#### The PANDAX Experiment Particle AND Astroparticle Xenon Observatory







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# Outline

- Introduction to dark matter
- Direct detection
- Liquid Xenon advantages
- Two Phase advantages
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## Existing evidence of dark matter















#### Favorite candidate: WIMP



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### Methods to search LSP



production at collider



annihilation particle detection (indirect)



nuclear recoil (direct)

#### Recent direct detection results



#### **Direct detection technique**



### **Direct detection challenge**

WIMP signal: <0.1/kg day <100keV no feature



Signal collection

**Background rejection** 

## Xenon advantage



- noble gas, -100°C, easy to handle

#### Xenon self-shielding



## Xenon light & charge



time constants depend on gas (few ns/15.4µs Ne, 10ns/1.5µs Ar, 3/27 ns Xe)

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XENON100

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Excellent 3D position  $\sigma$ , 2mm





gamma event localized



Top PMT array

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Mean-free-path MeV gamma: ~3cm MeV neutron: ~30cm

gamma/neutron, multiple hits

WIMP, single hit

#### Latest XENON100 results



#### **Direct detection status**



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Smaller  $\sigma$ , larger detector mass, lower bg rate.

## **PANDAX** collaboration

Particle AND Astro-particle Xenon Observatory

Shanghai Jiaotong University Shanghai Institute of Applied Physics Shandong University Peking University, Center for High Energy physics





## **PANDAX** in Sichuan



#### PANDAX shield and inner vessel



Passive shielding with Cu, Pb and PE

## PANDAX: Pancake TPC with high light yield



37 R11410 PMT

## PANDAX vs. Xenon100

	Xenon100	PANDAX
LXe Diameter [cm]	30	60
LXe Height [cm]	30	15
Cathode Voltage [kV]	-16	-75
Drift field [kV/cm]	0.53	5.0
Fiducial mass [kg]	40	30
S1 collection efficiency	24%(average)	57% (average)
Gamma S2/S1 rejection	99%	99.9% (expected)

## Pancake advantage (I)

S1 light collection efficiency



XENON100 energy threshold: 8.7keVnr PANDAX expected : 3.6keVnr

## Pancake advantage (II)



## PANDAX projected sensitivity

assume:

- light yield 5.5 p.e./keV
- energy range 3-30 p.e.
- 25kg x 200 days exposure

ZERO background



#### **PANDAX** status





prototype detector

> cryogenic testing



PMT base







测量低本底材料放射性的探测器

PMT testing facility



#### PANDAX status



## Summary

- Exciting physics on dark matter direct detection.
- Liquid Xenon Dual-Phase a promising technique.



# Thank you!

# backup

#### **Detector overview**



## **Disk-like Xenon TPC**



## Comparison with other Xe-based exp.



	ZEPLIN III	XENON100	XMASS	LUX	PandaX
technique	two-phase	two-phase	single-phase	two-phase	two-phase
active target mass (kg)	12	~60	~800 (100)	~300	~120

#### Energy Calibration: determine the energy of nuclear recoils



#### Achieved upper limits



#### **Two-Phase Xenon TPC**



## Disk-like advantage (I)

#### S1 light collection efficiency $\epsilon$



 $E_{_{NR}} = S1 / \epsilon / Fraction_E_in_scintillation$ 

 $\epsilon$ <sup>↑</sup>, E threshold  $\downarrow$ ,  $\bigcirc$  WIMP event rate  $\uparrow$ low-mass WIMP sensitivity  $\uparrow$ 

Xenon100, 4-20p.e. S1 signal, 8.7-32.6keV  $E_{_{NR}}$ PANDAX, 5keV  $E_{_{FR}}$ 

## Comparison with other Xe-based DM exp.

	ZEPLIN III	XENON100	XMASS	LUX	PandaX
active target mass (kg)	12	~60	~800 (100)	~300	~120
electron recoil rejection	99.9%	99%	0	99%	99.9%
energy threshold (keVr)	10	9	20	10	5
sensitivity at 100 GeV (cm²)	~10 <sup>-44</sup>	2 X 10 <sup>-45</sup>	1 X 10 <sup>-45</sup>	3 X 10 <sup>-46</sup>	4 X 10 <sup>-45</sup>
sensitivity at 10 GeV (cm²)	>10 <sup>-42</sup>	3 X 10 <sup>-43</sup>	> 10 <sup>-42</sup>	4 X 10 <sup>-44</sup>	1 X 10 <sup>-44</sup>
status	science run	science run	operation	surface testing	construction

### Strong E field achievable



## **PANDAX Shielding**



Goal set for ton-scale: external bg event in 5-15keV, ~1.1/ton year

## External background

1, n/gamma from rock & concrete

材料	放射性元素含量[Bq/kg]					
	Ra226	Th232	K40			
岩石	$1.8\pm0.2$	< 0.27	< 1.1			
水泥骨料	$\approx 2$	pprox 0.7	低于探测极限			
水泥	$\approx 60$	$\approx 25$	$\approx 130$			

- 2, cosmic muon and induced neutron
- 3, n/gamma from shielding material
  - 表 2, XENON100 实验屏蔽体材料的放射性元素含量,单位 mBq/kg。

材料	U238	Th232	Co60	K40	Pb210
铜	<0.07	<0.03	< 0.0045	<0.06	
内层聚乙烯	0.23±0.05	<0.094	<0.89	0.7±0.4	
铅	<0.92	<0.72	< 0.12	14±3	530±70

4, Radon

## Shielding simulation results

Simulation based on Gean4.9.3 ~1.1 event in 5-15keV / ton year 0.5 from rock+concrete gamma 0.6 from Cu gamma

实验	所在地下实验室 /探测器材料	铜 (厘米)	铅 (厘米)	聚乙烯 (厘米)	屏蔽体内本底事 例率(mdru)	内部容积 (立方米)
XMASS	Kamioka / Xe	-	-	2 米水	0.1*** [6]	0.27
XENON100	LNGS / Xe	5	20	20	0.006**** [7]	0.67
LUX	DUSEL / Xe	-	-	3 米水	0.0005**** [8]	0.12
PANDAX	CJPL / Xe	>10	20	20+40	0.0002****	1.9