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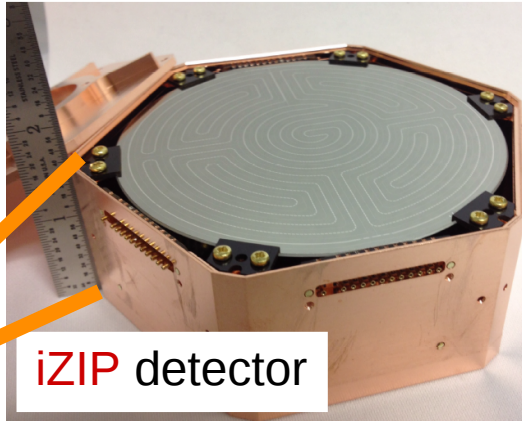
Dark Photon Searches with SuperCDMS Technology

ON BEHALF OF THE SuperCDMS COLLABORATION

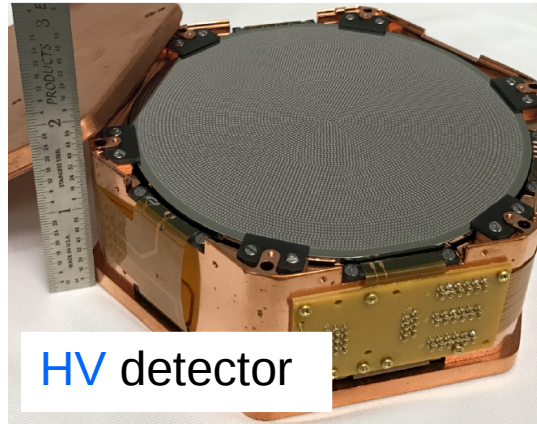
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TECHNOLOGY

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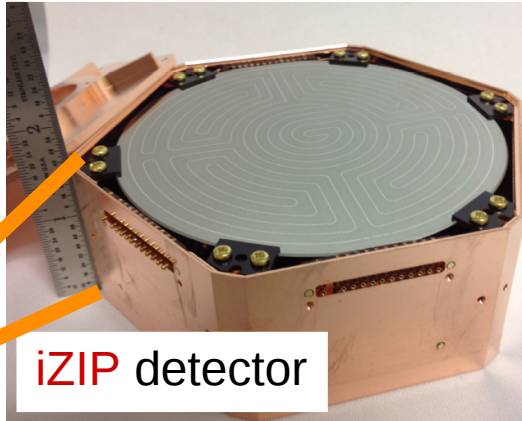
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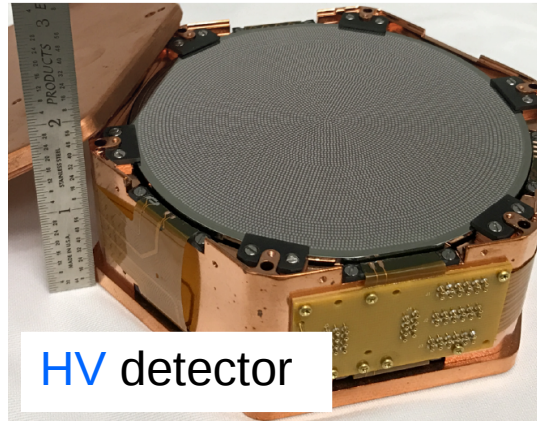
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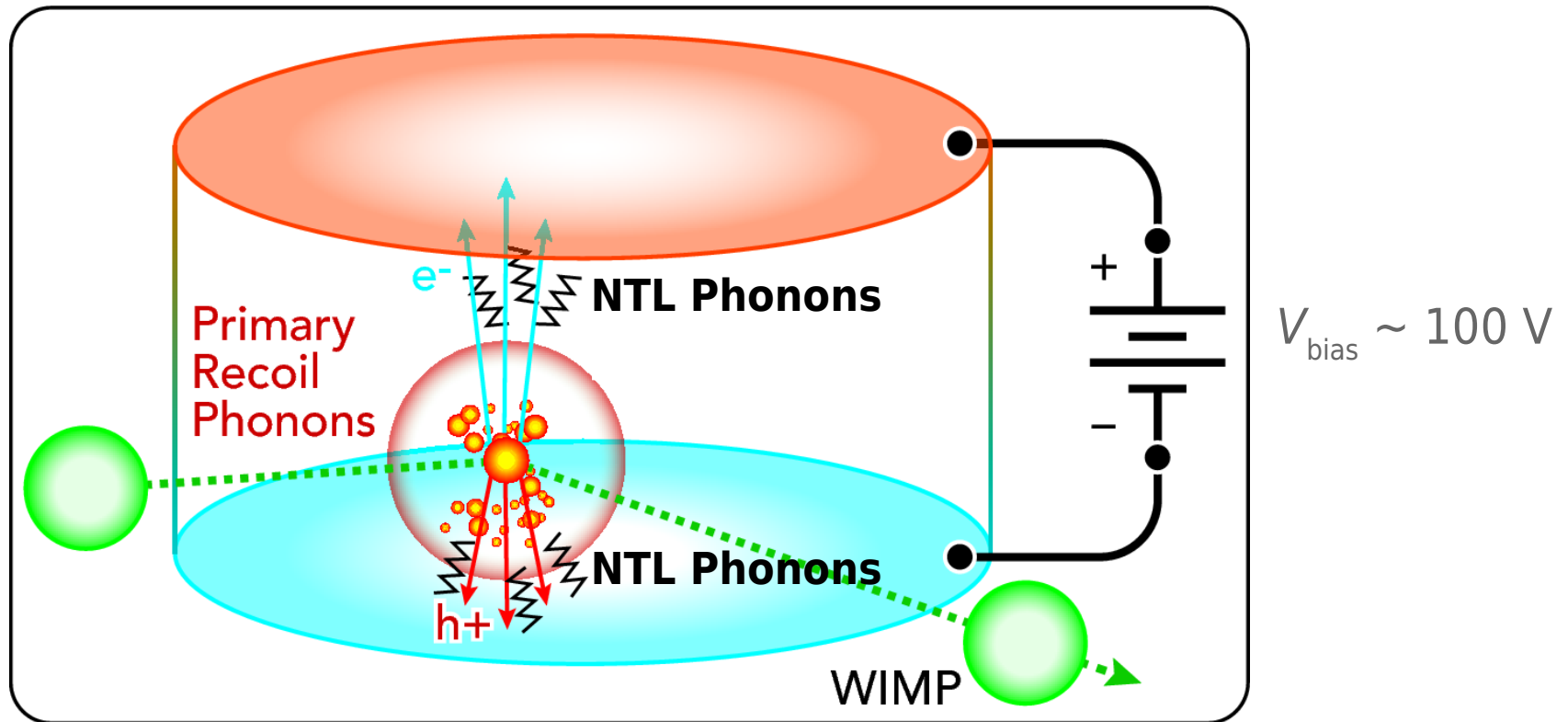
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NEGANOV-TROFIMOV-LUKE AMPLIFICATION

NTL: Neganov-Trofimov-Luke



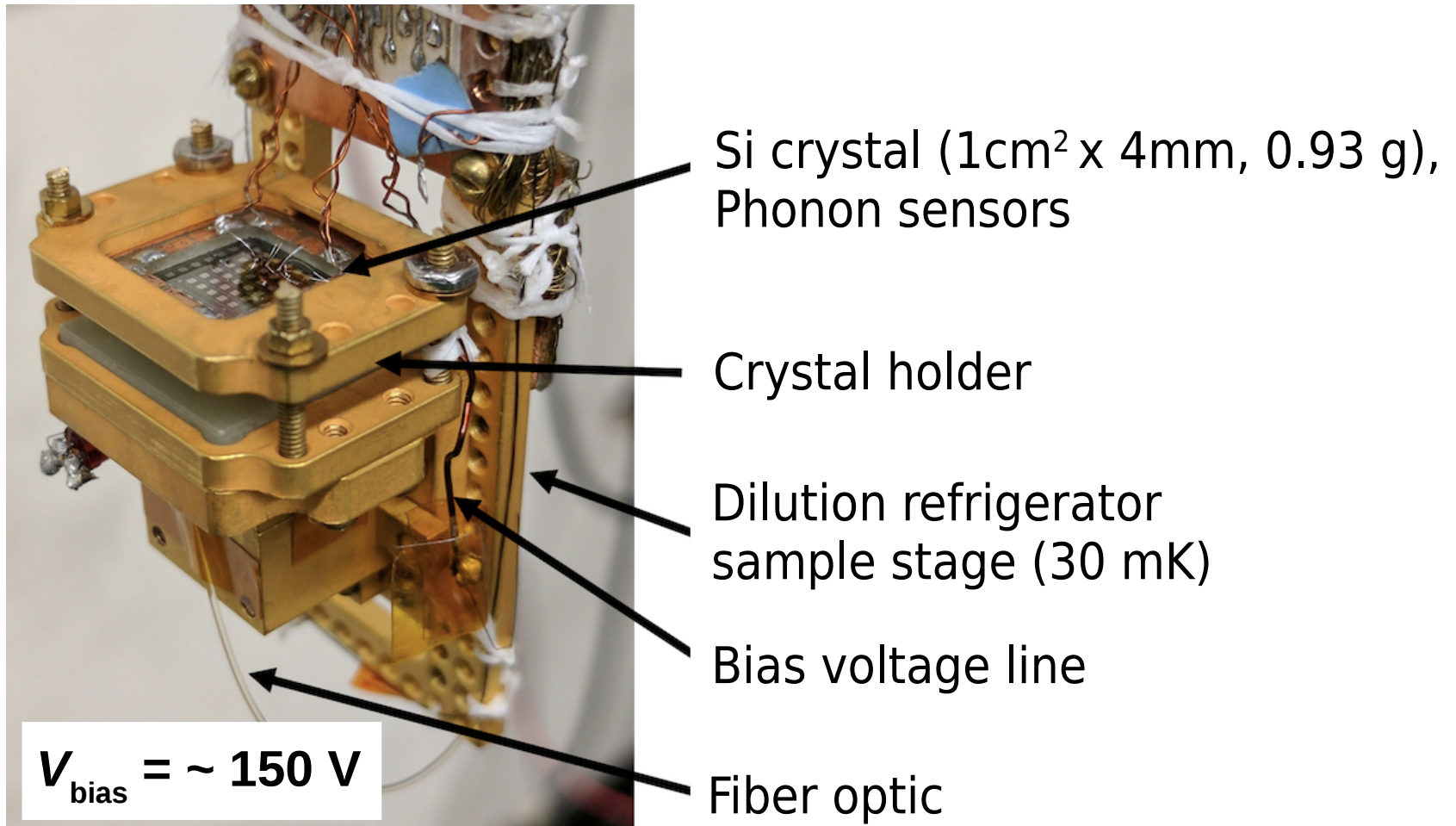
$$\text{Observed Phonon Energy} = E_{\text{Recoil}} + E_{\text{NTL}}$$

PROTOTYPE HVeV DETECTOR

Talk by N. Kurinsky:

“Sub-GeV Dark Matter Search with a SuperCDMS HVeV Detector”

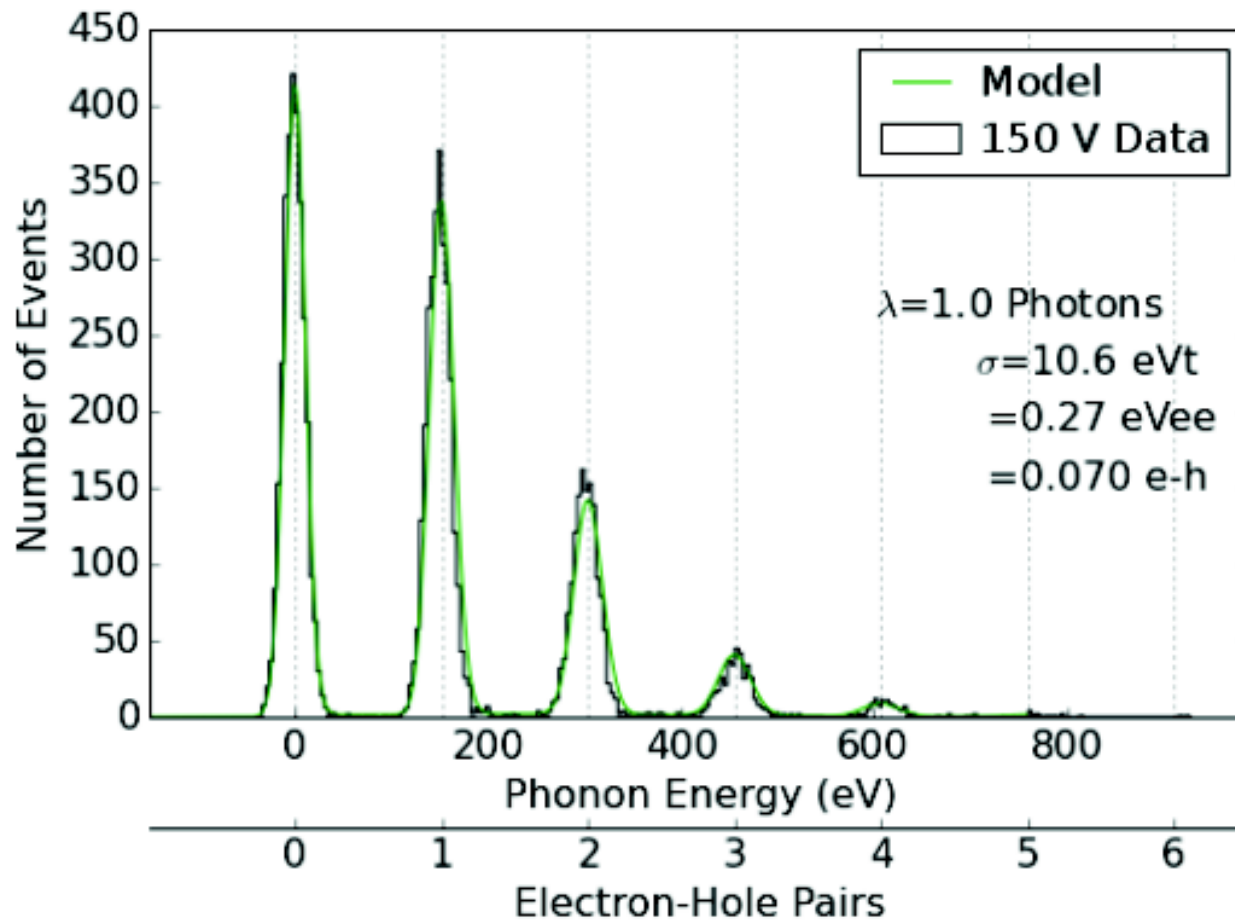
R.K. Romani et al.,
Appl.Phys.Lett. 112 (2018) 043501



- ▶ Strong NTL amplification of e^-h^+ pairs.
- ▶ Detector operated on surface at Stanford.

PROTOTYPE HVeV DETECTOR

- ▶ Si band gap: ~ 1.2 eV.
- ▶ Calibration data with pulsed 650 nm laser $\Rightarrow 1.91$ eV photons.



Sensitivity to single e^-h^+ pairs in Si crystal with a phonon sensor!

SuperCDMS DARK MATTER SEARCHES

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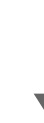
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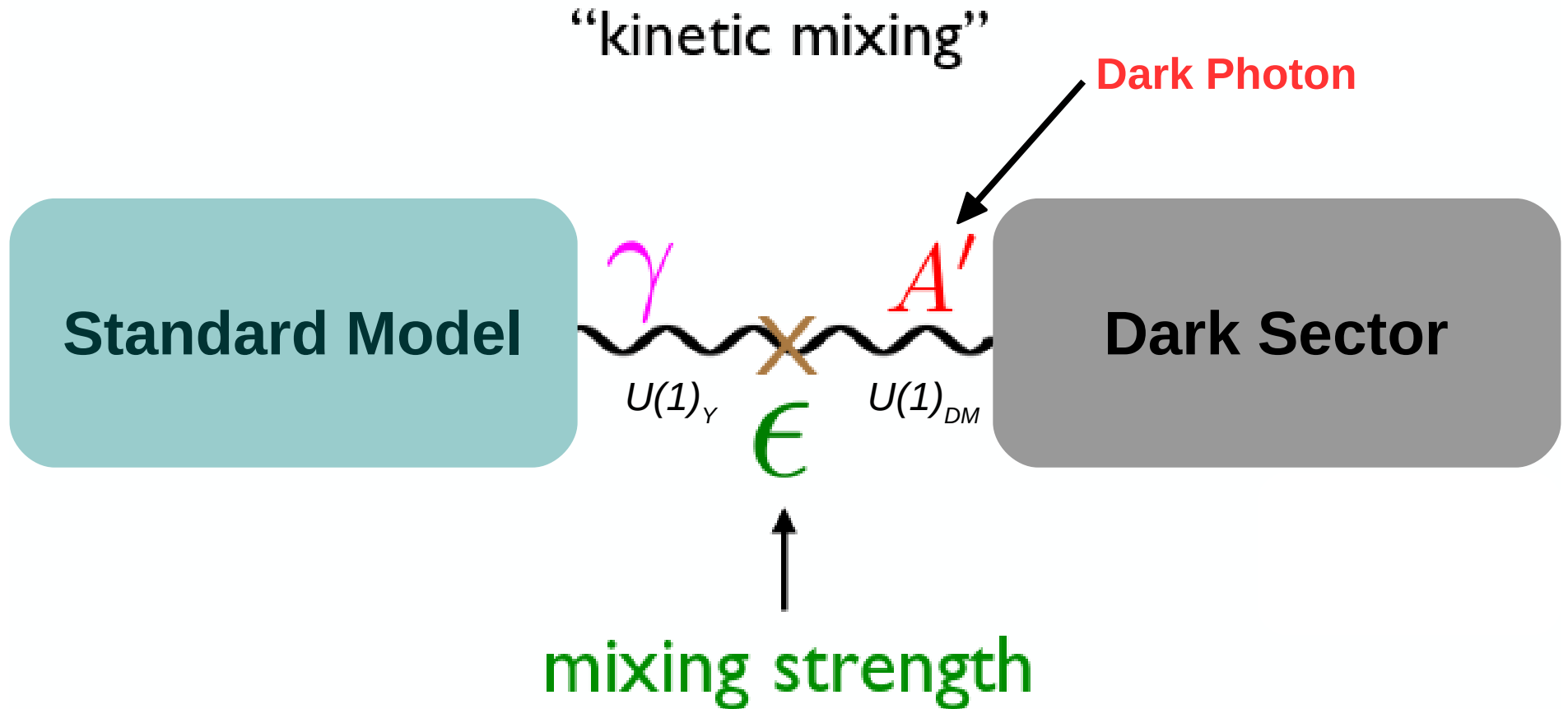


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DARK PHOTON

SEARCH

MINIMAL VECTOR PORTAL



The $U(1)$ vector mediators kinetically mix with kinetic mixing parameter ϵ .

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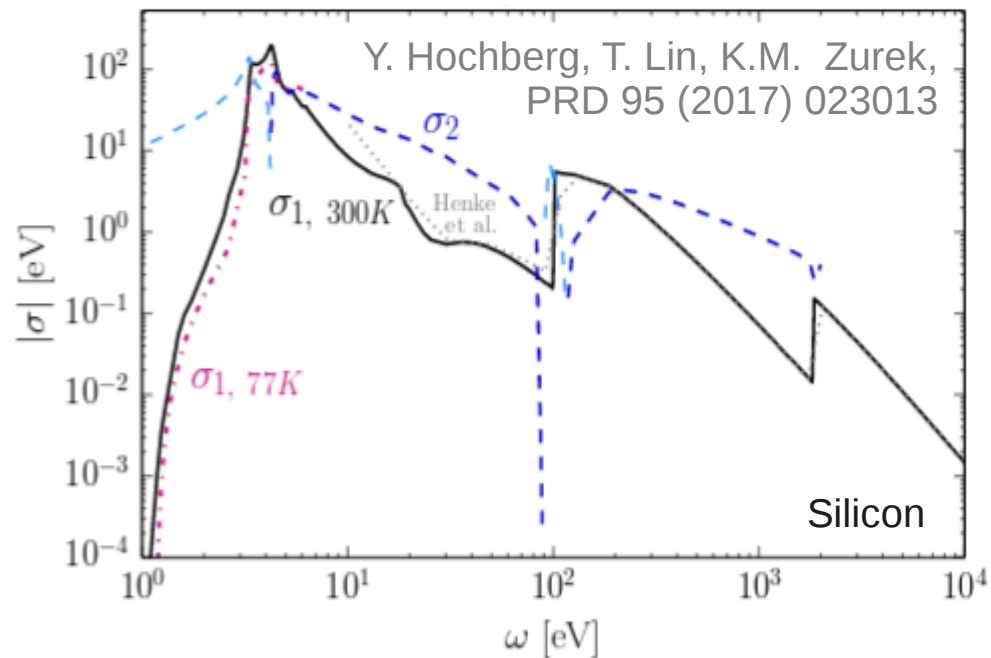
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Dedicated study in
Ancillary file to arXiv:1804.10697,
SuperCDMS Collaboration

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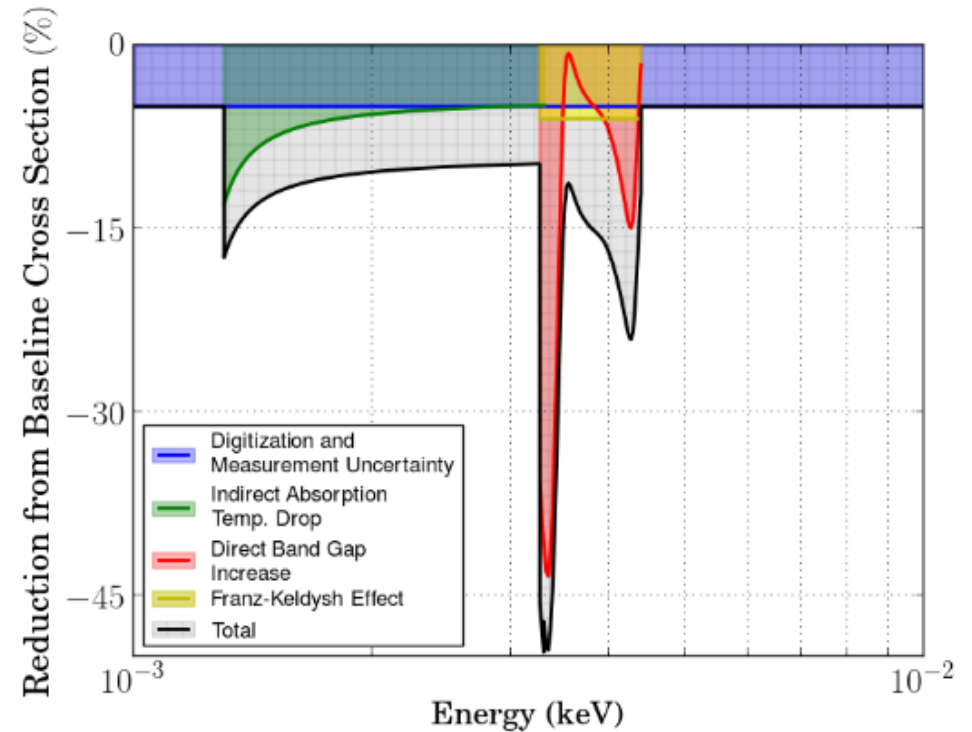
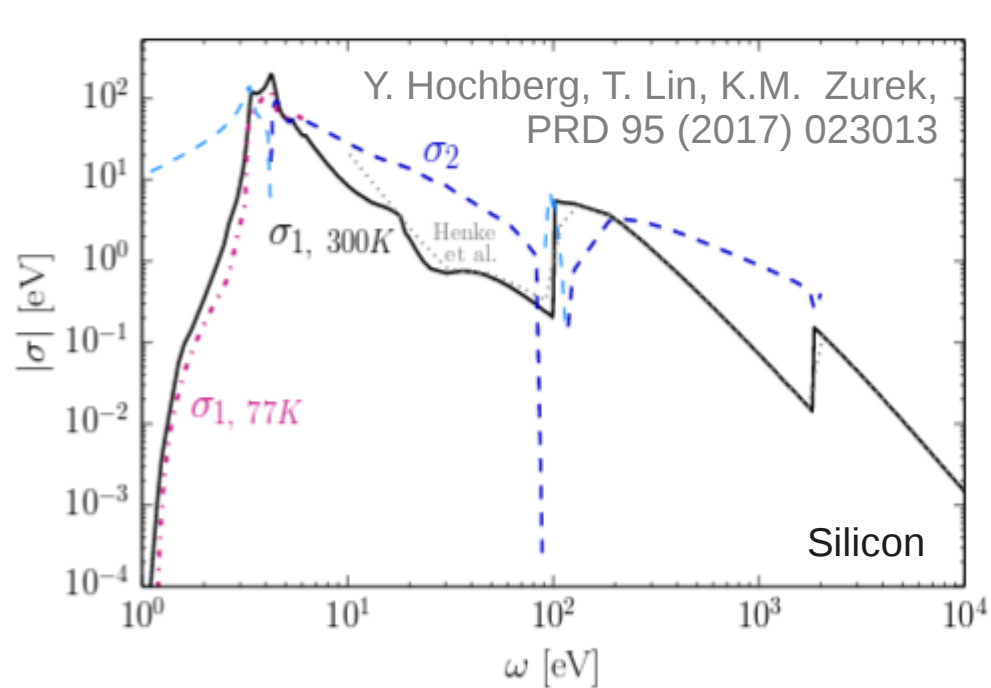
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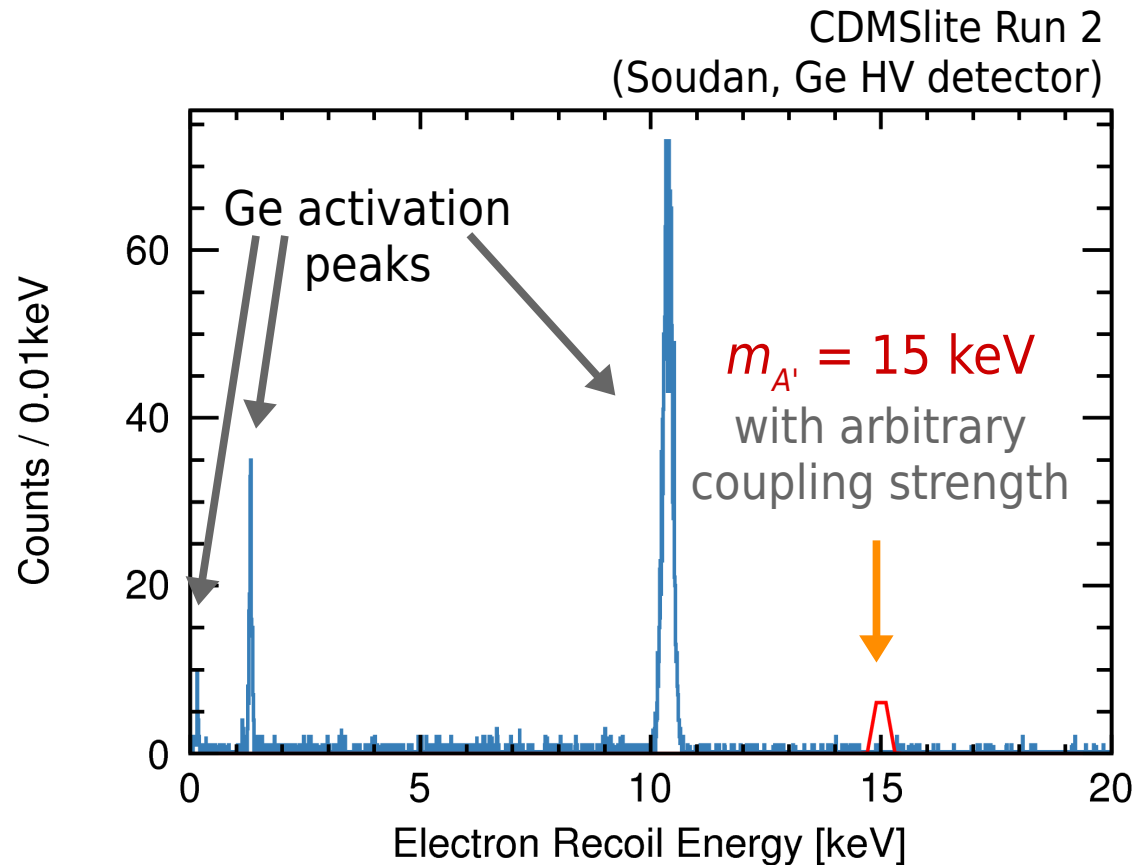
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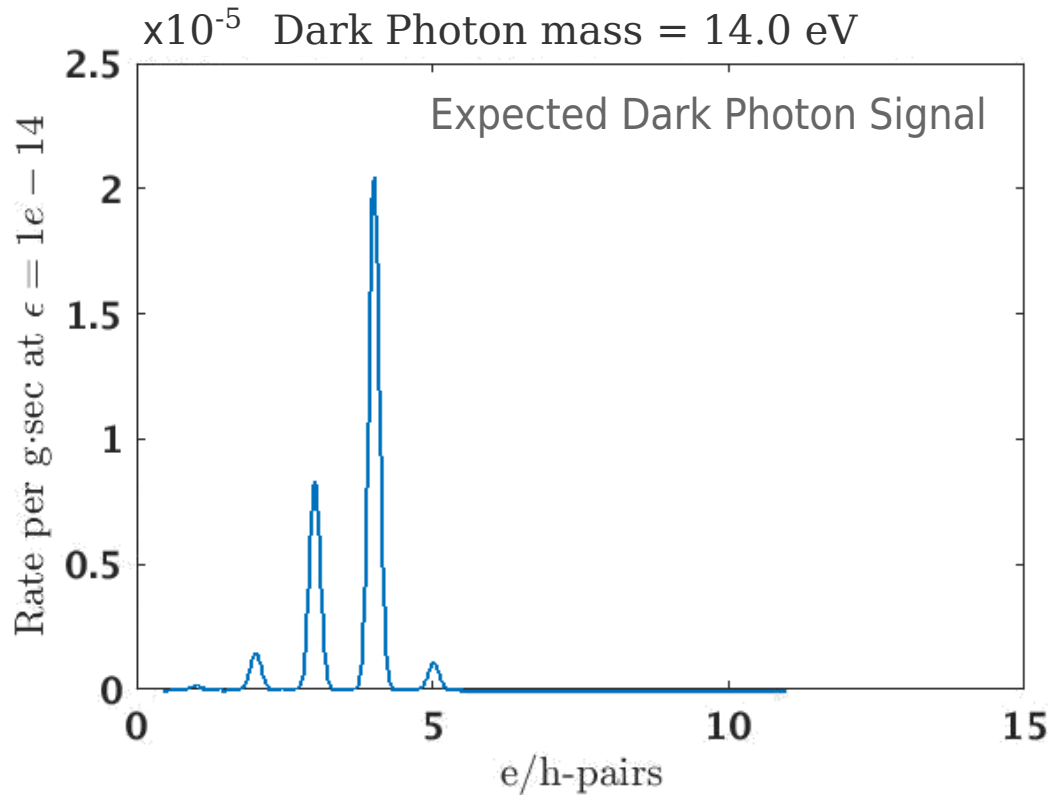
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DARK PHOTON ABSORPTION SIGNAL IN QUANTIZATION LIMIT



Ionization model:

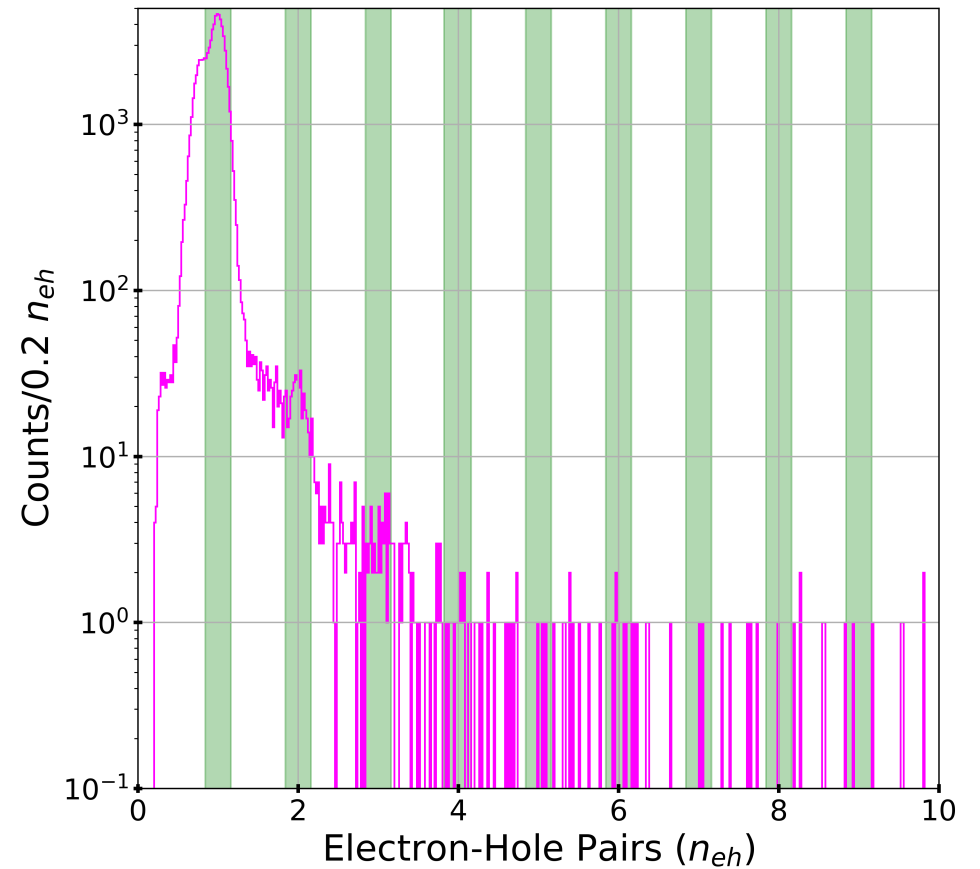
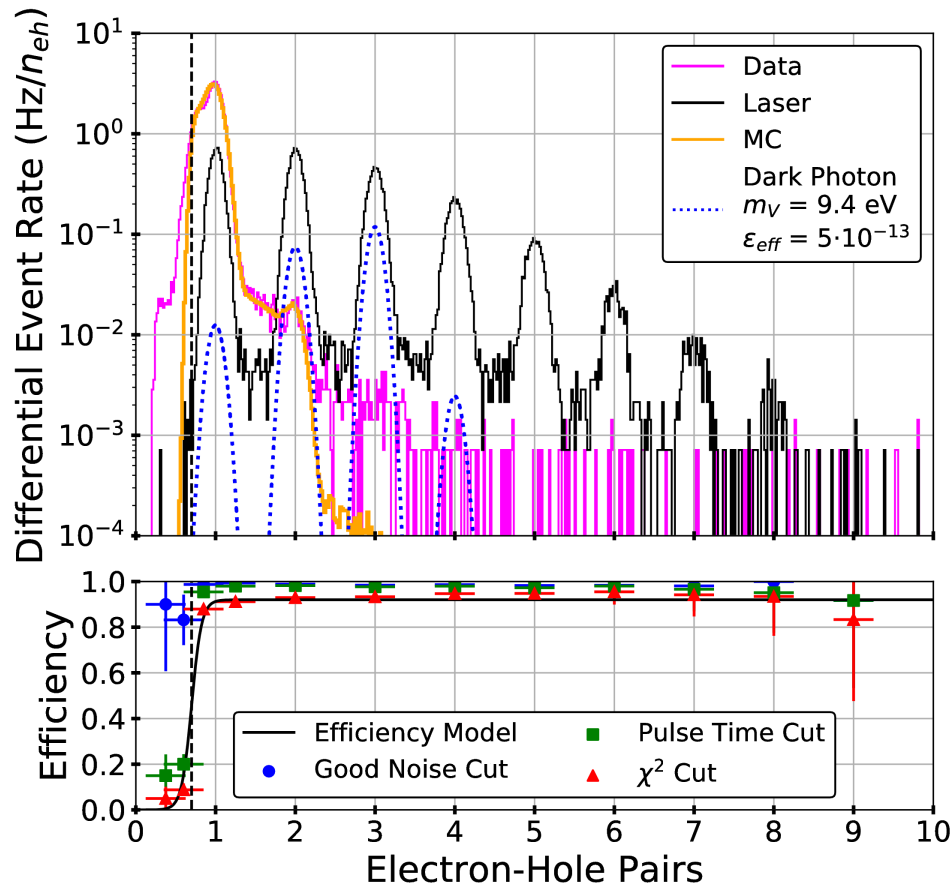
$$\langle n_{eh}(E_\gamma) \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & E_\gamma < E_{gap} \\ 1 & E_{gap} < E_\gamma < \epsilon_{eh} \\ E_\gamma / \epsilon_{eh} & \epsilon_{eh} < E_\gamma \end{cases}$$

Quantization of peak at electron recoil energy corresponding to $m_{A'}$

DARK PHOTON SEARCH ON HVeV DATA

SuperCDMS Collaboration, arXiv:1804.10697
accepted by PRL

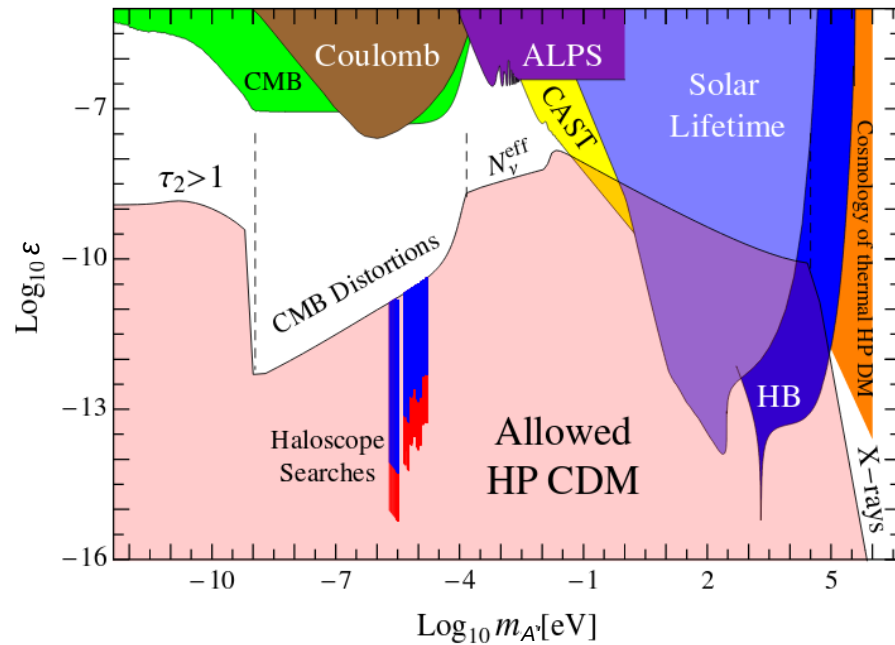
0.49 g-day exposure after data selection cuts.



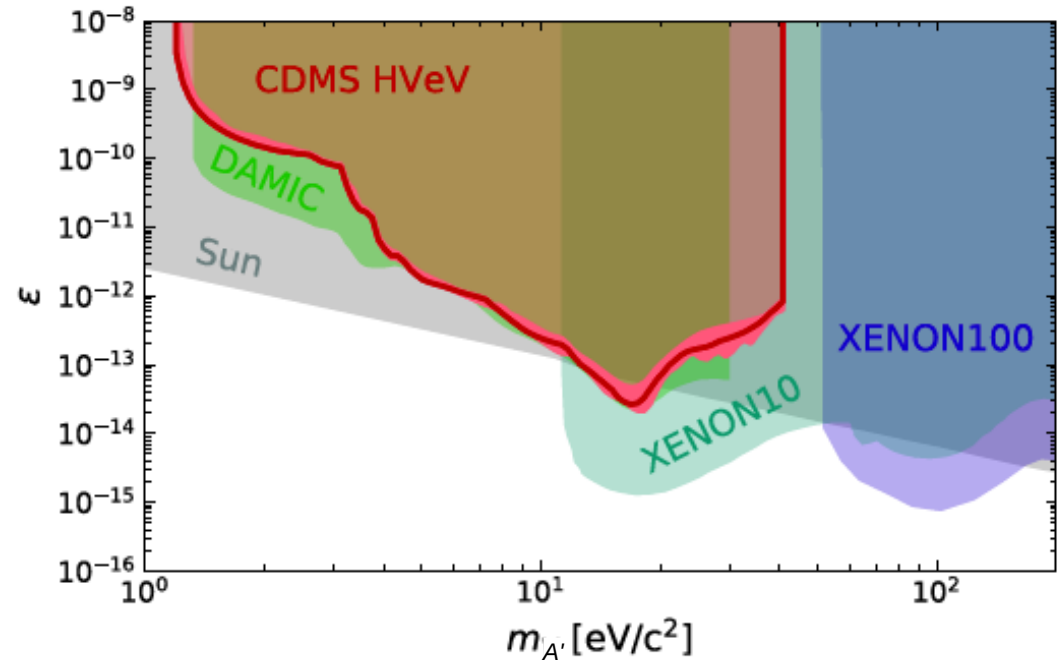
Region of Interest: $\pm 2 \sigma$ quantization peak regions.

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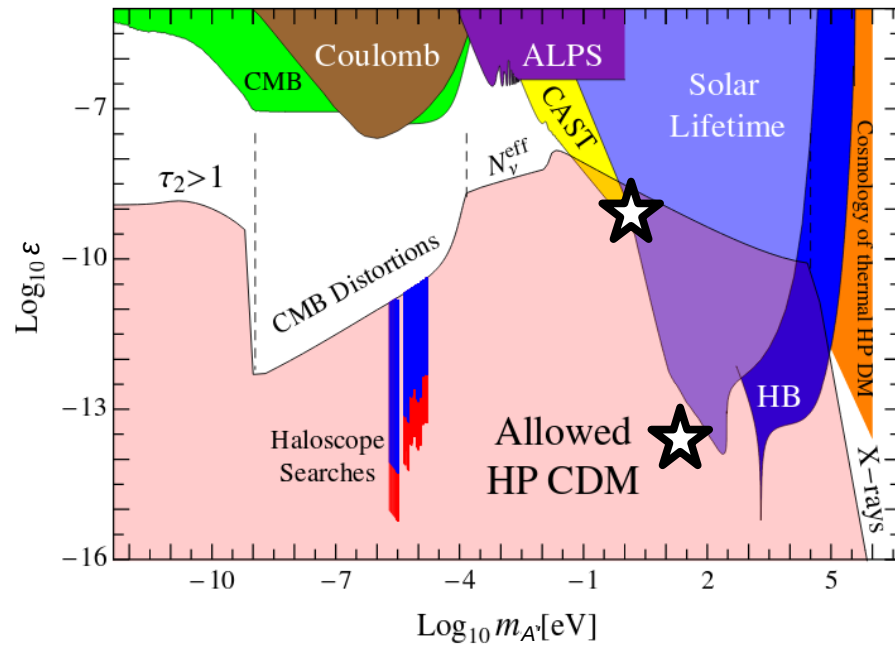
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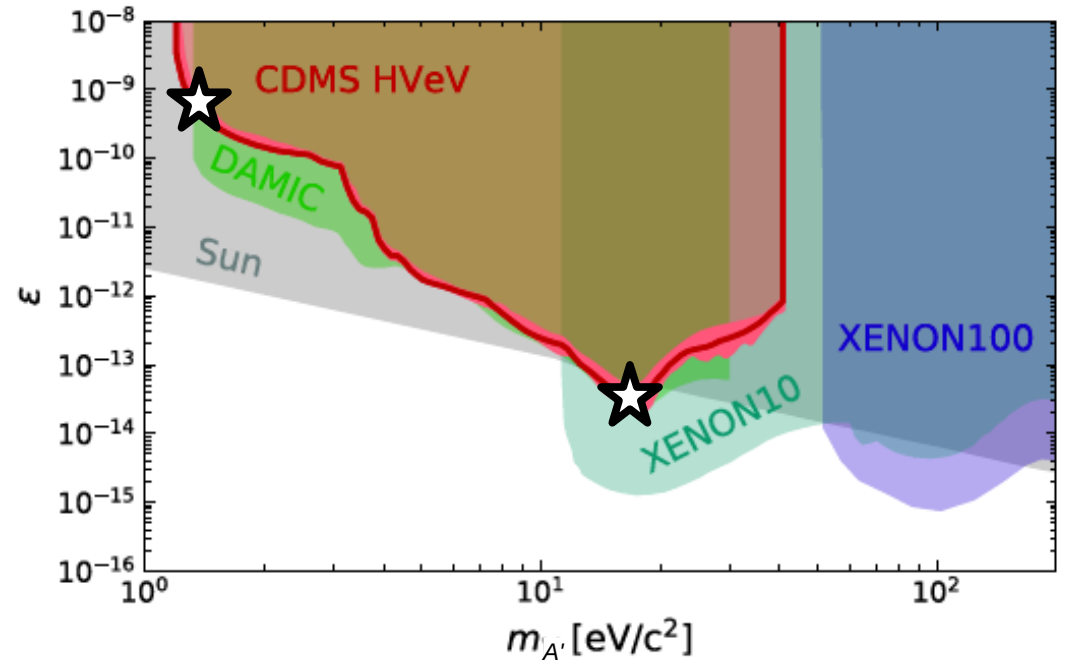
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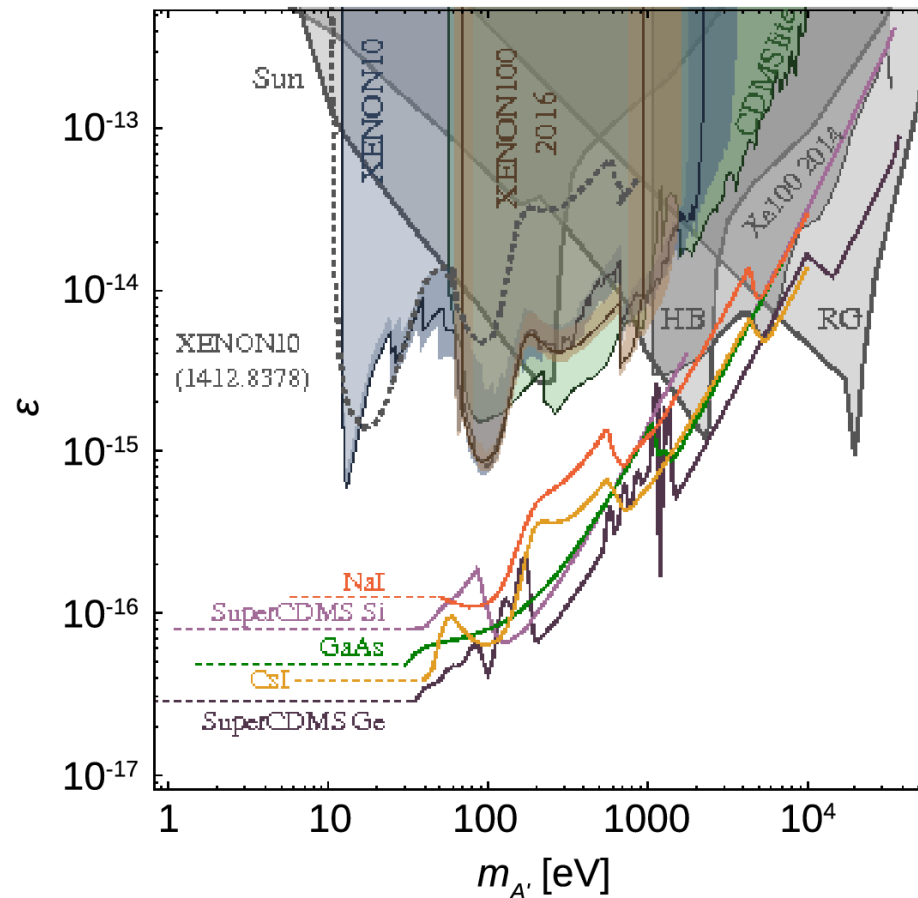
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OUTLOOK

SuperCDMS SNOLAB PROJECTIONS

SuperCDMS HV detectors with 20 kg-yrs (Ge) and 10 kg-yrs (Si) exposure.

I. Bloch, R. Essig, K. Tobioka, T. Volansky, T. Yu
JHEP 1706 (2017) 087



- ▶ Commissioning of SuperCDMS SNOLAB in 2020.
- ▶ Starting to take data end of 2020!

[Talk by R. Schnee:](#)
“Status and Expected Sensitivity
of SuperCDMS SNOLAB”

THE SuperCDMS COLLABORATION



California Inst. of Tech.



CNRS-LPN*



Durham University



FNAL



NISER

NIST

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PNNL



Queen's University



Santa Clara University

SLAC

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South Dakota SM&T



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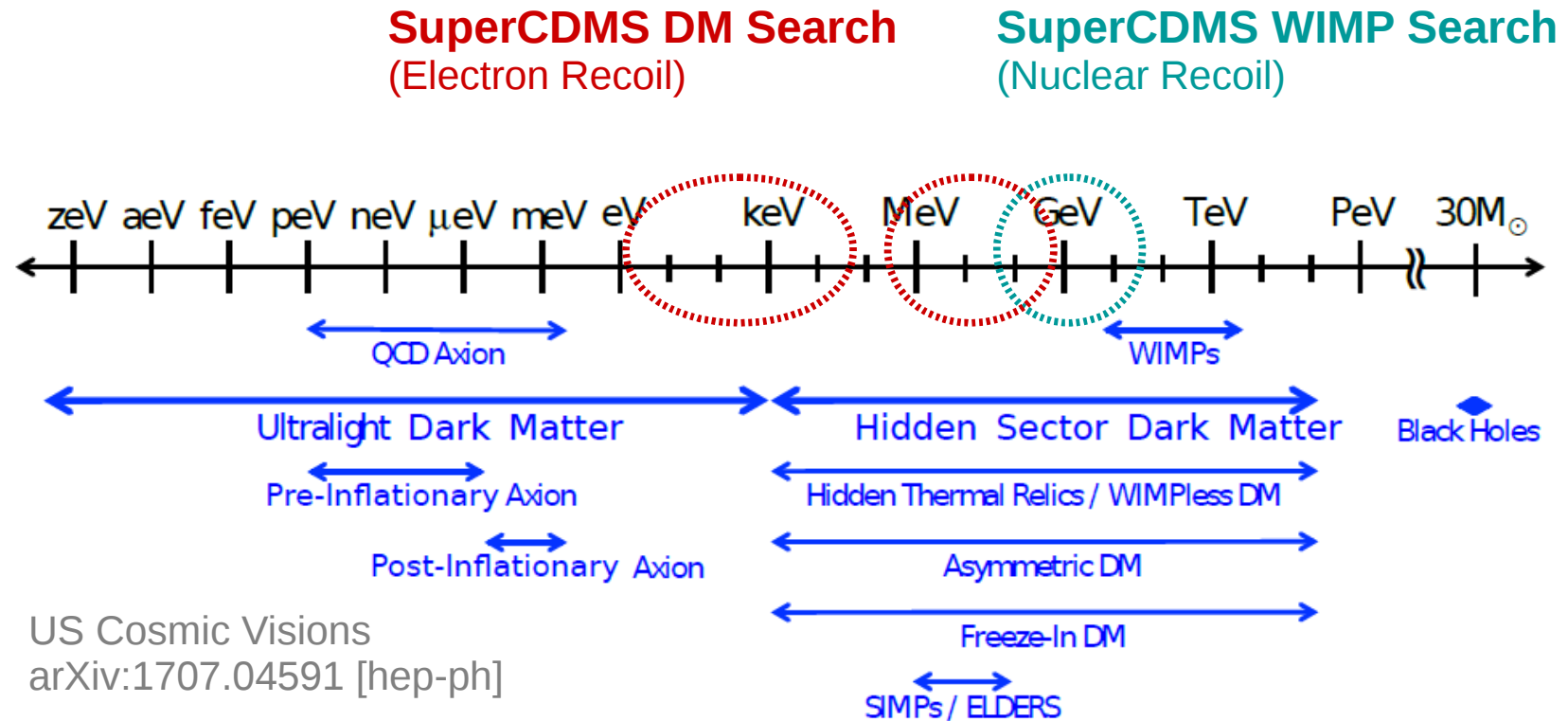
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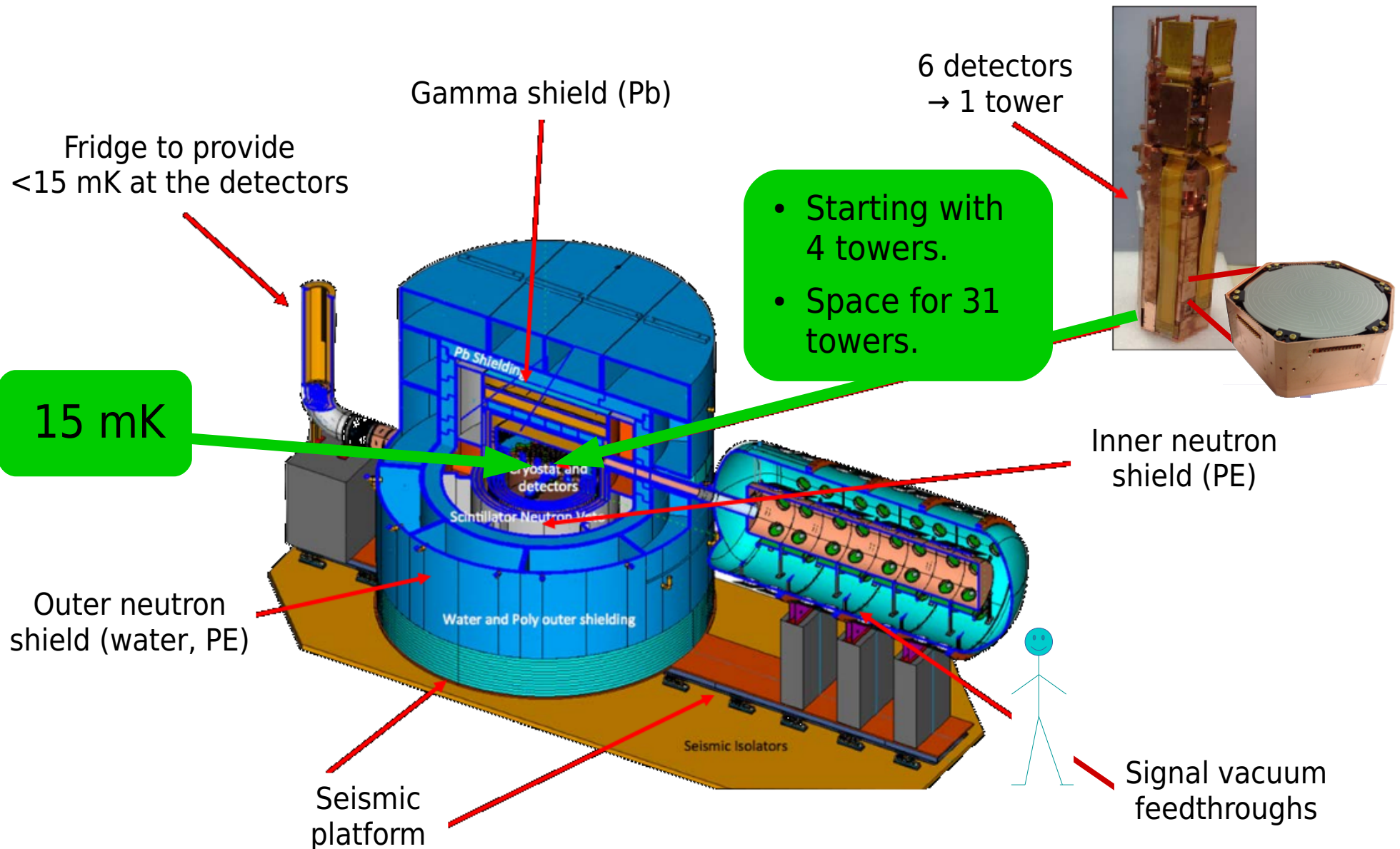
SUPPLEMENTARY

MATERIAL

DM DETECTION CHANNELS - **Electron Recoil**

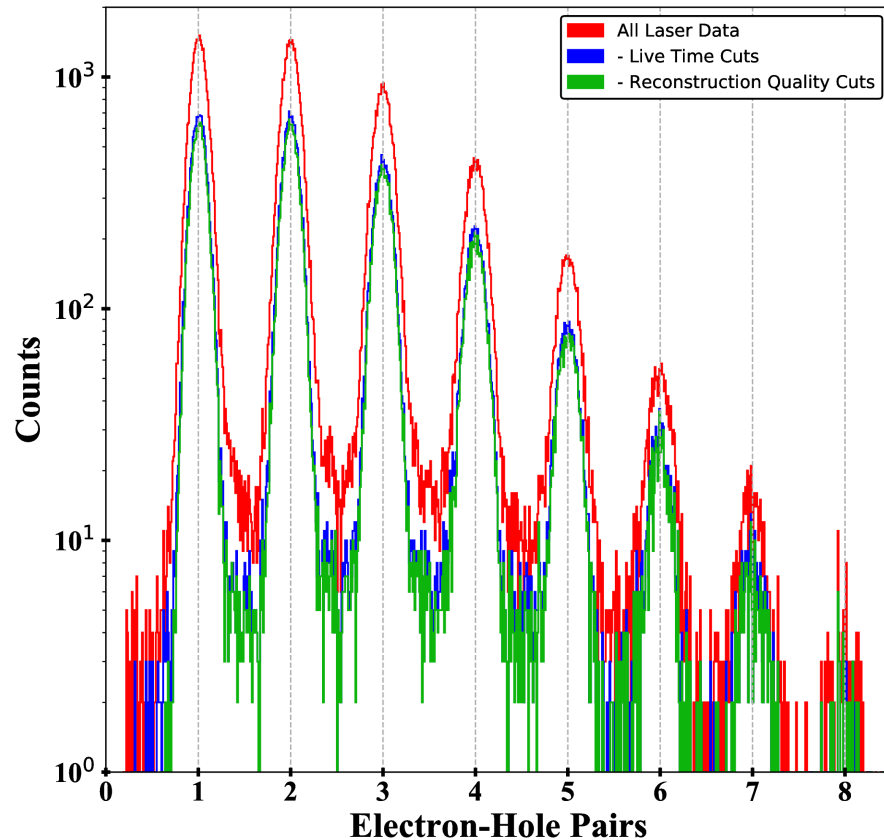


THE SuperCDMS SNOLAB EXPERIMENT

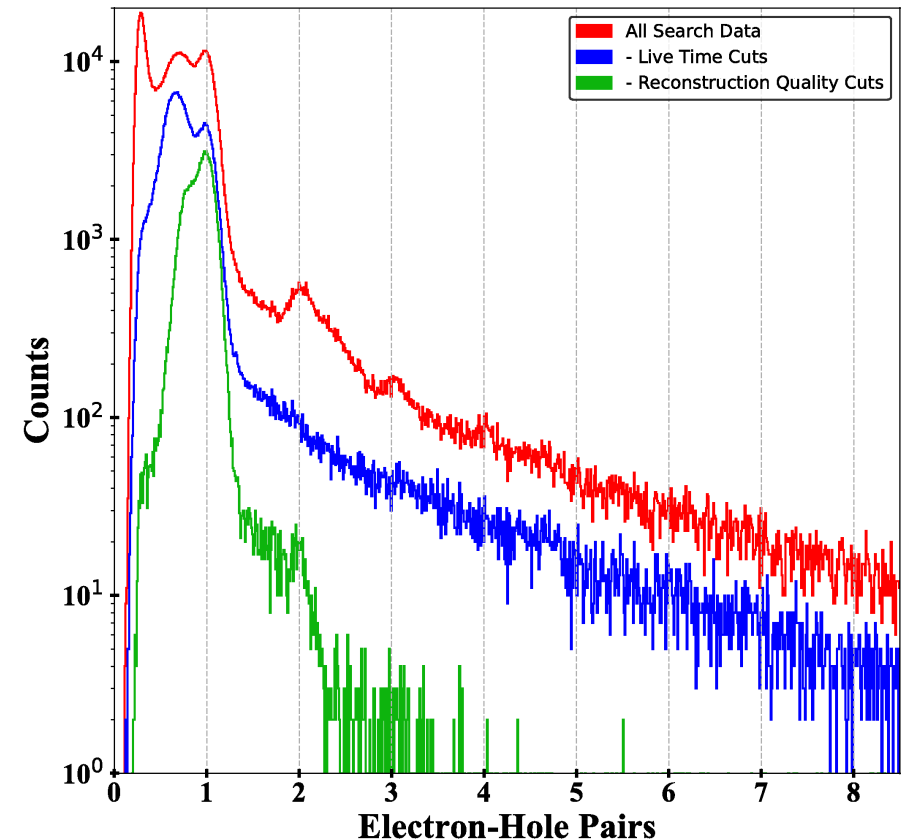


0.49 GRAM-DAYS OF SCIENCE DATA

Calibration Laser Data



DM Search Data



► Live Time Cuts:

Low-frequency noise, surface leakage, system stability.

► Reconstruction Quality Cuts:

Pre-trigger noise, reconstructed pulse start time, pulse shape.

DARK PHOTONS: IN-MEDIUM EFFECTS

Absorption rate:

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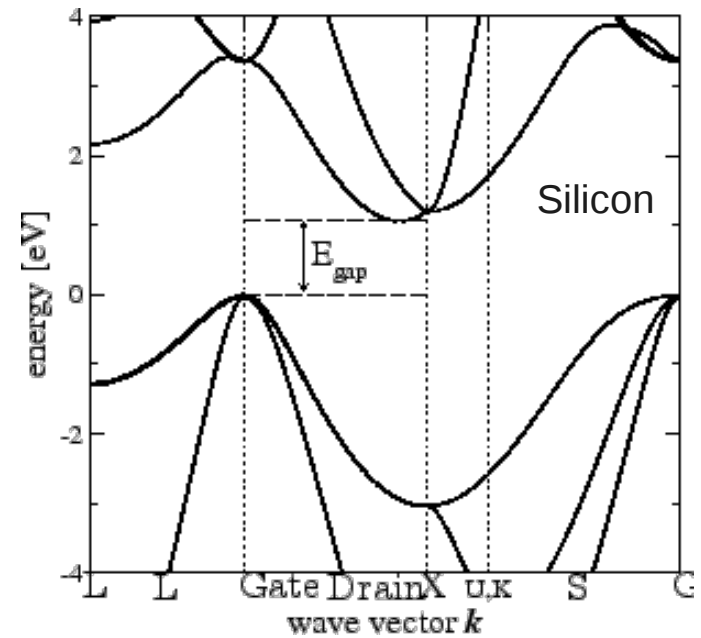
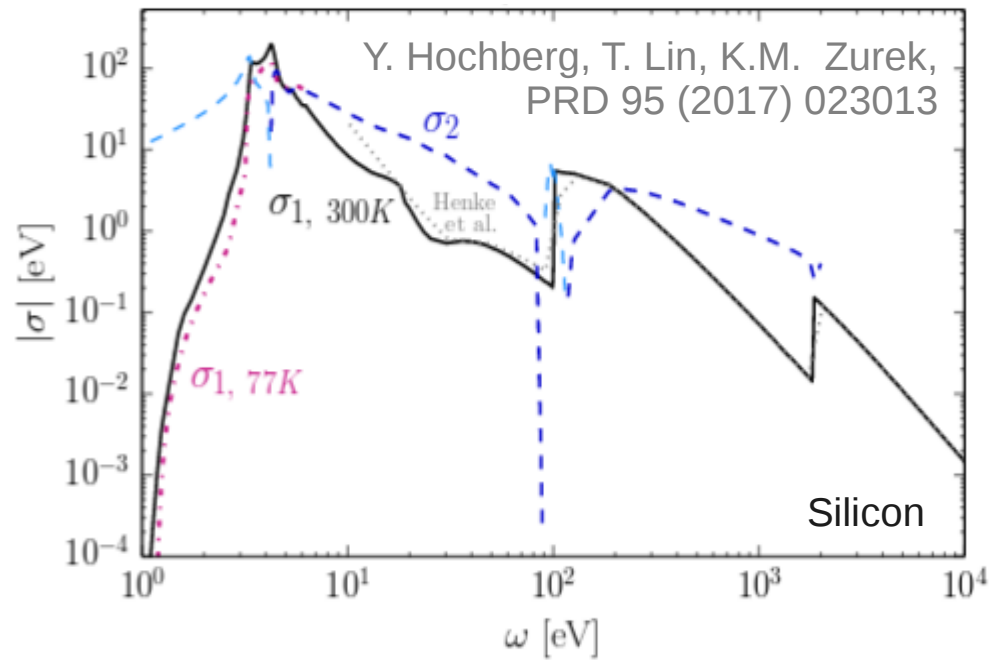
In-medium polarization tensor:

$$\Pi(E_\gamma = m_V c^2) \approx -i \cdot \hat{\sigma} \cdot m_V c^2$$

Conductivity:

$$\hat{\sigma} \equiv \underline{\sigma_1} + i \underline{\sigma_2}$$

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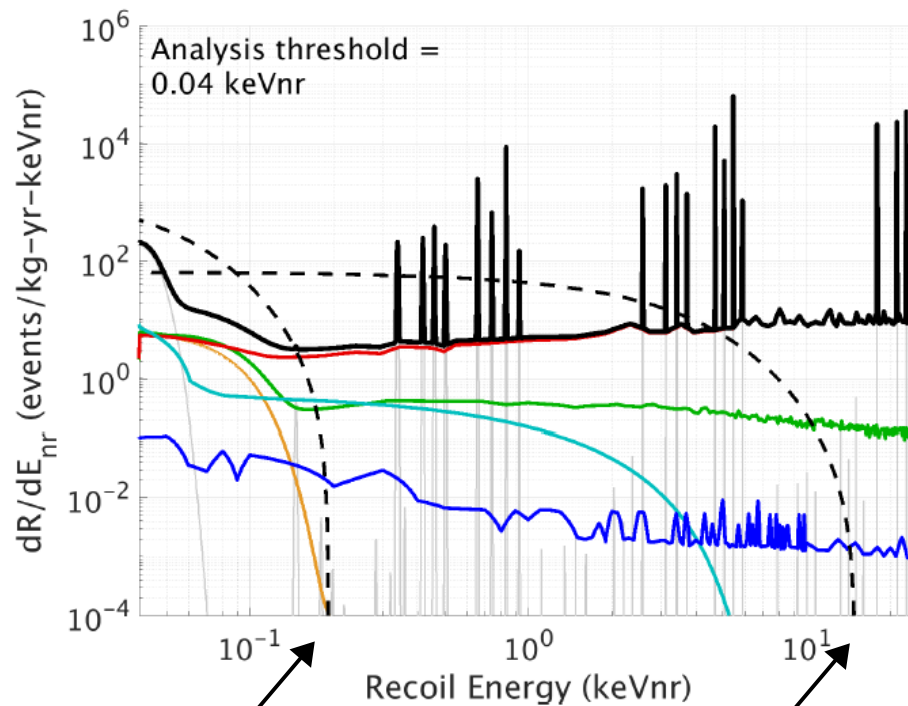


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WIMP-NUCLEON SCATTERING

- ▶ **Spin-independent (SI) elastic WIMP-nucleon scattering.**
 - ▶ **Primary Dark Matter search.**
- ▶ Spin-dependent (SD) elastic WIMP-nucleon scattering.
- ▶ Dominant backgrounds have Electron Recoil signature.

Prediction in
Ge HV detectors
after fiducial cuts:



Total
³H and Comptons
Ge activation
Surface betas
Surface ²⁰⁶Pb
Coherent neutrinos
Neutrons

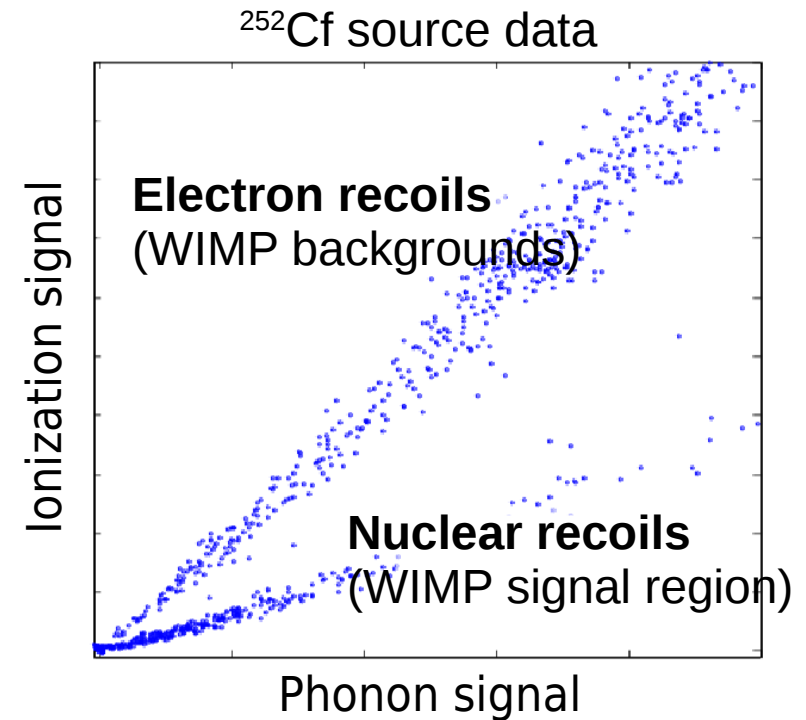
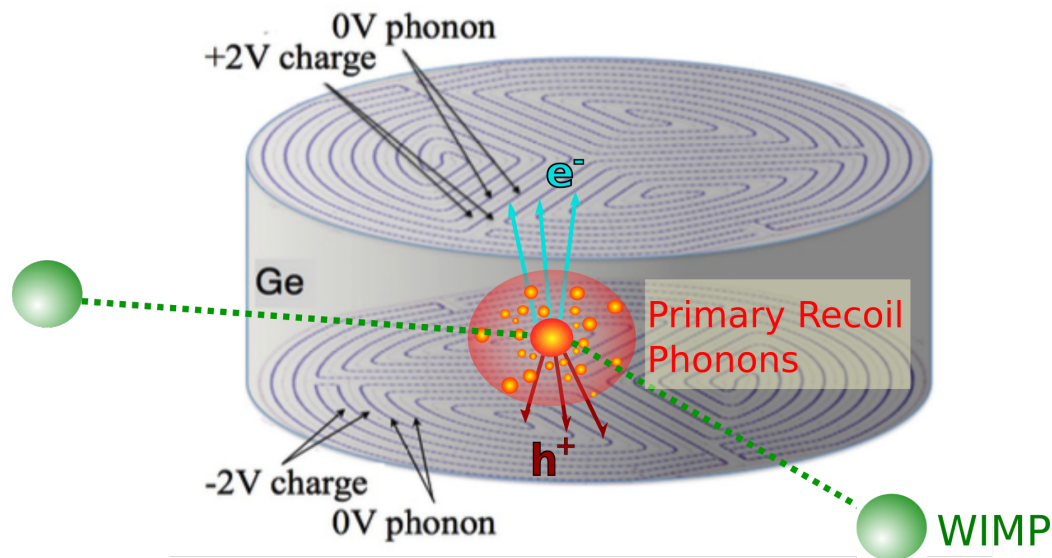
1 GeV WIMP

10 GeV WIMP

with $\sigma = 10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2$.

DETECTION PRINCIPLE – iZIP MODE

interleaved **Z**-Sensitive **I**onization and **P**honon detectors.



- ▶ **Phonon signal:** Heat / energy deposition.
- ▶ **Ionization signal:** e^-/h^+ pair production.
 - ▶ Reduced for nuclear recoil.
- ▶ **Combination:** Efficient discrimination between nuclear and electron recoil events.

SYSTEMATIC EFFECT OF FANO TERM

