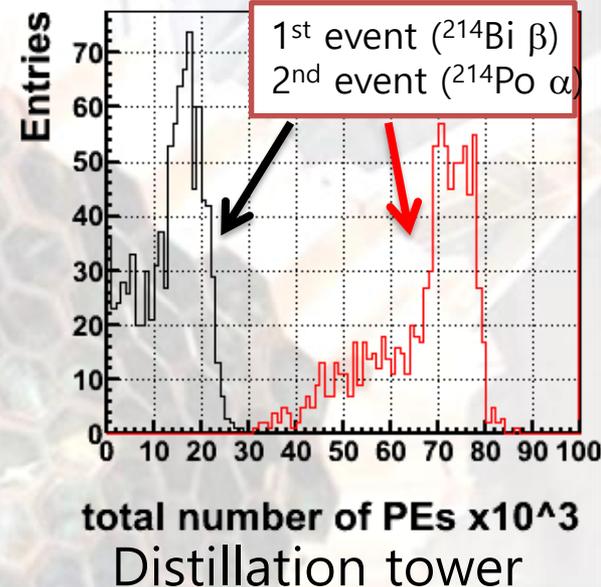
- Kr : Our goal ( $<10^{-5}$  /day/keV/kg )= $>$  1ppt
- 5 order of magnitude reduction with 4.7kg/hr processing time was achieved by distillation system

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- $<2.7$ ppt (API-MS measurement of sample gas) was achieved.

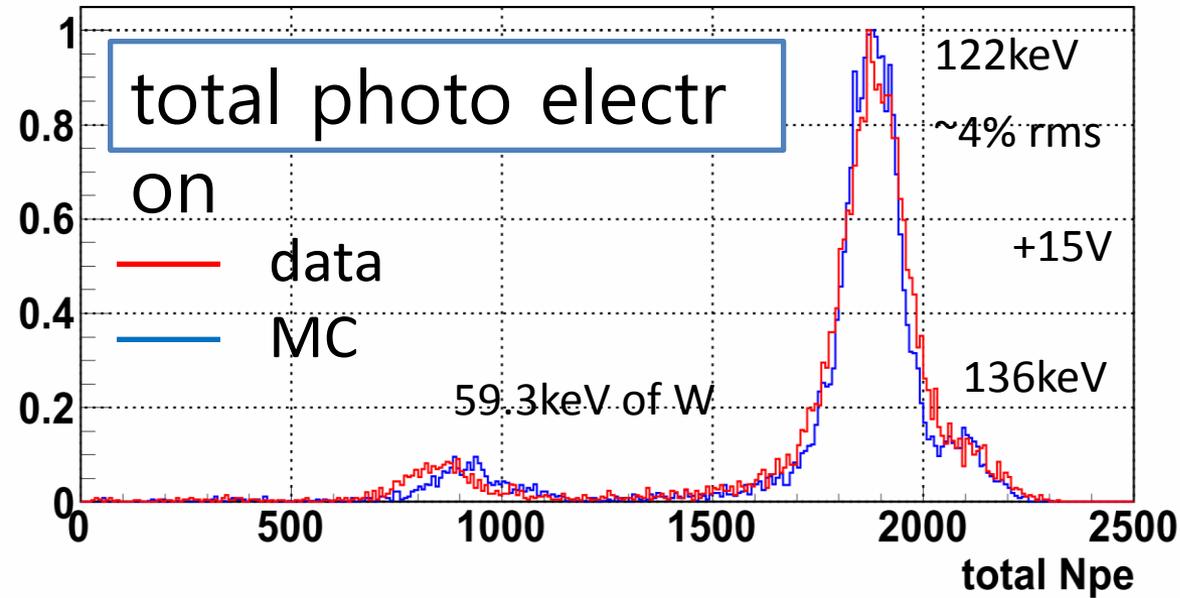
- Water, H<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub> etc :

- Worse the optical property of xenon and probability of BG (3T)
- Xenon gas was passed to hot and room temperature getter to remove these.



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# Detector response for a point-like source ( $\sim$ WIMPs)



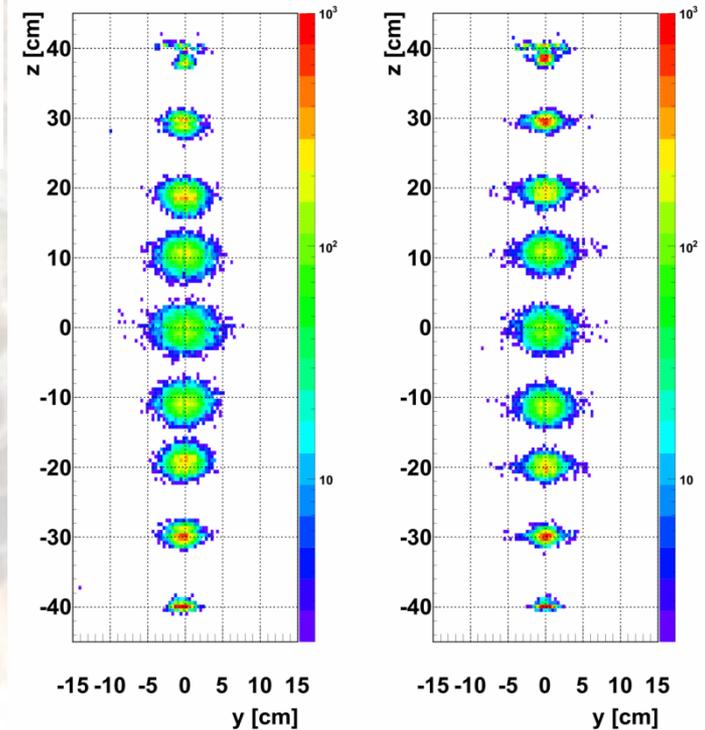
RI source with rod



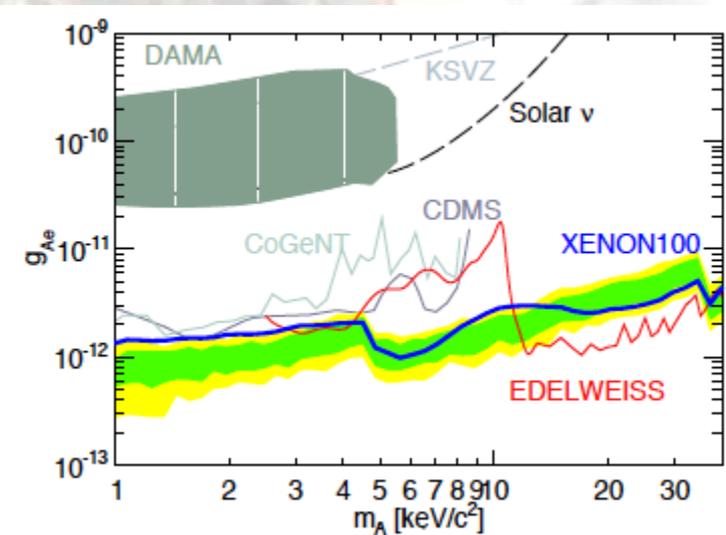
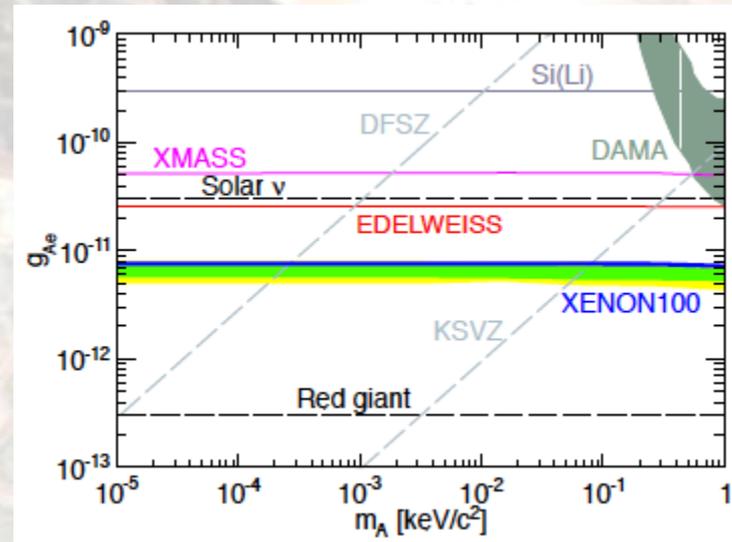
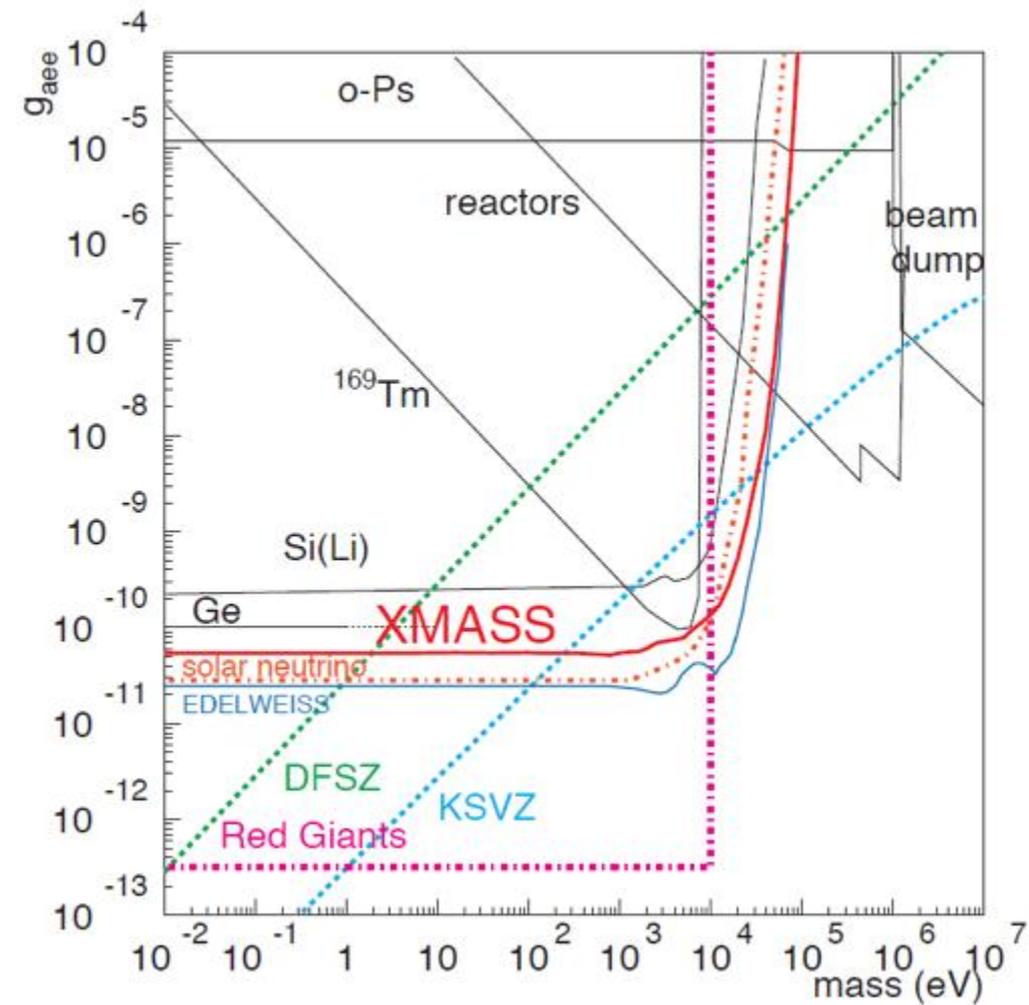
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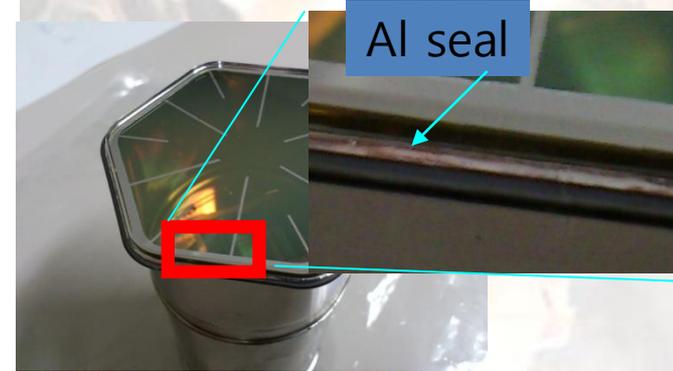
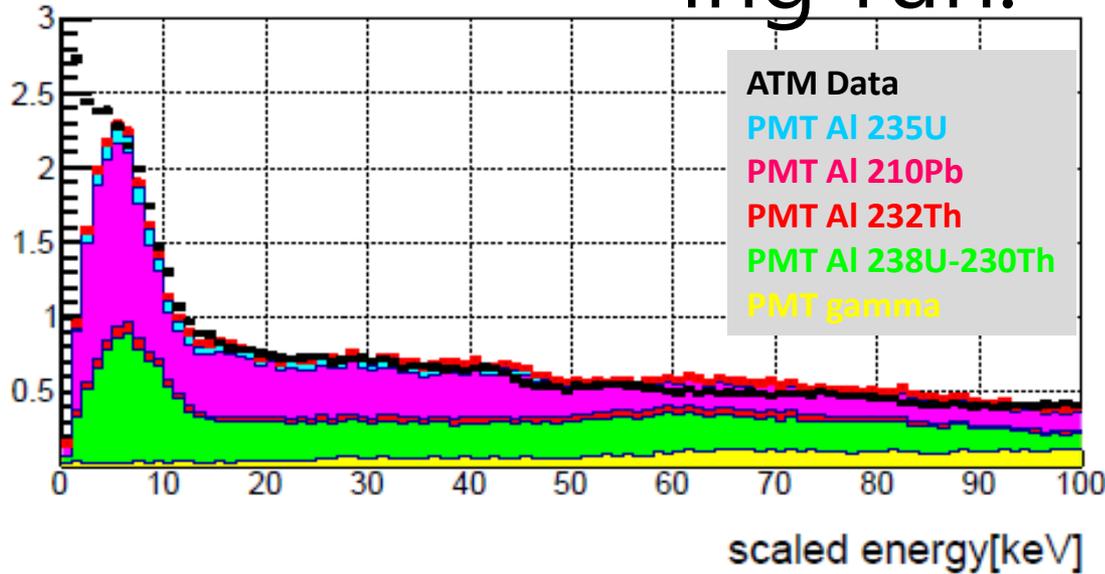


- $^{57}\text{Co}$  source @ center gives a typical response of the detector.
- $14.7\text{p.e./keV}_{ee}$  ( $\Leftrightarrow$  2.2 for S1 in XENON100)
- The pe dist. well as vertex dist. were reproduced by a simulation well.
- Signals would be  $<150\text{p.e.}$  exp shape.

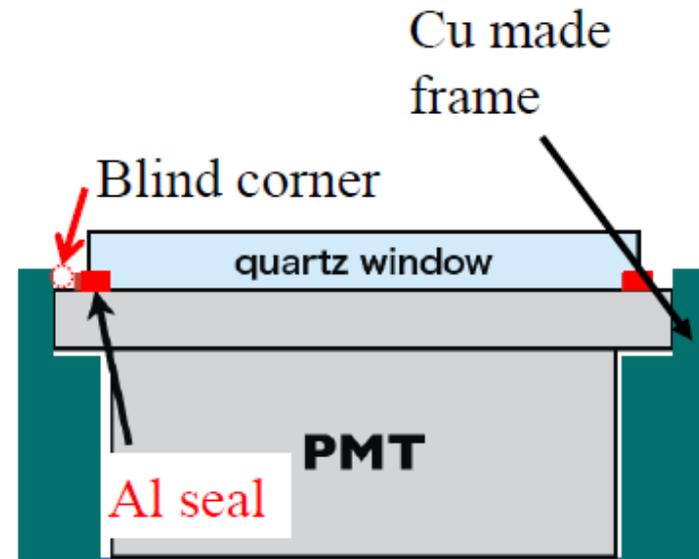


# Unexpected BG in XMASS commissioning run:

entries/day/keV/kg



- BG was 2 order larger than PMT gamma BG which was assumed as main BG.
- (BG level is nearly with DAMA and CoGent.)
- The origin of BG for  $>5\text{keV}$  were confirmed. (1) BG from PMT Al seal (238U-230Th and 210Pb-206Pb). (2) 210Pb-206Pb in Copper surface.
- BG origin from "detector surface" is dominant. Leakage event in FV region is introduced by worse of PMT response. Need to remove these.



# Current status (2) maxpe/totPE

- The event in small Maxpe (maximum NPE for one PM T)/totalPE region are reduced rapidly.
- It suggest that the event near of “blind of PMT” are reduced and mimic of inside event are reduced.
- Dark matter search with fiducial volume analysis is ongoing.

