

NEWAGE

-- A direction-sensitive dark matter search

(New generation WIMP search with an advanced gaseous tracker experiment)

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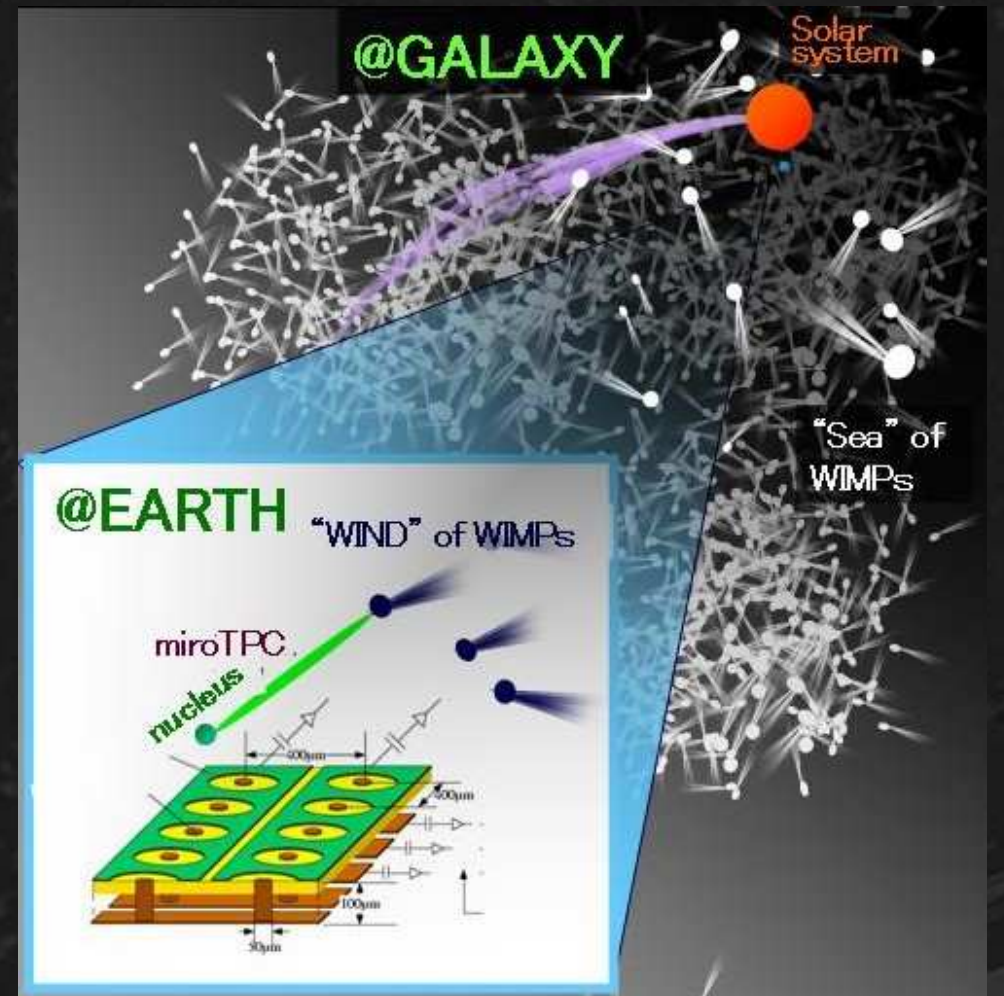
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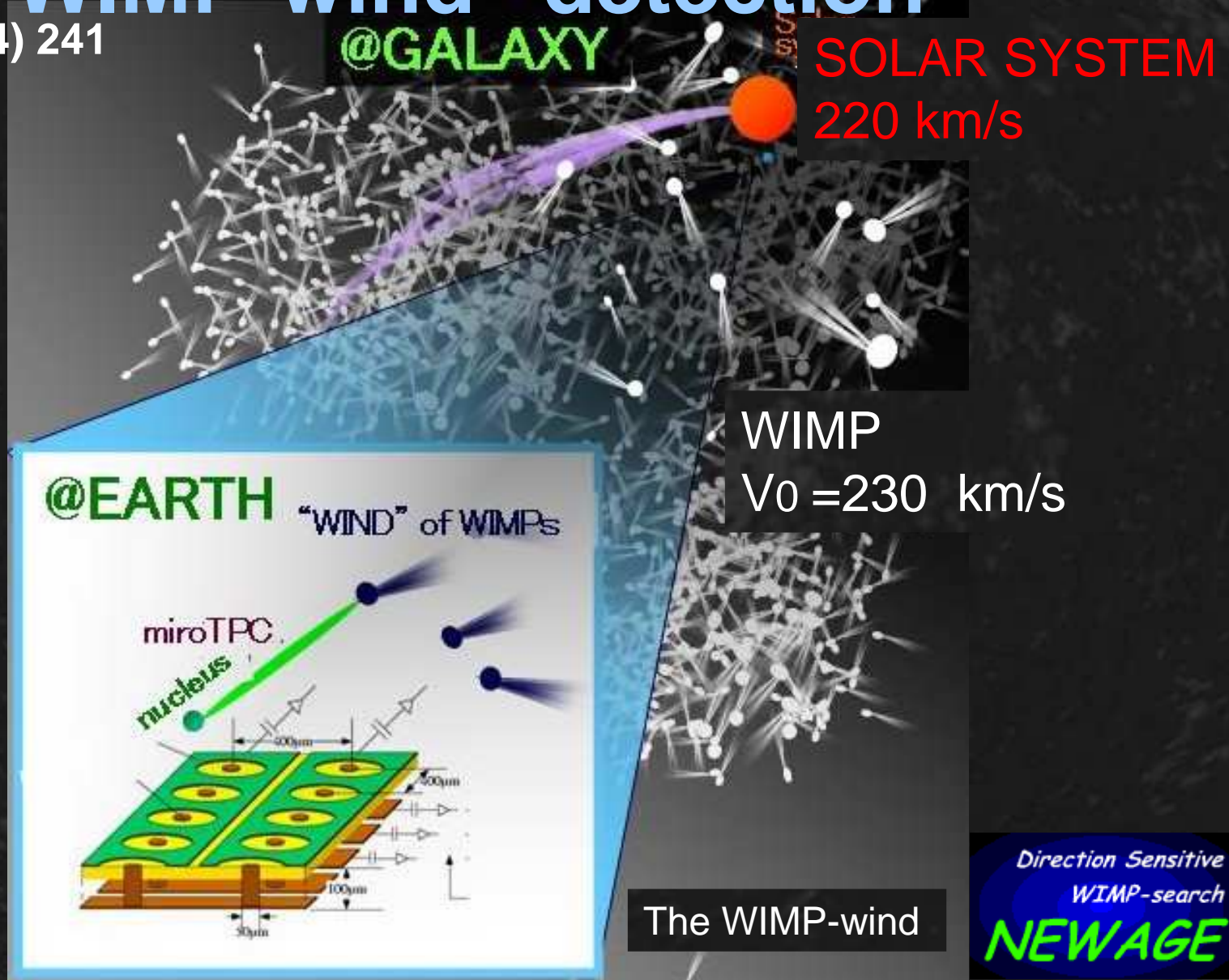


OUTLINE

- ◆ **Direction sensitive DM search**
- ◆ **Micro-TPC**
- ◆ **NEWAGE surface run**
- ◆ **FUTURE PLANS & SUMMARY**

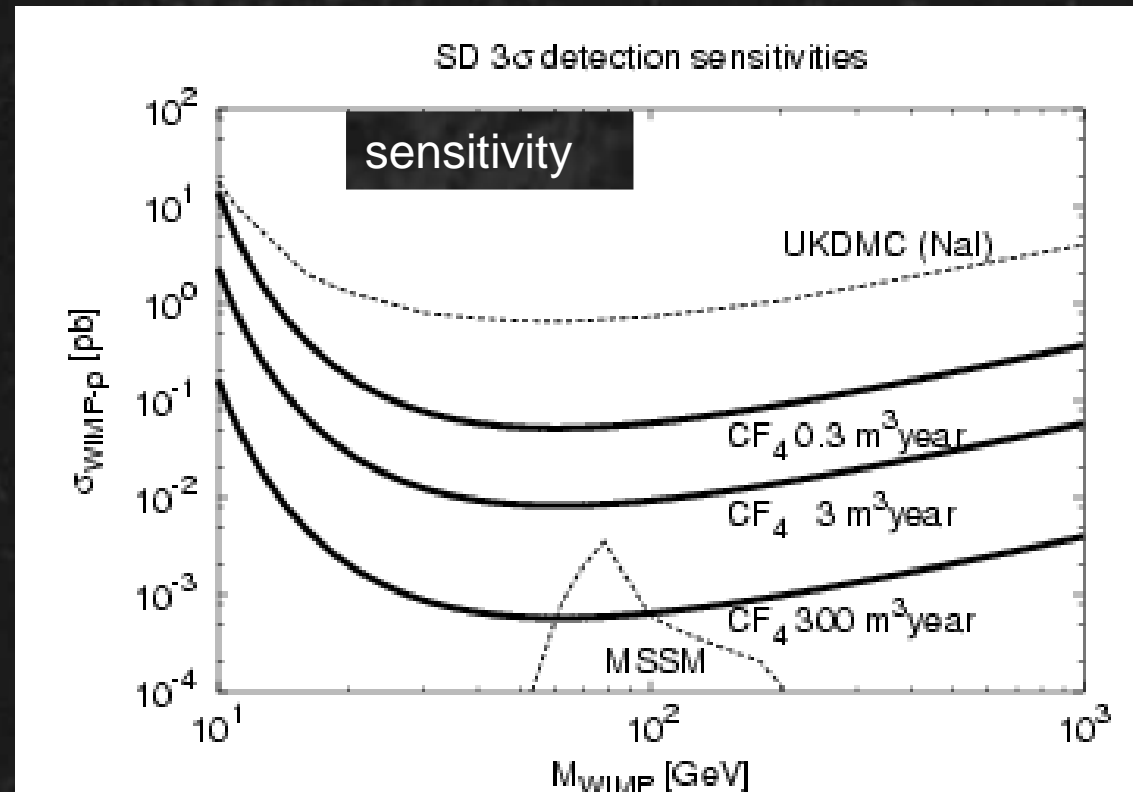
1. Direction sensitive DM search “WIMP-wind” detection

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◆ Sensitivities

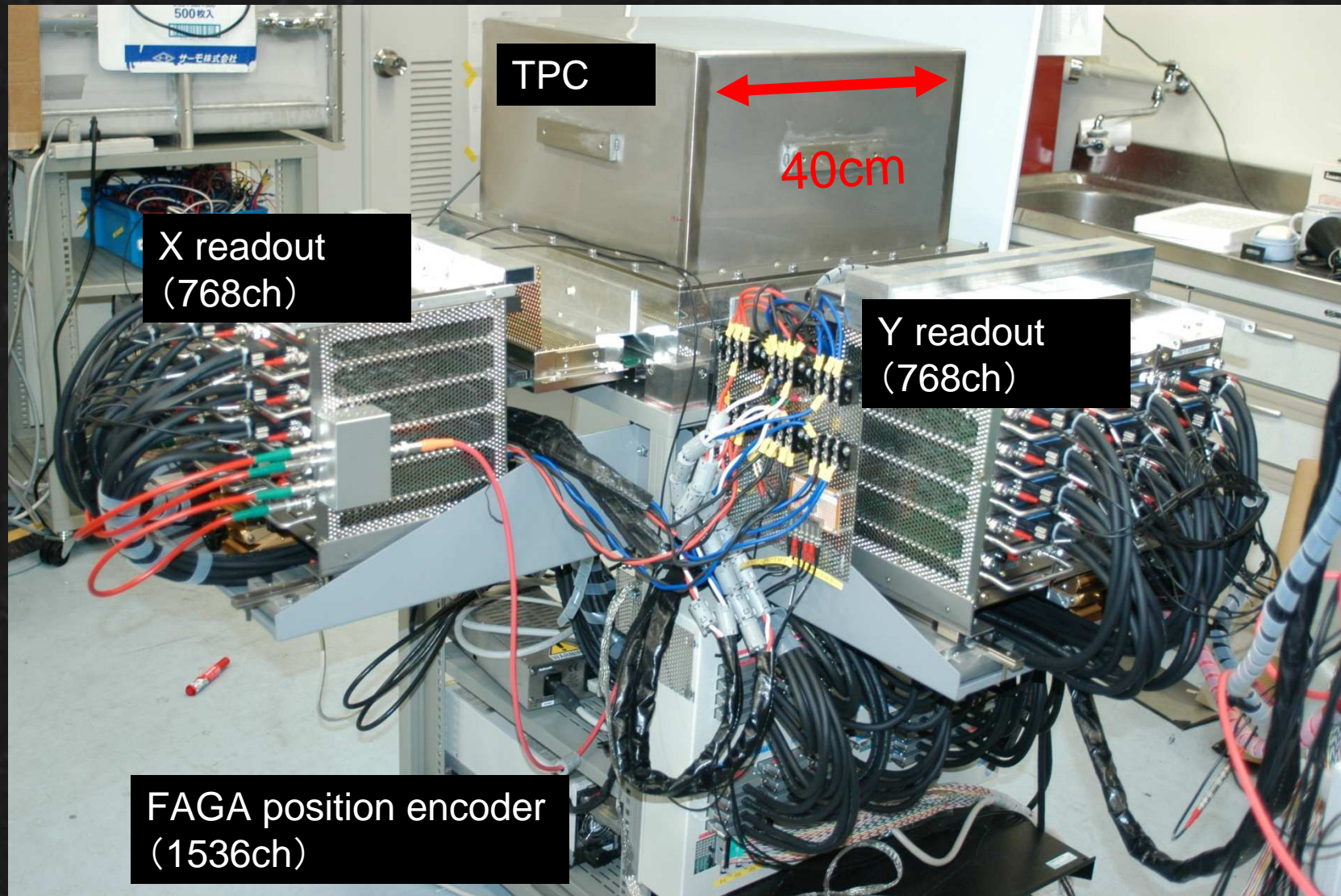
- **Goal: Detect the WIMP-wind (2010~)**
 - underground · low pressure (CF_4 0.05 bar) · large volume ($1\text{m}^3 \times N$)
- **CURRENT:**
 - surface · CF_4 0.2 atm · 30cm cube



2 micro-TPC (3D tracking device)

✦ $23 \times 28 \times 31\text{cm}^3$

Preprints: physics/0701085 K.Miuchi et.al

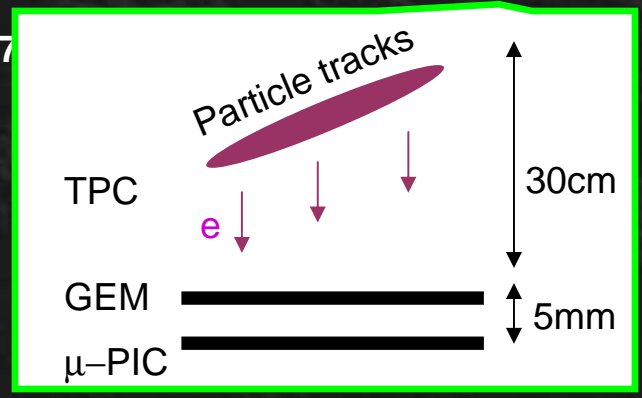


Highly Sensitive
MP-search
IMAGE

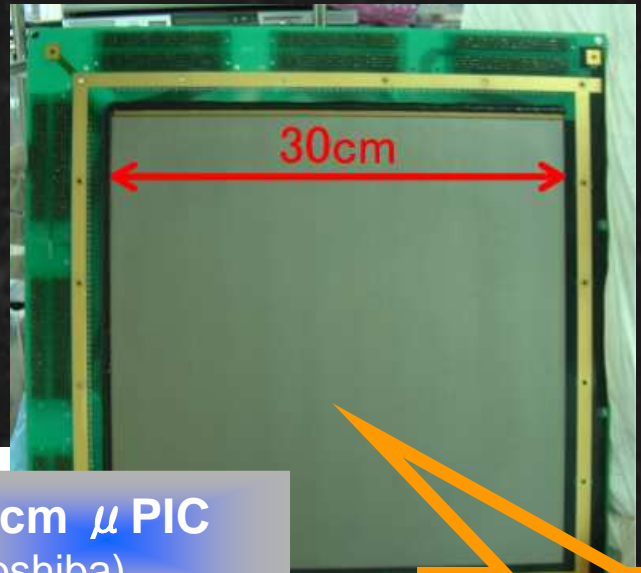
2D imaging device Takada et. Al. PSD7

μ-PIC (gas gain 5000)

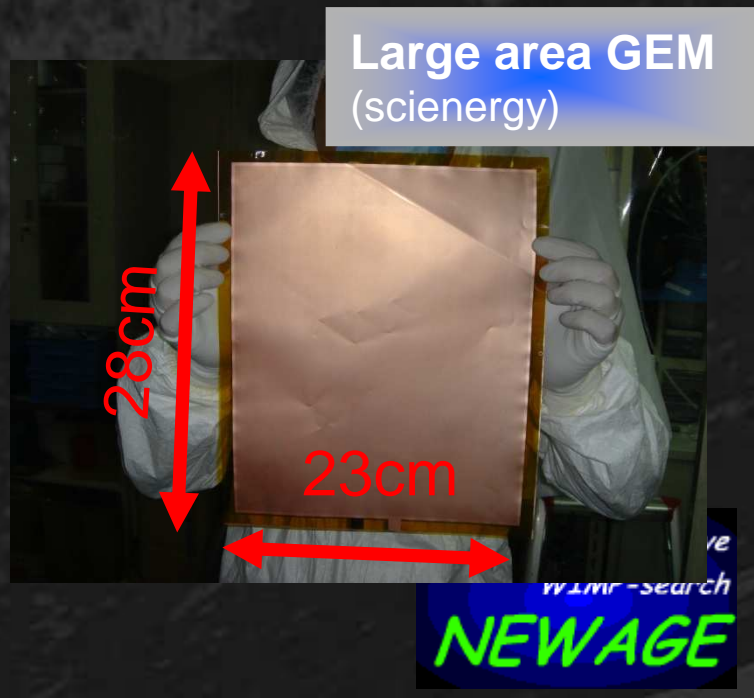
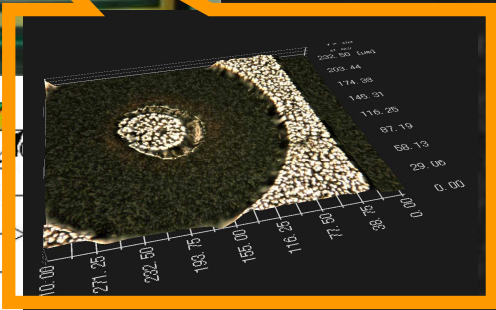
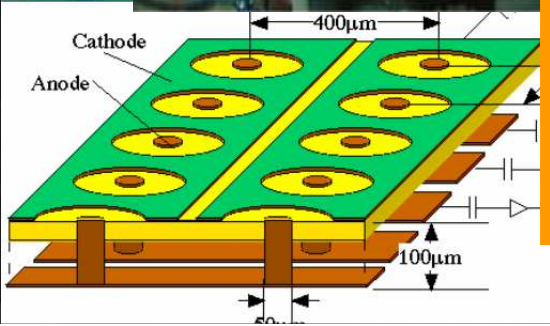
- 400mm pitch
- 589824 pixels
- 768+768 readout



- GEM (gas gain 10)
- 140mm pitch
- 70mm diameter



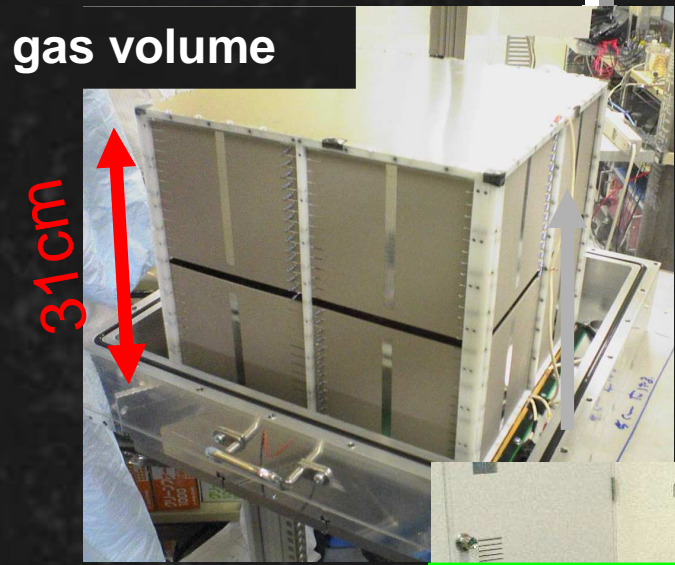
30cm μPIC (Toshiba)



TPC system

Gas volume

- DRIFT length 31cm
- CF4 0.2bar gas

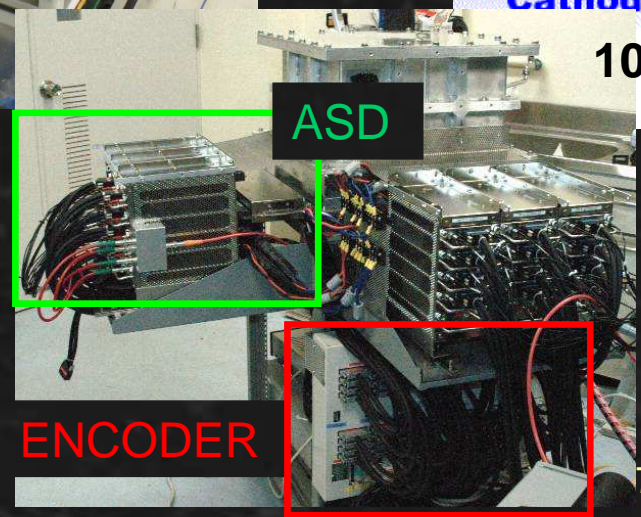
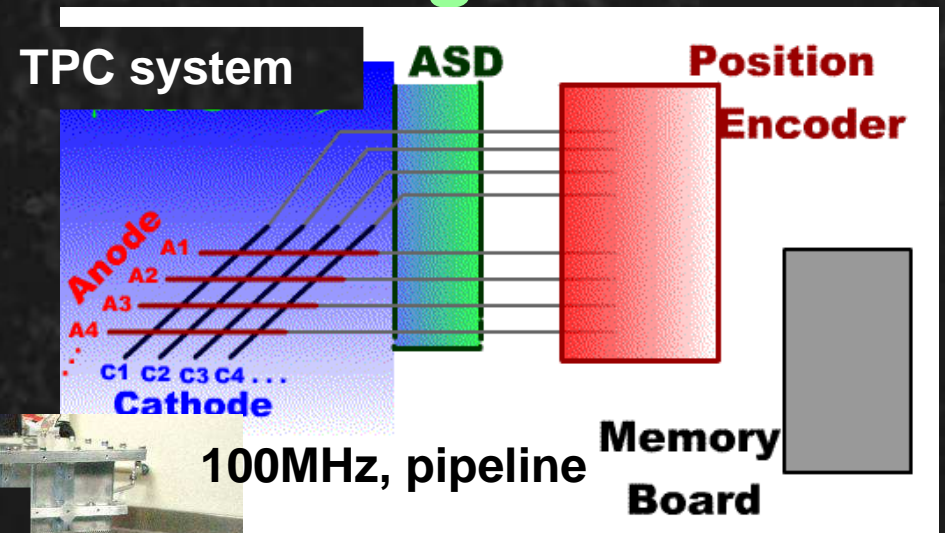


Readout electronics

Kubo et. al.
IEEE/NSS 2005

- 768 anode + 768 cathode
- Digital (LVDS) signals at ASD
- (X,Y,T) at the position encoder

for tracking



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Summed analog signal

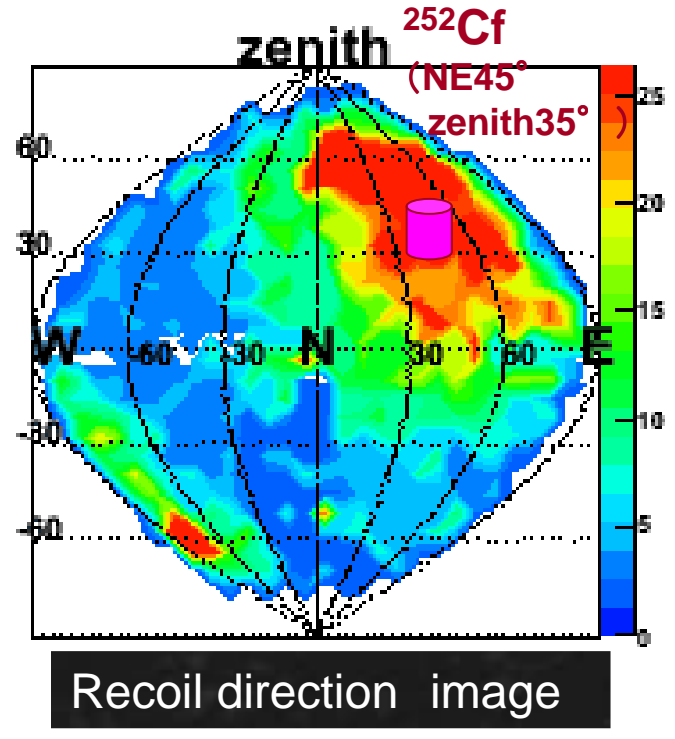
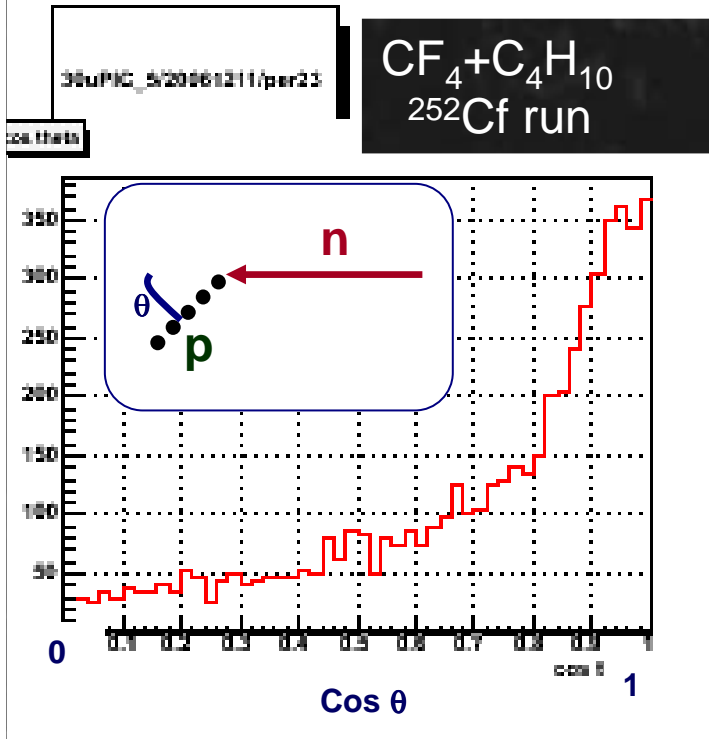
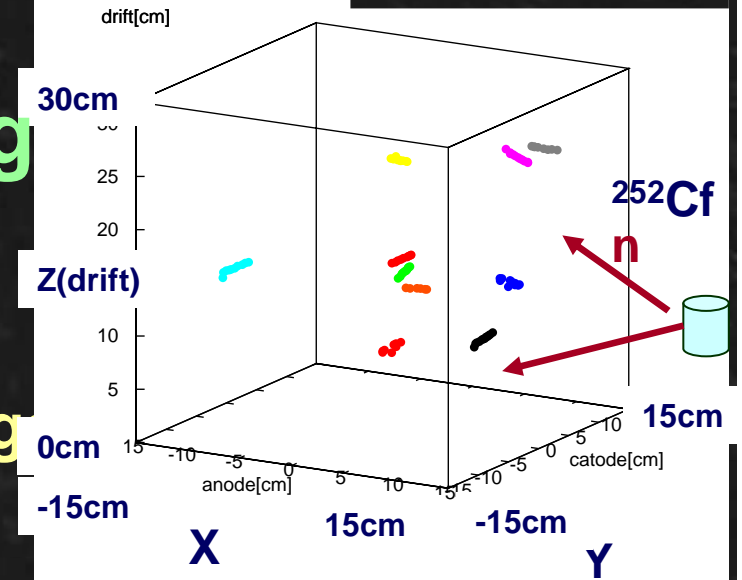
Direction Sensitive

for energy

TPC performance 1: nuclear tracks, imaging

- $CF_4 + C_4H_{10}$ (9:1) 0.2 atm
- $n \rightarrow p$ forward scattering (emulation of WIMP \rightarrow F scattering)

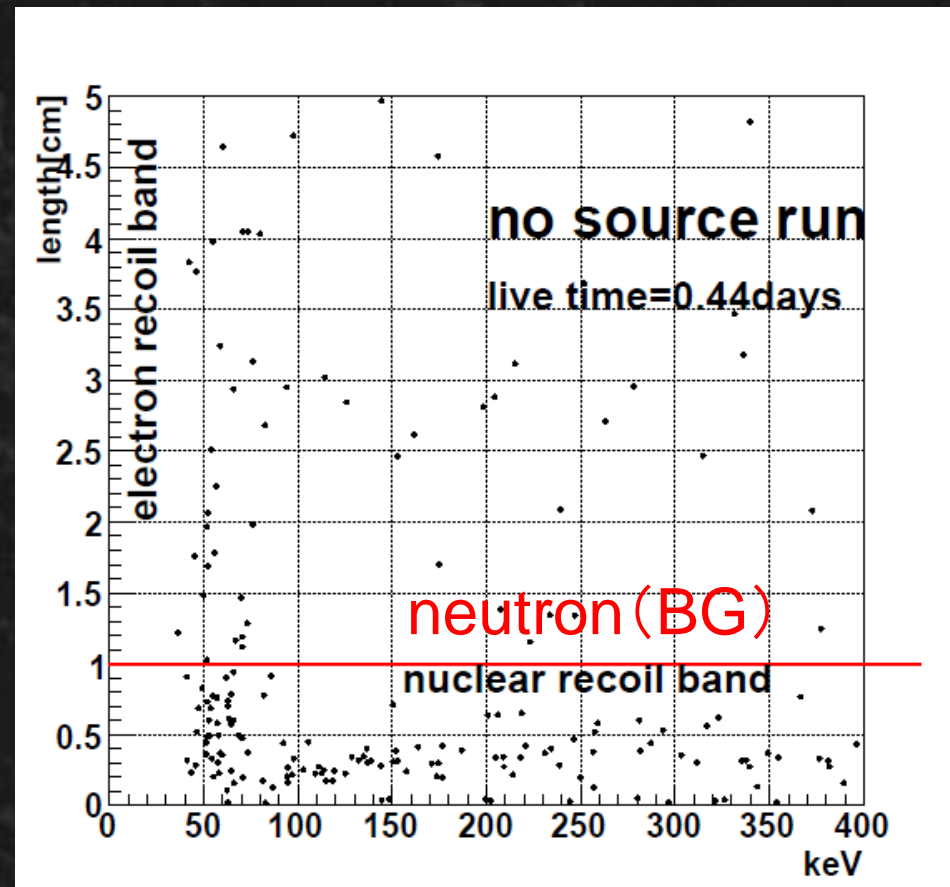
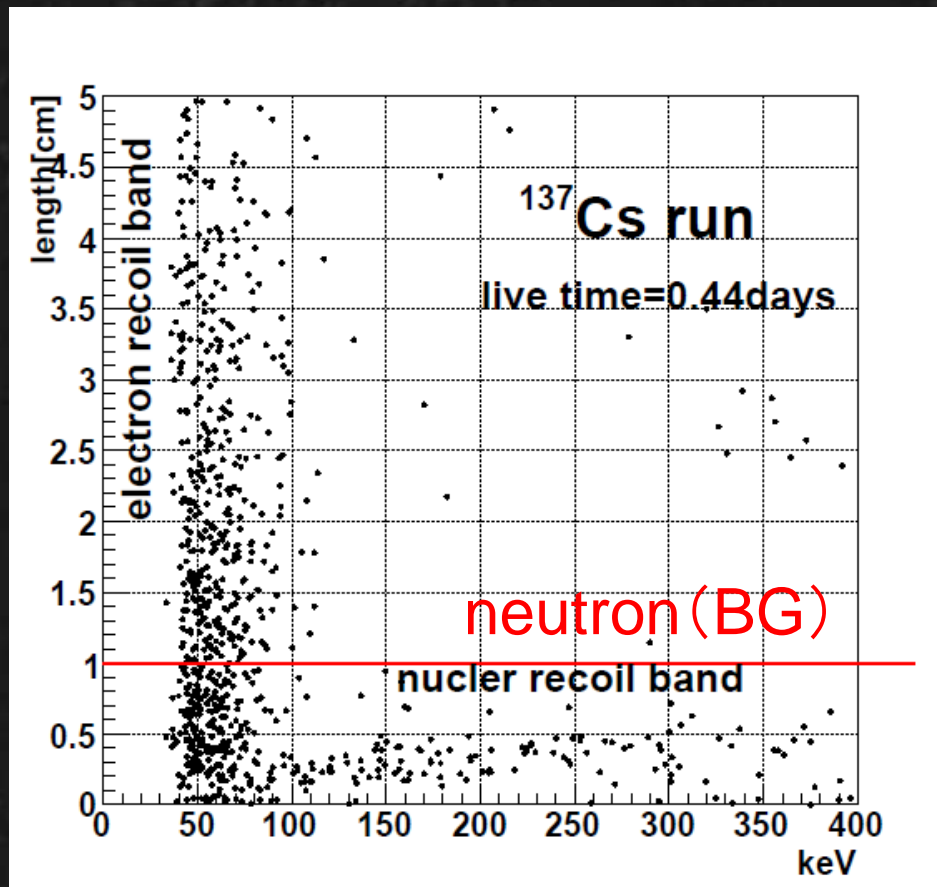
Proton tracks



Direction Sensitive
WIMP-search
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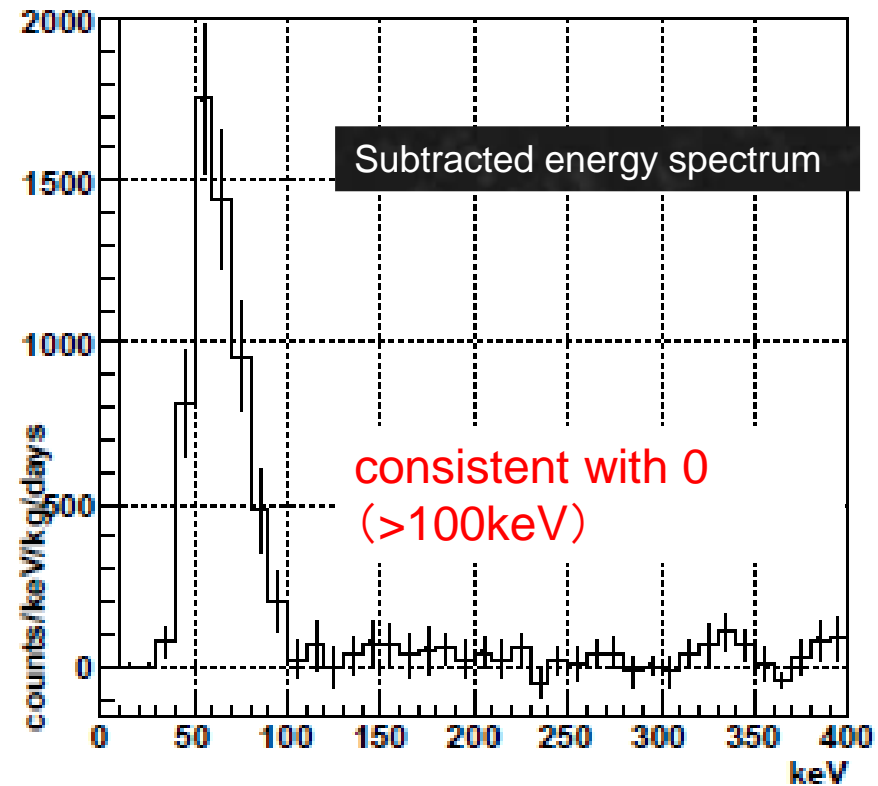
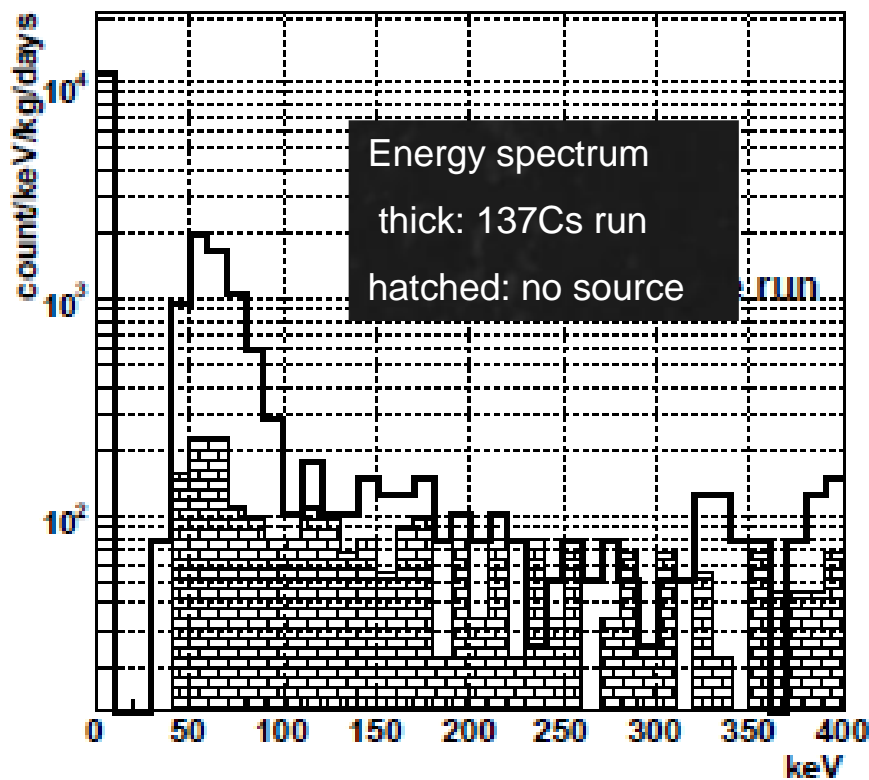
TPC performance 2: gamma-ray rejection

- energy length correlation
- gamma-rays from ^{137}Cs



gamma-ray rejection (continued)

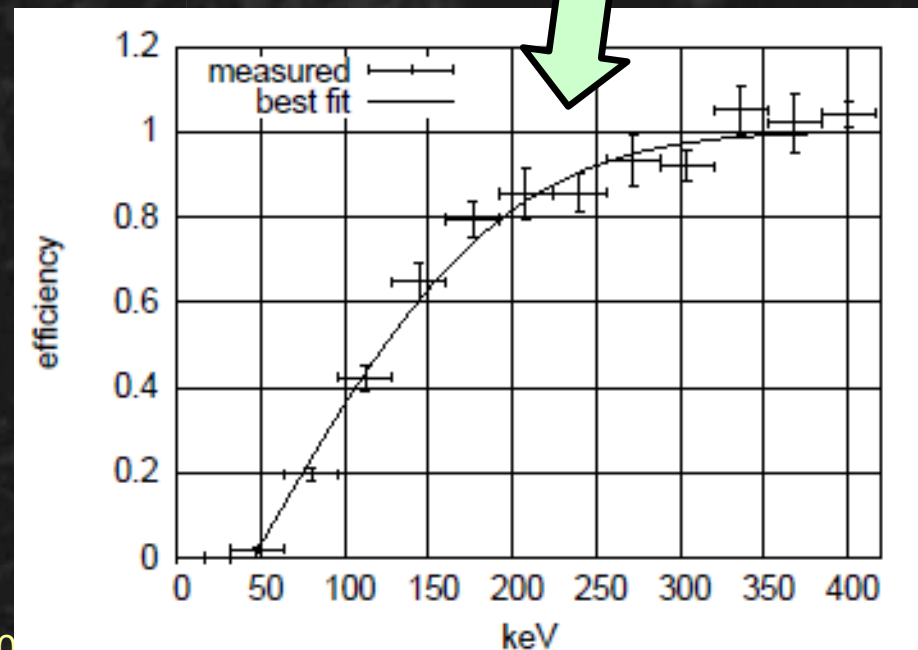
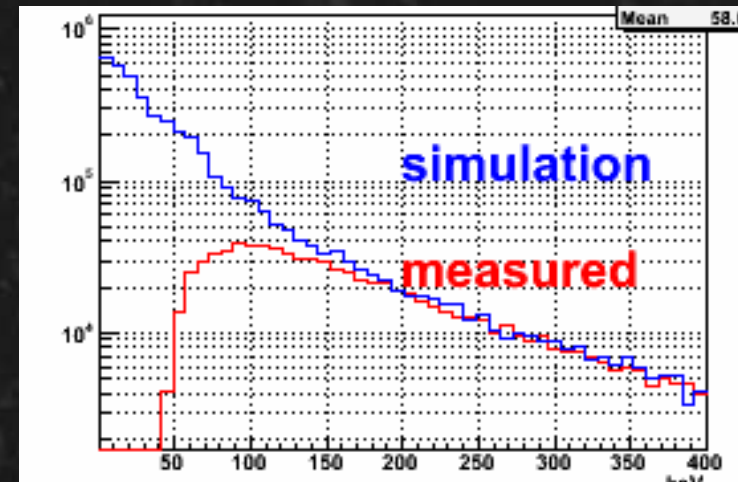
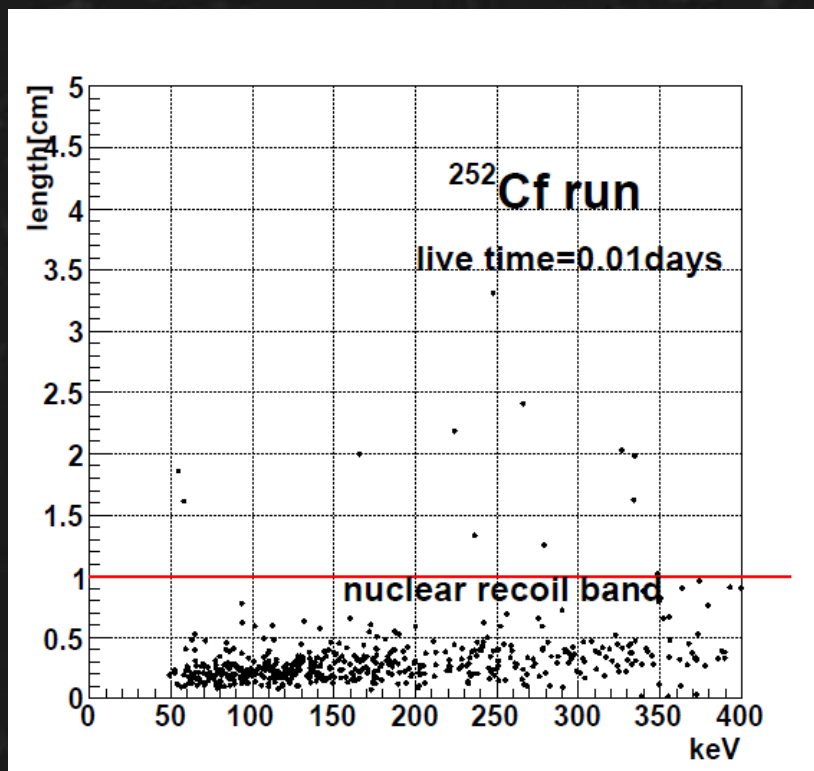
- spectrum, BG subtraction



- gamma rejection $< 2e-4$ (statistics limited)

TPC performance: nuclear track efficiency

- neutrons from ^{252}Cf

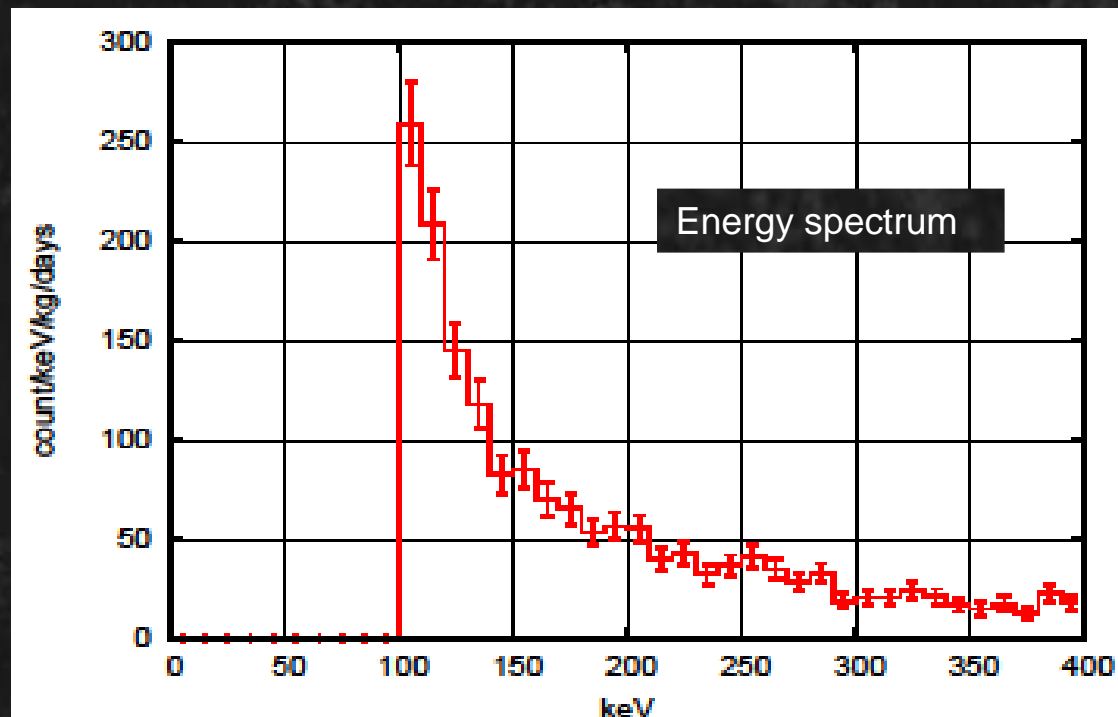


• **0.4 @ 100keV**

3 Surface run

Surface run①

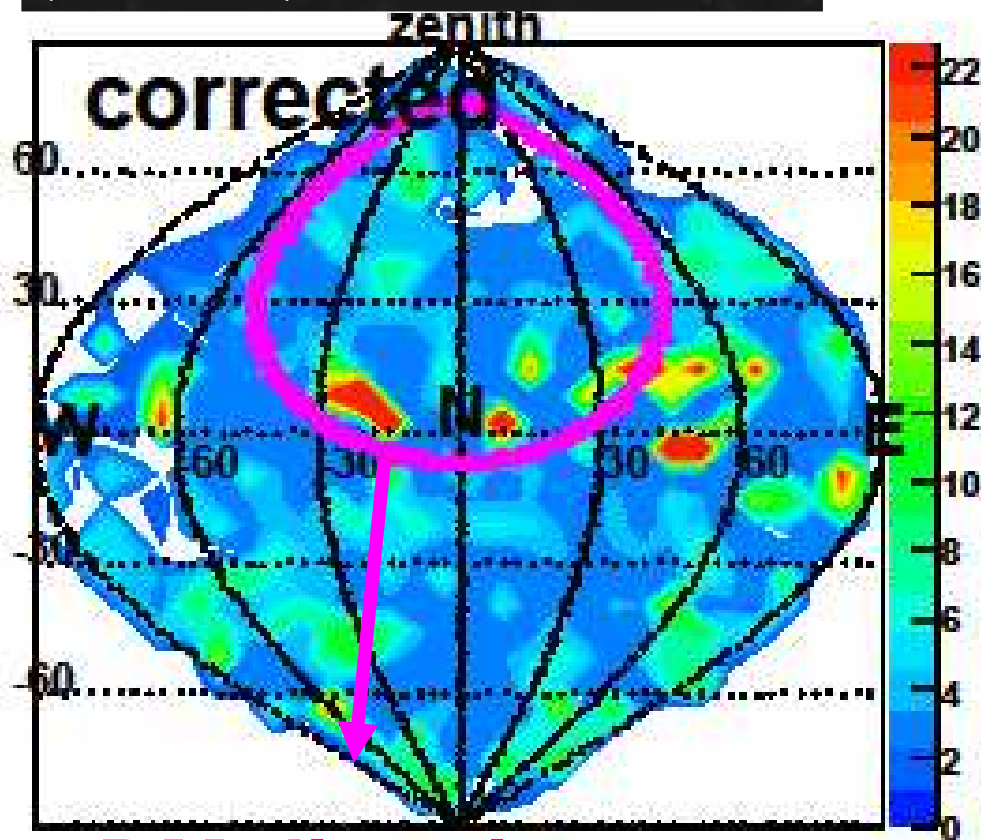
- 2006 Nov.1st ~ Nov.27th
- exposure 0.15 kg days (=0.0089kg × 16.7days)
- @Kyoto university (N35.03 E135.783)
- Energy spectrum (conventional method)



◆ Surface run ②

- The sky map (by nuclear recoil tracks)
- flat neutron background is seen

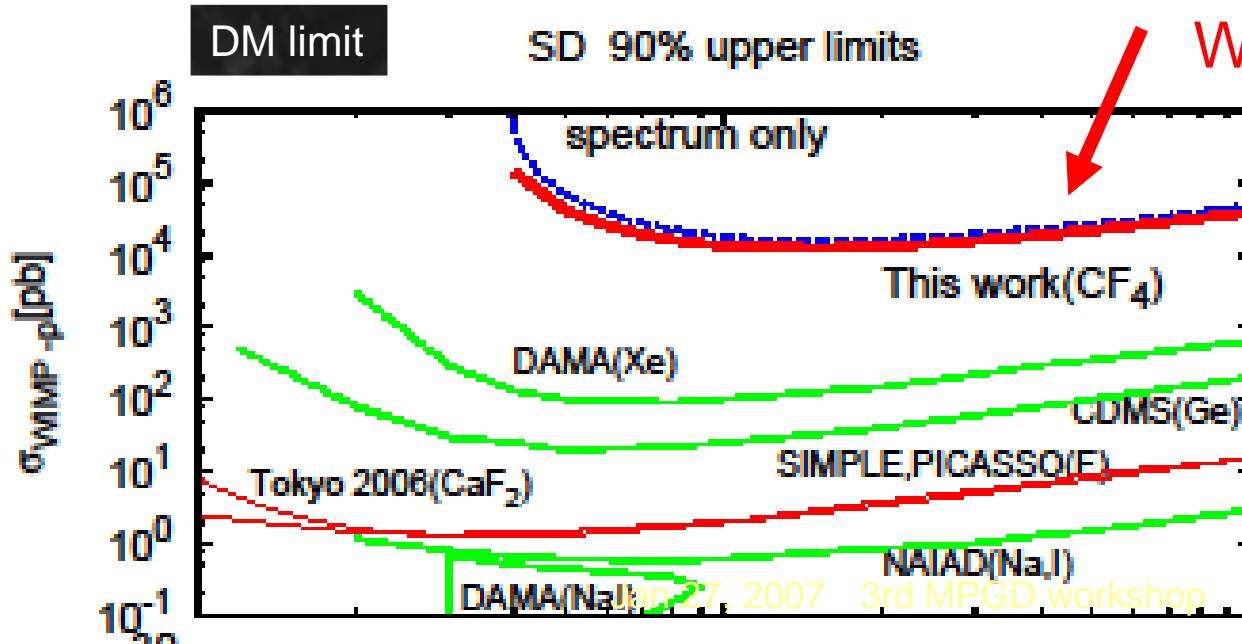
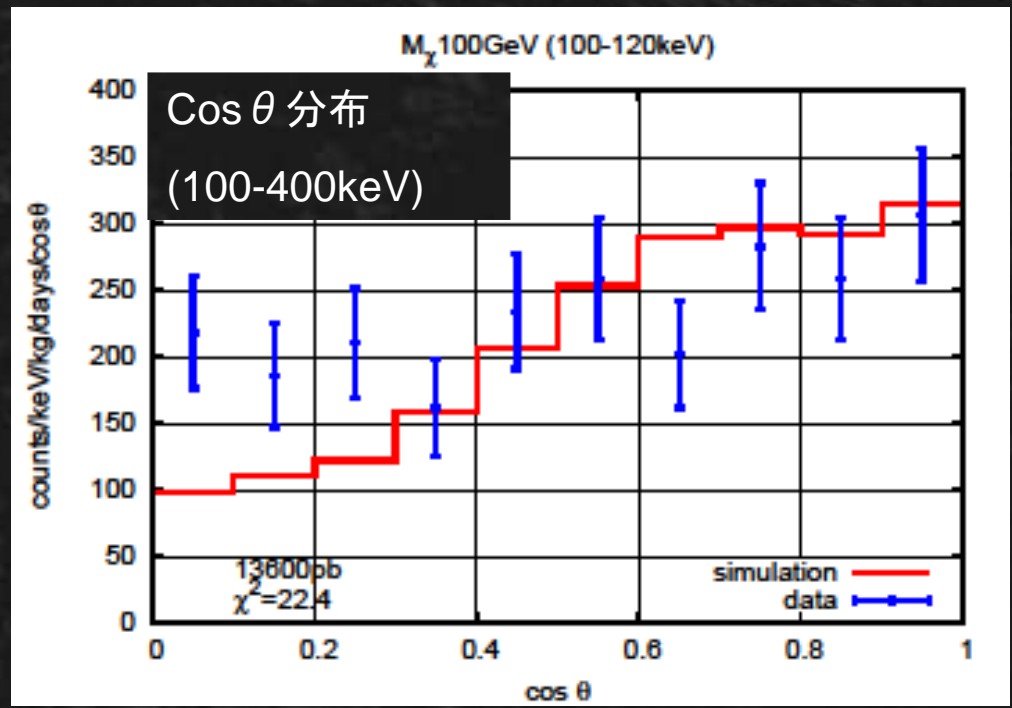
North sky view seen by C and F nuclei
(100-400keV)



DM direction

Surface run ③

- Cos θ distribution
- consistent with a flat distribution



WE ARE HERE

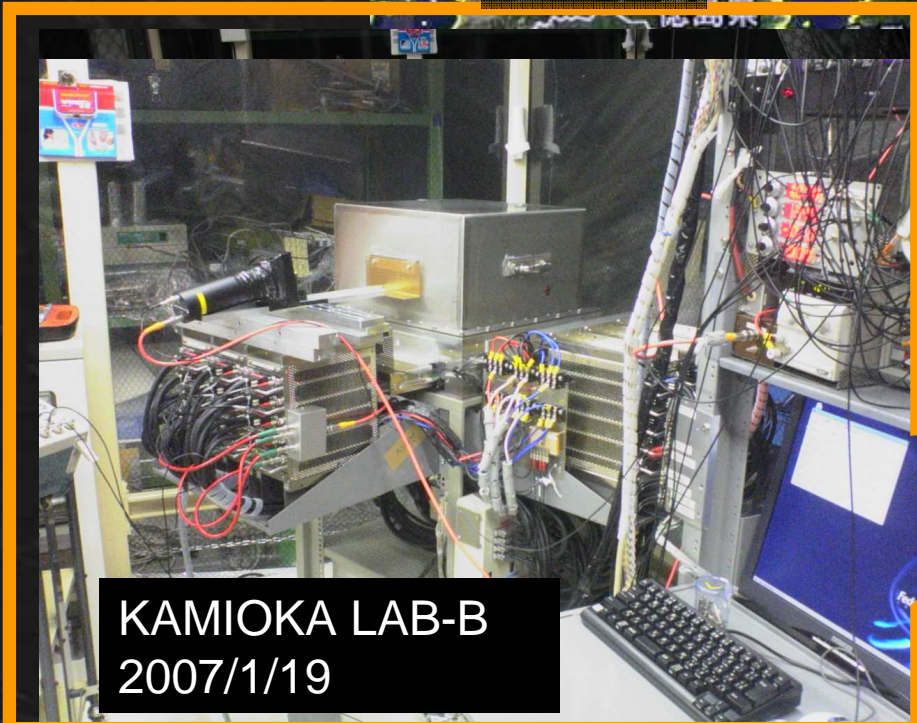
• First step to the NEWAGE



4 Next step...

Go underground

JUST started



KAMIOKA LAB-B
2007/1/19



PGD

◆ SUMMARY

- μ TPC : 30cm cube in operation
- direction-sensitive method works!
- NEWAGE : underground run just started