

RES-NOVA: A revolutionary archaeological Pb observatory for astrophysical neutrino sources

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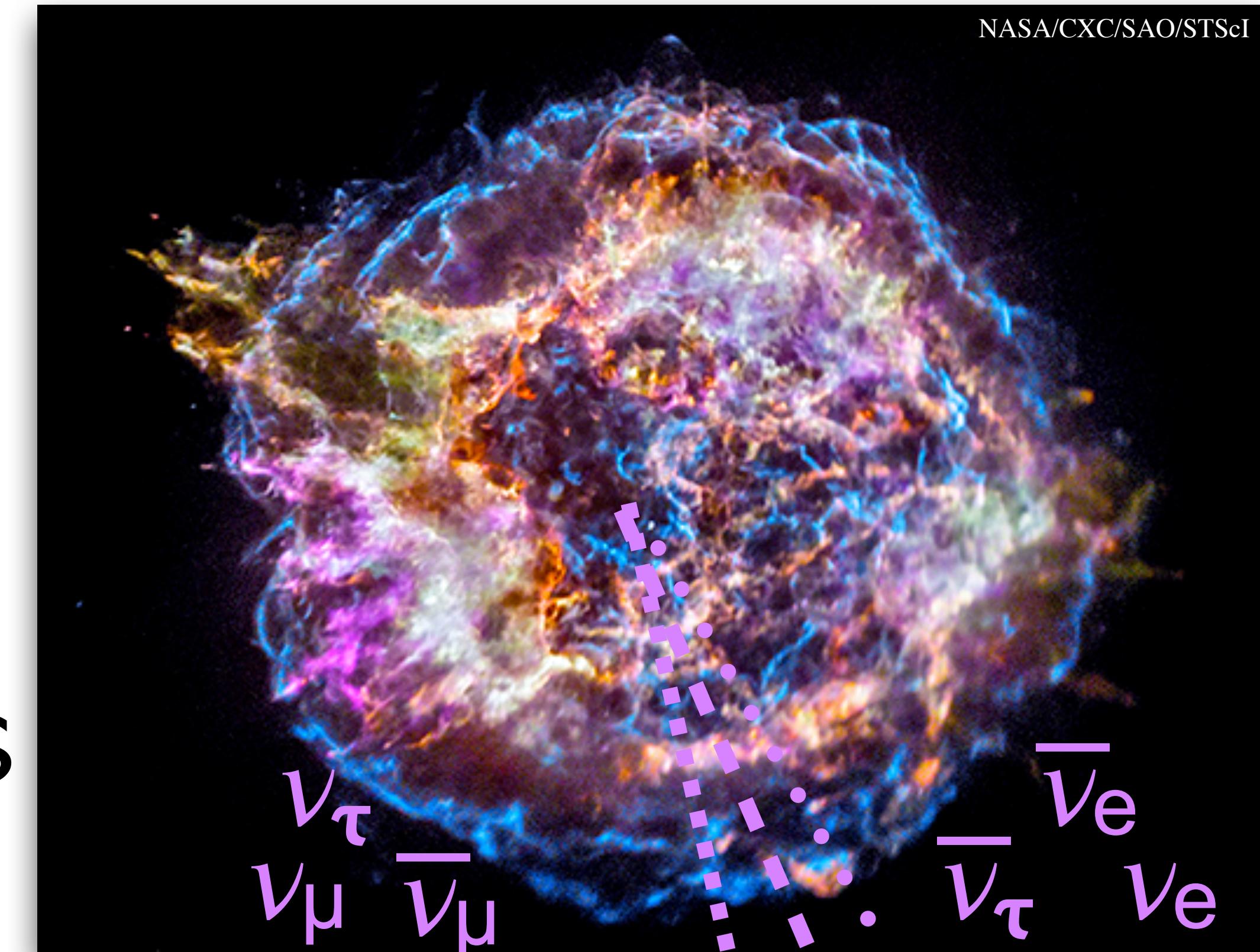
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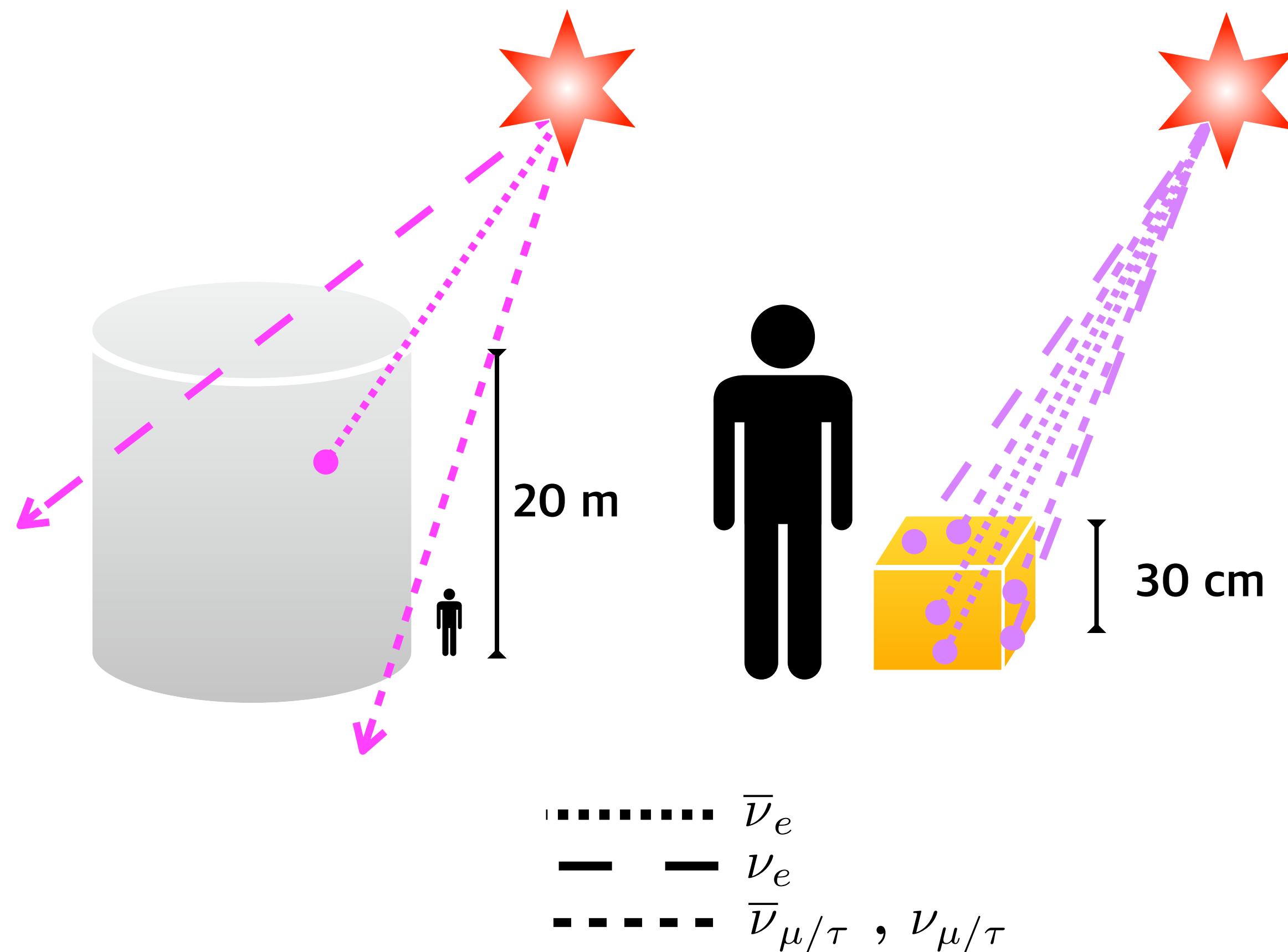
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RES-NOVA IN ONE SLIDE

Detecting SuperNova neutrinos

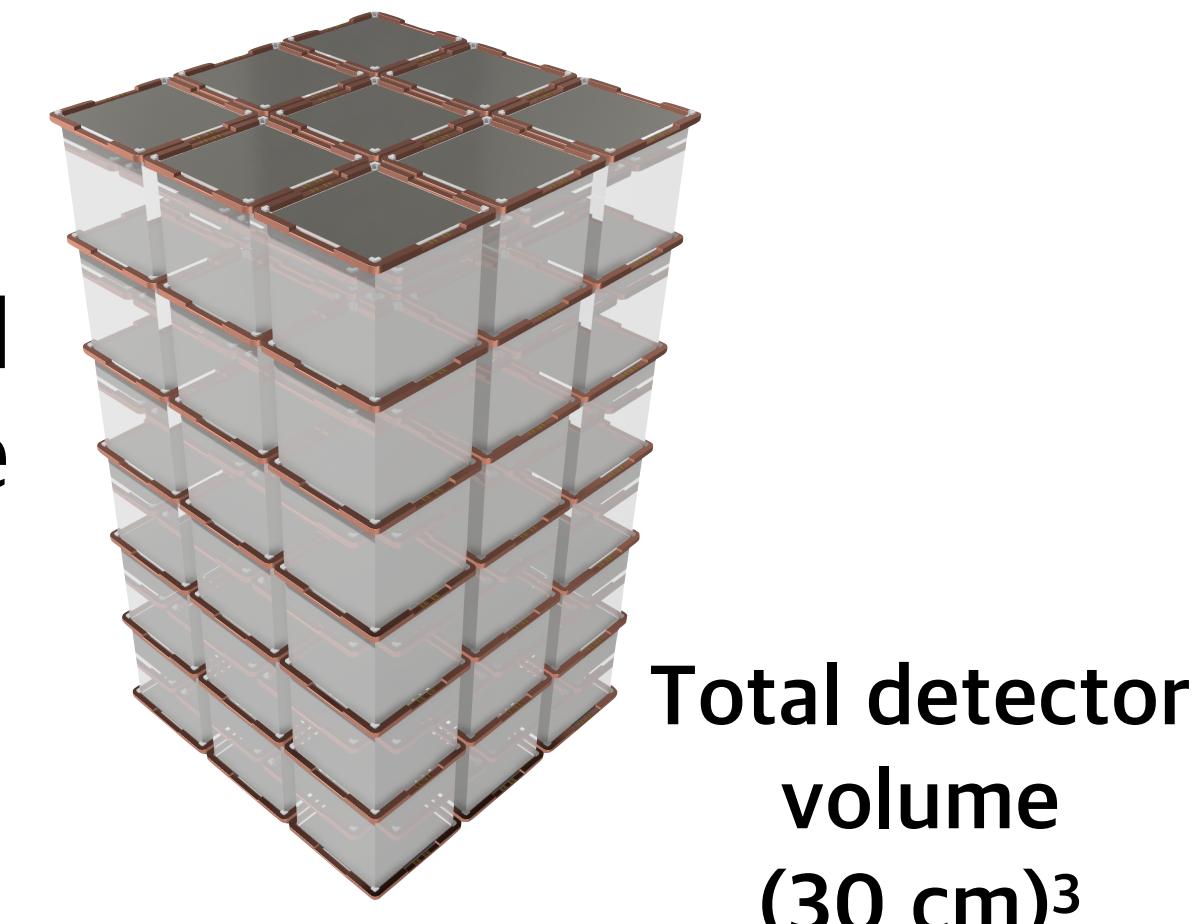
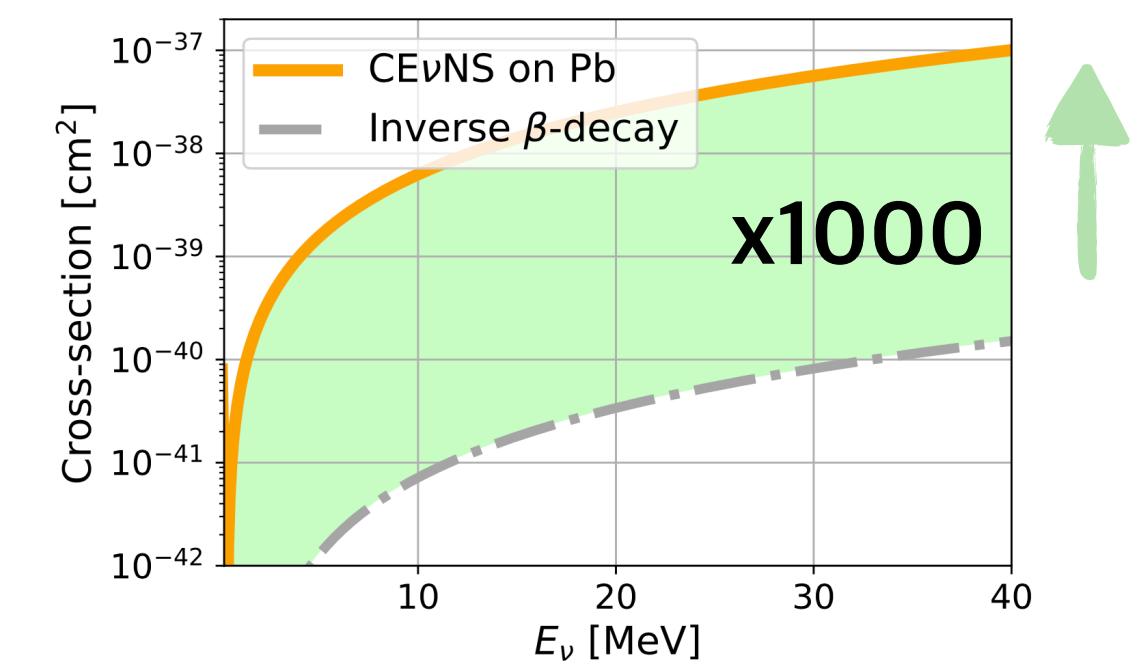
1 SN / 50 years



using an innovative technology for high-statistic and flavor independent studies

Coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering on Pb

Archaeo-Pb-based neutrino telescope



Survey 90% of SN in Milky Way

SUPERNOVAE: COSMIC FIREWORKS

SETTING THE STAGE

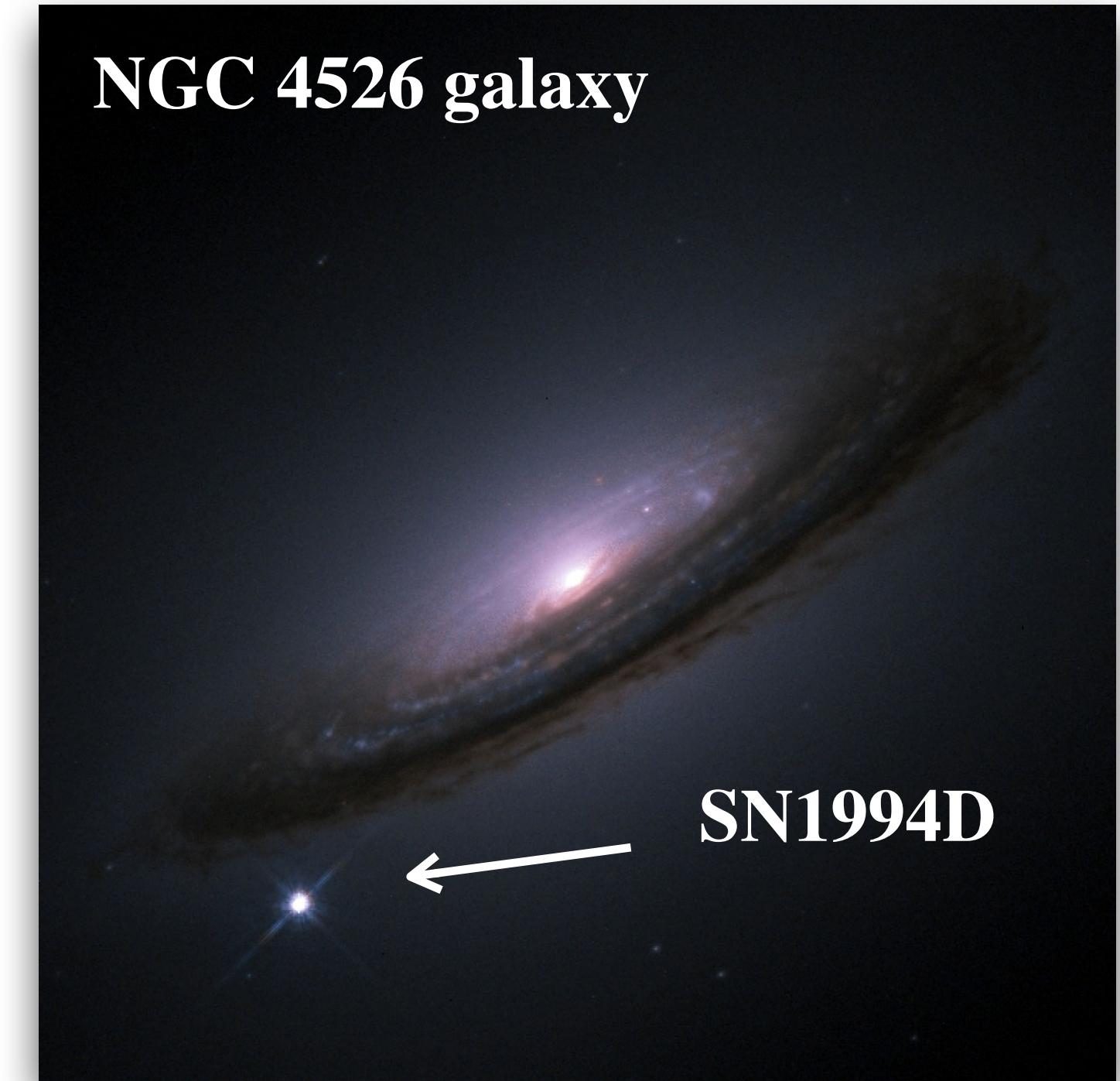
Supernovae (SN): high-energy **explosions of massive stars**

Almost total star binding energy converted into **all flavor-neutrinos**
but also **GW** and **EM** radiation

Neutrinos: direct **probes** and **messengers** of SNe hidden dynamics

Rare event: 1 observation with underground instrumentation (1987)

NGC 4526 galaxy

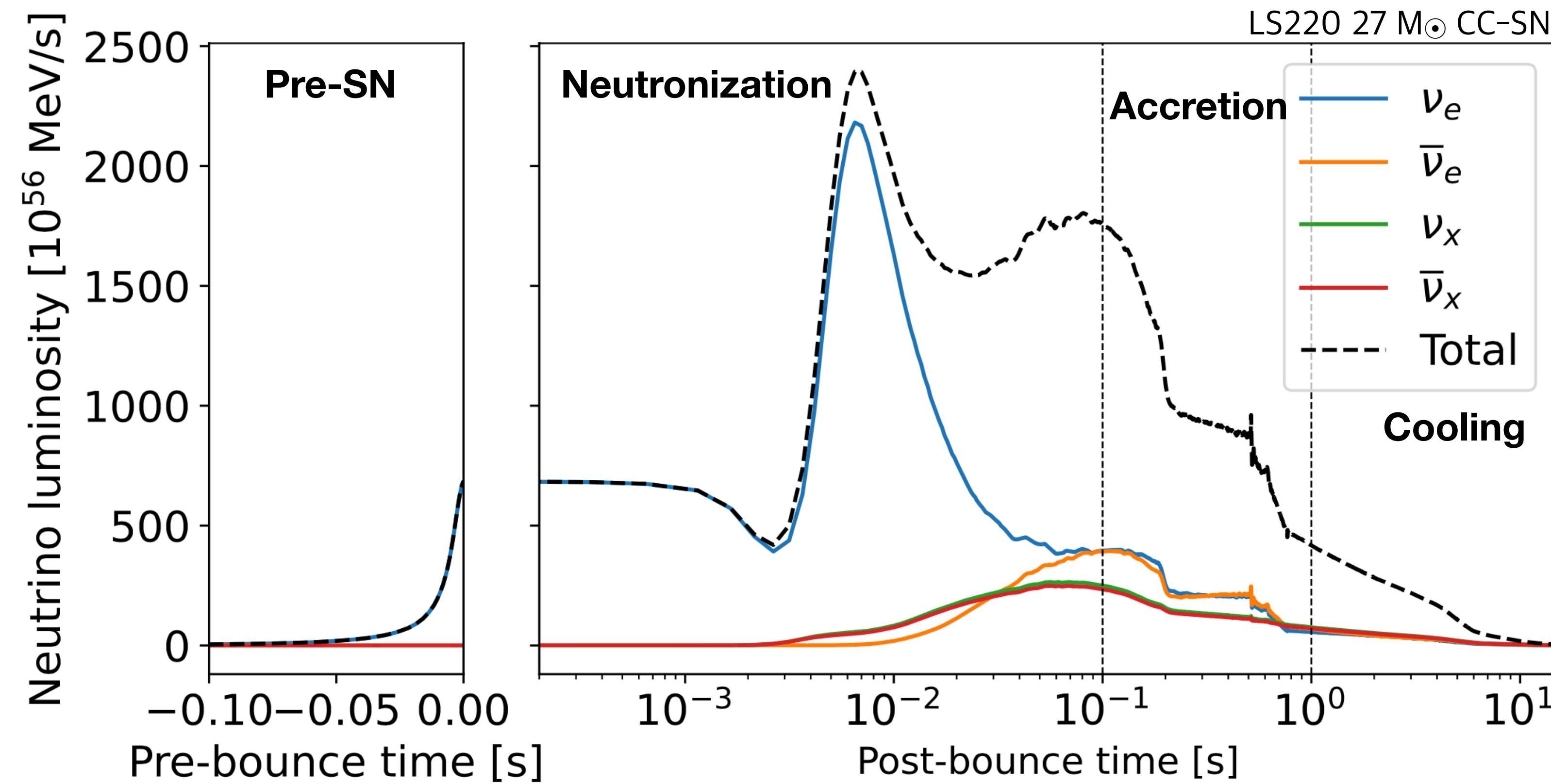


Credit: NASA/ESA, The Hubble Key Project Team and
The High-Z Supernova Search Team

NEUTRINOS ARE EMITTED AT ALL TIMES

UNIQUE NEUTRINO SIGNATURE

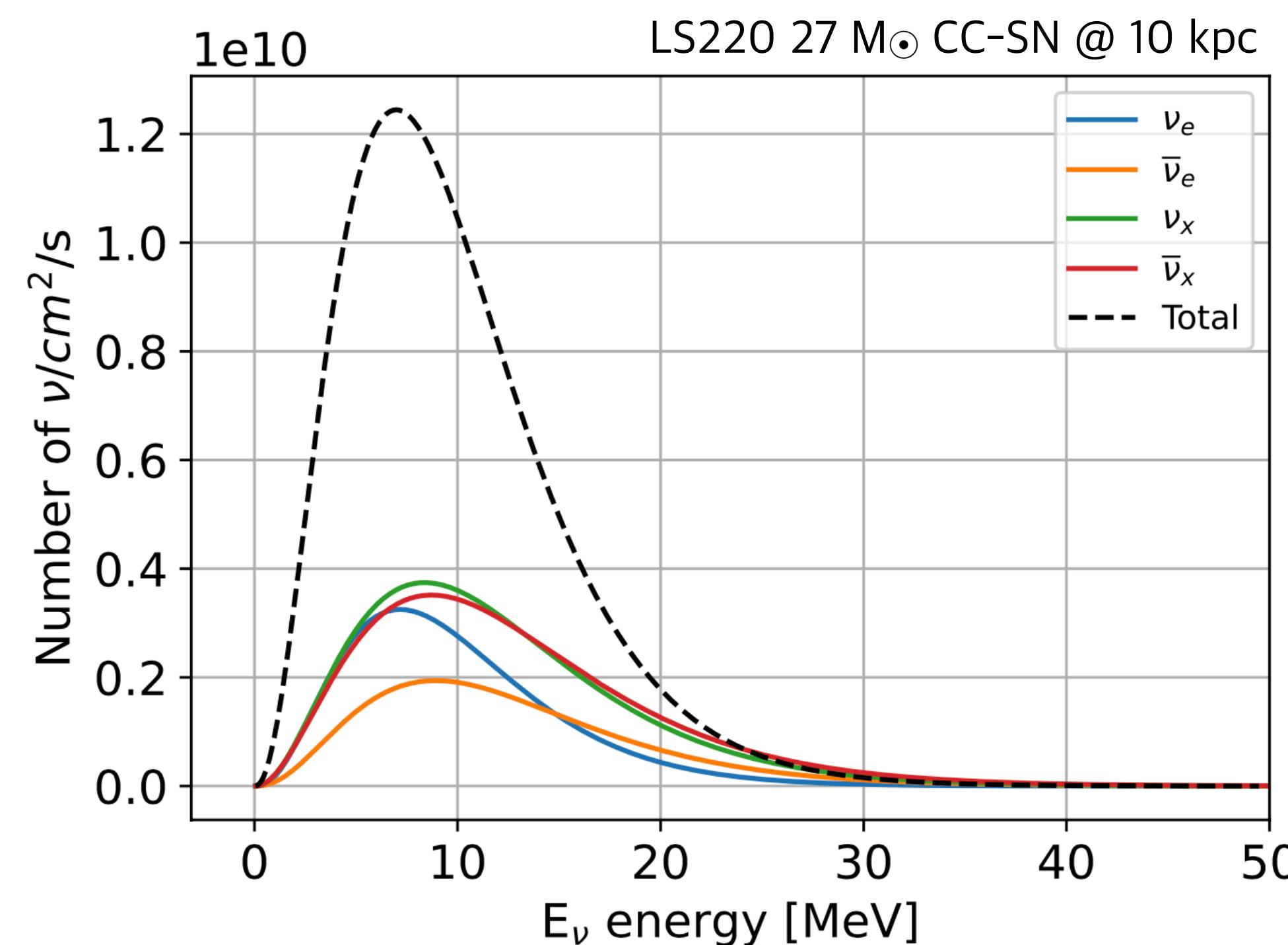
Neutrino transport simulation of a Core-Collapse SN



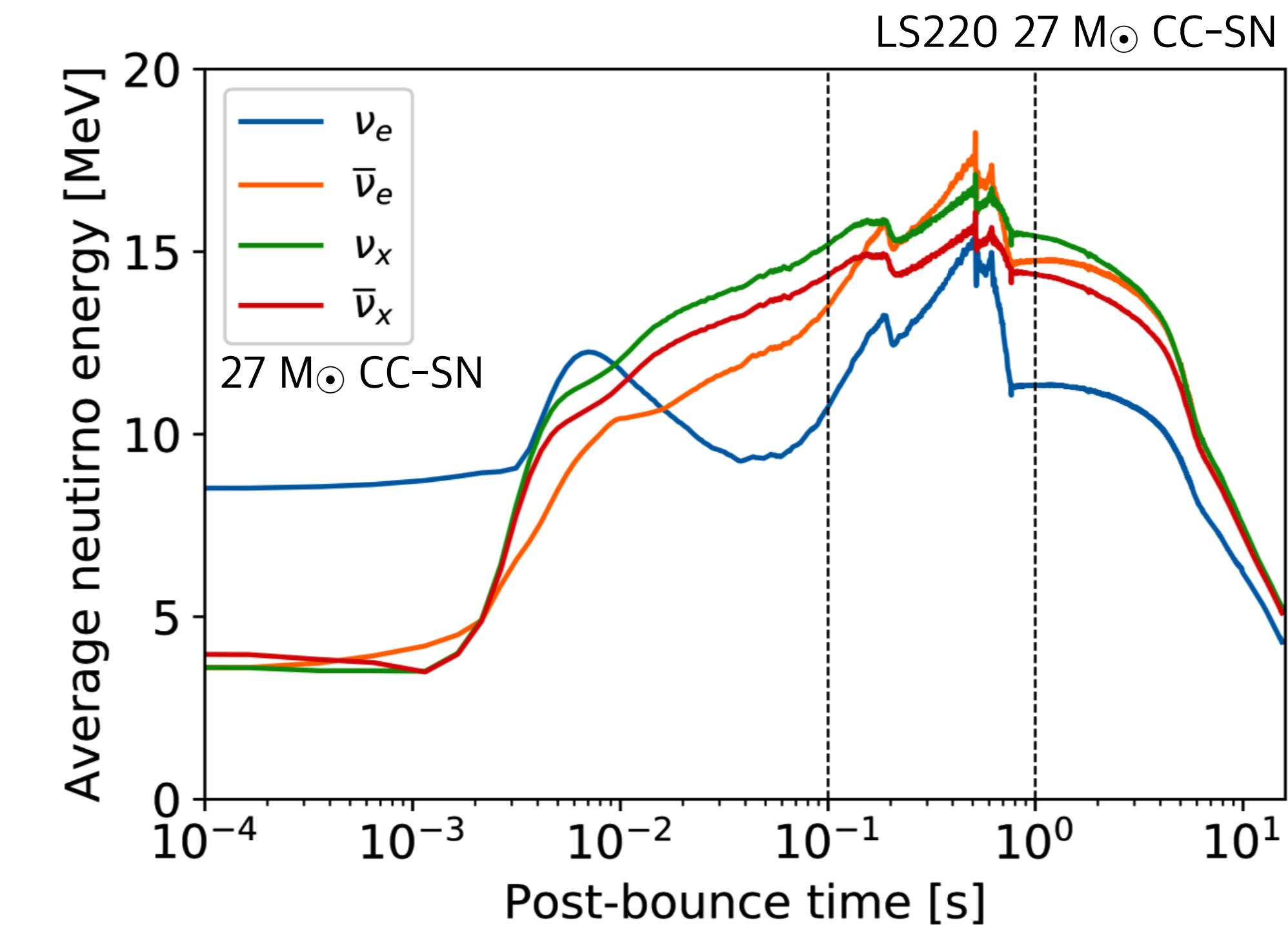
Nota Bene: neutrino flavor oscillations not included

SUPERNOVA NEUTRINO SIGNAL

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE NEUTRINO ENERGY?



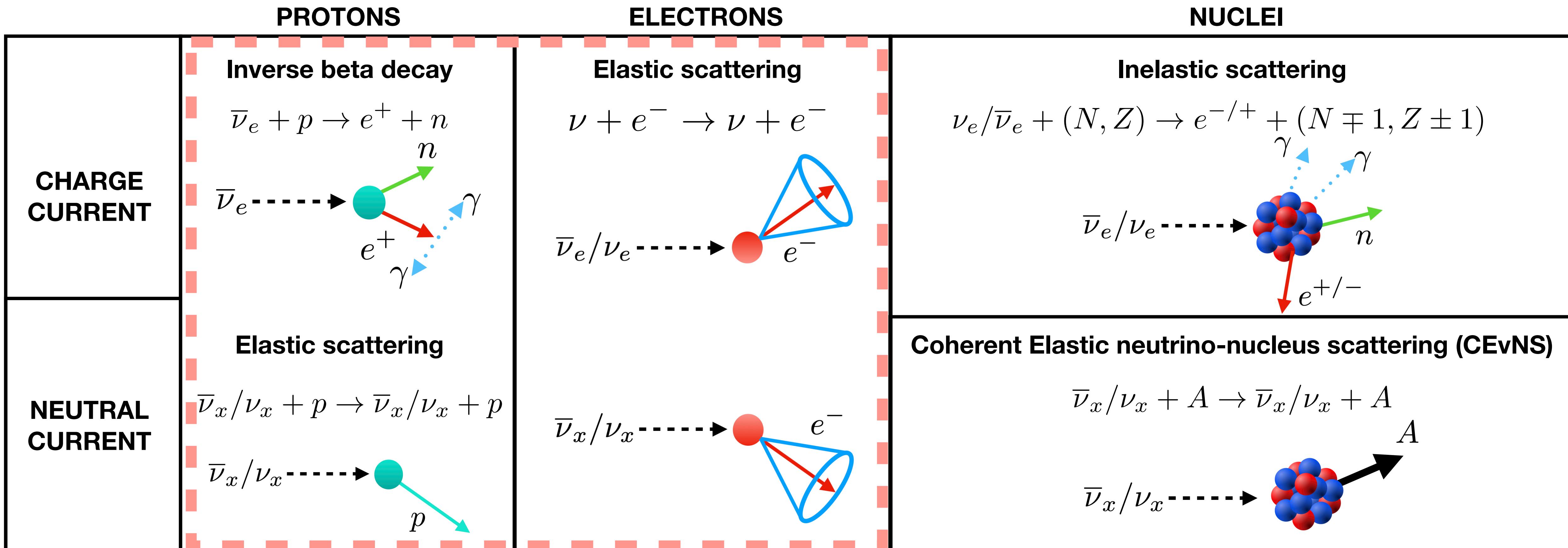
ν_x is the most **intense** component of the flux



ν_x is the most **energetic** component of the flux

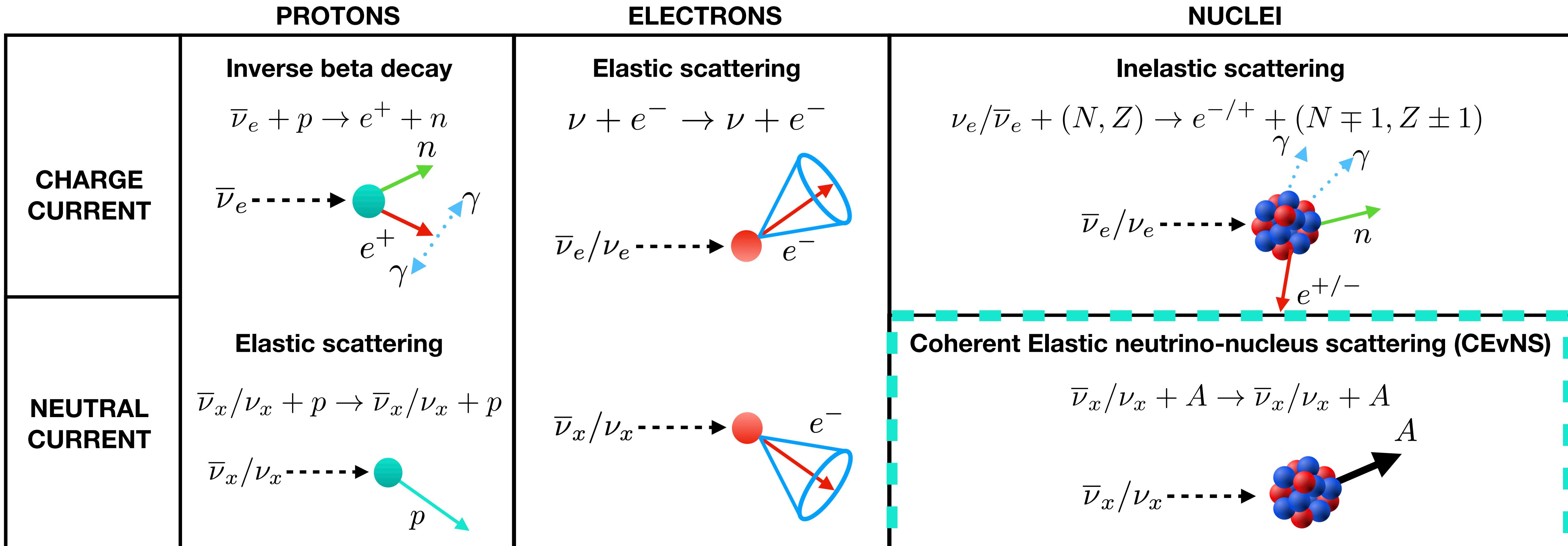
Current SN neutrino detectors are mostly sensitive to anti- ν_e/ν_e

HOW DO WE DETECT SN NEUTRINOS NOWADAYS?



From 1987 to nowadays

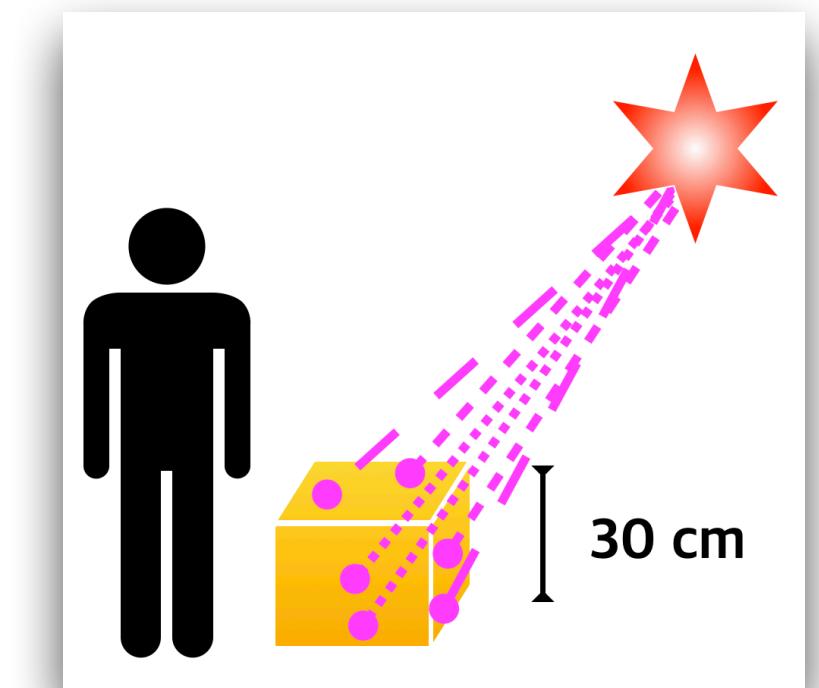
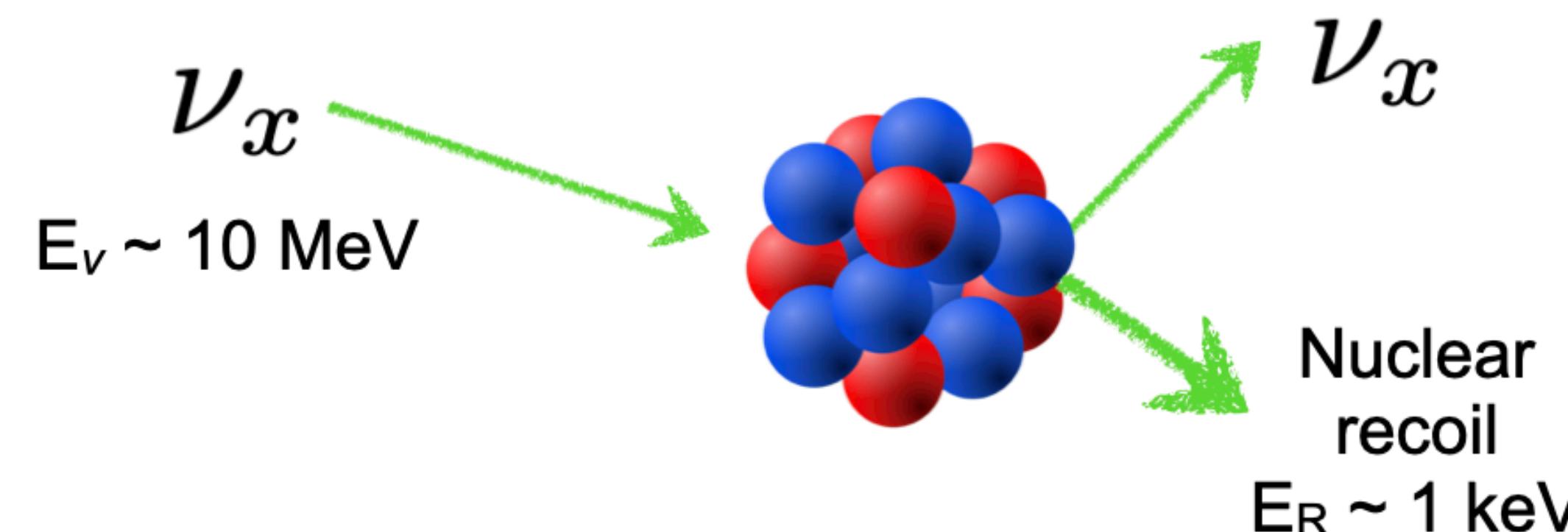
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Since 2017

ALL NEUTRINO FLAVORS ARE DETECTED

COHERENT NEUTRINO-NUCLEUS SCATTERING



- > Equally sensitive to all ν -flavors
- > High interaction cross-section

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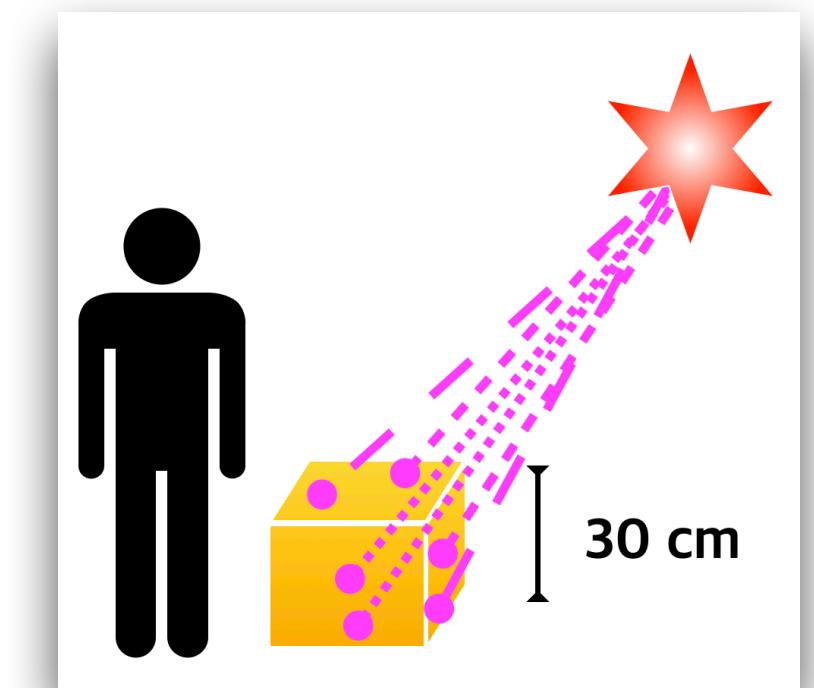
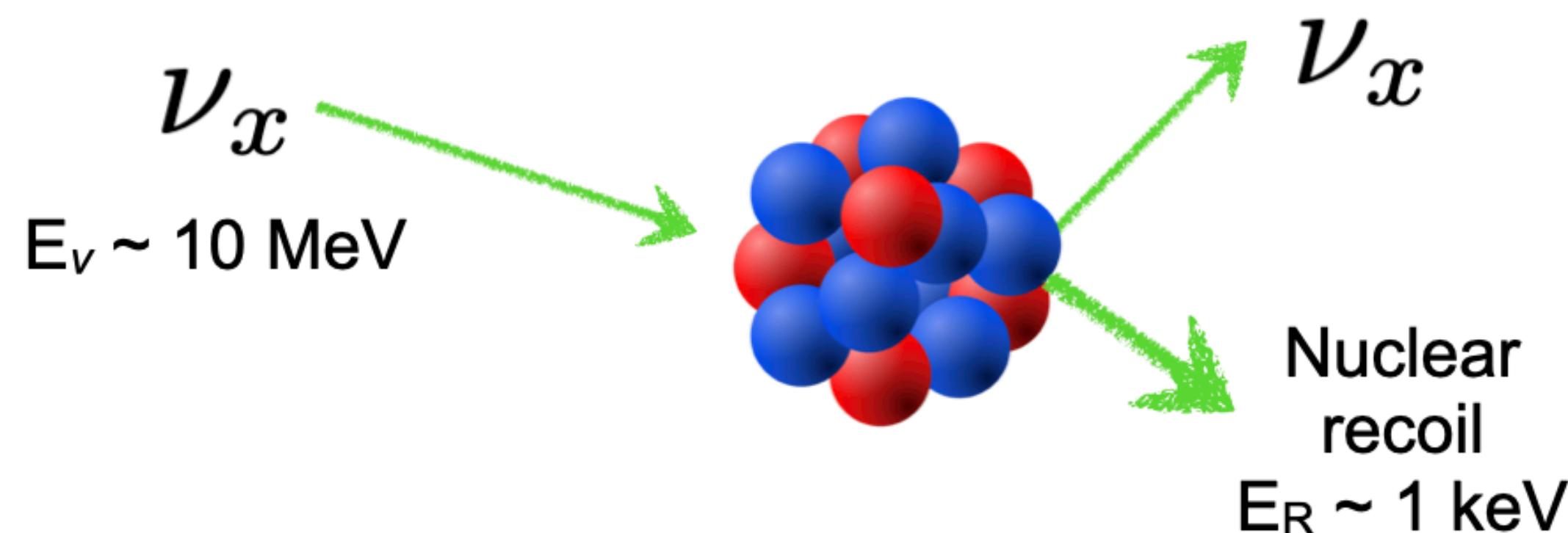
Weak nuclear charge

Diagram illustrating the components of the coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering cross-section:

- cross-section (σ)
- Nuclear Form factor ($F^2(q^2)$)
- Neutrino energy (E_ν^2)
- Weak nuclear charge (Q_W^2)

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cross-section Nuclear Form factor Neutrino energy

$\sim 5\%$

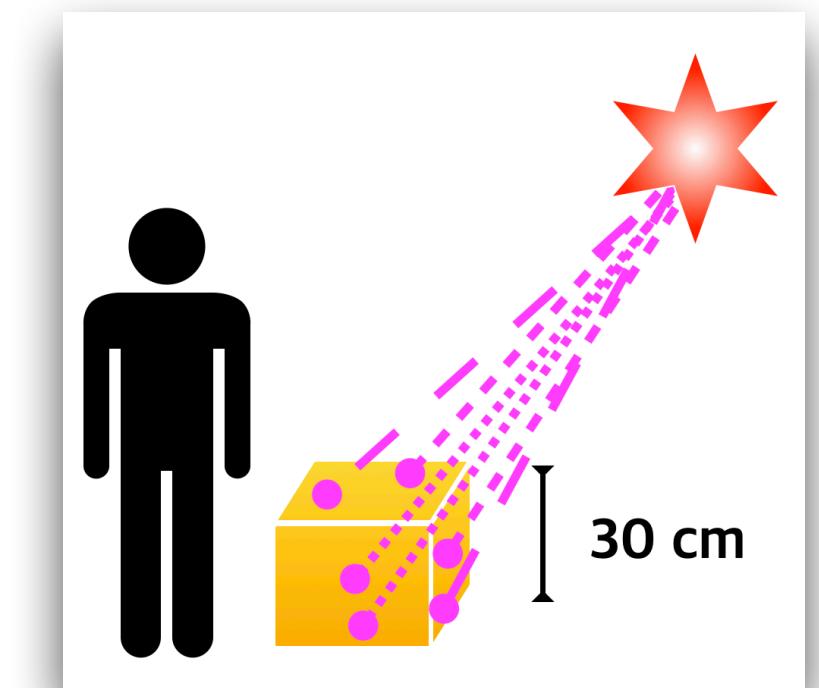
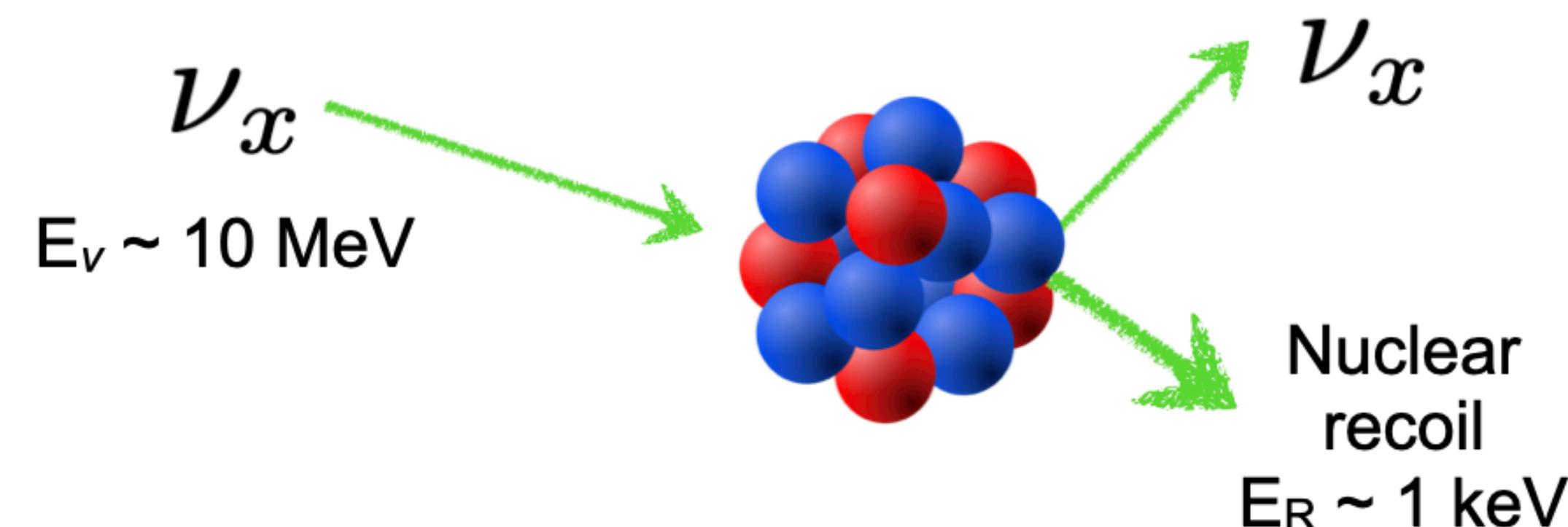
$$Q_W = N - Z(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W)$$

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* Spin 0 interaction

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cross-section

Neutron number

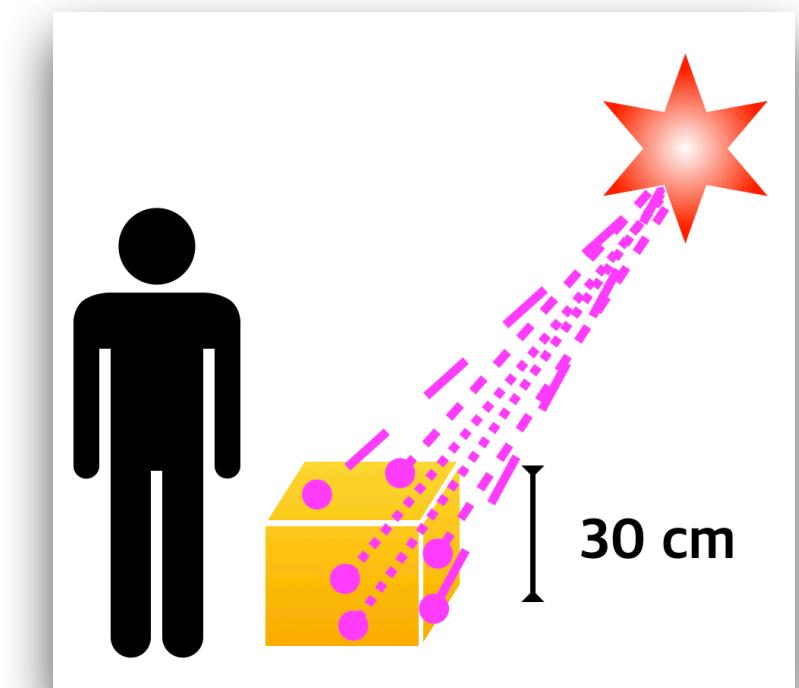
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Pb ideal target

Highest neutron number
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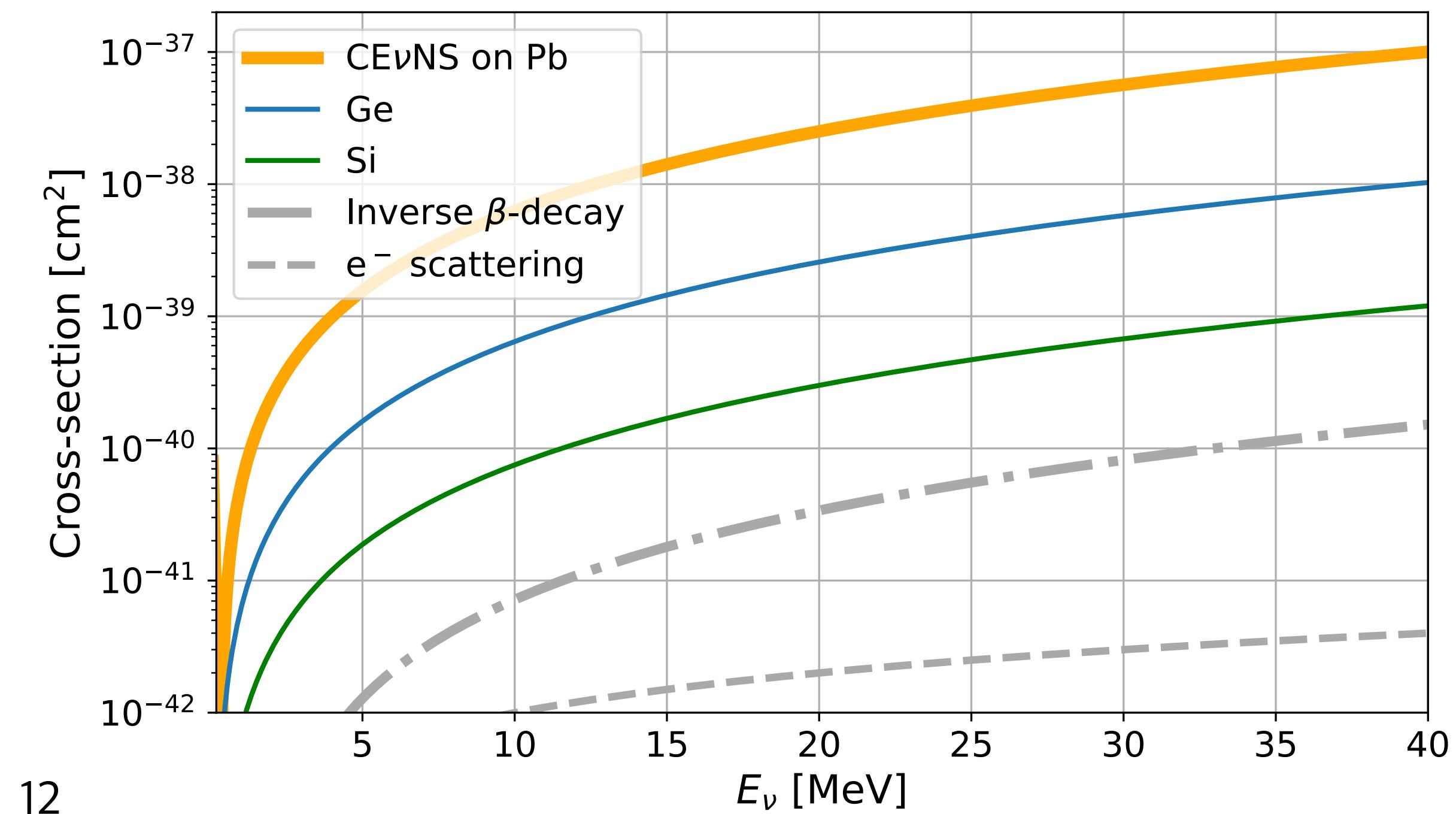
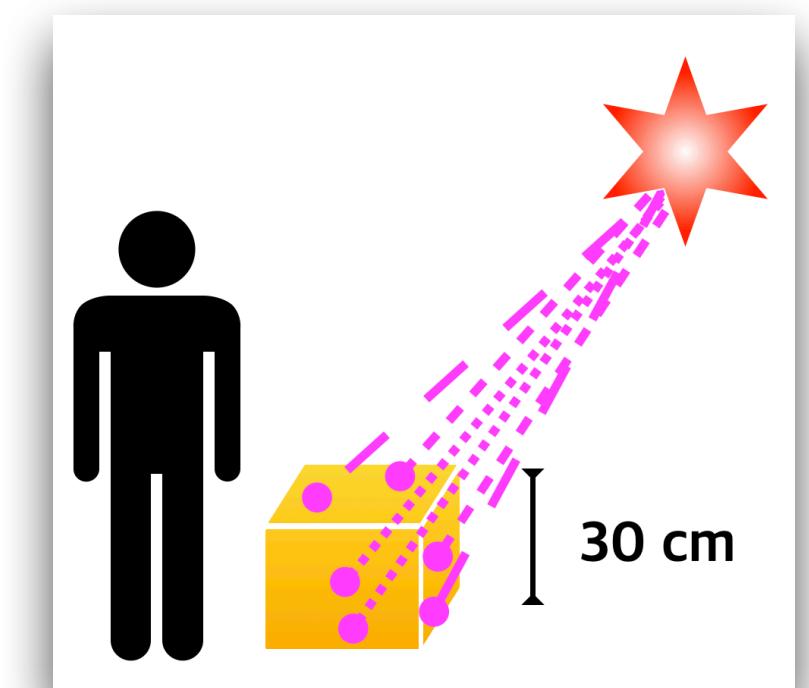
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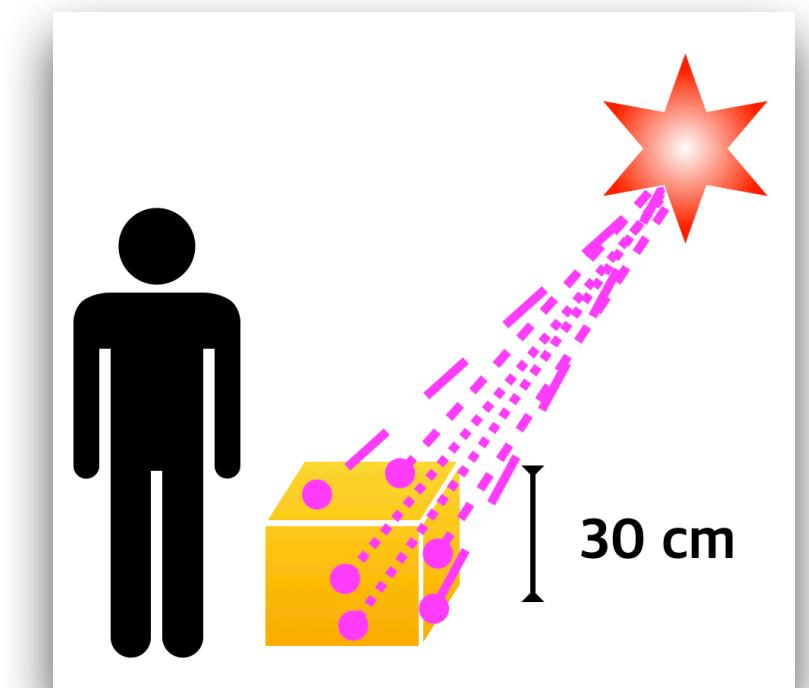
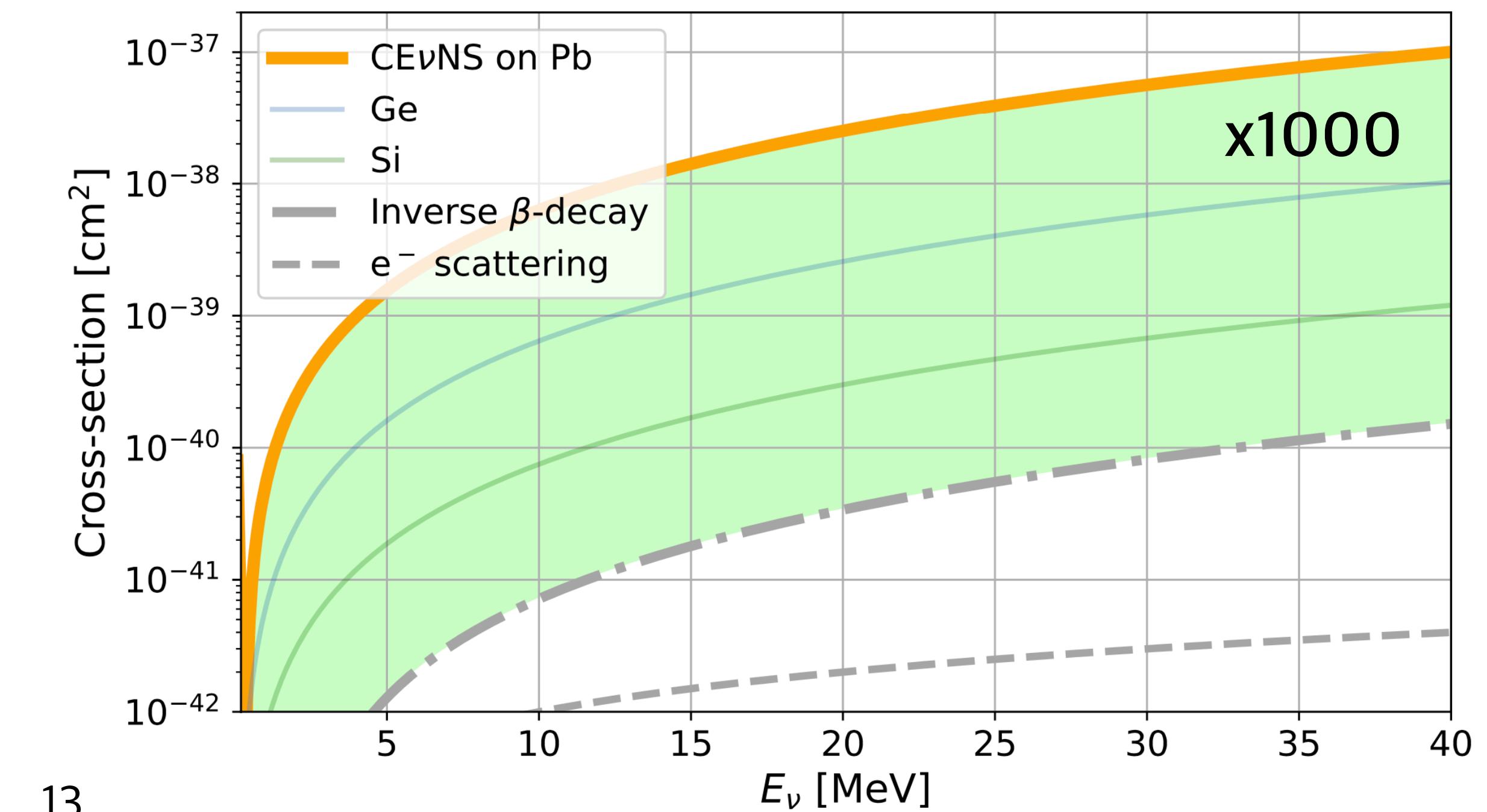
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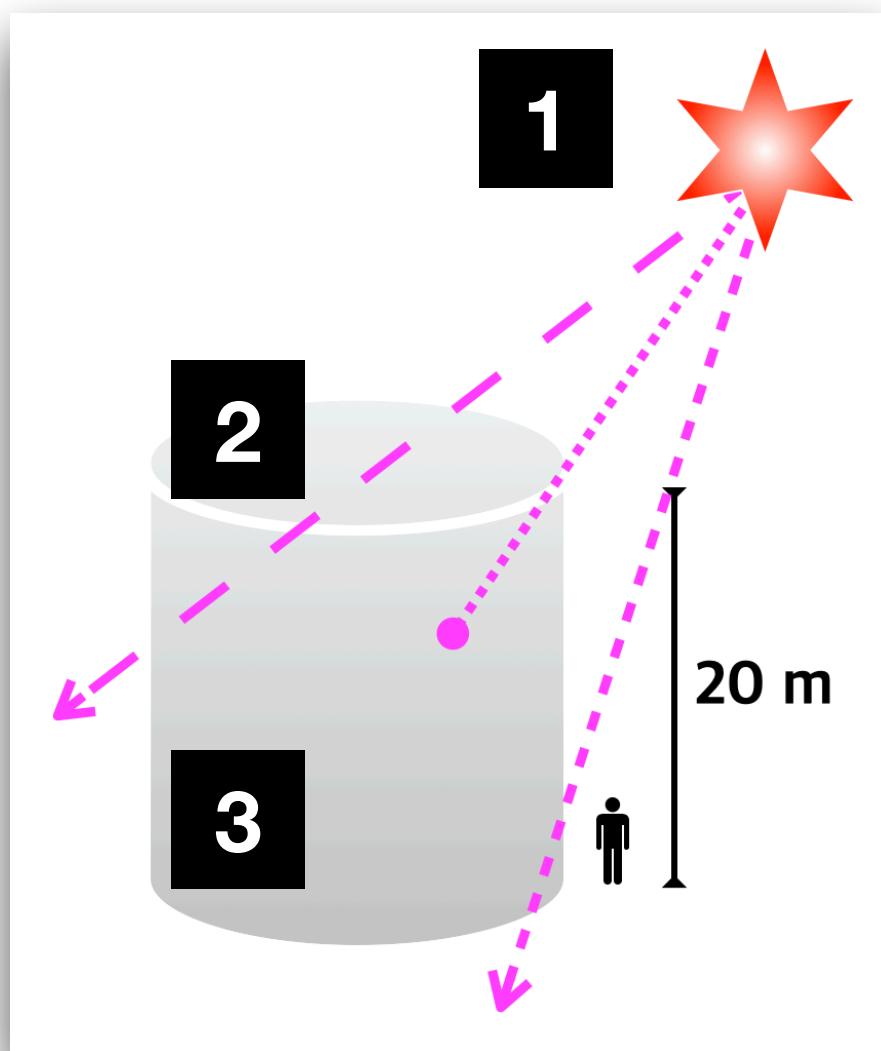
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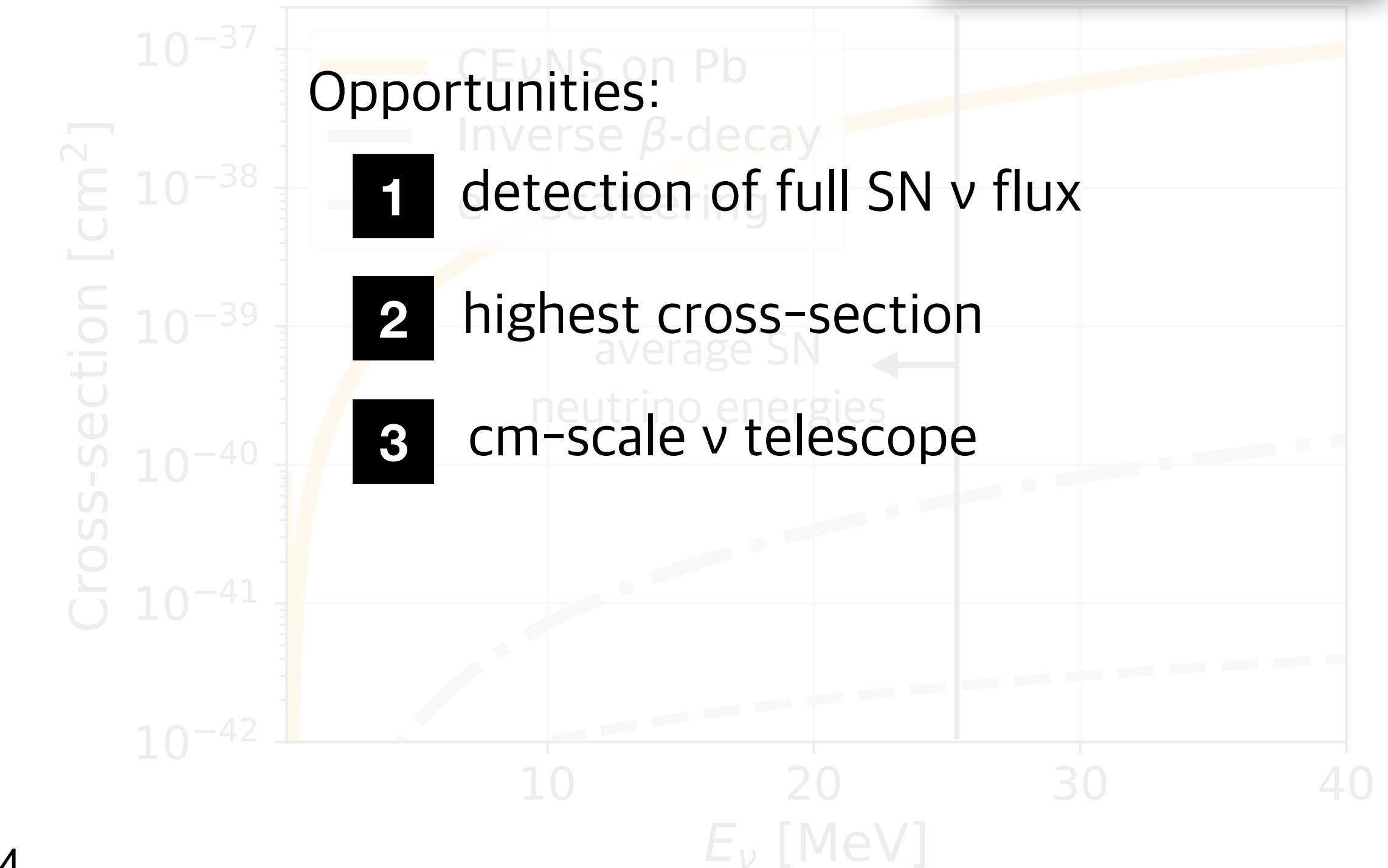
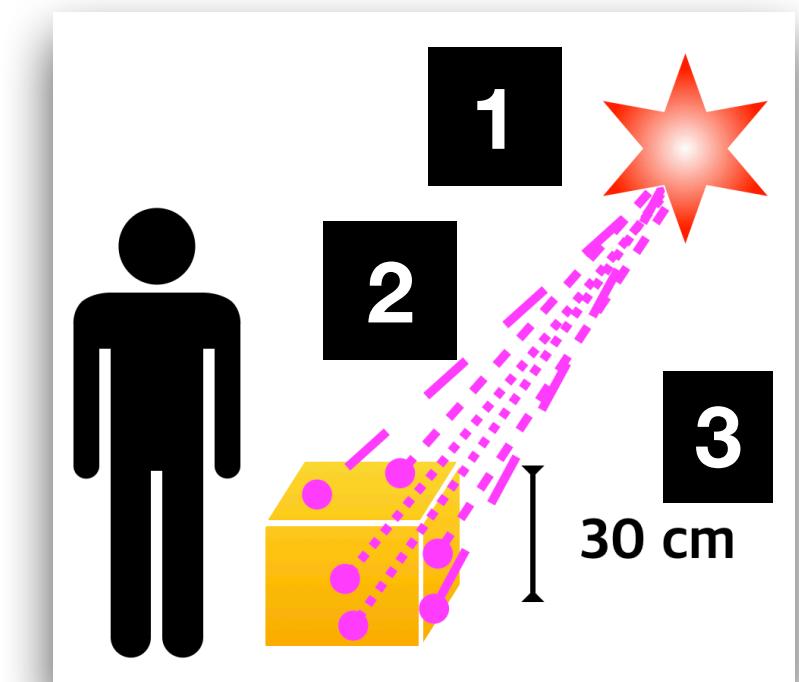
Status quo:

- 1** detection of $\sim 1/6$ SN flux
- 2** small cross-section
- 3** large volume detectors

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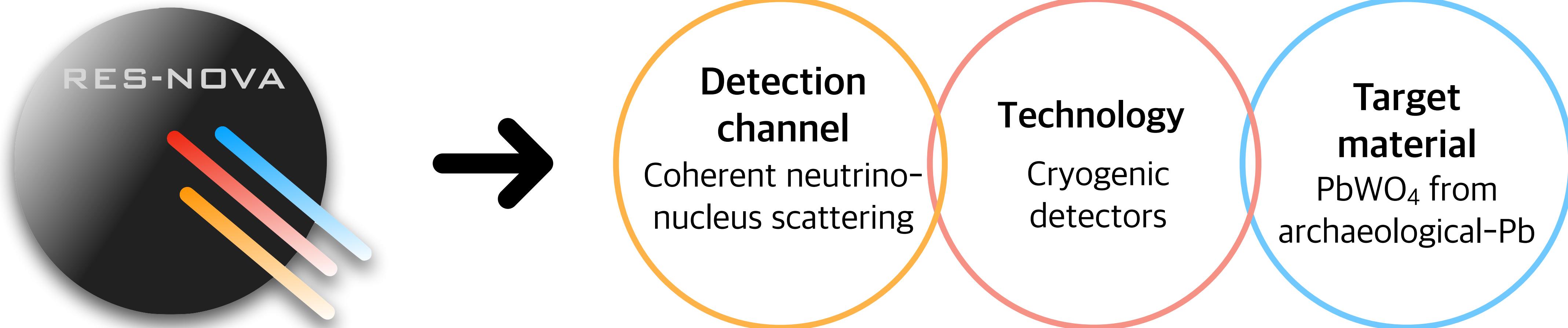
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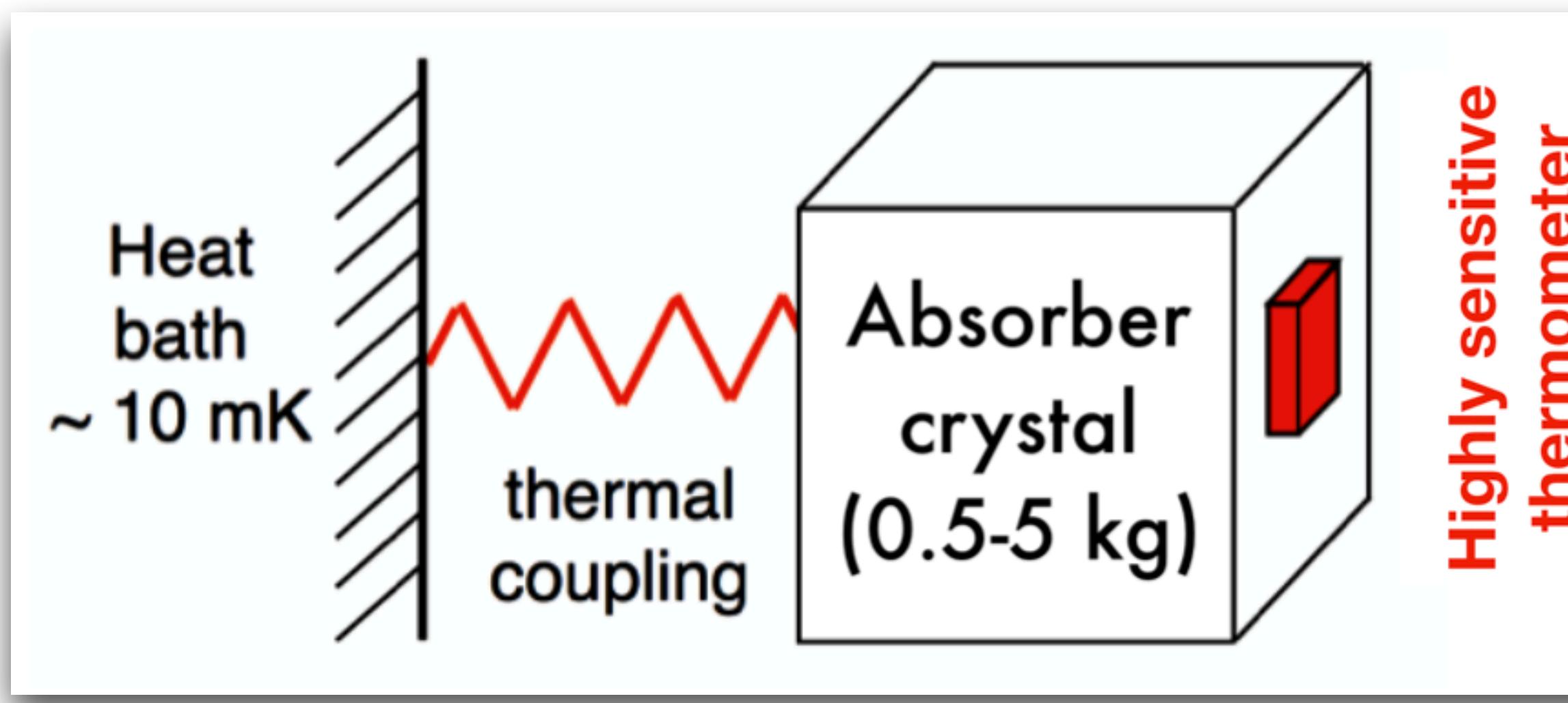
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RES-NOVA DETECTOR TECHNOLOGY

ADVANCED CRYOGENIC DETECTORS

Cryogenic calorimeters made from Pb

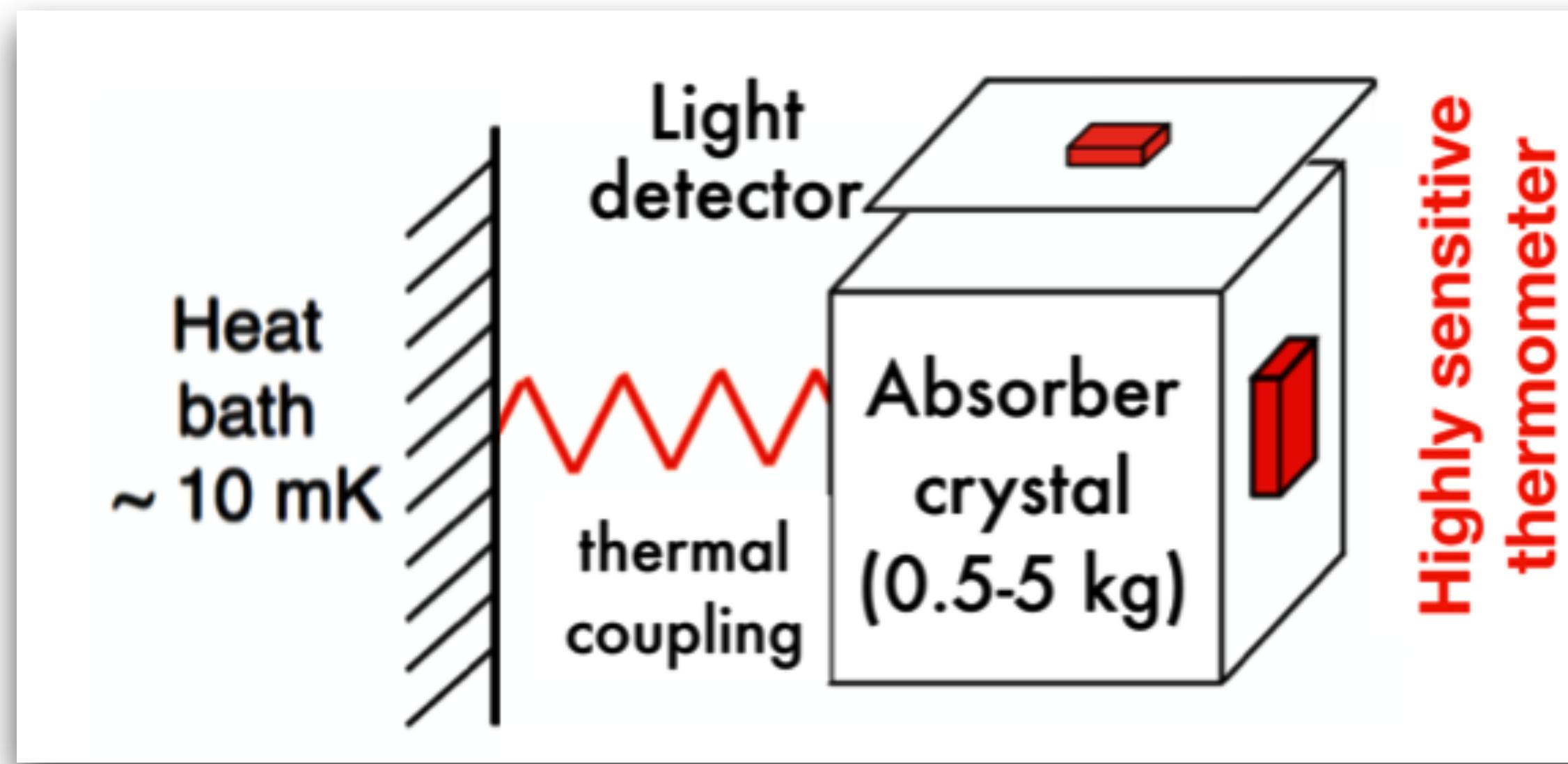


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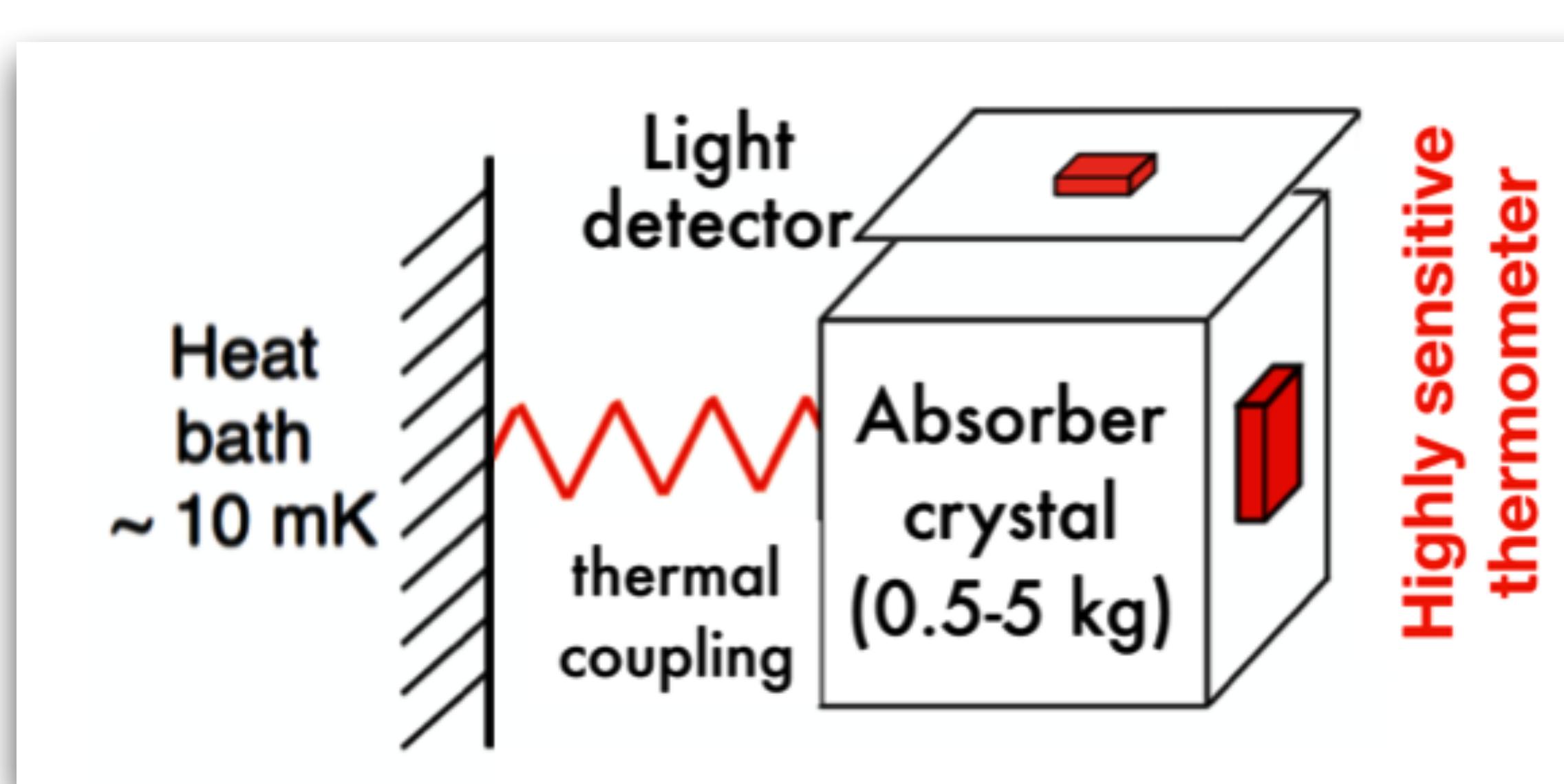


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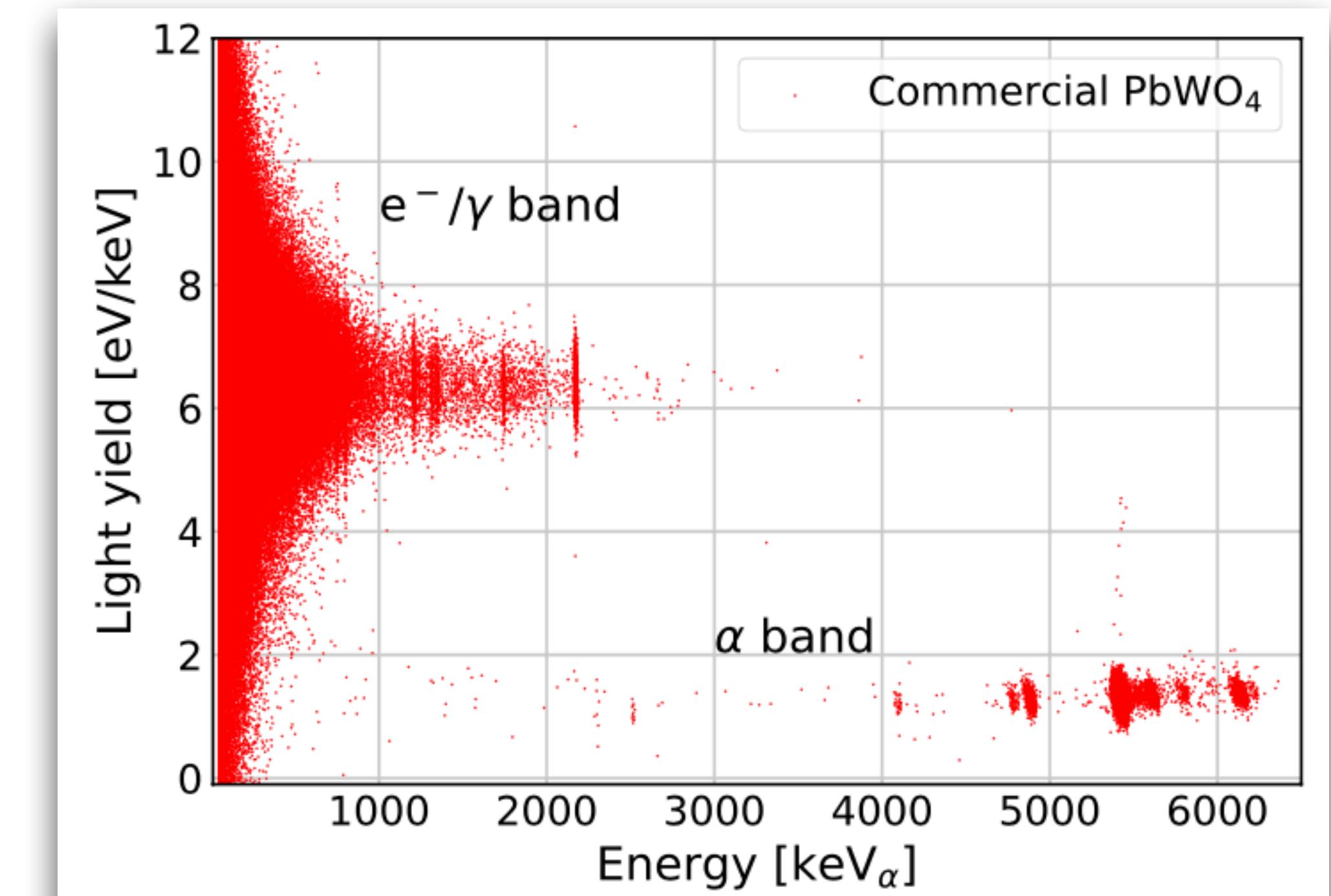
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Cryogenic measurement of commercial PbWO₄

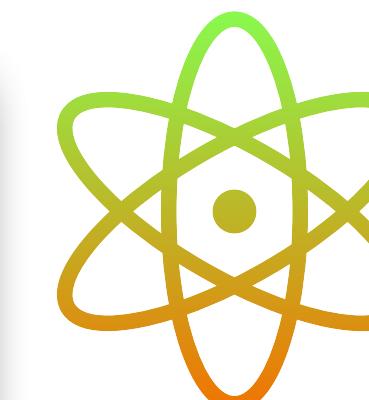
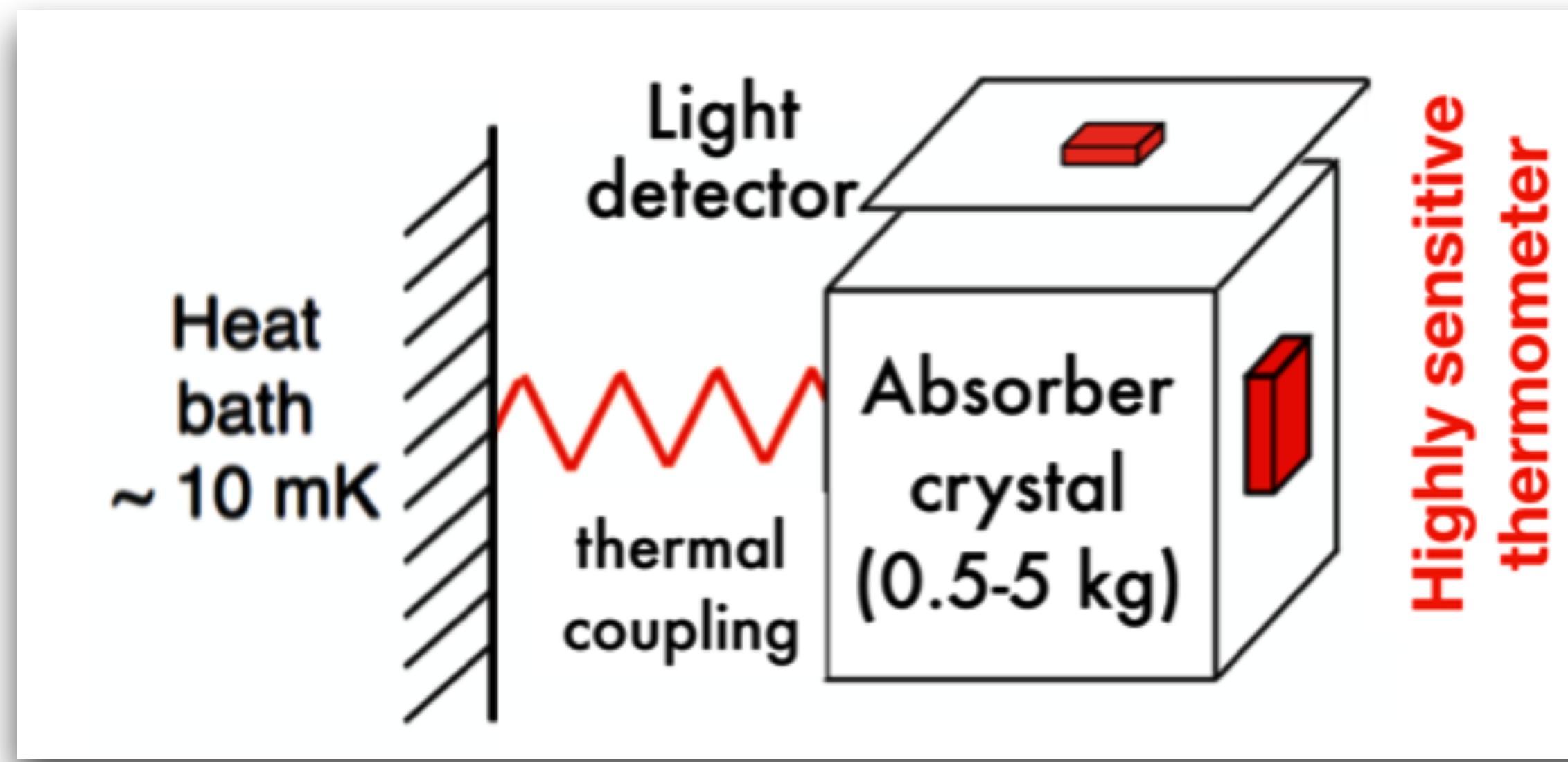


J.W. Beeman, LP et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 49, 50 (2013)

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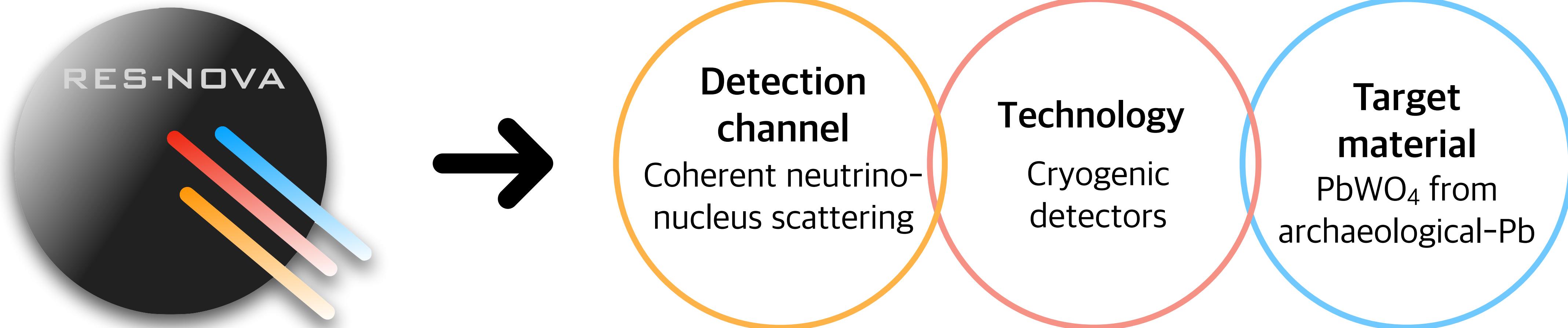
Cryogenic calorimeters made from Pb



- High-radiopurity crystal
- PbWO₄ crystals
- Low-background neutrinoless double-beta decay technology
- Thermometer at mK
- Transition Edge Sensor
- Low-threshold Dark Matter technology

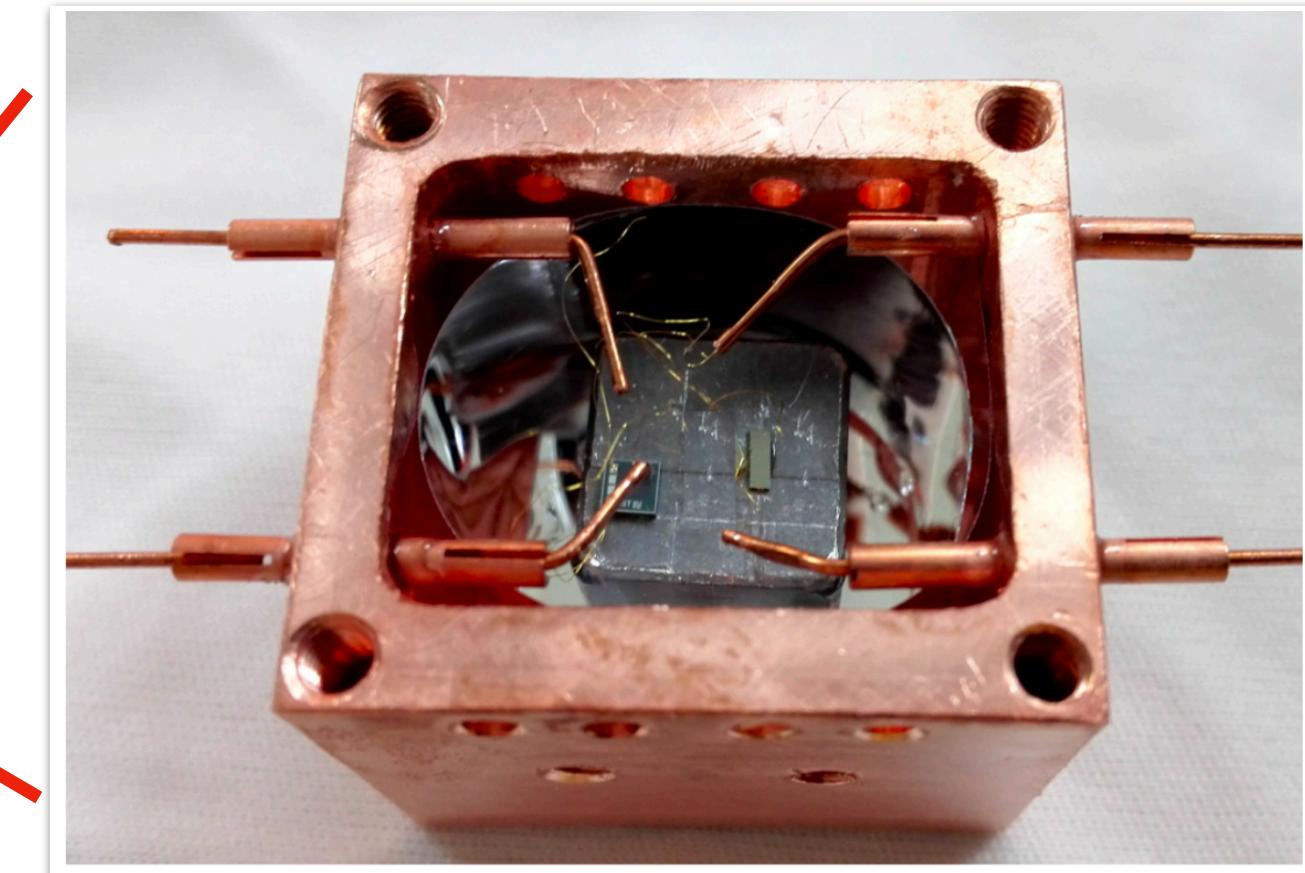
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CRYOGENIC DETECTORS BUILT FROM ARCHAEOLOGICAL Pb

taken from N. Nosengo (2010)



Archaeological Roman Pb:

- ★ from underwater shipwreck
- ★ 2000 years old

Archaeo-Pb cryogenic detector

High radiopurity: < 1 mBq/kg
 $\times 10^4$ better than commercial
low-background Pb

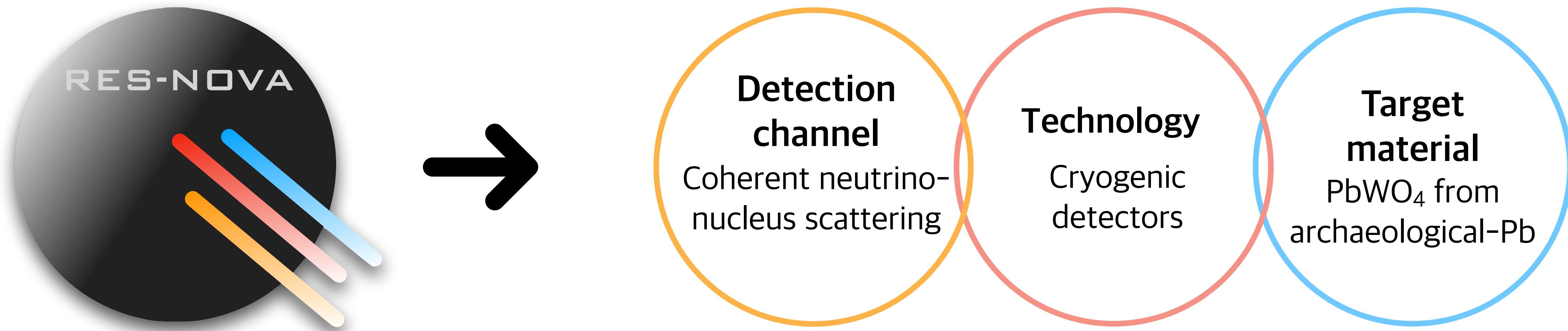
Several tons of Archaeo-Pb @ INFN

L. Pattavina et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 55, 127 (2019)



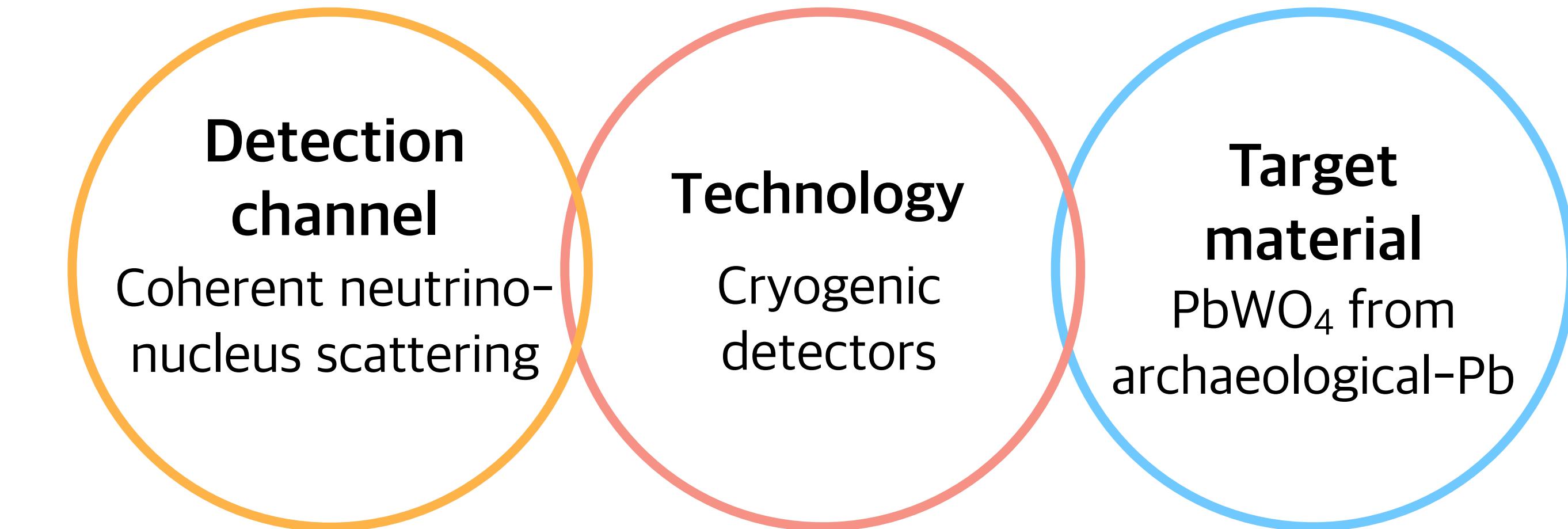
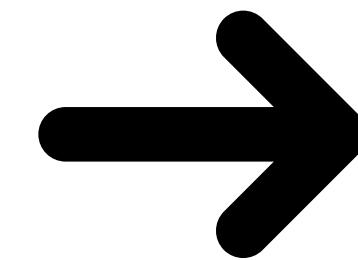
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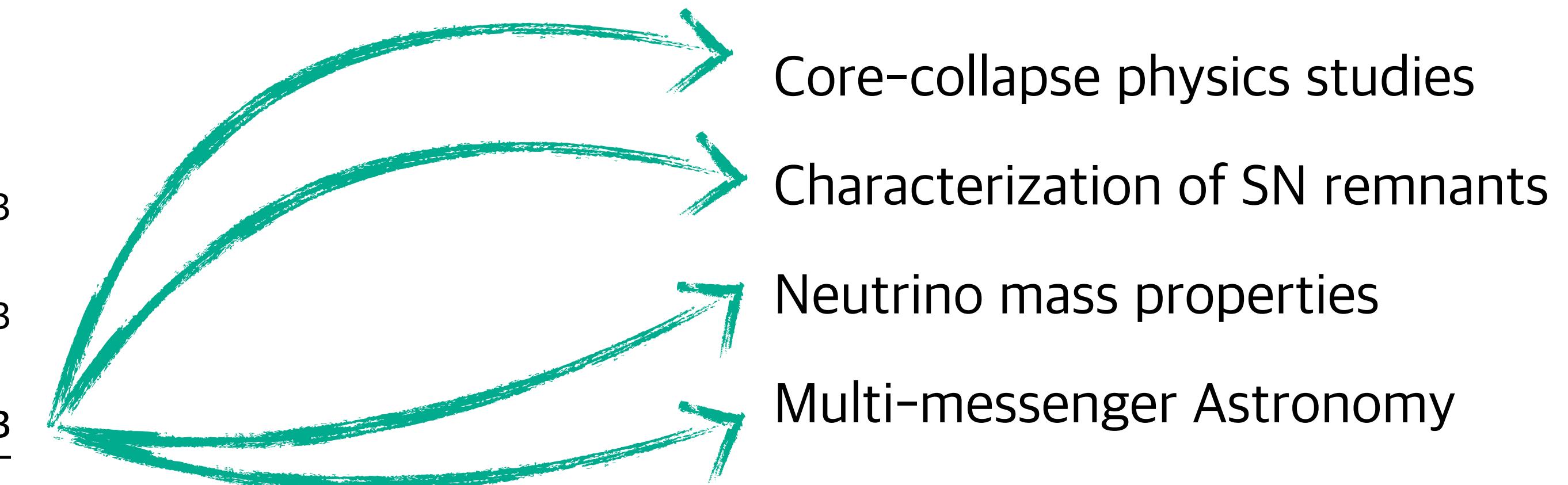
Galactic SN neutrino signal:

Water Cherenkov (SuperK): 0.2 ev./m³

Liquid Scintillator (SNO+): 0.4 ev./m³

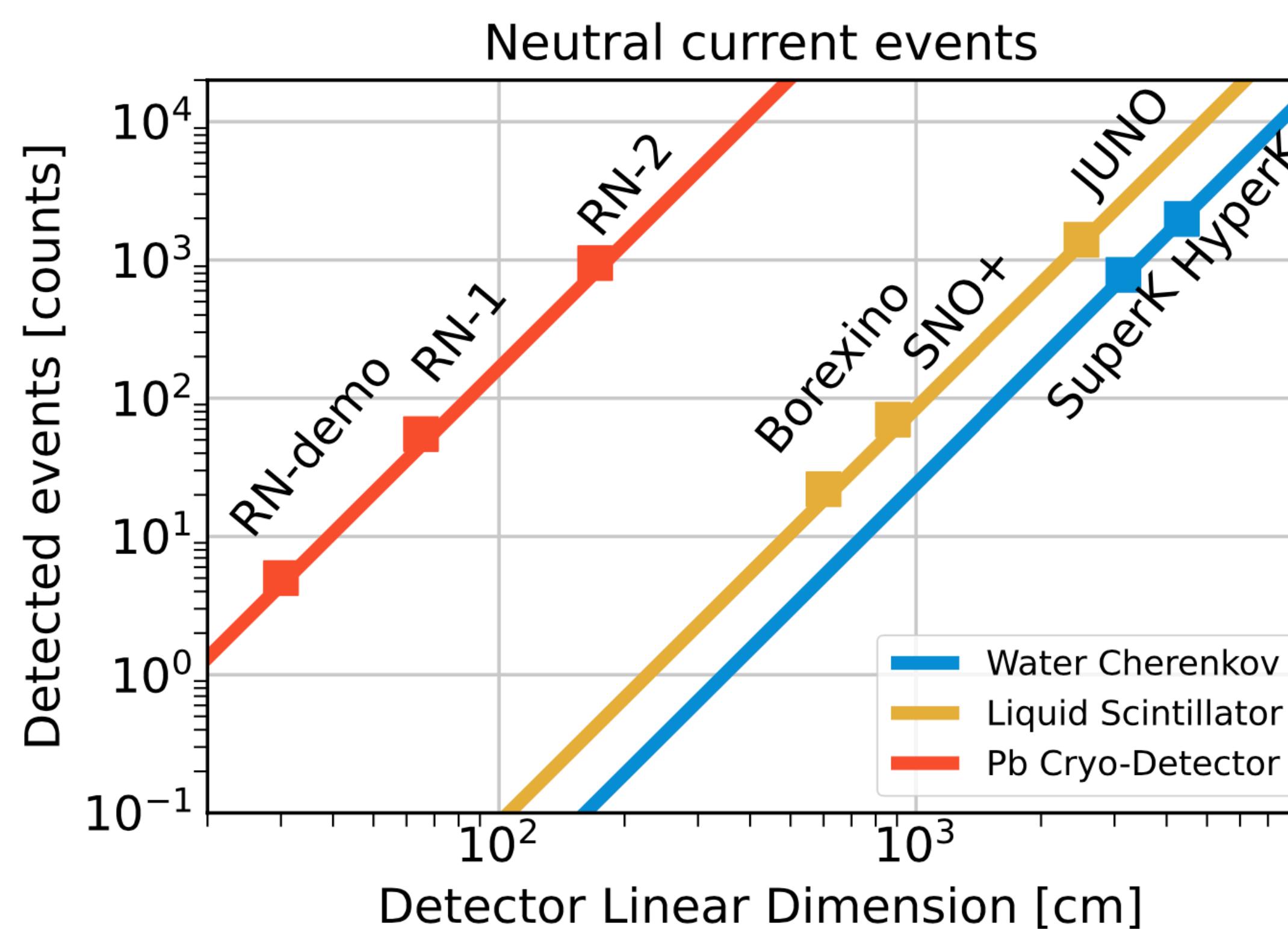
RES-NOVA: ~200 ev./m³

What can we learn?



NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY AT THE CM-SCALE

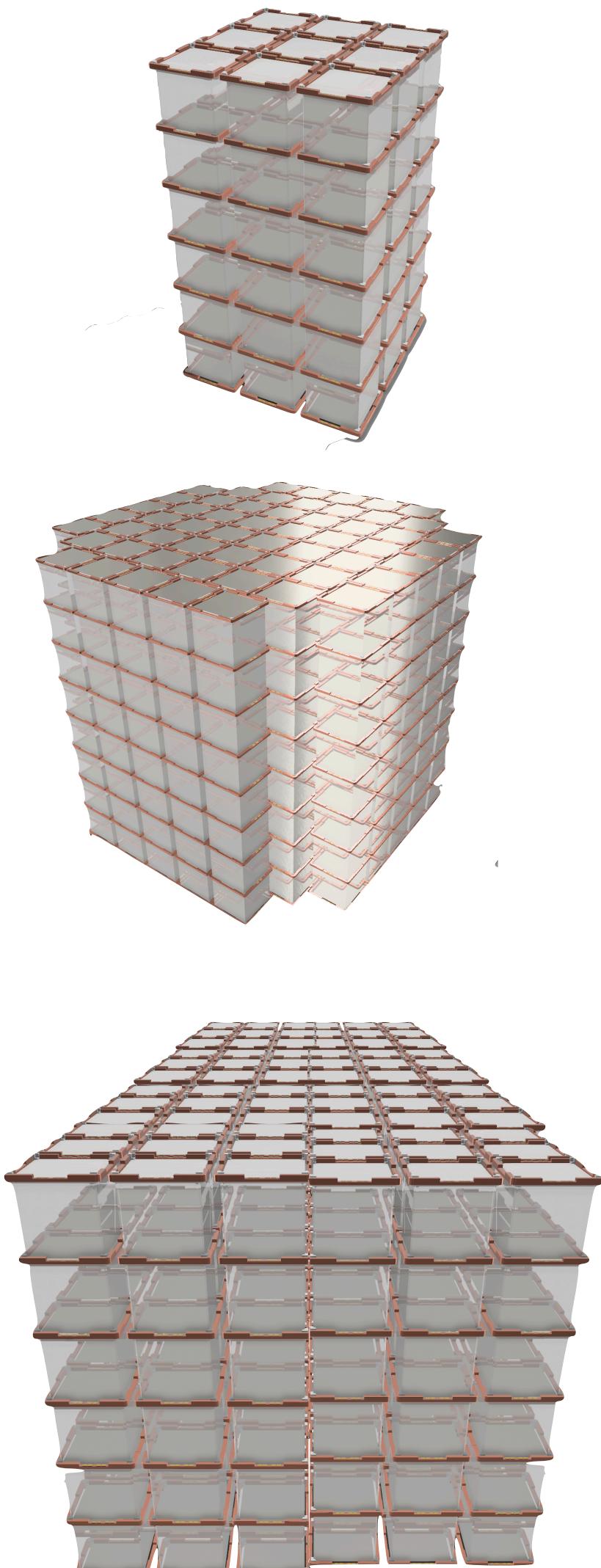
AN ARRAY OF PbWO₄ CRYSTALS



RN-demo @ LNGS
Size: $(30 \text{ cm})^3$
Threshold: 1 keV
SN @ 10 kpc: ~10 counts

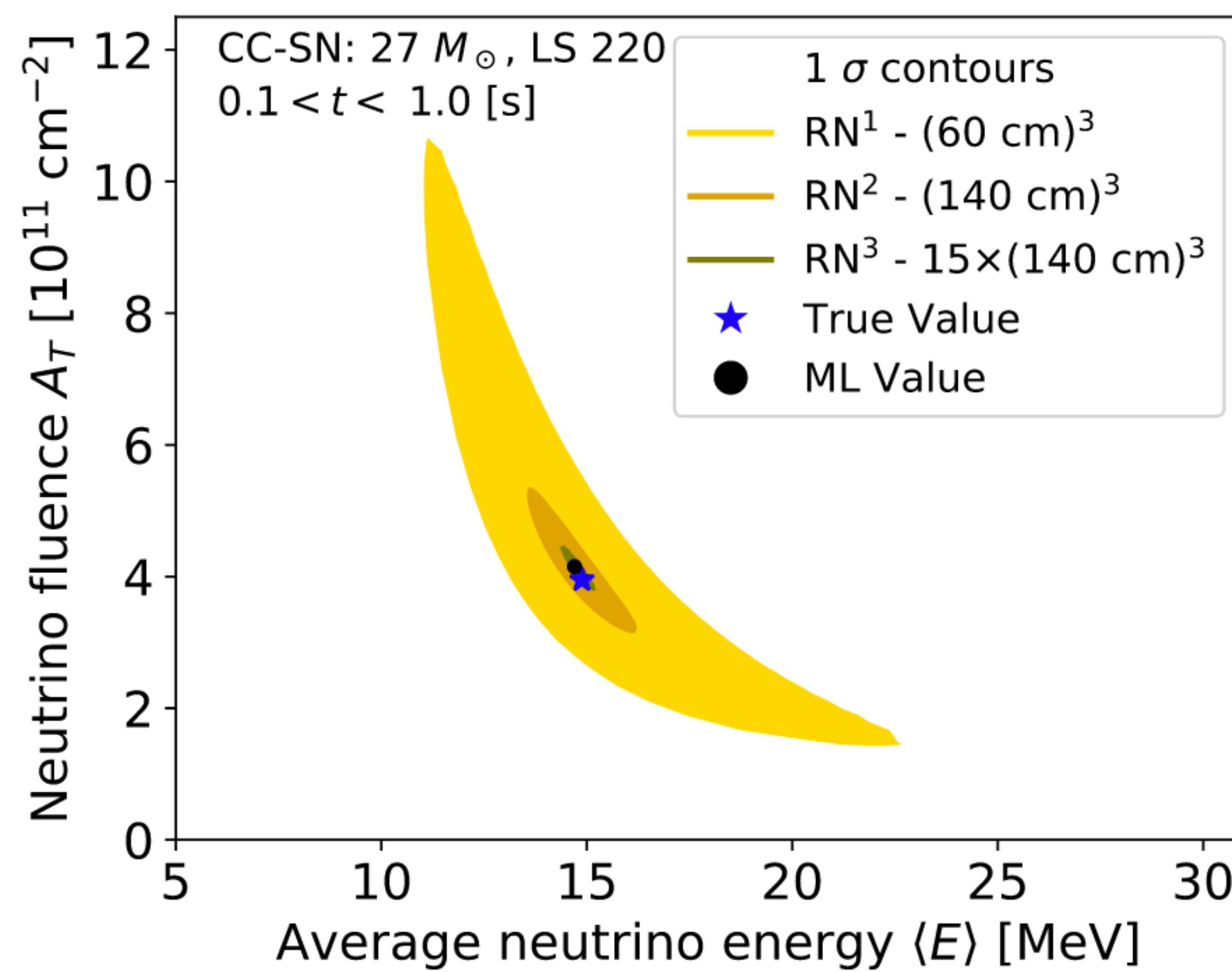
RN-1
Size: $(60 \text{ cm})^3$
Threshold: 1 keV
SN @ 10 kpc: ~50 counts

RN-2
Size: $(140 \text{ cm})^3$
Threshold: 1 keV
SN @ 10 kpc: ~900 counts



SN ENERGY RECONSTRUCTION IN RES-NOVA

Reconstruction of A_T and $\langle E \rangle$ by likelihood analysis



$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{tot}} = 4\pi d^2 A_T \langle E \rangle$$

Neutrino fluence

Average neutrino energy

Precision in total SN energy reconstruction

$\nu_x/\text{anti-}\nu_x$

RN-1	30%
RN-2	8%
RN-3	4%

$\nu_e/\text{anti-}\nu_e$

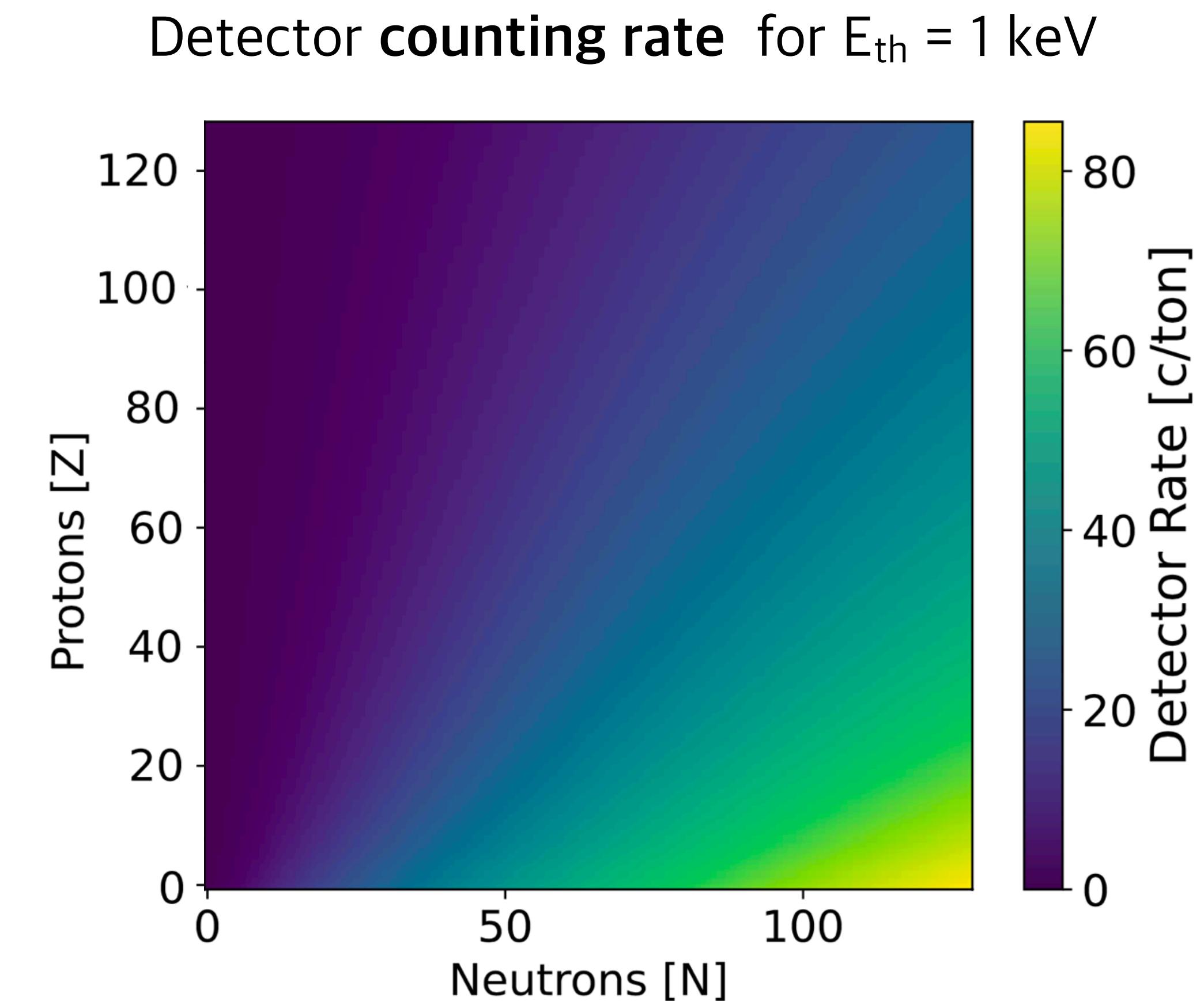
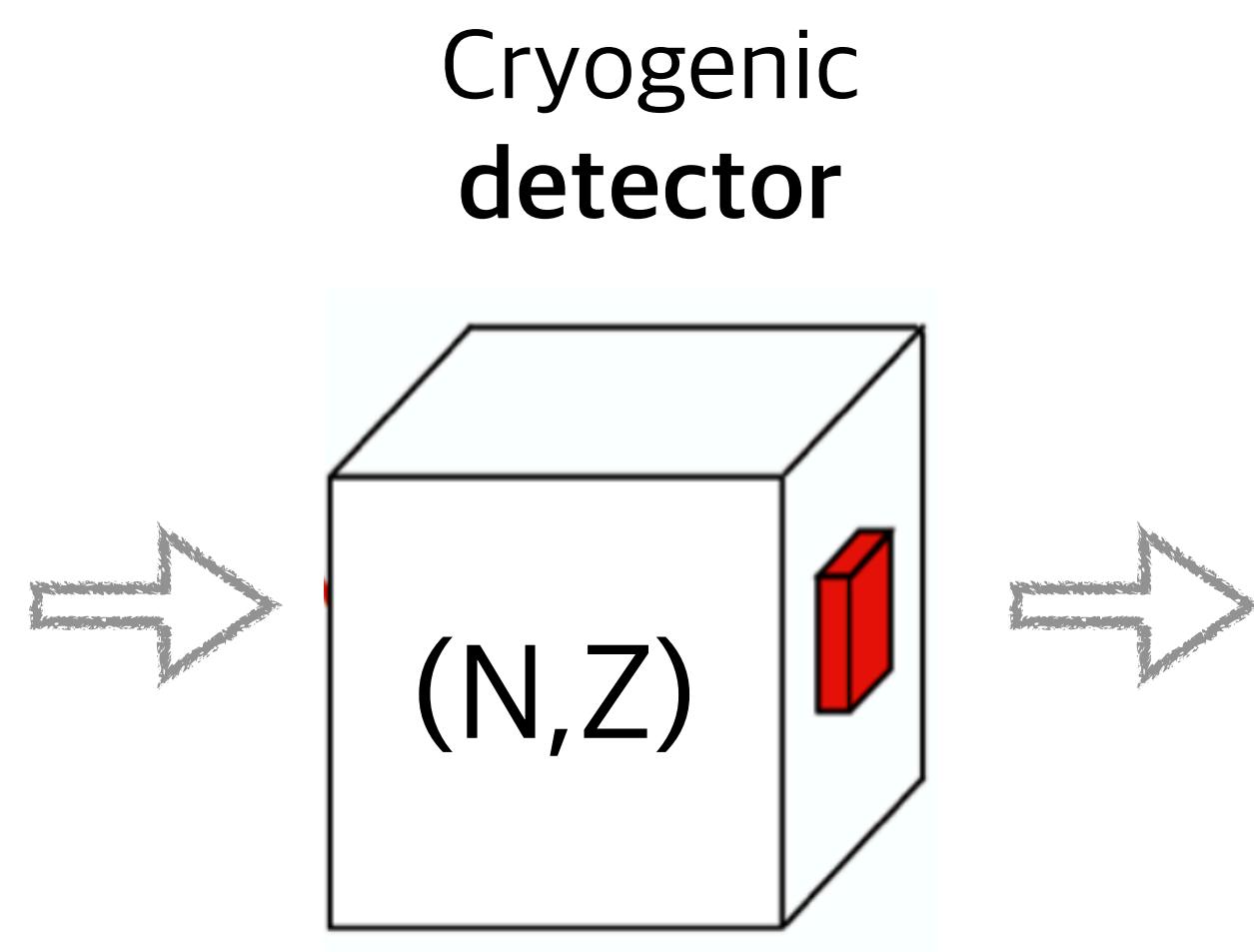
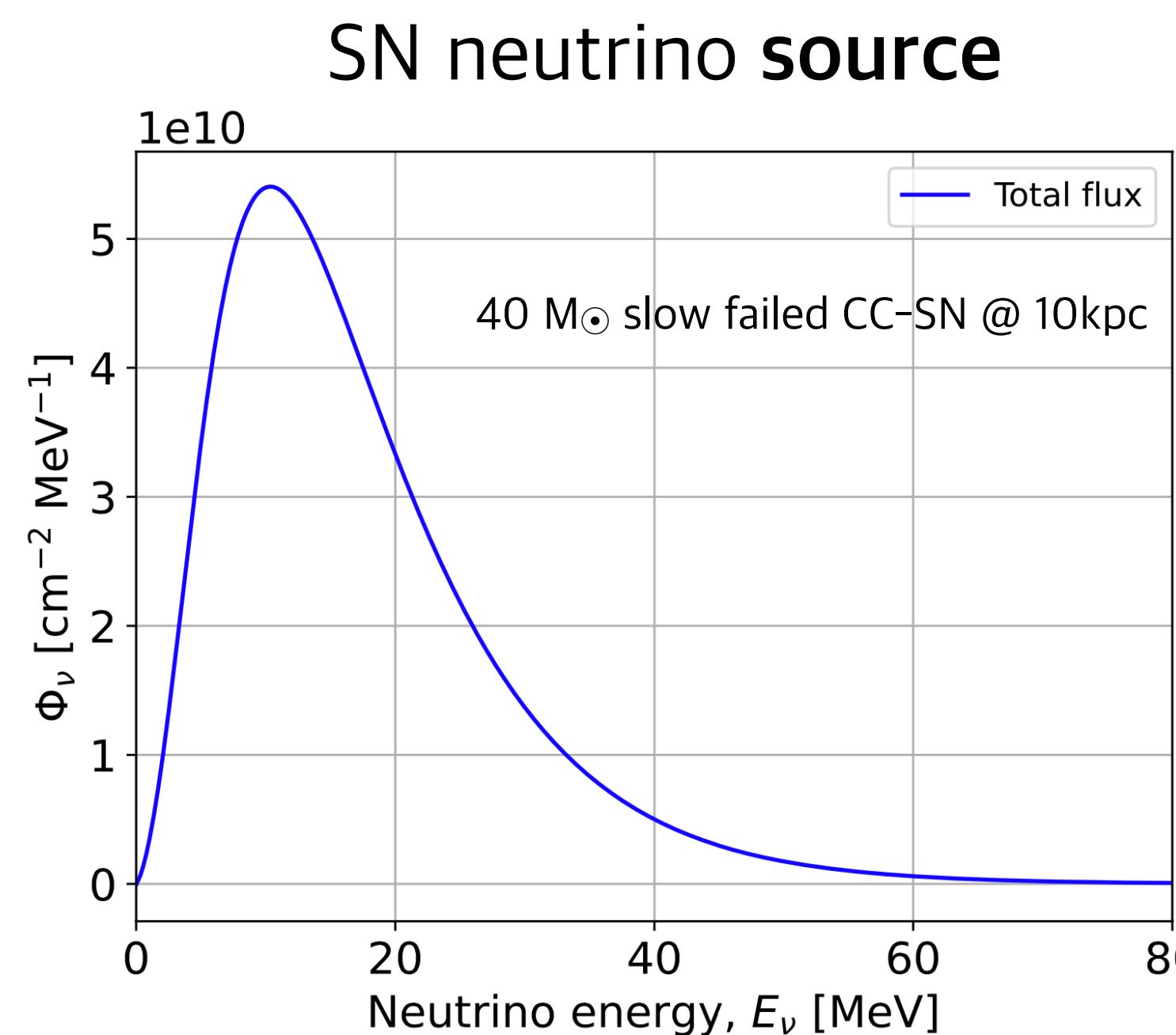
SK-Gd (IBD) 25%

L. Pattavina et al., Phys. Rev. D 102, 063001 (2020)

A. Gallo Rosso et al., JCAP 04 (2018) 040

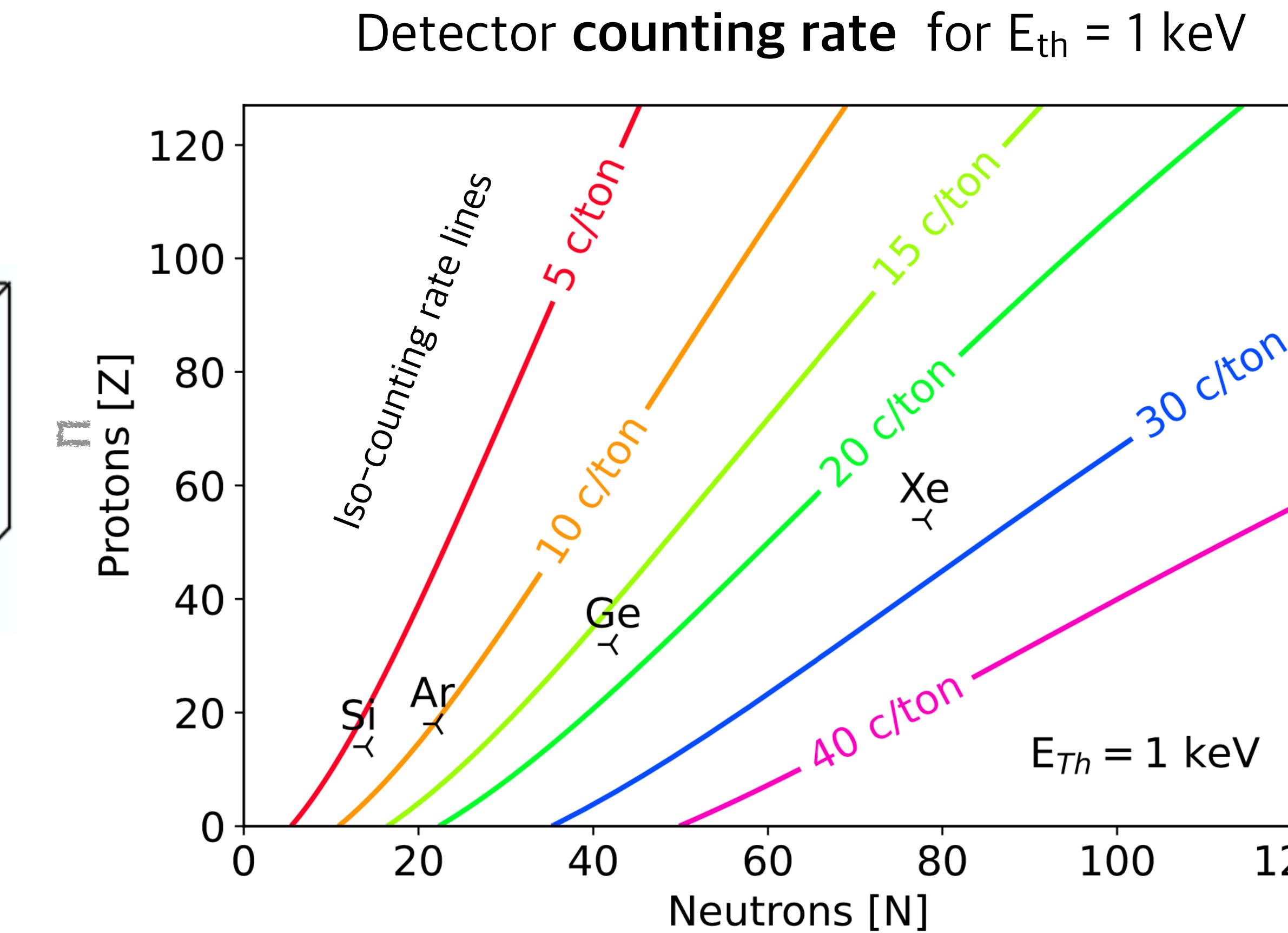
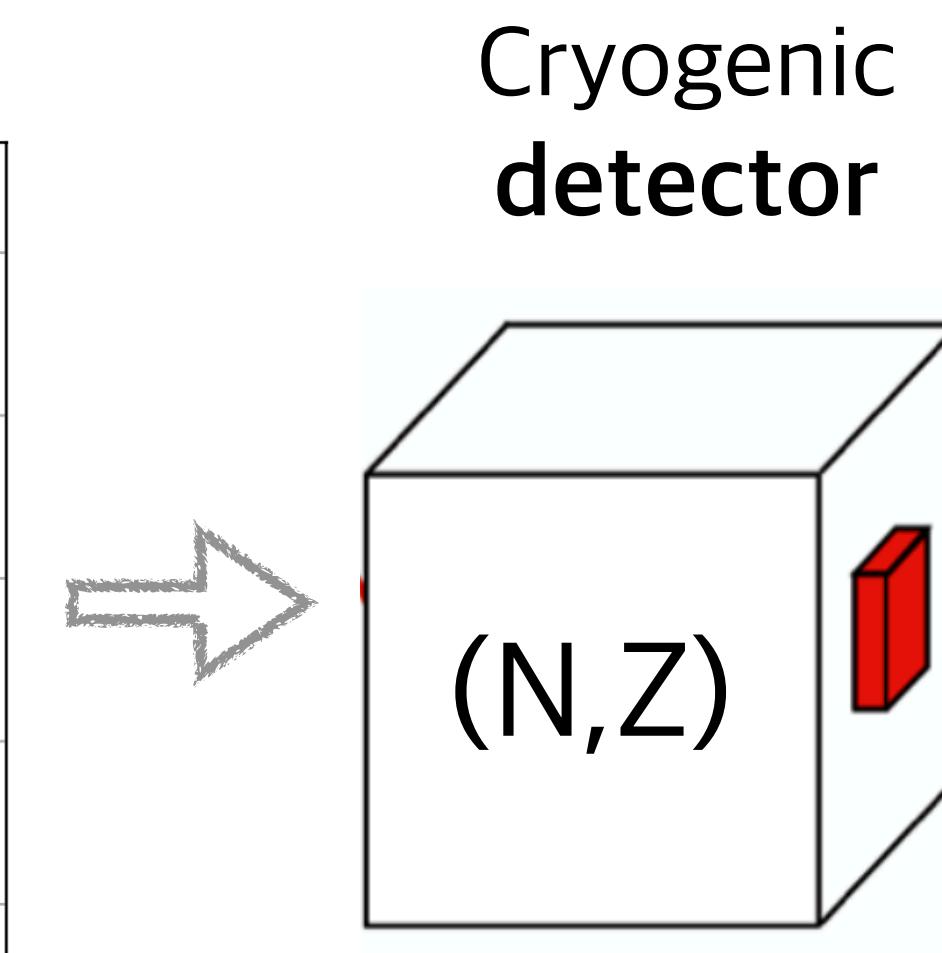
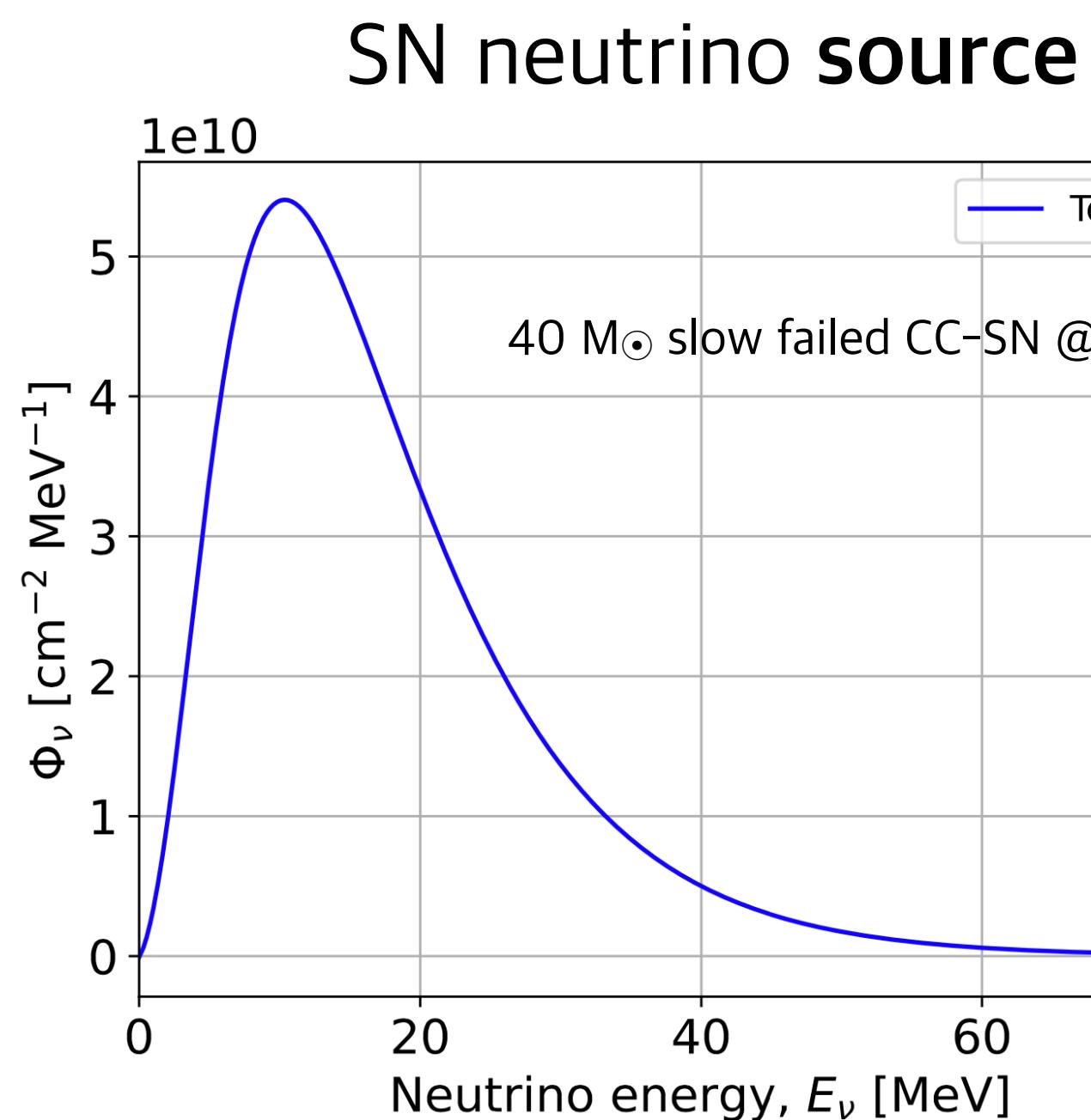
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LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THE PERIODIC TABLE



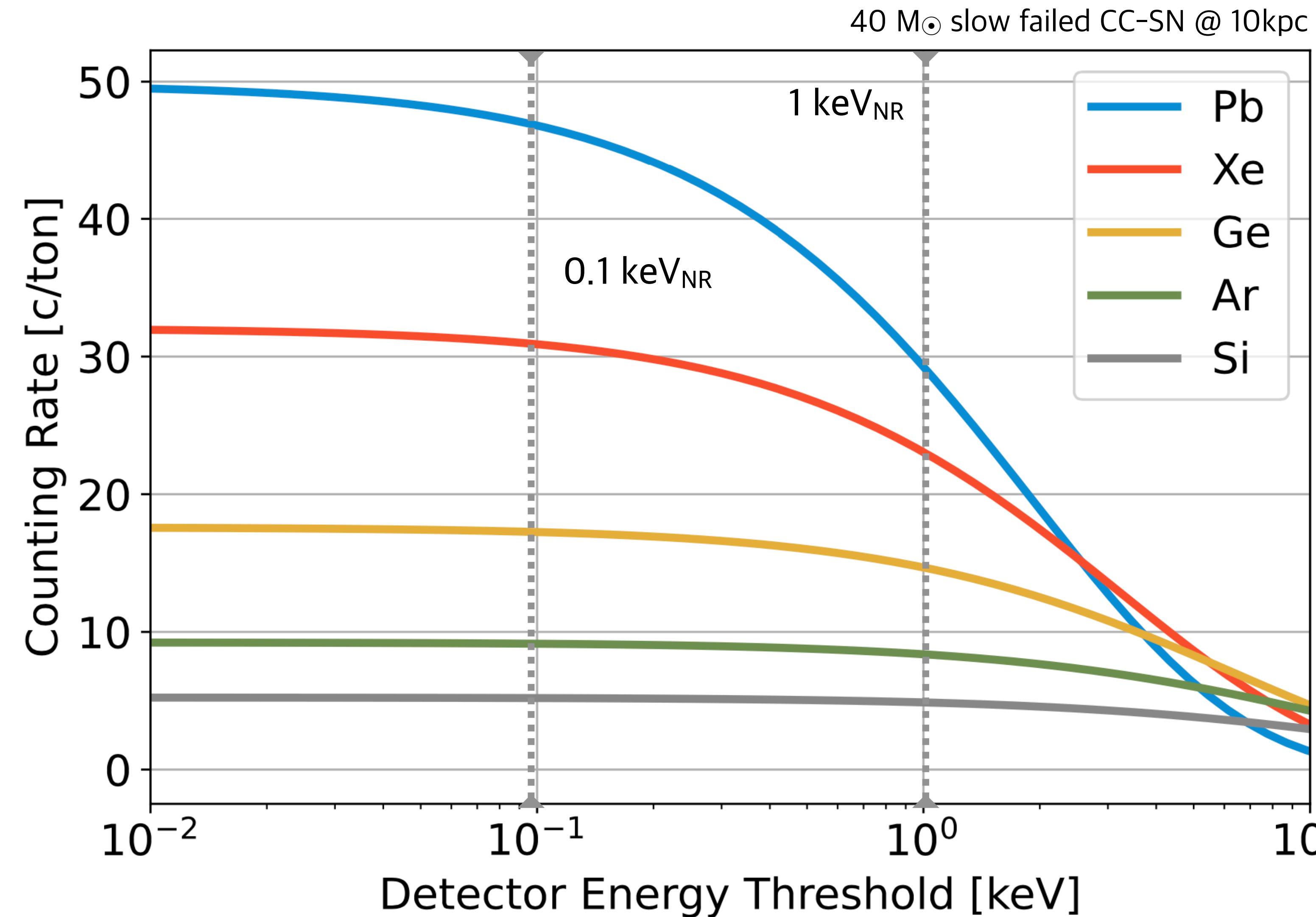
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HOW LOW SHOULD THE THRESHOLD BE ?

ULTRA-LOW ENERGY THRESHOLD ARE NOT NEEDED

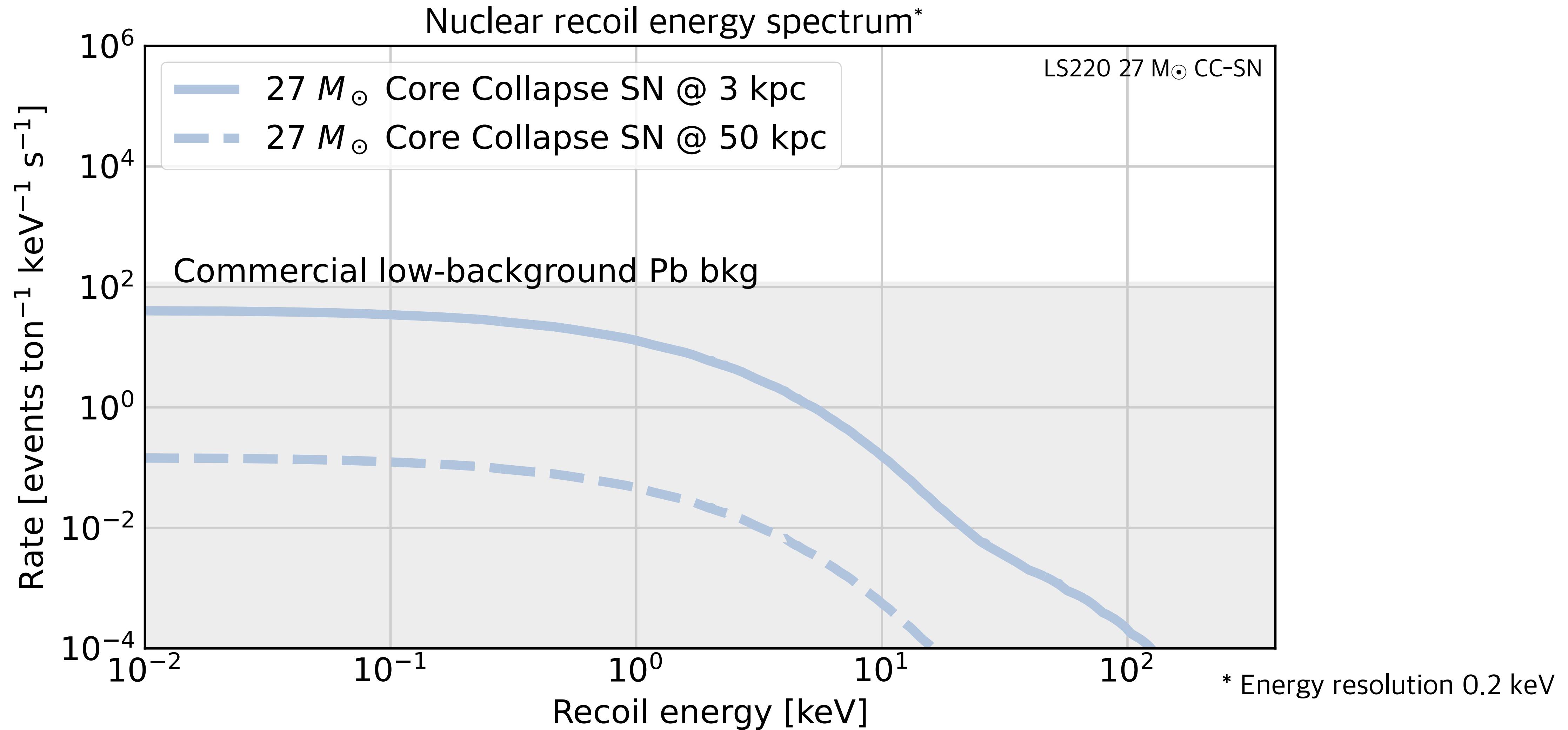


Lower threshold is
beneficial

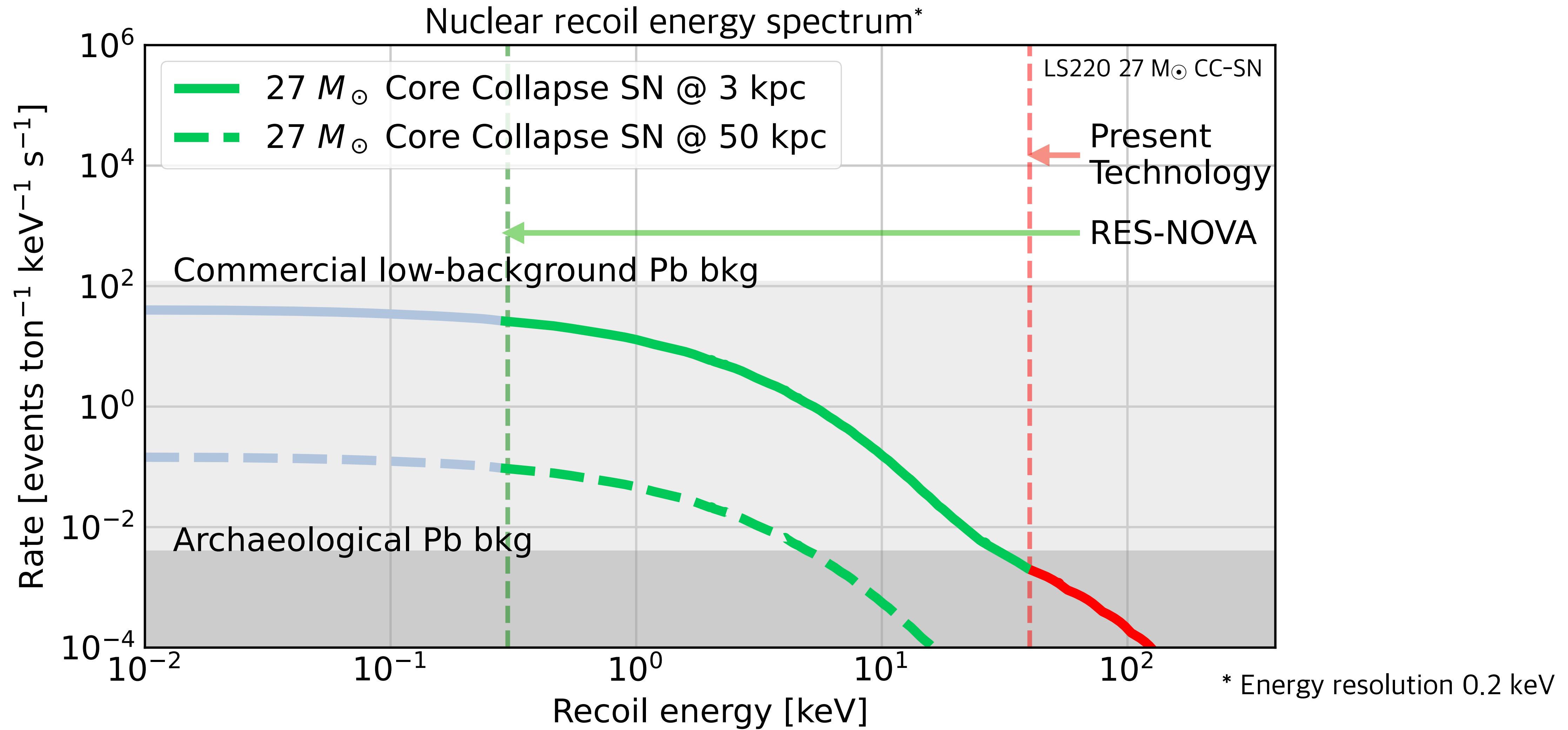
Lower threshold is not
mandatory

The threshold is not
limiting the statistics

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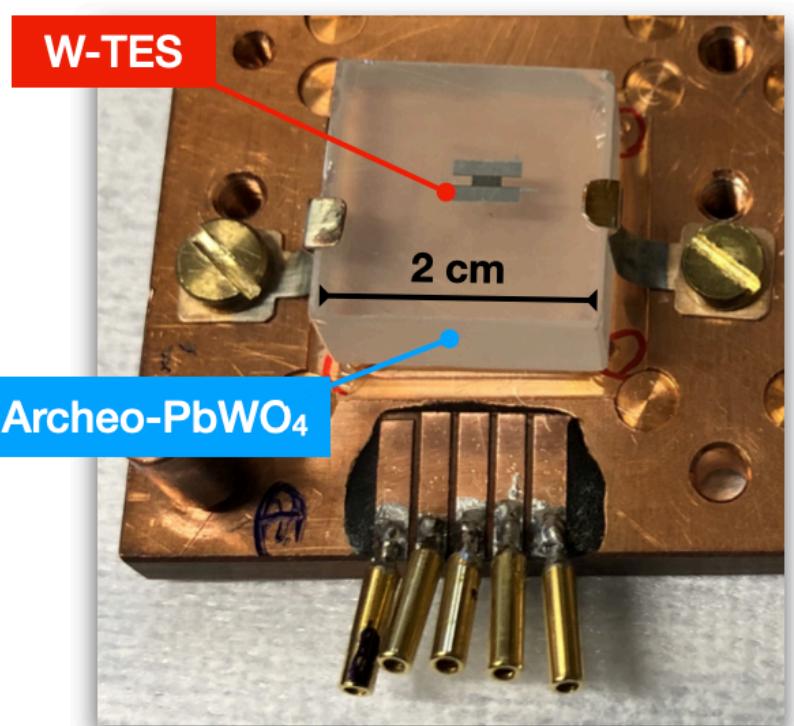


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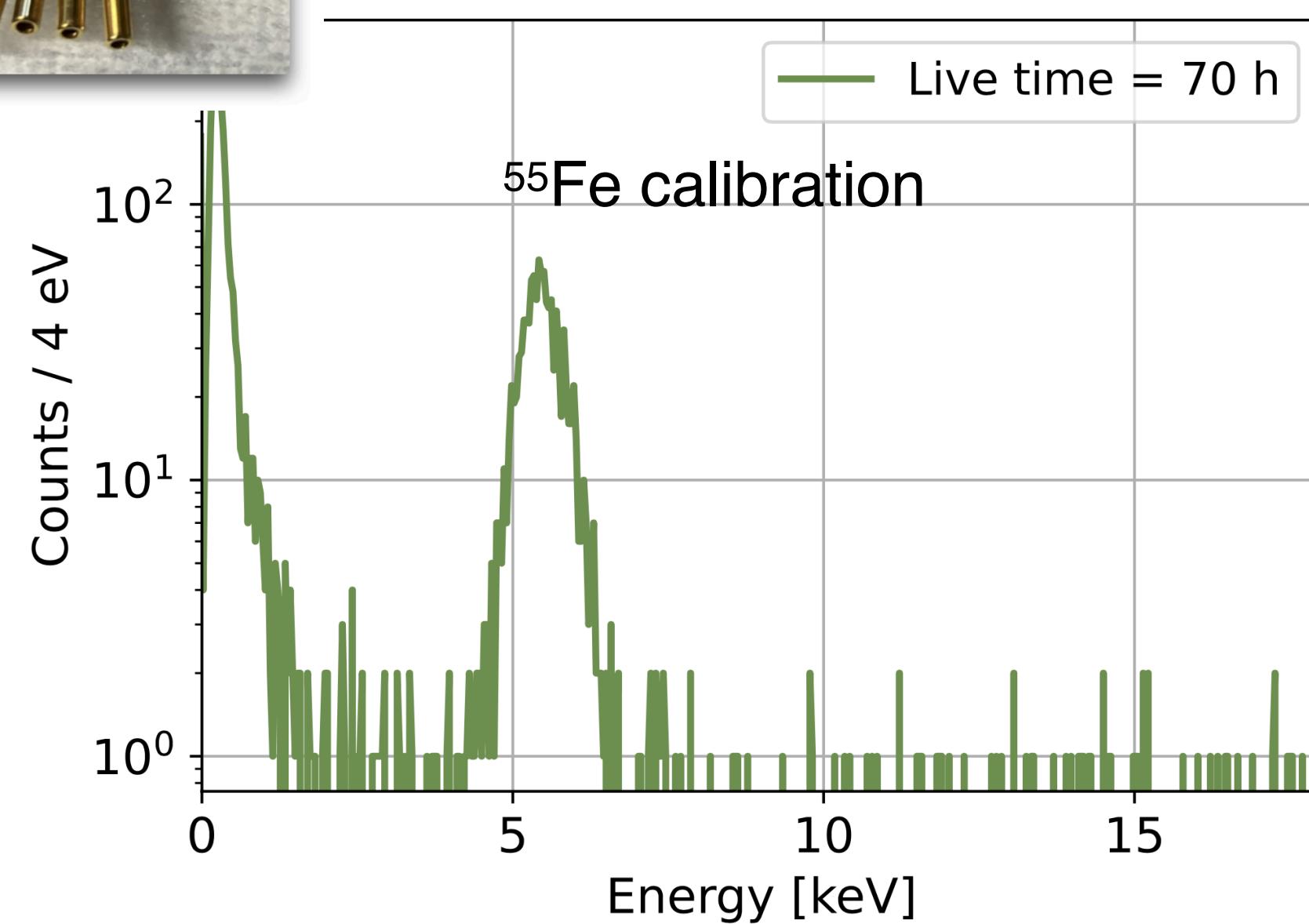
RES-NOVA PROOFS OF PRINCIPLE

ACHIEVEMENT OF LOW THRESHOLD AND LOW BACKGROUND



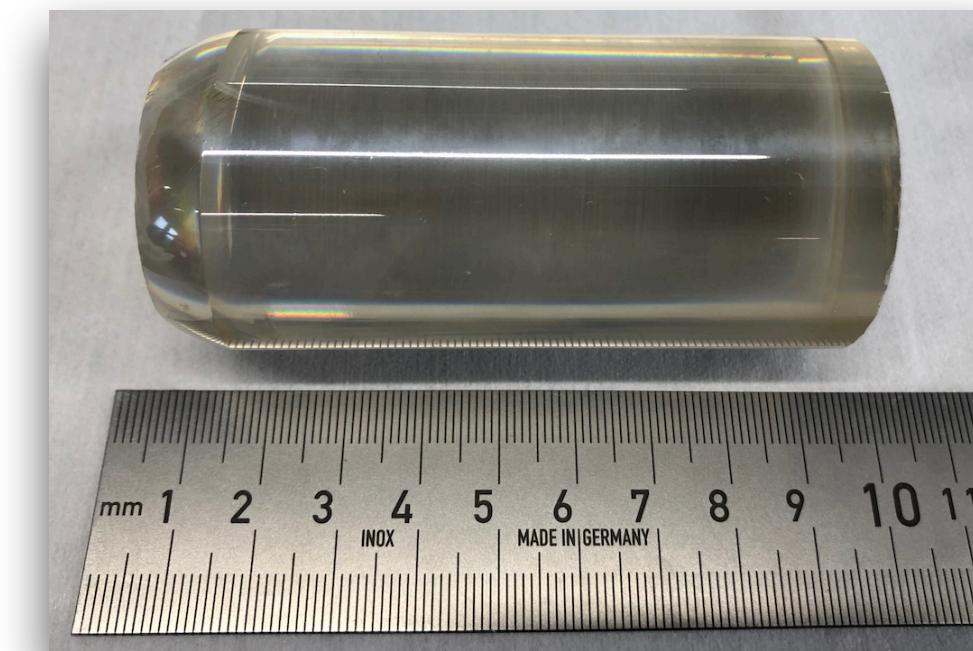
N. Ferreiro Iachellini et al.,
J. Low Temp. Phys. 11, 184 (2022)

TOTAL ENERGY SPECTRUM



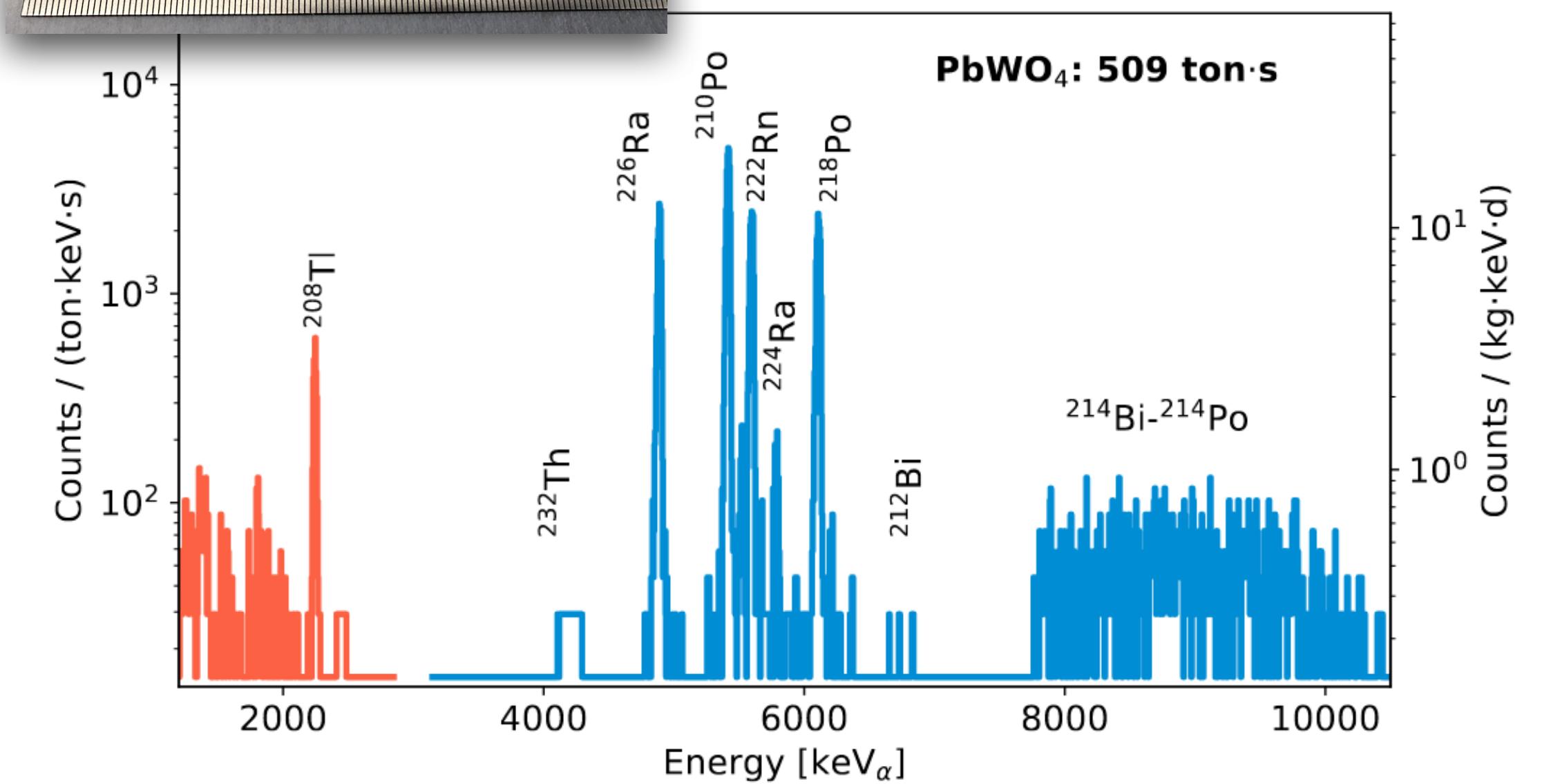
Above ground @ Max Planck Munich (DE)

Nuclear recoil threshold - 300 eV (PbWO₄ - 20 g)



RES-NOVA group of interest
Eur. Phys. J. C 82, 692 (2022)

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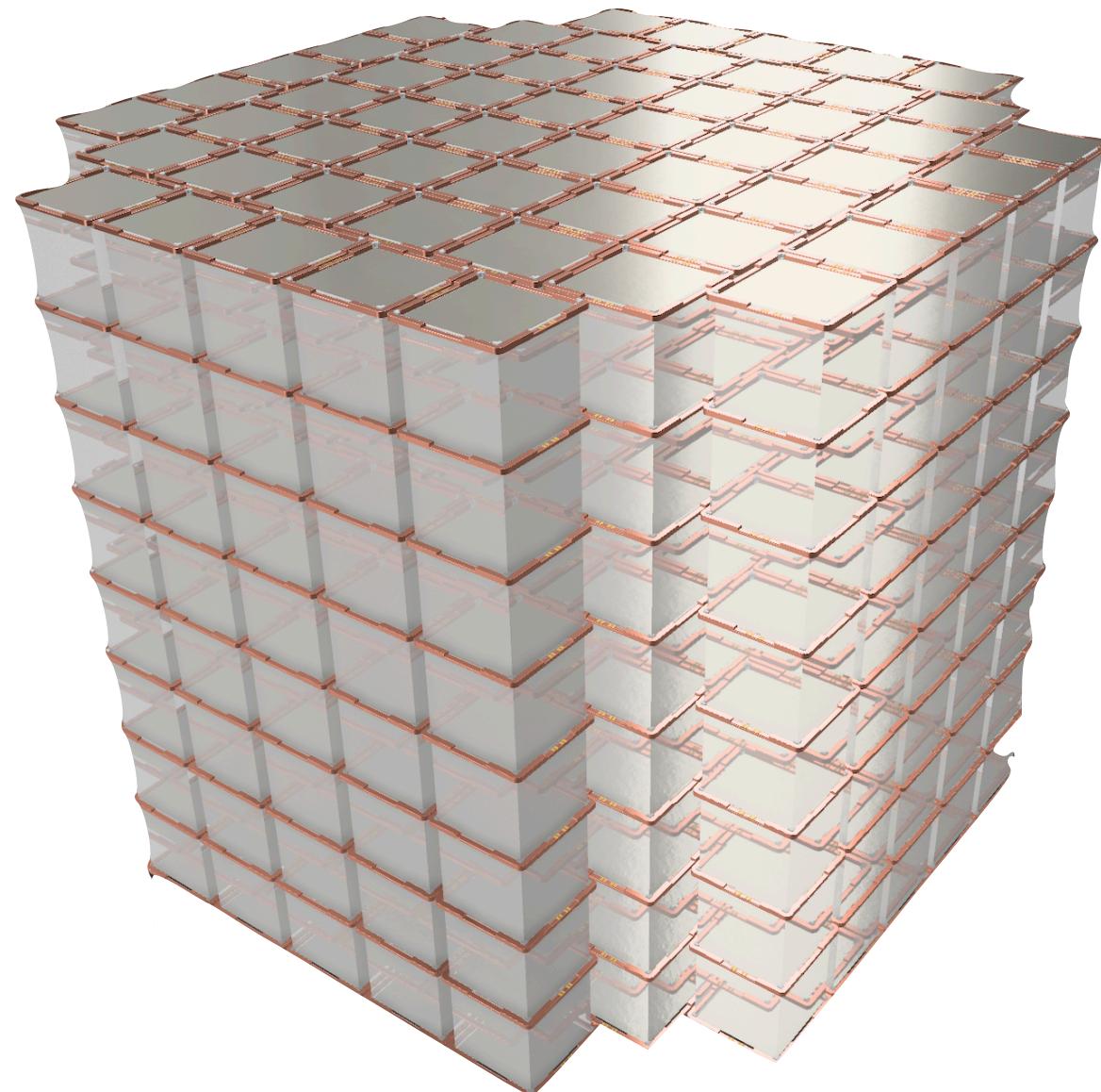


Under ground @ LNGS (IT)

Radiopurity @ $\mu\text{Bq}/\text{kg}$ scale (PbWO₄ - 0.9 kg)

RES-NOVA BACKGROUND MODEL

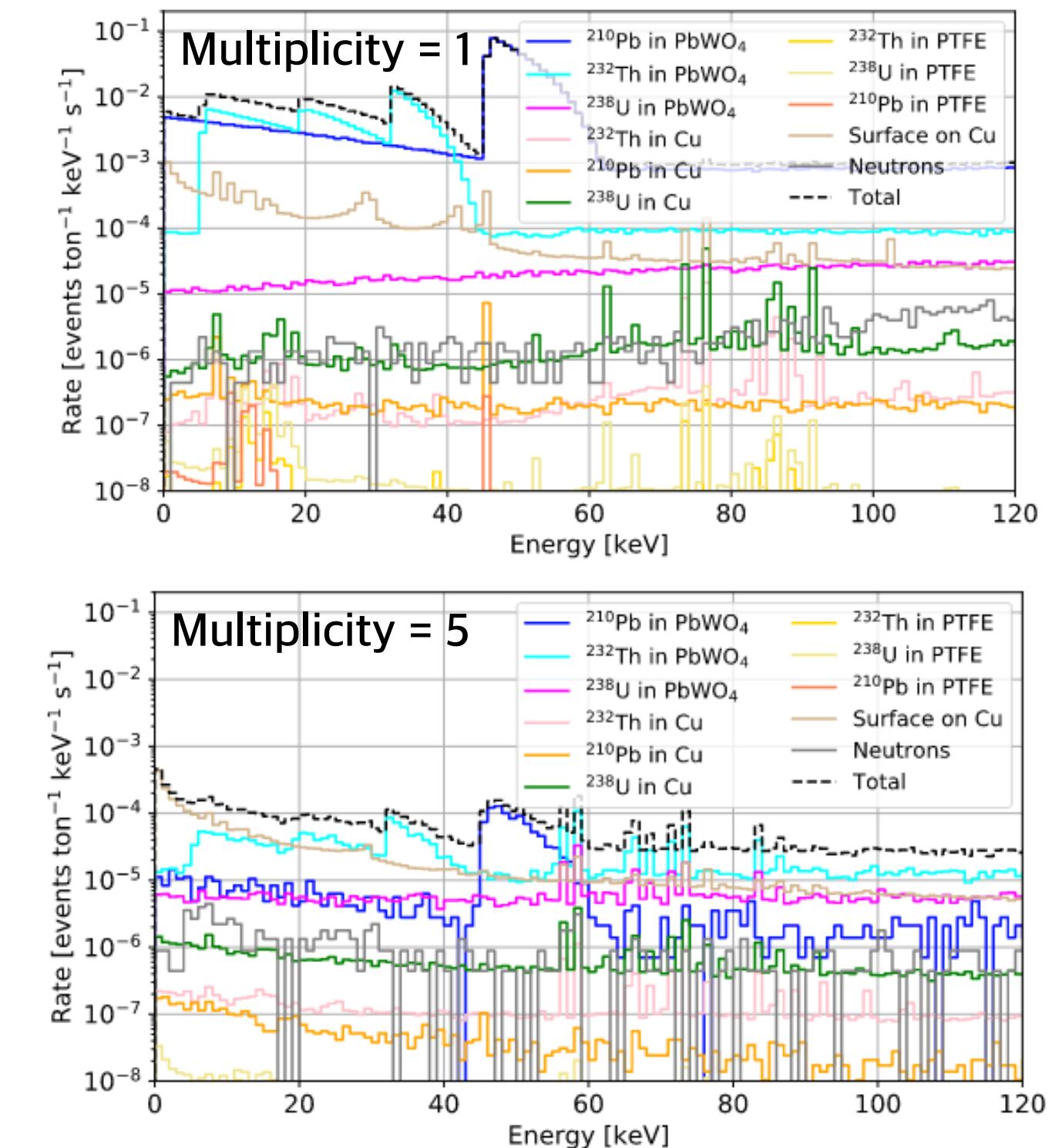
Detector response studies to radioactive background sources - MC simulations



Modular detector

Component	Source Isotope	Activity [Bq/kg] ([Bq/cm ²])	[Reference]
PbWO ₄ crystals	²³² Th	< 2.3×10^{-4}	[50]
	²³⁸ U	< 7.0×10^{-5}	[50]
	²¹⁰ Pb	< 7.1×10^{-4}	[36]
Cu structure	²³² Th	< 2.1×10^{-6}	[35]
	²³⁸ U	< 1.2×10^{-5}	[35]
	²¹⁰ Pb	< 2.2×10^{-5}	[35]
Cu surface	²³² Th - 10 μm	(5.0 ± 1.7) × 10 ⁻⁹	[35]
	²³⁸ U - 10 μm	(1.4 ± 0.2) × 10 ⁻⁸	[35]
	²¹⁰ Pb - 10 μm	< 1.9×10^{-8}	[35]
	²¹⁰ Pb - 0.1 μm	(4.3 ± 0.5) × 10 ⁻⁸	[35]
	²¹⁰ Pb - 0.01 μm	(2.9 ± 0.4) × 10 ⁻⁸	[35]
PTFE holders	²³² Th	< 6.1×10^{-6}	[35]
	²³⁸ U	< 2.2×10^{-5}	[35]
	²¹⁰ Pb	< 2.2×10^{-5}	[35]
Environment	neutrons	$3.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$	[59]

Radioactive background sources



Detector energy response

RES-NOVA BACKGROUND MODEL

High multiplicity SN signal



High multiplicity bkg

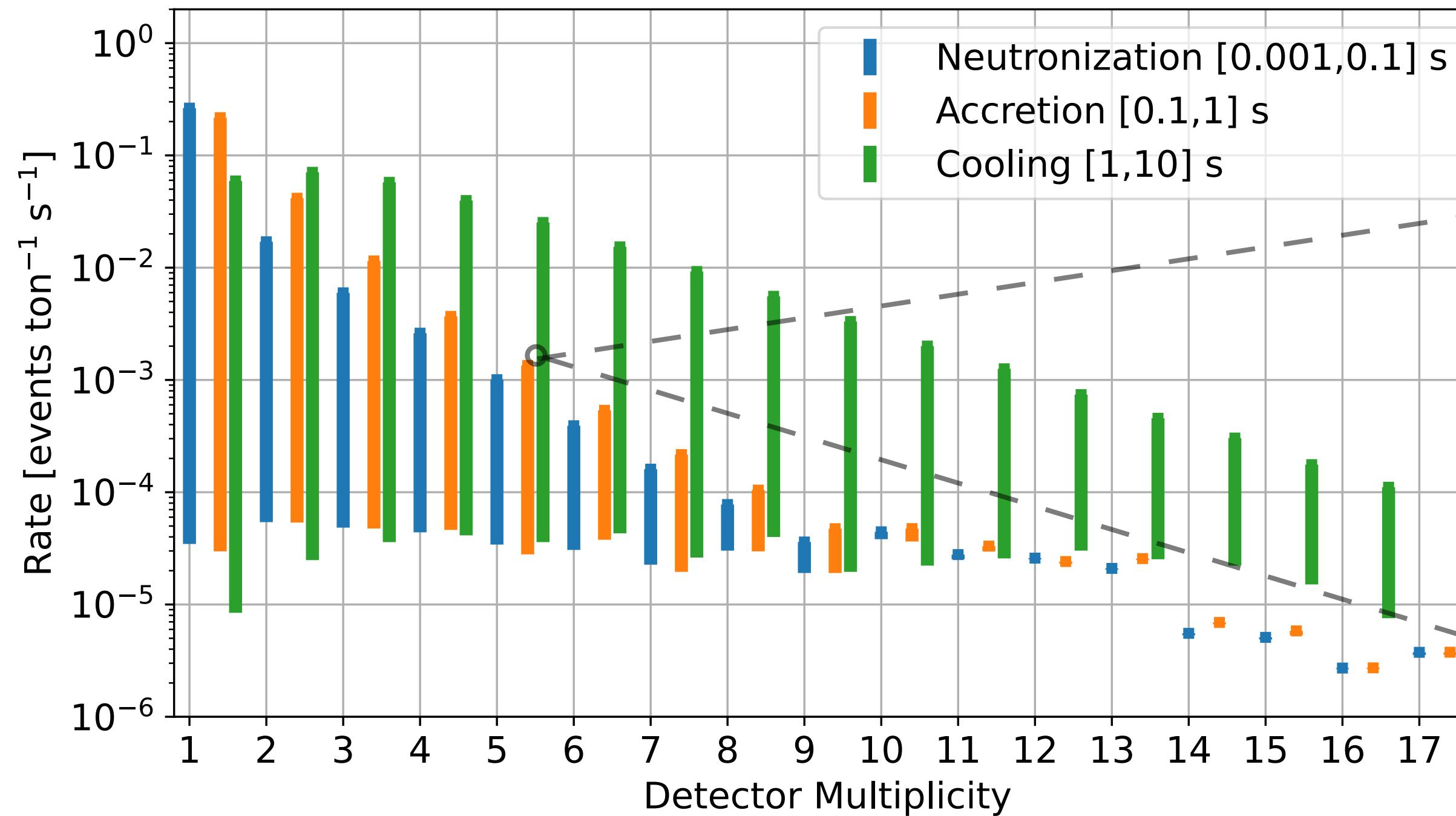


Low-background

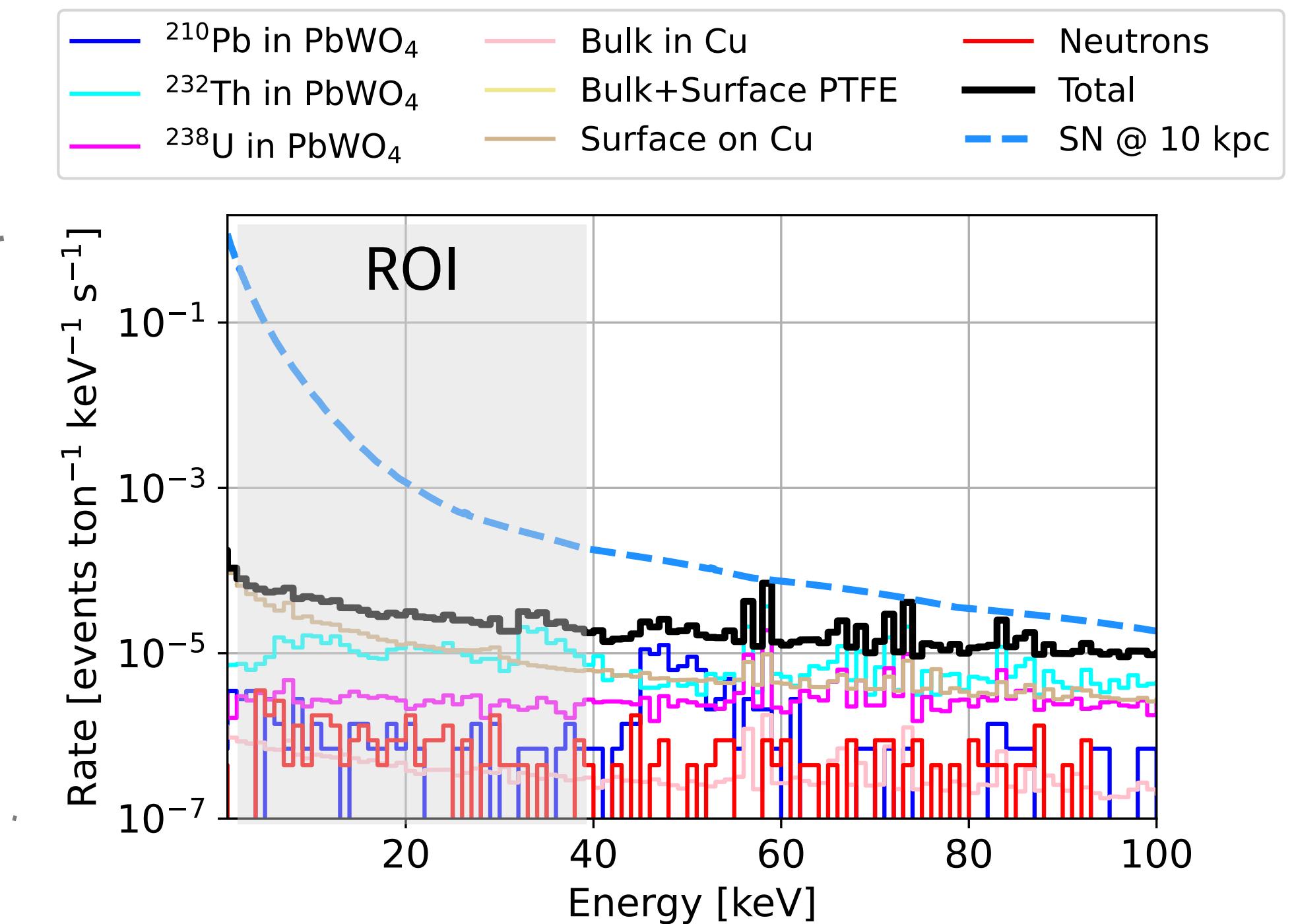
Bkg goal: $<10^{-3}$ ev/ton/keV/s in coincidence mode (no particle ID)

<0.086 c/keV/kg/d

Background rate in the ROI

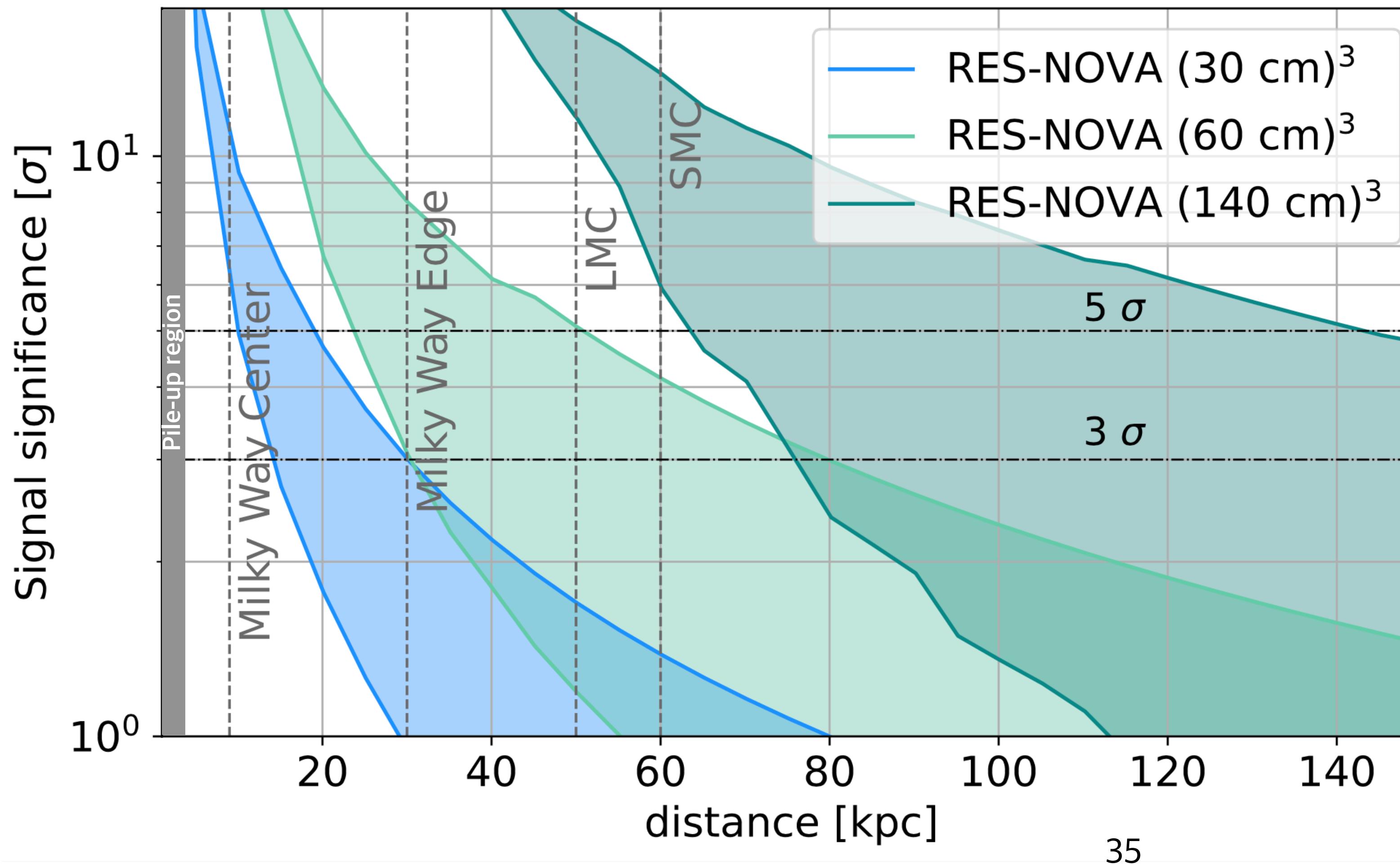


Detector energy spectrum for a SN @ 10 kpc



RES-NOVA SENSITIVITY

SMALL DETECTOR GREAT POTENTIAL

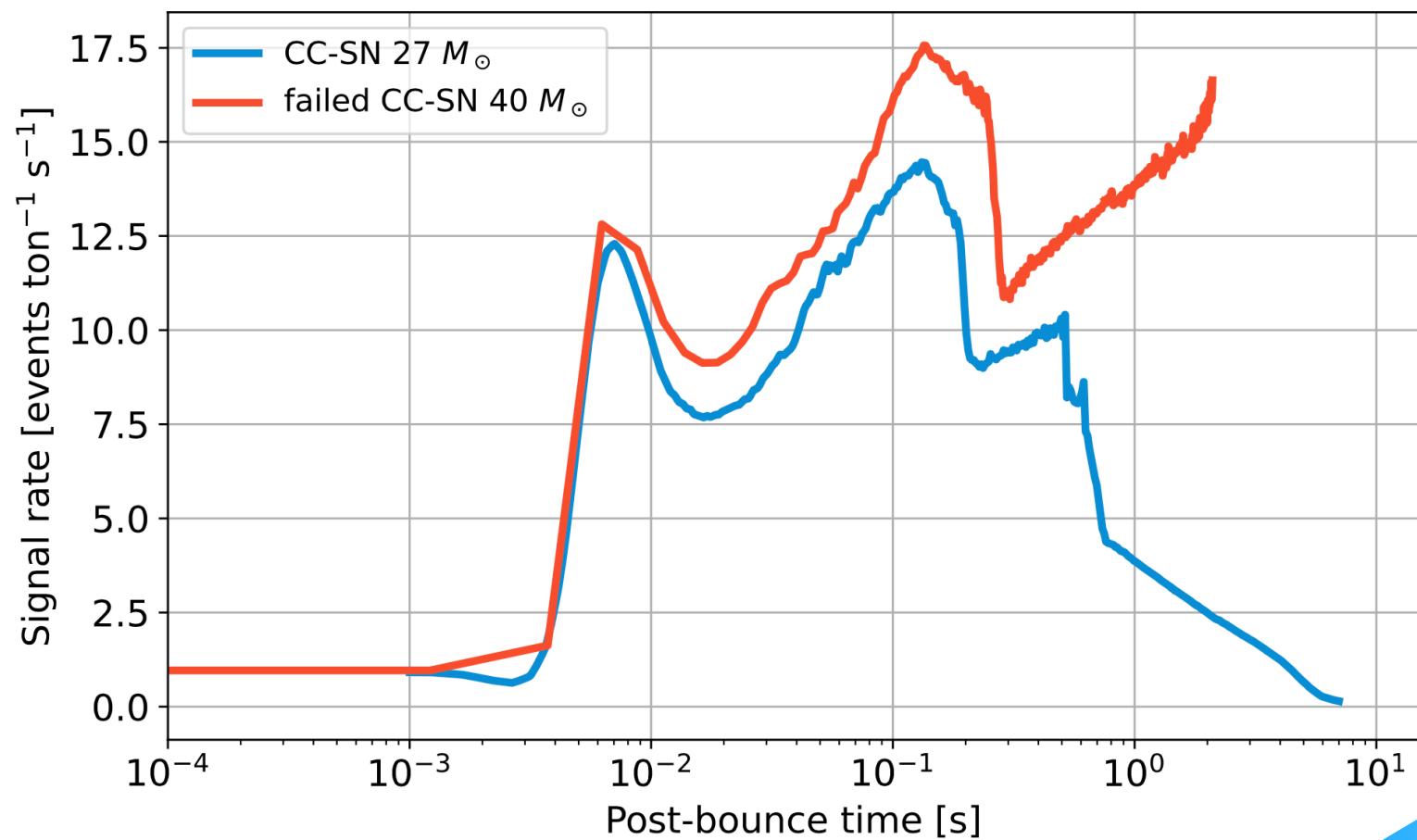


Target: archaeo-PbWO₄
Energy threshold: 1 keV
Bkg @ ROI: $10^{-3} \text{ c/keV/ton/s/}$

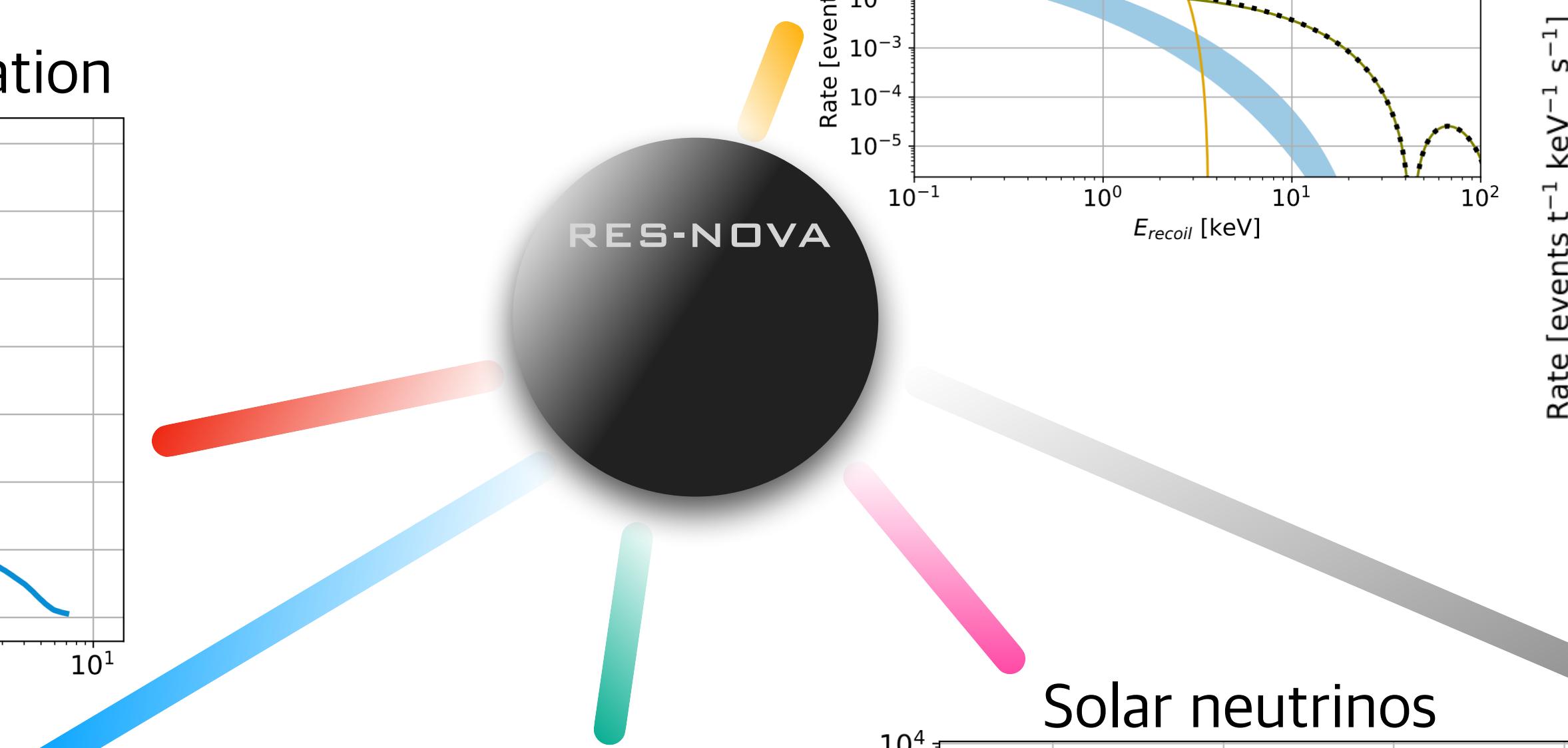
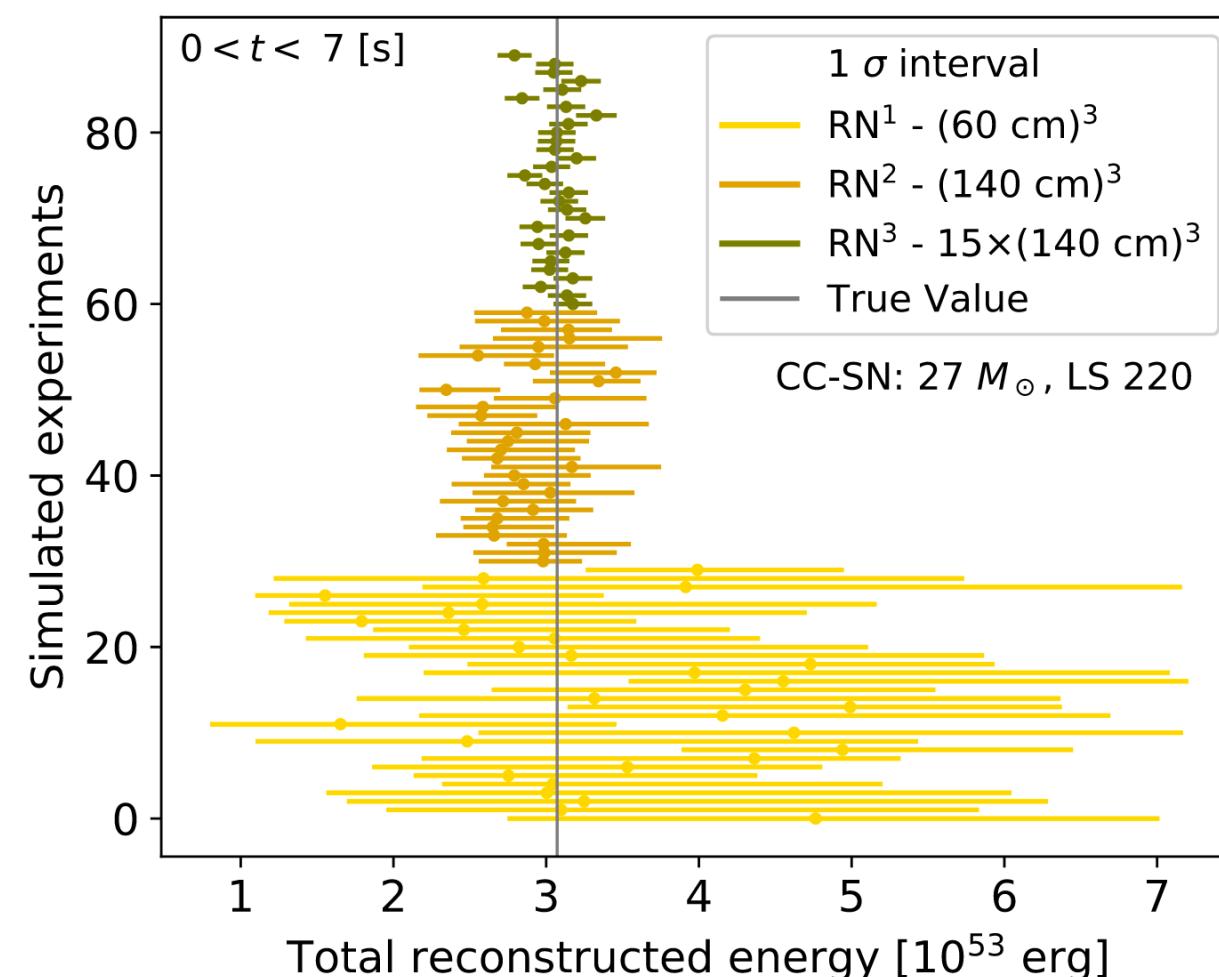
RES-NOVA IMPACT

MULTI-DISCIPLINARITY

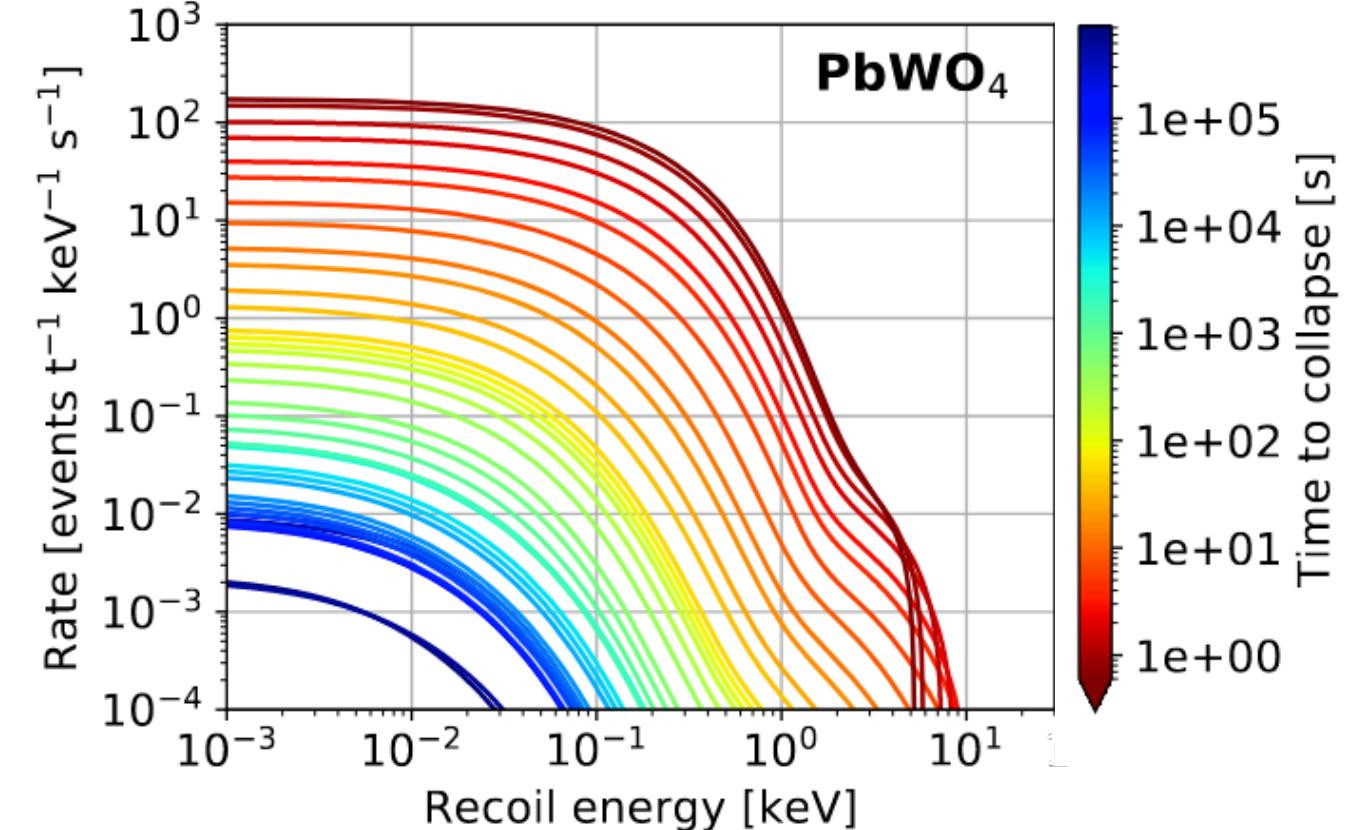
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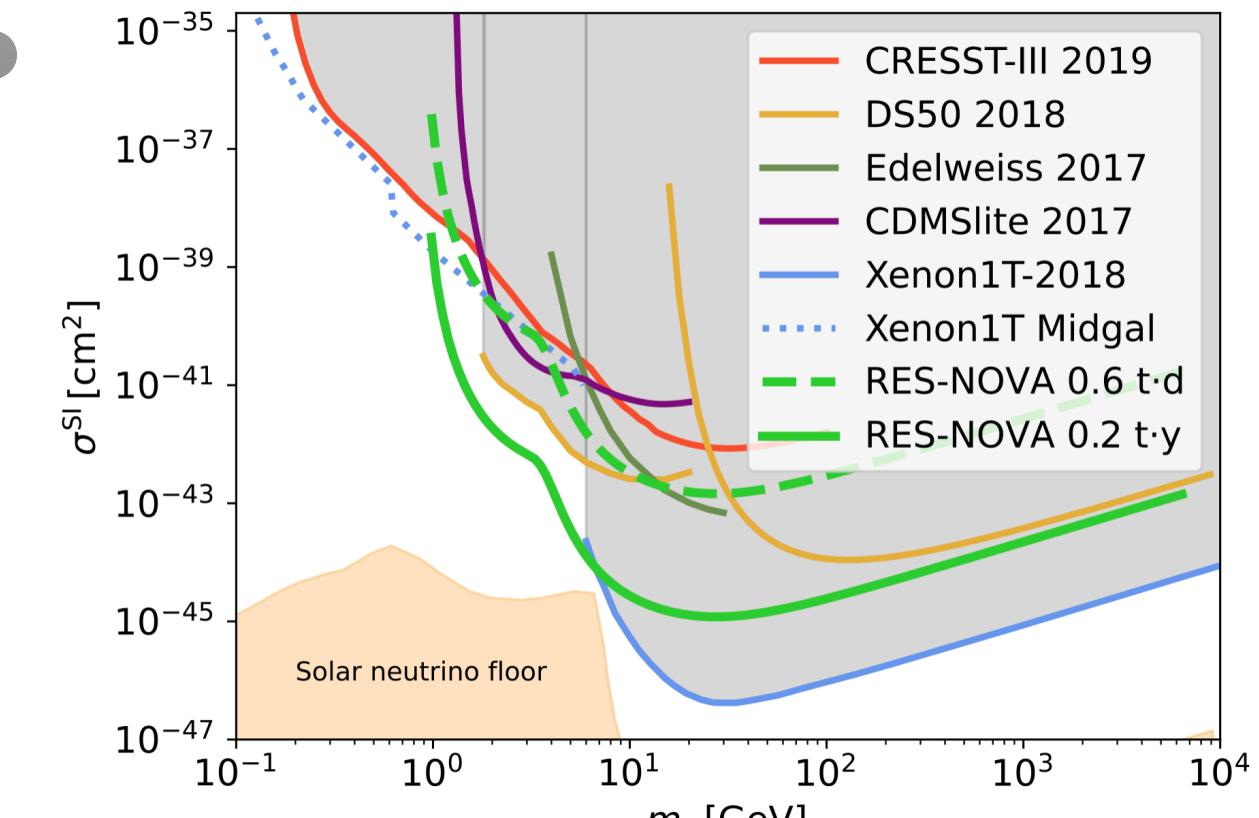
Precise ϵ_{tot} reconstruction



Pre-SN neutrino detection



Direct DM searches



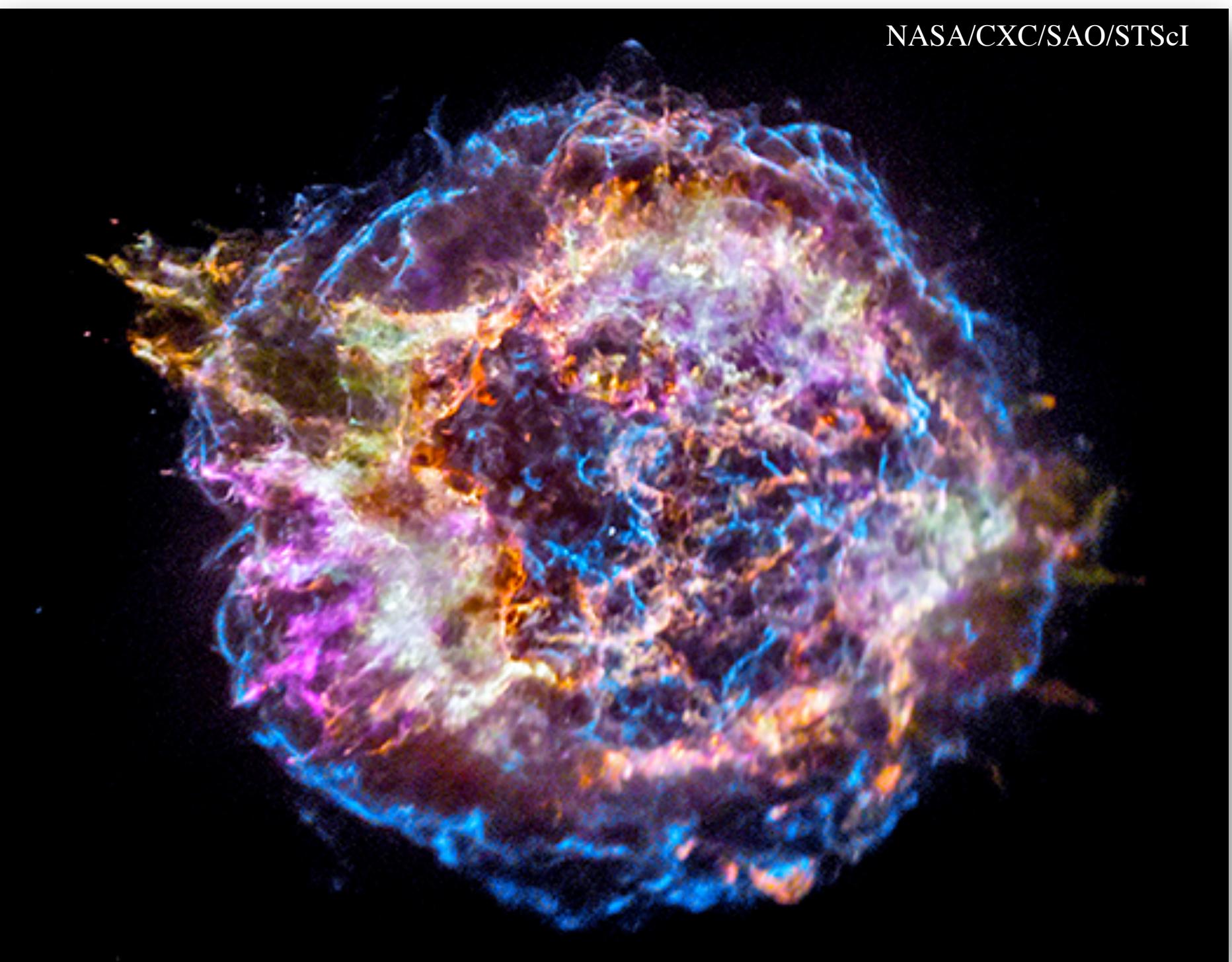
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ARE WE READY FOR THE NEXT SN ?

- SN1987A neutrinos took 160,000 y to reach our detectors
- In 2022 the most advanced EU neutrino detector went off-line



ARE WE READY FOR THE NEXT SN ?

RES-NOVA demo is funded

Long-term science program on neutrino physics

Innovative experimental approach

Multi-disciplinarity

Feasibility

Proof of principle detectors gave promising results

Timeliness

In the next 5 y there is ~10% of probability to observe a SN

