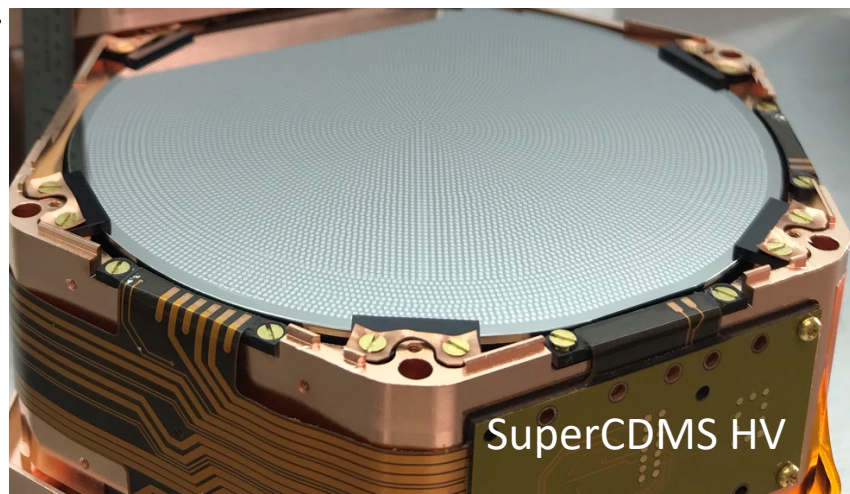
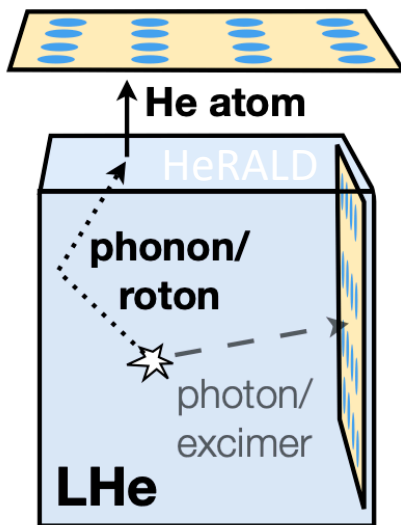
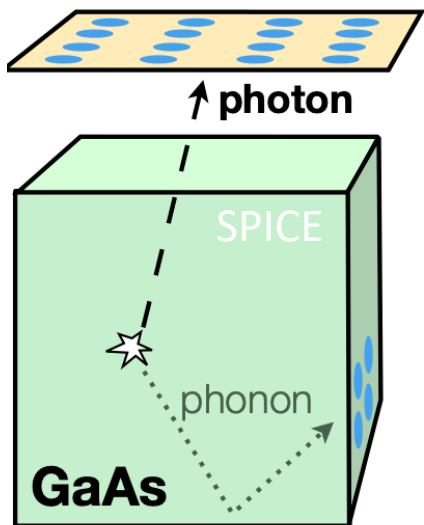
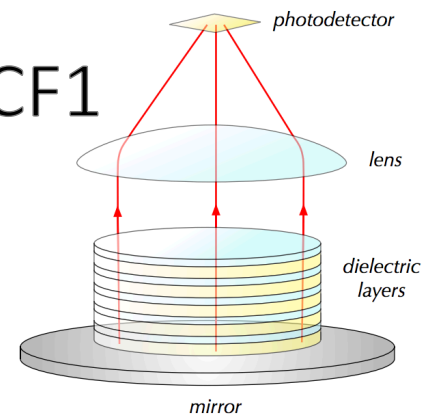
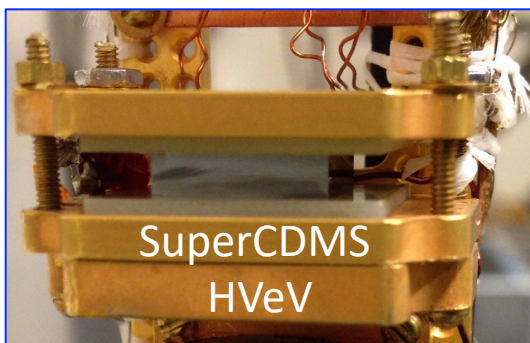
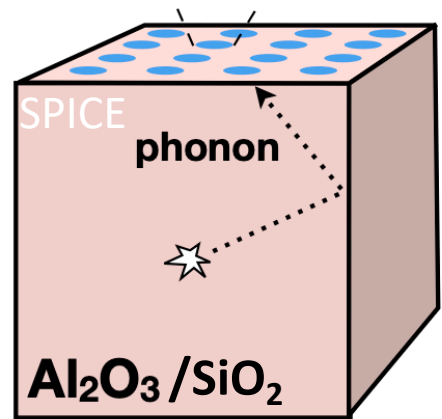
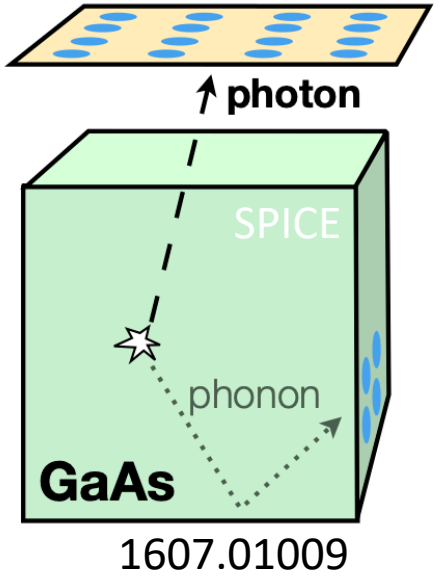
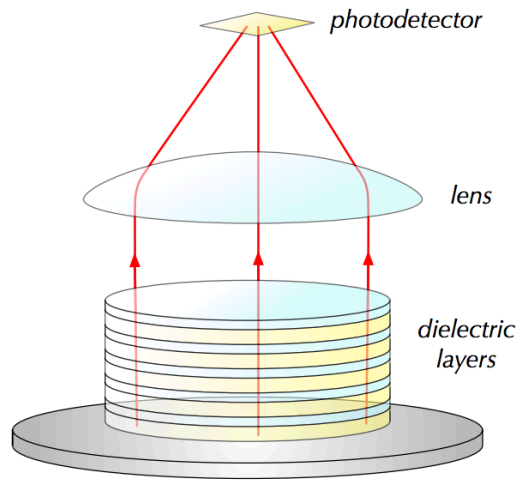
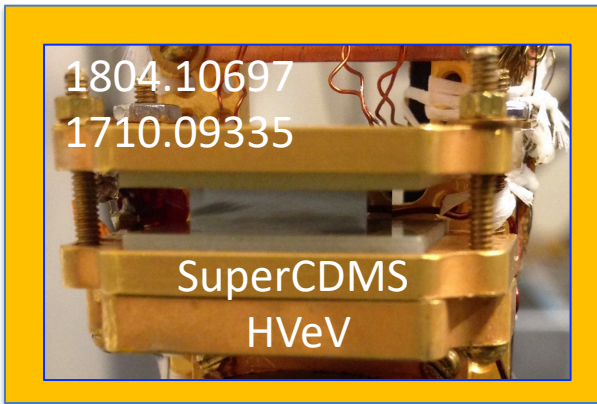
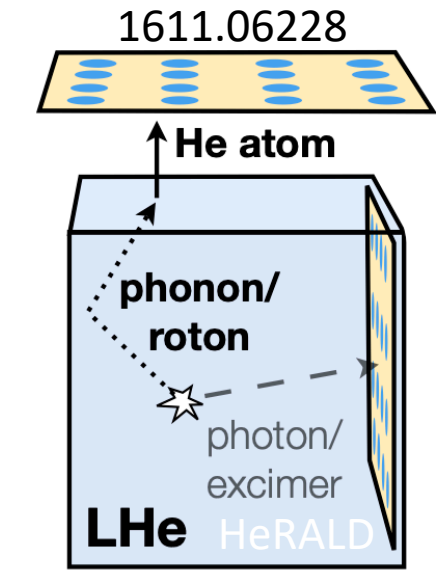
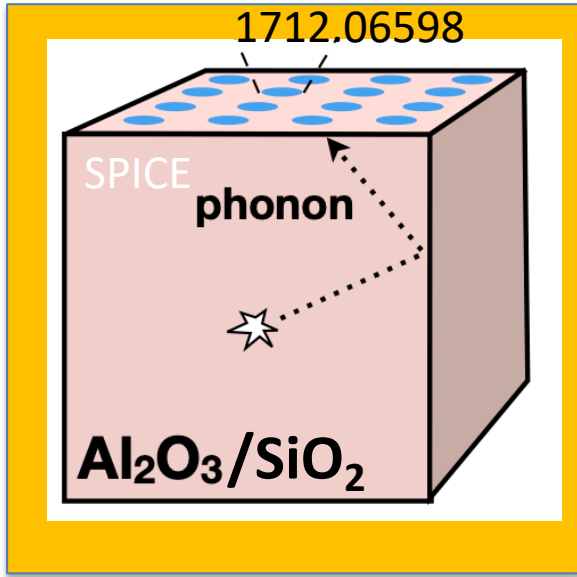


# Shared Athermal Phonon Detector Challenges

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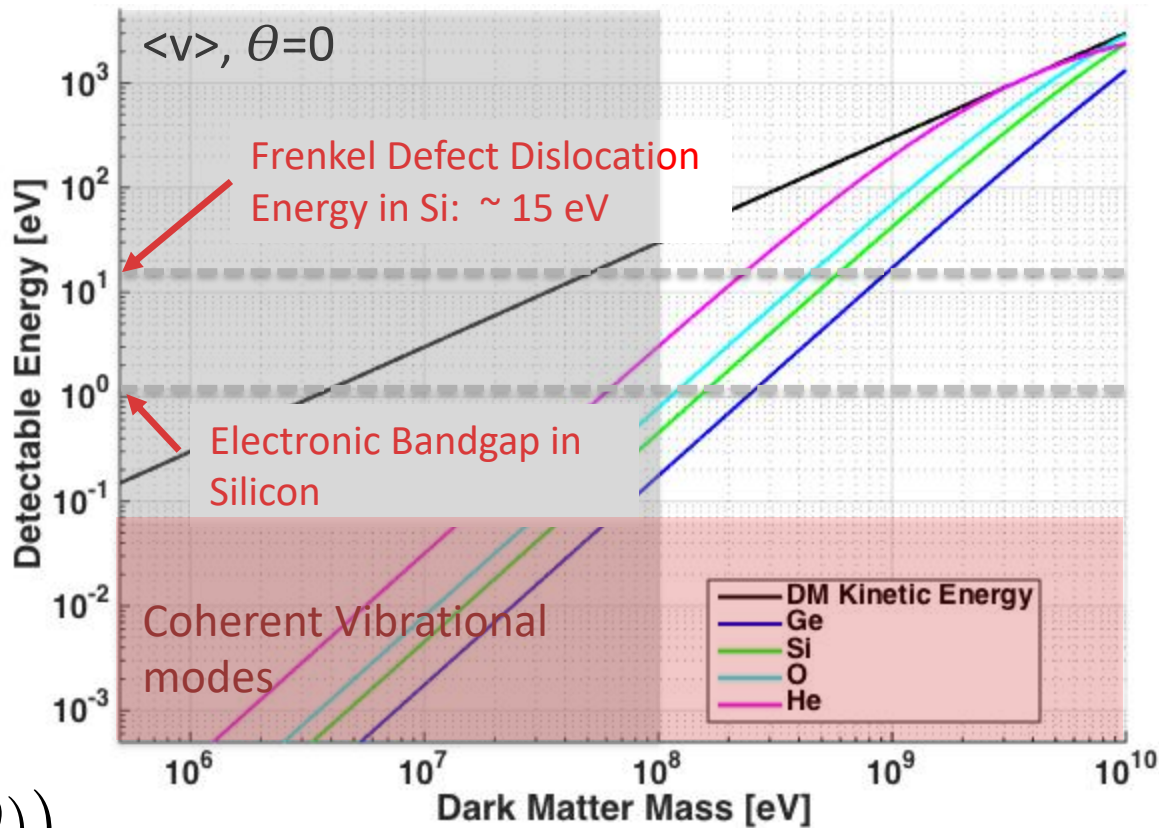
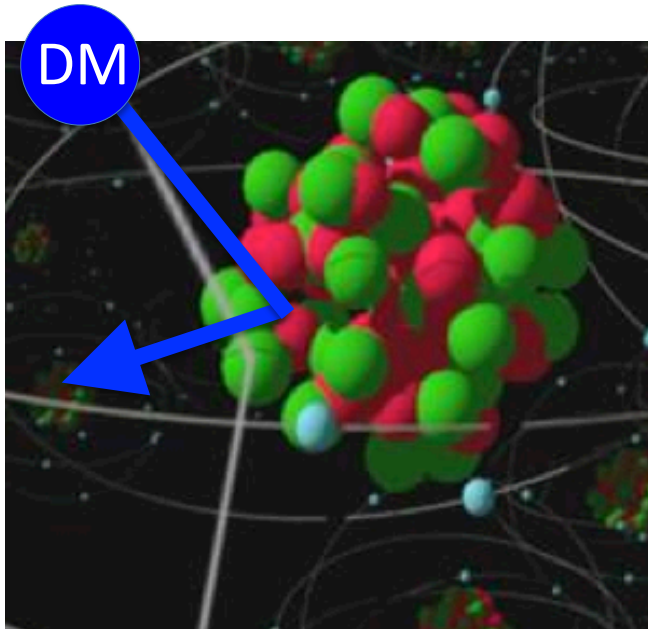


# Many Complementary Light Mass Dark Matter Search Applications for Athermal Phonon Sensor Technology





# 2 Body Elastic Nuclear Scattering



$$K_n = \frac{\mu^2 v_{DMo}^2}{M_n} (1 - \cos(\theta))$$

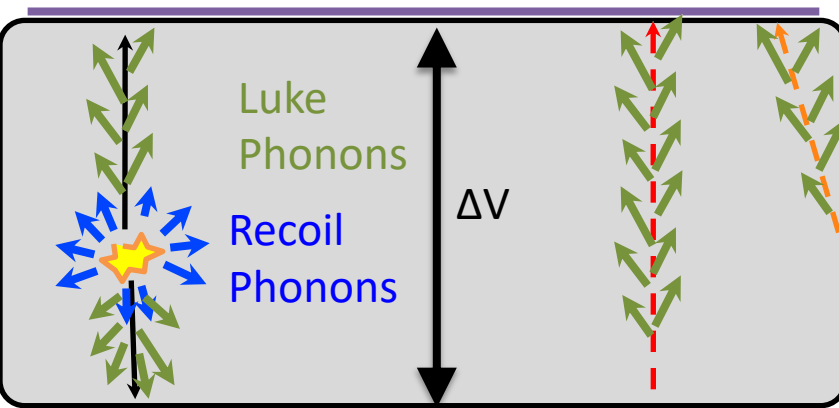
When  $M_n \gg M_{DM}$

$$\sim \frac{2M_{DM}^2 v_{DMo}^2}{M_n} = \frac{(2P_{DMo})^2}{2M_n}$$

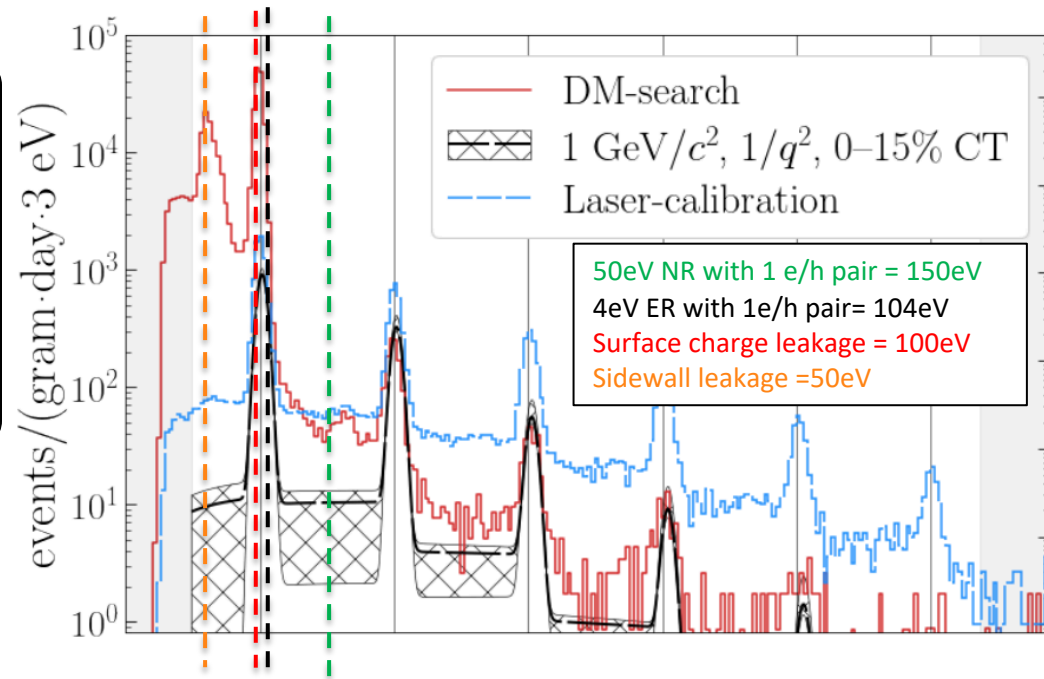
- Energy Sensitivity is the primary design driver for  $< \text{GeV}$  NR searches
- Below  $O(100\text{MeV})$ , DM NR won't produce ionization ... **phonon detection is largely required**

# Inelastic Electronic Recoils: SuperCDMS HVeV

Natural Charge to Phonon  
Amplification when voltages placed  
across detector



$$\begin{aligned} E_{total} &= E_{recoil} + E_{luke} \\ &= E_{recoil} + Qe\Delta V \end{aligned}$$



- Lots of competition
  - Si CCDs (SENSEI/DAMIC)
  - SNSPDs (GaAs)
- **Athermal Phonon Detector Technology can potentially discriminate between ERDM signals, NR backgrounds (Pyle), and potentially nearly all detector physics backgrounds (Kurinsky)**



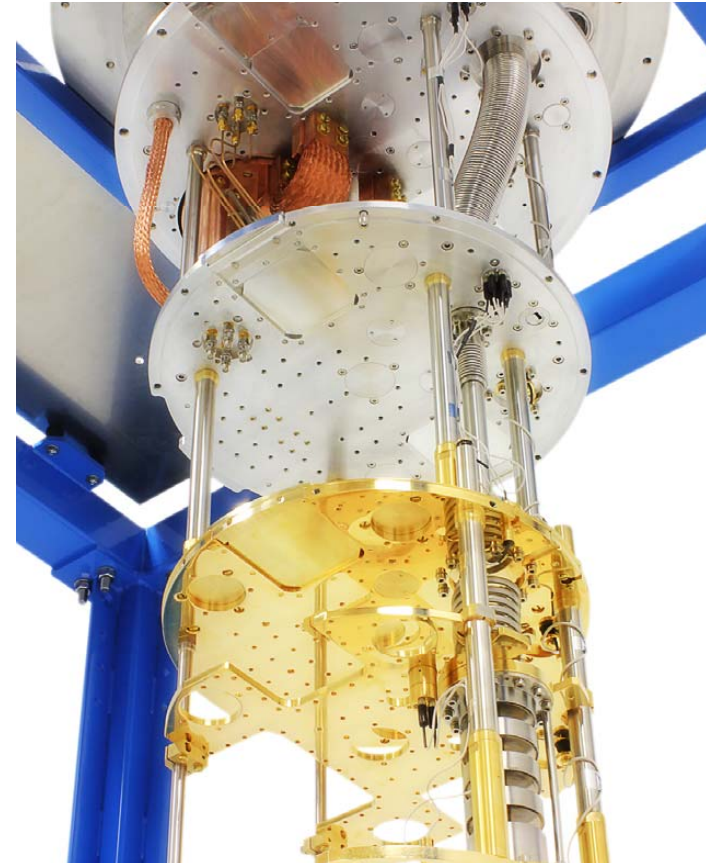
# Energy Sensitivity Summary

DM Signal	Experiment	Threshold
>1 GeV NR 0V	SuperCDMS	$\sim 50eV_t$
<1 GeV NR	SuperCDMS, HeRALD, SPICE	$100meV_t - 50eV_t$
Single Optical and Acoustic Phonons	SPICE	40-100meVt
Inelastic ER	SuperCDMS HV / HVeV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>20eV_t</math> (@100V)</li><li>• <math>2eV_t</math> (@100V with full background discrimination)</li></ul>
Inelastic ER	SPICE (GaAs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>0.8eV_t</math></li></ul>

# 100meV Vibrational Excitation Sensitivity ->

## Low Temperature Detectors

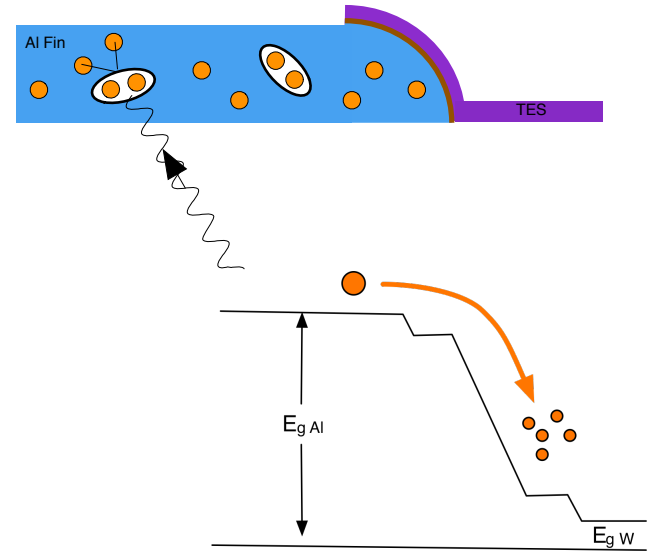
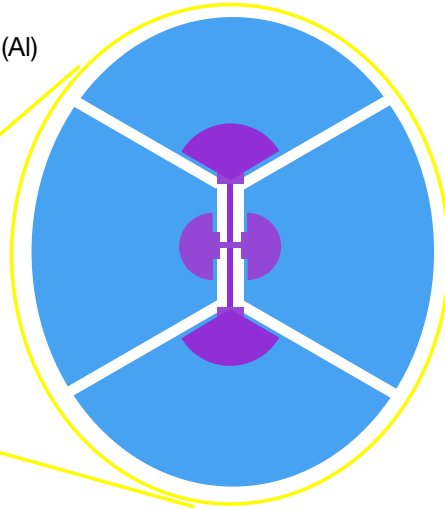
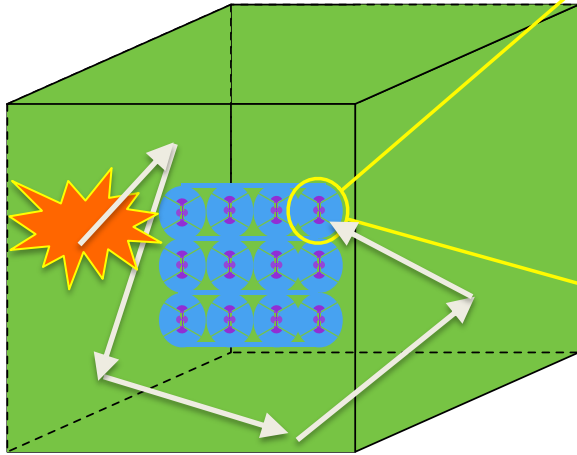
- 300K = 26meV
- To sense 100meV excitations we'll need to cool the detector down to near absolute zero
- Use superconducting detector technology
  - MKIDs
  - Phonon Sensitive QUBITs
  - **Transition edge sensors**



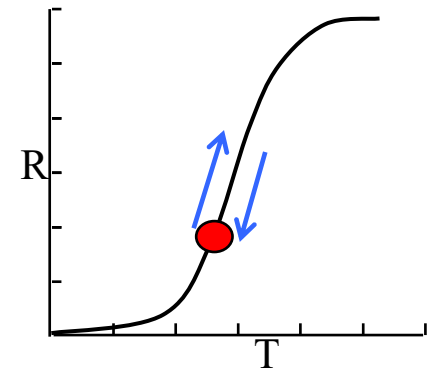
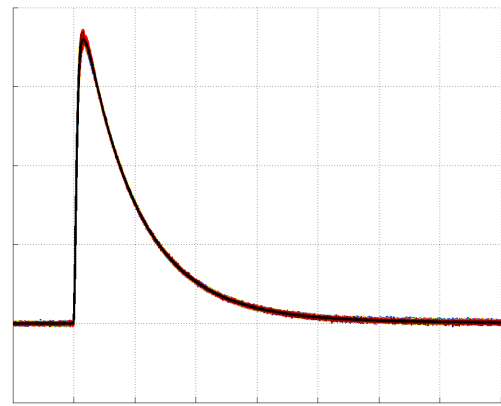


# Athermal Phonon Sensor Technology

- TES and QP collection antennas (W)
- Athermal Phonon Collection Fins (Al)
- 1cm<sup>3</sup>Polar Crystal



Collect and Concentrate  
Athermal Phonon Energy into  
Sensor



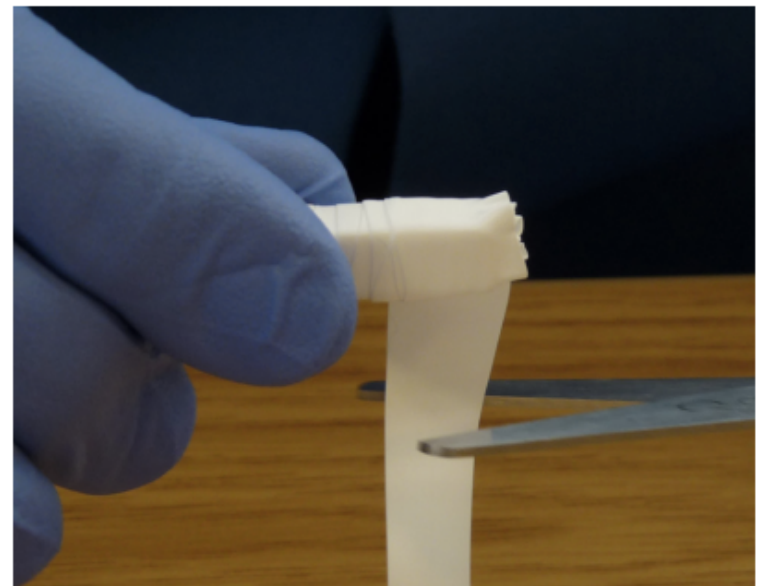
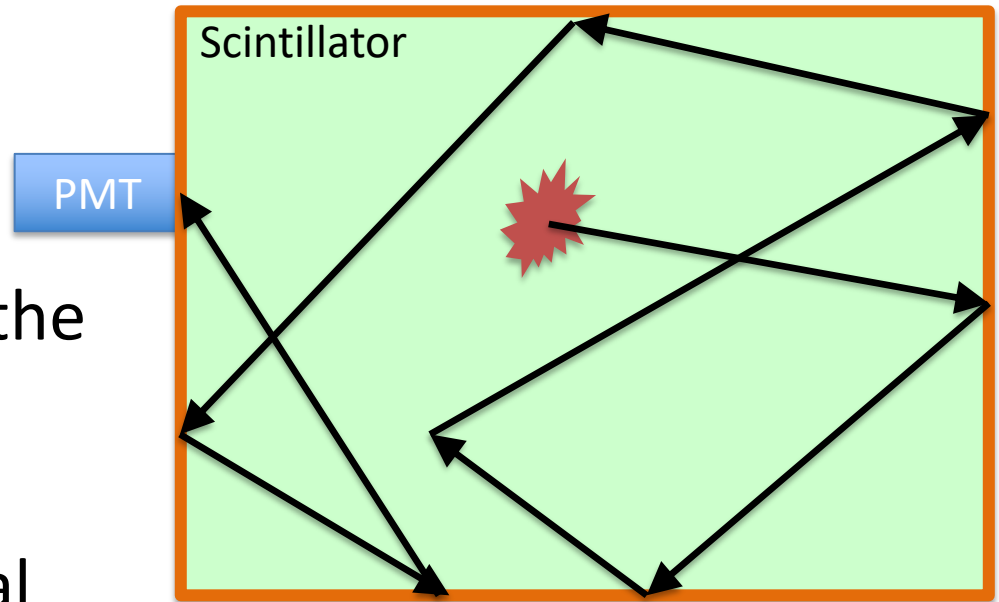
# Excitation Detectors & Volume Scaling



Will these detectors have the same energy sensitivity?

Yes, if:

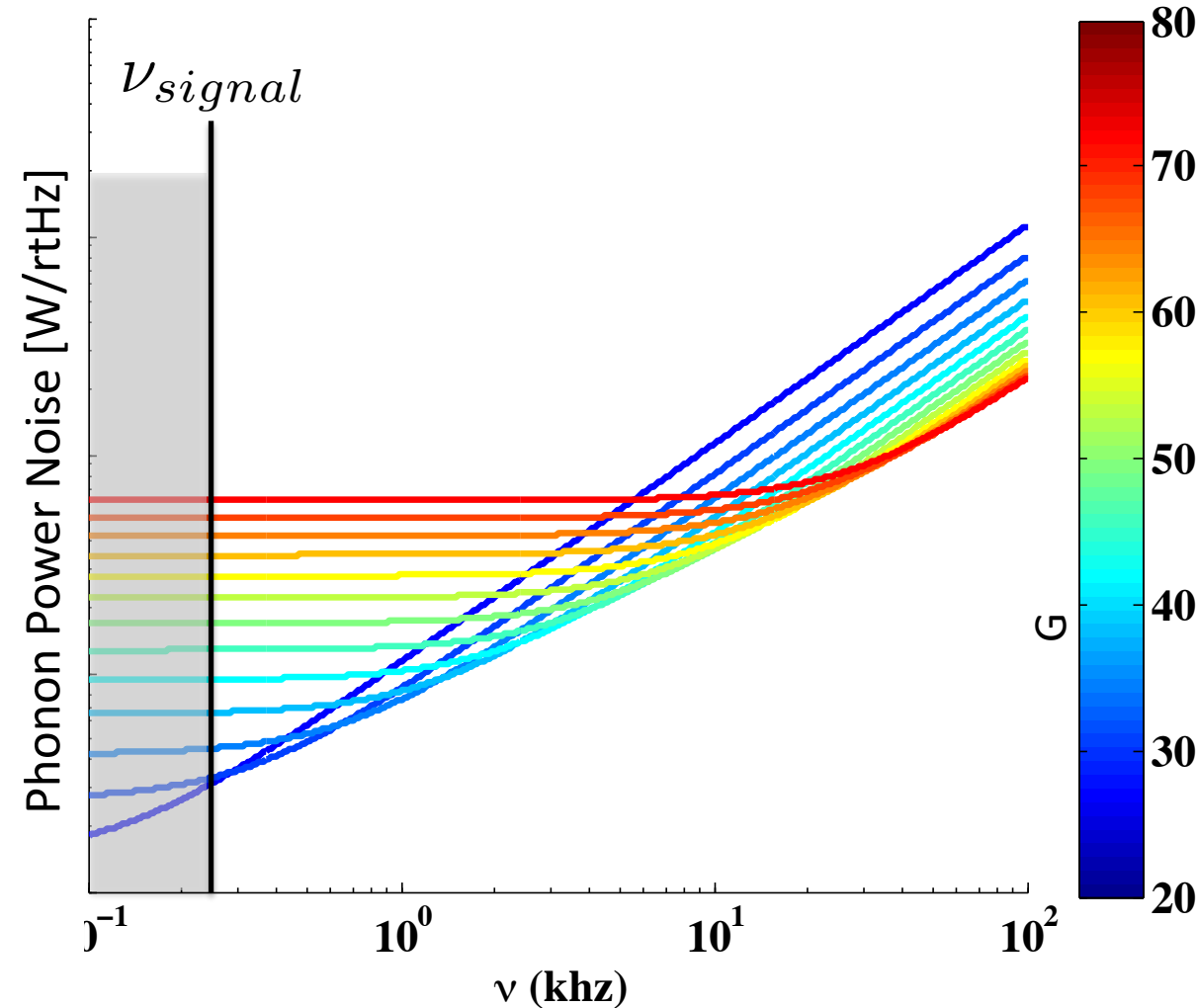
- Lifetime of the athermal excitation (photon) is really long
- Excitation absorption dominated by sensor
- ~~Position Sensitivity~~





# TES Athermal Phonon Sensor Sensitivity Scaling

Power Noise for various G



$$G \propto T_c^4$$

$$S_{ptfn} = 4k_b T_c^2 G$$

$$\propto T_c^6$$

$$\sigma_E \propto T_c^3$$

- Lower  $\nu_{sensor}$  (lower  $T_c$ ) if  $\nu_{signal} < \nu_{sensor}$
- Lower  $\nu_{signal}$  (decrease Al coverage) if  $\nu_{signal} > \nu_{sensor}$

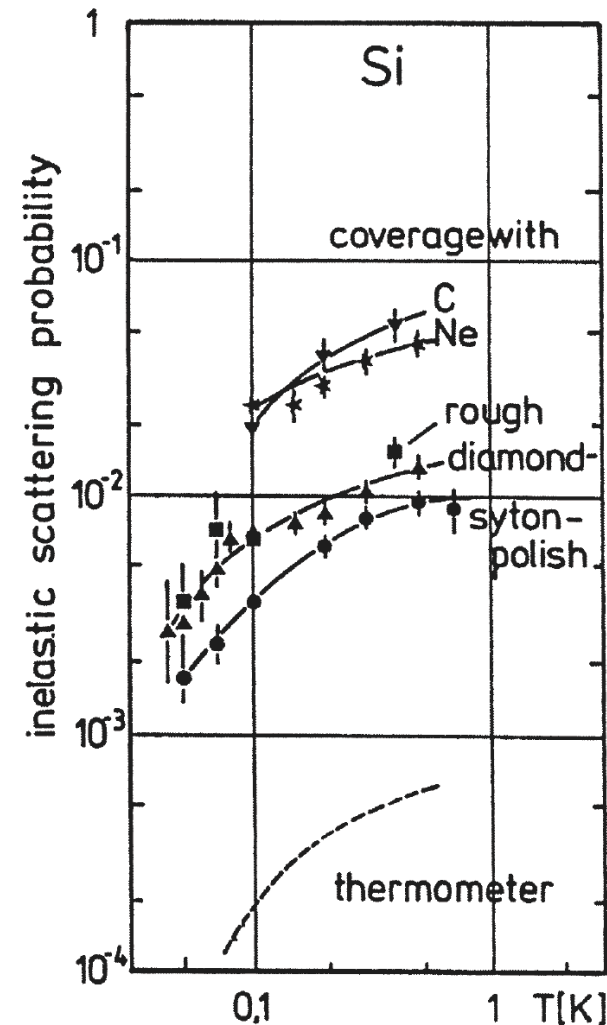
You can always say on  $\nu^{1/2} T_c^3$  scaling (in principle)  
 45mK  $\rightarrow$  10mK: 2eV  $\rightarrow$  20meV

# Athermal Phonon Thermalization at Surfaces

- Athermal phonon surface thermalization probability found to depend upon
  - Crystal
  - Surface roughness
  - Surface cleanliness

(W. Knaak et al, Phonon Scattering in Condensed Matter V, 1986)

- 0.1%-1% of the crystal surface covered with athermal phonon sensors ... 1/1000-1/100 thermalization probability needed
- Si, Ge -> ok

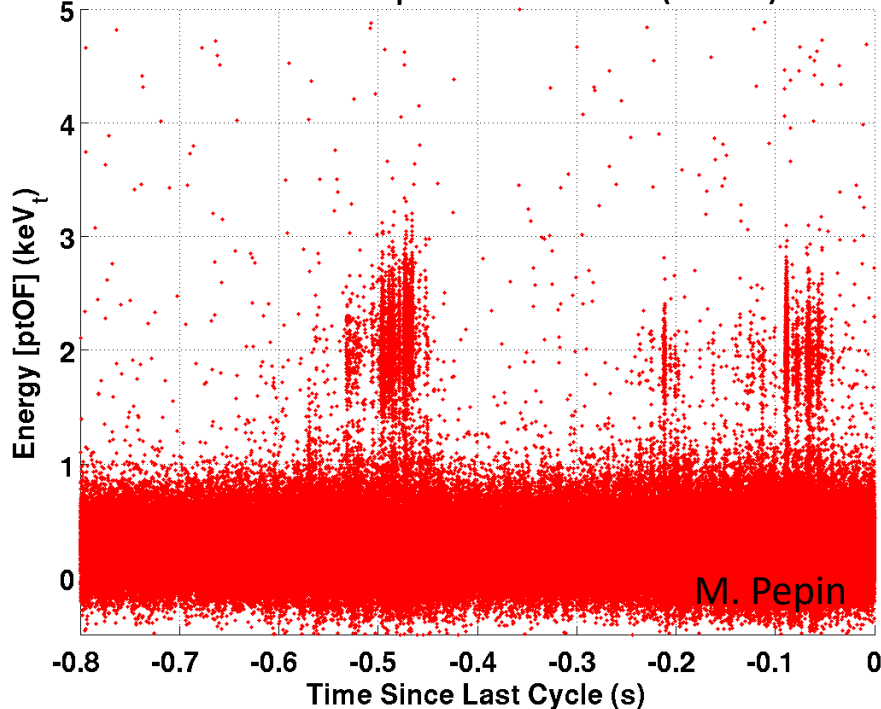




# Environmental Vibrational Noise and Residual Stress

Baseline Noise vs Time

Run 133 SuperCDMS HV (T5Z2)

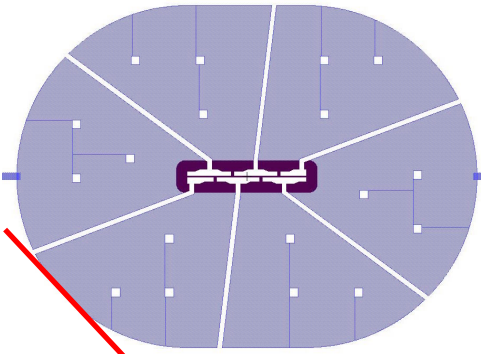


Vibrations from the SuperCDMS Soudan cryocooler produced high frequency phonons our detectors which looked like real events.

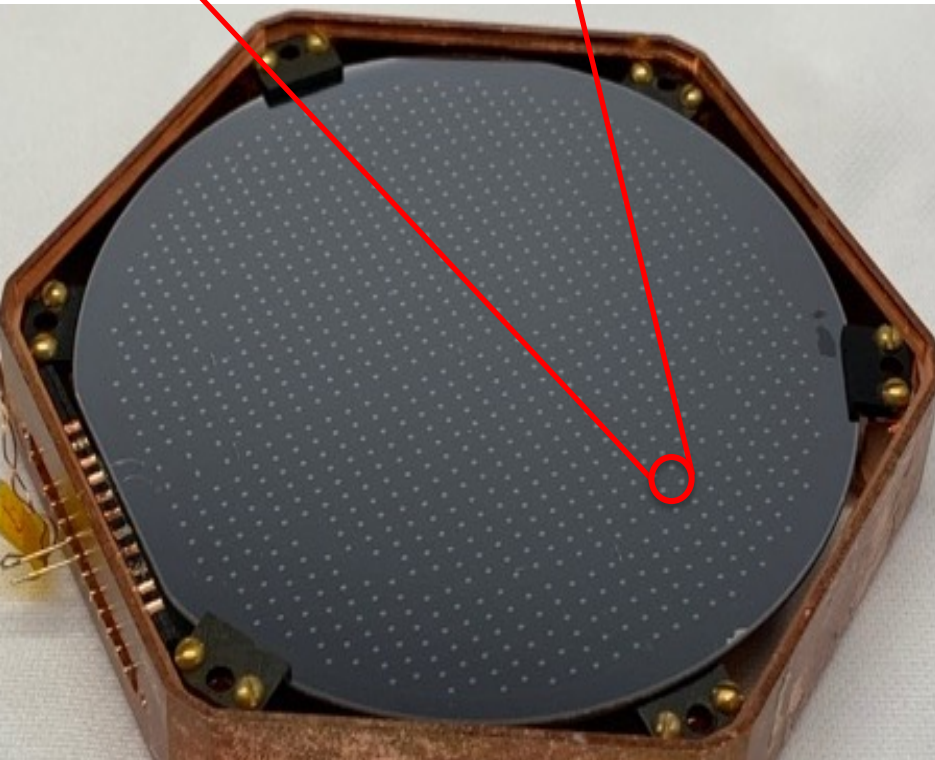
- The smaller the crystal, the less susceptible to vibrational noise (not seen in CPDv0-2 or HVeV)
- Single phonon sensitive detectors will almost certainly need double spring+mass vibration decoupling system

# Current Best Measured Performance

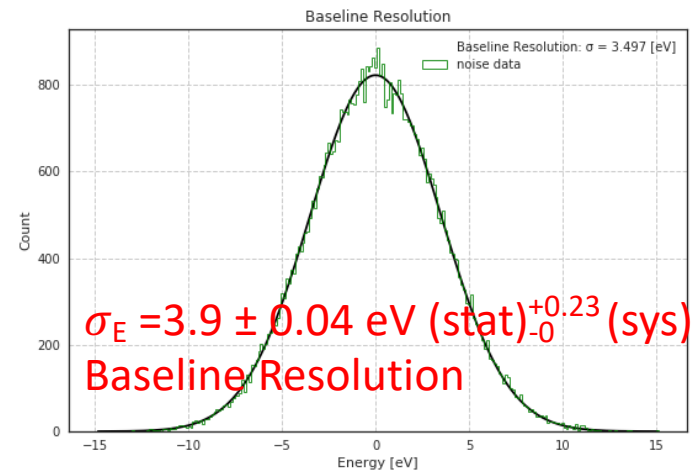
## Athermal Phonon Detector: CPDv0

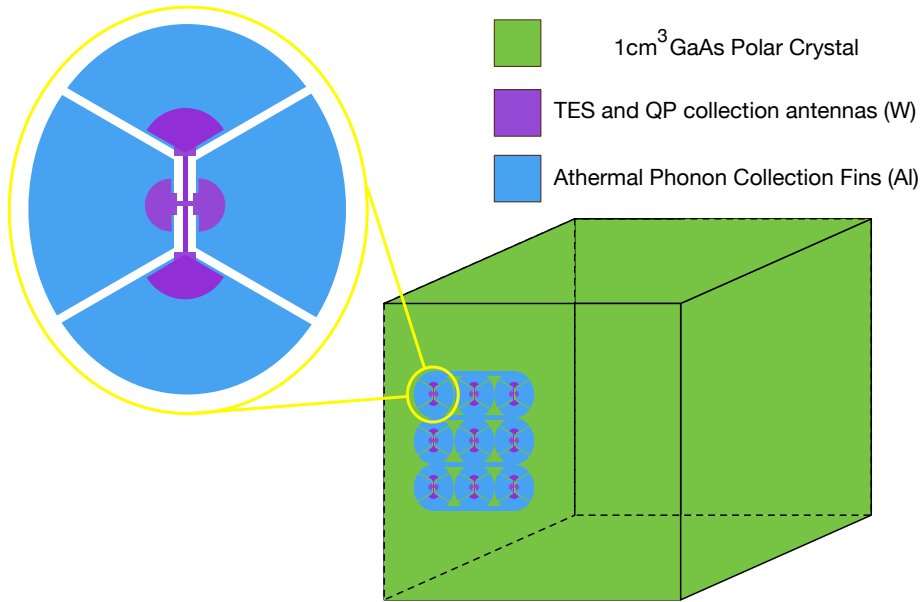


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- 3" diameter Si wafer (45.6 cm<sup>2</sup>)
- 1mm thick
- 2.5% sensor coverage
- Athermal Phonon collection time: ~20us
- T<sub>c</sub> = 41.5mK
- 60us TES falltime





# Prototype Design

## Estimated Sensitivities

### New 1cm<sup>3</sup> Prototype Test Design

# TES	100
TES Dimensions	50um x 2um x40 nm
TES Rn	320mOhm
Fin Length	125um
W/Al Overlap	15um
Fractional Al Coverage	1%
Tc	40mK
Bias Power	48fW
Power Noise	5.1e-19 W/rtHz
Phonon absorption time	106us
Sensor fall time	97us
Collection efficiency	19%
$\sigma_E$	219 meV

- With a Si Absorber: single e/h sensitivity without Luke-Neganov gain. Can be used for inelastic electronic recoil DM
- World Leading Elastic Nuclear Recoil DM search potential

# Summary

- Athermal Phonon Detectors have wide applicability in light Mass Dark Matter searches
- Current Progress:
  - 3" large area photon detector 3.9eV resolution
  - 100x400um TES test chip: 40meV resolution
- Athermal Phonon R&D
  - Surface Down Conversion
  - Vibration Mitigation
- TES R&D
  - Lower  $T_c$  ( $\sigma \propto V^{1/2} T_c^3$ )
  - EMI mitigation



# Backup

# Athermal Phonon R&D

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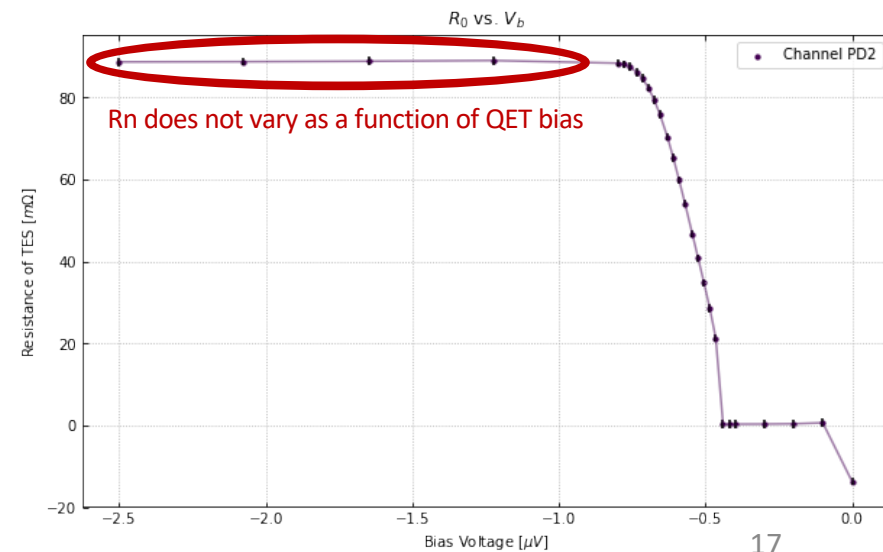
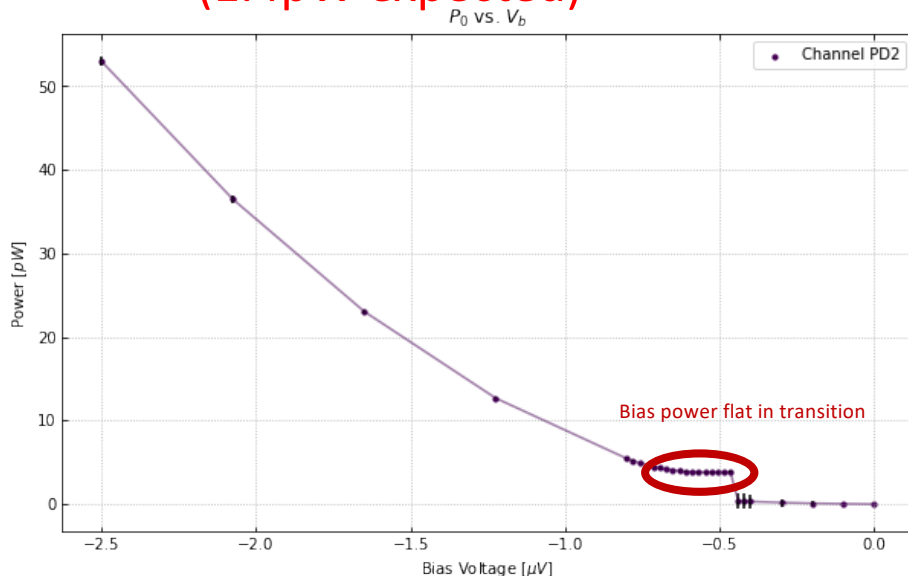
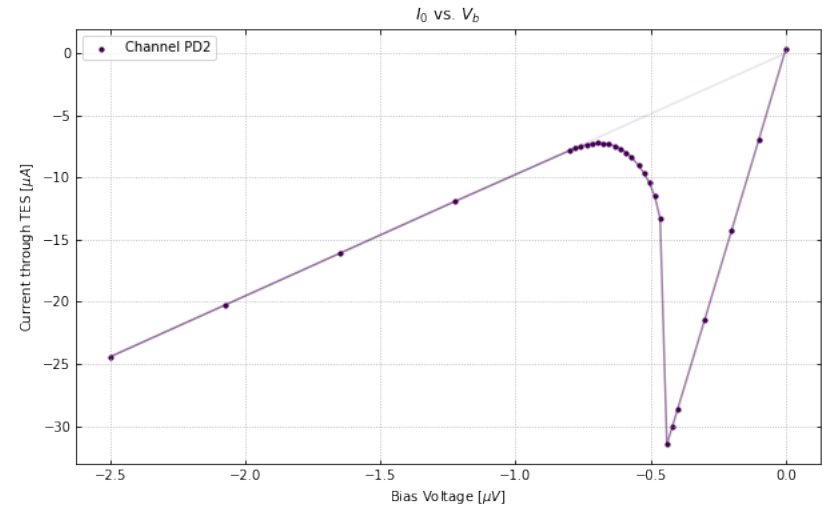
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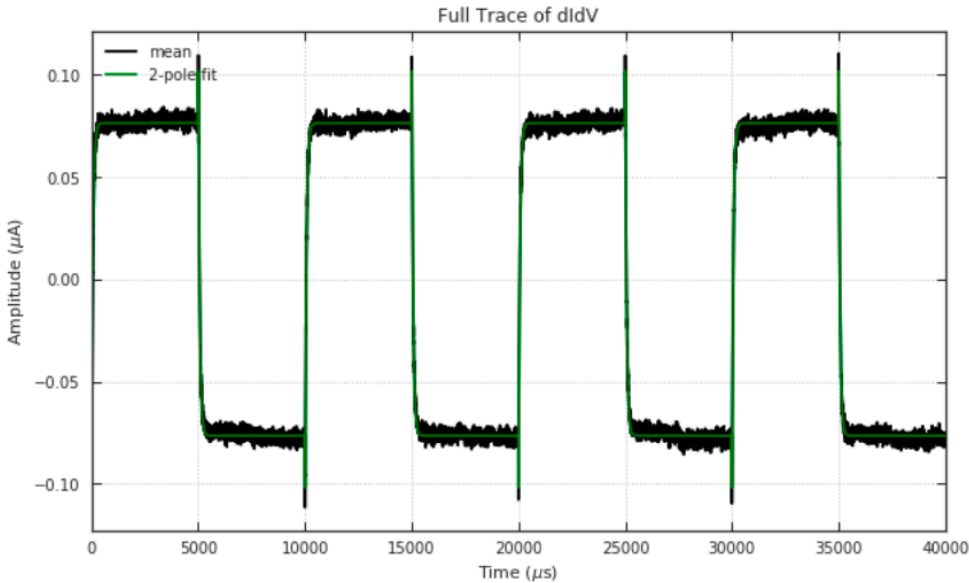


# Measured Performance: Tc & IV

- $T_c = 41.5\text{mK}$
- IV curves show that the detector and electronics are behaving well
  - $R_n = 88\text{ mOhms}$  (300mOhm Expected ... TES too wide!)
  - $R_p = 8\text{ mOhms}$
  - Bias Power ( $P_0$ ) = 3.9 pW (1.4pW expected)

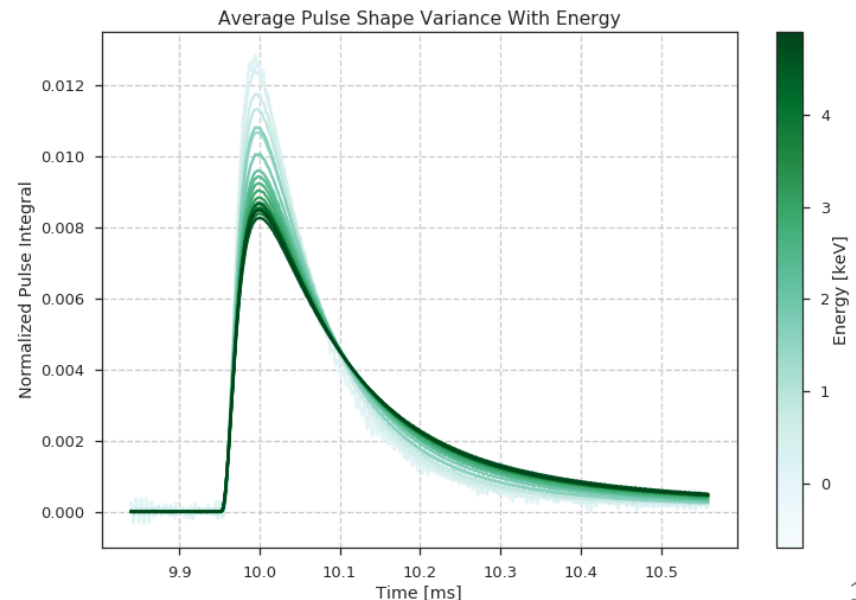


# Measured Performance: dIdV



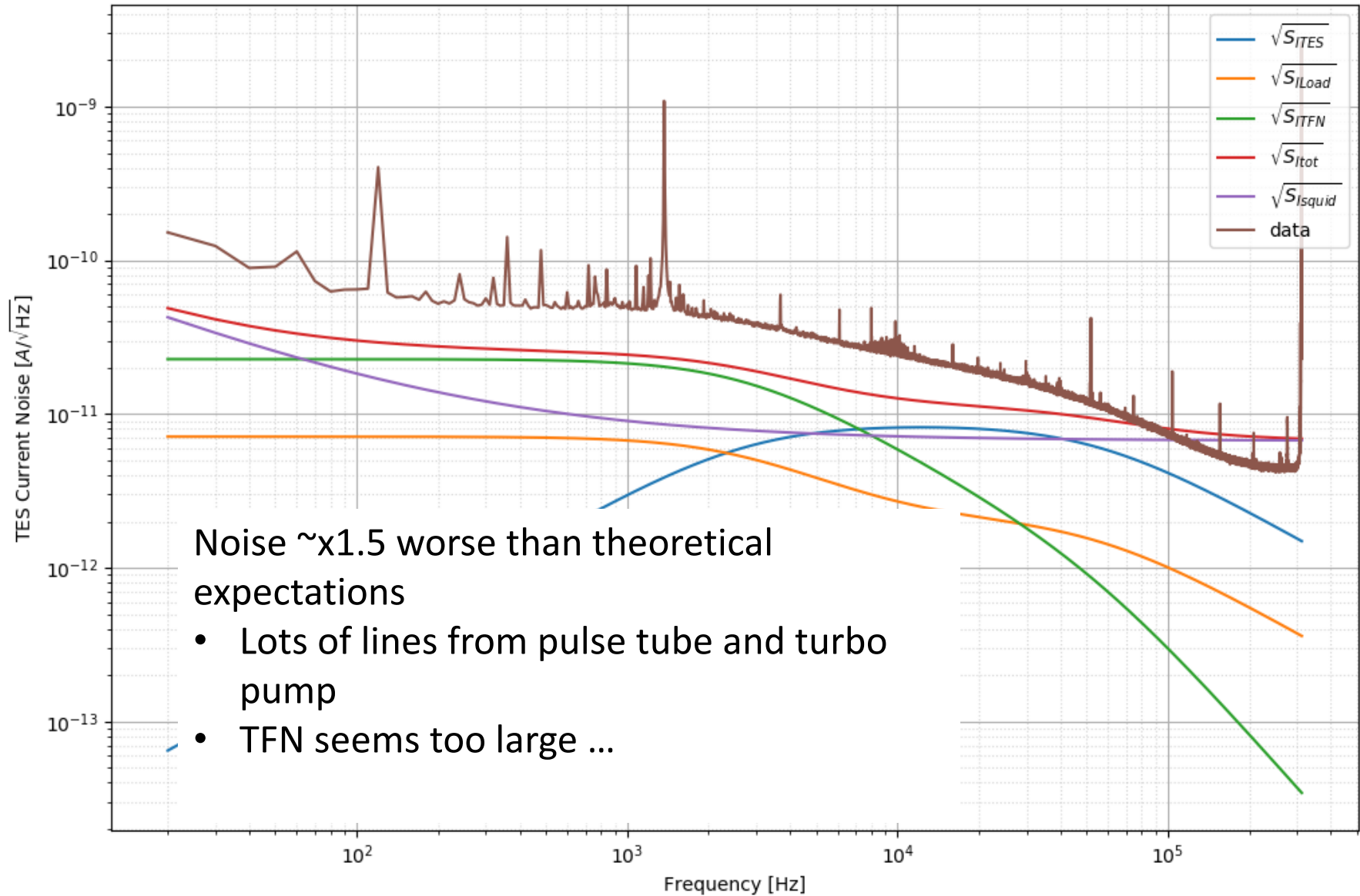
- Therefore, we expect phonon signals to have a 20 $\mu\text{s}$  rise time (athermal phonon collection) and a 60 $\mu\text{s}$  fall time. **Seen for low energy comptons in average pulse shape!**
- Pulse shape varies with energy due to local TES saturation.

- TES sensor pretty fast @ 60 $\mu\text{s}$ . However, it's not as fast as the estimated athermal phonon collection (20 $\mu\text{s}$ )



# Measured/Theoretical Noise

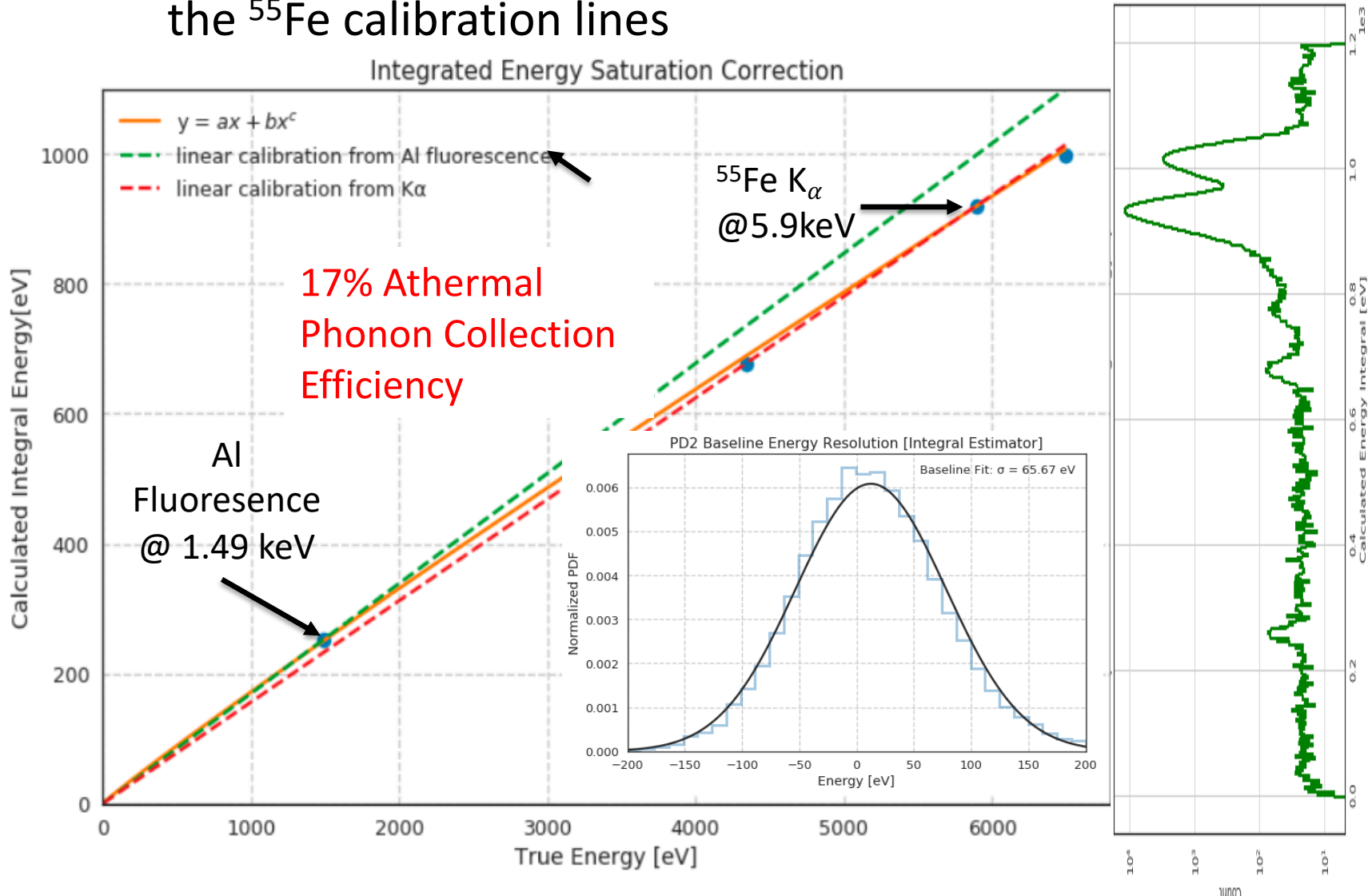
Current Noise For  $R_0 : 32.00 \text{ m}\Omega$





# Integral Estimators for relative $^{55}\text{Fe}$ calibration

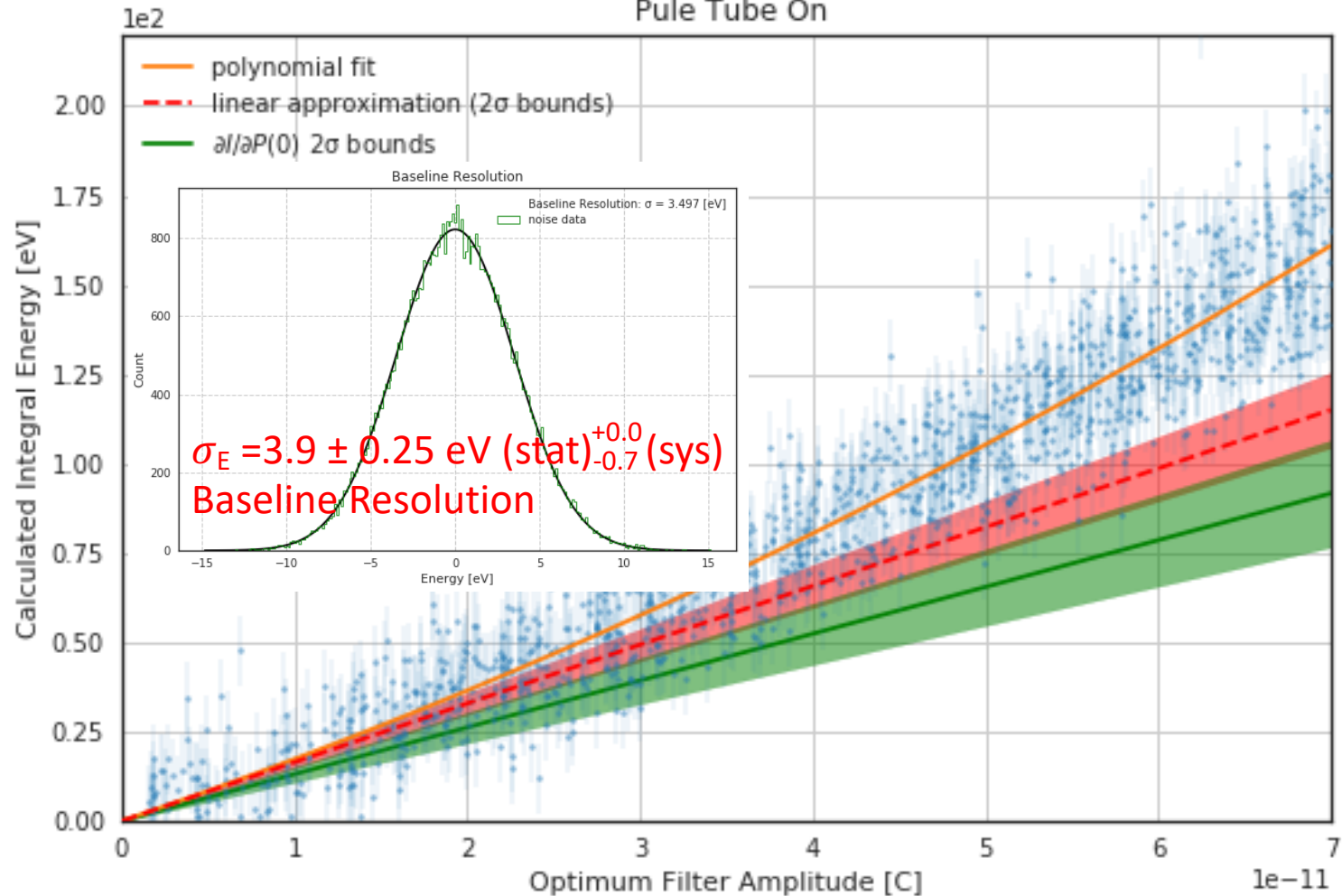
- Since pulse shape has significant variation with energy, we must use noisy but minimally biased DC estimators to fit the  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  calibration lines



# Calibrating Pulse Shape Dependent Energy Estimators to the DC estimator (Pulse Tube On)

Optimum Filter Amplitude vs Integral Energy

Pule Tube On



# R&D Ultra-Sensitive TES

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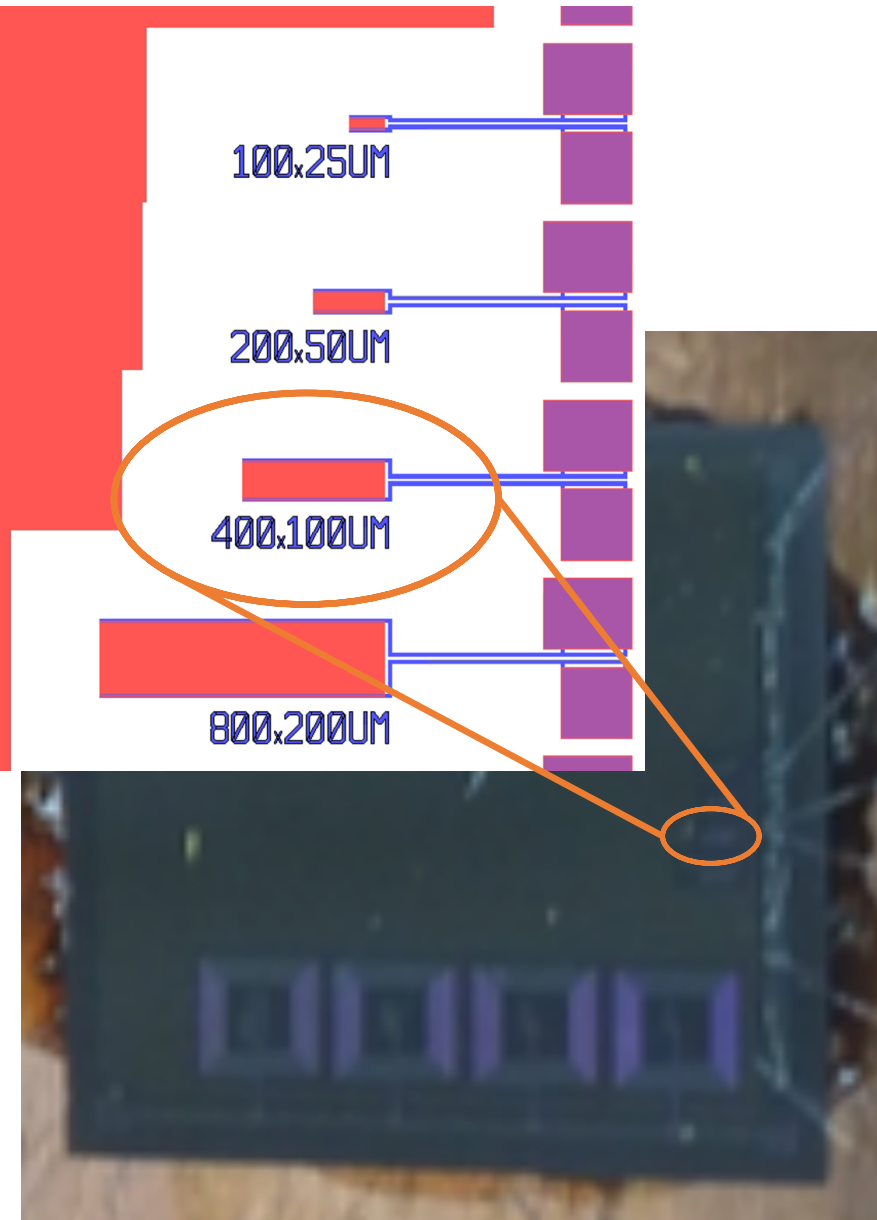
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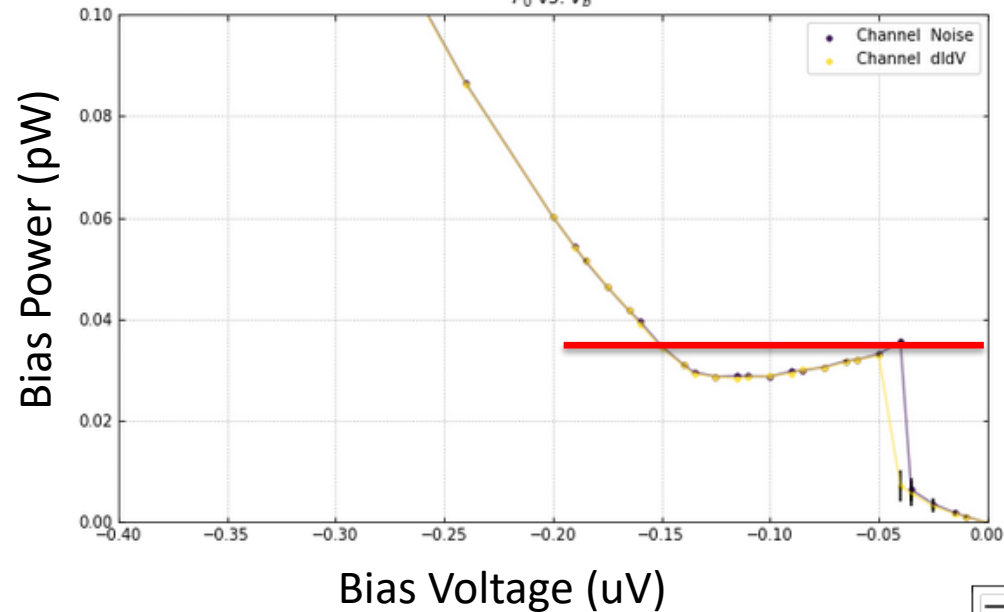
# R&D: ultra sensitive TES

- Build and test simple TES test structures for noise is performance
- Tests at SLAC SuperCDMS test facility (switching to UCB in March)
- Tungsten TES
  - $T_c = 41\text{mK}$
  - 40nm thick



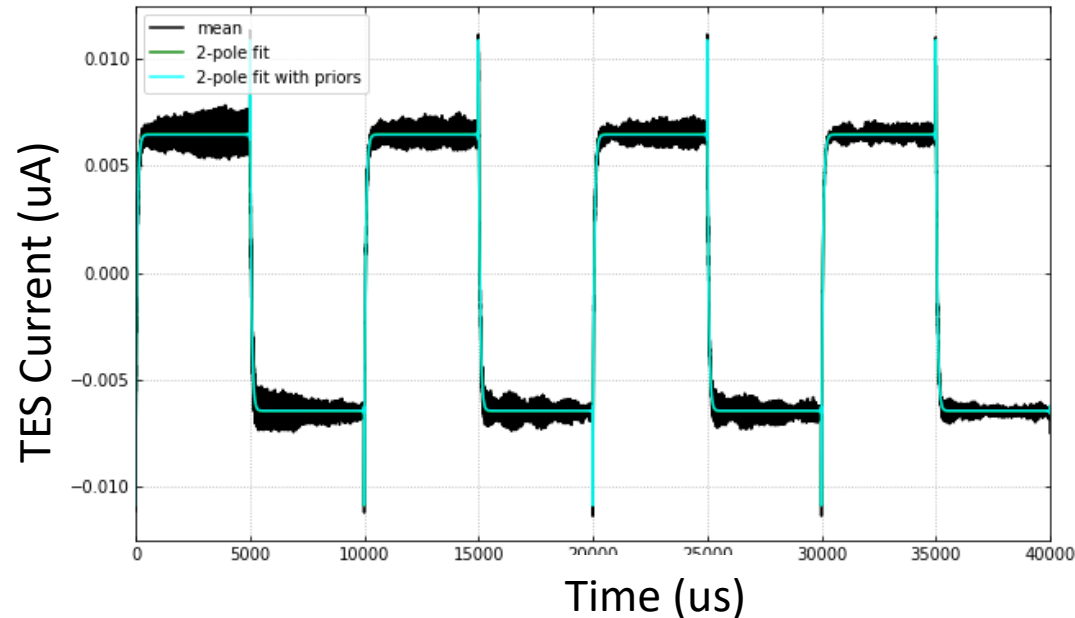
# 100um x400um TES Characterization

TES Power vs TES Bias Voltage



- Normal Resistance: 630mOhm
- Bias Power: 35fW
  - Your average CMB TES: 1 pW
  - Slight calibration error

TES Response to Square Wave Jitter



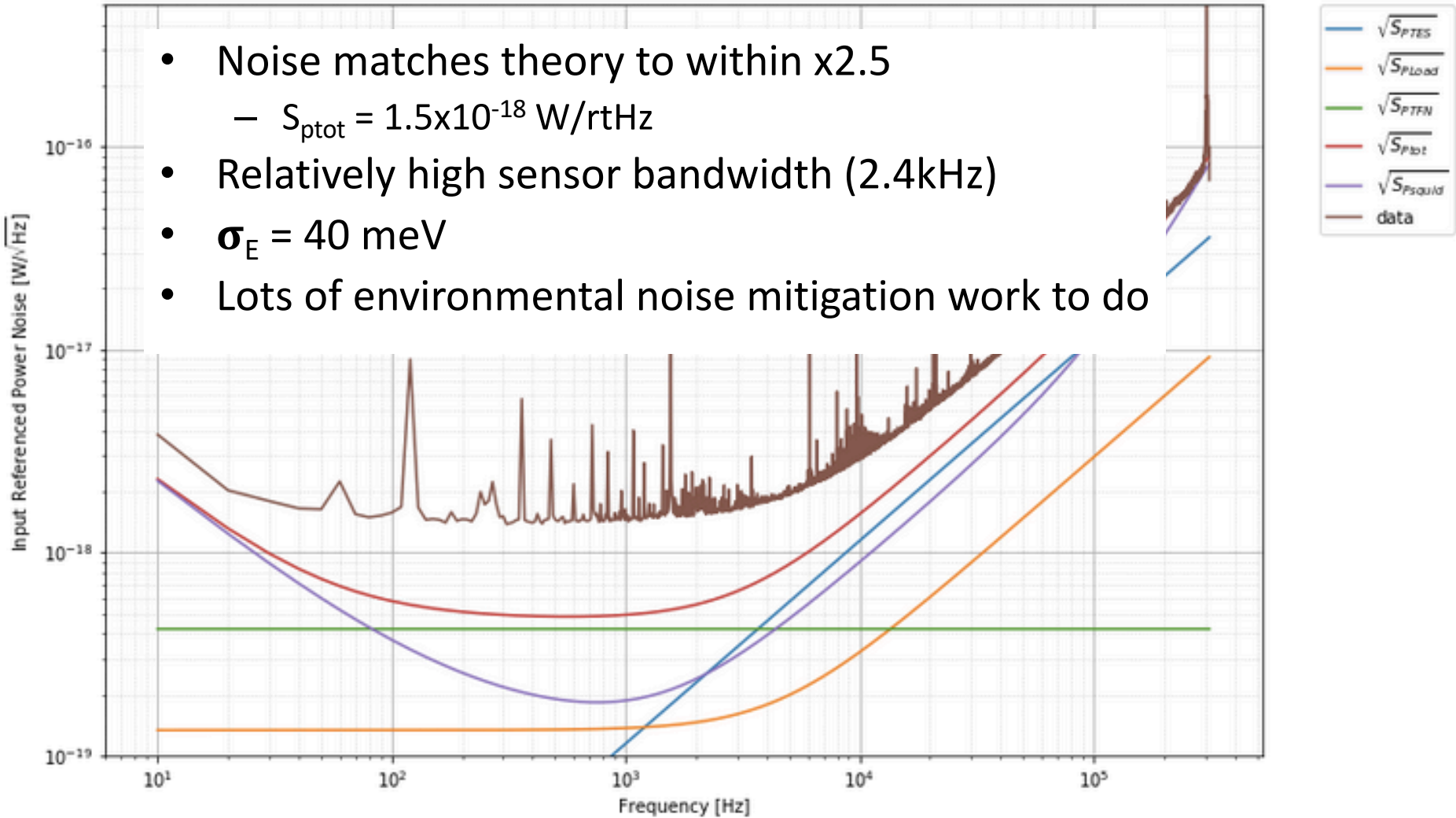
- Complex Impedance
  - Simple 2 pole TES dynamical model perfectly fits response
- TES falltime: ~66us (2.4kHz)
  - Relatively fast



# 100 $\mu$ m x400 $\mu$ m TES Noise

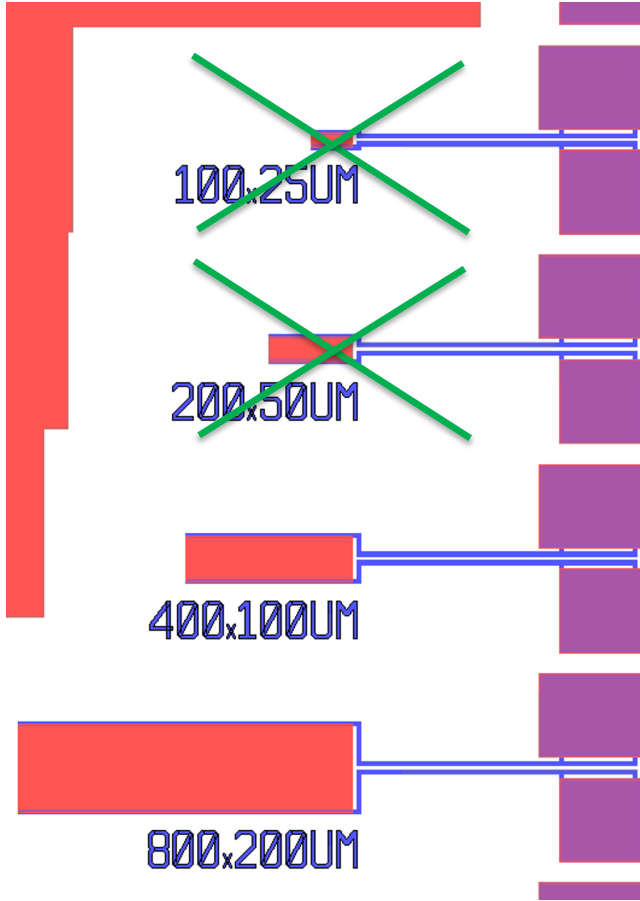
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- Noise matches theory to within x2.5
  - $S_{\text{ptot}} = 1.5 \times 10^{-18} \text{ W/rHz}$
- Relatively high sensor bandwidth (2.4kHz)
- $\sigma_E = 40 \text{ meV}$
- Lots of environmental noise mitigation work to do



# More Sensitivity -> Decrease Volume

$$\sigma_{\langle E \rangle} \propto \sqrt{VT^3}$$



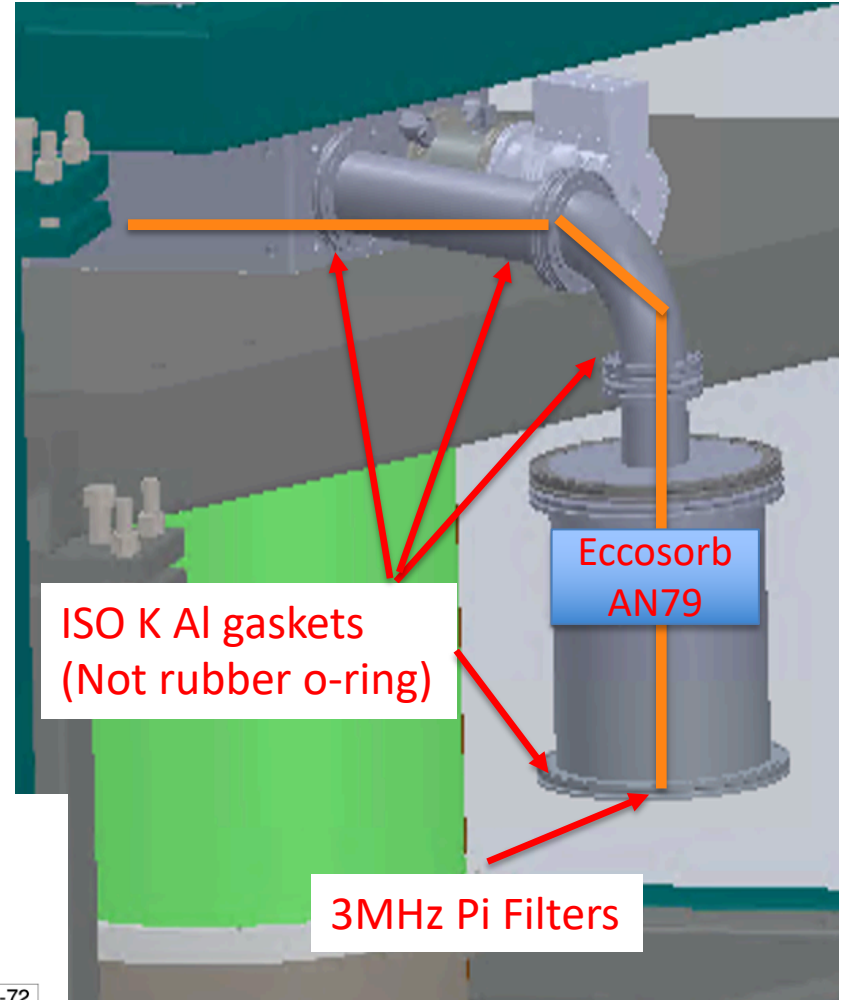
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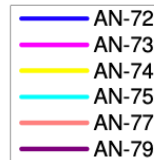
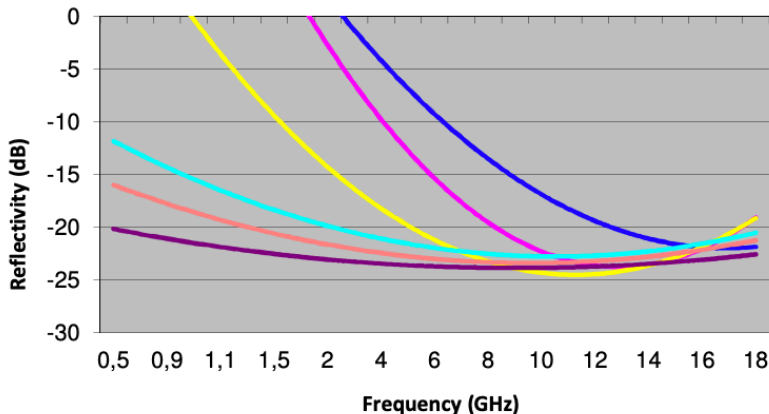
We have 5 fW of DC environmental parasitic power hitting our TES. Our current primary challenge is to continue to improve environmental isolation!

# Faraday Cage #1 -> Dilution Fridge

- If your E&M signal can get out, the environmental EMI can get in!
- Need to carefully filter all signal lines breaching the faraday cage

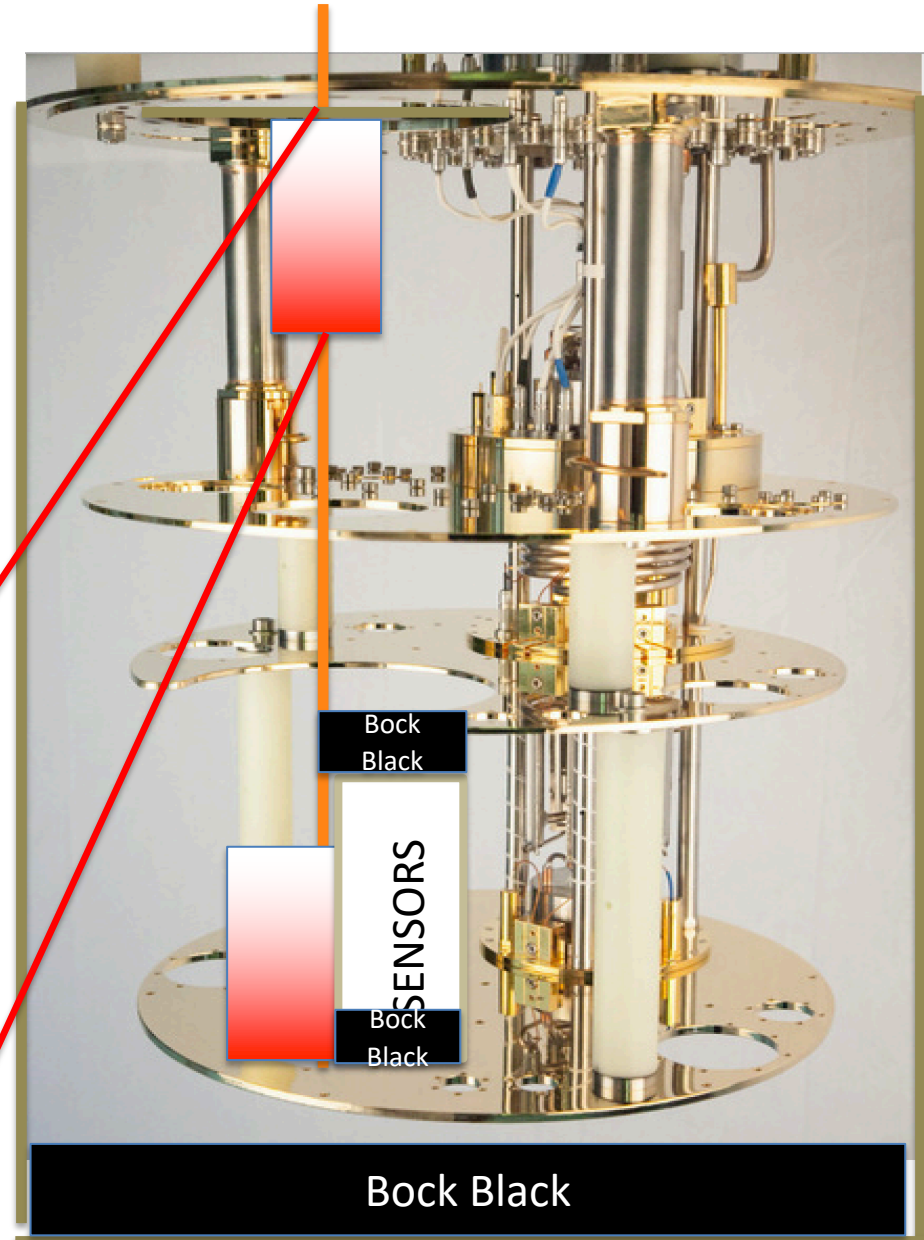
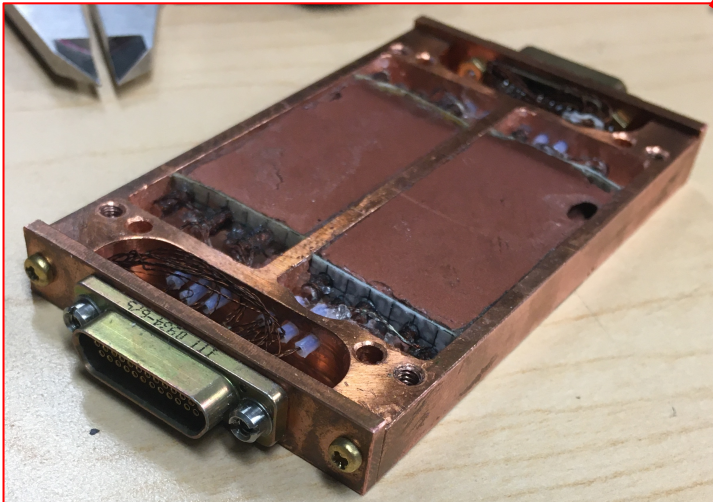


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# Faraday Cages 2 & 3: 4K & 10mK

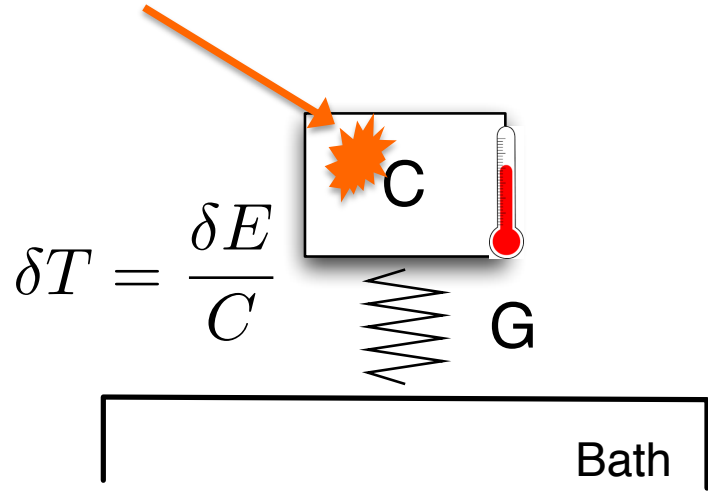
- Inner thermal shields would act as additional Faraday Cages ... if there were filters on all the lines.
- Bock Black for IR light leaks
- Steal copper powder filter from Martinis, Devoret, Clarke (PRB 35.4682 1987)



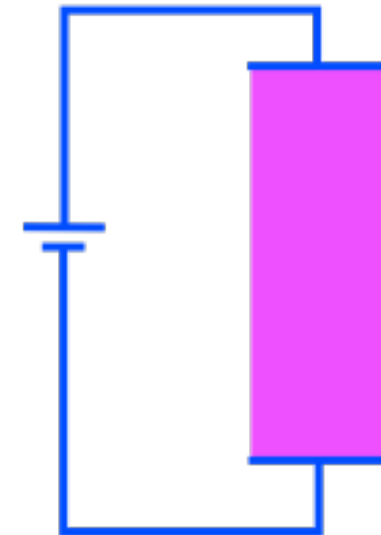
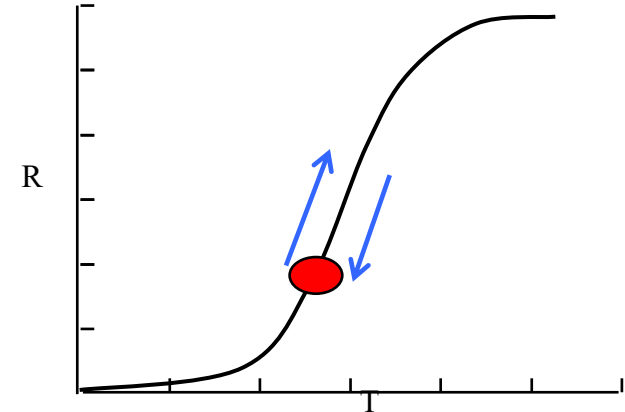
# Athermal Phonon Detectors



# The Simplest Thermal Calorimeter



$$\delta T = \frac{\delta E}{C}$$



Transition Edge Sensor (TES):

- A superconducting metal film (W) that is externally biased so as to be within its superconducting/normal transition

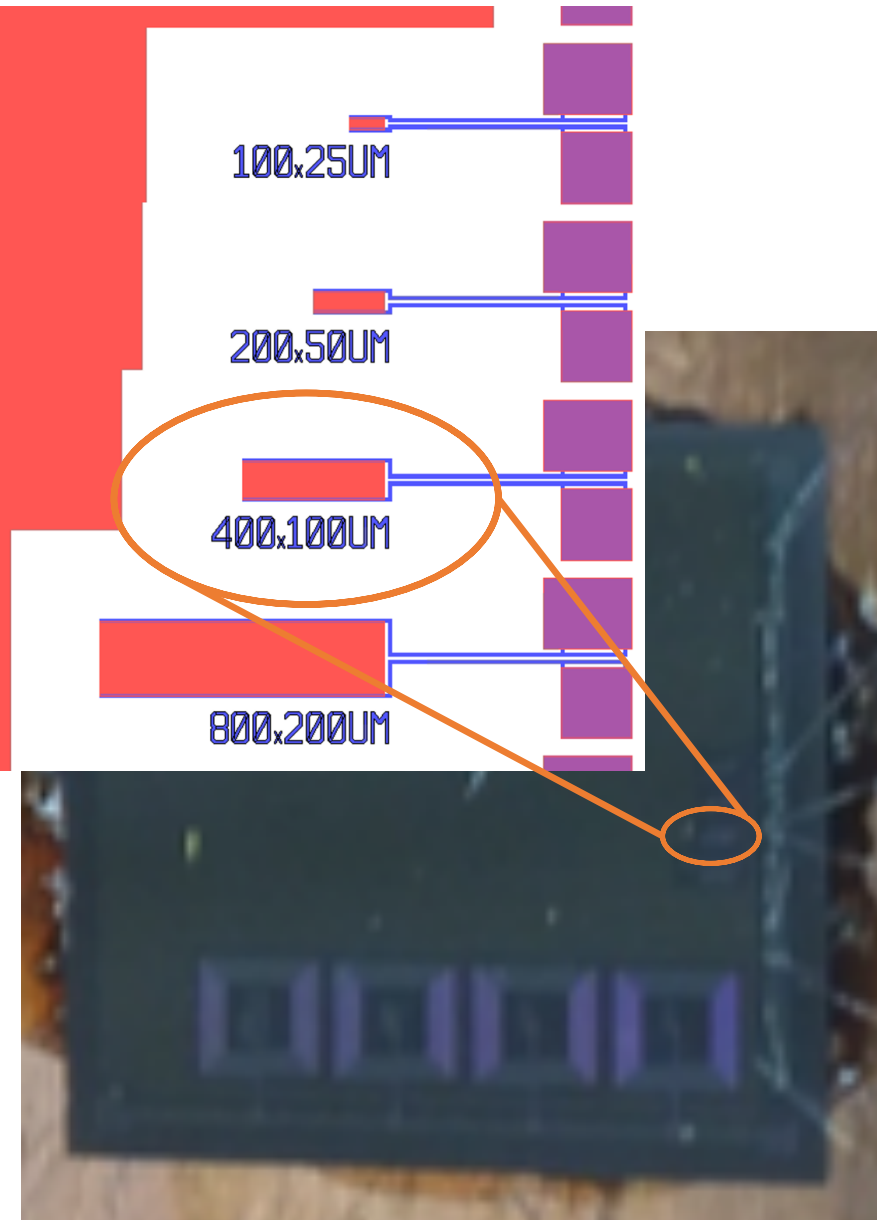
$$\sigma_{\langle E \rangle} \sim \sqrt{C k_b T^2}$$

$$\propto \sqrt{V T^3}$$

- Must use low  $T_c$  and very small volume TES -> hard to get gram-day exposures when your TES (25umx25umx40nm) is 500fg ... only directly useful for IR Haloscope

# FY20 R&D: ultra sensitive TES

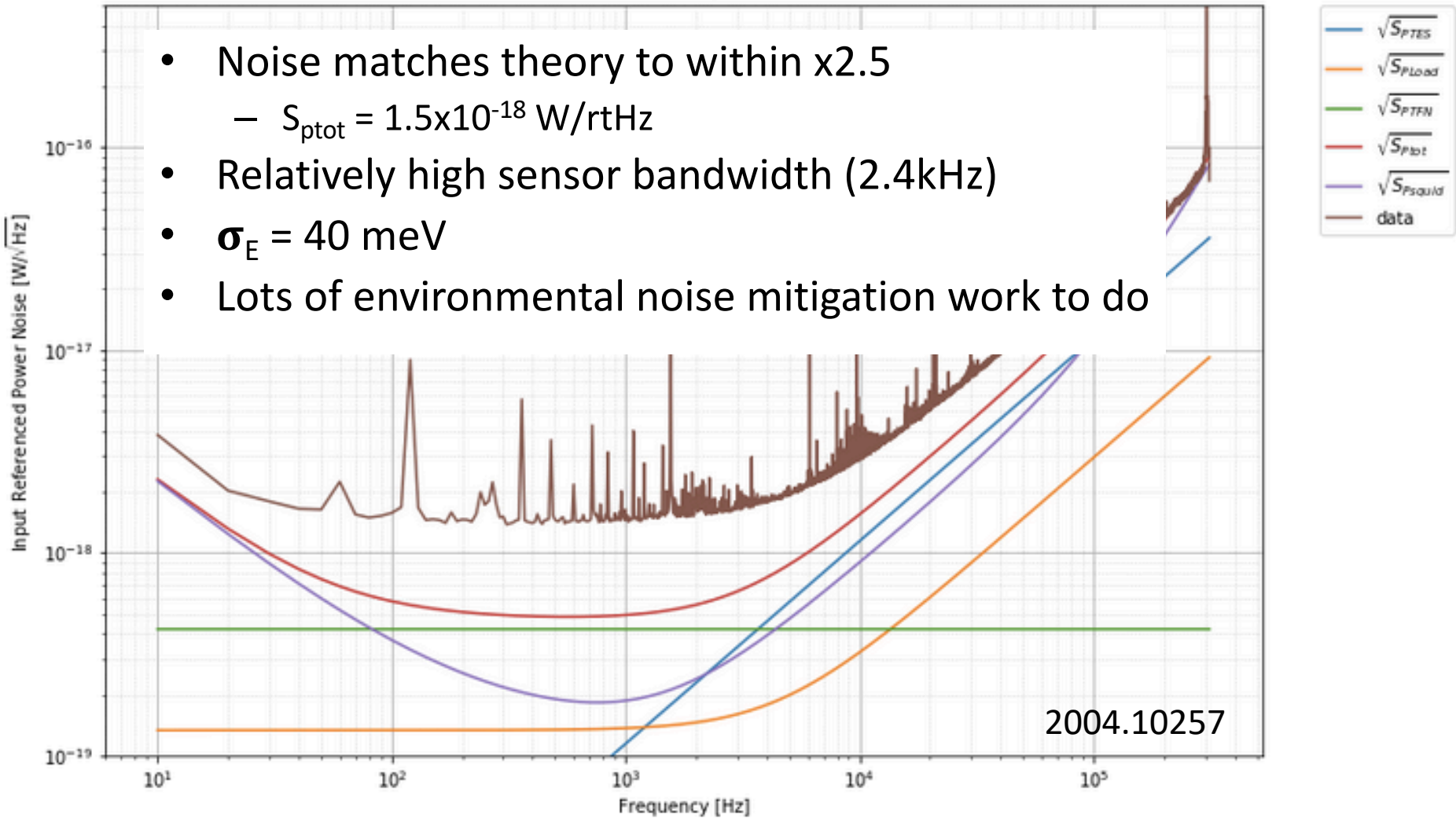
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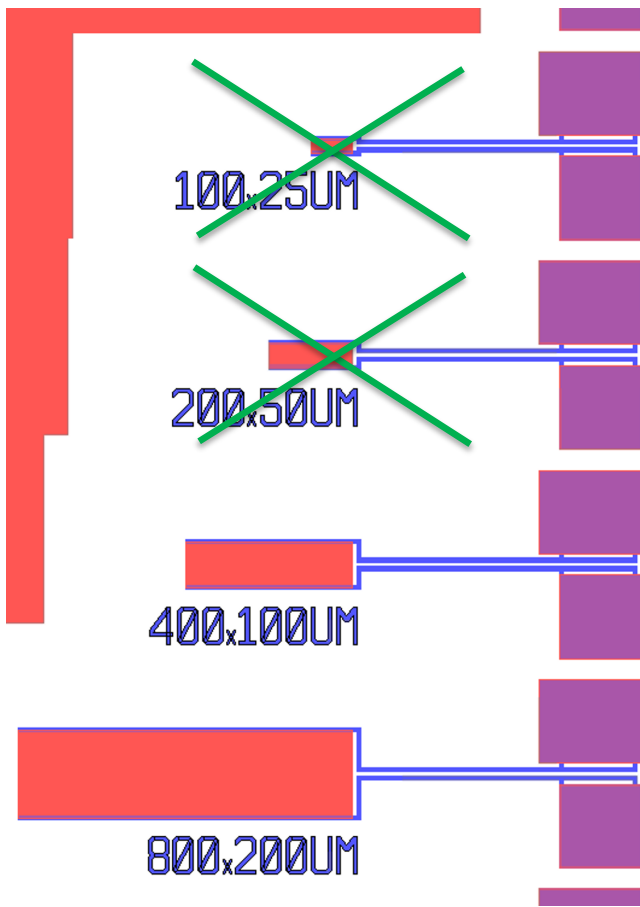
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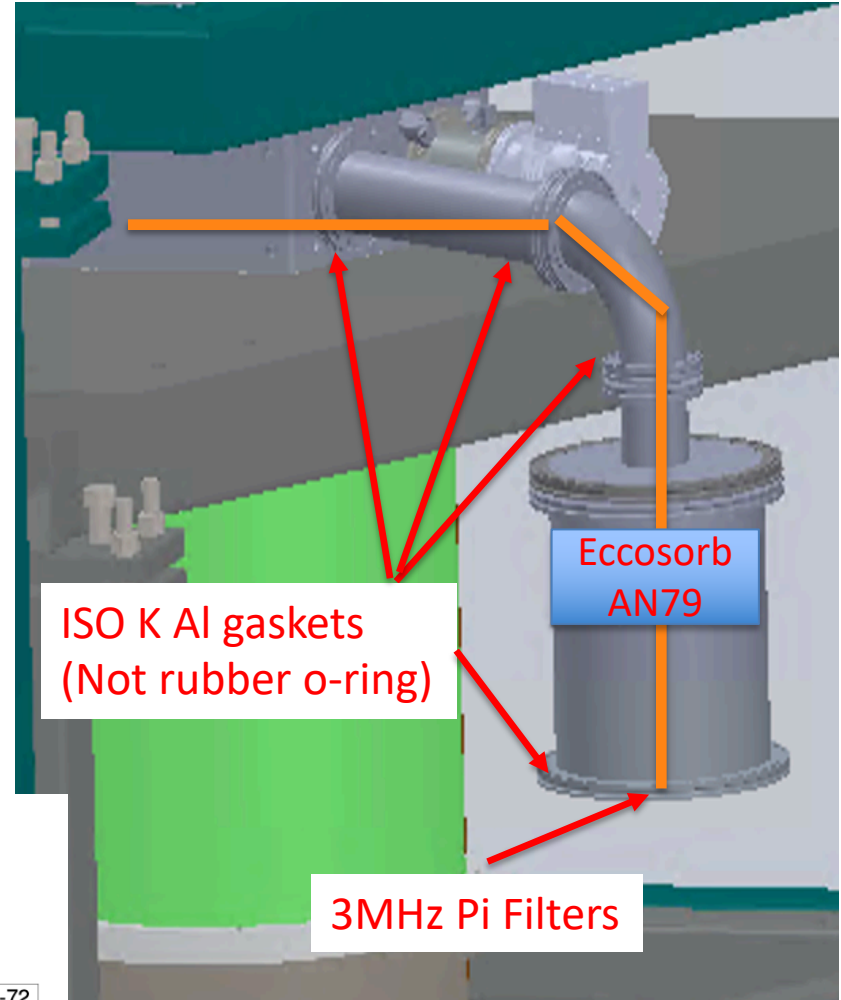
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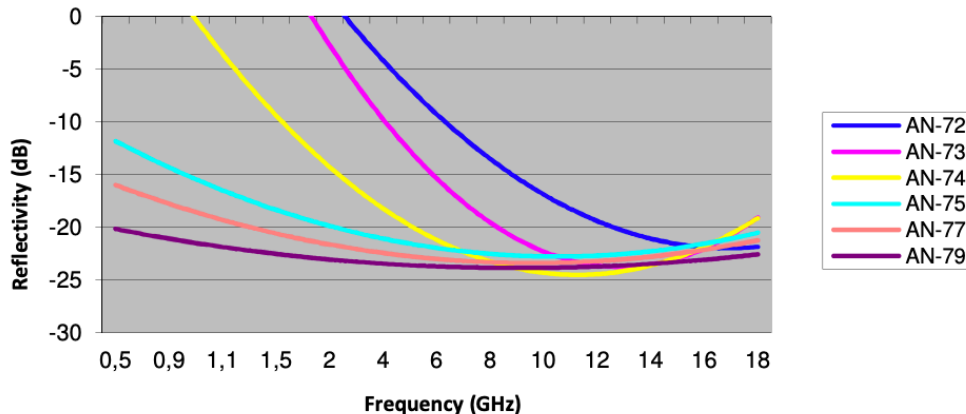
We have 5 fW of DC environmental parasitic power hitting our TES. Our current primary challenge is to continue to improve environmental isolation!

# 300K Faraday Cage -> Dilution Fridge

- If your E&M signal can get out, the environmental EMI can get in!
- Need to carefully filter all signal lines breaching the faraday cage
- FY20: construction
- FY21: test

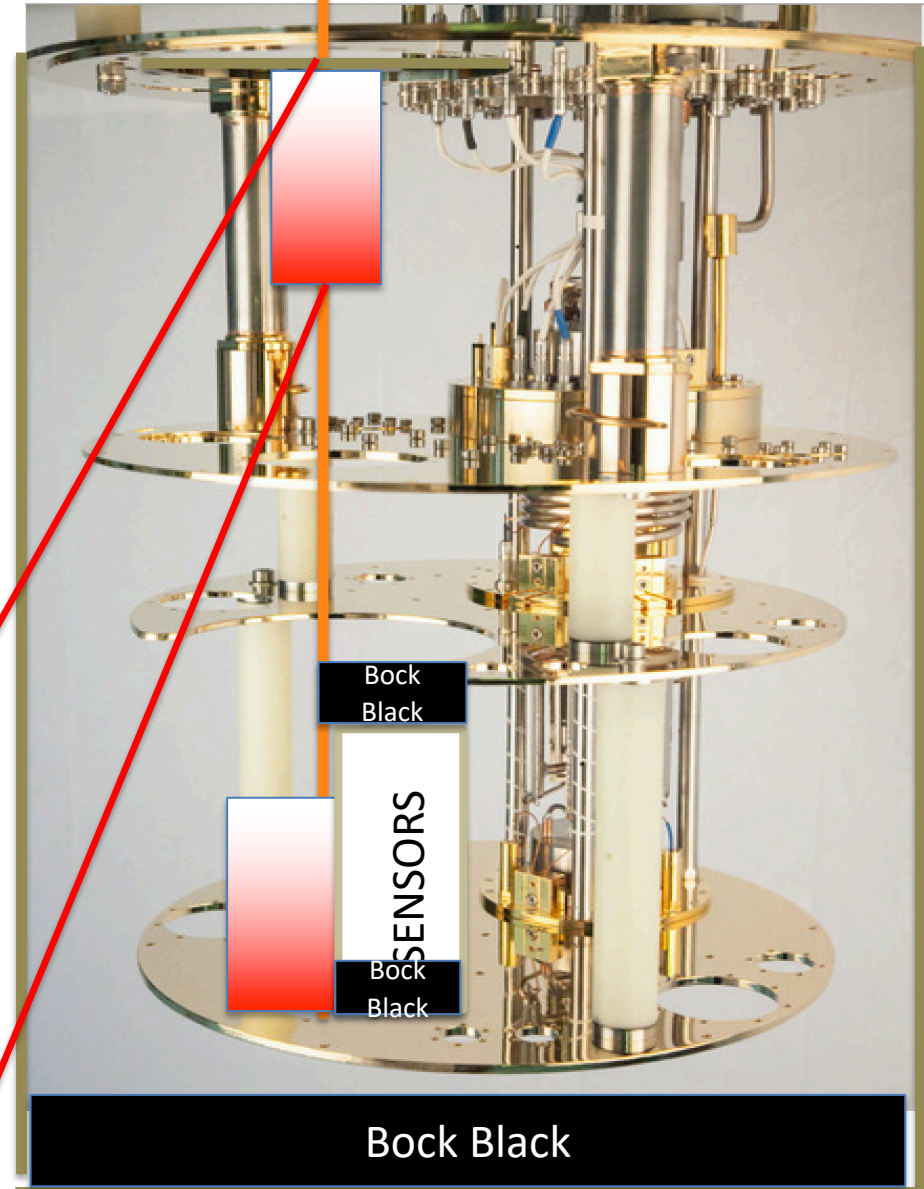
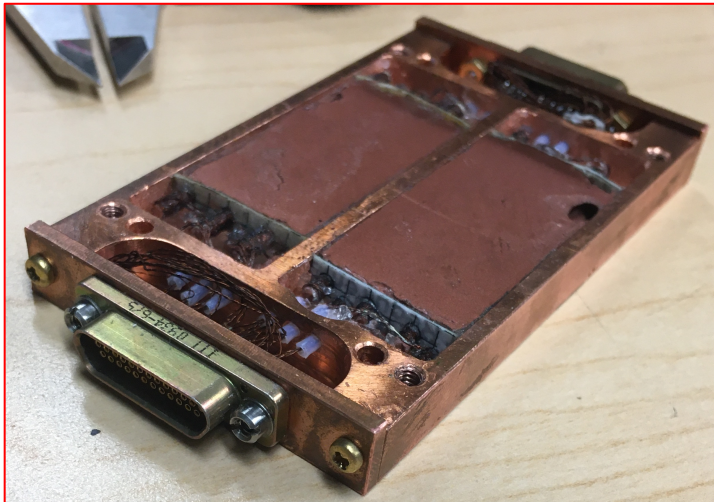


Eccosorb reflectivity  $\rho$



# 4K and MC Faraday Cages

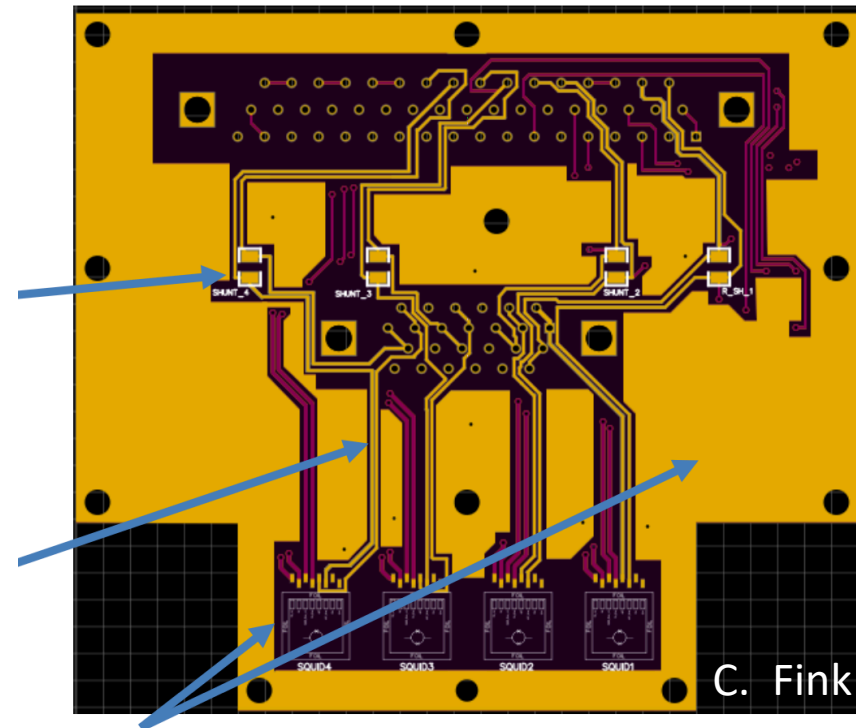
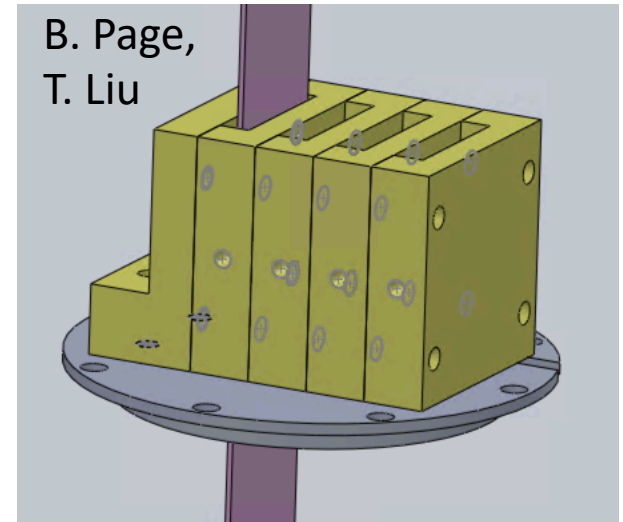
- Inner thermal shields would act as additional Faraday Cages ... if there were filters on all the lines.
- Bock Black for IR light leaks
- Steal copper powder filter from Martinis, Devoret, Clarke (PRB 35.4682 1987)
  - FY20: design & construction
  - FY21: test





# SQUID Electronics Pyle

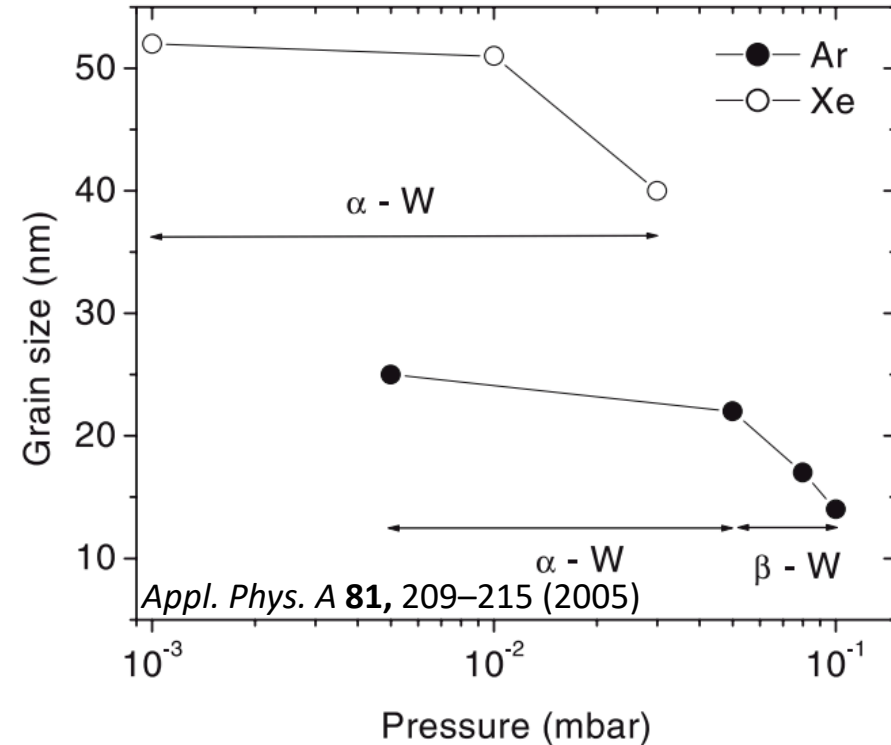
- W TES noise work done in SLAC fridge. RF shielding mods not possible in DF. Swapping all work to Berkeley / LBL
- CDMS-2 Berkeley system
  - Very fragile, expensive striplines
  - Shunt resistor 20mOhm
  - 4mOhm Parasitic resistance at 4K ... dominated noise
  - More robust thermalization
  - Not EMI tight
- FY20: Recycled CDMS-2 setup
  - NbTi(PhBr) wire weaves below 4K
  - New PCB layout
  - EMI tight (MDM connectors)



# More Sensitivity -> Decrease Temperature

$$\sigma \langle E \rangle \propto \sqrt{VT^3}$$

- What's set W Tc? 2 crystal configurations
  - Alpha:  $T_c=10\text{mK}$
  - Beta:  $T_c \sim 3\text{K}$
  - Perhaps 40mK films have just a tinge too much beta?
  - Perhaps 40mK films have stress that has increased Tc?
- Goal: produce a stress free, alpha phase W film
- Bouziane et al, *Appl. Phys. A* **81**, 209–215 (2005) says that if you use Xe plasma rather than Ar plasma your alpha film quality improves substantially



FY20:

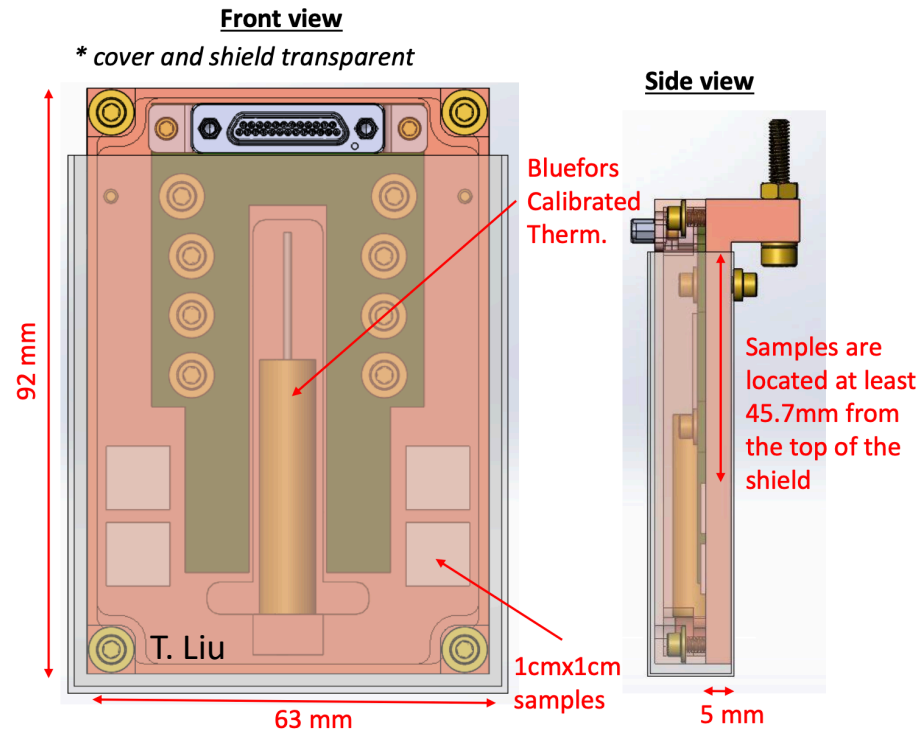
- Add Xe gas option to the RF Sputterer at TAMU
- Very Preliminary Tc measurement: 30mK (beware: lots of systematics)

FY21:

- 48 depositions that span power/pressure space

# Measuring Tc Films

- 12 channel high impedance W film measurement setup at LBL (Toki)
  - FY20: design, construction, installation, first tests
  - FY21: lots of measurements
- Matt similar 8 channel low impedance/ high impedance cross check setup on campus
  - FY20: design, construction, fab, first tests
  - FY21: lots of measurements



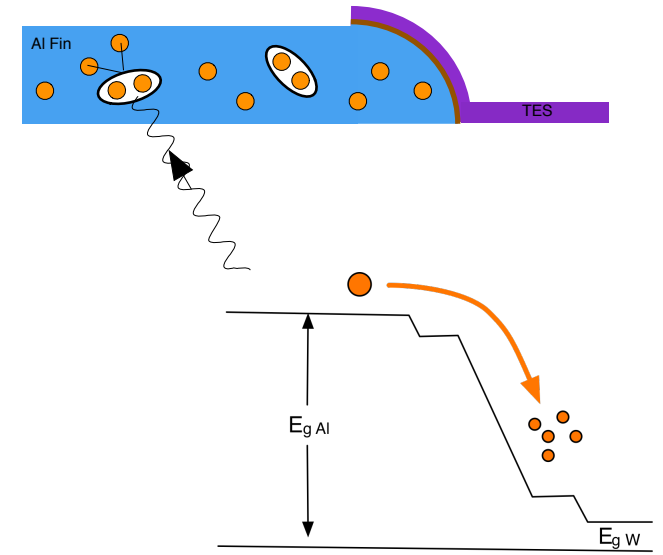
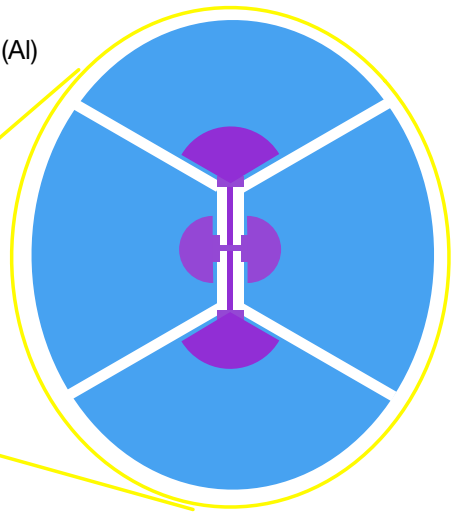
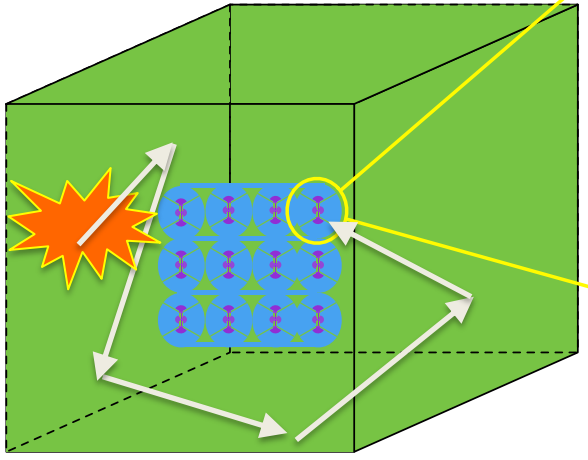
# DAQ+Control+Data Handling/Processing

- Hertel/McKinsey/Pyle labs share everything downstream of electronics
- FY20: work finished
  - Magnicon electronics drivers
  - Increased DAQ speed:
  - Lots of cleanup, added web interface
- Bruno, Vetri, Suerfu, Fink, Watkins

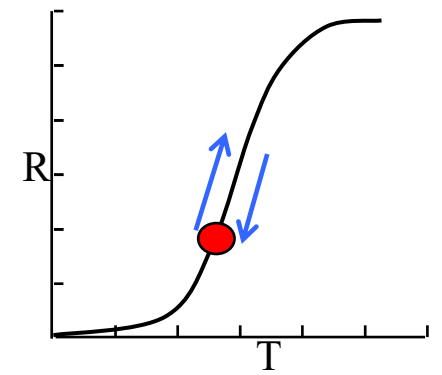
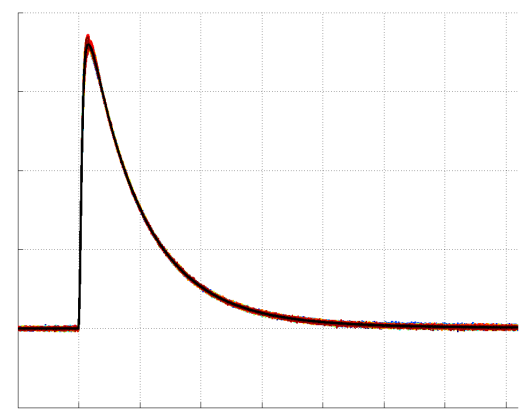
# Athermal Phonon Detectors

# Athermal Phonon Sensor Technology

- TES and QP collection antennas (W)
- Athermal Phonon Collection Fins (Al)
- 1cm<sup>3</sup>Polar Crystal

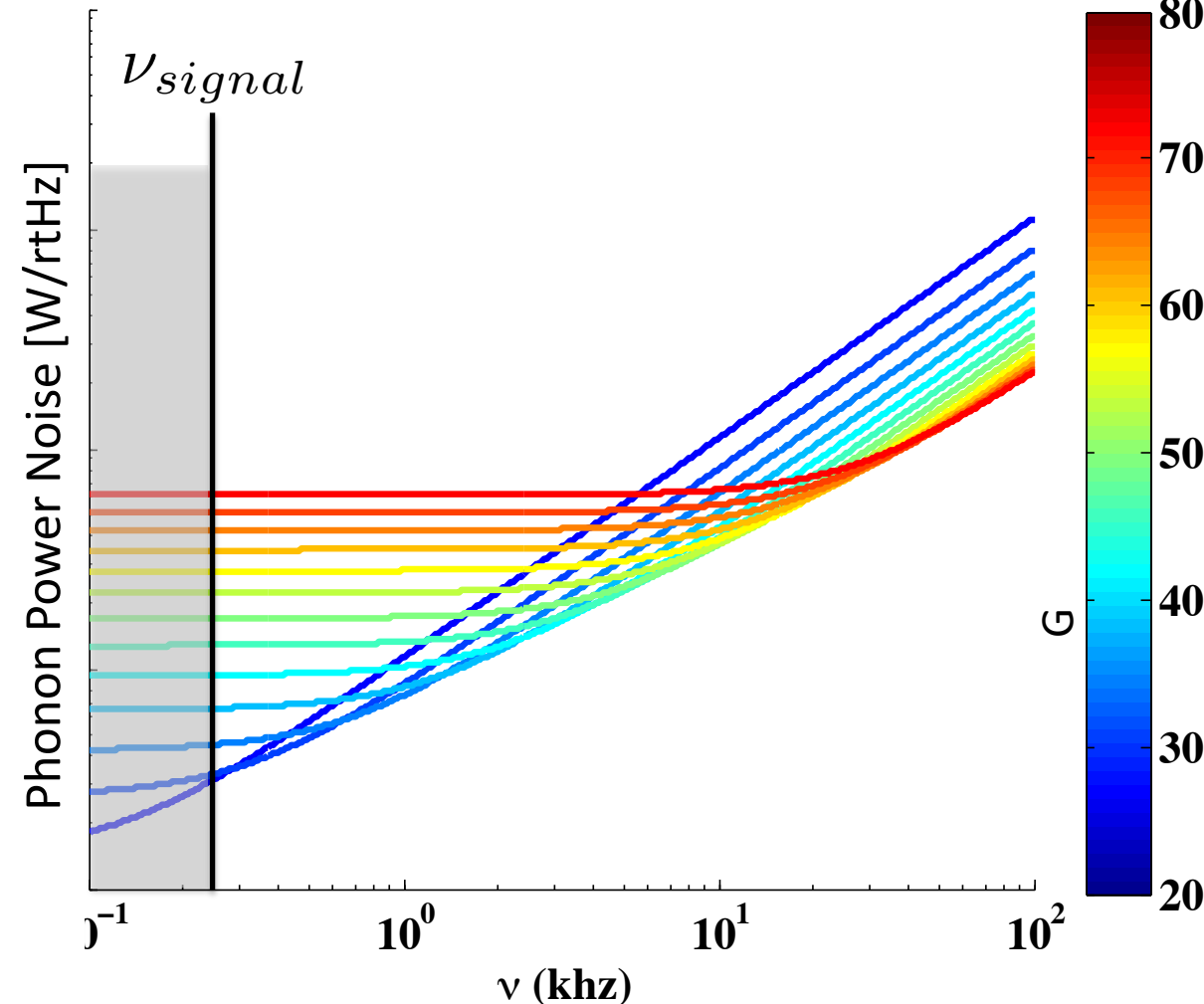


Collect and Concentrate  
Athermal Phonon Energy into  
Sensor



# Athermal Phonon Sensor Sensitivity Scaling

Power Noise for various G



$$G \propto T_c^4$$

$$S_{ptfn} = 4k_b T_c^2 G$$

$$\propto T_c^6$$

$$\sigma_E \propto T_c^3$$

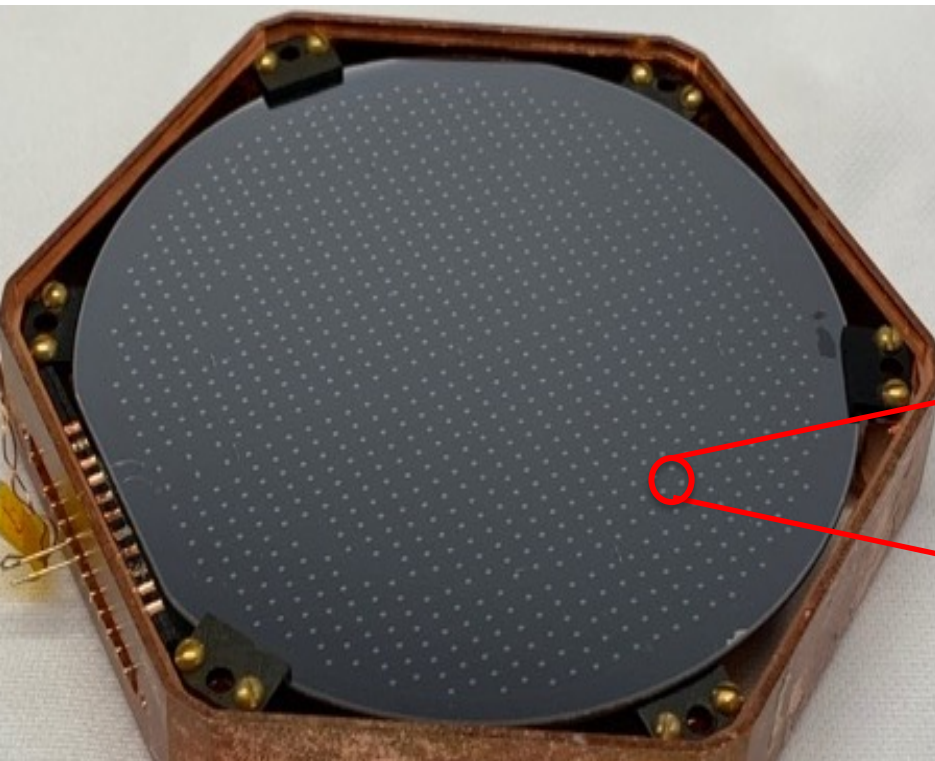
- Lower  $\nu_{sensor}$  (lower  $T_c$ ) if  $\nu_{signal} < \nu_{sensor}$
- Lower  $\nu_{signal}$  (decrease Al coverage) if  $\nu_{signal} > \nu_{sensor}$

You can always keep  $\nu T_c^3$  scaling (in principle)  
 45mK  $\rightarrow$  10mK: 2eV  $\rightarrow$  20meV

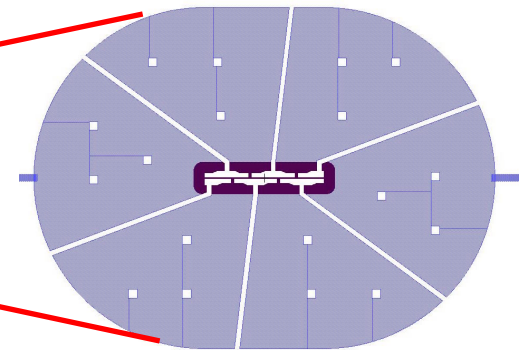


# Cryogenic Photon Detector (CPDv0)

- 3" diameter Si wafer (45.6 cm<sup>2</sup>)
- 1mm thick
- Distributed athermal phonon sensors minimize phonon collection time (as fast as it can be for its size)
  - Athermal Phonon collection time estimated to be ~20us
  - 2.5% sensor coverage

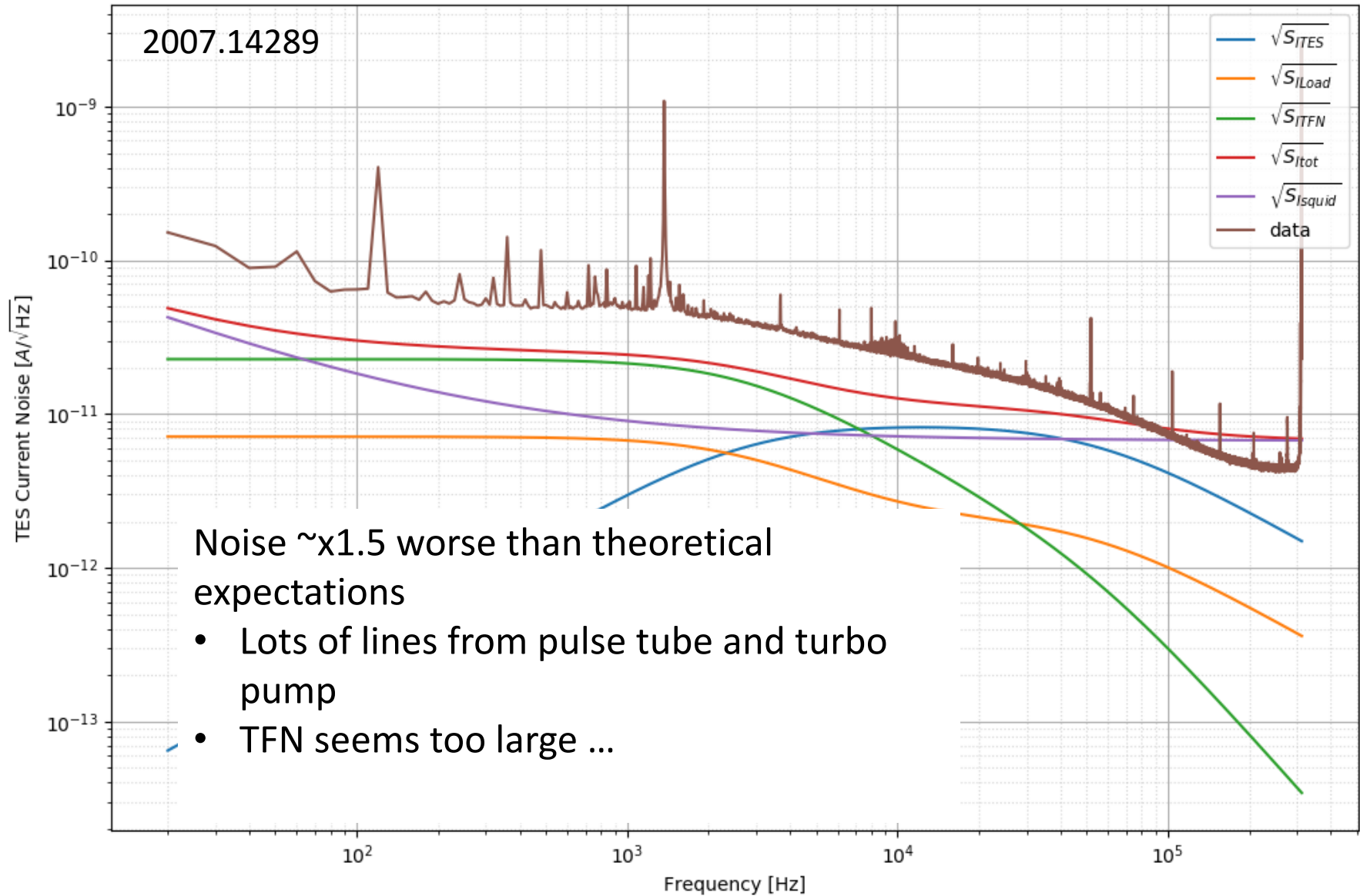


**FY20: 2 more CPDv0 were made for various background studies, and for test facilities to run during ramp up.**



# Measured/Theoretical Noise

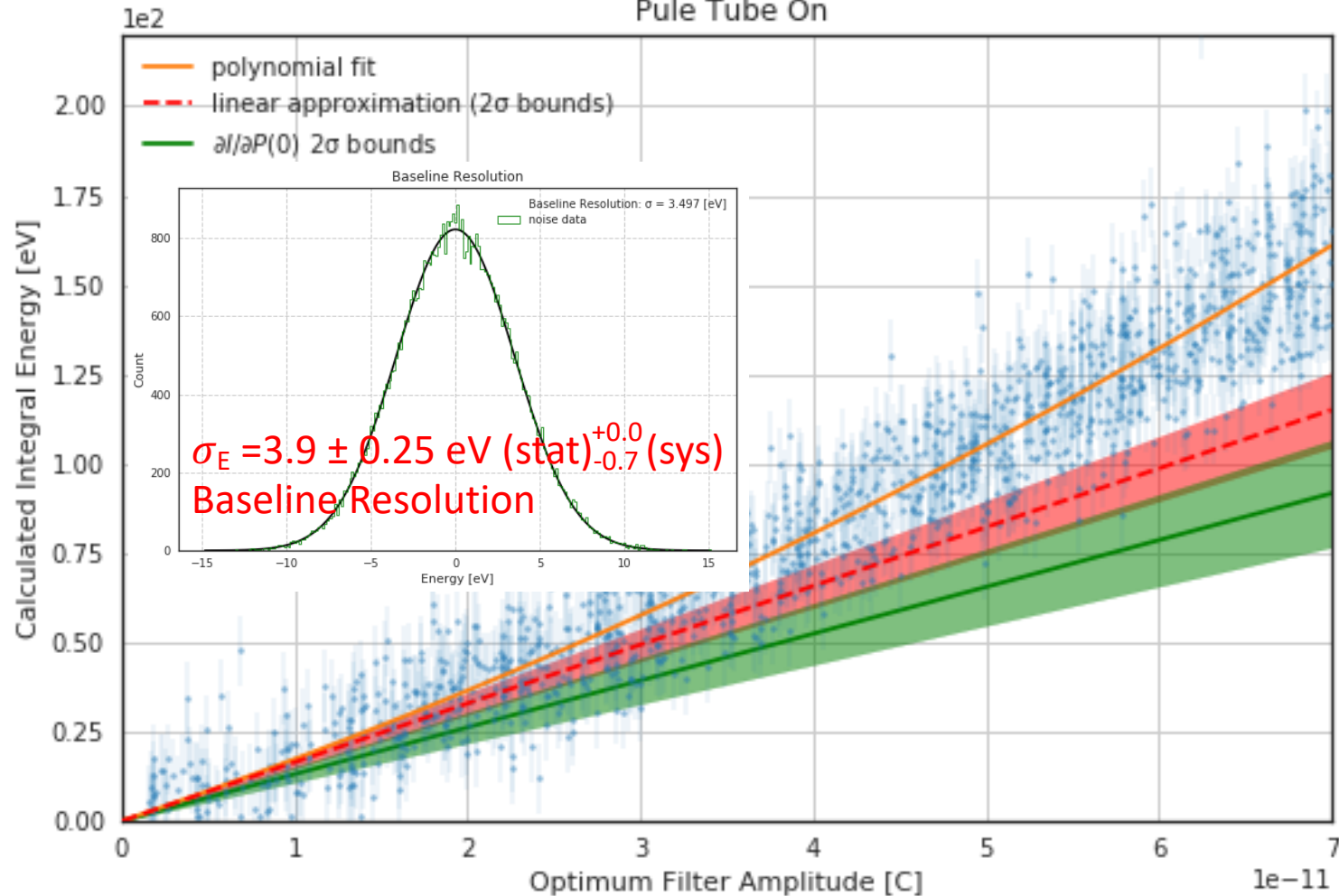
Current Noise For  $R_0 : 32.00 \text{ m}\Omega$



# Calibrating Pulse Shape Dependent Energy Estimators to the DC estimator (Pulse Tube On)

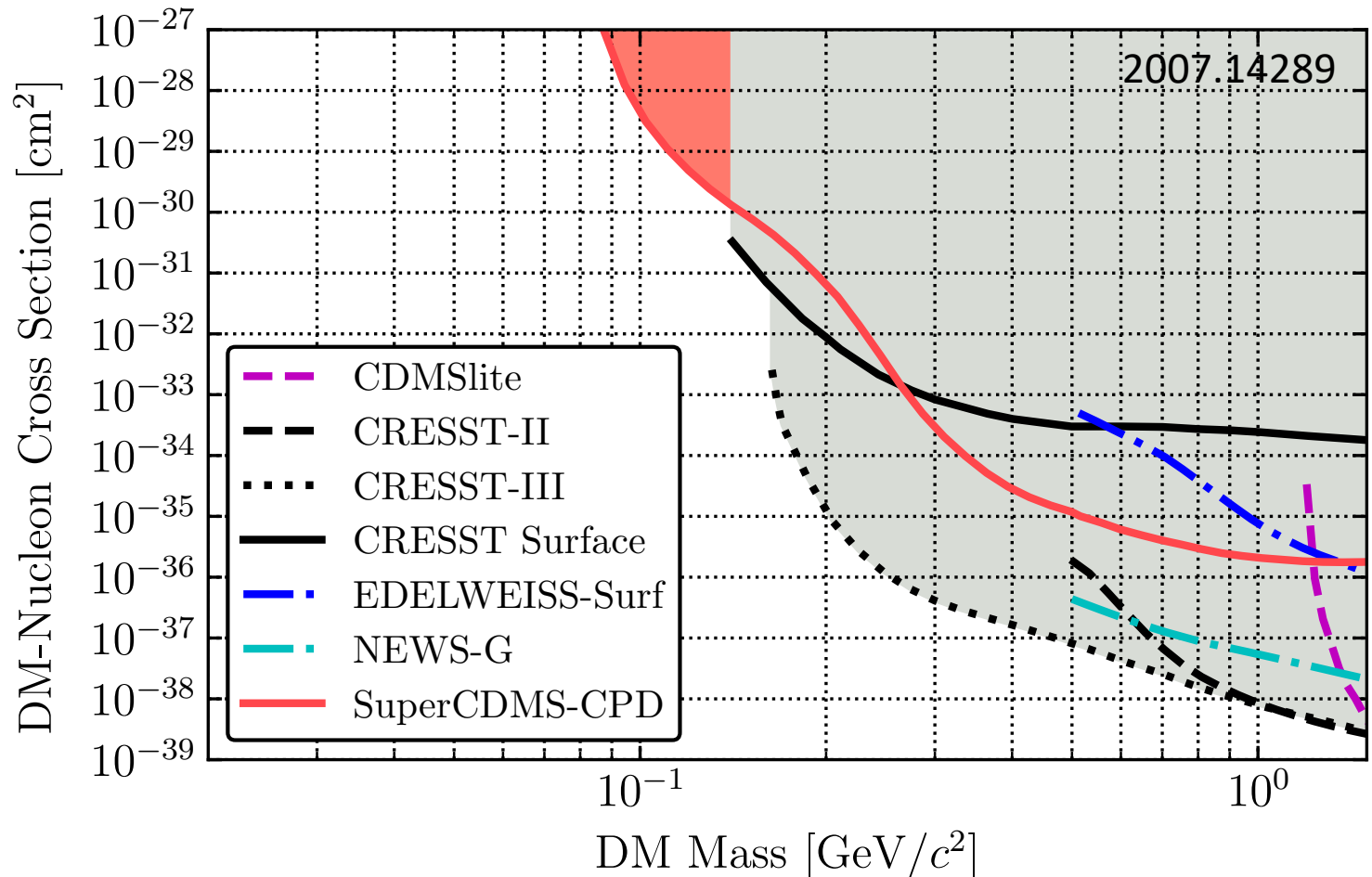
Optimum Filter Amplitude vs Integral Energy

Pule Tube On



# First Dark Matter Search @ SLAC

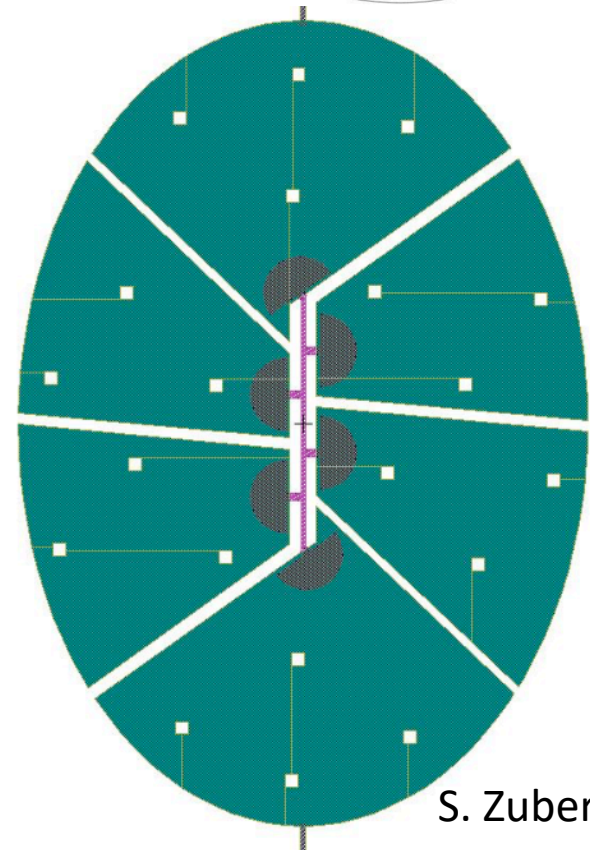
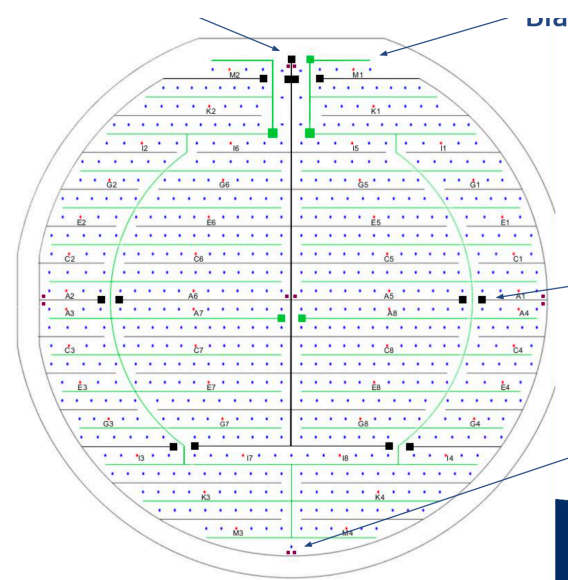
- In collaboration with SuperCDMS, we ran the CPD detector at the SLAC surface test facility
  - Significantly limited by cosmogenic backgrounds
  - 10gd exposure
- World leading DM sensitivity from 87-140 MeV
- First world leading sensitivity search from LBL QIS program



# CPDv2

Next Generation CPDv2 Designed.  
Fabrication in progress (FY20).

- $\sim 2\text{eV}$  baseline resolution at 40mK expected (doesn't meet the design specs for SPICE/HeRALD)
- Test bed for athermal phonon sensor improvements
- Nice first device for ramping up test facilities ... because of its size, it's easier to run than ultimate devices.
- Surface veto for SPICE tower
- Sensor for potential SPICE/HeRALD active veto
- FY21: used for scintillation yield studies of GaAs

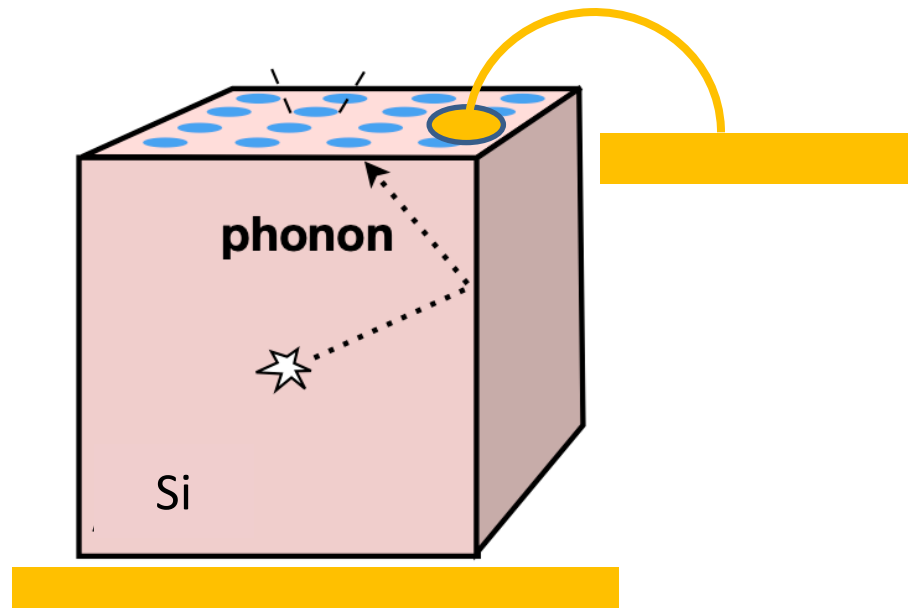


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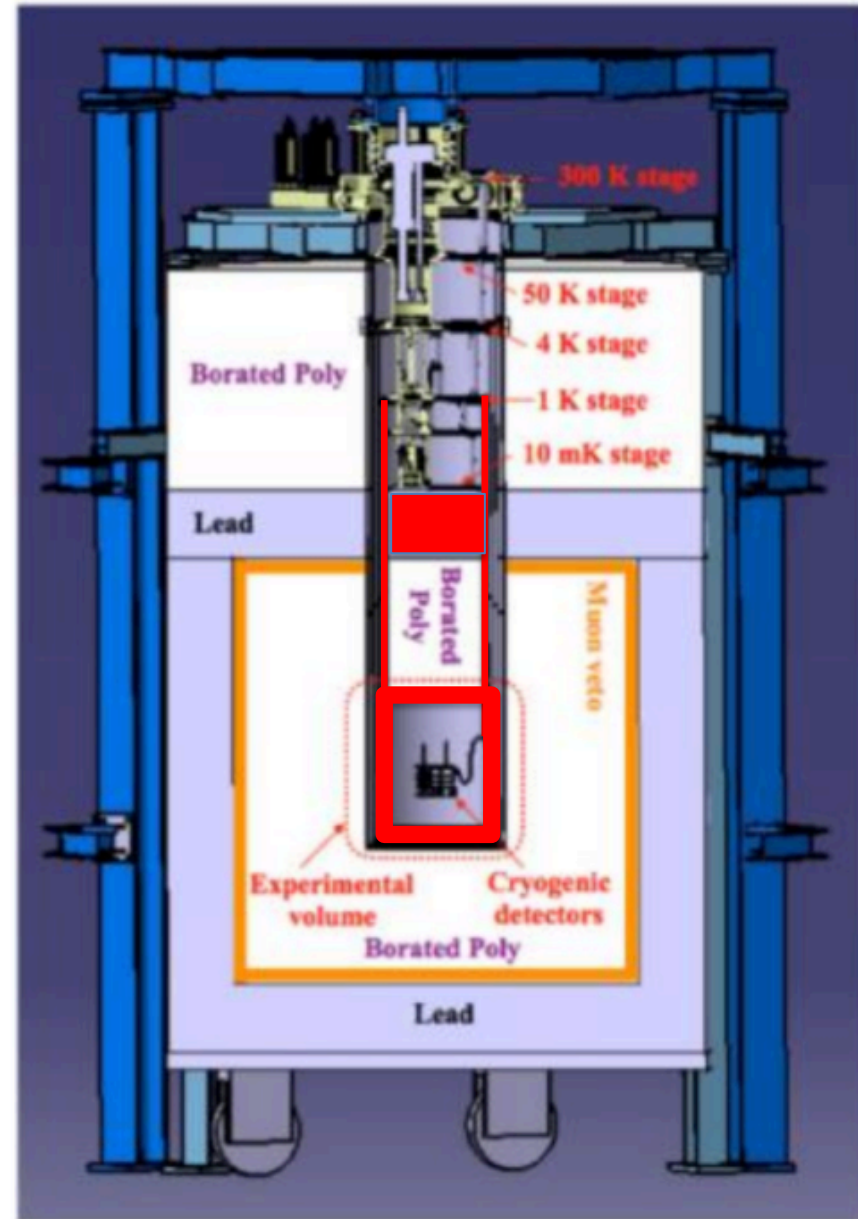
# 1cm<sup>2</sup> program beginning

- End FY20/Beginning FY21: 1cm<sup>2</sup> program beginning
- Au wire bonds for thermalization with new low stress structural support designs
- Estimated ~200meV resolution (Good enough for GaAs)



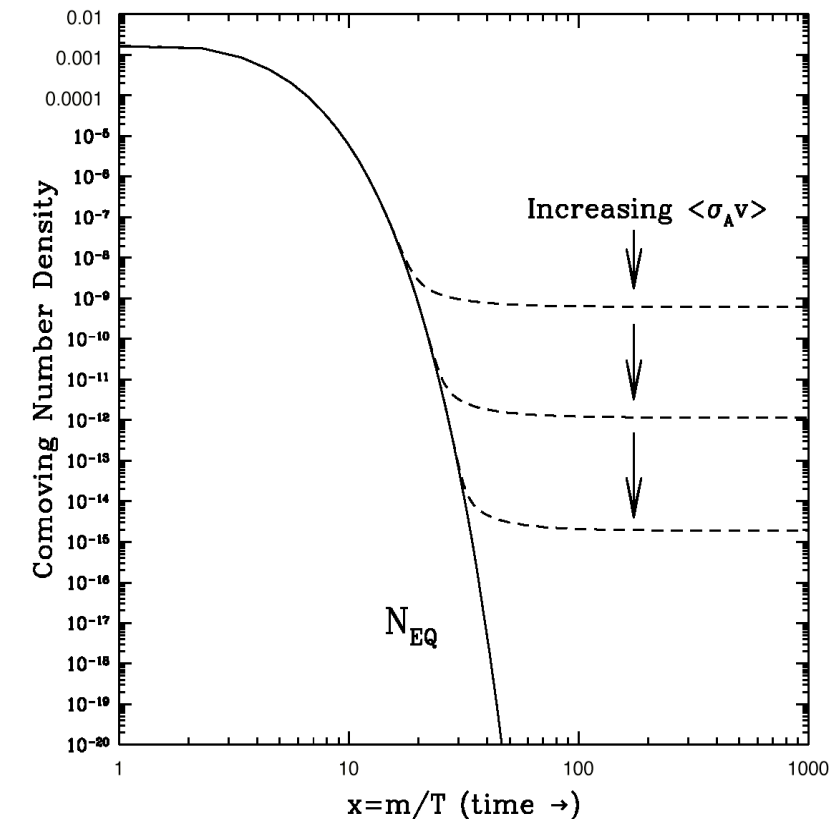
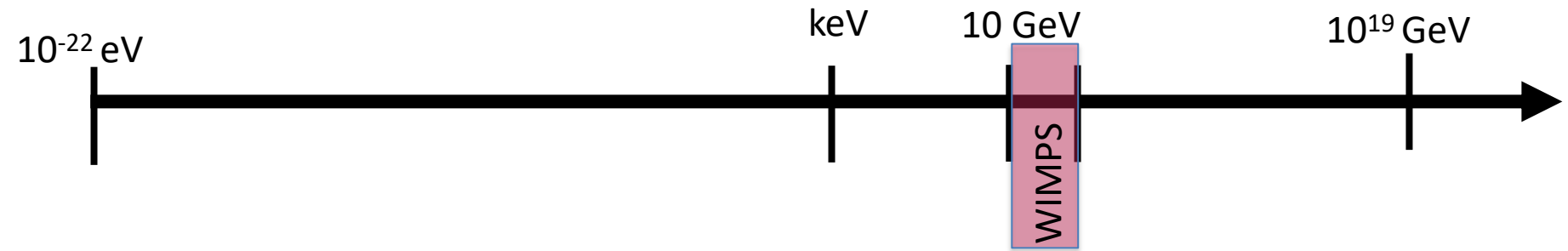
# Internal Vibrational Mitigation

- Low stress support structures will almost certainly require very low environmental vibration noise
- Double mass 1K-1K vibration isolator
- FY20 finish design
- FY21 fabricate, install, test in Pyle Fridge



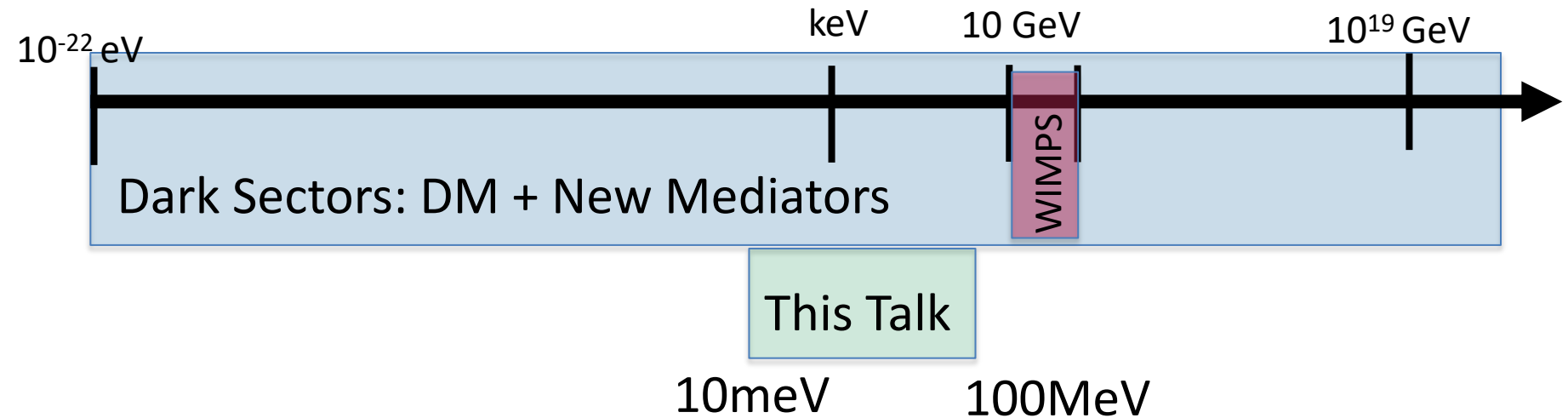


# 10 Years Ago: A Focus on WIMPs



- Relic DM density suggests weak-scale cross sections
- New physics (and particles) at the weak scale could solve the hierarchy problem

# Today: Search for DM Everywhere



Many Well Motivated DM Models at Light Mass

US Cosmic Visions: New Ideas in Dark Matter: 1707.04591

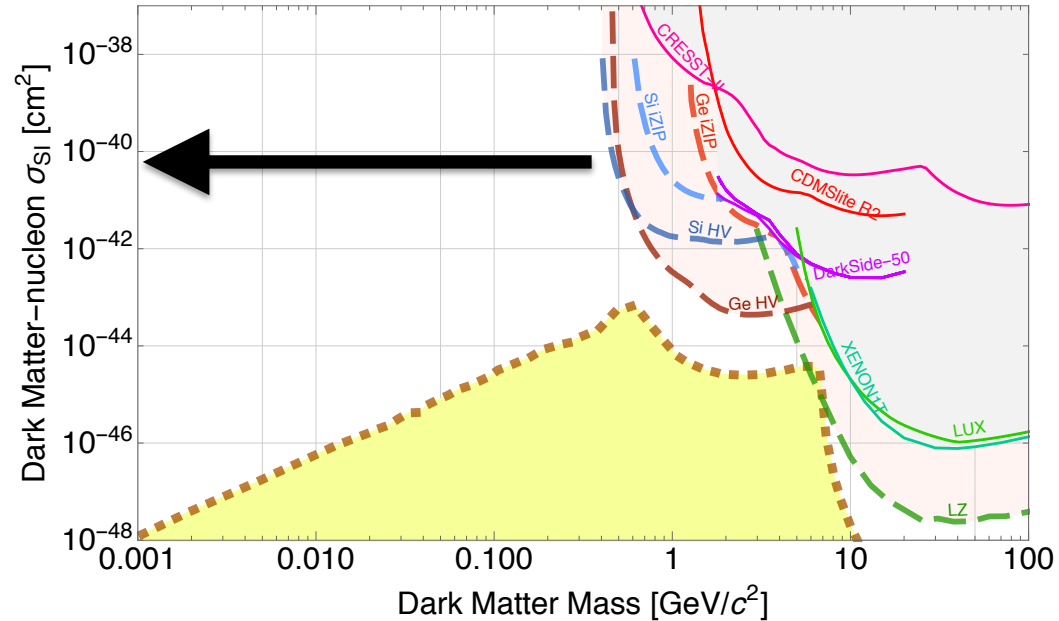
Exploring 10meV-100MeV Dark  
Matter:  
Detection Signatures  
and  
Experimental Design Drivers

# Light Mass DM: Detector Size

$$R = \sigma n_{DM} v_{DM} N_{exp}$$

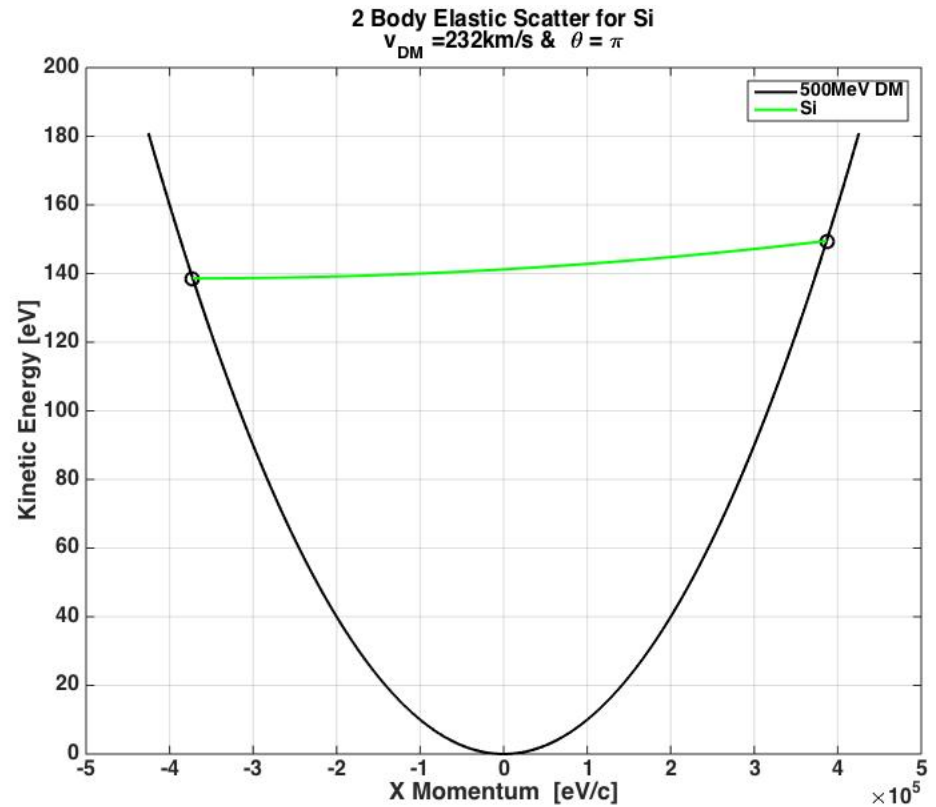
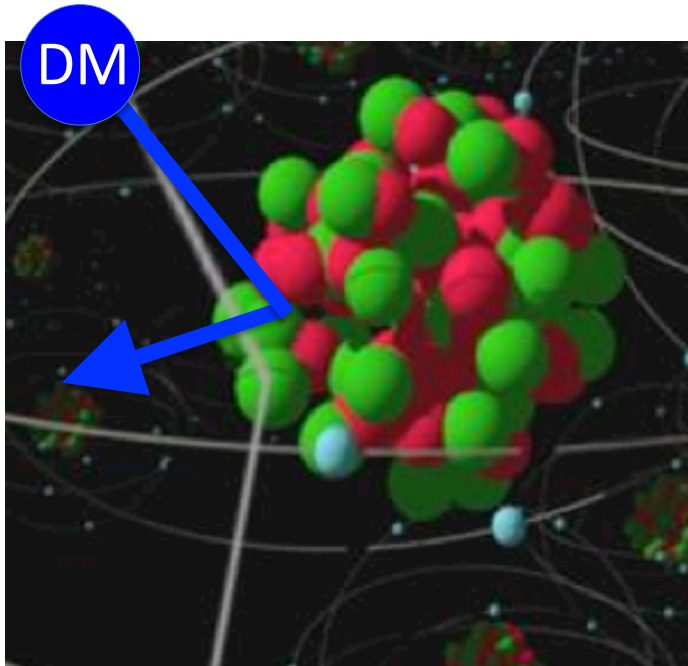
$$= \sigma \frac{\rho_{DM}}{M_{DM}} v_{esc} N_{exp}$$

Interaction  
Rate scales  
with  $1/M_{DM}$



LZ needs 10 tons to get to  $10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$  at 100GeV, Light Mass DM searches only needs 1kg to reach the same level at 10MeV

# Kinematics: 2 Body Elastic Nuclear Scattering



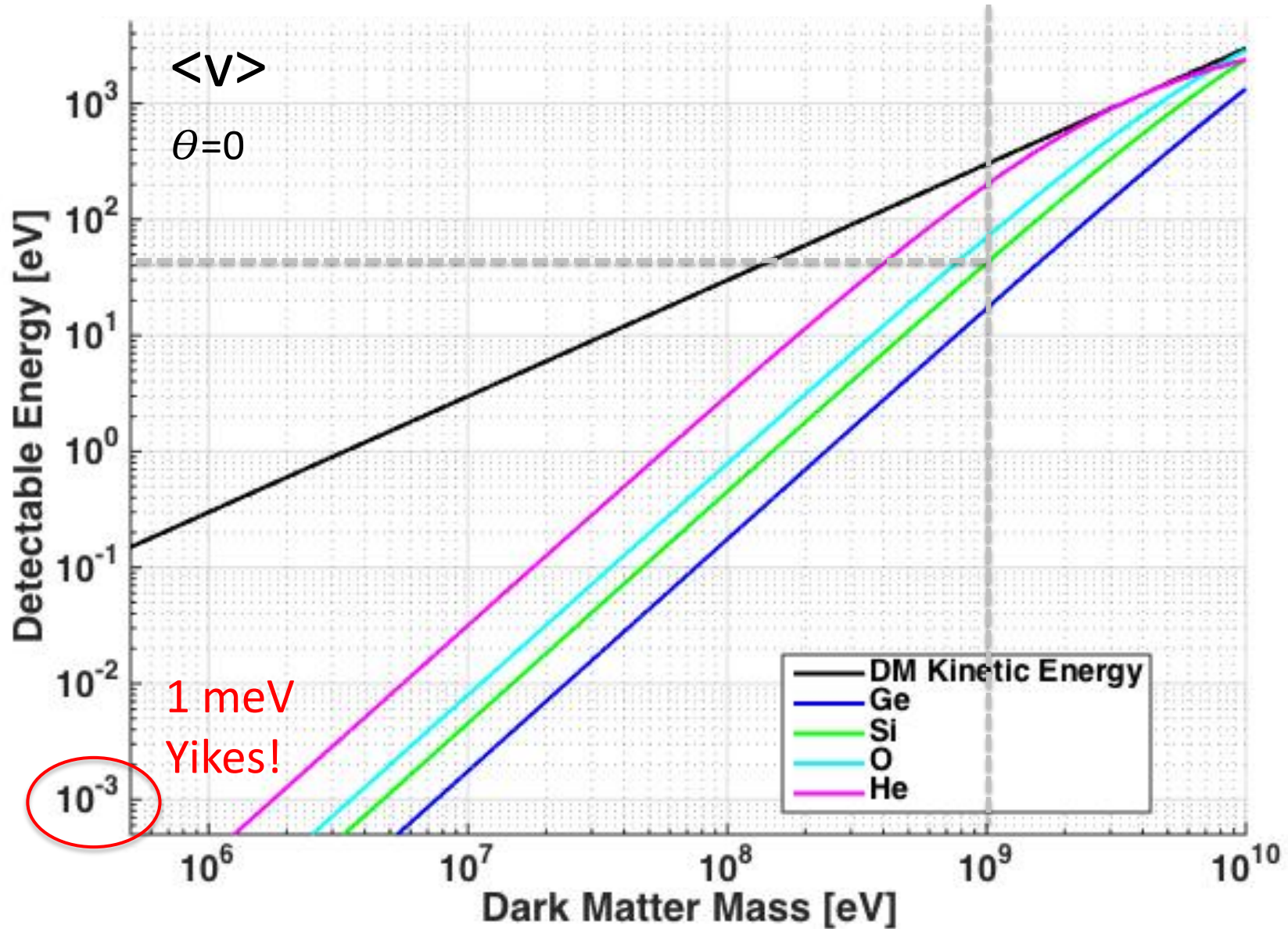
$$K_n = \frac{\mu^2 v_{DMo}^2}{M_n} (1 - \cos(\theta))$$

When  $M_n \gg M_{DM}$

$$\sim \frac{2M_{DM}^2 v_{DMo}^2}{M_n} = \frac{(2P_{DMo})^2}{2M_n}$$

Recoil Energy Scales as  $M_{DM}^2$ .  
 Transfer of DM kinetic energy  
 is really inefficient for elastic 2  
 Body Scatters when  $M_n \gg M_{DM}$

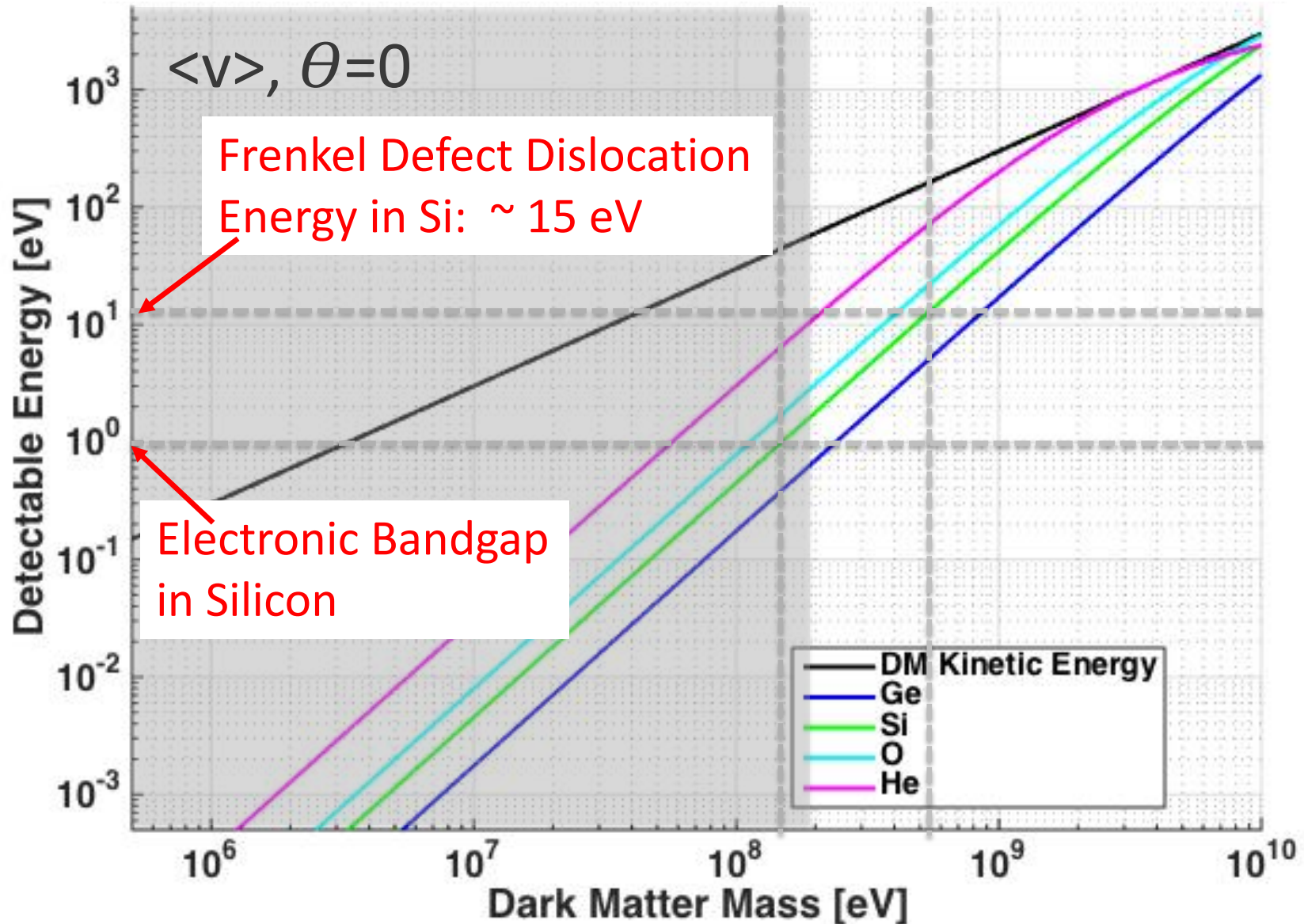
# Light Mass Dark Matter: Elastic Nuclear Scattering



Energy Sensitivity is Primary Design Driver



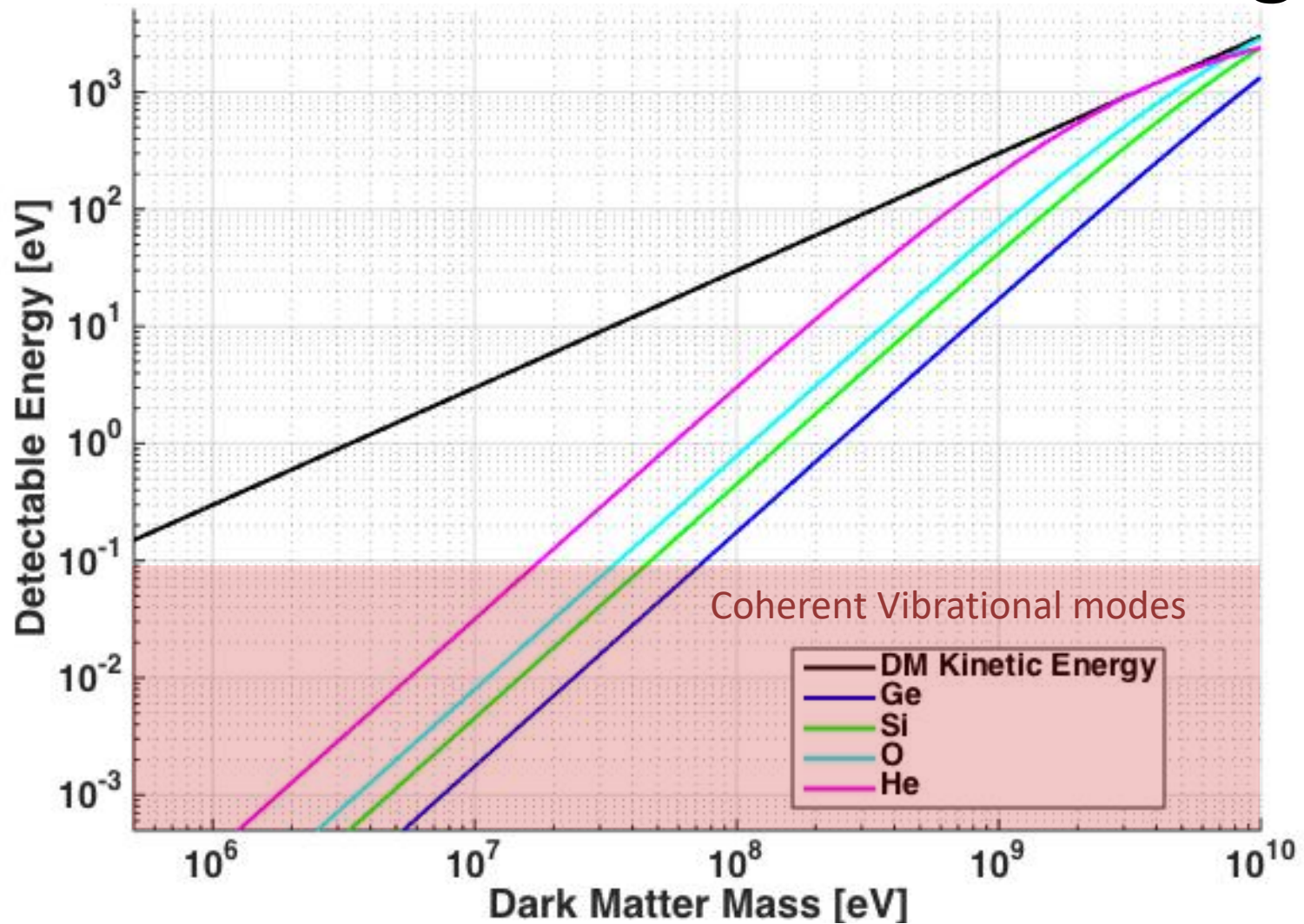
# Ionization Production in eV Scale Nuclear Recoils



For DM  $< \sim 200$  MeV, no ionization expected from NR



# Coherent Vibrational Excitation Regime



Below  $O(10 \text{ MeV})$ , we need to start thinking about DM nucleus interactions in terms of coherent vibrational mode production

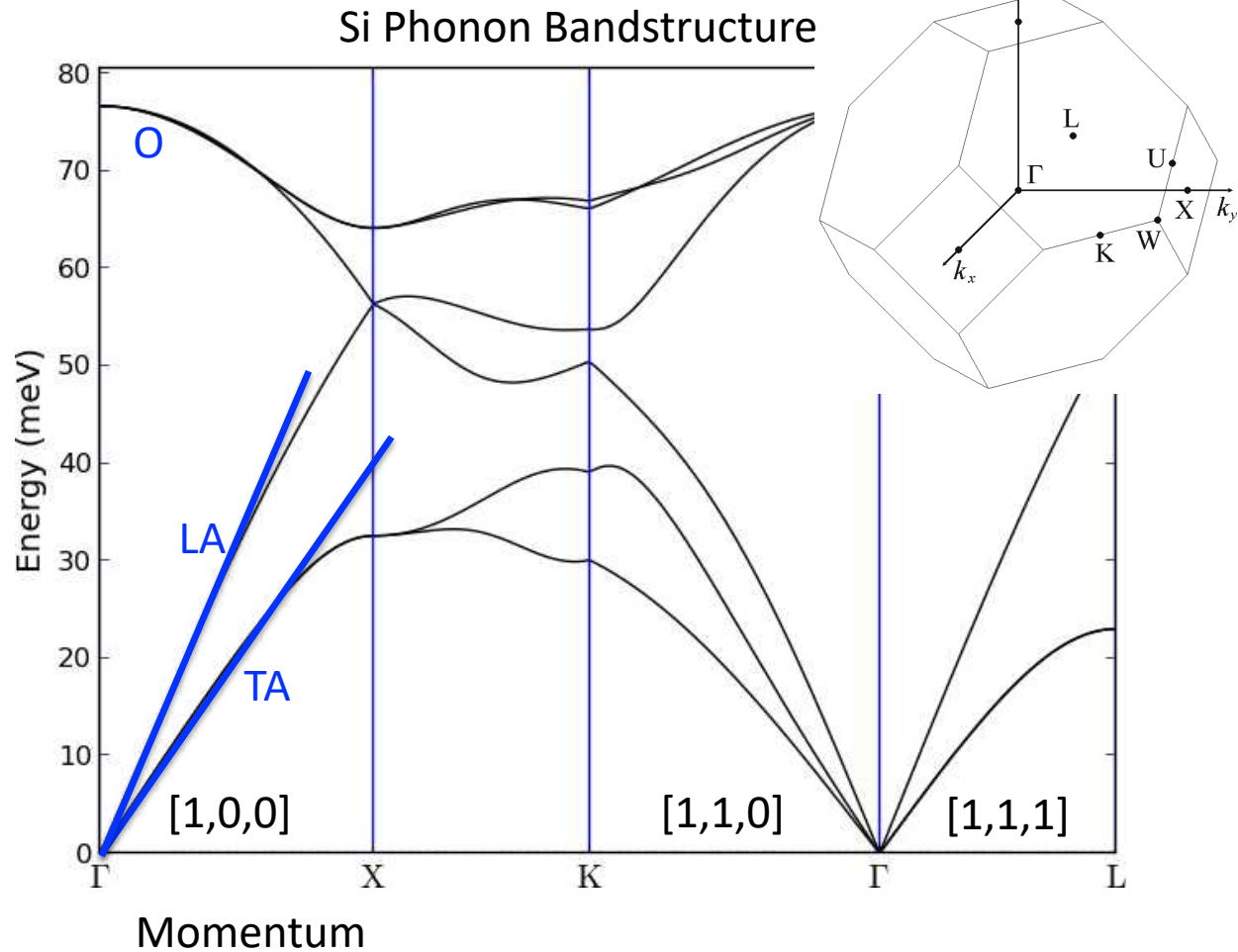
# Acoustic Phonons



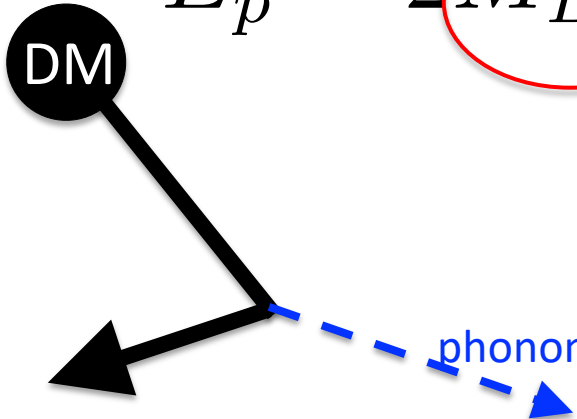
←  $5.4 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$  →

$$P = h/a = 2.3 \text{ keV/c}$$

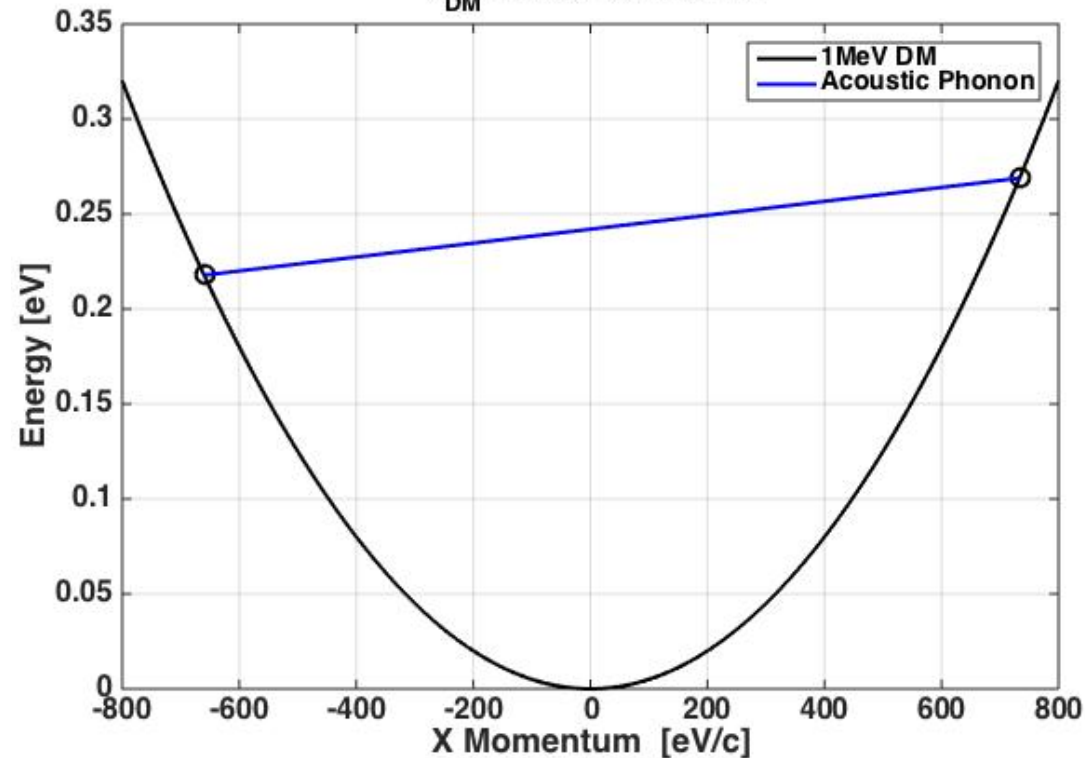
Phonons have momentum from  $[0, \text{few keV/c}]$



# Kinematics: Acoustic Phonon Production

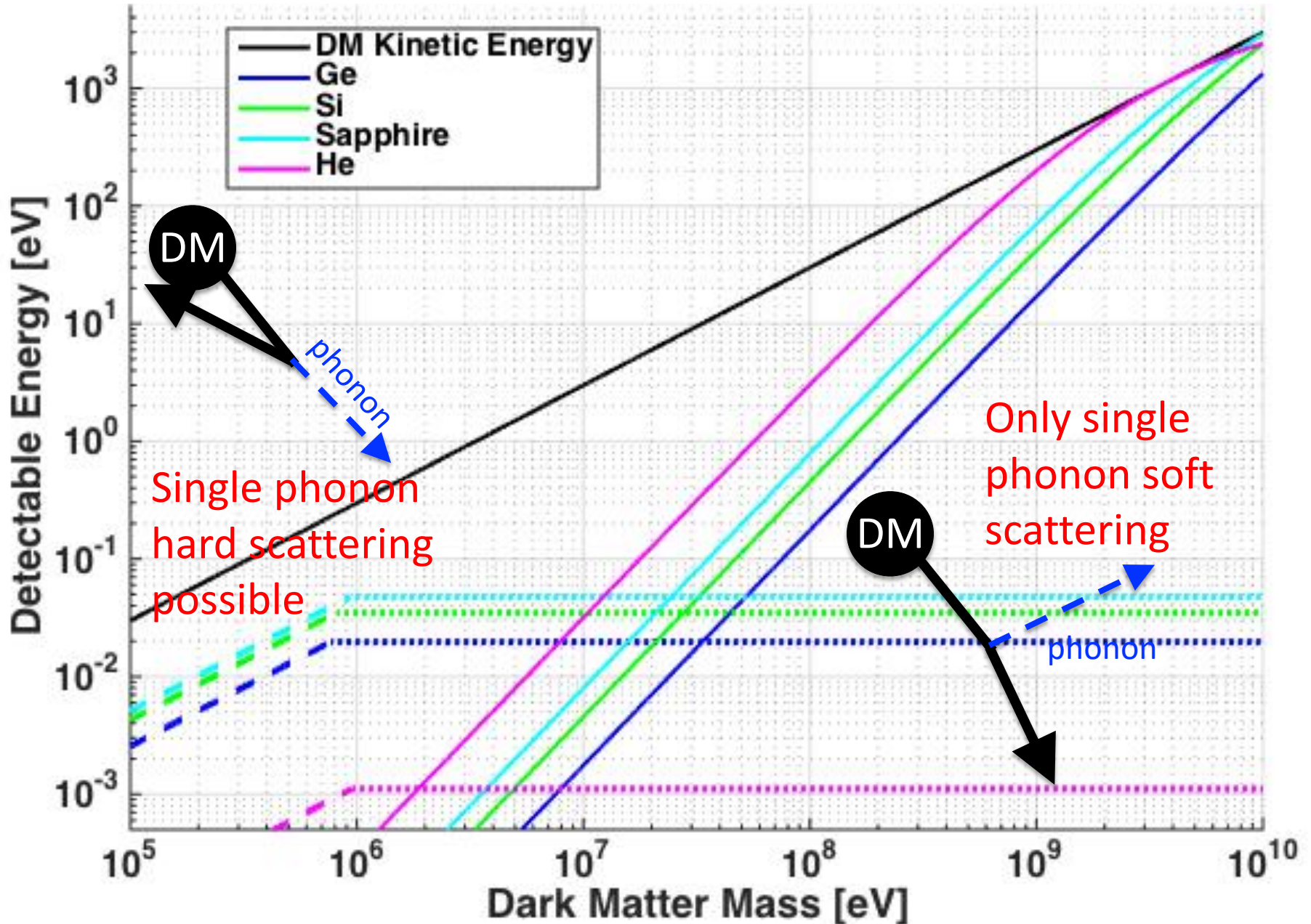
$$E_p = 2M_{DM}v_a(v_{DM0} \cos(\theta) - v_a)$$


Acoustic Phonon Creation for Sapphire  
 $v_{DM} = 220 \text{ km/s}$  &  $\theta = 0$



- Characteristic acoustic phonon energy scales as  $M_{DM}$  ... not quite as bad as for elastic 2 body recoils
- We should use crystals with really large sound speeds (Sapphire, Diamond,...)

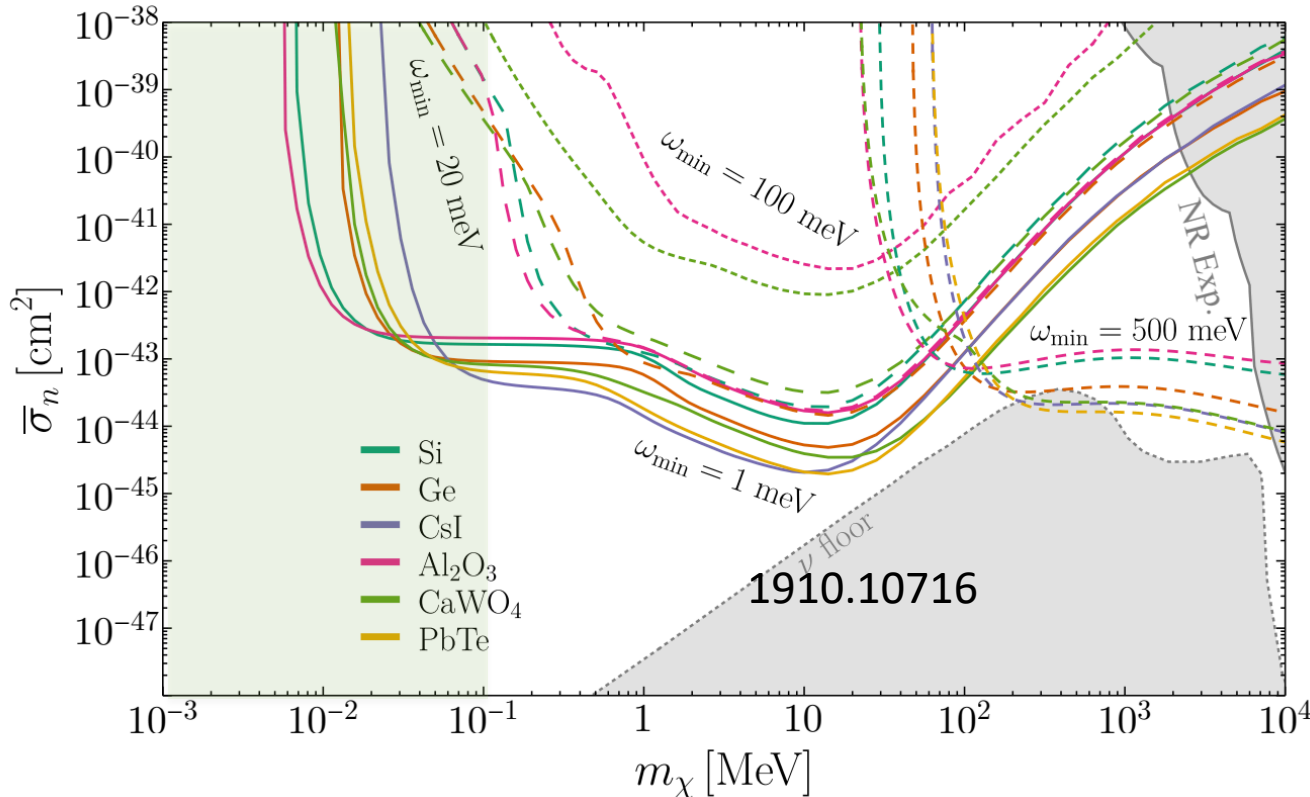
# Acoustic Phonon Production from DM





# Phonon Sensitivity Curves

## Heavy Mediator Single Phonon Sensitivity

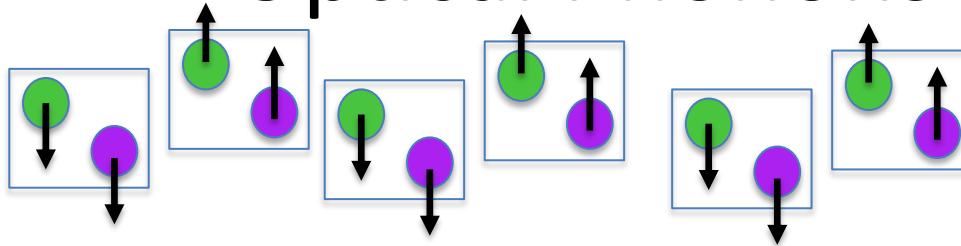


- Zurek, Griffin, et al: 1910.10716
- Exposure: 1kyr
- No Backgrounds

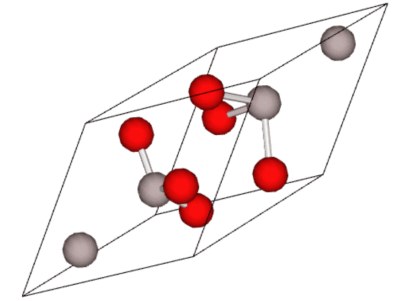
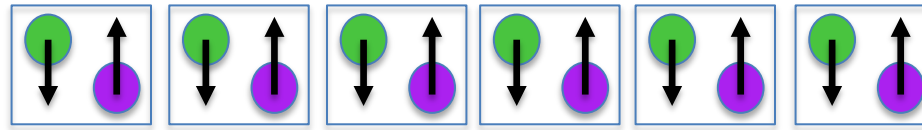
Detectors with  $\sim 20$ meV phonon sensitivity needed to really probe this space

# Optical Phonons

Acoustic:

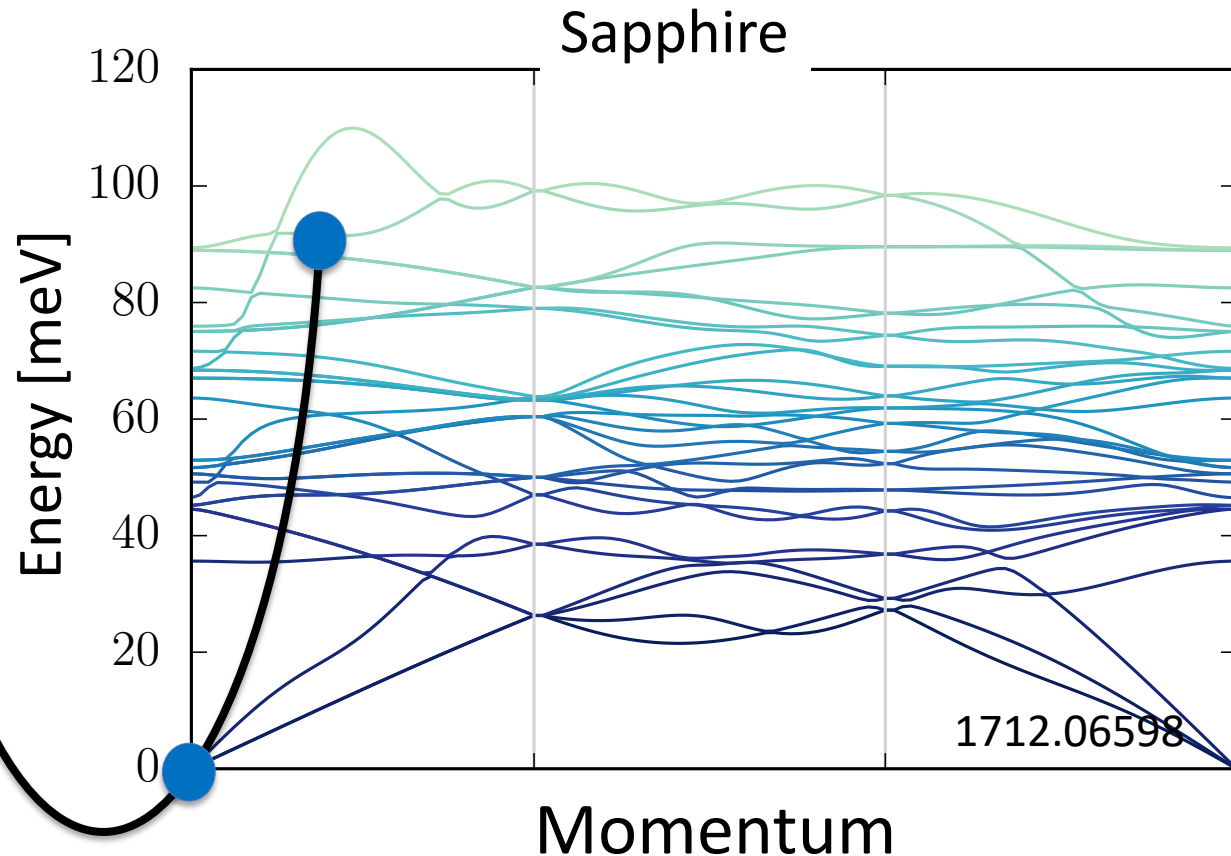


Optical:

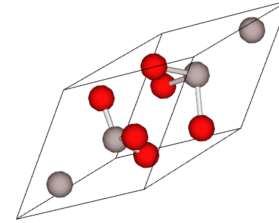


Due to their gapped nature, optical phonons are kinematically matched to IR and light mass DM!

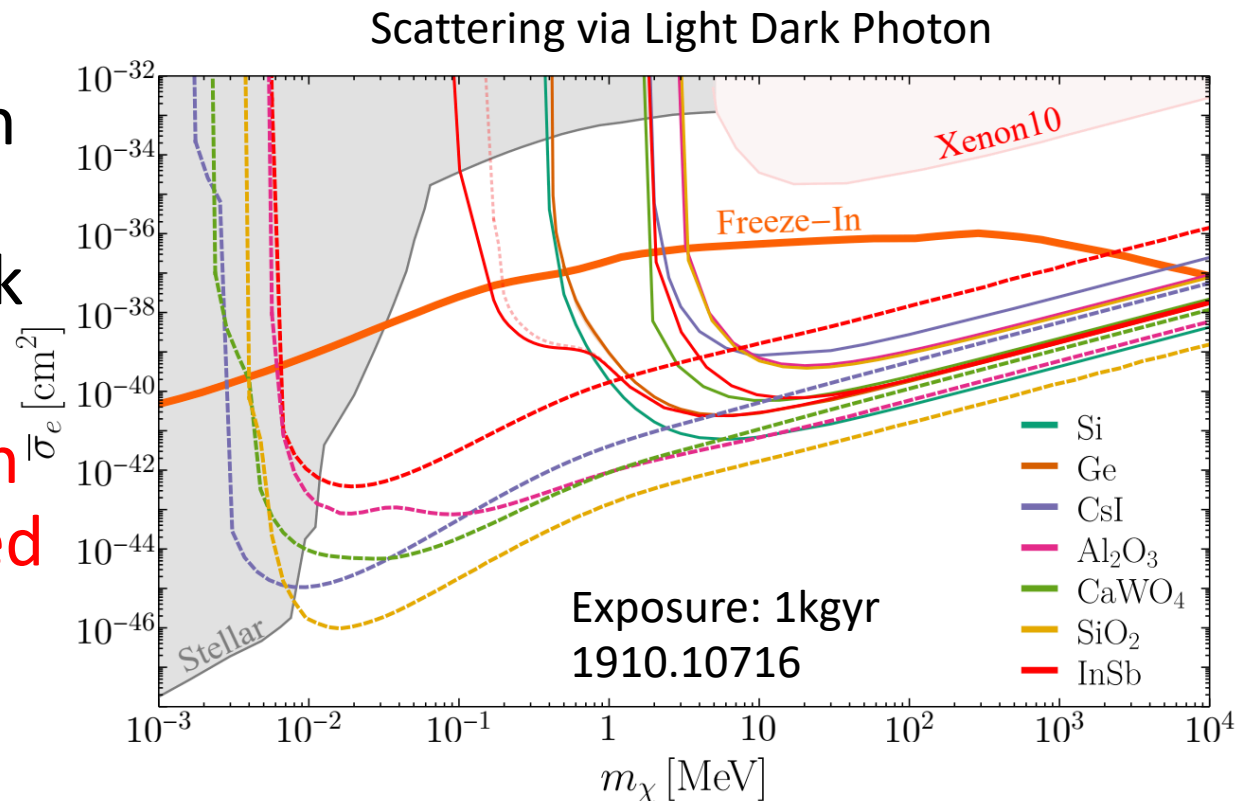
Knapen, Lin, Pyle, & Zurek: 1712.06598



# Dark Photon Couplings: Polar Crystals

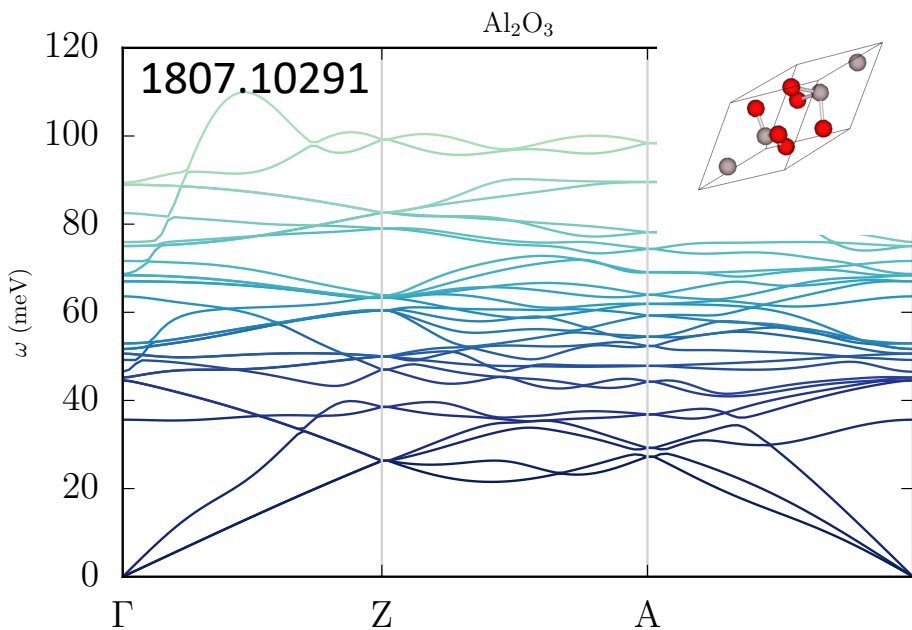


- In ionic crystals, optical phonons are oscillating electric dipoles!
- Very large coupling to photons (black in the IR)... Very large coupling to the dark photons
- **30-100meV phonon sensitivities required**





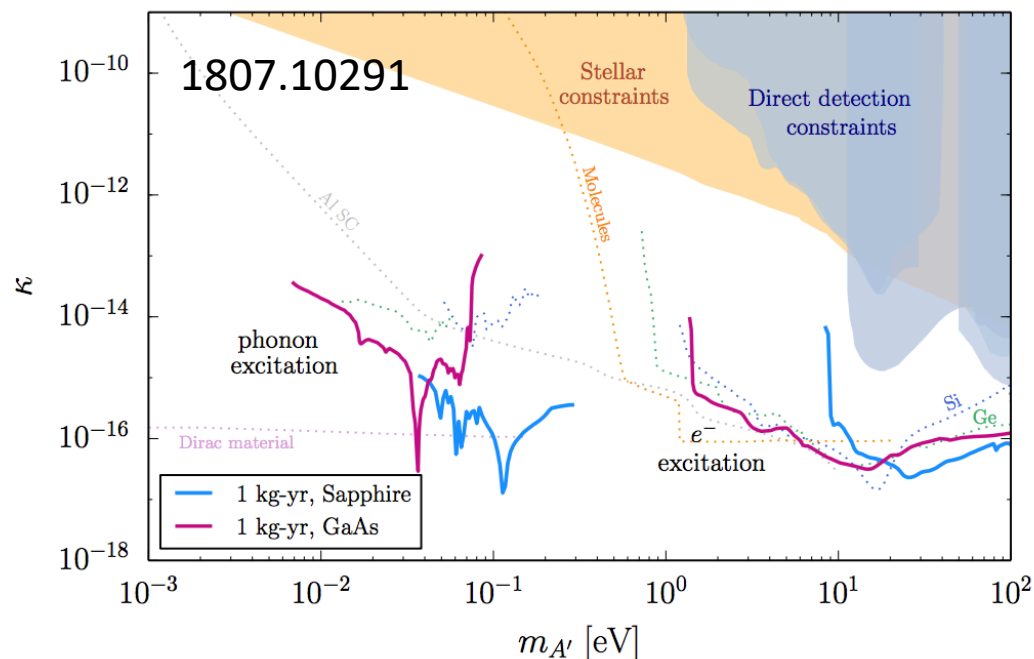
# Sapphire: Lot's of Optical Phonon Bands



Sapphire is a complex crystal with 10 atoms in its unit cell. Dark Matter can interact with lots of different modes

To search for thermal DM down to keV masses via scattering and ultracold bosonic DM to 30 meV, we need a detector sensitive to a single optical phonon

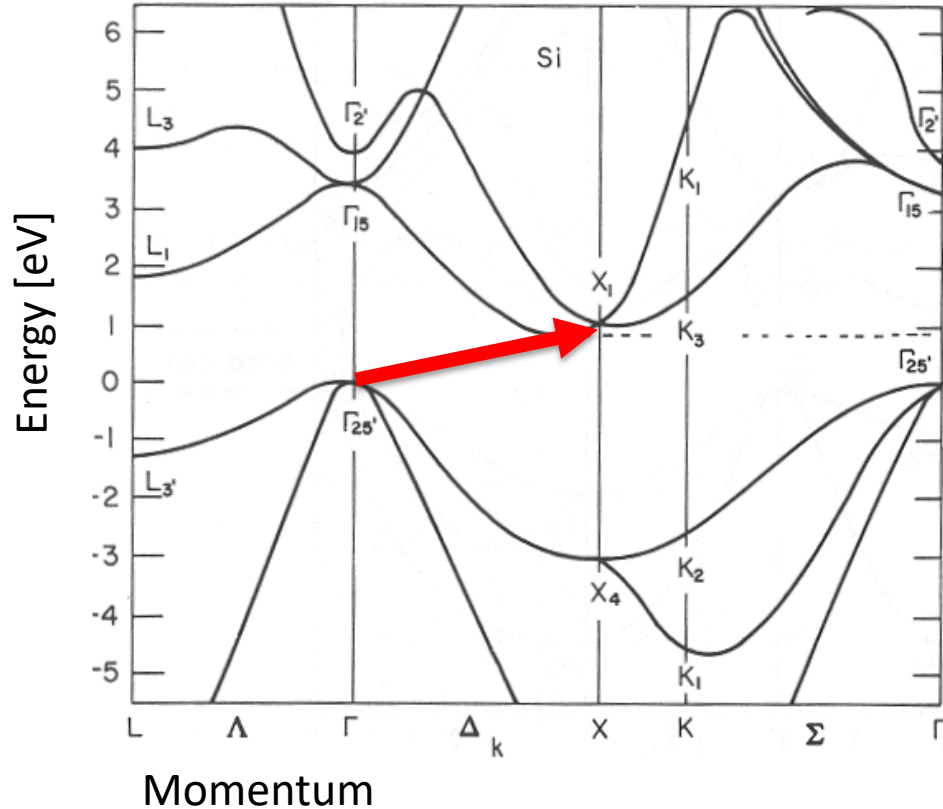
## Dark Photon Dark Matter Absorption



# Other Signal Channels for Interacting with Light Mass Dark Matter

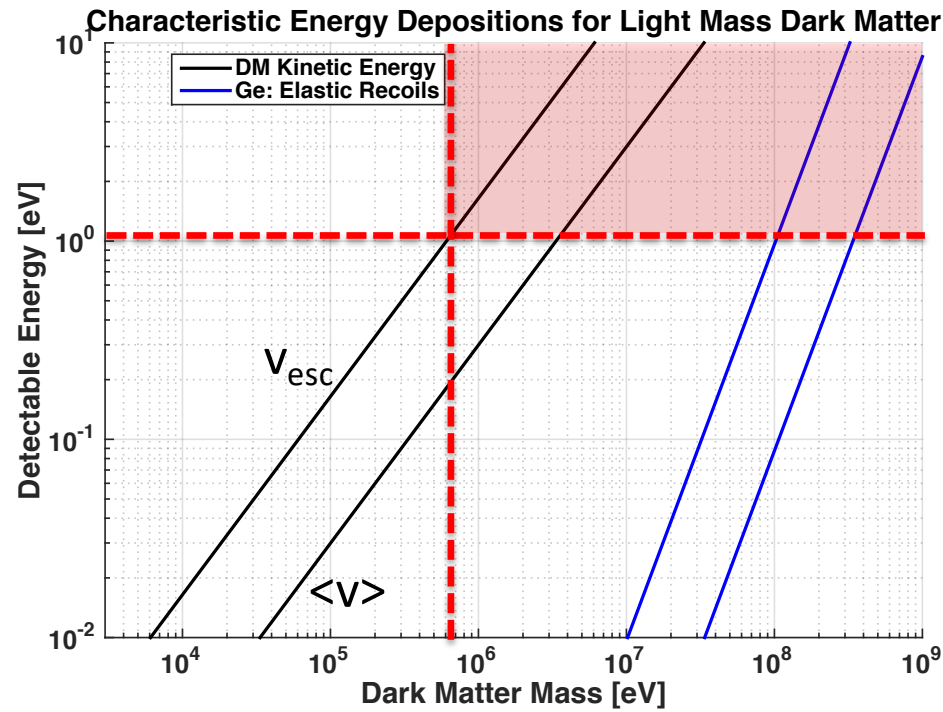
# Inelastic $e^-$ Recoils in Semiconductors

E [eV] Band Diagram for Si



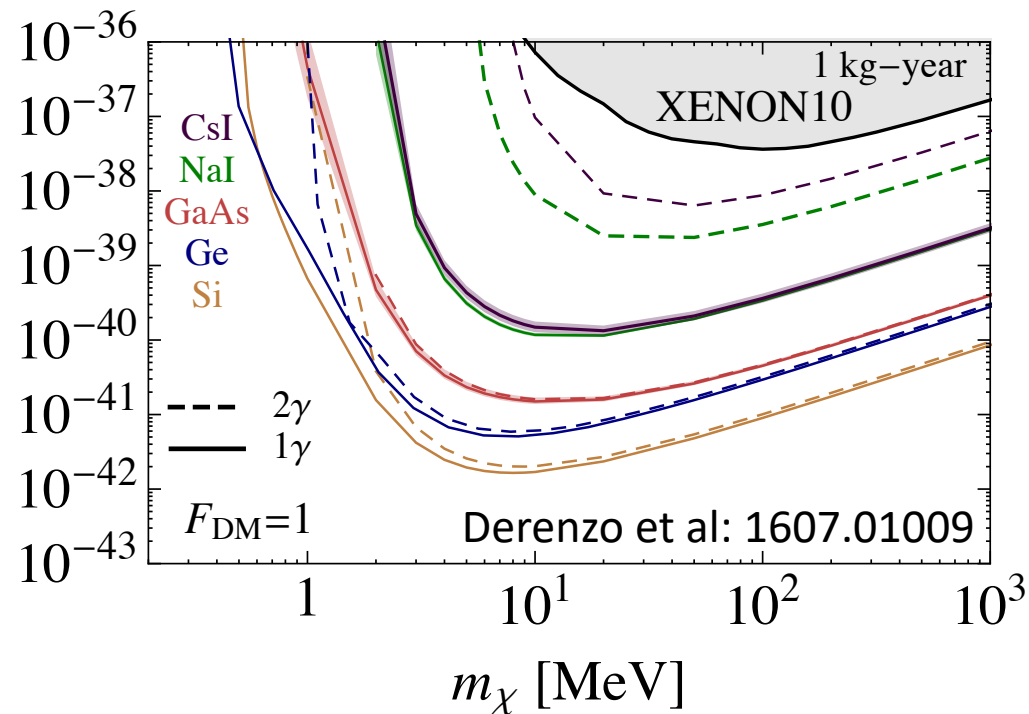
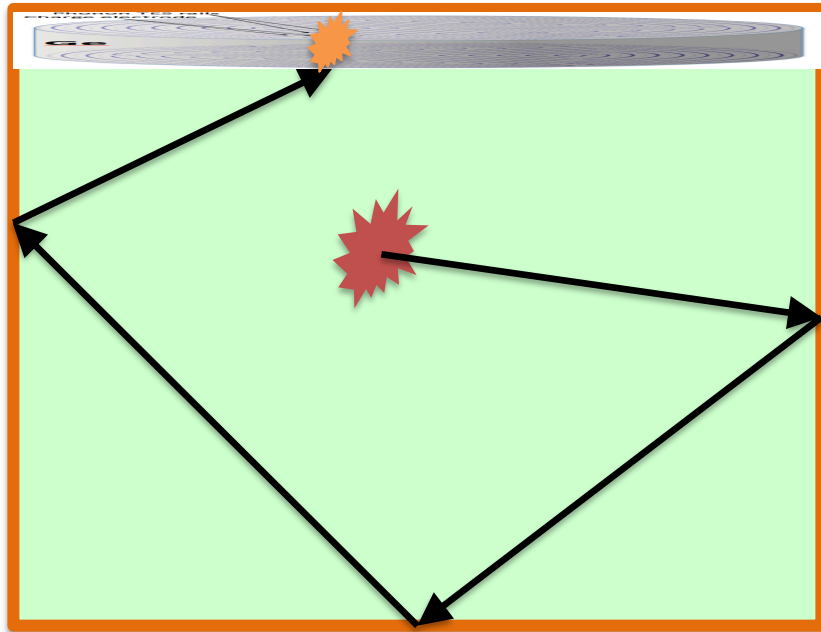
**Detector Requirement:**  
Sensitivity to single  $e/h$  pairs  
(1 eV) with negligible dark  
count rate

- $e^-$  excitation momentum and energy scales in semiconductors well matched to 1 MeV-100MeV DM
- Essig et al: 1108.5383

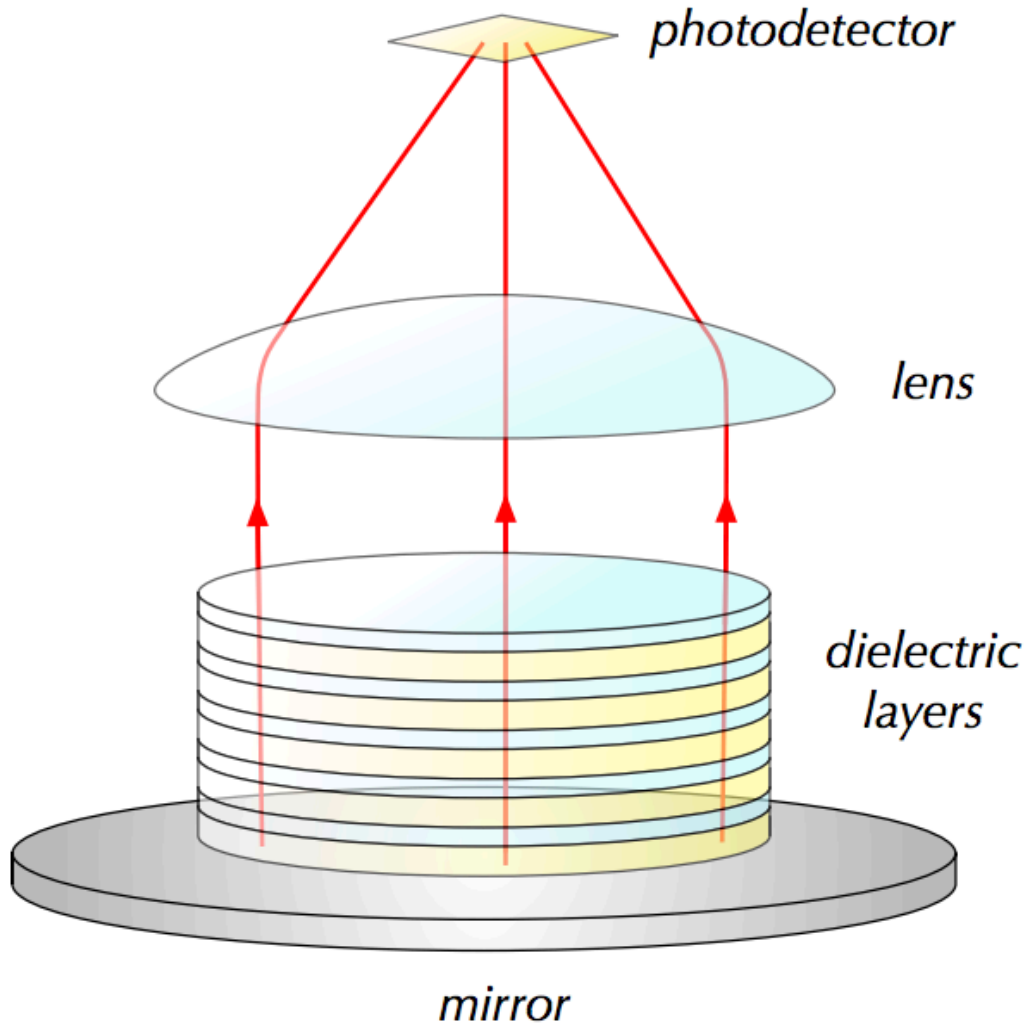


# Inelastic e- Recoils: Scintillating Crystals

- Use a low bandgap scintillating crystal (GaAs, NaI) and couple to a single photon sensitive large area detector with no dark count rate
- Penalty: Scintillation Production Efficiency



# Optical/IR Haloscope

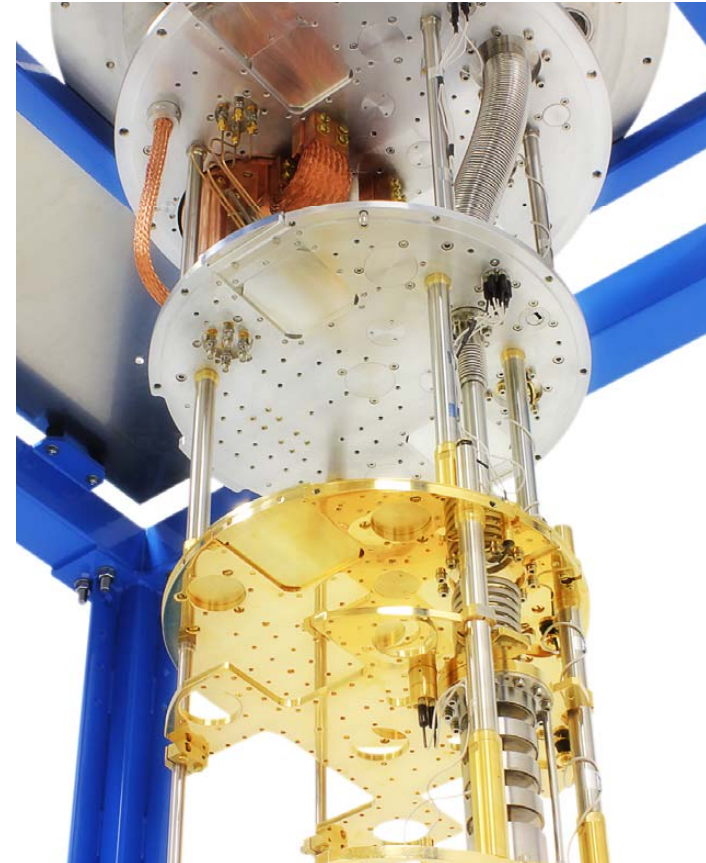


- Baryakhtar, Huang, Lasenby 1803.11455
- Momentum matching via multilayer stack
- **Requirements: Single photon sensitivity with no dark counts**

Building Detectors with  
Sensitivity to Single  
Phonons, Single IR  
Photons, and Single  $e/h$   
(without Luke-Neganov  
Gain)

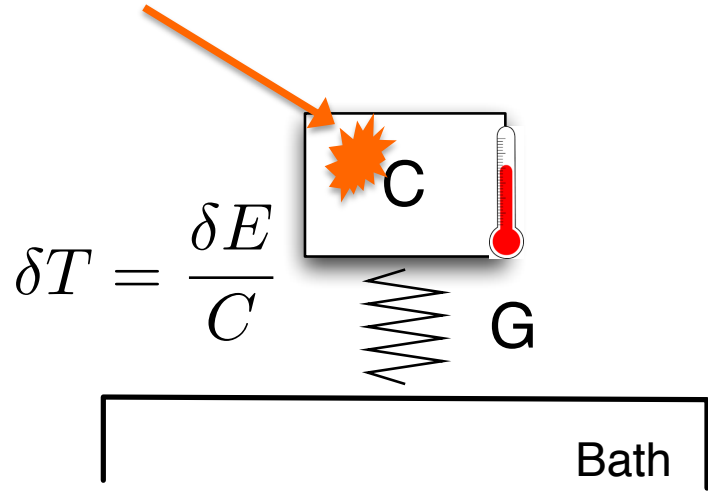
# 100meV Excitation Sensitivity -> Low Temperature Detectors

- 300K = 26meV
- To sense 100meV excitations we'll need to cool the detector down to near absolute zero
- Use superconducting detector technology
  - MKIDs
  - **Transition edge sensors**
  - SNSPD (only for photon applications)

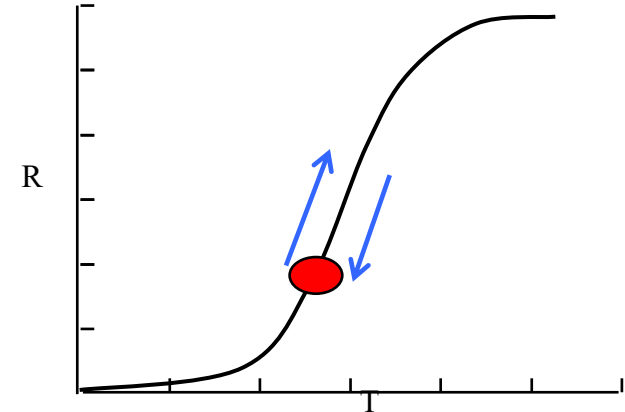




# The Simplest Thermal Calorimeter



$$\delta T = \frac{\delta E}{C}$$



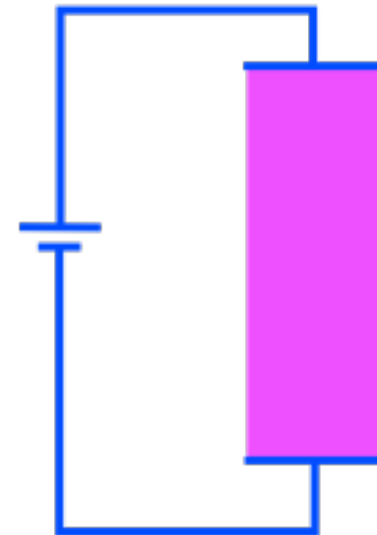
Transition Edge Sensor (TES):

- A superconducting metal film (W) that is externally biased so as to be within its superconducting/normal transition

- $$\sigma_{\langle E \rangle} \sim \sqrt{Ck_b T^2}$$
  

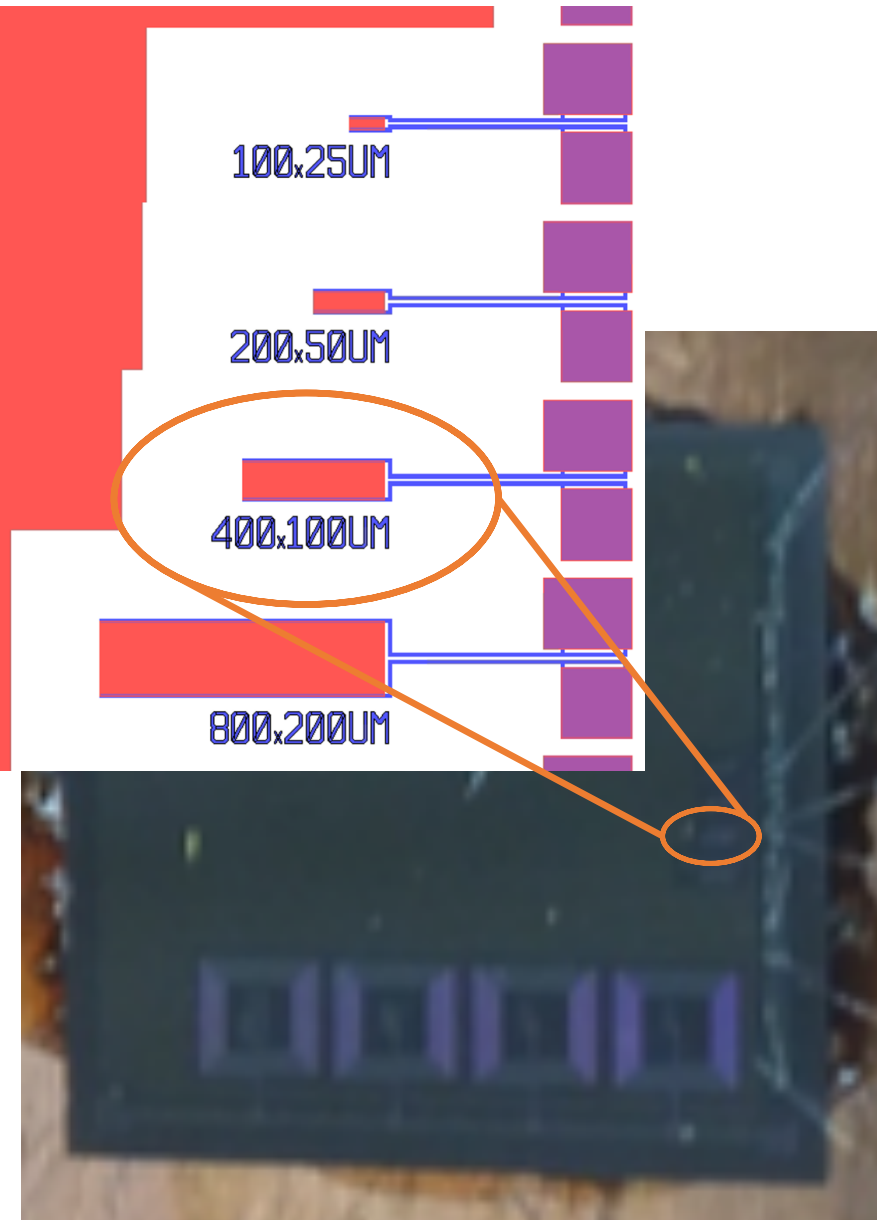
$$\propto \sqrt{VT^3}$$

- Must use low  $T_c$  and very small volume TES -> hard to get gram-day exposures when your TES (25umx25umx40nm) is 500fg ... only directly useful for IR Haloscope



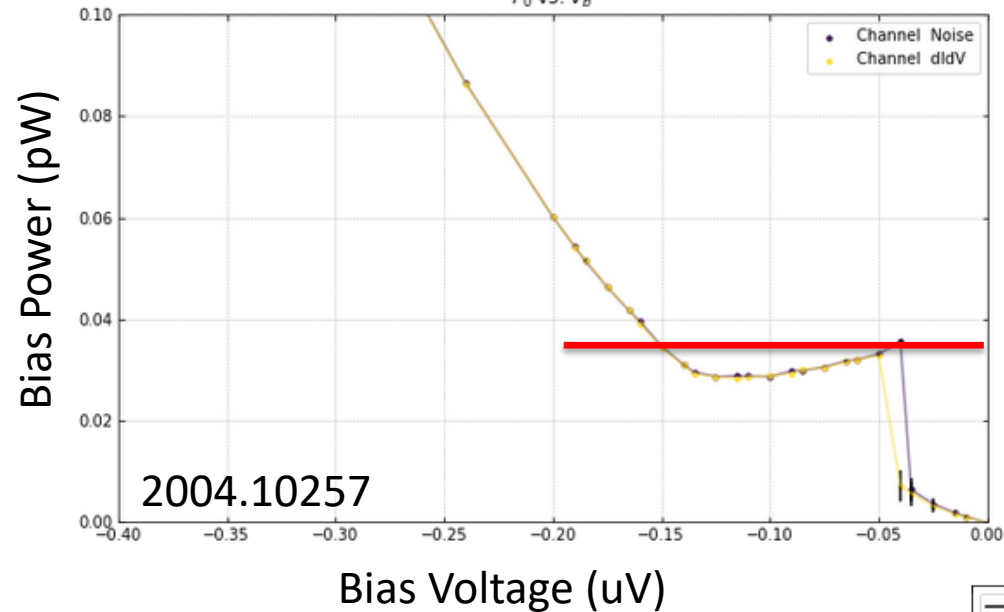
# R&D: ultra sensitive TES

- Build and test simple TES test structures for noise is performance
- 2004.10257
- Tungsten TES
  - $T_c = 41\text{mK}$
  - 40nm thick



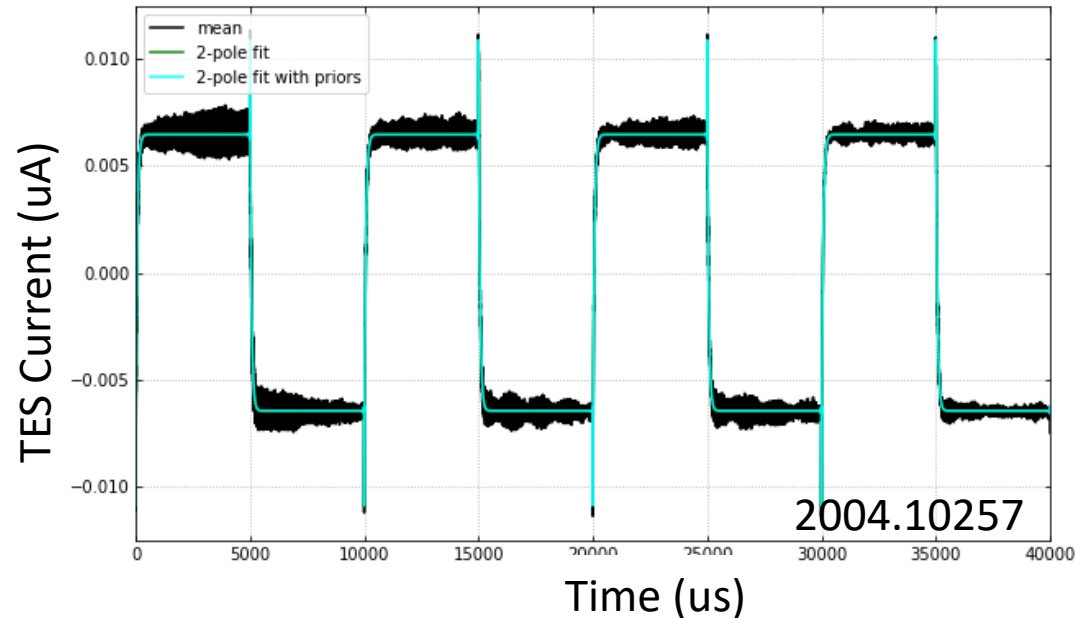
# 100um x400um TES Characterization

TES Power vs TES Bias Voltage



- Normal Resistance: 630mOhm
- Bias Power: 35fW
  - Your average CMB TES: 1 pW
  - Slight calibration error

TES Response to Square Wave Jitter

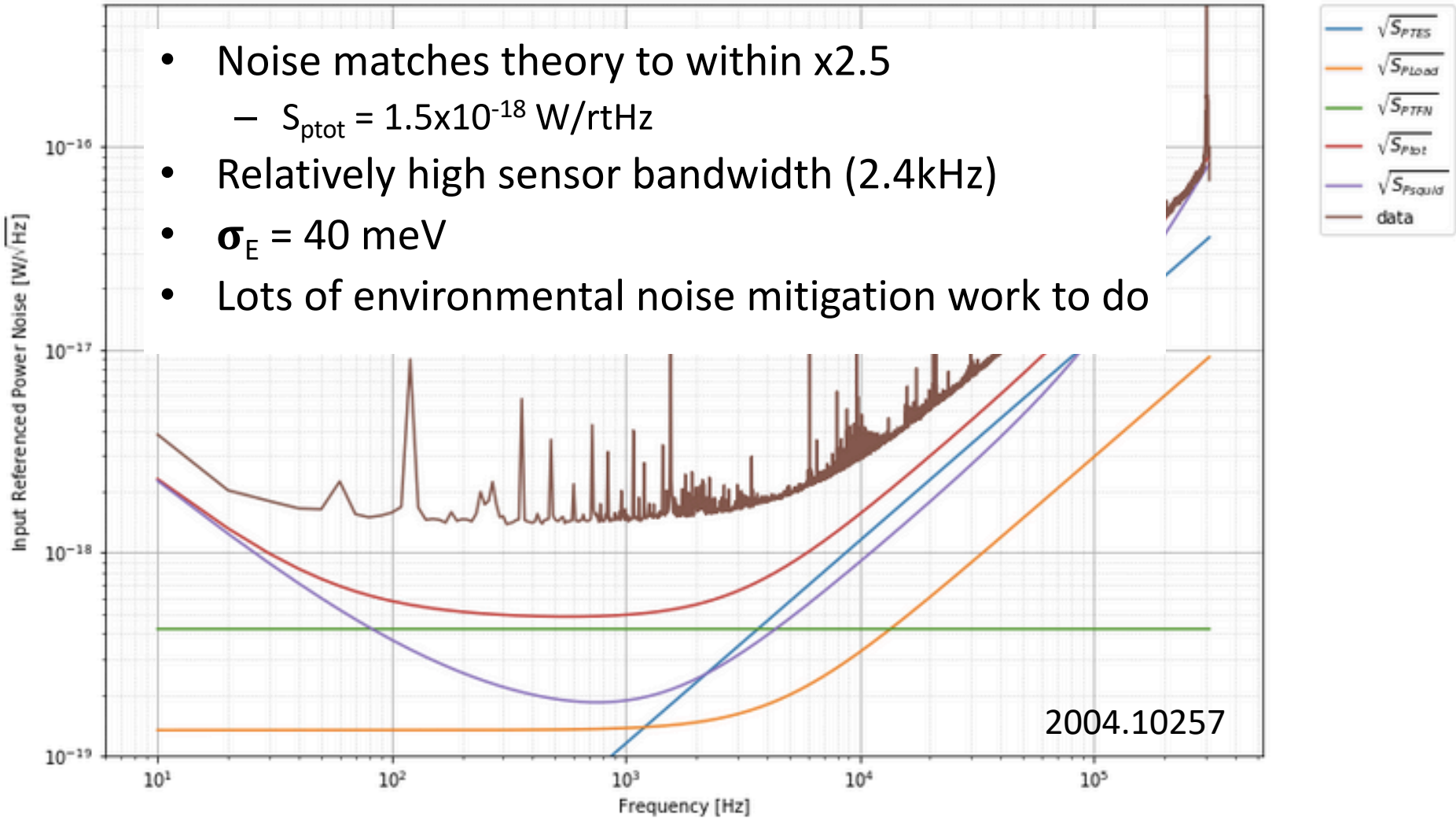


- Complex Impedance
  - Simple 2 pole TES dynamical model perfectly fits response
- TES falltime: ~66us (2.4kHz)
  - Relatively fast

# 100 $\mu$ m x400 $\mu$ m TES Noise

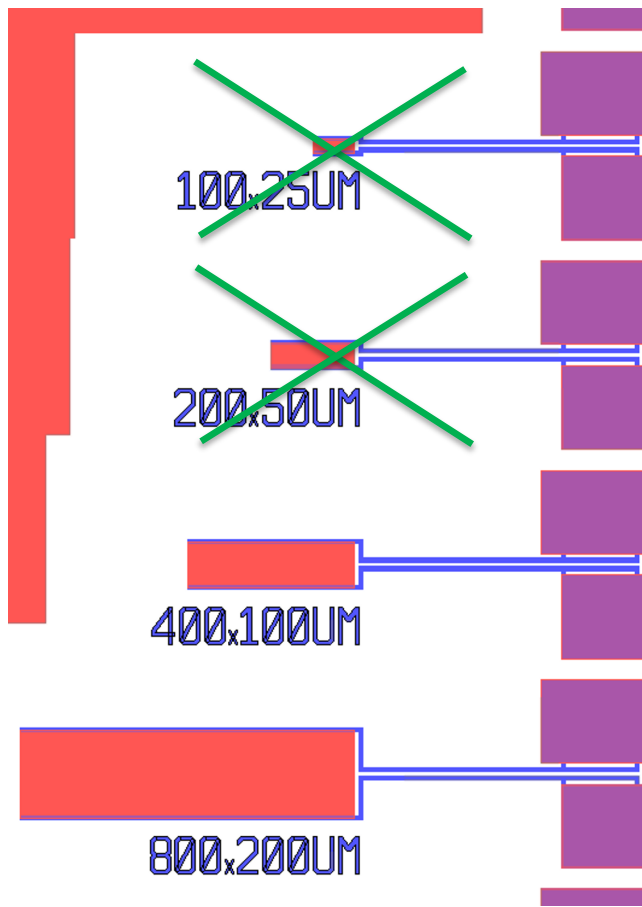
Power Noise For  $R_0 : 47.85 \text{ m}\Omega$

- Noise matches theory to within x2.5
  - $S_{\text{ptot}} = 1.5 \times 10^{-18} \text{ W/rHz}$
- Relatively high sensor bandwidth (2.4kHz)
- $\sigma_E = 40 \text{ meV}$
- Lots of environmental noise mitigation work to do



# More Sensitivity -> Decrease Volume

$$\sigma_{\langle E \rangle} \propto \sqrt{VT^3}$$



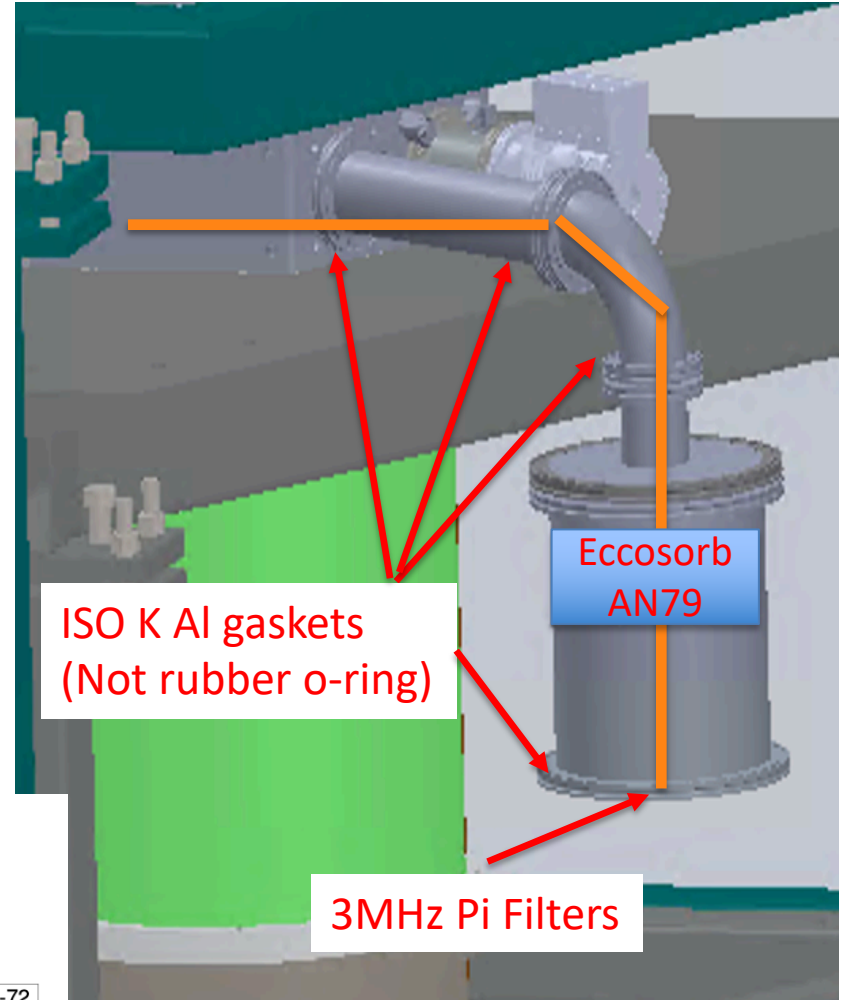
Volume (40nm thick)	Bias Power	Expected Sensitivity
25x25um <sup>2</sup>	0.5 fW	5meV
100x25um <sup>2</sup>	2.2 fW	10meV
200x50um <sup>2</sup>	9 fW	20meV
400x100um <sup>2</sup>	35 fW	40meV

- 200x500: barely operates
- 100x25um: completely normal

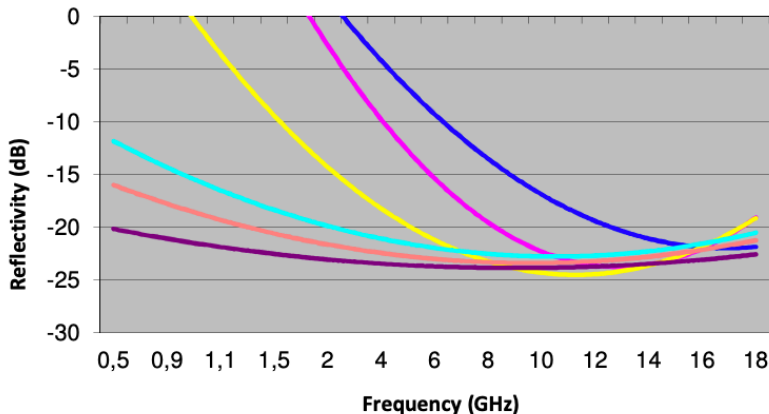
We have 5 fW of DC environmental parasitic power hitting our TES. Our current primary challenge is to continue to improve environmental isolation!

# Faraday Cage #1 -> Dilution Fridge

- If your E&M signal can get out, the environmental EMI can get in!
- Need to carefully filter all signal lines breaching the faraday cage



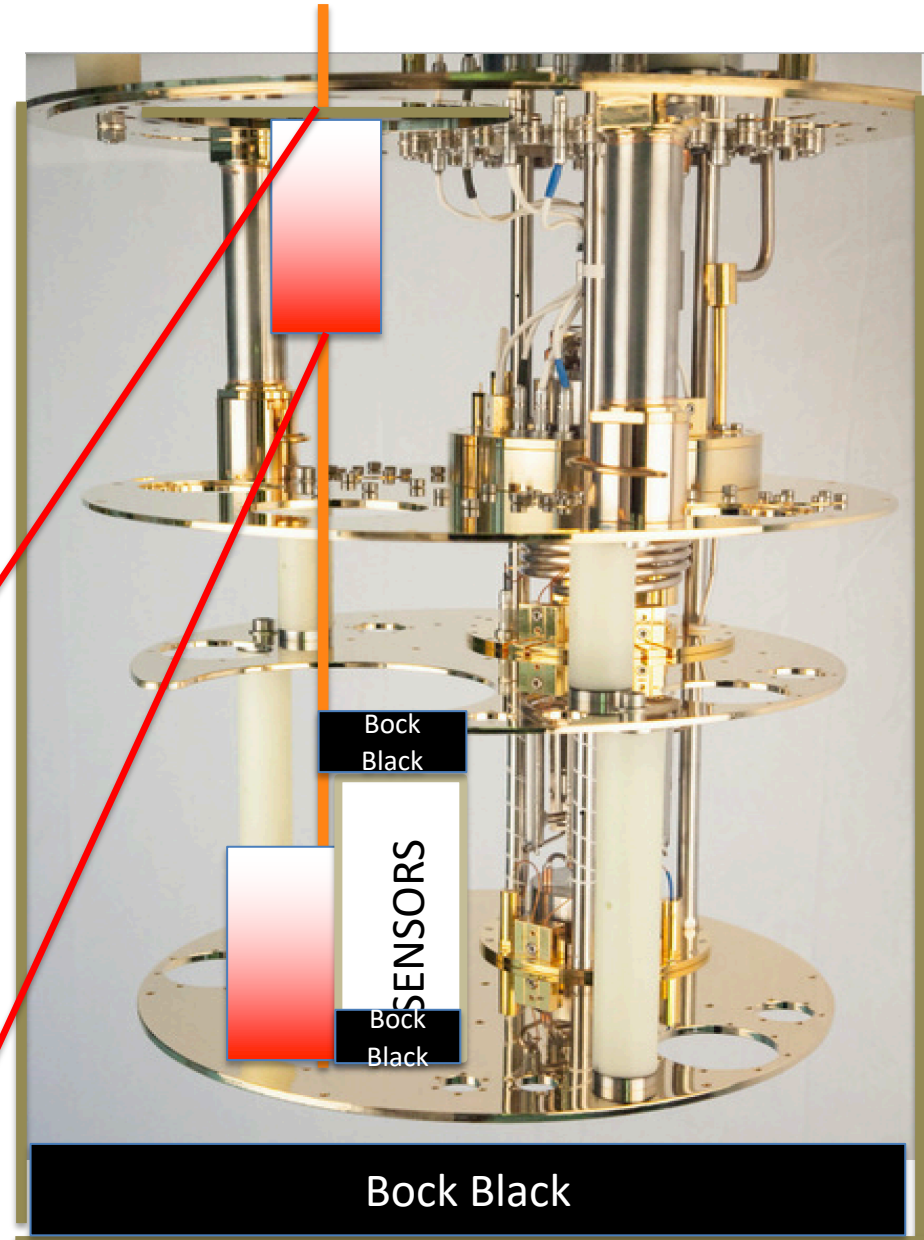
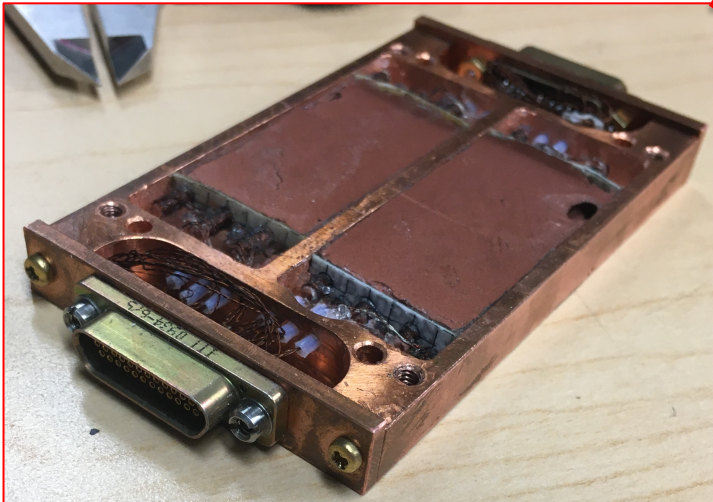
Eccosorb reflectivity



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# Faraday Cages 2 & 3: 4K & 10mK

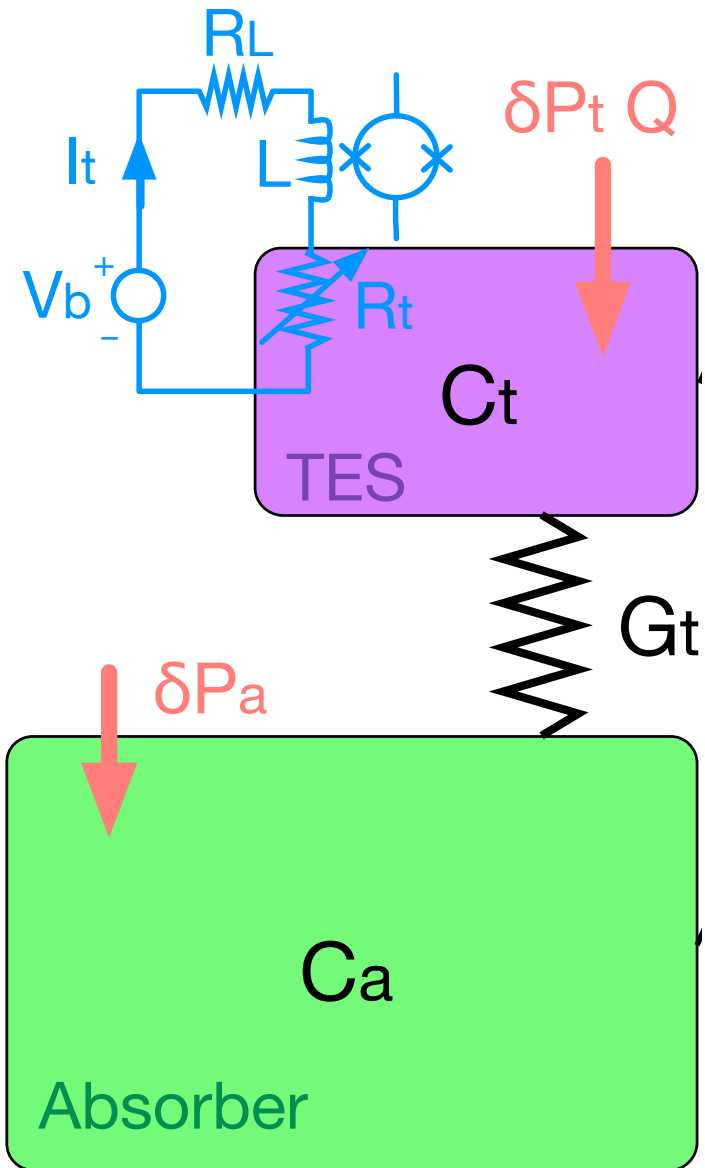
- Inner thermal shields would act as additional Faraday Cages ... if there were filters on all the lines.
- Bock Black for IR light leaks
- Steal copper powder filter from Martinis, Devoret, Clarke (PRB 35.4682 1987)





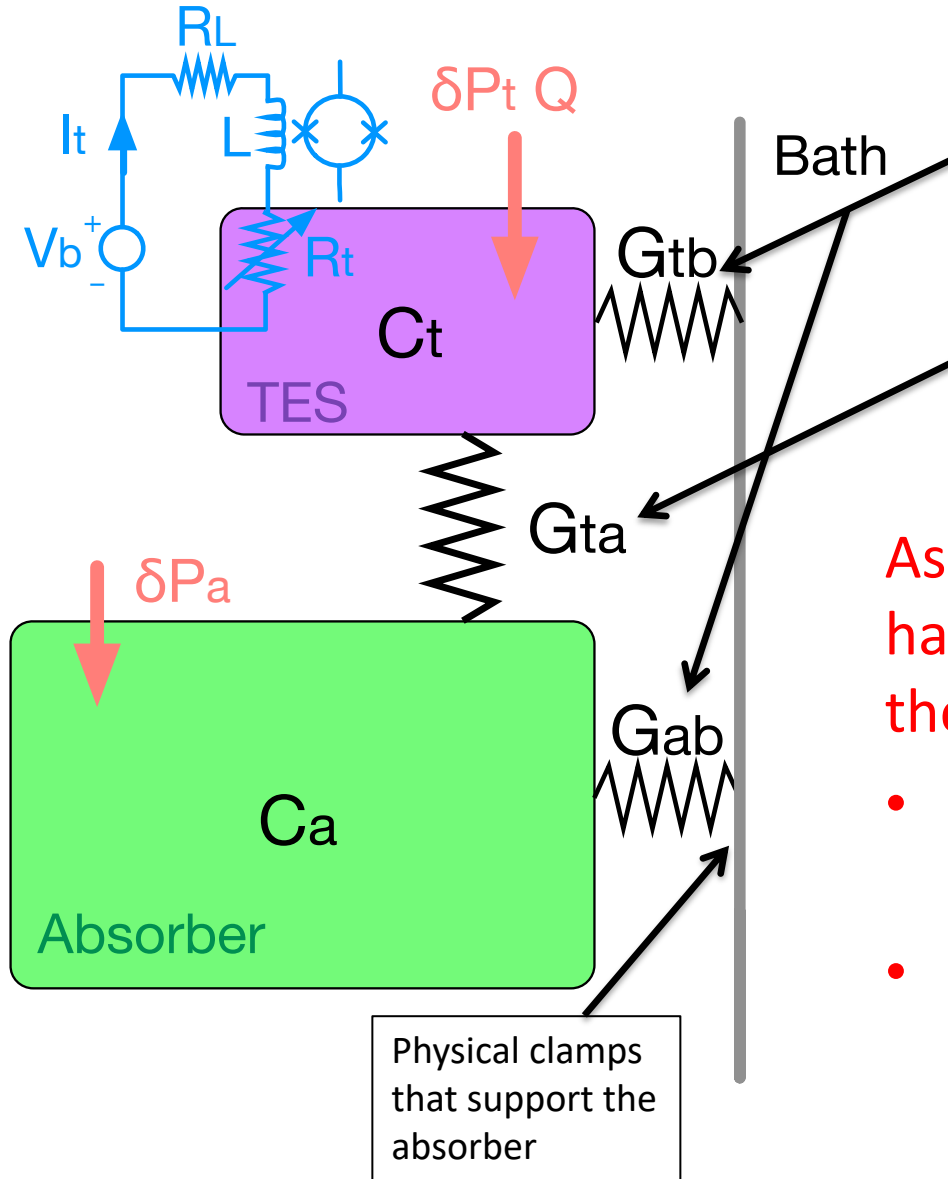
# Phonon Detectors

# 2<sup>nd</sup> ~~most simple thermal calorimeter~~



Couple the sensor to a large volume insulator -> low heat capacity

# Problem: Decoupling between the Sensor and Absorber



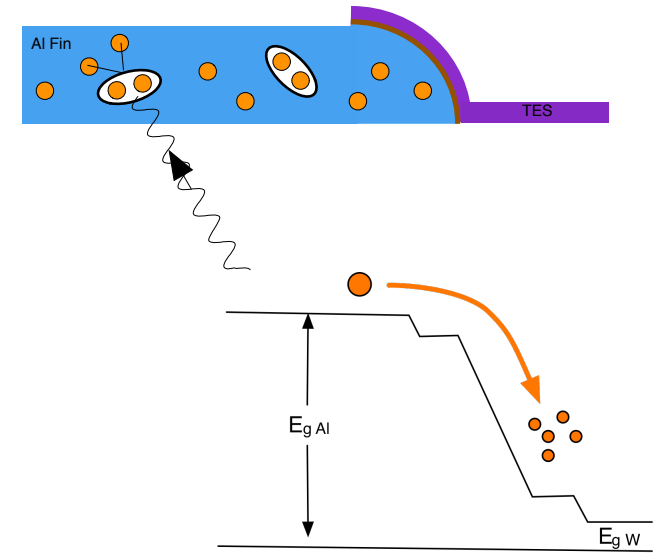
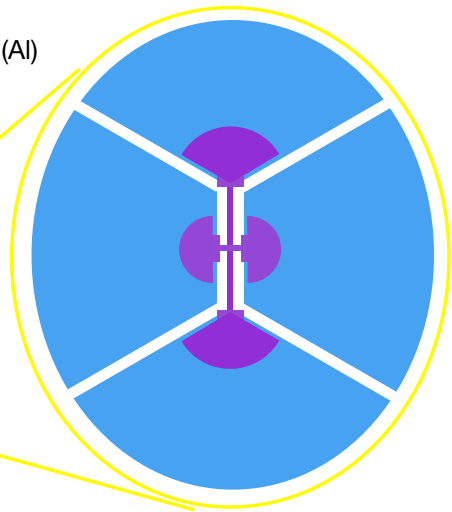
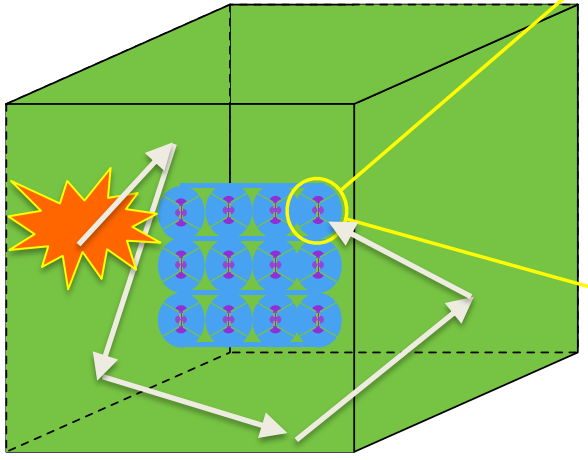
- Kapitza boundary conductance scale as  $T^3$
- e-/phonon thermal conductance scales as  $T^4$

As  $T$  is decreased, it's harder and harder to keep the sensor thermally coupled to the absorber

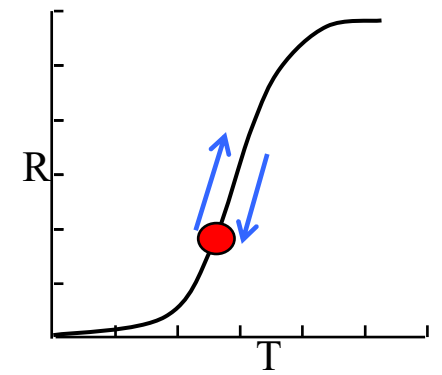
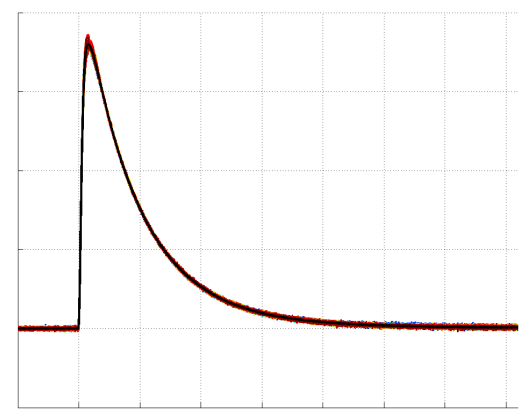
- Energy leaks out of the absorber through  $G_{ab}$  before its measured
- TES sensitive to power fluctuations through  $G_{tb}$

# Athermal Phonon Sensor Technology

- TES and QP collection antennas (W)
- Athermal Phonon Collection Fins (Al)
- 1cm<sup>3</sup>Polar Crystal



Collect and Concentrate  
Athermal Phonon Energy into  
Sensor



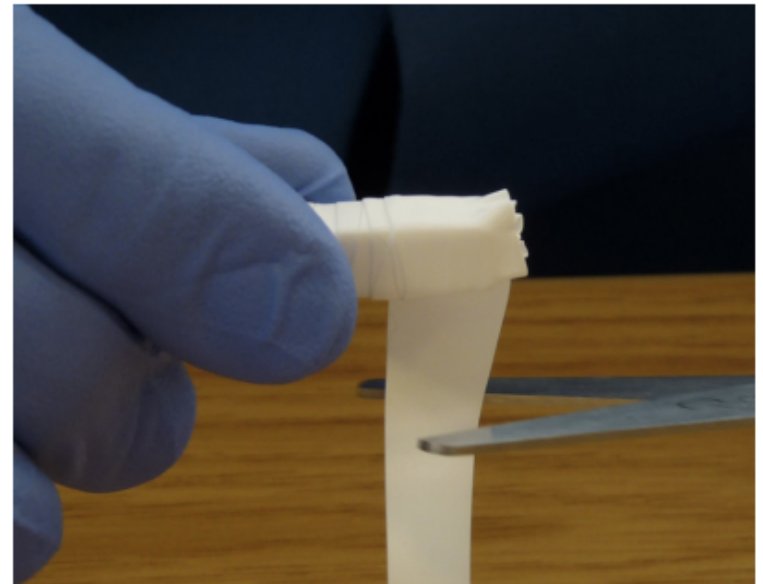
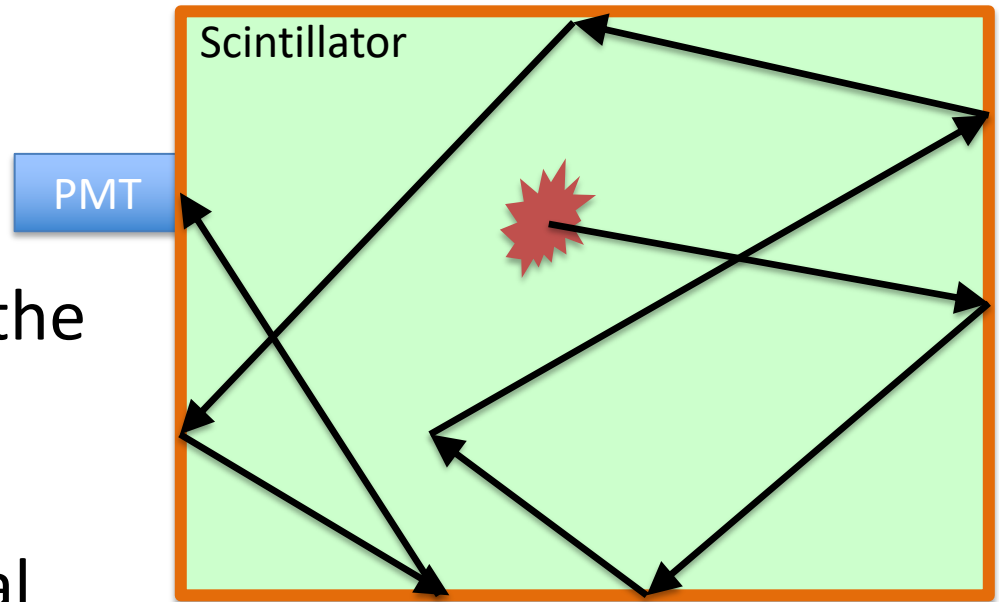
# Excitation Detectors & Volume Scaling



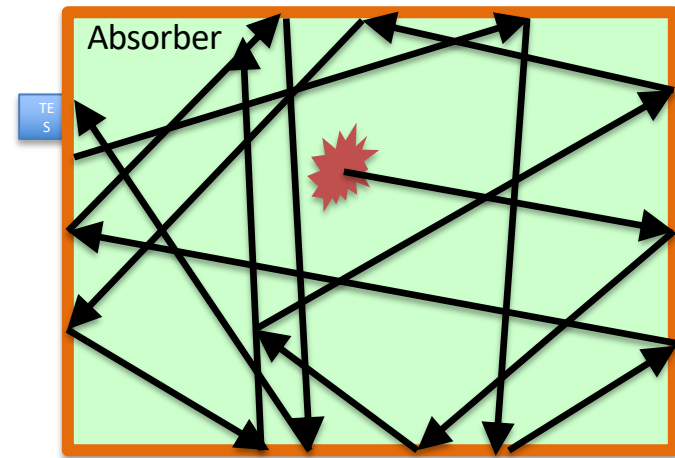
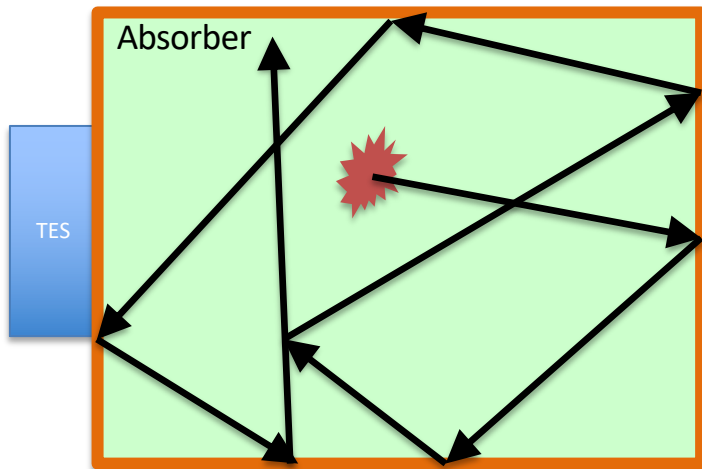
Will these detectors have the same energy sensitivity?

Yes, if:

- Lifetime of the athermal excitation (photon) is really long
- Excitation absorption dominated by sensor
- ~~Position Sensitivity~~



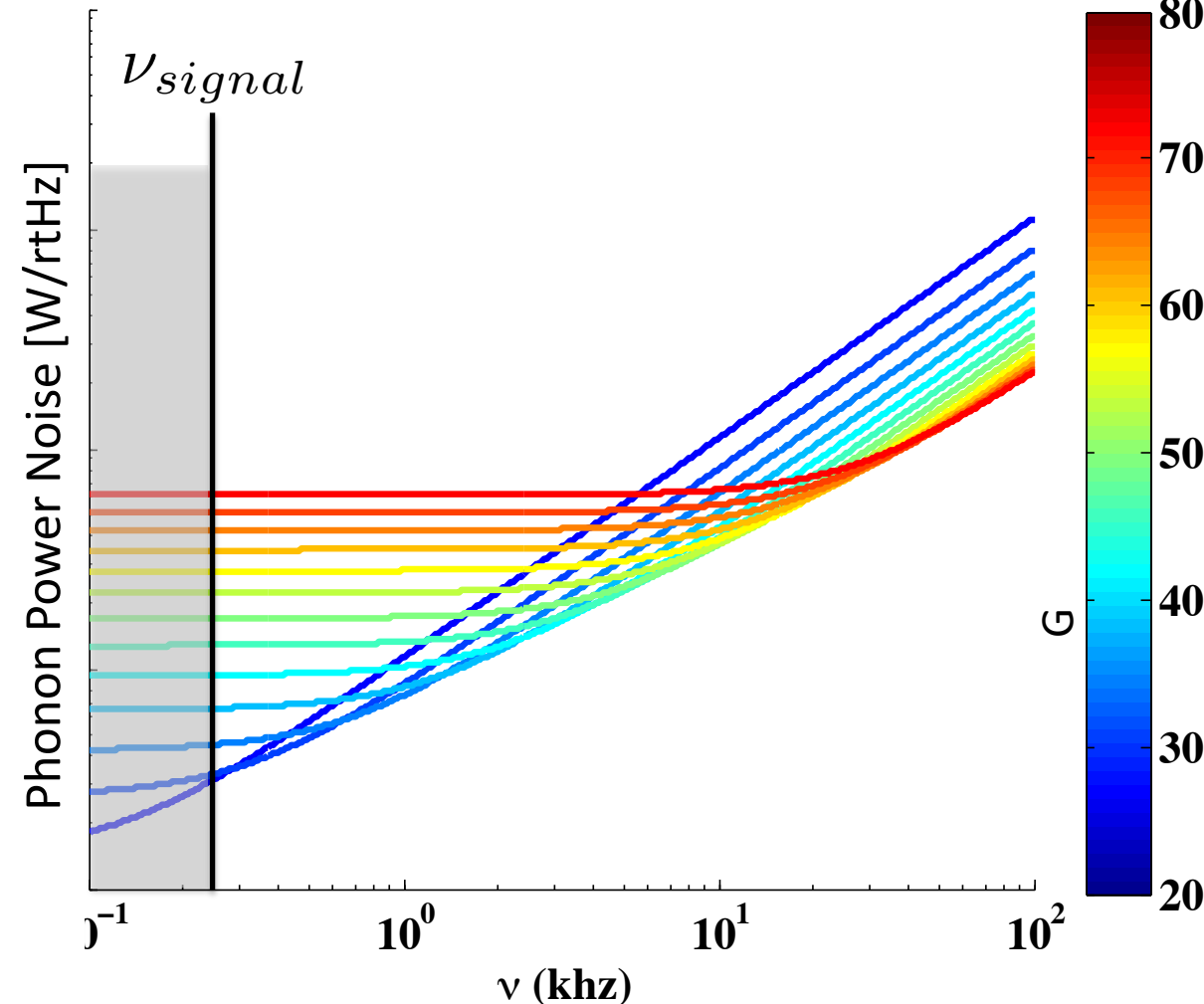
# Optimizing the Athermal Phonon Excitation Detectors



Minimize the number/volume of the TES sensors instrumented on the surface to the point that you begin to see the bare surface thermalization rate

# Athermal Phonon Sensor Sensitivity Scaling

Power Noise for various G



$$G \propto T_c^4$$

$$S_{ptfn} = 4k_b T_c^2 G$$

$$\propto T_c^6$$

$$\sigma_E \propto T_c^3$$

- Lower  $\nu_{sensor}$  (lower  $T_c$ ) if  $\nu_{signal} < \nu_{sensor}$
- Lower  $\nu_{signal}$  (decrease Al coverage) if  $\nu_{signal} > \nu_{sensor}$

You can always say on  $\nu T_c^3$  scaling (in principle)  
 45mK  $\rightarrow$  10mK: 2eV  $\rightarrow$  20meV

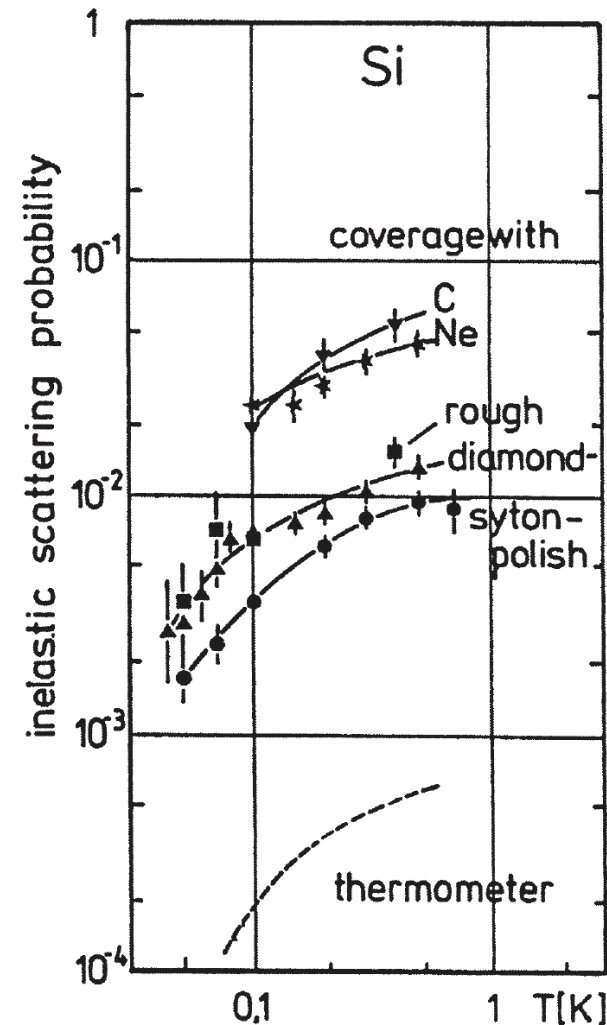


# Athermal Phonon Thermalization at Surfaces

- Athermal phonon surface thermalization probability found to depend upon
  - Crystal
  - Surface roughness
  - Surface cleanliness

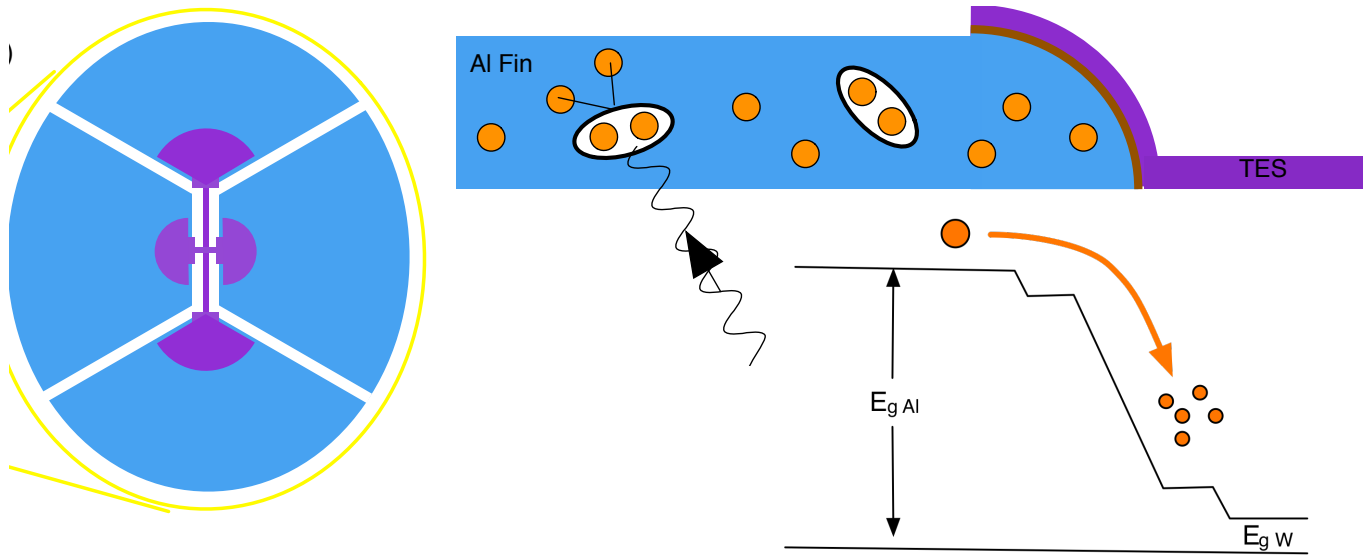
(W. Knaak et al, Phonon Scattering in Condensed Matter V, 1986)

- 0.1%-1% of the crystal surface covered with athermal phonon sensors ... 1/1000-1/100 thermalization probability needed
- Si, Ge -> ok

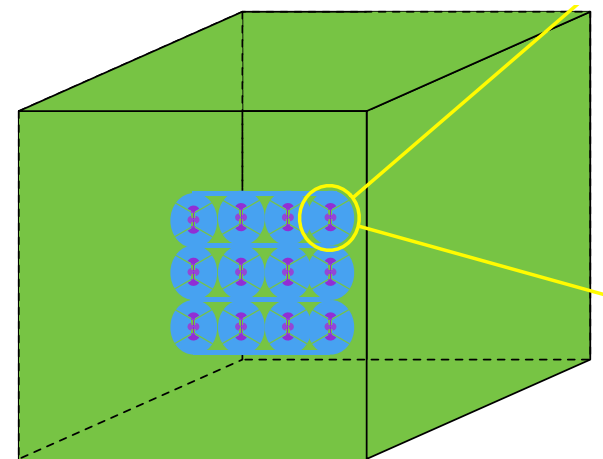


# Step 2: Make the Athermal Phonon Sensor

- Measured Phonon Collection Efficiency = 20% -> 40% (theoretical limit)
- R&D Work Plan
  - Optimize Collector/TES (W/Al) interface
  - Improve quasi-particle trapping in collector fin



# Step 3: Fabricate Sensors on Crystal



# Athermal Phonon R&D



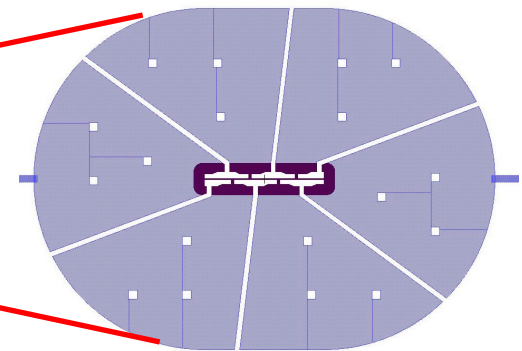
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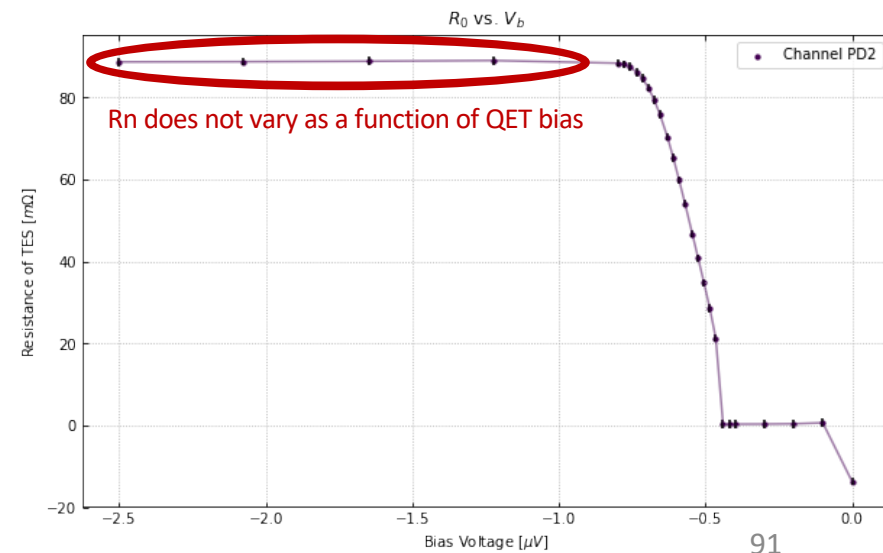
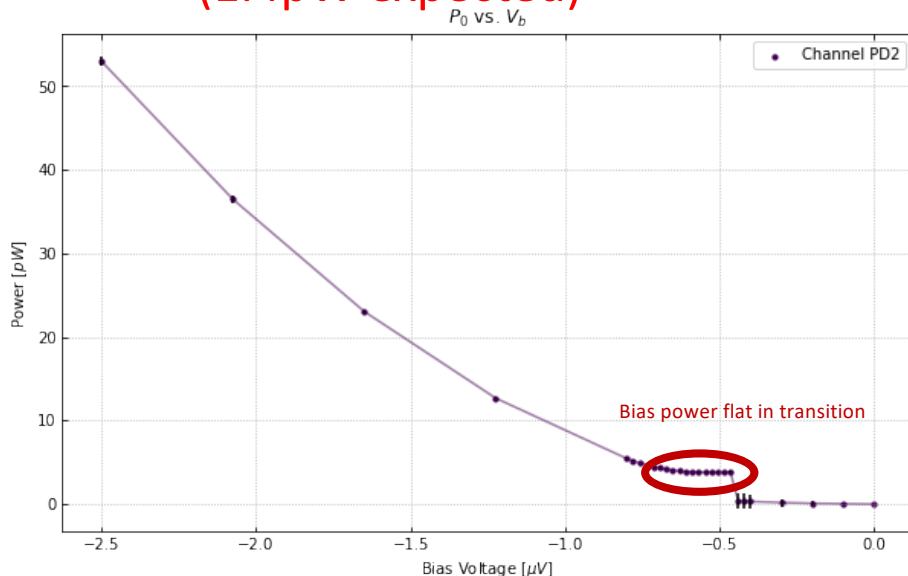
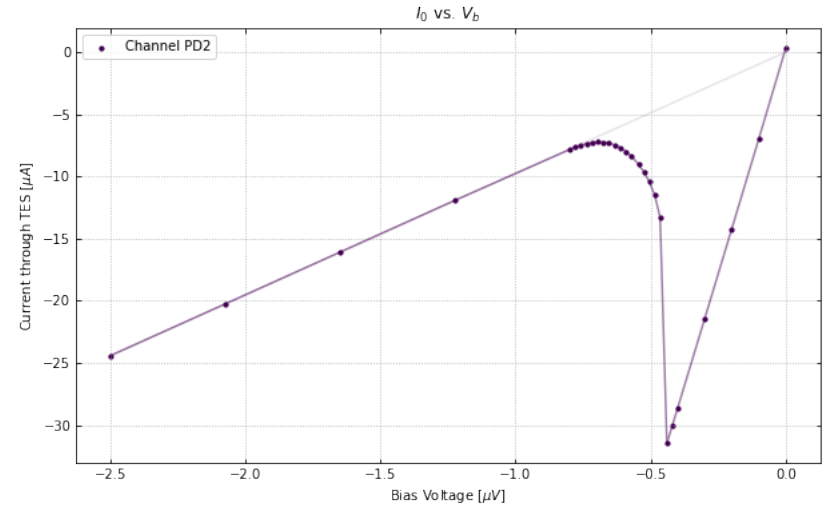
# Cryogenic Photon Detector (CPD)

- 3" diameter Si wafer (45.6 cm<sup>2</sup>)
- 1mm thick
- Distributed athermal phonon sensors minimize phonon collection time (as fast as it can be for its size)
  - Athermal Phonon collection time estimated to be  $\sim 20\mu\text{s}$
  - 2.5% sensor coverage



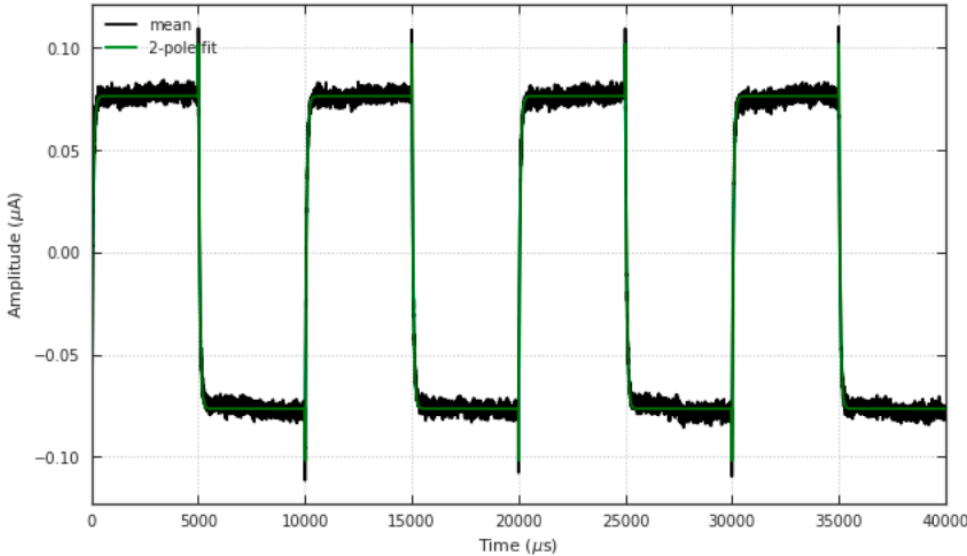
# Measured Performance: Tc & IV

- $T_c = 41.5\text{mK}$
- IV curves show that the detector and electronics are behaving well
  - $R_n = 88\text{ mOhms}$  (300mOhm Expected ... TES too wide!)
  - $R_p = 8\text{ mOhms}$
  - Bias Power ( $P_0$ ) = 3.9 pW (1.4pW expected)



# Measured Performance: dIdV

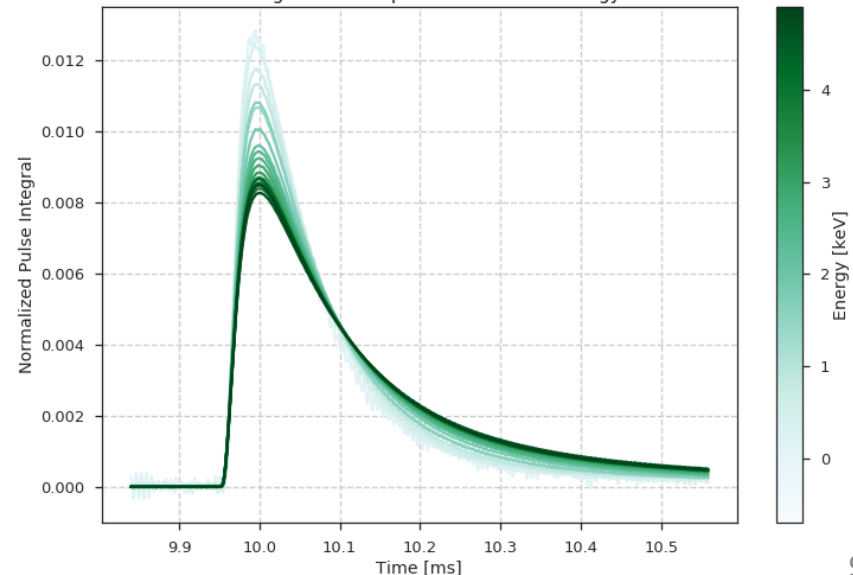
Full Trace of dIdV



- TES sensor pretty fast @ 60us. However, it's not as fast as the estimated athermal phonon collection (20us)

- Therefore, we expect phonon signals to have a 20us rise time (athermal phonon collection) and a 60us fall time. **Seen for low energy comptons in average pulse shape!**
- Pulse shape varies with energy due to local TES saturation.

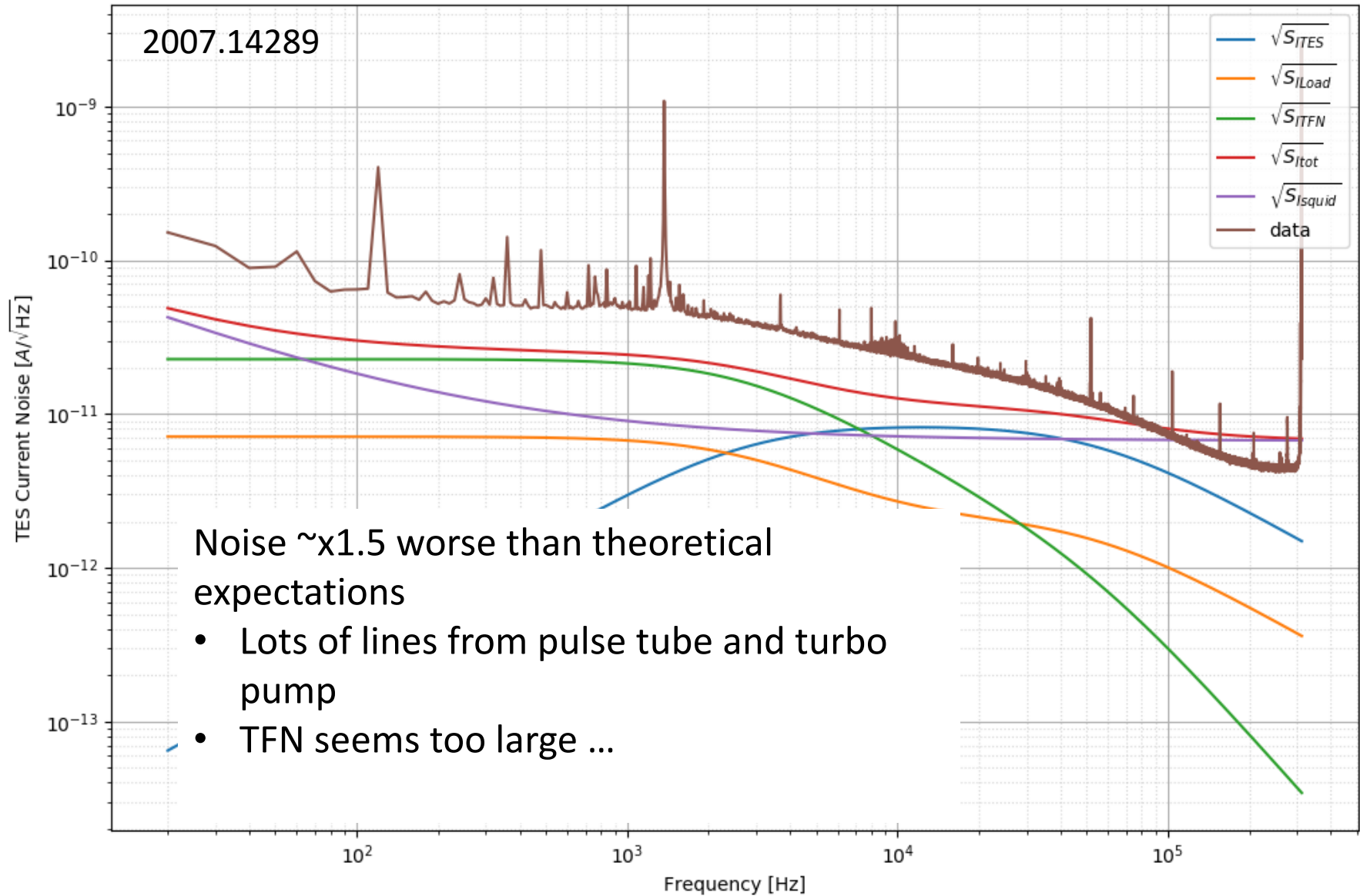
Average Pulse Shape Variance With Energy





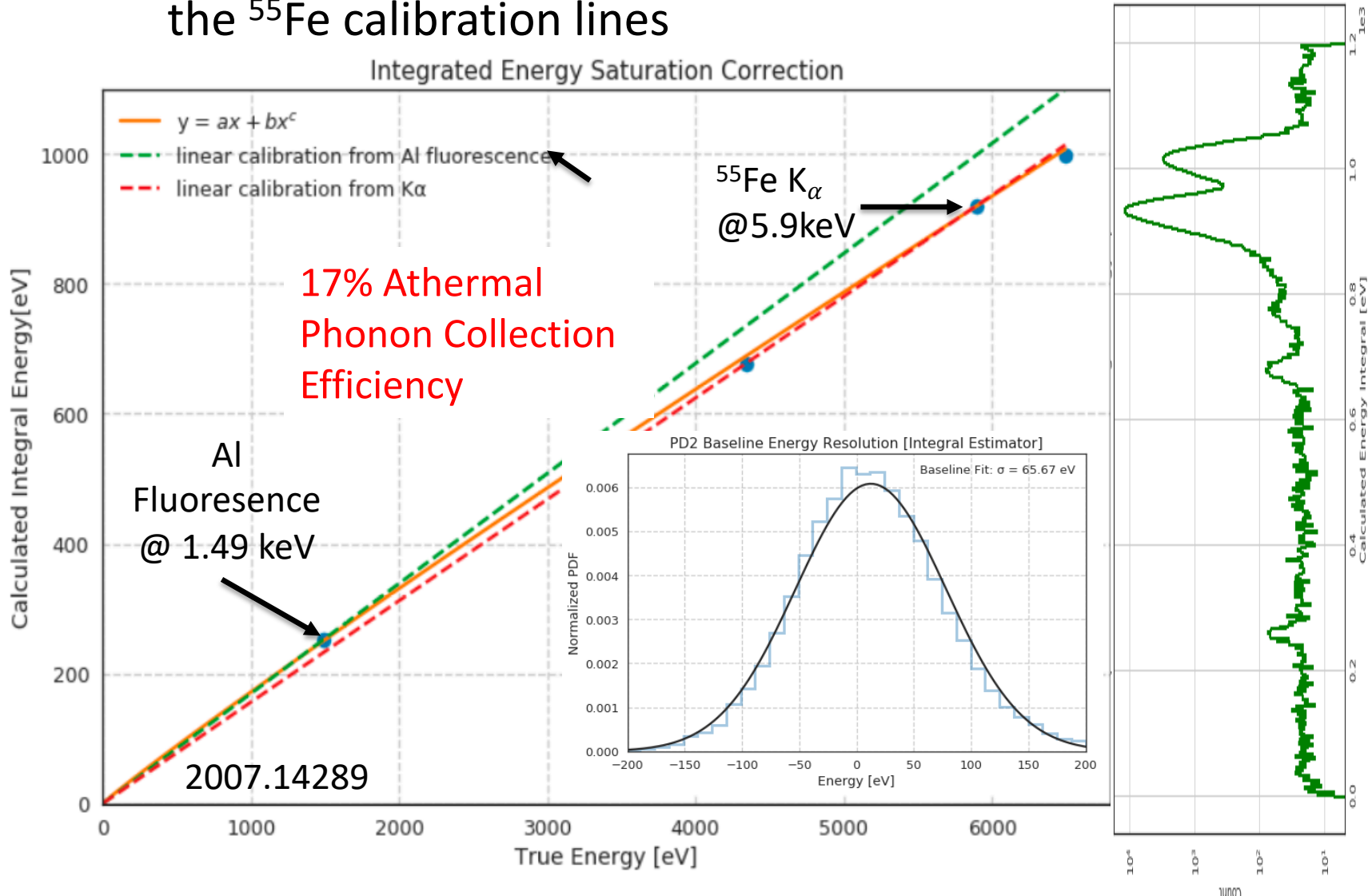
# Measured/Theoretical Noise

Current Noise For  $R_0 : 32.00 \text{ m}\Omega$



# Integral Estimators for relative $^{55}\text{Fe}$ calibration

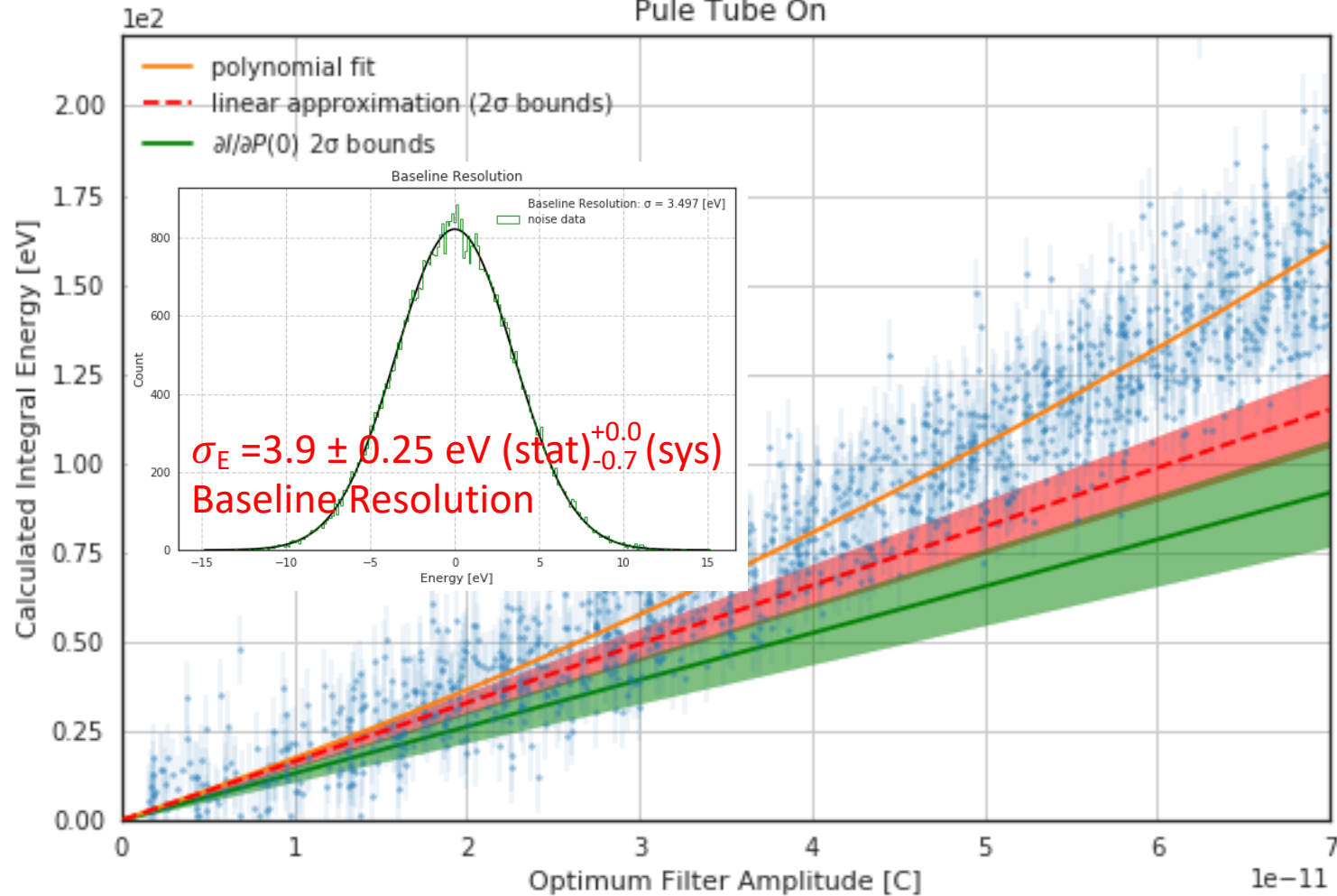
- Since pulse shape has significant variation with energy, we must use noisy but minimally biased DC estimators to fit the  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  calibration lines



# Calibrating Pulse Shape Dependent Energy Estimators to the DC estimator (Pulse Tube On)

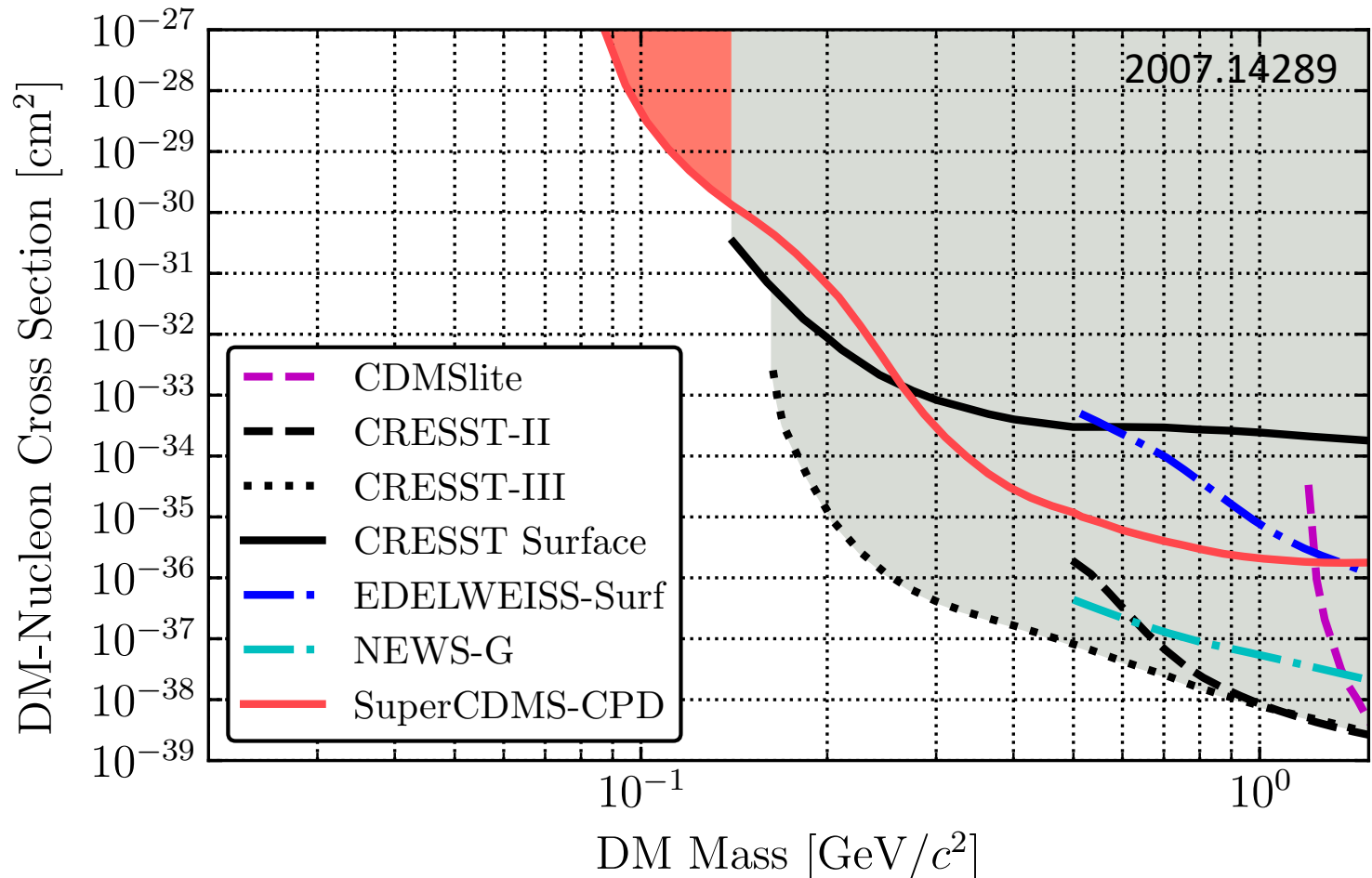
Optimum Filter Amplitude vs Integral Energy

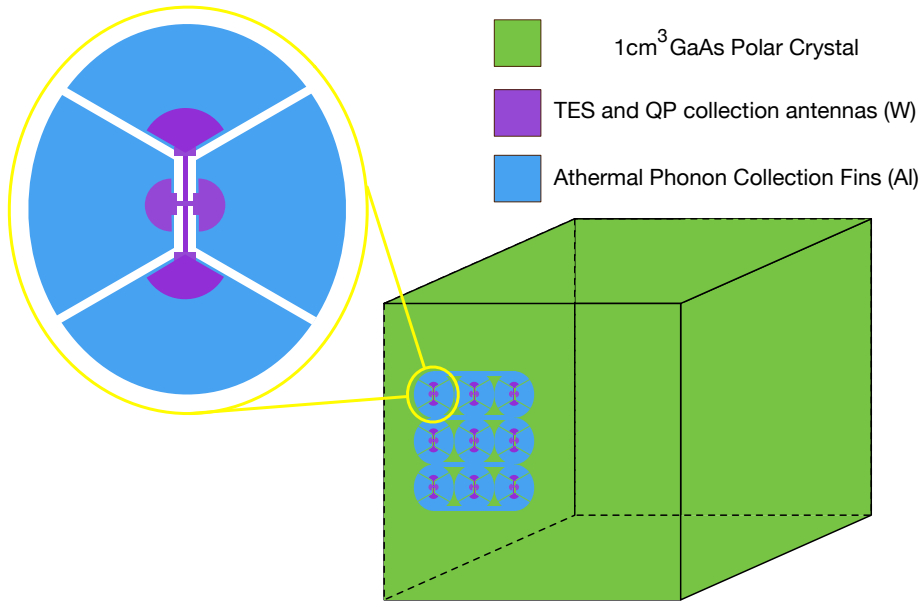
Pule Tube On



# First Dark Matter Search

- In collaboration with SuperCDMS, we ran the CPD detector at the SLAC surface test facility
  - Significantly limited by cosmogenic backgrounds
  - 10gd exposure
- World leading DM sensitivity from 87-140 MeV
- Just the beginning ...





# Prototype Design

## Estimated Sensitivities

### New 1cm<sup>3</sup> Prototype Test Design

# TES	100
TES Dimensions	50um x 2um x40 nm
TES Rn	320mOhm
Fin Length	125um
W/Al Overlap	15um
Fractional Al Coverage	1%
Tc	40mK
Bias Power	48fW
Power Noise	5.1e-19 W/rtHz
Phonon absorption time	106us
Sensor fall time	97us
Collection efficiency	19%
$\sigma_E$	219 meV

- With a Si Absorber: single e/h sensitivity without Luke-Neganov gain. Can be used for inelastic electronic recoil DM
- World Leading Elastic Nuclear Recoil DM search potential

# Summary:

- Far IR photon detectors, and Athermal Phonon Small Volume detectors are a promising technique to search for 10meV-100meV Dark Matter
- Current Progress:
  - 3" large area photon detector 3.9eV resolution
  - 100x400um TES test chip: 40meV resolution
  - Running photon detector at CUTE soon
- R&D Plan: Towards single phonon/single phonon sensing
  - Decrease environmental noise
  - Increase TES sensitivity: lower  $T_c$
  - Fabricate on a variety of crystal substrates ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )
  - Study how phonon surface thermalization depends on surface roughness.
  - Improve Collection efficiency: optimize W/Al interface



# Backup



# Cryogenic Large Area Photon Detectors For Use In Dark Matter Searches and Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

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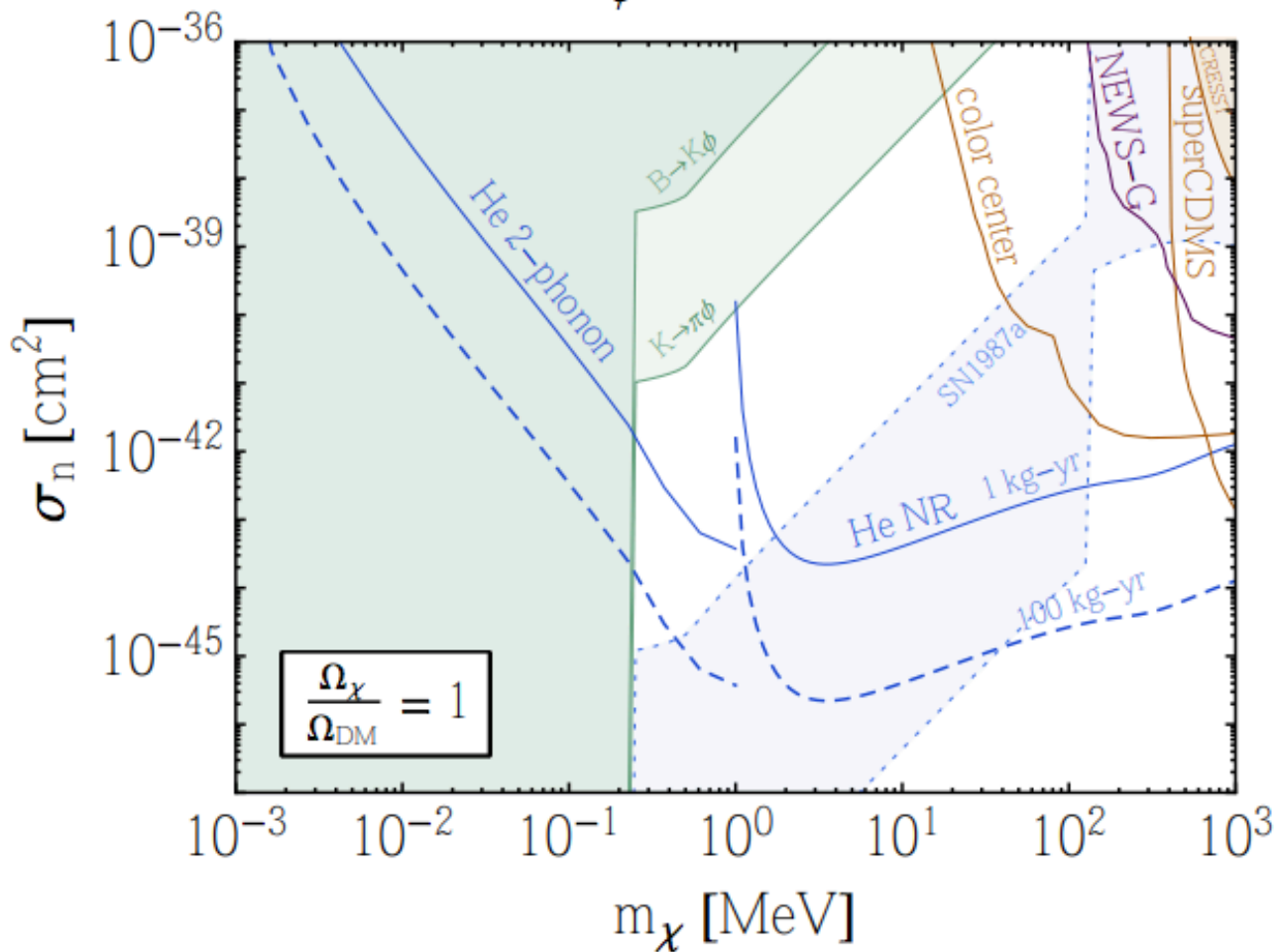


# Other Constraints

# Phonon Sensitivity Curves

Heavy Mediator Single Phonon Sensitivity

$$m_\phi = 500 \text{ keV}$$

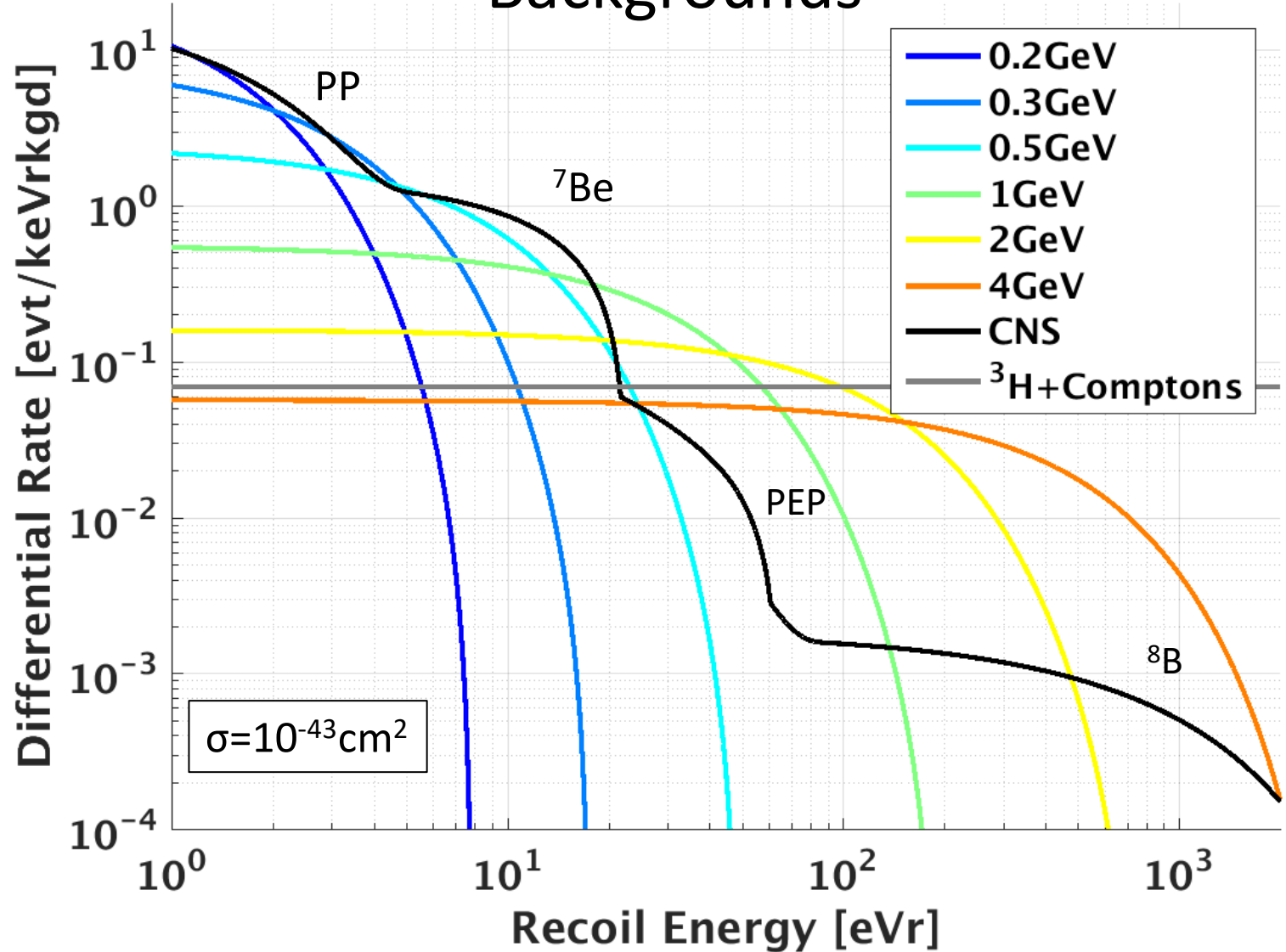


K Zurek et al:  
1709.07882

Interaction space pretty constrained by astronomical measurements  
below 0.1MeV

# Backgrounds

# Light Mass DM Design Drivers: ~~Flat Radiogenic~~ ~~Backgrounds~~

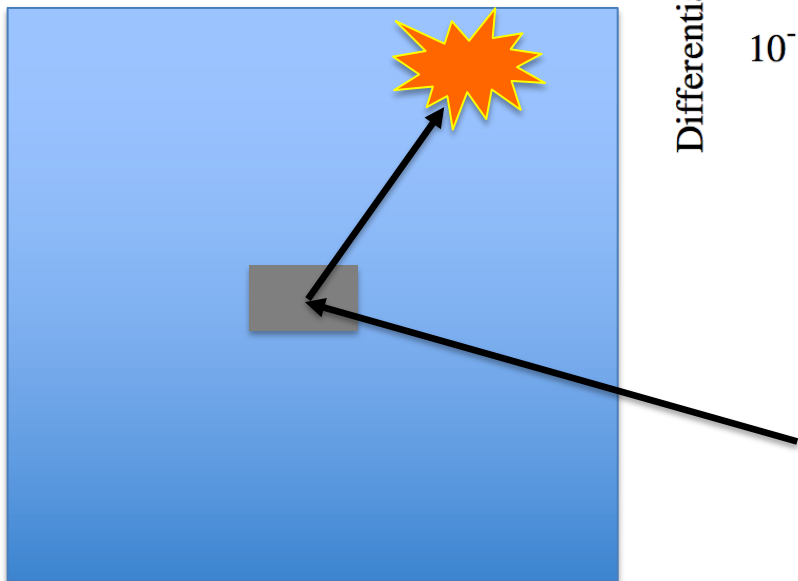
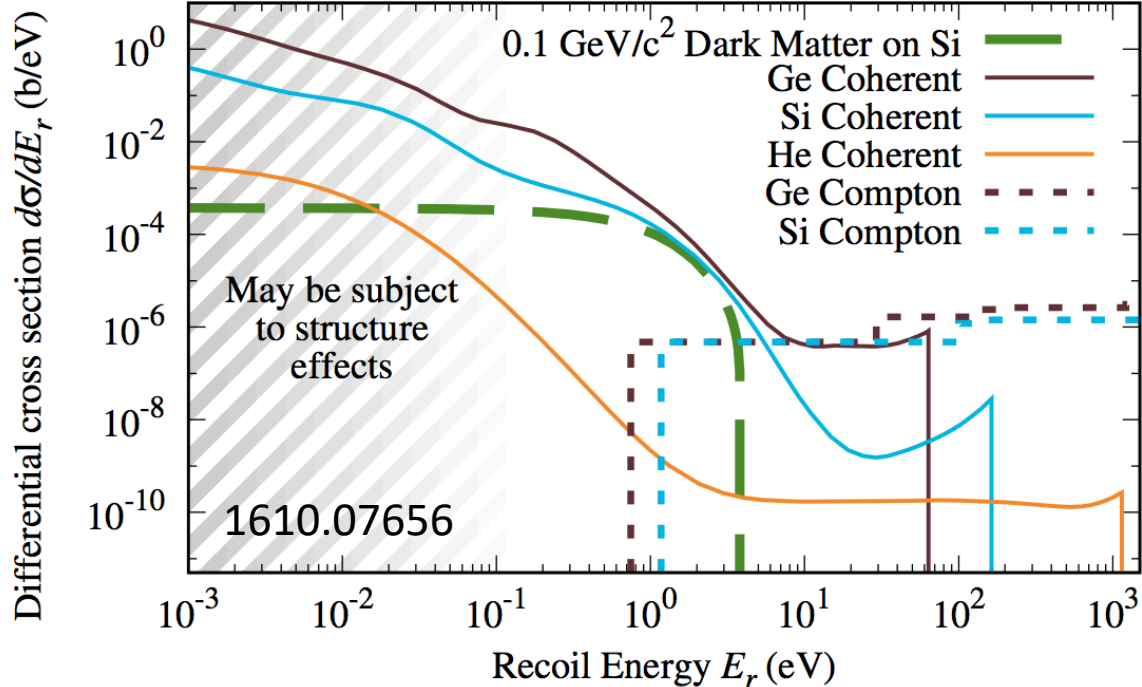


**Smaller DM masses have less overlap with flat backgrounds!**

# Are Backgrounds Really Flat?: Coherent Photon Scattering

1461keV Photon from  $^{40}\text{K}$

- High Energy Photons can coherently elastically scatter off nuclei
- Robinson: 1610.07656

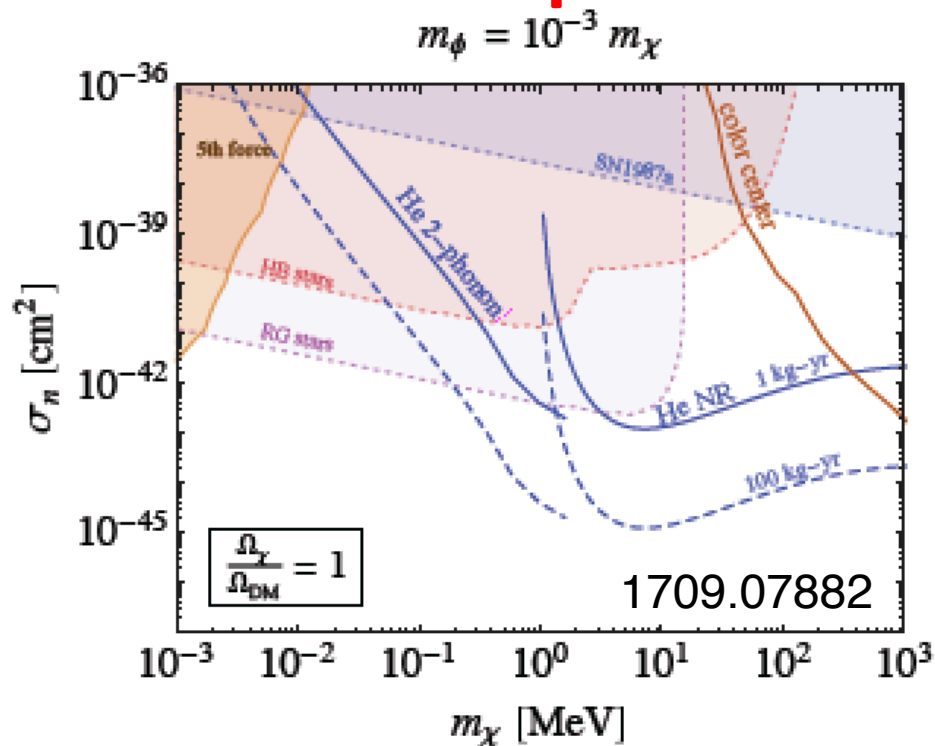


Build a Active Photon Veto

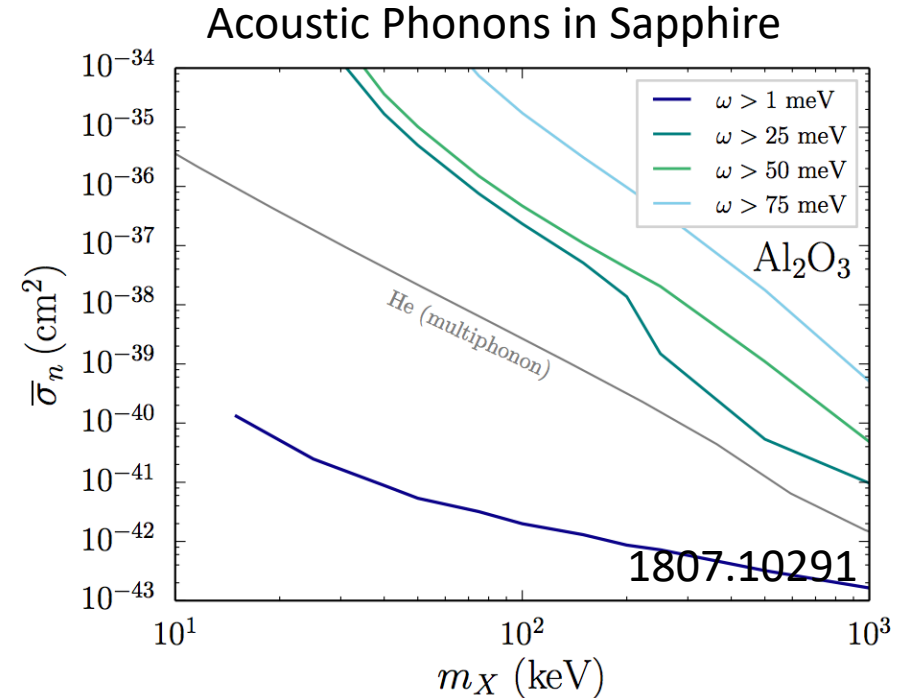
# Acoustic Phonon Sensitivity Curves

Work In Progress by Zurek, Knapen, Lin

- Umklapp processes
- multiphonon excitations



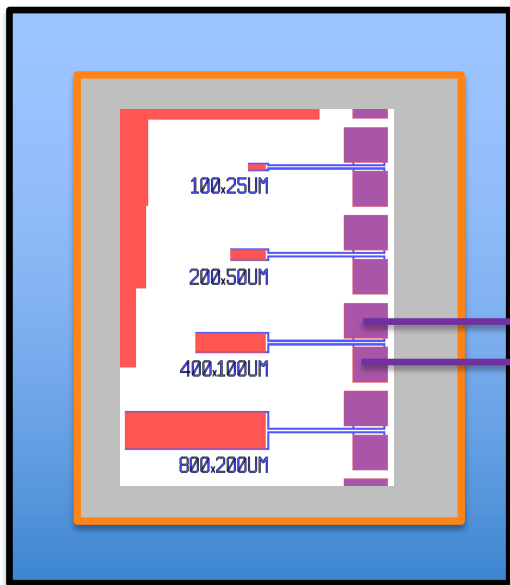
- Nominal meV Threshold
- No Backgrounds



- Various Phonon Energy Thresholds
- 1kgyr
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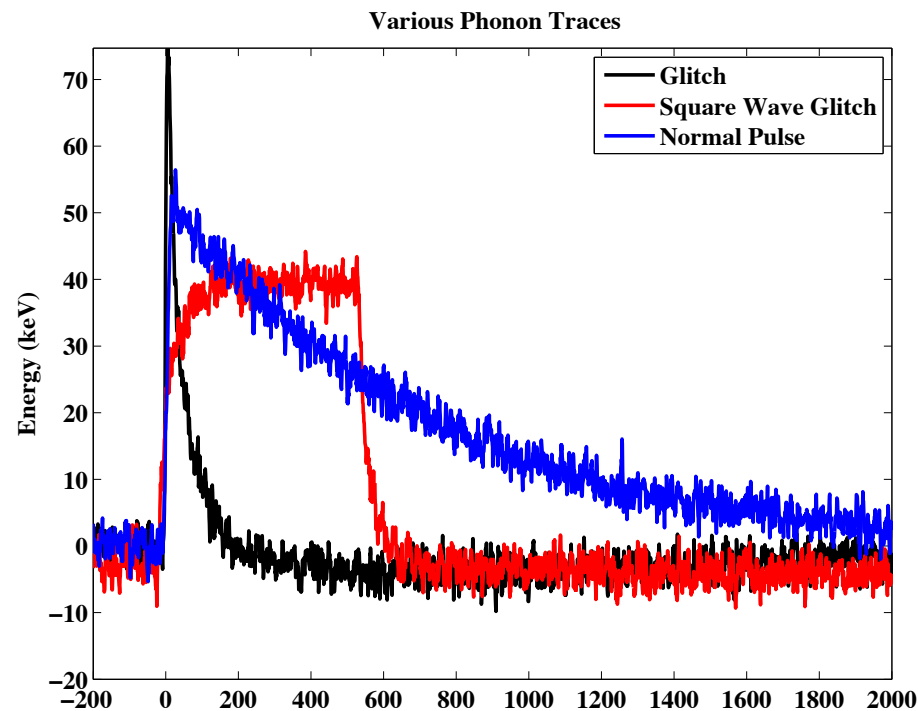


# TES: Environmental Noise Susceptibility



- TES is a resistor ... you can heat a resistor with an E&M wave of any frequency
- 5fW of DC Environmental EMI coming down the TES bias lines
- Lots of AC power glitches seen too

Big Challenge: Need to continue to improve Environmental Isolation



# TES R&D

Energy Sensitivity: 40meV -> 1meV

## R&D Work Plan

- Lower  $T_c$  from 40mK -> 10mK.
  - x8 sensitivity improvement
- Lower volume by x16
  - x4 sensitivity improvement
- Decrease environmental noise by 50dB ... there is a reason I'm not showing the performance of the 200umx50um TES

