

Presentation of new groups

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My background

- **Experiments**
 - **Darwin**
 - **DAMIC (Dark Matter in CCDs) (2008 -)**
 - **CMS experiment (2011 -)**
 - **CDF experiment (1997 -)**
- **Positions**
 - **Associate professor, U. Zürich (2012 -)**
 - **Scientist, Fermilab (2008-2012)**
 - **Post doc, Ohio State (2003-2008)**
 - **PhD, University of Rochester (2003)**
 - **advisor : Kevin McFarland**

CDF experiment (1997 -)

- **Physics**
 - **Higgs boson searches**
 - **Higgs convener 2008 - 2011**
 - **Searches for $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$**
 - **top quark properties**
 - **Search for right-handed top quark decay**
- **Hardware & software**
 - **as post doc, helped design, build 3D global track trigger at Level 1**
 - **as student, helped design, build Level 3 data logging and monitoring system**
 - **some work on controls for silicon pixel detector**

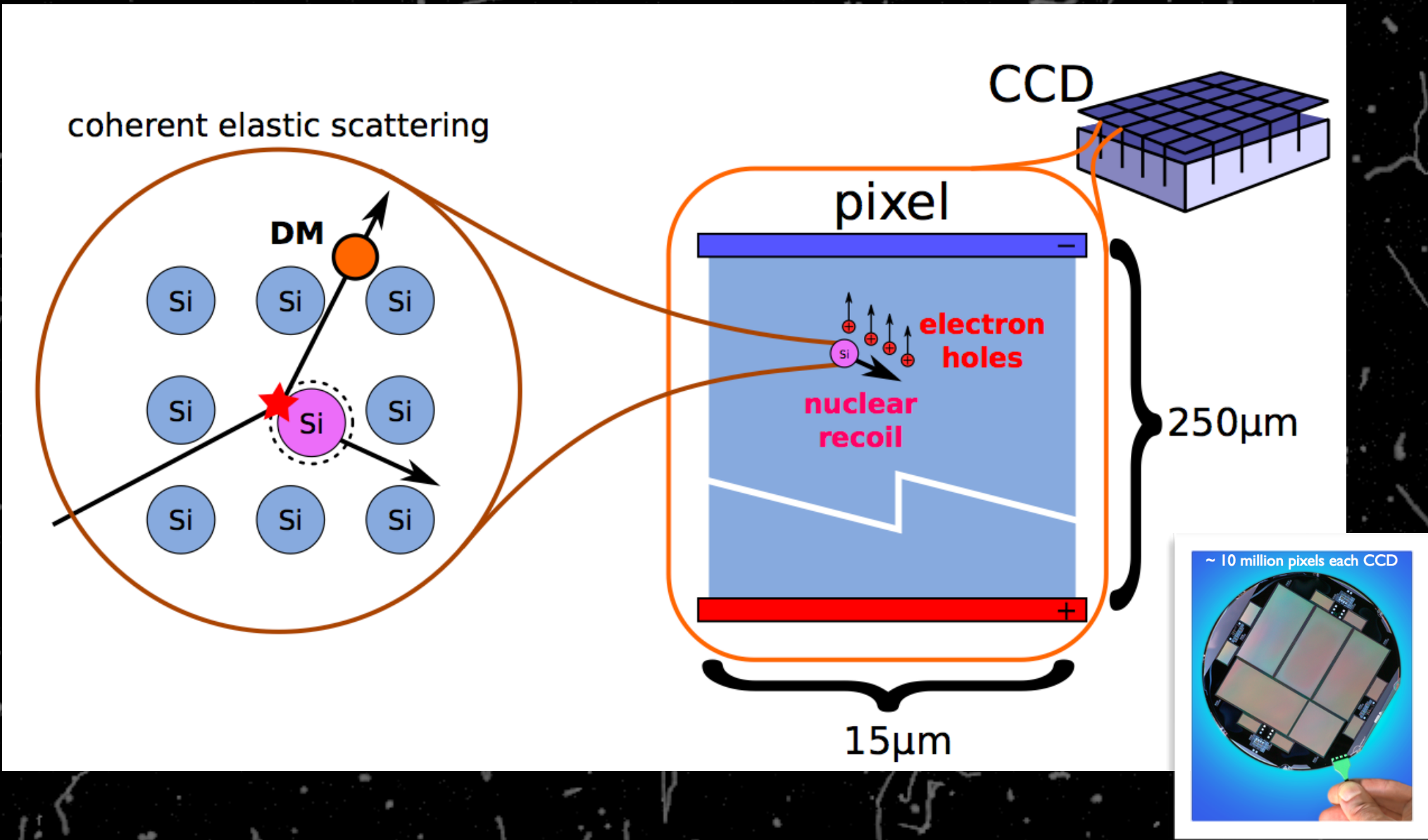
CMS (2011-)

- **Physics**
 - **Higgs combination**
 - **Now, exotic physics**
 - **Extra dimensions, supersymmetry**
 - **Especially, high mass particles in boosted boson-jets**
- **Hardware/software**
 - **Upgraded pixel detector (2016)**
 - **Building 2-phase CO₂ cooling system**
 - **Integrating pixel digital-optical signal/control electronics, daq testing**

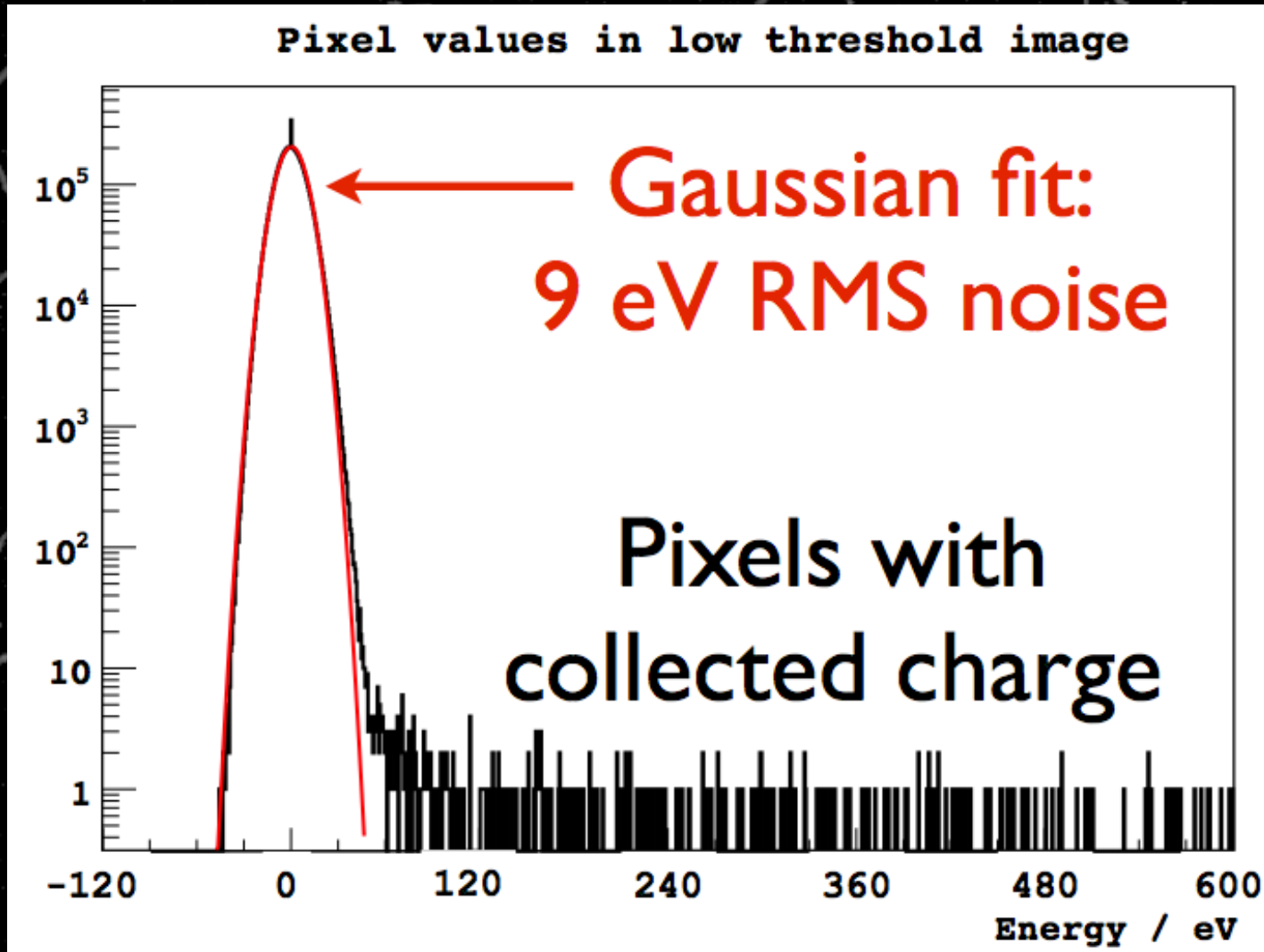
DAMIC

- **Dark Matter in CCDs**
- **History**
 - **Design run 2009, T-987**
 - **Engineering run 2010**
 - **Best limits for DM < 4 GeV**
 - **Currently, running in SNOlab**
 - **Next phase begins summer 2014**

Scientific CCDs for searching for DM



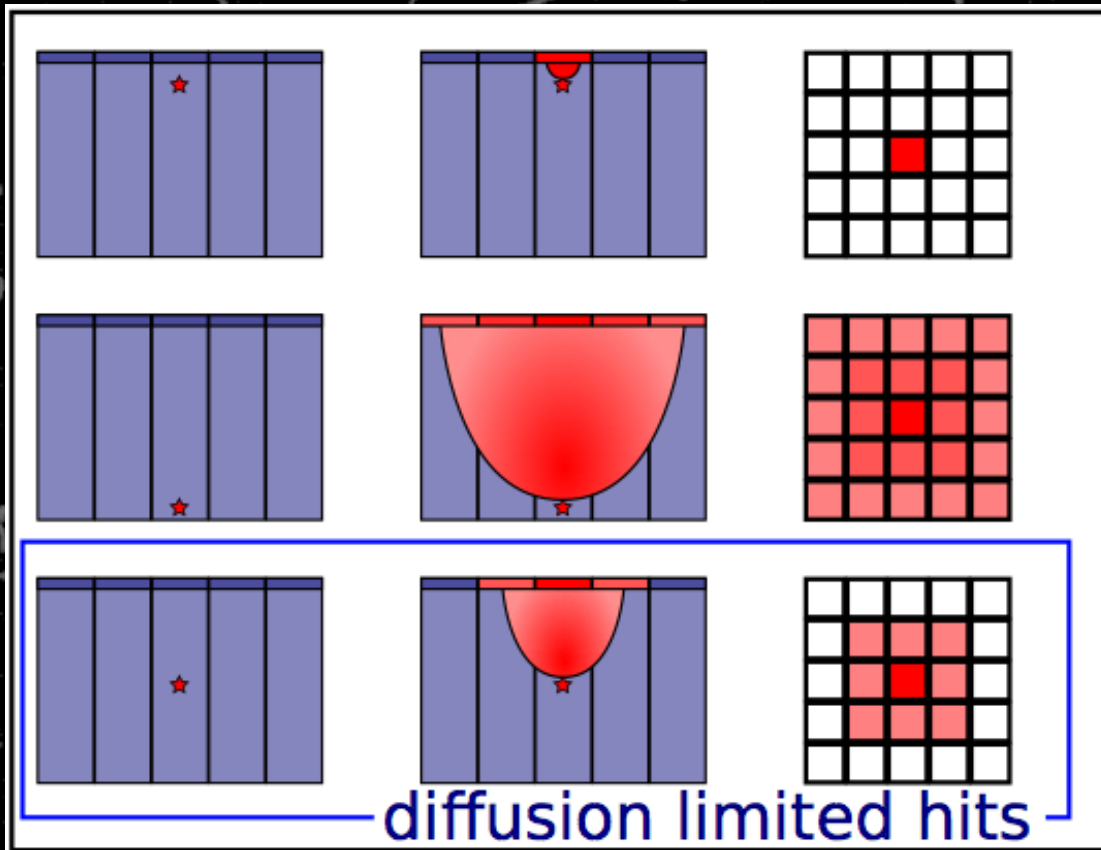
Noise measurement



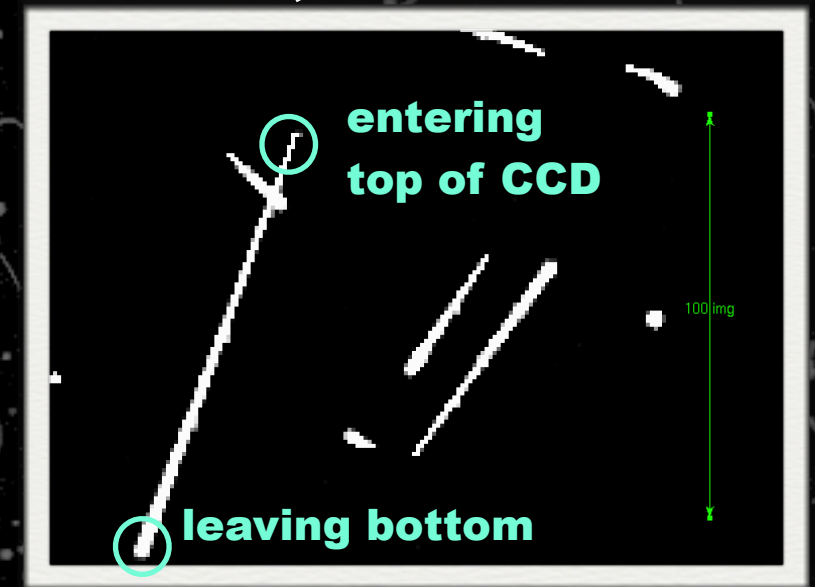
- **Allows lowest energy threshold of current dark matter experiments ~ 50 eV**

Diffusion of charge

- Size of hit depends on location within pixel



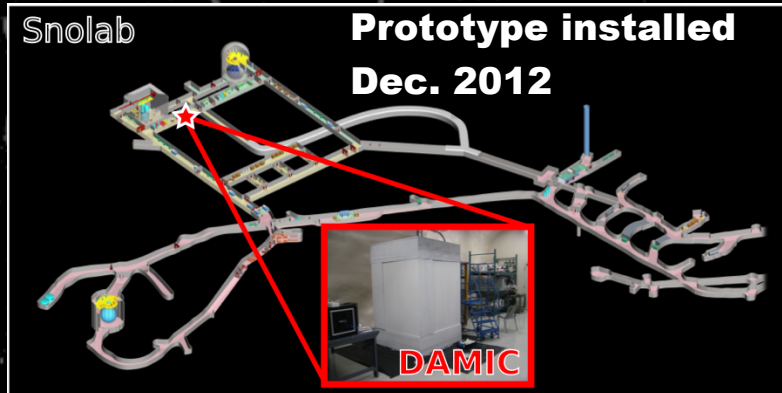
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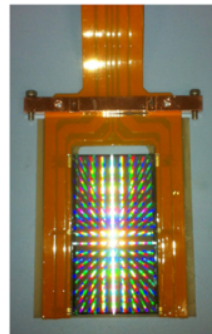
- Maximal (minimal) diffusion at bottom (top) of CCD

Experimental setup

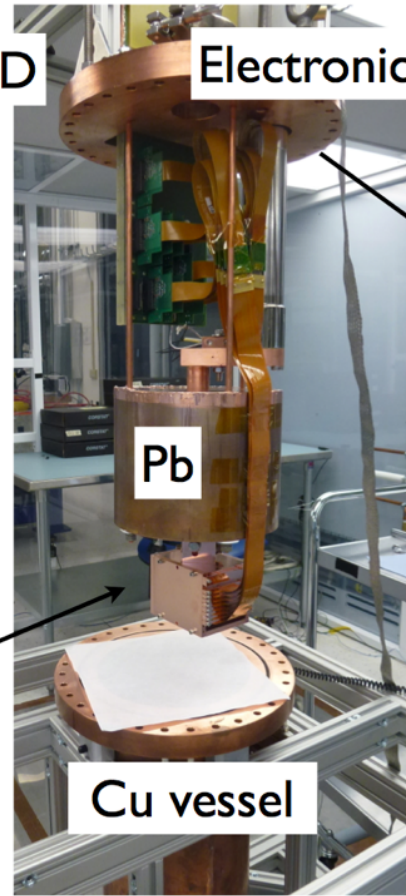
- DAMIC prototype in operation at SNOlab



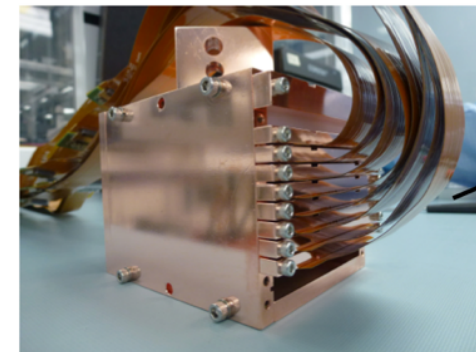
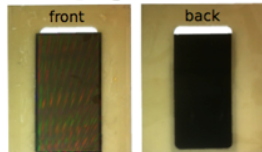
Wired CCD



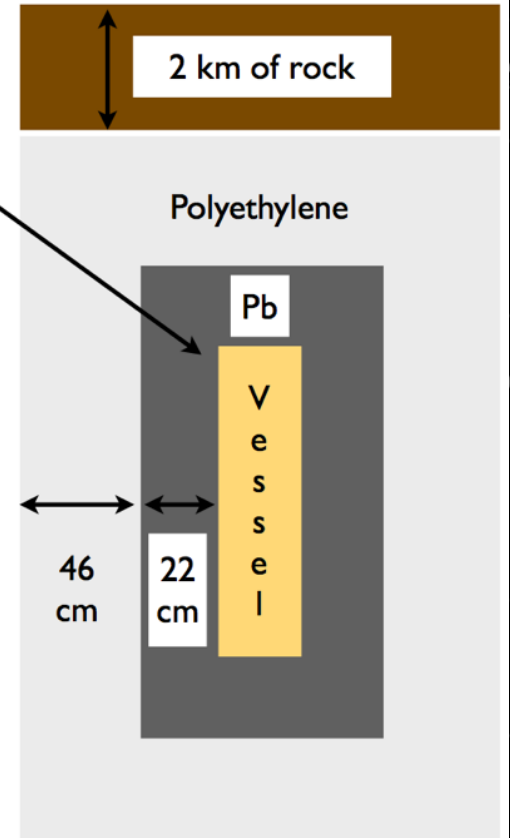
Electronics



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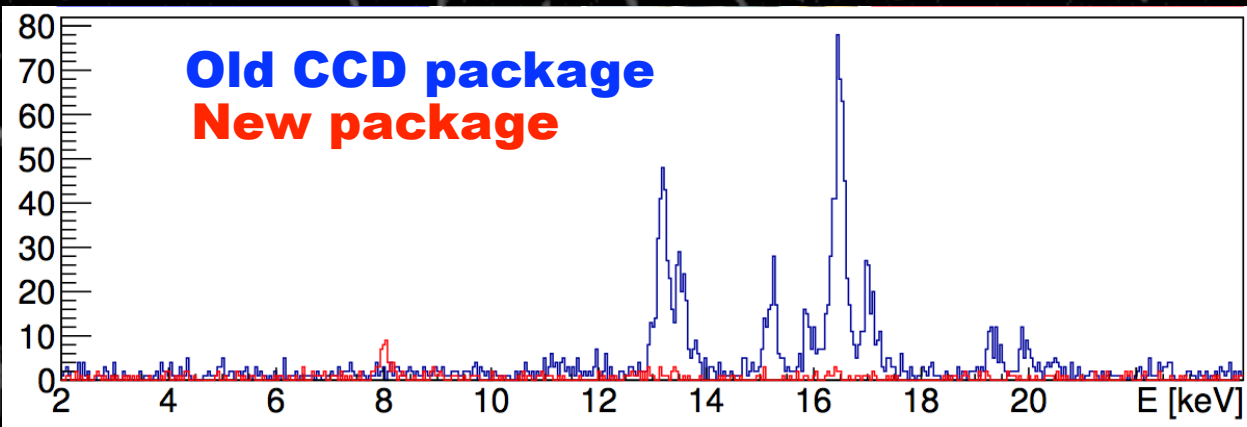
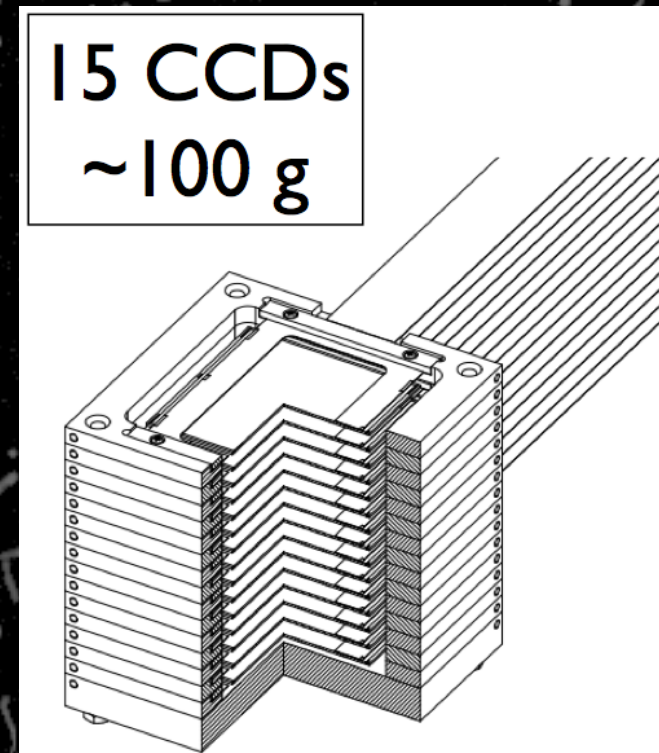


Cu box with CCDs



Upgrade to DAMIC 100

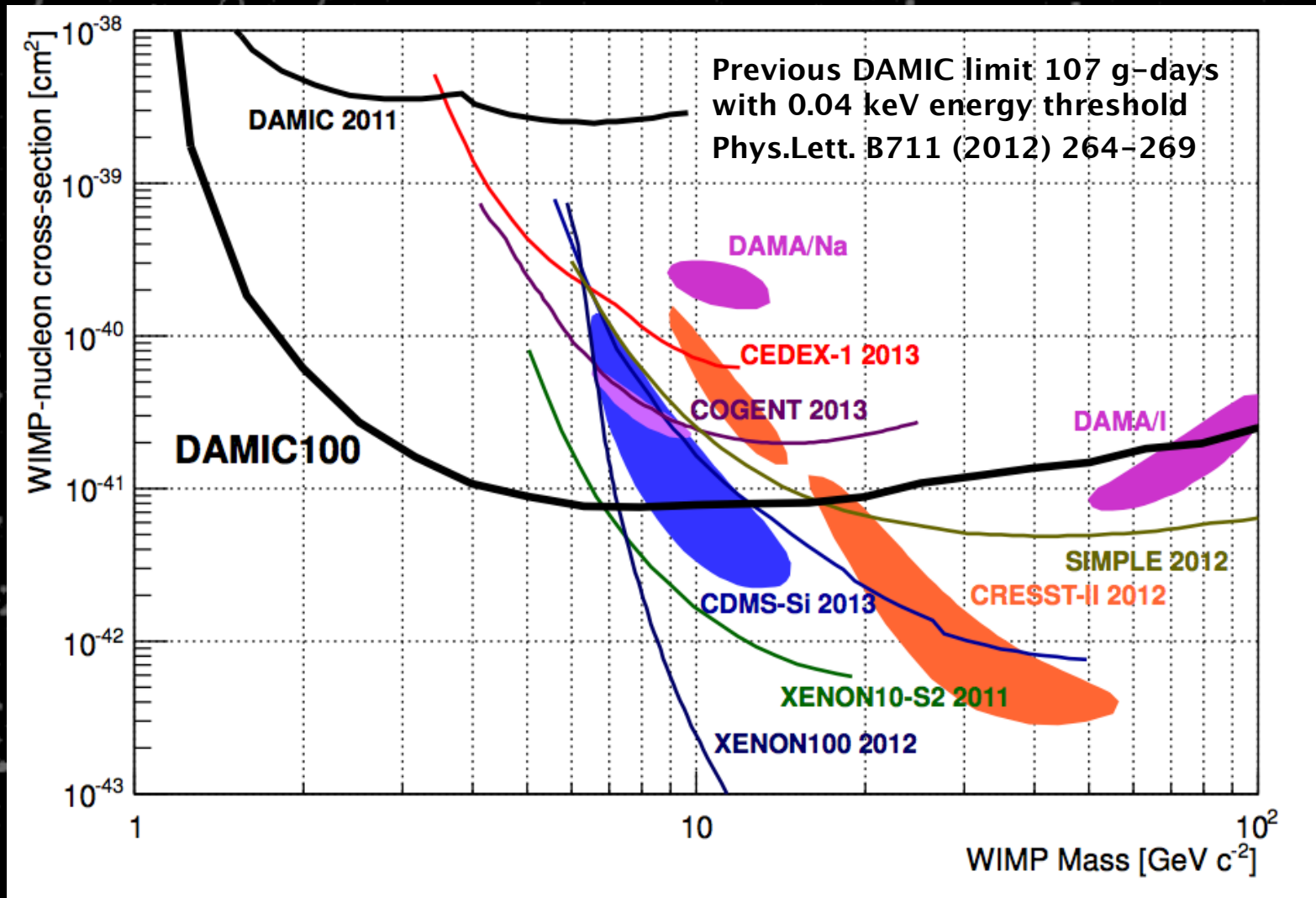
- **LBNL CCD group is building us even thicker, fully depleted high resistivity CCDs (500 μm)**
 - **4 times the mass**
 - **Can now reach 100 g of detector mass**
- **Prototype revealed dominant background from U^{238} in Al N substrate of CCD package $\sim 3 \text{ Bq kg}^{-1}$**
 - **Solved in new CCD design**
 - **Also removed astronomy-related material additions**



DAMIC 100 : Fermilab,
U. Chicago, U. Zürich,
U. Michigan, UNAM,
FIUNA, CAB

Projected sensitivity

- DAMIC 100 with 1 year of data



Previous results in Phys. Lett. B 711, 264-269 (2012)

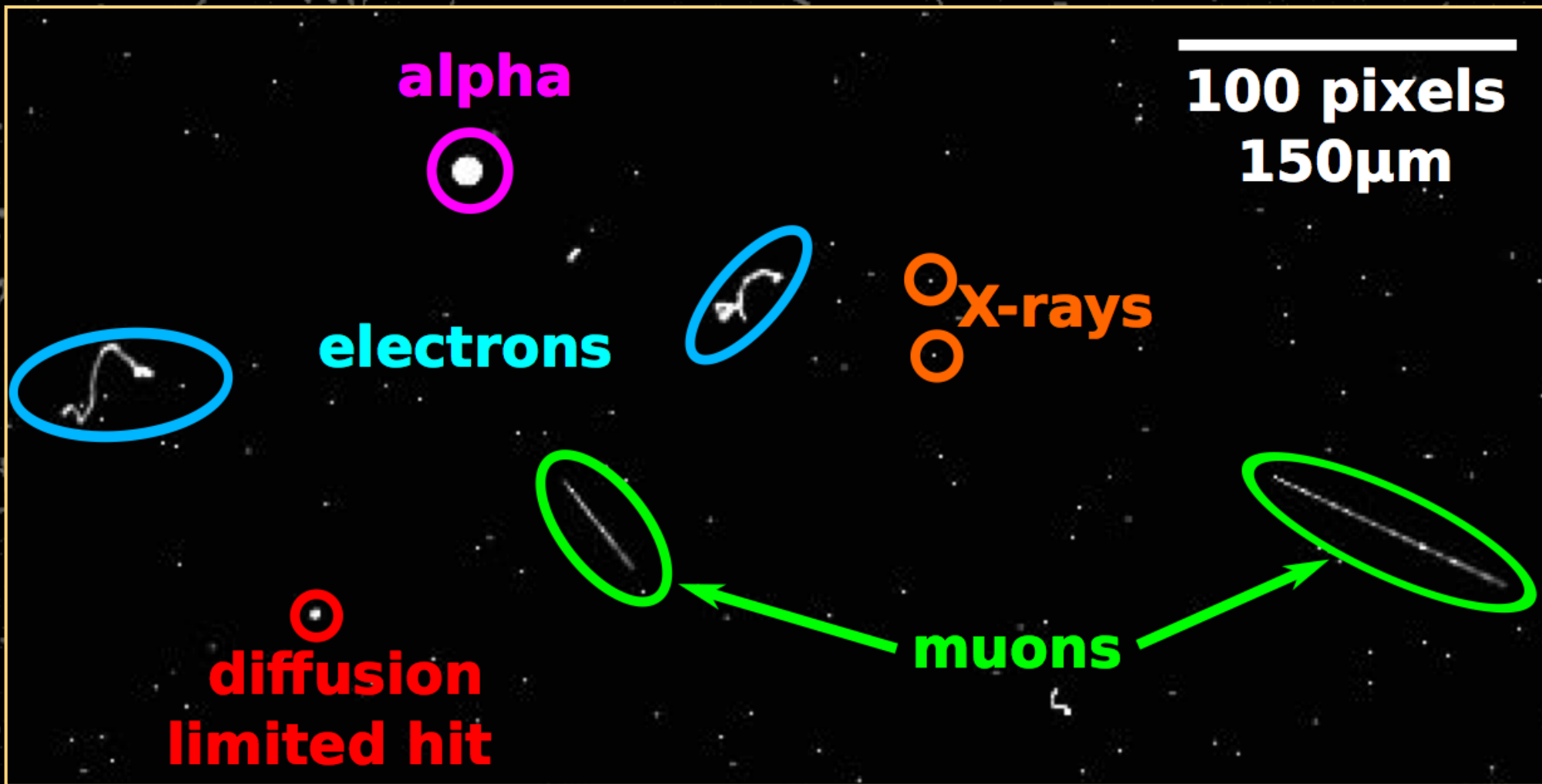
[arXiv:1105.5191](https://arxiv.org/abs/1105.5191)

Contributions to DARWIN

- **Possible contributions ?**
 - **Previous experience points to :**
 - **data acquisitions**
 - **triggering**
 - **logging**
 - **monitoring**
 - **Simulations**
 - **Or wherever most help is needed**
- **Open to suggestions new ideas**
- **Person-power**
 - **still building up CMS, DAMIC groups**
 - **estimate student or post doc on DARWIN sometime in 2014**
 - **ramp up over next few years**

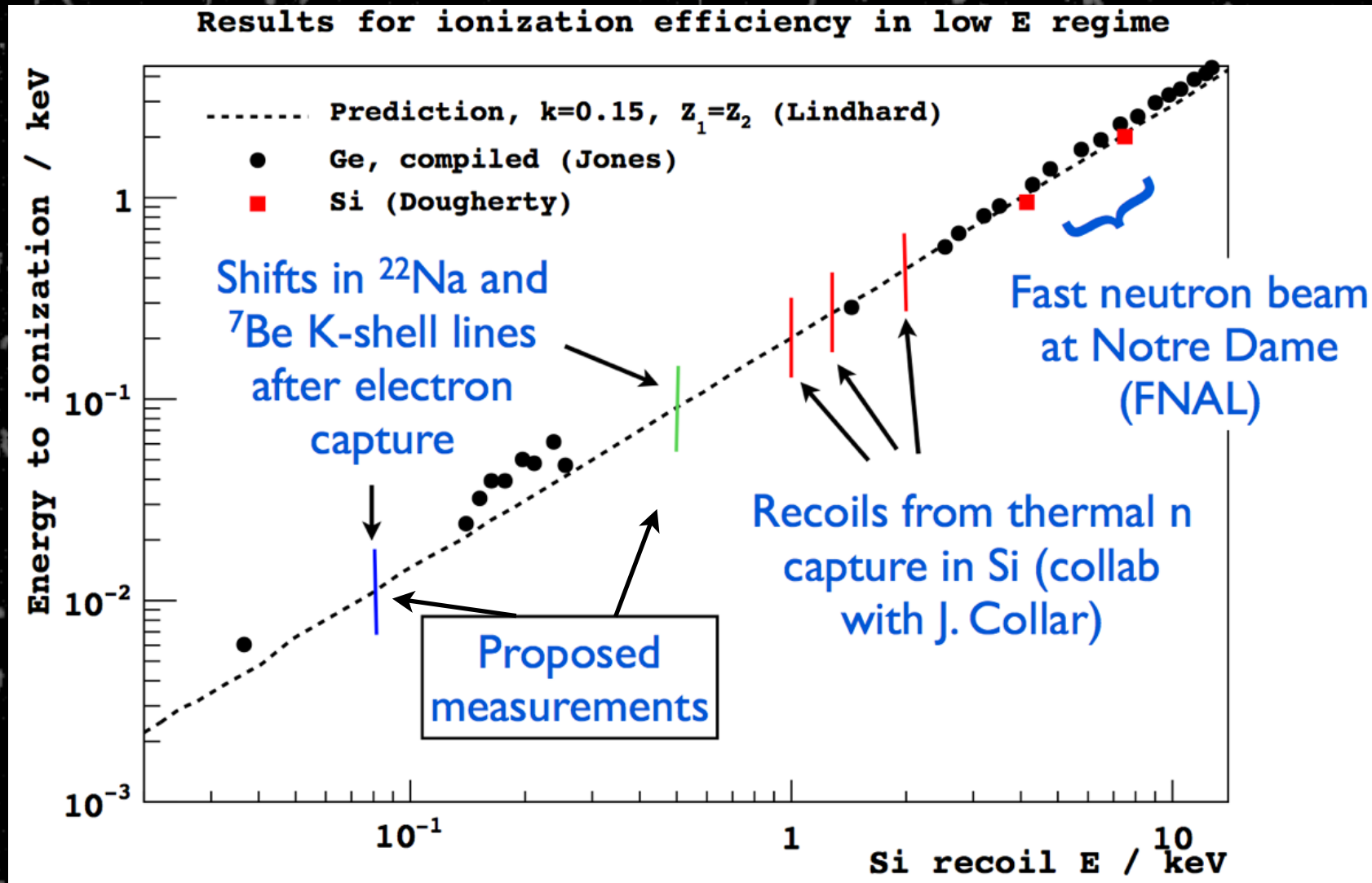
BACKUPS

Particle identification in CCD



Ionization efficiency for nuclear recoils

- Challenge is to provide dependable calibration down to 50 eV energy threshold



Ongoing R & D

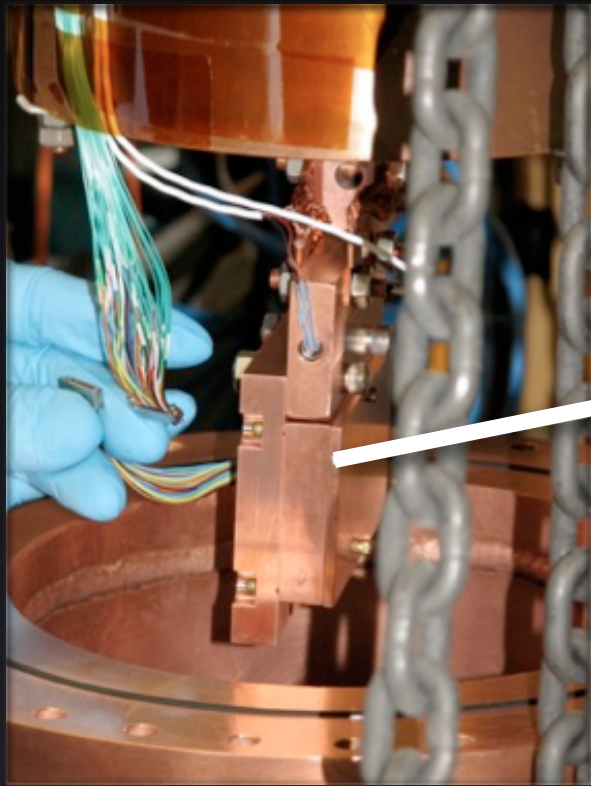
- **Neutron energy response at low energy**
 - **Electron Capture from irradiated silicon (calibration at ~ 100 eV) : could be done at PSI**
 - **Lower energy calibrations still needed**
- **Improved readout - multiple sampling (skipper) of CCD data can yield sub-eV noise**
- **CCD limitation is long exposure time : 1000s of seconds - no timing to reject triggerable backgrounds**
- **Other types of silicon detectors with fast readout and low background noise can be investigated**

Conclusions

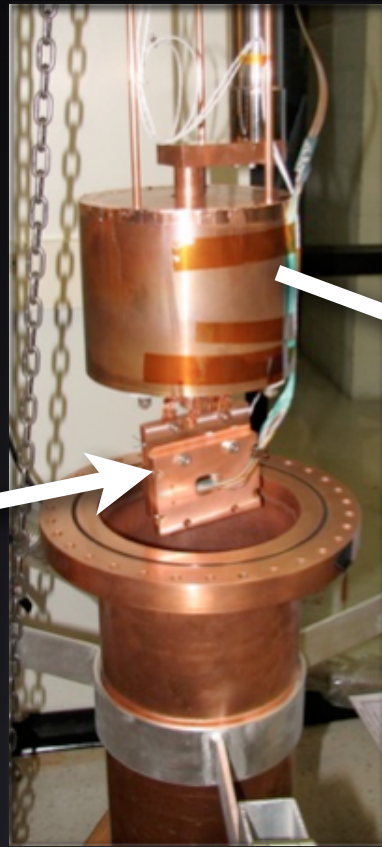
- **CCDs are a viable particle detector for low mass dark matter**
- **Can provide useful constraints on an exciting mass range for dark matter**
- **Relatively cheap (DAMIC 100 ~ 400 kCHF)**
- **Detector R&D advancing with thick, high resistivity, low noise scientific CCDs**
- **U. Zürich is playing a leading role in this experiment**
 - **Building a CCD lab for testing and calibrations**

DAMIC 2011

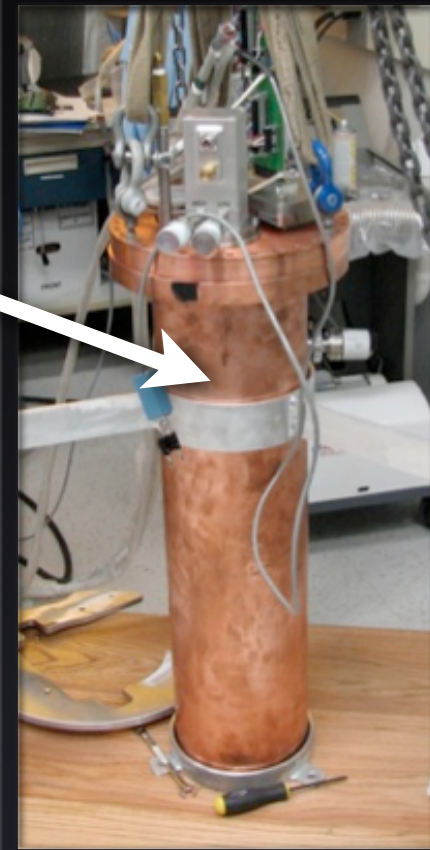
CCD Inside a cold Cu box



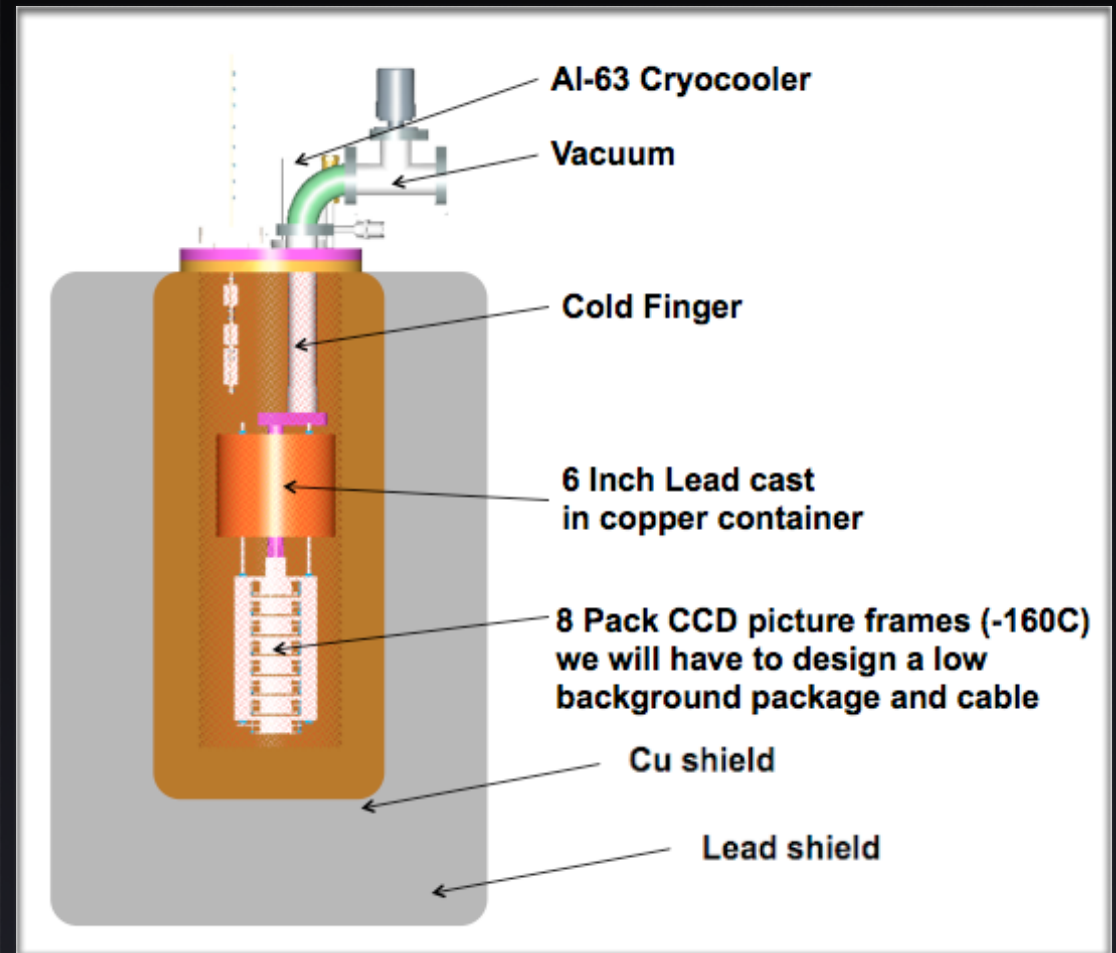
Lead Bucket



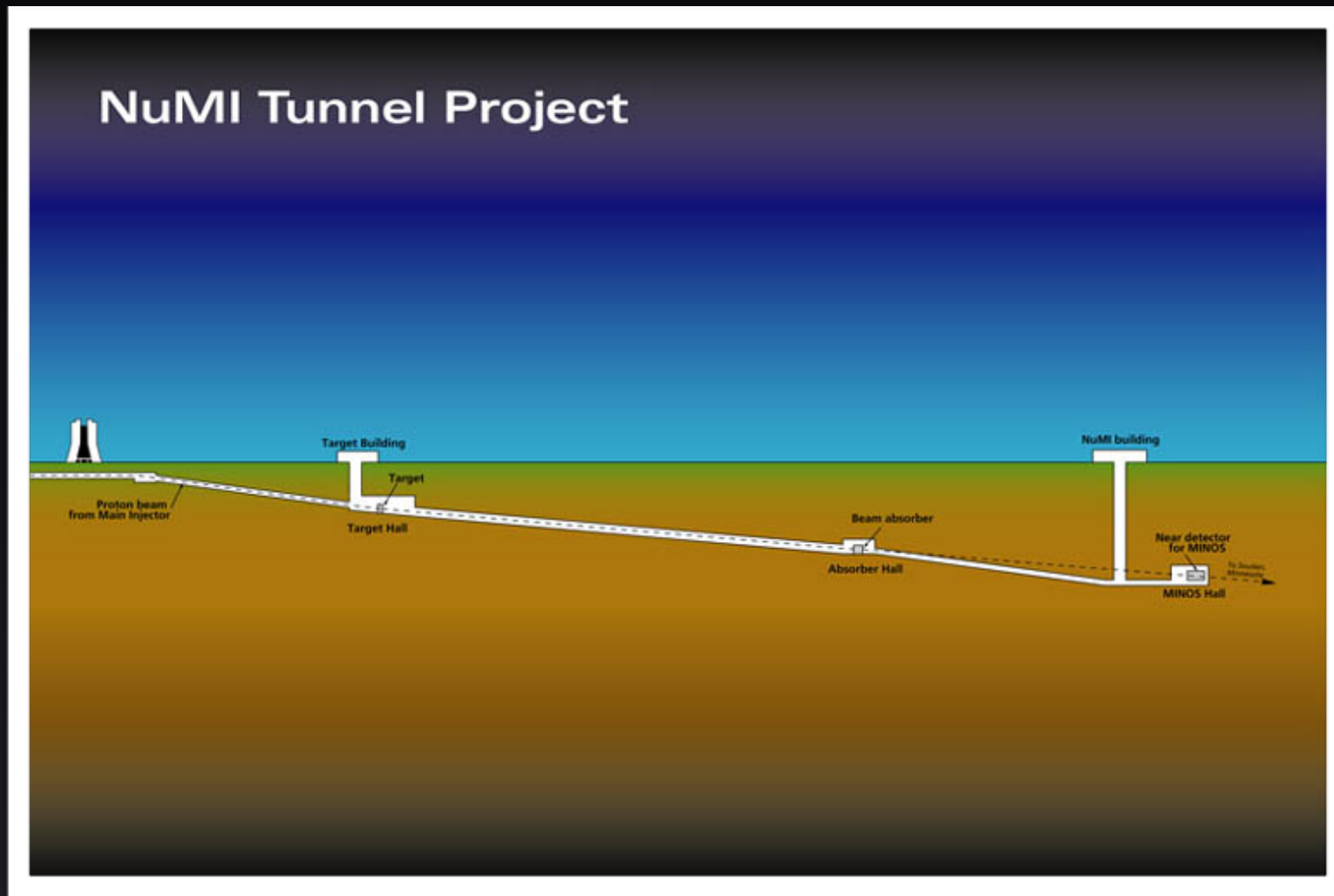
Cylindrical Cu Dewar



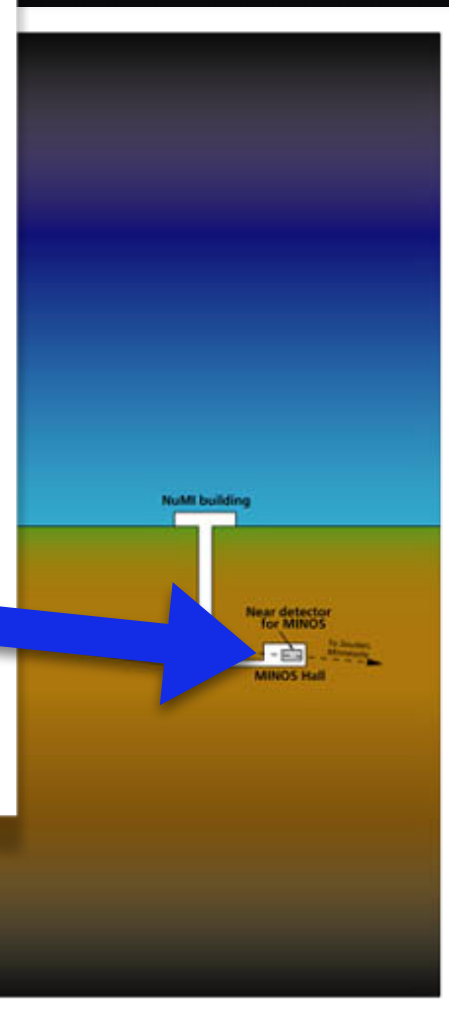
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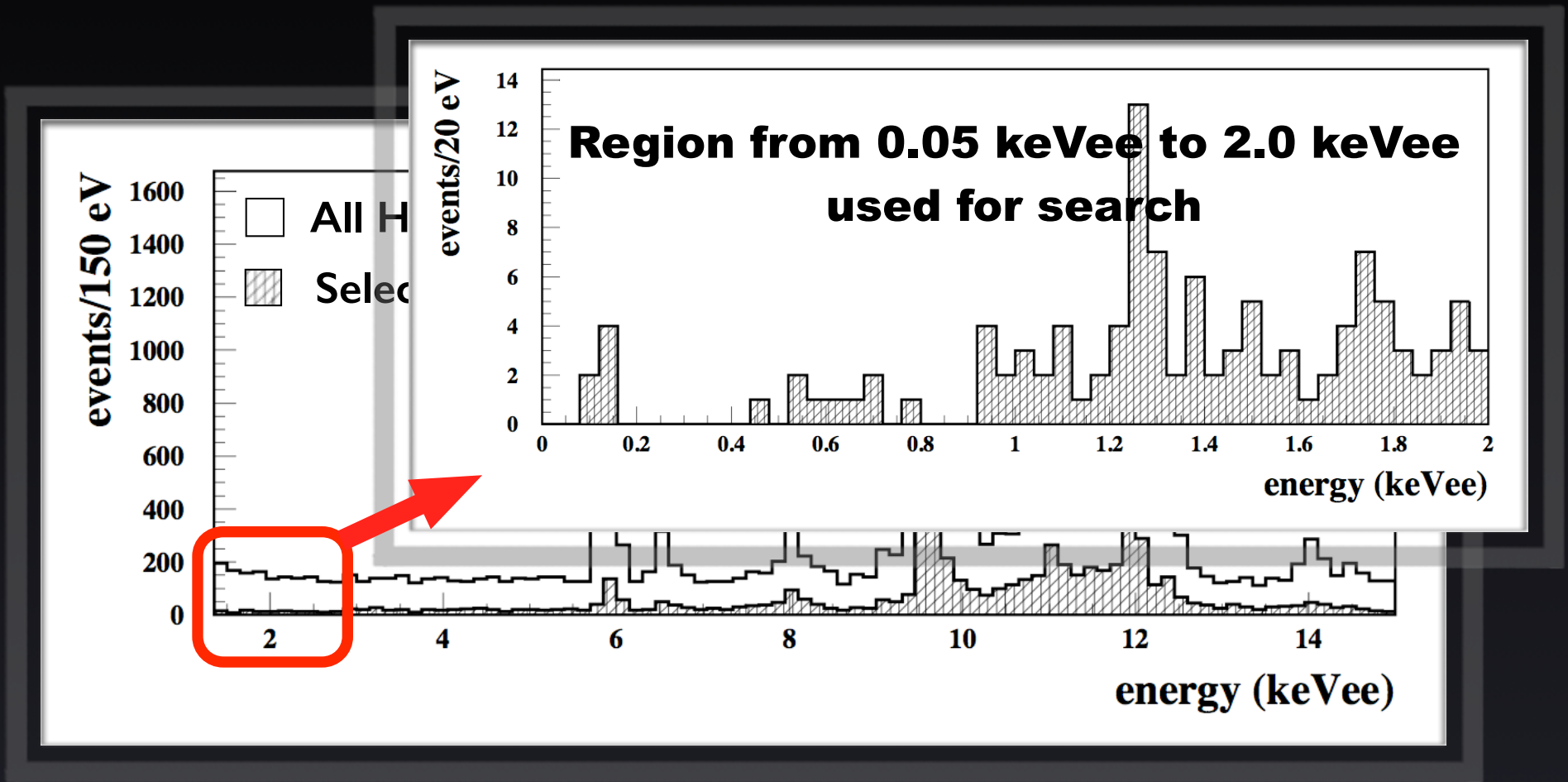
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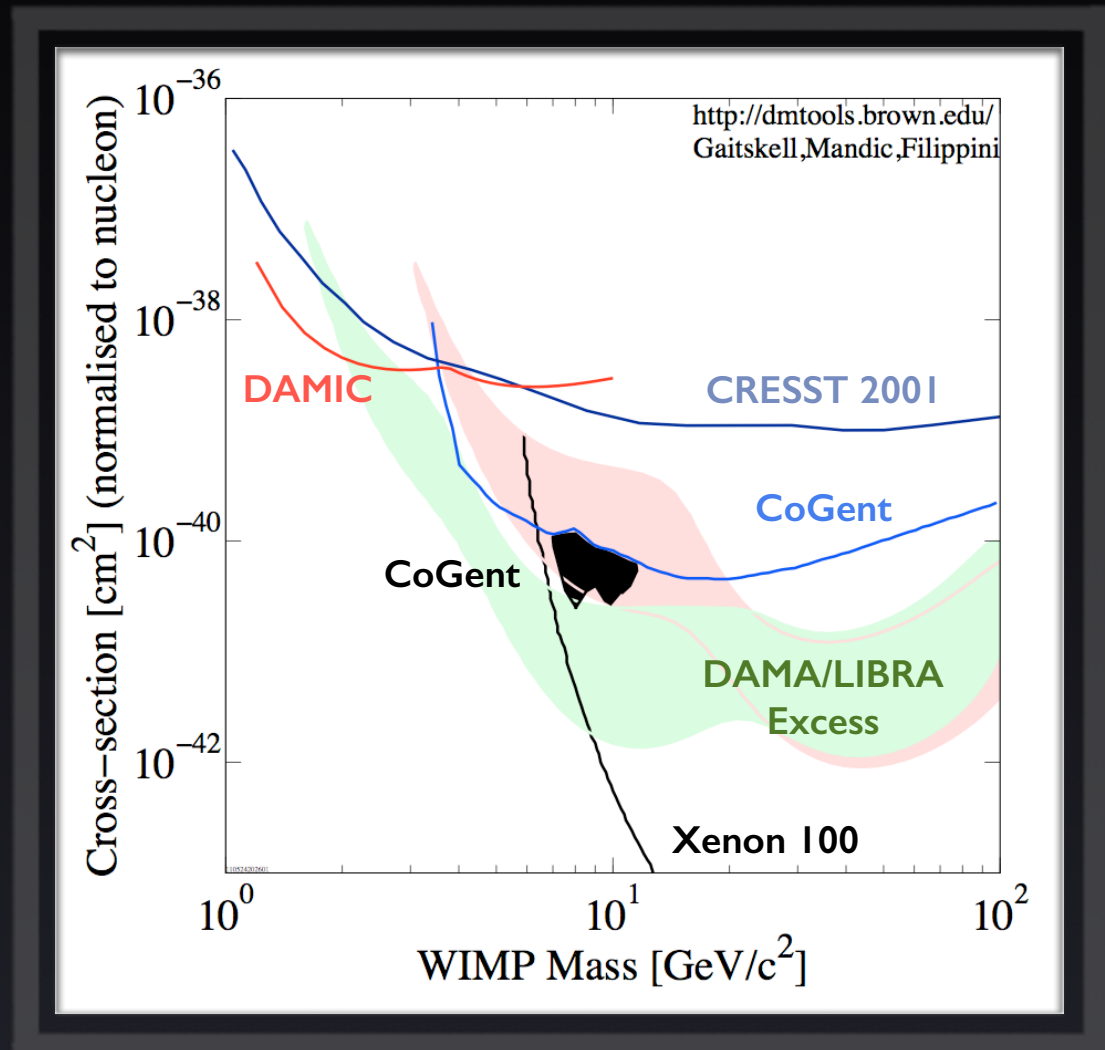
Energy Spectrum



Results from 2011 Run

- **Wimp density**
→ **0.3 GeV/cm**
- **$V_{\text{earth}} = 244 \text{ km/s}$**
- **$V_{\text{escape}} = 650 \text{ km/s}$**

Assumes Lindhard quenching factor
for conservative limits



Results from First Run

Direct Search for Low Mass Dark Matter Particles with CCDs

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(Dated: August 17, 2011)

A direct dark matter search is performed using fully-depleted high-resistivity CCD detectors. Due to their low electronic readout noise (RMS \sim 7 eV) these devices operate with a very low detection threshold of 40 eV, making the search for dark matter particles with low masses (\sim 5 GeV) possible. The results of an engineering run performed in a shallow underground site are presented, demonstrating the potential of this technology in the low mass region.

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I. INTRODUCTION

There have been several direct-detection experiments searching for dark matter (DM) performed in recent years, and several more in development. [1]. Most of these experiments have been optimized for detecting the elastic scattering of DM particles with masses greater than 50

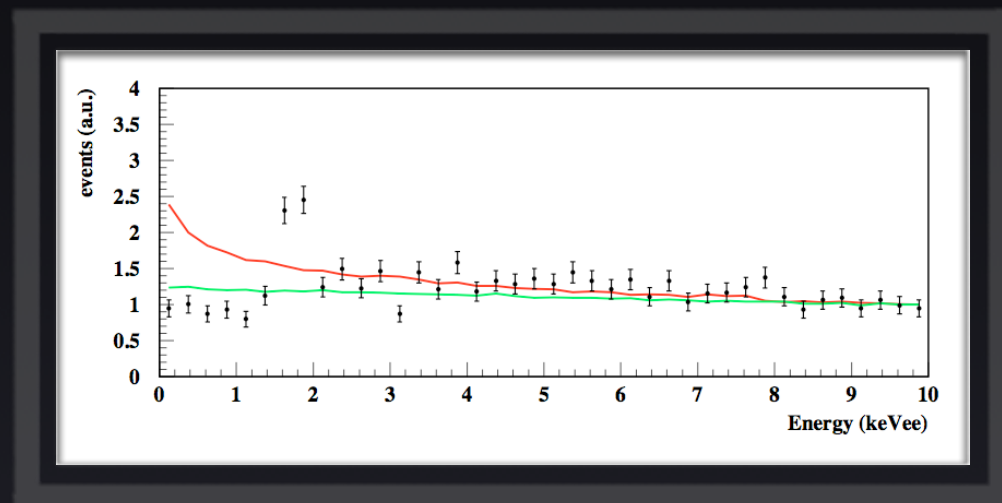
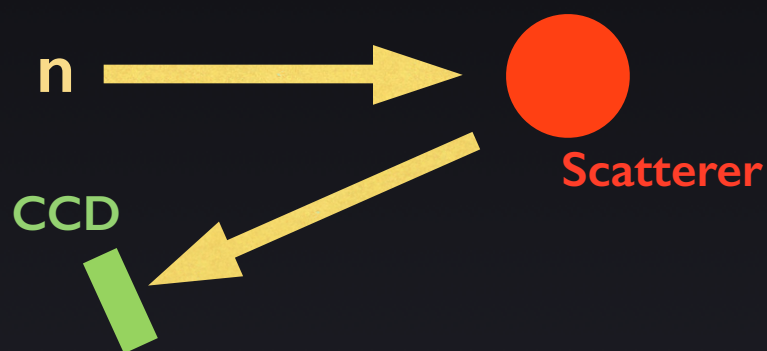
of their very low fiducial mass. The results of a search for DM using thick, fully-depleted CCDs are presented. These devices have a lower readout noise than conventional CCDs, allowing for a lower detection threshold. The results of a search for Dark Matter in GeV mass range are presented. This experiment is the first DM search using this technology.

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Ramping Up!

Calibrating to Lower Energy

- **Using a mono-energetic beam of neutrons to calibrate quenching factor to very low energies**



Naturalness of Dark Matter Mass scale

1. “Wimp miracle” scale :

- Why do SUSY cross-sections provide correct relic DM density ?

$$M_{\text{DM}} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

2. “Baryon-DM coincidence” scale :

- Why is the DM abundance so close to matter ?

$$\rho_{\text{DM}} \sim 5 \cdot \rho_{\text{M}}$$

- What if dark matter is more baryon-like ?
- Assume $N_{\text{DM}} \sim N_{\text{baryon}}$ in early universe

$$M_{\text{DM}} \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$$

Asymmetric DM hep-ph/1111.0293