

RES-NOVA

Detecting Supernova neutrinos with archaeological Pb-based cryogenic detectors

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Supernovae: cosmic fireworks

setting the stage

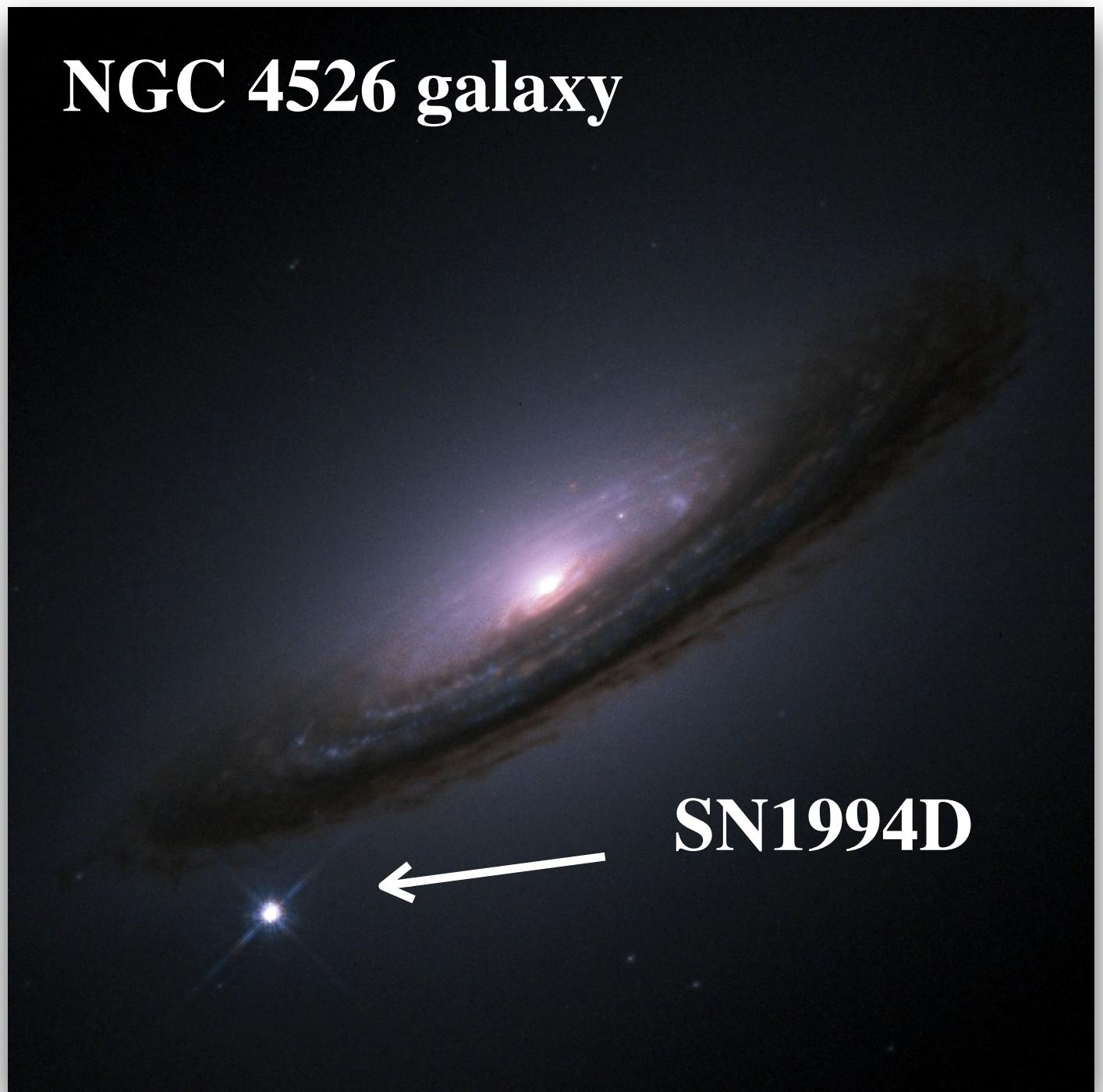
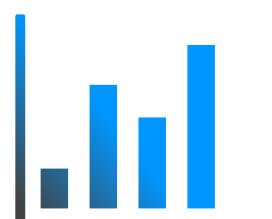
Supernovae (SN): high-energy **explosions of massive stars**

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 (~1.6 SN/100 y): **1 observation** with underground instrumentation

1987 Birth of
Neutrino Astronomy

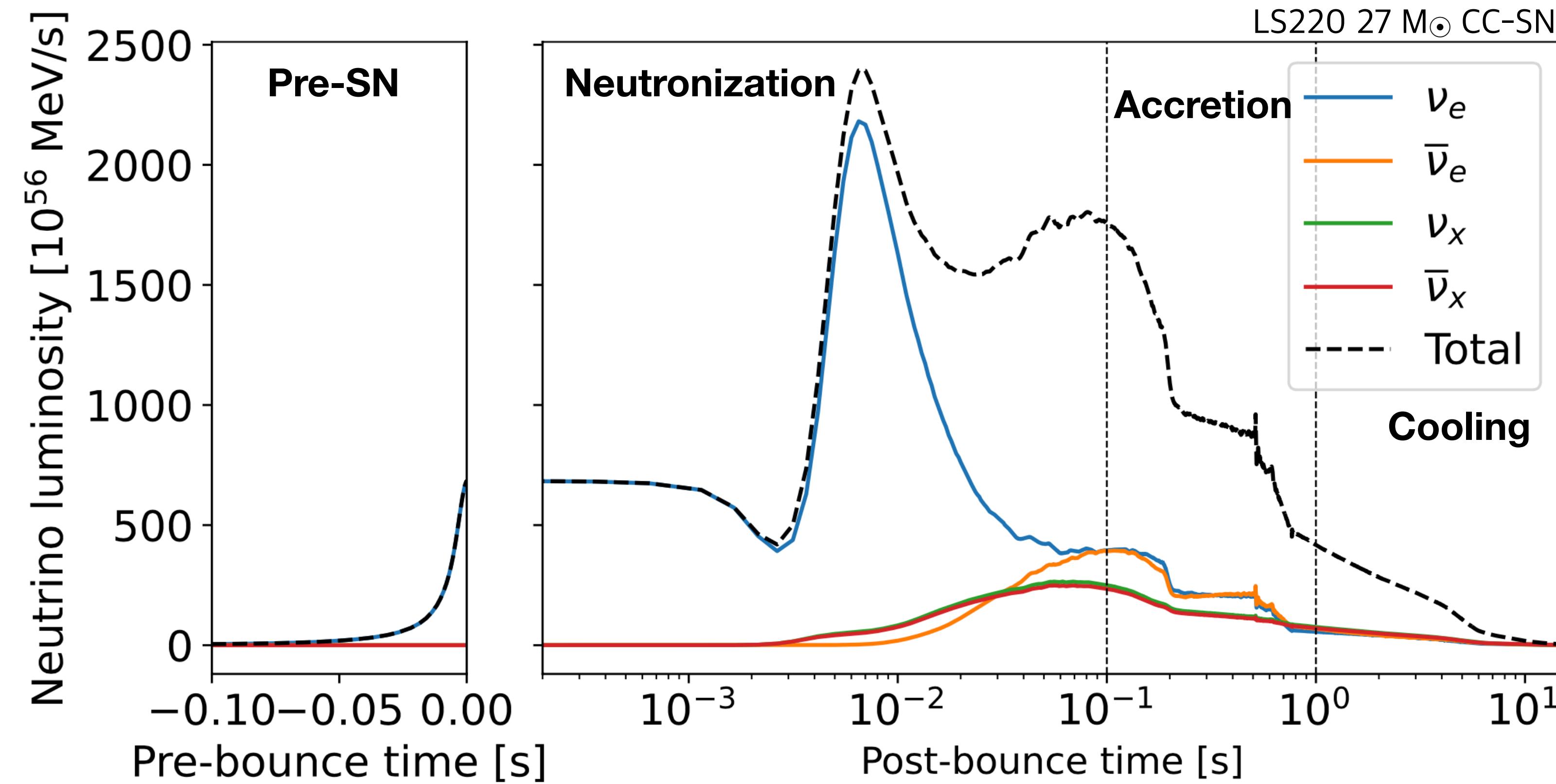


Credit: NASA/ESA, The Hubble Key Project Team and
The High-Z Supernova Search Team

Neutrinos are emitted at all times

Unique neutrino signature

Neutrino transport simulation of a Core-Collapse SN

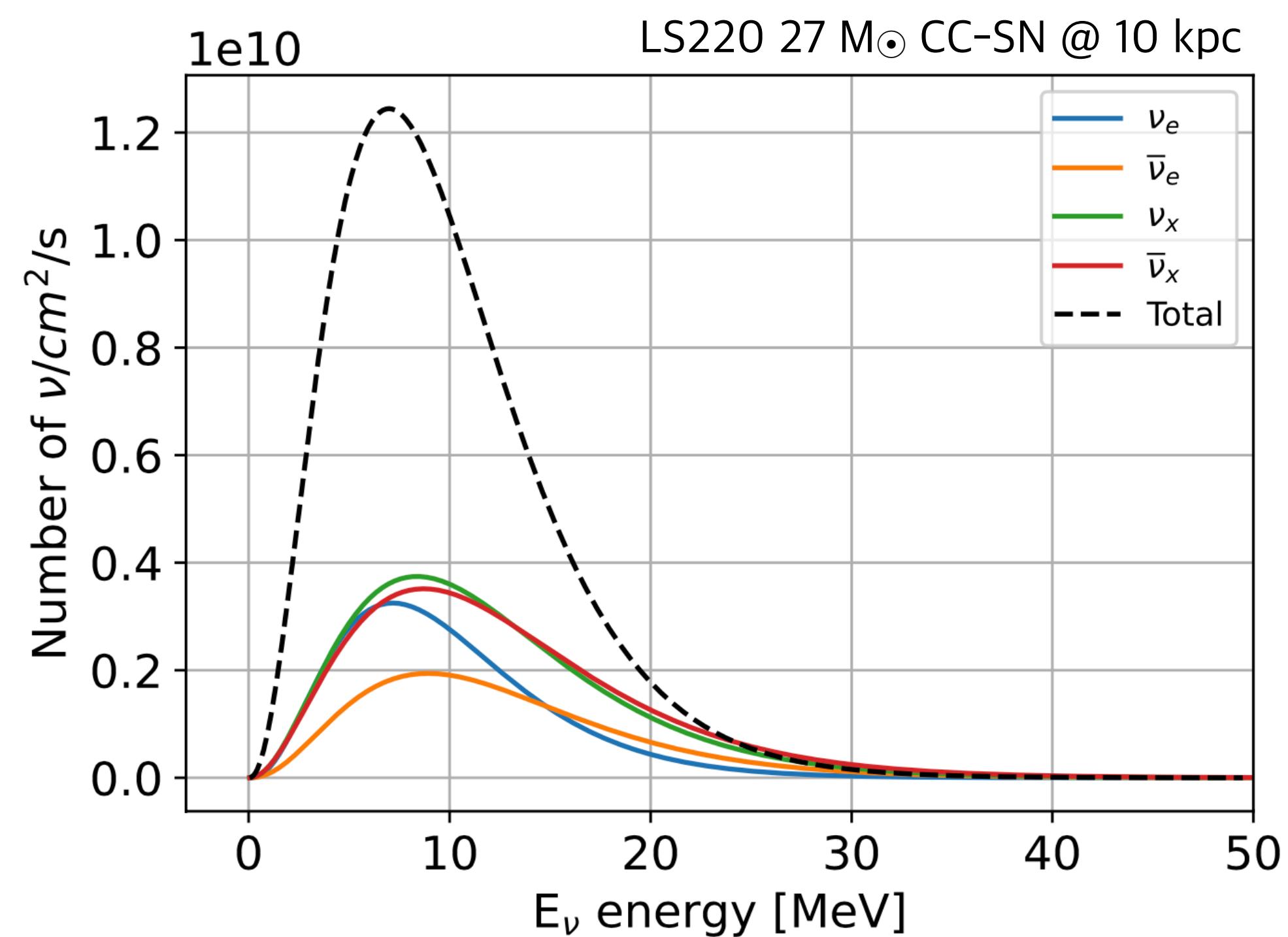


A. Mirizzi et al., Riv. Nuovo Cim.39, 1 (2016)

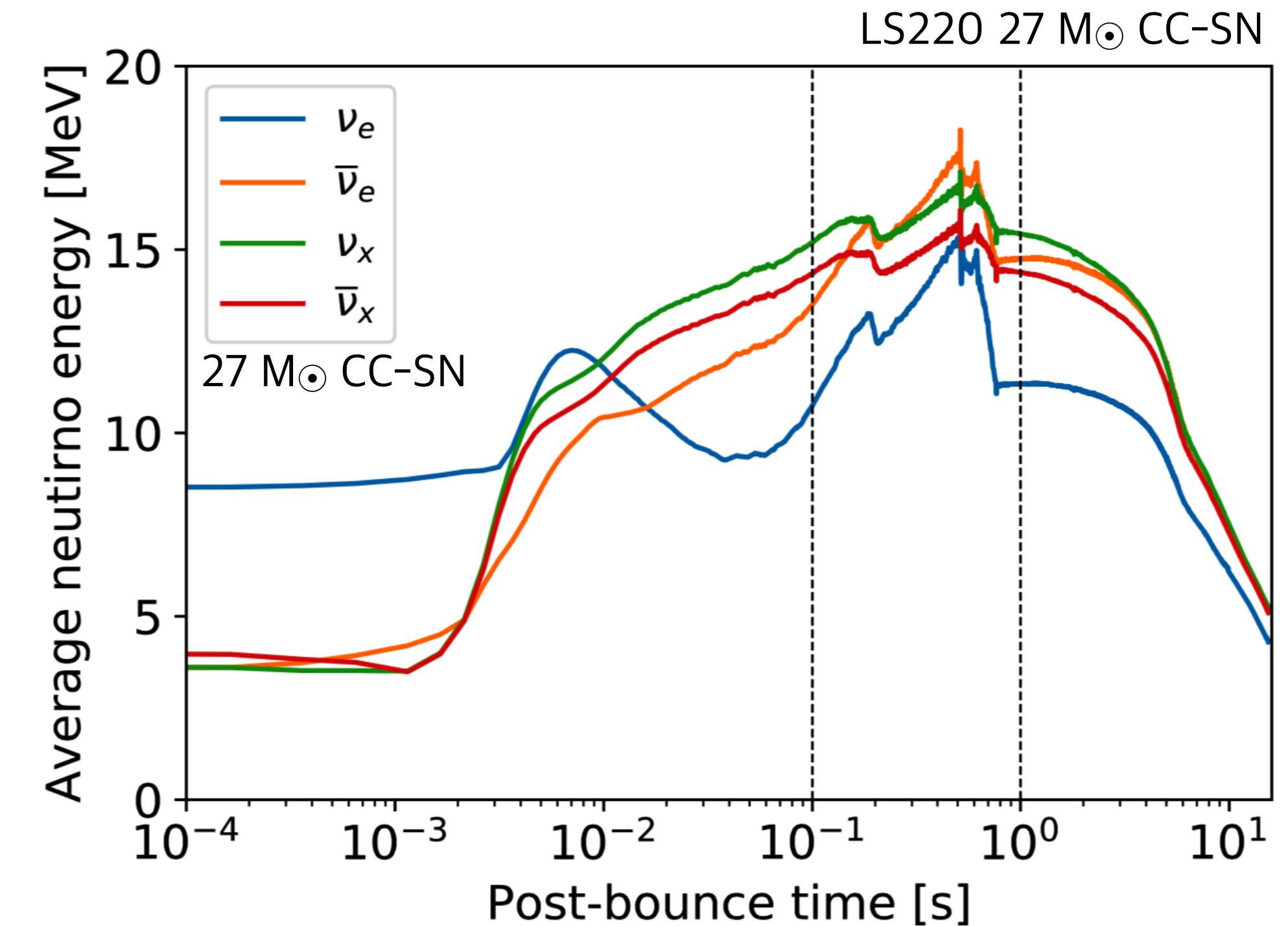
Nota Bene: neutrino flavor oscillations not included

Supernova Neutrino signal

What is the average neutrino energy?



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

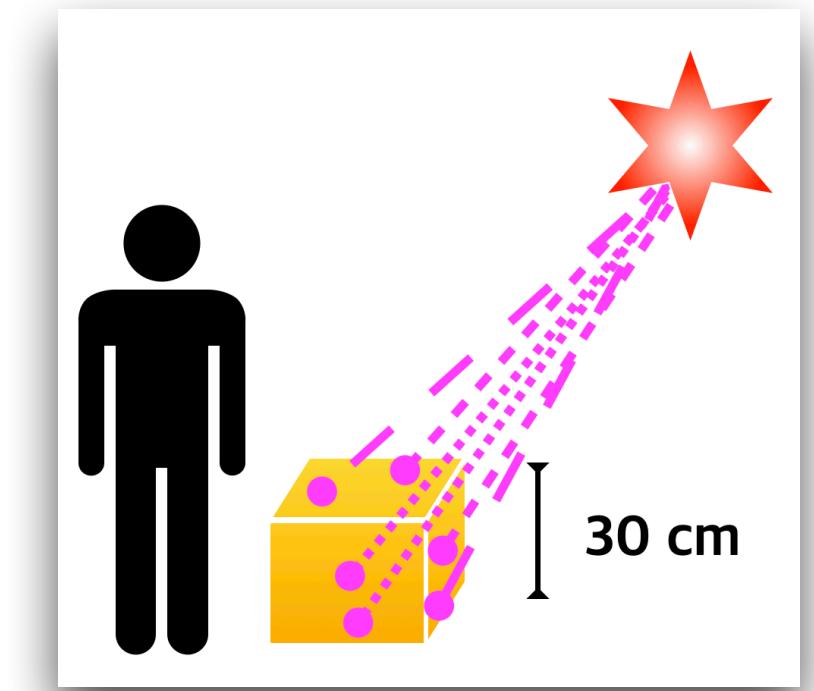
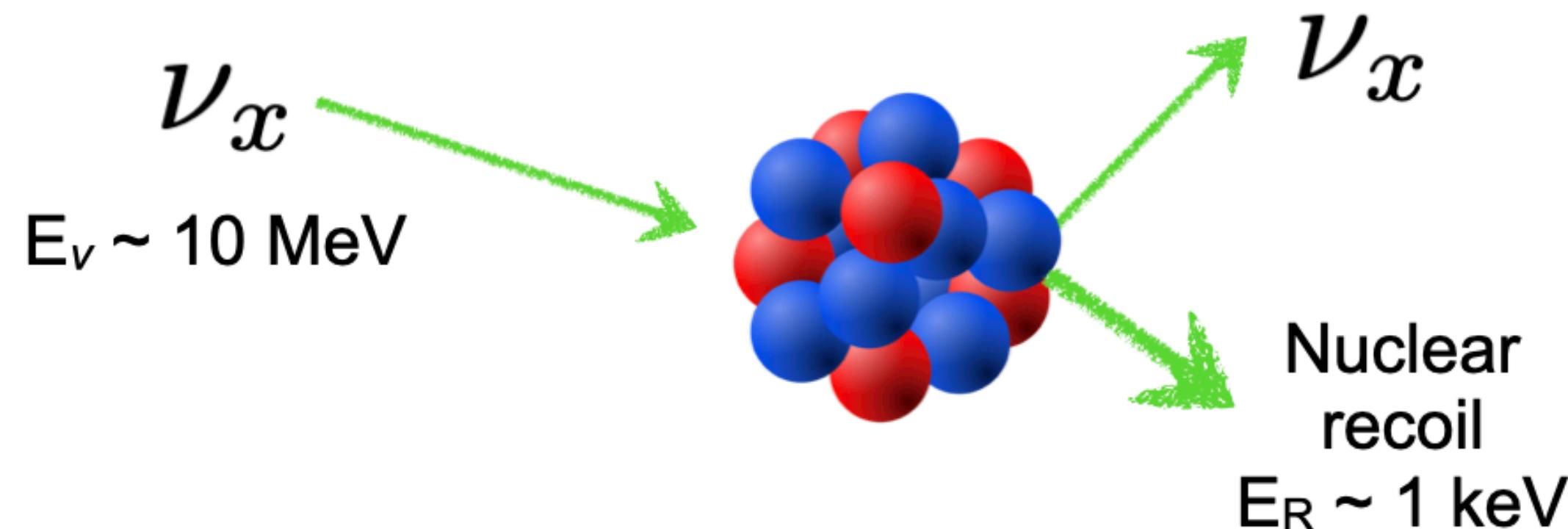


ν_x is the most **energetic** component of the flux

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

All neutrino flavors are detected

Coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering



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

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

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 cross-section Nuclear Form factor Neutrino energy

$\sim 5\%$

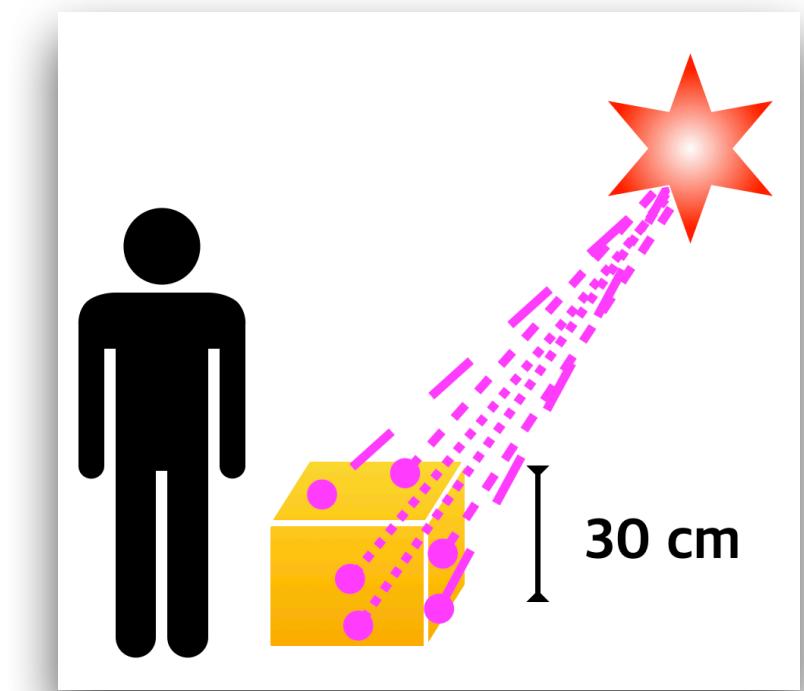
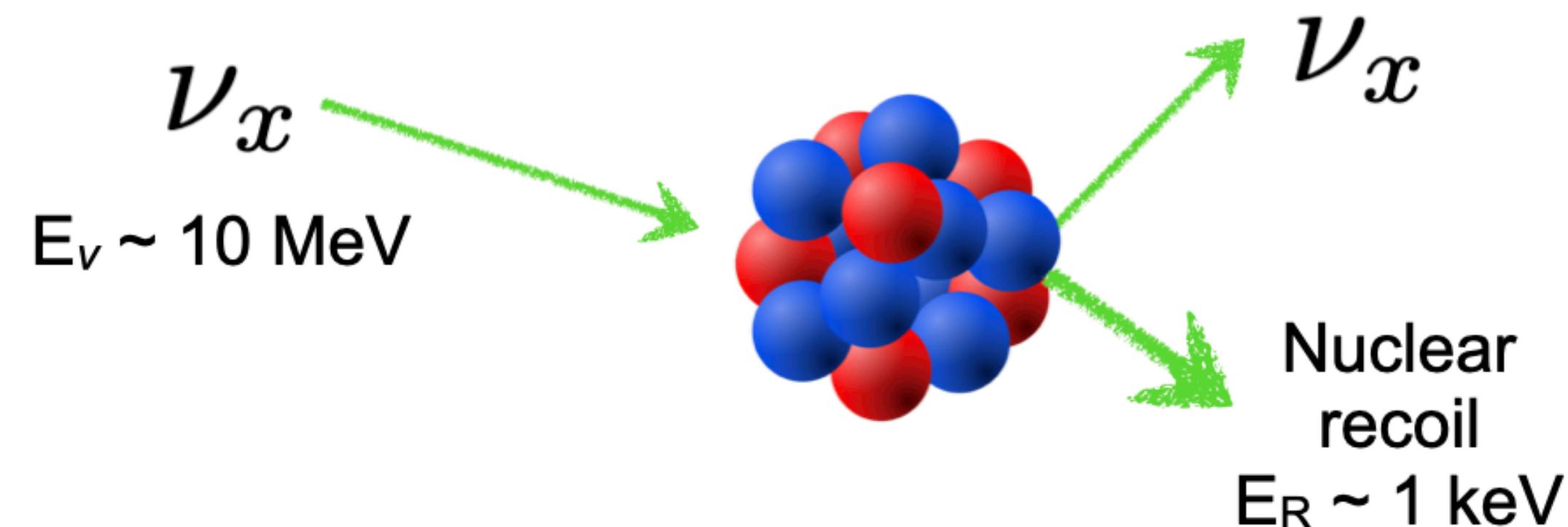
$$Q_W = N - Z(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W)$$

Weak nuclear charge

* Spin 0 interaction

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$$\sigma_{CE\nu NS} \propto N^2$$

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cross-section Neutron
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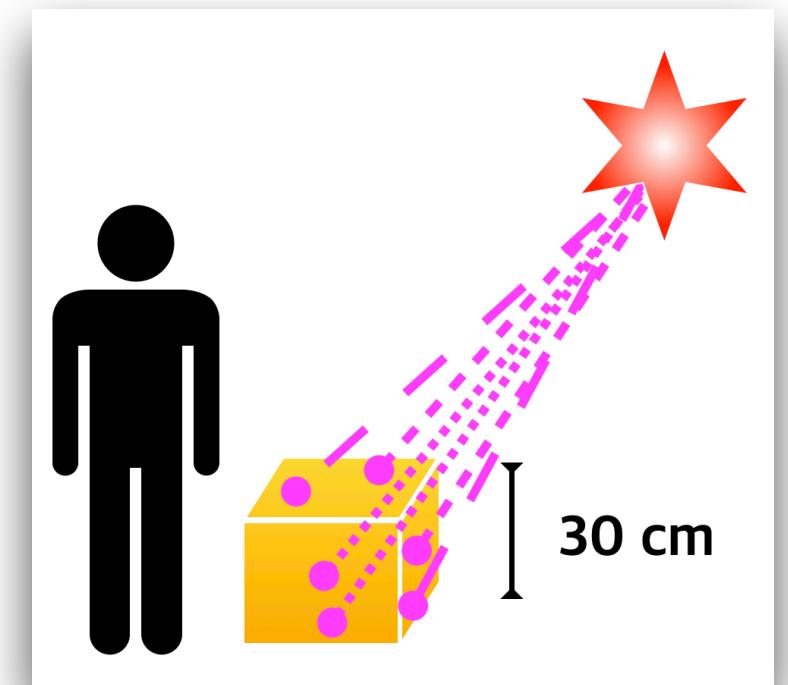
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Pb ideal target

Highest neutron number

Highest nuclear stability

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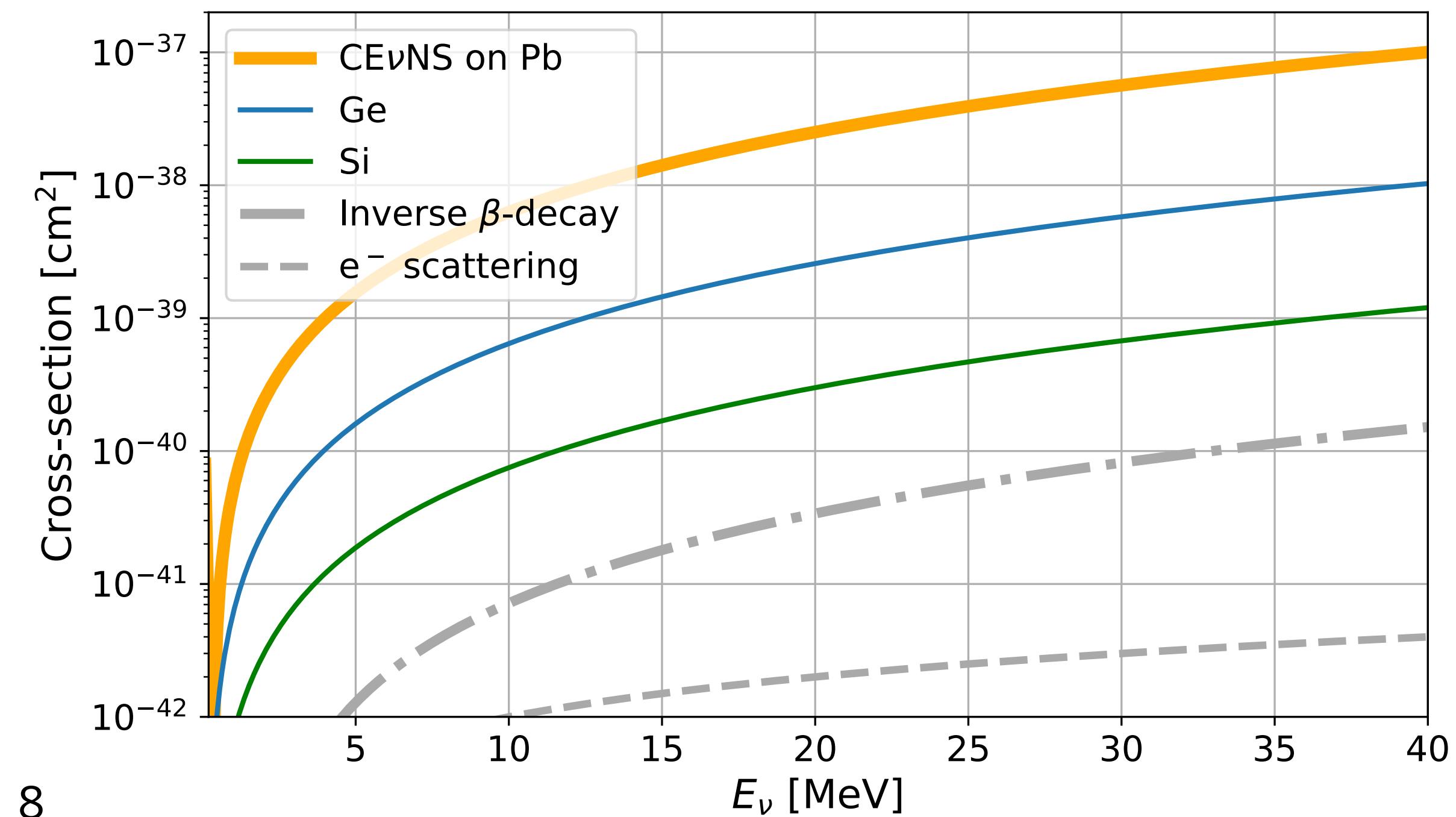
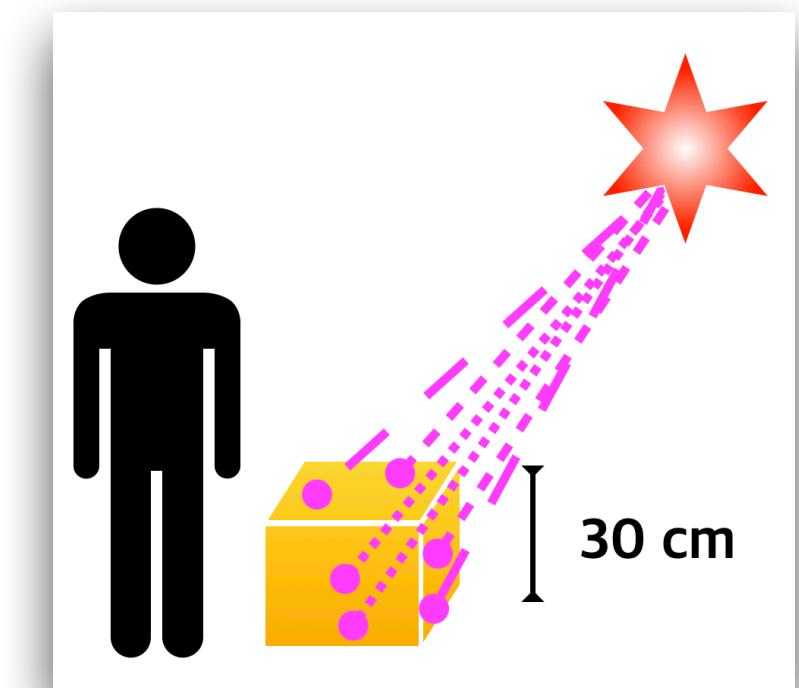
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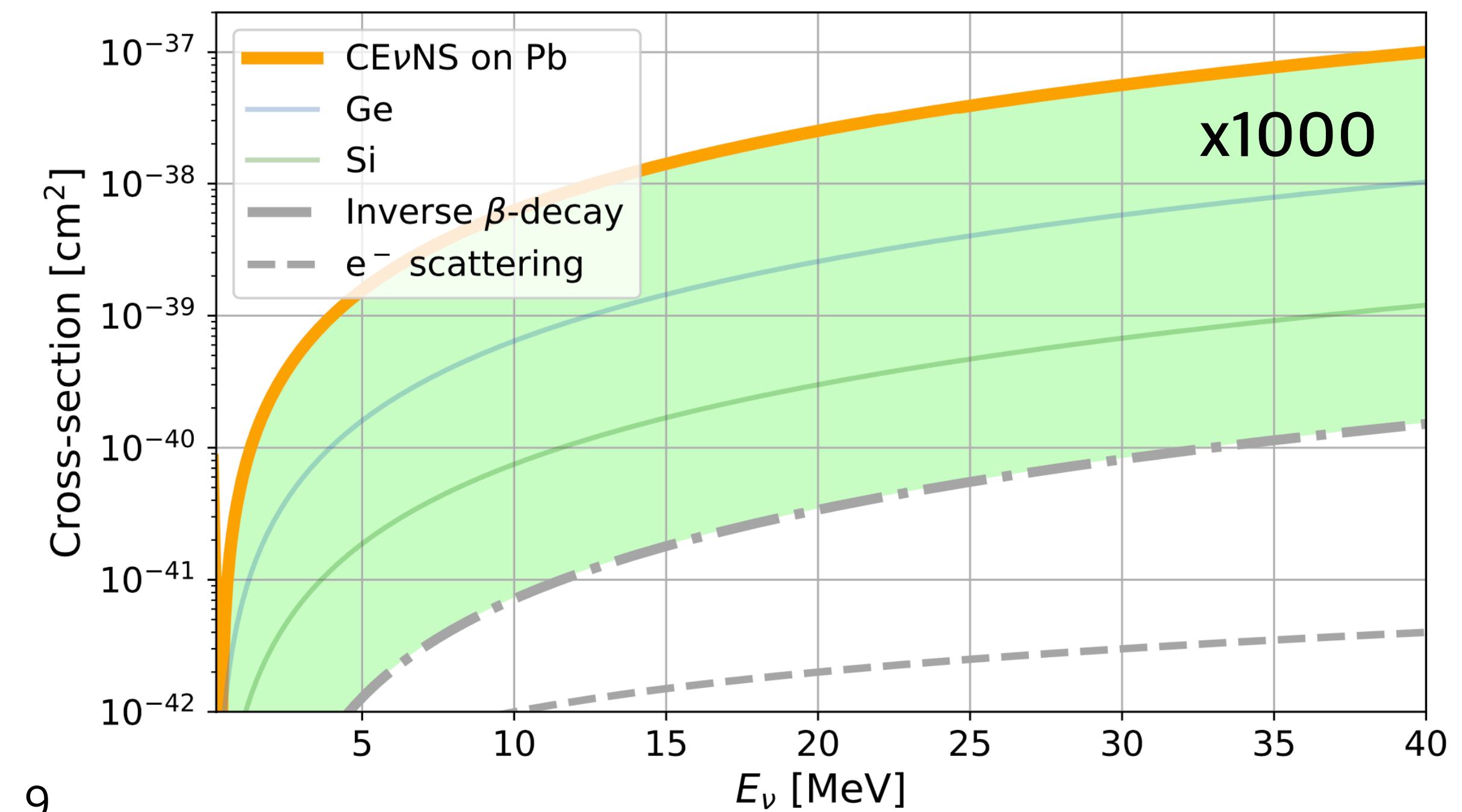
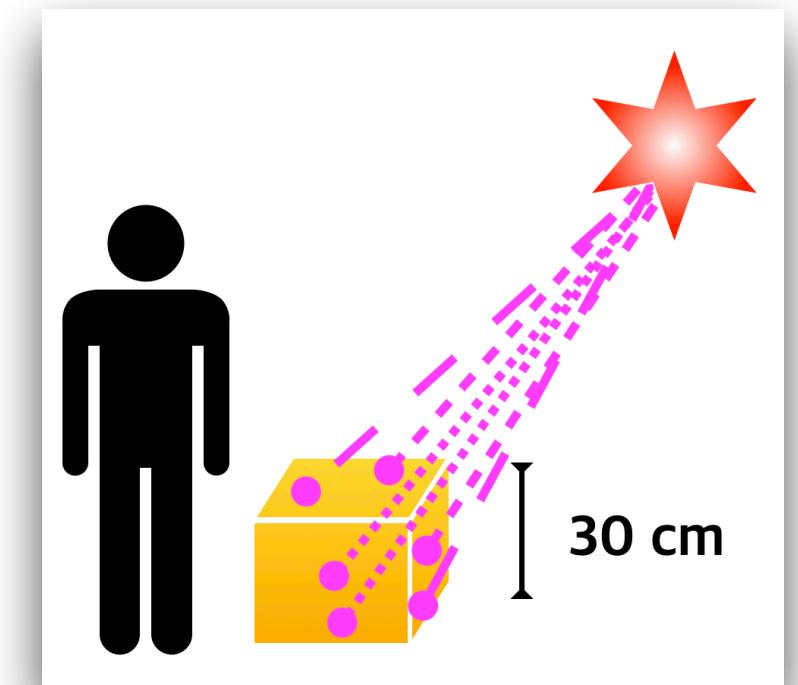
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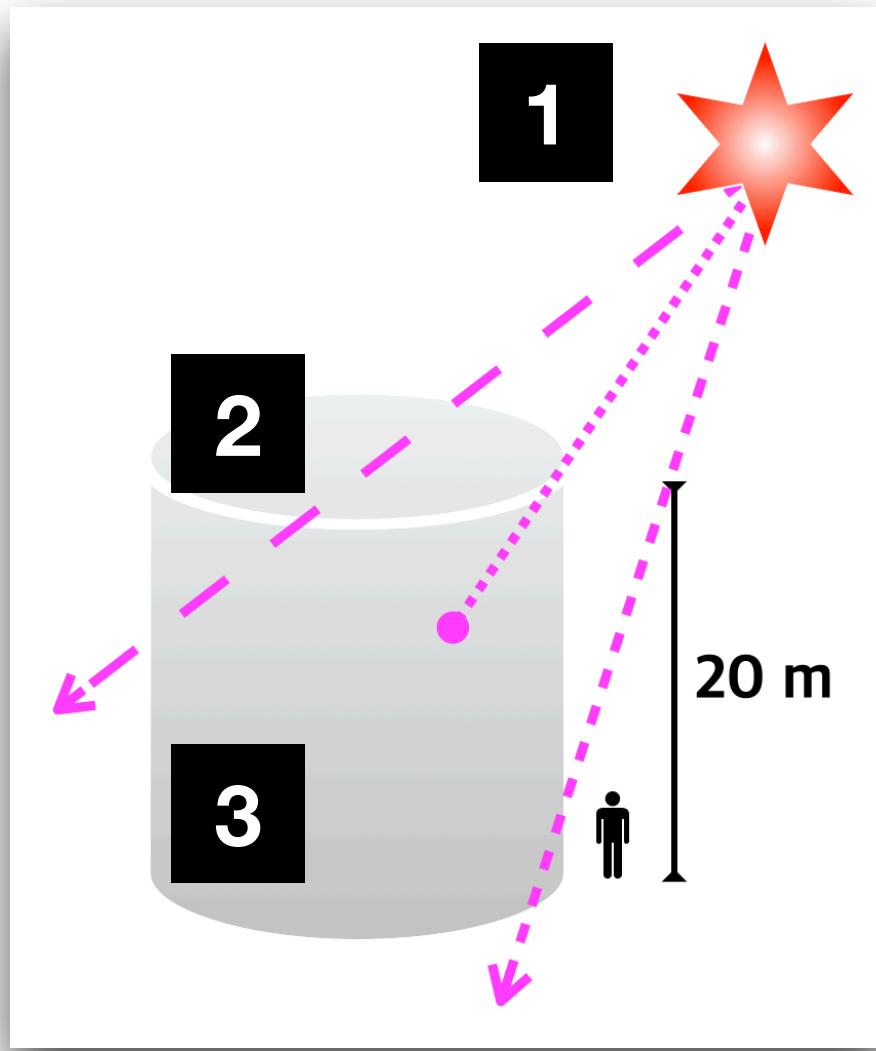
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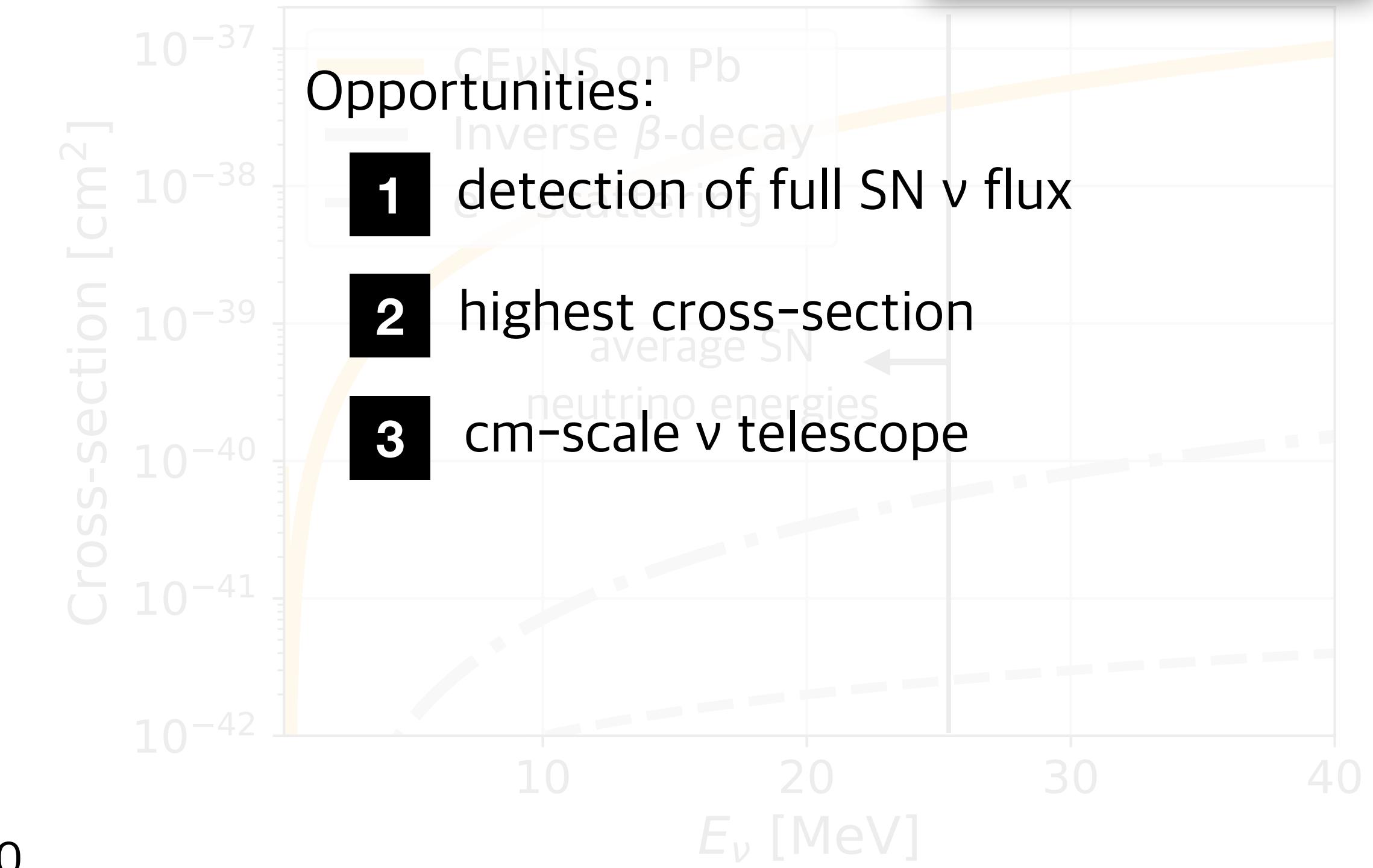
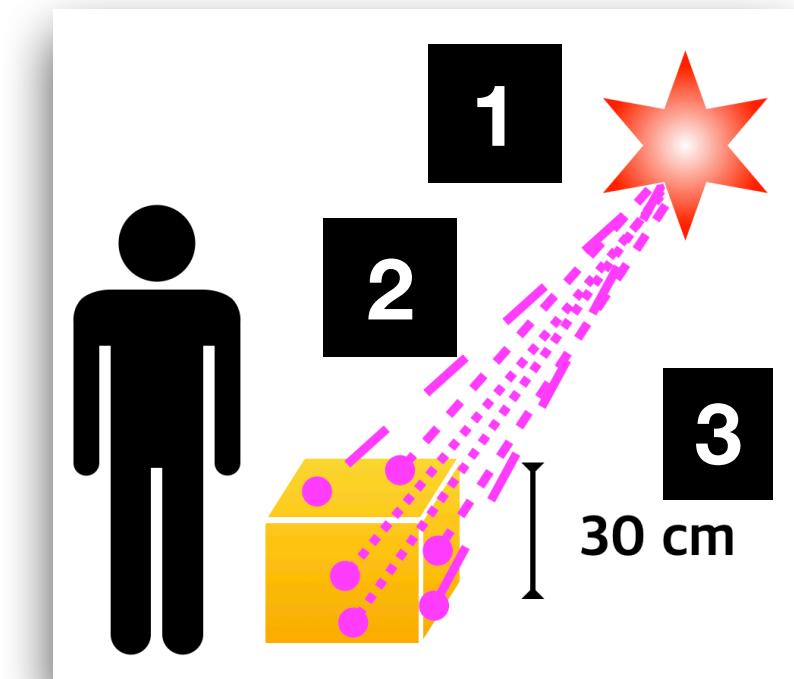
Status quo:

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

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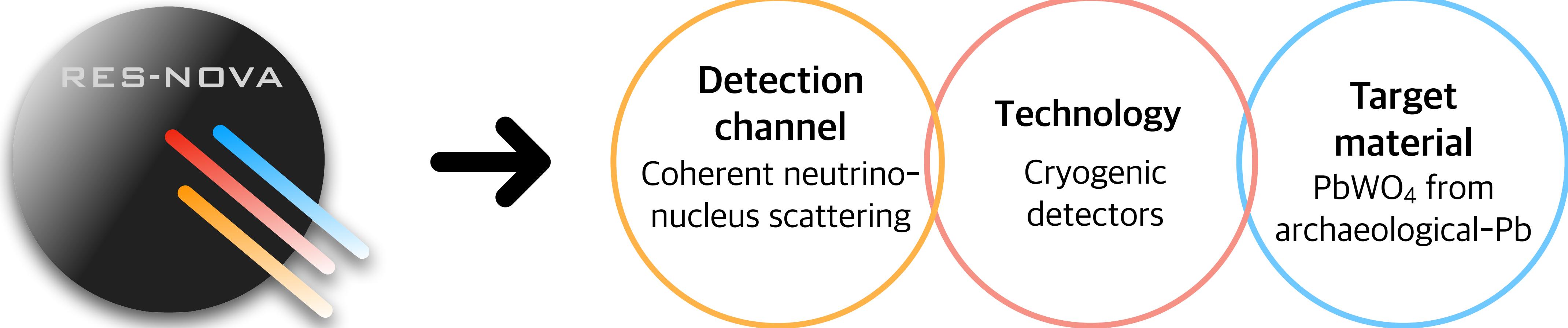
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RES-NOVA gives unique insights into SNe

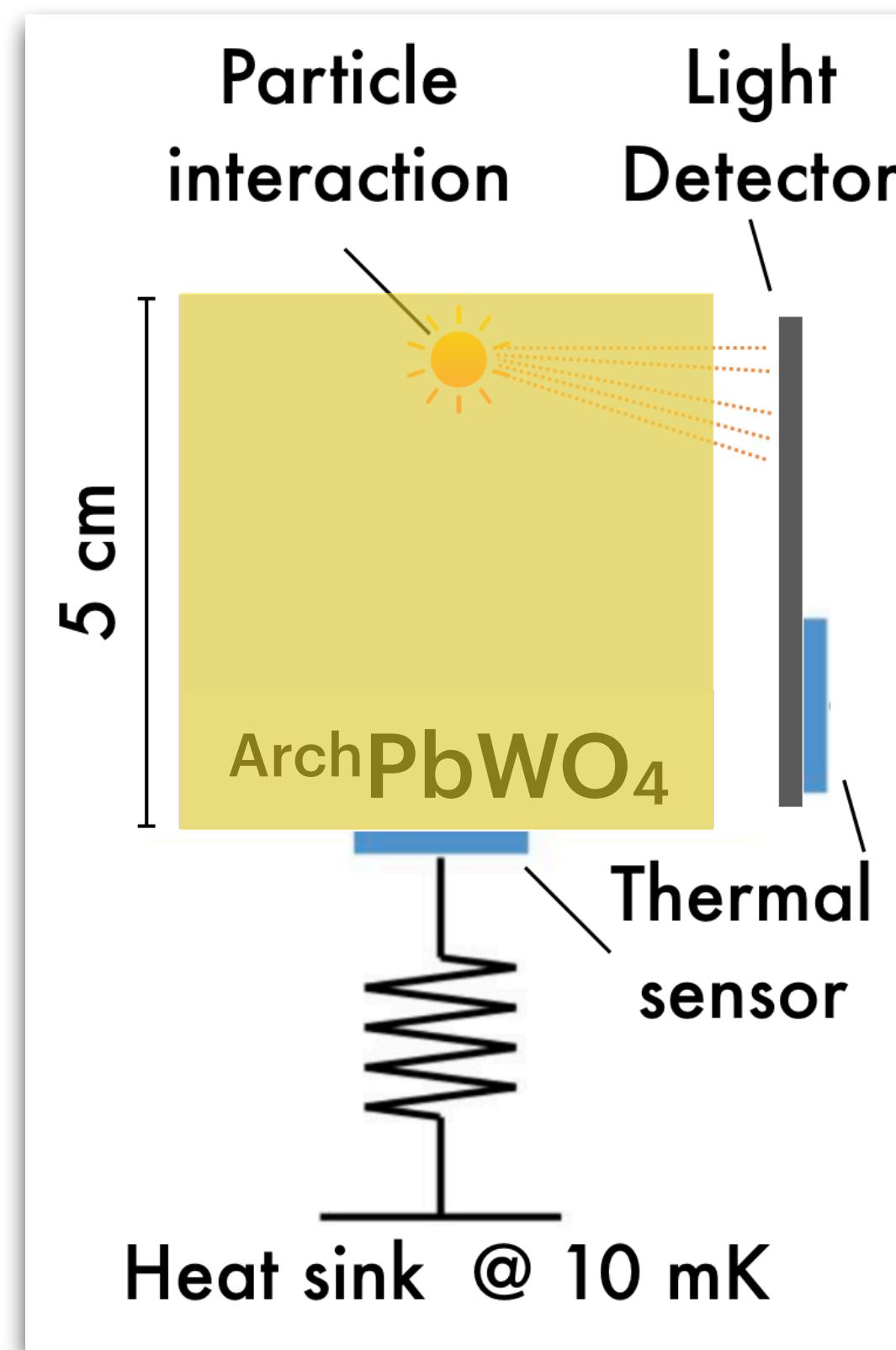
Innovative experimental approach



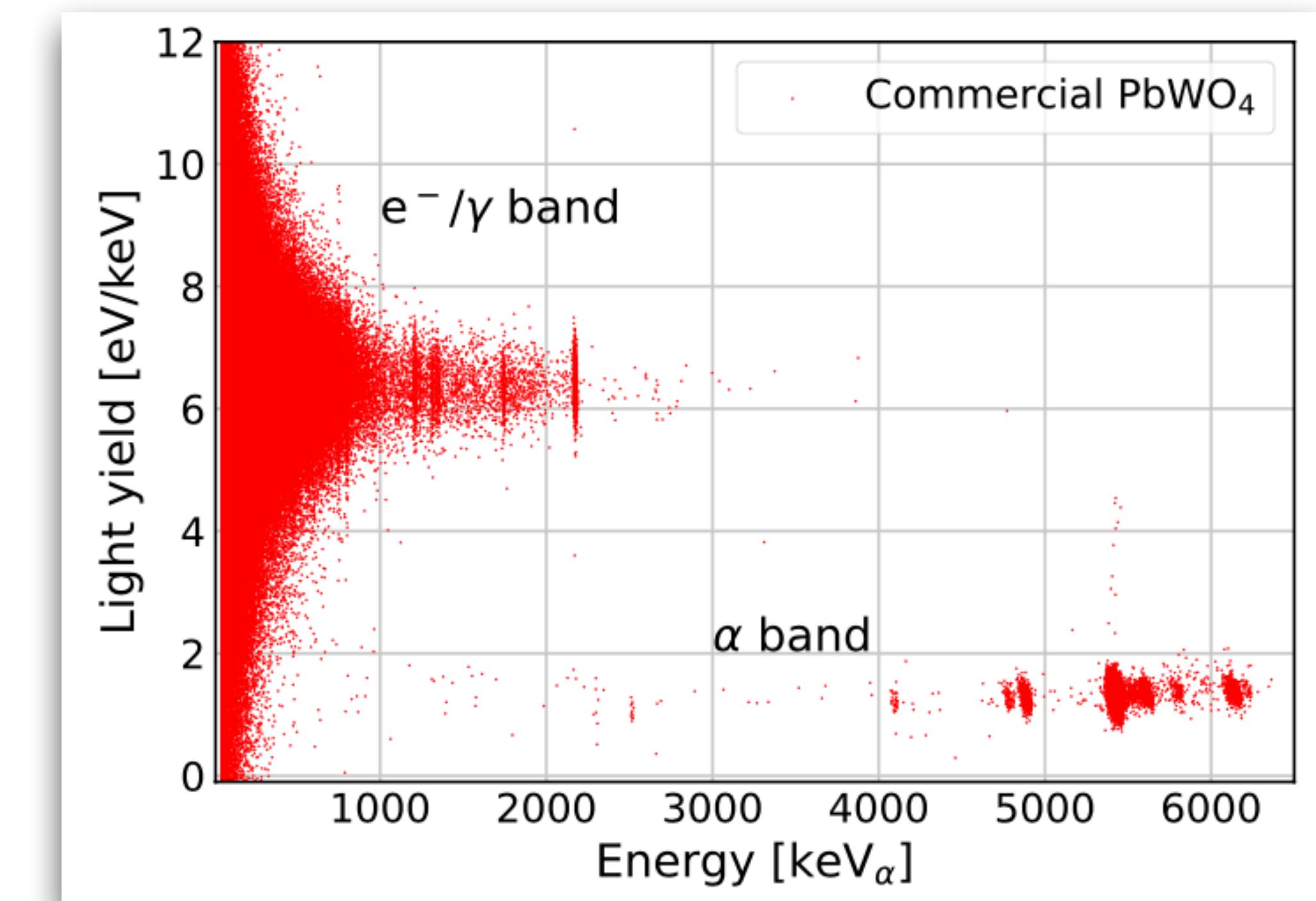
RES-NOVA detector technology

Advanced Cryogenic Detectors

Cryogenic calorimeters made from Pb



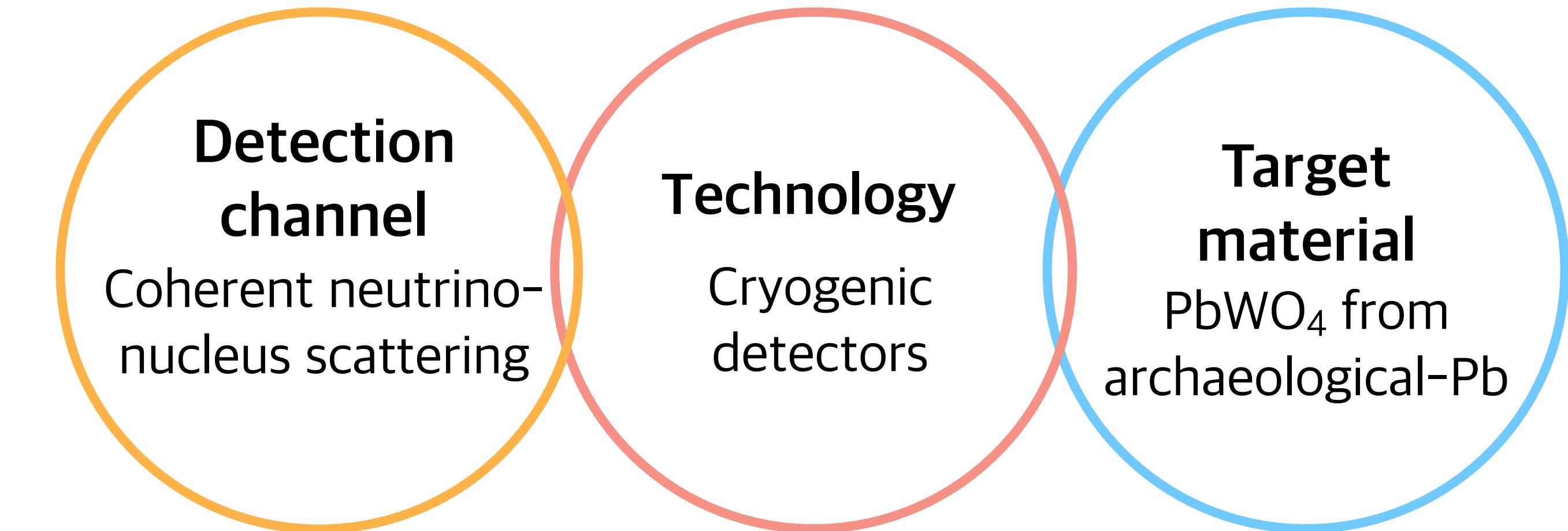
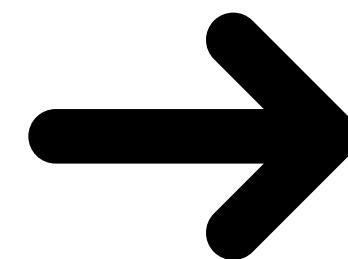
Cryogenic measurement of commercial PbWO₄



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

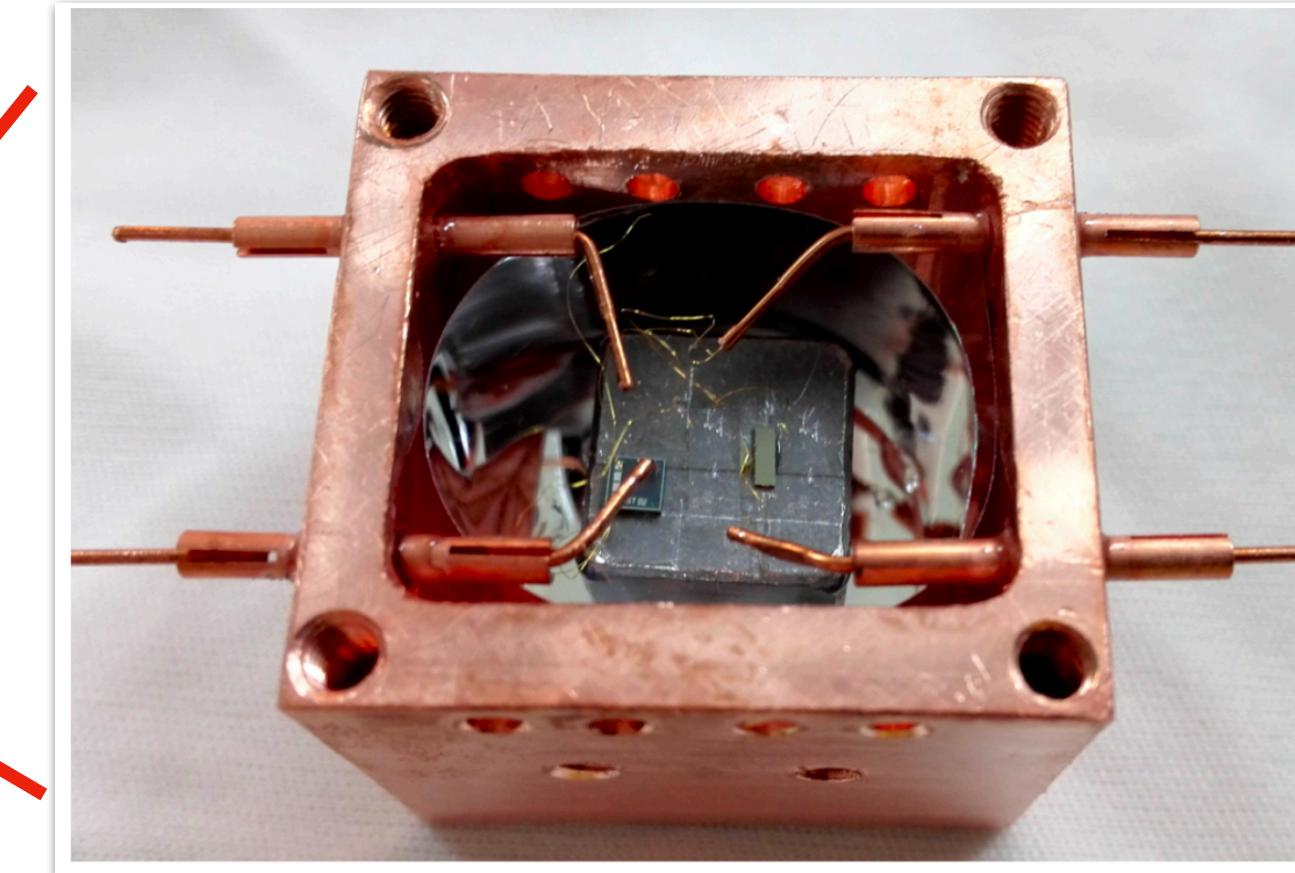
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Cryogenic detectors built from Archaeological Pb

taken from N. Nosengo (2010)



Archaeological Roman Pb:

- ★ from underwater shipwreck
- ★ 2000 years old

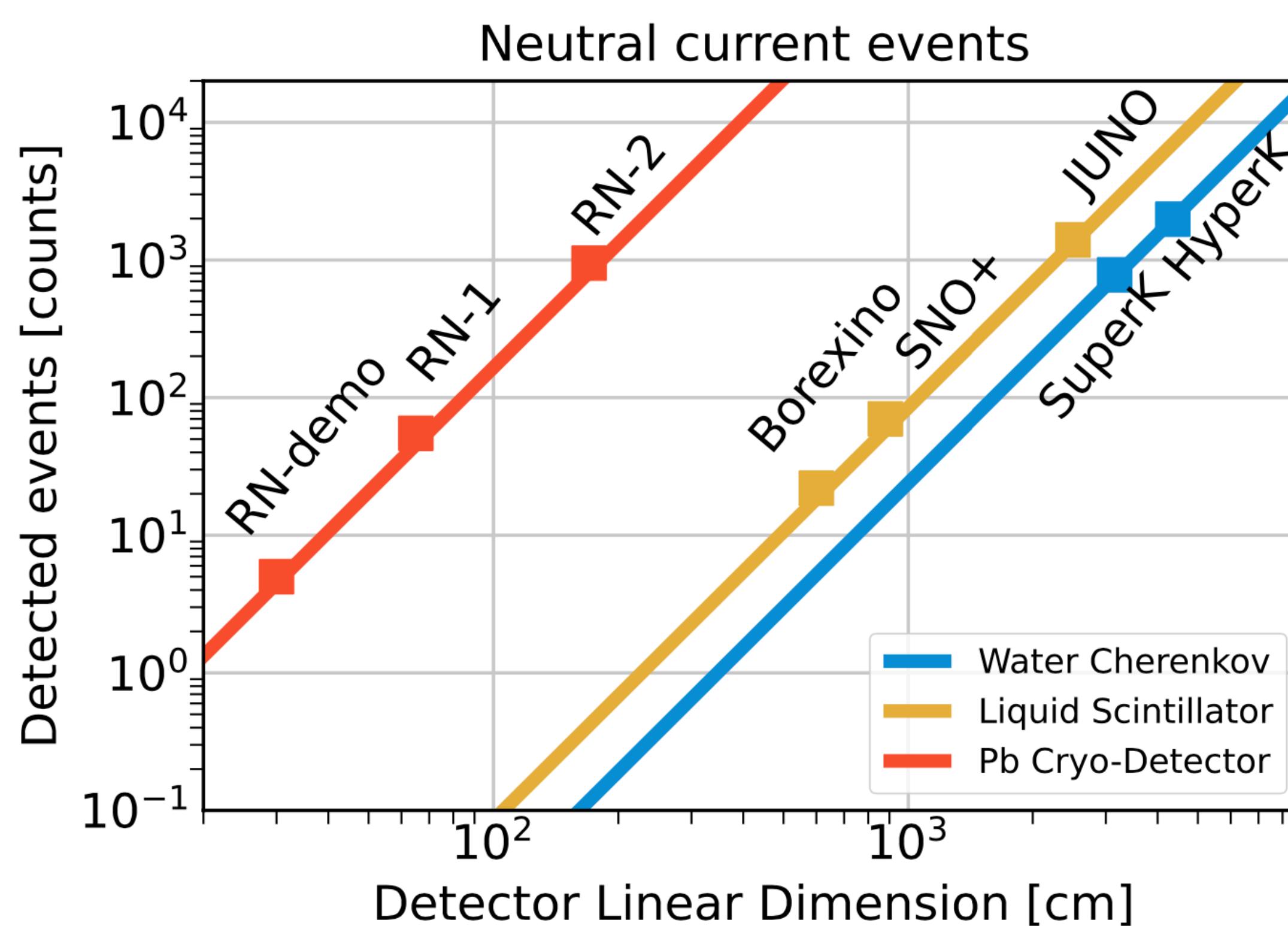
Archaeo-Pb cryogenic detector

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

Several tons of ArchPb available

Neutrino observatory at the cm-scale

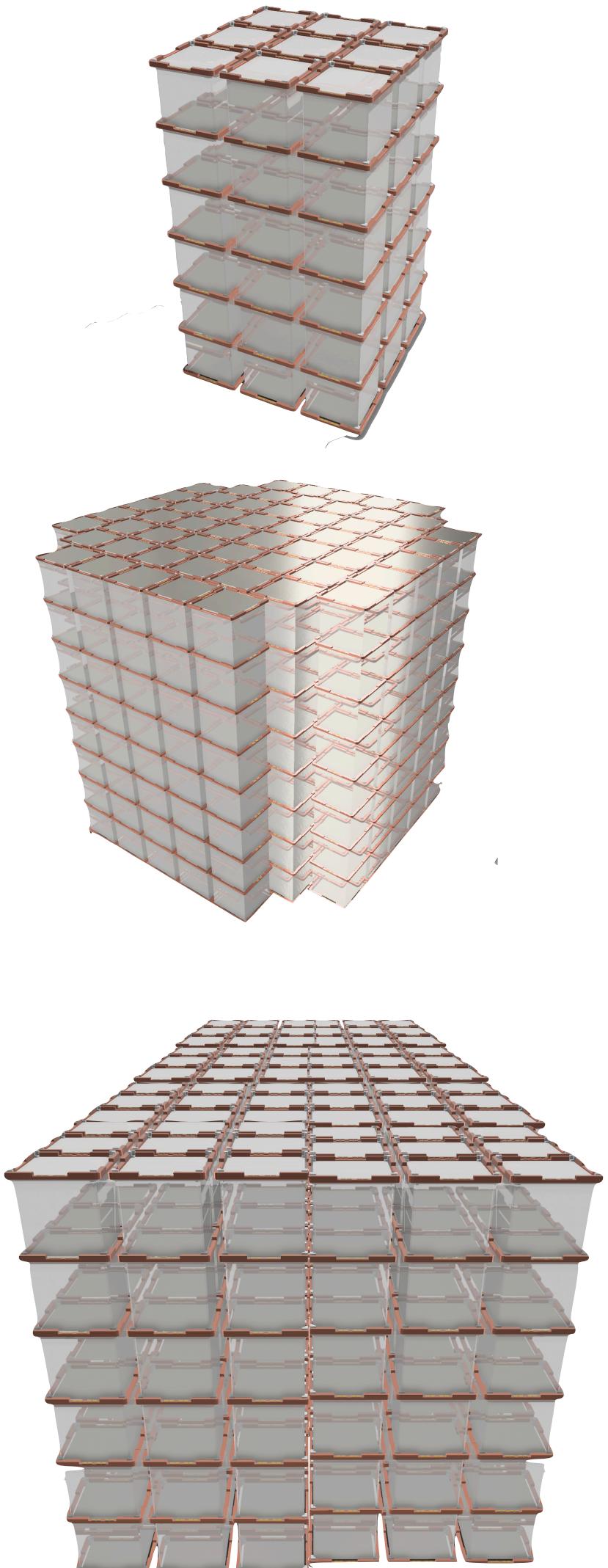
an array of PbWO₄ crystals



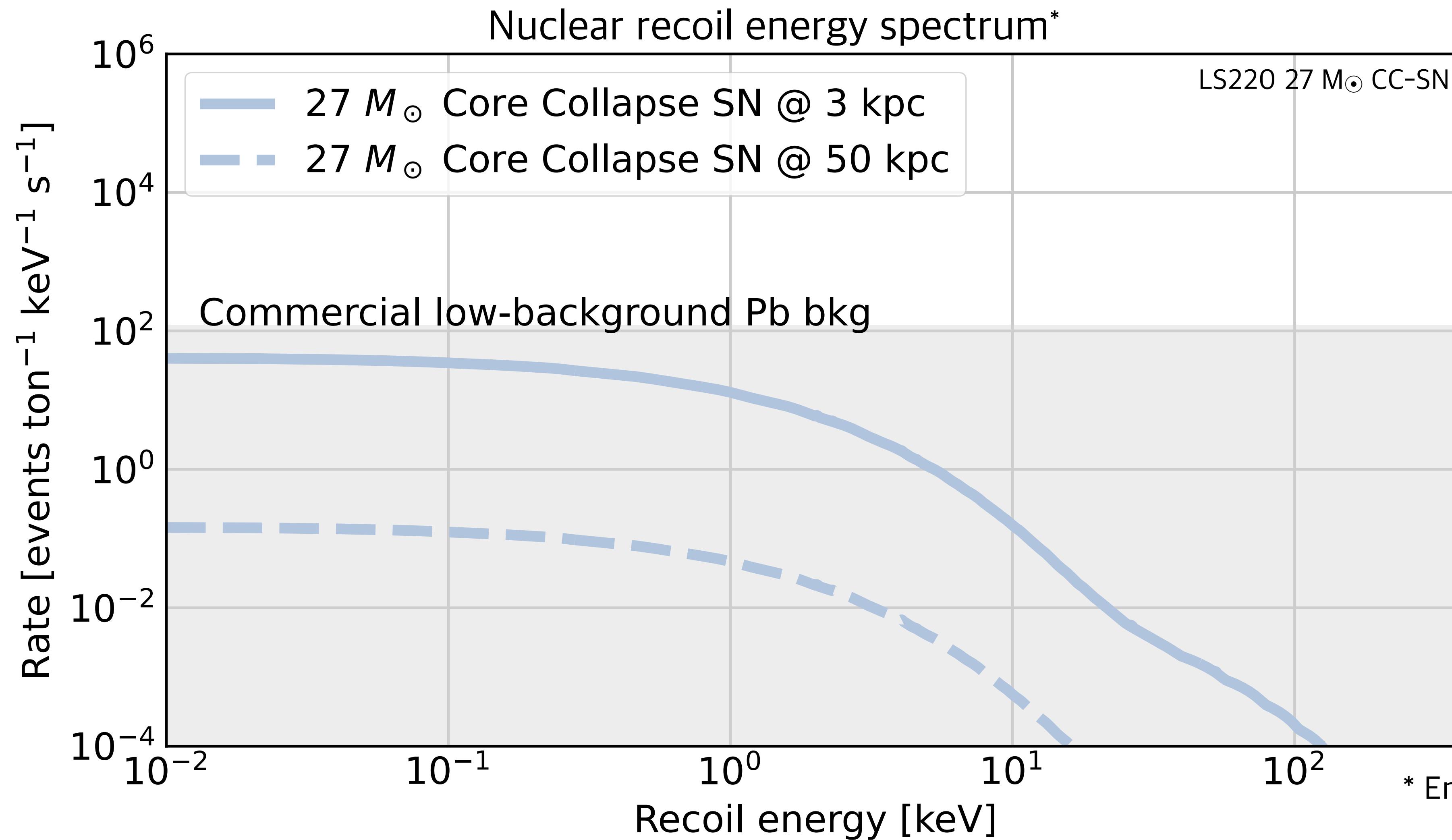
RN-demo @ LNGS
Size: $(30 \text{ cm})^3$
Threshold: 1 keV
SN @ 10 kpc: ~10 counts

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

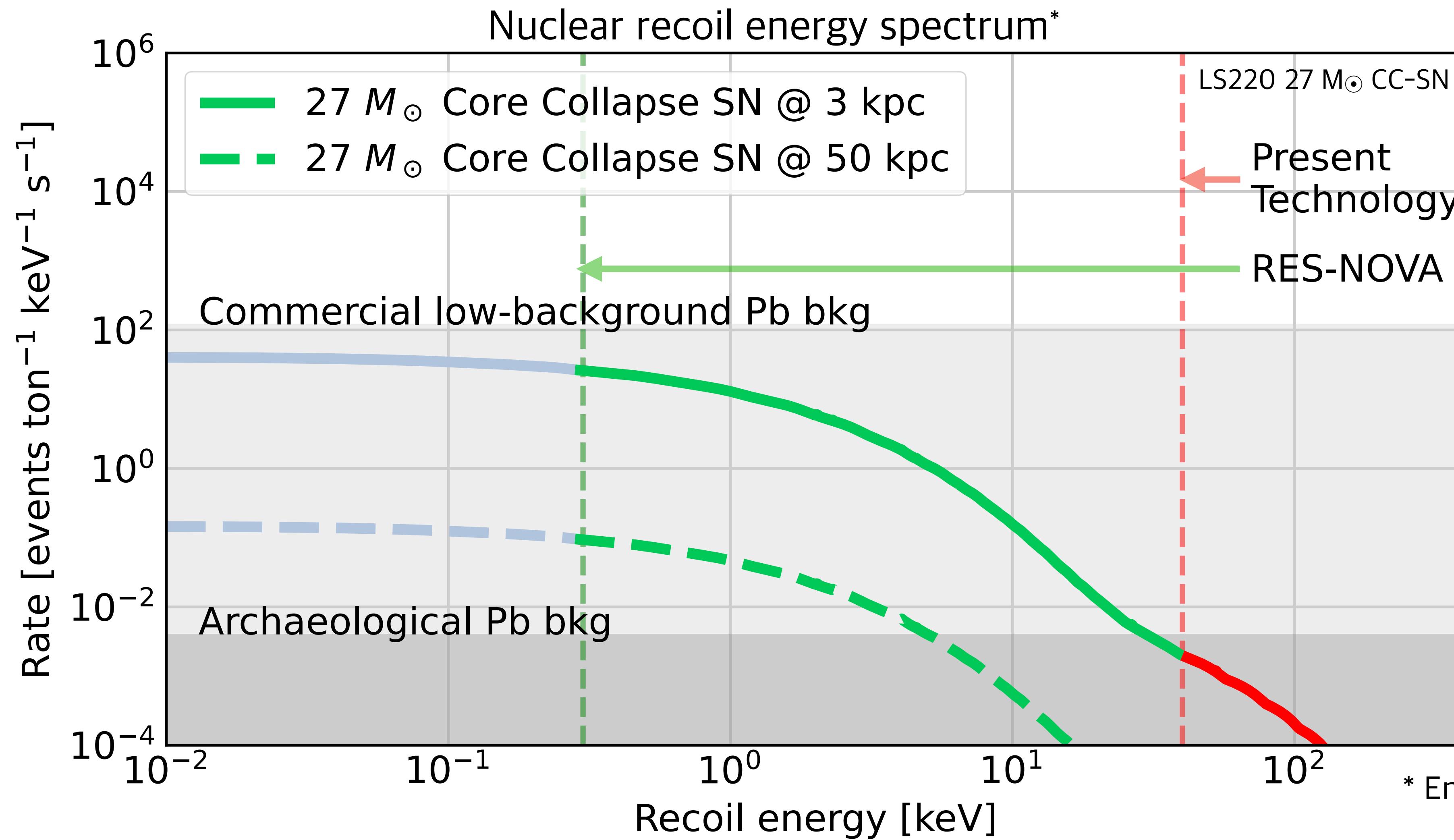
RN-2
Size: $(140 \text{ cm})^3$
Threshold: 1 keV
SN @ 10 kpc: ~900 counts



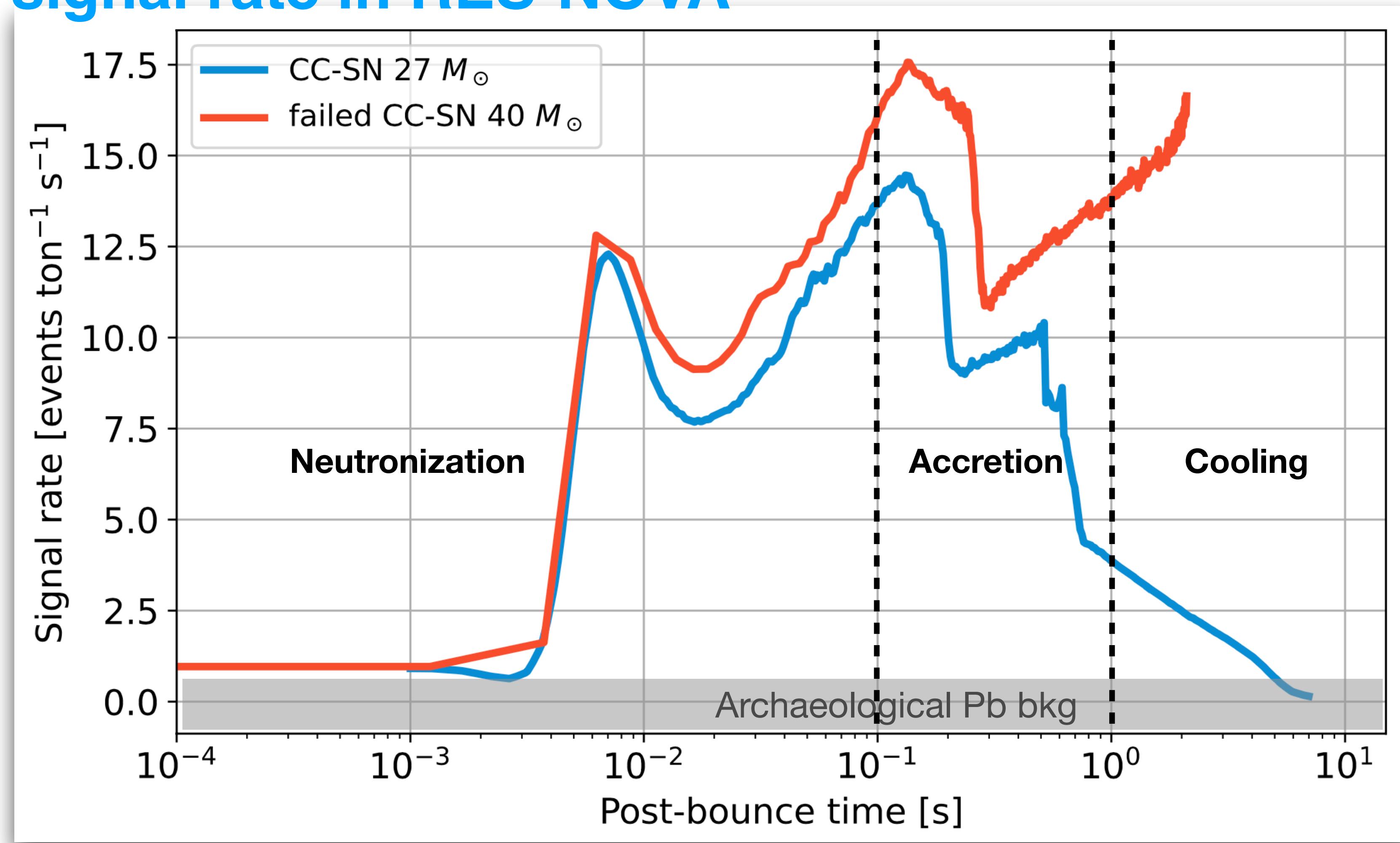
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RES-NOVA: the potential neutrino signal rate in RES-NOVA



RES-NOVA background model

High multiplicity SN signal



High multiplicity bkg

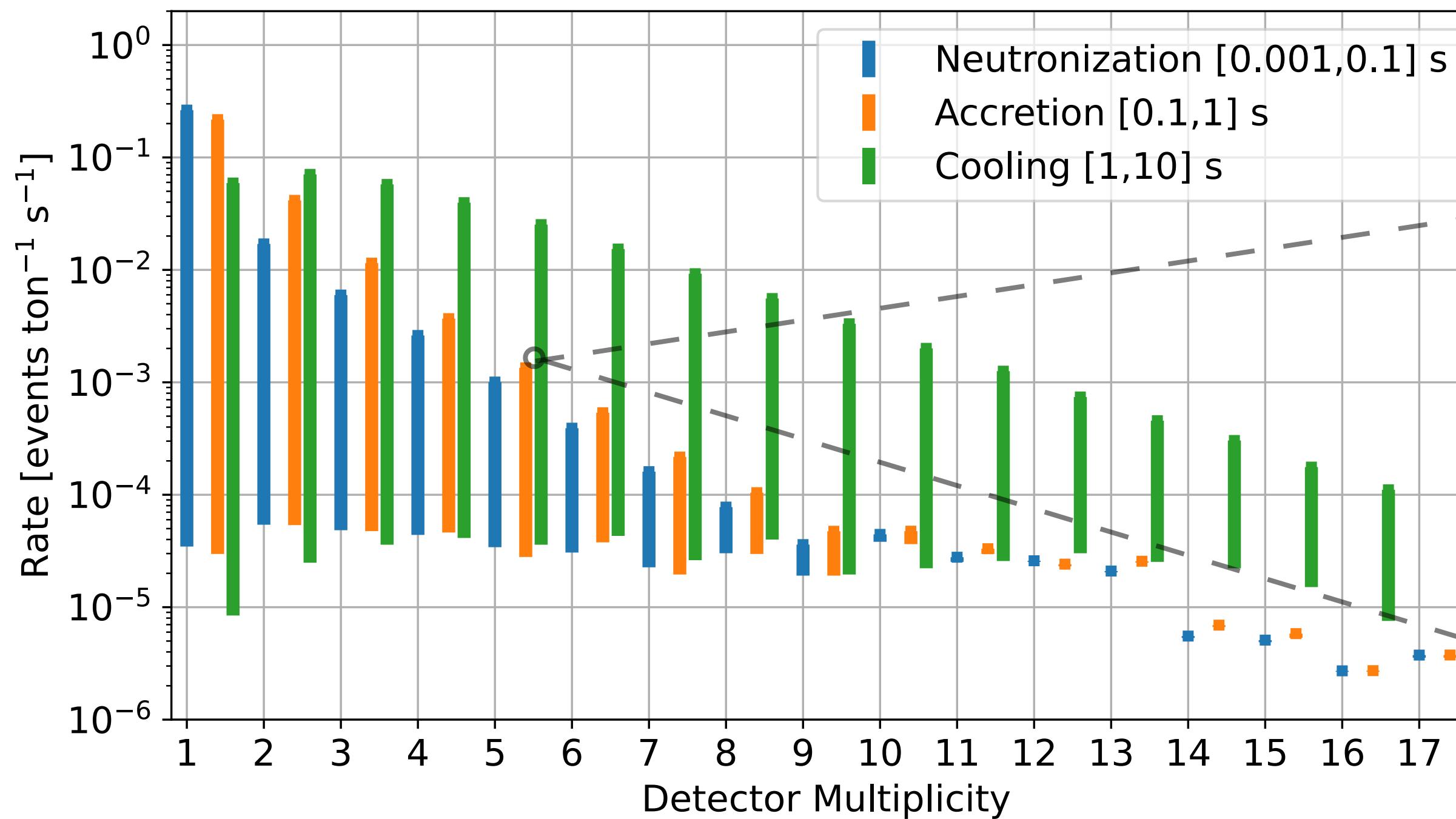


Low-background

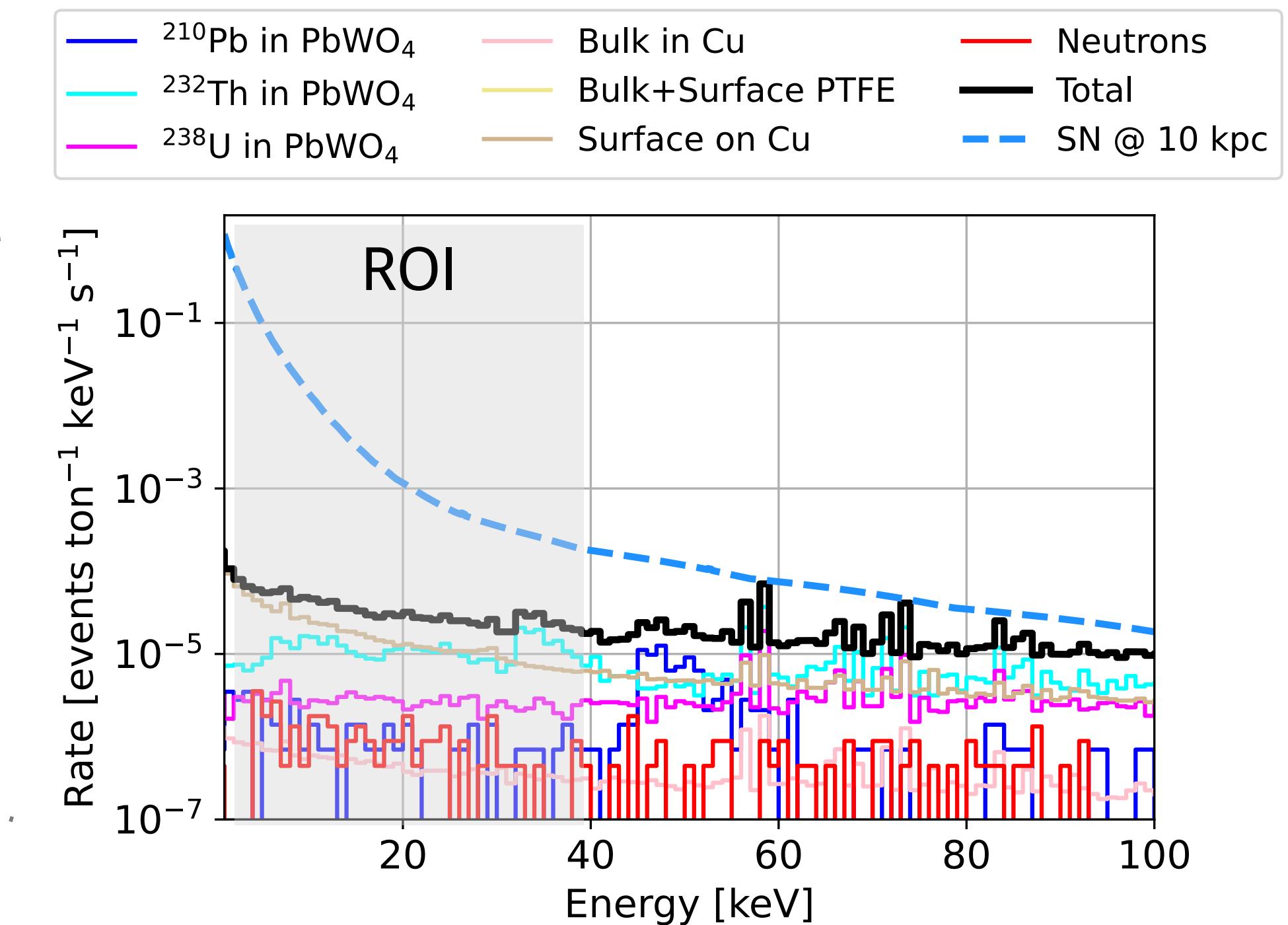
Bkg goal: $<10^{-3}$ ev/ton/keV/s in coincidence mode (no particle ID)

<0.086 c/keV/kg/d

Background rate in the ROI

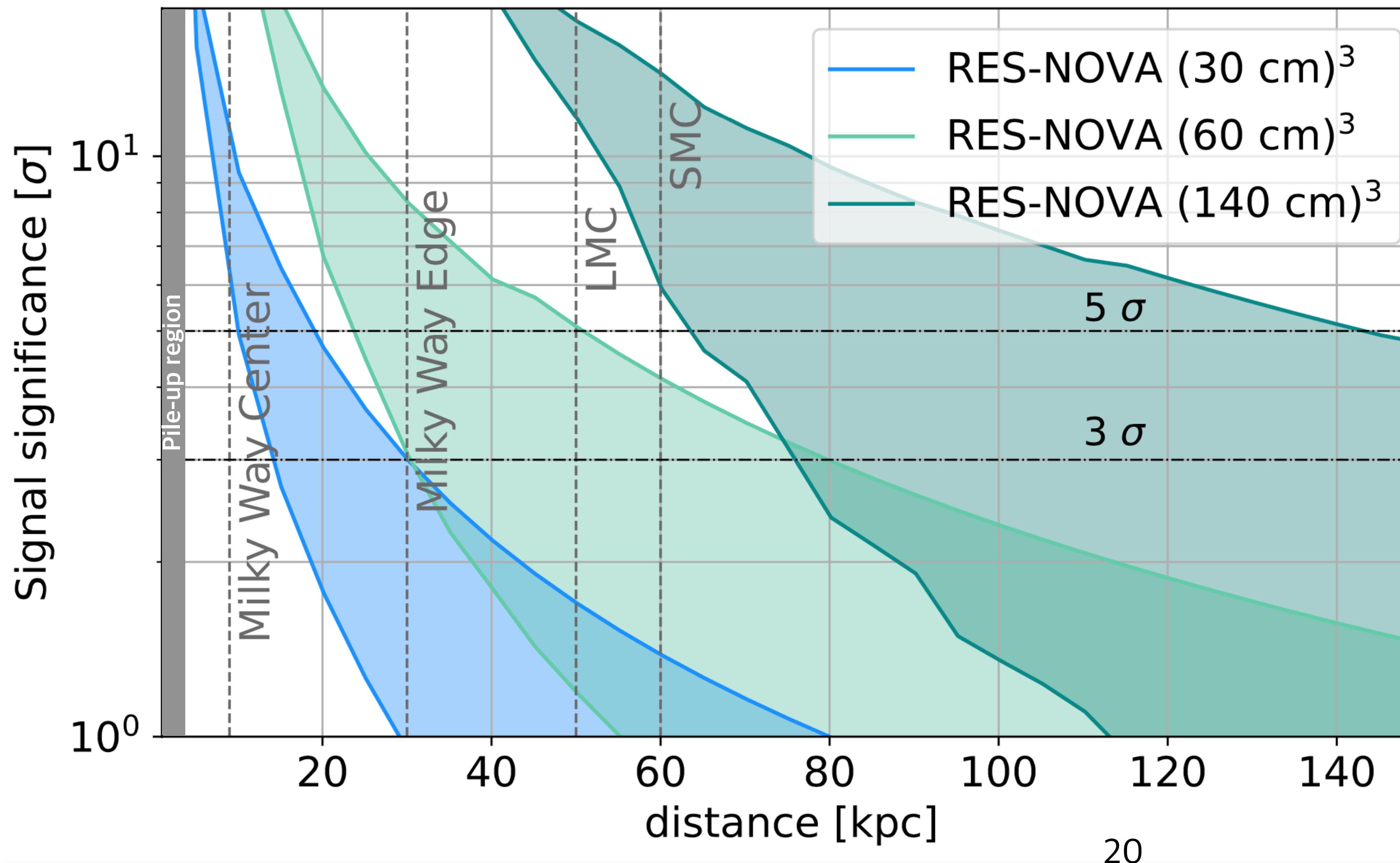


Detector energy spectrum for a SN @ 10 kpc



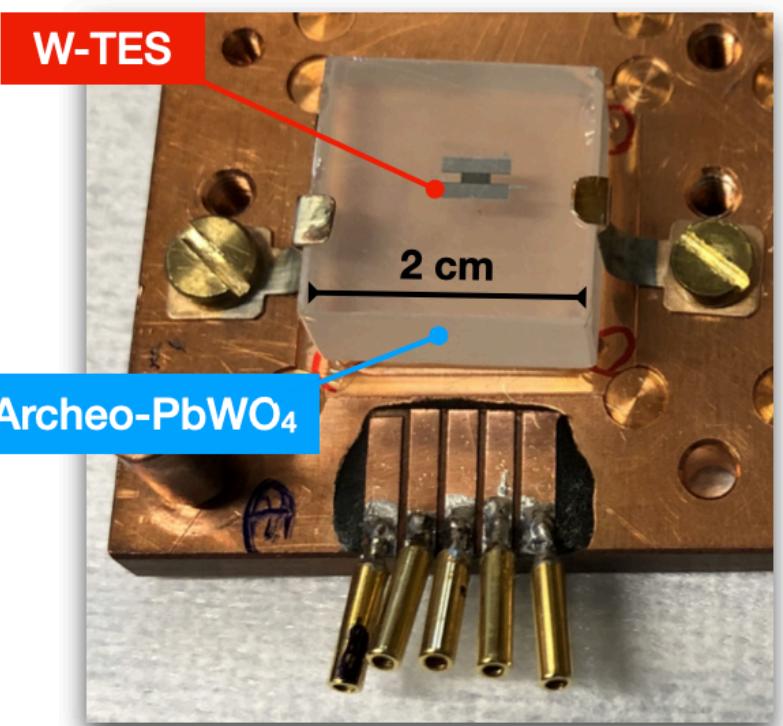
RES-NOVA sensitivity

small detector great potential

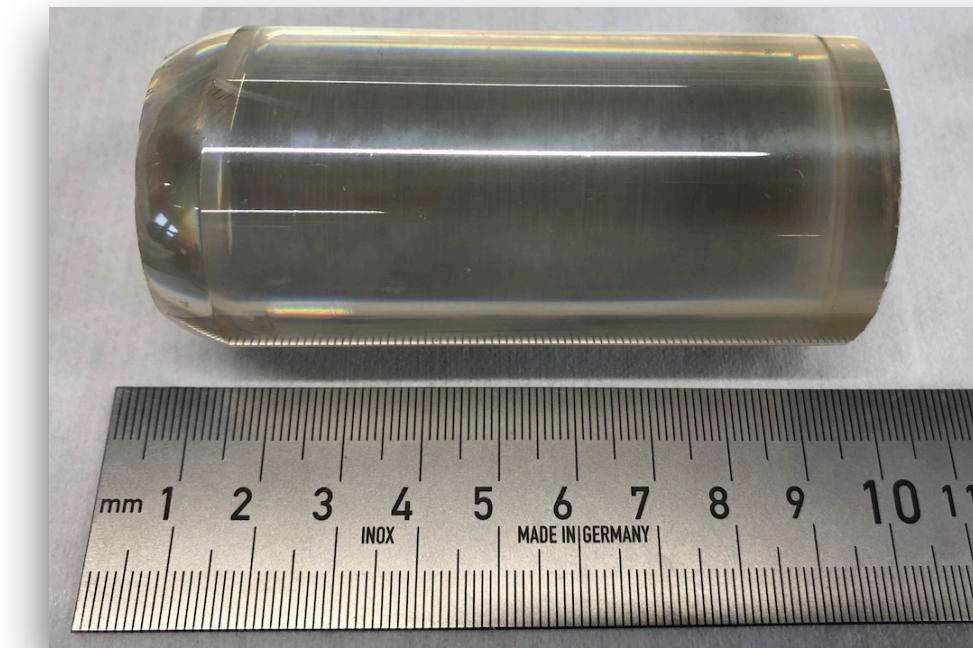


Target: archaeo-PbWO₄
Energy threshold: 1 keV
Bkg @ ROI: $10^{-3} \text{ c/keV/ton/s/}$

RES-NOVA proofs of principle achievement of low threshold and low background

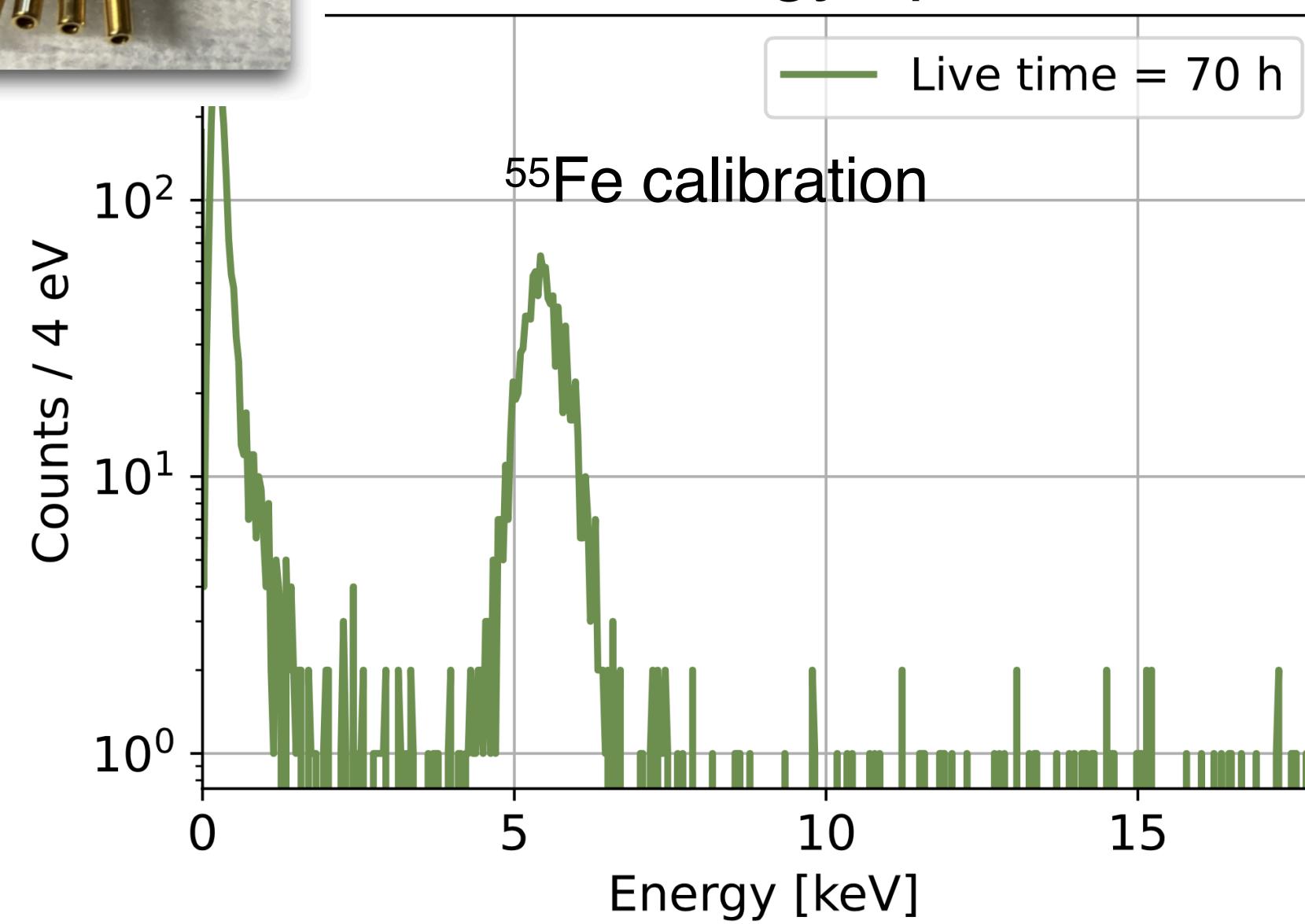


N. Ferreiro Iachellini et al.,
J. Low Temp. Phys. 11, 184 (2022)



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

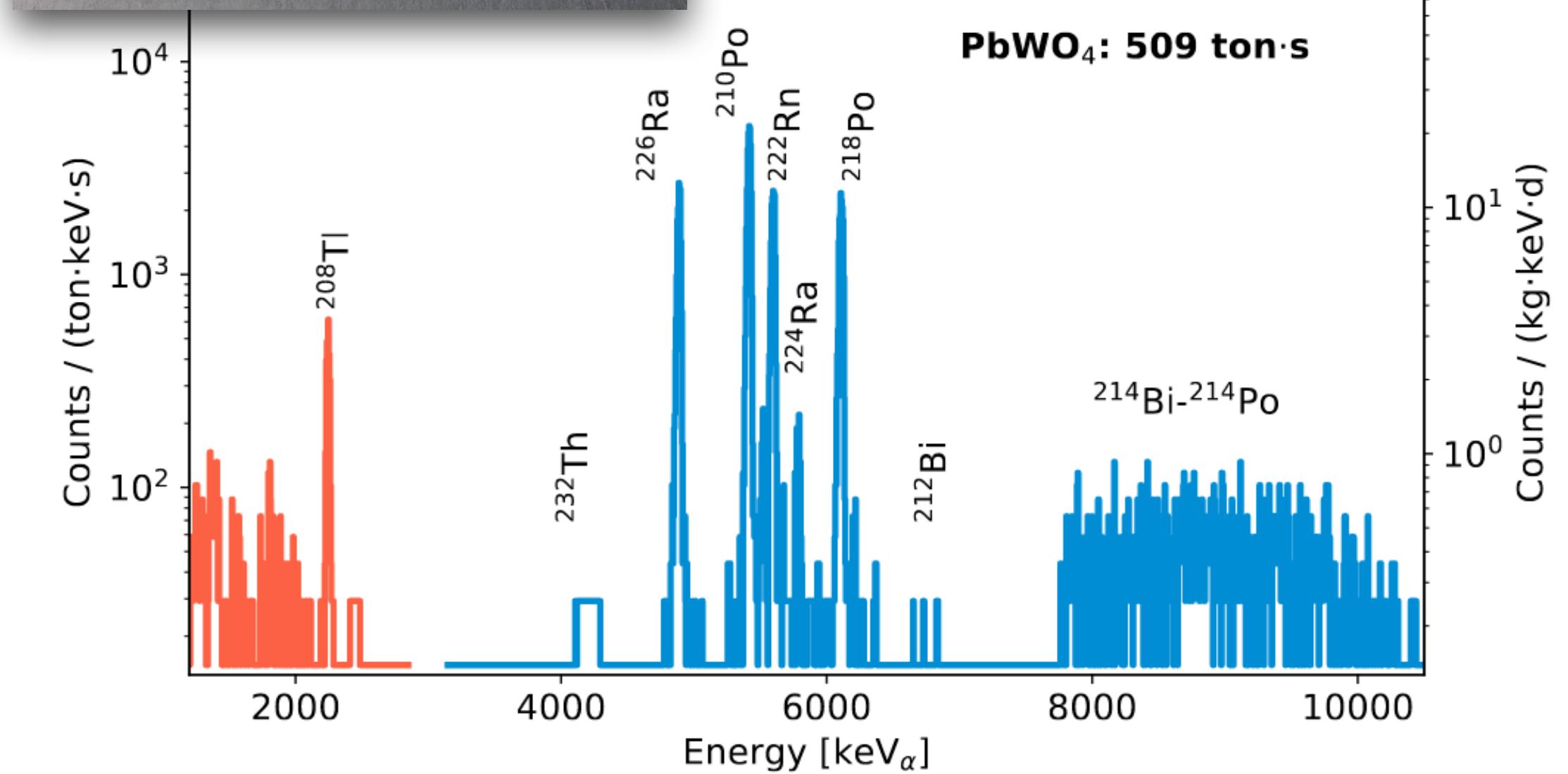
total energy spectrum



Above ground @ Max Planck Munich (DE)

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

total energy spectrum



Under ground @ LNGS (IT)

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

Conclusions

- ◆ RES-NOVA is a new neutrino observatory at cm-scale
 - ◆ broad physics program (DM searches, axions, ...)
- ◆ RES-NOVA technology is already established
 - ◆ Archaeological Pb can be embedded in PbWO₄
 - ◆ Preliminary results exceed expectations ($E_{th} = 300$ eV)
- ◆ RES-NOVA provides a complementary approach to the current SN neutrino observatories

