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Improving the Sensitivity of Photon and Athermal Phonon Sensors to Search for Dark Matter throughout the Mass Range from 50meV through 500MeV

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Substantial astronomical observations have established that approximately 25% of the universe's mass is dark matter. In this talk, we will discuss the experimental requirements when searching for dark matter throughout the mass range from 50meV- 500 MeV. We will also discuss recent RD breakthroughs in photon sensor and athermal phonon sensor technology that will enable experiments that are being proposed using silicon, polar crystals, superfluid He, and periodic photonic materials as the detector material.