



Particle and Nuclear Physics Division

- *Research at the frontiers of fundamental physics*

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EMERSON ACADEMIC TOUR

IFAE, Barcelona, May 2026

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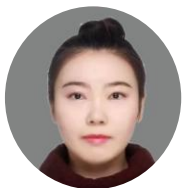
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Working closely with
faculty in Institute of
Nuclear & Particle
Physics (INPAC) at SJTU

Similar number of faculties in
INPAC.

Our People



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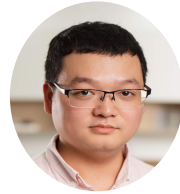
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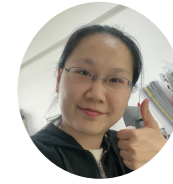
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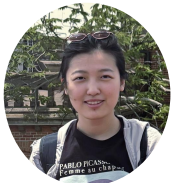
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Postdoctoral Fellows

72

Graduate Students

Three Research Pillars



Astroparticle Experiments

- Dark matter direct detection and Neutrinoless double-beta decay (PandaX)
- High energy cosmic neutrino telescope (TRIDENT)
- Reactor neutrino experiment (JUNO)



Accelerator-based Experiments

- Collider physics (ATLAS, CEPC, STCF)
- Beam dump (DarkSHINE)
- Muon $g-2$ and EDM

f_x Theory

- Dark matter and neutrinos
- Beyond Standard Model and Phenomenology
- Early universe cosmology
- Quantum chromodynamics



TWO COORDINATED "BIG" EFFORTS:

PandaX — dark matter & fundamental neutrino properties · **TRIDENT** — deep-sea neutrino telescope

Using AI as discovery tool (“Autonomous Laboratory for Physical Sciences” funded by a private donor)

Dark Matter & Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

PandaX as a discovery tool

EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

Step-wise scaling toward an “ultimate” 40-ton liquid xenon detector at 2,400 m deep underground

2020-2026	PandaX-4T	completed
2026-2030	PandaX-20T	2027 in operation
2031 -	PandaX-40T	next future

Very rich physics opportunities

Search for dark matter all the way to “neutrino floor”
Precise low-E astrophysical neutrino observatory
Search for Majorana neutrino to 15 meV mass sensitivity



A MULTI-PURPOSE ULTRALOW BACKGROUND LXe OBSERVATORY

High Energy Neutrino & Multi-messenger Astrophysics

TRIDENT — opening the high-energy neutrino window from the West Pacific

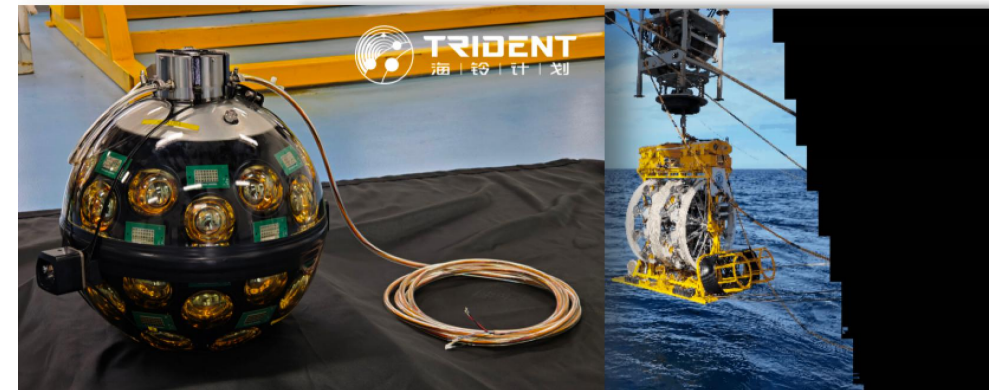
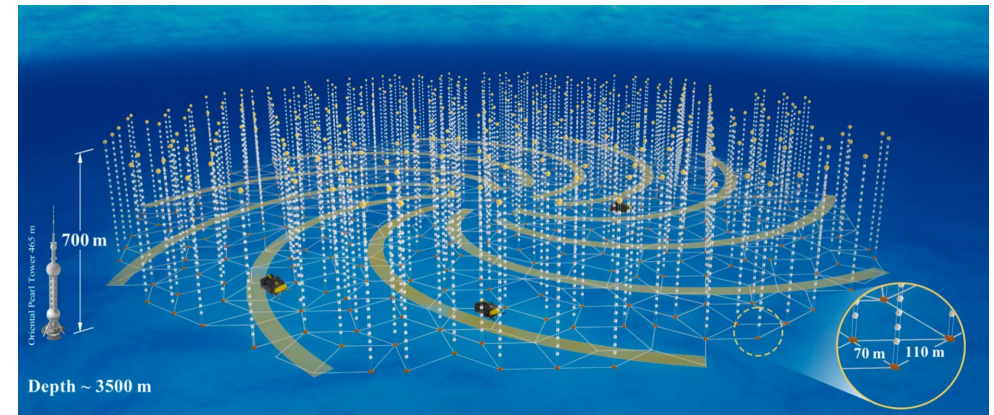
EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

TRIDENT-I 0.1 km³-scale Cherenkov array

10 strings with hybrid digital optical modules ~3,500 m depth, 800 m vertical instrumentation height
Key technological demonstrator

Future TRIDENT full array, 10 km³-scale Cherenkov array (scaling up in steps)

Understand the origin of ultra-high energy cosmic rays
Messengers for extreme cosmic conditions
Fundamental neutrino properties



THE SOUTHERN-HEMISPHERE COMPLEMENT TO ICECUBE — IN West Pacific.

Higgs as a Portal to New Physics

From LHC Run 3 today to a Higgs/flavour factory tomorrow

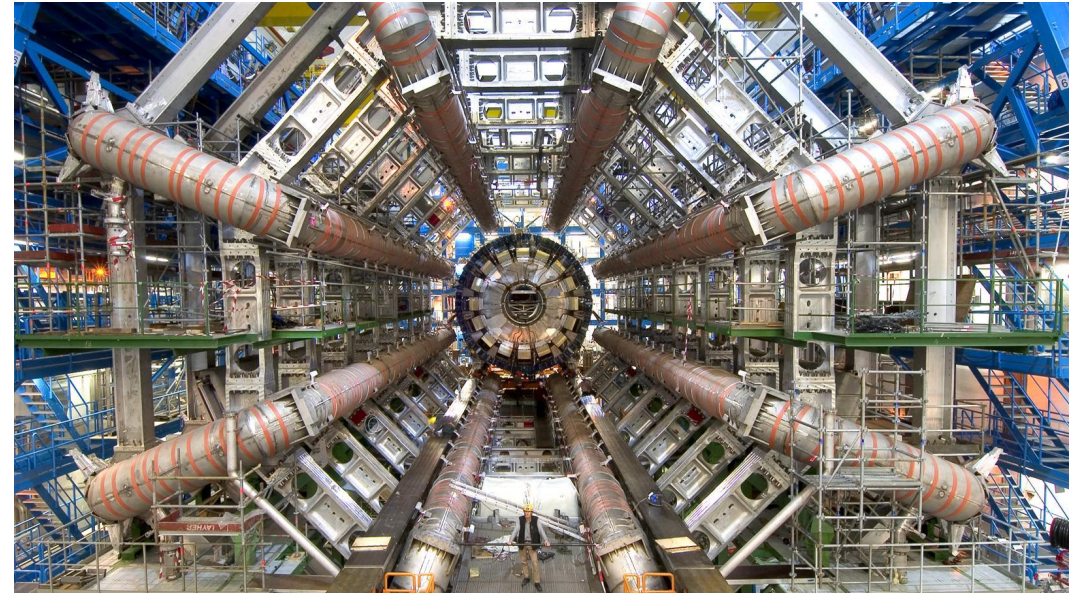
EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

ATLAS at LHC · Run 3 → HL-LHC

Higgs property measurements, electroweak physics,
BSM searches

Advanced detector R&D

Continuing engagement on CEPC calorimeter R&D
Technology also applicable to Super tau-charm factory



ENERGY FRONTIER (LHC) + INTENSITY FRONTIER (CEPC/STCF).

Beam dump @ SHINE

DarkSHINE – exploiting Shanghai SHINE's 8 GeV electron beam

EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

GeV electron beam at Shanghai SHINE

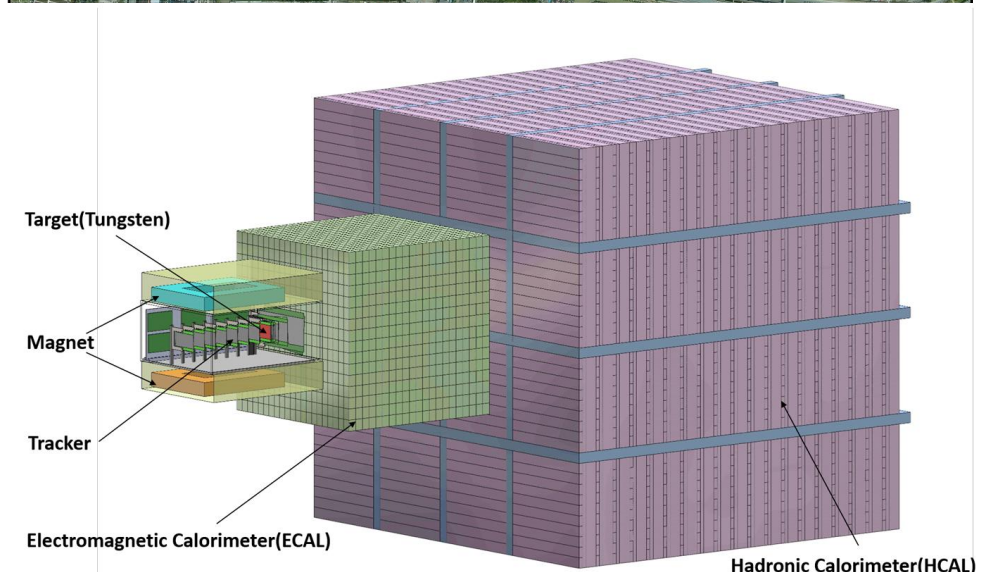
Facility under construction;
DarkSHINE schedule tracks SHINE commissioning (2028)

Tungsten-target missing-energy spectrometer

Tracker (Silicon Strip) - ECAL (Crystal) - HCAL (Sampling)

Beam-tested ECAL & electronics prototypes

Characterized at CERN and at DESY in 2024–2025



A NATIVE SHANGHAI EXPERIMENT – DETECTOR AND ACCELERATOR ON THE SAME CAMPUS.

The Muon Precision Frontier

From Fermilab to PSI to Shanghai — a fundamental muon program

EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

Muon $g-2$ at Fermilab · final analysis

Breakthrough Prize 2025

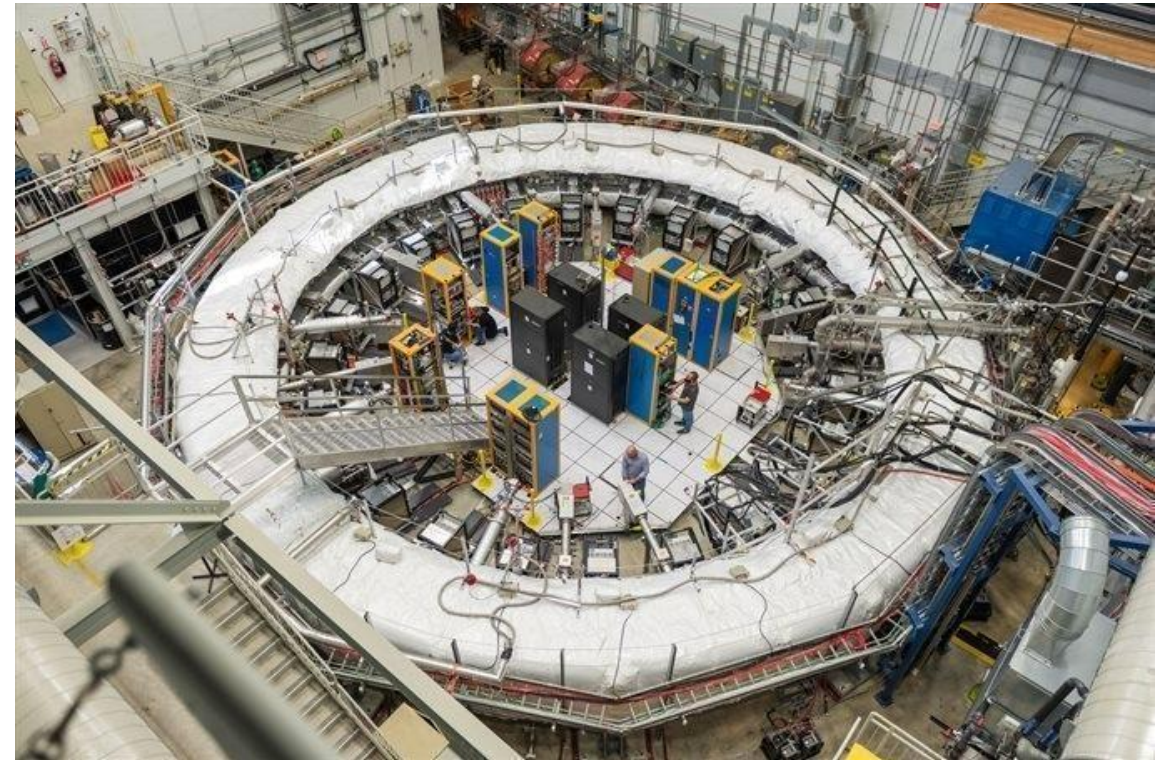
TDLI is a long-term collaboration partner

Muon EDM at PSI (Switzerland)

Novel frozen-spin technique; muon trigger detector

SHINE muon facility — Shanghai

Production target R&D under way; Phase-0 prototype



MUONS AS A HIGH-LEVERAGE PROBE OF NEW PHYSICS — ACROSS THREE CONTINENTS.

The Theory Frontier

Phenomenology, early-universe physics, and QCD

Theory–experiment interplay

Fully engage TDLI theorists with our experimental programmes – turning measurements into breakthroughs.

- Higgs, neutrino & flavour phenomenology
- BSM theory and phenomenology
- Collaborating with PandaX, TRIDENT, ATLAS, DarkSHINE, Wakefield Axion LSW

Early-universe particle physics

Build an international, coherent group connecting particle physics with cosmology.

- Quantum field theory in the early universe
- Electroweak phase transition & gravitational waves
- Inflation, dark energy and unified theories

Quantum chromodynamics

Develop a world-leading lattice QCD and hadron-structure programme to advance precision strong-interaction physics.

- Hadron structure and dynamics
- Parton distribution functions for precision physics
- Strong partnerships with experimental collaborations

THEORY CONNECTING THE BIGGEST WITH THE SMALLEST – STRONG SYNERGY WITH EXPERIMENTS

By the Numbers (2025)

Sustained funding and a steady pipeline of high-impact publications



87

Active grants



¥ 222M

Total funding (RMB)



~150


SCI papers



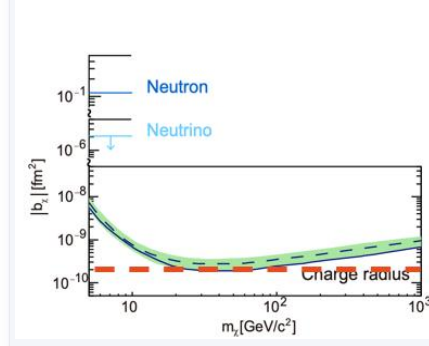
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Selected Research Highlights



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Neutron
Neutrino
Charge radius

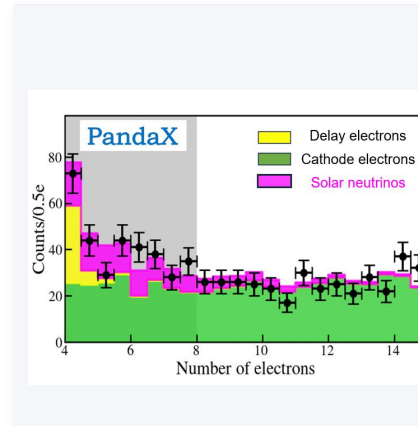
$|b_n|$ [fm^2]

m_χ [GeV/c^2]

PandaX

Strongest constraints on the “luminance” of dark matter

Nature 618, 7963 (2023)



PandaX

Counts/0.5e

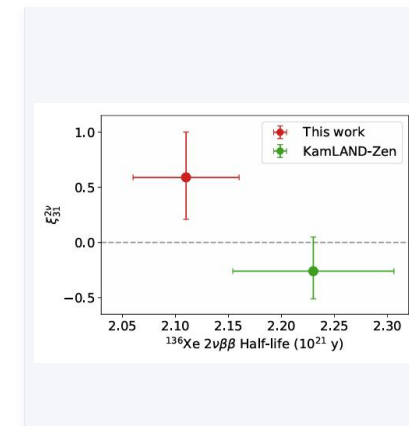
Number of electrons

Delay electrons
Cathode electrons
Solar neutrinos

PandaX

First solar ^8B neutrino CEvNS indication

PRL 133, 191001 (2024)



PandaX

$\xi_{2\nu}^{136\text{Xe}}$

^{136}Xe $2\nu\beta\beta$ Half-life (10^{21} y)

This work
KamLAND-Zen

PandaX

Most precise measurement to two-neutrino double beta decay of ^{136}Xe


PRL 136, 162501 (2026)



TRIDENT

Site and conceptual design for TRIDENT, a neutrino telescope in West Pacific

Nature Astron. 7 (2023) no.12




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Muon g-2

Most precise muon g-2 measurement

PRL 135, 101802 (2025)



Phenomenology

Gravitational wave background probing galactic center density

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