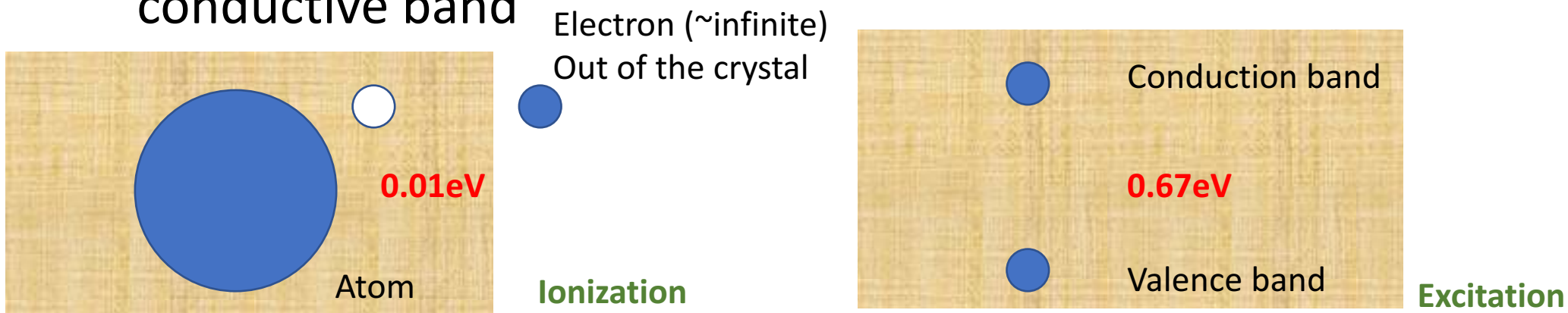


Development of the physics process in Ge detector

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Definition clarification

- Since in the most of the paper
- ➔ Electron-hole pair used for both “ionization” and “excitation”
- ➔ Check with the definitions
- ➔ “Ionization” is for “An electron gets rid of the nuclear and goes to infinite place” (Ion-electron pair => electron-hole pair)
- ➔ “Excitation” is for “An electron jumps from valence band to conductive band”



Extreme temperature-20K

- *ionization energy of the dopants!*
- Require some energy to ionize and produce carriers in the semiconductor. This energy is usually thermal! (From temperature fluctuation)
- If the temperature is **too low**, the dopants will **not be sufficiently ionized** and **there will be insufficient carriers**.
- The result is a condition called "**freeze-out**." For example, Si (dopant ionization energy ~ 0.05 eV) freezes out at about 40 K and Ge (ionization energy ~ 0.01 eV) at about 20 K. Thus, for example, Ge devices in general operate to lower temperatures than Si devices.

4K and 77K different – 20K different

- In 77K
 - ➔ Thermally, carrier (electron/hole) will pop up without any signal
 - ➔ It need to totally depletion with the high voltage
- In 4K
 - ➔ It will be in a low temperature
 - ➔ It needs only a low voltage to drift the electron-hole pair
 - ➔ Below the 20K

Bulk leakage current

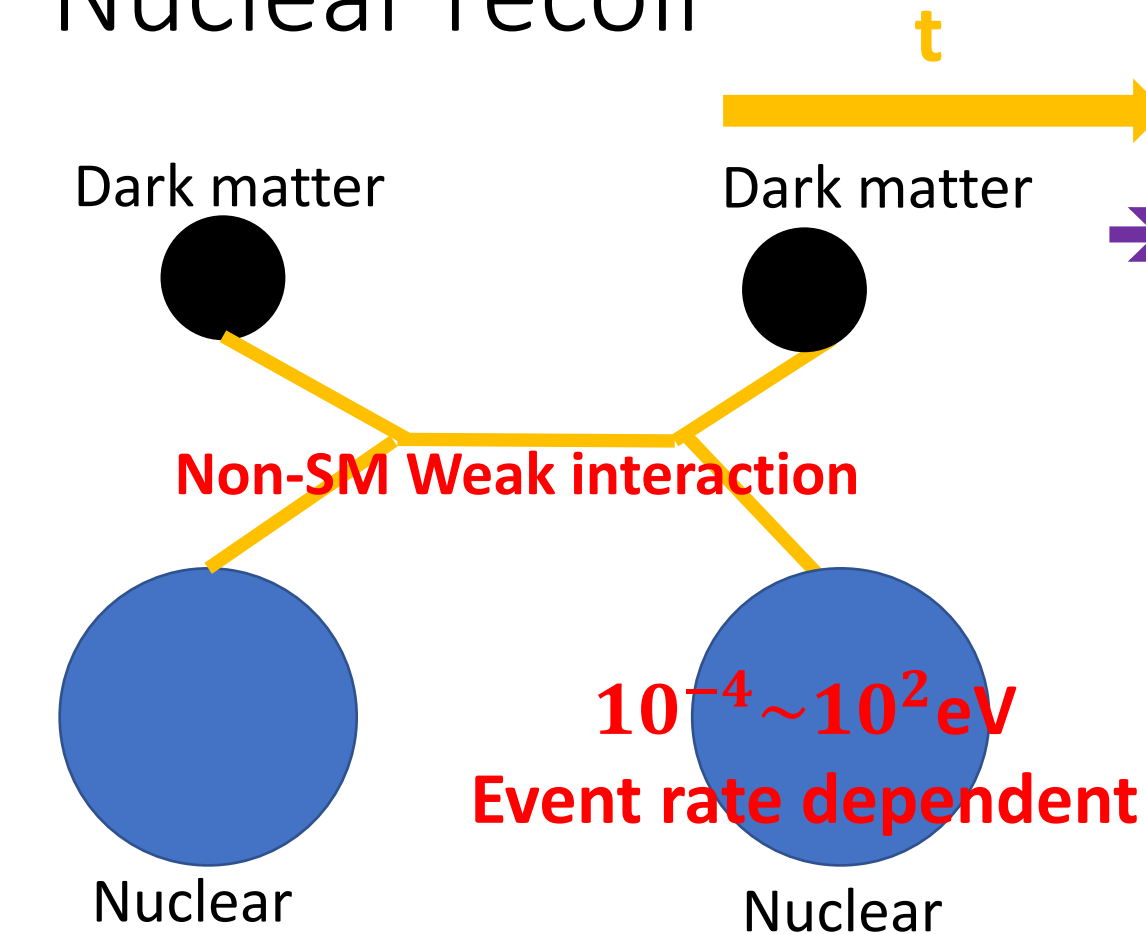
Surface leakage current

- Below 20K
 - ➔ There is no thermal excitation
 - ➔ No leakage current to be supposed
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- Higher than this one
 - ➔ Need to find out the relation between.

Well-defined! The initial process

- When the dark matter comes....
- Nuclear recoil v.s Electron recoil
- Let define it well to see how we can process

Nuclear recoil



Fake-Feynman diagram of DM-Nuclear scattering

Nuclear recoil (scattering off)

NR

dEdX only!

After Nuclear recoil

→ It will collide with electrons and atoms

Electrons → e-h pairs

(Effective ionization energy)

Electronic stopping of heavy ion

Atoms → phonons

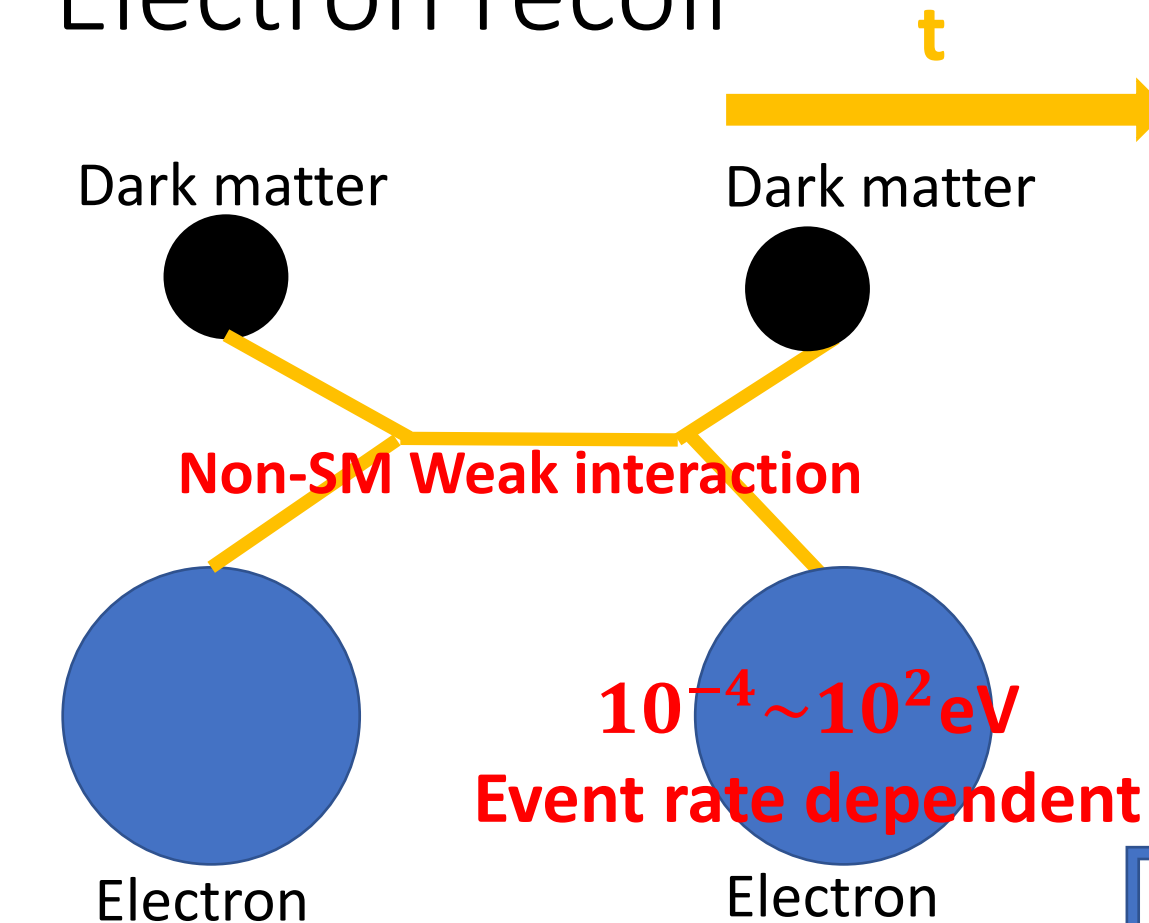
Nuclear stopping of heavy ion

What's the fraction of them?

We need to know this to initiate!

Depend on the velocity of DM

Electron recoil



Fake-Feynman diagram of DM-electron scattering

Electron recoil (scattering off)

ER

After the Electron recoil
→ It will collide with electrons

Electrons → e-h pairs
(Effective ionization energy)

Since 50eV DM → e-h pair 3eV
(Impact Ionization)

No phonon basically! Can't give nuclear much energy

Too big....

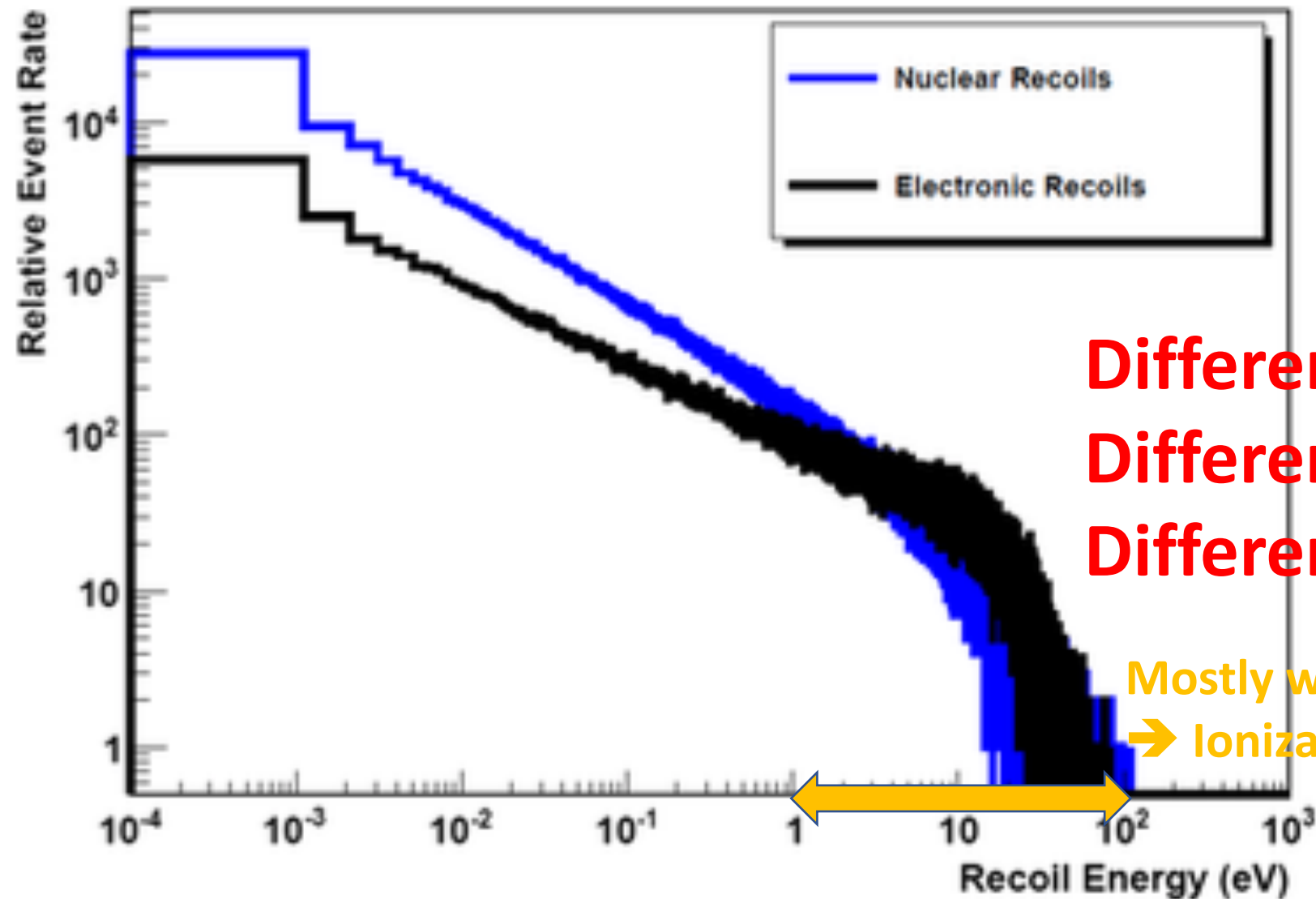


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Nuclear

Come on!

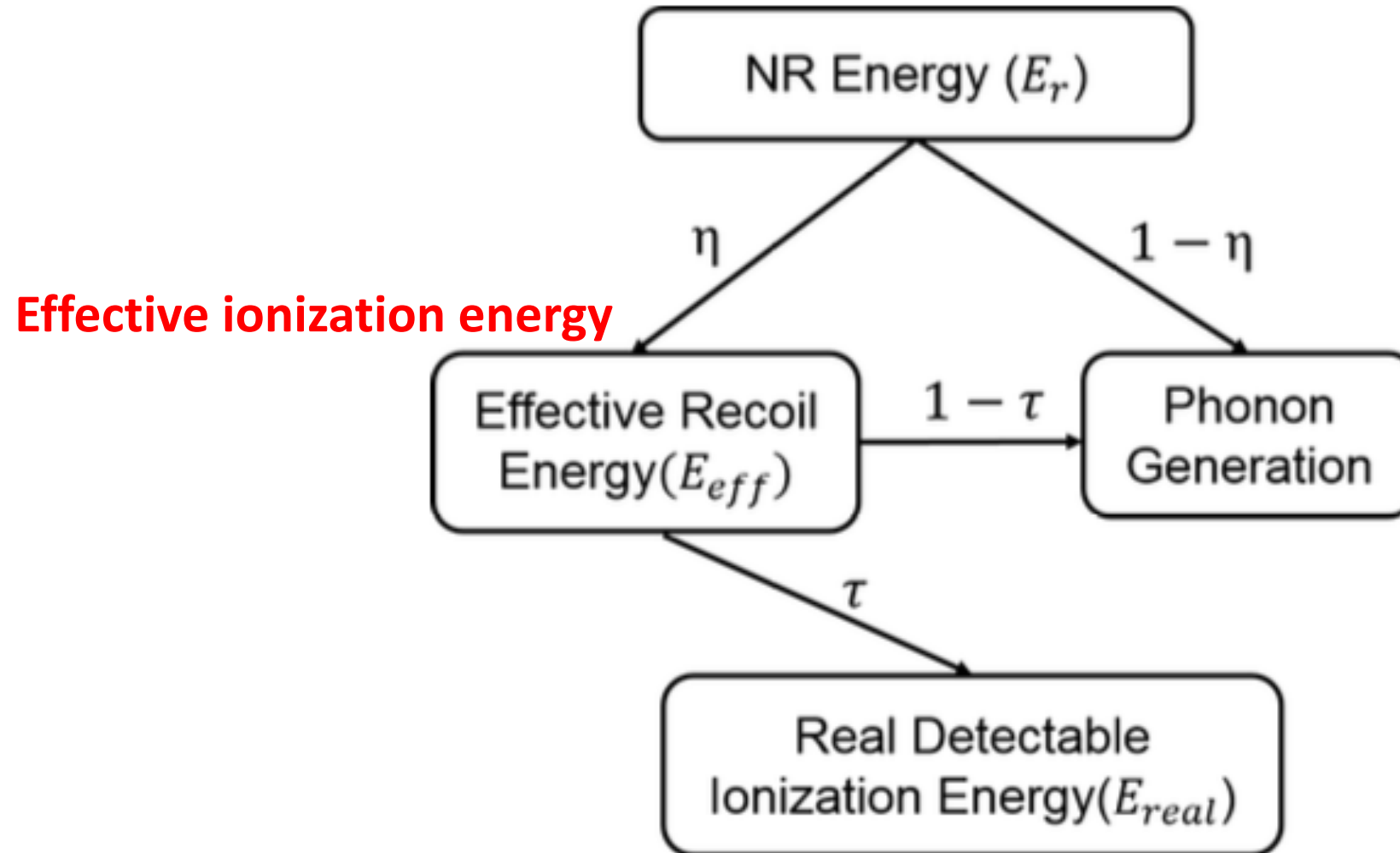


Different DM Mass
Different Recoil energy
Different Relative event rate!

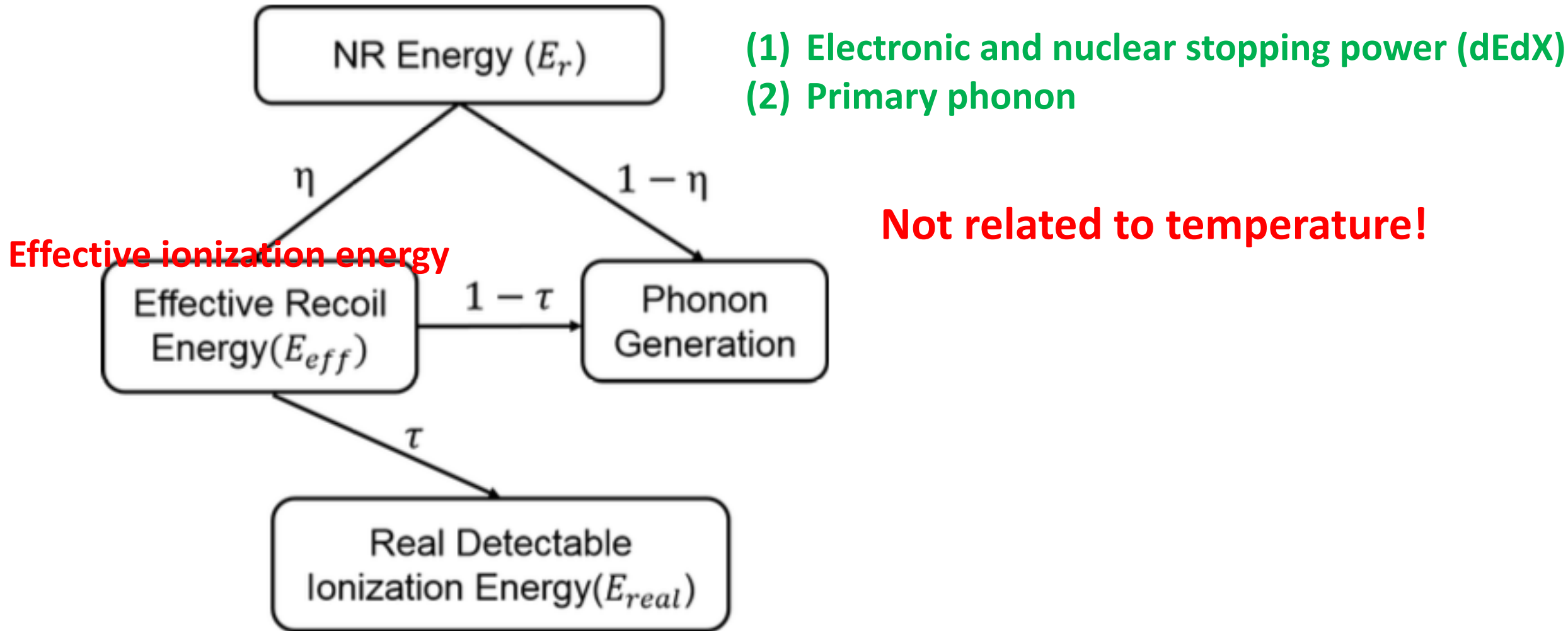
Mostly we care this range.
→ Ionization limitations with impurities

Fig. 1 The relative event rate as a function of recoil energy for DM with masses between 0.1 MeV/c² to 1 GeV/c²

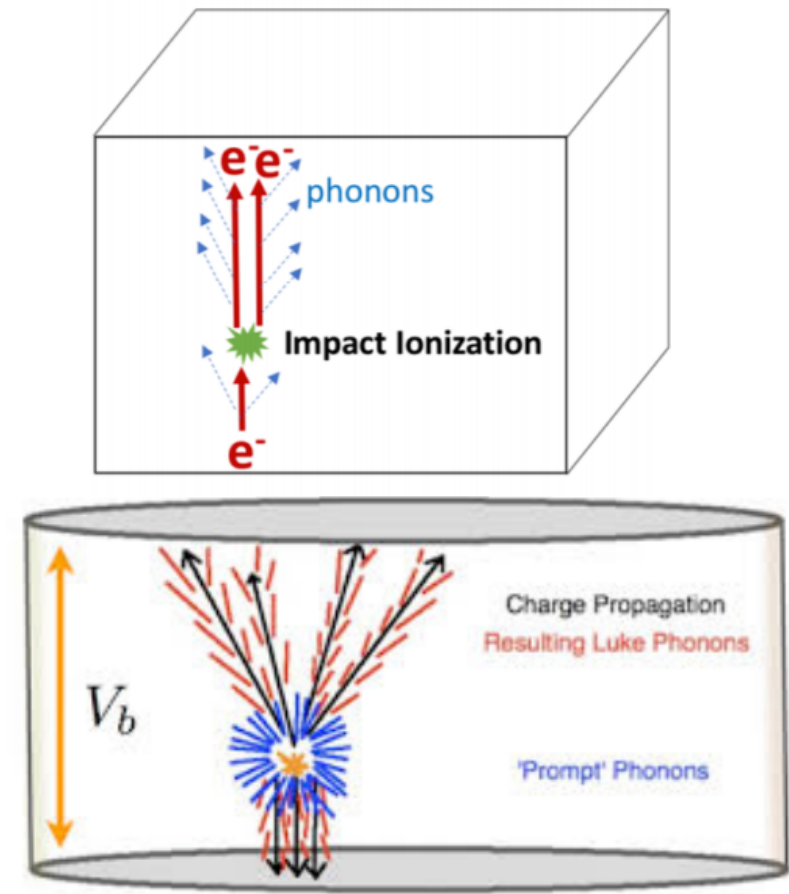
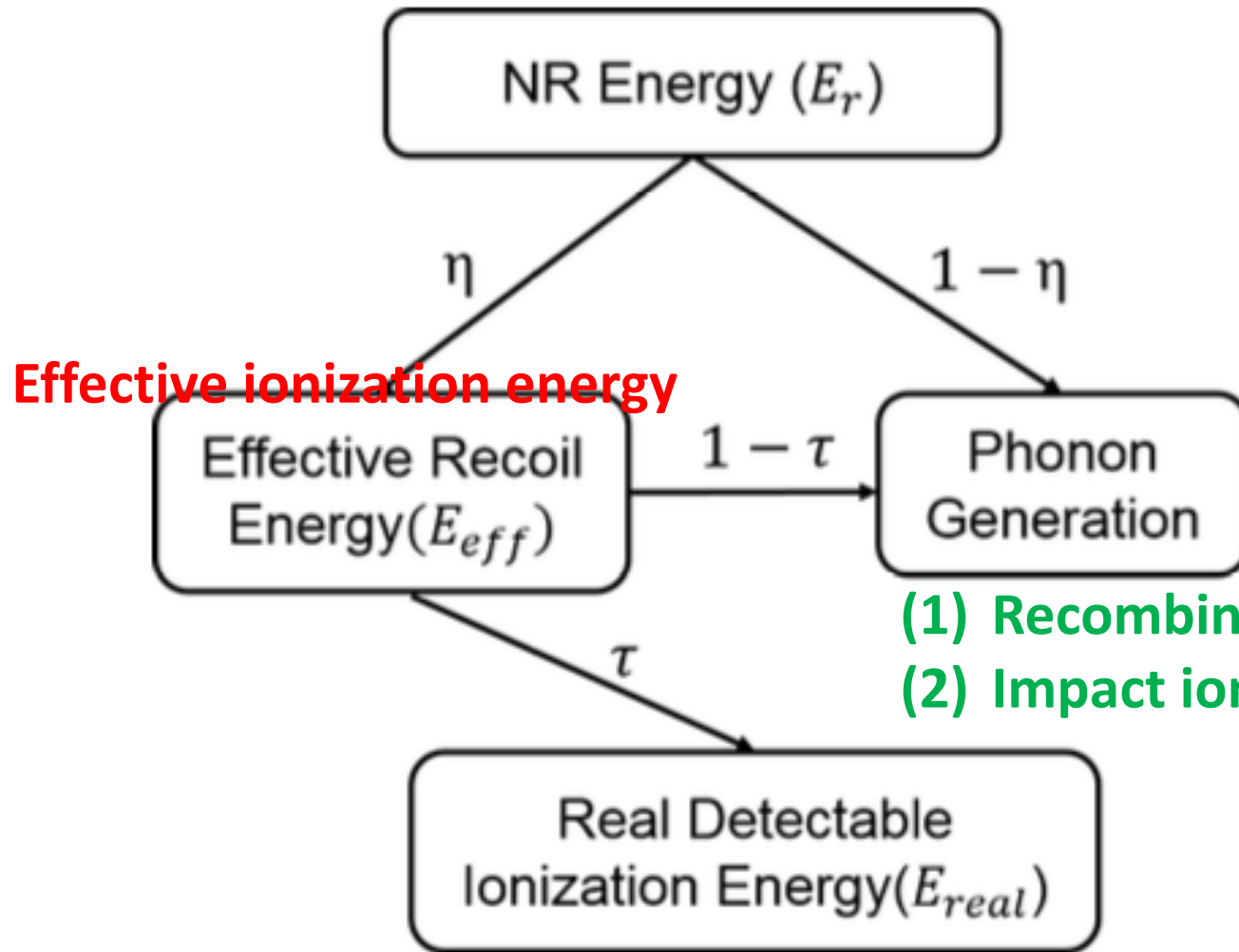
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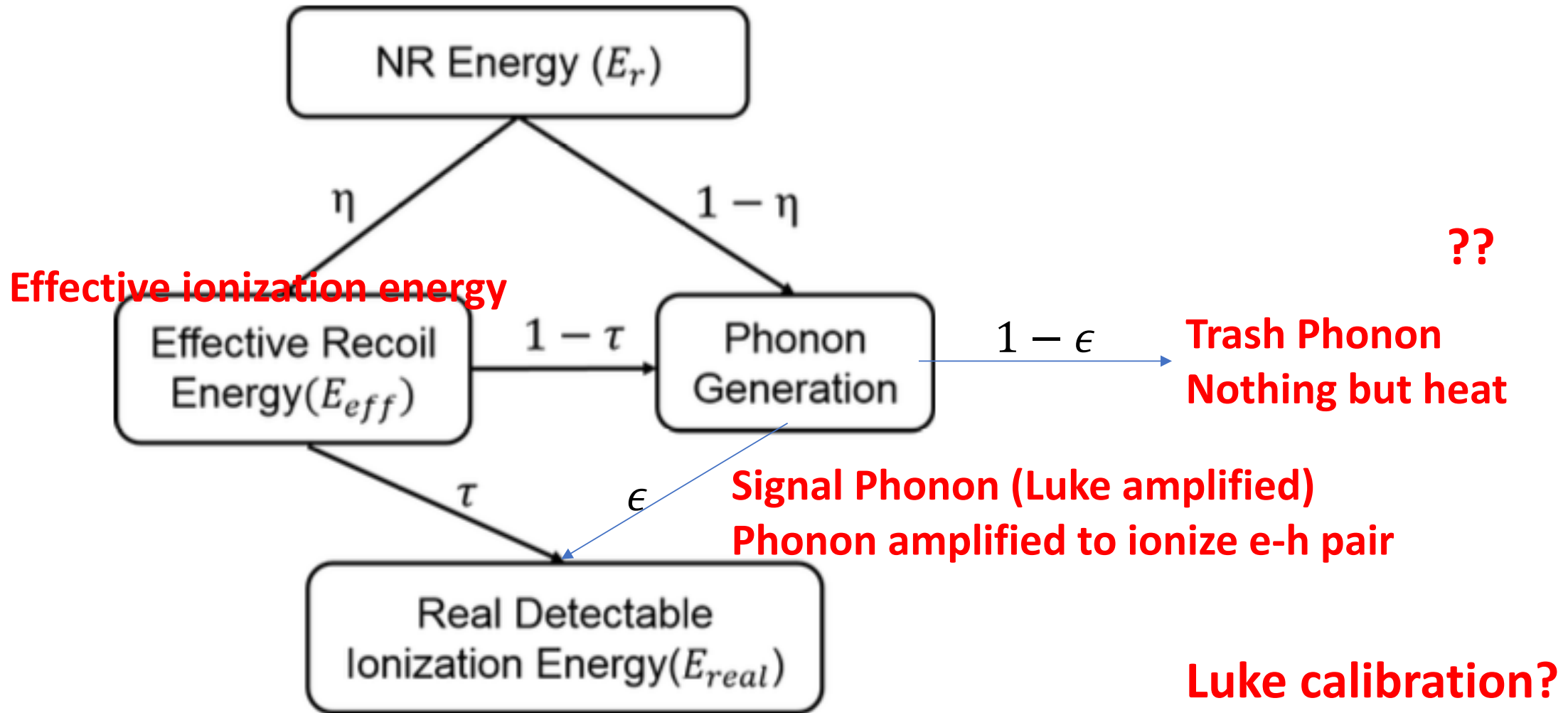


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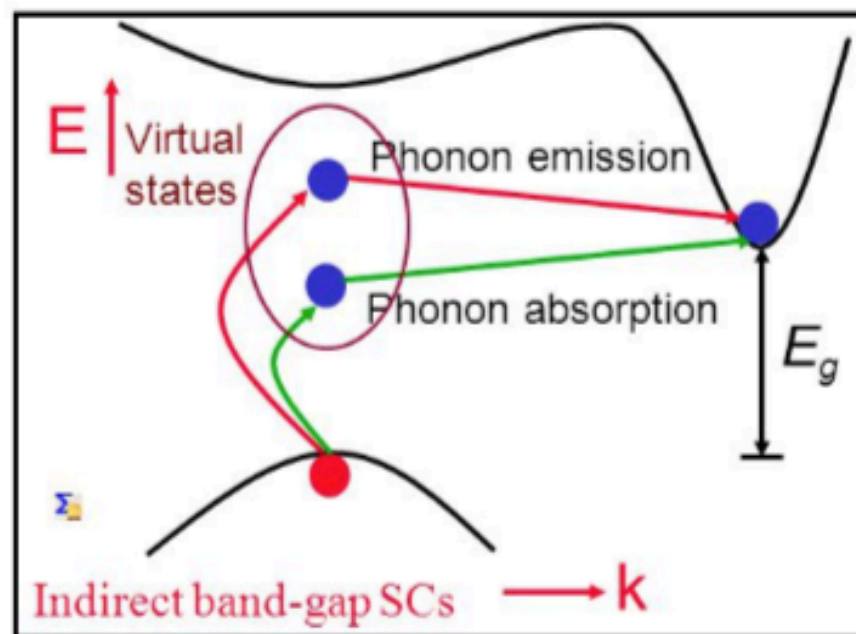
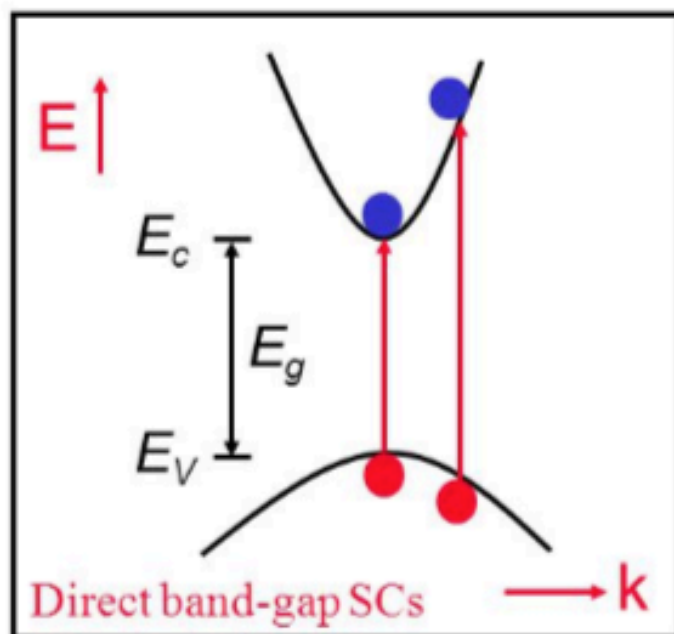


- (1) Recombination(ignored) phonon, Luke effect phonon
- (2) Impact ionization(Non-uniform effect?)

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- Photogeneration → band-diagrammatic description:



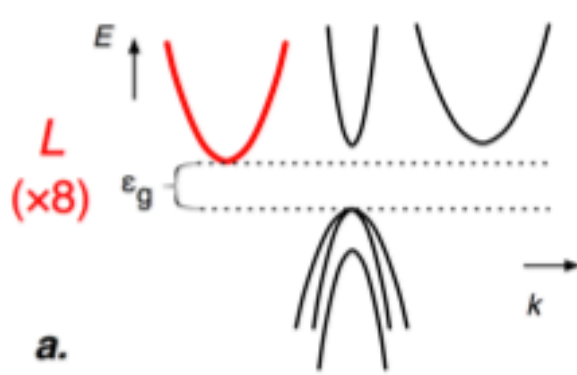
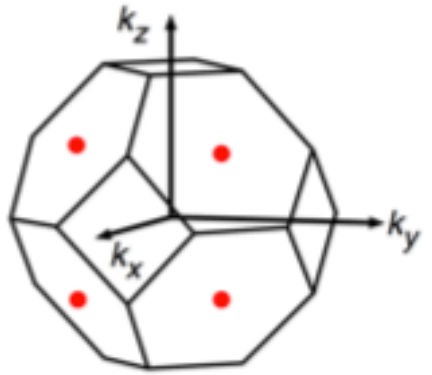
Momentum and energy conservation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_f &= p_i \\
 E_f &= E_i + E_{ph}
 \end{aligned}$$

final initial photon

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_f &= p_i \mp p_s \\
 E_f &= E_i \mp E_s + E_{ph}
 \end{aligned}$$

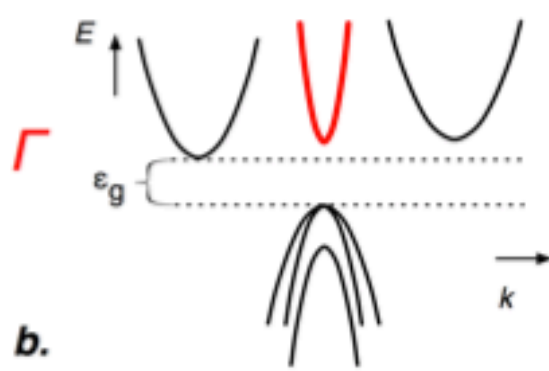
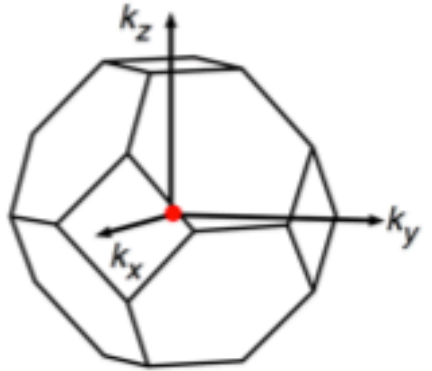
final initial phonon photon



Direct band gap

The energy produce e-h pair

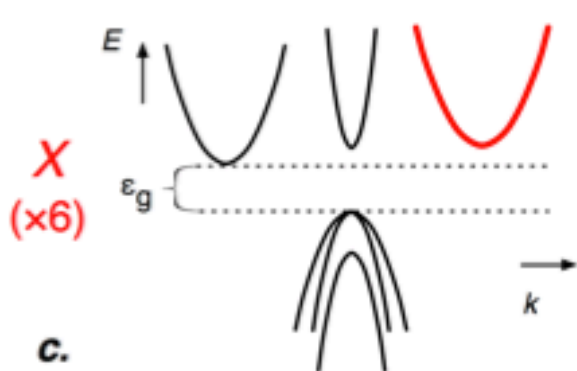
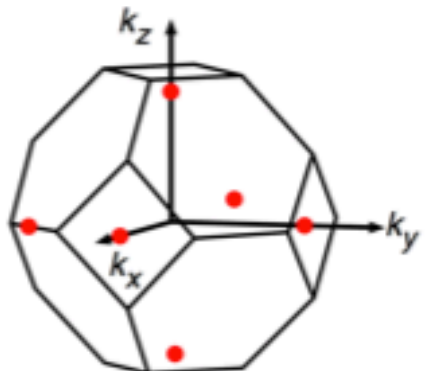
➔ Bandgap



Indirect band gap

The energy produce e-h pair

➔ Average all the gap



Let define the parameters

- $N_{pair}' = \frac{E_r * \eta}{E_g}$ (Expected – non phonon)
 E_r (Nuclear recoil energy)
 E_g (Energy band gap)
- $N_{pair} = \frac{E_r * \eta}{\varepsilon}$ (Consider Phonon)

The issue we can concern to explore

- 1. Explore the total signal
- ➔ Since in our experiment, we don't try to divide our signal into two types – electron recoil and Nuclear recoil, but add them together
- ➔ a. Do we need to distinguish them by some other things?
- ➔ (Maybe we can have a shield outside.)
- ➔ b. Or maybe we can think of the other method to do it?

The issue we can concern to explore

- 2. Luke phonon calibration
- ➔ Since in our case of the shallow doping, we can give out many electron-hole pair
- ➔ Also it will give us much Luke-phonon
- ➔ Those phonon could also give us the electron-hole pair
- ➔ Under “**High voltage**”! – In superCDMS (ignored)

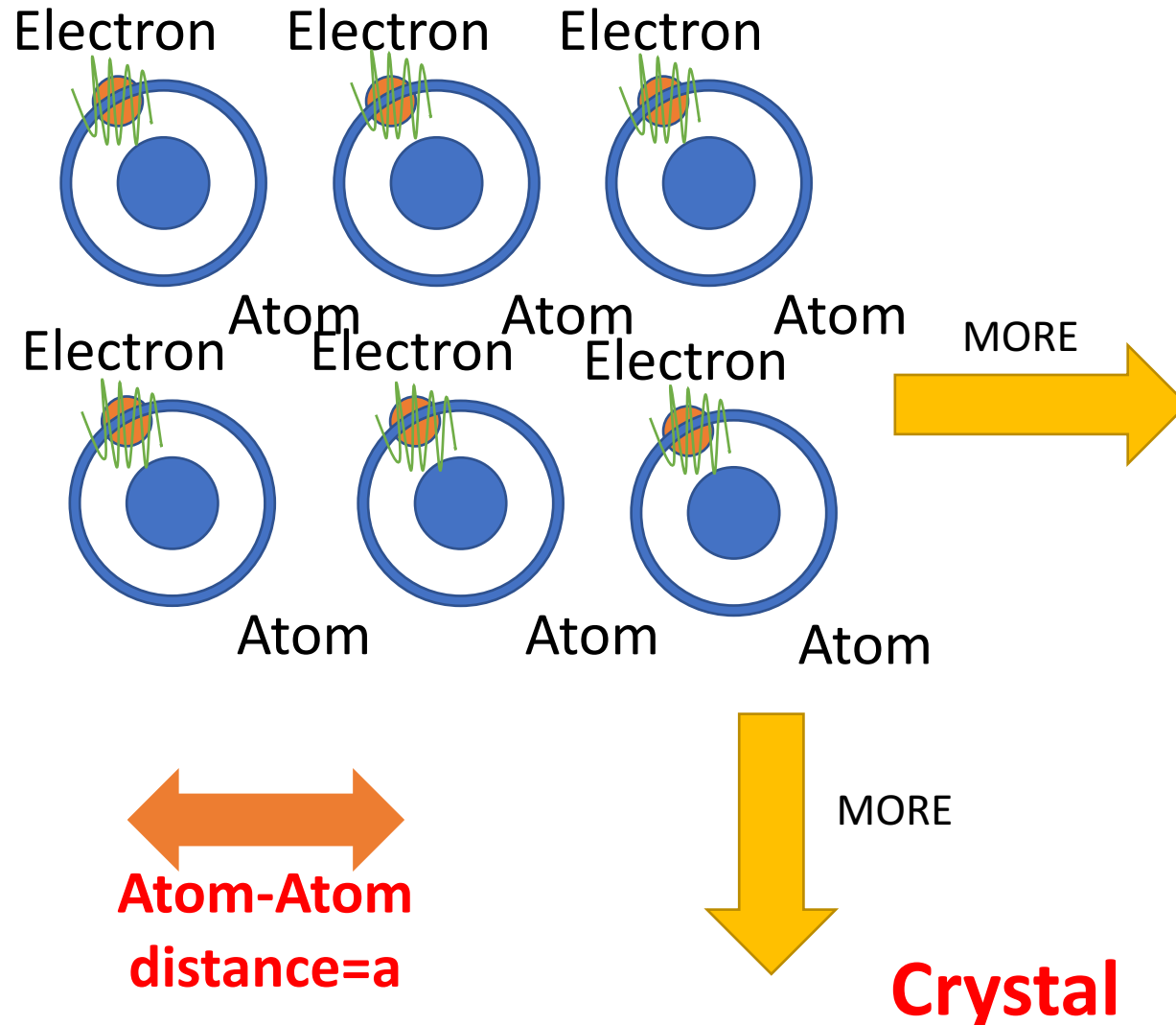
Problem

- 1. Since we know the impurities (Shallow doping), do we need to care about the band gap for ionization?
- 2. Phonon emission and absorption
- 3. Ionization energy and bandgap

First:

Basic Solid-State Physics in Crystal

Bloch's theorem- Electron wave function



Bloch's theorem(Definition)

$$\varphi(r) = e^{ik \cdot r} u(r)$$

(Next page will show the wave)

Using in:

A particle in repeating-periodically environment.

r is position

k is wave vector

$u(r)$ is periodic function

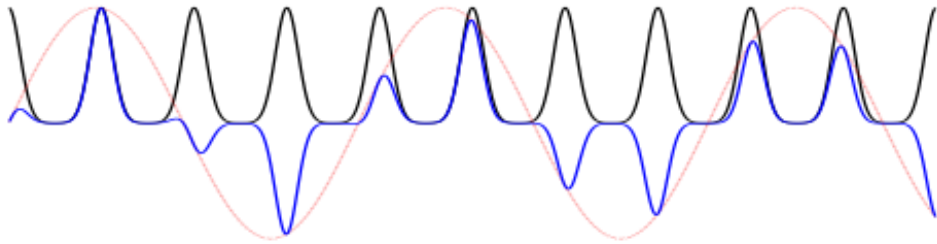
$$u(r) = u(r + a)$$

The picture for the Bloch wave

Black: $u(r)$ **Periodic wave function**

Pink: $e^{ik \cdot r}$ 

Blue: **The Bloch wave function**



Quantum mechanism:
(A particle momentum)
(Wave package)

$$p = \hbar k$$

The same definition for
crystal momentum

k is the Bloch wave vector

$$\varphi(r) = e^{ik \cdot r} u(r)$$

Temperature, voltage

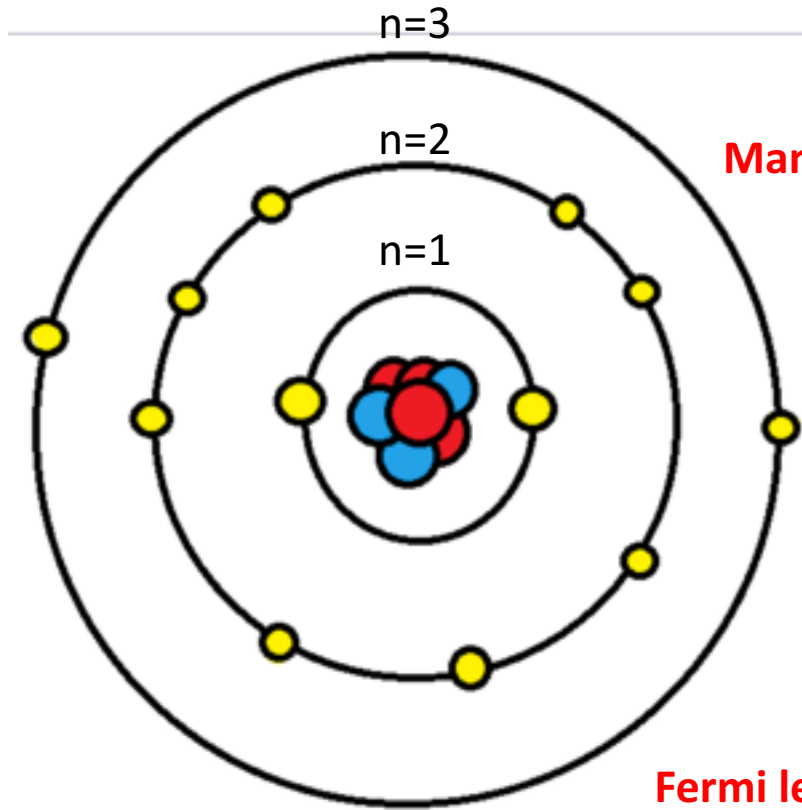
→ Change the wave vector k

→ Because: Change the status of electrons

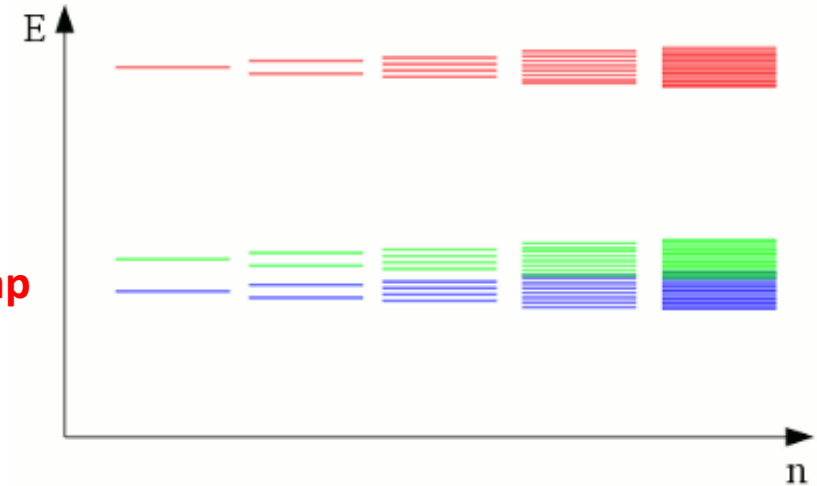
$$(k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda})$$

Band theory and Band gap

Outermost electrons: valence electron

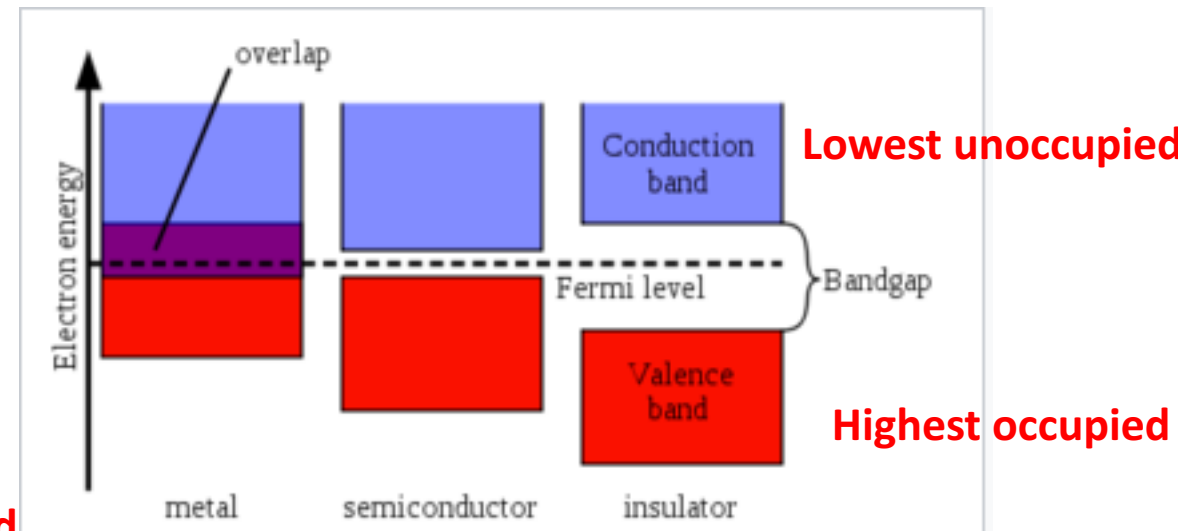


Crystal:
Many orbital electrons overlap



Fermi level:

OK, the electron can fill the
highest level in valence band



Direct and indirect band gap

-Energy and momentum conservation

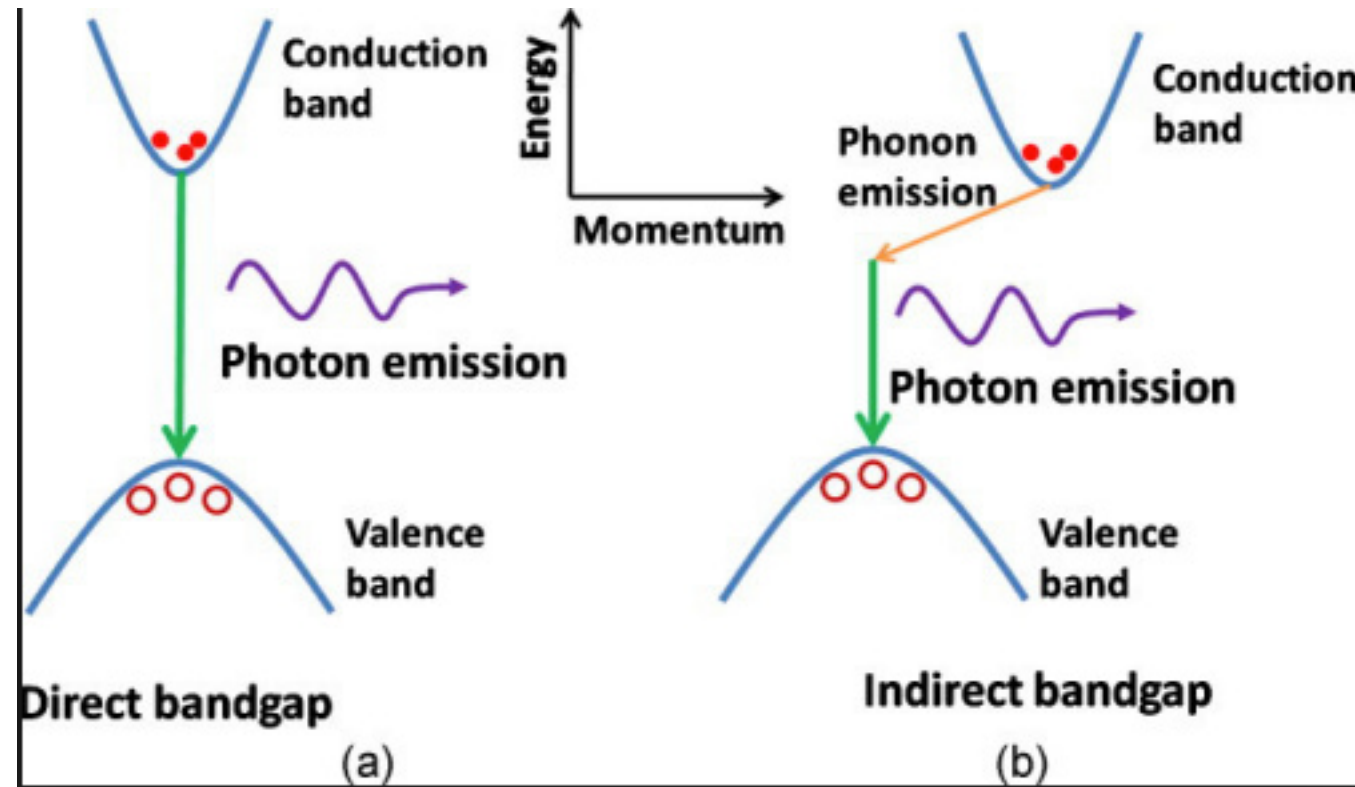
Dispersion relation

E versus. k

Momentum conserves.

Momentum don't conserve.

Same k or not.



Photon will be absorbed/emitted ! **Photon will be absorbed/emitted !**
Phonon will be absorbed/emitted !

Direct and indirect band gap

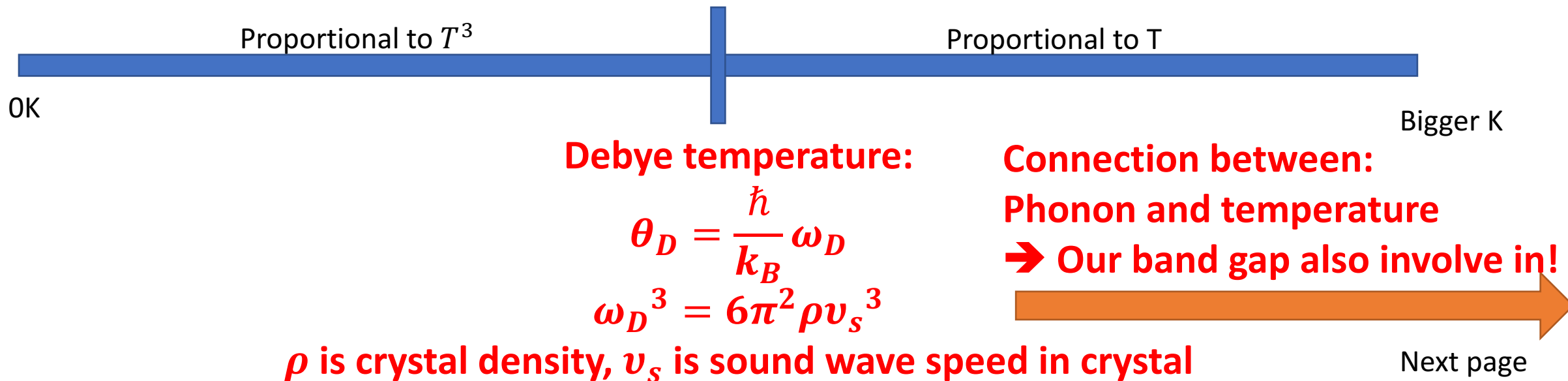
-Energy and momentum conservation

****Important point 1**:**

→ Under 4K(liquid Helium) and 77K(liquid Nitrogen), what's the different of the band gap between this two temperature?

Debye model – Debye temperature

- Estimate the phonon contribution in specific heat.
- Low temperature → Specific heat proportional to T^3
- What's the standard of this specific heat issue?



Band gap under the 4K and 77K

- $E_g = E_0 - \alpha \frac{T^2}{T+\beta}$
- E_g is direct or indirect band gap
- E_0 is the band gap of 0K
- α and β are the constants in experiment
- $T \ll \theta \rightarrow \Delta E_g \propto T^2$

Indirect band gap
→ Lower band gap
→ Prefer to use it!

Since it will go down
→ Higher temperature(77K)
→ Can get more electron-hole pair

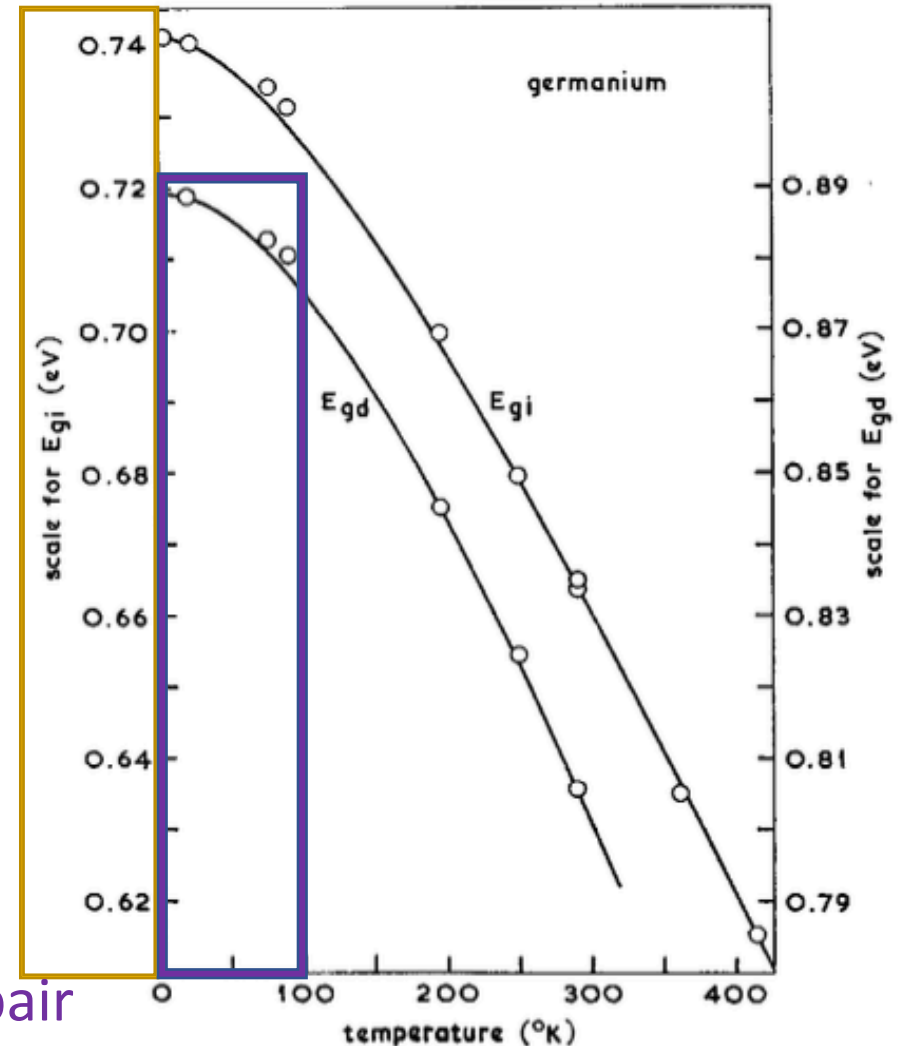


Fig. 3. Germanium, indirect and direct gaps.

Tabla 1. Banda prohibida de energía entre las bandas de valencia y de conducción
(*i* = banda indirecta; *d* = banda directa)

Cristal	Banda	E_g , eV		Cristal	Banda	E_g , eV	
		0 K	300 K			0 K	300 K
Diamante	<i>i</i>	5.4		HgTe ^a	<i>d</i>	-0.30	
Si	<i>i</i>	1.17	1.11	PbS	<i>d</i>	0.286	0.34–0.37
Ge	<i>i</i>	0.744	0.66	PbSe	<i>i</i>	0.165	0.27
α Sn	<i>d</i>	0.00	0.00	PbTe	<i>i</i>	0.190	0.29
InSb	<i>d</i>	0.23	0.17	CdS	<i>d</i>	2.582	2.42
InAs	<i>d</i>	0.43	0.36	CdSe	<i>d</i>	1.840	1.74
InP	<i>d</i>	1.42	1.27	CdTe	<i>d</i>	1.607	1.44
GaP	<i>i</i>	2.32	2.25	ZnO		3.436	3.2
GaAs	<i>d</i>	1.52	1.43	ZnS		3.91	3.6
GaSb	<i>d</i>	0.81	0.68	SnTe	<i>d</i>	0.3	0.18
AlSb	<i>i</i>	1.65	1.6	AgCl		—	3.2
SiC(hex)	<i>i</i>	3.0	—	AgI		—	2.8
Te	<i>d</i>	0.33	—	Cu ₂ O	<i>d</i>	2.172	—
ZnSb		0.56	0.56	TiO ₂		3.03	—

^a El HgTe es un semimetal; las bandas se solapan.

α and β could be found!

Second:
Our study topic of Ge detector

Shallow doping Trap

Table 2 Ionization energies of shallow impurities in Ge

Impurity	Boron	Aluminum	Gallium	Phosphorus
Ionization energy (eV)	0.0104	0.0102	0.0108	0.012

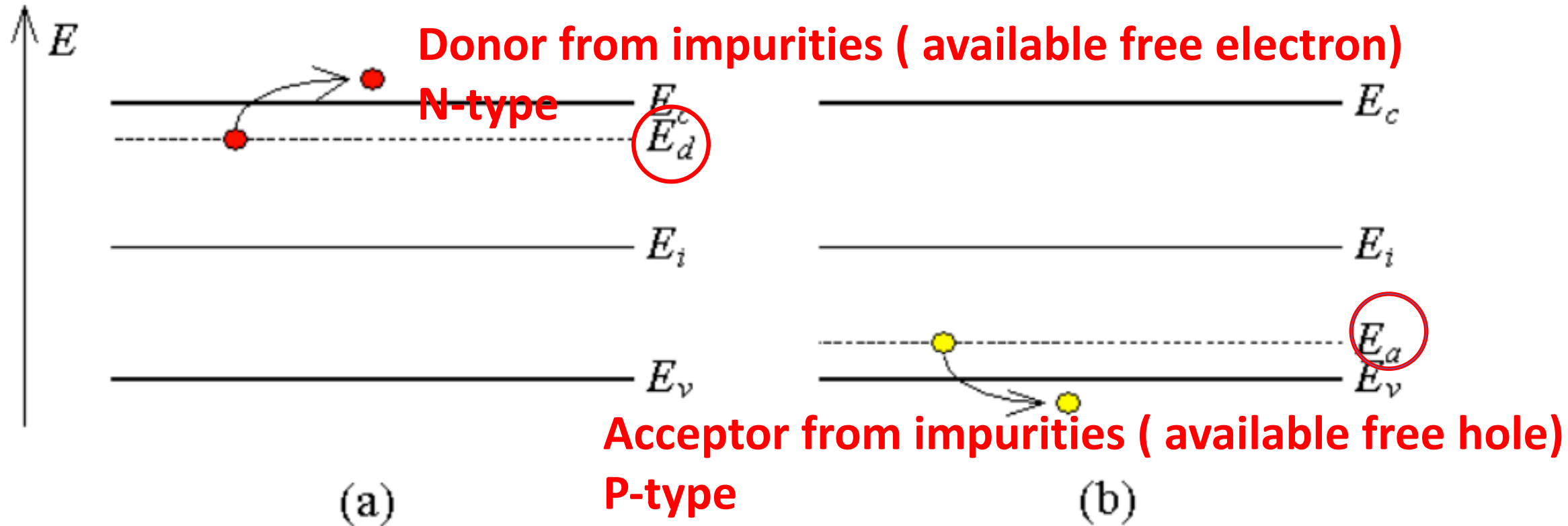
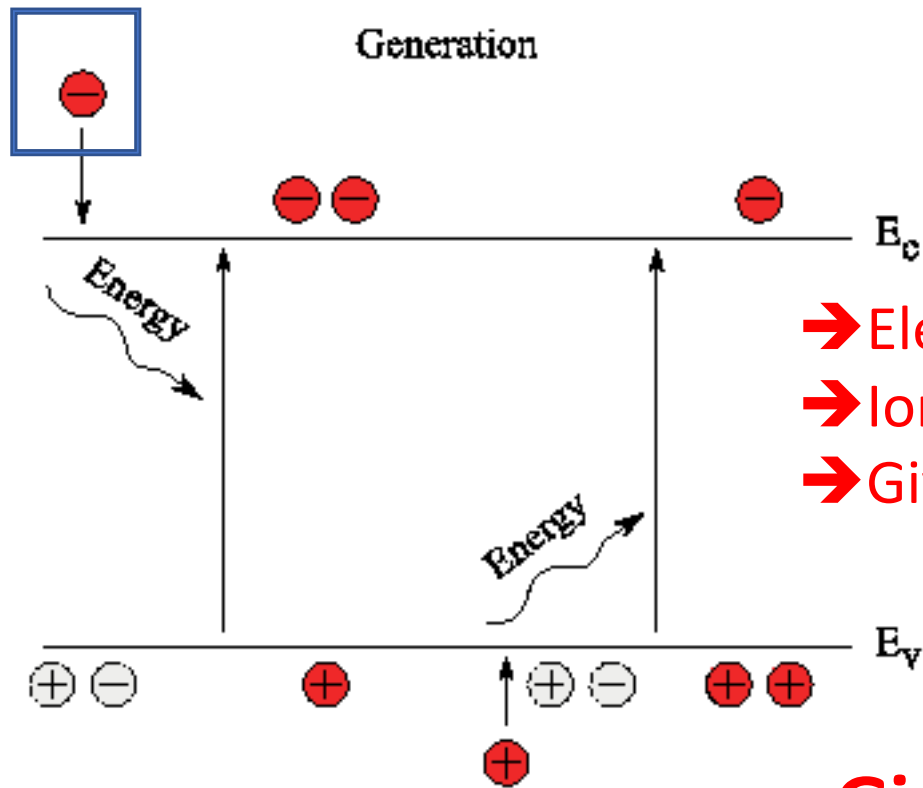


Figure 2.6.5: Ionization of a) a shallow donor and b) a shallow acceptor

Let us divide the topic into two parts:
Nuclear recoil and Electron recoil

Auger recombination-electron and hole pair Impact ionization

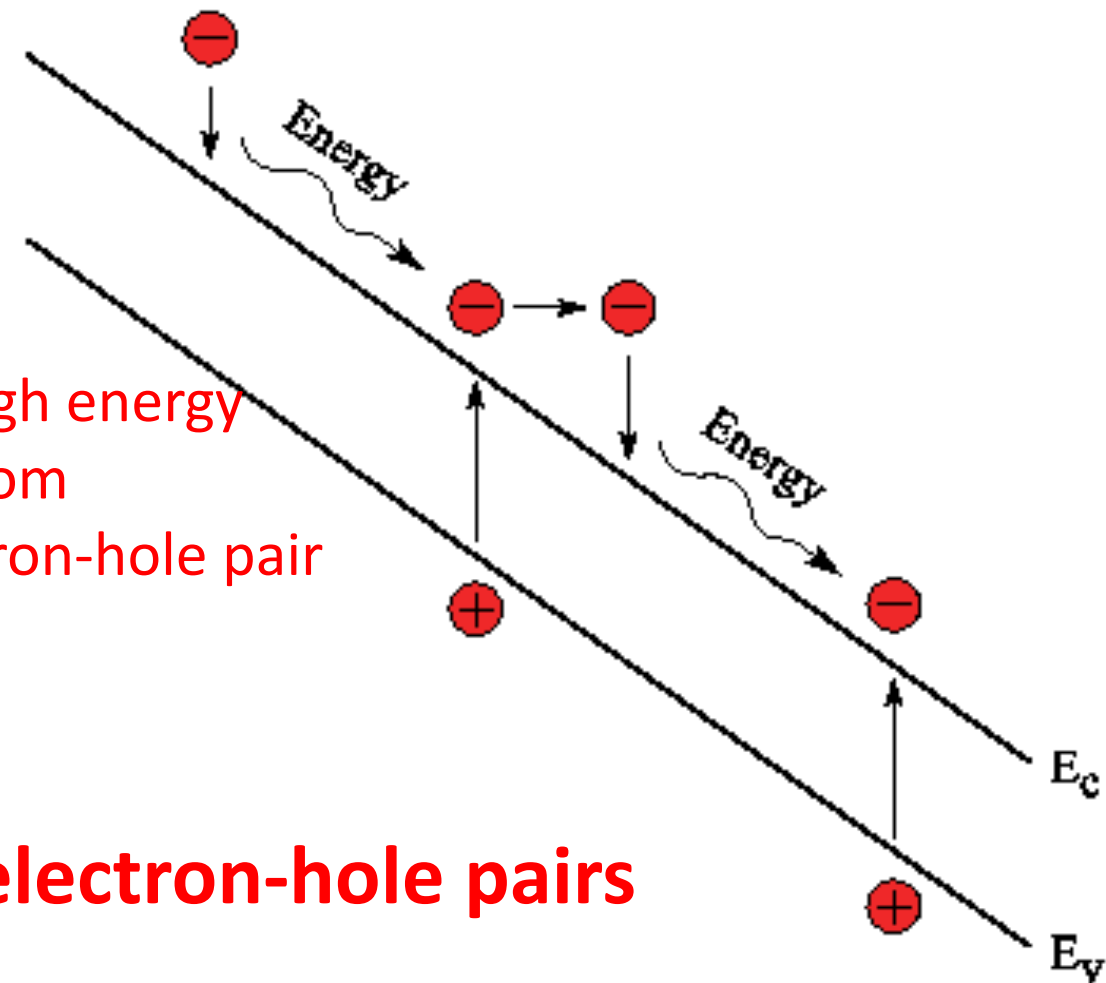
High energy electron under the high voltage



- Electron will have high energy
- Ionize the nearby atom
- Give out many electron-hole pair

Avalanche Auger generation

Give out many electron-hole pairs
→ Then?



Phonon emission/absorption- Shockly-Read-Hall(SRH) recombination

Trap:
1. The defect of crystal
2. impurity

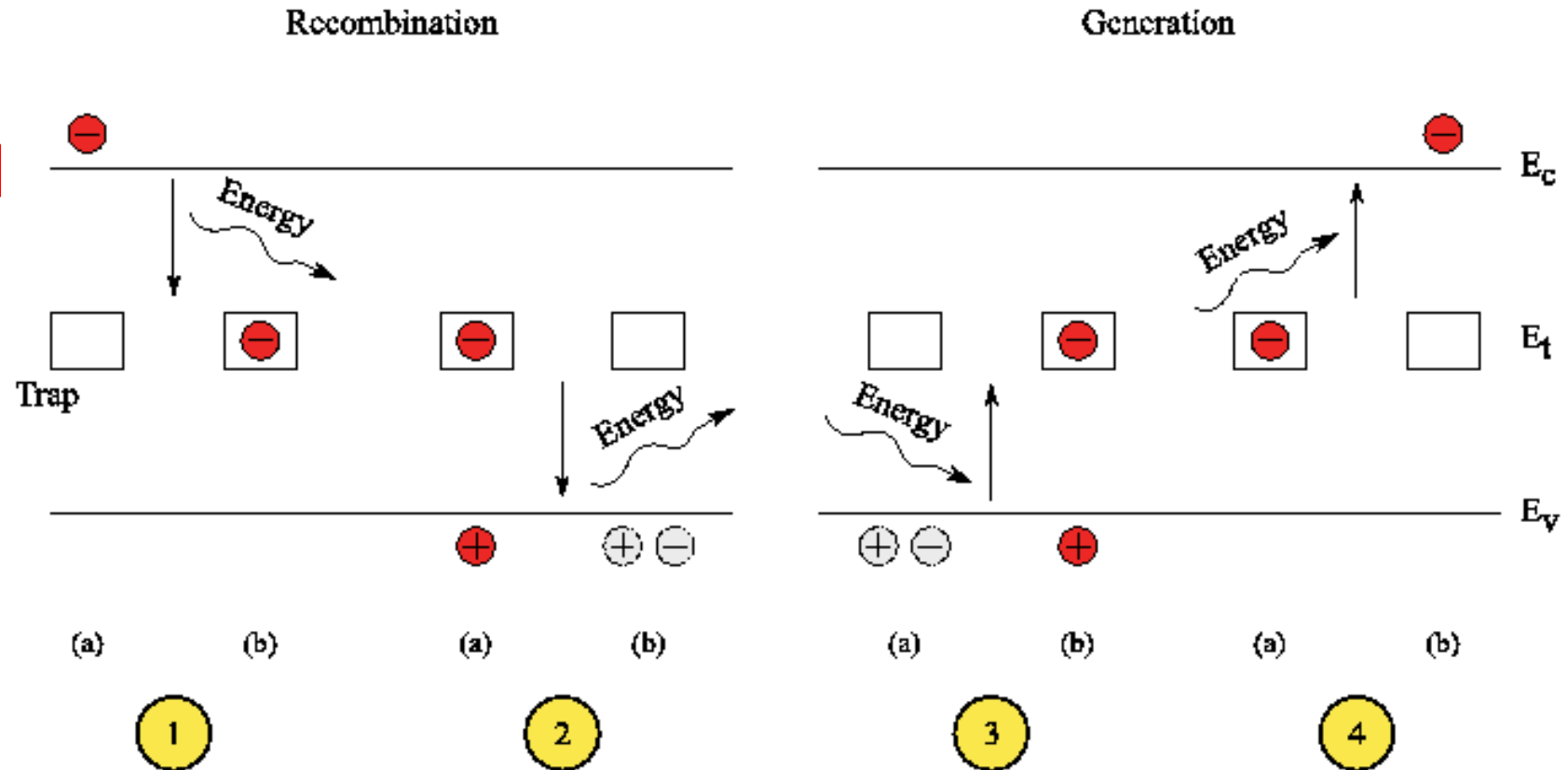


Figure 2.2: Four sub-processes in the Shockley-Read-Hall generation/recombination process. 1. electron capture, 2. hole capture, 3. hole emission, and 4. electron emission.

Reverse bias Breakdown

- Maximum reverse bias voltage
- Two type of breakdown
- - **Avalanche breakdown**
 - Charge Multiplication (impact ionization) under the electric field
 - In the depletion of the region
- - Zener breakdown
 - Quantum mechanical tunneling of carriers through the bandgap
 - Highly doped p-n junctions.

What's Depletion layer in this case?