

RES-NOVA

A revolutionary archaeological
Pb observatory for
astrophysical neutrino sources

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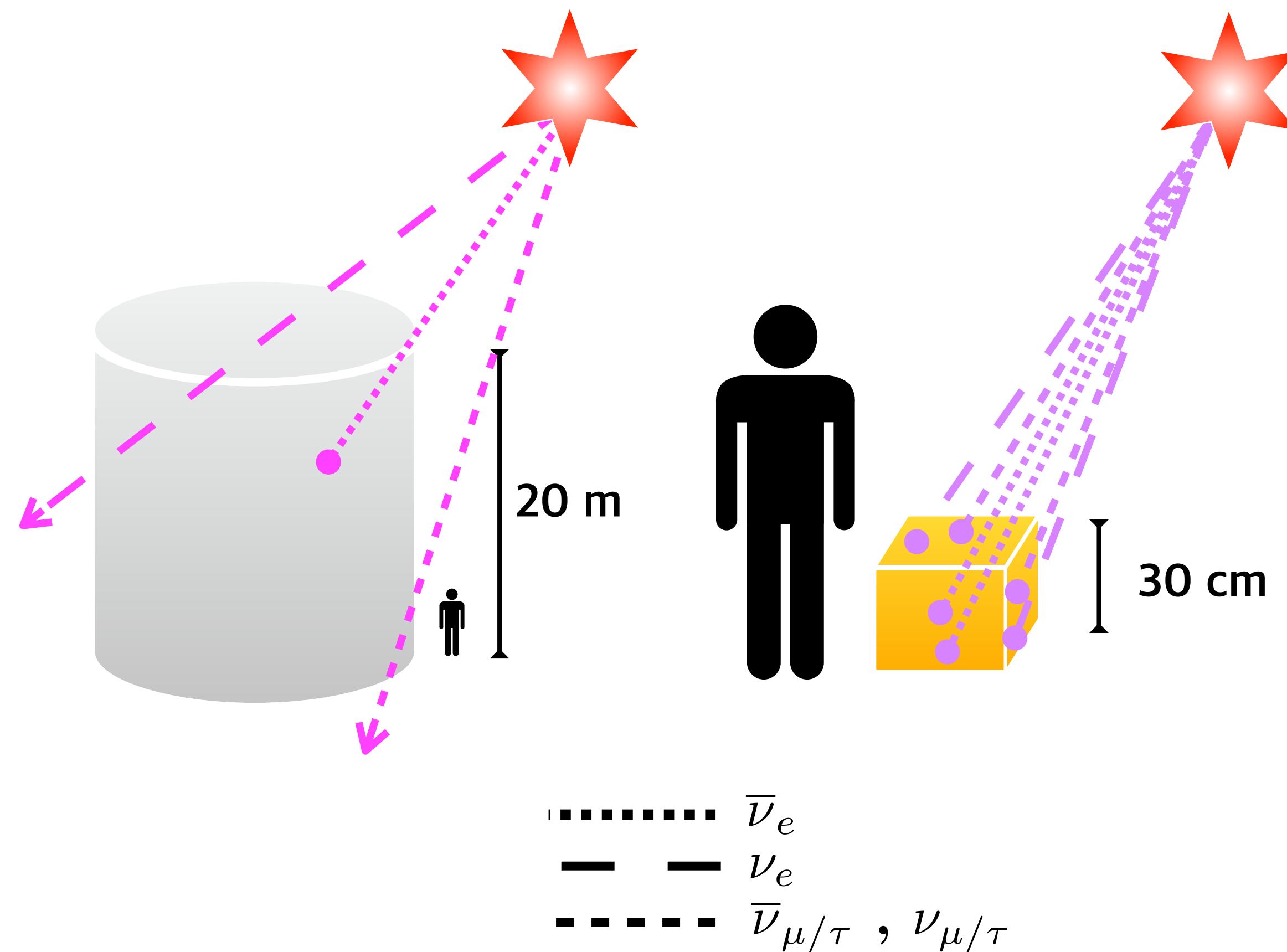
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RES-NOVA IN ONE SLIDE

Detecting SuperNova neutrinos

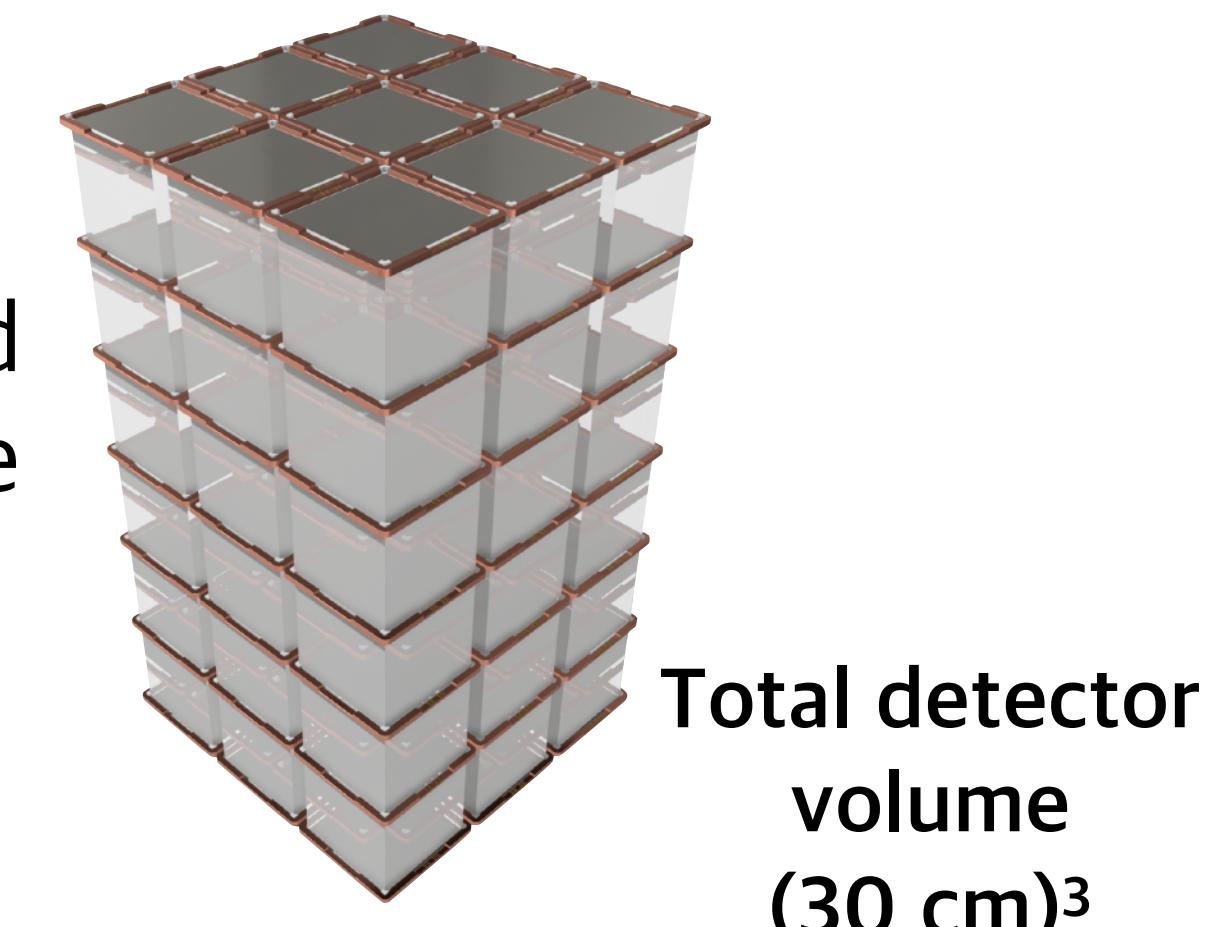
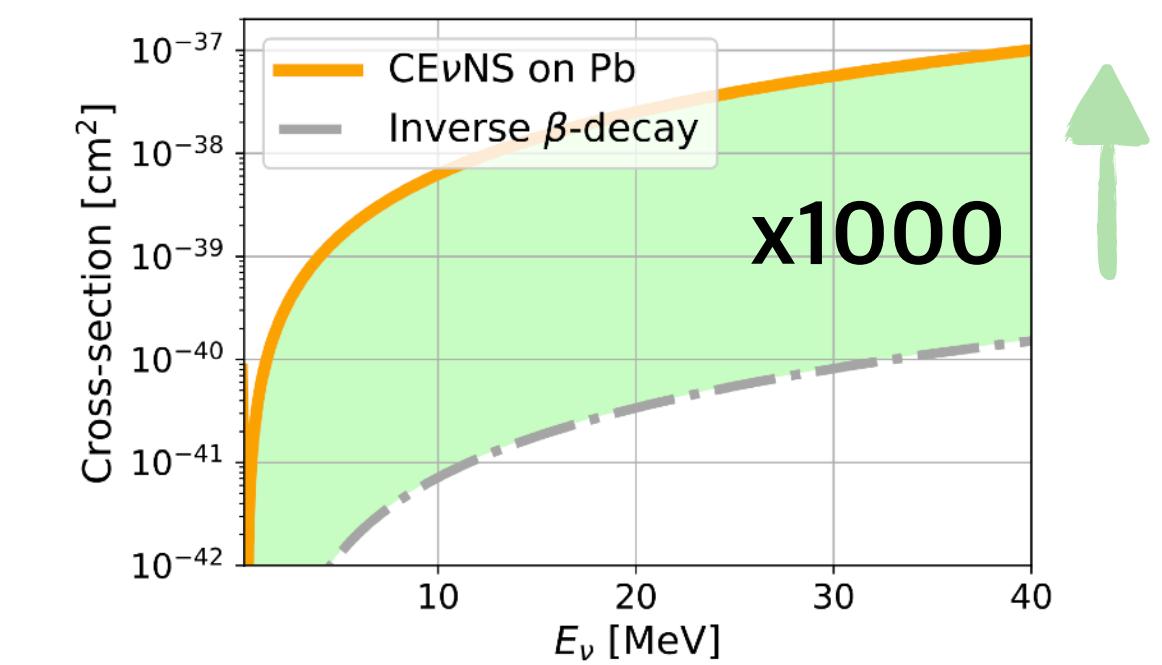
1 SN / 50 years



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

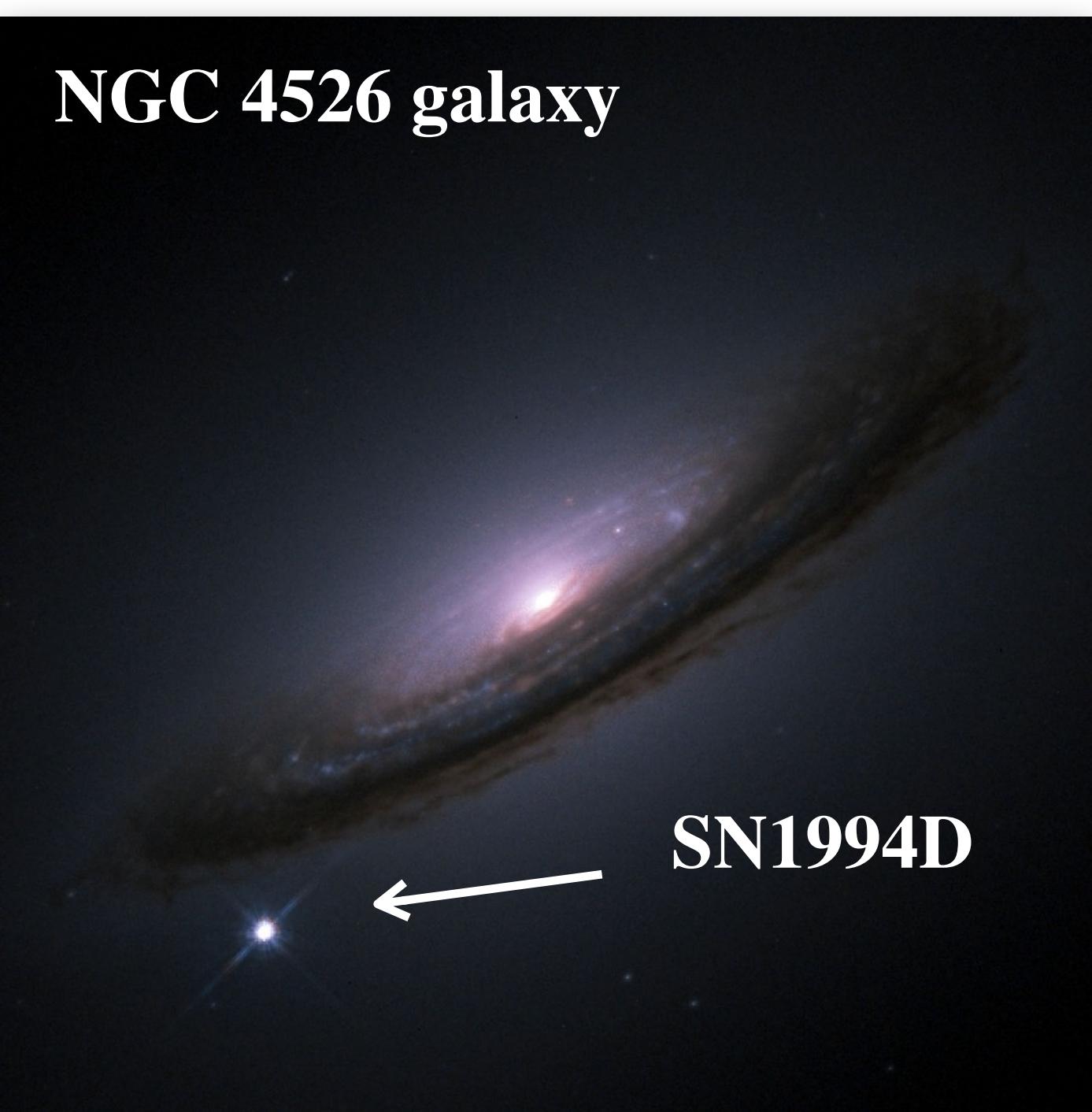
SETTING THE STAGE

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)

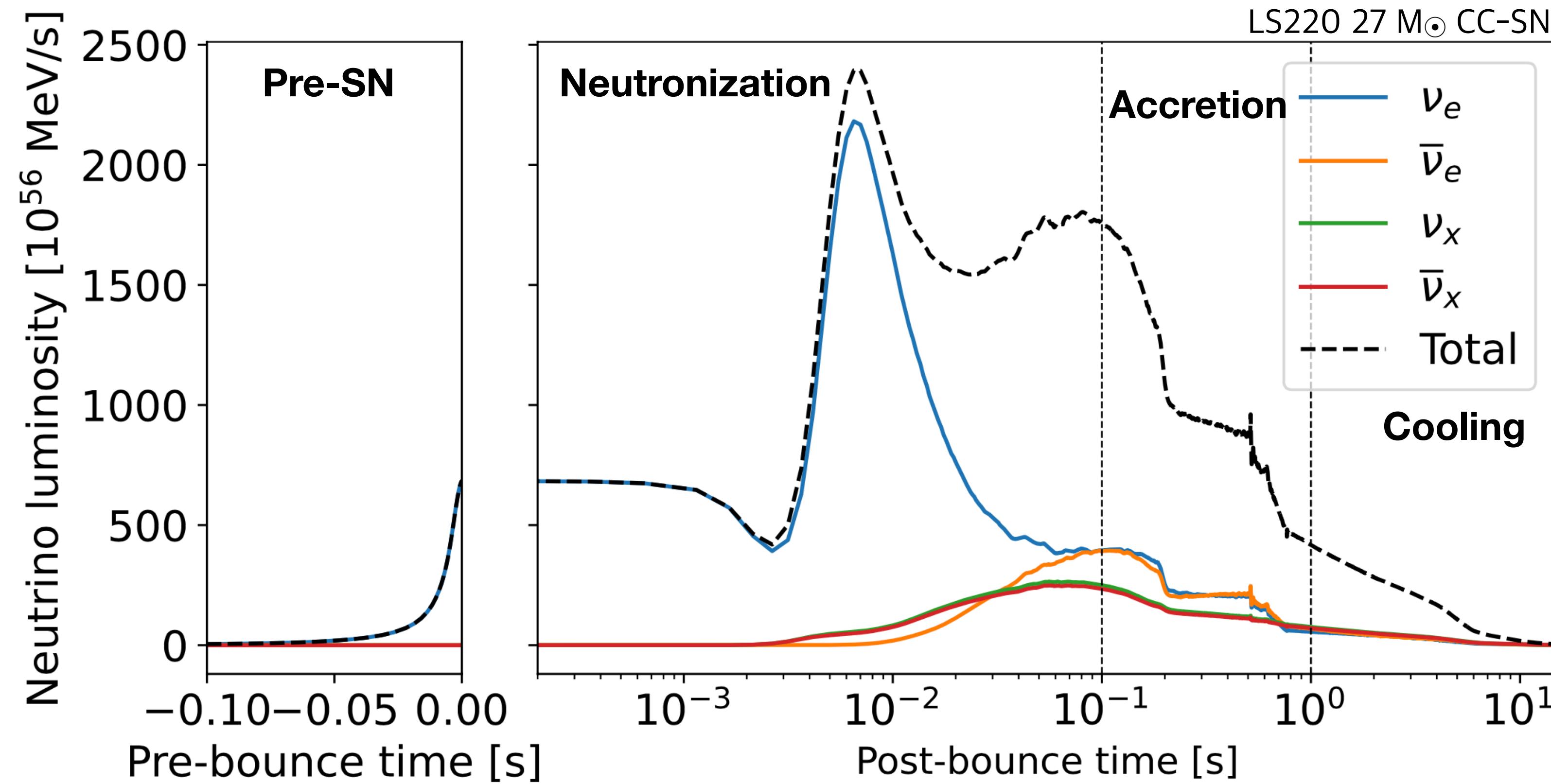


Credit: NASA/ESA, The Hubble Key Project Team and
The High-Z Supernova Search Team

NEUTRINOS ARE EMITTED AT ALL TIMES

UNIQUE NEUTRINO SIGNATURE

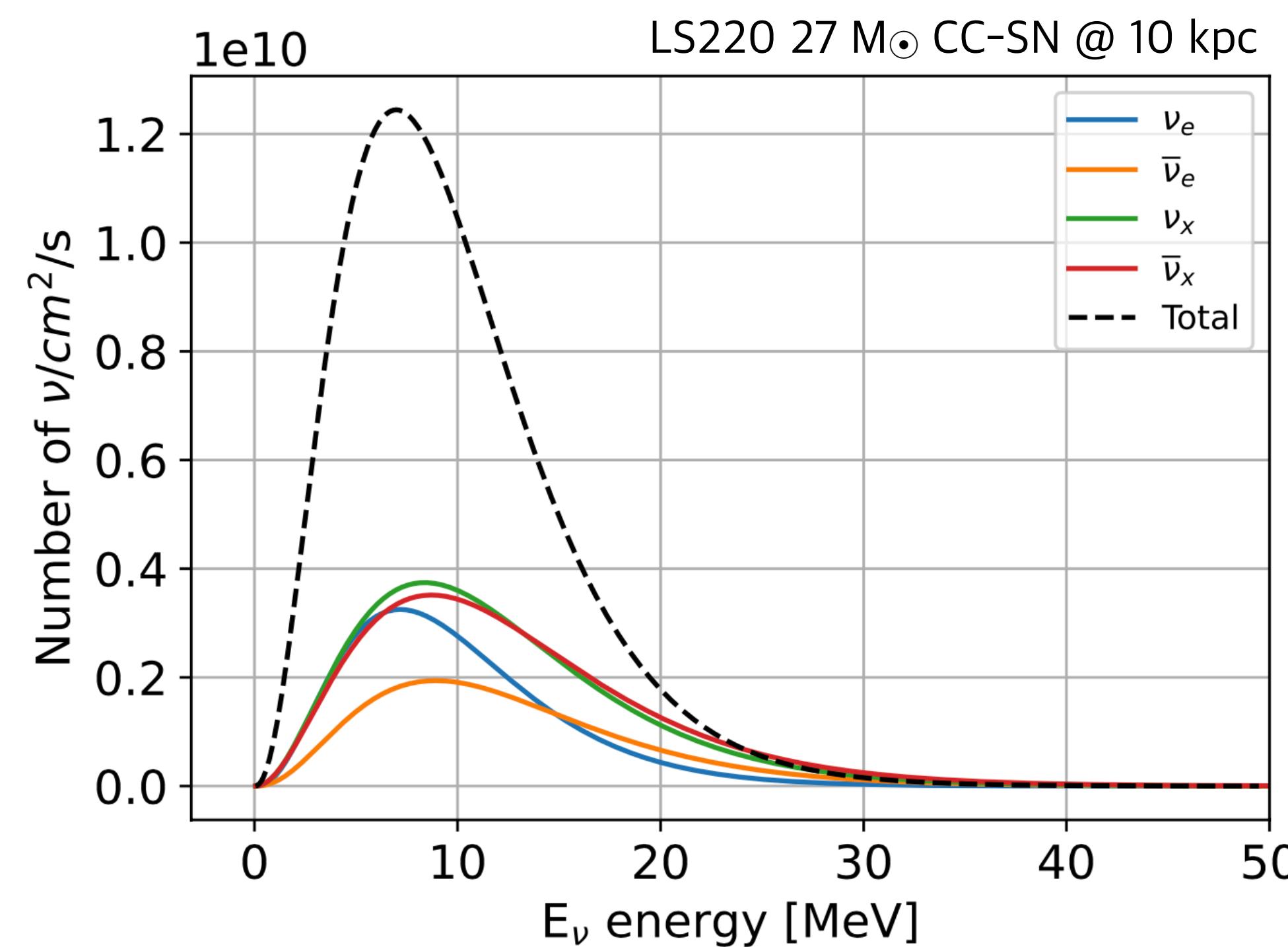
Neutrino transport simulation of a Core-Collapse SN



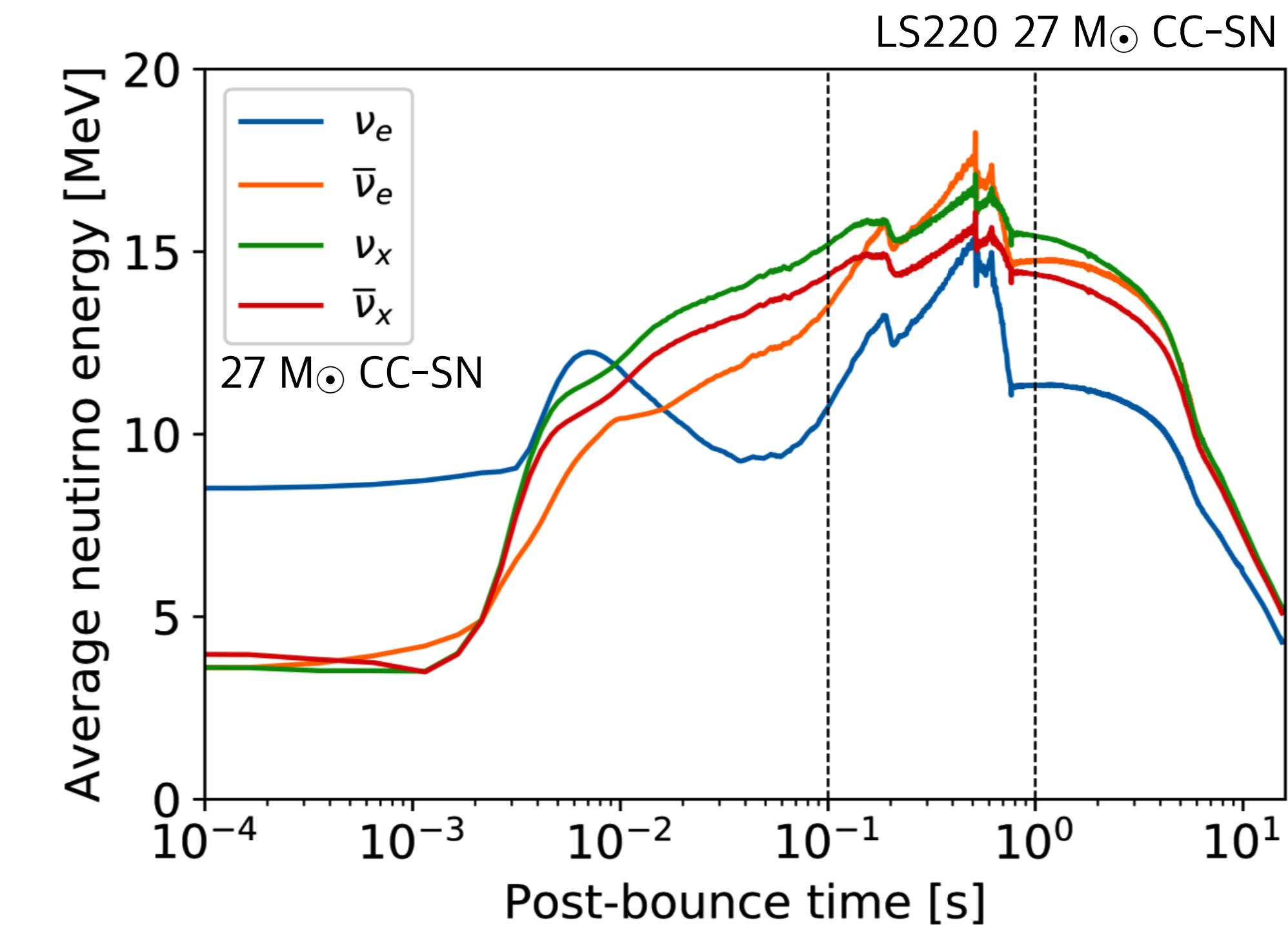
Nota Bene: neutrino flavor oscillations not included

SUPERNOVA NEUTRINO SIGNAL

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE NEUTRINO ENERGY?



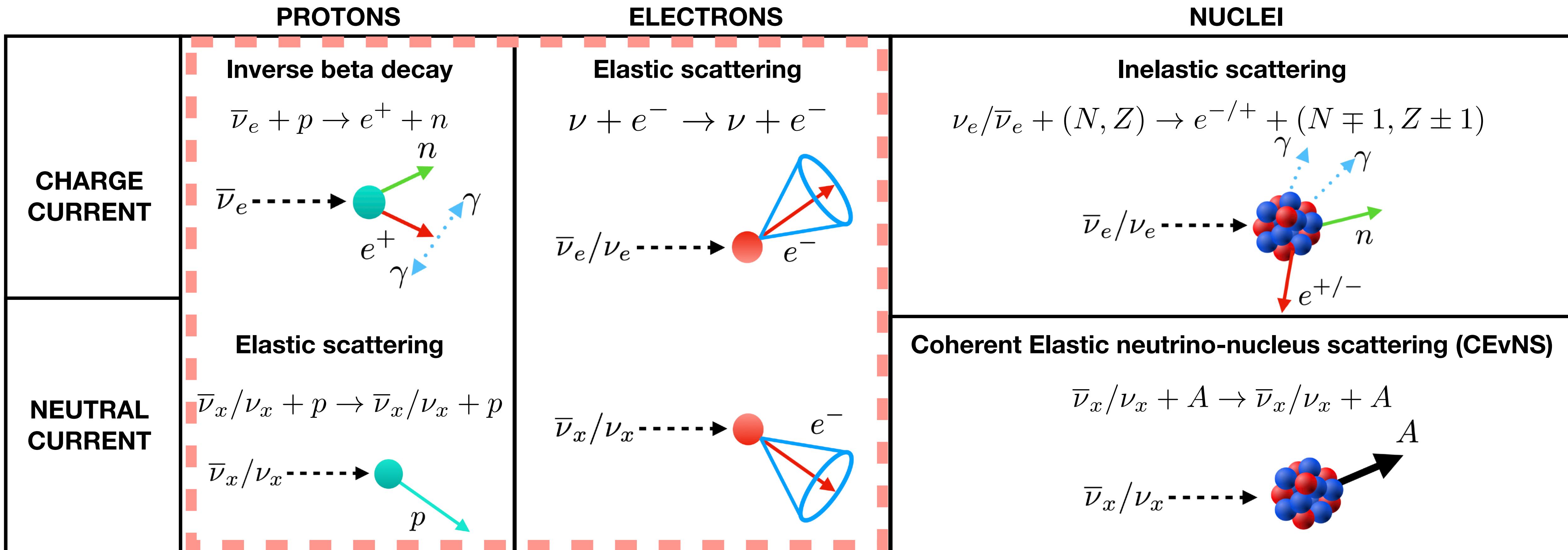
ν_x is the most **intense** component of the flux



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

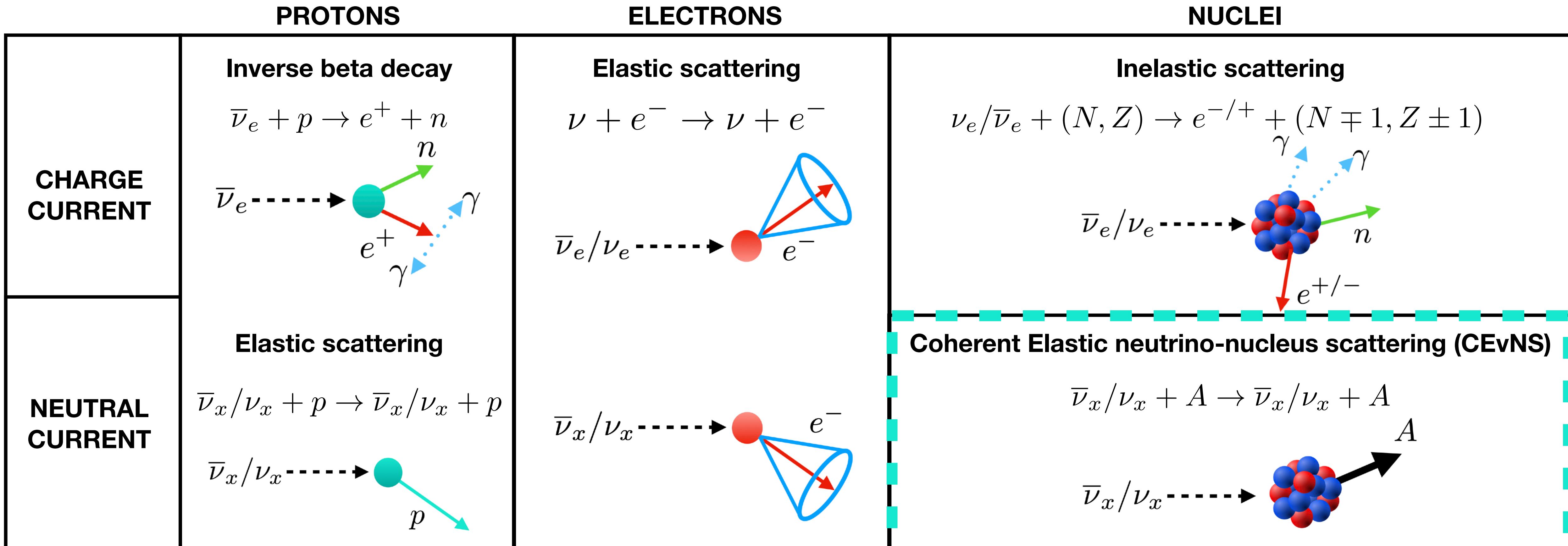
Current SN neutrino detectors are mostly sensitive to anti- ν_e/ν_e

HOW DO WE DETECT SN NEUTRINOS NOWADAYS?



From 1987 to nowadays

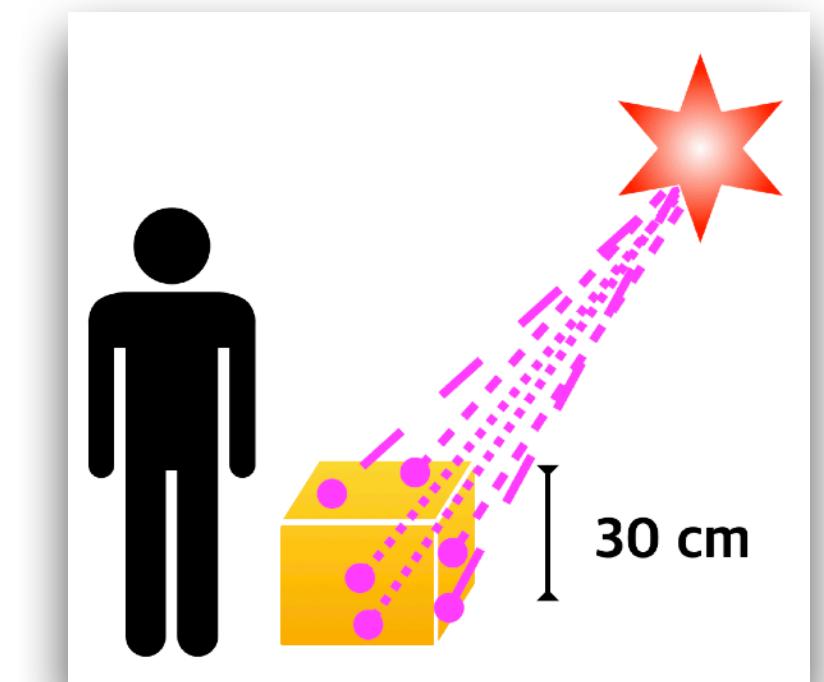
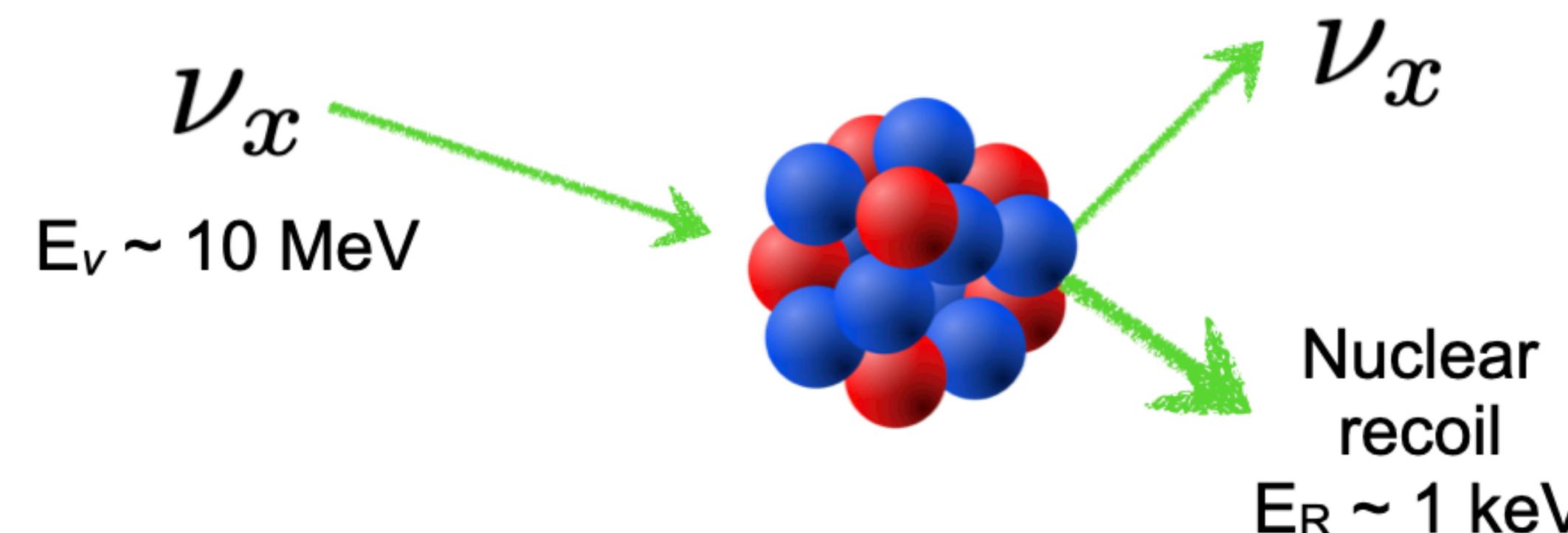
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Since 2017

ALL NEUTRINO FLAVORS ARE DETECTED

COHERENT NEUTRINO-NUCLEUS SCATTERING



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

$$\sigma_{CE\nu NS} = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} F^2(q^2) E_\nu^2 Q_W^2$$

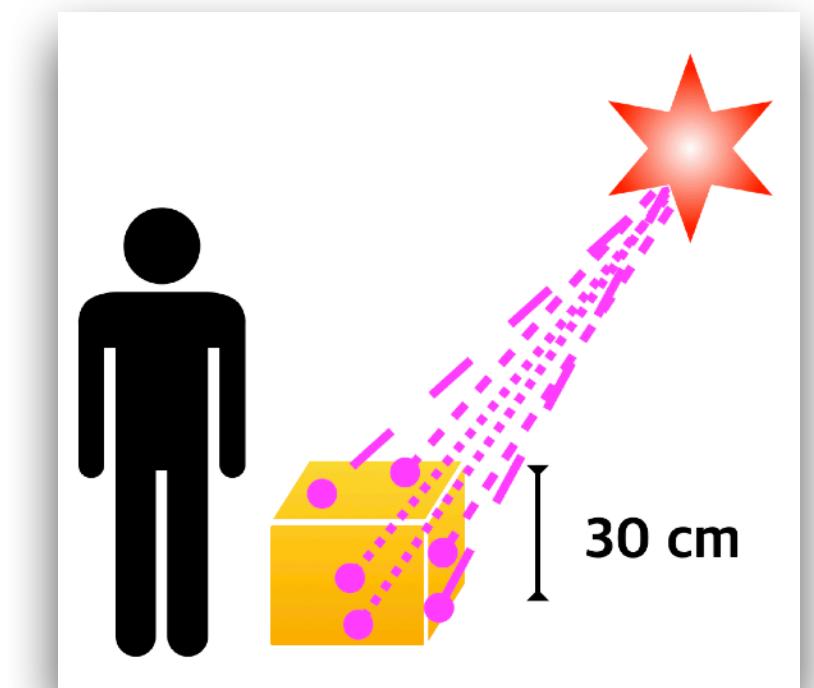
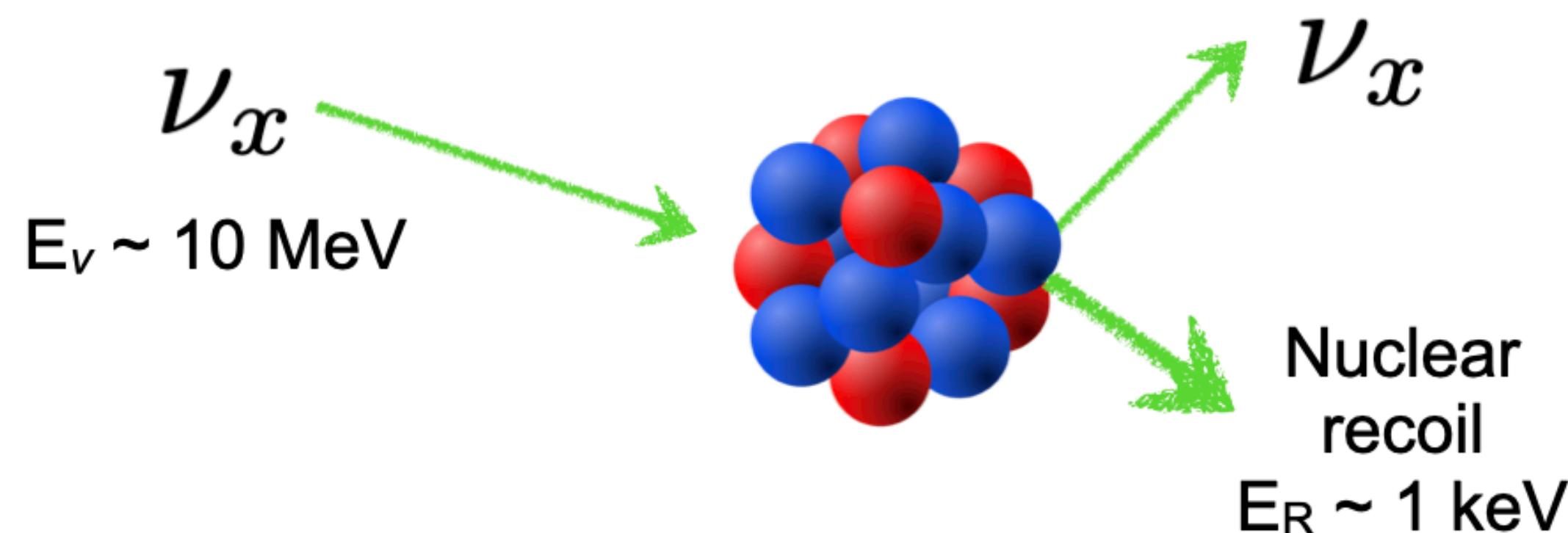
Weak nuclear charge

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

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

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cross-section Nuclear Form factor Neutrino energy

$\sim 5\%$

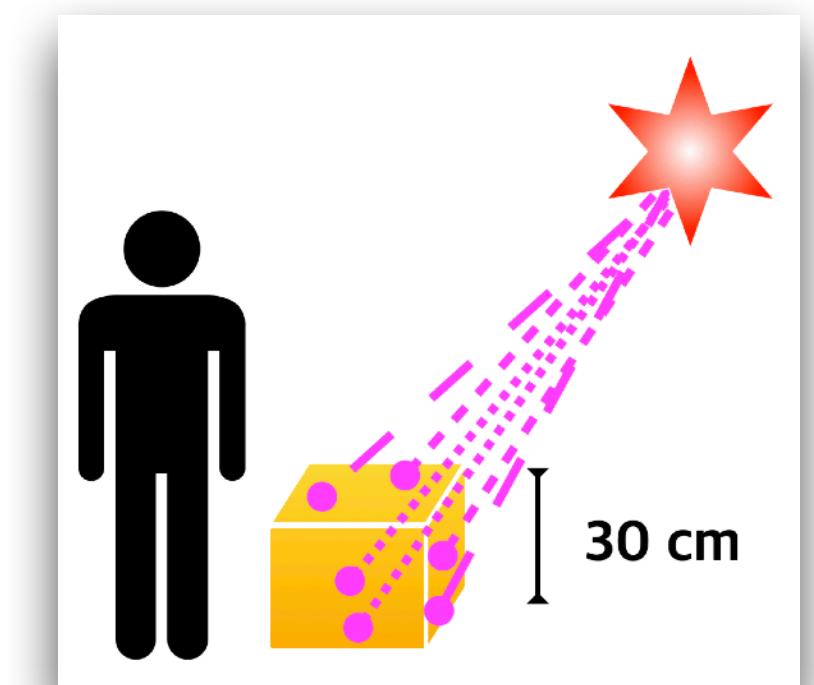
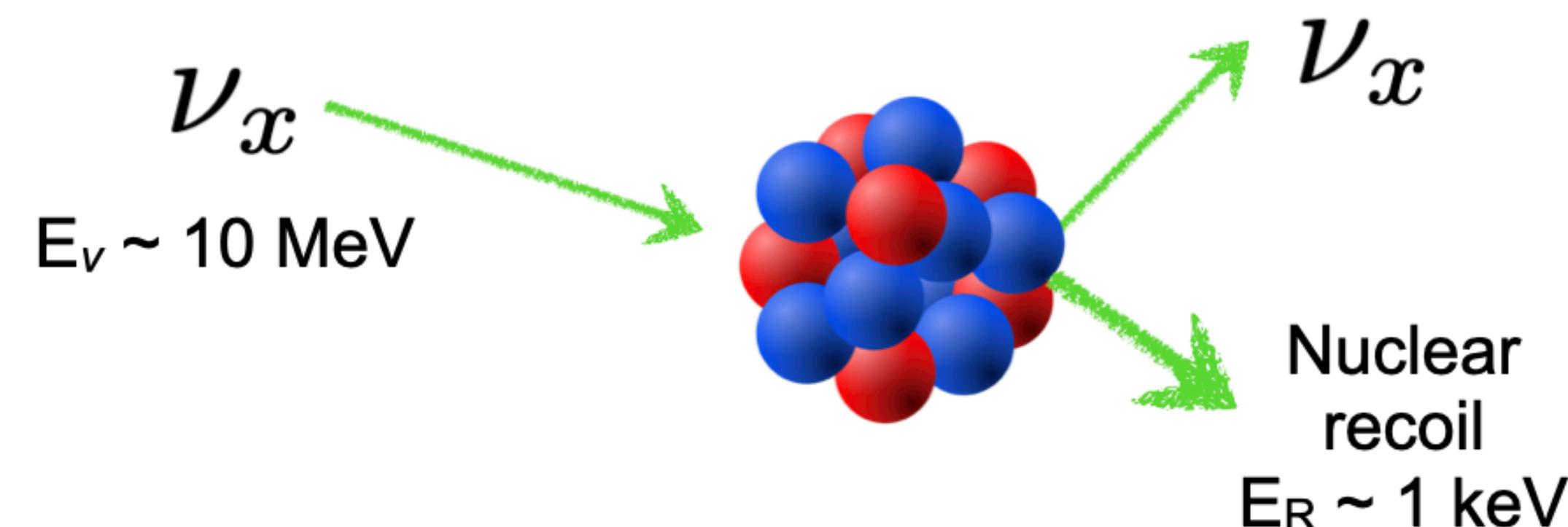
$$Q_W = N - Z(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W)$$

Weak nuclear charge

* Spin 0 interaction

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↑ ↑
cross-section Neutron
 number

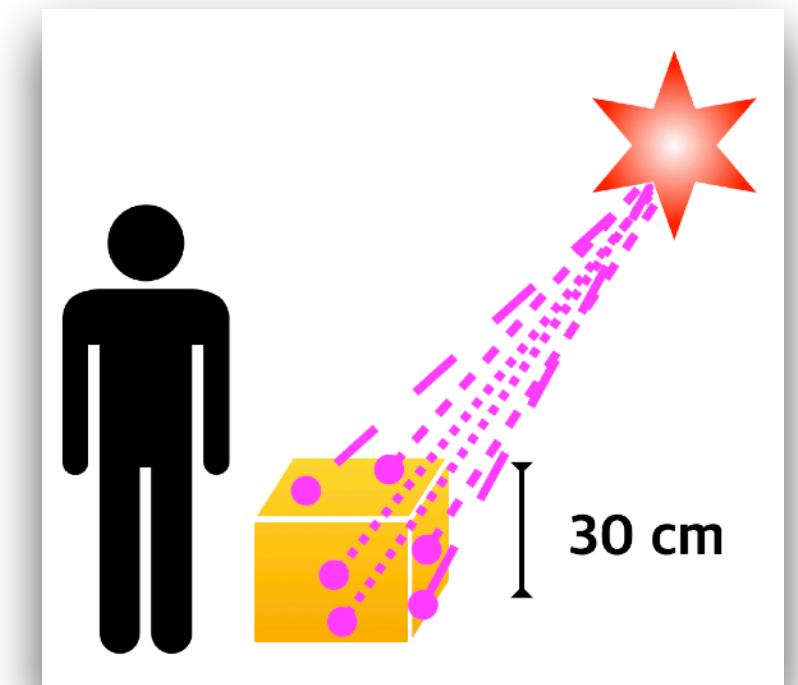
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Pb ideal target

Highest neutron number

Highest nuclear stability

* Nuclear Weak Form Factor measured!

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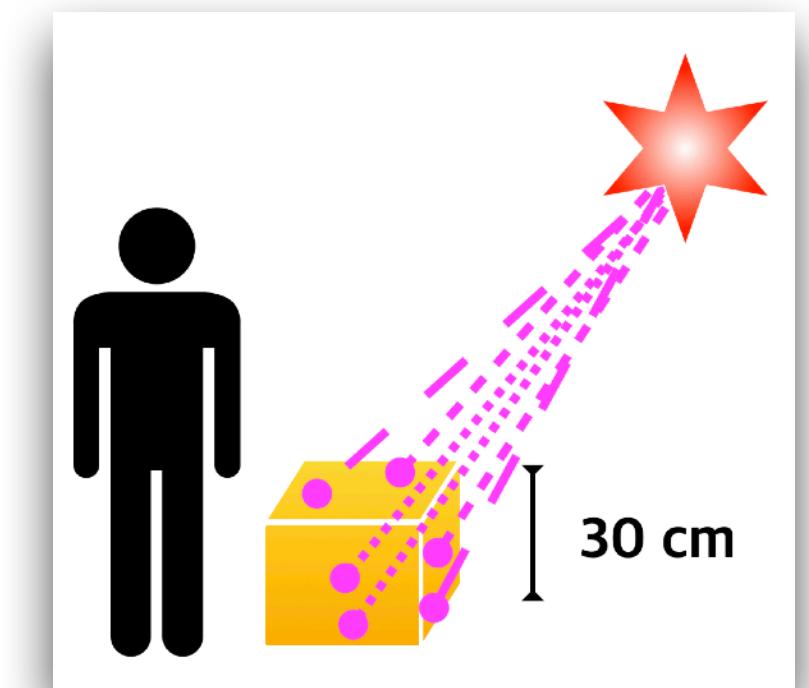
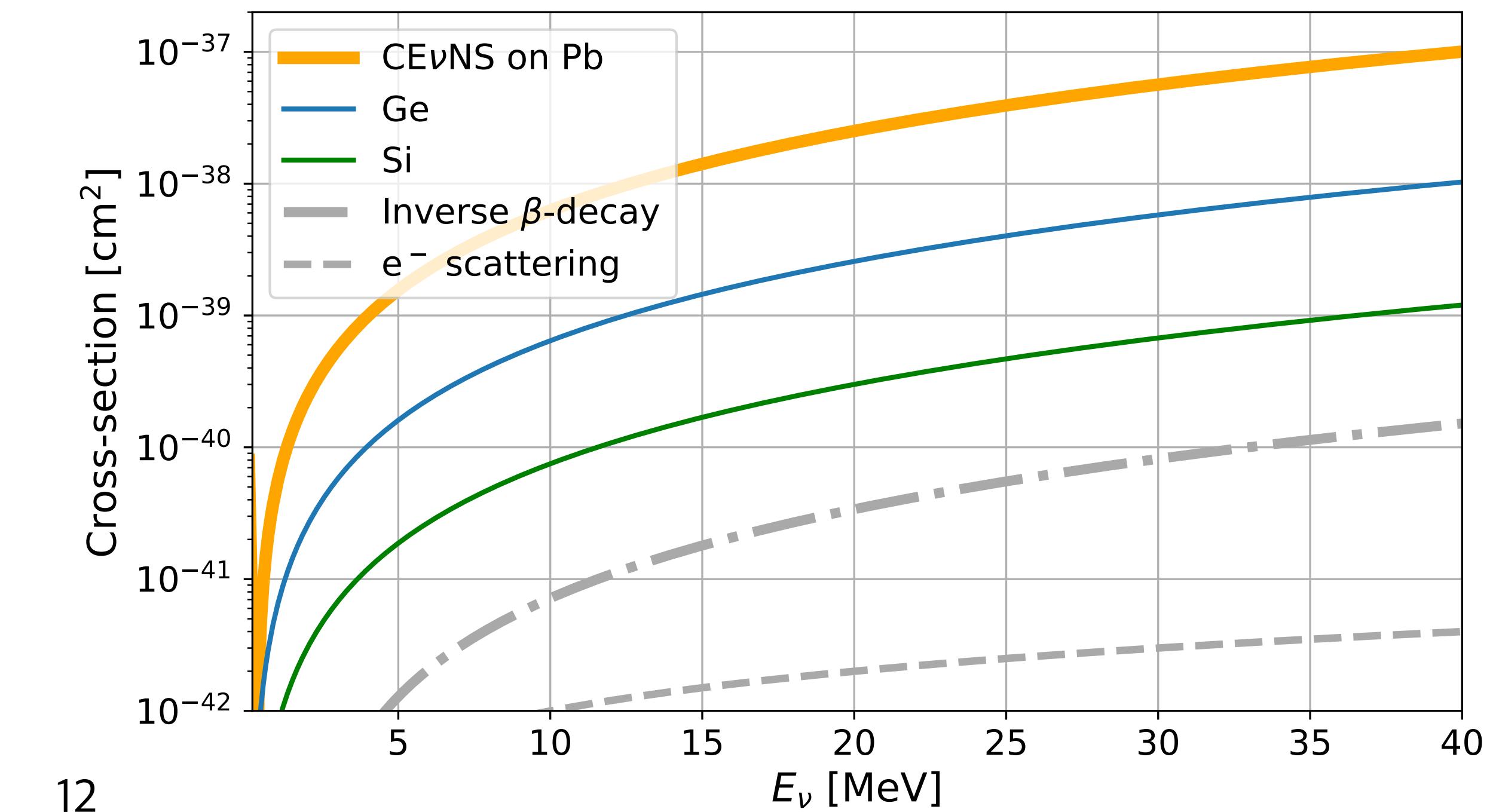
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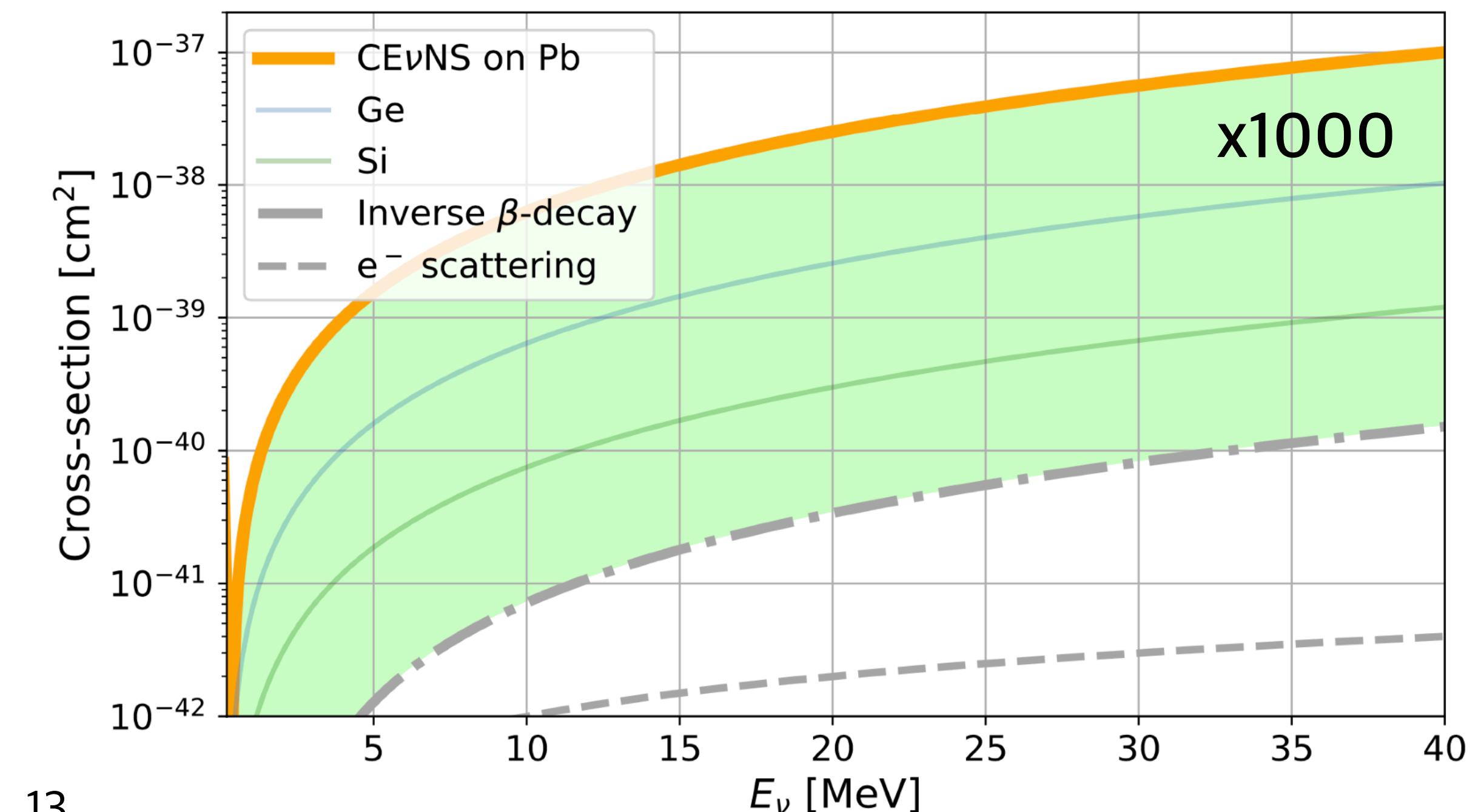
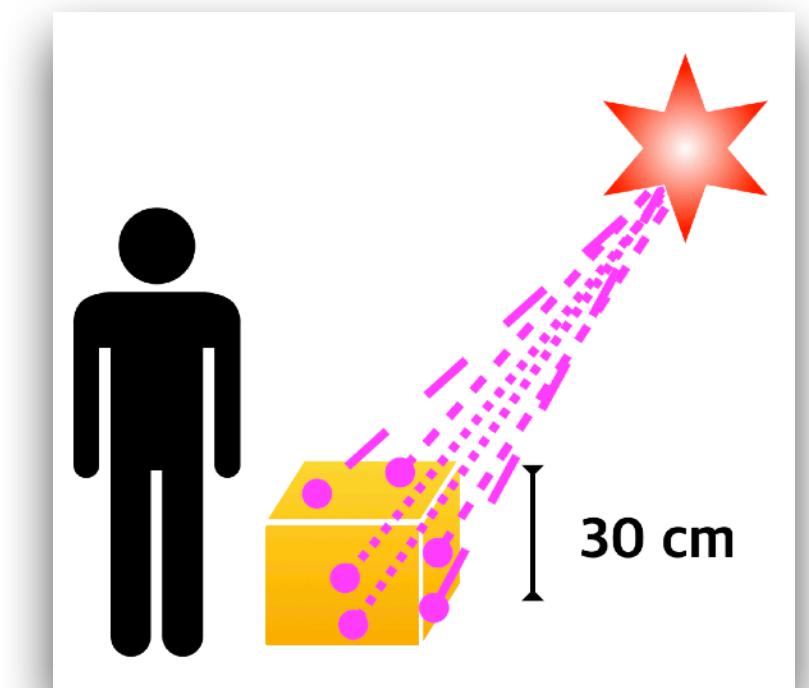
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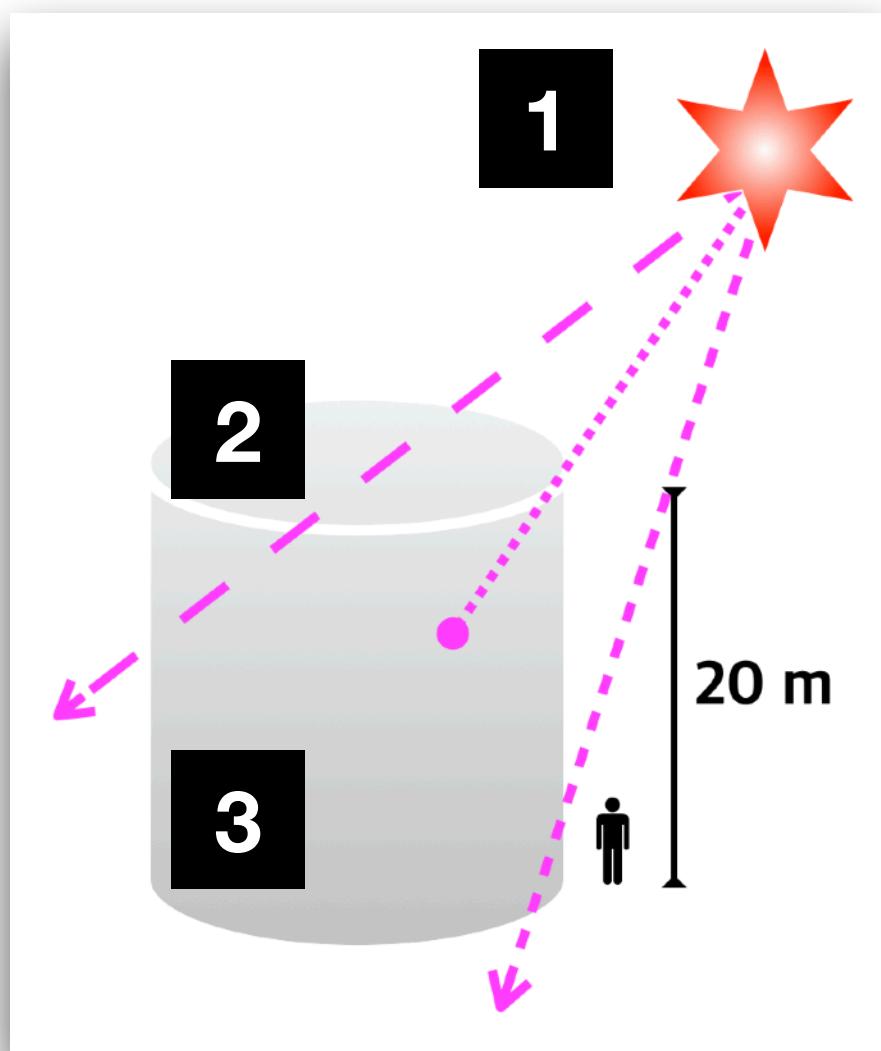
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N^2
Neutron number

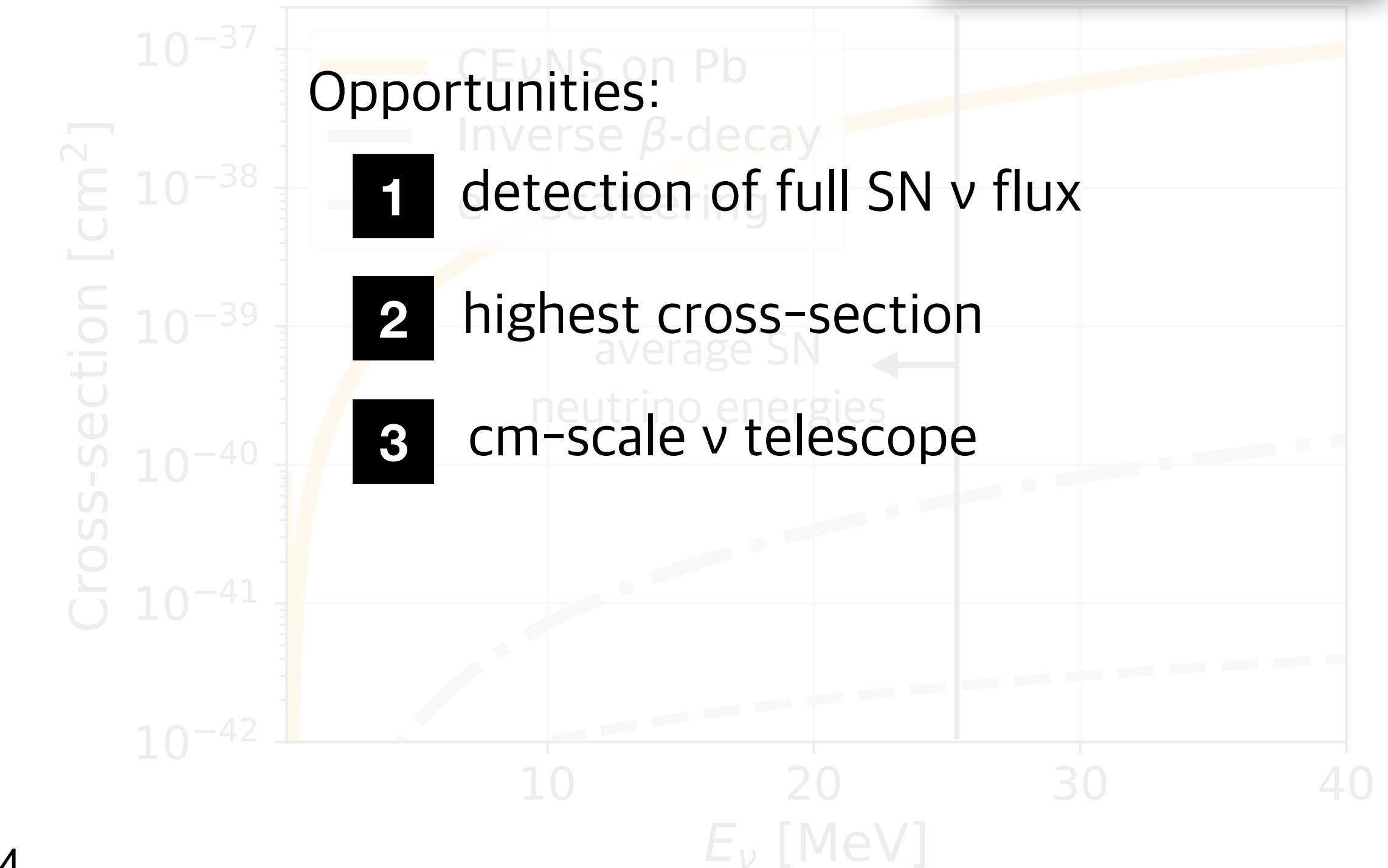
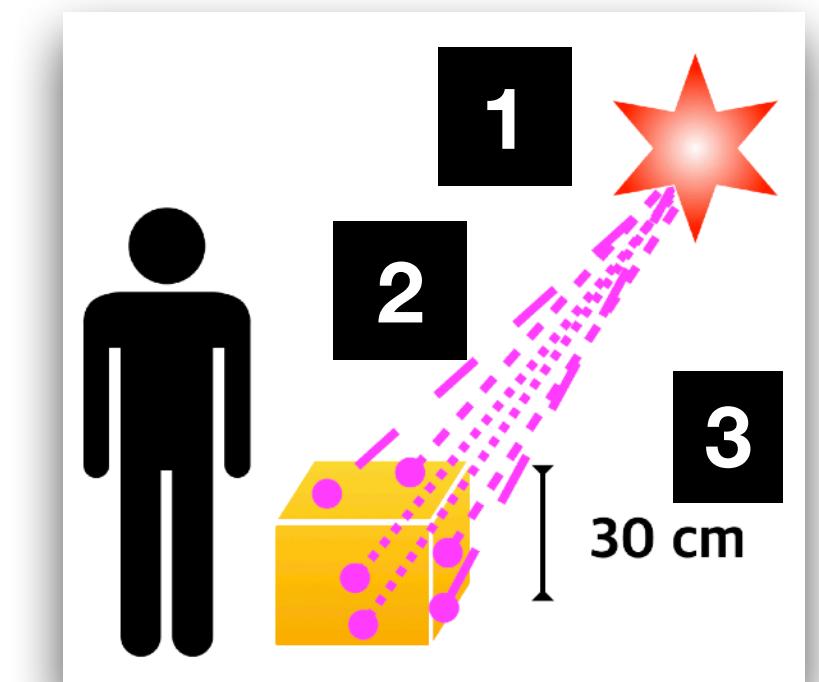
Status quo:

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

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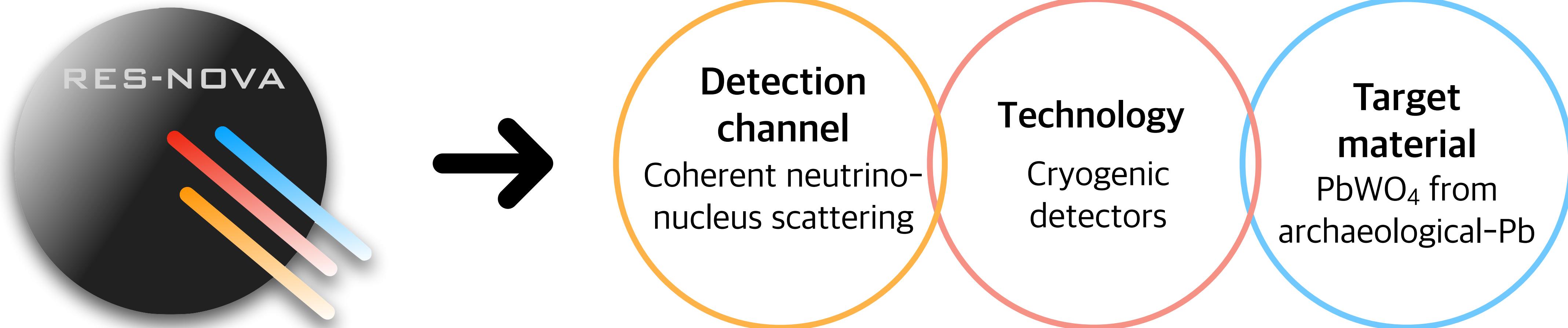
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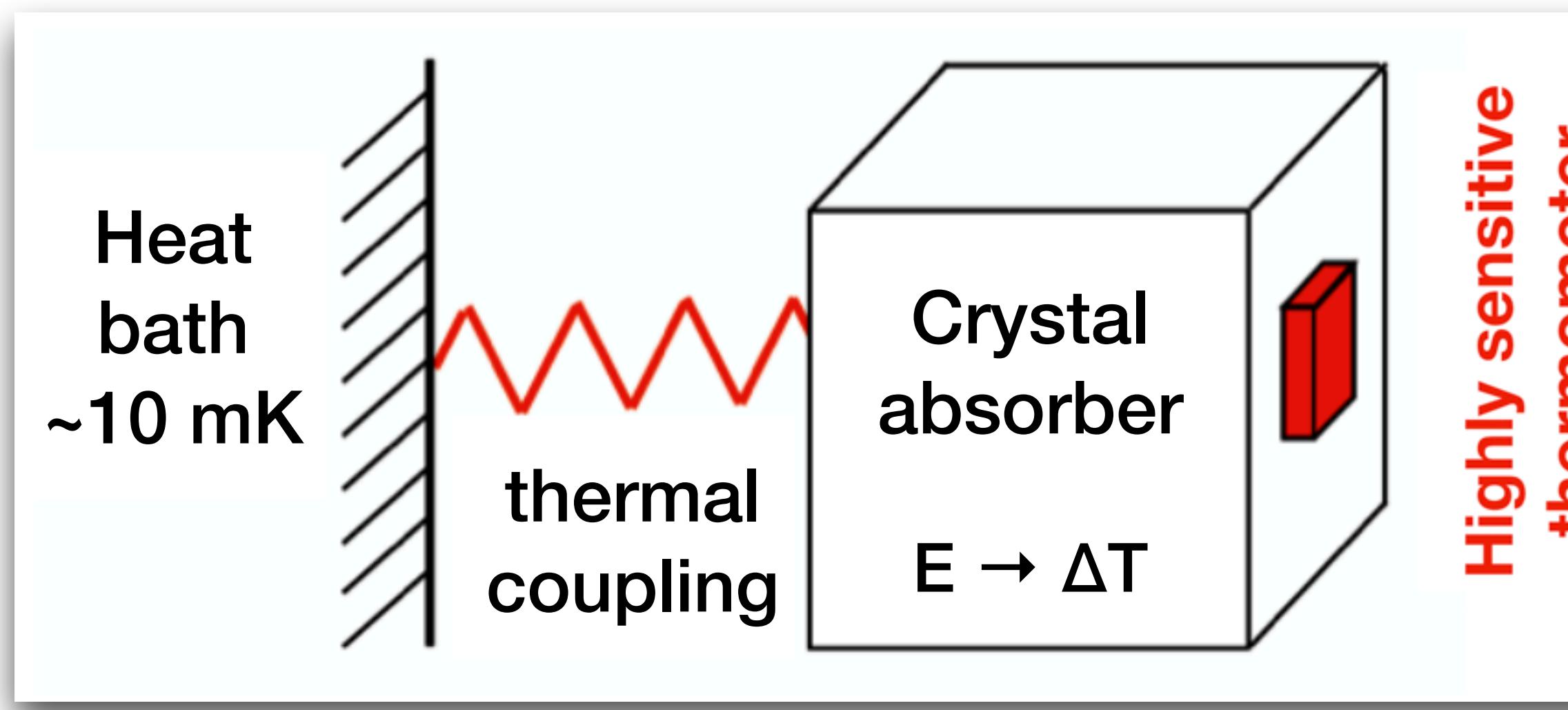
INNOVATIVE EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH



RES-NOVA DETECTOR TECHNOLOGY

ADVANCED CRYOGENIC DETECTORS

Cryogenic detectors made from Pb



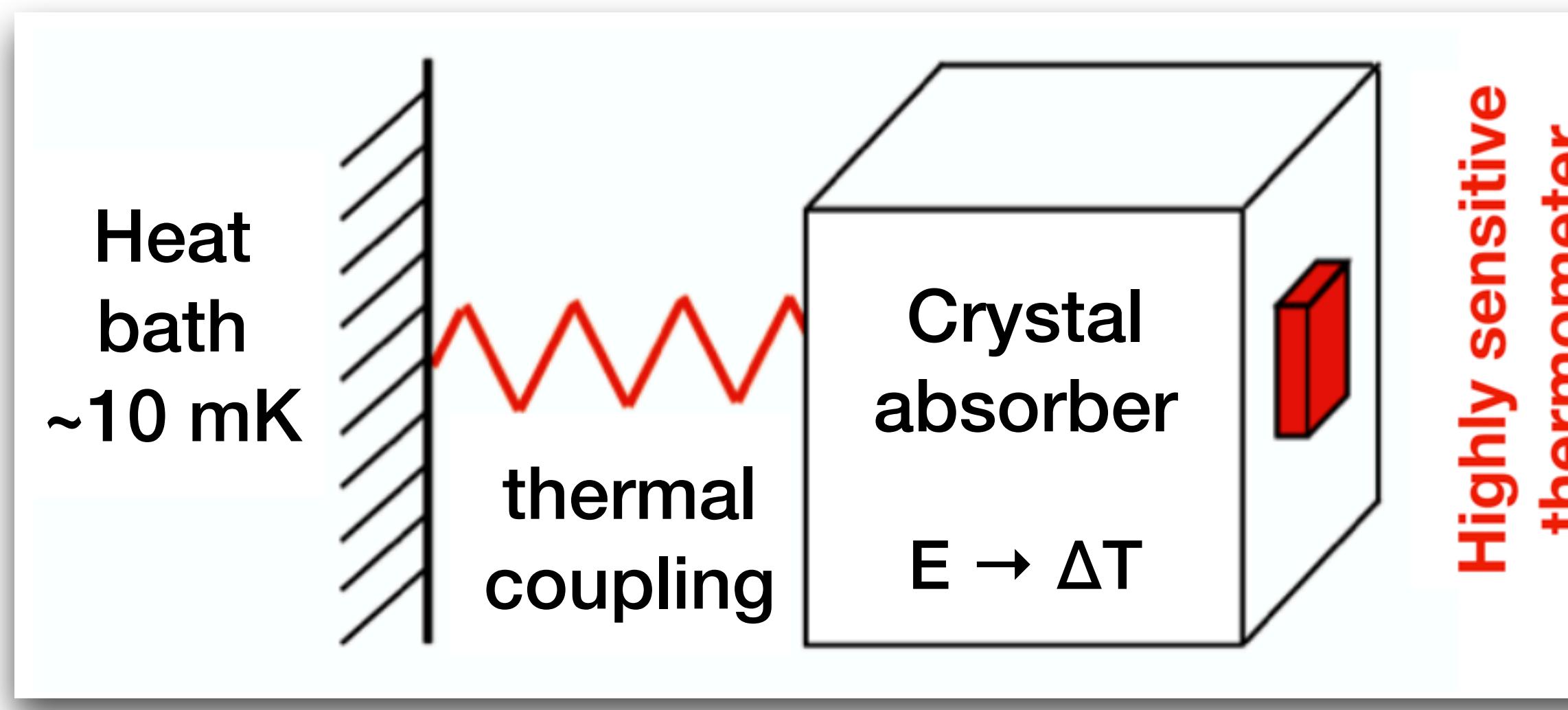
- ↑ Wide choice of compounds
- ↑ Easily scalable technology (modularity)
- ↑ Excellent energy resolution/threshold

- ↓ Fully active detectors → low background
- ↓ slow signals → underground installation

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A bolometer is a highly sensitive calorimeter operated @ cryogenic temperature (~10 mK).

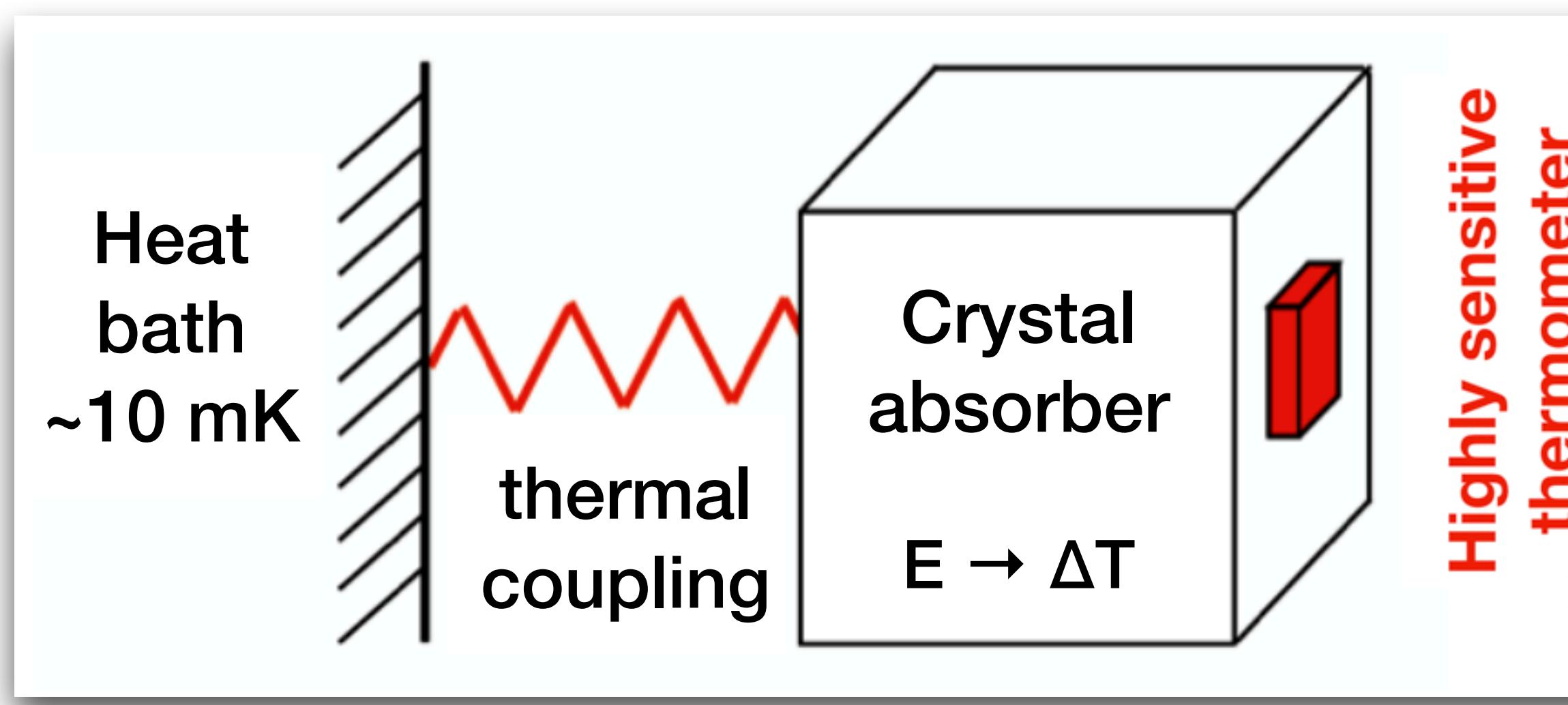
Energy deposits are measured as temperature variations of the absorber.

$$C \sim O(pJ/K) \sim O(keV/\mu K)$$

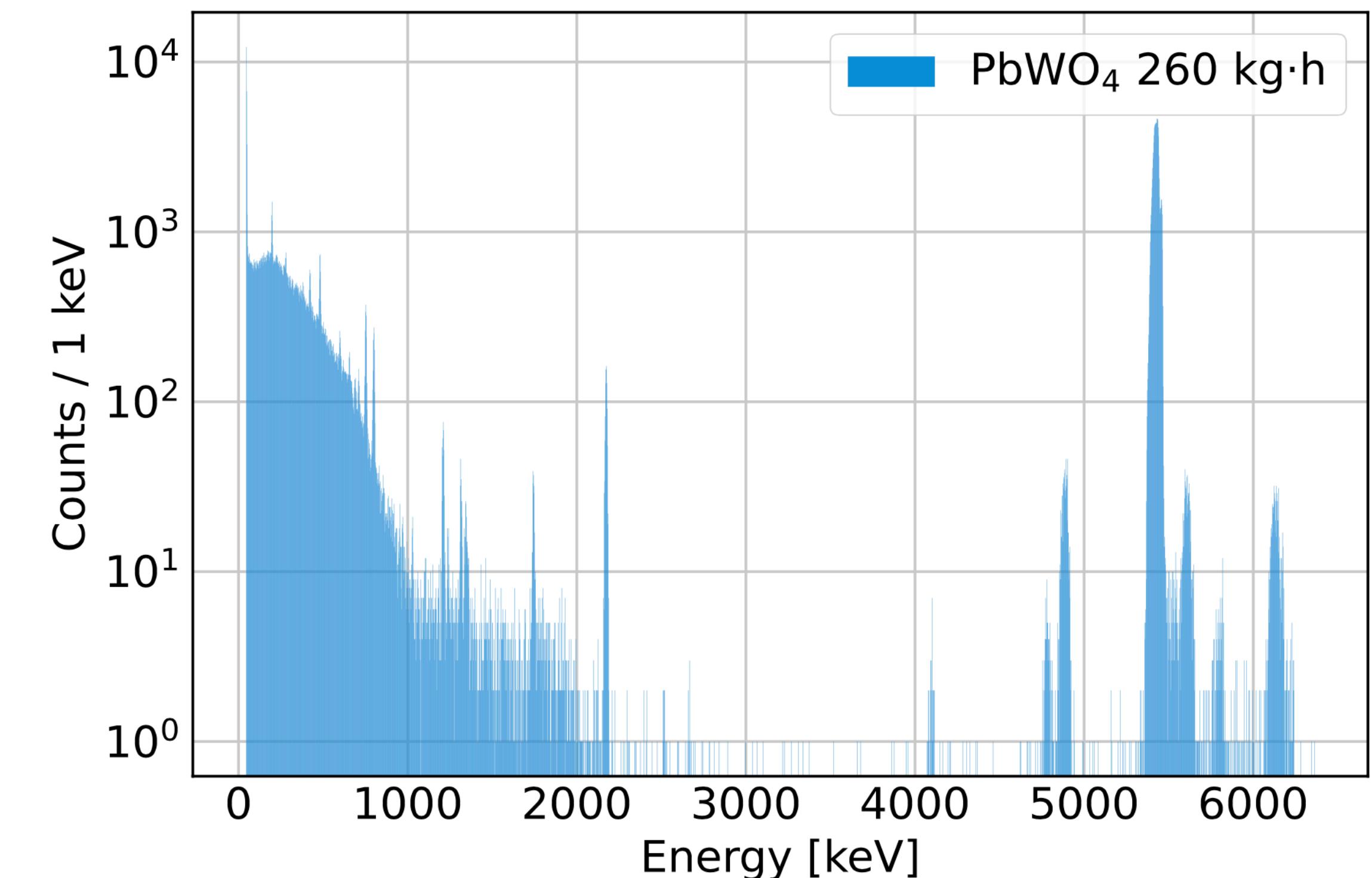
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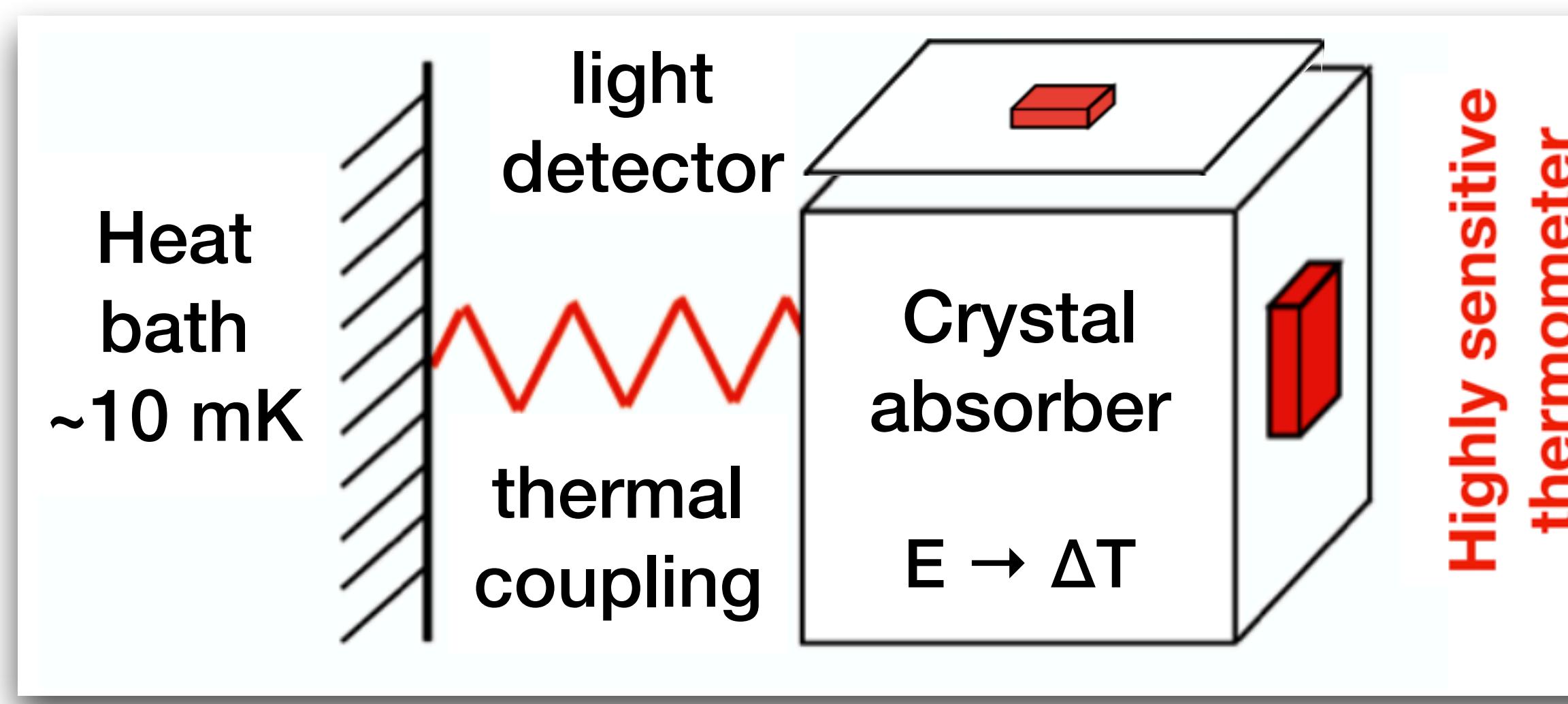
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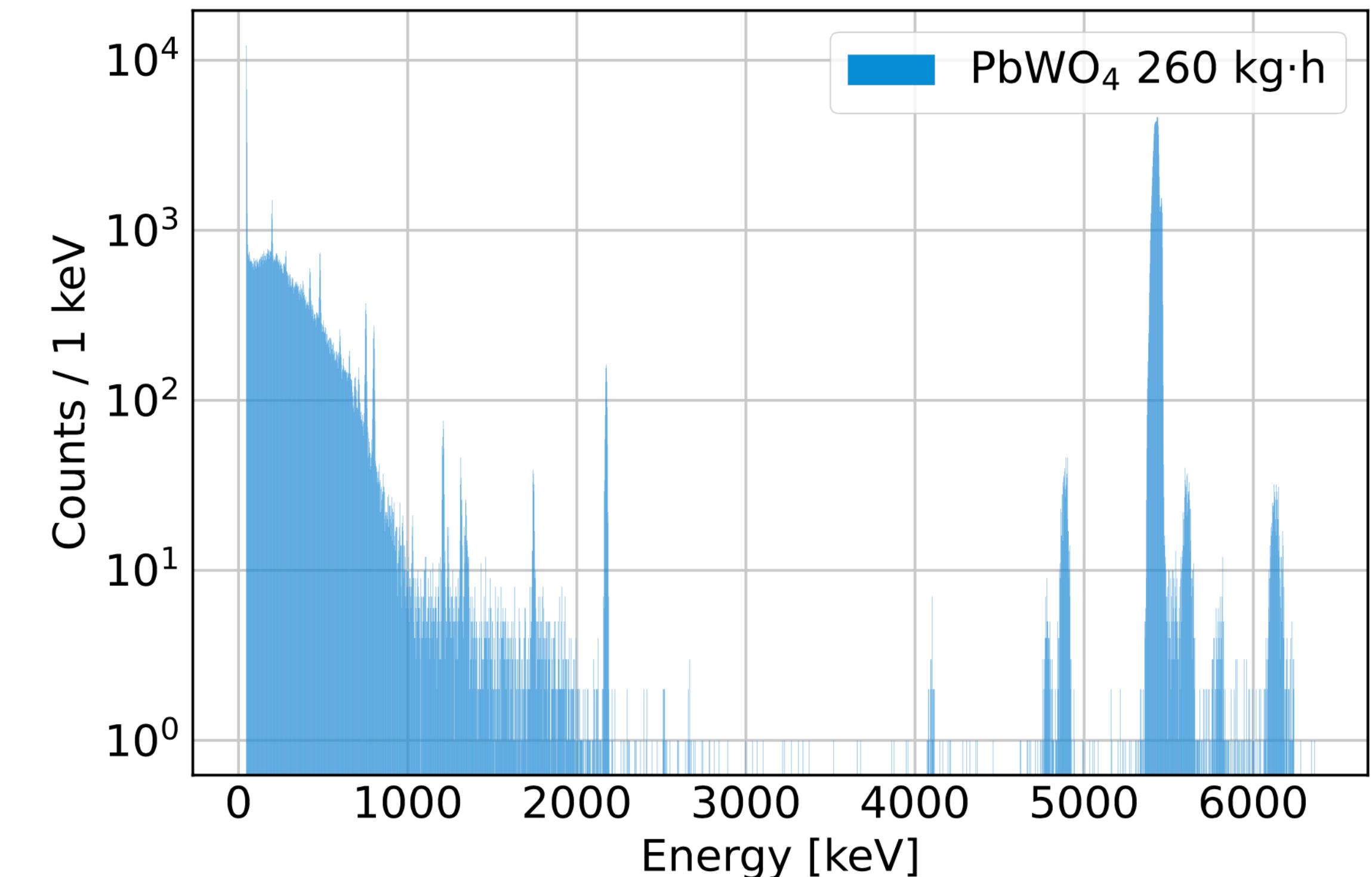
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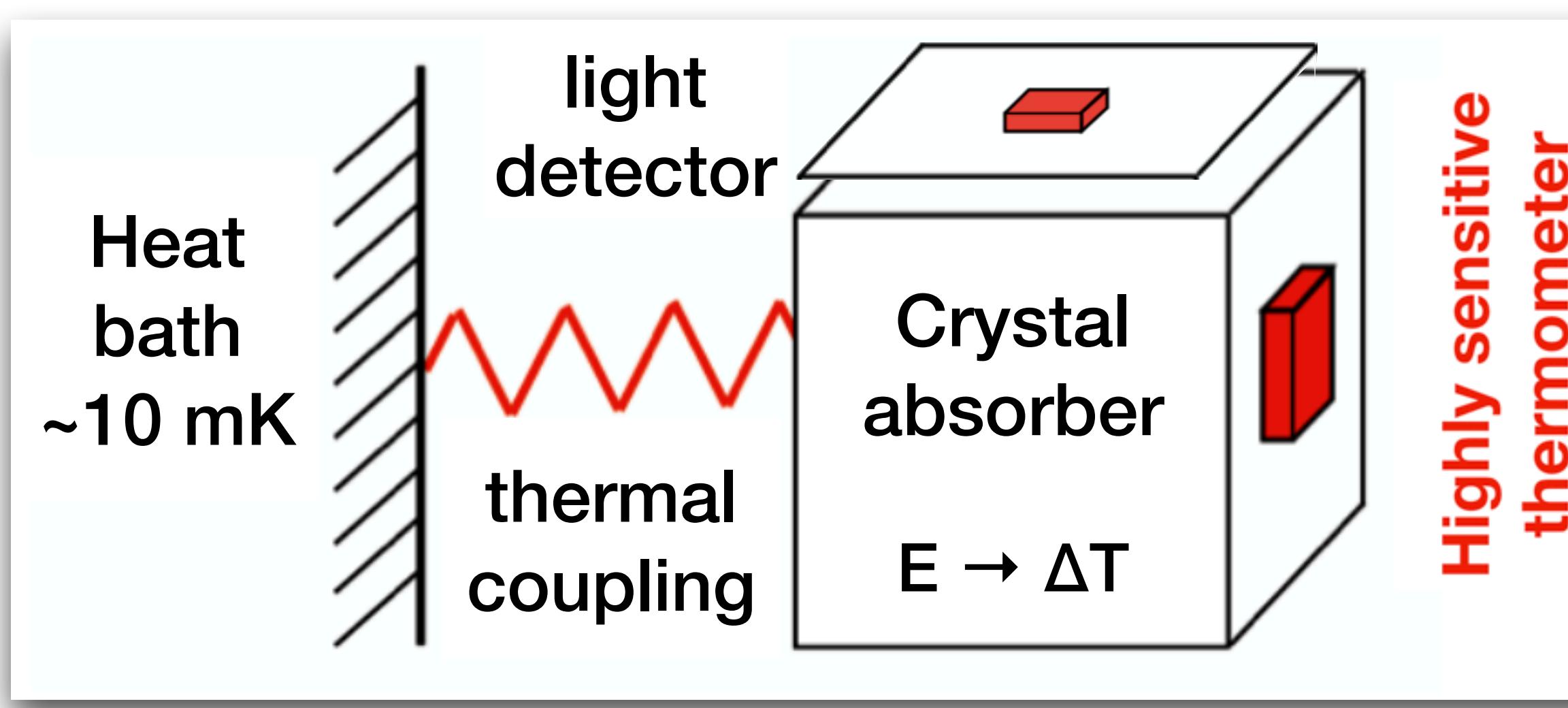
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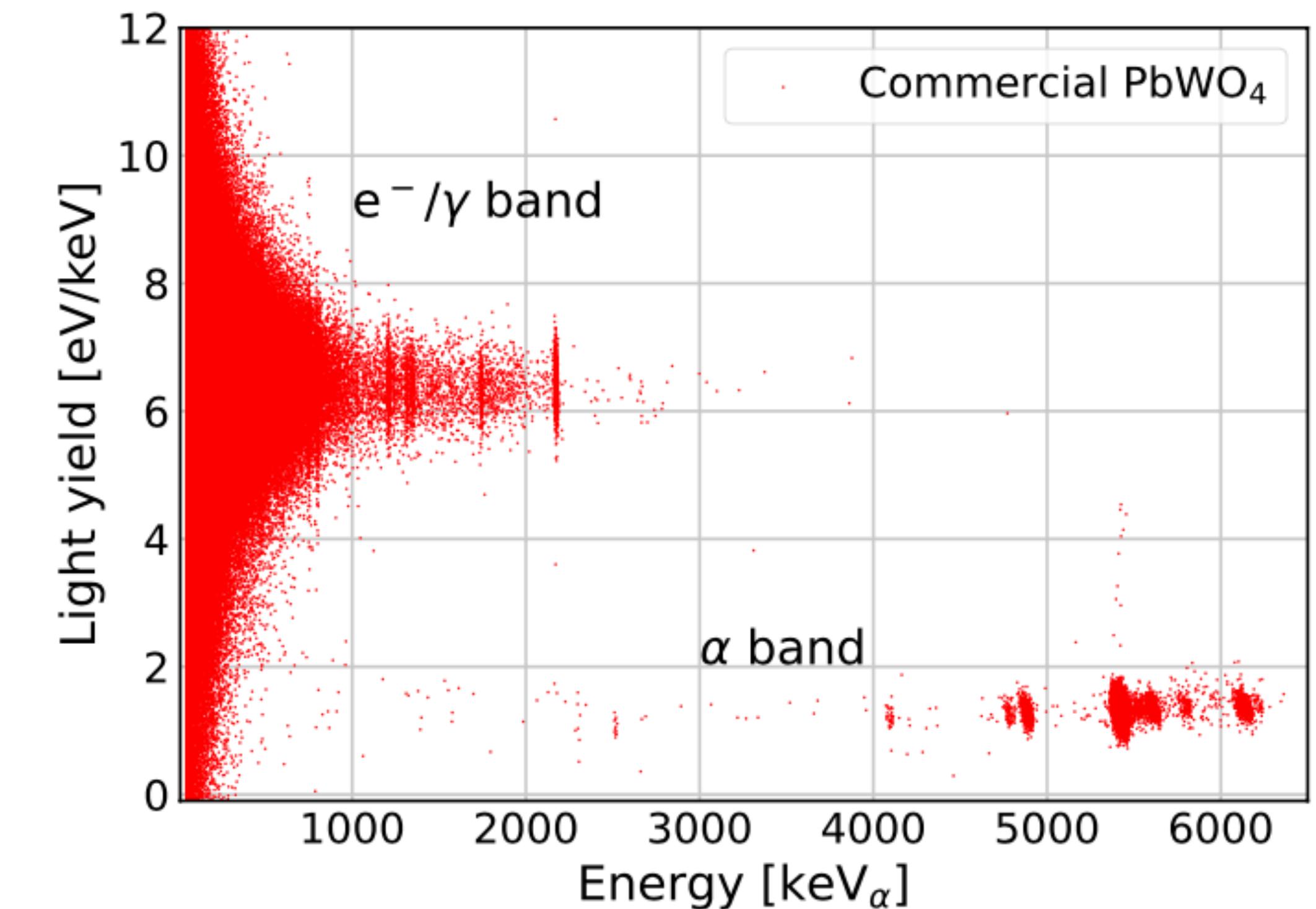
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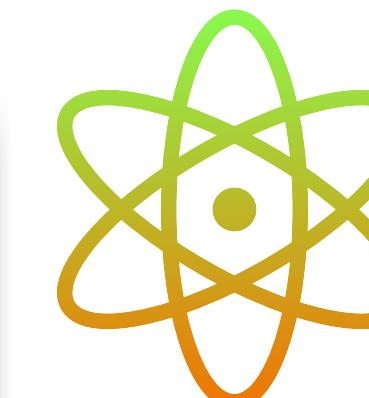
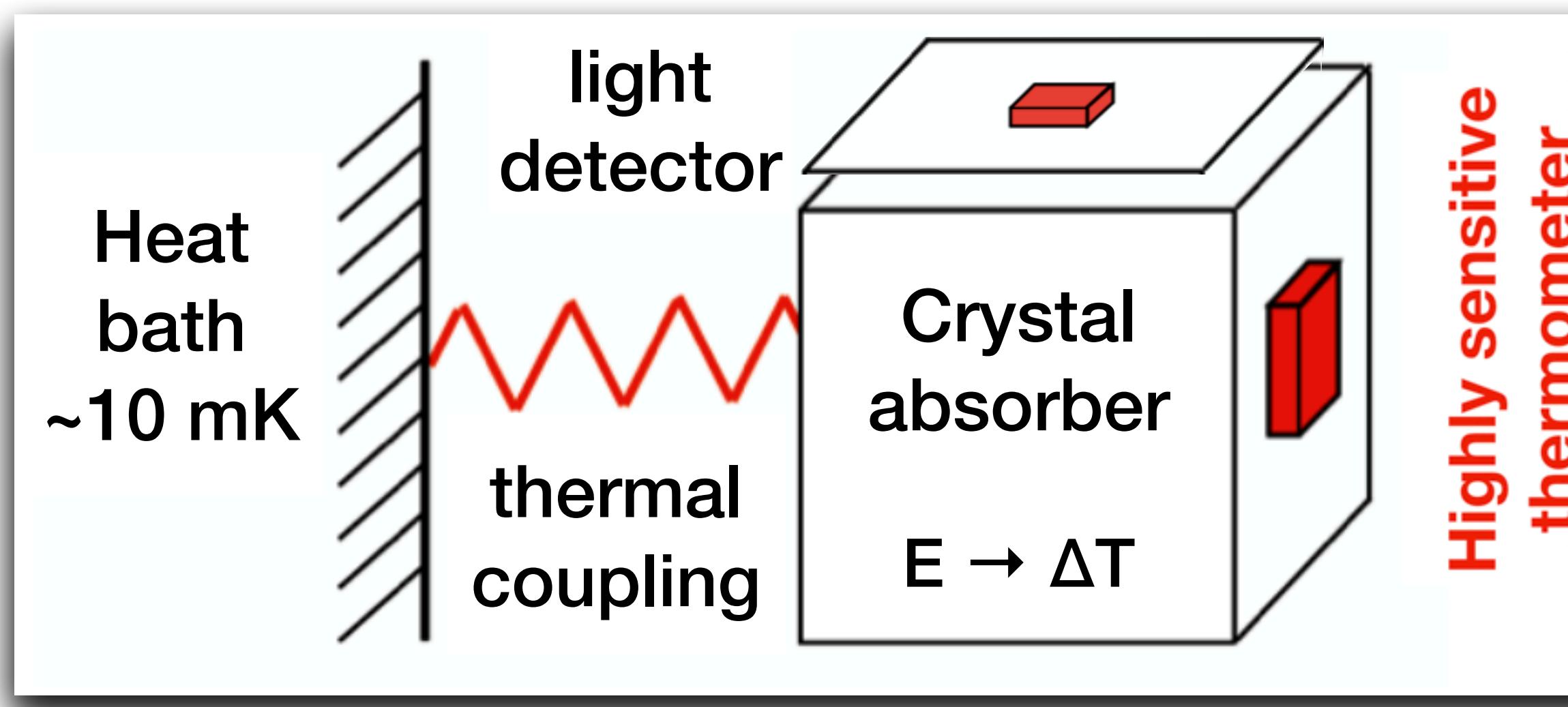
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High-radiopurity crystal

PbWO₄ crystals

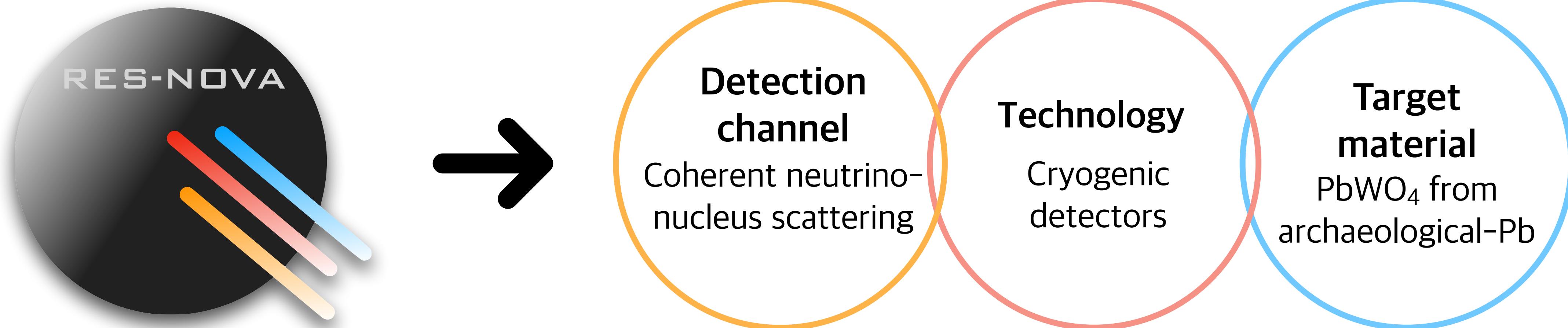
Low-background neutrinoless double-beta decay technology

Thermometer at mK
Transition Edge Sensor

Low-threshold Dark Matter technology

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WHY NOT LOW-BACKGROUND Pb ?

Low-background/Commercial Pb: high ^{210}Pb concentration (Q_{β^-} -value: 63 keV, $T_{1/2} = 22.3$ y)

Archaeological Pb is “old enough” (e.g. Roman Pb) to ensure a negligible ^{210}Pb concentration



Nuclide	Low background Pb (Boliden®) [1]	Archaeological Pb [2, 3]
^{232}Th	<46 $\mu\text{Bq}/\text{kg}$	<45 $\mu\text{Bq}/\text{kg}$
^{238}U	<31 $\mu\text{Bq}/\text{kg}$	<46 $\mu\text{Bq}/\text{kg}$
^{210}Pb	$(2.3 \pm 0.4) \cdot 10^7 \mu\text{Bq}/\text{kg}$	<715 $\mu\text{Bq}/\text{kg}$

from passive material to active detector component

Archaeological Pb-based detectors

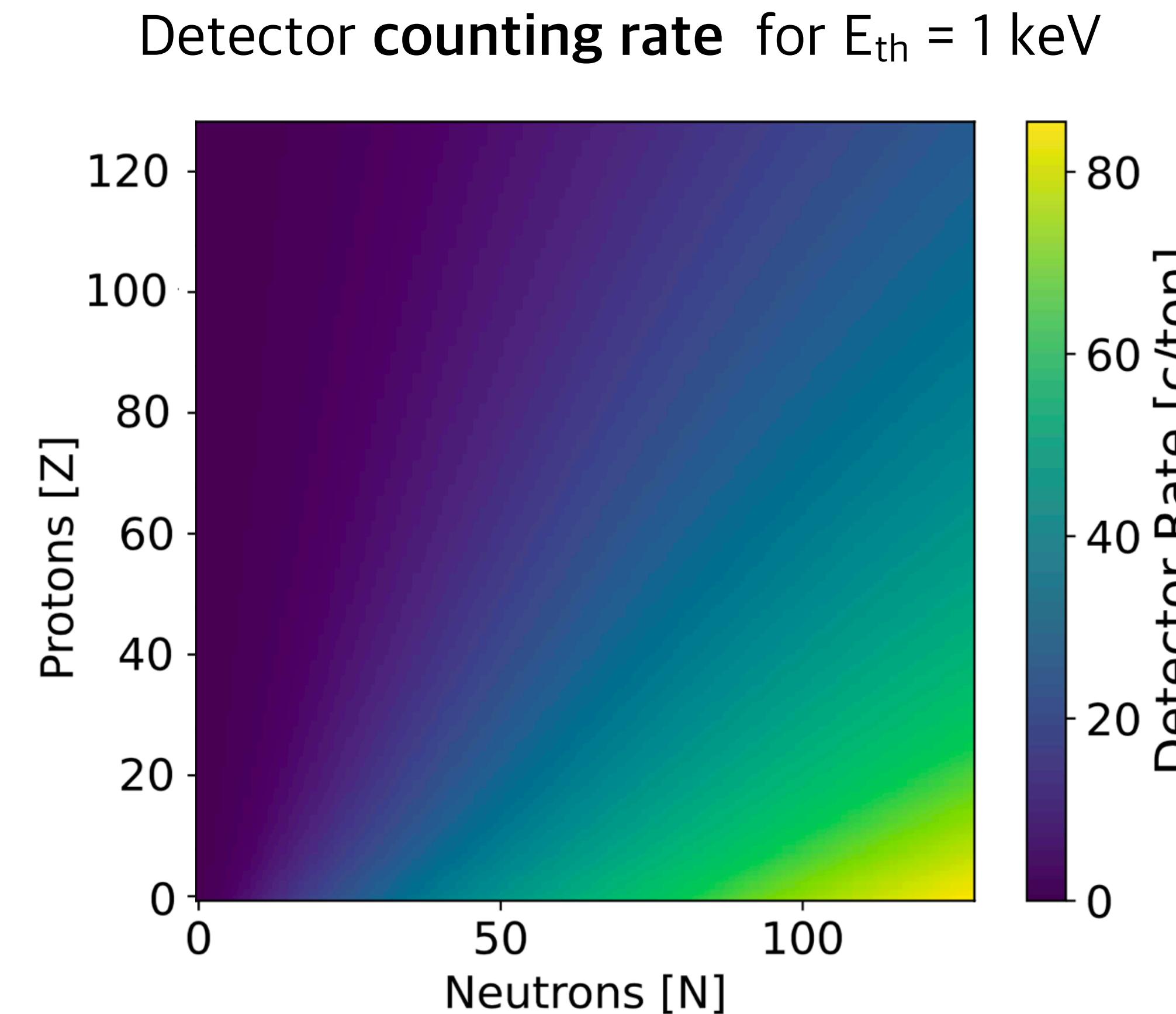
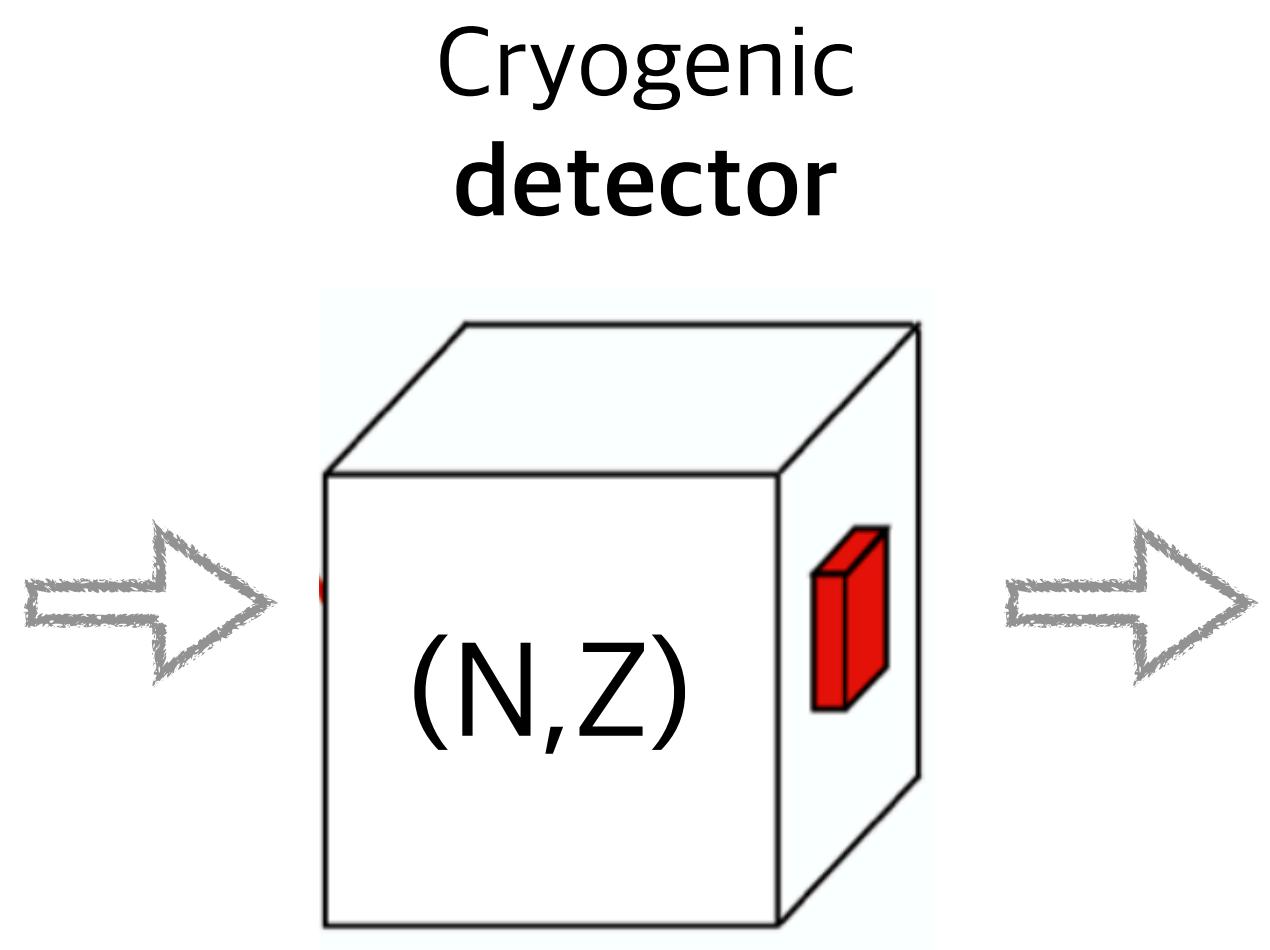
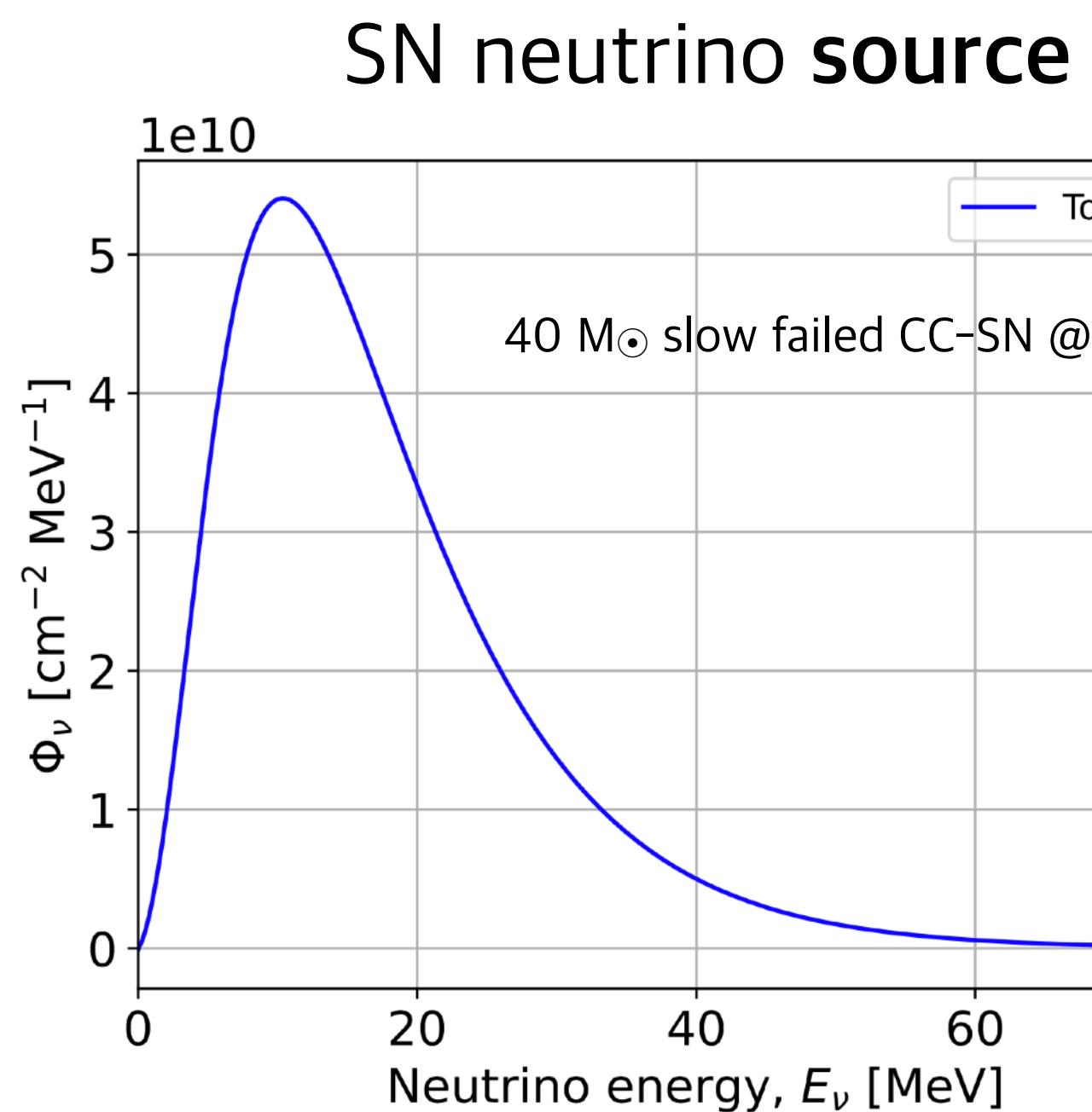
[1] G. Heusser, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 45 (1995) 543-590.

[2] L. Pattavina et al., Eur. Phys. J. A (2019) 55: 127.

[3] CUORE Coll., Eur. Phys. J. C (2017) 77: 543.

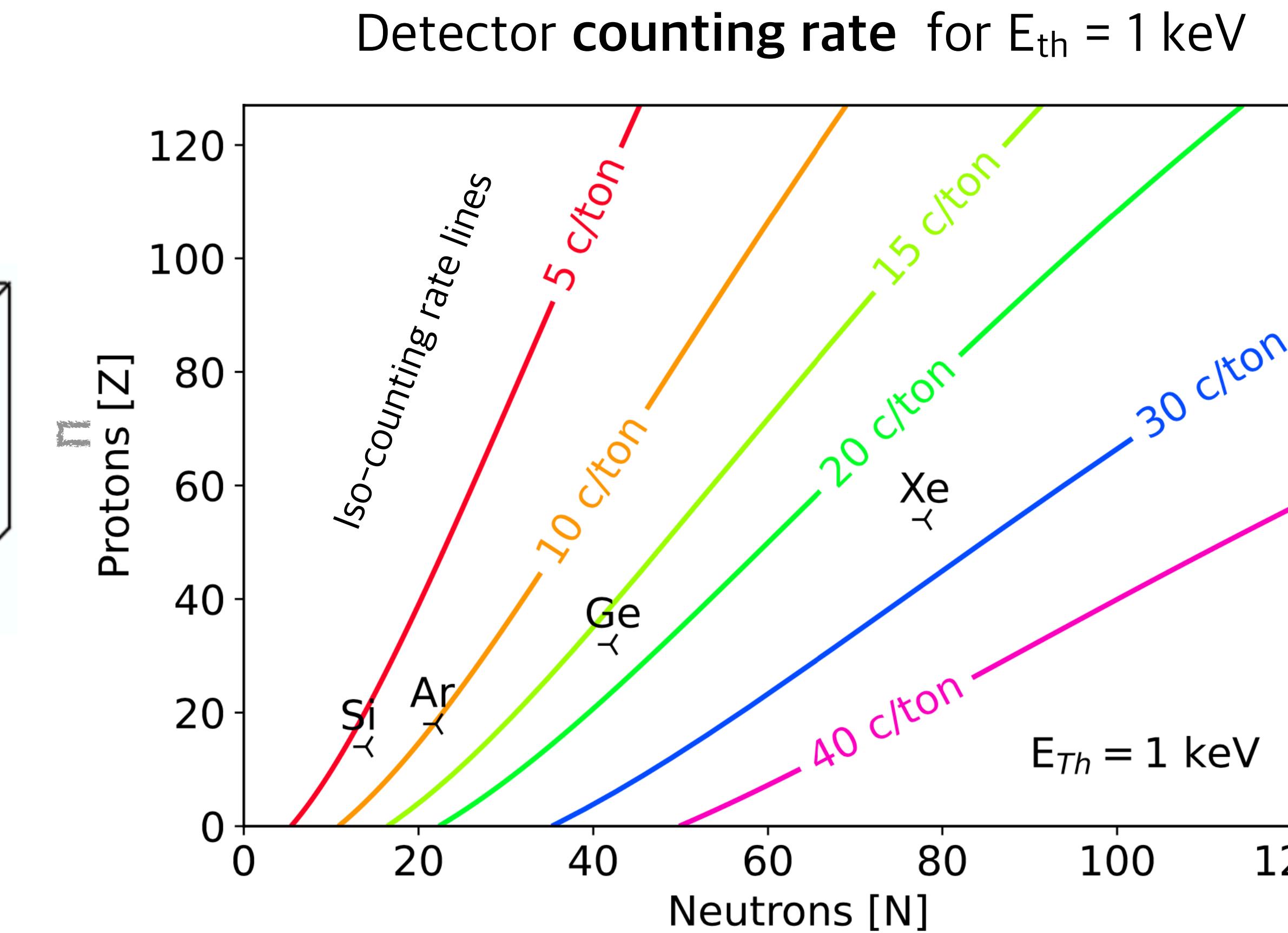
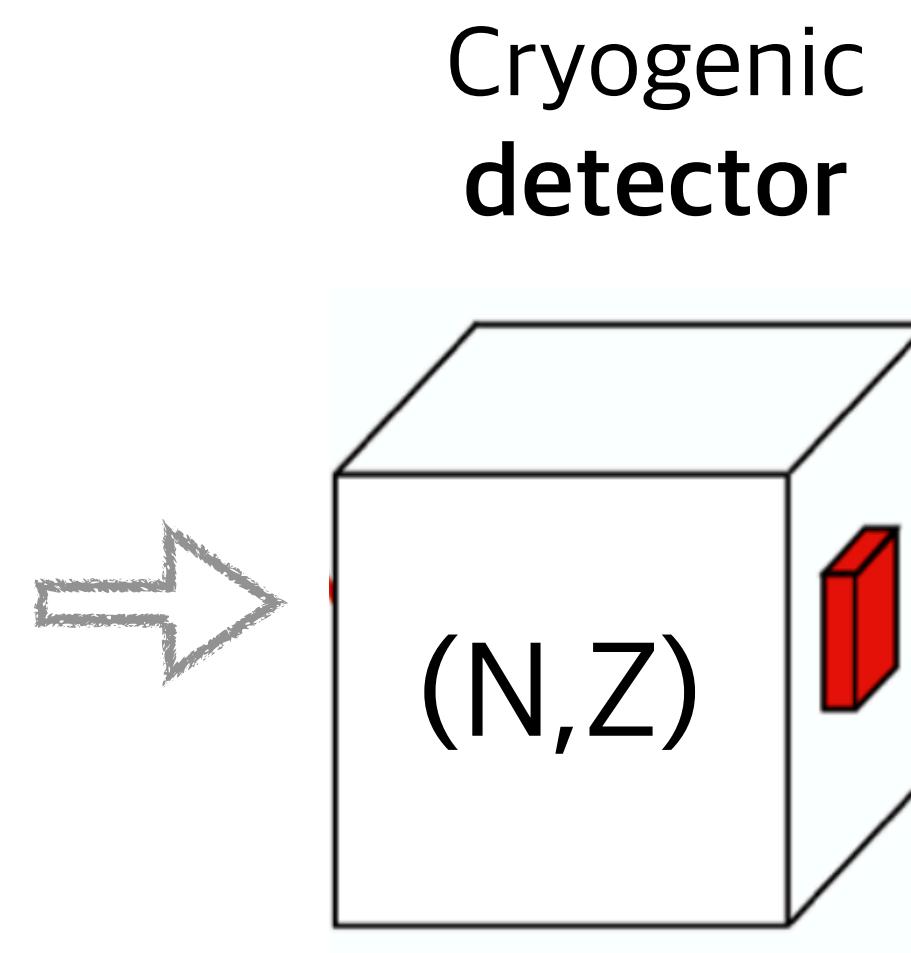
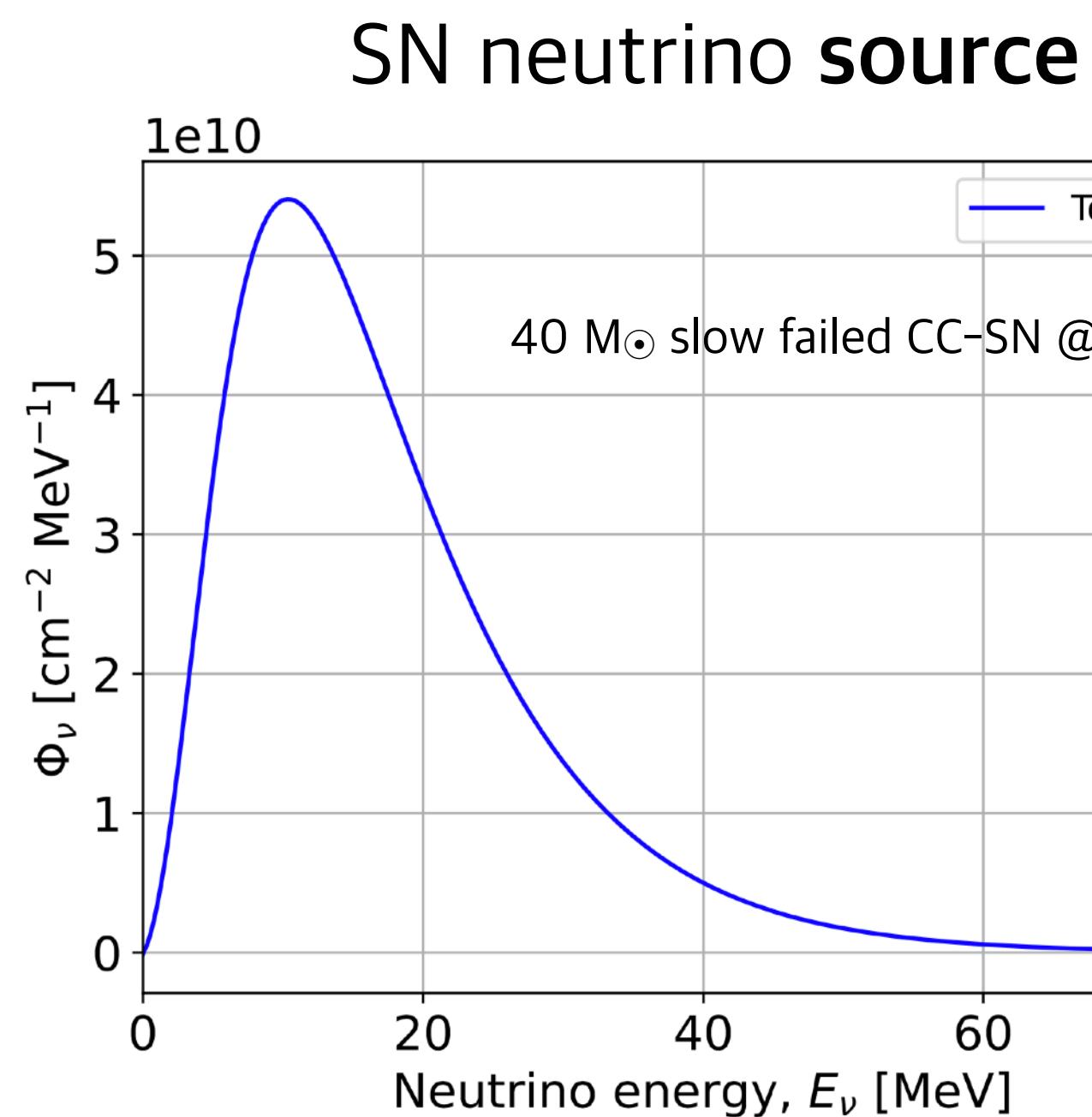
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LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THE PERIODIC TABLE



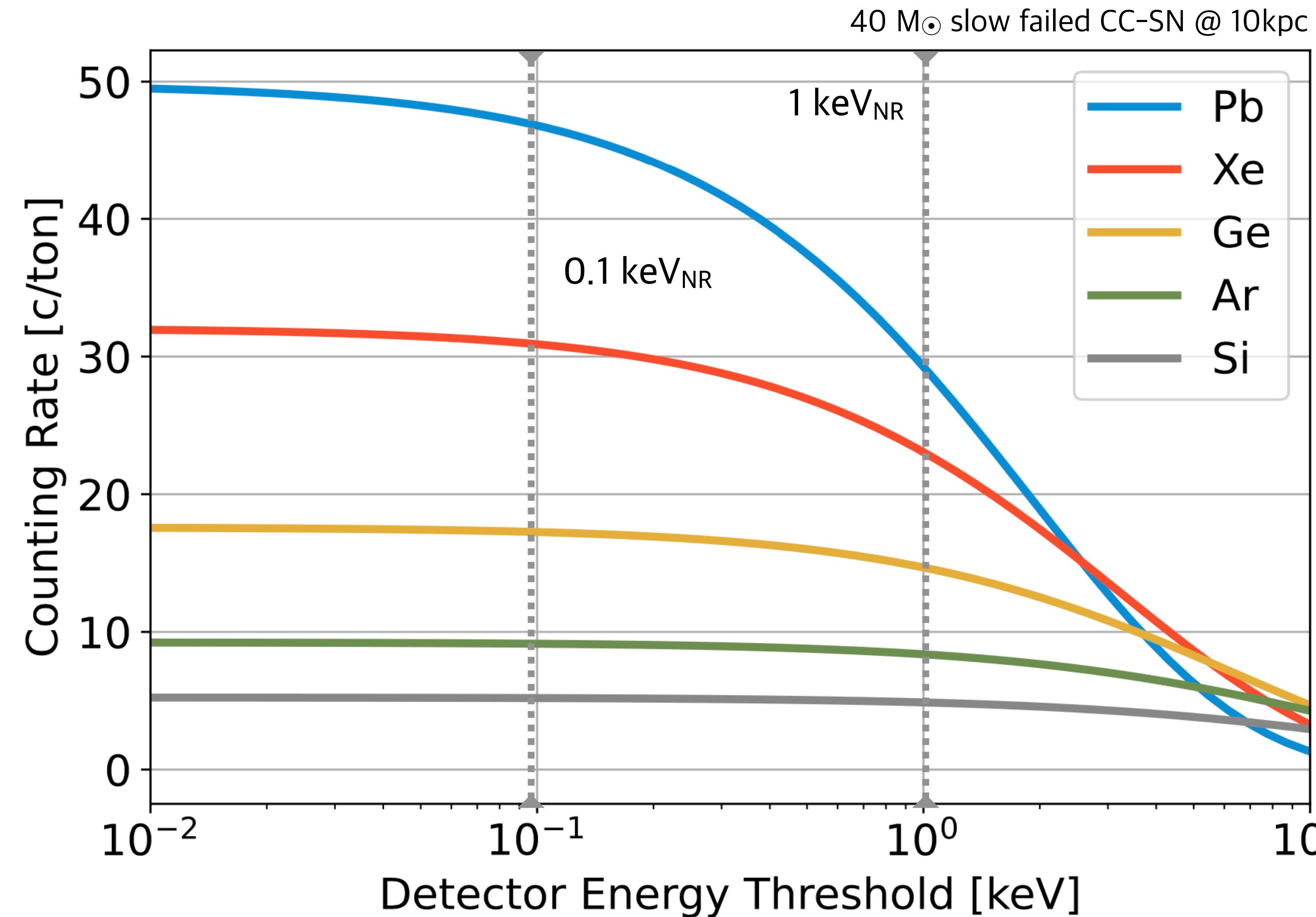
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HOW LOW SHOULD THE THRESHOLD BE ?

ULTRA-LOW ENERGY THRESHOLD ARE NOT NEEDED



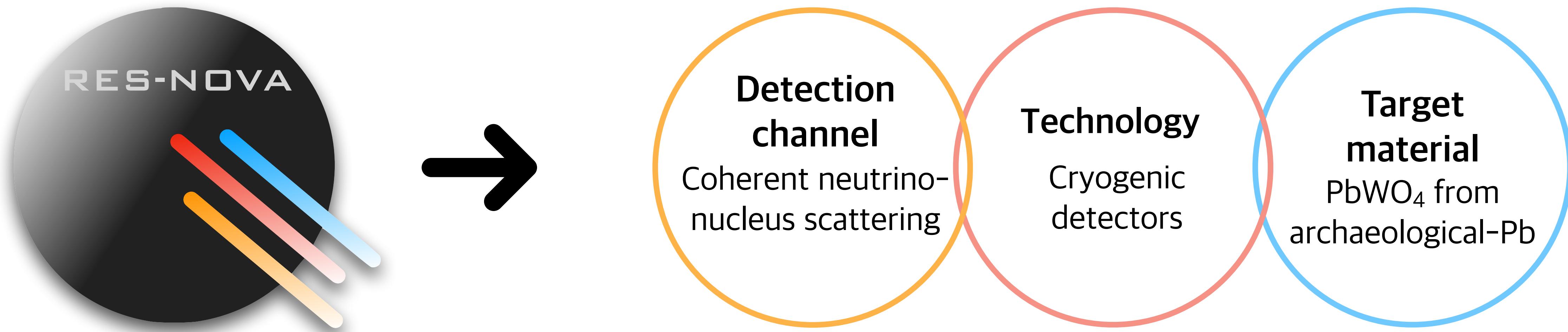
Lower threshold is
beneficial

Lower threshold is not
mandatory

The threshold is not
limiting the statistics

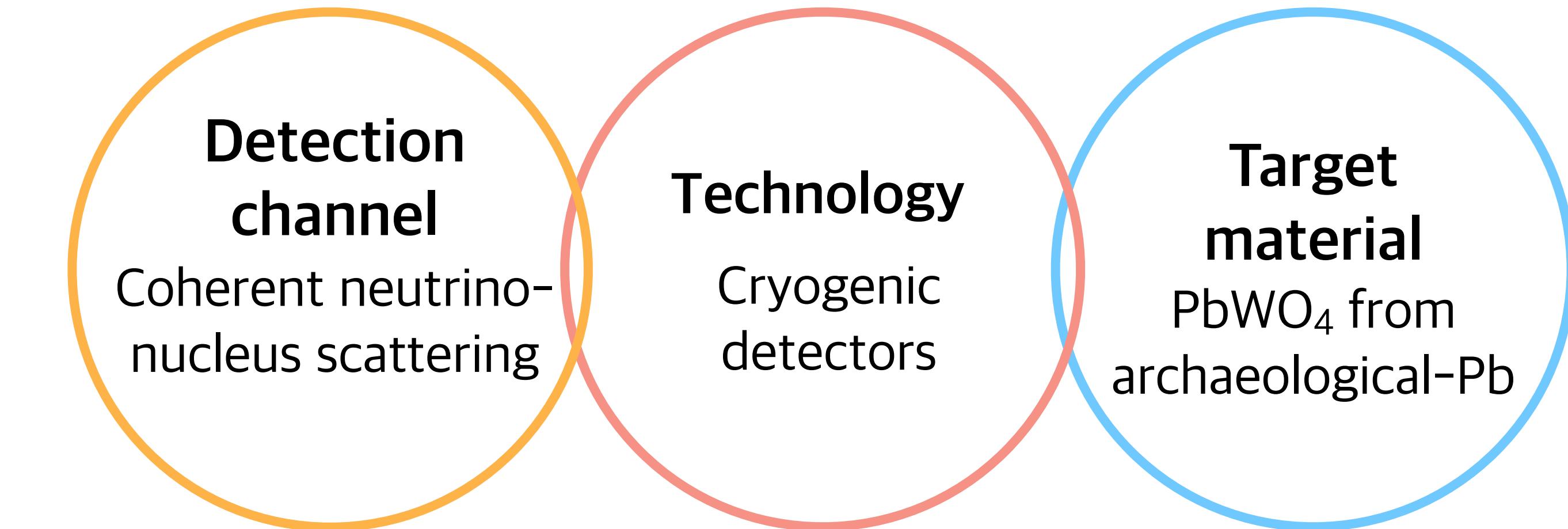
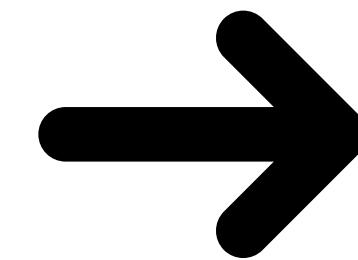
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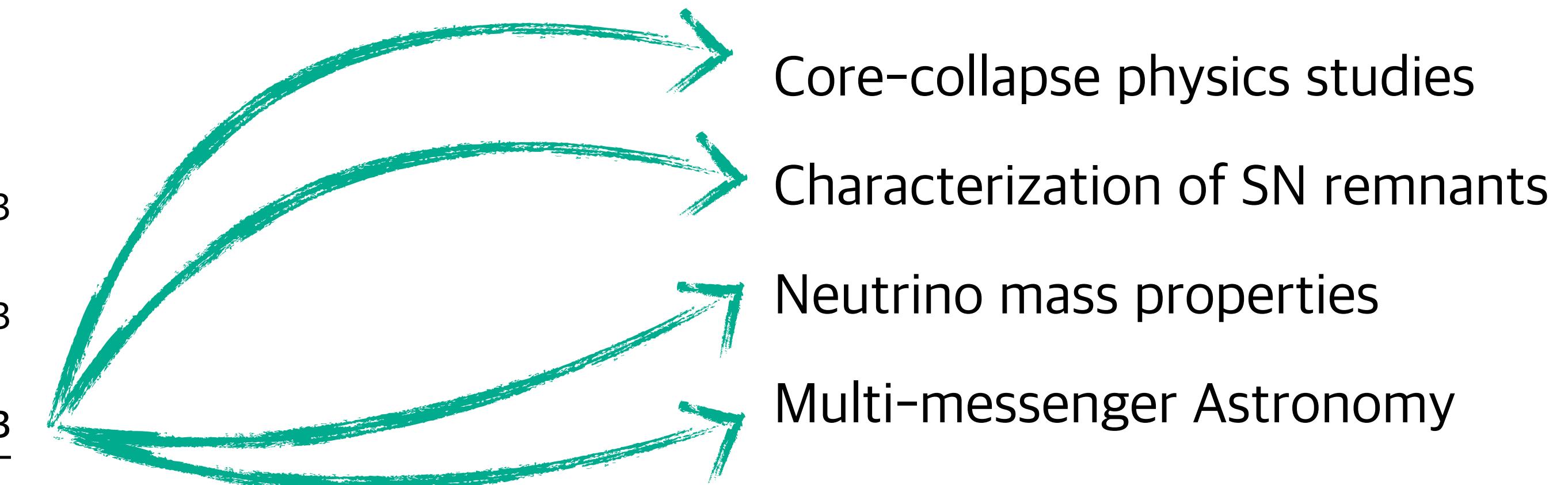
Galactic SN neutrino signal:

Water Cherenkov (SuperK): 0.2 ev./m³

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

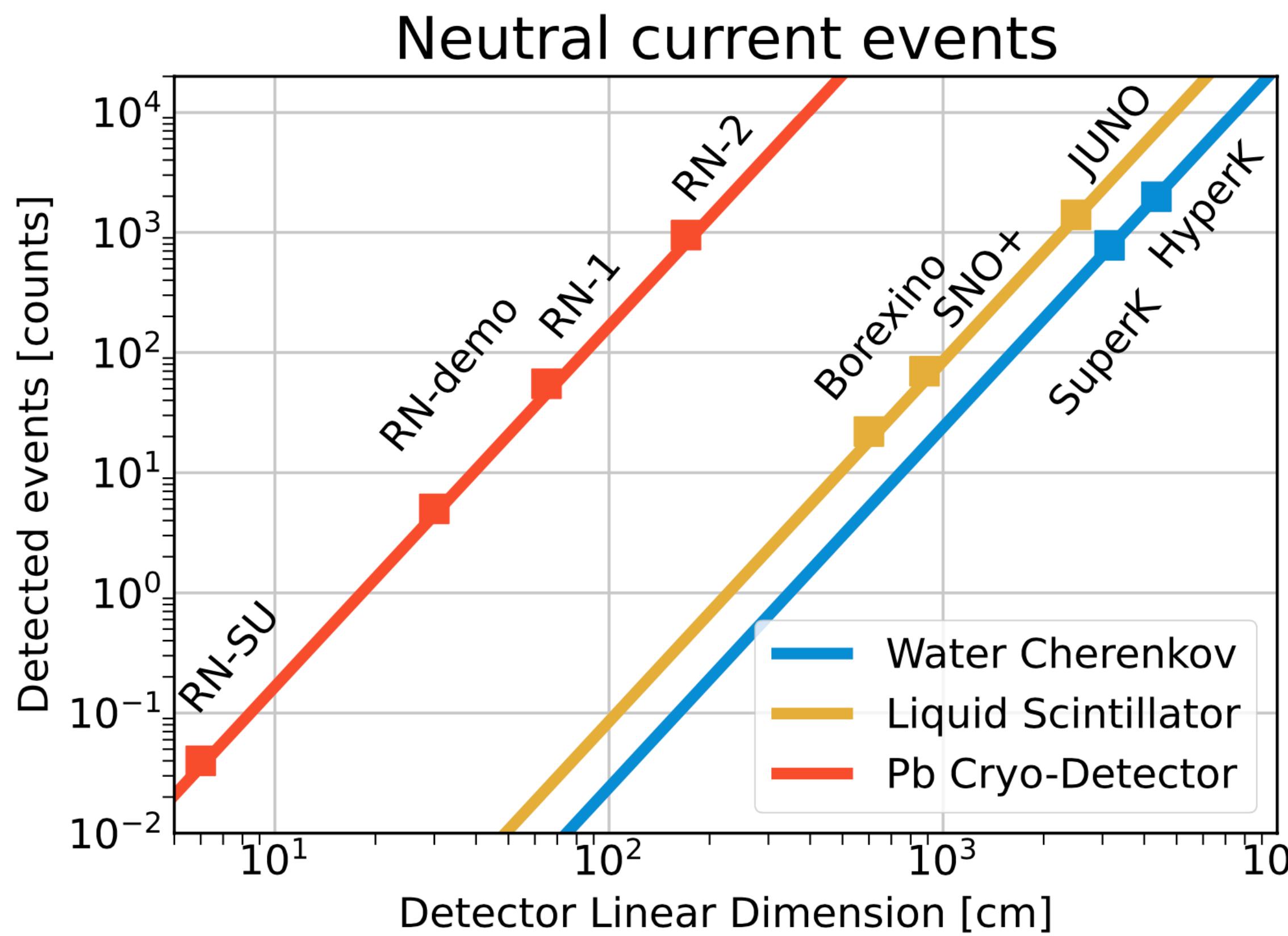
RES-NOVA: ~200 ev./m³

What can we learn?



NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY AT THE CM-SCALE

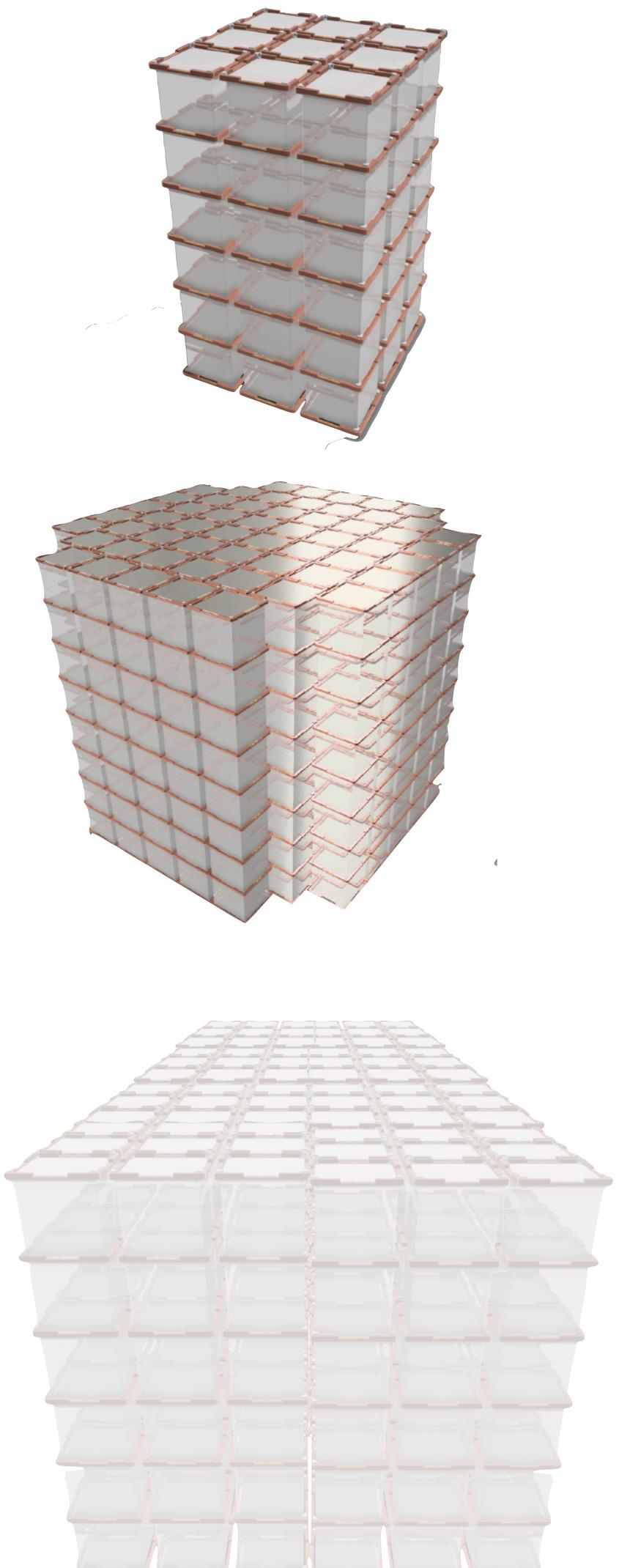
AN ARRAY OF PbWO_4 CRYSTALS



Size: **RN-demo @ LNGS**
(30 cm)³
Threshold: 1 keV
SN @ 10 kpc: ~10 counts

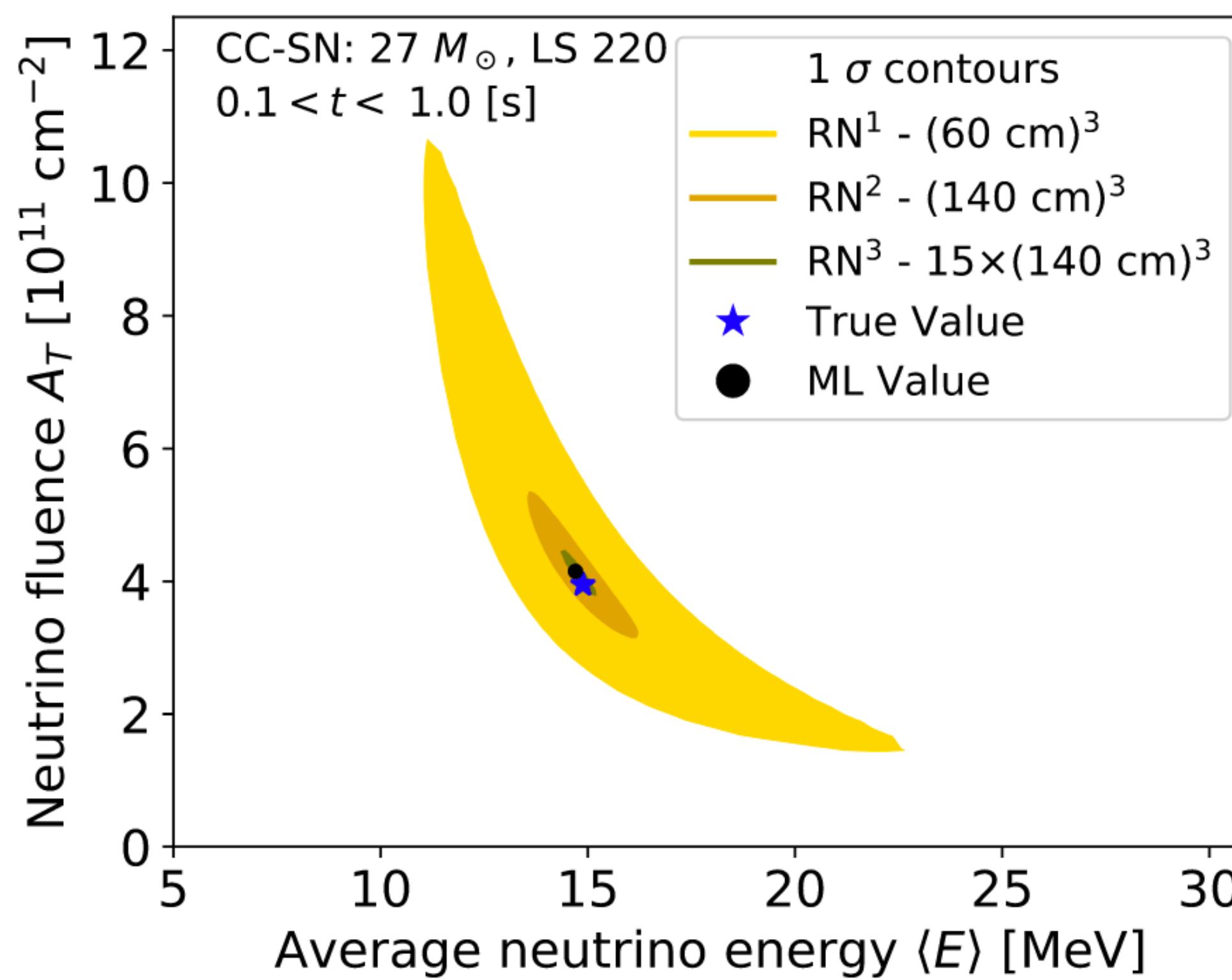
Size: **RN-1**
(60 cm)³
Threshold: 1 keV
SN @ 10 kpc: ~50 counts

Size: **RN-2**
(140 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%

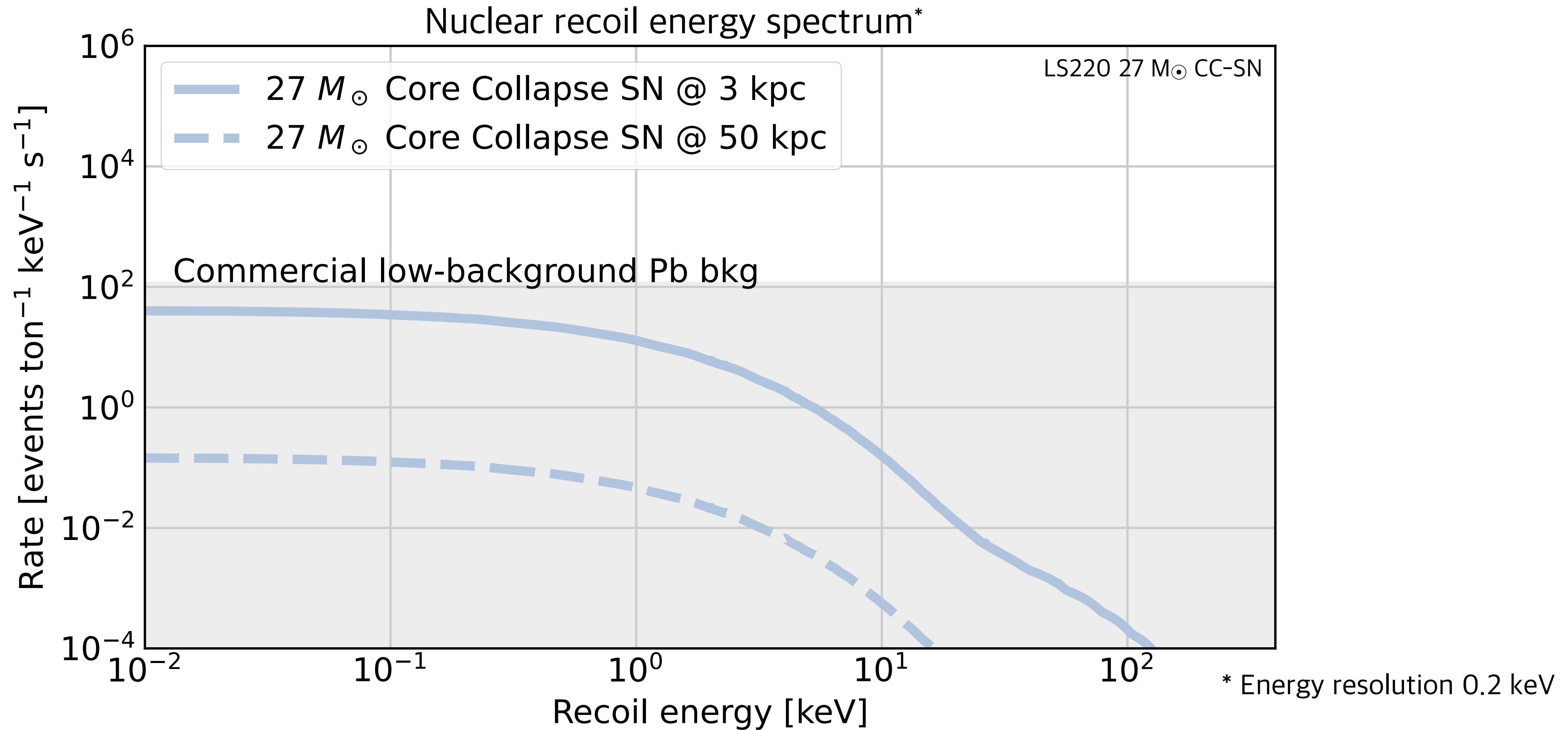
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SK-Gd* (IBD) 25%

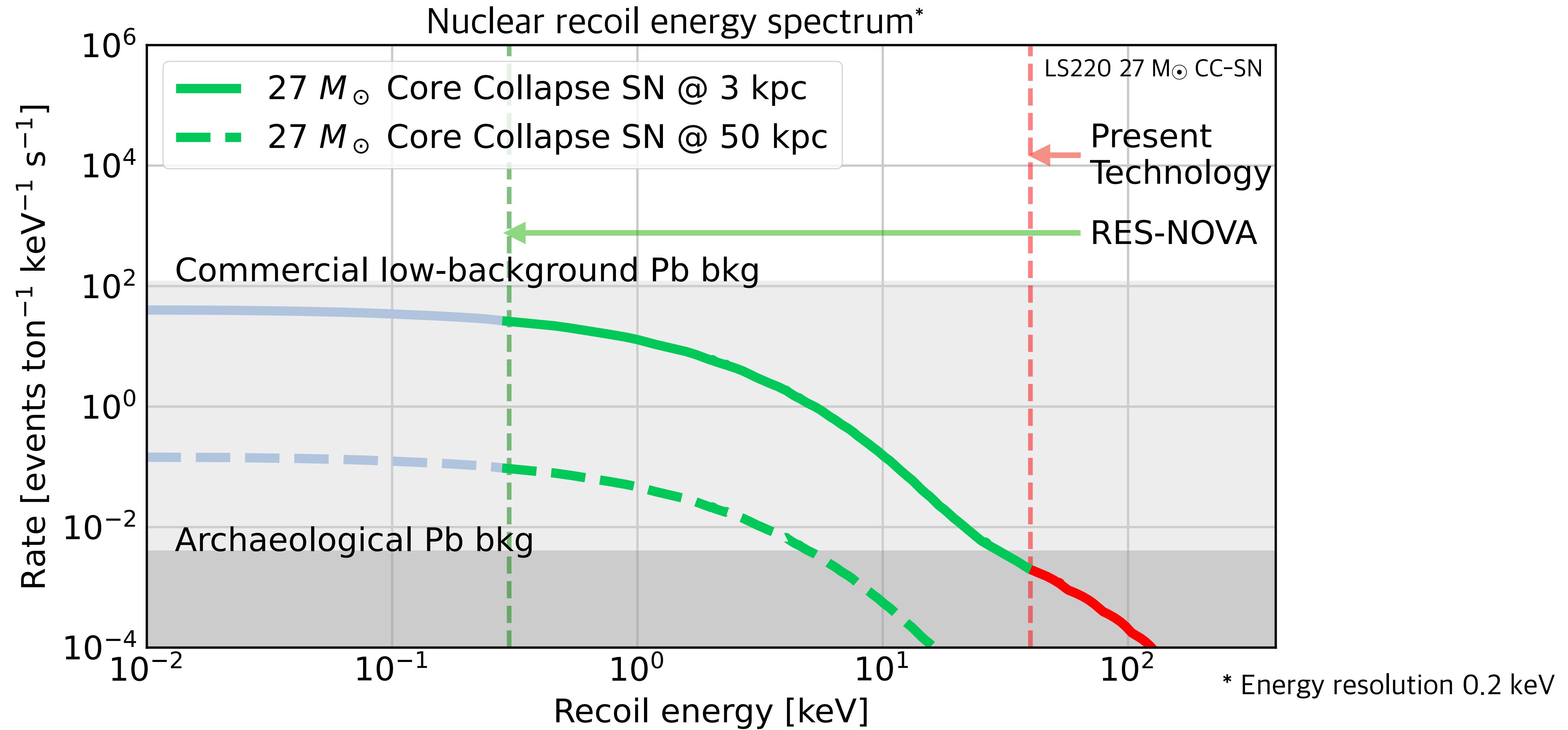
L. Pattavina et al., Phys. Rev. D 102, 063001 (2020)

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* >90% Gd loading

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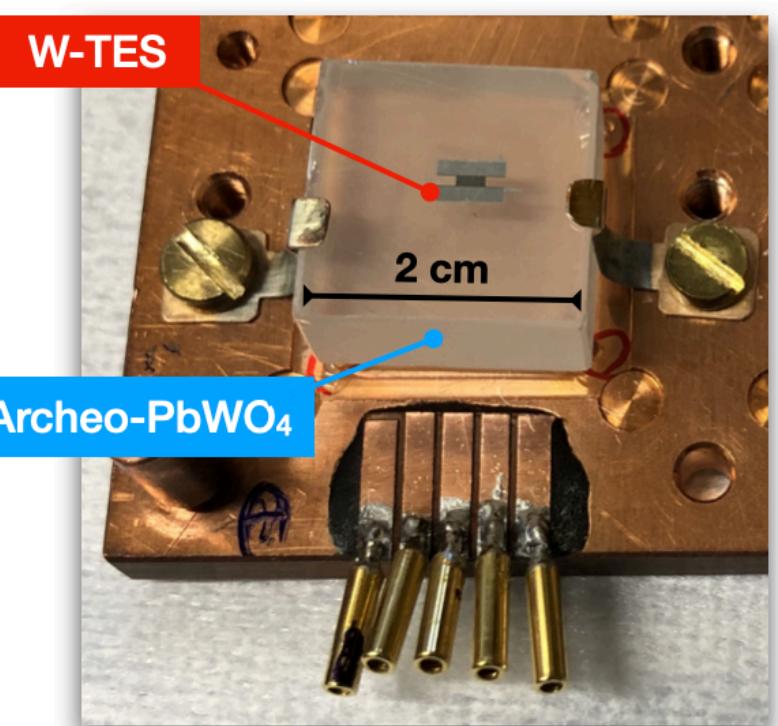


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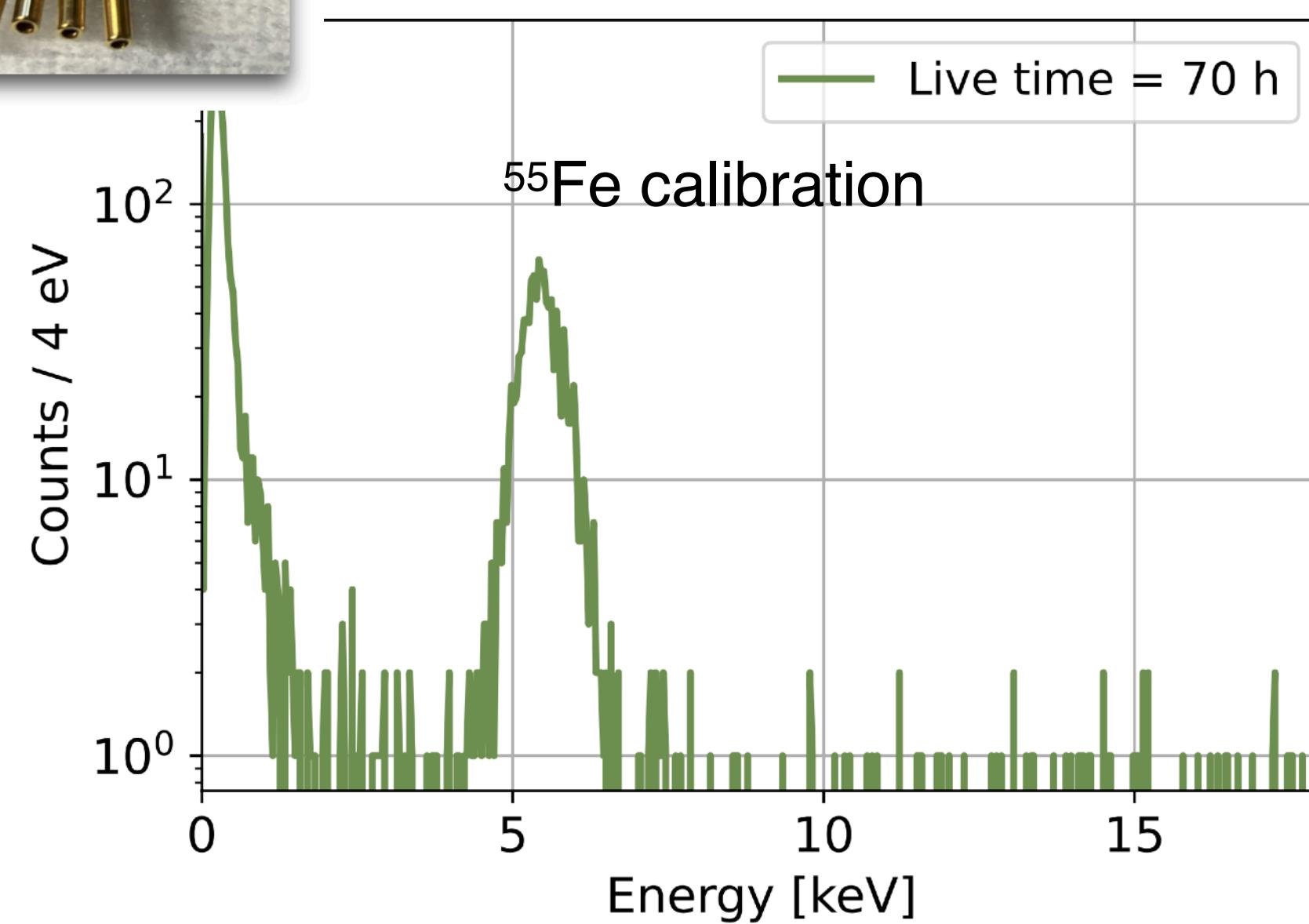
RES-NOVA PROOFS OF PRINCIPLE

ACHIEVEMENT OF LOW THRESHOLD AND LOW BACKGROUND



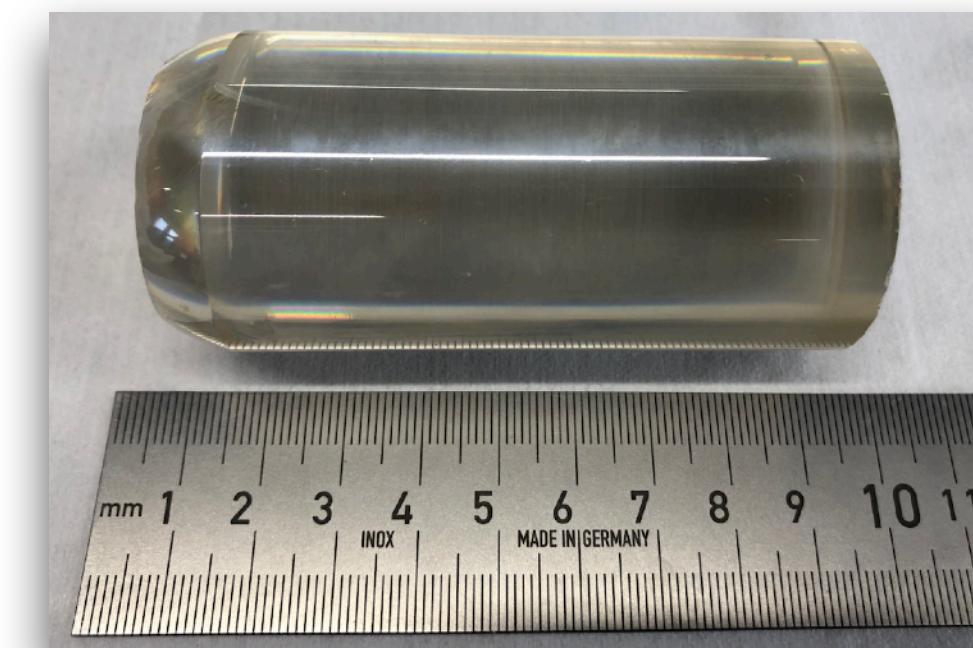
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TOTAL ENERGY SPECTRUM



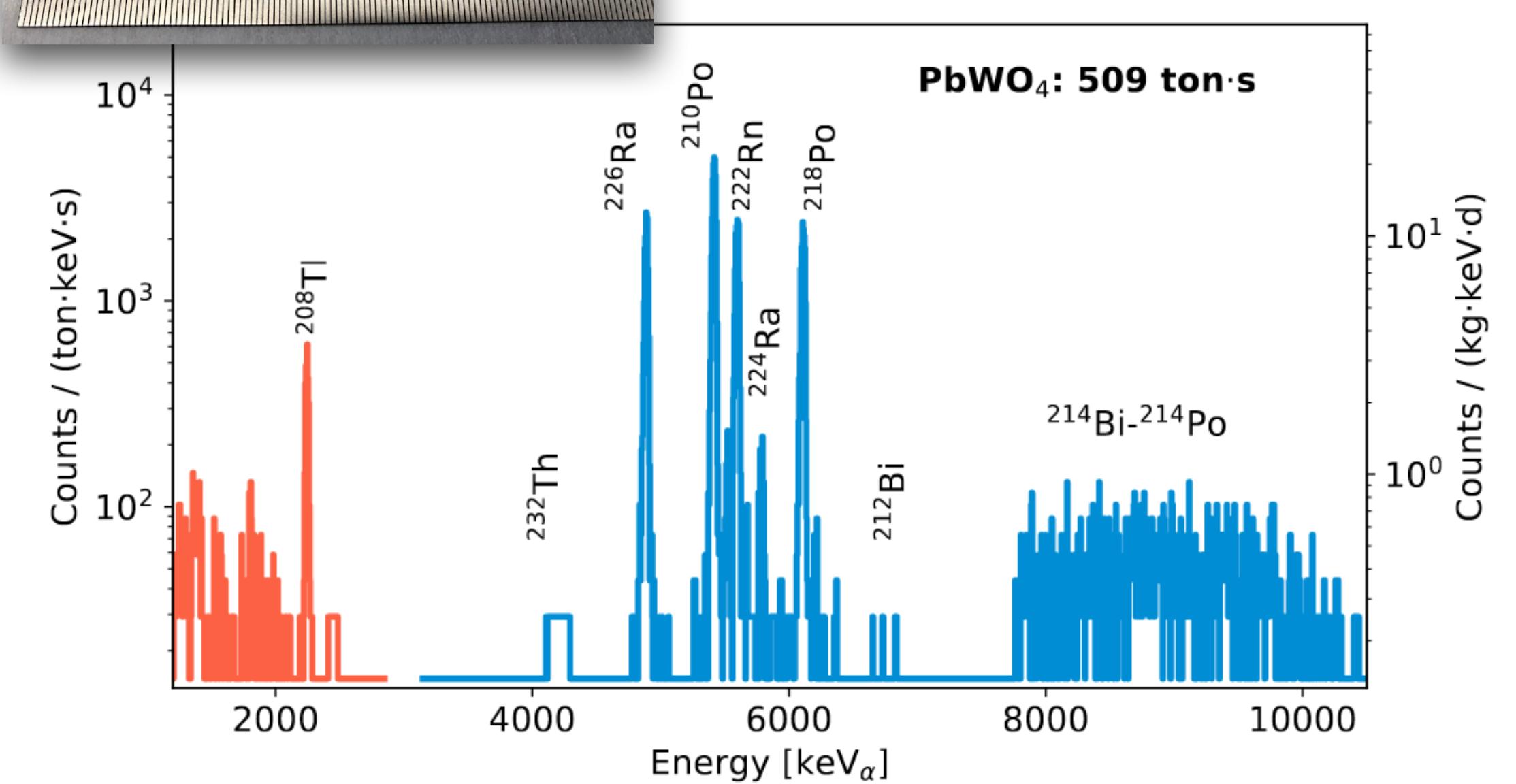
Above ground @ Max Planck Munich (DE)

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



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

TOTAL ENERGY SPECTRUM



Under ground @ LNGS (IT)

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

RES-NOVA BACKGROUND MODEL

High multiplicity SN signal



High multiplicity bkg

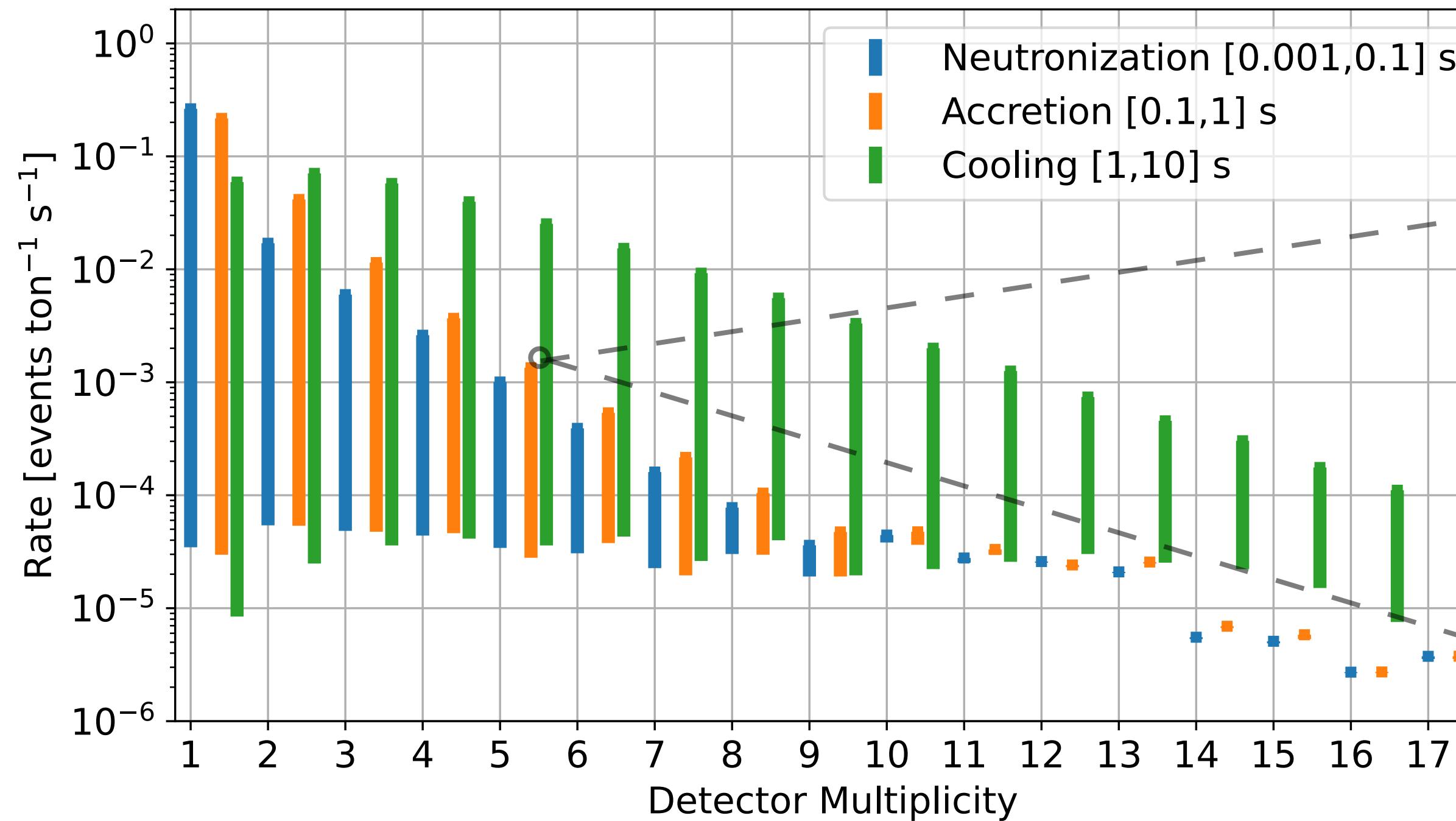


Low-background

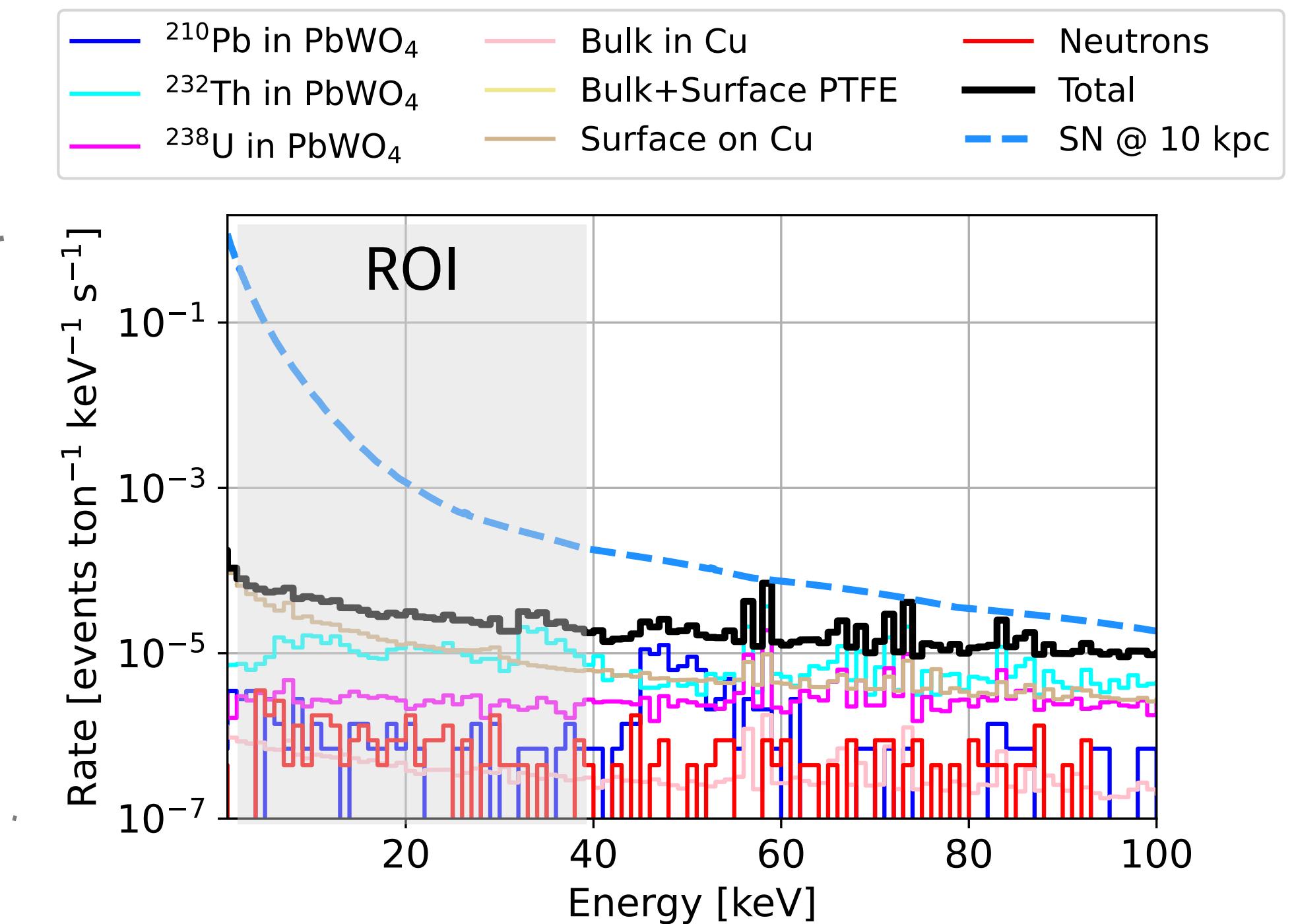
Bkg goal: $<10^{-3}$ ev/ton/keV/s in coincidence mode (no particle ID)

<0.086 c/keV/kg/d

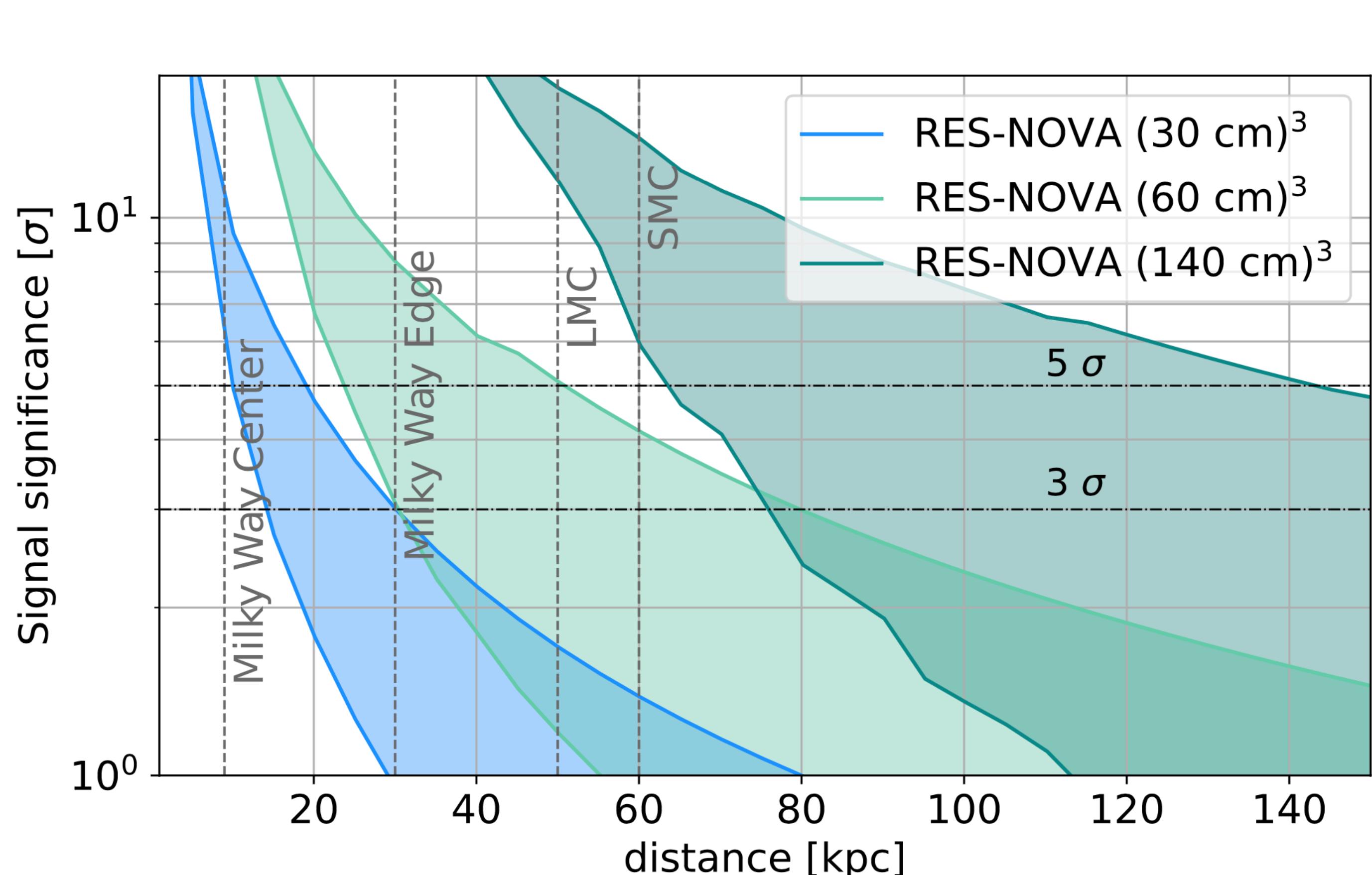
Background rate in the ROI



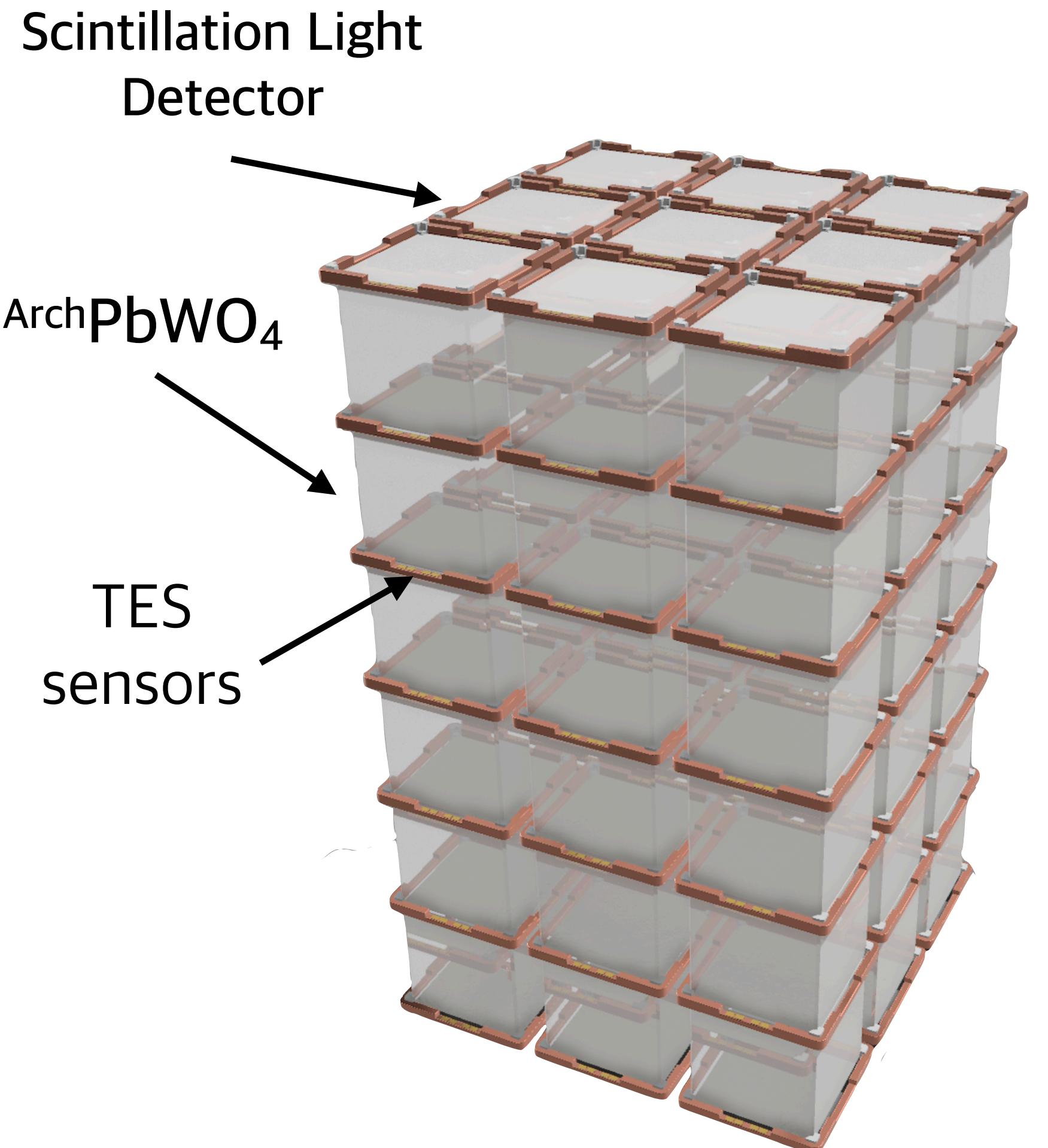
Detector energy spectrum for a SN @ 10 kpc



RESNOVA TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATOR



<15 kpc 90% of Galactic SNe are included

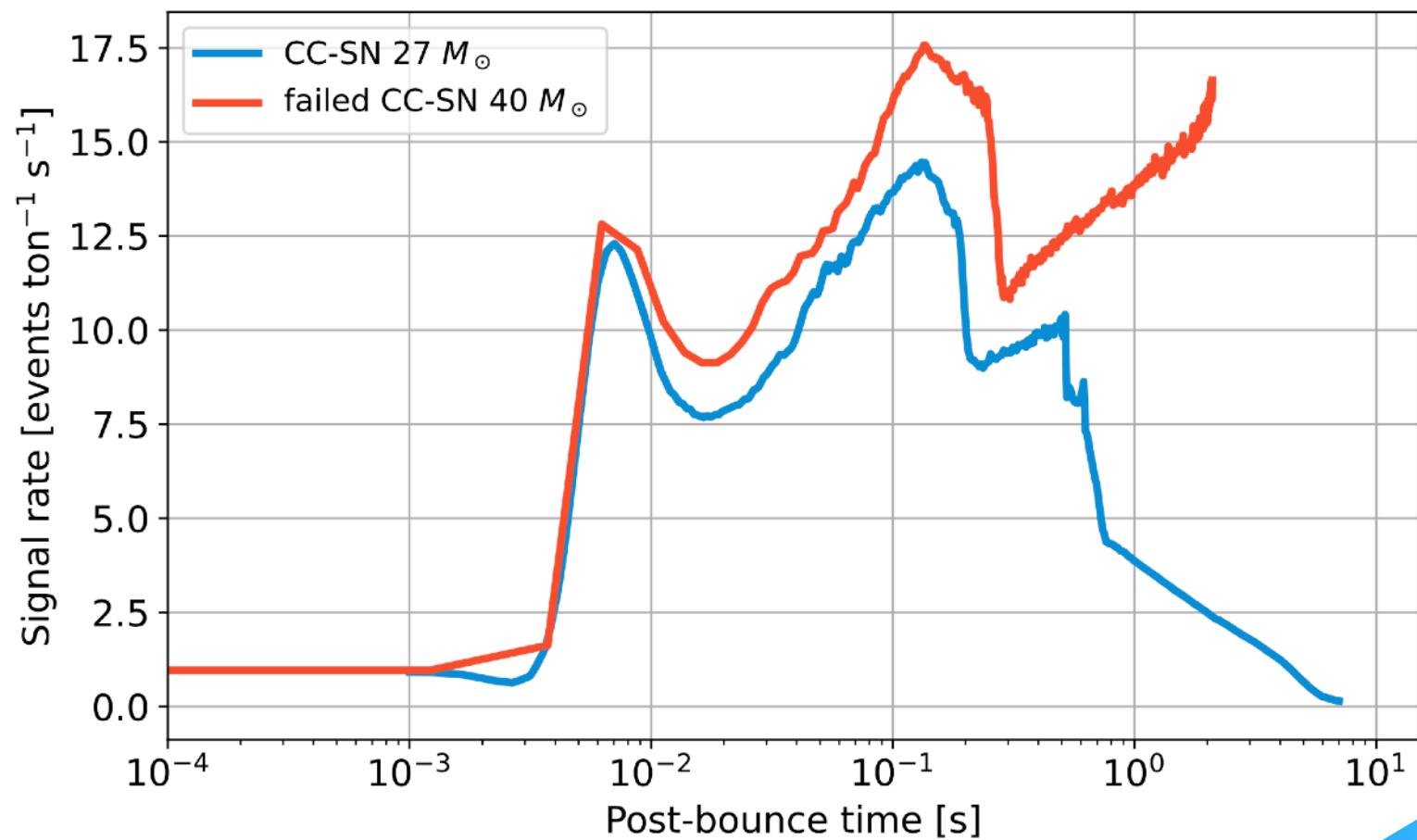


Threshold 1 keV
Bkg in RoI 10^{-3} c/keV/ton/s

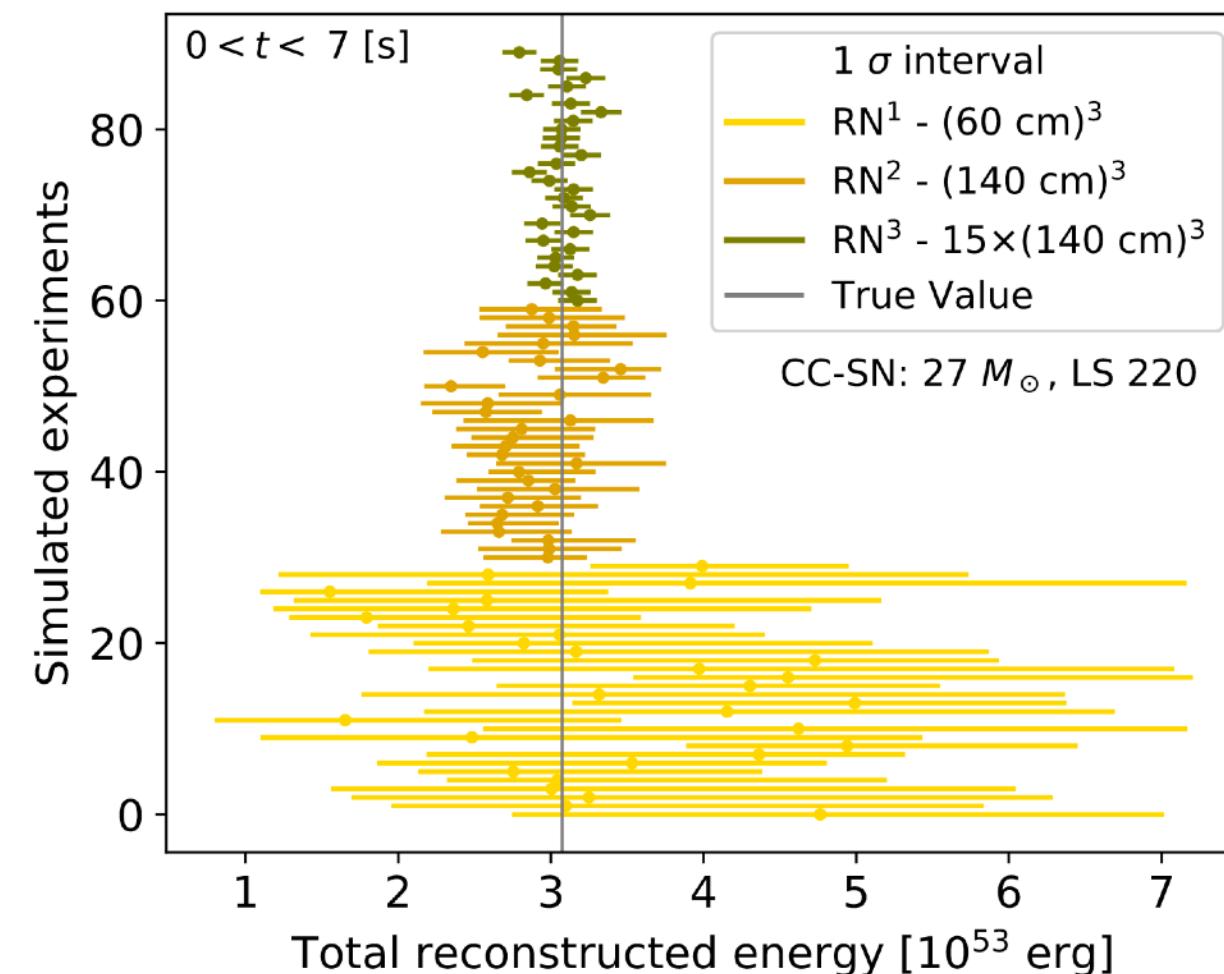
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MULTI-DISCIPLINARITY

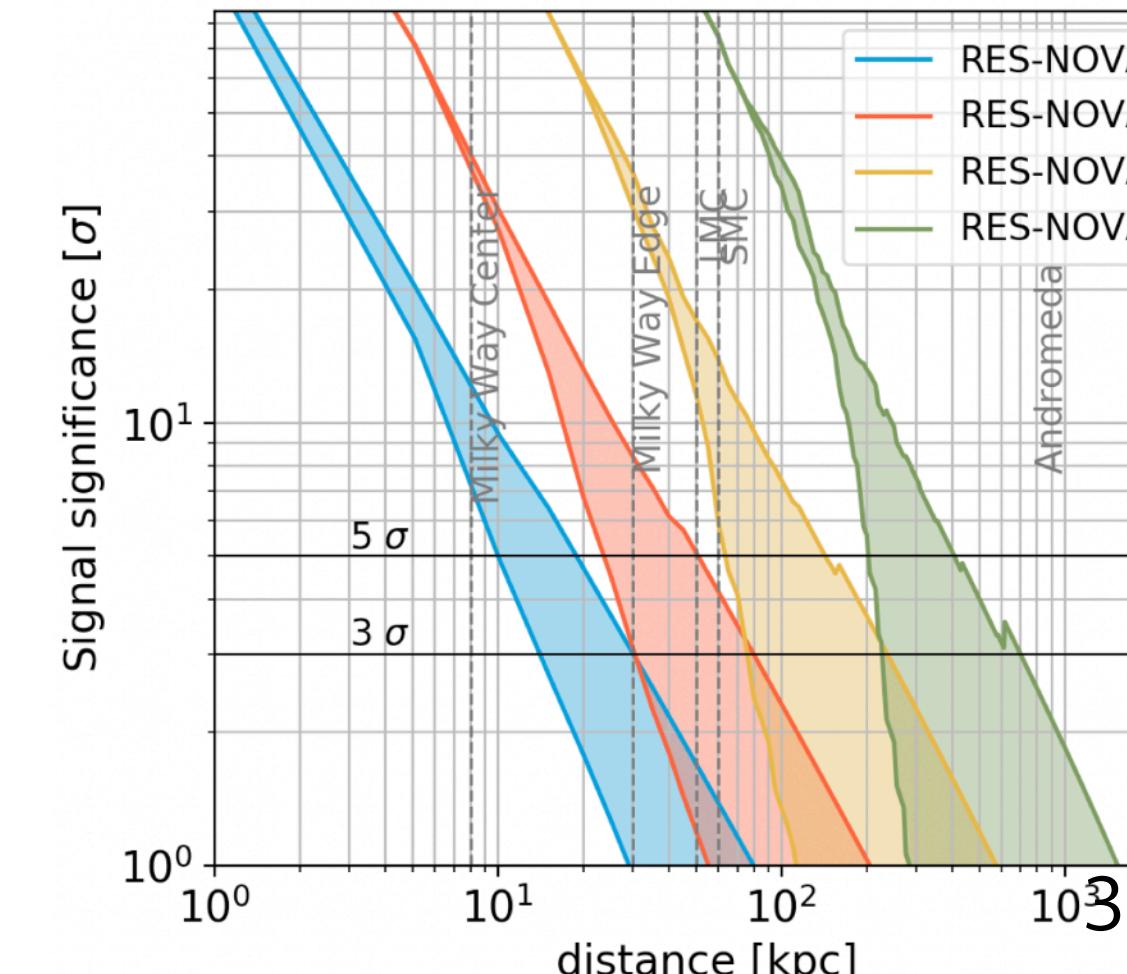
Core Collapse model discrimination



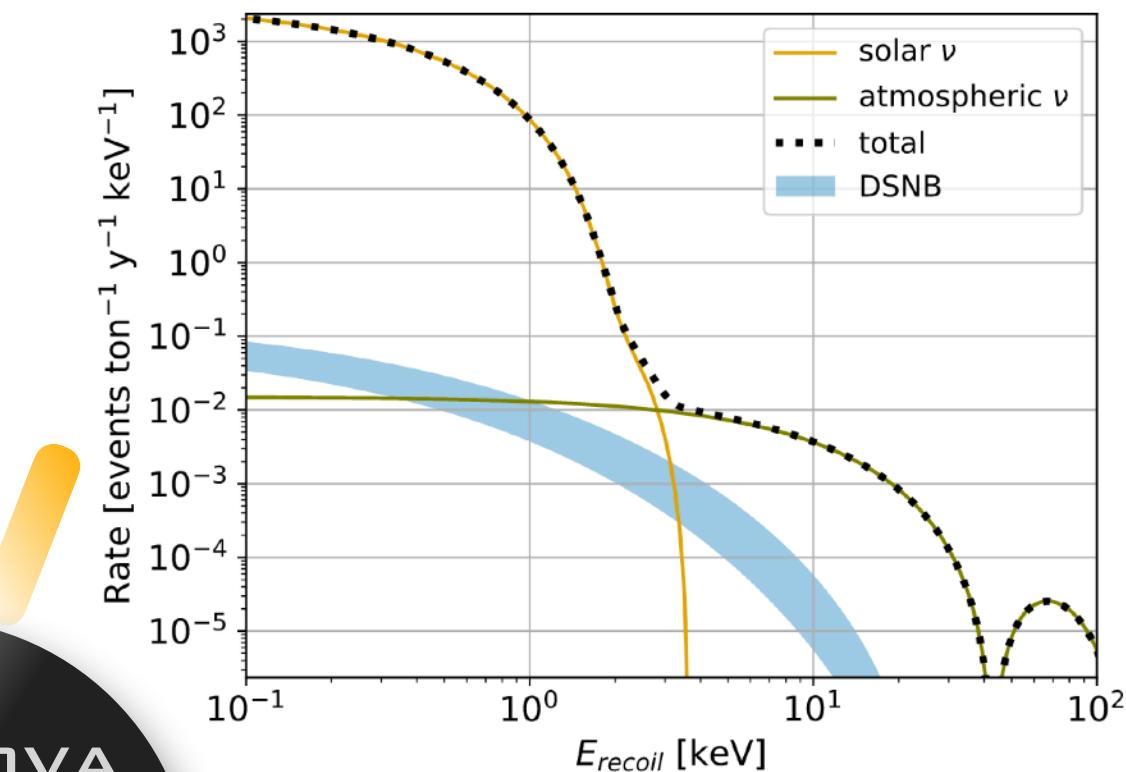
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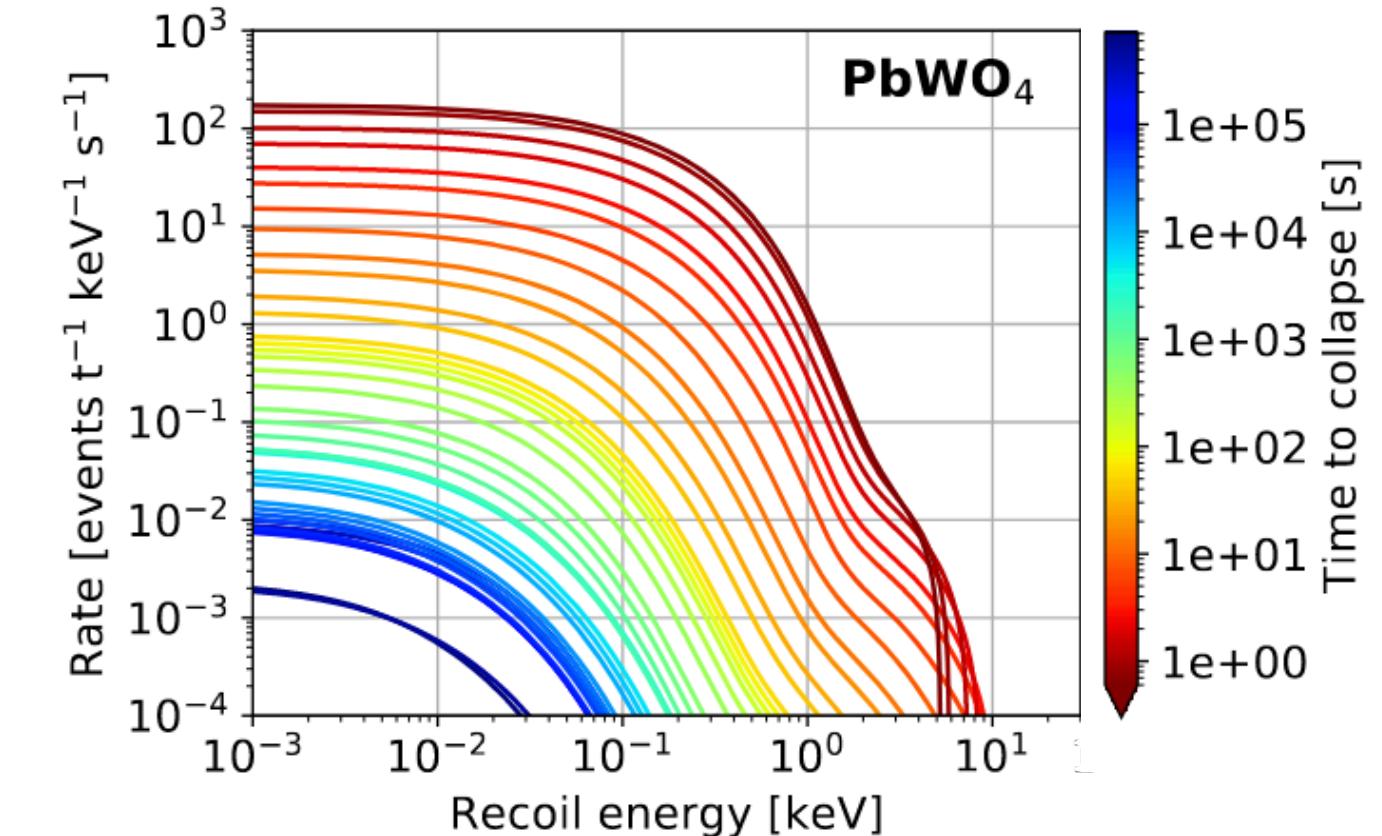
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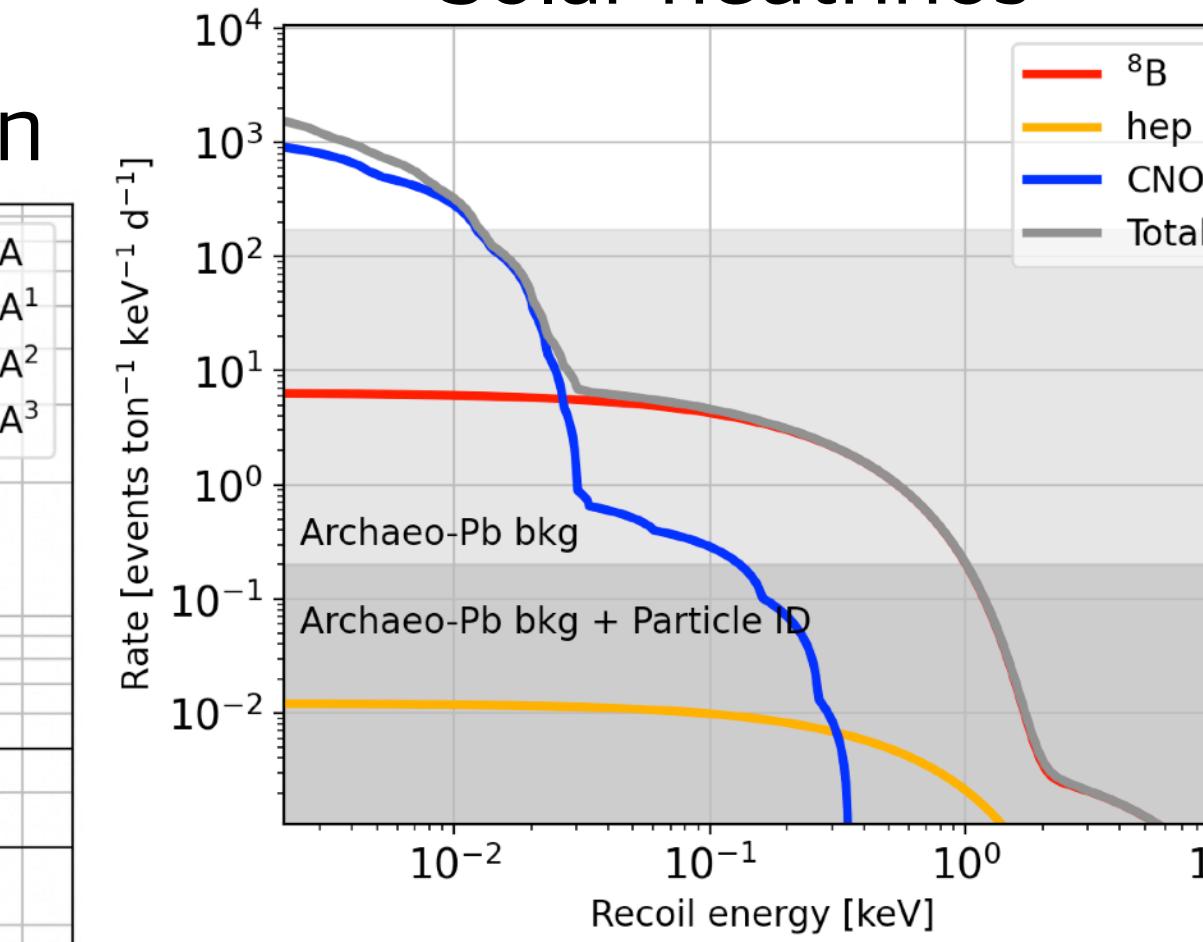
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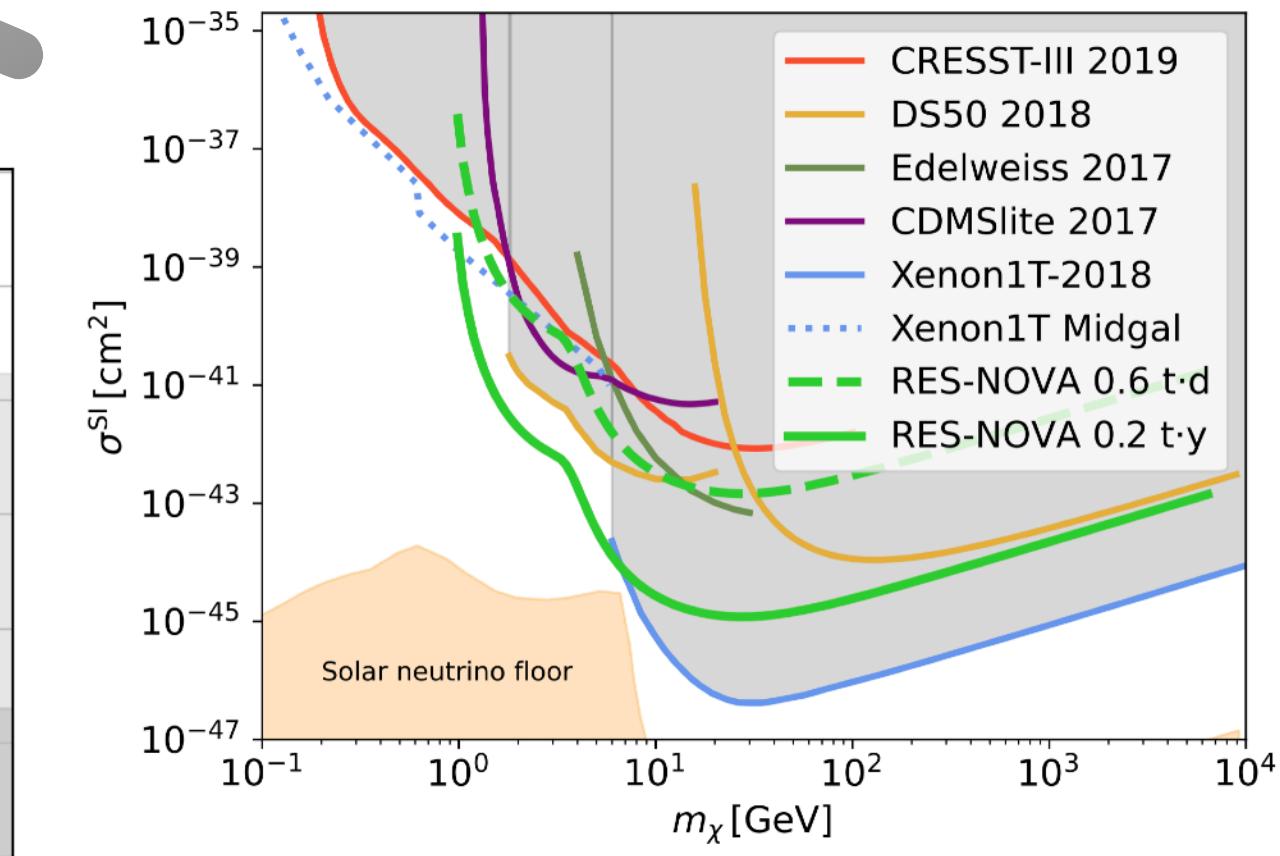
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Solar neutrinos



Direct DM searches



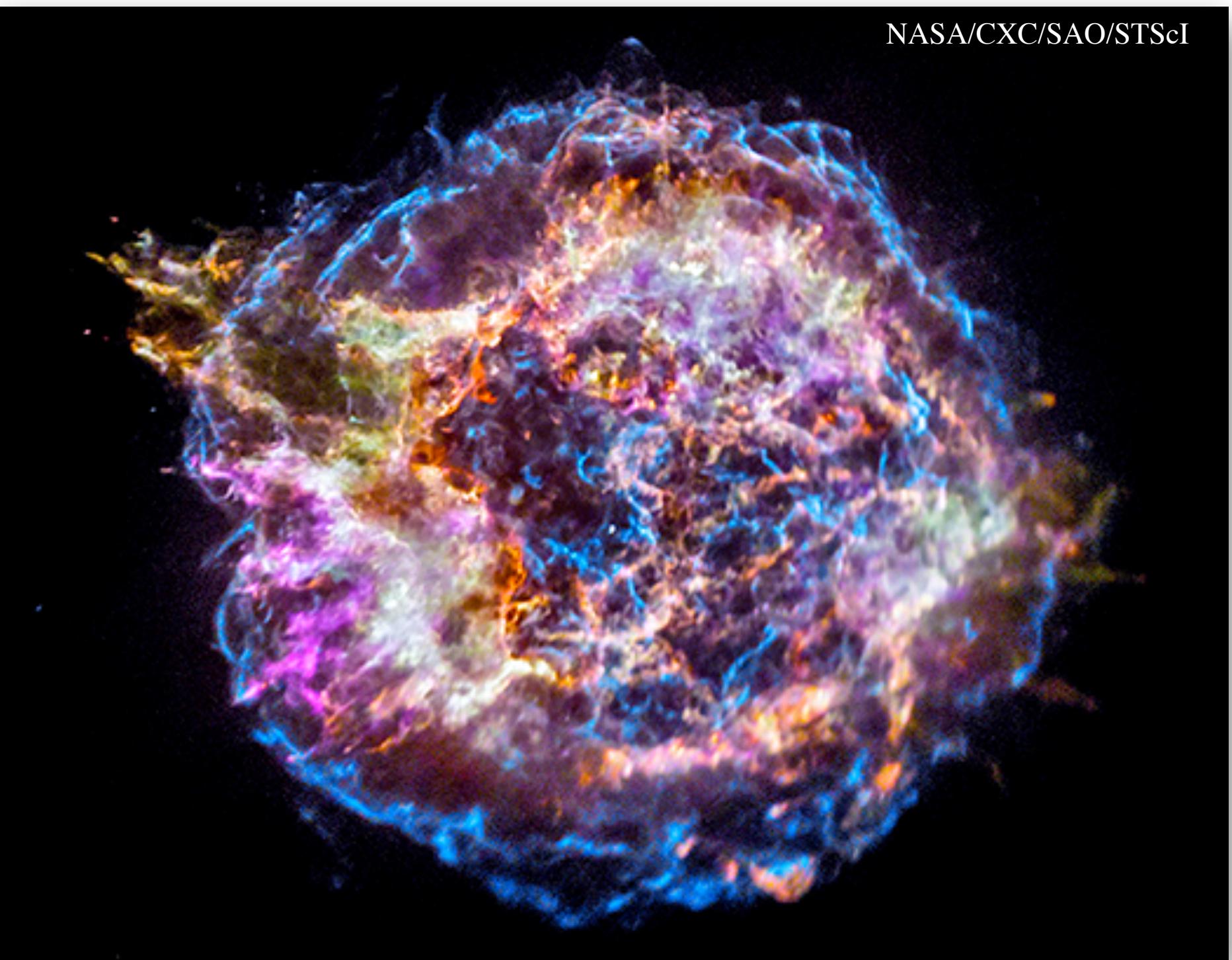
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ARE WE READY FOR THE NEXT SN ?

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



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Timeliness

A unique window of opportunity for a new technology

Innovative experimental approach

Multi-disciplinarity

Feasibility

Proof of principle detectors gave promising results

RES-NOVA demo is funded

Long-term science program on neutrino physics

