

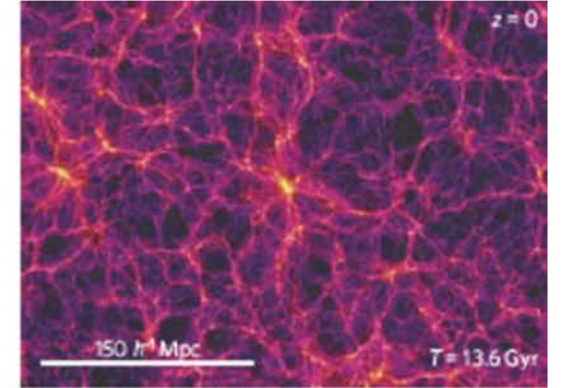
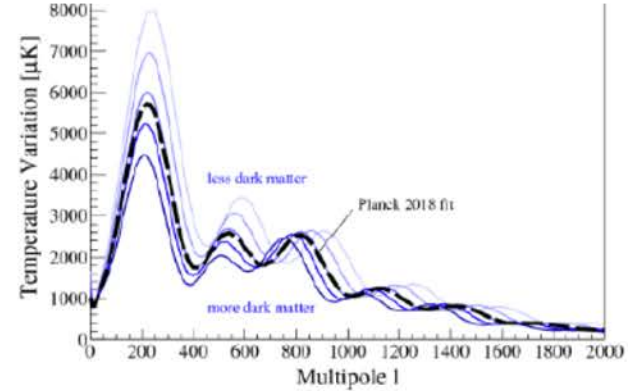
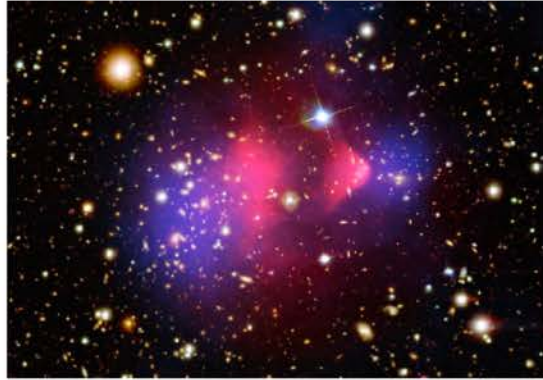
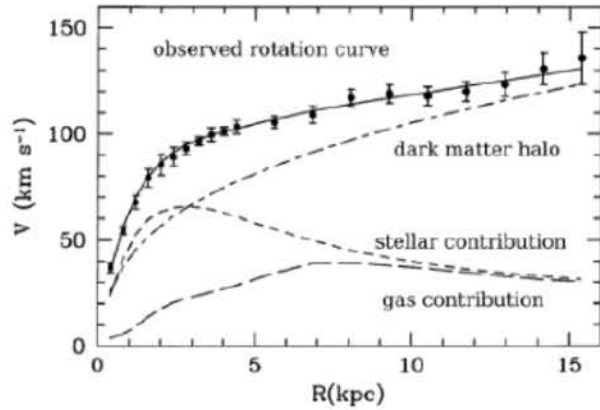
# **Direct Detection without Noble Gases** *(title amended on Slide 7)*

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# Direct Detection is like playing CLUE

We have a well-established crime scene



But we don't know who did it

nor what weapons they have in their arsenal

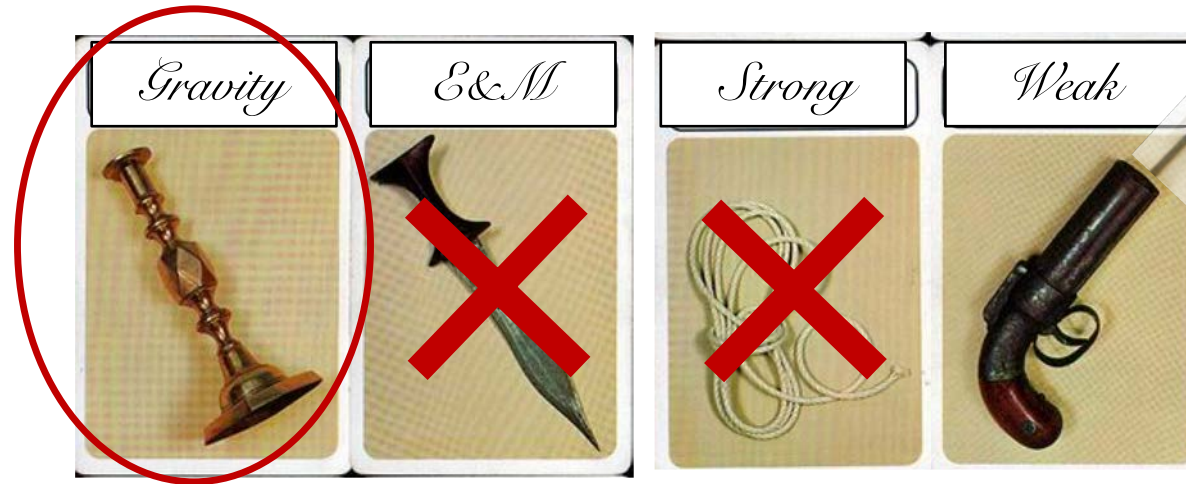


# Prime Suspect:

Weakly Interacting Massive Particle

The WIMP

in the Cosmos with the ...



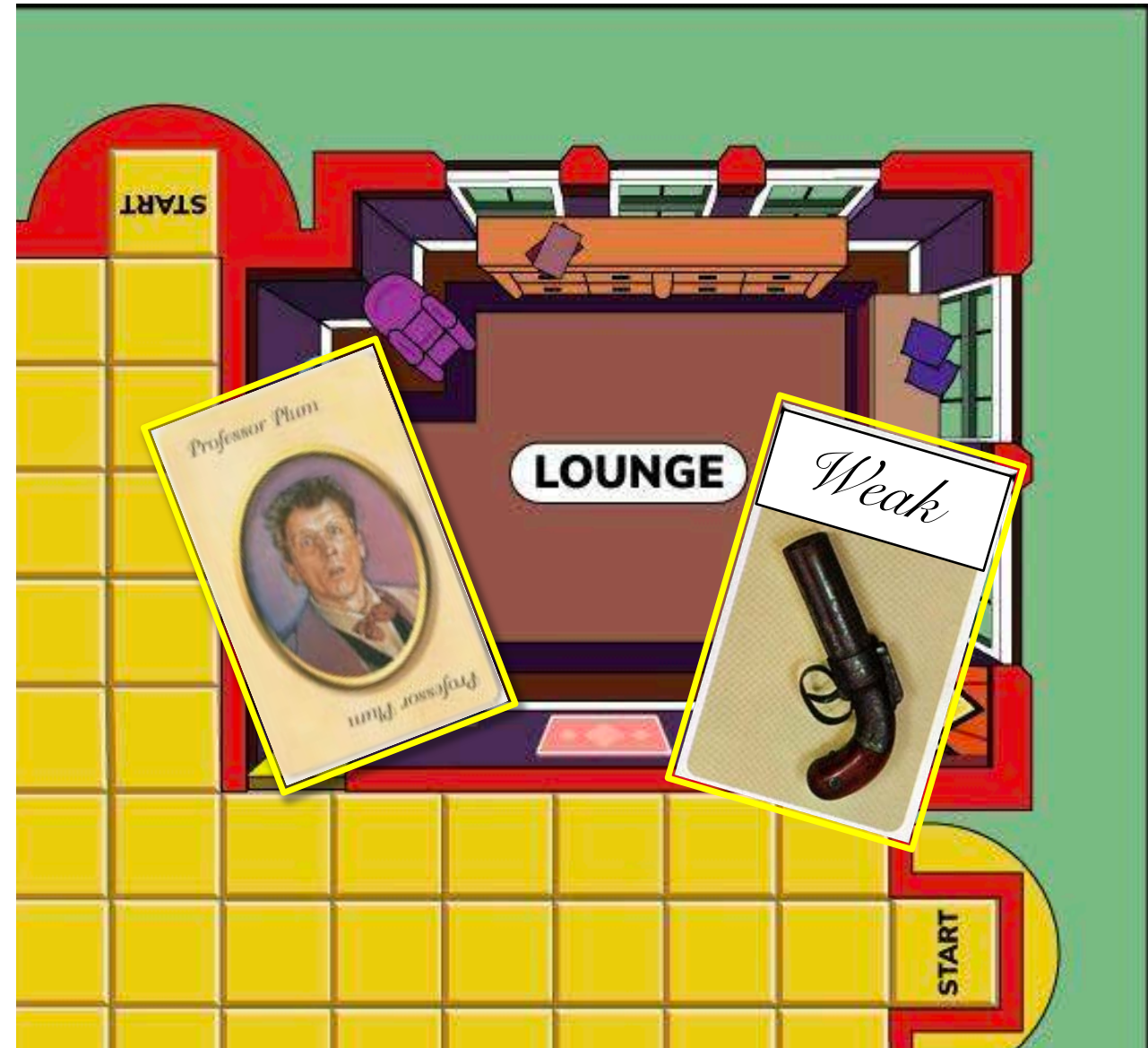
The Weak Interaction is allowed and provides the right relic density with a simple thermal equilibrium model in the early Universe. But no smoking gun yet.

# The Prime Suspect is still on the loose!

But his hideout is well-known and currently staked out.

But here is where I am having some trouble with the title assigned by the conference organizers:

“Direct Detection without Noble Gases”



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rest of the rooms

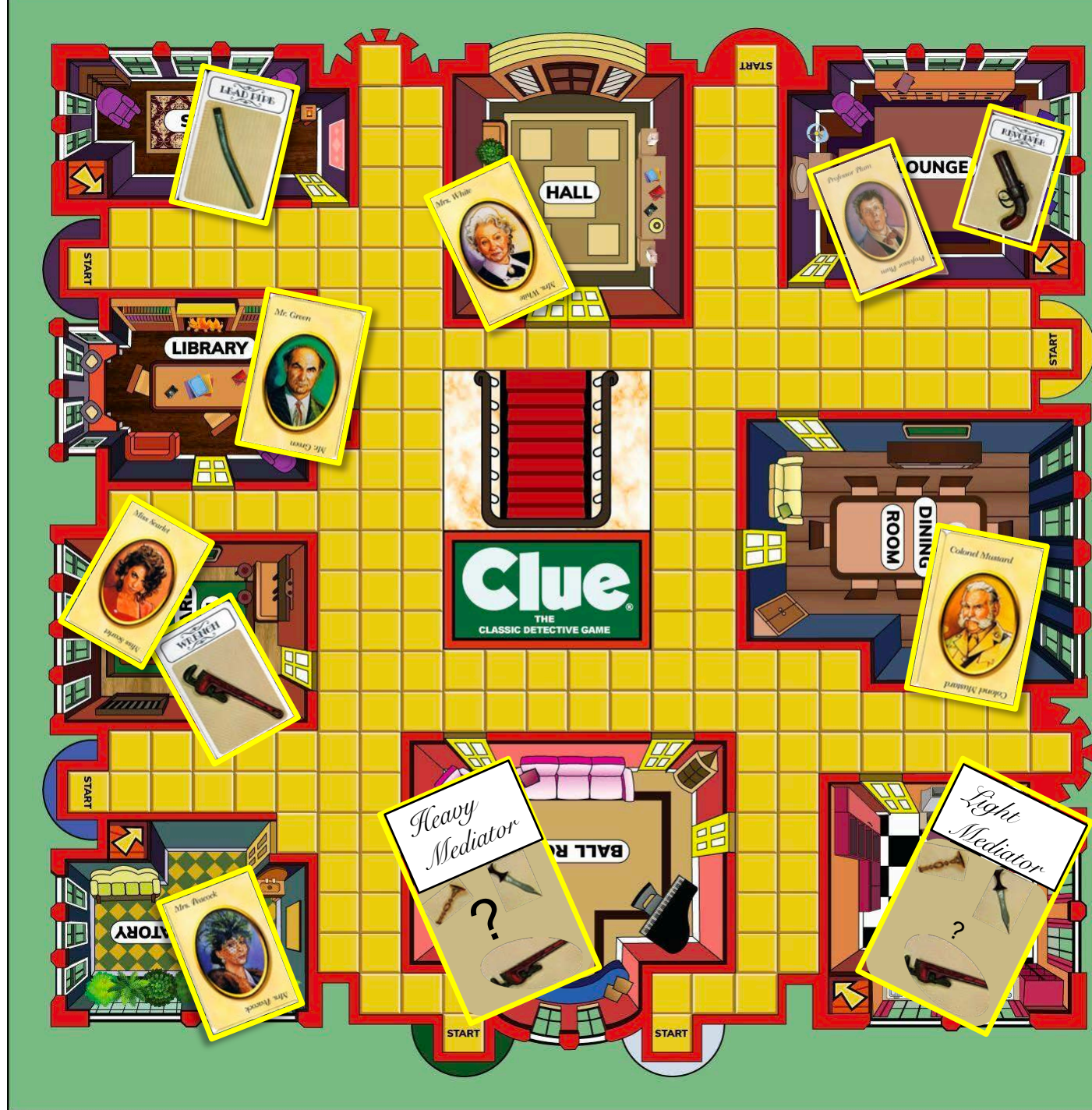
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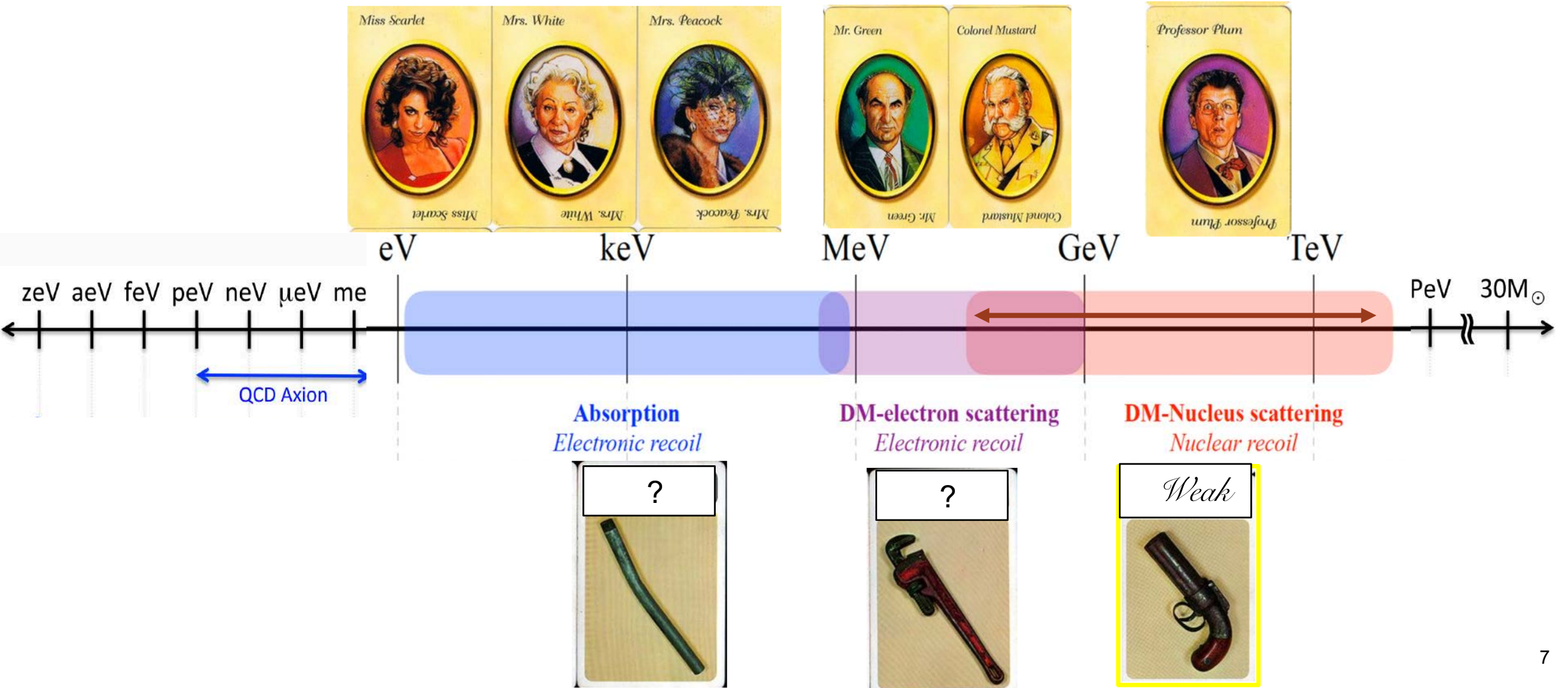
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and plenty of new interactions

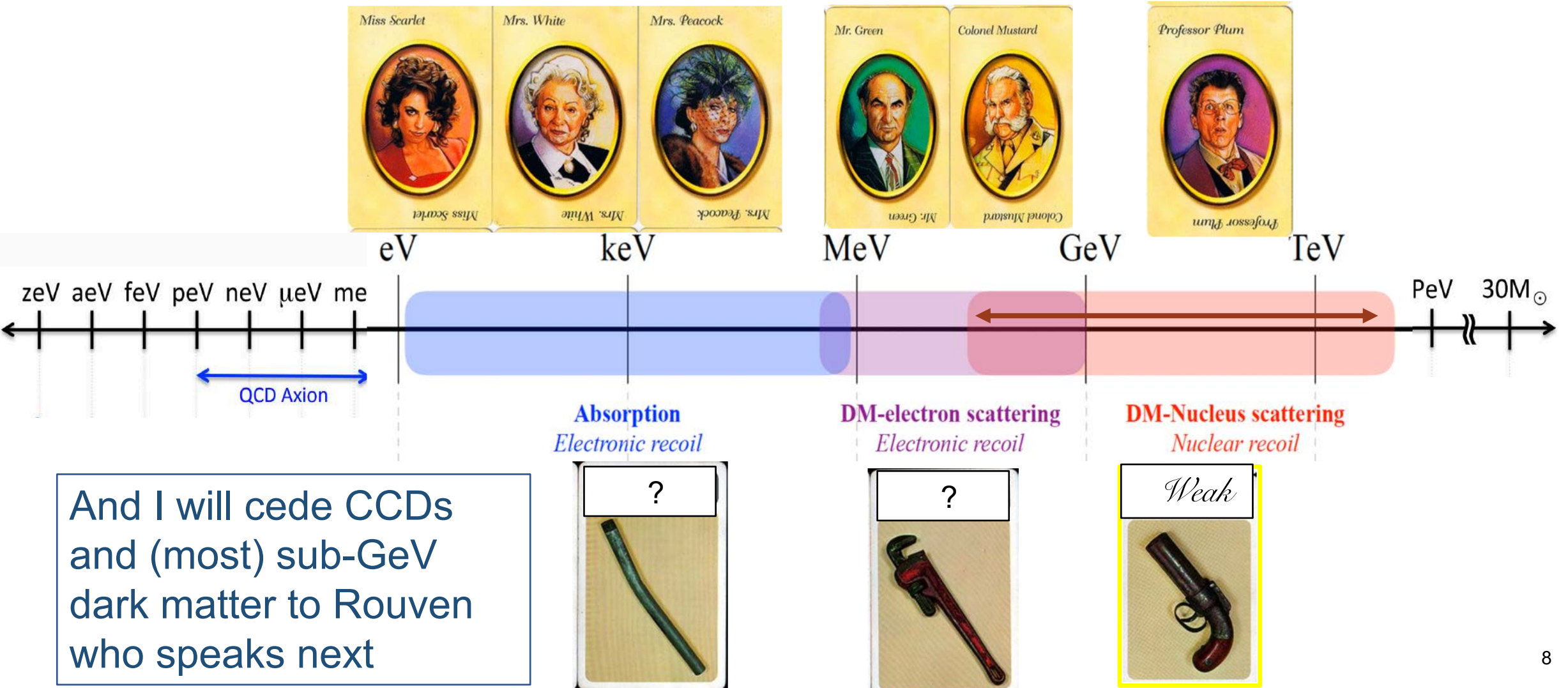


# 2017 Cosmic Visions mapped DM mass to generic coupling



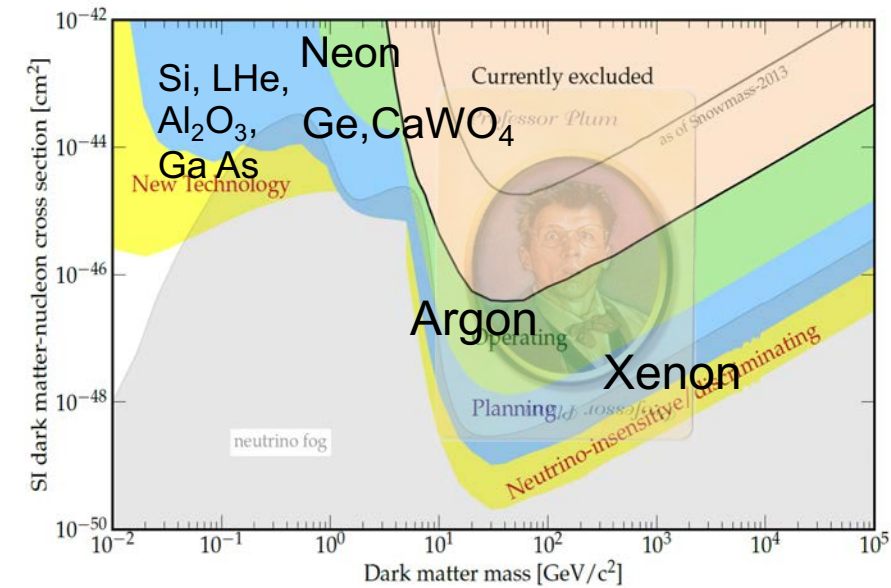
# of Particle DM Liquids

## Direct Detection ~~without Noble Gases~~ below a TeV



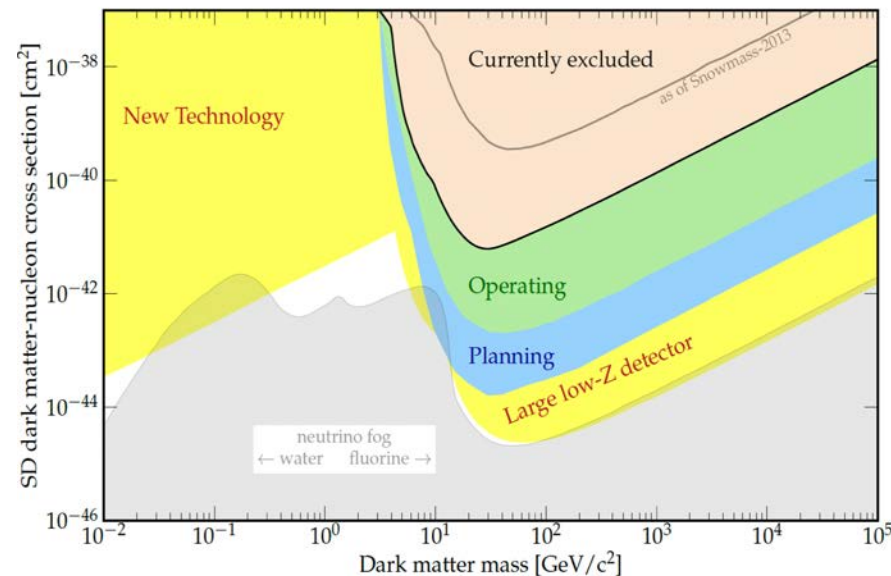


# Nuclear Recoiling Dark Matter Future – Snowmass View



Spin-independent searches will reach the neutrino fog by mid-century

- LXe TPCs will then probe atmospheric neutrinos
- LAr (TPCs and Scintillating bubble chambers) probe solar  $\nu$  } *with large overlap*
- Solid state bolometers spawn
  - small phonon-only (TES readout of LHe,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , GaAs, Si)
  - and voltage-assisted phonon amplification (Ge, Si...)
- Charge-only devices (CCDs and HPGe) cut a swath
- Along with gas proportional chambers with light noble gas



Spin-dependent phase space is wide-open at lower masses  
 but technology to probe deep at 10 – 100  $\text{GeV}/c^2$  is well-developed

$\sigma_{\text{SD}}$  reach can't take advantage of the coherent  $A^2$  enhancement

**One experiment proves dark matter interacts with SM particles with force(s) other than gravity**  
**Multiple experiments not only confirm the detection, They are essential to probing the nature of the interaction.**

# Snowmass gave us a new mantra: Delve deep and Search wide

## Experimental Strategy for the next 20 years

Noble Liquids continue to look for the prime suspect: Large exposure, good NR discrimination

### Solid State

**Phonons +** SuperCDMS, EDELWEISS, CRESST. Target lower mass DM with excellent NR discrimination.

Tension: Max exposure + NR discrimination... or ... Low threshold (small crystals, NTL amplification)

**Phonon only:** Remove charge noise and expand your choice of target (TESSERACT)

**Charge only:** DAMIC, SENSEI CCDs. Sub-GeV ER dark matter, single electron sensitivity

CDEX Point-contact Ge detectors.

Can you make a  $0\nu\beta\beta$  detector with low enough threshold to do a light DM search?

**Annual Modulation Program** NaI crystal arrays with very low background and stable conditions

Bubble chambers: *Insensitive* to electron-recoil DM → the best discrimination possible

PICO program: Freon (and other fluorocarbons) gives access to spin-dependent NR interactions.

Nucleation Threshold determined by T, P → no energy information except by tuning conditions

SBC (Scintillating bubble chambers) Use scintillation of noble liquids to measure the energy event-by-event.

Current plan with LAr → go for the ~ 1GeV NR, no spin-dependence. Target CE $\nu$ NS as well as DM

Gas Detectors: Light DM mass: e.g. NEWS-G spherical proportional chamber with Ne + CH<sub>4</sub>

Probe below the neutrino fog with directional information (e.g. CYGNUS)

Technology is advanced, but exposure is challenging.

# Summary of Spin-dependent target opportunities

Couples to net nuclear spin  $J_N$

$$\sigma_{SD} = \frac{32}{\pi} G_F^2 \frac{m_\chi^2 m_N^2}{(m_\chi + m_N)^2} \frac{J_N + 1}{J_N} \left( a_p \langle S_p \rangle + a_n \langle S_n \rangle \right)^2$$

## neutron coupling

<b><math>^{73}\text{Ge}</math> (7.73%)</b>	$\langle S_n \rangle = .46$	CDMS, EDELWEISS
<b><math>^{29}\text{Si}</math> (4.68%)</b>	$\langle S_n \rangle = .13$	DAMIC/SENSEI, CDMS
<b><math>^{17}\text{O}</math> (0.037%)</b>	$\langle S_n \rangle = .5$	CRESST ( $\text{CaWO}_4$ )
<b><math>^{129}\text{Xe}</math> (26%)</b>	$\langle S_n \rangle = .33$	LXe TPCs
<b><math>^{131}\text{Xe}</math> (21%)</b>	$\langle S_n \rangle = -.27$	

## proton coupling

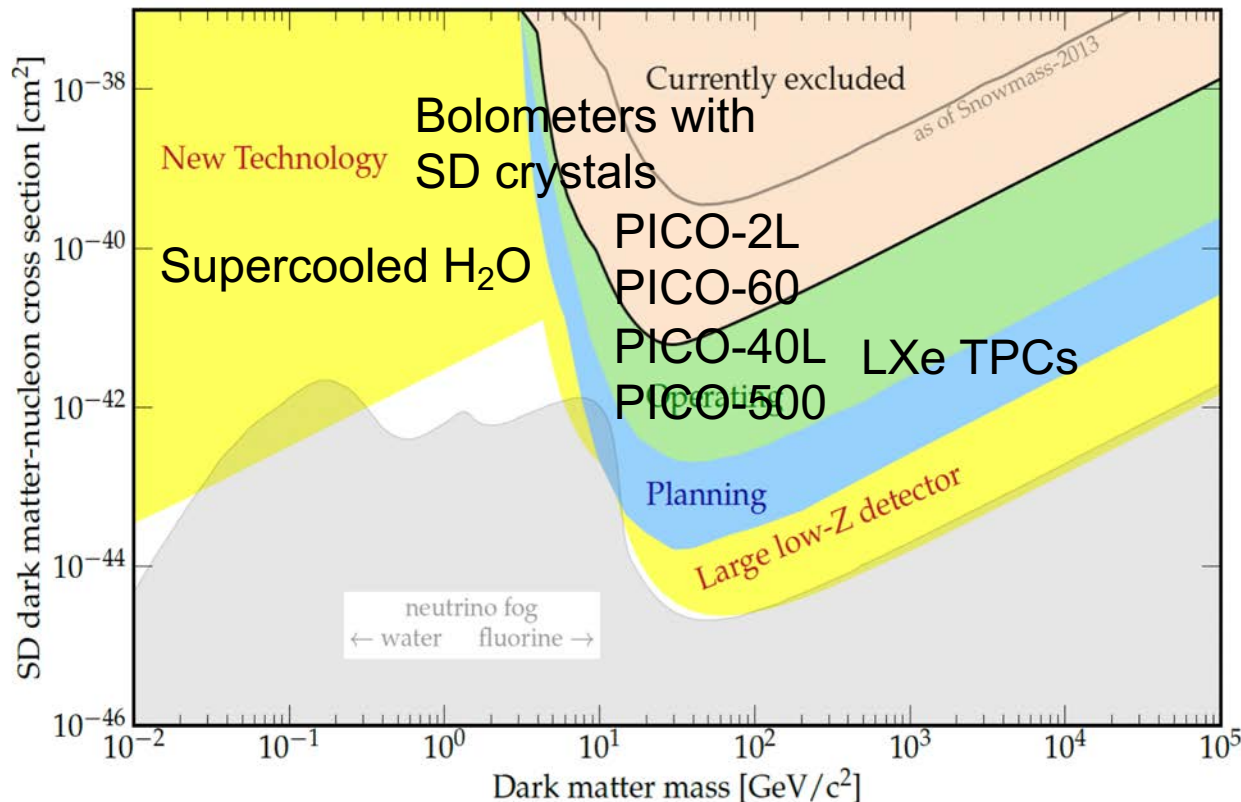
<b><math>^7\text{Li}</math> (92.4%)</b>	$\langle S_p \rangle = .5$	CRESST ( $\text{LiAlO}_2$ , $\text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$ )
<b><math>^{127}\text{I}</math> (100%)</b>	$\langle S_p \rangle = .31$	
<b><math>^{23}\text{Na}</math> (100%)</b>	$\langle S_p \rangle = .25$	NaI (and CsI) DAMA, SABRE, ANAIS, COSINE-100, COSINUS
<b><math>^{133}\text{Cs}</math> (100%)</b>	$\langle S_p \rangle = -.37$	
<b><math>^1\text{H}</math> (100%)</b>	$\langle S_p \rangle = .5$	Snowball ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )

## proton & neutron coupling

<b><math>^{19}\text{F}</math> (% depends on fluorocarbon)</b>	$\langle S_n \rangle = -.11$	$\langle S_p \rangle = .44$	PICO ( $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$ , $\text{C}_3\text{F}_8$ )
<b><math>^6\text{Li}</math> (7.6%)</b>	$\langle S_n \rangle = .472$	$\langle S_p \rangle = .472$	CRESST ( $\text{LiAlO}_2$ , $\text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$ )

# Nuclear Recoiling Dark Matter: SD targets & technology

But you still have to make a detector out of it.  
 And in the end, we do not have a spin-analyzing detector,  
 just relative signals in multiple targets.



PICO superheated bubble chambers  
 Freon (C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>8</sub>), also CF<sub>3</sub>I earlier → proton coupling  
 Will require new vessel materials to move into the blue

XENON, LZ, PandaX → DARWIN cover n-coupling,  
 but the xenon neutrino fog is decades higher than the  
 fluorine neutrino fog

EDELWEISS, SuperCDMS n-coupling at lower masses  
 CRESST is exploring new SD crystals with Lithium

New technology could be a liquid/solid  
 phase change detector like Snowball

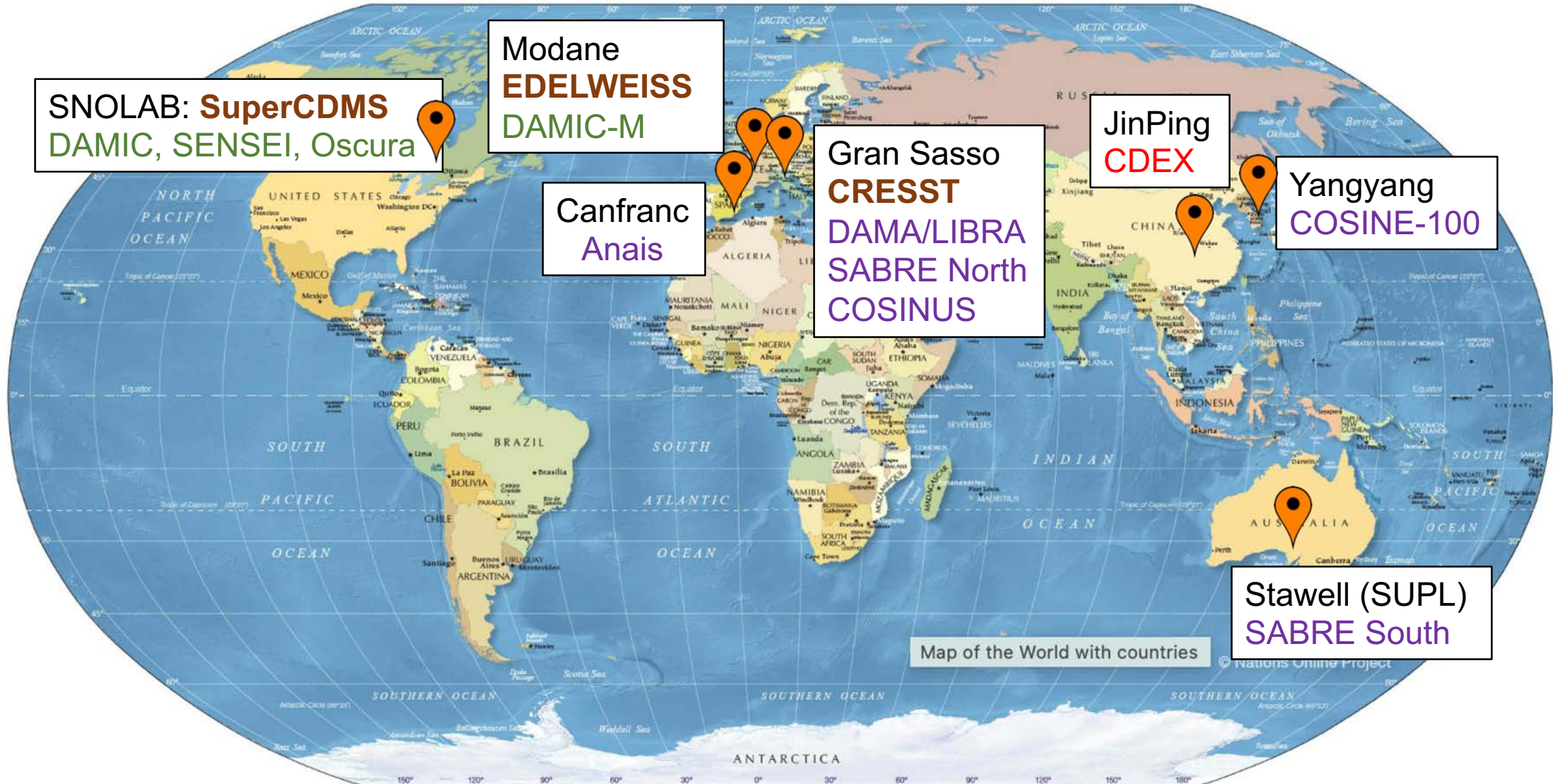
# SI Solid State Players



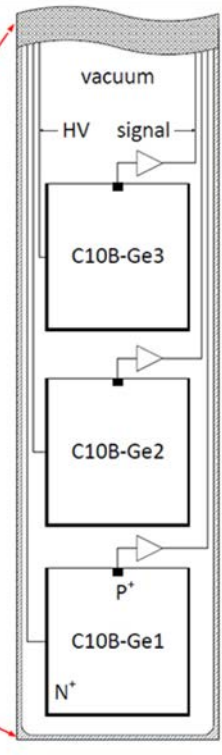
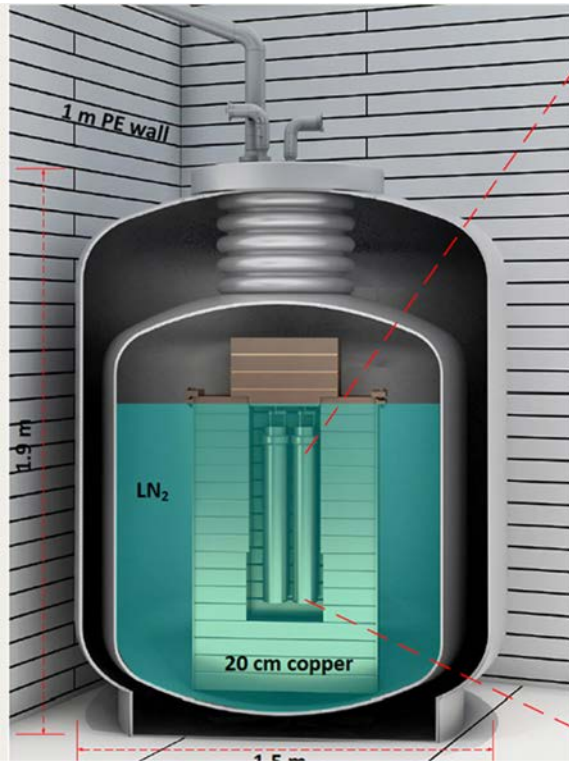
Cryogenic  
Bolometers



CCD-based  
Point Contact HPGe,  
NaI Annual Modulation



# High Purity Germanium Detectors : CDEX at JinPing



- Runs at liquid nitrogen temperatures
- Excellent energy resolution
- Doubles as a neutrinoless double beta decay detector
  - Get the threshold low enough → DM detector
- Use energy resolution to beat down background
- No evt by evt ER vs NR discrimination
- Some pulse shape discrimination

CDEX-10 operating now

205 kg-d exposure with 10 kg array of 9 detectors

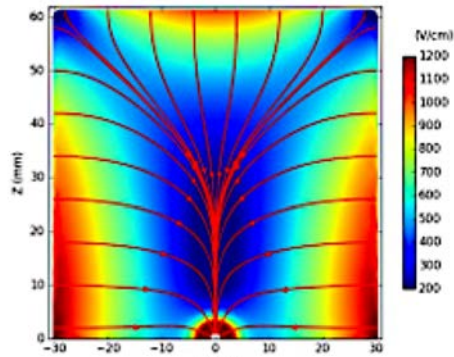
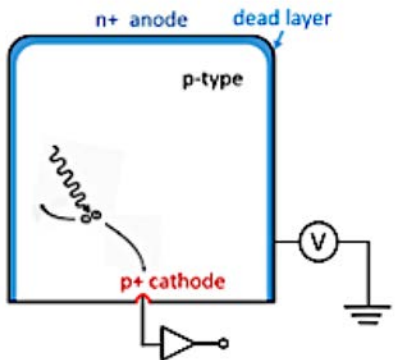
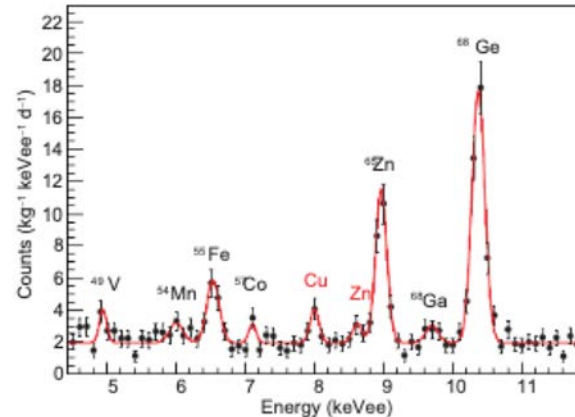


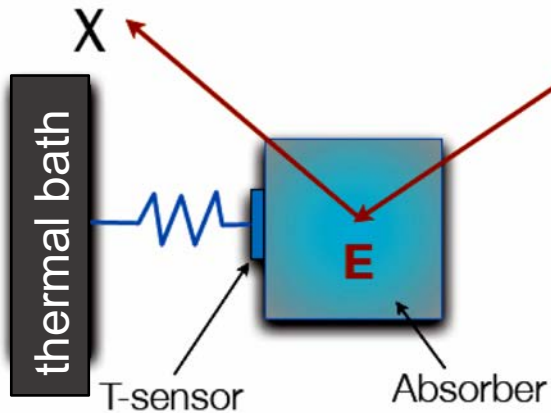
Fig. 2 Electric field simulation.



C10B-Ge1  
 $E_{\text{thresh}} = 160 \text{ eVee}$ ,  
 $\sigma_E = 219 \text{ eVee FWHM at } 10.37 \text{ keV}$

Fig. 1 The structure of 1 kg pPCGe detector.

# Principles of Cryogenic Solid State Phonon Detection



$$C(T) = \frac{\Delta E}{\Delta T} \propto T^3$$

Small heat capacity is key!

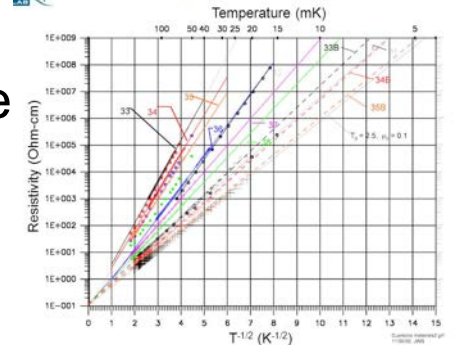
Large sensitivity (big  $\Delta T$ ) for a tiny  $\Delta E$  deposition.  
Tens of mK  $\rightarrow$  dilution fridge infrastructure.

Energy deposition (*temperature*) is measured by

## EDELWEISS

**GeNTD:** Neutron-transmutation-doped sensors. Ge wafer with T-dependent resistance induced by neutron irradiation doping. Sensitive to thermal phonons.

Resistivity of NTD Germanium

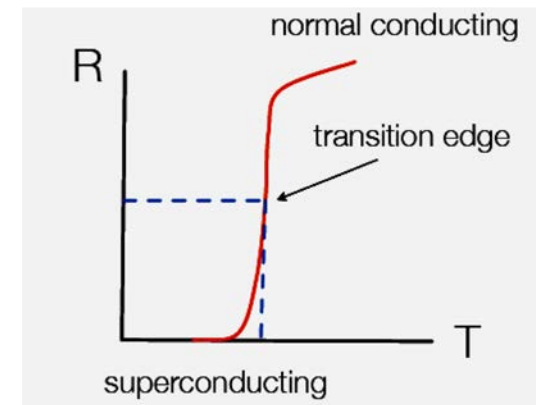


## CRESST

**TES:** Transition-edge sensors. Tungsten film operated near  $T_c$  and read out by SQUIDs. Dominated by athermal phonons. Sensitive to  $\Delta T \sim 0.1$  mK

## CDMS

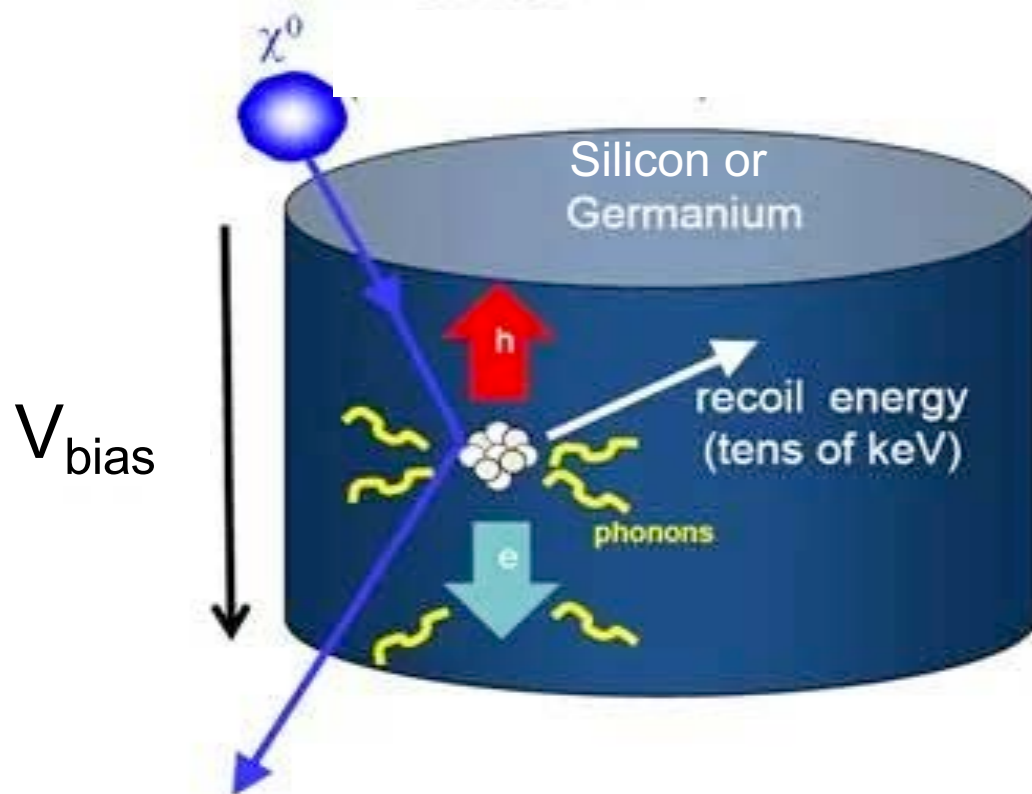
**QET:** Quasiparticle-trap-assisted Electrothermal-feedback TES: Arrays of Al fins transmit quasiparticles to the TES. Increases collection area without increasing sensor capacitance and maintains athermal phonon properties.



# Phonons supplemented by a second channel

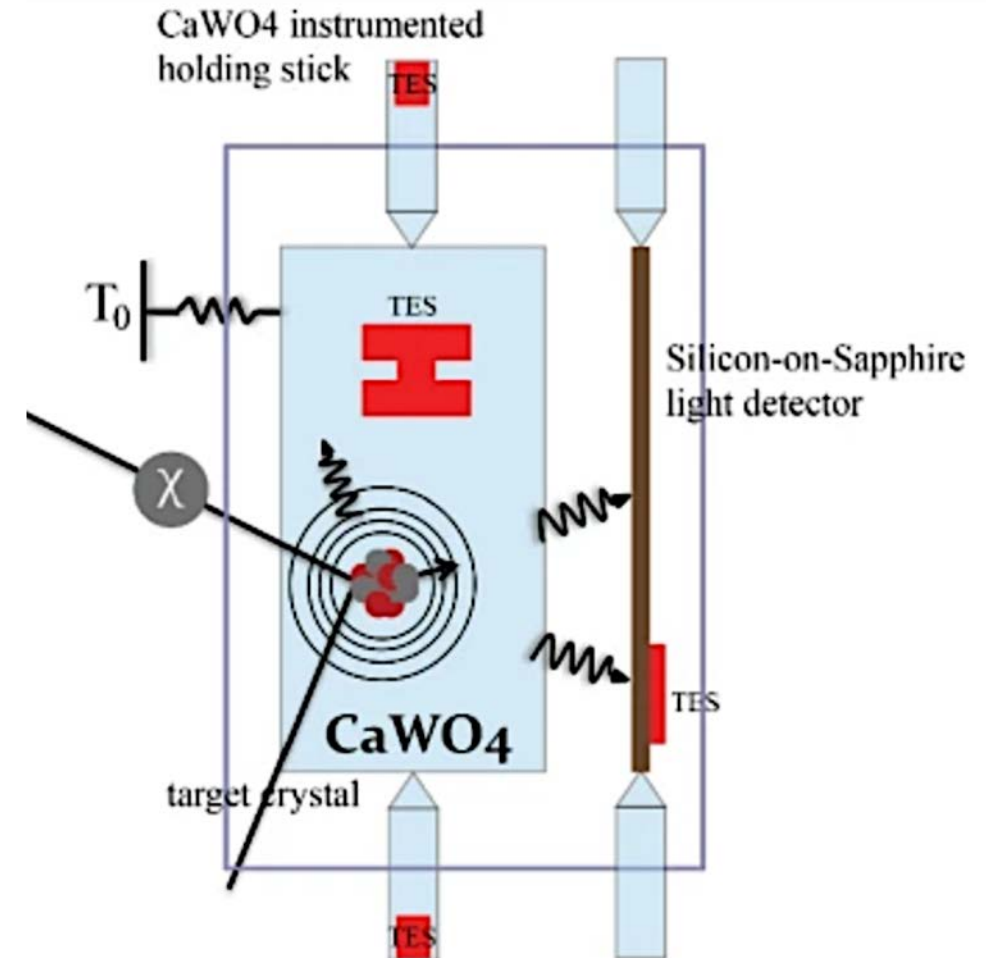
**+ Ionization**

CDMS and EDELWEISS



**+ Scintillation**

CRESST





# Yield-based Discrimination

Nuclear Recoil (NR) events are “quenched” relative to Electron Recoils (ER)

Charge to Heat ratio

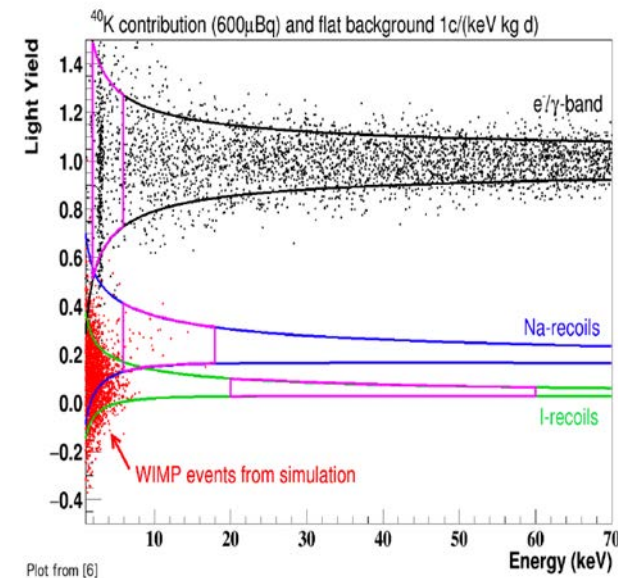
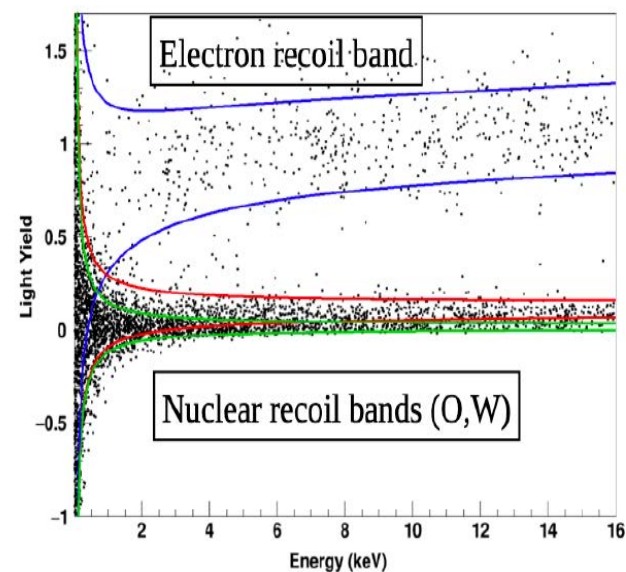
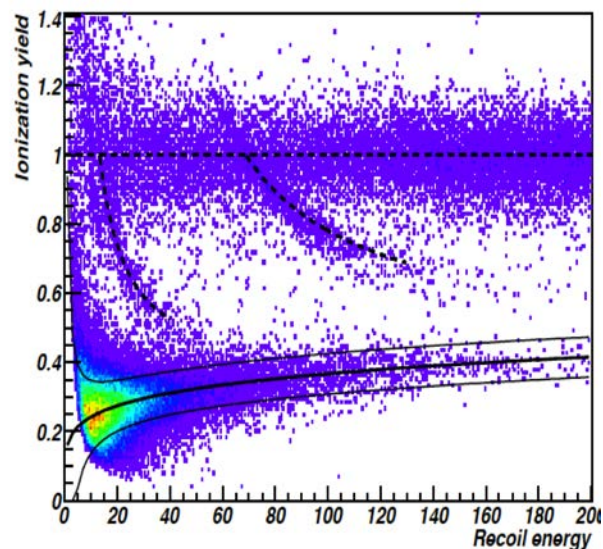
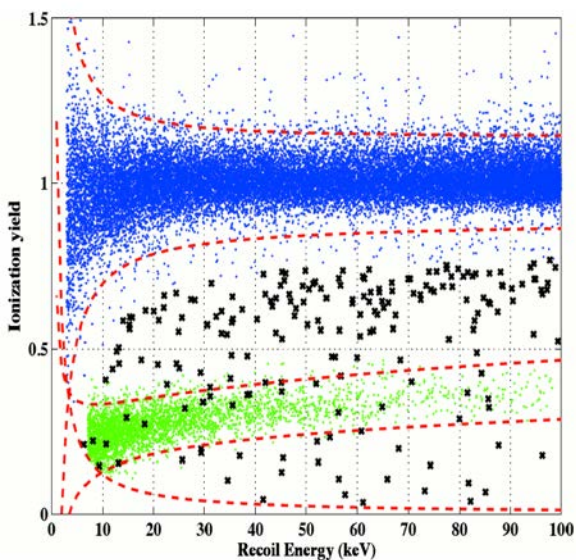
Light to Heat ratio

SuperCDMS

EDELWEISS

CRESST

COSINUS  
(welcome to the gang!)



$Q(\text{Si})$  and  $Q(\text{Ge})$ : NR Quenched by factor  $\sim 3$

Small  $Q$  requires additional rejection of ER using E-field shaping, timing, veto channels

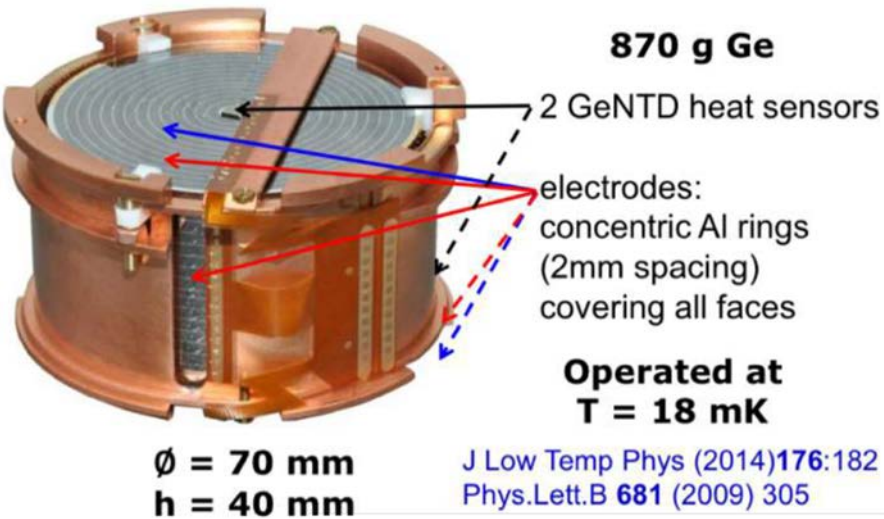
Large quenching factors  
 $Q(\text{O}) \sim 9$ ;  $Q(\text{W}) \sim 40$

$Q(\text{Na}) \sim 3$   
 $Q(\text{I}) \sim 20$

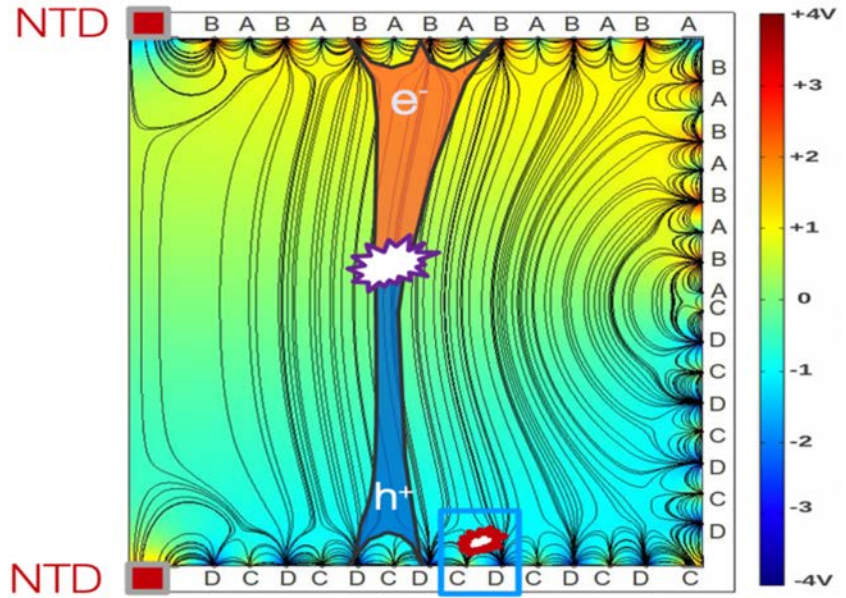
Caution:  $Q$  is dependent on Energy. Tend to lose NR signal when moving to low mass DM  $\rightarrow$  Calibration required

# Interdigitized Interleaved electrodes provide field shaping and surface rejection

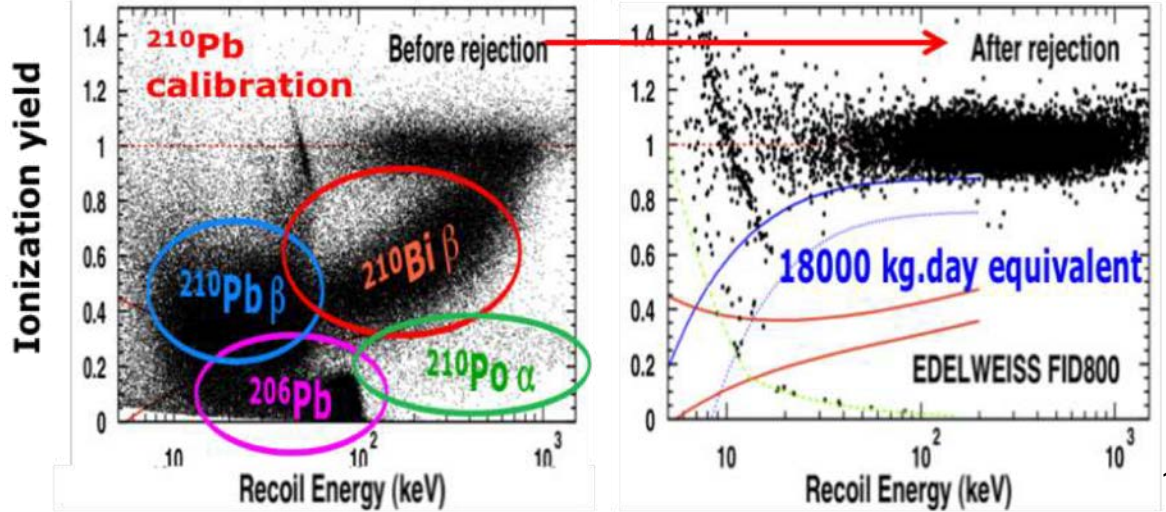
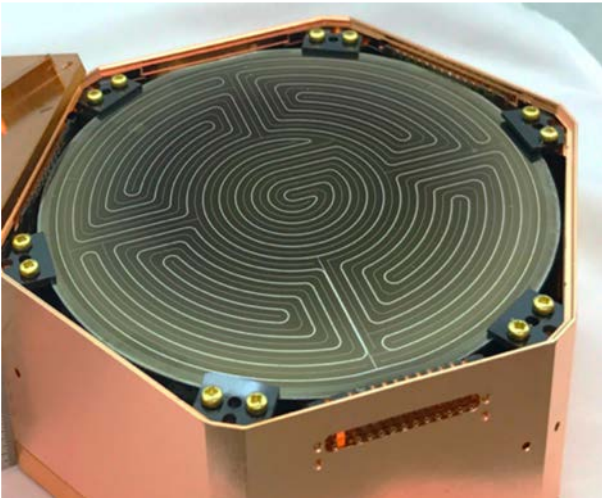
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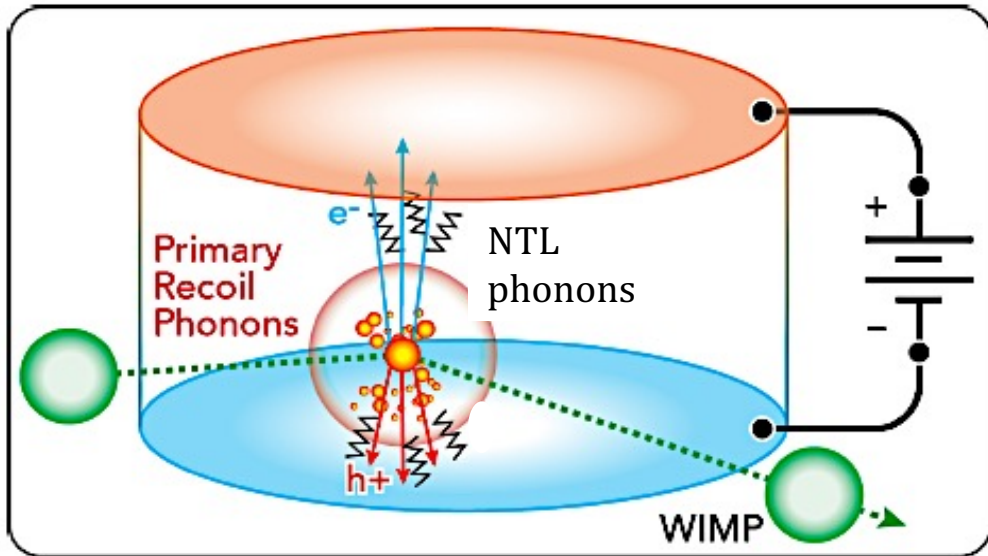
EDELWEISS - III



SuperCDMS SNOLAB 1.4 Kg Ge iZIP



# High Voltage Mode (SuperCDMS and EDELWEISS)



Work done by  $V_b$  in drifting electron-hole pairs releases additional NTL phonons

$$E_{tot} = E_r + N_{eh} e V_b = E_r \left( 1 + \frac{Y(E_r) e V_b}{\varepsilon} \right)$$

## Two different modes of operation

**iZIP and FID: Low bias voltage (2-5 V) gives background-free mode** → NTL phonons negligible

Ratio of ionization to primary phonon signal is unambiguous

Interleaved phonon and charge sensors on both sides

Provides  $10^6$  ER/NR discrimination and surface rejection

**HV: High bias voltage (~ 100 V) pushes to lower thresholds** → NTL phonons dominate.  $E_{tot} \sim E_r \frac{Y(E_r) e V_b}{\varepsilon}$

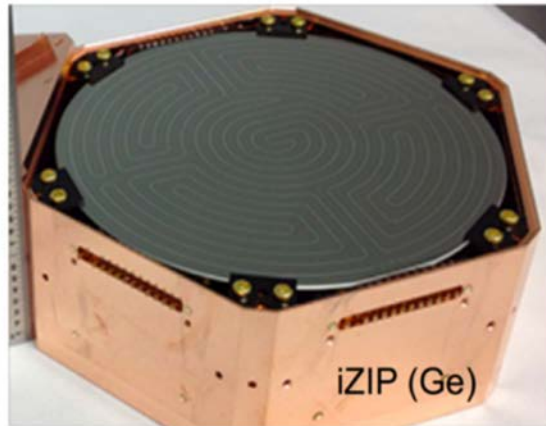
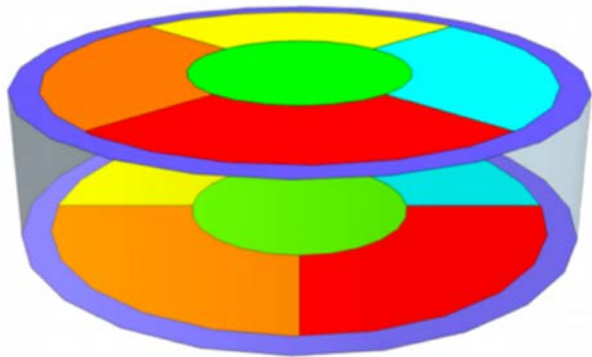
The total phonon signal is larger (amplification means lower thresholds),

but it is essentially a measure of the charge signal read out through the phonon channel

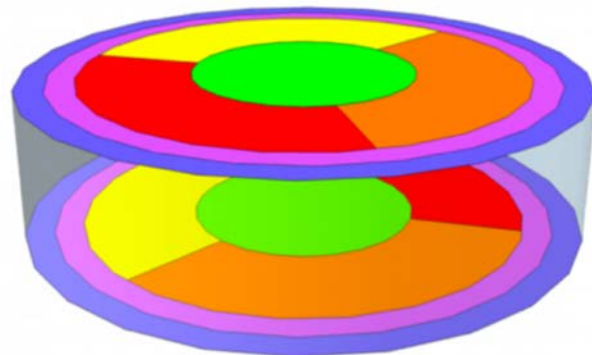
# SuperCDMS SNOLAB Detectors

Two target materials Ge (1.4 kg) and Si (0.6 kg)  
10 cm diameter and 3.3 cm thick

*iZIP detector*

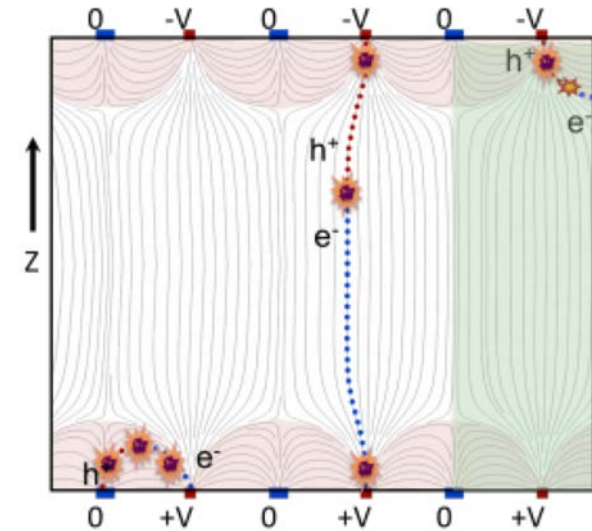


*HV detector*



## iZIP

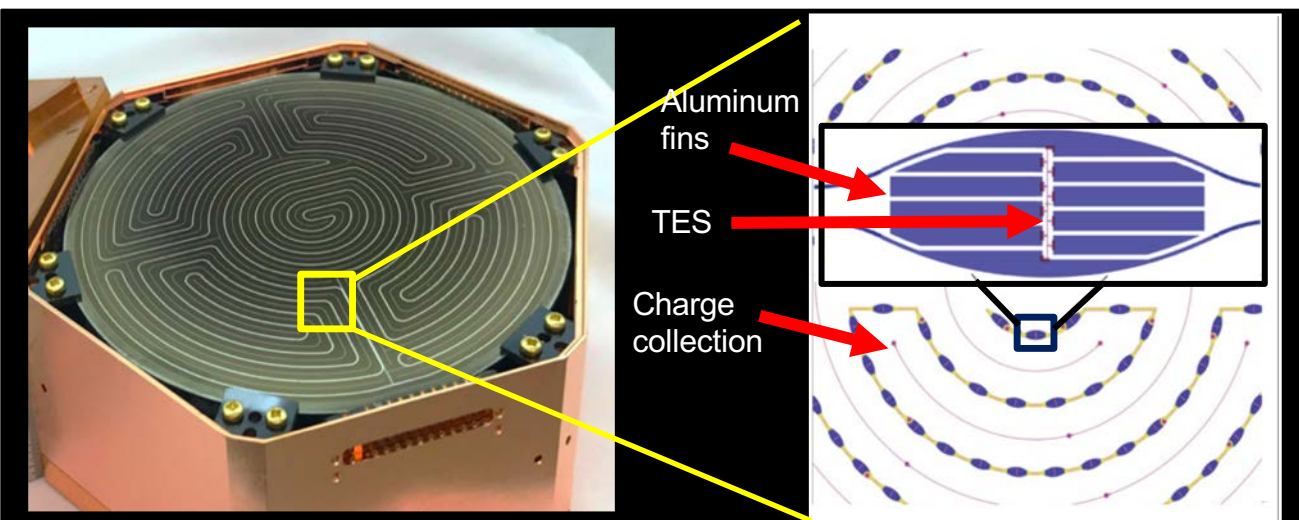
Double-sided readout with E-field-shaping provides z-dependence and surface rejection



## HV

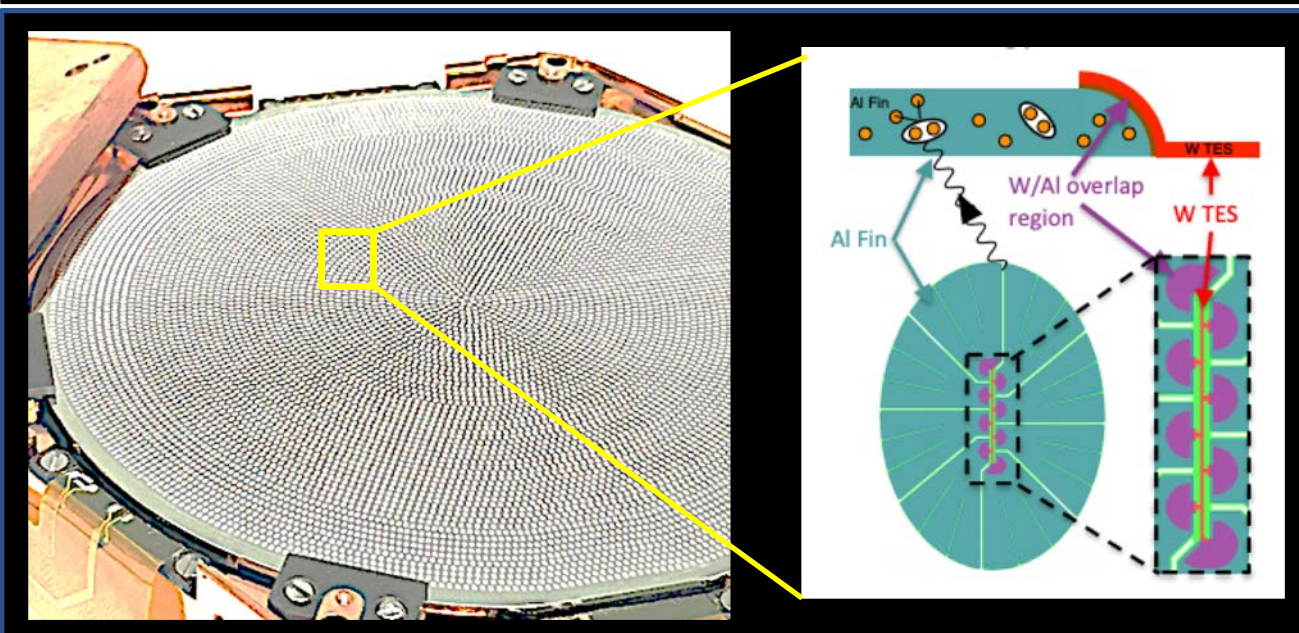
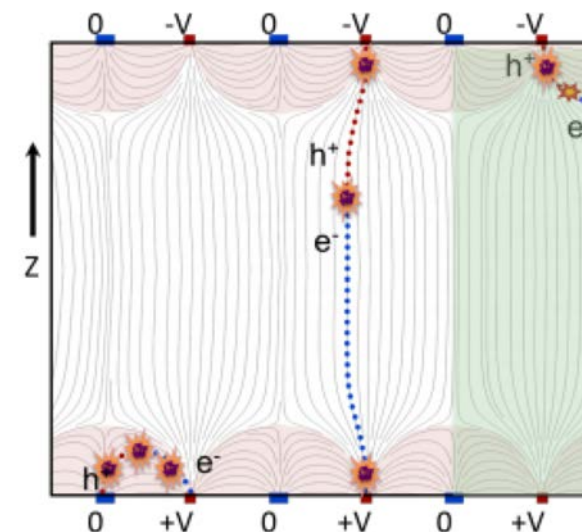
No charge readout required.  
Optimized for phonon energy resolution and collection efficiency (35% coverage)  
Improved position resolution and double outer ring to sharpen fiducial cut.

# SuperCDMS TES and collection fin design follows function



## iZIP

Double-sided readout with E-field-shaping provides z-dependence and surface rejection



## HV

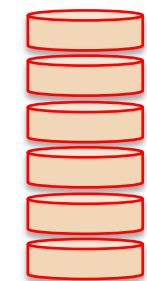
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# SuperCDMS Strategy

## Complementary Targets and Multiple Functionality

Mode	Germanium	Silicon
HV	Lowest threshold for low mass DM Larger exposure, no $^{32}\text{Si}$ bkgd	Lowest threshold for low mass DM Sensitive to lowest DM masses
iZIP	Nuclear Recoil Discrimination Understand Ge Backgrounds Sensitive to $^8\text{B}$ $\nu$ -scatter	Nuclear Recoil Discrimination Understand Si Backgrounds Sensitive to $^8\text{B}$ $\nu$ -scatter

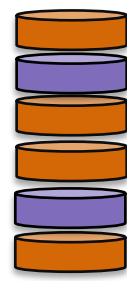
	iZIP		HV	
	Ge	Si	Ge	Si
Number of detectors	10	2	8	4
Total exposure [kg·yr]	45	3.9	36	7.8
Phonon resolution [eV]	33	19	34	13
Ionization resolution [ $eV_{ee}$ ]	160	180	–	–
Voltage Bias ( $V_+ - V_-$ ) [V]	6	8	100	100



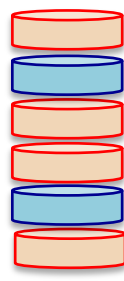
Tower 1  
(iZIP)



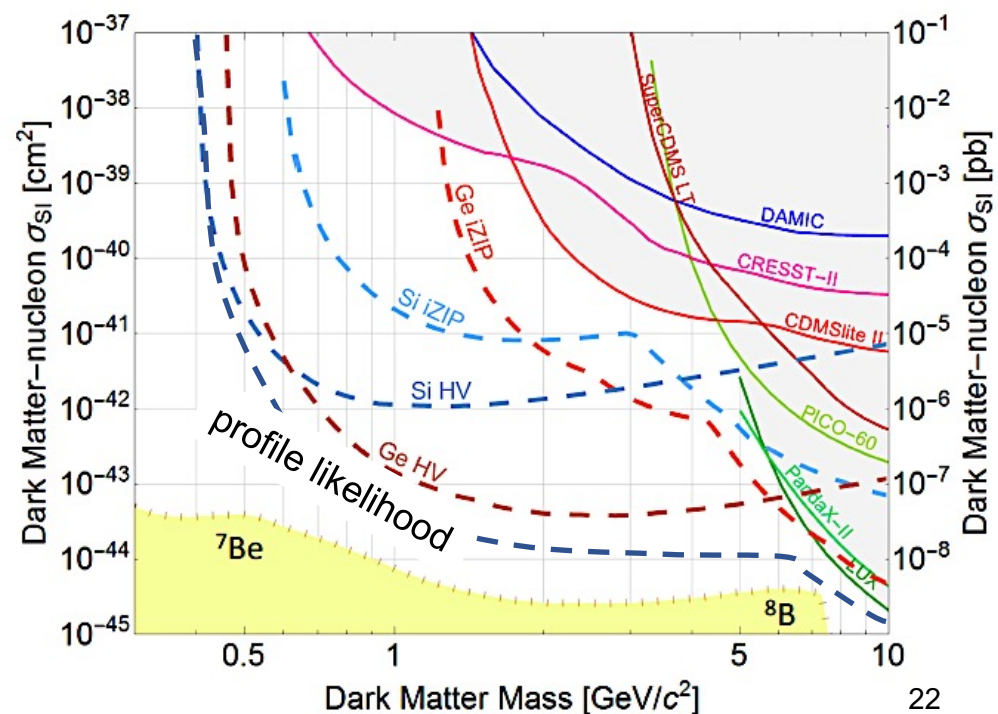
Tower 2  
(HV)



Tower 3  
(HV)

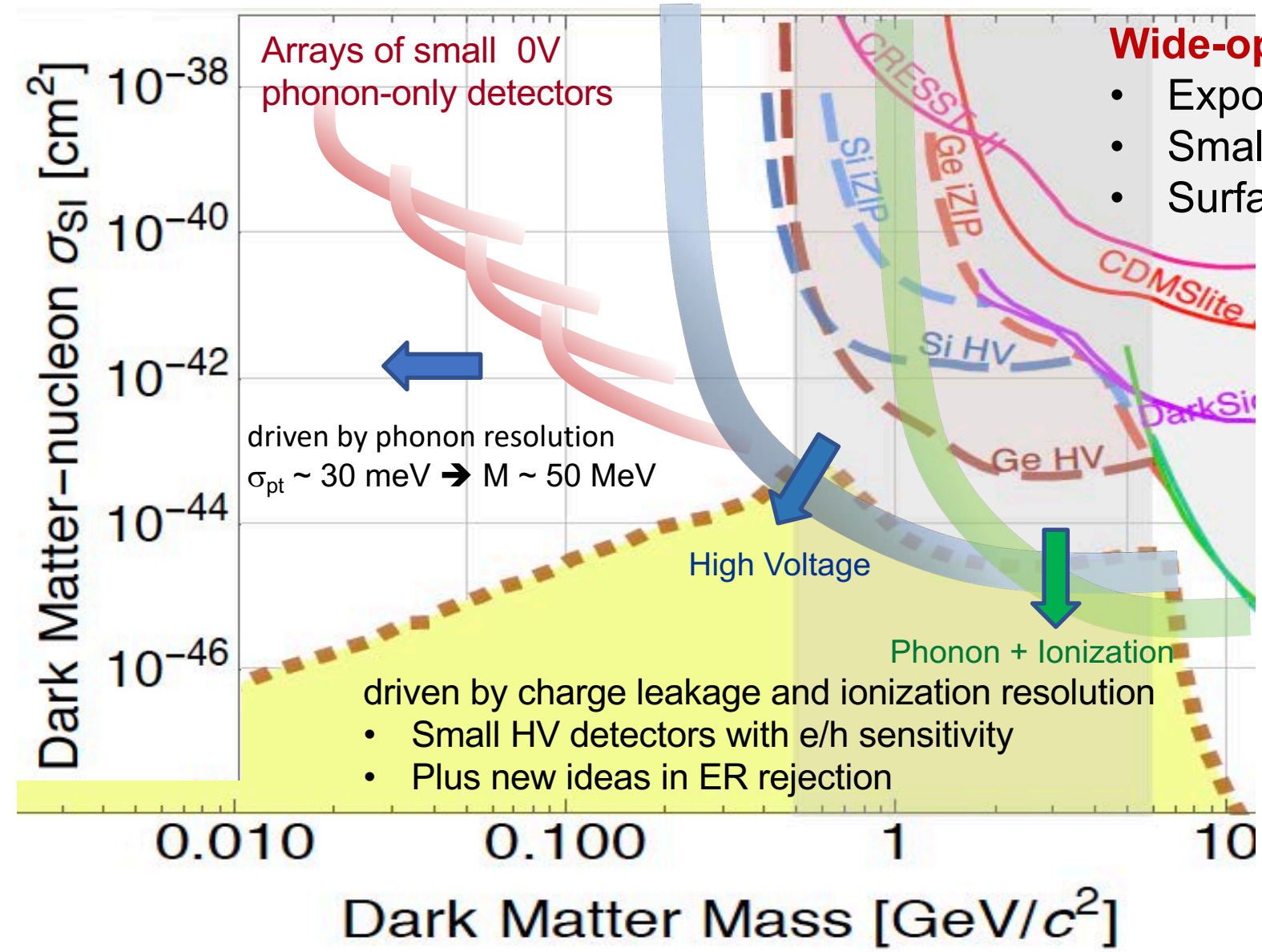


Tower 4  
(iZIP)



Project Goals assume Optimum Interval, no prior knowledge of backgrounds. To reach full potential, a profile likelihood analysis will use iZIP background data in the fit.

# Pushing even deeper into the nucleon-coupled DM landscape



## Wide-open parameter space at low mass

- Exposure is not the driving force
- Smaller detectors achieve lower thresholds
- Surface runs can provide world-leading results

## Pushing down to the neutrino floor requires exposure and reduced bkgd

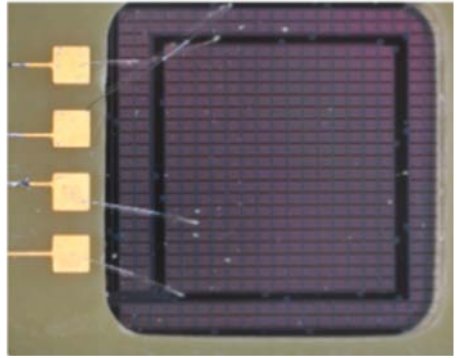
- Improve ionization resolution and reduce leakage currents or
- HV with eh sensitivity

**All of this can happen in the existing SNOLAB cryostat and shielding.**

**Improvements in detector performance can be used to circumvent backgrounds.**

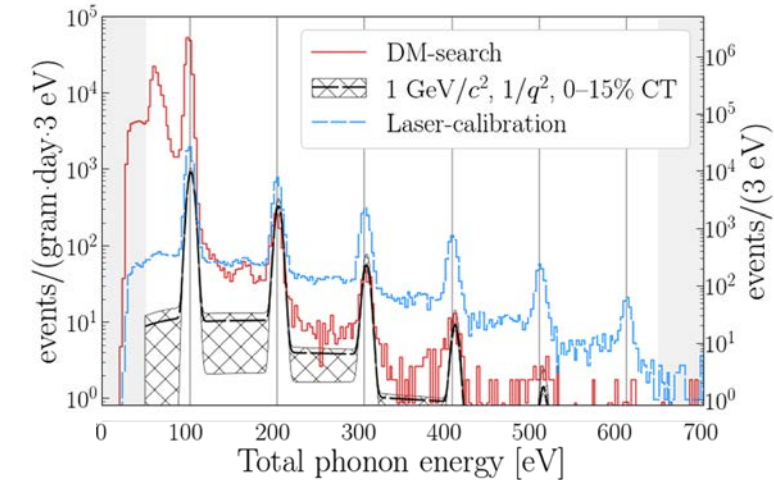
# SuperCDMS is already using small 0 V and single eh-sensitive HV detectors

**HVeV (Si or Ge, 1 cm<sup>2</sup> x 4 mm). Like a small HV detector with single e-h resolution.**

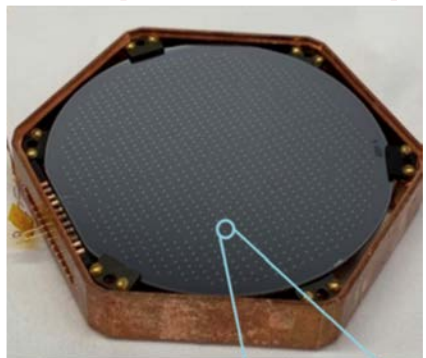


*ER events are in the peaks, NR fills in gaps*  
A mosaic of these on 2 SuperCDMS towers can get to the  $\nu$ -fog in 0.5 – 5 GeV range

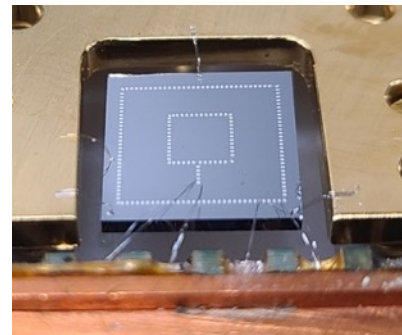
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**0V (aka CPD). A thin, phonon-only device with SuperCDMS TES readout**



Improving “*environmental*” phonon-only backgrounds  
Phonon resolution in the  $\sigma_{pt} \sim 1$  eV range now.  
Advances in stress-related bkgds will get to 100 meV



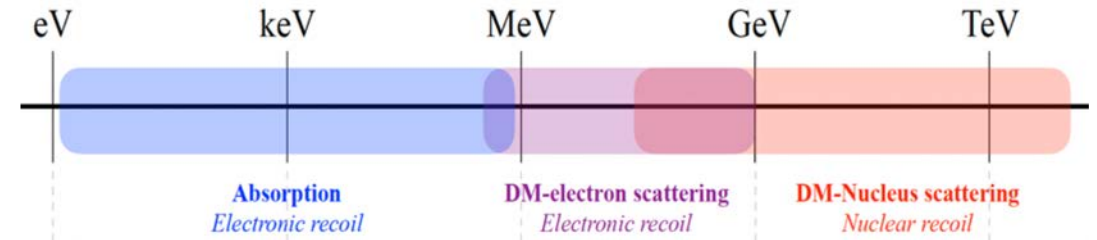
A mosaic of sub-eV  $\sigma_{pt}$  CPDs on 2 towers can get to masses of 50 MeV



# Will also push deep into Sub-GeV Electron Recoiling regime

**cryogenic phonon detectors are well-suited for these searches.**

- sensitivity to 1–100 eV deposited energy
- enabled by small bandgaps  $\sim 1$  eV
- and excellent energy resolution.



## Light DM in the 1-100 MeV range

- DM scattering off electrons or collective excitations
- Extend cross section by 4 - 5 orders of magnitude.

## Dark photon and ALPs in the 1-100 eV range.

- Absorption by electrons or collective excitations
- Improvements in leakage and resolution drives these limits.
  - 100 times better reach in kinetic-mixing parameter  $\epsilon$
  - 1000 times better reach in  $g_{ae}$ .

# Same themes in the EDELWEISS program

## EDELWEISS - III Large exposure underground for 5 – 30 GeV WIMPs

- 870 g Ge bolometers with 200 eV<sub>ee</sub> threshold
- 24 detectors in low background cryostat operated at ~ 18 mK

## EDELWEISS – sub-GeV (surface and underground)

33 g Ge bolometers exploring two modes:

**LV detectors:** Maintain yield discrimination at low energy.

Run above ground, collaboration with RICOCHET CEνNS

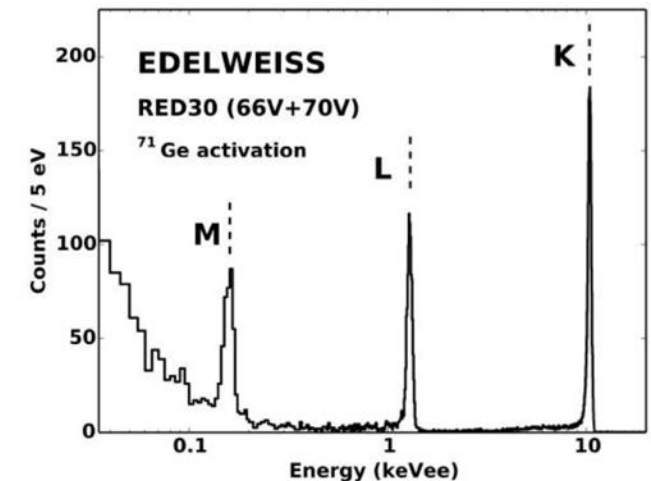
**RED20** 18 eV (RMS) heat resolution + 55 eV energy threshold

To get to 10 eV, need to move from FETs to HEMTs

**HV detectors:** NTL phonon amplification

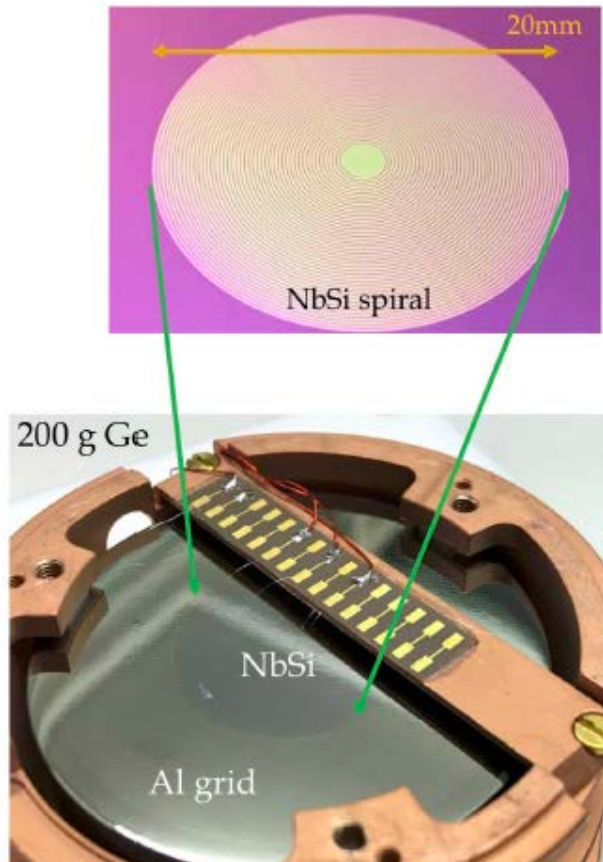
**RED30** Add top and bottom electrodes and run underground

$\sigma = 1.8 \text{ eV}_{ee}$  at 70 V

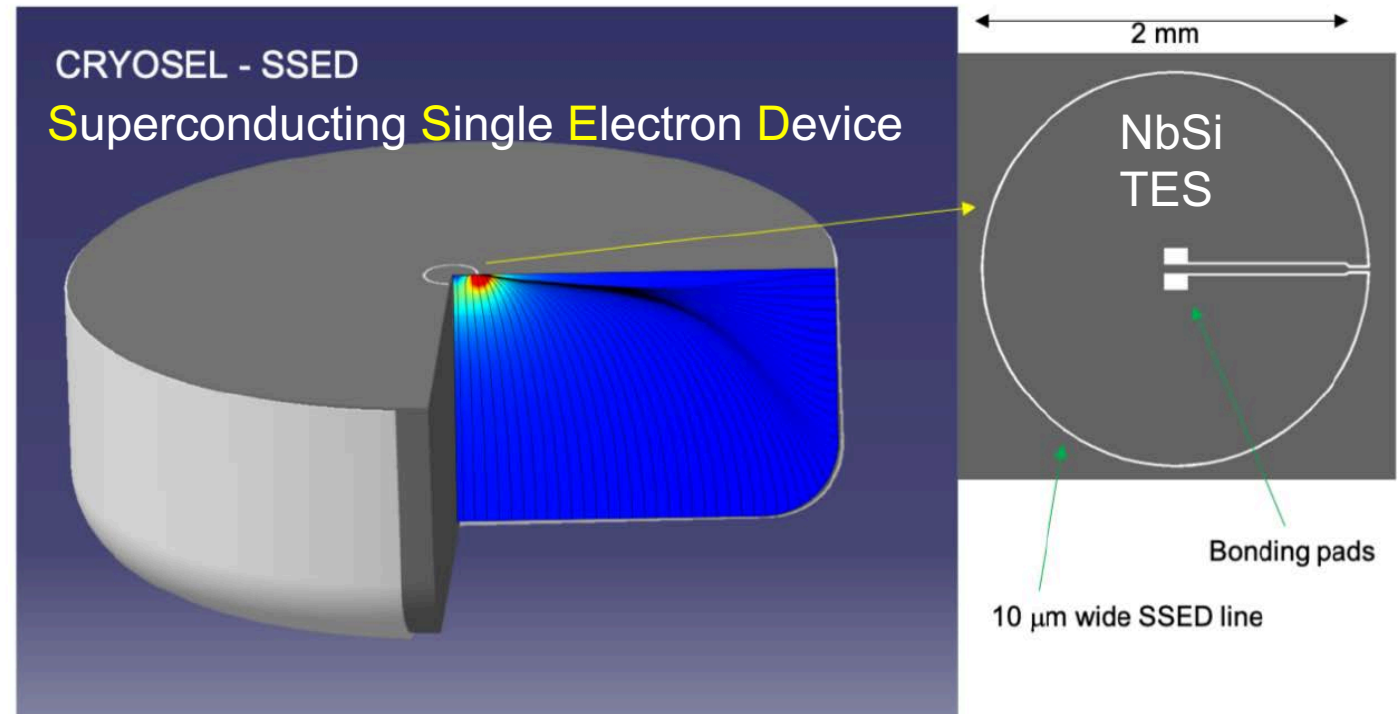


# EDELWEISS goes athermal

**NOW:** new 100 nm thick, 20 mm diameter spiral  
NbSi TES sensor lithographed on a 200 g Ge crystal  
Run underground in NTL mode (data next pg)



**Future** Edelweiss sub-GeV Program  
Cryosel = Thermal Bolometer with NTD thermistor  
running at 200 V with 20 eV phonon resolution  
Can identify athermal phonons from heat-only  
events using the NbSi TES

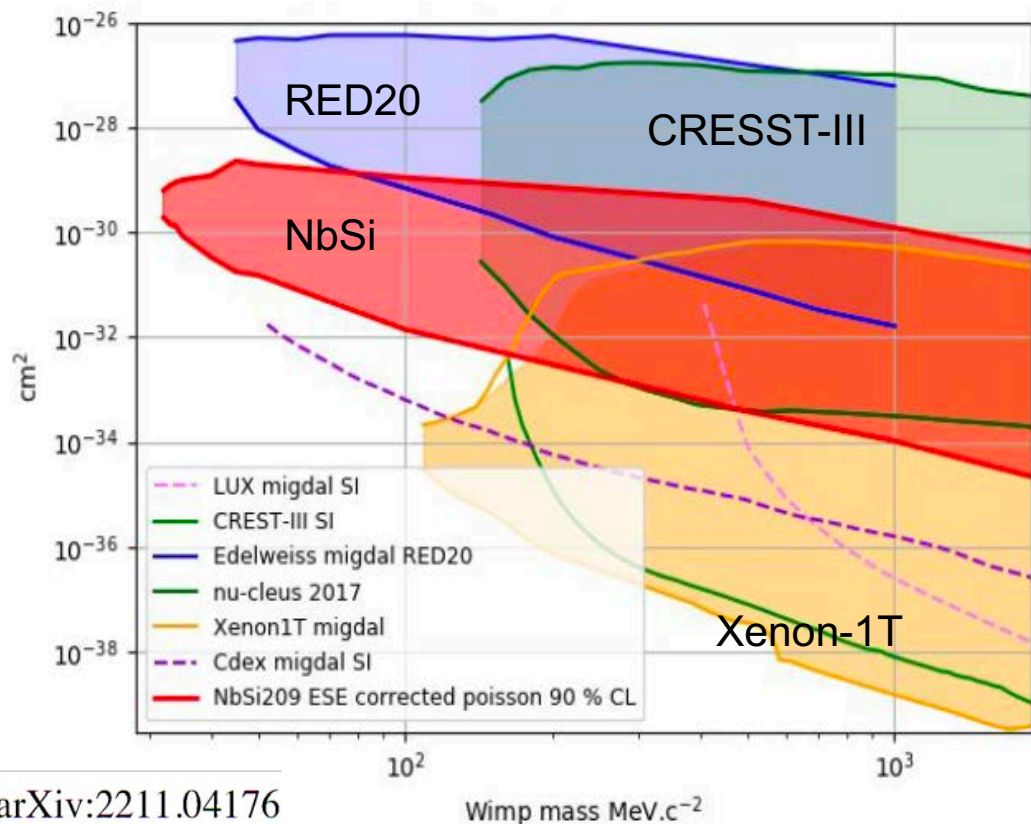
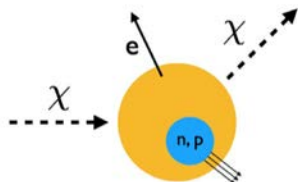


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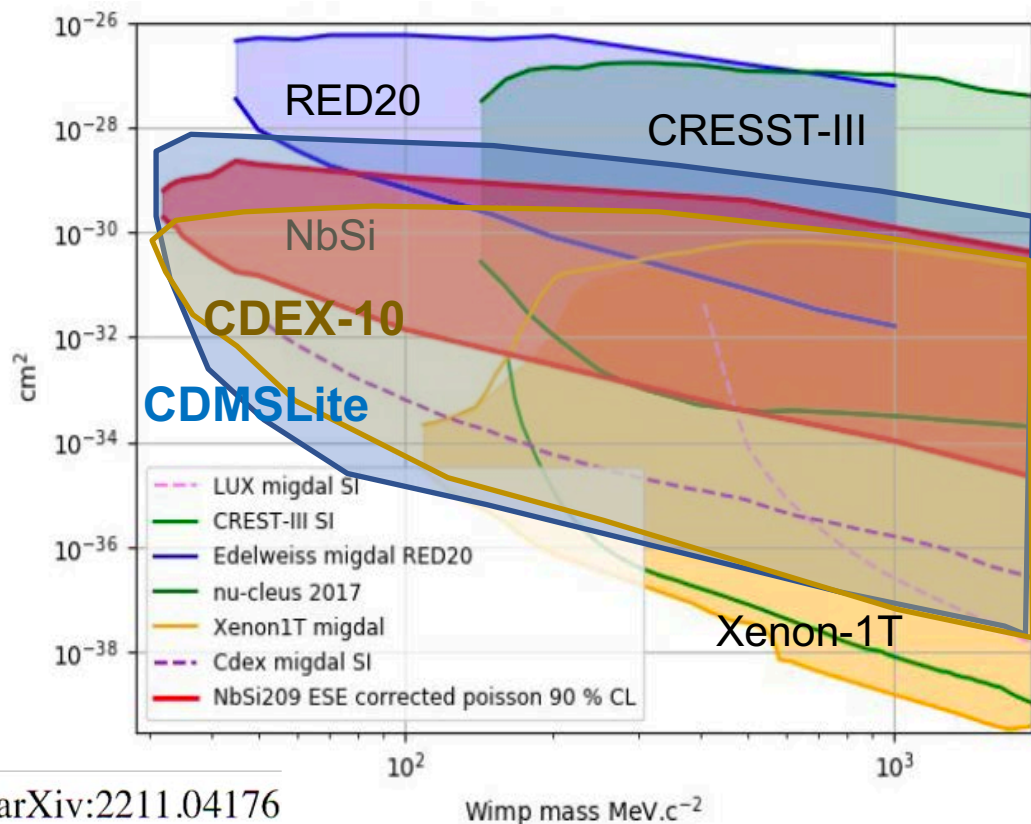
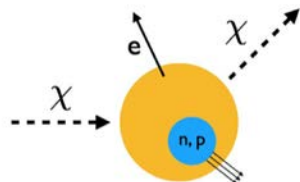


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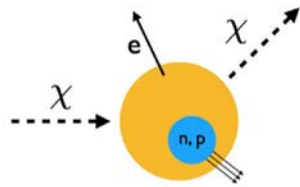


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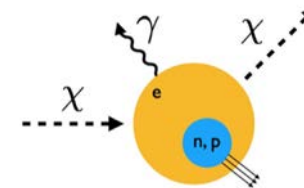
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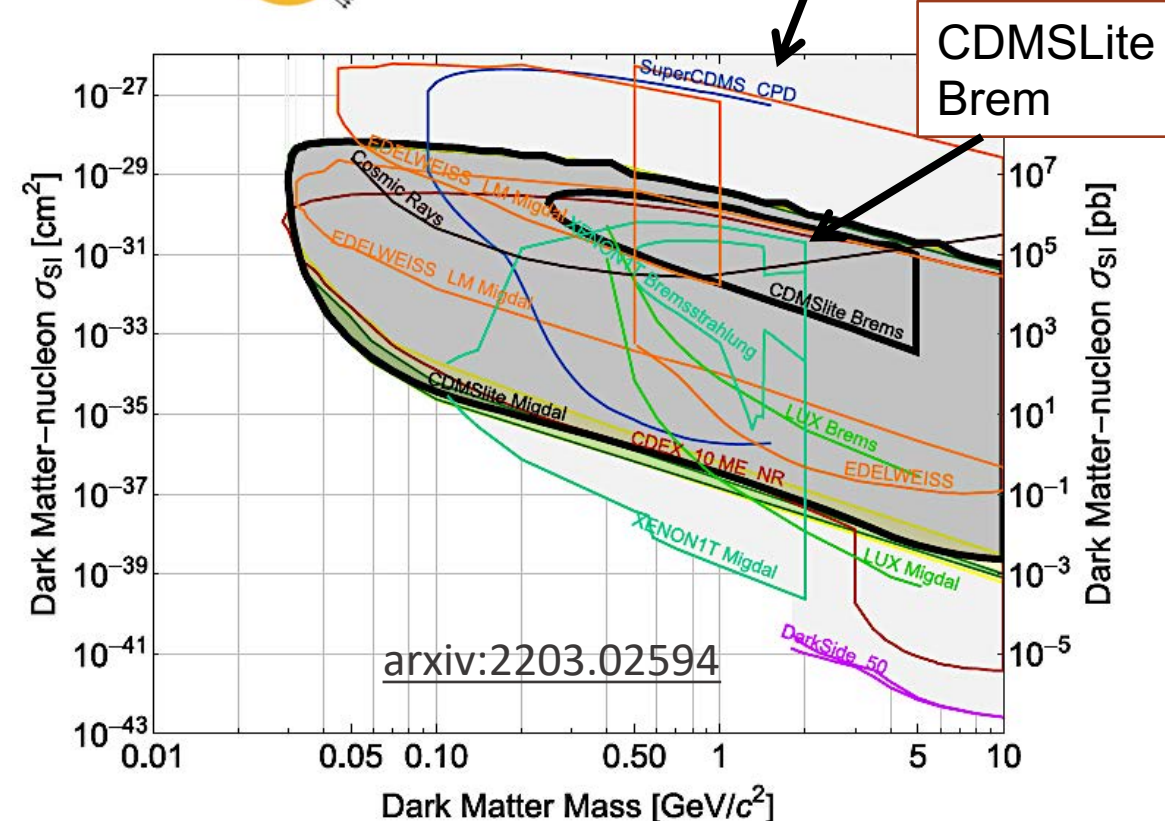
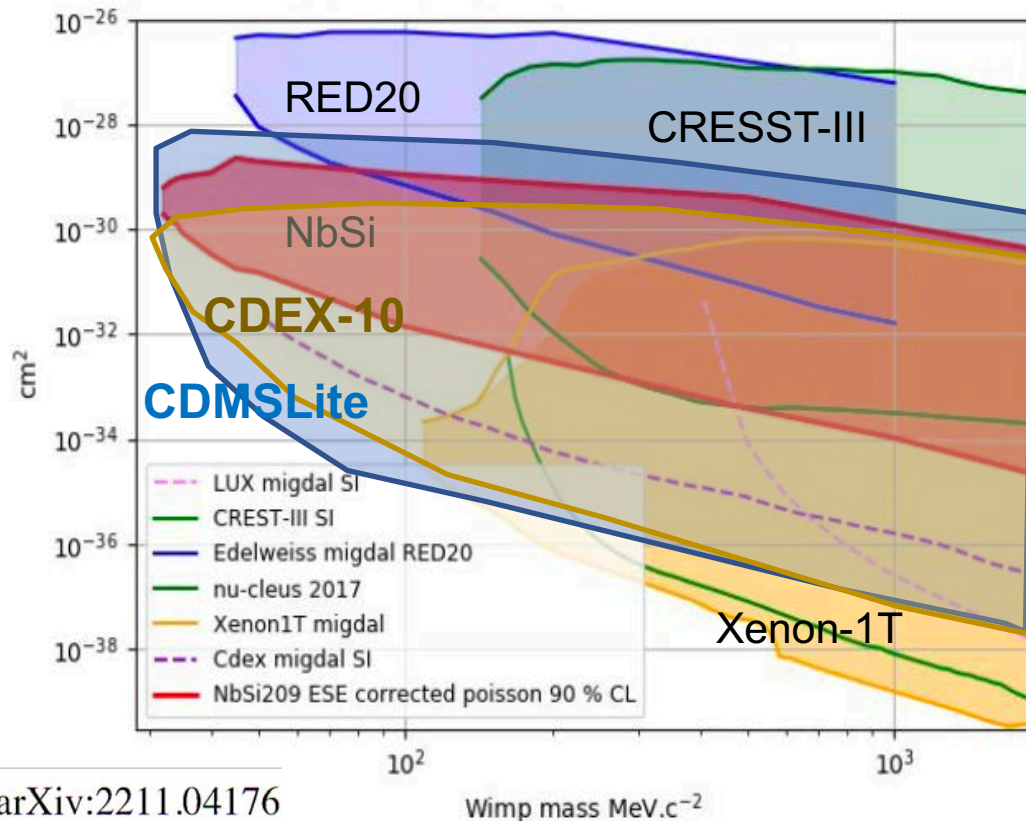


## Bremsstrahlung

Probability is 3-4 orders of magnitude less

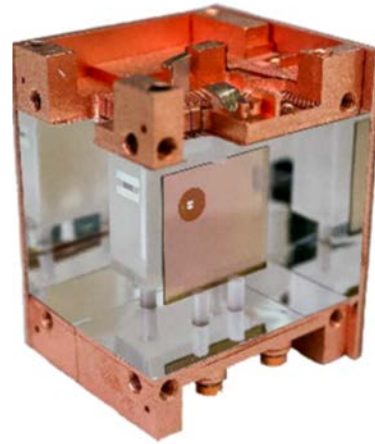
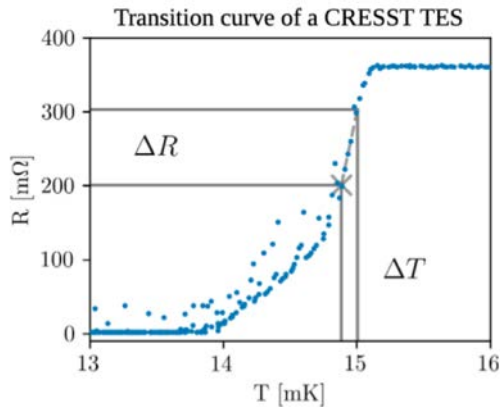


Surface runs (MIGDAL)  
CPD (Si with TES readout)



# CRESST – III Program

CRESST has already moved to smaller detectors for improved resolution



arXiv:1904.00498

## Recent Spin Independent Limits

“Detector A”:	CaWO <sub>4</sub> , 23.6g
Data taking period:	Oct 2016 – Jan 2018
Exposure before cuts:	5.689 kg days
Energy resolution:	4.6 eV
Nuclear recoil threshold:	30.1 eV

## New Spin Dependent Limits

Two 10g LiAlOs crystals in LNGS  
Lithium: 92.4% <sup>7</sup>Li (*p*), 7.6% <sup>6</sup>Li (*p,n*)

$$\langle S_n \rangle = \langle S_p \rangle = 0.472$$

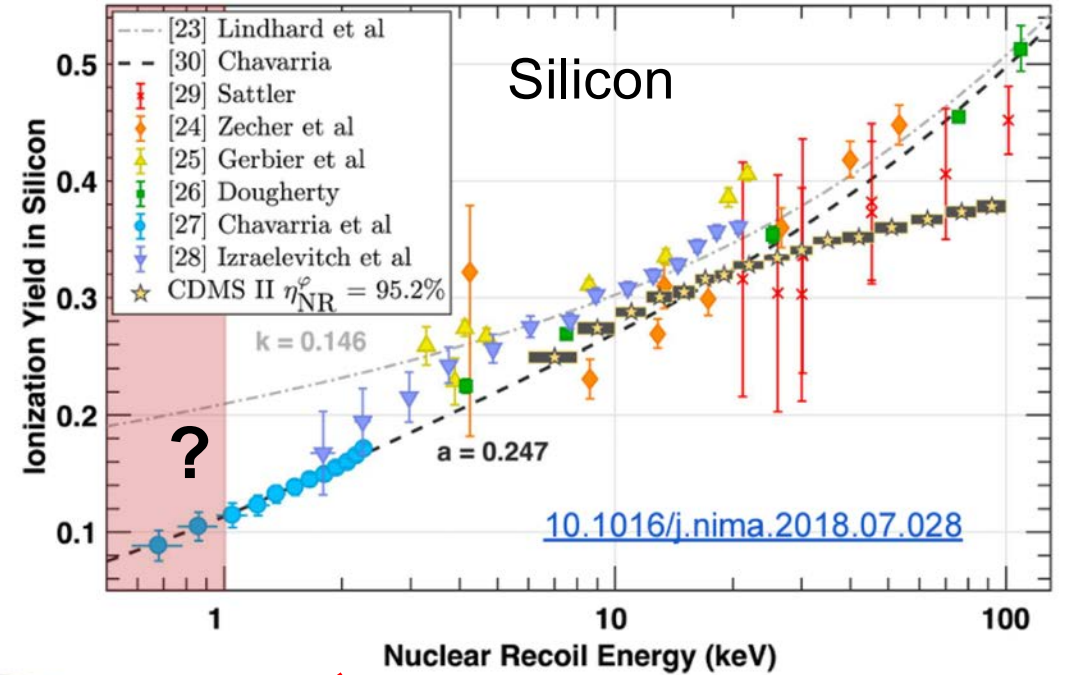
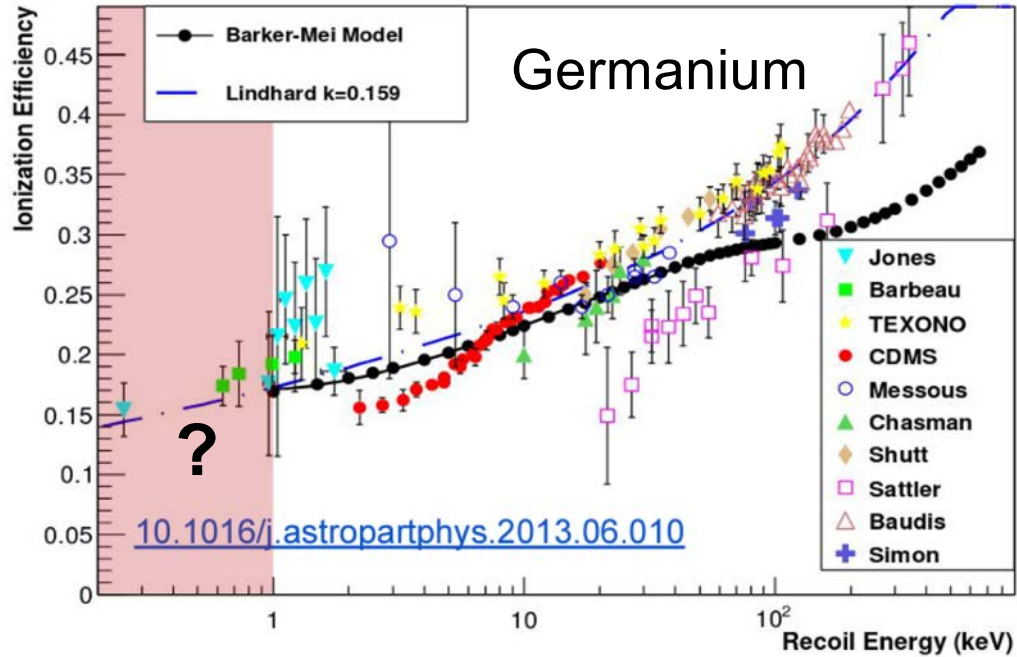
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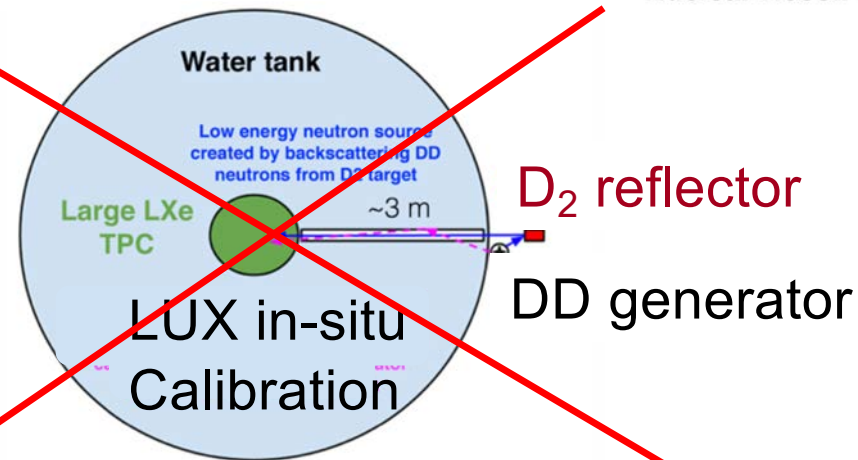
## Planning for a 100 detector underground exposure

- upgrade LNGS cryogenic infrastructure
- Develop TES mass production
- Continue to improve crystal purity

# A Common challenge: Understanding the Nuclear Recoil Scale at lower energies



LXe TPC style in-situ neutron scattering is not an option for cryo bolometers

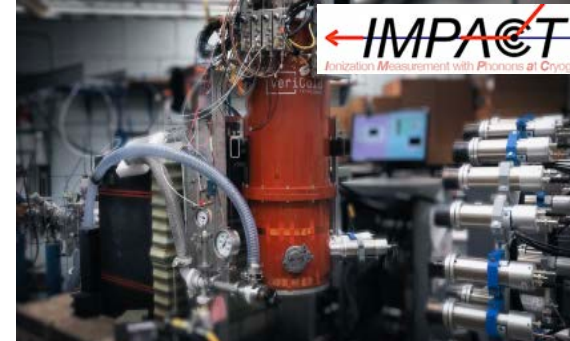




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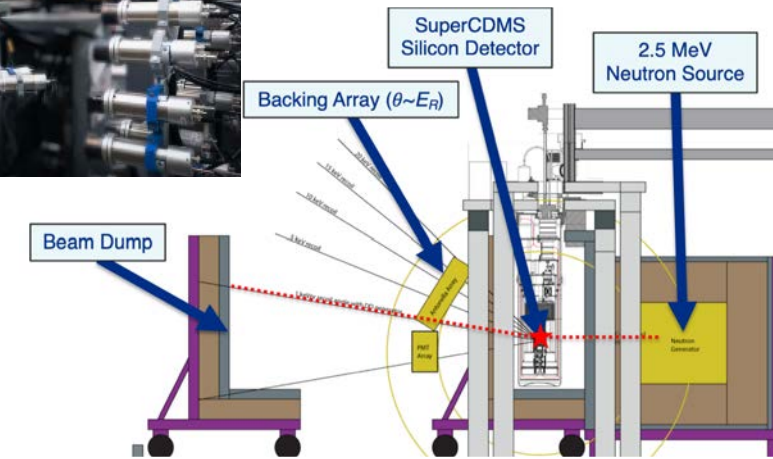
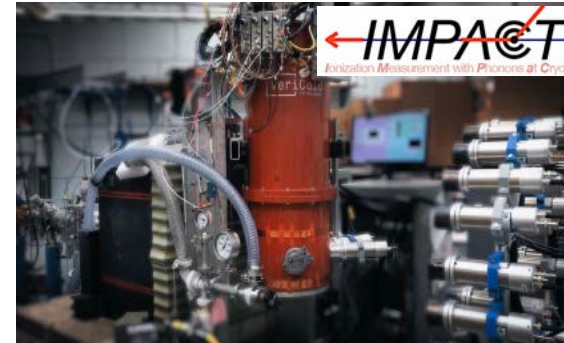
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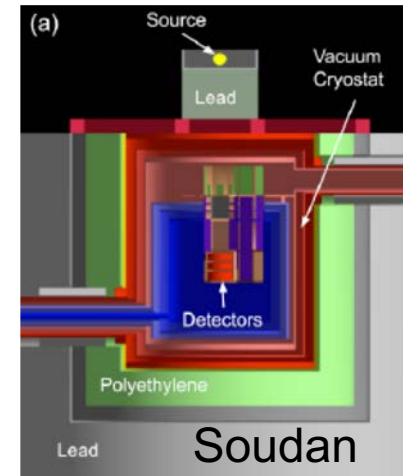
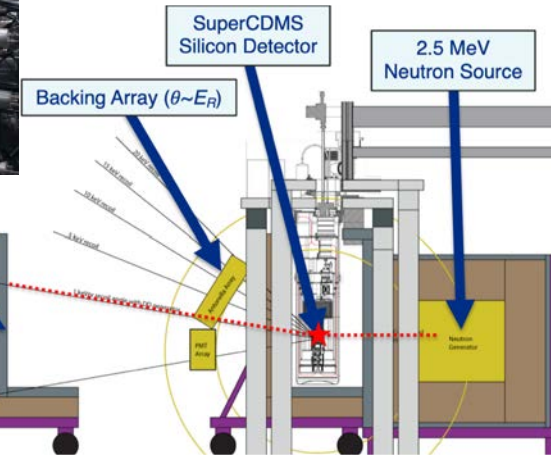
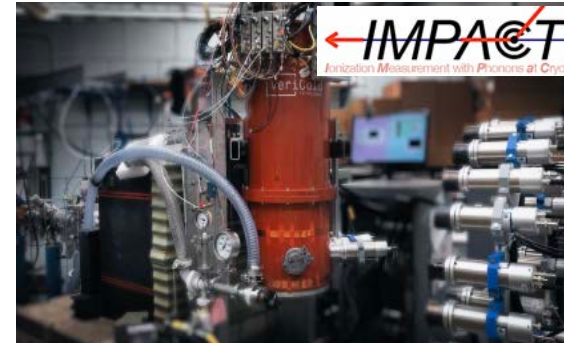
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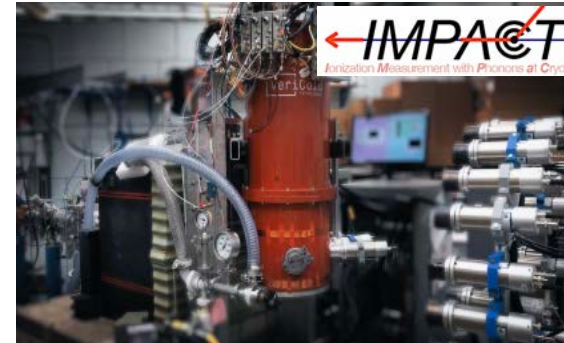
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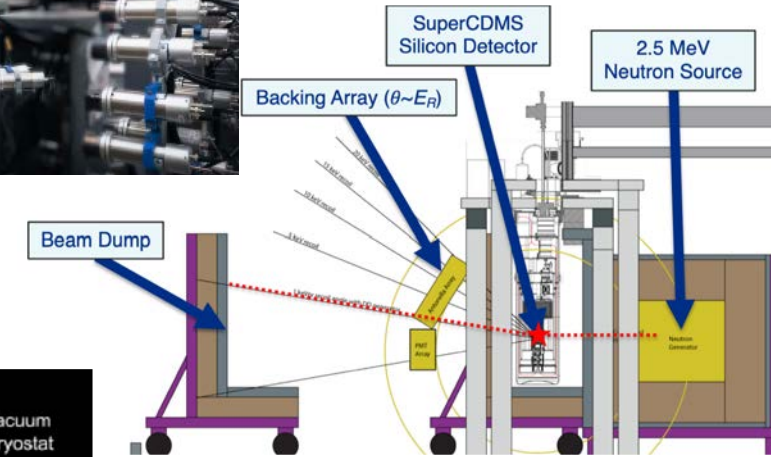
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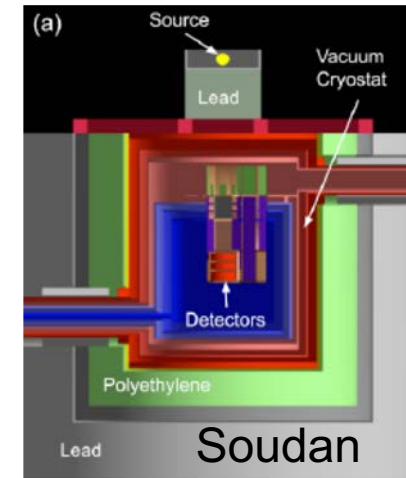
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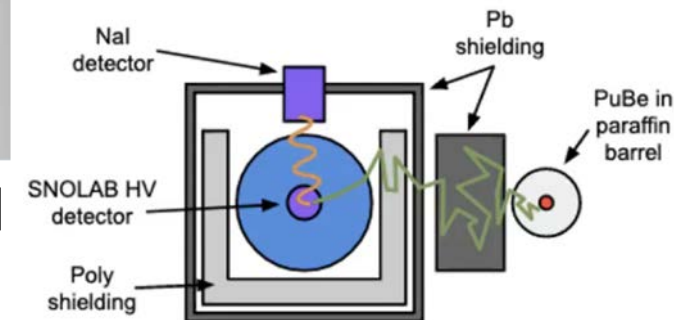
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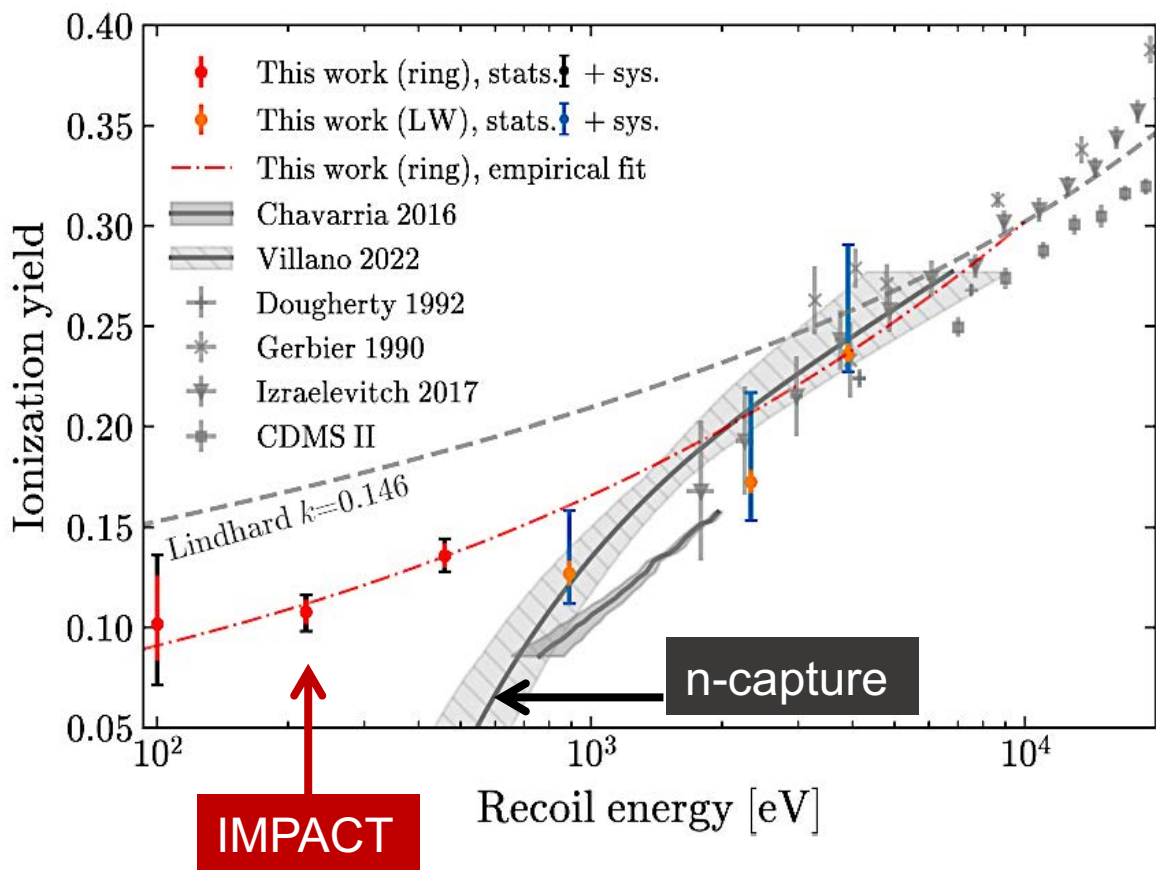
## Developing new neutron capture technique

- SNOLAB Si HV in UMN cryo lab exposed to PuBe source of thermal
- Measure nuclear recoil after neutron capture, tag de-excitation  $\gamma$

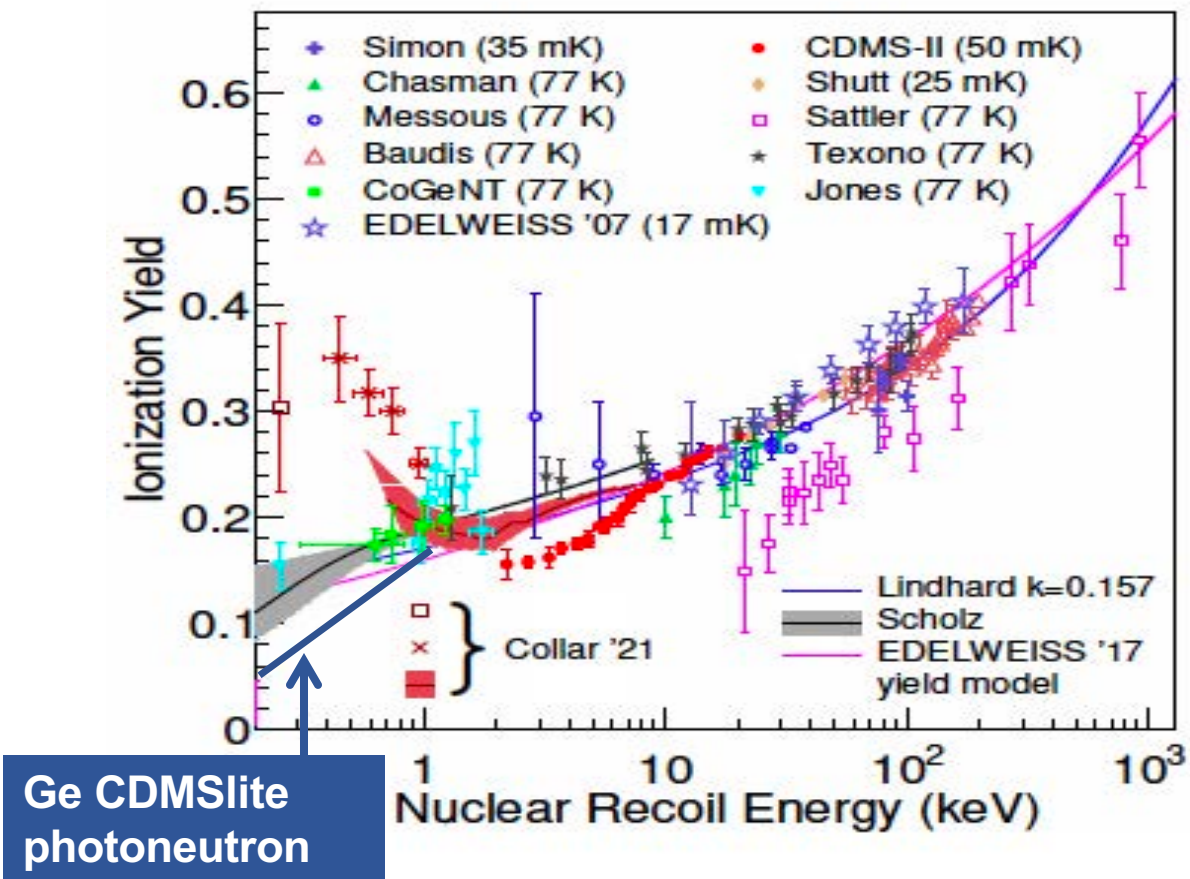


# Good Progress, but further work is required to establish confident interpretation of low mass DM limits from Ge and Si

Silicon NR response falls faster than Lindhard



Quenching in Germanium may depend on temperature or internal electric field



# Summary

## **A multi-experiment Strategy for the future based on “Delve Deep and Search Wide”**

- The strategy requires development of multiple targets and their readout technology in parallel
  - Not only because we don't know where the DM is, but also
    - because understanding the *nature* of the interaction will require multiple targets
- We have a program that can explore down to the neutrino fog in most scenarios
- Not finding a signal (in a particular section of phase space) is as important as finding it.
- There is no guarantee that there is only one type of dark matter
  - This decade has produced a wealth of candidates with arguments as compelling as the WIMP

## **The role of cryogenic bolometer experiments in this strategy**

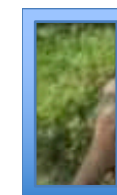
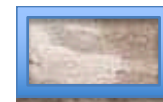
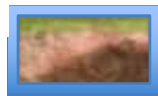
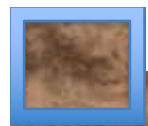
- Near term, large exposure searches which probe NR DM at lower masses
- Good sensitivity to inelastic NR (Migdal) and ER dark matter
- Active R&D on small detectors which can push deep into ER dark matter
- Improvements in the ionization yield discrimination (HEMTs, leakage current, charge resolution)
- Coordinated effort to measure NR quenching in Ge, Si
- Development of HV alternatives to access lowest energies down to single eh charge sensitivity
- Improve phonon resolution without the complication of charge

# Backup Slides

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# There are a lot of solutions consistent with the gravitational evidence

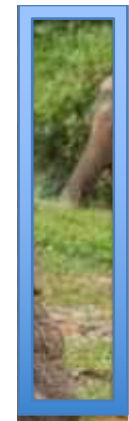
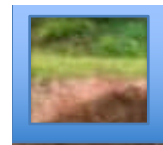
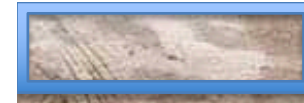
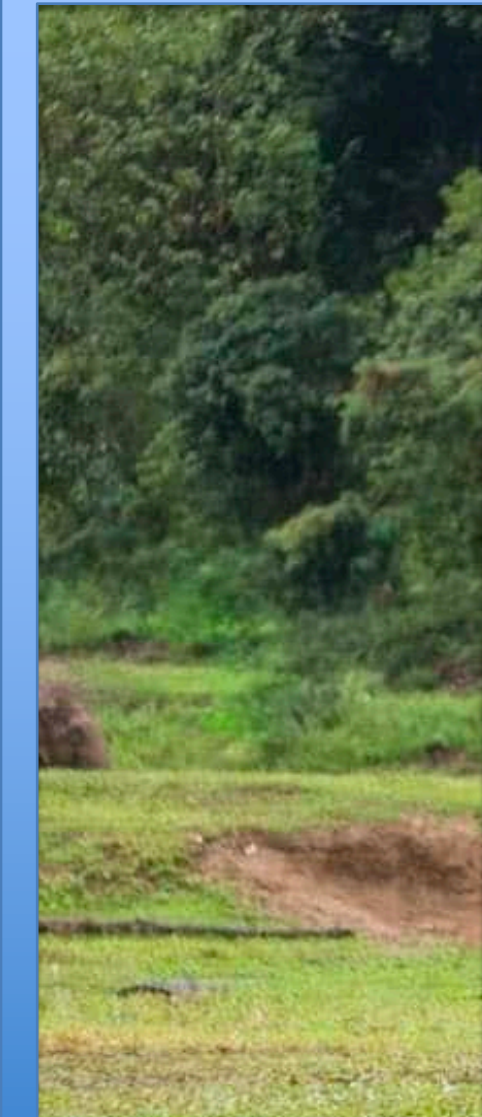
## Search Wide





# Not finding a vanilla WIMP is an incredible scientific accomplishment

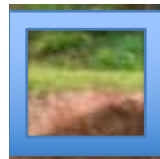
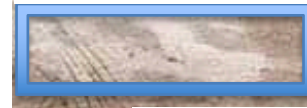
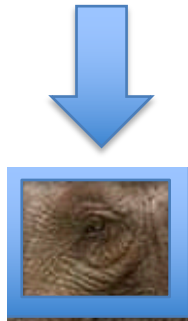
## Delve Deep



# It puts any new signal in context



A signal! An eye fits into the theory of an animal.  
Use its size and what you know about  
animals to look for where the tail should be



The region without an animal  
now tells you which direction it  
is facing and its environment



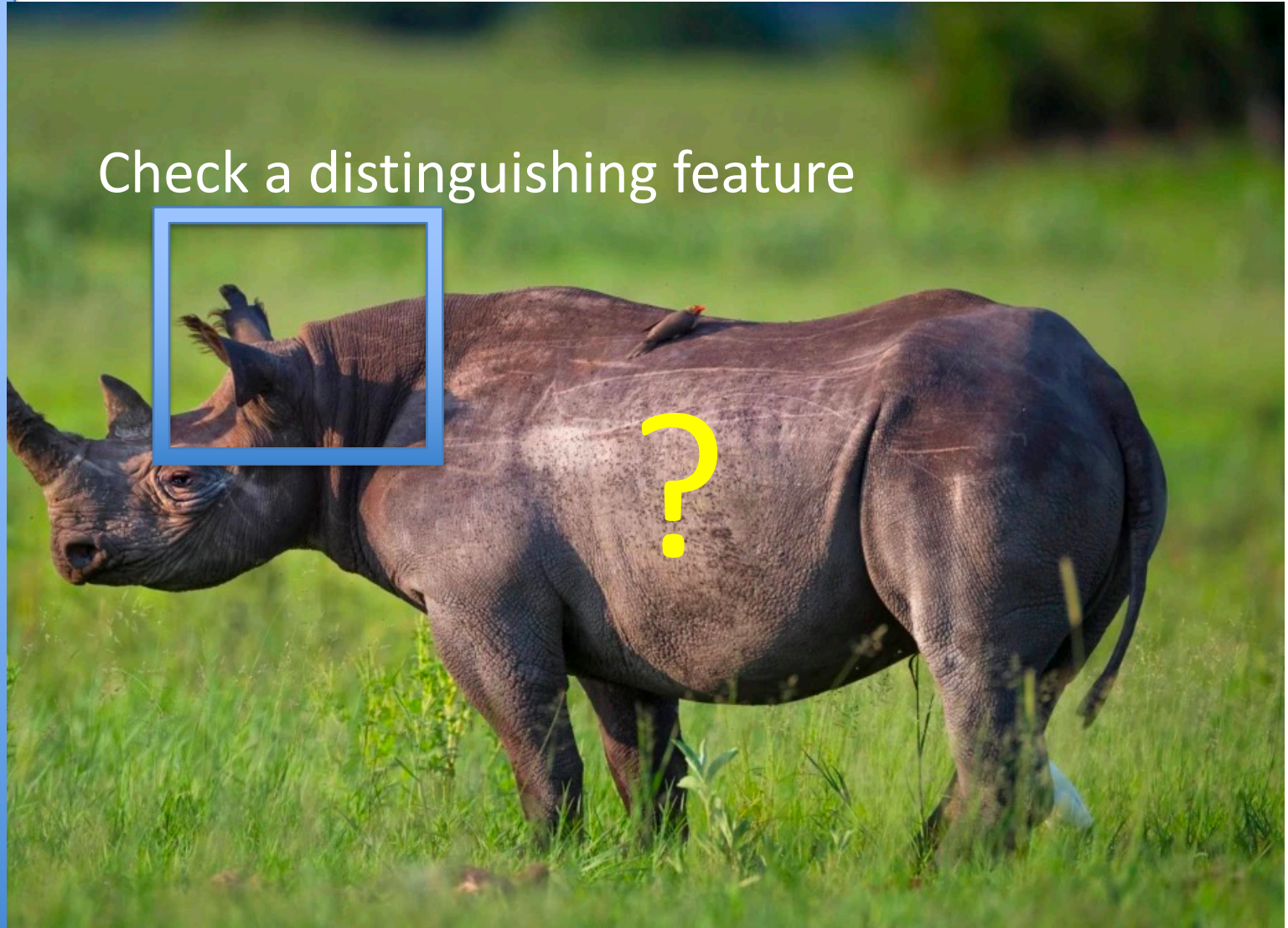
# The model may require you to look with a different sort of detector



# Iterate with a new round of active model-building



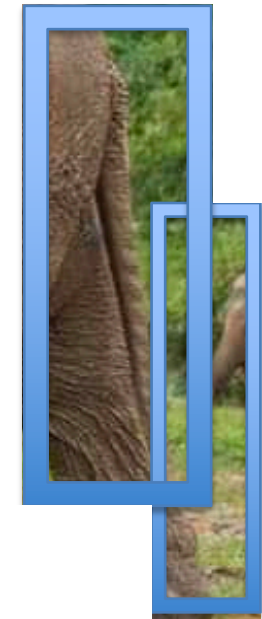
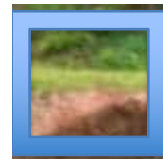
Check a distinguishing feature



# And hope there is a technology available to look there



An ear fits the elephant model better than the rhino model



# And this is still just one part of the jungle



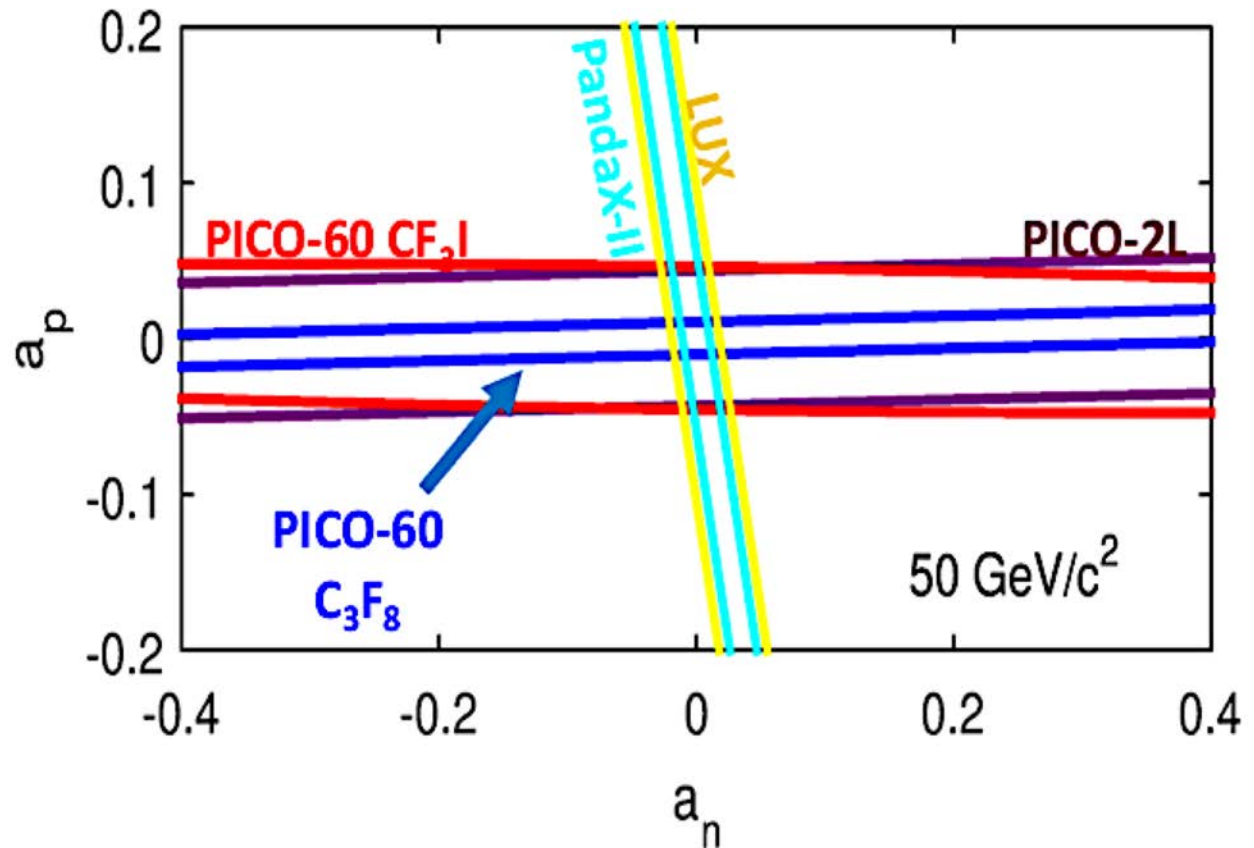
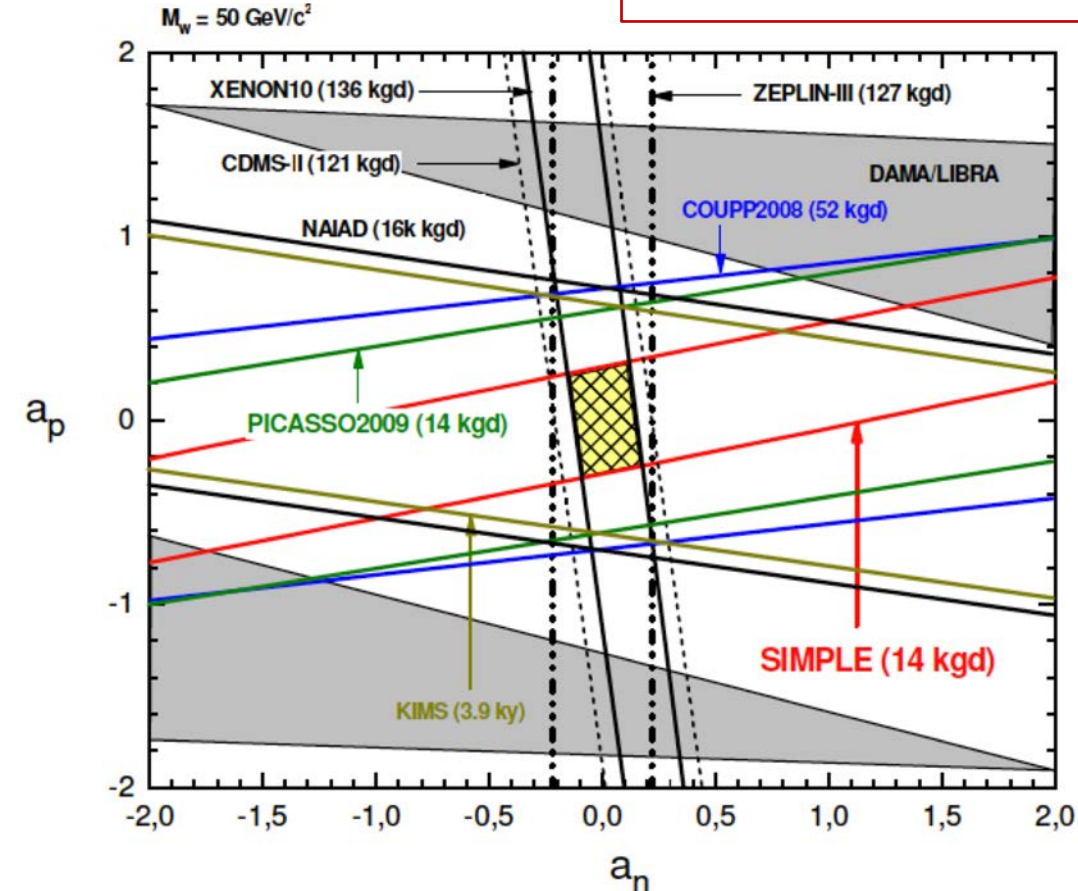
# Multiple SD targets are necessary for best constraints

**Example from 2010.** Superheated droplet detectors  
Using the n-coupled Xenon10 results improved  
the SIMPLE ( $C_2ClF_5$ ) p-coupled results.

$$|a_p| < 0.32, |a_n| < 0.17$$

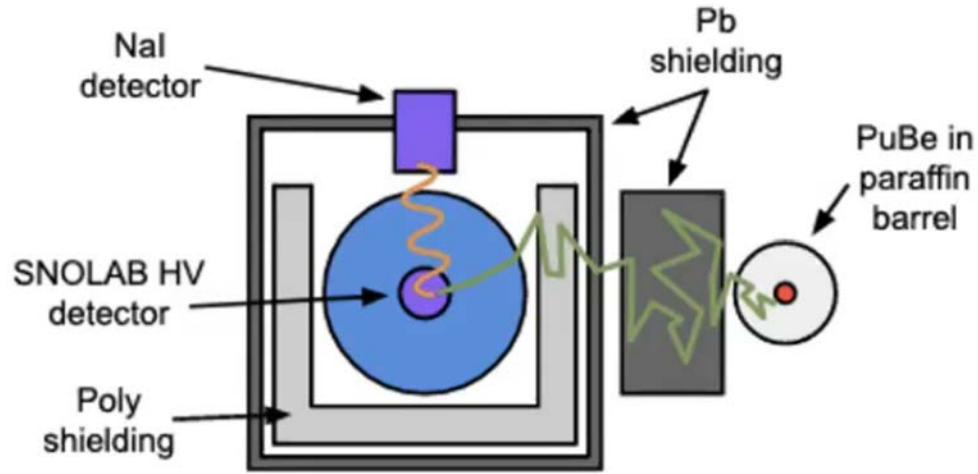
for  $50 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  WIMP

Current constraints are an order of magnitude better. Note that the players are LXe TPCs and Freon bubble chambers



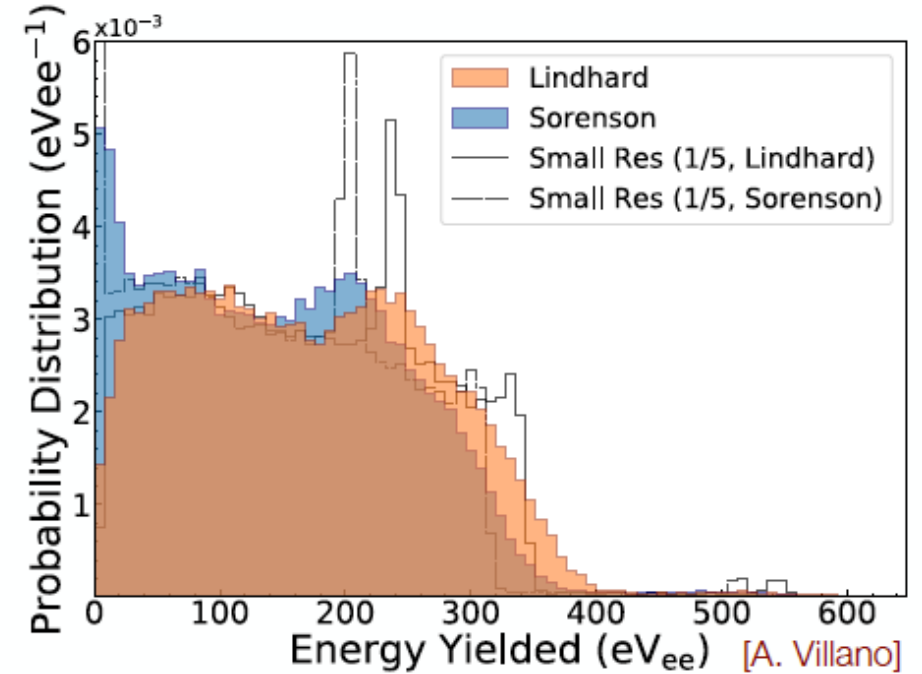
# Develop new in situ technique

*Nuclear Recoils induced by neutron capture ( $n, \gamma$ ) of thermal neutrons*



Use NaI to tag events with escaped gammas: these represent “pure” NR.

Running now with large NaI array and new Si HV detector with better resolution



Capture spectrum depends on yield model and detector resolution. Here shown for two yield models and two resolutions

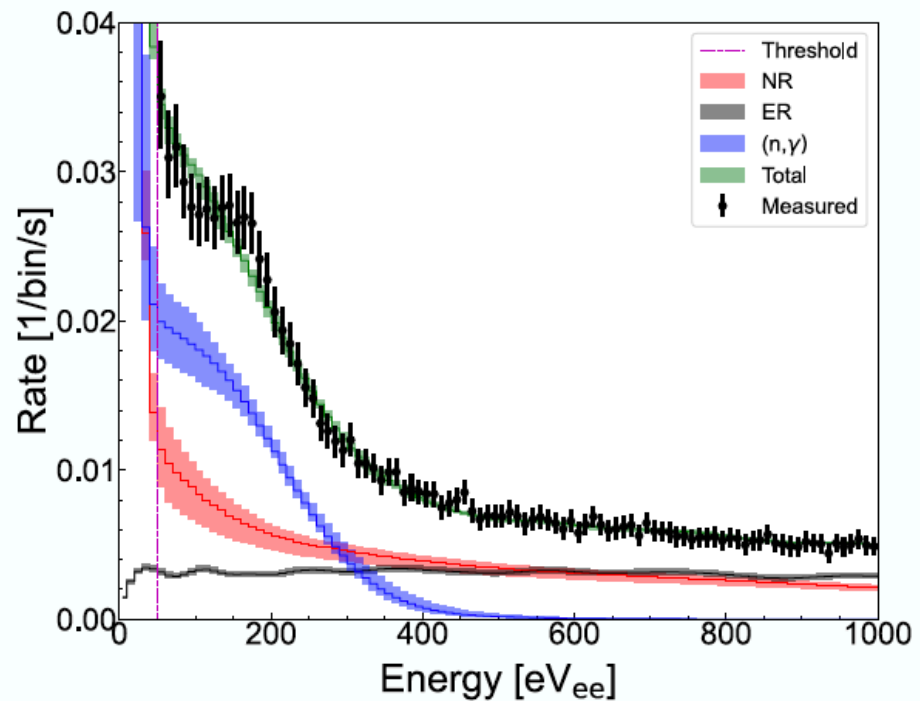


# Neutron capture observed

## Yield again shows low energy suppression in silicon.

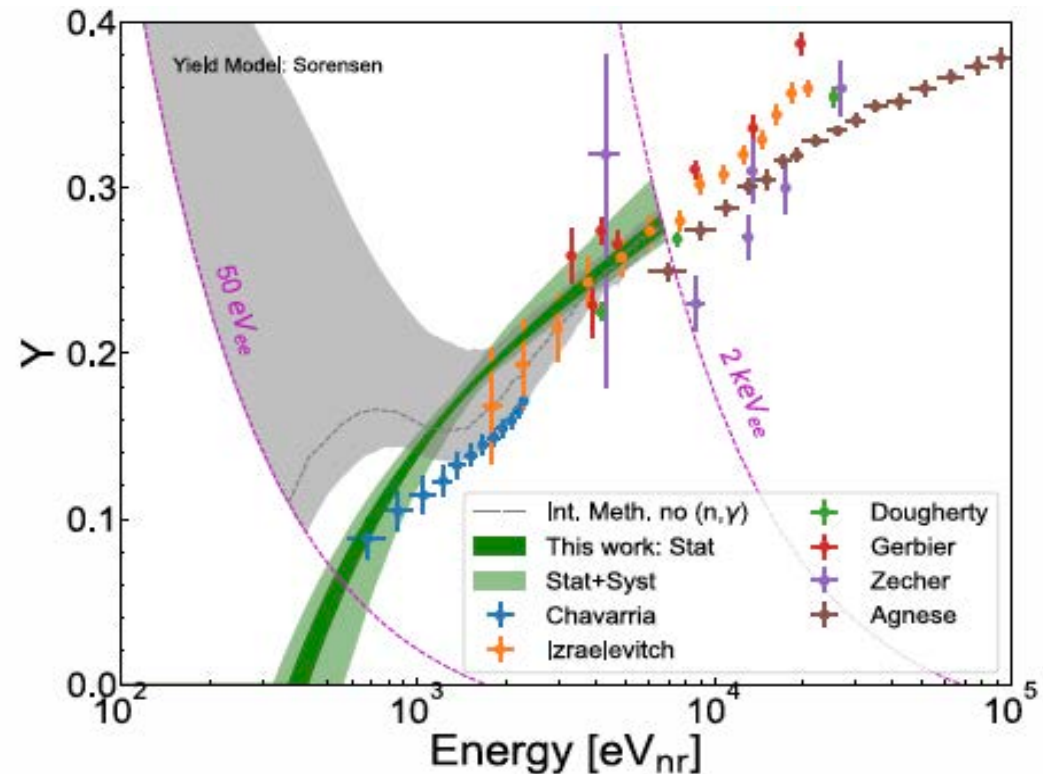
Fit data to simulated ER + NR  
For NR, choose a yield model.

Data shows a clear ( $n,\gamma$ ) feature



Yield models all require a neutron capture component (by  $25\sigma$ )  
Best fit using the Sorenson yield model clearly indicates suppression and possible threshold.

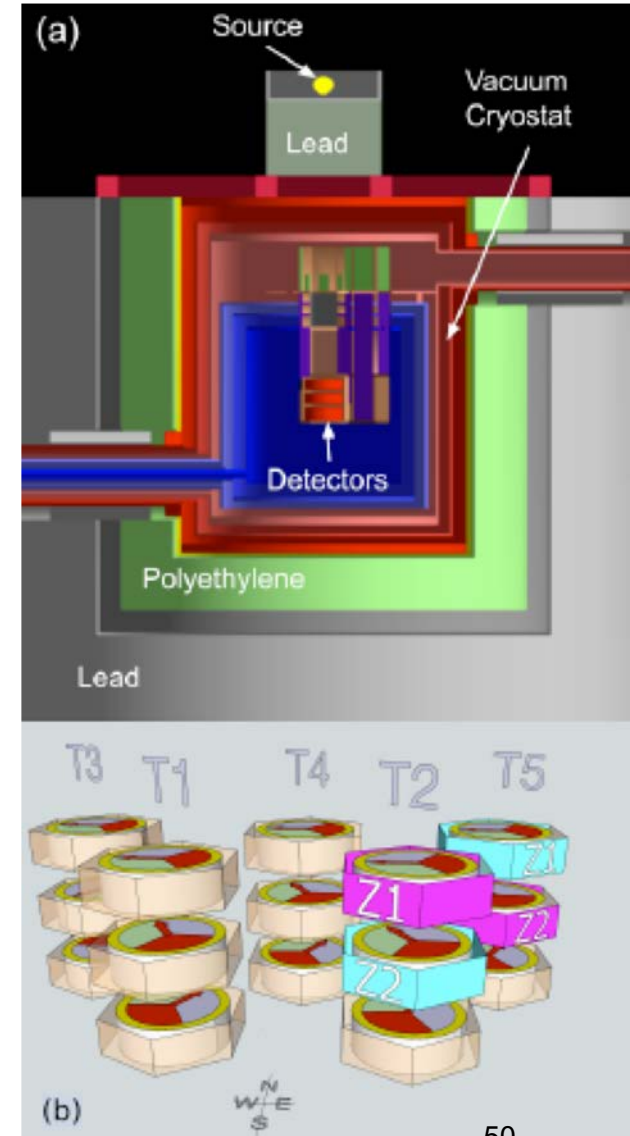
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- <https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.02742>



# Measure $Y(E_r)$ in Germanium using a photo-neutron source

arXiv:2202.07043

Last set of runs before disassembling Soudan Facility  
Illuminated the SuperCDMS array of germanium iZIPs  
For each run, one iZIP was in CDMSlite HV mode.

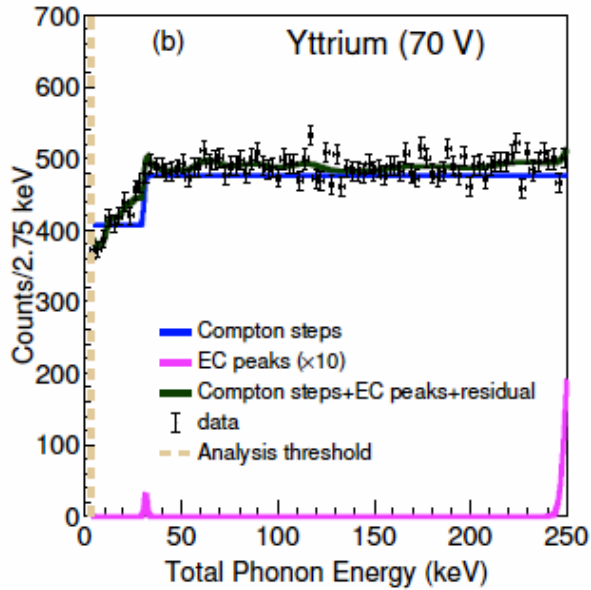


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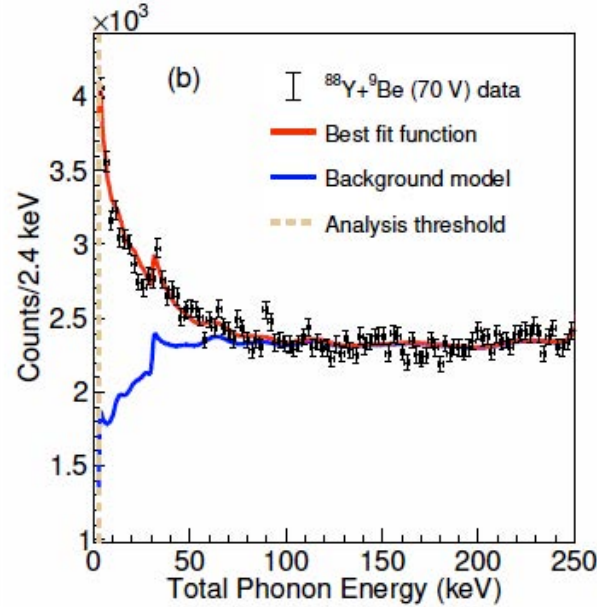
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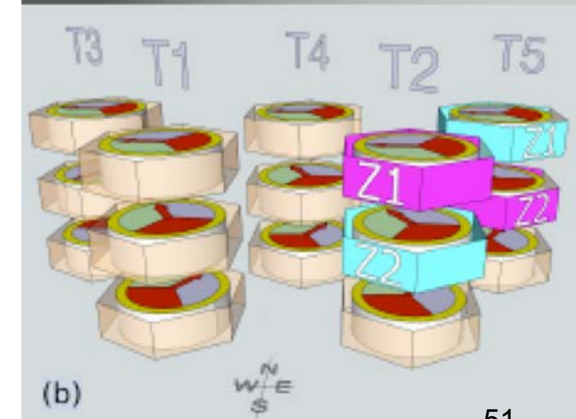
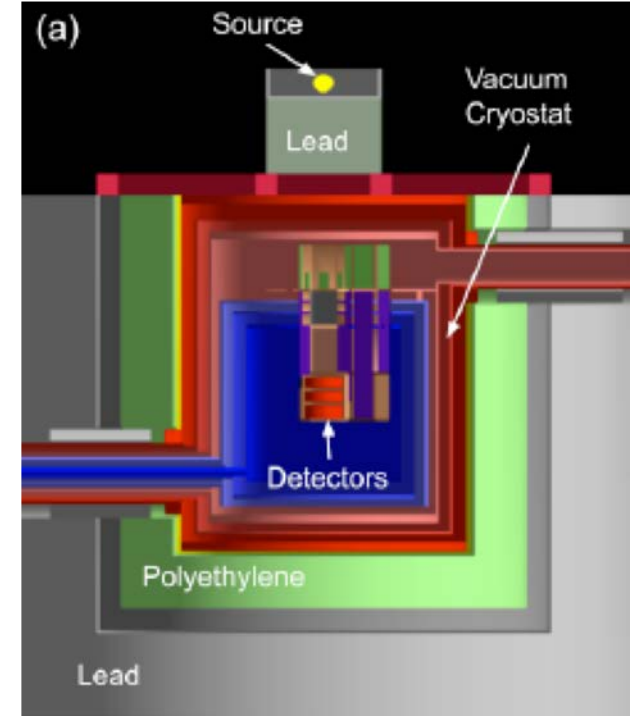
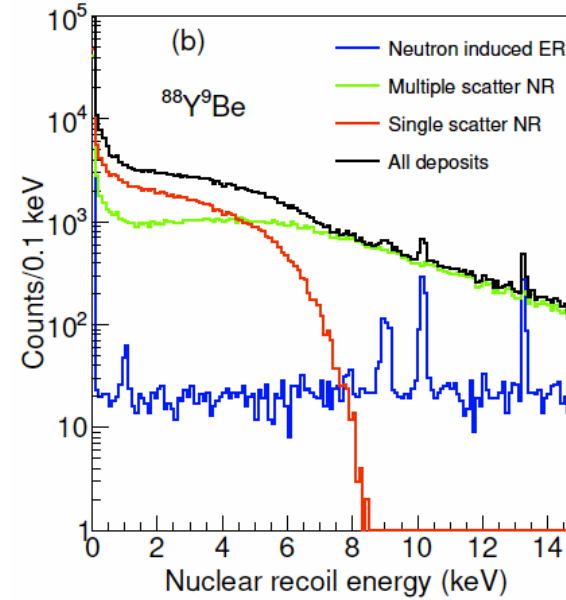
Data without Be disk



Data with Be disk



Geant4 MC



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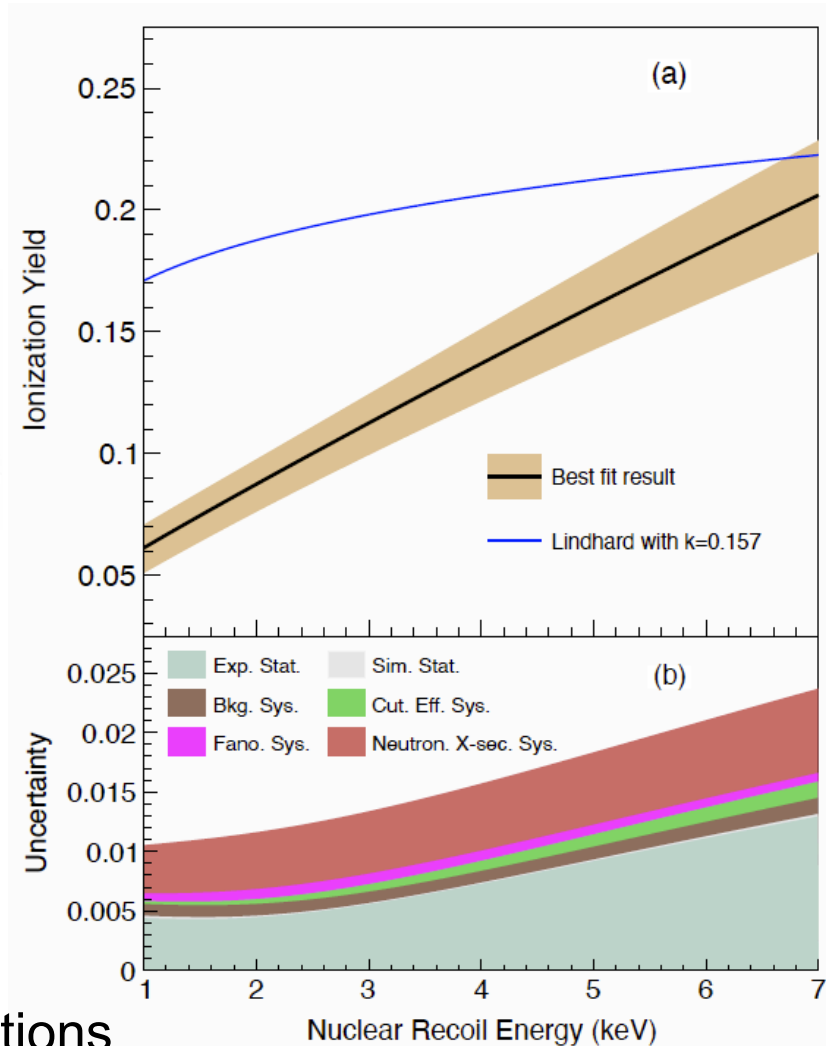
# Soudan CDMSlite photo-neutron source results for germanium

Likelihood fit to modified Lindhard

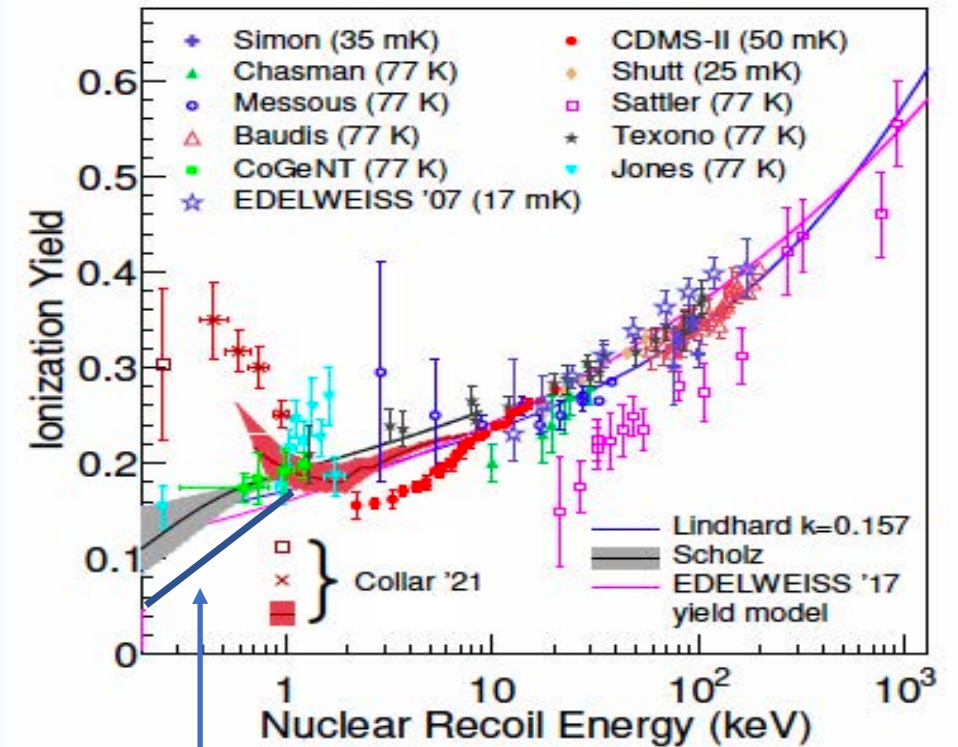
$$Y_r = \frac{kg(\epsilon)}{1 + kg(\epsilon)}$$

$$k(E_r) = k_{low} + \frac{k_{high} - k_{low}}{E_{high} - E_{low}}(E_r - E_{low})$$

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.07043>

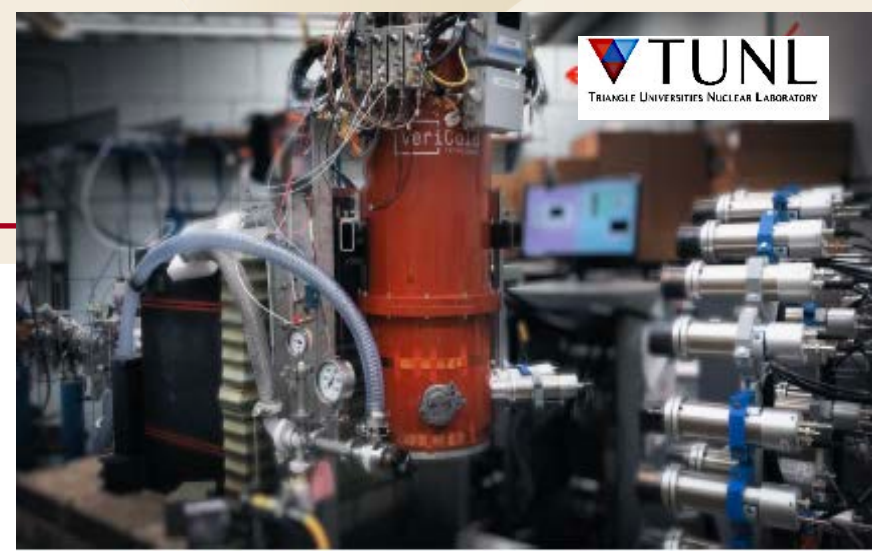


Inconsistent with recent Collar measurement.  
Is Yield T-dependent?  
Or modified by internal field?



**CDMSlite result**

Uncertainty dominated by statistics and precision of neutron scattering cross sections



## Neutron Beam Energy $\rightarrow E_n$

- 1.9 MeV pulsed (2.5 MHz) protons on LiF target
- Tune to the  $^{28}\text{Si}$  elastic scattering resonance (56 keV)

## Neutron scattering angle $\rightarrow E_r$

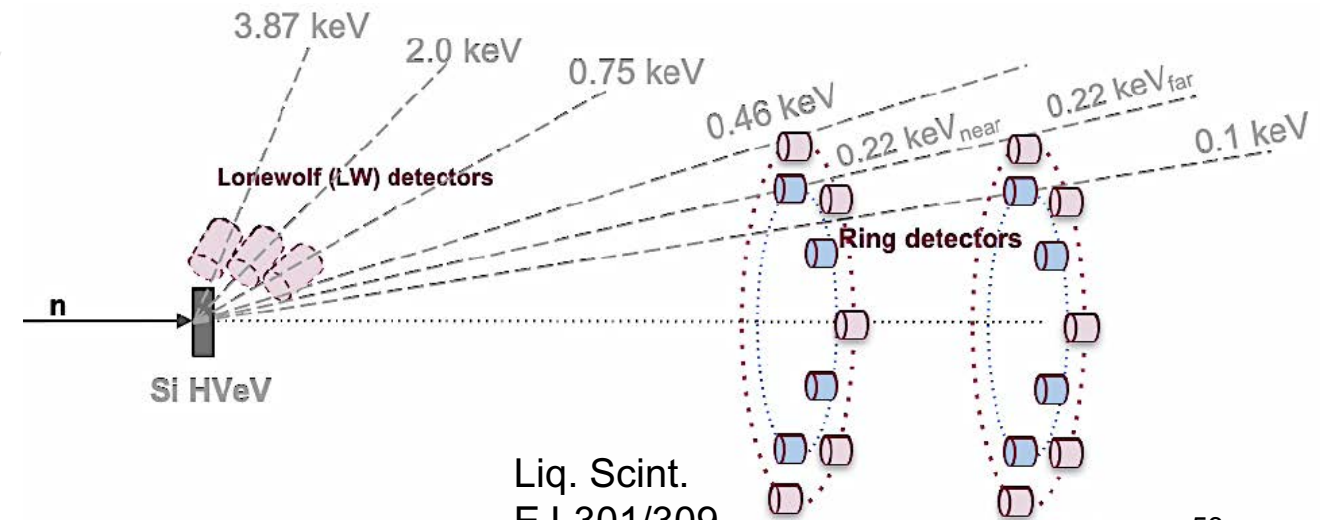
- Backing Array (26 PMTs) at 2 distances
- 3 “lone wolf” to reference large angles
- Also measure TOF and  $\gamma$  backgrounds

$$E_r = 2E_n \frac{M_n^2}{(M_n + M_T)^2} \left( \frac{M_T}{M_n} + \sin^2 \theta - (\cos \theta) \sqrt{\left( \frac{M_T}{M_n} \right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta} \right)$$

Image credit: Tom Ren

## Silicon Detector $\rightarrow$ total phonon energy

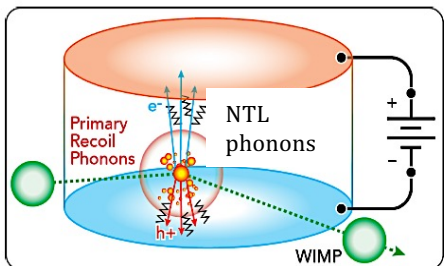
- HVeV (0.93 g) with 2 TES channels
- Energy Resolution:  $\sigma_p \sim 3$  eV
- Charge Resolution:  $\sigma_{eh} \sim 0.03$  e/h



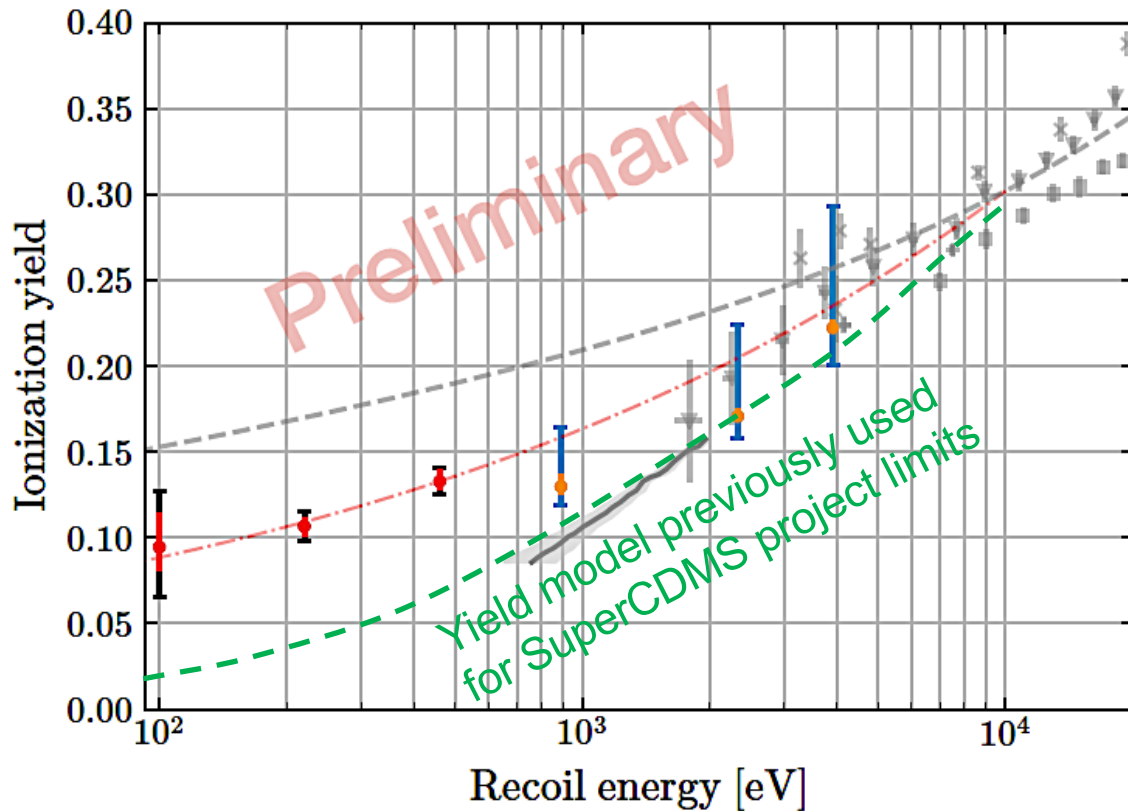
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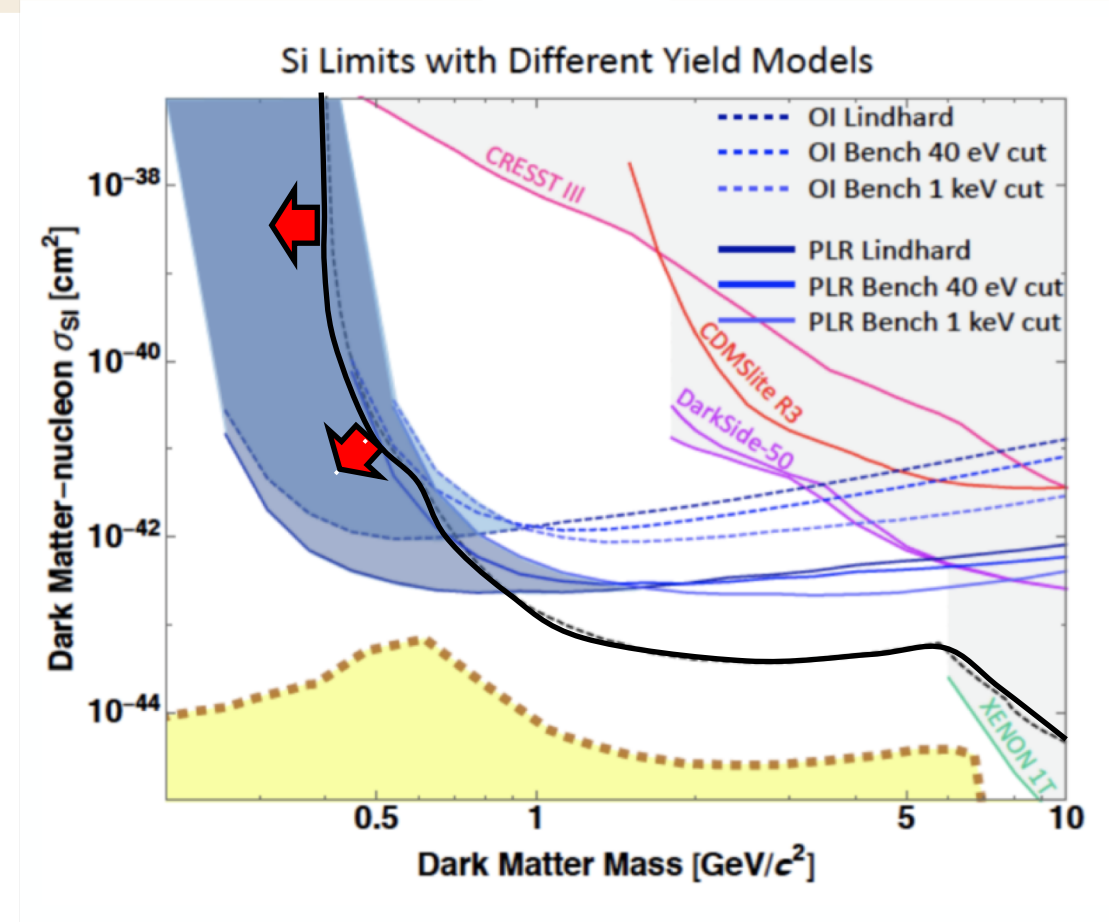
$$E_{tot} = E_r + E_{NTL}$$



# Yield has significant consequences to our low mass reach in Silicon



- Chavarria 2016
- + Dougerty 1992
- + Gerbier 1990
- + Izraelevitch 2017
- + CDMSII
- Lindhard  $k=0.146$
- ◆ This work (LW), stats. + sys.
- ◆ This work (ring), stats. + sys.
- This work (ring), empirical fit

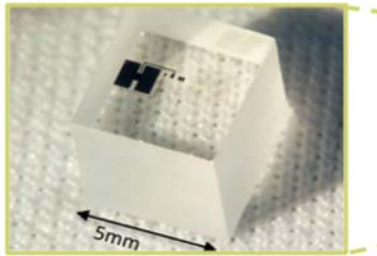


All our Si project limits were based on a modified Lindhard (green) that passes through Chavarria '16

# The CE $\nu$ NS Connection

## CRESST $\rightarrow$ nu-cleus

Two 3x3 arrays of  
6g CaWO $_4$  + 4g Al $_2$ O $_3$   
read out by W TES



## SuperCDMS $\rightarrow$ MI $\nu$ ER

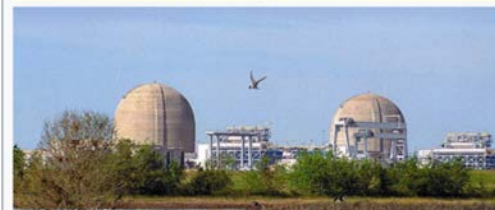


HV, iZIP  
Al $_2$ O $_3$  + QET

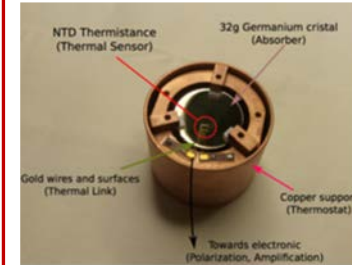
TRIGA research nuclear reactor  
at TAMU with moveable core



South Texas Project (STP) Electric  
Generating Station

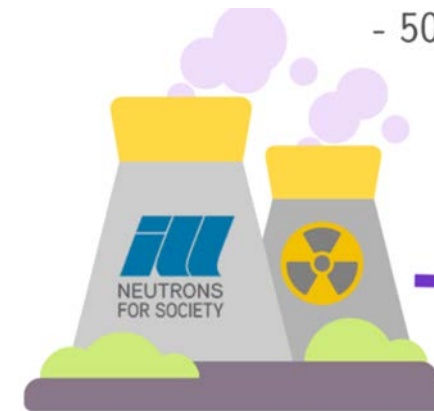


## EDELWEISS $\rightarrow$ Ricochet



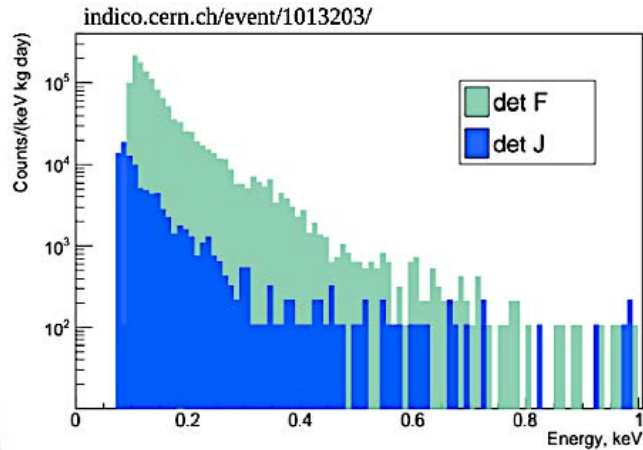
Array of 27x32g detectors:

- 8x8x8 cm $^3$
- 50% Ge semiconductors
- 50% Zn superconductors



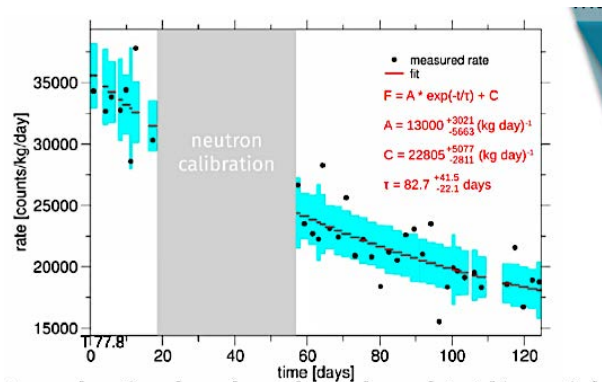
Institut Laue-Langevin  
(Grenoble, France)

# Recent Excess workshop identifies further clues

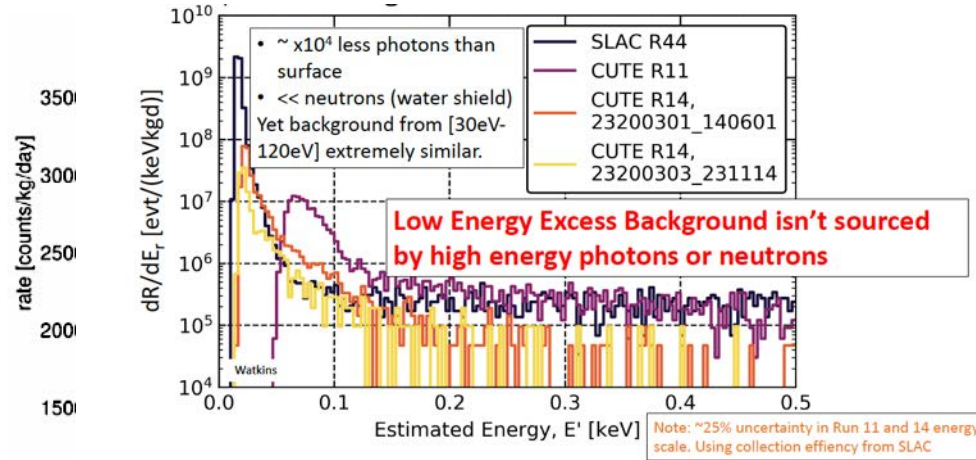


rate differs x10 in identically constructed  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  detectors

Rate differs by x 10 in "identical"  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  detectors



clear time-dependence observed over data-taking period

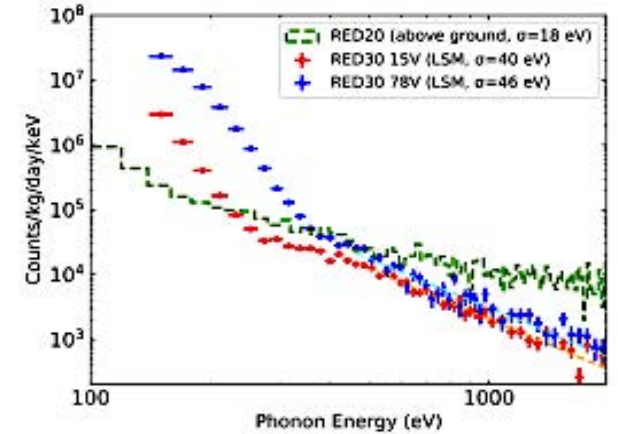


CPD (both underground and at surface)

CPD@CUTE

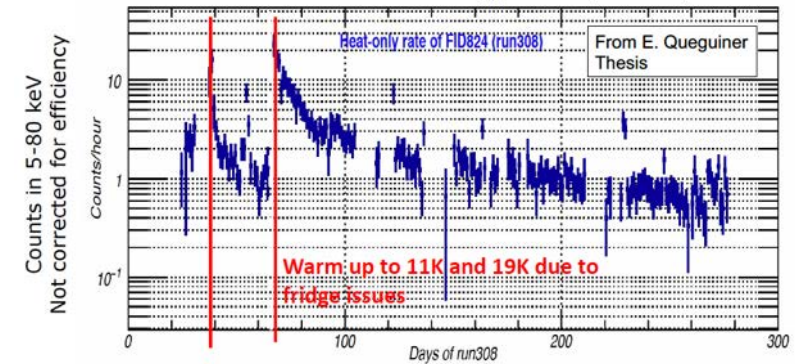


Relaxing after cooldown is a feature consistent with microfracture stresses



EDELWEISS "heat only" events

EDELWEISS Low Energy Excess (FID 824)

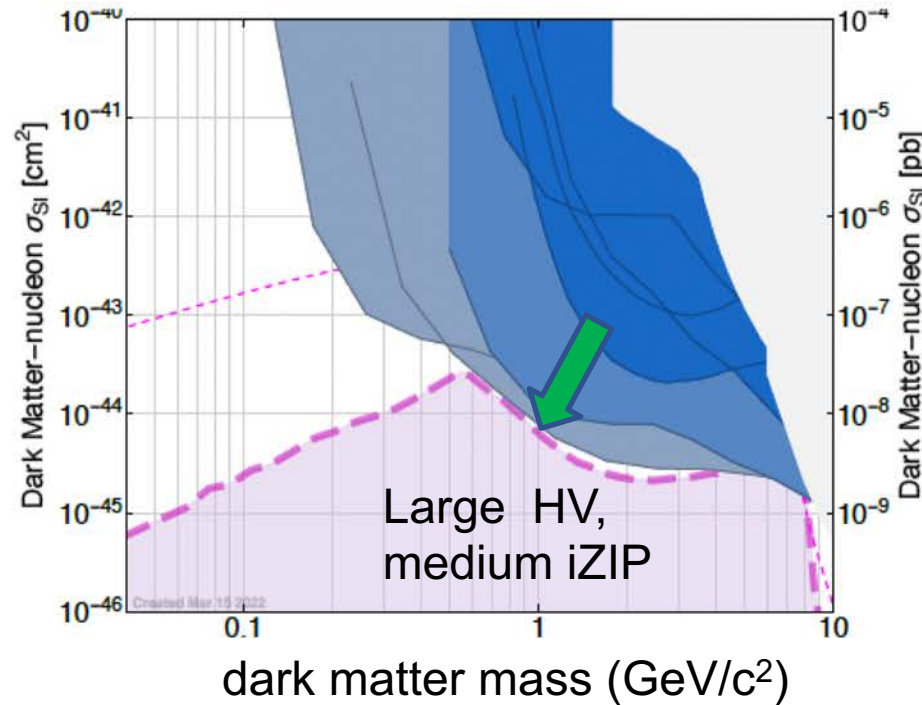
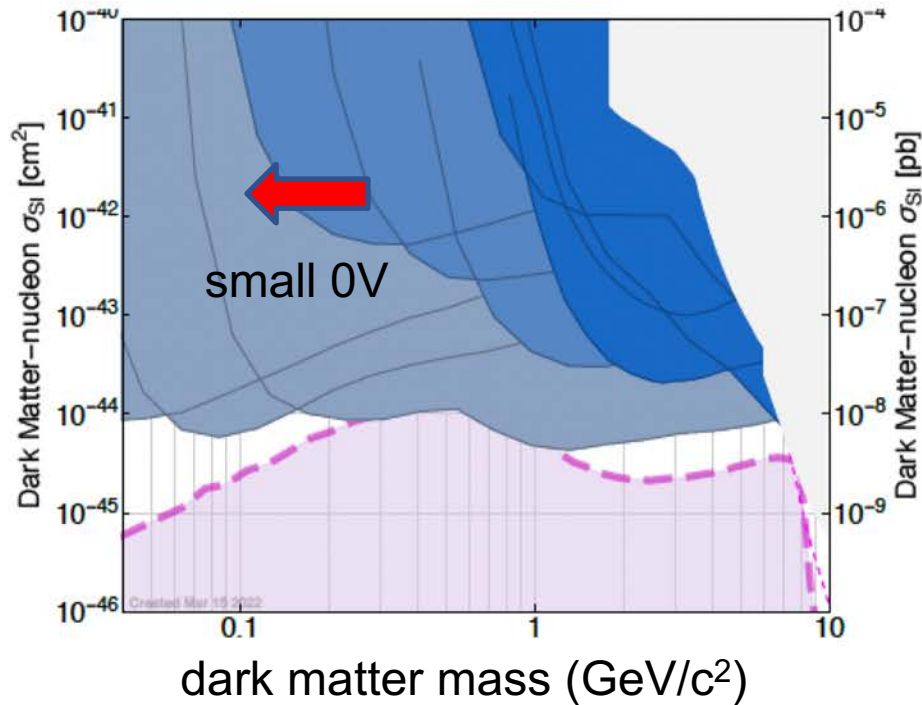




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## Nucleon-coupled dark matter (50 MeV – 5 GeV)

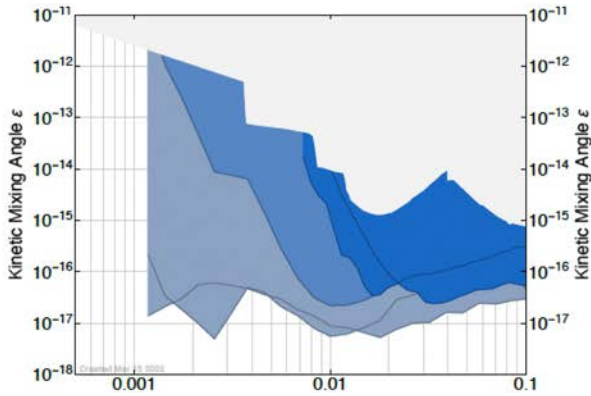
Large = SNOLAB (260 cm<sup>3</sup>)  
 Medium = 10 cm<sup>3</sup>  
 Small = 1 cm<sup>3</sup>



Dark blue = SNOLAB limits with 4 Towers (in our 7-tower cryostat).  
 Light blue = In-hand small detector mosaics filling two towers running at 80% duty cycle for 4 yrs.  
 Dark Grey = Mosaics of upgraded detectors (see next slide) in two towers.  
 Three two-tower scenarios can fit in the the cryostat and run in parallel.

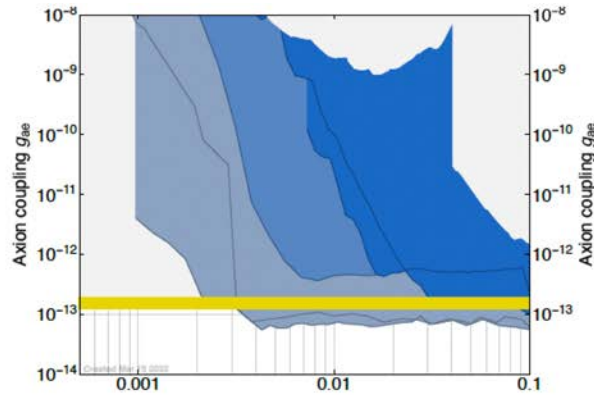
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## Dark photon kinetic mixing



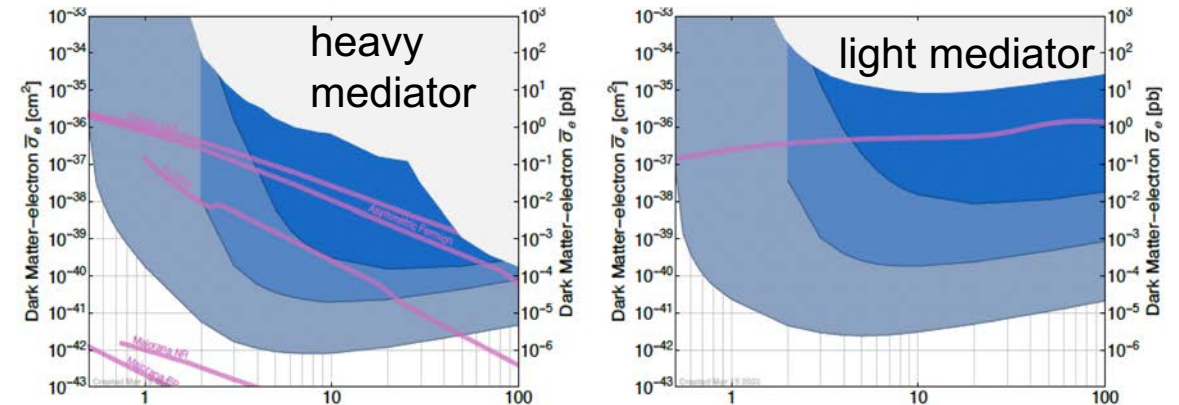
dark photon mass ( $\text{keV}/c^2$ )

## ALP effective coupling



ALP mass ( $\text{keV}/c^2$ )

## Light DM coupled to dark photon



dark matter mass ( $\text{MeV}/c^2$ )

dark matter mass ( $\text{MeV}/c^2$ )

Dark blue: SNOLAB limits with 4 Towers (in our 7-Tower cryostat)

Light blue: In-hand small detector mosaics filling two towers running at 80% duty cycle for 4 yrs.

Dark Grey: Mosaics of upgraded detectors in two towers.

Three two-tower scenarios can fit in the the cryostat and run in parallel.

yellow line: parameter space consistent with the hint from white dwarf cooling.

J. Cosmo. Astro. Phys. 2016, 057

pink lines are sharp targets for  $M_{A'} = 3 M_\chi$  from 2017 cosmic visions workshop