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Abstract:

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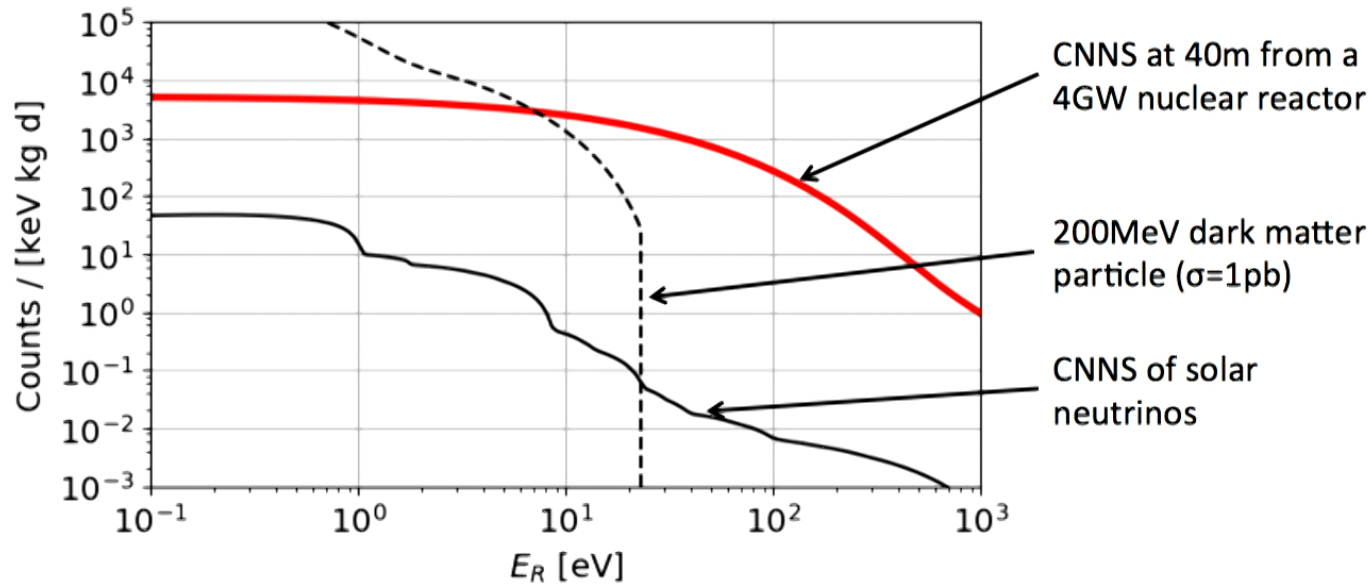
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**NEW DIRECTIONS IN DARK MATTER
AND NEUTRINO PHYSICS
July 20-22, 2017**

Low-mass dark matter direct detection vs. CNNS

Detector requirements

Nuclear recoil spectra on CaWO_4



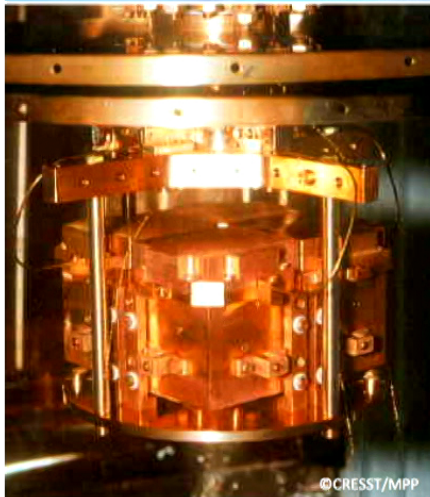
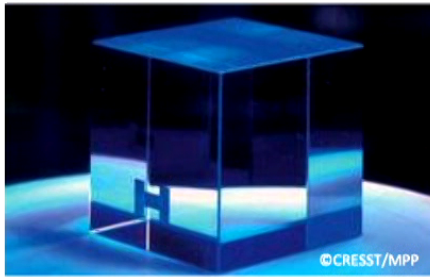
Extremely low thresholds and extremely small background levels



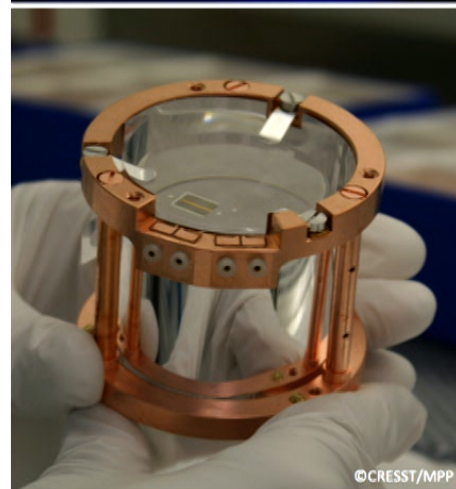
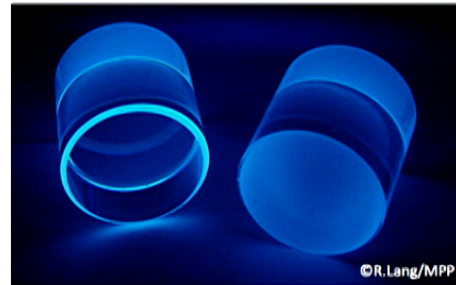
CRESST detectors in the years

Cryogenic Rare Event Search with Superconducting Thermometers

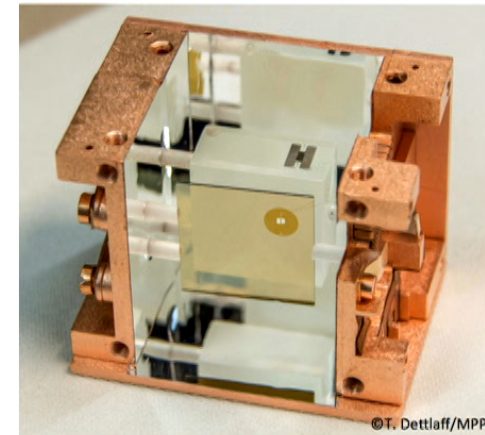
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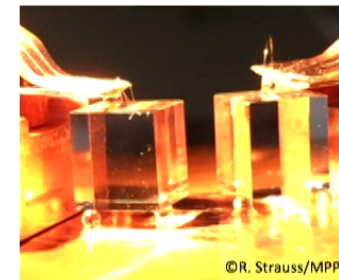
CRESST-II



CRESST-III

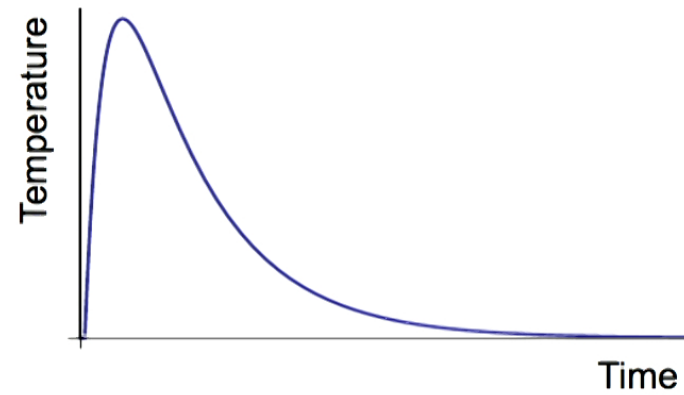
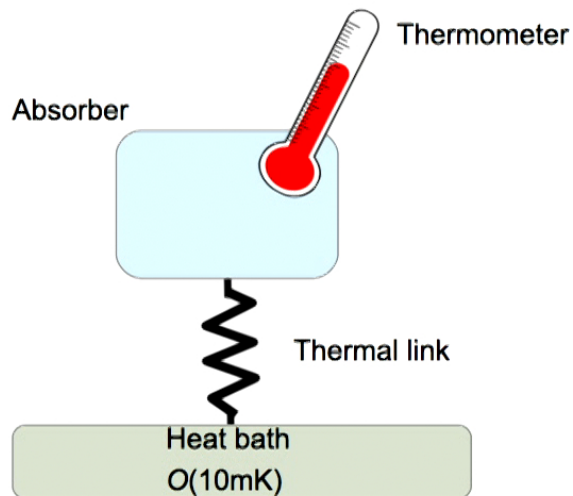


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Cryogenic calorimeters

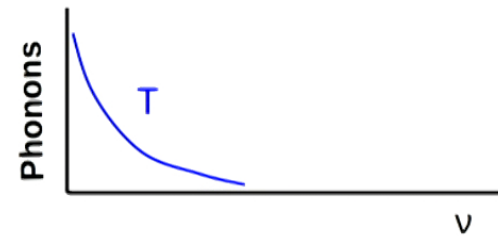
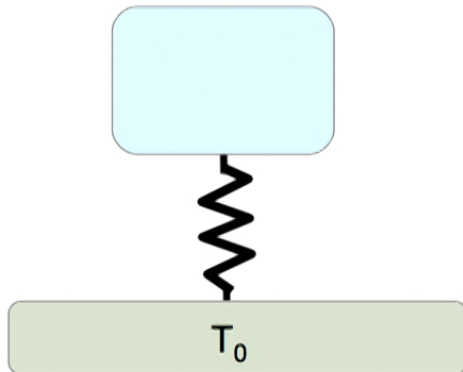


$$\Delta T = \Delta E / C$$

Valid for a system in thermal equilibrium
i.e. thermometer measuring absorber temperature

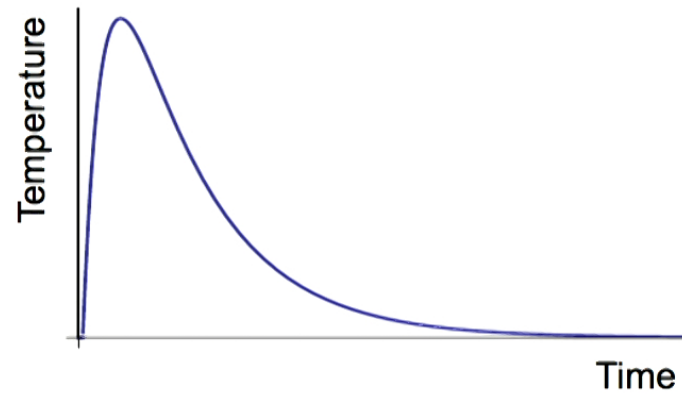
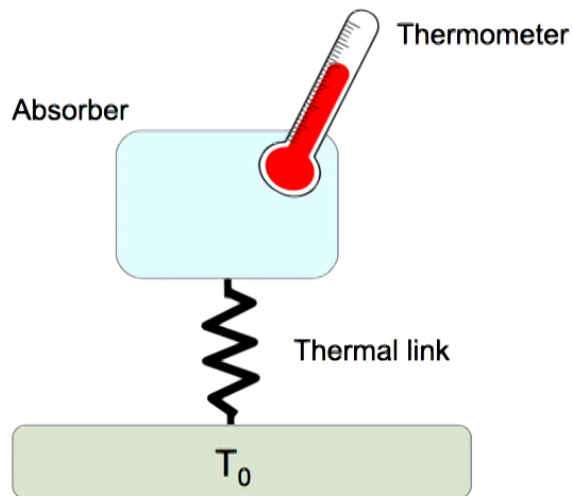
Signal formation

In thermal equilibrium $T=T_0$



Cryogenic calorimeters

CRESST thermometers (TES) sensitive to non-equilibrium phonon population

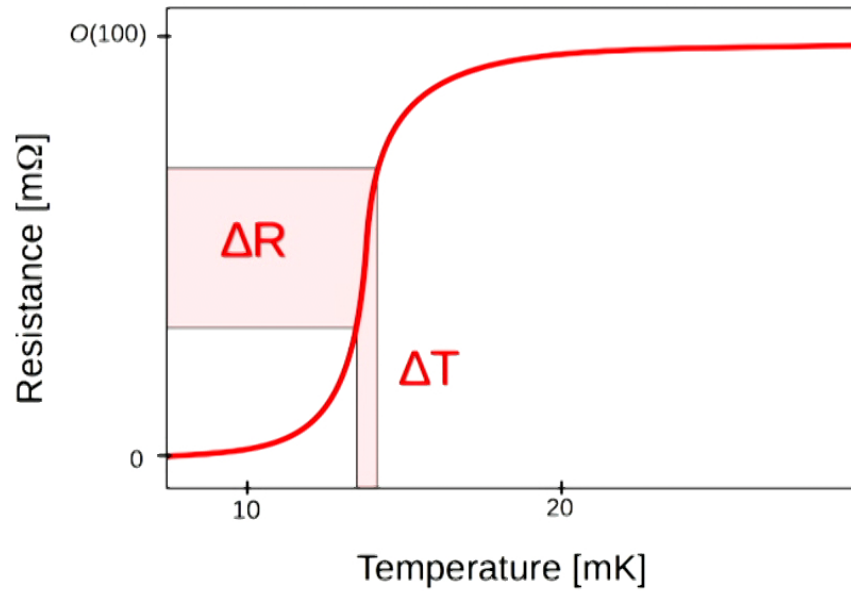


Amplitude $\propto \Delta E_{abs}/C_{ther}$

Rise life time of non thermal population

Relaxation $\propto C_{ther}/G_{link}$

Transition edge sensors



Energy deposition in absorber

$\sim \text{keV}$



Temperature rise in TES

$\sim \mu\text{K}$



Resistance change

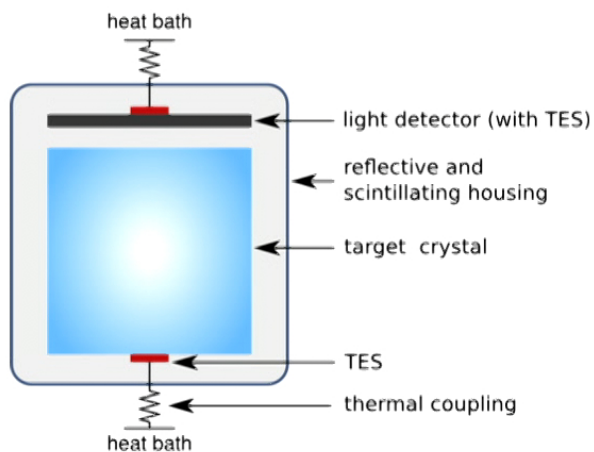
$\sim \text{m}\Omega$

CRESST-II detectors

Scintillating CaWO_4 crystals as target

Target crystals operated as **cryogenic calorimeters** ($\sim 15\text{mK}$)

Separate **cryogenic light detector** to detect the scintillation light signal



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Energy deposition:

- mainly phonons (almost independent of the type of particle)

Measurement of deposited energy

- small fraction into scintillation light (characteristic of the type of particle)

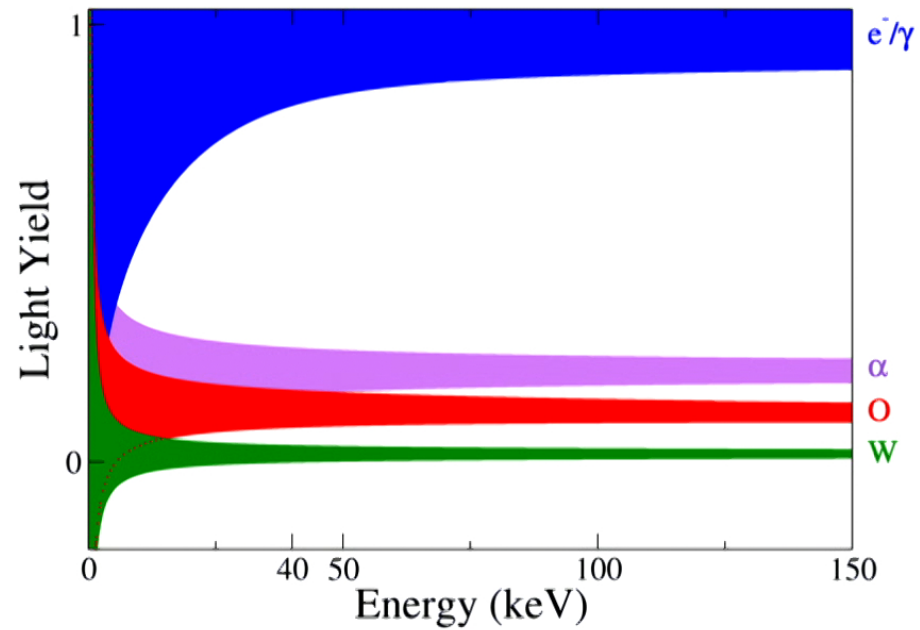
Particle discrimination

Two simultaneous signals from the two transition edge sensors (TES)

Event discrimination

$$\text{Light Yield} = \frac{\text{Light signal}}{\text{Phonon signal}}$$

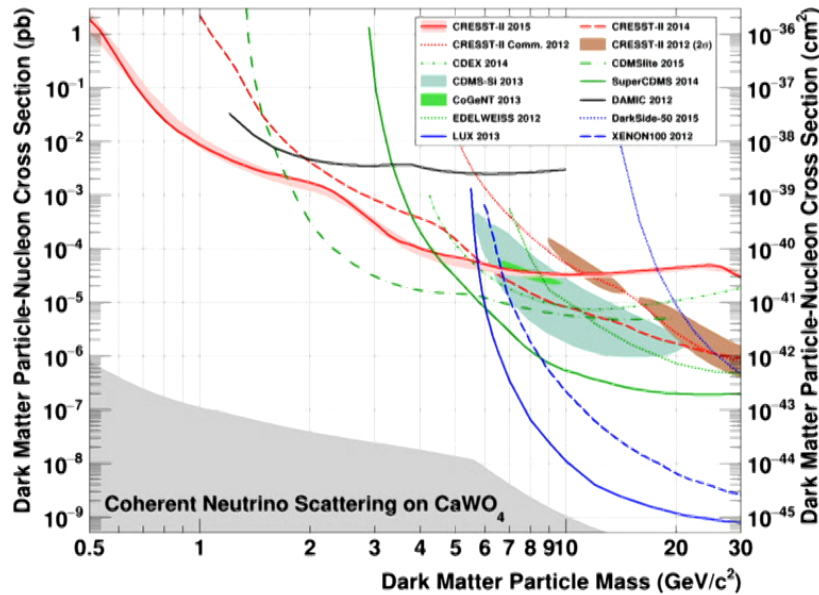
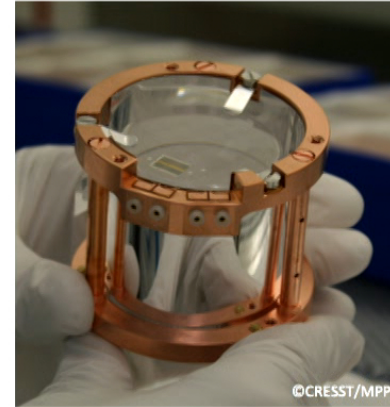
Characteristic of the event type



Discrimination between potential signal events (**nuclear recoils**) and dominant radioactive background (**electron recoils**)

CRESST-II results

Detector design: 300g CaWO_4 conventional holder
 Crystal: Lise - background level ≈ 8.5 counts/(keV kg day)
 Threshold: 307eV
 Resolution: 62eV at zero energy



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June 15th
 Until today world-leading below
 $1.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
 Exploring new parameter space
 down to $0.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

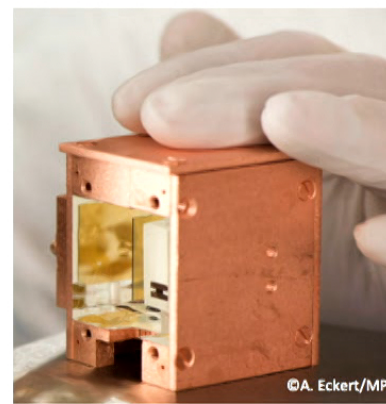
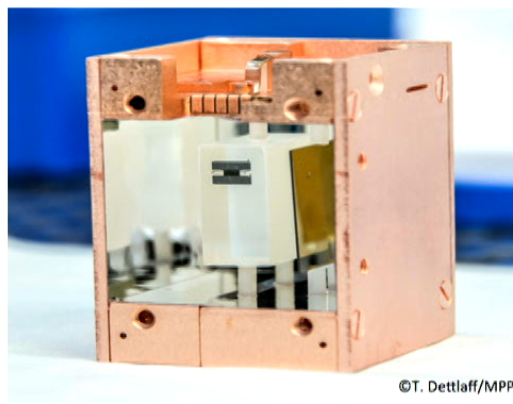
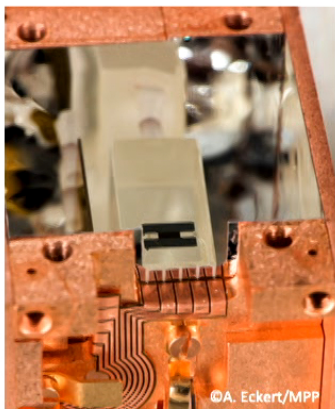
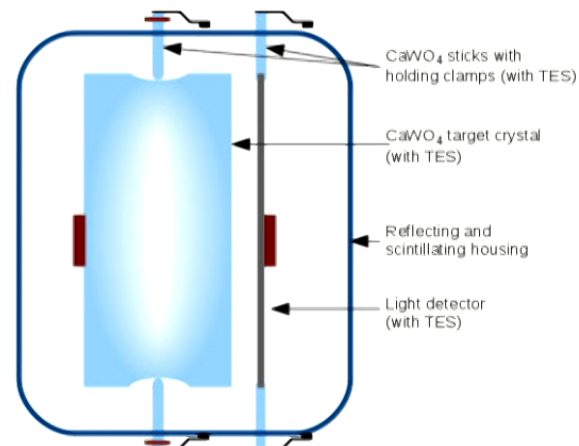
**Hunting light dark matter
 requires a low threshold!**

CRESST-III low threshold detectors

Detector layout optimized for low mass dark matter
 Radical reduction of dimension

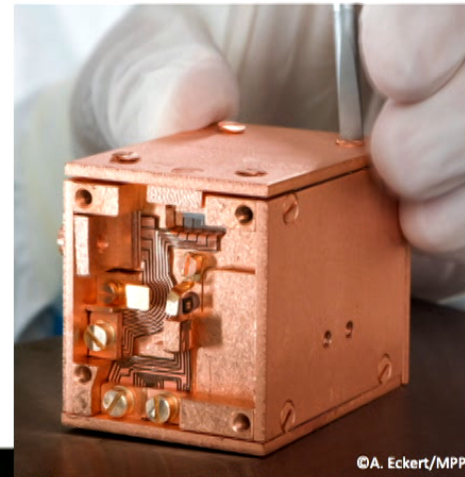
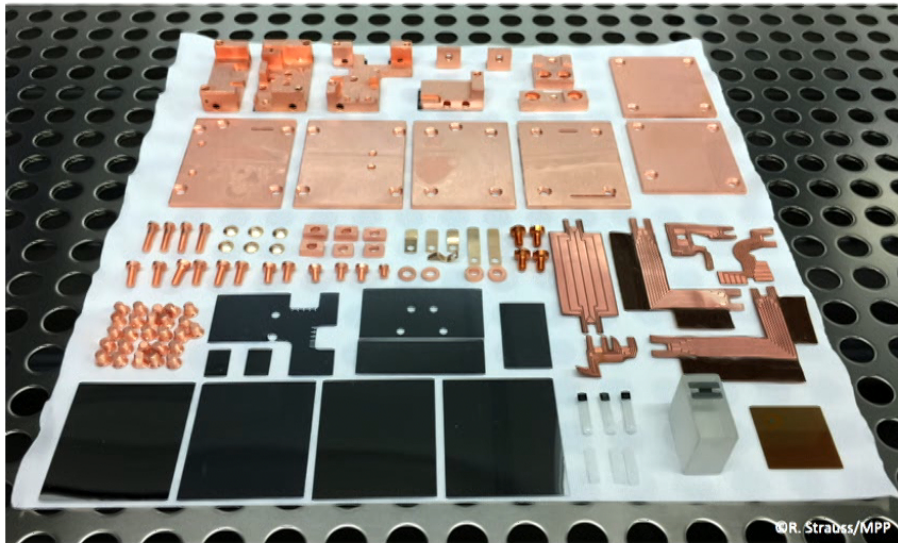
- Absorber volume reduced of a factor ~ 10
- Cuboid crystals of $(20 \times 20 \times 10) \text{mm}^3$ ($\approx 24 \text{g}$)
- Self grown crystals - background level $\approx 3 \text{ counts}/(\text{keV kg day})$
- **100 eV threshold**
- Light detector $(20 \times 20) \text{mm}^2$
- Fully scintillating housing
- Instrumented sticks

Veto for surface related backgrounds



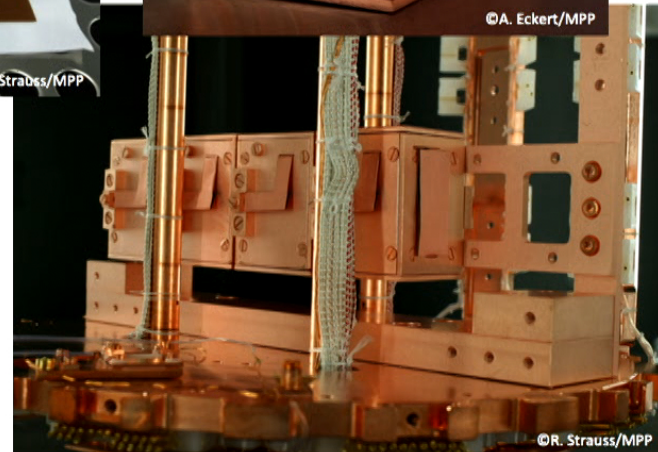
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CRESST-III Phase 1



Data taking started July 2016

- High statistics gamma calibration
- High statistics neutron calibration
- 20% of DM data as training set



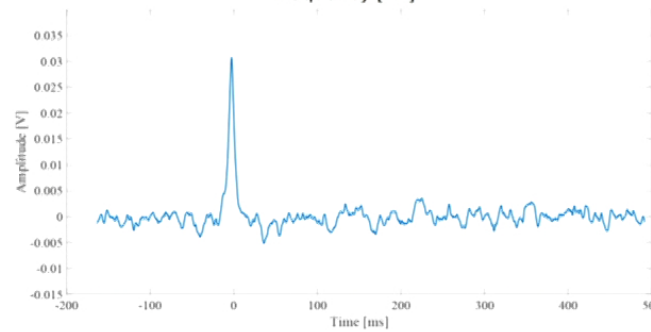
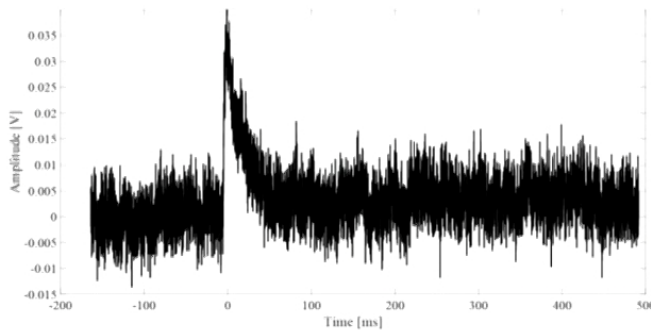
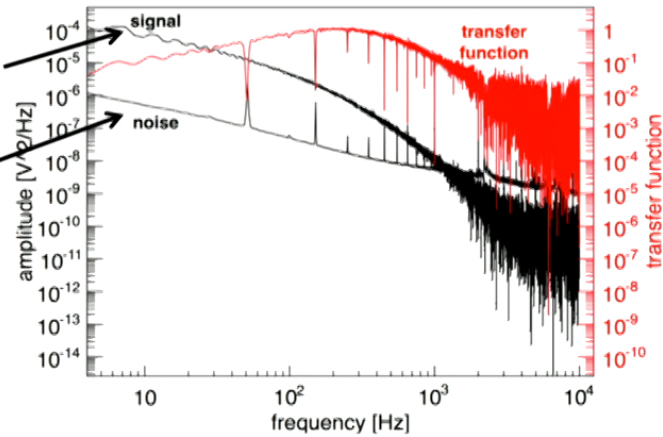
Optimum filter

Pulse-height evaluation with optimum filter

The **Gatti-Manfredi filter** is an optimum filter which maximizes the ratio between the amplitude of the treated pulse and the noise RMS

Template pulse

Baselines

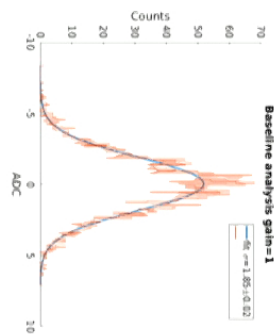
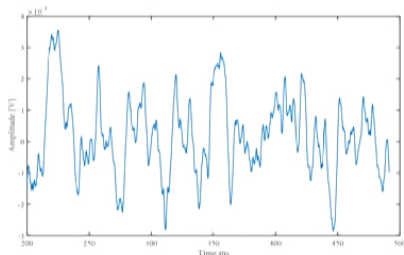


Typical improvement in resolution by using the optimum filter: factor 2-3

Optimum trigger – Detector A

Optimum filter for threshold analysis

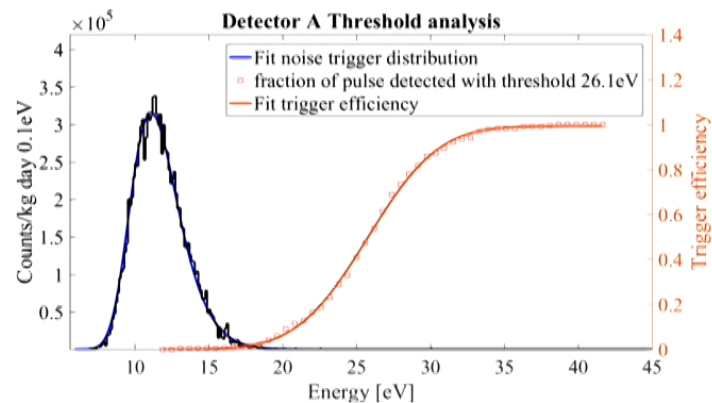
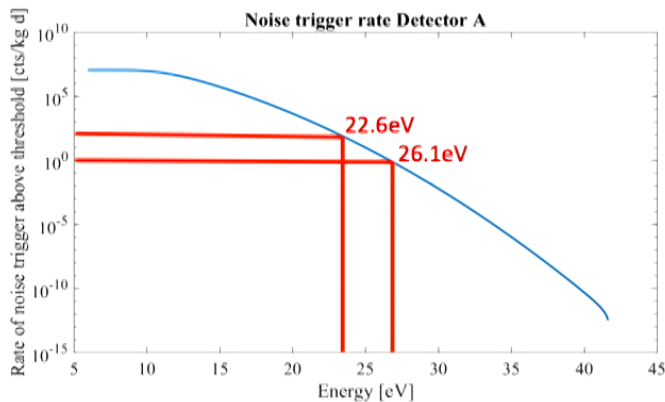
Typical base line trace



Histogram of a typical baseline trace

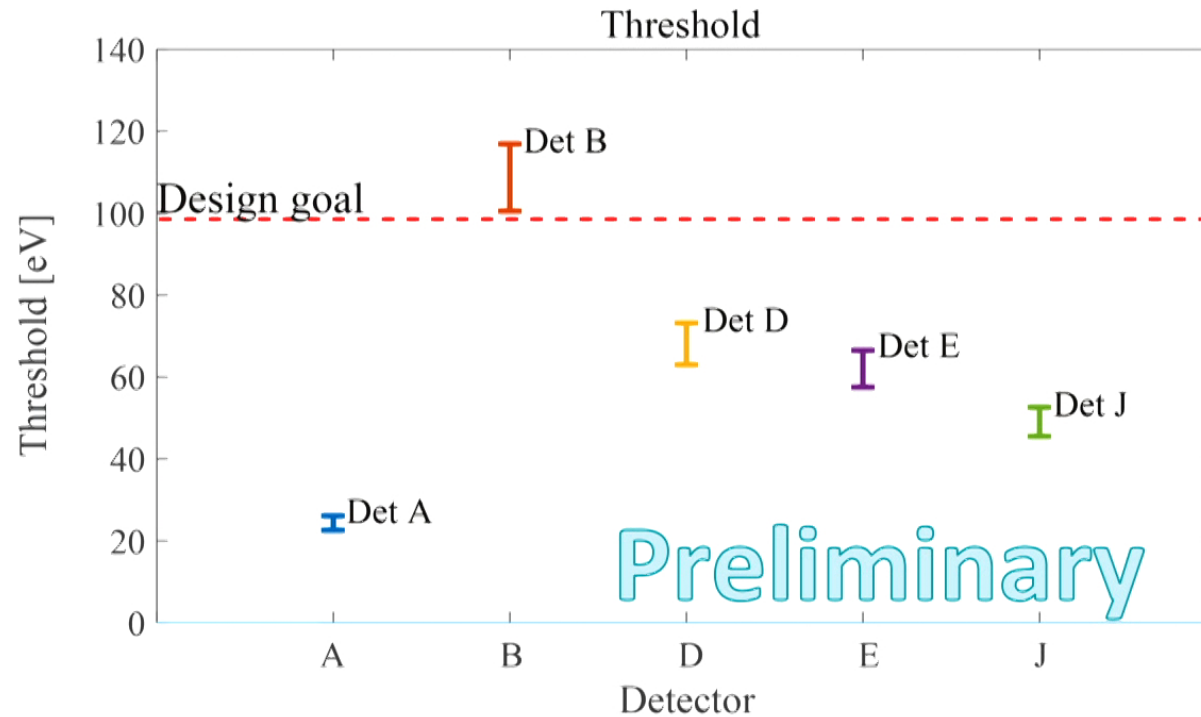
- Continuous sampling of raw data (new DAQ for CRESST-III)
- Study the noise distribution after optimum filter in order to set the threshold

Analytical description of amplitude distribution in empty baselines



New frontier in direct dark matter detection

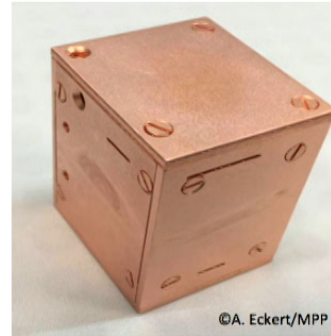
Optimum thresholds



5 detectors reach/exceed CRESST-III design goal

Detector A – high threshold analysis

Analysis started from detector A



Data taking period:

31.10.16 - 05.07.17

Analysis threshold (high-threshold analysis):

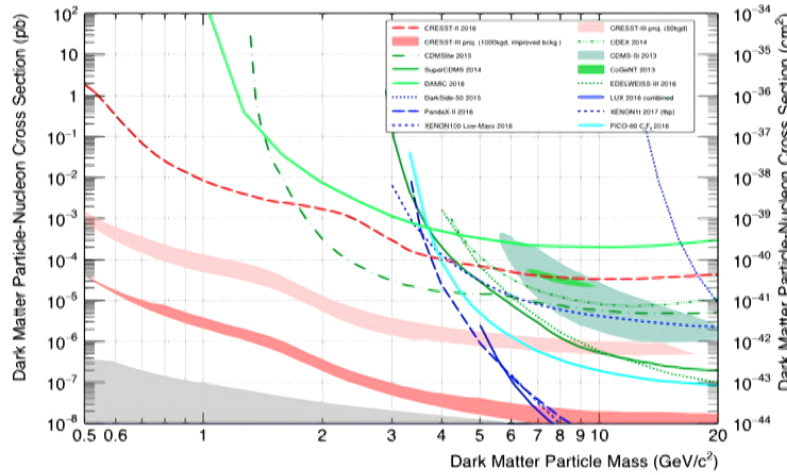
100 eV

Preliminary results of this single module will be presented at



Beyond dark matter

CRESST-III detectors for CNNS - Atmospheric and solar neutrinos



Probability to observe a data-set which allows a detection of CNNS at the desired CL

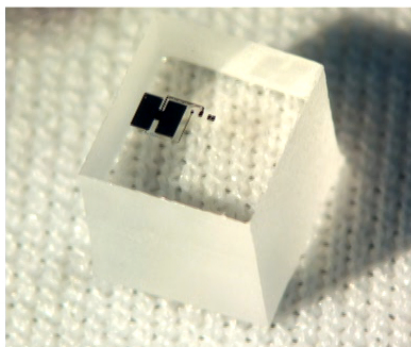
Exposure	Detection potential		
	99.9 % CL	99.99 % CL	99.9999 % CL
10 kg-years	12.8 %	7.6 %	3.3 %
20 kg-years	28.9 %	19.7 %	9.3 %
30 kg-years	44.6 %	29.9 %	16.5 %
40 kg-years	61.1 %	45.2 %	23.7 %
50 kg-years	73.4 %	57.9 %	34.0 %
60 kg-years	80.8 %	68.0 %	42.1 %
70 kg-years	89 %	79.4 %	55.1 %
80 kg-years	91.7 %	83.2 %	64.9 %
90 kg-years	96.1 %	90.6 %	70.5 %
100 kg-years	97.4 %	92.7 %	77.2 %

2 years of running with ~1000 CRESST-III modules

Gram-scale detectors

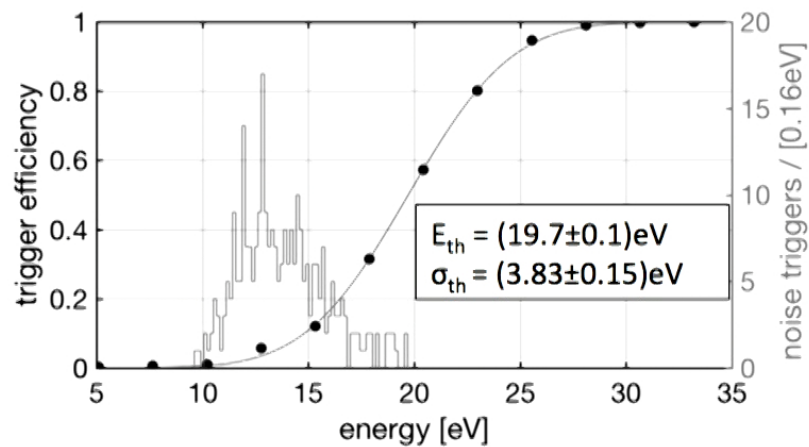
Even smaller

Al₂O₃ crystal 0.5g



First prototype detector successfully tested:

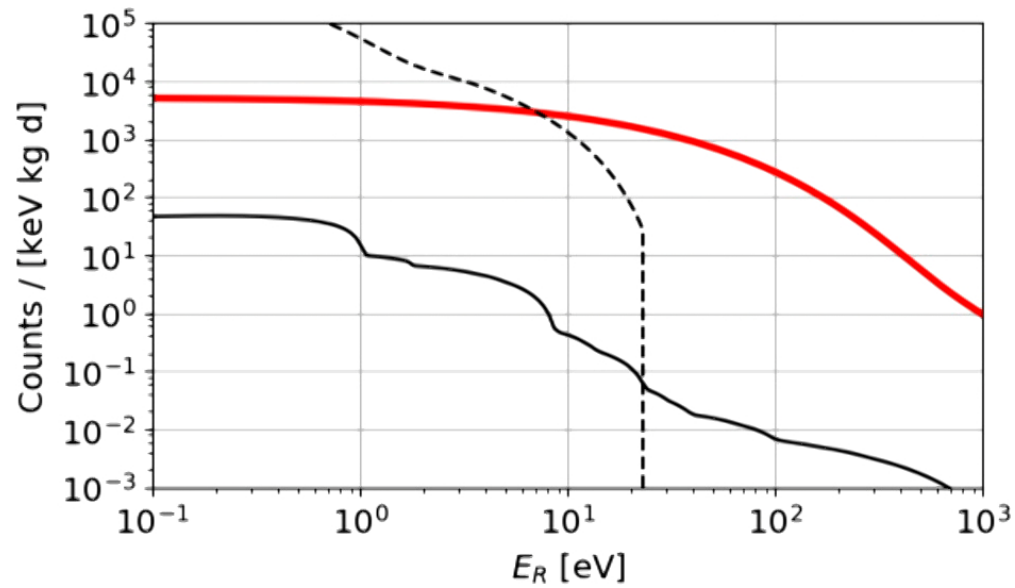
- operated above ground
- setup without shielding



Operation in high-background environment demonstrated

CNNS

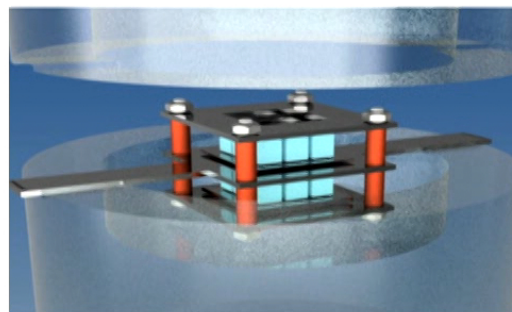
Threshold for CNNS reached above ground



The ν -cleus experiment

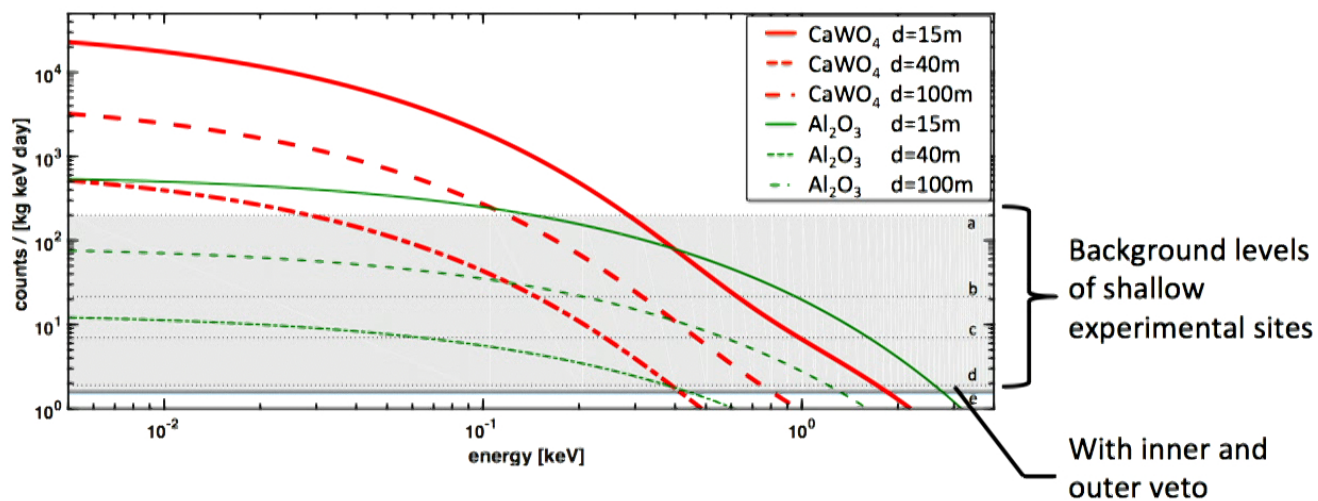
Low-threshold CaWO_4 and Al_2O_3 calorimeter arrays

- total mass about 10g
- active veto



Strong material dependence of CNNS rate to discriminate signal from background

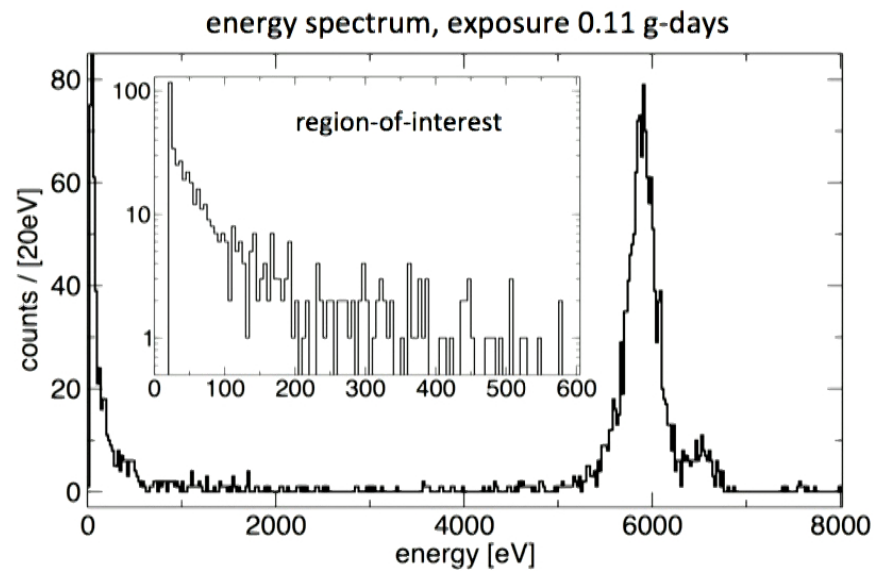
Count rates on CaWO_4 and Al_2O_3 at distance d from a 4GW nuclear power plant



MeV- scale dark matter

Dark matter search with a prototype detector

Calibration measurement in high background environment

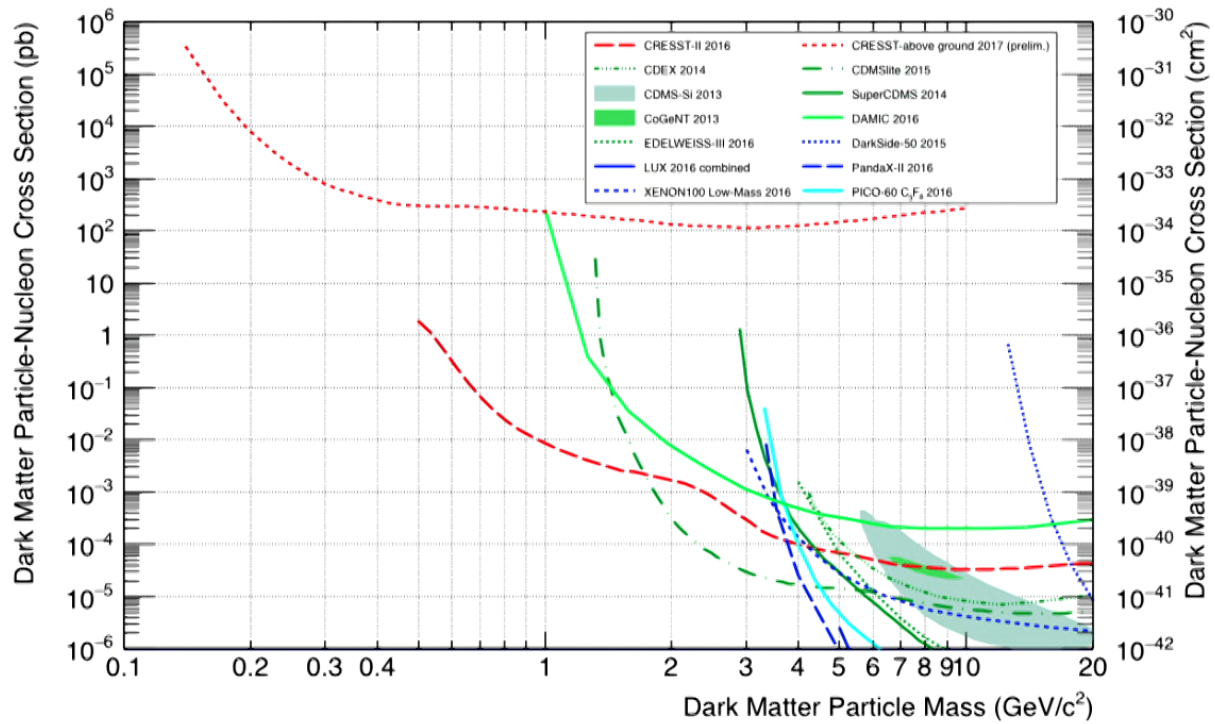


- No data-quality cuts applied
- Use Yellin optimum interval method

to appear on the arXiv this week

MeV- scale dark matter

The exclusion limit



to appear on the arXiv this week

New frontiers...
... new potentials...
... new challenges!