

BULLKID a probe for CEvNS

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CEvNS: Coherent Elastic Neutrino Nucleus Scattering

What is CEvNS ?

$$\sigma_{CE\nu NS} = \frac{G_F}{4\pi} \boxed{E_\nu^2} \boxed{Q_W^2} \boxed{F(q^2)}$$
$$\sigma_{CE\nu NS} \leq 10^{-40} \text{cm}^2$$

Neutrino Energy (see later)

$$E_\nu \approx O(\text{few MeVs})$$

Weak Force Charge

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

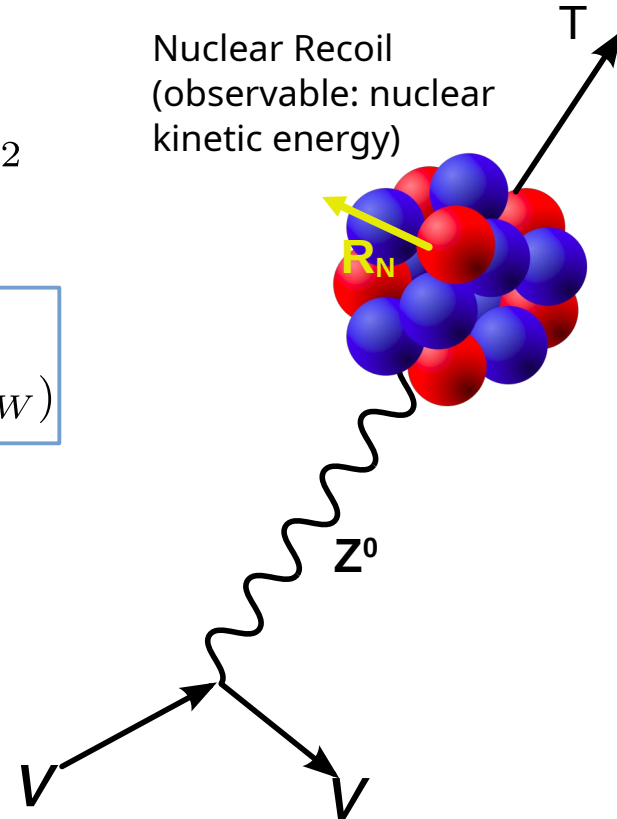
Nuclear Form Factor

$$F(q) = \frac{1}{Q_W} \int_0^{R_N} \rho_W(r) \frac{\sin(qr)}{qr} dr$$

$$\rho_W(r) = \rho_N(r) - (1 - 4 \sin^2(\theta_W)) \rho_P(r)$$

Fourier transform of the nucleon distribution

Nuclear Recoil
(observable: nuclear kinetic energy)

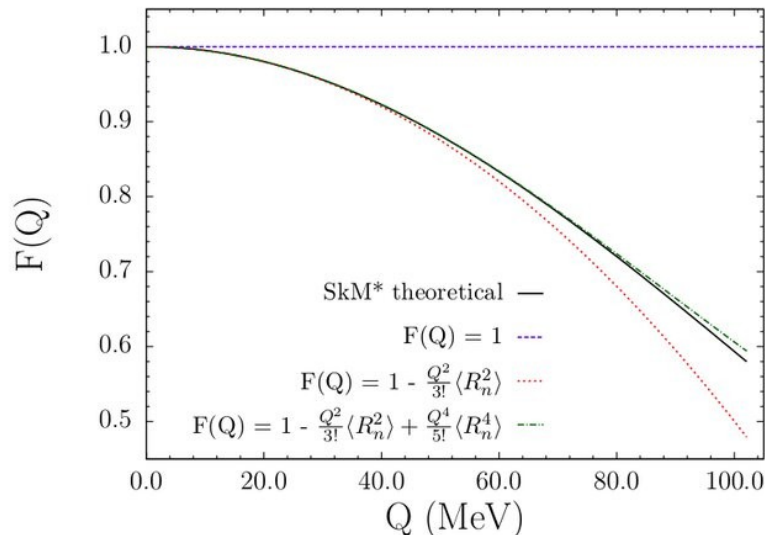


Coherent?

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

Nuclear Form Factor

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Coherency

Neutrino does not see the internal structure of the nucleus

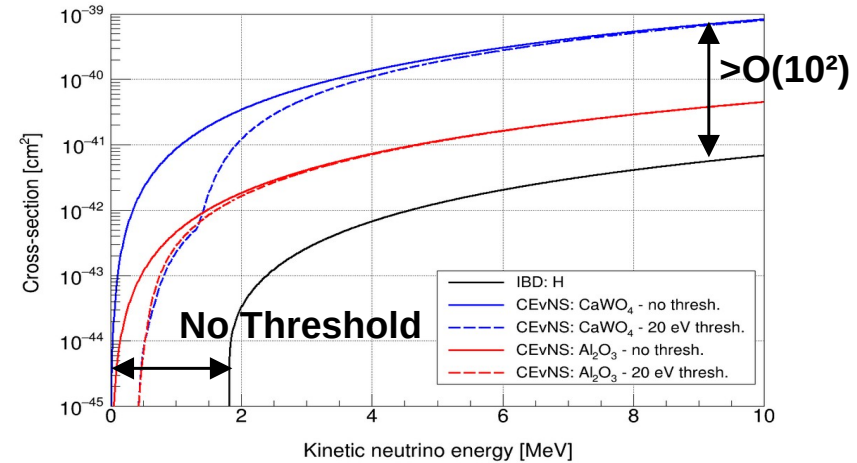
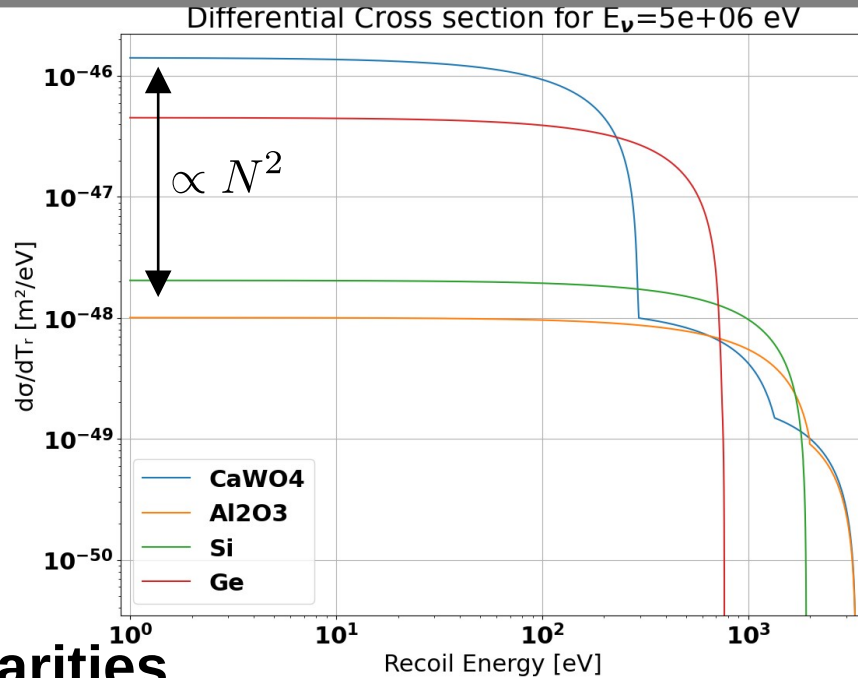
Coherent: $F(q^2) \approx 1$

$$q \cdot R_N \ll 1$$

$$E_\nu^{max} \approx 20 \text{ MeV [He]} \div 70 \text{ MeV [U]}$$



Peculiarities



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

Weak Force Charge

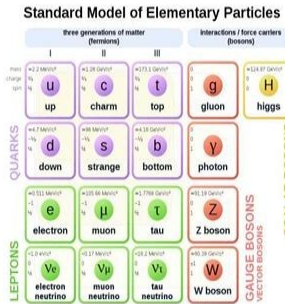
$$Q_W = N - P(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) \approx N$$

$$\sigma_{CEvNS} \approx \frac{G_F}{4\pi} E_\nu^2 N^2$$

Peculiarities

- No Energy Threshold!
- Scaling with N^2
- Great enhancement due to coherency!
- ν -flavour independent (tree-level)

Why measure CEvNS ?



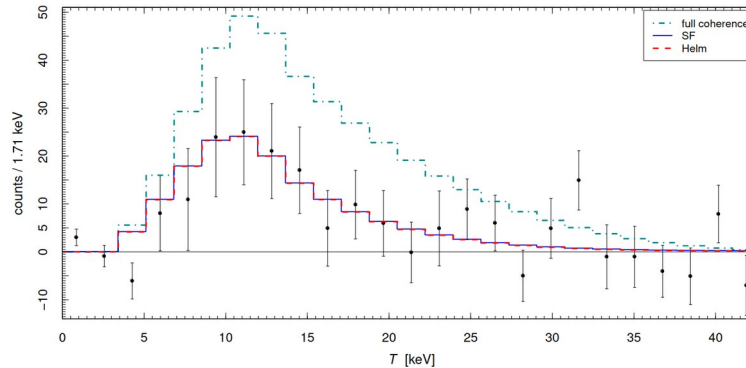
Supernovae Collapse Models



Irreducible Background for WIMP experiments

SM and BSM/NSI studies

- $\sin \theta_w$ at low momentum transfer
- Magnetic dipole moment of neutrino
- Non-standard interactions



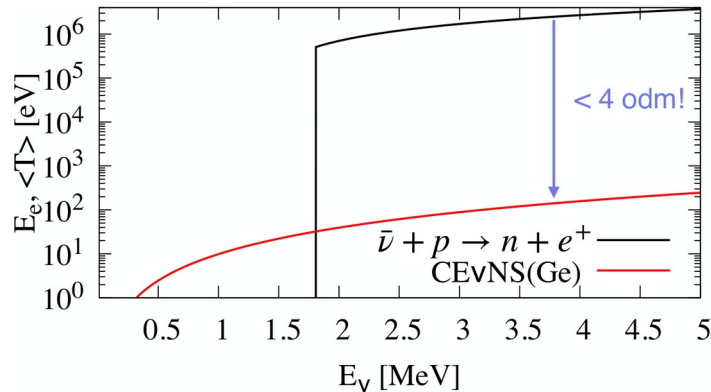
Studies on Nuclear Form Factor



Detector Miniaturization and non-invasive reactor and nuclear waste monitoring

Measuring CEvNS

Experimental Challenges



Coherent effects of a weak neutral current

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If there is a weak neutral current, then the elastic scattering process $\nu + A \rightarrow \nu + A$ should have a sharp coherent forward peak just as $e + A \rightarrow e + A$ does. Experiments to observe this peak can give important information on the isospin structure of the neutral current. The experiments are very difficult, although the estimated cross sections (about 10^{-38} cm^2 on carbon) are favorable. The coherent cross sections (in contrast to incoherent) are almost energy-independent. Therefore, energies as low as 100 MeV may be suitable. Quasi-coherent nuclear excitation processes $\nu + A \rightarrow \nu + A^*$ provide possible tests of the conservation of the weak neutral current. Because of strong coherent effects at very low energies, the nuclear elastic scattering process may be important in inhibiting cooling by neutrino emission in stellar collapse and neutron stars.

44 years!

$$E_\nu^{max} \approx 20 \text{ MeV [He]} \div 70 \text{ MeV [U]}$$

$$T_{max} = \frac{2E_\nu^2}{M_N} \approx O(10 \text{ keV})$$

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NEUTRINO PHYSICS

Observation of coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering

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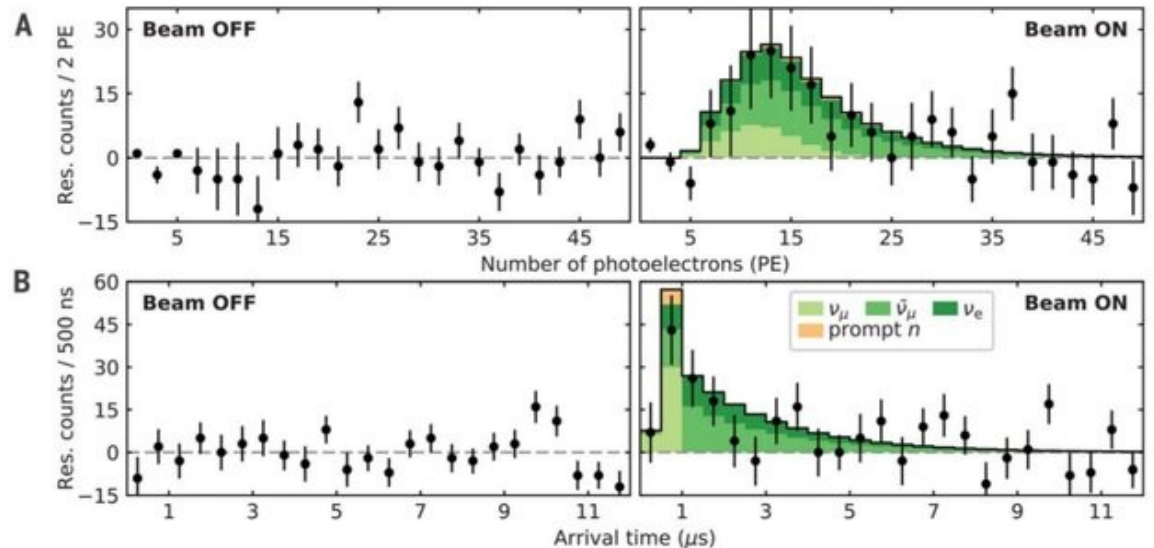
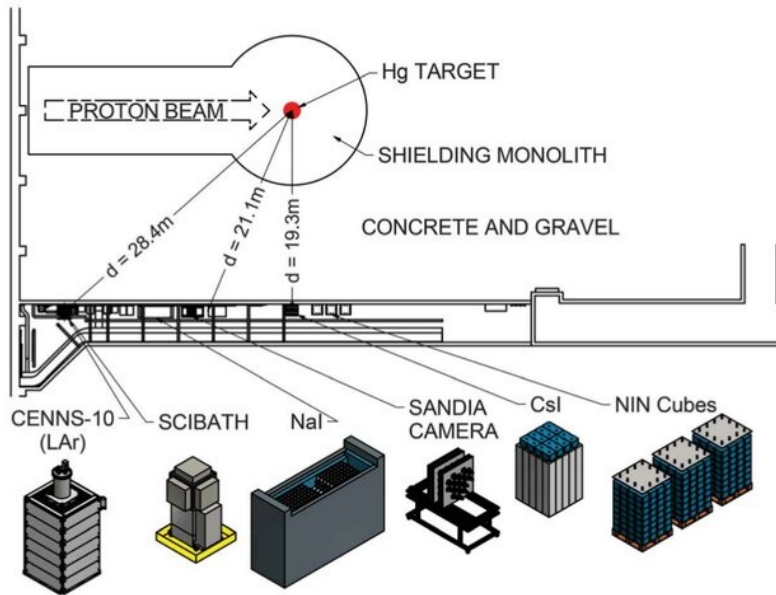
The coherent elastic scattering of neutrinos off nuclei has eluded detection for four decades, even though its predicted cross section is by far the largest of all low-energy neutrino couplings. This mode of interaction offers new opportunities to study neutrino properties and leads to a miniaturization of detector size, with potential technological applications. We observed this process at a 6.7σ confidence level, using a low-background, 14.6-kilogram CsI[Na] scintillator exposed to the neutrino emissions from the Spallation Neutron Source at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Characteristic signatures in energy and time, predicted by the standard model for this process, were observed in high signal-to-background conditions. Improved constraints on nonstandard neutrino interactions with quarks are derived from this initial data set.

First CEvNS observation

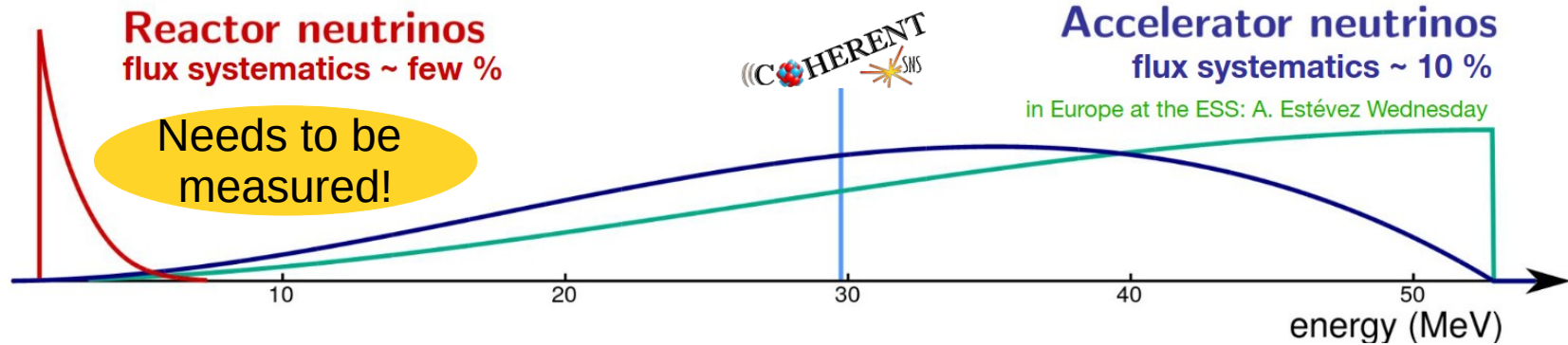


Observation from COHERENT in 2017 at Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Using shielded CsI[Na] scintillator



Where to measure CEvNS?



cross-section $\sigma_{CEvNS} = \frac{G_F}{4\pi} E_\nu^2 Q_W^2 F(q^2)$

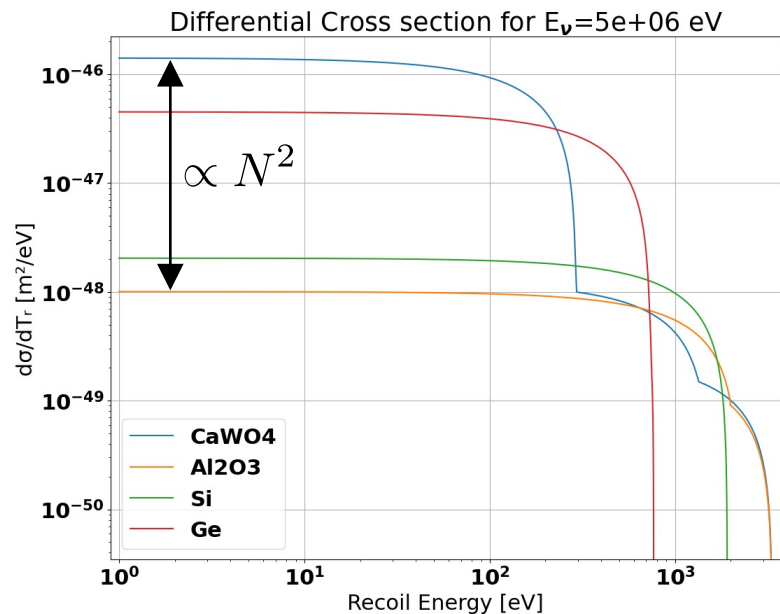
recoil energy $\langle T \rangle = \frac{2E_\nu^2}{3M_A}$

coherency $F(q) \approx 1 \quad q \cdot R_N \ll 1$

BULLKID for reactor CEvNS detection

Detection Trade-off

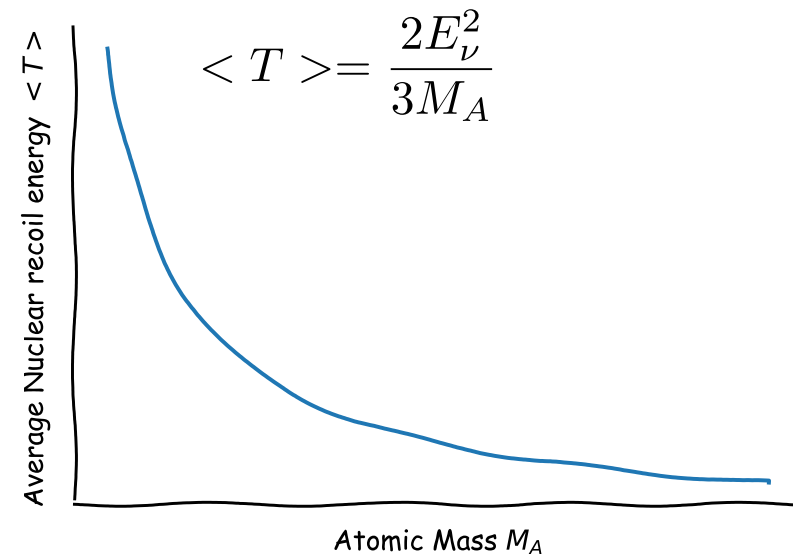
N² Scaling



- Heavy Atoms Needed!



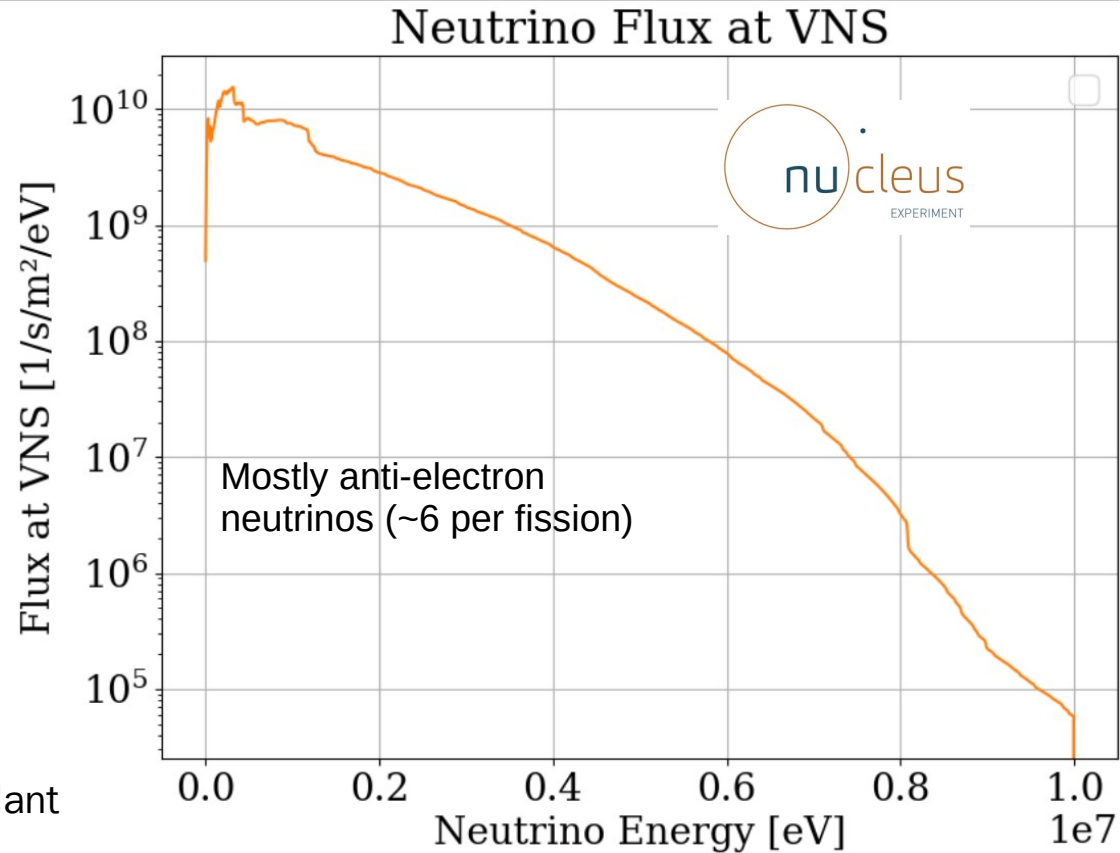
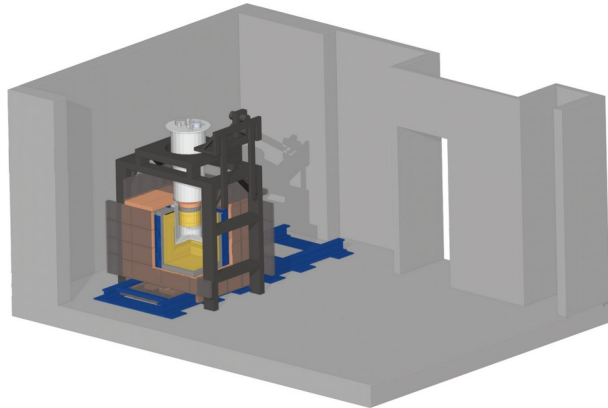
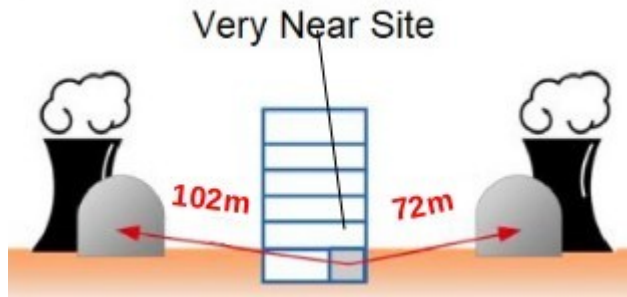
Nuclear Recoil Energy



- Light Atoms Needed!

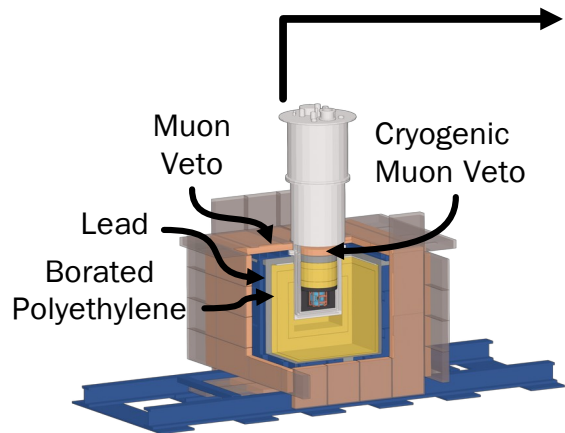
Usual targets are: Si, Ge, CaWO₄, Al₂O₃, CsI[Na], NaI[Tl], Xe, Ar

Reactor CEvNS: Neutrino Spectrum at VNS



- 24 m² basement room (~3 m.w.e)
- 2x4.25 GW_{th} nuclear reactors at the Chooz Power Plant
- Baselines of 72 m and 102 m
- At experimental site expected antineutrino flux of 1.7×10^{12} v/(s cm²)

BULLKID vs NUCLEUS

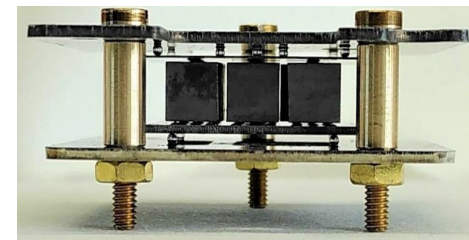


NUCLEUS External Shielding



CryoVeto (ambient γ)

- 4π Germanium Coverage
- **Different Readout**



CryoCubes

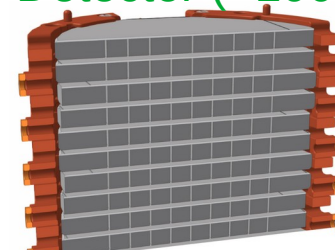
- **Resolution < 6 eV**
- **Dense Crystals (CaWO_4)**
- **10 g Detector (18 cubes)**

- 4π BGO Coverage (*)
- **Same Readout (KID based)**



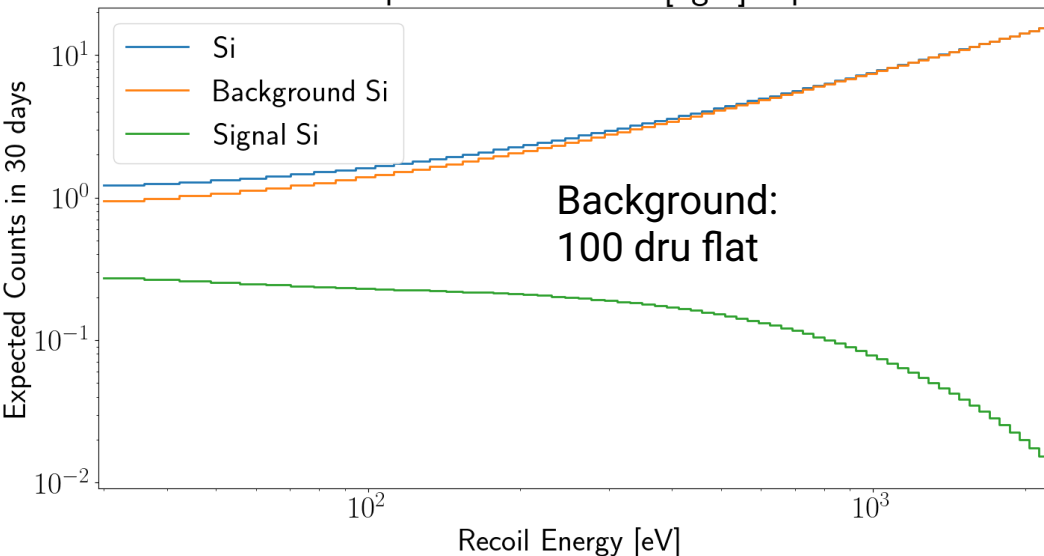
*see M. del Gallo's talk tomorrow

- **Resolution ~ 25 eV**
- **Needs Germanium MKIDs**
- **O(1 kg) Detector (>100 cubes)**

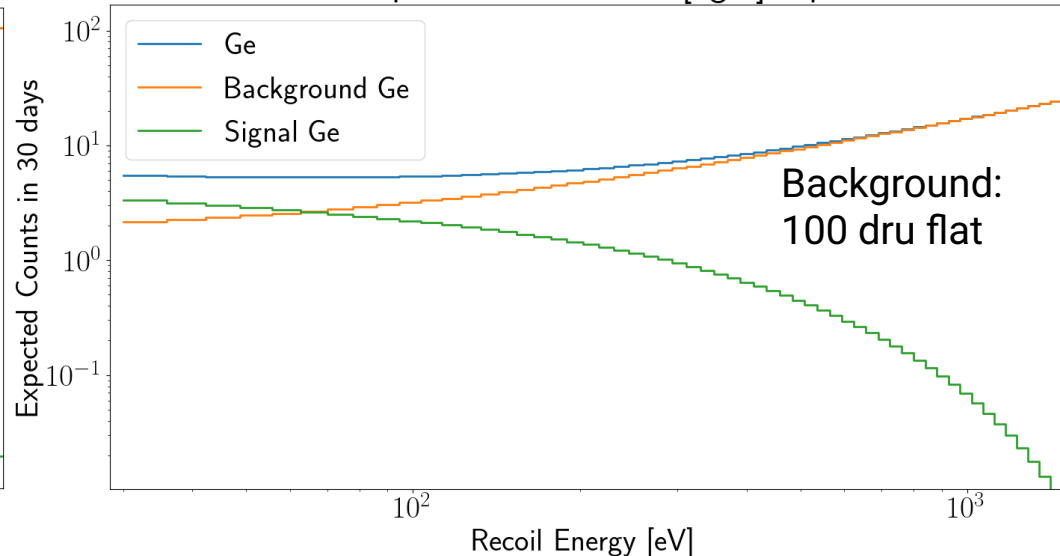


Reactor CEvNS: Threshold and Target

Binned Spectrum Si for 1.6 [kg d] exposure



Binned Spectrum Ge for 3.6 [kg d] exposure



Reactor CEvNS:

- Most of the flux < 5 MeV:
 - $\langle T_{\text{Si}} \rangle \leq 700$ eV
 - $\langle T_{\text{Ge}} \rangle \leq 300$ eV

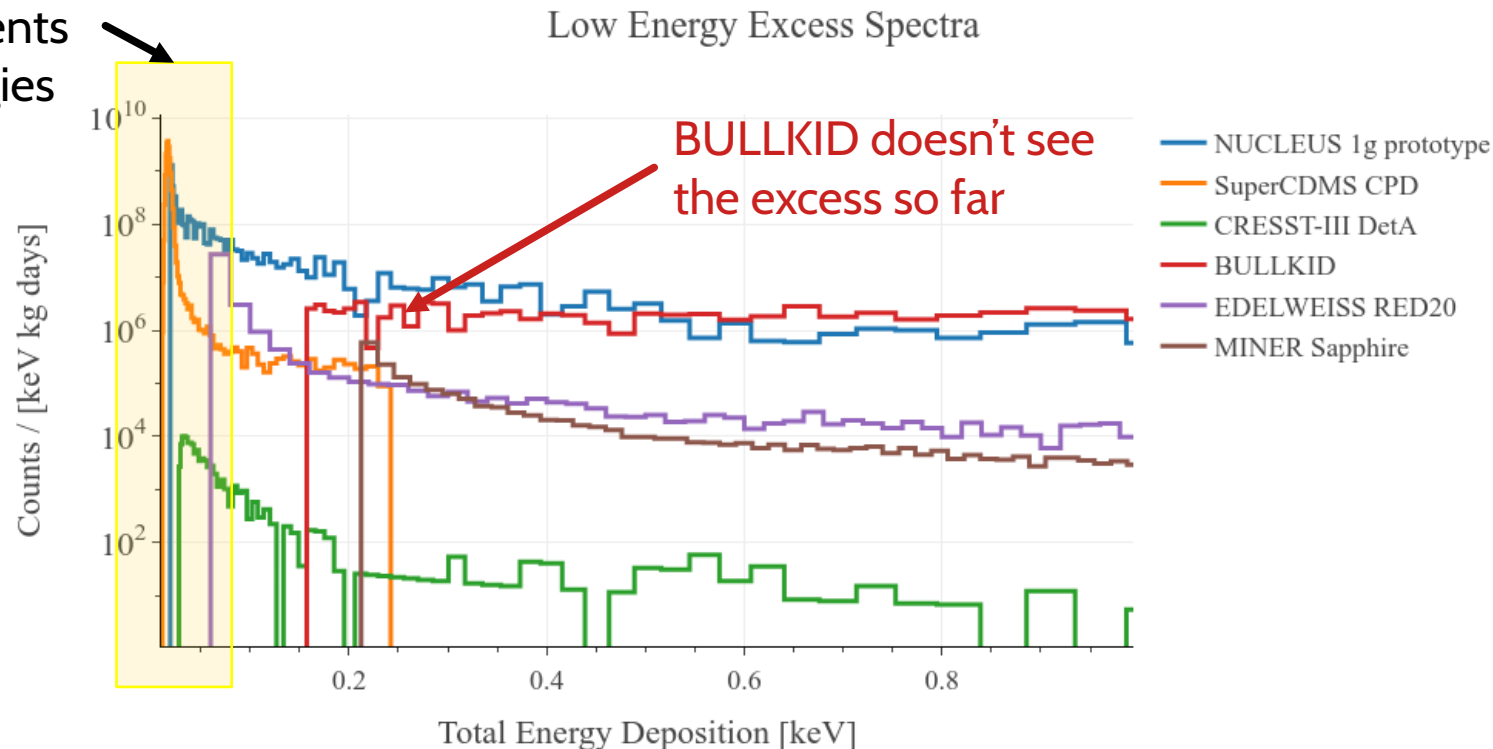
Requires:

- Exposure
- Heavy Materials
- Low Resolutions!
- Low Background!

BULLKID: Background

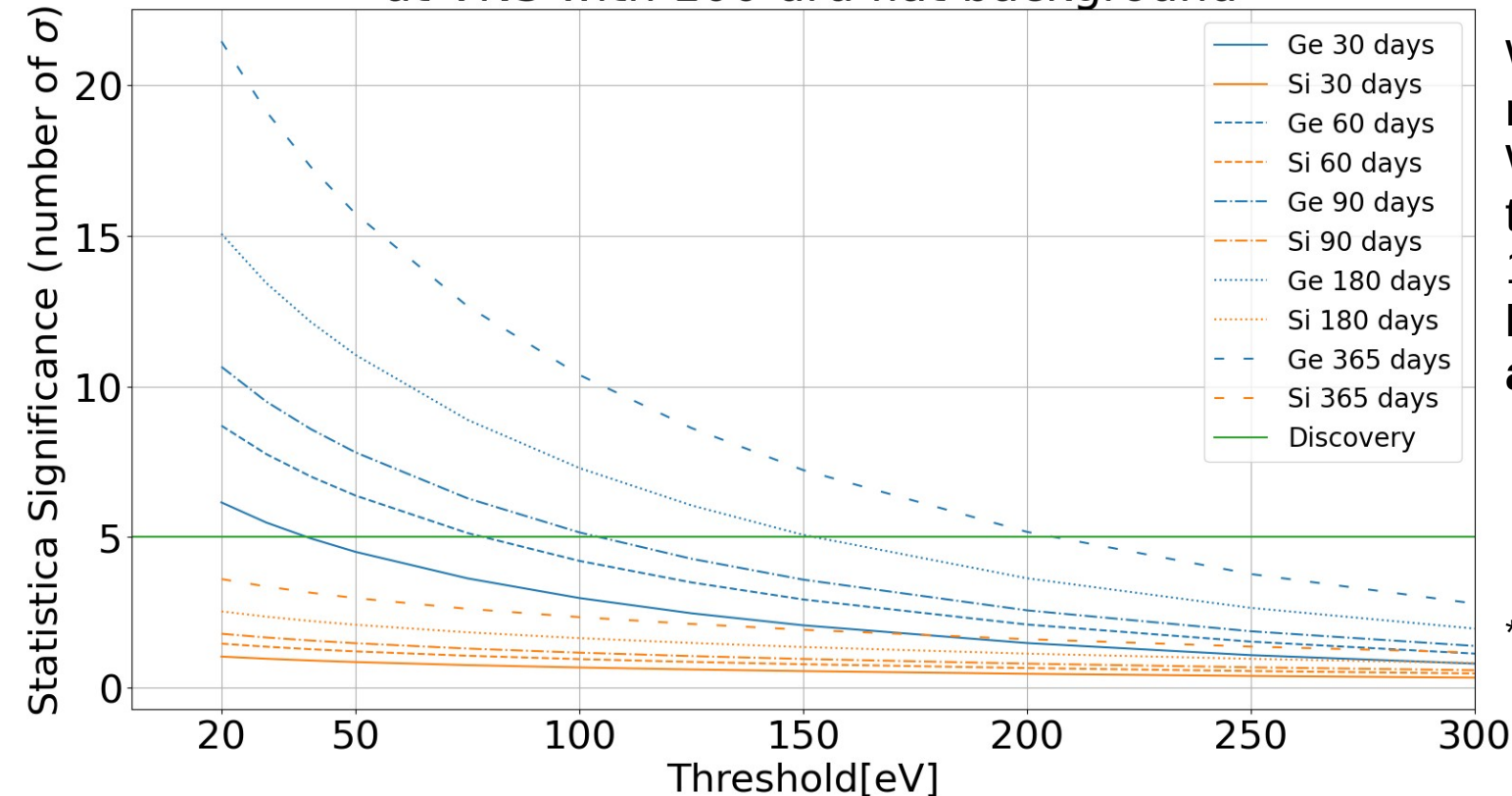
The EXCESS is seen in both CCDs and CryoDetectors and makes you blind to most of the reactor neutrino spectrum

Unexplained excess of events at low energies



BULLKID Sensitivity

Statistical Significance of CEvNS for BULLKID
at VNS with 100 dru flat background

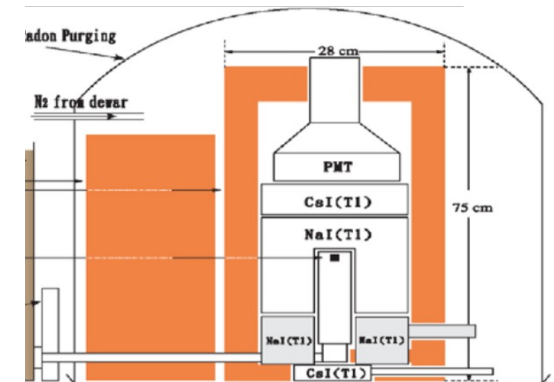
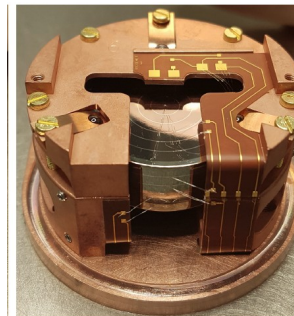
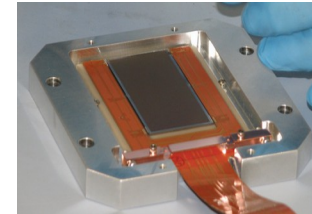
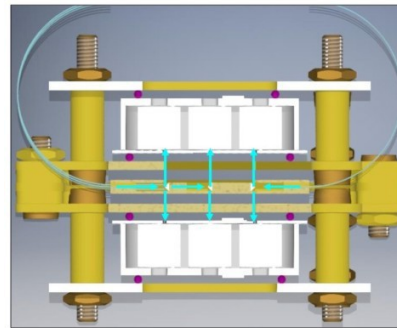
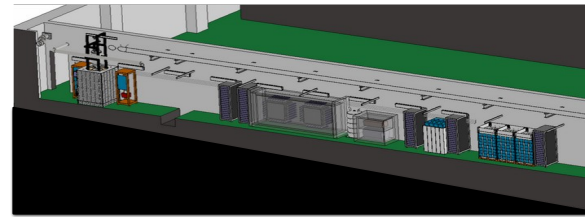


With a demonstrator
made of Ge*
With 150 eV trigger
threshold
100 dru flat background
**Measure reactor CEvNS
at 5 σ !**

*see D.Delicato's talk tomorrow

Other Experiments

Experiment	Technology	Location	Source
COHERENT	CsI, Ar, Ge, NaI	USA	π DAR
CCM	Ar	USA	π DAR
ESS	CsI, Si, Ge, Xe	Sweden	π DAR
BULLKID	Si/Ge	Italy	Reactor
CONNIE	Si CCDs	Brazil	Reactor
CONUS	HPGe	Germany	Reactor
NEWS-G	Ar+2%CH ₄	Canada	Reactor
MINER	Ge/Si cryogenic	USA	Reactor
NEON	NaI(Tl)	Korea	Reactor
NUCLEUS	CaWO ₄ , Al ₂ O ₃ cryogenic	Europe	Reactor
ν GEN	Ge PPC	Russia	Reactor
RED-100	LXe dual phase	Russia	Reactor
Ricochet	Ge, Zn, Al, Sn cryogenic	France	Reactor
TEXONO	p-PCGe	Taiwan	Reactor
Dresden II	PCGe	USA	Reactor
SBC	Scintillating Bubble Chamber	Fermilab (R&D)	Reactor



Slide from Enectali Figueroa-Feliciano

Exotic CEvNS and Bibliography



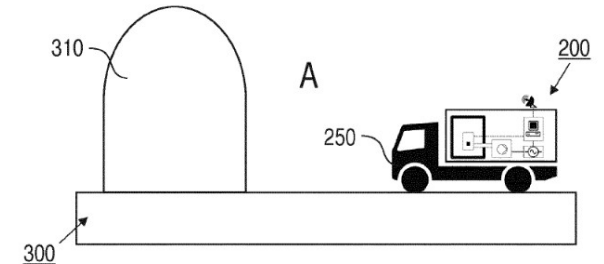
Neutrinos to Give High-Frequency Traders the Millisecond Edge



Submarine neutrino communication



Neutrino-Based Tools for Nuclear Verification

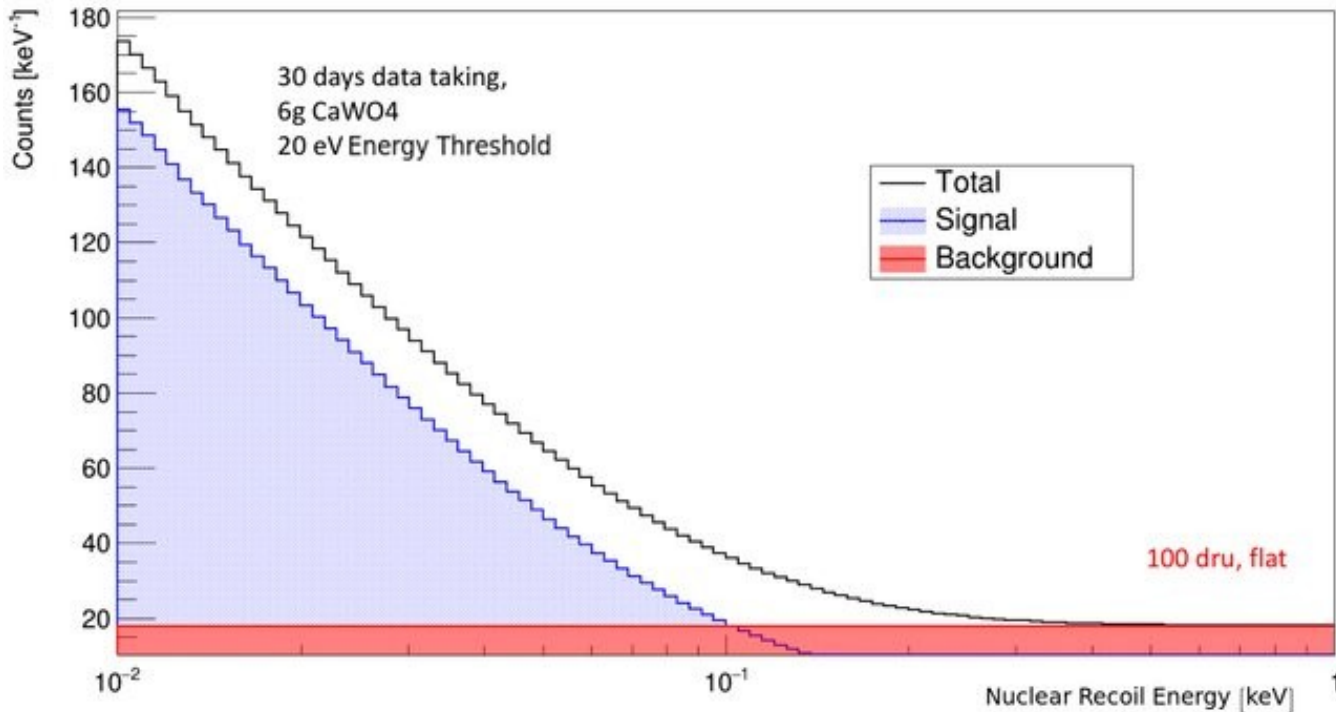


Neutrino detector device, neutrino detector system and method for detecting neutrinos

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Backup

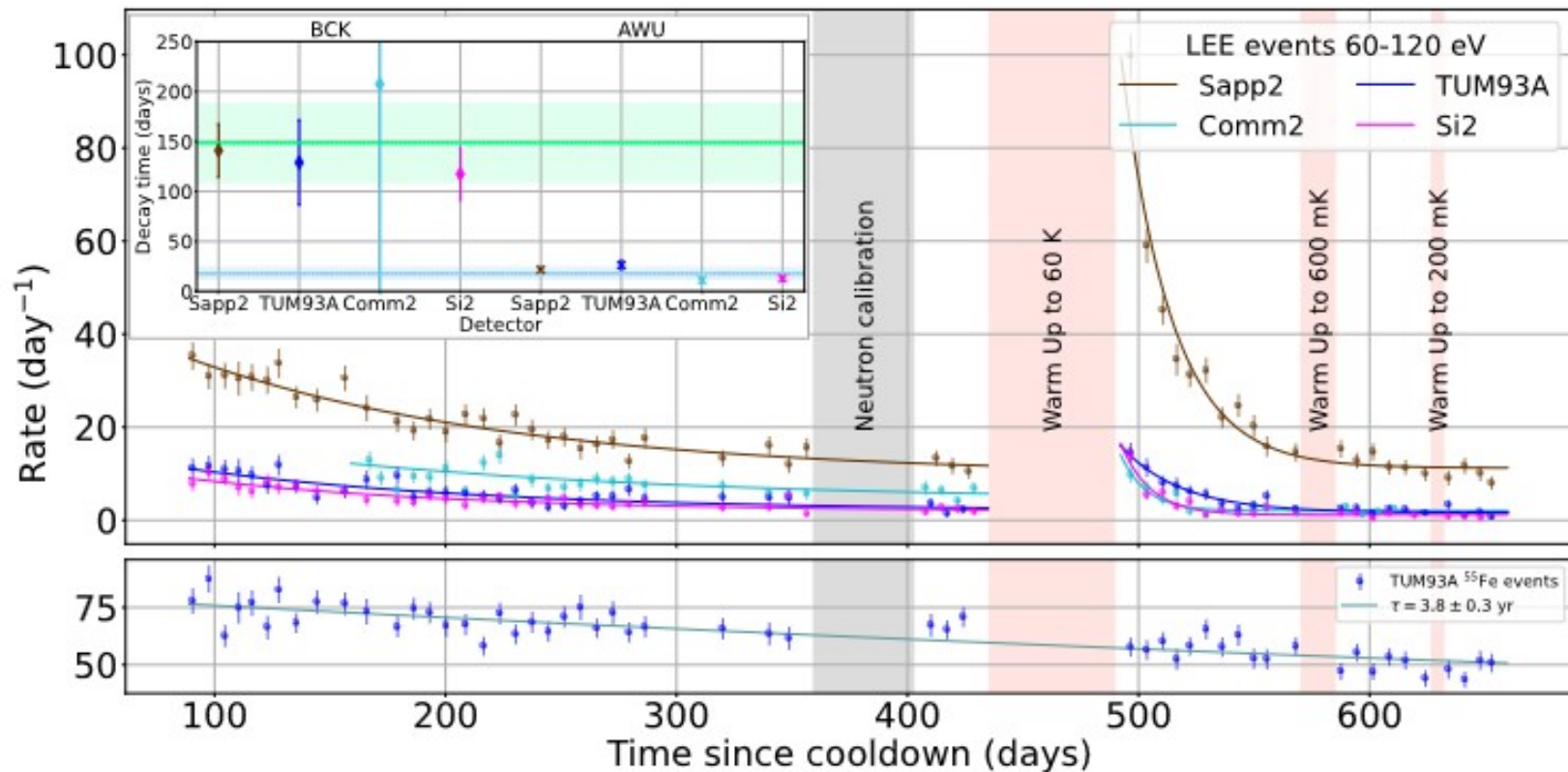
More on EXCESS



Low Energy Excess has similar signature to CEvNS

Difficult signal to background discrimination

EXCESS time dependence



Asimov Statistics

Calculate directly from the expected background and CEvNS rate the significance without any montecarlo simulations

$$-\log(\mathcal{L}(\beta, \sigma)) = \sum_{t \in \text{isotopes}} \left[\mu_t(\beta, \sigma) - \sum_{i, \dots, n_t} n_i \log(\mu_i(\beta, \sigma)) \right]$$

σ = Signal Strength β = Background Strength

$$f_{null}(\beta) = -\log(\mathcal{L}(\beta, 0)) \quad f_{free}(\beta, \sigma) = -\log(\mathcal{L}(\beta, \sigma))$$

$$\min [f_{null}(\beta)] = f_{null}(\beta_0) \quad \min [f_{free}(\beta, \sigma)] = f_{free}(\beta_1, \sigma_1)$$

$$Z = \sqrt{2 (f_{null}(\beta_0) - f_{free}(\beta_1, \sigma_1))}$$

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