



# Thermal model: a brief introduction and applications

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# Outline of this lecture

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*Part I: Basics of electro-thermal modelling*

*Part II: Illustration with Ricochet detectors*

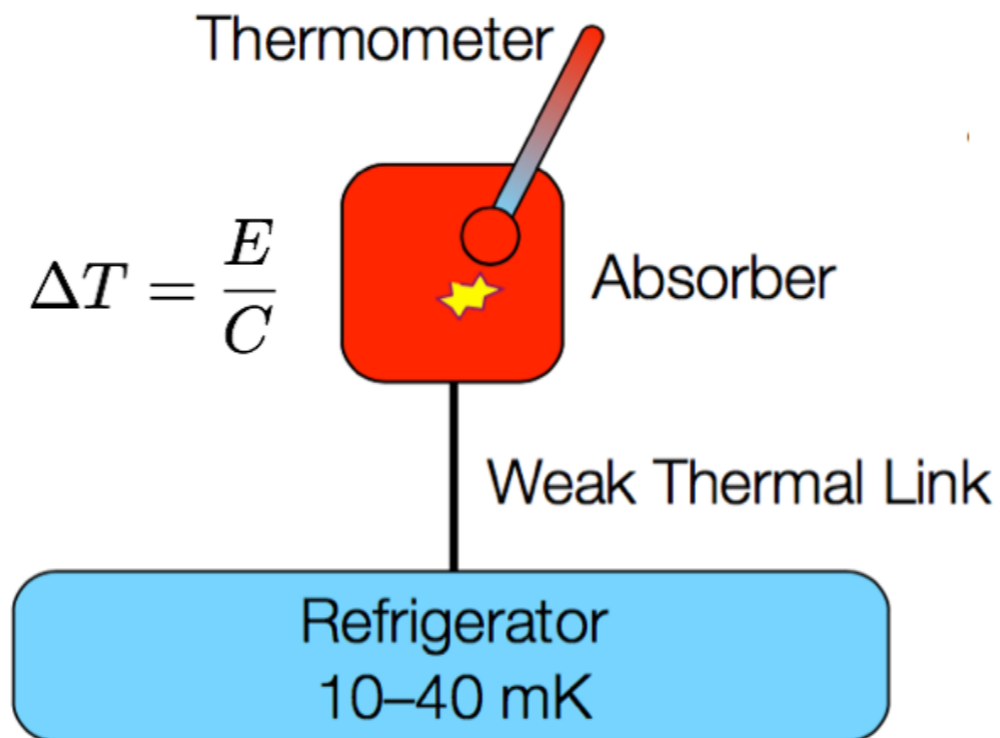
*Part III: Other recent examples:*

- High impedance TES X-ray calorimeter*
- Dark matter DC heating*

*Conclusion*

# Part I: Basics of electro-thermal modelling

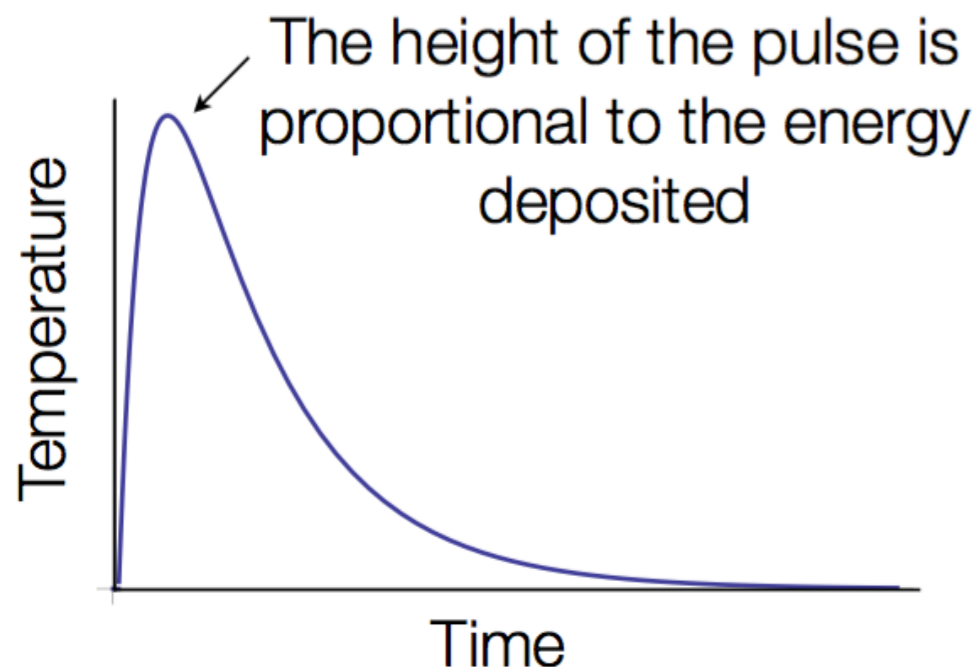
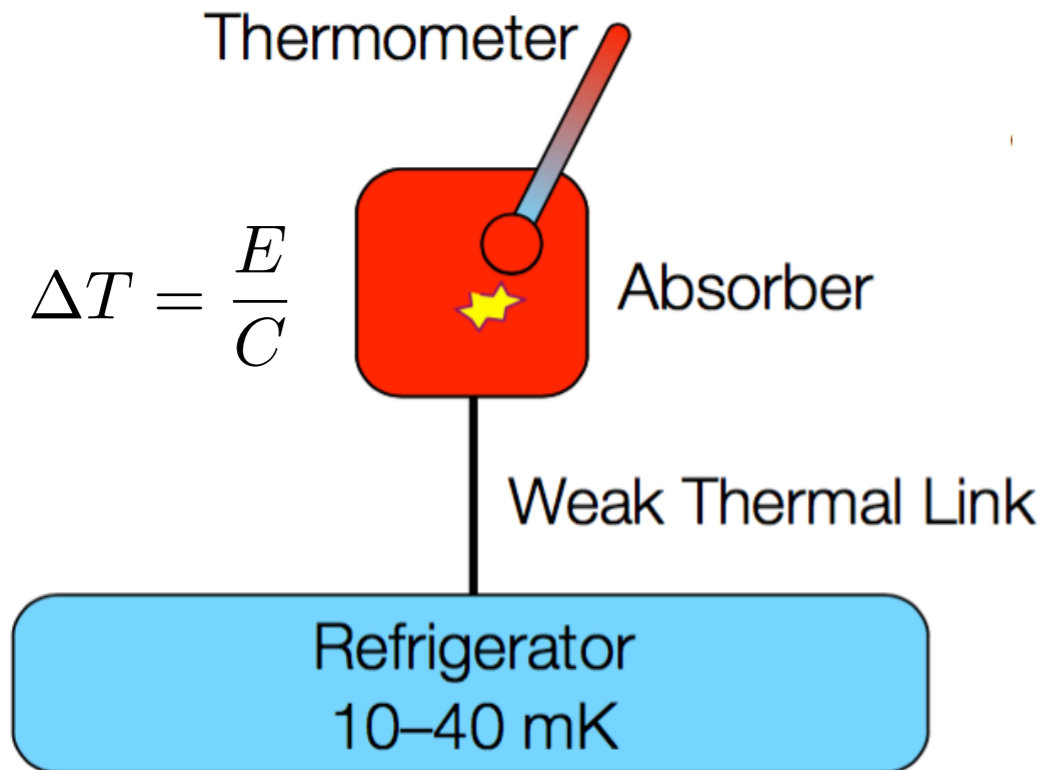
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- **Based on:**

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# Part I: Basics of electro-thermal modelling

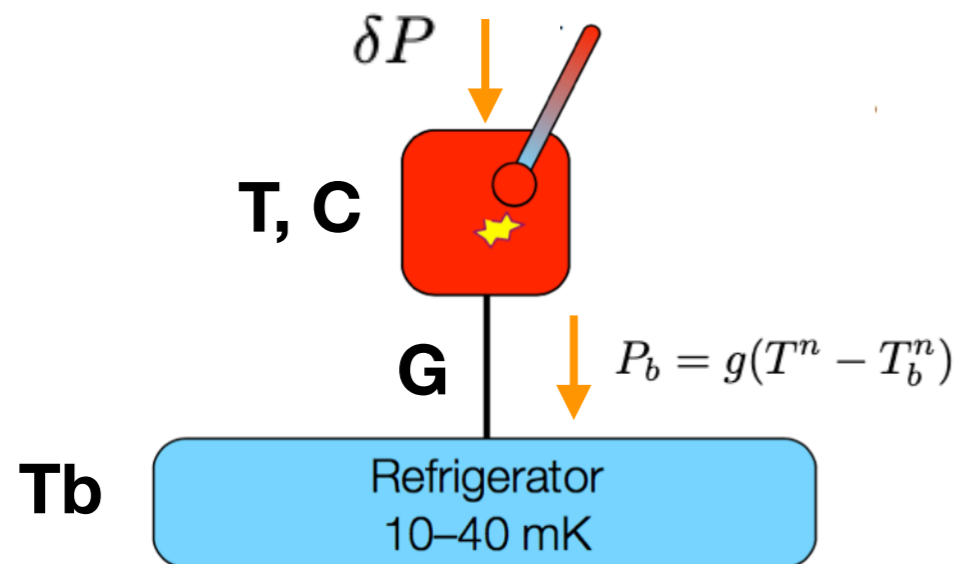


- Advantages of a phonon readout:
  - Direct measurement of the recoil energy, *no quenching involved*
  - ~100 % of the recoil energy is sensed, *allowing for low-thresholds*
  - *No intrinsic threshold*
  - From thermodynamics, ultimate energy resolution is: **~eV (RMS) for ~ 10 g detectors**
- Commonly used phonon readouts
  - High impedance NTD
  - High impedance TES
  - Low-impedance TES

$$E_T \propto M_{\text{detector}}^n$$

*Scaling law ( $n \sim 1$ ) depends on phonon readout*

# Part I: Basics of electro-thermal modelling



We can derive the usual thermal equation with no Joule heating:

$$C \frac{dT}{dt} = -P_b + \delta P$$

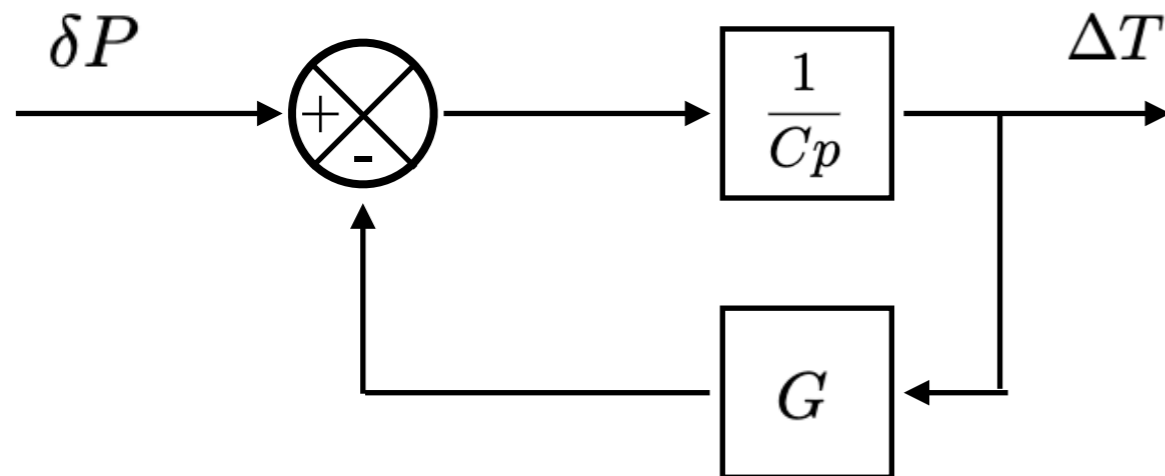
Using first order perturbation:  $T(t) \approx \bar{T} + \delta T(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} C \frac{d\Delta T}{dt} &= -ng\bar{T}^{n-1} \Delta T + \delta P \\ &= -G\Delta T + \delta P \end{aligned}$$

*Laplace transform*

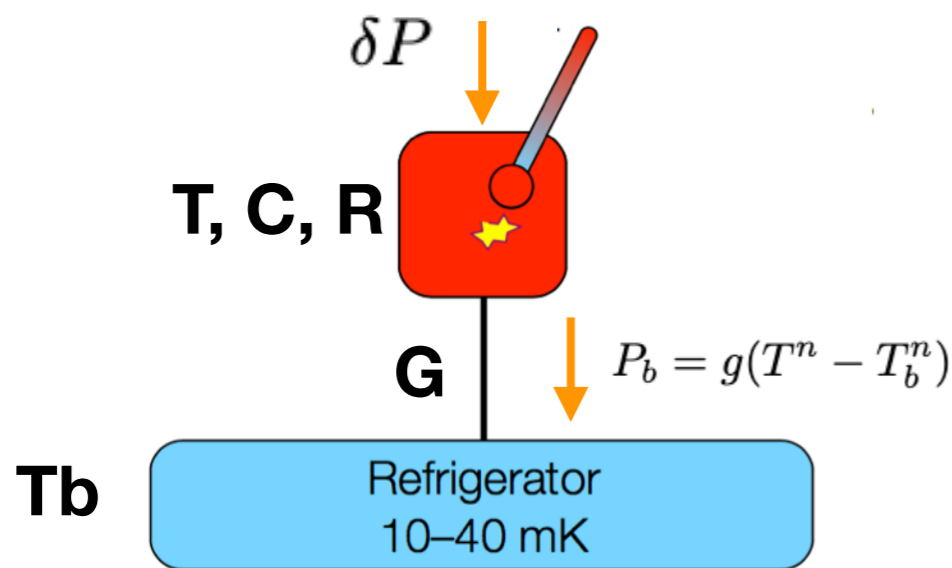
$$Cp\Delta T = -G\Delta T + \delta P$$

$$\Delta T = \delta P \frac{1}{Cp + G}$$

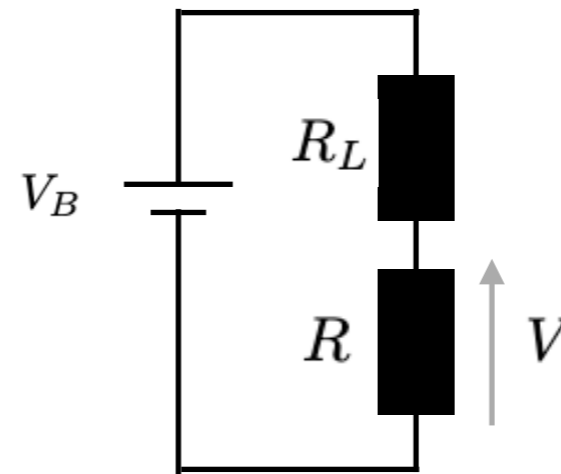


$$\Delta T(\omega) = \delta P(\omega) \frac{1}{C} \frac{\tau}{(1 + i\omega\tau)}, \text{ with } \tau = C/G$$

# Part I: Basics of electro-thermal modelling



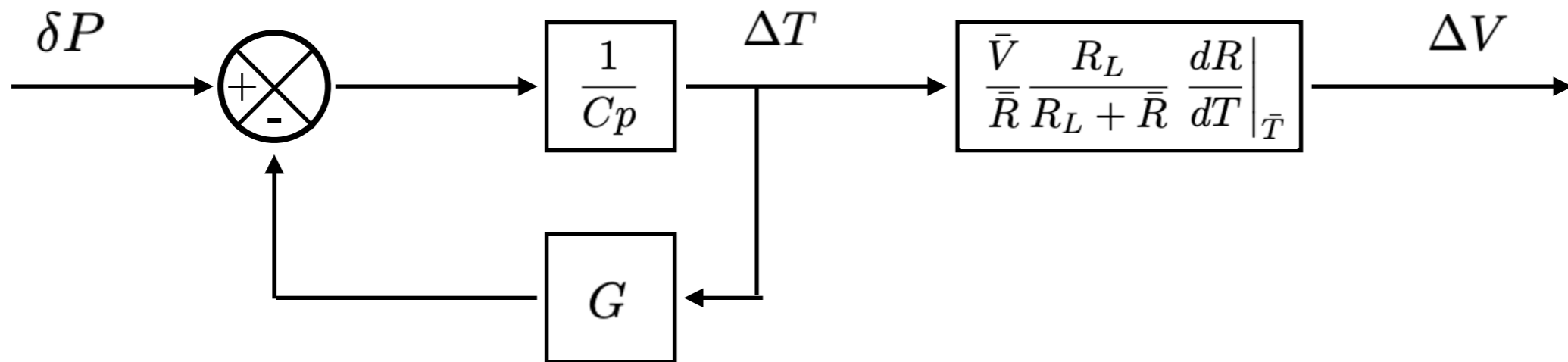
Electrical circuit to read the thermometer  
(still with no Joule effect for now)



$$V = V_B \frac{R}{R_L + R}$$

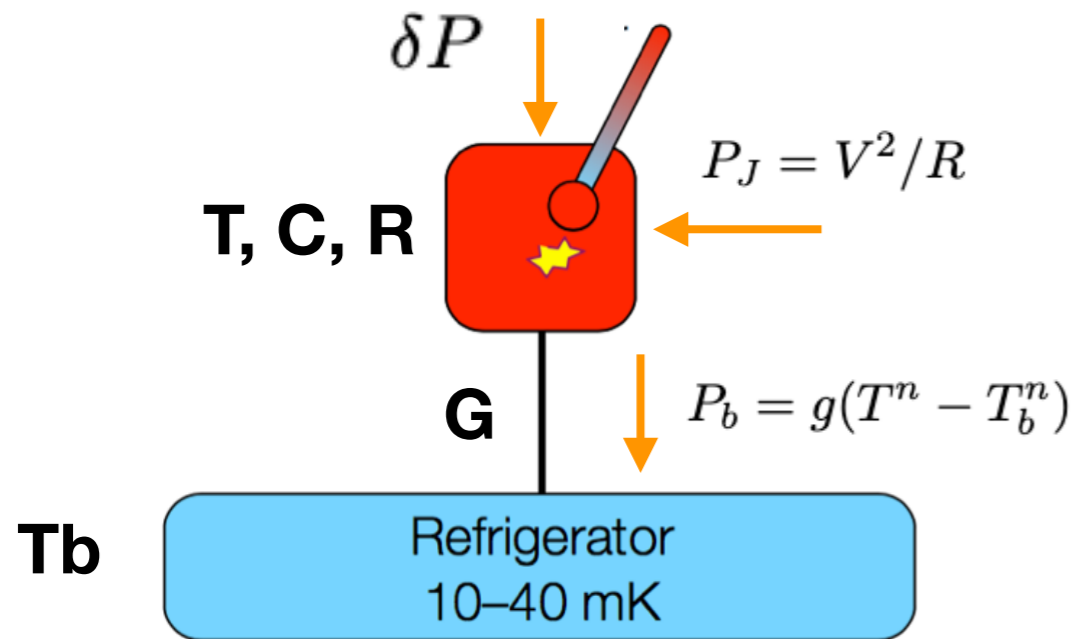
*1st order*

$$\Delta V = \frac{\bar{V}}{\bar{R}} \frac{R_L}{R_L + \bar{R}} \left. \frac{dR}{dT} \right|_{\bar{T}} \Delta T$$



$$\Delta V(\omega) = \delta P(\omega) \frac{\bar{V}}{\bar{R}} \frac{R_L}{R_L + \bar{R}} \left. \frac{dR}{dT} \right|_{\bar{T}} \frac{\tau}{C} \frac{1}{(1 + i\omega\tau)} \quad (\text{V/W})$$

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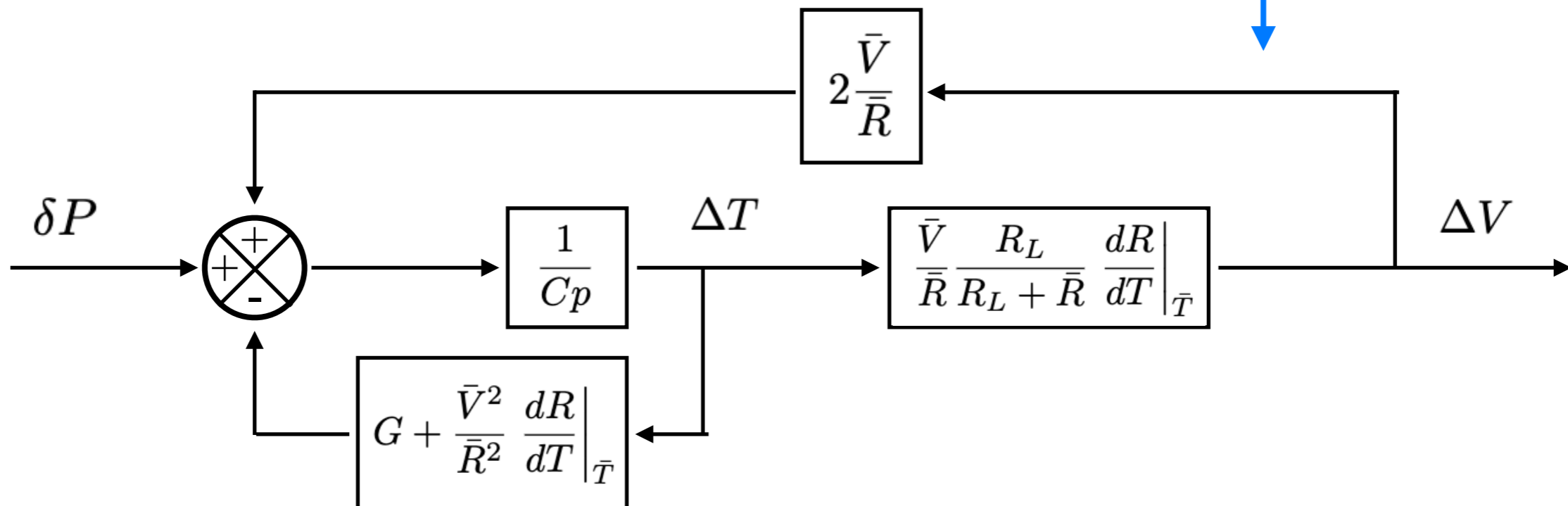


Now adding the Joule heating:

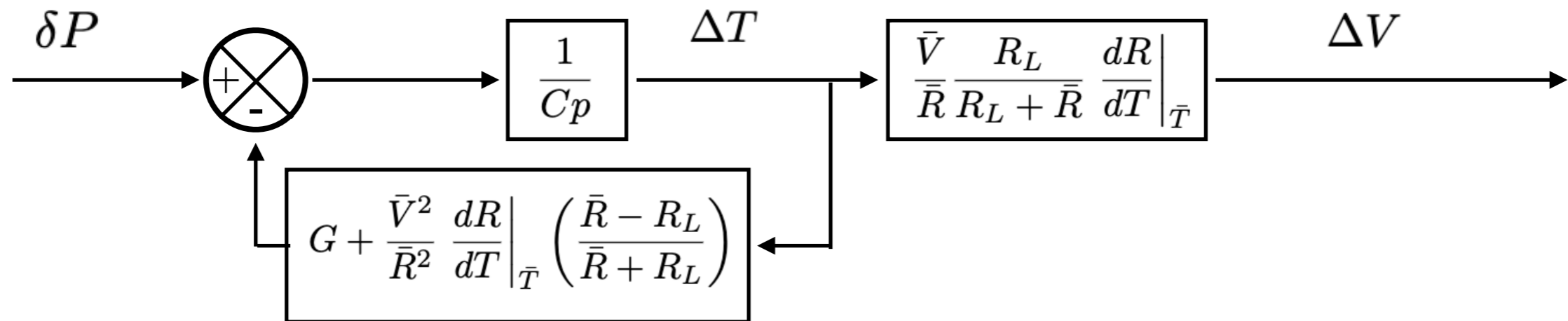
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Similar equation as before with a modified time constant:  $\tau' = C / \left[ G + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{\bar{R}^2} \left. \frac{dR}{dT} \right|_{\bar{T}} \left( \frac{\bar{R} - R_L}{\bar{R} + R_L} \right) \right]$

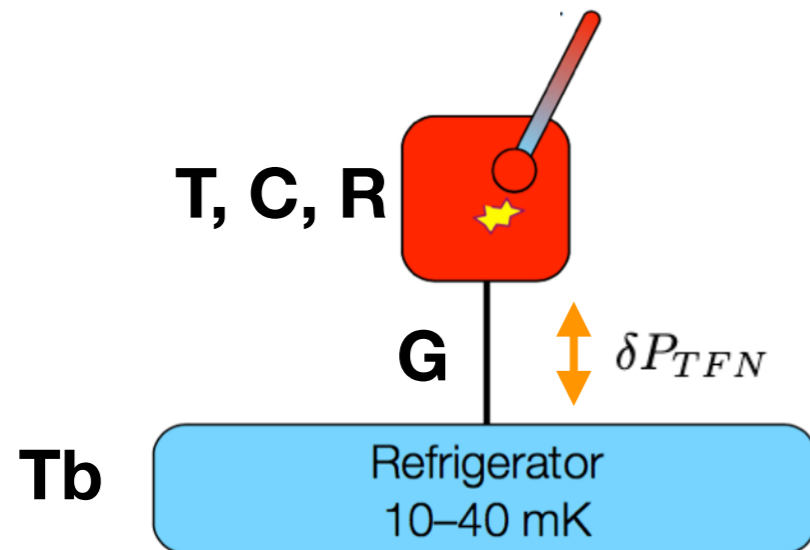
$$\tau' = C / (G + G_{\text{ETF}}) \quad \text{if } R_L \gg R \quad \text{with } G_{\text{ETF}} = - \frac{\bar{V}^2}{\bar{R}^2} \left. \frac{dR}{dT} \right|_{\bar{T}} \quad \text{Negative ETF}$$

$$\tau' = C / G \quad \text{if } R_L = R \quad \text{No ETF}$$

$$\tau' = C / (G - G_{\text{ETF}}) \quad \text{if } R_L \ll R \quad \text{Positive ETF}$$



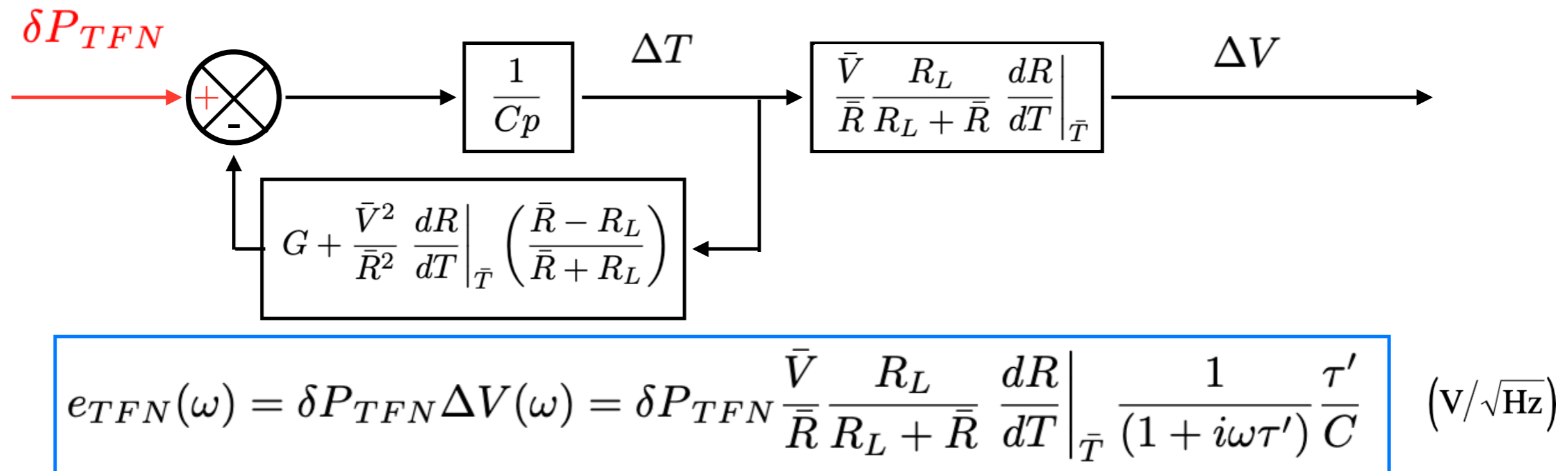
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Fluctuations of the energy content in C due to exchanges via G is given by:  $\langle \Delta E^2 \rangle = k_B T^2 C$

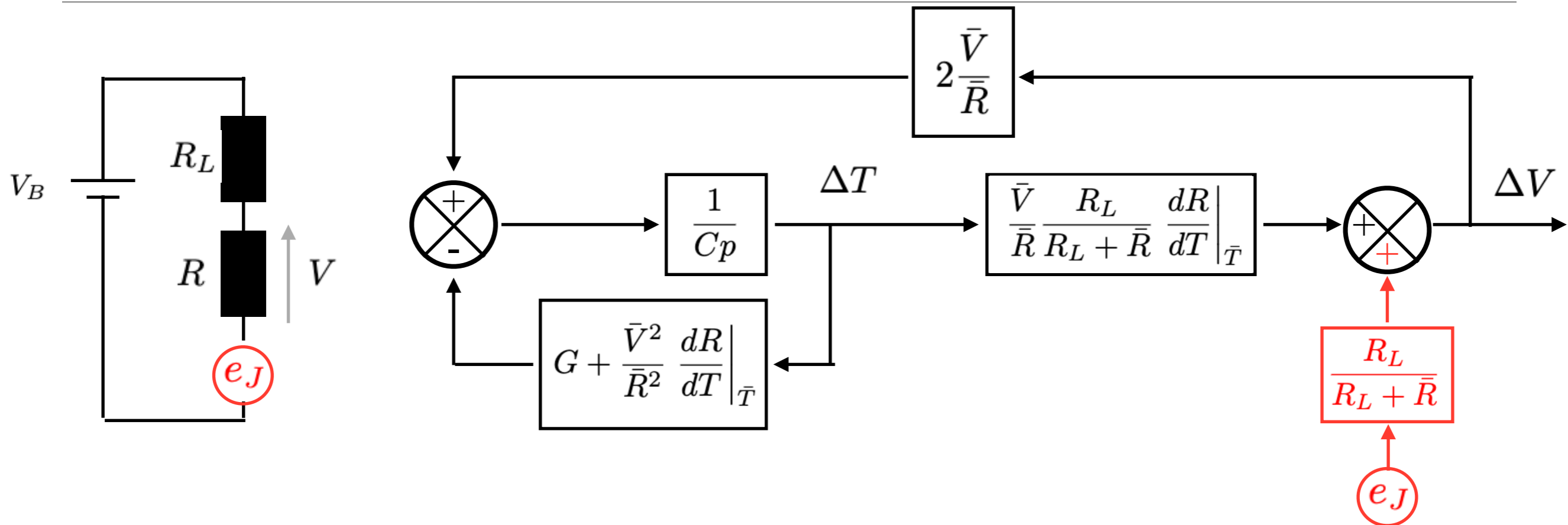
One can derive that to obtain such energy dispersion, the thermal fluctuation noise can be modelled as a white noise power spectrum:

$$\delta P_{TFN}^2(\omega) = 4k_B T_b^2 G_b \times F_{\text{link}}(T, T_b, n) \quad \text{W}^2/\text{Hz}$$



*TFN noise is **unavoidable** and has similar frequency dependence as the signal — **ultimate noise***

# Part I: Basics of electro-thermal modelling



$$e_{n_J}(\omega) = \sqrt{4k_B T \bar{R}} \frac{R_L}{R_L + \bar{R}} \left[ 1 - \frac{2\bar{V}}{\bar{R}} \left( \frac{R_L}{R_L + \bar{R}} \right) \frac{dR}{dT} \Big|_{\bar{T}} \frac{1}{1 + i\omega\tau''} \frac{\tau''}{G''} \right]^{-1} \quad (\text{V}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}})$$

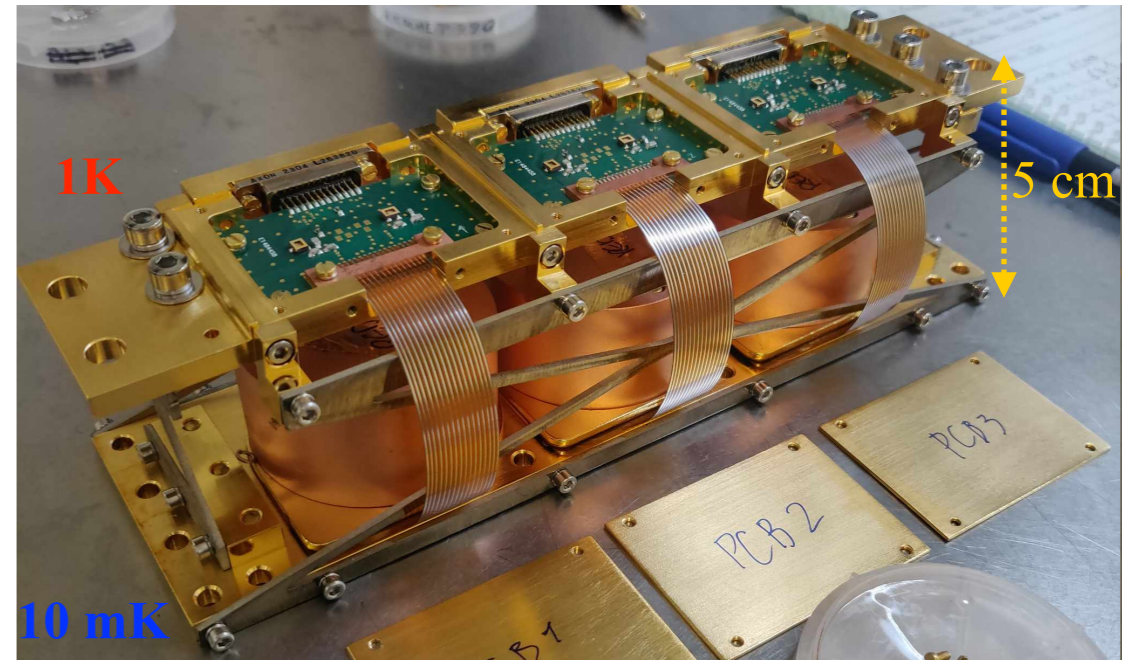
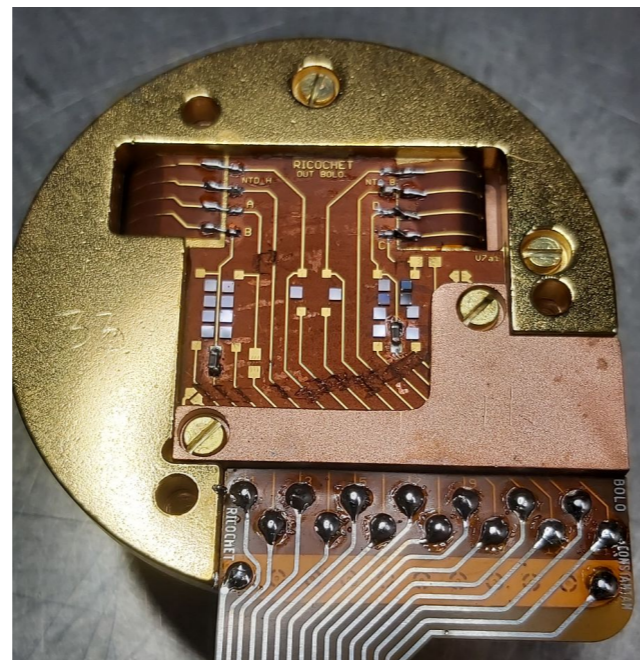
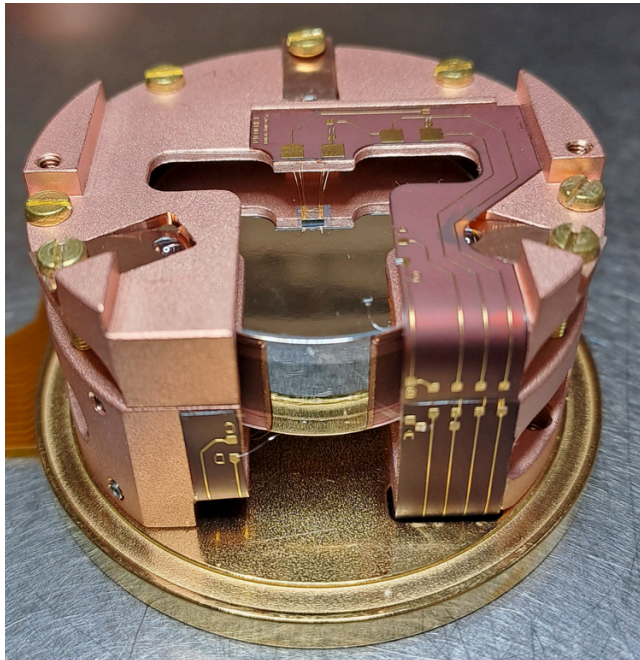
Assuming a current biased NTD:

$$R_L \gg \bar{R} \text{ and } \frac{dR}{dT} \Big|_{\bar{T}} < 0 \rightarrow \begin{cases} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow +\infty} e_{n_J}(\omega) = \sqrt{4k_B T \bar{R}} & \text{Expected Johnson noise at high } F \\ \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} e_{n_J}(\omega) < \sqrt{4k_B T \bar{R}} & \text{ETF damping at low } F \end{cases}$$

*Note for a current biased high impedance TES, noise is boosted at low F !*

# Part II: Illustration with Ricochet detectors

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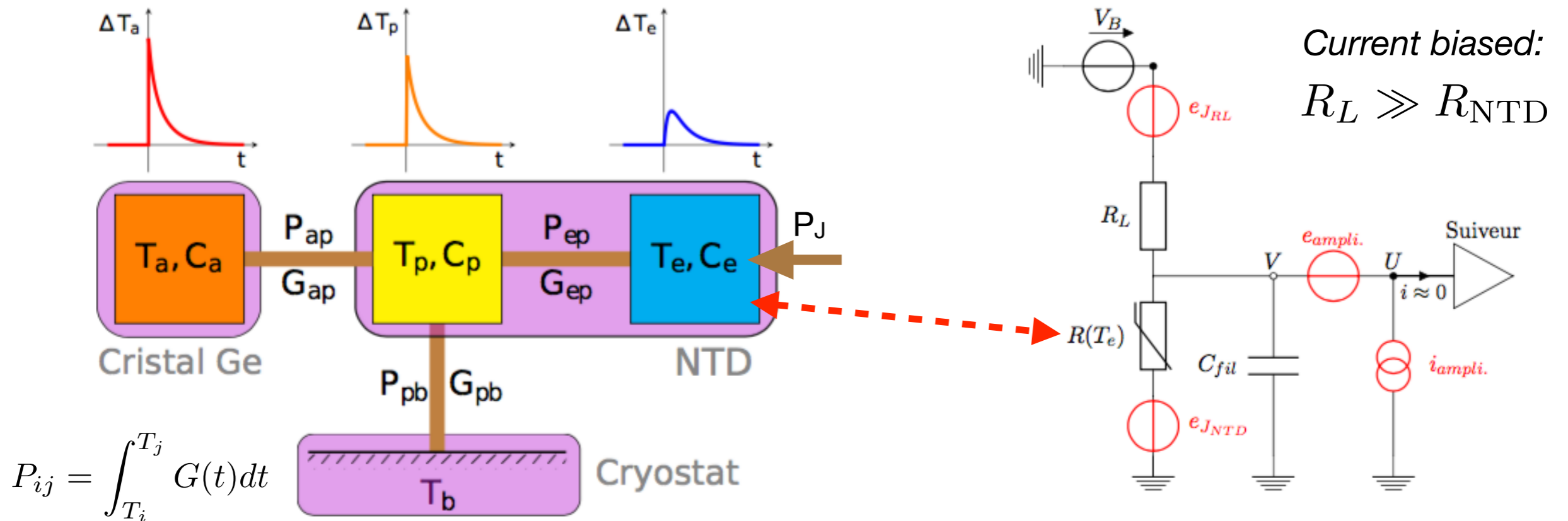
Detector: 42 g Ge

10 mK electronics

1K-10mK CryoCube integration

- **Measurement of both heat and ionisation**
- Spin off, or upgrade from the EDELWEISS-III experiment/technology:
  - Must accommodate the migration from wet cryostat to dry cryostat (and the ILL environment)
  - Must accommodate for above ground operation
- Targeted performance: **10 eV (RMS) heat** and **20 eVee (RMS) ionisation**

# Part II: Illustration with Ricochet detectors



## Electro-thermal model:

$$R_0 = 1.04 \pm 0.02 \text{ } [\Omega]$$

$$T_0 = 4.77 \pm 0.01 \text{ } [K]$$

$$g_{ep} = 55.6 \pm 0.5 \text{ } [W/K^6/cm^3]$$

$$g_k = (5.12 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-5} \text{ } [W/K^4/mm^2]$$

$$g_{glue} = (1.46^{+1.75}_{-0.57}) \times 10^{-4} \text{ } [W/K^{3.5}/mm^2]$$

$$C_e = (1.03 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-6} \times \bar{T}_e \text{ } [J/K/cm^3]$$

$$C_p = (2.66 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-6} \times \bar{T}_p^3 \text{ } [J/K/cm^3]$$

$$C_a \frac{dT_a}{dt} = g_{glue} S_{NTD} (T_p^{n_g} - T_a^{n_g})$$

$$C_p \frac{dT_p}{dt} = -g_{glue} S_{NTD} (T_p^{n_g} - T_a^{n_g}) + V_{SG} g_{ep} (T_e^n - T_p^n) - g_k S_{Au} (T_p^{n_k} - T_b^{n_k})$$

$$C_e \frac{dT_e}{dt} = \frac{V^2}{R(T_e)} - V_{SG} g_{ep} (T_e^n - T_p^n)$$

$$C_{fil} \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{V_B - V}{R_L} - \frac{V}{R(T_e)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
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 C_{fil} \frac{dV}{dt} &= \frac{V_B - V}{R_L} - \frac{V}{R(T_e)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Such set of coupled non-linear differential equation can be solved numerically
  - Use of the **odeint** function in PYTHON for instance or pseudo-analytical model: M. Pedretti (PhD, CUORE)
  - Particularly relevant for high energy deposition (e.g. double beta experiments)
- Or it can be solved analytically using first order perturbation theory
  - Use of linear algebra
  - Particularly relevant for small energy deposition (low-threshold dark matter experiments)

Steady state      Time evolution

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_a(t) &\approx \bar{T}_a + \delta T_a(t) \\
 T_p(t) &\approx \bar{T}_p + \delta T_p(t) \\
 T_e(t) &\approx \bar{T}_e + \delta T_e(t) \\
 V(t) &\approx \bar{V} + \delta V(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Part II: Illustration with Ricochet detectors

1st order perturbation around equilibrium:

- *Steady state solution*



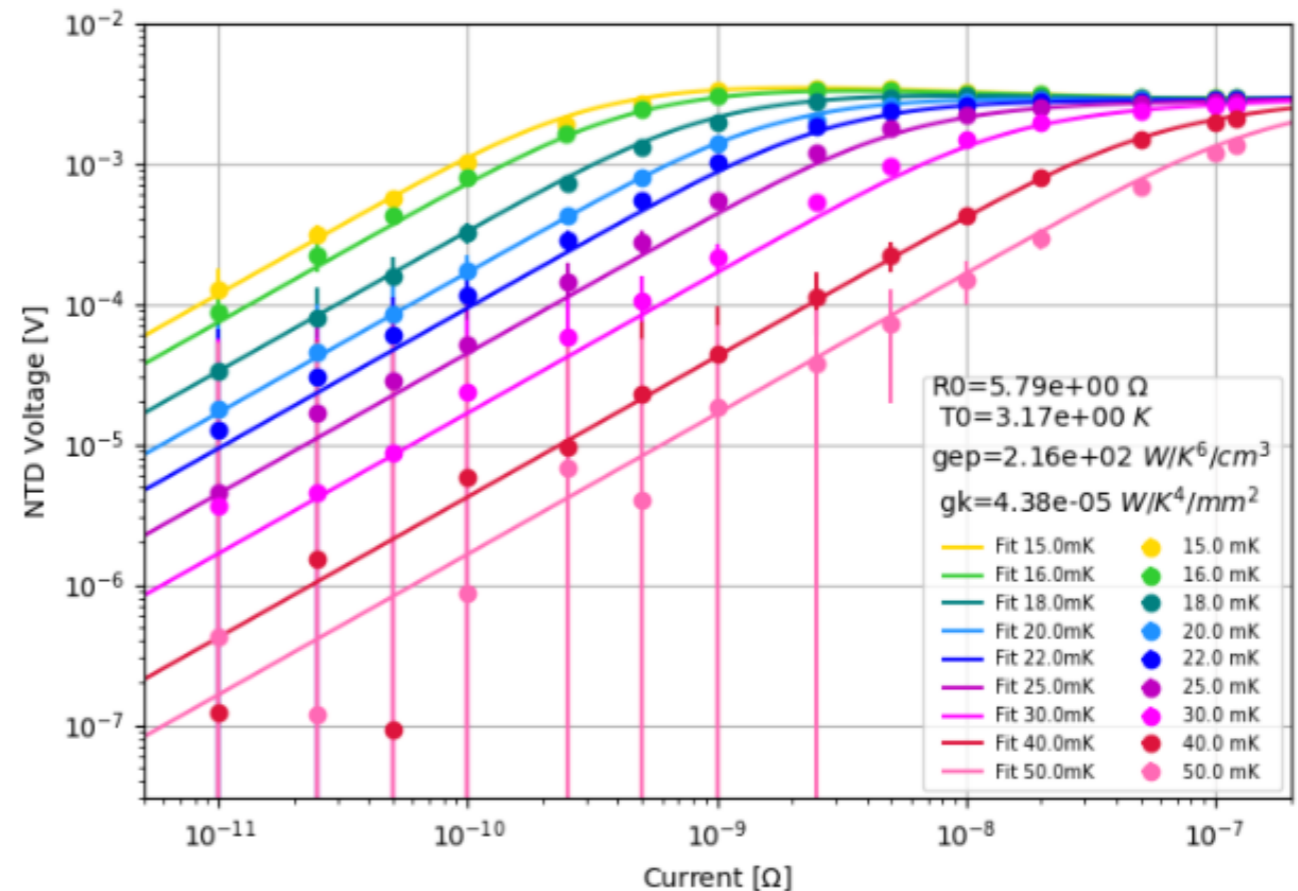
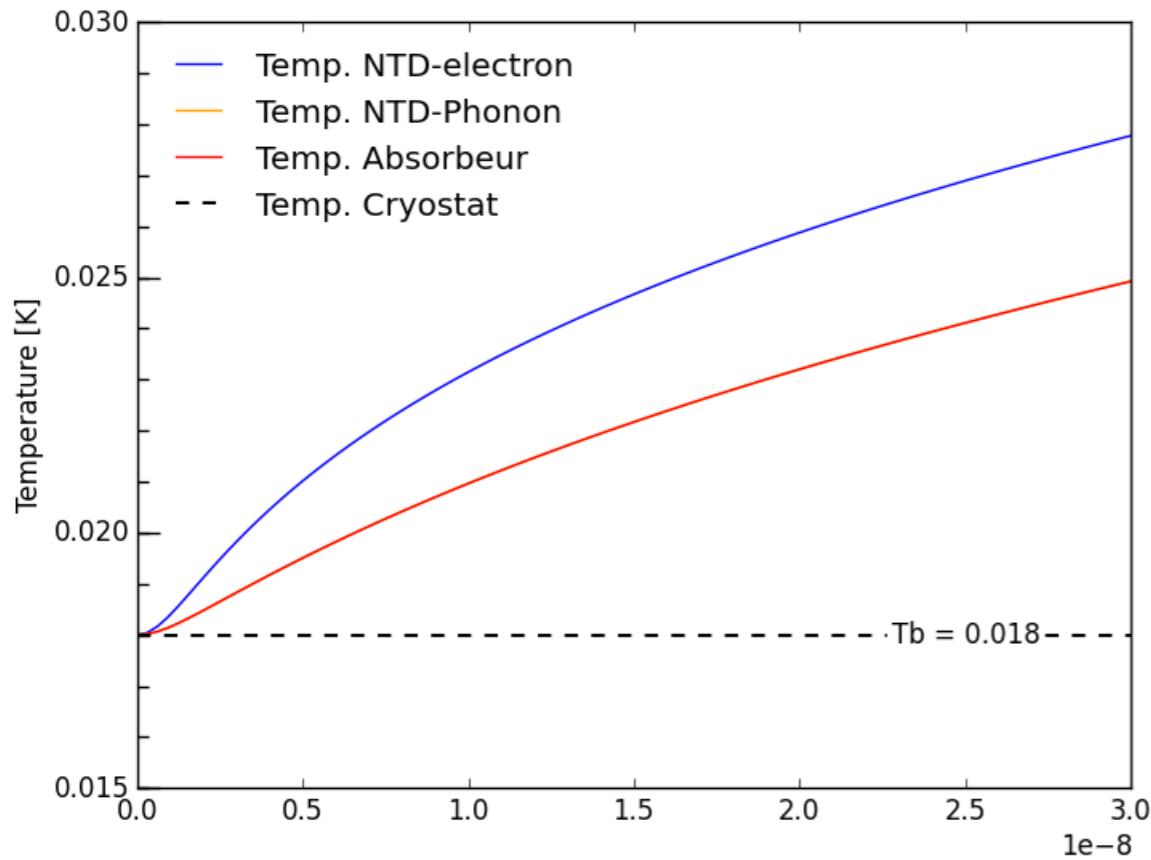
*No trivial solution  
Has to be solved numerically*

$$0 = g_{glue} S_{NTD} (\bar{T}_p^{n_g} - \bar{T}_a^{n_g})$$

$$0 = -g_{glue} S_{NTD} (\bar{T}_p^{n_g} - \bar{T}_a^{n_g}) + V_S g_{ep} (\bar{T}_e^n - \bar{T}_p^n) - g_k S_{Au} (\bar{T}_p^{n_k} - \bar{T}_b^{n_k})$$

$$0 = \frac{V^2}{R(\bar{T}_e)} - V_S g_{ep} (\bar{T}_e^n - \bar{T}_p^n)$$

$$0 = \frac{V_B - V}{R_L} - \frac{V}{R(\bar{T}_e)}$$



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1st order perturbation around equilibrium:

- Time domain solution



Linearization

Has to be solved thanks to linear algebra

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = -\mathbf{M}\Phi + \mathbf{F}(t - t_0)$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{G_{ap}^a}{C_a} & -\frac{G_{ap}^p}{C_a} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{G_{ap}^a}{C_p} & \frac{G_{ap}^p + G_{ep}^p + G_{pb}^p}{C_p} & -\frac{G_{ep}^e}{C_p} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{G_{ep}^p}{C_e} & \frac{1}{C_e} \left( G_{ep}^e + \frac{V^2}{R(T_e)^2} \frac{dR}{dT} \Big|_{T_e} \right) & -2 \frac{V}{R(T_e)} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{C_{fil}} \frac{V}{R(T_e)^2} \frac{dR}{dT} \Big|_{T_e} & \frac{1}{C_{fil}} \left( \frac{1}{R_L} + \frac{1}{R(T_e)} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

Coupling matrix

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta T_a \\ \Delta T_p \\ \Delta T_e \\ \Delta V \end{pmatrix}$$

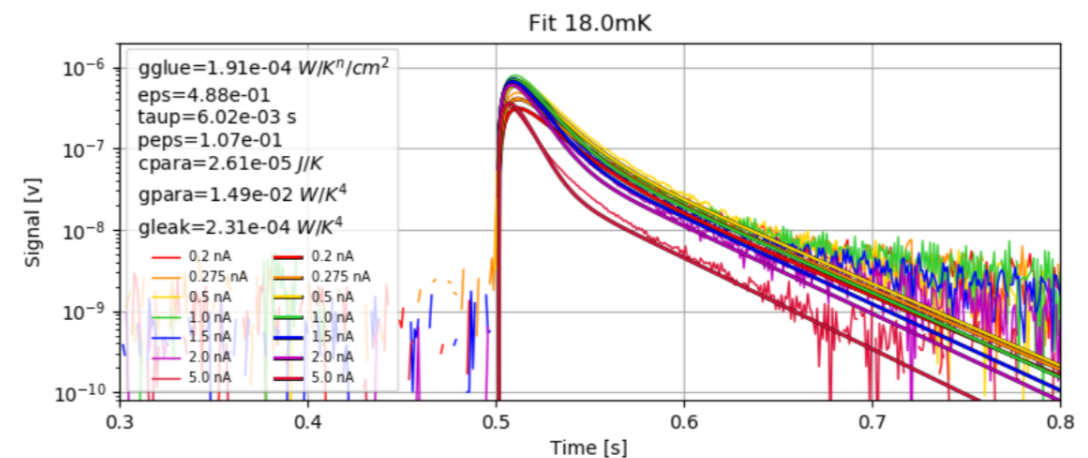
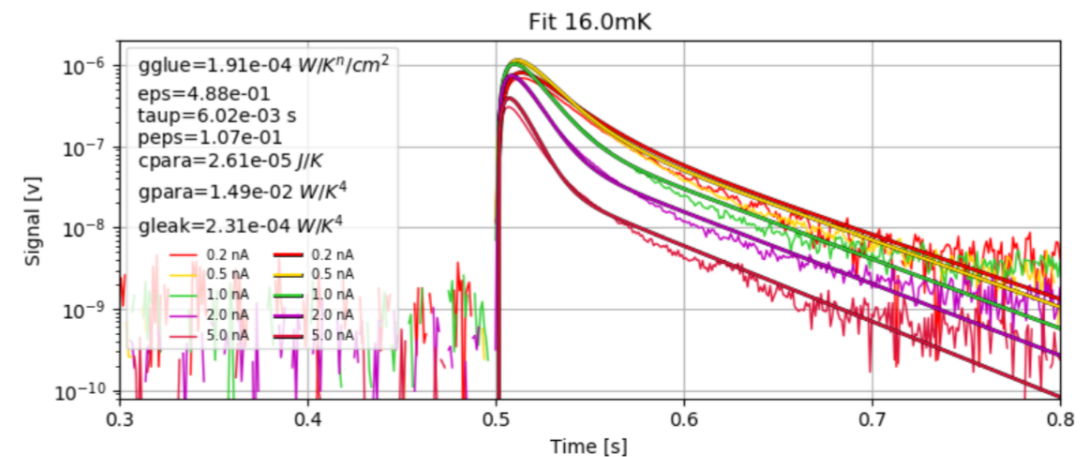
State vector

$$\mathbf{F}(t - t_0) = \begin{pmatrix} (1 - \epsilon)E/C_a \\ 0 \\ \epsilon E/C_e \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \delta(t - t_0)$$

Initial perturbation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\delta T_a}{dt} &= -\frac{G_{ap}^a}{C_a} \delta T_a + \frac{G_{ap}^p}{C_a} \delta T_p \\ \frac{d\delta T_p}{dt} &= \frac{G_{ap}^a}{C_p} \delta T_a - \frac{G_{ap}^p + G_{ep}^p + G_{pb}^p}{C_p} \delta T_p + \frac{G_{ep}^e}{C_p} \delta T_e \\ \frac{d\delta T_e}{dt} &= \frac{G_{ep}^p}{C_e} \delta T_p - \frac{1}{C_e} \left( G_{ep}^e + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{R(\bar{T}_e)^2} \frac{dR}{dT} \Big|_{\bar{T}_e} \right) \delta T_e + 2 \frac{1}{C_e} \frac{\bar{V}}{R(\bar{T}_e)} \delta V \\ \frac{d\delta V}{dt} &= \frac{1}{C_{fil}} \frac{\bar{V}}{R(\bar{T}_e)^2} \frac{dR}{dT} \Big|_{\bar{T}_e} \delta T_e - \frac{1}{C_{fil}} \left( \frac{1}{R_L} + \frac{1}{R(\bar{T}_e)} \right) \delta V \end{aligned}$$

$G_{ij}$  : Linearized conductivities



# Part II: Illustration with Ricochet detectors

1st order perturbation around equilibrium:  
 - Frequency domain (noise treatment)

Fourier Transform of the differential equations

$$(i\omega + \mathbf{M})\tilde{\Phi}(\omega) = \tilde{\mathbf{F}}(\omega) \longrightarrow \tilde{\Phi}(\omega) = \mathbf{Z}^{-1}(\omega)\tilde{\mathbf{F}}(\omega)$$

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**Total noise referenced to the NTD voltage:**

$$S_{V,total} = \sum_i^{\text{sources}} \left| \sum_j^{a,p,e,v} Z_{v,j}^{-1}(\omega)\tilde{F}_j(\omega) \right|^2 \quad [V^2/Hz]$$

**Johnson Noise from NTD and load resistor**

$$S_{V,R(T_e)} = \frac{4k_B T_e R(T_e)}{R(T_e)^2} |Z_{vv}^{-1}|^2 \quad S_{V,R_L} = \frac{4k_B T_{R_L} R_L}{R_L^2} |Z_{vv}^{-1}|^2$$

**Thermal Fluctuation Noise (TFN)**

$$S_{P,ij} = 2k_B(T_i^2 + T_j^2)G_{ij} \quad [W^2/Hz]$$

To be referenced to  $V_{NTD}$

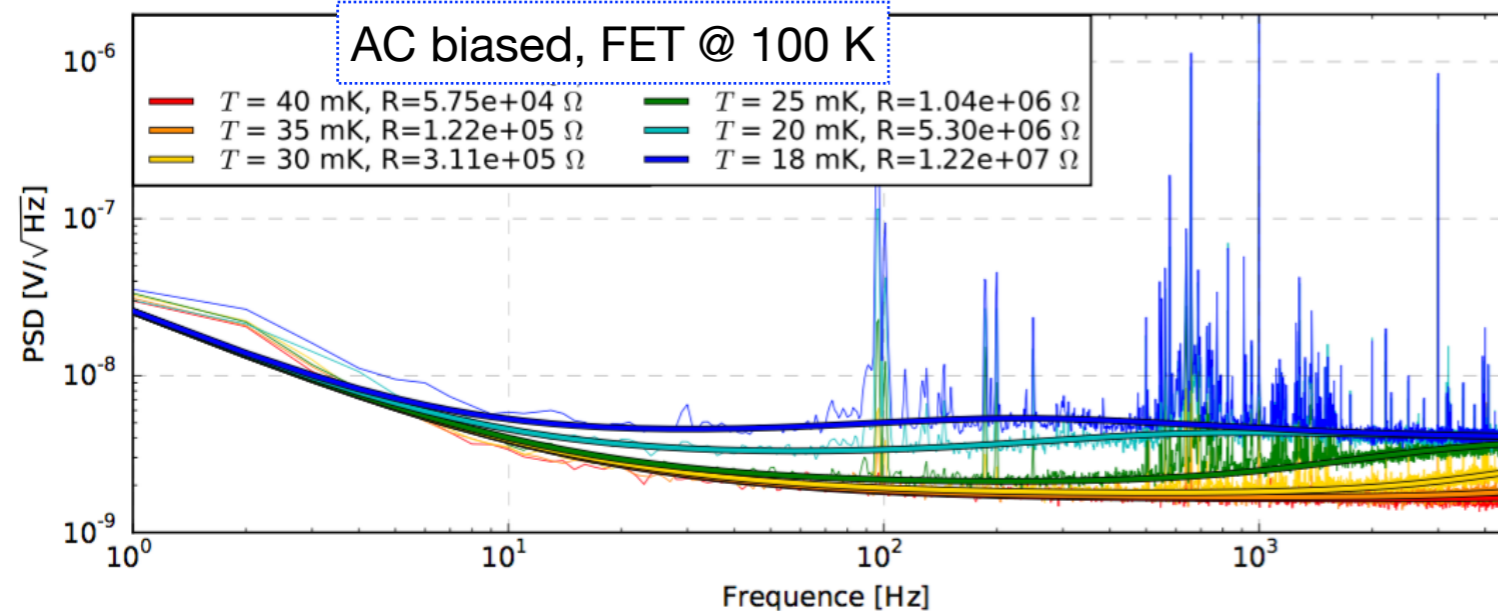
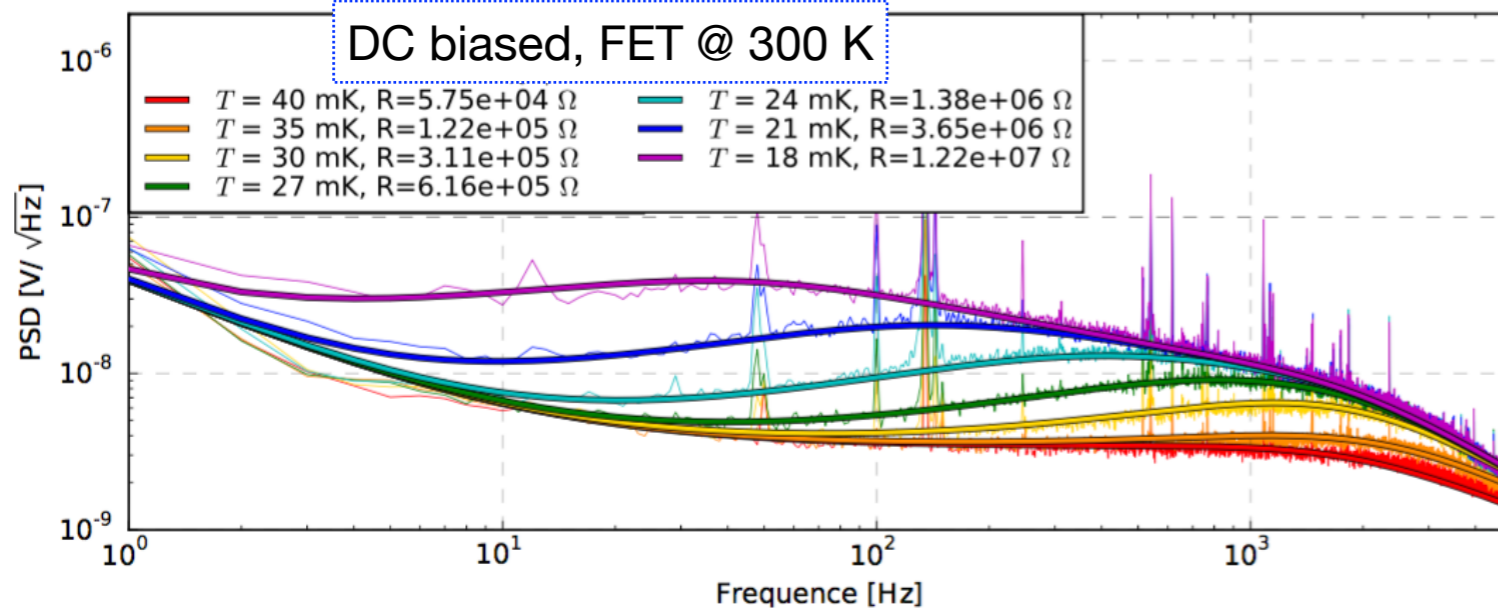
**Noise from the electronics**

$$S_{V,e_{ampli.}} = e_{ampli.}^2 \quad S_{V,i_{ampli.}} = i_{ampli.}^2 |Z_{vv}^{-1}|^2$$

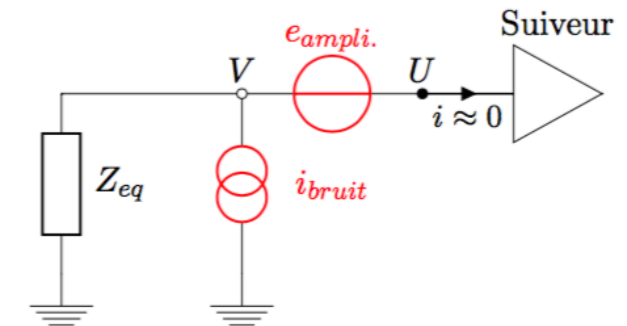
Requires an accurate characterization of the electronics



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Thevenin-Norton transform:



$$Z_{eq} = \left( \frac{1}{R_L} + \frac{1}{R(T_e)} + i\omega C_{fil} \right)^{-1}$$

$$i_{bruit}^2 = i_{ampli}^2 + \left( \frac{e_{J_{RL}}}{R_L} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{e_{J_{NTD}}}{R(T_e)} \right)^2 \quad [A^2/Hz]$$

$$i_{ampli.}^2 = i_A^2 + (i_B \sqrt{f})^2 + (i_C f)^2 \quad [A^2/Hz]$$

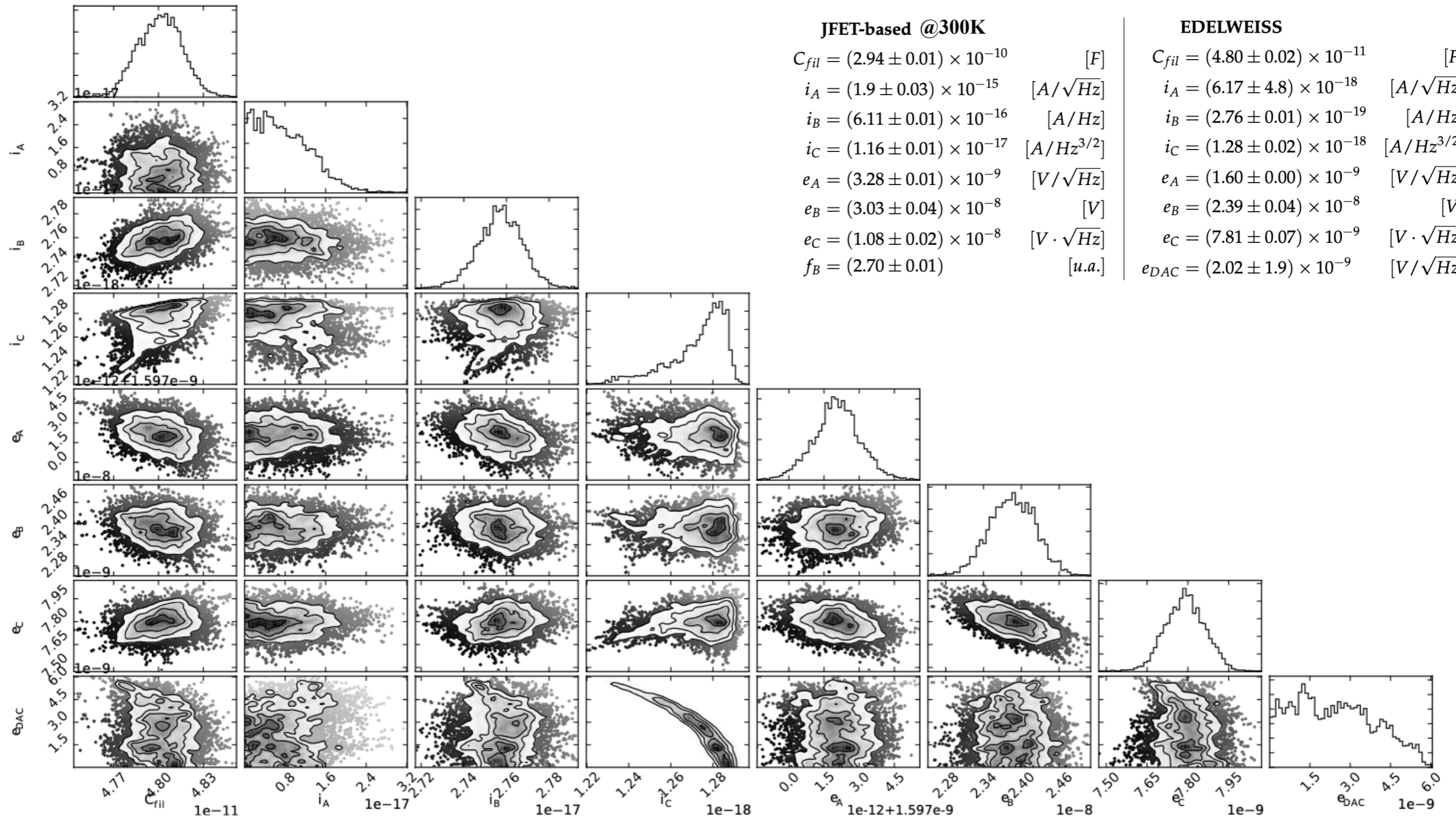
$$e_{ampli.}^2 = e_A^2 + e_{BF}^2 = e_A^2 + \left( \frac{e_B}{\sqrt{f}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{e_C}{f} \right)^2 \quad [V^2/Hz]$$

- Work with  $I_p = 0$  to cancel TFN and ETF contributions
- Scan in T to scan in  $Z_{eq}$  to adjust free parameters thanks to **Markov Chain Monte Carlo** approach

**Clear gain in intrinsic electronic noise by working with FET @ 100 K:**

~3 nV/sqrt{Hz} @ 10 - 100 Hz with  $R_{NTD} = 5 \text{ MOhm}$

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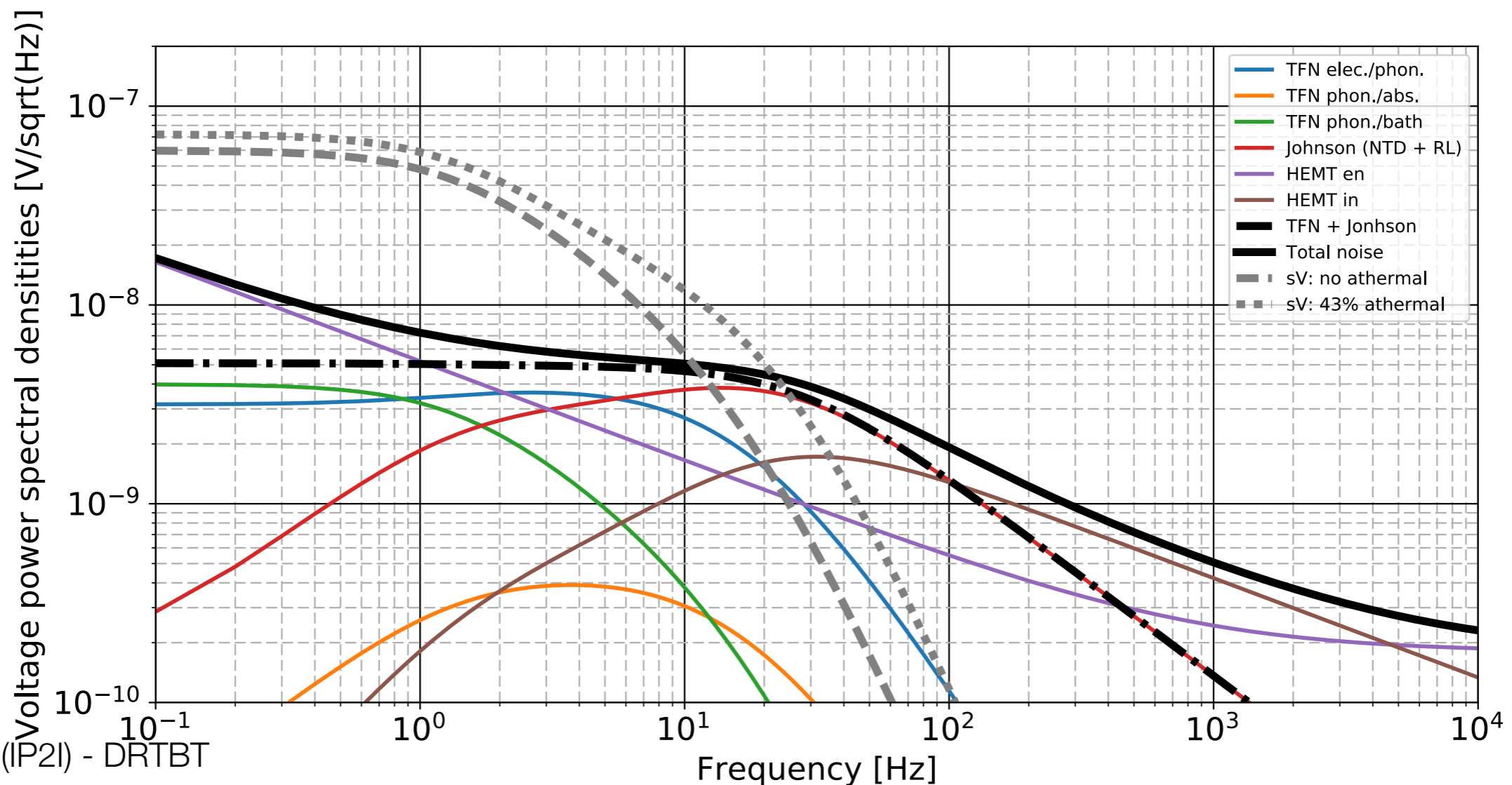
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## A concrete example with a simple detector: RED20

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### Detector sensitivity

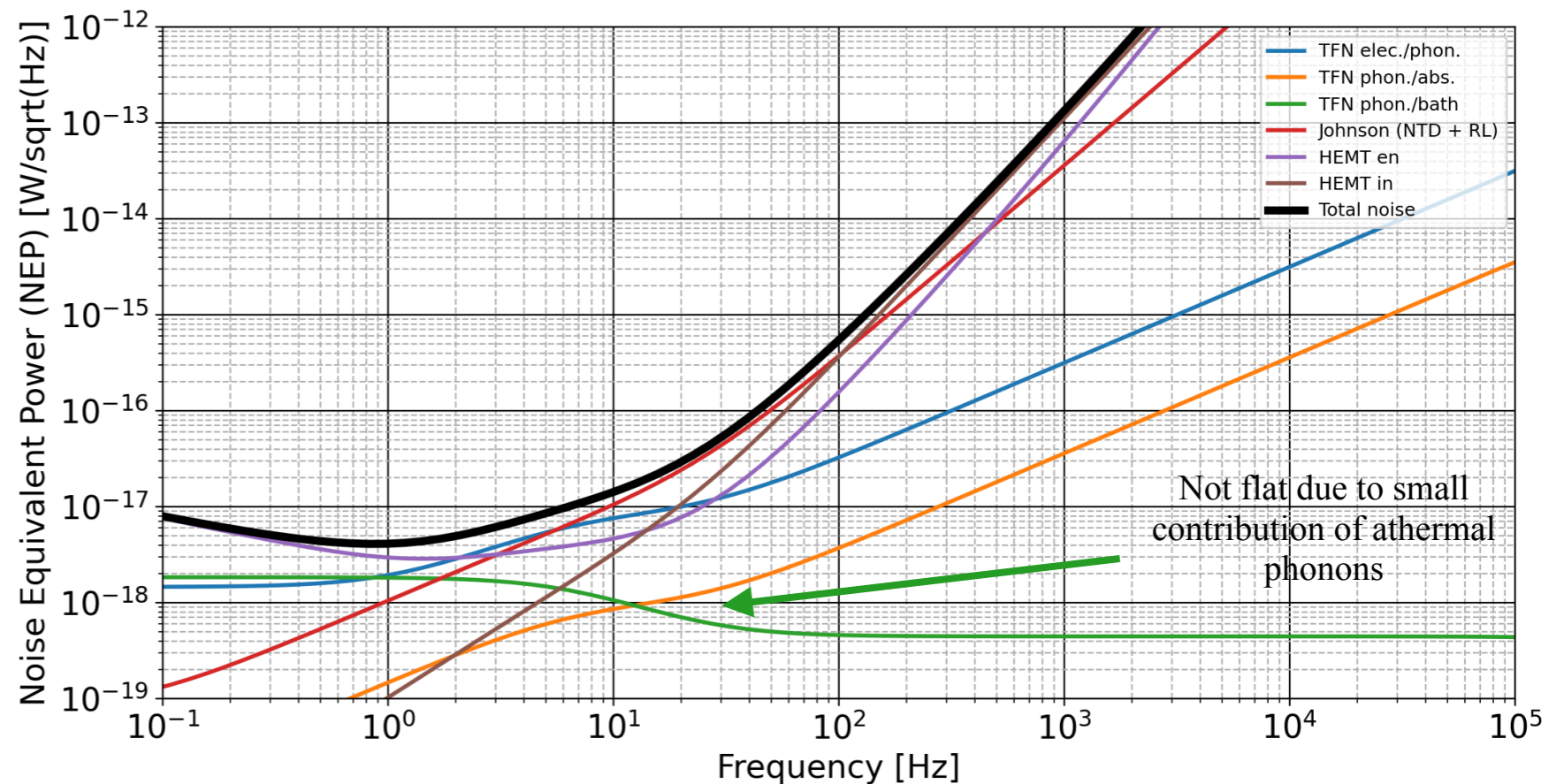
$$\hat{s}_V(\omega) = [(1 - \epsilon)Z_{va}^{-1} + \epsilon Z_{ve}^{-1}] \hat{p}(\omega)$$

### Noise Equivalent Power (NEP)

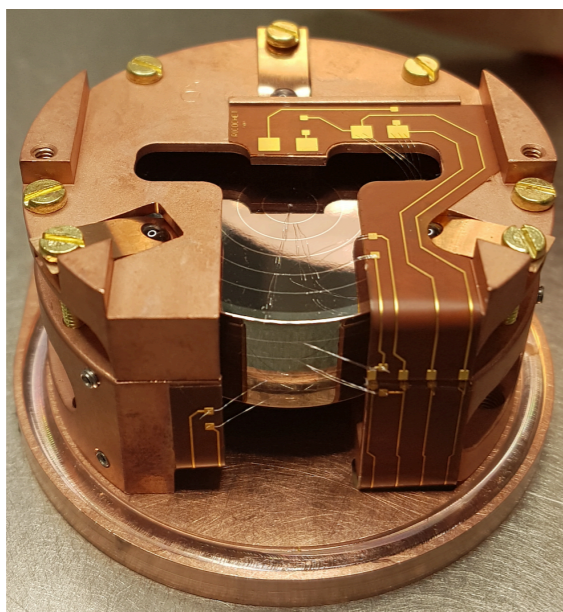
$$\text{NEP}^2(\omega) = \frac{S_{V,total}(\omega)}{|s_V|^2} \quad \text{W}^2/\text{Hz}$$

### Theoretical energy resolution (RMS)

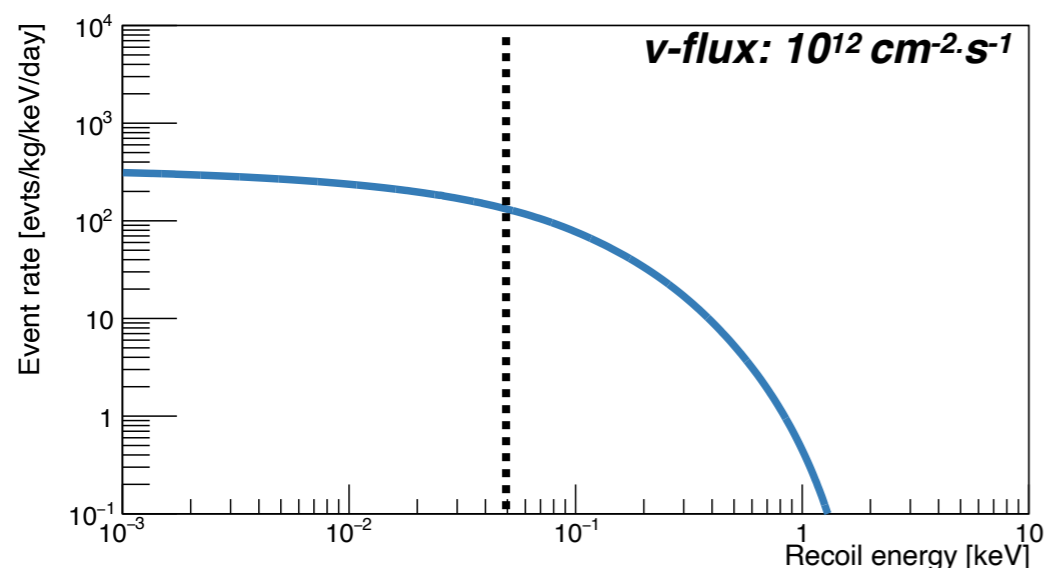
$$\sigma_E^2 = \left( \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{4}{|\text{NEP}|^2(\omega)} \right)^{-1}$$



# Part II: Illustration with Ricochet detectors



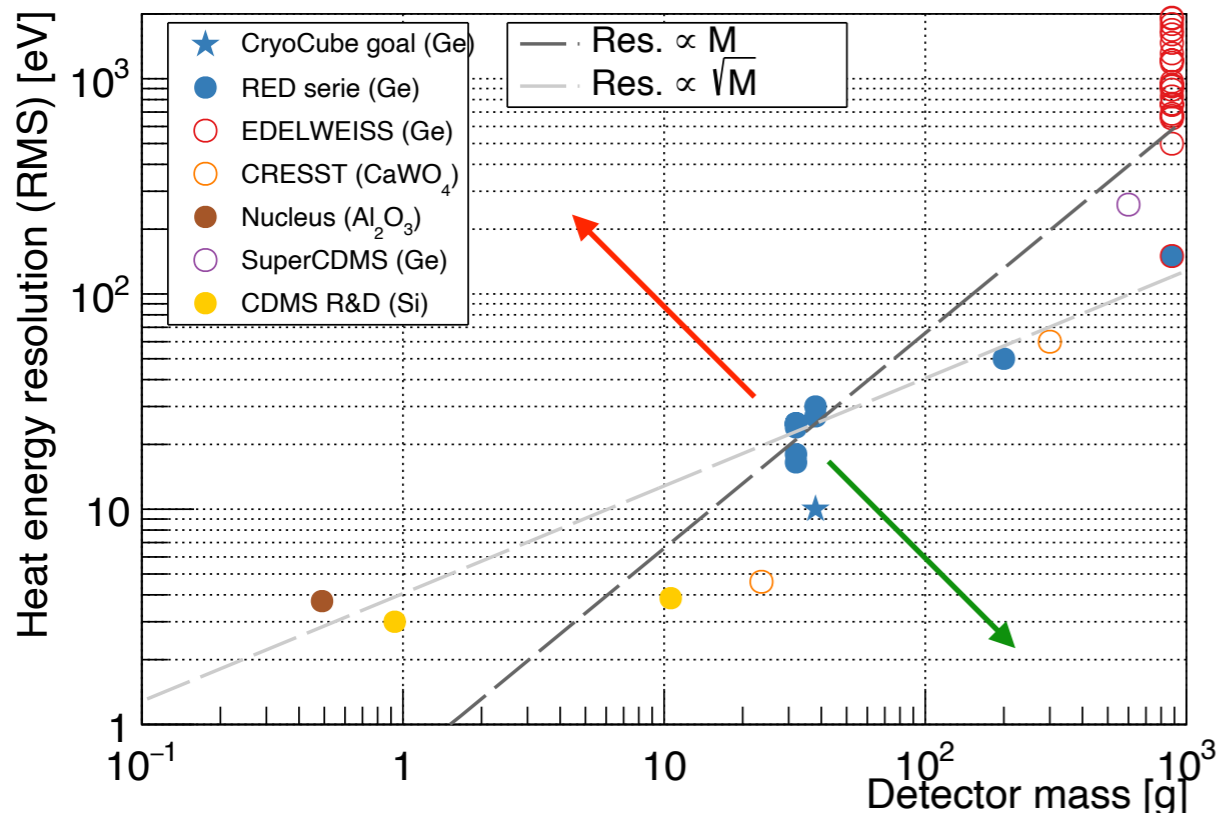
- Expected energy resolution around 10 eV
- Leading to a (5sigma) threshold of 50 eV



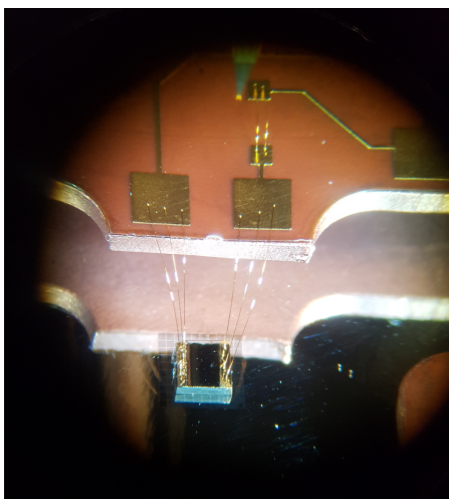
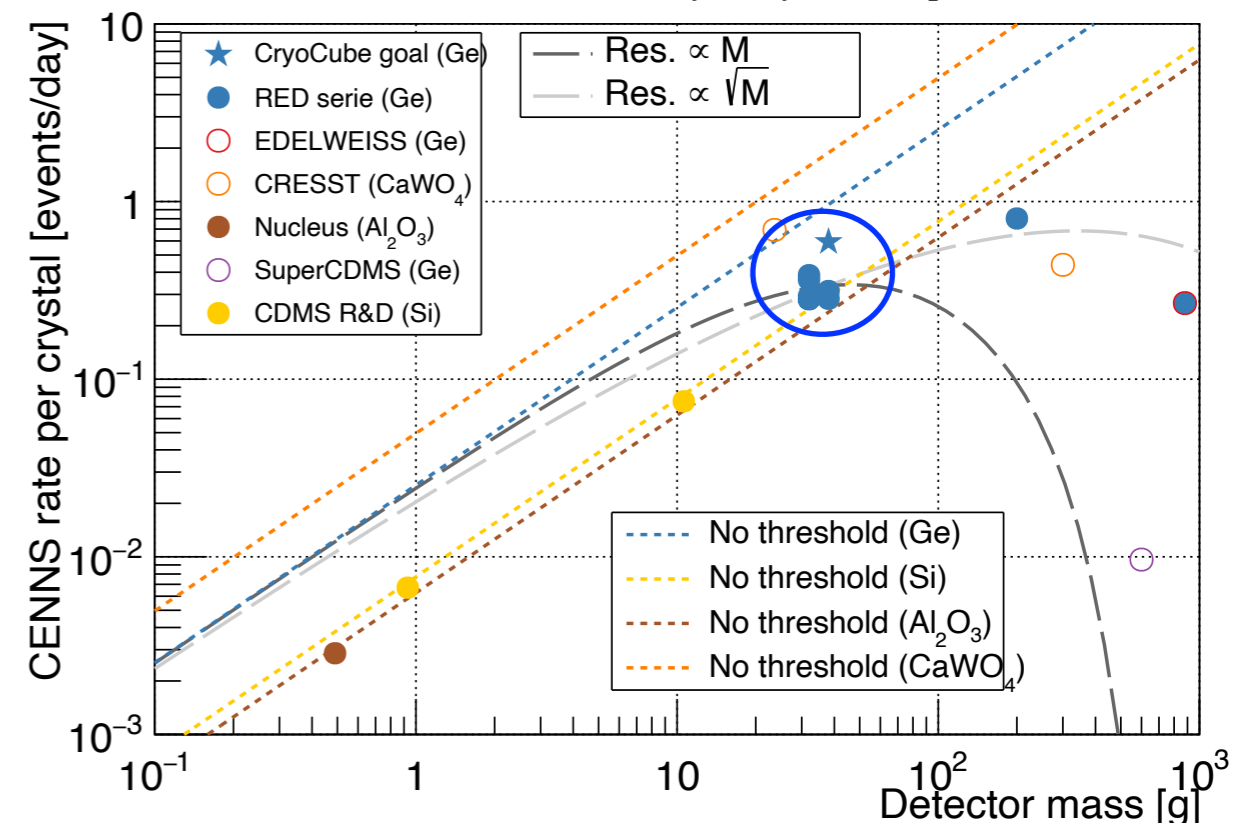
Component	Value	Notes
<b>Bath</b>		
Temperature	13 mK	
<b>Absorber</b>		
Volume	$\pi \times 2^2 / 4 \times 2 = 6.3 \text{ cm}^3$	33.4 g
Heat capacity	$C_a = 5.97 \times 10^{-11} \text{ J/K}$	$C_a = 2.7 \times 10^{-6} \bar{T}_a^3 \text{ J/K/cm}^3$
<b>NTD</b>		
Surface ( $S_{NTD}$ )	$2 \times 2 = 4 \text{ mm}^2$	
Thickness	0.45 mm	
Volume ( $V_{NTD}$ )	$1.8 \text{ mm}^3$	
Surface electrodes ( $S_{Au}$ )	$2 \times (0.15 \times 2) = 0.6 \text{ mm}^2$	
$R_0 / T_0$	0.96 $\Omega$ / 4.52 K	$\bar{R}(\bar{T}_e) = R_0 e^{\sqrt{T_0/\bar{T}_e}}$
Heat capacity (phonon)	$C_p = 1.71 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J/K}$	$C_p = 2.7 \times 10^{-6} \bar{T}_p^3 \text{ J/K/cm}^3$
Heat capacity (electron)	$C_e = 3.17 \times 10^{-11} \text{ J/K}$	$C_e = 1.1 \times 10^{-6} \bar{T}_e^3 \text{ J/K/cm}^3$
<b>Conductivities</b>		
Electron-Phonon (NTD)	$G_{ep}^e \approx G_{ep}^p = 1.12 \text{ nW/K}$	$g_{ep} = 100 \text{ W/K}^6/\text{cm}^3$
Phonon (NTD-Abs.)	$G_{pa}^a = G_{pa}^p = 55.9 \text{ nW/K}$	$g_{glue} = 1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ W/K}^{3.5}/\text{mm}^2$
Phonon (Abs-Bath)	$G_{pb} = 0.42 \text{ nW/K}$	$g_k = 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ W/K}^4/\text{mm}^2$
<b>Equilibrium state <math>\phi(0)</math></b>		
NTD-electron	$\bar{T}_e = 15.9 \text{ mK}$	
NTD-phonon	$\bar{T}_p = 15.2 \text{ mK}$	
Absorber	$\bar{T}_a = 15.2 \text{ mK}$	
Voltage	$\bar{V} = 3.82 \text{ mV}$	$\bar{V} = V_b \bar{R} / (R_L + \bar{R})$
<b>Electronic considerations</b>		
Voltage bias	$V_b = 0.2 \text{ V}$	$I_p = V_b / (R_L + \bar{R}) \approx 0.2 \text{ nA}$
Load resistor	$R_L = 1 \text{ G}\Omega$	$T_{R_L} = 13 \text{ mK}$
NTD Resistance	$\bar{R} = 19.48 \text{ M}\Omega$	$\bar{R} = R(\bar{T}_e)$
IF1320-JFET ( $C_{tot} = 50 \text{ pF}$ )	$e_n^2 = e_a^2 + e_b^2 / f$	$\{e_a, e_b\} = \{0.5, 7.3\} \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
	$i_n^2 = i_a^2 + i_b^2 \times f$	$\{i_a, i_b\} = \{18, 50\} \text{ aA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
200pF-HEMT ( $C_{tot} = 250 \text{ pF}$ )	$e_n^2 = e_a^2 + e_b^2 / f$	$\{e_a, e_b\} = \{0.18, 5.2\} \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
	$i_n^2 = i_a^2 + i_b^2 \times f$	$\{i_a, i_b\} = \{8.2 \times 10^{-4}, 21\} \text{ aA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
<b>Time constants of the system</b>		
1st eigenvalue	$\tau_1 = 0.3 \mu\text{s}$	driven by :
2nd eigenvalue	$\tau_2 = 118.7 \text{ ms}$	$\tau_{ap} = C_p / G_{ap} = 0.3 \mu\text{s}$
3rd eigenvalue	$\tau_3 = 16.4 \text{ ms}$	$\tau_{ab} = C_a / (G_{pb} \parallel G_{ap}) = 143.2 \text{ ms}$
4th eigenvalue (FET)	$\tau_4 = 979 \mu\text{s}$	$\tau_{ep} = C_e / G_{ep} = 28.2 \text{ ms}$
4th eigenvalue (HEMT)	$\tau_4 = 5.7 \text{ ms}$	$\tau_{elec.} = \bar{R} C_c = 974 \mu\text{s}$
		$\tau_{elec.} = \bar{R} C_c = 5 \text{ ms}$
<b>Energy resolutions (RMS)</b>		
Sensitivity [ $\mu\text{V}/\text{keV}$ ]	$\epsilon = 0 \mid (\epsilon = 0.43, \tau_p = 6 \text{ ms})$	$\epsilon \neq 0$ to match observations (Sec. 5.3)
<b>FET (DC)</b>	$s_V = 1.8 \mid s_V = 5$	Pulse height in time domain (with FET)
<b>HEMT (DC)</b>	$\sigma_E = 10.7 \text{ eV} \mid \sigma_E = 7.6 \text{ eV}$	
<b>FET (AC)</b>	$\sigma_E = 9.0 \text{ eV} \mid \sigma_E = 6.3 \text{ eV}$	
No elec. noise	$\sigma_E = 13.2 \text{ eV} \mid \sigma_E = 9.9 \text{ eV}$	
Theoretical limit	$\sigma_E = 6.5 \text{ eV} \mid \sigma_E = 4.8 \text{ eV}$	
	$\sigma_E = 1.7 \text{ eV}$	400 Hz modulation
		Only TFN + Johnson noise
		$\sigma_E = \sqrt{k_B \bar{T}_a^2 C_a}$

# PART II: ILLUSTRATION WITH RICOCHET DETECTORS

Salagnac & al: [arXiv:2111.12438](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.12438)

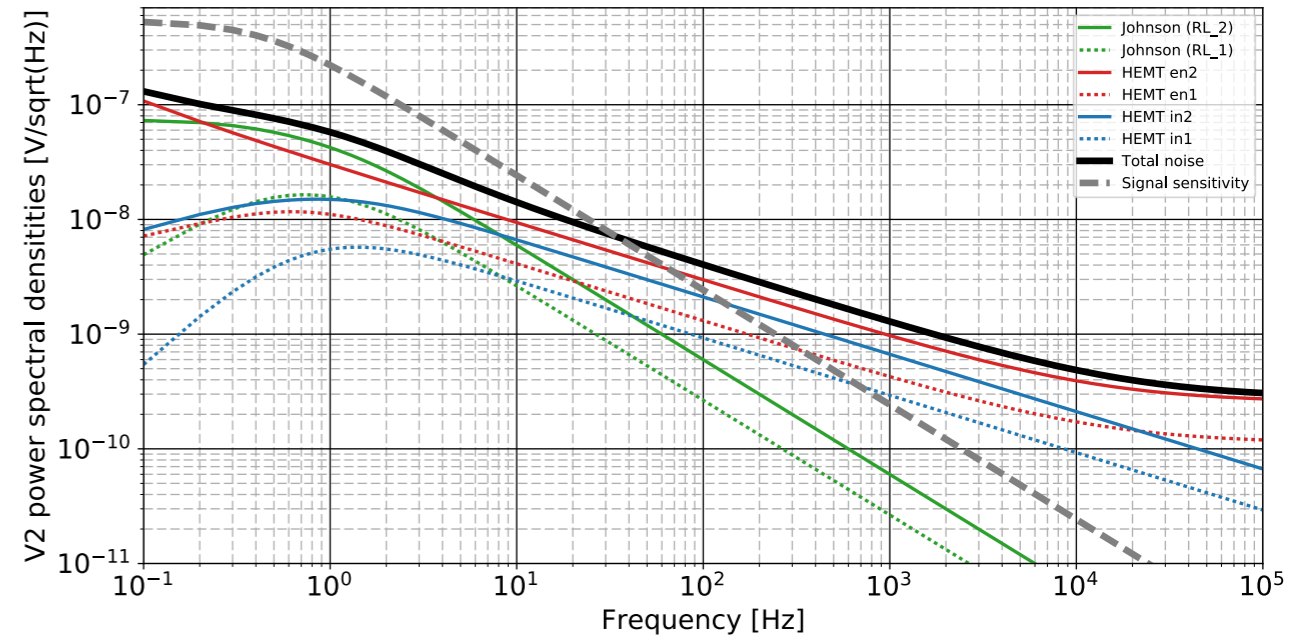
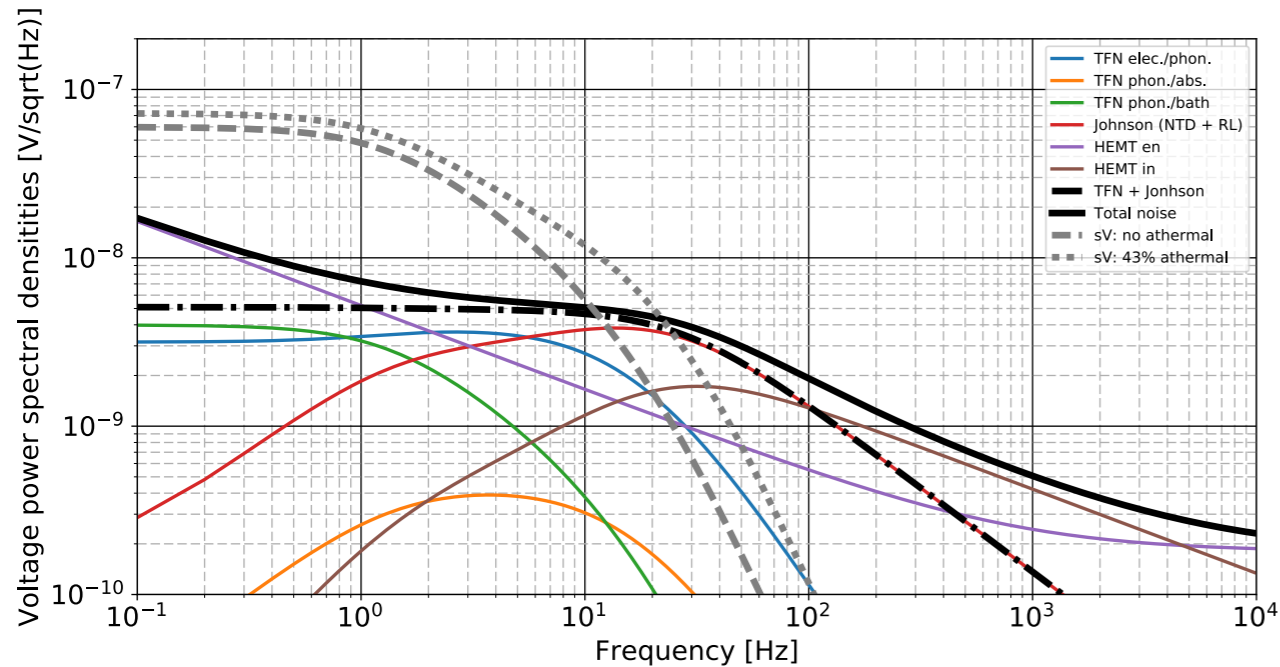


Threshold defined for all experiments as  $5\sigma$



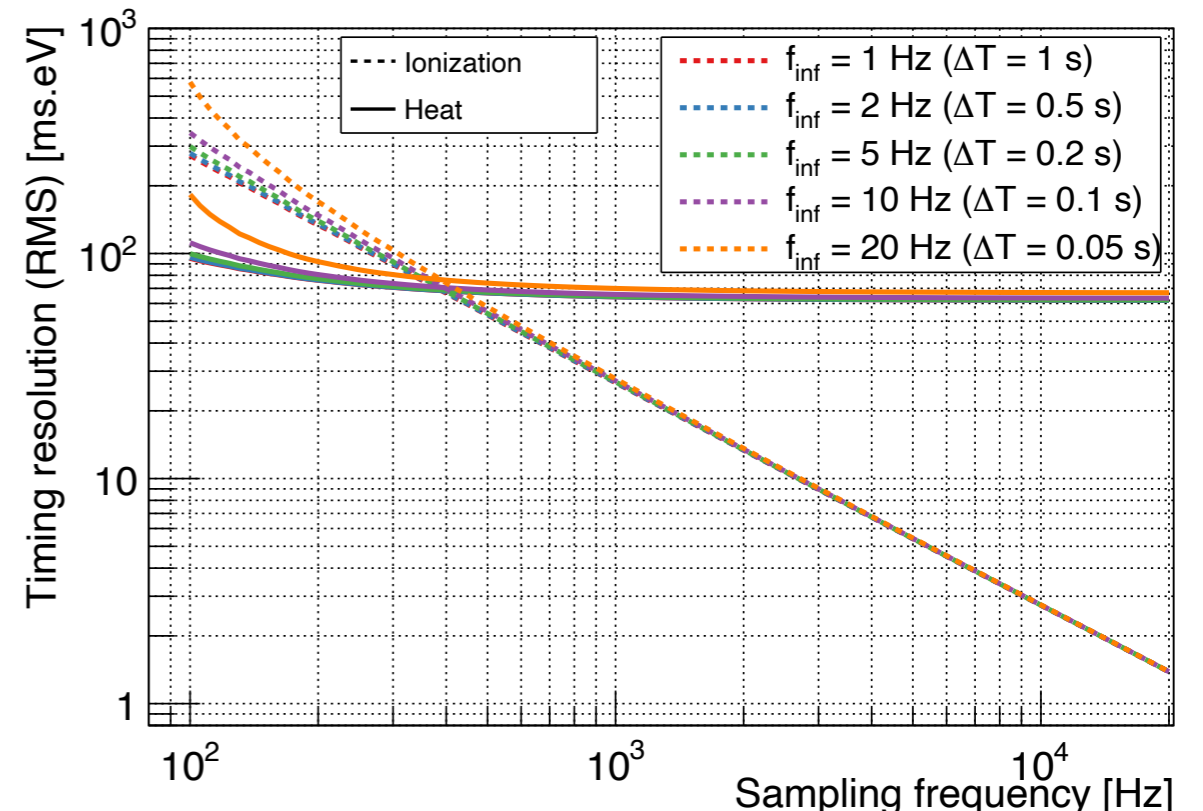
- Achieved 17 - 40 eV (RMS) heat resolution on 10 Ge detectors (38 g) with JFET electronics with **no cryogenic suspension**
- With respect to the community our detectors achieve among the **best resolution-to-mass ratio** and exhibit the **largest CENNS signal strength per crystal** from above ground operation of about 0.3 evt/day (goal 0.6 evt/day) 8.8m away from the ILL reactor.
- Our detector performance are still impacted from electrodes and environmental noise (vibrations, E&M pick ups) — *See Jules C. for more details on data processing*

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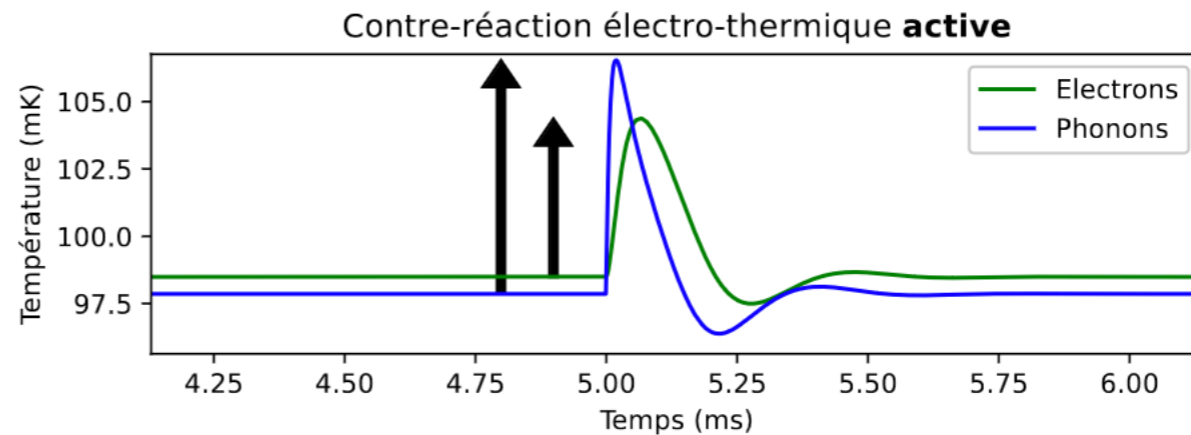
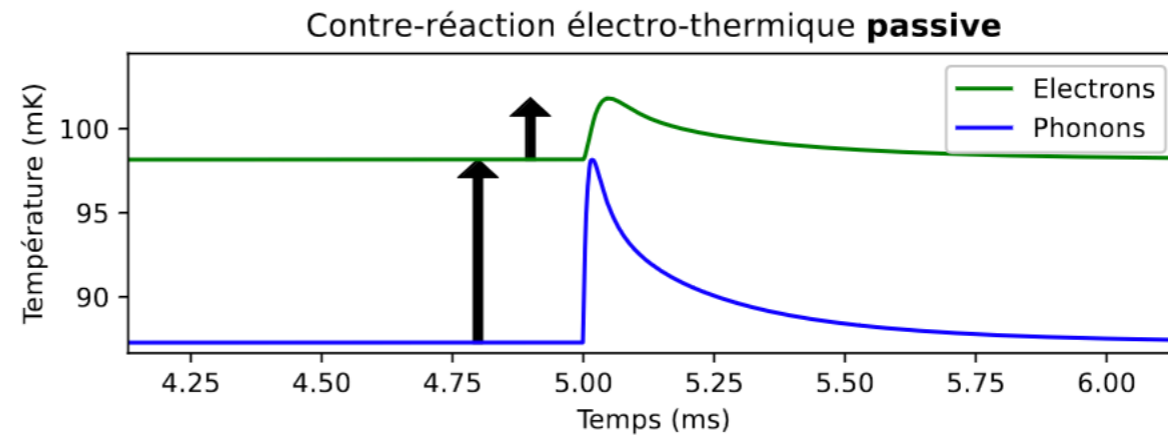
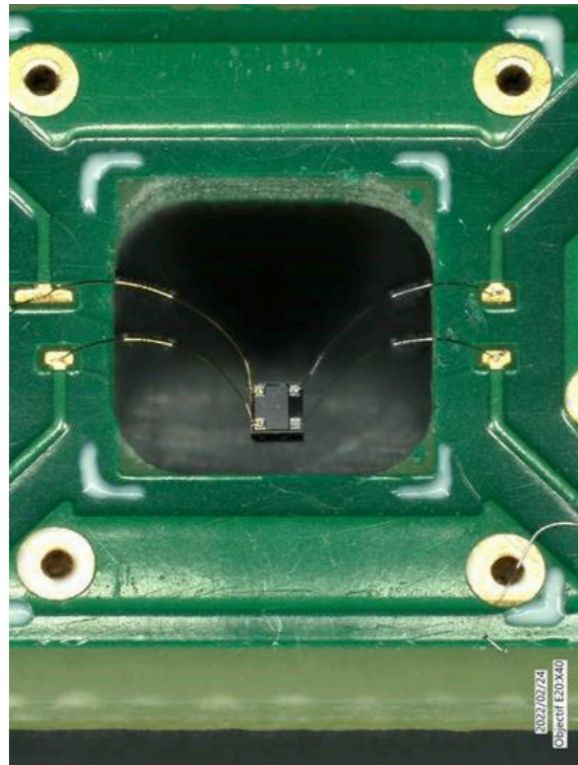


$$\sigma_{t_0}^2 = \left[ \hat{a}^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} df (2\pi f)^2 \frac{|\bar{A}(f)|^2}{J(f)} \right]^{-1}$$

- Timing resolution is very important for Ricochet because of active muon veto coincidence
- From noise and signal power spectral densities (PSD) we can derive the timing resolutions:
  - *High sampling frequency helps the ionization timing resolution*
  - *No gain in timing resolution beyond few 100 Hz for heat*



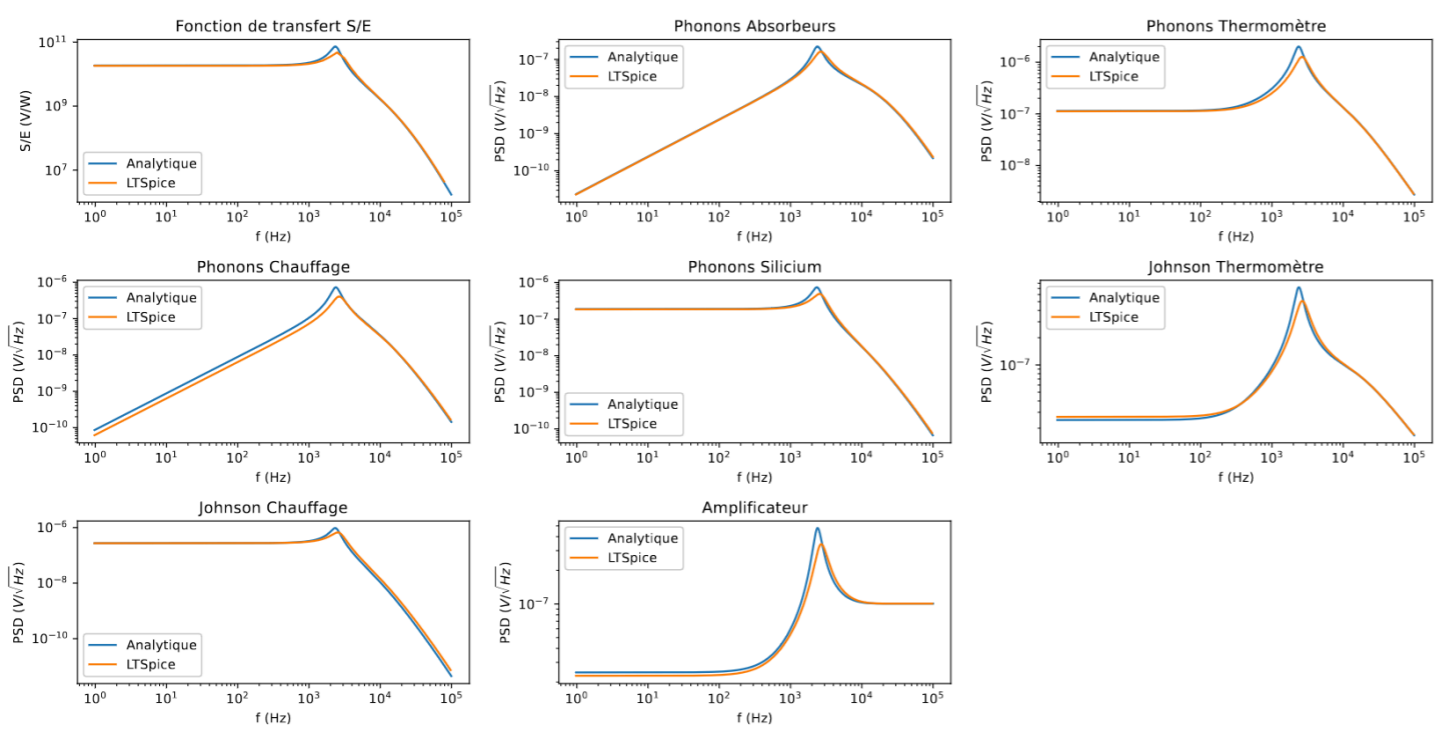
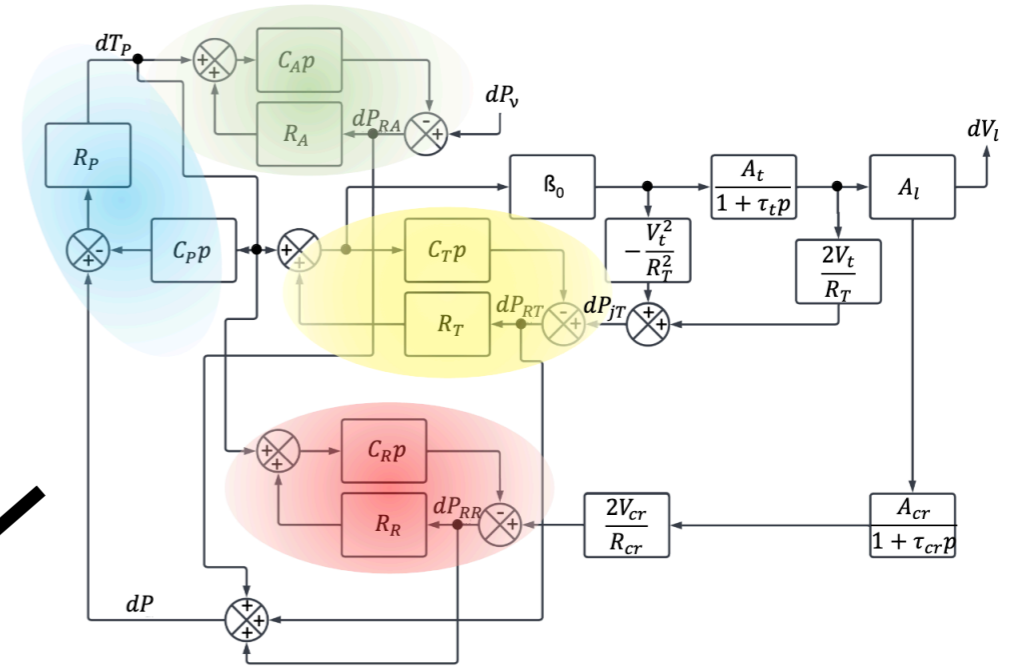
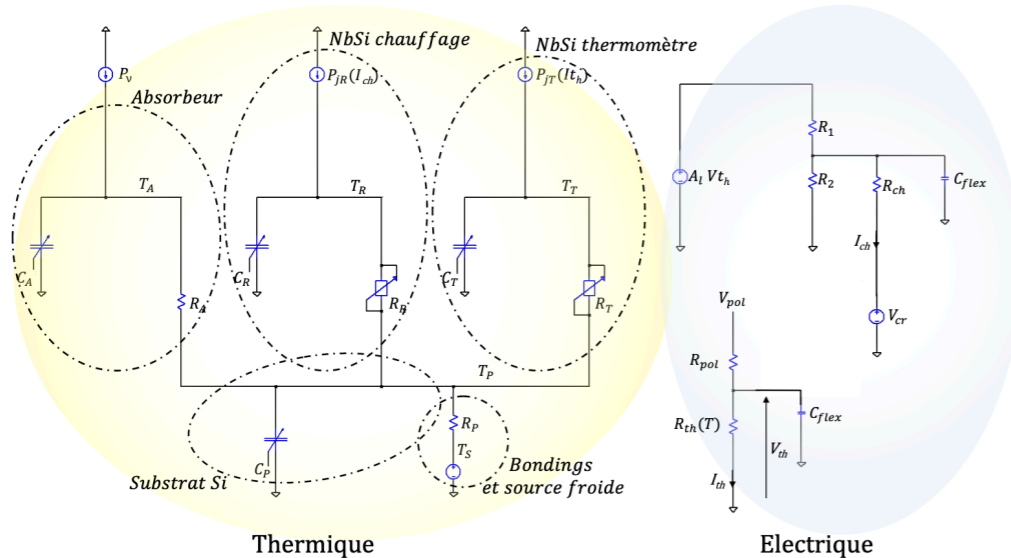
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- Use of two NbSi high impedance TES to: measure the heat from particle interaction (thermometer) and to regulate the temperature actively (heater)
- The « thermometer » is then weakly current biased to minimise  $T_e$ - $T_p$  decoupling
- Use of the heater to actively stabilise the thermometer (active negative ETF)
- For more details, see PhD theses from: G. Jego and B. Criton (CEA Saclay)



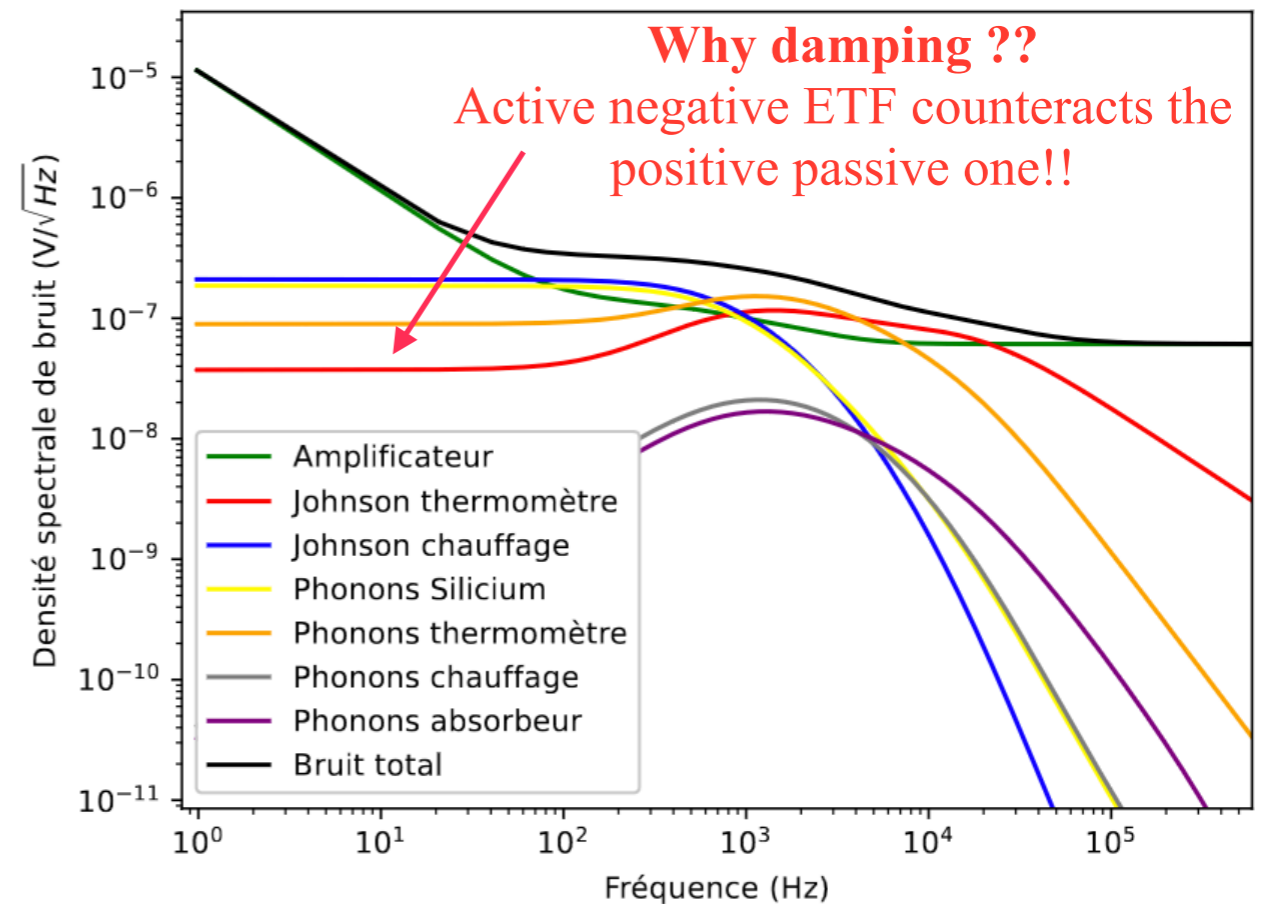
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- Use of equivalence between thermal and electrical equations to use LTSpice
- Very good agreement between LTSpice and analytical model
- **Allows for detector parameter optimisation**

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Paramètre	Valeur
Température source froide	70 mK
Température des phonons	91.61 mK
Température des électrons thermomètre	92.21 mK
Température des électrons chauffage	109.15 mK
Résistance thermique source froide	10 GK/W
Constante de découplage	600
Volume NbSi thermomètre	$3 \times 10^{-9} \text{cm}^3$
Volume NbSi chauffage	$2 \times 10^{-10} \text{cm}^3$
Volume absorbeur	$3 \times 10^{-6} \text{cm}^3$
Volume Silicium	$1.25 \times 10^{-6} \text{cm}^3$
$V_{pol}$	10 mV
$V_{cr}$	-2.8 mV
$R_{pol}$	10 M $\Omega$
$R_{ch}$	3 M $\Omega$
$dR/dT$	150.1 G $\Omega$ /K
$R_{th}$	423.3 k $\Omega$



- Role of the active ETF very well demonstrated
- Expected energy resolution of 2.1 eV (FWHM)
- First results with a measured  $\sim 800$  eV (FWHM) resolution with significant improvements planned ahead

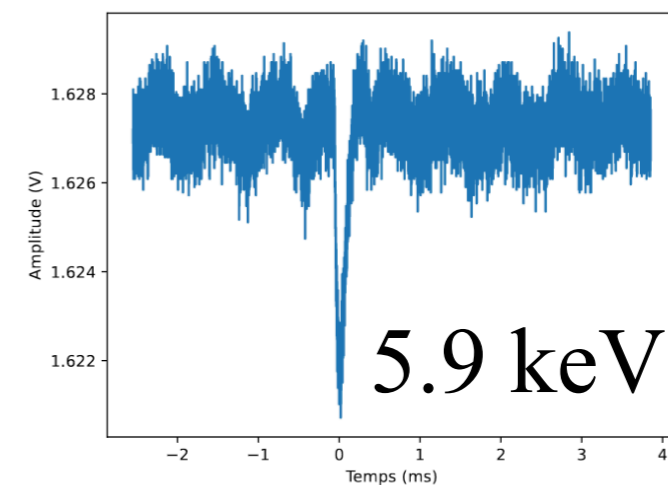
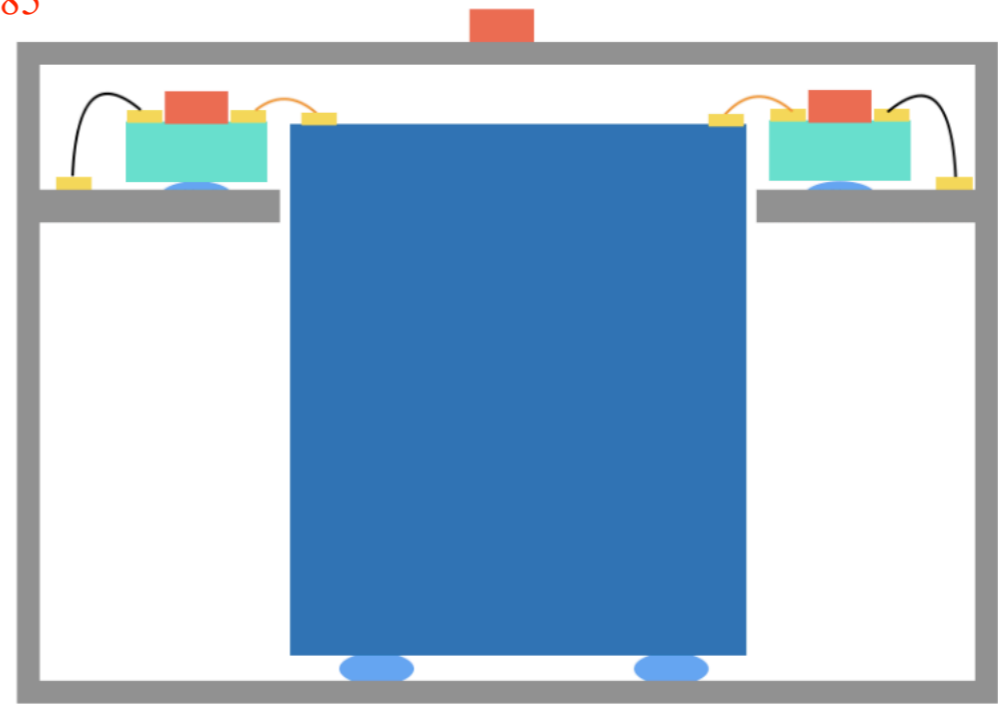
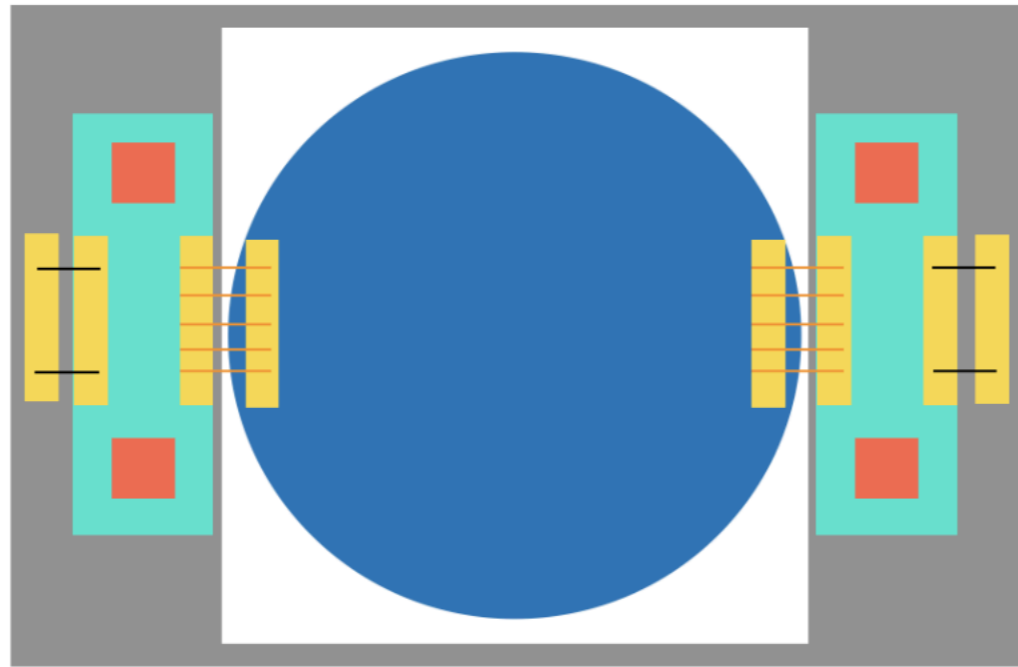


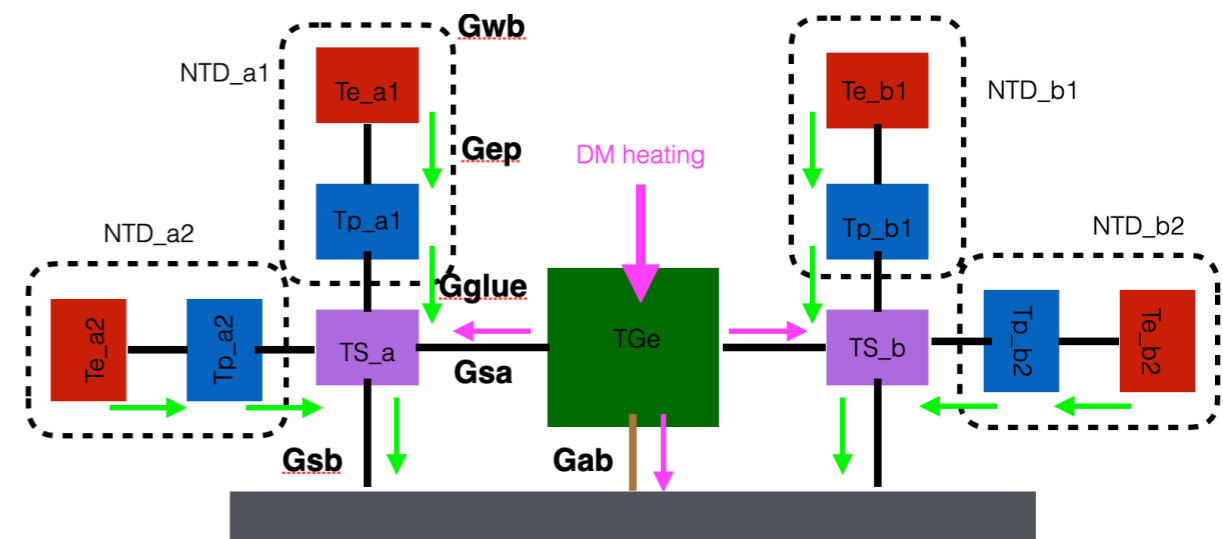
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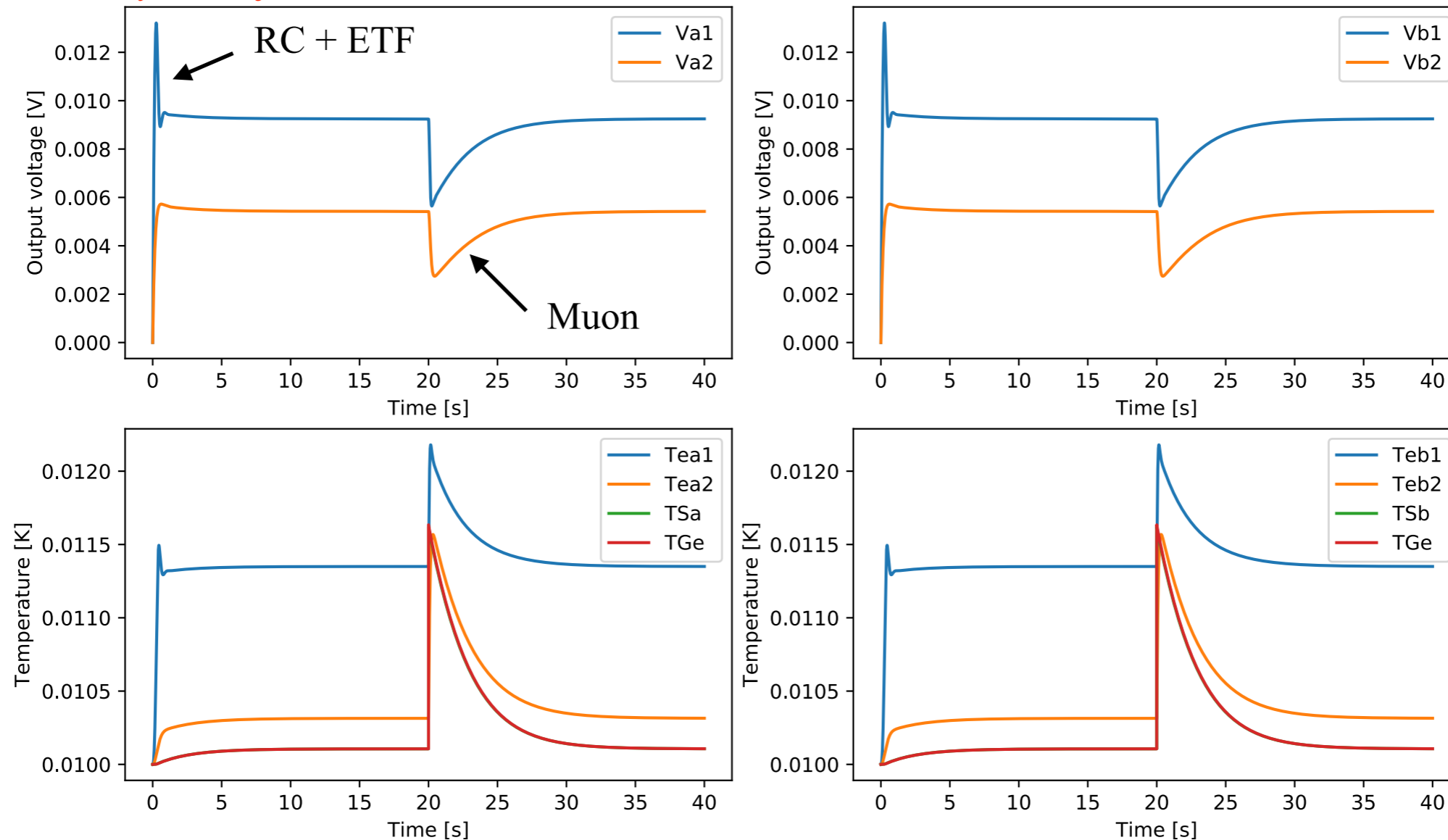


- Try to measure a DC power impinging on the crystal target
- Use of 2 sensing slabs with 2 NTDs each to
  - Measure precisely electrothermal responses and thermal conductivities
  - Reduce correlated noise
- Must allow for DM heating « ON » and « OFF » mode by simply breaking the wire bonds
- **Very very very difficult** measurement but this was a fun model to derive with potentially significant science reach



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Solving the 15 dimension ODE numerically to **derive the steady states**

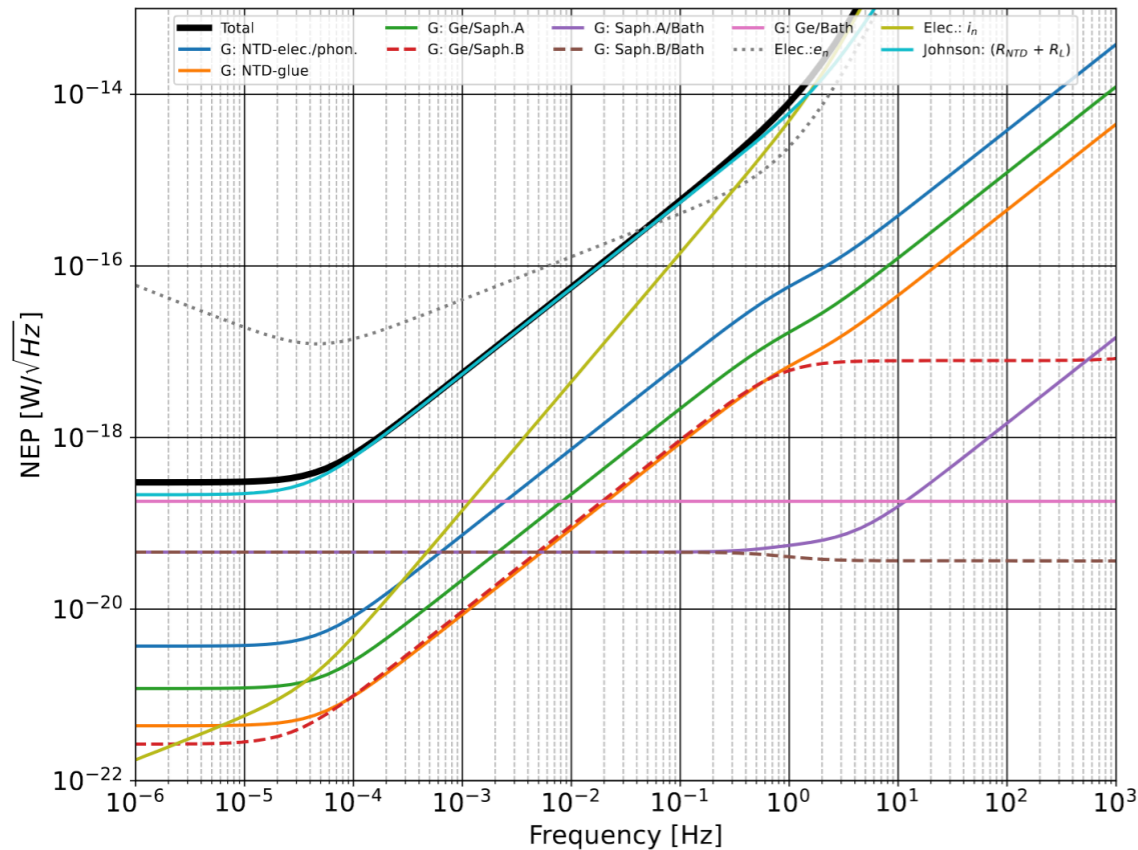
Also showing a 100 MeV energy deposition (muon going through) using:

Bath = 10 mK,  $V_{bias\_a1} = V_{bias\_b1} = 30$  mV and  $V_{bias\_a2} = V_{bias\_b2} = 10$  mV for illustration

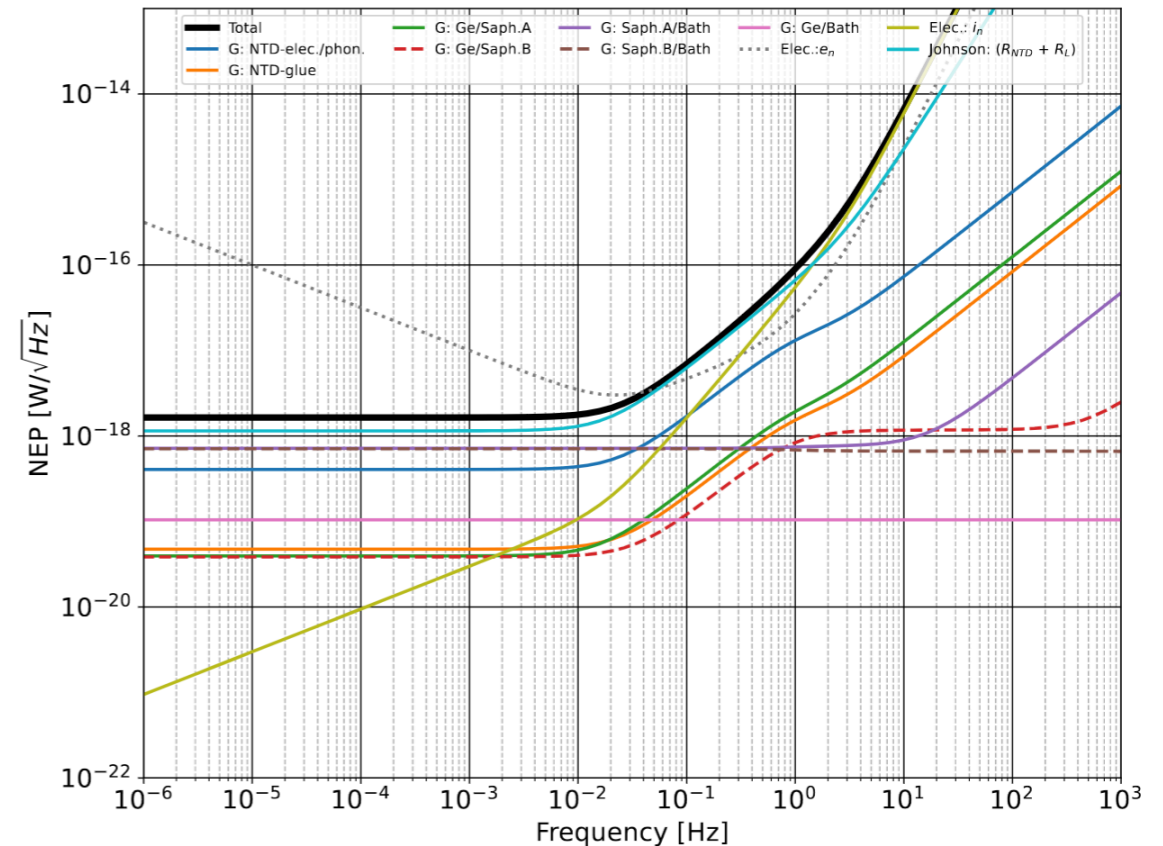
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Ideal 20kg - No background



1kg - EDWIII backgrounds



We consider two weeks of data taking leading to a DC power sensitivity (5-sigma):

-  **$2 \times 10^{-21}$  W** with an ideal 20 kg detector

*Limited by the absorber-bath TFN and Johnson noise*

-  **$1 \times 10^{-20}$  W** with a 1 kg detector with backgrounds  
( $1 \times 10^{-16}$  W/kg)

*Limited by the sapphire phonon-phonon coupling and the Johnson noise to accommodate from the event rate*

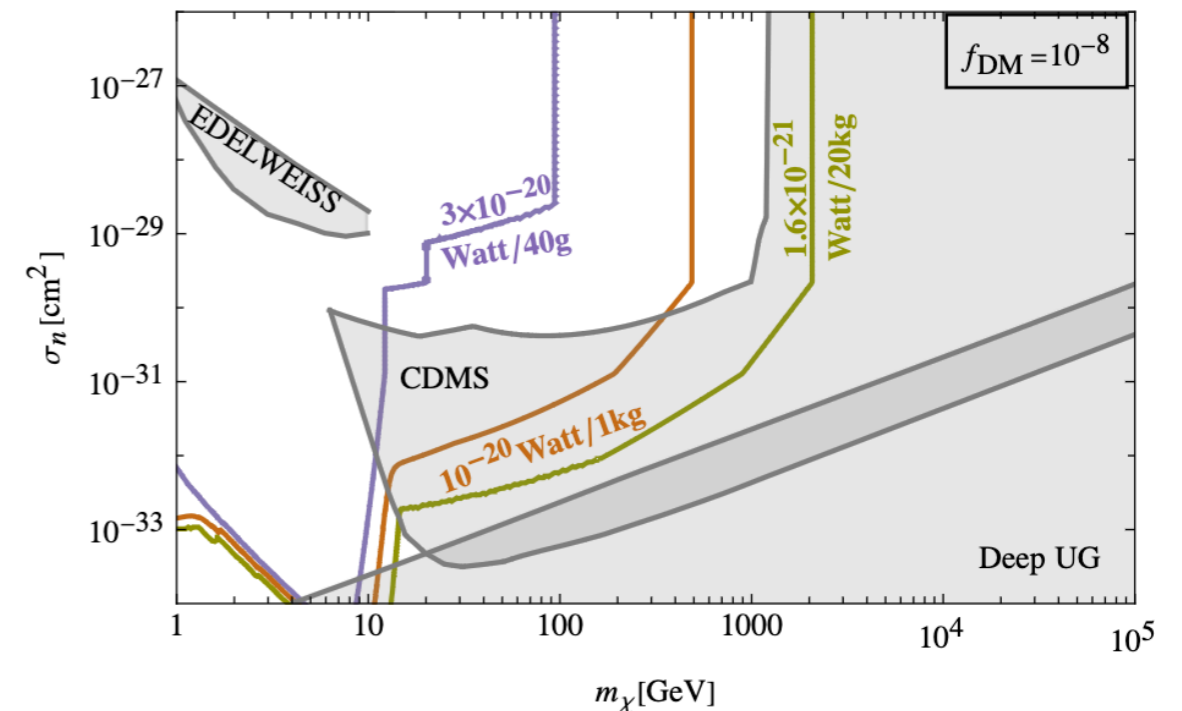
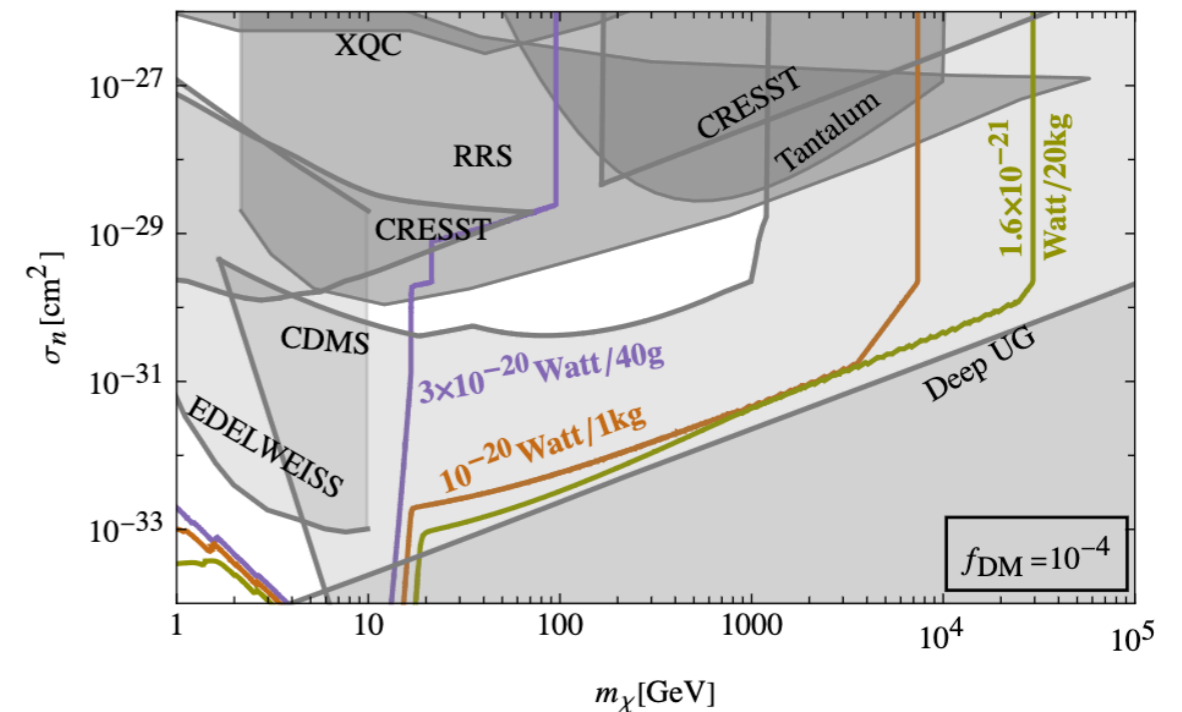
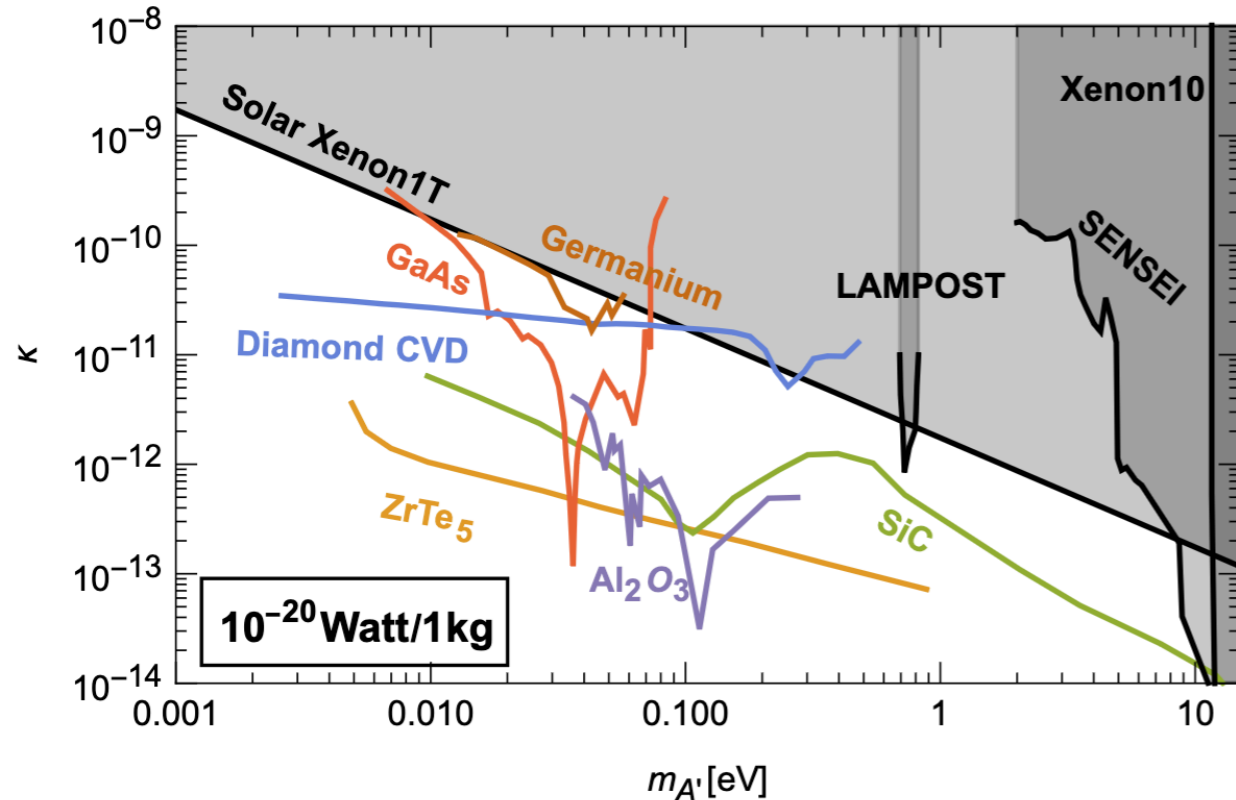
$$\sigma_{\text{DC}}^2 = \int_0^{\omega_0} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} |\text{NEP}(\omega)|^2 \quad [\text{W}^2]$$



$$\sigma_{\text{DC}} = \text{NEP}(\omega = 0) / \sqrt{t_0}.$$

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Building such a detector is very challenging as it requires precise knowledge of all the thermal conductivities of the system but it will come with significant science reach:

- Closing the gap on strongly interacting massive particle
- Extending the ALPs direct detection sensitivities to  $\sim$ meV masses

# CONCLUSION

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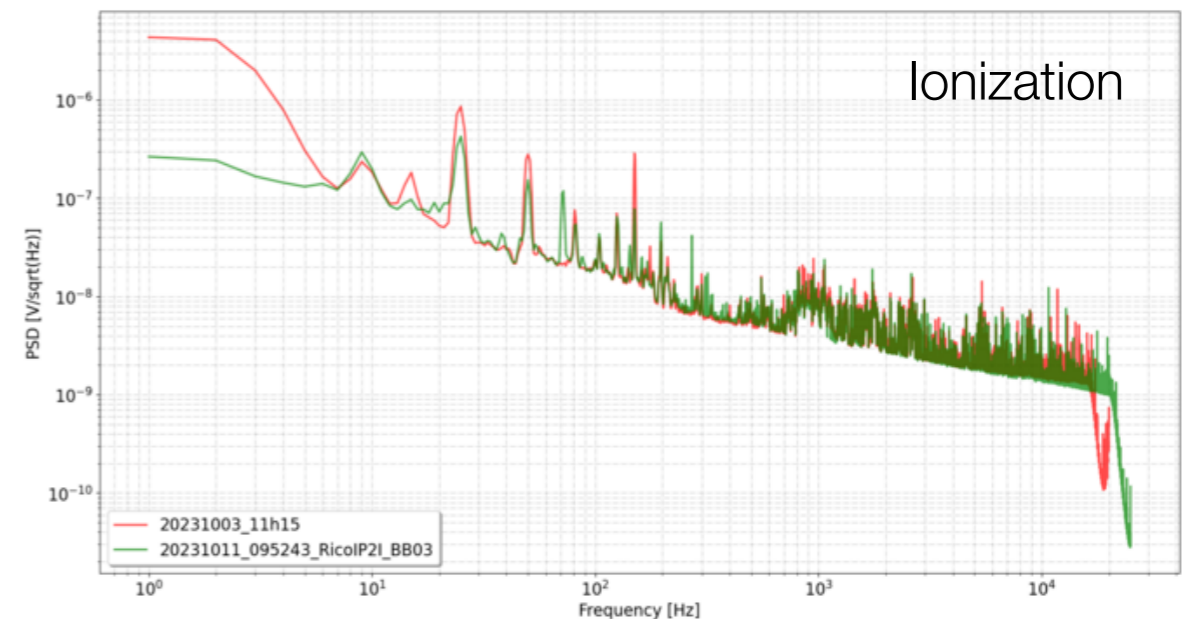
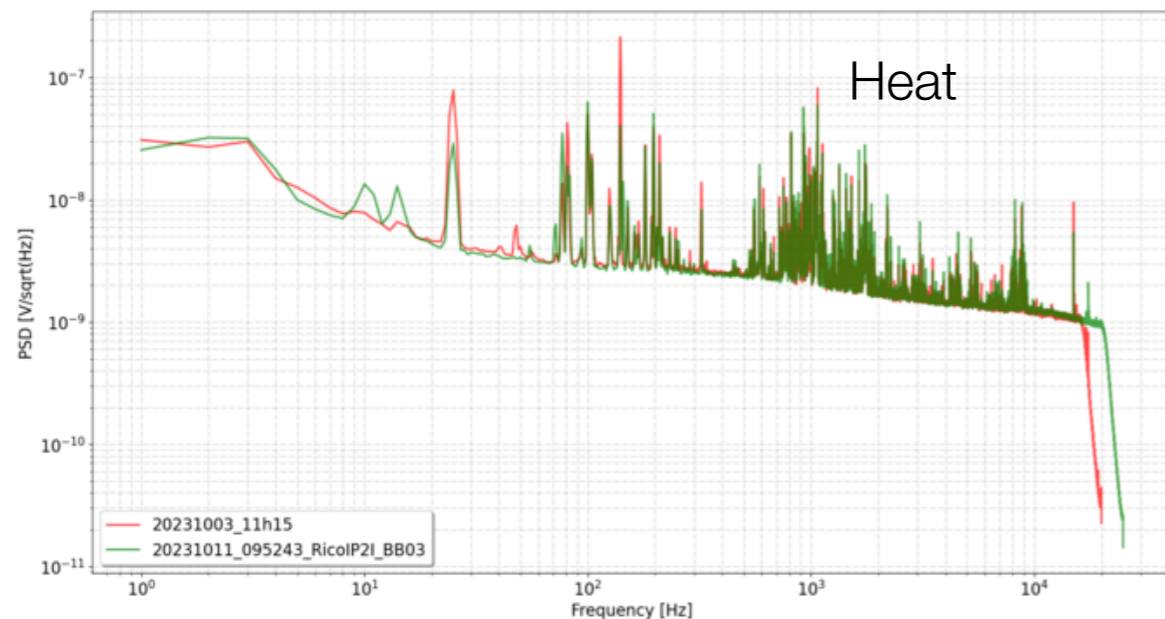
Thermal modelling is a very useful tool to:

- understand our detector behaviour
- Optimize the design of our detectors and experiments with solid a priori knowledge

But one should always consider these models only as proxy to better understand their detectors

Lastly, in real life noise is usually much less easy to model: vibration, E&M pick ups, ...

*N. Martini PhD thesis*



This is why data processing is key to fully optimise the output of a cryogenic detector...