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# **EDUCATION**

*The University of Alabama* 1999 – 2003 PhD, Particle and Nuclear Physics/Neutrino Physics

Huazhong Normal University 1979 – 1983 BSc, Physics

# **POSITIONS HELD**

The University of South Dakota

2009 – date Director of Center for Ultra-Low Background Experiments in Dakota 2016 – date Professor 2011 – 2016 Associate Professor 2006 – 2011 Assistant Professor

Los Alamos National Laboratory 2003 – 2006 Postdoc Researcher

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 1997 – 1999 Visiting Scholar

Tibet University

1996 – 1997 Director, Department of Physics 1993 – 1997 Director, Institute of Cosmic-Ray Research 1992 – 1997 Associate Professor 1983 – 1992 Assistant Professor

*Current research:* (a) Research and development of high-purity germanium detectors for probing physics beyond the standard model by leading an international collaboration – PIRE-GEMADARC funded by US National Science Foundation. **PIRE-GE**rmanium **M**aterials **And D**etectors **A**dvancement **R**esearch **C**onsortium (PIRE-GEMADARC) is a global partnership created to accelerate the germanium (Ge) material platform used in research and development for ton-scale DM and  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay experiments while educating the next generation of scientists. PIRE-GEMADARC leverages the research expertise, training capabilities, and world-renowned facilities of eleven institutions in the United States, Canada, China, Germany, India, and Taiwan. (b) Search for dark matter and Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs) in the Large Underground Experiment (LUX) and LUX-Zeplin (LZ) experiment; (c) Probe of the CP violation with long baseline neutrino beam in the DUNE experiment; (d) Development of ultra-low background experiments with high-purity germanium crystal growth in the CUBED governor's research center; development of nuclear instrumentation, semiconductor detectors, electronics and materials for non-accelerator underground experiments. (e) Development of low-threshold Ge detectors with single electron-hole pair sensitivity for dark matter searches.

*Completed projects:* Funded by the Department of Energy, my research focuses on crystal growth and detector development for underground experiments. At the University of South Dakota, we established an exceptional research facility that stands as the only one of its kind globally in a research institution, housing Ge crystal growth and detector fabrication capabilities. My previous pursuits extended to the realm of neutrino oscillation and reactor

neutrino research within the KamLAND experiment. A significant milestone was reached when we demonstrated the oscillatory signature of neutrino oscillations in reactor neutrinos – an achievement that garnered recognition through the 2016 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics. Furthermore, we've made substantial contributions to phase-one dark matter searches via the LUX experiment, achieving the world's highest sensitivity for Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs) in 2013.

# **HONORS and AWARDS**

#### Honors

2018: Patent Award, "Method of Growing Germanium Crystals", Refer to patent 10,125,431, USA Patent Office
2015 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics (KamLAND)
2014 The USD President award: Research Excellence – Established Faculty
2009 The USD President award: Research Excellence – Early Faculty

#### Awards (A total of \$14.1M as the PI on the projects in 15 years)

- a) DOE FAIR award: \$750,000 for three years (2023 2026)
- b) NSF base grant proposal: \$343,667 for three years (2023 2026)
- c) Los Alamos National Laboratory Research Subcontract: \$50K, for one year (2022-2023)
- d) NSF MRI Award: \$281,575 for three years (2021 2023)
- e) Los Alamos National Laboratory Research Agreement: \$48K for 10 months (2020)
- f) NSF EAGER Award: \$69K for 11 months (2018 2019)
- g) South Dakota Board of Regents Innovation Grant: \$116K (2018 -2020)
- h) NSF PIRE award: 4.35M for five years (2017 2022)
- i) Board of Regents, Innovation R&D grant: \$120,400 for two years (2016 2018)
- j) NSF ICORP Team: \$50,000 for six months (2016 2017)
- k) NSF regular proposal: \$277K for three years (2008 2013)
- 1) NSF proposal with AARM Collaboration for advanced tools: \$140K for three years (2012 2015)
- m) NSF S4 with AARM Collaboration: \$156K for three years (2009 2012)
- n) NSF S4 with LUX Collaboration: \$185K for three years (2009 2012)
- o) NASA Space Grant: \$194K for one year (2010)
- p) DOE EPSCoR Implementation: \$2.97M for three years (2010 2013)
- q) DOE EPSCoR Implementation Renewal: \$0.97M (2013-2015)
- r) NSF with AARM: \$150K for two years (2012-2014)
- s) LANL Simulation: \$80K (2007 2009)
- t) South Dakota Research Seed Grant: \$14K (2007 2008)
- u) South Dakota Competitive Grant: \$80K (2008 2009)
- v) South Dakota 2010 center grant: \$3.4M (2009 2014)
- w) NSF NPURC: \$28.8K (2007 2009)
- x) USD Internal Grant: ~\$76K (2006, 2007, 2008)
- y) NSF EPSCoR Workshop grant: \$99,626 (2014-2015)
- z) South Dakota BOR competitive grant: \$250,000 (2013-2015)
- aa) South Dakota GOED grant: \$25,000 (2014-2015)
- bb) South Dakota RCC outreach grant: \$10,000 (2014)
- cc) Tsinghua University Research Agreement: \$65,880 (2013-2015)

### **Synergistic Activities**

- a) Visiting Scholar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Sept., 1997 to July, 1999.
- b) Conducted experimental study on building the secondary monitors for Mini-BooNE detector.
- c) Visiting Scholar, INFN and Dipartimento di Fisca dell'Universita', Napoli, April August, 1997.
- d) Conducted experimental study on the stability of RPC detectors and the efficiency of the mixture of gas for RPC detectors at high altitudes with pressure below 1 atmosphere.
- e) Visiting Scholar, Institute of Cosmic-Ray Research, University of Tokyo, Japan, October, 1994.

f) Have been an active member of the following physics community collaborations: Tibet AS Y Collaboration, the ARGO-YBJ Collaboration, the KamLAND Collaboration, the Majorana Collaboration, and the miniCLEAN/DEAP Collaboration, the CUBED Collaboration, the AARM Collaboration, the LUX Collaboration, the LZ Collaboration, the DUNE Collaboration.

# **Professional Activities Since 2006**

- 1) Physics Review D Reviewer
- 2) NSF grant proposal reviewer
- 3) Astroparticle Physics Journal reviewer
- 4) Physics Review C/D reviewer
- 5) The European Physical Journal C reviewer
- 6) Nuclear Instrument and Methods in Physics A reviewer
- 7) Created the database for the calculation of (alpha, n) neutron rate for low background experiments with over 4000 customers who have used this website (neutron.yield.usd.edu) since 2009.
- 8) Own patent for high-purity germanium crystal growth method

# Leadership Role Since 2006

- 1) The director for the governor's research center: Center for Ultra-Low Background Experiments in Dakotas since 2009
- 2) The principal Investigator of the NSF PIRE-GEMADARC International Collaboration
- 3) Chief Editor for IOP Science Journal of Physics: Conference Series, V606
- 4) Organizer for the international workshop on germanium detectors and technology, 2014
- 5) Created the unique research facility in the world for high-purity germanium crystal growth and detector development with over 6000 sq ft laboratory space at the University of South Dakota

### **DISSERTATION/THESIS COMMITTEES SINCE 2006**

- 1) Zachary Parsons, honor thesis committee: Committee Chair
- 2) Keenan Thomas, honor thesis committee: Committee Chair
- 3) Jason Spaans, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Chair
- 4) Sirdhar Budhi, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Member
- 5) Yin Bao, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Member
- 6) Keean Thomas, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Chair
- 7) Brian Woltman, honor thesis committee: Committee Chair
- 8) Patrick Davis, honor thesis committee: Committee Chair
- 9) Xiaoyi Yang, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Chair
- 10) Dana Byram, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Chair
- 11) D'Ann Barker, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Chair
- 12) Chris Chiller, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Chair
- 13) Angela Chiller, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Chair
- 14) Ben Jasinski, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Chair
- 15) Nabin Poudyal, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Chair
- 16) Wenzhao Wei, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Member, Thesis advisor
- 17) Hao Mei, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Member, Thesis advisor
- 18) Amimul Ehsan, Master Degree defense committee: Committee member
- 19) Nazir Houssain, Master Degree defense committee: Committee member
- 20) Anjaneyulu Putta, PhD Degree defense committee: Committee member
- 21) Sem Tamang, PhD Degree defense committee: Committee member
- 22) Justin Paul Kloster, PhD defense committee: Committee member
- 23) Qiang Wei, PhD defense committee: Committee member
- 24) Robert Vaselaar (SDSU), Master defense committee: Committee member
- 25) Lu Wang, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Chair

- 26) Michelle While, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Chair
- 27) Ashok Tiwari, Master Degree defense committee: Committee Chair
- 28) Wenzhao Wei, PhD defense committee: Committee member, Thesis advisor
- 29) Rajendra Panth, PhD defense committee: Committee Chair, Thesis advisor
- 30) Sanjay Bhattrai, PhD defense committee: Committee Chair, Thesis advisor
- 31) Mathbar Raut, PhD defense committee: Committee Chair, Thesis advisor
- 32) Austin Warren, PhD defense committee: Committee Chair, Thesis advisor

#### **Courses Taught Regularly**

- 1) Introduction to Astronomy, PHYS 185 and 187, 2006-2012
- 2) Introduction to Astronomy Lab: PHYS 185L and 187L, 2006-2015
- 3) Nuclear and Particle Physics: PHYS 433/533, 2009-2014
- 4) Nuclear and Particle Physics: PHYS 781, 2010-2014
- 5) Modern Physics Lab: PHYS 332/334, 2008
- 6) Group Theory: PHYS 779 present
- 7) Theoretical Mechanics: PHYS 751, 2015
- 8) Statistical Physics: PHYS 743, 2016
- 9) Foundation Physics: PHYS 104, 2015, 2018
- 10) Semiconductor Fundamentals and Applications, PHYS 441/541, 2017, 2019, 2021
- 11) Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics, PHYS 433/533, 2017, 2018, 2019
- 12) Classical Mechanics, PHYS 451/551, 2017 and 2023
- 13) Mathematics in Physics, PHYS 486, 2019
- 14) Independent study Classes: PHYS 391 2006 present
- 15) Honor thesis classes: PHYS 498 2006 present
- 16) Graduate Master thesis: PHYS 798, 2006 present
- 17) Graduate PhD thesis: PHYS 898 2013 present
- 18) Advisor for undergraduate and graduate majors

#### **GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISED:**

- 1) Jason Spaans, The University of South Dakota
- 2) Keenan Thomas, The University of South Dakota
- 3) Xiaoyi Yang, The University of South Dakota
- 4) Dana Byram, The University of South Dakota
- 5) D'Ann Barker, The University of South Dakota
- 6) Chris Chiller, The University of South Dakota
- 7) Angela Chiller, The University of South Dakota
- 8) Ben Jasinski, The University of South Dakota
- 9) Wenzhao Wei, The University of South Dakota
- 10) Nabin Poudyal, The University of South Dakota
- 11) Hao Mei, The University of South Dakota
- 12) Mingqian Chen, The University of South Dakota
- 13) Michelle While, The University of South Dakota
- 14) Lu Wang, The University of South Dakota
- 15) Rajendra Panth, The University of South Dakota
- 16) Nazir Hossain, The University of South Dakota
- 17) Fanyi Jian, The University of South Dakota
- 18) Iseley Marshalls, The University of South Dakota
- 19) Ashok Tiwari, The University of South Dakota
- 20) Mubark Hayani Musa, The University of South Dakota
- 21) Wenzhao Wei, The University of South Dakota
- 22) Rajendra Panth, The university of South Dakota
- 23) Sanjay Bhattarai, The University of South Dakota

- 24) Mathbar Raut, The University of South Dakota
- 25) Austin Warren, The university of South Dakota

#### **POSTDOC ADVISED:**

- 1) Z.-B. Yin, University of South Dakota
- 2) Chao Zhang, University of South Dakota
- 3) Wenchang Xiang, University of South Dakota
- 4) Oleg Perevozchikov, University of South Dakota
- 5) Gang Yang, University of South Dakota
- 6) Guojian Wang, University of South Dakota
- 7) Mingliang Huang, University of South Dakota
- 8) Wenzhao Wei, University of South Dakota
- 9) Xianghua Meng, University of South Dakota
- 10) Hao Mei

#### **UNDERGRADUATES ADVISED AND FUNDED:**

- University of South Dakota: Jason Spaans, Keenan Thomas, Brian Tlach, Brian Woltman, Amber Omken, Patrick Davis, Kirby Myers, Iseley Marshall, Alyssa Day, Doug Daily, Andrea Gillespie, Katie Schlotterback, Dusty Nowotny, Nick Weinandt, Yangyang Li, Hao Mei, Daniel Duncan Andrew Schmitz, Fanyi Jian, Lu Wang, Kyler Kooi, Alex Kirkvold, Abbie Woodard
- 2) Black Hills State University: Kristal Runing Wolf (BHSU), Peter Lemke (BHSU),
- 3) University of Chicago: Alex Larson
- 4) Tsinghua University, China: Linfan Zhang

# **SELECTED LIST OF PUBLICATIONS**

#### FIRST AUTHOR OR CORRESPONDING AUTHOR

- Development of low-threshold detectors for low-mass dark matter searches using an p-type germanium detector at cryogenic temperature, Mathbar Raut, D.-M. Mei et al., arXiv: 2303.16807. J. Low. Temp. Phys. 212 (2023) 3-4, 138-152.
- 2. Development of low-threshold detectors for low-mass dark matter searches using an n-type germanium detector at 5.2 K, Sanjay Bhattarai, Dongming Mei, et al., arXiv: 2302.08414.
- **3.** The decay Q value of neutrinoless double-beta decay revisited, D.-M. Mei and W.-Z. Wei, Nuclear Physics A, Volume 1032, April 2023, 122623.
- **4.** Evaluation of cosmogenic production of <sup>39</sup>Ar and <sup>42</sup>Ar for rare-event physics using underground argon, C. Zhang and D.-M. Mei, AstroParticle Physics, Available online, May 20, 2022, 102733.
- Evidence of cluster dipole states in germanium det4ectors operating at temperatures below 10 K, D.-M. Mei, R. Panth, H. Mei, S. Bhattarai, M. Raut, P. Acharya, G.-J. Wang, AIP Advances 12, 065113 (2022). <u>https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0094194</u>, arXiv:2203.15904.
- **6.** Implication of the Atomic Effects in Neutrinloess Double Beta Decay, D.-M. Mei and W.-Z. Wei, Modern Physics Letters A, Vol. 37, No. 10 (2022) 2250058.
- Development of Planar P-Type Point Contact Germanium Detectors for Low-Mass Mark Matter Searches, W.-Z. Wei, H. Mei, K. Kooi, D.-M. Mei, J. Liu, J.-C. Li, R. Panth, G.-J. Wang, arXiv: 2105.02109. Eur. Phys. J. C 82 (2022) 3, 203.
- **8.** Low-Energy Solar Neutrino Detection Utilizing Advanced Germanium Detectors, S. Bhattarai, D.-M. Mei, M.-S. Raut, arXiv: 2104.14352.
- **9.** Implication of the Temperature-Dependent Charge Barrier Height of Amorphous Germanium Contact Detector in Searching for Rare Event Physics, R. Panth, W.-Z. Wei, D.-M. Mei, J. Liu, S. Bhattarai, H. Mei, M. Raut, P. Acharya, K. Kooi, G.-J. Wang, arXiv: 2101.09322. NIM A 1035 (2022) 166862.
- *10.* Reply to "Comment on 'Observation of annual modulation induced by  $\gamma$  rays from ( $\alpha$ , $\gamma$ ) reactions at the Soudan Underground Laboratory' ", C. Zhang, D.-M. Mei, A. Tiwari, P. Cushman, Phys. Rev. C 101, 049802 (2020).

- 11. Characterization of High-Purity Germanium Detectors with Amorphous Germanium Contacts in Cryogenic Liquids, R. Panth, J. Liu, I. Abt, X. Liu, O. Schulz, W.-Z. Wei, H. Mei, D.-M. Mei, G.-J. Wang, Eur. Phys. J. C. p667 (2020), arXiv: 2003.13792.
- 12. The impact of the charge barrier height on germanium (Ge) detectors with amorphous-Ge contacts for light dark matter searches, W.-Z. Wei, R. Panth, J. Liu, H. Mei, D.-M. Mei, G.-J. Wang, arXiv: 2002.04462. Eur. Phys. J C 80 (2020) 472.
- Investigation of the electrical conduction mechanisms in p-type amorphous (a-Ge) Used as a-Ge contacts for Ge detectors, S. Bhattarai, R. Panth, W.-Z. Wei, H. Mei, D.-M. Mei, M.-S. Raut, P. Acharya, and G.-J. Wang, arXiv:2002.07707.
- 14. Characterization of high-purity germanium (Ge) crystals for developing novel Ge detectors, M.-S. Raut, H. Mei, D.-M. Mei, S. Bhattarai, W.-Z. Wei, R. Panth, P. Acharya, G.-J. Wang, arXiv:2002.07706.
- 15. Atmospheric charged  $k/\pi$  ratio and measurement of muon annual modulation with a 12-liter liquid scintillation detector at Soudan, C. Zhang and D.-M. Mei, EPJC 79 (2019) 825, arXiv: 1904.12730.
- 16. Impact of charge trapping on the energy resolution of Ge detectors for rare-event physics searches, D.-M. Mei et al, Journal of Physics G: Nuclear and Particle Physics, Vol. 47, (2020)105106, arXiv: 1909.05806.
- Fabrication and Characterization High-Purity Germanium Detectors with Amorphous Germanium Contacts, X.-H. Meng Meng, G.-J. Wang, M.-D. Wagner, H. Mei, W.-Z. Wei, J. Liu, G. Yang and <u>D.-M. Mei,</u> arXiv:1810.05662. Journal of Instrumentation, Volume 14, February 2019, P02019.
- Investigation of Amorphous Germanium Contact Properties with Planar Detectors Made from Home-Grown Germanium Crystals, W.-Z. Wei, X.-H. Meng, Y.-Y. Li, J. Liu, G.-J. Wang, H. Mei, G. Yang, <u>D.-M. Mei</u>, and C. Zhang, arXiv: 1809.04111. Journal of Instrumentation, Volume 13, December 2018, P012026.
- Dark matter (DM) searches through studying DM-nucleon coupling strength, <u>D.-M. Mei</u> and W.-Z. Wei, Physics Letters B 785 (2018) 610-614.
- 20. Direct detection of MeV-scale dark matter utilizing germanium internal amplification for the charge created by the ionization of impurities, **D.-M. Mei** et al., Eur. Phys. J. C (2018) 78:187.
- Electrical conductivity of high-purity germanium crystals at low temperature, G. Yang, Kyler Kooi, Guojian Wang, Hao Mei, Yangyang Li, and Dongming Mei, Applied Physics A, 124 (2018) 381.
- 22. Average energy expended per e-h pair for germanium-based dark matter experiments, W.-Z. Wei and <u>D.-M.</u> <u>Mei,</u> *Journal of Instrumentation* **12** (2017) P04022. arXiv:1602.08005.
- 23. A comprehensive study of low-energy response for xenon-based dark matter experiments, L. Wang and <u>D.-M.</u> <u>Mei</u>, *Journal of Physics G: Nuclear and Particle Physics* **44** (2017) 055001, arXiv: 1604.01083.
- 24. The impact of neutral impurity concentration on charge drift mobility in n-type germanium, H. Mei, G.-W. Wang, G. Yang, **D.-M. Mei**, *Journal of Instrumentation* **12** (2017) P07003, arXiv : 1705.09562.
- Observation of annual modulation induced by γ rays from (α, γ) reactions at the Soudan Underground Laboratory, A. Tiwari, C. Zhang, <u>D.- M. Mei</u> and P. Cushman, *Physics Review C* 96 (2017) 044609, arXiv:1706.00100.
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- Discrimination of nuclear and electronic recoil events using plasma effect in germanium detectors, W.-Z. Wei, J. Liu, and <u>D.-M. Mei</u>, arXiv:1605.05244. JINST 11 (2016) no.07, P-07008.
- Cosmogenic activation of materials used in rare event search experiments, C. Zhang, <u>D.-M. Mei</u>, V. A. Kudryavtsev, S. Fiorucci, arXiv:1603.00098, AstroParticle Physics 84 (2016) 62-69.
- Impact of nuclear impurity concentration on charge drift mobility in germanium, H. Mei, <u>D.-M. Mei</u>, G.-J. Wang, G. Yang, arXiv: 1607.03032. JINST 11 (2016) no.12, P12021.
- Measuring Muon-Induced Neutrons with Large Liquid Scintillation Detector at Soudan Mine , C. Zhang, <u>D.-M.</u> <u>Mei</u>, arXiv: 1407.3246. Phys. Rev D 90 (2014) 122003.
- Ionization Efficiency Study for Low Energy Nuclear Recoils in Germanium, D. Barker, W.-Z. Wei, <u>D.-M. Mei</u>, and C. Zhang, Astropartcile Physics. 48 (2013) 8-15.
- 32. Measuring Fast Neutrons using Large Liquid Scintillation Detector for Ultra-Low Background Experiments, C. Zhang, <u>D.-M. Mei</u>, P. Davis, B. Woltman, F. Gray, Nucl. Instr. And Meth. A, 729 (2013) 138-146.
- Germanium Detector Response to Nuclear Recoils in Search for Dark Matter, D. Barker, <u>D.-M. Mei</u>, arXiv: 1203.4620. Astropart. Phys. 38 (2012) 1-6.
- Muon-Induced Background Study for an Argon-Based Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment, D. Barker, <u>D.-M.</u> <u>Mei</u>, Chao Zhang, arXiv: 1202.5000. Phys. Rev. D 86, 054001 (2012).
- 35. Early Results on Radioactive Background Characterization for Sanford Laboratory and DUSEL Experiments, <u>**D.-M. Mei**</u> et al., arXiv: 0912.0211, Astroparticle physics 34 (2010) 33-39.

- 36. Predication of Underground Argon Content for Dark Matter Experiments, D.-M. Mei et al., arXiv:0912.5368, PRC 81 (2010) 055802.
- 37. Measuring Double-Electron Capture with Liquid Xenon Experiments, <u>D.-M. Mei</u> et al., Phys. Rev. C 89 (2014) 014608.
- Depth-sensitivity relation (DSR) for underground laboratories, <u>D.-M. Mei</u>, S. Elliott, V. Gehman, A.Hime and K.Kazkaz, Proceedings of PANIC05, Santa Fe, Oct. 2005. http://www.panic05.lanl.gov/proceedings.
- Evaluation of (α,n) Induced Neutrons as a Background for Dark Matter Experiments, <u>D.-M. Mei</u>, C. Zhang, A. Hime, ArXiv: 0812.4307, 12/22/2008, Nucl. Instr. And Meth. A 606 (2009) 651- 660.
- 40. Cosmogenic Production as a background in searching for rare physics processes, **D.-M. Mei**, Z.-B. Yin, S. R. Elliott, arXiv: 0903.2272, Astropart. Phys. 31 (2009) 417-420.
- 41. A Model of Nuclear Recoil Scintillation Efficiency in Noble Liquids, <u>**D.-M. Mei**</u>, Z.-B. Yin, L. C. Stonehill, and A. Hime, ArXiV: 0712.2470, Astroparticle Physics, 30 (2008) 12-17.
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- **43.** Probing the Underground Science beyond the Standard Model with Ultra-Low Background Experiments at Sanford Lab/DUSEL Nuclear Physics A, Volume 834, Issues 1-4, 1 March 2010, Pages 809c-812c <u>D.-M. Mei.</u>

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- 1. Constraints on effective field theory couplings using 311.2 days of LUX data, D. S. Akerib et al. (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 104, 062005 (2021).
- 2. Improving sensitivity to low-mass dark matter in LUX using a novel electrode background mitigation technique, D. S. Akerib et al. (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 104, 012011 (2021).
- 3. Effective field theory analysis of the first LUX dark matter search, D. S. Akerib et al. (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 103, 122005 (2021).
- Disrcimination of electronic recoils from nuclear recoils in two-phase xenon time projection chambers, D. S. Akerib et al. (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 102, 112002 (2021).
- 5. Investigation of background electron emission in the LUX detector, Investigation of background electron emission in the LUX detector, D. S. Akerib et al. (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 102, 092004 (2020).
- 6. Search for two neutrino double electron capture of 124Xe and 126Xe in the full exposure of the LUX detector, D. S. Akerib et al., (LUX Collaboration), Journal of Physics G: Nuclear and Particle Physics, Vol. 47, (2020) 105105.
- 7. Improved modeling of beta electronic recoils in liquid xenon using LUX calibration data, D. S. Akerib et al., (LUX Collaboration), JINST, V 15, February 2020.
- 8. Extending light WIMP searches to single scientillation photons in LUX, D. S. Akerib et al., (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 101, 042001 (2020).
- 9. First direct detection constraint on mirror dark matter kinetic mixing using LUX 2013 data, D. S. Akerib et al., (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 101, 012003 (2020).
- 10. Results of a Search for sub-GeV Dark Matter Using 2013 LUX data, D. S. Akerib et al., (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Letters, 122 (2019) 131301.
- 11. Improved measurements of the beta-decay response of liquid xenon with the LUX detector, D. S. Akerib et al. (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 100, 022002 (2019).
- The electrical properties and distribution of indium in germanium crystals, Guojian Wang, Hao Mei, Xianghua Meng, <u>Dongming Mei</u>, Gang Yang, Materials Science in Semiconductor Processing, 2018, 74, 342-346.
- 13. Search for Neutrinoless Double-β decay in <sup>76</sup>Ge with the Majorana Demonstrator, C. E. Aalseth et al. (Majorana Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 132502 (2018).
- 14. Calibration, event reconstruction, data analysis, and limit calculation for the LUX dark matter experiment, D. S. Akerib et al. (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 97, 102008 (2018).
- 15. Liquid scintillation measurements and pulse discrimination in the LUX dark matter detector, D. S. Akerib et al. (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 97, 112002 (2018).
- 16. Electrical conductivity of high-purity germanium crystals at low temperature, G. Yang, Kyler Kooi, Guojian Wang, Hao Mei, Yangyang Li, and **Dongming Mei**, Applied Physics A, 124 (2018)381.

- 17. Results from a search for dark matter in the complete LUX, D. S. Akerib et al. (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, (2017) 021303.
- Black Hiils State University Underground Campus, B. Mount et al. (BHUC collaboration), Applied Radiation and Isotopes 126 (2017) 130-133.
- 19. Results on the spin dependent scattering of weakly interacting massive particles on nucleons from the Run-3 data of the LUX experiment, D. S. Akerib et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016) 161302.
- 20. Improved Limits on Scattering of Weakly Interacting Massive Particles from Reanalysis of 2013 LUX data, D. S. Akerib et al. (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 161301 (2016).
- 21. Tritium calibration of the LUX dark matter experiment, D. S. Akerib et al. (LUX Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 93, 072009 (2016).
- 22. FPGA-based trigger system for the LUX dark matter experiment, D. S. Akerib et al. (LUX Collaboration), Nucl. Instr. Meth. A818 (2016) 57-67.
- High-purity germanium crystal growth at the University of South Dakota, Guojian Wang, Hao Mei, <u>Dongming Mei</u>, Yutong Guan, and Gang Yang, IOP Science Journal of Physics: Conference Series, V606 (2015) 012012.
- Study on the properties of high-purity germanium crystals, G. Yang, H. Mei, Y.-T. Guan, G.-J. Wang, <u>D.-</u> <u>M. Mei, K. Irmscher, IOP Science Journal of Physics: Conference Series, V606 (2015) 012013.</u>
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- 3. Invited Talk: PIRE-GEMADARC, Germanium detectors and technology workshop at LBNL, Dec. 4-5, 2017, LBNL.
- 4. Seminar: Direct Dark Matter Searches, Yangtze University, Jingzhou, China. Nov. 23 2017.
- Development of Ge detectors with internal amplification for MeV-scale dark matter detection, Conference on Science at the Sanford Underground Research Facility, May 12-16, 2017, South Dakota Schools and Mines.
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- 7. Seminar: Next generation Ge-based dark matter experiments, Chengdu, Si Chuan University, Nov.17, 2016.
- 8. Seminar: Development of large-size germanium detectors for ton-scale Ge-based experiments, Jingzhou, Yangtze University, China, Nov. 22, 2016.
- 9. Invited Talk: Crystal Growth and Detector Development at USD, Symposium on Germanium Detectors and Technologies, Ringburg, Germany, Oct. 18-24, 2015.
- 10. Invited Talk: PIRE: A Global Collaboration on Advanced Germanium Detectors and Technologies, Symposium on Germanium Detectors and Technologies, Ringburg, Germany, Oct. 18-24, 2015.
- 11. Invited Talk: A p-type point-contact HPGe detector with amorphous Ge surface, Symposium on Germanium Detectors and Technologies, Ringburg, Germany, Oct. 18-24, 2015.
- 12. Invited Talk: Low Energy Response for Dark Matter Searches, An International Workshop on Low Energy Calibration at University of Chicago, September 23, 2015.
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- 18. Invited Talk at Shanghai Jiaotong University: Ton-Scale neutrinoless double-beta decay experiment in China, Shanghai, China, May 2012.
- 19. Invited Talk at China Science and Technology University: Large-scale solar neutrino experiment in China. Hefei China, May 2012.
- 20. Invited Talk at Three Gorges University: Dark Matter Searches in US, Yichang, China, May 2012.
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- 27. Geo-neutrino Physics at CJPL, Asmilomar, CA, 13th International Conference on Topics in Astroparticle, September 8 13, 2013.
- 28. Large crystal growth and detector development at USD, APS DNP, Hawaii, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
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- 60. Gamma-ray flux at Different Levels in the Homestake Mine Measured with NaI detectors, APS April Meeting, Denver, T12, 2009.
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