

# DANAE - a new experiment for direct dark matter detection using RNDR DEPFET detectors

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*“Hunt for the ‘impossible atoms’:  
the quest for a tiny violation of the Pauli Exclusion  
Principle. Implications for physics, cosmology  
and philosophy,”*

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# DANAE (DANAË)

## Direct dArk matter search using DEPFET with repetitive- Non-destructive-readout Application Experiment

OeAW funding for detector technology



“Danae” by G. Klimt

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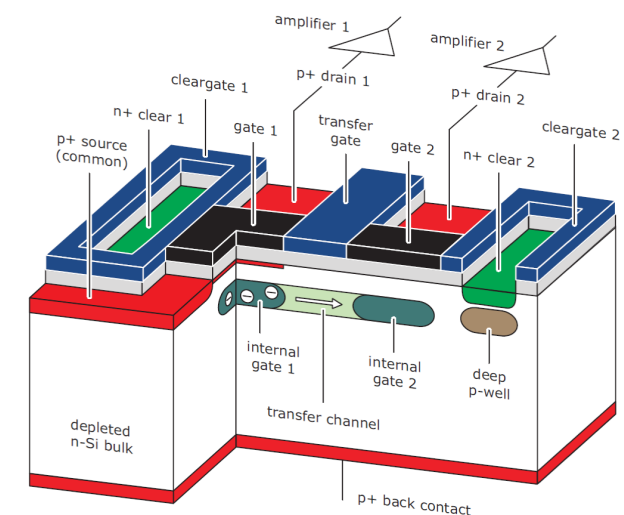
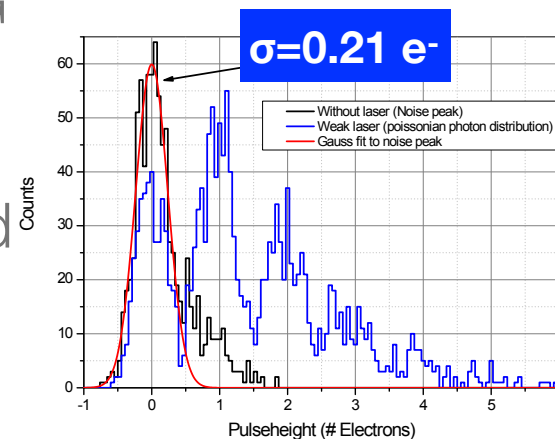
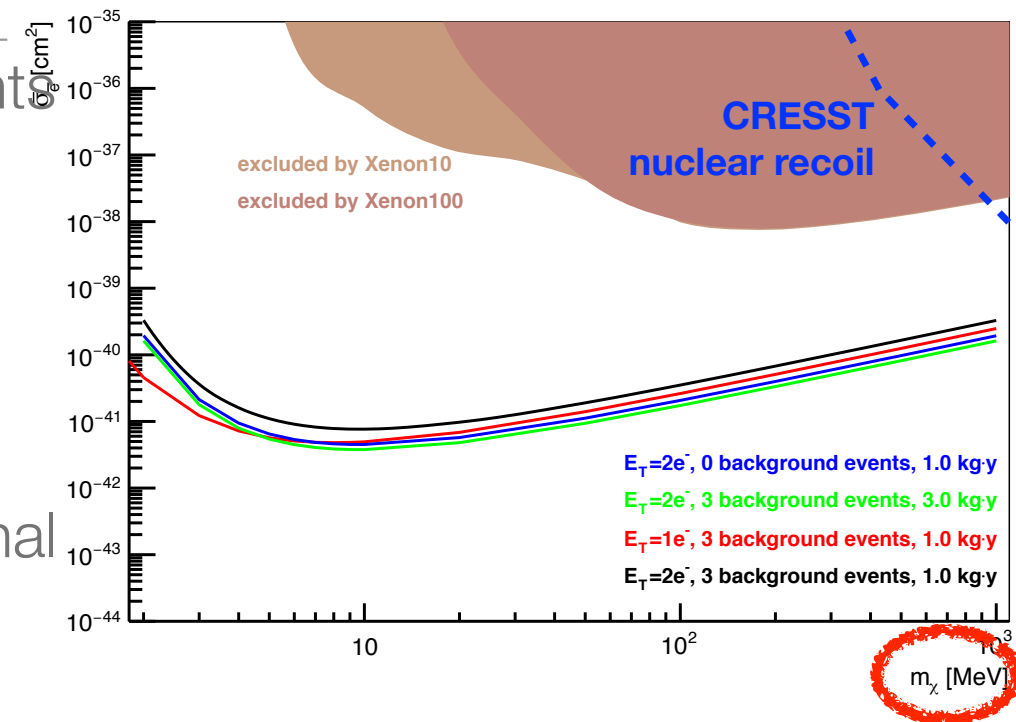
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# The project overview

## Direct Dark Matter Detection with DEPFET

- minimal reach for nuclear recoil experiments about few 100 MeV
- dark matter electron scattering offers **reach towards MeV dark matter**
- measurement of **low noise** ionisation signal in **low background** environment
- RNDR\* DEPFET sensors developed by semiconductor laboratory of MPG
- setup for **proof-of-principle measurement** currently prepared
- expect first results early 2019**



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\*Repetitive Non-Destructive Readout

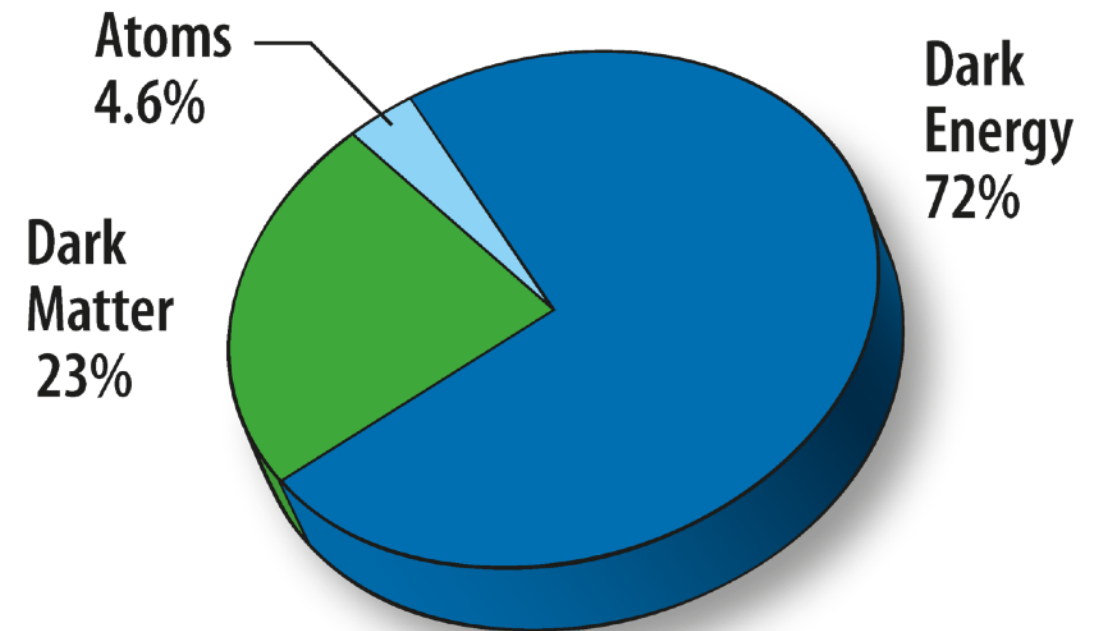
# Dark matter landscape - partly

Over 80% of the mass in the universe is invisible dark matter

“WIMP” as a dark matter candidate :

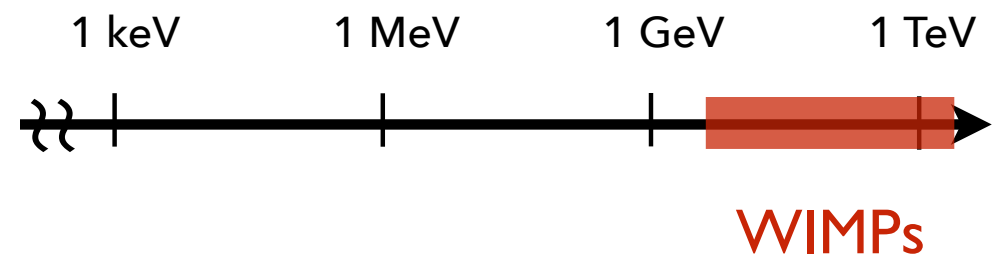
- weakly interacting with matter  
 $\langle \sigma_{\text{WIMP}} \cdot v \rangle \sim G_F^2 \cdot m_X^2 \sim 1/\Omega_X$
- fits the Hubble constant and “relic” density of dark matter

predicts dark matter WIMP mass between 2 GeV and 120 TeV



TODAY

Credit: NASA / WMAP Science Team



dominated the direct detection experiments until recently



# WIMP direct detection method

look for nuclear recoils from  
WIMP-nucleus scattering

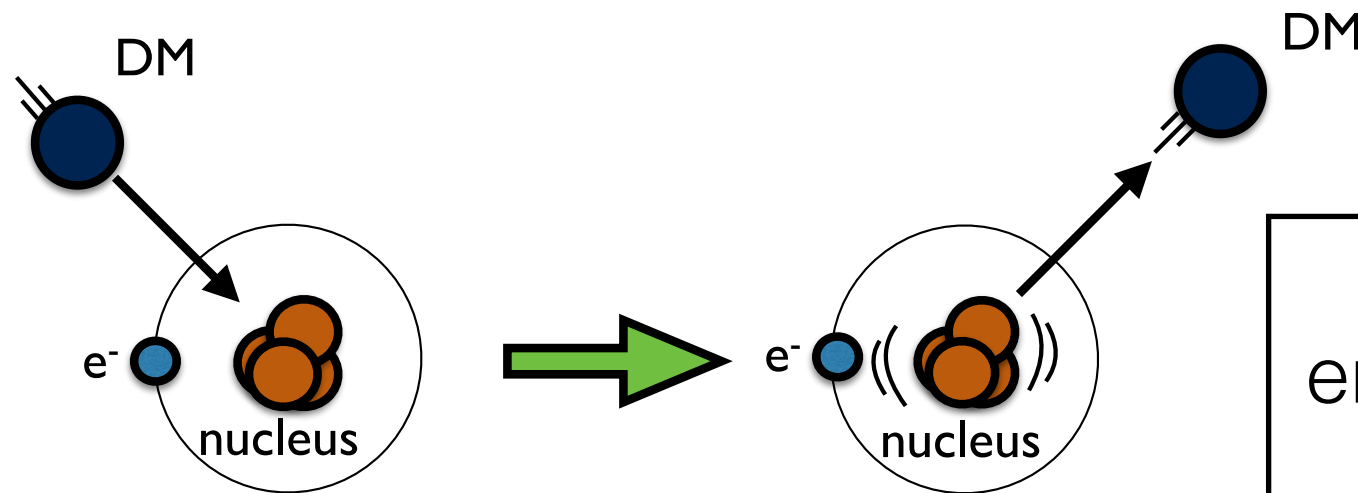


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Energy deposit in target  
material in forms of :

- light
- phonon
- electric charge

Detection limitation :  
energy deposit from nucleus recoil  
 $E_{NR} \sim 2\mu_{X,N}^2 \cdot v_X/m_N$

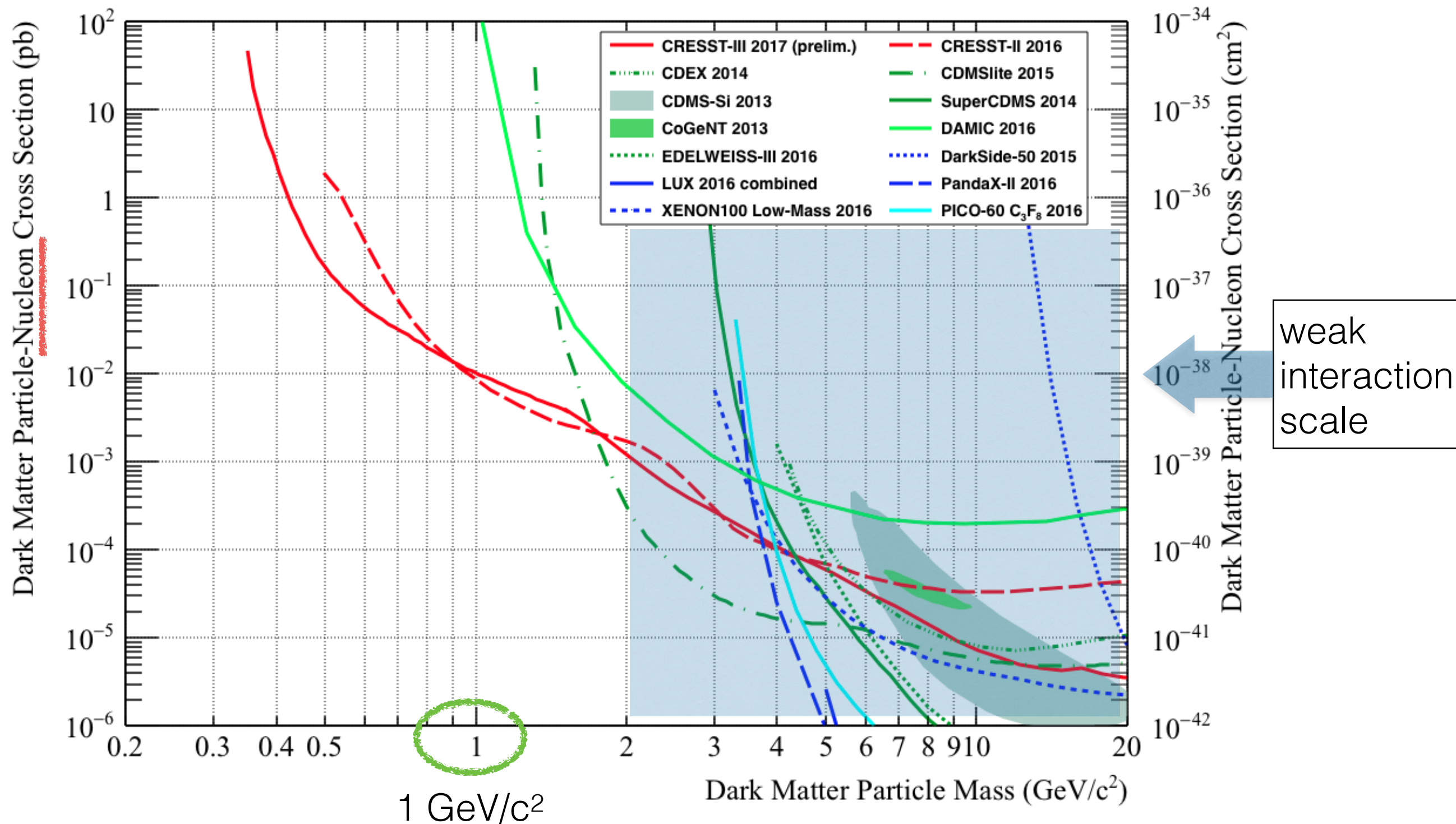
-> for 100 MeV  $m_X$ ,  $E_{NR} \sim 1 \text{ eV}^*$

plus quenching factors and  
noise level of the detectors

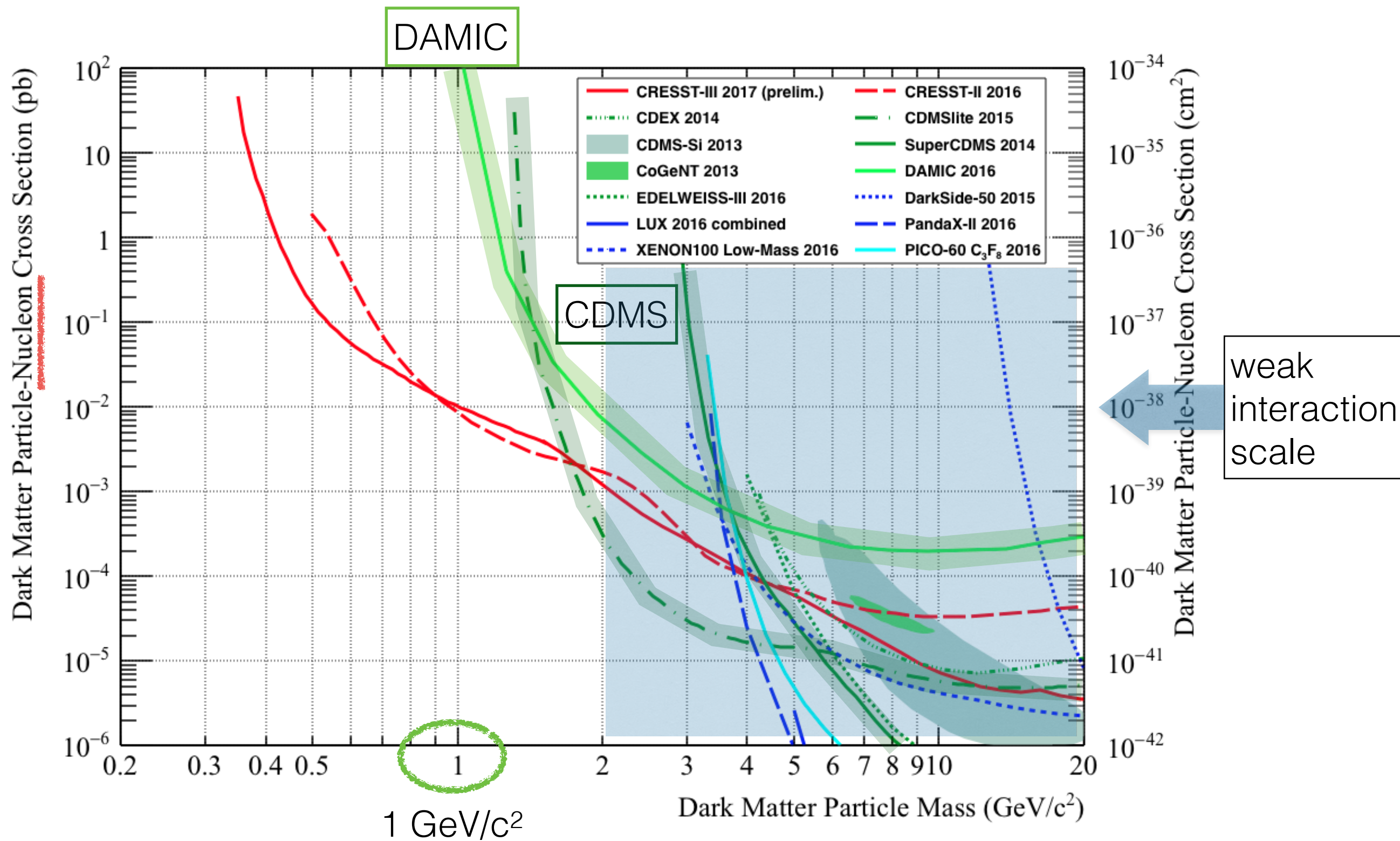
typical DM velocity  $v_X \lesssim 800 \text{ km/s}$

\*for silicon

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# Dark Sector and Light Dark Matter

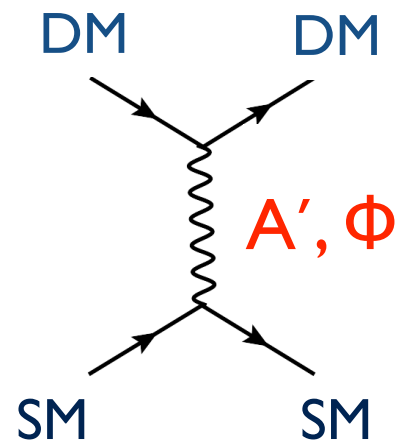


**Dark sectors**  
(DM + new mediators)

**WIMPs**

**several sharp “theory” targets**  
(freeze-out, asymmetric, freeze-in, SIMP, ELDER)

Dark sector :  
interaction between DM and  
standard model particle  
mediated by a dark photon  
(one example of mediators)



**DM scattering**

clear predictions from  
multiple models over wide  
DM mass region, including  
keV ~ GeV range  
-> comparable observables  
in experiments

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# DM-electron scattering

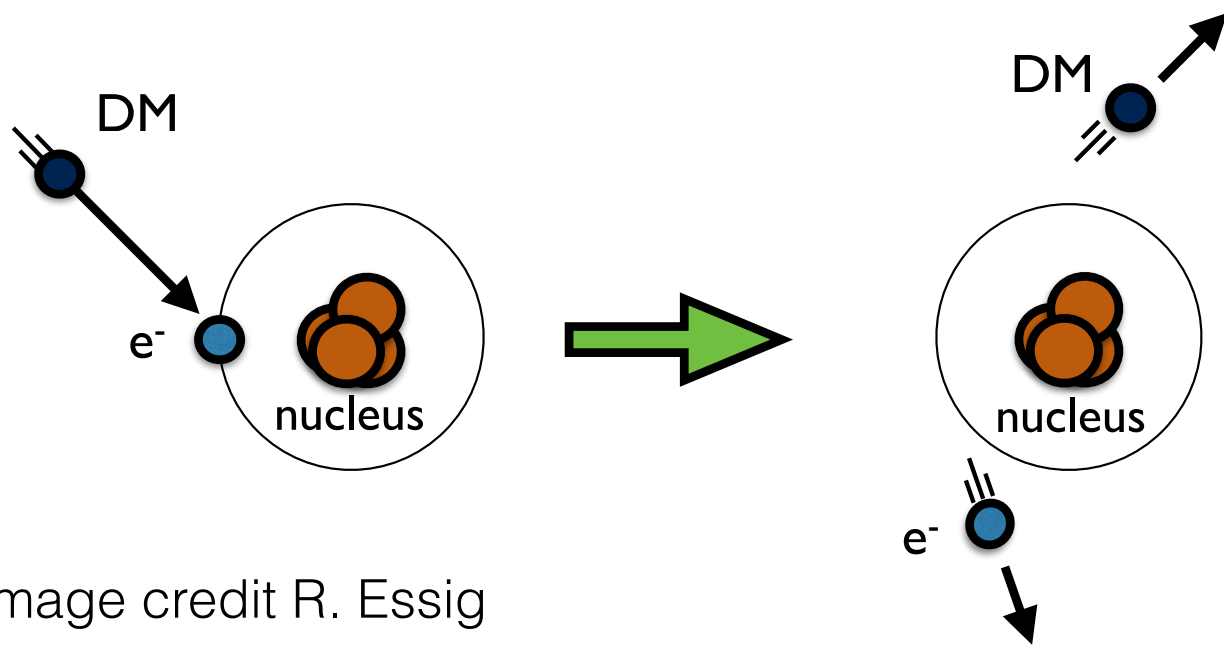


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**kinematically**

to overcome binding energy  $\Delta E$

need  $E_{\text{DM}} \sim \frac{1}{2} m_{\text{DM}} v_{\text{DM}}^2 > \Delta E$

$v_{\text{DM}} \lesssim 800 \text{ km/s} \implies$

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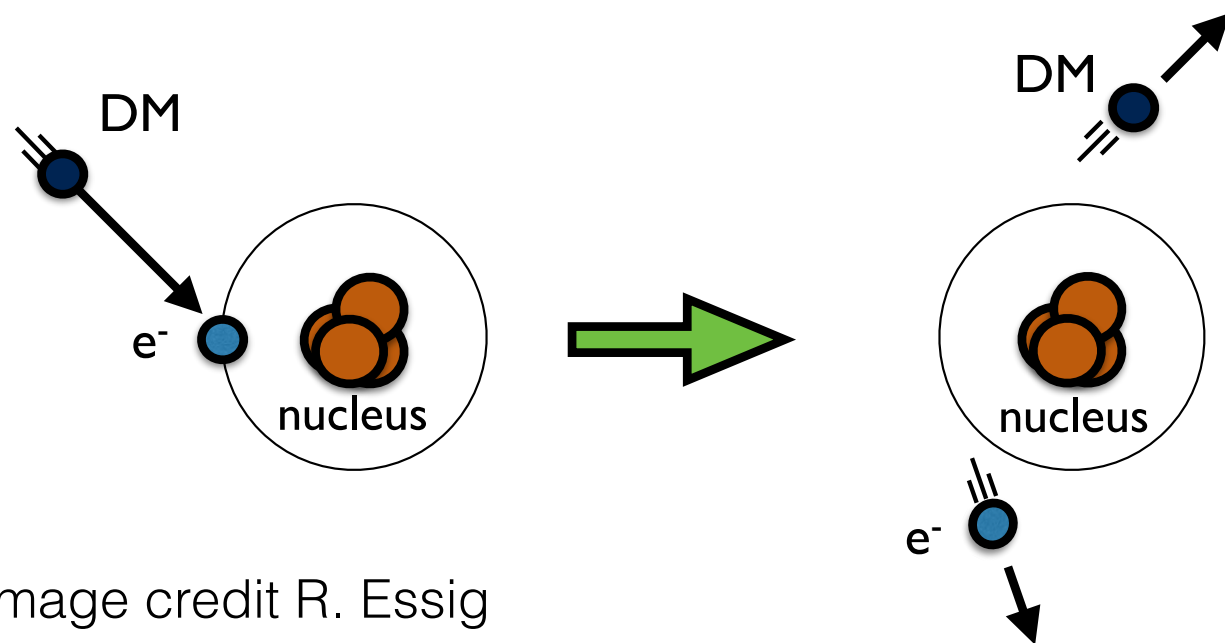


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bound  $e^-$  does not have definite momentum,  
typical momentum transfer is set by  $e^-$  not by DM.

$$q_{\text{typ}} \sim \alpha m_e \sim 4 \text{ keV} \quad (\text{for outer shell electron})$$

transferred energy:  $\Delta E_e \sim \vec{q} \cdot \vec{v}_{\text{DM}}$

$$\Delta E_e \sim 4 \text{ eV}$$

typical  
recoil energy

# Target materials for electron recoils

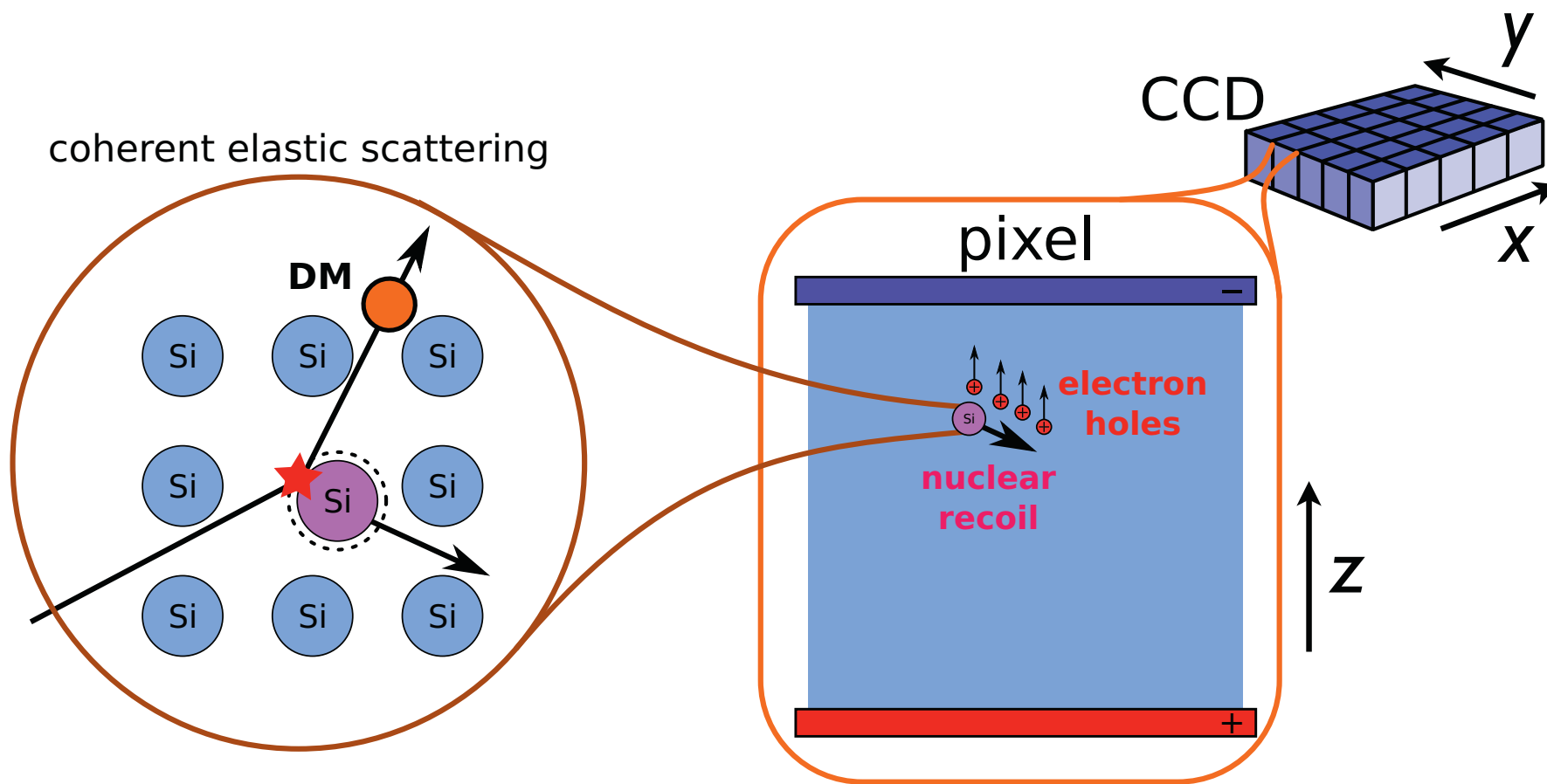
Target Type	Examples	$E_{\text{th}}$	$m_\chi$ threshold	Status	Timescale
Noble liquids	Xe, Ar, He	$\sim 10$ eV	$\sim 5$ MeV	Done w data; improvements possible	existing
Semi-conductors	Ge, <b>Si</b>	$\sim 1$ eV	$\sim 200$ keV	( $E_{\text{th}} \sim 40$ eV SuperCDMS, <b>DAMIC</b> ) $E_{\text{th}} \sim 1$ eV <b>SENSEI</b> , <b>DEPFET</b> R&D	$\sim 1$ -2 years
Scintillators	GaAs, NaI, CsI, ...	$\sim 1$ eV	$\sim 200$ keV	R&D required	$\lesssim 5$ years
Superfluid	He	$\sim 1$ eV	$\sim 1$ MeV	R&D required unknown background	$\lesssim 5$ years
Super-conductor	Al	$\sim 1$ meV	$\sim 1$ keV	R&D required unknown background	$\sim 10 - 15$ years

arXiv:1608.08632

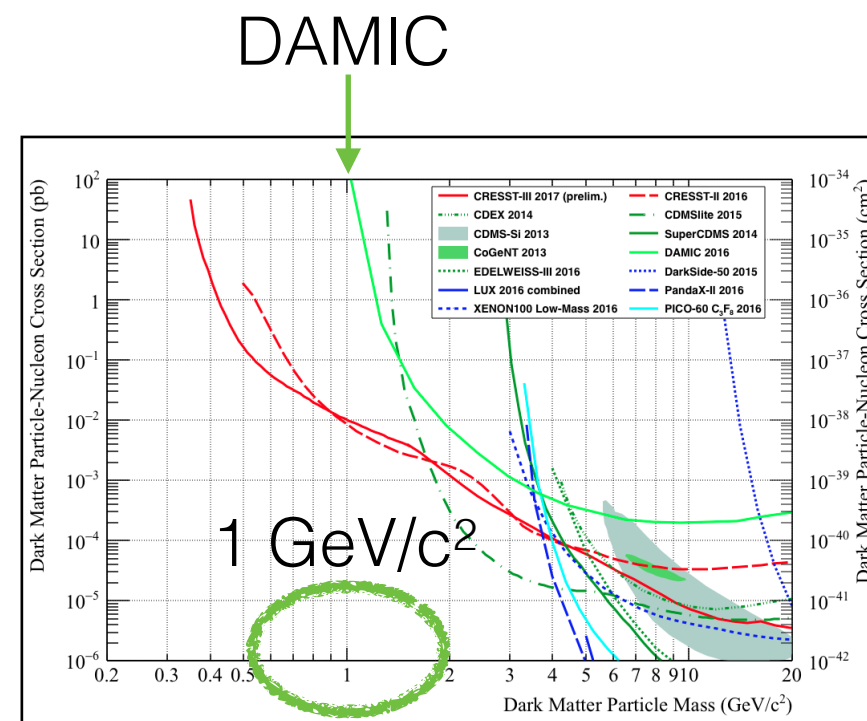
# Application of Silicon detector

# DAMIC

**nucleus** recoil      CCD, with physics results



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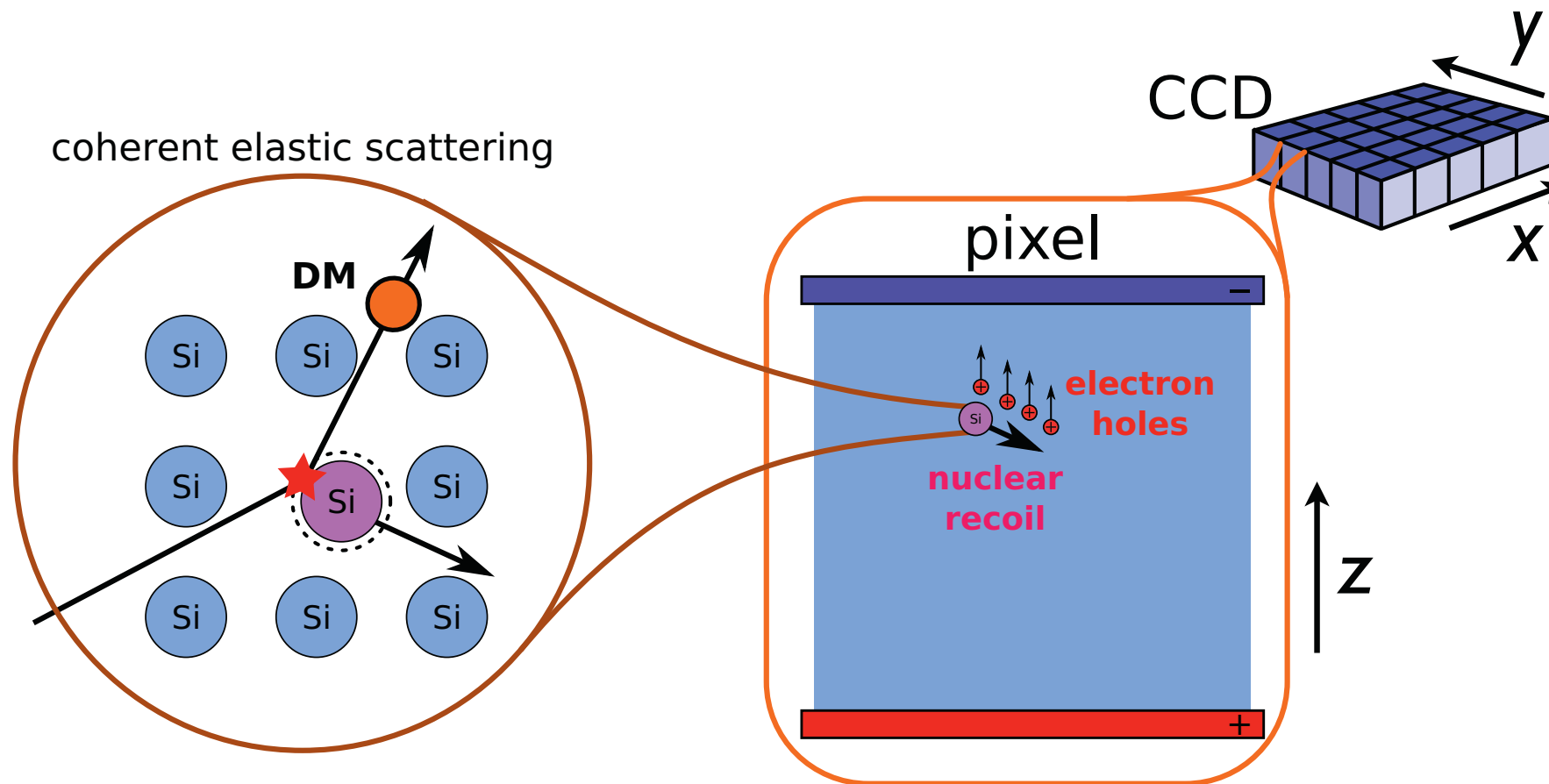


Readout noise determines threshold of  $\sim 11$  e-  
(or  $\sim 40$  eV)

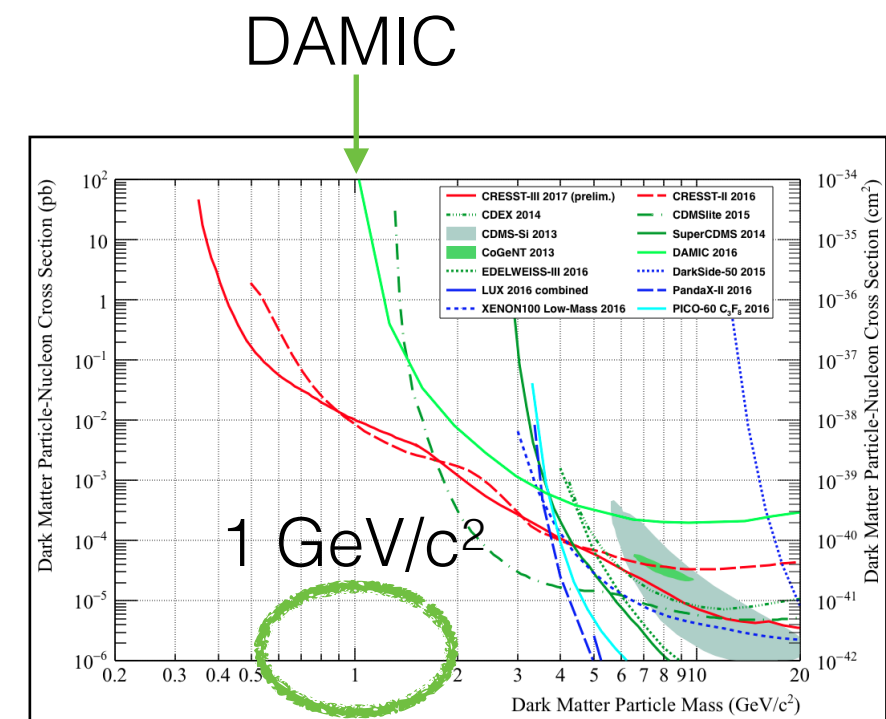
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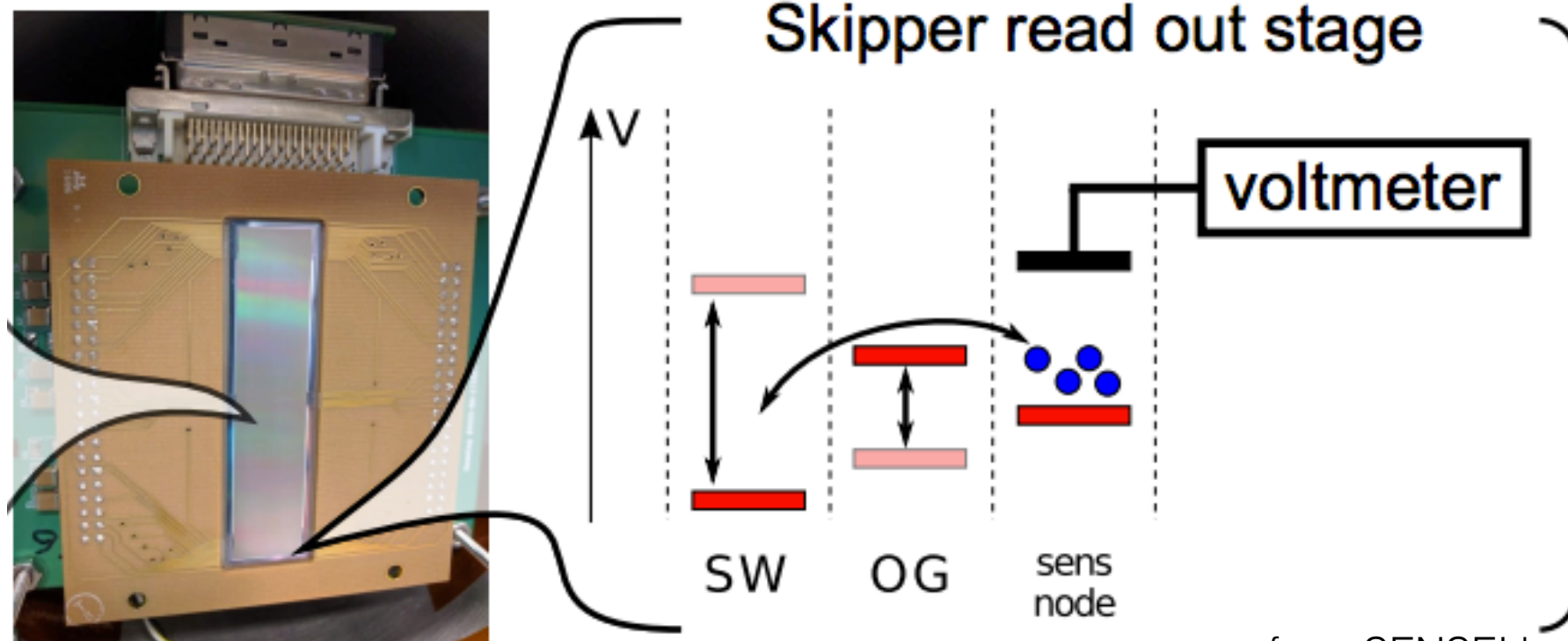


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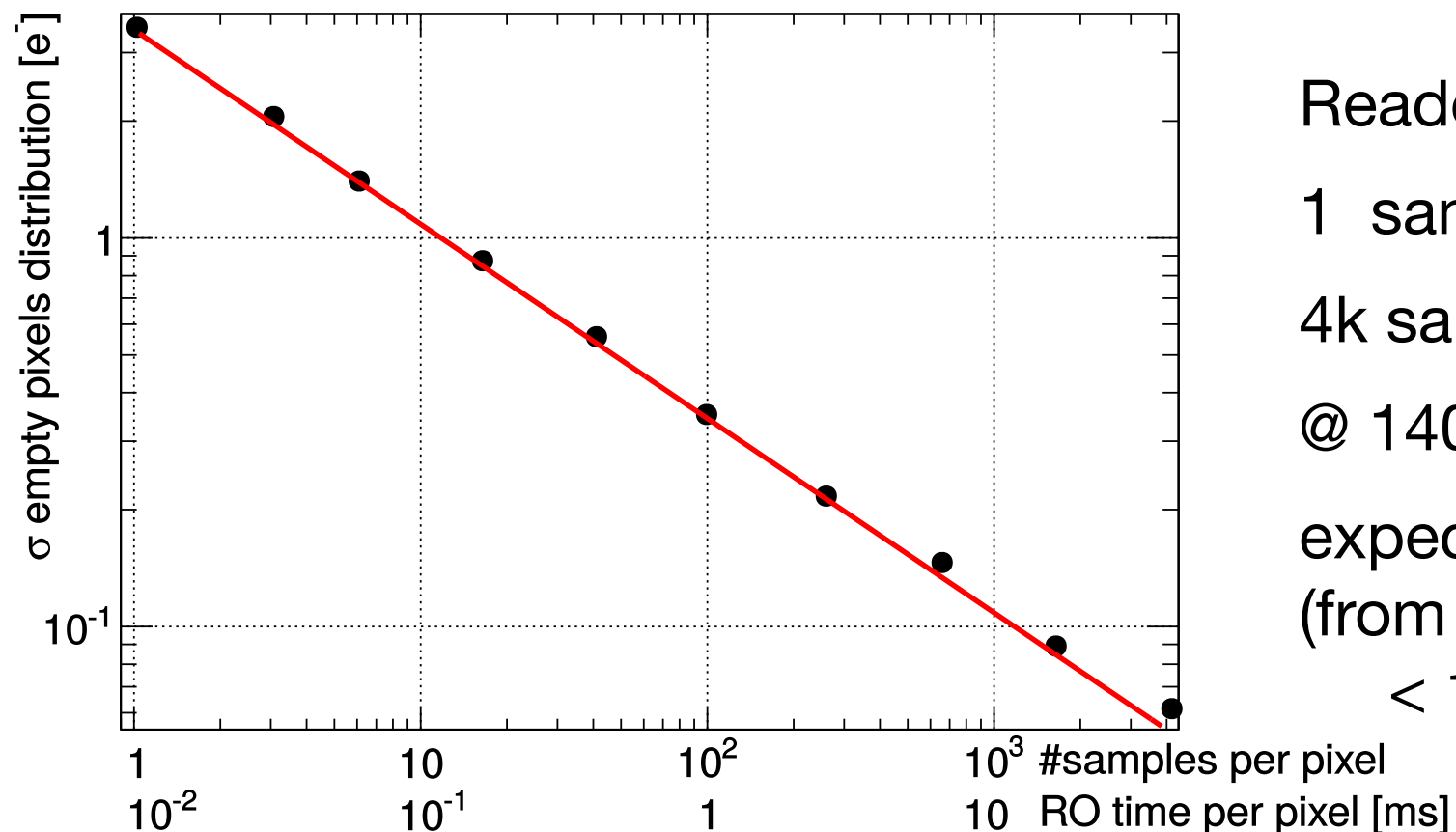
For  $O(\text{MeV})$  DM-electron scattering, required threshold :  $O(\text{e}^-)$   
Sub-electron noise level necessary

# Skipper CCD for SENSEI

DAMIC CCD with repetitive readout



from SENSEI homepage



Readout noise :

1 sample : 3.55  $e^-$  rms

4k samples : 0.068  $e^-$  rms

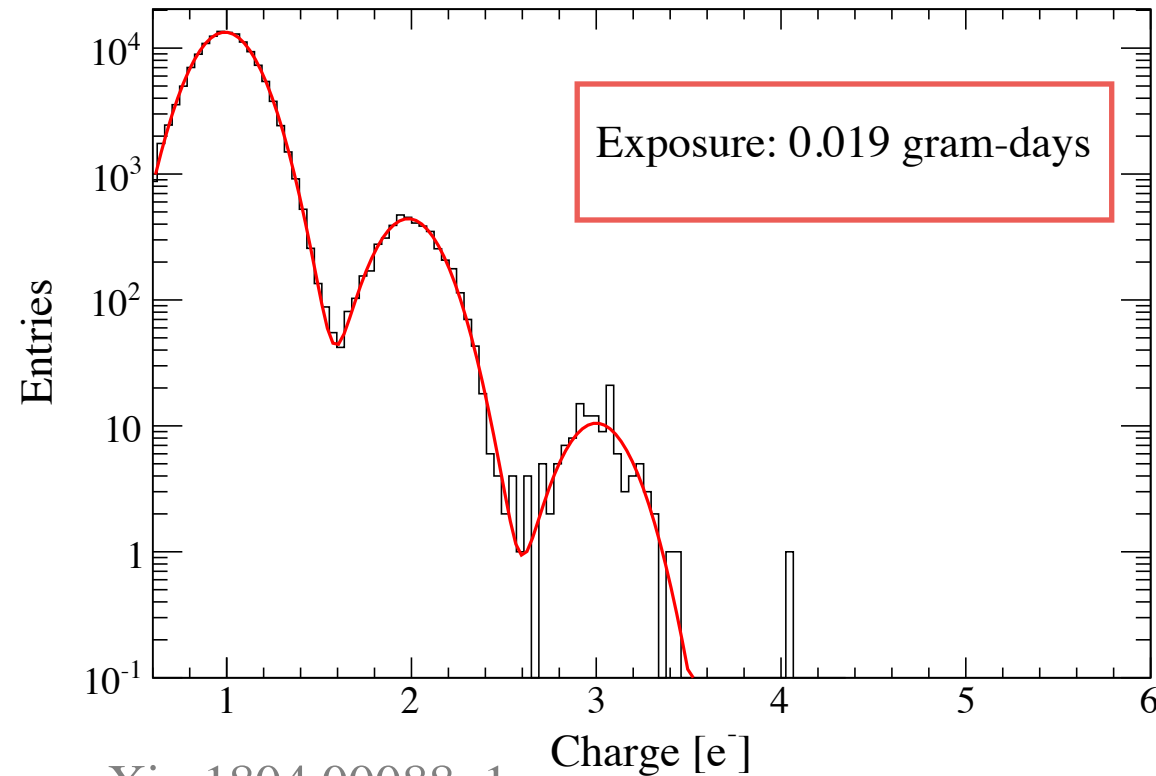
@ 140 K

expected dark current  
(from DAMIC CCD) :

$< 10^{-3} e^-/\text{pix}/\text{day}$



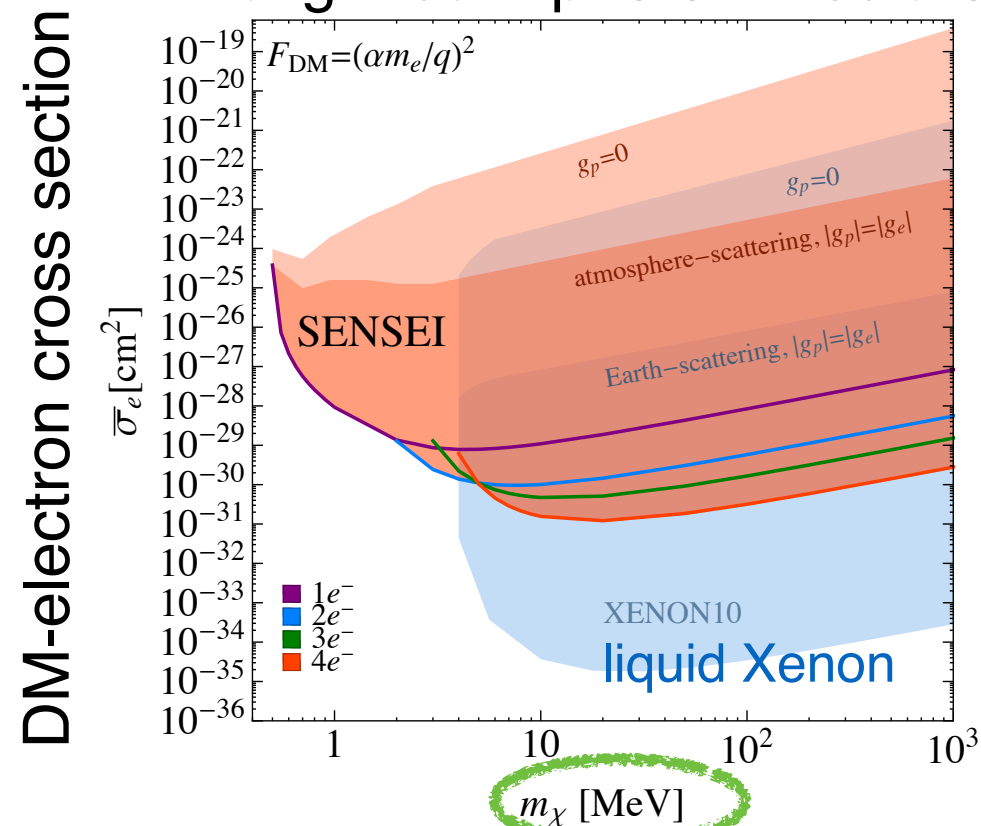
# SENSEI first result from a surface run



arXiv:1804.00088v1

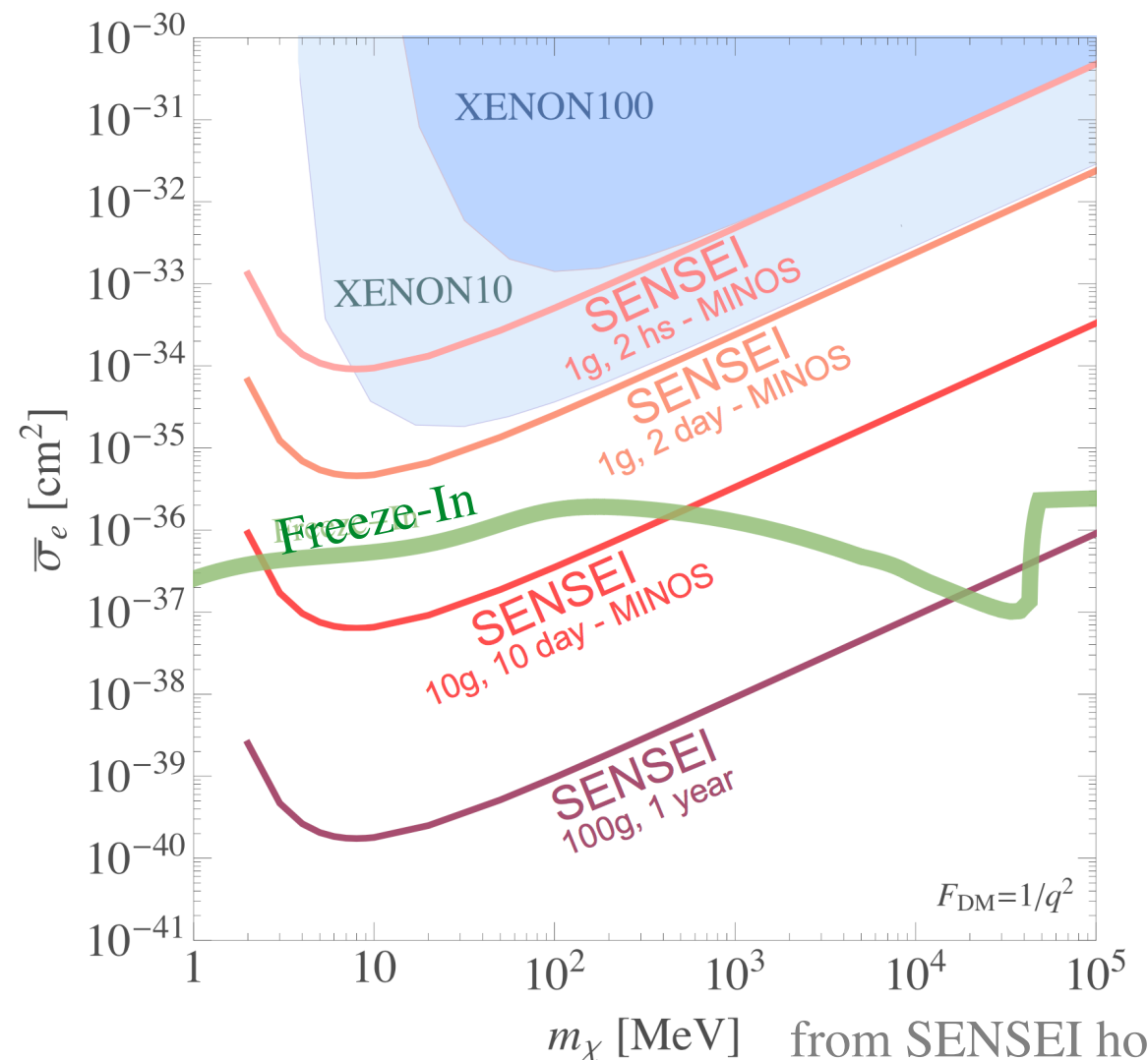
Active mass : 0.071 grams  
 427 minutes exposure (0.33 g-hr)  
 above sea level 220 m  
 single read noise :  $\sim 4 e^-$   
effective noise :  $\sim 0.14 e^-$  (800 repetitions)  
dark current :  $\sim 1.14 e^-/\text{pixel}/\text{day}$   
 assume all events DM induced  
 -> conservative limit

## ultralight dark photon mediator



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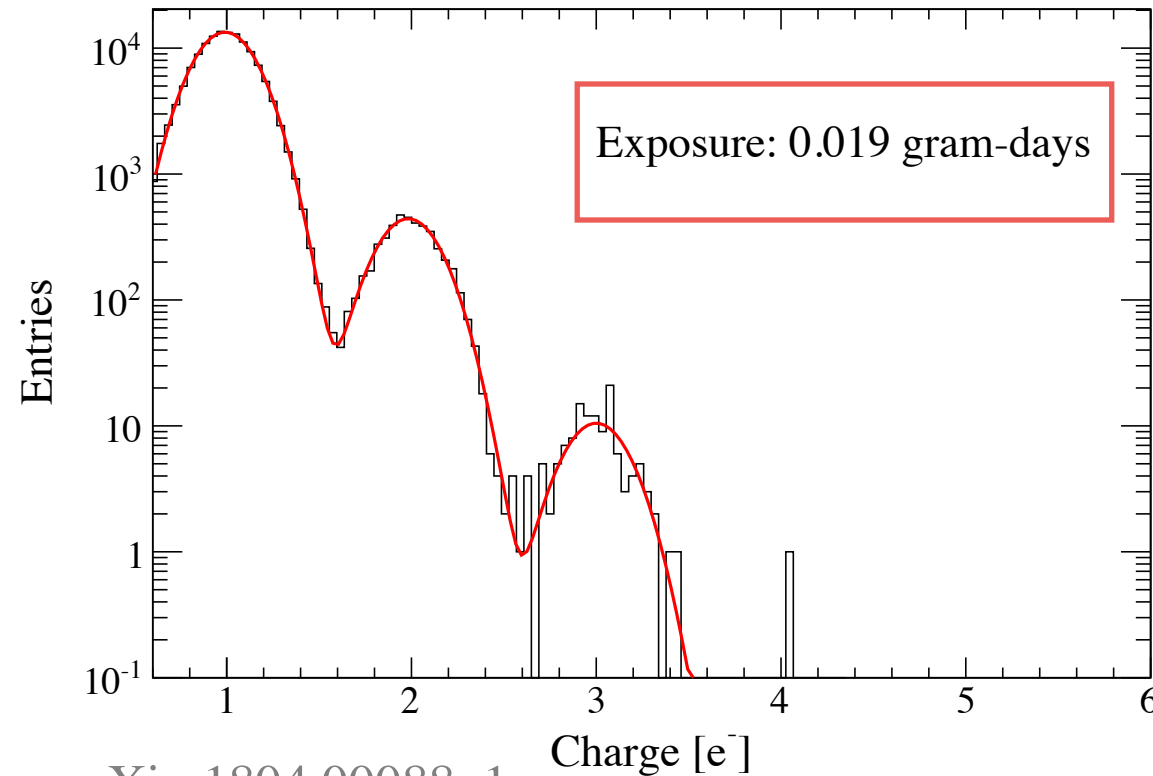
## DM-electron cross section



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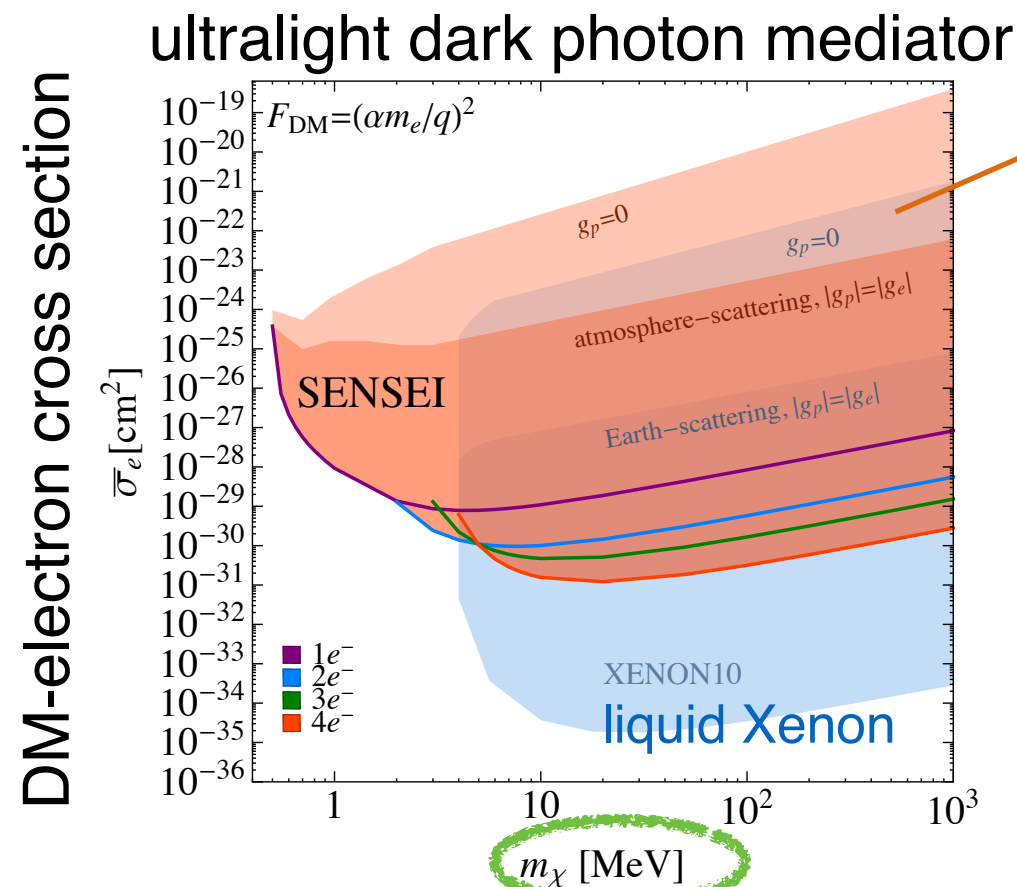
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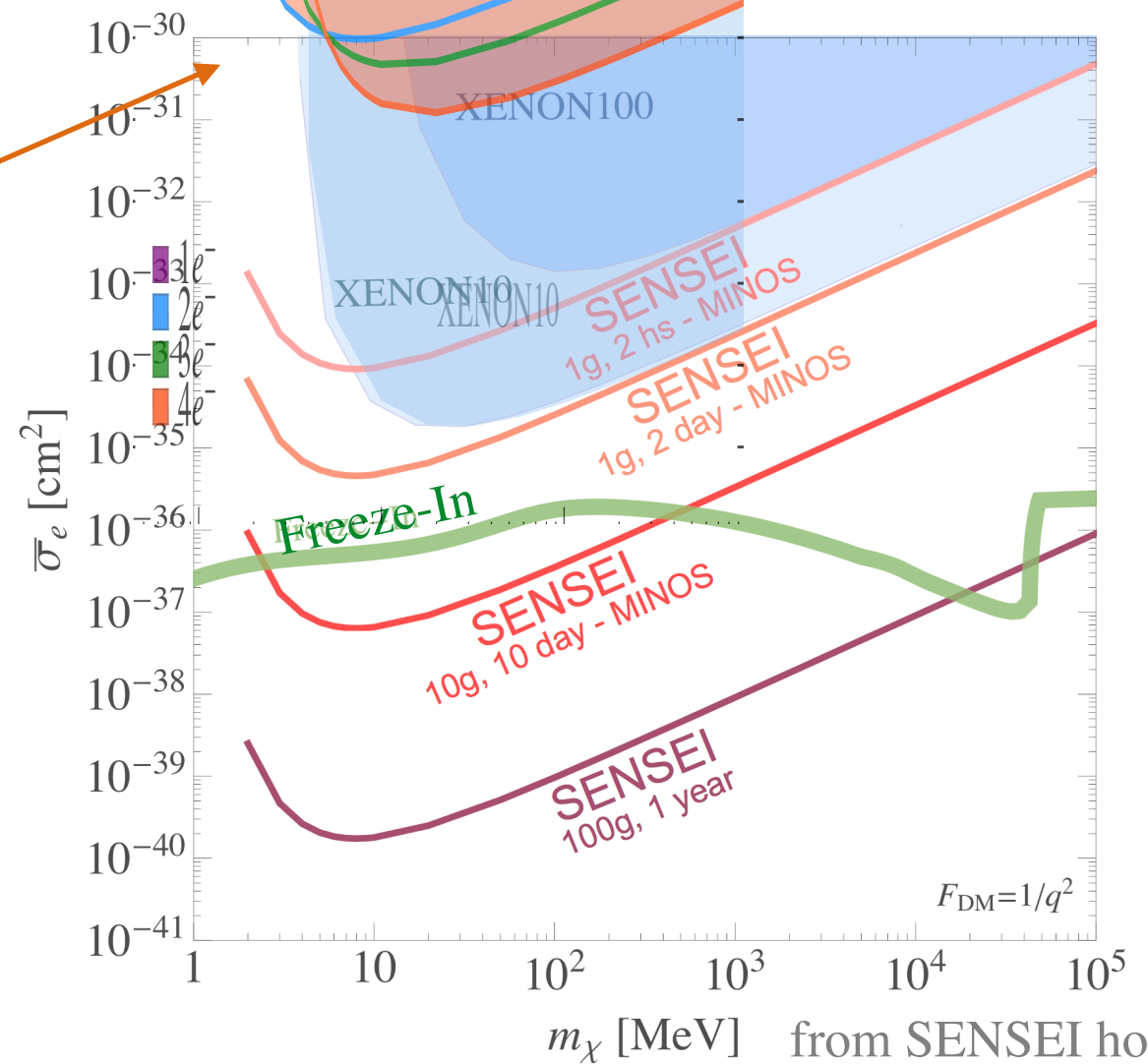
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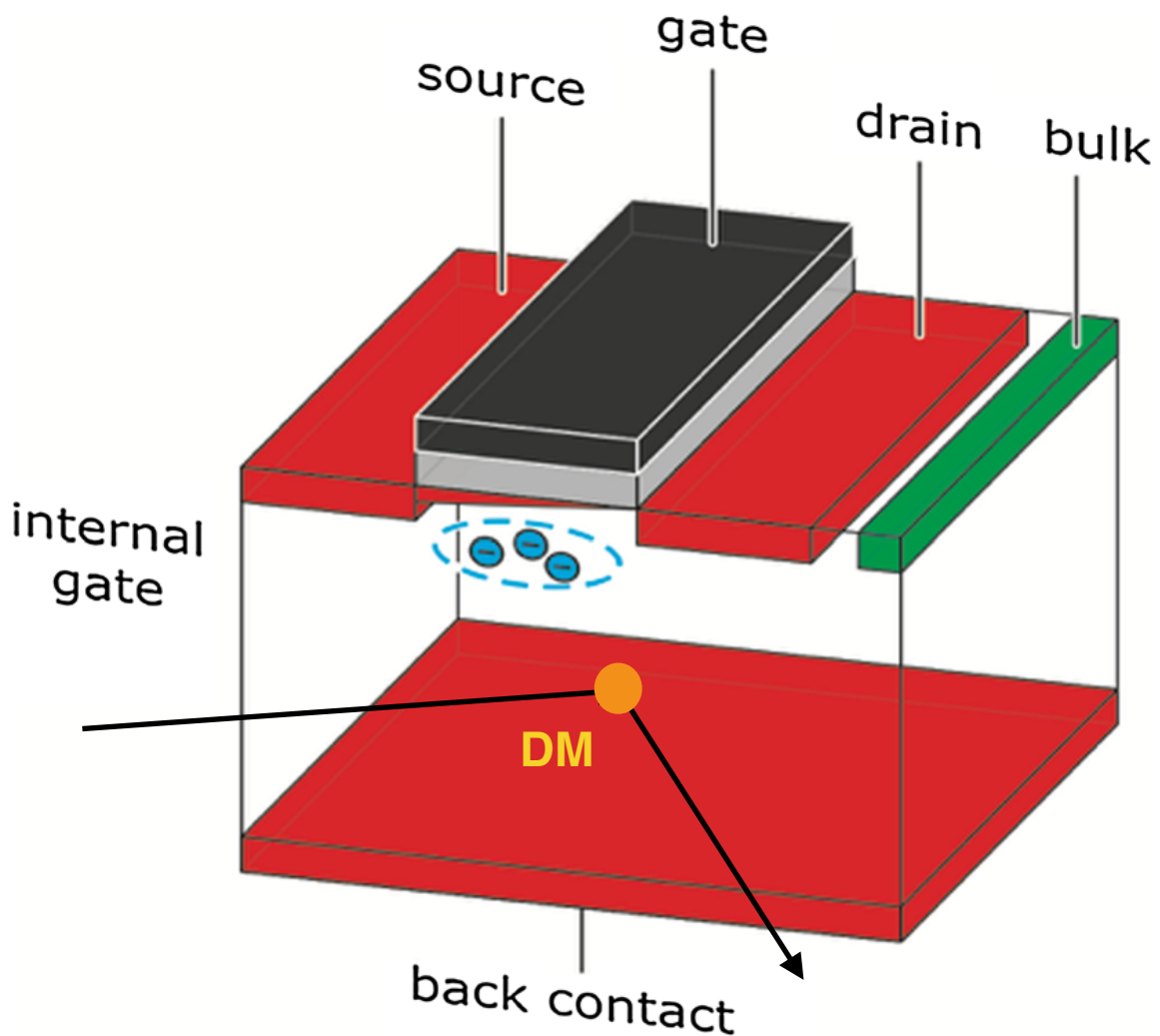
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# DEPFET with RNDR

## RNDR : repetitive non-destructive readout

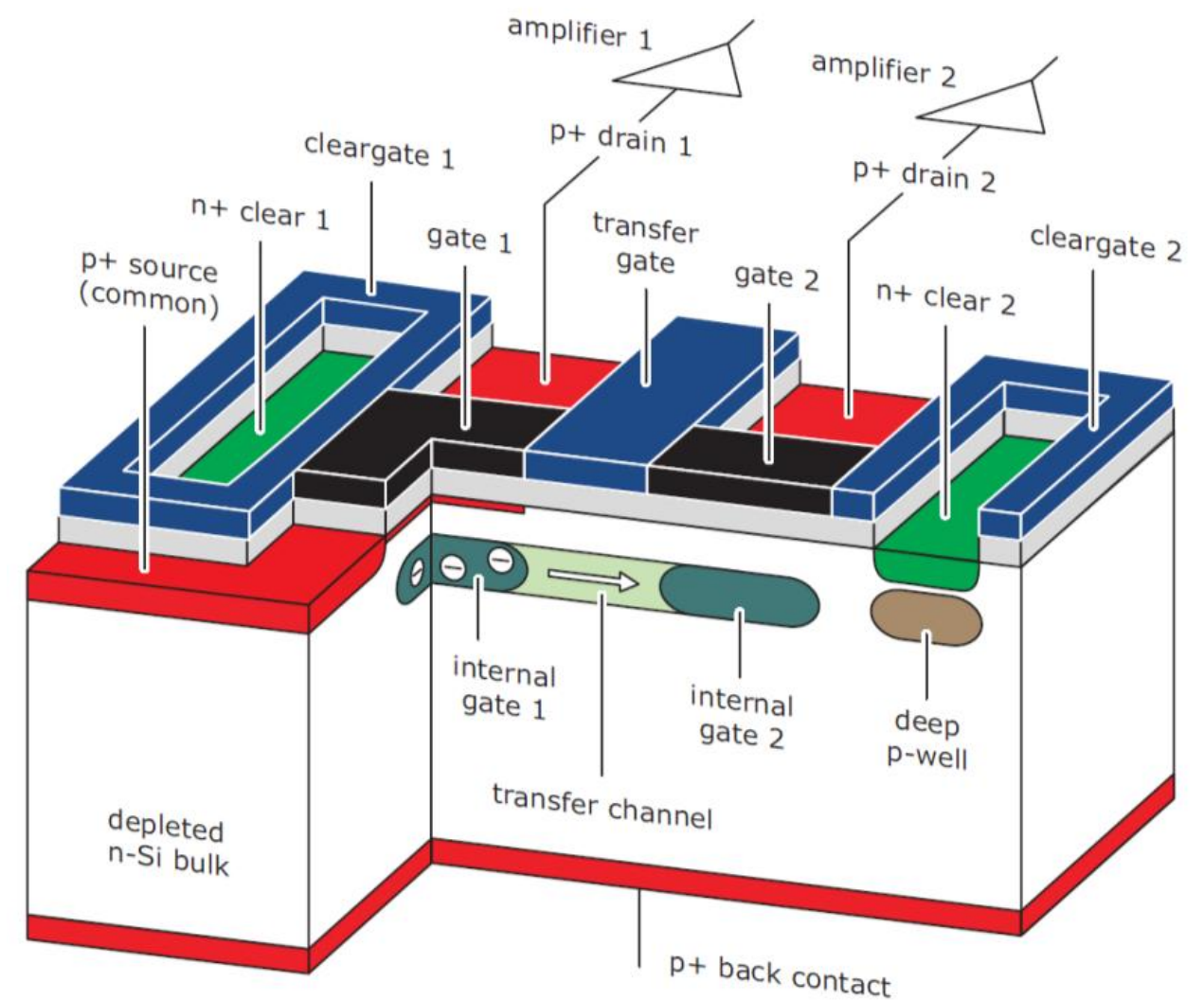
structure of a basic DEPFET cell :  
a “subpixel”



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fully-depleted n-Si

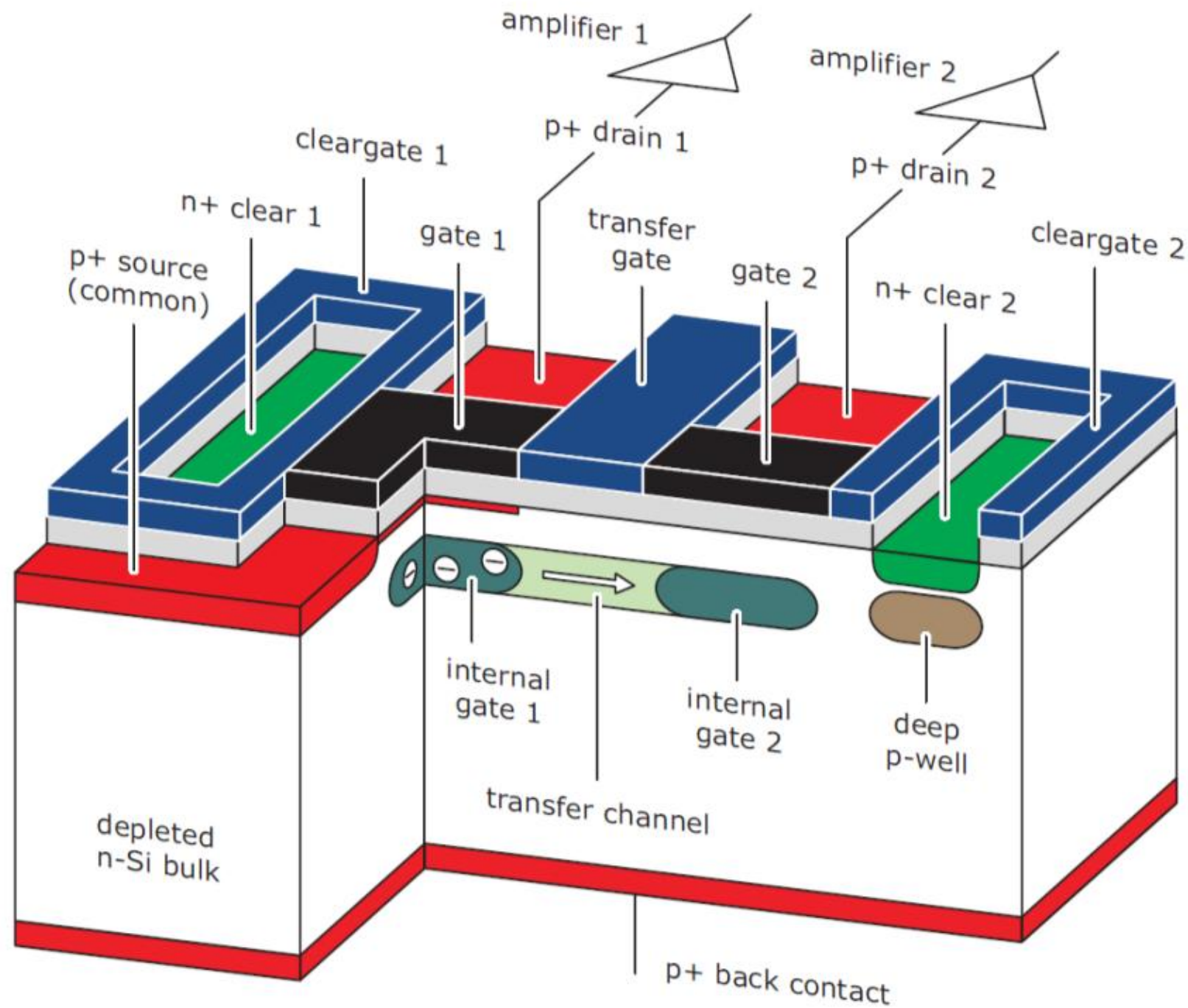
## structure of RNDR DEPFET “super-pixel”



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# RNDR

## RNDR readout



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read N times effective noise :

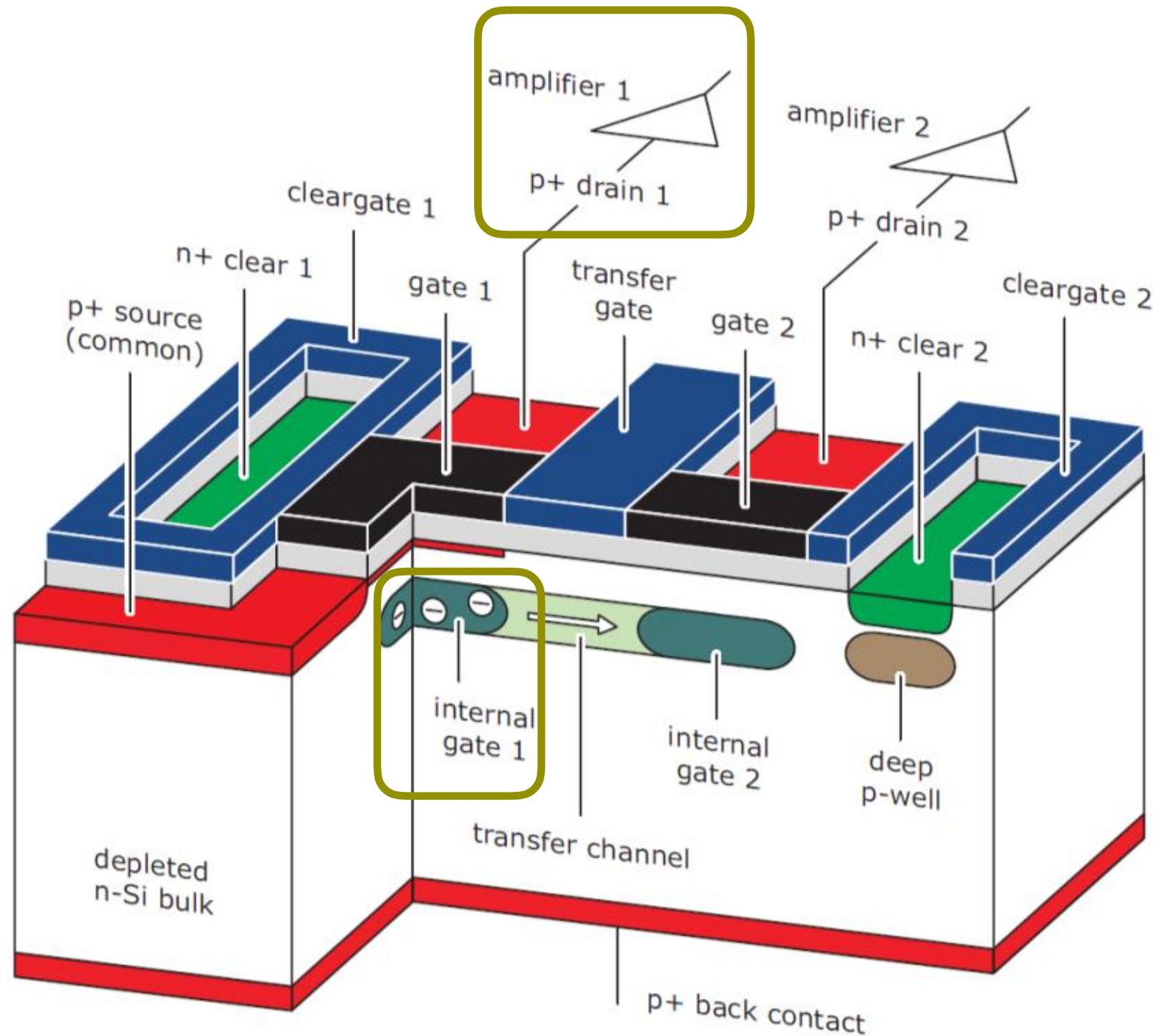
$$\sigma_{\text{eff}} = \sigma/(\sqrt{N})$$



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read **1** : noise  $\sigma$



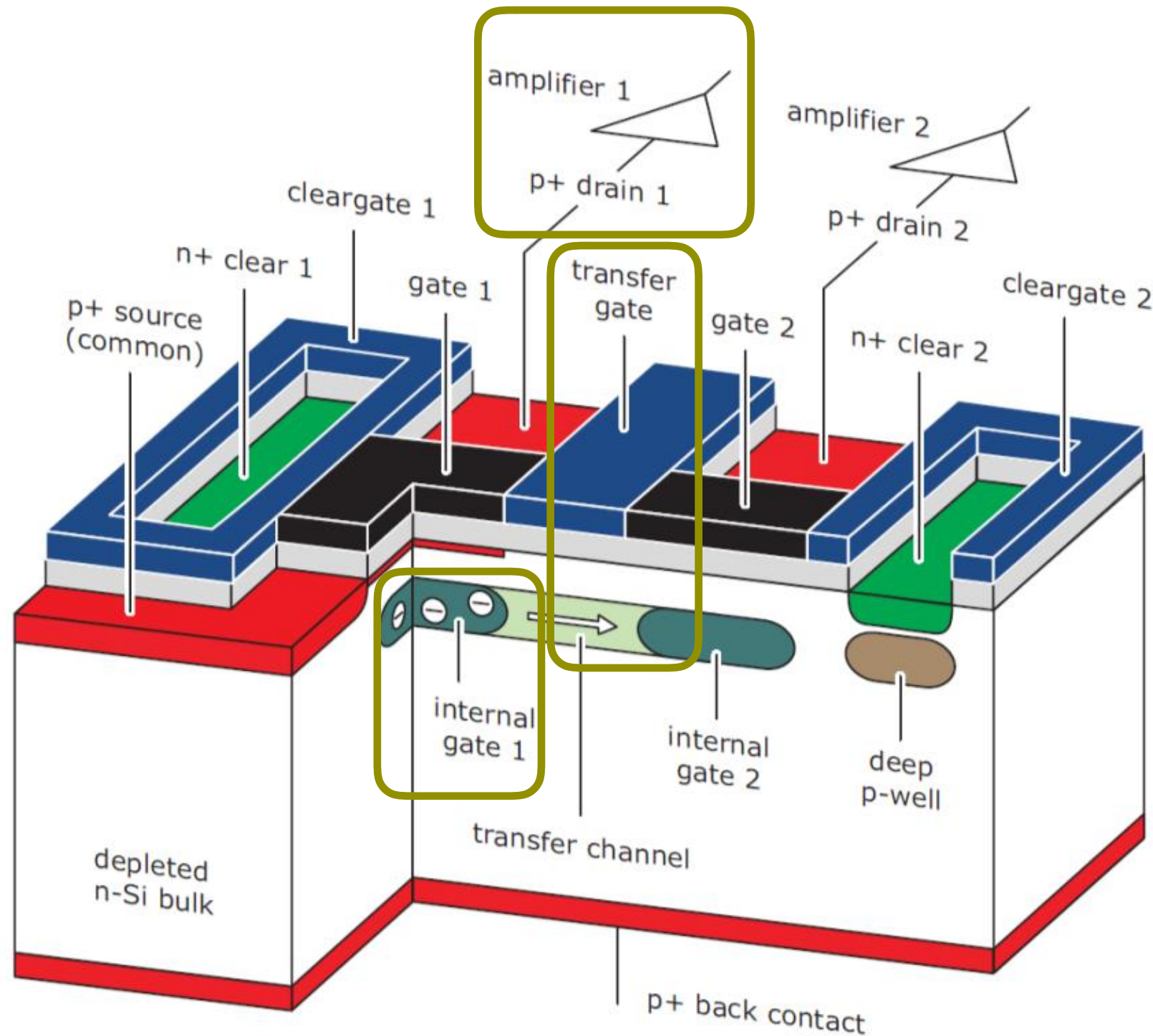
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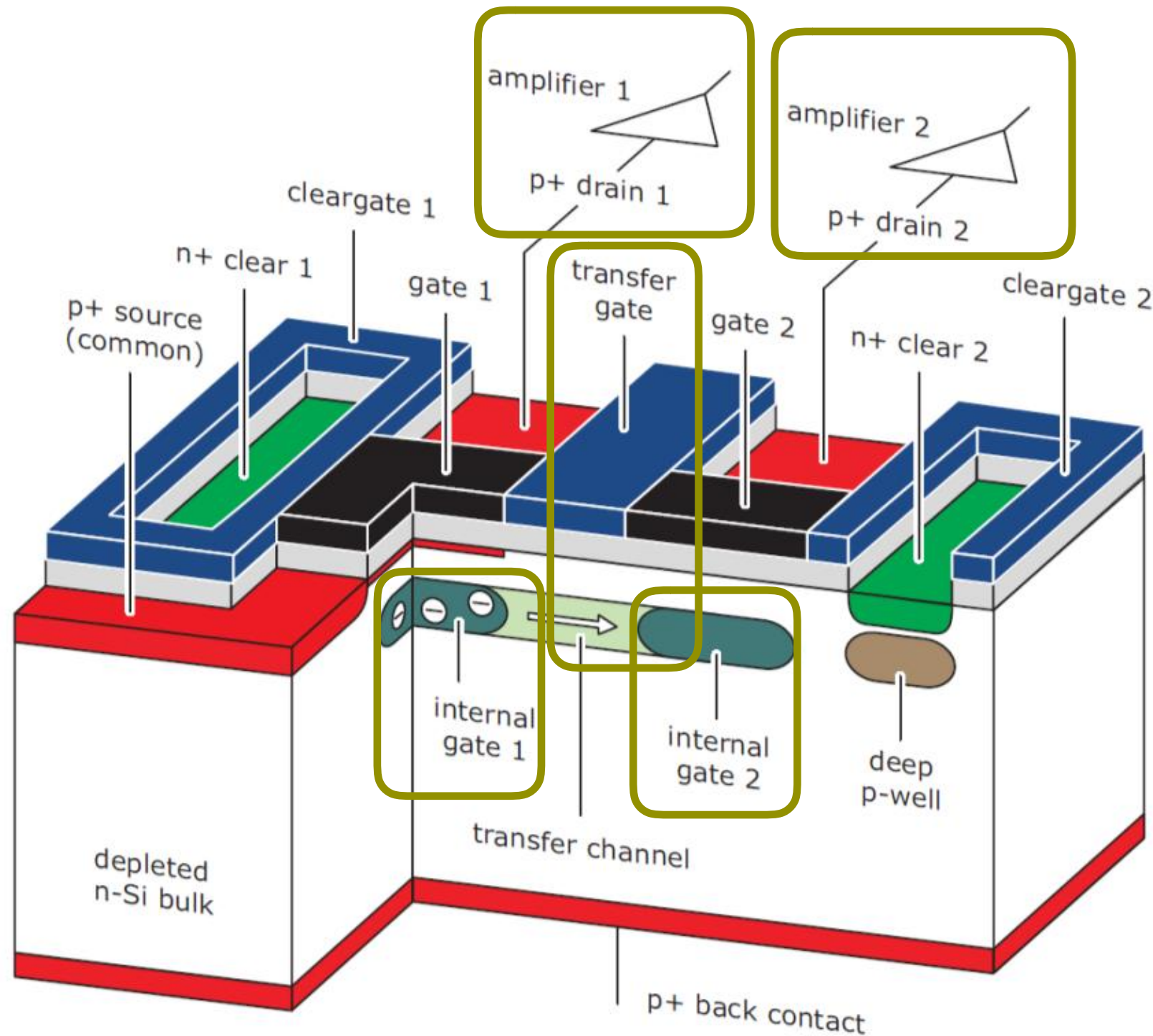
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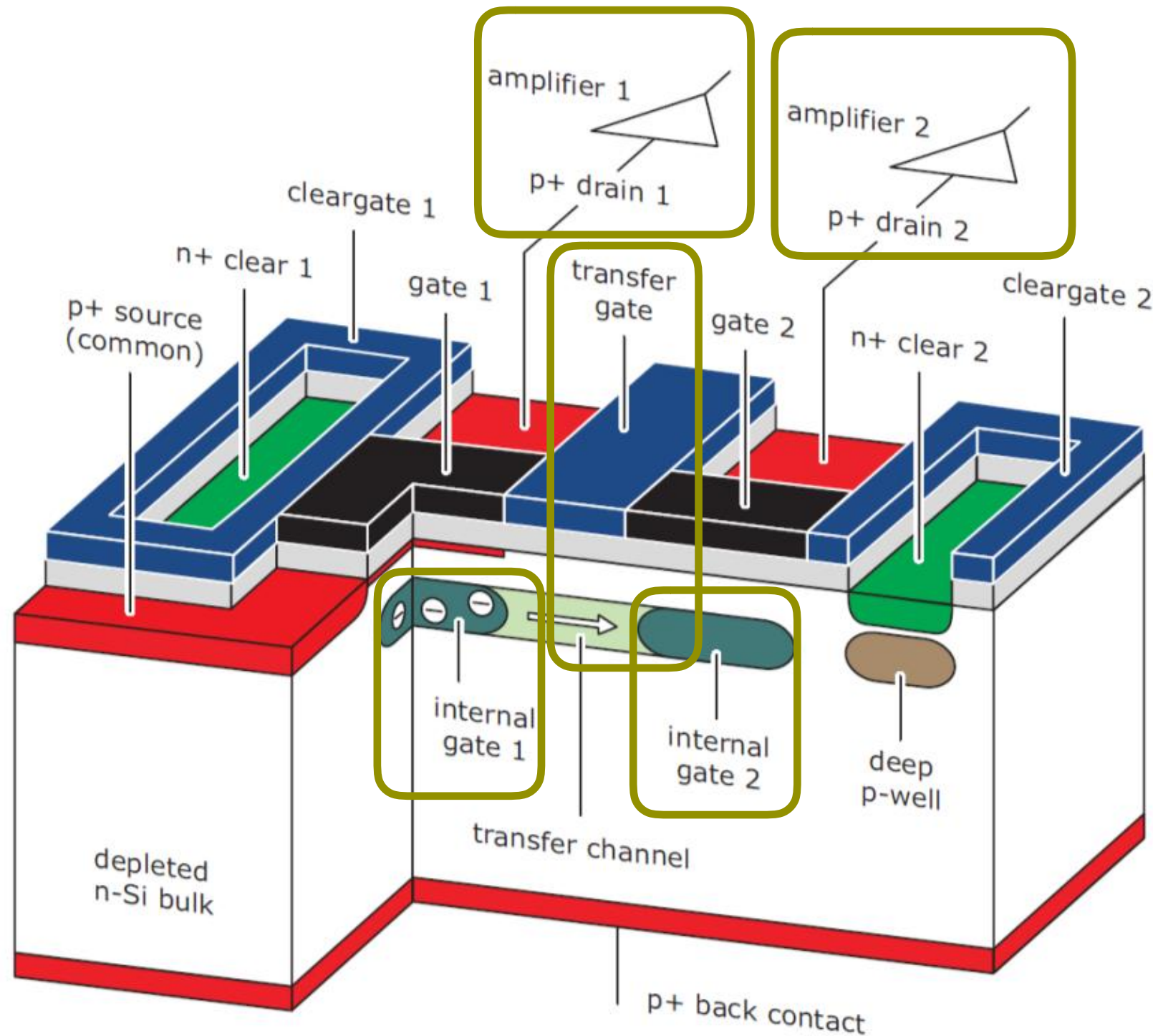


read **2** : noise  $\sigma$

read N times effective noise :

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# RNDR



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## RNDR readout

read **1** : noise  $\sigma$



**transfer gate** open



read **2** : noise  $\sigma$

: repeat **N** times

independent  
measurements



clear charges

read N times effective noise :

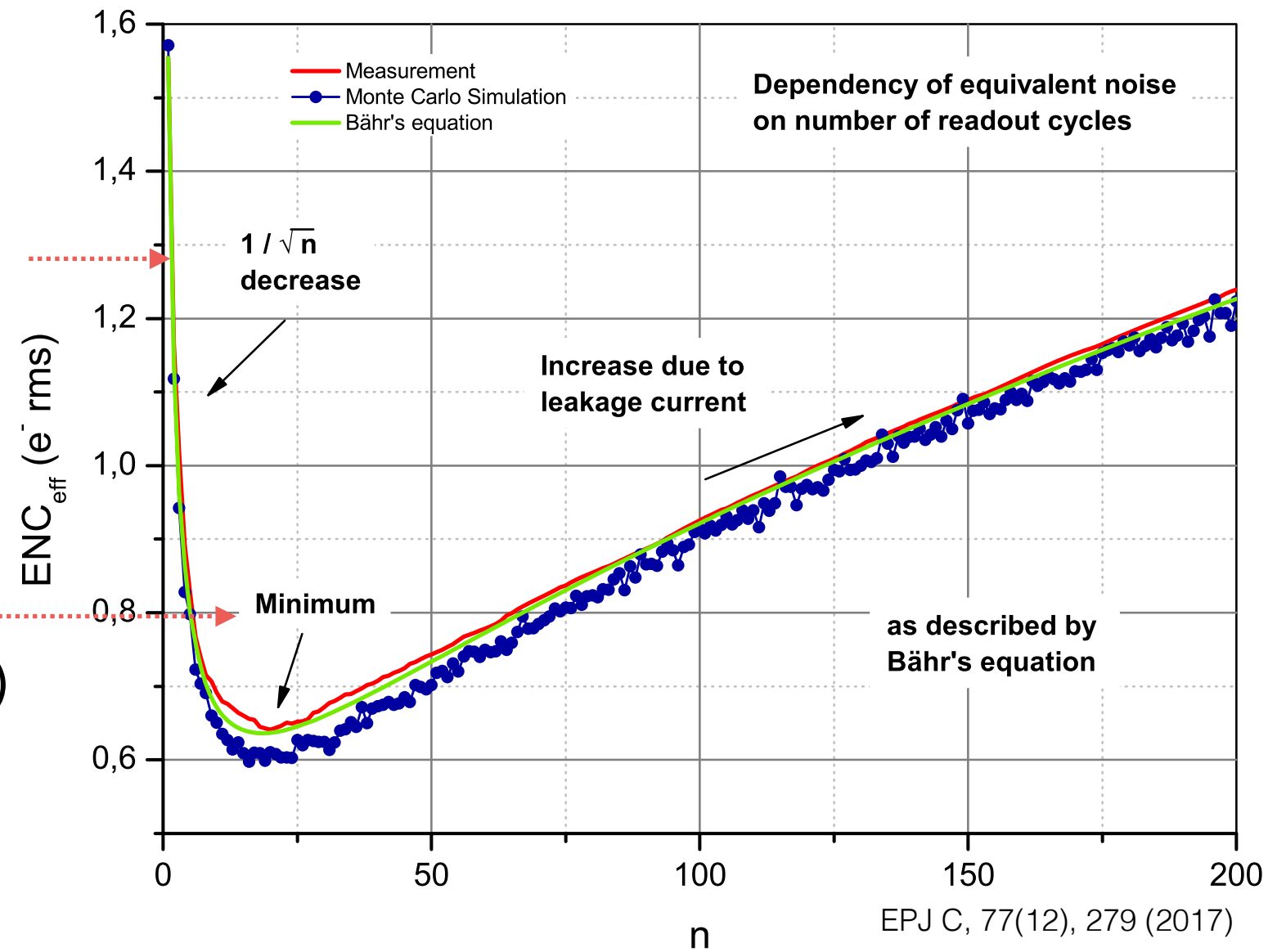
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# DEPFET RNDR single pixel performance

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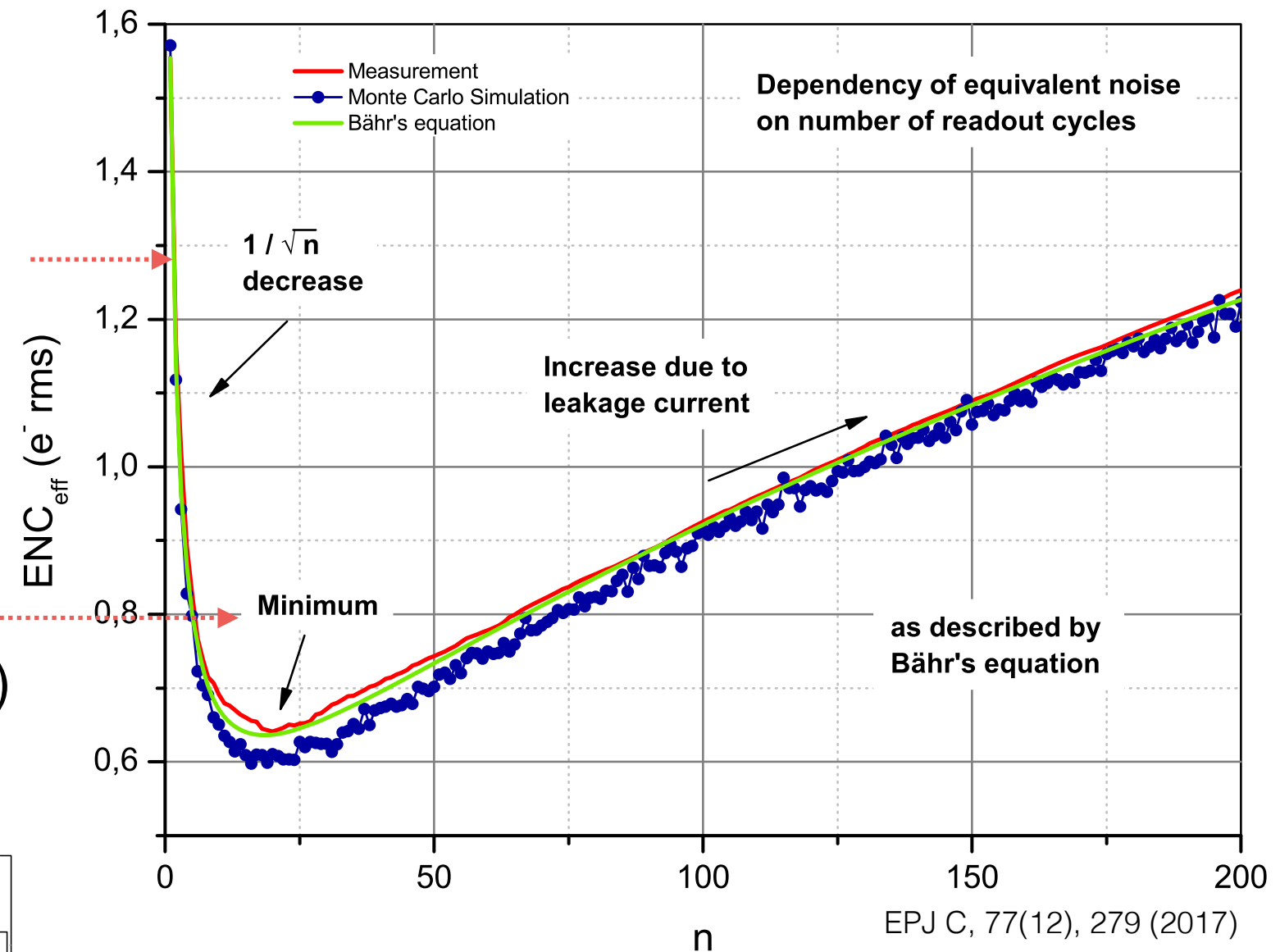
minimal noise level limited by leakage current at 230 K (-40 °C)



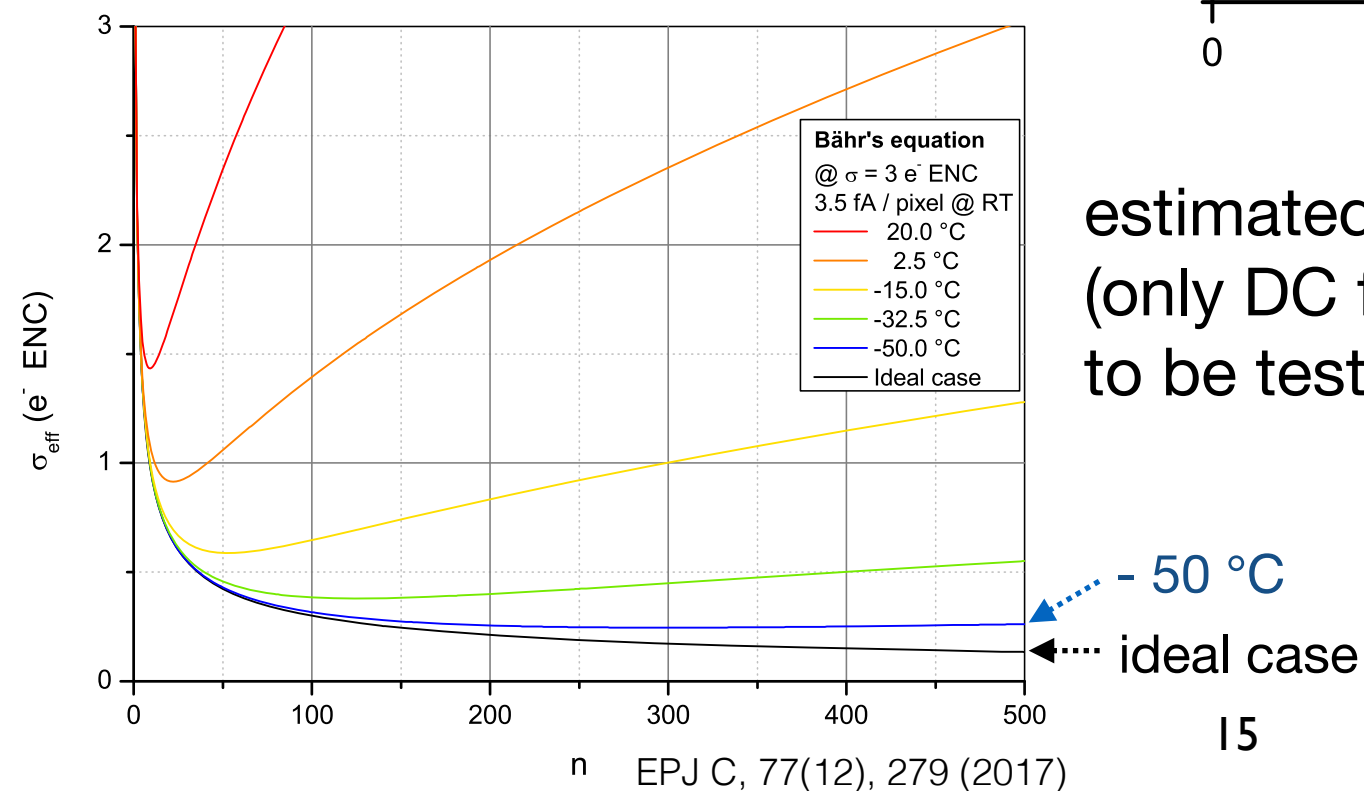
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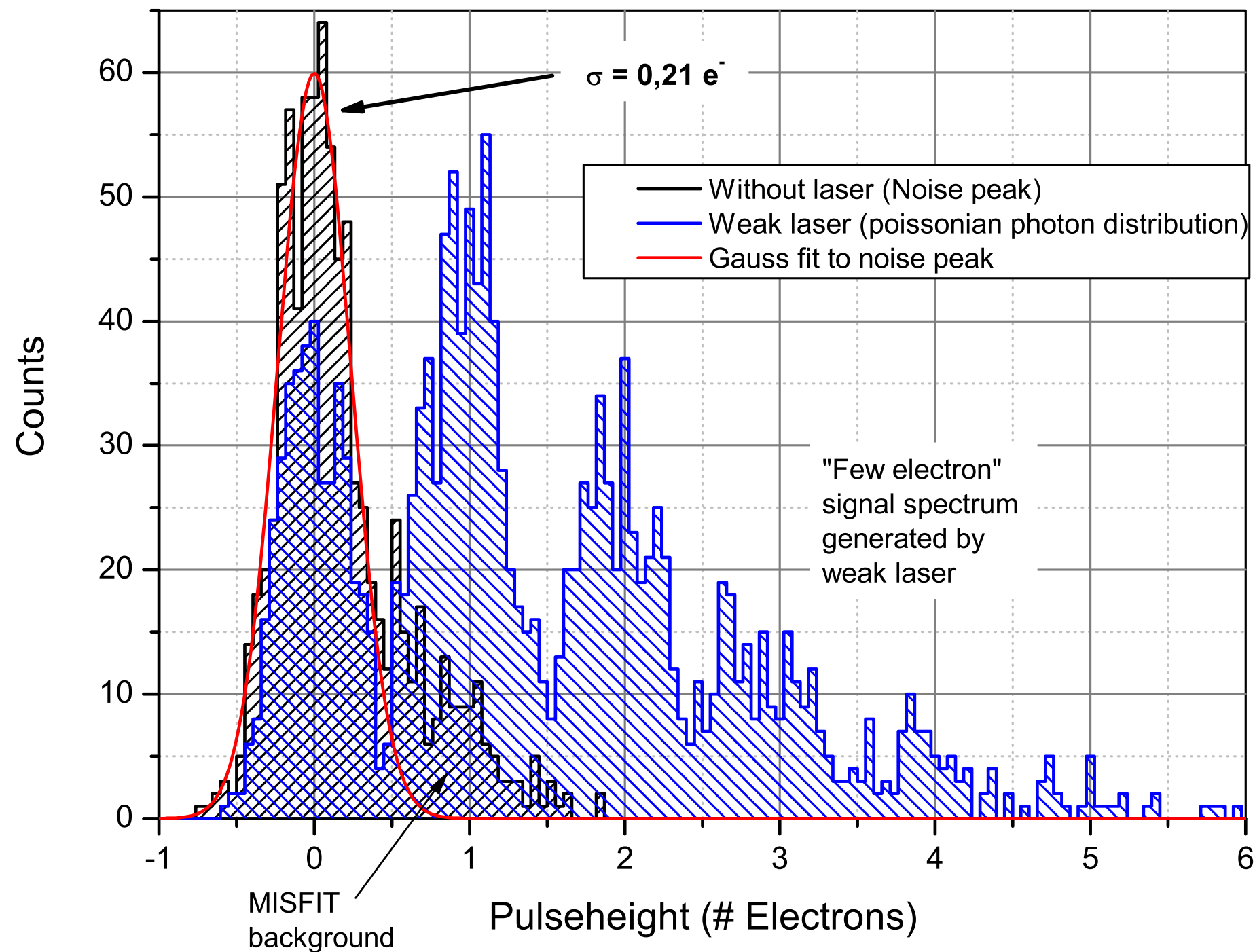
estimated temperature dependence (only DC from thermal excitation) to be testified in measurement



new architecture with “blind-gate” possibility of reducing leakage current during readout



# DEPFET RNDR single pixel performance



single pixel RNDR  
DEPFET effective noise :  
 $0.2 e^-$  RMS at 200 K

capable of distinguish  
single electron charge

# A comparison with skipper CCD

Type	Pixel format [μm]	prototype mass	operating temp	dark current	readout time (1 sample)	readout noise (optimal)
skipper CCD	15 x 15 x 200	0.071 g	140 K	<u>~1.14 e<sup>-</sup>/pix/day</u>	10 μs/pix/ amplifier	0.068 e-rms/pix
RNDR DEPFET	75 x 75 x 450	0.024 g	≈ 200 K	<u>≤ 1 e<sup>-</sup>/pix/day</u>	4 μs/ 64 pix	0.2 e-rms/pix

similar concepts of non-destructive readout, compatible performance;  
different architecture, different systematics;  
-> good complementary from experimental point of view

# DANAE proof-of-principle measurement

proto-type :  
75  $\mu\text{m}$  x 75  $\mu\text{m}$  x 450  $\mu\text{m}$  single pixel,  
64 x 64 matrix  
sensitive volume **0.024 g**

At HLL :

matrix readout

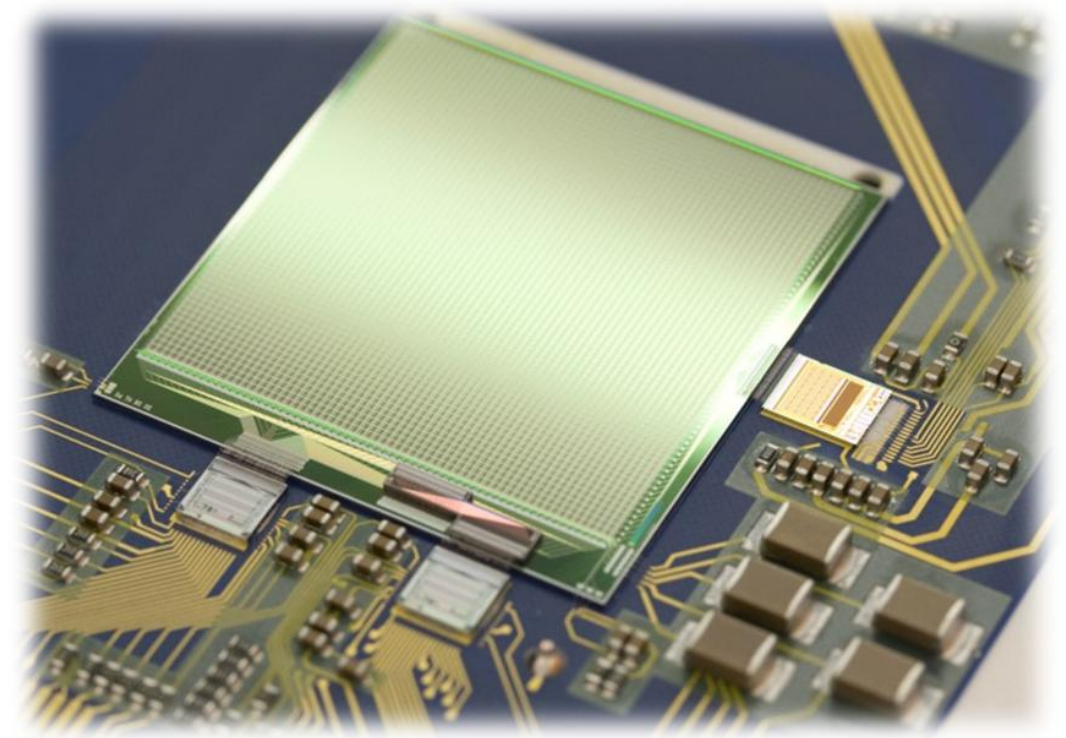
optimization for operational/readout parameters

temperature dependence of leakage current

In Vienna:

low background environment measurement  
or surface measurement with veto

MC simulation for background budget

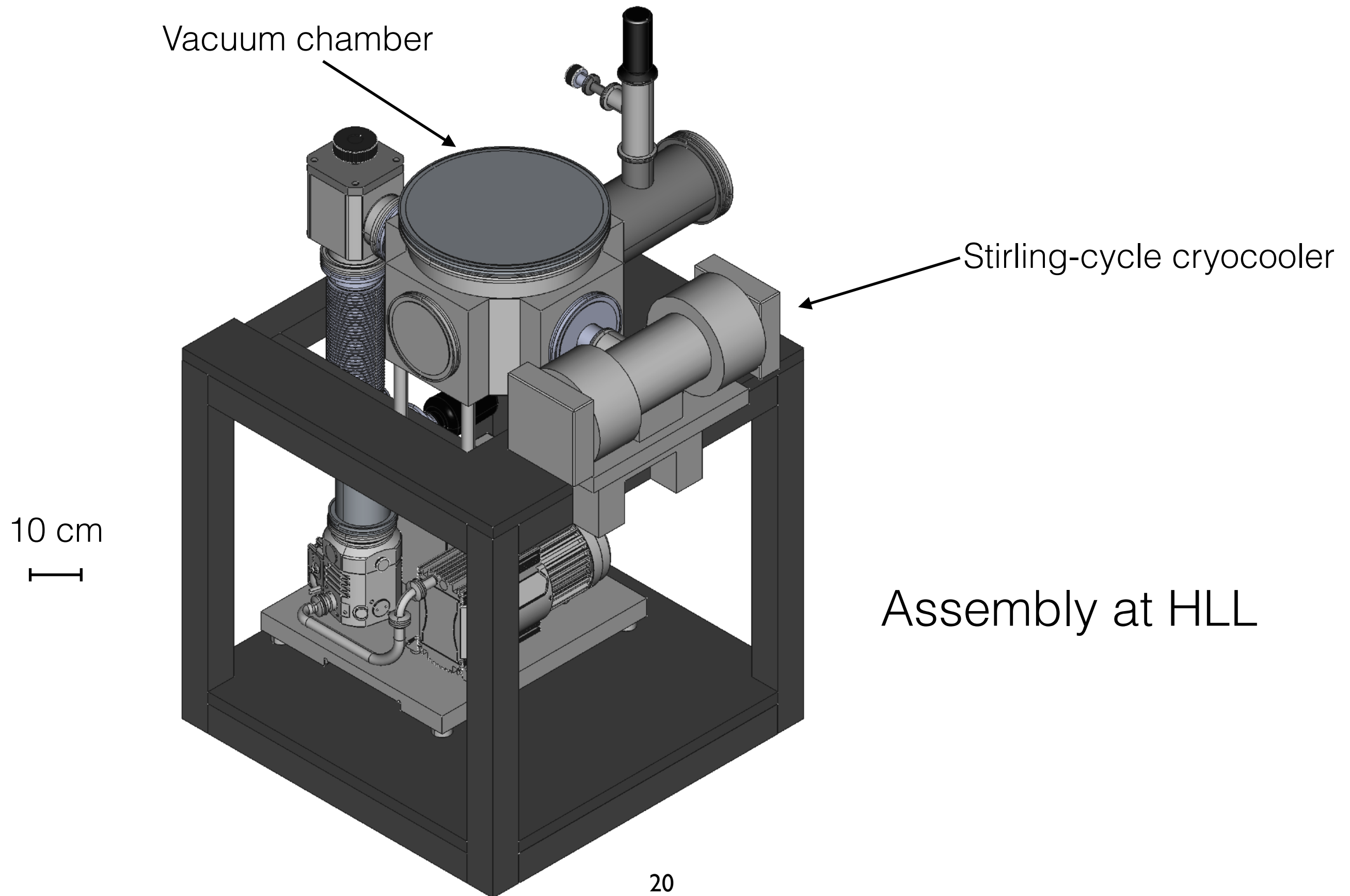


Detector prototype at HLL-MPG  
courtesy of J. Treis

Expect to have operating  
matrix by the end of 2018

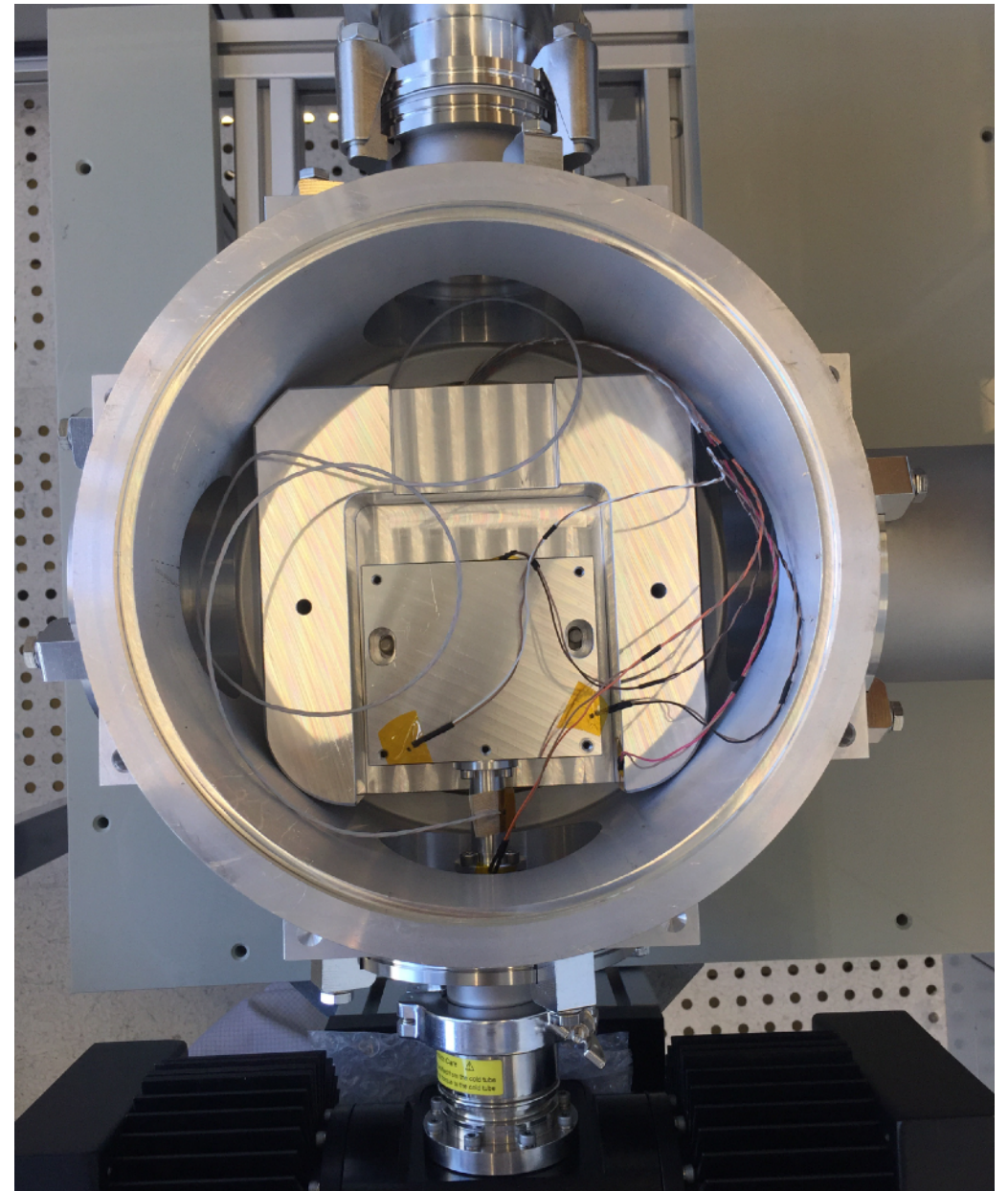
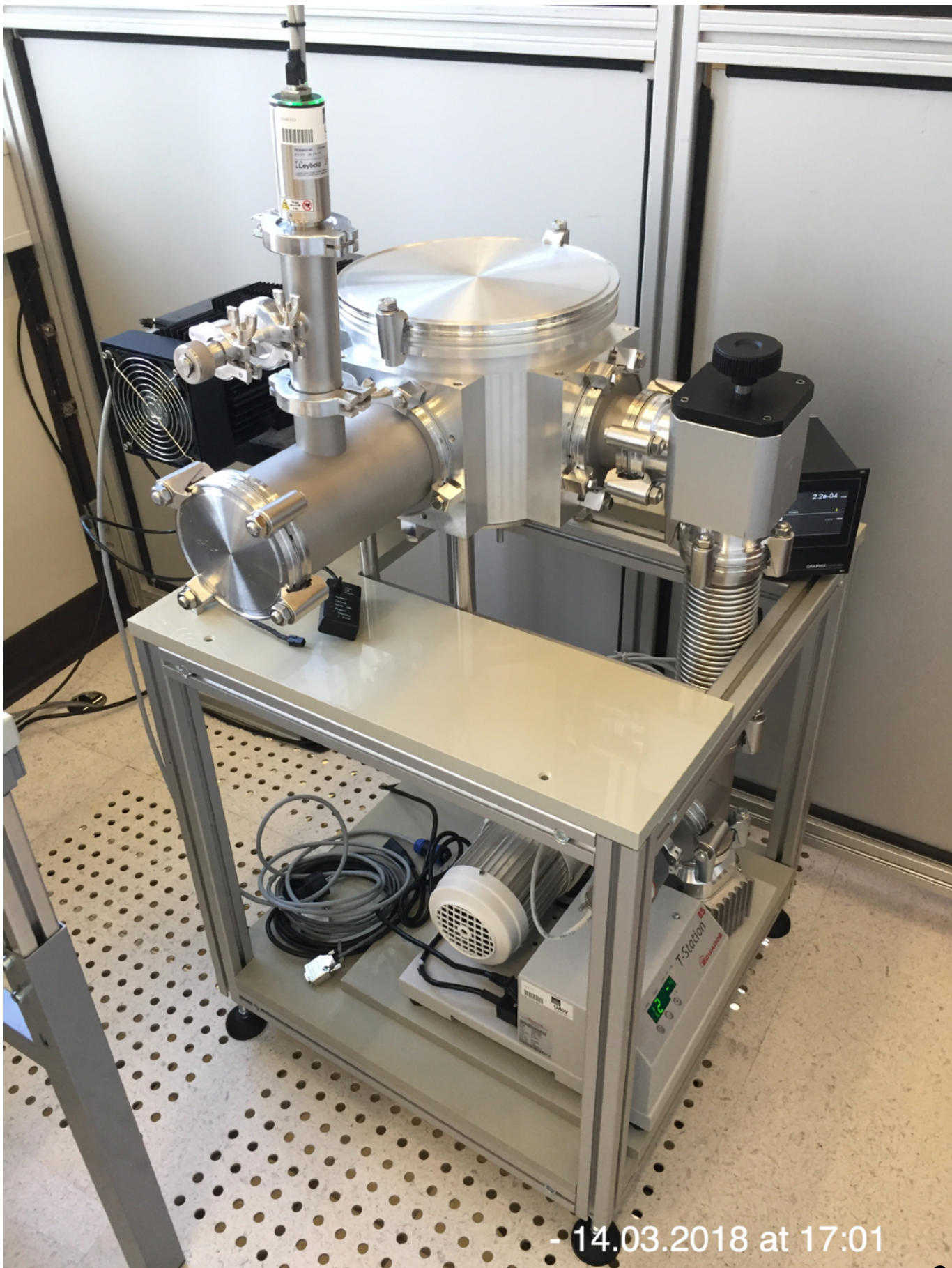
# **DANAE preparation status**

# DANAE test setup - design image





# Setup at HLL



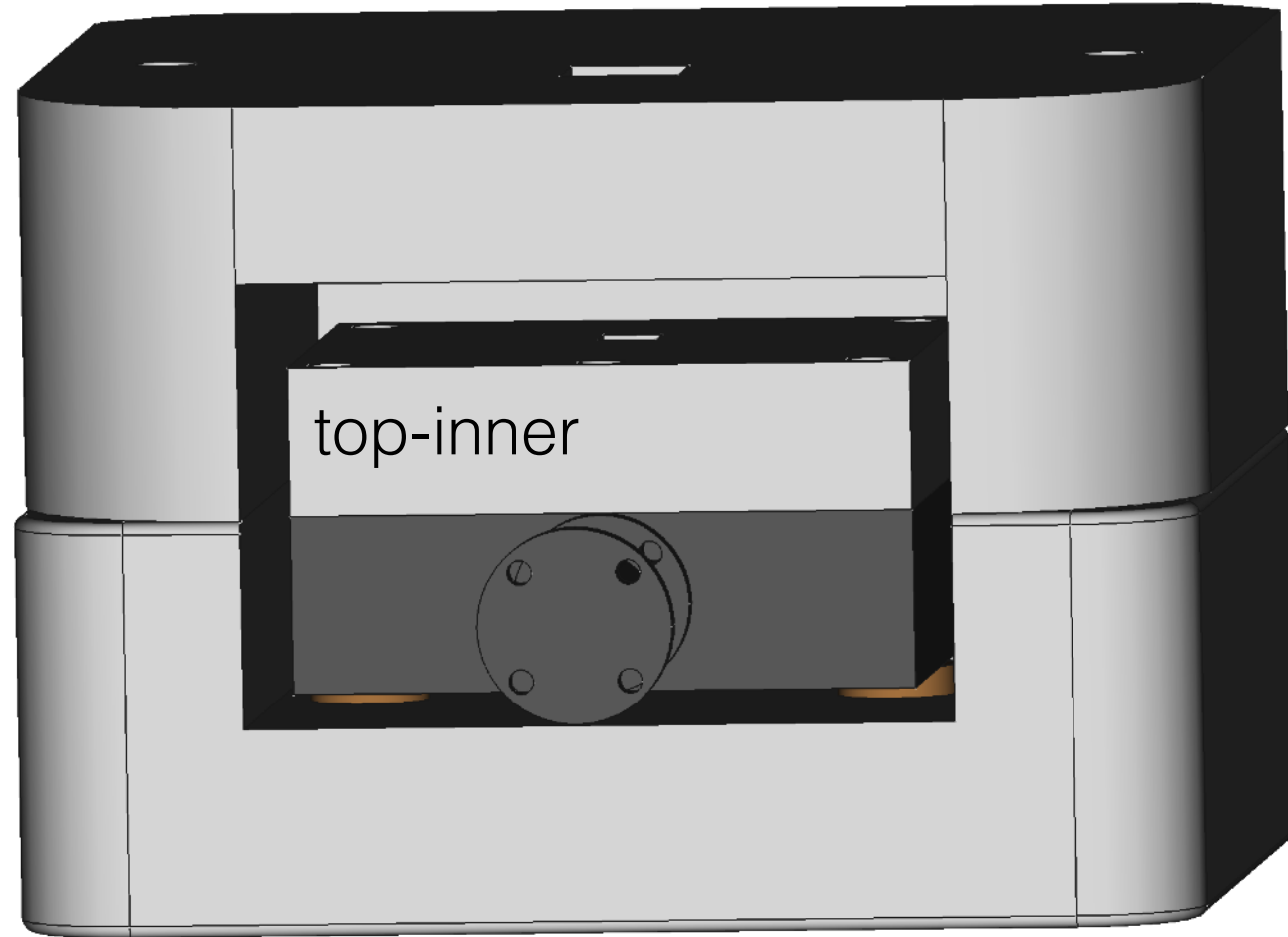
Vacuum and cooling tests  
done in March 2018

cooling pad reached 150 K



# Cooling & shielding layout

top-out



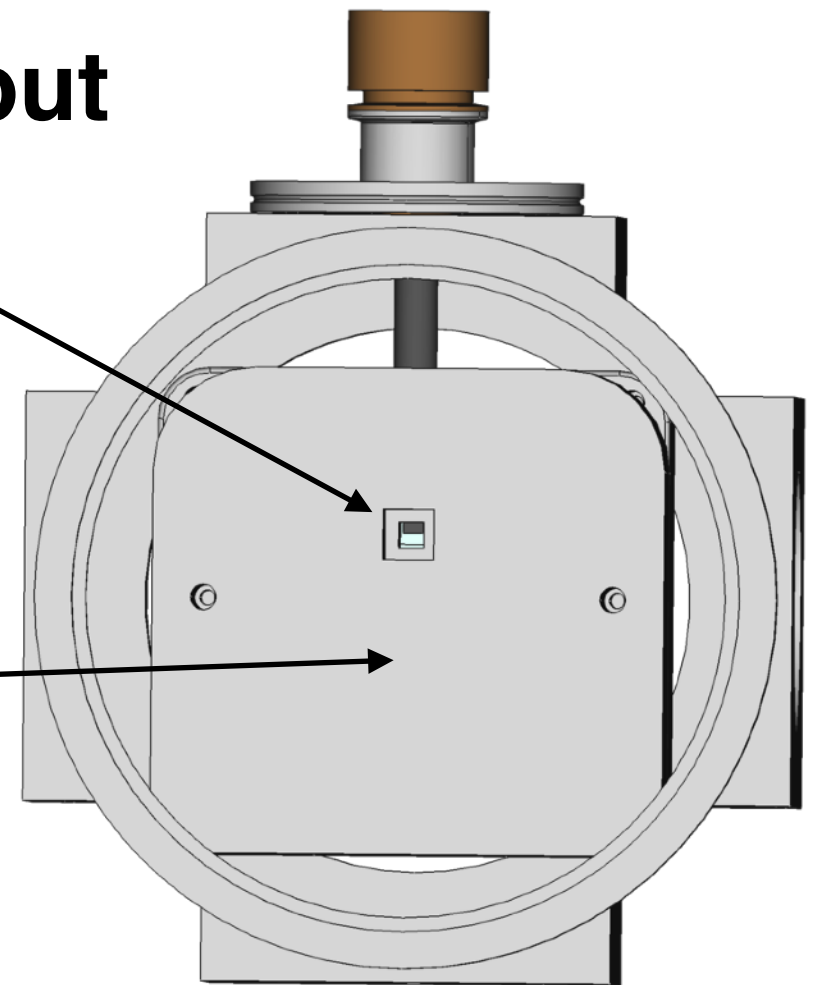
top-inner

bot-out

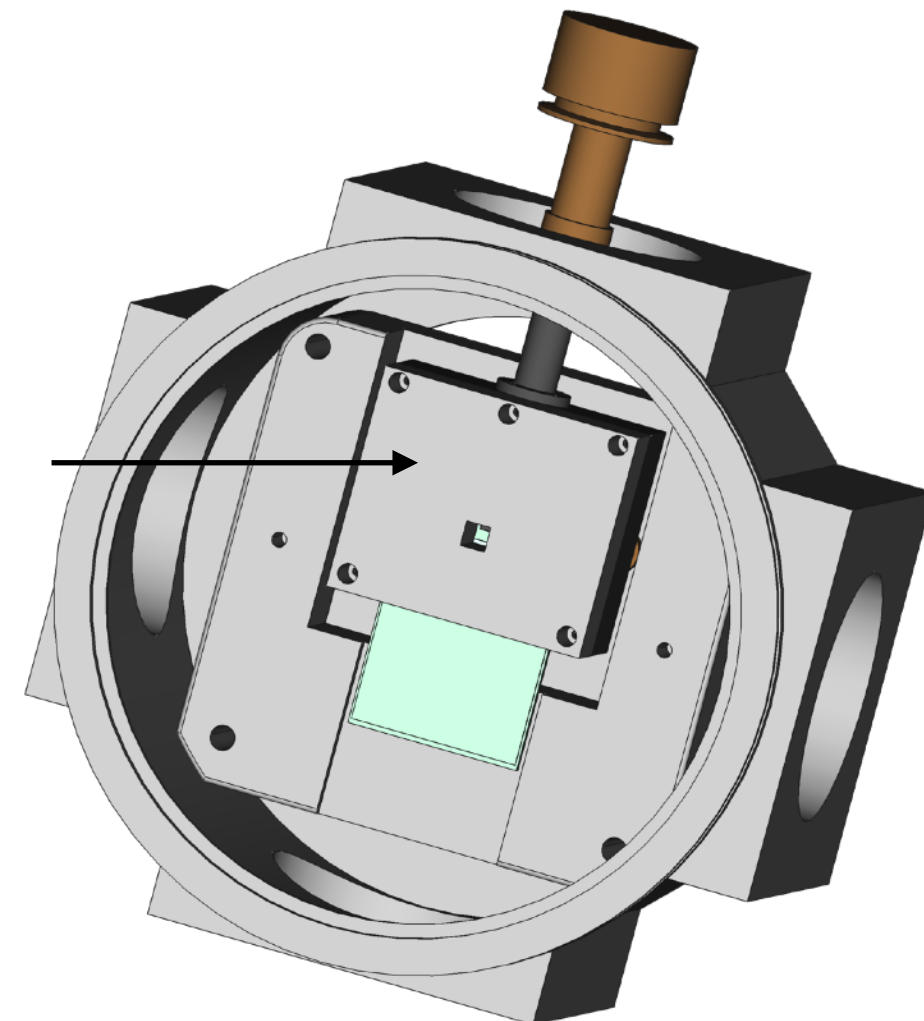
outer shielding : support structure  
inner shielding : cooling contact

window

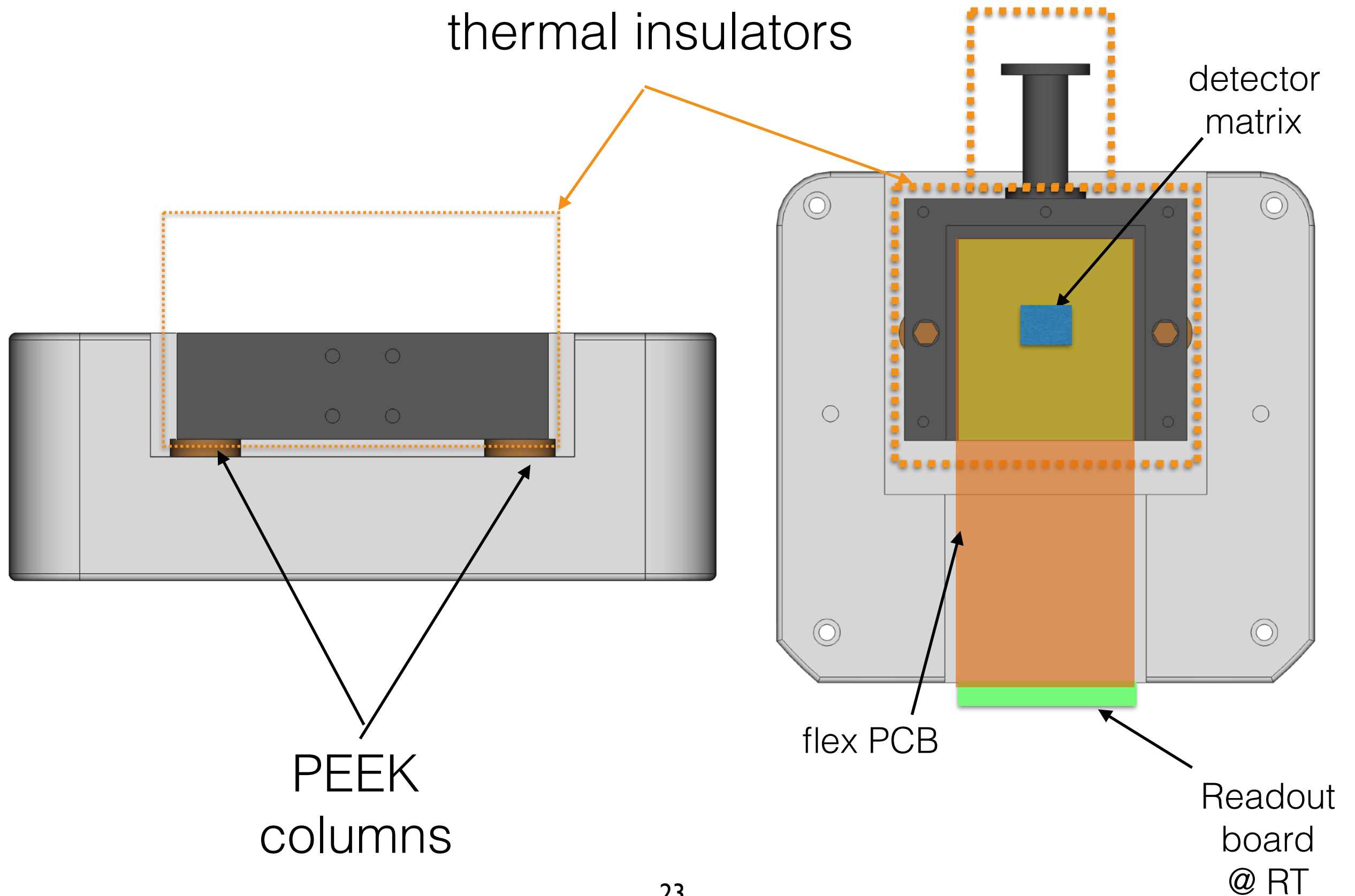
top out



top inner



# Cooling of the detector and electronics



# DEPFET matrix control & readout electronics

## Detector matrix

Front-end ASICS for the 64x64 matrix  
with interface to Switcher-S, VERITAS

### Switcher-S

64x2 channel analog multiplexer

### Readout board

switcher id	W	N	E
<b>function</b>	<b>Gate 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Gate common</b>	<b>clear &amp; transfer gate</b>
Voltage [V]	-2.5 ~ + 5	-0.5 ~ +20	-0.5 ~ + 20/25

### VERITAS

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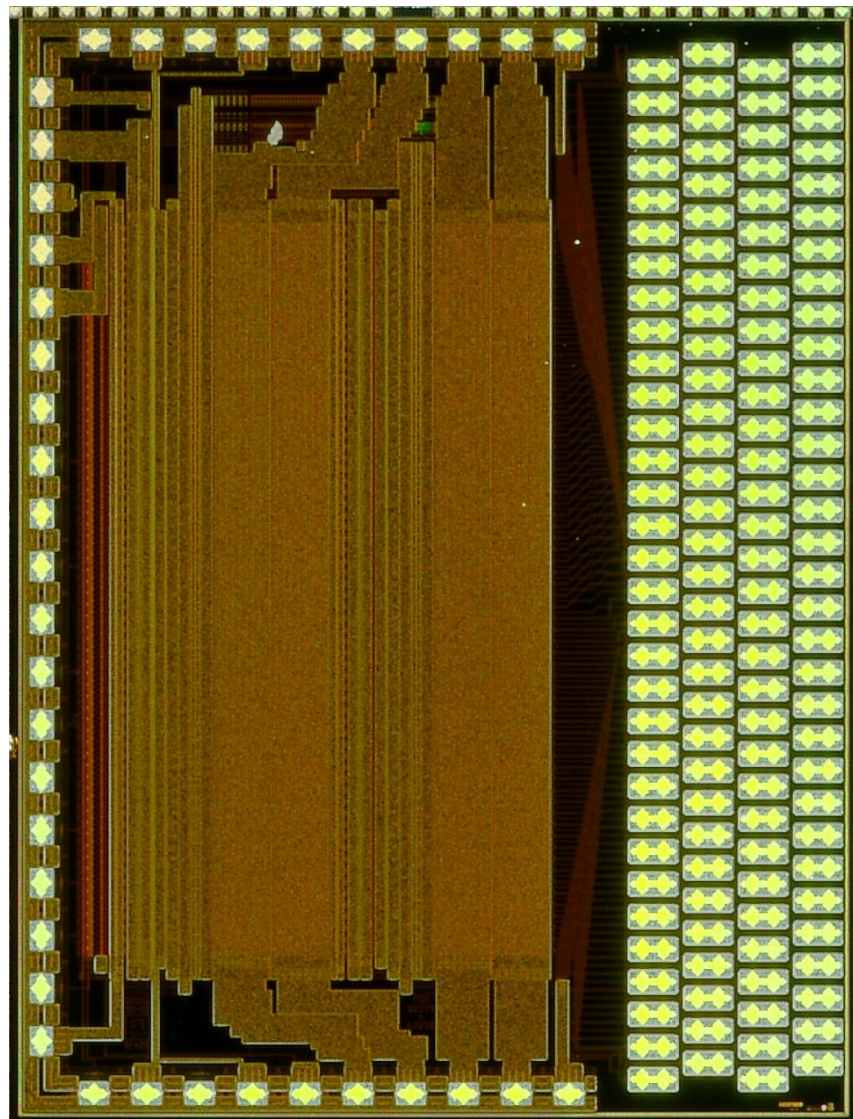
# Switcher-S

Switcher-S, a HV Switch ASIC for DEPFET Matrix Control

Peter Fischer, STZ Microelectronics & Sensor Systems



Chip Manual, Version 3.2



64 x 2 channel analogue multiplexer ASIC for the row steering of DEPFET sensor matrices

for RNDR operation

- 3 chips
- programmable sequence

applications in BELLE DEPFET

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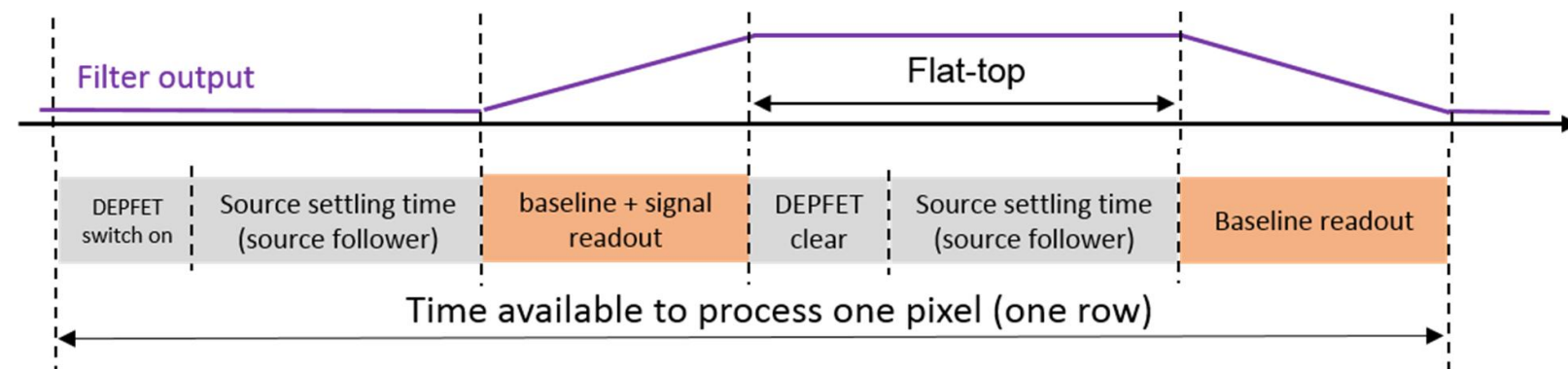
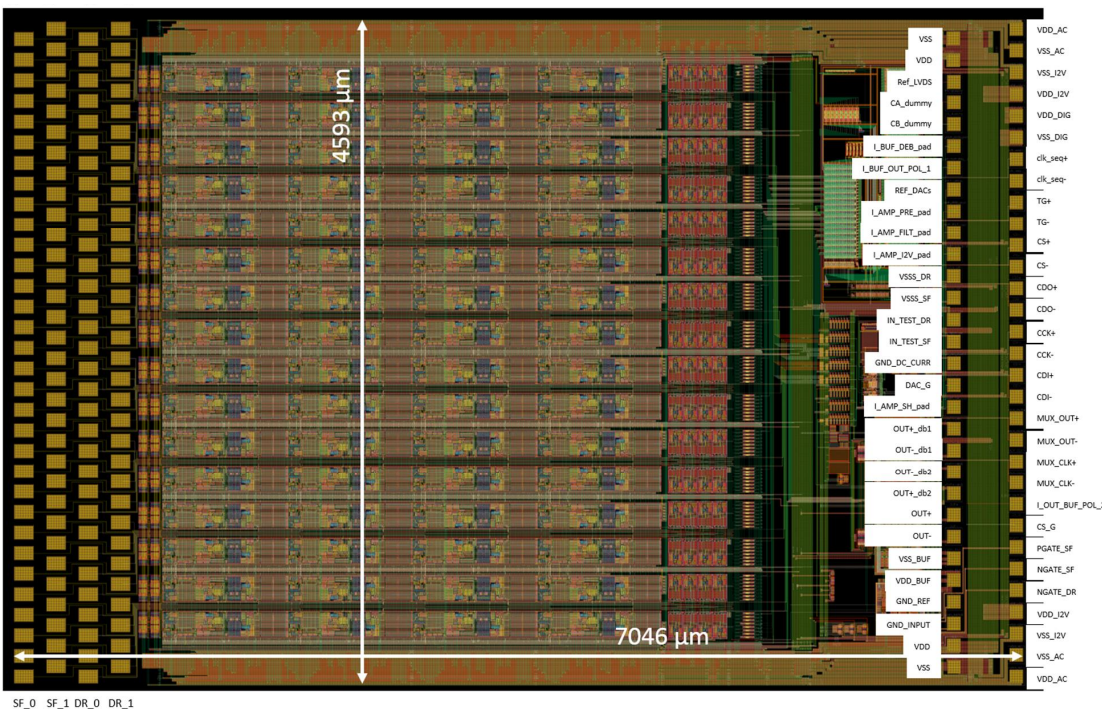
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# VERITAS 2.1

- VERITAS 2.1 (Versatile Readout based on Integrated Trapezoidal Analog Shapers)
- 64-channel readout ASIC for DEPFET pixel arrays
- source-follower readout of DEPFET
- each channel implements a trapezoidal weighting function
- CDS : Correlated Double Sampling for signal

layout dimensions and pad stack  
chip developed by MPE



time diagram of the filter operation with a trapezoidal weighting function

Correlated Double Sampling mode:

1st measurement : **baseline + signal**;

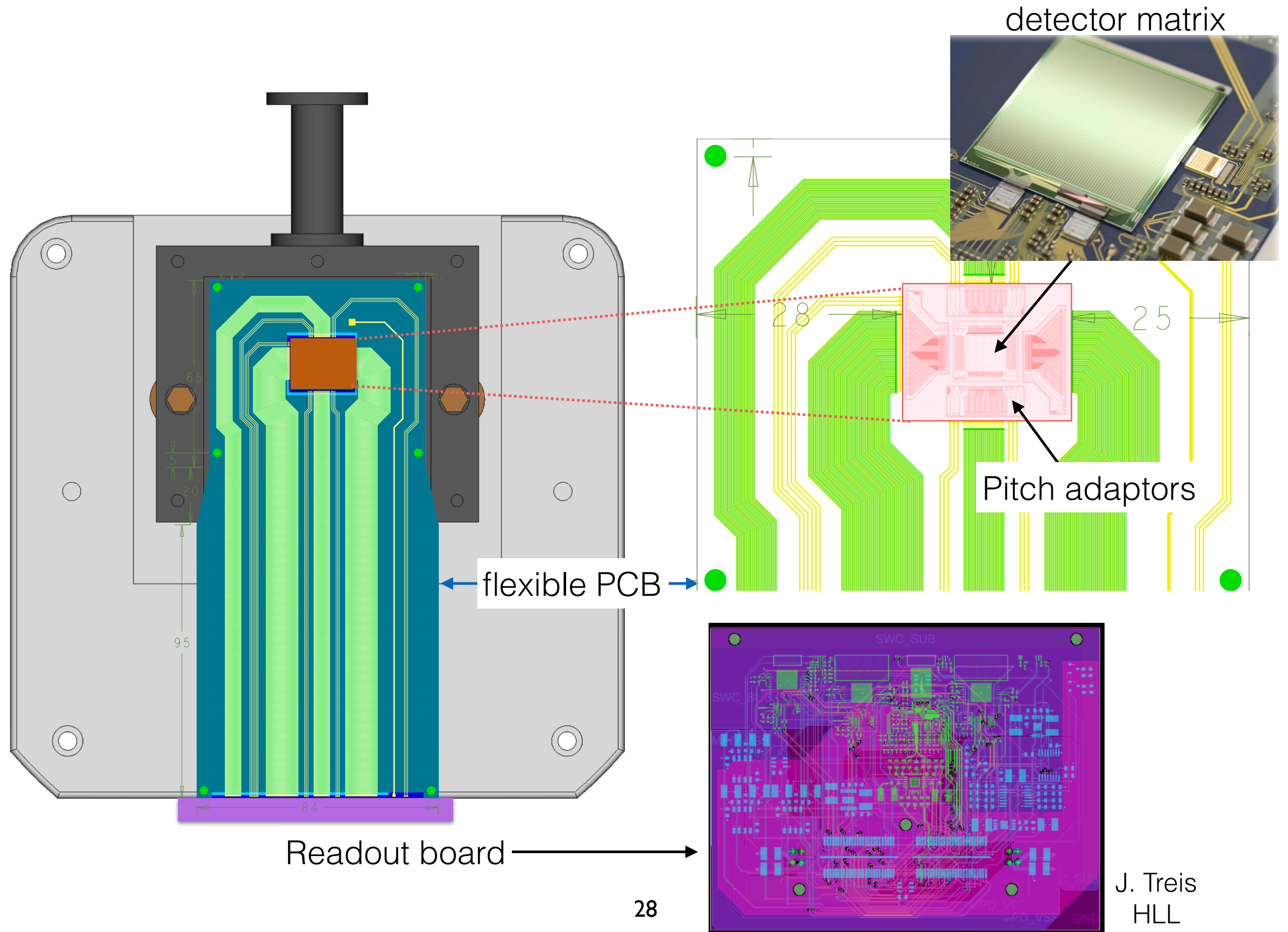
DEPFET CLEAR

2nd measurement : **baseline** ;

**signal** = difference



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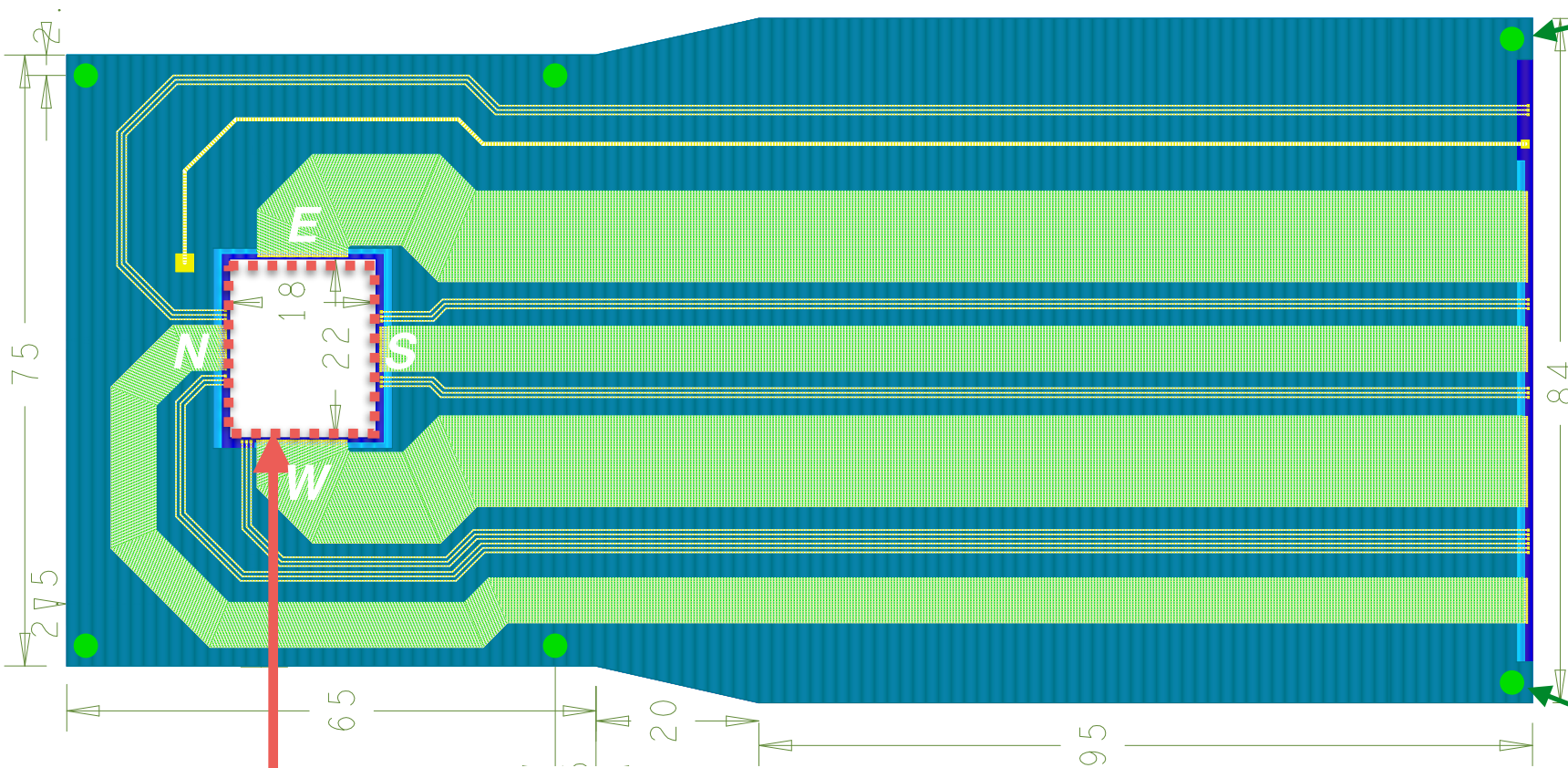


# Readout PCB and Flex PCB

design using CADENCE 16.6  
submitted to the manufactures

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## Flexible PCB



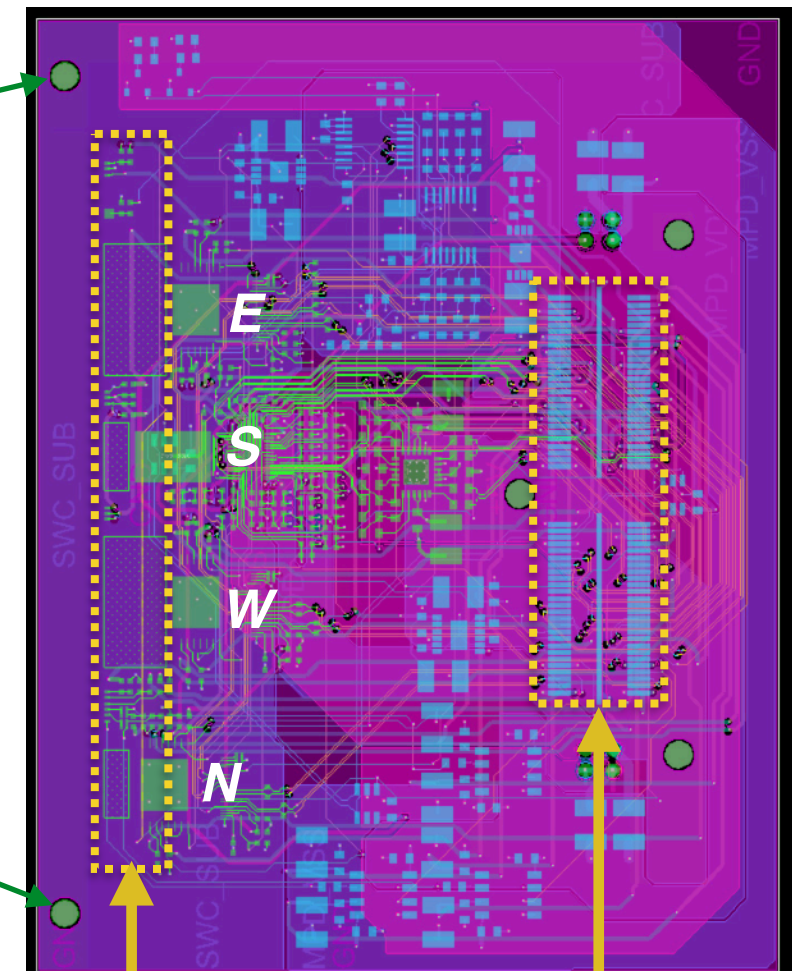
detector matrix

120 mm  
flexible part

65 mm  
glue to the ceramics

## RO PCB

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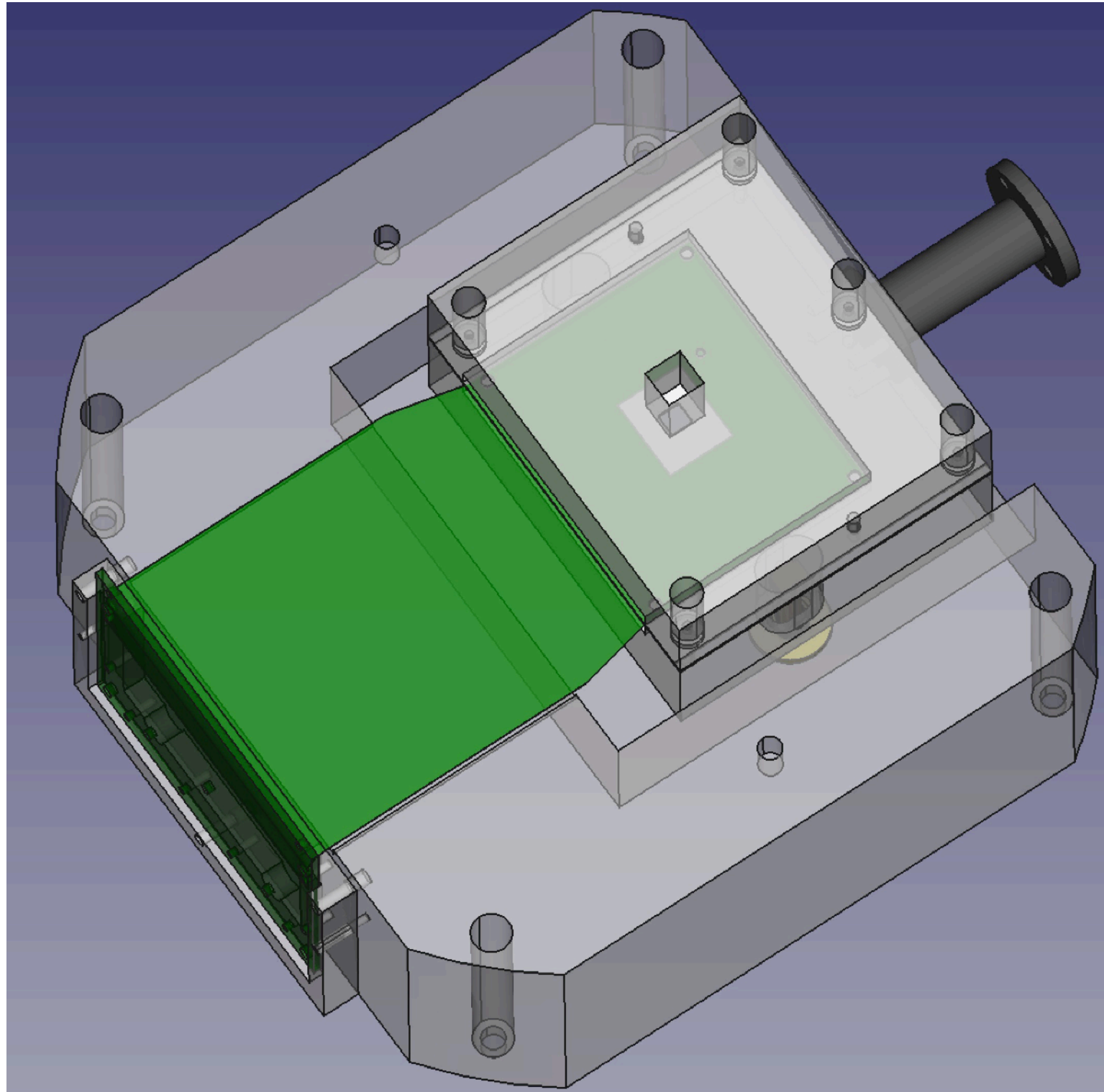
interface w flex  
Al wire bonding

connector to  
flange feedthrough

E, W, N : Switcher-S  
S : VERITAS 2.1



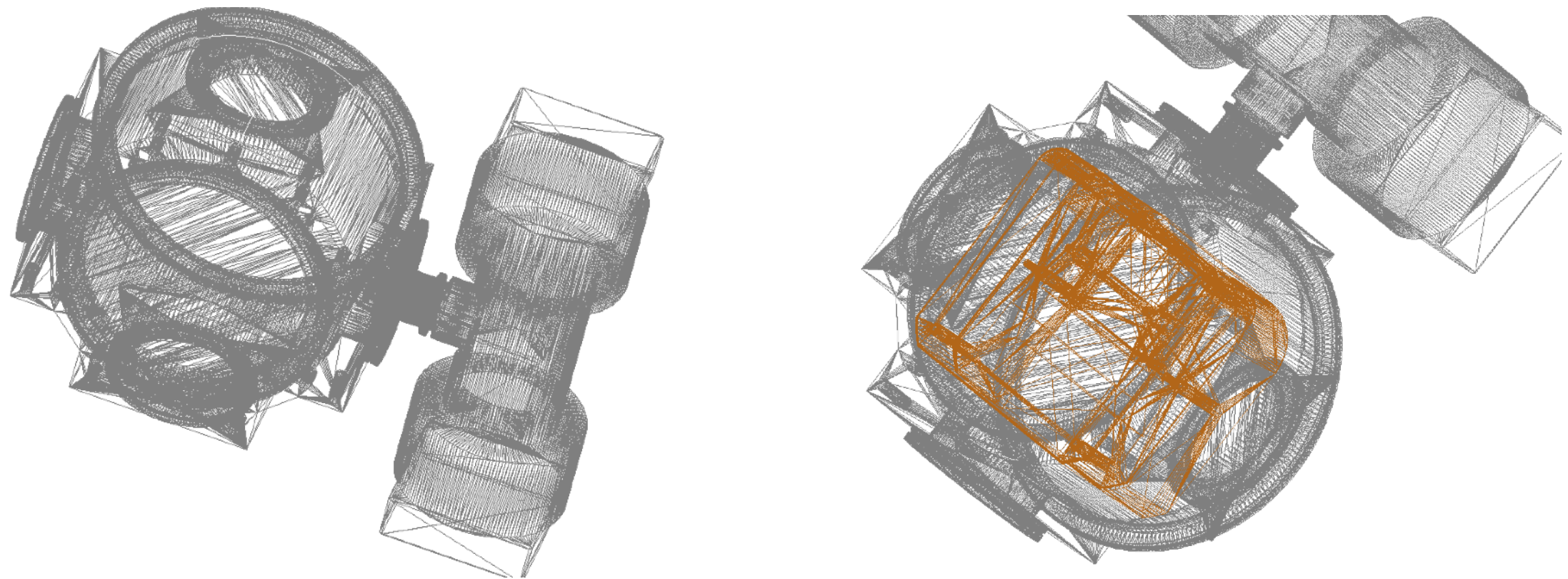
# Image of the detector assembly



To be assembled in July-August 2018

# Monte Carlo simulation with Geant4

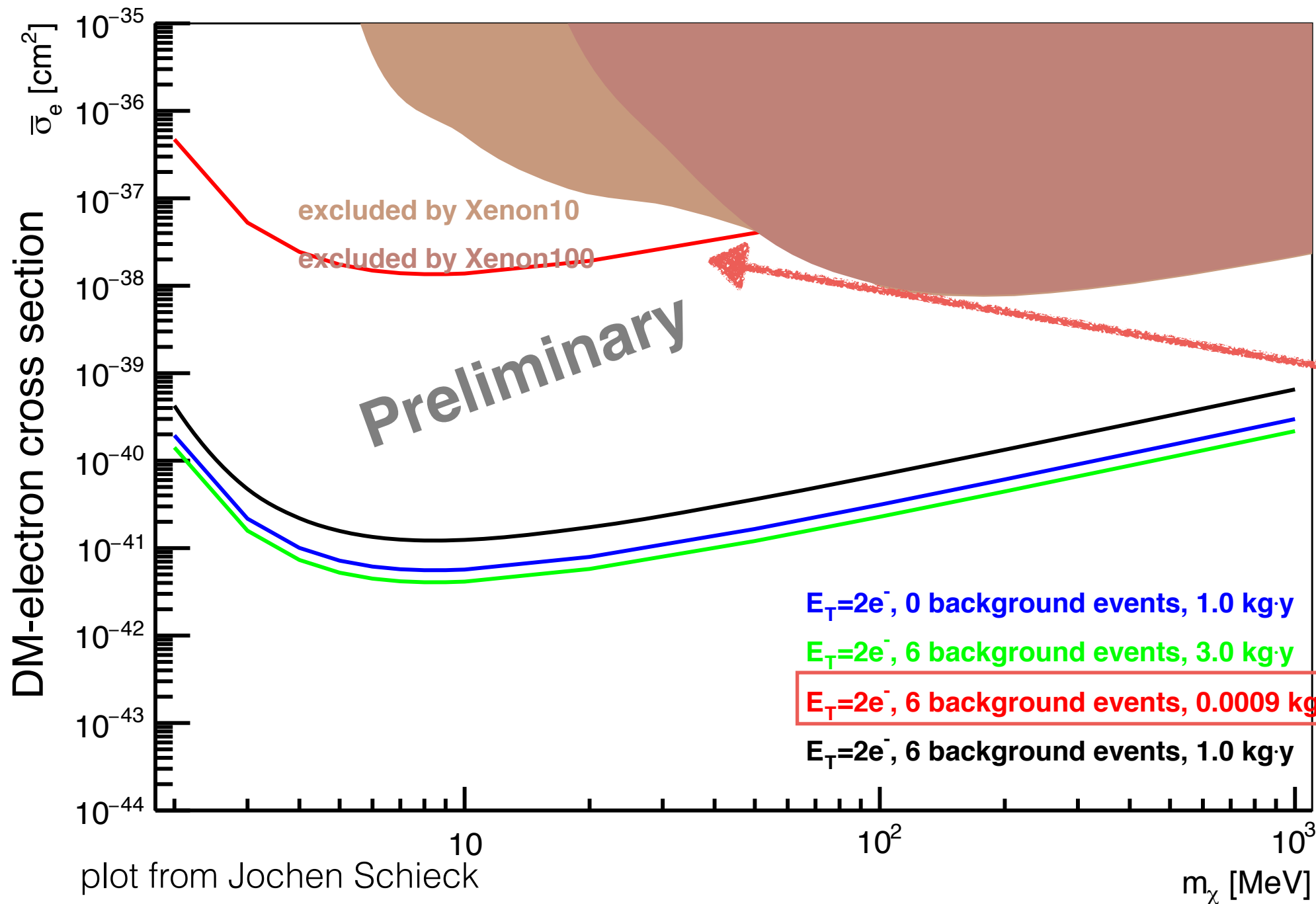
- to have a guideline of particle tracks and hit pattern, prepare the library of analysis routine;
- for future design of VETO counters and calibration layout.



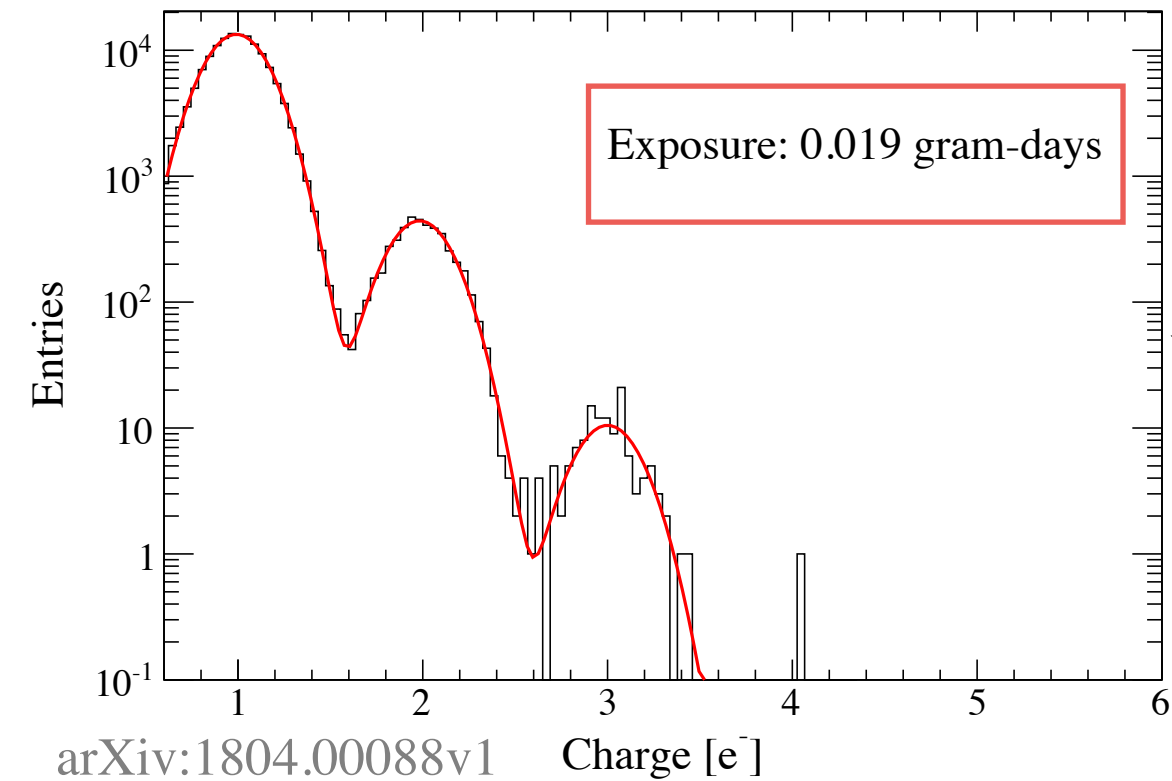
- geometry of the setup from vacuum parts 3D model;
- primitive geometrical shape for DEPFET :  
75  $\mu\text{m}$  x 75  $\mu\text{m}$  x 450  $\mu\text{m}$  bulk pixel, 64 by 64 matrix;
- to check response to X-rays, ambient gamma, cosmic charged particles, and neutrons;

# Physics run perspective

- Expect preliminary results from the prototype setup (0.024 g sensitive volume) in late 2018
- physics run with significant result requires more matrices



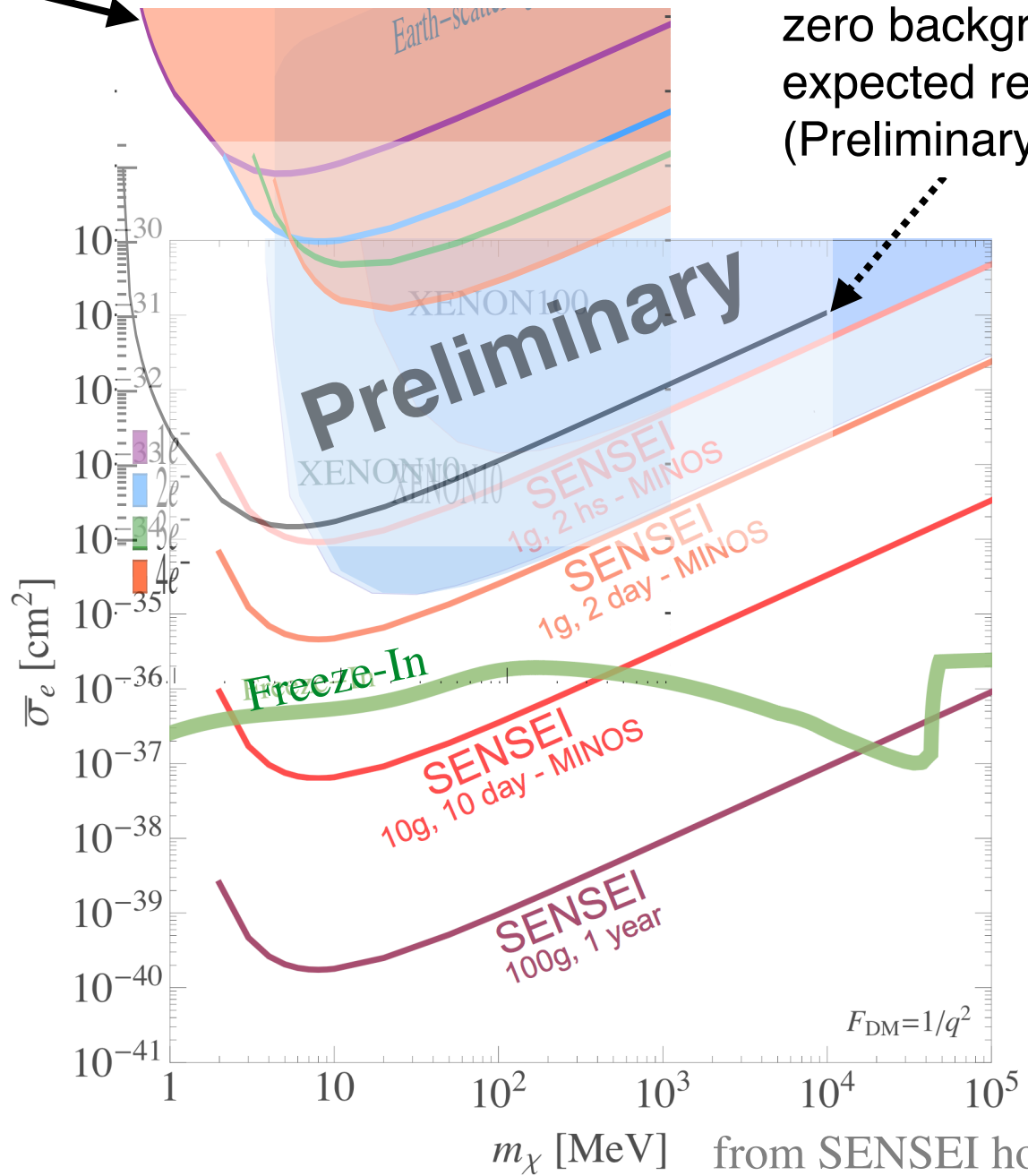
# Expected 1day exposure compared to SENSEI



SENSEI prototype  
physics run

DANA prototype 24 mg  
one-day exposure  
zero background  
expected reach  
(Preliminary)

DM-electron cross section



# Summary

- sub  $e^-$  ENC low noise semiconductor detector provides the possibility to detect the energy deposit from sub-GeV DM-electron recoil;
- DANAE prototype for test-of-principle measurement with single matrix in preparation;
- one of the first generation experiments using non-destructive repetitive readout method.

## Future tasks & topics

- readout electronics production, DAQ;
- readout test, leakage current test;
- calibration regime and configuration;
- simulation for background budget;
- design for further shielding - passive and active.



## Other topics for discussion

- connection/collaboration with VIP-2?
- VIP CCD data for DM search?
- possible application of low-noise detector

# DANAE (DANAË)

## Direct dArk matter search using DEPFET with repetitive- Non-destructive-readout Application Experiment

OeAW funding for detector technology



“Danae” by G. Klimt

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