







# WIMP search with the full PandaX-II exposure

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### Outline

- Introduction to dark matter and PandaX
- WIMP search with PandaX-II full exposure data
  - Refined algorithms in the analysis
  - Unblinding data and results of the WIMP search
- Summary

### **Introduction to dark matter**

#### 1930s, F. Zwicky

Galaxy rotation curve







Gravitational lensing



CMB anisotropy

#### Bullet cluster

### **Dark matter candidates**



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### Detectability

 $\chi + SM \longrightarrow \chi' + SM'$ 







### **PandaX Collaboration**

- Particle and Astrophysical Xenon Experiment
  - Formed in 2009



### **China Jinping Underground Laboratory**

- Deepest (6800 m.w.e): < 0.2 muons/m<sup>2</sup>/day
- Horizontal access: 9 km long tunnel
- CJPL-II: new experiment halls



**Kick-off of CJPL-II facility construction project, July 20, 2019** 





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### **PandaX Dark Matter Experiment**

- Dual-phase Xenon TPC
- Origin of an event
  - Nuclear recoils (NR): neutron, WIMPs
  - Electron recoils (ER): gamma, beta
  - Alpha particles
- Energy deposition
  - Excitation, Ionization, Heat
- Signals
  - Prompt light S1 (  $\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{PMT}}} S1_i$  )
  - Electroluminance S2<sup>*i*=1</sup> (  $\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{PMT}}} s_{2_i}$  )
- Events of interest for WIMP search
  - Single scattering NR with one S1 and S2 in 0-10 keV<sub>ee</sub>



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### **PandaX Dark Matter Experiment**







PandaX-I: 120 kg 2009-2014 PandaX-II: 580 kg 2014-2019 **PandaX-4T:** 4 ton 2019-

### **PandaX-II Full Exposure Data**

- 2019.06 "End-of-Run" completed
- Total exposure: 131.7 ton-day
  - Run 9: 79.6 days (published)
  - Run 10: 77.1 days (published)
  - Run 11, span 1: 96.4 days
  - Run 11, span 2: 147.9 days
- Refined algorithms
  - New position reconstruction
  - New detector response model
  - Improved background evaluation





### **New Position Reconstruction**

- Trained with evenly distributed <sup>83m</sup>Kr calibration events
- Turn off 7 malfunctioned PMTs
  - 5 top and 2 bottom •
- Simulation-based position reconstruction
  - Optical simulation of the detector
  - A better construction of photon-response function for each PMT •



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300 - **Old** 

200

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-100

-200

-300

Liquid-in

### **New Response Model**

- Calibration data
  - ER events: tritium and <sup>220</sup>Rn
  - NR events: AmBe
- NEST 2.0 based response model
  - with data quality cut efficiency



#### ER Run 9 ER Run 10/11 NR Run 9 NR Run 10/11



### **Background Sources**

Source	Evaluation				
<sup>127</sup> Xe	35.5 day lifetime, decay away in Run 11				
<sup>3</sup> H	Introduced after Run 9, fitted from data, see later				
<sup>222</sup> Rn	Depletion effect from measurement				
<sup>85</sup> Kr	Not a constant due to air leakage in Run 11				
neutrons	Data-driven estimation				
surface events	Data-driven extrapolation				
accidental events	Newly trained BDT discriminator				

## <sup>222</sup>Rn Background

- Major ER contribution from <sup>214</sup>Pb
  - Charged Rn progenies attracted to the cathode with negative HV
  - Less contribution in fiducial volume: "depletion effect"
- New method to evaluate ER event rate from <sup>214</sup>Pb
  - The depletion ratio measured from <sup>222</sup>Rn calibration (end-of-run)
  - Interpolation from <sup>218</sup>Po and <sup>214</sup>Bi
- PandaX-II <sup>214</sup>Pb level: 10µBq/kg



### Surface Background

- Surface events
  - Mostly ER events from Rn plate-out
  - Losing S2 on the surface, shifting below ER region
- Data-driven extrapolation from outside FV region

<sup>4</sup> <sup>3.5</sup> <sup>3.5</sup> <sup>2.5</sup> <sup>1.5</sup> <sup>0.5</sup> <sup>0</sup>



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### **Neutron Background**

- New evaluation based on high energy gammas (HEGs)
  - Neutron events associated with HEGs (neutron capture, nuclear de-exciation)
  - Scale factor (neutron events / HEGs) from MC simulation with HEGs included
  - Tested in AmBe calibration data



### **Background Budget for Low Energy Events**

- Compared with Run 10, more background contributions in Run 11
  - <sup>85</sup>Kr and tritium

Item		Run 9	Run 10	Run 11, span 1	Run 11, span $2$		
	$^{85}$ Kr	$1.19\pm0.2$	$0.18\pm0.05$	$0.20\pm0.06$	$0.40\pm0.07$		
Flat ER	$^{222}$ Rn	$0.19\pm0.10$	$0.17\pm0.02$	$0.19\pm0.02$	$0.19\pm0.02$		
Components	$^{220}$ Rn	$0.01\pm0.01$	$0.01\pm0.01$	$0.01\pm0.01$	$0.01\pm0.01$		
(mDRU)	${ m ER} \ ({ m material})$	$0.20\pm0.10$	$0.20\pm0.10$	$0.20\pm0.10$	$0.20\pm0.10$		
	Solar $\nu$	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01		
	$^{136}\mathrm{Xe}$	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022	0.0022		
Total flat ER (mDRU)		$1.61\pm0.24$	$0.57\pm0.11$	$0.73\pm0.08$	$1.03\pm0.08$		
<sup>127</sup> Xe (mDRU)		$0.14\pm0.03$	$0.0069 \pm 0.0017$	< 0.0001			
$^{3}$ H (mDRU)		0	0.17				
Neutron (mDRU)		$0.0022 \pm 0.0011$					
Accidental (event/day)		$0.014\pm0.004$					
Surface (event/day)		$0.041\pm0.008$		$0.063 \pm 0.0013$			

### **Unblinding data and results of the WIMP search**

### • WIMP

- NRs, separated from the ER band
- Searching window
  - S1 [3, 45] PE
  - Fiducial volume 329 kg
- Blinded analysis for Run 11
- Total 1220 events, 38 below NR median
  - Consistent with background expectation (best fit with)





	$\mathbf{ER}$	Accidental	Neutron	Surface	Total	Total
					fitted	observed
Run 9	381.1	2.20	0.77	2.13	$387\pm23$	384
Below NR median	2.3	0.46	0.36	2.12	$5.3\pm0.5$	4
Run 10	145.6	1.07	0.47	2.66	$150\pm14$	143
Below NR median	1.3	0.23	0.22	2.65	$4.4\pm0.6$	0
Run 11, span 1	219.4	1.03	0.59	6.23	$227\pm19$	224
Below NR median	3.7	0.32	0.32	6.20	$10.5\pm1.1$	13
Run 11, span 2	451.0	1.60	0.91	9.68	$464\pm30$	469
Below NR median	7.5	0.50	0.49	9.64	$18.2\pm4.2$	21
Total	1197.2	5.9	2.72	20.7	$1227\pm51$	1220
Below NR median	14.9	1.51	1.39	20.6	$38.4\pm6.0$	38

#### The best fitting of a 400 GeV WIMP

### **Event Distributions**

- Distribution of events with high WIMP hypothesis likelihood (400 GeV)
  - 3 events in Run 9 and 7 events in Run 11





### **Constraints on WIMP Model**

- Spin-independent Interaction
- Exclusion limits on SI
  - 2.0x10<sup>-46</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> for 15 GeV
  - 2.1x10<sup>-46</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> for 40 GeV
  - 1.4x10<sup>-45</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> for 400 GeV



Best-fit for  $m_c$ =400 GeV 4.2 events ->  $s_{cn}$ =3.2x10<sup>-46</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> p-value of 0.19 -> 0.92



### Thanks for your attention!

Dr. Xiaopeng Zhou will present the searches on solar axions and neutrinos with enhanced magnetic moment.