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Prospects for Low Mass WIMP Searches with SuperCDMS

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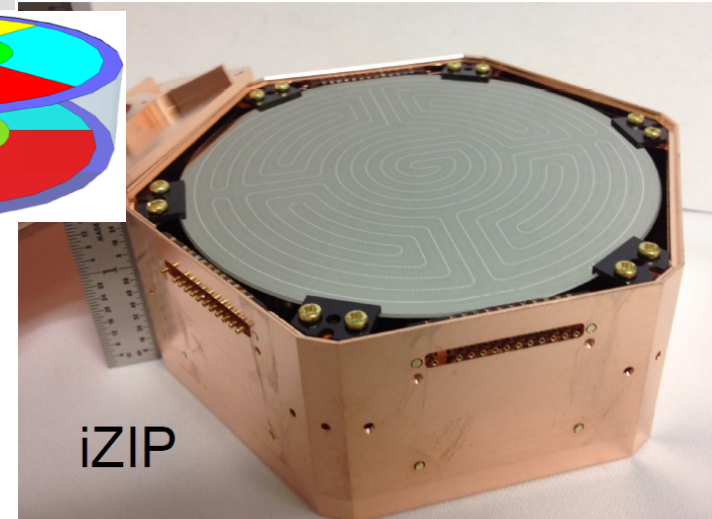
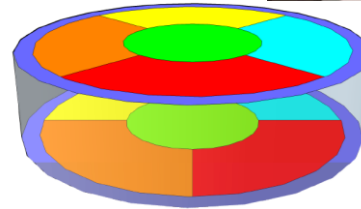
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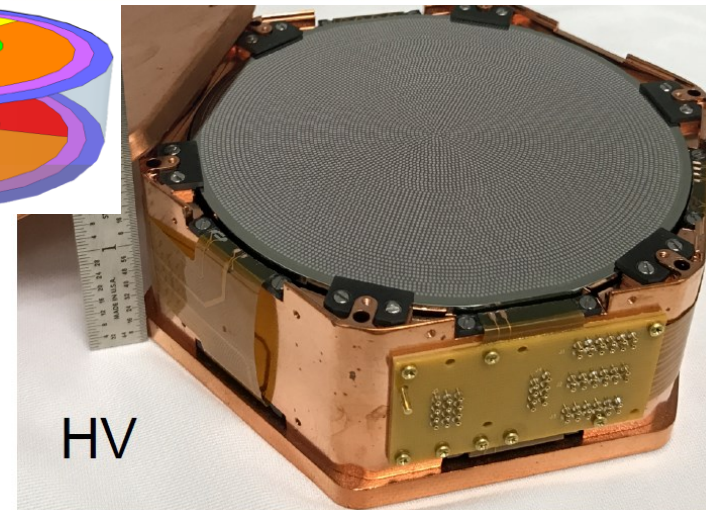
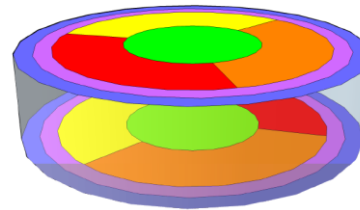


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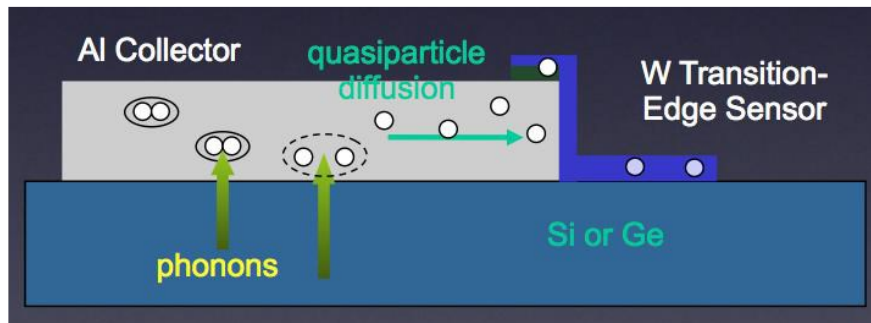
- ▶ Ultra-pure ~kg Ge and Si crystals
- ▶ Operate at 10's of mK
- ▶ Measure athermal phonon signal via transition edge sensor
- ▶ Multiple channels give position info
- ▶ Outer "guard" rings fiducialize high radius events



iZIP



HV

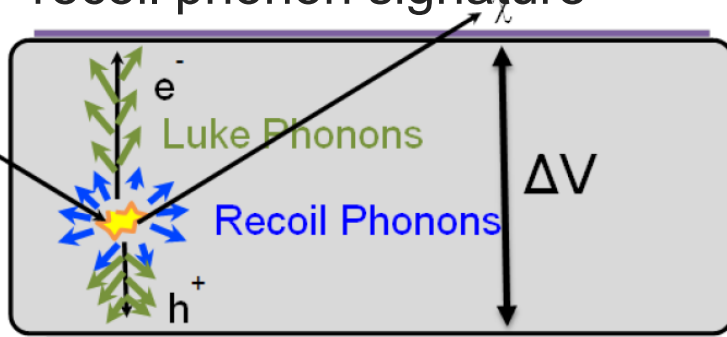




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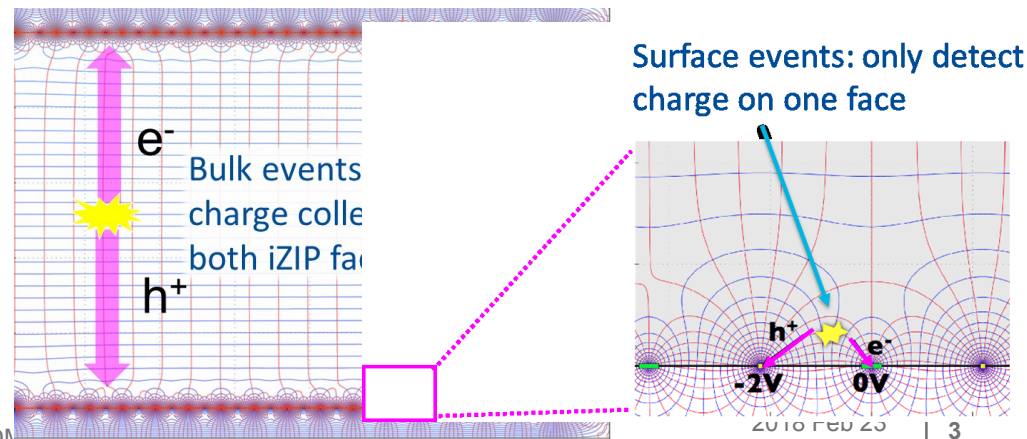
High Voltage (CDMSlite)

- Free e/h ionization from interaction gains energy from large potential (~100 V)
- Emits Luke-Neganov phonons from scattering on lattice
- Analogous to electroluminescence gain (S2 production) in TPC
- Luke phonons drown out intrinsic recoil phonon signature



iZIPs: interleaved Z-sensitive Ionization and Phonon detectors

- Simultaneously measure charge (ionization) and phonons (energy)
 - Reject main electron-recoil backgrounds (works like S2/S1)
- Reject face events via asymmetric charge signal from interleaved electrodes

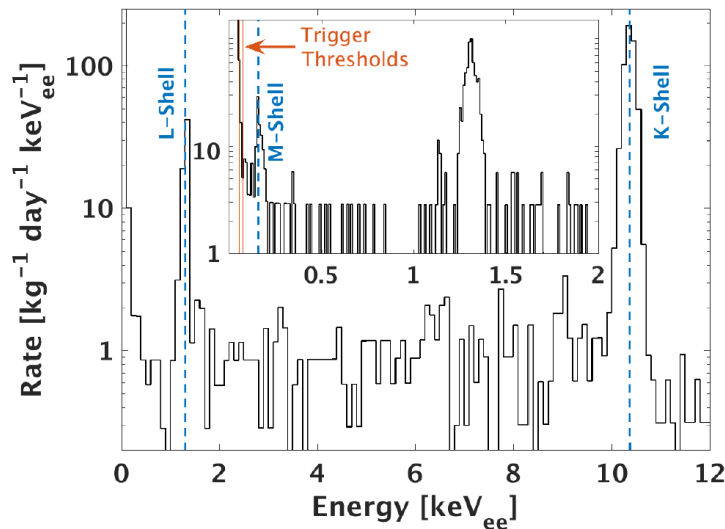




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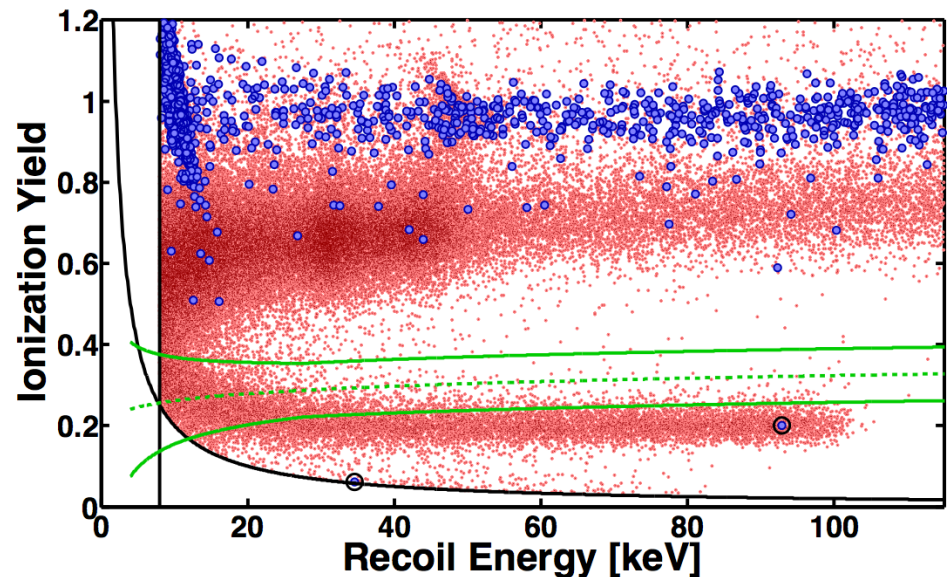
High Voltage => Low Threshold

- ▶ Ultra high resolution indirect charge measurement
 - Measured 17 eVee at 160 eVee
- ▶ No yield or detector face discrimination



iZIPs => Low Background

- ▶ High resolution phonon and charge readout
- ▶ All surface and ER backgrounds above few keV removed



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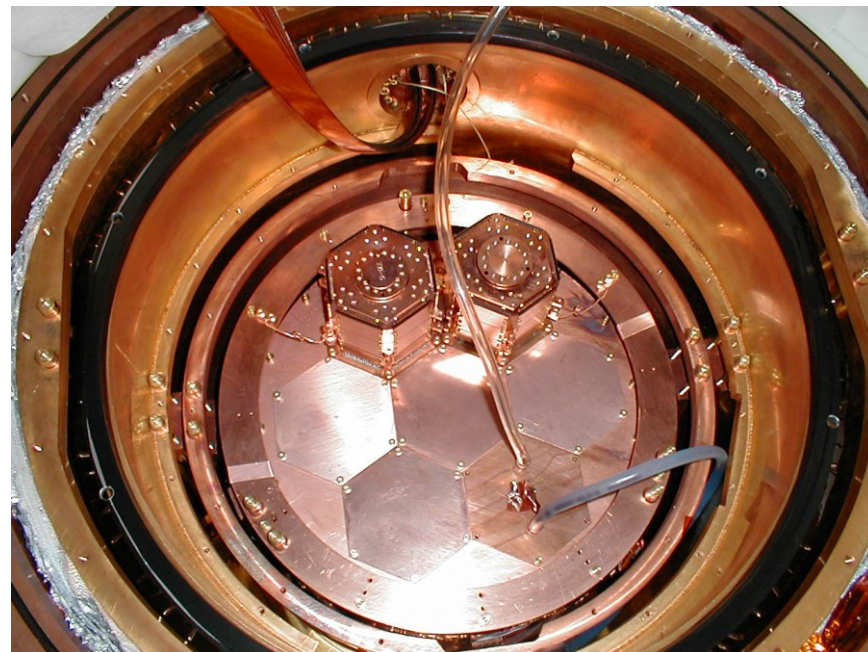
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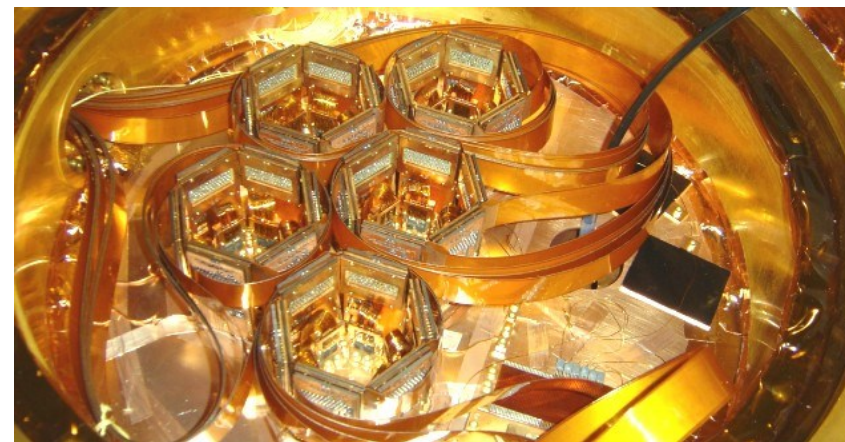
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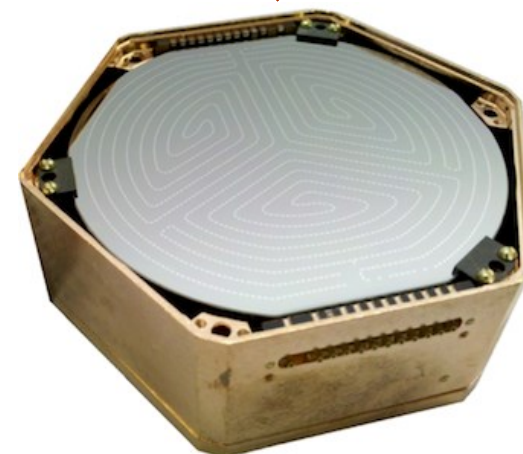
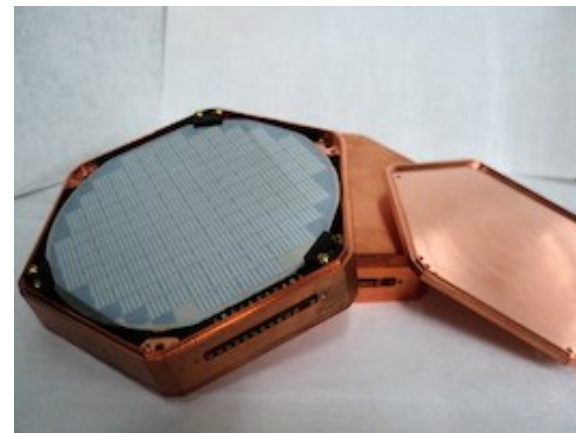


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(but new results still coming!)



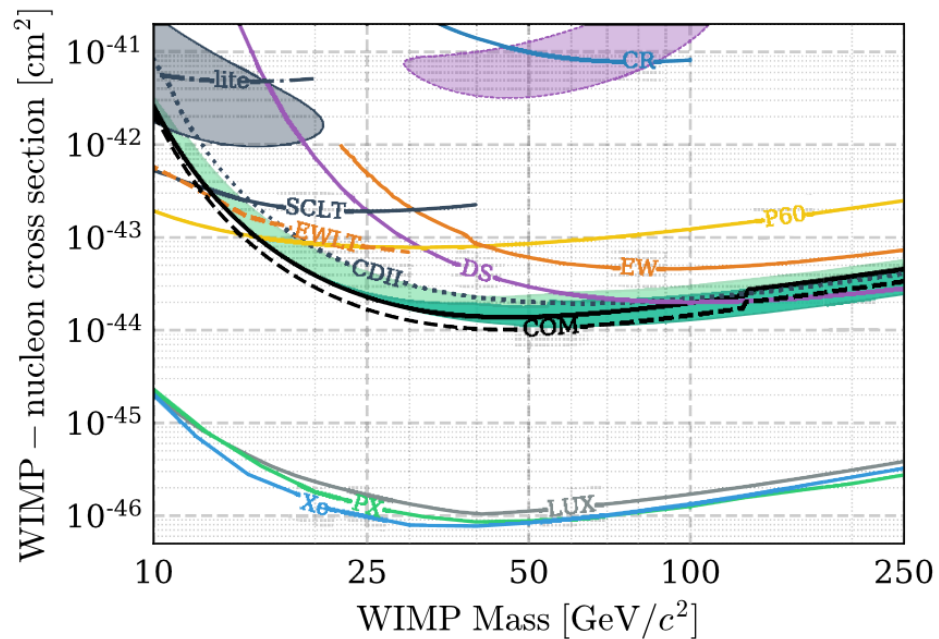
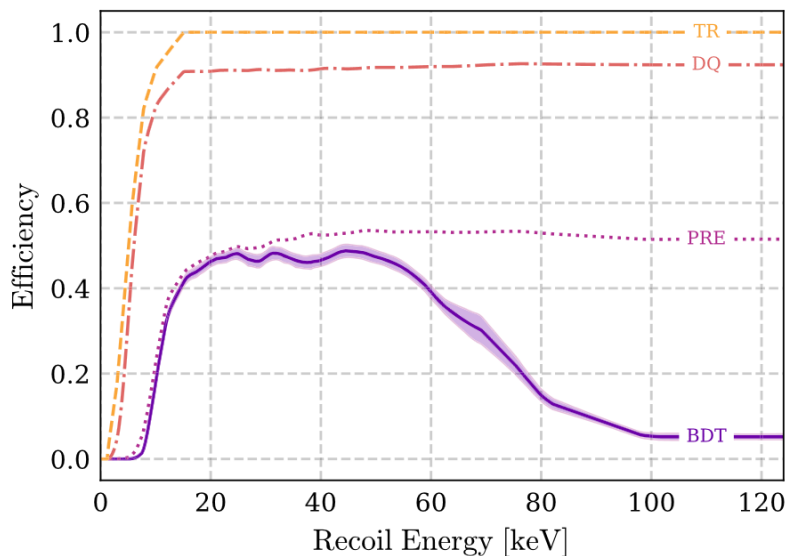
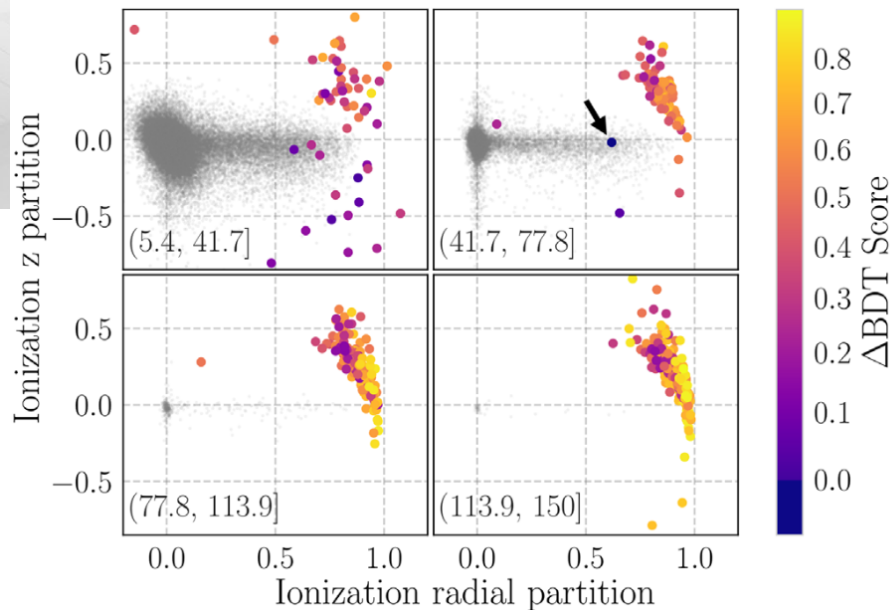
Improving technology; lower threshold and WIMP mass



SuperCDMS Soudan

“High Threshold” Analysis

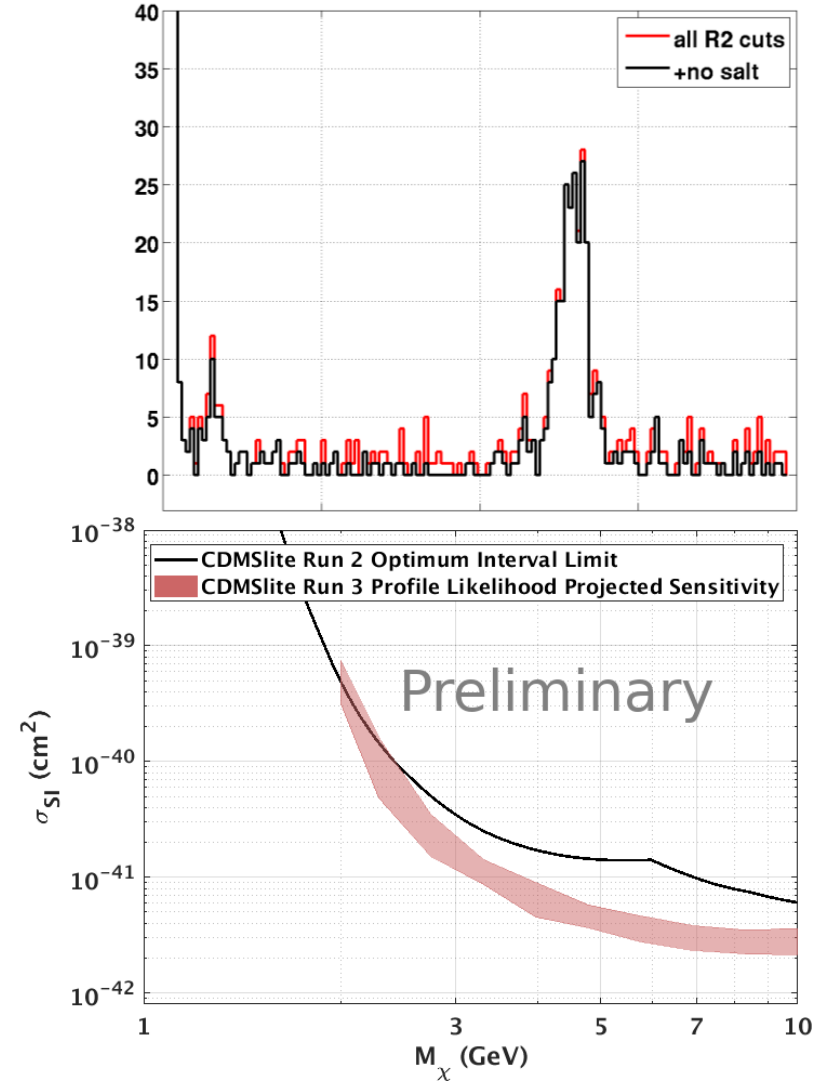
- ▶ Majority of SuperCDMS dataset
- ▶ 2 calendar years, ~ 1700 kg*days
- ▶ Few keV threshold
- ▶ BDT background discriminant
- ▶ Observed 1 event, 0.33 expected
- ▶ PRL published last week





CDMSlite Run 3

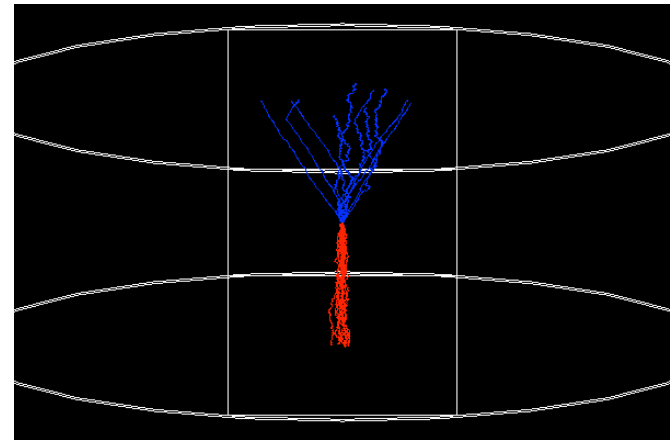
- ▶ Different detector, similar threshold, livetime
- ▶ Focus on improving analysis techniques
- ▶ Data blinded by “salting” fake signal-like events into data
- ▶ Improving detector response and background modeling
- ▶ Likelihood estimate allows some background rejection
- ▶ Expect factor ~3 improvement over previous results



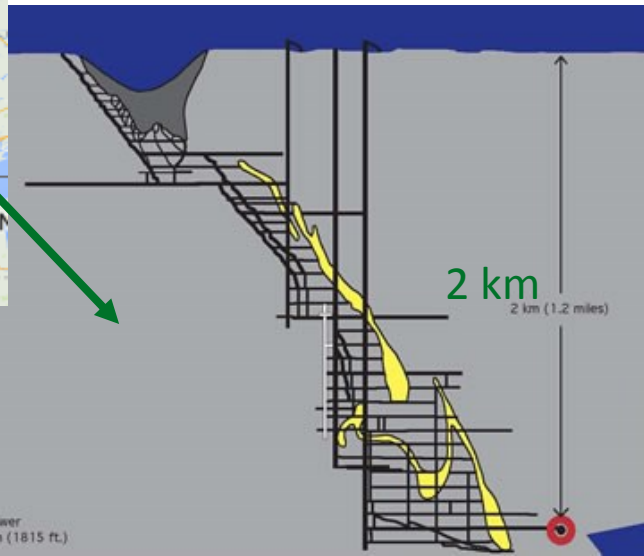
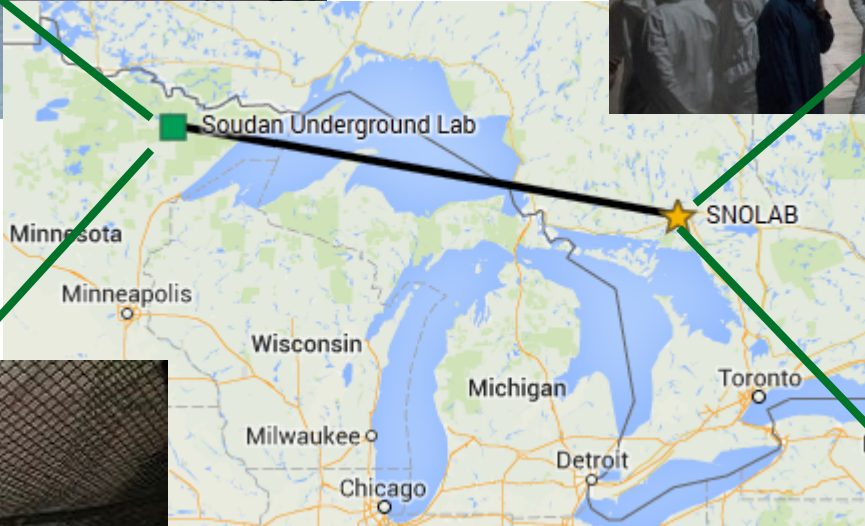


Other new results on the way

- ▶ Nuclear recoil energy scale from CDMS-II Si detectors
- ▶ Photoneutron nuclear recoil calibration with SuperCDMS (Ge) detectors
- ▶ Improved low-threshold SuperCDMS iZIP data analysis
- ▶ Fractionally charged particles
- ▶ Dark matter electron recoils
- ▶ Ongoing improvements to G4CMP: Geant4 add-on package for phonon and charge propagation in crystals



Moving down (and south) to



>100x reduction in muon flux at SNOLAB compared to Soudan

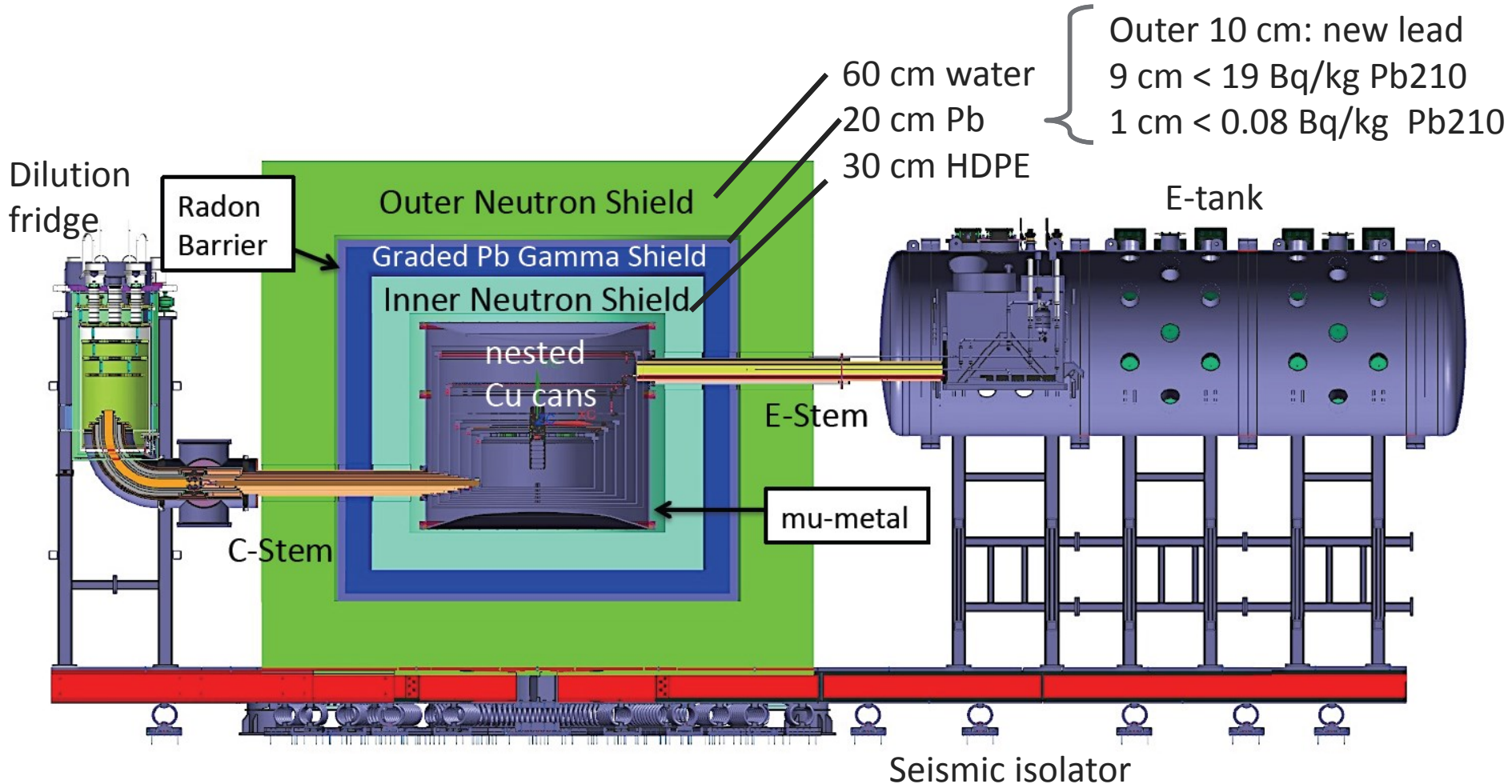


SuperCDMS SNOLAB Shielding and Infrastructure

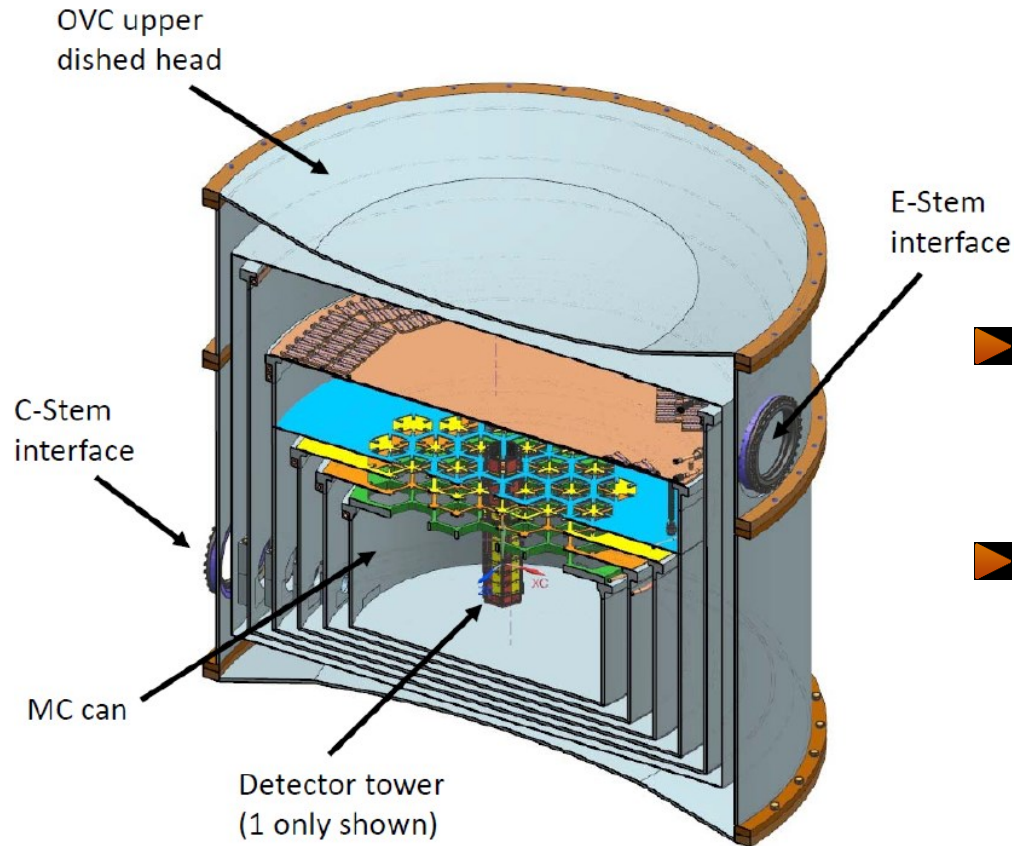


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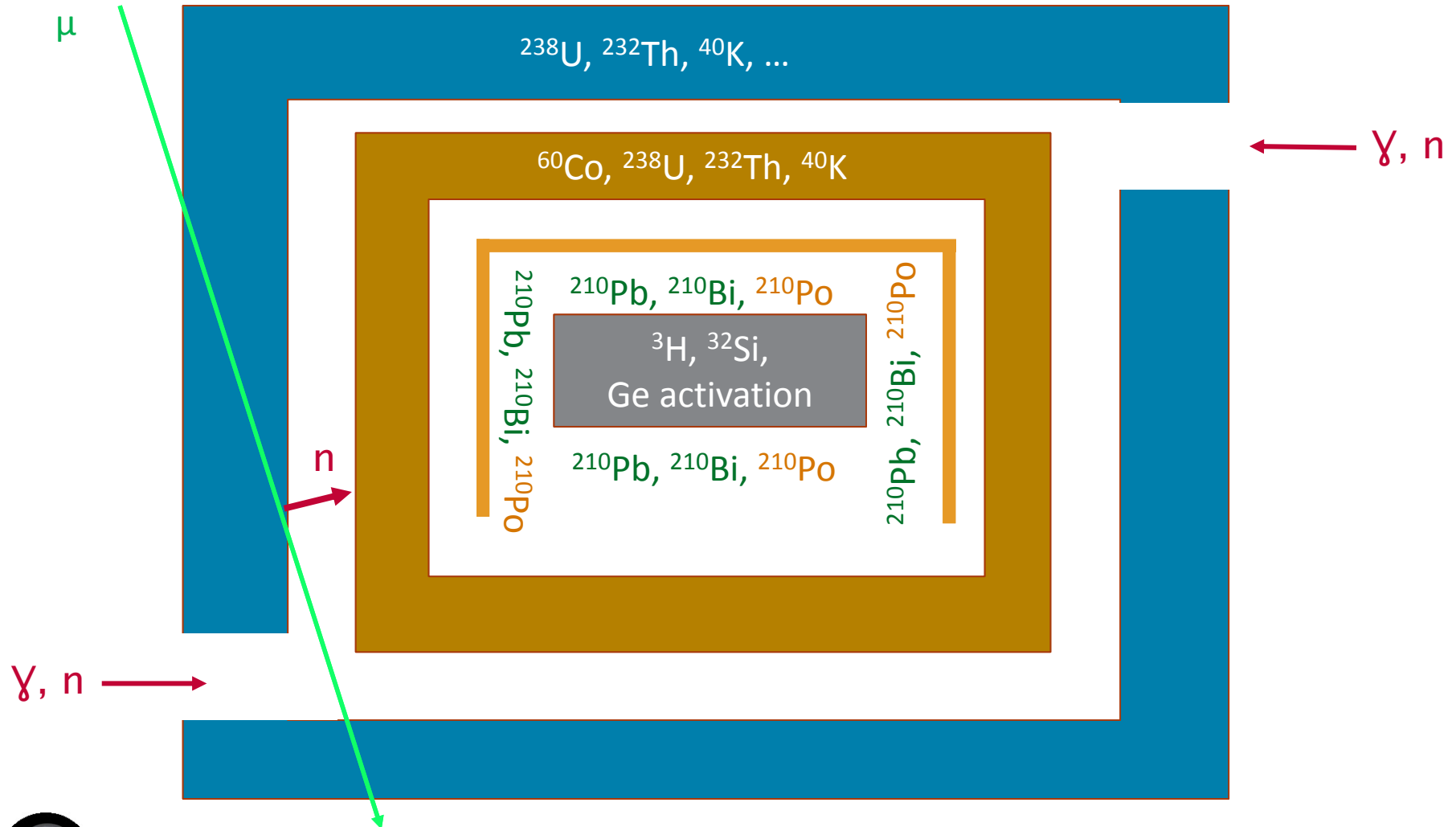
SuperCDMS SNOLAB Cryostat



- ▶ 4 tower initial payload
 - 2 HV (4 Ge, 2 Si each)
 - 2 iZIP (6 Ge in 1, 4/2 Ge/Si other)
- ▶ Fridge, cryostat capable of 31 towers, nominal 15 mK

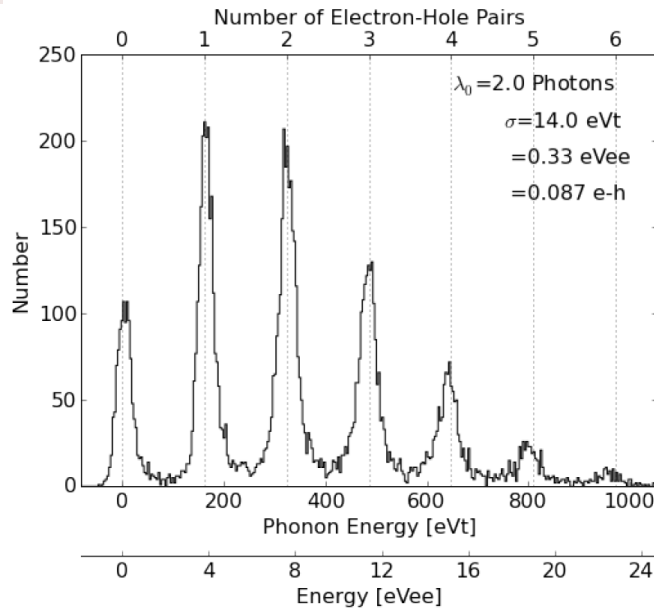


Background Categories



SuperCDMS SNOLAB Detector Performance Goals

	Soudan	SNOLAB
Phonon resolution, eVt	~250	10 HV, 50 iZIP
HV Bias Voltage, V	70	100
iZIP Charge resolution, eVee	~400	160
HV Threshold, eVnr	300	40



[Appl. Phys. Lett. **112**, 043501 \(2018\)](#)

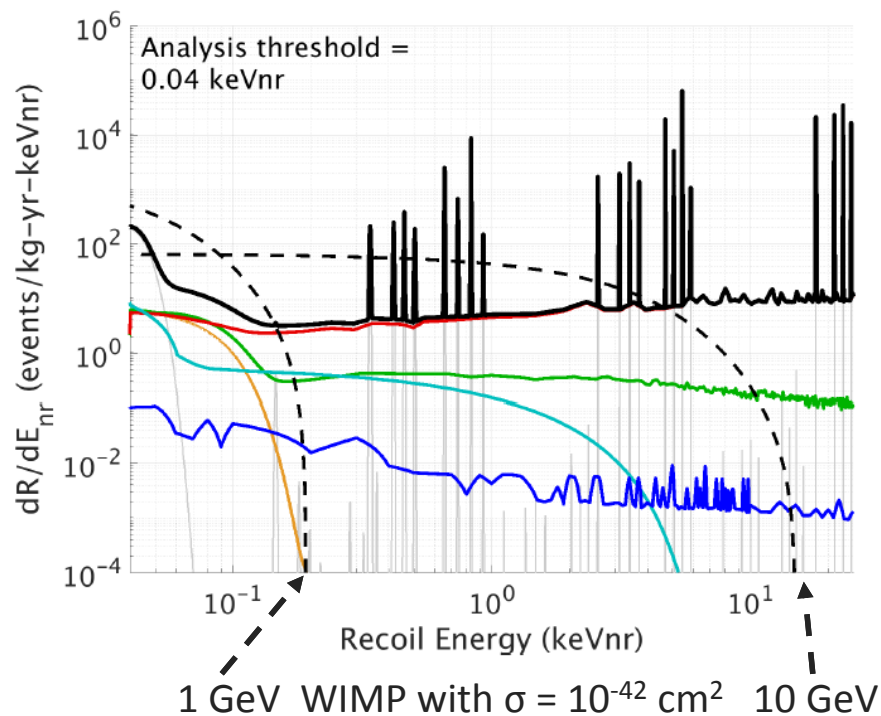
1 cm² x 4 nm Si test device with 160V bias demonstrating single e/h pair measurement with <10% resolution

See R. Calkins' talk for more details



SuperCDMS SNOLAB Backgrounds

Predicted background spectrum in Ge HV Detectors after fiducial cuts



Total

³H and Comptons
neutrons

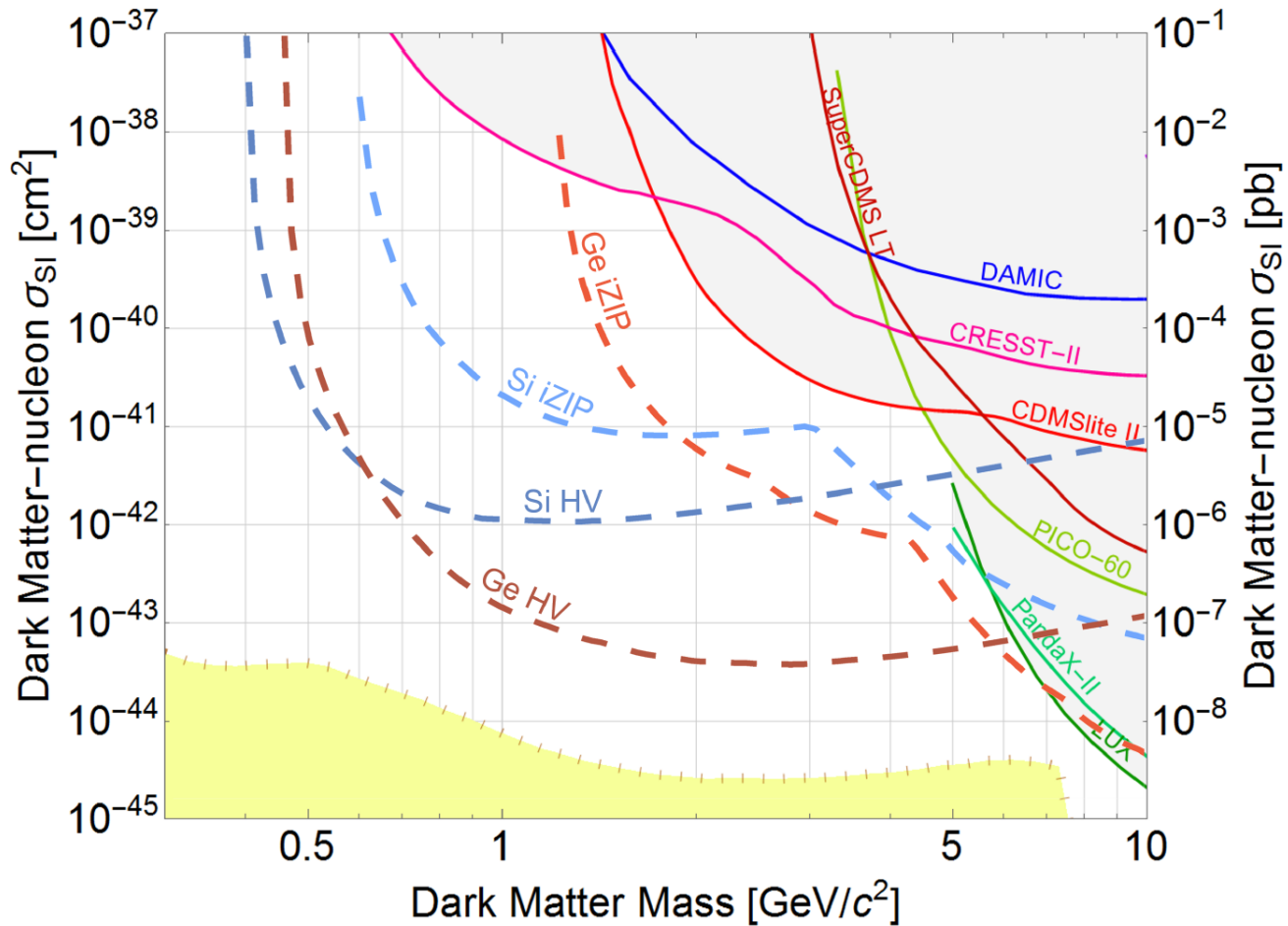
Ge activation
Coherent neutrinos

Surface betas

Surface ²⁰⁶Pb



SuperCDMS SNOLAB Projected Sensitivity



Conclusions

- ▶ CDMS has departed Soudan after over 15 years of great science
- ▶ Data analysis is ongoing with multiple new results coming soon
- ▶ SuperCDMS SNOLAB will be the world-leading low mass WIMP search experiment
- ▶ Sensitivity $<10^{-43}$ cm² for 1-10 GeV WIMP masses, coverage to 0.4 GeV
- ▶ Passed CD3 review last month to begin construction
- ▶ Underground installation starts next year, completed by 2020



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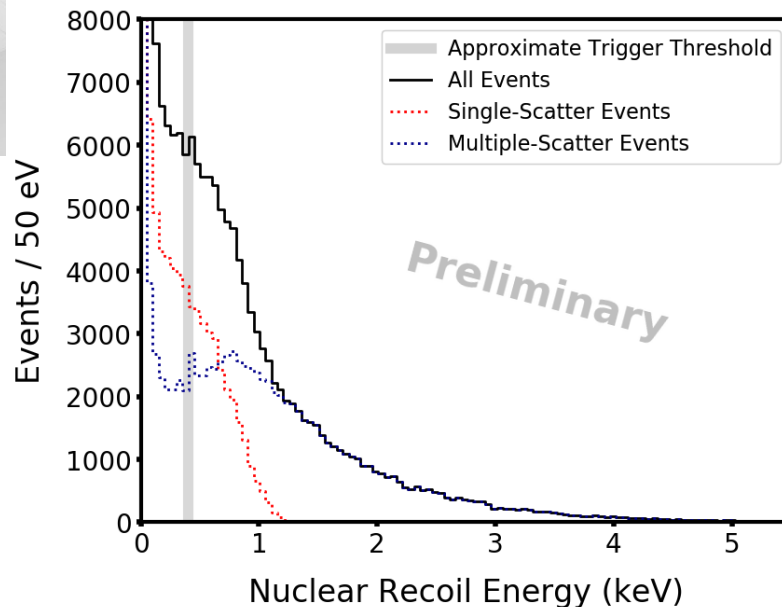
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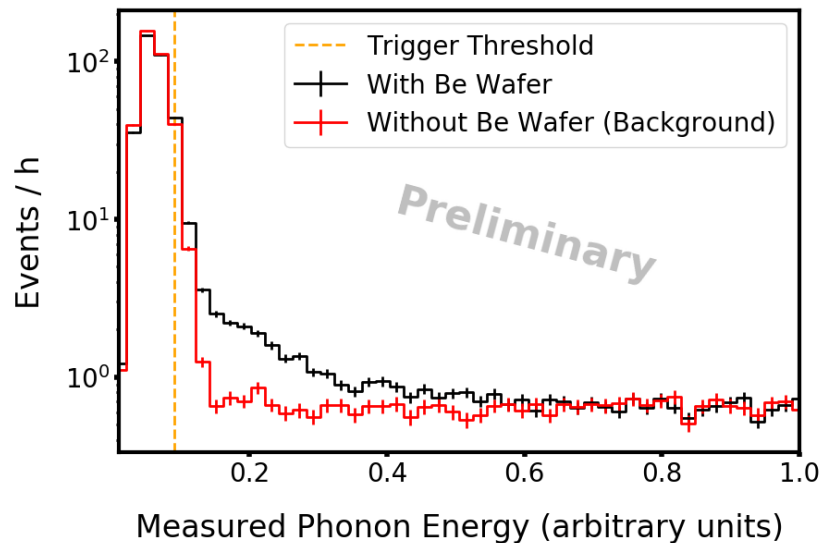
Photoneutron calibration

- ▶ Monoenergetic neutrons from (gamma,n) process
- ▶ Ideally produces sharp edge in recoil spectrum to calibrate neutron response
- ▶ Distorted by degraded energy and multiple scattering
- ▶ Must subtract high gamma flux

CDMSlite: Simulated Nuclear Recoil Spectrum with Sb Source at 70V Bias

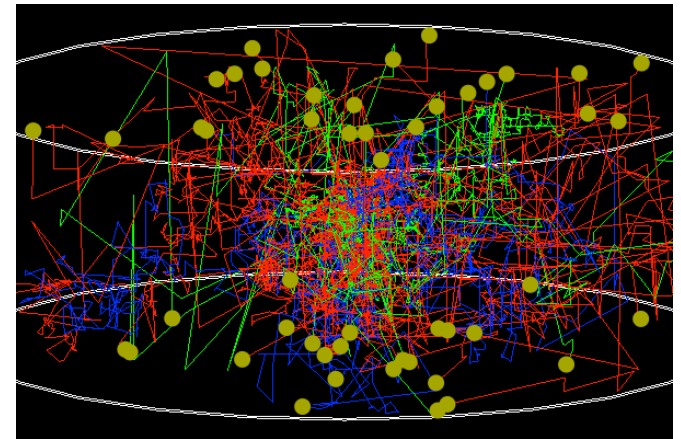
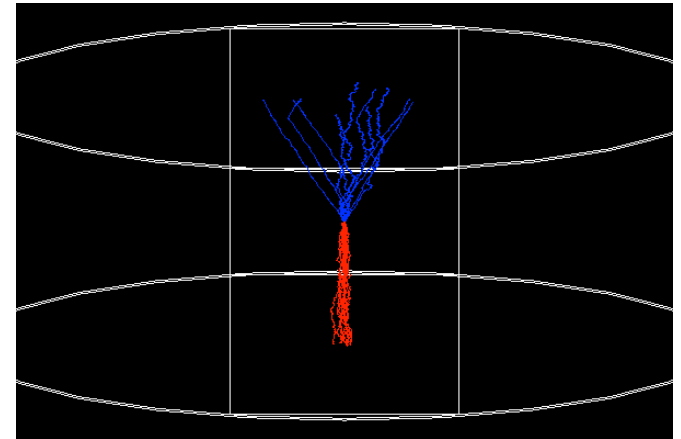


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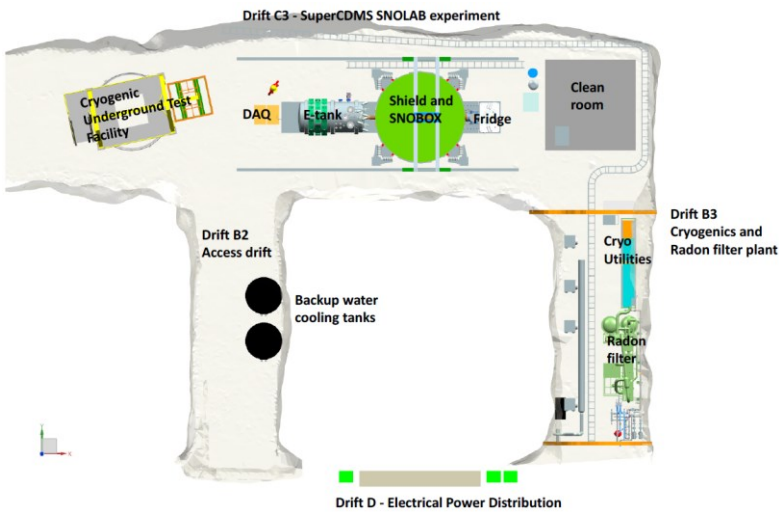
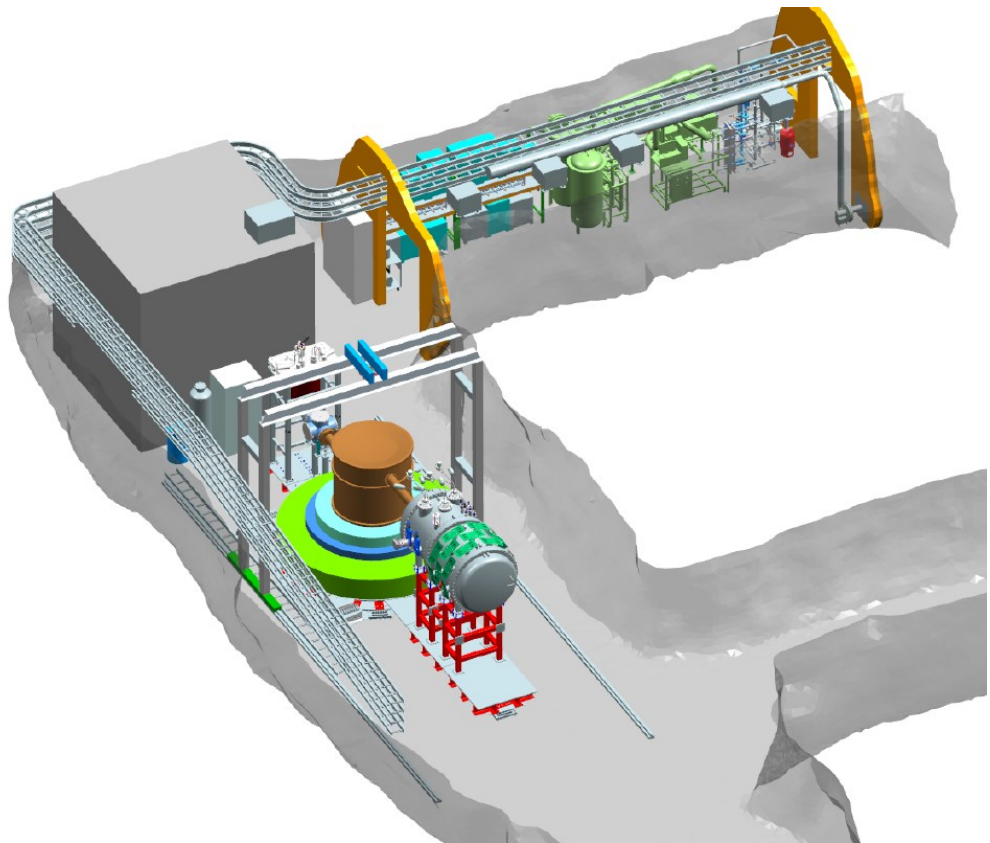
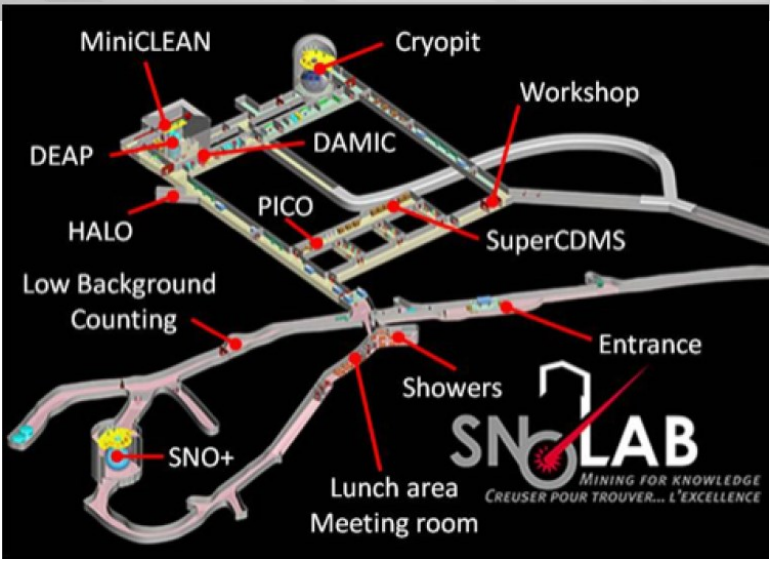
G4CMP: Geant4 add-on framework for phonons and charge-carrier physics

- ▶ Library of tools on top of Geant4
 - Available on Github since 2015
 - <https://github.com/kelseymh/G4CMP>
- ▶ Material properties for Ge, Si
 - Users can add new materials
- ▶ Charge transport in valleys
- ▶ Acoustic phonon transport
- ▶ Surface interactions, detection





Moving to SNOLAB



SuperCDMS SNOLAB Backgrounds

Predicted rates in counts / kg*keVr*year

Category	Ge HV ERsingles Si HV ERsingles				Ge iZIP NRsingles Si iZIP NRsingles	
	Ge HV ERsingles	Si HV ERsingles	Ge iZIP ERsingles	Si iZIP ERsingles	(x10 ⁻⁶)	(x10 ⁻⁶)
-Total	48.	360.	50.	400.	3200.	2300.
Coherent Neutrinos					2300.	1600.
-Detector Internal Contamination	24.	280.	4.7	250.	0	0
Tritium	24.	33.	4.7	6.6	0	0
Silicon-32	0	250.	0	250.	0	0
Other						
-Material Internal Contamination	17.	66.	36.	120.	370.	460.
+Housing and Towers	6.5	34.	19.	65.	51.	66.
+Readout Cables	0.31	0.46	0.39	0.80	11.	15.
+SNOBOX Cans	4.0	13.	6.5	22.	68.	75.
Kevlar Ropes	2.1	5.1	2.7	8.3	3.6	4.0
+Calibration	0.92	3.0	1.2	3.6	0.05	0.05
+Shield Materials	3.5	10.	5.3	17.	240.	300.
Bulk Pb-210 in Lead	0.07	0	0.22	0.75		
-Material Internal Activation	2.3	8.4	3.9	13.		
Housing and Towers	0.64	2.5	1.0	4.1		
+SNOBOX	1.5	5.6	2.8	8.9		
Shield	0.07	0.28	0.14	0.41		
Other						
+Non-line-of-sight Surfaces	1.6	5.0	2.9	9.3	35.	41.
Prompt Interstitial Radon	0.61	1.8	0.87	2.7		
+Cavern Environment	2.3	3.5	2.0	9.6	330.	160.
Cosmic Ray Flux	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.	99.

- ▶ HV dominated by ³H and ³²Si
- ▶ iZIPs dominated by neutrinos, then neutrons
- ▶ iZIPs expect <1 events above 2 keV





Detector Internal Contamination

Material	Isotope	Production Rate (atoms/kg/day)	Concentration (decays/kg/day)	
			Towers 2-4	Tower 1
Ge	^3H	90	0.7	12
Si	^3H	125	1	-
Si	^{32}Si	—	80	80



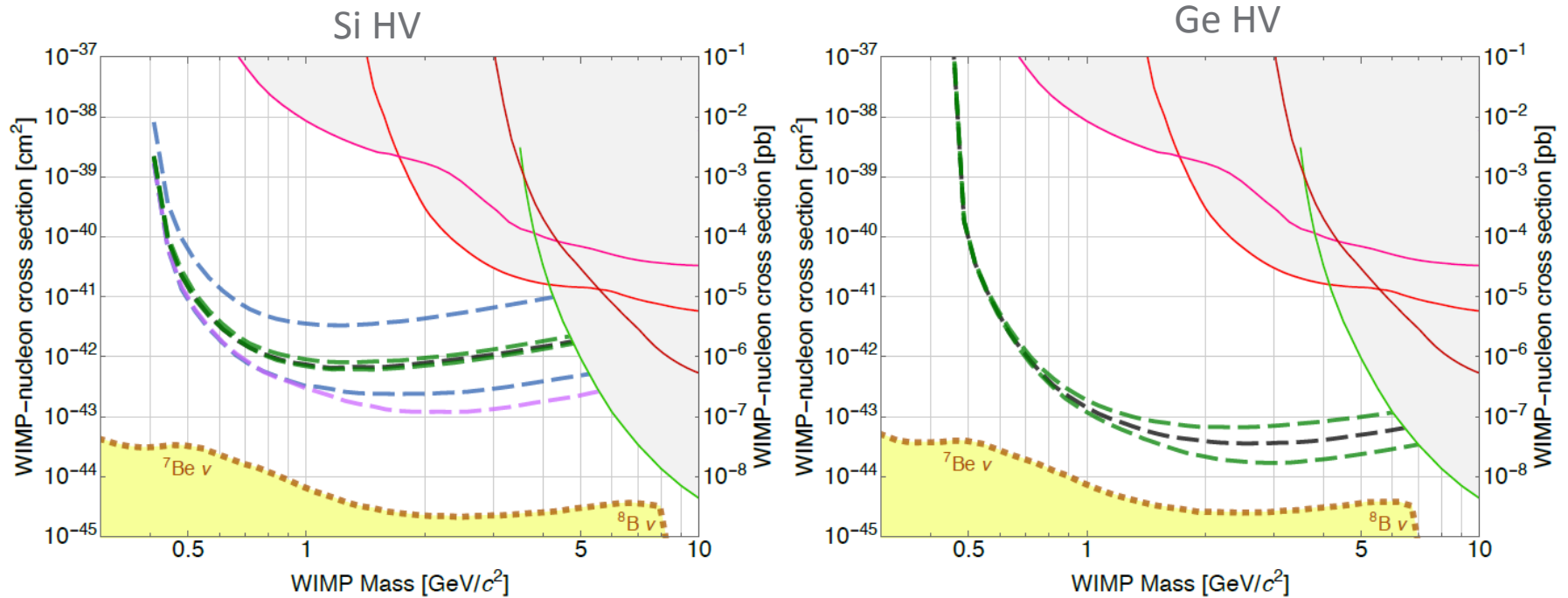


Dust and radon daughter deposition

Region of dust accumulation	Surface Area (m ²)	²¹⁰ Pb (μBq/cm ²)	Dust (μg/cm ²)
Detector faces (sidewalls)	0.4 (0.3)	0.025 (0.04)	
Detector housings inside (line-of-sight)	0.5	0.01	0.06
Housing outside and towers	4	10	0.5
Cryostat cans	100	10	1
Cryostat exterior and shield walls	80	10	10
Polyethylene interior surfaces	450	1	1



Sensitivity Variation with detector backgrounds



Nominal

0 ^3H

10X ^3H

0 ^{32}Si

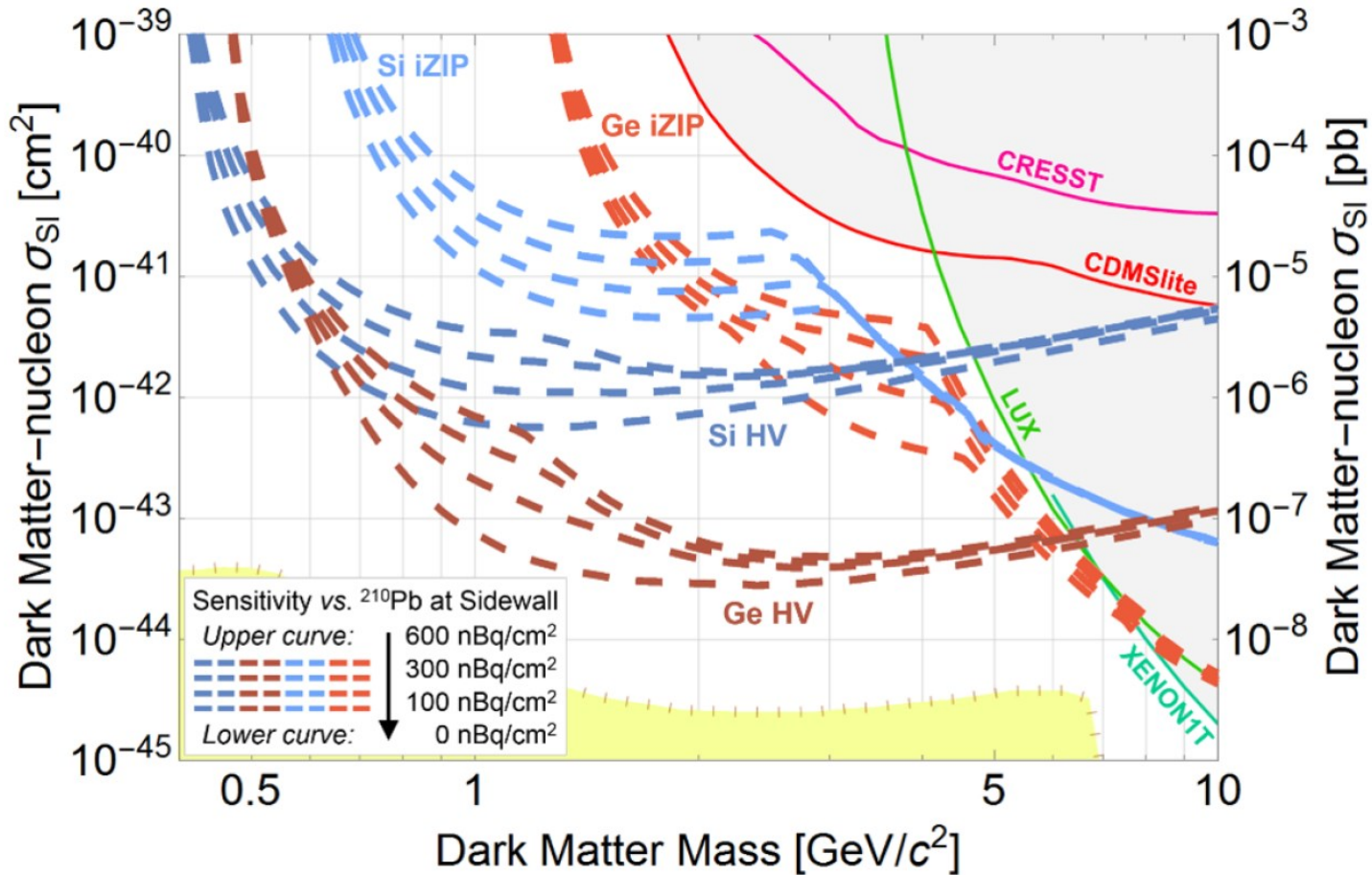
10X ^{32}Si

0 ^{32}Si and 0 ^3H



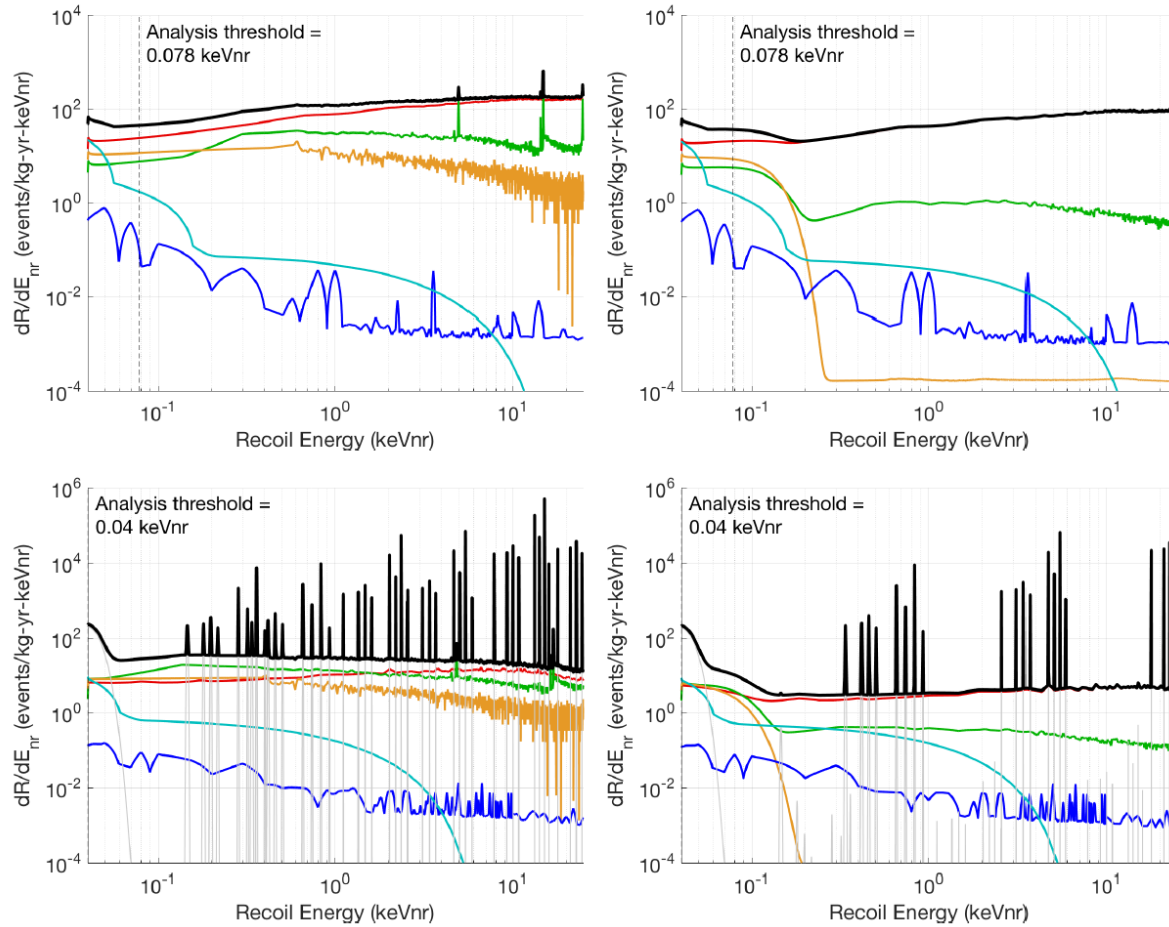


Sensitivity Variation with ^{210}Pb level





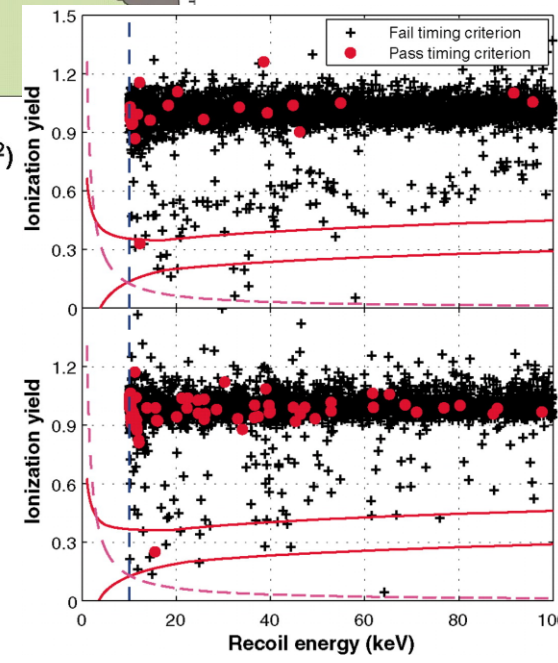
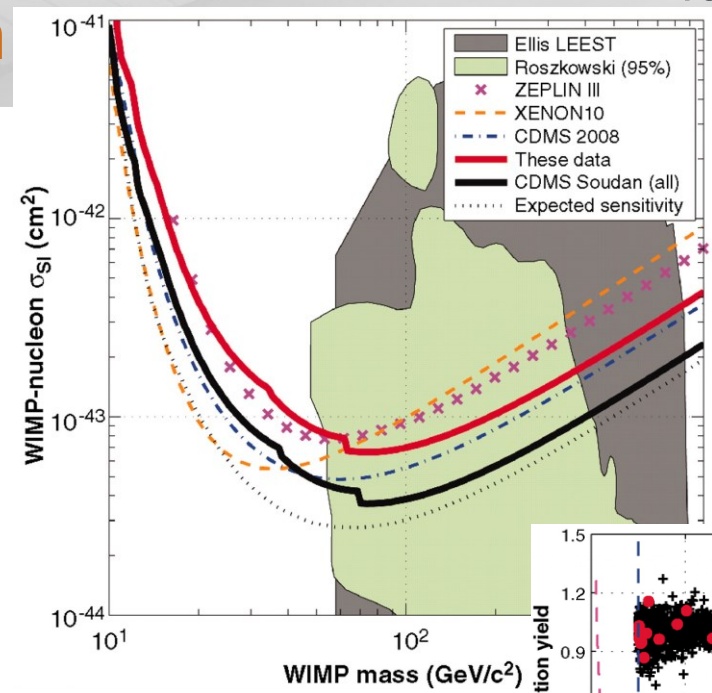
iZIP detector response





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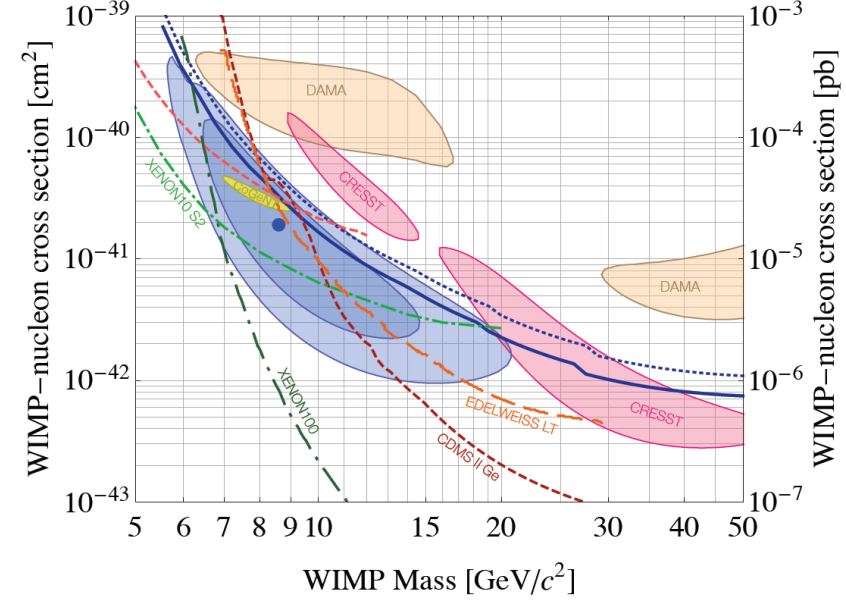
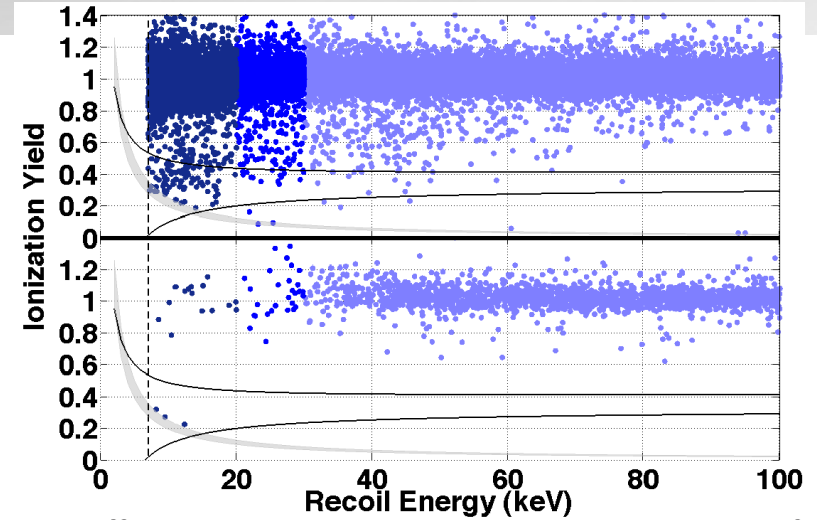
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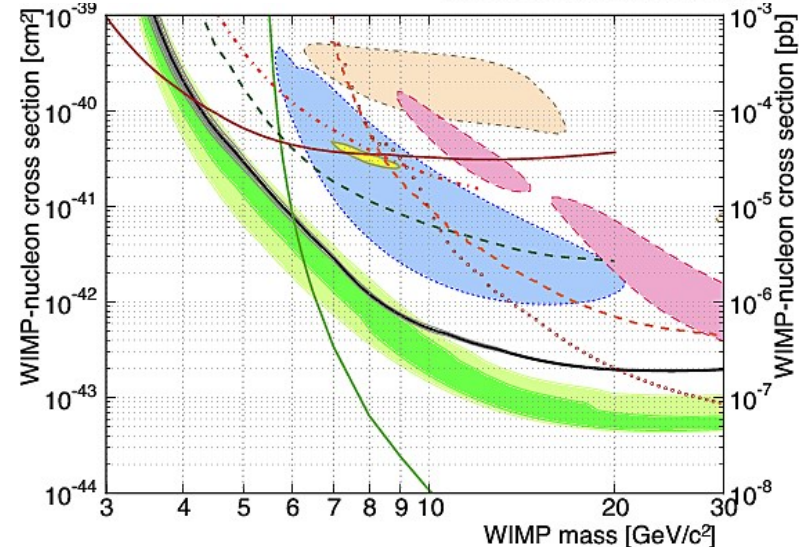
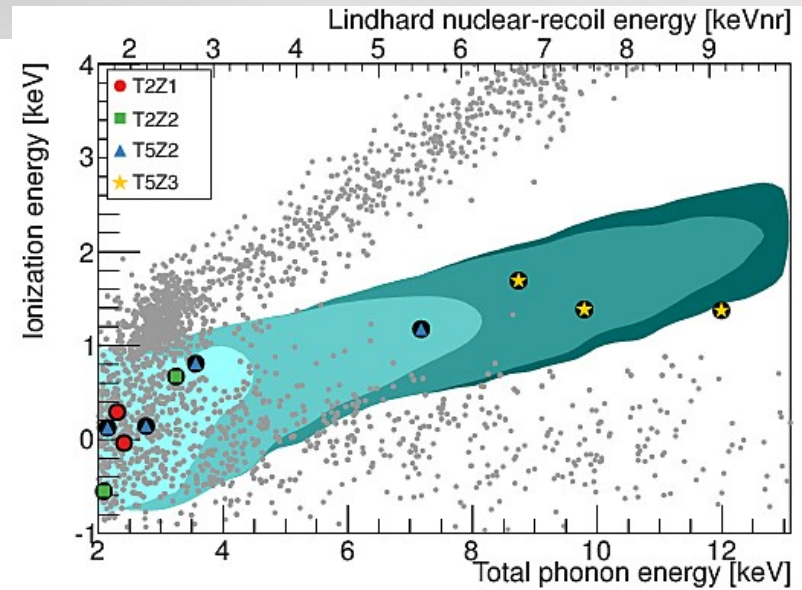
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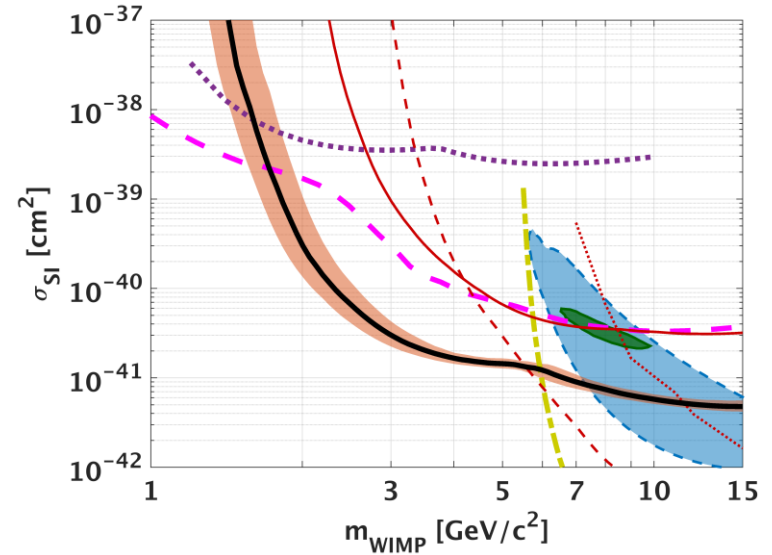
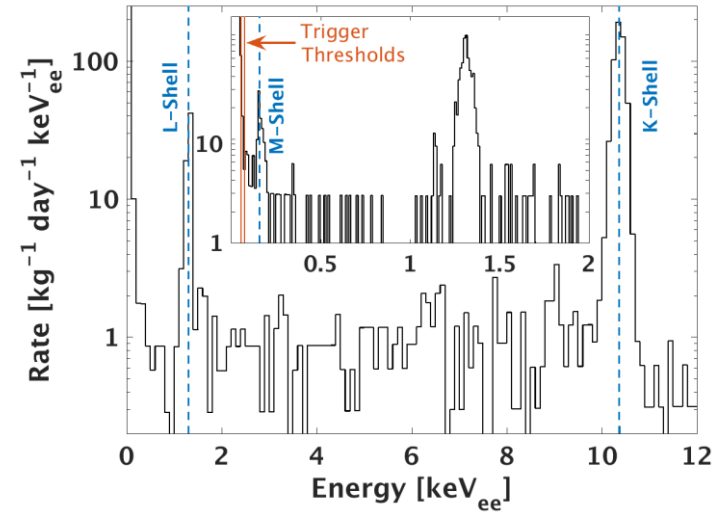
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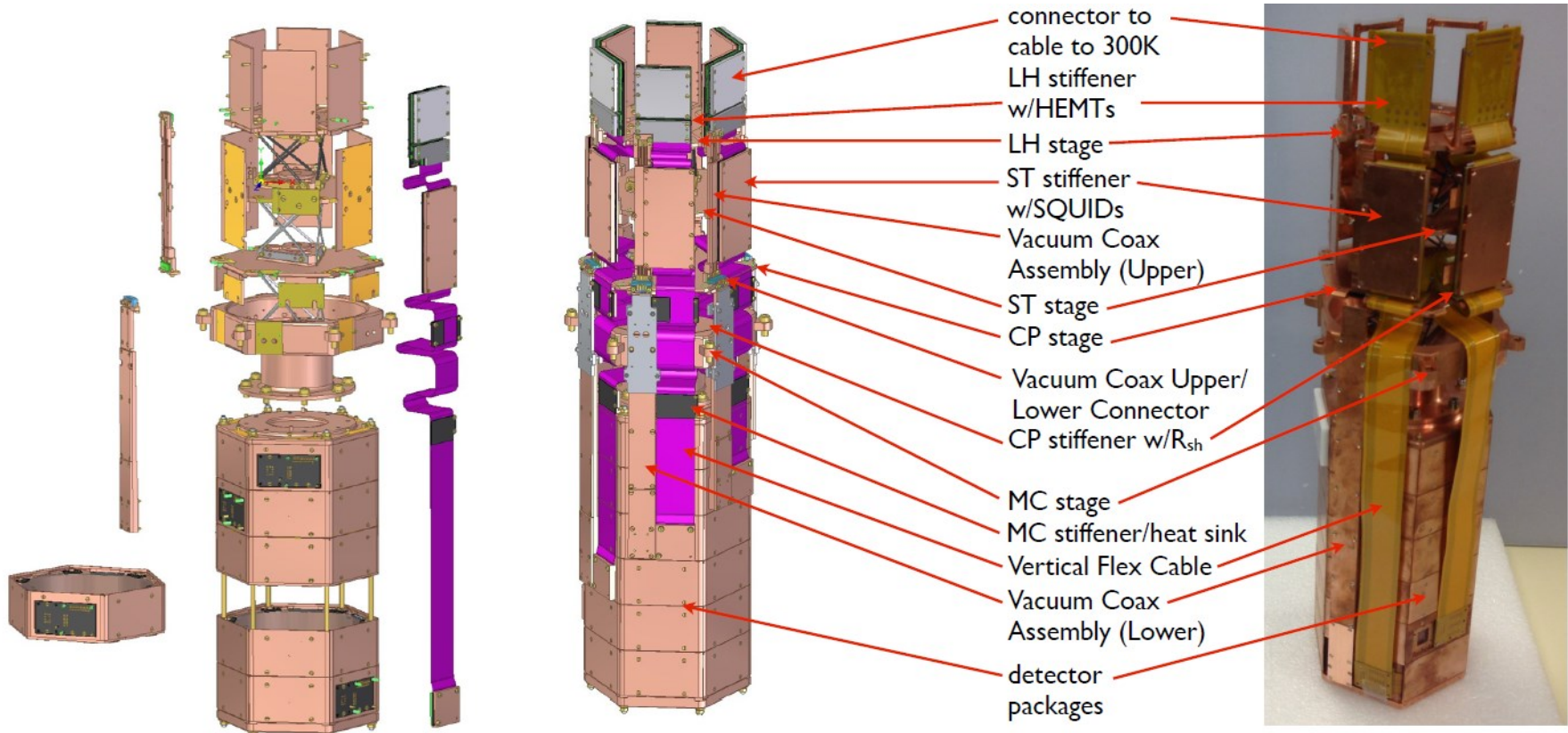


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SuperCDMS SNOLAB Towers



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Phonon resolution, eVt	~250	10	7	50	25
Bias Voltage, V	70	100	100	6	8
Charge resolution, eVee	~400	NA	NA	160	180
Threshold, eVt (eVnr)		100 (40)	100 (78)	350 (272)	175 (166)

