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# Speaking for

## SuperCDMS Collaboration



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Coherent Neutrino Scattering 12/07/12

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Particles in thermal equilibrium

+ **decoupling when nonrelativistic**

Freeze out when annihilation rate  $\approx$  expansion rate

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_x h^2 = \frac{3 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^3 / \text{s}}{\langle \sigma_A v \rangle} \Rightarrow \sigma_A \approx \frac{\alpha^2}{M_{EW}^2}$$

Cosmology points to W&Z scale

Inversely standard particle model requires new physics at this scale

=> significant amount of dark matter

## **Weakly Interacting Massive Particles**

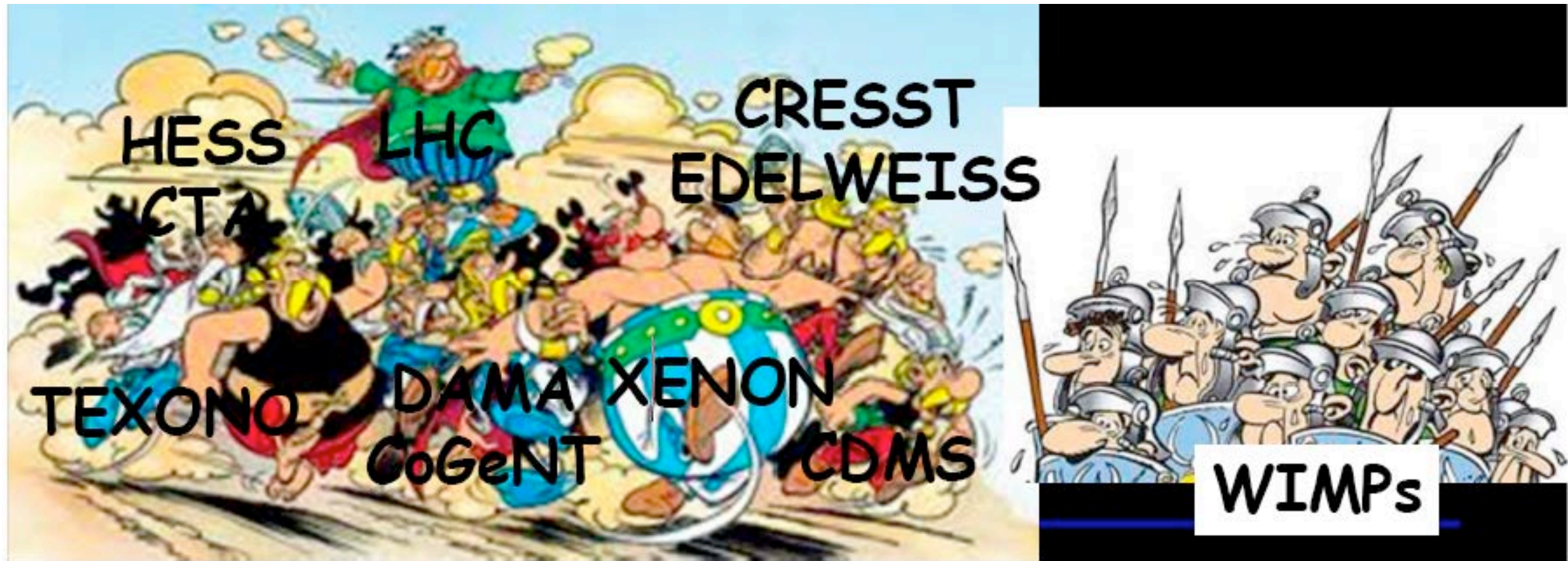
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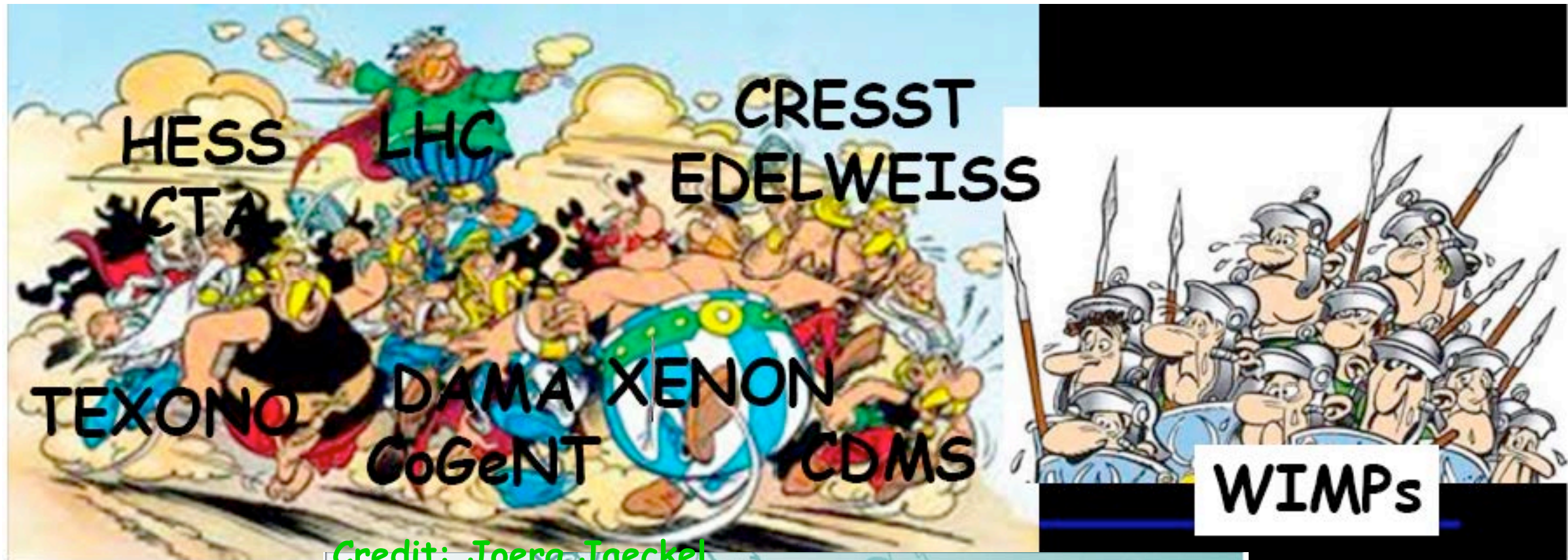
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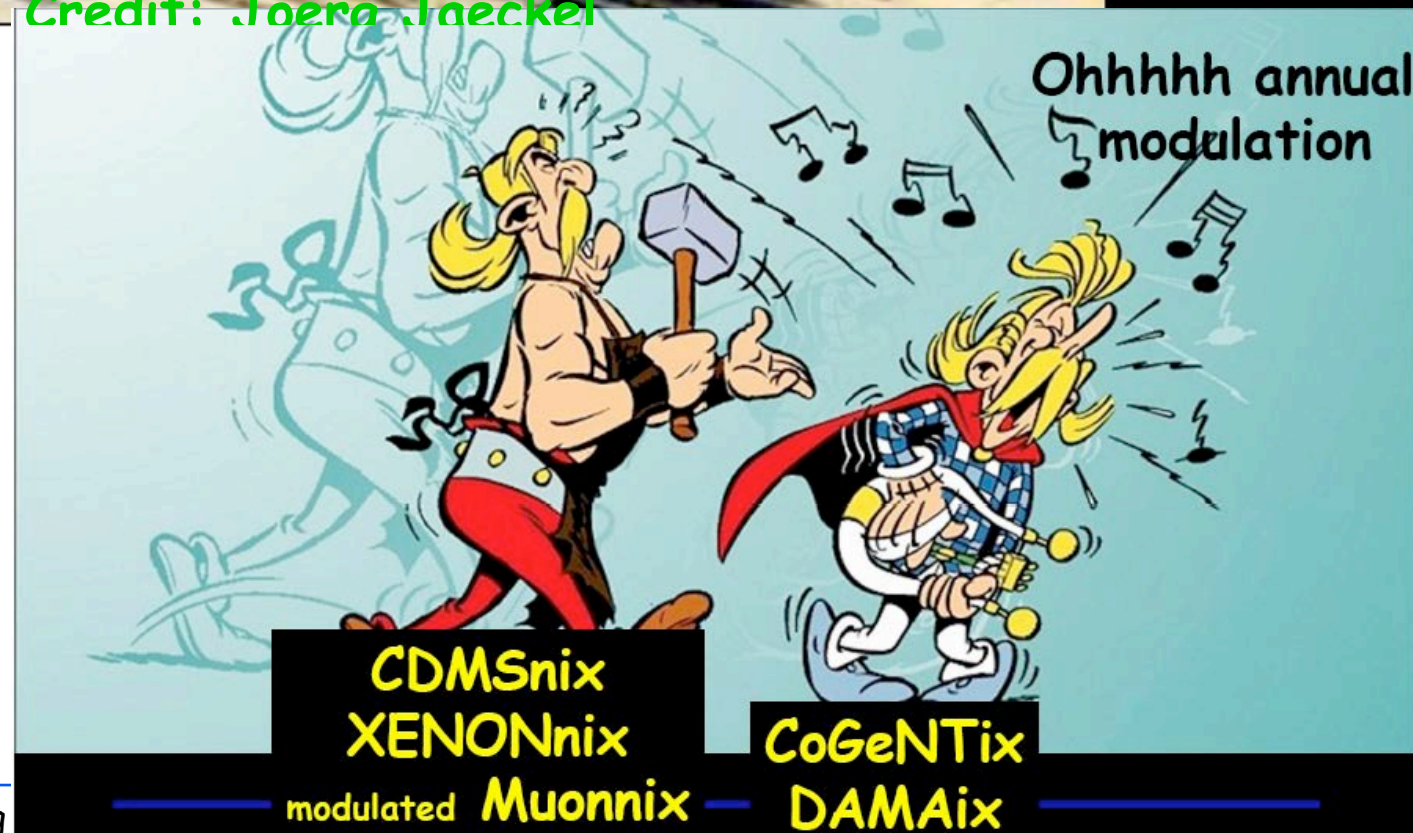


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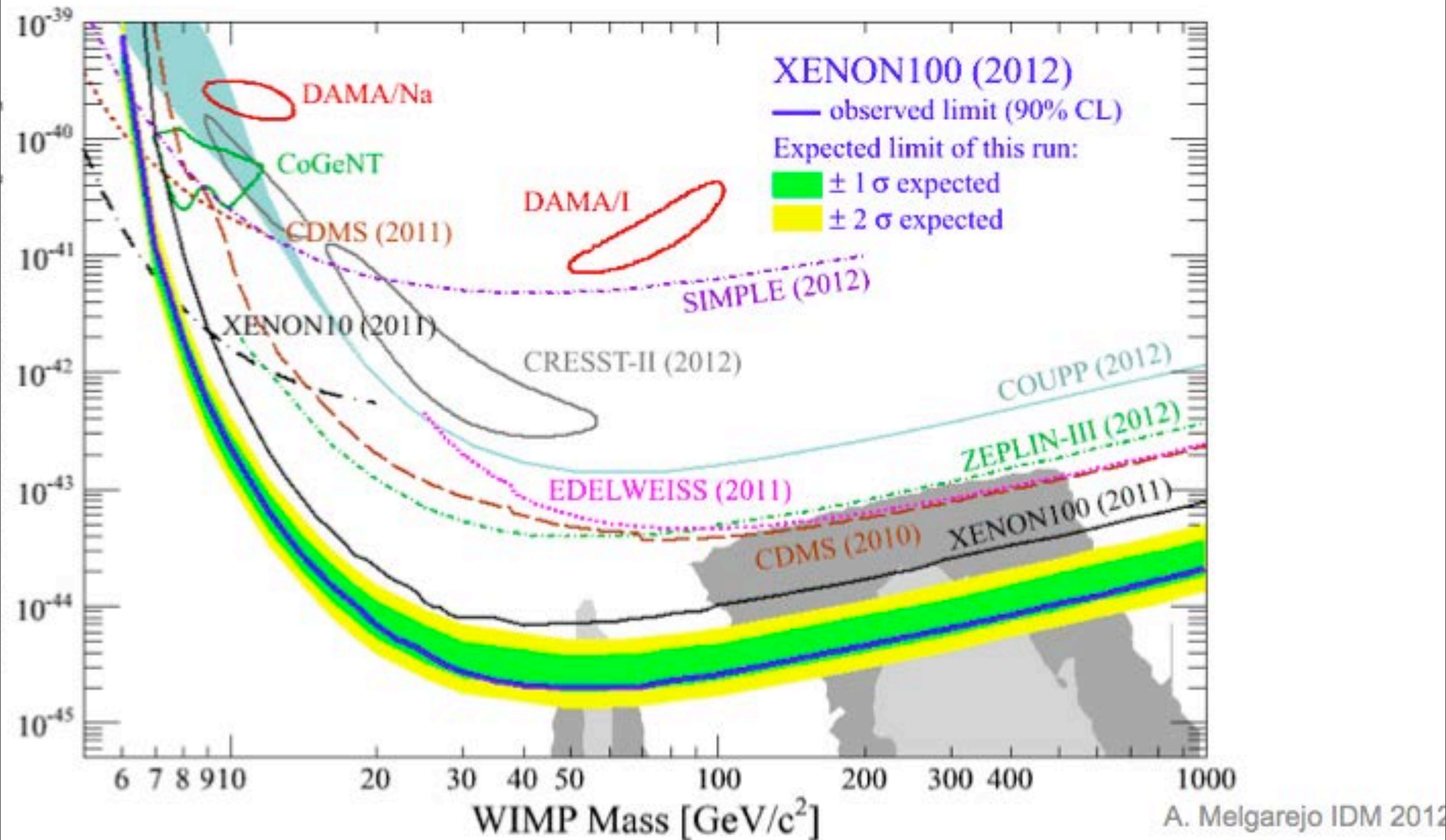


Coherent Neutrino Scattering

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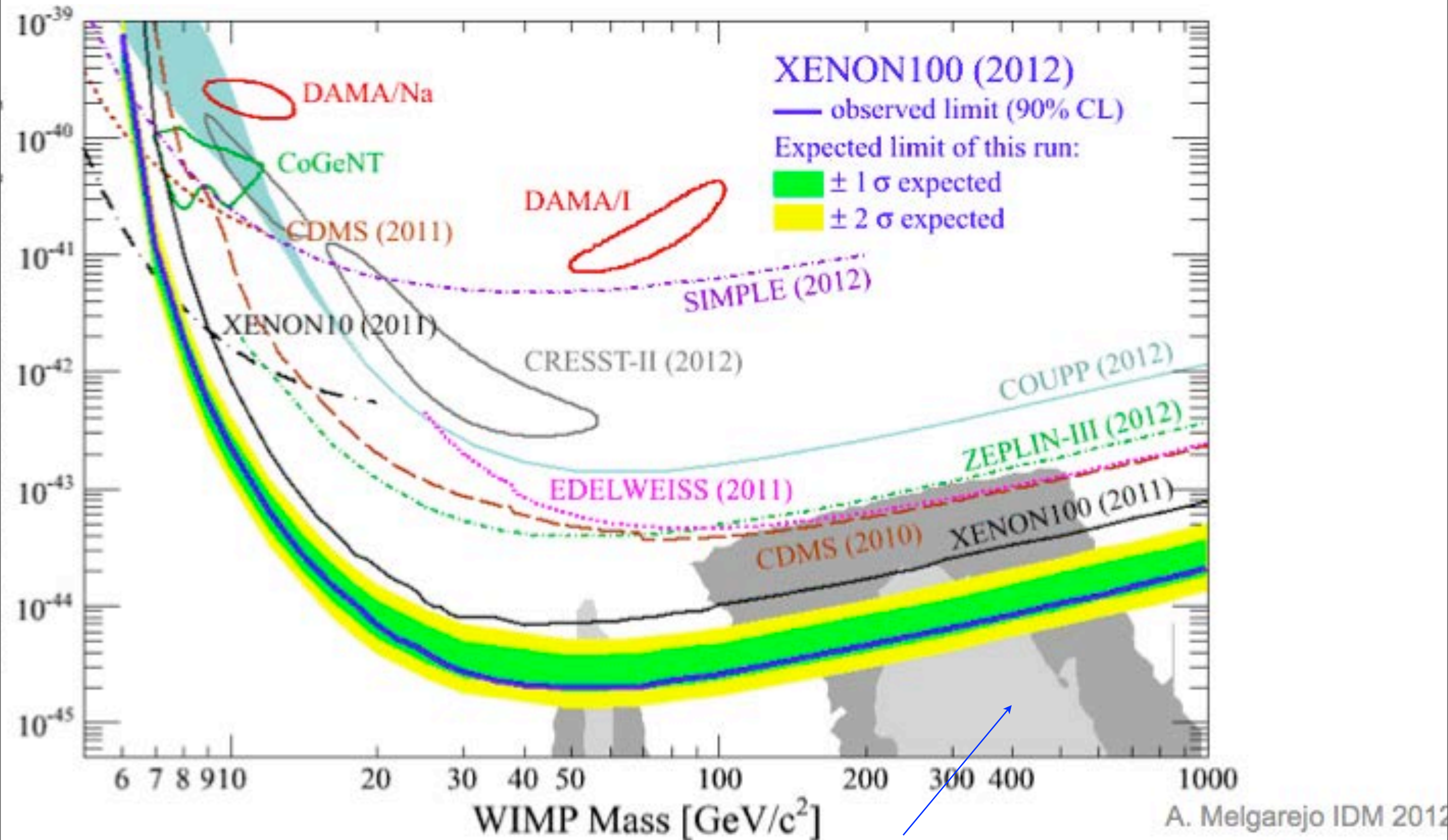


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CMSSM  $\approx$  mSUGRA Focal point region  
No threshold for Direct Detection

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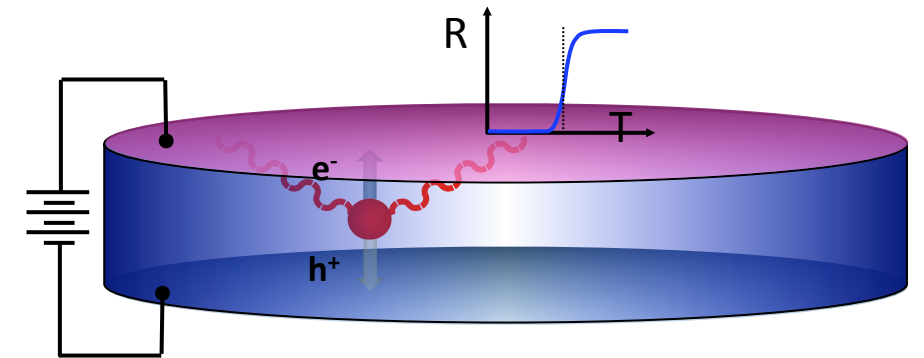
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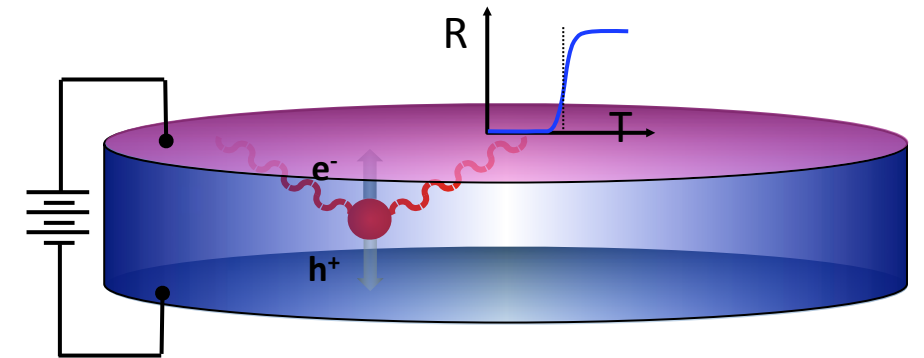
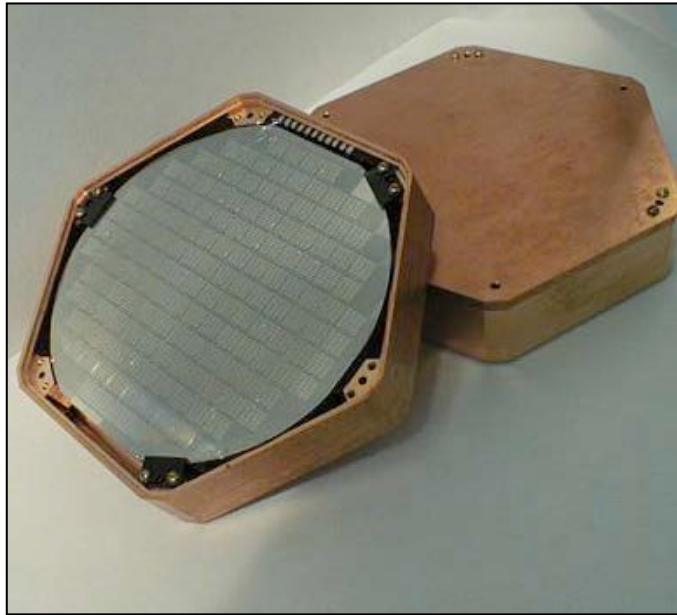
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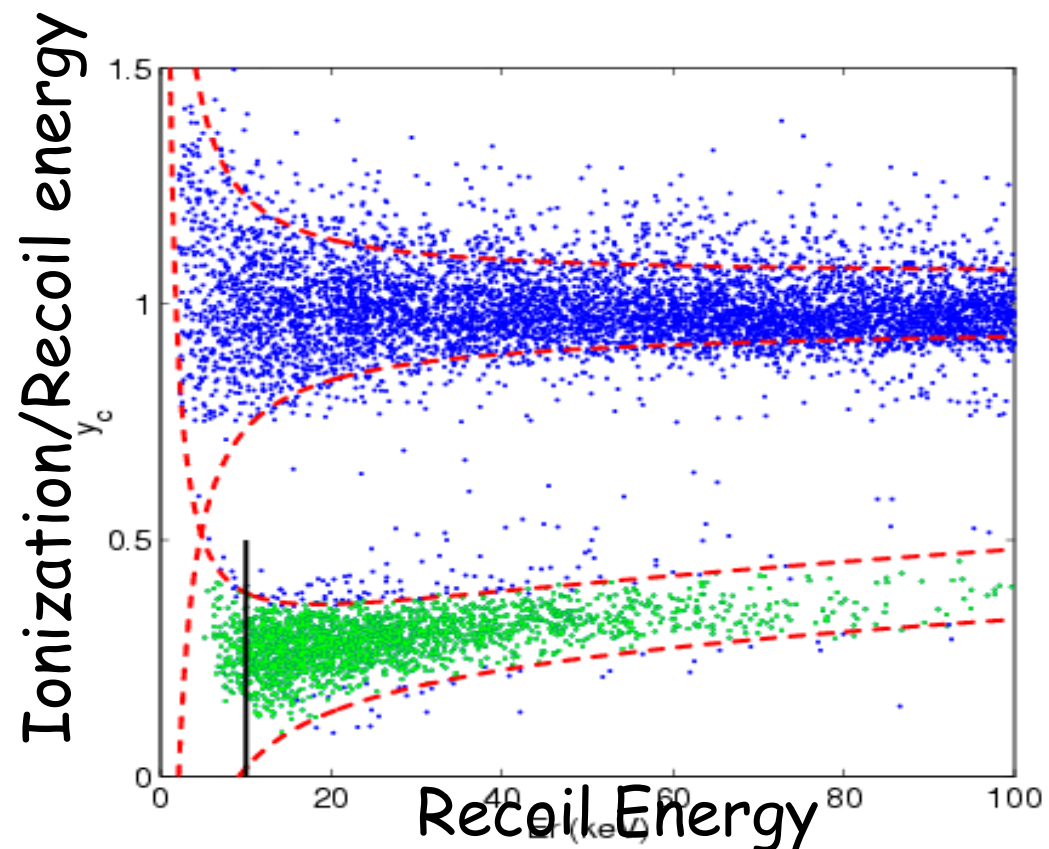
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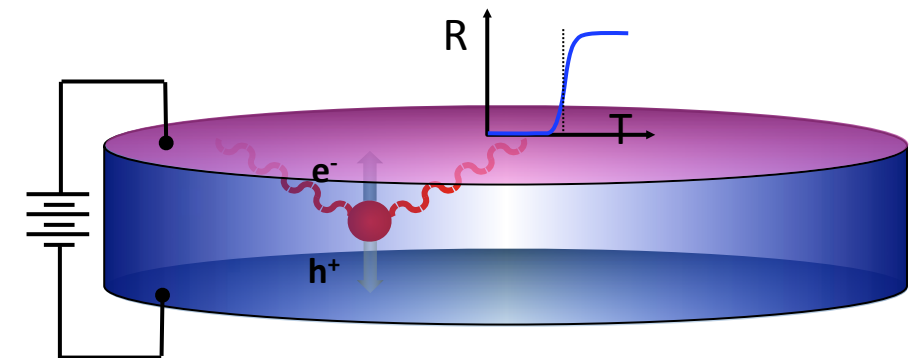
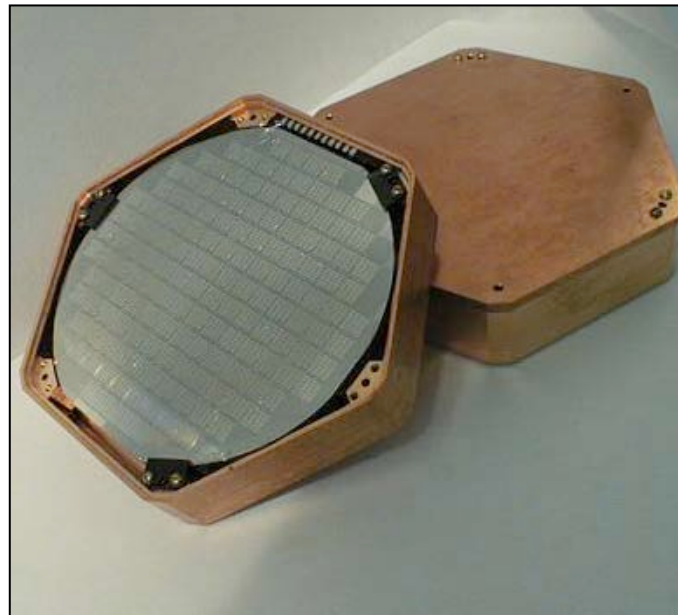




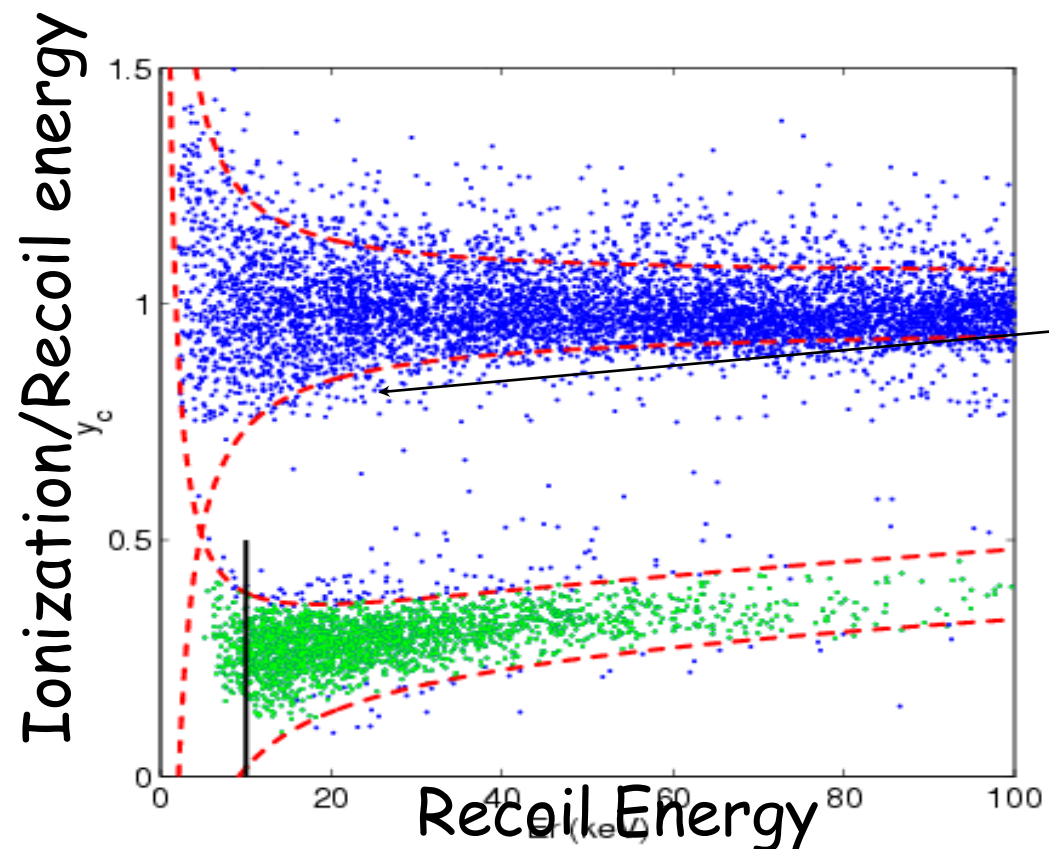
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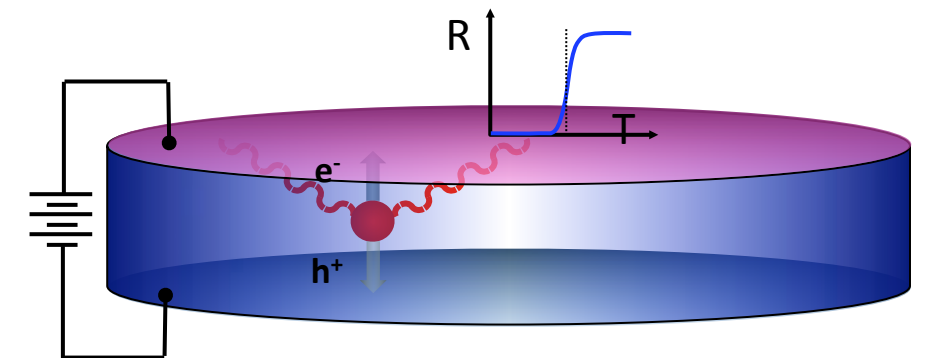
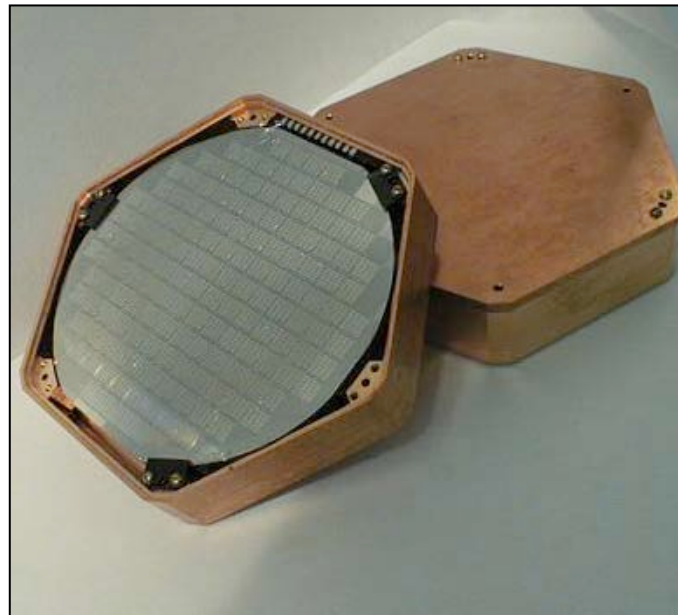
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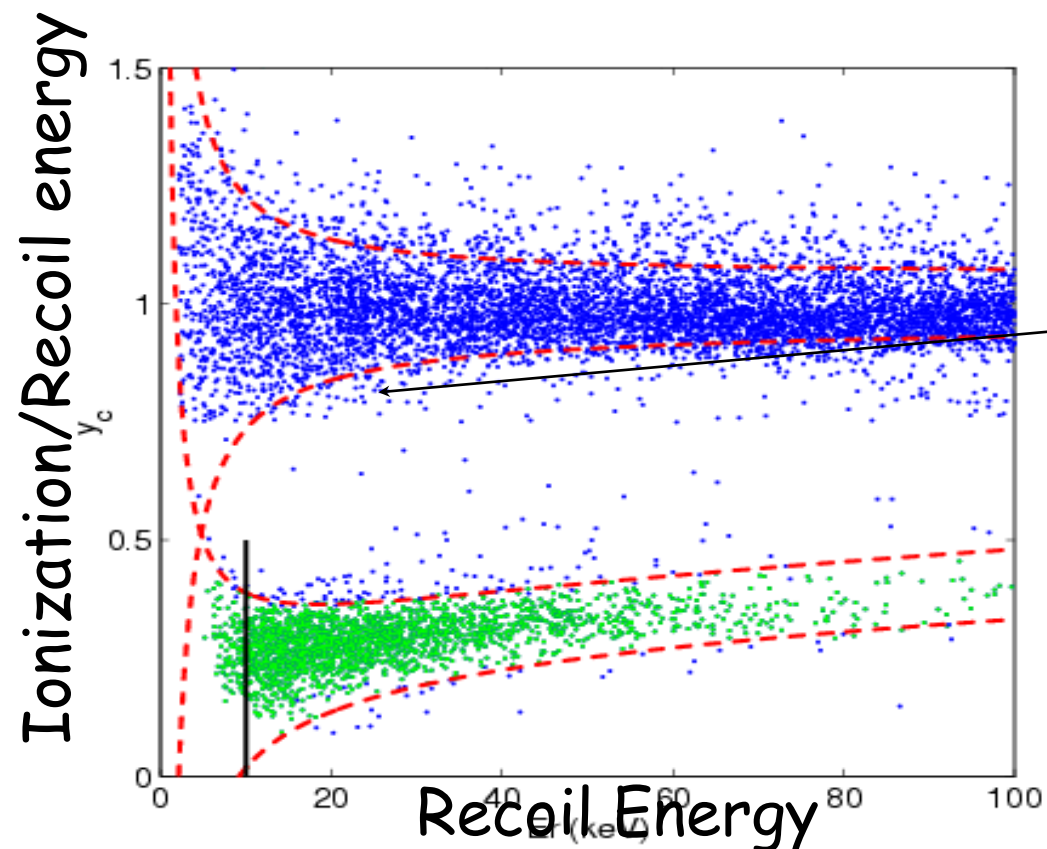
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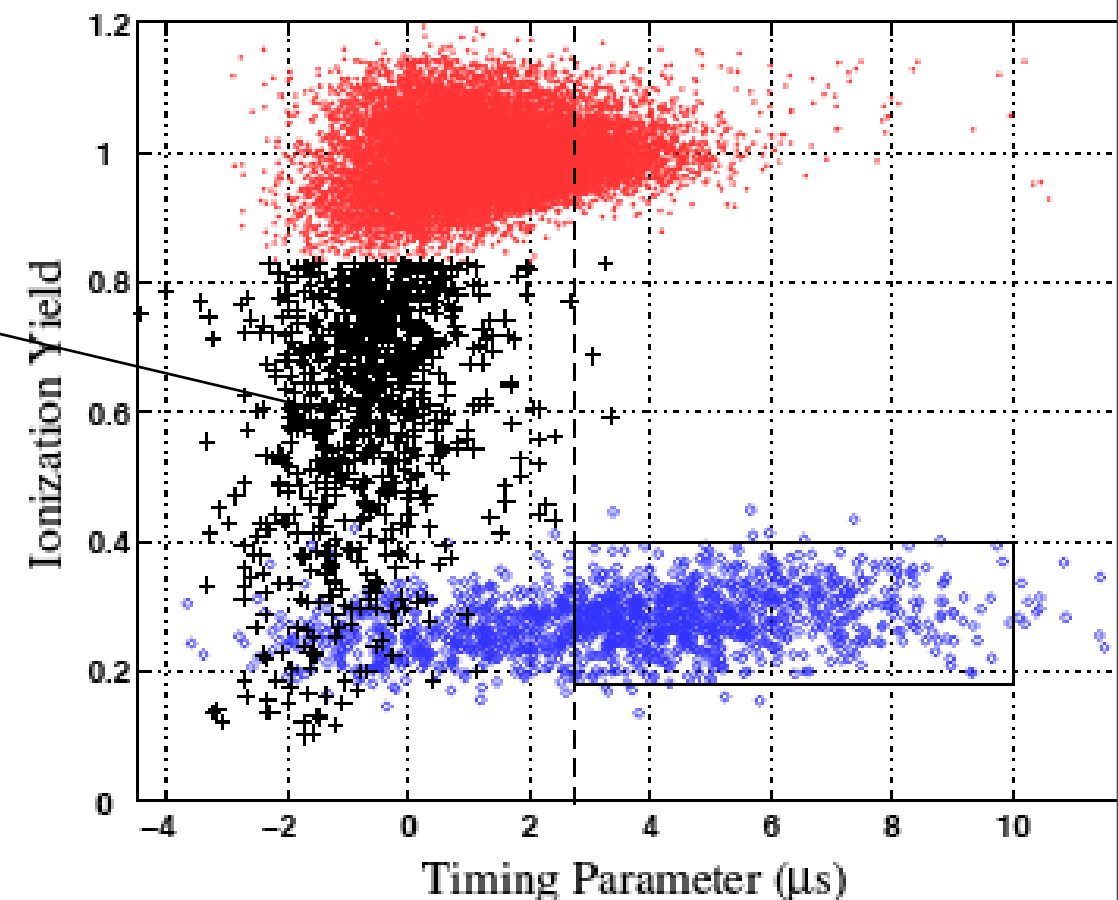


Ionization yield

Timing  $\rightarrow$  surface discrimination



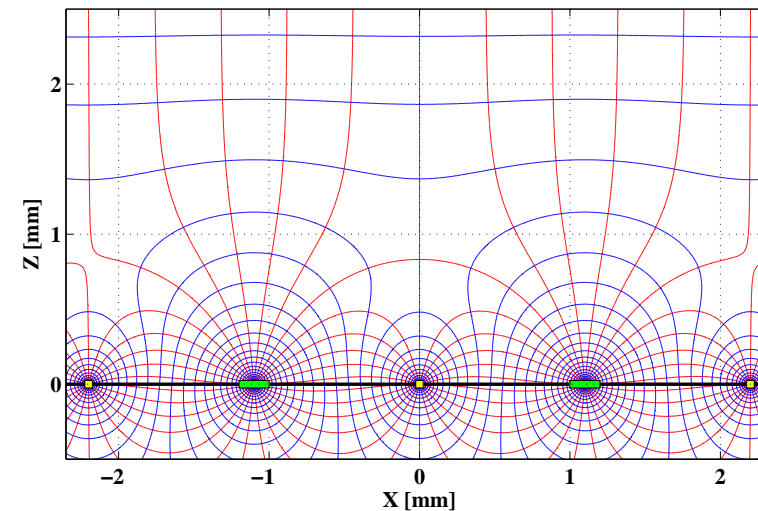
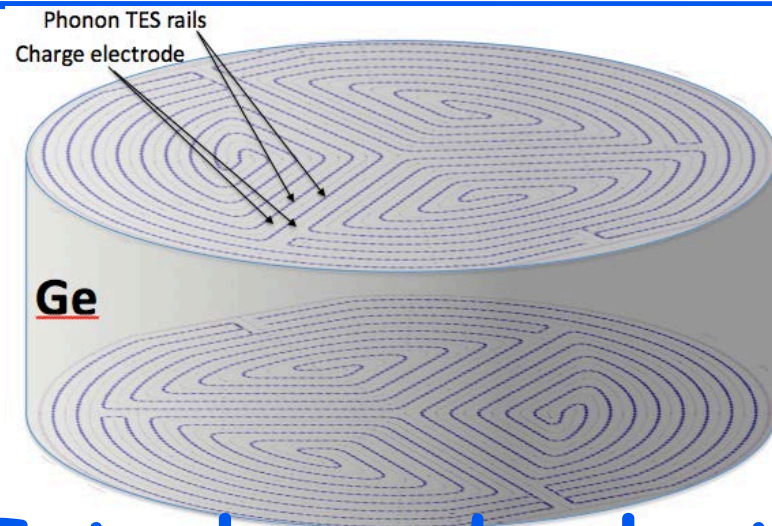
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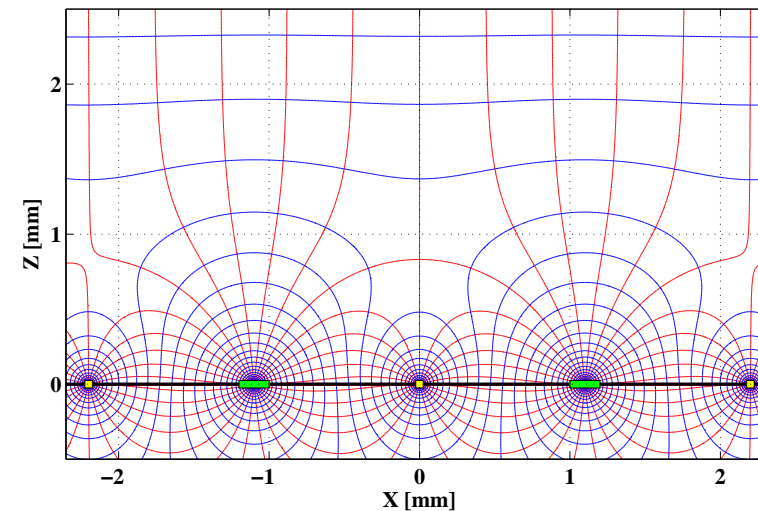
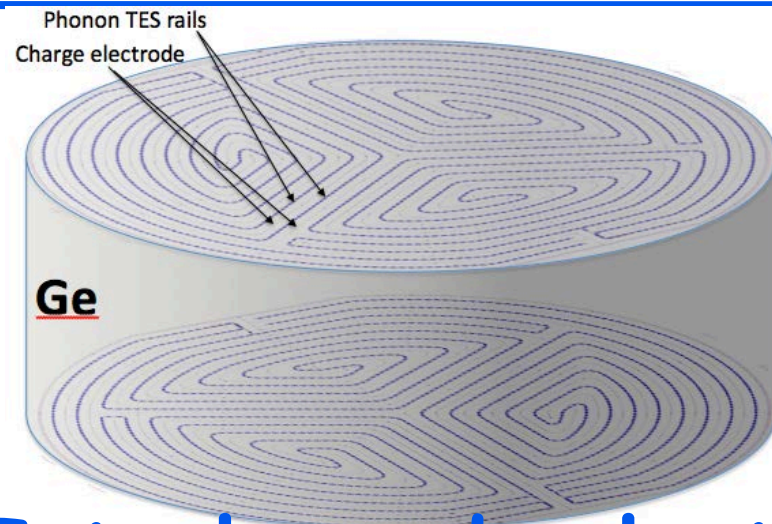
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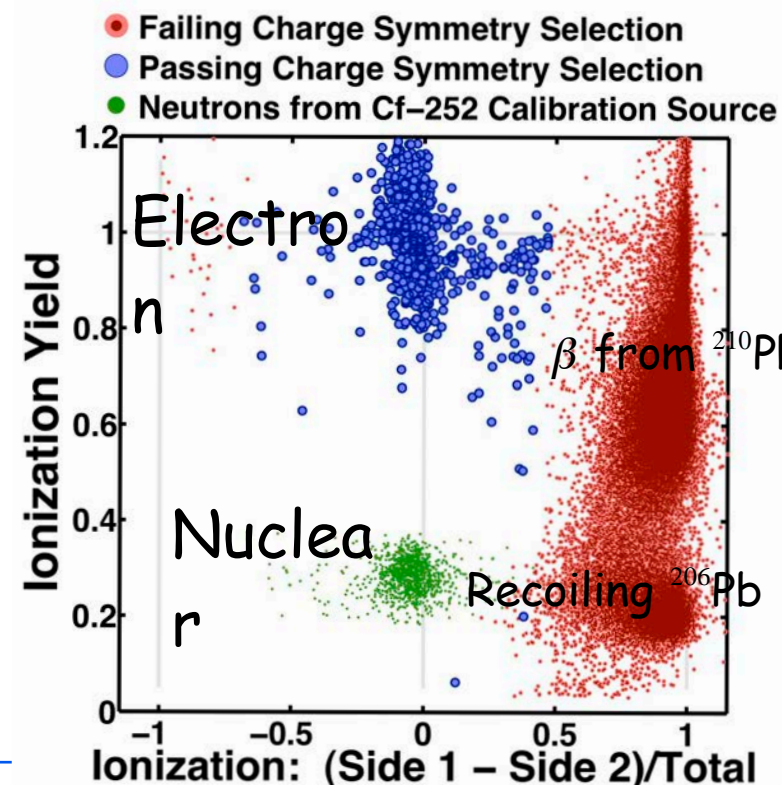
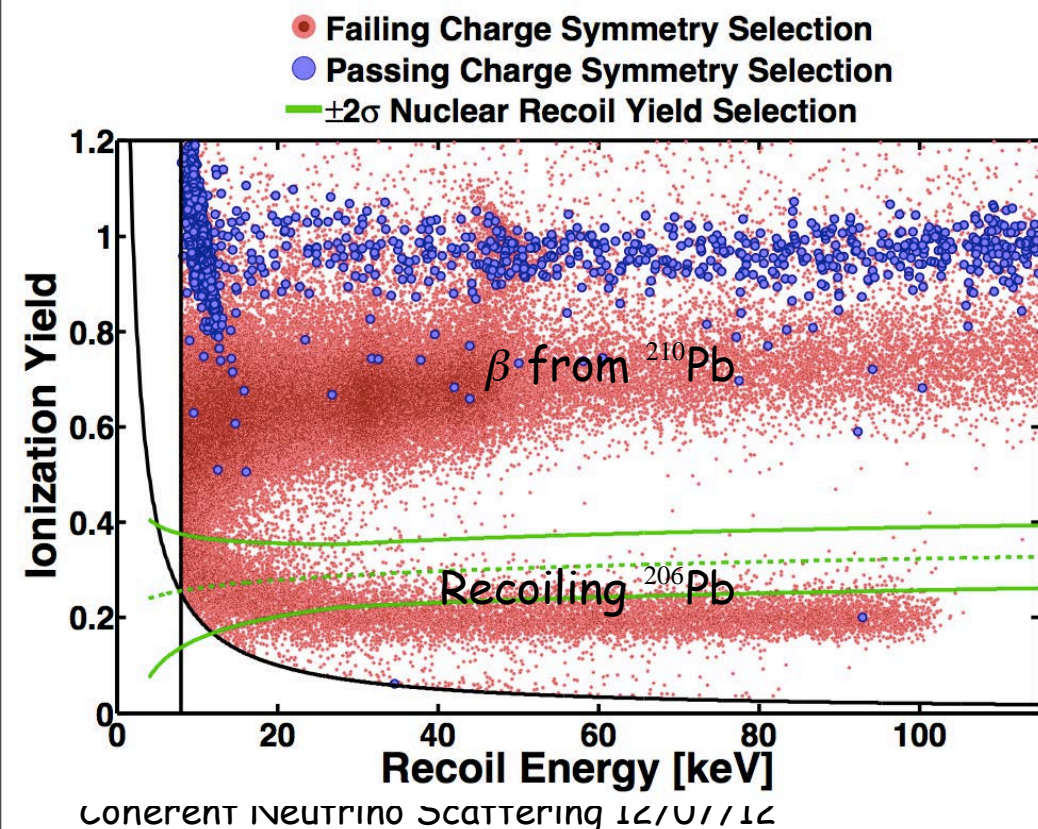
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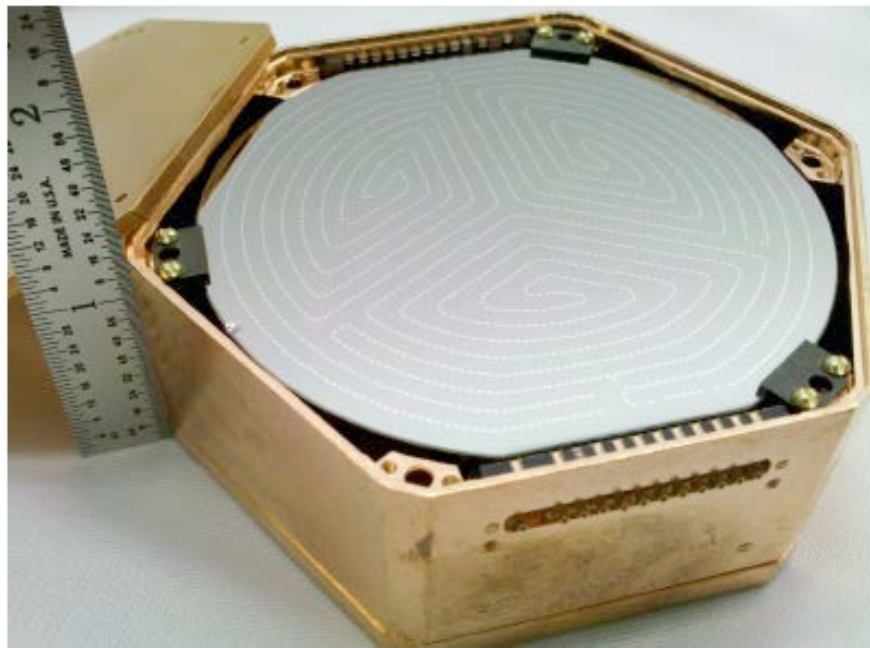
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0/15,000  $^{206}\text{Pb}$   
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(SNOLAB)

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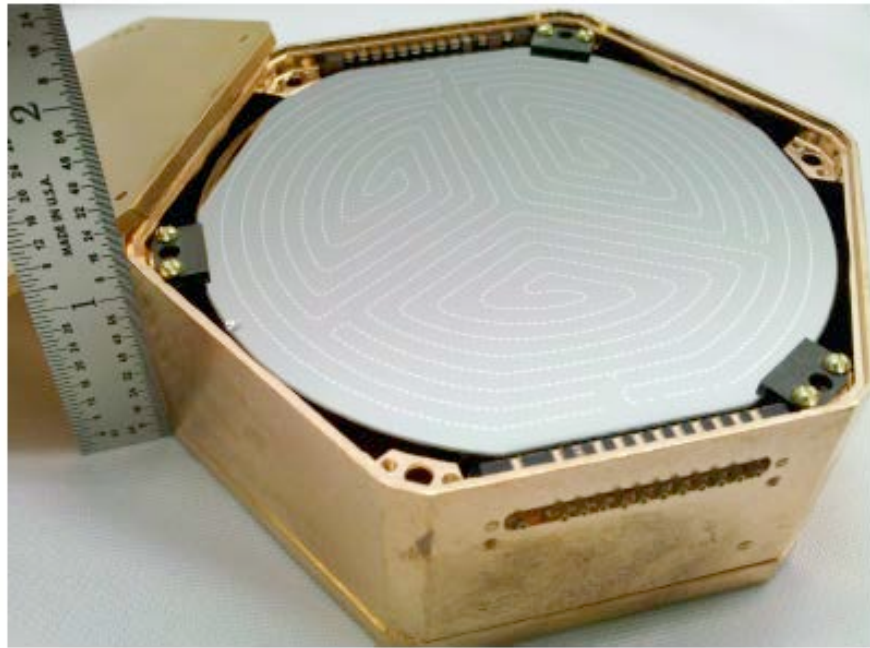
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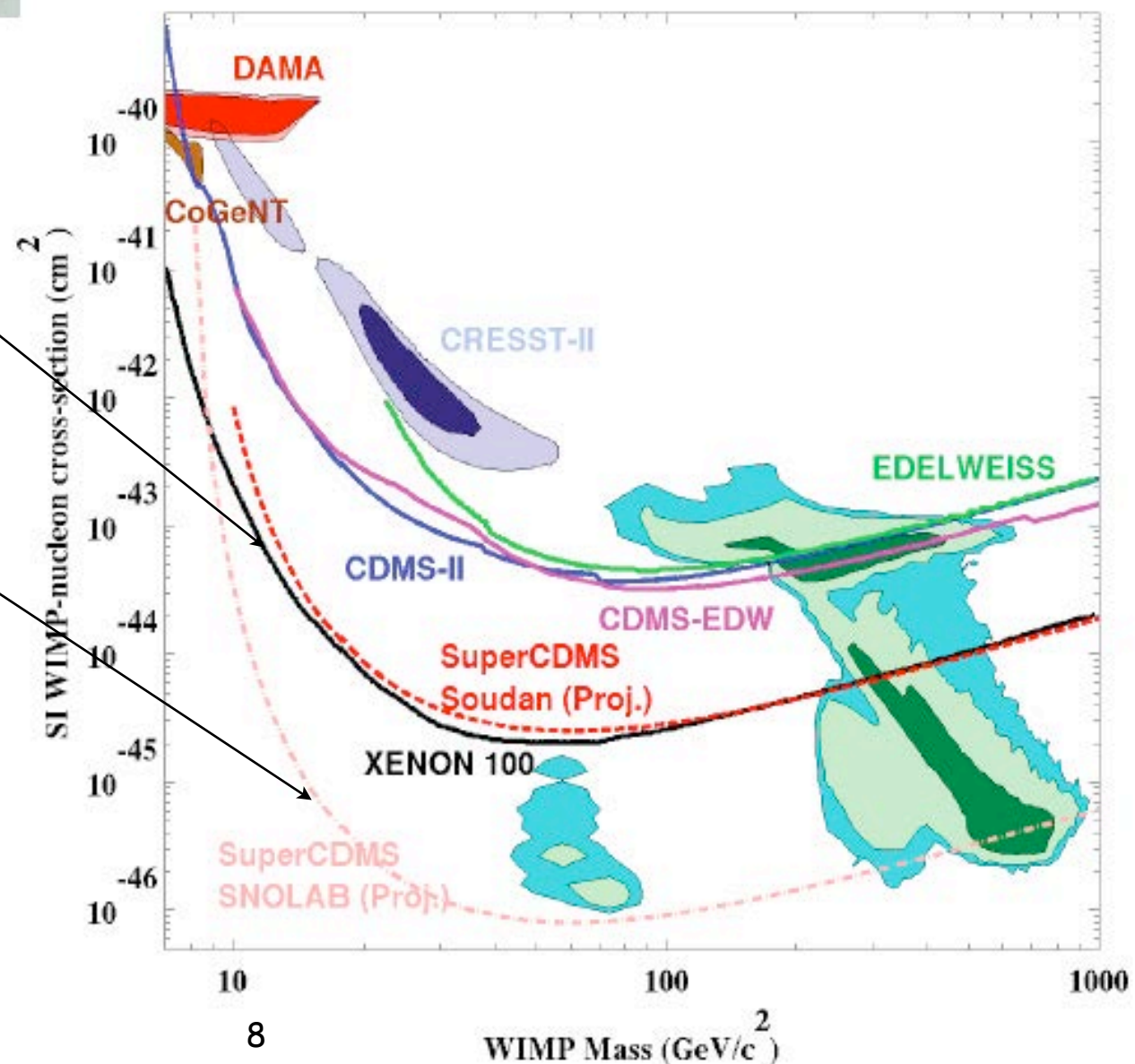


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## CDMS reach 2015

Somewhat dependent on  
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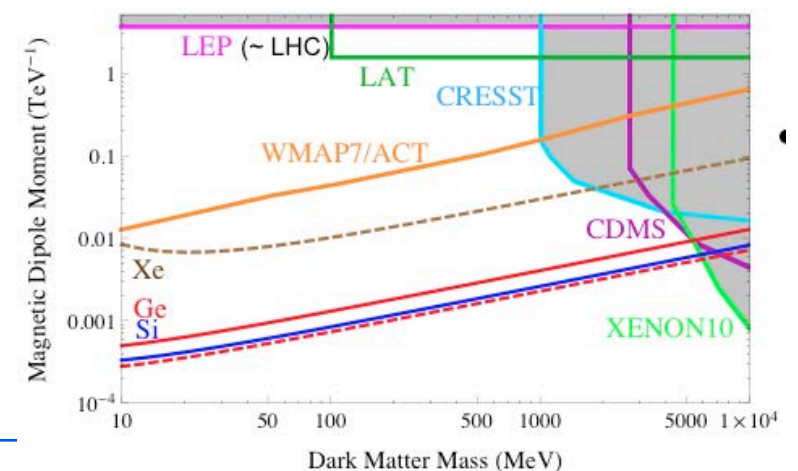
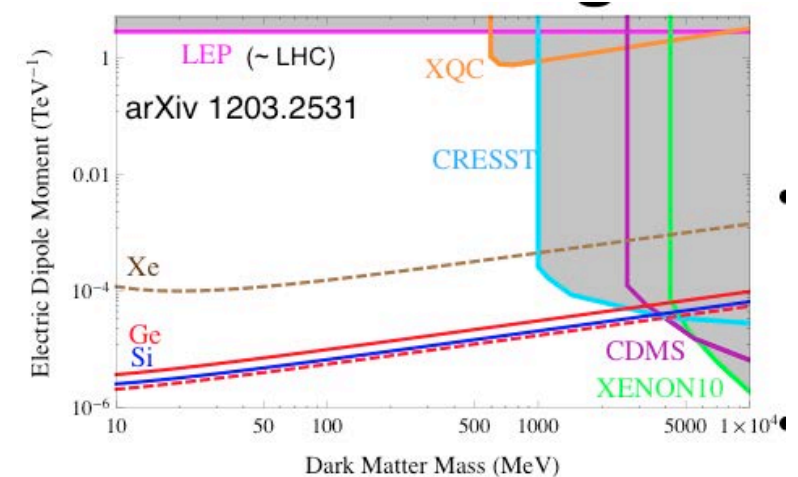
## Sub GeV Dark Matter

Naturalness?

## Electric/Dipole moment

Graham, Kaplan, Rajendran, & Walters (arXiv 1203.2531)

Claim: Pretty Natural



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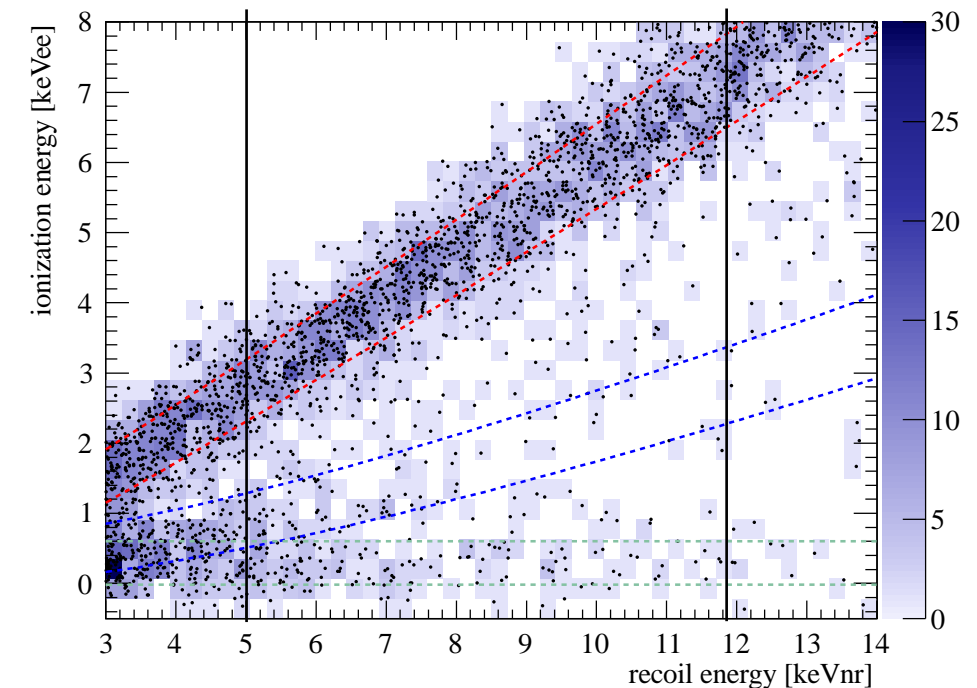
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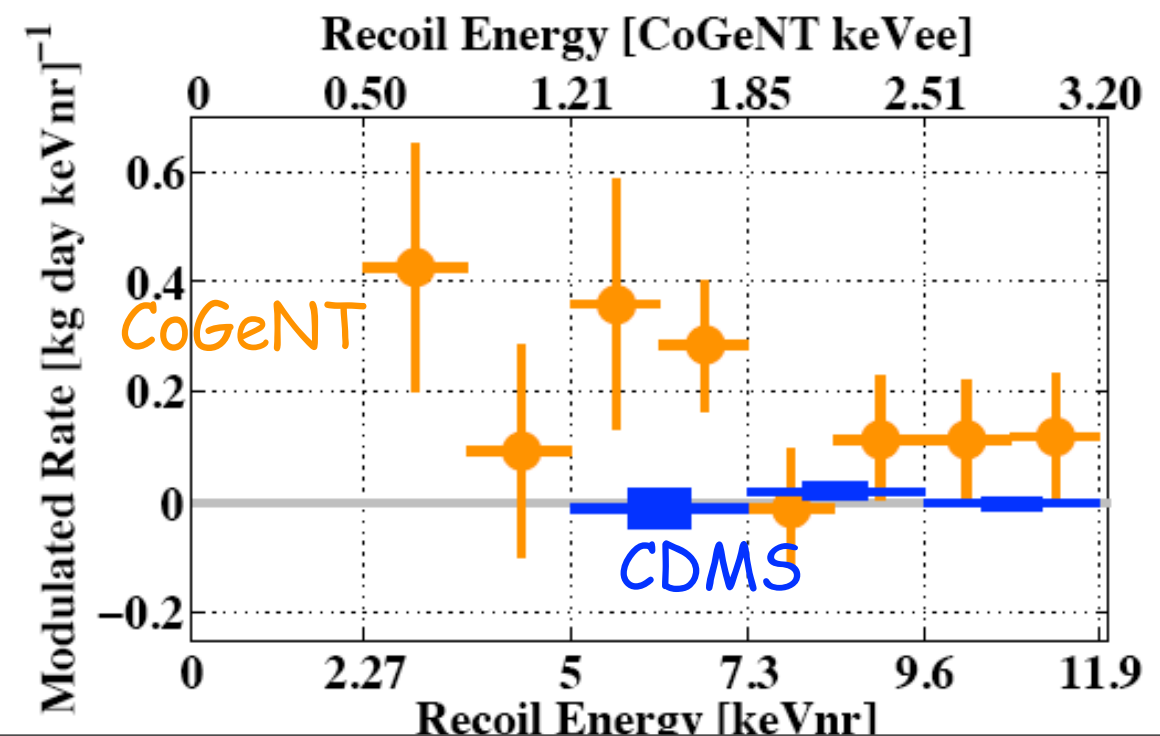
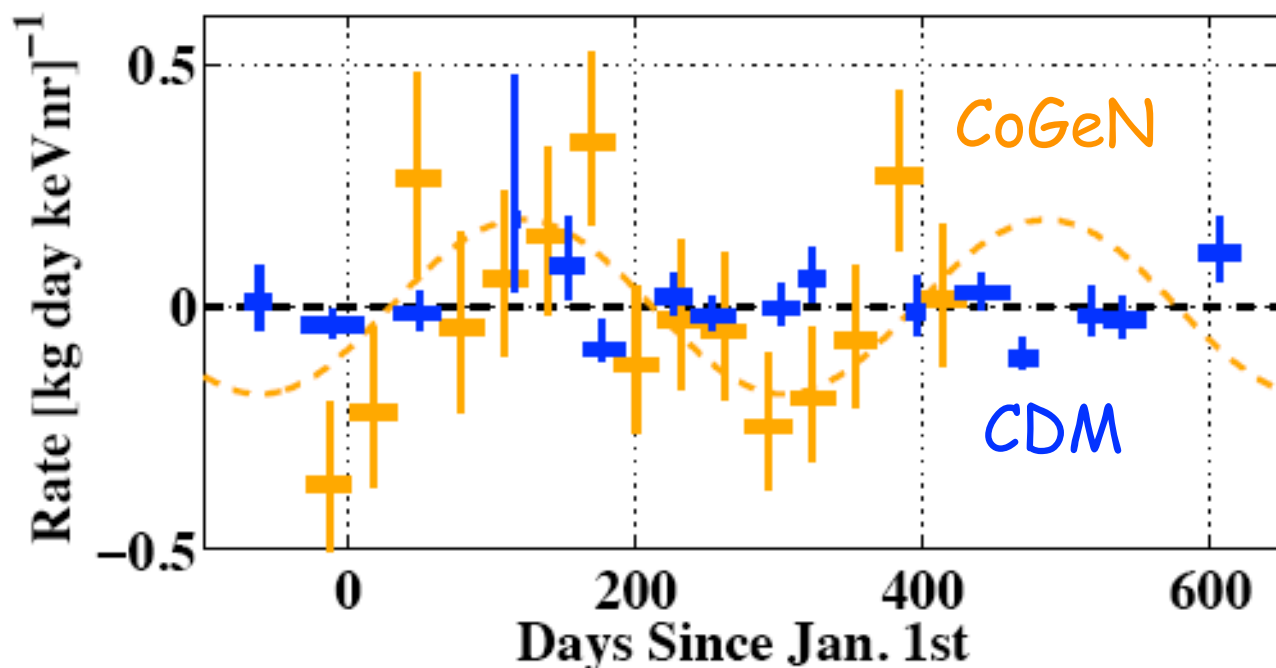
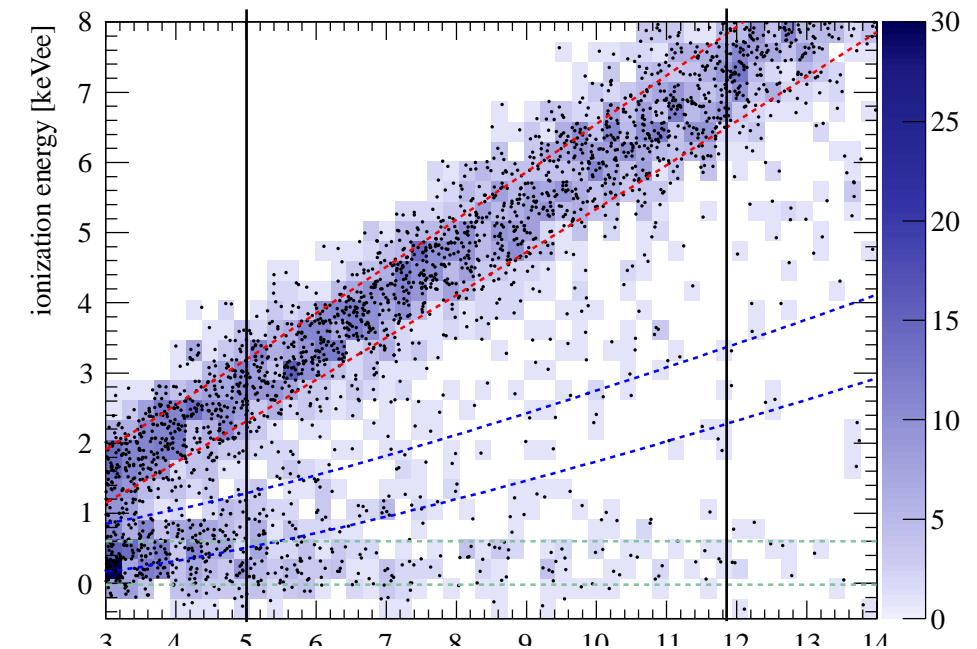
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No Modulation 5 keV-11.9 keV nuclear recoil: [arXiv:1203.1309](https://arxiv.org/abs/1203.1309)



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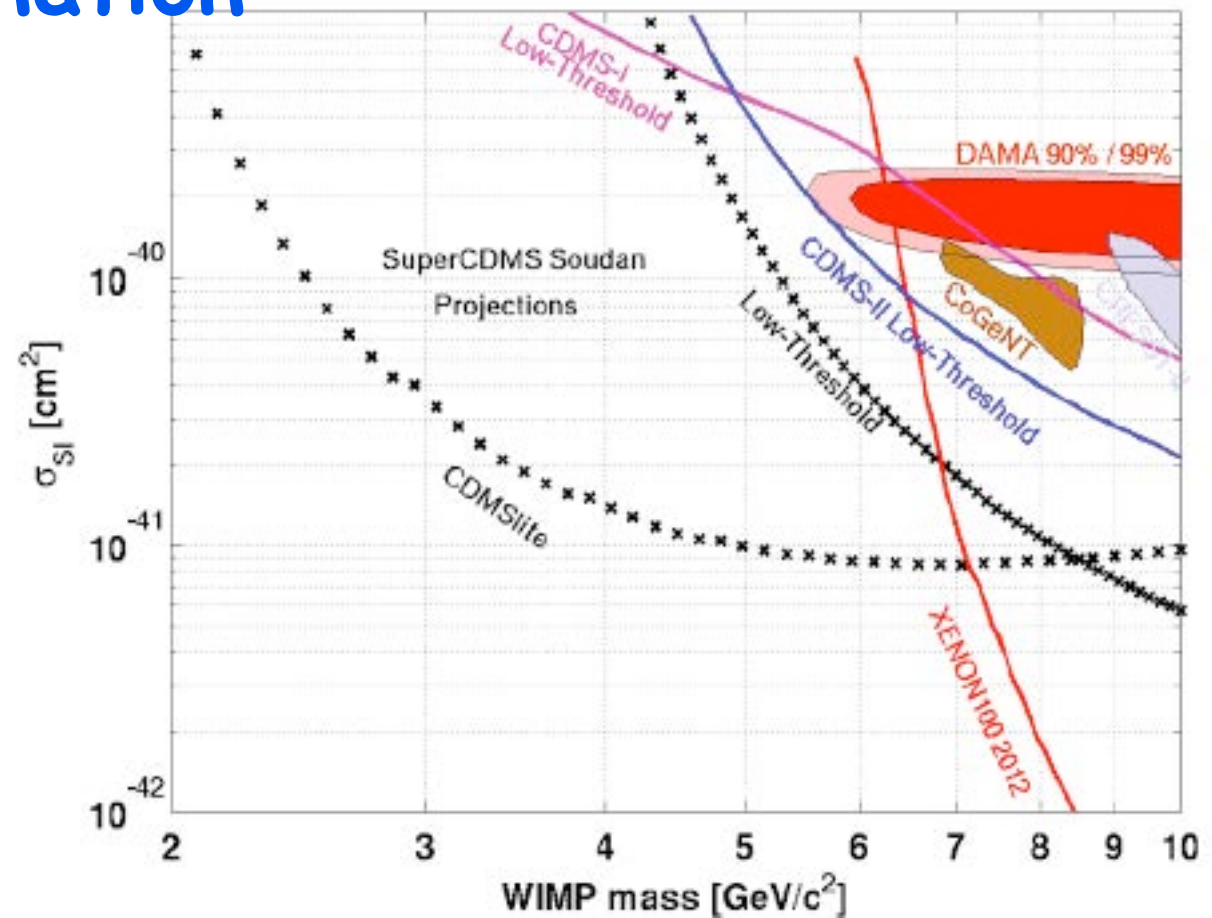
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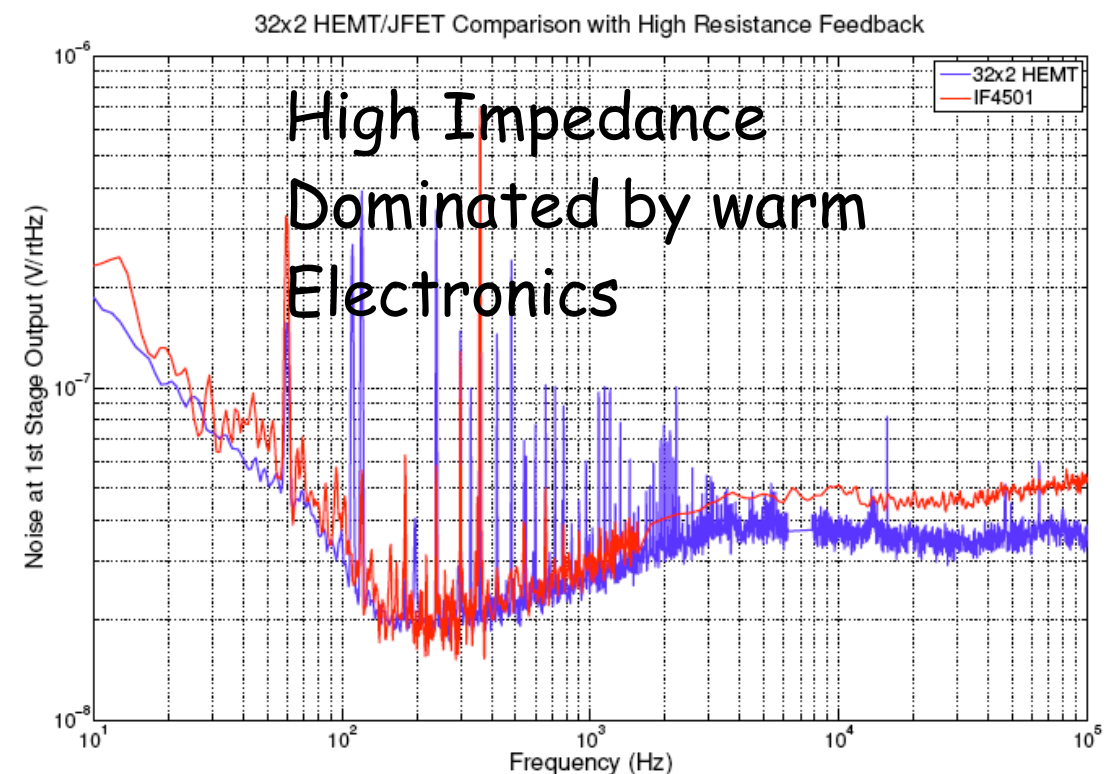
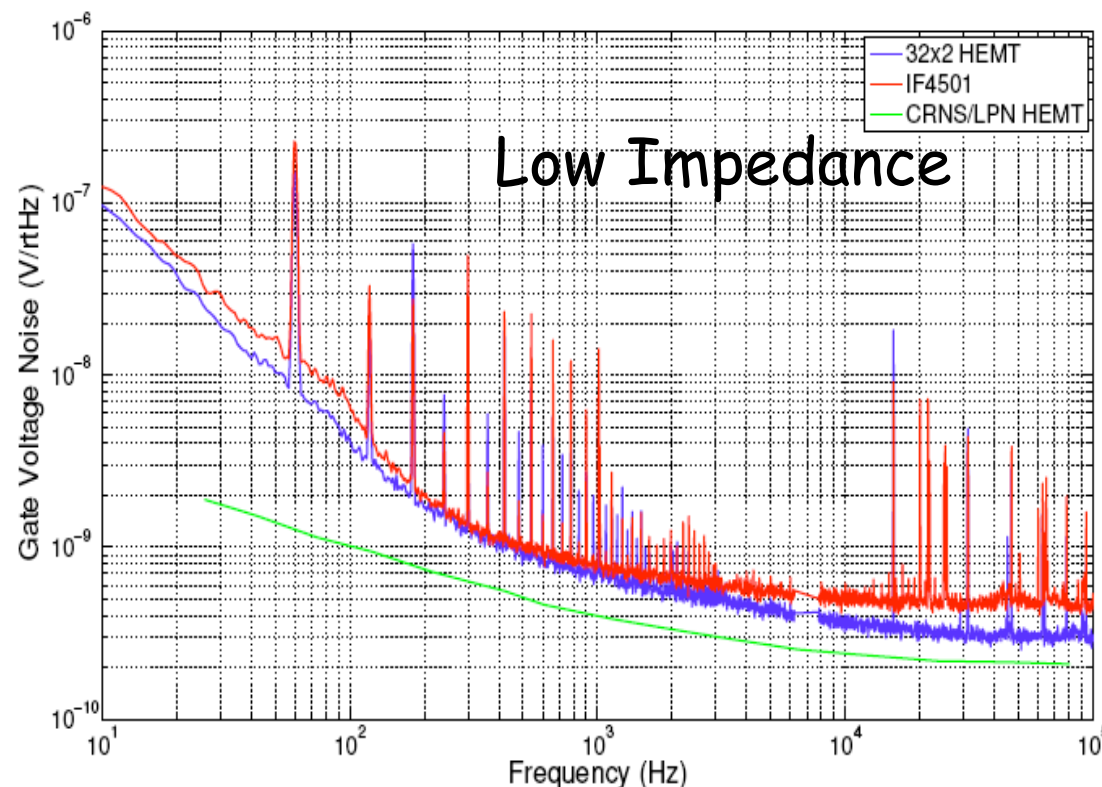
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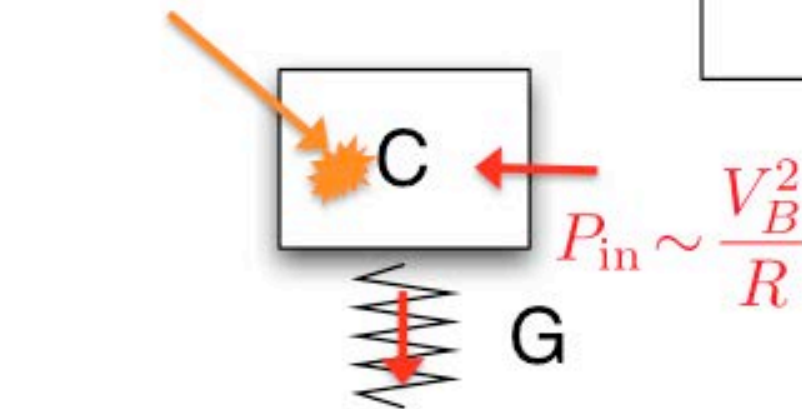
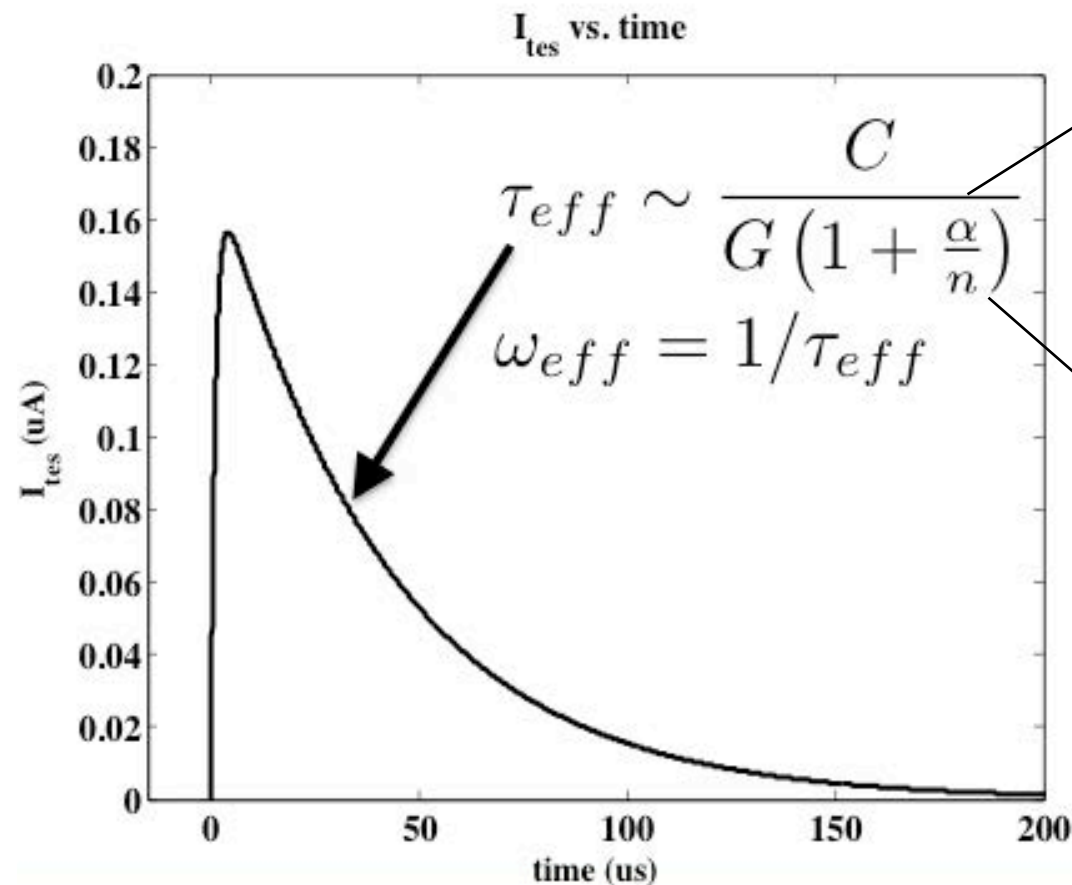
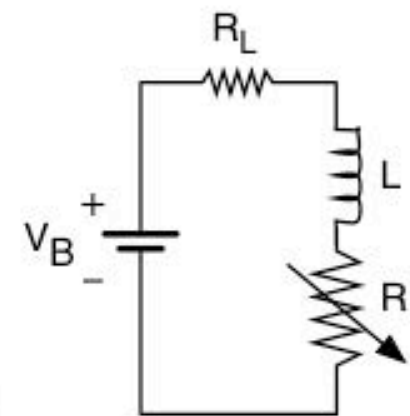
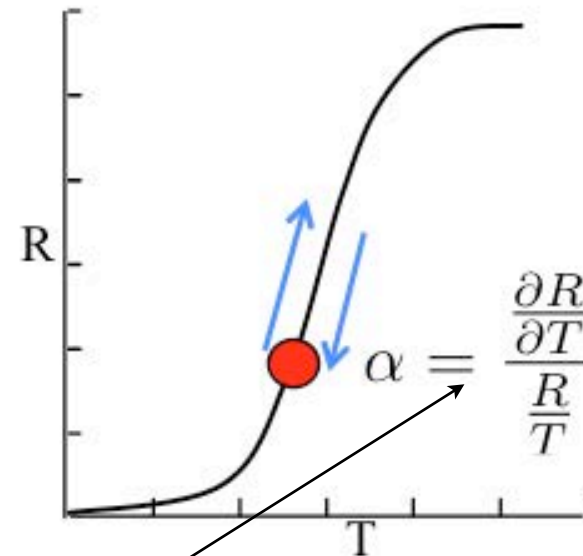
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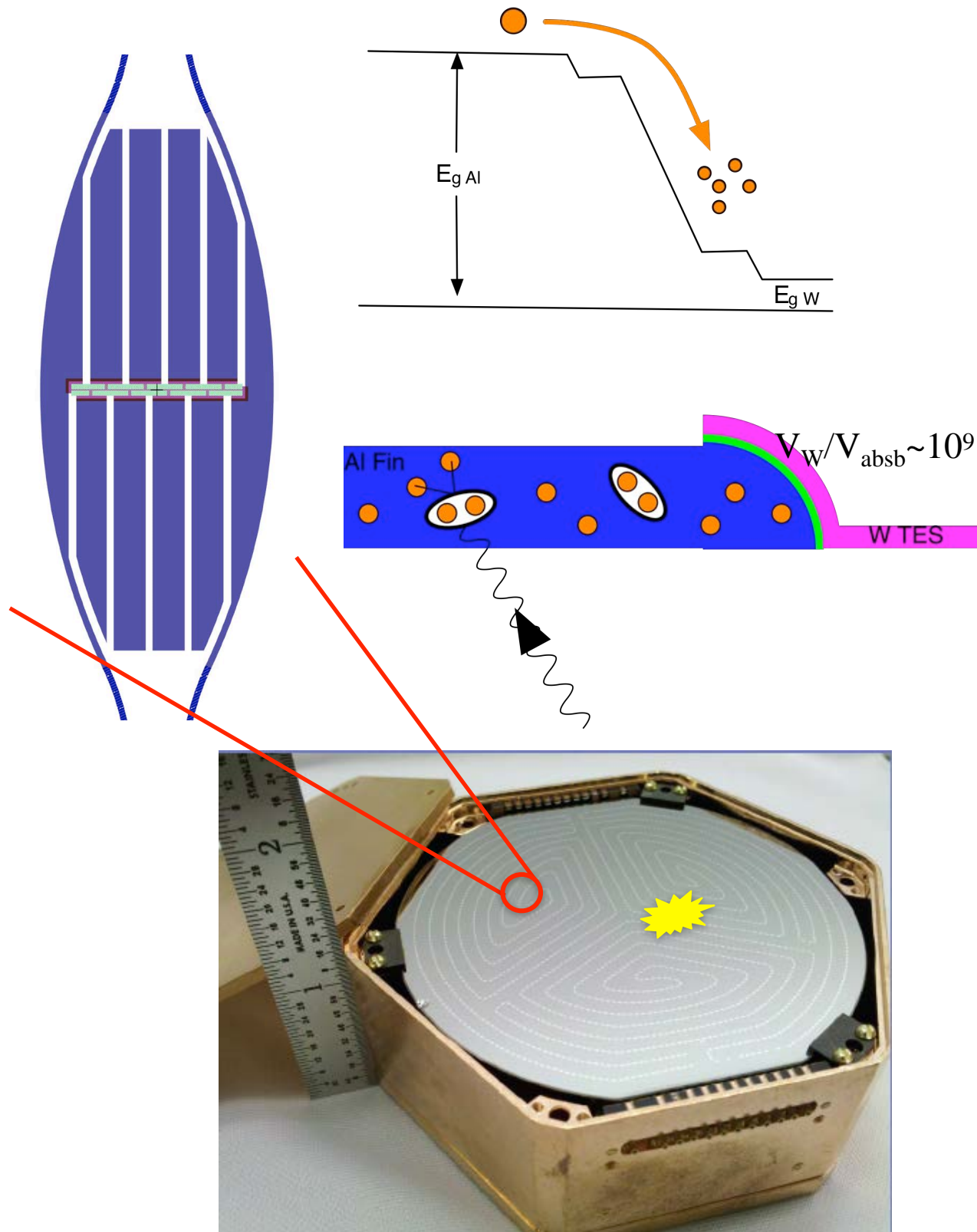
# Transition Edge Sensor with electro thermal feedback

- Superconducting film artificially held within it's transition through voltage biasing
- Resistance incredibly sensitive to temperature change



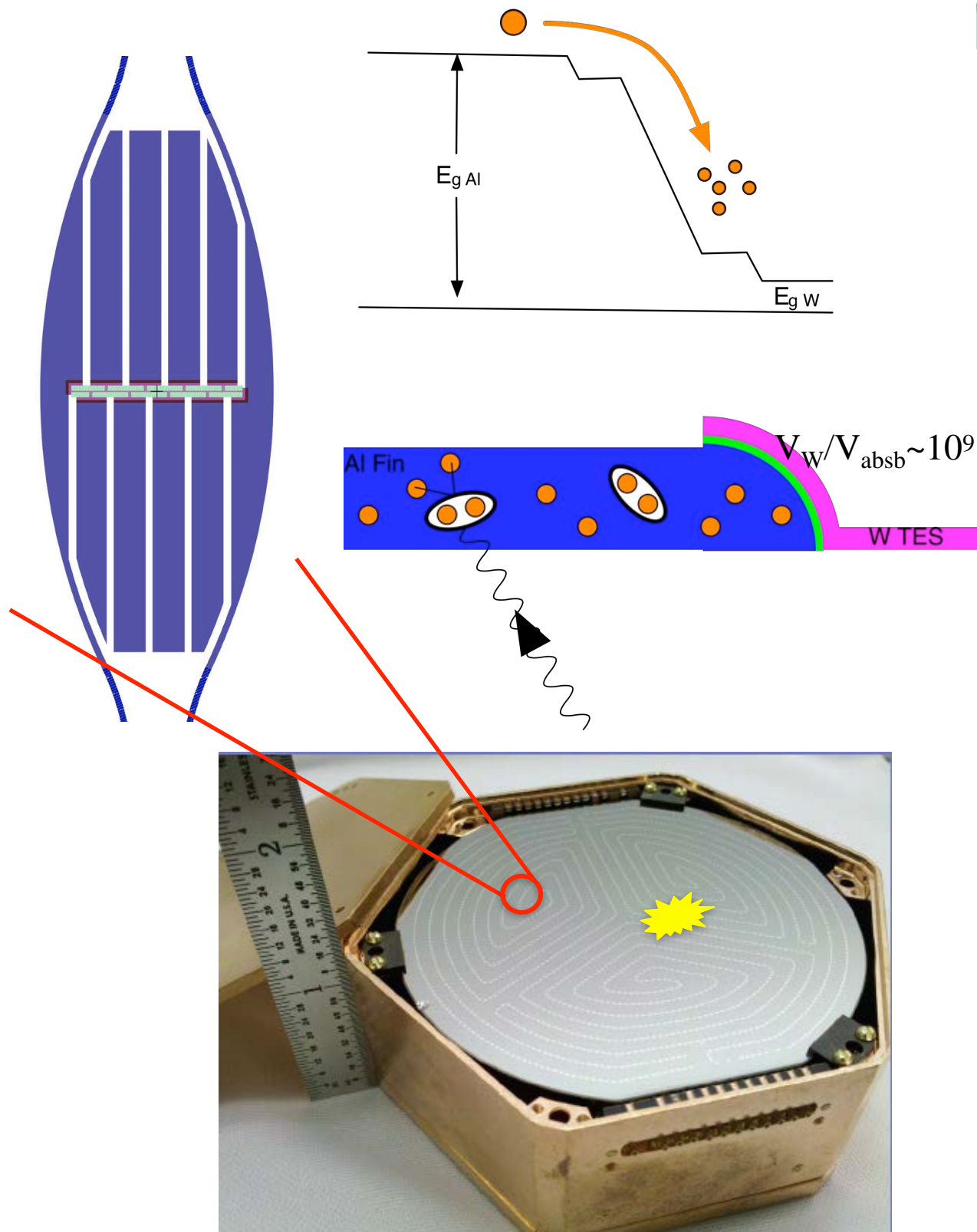
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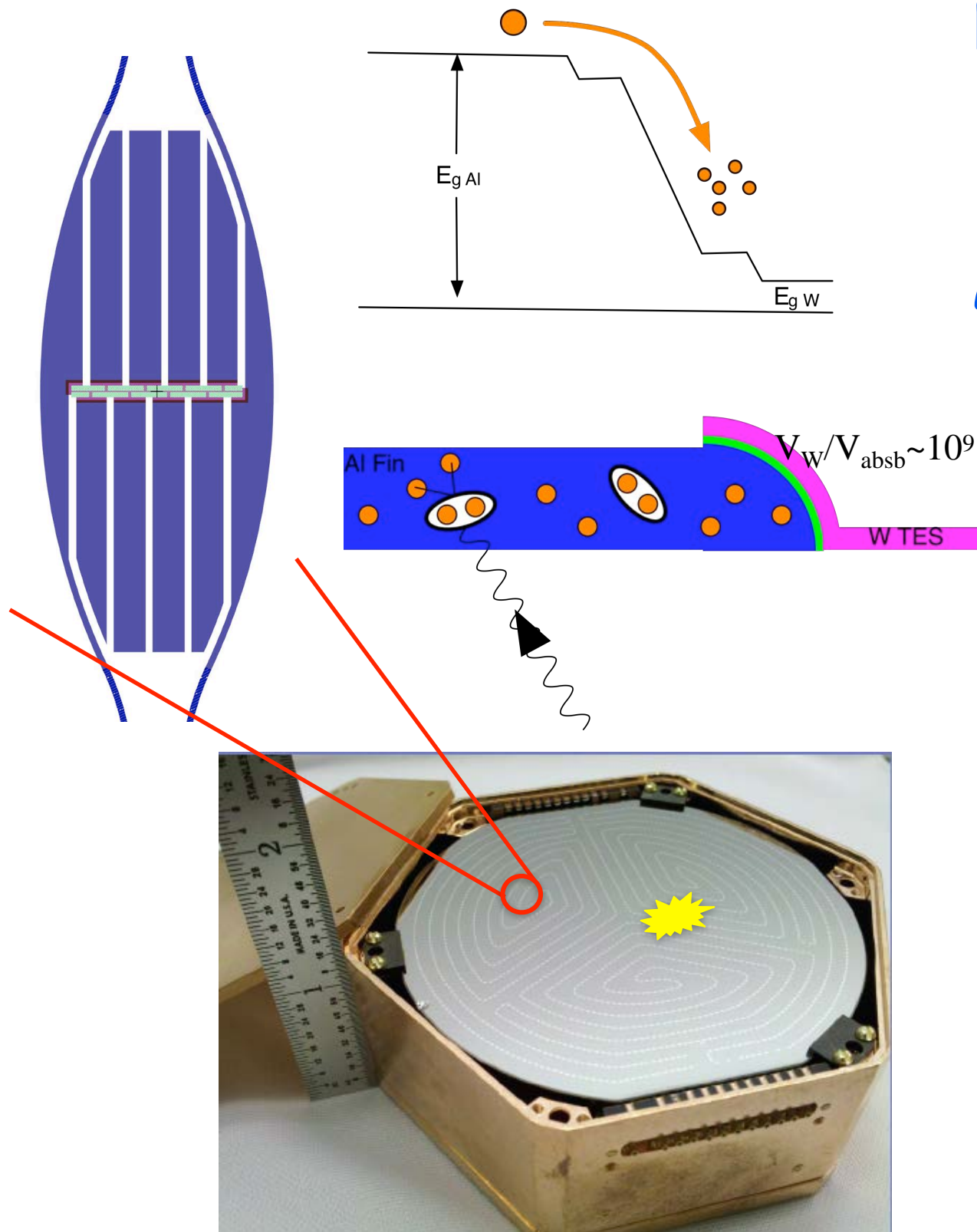
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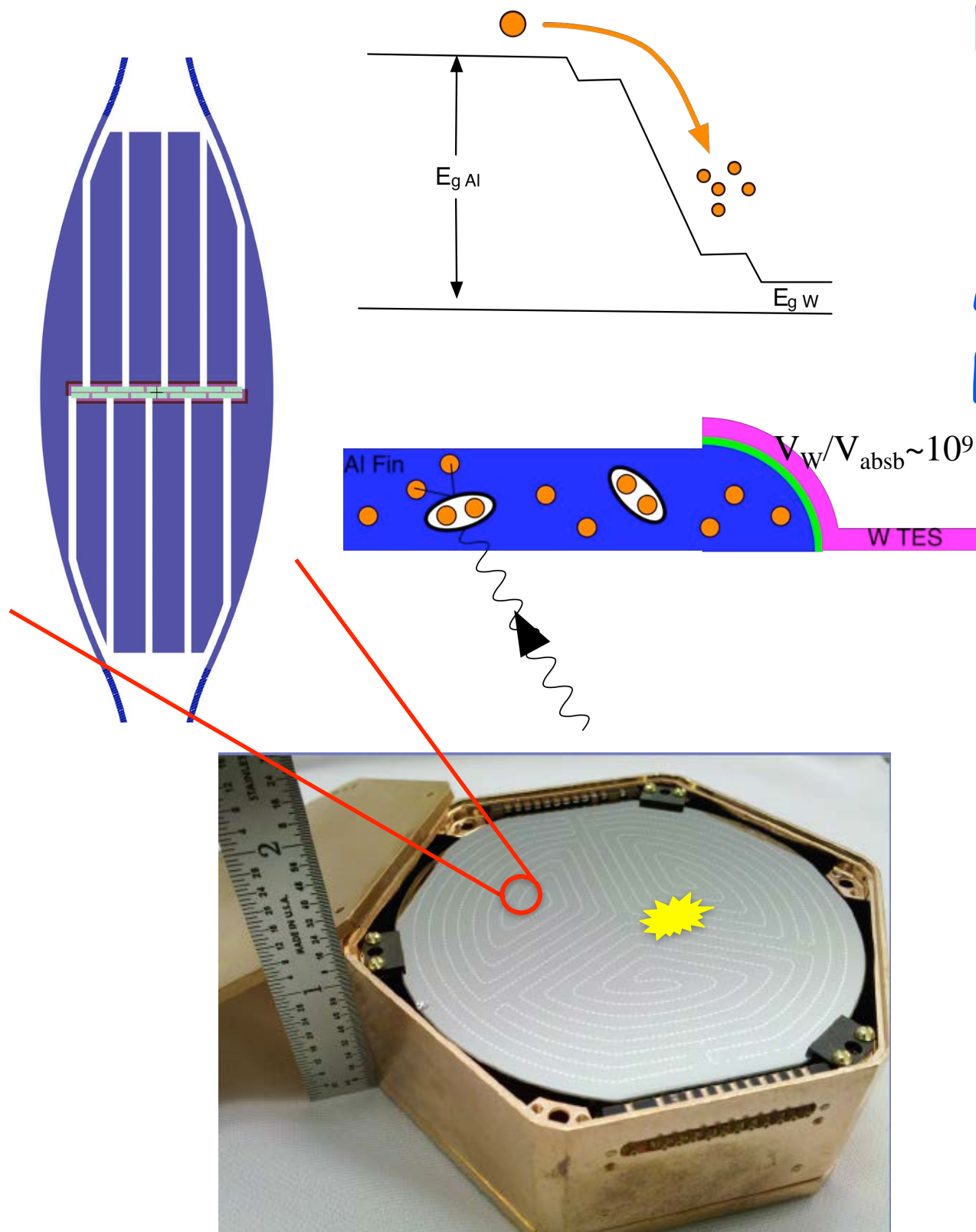
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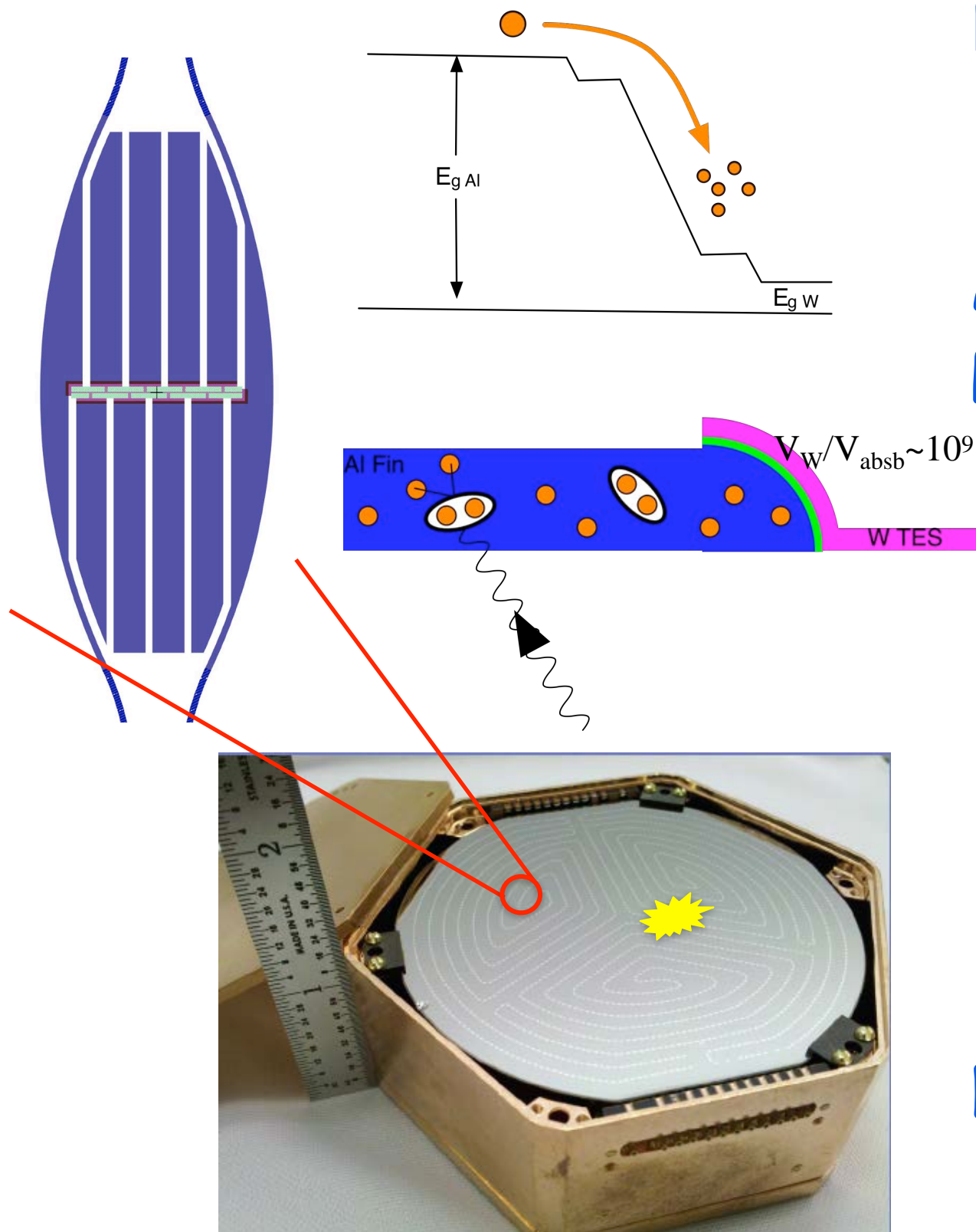
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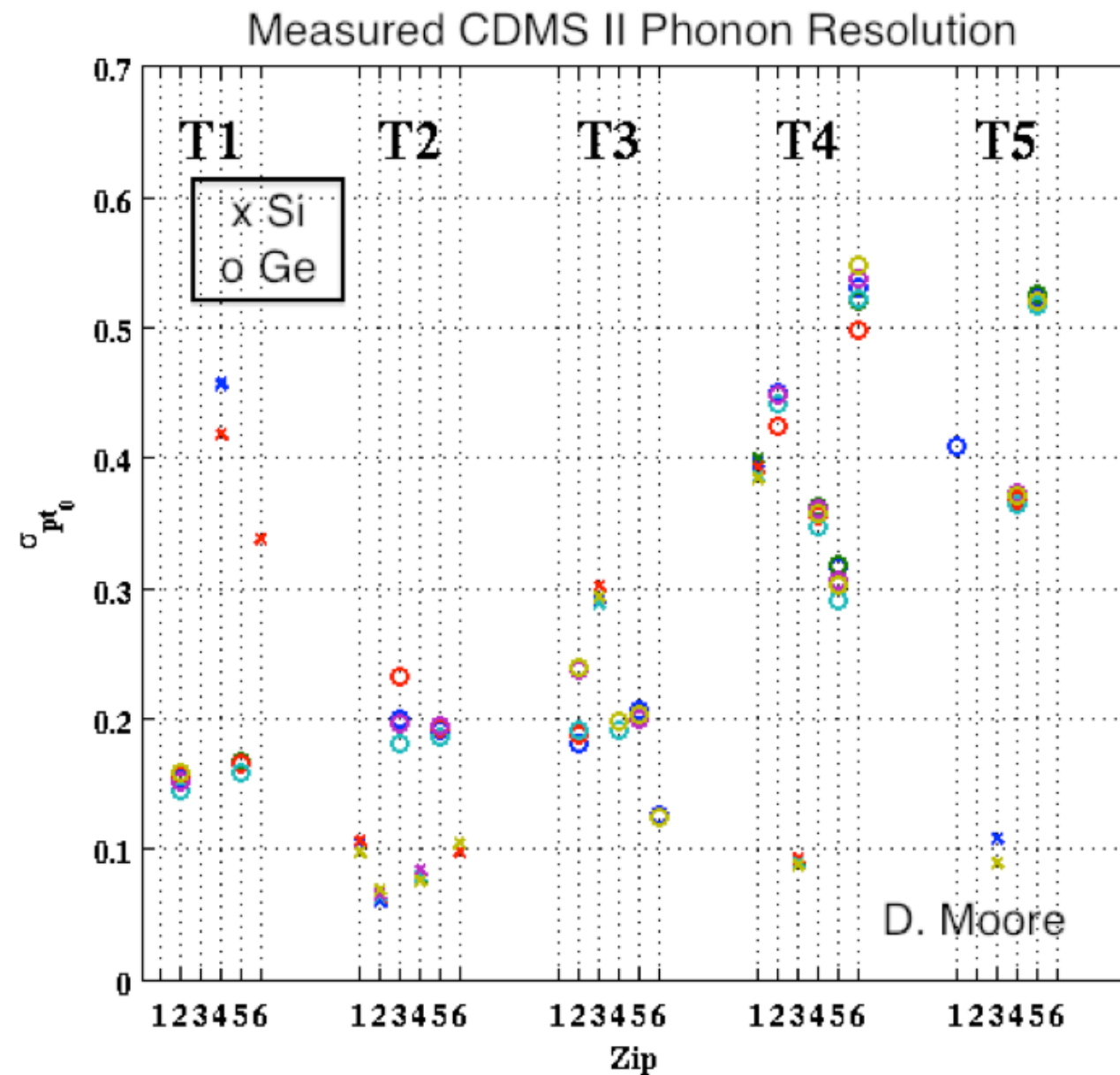
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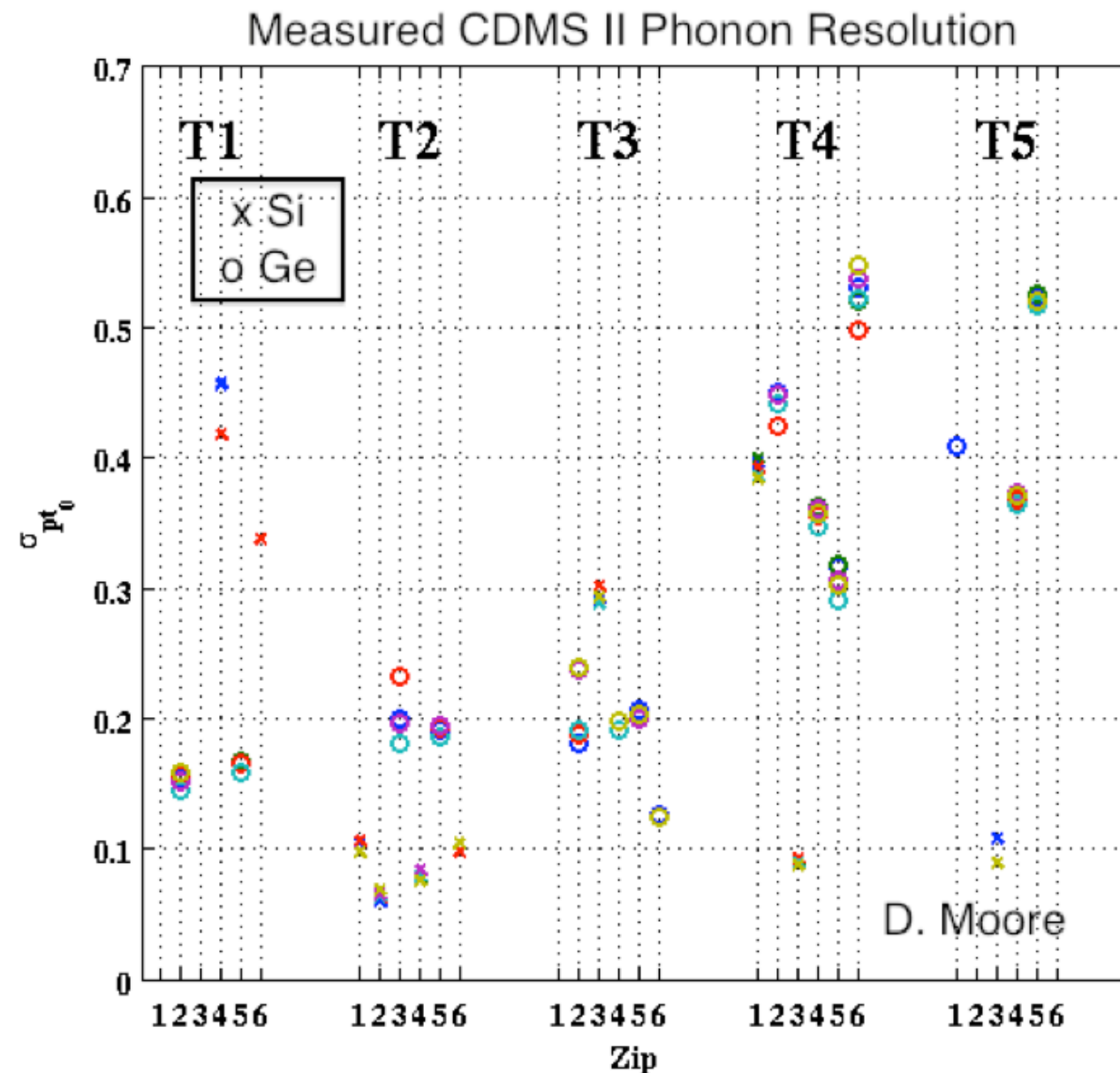
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Not New -> CDMS technology  
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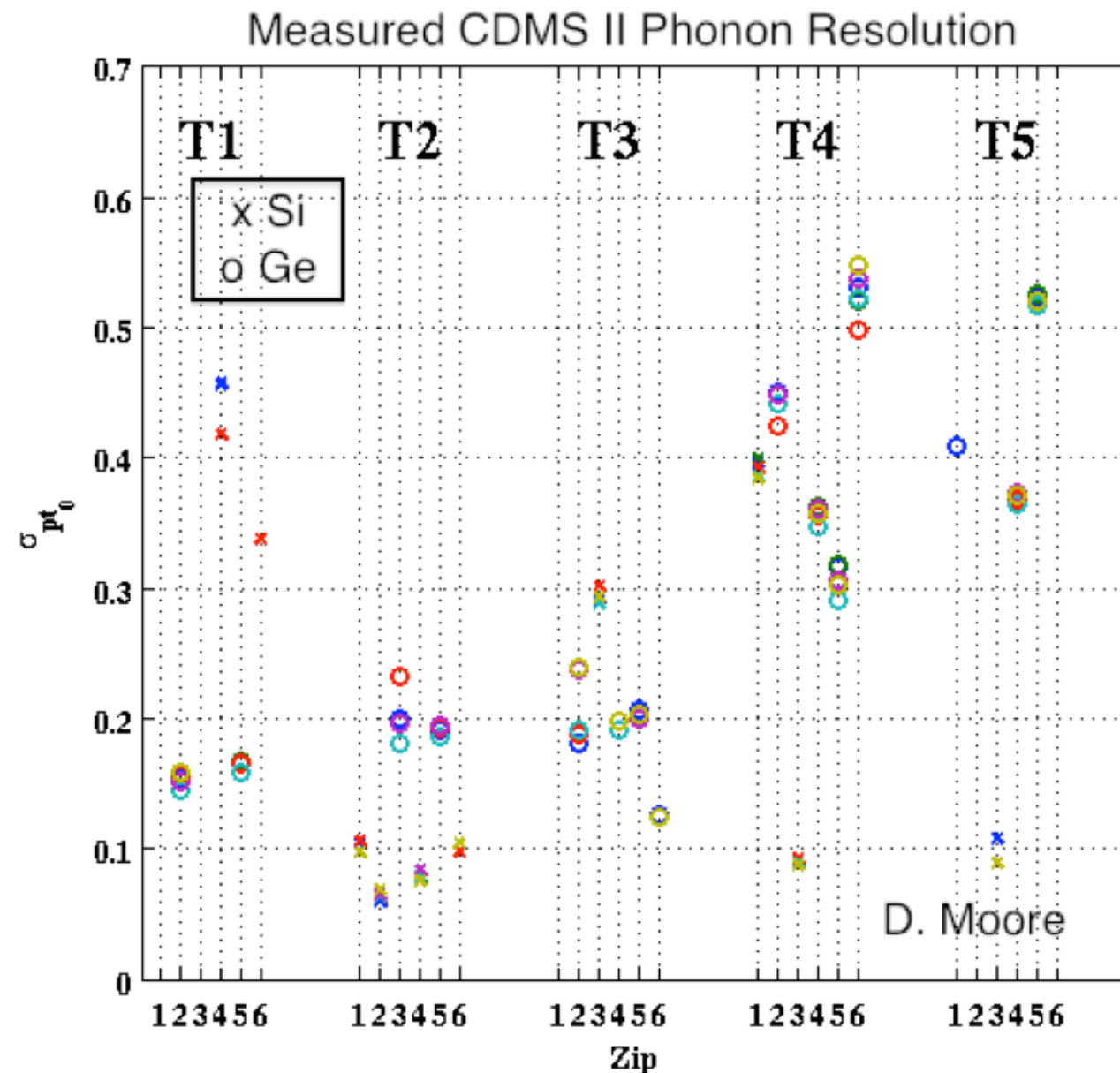
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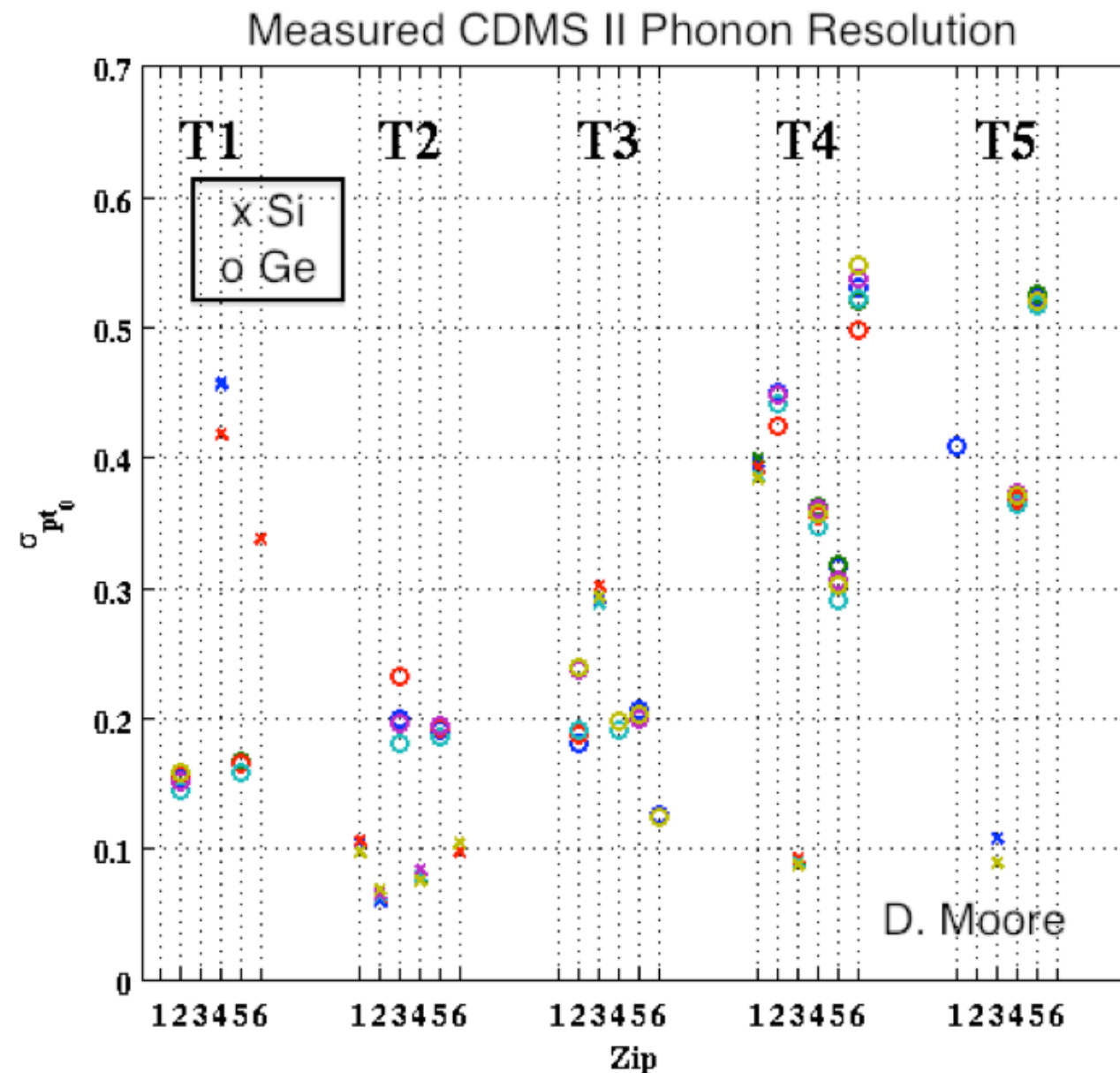


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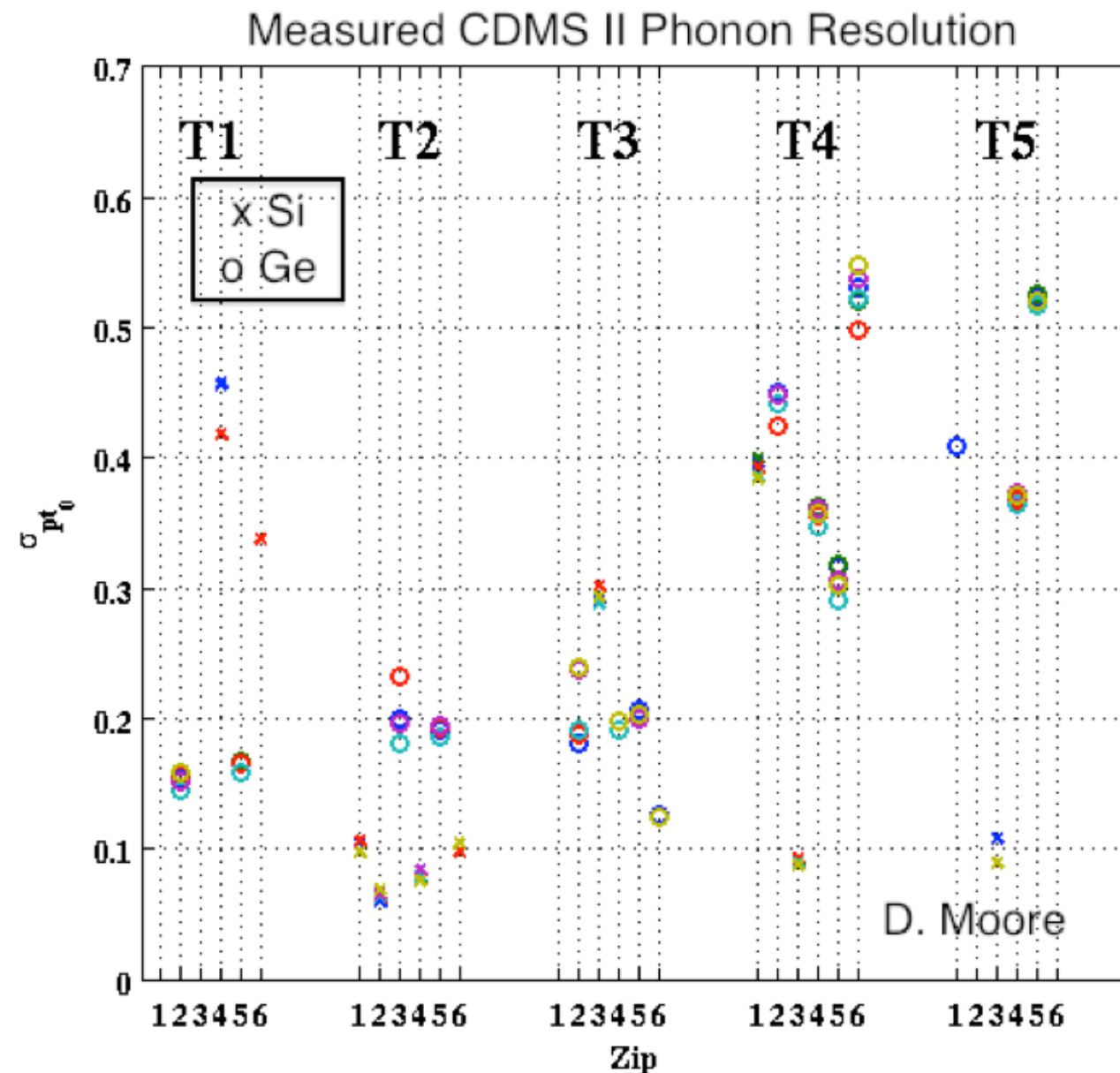
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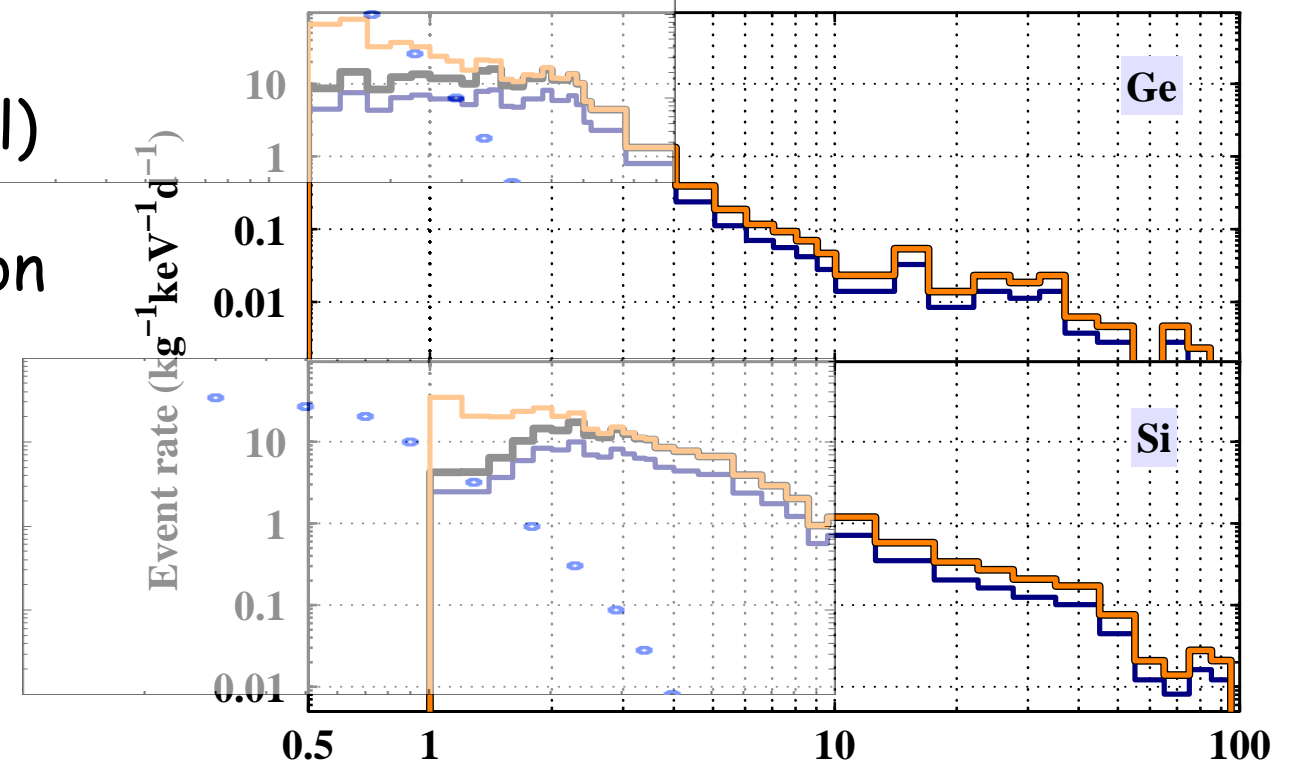
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$E_{\text{trigger}} \sim 6\sigma_E$ : early CDMS II Si detectors good enough for reactor CNS  
 $\sim 12 \text{ evt/kgday}$   
 $0\% < \varepsilon < 4\%$

# Detailed analysis of SUF data

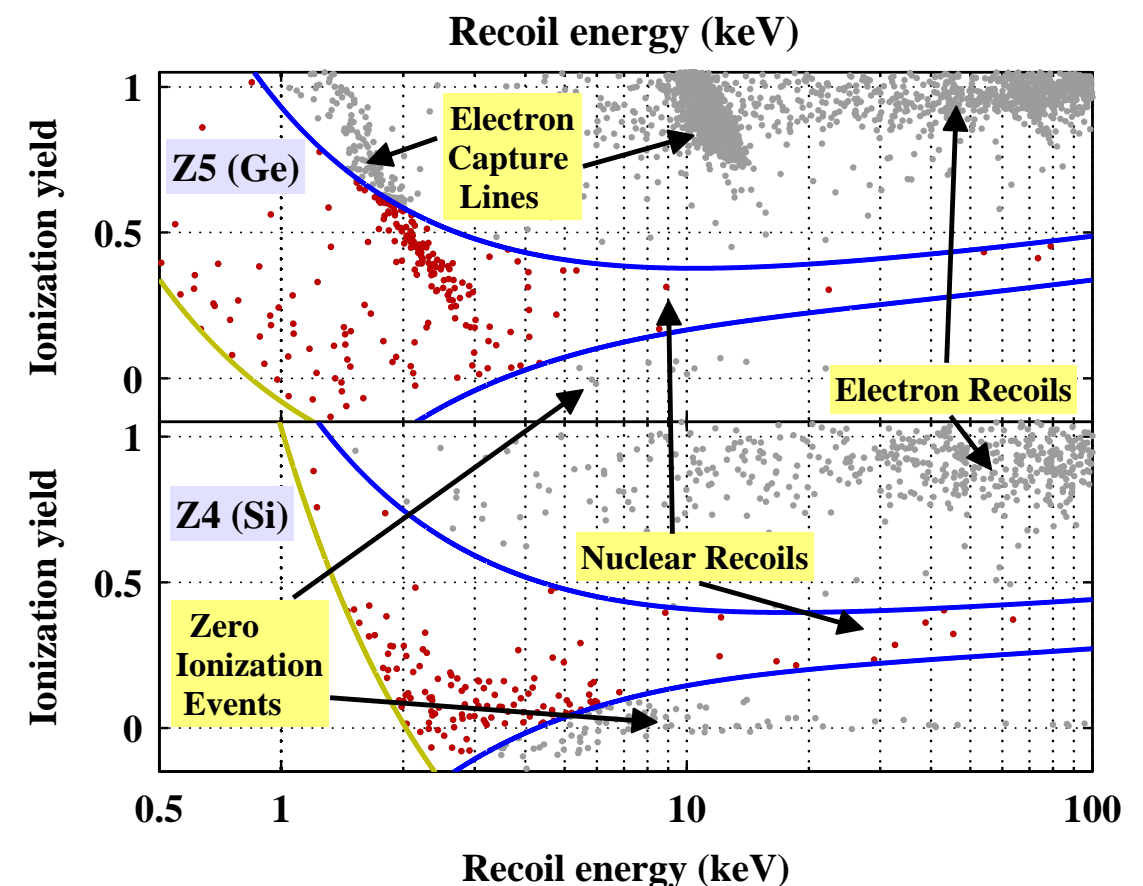
Top plot is combined Ge (upper panel) and Si (bottom panel) WIMP candidate event rates as a function of recoil energy.



Bottom plot is ionization yield vs recoil energy for unvetted single scatters for Ge (top panel, Z5 6 V) and Si (bottom panel, Z4 3 V) WIMP searches

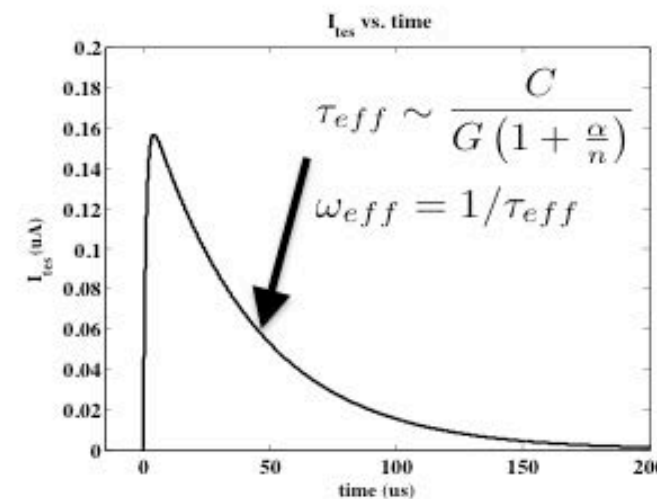
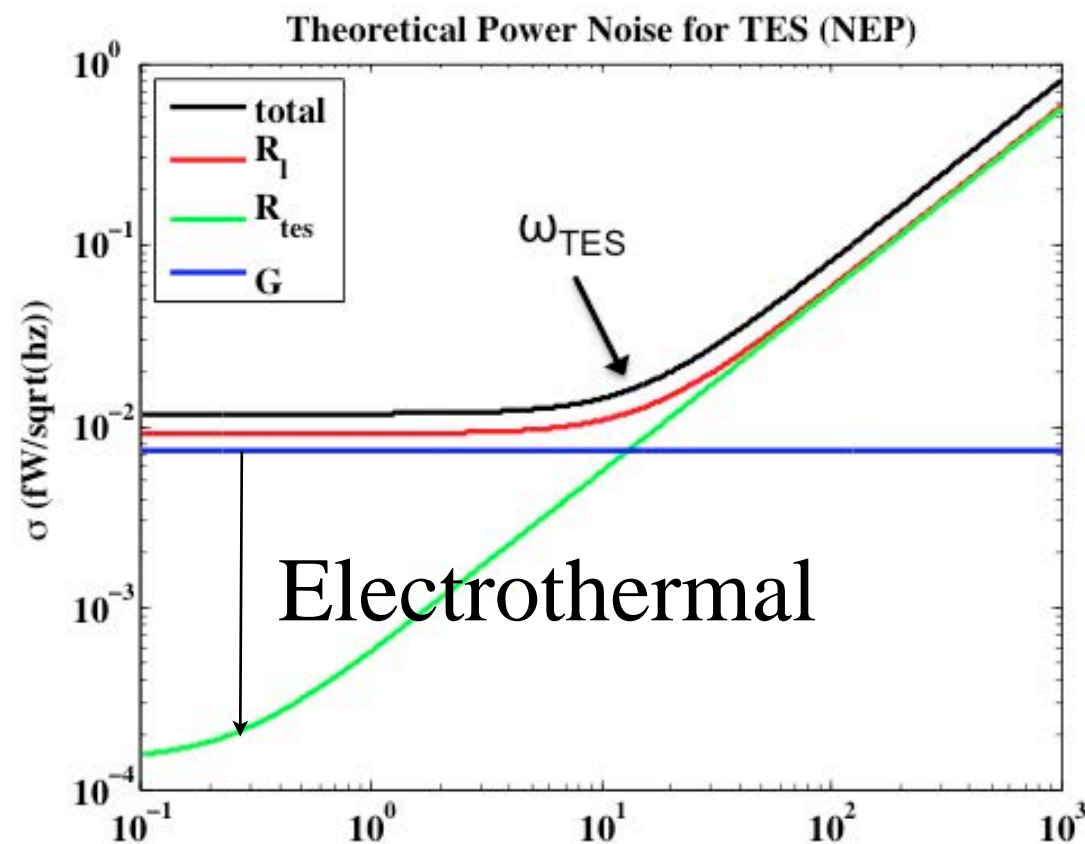
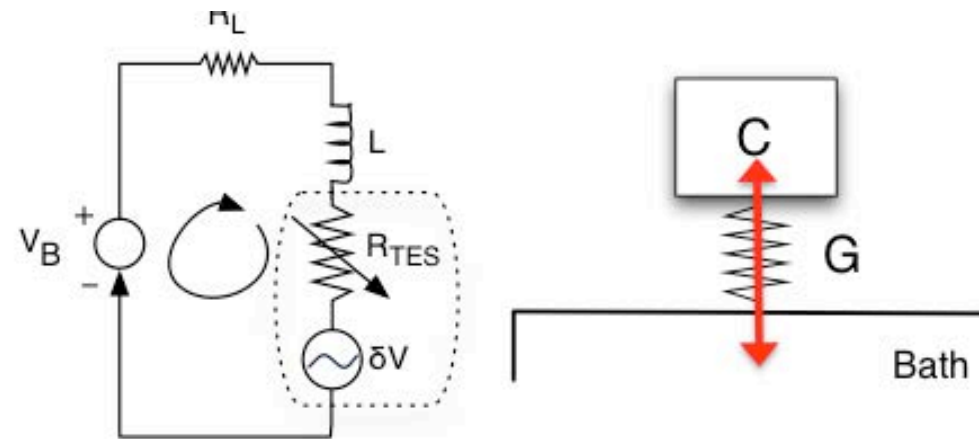
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Nearly good enough!  
Background a bit high!



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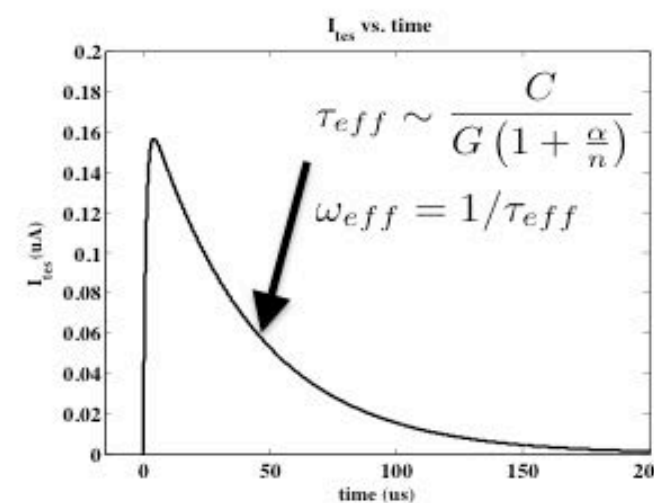
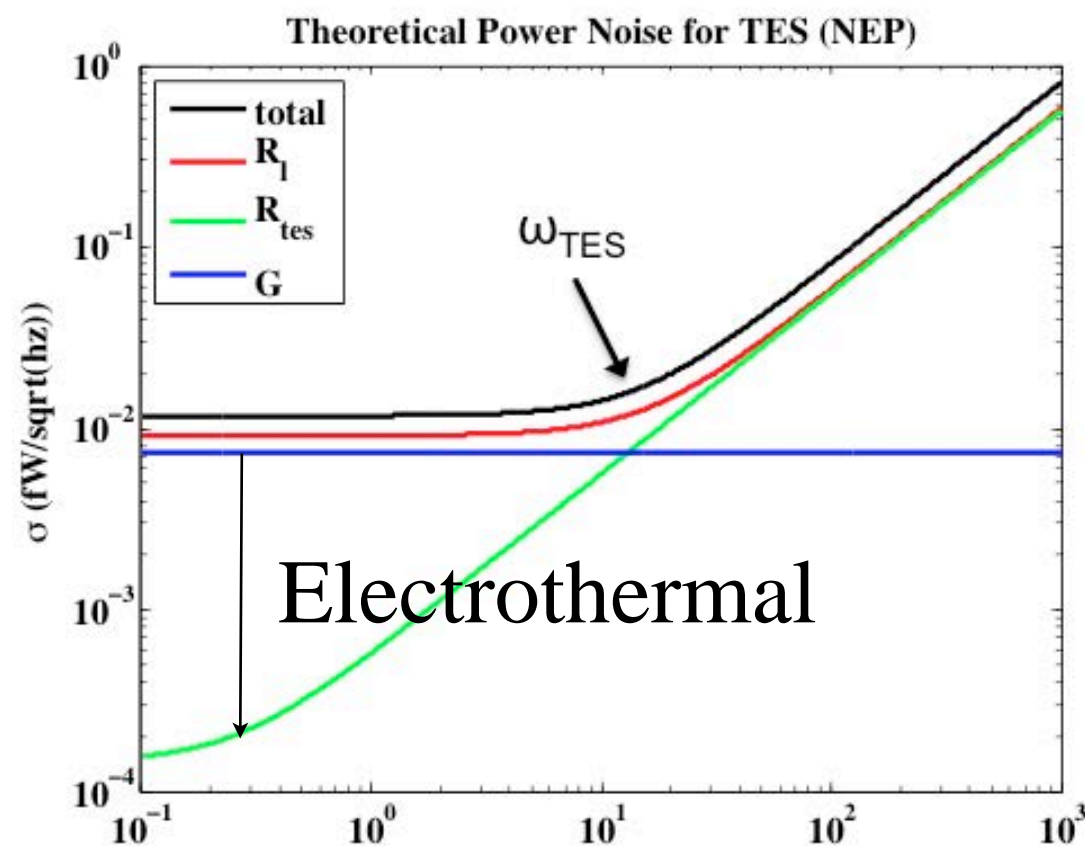
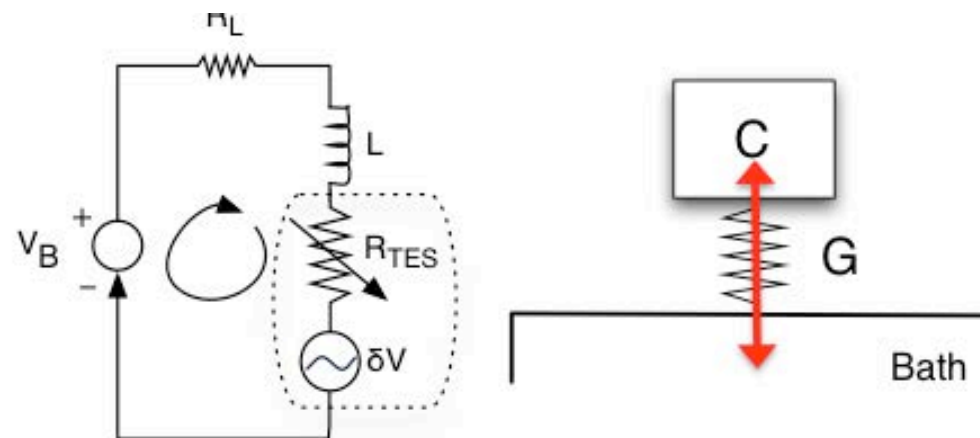
## Matt: We can indeed!

Increase raw sensitivity

Match better TES (ETF) bandwidth to collection bandwidth

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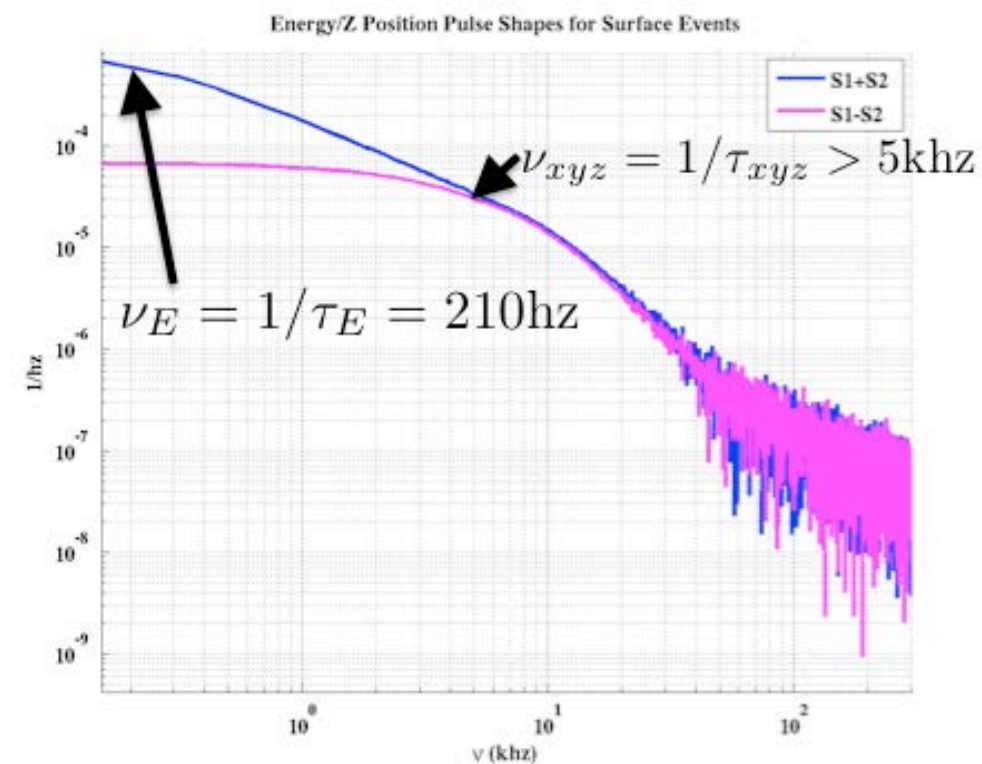
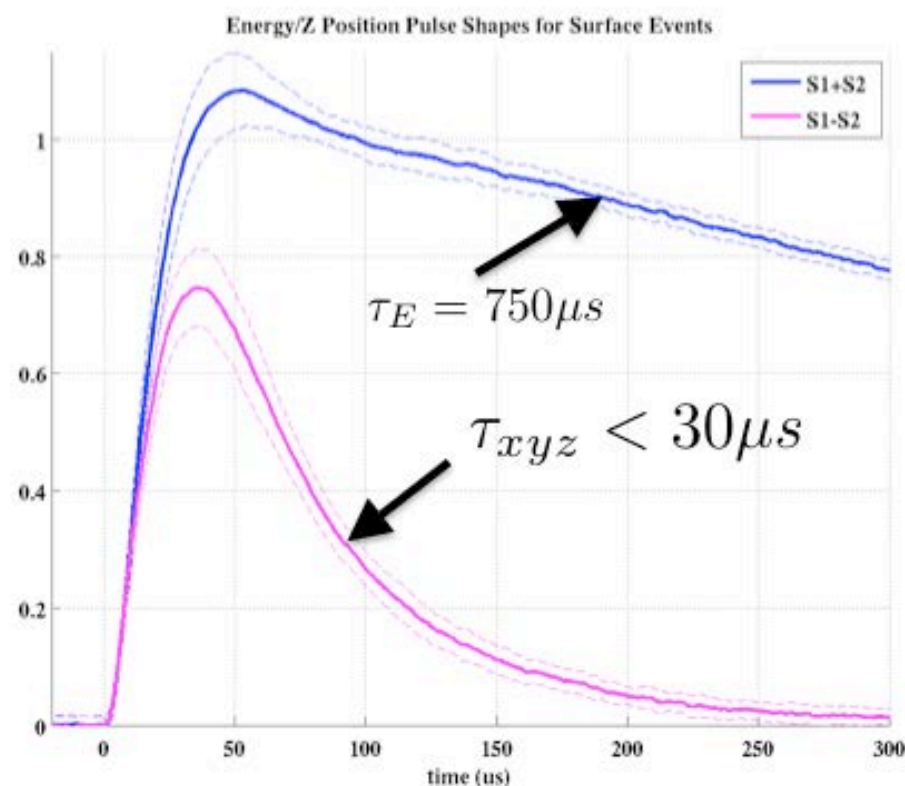
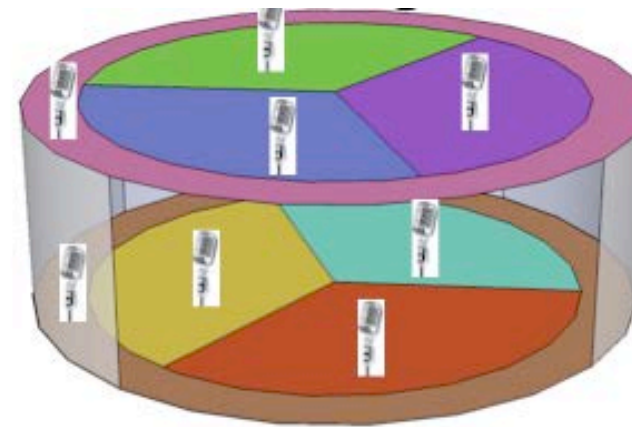


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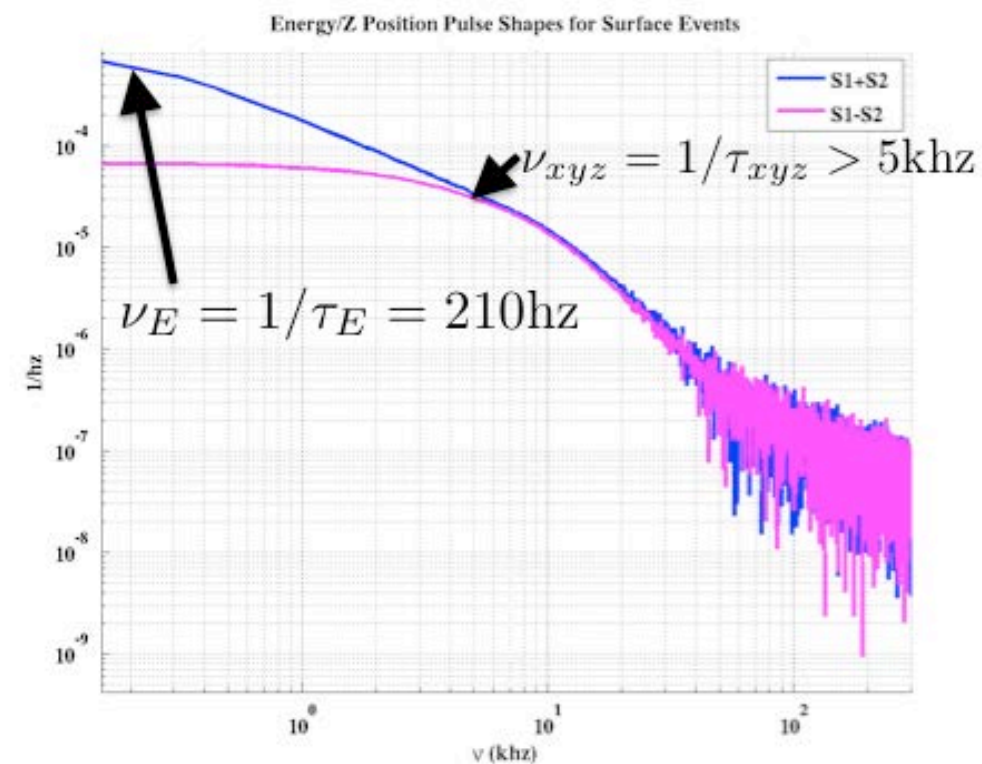
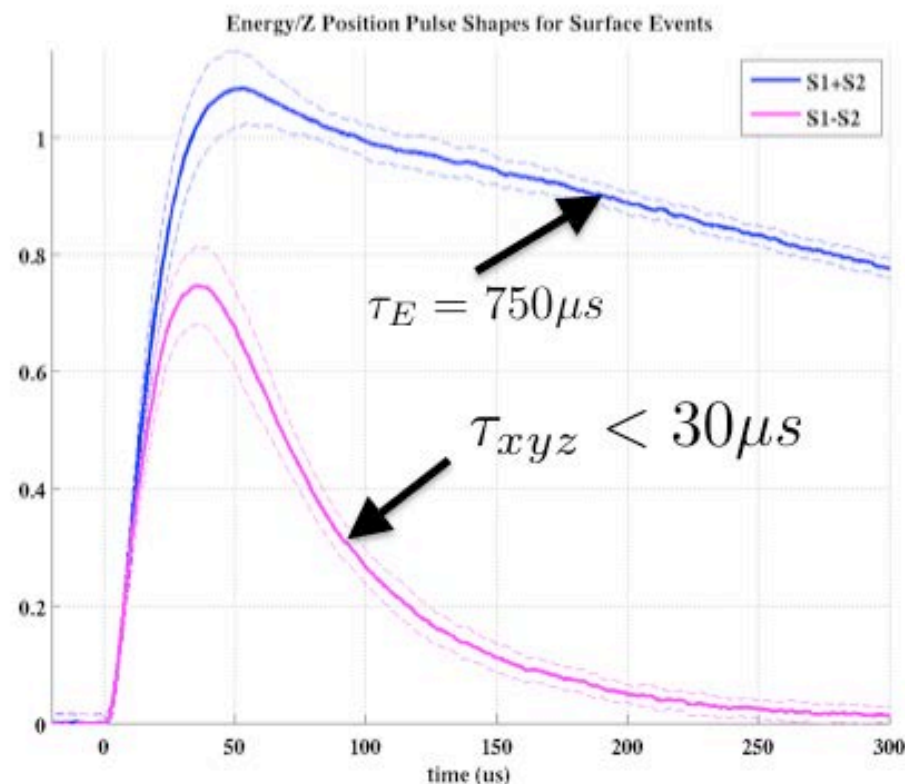
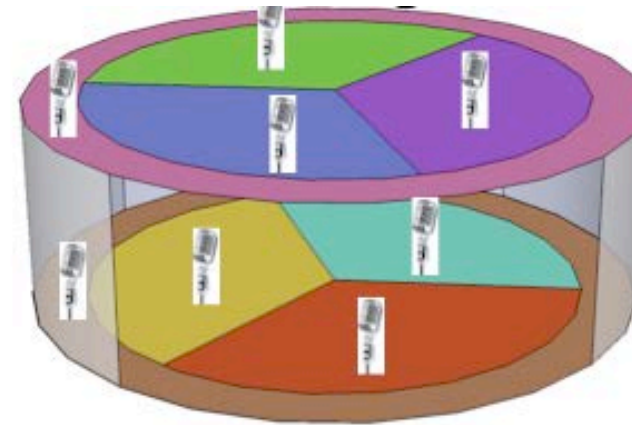
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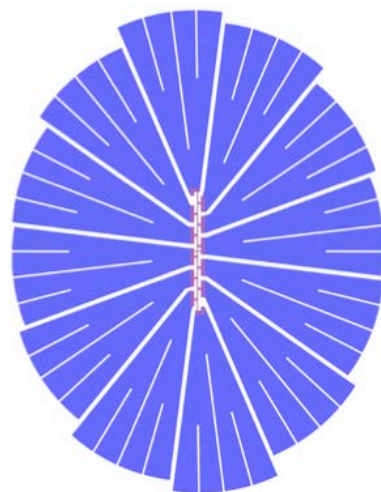
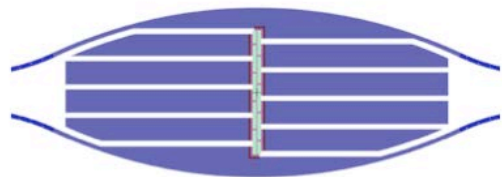
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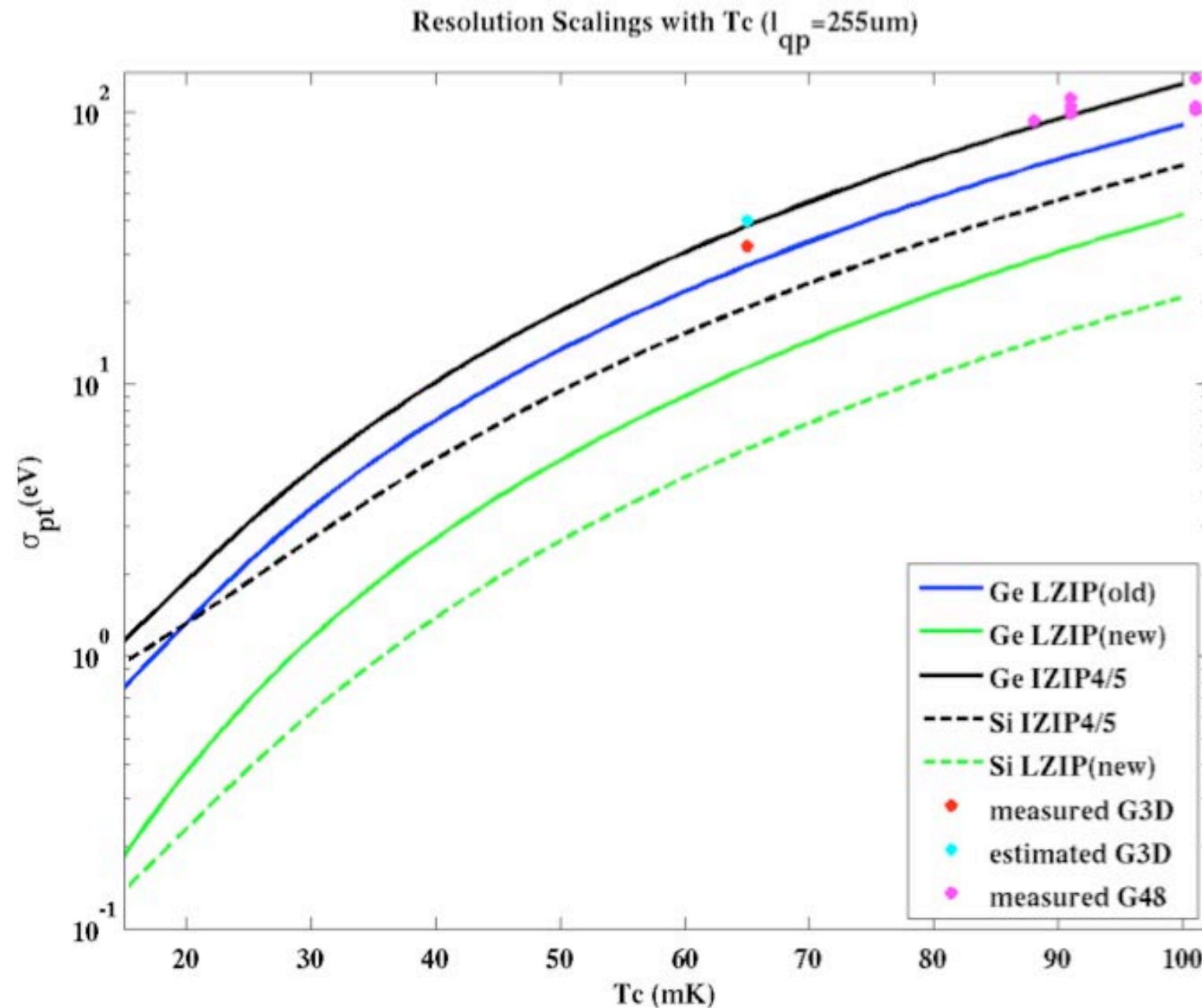
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In addition we can decrease  $G$  (and  $C$ ) by decreasing length of the TES  
(we can accomodate lower  $R$  with lower  $L_{SQUID}$ )



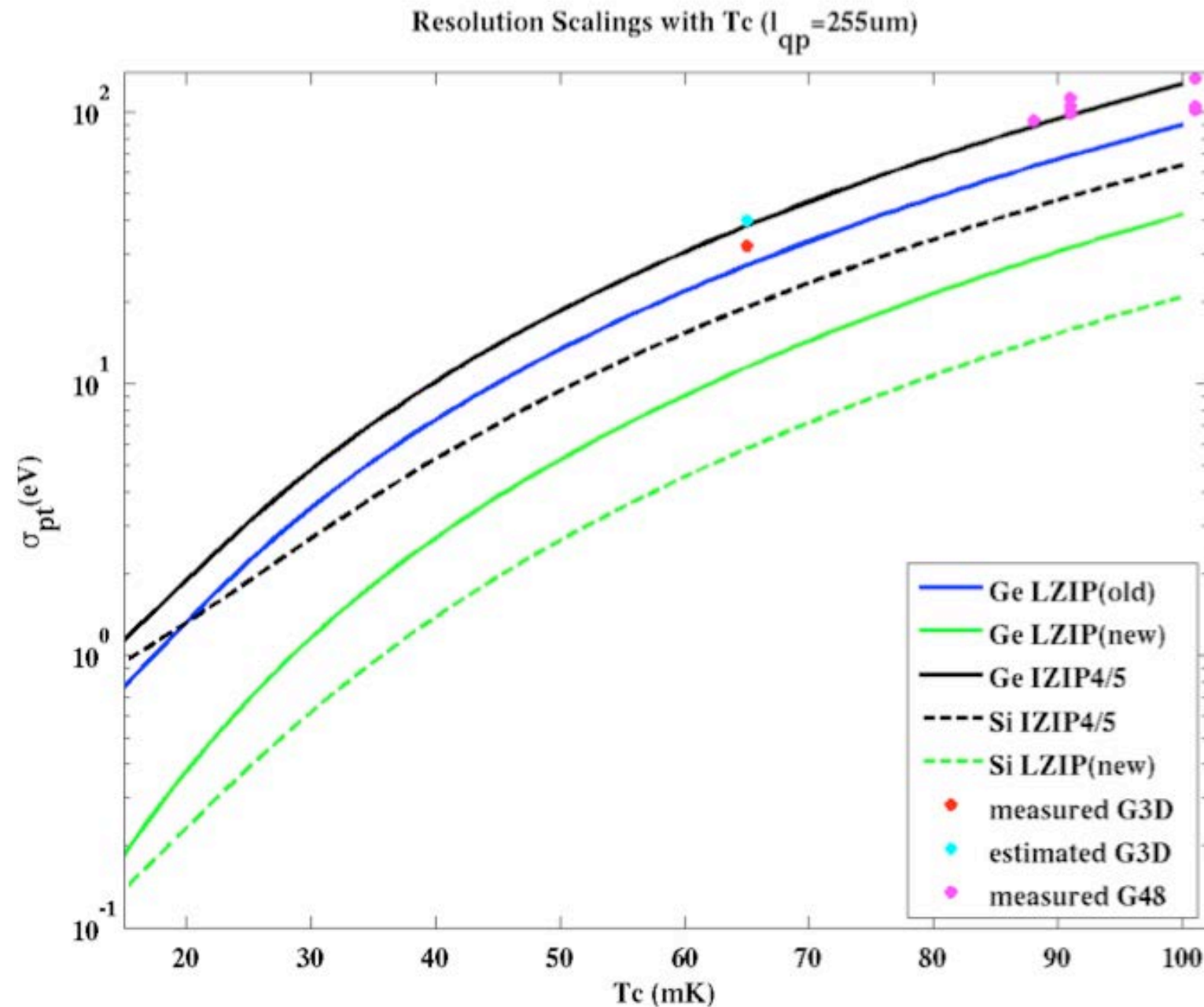
- QP trapping in Al antenna
  - $L_{diff} \sim 180\mu m$
- Optimally use area near TES
- Not Possible in iZIP detectors charge signal capacitance constraints

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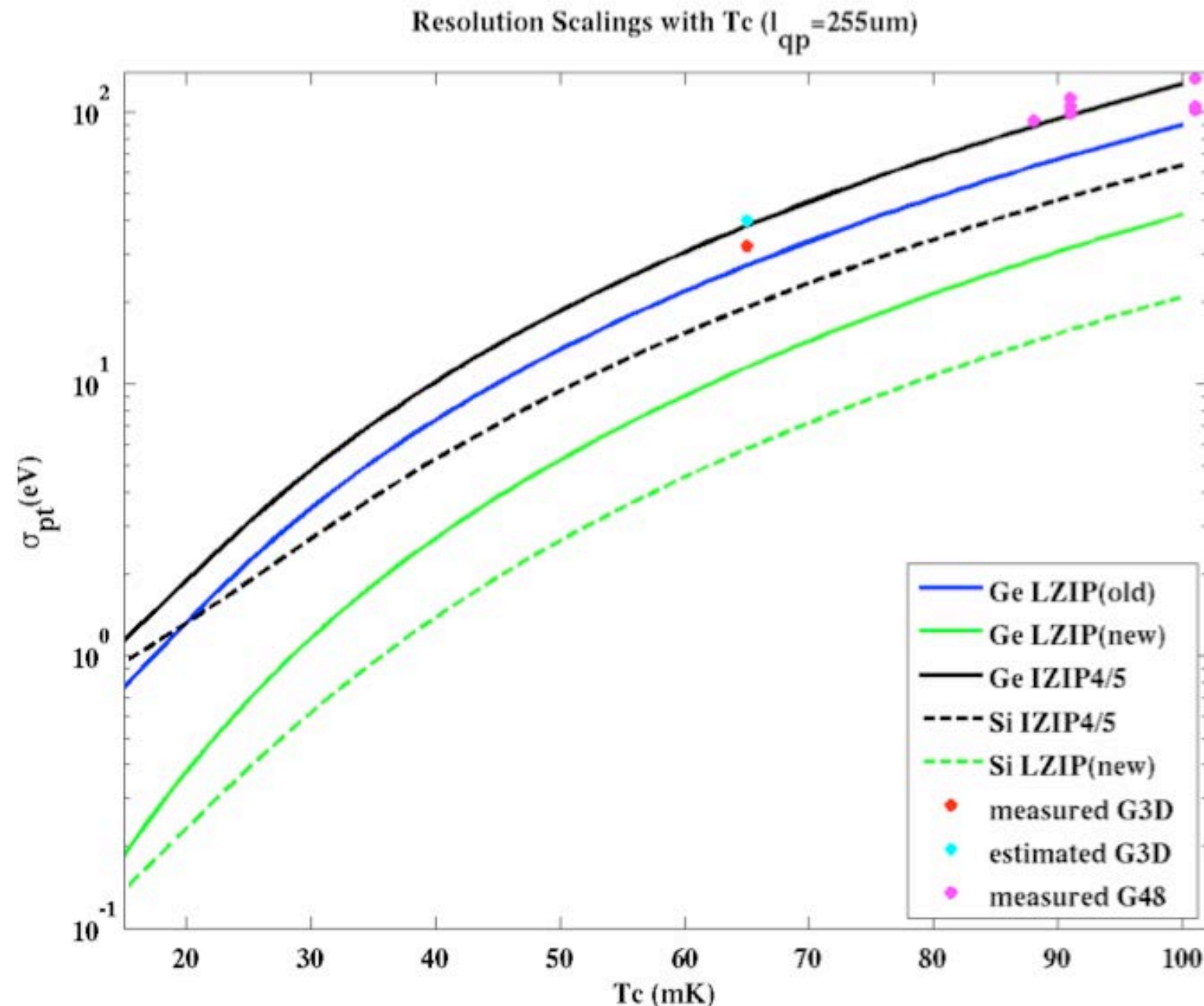


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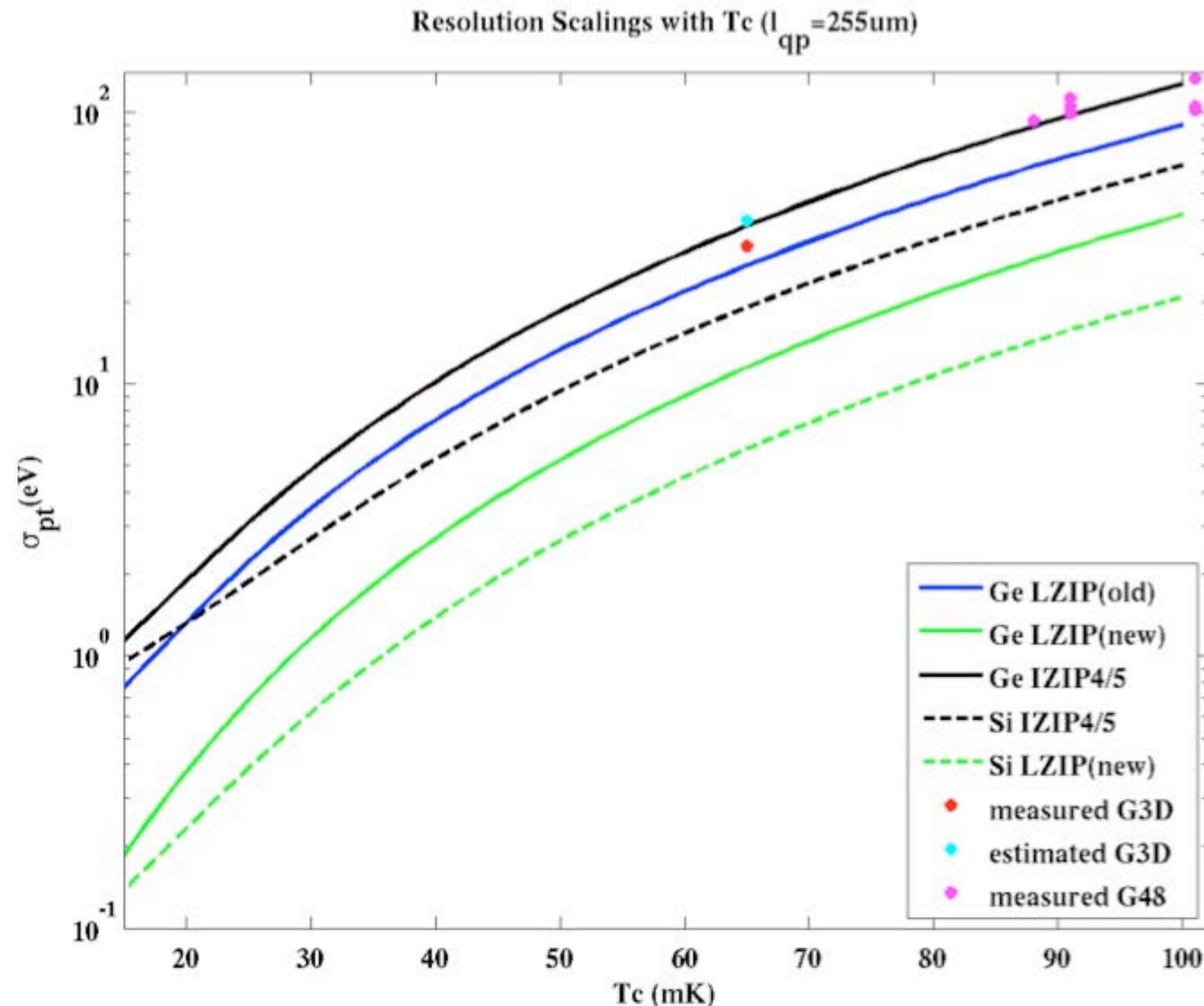


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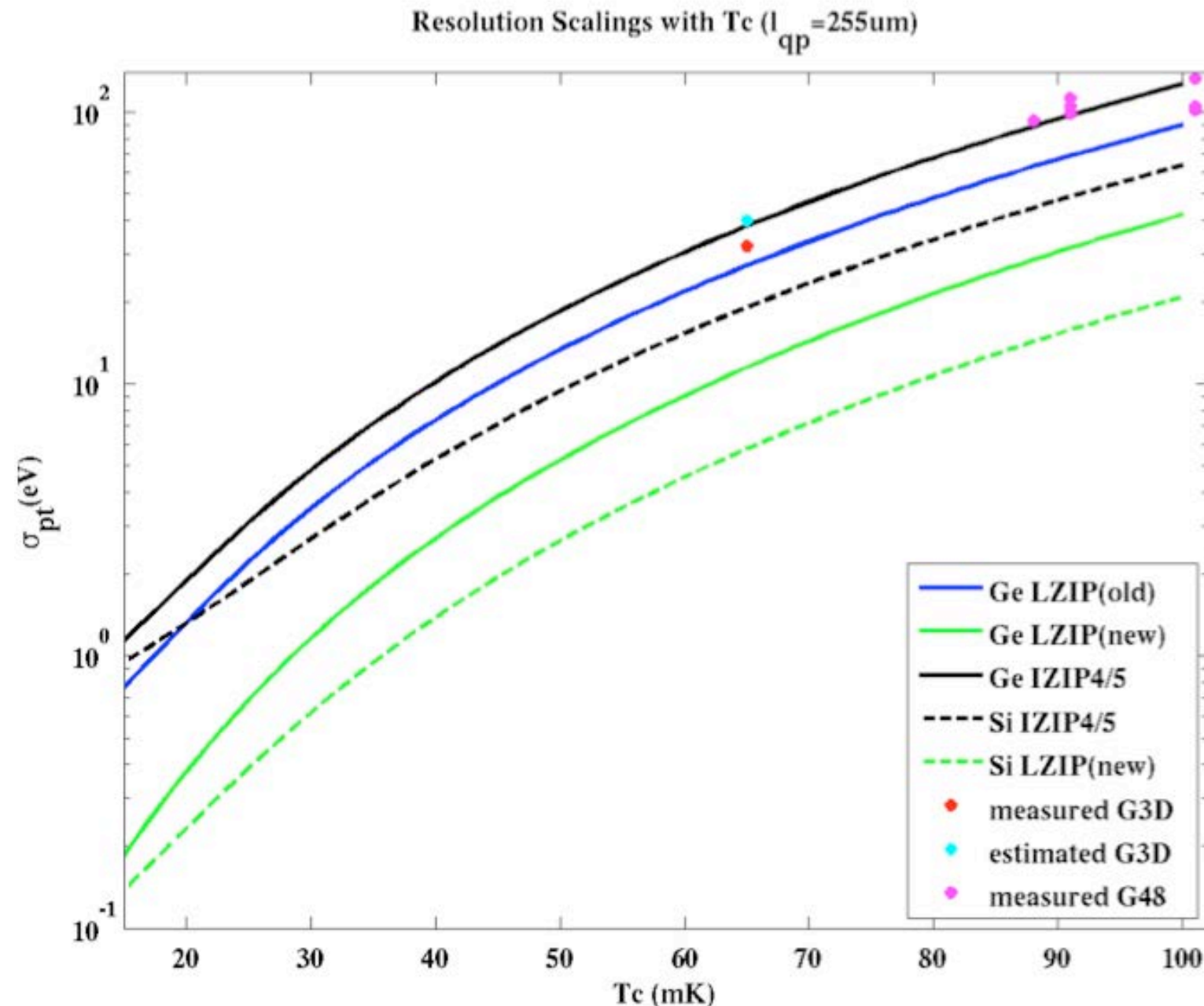


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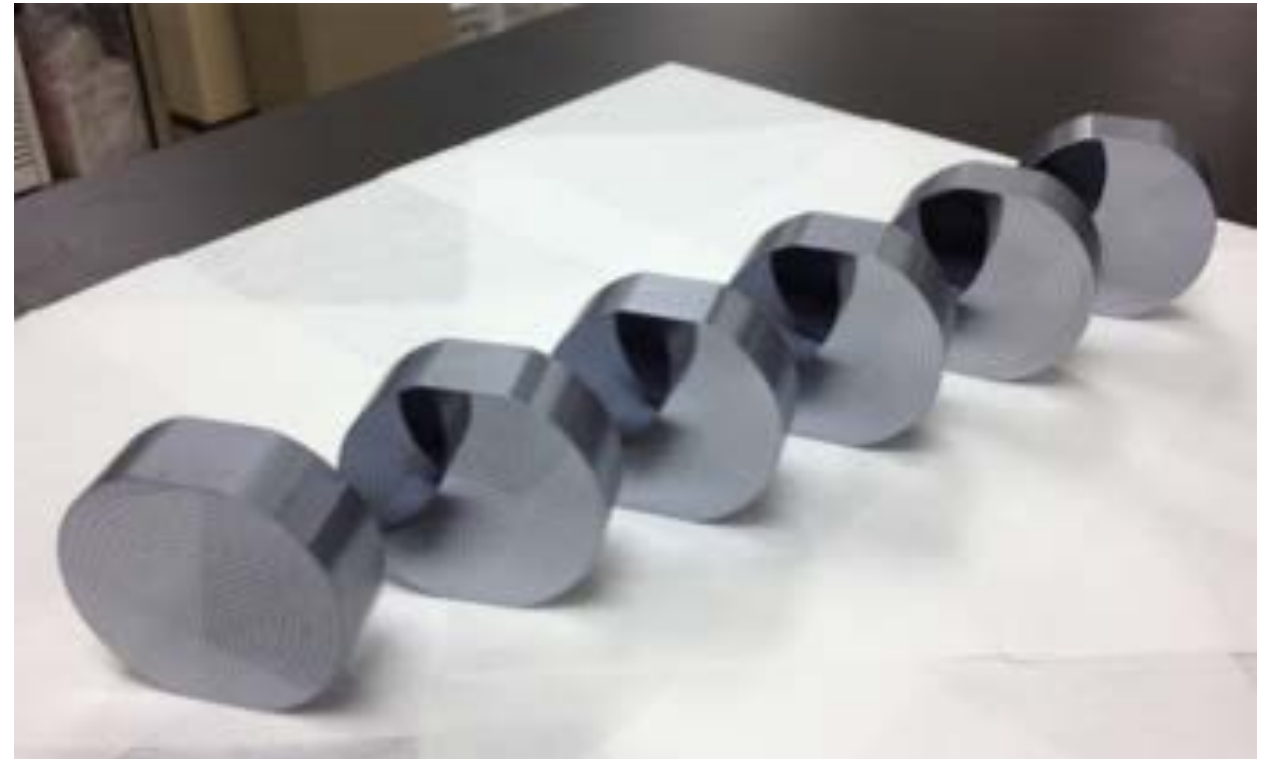
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- Engineering : Fridge, low frequency noise, IR loading (goes as  $T^5$ )



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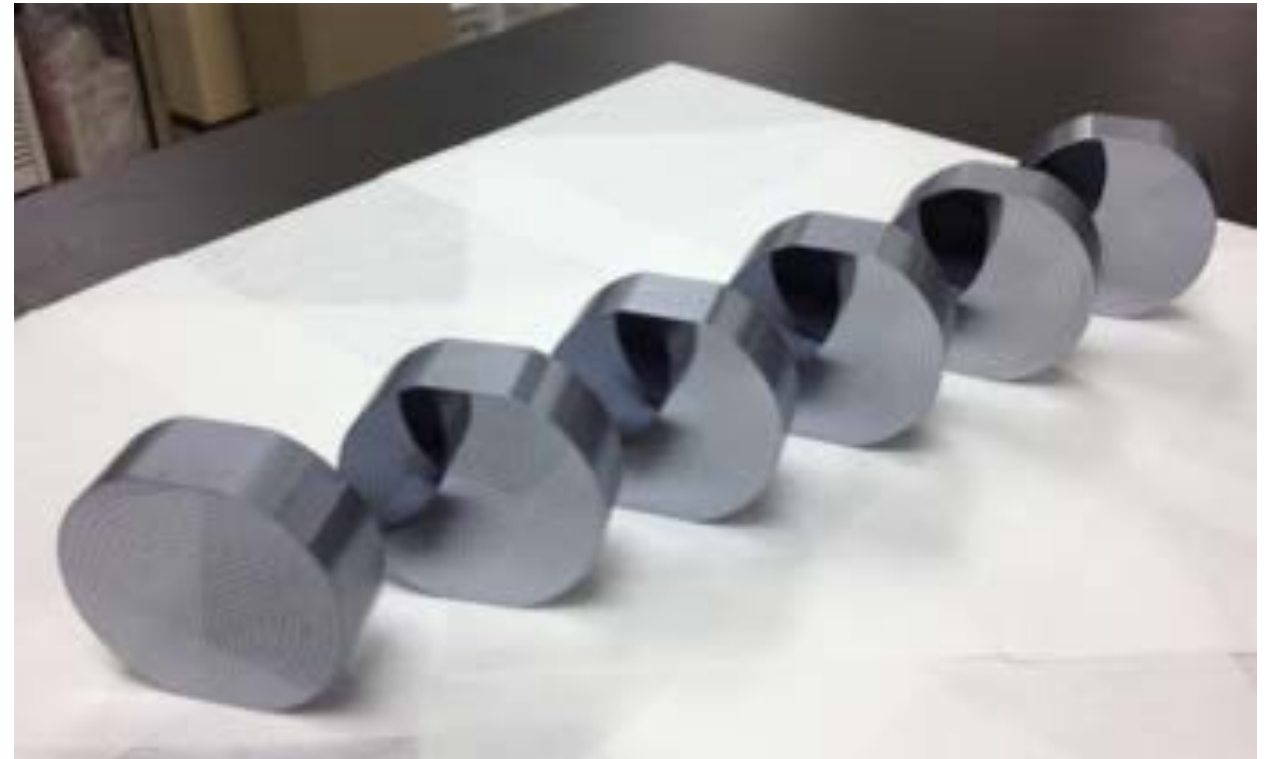


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## SuperCDMS throughput study

6 x 1" Si detectors in 3 weeks with  
3FTE fab team

IMPRESSIVE!



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# Can We Improve the Ionization Measurement through Phonons?

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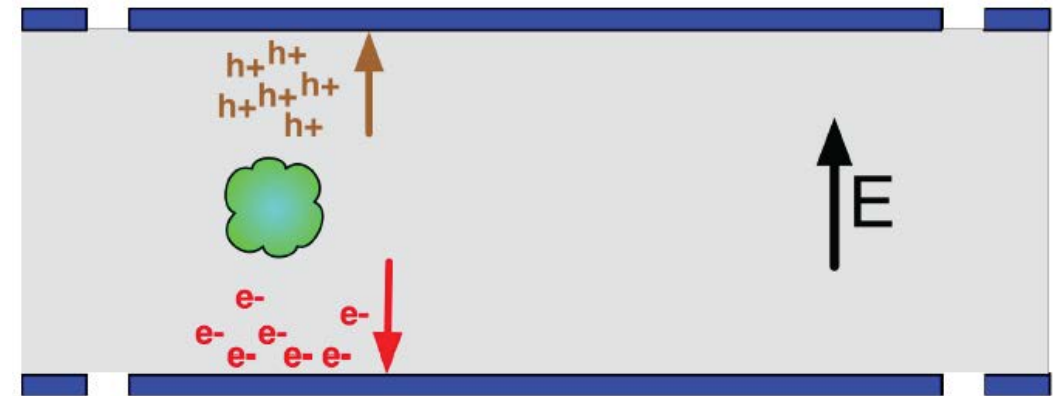
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# Luke-Neganov amplification

- Luke-Neganov Gain**

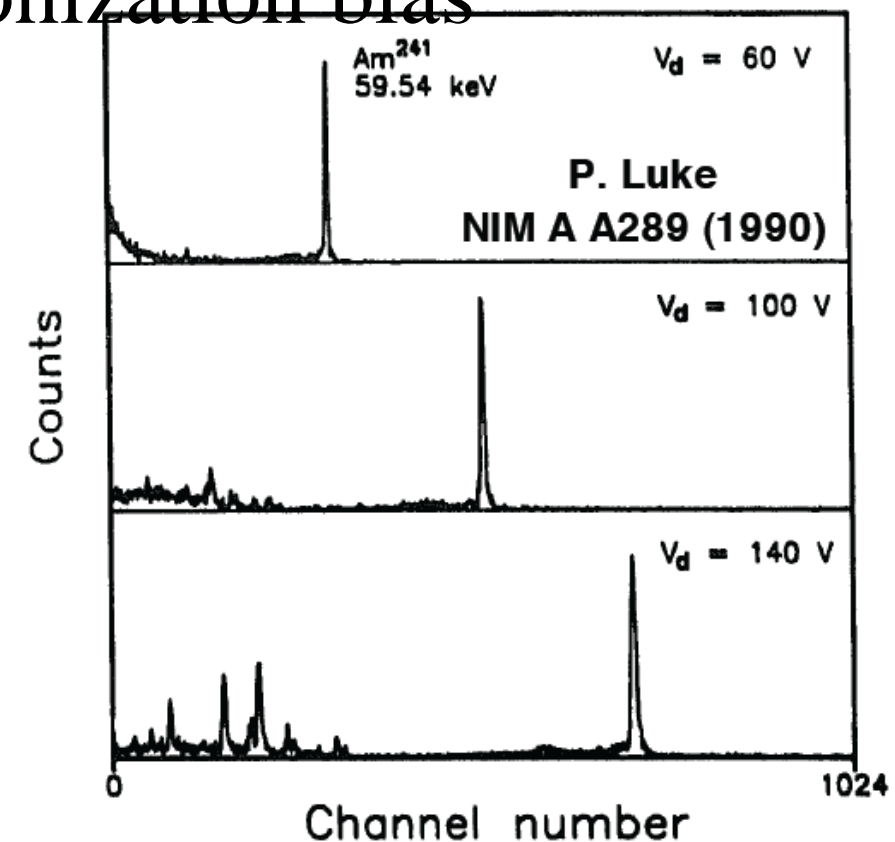
$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{tot} &= E_r + E_{luke} \\
 &= E_r + n_{eh} e V_b \\
 &= E_r \left( 1 + \frac{e V_b}{\epsilon_{eh}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$



- Phonon noise doesn't scale with the ionization bias

$$\Rightarrow S/N \uparrow$$

In theory one can increase  
Bias to reach Poisson  $\sqrt{F \epsilon E}$   
fluctuation limit:  
limitation: Ge Breakdown





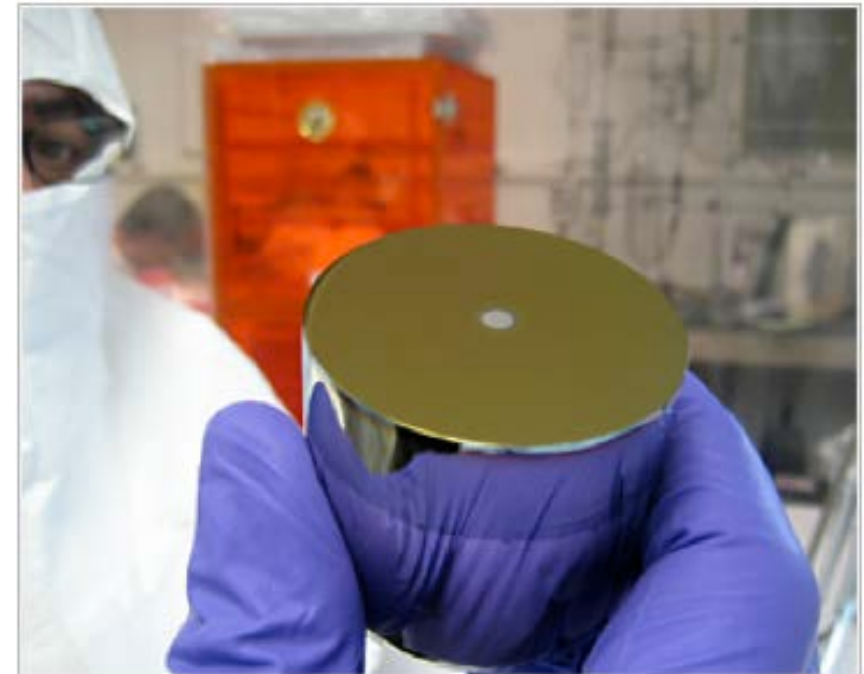
# Ionization breakdown with CDMSII

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- CDMSII 1 cm thick Ge detectors can't handle much beyond 10 V/cm
- To keep ionization phonon discrimination CDMS limited to low collection fields anyways => no interest for field  $> 10$  V/cm
- Need to neutralize detector: All impurity levels (p or n) at neutral state to reduce trapping.
- Impact ionization on neutral states lead to breakdown?
- What if we charge all impurities like 77K depleted Ge gamma spectrometers.
- Results from latest UCB tests.

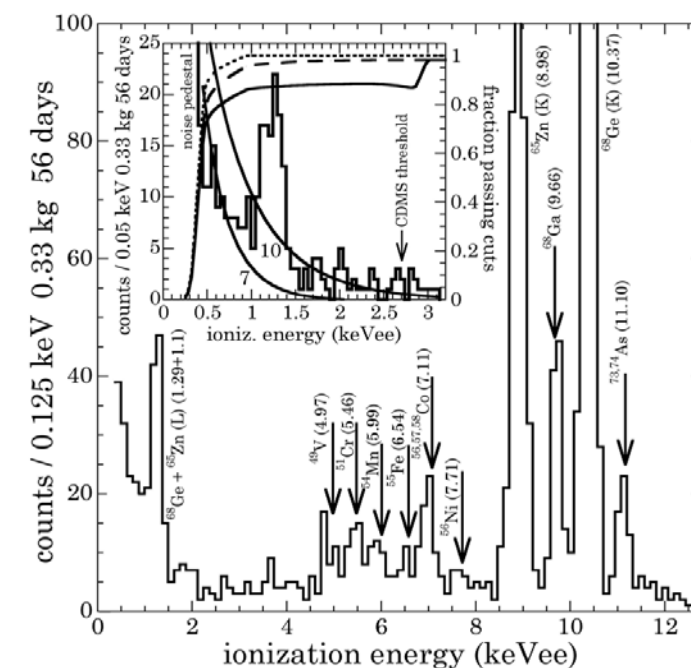
# Point contact ionization detectors

- Main advantage low electrode capacitance i.e. threshold.
- CoGeNT 440g 5mm PPC, 1 pF gate capacitance
- $\sigma_n \sim 70$  eV
- Threshold 0.4 keVee



## Idea:

- Transform Ionization to Phonons:
- Use very low threshold phonon detectors





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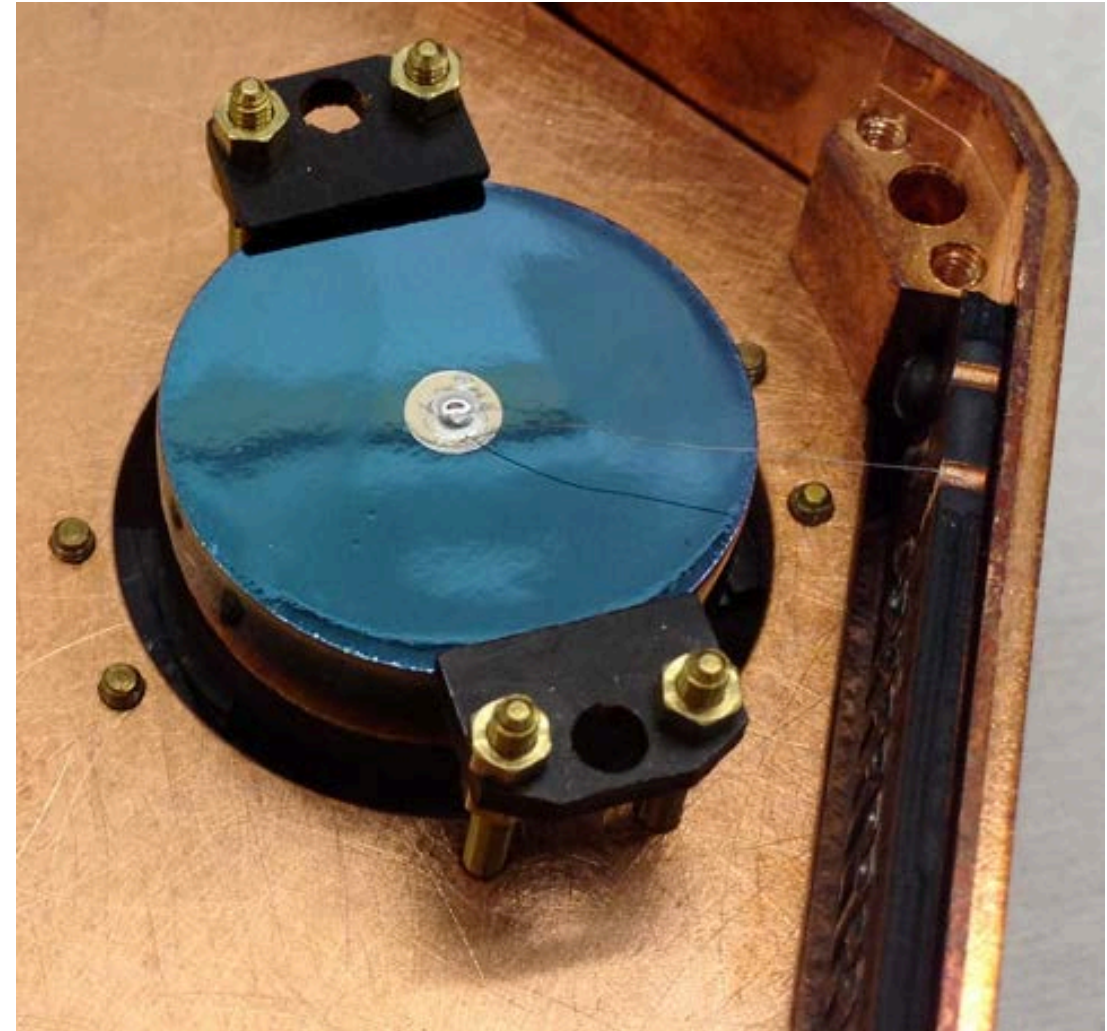
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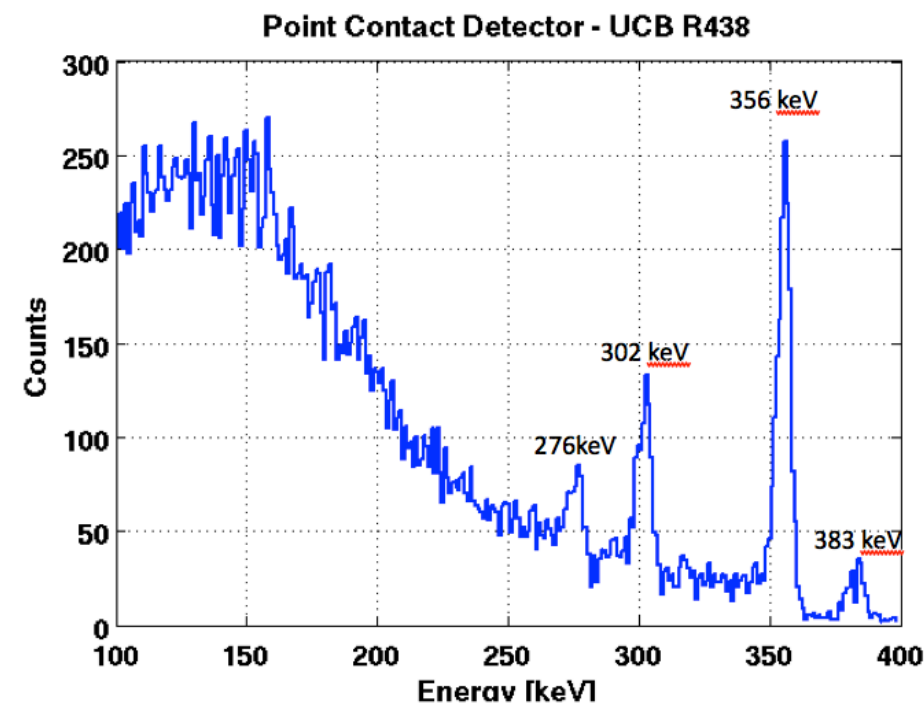
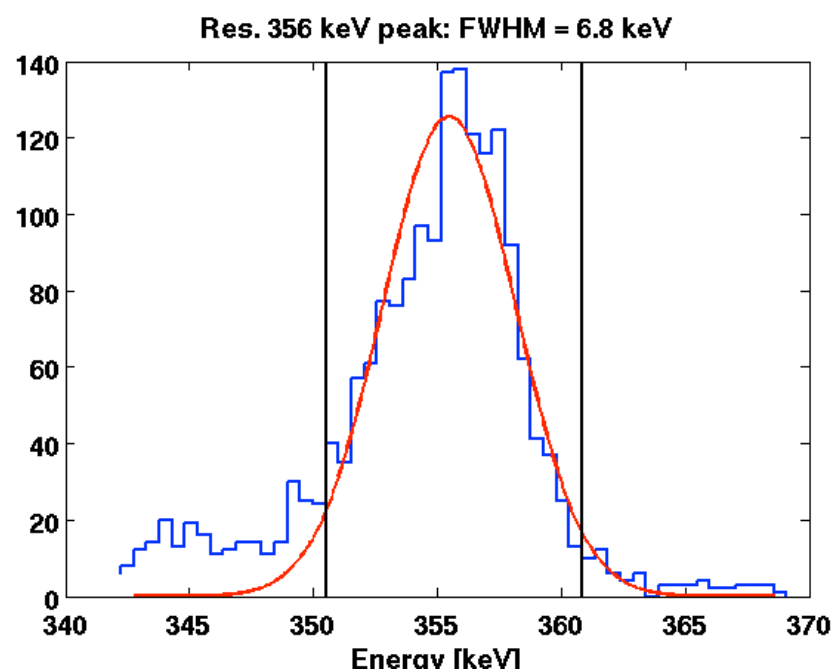
# Recent tests at Berkeley

$\Phi=20$  mm,  $h=10$  mm p-type Ge:  $10^{10}$  cm $^{-3}$

Could deplete at 180 Volts at 77K and cool to 0.05 K

Detector maintained depleted state down to 0.05 K

Ionization calibration with Ba-133 source



Not very good resolution

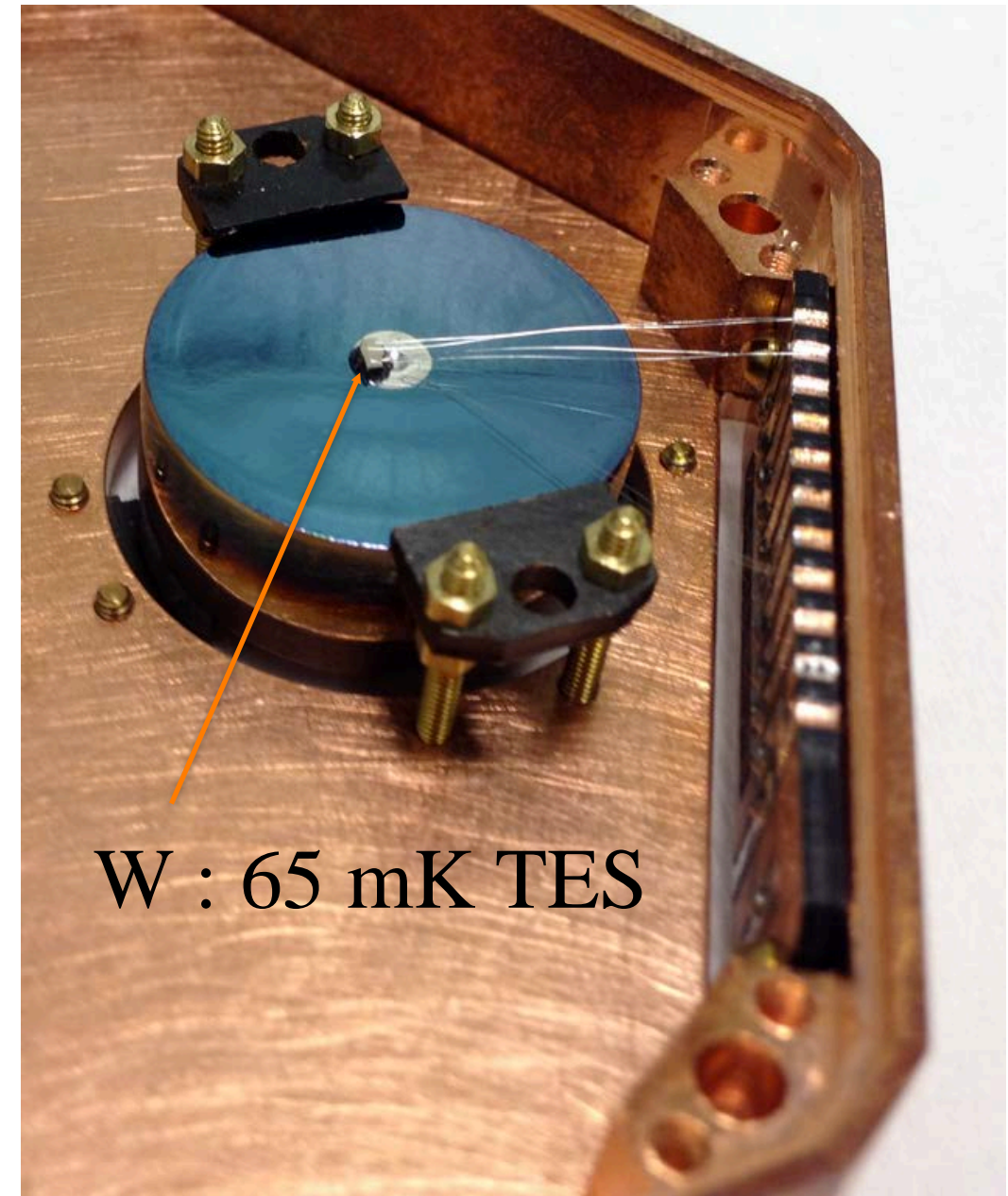
baseline= 1keV (badly adapted Cconnect+CFET)

lines: problem of collection close to surface?



# Next: Add phonon sensor

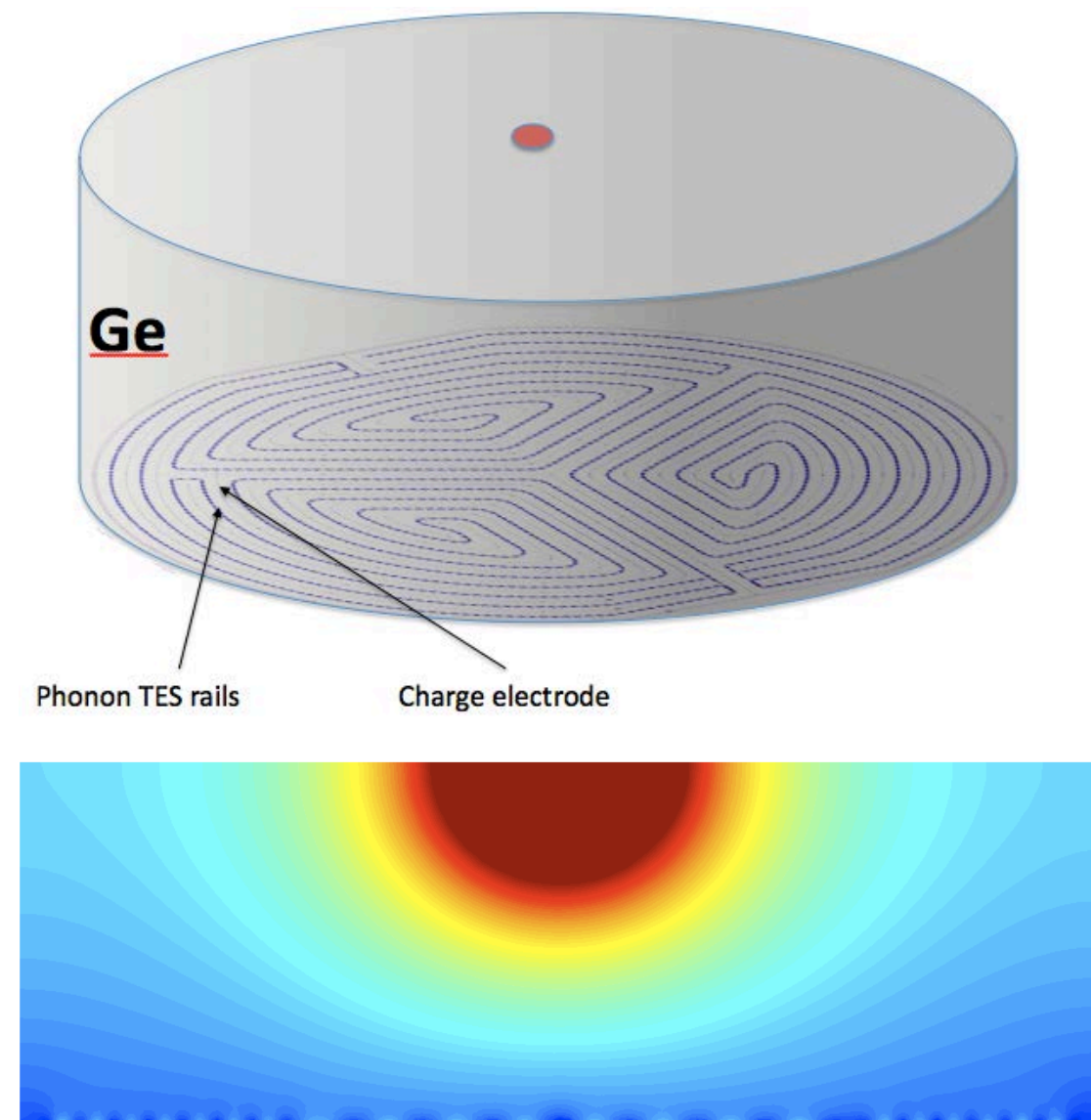
A tungsten ( $T_c \sim 65$  mK)  
thermometer glued: Only  
sensitive to thermal phonons.  
Currently running with internal  
 $^{241}\text{Am}$  source; 10 to 60 keV  
Study the Neganov-Luke gain  
Study near surface (dead layer)





# Near surface events: Ionization dead-layer

- Near surface cause:
  - Back diffusion to the wrong electrode.
  - Self shielding of the initial e-h cloud
  - How bad for recoils  $\ll 1$  keV ??
    - Need to be studied
    - Trapping on the surface states.
- One can engineer the size of the point contact such that:
  - Field near the phonon surface  $\sim$  Volts/cm.
  - Use the same concept as iZIP.
  - Majority of phonons released in the vicinity of the point contact.
  - Use Phonon partition to select only center events.
- Can also cover the cylindrical surface:
  - EDELWEISS FIDs.



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Basically ionization measurement.

Low ionization yield  $\sim 1/10$  at the region of interest.

But very good  $\sigma$  should compensate?

No event-by-event discrimination: Requires a very good understanding of the backgrounds.

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Phonon response improves linearly with collection potential while phonon noise is independent.

Can reach ultimate Poisson fluctuation limit.

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