# PandaX-III: HP Gaeous TPC based detector for NLDBD search

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## Neutrinoless double beta decay $(0\nu\beta\beta)$





 $\bar{v} = v$ 

 $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = (G_{0\nu} |\mathbb{M}^{0\nu}|^2 < m_{\beta\beta} >^2)^{-1}$  $\approx 10^{27-28} (\frac{0.01 \ eV}{\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle})^2$ 

□Neutrino is Majorana particle?

□Lepton number violation and asymmetry of matter-antimatter;

□Origin of neutrino mass;

# Detection of $0\nu\beta\beta$

- Measure energies of emitted electrons
- Electron tracks are a huge plus
- Daughter nuclei identification



**Experiment**: large exposure, high energy resolution, low background level and signal-background discrimination



#### Simulated tracks in high pressure Xe

## $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments



## PandaX-III detector: search for $0\nu\beta\beta$ of <sup>136</sup>Xe

- □ <u>TPC:</u> Single-end charge readout on the upper side, the cathode on the bottom;
- □ charge readout: 52 20x20 cm<sup>2</sup> Micromegas;
- **<u>Readout:</u>** 2 series of strips (x, y) of 3 mm;
- **<u>140 kg 90% <sup>136</sup>Xe</u>**: 10 bar Xe-(1%)TMA (trimethylamine);
- □ Energy resolution: 3% FWHM expected at 2.458 MeV





## **PandaX-III detector: SS vessel**

- □ The vessel is made of low background stainless steel with a pressurization of 15 bar;
- □ 20 flanges on the top flange and barrel for signal cables, HV feedthrough, and gas circulation;
- Leak check and long-term high-pressure test;











## **PandaX-III detector: TPC**

□Field cage: Flexible PCB + SMD resistors supported by a low background acrylic barrel;

 $\Box$ L shape feedthrough to apply HV on the cathode;

□Apply 120 kV in the atmosphere steadily;









## **PandaX-III detector: TPC**

Readout plane consists of 52 modular Micromegas;
Each module is 20×20 cm<sup>2</sup>;





# Micromegas

- Low background thermal banding Micromegas designed by USTC and SJTU;
- Micromegas made of flexible PCB and glued on a copper supporter;
- $\sim 10\%$  uniformity and several thousand gain in high pressure;





## **Micromegas test in prototype detector**

□Prototype TPC test:

- 700 L volume and 78 cm drift distance;
- Readout plane: 7 Micromegas;
- $\circ$  Sources: <sup>55</sup>Fe, <sup>241</sup>Am and <sup>137</sup>Cs;

○ Gas: 1-10 bar Ar-iso;

10 bar Ar-(2.5%)lso

— M1 (Am<sup>241</sup>)

— M3 (Cs<sup>137</sup>

9.6

9.8

Amplification field [kV/cm/bar]

10.0

10.2

—— M0 (Fe<sup>55</sup>)

10000

1000

100 └─ 9.4

Absolute gain





10 bar Ar-2.5% iso

60

Energy resolution [%]

10

0

0

1000

3000

2000

Absolute gain

## **Detector assembling**



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The detector assembly was completed;

□The subsystems were connected;

 $\Box$ 1 bar Ar-2.5% iso was filled for muon calibration;









## Gas handling and internal calibration system

□Gas filling and mixing , circulation and purification, emergency recovery and sampling;
 □Internal calibration (gas): <sup>220</sup>Rn and <sup>83m</sup>Kr;





## **Electronics and DAQ system**







Equipment										
Equipment + Status		Events	Events[/s]		Data[MB/s]					
Tdcm_Daq	tdcmdaq@localhost		66	1.0		0.112				
Tdcm_Control	tdcmsc@localhost		0	0.0		0.000				
Logging Channels										
Channel		Events	MB written		Compr	. Disk Level				
#0: run00700.mid.lz4		65	1.808		24.8%	64.7%				
Lazy Label		Progress	File Name		# Files	5 Total				
Clients										
tdcmdaq [localhost]		mhttpd [localhost]			Logger [localhost]					
tdcmsc [local										

### Status of the others



**REST: Simulation and data analysis** 



## **Track features analysis**

Kalman Filter with Bayesian formula for track reconstruction 



Signal discrimination based on track features such as dE/dx





Li, T. et al. JHEP 06, 106 (2021).

Exclusion sensitivity:  $2.7 \times 10^{26}$  yr for 5 years, with an improvement in sensitivity by a factor of 2.7. 

## **Track features analysis**

Electron diffusion effect





#### Simulated data



### **PandaX-III collaboration**



## PandaX-III will be installed in CJPL-II









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M	Sample	<sup>232</sup> Th	<sup>235</sup> U	<sup>238</sup> U	<sup>40</sup> K	<sup>60</sup> Co			
	PCB	$0.91{\pm}1.42$	-	0.28±0.55	22.6±9.07	0.37±0.31			
	SS wire mesh	$0.24{\pm}0.12$	< 0.01	$0.08 \pm 0.04$	$0.69 \pm 0.58$	< 0.01			
	Thermal	$1.00{\pm}0.33$	< 0.01	$11.57 \pm 1.57$	$1.67 \pm 1.28$	-			
	bonding Film								
	Epoxy glue	$1.40\pm0.75$	-	$0.05 \pm 0.25$	-	-			
-	Total	$3.55 \pm 1.64$	< 0.01	$11.98 \pm 1.68$	24.96±9.18	$0.37 \pm 0.31$			
				Flexible PCB					
				Gluing and	Gluing and pressing				
				Polishing	Polishing				
				Coating Ge	Coating Ge film and ground line Manufacturing the MM with the TBM				
				- Manufactur					

- Pandax TIChigh pressure 10 par paseque TPC (140 kg <sup>136</sup>Xe of 90%), 1.2m×1.6m active volume
- Readout plane: 52 20×20 cm<sup>2</sup> Micromegas modules of 3 mm strip (64 strips in each side)
- The topological information is powerful for signal and background discrimination
- Detection sensitivity: 2.7×10<sup>26</sup> yr with 5-year live tim<sup>-</sup>



PandaX-III detector



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Micromegas



