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# Quest for Infinity via Dark Matter and Neutrinos

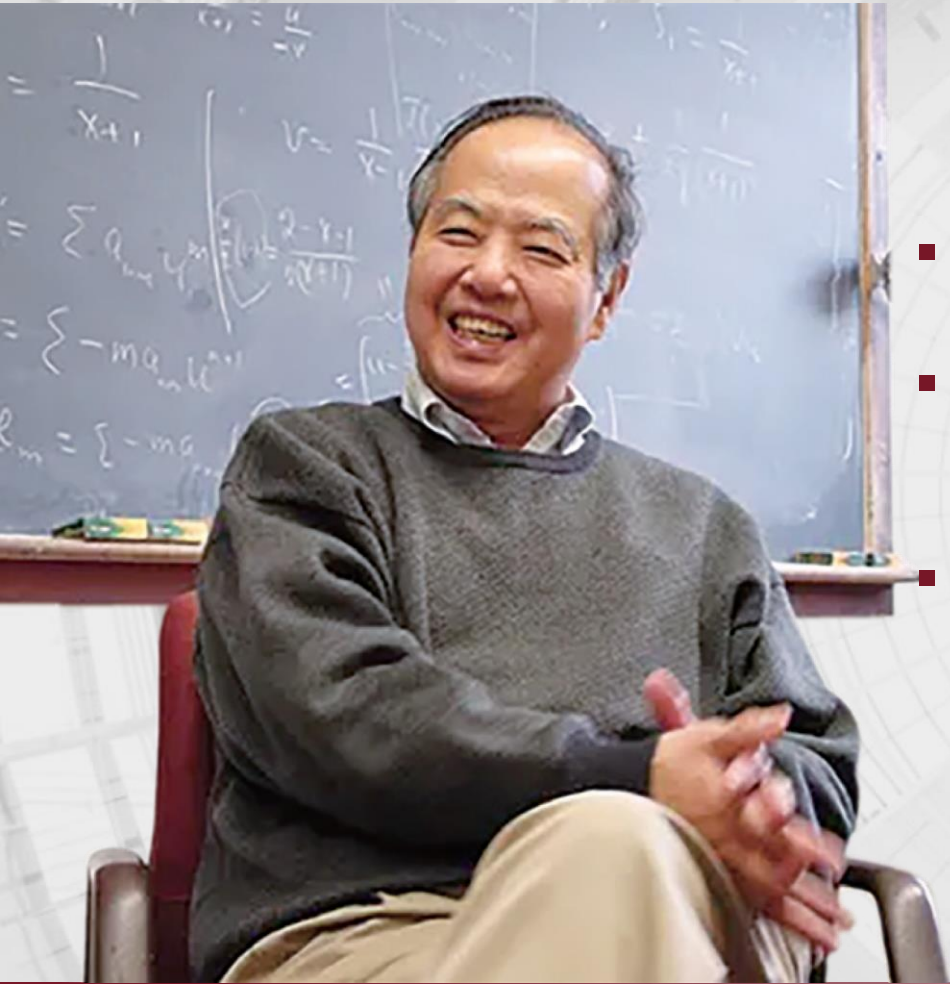
— the underground physics program at Tsung-Dao Lee Institute

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自然极限 认知疆域

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- **What are the natures of dark matter and dark energy?**
- **What is the relationship between the largest infinity and the smallest infinity in the universe?**
- **What are the deepest laws of nature and the universe?**

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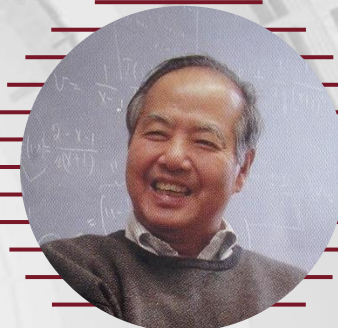
# The establishment of the institute



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**2016.11.28**



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*Honorary Director*

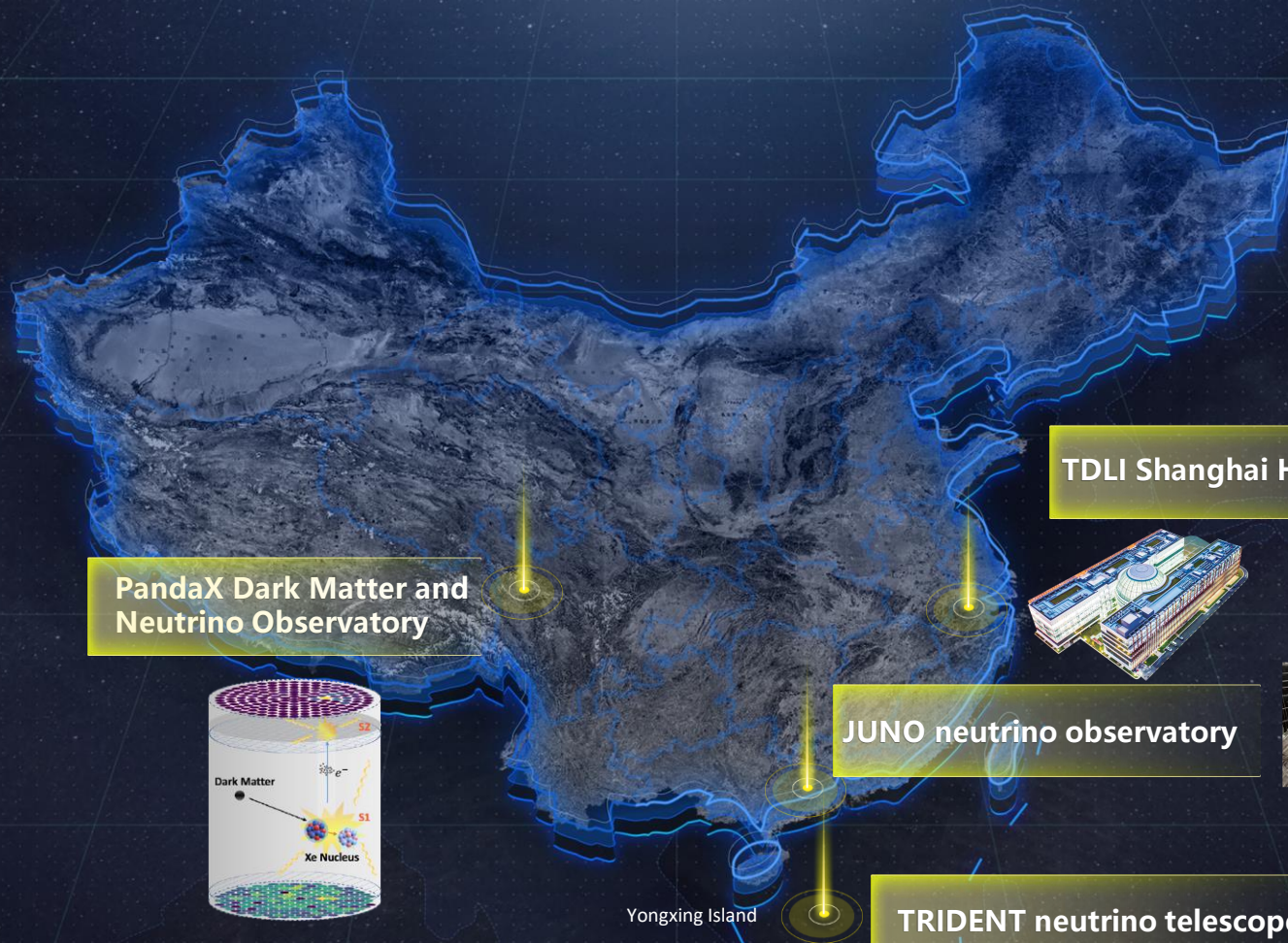


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*Founding Director (2016-2021)  
Chief Scientist & T. D. Lee Chair Professor*

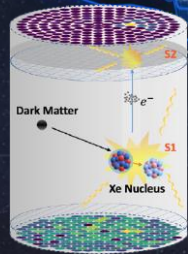


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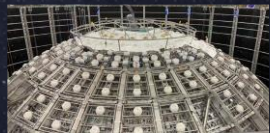
**PandaX Dark Matter and Neutrino Observatory**



**TDLI Shanghai Headquarter**



**JUNO neutrino observatory**



Yongxing Island

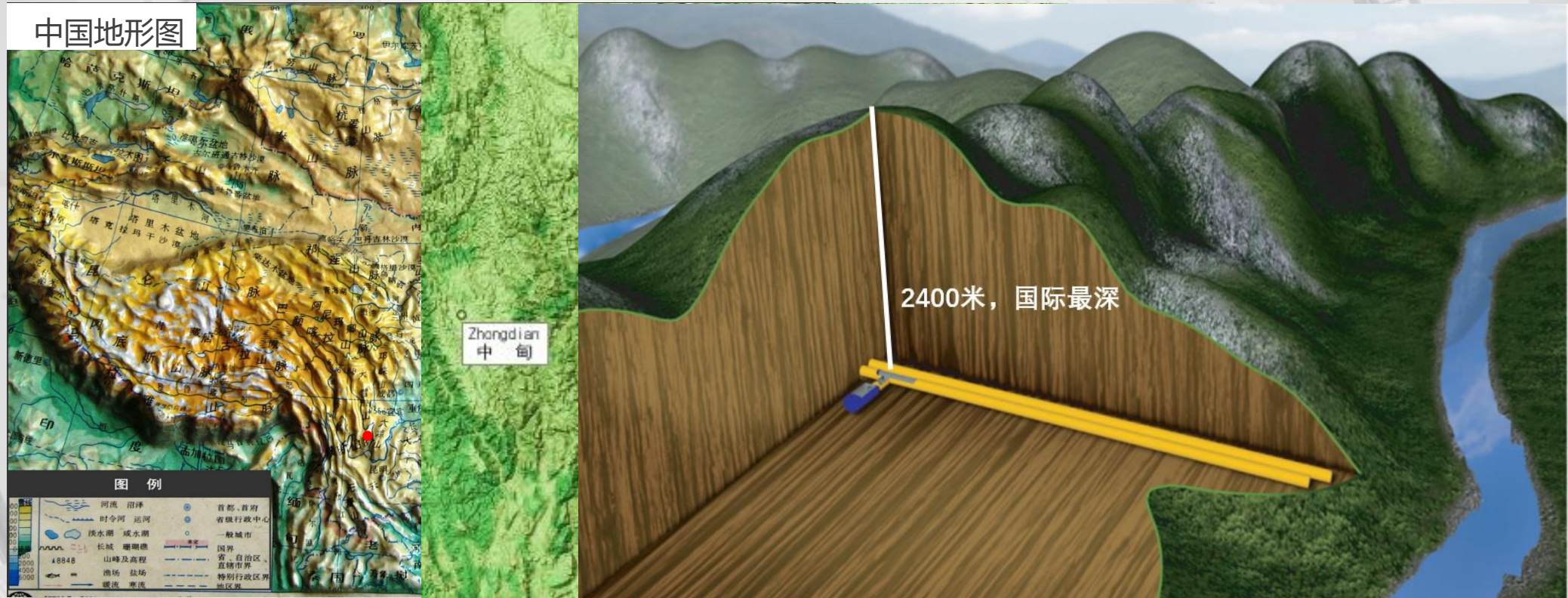
**TRIDENT neutrino telescope**



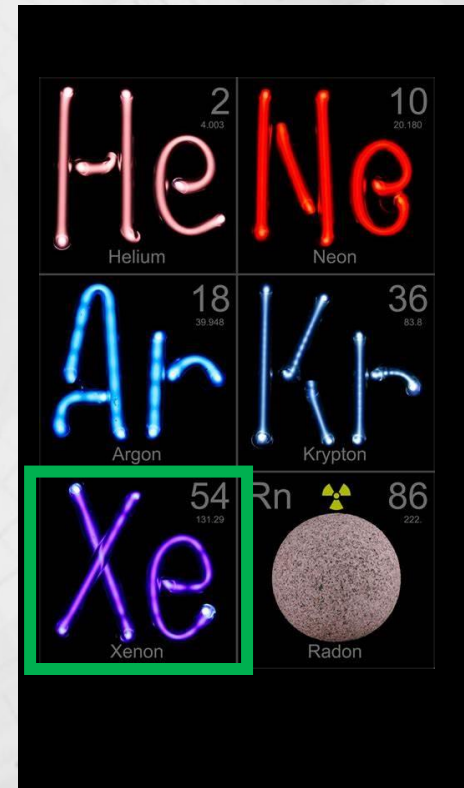
# PandaX Observatory @ China Jinping Lab



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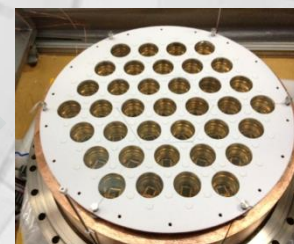
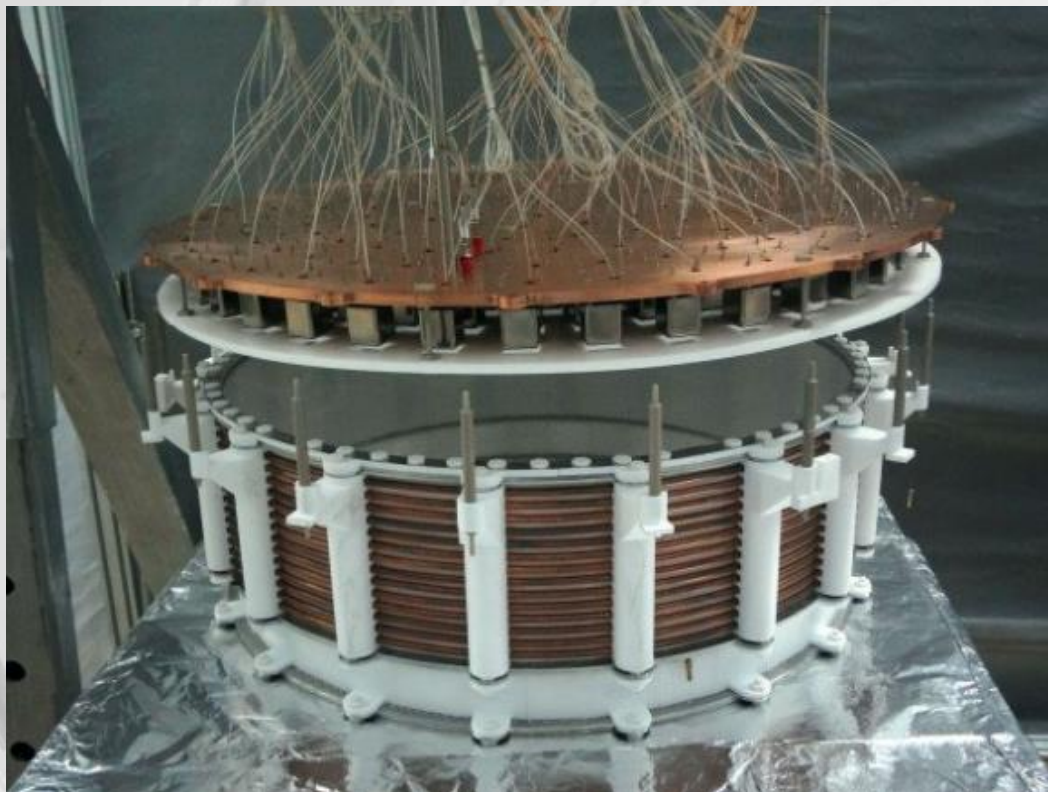


# PandaX



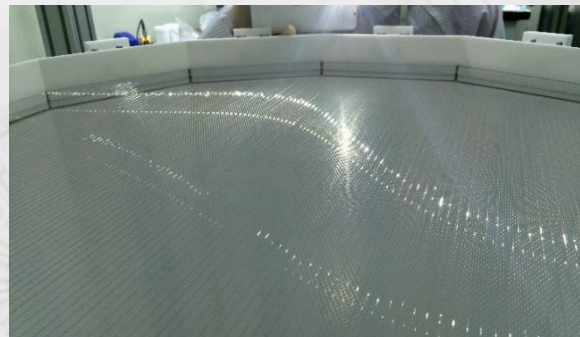
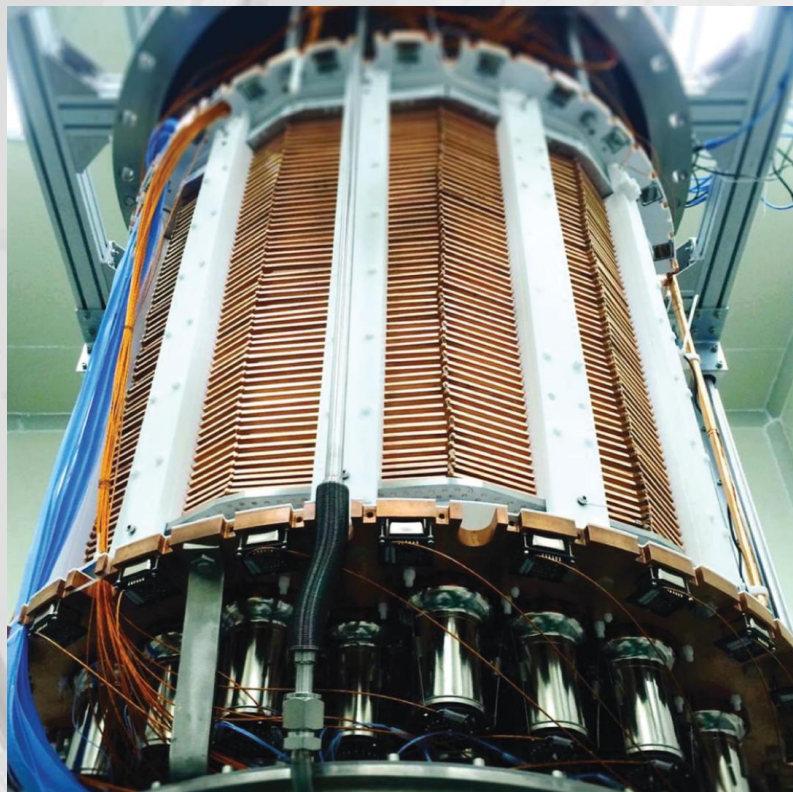
**Particle and  
Astrophysical  
Xenon  
Experiment**

# PandaX-I (2009-2014)





# PandaX-II (2015-2019)



**580kg**

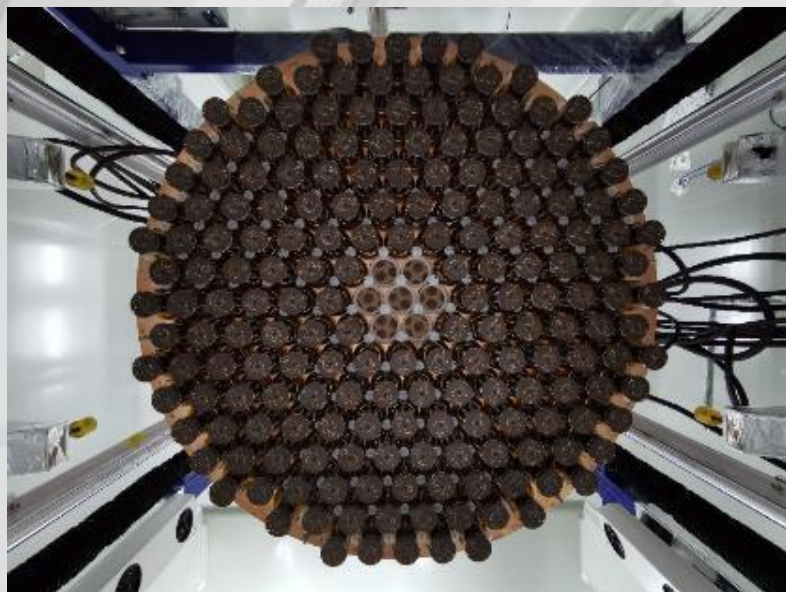


**120kg**

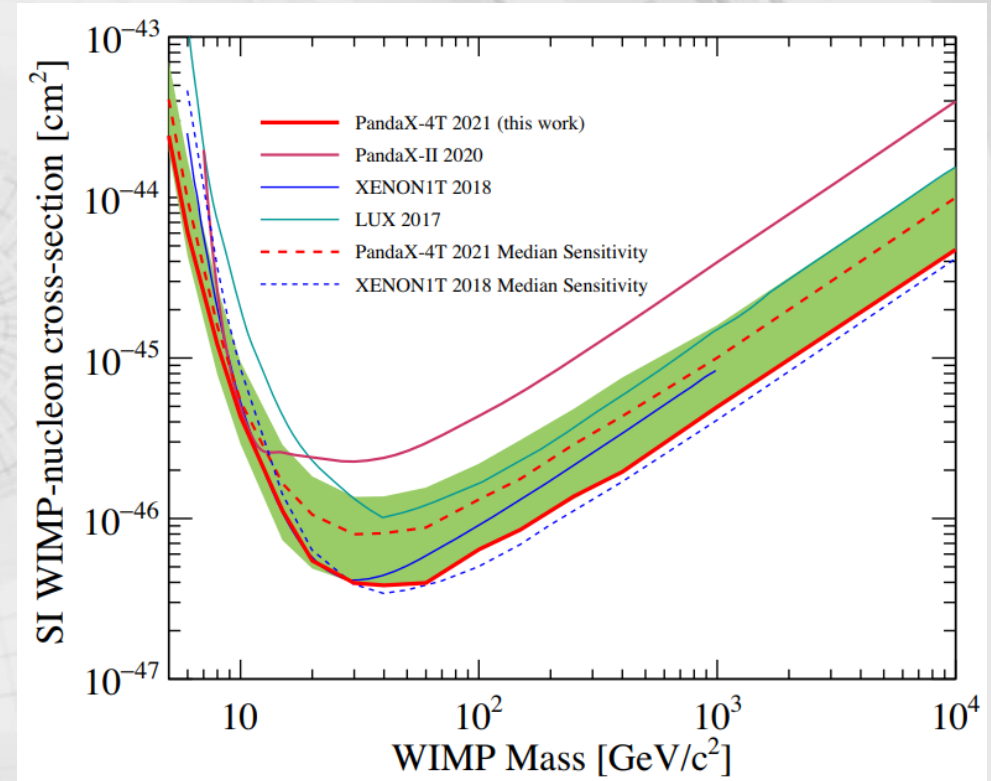
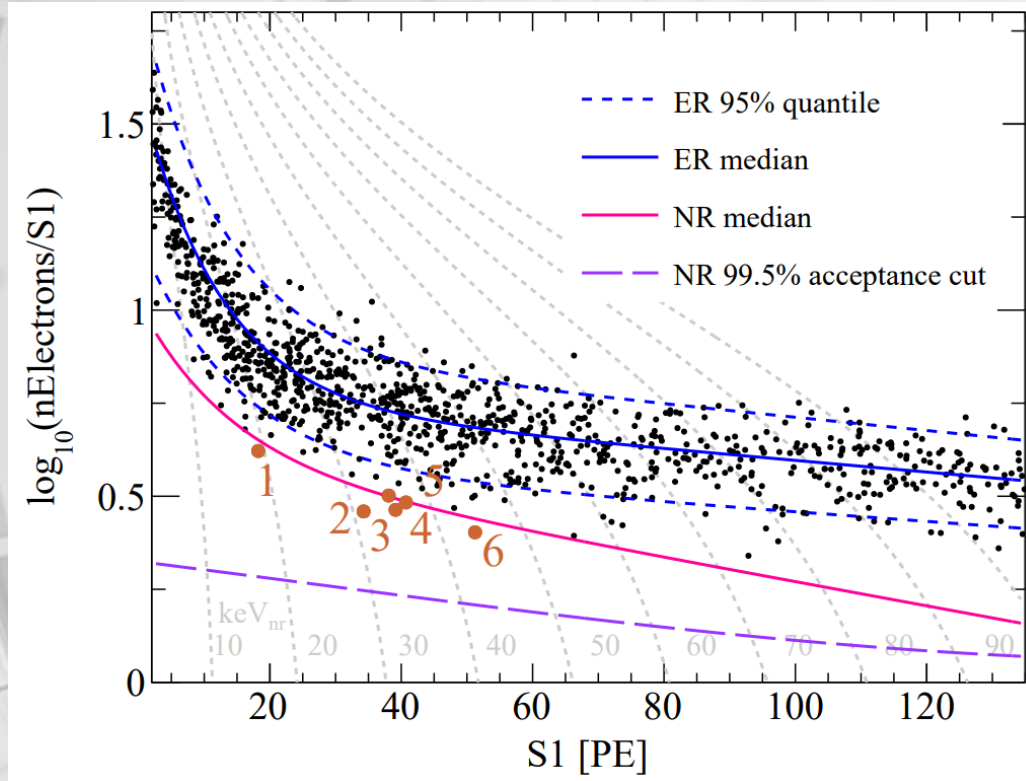
# PandaX-4T (2019-Now)



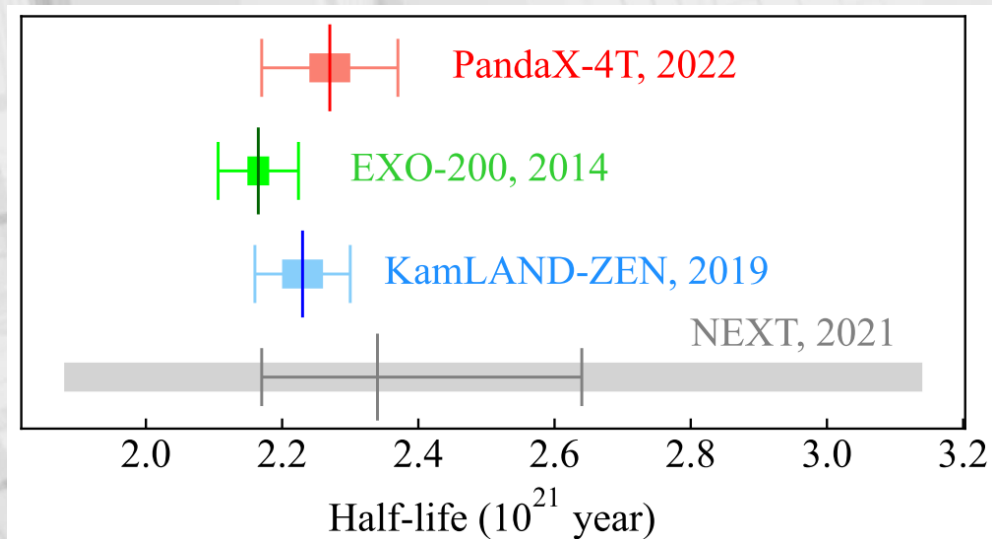
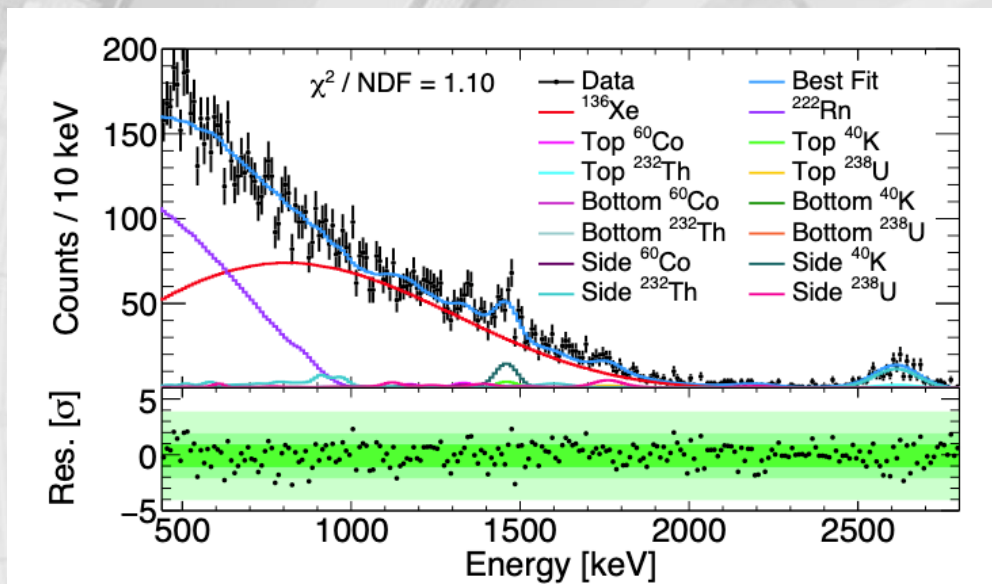
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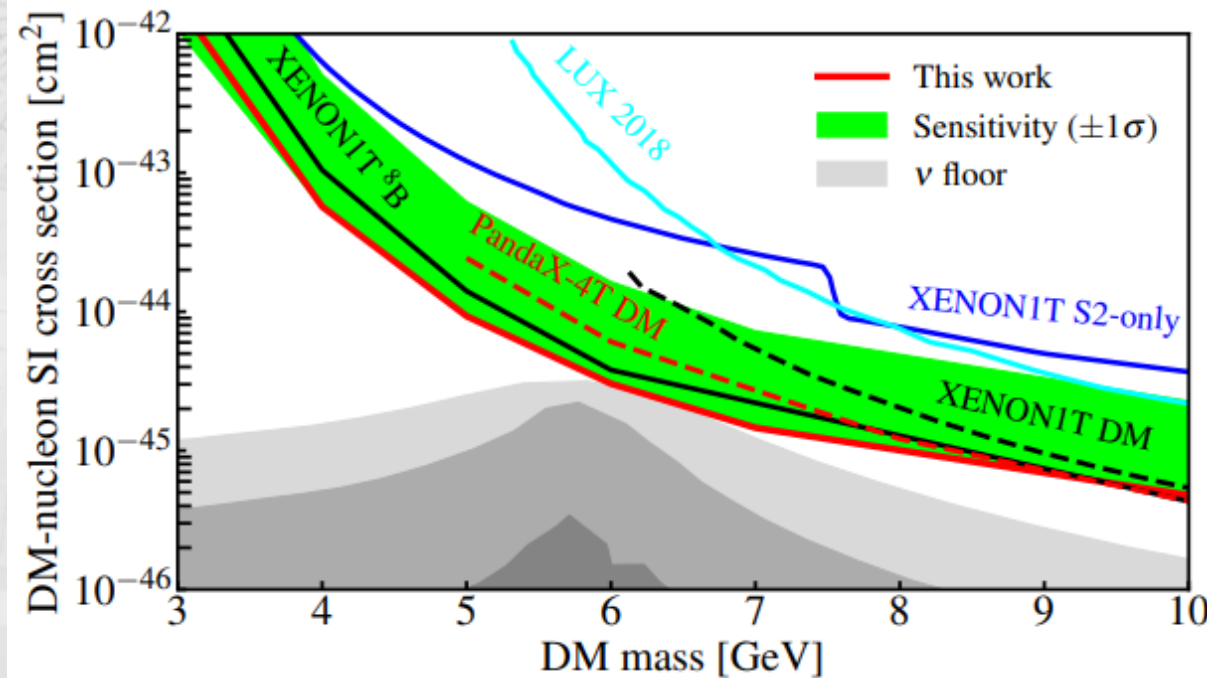
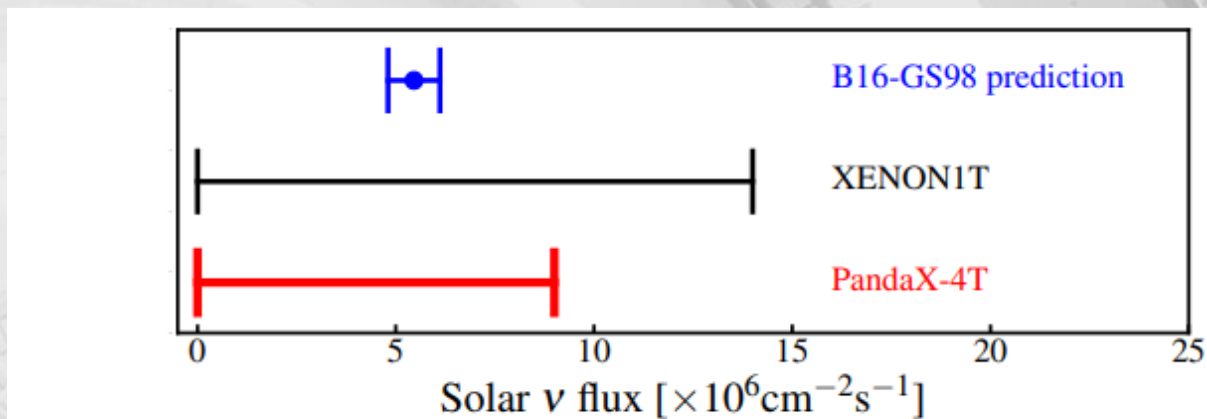
# First results from PandaX-4T commissioning



# Neutrino results from PandaX-4T commissioning

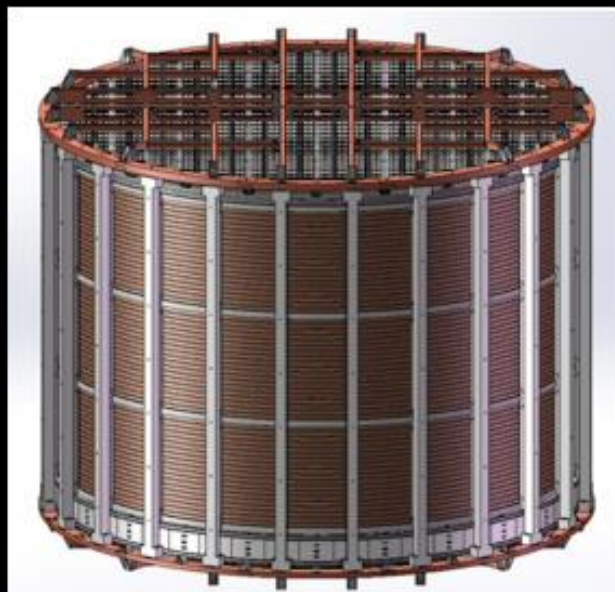
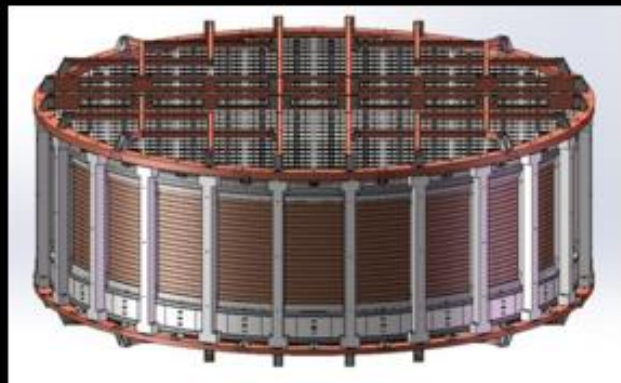


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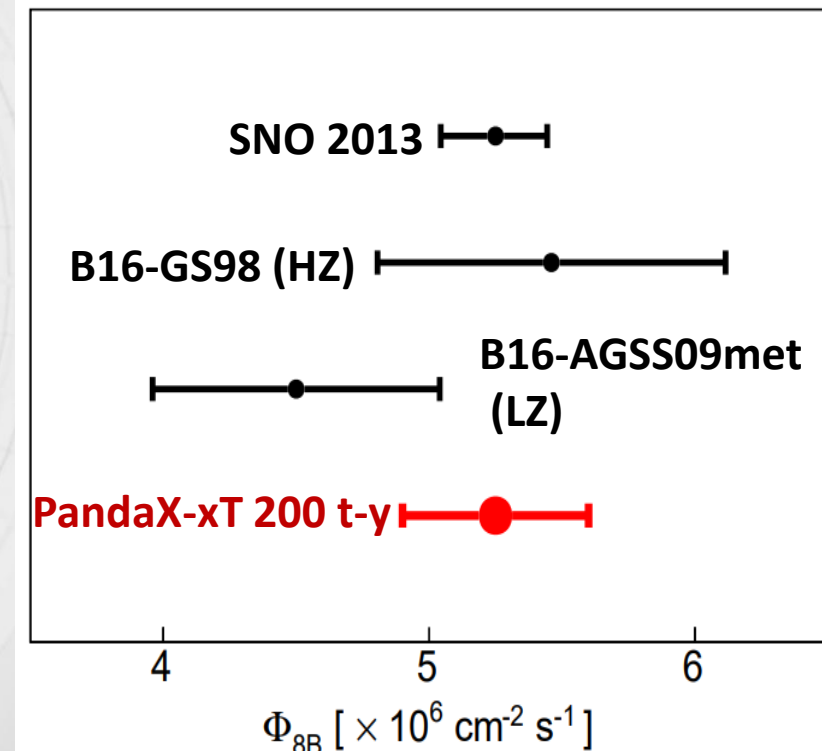
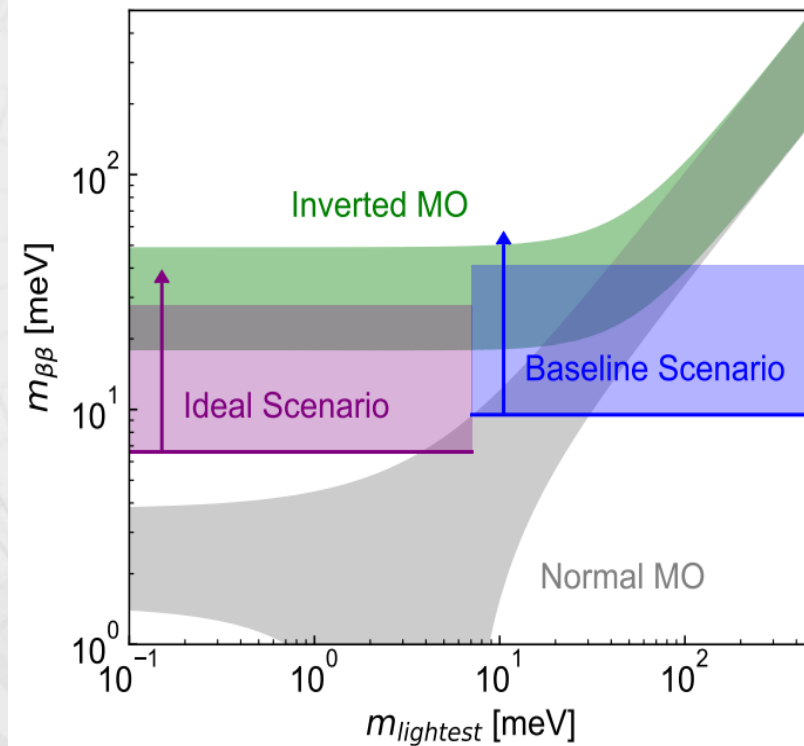
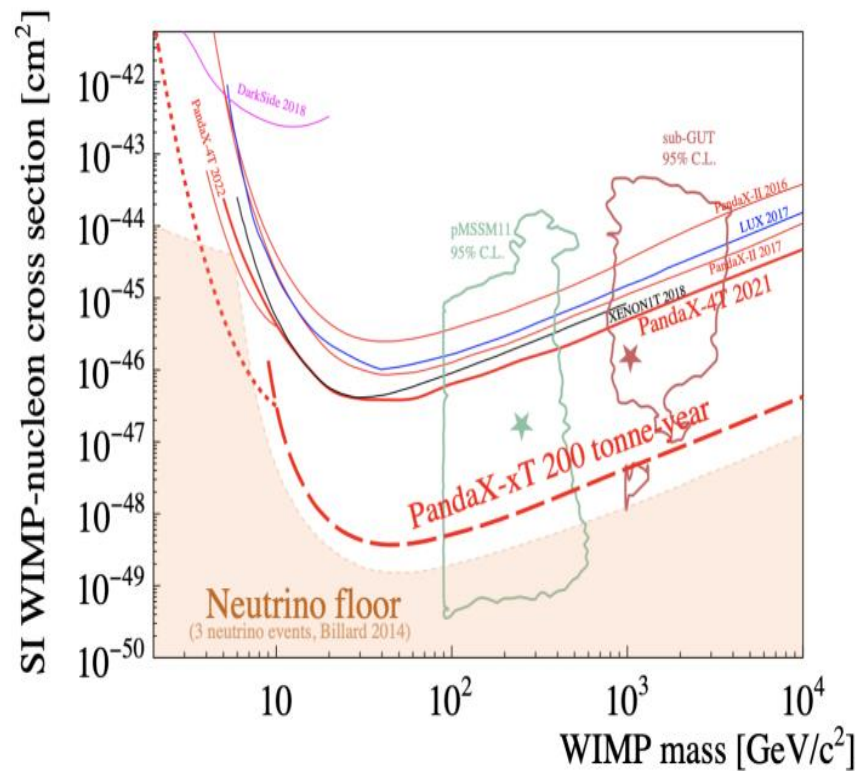


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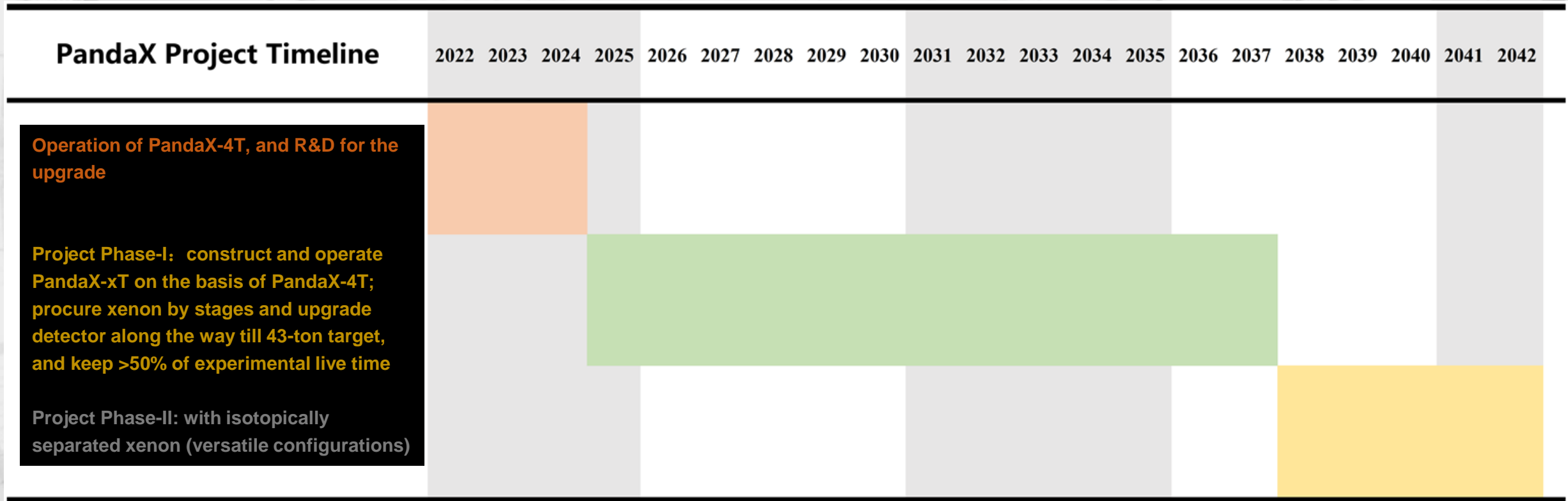
# PandaX-xT



# PandaX-xT: scientific potentials



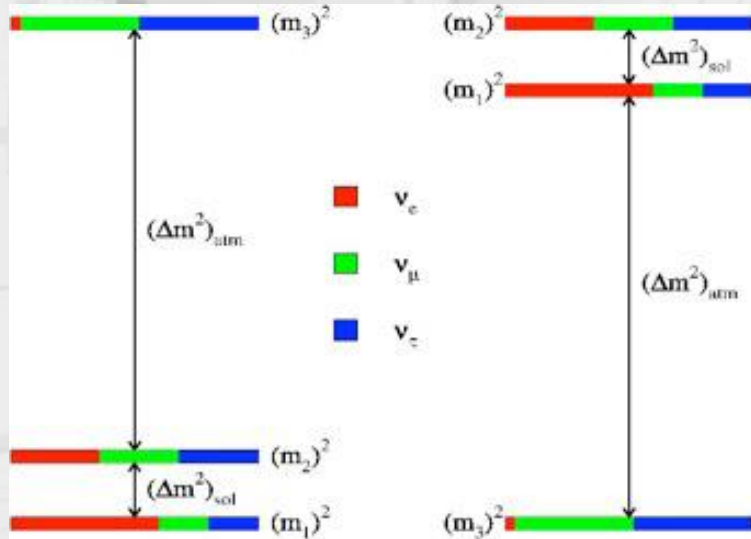
# PandaX-xT: staged development



# Unresolved neutrino mass ordering and JUNO

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) &= 1 - \boxed{\cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{21}} - \boxed{\sin^2 2\theta_{13} (\cos^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{31} + \sin^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{32})} \\
 &\approx 1 - \boxed{\cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{21}} - \boxed{\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \Delta_{ee}} \quad \Delta_{ij} = \Delta m_{ij}^2 \frac{L}{4E}
 \end{aligned}$$

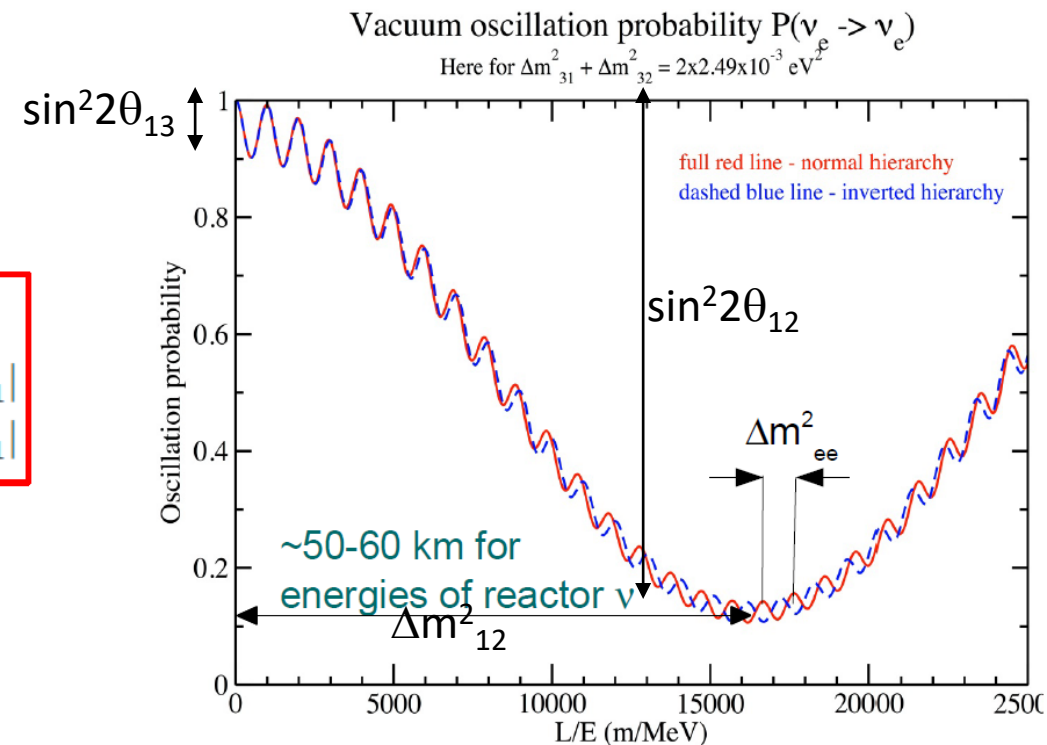
$\Delta m_{ee}^2$  = effective neutrino mass-squared difference (beat frequency)



$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta m_{31}^2 &= \Delta m_{32}^2 + \Delta m_{21}^2 \\
 \text{NH: } |\Delta m_{31}^2| &= |\Delta m_{32}^2| + |\Delta m_{21}^2| \\
 \text{IH: } |\Delta m_{31}^2| &= |\Delta m_{32}^2| - |\Delta m_{21}^2|
 \end{aligned}$$

with  $\Delta m_{12}^2 \ll \Delta m_{32}^2$

→ different beat frequency ( $\Delta m_{ee}^2$ ) for both hierarchies



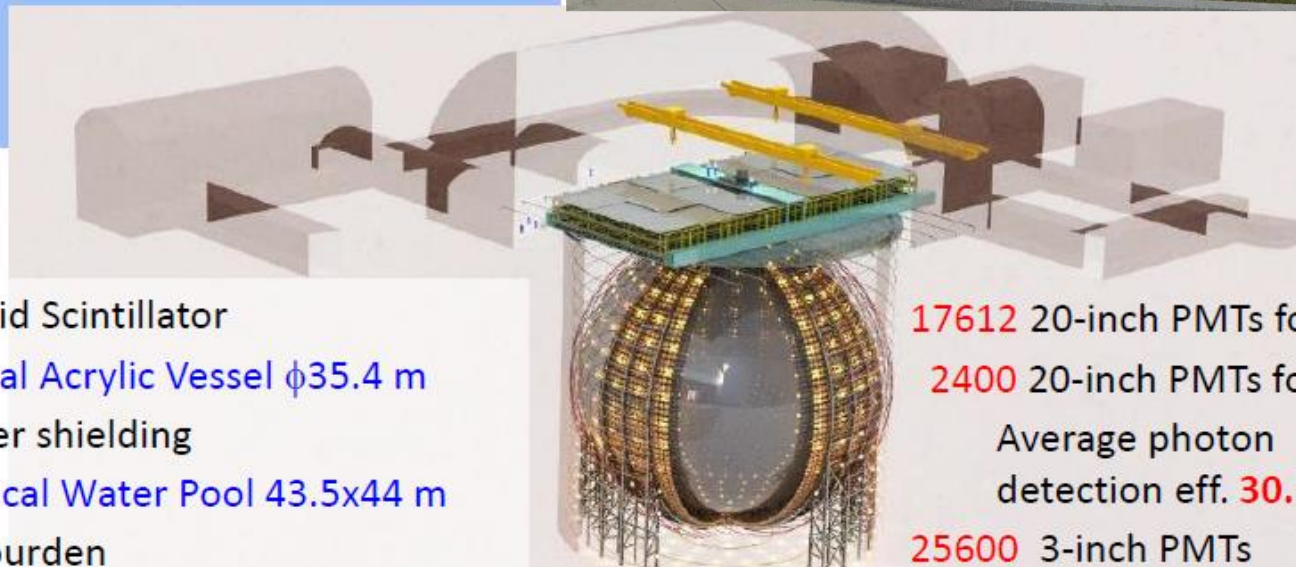


# JUNO facts



Yangjiang NPP: 2.9 GW x 6  
Taishan NPP: 4.6 GW x 2  
Equal baseline: 52.5 km

20 kton Liquid Scintillator  
Spherical Acrylic Vessel  $\phi 35.4$  m  
35 kton water shielding  
Cylindrical Water Pool 43.5x44 m  
700 m overburden

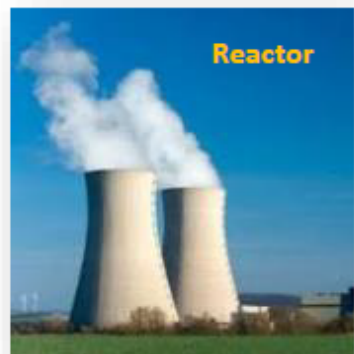


17612 20-inch PMTs for CD  
2400 20-inch PMTs for WC  
Average photon detection eff. 30.1%  
25600 3-inch PMTs



**75% from NNVT, 25% from Hamamatsu**

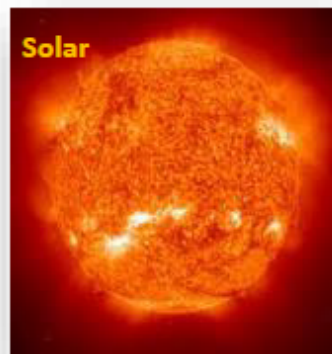
# JUNO physics (physics data expected 2024)



~60 IBDs per day



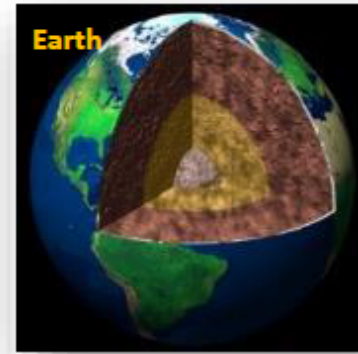
Several per day



Hundreds per day



~5000 IBDs for  
CCSN @10 kpc



Several IBDs per day

+

New  
physics

Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys.  
123, 103927 (2022)

IBD: inverse beta decay  
CCSN: core-collapse supernova  
DSNB: Diffused Supernova  
Neutrino Background

Neutrino oscillation & properties

Neutrinos as a probe

- Energy resolution **2.95%** @ 1MeV w/ full simulation
- **$\nu$  mass ordering:  $3\sigma$  (reactor only)** @ ~6 yrs (*Neutrino 2022*), atmospheric  $\nu$  oscillation being improved
- **$\nu$  oscillation parameters:** precision of  **$\sin^2\theta_{12}$ ,  $\Delta m_{21}^2$ ,  $|\Delta m_{31}^2| < 0.5\%$**  in 6 yrs ([2204.13249](#))

- **Supernova  $\nu$ :** ~7300 of all-flavor neutrinos @ 10 kpc
- **DSNB:  $3\sigma$**  in 3 yrs ([2205.08830](#))
- **Solar  $\nu$ :**
  - ${}^7\text{Be}$ , pep, CNO ([2303.03910](#))
  - ${}^8\text{B}$  flux ([2210.08437](#))
- **Geo  $\nu$ :** ~400 per year, 5% precision in 10 yrs

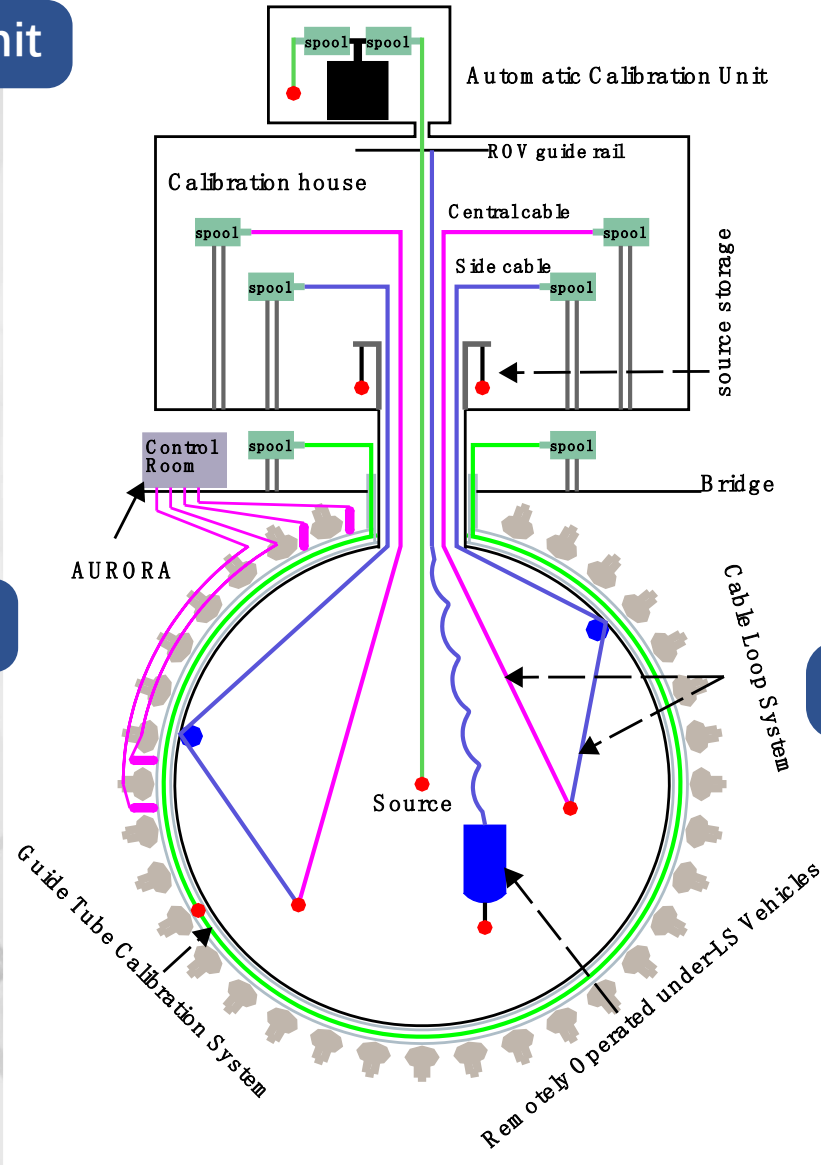
- **Nucleon Decays:**  $p \rightarrow \bar{\nu}K^+$   $9.6 \times 10^{33}$  yrs (90% C.L.) in 10 yrs ([2212.08502](#)), neutron invisible decay (ongoing)
- **Indirect DM search:** ~good sensitivity in 15-100 MeV region ([2306.09567](#))
- **Future upgrade (2030s):** searching for  $0\nu\beta\beta$

# SJTU contribution: calibration

## 1D Automatic Calibration Unit



## 2D Cable Loop System

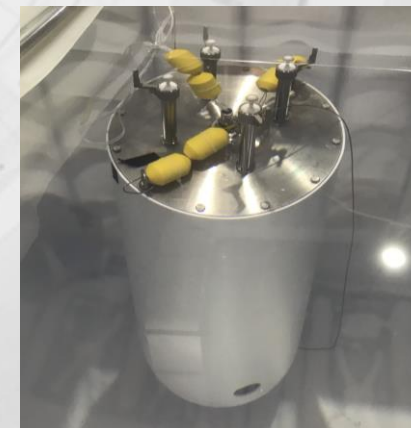


Calibration system layout

## Calibration house with all control systems

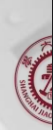


## 3D Remotely operated vehicles



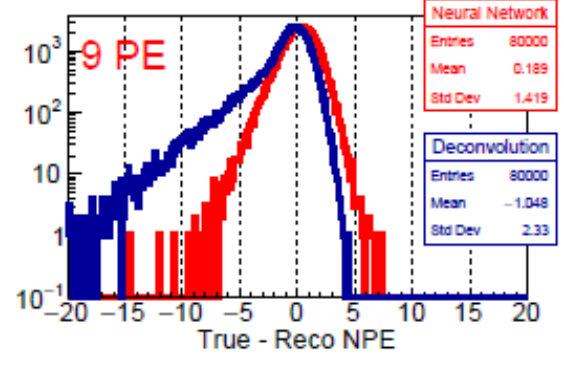
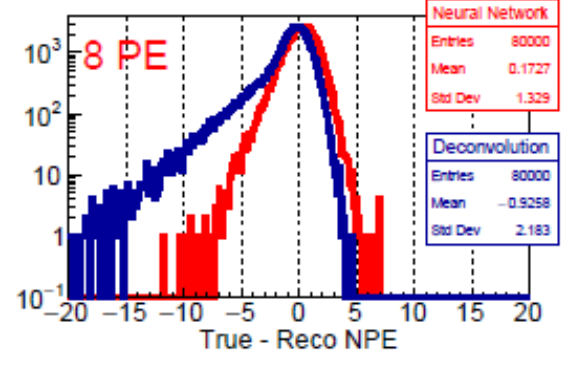
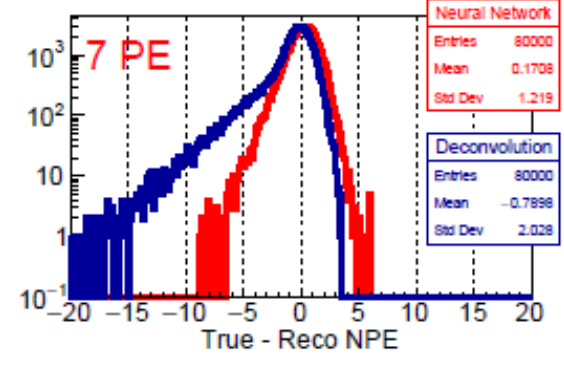
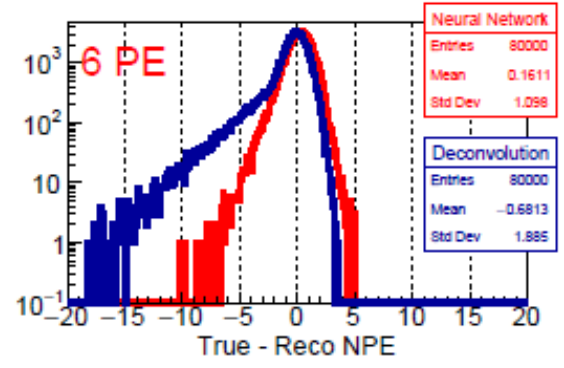
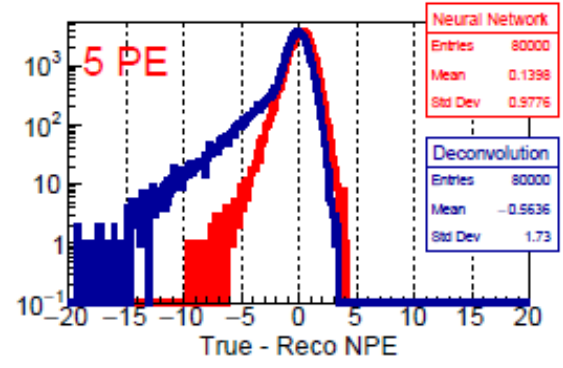
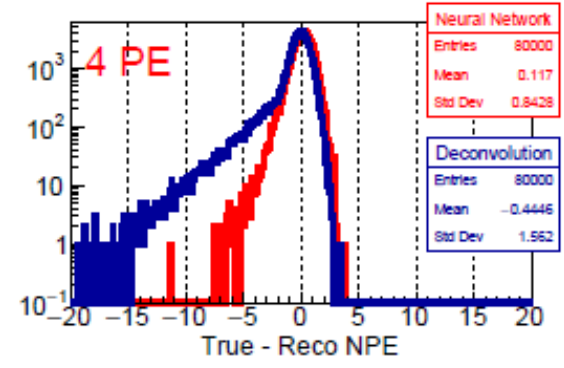
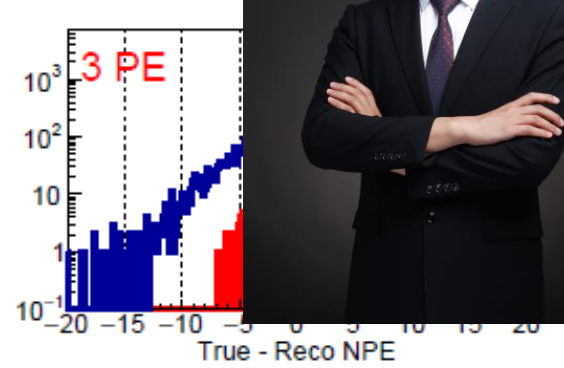
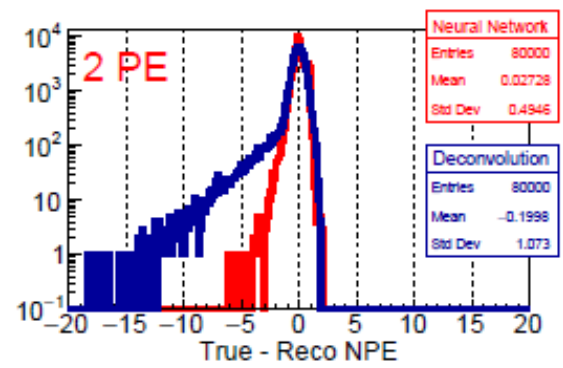
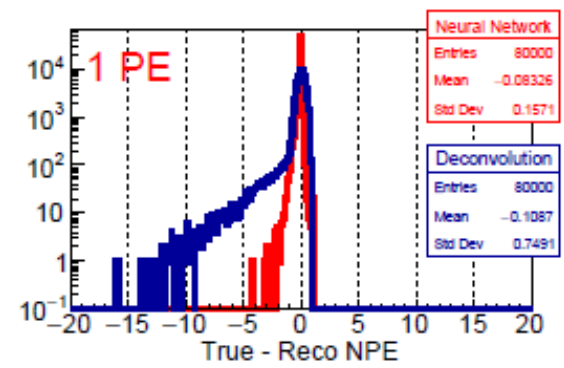
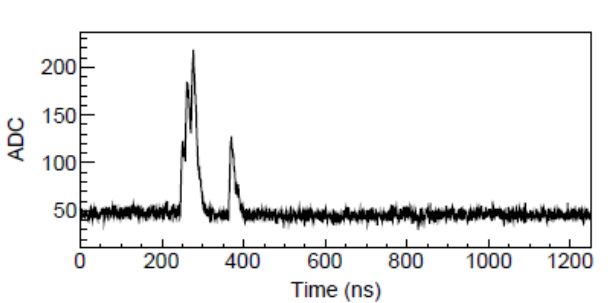
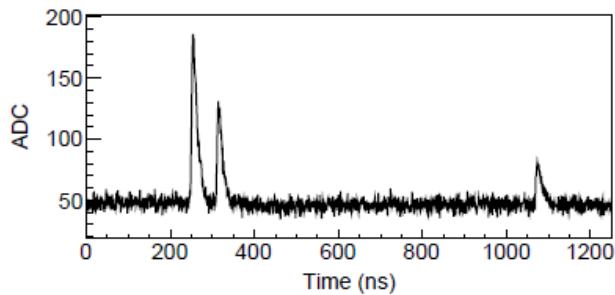
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# E.g. Calibration Data-Driven Waveform Recon

Reassemble single-hit waveform data into fake data to train the photoelectron reconstruction neural network



# E.g. Calibration Data-Driven E-reso Model

- ▶  $dE_e$  and  $dx$  distributions from Geant4, distinguish  $e^+$  and  $e^-$
- ▶ liquid scintillator non-linearity

$$dE_e^{vis,s} = \frac{Y dE_e}{1 + k_B dE_e/dx} \quad (9)$$

- ▶ Cherenkov non-linearity, Frank-Tamm formula and an effective refraction index  $n$

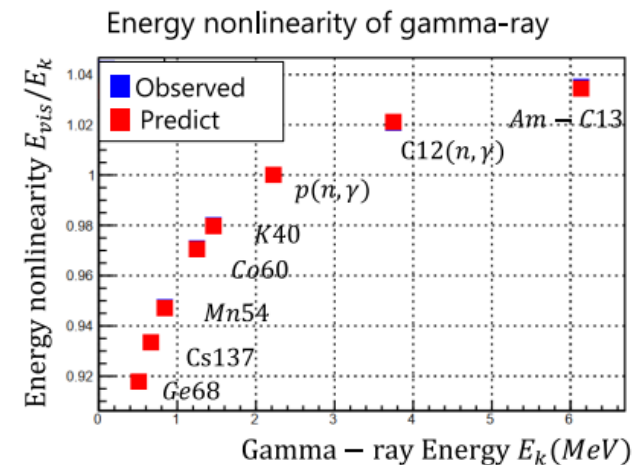
$$dE_e^{vis,c} = p(1 - 1/n^2 \beta^2) dx \quad (10)$$

- ▶ total visible energy

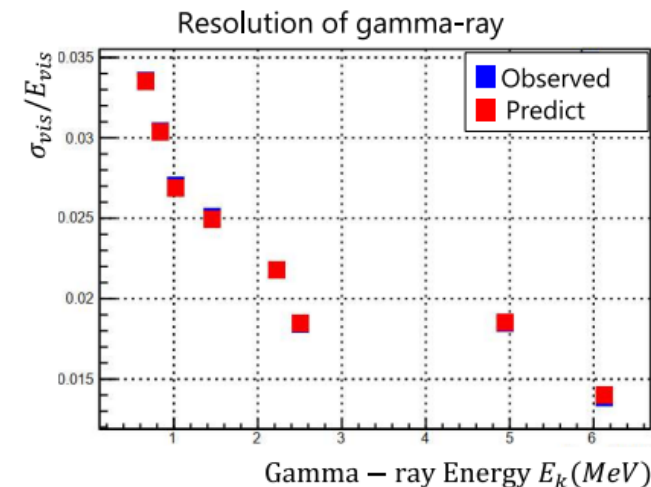
$$E_\gamma^{vis} = \sum_{steps} (dE_e^{vis,s} + dE_e^{vis,c}) \quad (11)$$

- ▶ stochastic smearing:  $a\sqrt{N}$
- ▶ fit parameters  $Y, k_B, p, n, a$  to gamma calibration data

- ▶ fit to source non-linearity



- ▶ fit to source resolution



# Other analysis effort from SJTU

accidental  
background  
(1 / day)

Li9 and He8  
(1 / day)

Geoneutrino  
(1 / day)

alpha-n  
fast neutrons  
(0.1 / day)

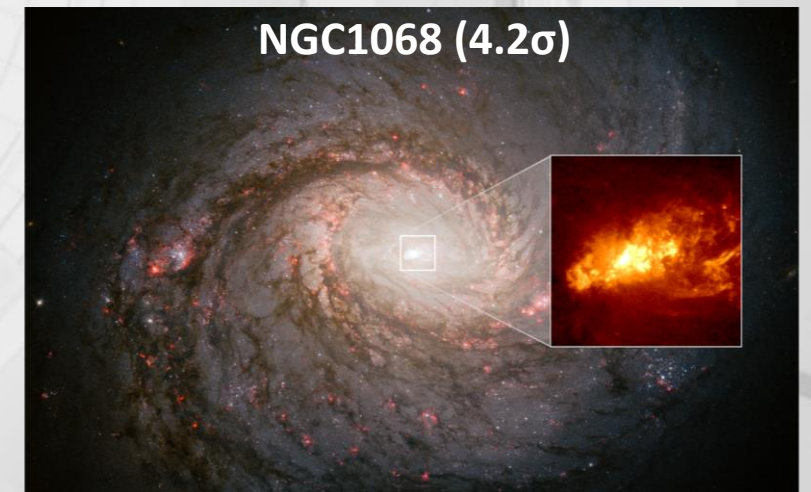
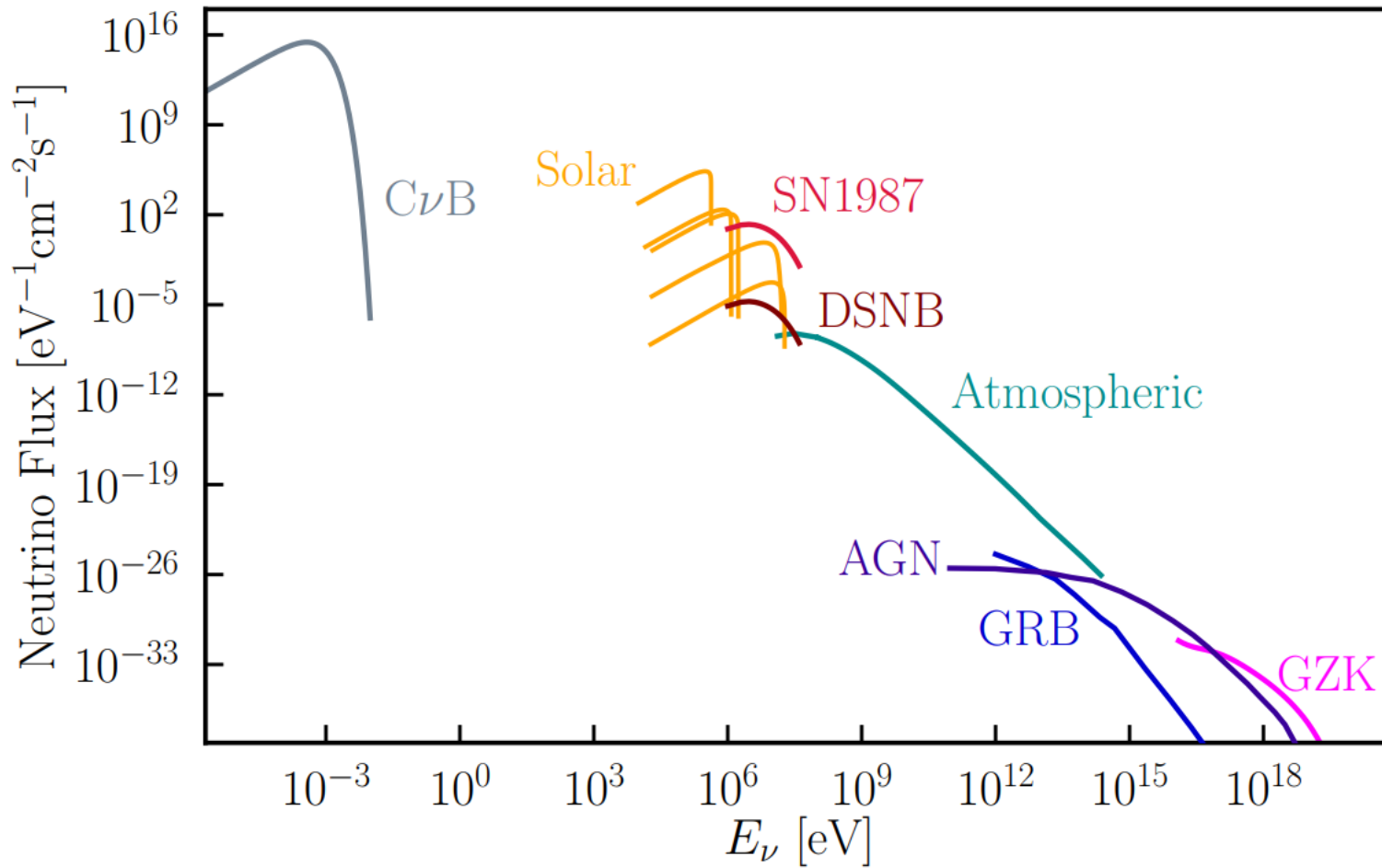
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identification

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systematics

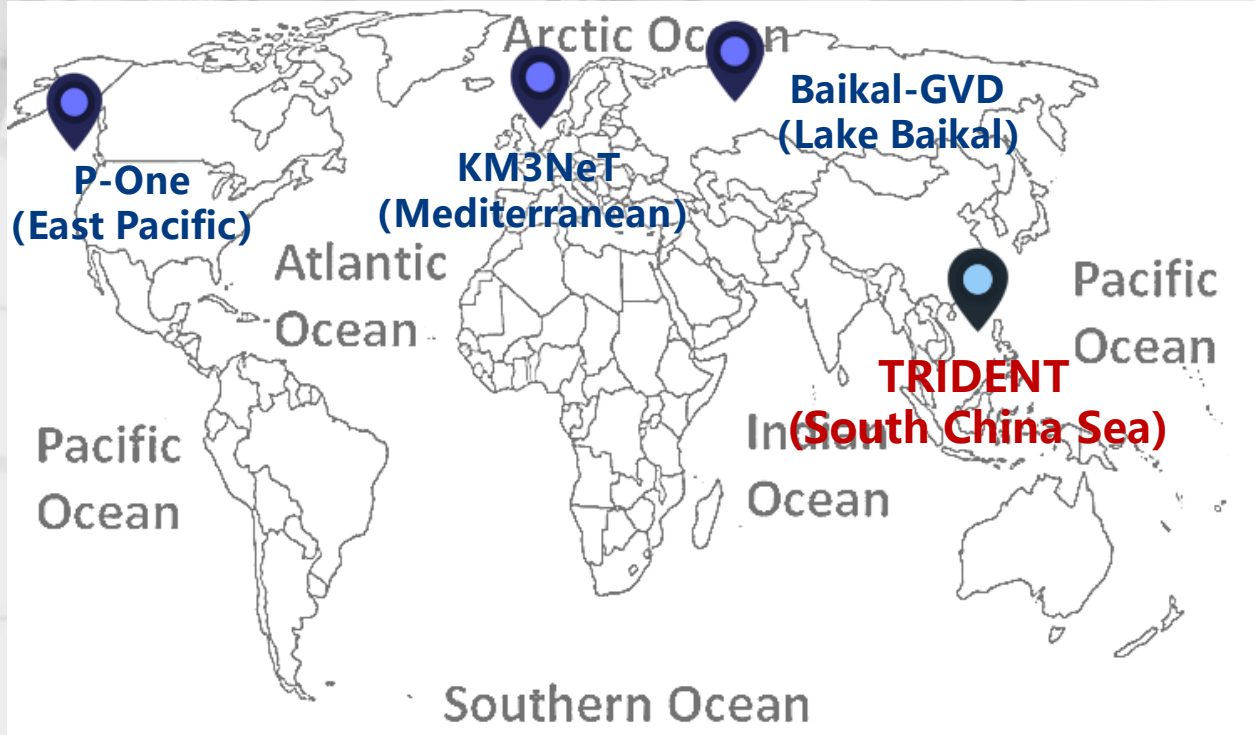
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binning

# Neutrinos as cosmic messengers

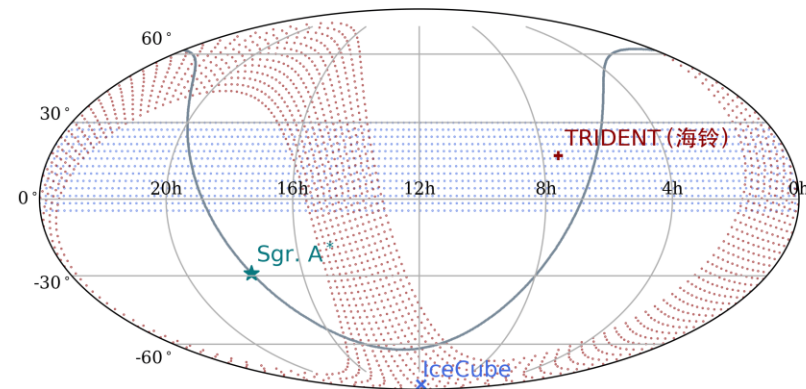




# Next-gen neutrino telescopes in planning



## TRopical DEep-sea Neutrino Telescope



IceCube-Gen2  
(South Pole)

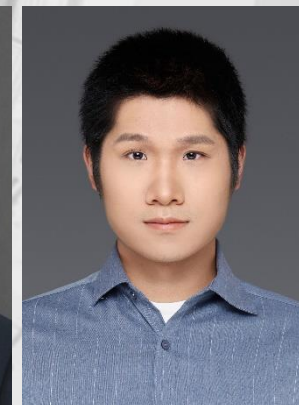
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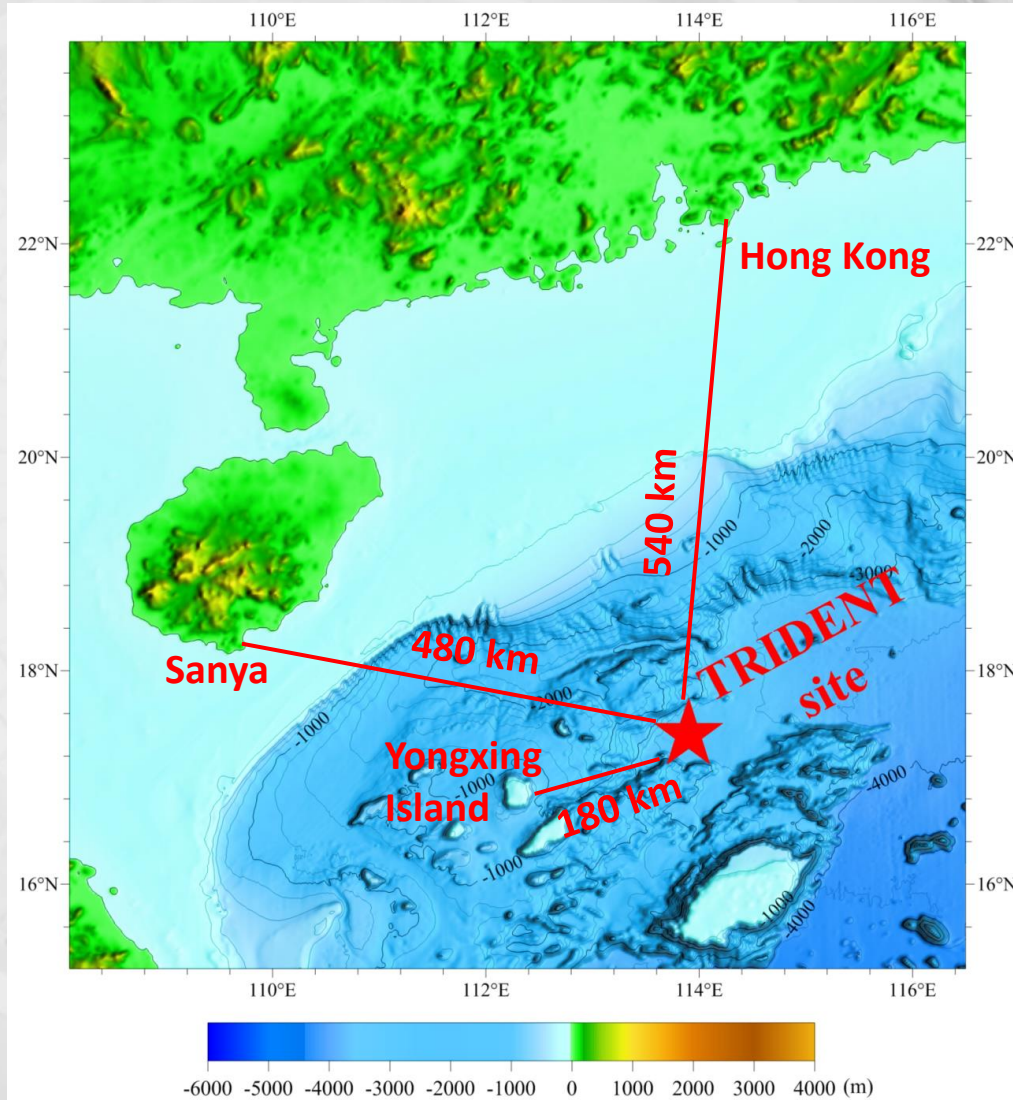
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# TRIDENT Explorer



September, 2021



## Pre-selected site conditions

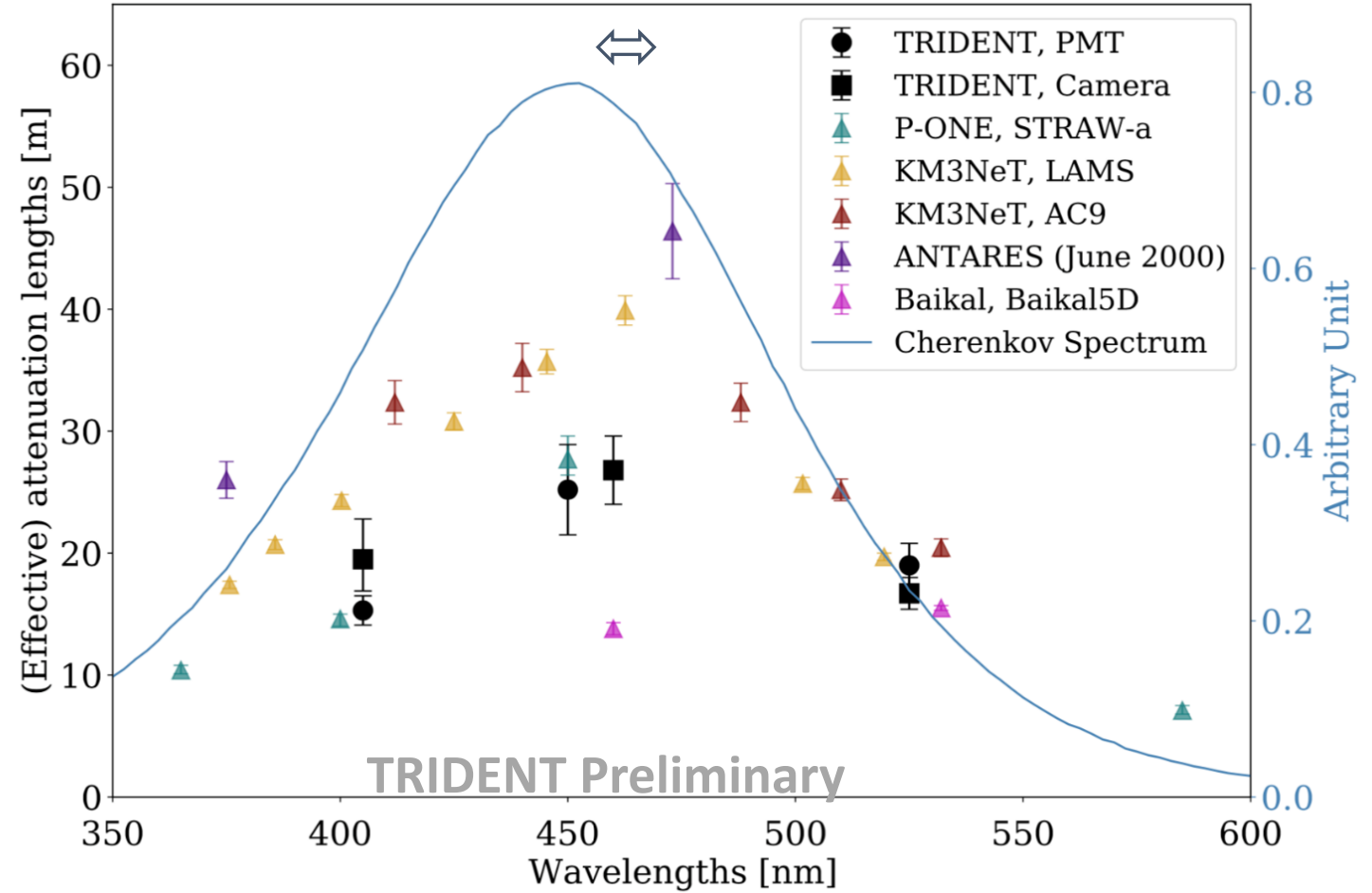
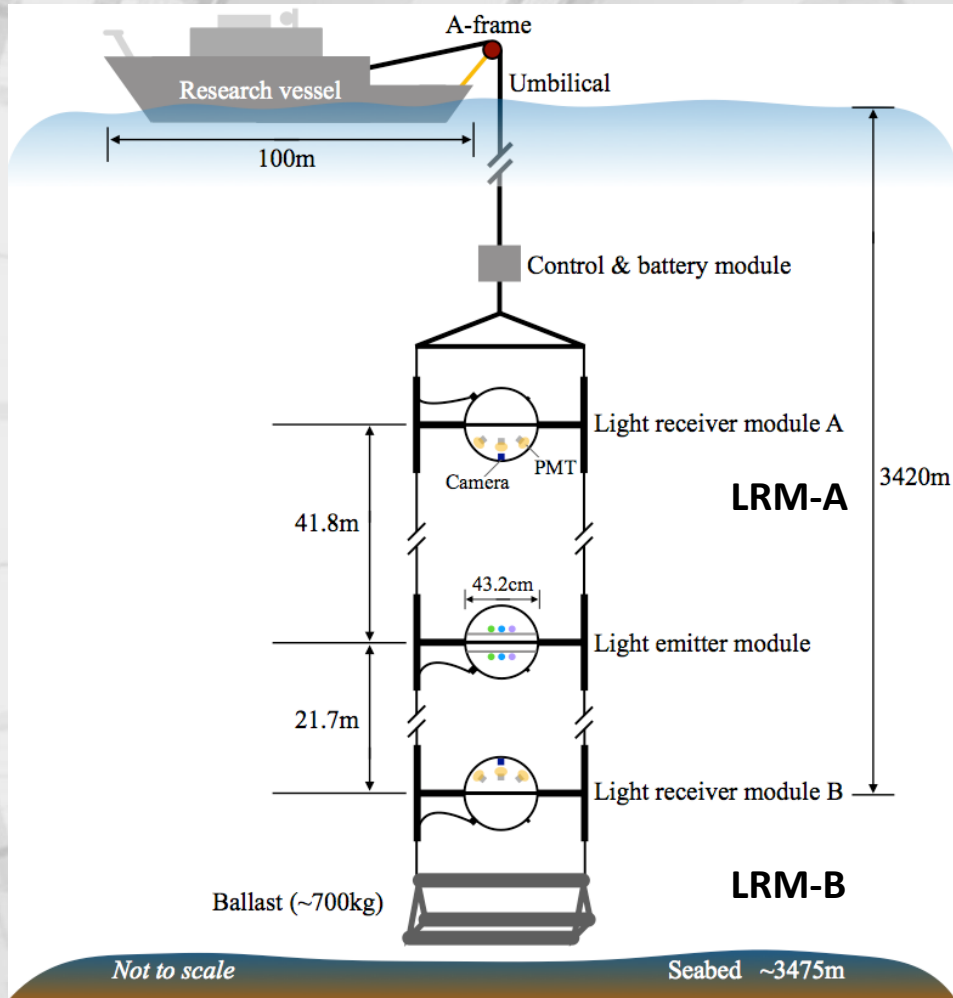
- Flat seabed
- No nearby high rises or deep trenches
- Depth >3km
- Close proximity to a shore

## Measured params

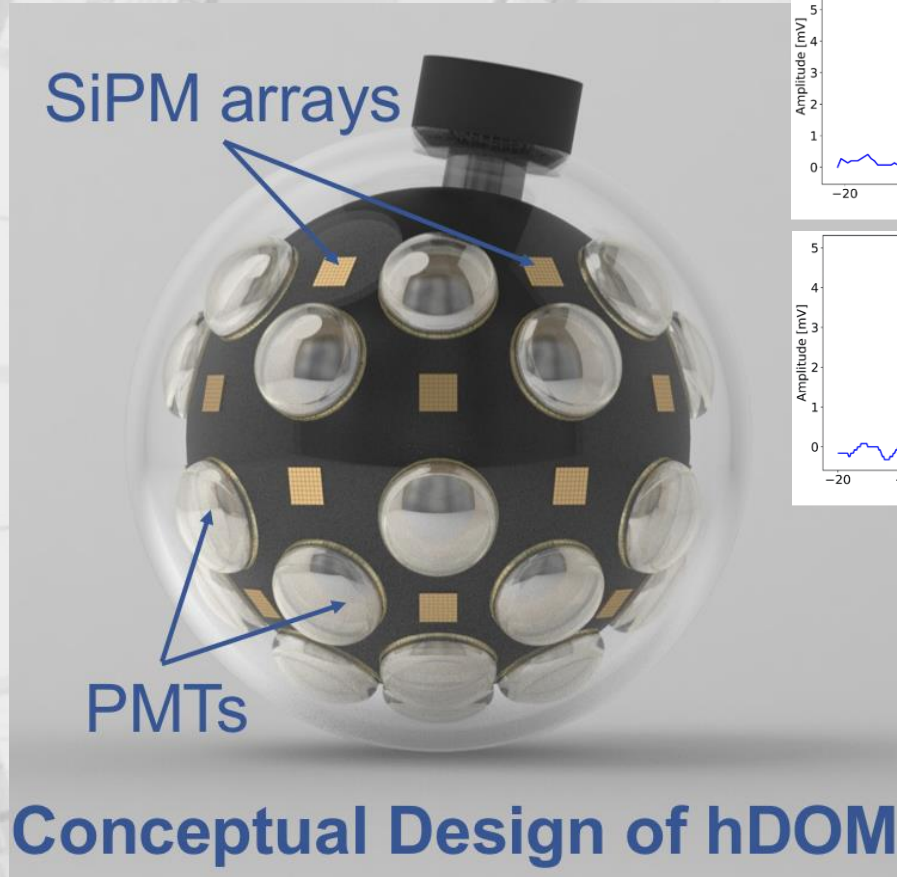
- Current field
- Optical properties
- Radioactivity

<https://trident.sjtu.edu.cn/en>

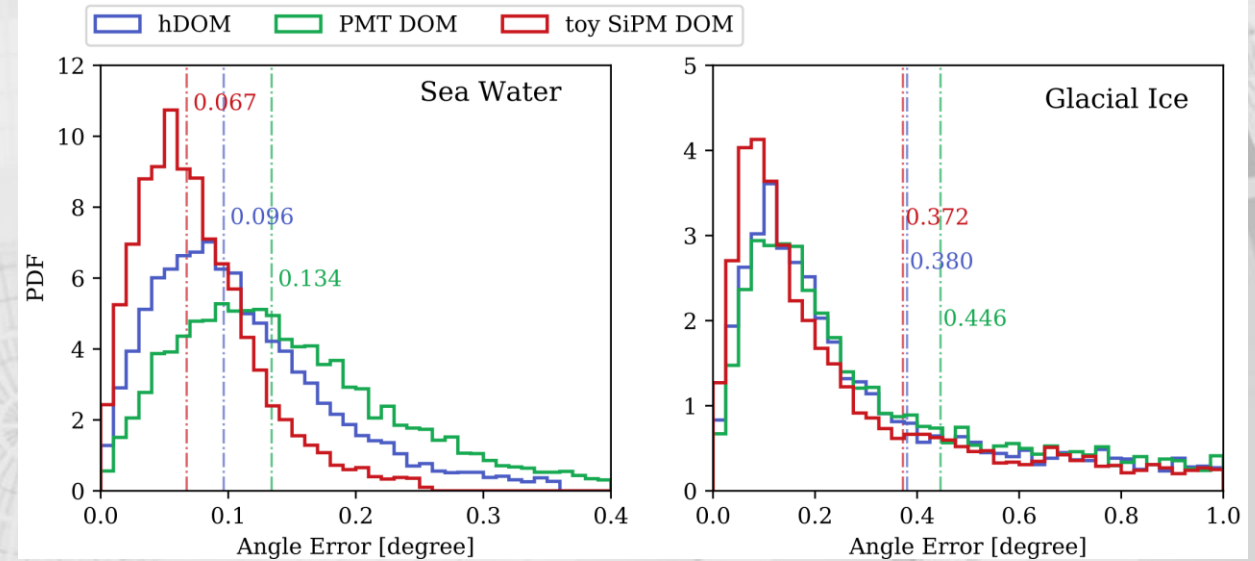
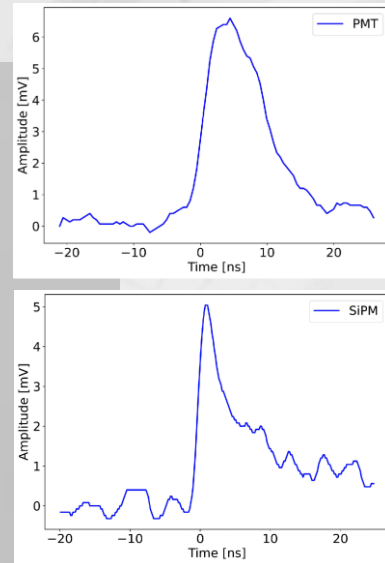
# TRIDENT Explorer



# Hybrid Digital Optical Module



Preliminary design: PNU3-09



- Better than  $0.1^\circ$  @  $E_\nu > 100$  TeV
- **>40% improvement** (cf mDOM) in angular resolution, assuming PMT TTS  $\sim 5$  ns

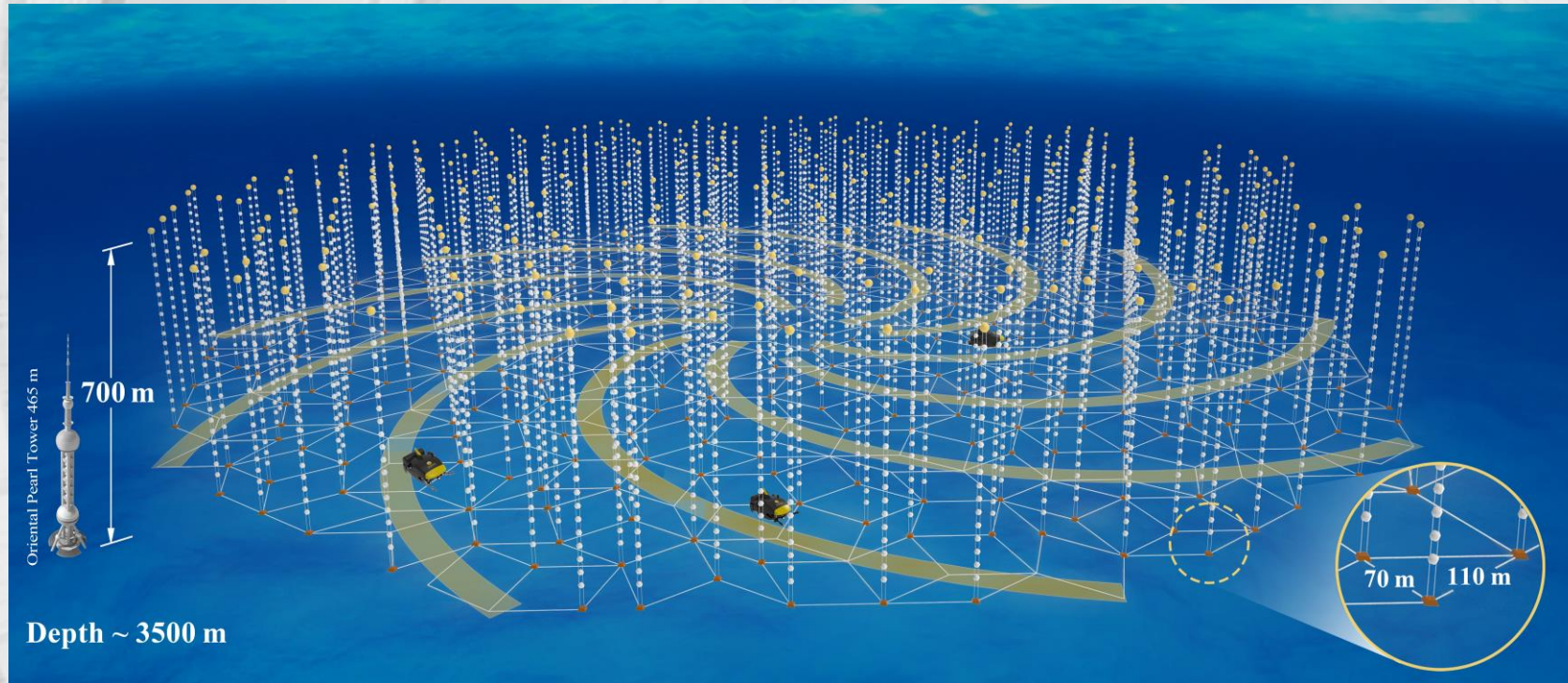
**Updated:**

**PMT TTS  $\sim 3$  ns + 10cm hDOM position smearing: 40%  $\rightarrow$  30%**

# Telescope geometry

**Primary aim of design:** to resolve point sources out of the diffuse flux rapidly

## Penrose tiling



**Uneven** inter-string spacing  
**70m** and **110m**

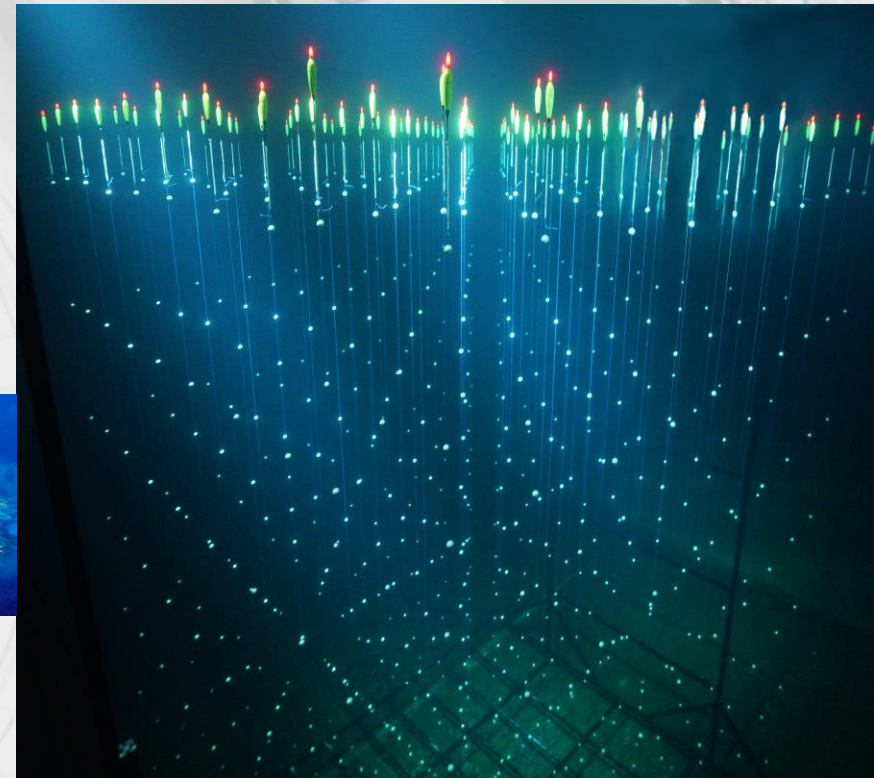
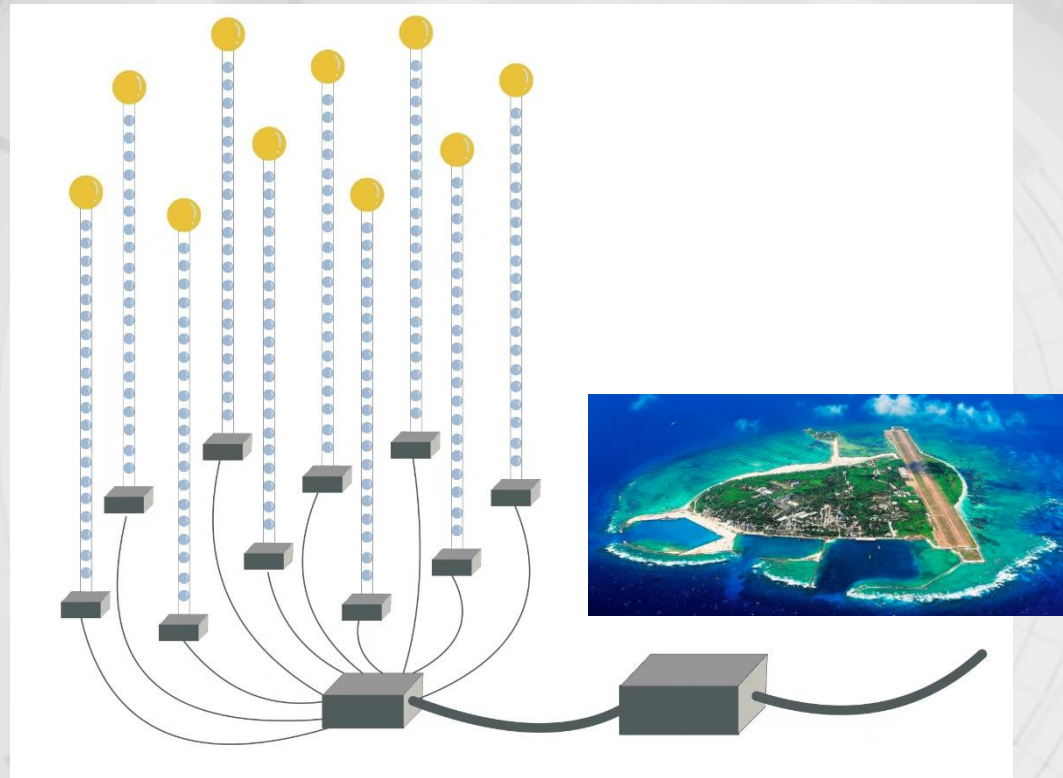
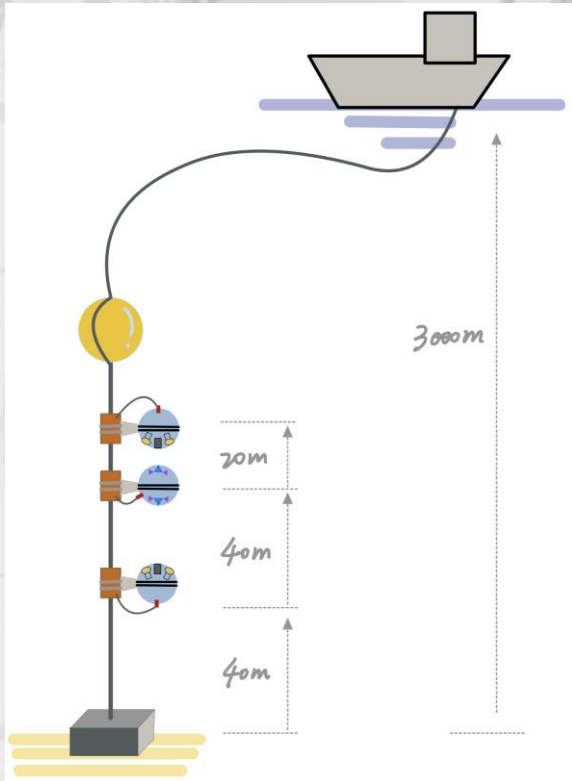
Expanded energy window of  
sub **TeV** – **EeV**

- **1200** strings
- **20** hDOMs / string
- Volume:  $\sim 8 \text{ km}^3$
- Underwater ROV for deployment & maintenance

# TRIDENT Timeline



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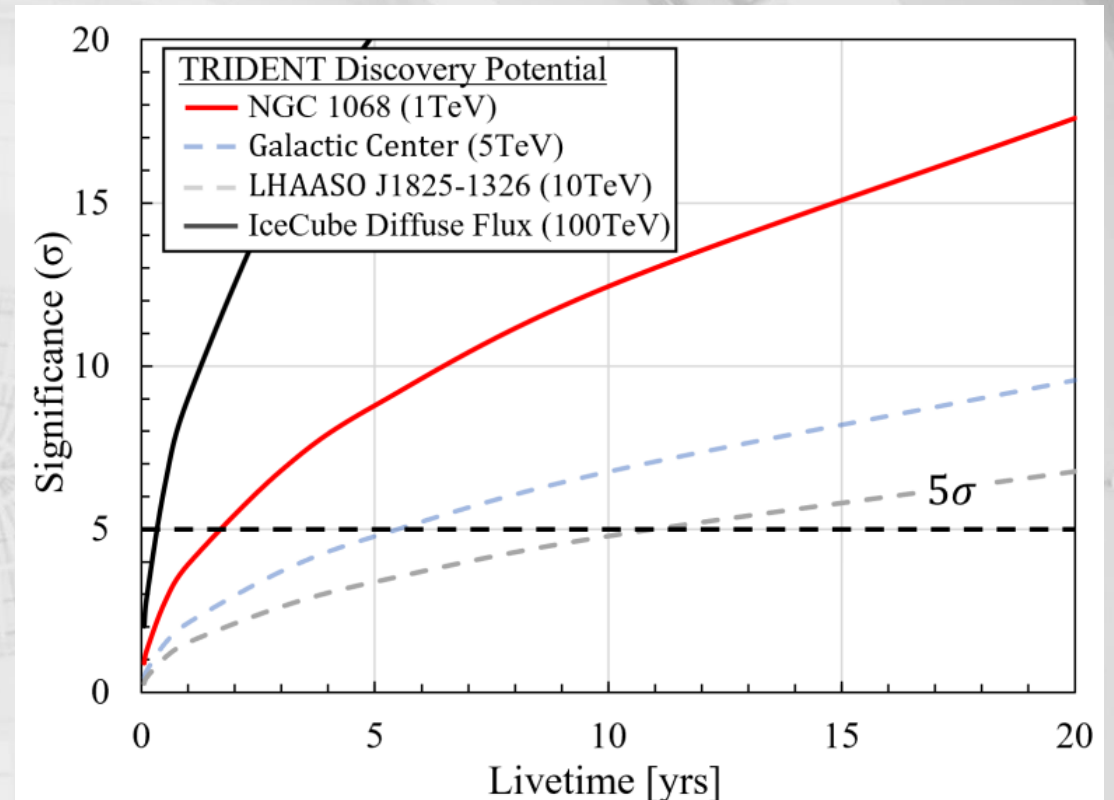
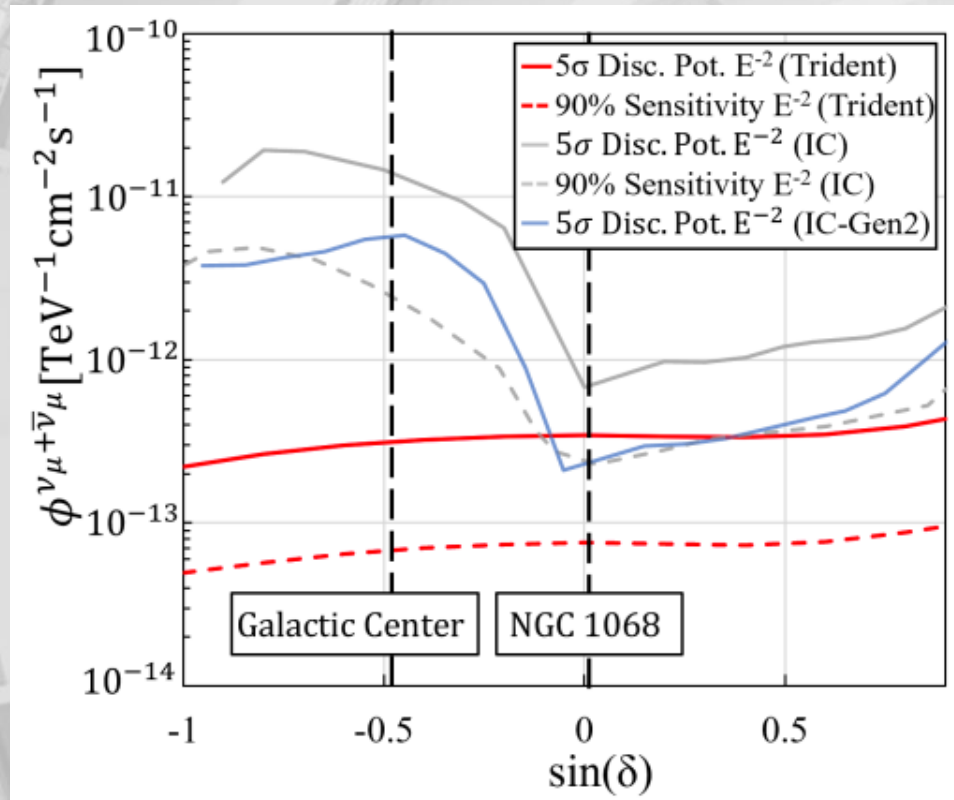


Pathfinder: 2019–2022  
completed

Phase-I project: 2022–2026  
in progress

Big array construction: 2026–  
under planning

# Source sensitivities



- TRIDENT expected to detect the IceCube steady source candidate NGC1068 at 5 $\sigma$  level within one year of operation

TRIDENT Collaboration, arXiv:2207.04519v1

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