

# Results From a Prototype TES Detector for the Ricochet Experiment

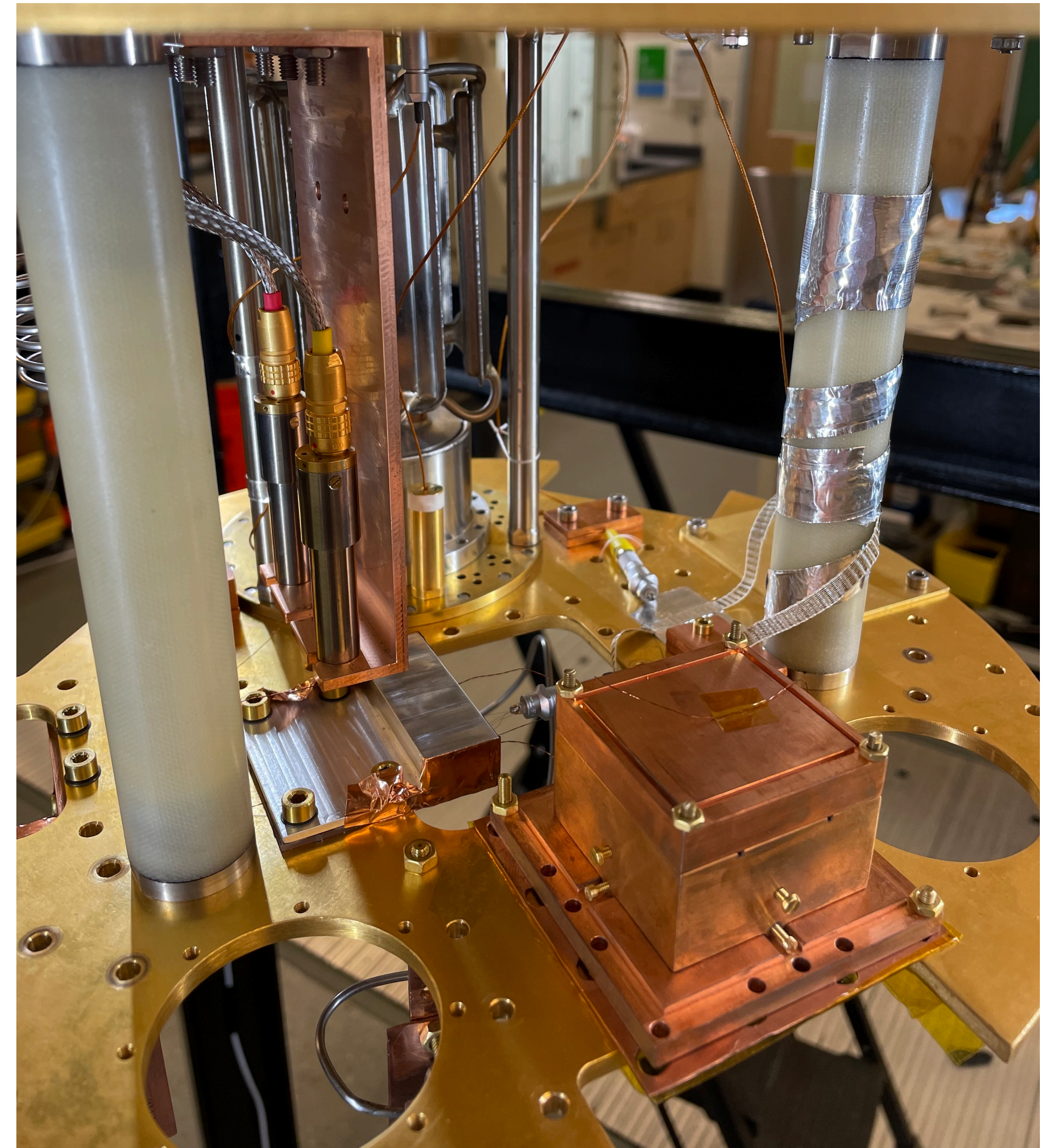
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# Overview

- The Q-Array and TES detectors
- R&D from a proof-of-concept detector at UMass Amherst
- Future plans and conclusions





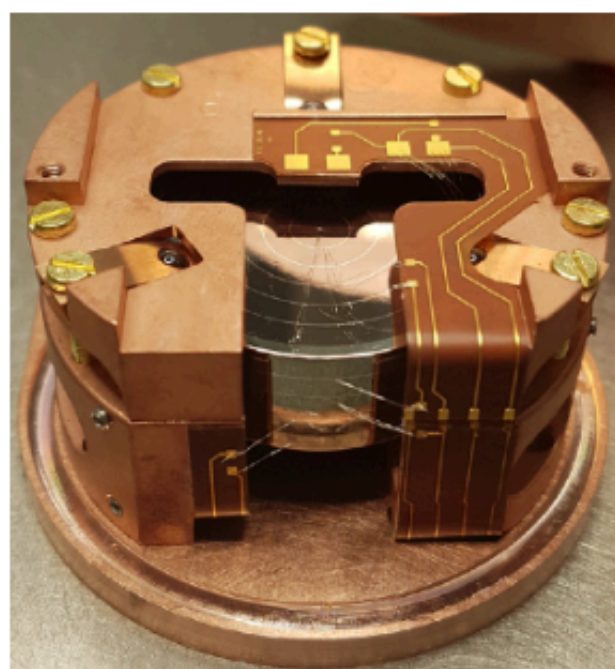
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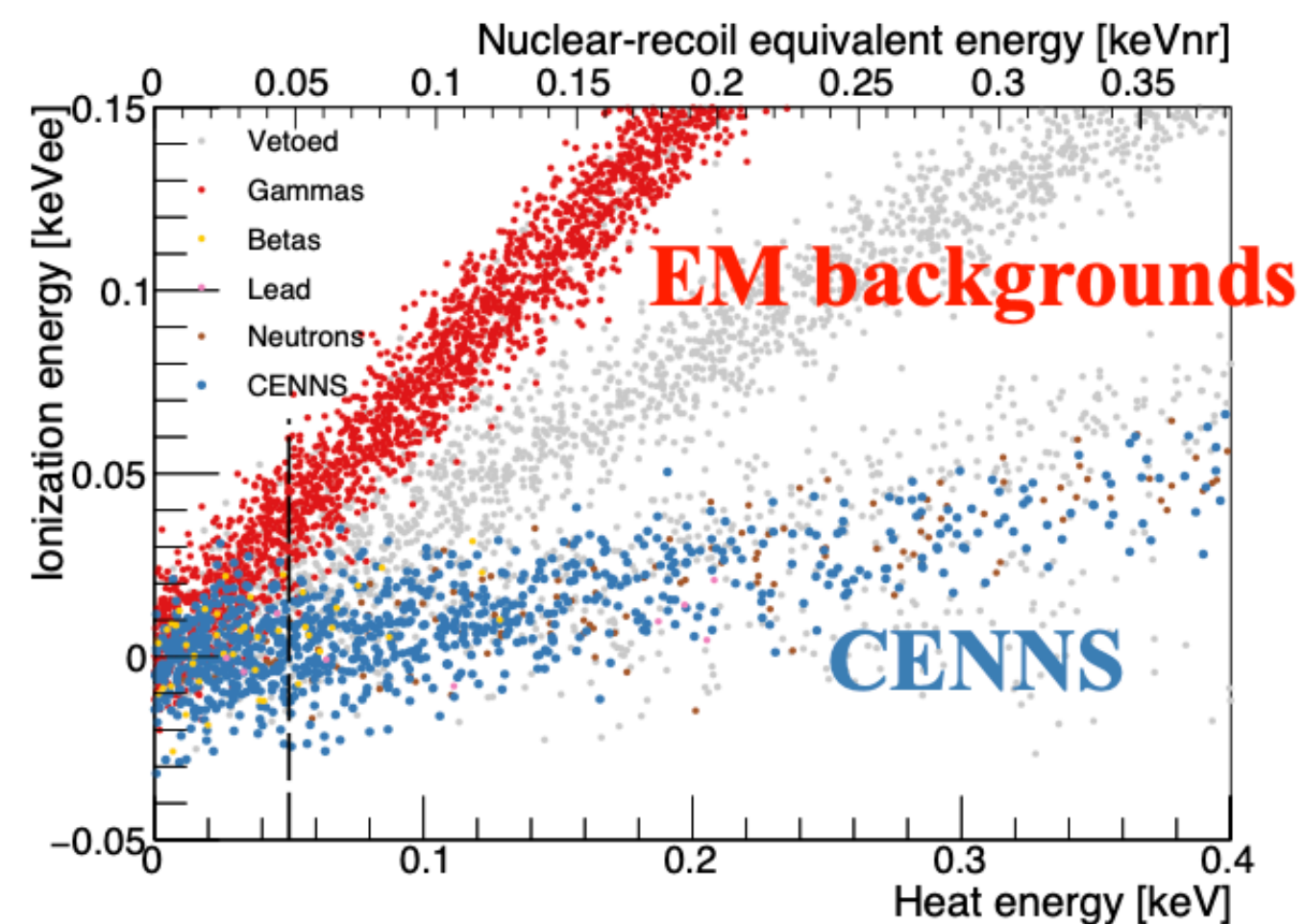


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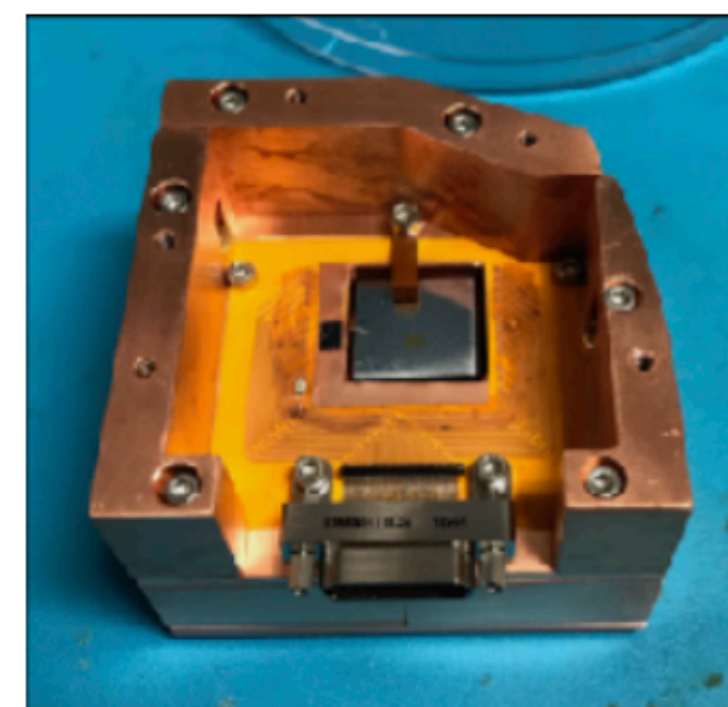


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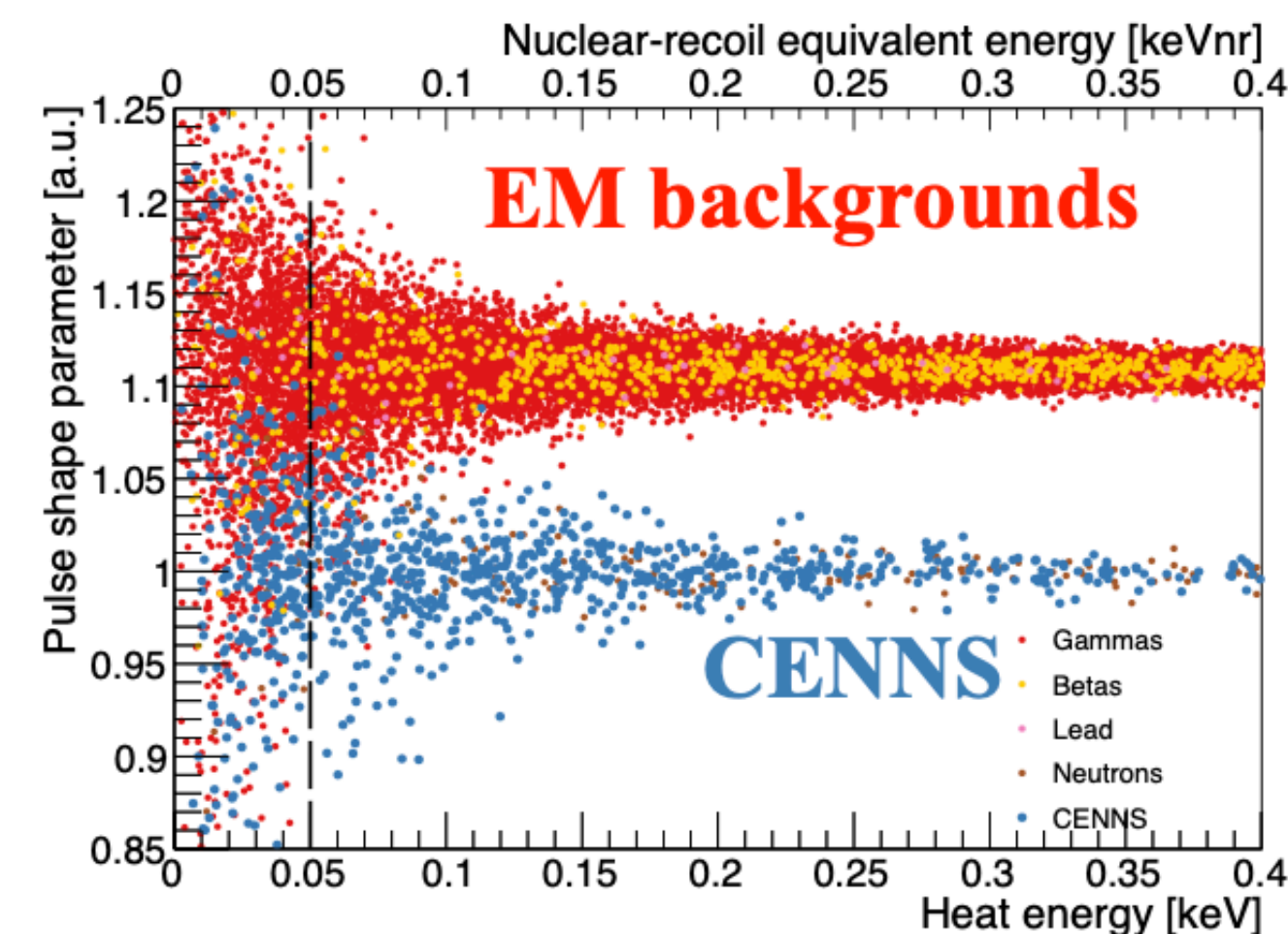
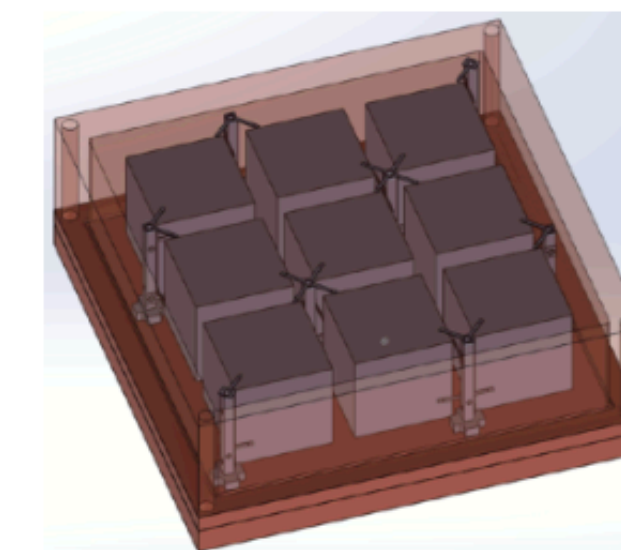


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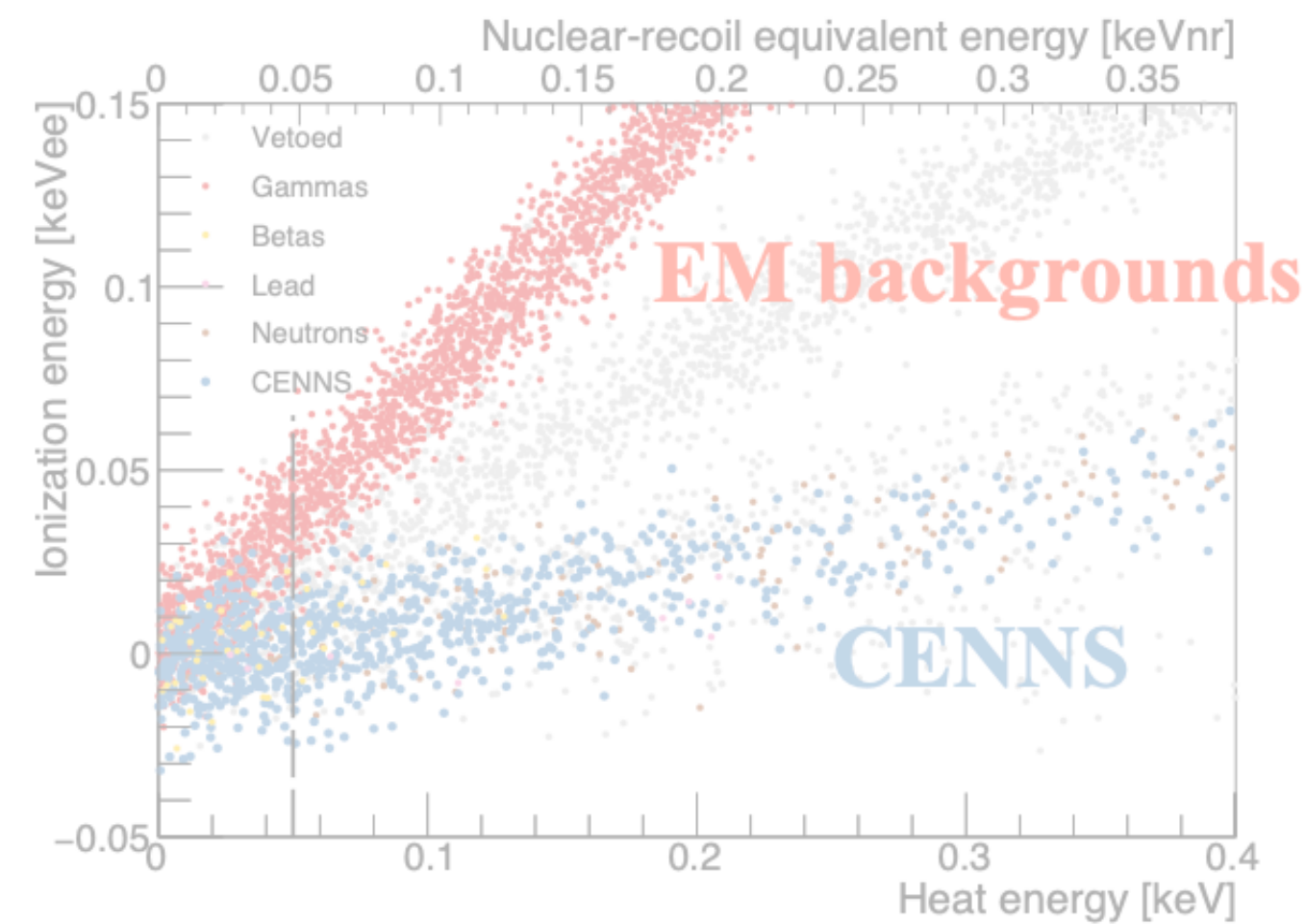
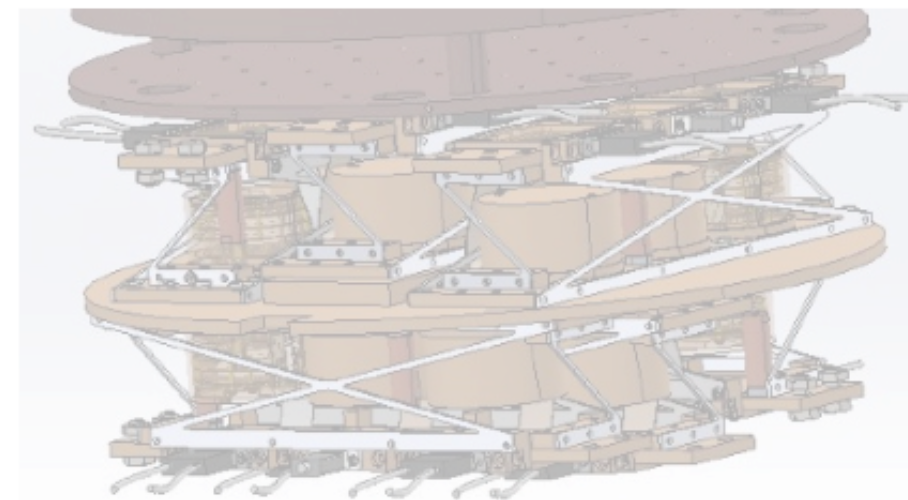


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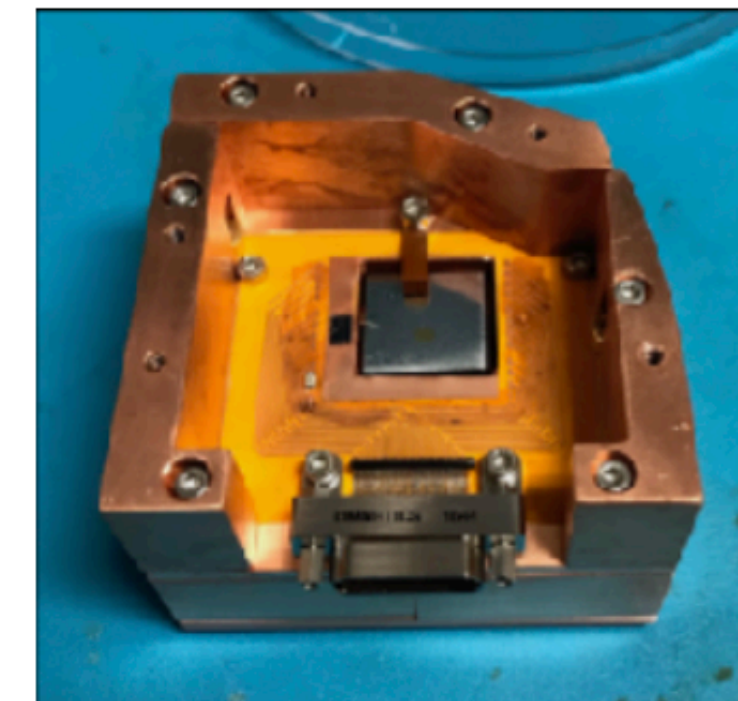


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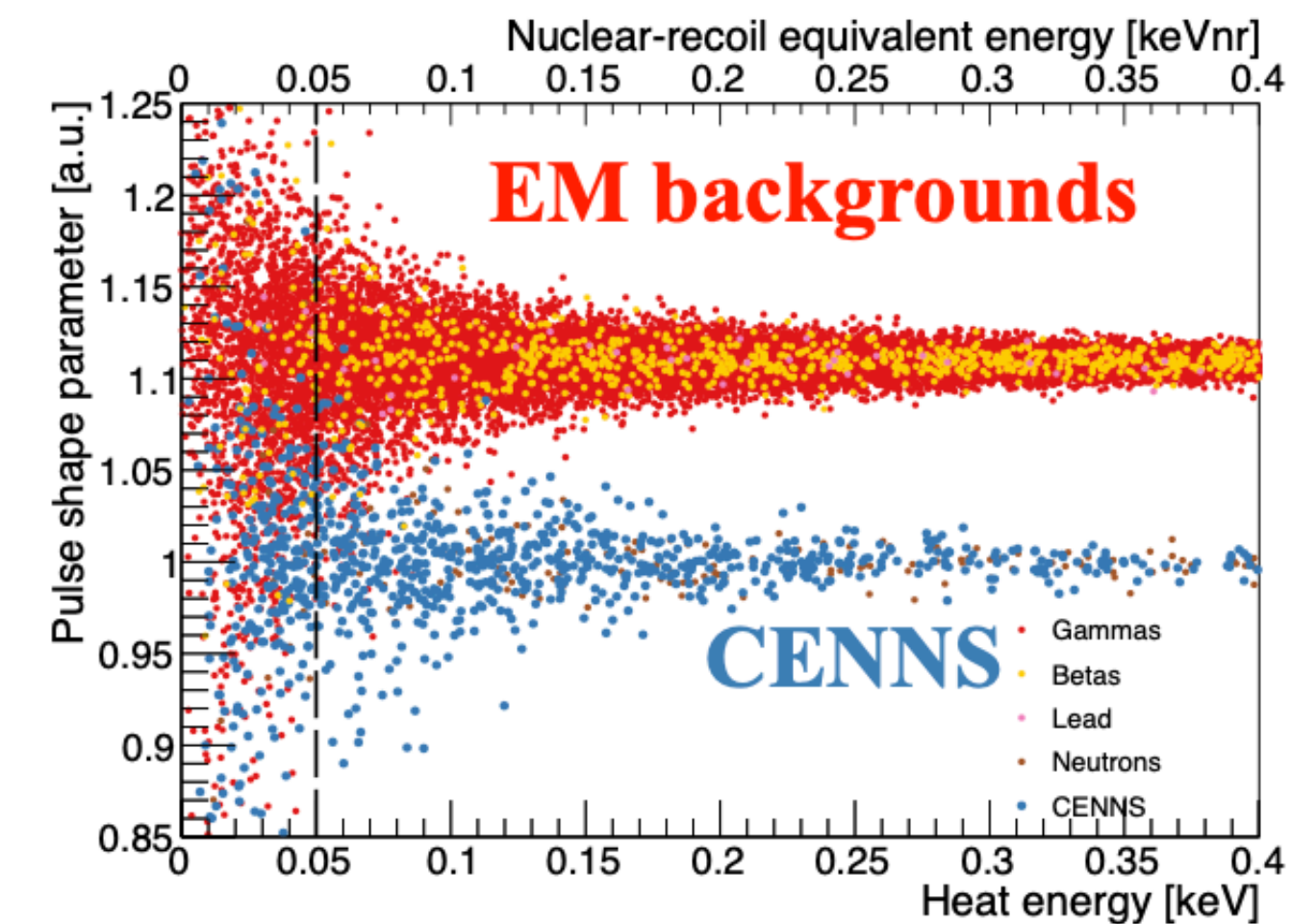
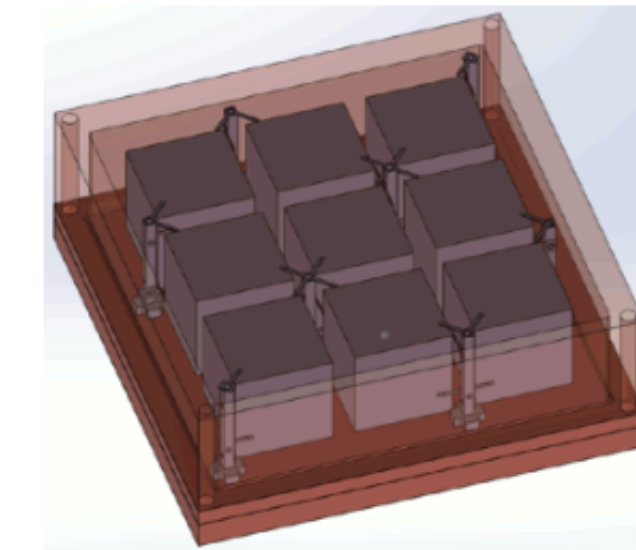


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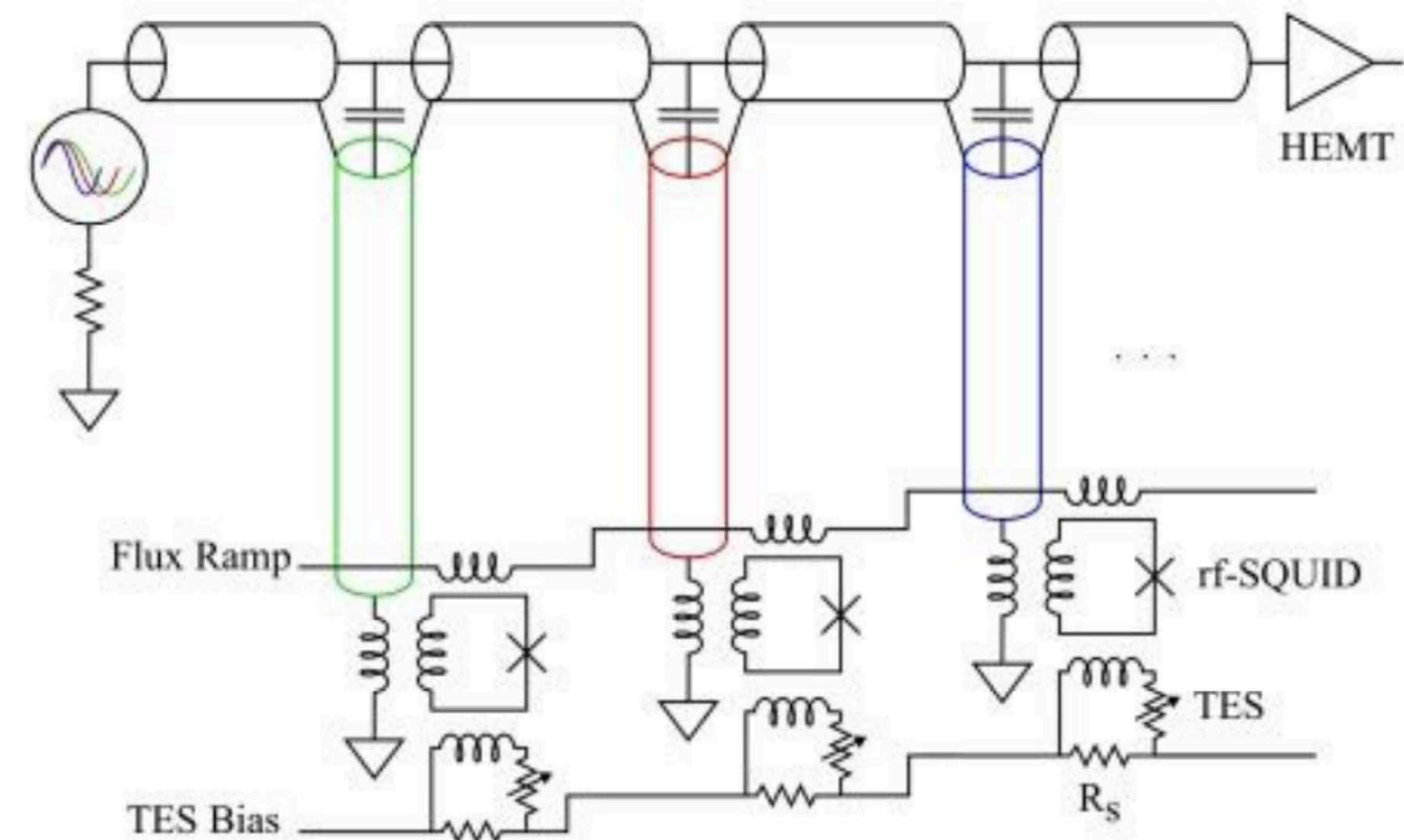
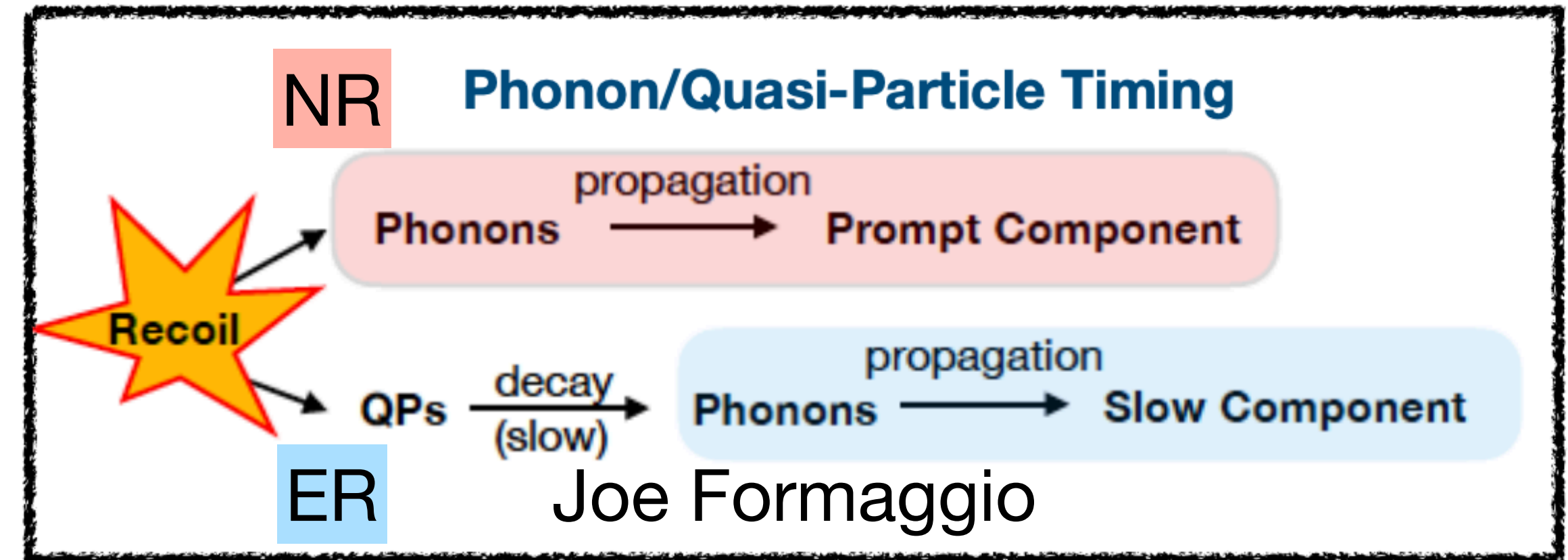
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# The Q-Array

- TESs reading out superconducting targets (Al, Zn, Sn...)
- Particle identification through QP/phonon ratio
  - Different signal timing
- Multiplexed readout using RF SQUIDs
- TESs physically separated from the superconducting target allows for scalability



Simons Observatory

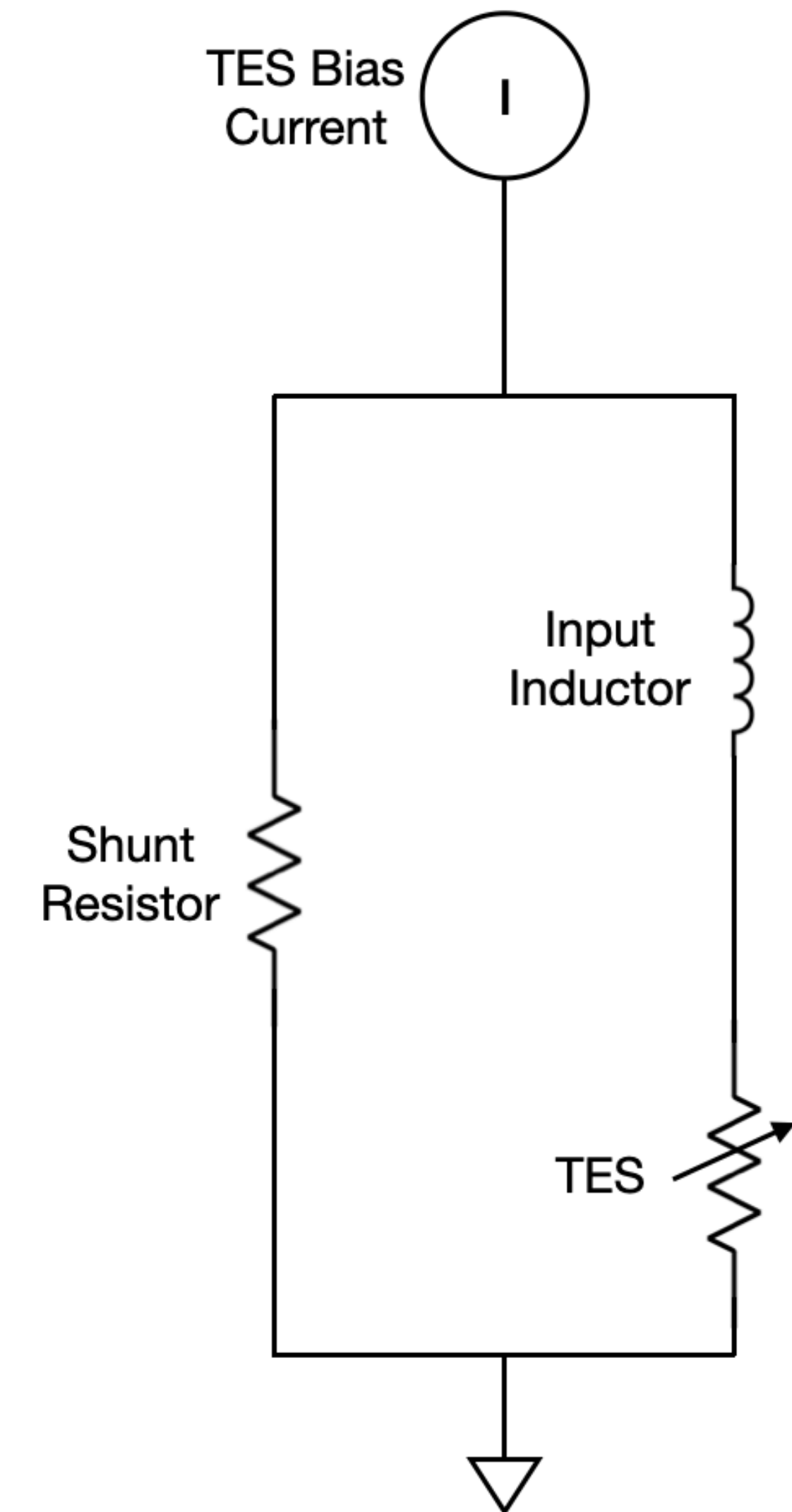
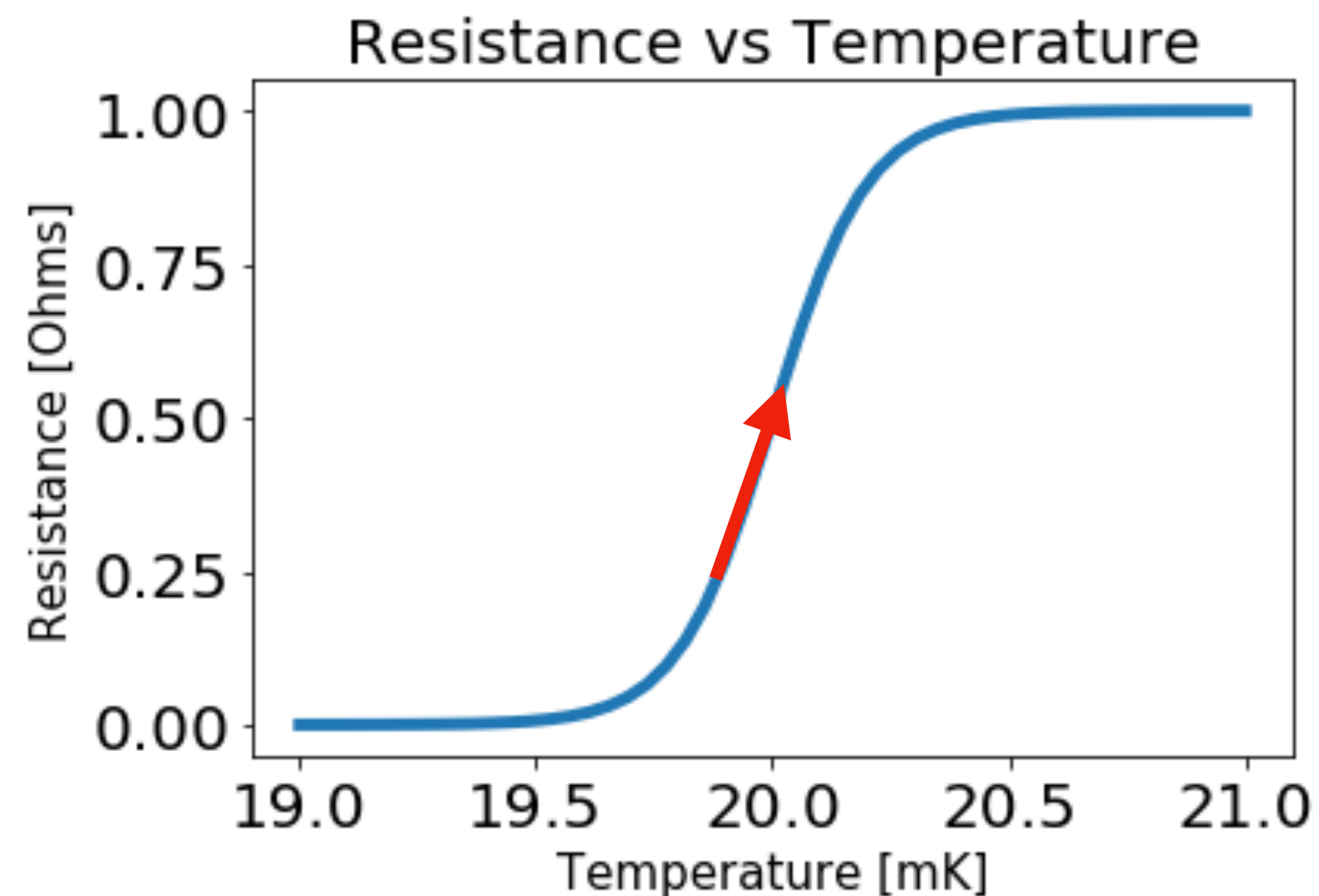


# TESs and their Readout

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- In our application, a transition edge sensor (TES) converts temperature to current
- In general, the colder the TES the more sensitive it is (decreasing heat capacity)



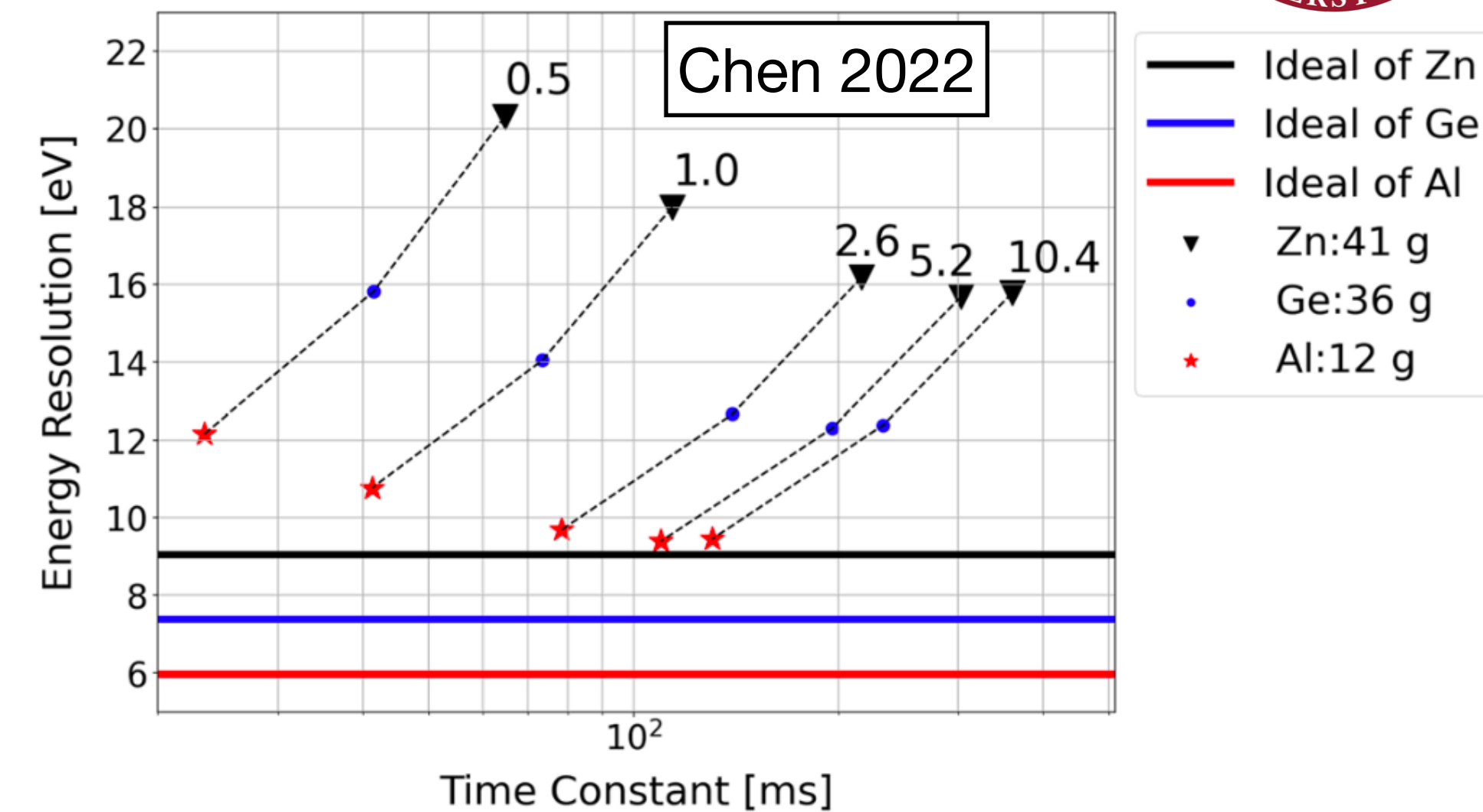


# The Q-Array: TES Architecture



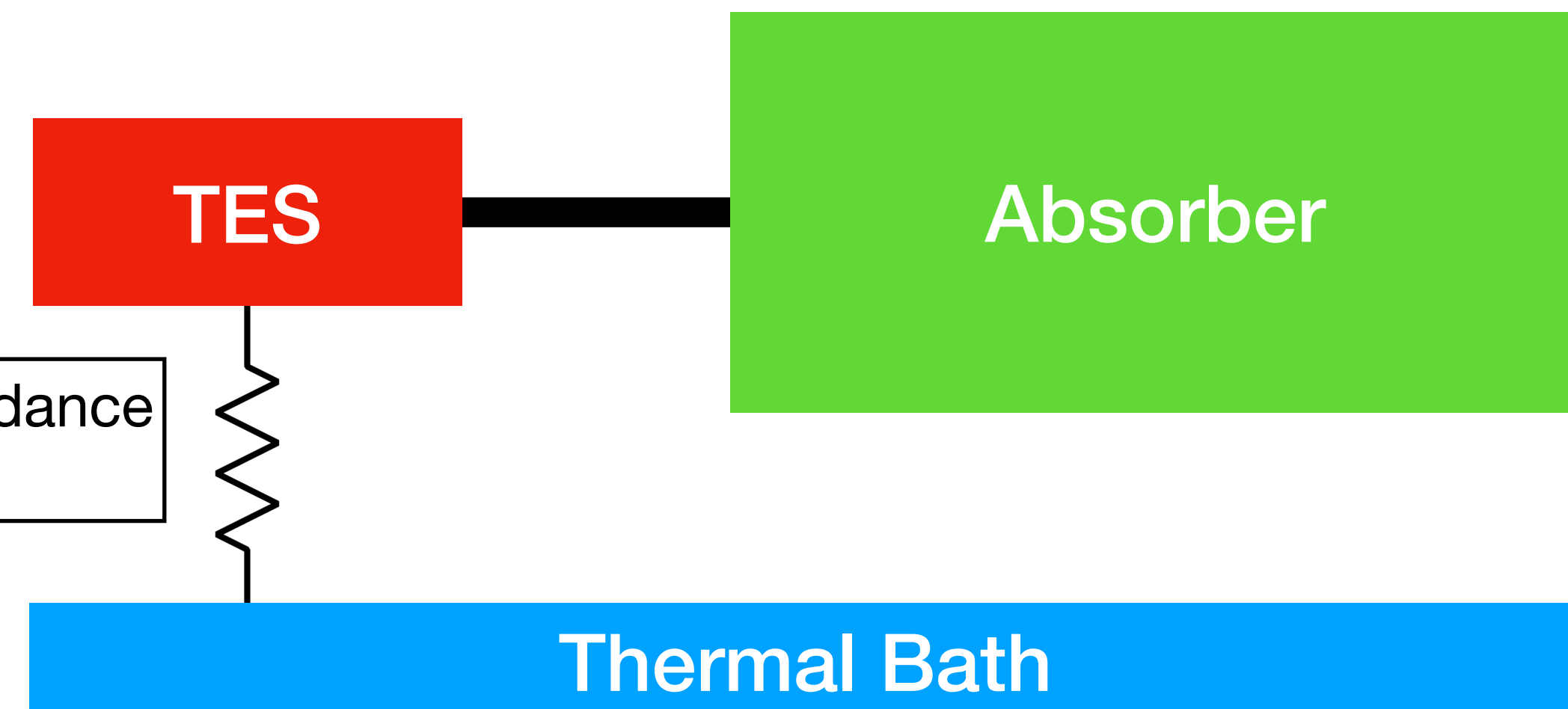
- Separate the TES from the target:
  - Fabricate many TESs at once
  - Allow for more target materials (superconductors, hygroscopic crystals)
- Angloher 2023, Chen 2022, Bastidon 2018
- Takes a penalty in efficiency, needing to transfer energy to the TES

Simulation



Engineered Impedance  
“Meander”

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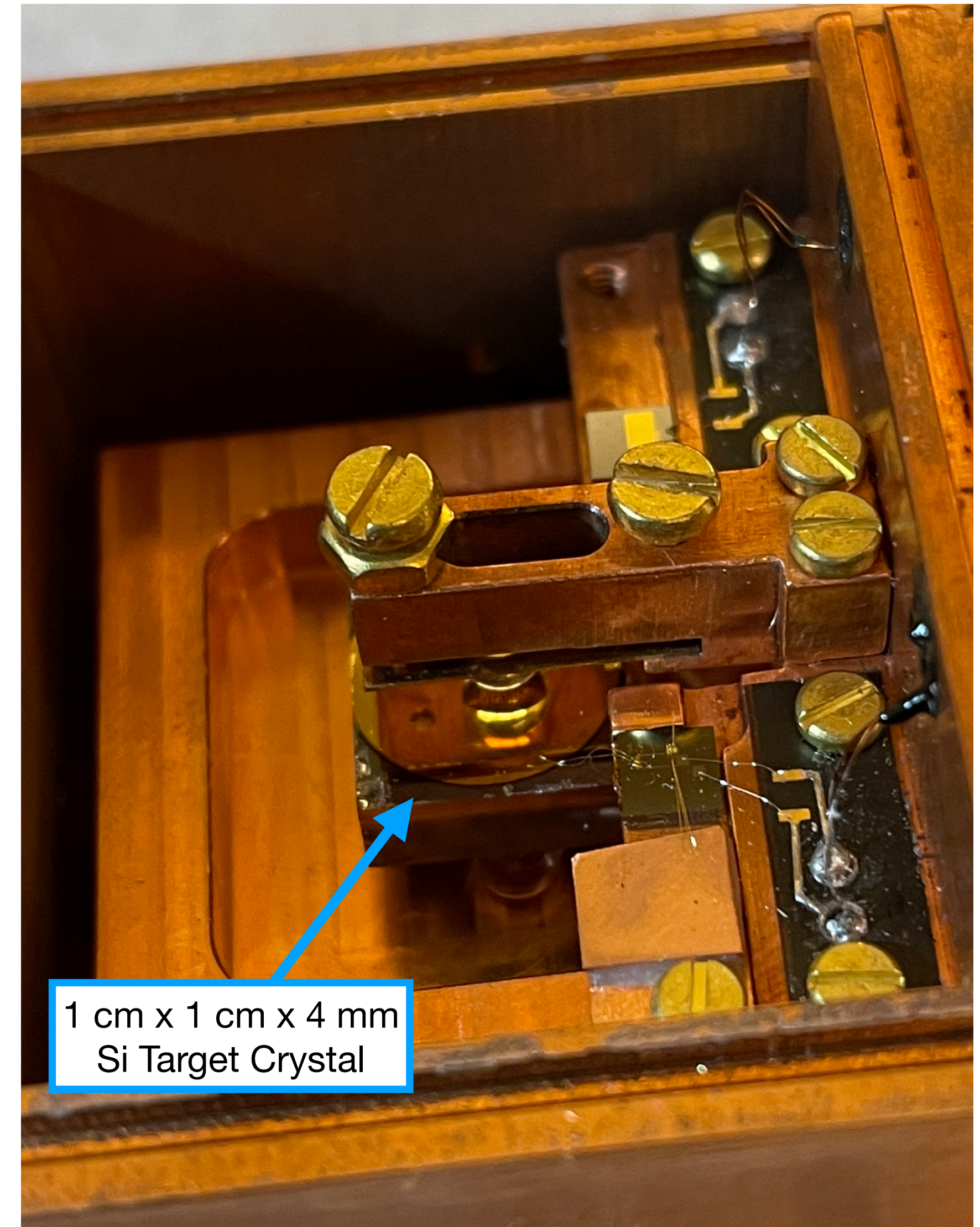


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1 cm x 1 cm x 4 mm  
Si Target Crystal

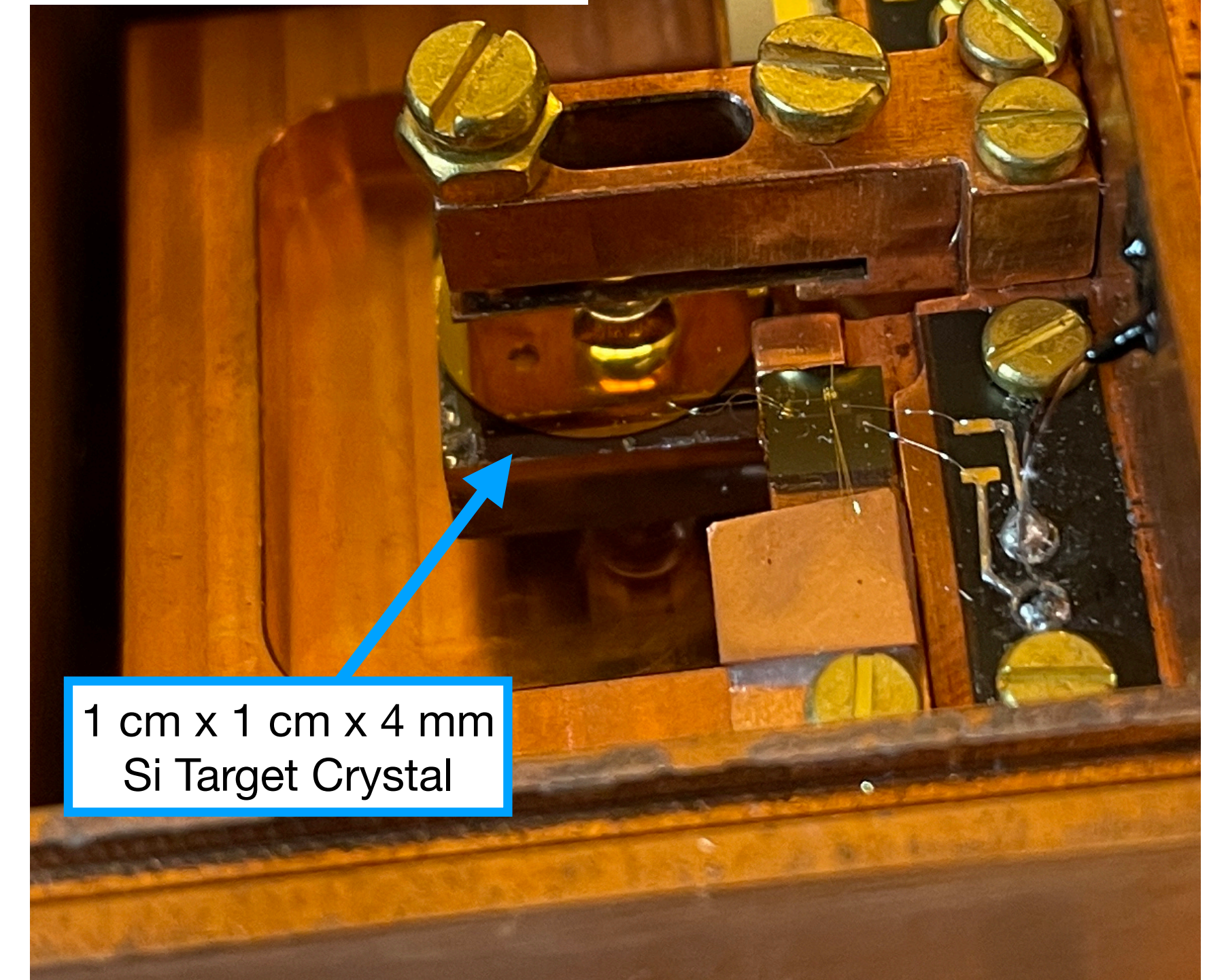
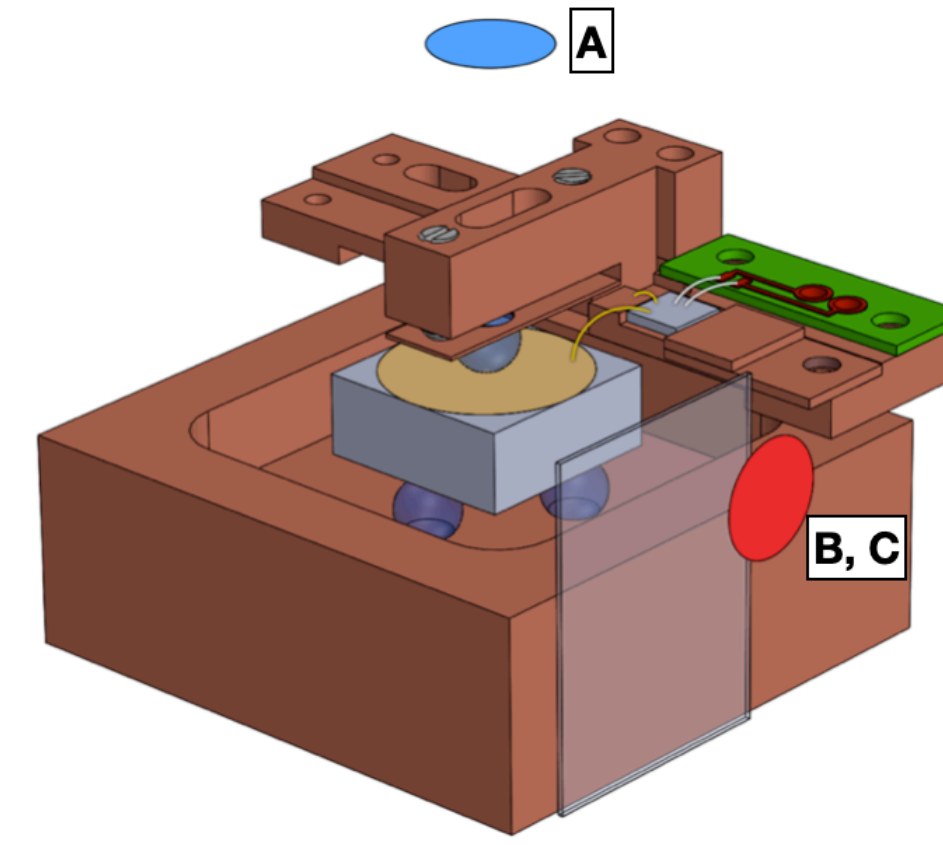


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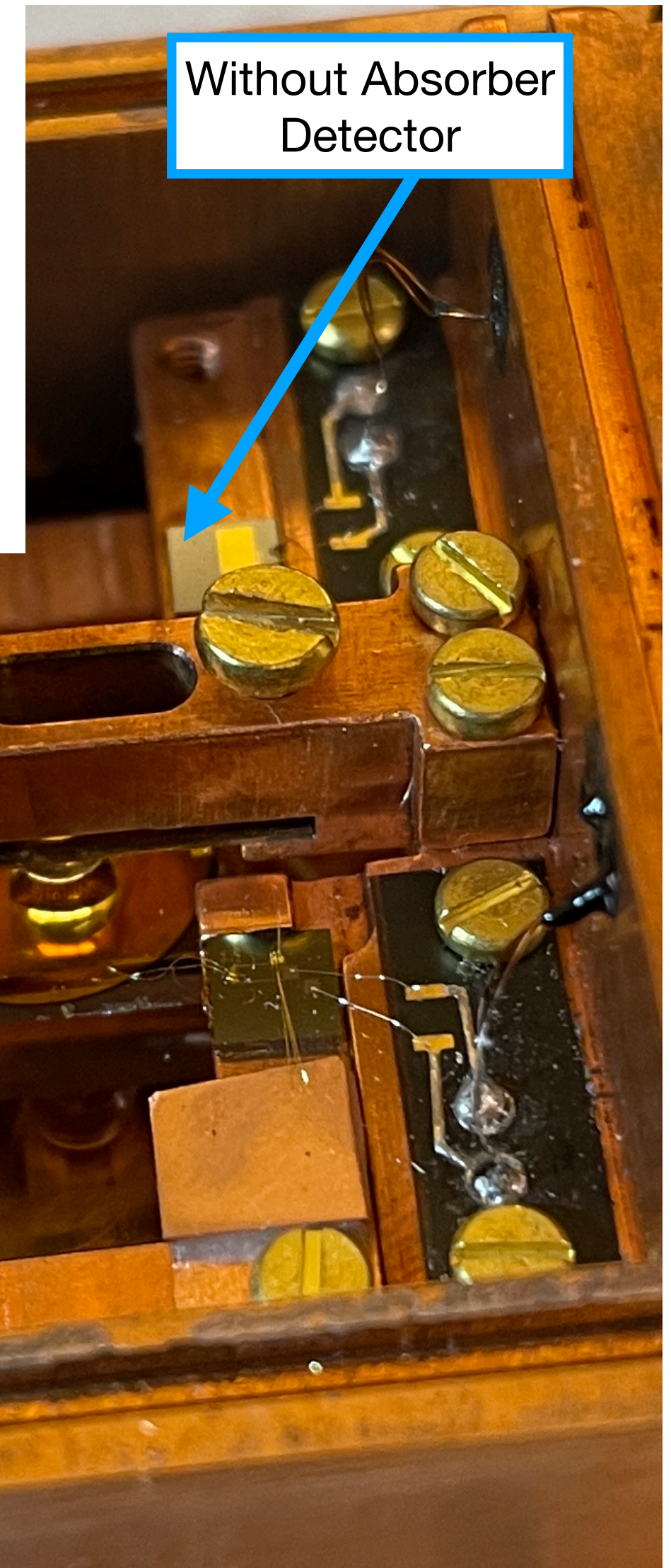
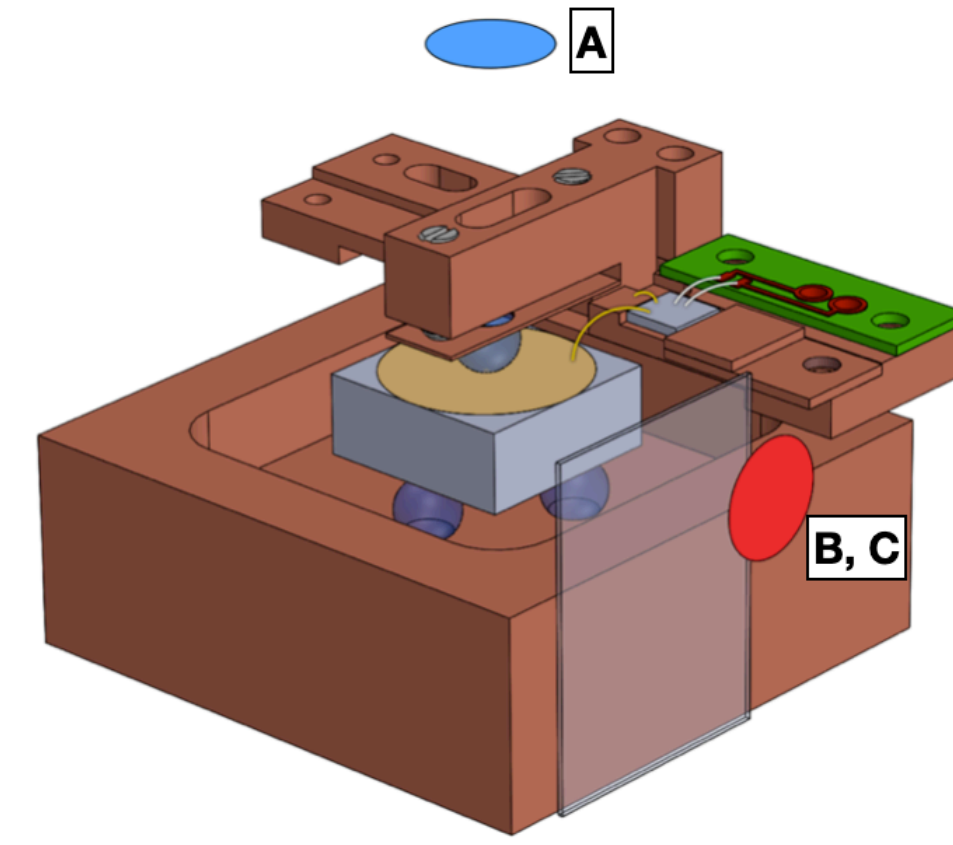


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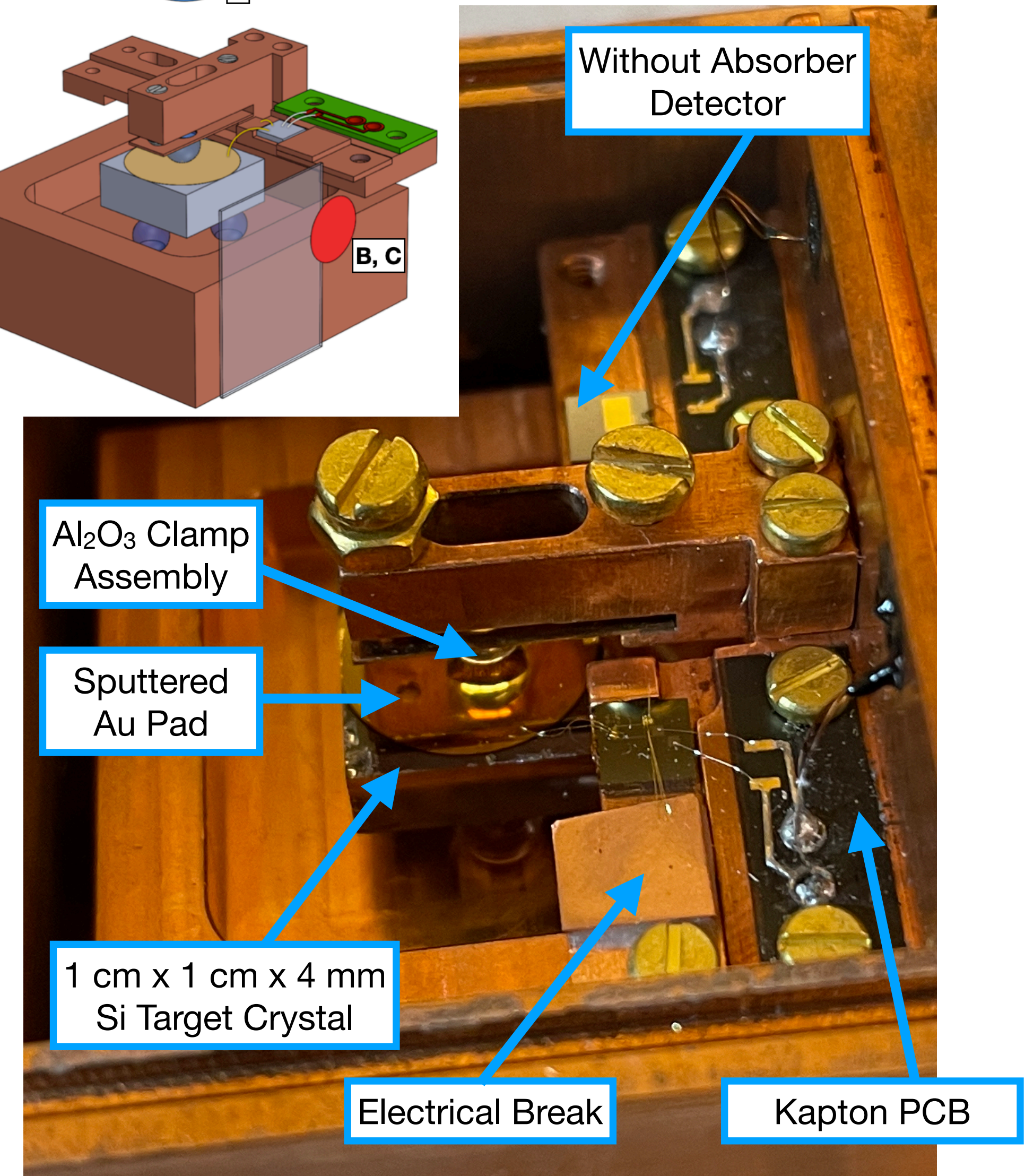
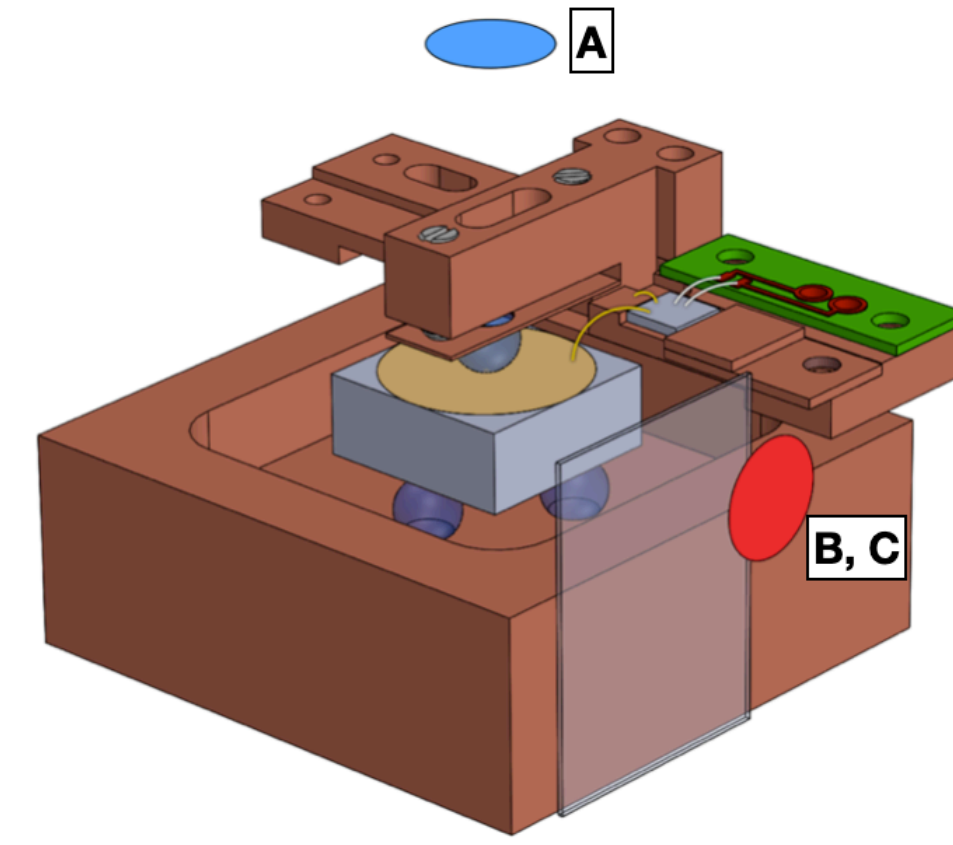


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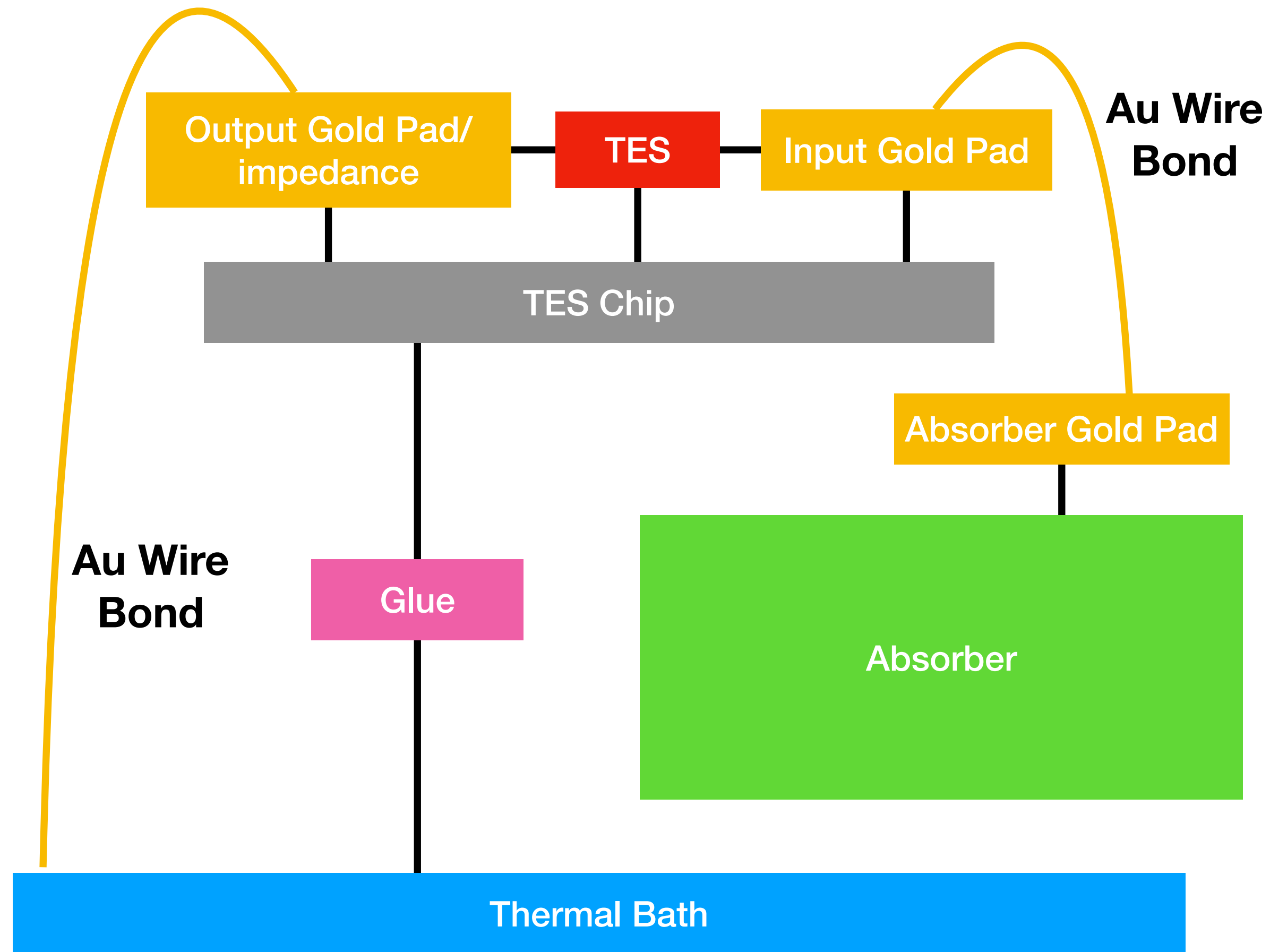


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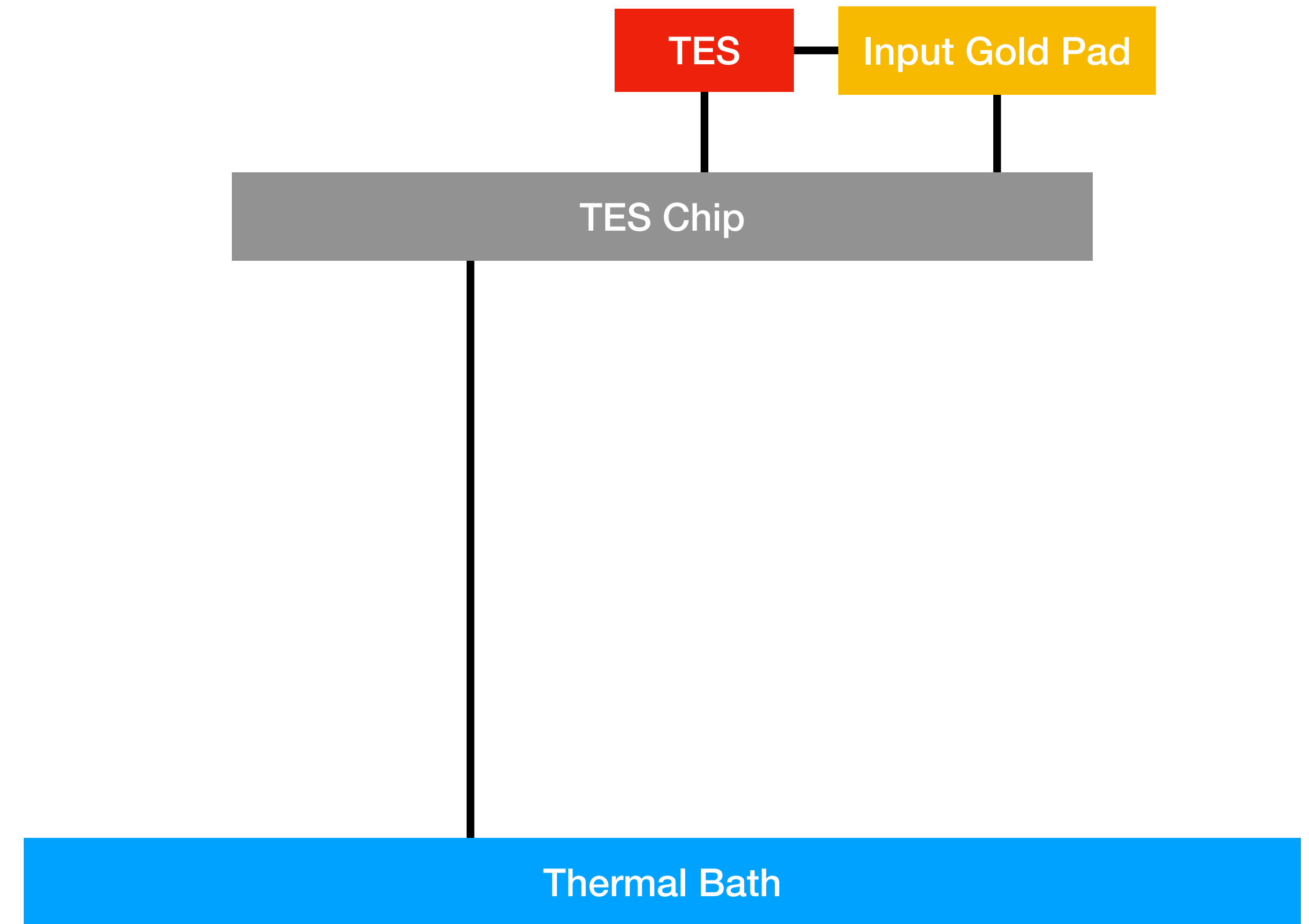




# Different Architectures



**With Absorber**



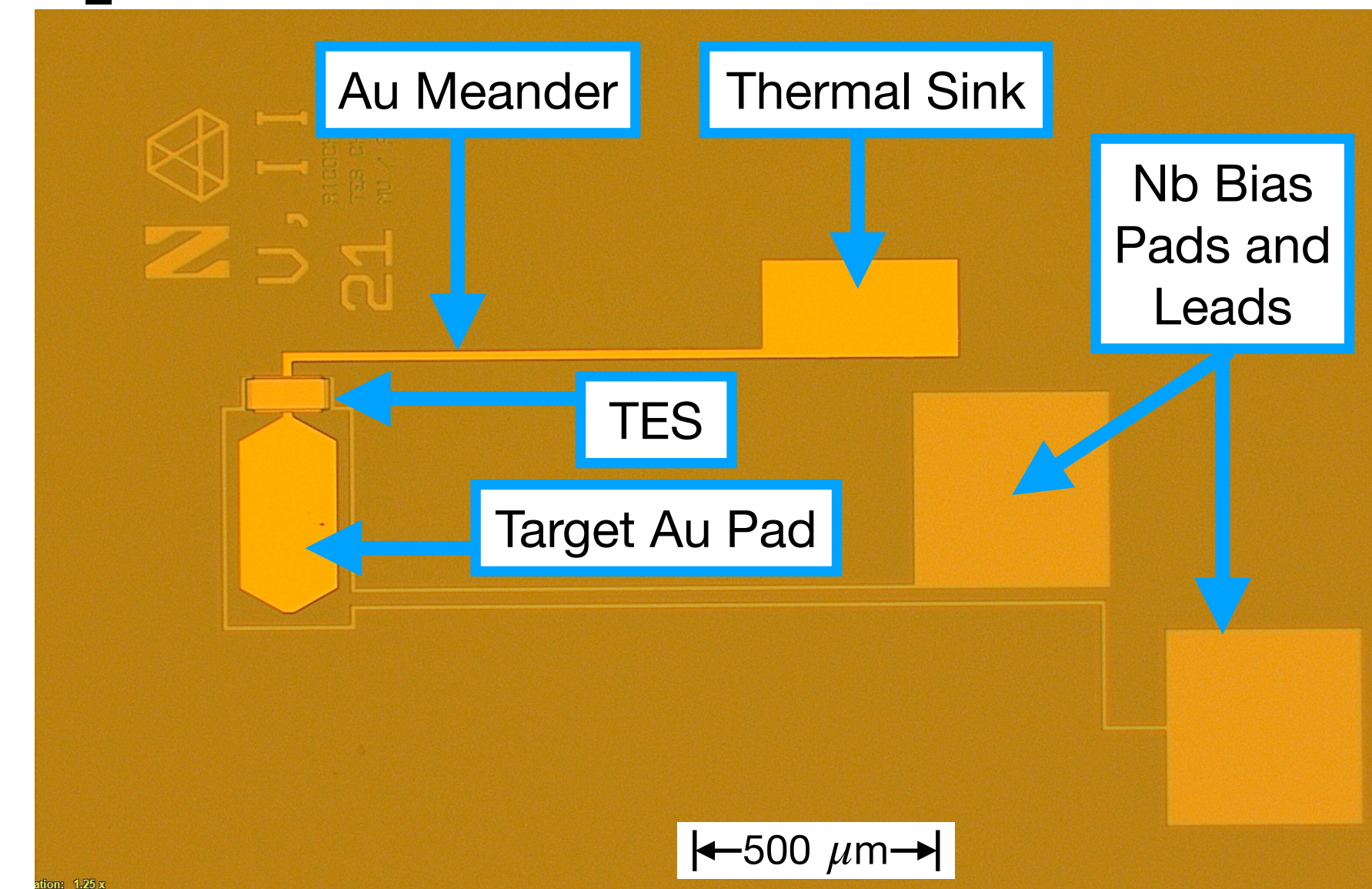
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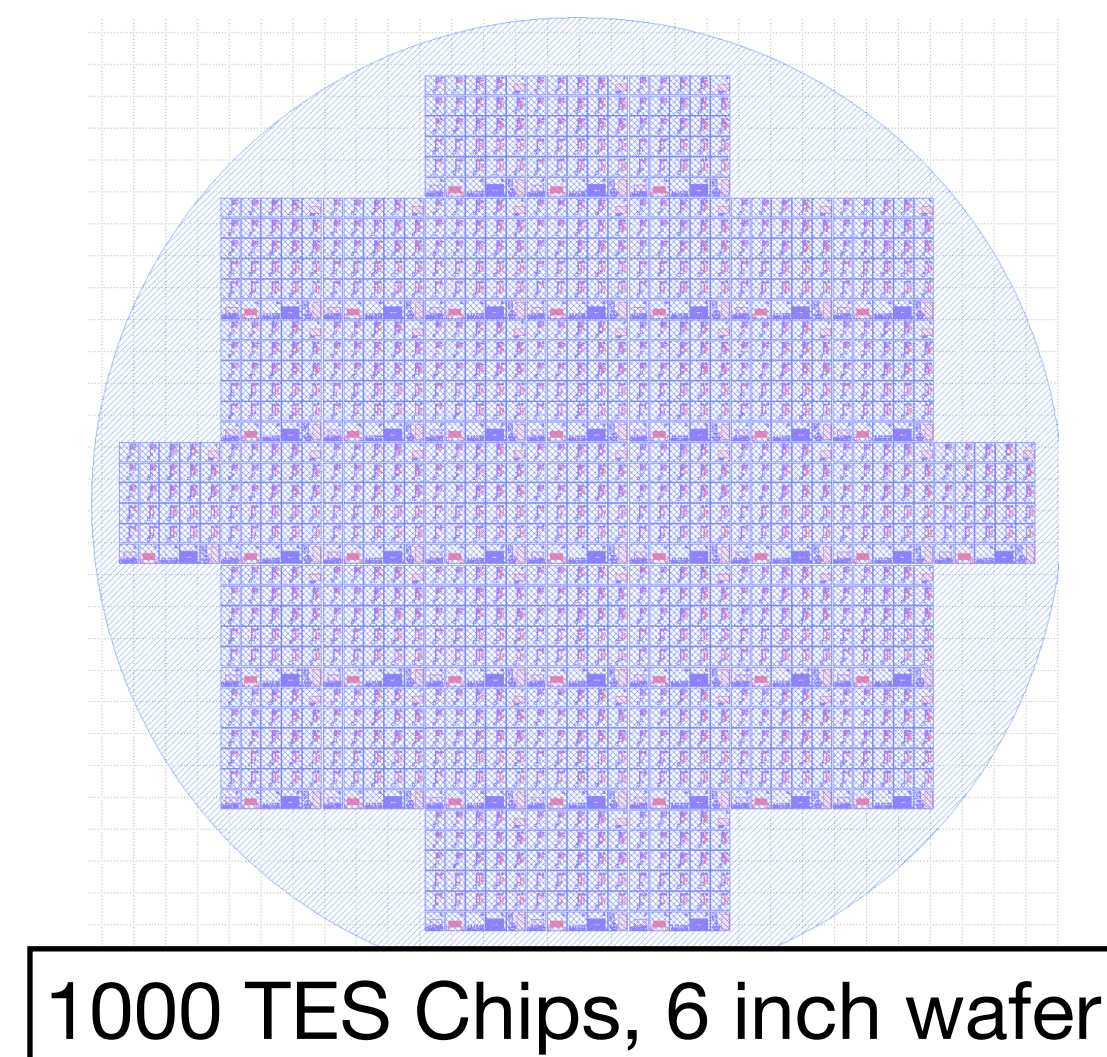
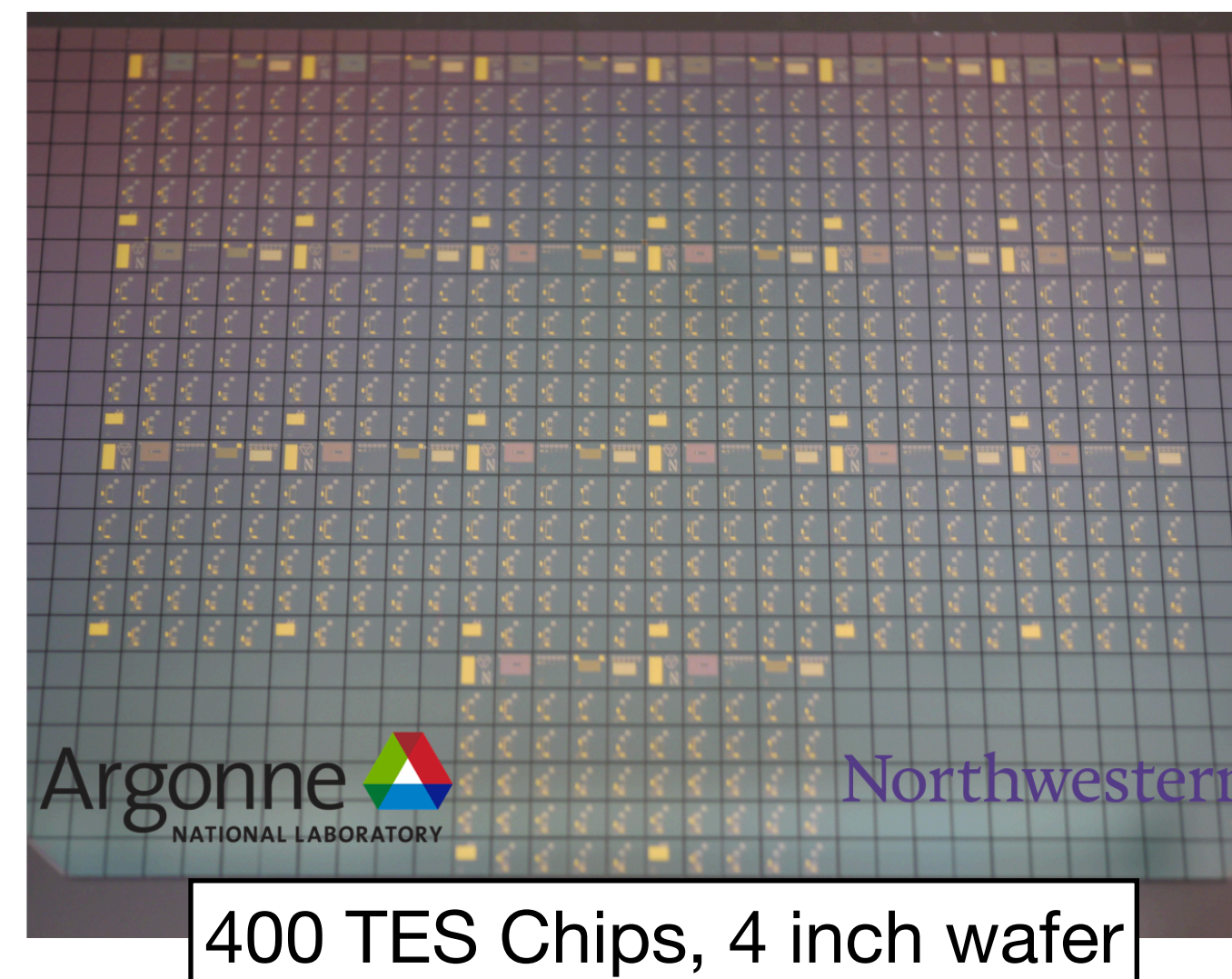
# The Prototype Setup: TESs



- TESs fabricated at Argonne National Laboratory
  - AlMn films, bilayers with different levels of the Mn dopant
- Tc of “with absorber” detector approximately 20 mK
- Tc of “without absorber” detector was raised to ~40 mK through post-deposition heating



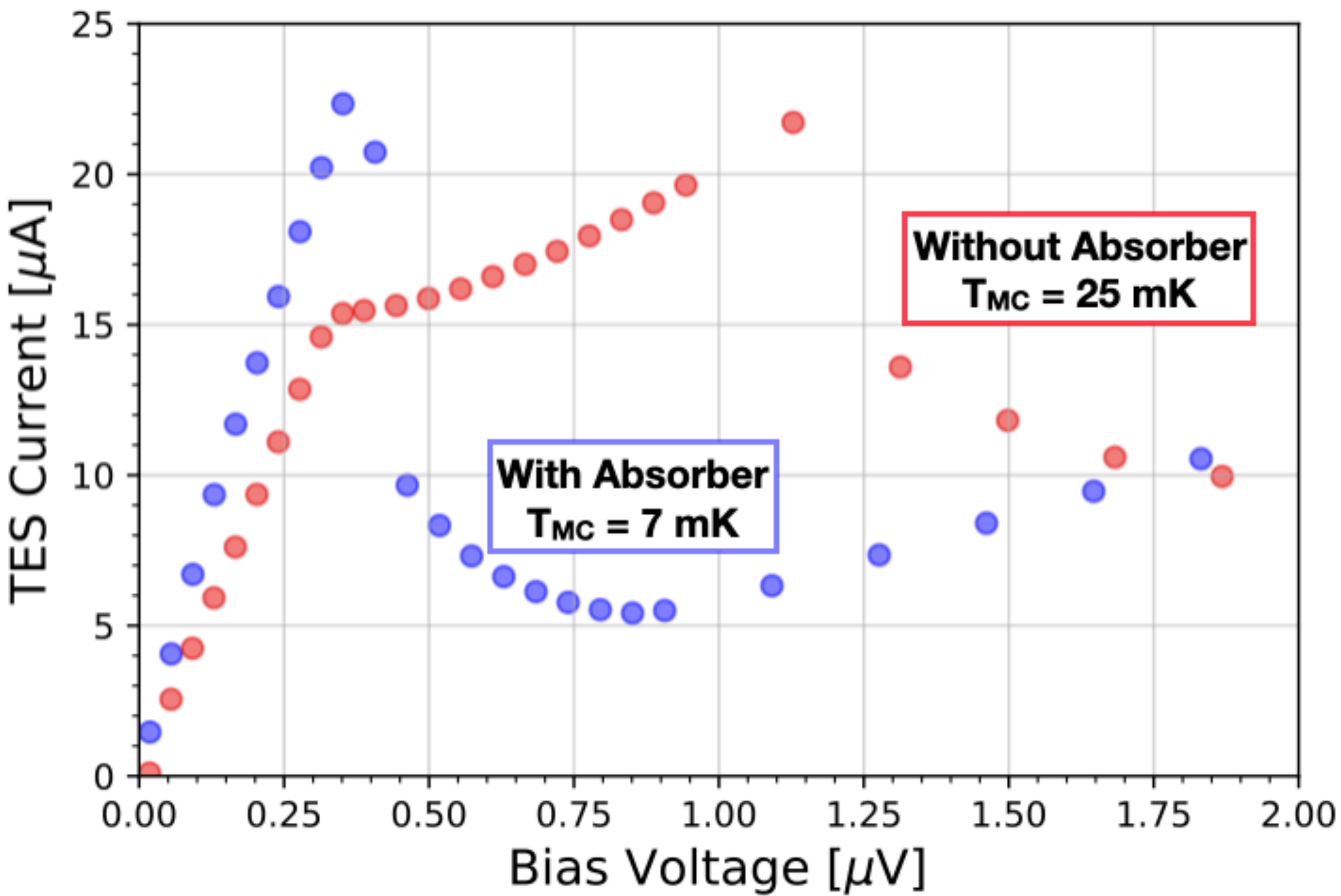
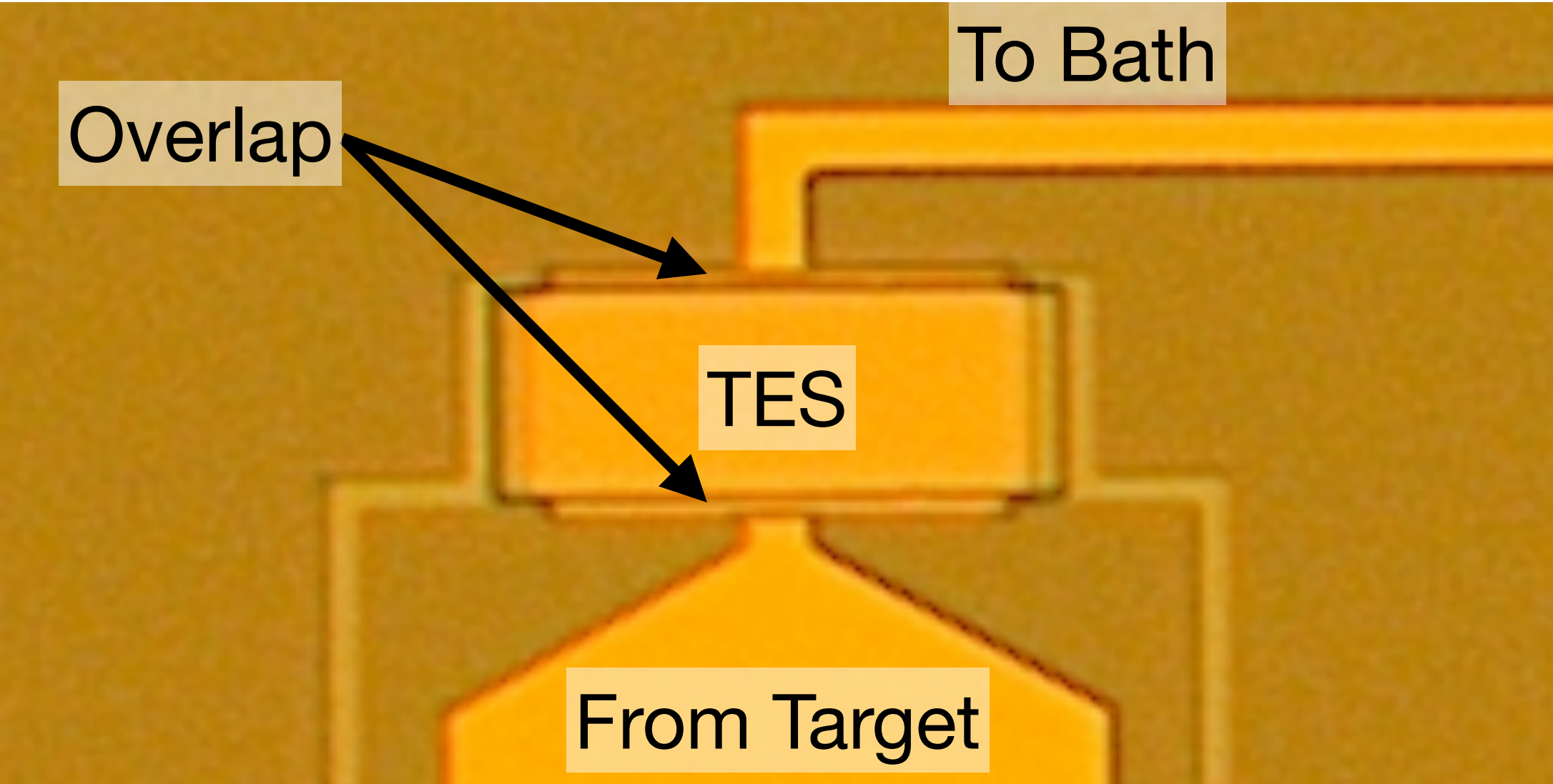
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# TES Performance

- Two transition features in each curve
  - Proximity effects from gold/TES overlap?



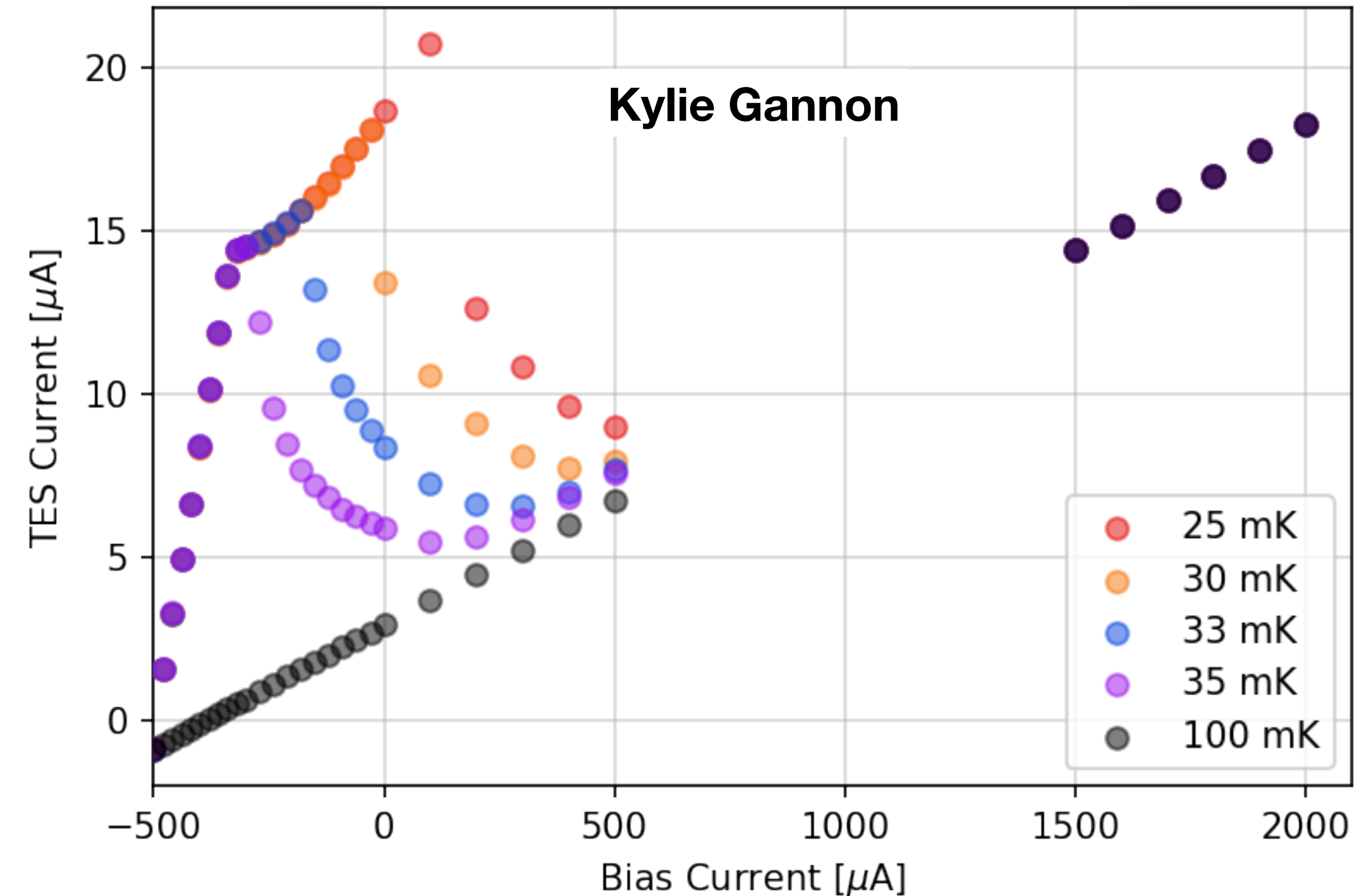
TES Channel	Rn [mΩ]	Tc [mK]	Bias Power [pW]
With Absorber	160 ± 20	20 ± 2	3.3 ± 0.3
Without Absorber	220 ± 20	38 ± 4	15 ± 2



# Thermal Conductances

- Measure IV curves at different temperatures to estimate power-vs-temperature
- Fit to find conductance and temperature scaling
- While these are within a factor of a few of expectation, lots of room to improve our understanding through modeling

Without Absorber Detector



$$P = K(T_c^n - T_b^n)$$

TES Channel	G at $T_c$ [pW/K]	G at 20 mK [pW/K]
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# Data, Noise and Optimal Filtering

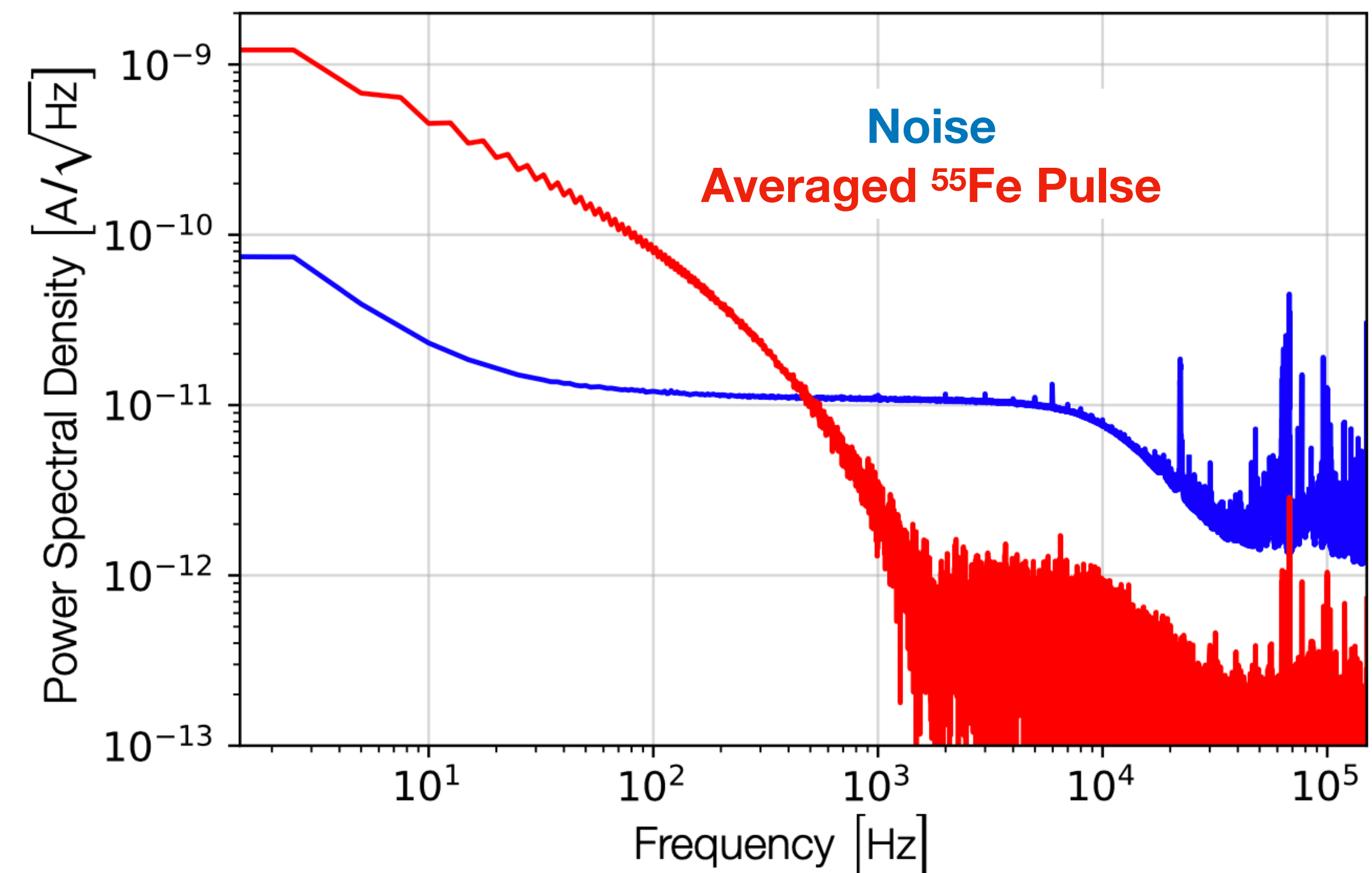


- Data continuously recorded at 300 kHz
- Triggering performed offline
- Energy estimation done through an optimal filtering framework
- Pulse shape taken to be an  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  X-ray incident on the silicon target (with absorber detector)

$$\chi^2 = \int \frac{df}{J(f)} \left| \tilde{V}(f) - A \tilde{S}(f) \right|^2$$

Noise   Signal   Template

Fit Amplitude



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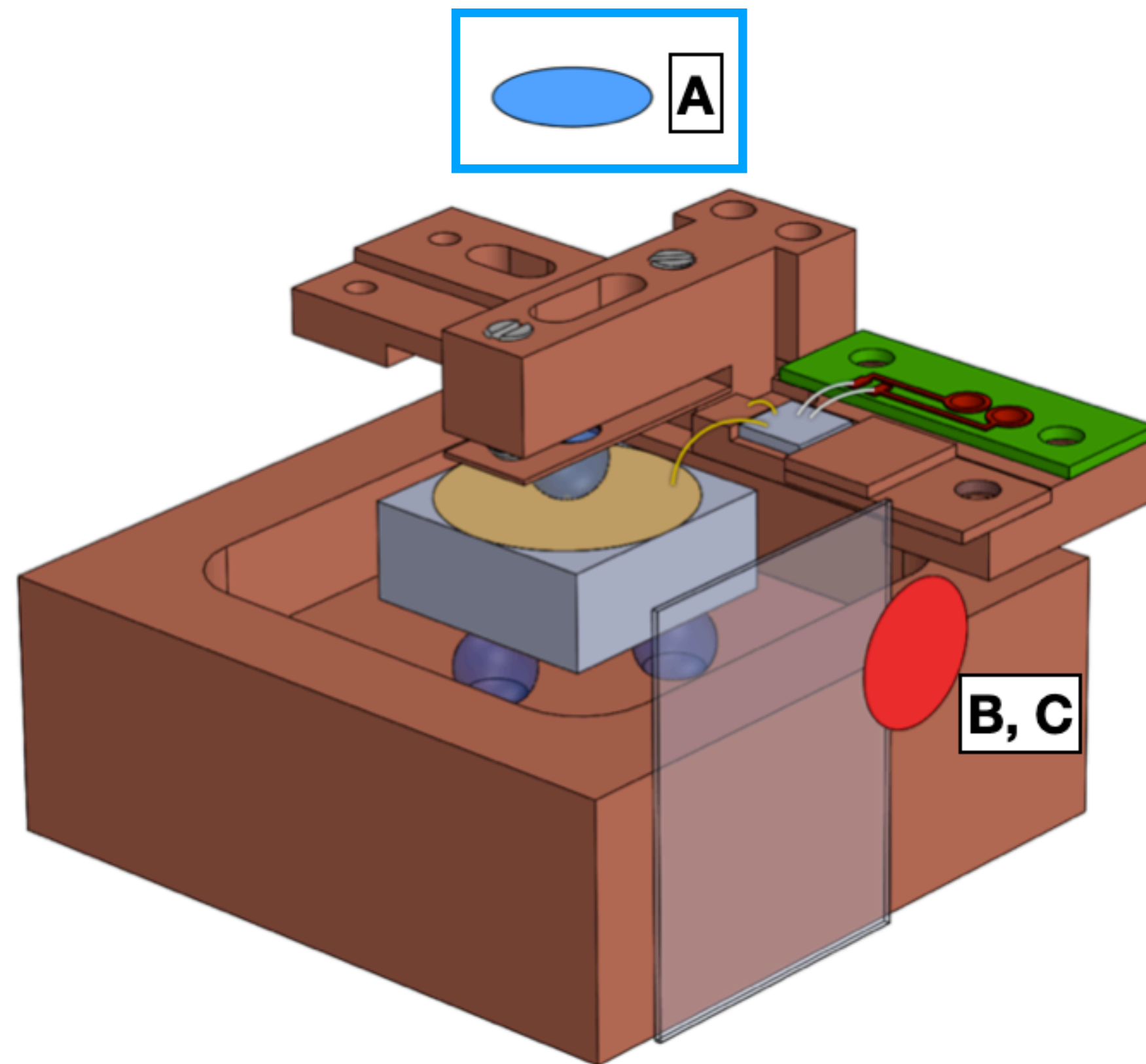


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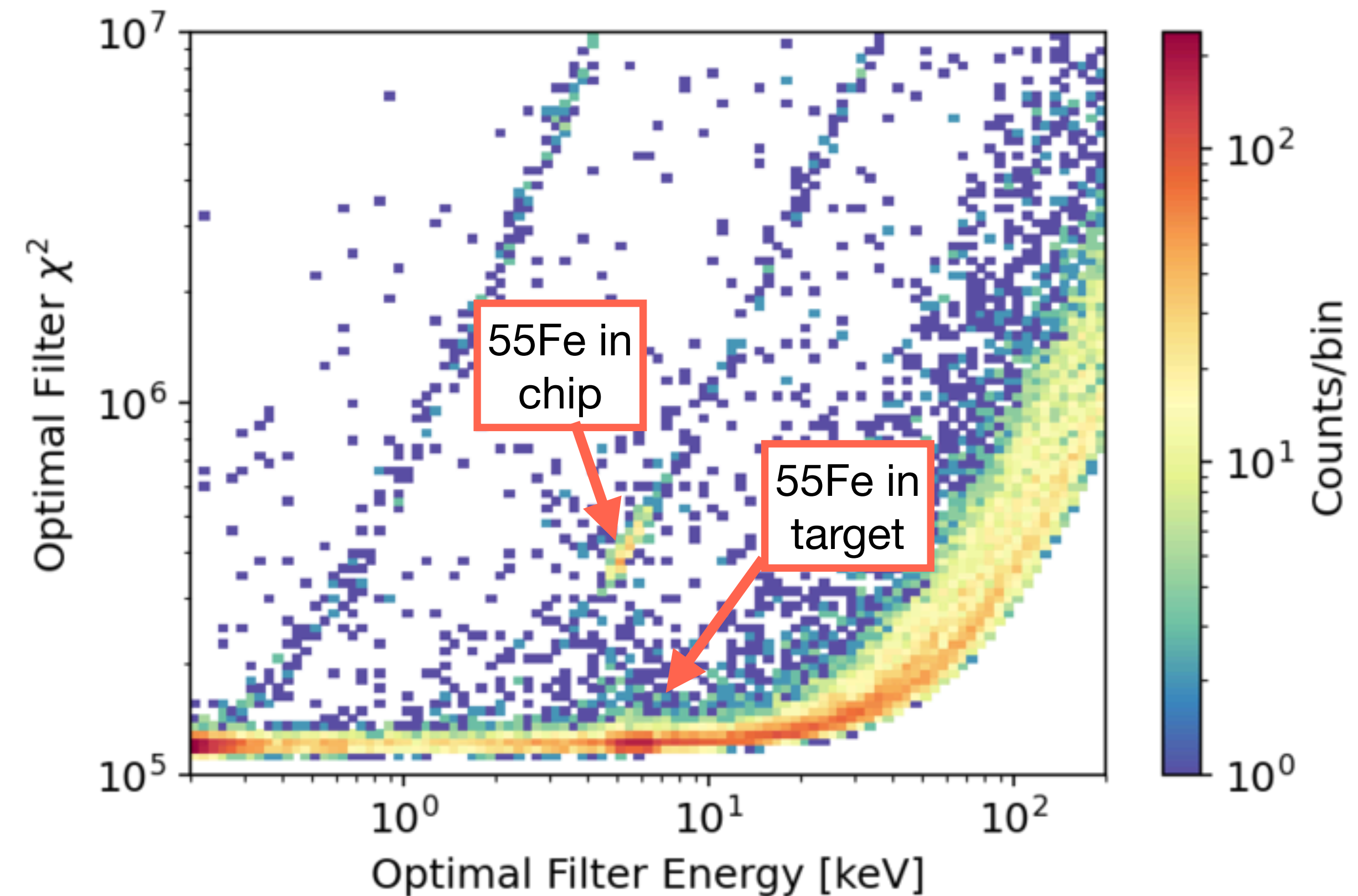
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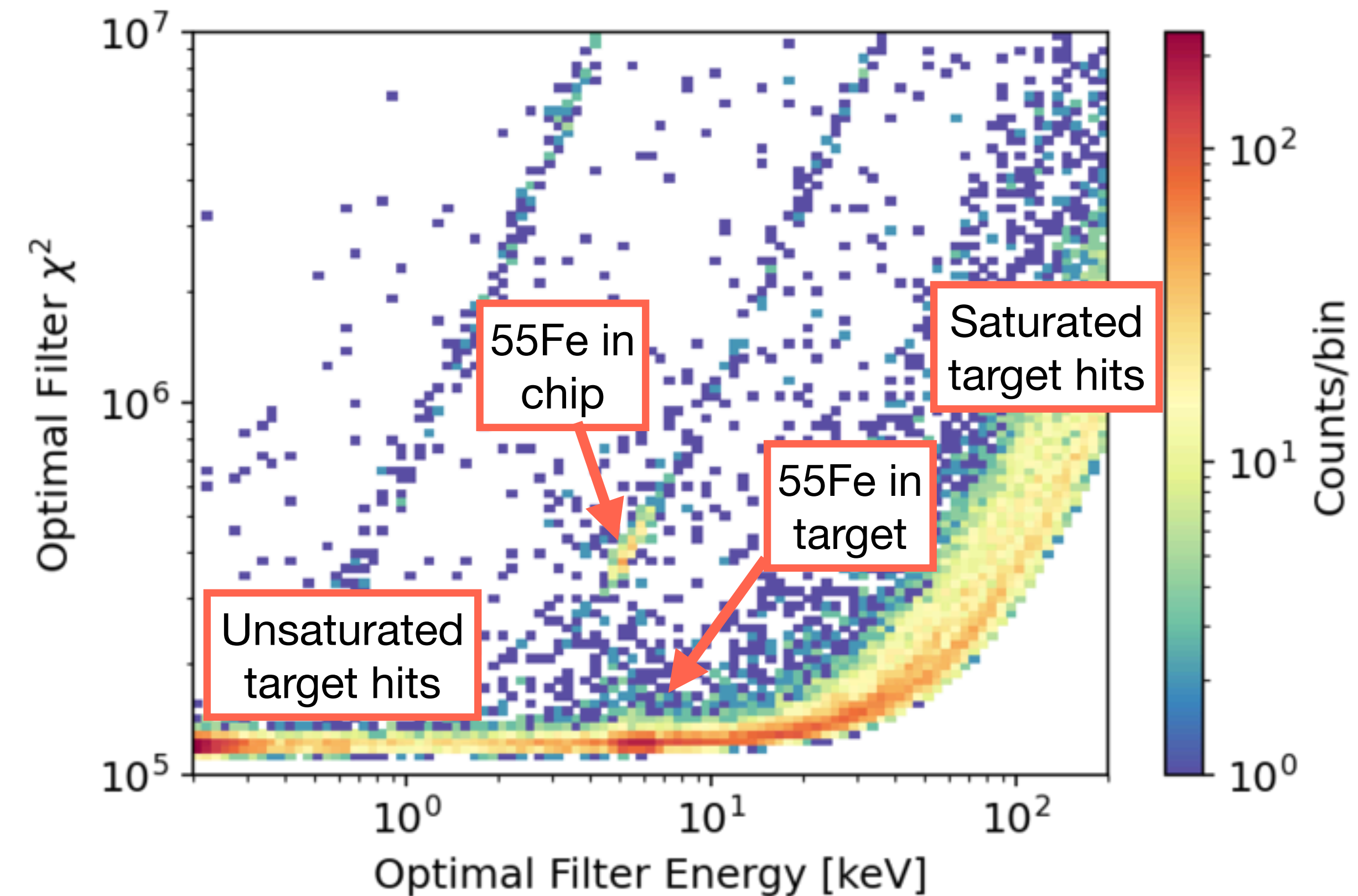
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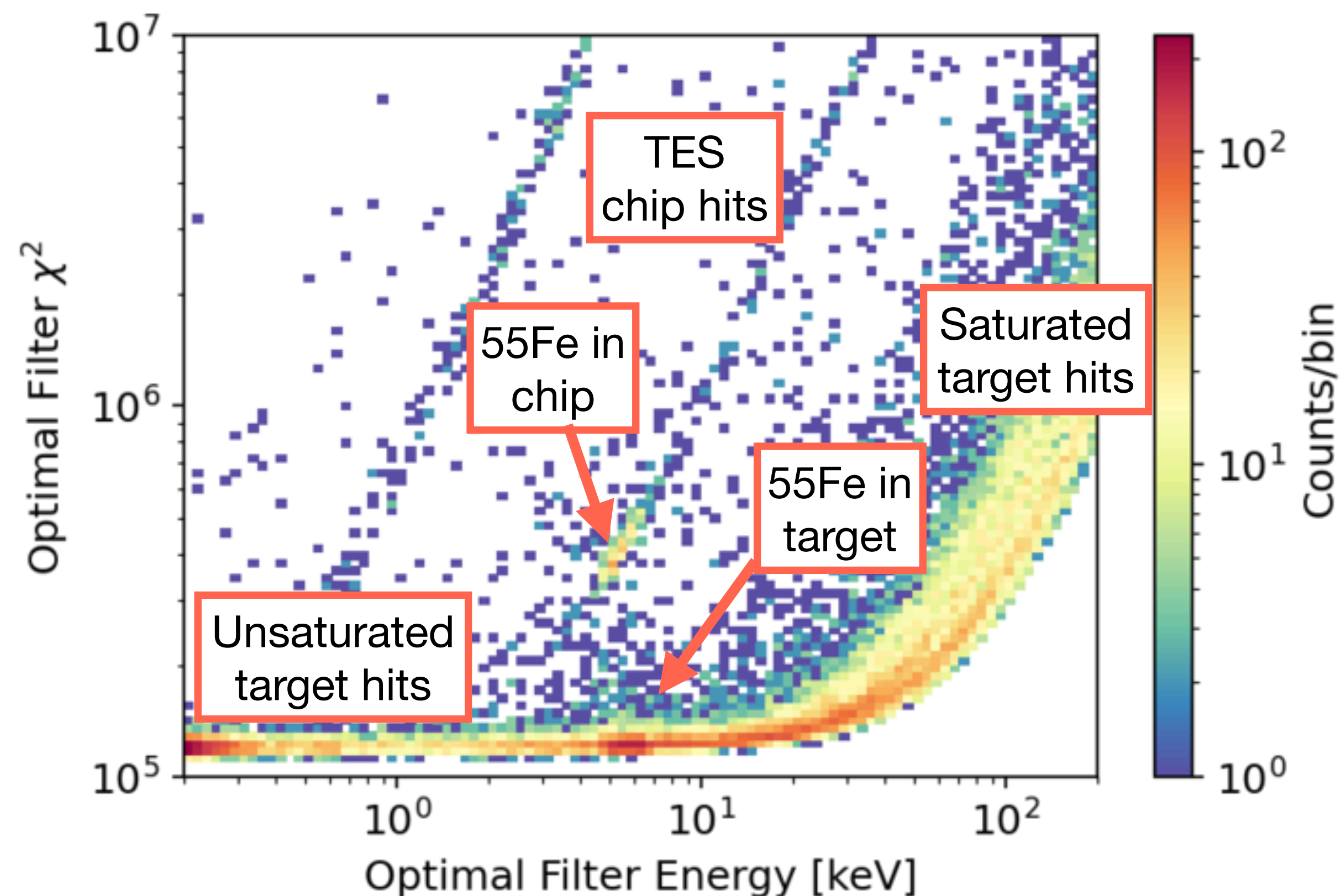
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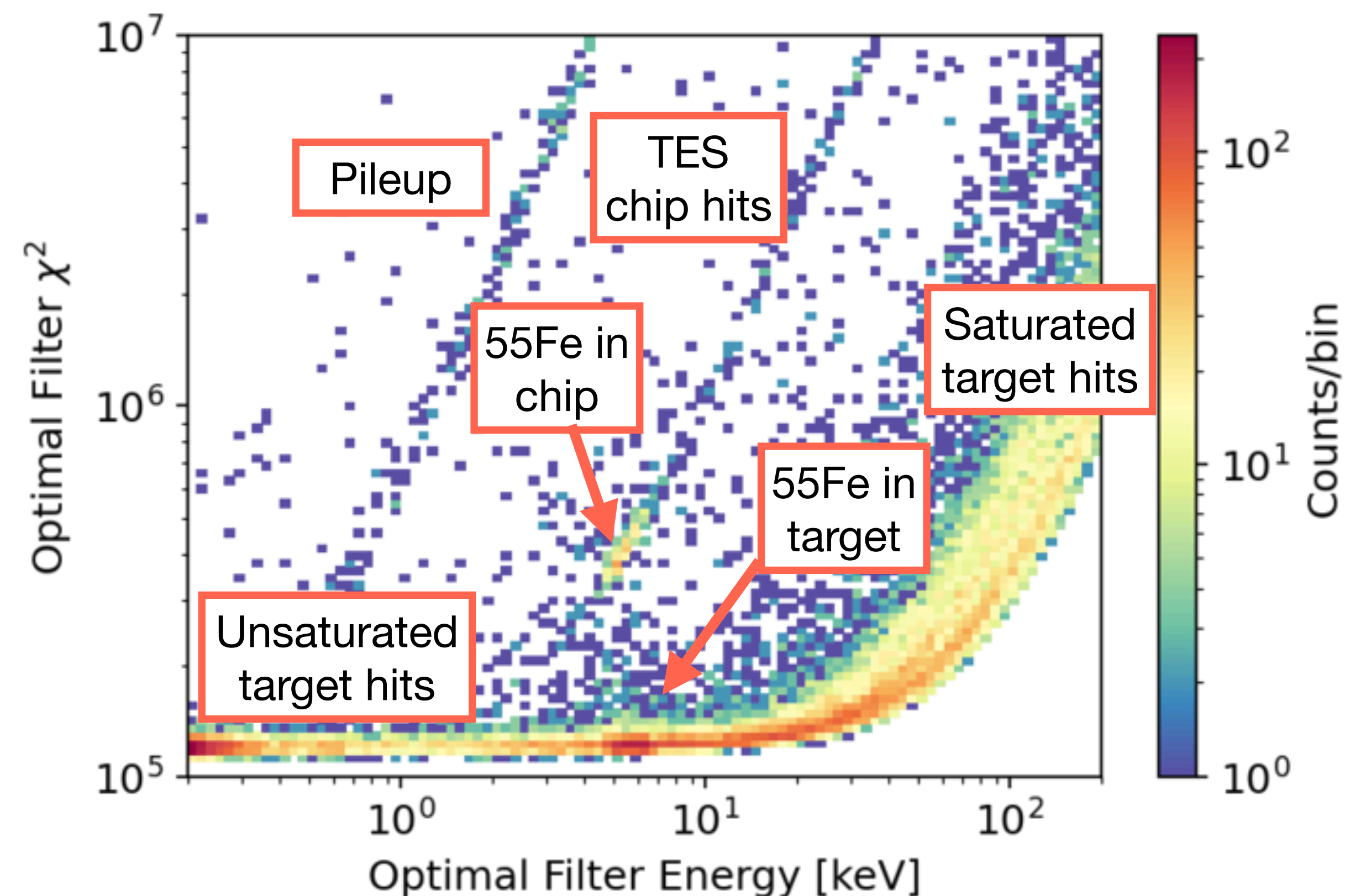
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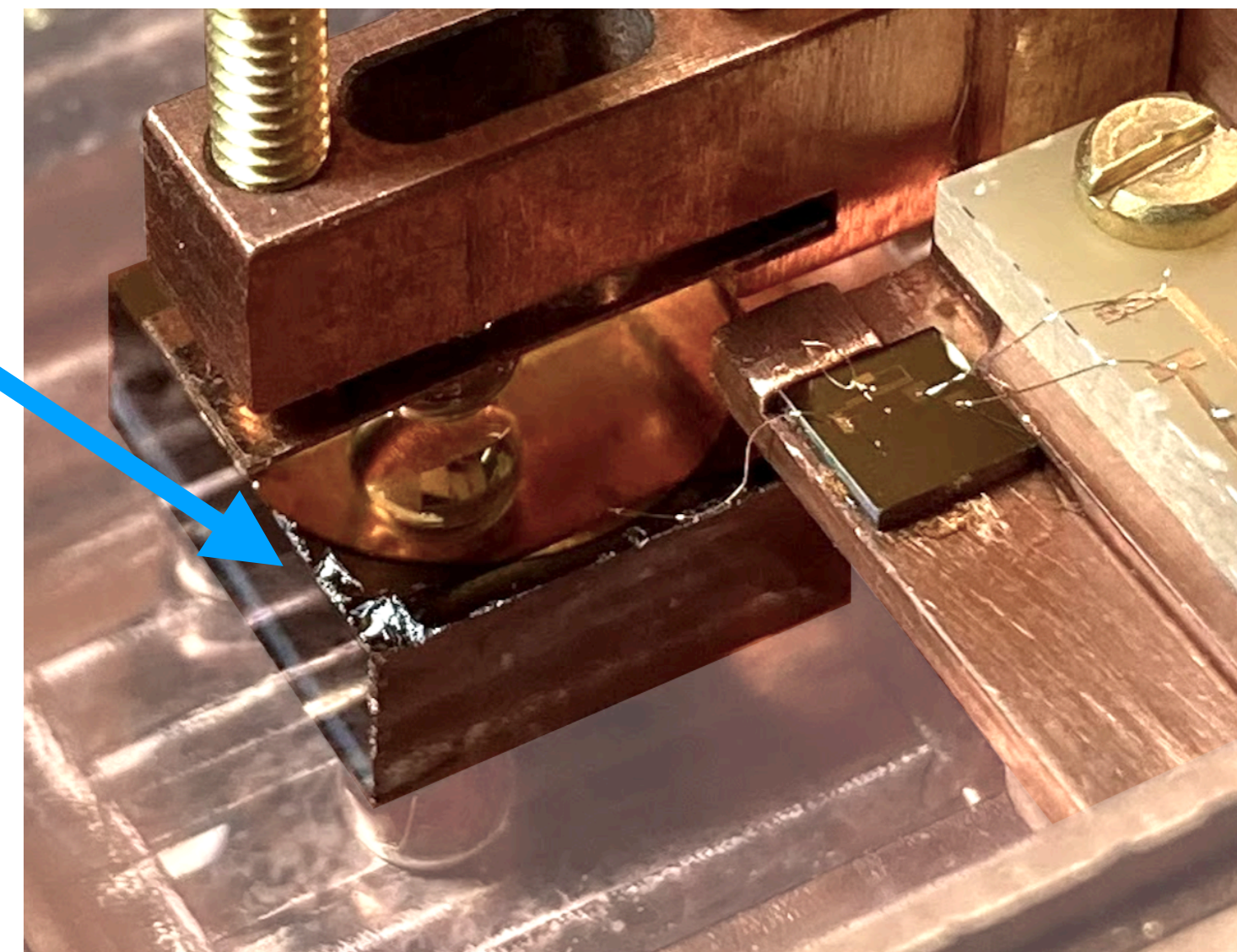
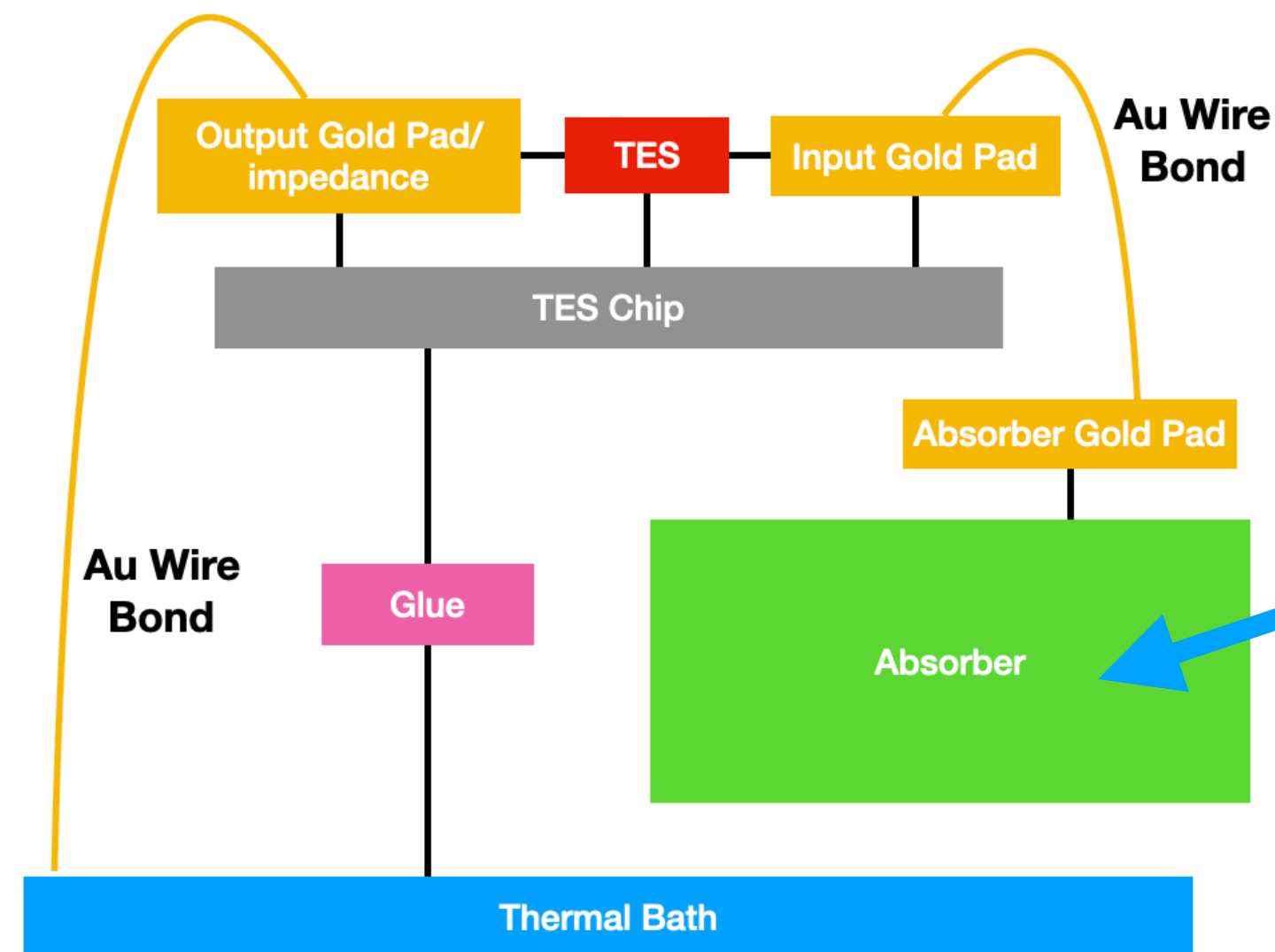
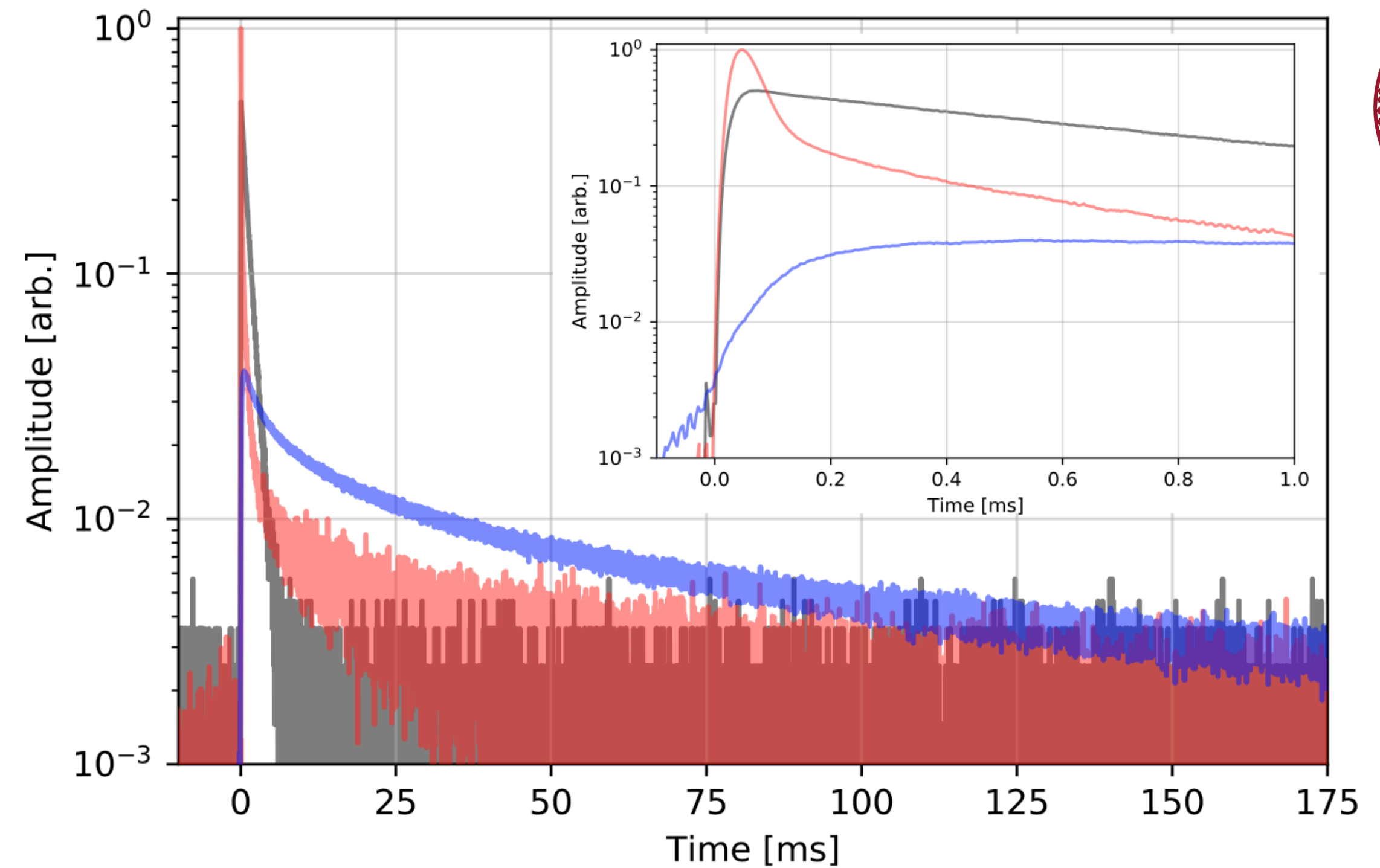
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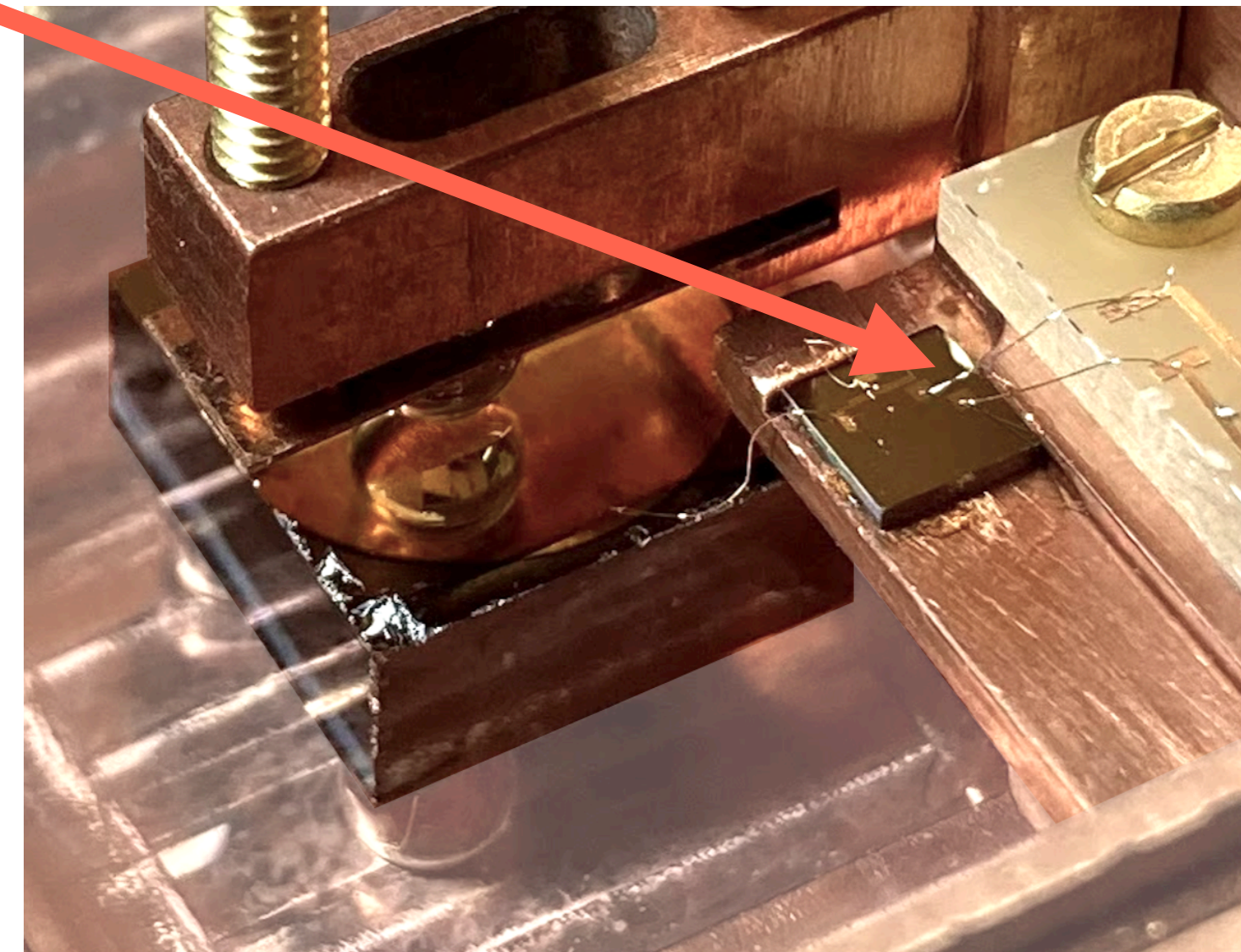
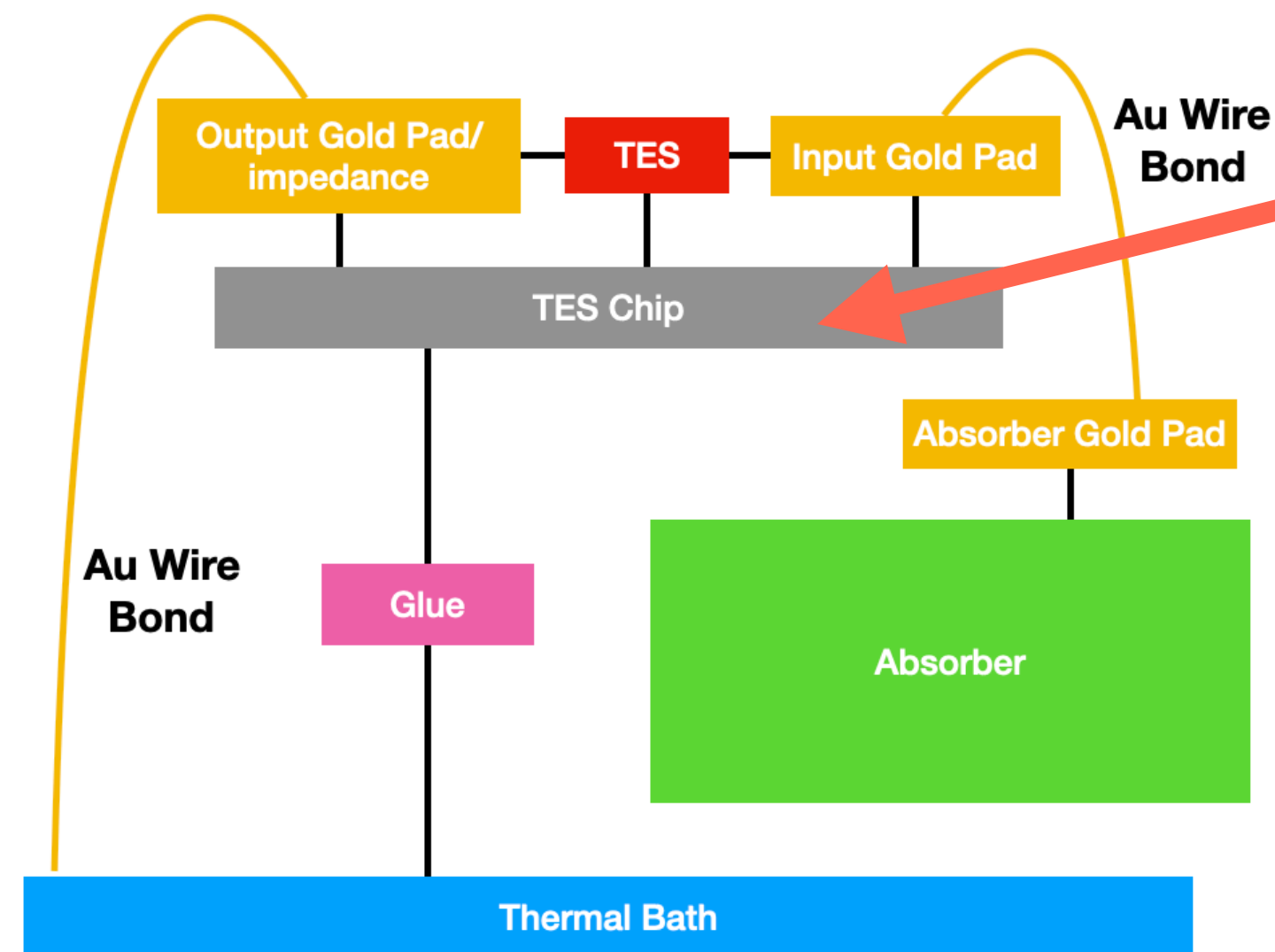
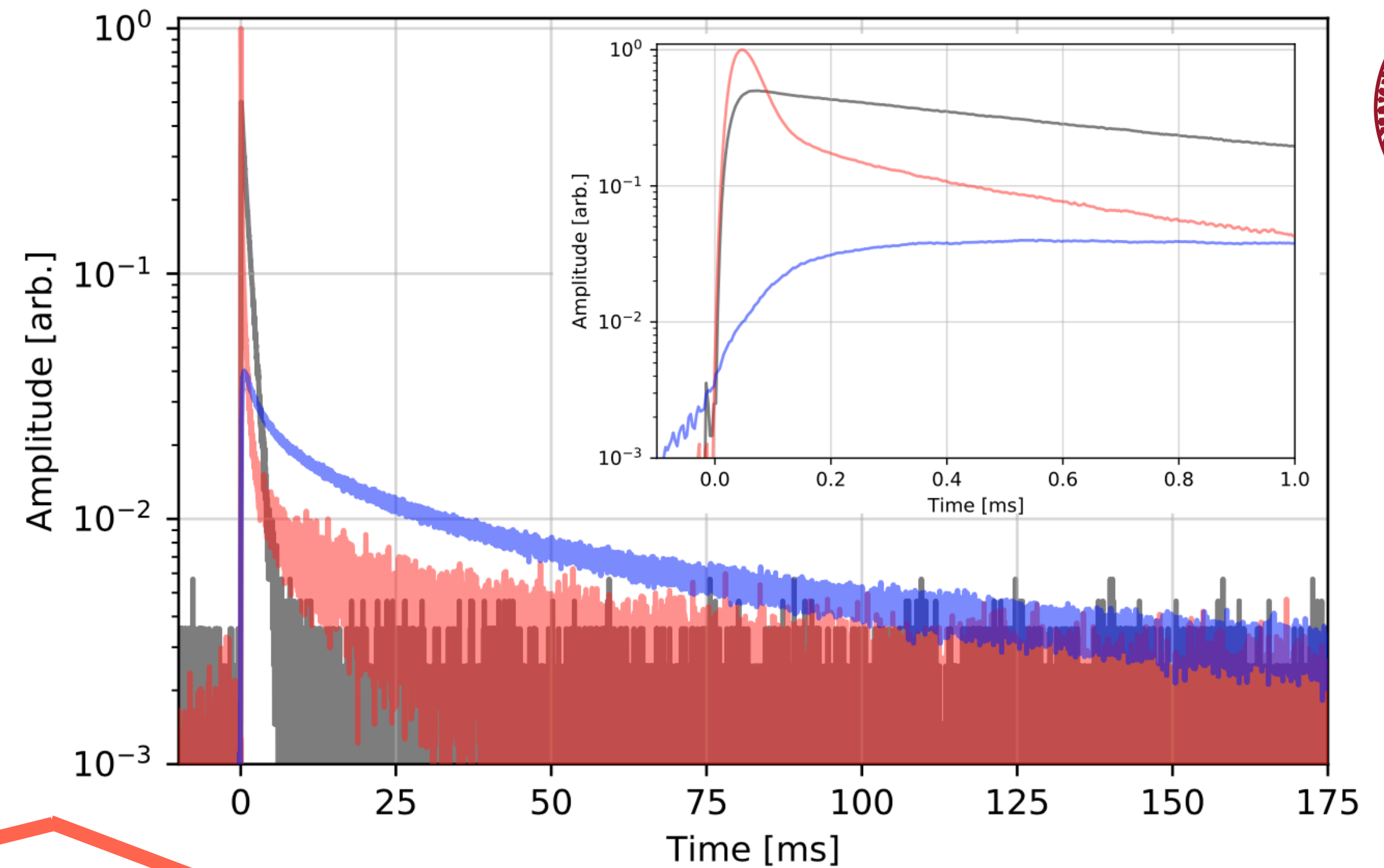


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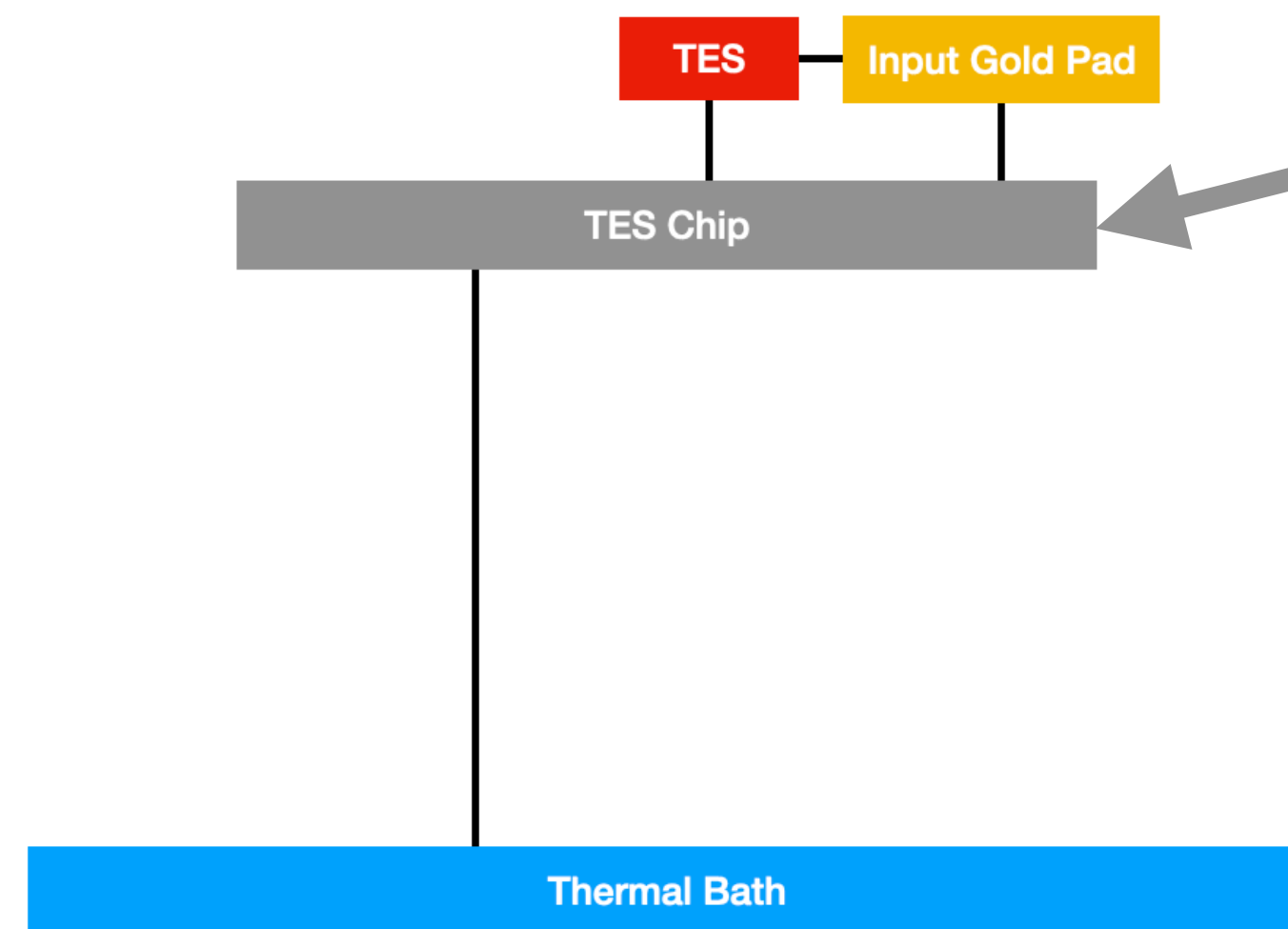
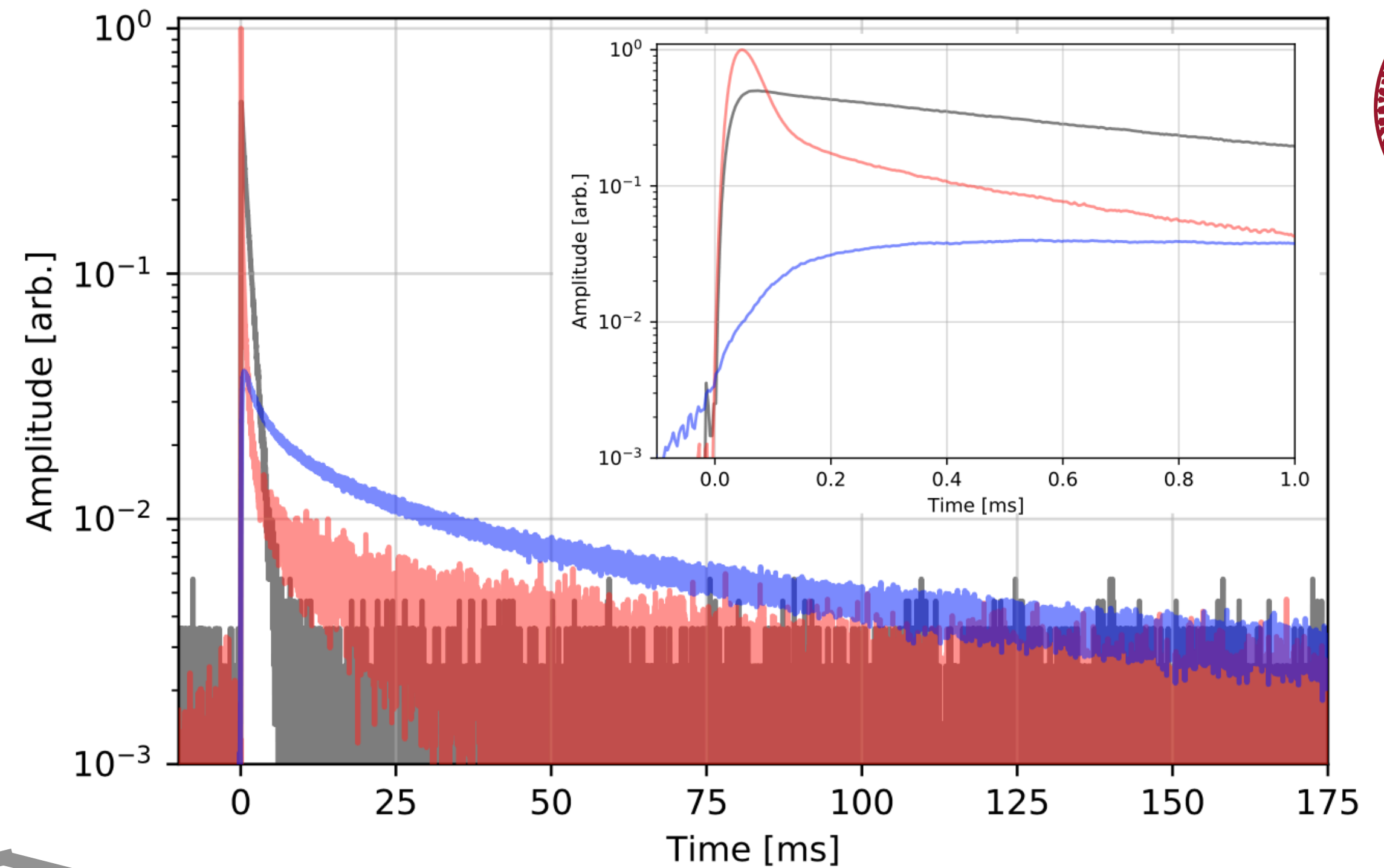
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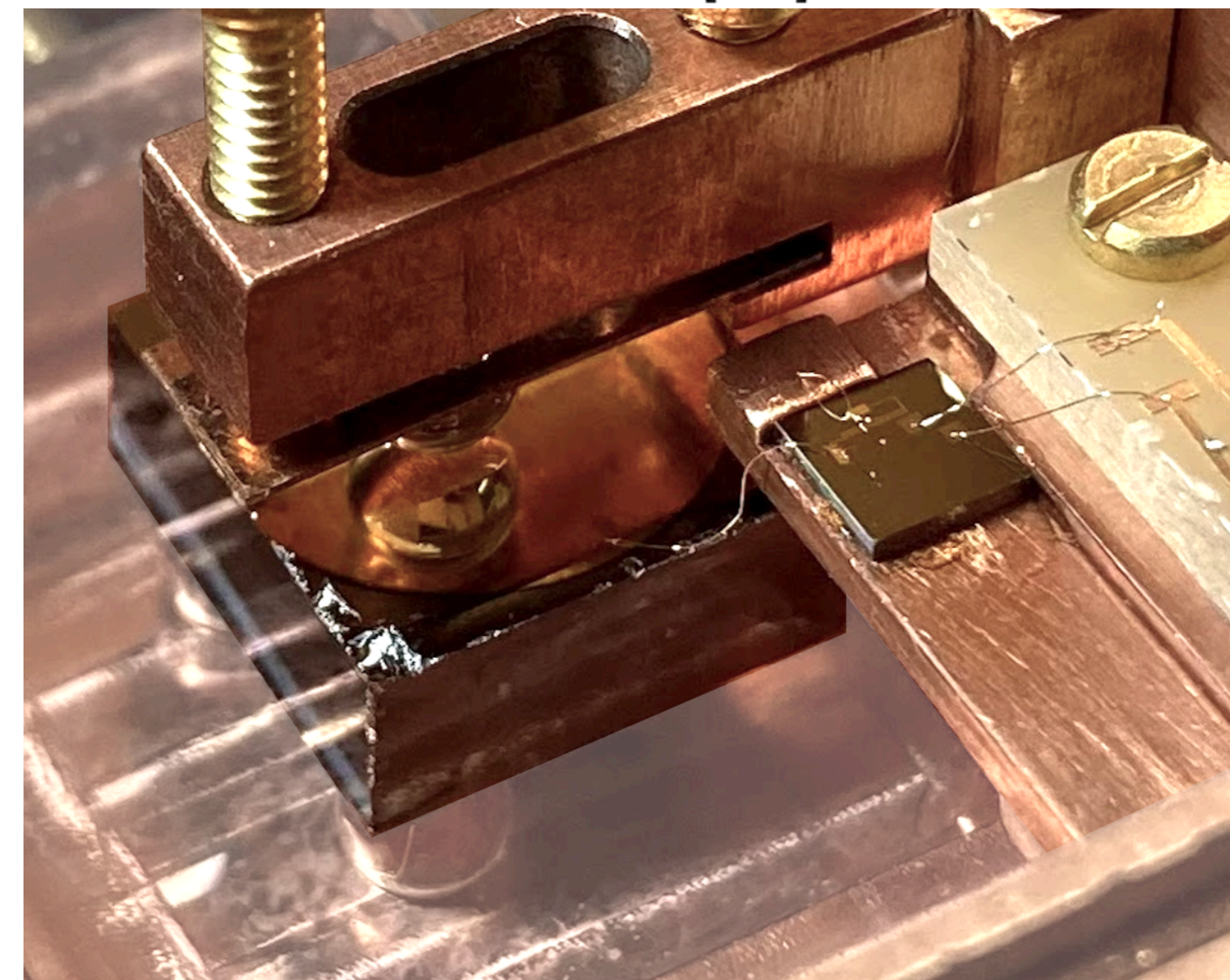
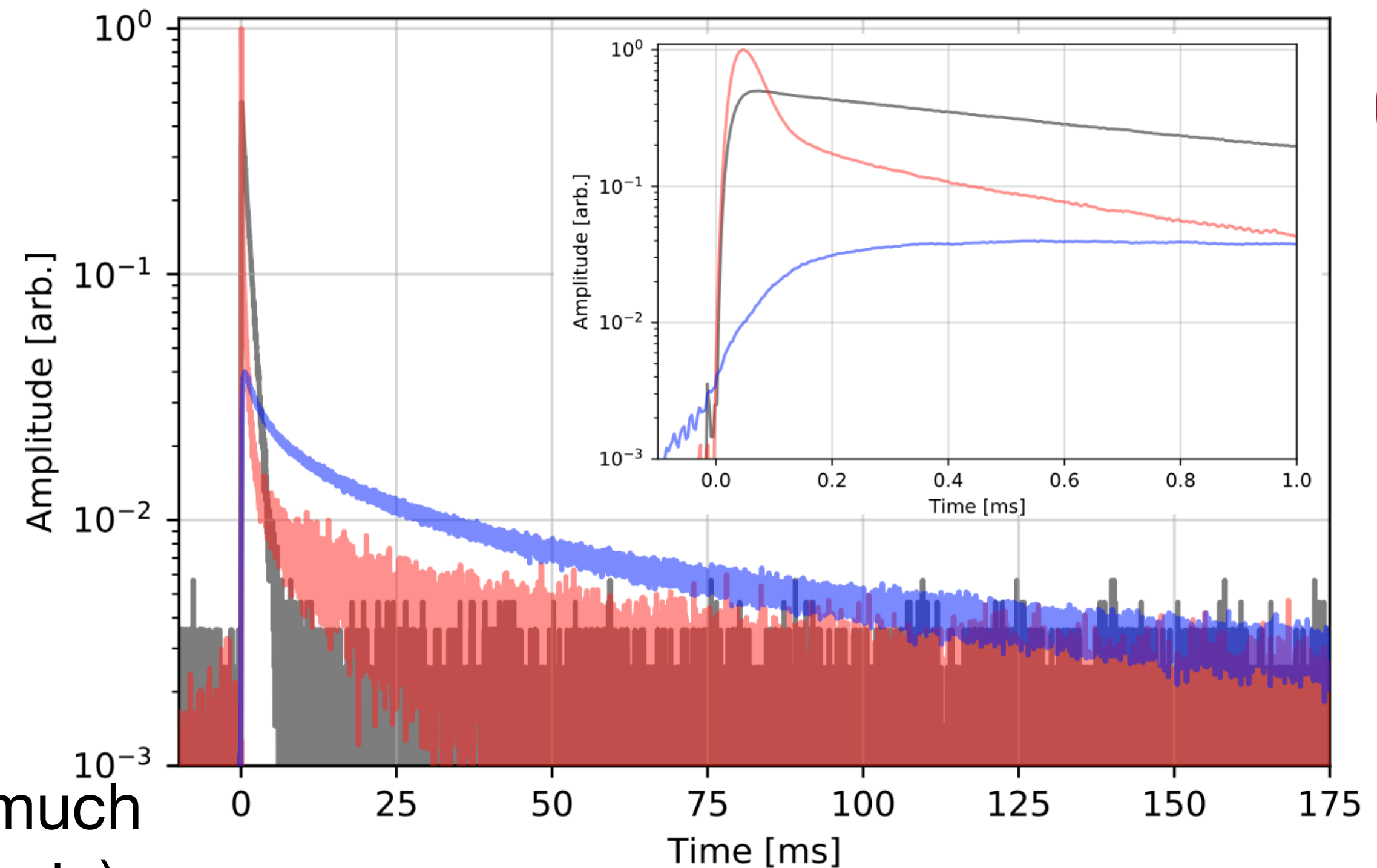


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- Blue: Si target hit
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- Events on the with absorber detector are much more complex (large variety of time constants) compared to the single fall time constant of the without absorber detector
- Again, lots of interesting modeling to do to understand these detectors



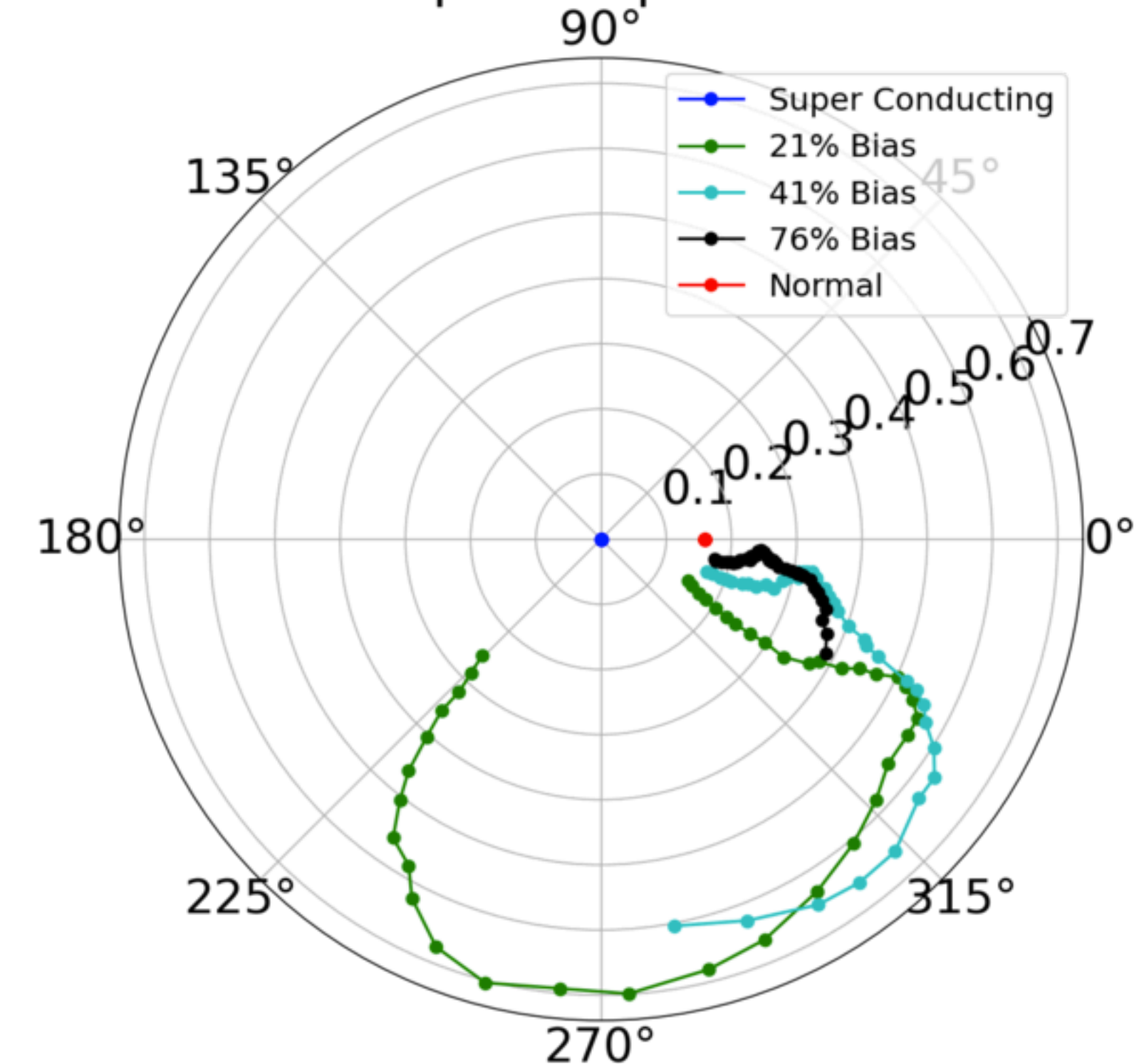


# Next Steps: Modeling

- Compare in greater detail our data with the thermal model
- Includes the pulse data, as well as some initial complex impedance data
  - Collected at UMass Amherst (Charlie Veihmeyer) and Argonne National Lab (Ran Chen)
- More data with lower frequencies has been collected and is being analyzed

**Charlie Veihmeyer**

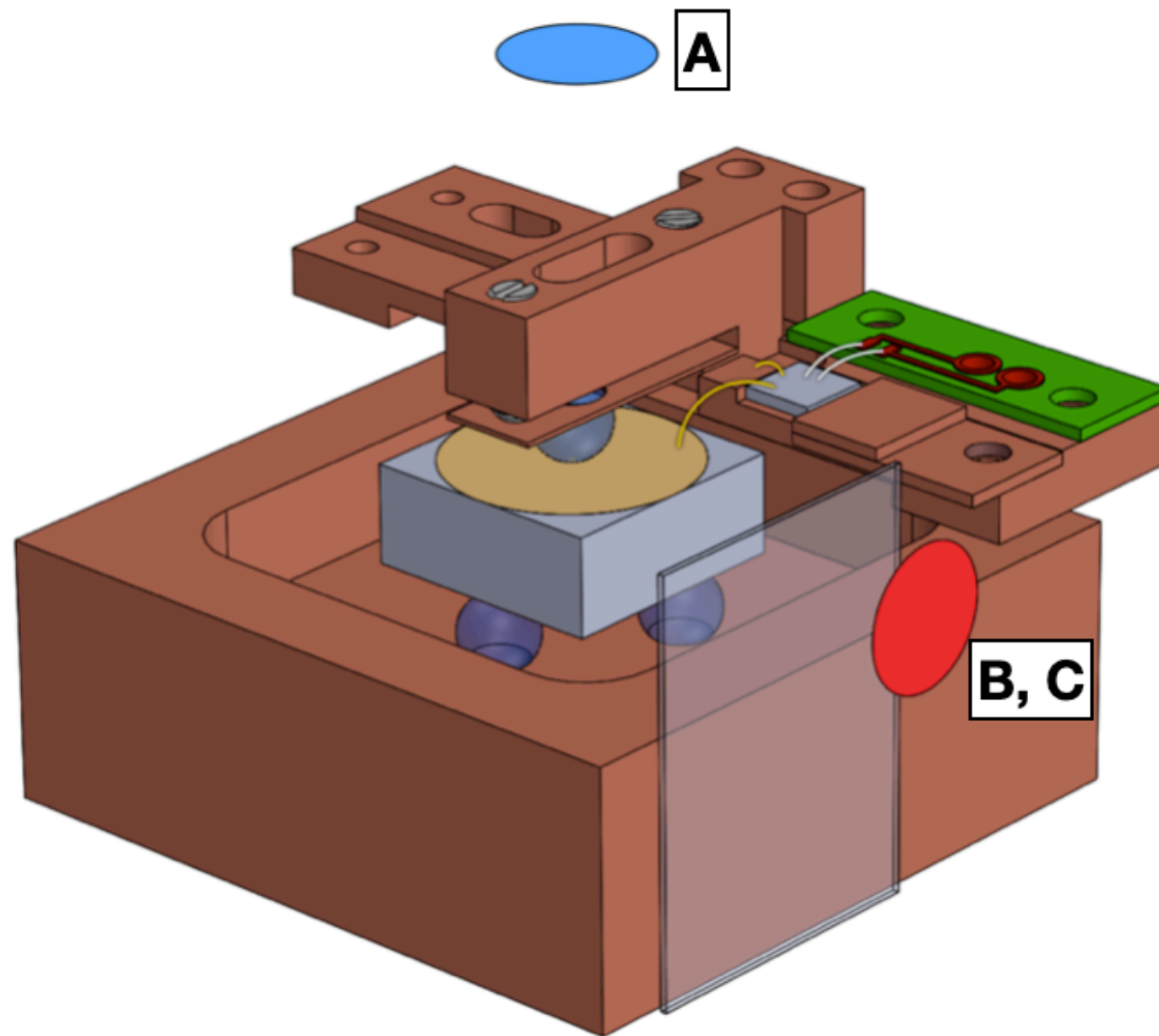
Polar Plots of Complex Impedance of TES Device



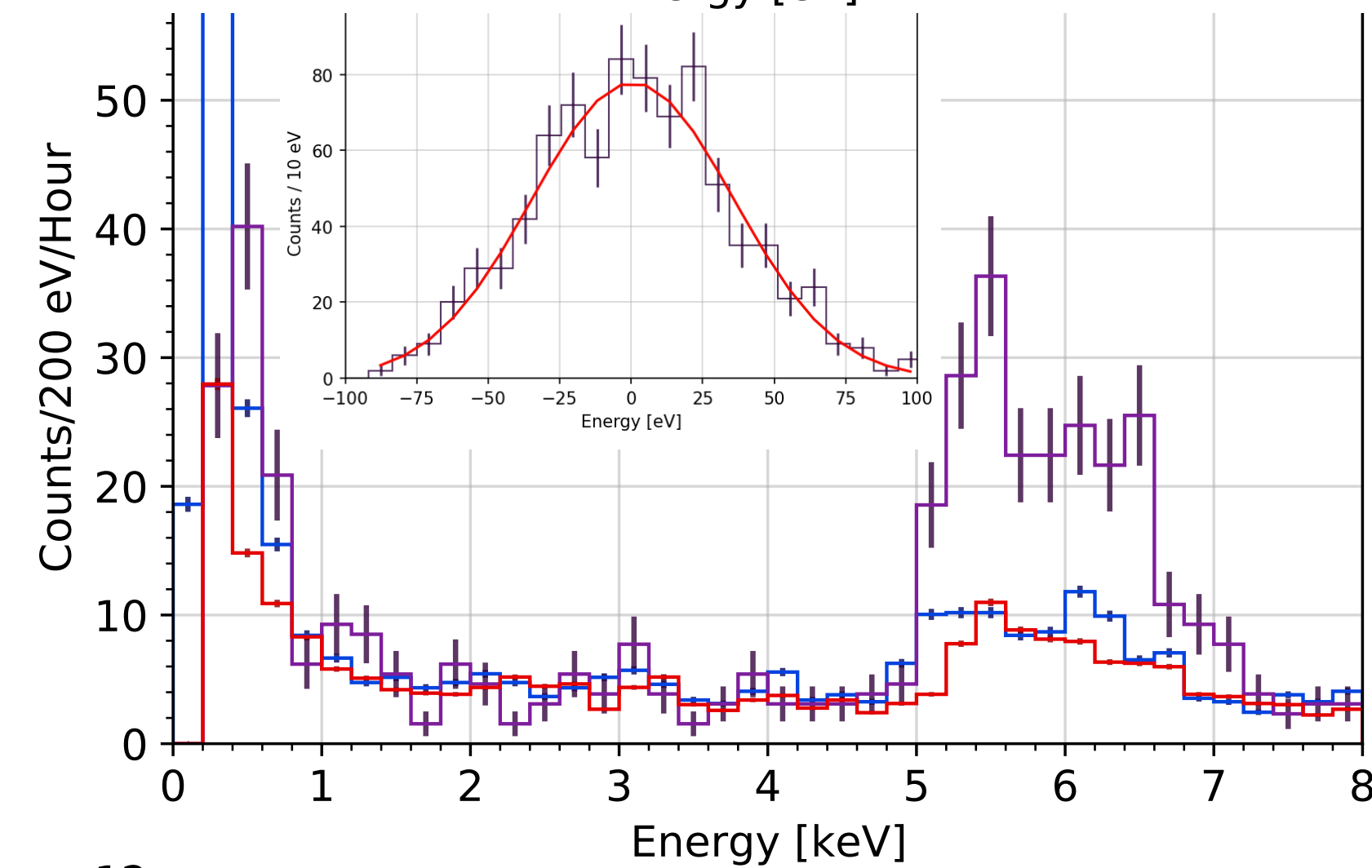
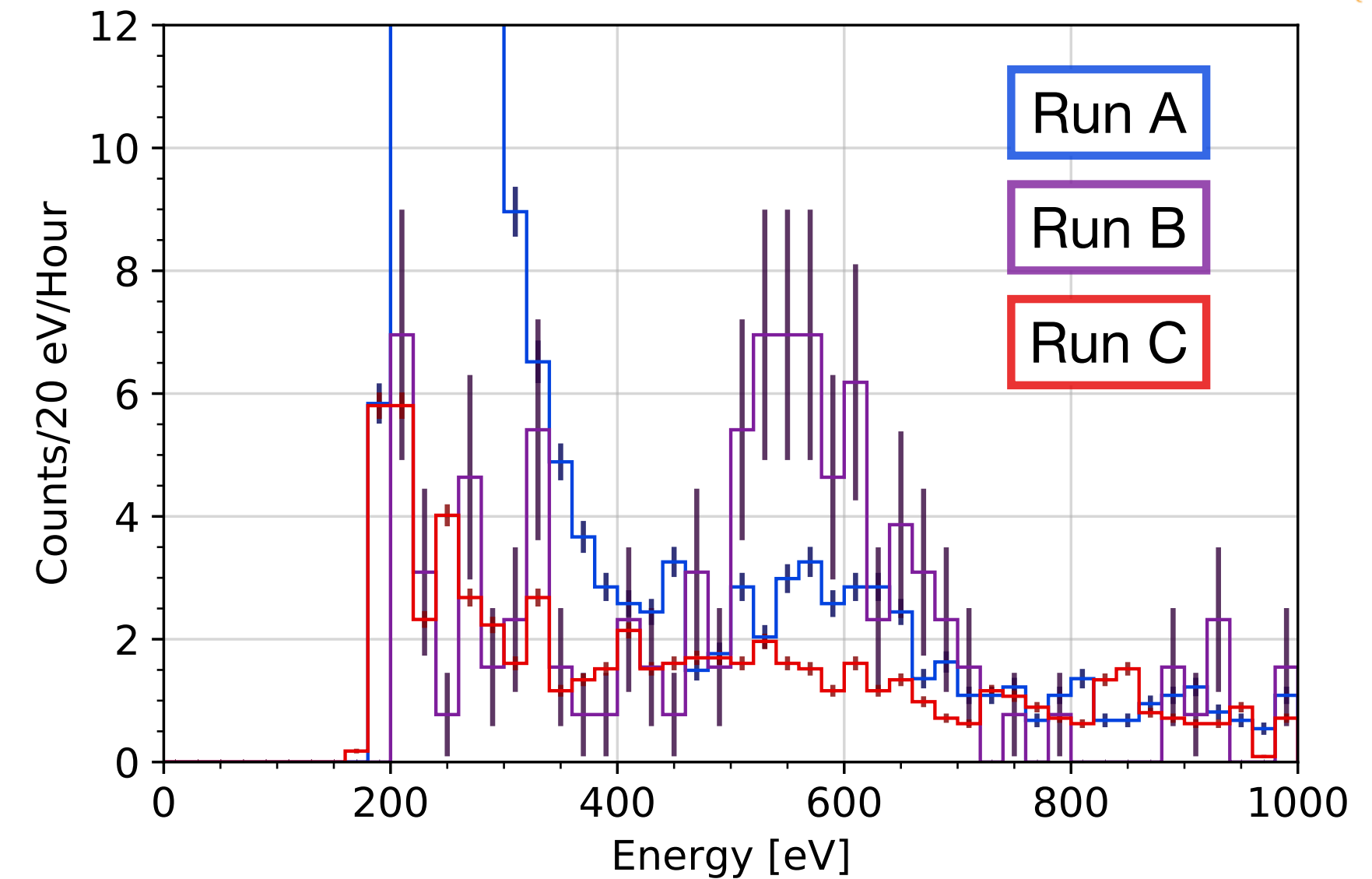


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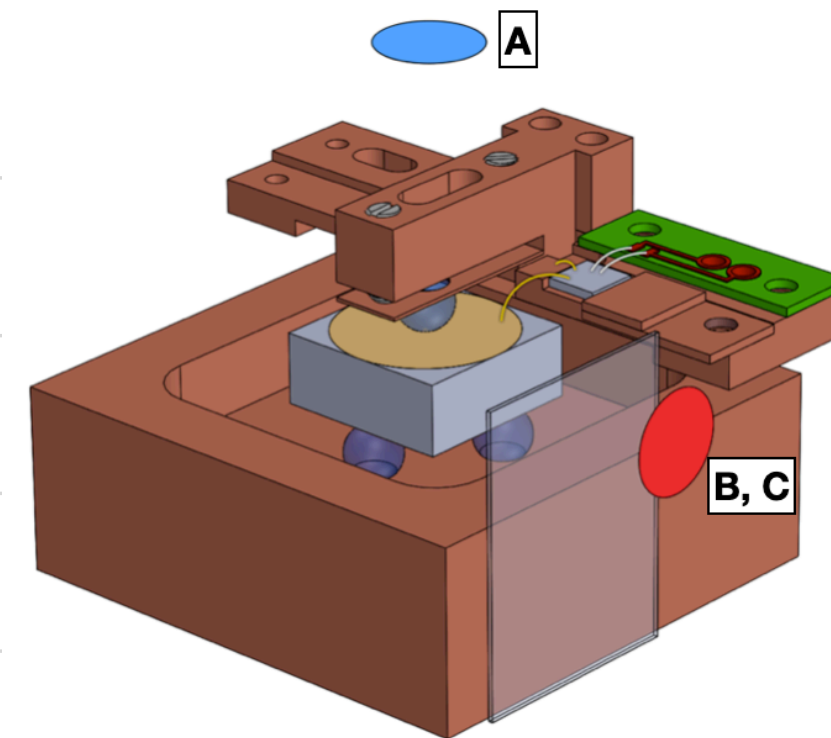
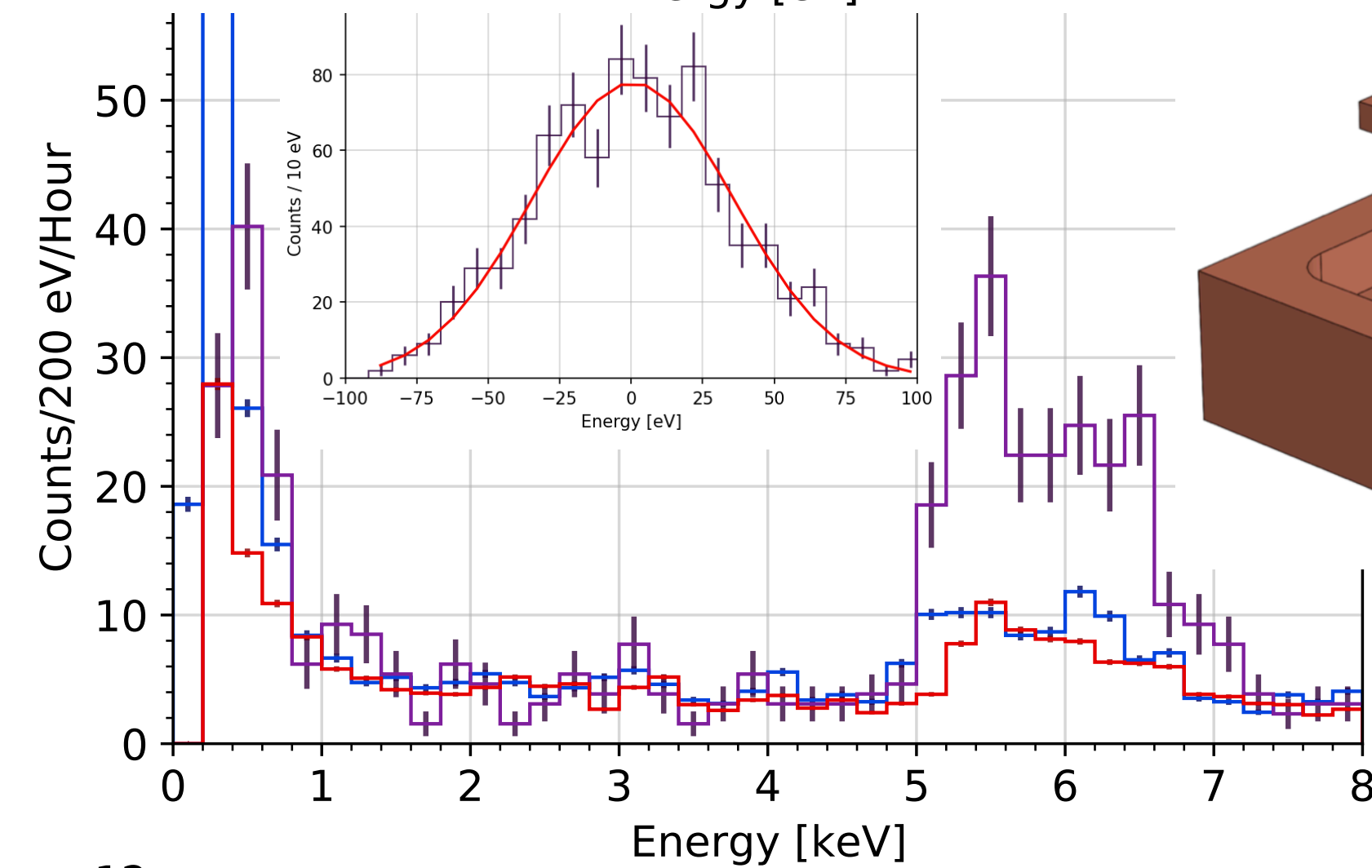
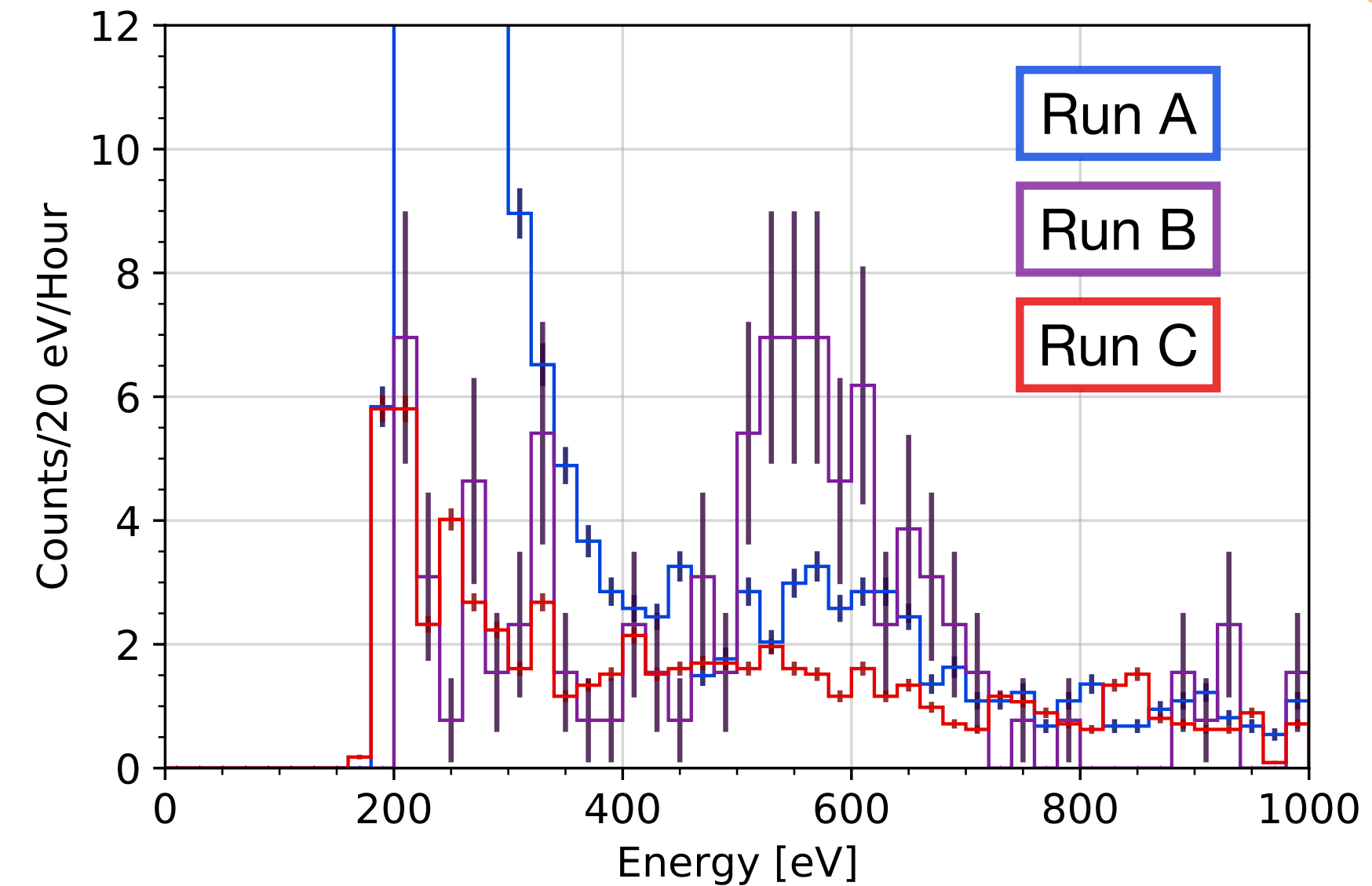




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  - Sapphire scintillation? Heat conductance between sapphire and target?

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# Conclusions

- Several successful runs at UMass studying the modular TES design
- Many un-answered questions, modeling in particular
- Paper with details coming to an arXiv near you







# Extras



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