

# Report on Division for Experimental Studies Research highlights

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# Research at Division for Exp. Studies

## New Particle Phenomena (accelerator)



SuperKEKB/Belle II



Neutron



LHCf & RHICf



LHC-ATLAS

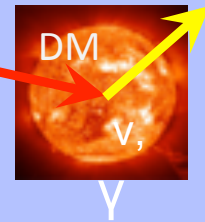
## New astroparticle phenomena (non-accelerator)



Cosmic-ray and X-ray observations

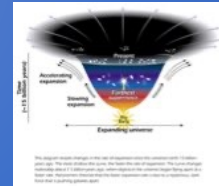
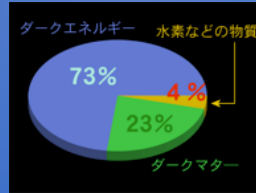


Direct &  
Indirect Dark  
Matter search

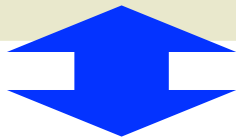
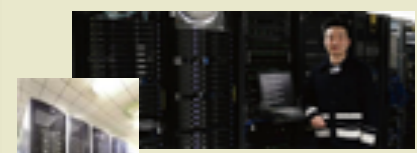


## Mysteries of the Universe

Why no anti-matter ?  
What is the dark matter ?  
What is the dark energy ?



## Technology development & Computing



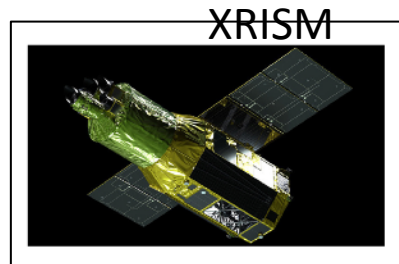
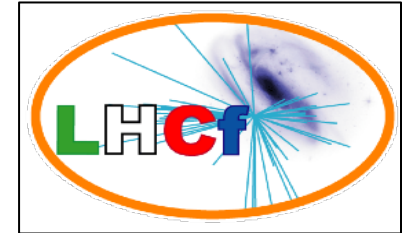
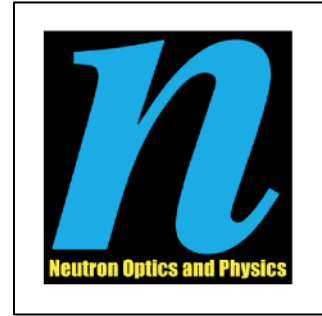
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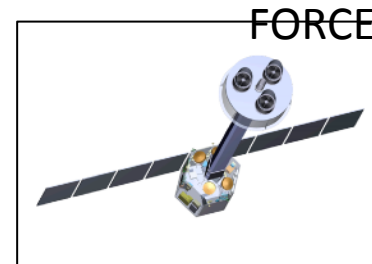
Laboratories (KEK, CERN, Gransasso, JAXA, ...)  
Universities (Japanese, Abroad)



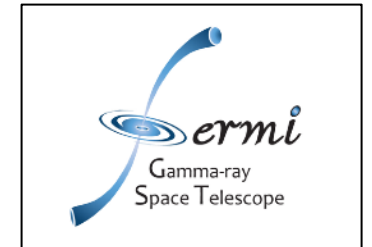
# KMI recognized projects



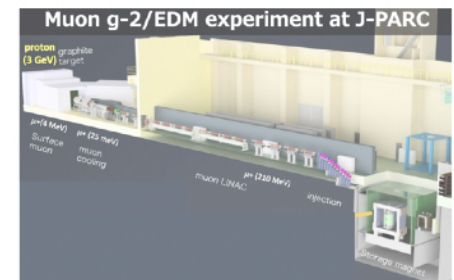
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Muon g-2/EDM experiment at J-PARC

# High Energy Physics at KMI



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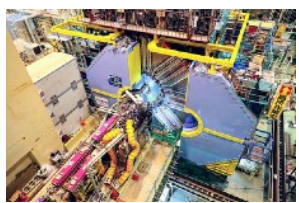
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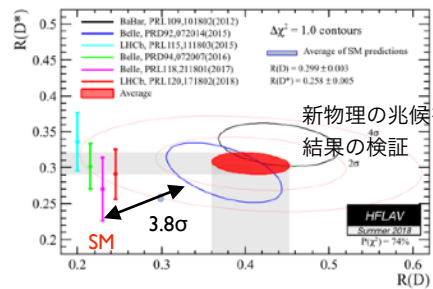
タウレプトン

## SuperKEKB/Belle II

- 小林-益川理論以外の対称性の破れの起源
- タウレプトンにおける対称性の破れの探究



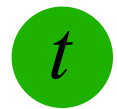
KEK



小林-益川理論 (クォーク物理)



標準理論を超える新物理の発見



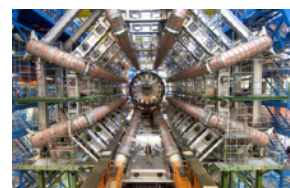
トップクォーク



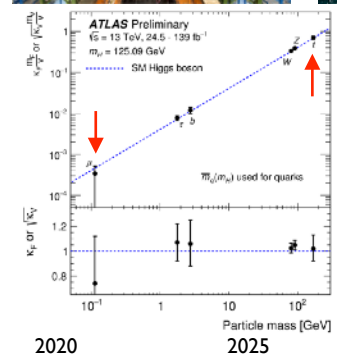
ヒッグス

## LHC-ATLAS

- トップ、ヒッグスの詳細な性質、対称性の破れ
- 新粒子直接探索 (第2のヒッグスなど)

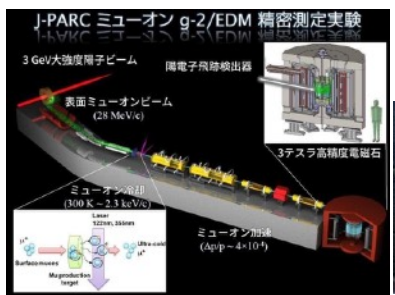


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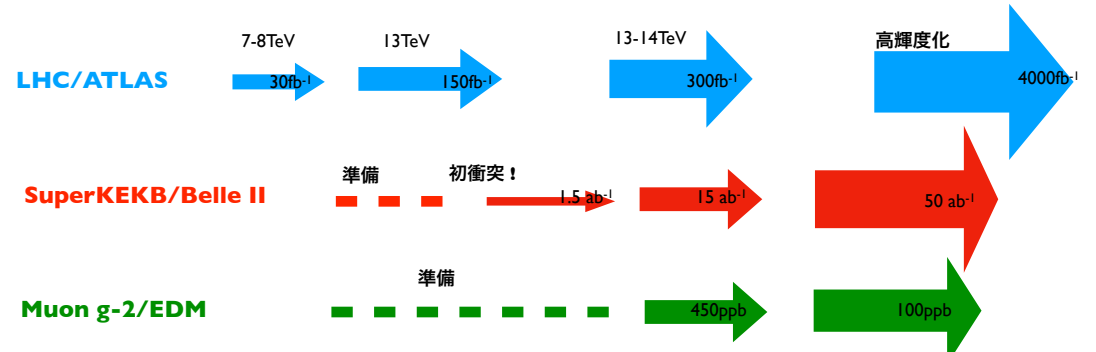


ヒッグス機構の検証  
質量の起源 (真空の相転移) を明らかにする

## Muon g-2/EDM @ J-PARC



J-PARC ミューオン



# ATLAS physics achievements

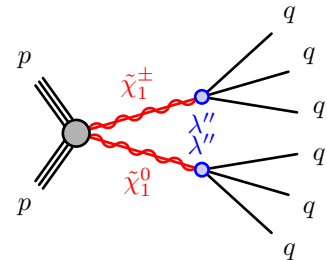
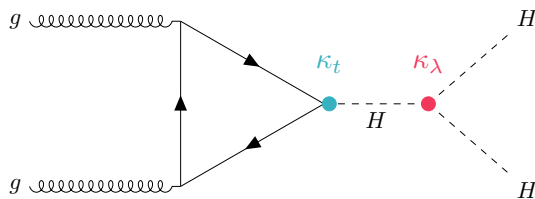
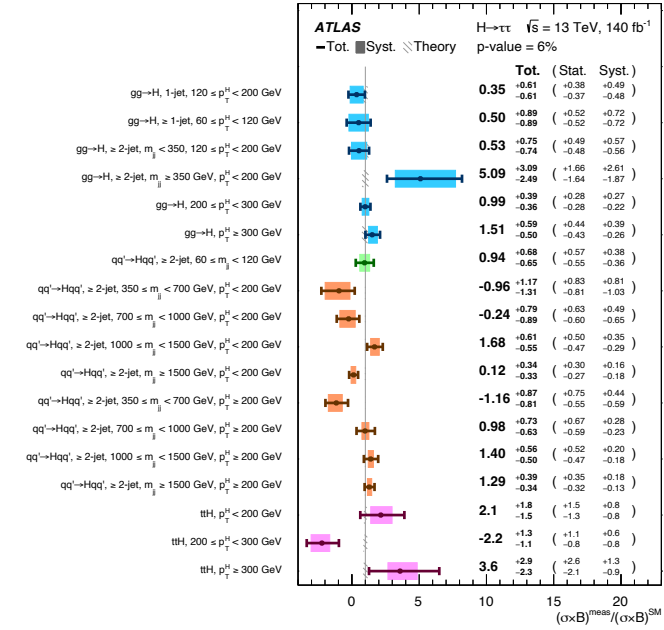
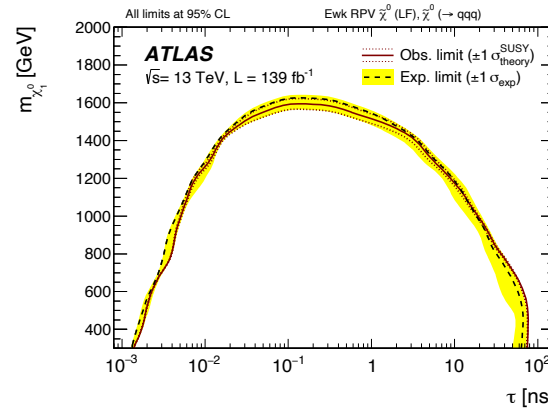
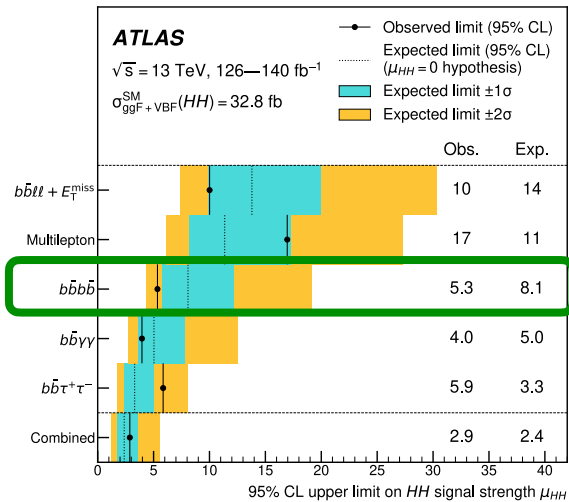
KMI took leading roles in Higgs/SUSY analyses

Y. Horii, S. Izumiyama

Di-Higgs search with  $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

Search for long-lived particles (electroweakino in RPV SUSY)

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  STXS measurement (focus on VBF H production)



Accepted by JHEP

PRD 108, 052003 (2023)

JHEP 06, 200 (2023)

PRL 133, 101801 (2024)

S. Hayashida, doctor's degree (2023)

M. Wakida, doctor's degree (2023)

Y. Mitsumori, doctor's degree candidate (2025)

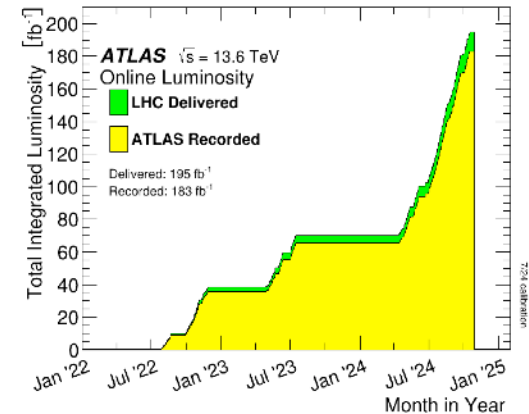


# ATLAS muon trigger operation/upgrade

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Operation **S. Izumiya: TGC Run Coordinator (from Feb. 2025)**

- In 2023/24, KMI supported five travels of students (~400 days)
- TGC oncall shifts: 170 days
- Control room shifts: 20 x 8 hours
- Integrated luminosity: 183 fb<sup>-1</sup>



Upgrade **Y. Horii: Muon Trigger Coordinator (from Jan. 2024)**

- To take full advantage of HL-LHC, a new trigger/readout system was designed and production is ongoing.
- KMI took a leading role in the development of electronics boards and fast muon tracking algorithm of the endcap muon trigger.
- Schematic of both frontend/backend boards provided from KMI

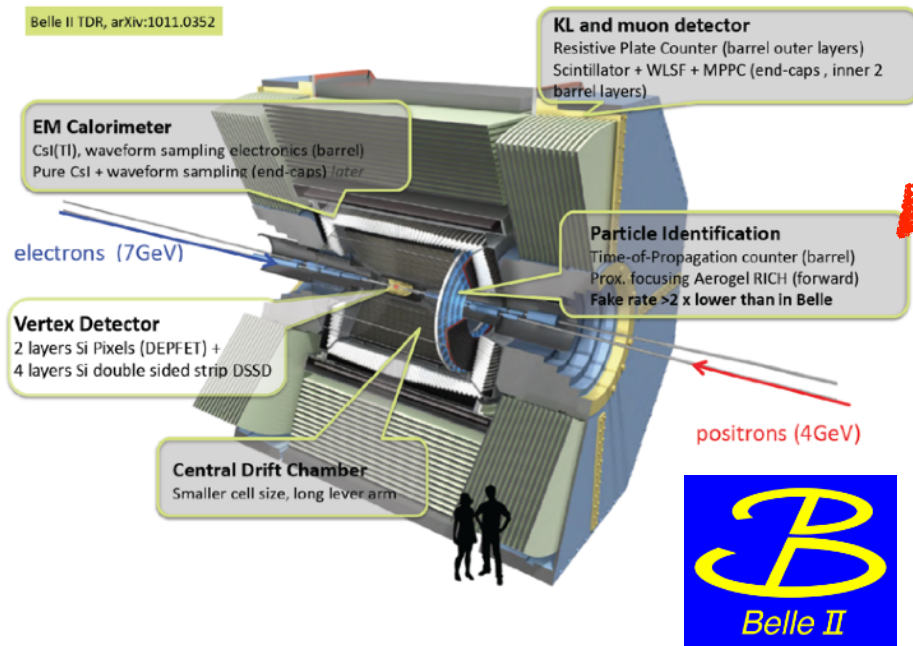


Frontend boards:  
mass production (1540) and  
quality check completed.



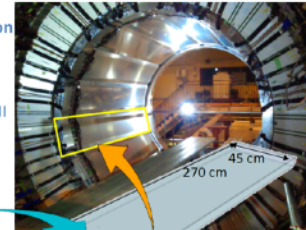
Backend boards:  
final prototype  
fully tested

# KMI/Nagoya at Belle II



Belle II TOP counters were successfully built in May 2016

**Time-Of-Propagation (TOP) counter** is a novel Cherenkov detector for particle identification in Belle II



*New Physics*

Physics run starts in Dec. 2018  
Beam run starts in Dec. 2017  
Global test run in 2017

**Laser calibration system** INFN (Italy)



**Readout electronics**  
Hawaii, PNNL, etc. (USA)



**Photon sensor**  
Nagoya



**Software**  
IJS (Slovenia), Nagoya, PNNL (USA) etc.



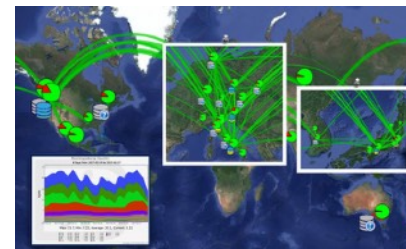
**Mechanics**  
KEK, Nagoya, PNNL (USA), etc.



**Quartz radiator**  
Nagoya, PNNL, Cincinnati (USA)



**Integration**  
lead by Nagoya



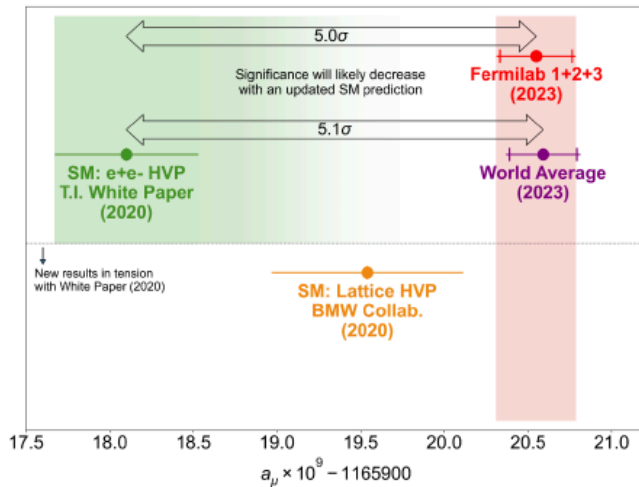
Nagoya group takes leading roles: Particle ID, Computing, Physics analyses

T.I was the spokesperson from June, 2019 to June 2023.

# Flavor Anomalies

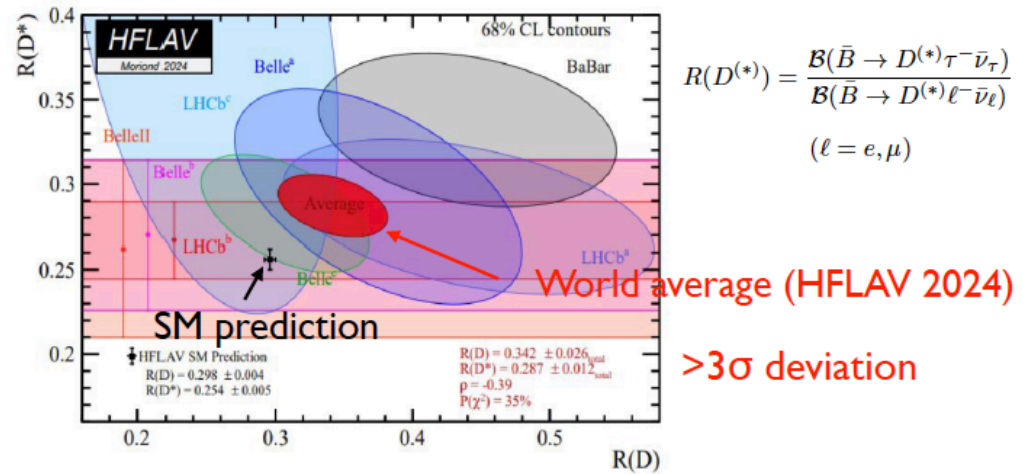
There is still no indication of physics Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) at LHC.  
 Flavor physics experiments play important roles.

## “Muon g-2 anomaly”



## “B anomalies”

e.g.; Test of lepton-flavor-universality w/ B semileptonic decays



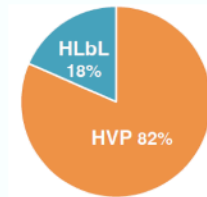
KMI/Naoya makes significant contributions to these topics.

Two Ph.D.s

- **K. Kojima**: Search for lepton flavor universality violation in  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$  decays using hadronic tagging at the Belle II experiment
- **Y. Sue**: Precision measurement of the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  cross section using initial-state radiation

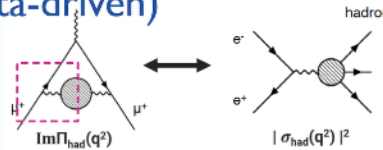


# Reference SM Predictions



- Hadronic Vacuum Polarization (HVP) is the dominant error source.
- Tension between two approaches; Dispersive and Lattice

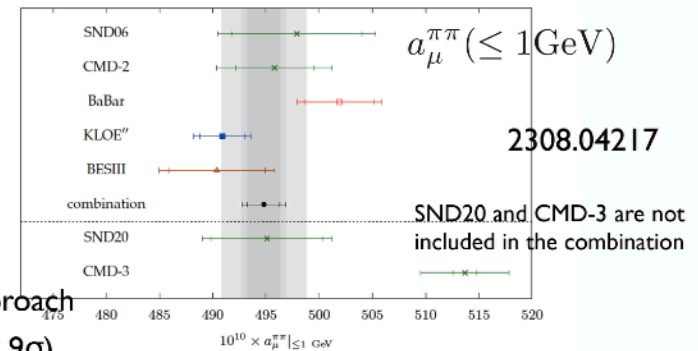
## Dispersive approach (data-driven)



T.I.White Paper (2020) takes this approach

Tension between BaBar and KLOE (2.9σ)

& more tension between CMD-3 (2.2/5.1σ w.r.t. BaBar/KLOE)

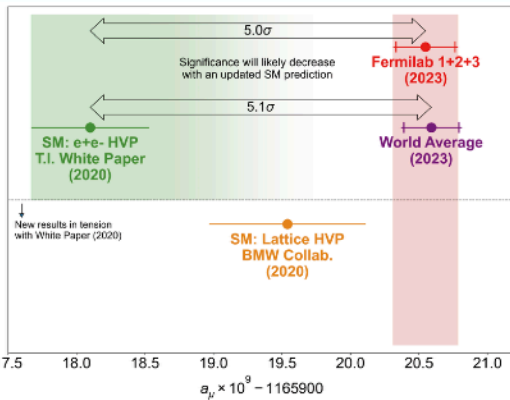
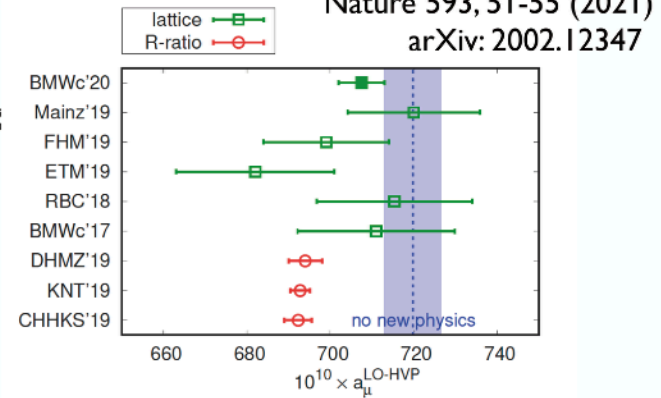


## Lattice approach

Finite size, lattice spacing, large computing

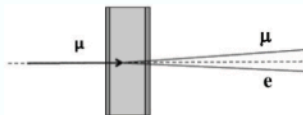
Recent lattice calculation (e.g.;BMW20) achieved comparable error and gives prediction closer to exp.

Eugenia Spedicato



## Another approach by MUonE

A new independent evaluation of  $a_\mu^{\text{HLO}}$  by  $\mu \rightarrow \mu e$  differential cross section



Test runs in 2023-2024 → Technical proposal for 4-week run in 2025

Nature 593, 51-55 (2021)  
arXiv: 2002.12347

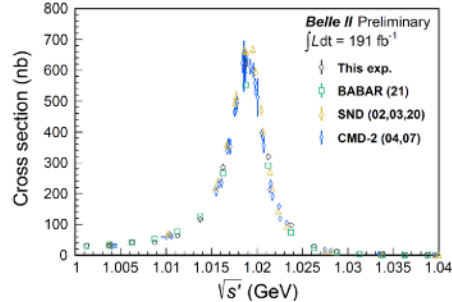
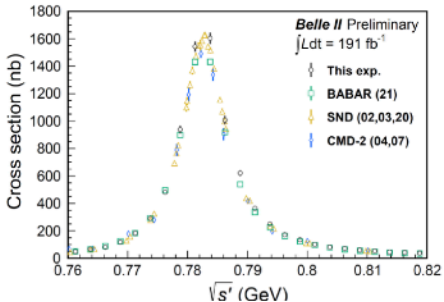
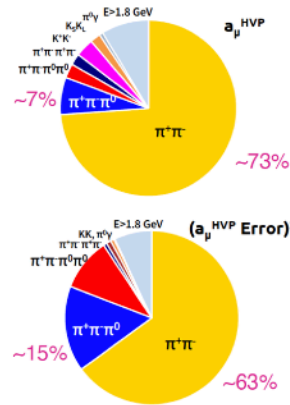
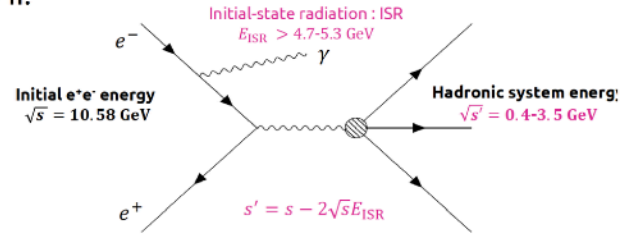


# $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$ by Belle II

arXiv: 2404.04915 <sup>11</sup>

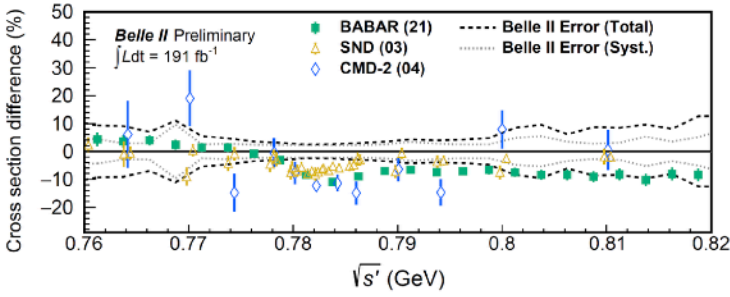
Yuki Sue

- $e^+e^-$  cross-section measurement w/ ISR method in progress at Belle II.
  - Good trigger efficiency confirmed
- Released the first result for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$  with 2.2% error
  - The largest uncertainty arises from the MC generator (1.2%)
  - The results are about  $2.5\sigma$  higher than BaBar and global fit.



$$a_\mu^{LO,HVP,3\pi}(0.62-1.8 \text{ GeV}) = (48.91 \pm 0.25_{\text{stat}} \pm 1.07_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-10}$$

	$a_\mu(3\pi) \times 10^{10}$	Difference $\times 10^{10}$
BABAR alone [PRD104 11 (2021)]	$45.86 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.58$	$3.2 \pm 1.3$ (6.9%)
Global fit [JHEP08 208 (2023)]	$45.91 \pm 0.37 \pm 0.38$	$3.0 \pm 1.2$ (6.5%)



- Next:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  w/ target precision: 0.5% of  $a_\mu(2\pi)$

*Belle II has joined this important community-wide activity  
Stay Tuned!*

# Muon g-2 /EDM at J-PARC

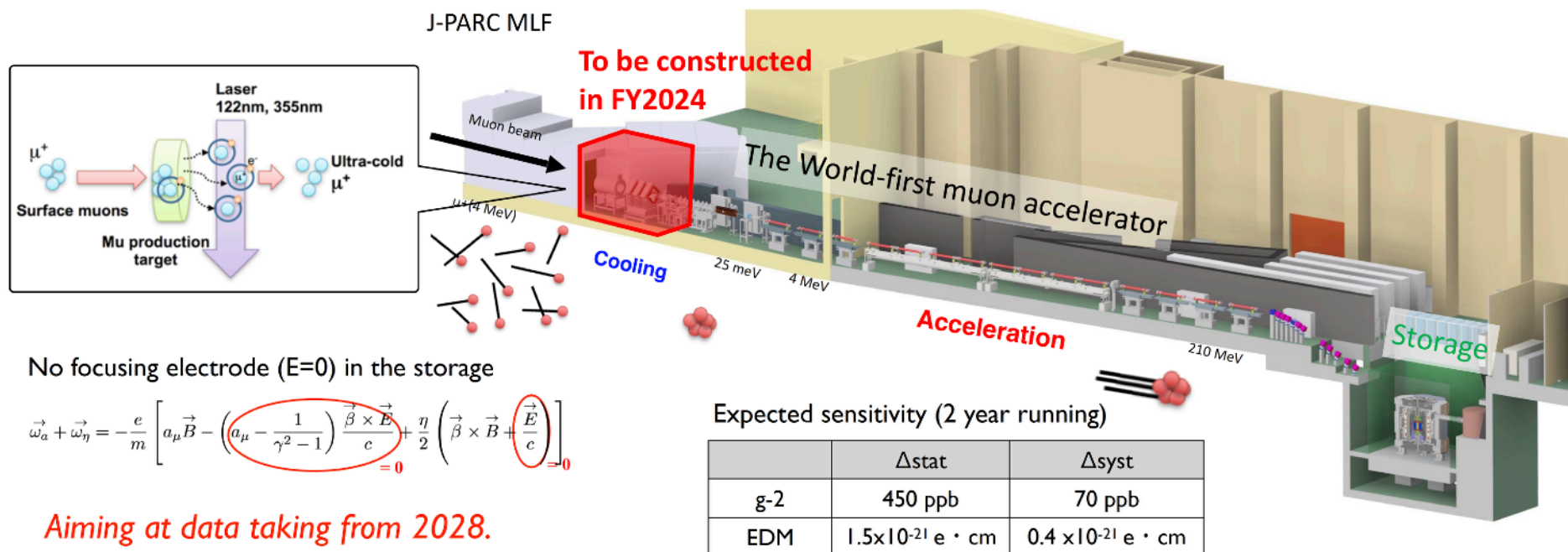
<https://g-2.kek.jp>

New approach to measure the muon g-2 and EDM at the J-PARC facility

Prog.Theor. Exp. Phys. 2019, 053C02 (2019)

- low emittance muon beam ( $1/1000$ ) by cooling and re-acceleration
- no strong focusing ( $1/1000$ ) & good injection efficiency ( $\times 10$ )
- Compact storage magnet ( $1/20$ )

⇒ Independent measurement of g-2 to test BNL/FNAL results with different systematic uncertainty



# World-first Acceleration of Positive Muon!

Test of muon cooling + re-acceleration  
at MLF S2 beam line



World's first cooling and acceleration of muon  
- The first muon accelerator finally coming to a reality. -



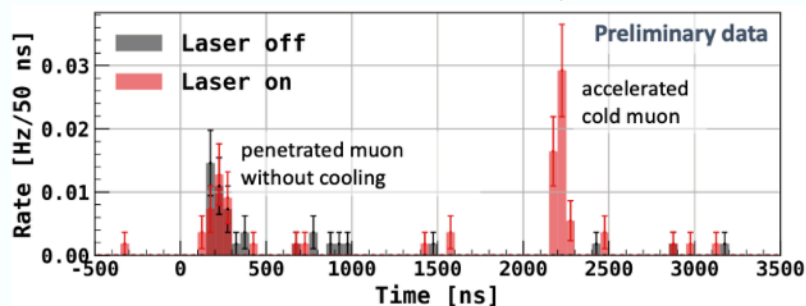
**World's first cooling and acceleration of muon**  
A muon is an elementary particle like an electron. Muons were first discovered in 1936 as cosmic rays falling from the sky. Natural muons originated from cosmic rays have been used to see through the interior of large and/or thick objects, such as pyramids. Presently, muons can be produced in much higher intensity using accelerators for the use of various research and applications.

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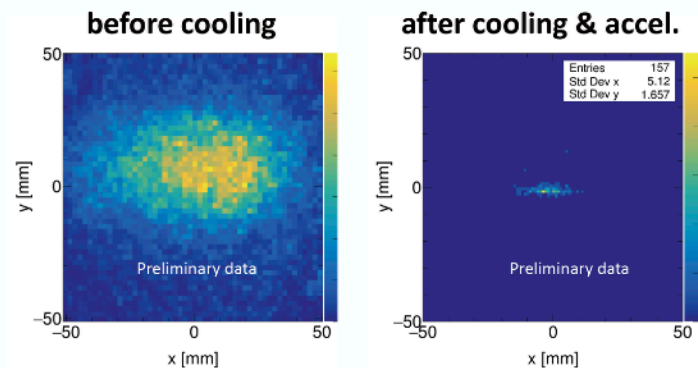
<https://www.interactions.org>

**World first** The experimental set up for muon cooling and acceleration at J-PARC. A beam of antimatter muons enters the apparatus from the right. Credit: J-PARC

Time of flight

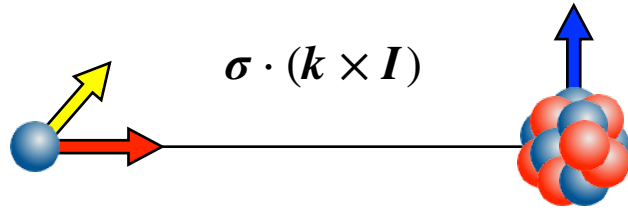


Beam profiles



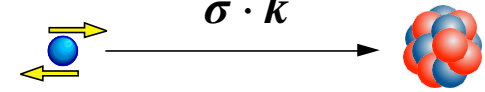
# T-violation in compound nuclei

Enhanced symmetry violation appears in neutron resonance capture reaction.



Statistical nature of compound states

## P-violation



In the case of  $^{139}\text{La}$ , P-violation is  $10^6$  times enhanced.

Determine enhancement factor  $\sim 10^6$  also for T-violation in  $^{139}\text{La}$

$$\Delta\sigma_T = \kappa(J) \frac{W_T}{W} \Delta\sigma_P$$

$$\kappa = \underline{0.59 \pm 0.05}$$

Suggest discovery potential for T-violation search competitive with neutron EDM

$^{139}\text{La}$  resonance  
30 days  
at J-PARC



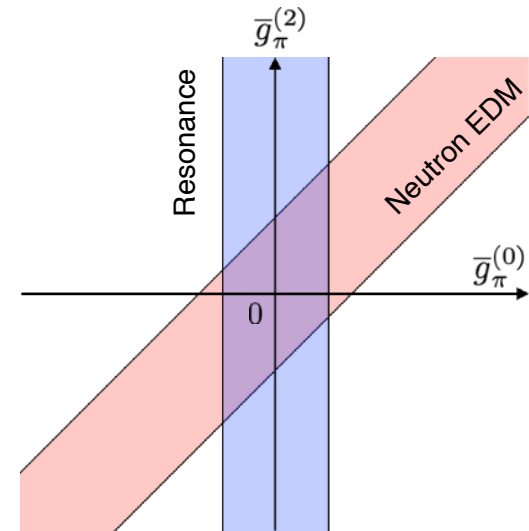
Neutron EDM  
 $10^{-26}$  e cm

$$\frac{\Delta\sigma_{\text{CP}}}{2\sigma_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{-0.185[\text{b}]}{2\sigma_{\text{tot}}} \left( \bar{g}_\pi^{(0)} + 0.26\bar{g}_\pi^{(1)} \right)$$

$$d_n \simeq 0.14 \left( \bar{g}_\pi^{(0)} - \bar{g}_\pi^{(2)} \right)$$

## Target candidate search

- $^{139}\text{La}$  T. Okudaira *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C. 97 034622 (2018)  
T. Yamamoto *et al.* Phys. Rev. C. 101, 064624 (2020)  
T. Okudaira *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C. 104, 014601(2021)  
M. Okuizumi *et al.* Phys. Rev. C. accepted (2025)
- $^{117}\text{Sn}$  J. Koga *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C. 105, 05461 (2022)  
S. Endo *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C.106 064601 (2022)
- $^{131}\text{Xe}$  T. Okudaira *et al.* Phys. Rev. C 107, 054602 (2023)



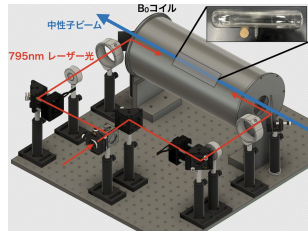


# R&D for T-violation search

## Neutron beam polarization

$^3\text{He}$  spin filter for eV neutrons is available now!  $P \sim 80\%$  at  $0.75\text{eV}$

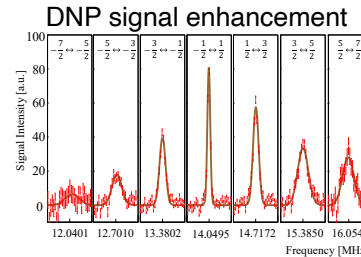
In-situ system is also available.



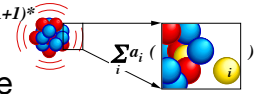
## Target nuclei polarization

Dynamic nuclear polarization for  $^{139}\text{La}$  with  $\text{LaAlO}_3$  crystal

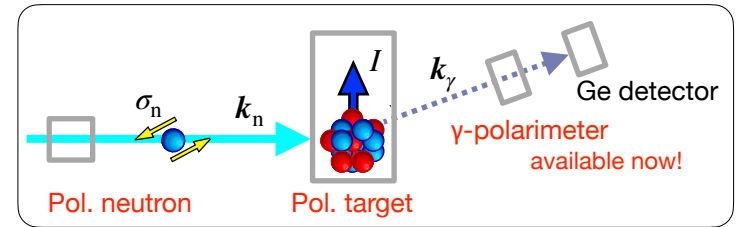
$P_{\text{La}} \rightarrow 31.9\%$



Many correlation terms of  $(n, \gamma)$  reaction can be used to study the statistical nature of compound states.



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \underline{a}_0 + \underline{a}_1 k_n \cdot k_\gamma + \underline{a}_2 \sigma_n \cdot (k_n \times k_\gamma) + \underline{a}_3 \left( (k_n \cdot k_\gamma)^2 - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \dots \right\}$$



T. Yamamoto et al., Phys. Rev. C101, 064624 (2020)

T. Okudaira et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A977, 164301 (2020)

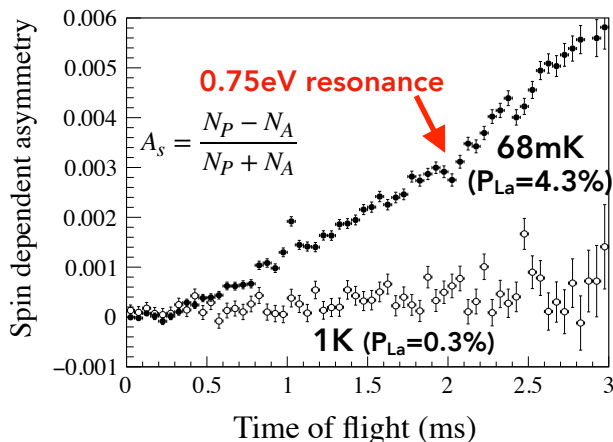
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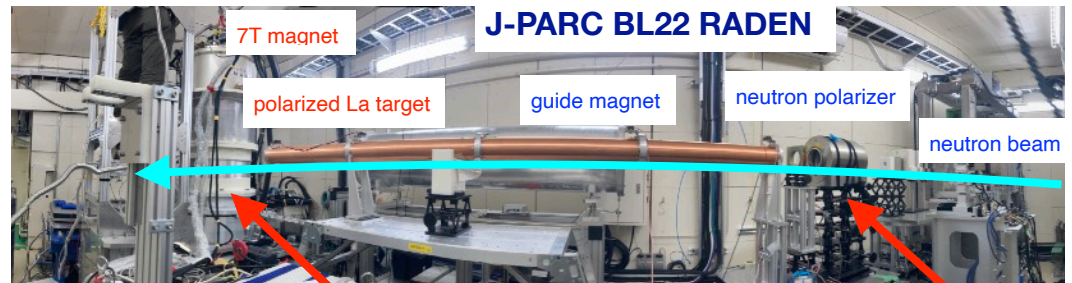
S. Endo et al. Eur. Phys. J. A 60:166 (2024)

## Demonstration of T-violation search

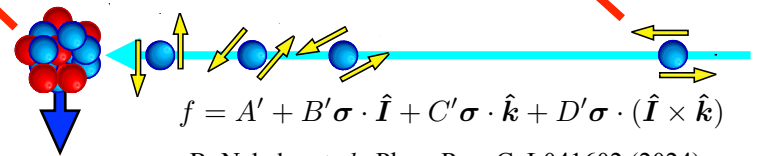
Asymmetry of absorption was observed.



T. Okudaira et al., Phys. Rev. C., 109, 044606 (2024)



This asymmetry can be translated into an upper limit on CP violation.



R. Nakabe et al., Phys. Rev. C. L041602 (2024)

Same order of nEDM with  $10^{-19} \text{ e cm}$  ( $\sim$  first nEDM limit)

R. Nakabe, PhD thesis (2024)

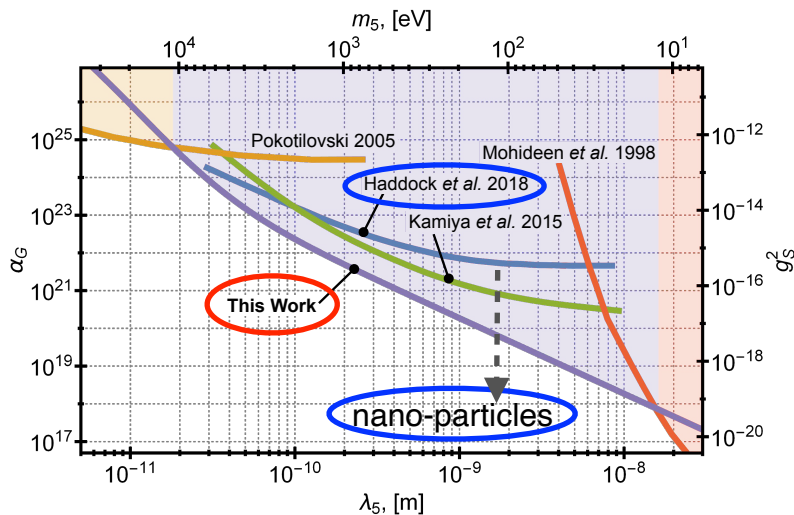
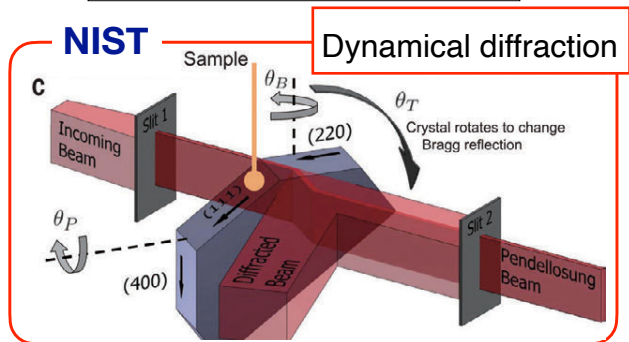


# Unknown force search

Extra-dimension, Dark energy

## New limit for Yukawa-type intermediate force

$$V(r) = -G_N \frac{mM}{r} (1 + \alpha e^{-r/\lambda})$$

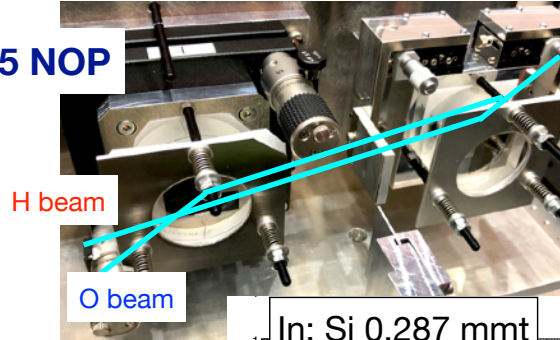
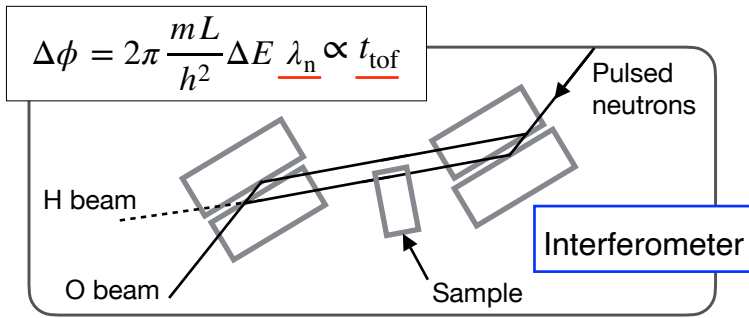


C. C. Haddock, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D97, 062002 (2018)

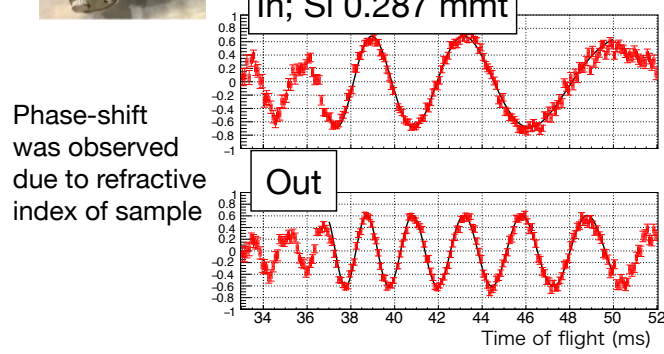
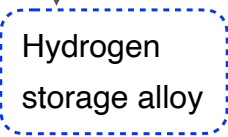
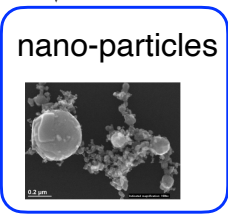
B. Heacock *et al.*, Science 373 6560 (2021)

## New interferometer with high precision

$$\Delta\phi = 2\pi \frac{mL}{h^2} \Delta E \lambda_n \propto t_{\text{tof}}$$



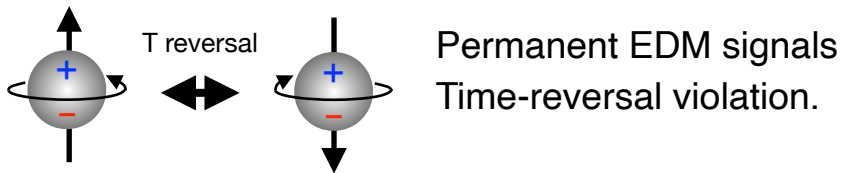
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Precision measurements of neutron-nuclear scattering lengths were demonstrated.

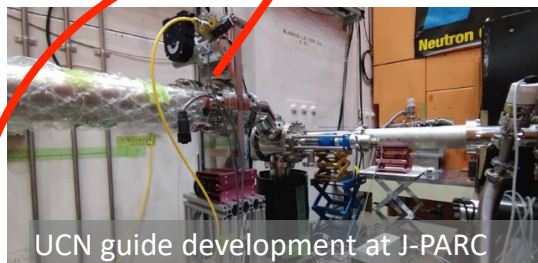
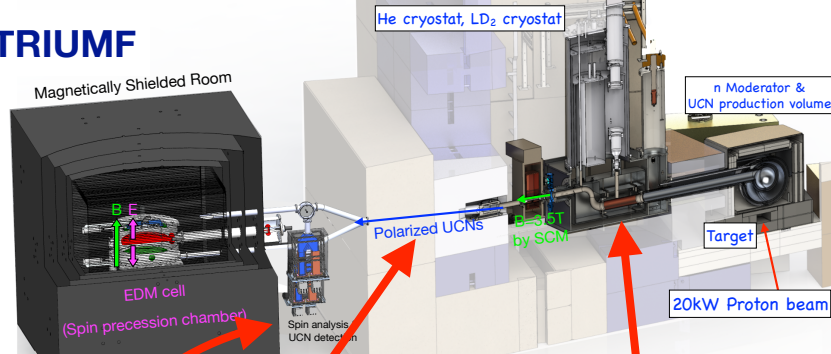
T. Fujiie, *et al.*, PRL 132, 023402 (2024)

# Neutron EDM using high-flux UCNs



## TUCAN Source & nEDM Spectrometer

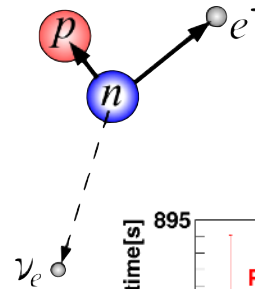
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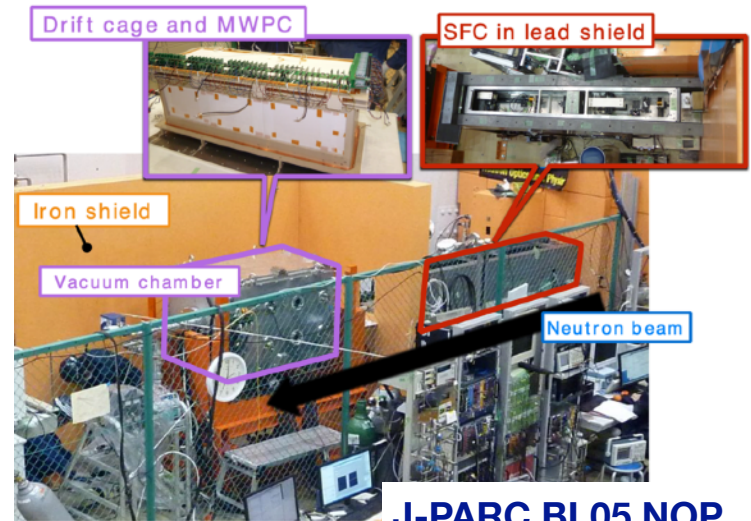
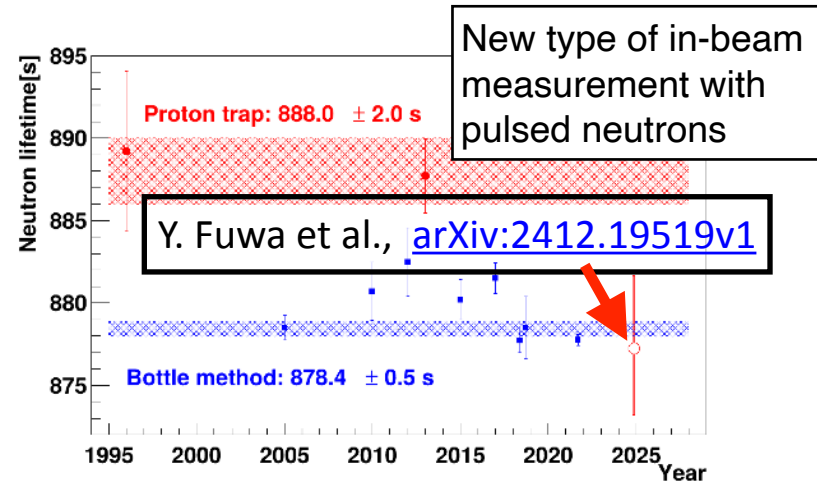
S. Ahmed, et al.,  
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# Neutron Lifetime



CKM Unitarity check  
Big Bang Nucleosynthesis  
Decay to dark channel?

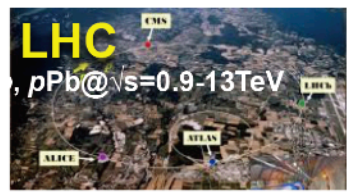
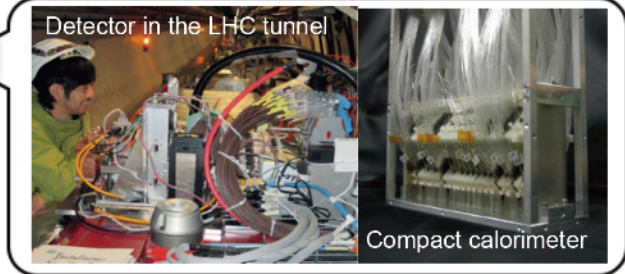
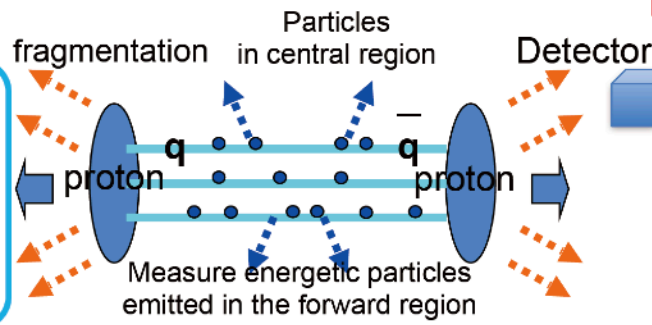
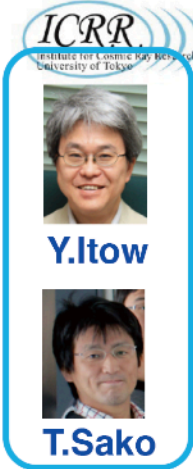


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# LHCf / RHICf : Study VHECR interactions by colliders

Unique data for very forward production



**LHCf**

- pp@ $\sqrt{s}=14\text{TeV}$  (2022)
- Light ions (p-O, O-O) (planned in 2025 Jun)

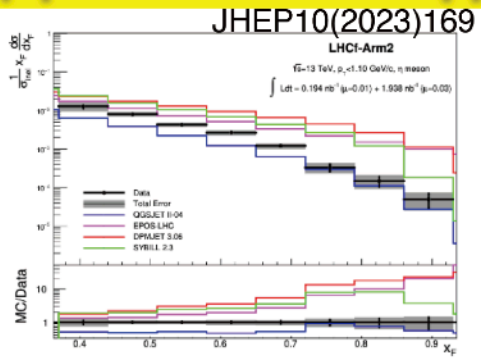
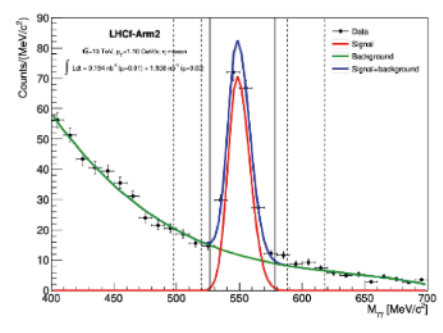
**RHICf**

- p1p1@ $\sqrt{s}=510\text{GeV}$  (2017)

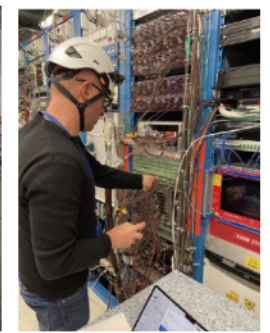


Supported by KMI for 15yrs  
Connection to HECR/v@ ICRR

## First very forward $\eta$ spectrum @ 13TeVpp



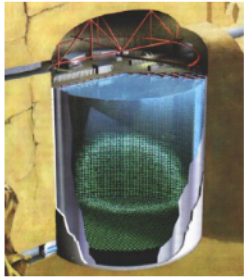
## Preparation for LHC p-O 2025 Jun



# Super-Kamiokande (SK-Gd) / Hyper-Kamiokande



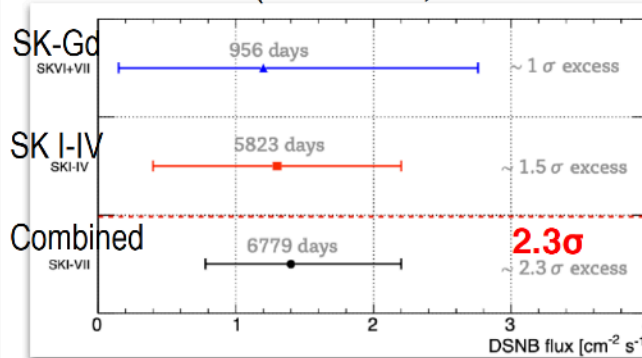
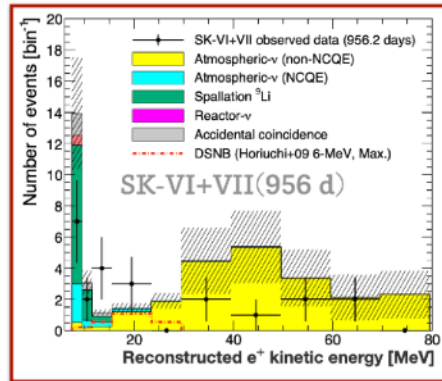
## Super-Kamiokande



0.03% Gd-loaded  
First DSNB result

## • Diffuse SN signal search in SK-Gd

(M.Harada, Neutrino2024)



Y. Itow

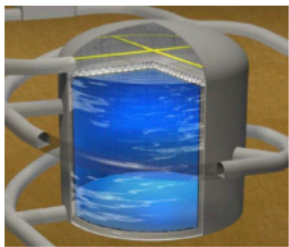
(→ICRR, Nov2024)



H. Menjo



## Hyper-Kamiokande



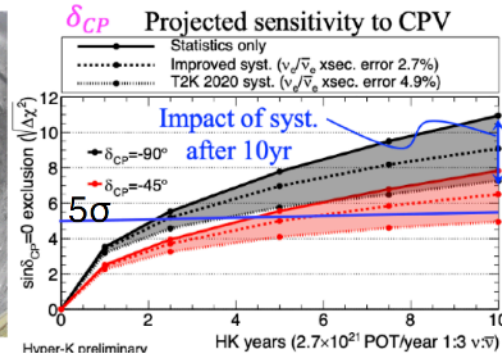
Construction on-going.  
Aiming operation 2027.

## • Hyper-K construction on-going

(S.Moriyama, Neutrino2024: © ICRR, Univ of Tokyo)



Excavation of the HK cavern will be completed by the end of this year!



M. Hartz

(TRIUMF/Victoria)  
joins cross-appointed  
professor (Mar 2025)

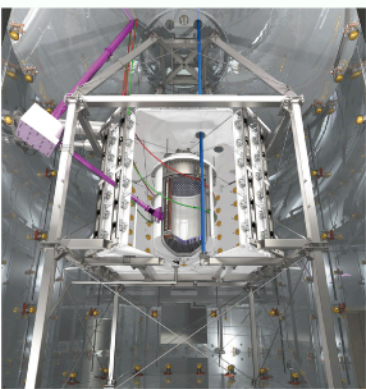
# Direct Dark Matter Detection with the XENONnT

- Dual-phase TPC with 8.5 tonnes of liquid xenon
- Livetime: Science Run 0 (95.1 days) + Science Run 1 (186.5 days)
- Exposure: 3.1 ton-year
- Lowest electronic recoil BG ever achieved in a dark matter detector: ~5 times lower than in XENON1T
- Coherent elastic scattering of  $^8\text{B}$  solar neutrino has been observed (“Neutrino Fog”)
- New WIMP results with 3.1 ton-year exposure (paper submitted to PRL this Monday)

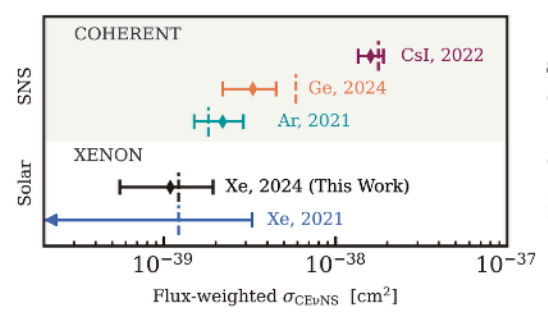


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## XENONnT Detector

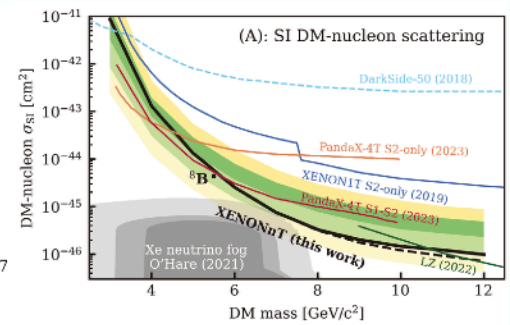


## CEvNS Results

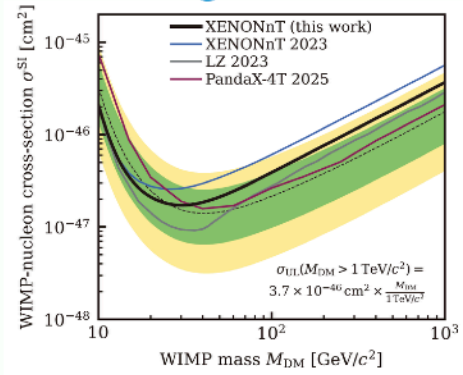


## WIMP Results

### Low Mass



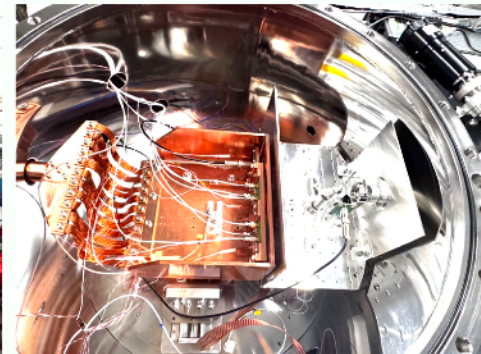
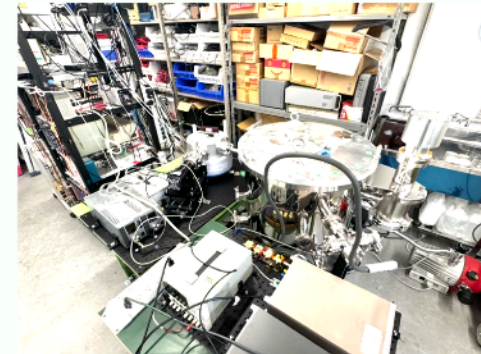
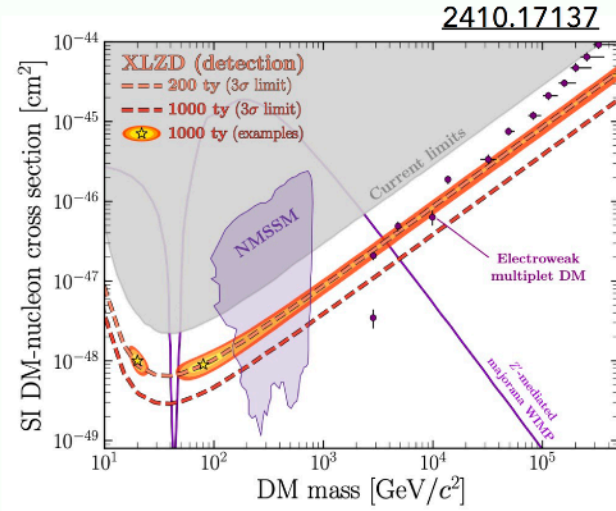
### High Mass





# R&Ds for the XLZD Experiment @ Nagoya

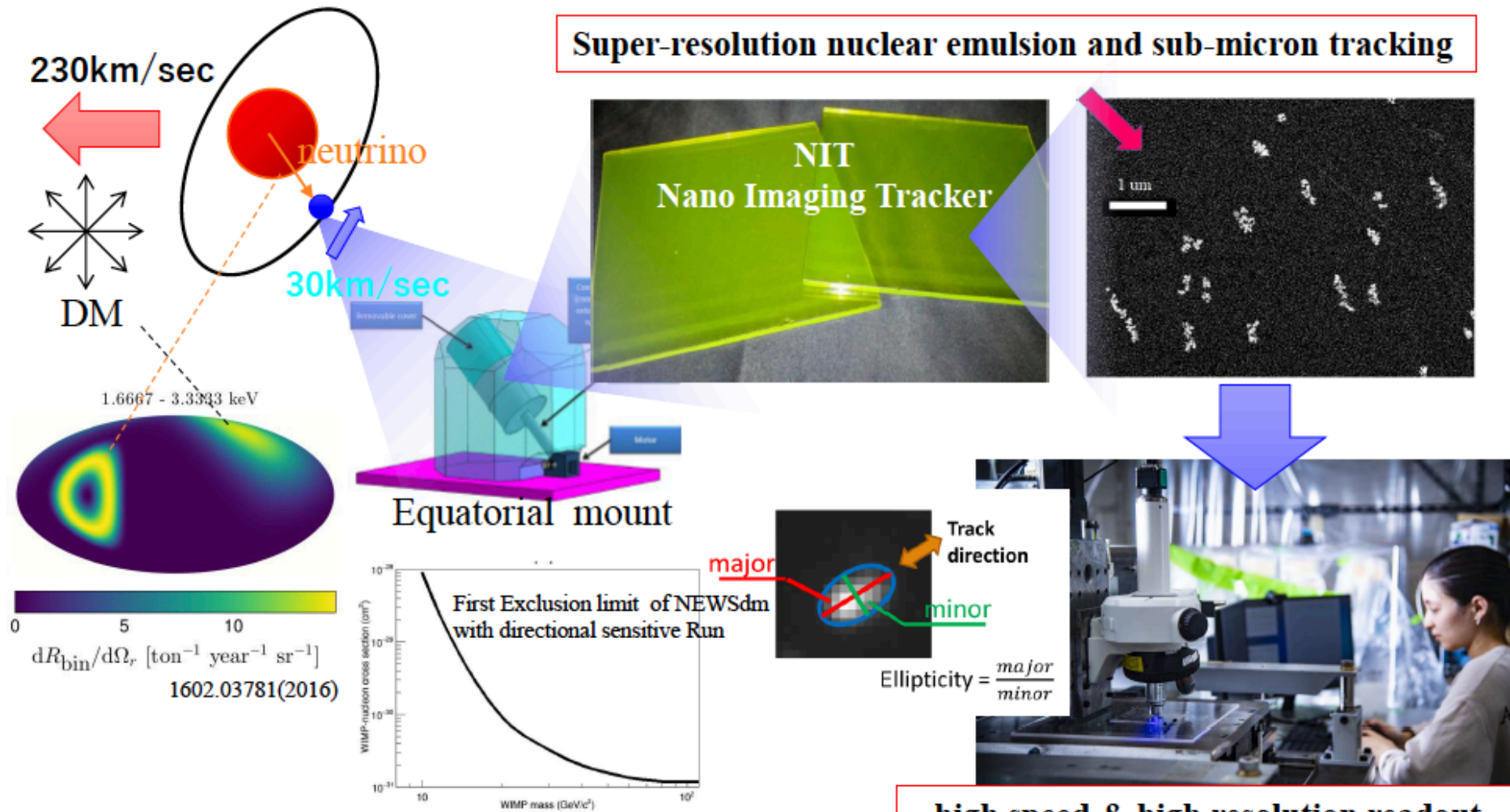
- Towards the future 60-80 t scale experiment (XLZD), we are developing new low-BG techniques such as low-noise SiPM, hybrid photosensor, and hermetic LXe TPC
- We have established two dedicated cryogenic setups for local R&Ds
  - Currently operating the hermetic LXe TPC with ~7 kg of xenon
  - Recently characterized the performance of SiPMs at low-temperature





# NEWSdm

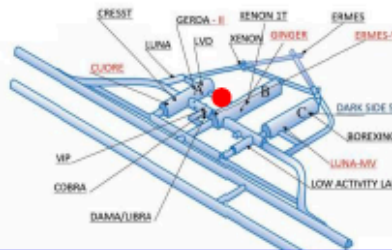
## Nuclear Emulsions for WIMP Search -directional measurement



**Direct dark matter search with directional sensitivity**

**high speed & high resolution readout System by optical microscope**

# NEWSdm technology and collaboration

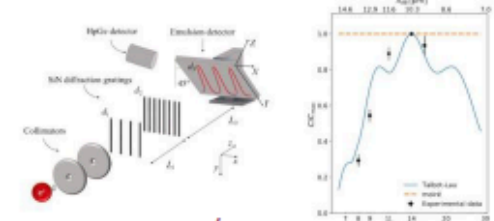


LNGS underground lab in Italy



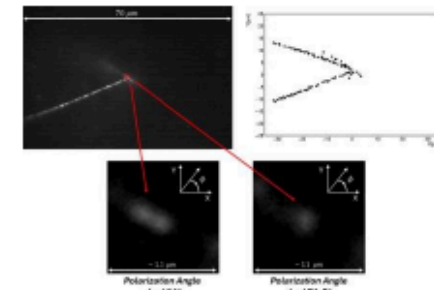
emulsion production facility

QUPLAS / AIABE  
high precision antimatter  
measurement



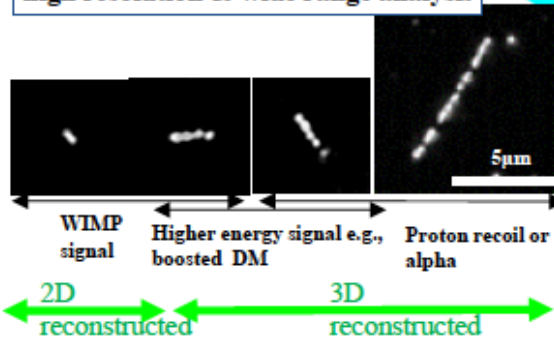
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FOOT/DAMON  
measurement of target  
fragmentation for  
medical application



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high resolution & wide range analysis



WIMP  
signal

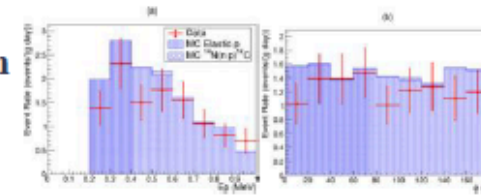
Higher energy signal e.g.,  
boosted DM

Proton recoil or  
alpha

2D  
reconstructed

3D  
reconstructed

environmental neutron  
measurement  
at “low energy” and  
“directionality”



[10.1103/PhysRevC.107.014608](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.107.014608)

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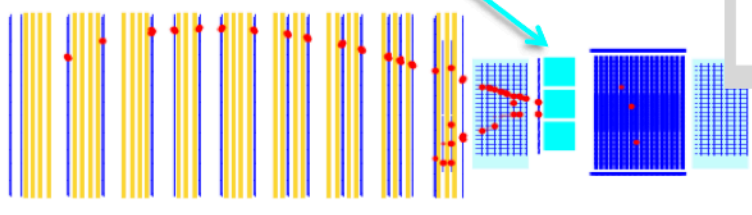
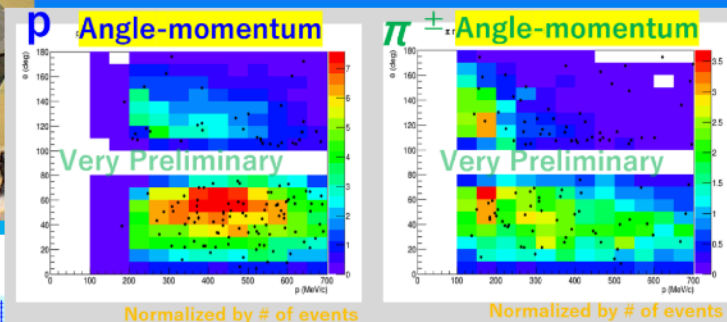
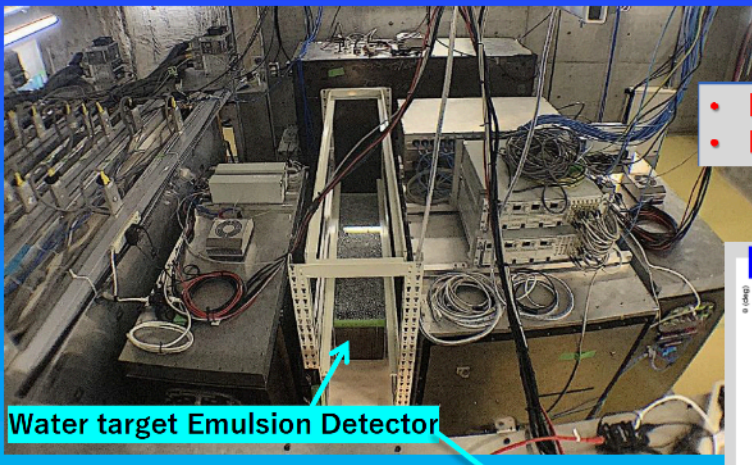
low BG R&D toward >kg scale detector are ongoing

Neutrino Interaction research with Nuclear emulsion and J-PARC Accelerator

- Precise measurement of  $\nu_\mu$ -nucleus CC cross-sections in Sub-Multi GeV region
- Electron neutrino cross-section measurement, Sterile neutrino search

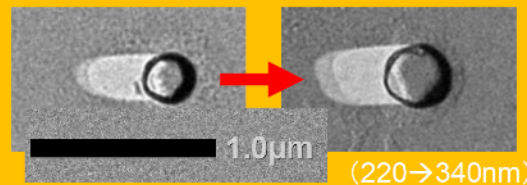
## Some Physics results (Preliminary)

## LOI for next NINJA physics



## Technical improvements

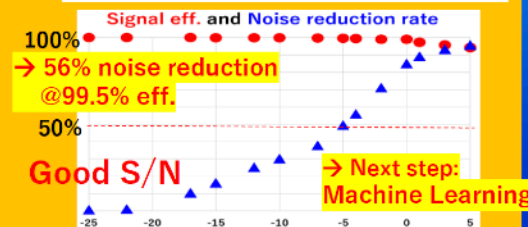
① Refreshable large crystal emulsion



Good Efficiency for  $\nu$  experiments

② New Track Ranking

Image analysis  
 $\rightarrow$  3 new selection parameters



E71a: 2019 Nov. – 2020 Feb.  
E71b: 2023 Nov. – 2024 Feb.  
E71c: 2025 Nov. – (plan)

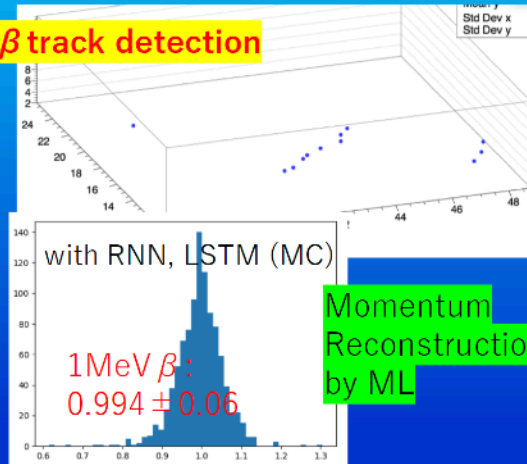
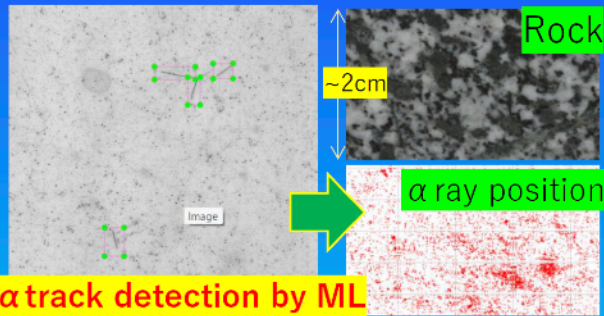
Total:  
10<sup>21</sup> POT

$\nu$  beam exposure (2<sup>nd</sup> Physics Run) is done!

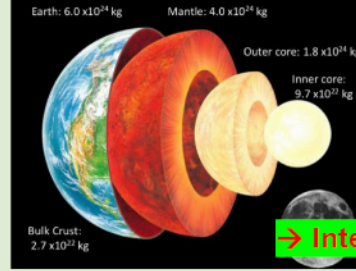


# New activities

## $\alpha$ $\beta$ track analysis by Machine Learning



## For geo-neutrino measurement



Input to earth science  $\leftarrow v_{\text{geo}}$  (Mantle)  
 $= v_{\text{geo}}$  (KamLAND) -  $v_{\text{geo}}$  (Crustal)

$v_{\text{geo}}$  (Crustal) estimation  $\rightarrow$  Large uncertainty

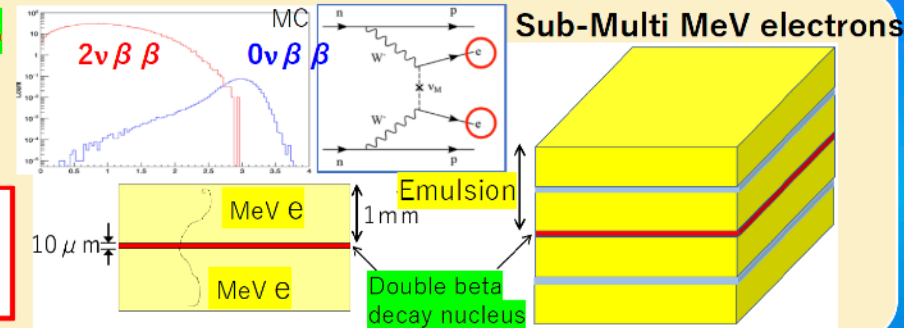
Radiation isotope distribution modeling in Crustal rock by Emulsion film

$\rightarrow$  Interdisciplinary research (Earth scientist + Particle physicist)

## Emulsion for $0\nu\beta\beta$

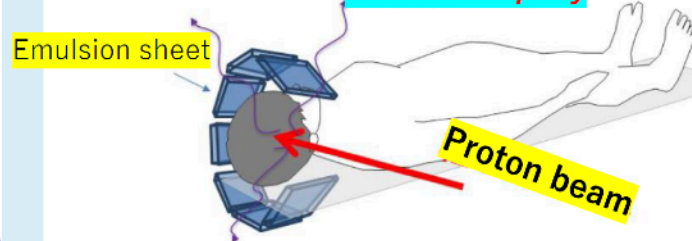
challenge to Normal Ordering (meV scale)

- Excellent BKG reduction
- Good scalability



## Medical application

### Multi MeV $\gamma$ ray

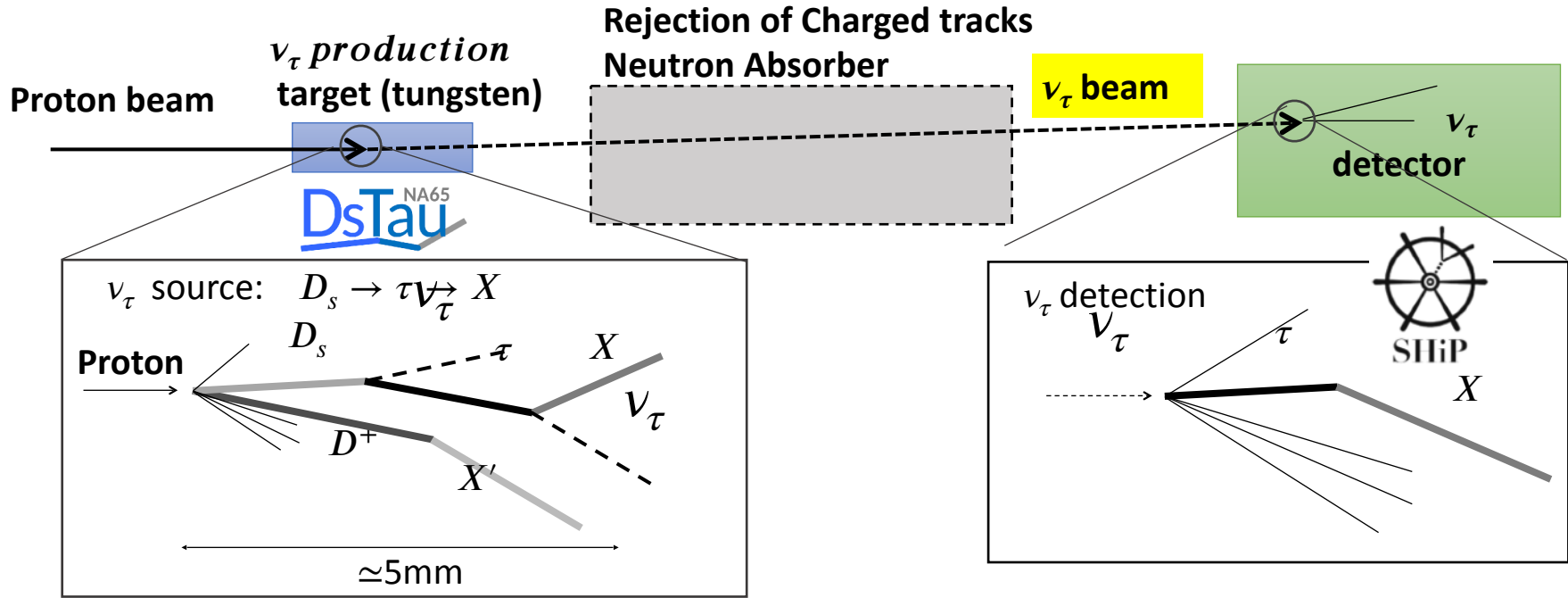


### Proton therapy

- In-treatment monitoring
- Improved pre-simulation

**FLASH Radiotherapy**  
 (High dose rate particle therapy with fewer side effects)

# Concept of tau neutrino experiment -cross section (etc.) measurement -



## $\nu_\tau$ production study: DsTau

- No data of  $D_s$  differential production cross-section
- Larger **~50%** uncertainty of  $\nu_\tau$  flux
- Detecting 1000  $D_s \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow X$  events
- Reduce the uncertainty to 10%

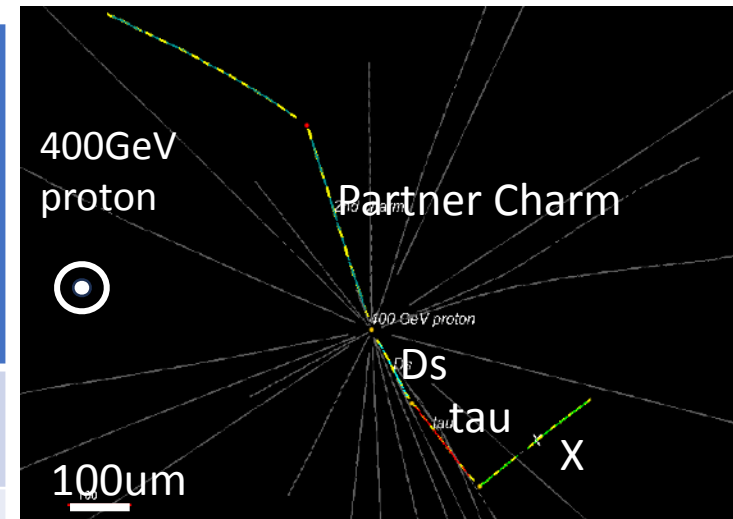
## $\nu_\tau$ detection: SHiP etc.

- 9  $\nu_\tau$  detected by DONuT (bam  $\nu_\tau$  ).  
33% statistical error
- 10  $\nu_\tau$  detected by OPERA (Oscillated  $\nu_\tau$  )
- SHiP  $\sim$  10000 events a few % statistical error

# DsTau activities

- 2021-2023 CERN-SPS 400 GeV proton irradiated to Emulsion chamber.
  - In total  $2.04 \times 10^8$  p-tungsten (molybdenum) interactions are accumulated in the detectors.
  - For the exposures, emulsion films were produced at Nagoya University and assembled at CERN with plastic spacers and tungsten (molybdenum) plates.
- A paper appear soon, accepted by EPJC, arXiv:2411.05452v1 discussing proton-tungsten interaction features and report its interaction length.
- Ds->tau->X signal event search  
 Several candidates events are found in subsample of  $1.9 \times 10^6$  p-tungsten interaction.  
 Detailed analysis is on going

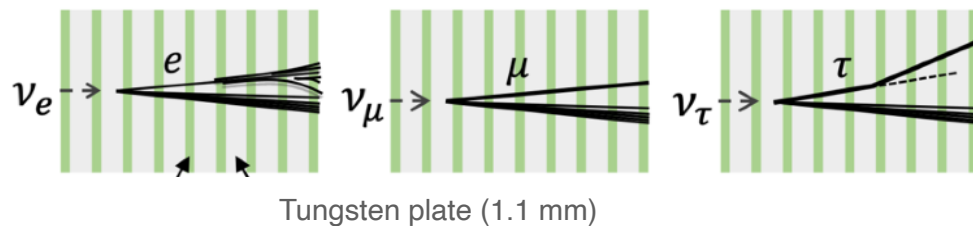
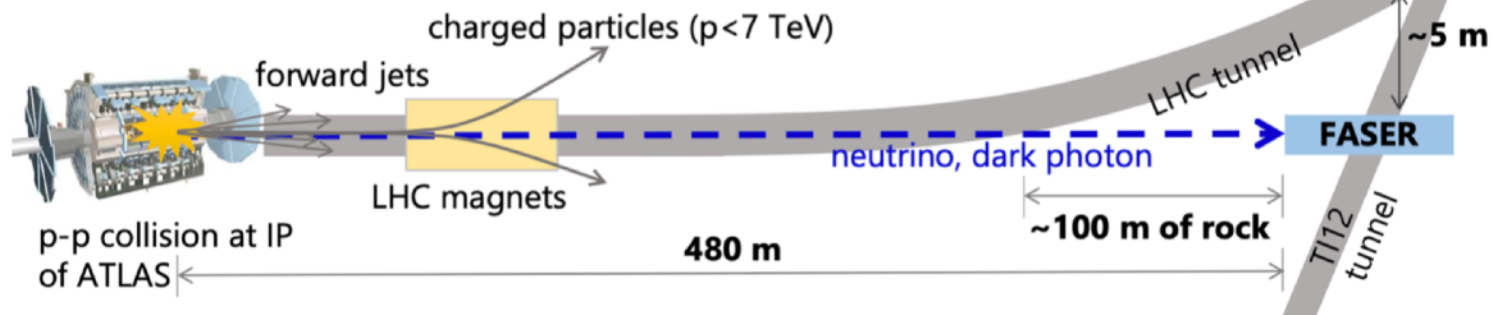
Proton Exposure runs	Detector Modules	Used Emulsion films area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Integrated Module number	Integrated Accumulated proton-W(Mo) interactions ( $\times 10^8$ )
Pilot run 2018	$\frac{1}{4} \times 30 = 7.5$	49	7.5	0.19
Physics run 2021	<b>17</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>0.61</b>
Physics run 2022	<b>17</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>1.04</b>
Physics run	<b>40</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>81.5</b>	<b>2.04</b>



A Ds -> tau -> X associating p-tungsten interaction candidate found in preliminary analysis. The display is from beam direction view.

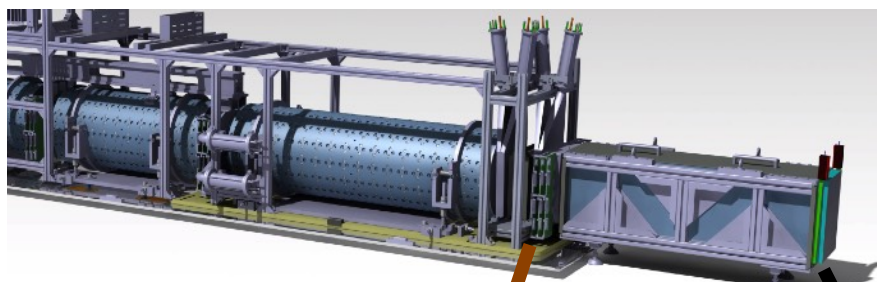


# FASER $\nu$



- Emulsion-based detector
- 730 × [tungsten (1.1 mm thickness) + emulsion film]
- 250 mm × 300 mm, 1 m long, 1.1 tons (220  $X_0$ )
- Install (exchange) emulsions 3 times a year

- $\nu$  flavor identified with topological/kinematical info

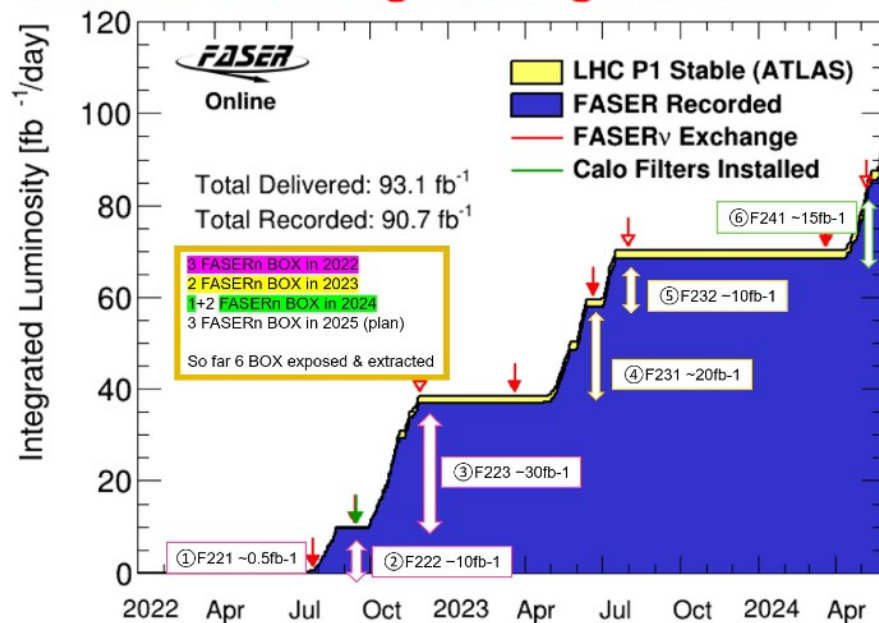


Interface Tracker: 3 layer silicon-strip tracker

Veto scintillator layer

- Global reconstruction with FASER spectrometer
- Muon charge identification ( $\nu_\mu$ )

## FASER $\nu$ exchange during LHC Run3

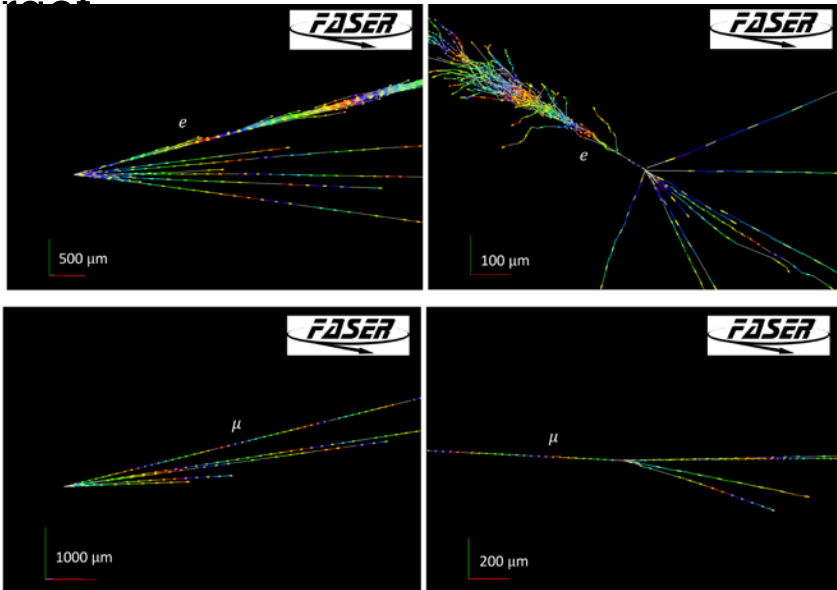


Editors' Suggestion

Featured in Physics

# First Measurement of $\nu_e$ and $\nu_\mu$ Interaction Cross Sections at the LHC with FASER's Emulsion Detector

First cross section measurement at TeV energy region using 0.01 and 120.0  $\mu\text{m}$  target

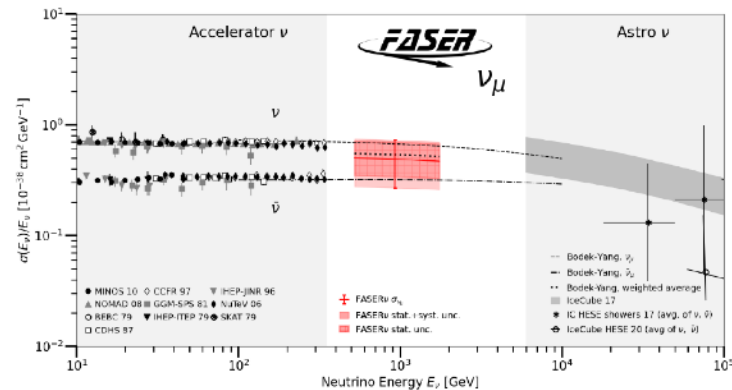
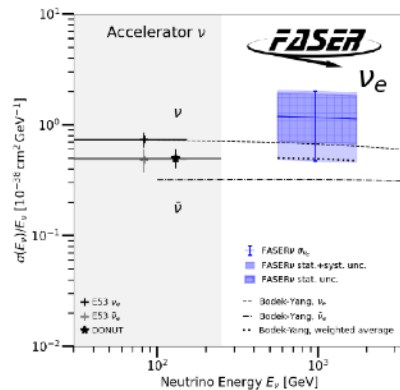


4  $\nu_e$  CC found in ECC

$$\sigma(\nu_e + N)/E = 1.2^{+0.8}_{-0.7} \times 10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2/\text{GeV}$$

8  $\nu_\mu$  CC found in ECC

$$\sigma(\nu_\mu + N)/E = 0.5 \pm 0.2 \times 10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2/\text{GeV}$$

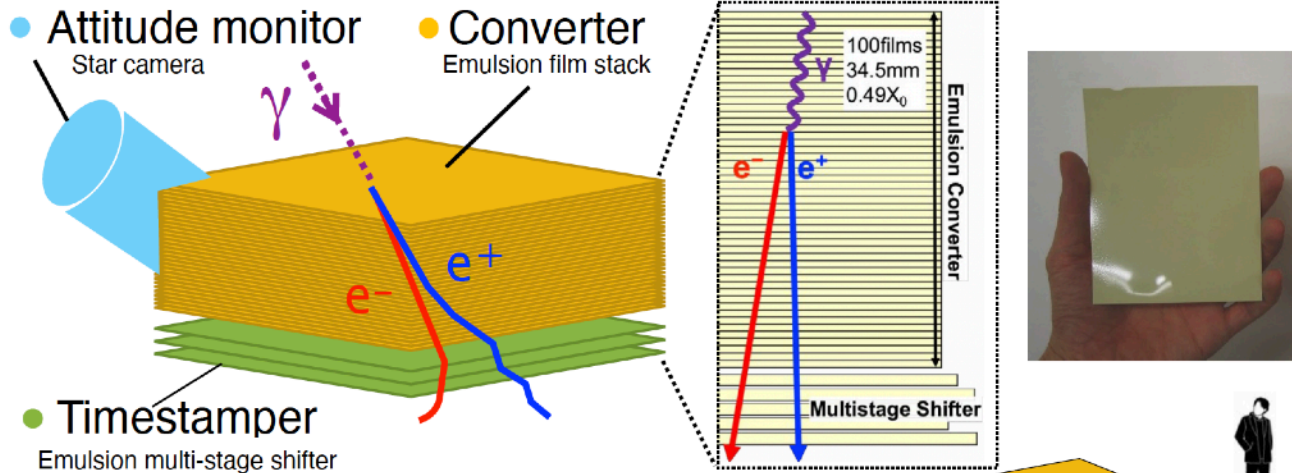


# GRAINE Project

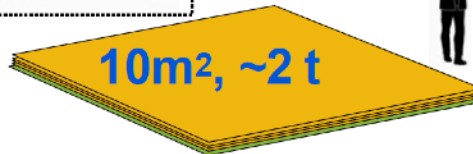
## Gamma-Ray Astro-Imager with Nuclear Emulsion

Aichi U. of Edu., Gifu U., Kobe U., Nagoya U., Okayama U. of Sci. (PI: Shigeki AOKI, Kobe U.)

### DETECTOR: Balloon-borne Emulsion Telescope



	Fermi LAT		GRAINE
Angular Res. @ 100MeV	6.0°	x 6	1.0°
@ 1GeV	0.90°	x 9	0.1°
Polarization Sensitivity	—		Yes
Effective Area @ 100MeV	0.25 m²	x 8	2.1 m²*
@ 1GeV	0.88 m²	x 3	2.8 m²*



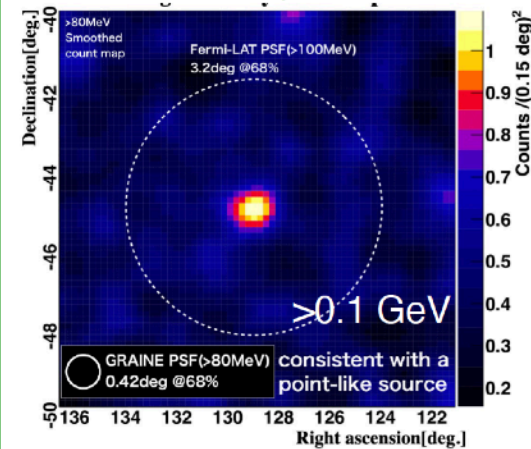
High-angular resolution  
Polarization sensitive  
Large aperture area

$$* 10\text{m}^2 \times \epsilon_{\text{trans}} \times \epsilon_{\text{conv}} \times \epsilon_{\text{det}}$$

### DEMONSTRATION

#### ✓ Imaging of Vela pulsar

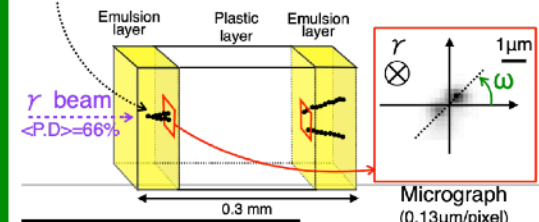
S.Takahashi et al. ApJ. 960 (2023) 47



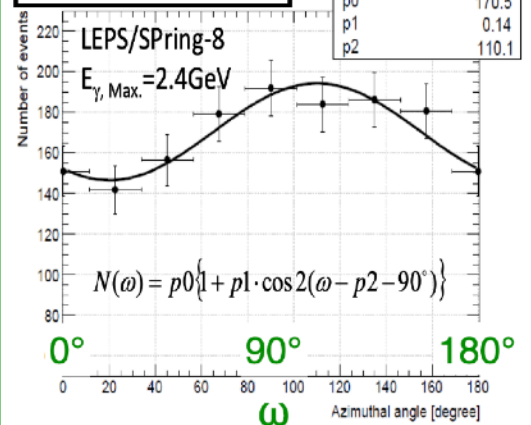
#### ✓ Beam Test of Polarization

K. Ozaki, et al., NIM A 833 (2016)165

Emulsion functions a converter and tracker at the same time.



#### Azimuthal angle dist.



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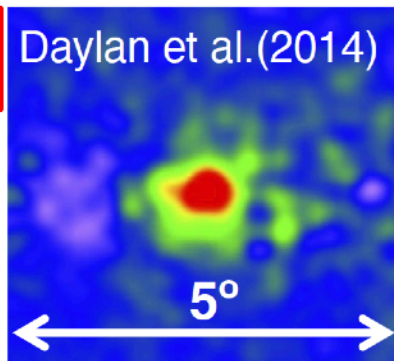


# Scientific Targets in Alice Springs Experiment

GRAINE is expected to provide unique and impactful science that cannot be achieved by current and future satellite missions.

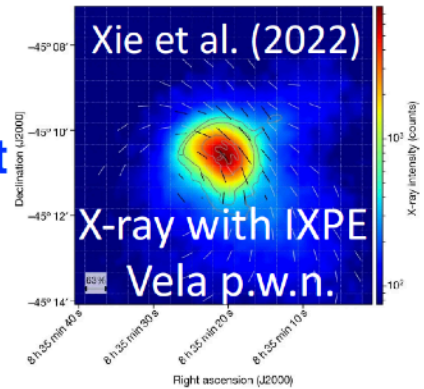
## Galactic Center

Precise meas. of G.C. "GeV excess" w/ the world's highest angular res. ( $0.1^\circ$ )

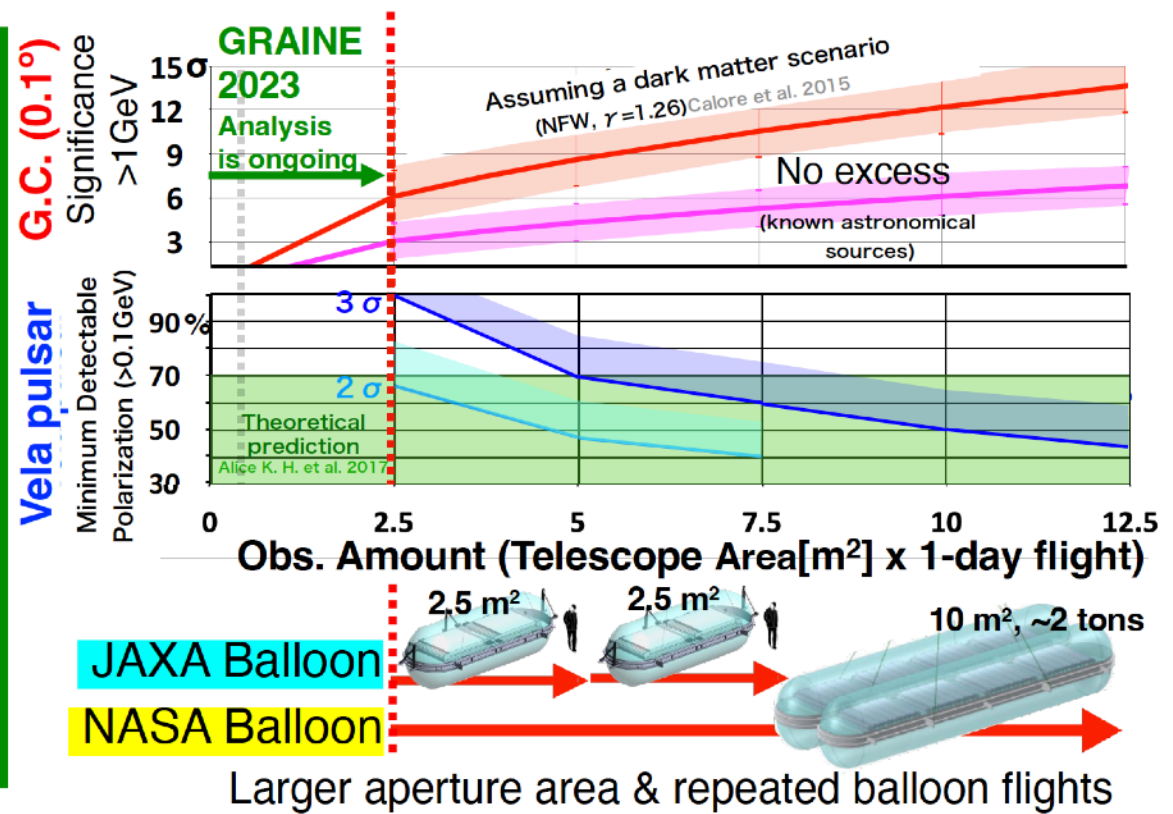
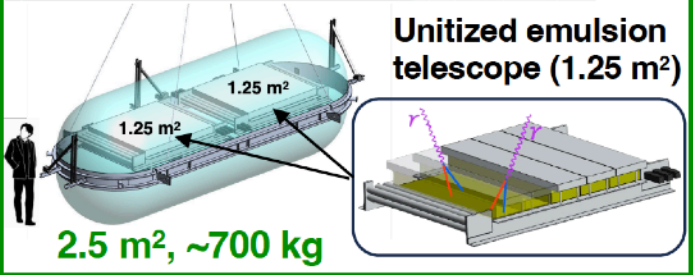


## Vela Pulsar

The first significant pioneering obs. of polarization in the 0.1-GeV band.



## GRAINE2023 model payload

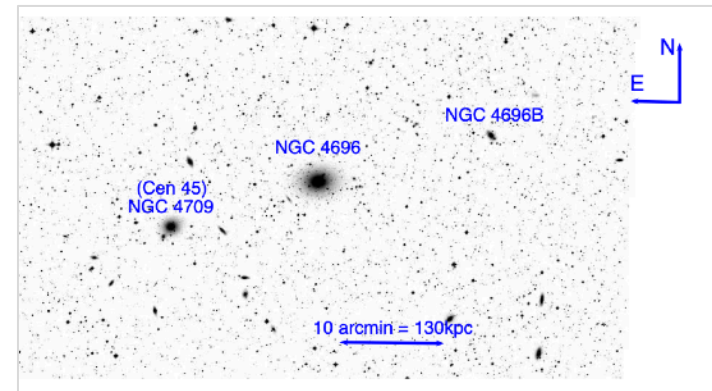
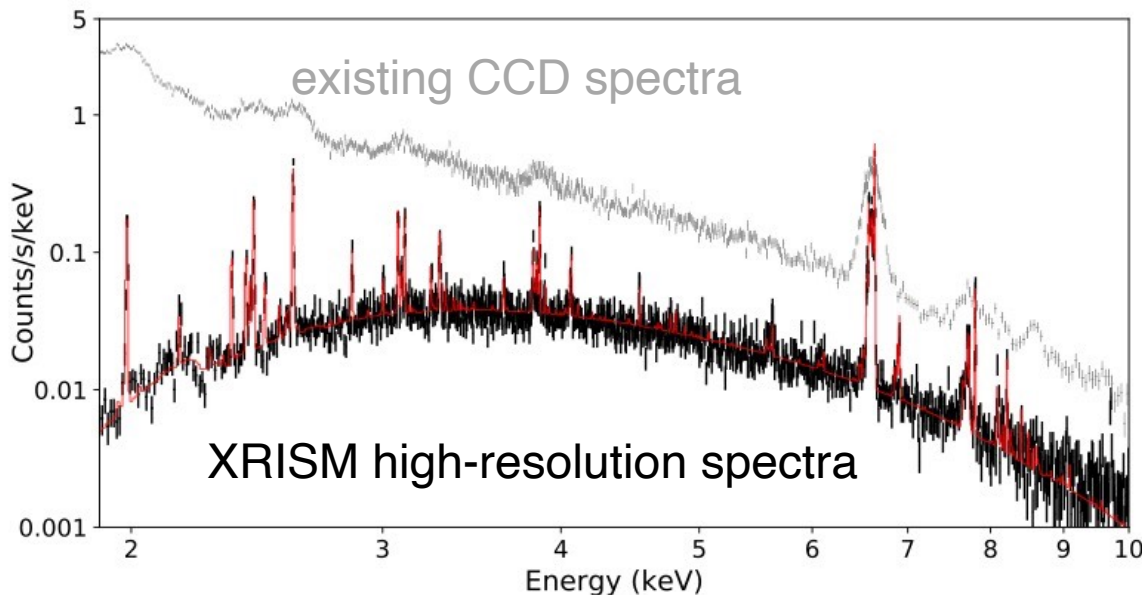
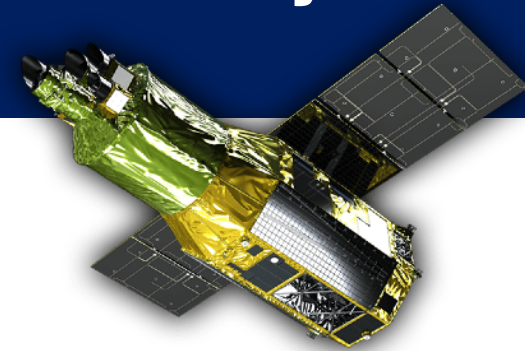




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## XRISM (X-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission)

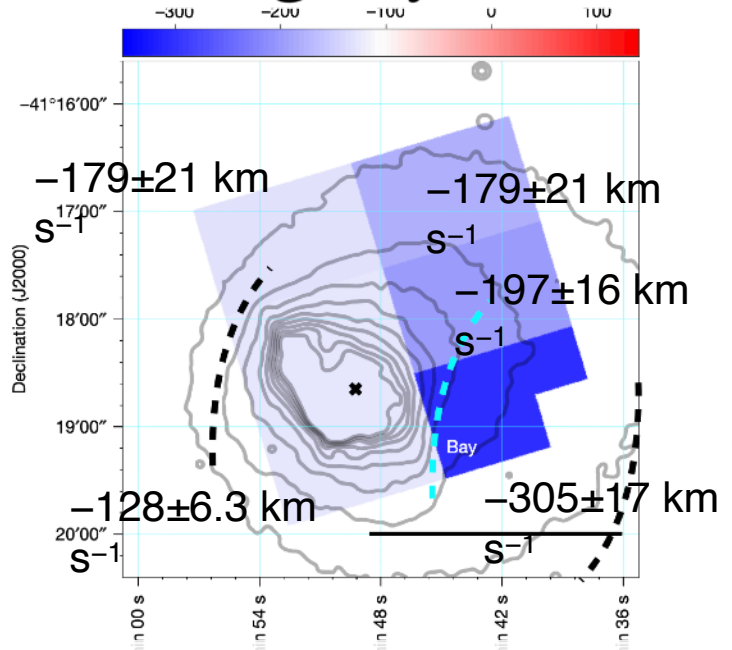
A JAXA-lead X-ray astronomy satellite, developed with NASA and ESA, launched in 2023. It focuses on super high resolution spectroscopy. First papers are coming out.



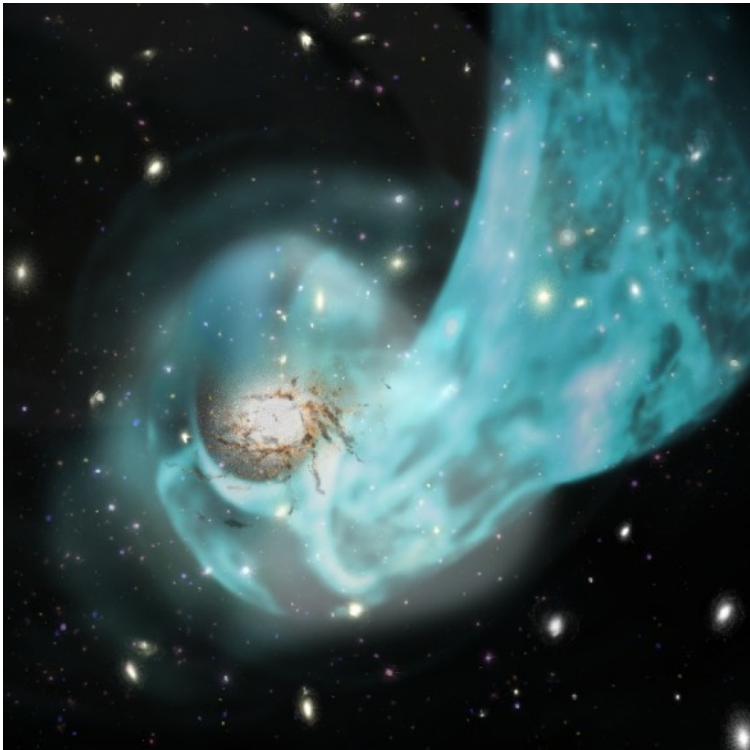
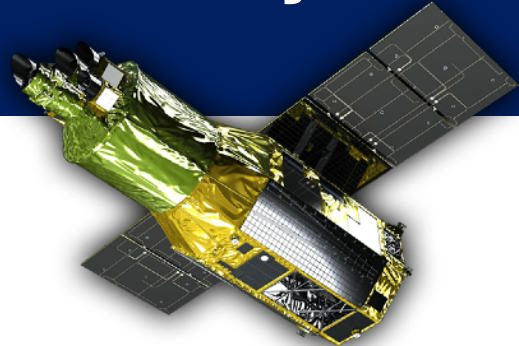
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## The bulk motion of gas in the core of the Centaurus galaxy cluster



Hot gas is moving compare to the galaxy. Looks like faster to the so  
→ "Sloshing" is taking place.

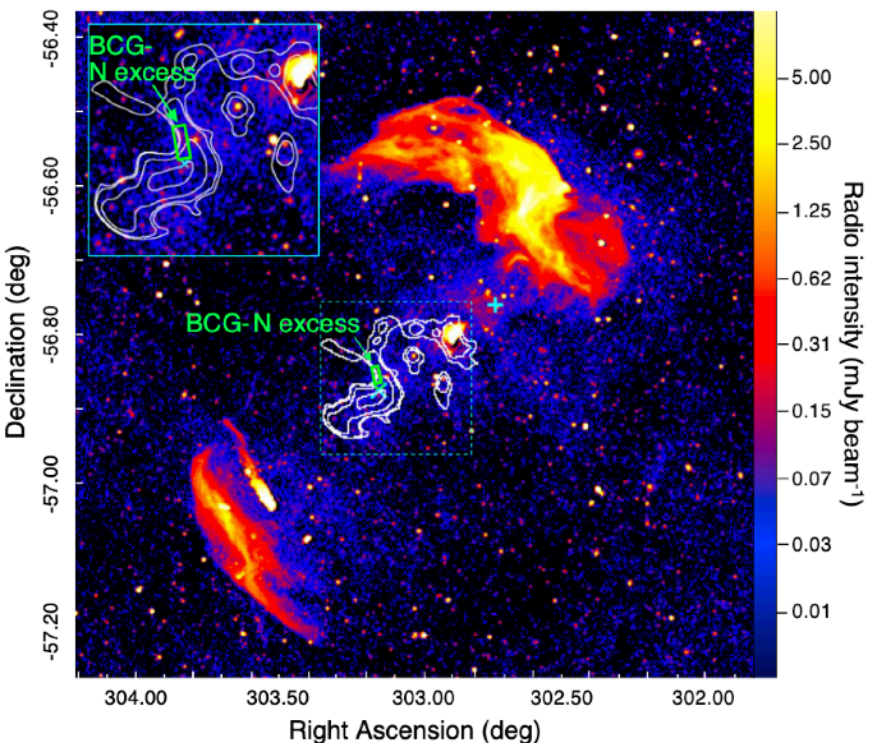




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## X-ray observation of merging cluster of galaxies

"Indications of an offset merger in Abell 3667",  
 Omiya, Nakazawa + 2024



## Si/CdTe hard X-ray/MeV detector development "miniSGD"

"Development of miniSGD"  
 Okuma, Nakazawa et al. 2023

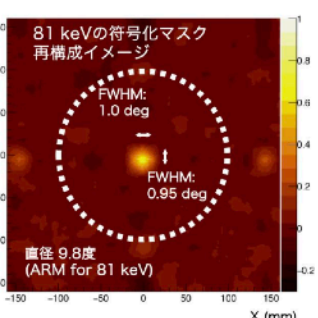
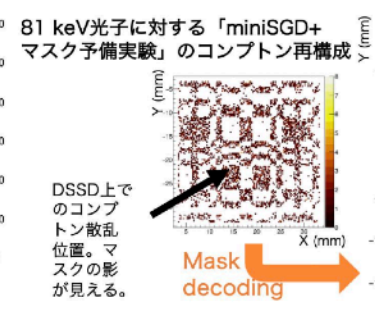
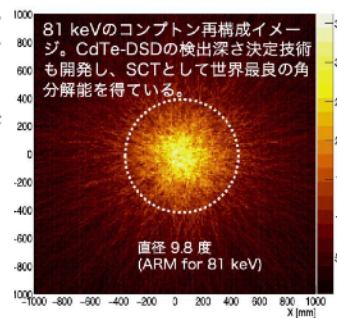
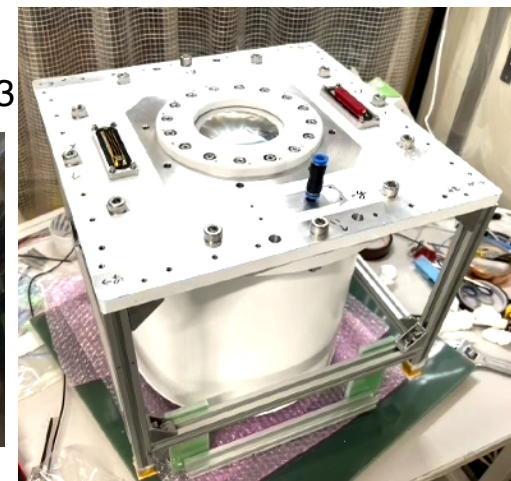
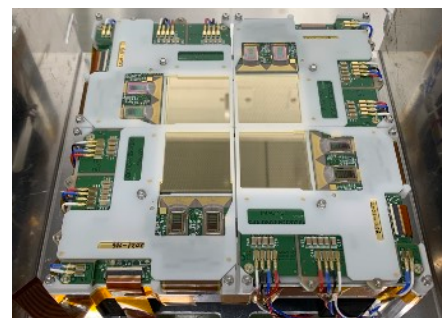
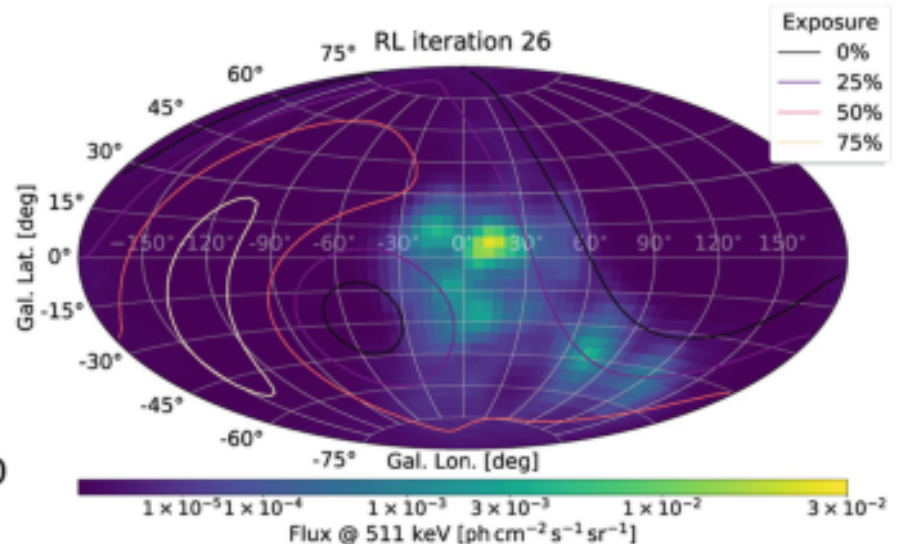
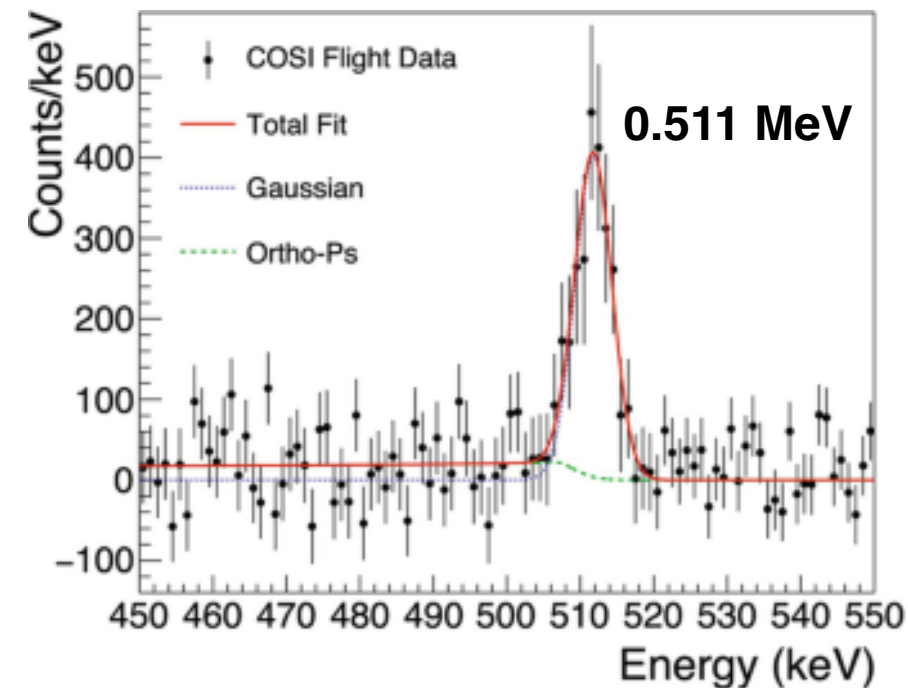


図 5: miniSGD+符号化マスク予備実験による撮像結果。

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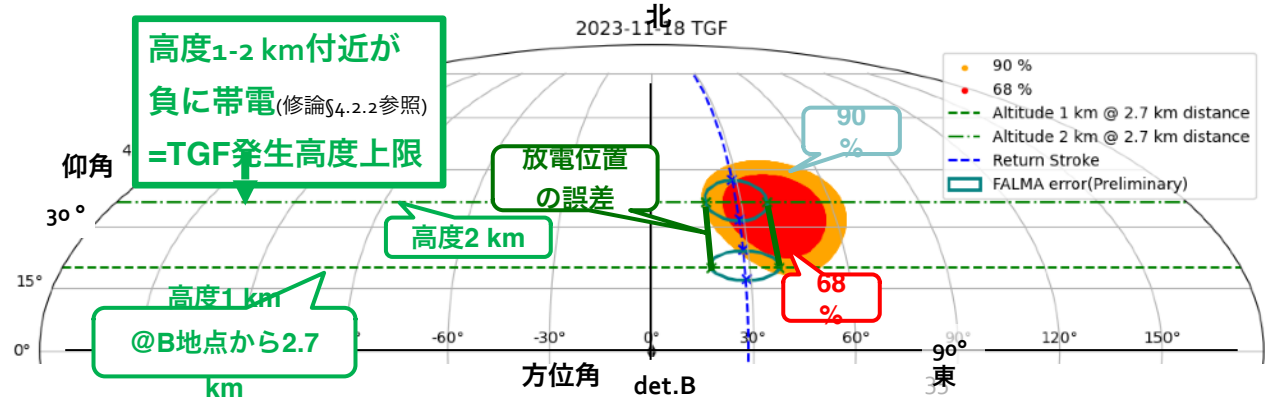
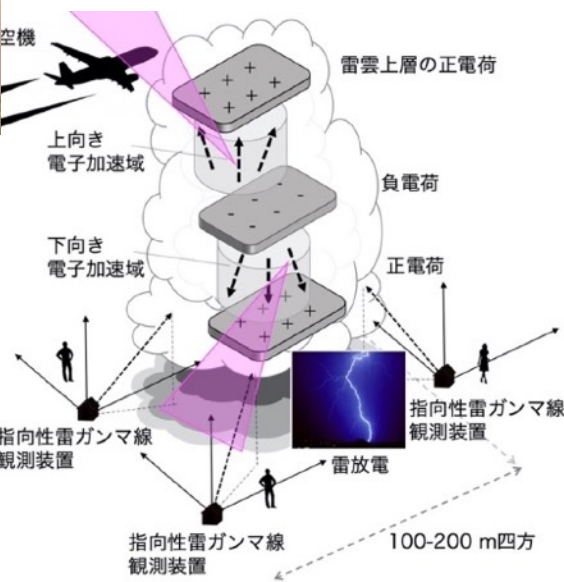
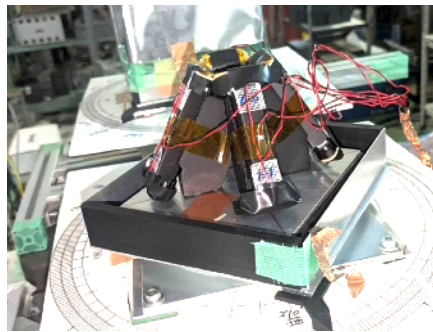
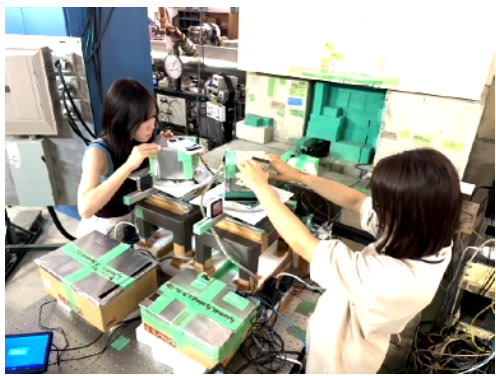
## COSI (Compton Spectrometer and Imager)

A NASA-SMEX mission to be launched on 2027, to "revive the MeV astronomy" after 27 years of gap.





# Thundercloud gamma rays



Gamma rays from lightning flash are direct evidence of a newly identified MeV-electron acceleration mechanism in nature. We detected its acceleration origin by novel "TGF imager".