



# Dark Matter at the GeV Scale and Below

*with cryogenic detectors*

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# Cryogenic Dark Matter Detectors

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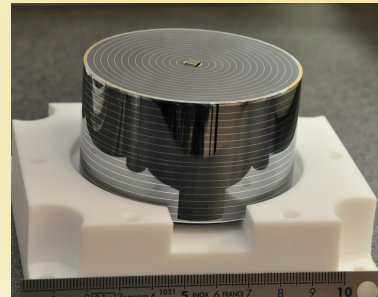
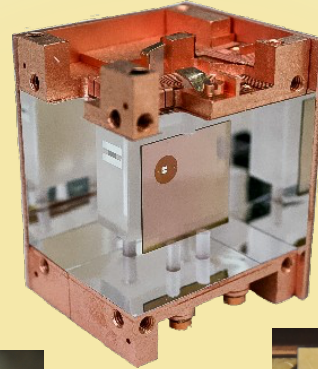


They are **diverse**

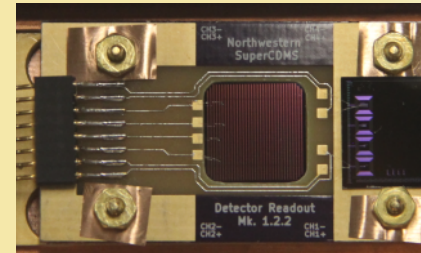
They are **clever**

They are **low threshold**

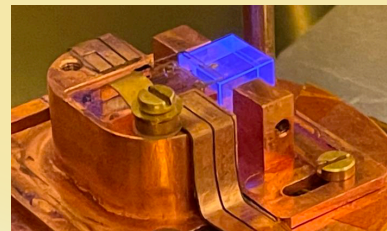
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EDELWEISS FID800



SuperCDMS HVeV



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They are **small**

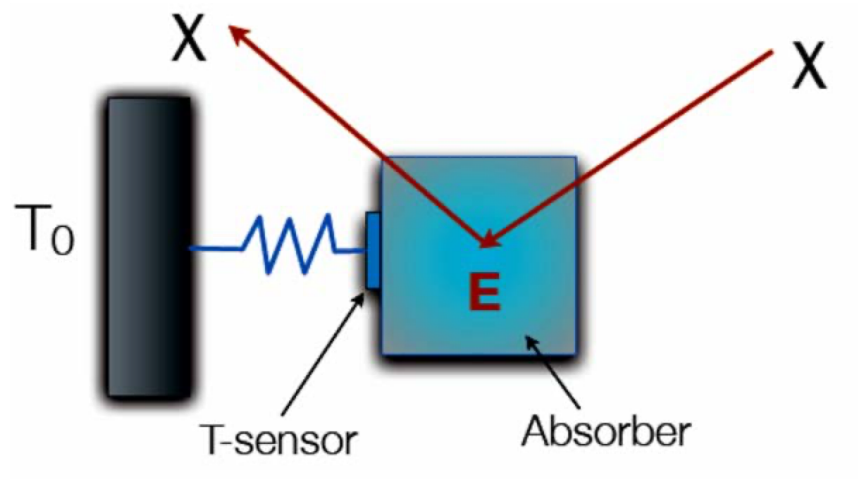
They are **big**

They are **multi-target**

They are (sometimes)  
**a pain**



# Cryogenic Detectors



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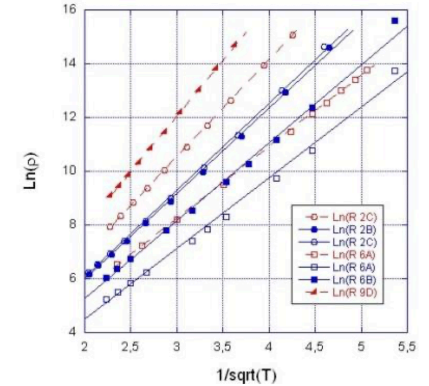
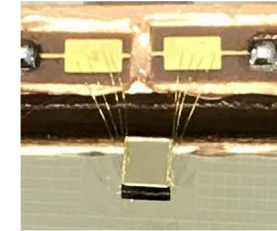
# Cryogenic Detectors

## Sensor types:

### EDELWEISS

#### Neutron-transmutation-doped (NTD) sensors

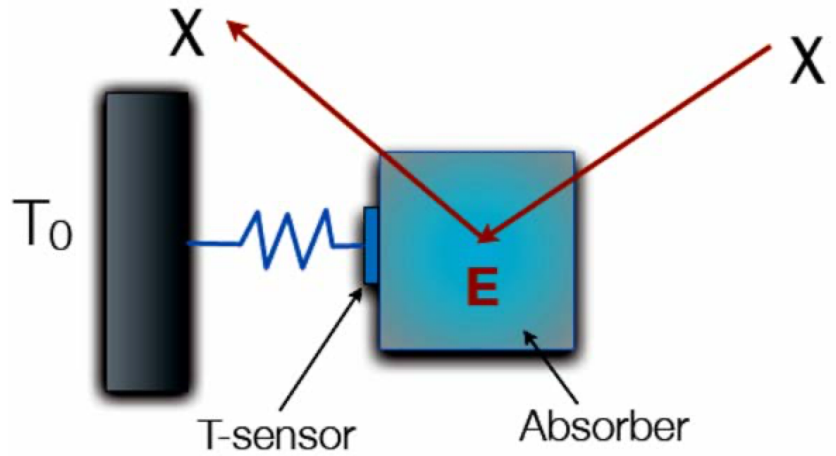
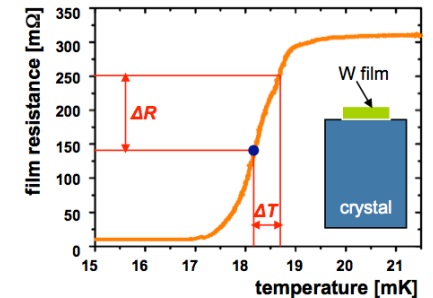
- Ge wafers with strong T-R dependence
- High linearity
- Sensitive to thermal phonons



### CRESST, SuperCDMS, COSINUS, EDELWEISS <sup>NEW</sup>

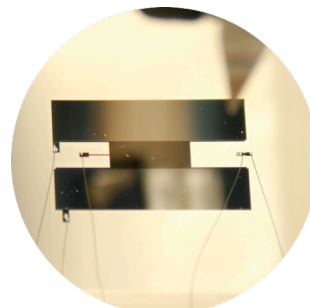
#### Transition-Edge-Sensor (TES)

- Thin-film deposited on crystals
- Strong R-T dependence at superconducting transition
- Sensitive to athermal phonons



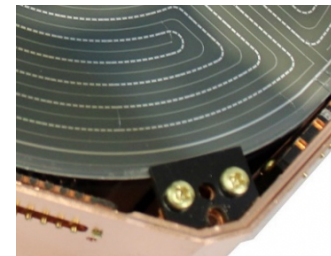
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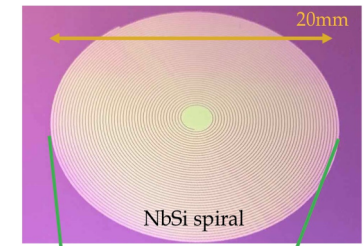


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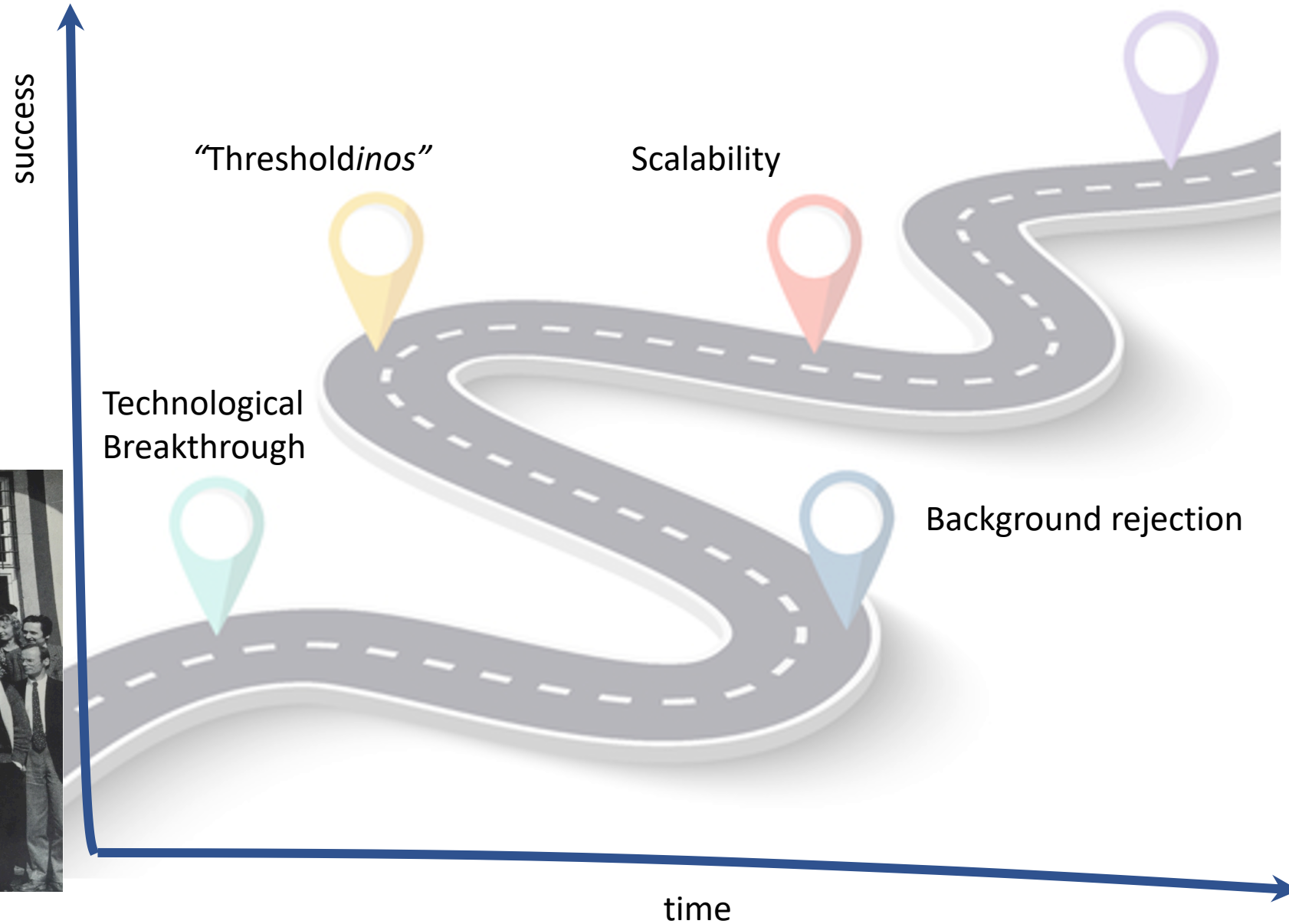
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**A new community was born**  
LTD-1 near Munich, 1987

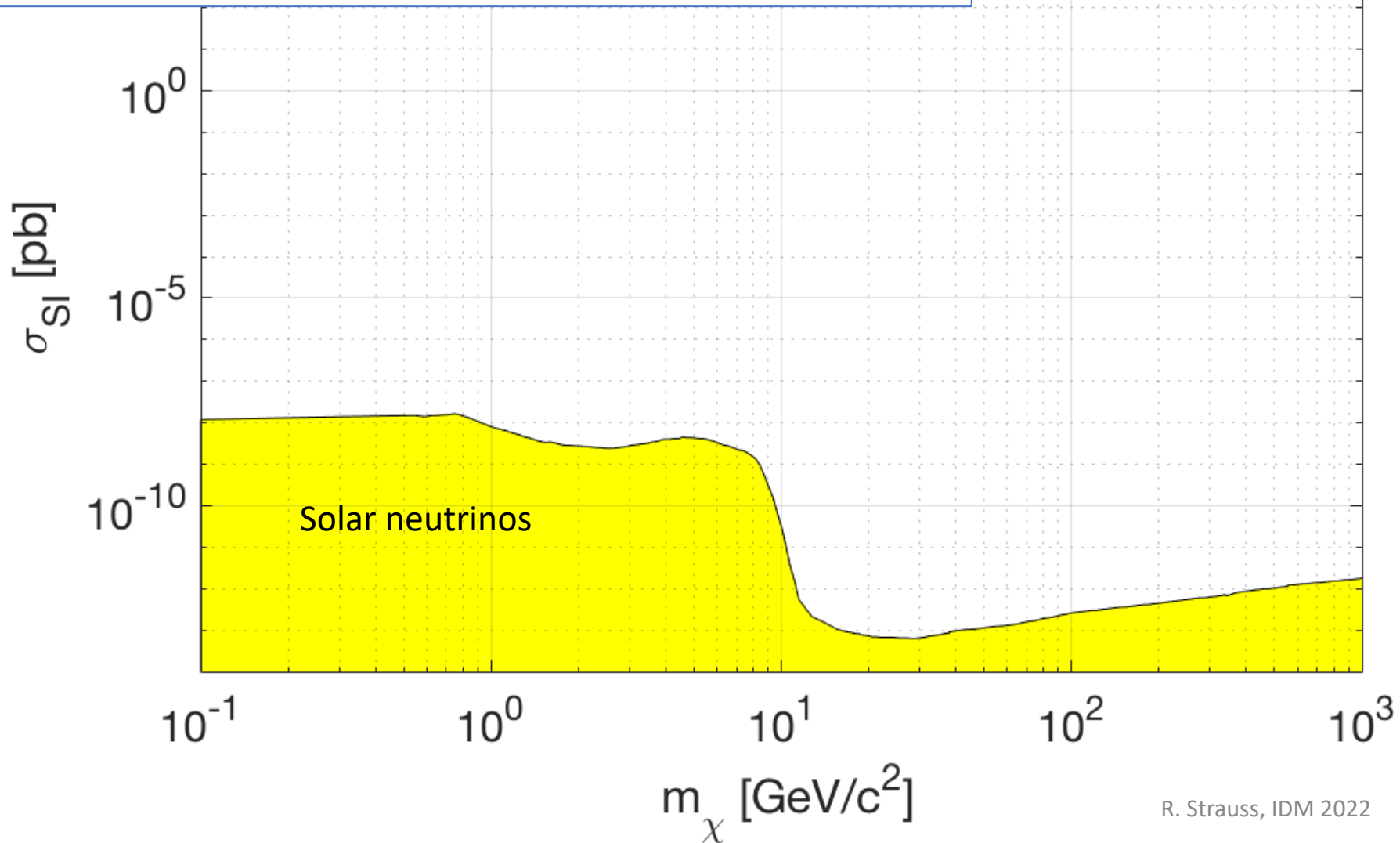


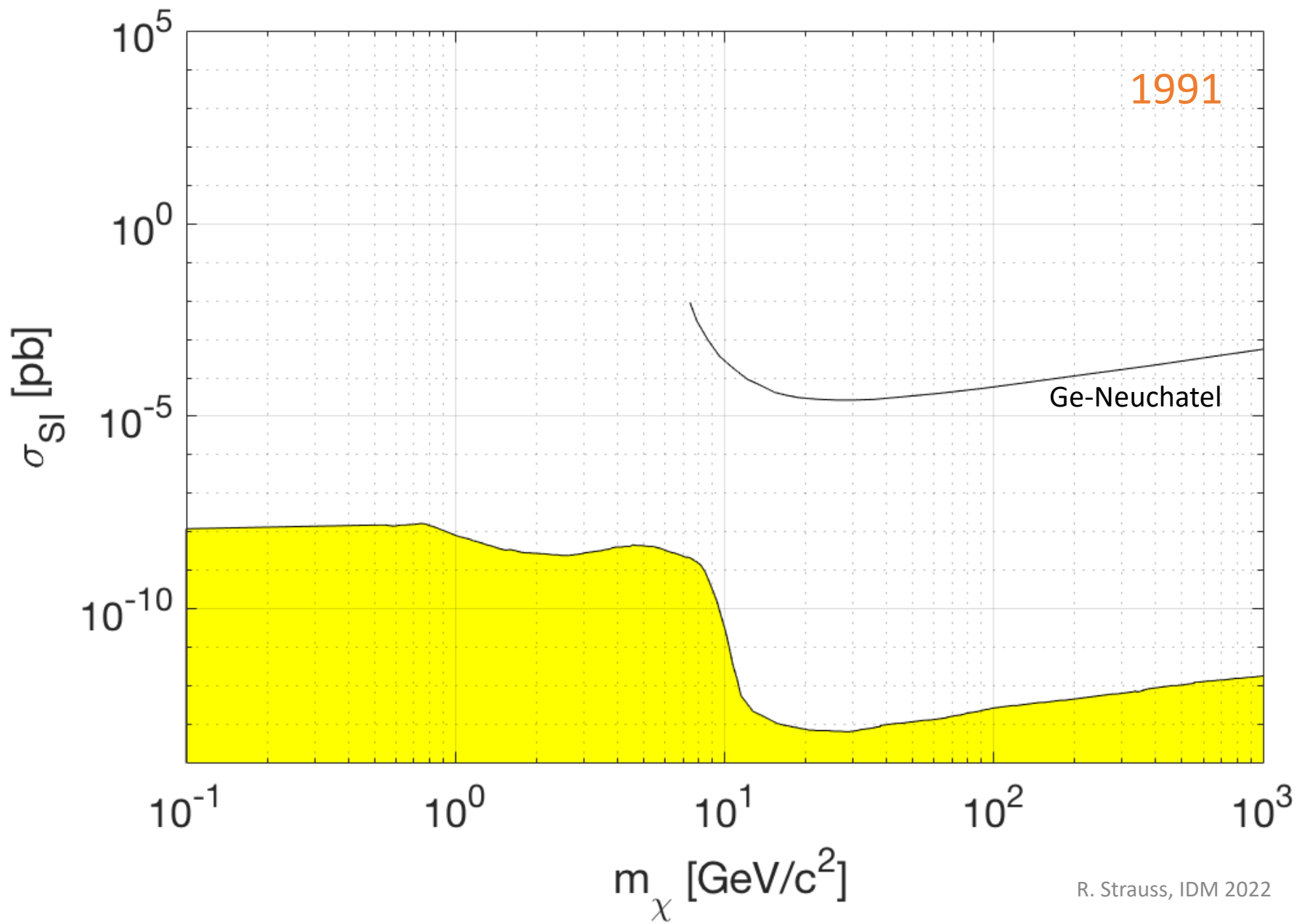
## Detectability of certain dark-matter candidates

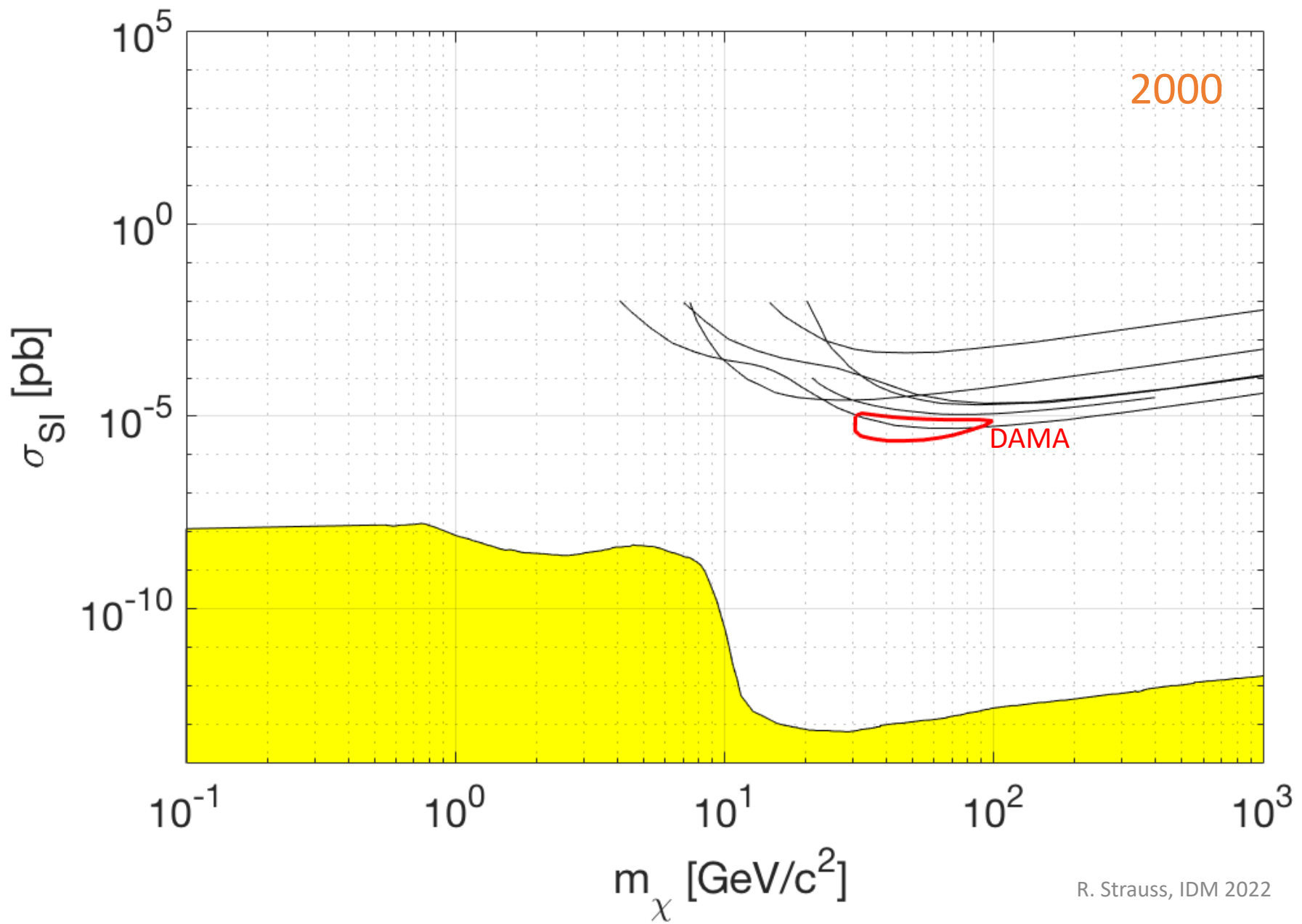
Mark W. Goodman and Edward Witten

*Joseph Henry Laboratories, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey 08544*

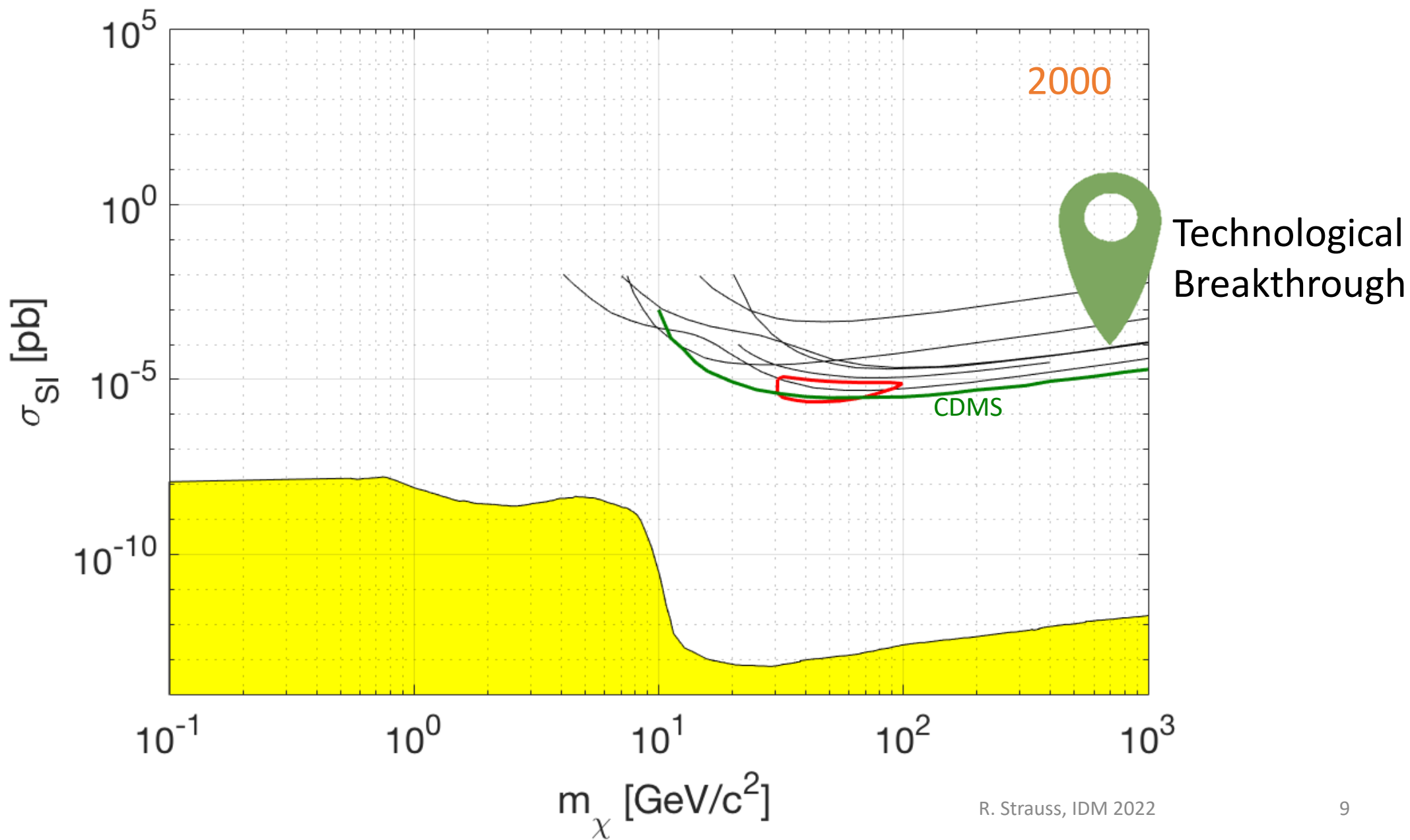
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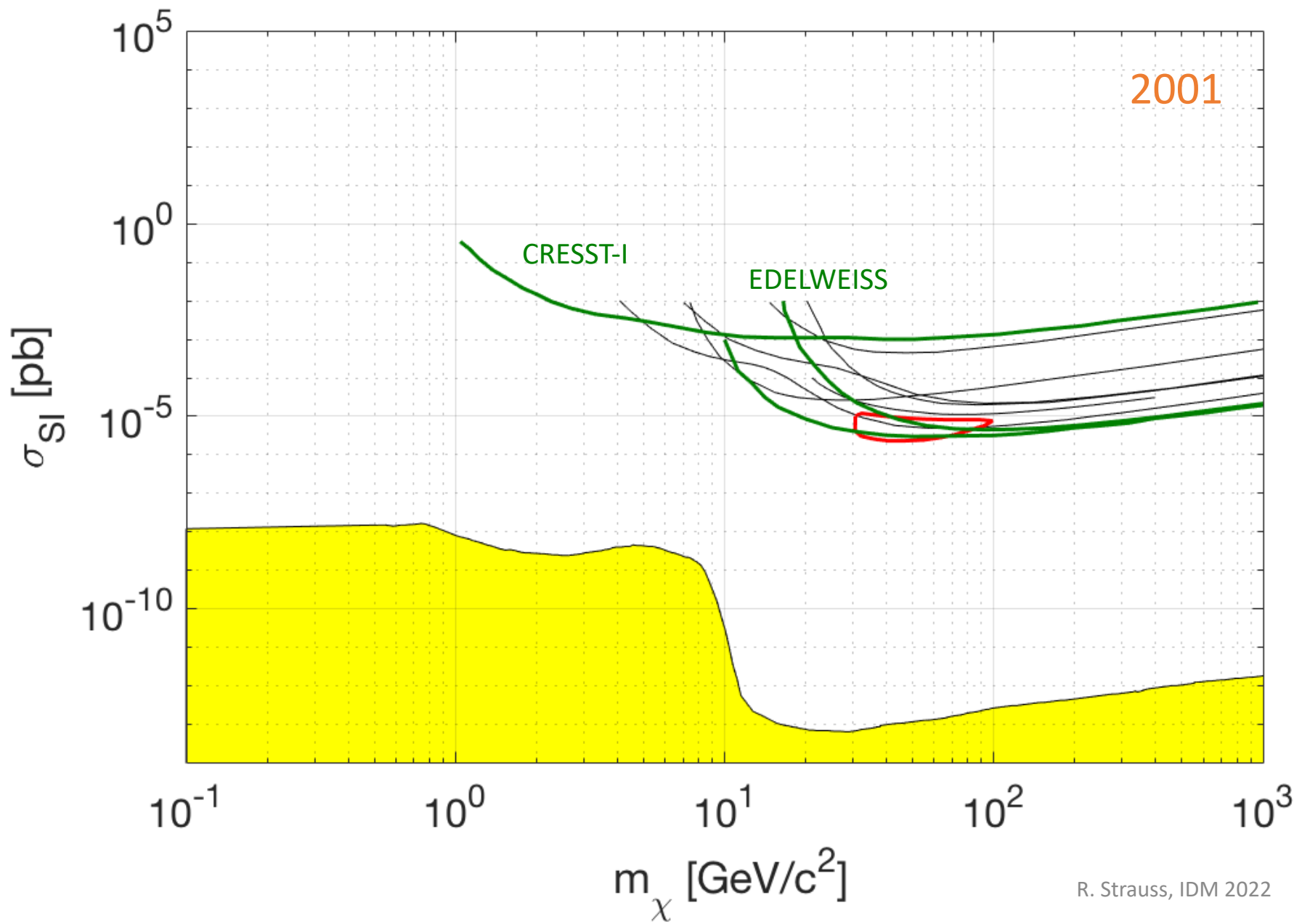


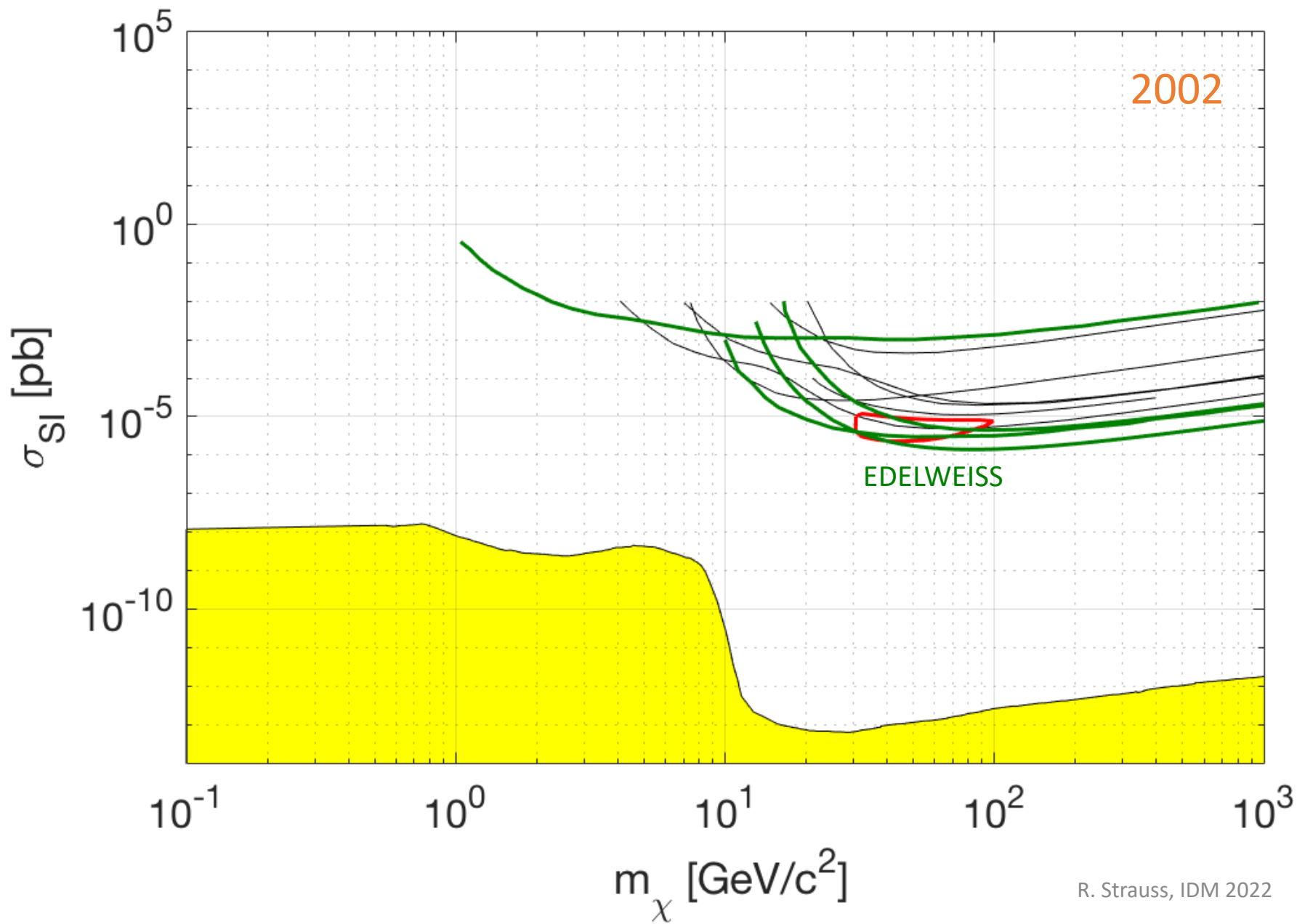


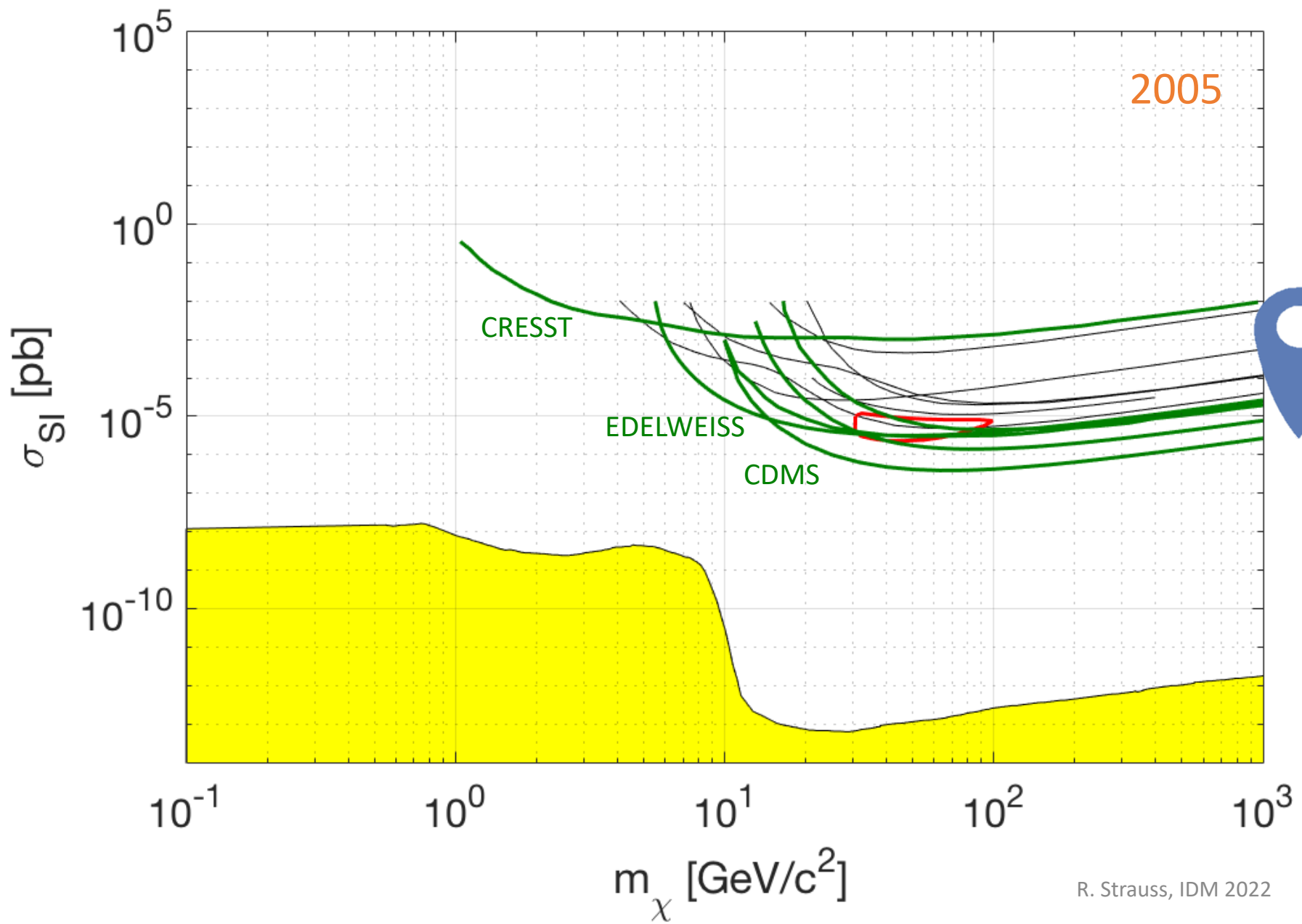




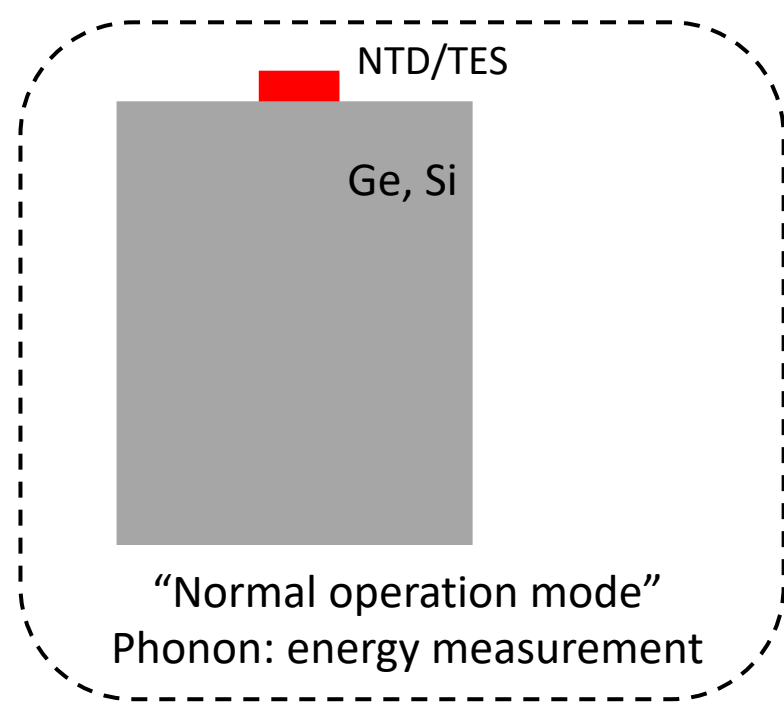




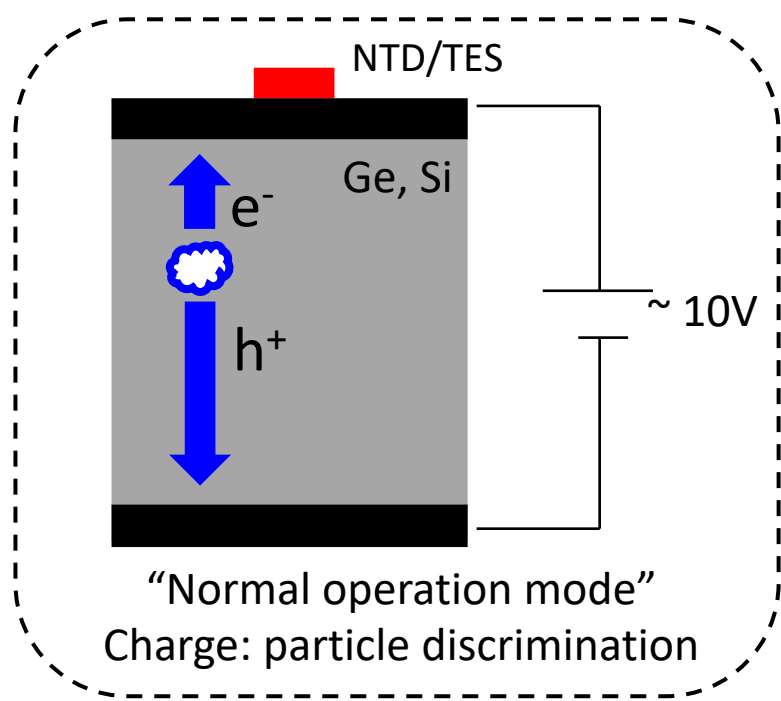




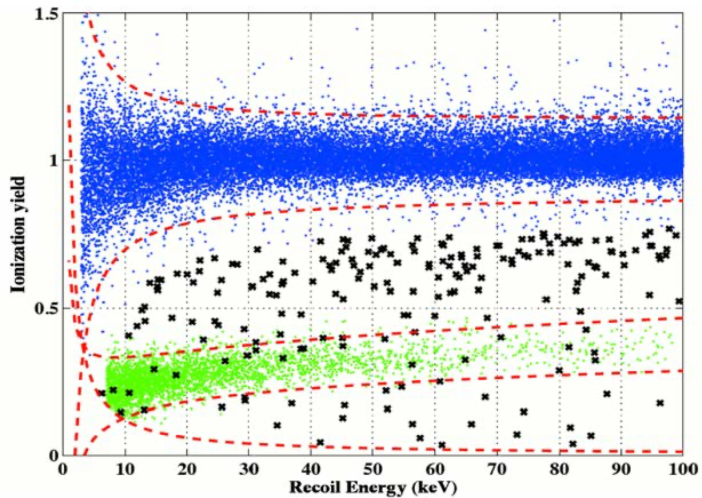
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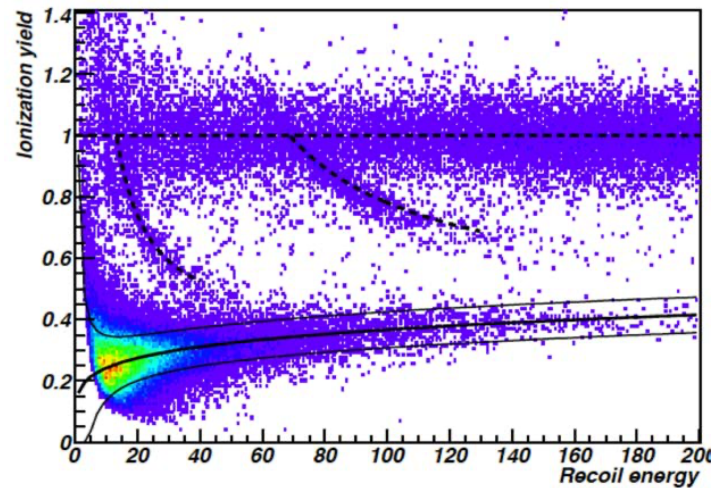
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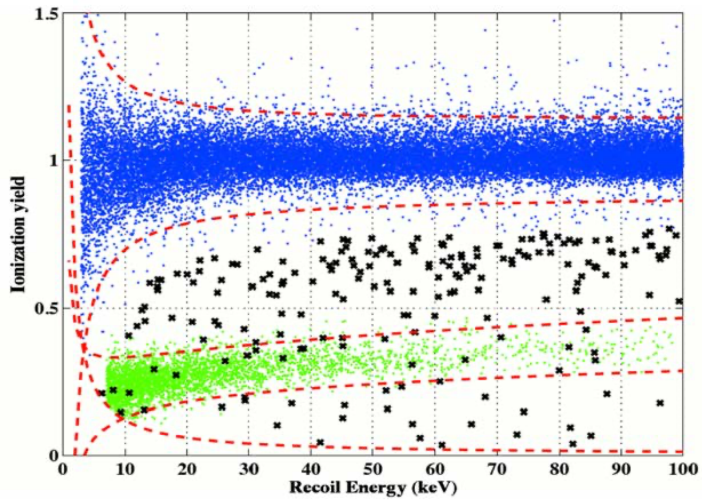
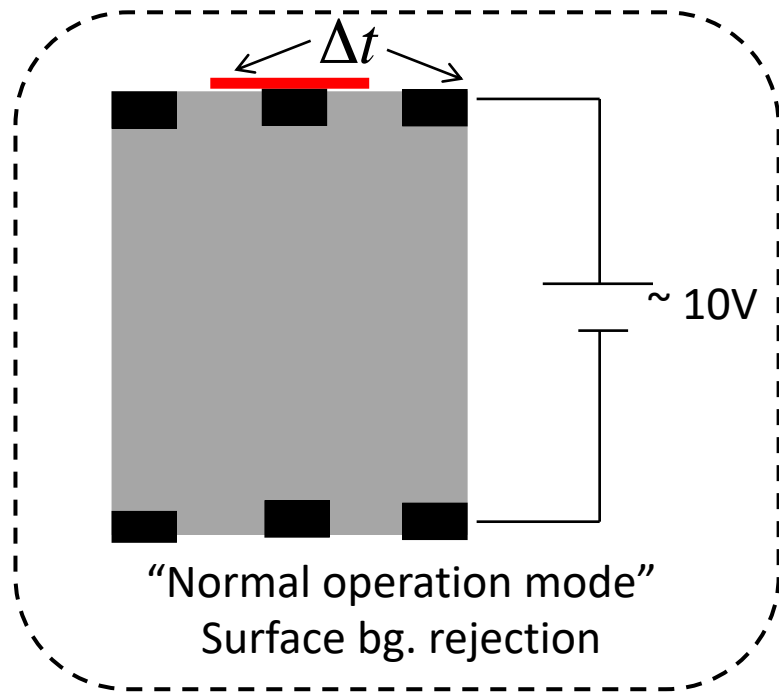


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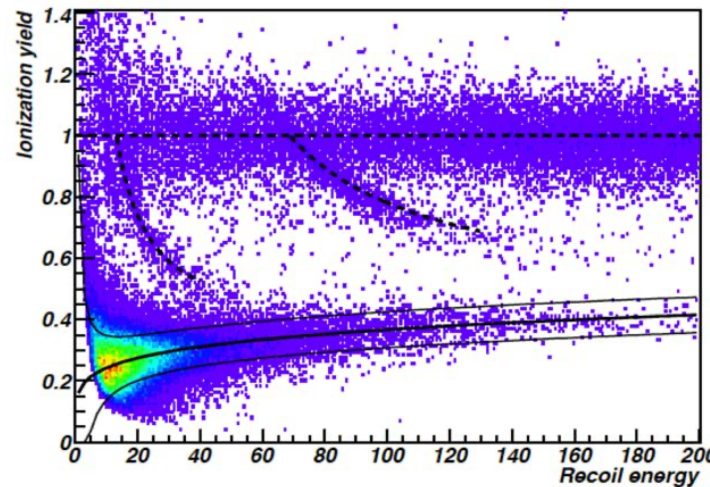
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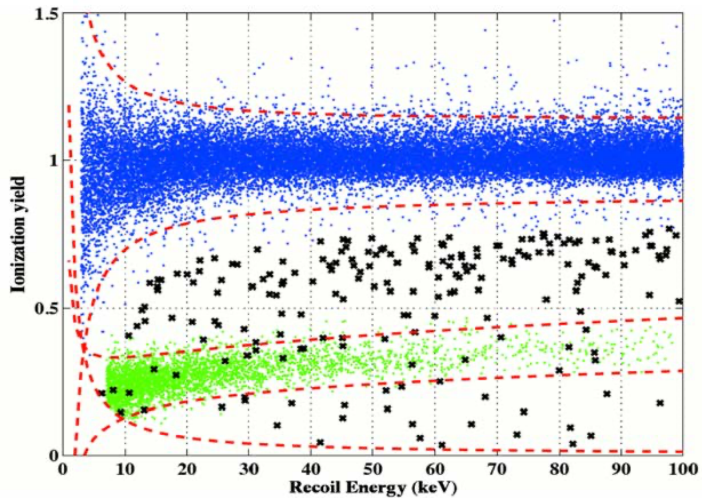
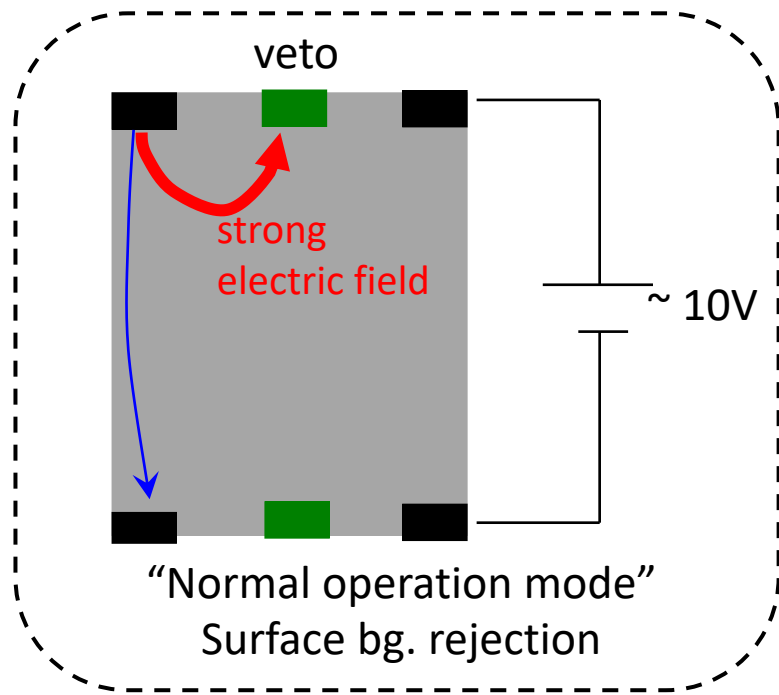


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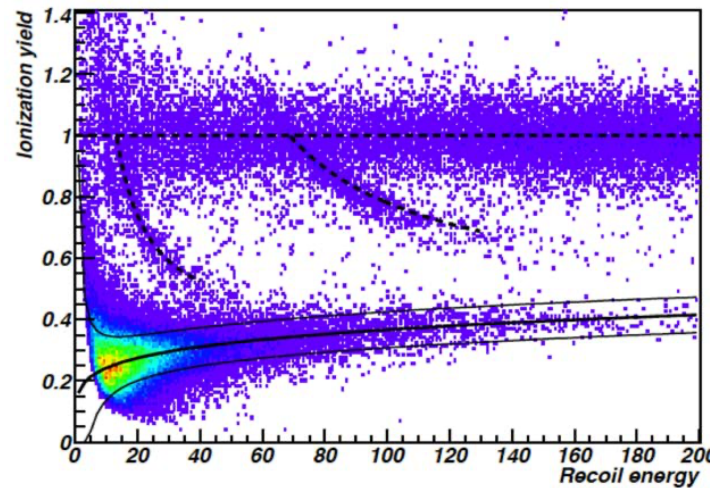
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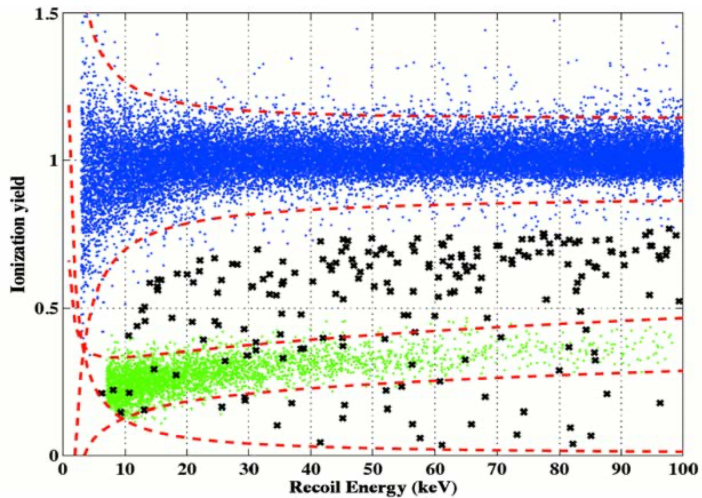
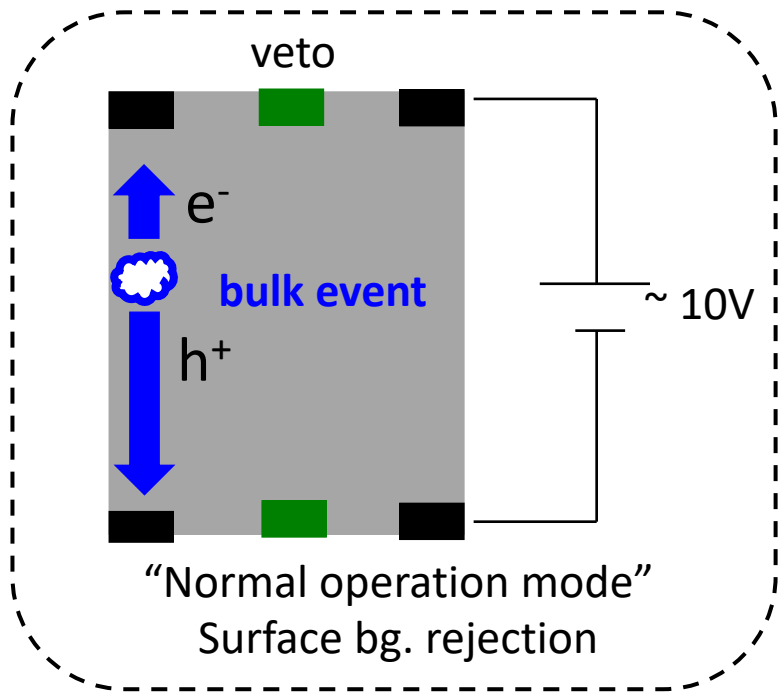
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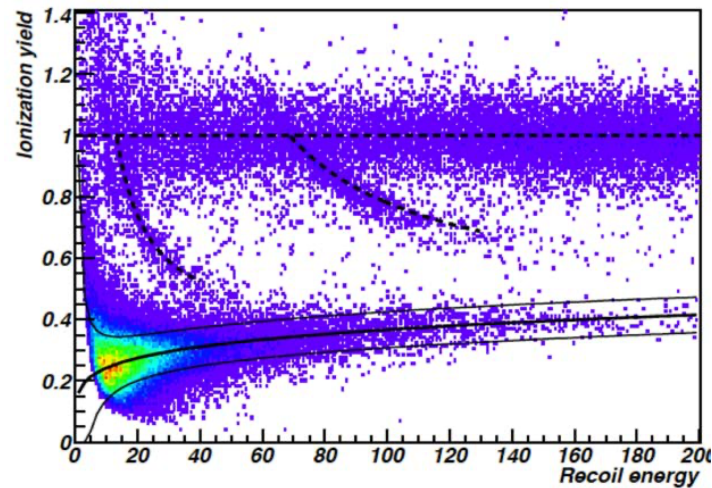




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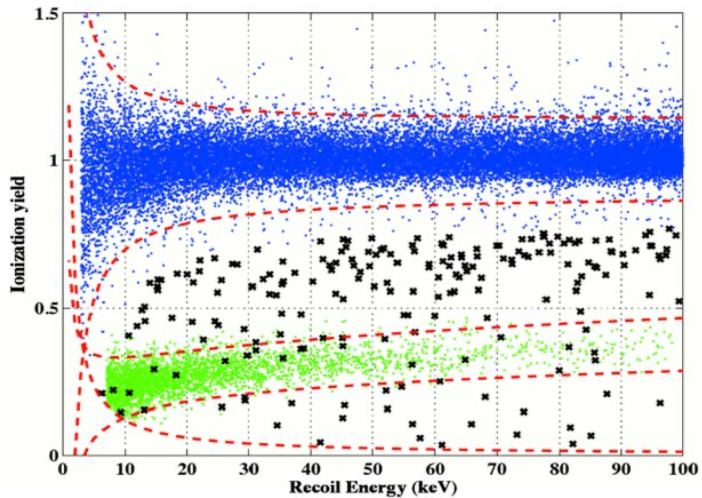
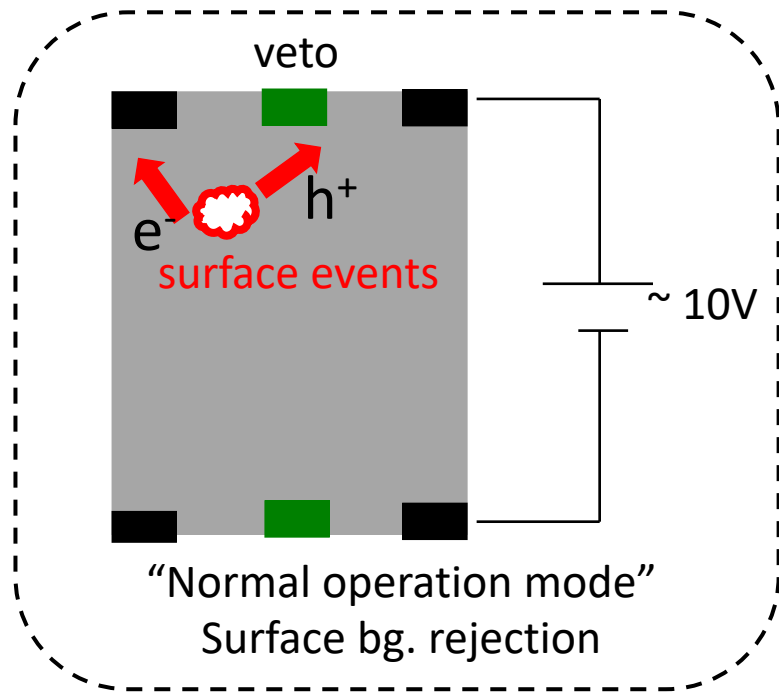
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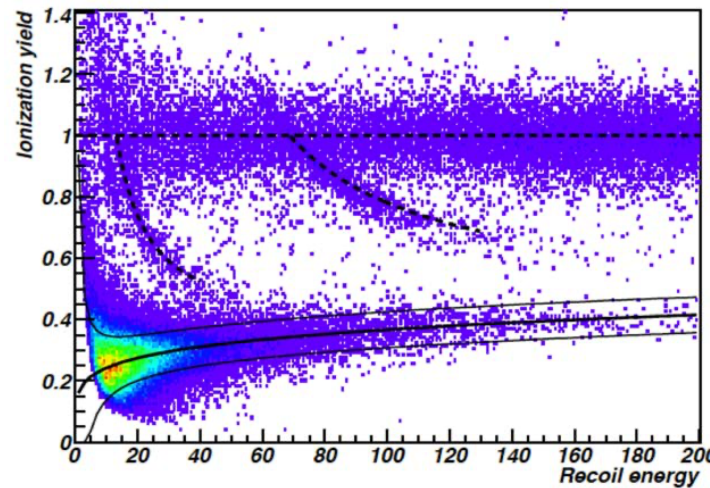
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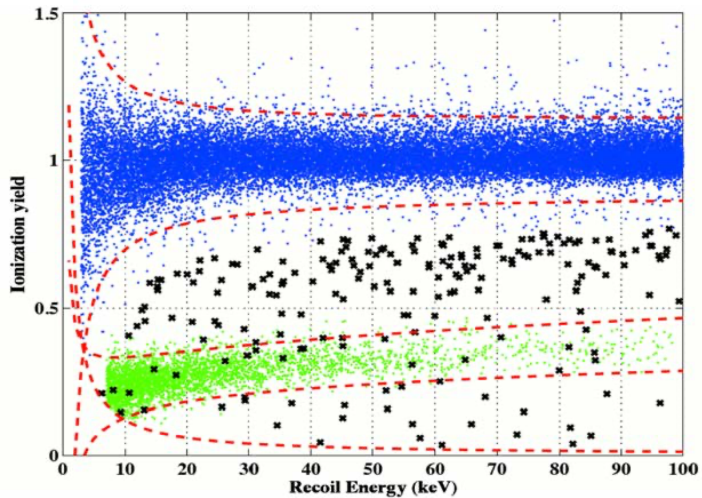
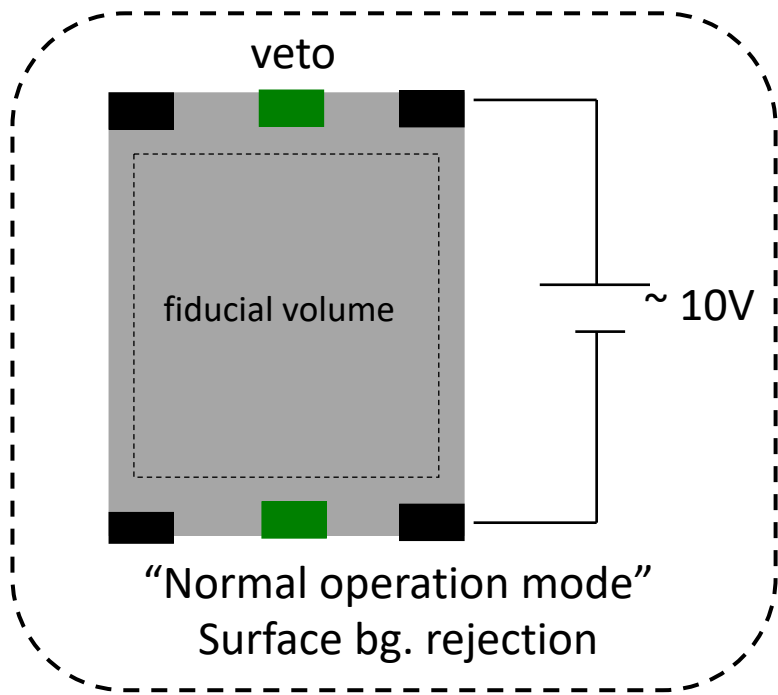


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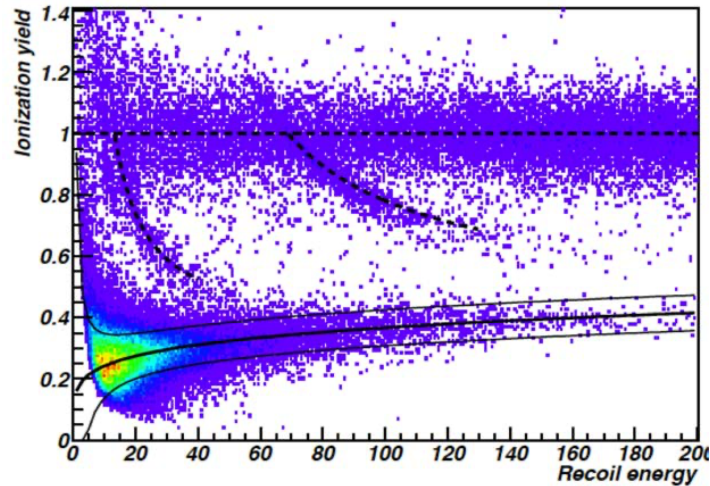
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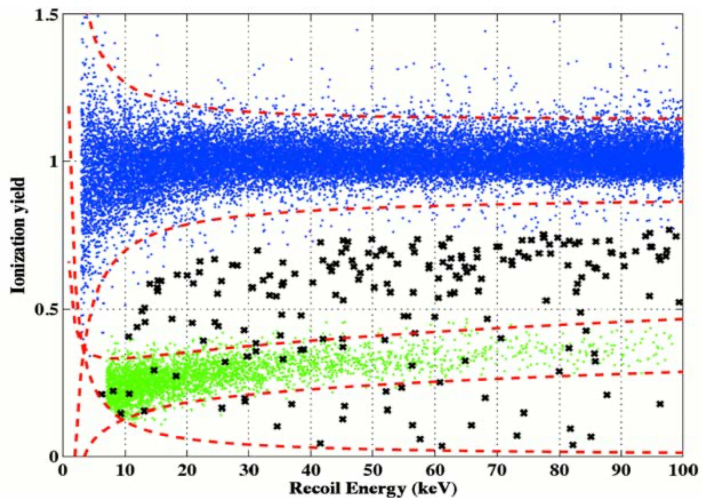
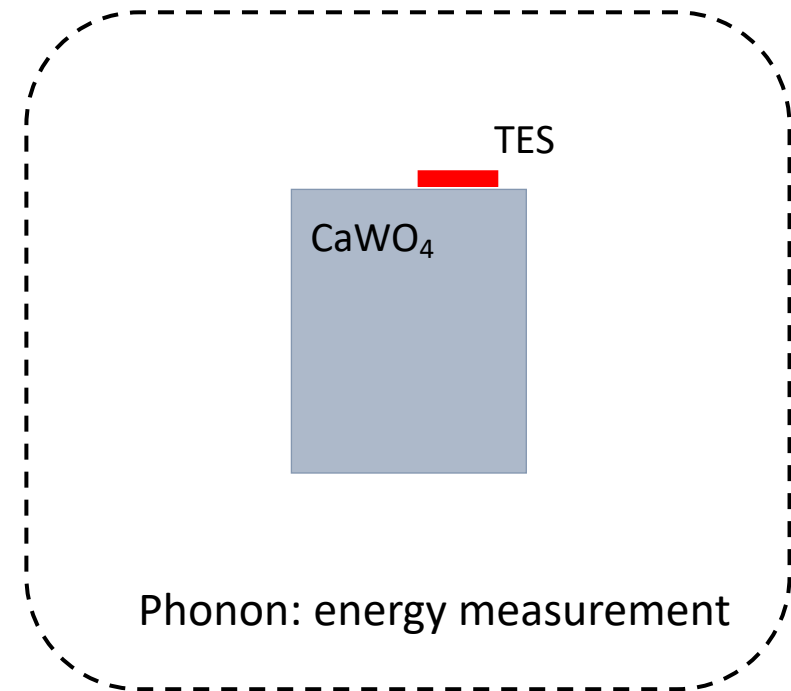
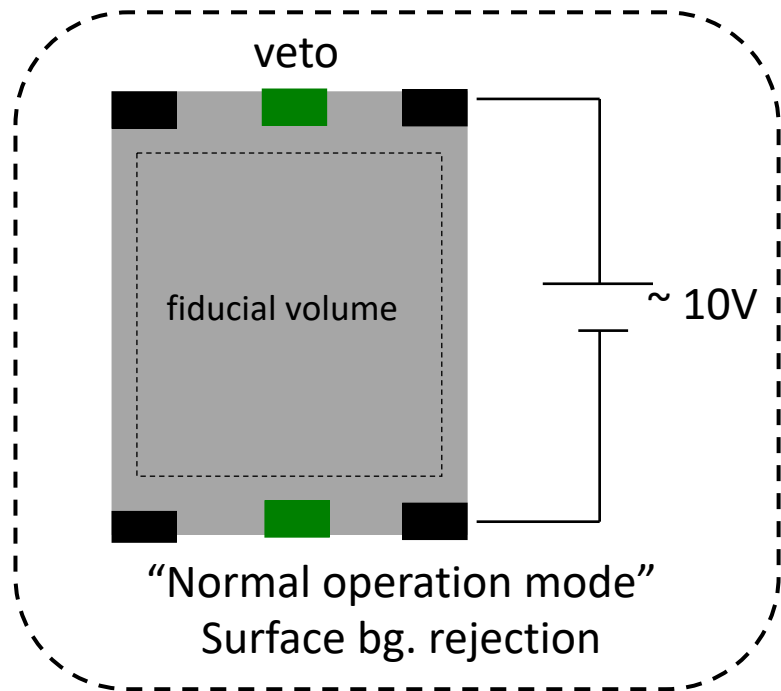


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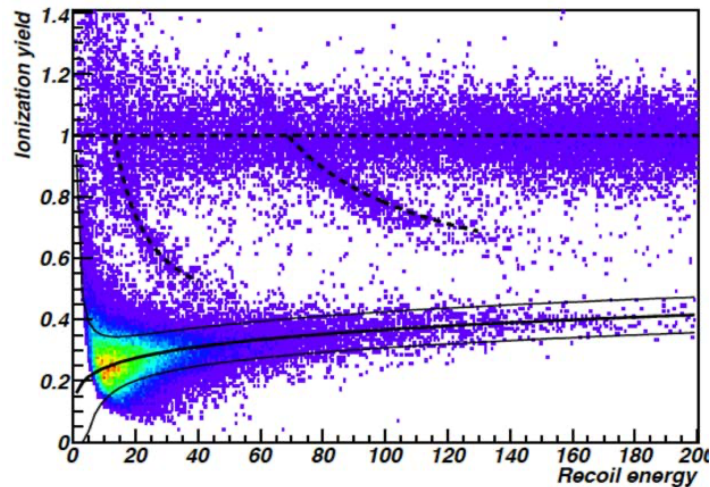
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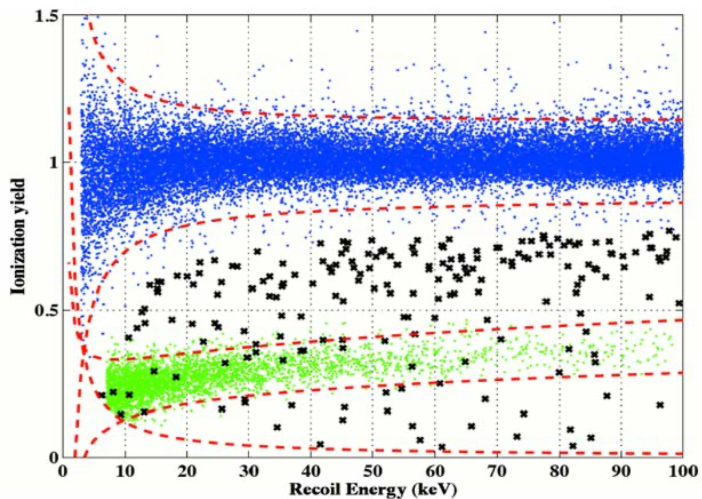
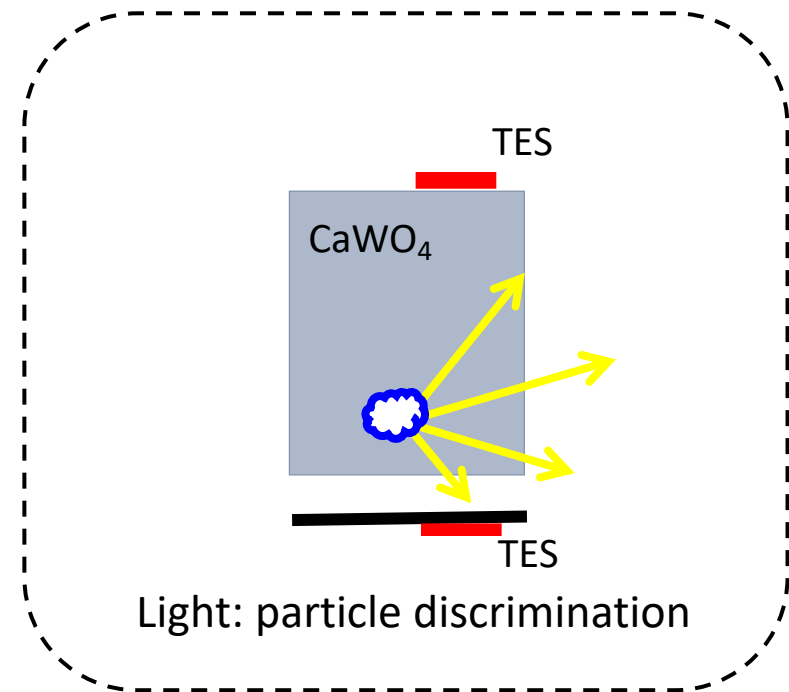
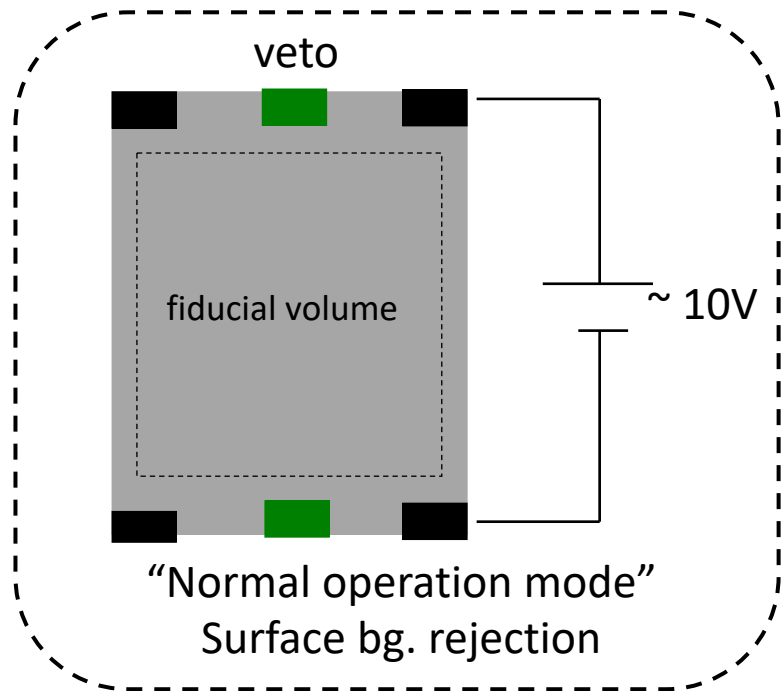


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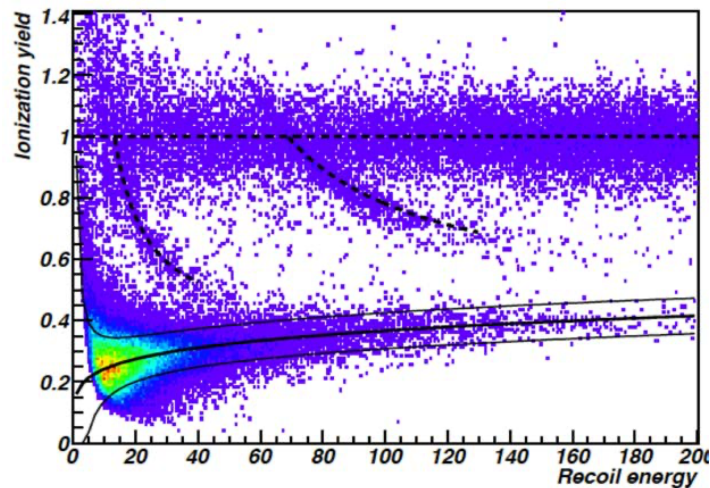
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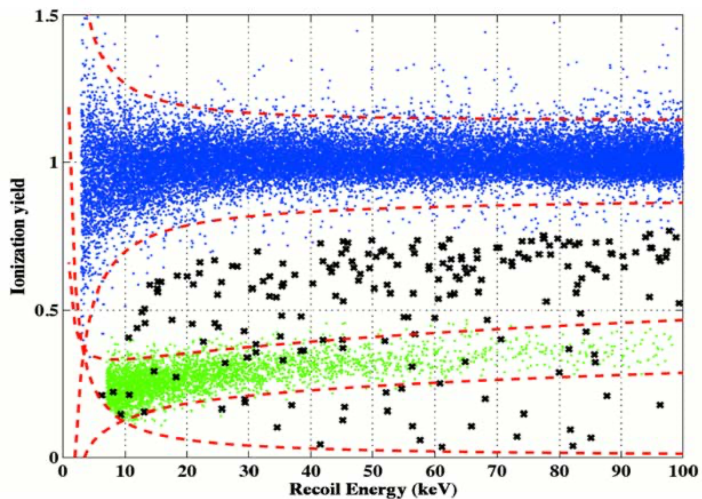
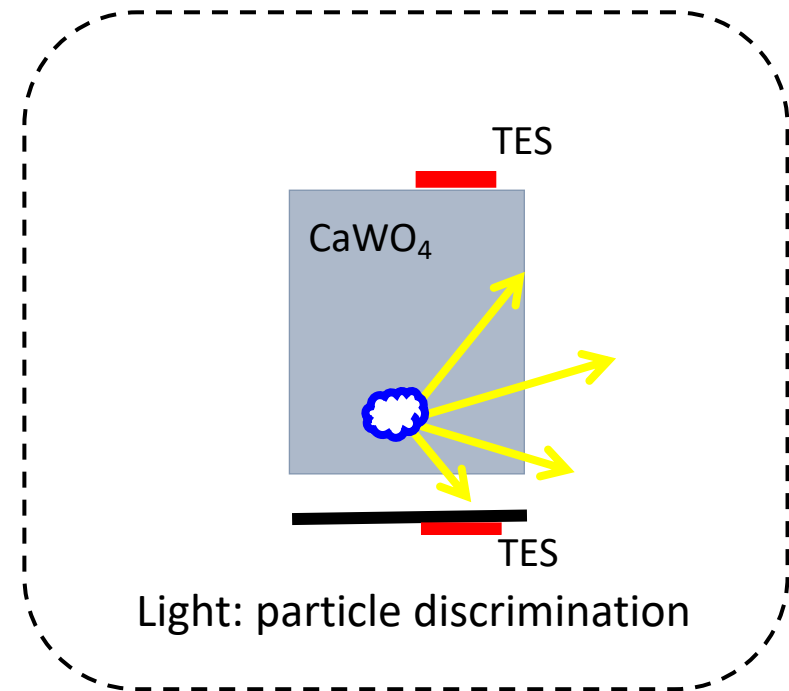
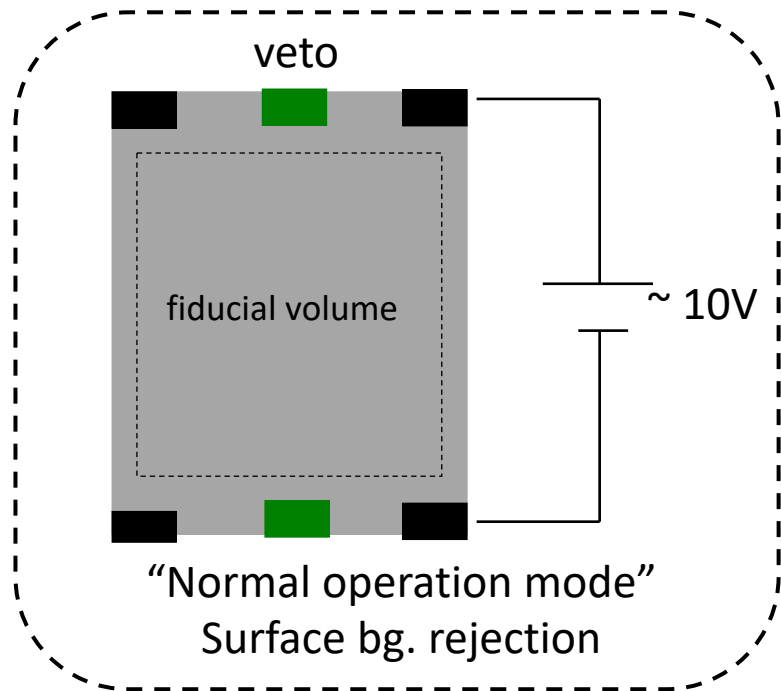


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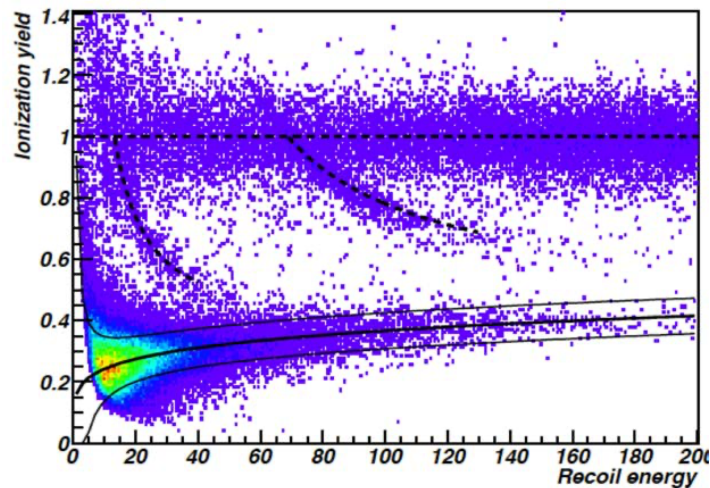
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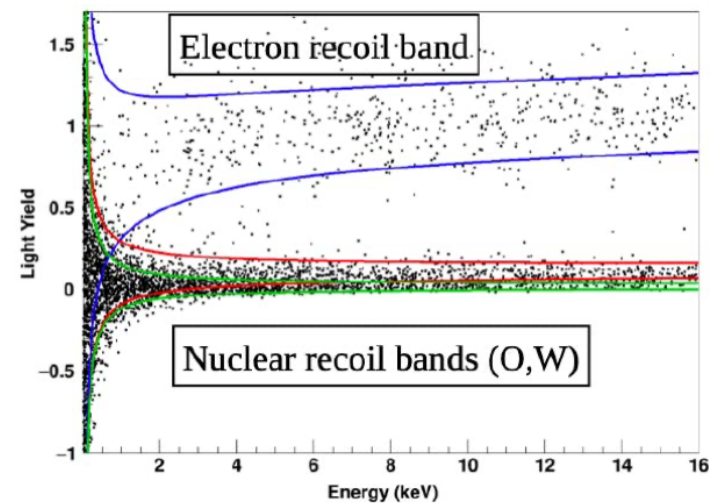
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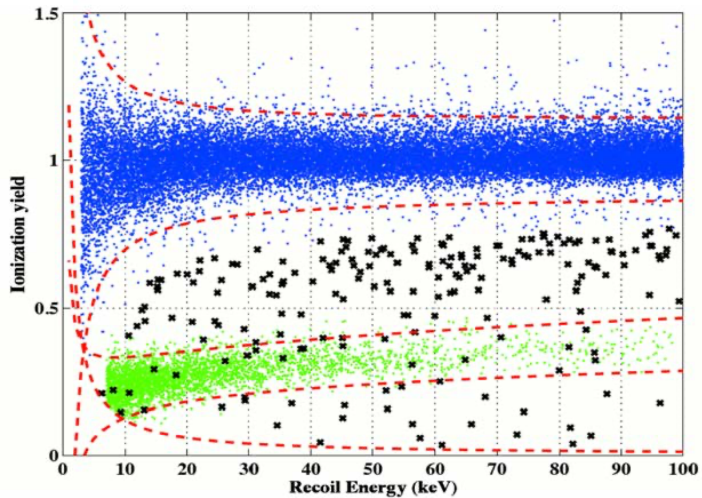
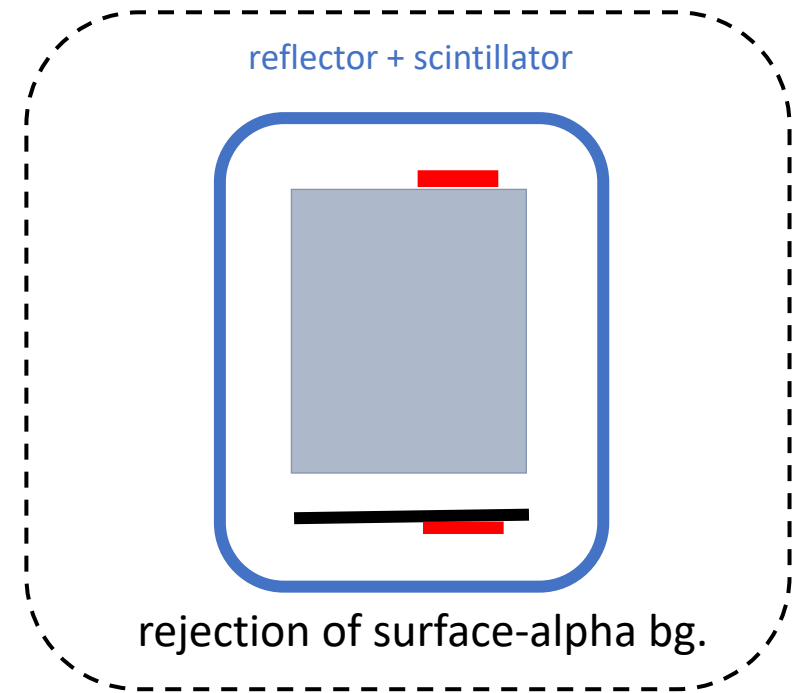
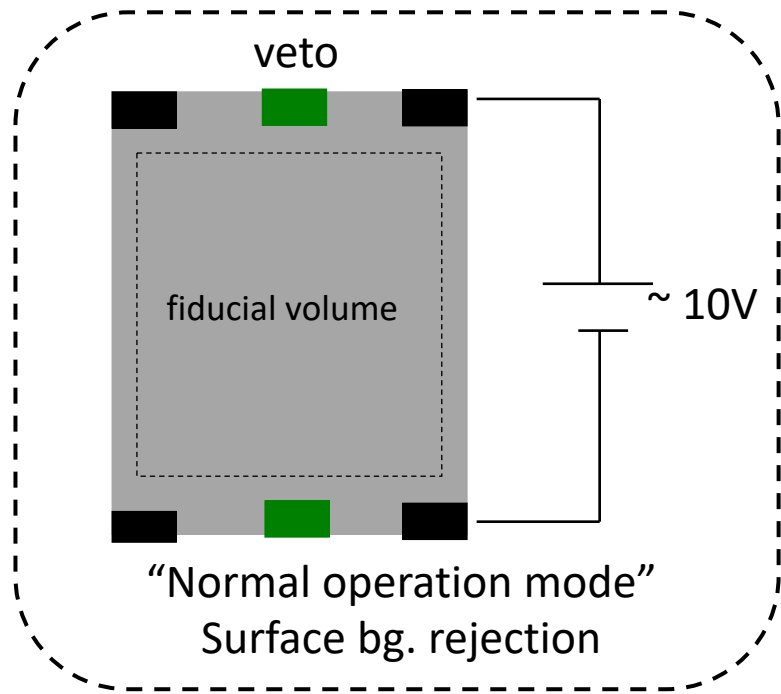
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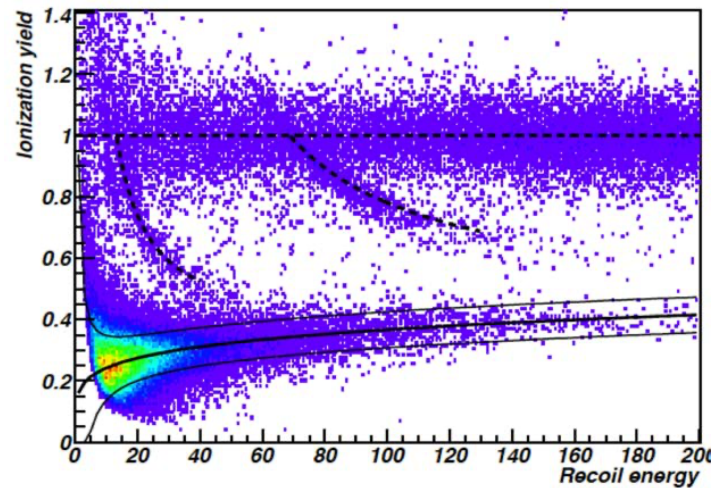
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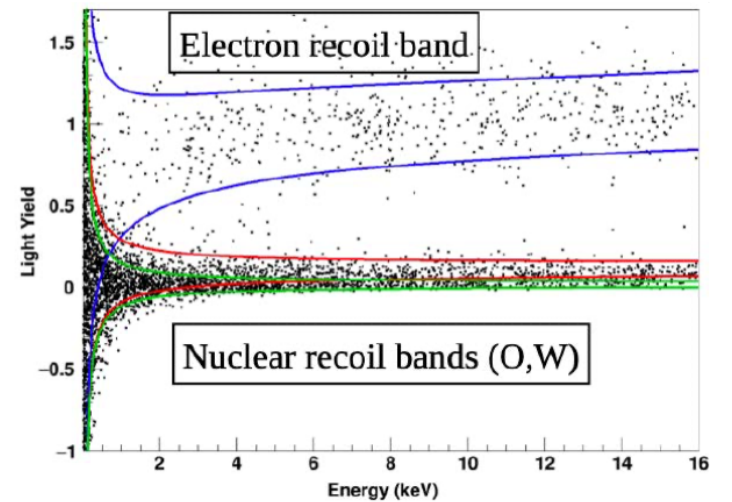
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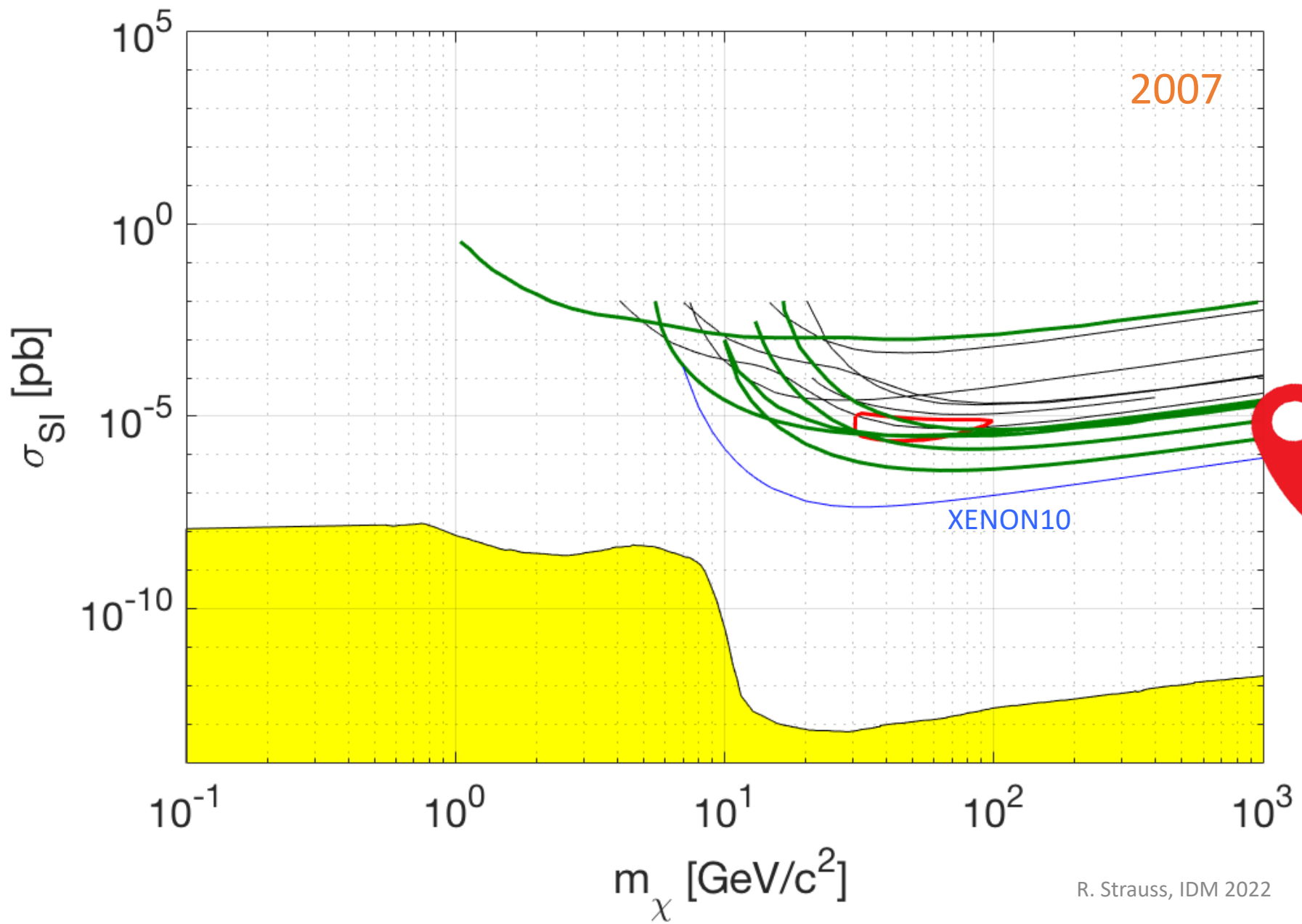
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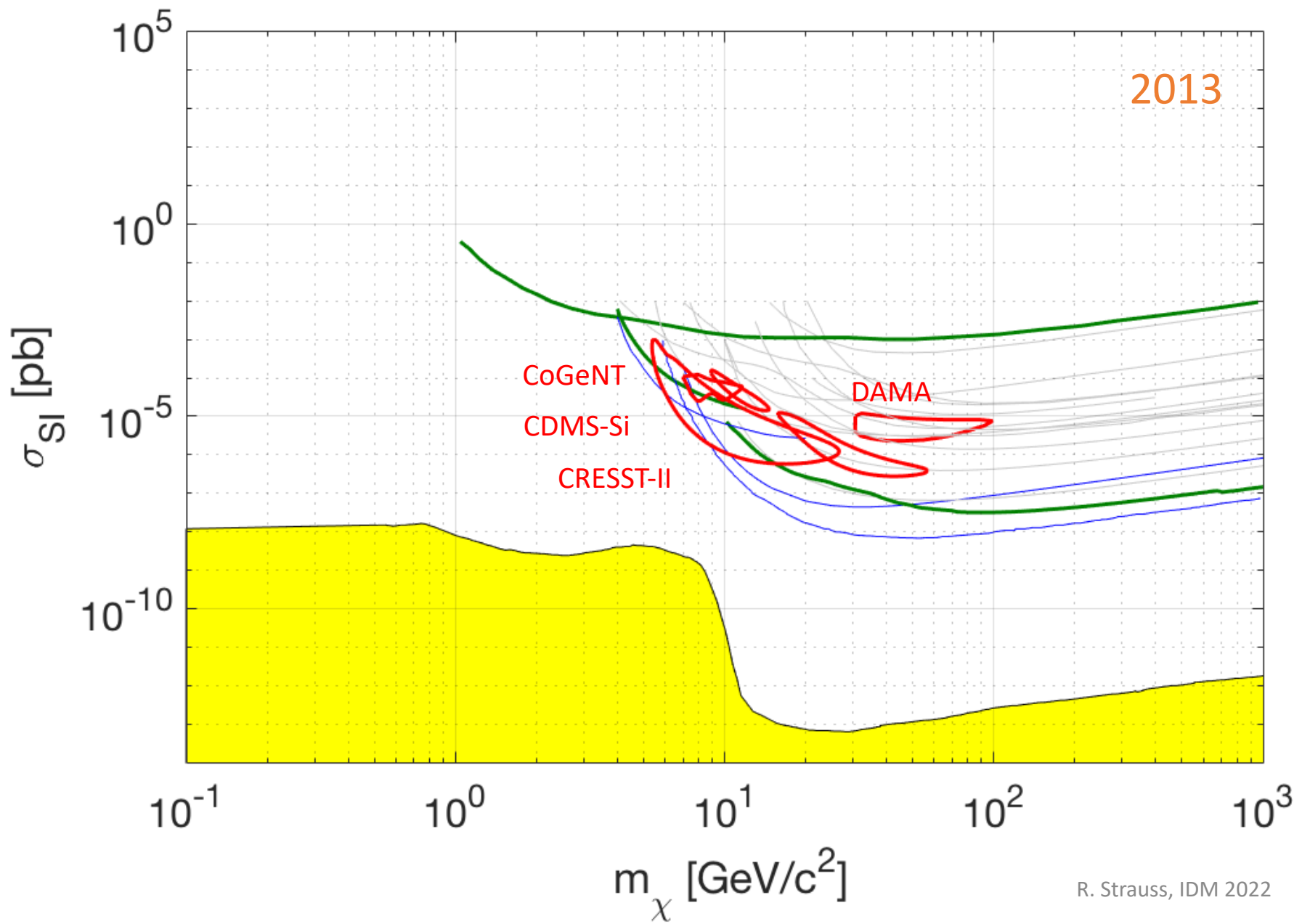


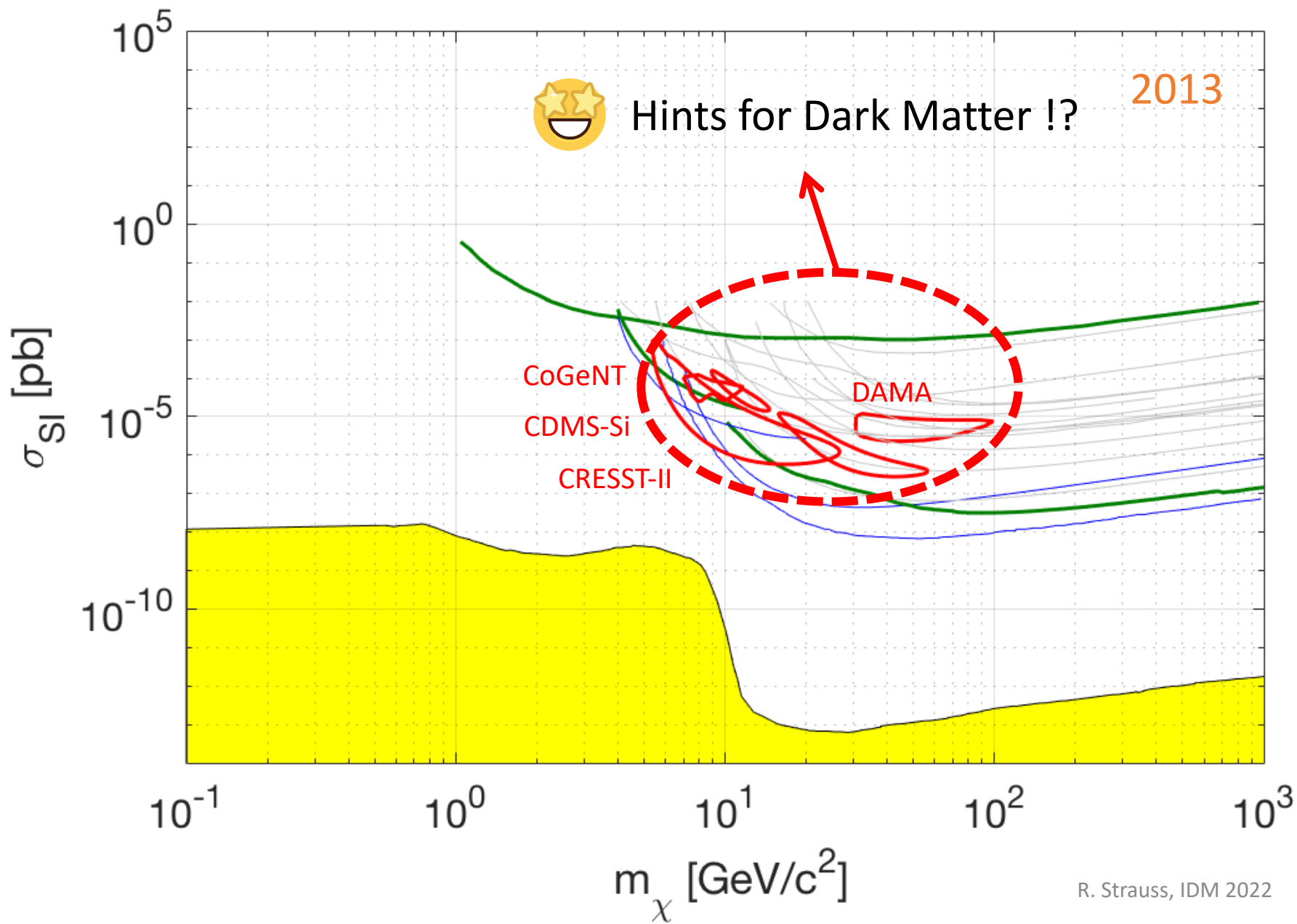
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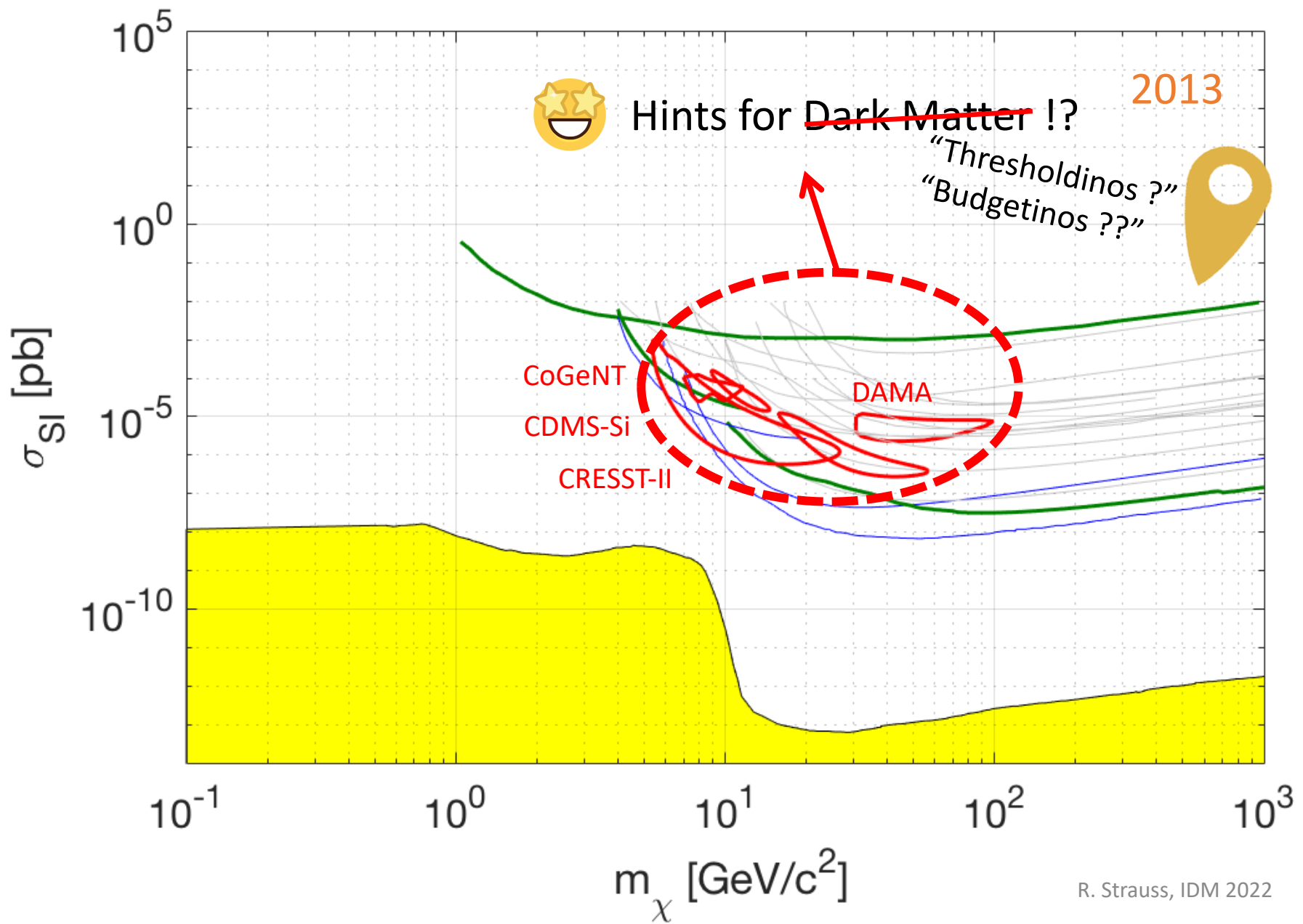


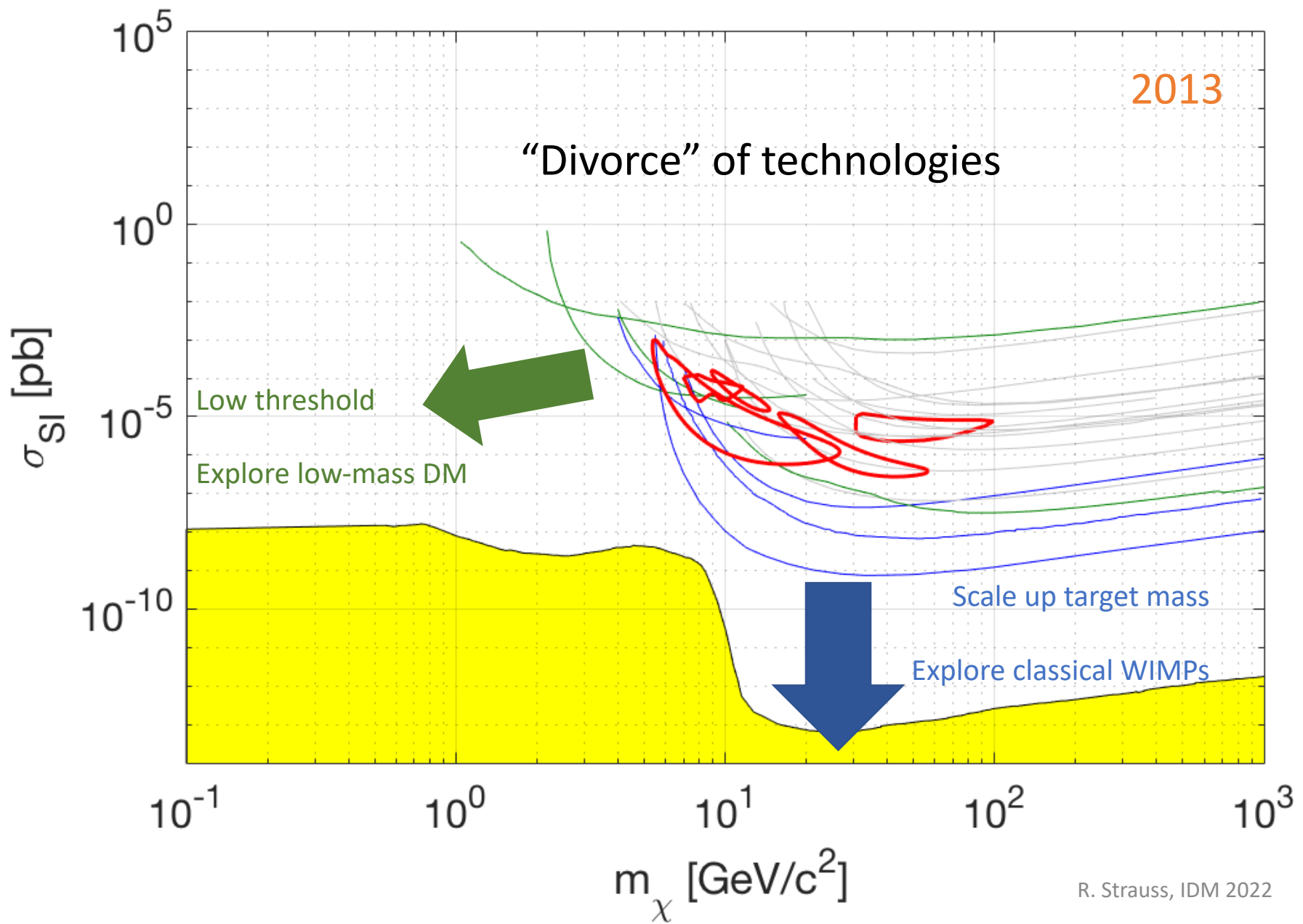
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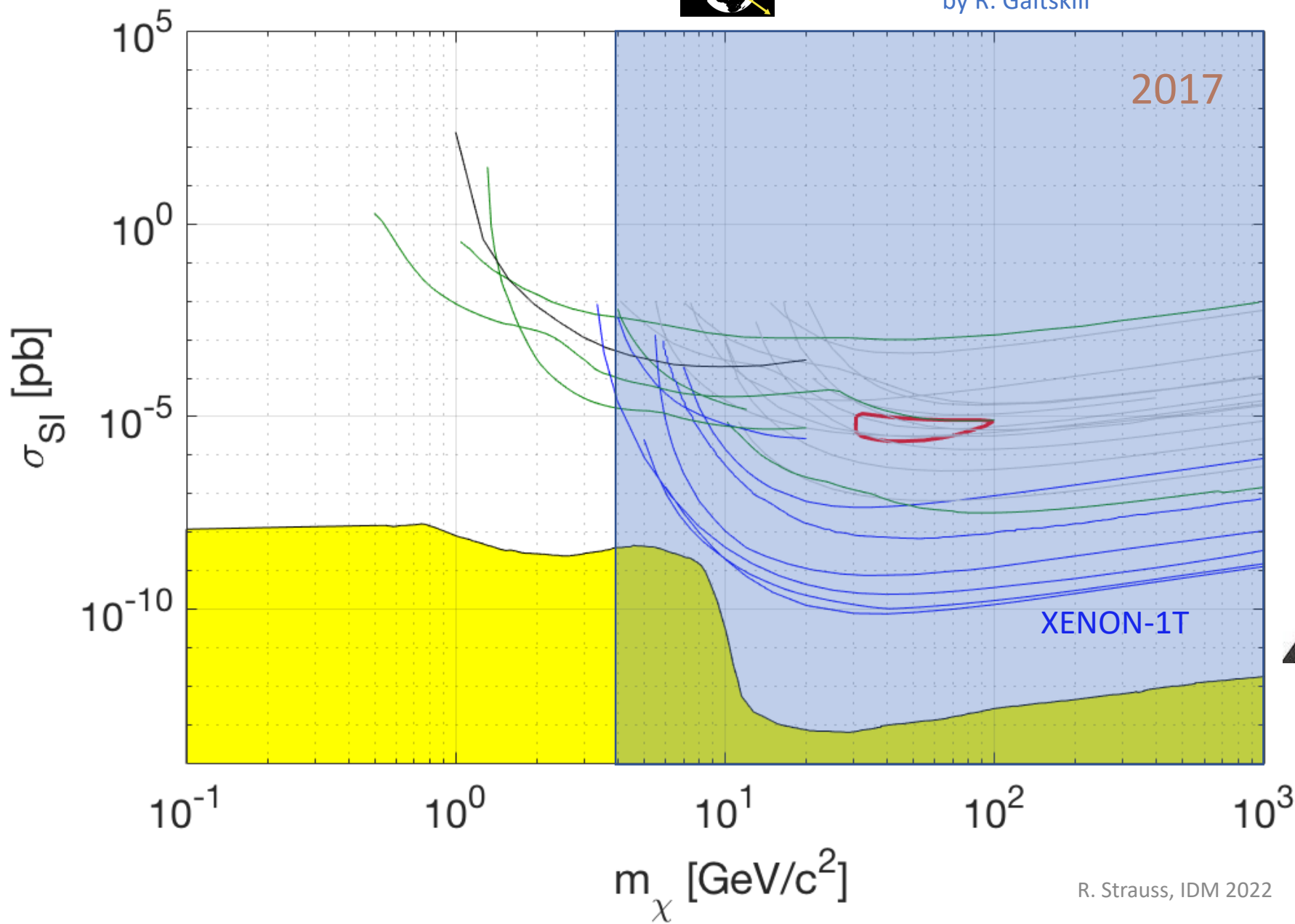




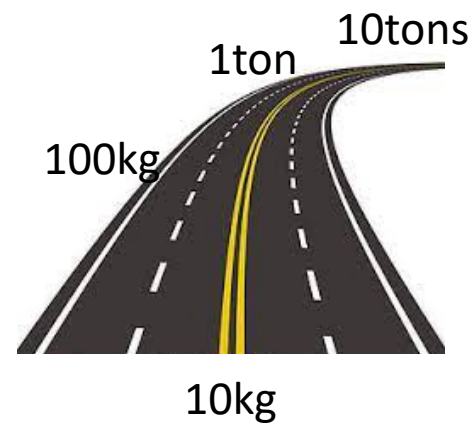


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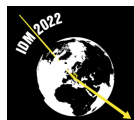
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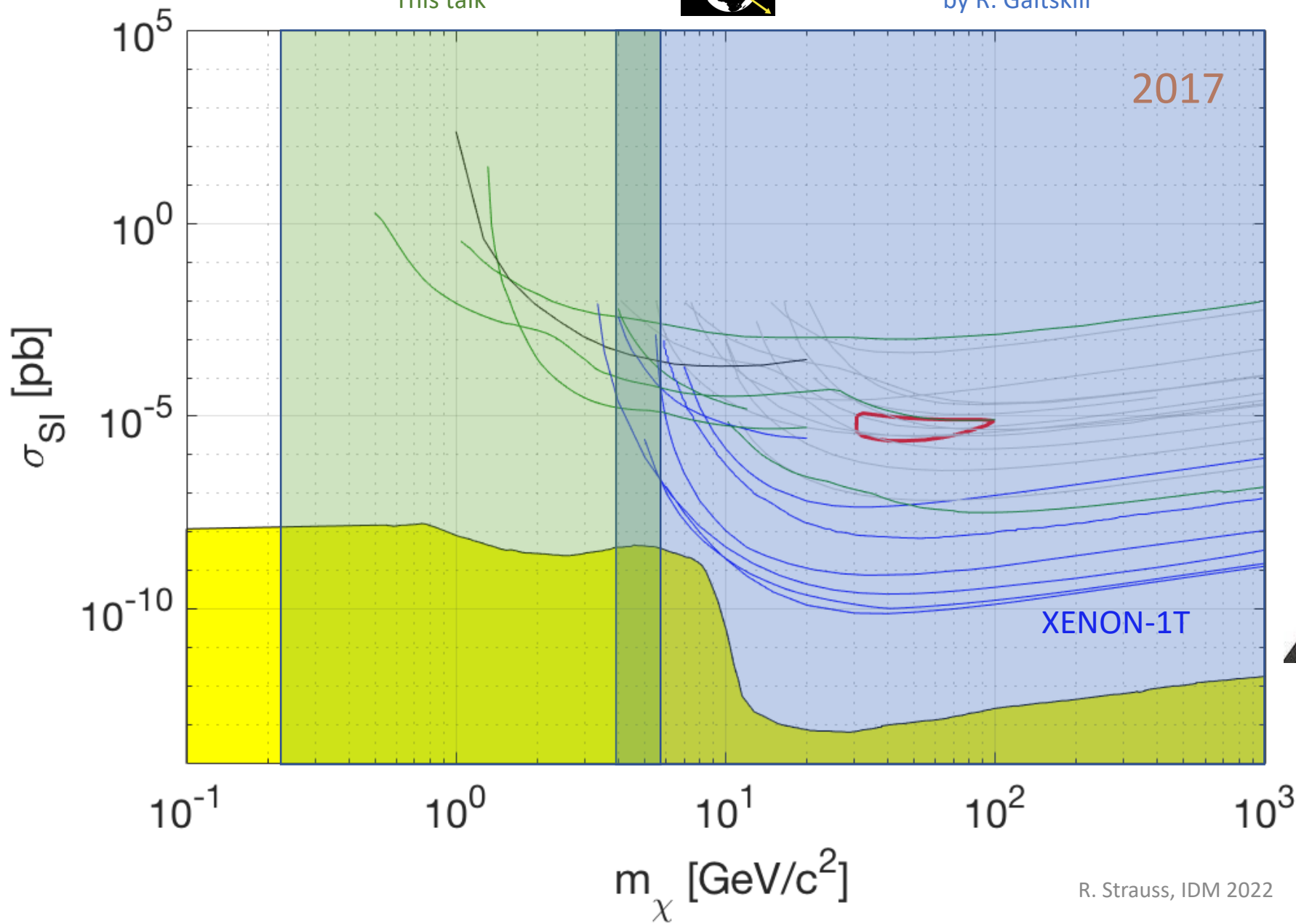
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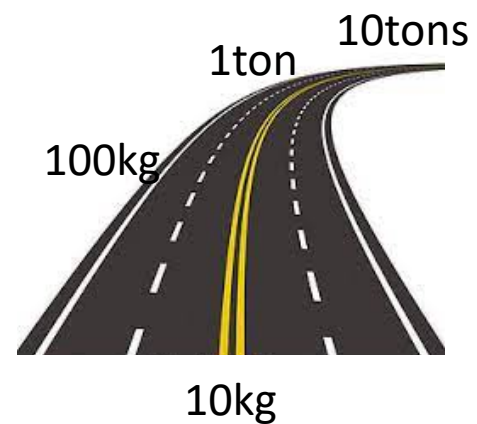
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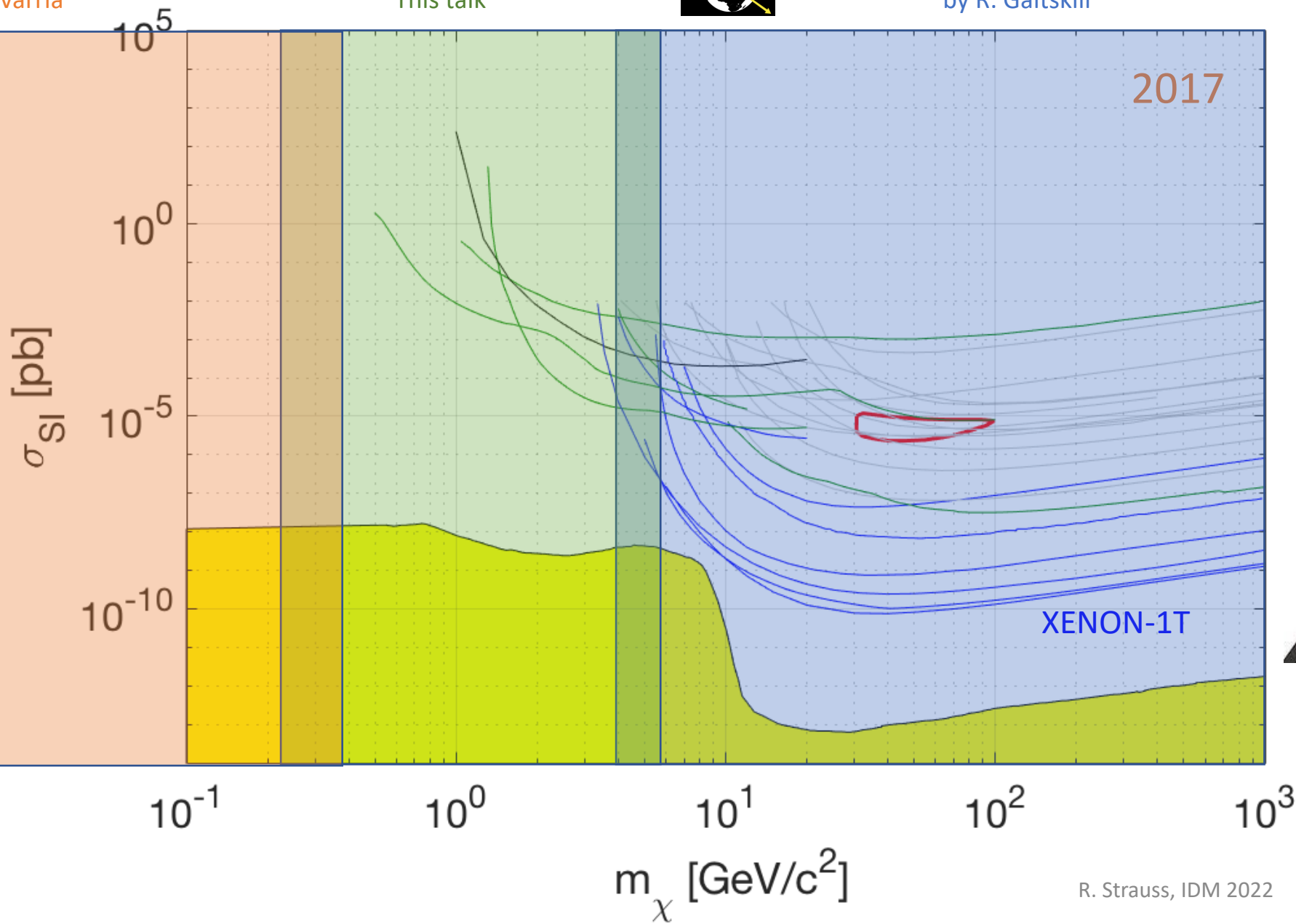


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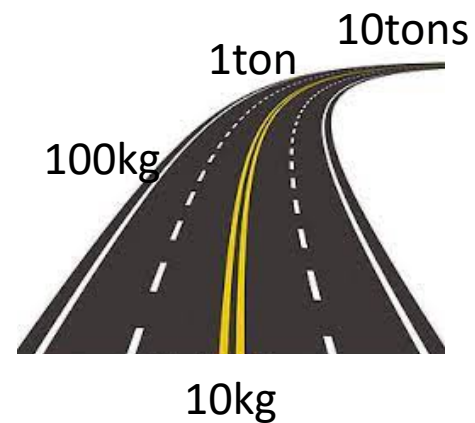


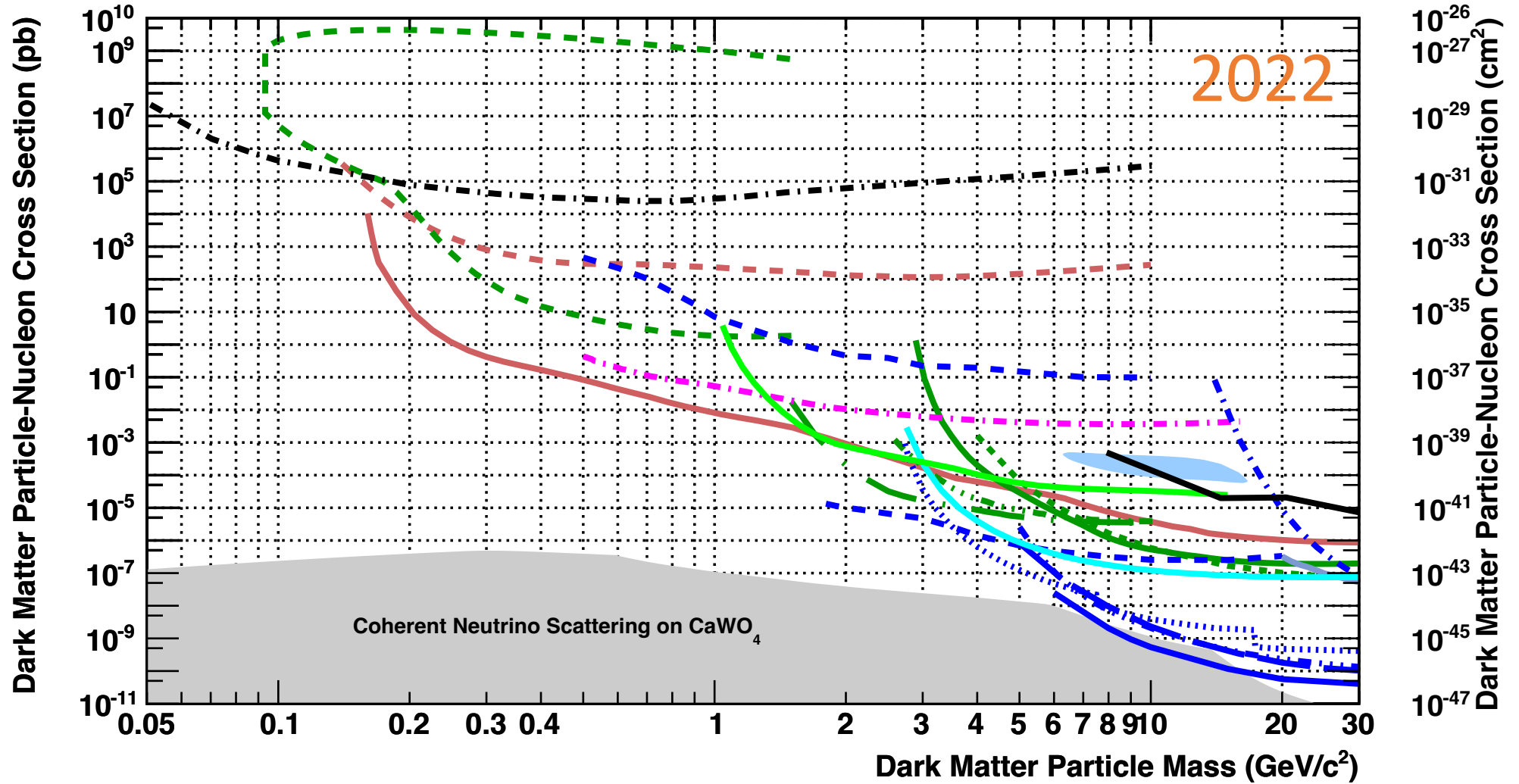
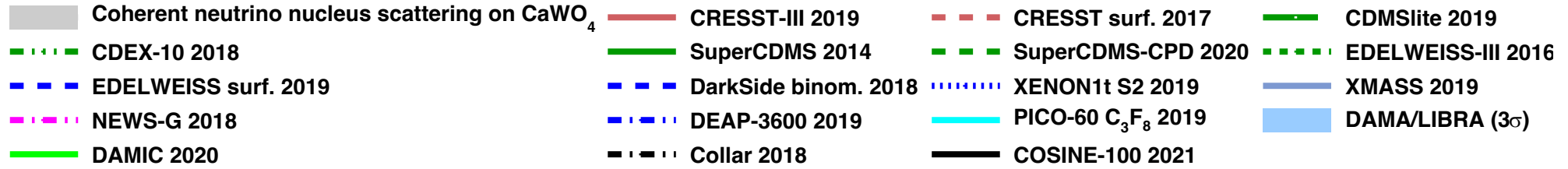
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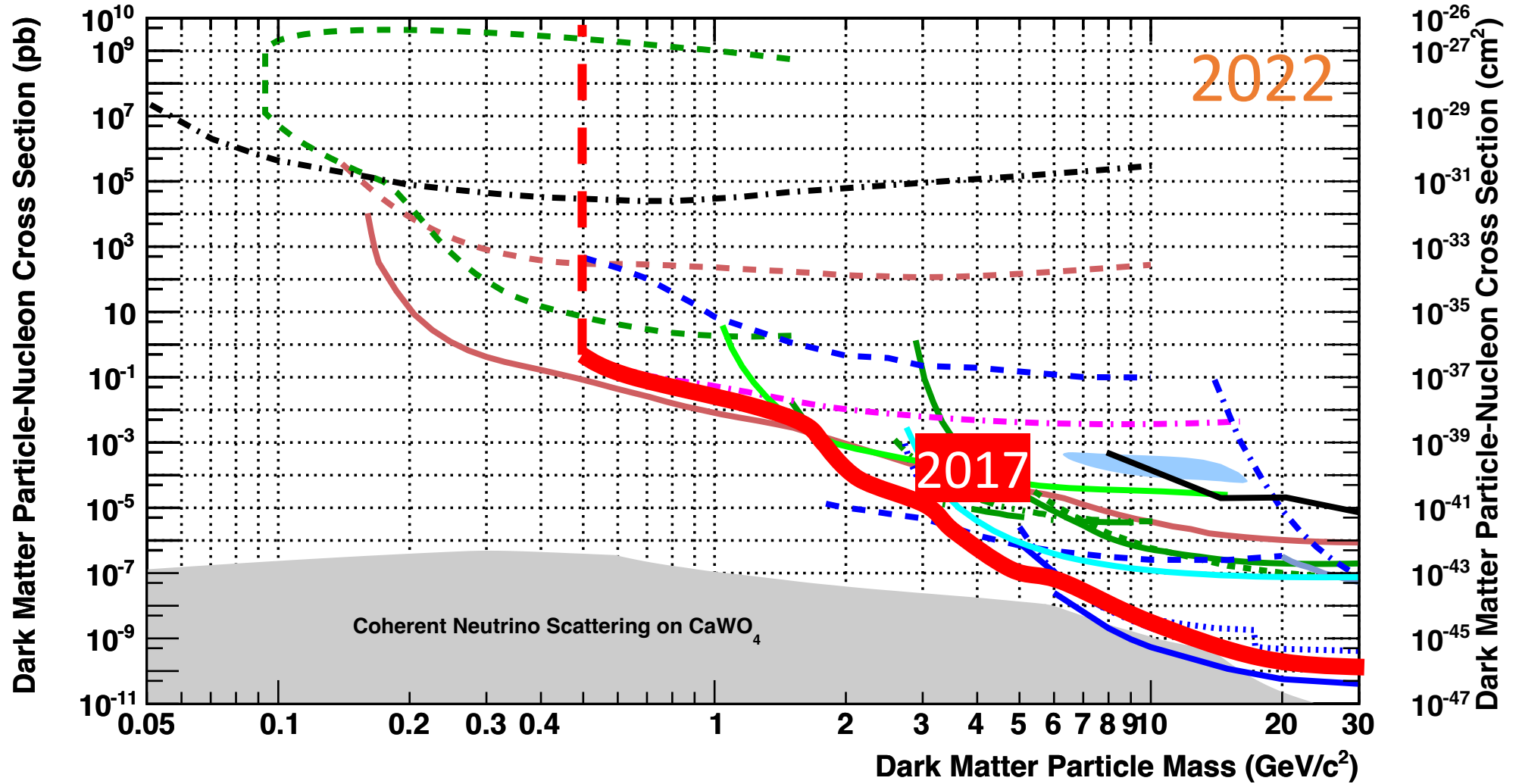
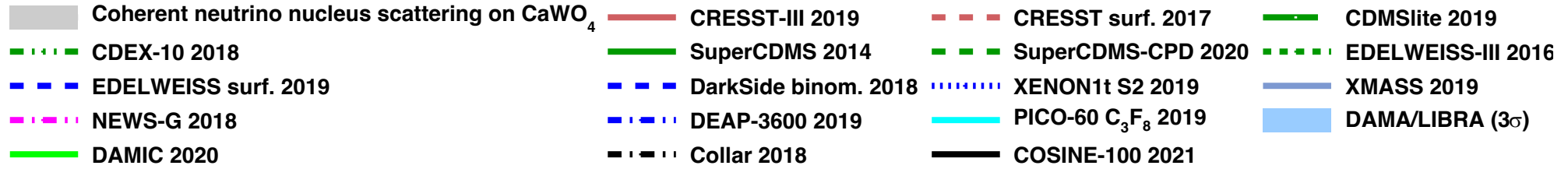


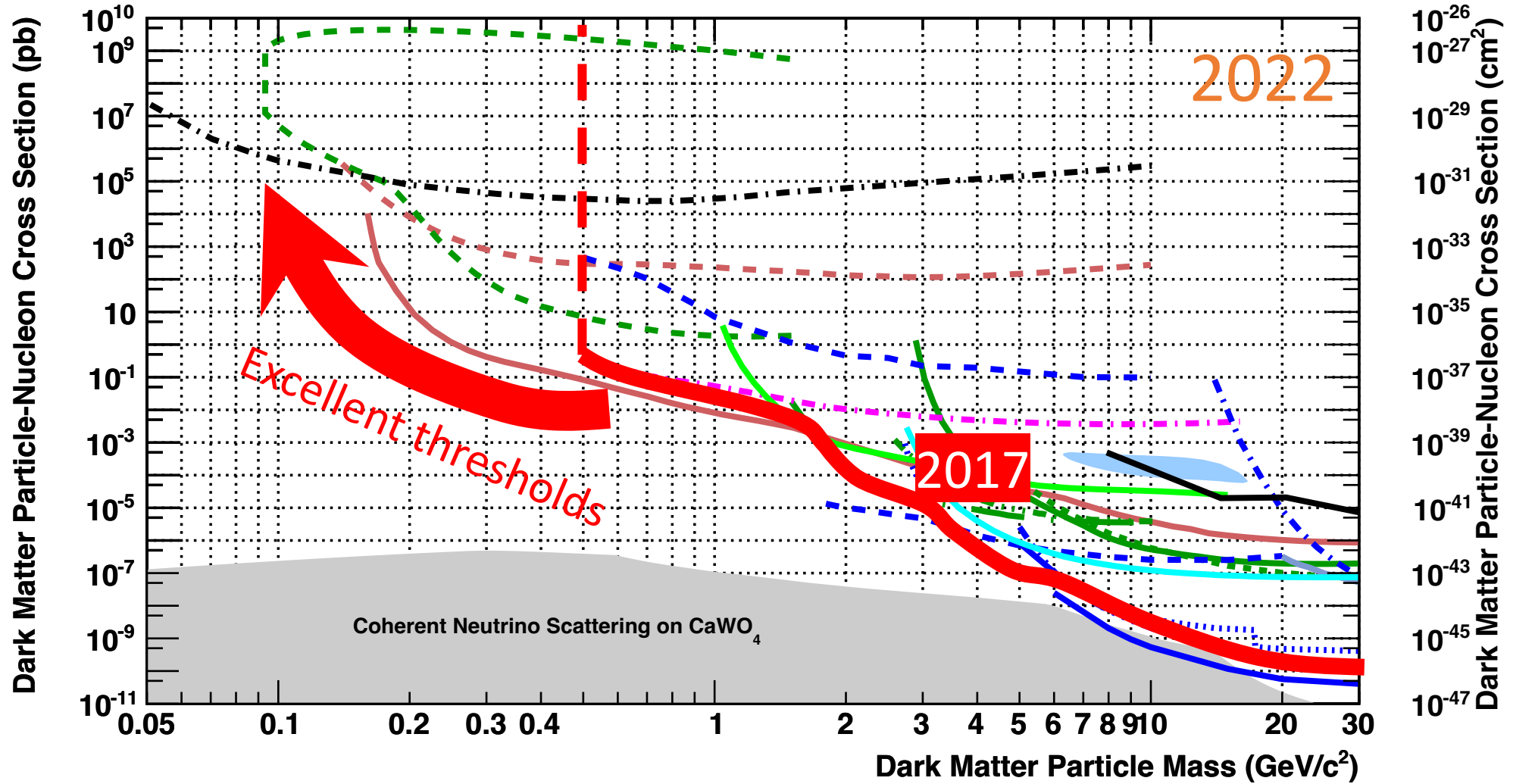
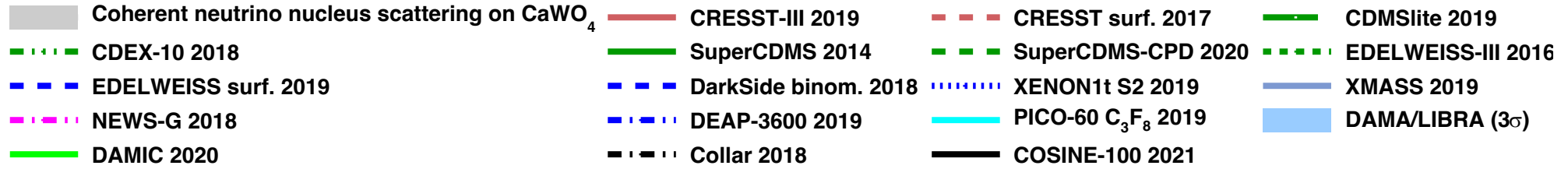
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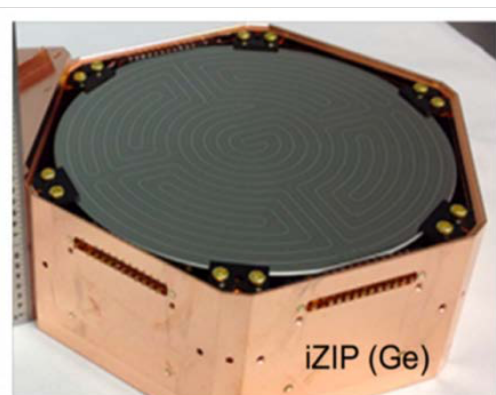




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## SuperCDMS @ SNOLAB

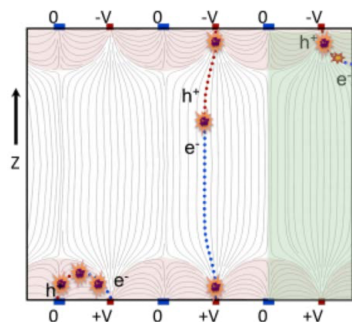


1.4kg Ge



0.6kg Si

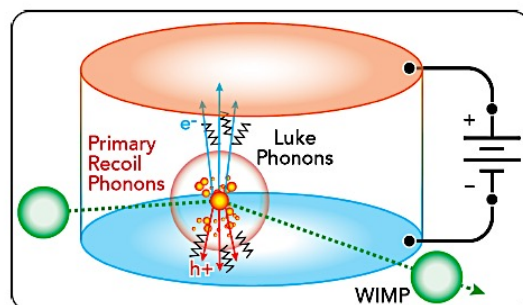
Interleaved phonon and charge readout



→ Particle discrimination

→  $E_{th} \sim 150 \text{ eV}_{nr}$

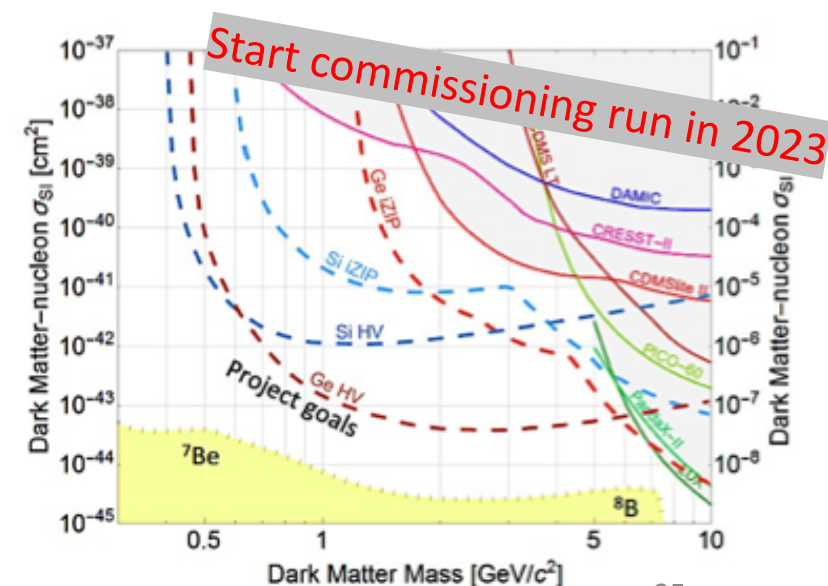
High voltage applied to electrodes



→ Low Threshold

→  $E_{th} \sim 60 \text{ eV}_{nr}$

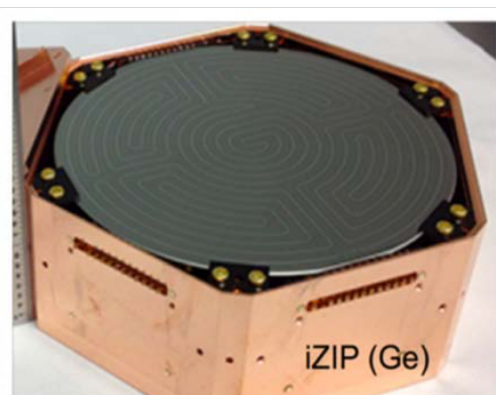
|                                     | iZIP |     | HV  |     |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|
|                                     | Ge   | Si  | Ge  | Si  |
| Number of detectors                 | 10   | 2   | 8   | 4   |
| Total exposure [kg-yr]              | 45   | 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 |



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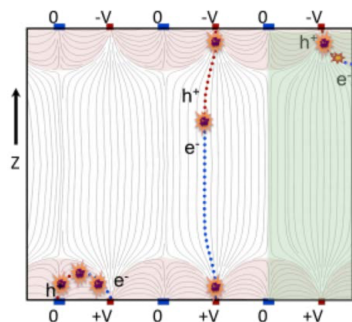


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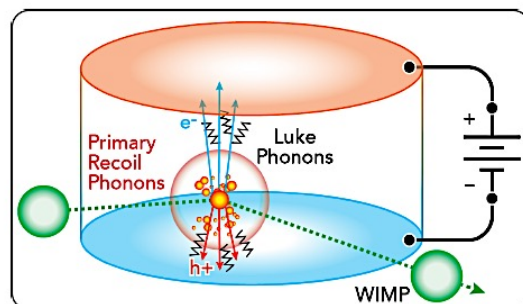
Interleaved phonon and charge readout



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→  $E_{th} \sim 150 \text{ eV}_{nr}$

High voltage applied to electrodes



→ Low Thres

→  $E_{th} \sim 60 \text{ eV}$

|  | 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 [ $\text{eV}_{ee}$ ] | 160  | 180 | –   | –   |
| Voltage Bias ( $V_+ - V_-$ ) [V]           | 6    | 8   | 100 | 100 |



Overview of the SuperCDMS SNOLAB Experiment  
M. J. Wilson, Mo 16:50

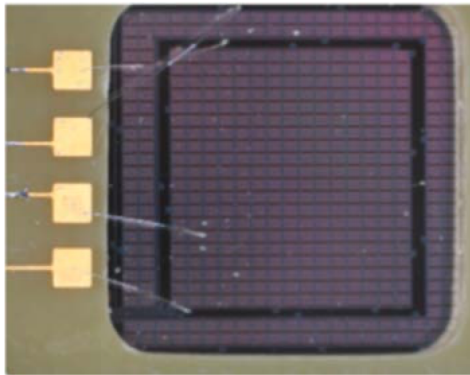
Calibration of SuperCDMS HVeV detector  
Valentina Novati, Mo 15:20

SuperCDMS: novel active veto  
Hao Chen, Mo 15:20

# Excellent thresholds achieved....

... and R&D is running full steam!

## SuperCDMS @ Surface



HVeV detector

1cm<sup>2</sup> x 4mm Si wafer

→ Single e-h resolution

$E_{th} = 9.2 \text{ eV}_{nr}$

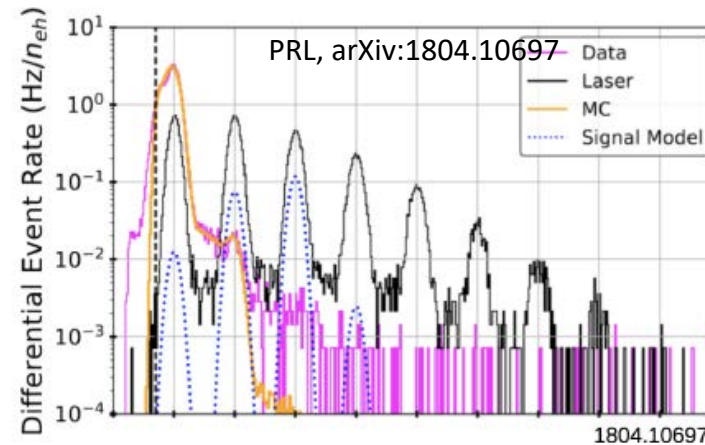


CPD detector

1mm thick Si wafer

10.6g

$E_{th} = 16.3 \text{ eV}_{nr}$

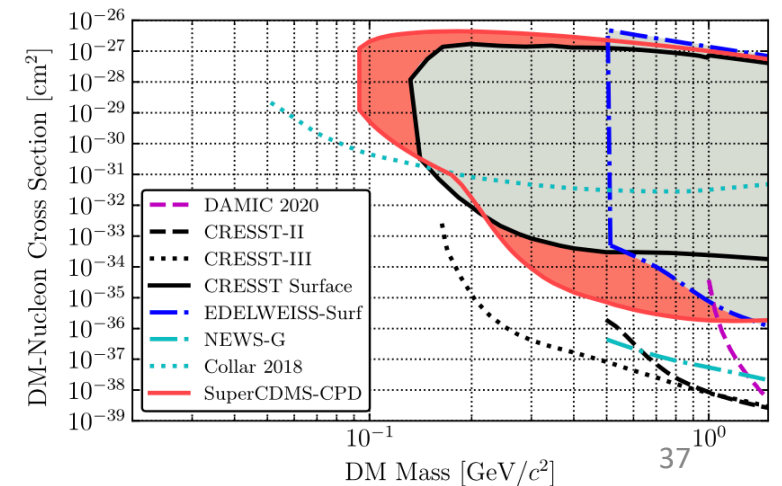


ER background in the peaks!

NR between the peaks!

→ Sensitivity to 100MeV particles

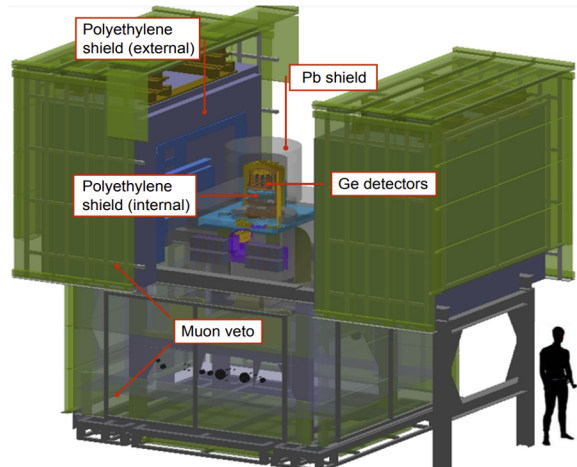
PRL, arXiv:2007.14289



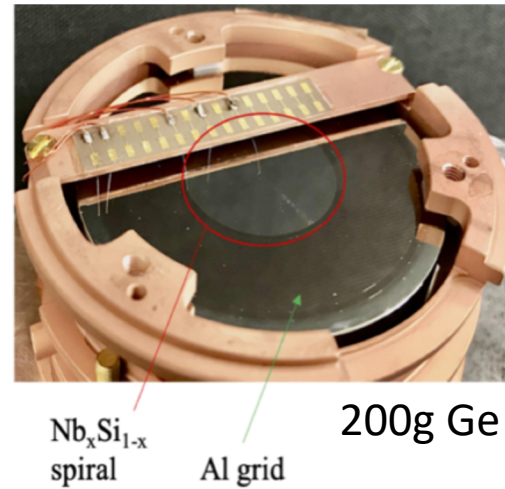
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## EDELWEISS @ LSM

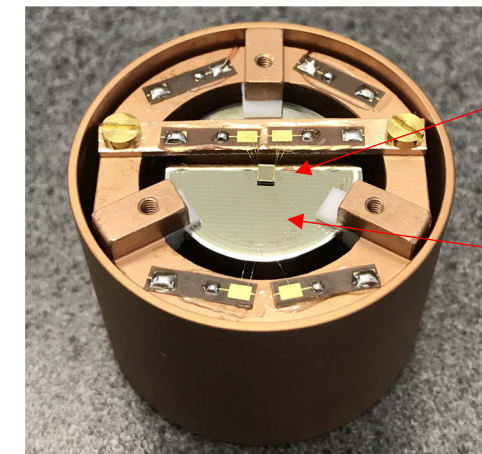


High voltage mode + NbSi TES



Nb<sub>x</sub>Si<sub>1-x</sub> spiral  
Al grid  
200g Ge

## EDELWEISS @ Surface



NTD sensor  
electrode

$E_{th} = 60eV_{nr}$

33g Ge

Recent results:

**EDELWEISS-Surf** [[PRD 99 082013](#) (2019)]

33 g Ge bolometer.

**Electron-DM results** [[PRL 125, 141401](#) (2020)]

HV 33 g Ge bolometer.

**Migdal with NbSi TES** [[arXiv:2203.03993](#)]

$E_{th} = 400eV_{nr}$

$E_{th} = 20eV_{ee}$  (HV)

→ Ideal for  
Migdal searches

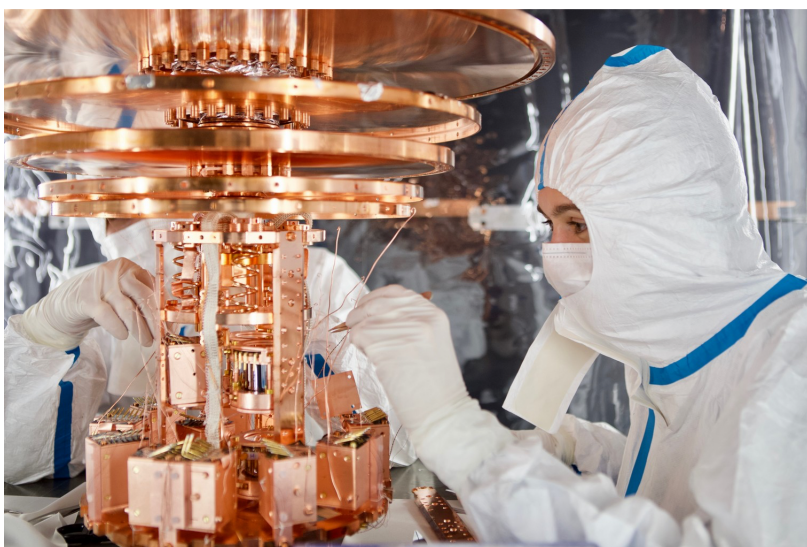


Sub-GeV Dark Matter Searches with EDELWEISS:  
New results and prospects, H. Lattaud, Mo 16:30

# Excellent thresholds achieved....

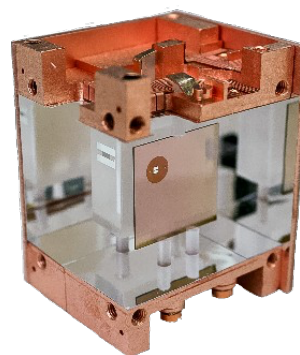
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## CRESST-III @ LNGS



### Detector A – 23.6 g $\text{CaWO}_4$

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| data taking period       | Oct 2016 – Jan 2018 |
| exposure                 | 5.698 kg · days     |
| baseline resolution      | 4.6 eV              |
| nuclear recoil threshold | 30.1 eV             |



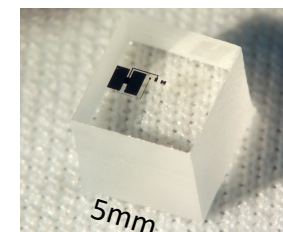
$$E_{\text{th}} = 30.1 \text{eV}_{\text{nr}}$$

- Leading SI limit at 150MeV to 2GeV
- Spin dependent  $^{17}\text{O}$

First results from CRESST-III *Phys. Rev. D* 100, 102002, *arXiv:1904.00498*

MeV-scale dark matter *EPJ C* volume 77, 637 (2017) *arXiv:1707.06749*

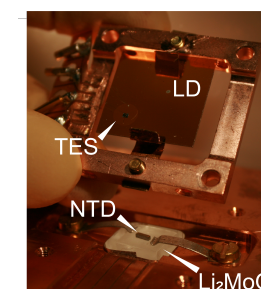
## CRESST @ Surface



0.5g  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

$$E_{\text{th}} = 19.7 \text{eV}_{\text{nr}}$$

- Explored new SI parameter space in 2017
- Earth scattering limits



2.7g  $\text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$

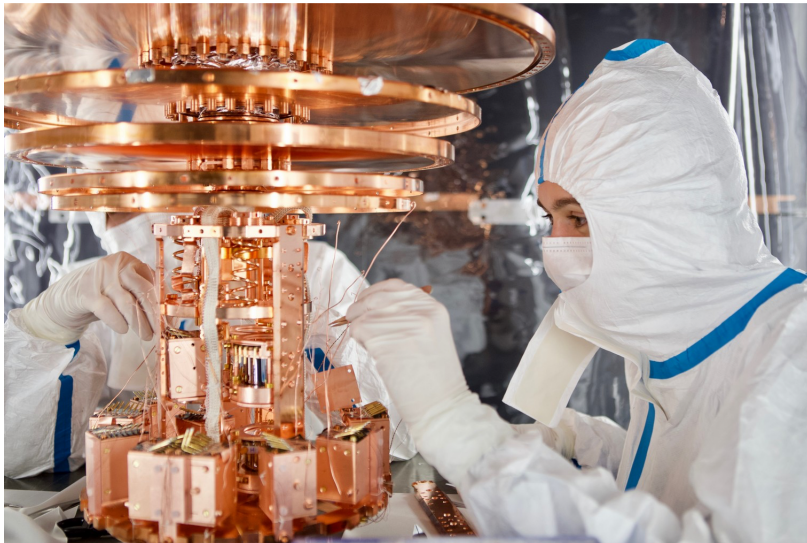
$$E_{\text{th}} = 930 \text{eV}_{\text{nr}}$$

- Pathfinder for SD searches

# Excellent thresholds achieved....

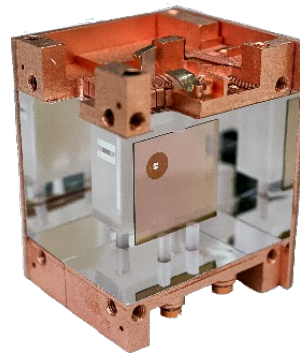
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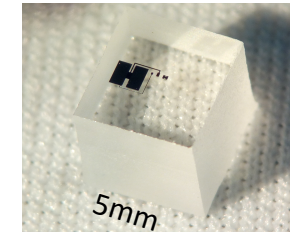
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Stay tuned: New results (SI, SD, thresholds!) @IDM2022

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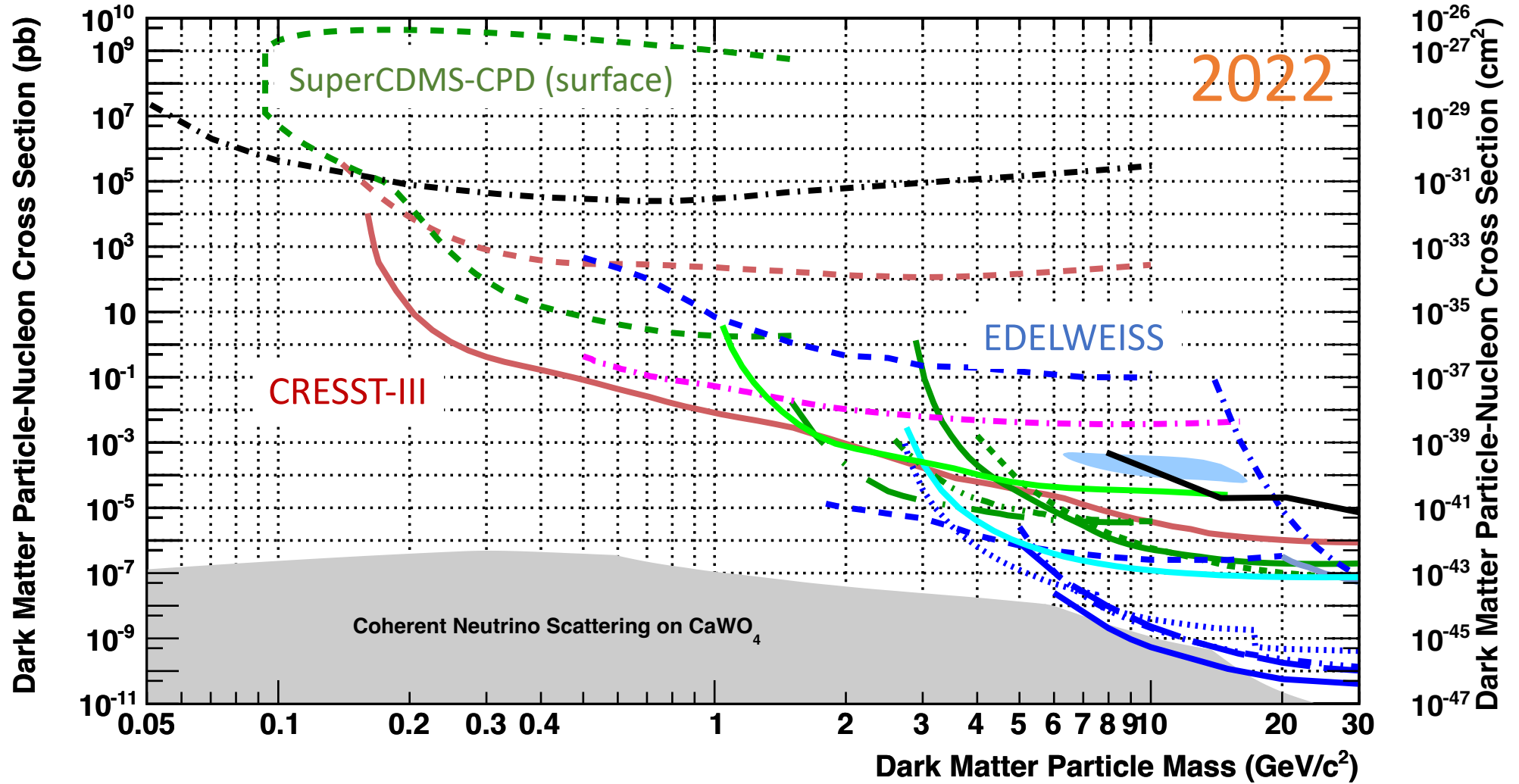
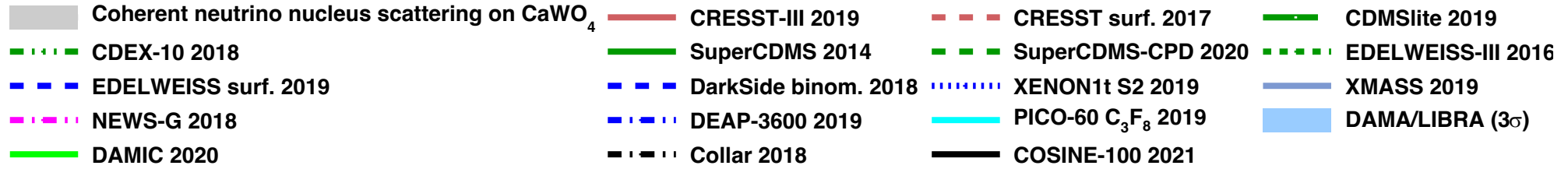


The CRESST-III Dark Matter Search: Status and Outlook, C. Strandhagen, Mo 16:30

Probing Lithium targets in CRESST-III, S. Gupta, Mo 17:30

Characterization of a Low Background CaWO<sub>4</sub> Crystal for CRESST-III, A. Kinast, Thu 14:40





# Migdal ON



NEWS-G 2018  
DAMIC 2020

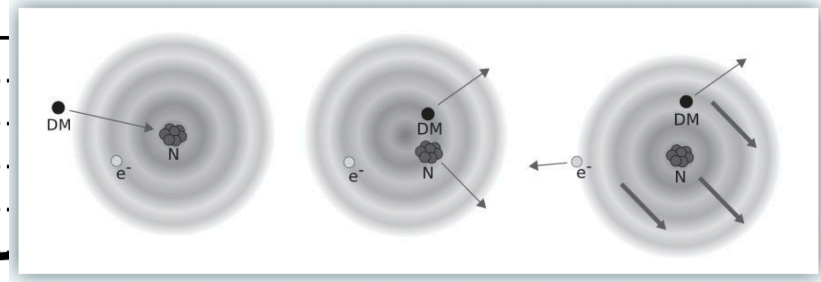
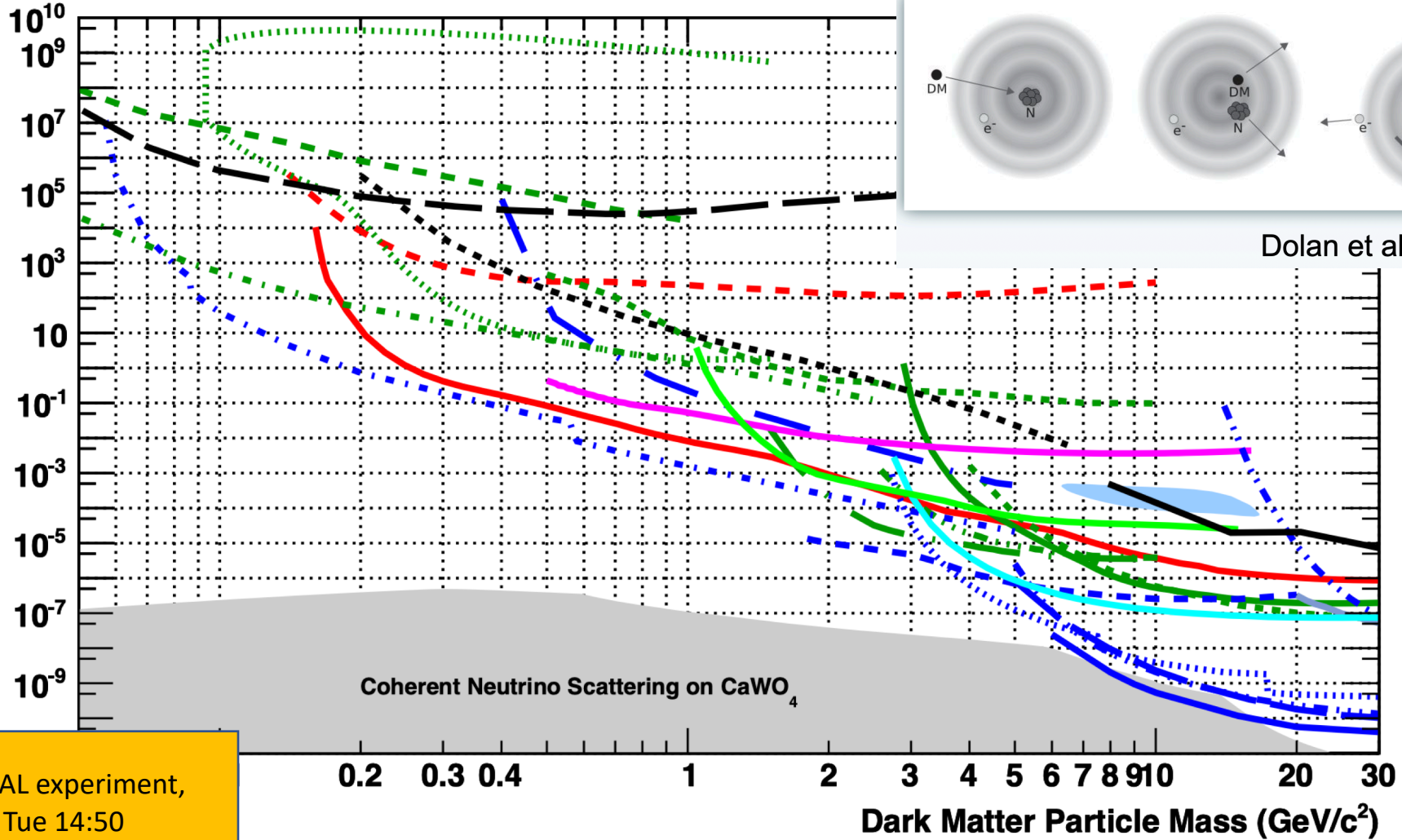
Coherent Neutrino Scattering on  $\text{CaWO}_4$

CRESST-III 2019  
CDEX-1B Migd. 2019  
EDELWEISS surf. Migd. 2019  
XENON1t Migd. 2019  
DEAP-3600 2019  
Collar 2018

CRESST surf. 2017  
SuperCDMS 2014  
EDELWEISS surf. 2018  
XMASS 2019  
PICO-60  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_8$  2019  
COSINE-100 2021

CDMSlite 2019  
SuperCDMS-CPD 2020  
DarkSide binom. 2018  
LUX Migd. 2018  
DAMA/LIBRA ( $3\sigma$ )  
COSINE-100 Migd. 2021

Dark Matter Particle-Nucleon Cross Section (pb)

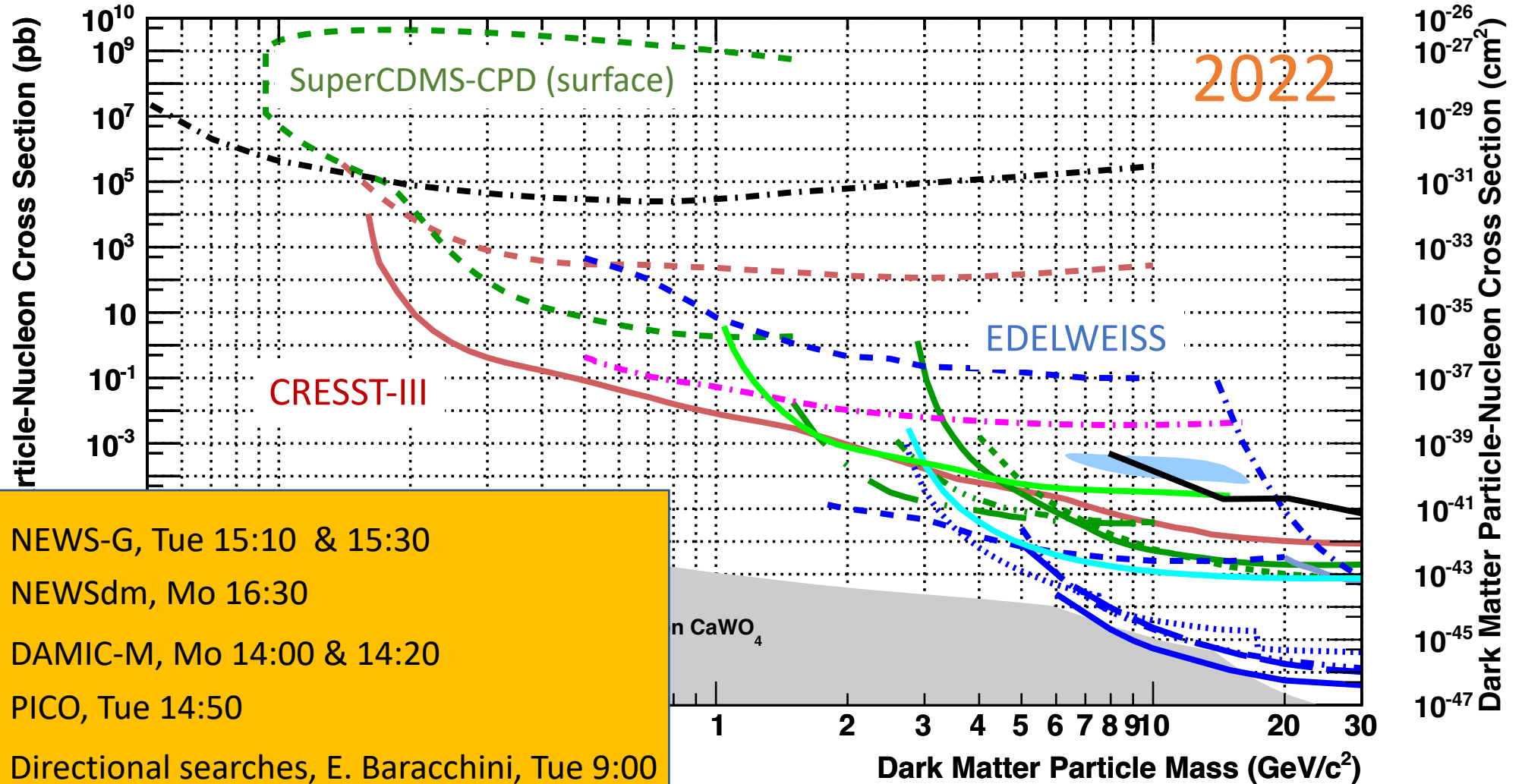
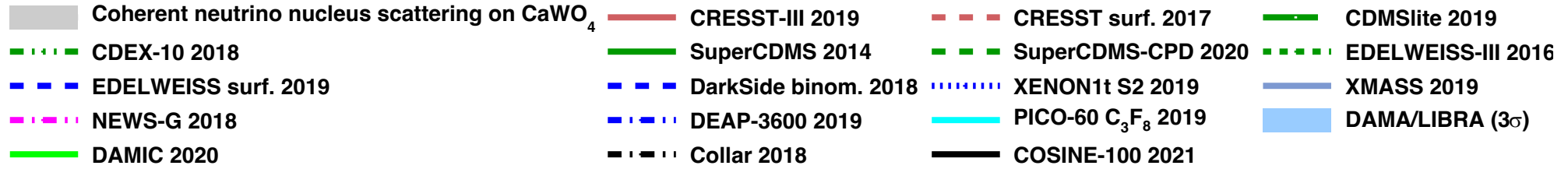



Dolan et al. PRL 2017

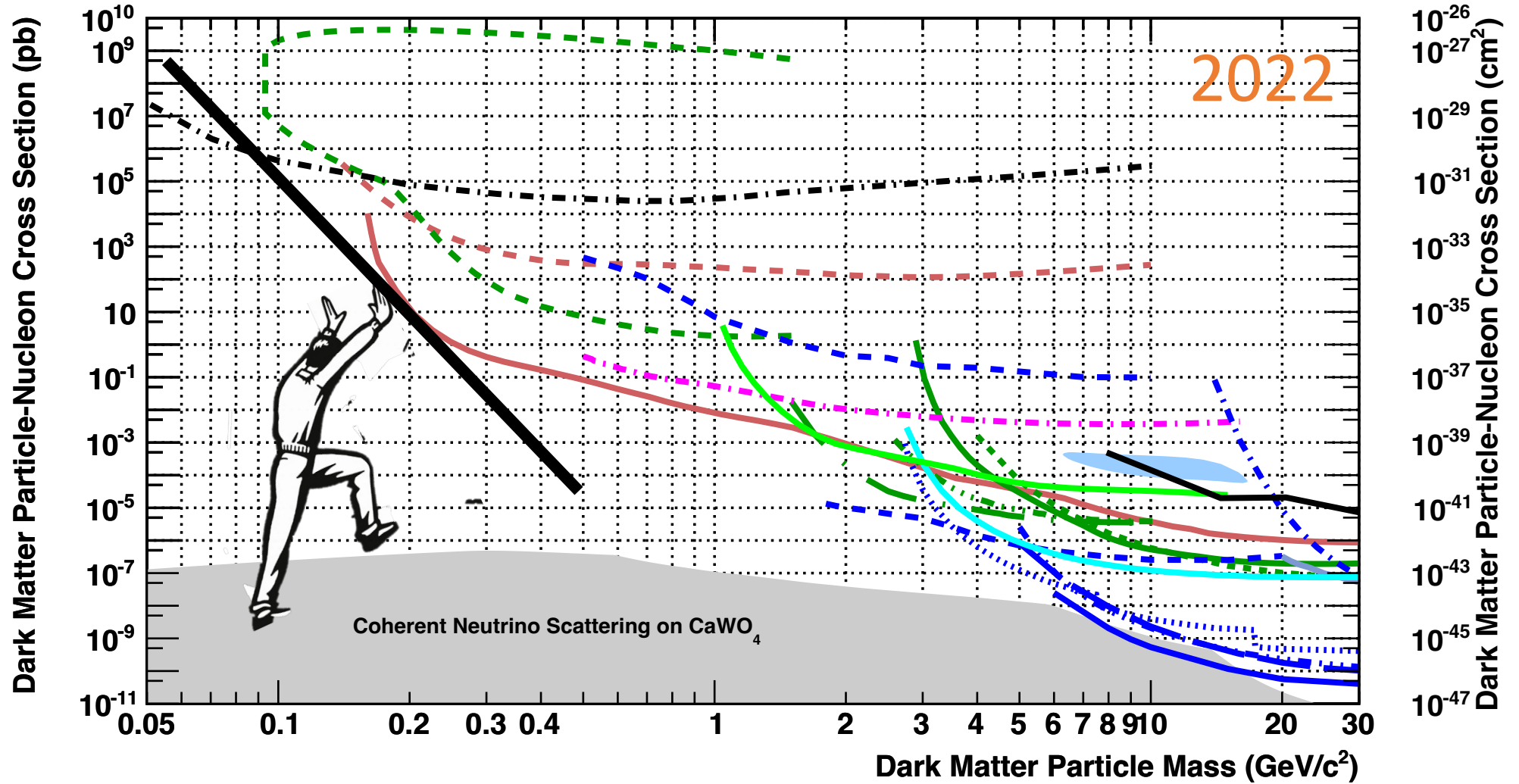
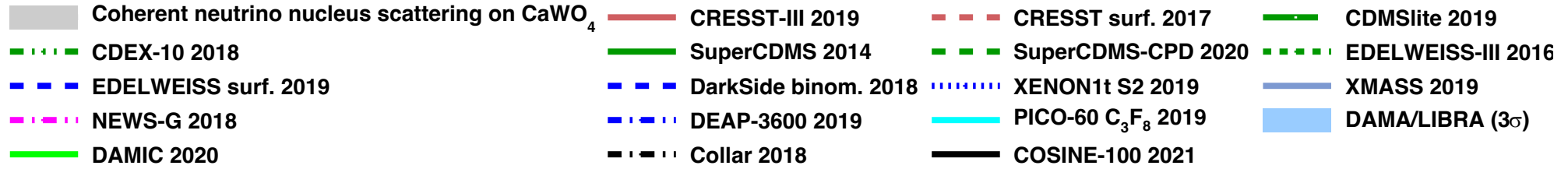
Dark Matter Particle-Nucleon Cross Section (pb)



The MIGDAL experiment,  
H. Araujo, Tue 14:50




 NEWS-G, Tue 15:10 & 15:30  
 NEWSdm, Mo 16:30  
 DAMIC-M, Mo 14:00 & 14:20  
 PICO, Tue 14:50  
 Directional searches, E. Baracchini, Tue 9:00





# The low energy EXCESS background

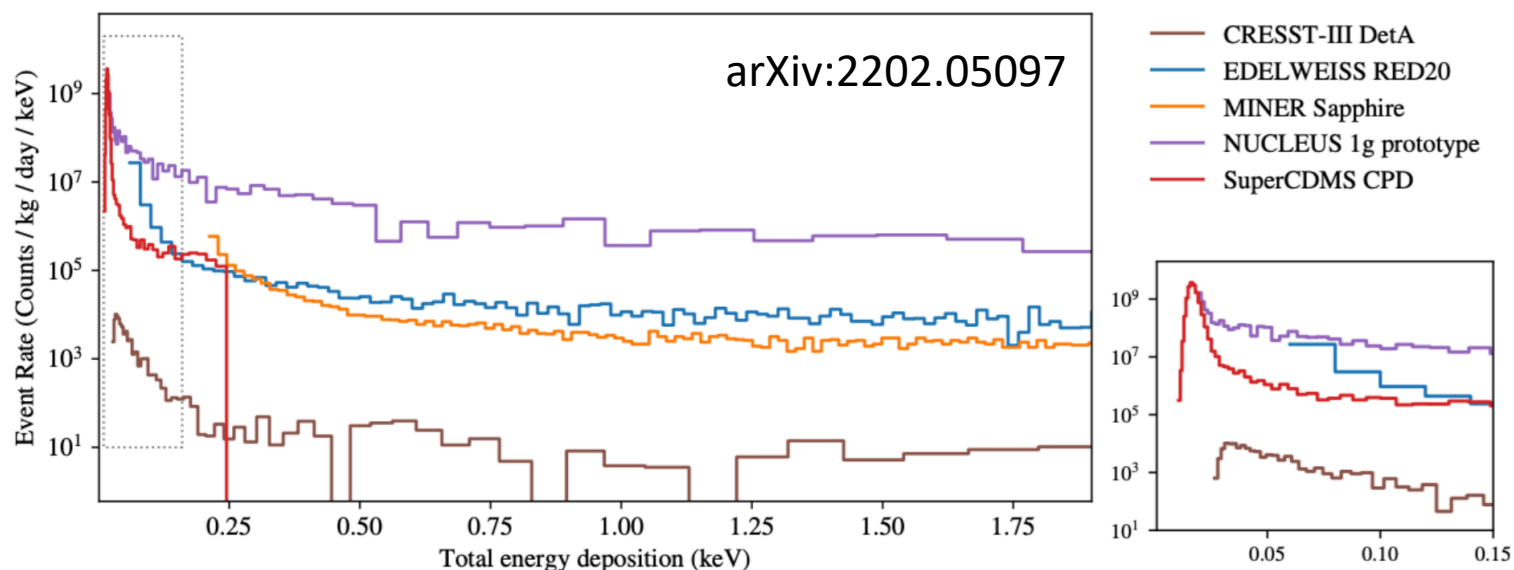


Workshop series

- June 2021
- Feb 2022
- July 2022 @IDM

>300 participants(!)

Exponentially rising background towards lower energies



**Currently limiting the sensitivity globally !**

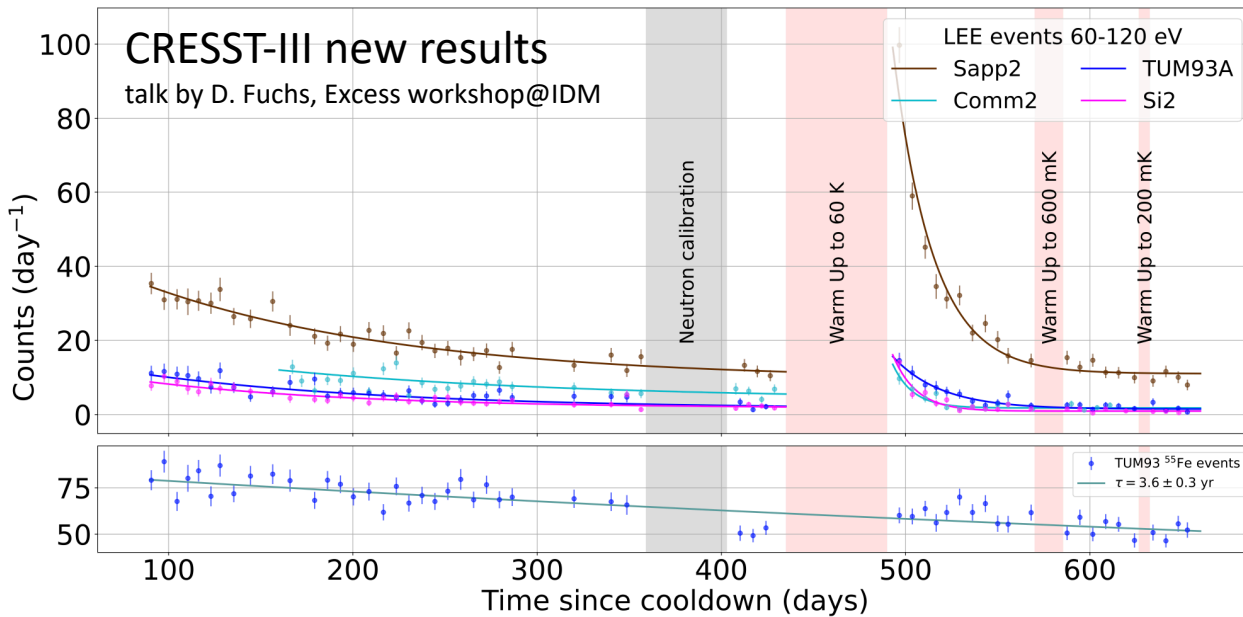
Origin still unknown, but a lot of R&D is going on ...



The EXCESS initiative, van Krosigk & Kaznacheeva, Wed 9:00

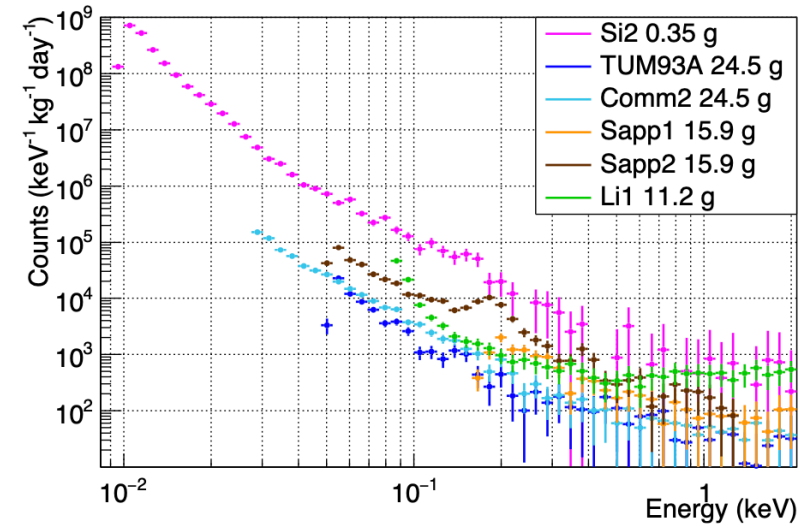
# EXCESS – towards understanding its origin?

Decay of EXCESS rate after Cryostat Warmup



**Confirms** earlier EDELWEISS observations!

CRESST-III



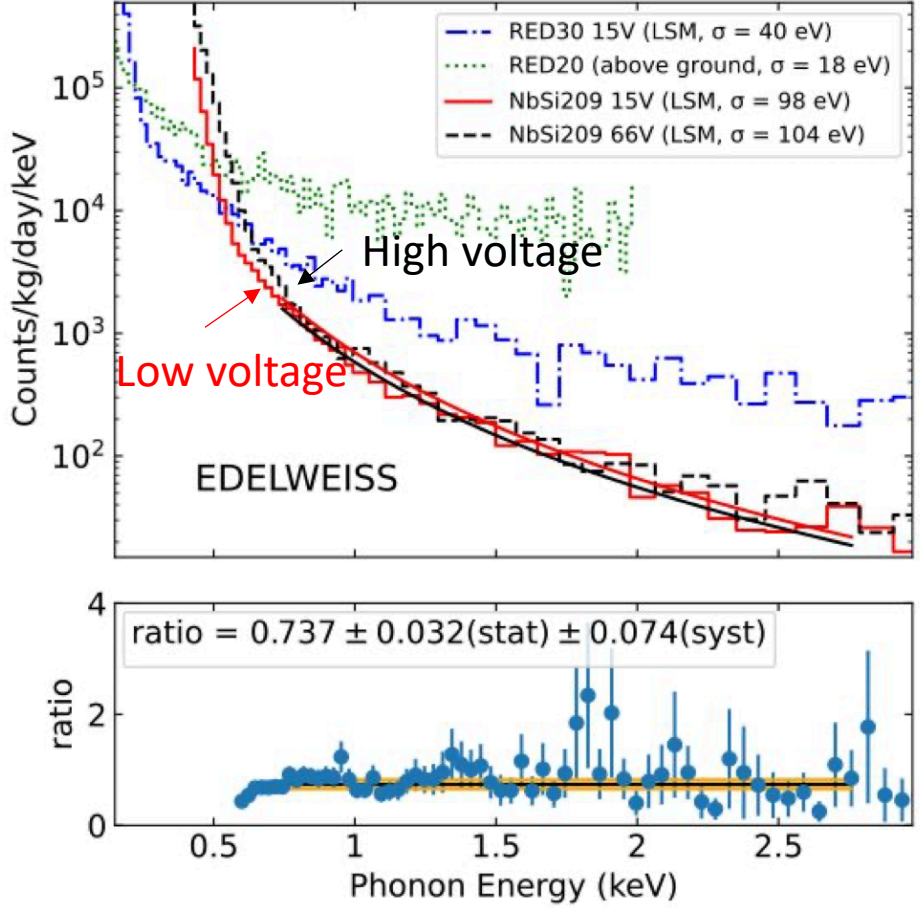
Excess rate does not scale with mass!

Talk by D. Fuchs @EXCESS

**Excludes** radioactive origin!  
**Excludes** (widely) crystal related effects!  
**Excludes** DM explanations!

# EXCESS – towards understanding its origin?

Talk by H. Lattaud @EXCESS



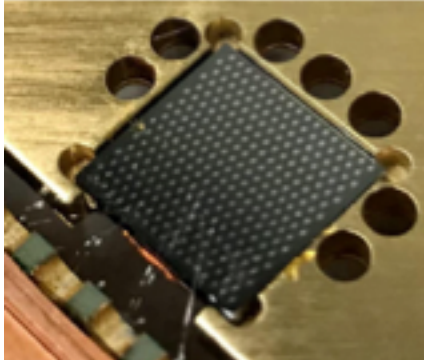
High voltage applied doesn't change spectrum  
(in agreement with SuperCDMS observations, talk by V. Novati @Excess)

→ No charges involved  $\alpha < 0.04\%$  at 90% C.L.

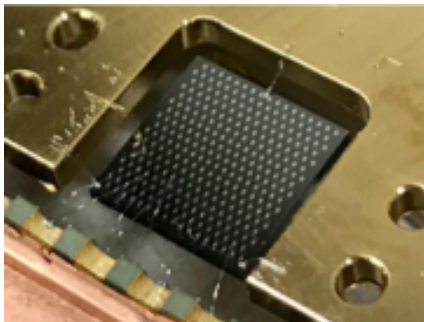
→ Most events are "heat-only"

Mechanical stress?  
Thermal contractions

# EXCESS – towards understanding its origin?

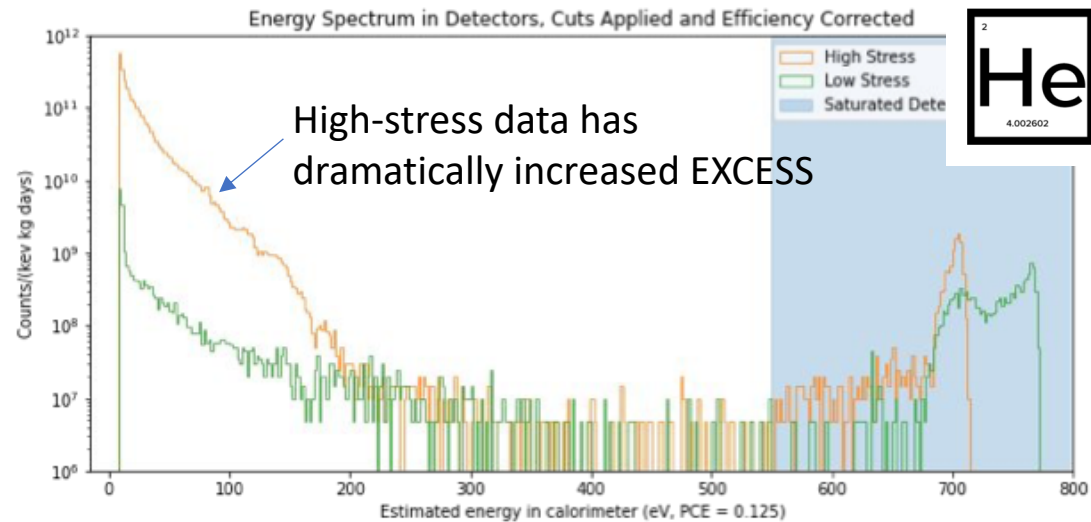
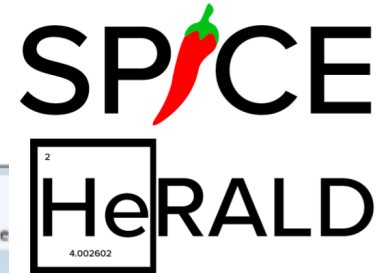


Detector  
glued to holder  
→ High stress



Detector hangs  
on bond wired  
→ Low stress

TESSERACT: New collaboration for 10MeV scale DM search



Mc Kinsey @Excess

Strong hint for stress-induced origin of EXCESS (Holder? Sensor interface?)



TESSERACT, Dan Kinsey,  
Wed 9:30

**Everyone, please reduce the stress-level !**



# More Challenges: Calibration at low energies

New sub-keV calibration techniques and their way

## Electron recoils:

- Low energy X-rays
- Laser / LED sources
- Material activation
- Compton edges.
- ...

## Nuclear recoils:

- Low-energy neutron scattering
- Neutron capture reaction
- ...

### “Calibration sessions”



Neutron capture CRAB, V. Wagner,  
Thu 14:00

Laser calibration, K. Stifter,  
Thu 14:50

Neutron calibration for CRESST  
(poster), A. Fuß, Tue 19:00

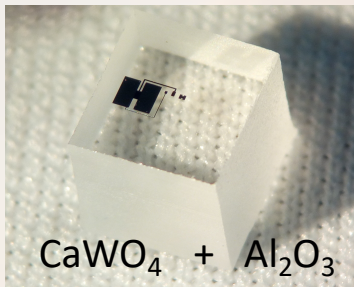
100eV ionization measurement at  
TUNL, V. Novati, Mo 15:20

# The CEvNS Spin-Offs

CRESST



Construction

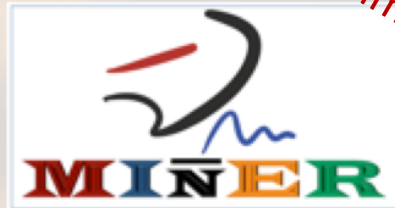


CaWO<sub>4</sub> + Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

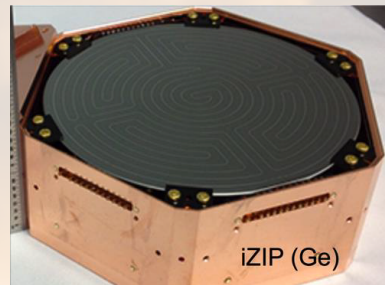


CHOOZ  
France

SuperCDMS



Commissioning



iZIP (Ge)

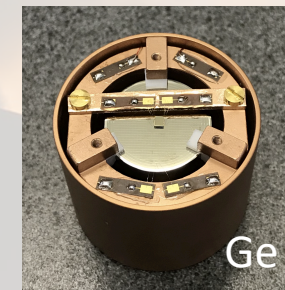


TAMU.  
USA

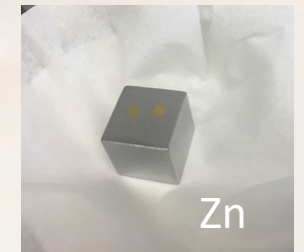
EDELWEISS



Construction



Ge



Zn



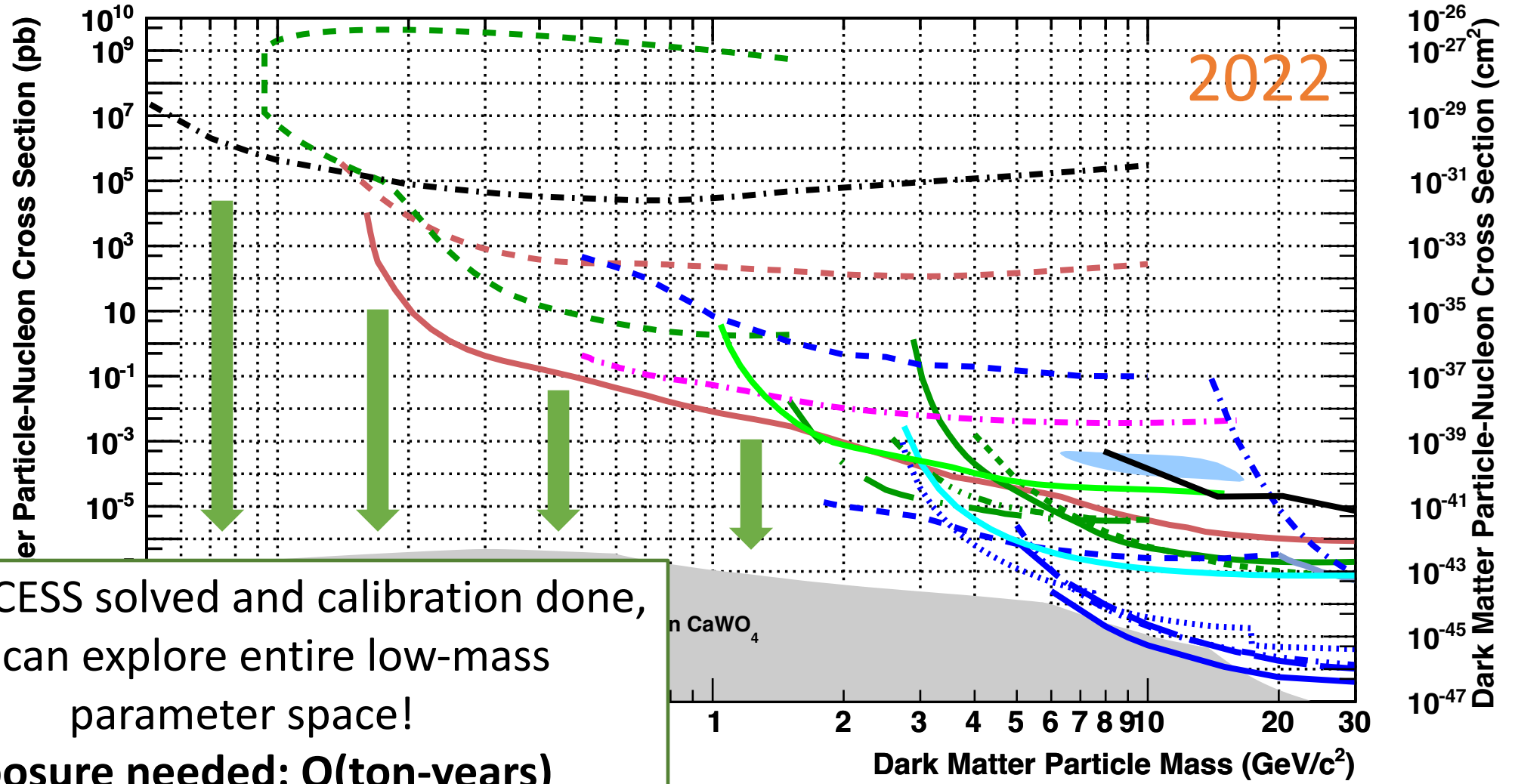
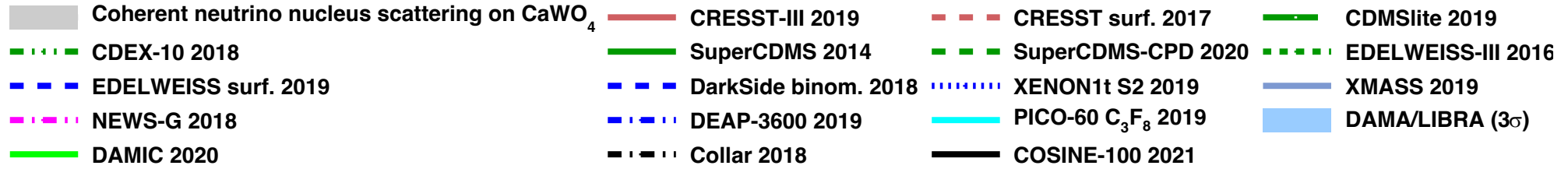
ILL  
France

## What's the point for DM searches?

Nail-down CEvNS cross-section

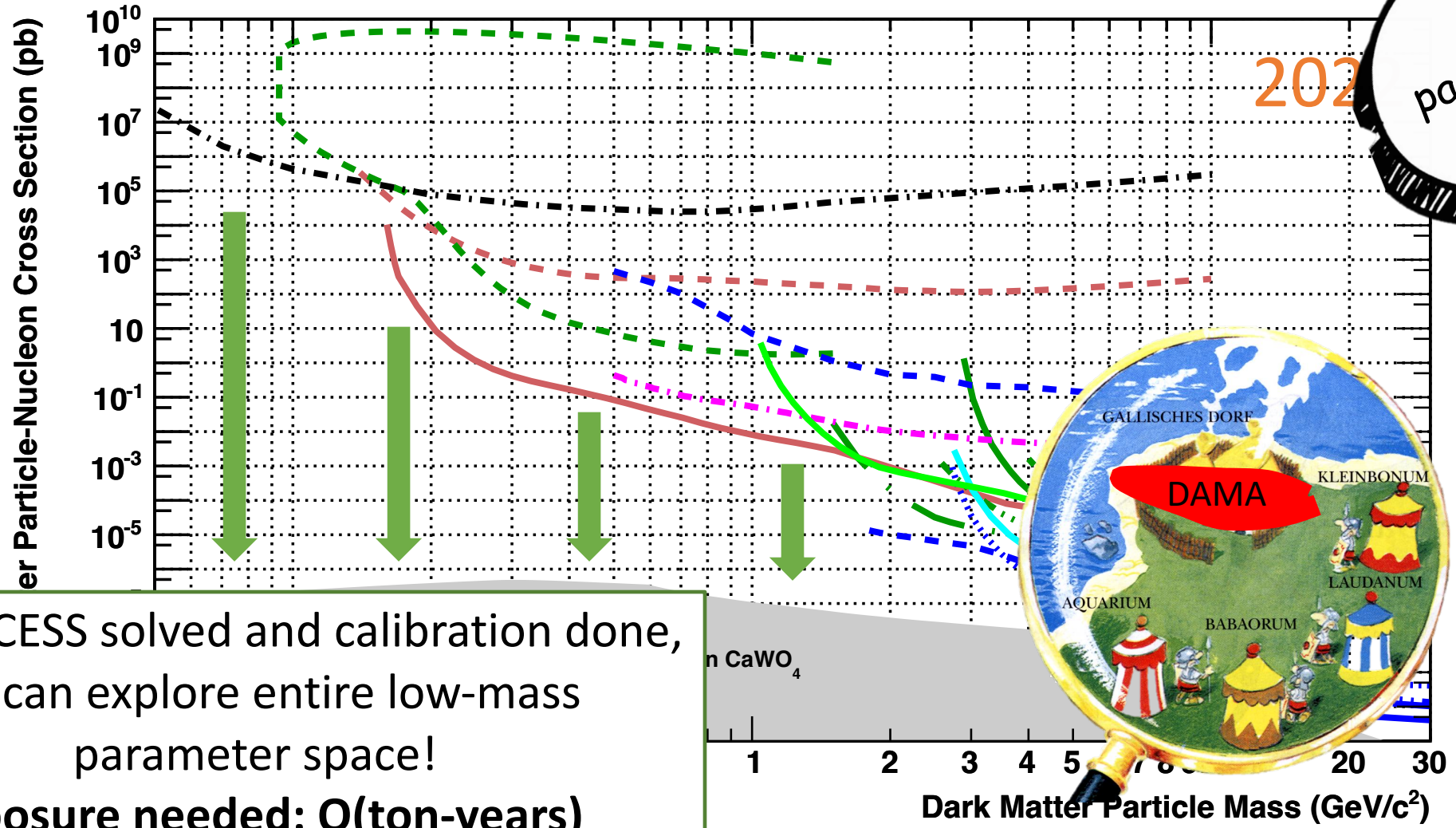
Boost for detector R&D

Calibration of detectors via CEvNS(!)

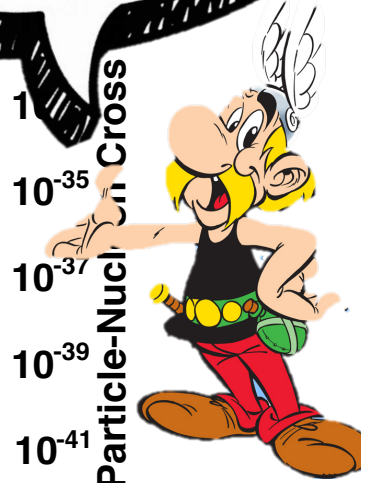


With EXCESS solved and calibration done,  
we can explore entire low-mass  
parameter space!  
**Exposure needed: O(ton-years)**

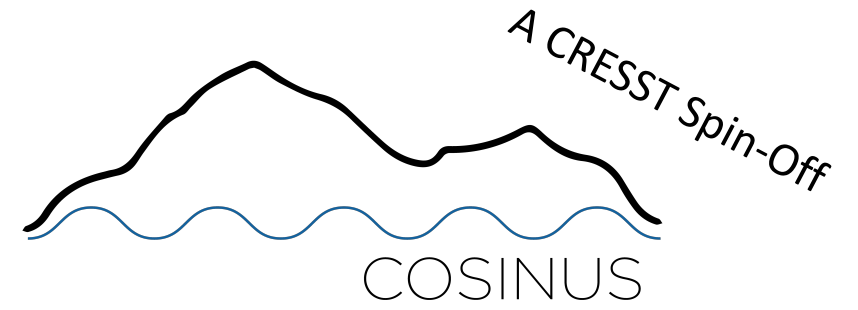
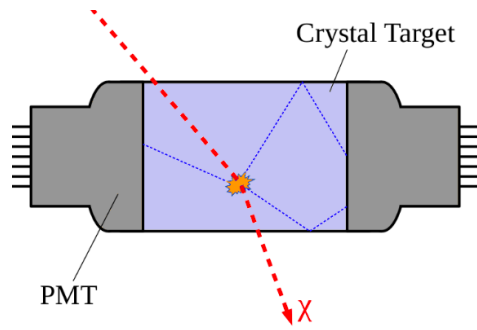
- Coherent neutrino nucleus scattering on  $\text{CaWO}_4$
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- EDELWEISS-III 2016
- XMASS 2019
- DAMA/



The entire parameter space!?!  
Noooooo.....

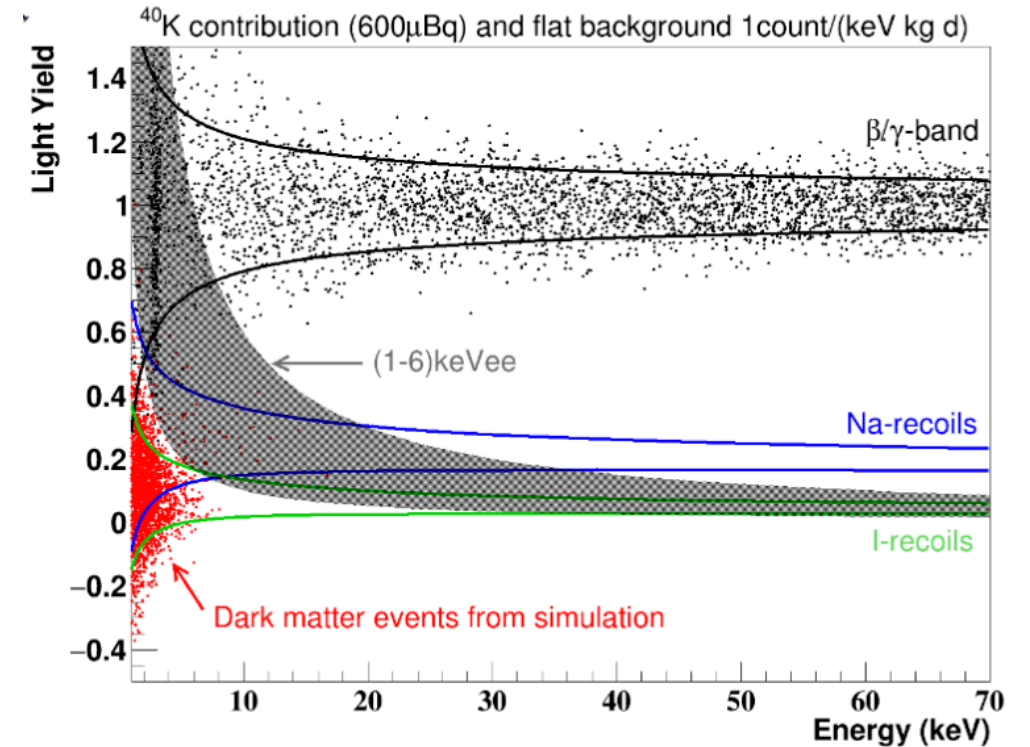
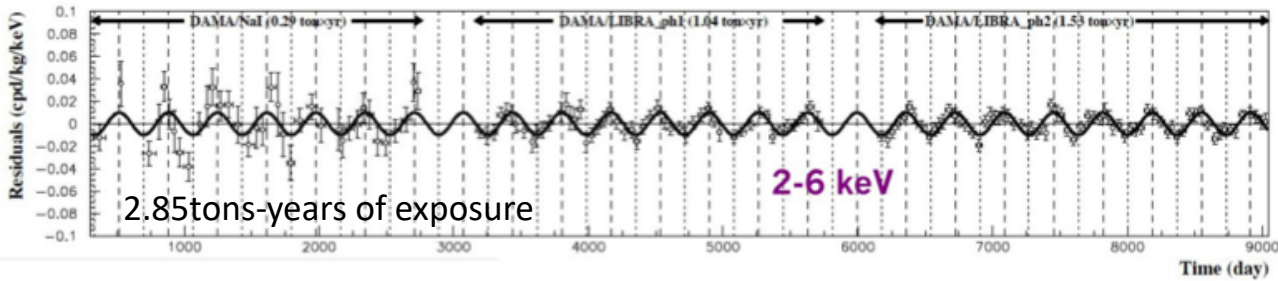


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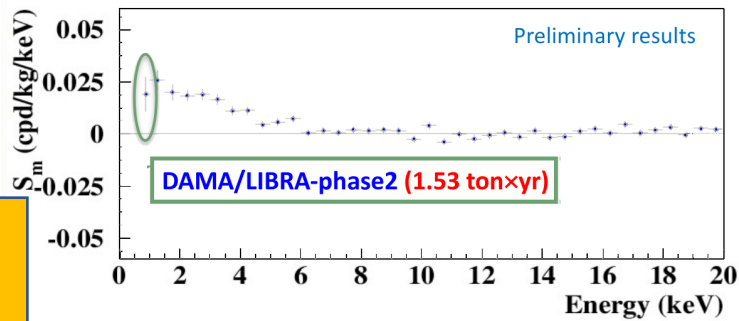
Phonon-light will shed light on nature of DAMA signal!


Long-standing  $13.6\sigma$  modulation signal observed  
 Currently running: 245kg NaI(Tl)

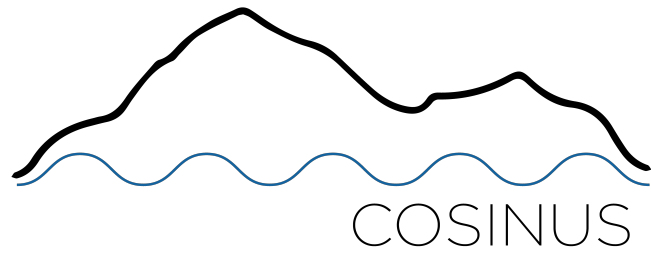


New results with lower threshold:  $E_{th} = 0.75 \text{ keV}_{ee}$

Modulation confirmed!





 DAMA/Libra, P. Belli,  
 Tue 17:00



New cryogenic facility at LNGS

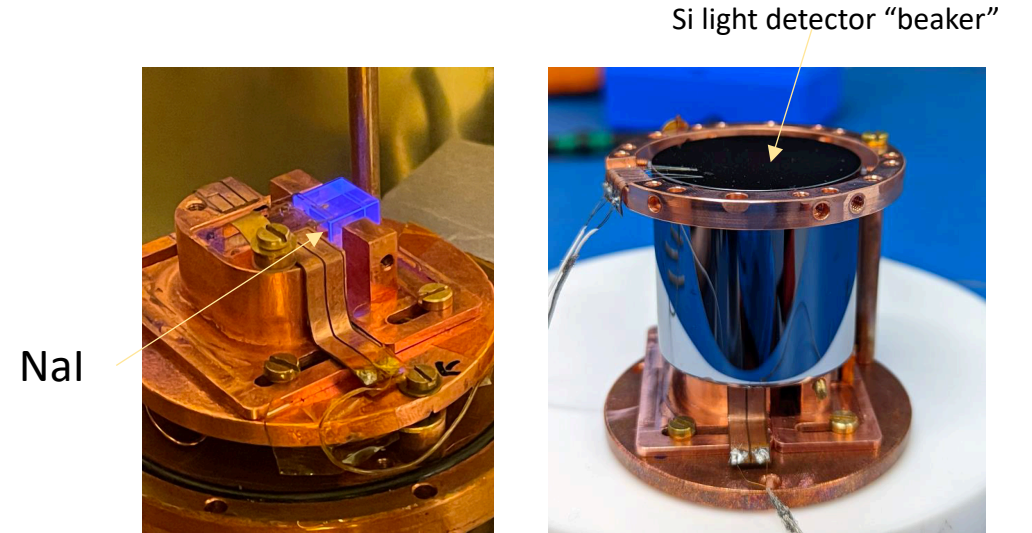
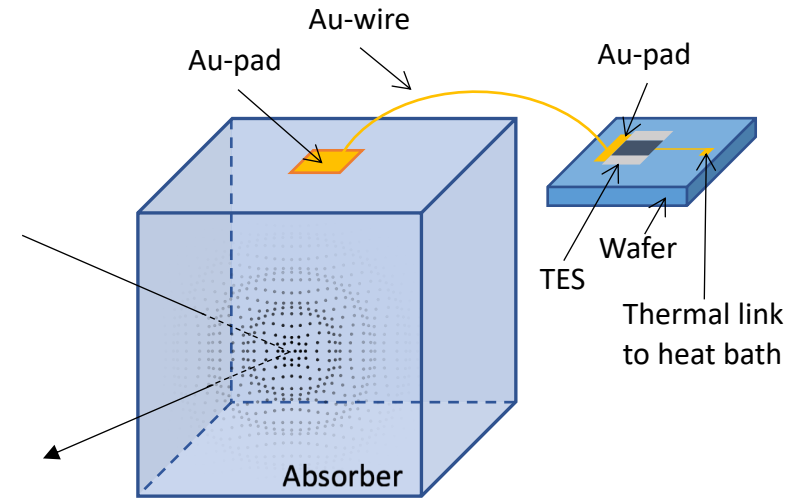


New results from detector tests presented at IDM



COSINUS, K. Schäffner,  
Tue 18:00

New TES design: remoTES



# Conclusion on cryogenic DM detectors

They are **low threshold**

They are **multi-target**



They are **diverse**

They are **small**

They are **big**



They are **beautiful**

They are <sup>not so much</sup> ~~(sometimes)~~

**a pain**



<sup>any more</sup>

They are **clever**