



EDELWEISS

Report on EDELWEISS-III

WIMP masses 4-20 GeV/c²

Perspectives of the low-mass program

WIMP masses 0.5-5 GeV/c² and below

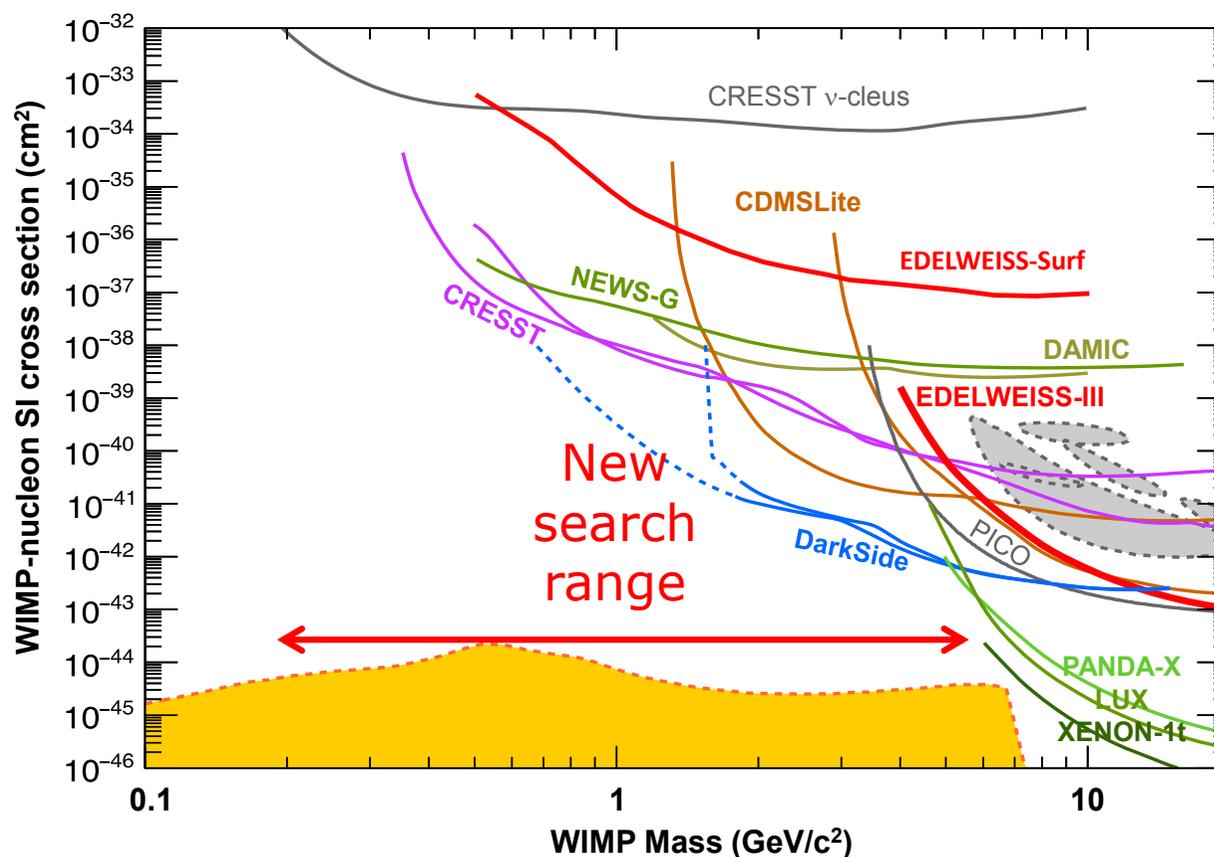
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~GeV range new hunting ground for WIMPs

- Absence of minimal SUSY signals at LHC
- No signals in $10 \text{ GeV}/c^2 - 10 \text{ TeV}/c^2$ range (LUX, PandaX, XENON)
- Searches extended to generic DM particle interacting with nuclei

*Spin-independent
Dark matter
interaction with
nuclei*



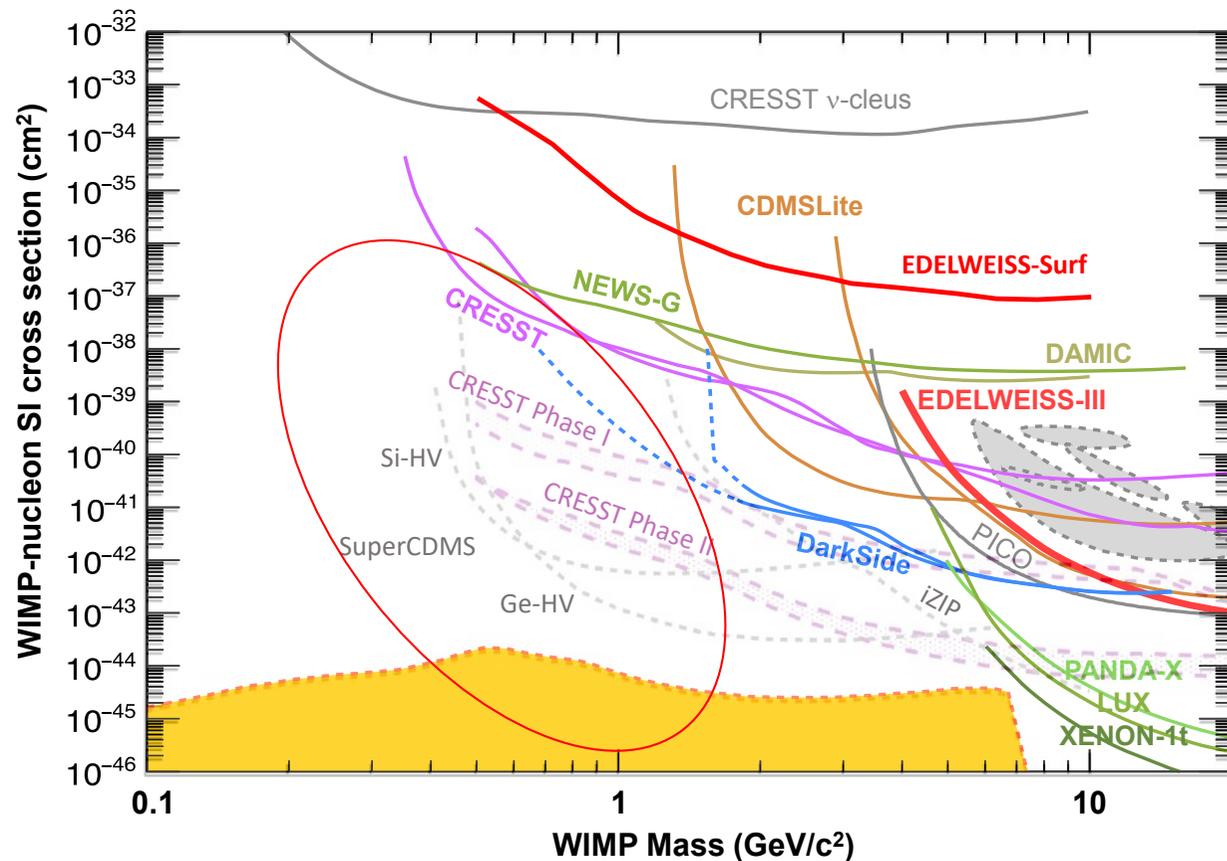
Future projects for SubGeV range

- Cryogenic experiments: SuperCDMS (SNOLAB), CRESST (LNGS)
- Others (limited to ~ 1 GeV/c²): DarkSide, DAMIC-M

Limitations:

- *Thresholds*
- *Backgrounds*
(internal bkgs in CRESST)
- *Ion. quenching uncertainties*
Ge/Si/Ar

**Serious issue:
Lack of nuclear
recoil
discrimination
at low energy**



EDELWEISS : phase III vs low-mass program

EDELWEISS-III (2010-2015)

- Original ANR (2010) objective: WIMPs $> 10 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- 2012 updated objective (Oct. CSin2p3): $5\text{-}20 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- *Largest mass of cryogenic Ge (30 kg) for DM search*
- Difference from CDMS:
 - Emphasis on ionization signal for surface discrimination
 - Simpler heat signal readout, for scalability & optimal ionization readout (... and detector operation & calibration)
- Data taking ended in 2015 with 3000 kg.d (8 kg.y)

EDELWEISS Low-mass program (since 2016)

- R&D program for $\text{GeV}/c^2 \rightarrow \text{subGeV}/c^2$ WIMP mass range
- Second part of presentation

EDELWEISS-III collaboration

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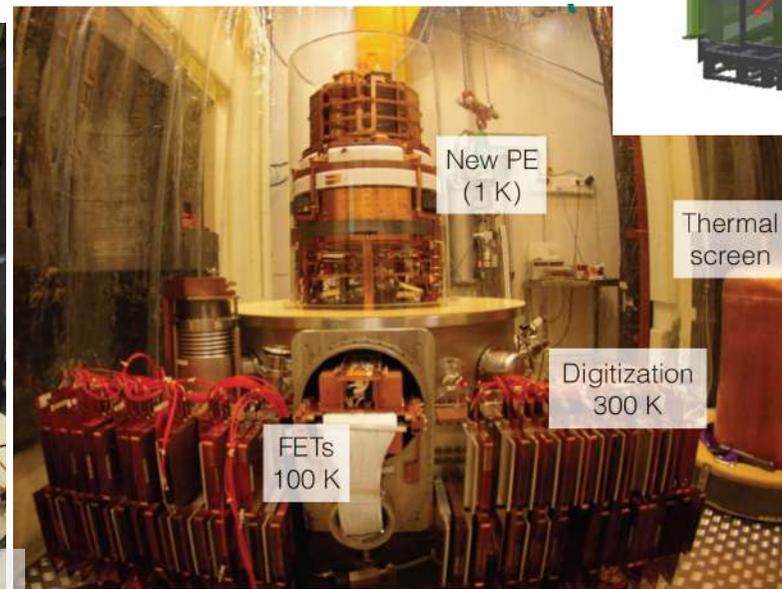
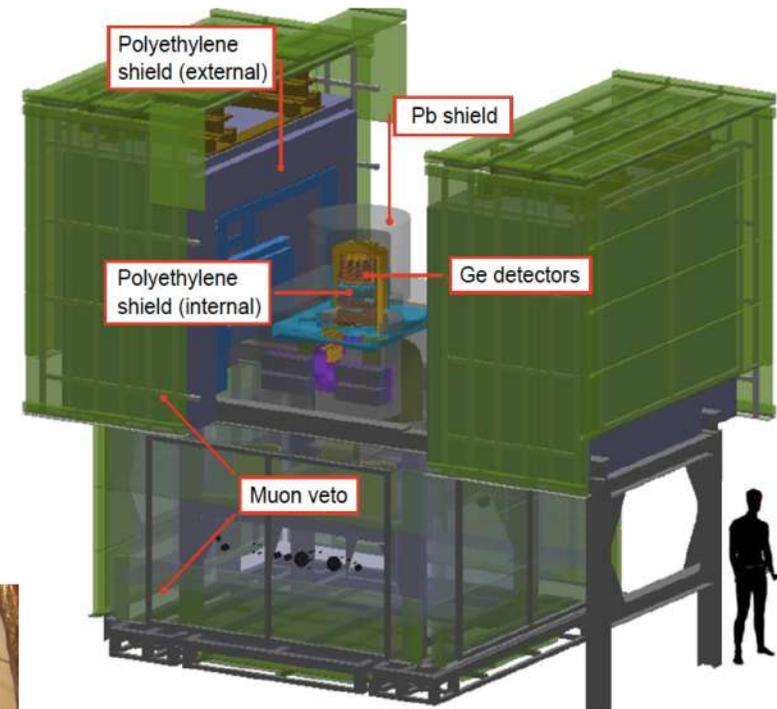
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48 people, 46% in2p3

EDELWEISS Setup

- **LSM: Deepest site in Europe**
4800 m.w.e., $5 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{day}$
- Clean room + deradonized air
Radon monitoring down to few mBq/m^3
- Active muon veto (>98% coverage)
- External (50 cm) + internal polyethylene shielding
Thermal neutron monitoring with ^3He detector
- Lead shielding (20 cm, incl. 2 cm Roman lead)
- Selection of radiopure material

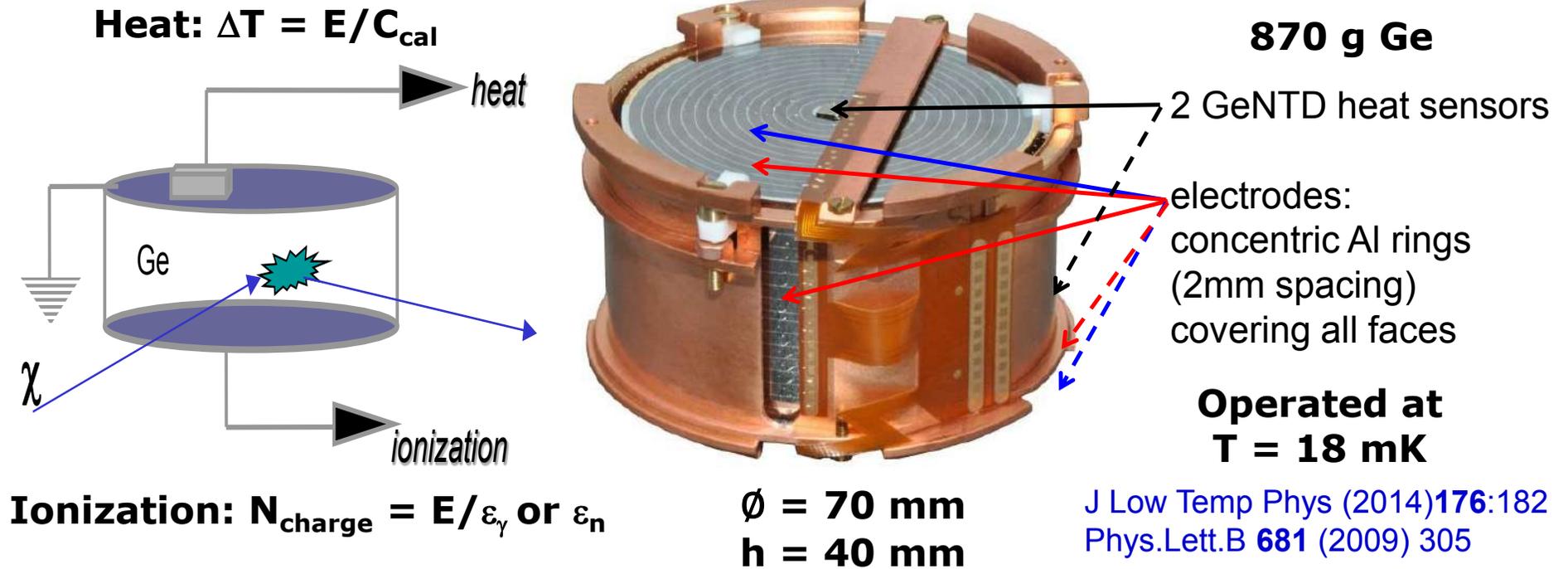


Cryostat can host up to 40 kg detector at 18 mK

Performance of the EDELWEISS-III experiment for direct dark matter searches

[JINST 12 (2017) P08010]

EDELWEISS-III detectors (CSNSM design)



- Ionization:

$\epsilon_{\gamma} = 3 \text{ eV}/(\text{e-hole pair})$ for electron recoils (γ, β)

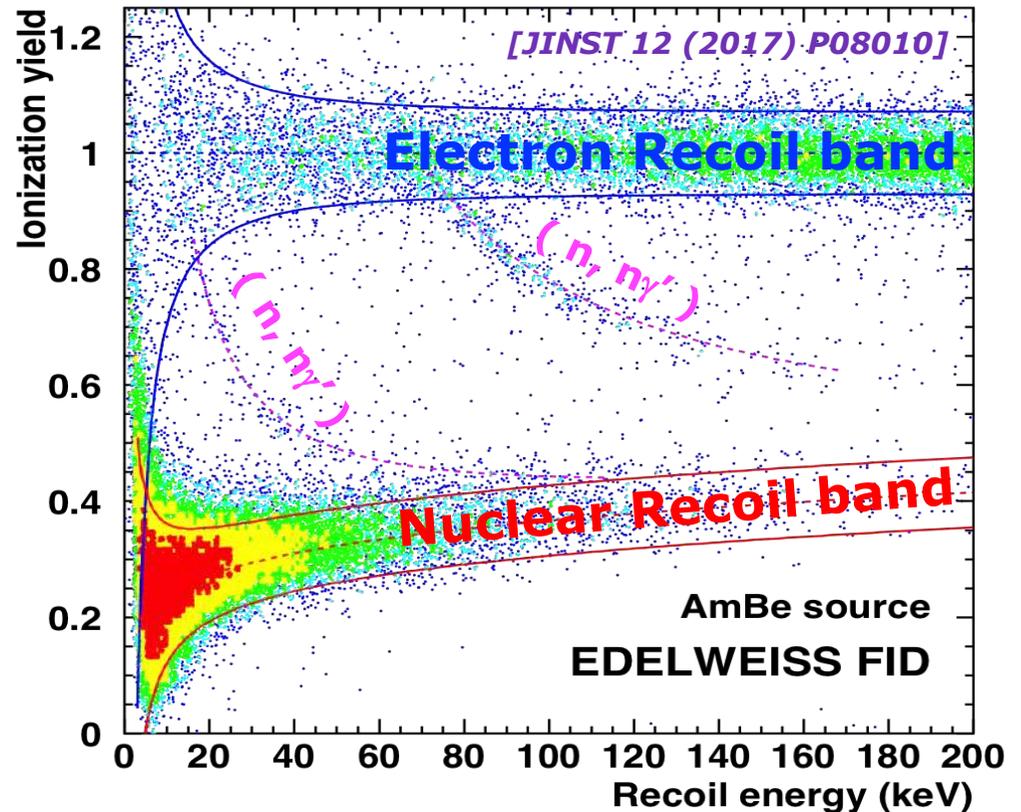
$\epsilon_n \sim 12 \text{ eV}/(\text{e-hole pair})$ for nuclear recoils (neutrons, WIMPs)

$\epsilon_{\gamma}/\epsilon_n = \text{ionization quenching } Q \rightarrow E_{\text{ion}} = Q E_{\text{recoil}} \text{ in keV}_{ee}$

- Heat: direct measurement of ALL the energy, irrespective of particle ID

Nuclear recoil identification in EDELWEISS

- **Event-by-Event discrimination of Nuclear Recoils (NR) vs Electron Recoils (ER):** simultaneous measurement of ionization + heat signals
- True recoil energy can be obtained from heat and ionization signals irrespective of quenching Q :

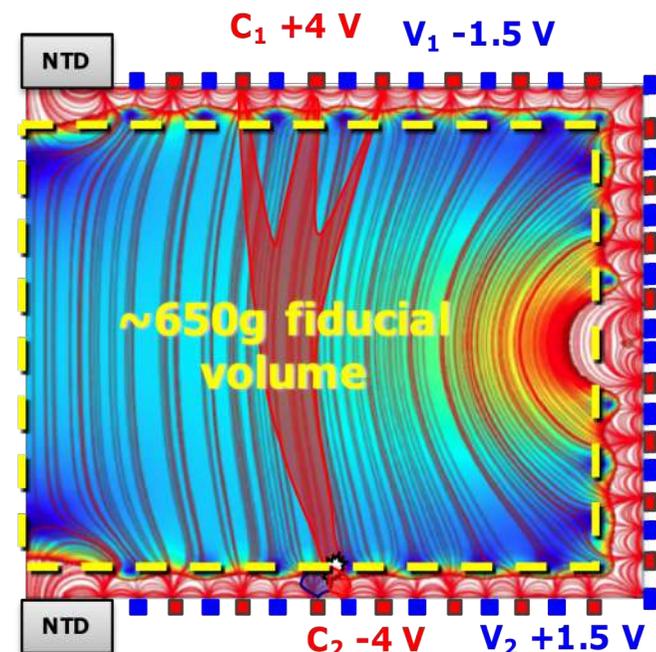


$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\text{phonon}} &= E_{\text{recoil}} + \text{heating due to charge drift in } \vec{E}_{\text{field}} \text{ (Luke-Neganov effect)} \\
 &= E_{\text{recoil}} + N_{\text{charge}} * (\text{Voltage}) = E_{\text{recoil}} + E_{\text{ion}} * (\text{Voltage}) / \varepsilon_{\gamma}
 \end{aligned}$$

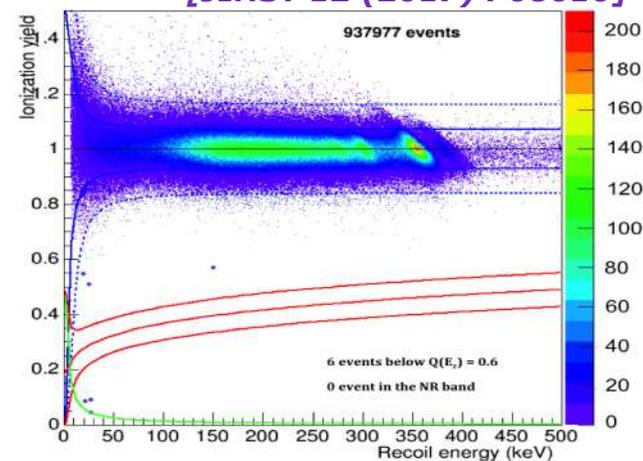
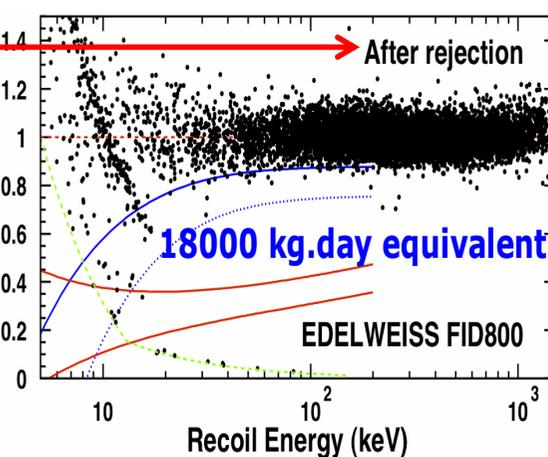
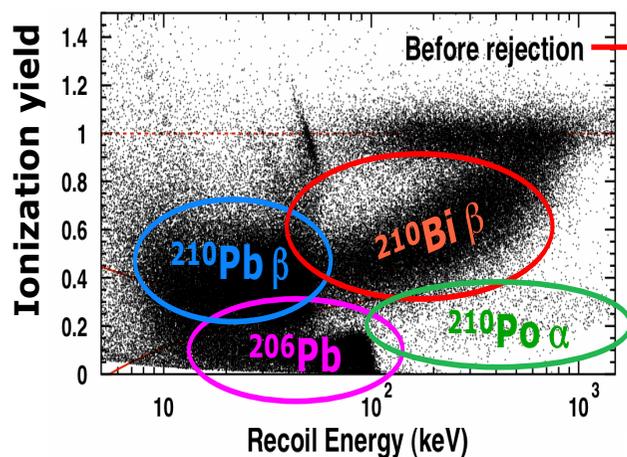
$$E_{\text{recoil}} = E_{\text{phonon}} - \text{Voltage} * (E_{\text{ion}} / \varepsilon_{\gamma}) \text{ for all types of recoils}$$

Surface event discrimination

- Main limitation of technique: poor charge collection of charge for surface events can mimic the reduced quenching of a nuclear recoil
- **EDELWEISS solution: cover entire surface with interleaved ring electrodes (FID800 design)**
- Lateral surface also covered (not in CDMS)
- Bulk: collection by C_1+C_2 ; V_1+V_2 act as veto
- Surface: charges collected by C_1+V_1 or C_2+V_2
- **$<4 \times 10^{-5}$ rejection of surface events**
- **$<2.5 \times 10^{-6}$ rejection of ER in fiducial volume**



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EDELWEISS-III calendar

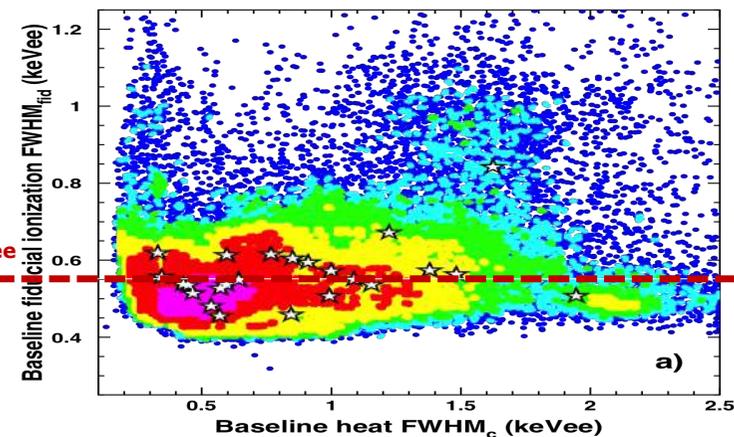
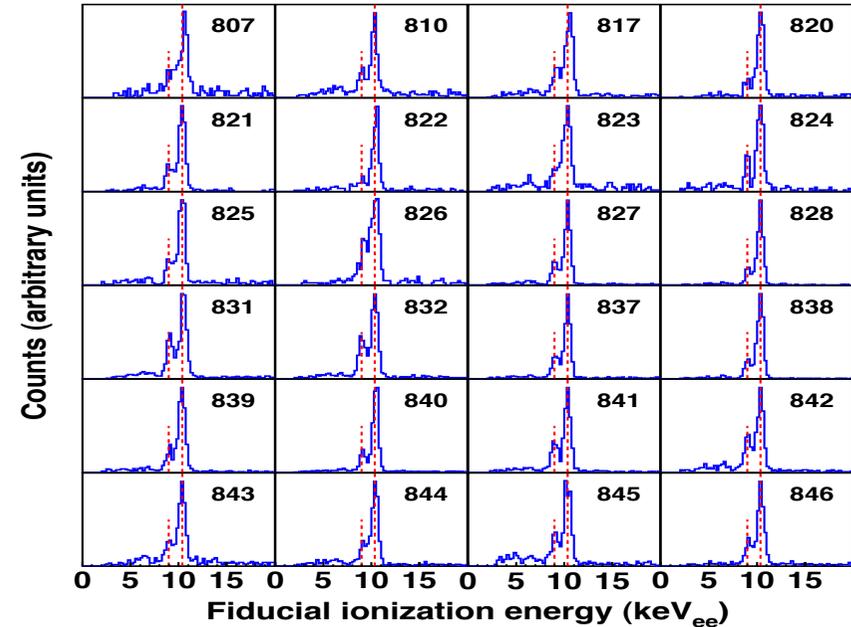
- 2009-2010: prototype tests
- 2011-2013: detector production
 - One year delay to find new technique to solve problem of unexpected leakage currents between electrodes (now: <0.1 fA)
 - Also: electronic + cryogenic upgrades
- 2013-2014: commissioning
 - Problem with Kapton cables between 10 mK and 1 K: decision to concentrate the repairs for the readout of the 24 detectors with the best performance
- **2014-2015: 3000 kg.d for physics**



Detector performance

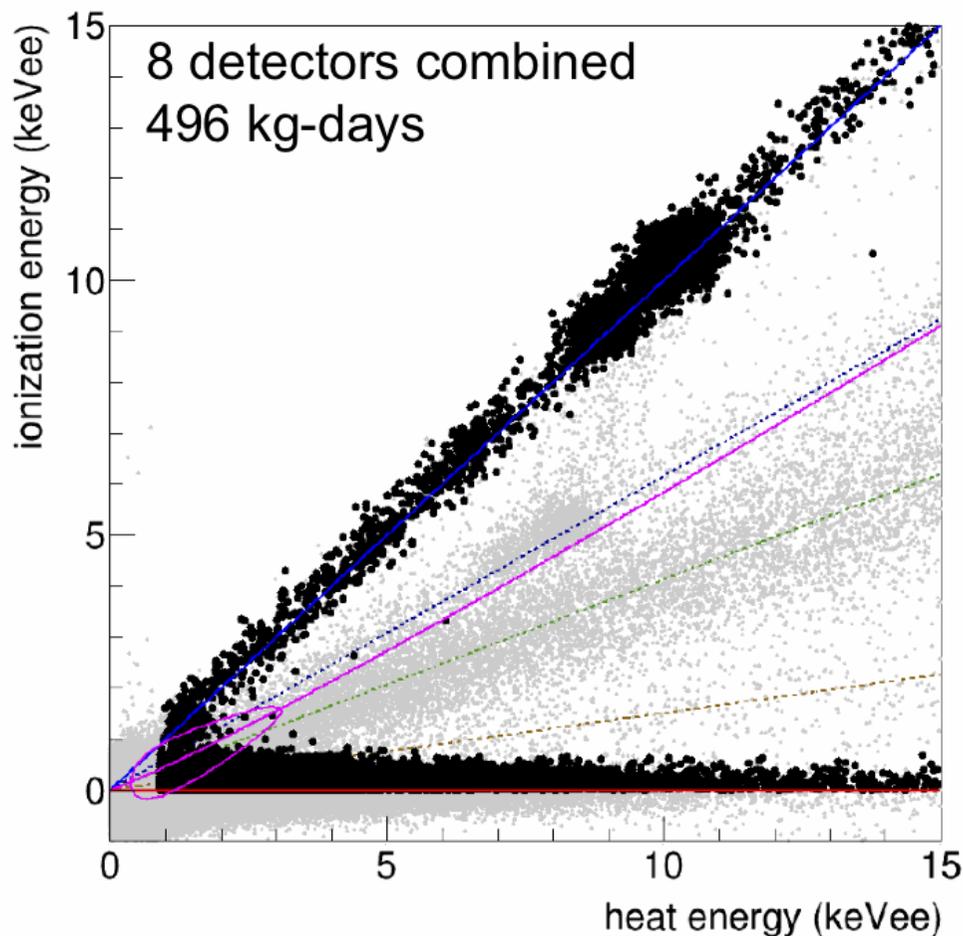
- 24 detectors used for physics
- Best ionization resolution achieved for cryogenic Ge detector: $\sigma_{\text{ion}} = 230 \text{ eV}_{\text{ee}}$, uniform performance
- 8 detectors with best σ_{phonon} used for WIMP search (5-20 GeV/c²)
- Main limitation to σ_{phonon} : vibrations
- 19 detectors with best resolutions selected for searches of Axion-Like Particle searches & cosmogenic activation studies

8.98 + 10.37 keV cosmic activation doublet



WIMP search: identification of backgrounds

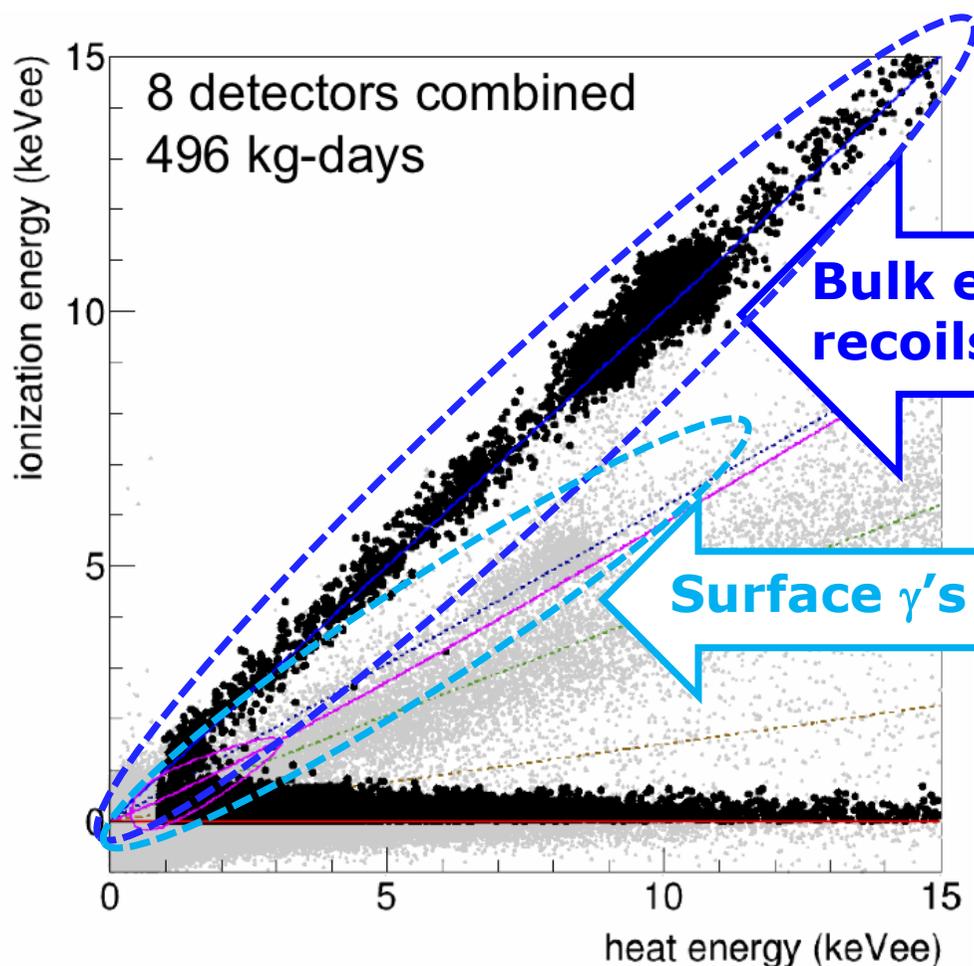
- Analysis with Boosted Decision Tree [JCAP05 (2016) 019]
- Analysis with Profile Likelihood [EPJC 76 (2016) 548]



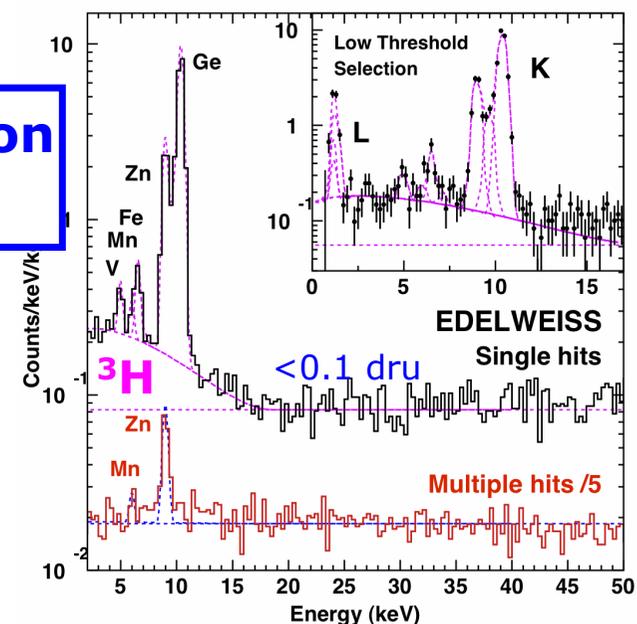
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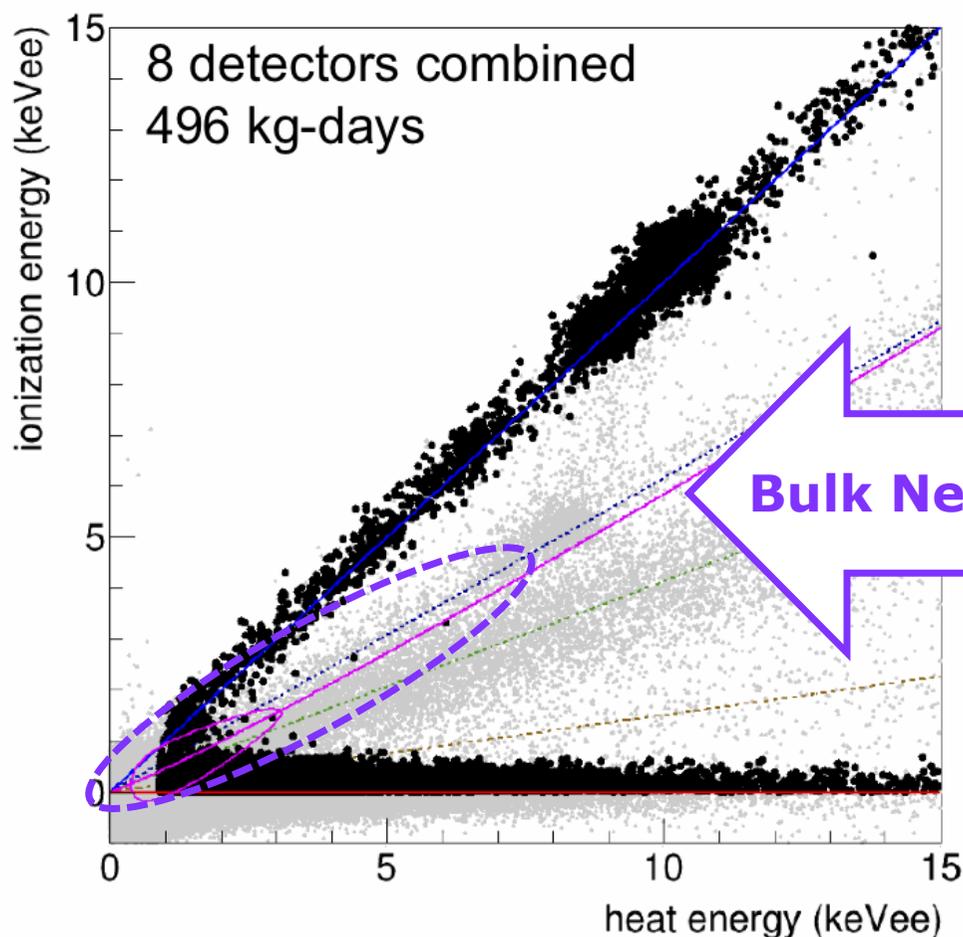
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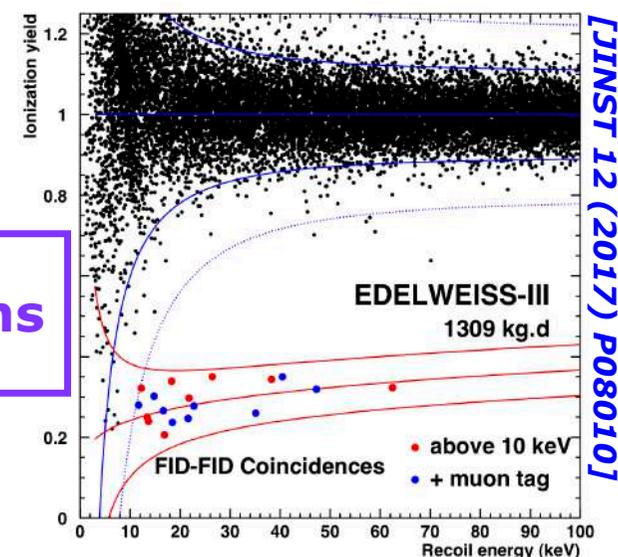
First measurement of cosmogenic
production of ^3H in Ge
[AstroPart. 91 (2017) 51]

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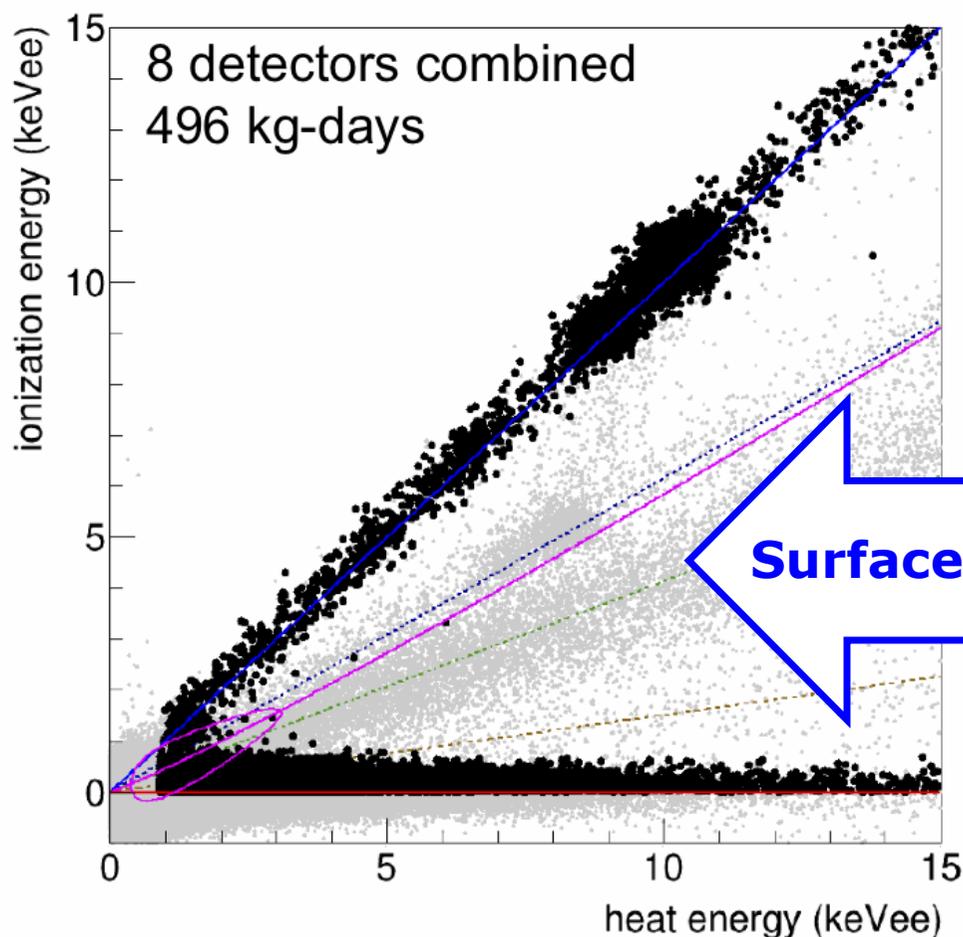
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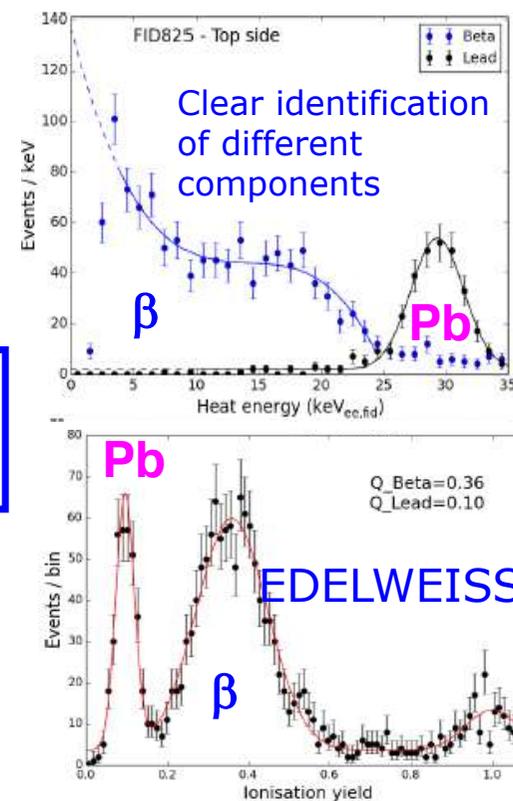
*Multiple-detector events
fast neutron flux measurement*

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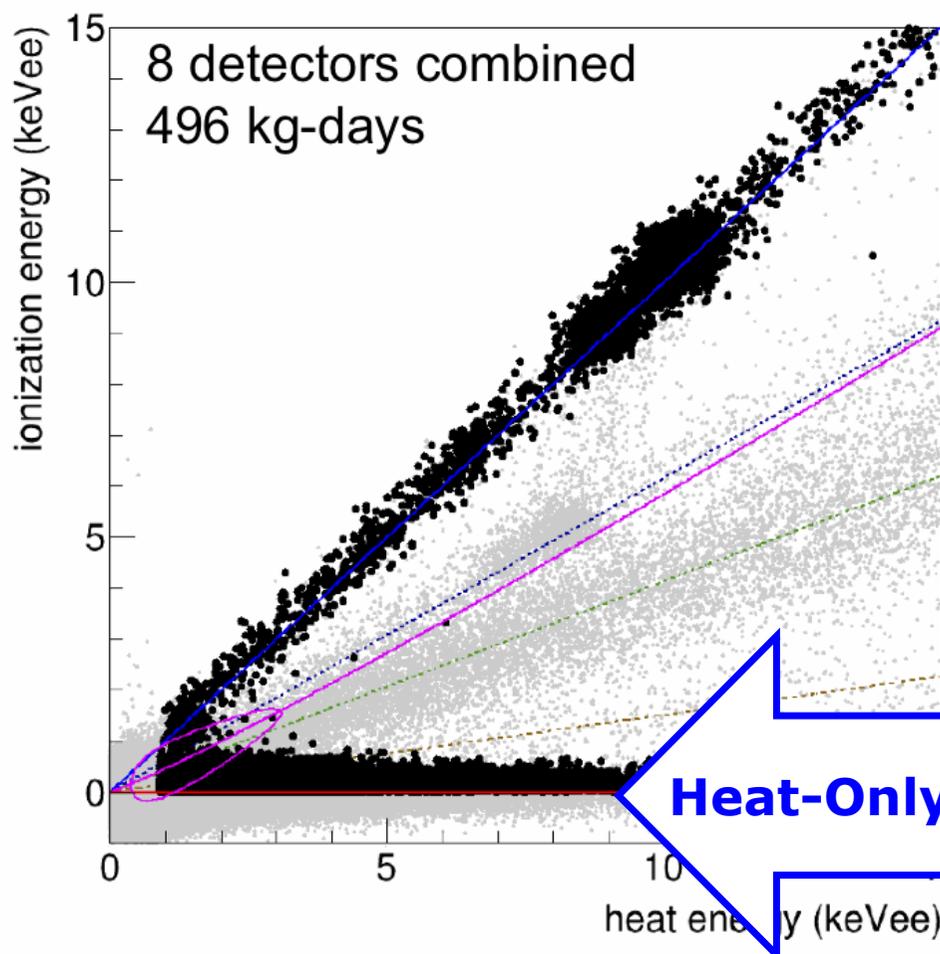


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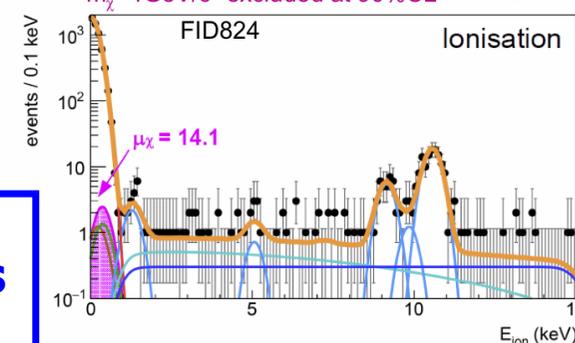
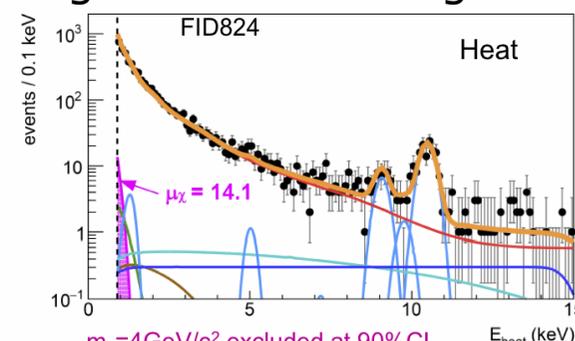
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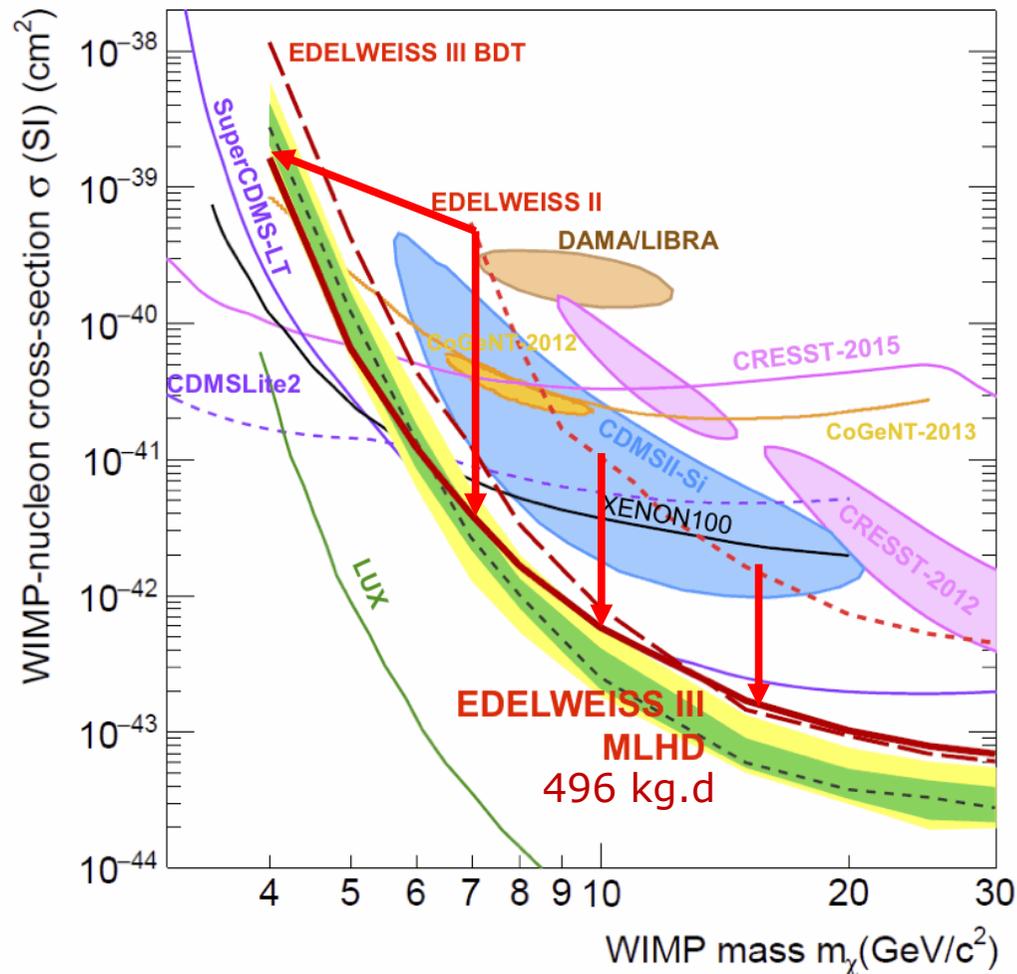
Origin under investigation



Well reproducible over >years

Low-Mass analysis

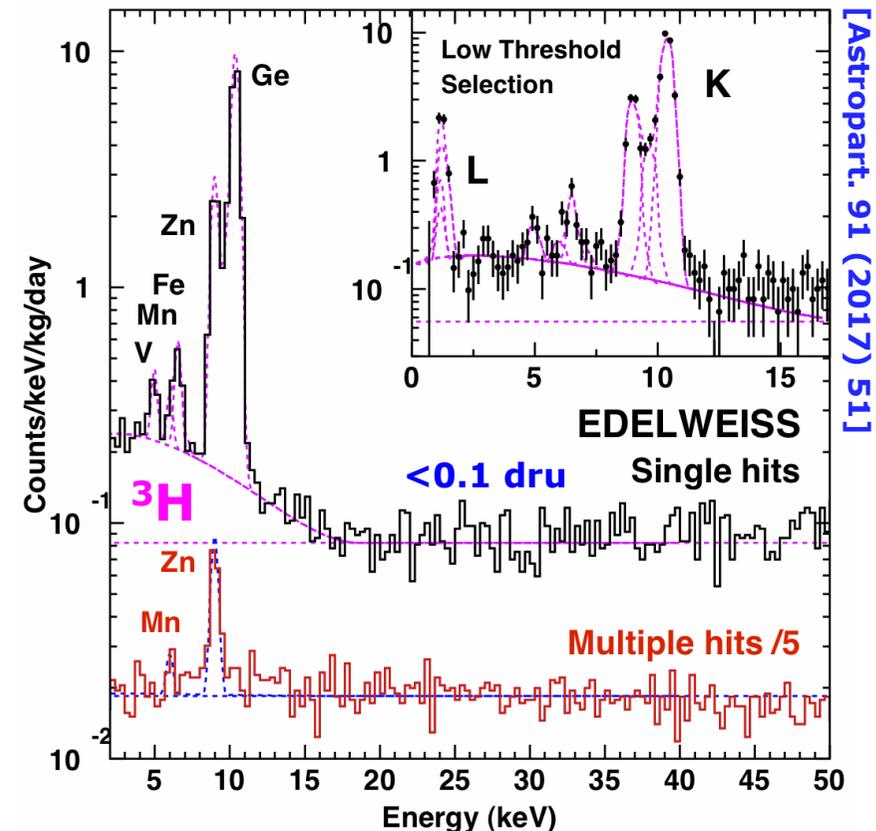
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- **Improvement by x20 to x150 between 7 and 10 GeV wrt EDW-II**
- Limited by heat-only background: *identification and rejection using the $\sigma_{ion} = 230 eV_{ee}$ resolution on ionization*
- Ionization resolution is key for rejection
- Heat resolution is key for low thresholds

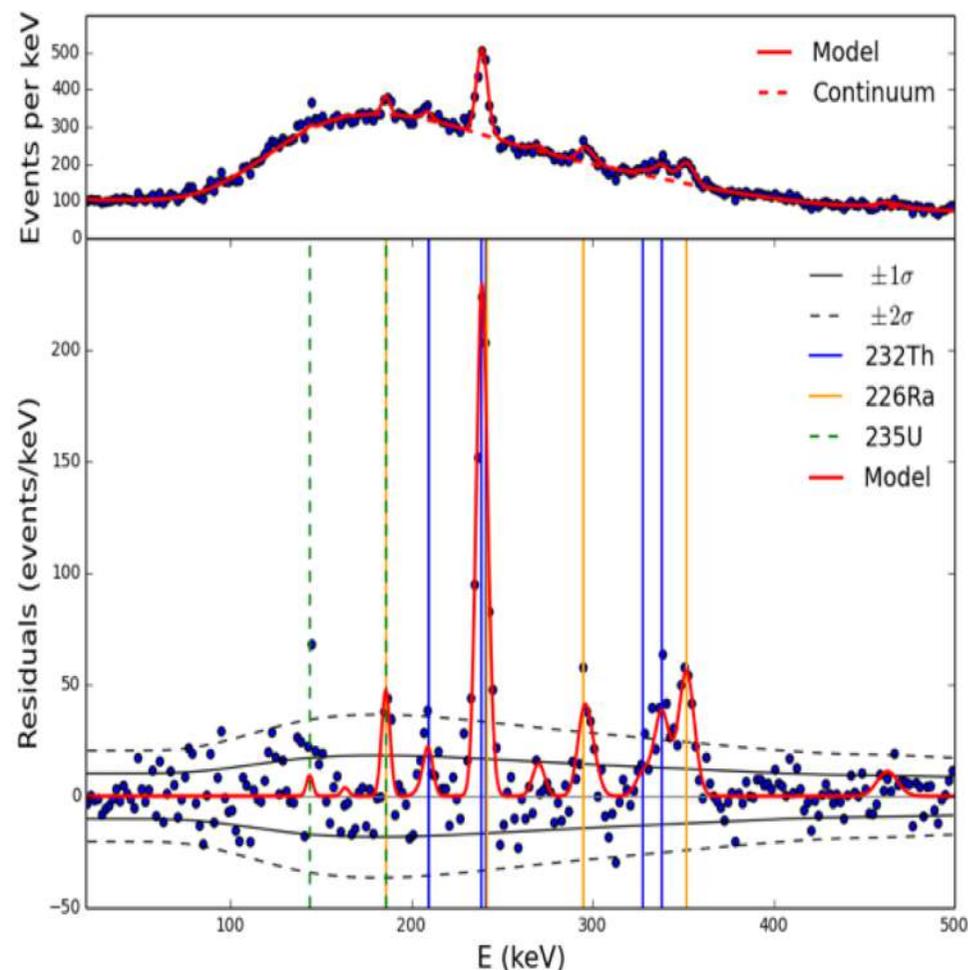
Electron recoil analysis: cosmic activation

- Lowest electron background levels in cryogenic detector (thanks to surface evt rejection + 650 g fiducial volume)
 - 1149 kg.d with 2 keV_{ee} threshold
 - 287 kg.d with 0.8 keV_{ee} threshold
- Analysis of cosmic activation
- Activation of ³H in Ge exposed to hadronic component of cosmic rays is a limiting background for SuperCDMS
- First precise measure of ³H production in Ge: 82 ± 21 atom/kg/d
- Input to SuperCDMS 2016 DOE review
- Measurement of ⁴⁹V, ⁵⁵Fe and ⁶⁵Zn to constrain models



Axion-Like Particle searches

- Extend analysis of electron recoil to higher energy for line search up to 500 keV_{ee}
- Combine heat+ionization signals for optimal ER energy resolution:
 - Baseline $\sigma = 190 \text{ eV}_{ee}$
 - Proportional term = 1.2%
- Intensities of observed peaks consistent with known Th/U lines



[ArXiv:1808.02340, accepted by PRD]

ALP & dark photons results

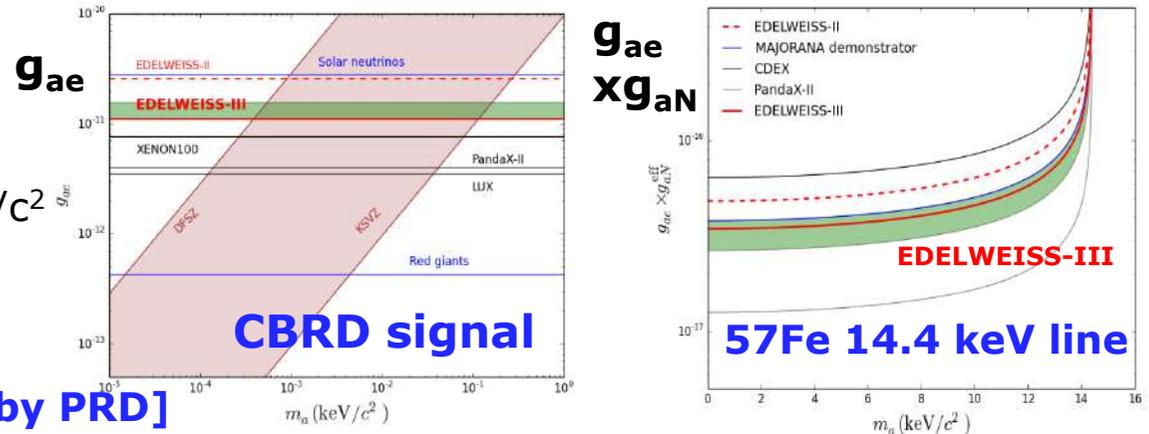
- Emission of axion/ALPs from the sun

keV-scale Bosonic DM:

- Best Ge-based limits $< 6 \text{ keV}/c^2$ (thanks to surface rejection)
- Start to explore $< 1 \text{ keV}/c^2$

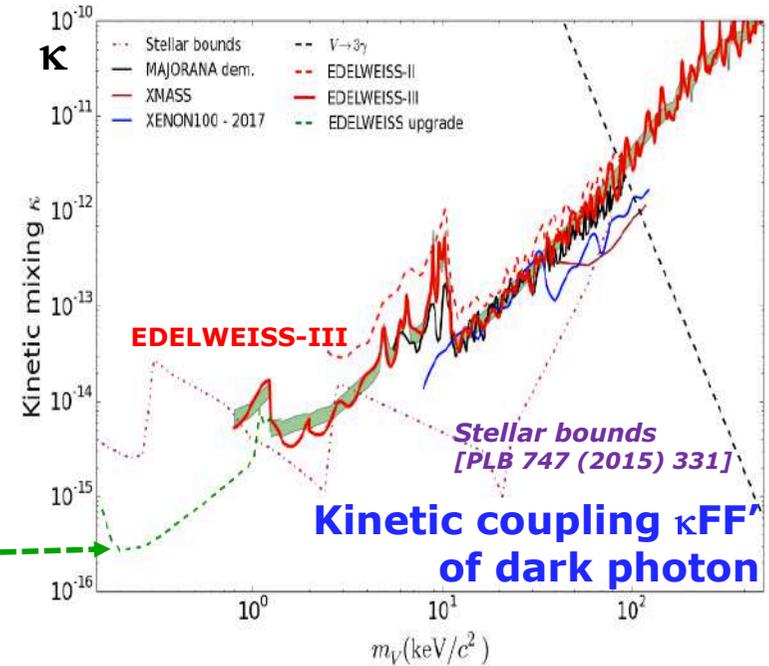
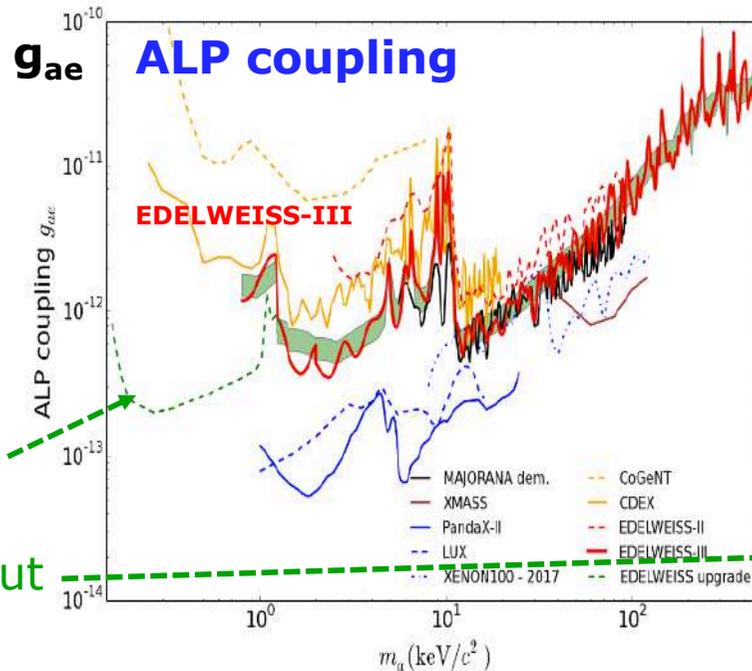
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Emission of axions from the sun



Bosonic DM results

EDELWEISS reach with HEMT readout



Conclusions on EDW-III + evolution

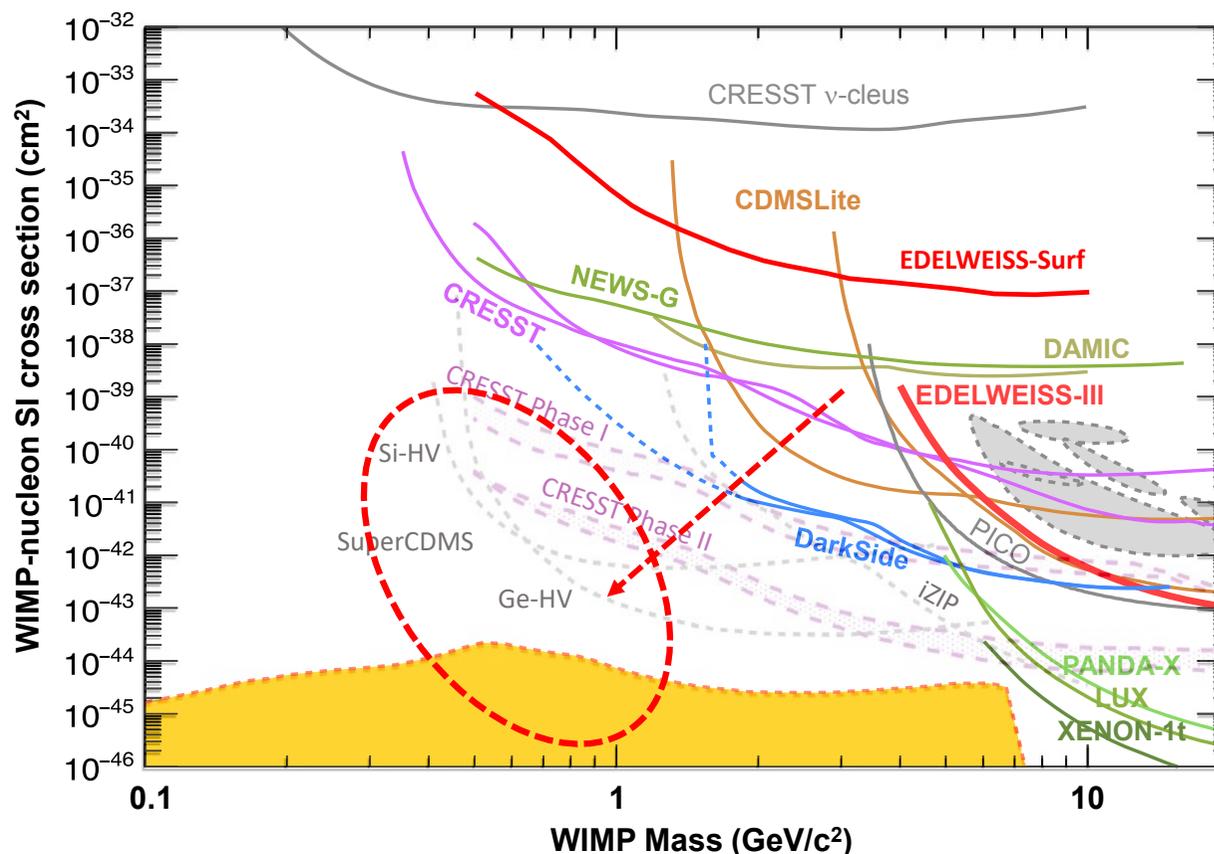
- Excellent performance of surface + ER rejection via ionization
- Ionization resolution is essential for rejection of ER backgrounds (either event-by-event or statistically, via likelihood)
- Heat resolution (and exposure) limited by cryogenic noise
- NR backgrounds: too large for searches with $M_{\text{WIMP}} > 10 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, not a problem for lighter masses
- Large Heat-Only event background: studied and parameterized in next phase (EDELWEISS-LT)
- Study of impact of improvement of resolution on physics reach: x5 on heat, x2 on ion. explored in projection paper [\[PRD 97 \(2018\) 022003\]](#)

EDELWEISS Low-Mass program

- Progressing below $1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ and 10^{-43} cm^2 requires a new generation of detectors with event-by-event rejection – not yet available
- Reaching 10^{-43} cm^2 at $1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ requires an exposure of 1 kg.y with a detector with $\sigma_{\text{phonon}} = 10 \text{ eV}$ and $\sigma_{\text{ion}} = 20 \text{ eV}_{ee}$ (assuming Lindhard Q)

SuperCDMS-HV
(commissioning 2020)
will be limited by this
absence of rejection

SuperCDMS iZIP goal
of $\sigma_{\text{ion}} = 100 \text{ eV}_{ee}$
doesn't offer an
attractive coverage



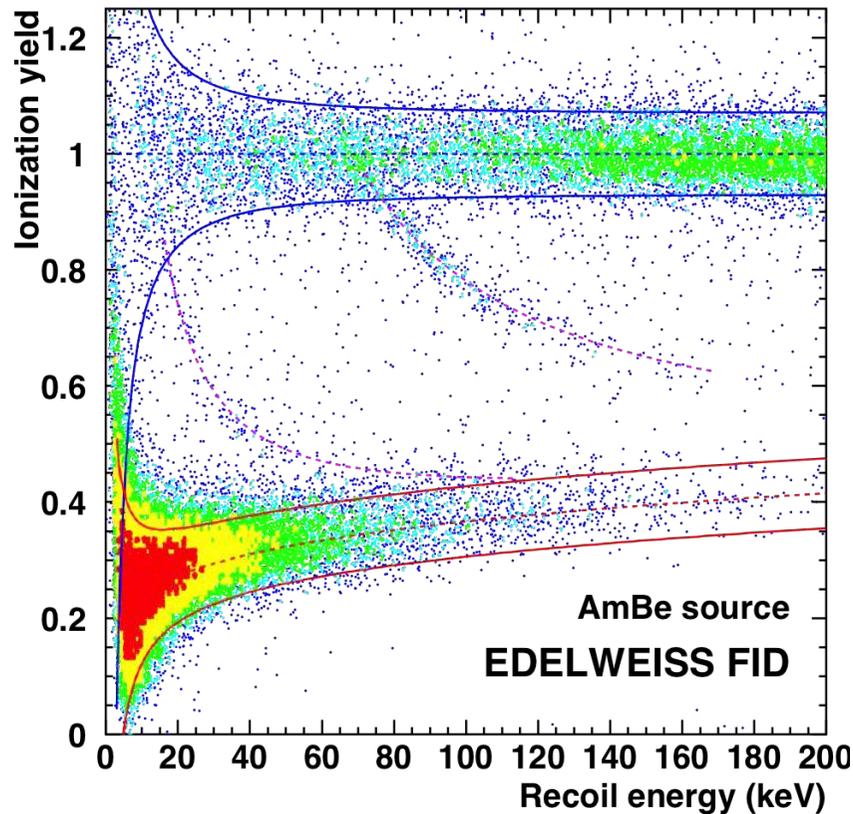
Objective of low-mass program

- 3 tasks indentified by the collaboration
 - **Heat resolution:** $\sigma_{\text{phonon}} = 10 \text{ eV}$ (also: $V = 100 \text{ Volt}$)
 - **Ionization resolution:** $\sigma_{\text{ion}} = 20 \text{ eV}_{ee}$
 - **Cryogenics adapted to these performance**
- **Demonstrator: operation at LSM of a kg-size array of detectors with $\sigma_{\text{phonon}} = 10 \text{ eV}$ and $\sigma_{\text{ion}} = 20 \text{ eV}_{ee}$ with either event-by-event or statistical discrimination, with the objective to probe cross-section values of 10^{-43} cm^2 below $1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$**
- First application: measure quenching for $\sim 100 \text{ eV}$ recoils (directly, not using extrapolation models)

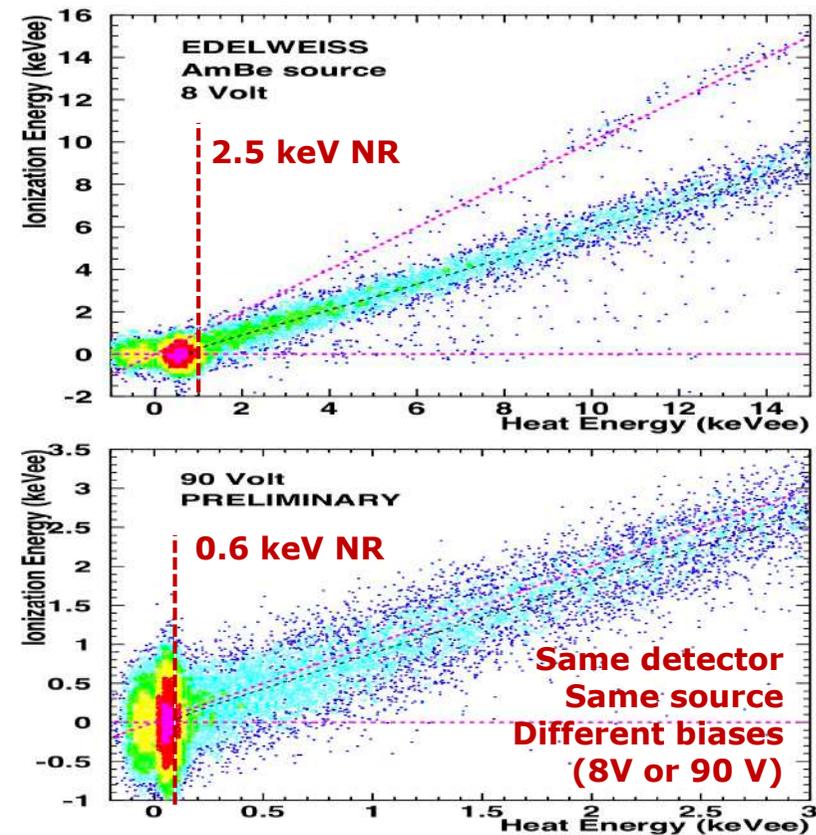
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- **Event-by-Event:**

simultaneous measurement
of ionization + heat signals

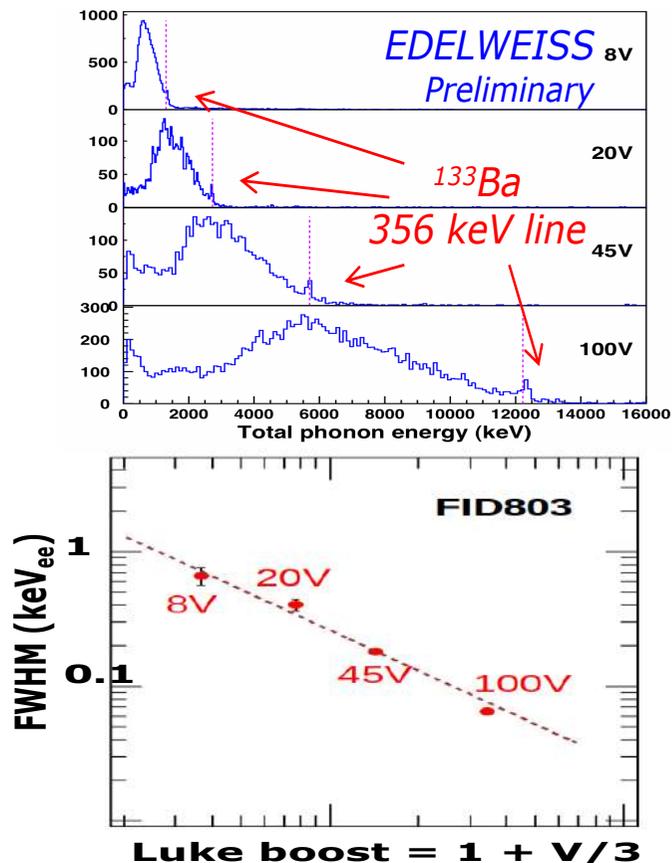


- **Statistical:** compare populations at low & high V bias: “Luke-Neganov” portion of thermal signal proportional to ionization yield quenching

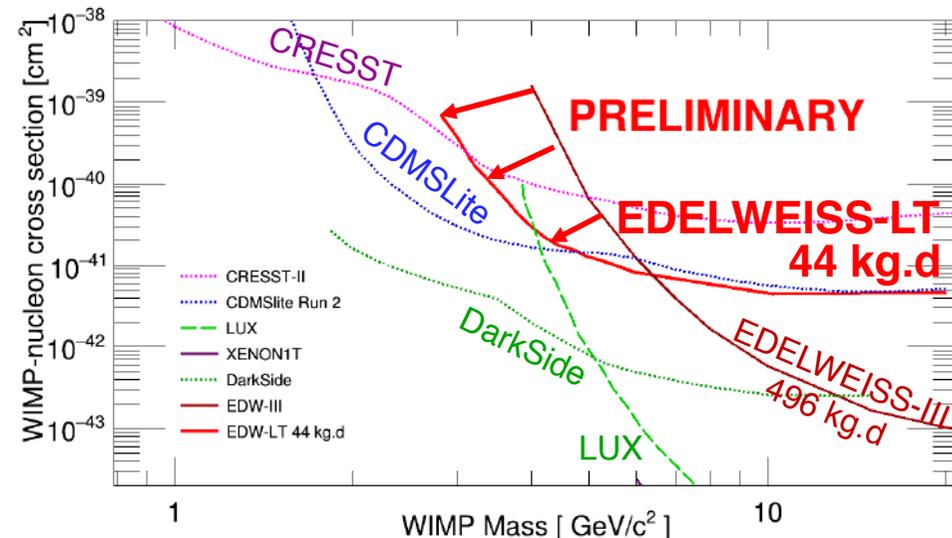


First study: EDELWEISS-LT

- Luke-Neganov boost to amplify signal (and not noise) on existing FID800 detectors [E. Queguiner PhD thesis, Oct. 23rd 2018]

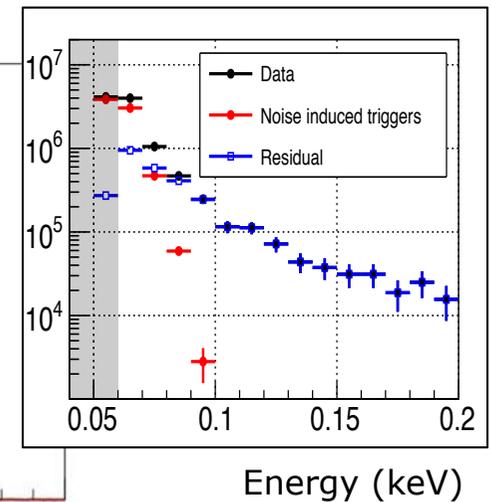
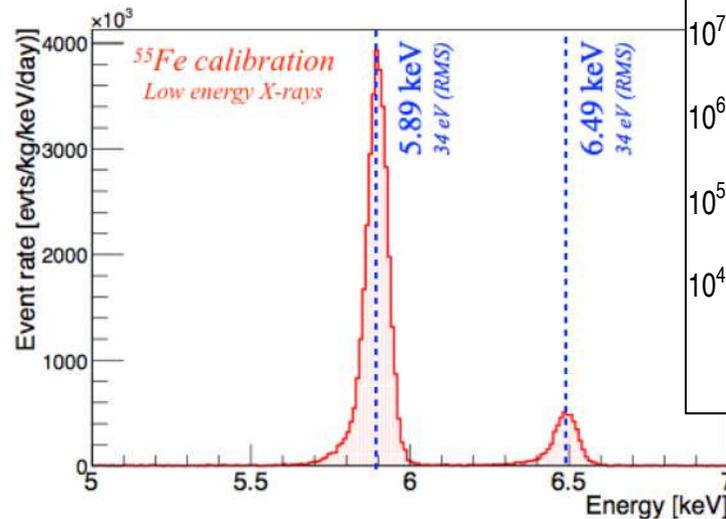
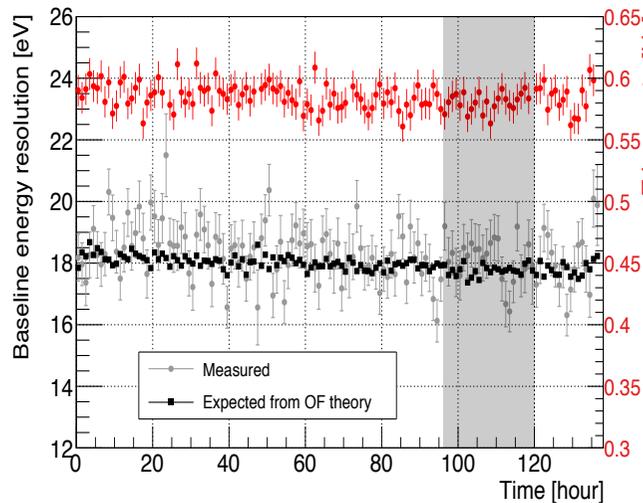
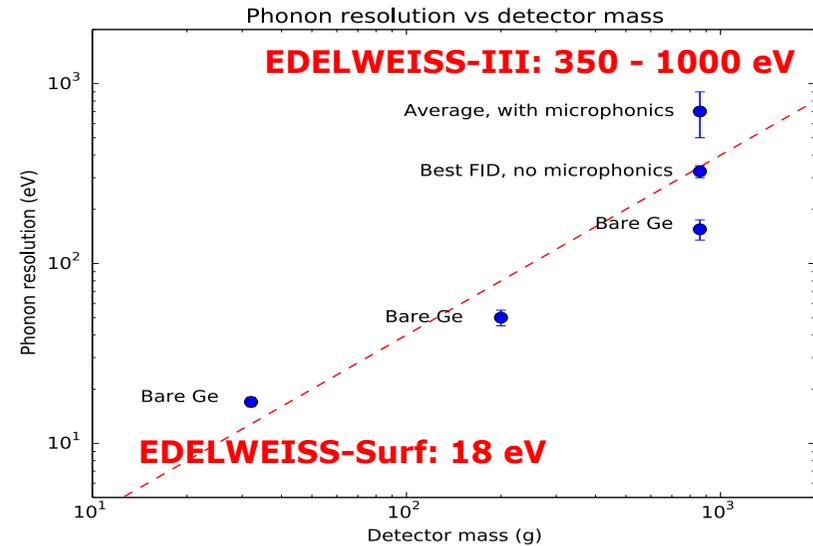


- 2 FIDs, $\sigma_{\text{phonon}} = 1.0$ and 0.35 keV, $V_{\text{bias}} = 100$ V and 30 V
- σ_{ion} essential for full characterization of bkg with 8 V data
- Does provide the expected statistical discrimination of all bkg
- Next step: improve phonon resolution



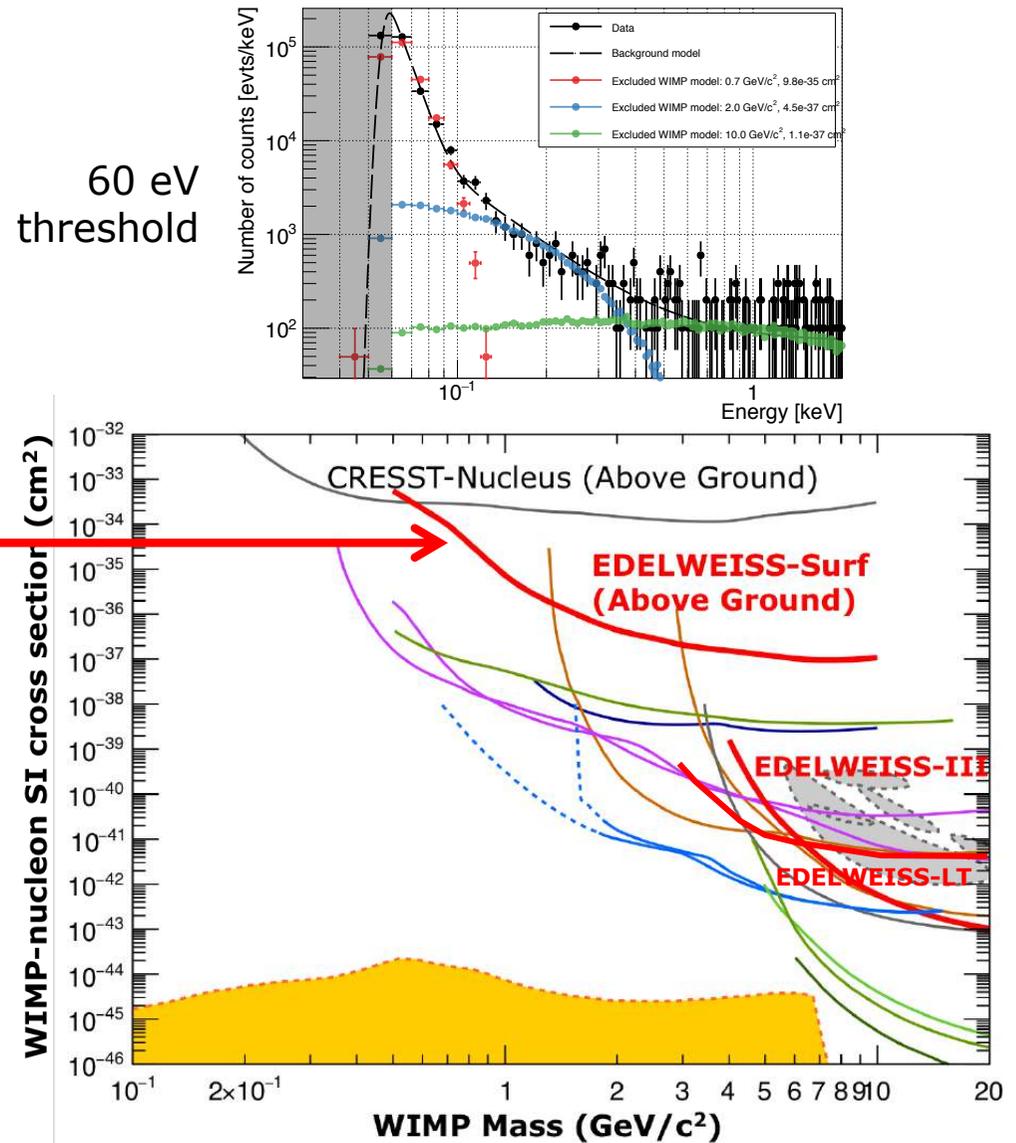
Heat resolution progress

- Better understanding of heat sensor performance + scaling with detector mass
- **Resolution of $\sigma_{\text{phonon}} = 18 \text{ eV}$ achieved on 32 g detector**
- *Vibration control is the key element to obtain stable resolution vs time*
[cf: NIMA 858 (2017) 73 & arXiv:1803.03463]



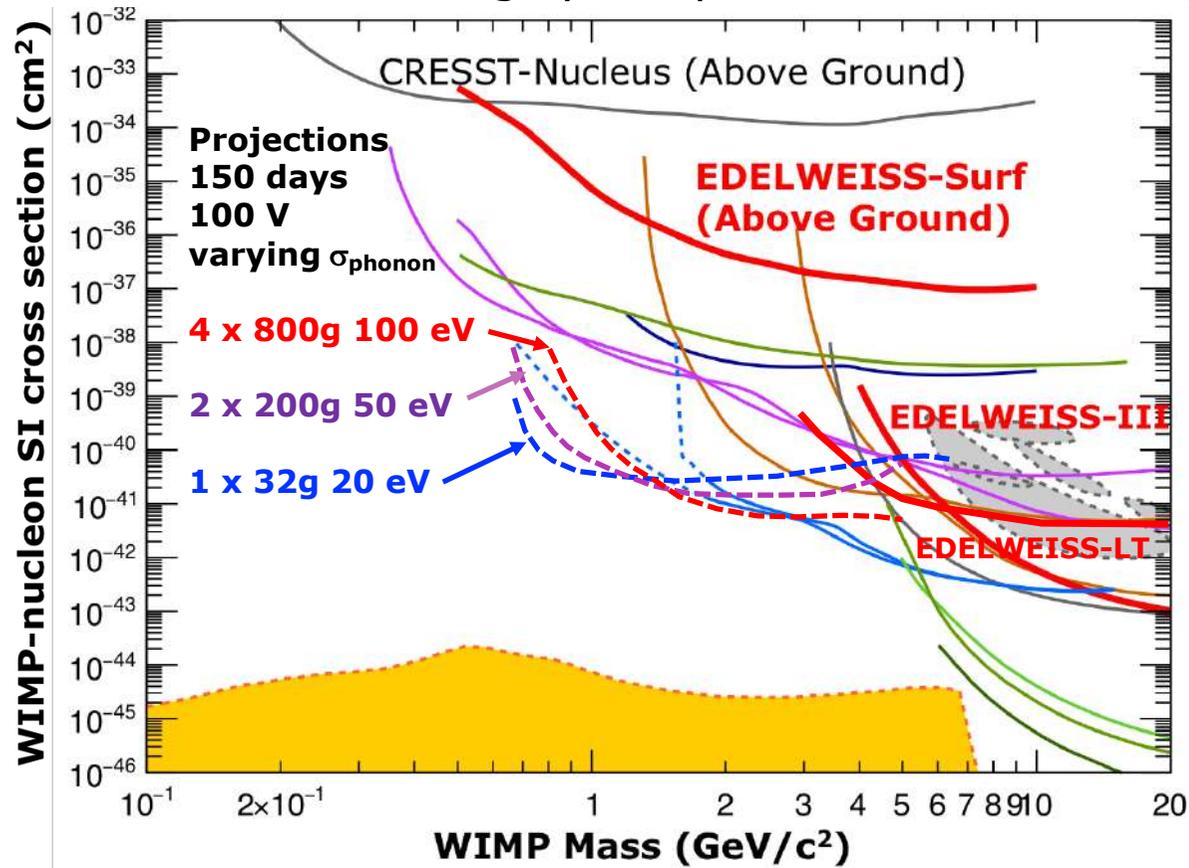
EDELWEISS-Surf limit

- Achieved resolution on a smaller detector exceeds by x5 the original LT goal with 800 g detectors
- **Best above-ground limit down to 600 MeV/c²:**
- **First sub-GeV limit with Ge, down to 500 MeV/c²**
- **Opens the way for the 0.1 – 1 GeV/c² range**
- *Small detectors* with lower thresholds to be combined with expertise acquired on HV: threshold reduction by factor $(1+V/3)$ in keV_{ee}



Comparison of 20-50-100 eV

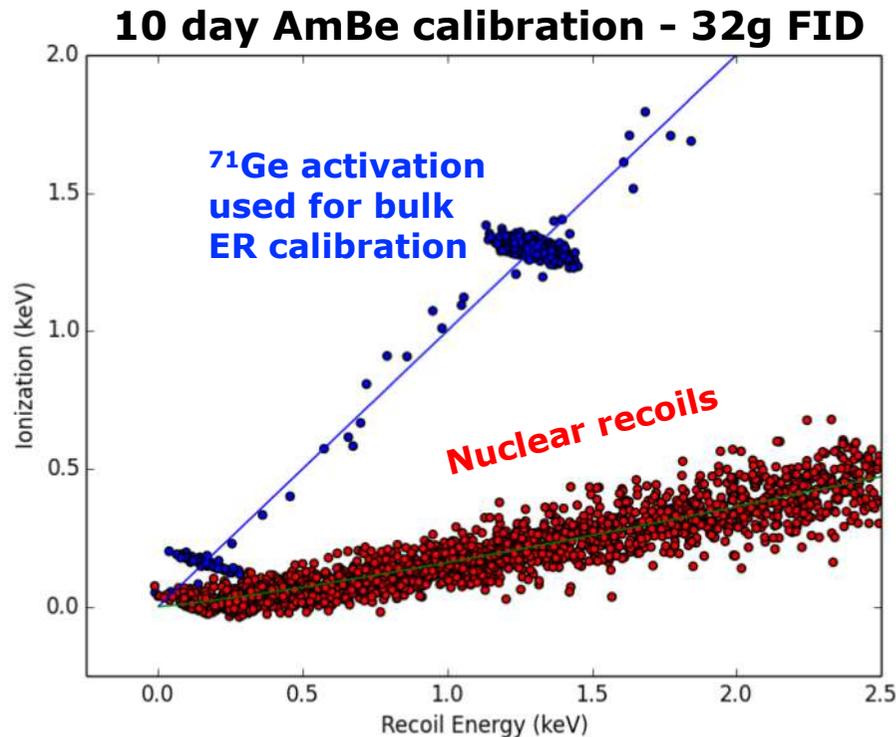
- The use of small detector mass is not an obstacle to low-mass WIMP searches, if it improves the phonon resolution
- For $M_{\text{WIMP}} < 1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, the gain in efficiency and threshold from improving $\sigma_{\text{phonon}} = 100 \rightarrow 50 \rightarrow 20 \text{ eV}$ largely compensate the loss of exposure



Ionization improvements

- Cold front-end: replace JFET @100K with HEMT (High Electron Mobility Transistor) @4K
- Can be operated at 4K: shorter cabling -> reduced capacitance -> better signal/noise
- Successful HEMT amplifier with sub-100 eV resolution operated on a CDMS-II detector [A. Phipps et al., arXiv:1611.09712]
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2 mm spacing → 4 mm spacing

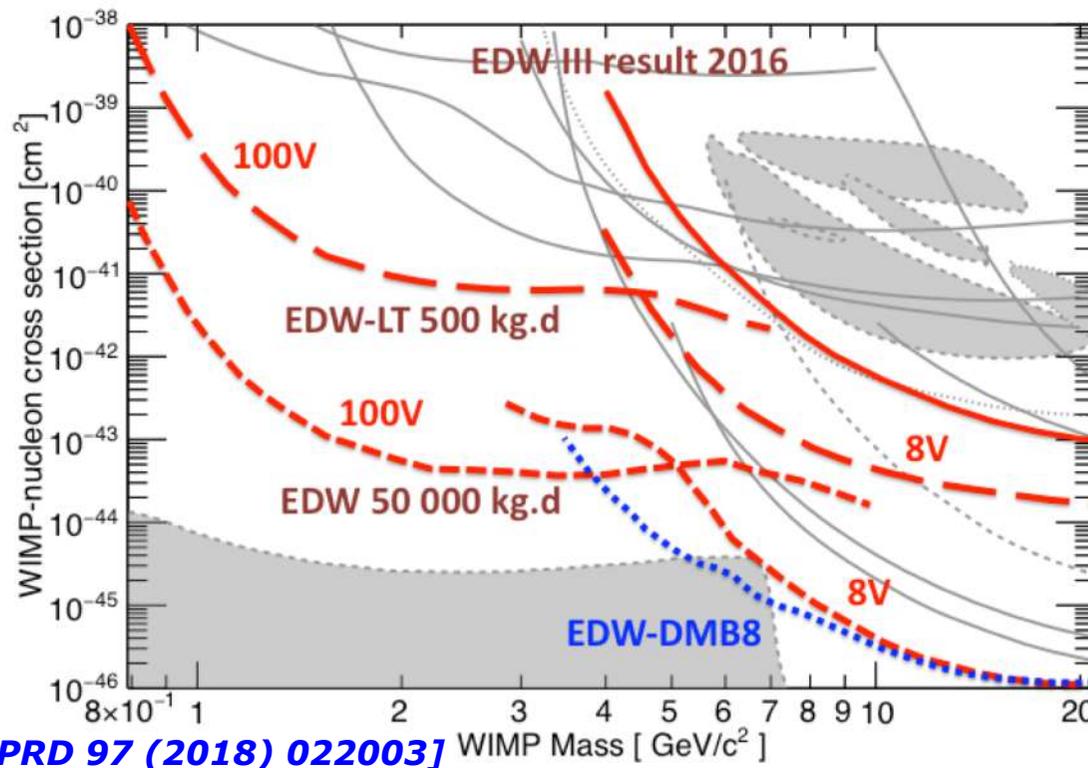


A 32 g detector with $\sigma_{\text{ion}} = 20 \text{ eV}_{\text{ee}}$ and $\sigma_{\text{phonon}} = 20 \text{ eV}$ would be able to measure directly the ionization yield of 100 eV nuclear recoils with present bkg conditions at LSM

ANR projet MIYLEN

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EDELWEISS-DMB8:

Operation of a 200 kg array @8V (with nuclear recoil discrimination) in the improved background environment of SuperCDMS @ SNOLAB

Probing the region of the coherent scattering of ⁸B solar ν's with resolution and discrimination

Low-mass program calendar

2019-2020

- Development of a 32 g FID detector at CSNSM and IPNL.
Objective: $\sigma_{\text{phonon}} = 10 \text{ eV}$ and $\sigma_{\text{ion}} = 20 \text{ eV}_{ee}$.
→ Collaboration with RICOCHET-France
- Upgrade of cryogenics at LSM
→ Collaboration with CUPID-France and LSM platform
- ANR MIYLEN: Measure ionization yield @ LSM with 32 g FID + HEMTs

2021-2022

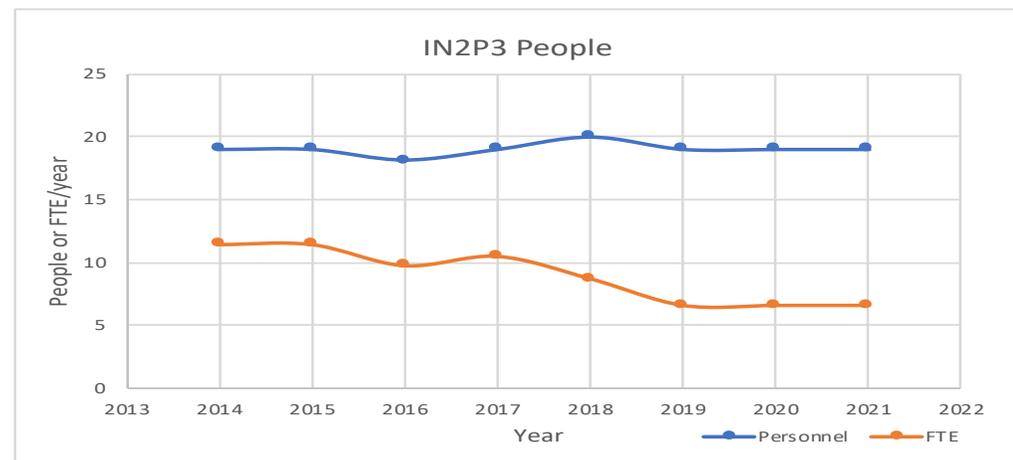
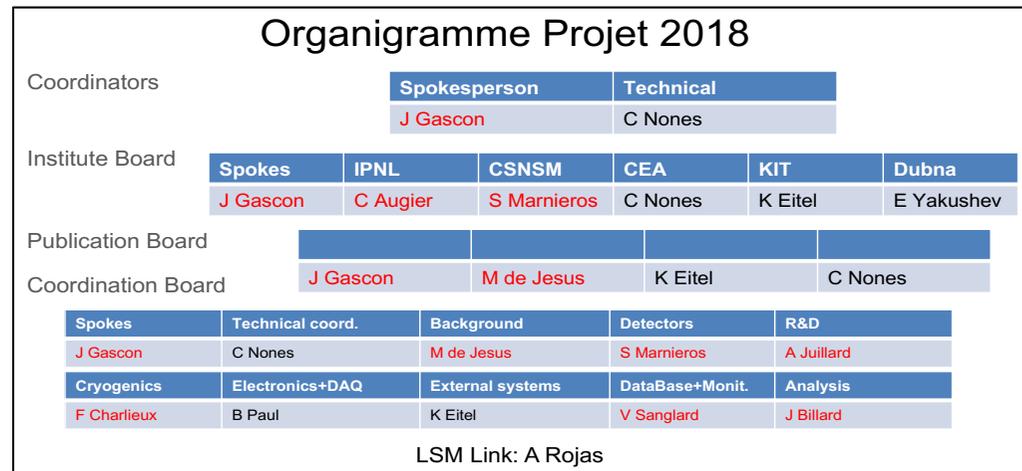
- Study of scaling to 200 g FIDs (or 800 g for DMB8 option)
- Operation of a 1 kg demonstrator of sub-GeV detectors at LSM, with goal 10^{-43} cm^2 below 1 GeV/c².
- Definition of a high-impact contribution to the upgrade of SuperCDMS-SNOLAB

EDELWEISS-III

- 48 people, 46% in2p3
- Very strong presence of in2p3 in organigram

SubGeV R&D (LT + beyond)

- 38 people, 55% in2p3
- Reduction of FTE wrt to people involved reflects increased work shared in synergy with RICOCHET and CUPID



EDELWEIS-III

- 1.5 M€ investment in 2010-2013
 - 840 k€ from ANR FIDSUSY
 - 80 k€ from IN2P3
- Running costs during physics: 112 k€ /year
 - Average IN2P3 contribution to running costs: 65 k€ /year

EDELWEISS-LT

- Running costs during physics: 105 k€ /year
 - Average IN2P3 contribution to running costs: 50 k€ /year
 - Rising contribution from LUMINEU and CUPID (sharing of cryostat)
 - Similar IN2P3 contribution to detector R&D

EDELWEISS-III

- 8 collaboration papers since 2016 (121 spires citations) and 6 PhDs (incl. 3 IN2P3)
- Successful demonstration of ionization-based rejection of backgrounds
- WIMP and Axion-like particle limits improved wrt EDW-II, first precise measure of ^3H cosmic activation rate

EDELWEISS low-mass R&D program

- Goal: develop detector able to probe sub-GeV WIMPs with $\sigma_{\text{SI}} < 10^{-43} \text{ cm}^2$ with nuclear recoil discrimination capabilities
- Plan to reach objectives of $\sigma_{\text{phonon}}=10 \text{ eV}$, $\sigma_{\text{ion}}=20 \text{ eV}_{\text{ee}}$, and Luke-Neganov amplification to further reduce experimental thresholds
- EDELWEISS-LT: 100V on detector achieved, competitive limits achieved compared to other cryogenic experiments
- EDELWEISS-Surf: $\sigma_{\text{phonon}}=18 \text{ eV}$, best surface limit for WIMPs $> 0.6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, first Ge limit below 1 GeV.
- kg-size demonstrator @ LSM for 2021-2022