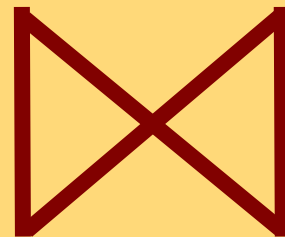
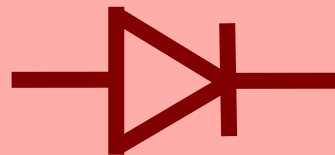


# Detecting & Training



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Do you remember how  
you **learned** to read?



# The Mechanics of a Germanium Detector

# What are Germanium Detectors?

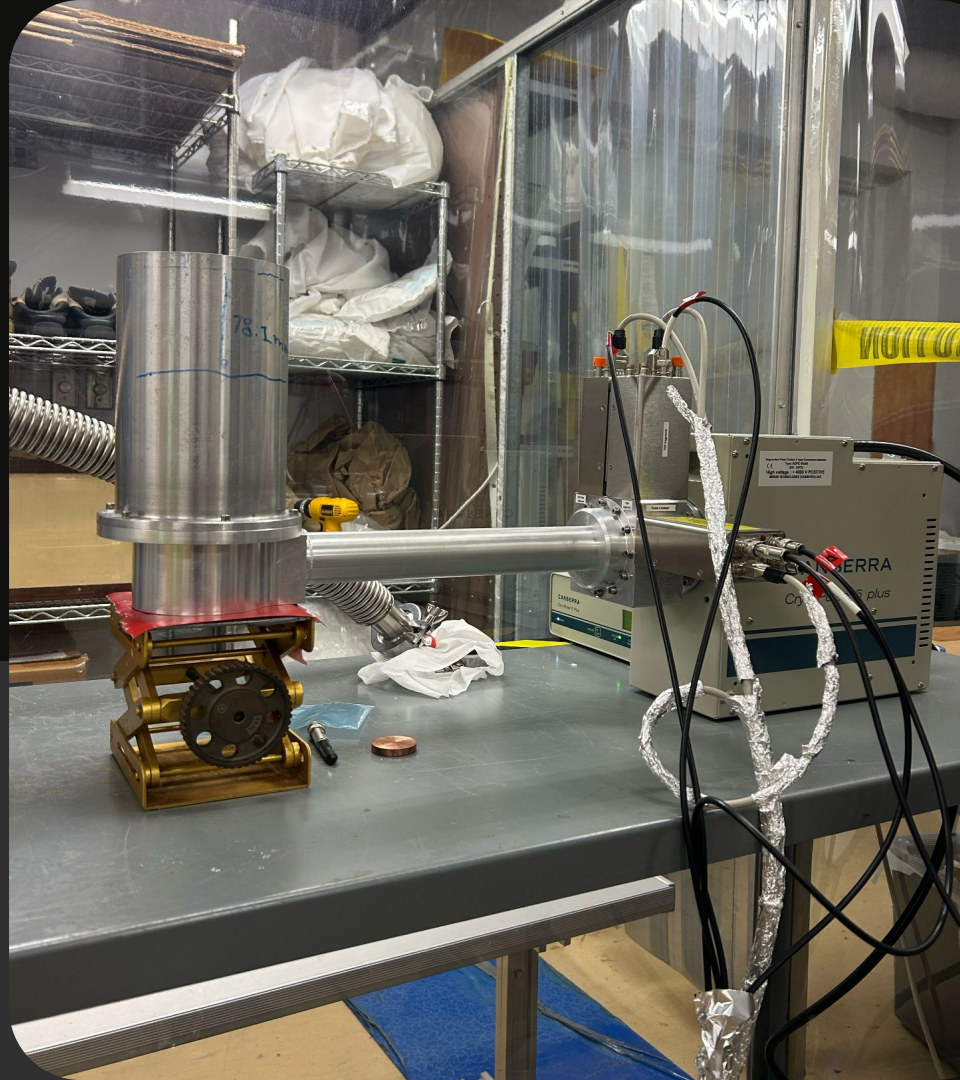
- Germanium Crystal contained in a cryostat
- Consists of two terminals
  - Causing current to flow in one direction
- Specialized semiconductor diodes with a p-i-n structure
  - Will explain a p-i-n structure next

## Key Parts

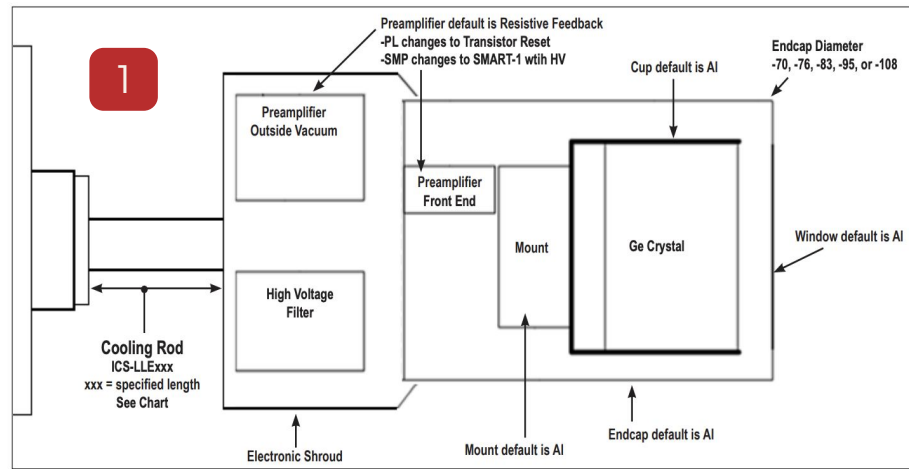
- Pumps
- Vacuum
- Voltage Filters
- Mount
- Cryostat

## Cryostat

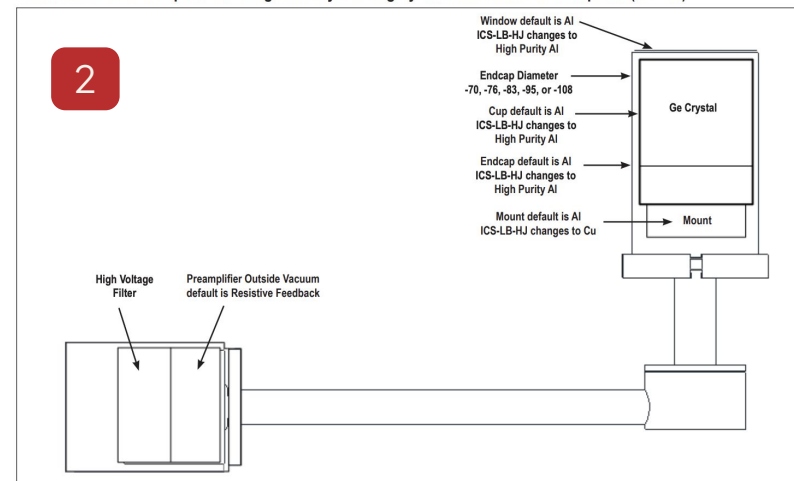
- Contains the Germanium Crystal
- Liquid Nitrogen has a temperature of 77 K (-196 C)



## Streamline Detector Capsule for Integrated Cryocooling System with External Preamplifier (ICS-E)



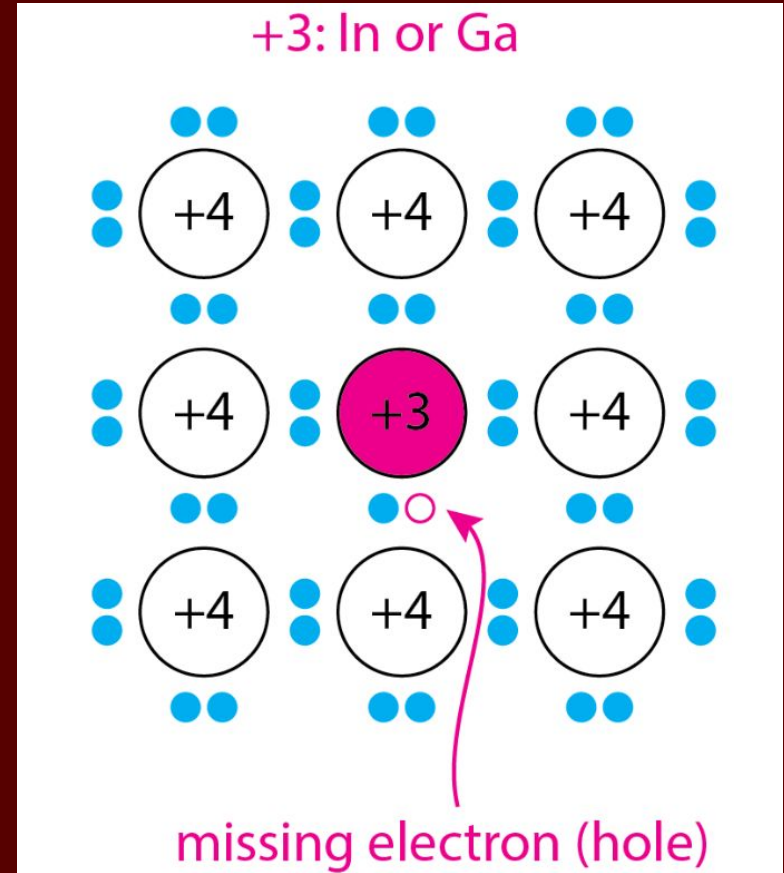
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# How Germanium Detectors Conduct Rare Event Searches

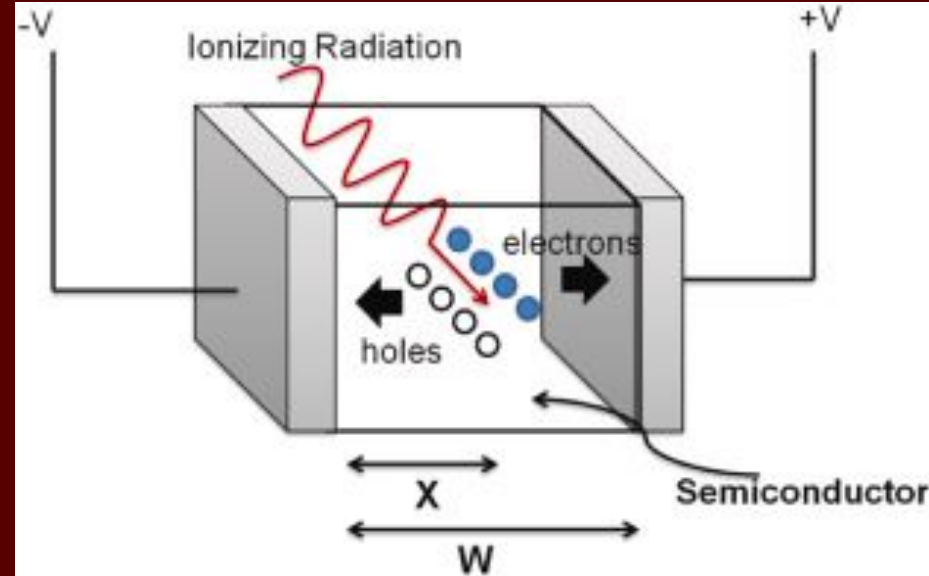
# P-type Layer

- Germanium with added impurities
  - Group 13 elements
- Ge "borrows" an electron creating a "hole"
- Increased electric conductivity



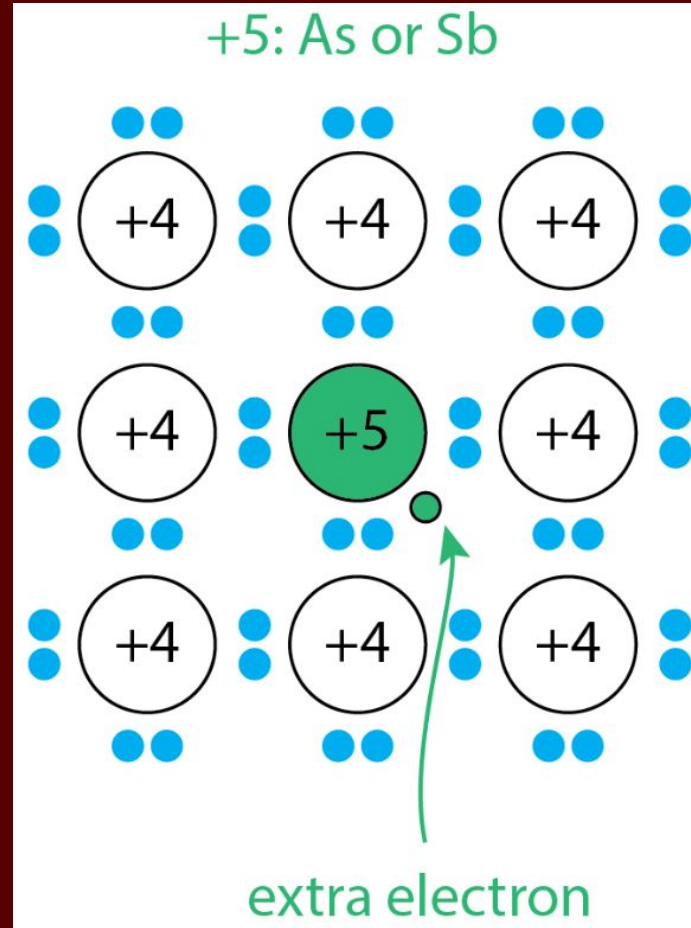
# Intrinsic Layer

- When radiation is deposited the electrons in the Germanium gain energy
- A small pulse of charge is generated by a rare event
- Electrons move to the n-type layer
- Holes drift to the p-type layer



# n-type Layer

- Germanium with added impurities
  - Group 15 elements
- Remaining electron that becomes a free electron
- Free electrons in the n-type layer forming a charge



# What is Noise

## Noise

- Unwanted electrical effects and signals
- Two main categories
- Microphonic noise for detectors without liquid nitrogen

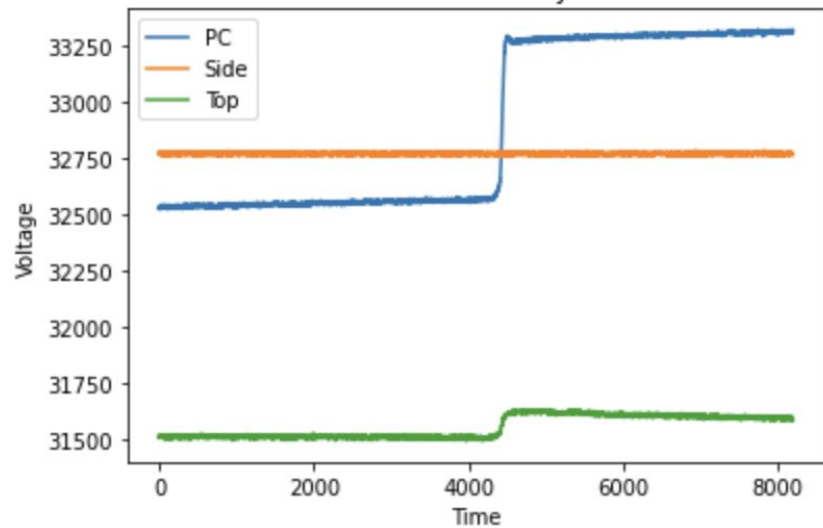
## Electronic Noise

- Formed by the generators associated electronics
- Preamplifier
- "Current noise"

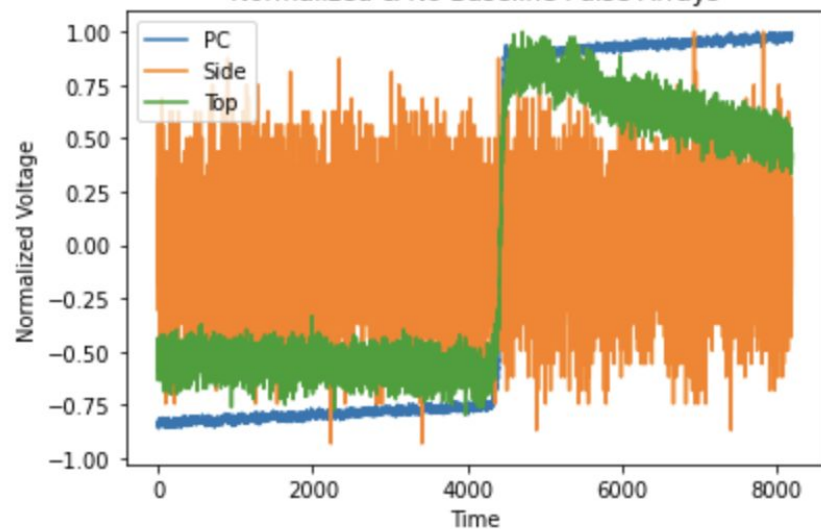
## Thermal Noise

- Thermal energy of the Germanium causes holes
- Need for liquid nitrogen cooling

Raw Pulse Arrays



Normalized & No Baseline Pulse Arrays



## What is Machine Learning

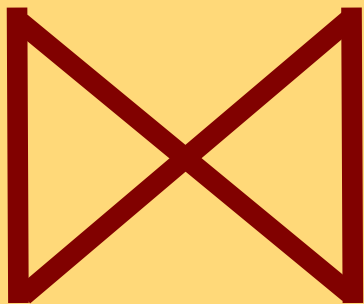
- Field of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Used to recognize complex patterns
- Complete tasks without explicit instructions
- Memorized words and rules
- Learned patterns of what words mean and how their meaning changed when placed with other words
- Understood sentences that you haven't been told the meaning of



# What I've Been Working On

## Machine Learning Model

- Bottleneck (hourglass) ml architecture
- Train data and Test data sets
- Fit the size of the data

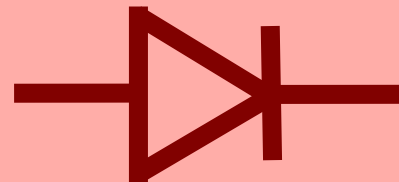


Bottleneck  
architecture

## Pulses for the Detector

- Simulates a pulse of voltage
- Saved array
- Create pulses of a certain size
  - Voltage, amplitude, period

Semiconductor  
Diode



# Going Forward

Set up  
Detector

Ensure the  
pulses are as  
desired

Pulses go  
through the  
Function  
Generator and  
oscilloscope

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through the  
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Data from the detector gets  
processed to go through the  
model

Data is sent through the trained  
model.

Results are analysed and  
graphed, the models evaluated.

Thank you!

