

# Sensitivity, Performance, Stability and Intrinsic Background in Bolometric detectors for Dark Matter searches

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# Summary

- **The Dark Matter Signal**
- **Low Temperature (Phonon) Detectors**
- **Techniques**
- **Sensitivity**
- **Relevant Parameters**
- **Perspectives**
- **Conclusions**

# The signal

## Direct Detection Concept:

Interaction of Dark Matter Candidates on Terrestrial Targets

## Still unknowns/uncertainties on

- nature of the candidates
- their interactions
  - Weak intensity
  - Spin-independent/dependent
  - Coherent scattering
  - Elastic/Inelastic

## “Model independent” features

- Rate Modulation
- Directionality
- Target dependence

Periodic change of the WIMP velocity in the detector frame due to the motion of the Earth around the Sun.

The variation is only of a few percent of the total WIMP signal:  $v_{\text{Earth/Sun}}/v_{\text{Sun}} \sim 15 \text{ km s}^{-1}/230 \text{ km s}^{-1} \sim 0.07$

Another consequence the motion of the Earth around the Sun

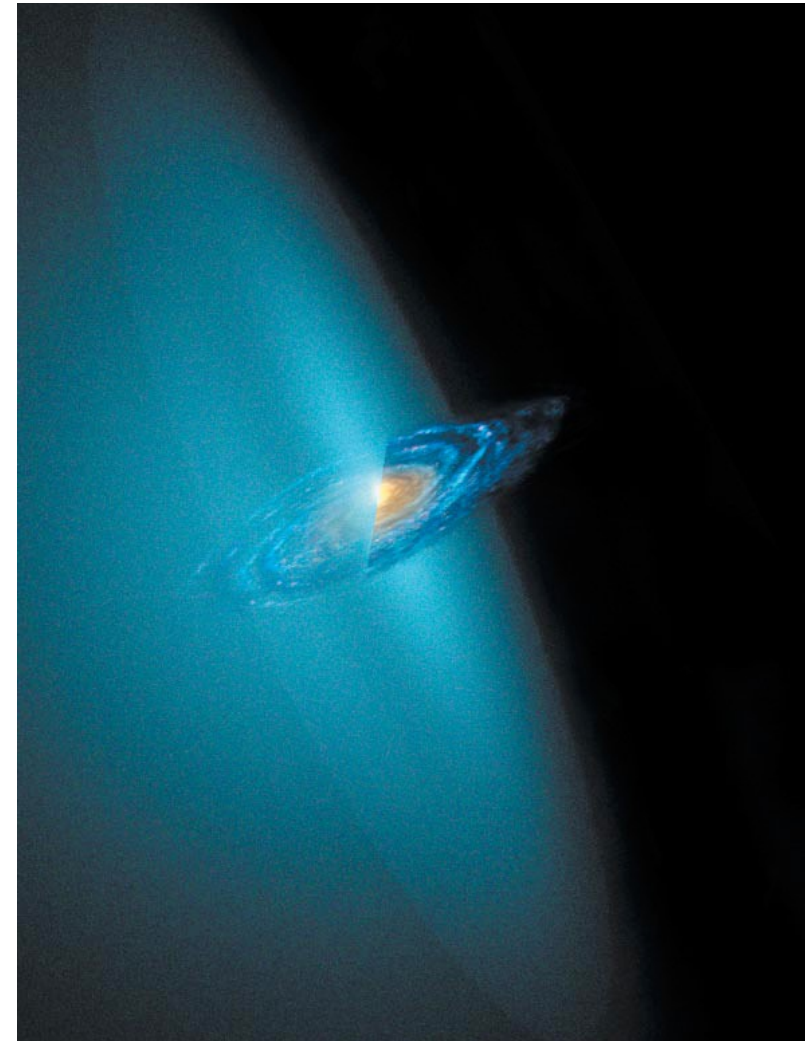
# WIMPs: the naive version of dark matter

Cosmology and Particle Physics suggest a common “excellent candidate”:

Lowest Stable Particles (LSP) in the SUSY Zoo

## Spherical Halo Model:

- Local density:  $\rho_0 = 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$
- Maxwellian distribution of the velocities
  - rms velocity:  $v_0 = 230 \text{ km/s}$ ,
  - Escape velocity (cutoff):  $v_{\text{esc}} = 650 \text{ km/s}$



# WIMPs Direct Detection

Nuclear recoils produced by the WIMP elastic scattering off target nuclei in underground detectors.

Weak interaction  $\Rightarrow$  very low expected signal rates

Expected signal (zero threshold) for a WIMP particle  $\chi$  with mass  $m_\chi$ , density  $\rho_\chi$ , average velocity  $\langle v_\chi \rangle$ , and cross section  $\sigma_{\chi A}$  for scattering off a nucleus containing  $A$  nucleons

$$R \cong \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi} \langle v_\chi \rangle \frac{\sigma_{\chi A}}{A}$$

Coherent scattering ( $\sim A^2$ ) corrected for Nuclear effects (for factor  $F(E_R)$ )

$$\cong \frac{3.6}{A} \left( \frac{\text{GeV}}{m_\chi} \right) \left( \frac{\rho_\chi}{0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3} \right) \left( \frac{\langle v_\chi \rangle}{230 \text{ km/s}} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_{\chi A}}{10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2} \right) \frac{\text{events}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{day}}$$

For any given measured recoil energy  $E_R$ , the experimental rate  $R^{\text{exp}}$  constrains a set of  $m_\chi$  values. **The envelope of these curves is the exclusion plot.**

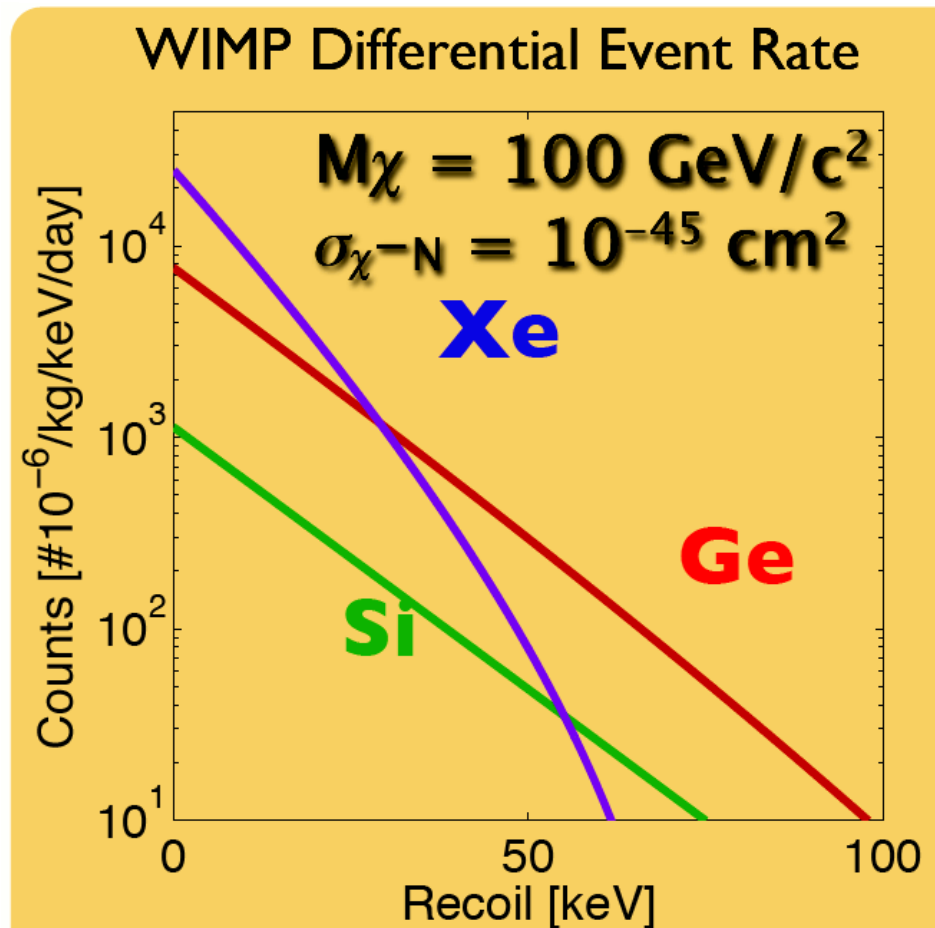
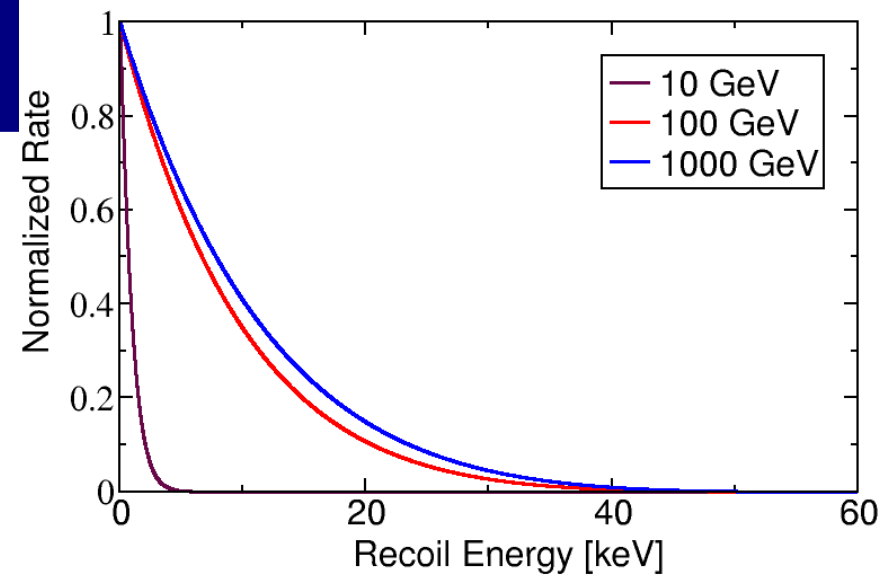
# WIMPs signal

The challenge:

- feebly interactions rates
- feebly signals (a few keV)
- featureless exponential spectrum

The detectable energy is further quenched, since only a fraction of the recoil energy goes to the observed channels (**Nuclear Recoil Quenching Factor**)

- Expected rate:  $< 0.01/\text{kg-d}$
- Radioactive background of most materials higher than this rate.
- Dependence on the target material



# Experimental Strategies

## Two possible approaches

### Blind or “Best effort”

- No preferred candidate or interaction
- No special cuts
- Reduce possible background
- Collect all available piece of information

### Model dependent or based on Dark Matter Model guidance

- Select favorite channel
- Select the best technique to apply the best cuts

# Common Requests

**Low energy thresholds**

as low as allowed by the eventual onset of background dominance

**Rigid background controls**

Clean materials

Shielding

Background identification (Discrimination power)

Substantial Depth

Neutrons care

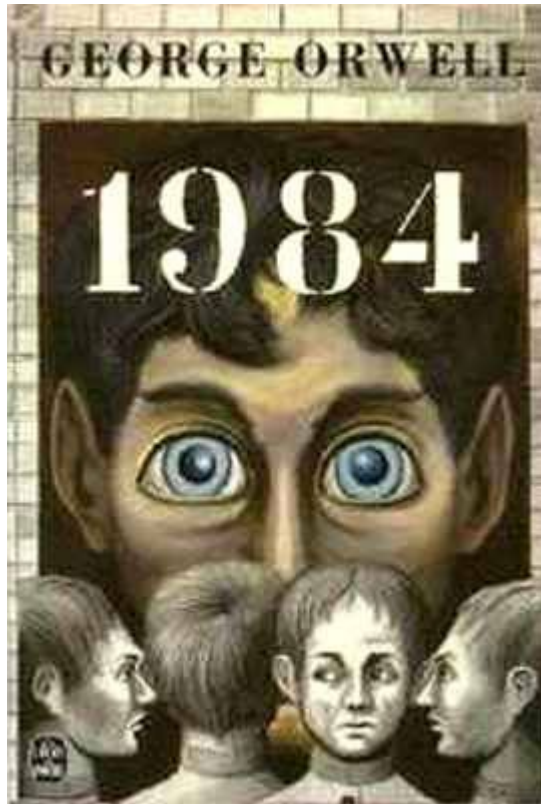
**Long exposures**

**Large target masses**

**Long term stability**



# Phonon detectors ... a long history



- S.H. Moseley et al.: J. Appl. Phys. 56 (1984) 1257: **Thermal detectors as X-ray spectrometers**
- E. Fiorini and T.O. Niinikoski: Nucl. Instr. Meth. 224 (1984) 83: **LOW-TEMPERATURE CALORIMETRY FOR RARE DECAYS**

“The recent developments in underground low-counting experiments give limits to rare decays which are hard to improve since scaling the size and the resolution of the combined source-detector is difficult with the existing techniques. We explore here the possibility of low-temperature calorimetry to improve the limits on processes such as neutrinoless double-beta decay and electron decay”

**Dark Matter is not explicitly mentioned simply because at the time it was just a fledgling discipline**

# Phonon detectors

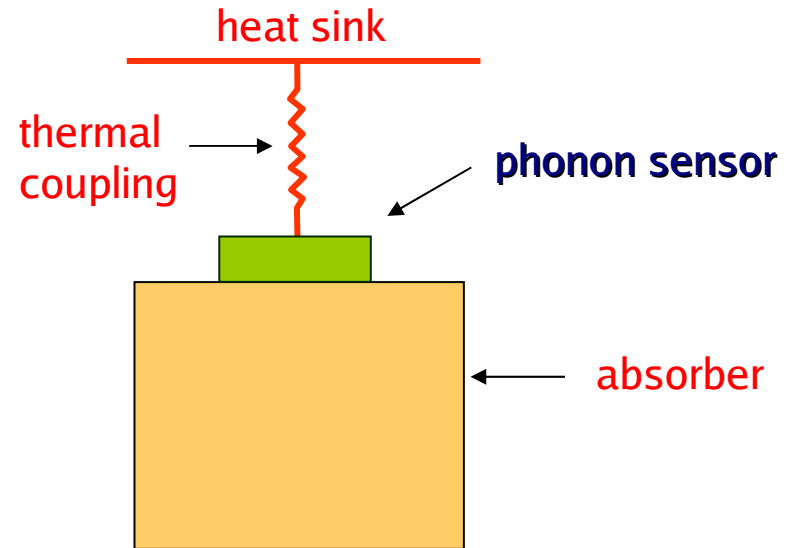
Particle interactions produce out of equilibrium (high energy) phonons which “slowly” degrade to thermal phonons.

Different phonon sensors (sensitive to different stages of the phonon degradation process) characterize different detectors.

Bolometers are usually identified as the class of phonon detectors sensitive to the thermal phonons (heat).

**Event details (position, precise timing) are completely washed out in the thermalization process.**

**They are only available to detectors sensitive to out of equilibrium phonon.**



# Phonon detector properties

## Advantages

- Very good energy resolution
- Large target masses
- Free choice of the target isotope

## To be cured

- Stability: Response and measurement
- Limited information
- Difficult to shield

## Drawbacks

- Complexity (of the detector and the setup)
- Unexpected/Unknown behaviours

*Require long R&D phases*

# A progressive knowledge

Data reliability directly relies on the **level of knowledge of the detector working principles**

Critical in many occasions

- Improvement of sensitivity
- Data quality
- Results reliability

Phonon detectors are not really more complex than conventional detectors but work in extreme conditions and need long R&D programs before reaching satisfactory performance.

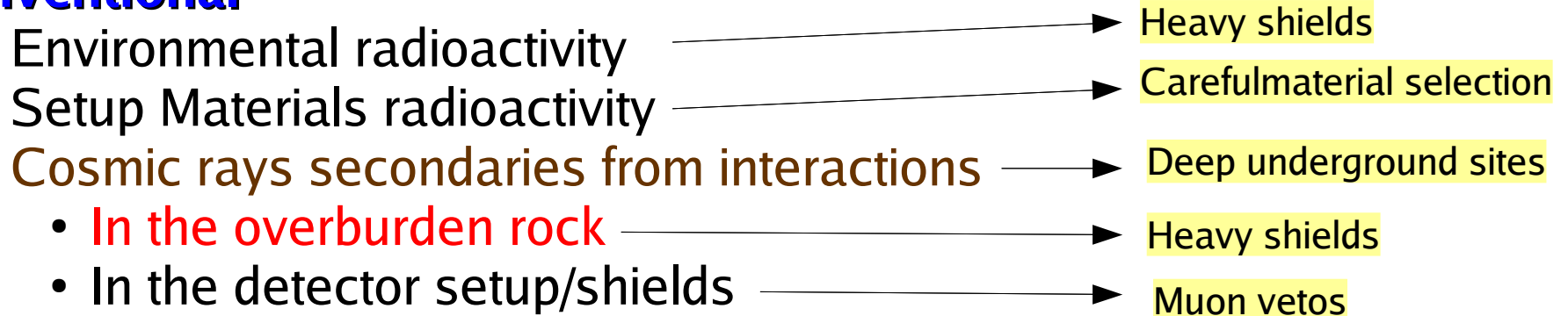
Physics programs tend to start as soon as the detector performance is enough to guarantee a competitive sensitivity.

Incomplete knowledge is however payed at the next development stage

An uninterrupted R&D program aiming at a complete understanding of all the detector working mechanisms is however a key investment on future developments and must be always supported with an equilibrate approach weighting both aspects (R&D and Physics).

# Background sources

## Conventional



Neutrons are the most dangerous background source because they mimic WIMP interactions

## Intrinsic

Instrumental: deviations from perfect behaviour

Radioactive contaminations of the detector materials

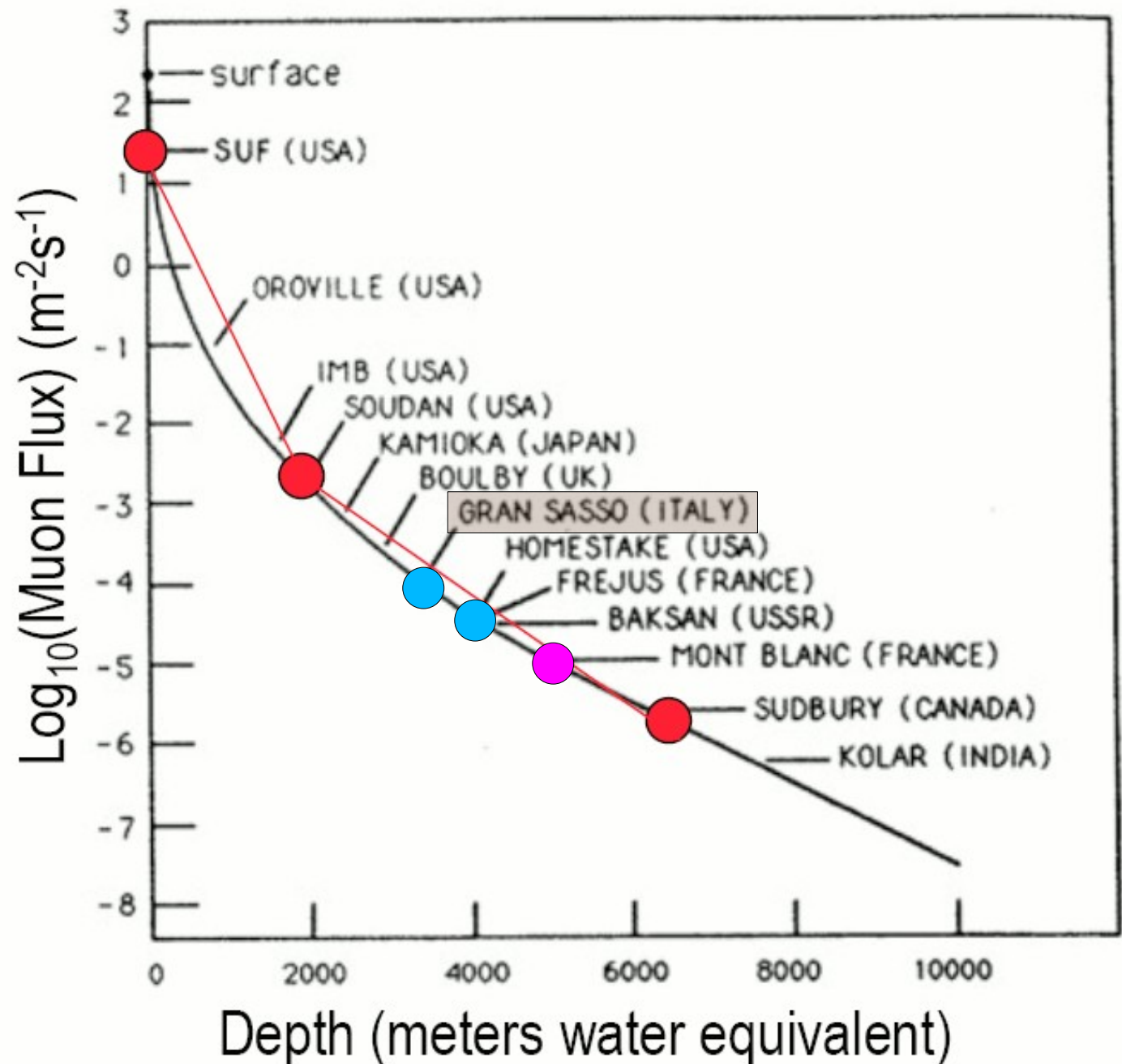
- Bulk → Material selection
- Surface → Specific surface treatments

Intrinsic sources are also dangerous because they strongly depend on the Detector concept

# Underground sites: depth

Laboratory depth  
fixes the level of  
the cosmic ray  
background

... but is not the  
only relevant  
parameter ...



# Underground sites in Europe

Depth is not the only relevant parameter

Underground labs must be :  
 Accessible  
 Proper area  
 Proper Volume

Infrastructure	LNGS Gran Sasso	LSM Fréjus	LSC Canfranc	IUS Boulby	BNO Baksan	CUPP Pyhäsalmi
Year of completion	1987	1982	1986, 2005	1989	1977, 1987	1993 (2001)
Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	13000	500	150+600	500+1000	550, 600	500-1000
Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	180000	3500	8000	3000	6400, 6500	100-10000
Access	Horizontal	Horizontal	Horizontal	Vertical	Horizontal	Slanted truck road
Depth (m.w.e.)	3700	4800	2450	2800	850, 4800	1050, 1444 up to 4060
Surface profile	Mountain	Mountain	Mountain	Flat	Mountain	Flat
Muon flux (m <sup>-2</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> )	24	4	406	34	4320, 2.6	8.6 @ 4060m
Neutron flux (>1 MeV) (10 <sup>-6</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	<i>O</i> (1)	<i>O</i> (1)	<i>O</i> (1)	<i>O</i> (1)	- , <i>O</i> (1)	?
Radon content (Bq/m <sup>3</sup> )	<i>O</i> (100)	<i>O</i> (10)	<i>O</i> (100)	<i>O</i> (10)	<i>O</i> (100)	<i>O</i> (100)
Main past and present scientific activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DM</li> <li>- ββ</li> <li>- solar ν</li> <li>- SN ν</li> <li>- atmos. ν</li> <li>- monopole</li> <li>- nuclear astrophysics</li> <li>- CRs (μ)</li> <li>- LBL ν's</li> </ul>	Eighties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proton decay</li> <li>- atmos.ν</li> </ul> Now: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DM (Edelweiss)</li> <li>- ββ (NEMO, TGV)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DM (IGEX-DM, ROSEBUD, ANAIS)</li> <li>- ββ (IGEX)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DM (Zeplin I,II, III, DRIFT)</li> </ul>	BUST: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- solar ν</li> <li>- SN ν</li> <li>- atmos. ν</li> <li>- CRs (μ)</li> <li>- monopoles</li> </ul> SAGE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- solar ν</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CRs (test set-up)</li> </ul>
Number of visiting scientists	700	100	50	30	55	15

# Rates: the statistics problem

A clear separation line distinguishes first generation experiments from those of the next generation (this is unfortunately a common problem to rare event searches):

$$N_{\text{TOT}} \sim O(1)$$

where  $N_{\text{tot}}$  is the total number of candidate events observed during the whole measuring time.

Since usually

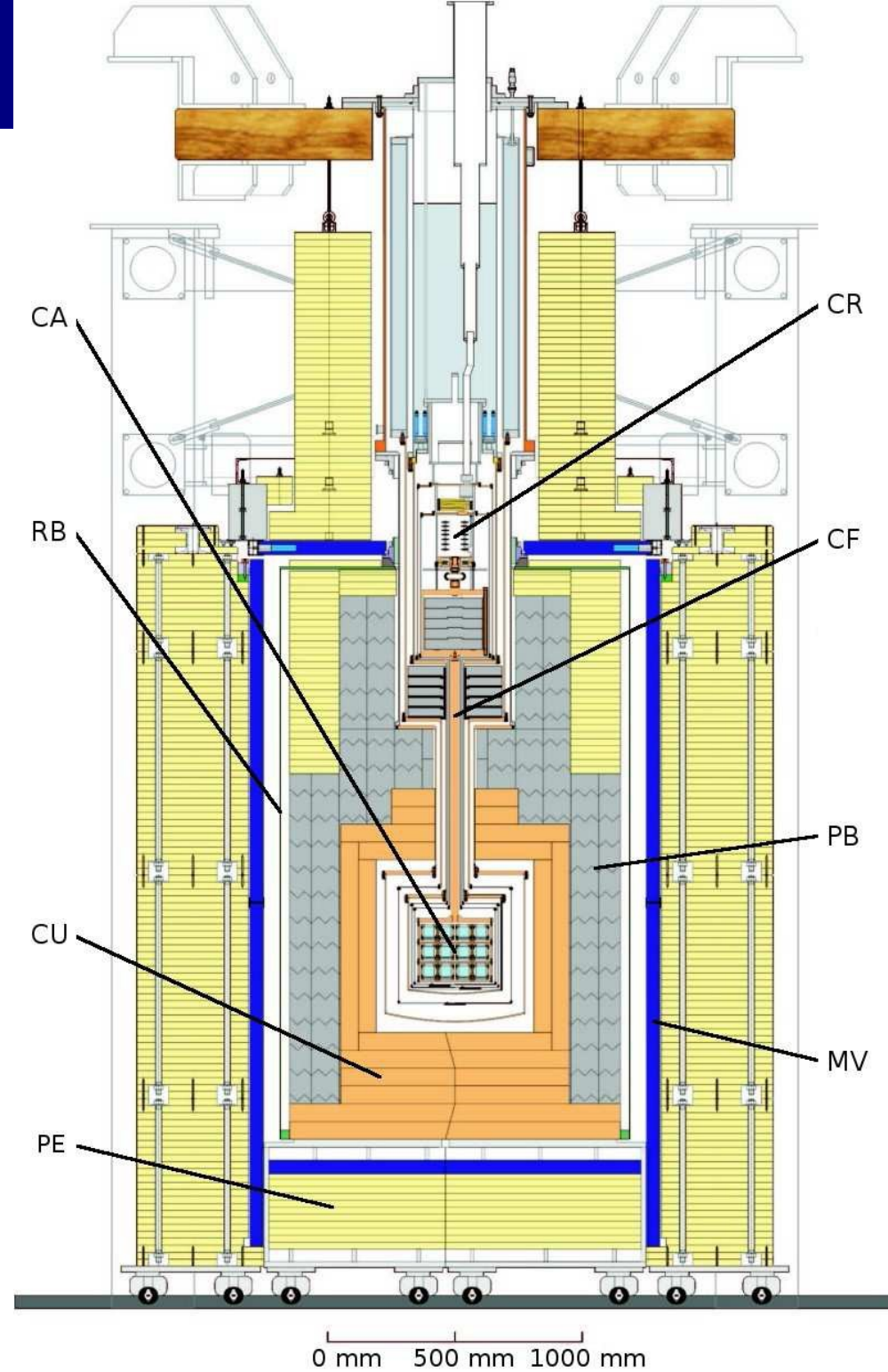
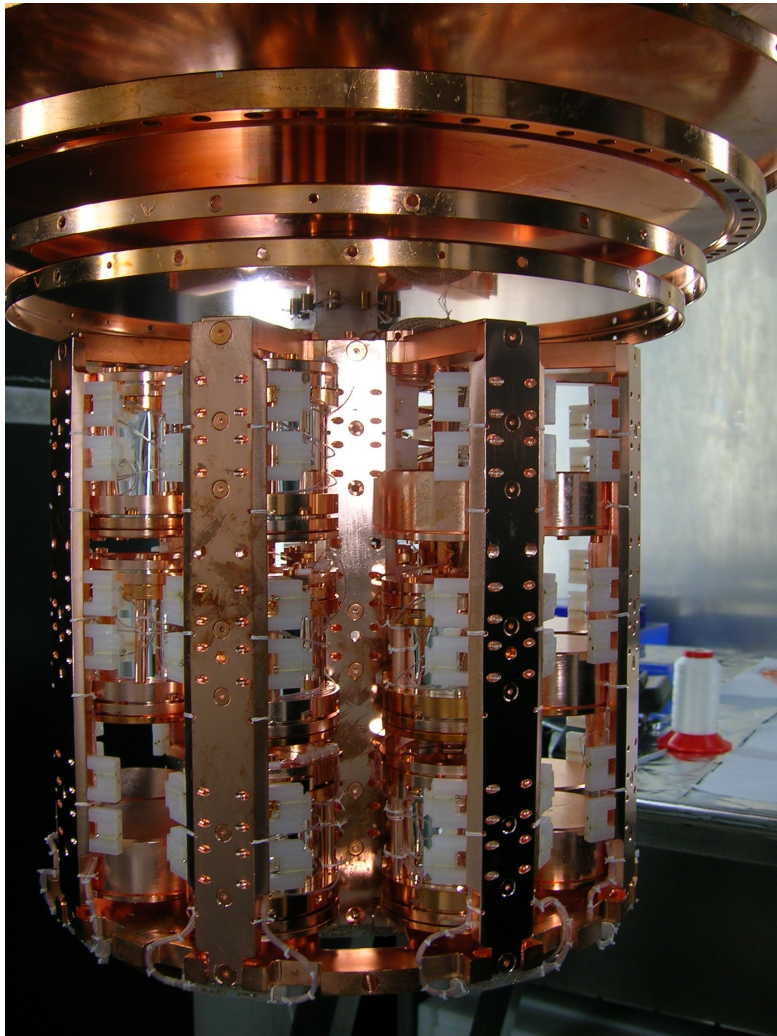
$$N_{\text{TOT}} \sim M \times T \times B$$

**It is useless to reduce the background rate without a corresponding increase in the target mass.**

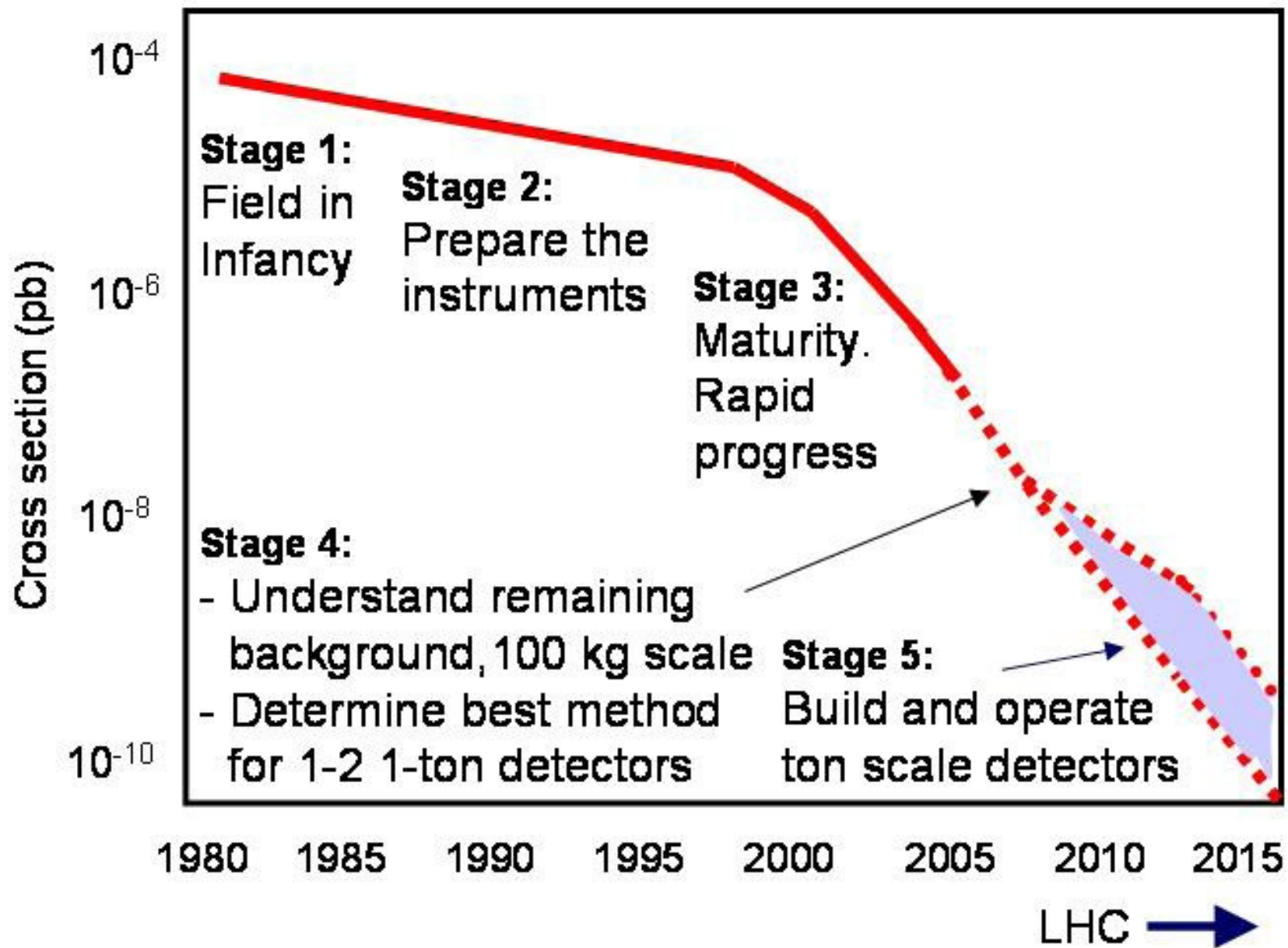


# Installations complexity

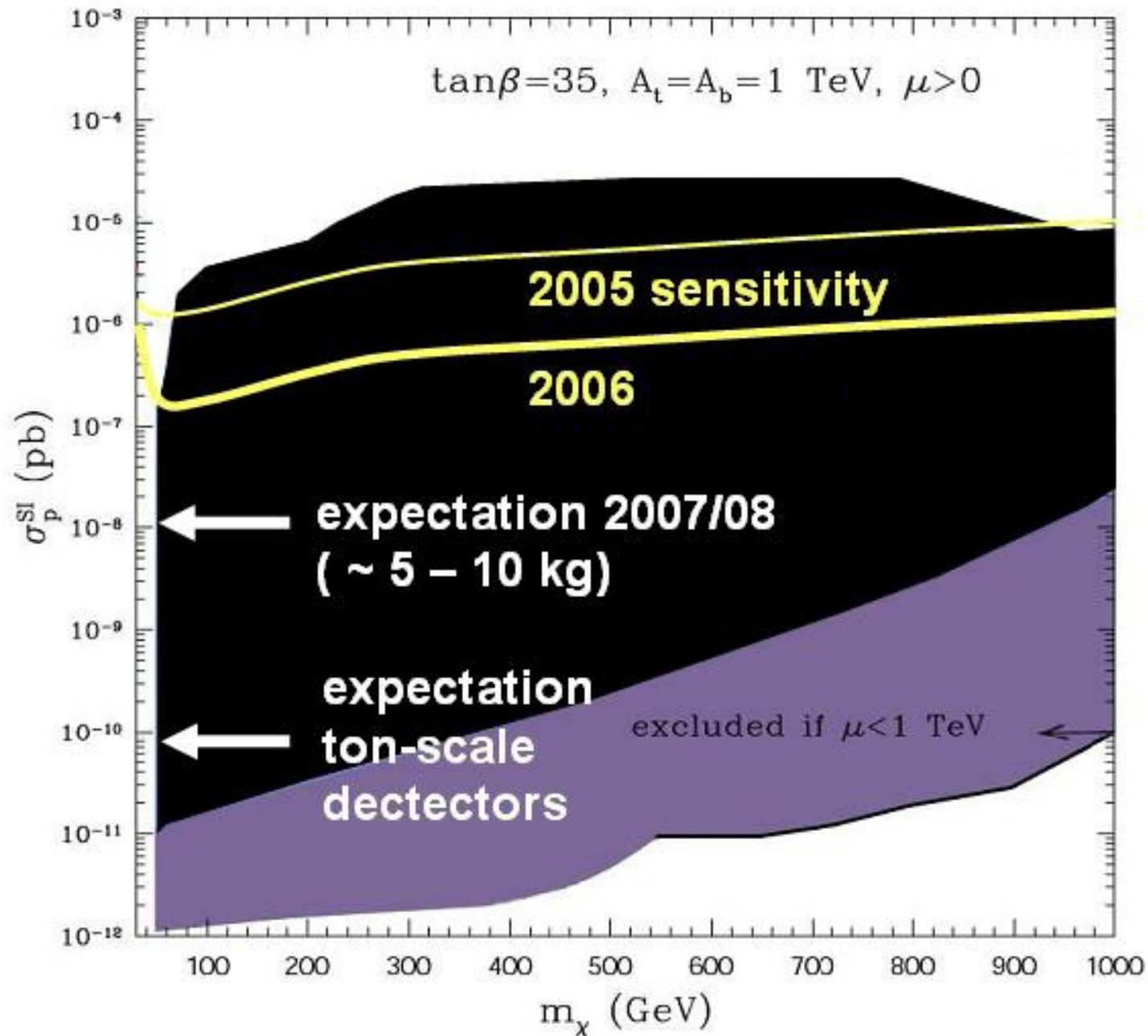
Just an example: CRESST II



# A phased program: roadmaps



# Sensitivity: a different perspective



Cross section sensitivities directly translate to (very small) rate constraints

# An ambitious program

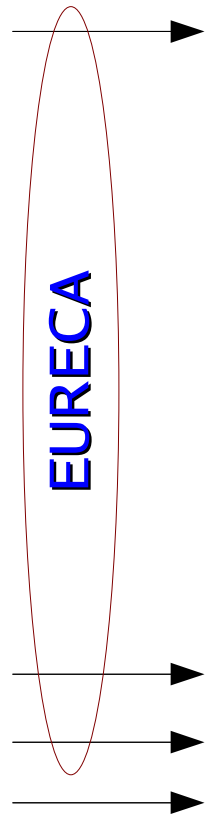
The  $10^{-10}$  pb sensitivity goal and the related coverage of a large part of the MSSM parameter space is **in reach within the next 7-8 years**.

However, to realise this scenario several conditions have to be met:

- **realization of the expected progress in background rejection and signal identification**
- **demonstration of continuous running over a long period**
- **sufficient funding for developing and building worldwide three detectors on the one-ton scale based on different methods and nuclei.**

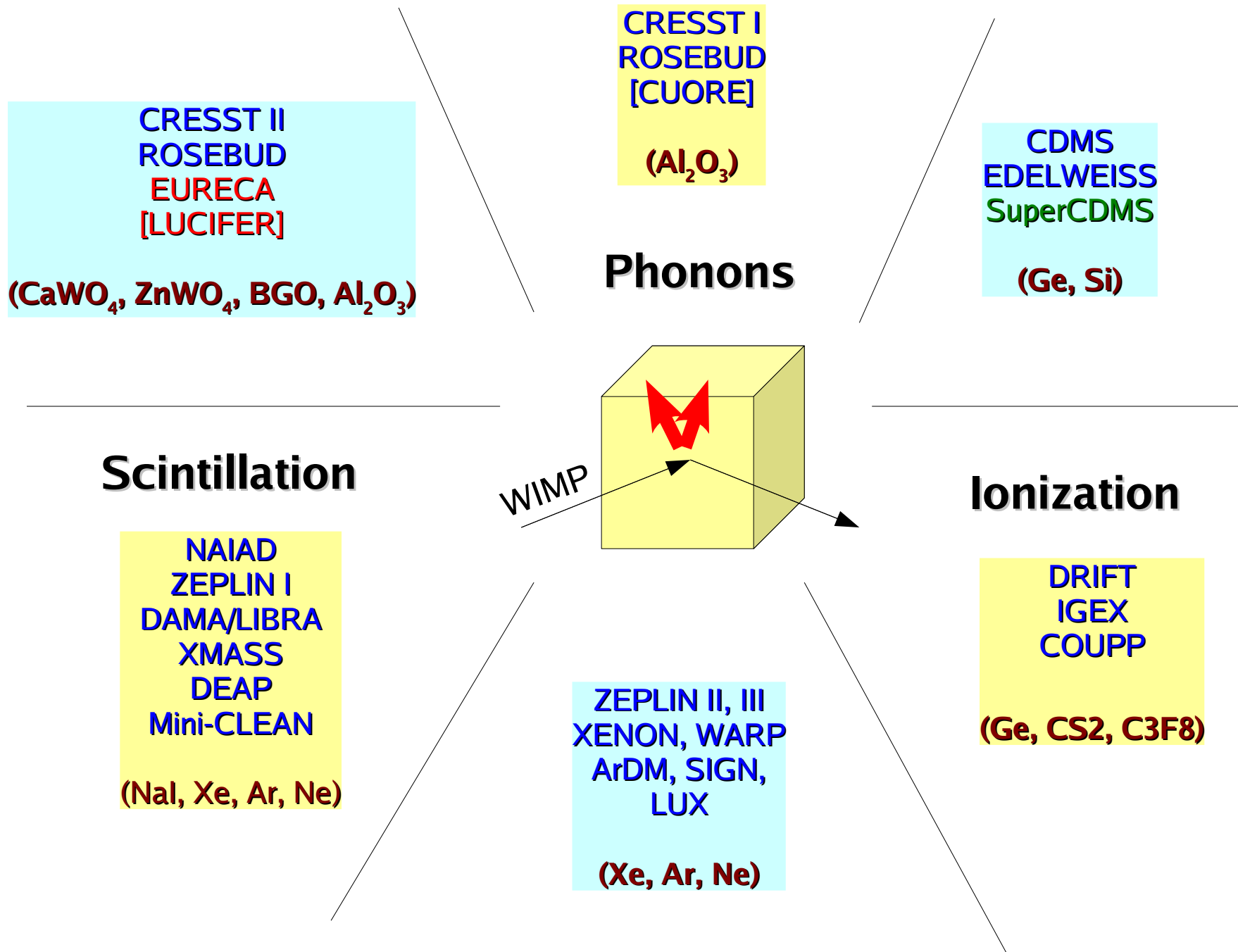
The eventual confirmation of a positive observation will require transparency of the experimental process, disclosure of details on used materials and free access to the data.

# The ASPERA list

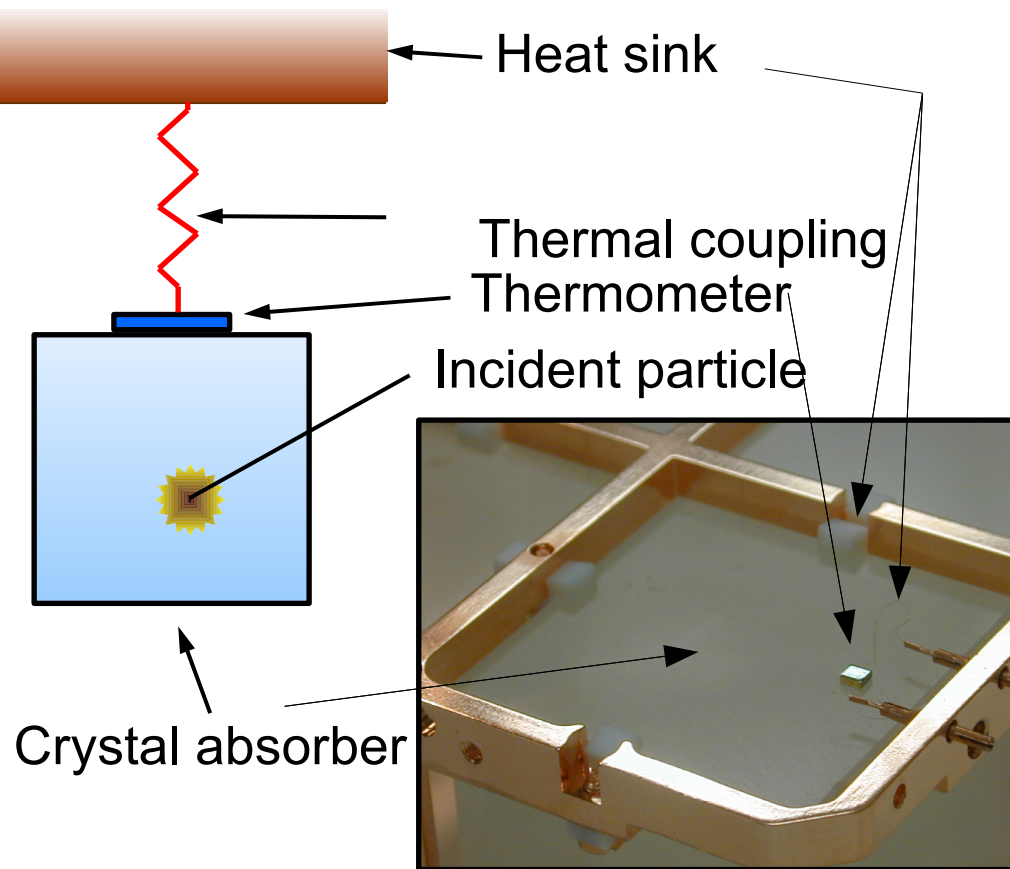


Name	Type	Status	Location	European Members	Others
DAMA/ LIBRA	NaI	running	LNGS	IT	China
ANAIS	NaI	construction	LSC	ES	-
KIMS	CsI	R&D	Korea	-	Korea
HDMS	Ge	running	LNGS	DE	RU
ROSEBUD	bolometer	R&D	LSC	ES, FR	-
DAMA-LXe	LXe scint	running	LNGS	IT	China
ZEPLIN-II	LXe	running	IUS	PT, UK	RU, US
ZEPLIN-III	LXe	installation	IUS	PT, UK	RU, US
XENON10	LXe	commissng	LNGS	DE, IT, PT	US
LUX	LXe	R&D	DUSEL	UK	US
XMASS	LXe	?	Kamioka	-	Japan
WARP	LAr	running	LNGS	IT	US
ArDM	LAr	construction	LSC	CH, ES, PO	-
DEAP	LAr	R&D	SNOLAB	-	Can, US
CLEAN	LNe	R&D	t.b.d.	-	US, Can
DRIFT	CS <sub>2</sub> gas TPC	R&D	IUS	UK	US
MIMAC	<sup>3</sup> He gas TPC	R&D	t.b.d.	FR	-
EDELWEISS	bolometer	running	LSM	FR, DE	RU
CRESST	bolometer	running	LNGS	DE, UK, IT,	-
CDMS	bolometer	running	Soudan	-	US
SIMPLE	Superheated droplet SHD	running + R&D	LSSB	PT, FR	US
PICASSO	SHD	running + R&D	SNOLAB	CZ	CA, RU, US
COUPP	SH liquid	R&D	t.b.d.	-	US

# Techniques



# Low Temperature Calorimeters



## Detection Principle

$$\Delta T = E/C$$

$C$ : thermal capacity

- low  $C$
- low  $T$  (i.e.  $T \ll 1\text{K}$ )
- dielectrics, superconductors
- ultimate limit to  $E$  resolution: statistical fluctuation of internal energy  $U$

$$\langle \Delta U^2 \rangle = k_B T^2 C$$

## Thermal Detectors Properties

- good energy resolution
- wide choice of absorber materials
- true calorimeters
- slow  $\tau = C/G \sim 1 \div 10^3$  ms

## Phonon Sensors

- Thermistors (NTD)
- Transition Edge Sensors (TES)

# Pure calorimeters

Historical importance: pioneering approach

**CRESST I**  
**ROSEBUD**

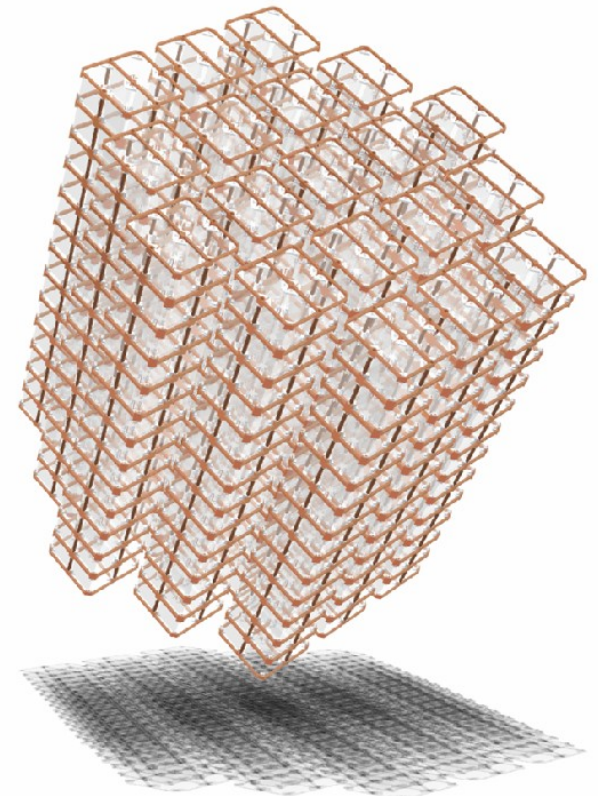
Can still play a role in the future for the implementation of the model independent approach at the ton scale: CUORE

Requests:

- Stability
- Low energy threshold

Possible!

... however NOT a dedicated experiment:  
estimated  $R_B \sim 0.1-1$  c/kev/d @ few keV





# Phonons + Charge

Historically **the first hybrid approach**.

Actually other complementary information is collected

- **Position**
- **Timing**

Successful multi-messenger approach: Excellent results on WIMPs

## CDMS

- Phonons
- Charge
- Position
- Timing (PSA)

## EDELWEISS

- Heat
- Charge
- Radial “Position”

Ultimate enemy at present is STATISTICS  
“Future” developments (larger mass):

**SuperCDMS**

**EURECA**

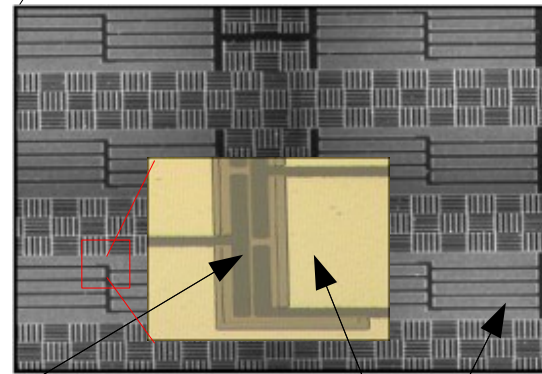
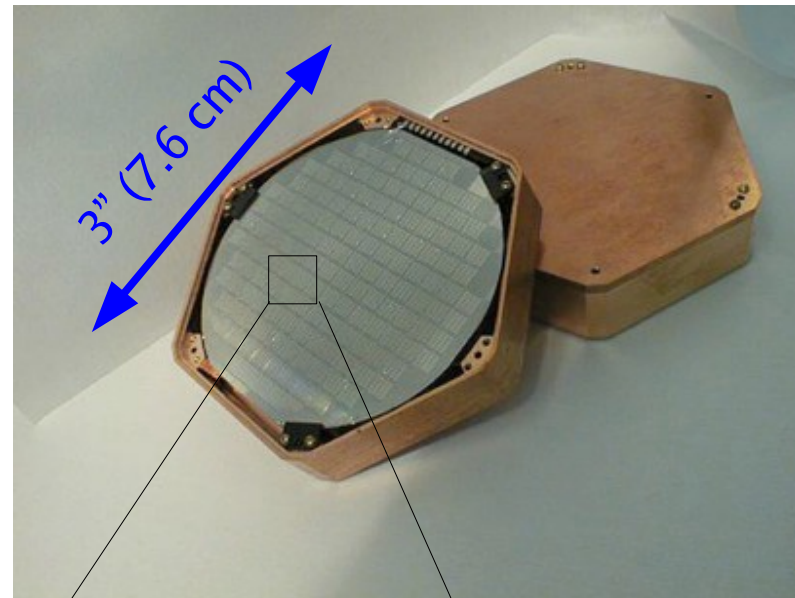
# CDMS: Ge & Si

**Z-sensitive Ionization and Phonon mediated** 230 g Ge or 100 g Si crystals (1 cm thick, 7.5 cm diameter)

Photolithographically patterned to collect **athermal phonons and ionization signals**

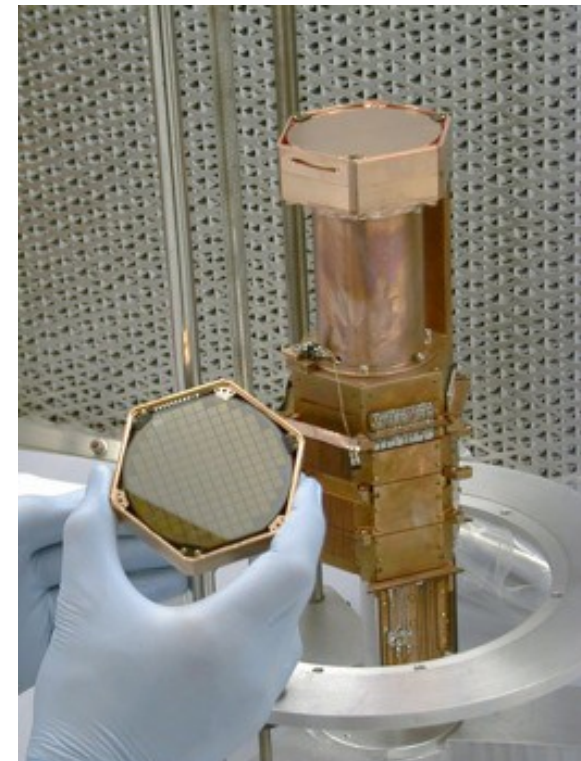
- xy-position imaging
- surface (z) event rejection from pulse shapes and timing

30 detectors stacked into 5 towers of 6 detectors (**6.9 kg**)

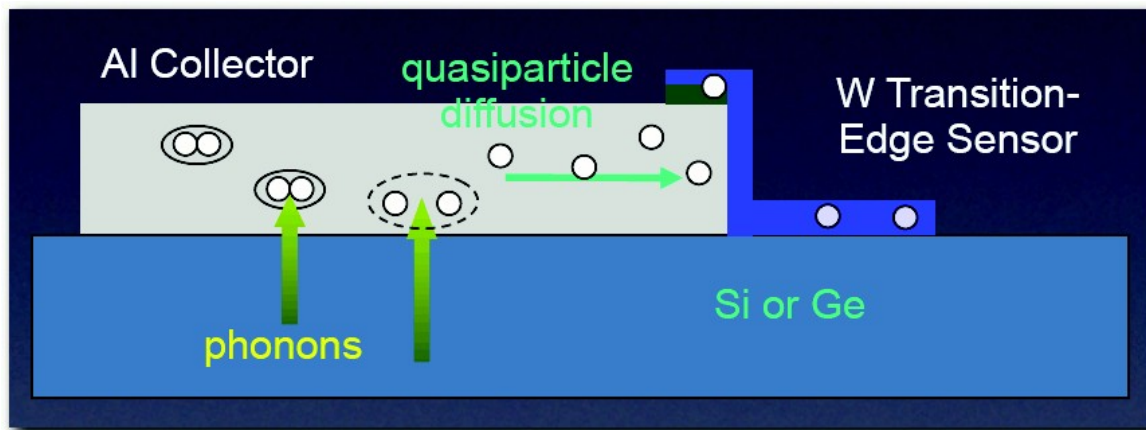
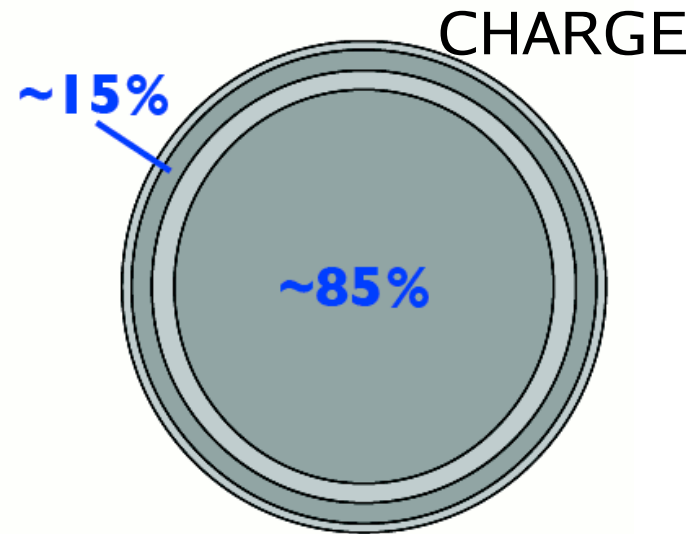
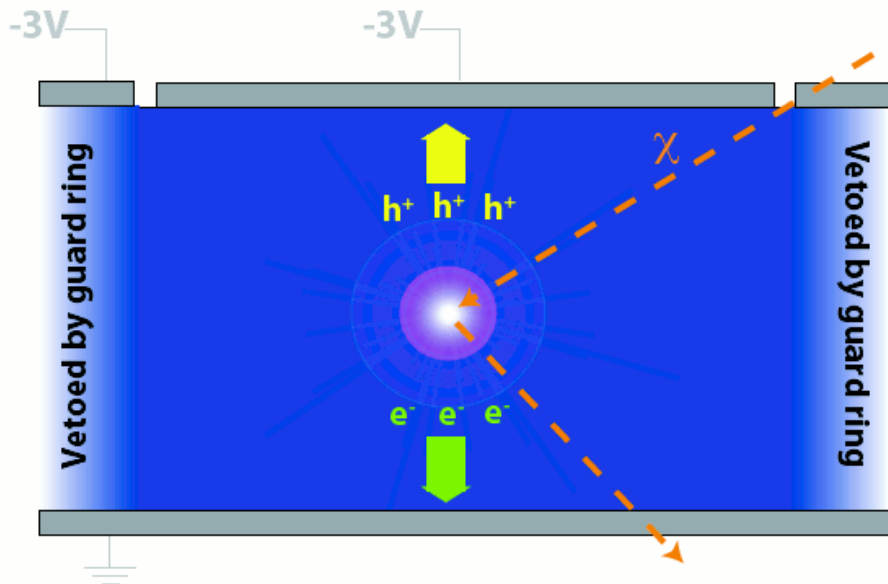


1  $\mu$  tungsten

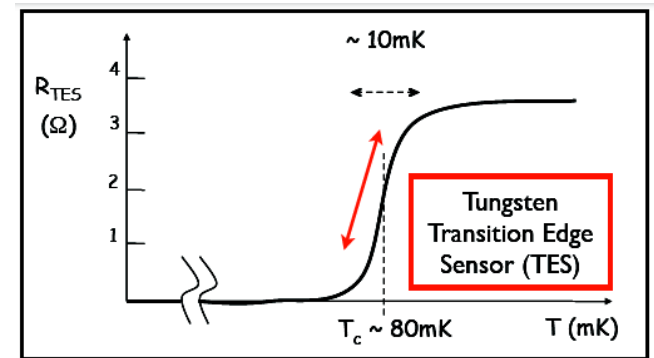
380 $\mu$  x 60 $\mu$  aluminum fins



# CDMS: ZIP detectors



## PHONONS



4 SQUID readout channels, each reads out 1036 TESs in parallel

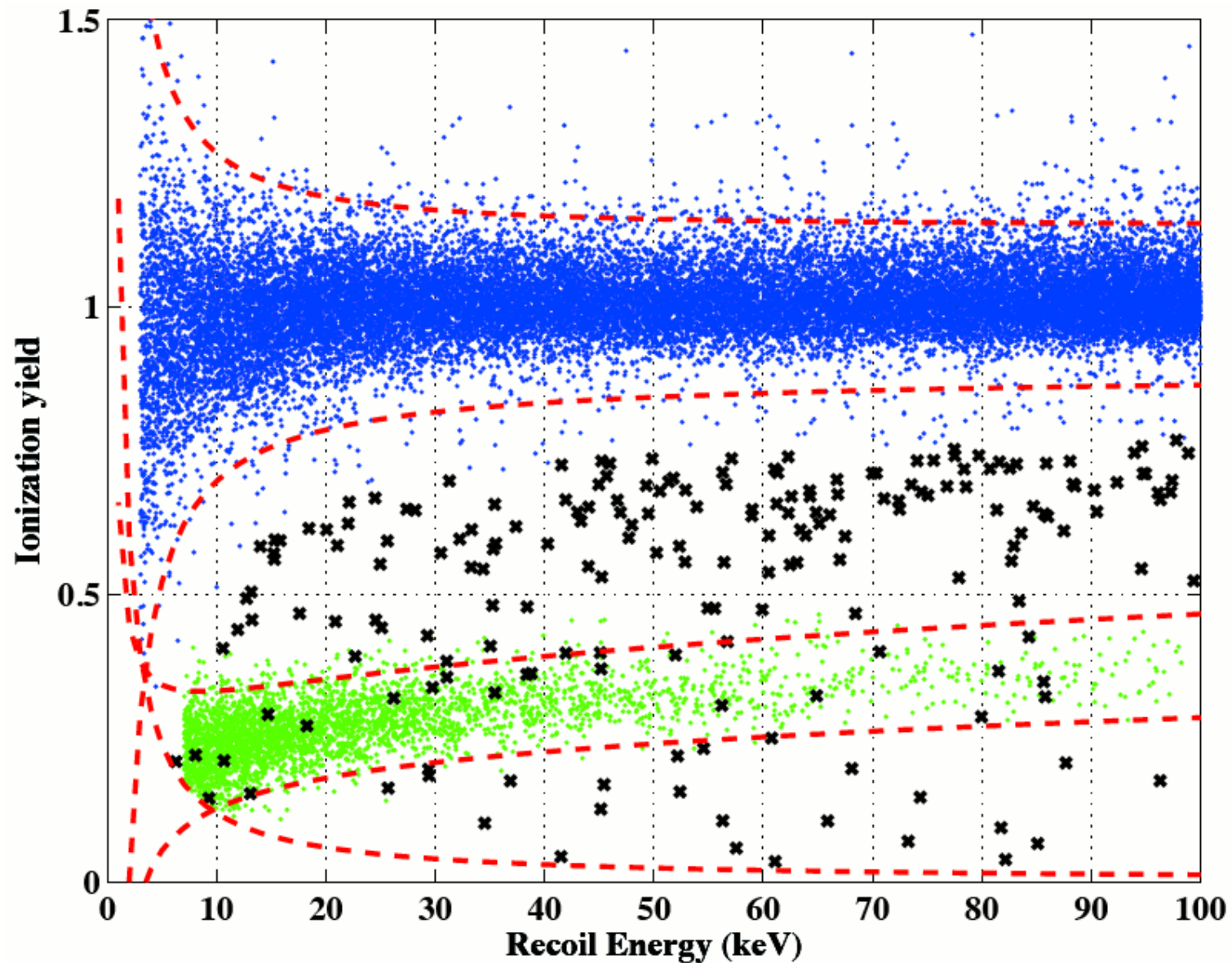
# Background rejection

Most backgrounds  
(e,  $\gamma$ ) produce  
electron recoils

WIMPS and  
neutrons produce  
nuclear recoils

Ionization yield  
(ionization energy per  
unit phonon energy)  
strongly depends on  
particle type.

Particles that  
interact in the  
“surface dead layer”  
result in reduced  
ionization yield

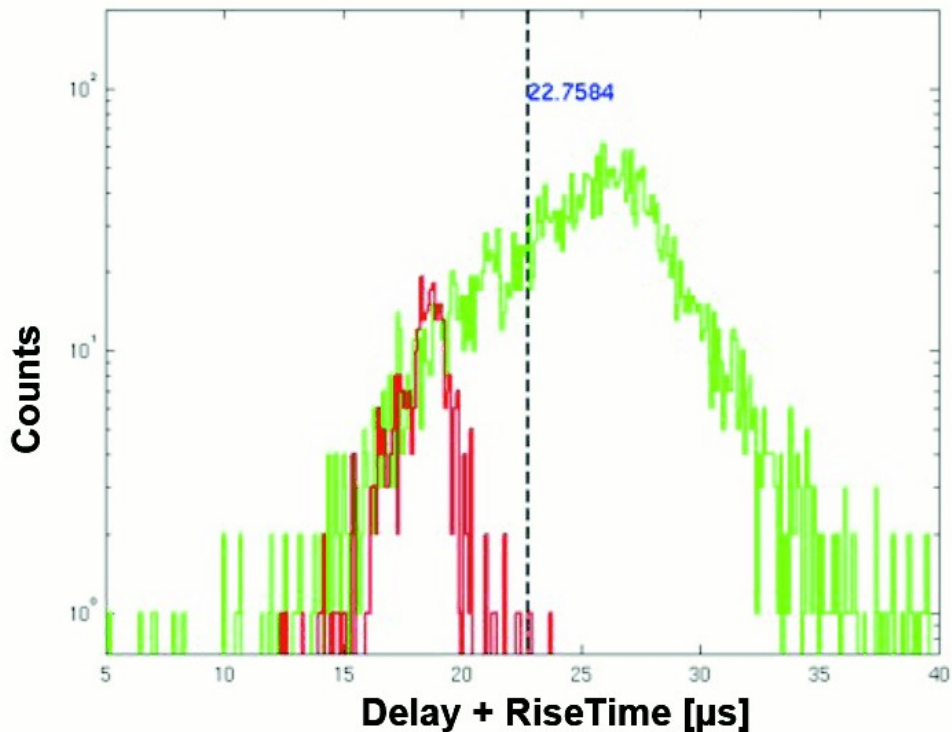
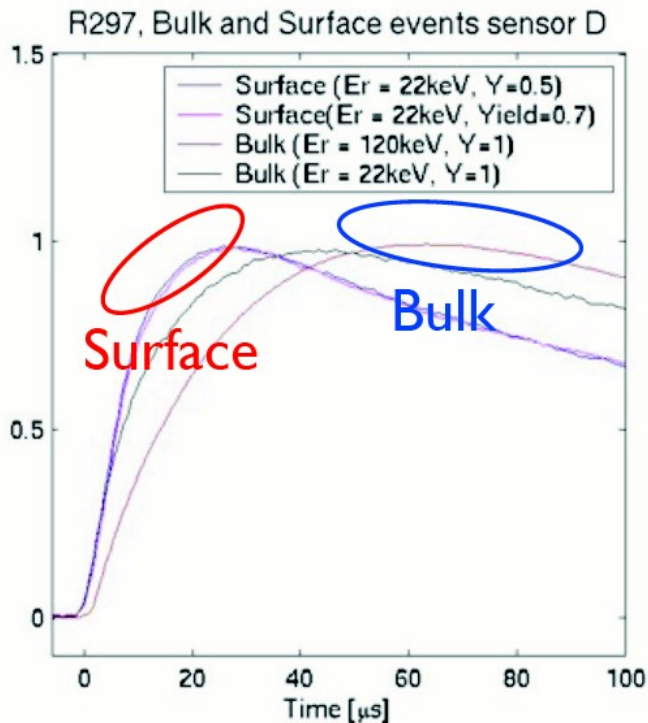
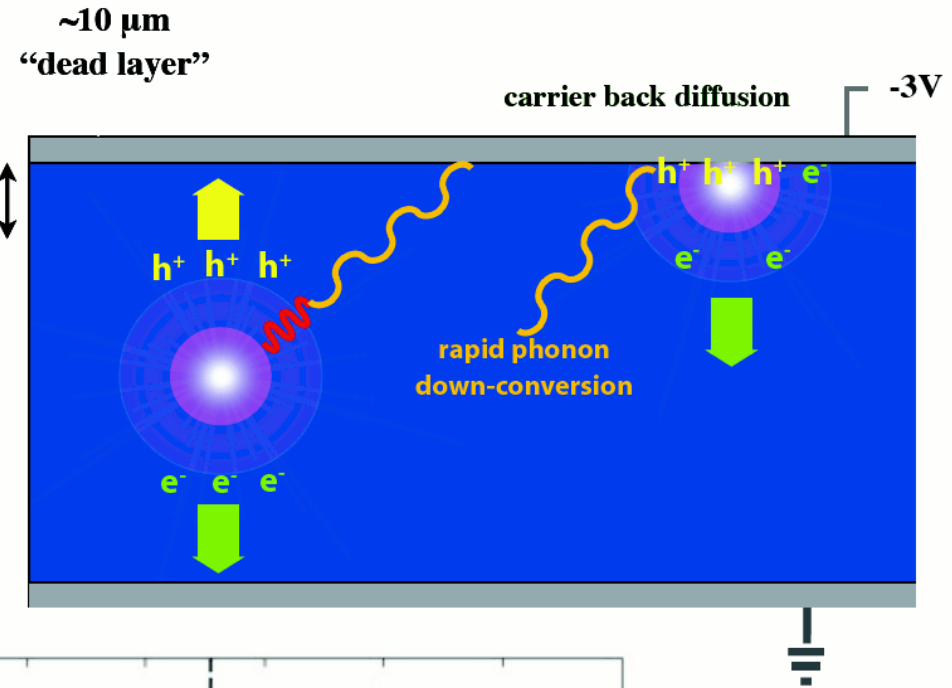


# Surface contributions

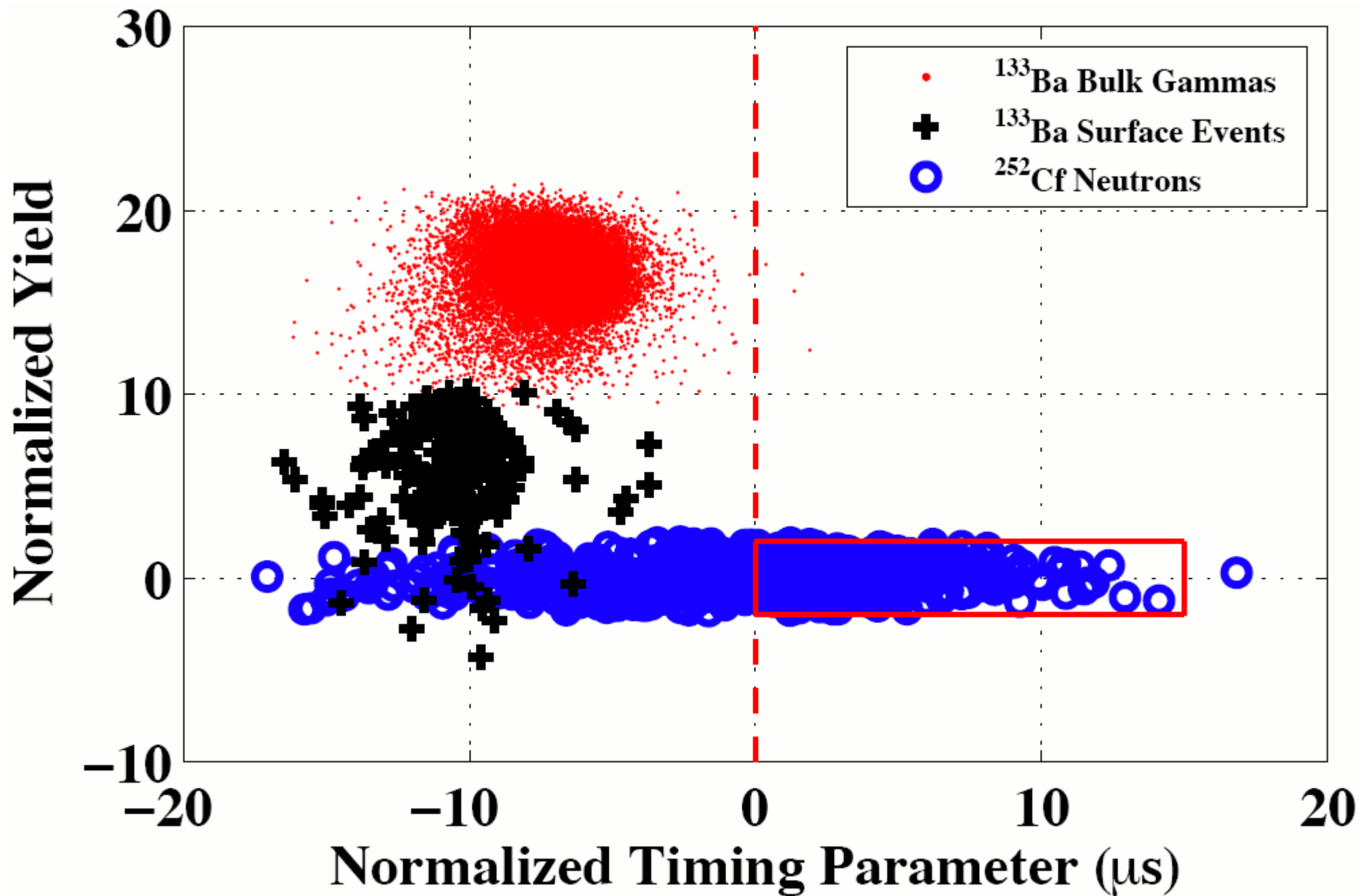
Reduced charge yield is due to carrier back diffusion in surface events.

“Dead layer” is within  $\sim 10\mu\text{m}$  of the surface.

Surface Event Rejection: timing



# Timing



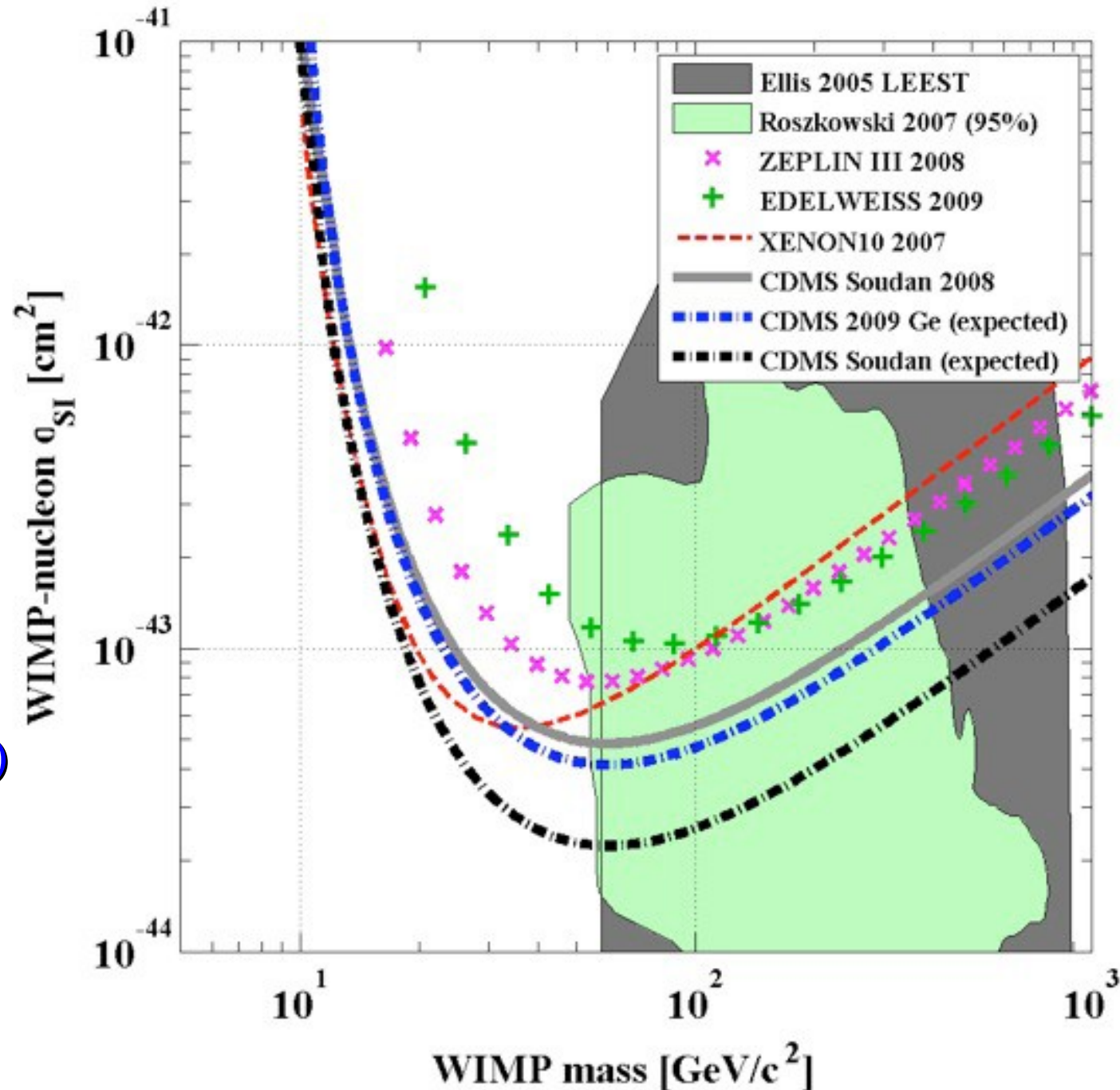
# Estimated sensitivity

612 kg-d raw  
**194.1 kg-d WIMP (!)**

10 -100 keV analysis  
energy range

Surface Background  
 $0.6 \pm 0.1(\text{stat.})$

Neutron Background  
Cosmogenic  
 $0.04^{+0.04}_{-0.03} (\text{stat.})$   
Radiogenic  
0.03 - 0.06



# CDMS results

## Blind analysis

### Event Selection:

- Veto-anticoincidence cut
- Single-scatter cut
- Qinner (fiducial volume) cut
- Ionization yield cut

3 $\sigma$  region masked

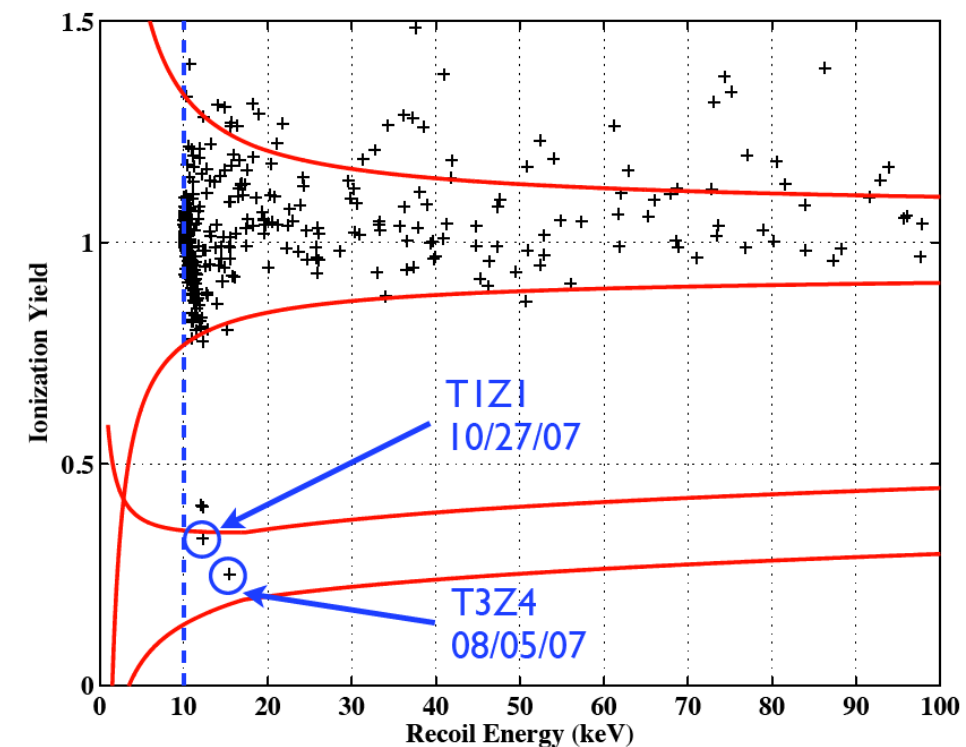
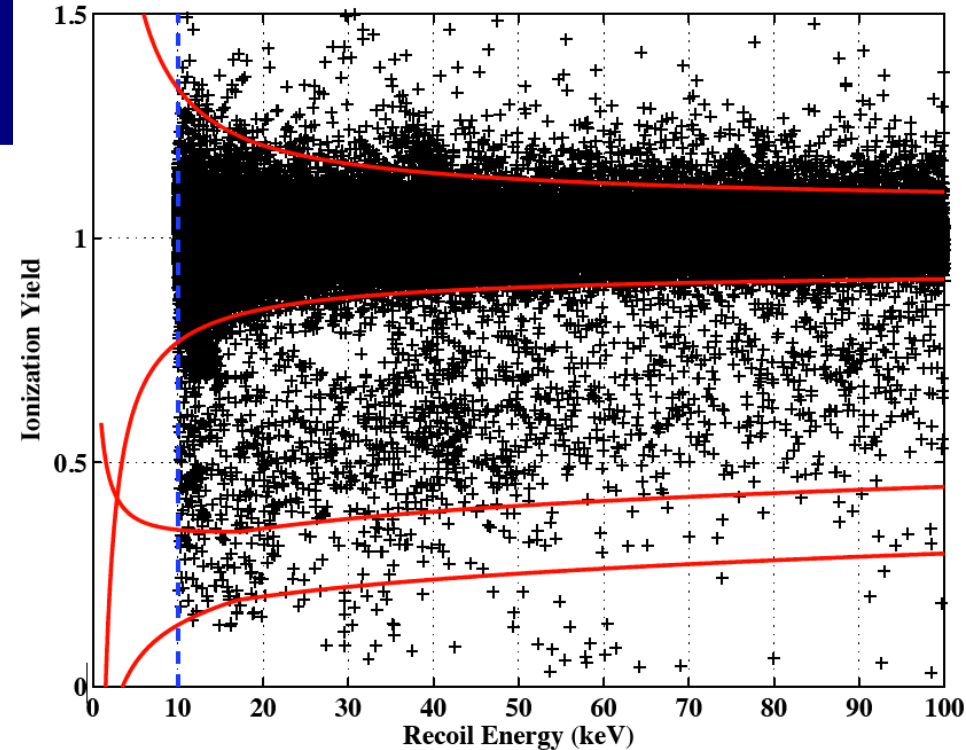
Hide unvetoed singles

Lift mask, see 150 singles failing timing cut.

Apply the timing cut ... **2 events selected**

## Unblind analysis

- Reducing the surface event estimate by  $\sim 1/2$  would remove both candidates while reducing our exposure by 28%
- Additional events would not enter the signal region until we increased the surface event estimate by a factor of  $\sim 2$ .





# CDMS results 2

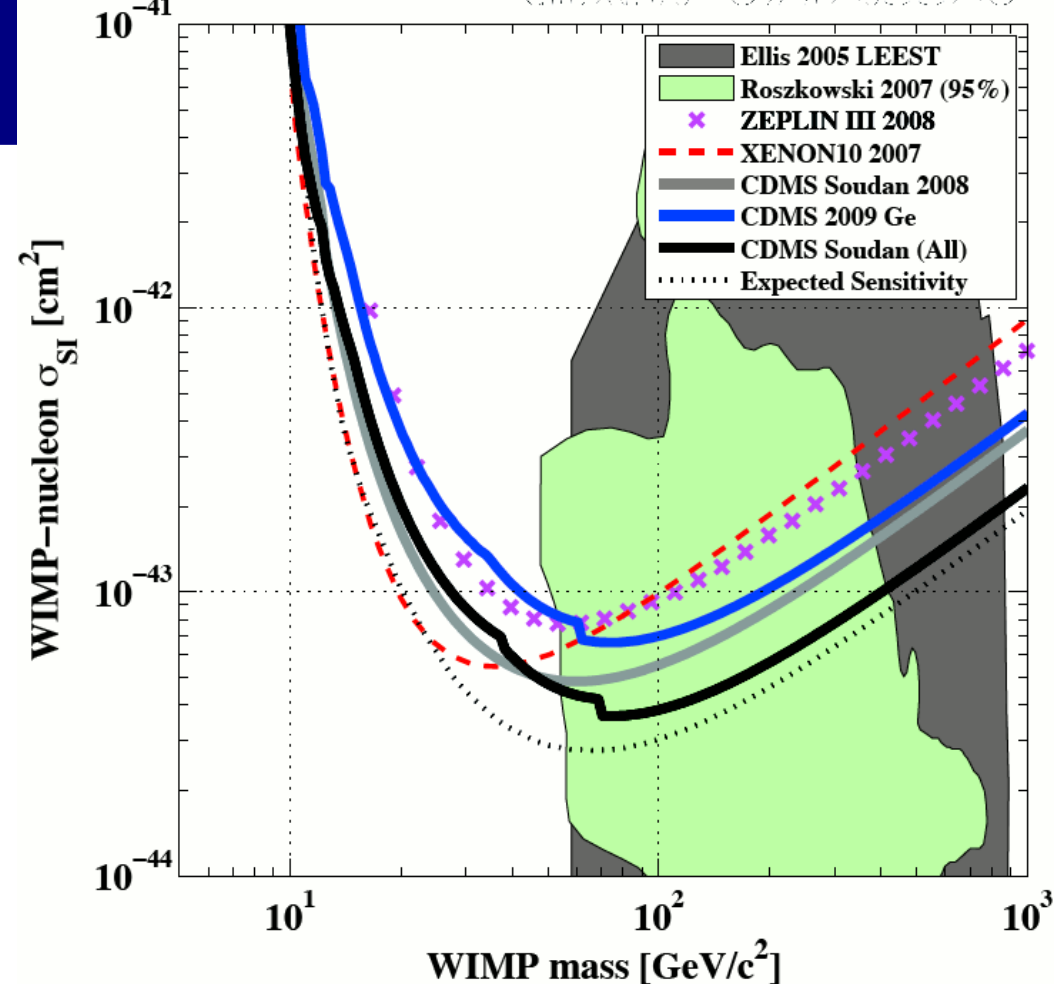
Upper limit at the 90% C.L. on the WIMP-nucleon cross section is  $3.8 \times 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$  for a WIMP of mass  $70 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

## Very careful analysis of the 2 events

- The two events occur during a time of nearly ideal detector performance.
- They are separated in time by several months and occur on detectors in different towers (T1Z5 and T3Z4).
- They occur on inner detectors where we have a stronger handle on our background estimate.
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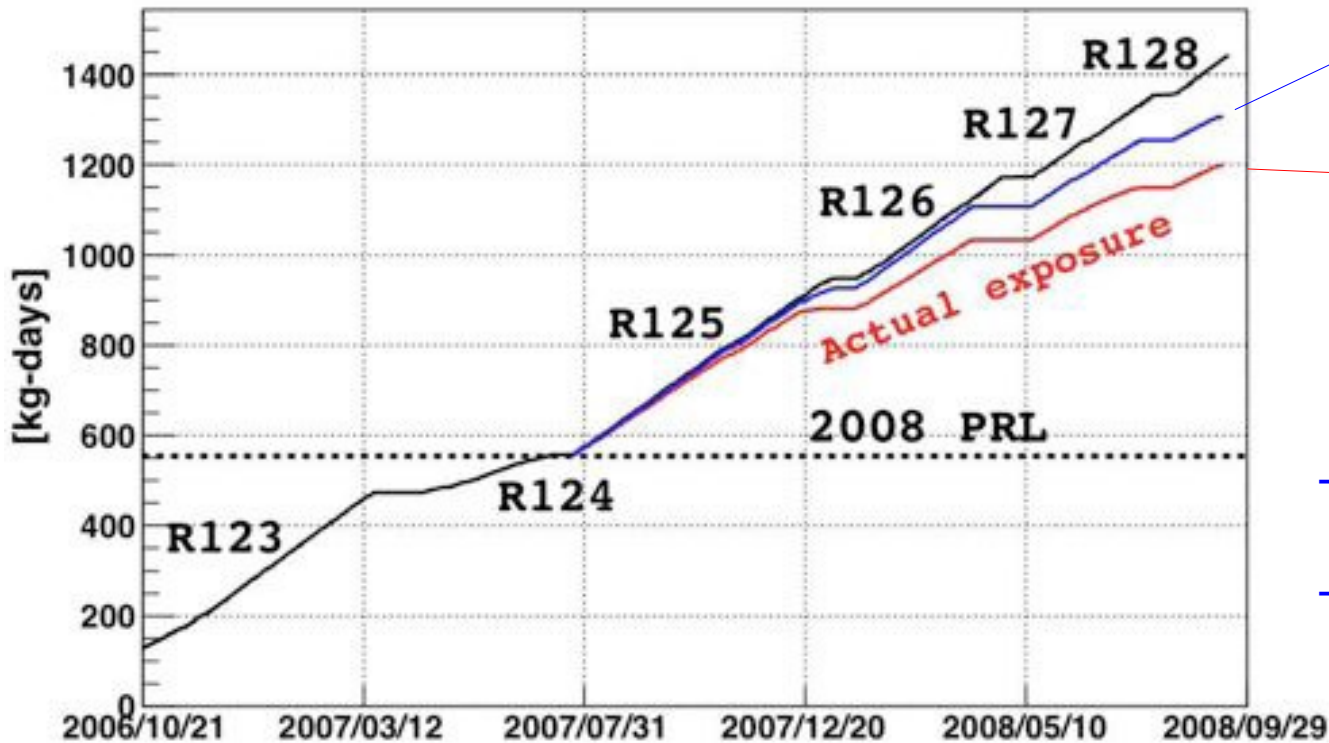
A refined calculation of the surface background taking into account larger errors in the timing estimate a low energy produced a post-unblinding leakage estimate of  $0.8 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.2$

Probability of observing 2 or more events is 23%



# CDMS: some final consideration

1) **Statistics**: required cuts reduce significantly the available statistics



some detectors not analyzed for WIMP scatters

periods of poor data quality removed

30 ZIPs (5 Towers)  
~4.4 kg Ge, ~1.1 kg Si

Total raw exposure is

**612 kg-days**

Total exposure after all cuts:

**194.1 kg-days**

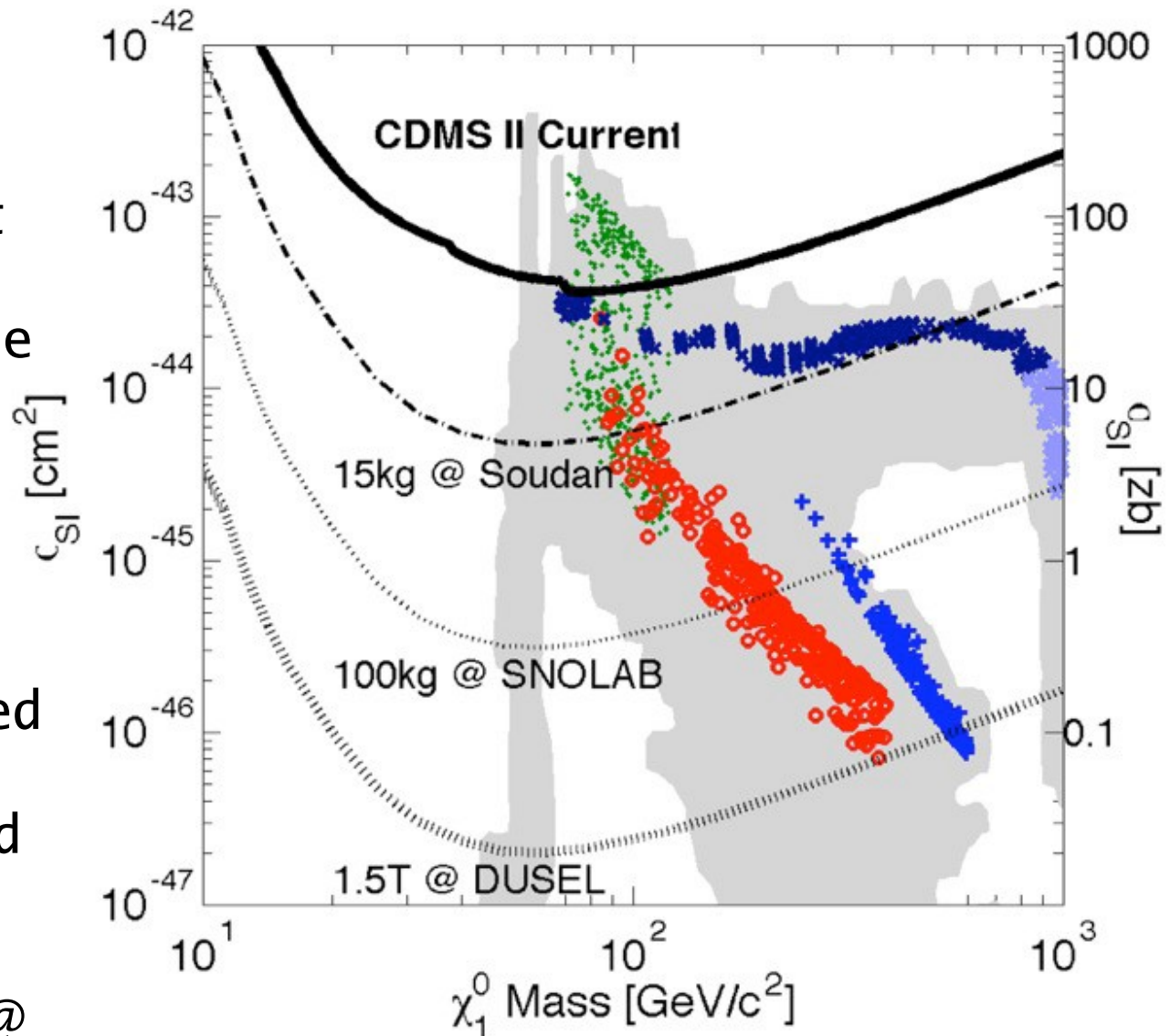
2) Incomplete charge collection at surface creates a dangerous **leakage** in the acceptance region. Get rid of this through **timing**. How much is this understood? Further cuts and statistics shortage

3) “Dark” counts

# SuperCDMS

## 15 kg of Ge at Soudan, arranged as 5 SuperTowers

- March 2009: Start installation and commissioning of the first SuperCDMS detectors. Commissioning runs of the first SuperCDMS tower is underway.
- Fabrication of remaining detectors for the SuperCDMS Soudan project (15 kg Ge deployed in existing Soudan setup) underway. Installation and commissioning summer 2010.
- Final goal: SuperCDMS @ SNOLAB (100 kg Ge)

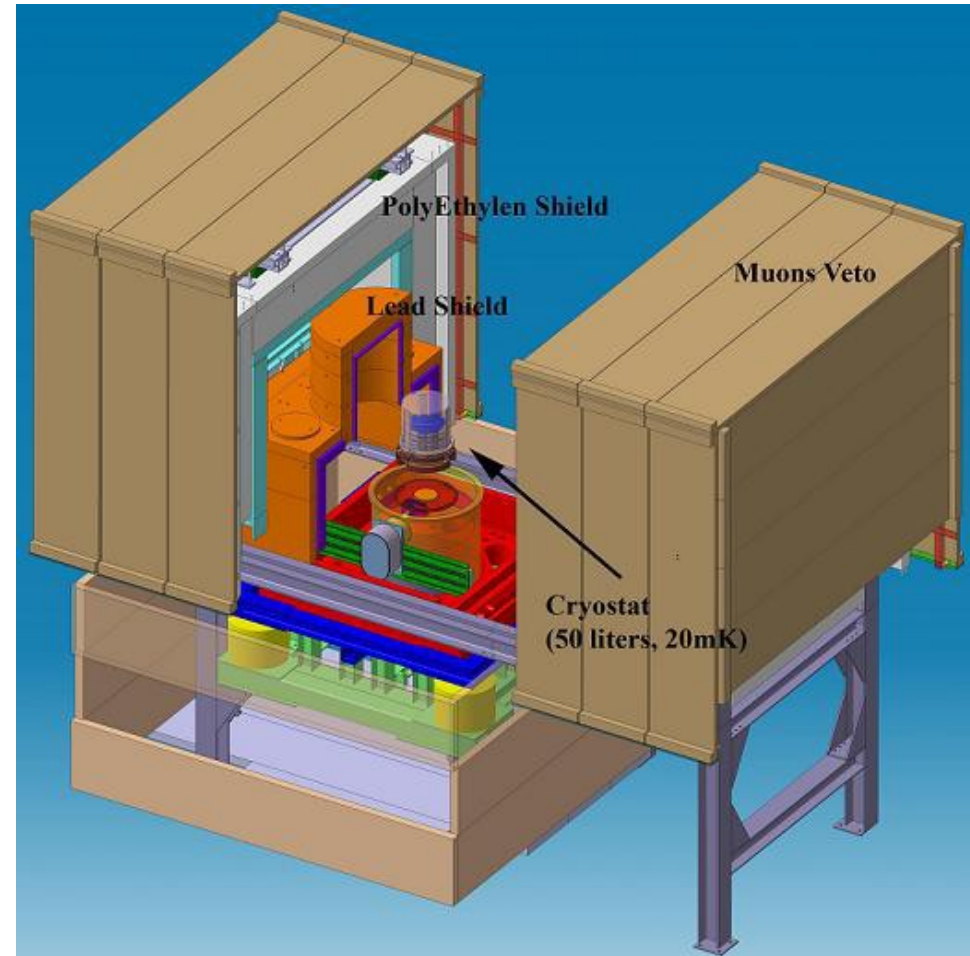
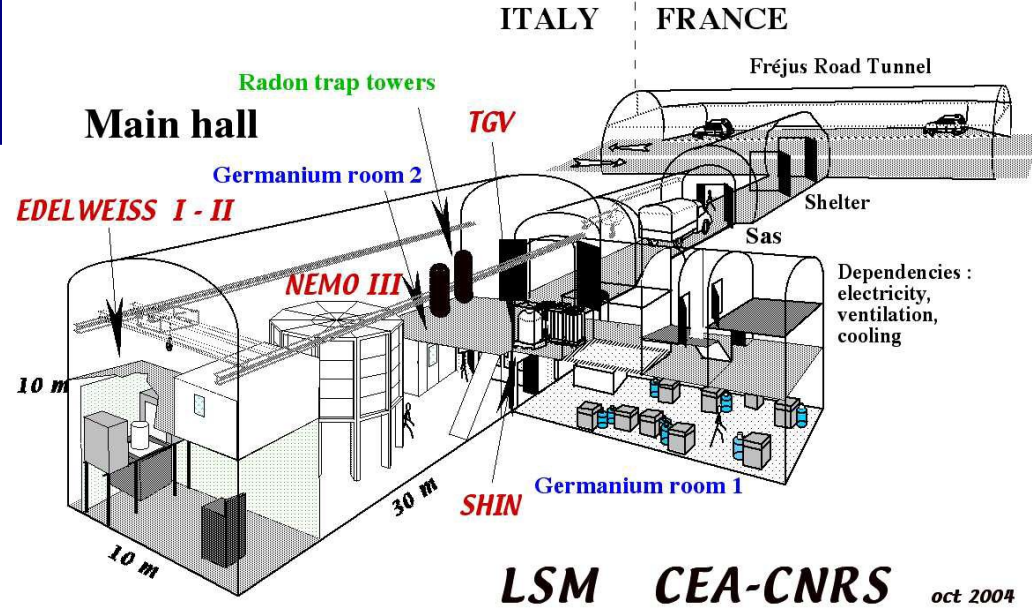


# EDELWEISS

Goal:  $10^{-8}$ pb, **<0.002 evts/kg/d**

- 5 kg Ge, can host up to 40 kg
- Installed at LSM in Frejus Tunnel  
(4 muon/day/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Neutron shield designed for  $<10^{-8}$ pb
  - 50cm polyethylene
  - muon veto
- Strict control of material selection /  
Cleaning procedure / Environment  
X4 reduction of  $\gamma$  background

Alternative surface events rejection  
based on charge signal



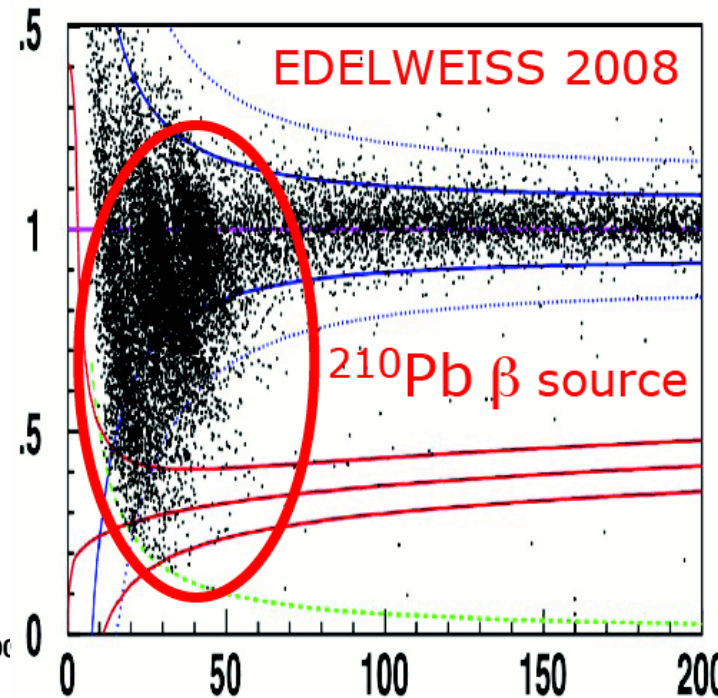
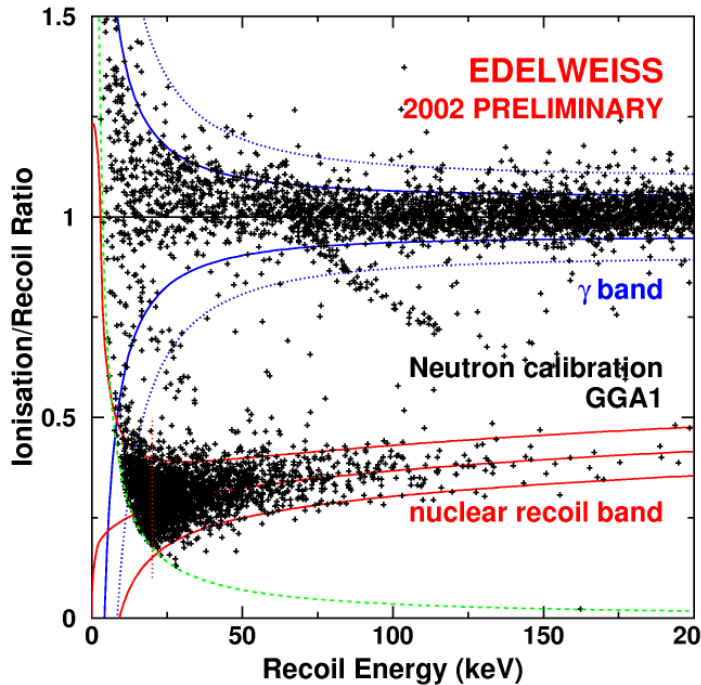
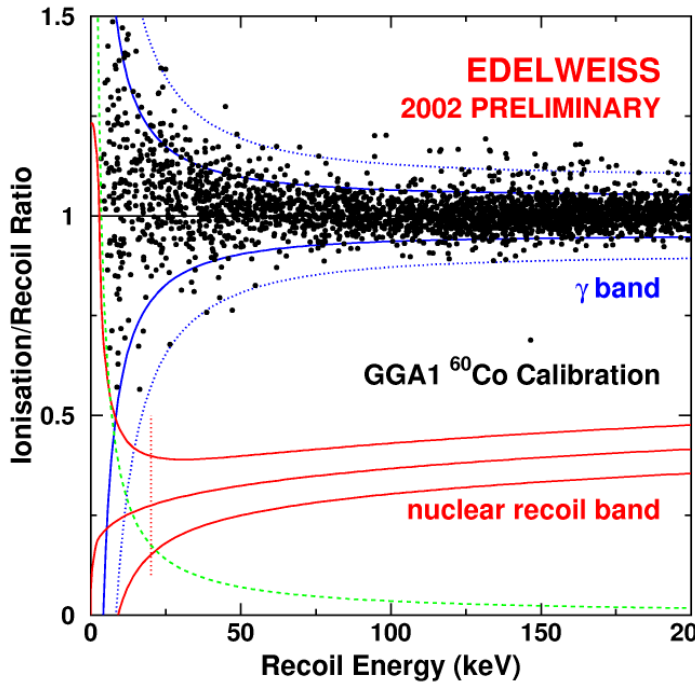
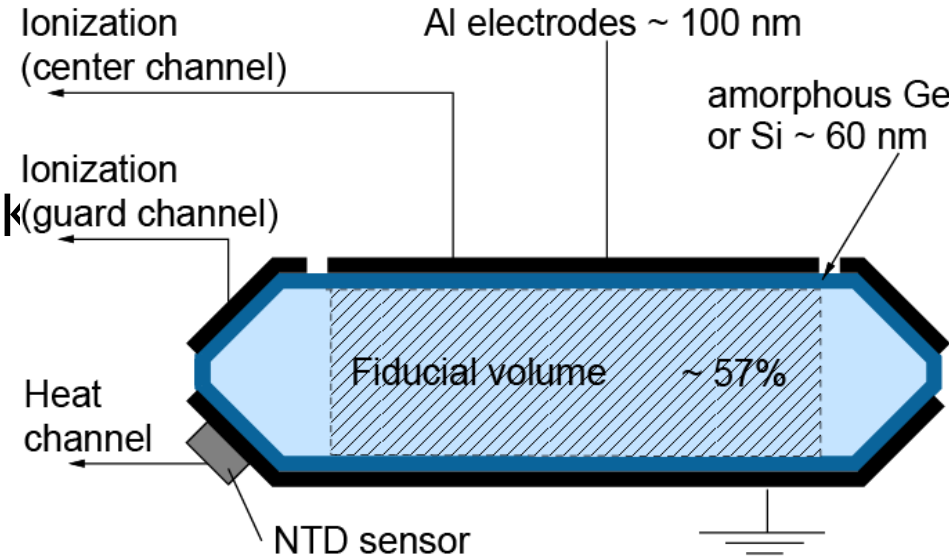
# EDELWEISS Detector

400g Germanium bolometers:

- Ionization measurement @ few V/cm
- Heat measurement (NTD sensor) @ 20 mK

Discrimination between electronic and nuclear recoils :

« Q » ~ ionization/heat

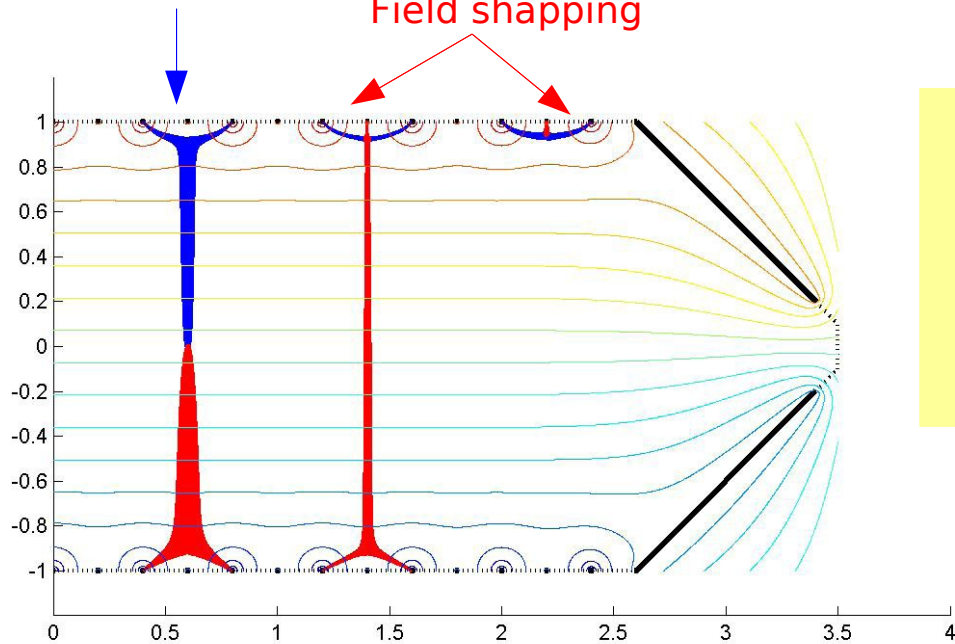


# Surface Leakage: InterDigit Detectors

a' electrodes (+4V)

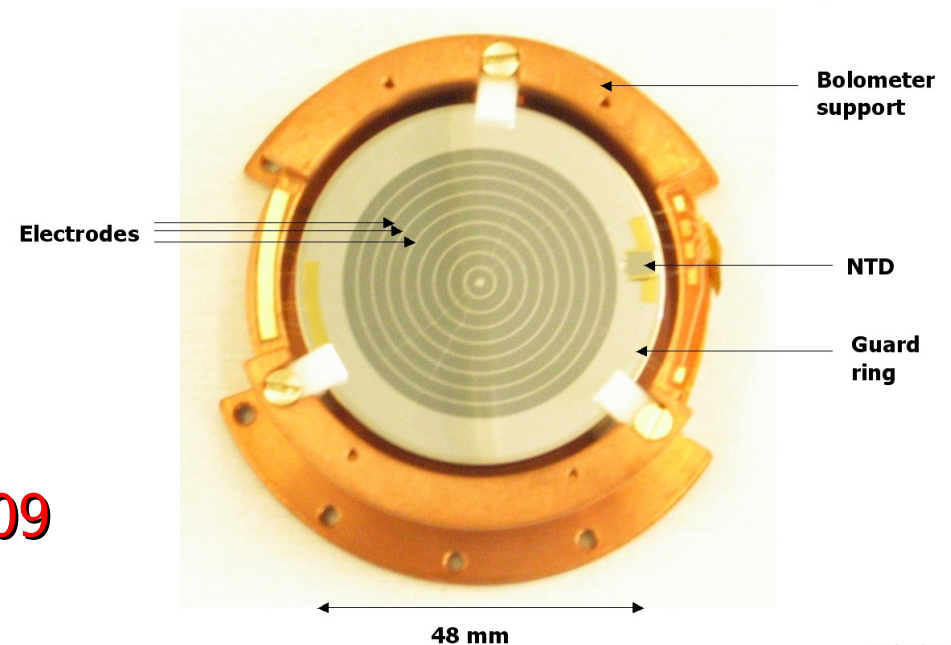
Fiducial collection 'b' electrodes (-1.5V)

Field shapping



- Keep the EDW-I NTD thermal detector
- Modify the E-field near the surfaces with interleaved electrodes
- Use 'b' and 'd' signals as vetos against surface events

- First 200g detector built 2007
- 1x200g + 3x400g tested in 2008
- 10x400g running since beginning 2009



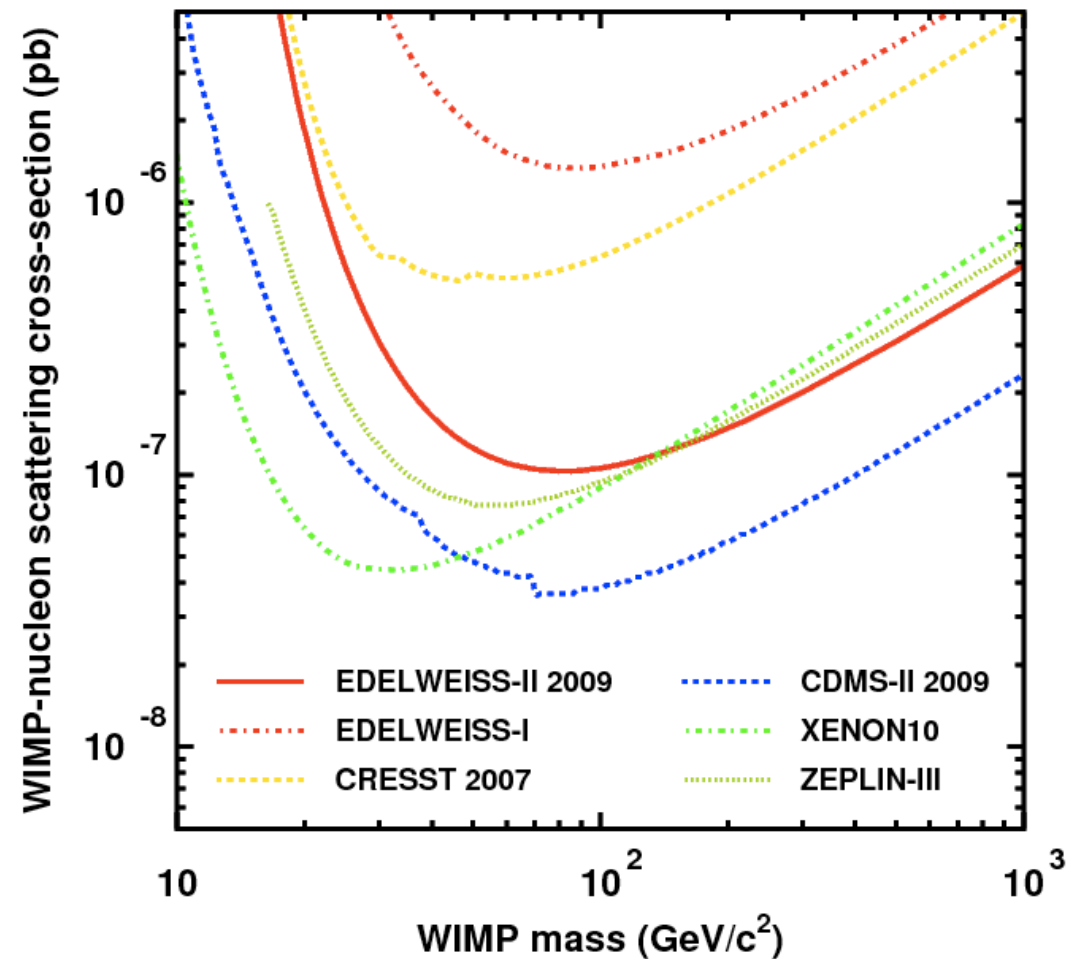
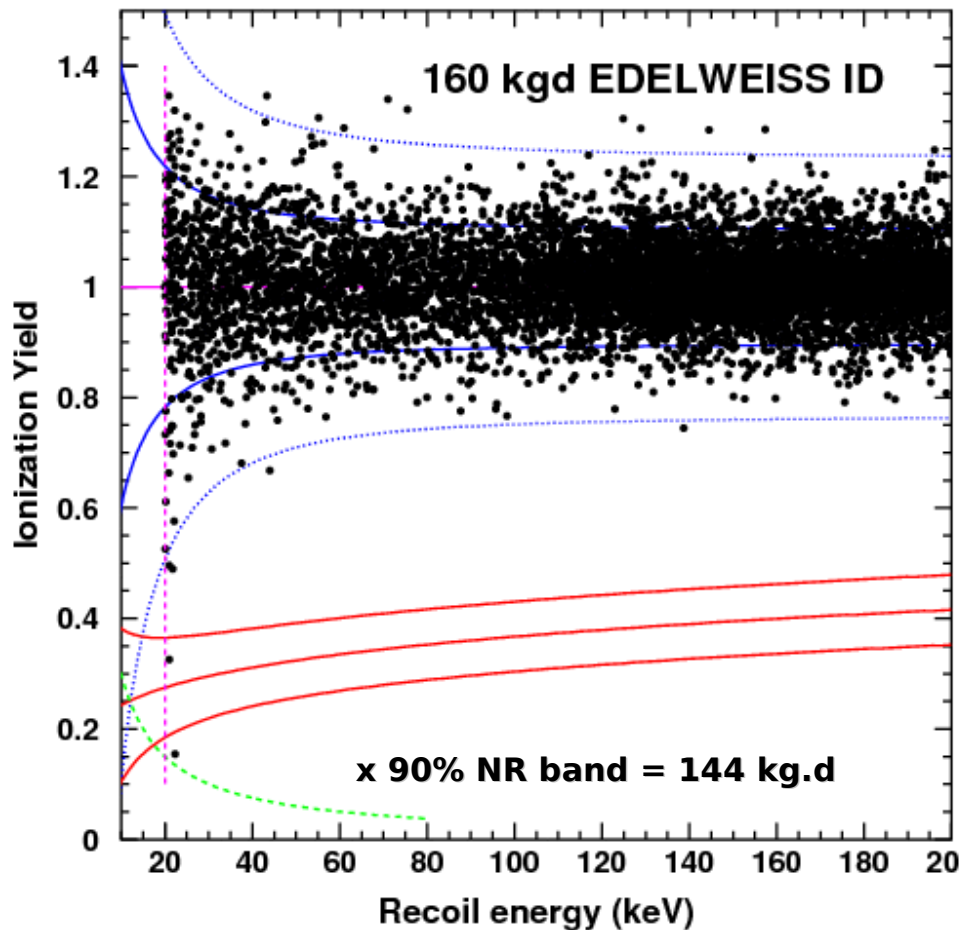
# EDELWEISS II data analysis

arXiv:0912.0805

10 ID (400 g units, 160g fiducial) tested/built/installed/run in 2008-2009

- First assessment of technology in real physics run: **144 kgd / ~6 months**
  - Reliability: 9/10 detector used for physics
  - >50% physics running efficiency (wrt to 186 days x 1.6 kg\_fiducial)
  - Average resolutions:  $\sigma \sim 400$  eV ionization, 500 eV heat
- 2 independent processing pipelines
- Pulse fits with optimal filtering using instantaneous noise spectra
- Period selection based on baseline noises: 80% efficiency
- Pulse reconstruction quality ( $\chi^2$ ):  $\epsilon = 97\%$
- Fiducial cuts based on ionization signals (160g):  $\epsilon = 90\%$
- Nuclear recoil/gamma rejection 99.99%
- Bolo-bolo & bolo-veto coincidence rejection ( $\epsilon > 99\%$ )
- WIMP search threshold fixed a priori  **$E_{\text{recoil}} > 20$  keV**
  - 20 keV recoil far from efficiency thresholds (full efficiency achieved with  $\sim 3$  keV ionization and  $\sim 7$  keV heat thresholds):  
robust results independent of analysis details
- Agreement between the results the two analyses

# EDELWEISS II results



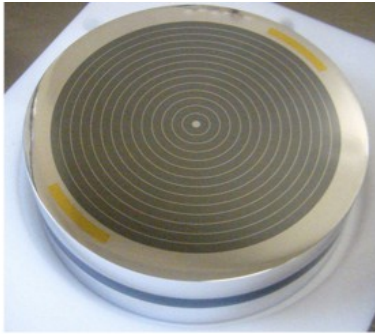
Background estimation from previous calibrations/  
simulations:

## 1 WIMP Candidate

- gamma  $< 0.01$  evt (99.99% rejection)
- beta  $\sim 0.06$  evt (from ID201 calibration+obs. surf. evts)
- neutrons from  $^{238}\text{U}$  in lead  $< 0.1$  evt
- neutrons from  $^{238}\text{U}+(\alpha,n)$  in rock  $\sim 0.03$  evt
- neutrons from muons  $< 0.04$  evt



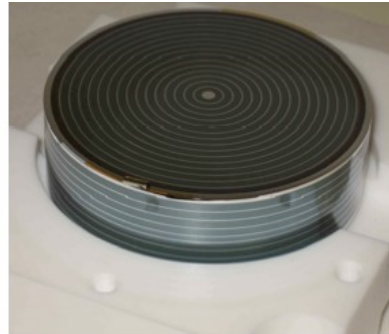
# EDELWEISS: new ID detectors



ID401 to 405:  
 $\Phi$  70mm, H 20mm, 410g



ID2 to ID5:  
 $\Phi$  70mm, H 20mm, 410g



FID401 and FID402:  
 $\Phi$  70mm, H 20mm, 410g

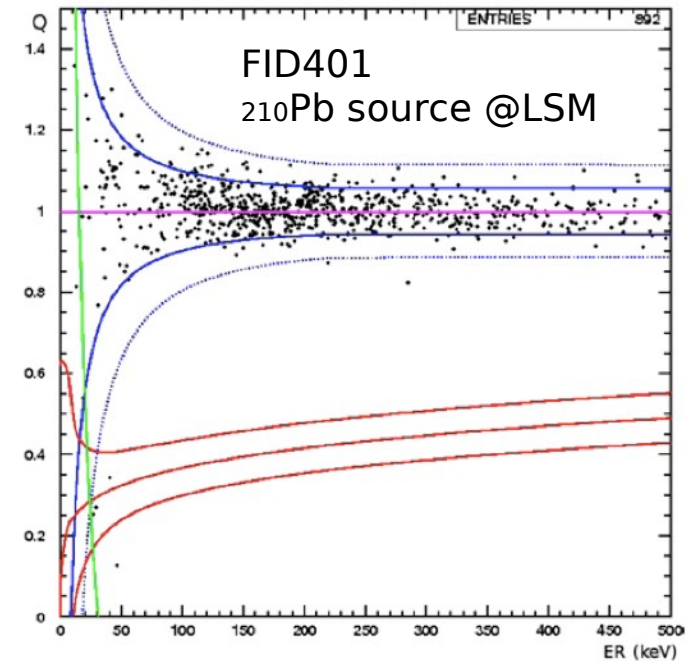
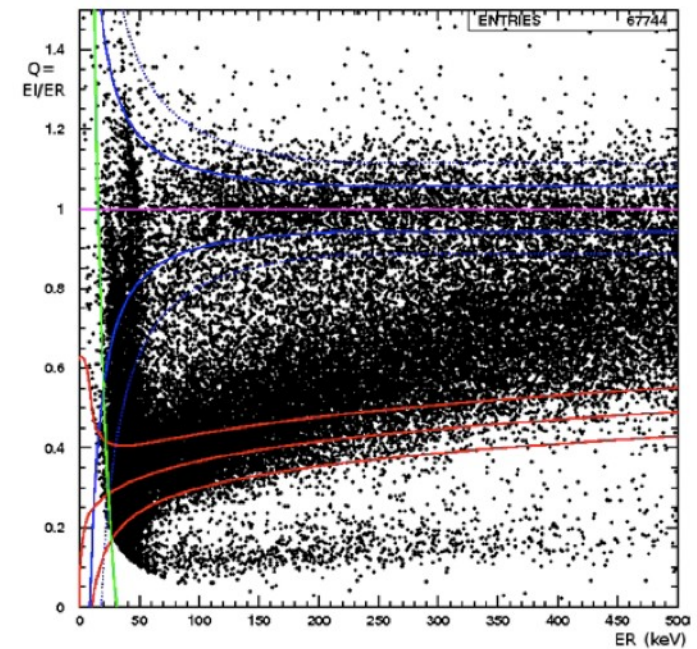
Currently searching for WIMPs with its new generation ID detectors:

- Robust detectors with redundancy and very high beta rejection
- First 160kg.d  $\Rightarrow$  WIMP limit @  $10^{-7}$ pb, 1 evt observed
- X2 exposure in Spring (+lower thresholds & improved bkg estimations)

Goals: continue FIDs program until (400+800g) doubling accumulated exposure every year

- 2011 = 1000 kg.d
- 2012 = 3000 kg.d

Longer term: Eureka@Ulisse, new LSM cavity



After fiducial volume cut

# Phonons + Light

## Bolometric readout of the Scintillation signal

### CRESST II

Phonons

Scintillation

Isotope dependence

- Large choice of target materials: **multi-targets**
- Precise measurement of the total energy (through heat)
- Stability: **constant calibration with heat pulses**
- **No leakage effect**: 'third class' of events between 'nuclear recoils' and e/ $\gamma$  events
- **Surface (physical) events**

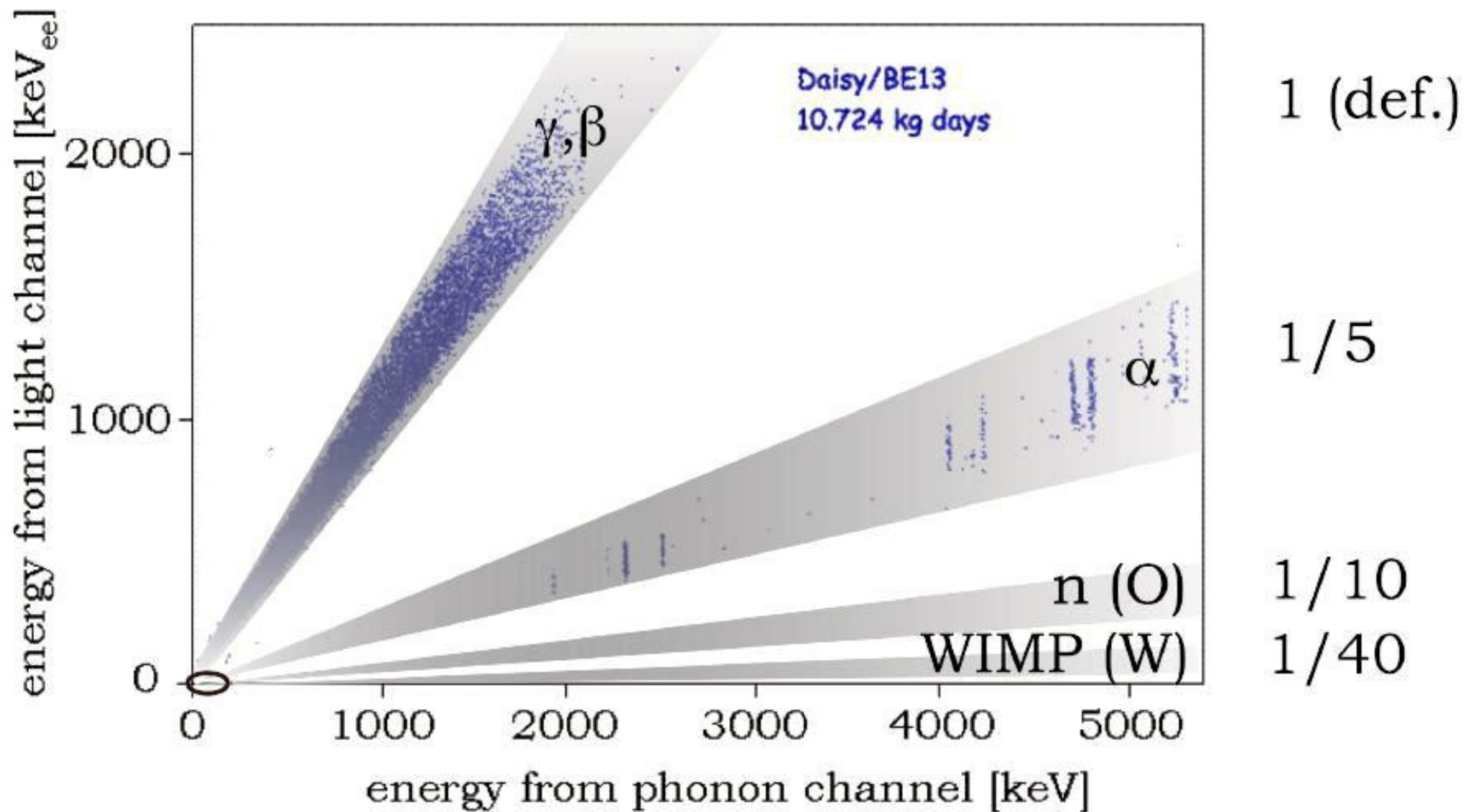
Promising technical developments under study

Possible improvement of light collection  $\Rightarrow$  sensitivity improvement

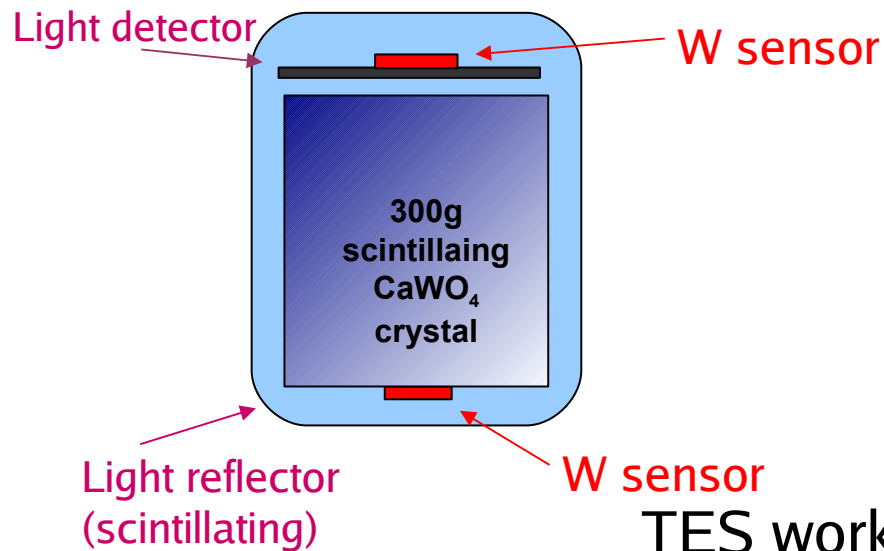
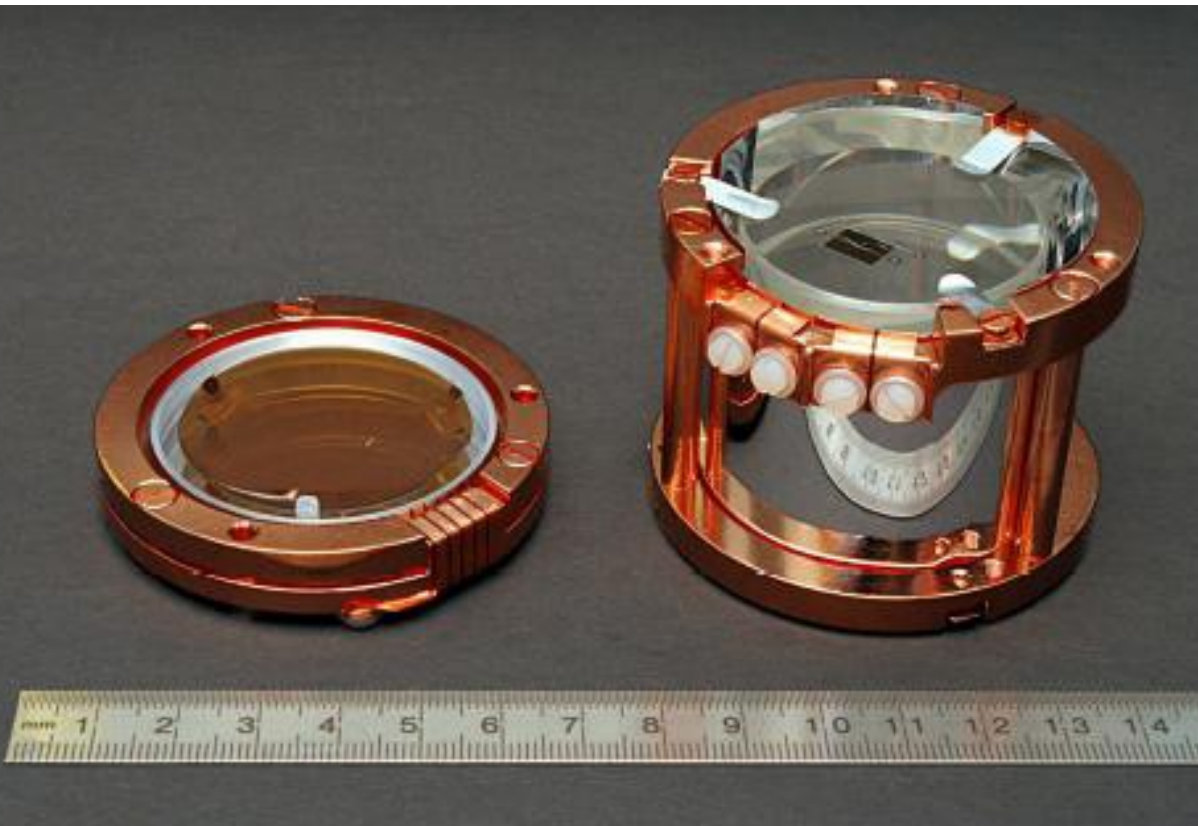
Ultimate enemy: **STATISTICS**

Larger mass: EURECA

# CRESST II concept



# CRESST II detectors



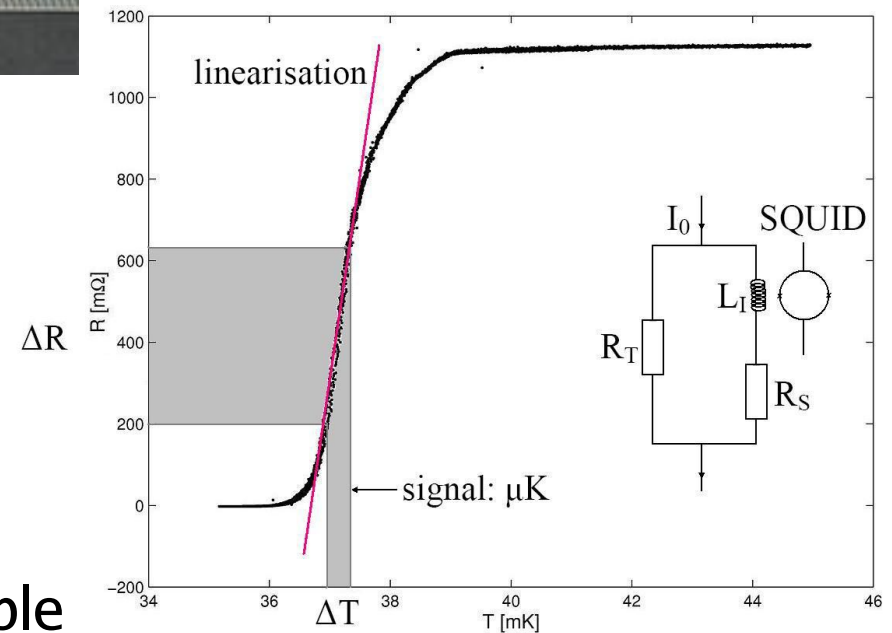
Tungsten (W) thin films (200nm respectively 120nm) as Transition Edge Sensors (TESs)

## Phonon channel

Scintillating  $\text{CaWO}_4$ -crystal (300g, height=40mm) as target with W-TES on top

## Light channel

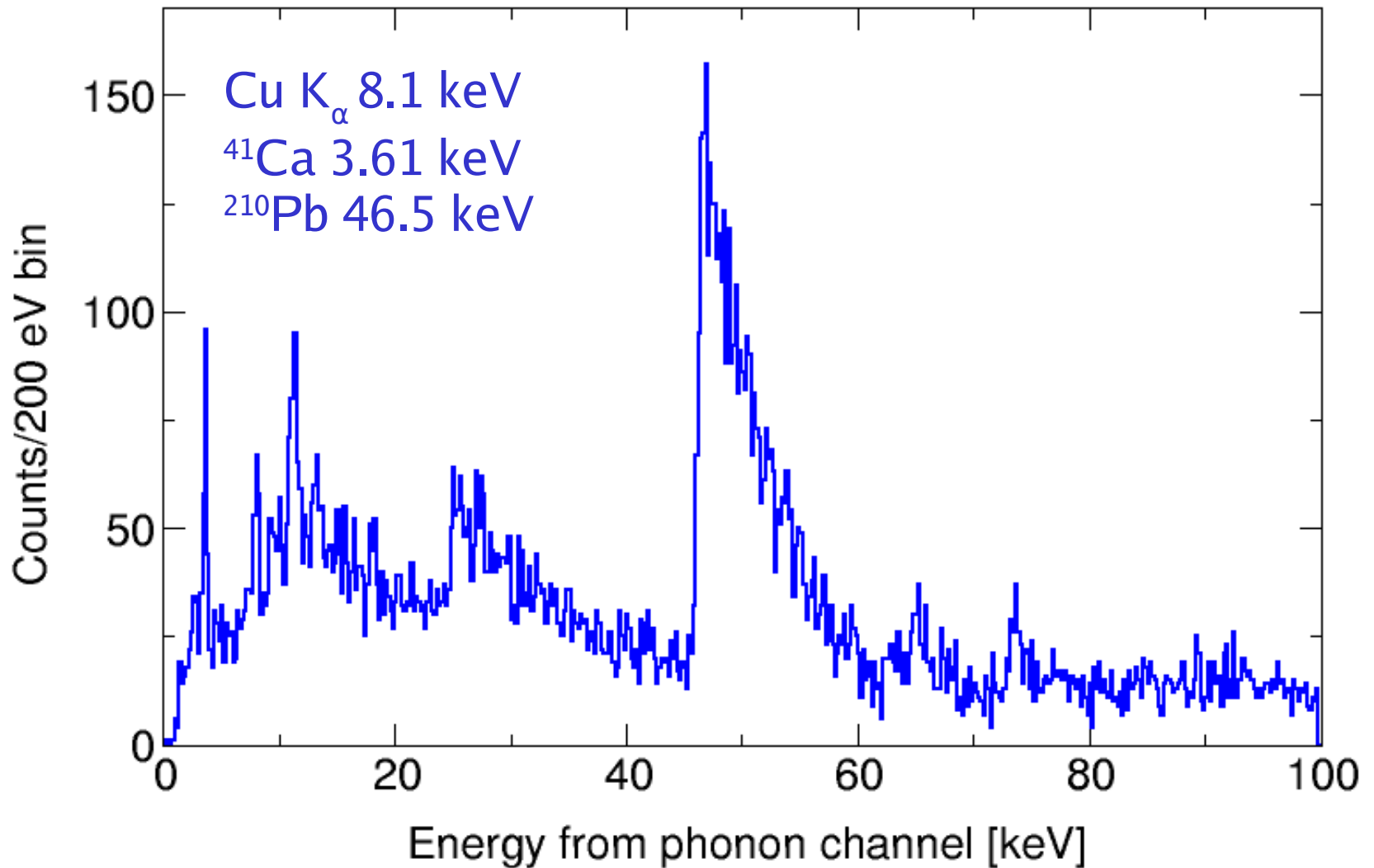
SOS (Silicon on Sapphire) crystal (=40mm) with W-TES on top



# CRESST II: low energy precise spectroscopy

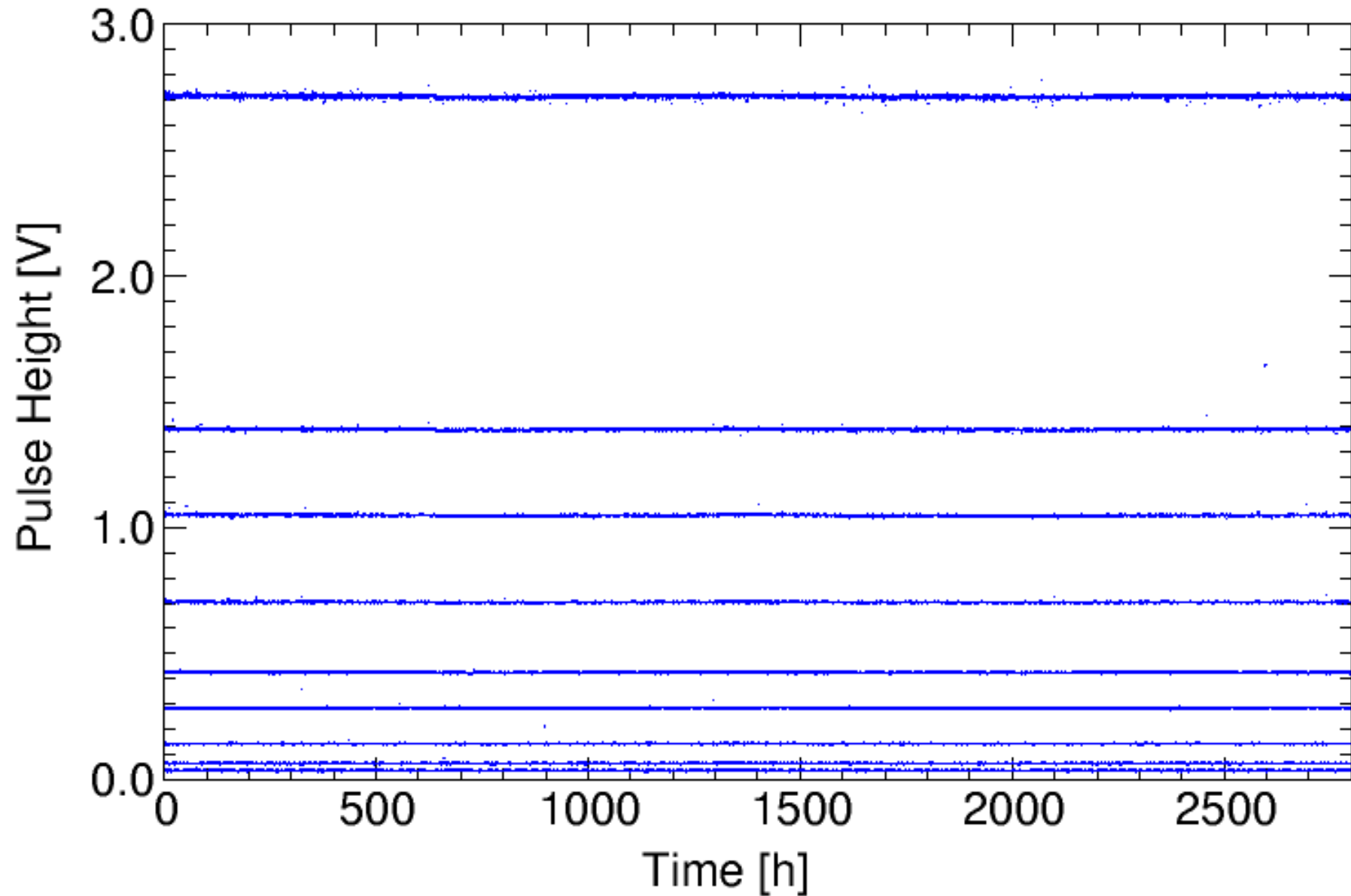
Very precise energy calibration

Lines down to 3.6 keV identified with excellent energy resolution (300 eV=



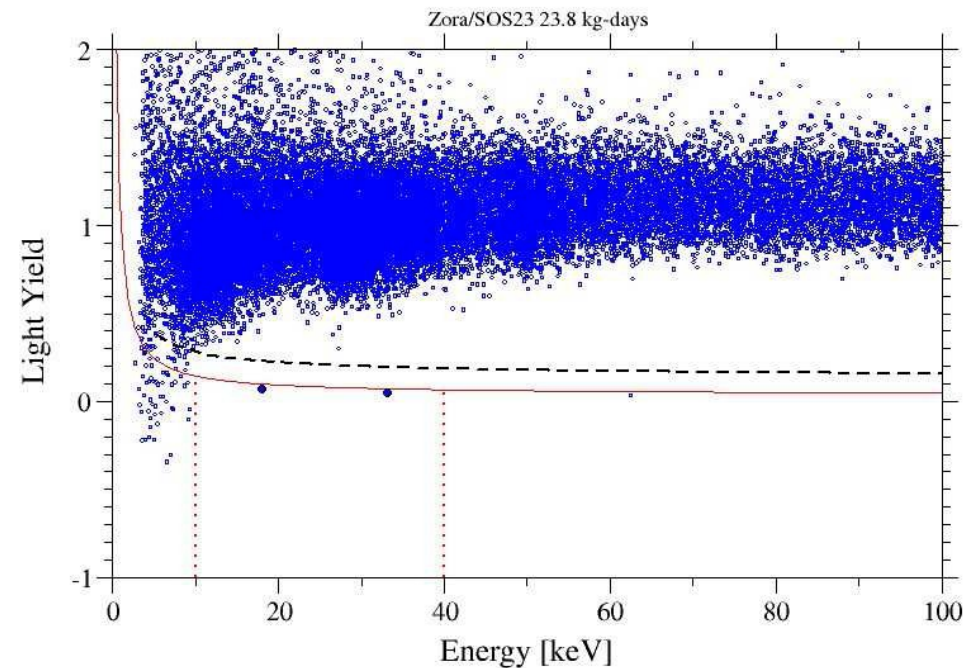
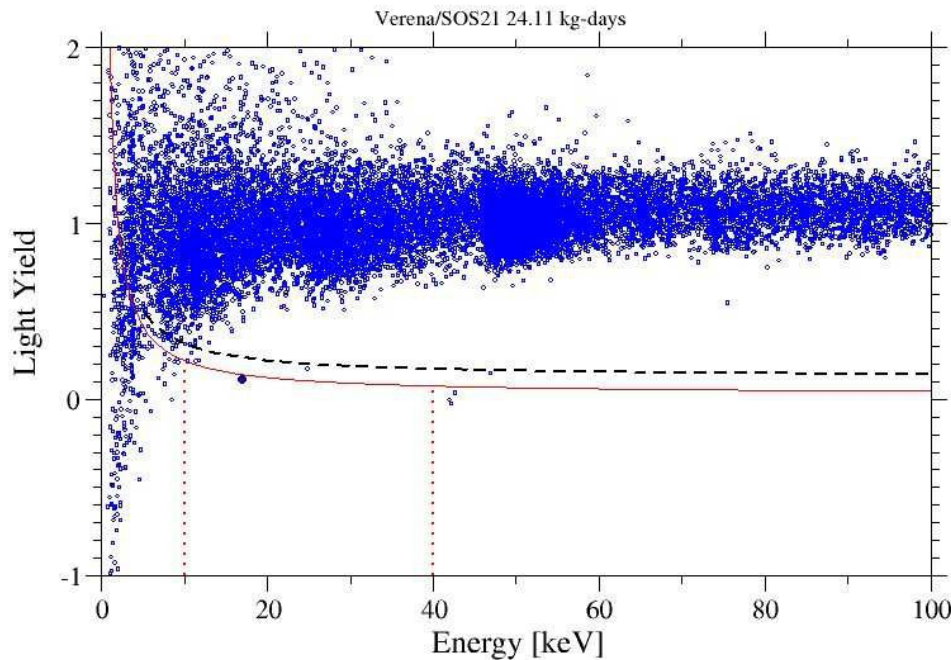
# CRESST II: stability

Run32: Ch49 detector stability



# CRESST II

**Commissioning Run:** nov.2006 - oct.2007 - Two Modules  $\text{CaWO}_4$ , 48 kg-days. **Three** 'unexplained events'.  $\sigma = 4:8 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{pb}$  for  $M_{\text{WIMP}} \sim 50 \text{ GeV}$



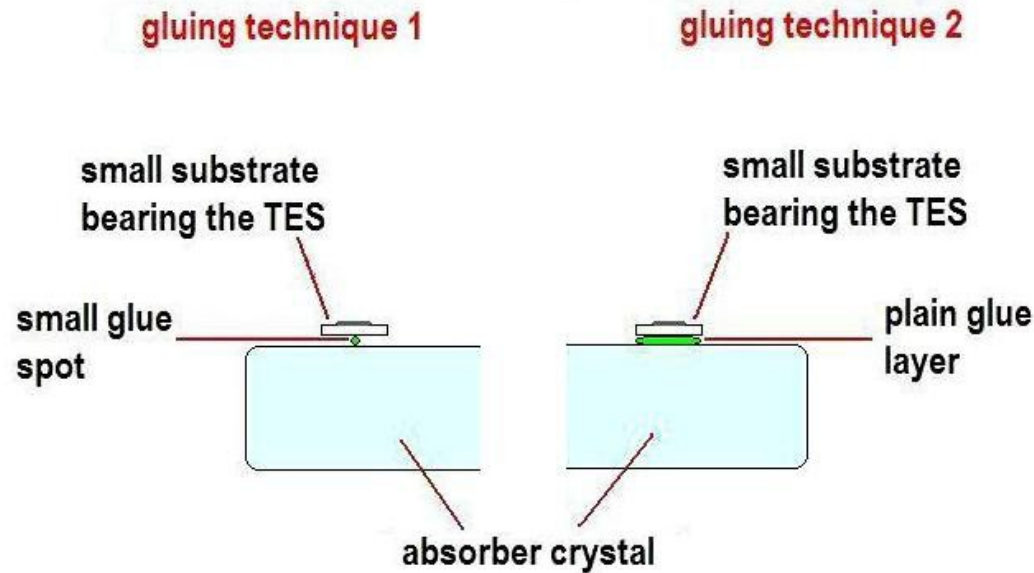
**Present, Ongoing, Run:** Eight Modules  $\text{CaWO}_4$ , One module  $\text{ZnWO}_4$ ,  
So far 300 – 400 good kg-days  
Analysis in progress

- ▶ Patch of a leakage in the neutron shield
- ▶ Introduction of redesigned holding clamps of the absorber crystals
- ▶ 3 detector modules built according to the so-called **composite detector design**

# CRESST II: Composite detector design

## Important technical development:

- Production of the TES on a separate crystal substrate
- Gluing the TES onto the large absorber crystal

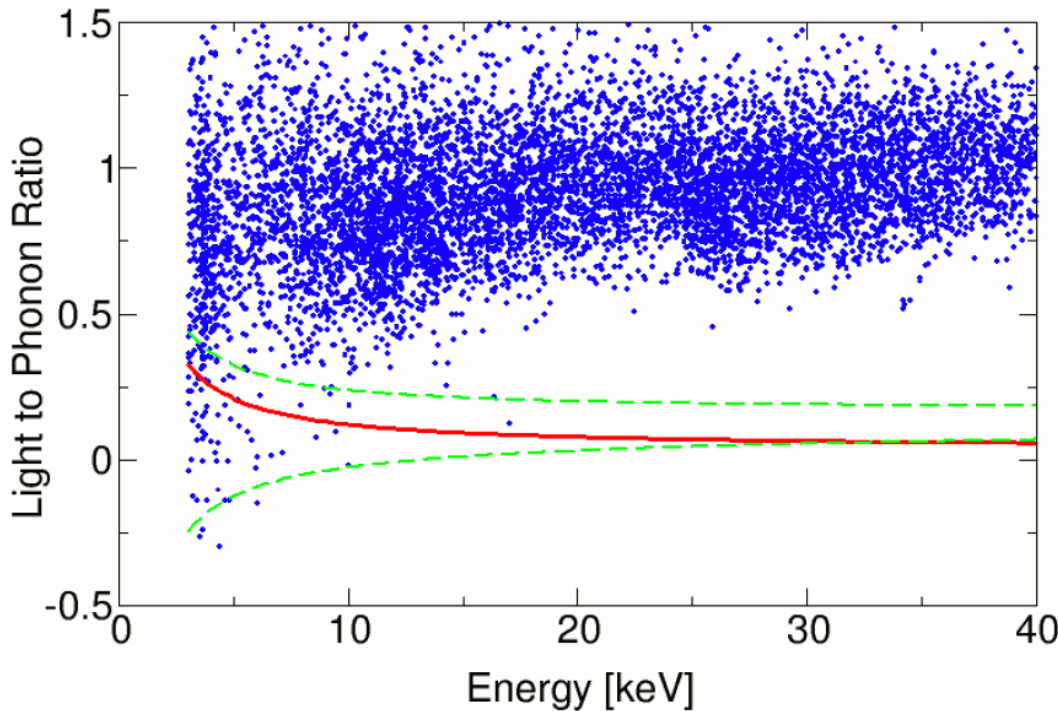


- simplified TES production process
- TESs can be pre-tested concerning their superconducting transition
- usage of small substrates for the deposition: produce several TESs in one step
- NO heating cycles of the absorber crystals that could lead to a degradation of the light output are avoided
- other crystal materials can be used more easily: e.g. one ZnWO<sub>4</sub>
- detector in the present CRESST run
- mass production is feasible

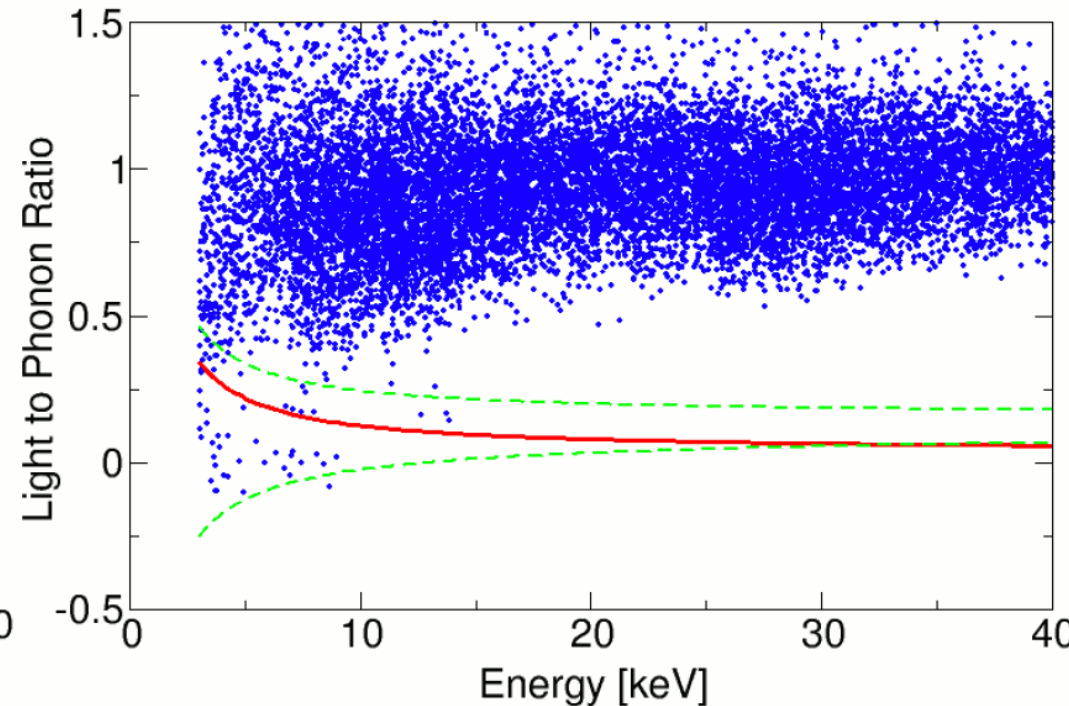


# CRESST II status

Burkhard/Verena/Q 21.5 kg days



Maja/Hans 25.5 kg days



**‘Stability’ Cut:** Construction in LNGS, Earthquakes, Apparatus...  
As determined by deviant behavior of test pulses. **Removes 10-15% of running time.**

**Coincidences:** With muon veto panels / other cryodetector modules.  
Indications that events in signal region often have multiple coincidences.  
Suggests muon-induced showers?

# The family of background signals

Observed features in the Light-Phonon scatter plot are identified thanks to the excellent performance of the detectors.

Result: very good control of the background:

## Neutrons

- Increase light output to improve rejection
- Glued thermometers
- Avoid degradation of light output

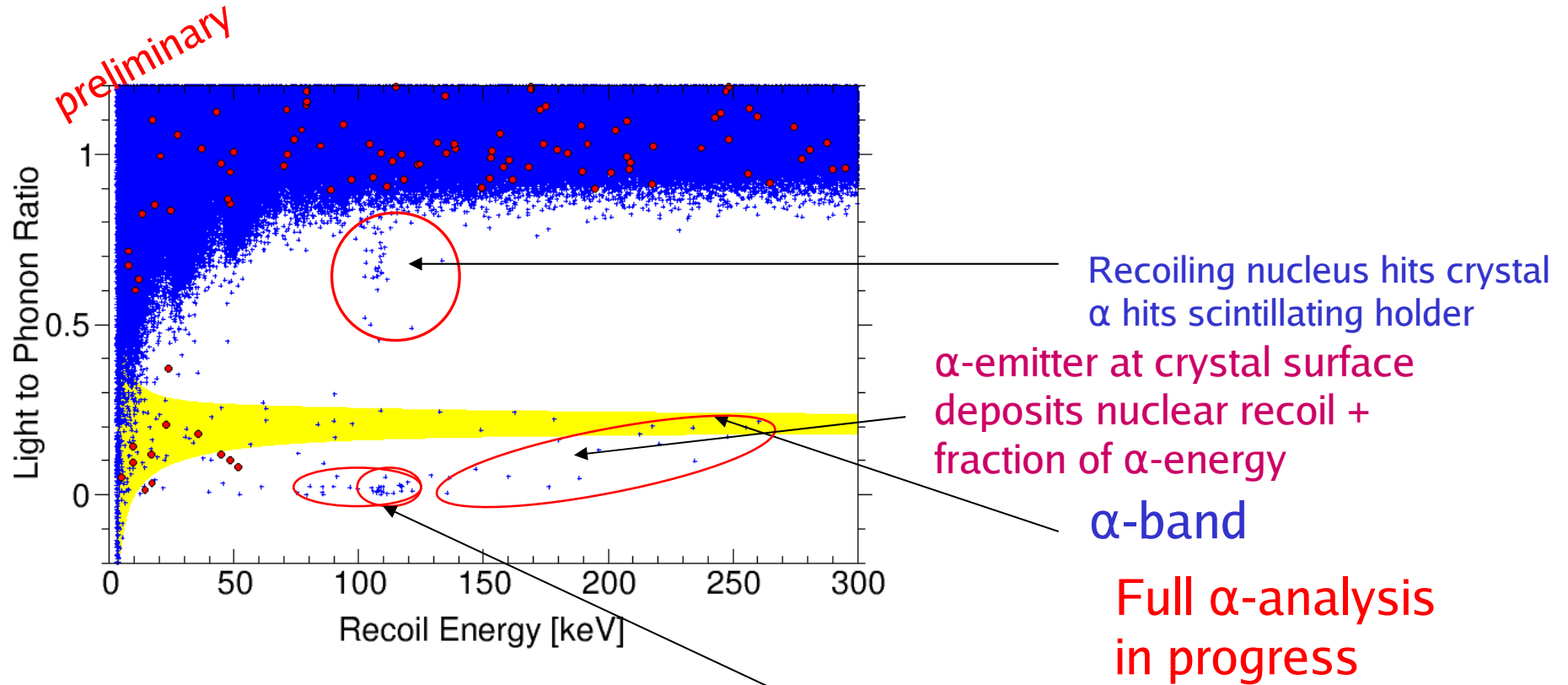
## Recoils of heavy nuclei from surface alpha decays

- Veto by scintillating surrounding of crystals
- Weak point: Partially uncovered clamps holding the crystals
- Complete coating of clamps with scintillating epoxy

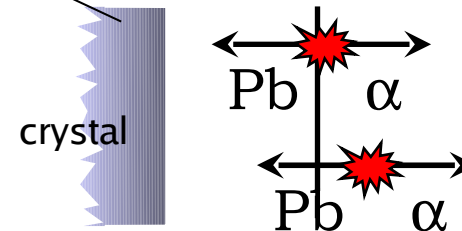
## Dark events

- Instrumental effect: stress relaxation due to tight clamping in the crystals and/or in the plastic coating. Small crystal surface damages found after dismounting.
- New holding clamps: thinner material but no plastic coverage and no scintillation.

# Alpha decays

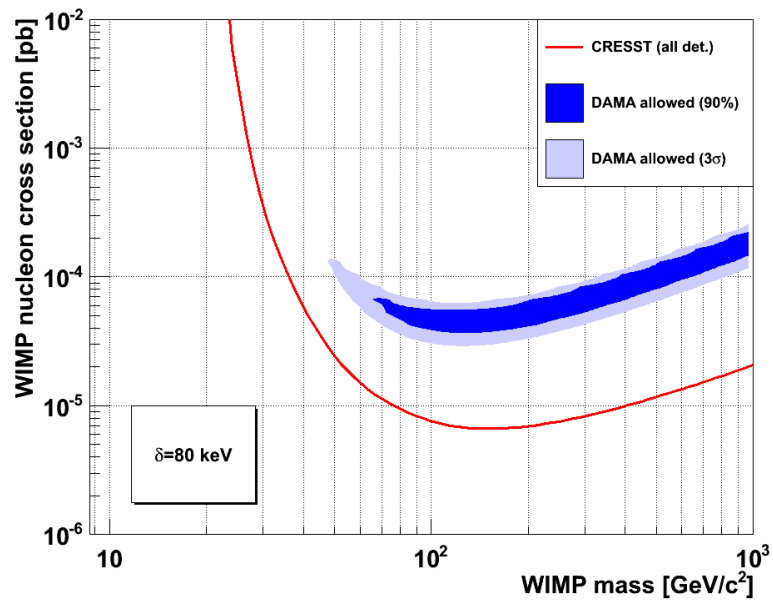


Drawn bands only schematic

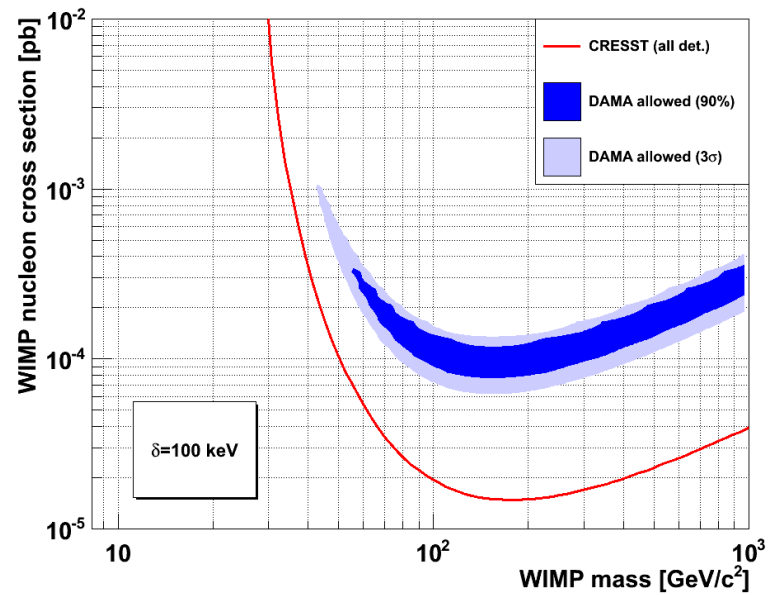


# CRESST II: Inelastic DM

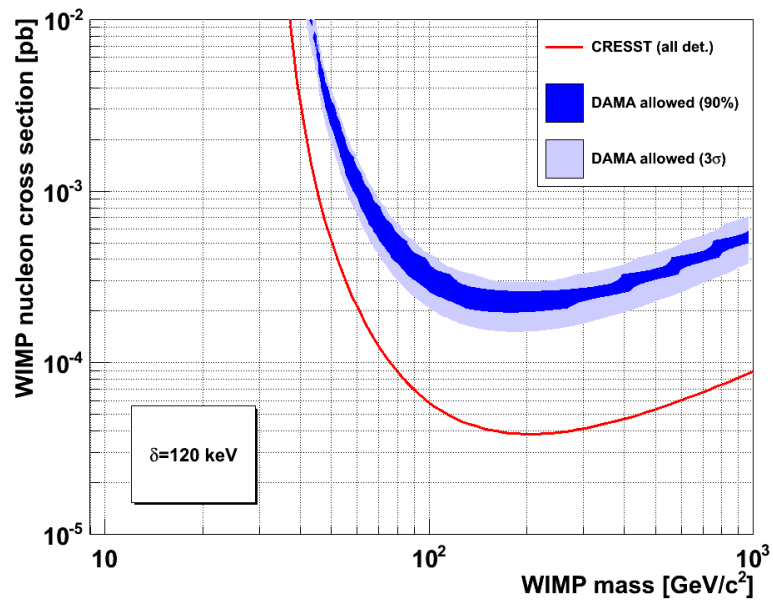
Inelastic Dark Matter



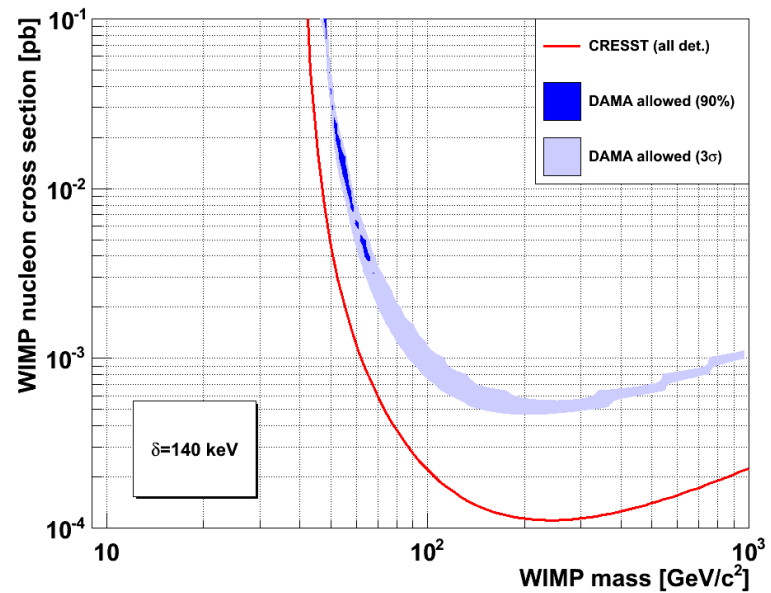
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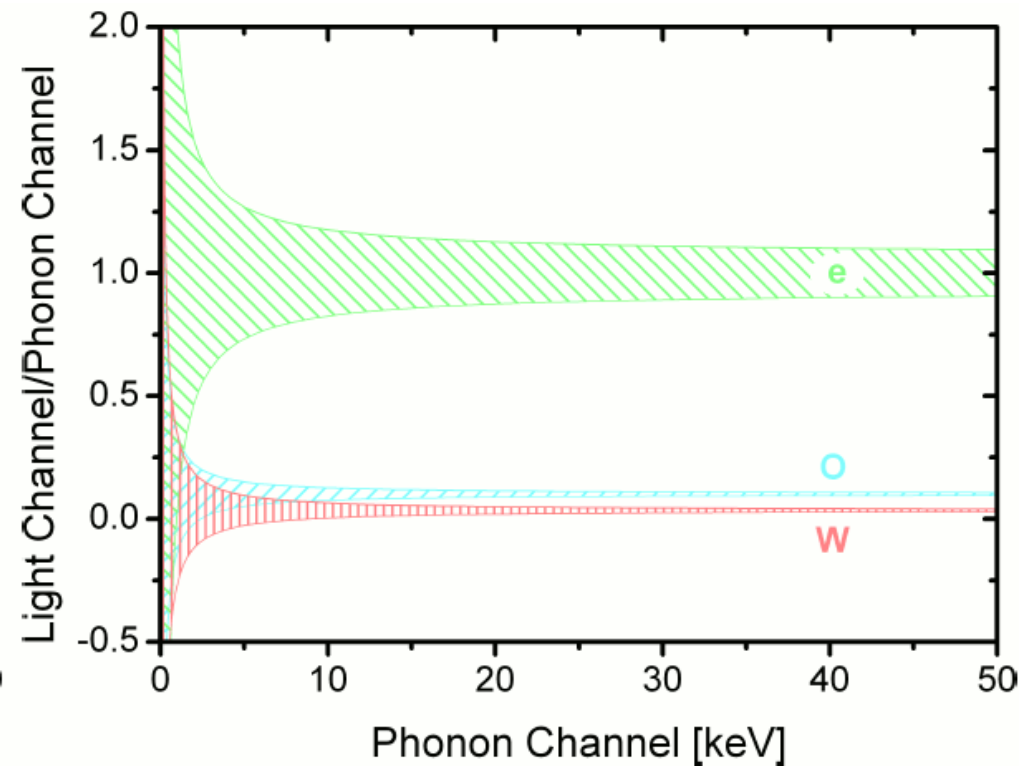
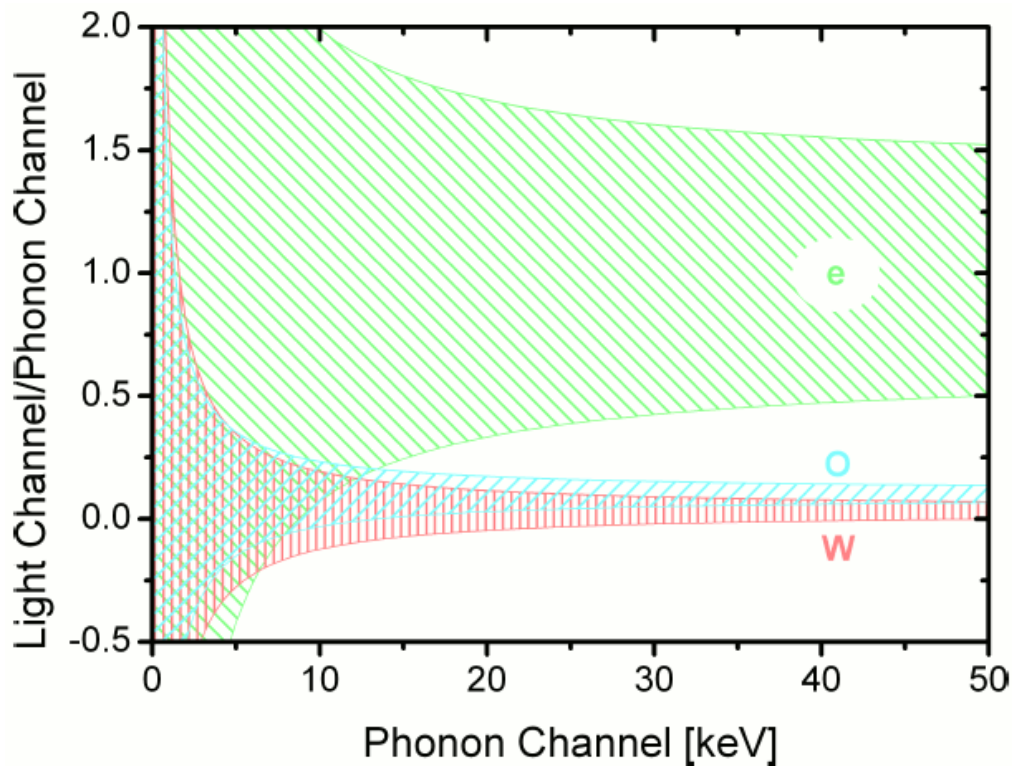
Inelastic Dark Matter



# Light collection

Resolution of the light detector is the key item:

- Improve background discrimination
- Lower threshold



Composite detector design

# EURECA research topics

## Seeked improvements:

- ▶ Exposure: increase significantly kg-days. **Upgrade to more mass**
- ▶ Resolution of light detector
- ▶ Multi target setups

## Steps:

- ▲ Composite detector design: i.e. realization, optimization and possible mass production of composite detectors
- ▲ Thermal detector model for cryogenic composite detectors
- ▲ Neganov-Luke amplified composite light detectors
- ▲ Self-grown  $\text{CaWO}_4$ -crystals that are optimized concerning radiopurity and light output
- ▲ Determination of the exact quenching factor, i.e. the light output, for neutron-induced Ca, O and W recoils

# Discovery potential

- Background levels have been tremendously reduced thanks to a collection of complementary simultaneous informations.
- **Statistics is the ultimate enemy**: balance between target mass and background level.
- Present background levels ask for **ton scale detectors**: a true technological challenge for next generation experiments.
- Even in the case of a statistically significant signal **complementary signatures are required** (modulation, directionality, observation in other targets)

## Next future phonon detectors challenge:

- Ton detectors: large-scale production of detector modules
- Reproducibility: detectors with very similar properties
- Complementary information: multi-material targets
- Detailed understanding of the detector response

# Status

## Charge vs Scintillation

	Charge	Scintillation
Statistics	Low duty cycle	Stability and high duty cycle
	Surface leakage: timing cut	Dark signals: detector modifications
Multi-target	Ge & Si	CaWO <sub>4</sub> , ZnWO <sub>4</sub> , ... And many others
Available Information	Phonons, Charge, Position, Timing	Phonons, Scintillation
Scalability	Complex and expensive	In progress

## Phonons vs the others

Next challenge: tons detectors with good background control

- + Next available steps: 100-1000 kg
- + Quality of the data: can help in controlling the background
- + Stability and Duty cycle: under control
- ++ Multi Target: unique opportunity

Low temperature detectors are still a competitive approach complementary to other experimental techniques



# Conclusions

- Bolometric still represent a complementary approach to DM searches characterized by redundant and quality data
- Different approaches have different “backgrounds”
- Complementary information helps solving background and instrumental problems
- Detailed understanding of the detector response is important
- Next mass scale 1ton
  - Medium size underground lab
  - Medium depth lab (+veto)
- Duty cycle can still be a problem (bad cryogenics performance?) but control is possible.
- **Multi target approach offers a unique model independent opportunity**
- Ton scale detectors and cryogenic infrastructure are under construction
- **Low temperature detectors offer a competitive approach**
- **LNGS is an ideal lab for ton scale experiment**