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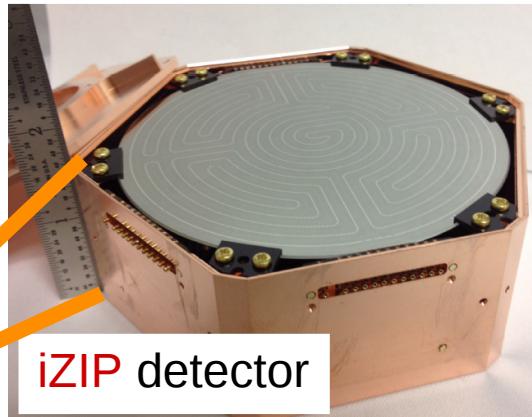
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# Dark Photon Searches with SuperCDMS Technology

ON BEHALF OF THE SuperCDMS COLLABORATION

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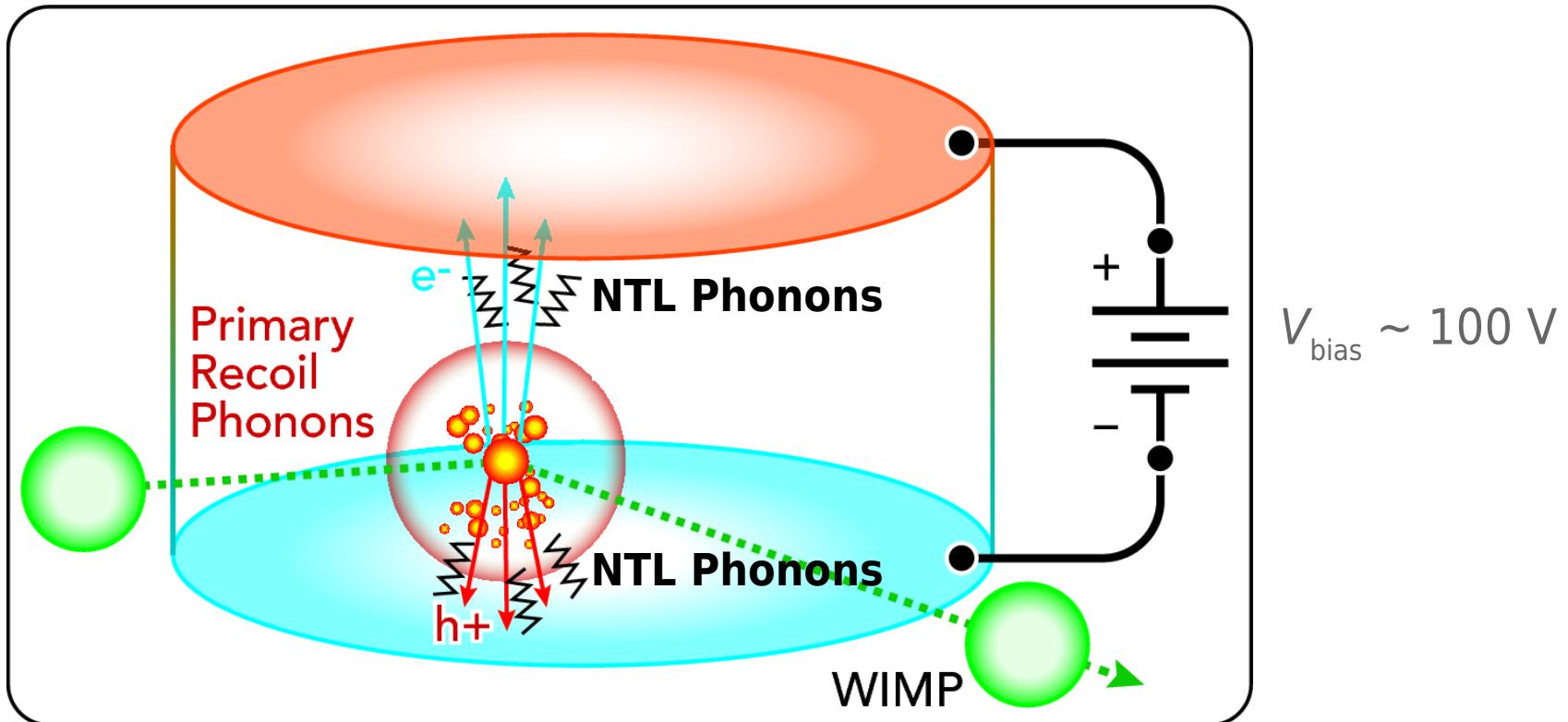
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# NEGANOV-TROFIMOV-LUKE AMPLIFICATION

NTL: Neganov-Trofimov-Luke



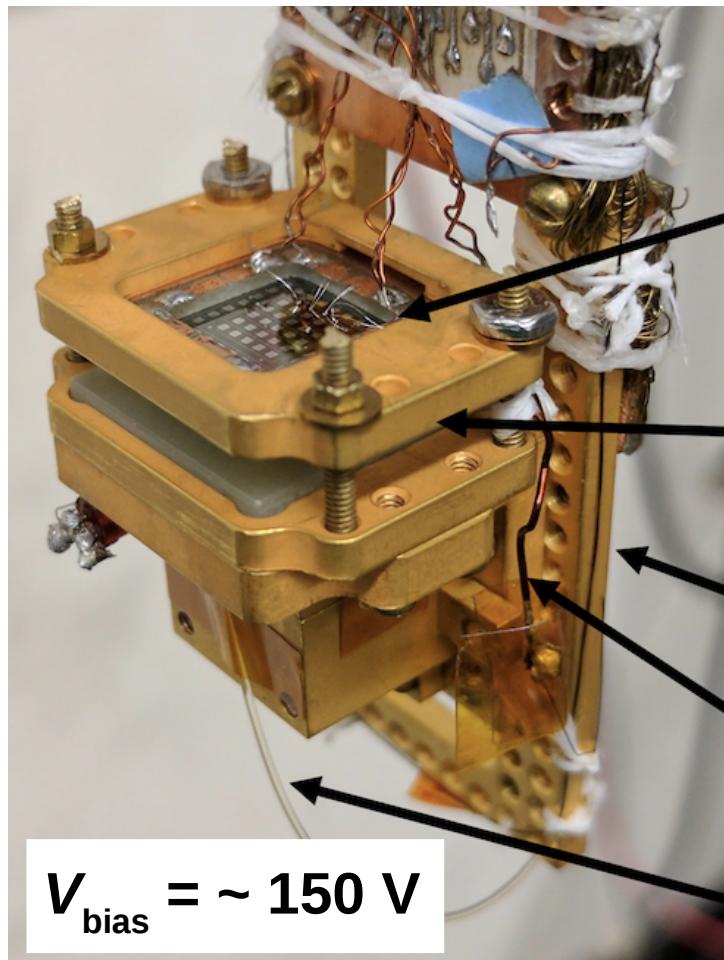
$$\text{Observed Phonon Energy} = E_{\text{Recoil}} + E_{\text{NTL}}$$

# 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



Si crystal ( $1\text{cm}^2 \times 4\text{mm}$ , 0.93 g),  
Phonon sensors

Crystal holder

Dilution refrigerator  
sample stage (30 mK)

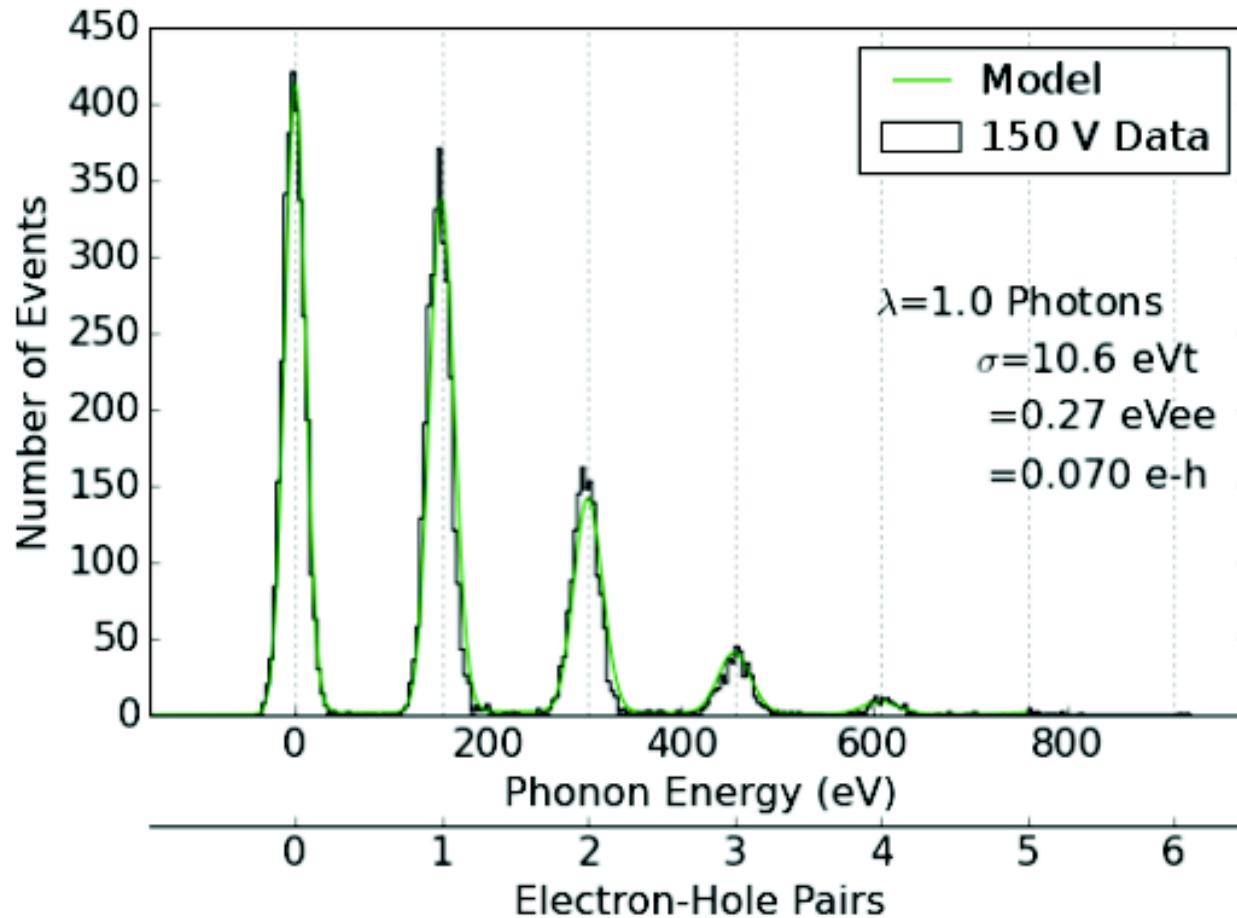
Bias voltage line

Fiber optic

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

# PROTOTYPE HVeV DETECTOR

- ▶ Si band gap:  $\sim 1.2$  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!**

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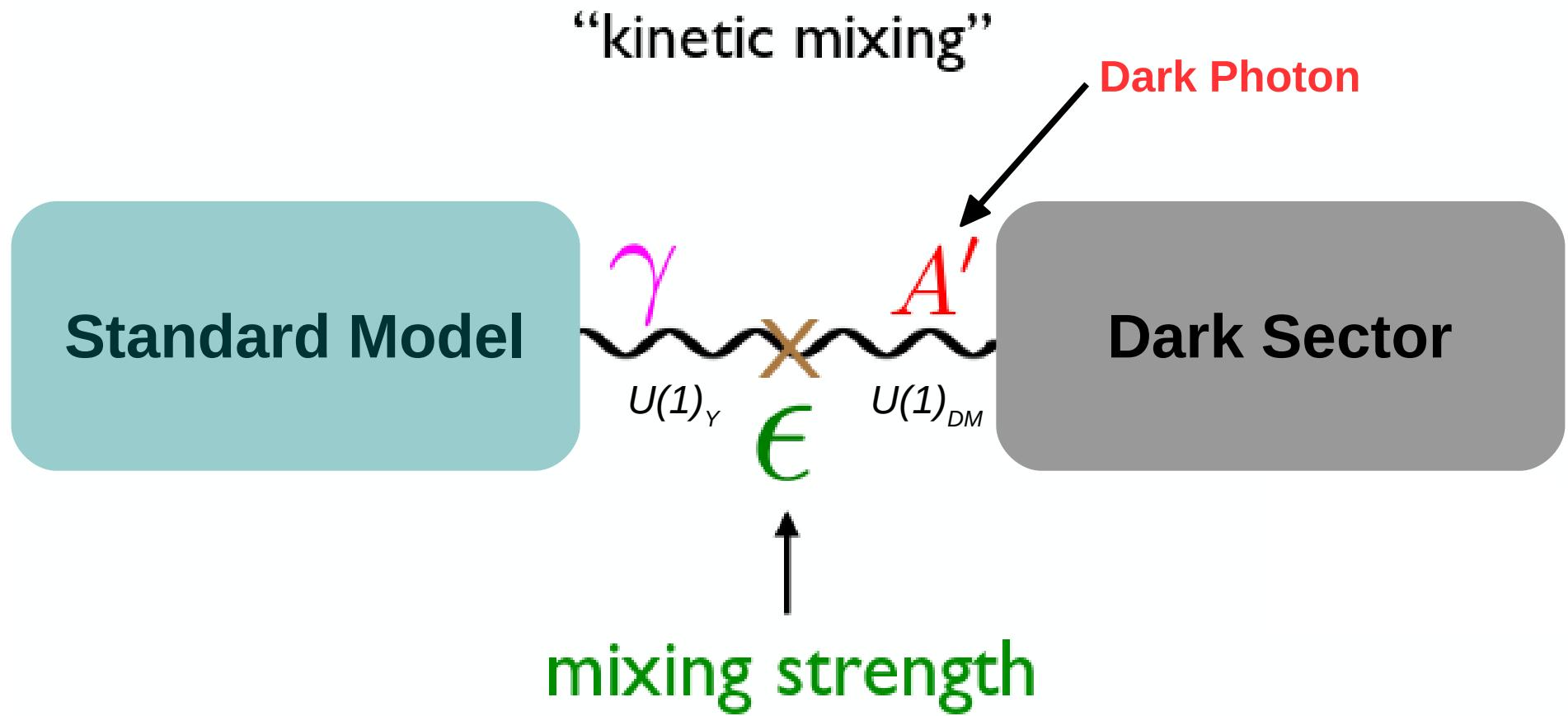
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# DARK PHOTON

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# SEARCH

# MINIMAL VECTOR PORTAL



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

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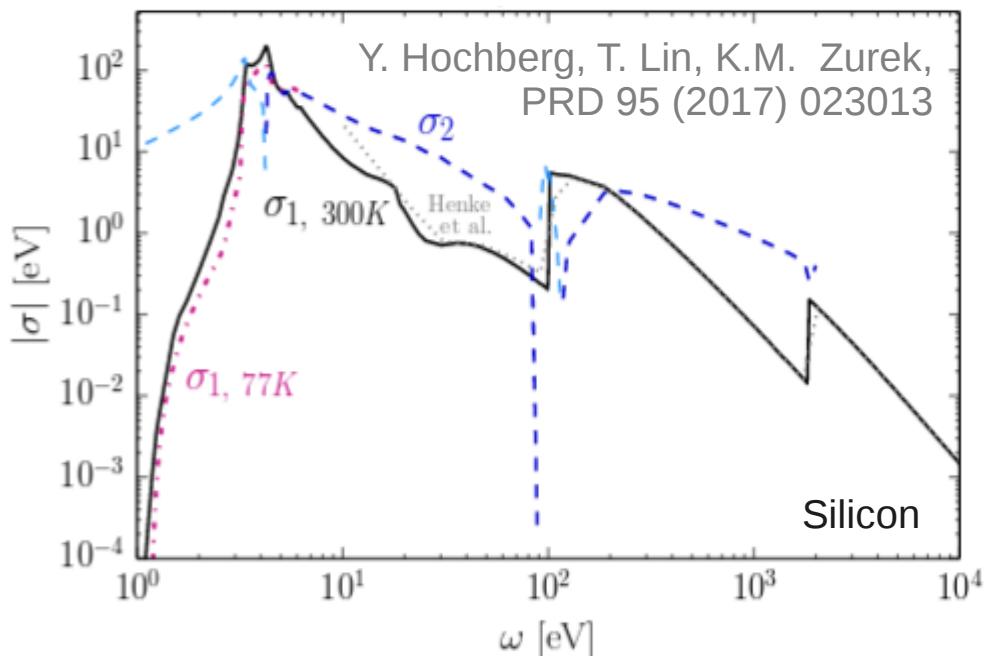
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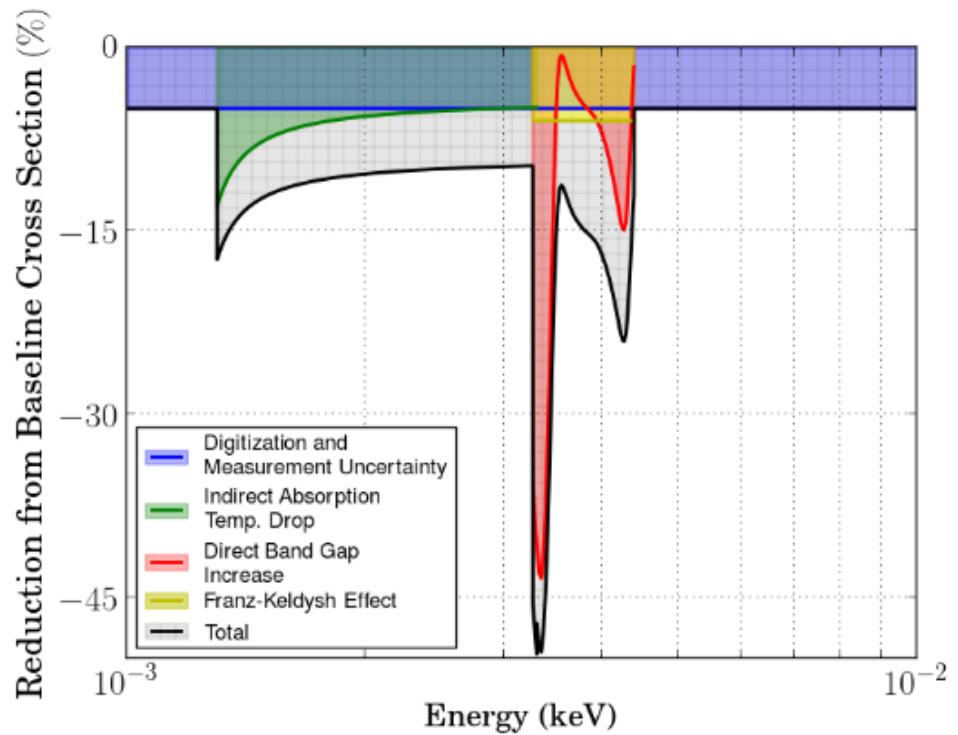
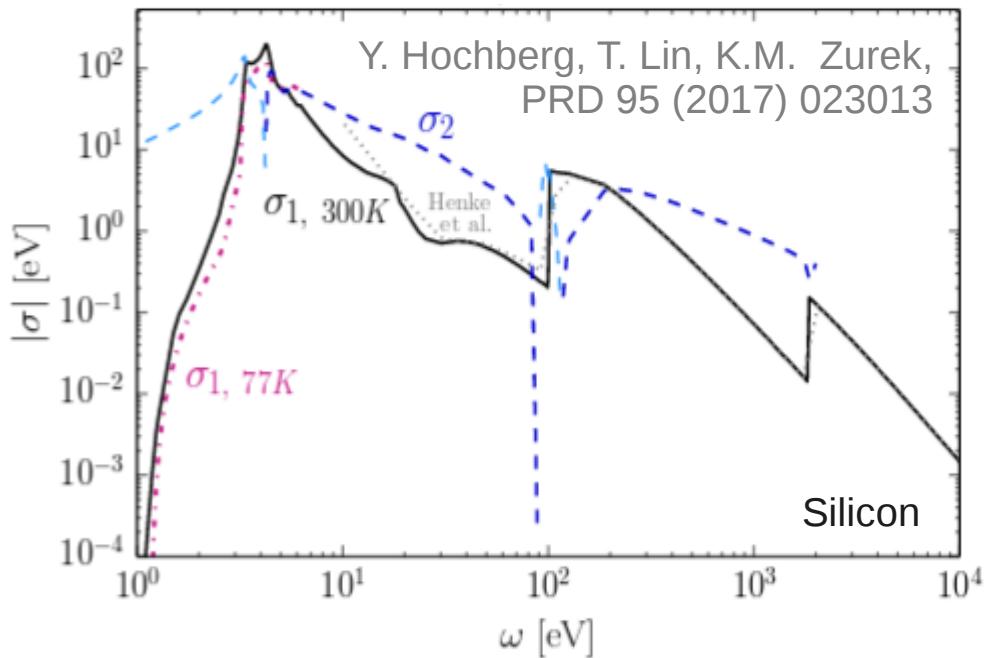


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**Dedicated study in**  
Ancillary file to arXiv:1804.10697,  
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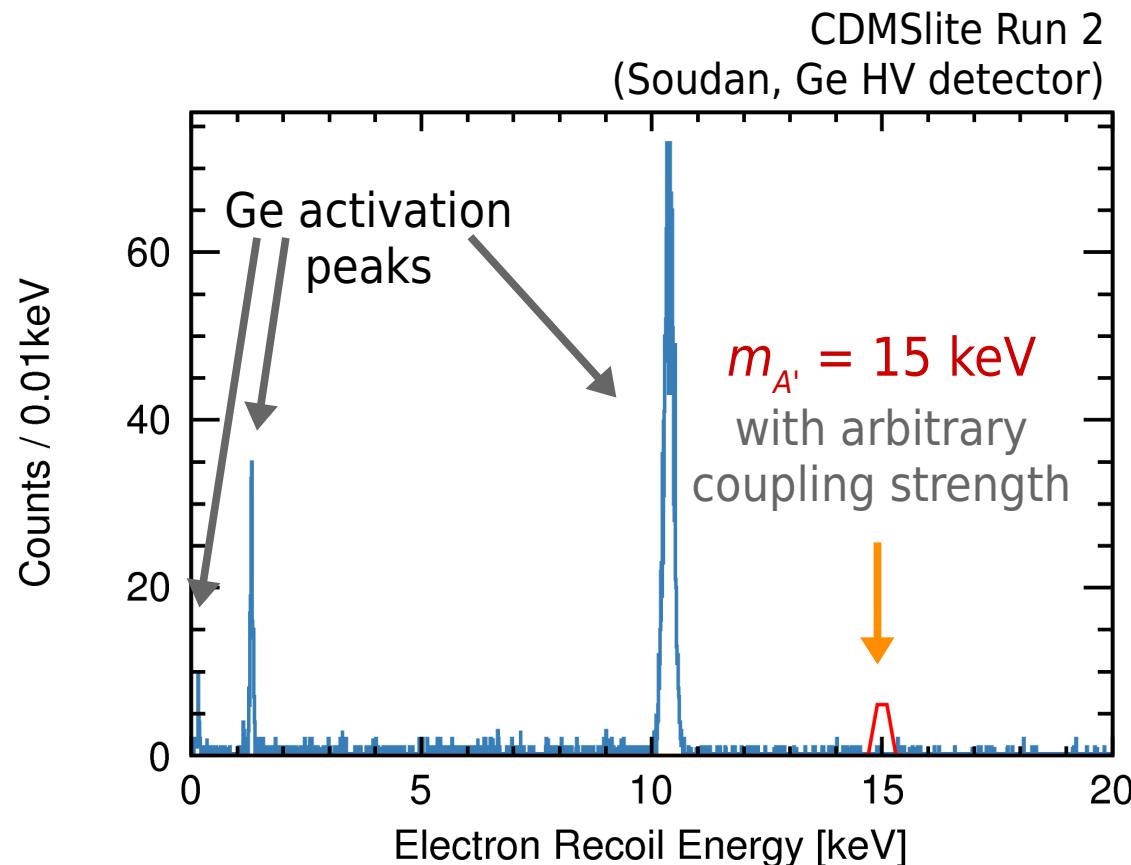
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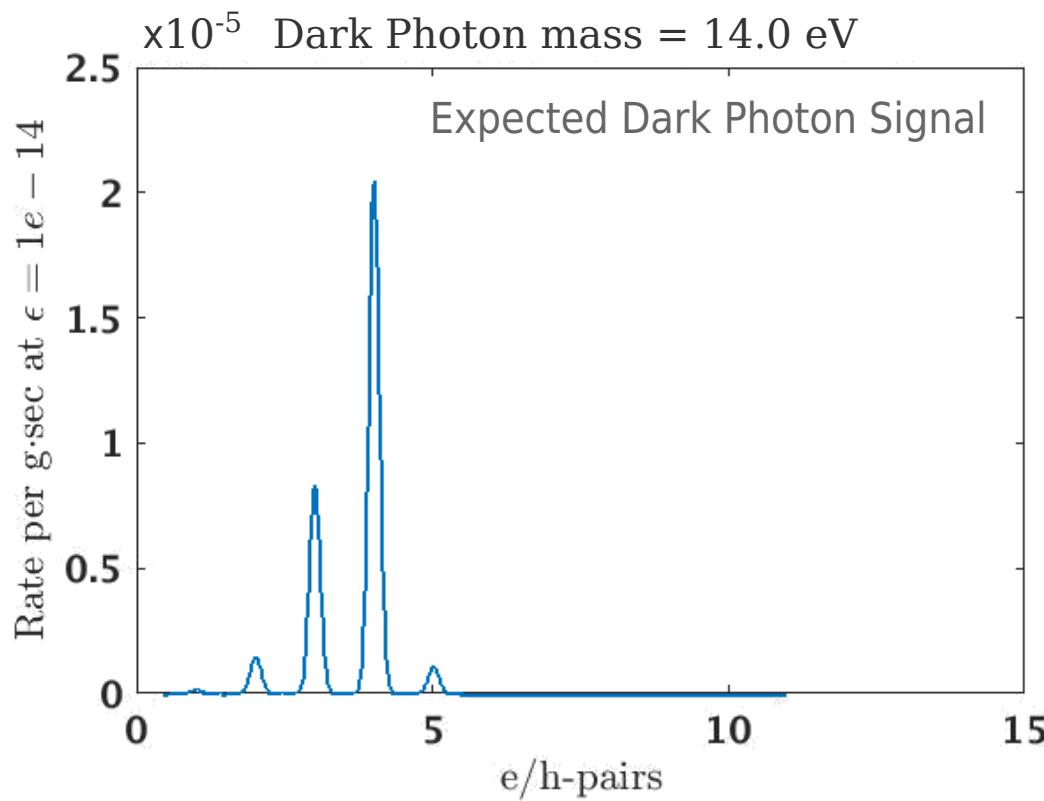
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# DARK PHOTON ABSORPTION SIGNAL IN QUANTIZATION LIMIT



Ionization model:

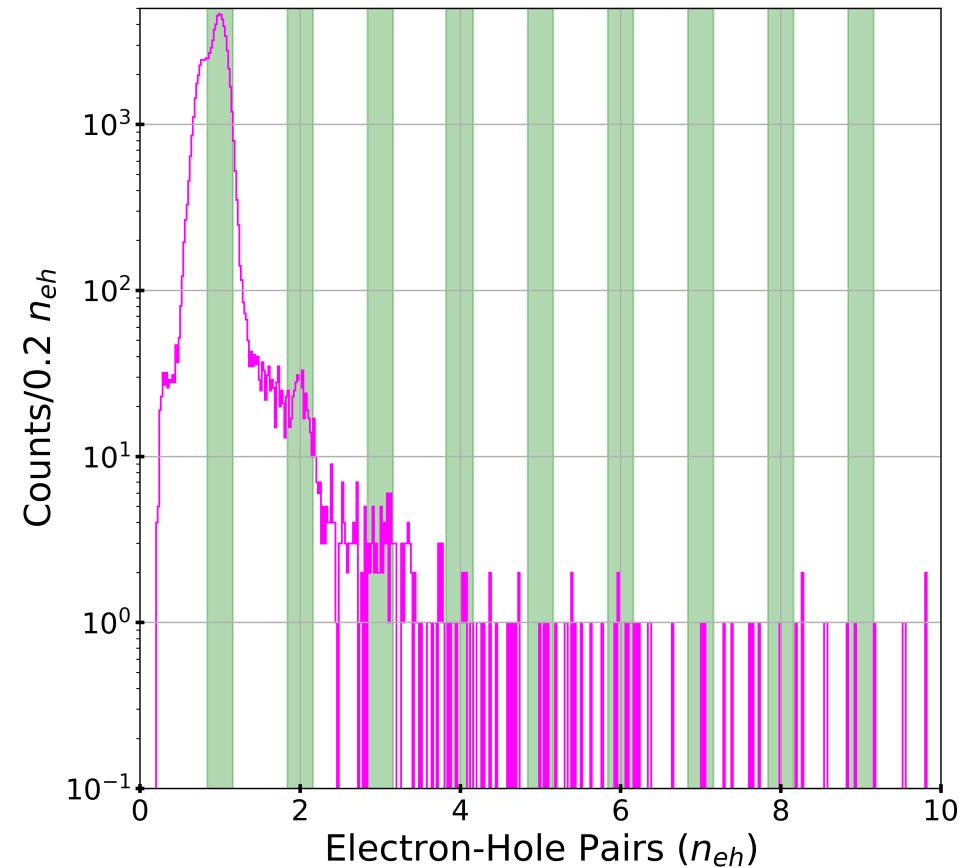
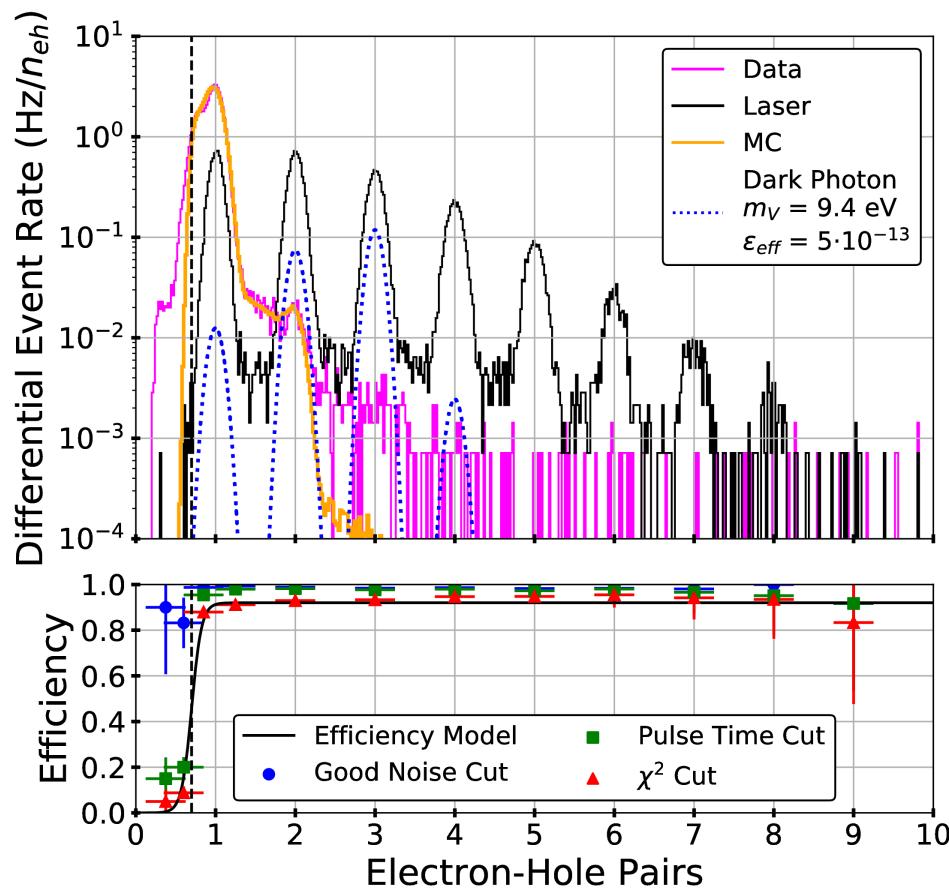
$$\langle n_{eh}(E_\gamma) \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & E_\gamma < E_{gap} \\ 1 & E_{gap} < E_\gamma < \epsilon_{eh} \\ E_\gamma / \epsilon_{eh} & \epsilon_{eh} < E_\gamma \end{cases}$$

**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

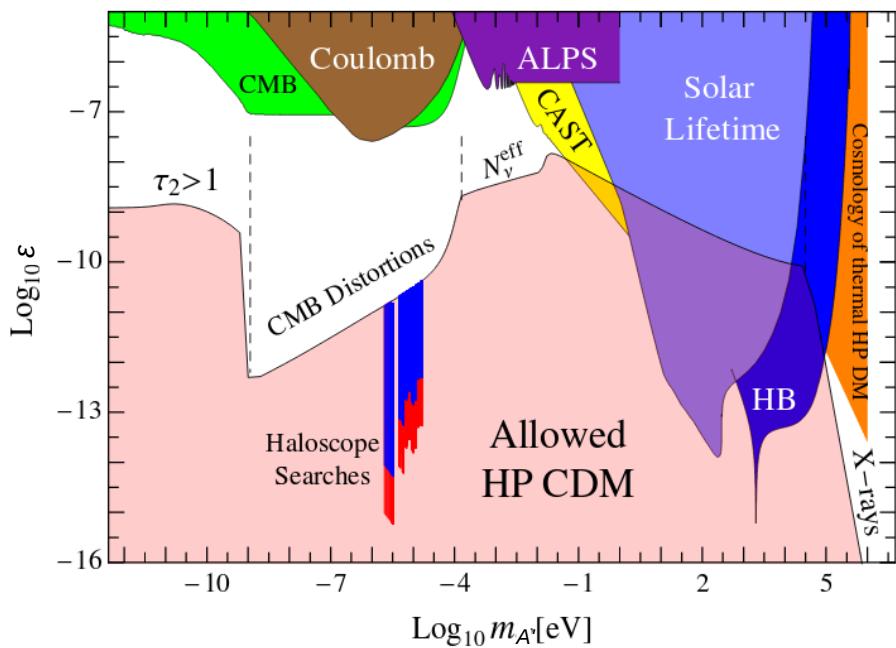
0.49 g-day exposure after data selection cuts.



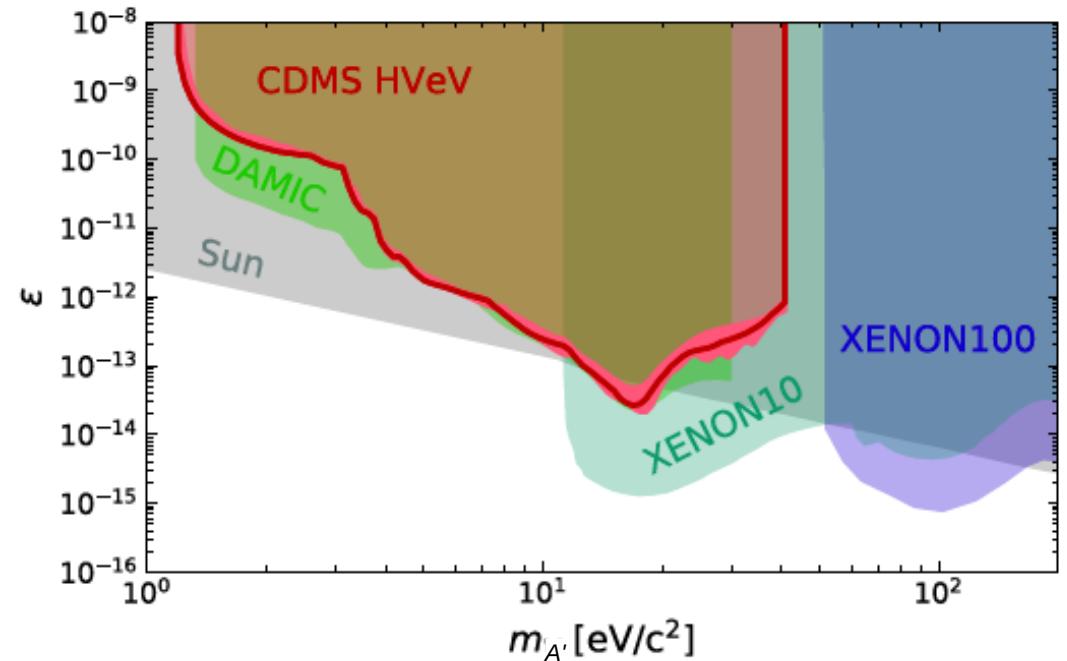
Region of Interest:  $\pm 2\sigma$  quantization peak regions.

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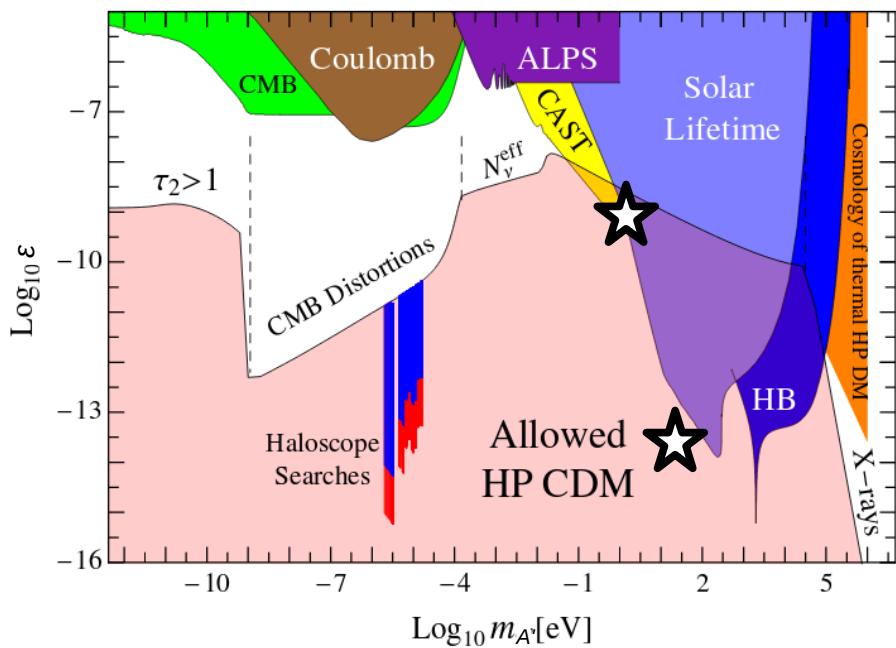
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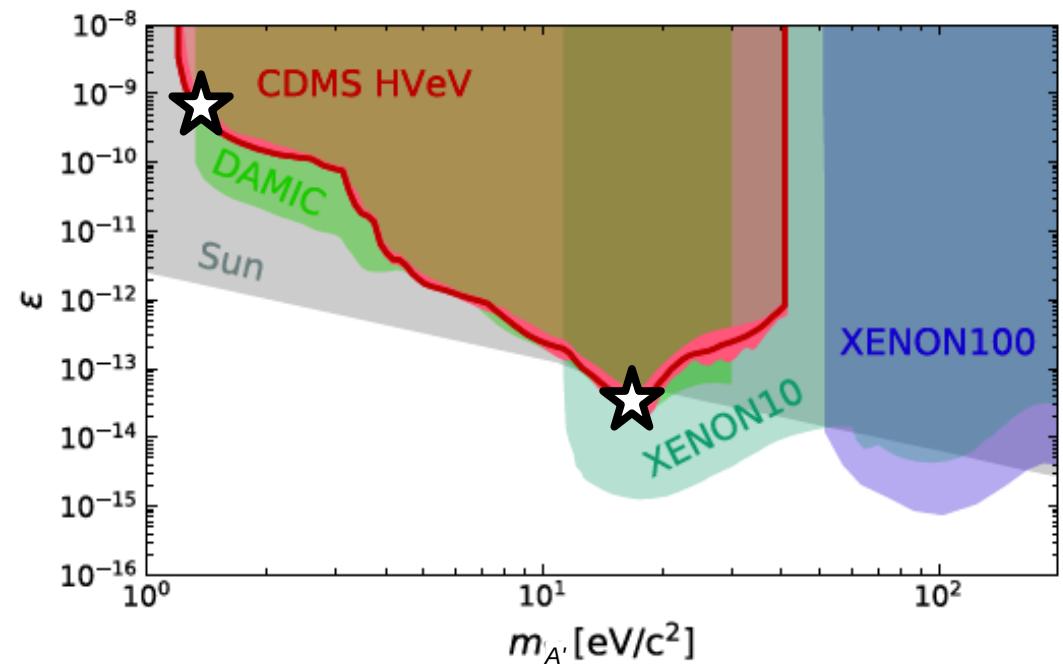
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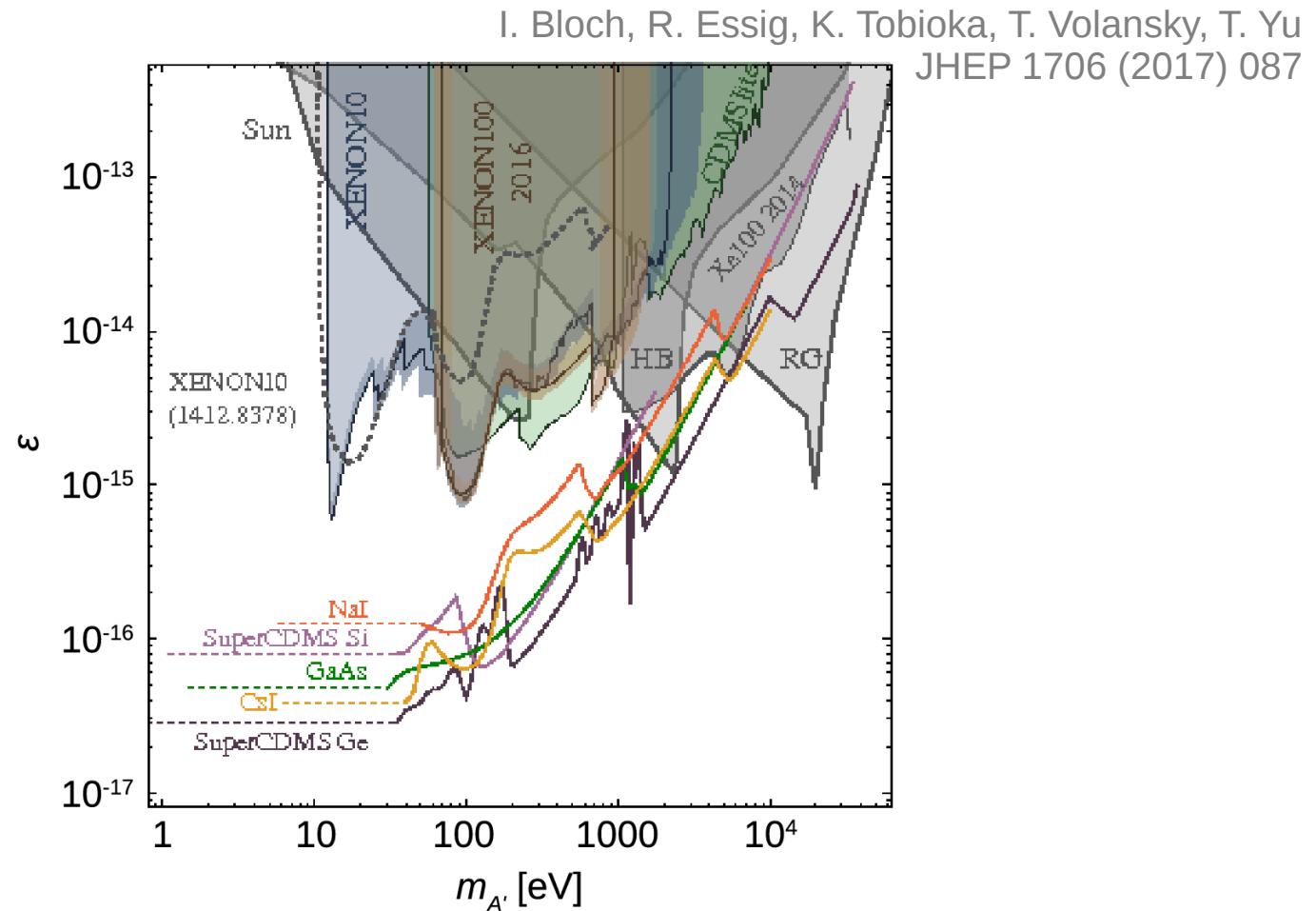
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# OUTLOOK

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# SuperCDMS SNOLAB PROJECTIONS

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



- ▶ 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



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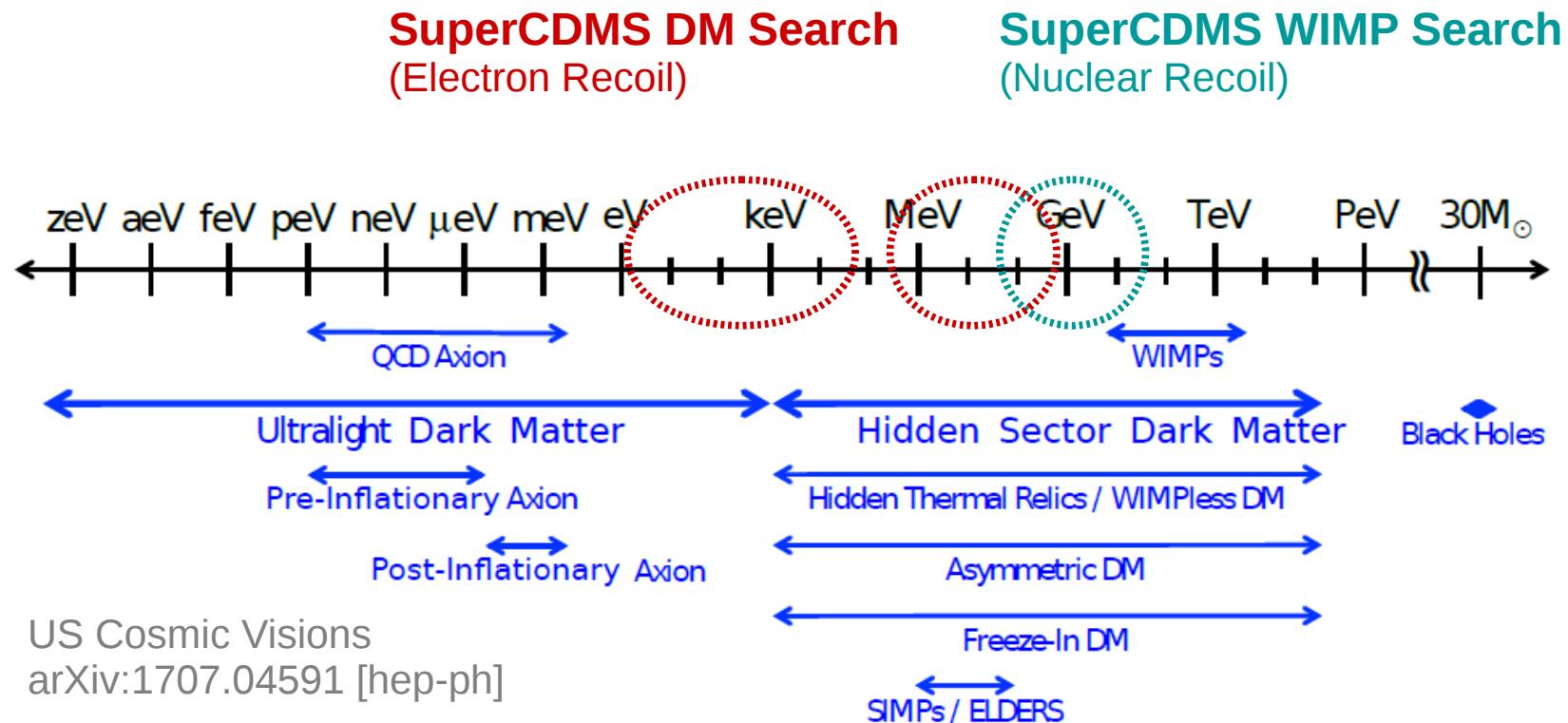
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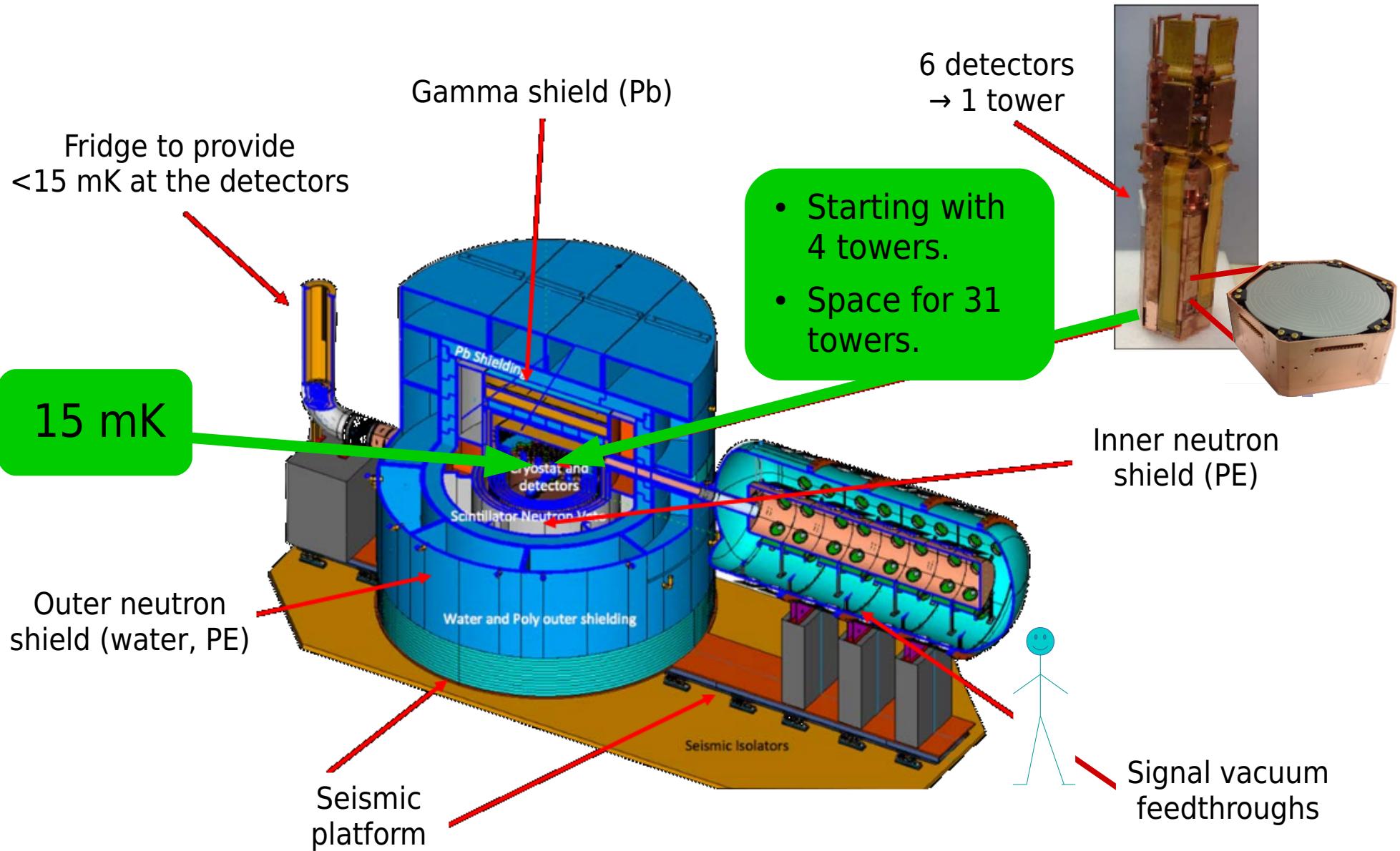
# SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

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# DM DETECTION CHANNELS - Electron Recoil

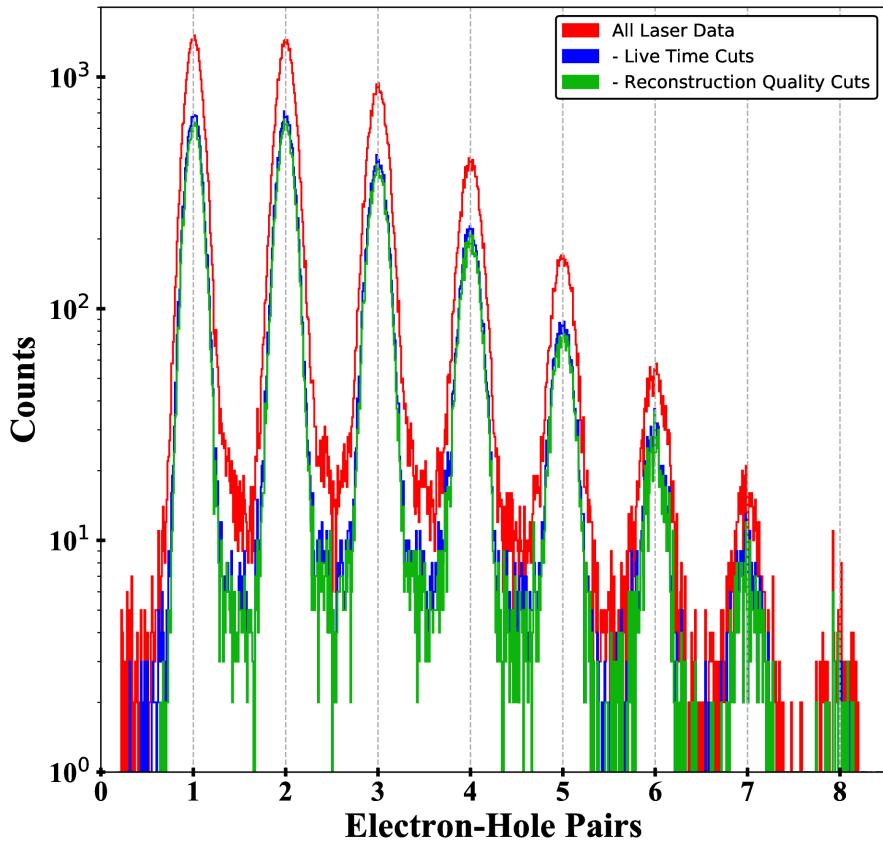


# THE SuperCDMS SNOLAB EXPERIMENT

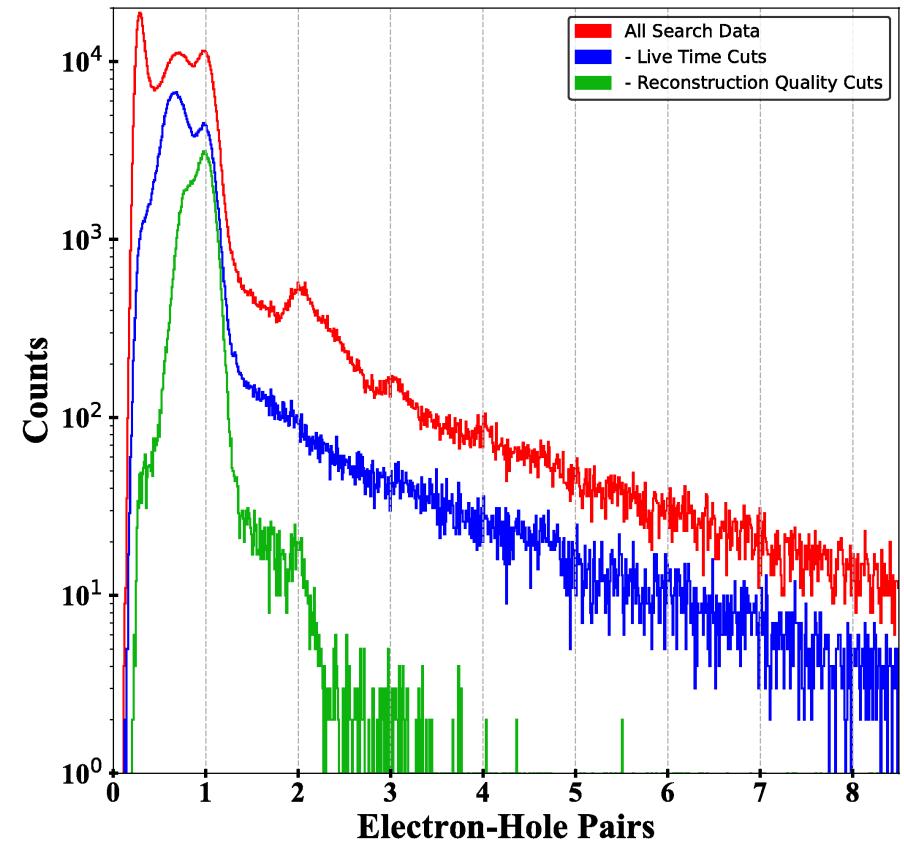


# 0.49 GRAM-DAYS OF SCIENCE DATA

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

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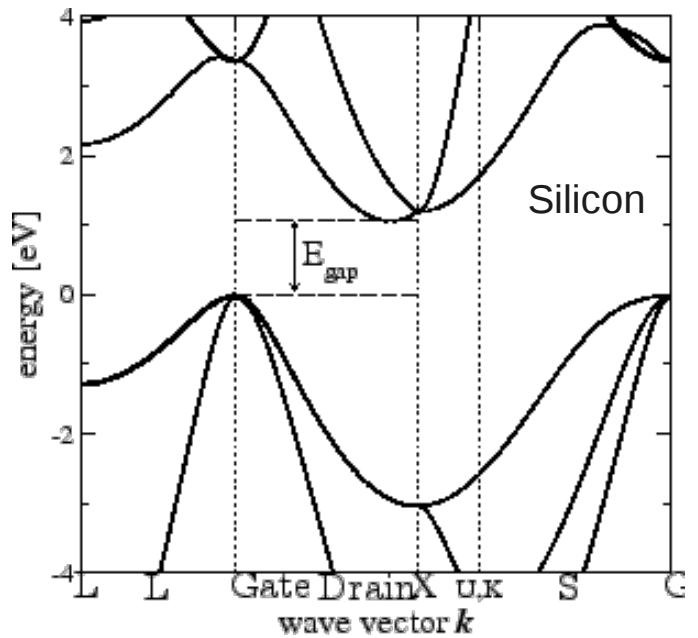
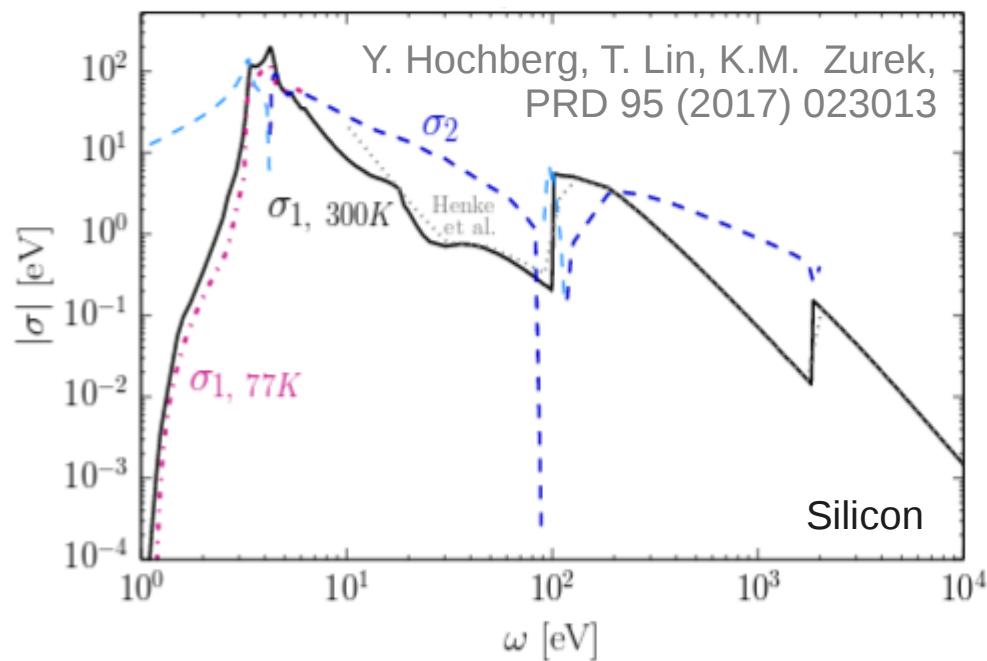
In-medium polarization tensor:

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

Conductivity:

$$\hat{\sigma} \equiv \underline{\sigma}_1 + i\underline{\sigma}_2$$

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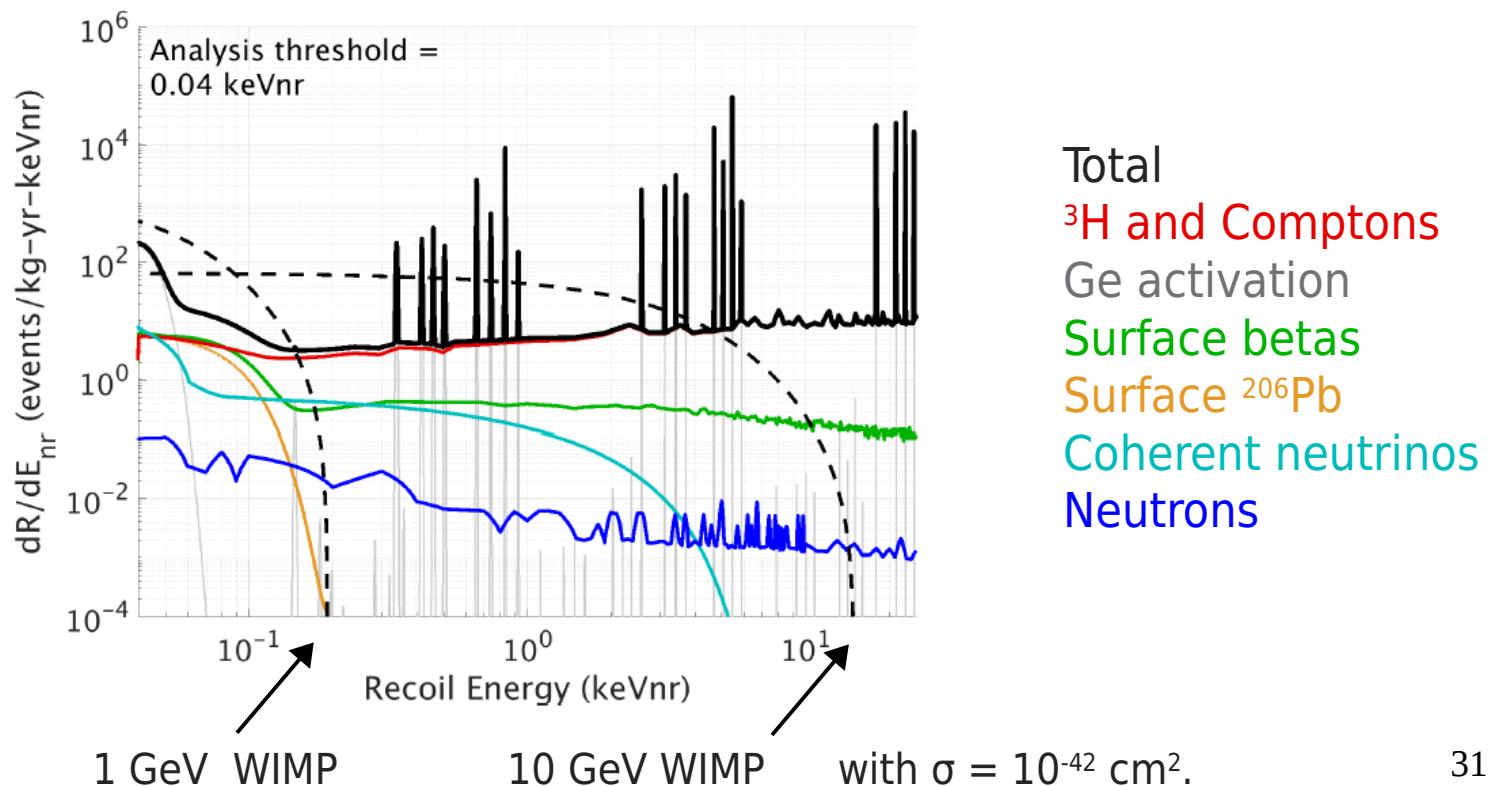


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# WIMP-NUCLEON SCATTERING

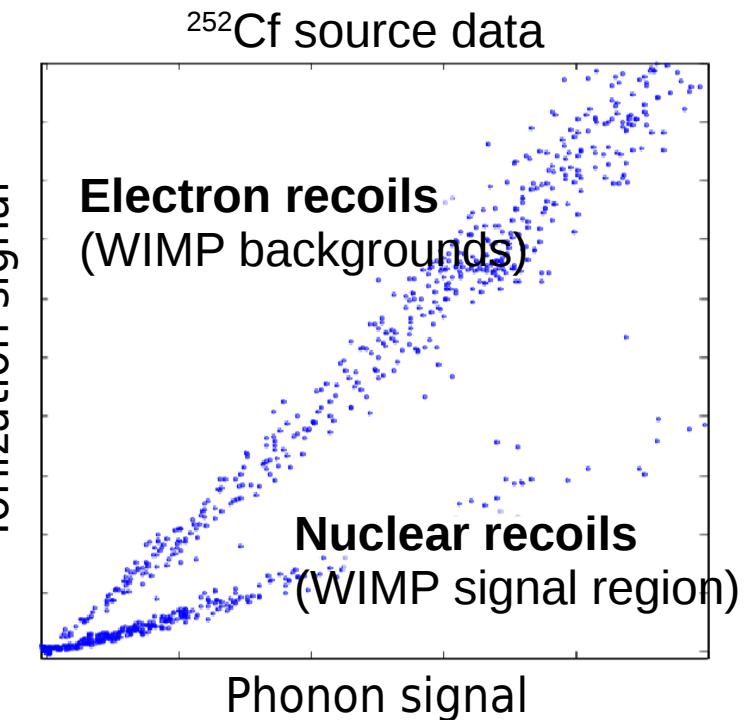
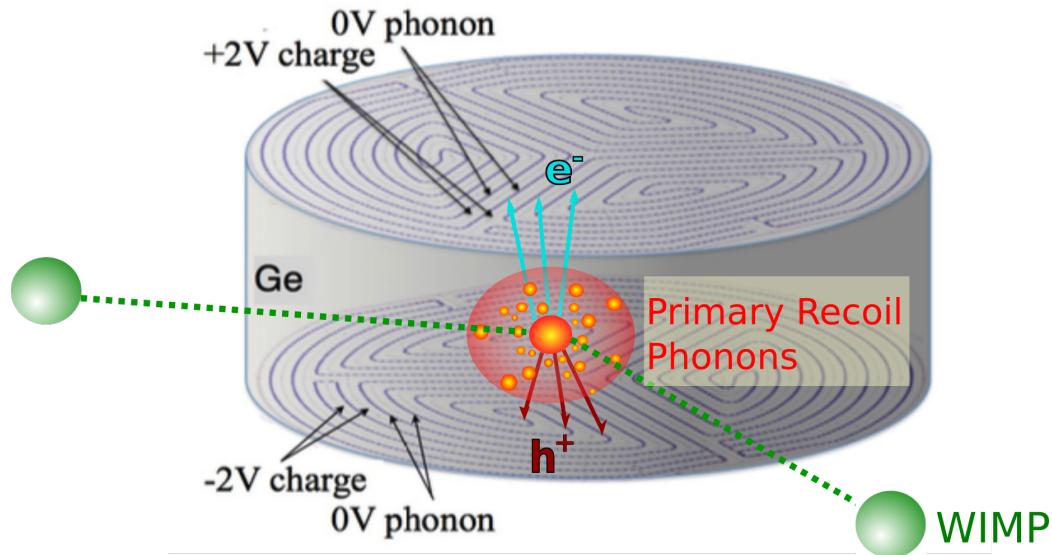
- ▶ Spin-independent (SI) elastic WIMP-nucleon scattering.
  - ▶ Primary Dark Matter search.
  - ▶ Spin-dependent (SD) elastic WIMP-nucleon scattering.
  - ▶ Dominant backgrounds have Electron Recoil signature.

Prediction in  
Ge HV detectors  
after fiducial cuts:



# 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

