



CEvNS HEAVEN

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OUTLINE

- **CEvNS**

- Coherent elastic neutrino interactions with nuclei
- How to measure it
- COHERENT results
- Status and prospects of measurements

- **Heaven**

- Neutrinos from supernovae and what we can measure

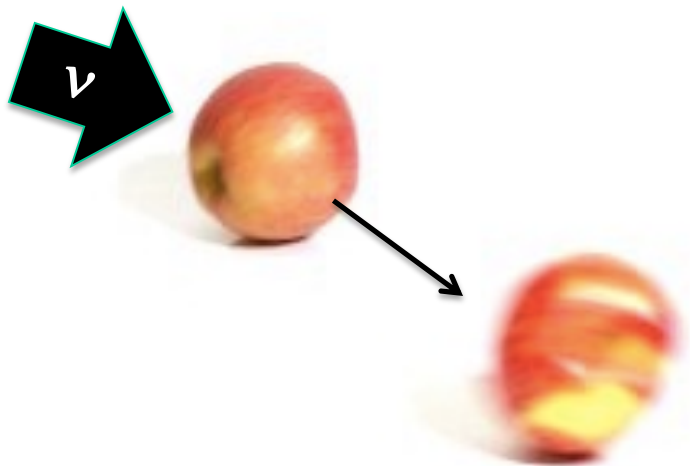
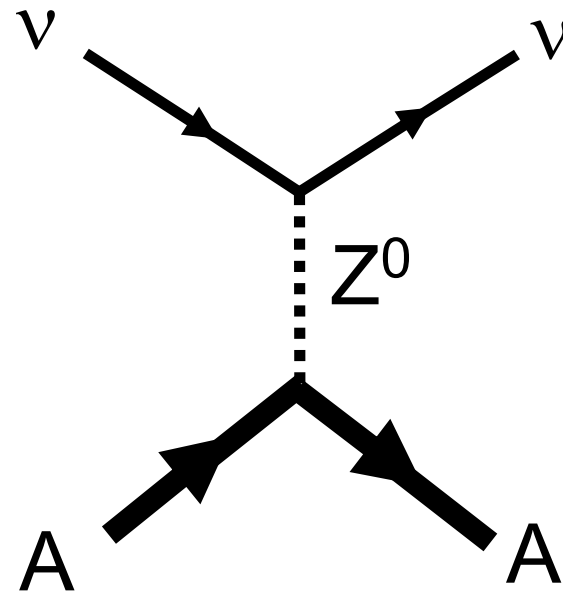
- **CEvNS Heaven**

- CEvNS as a supernova process
- CEvNS as a supernova detection channel

Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering (CEvNS)

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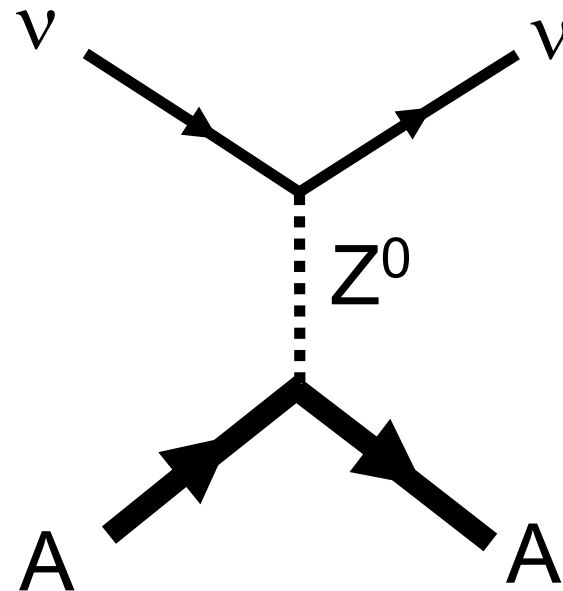
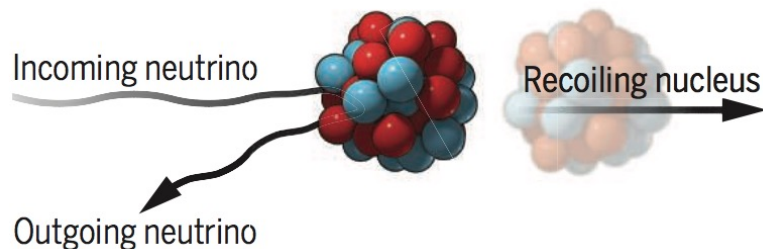
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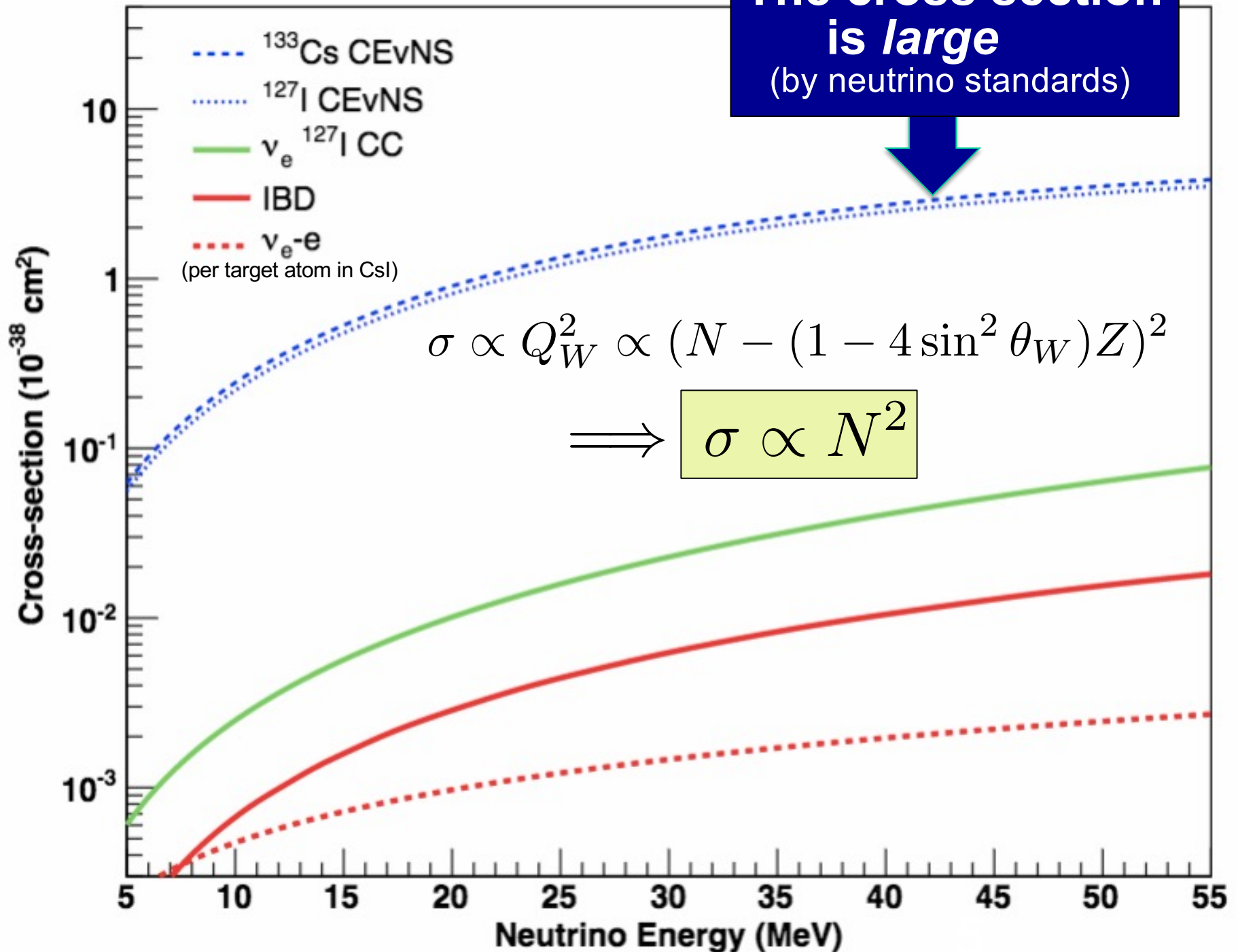
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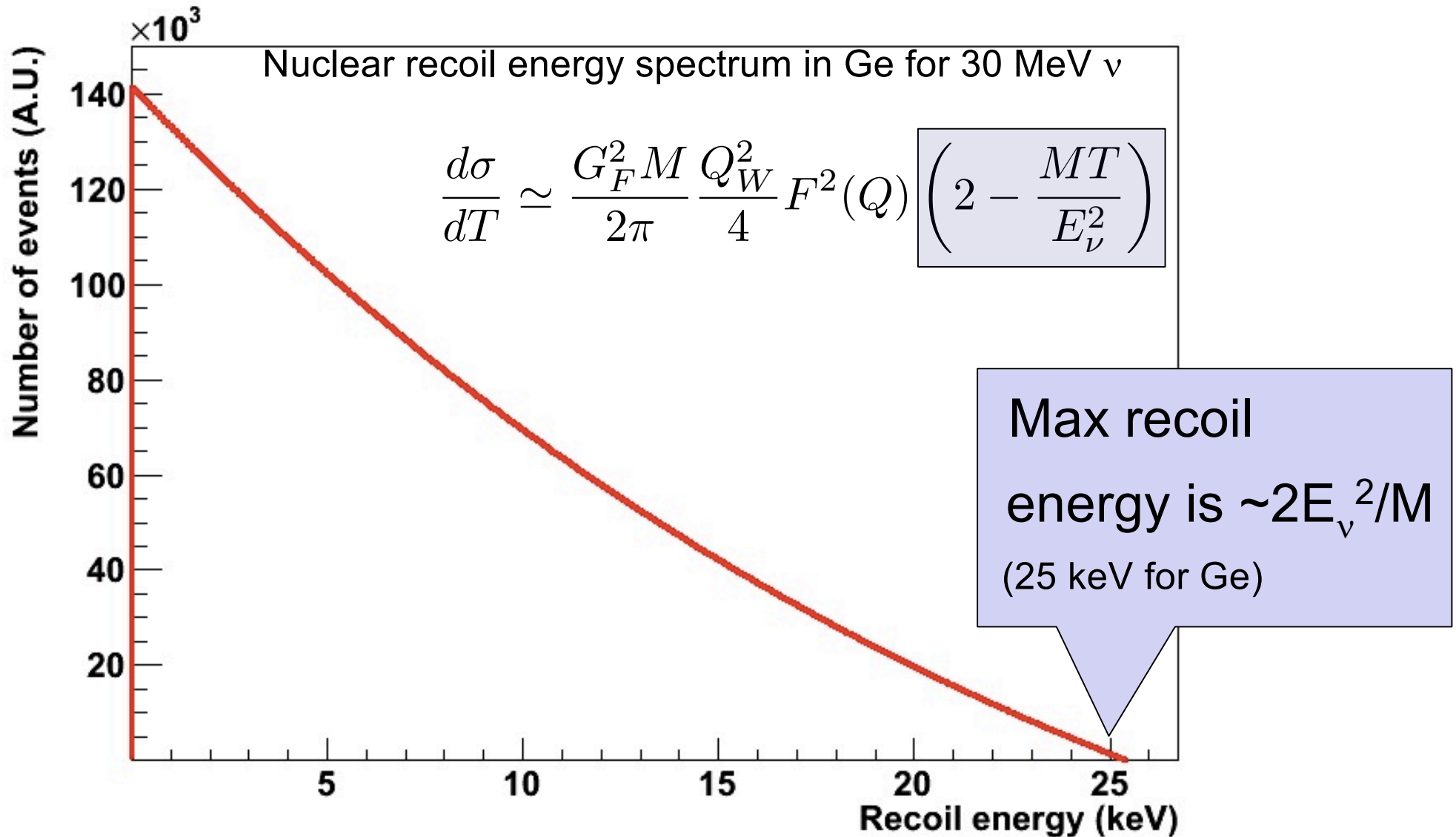
Nucleon wavefunctions
in the target nucleus
are **in phase with each other**
at low momentum transfer

$$\text{For } QR \ll 1, \quad [\text{total xscn}] \sim A^2 * [\text{single constituent xscn}]$$

**The cross section
is *large***
(by neutrino standards)

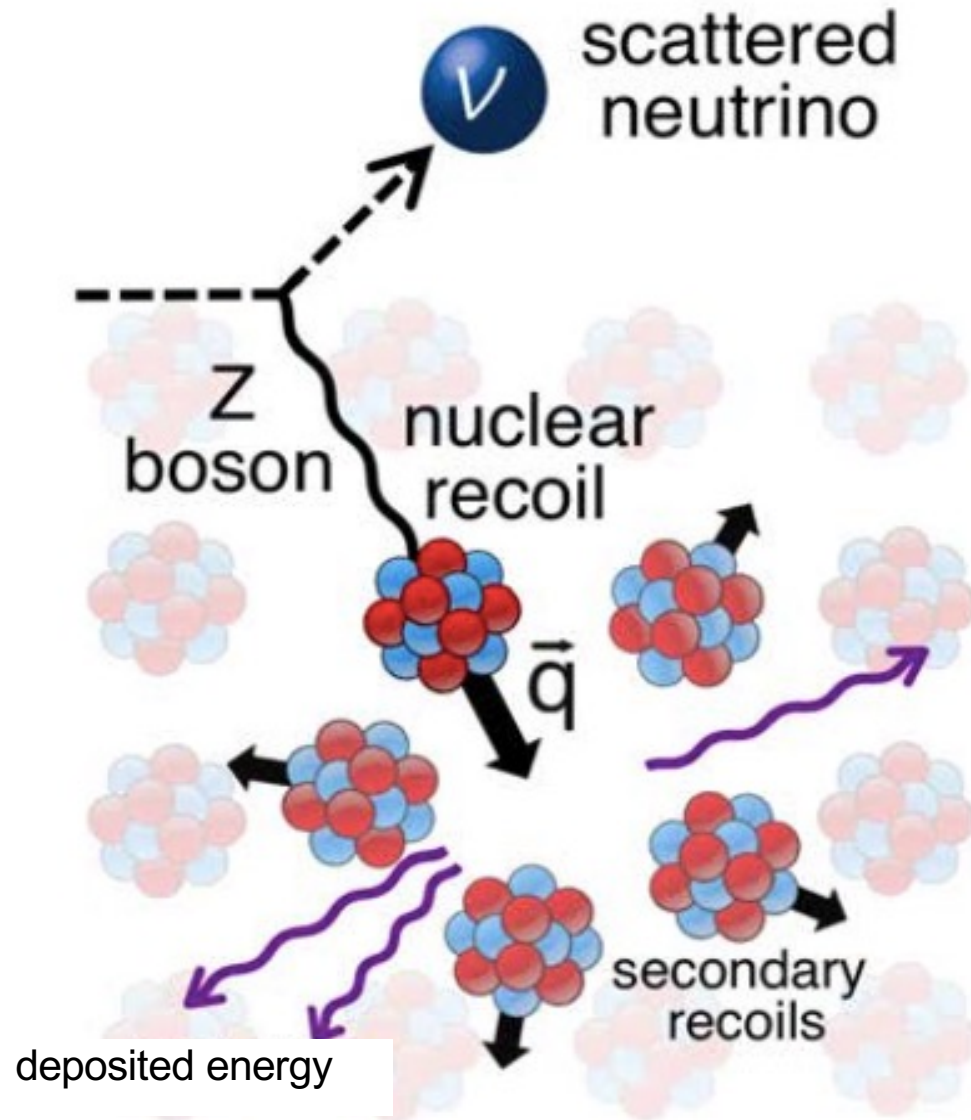


Large cross section (by neutrino standards) but hard to observe
due to **tiny nuclear recoil energies**:

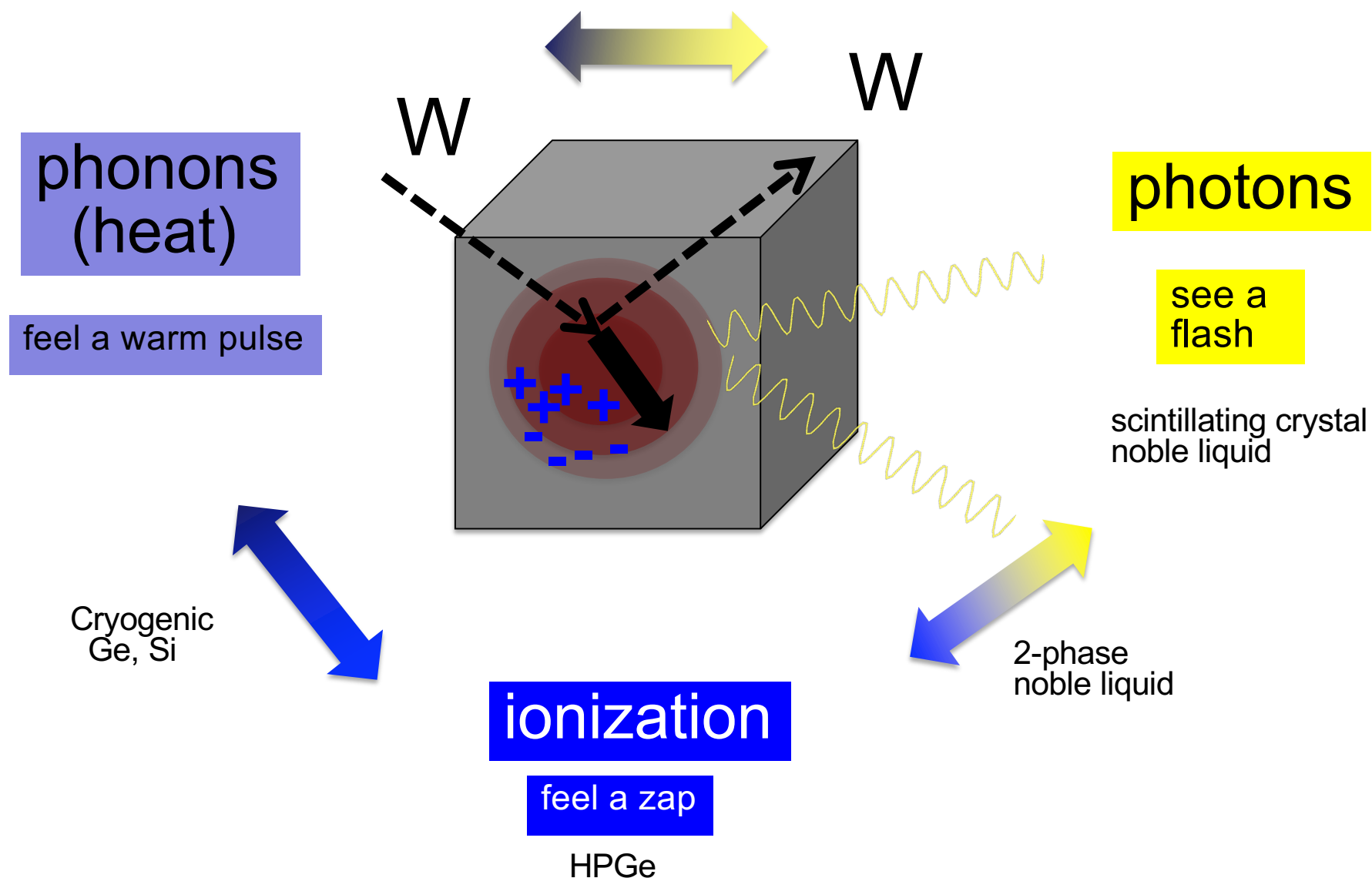


The only
experimental
signature:

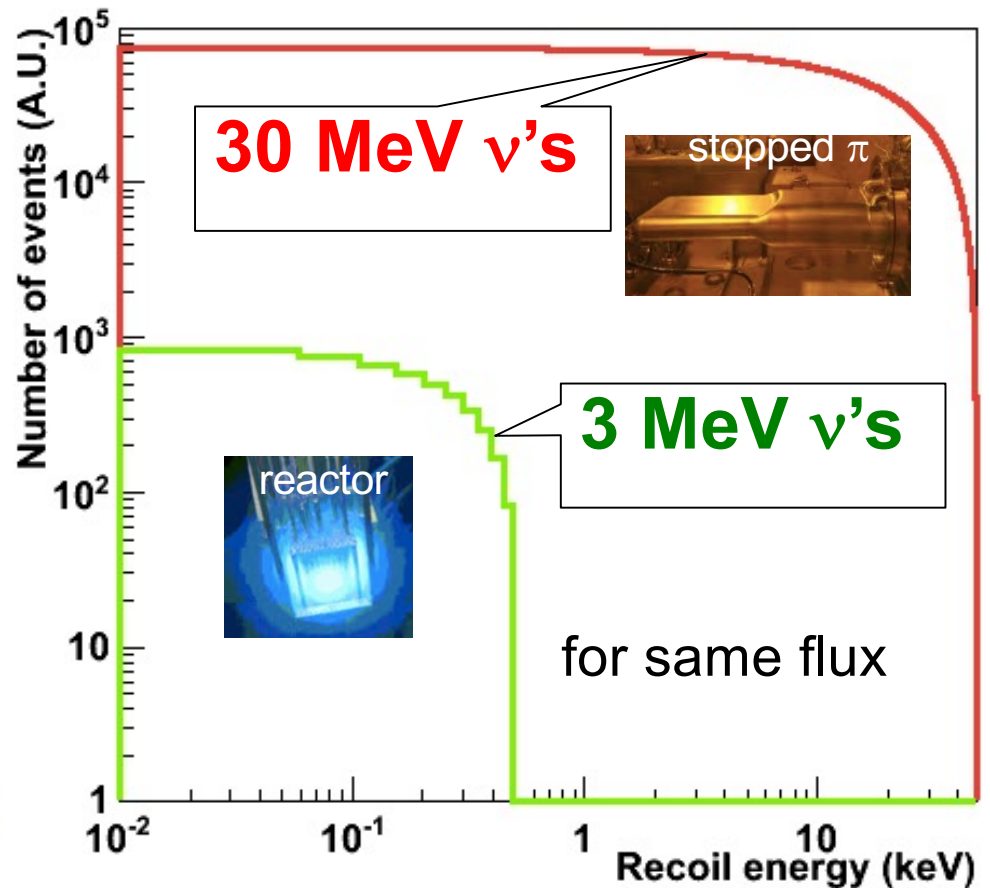
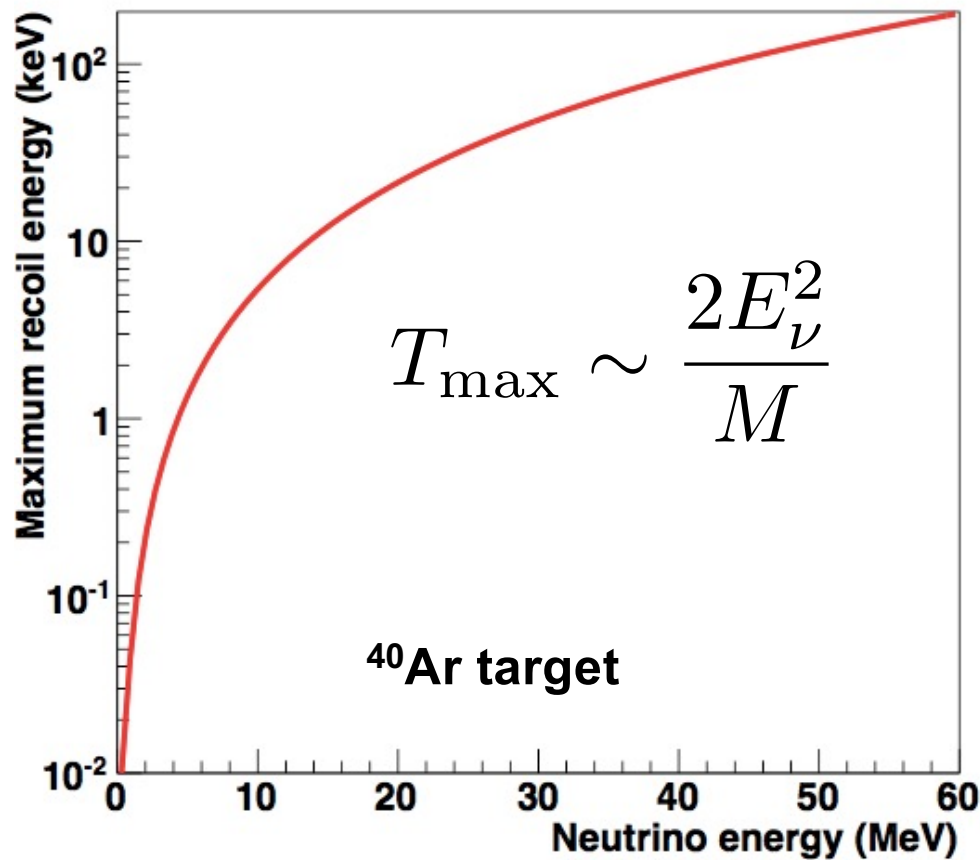
tiny energy
deposited
by nuclear
recoils in the
target
material



Low-energy nuclear recoil detection strategies



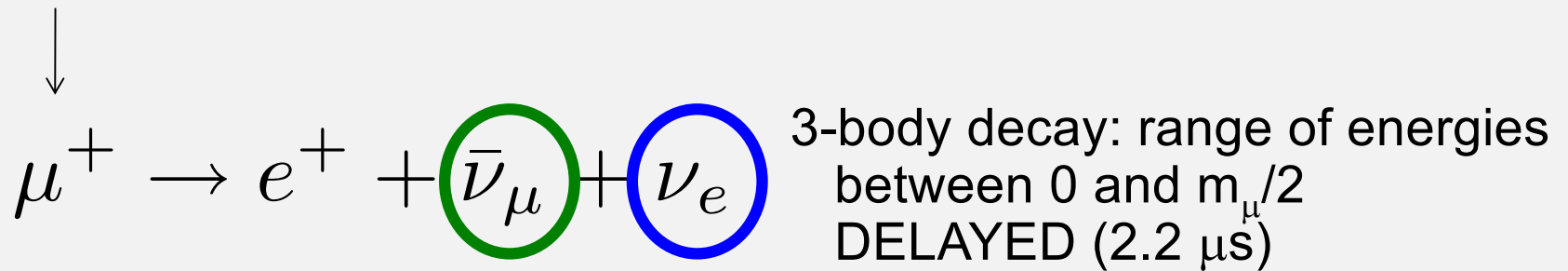
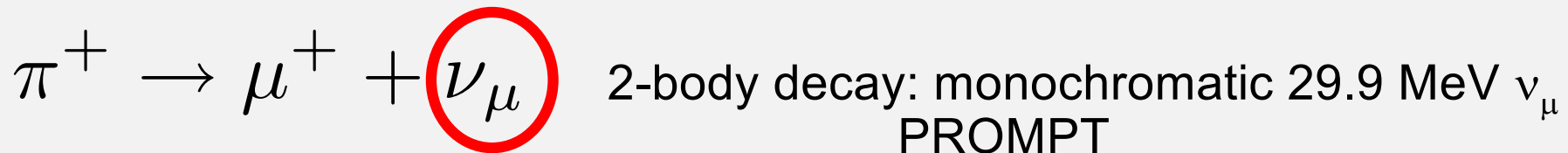
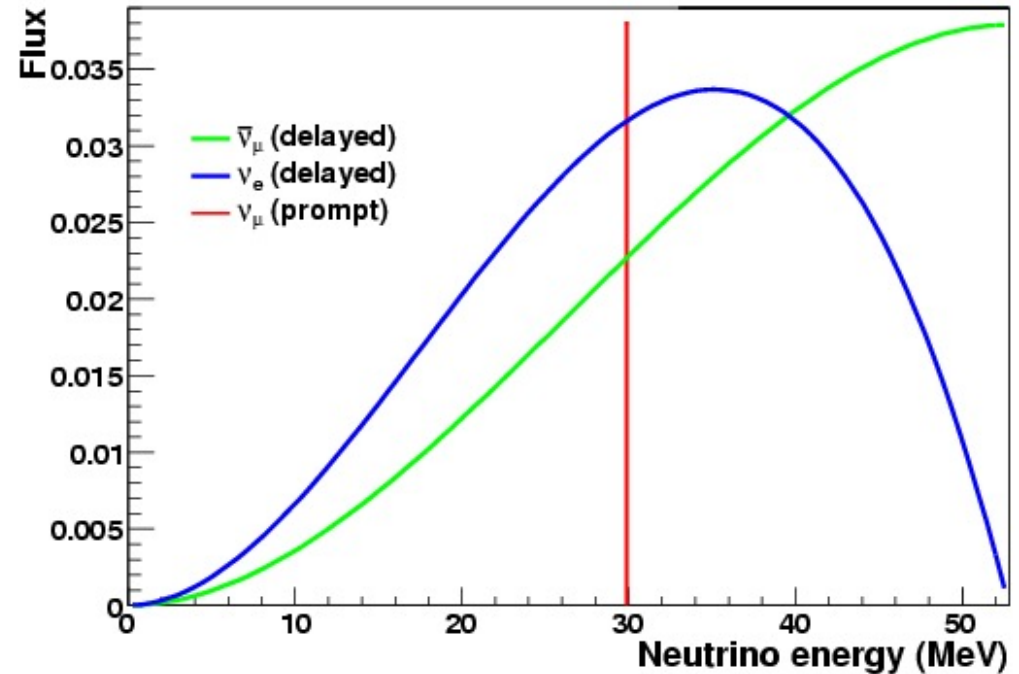
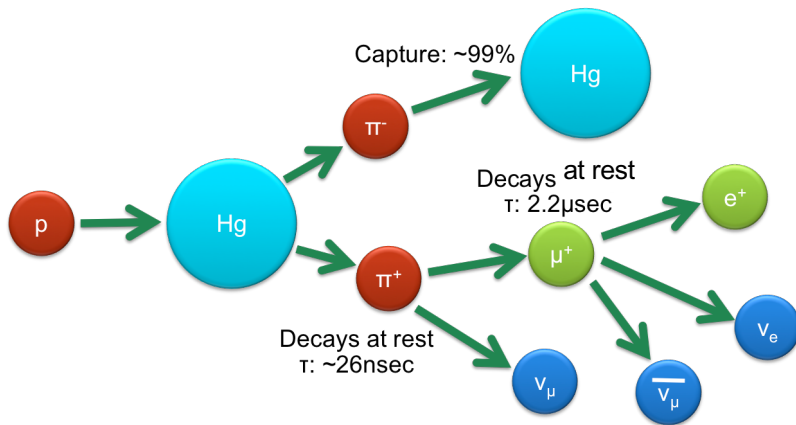
Both **cross-section** and **maximum recoil energy** increase with **neutrino energy**:



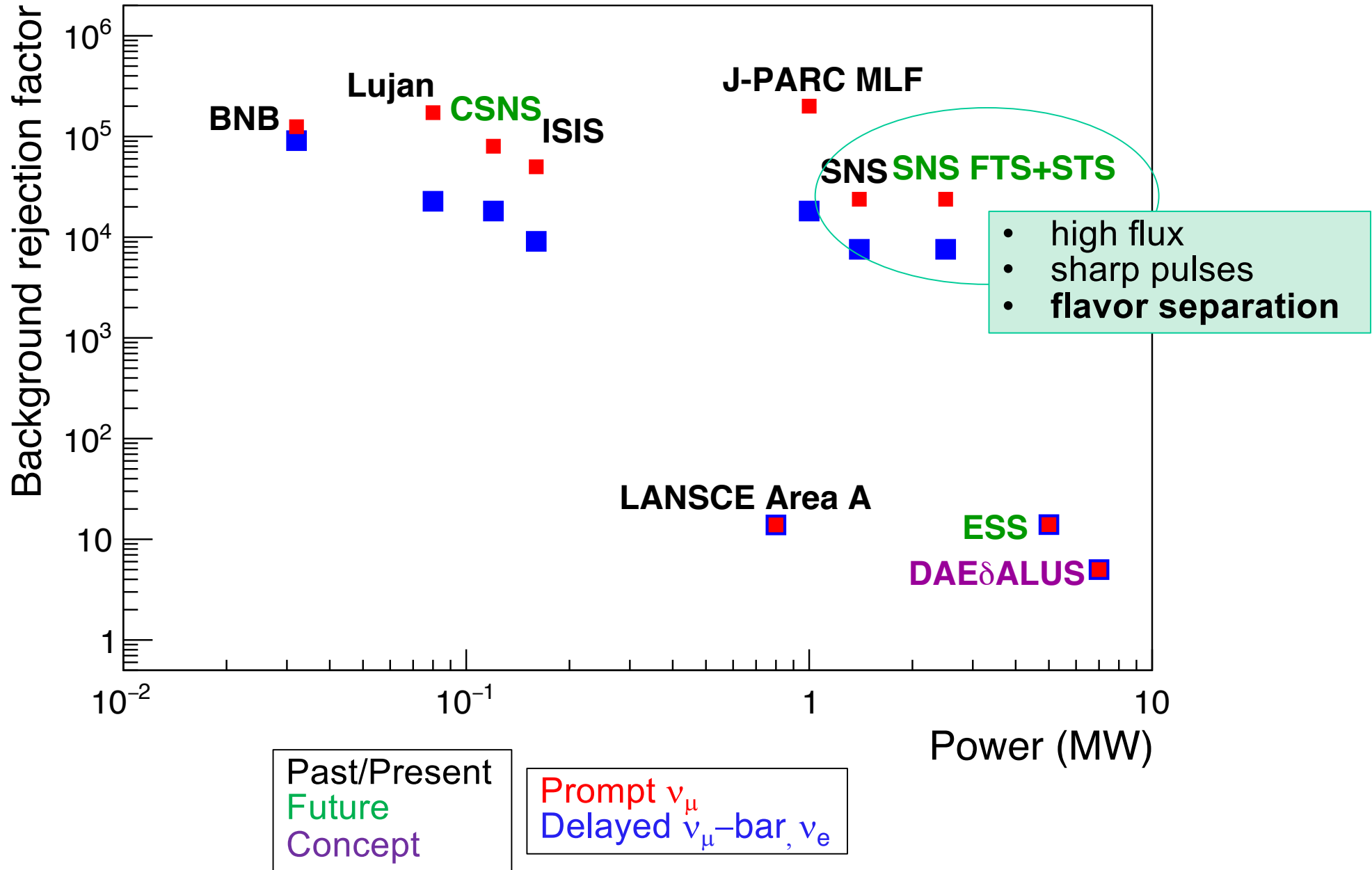
Want energy as large as possible while satisfying coherence condition:

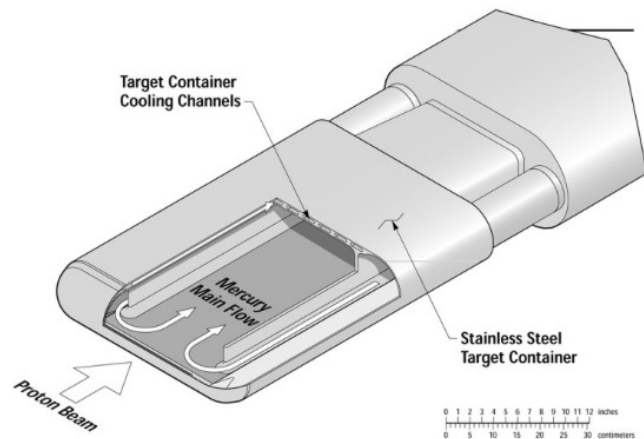
$$Q \lesssim \frac{1}{R} \quad (< \sim 50 \text{ MeV for medium } A)$$

Stopped-Pion (π DAR) Neutrinos



Comparison of stopped-pion neutrino sources





Proton beam energy: 0.9-1.3 GeV
Total power: 0.9-1.4 MW
Pulse duration: 380 ns FWHM
Repetition rate: 60 Hz
Liquid mercury target

The neutrinos are free!

The COHERENT collaboration

<http://sites.duke.edu/coherent>



~90 members,
19 institutions
4 countries



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Mellon
University

Duke
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FLORIDA



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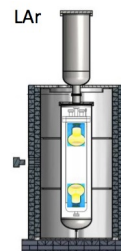


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Nuclear Target	Technology	Mass (kg)	Distance from source (m)	Recoil threshold (keVr)
CsI[Na]	Scintillating crystal flash	14.6	19.3	6.5
Ge	HPGe PPC zap	18	22	<few
LAr	Single-phase flash	24	27.5	20
Nal[Tl]	Scintillating crystal flash	185*/3338	25	13

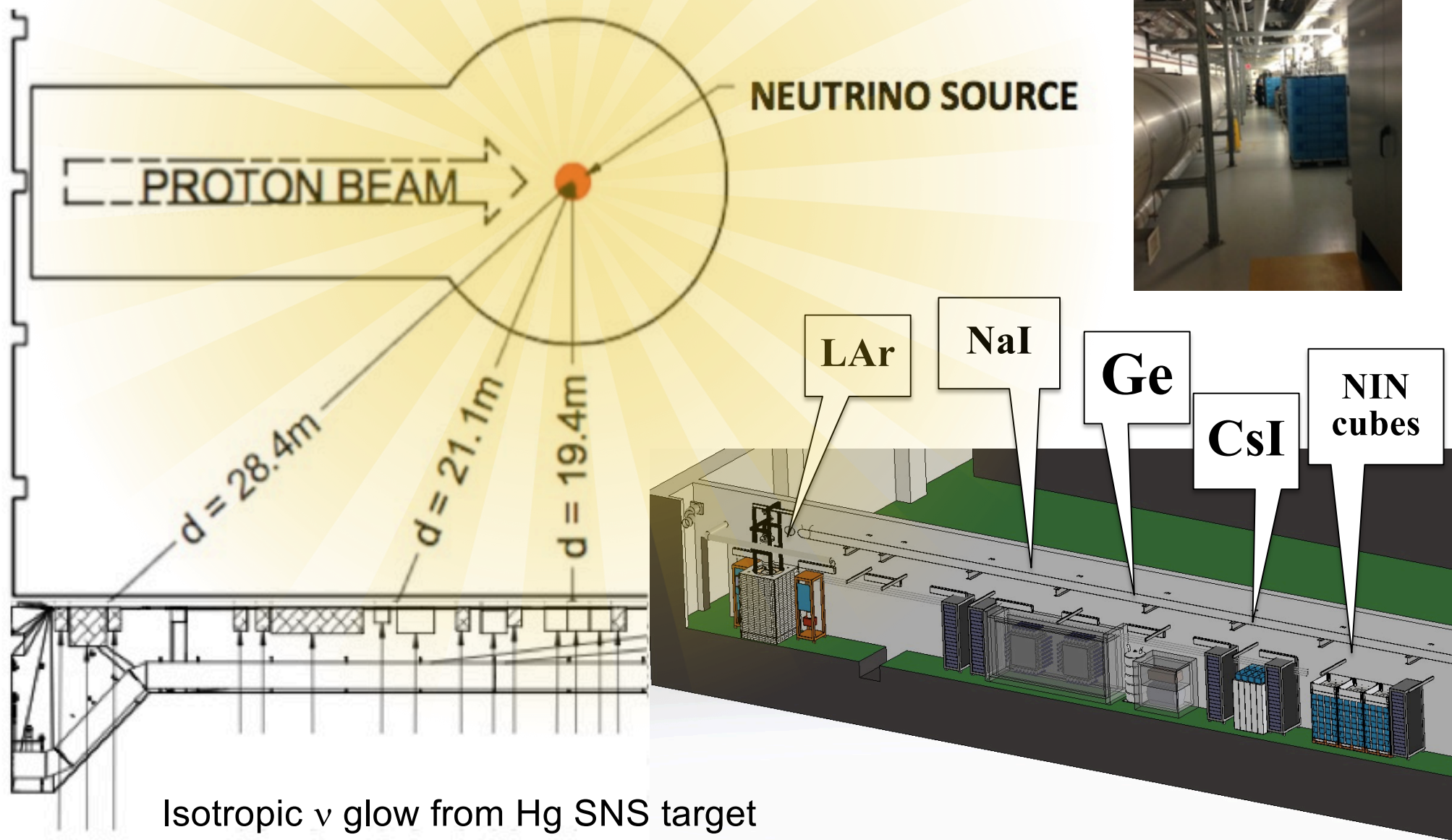
Multiple detectors for N^2 dependence of the cross section



Siting for deployment in SNS basement

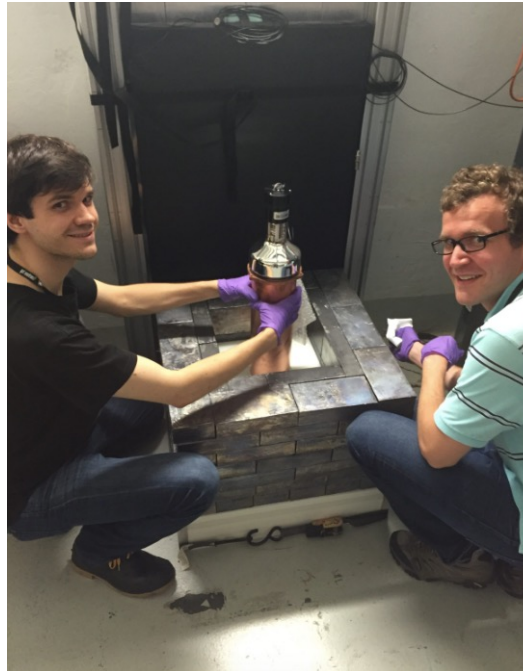
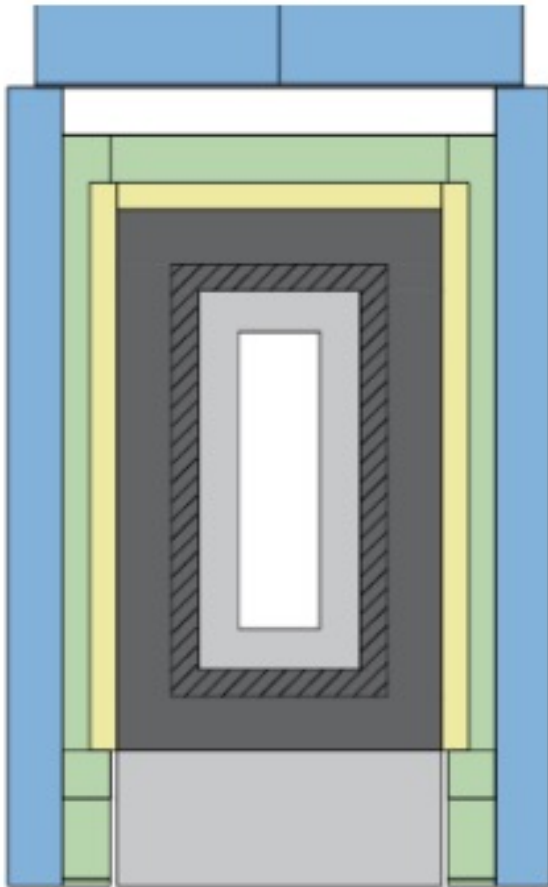
(measured neutron backgrounds low,
~ 8 mwe overburden)

View looking
down "Neutrino Alley"



Isotropic ν glow from Hg SNS target

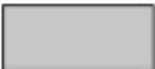




The Csl Detector in Shielding in Neutrino Alley at the SNS



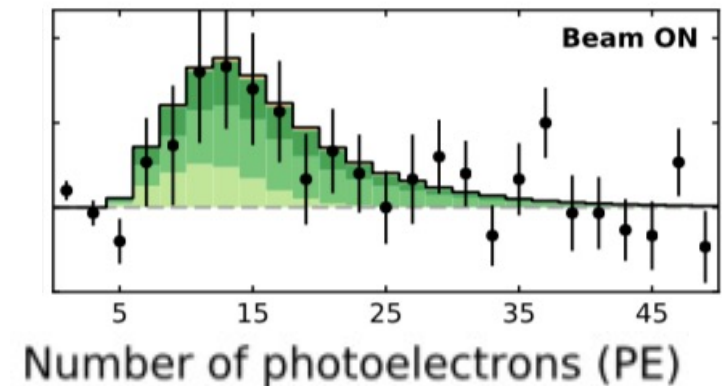
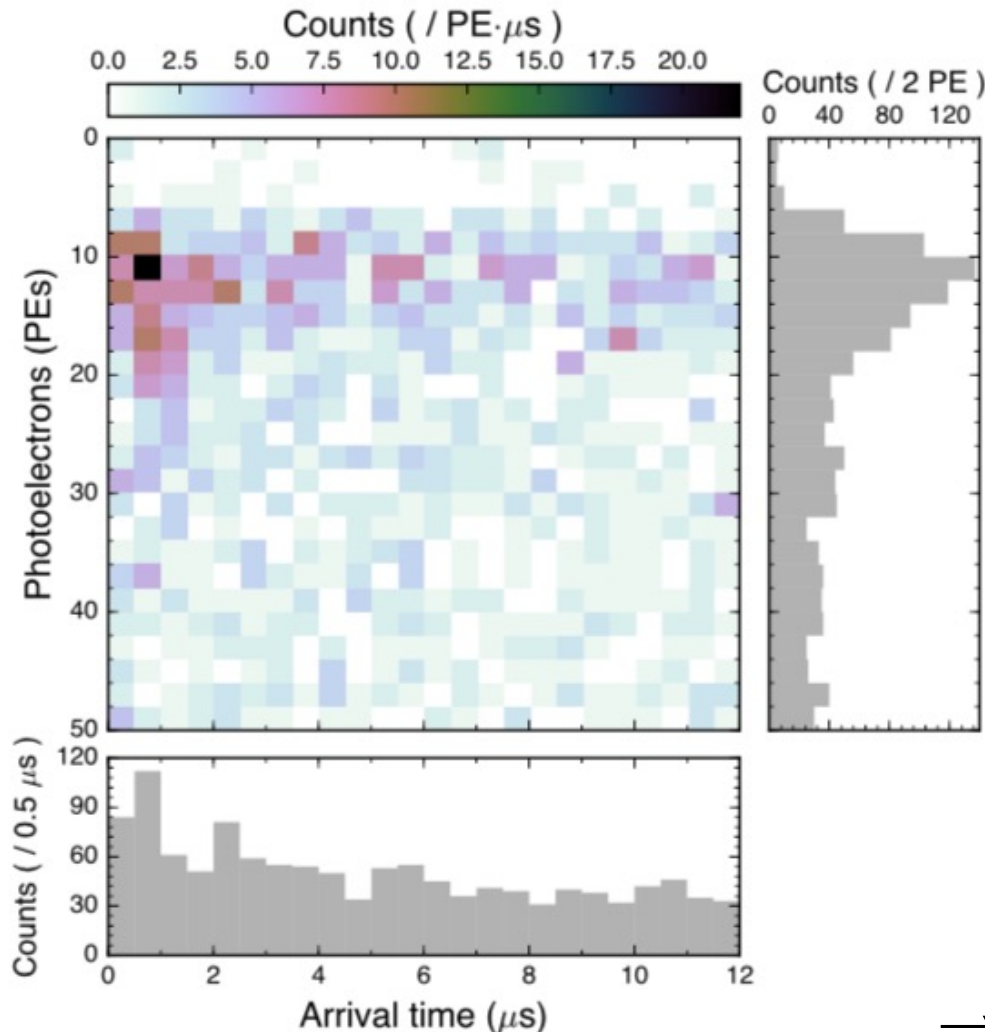
A hand-held detector!



Almost wrapped up...

Layer	HDPE*	Low backg. lead	Lead	Muon veto	Water
Thickness	3"	2"	4"	2"	4"
Colour					

First light at the SNS (stopped-pion neutrinos) with 14.6-kg CsI[Na] detector



Background-subtracted and integrated over time

$$\text{PE} \propto T \propto Q^2$$

→ measure of the Q spectrum

DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.1228631

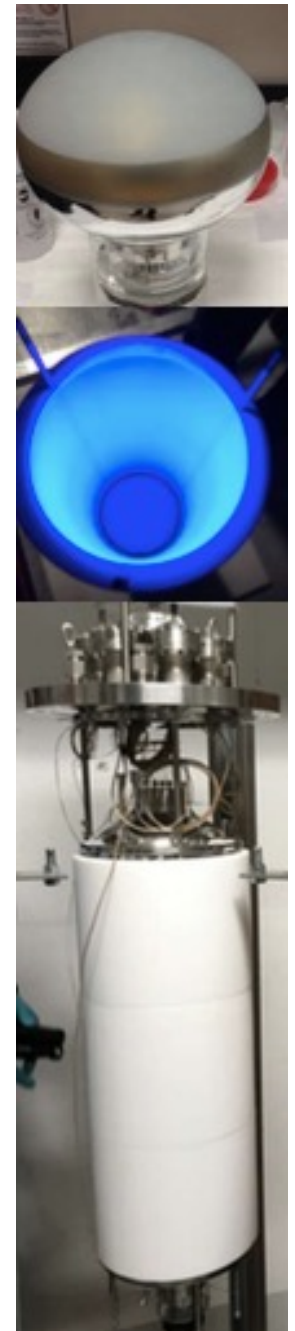
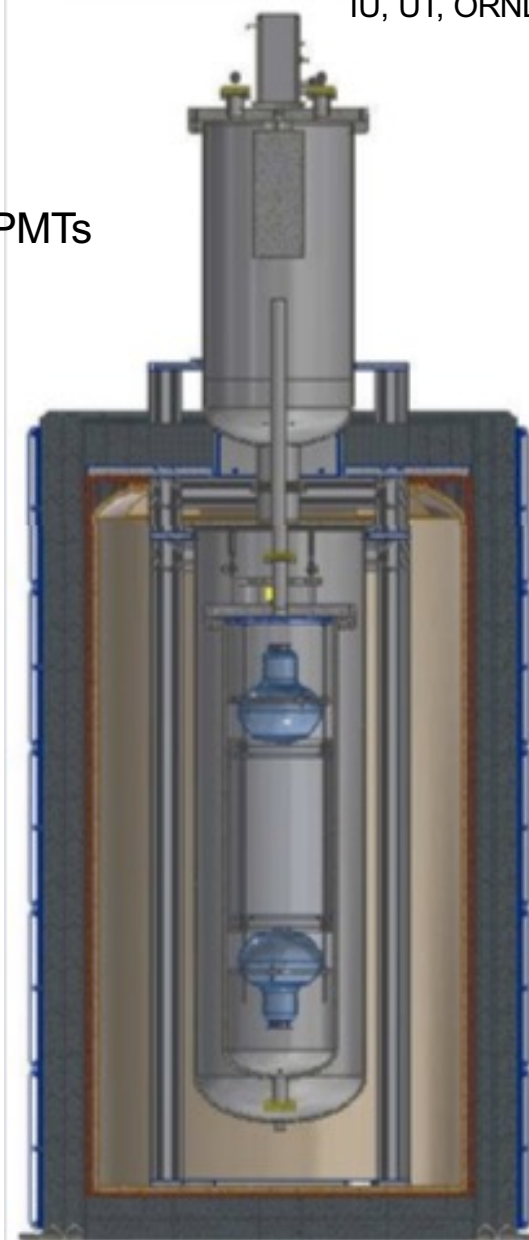
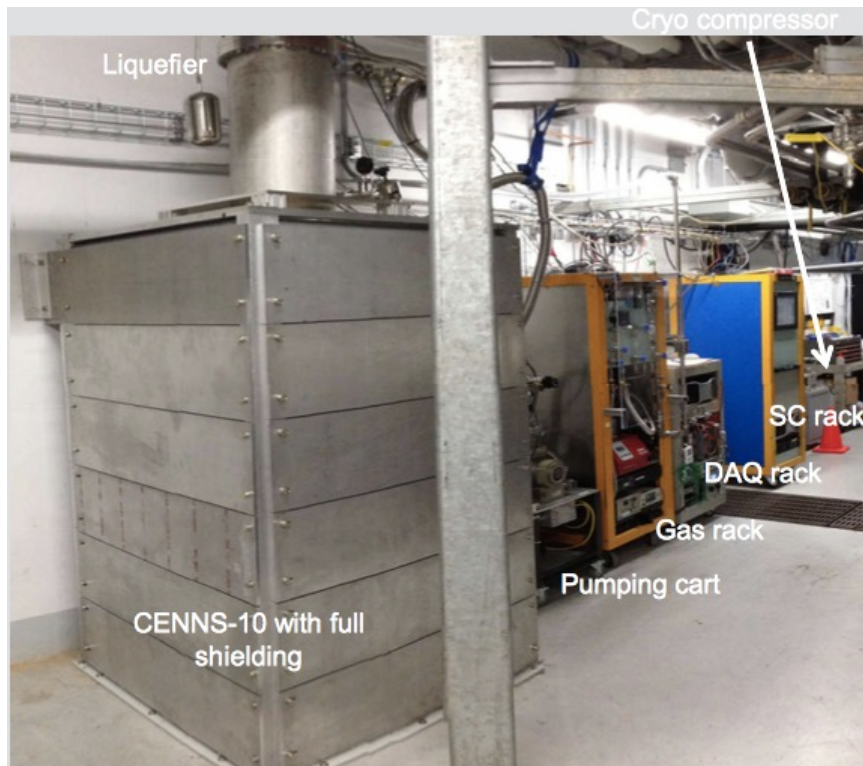
D. Akimov et al., *Science*, 2017

<http://science.sciencemag.org/content/early/2017/08/02/science.aao0990>

Single-Phase Liquid Argon

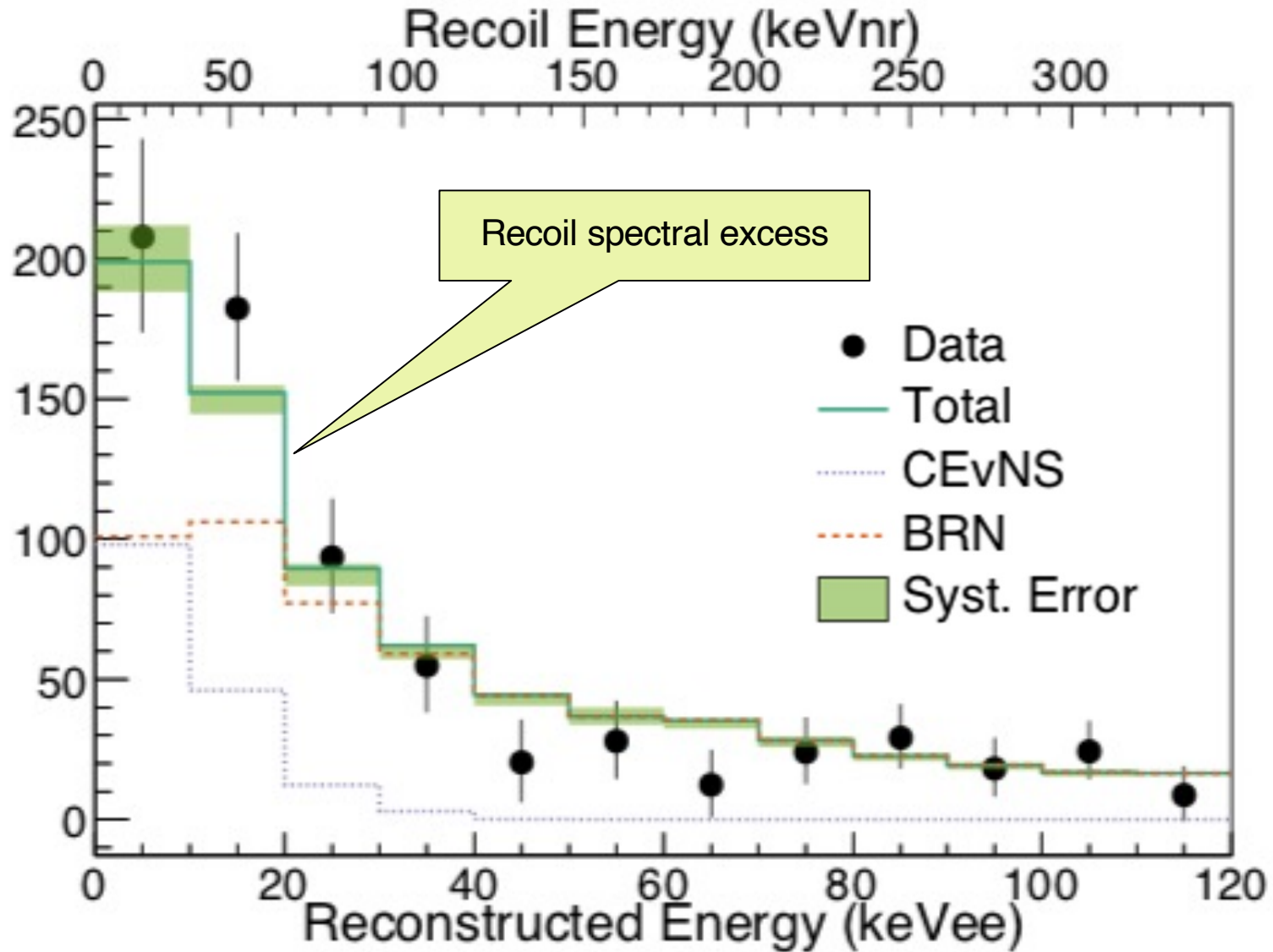
- ~24 kg active mass
- 2 x Hamamatsu 5912-02-MOD 8" PMTs
 - 8" borosilicate glass window
 - 14 dynodes
 - QE: 18%@ 400 nm
- Wavelength shifter: TPB-coated Teflon walls and PMTs
- Cryomech cryocooler – 90 Wt
 - PT90 single-state pulse-tube cold head

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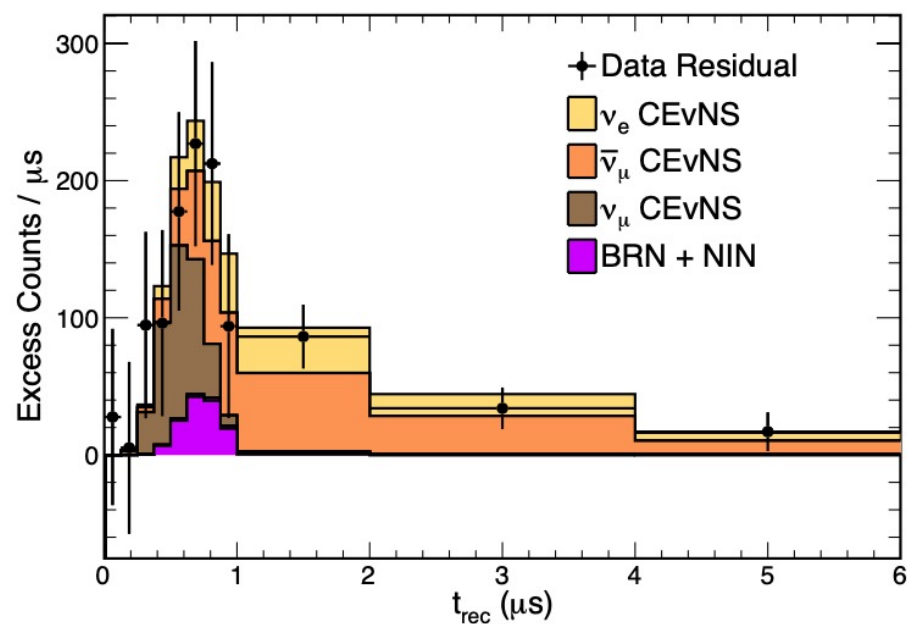
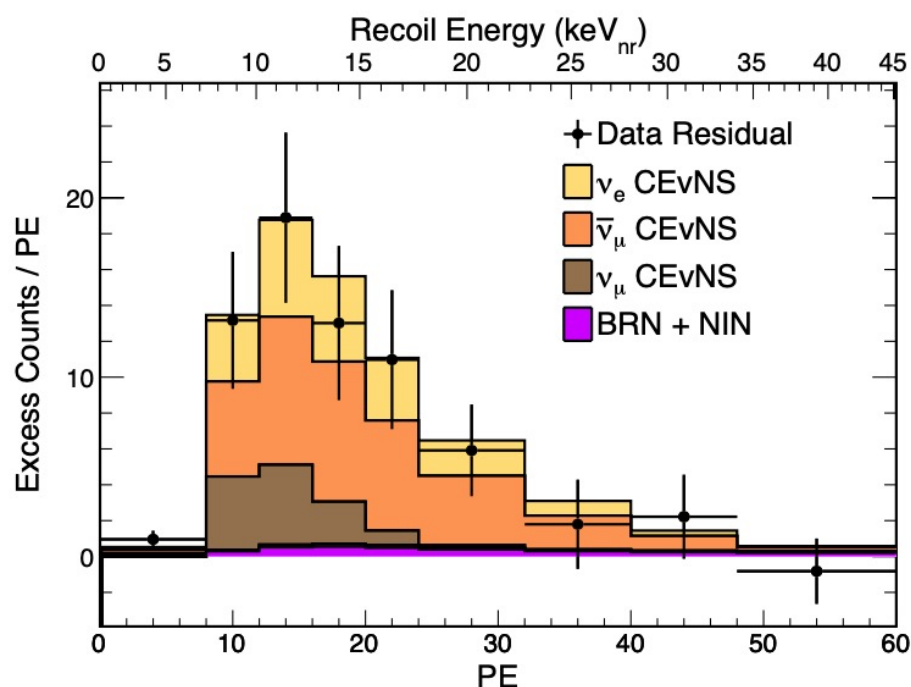
Detector from FNAL, previously built (J. Yoo et al.) for CENNS@BNB
(S. Brice, Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) no.7, 072004)

COHERENT Liquid Argon CEvNS Results





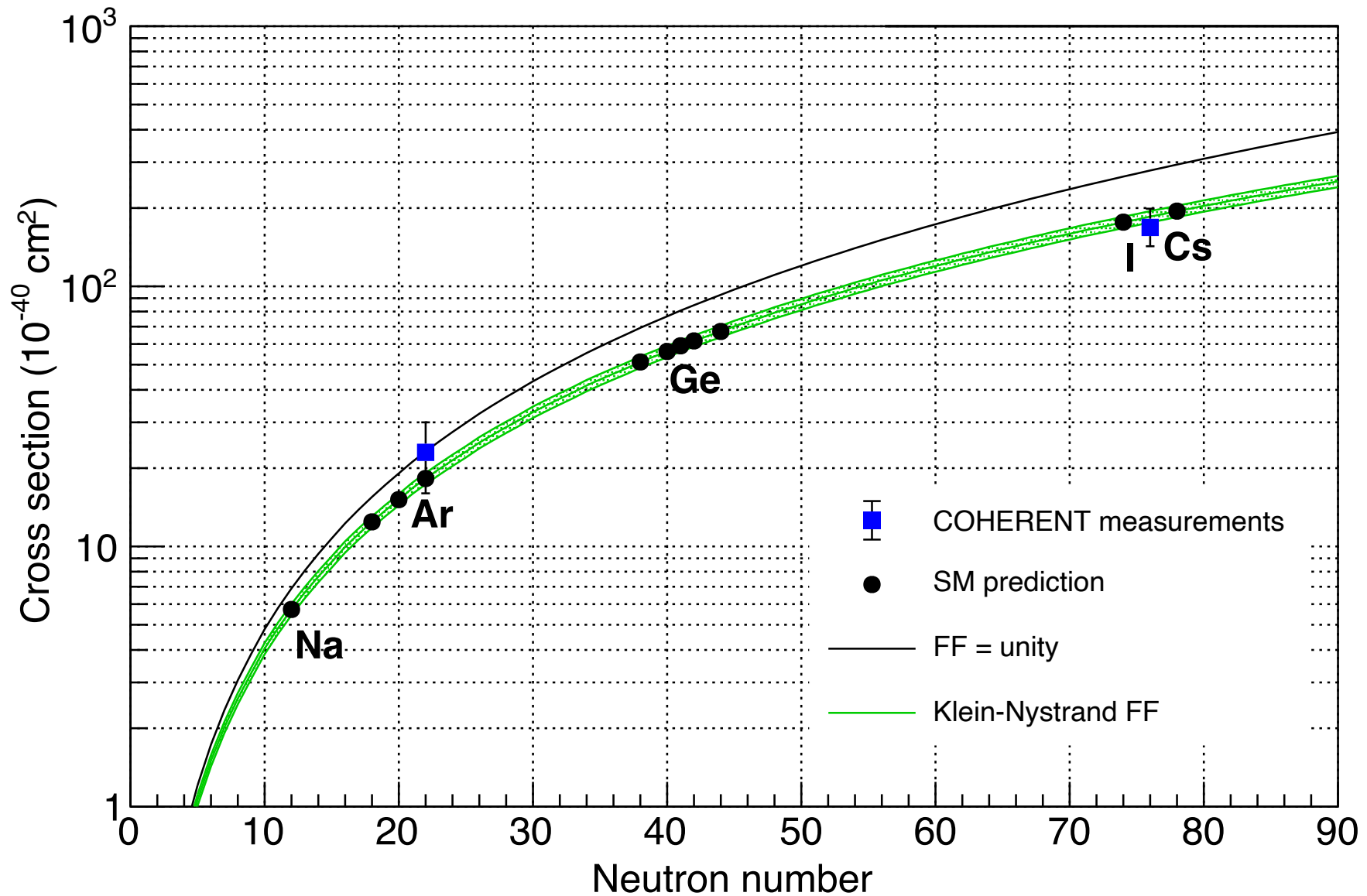
Remaining CsI[Na] dataset,
with $>2 \times$ statistics
+ improved detector response understanding
+ improved analysis



Full dataset results: arXiv:2110.07730

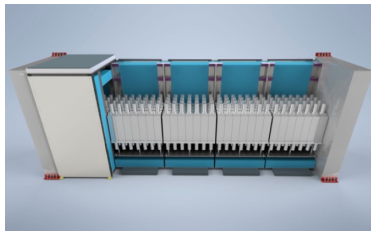
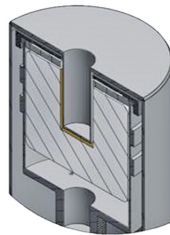
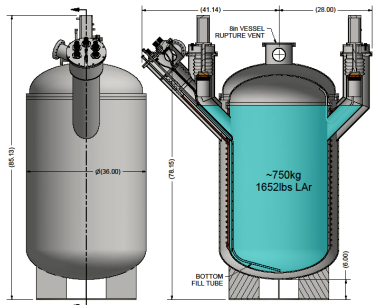
Quenching factor measurement: arXiv:2111.02477

Measurements in Csl and Ar from COHERENT



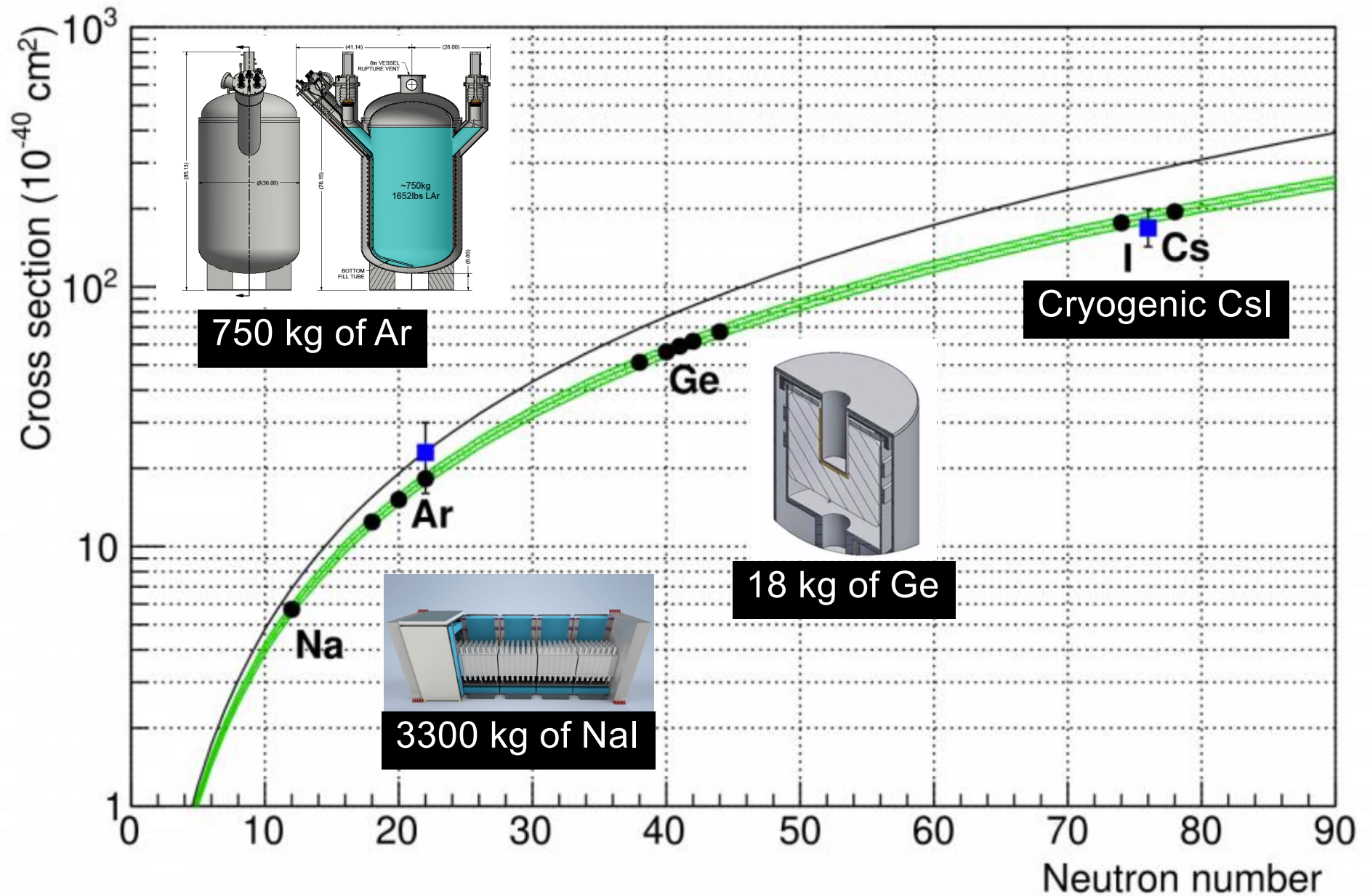
COHERENT CEvNS Detector Status and Farther Future

Nuclear Target	Technology	Mass (kg)	Distance from source (m)	Recoil threshold (keVr)	Data-taking start date	Future
CsI[Na]	Scintillating crystal	14.6	19.3	6.5	9/2015	Decommissioned
Ge	HPGe PPC	18	22	<few	2022	Funded by NSF MRI, in progress
LAr	Single-phase	24	27.5	20	12/2016, upgraded summer 2017	Expansion to 750 kg scale
NaI[Tl]	Scintillating crystal	185*/3388	25	13	2022, high-threshold deployment summer 2016	Expansion to 3.3 tonne , up to 9 tonnes



+D₂O for flux normalization
 + CryoCsI
 + concepts for other targets...

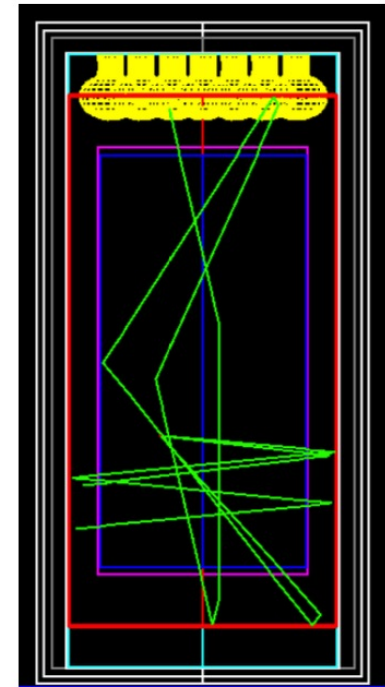
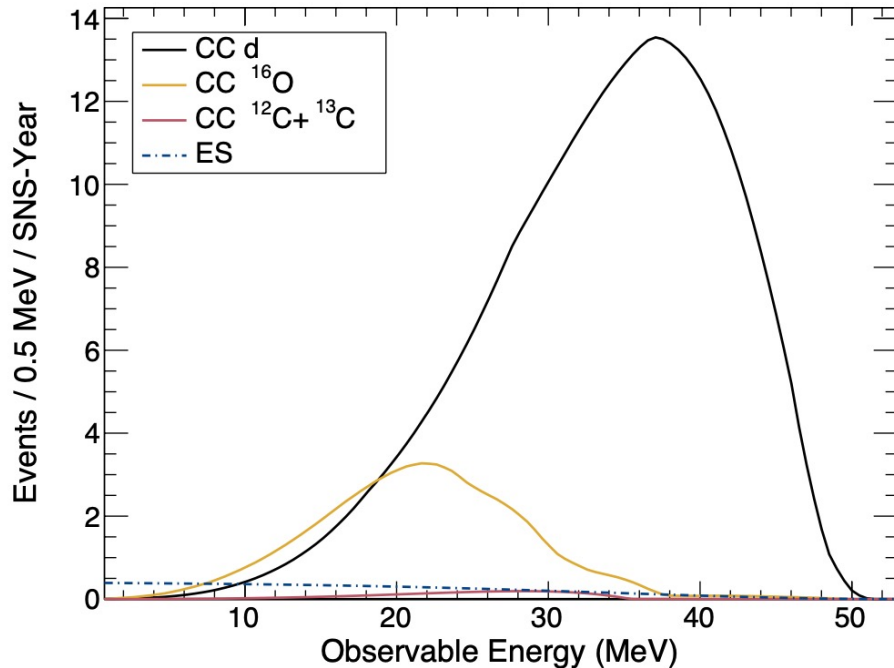
COHERENT future deployments



Heavy water detector in Neutrino Alley

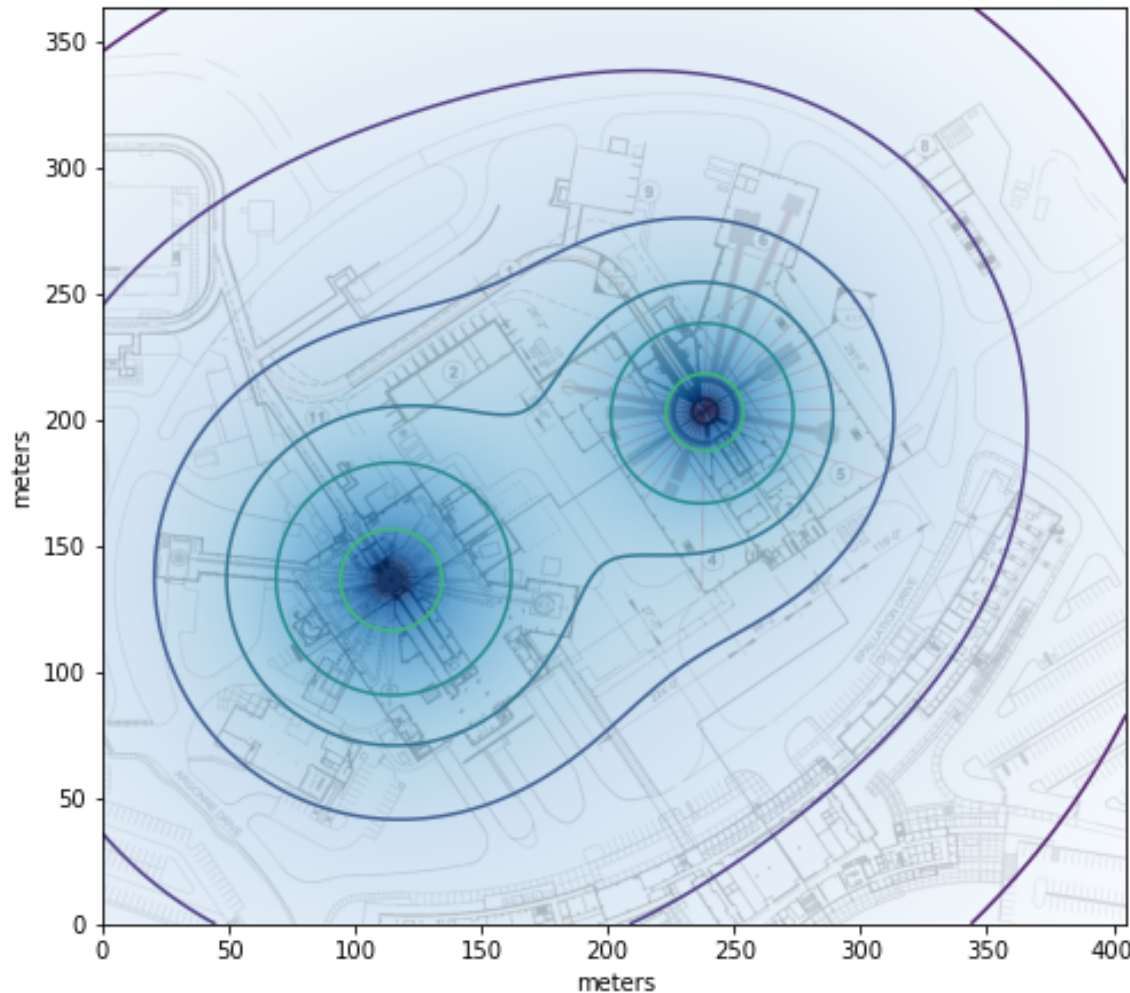
Dominant current uncertainty is $\sim 10\%$, on neutrino flux from SNS

$\nu_e + d \longrightarrow p + p + e^-$ cross section known to $\sim 1\text{-}2\%$



Measure electrons to determine flux normalization

SNS Proton Power Upgrade to 2 MW, Second Target Station upgrade to 2.8 MW

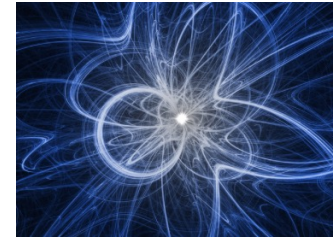


Many exciting possibilities for ν 's + DM!

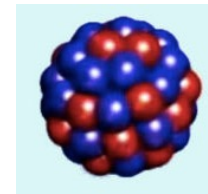
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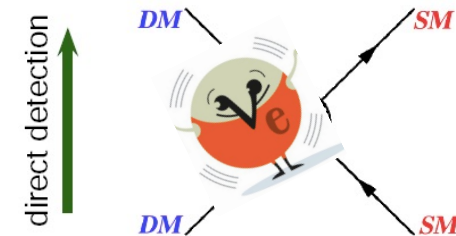
CEvNS as a **signal**
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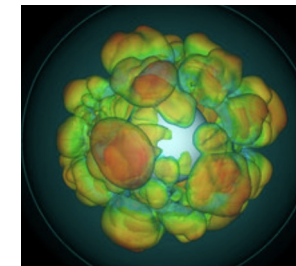
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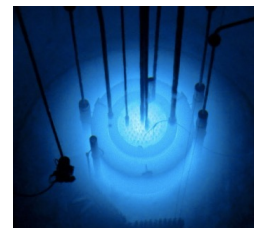
CEvNS as a **background**
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CEvNS as a **signal** for *astrophysics*



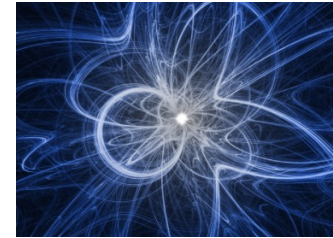
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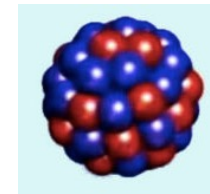
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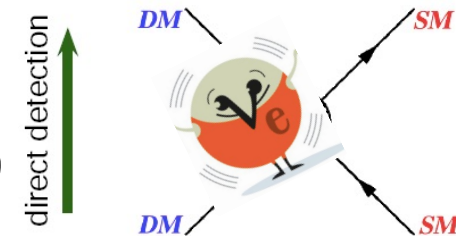
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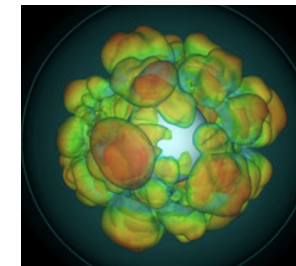
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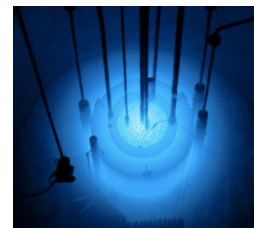
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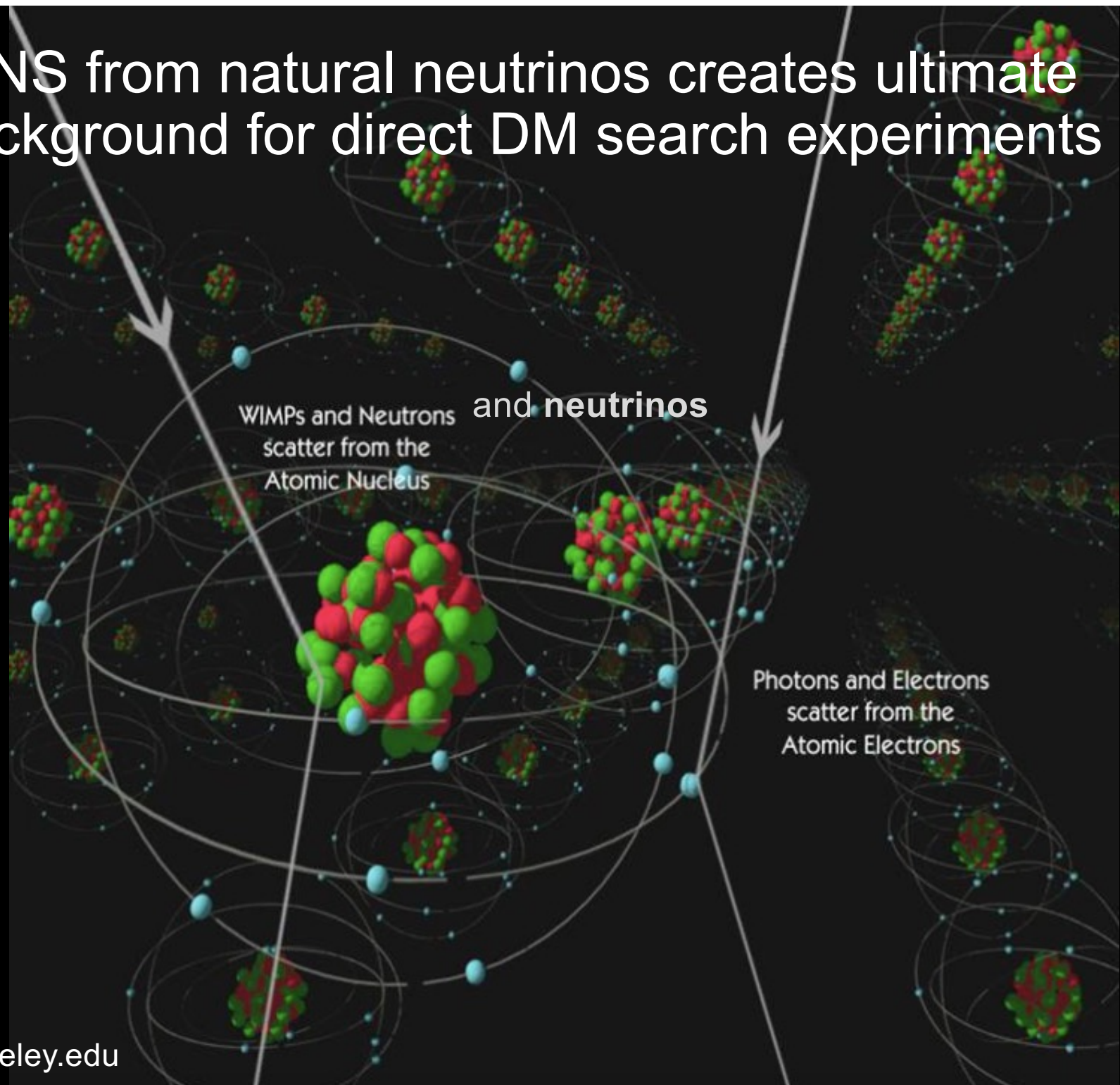
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CEvNS from natural neutrinos creates ultimate background for direct DM search experiments

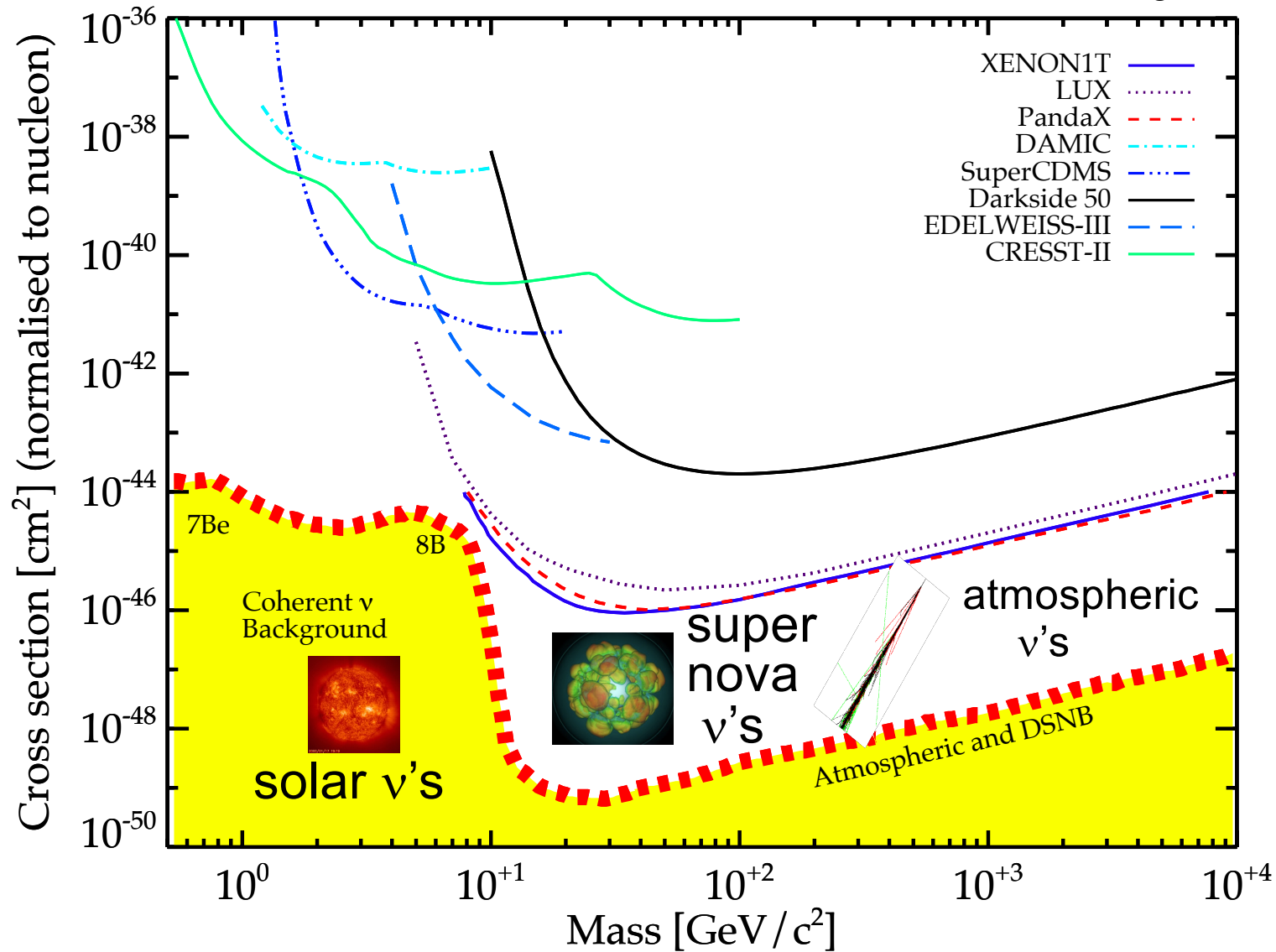


The so-called “neutrino floor” (**signal!**) for direct DM experiments

J. Monroe & P. Fisher, 2007

J. Billard, E. Figueroa-Feliciano, and L. Strigari, arXiv:1307.5458v2 (2013).

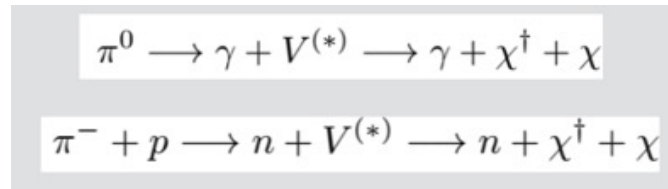
L. Strigari



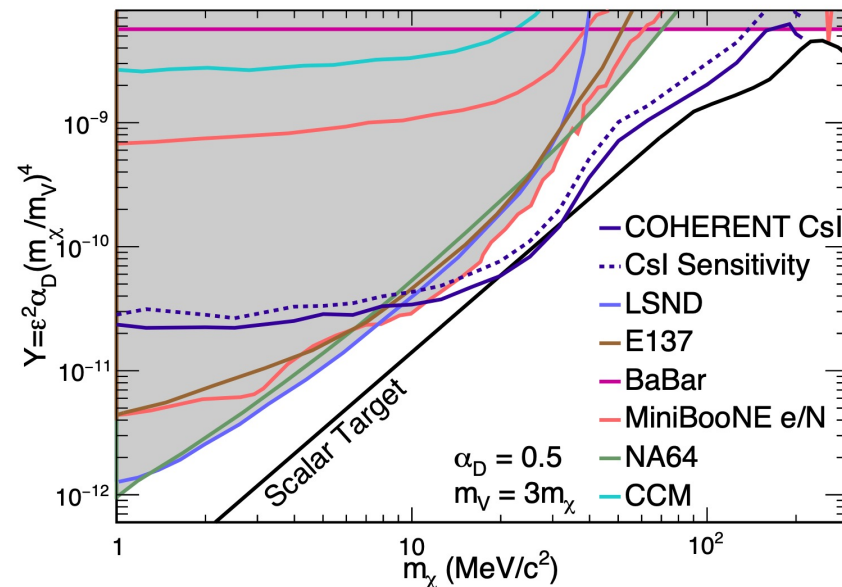
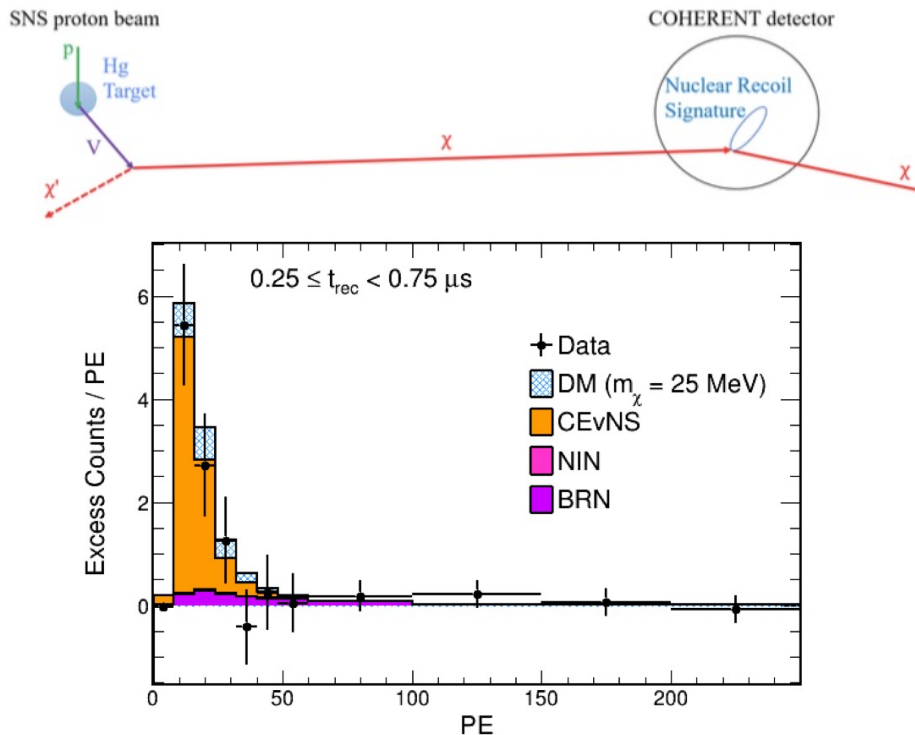
Light accelerator- produced DM. direct detection possibilities (CEvNS is *background*)

- “Vector portal”: mixing of vector mediator with photons in π^0/η^0 decays
- “Leptophobic portal”: new mediator coupling to baryons

decay product χ
then
makes
nuclear
recoil



B. Batell et al., PRD 90 (2014)
P. de Niverville et al., PRD 95 (2017)
B. Dutta et al., arXiv:1906.10745
COHERENT, arXiv:1911.6422



**Limits down to cosmological
expectation** for scalar DM particle

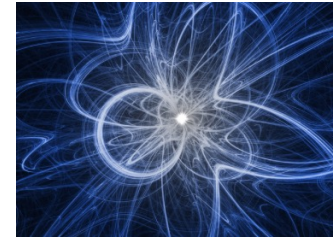
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Expect characteristic *time, recoil energy, angle*
distribution for DM vs CEvNS

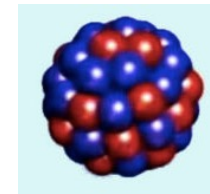
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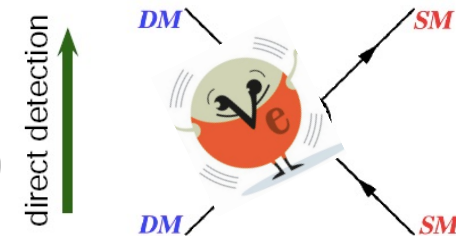
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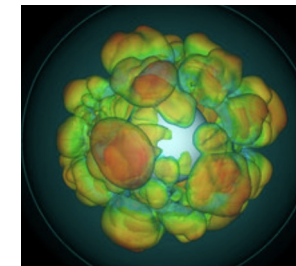
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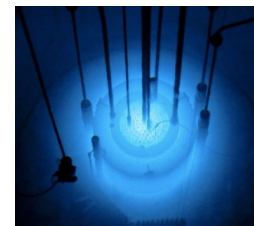
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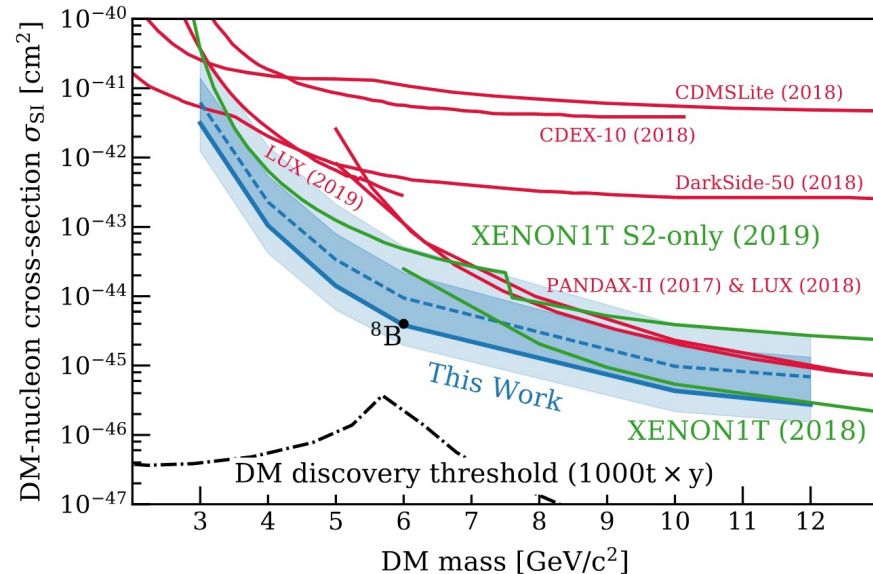
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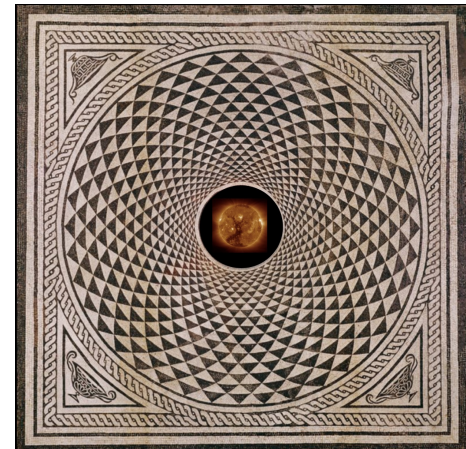
Search for CEvNS from **solar neutrinos** with the XENON-1T experiment



Phys.Rev.Lett. 126 (2021) 091301, arXiv: [2012.02846](https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.02846)



Limit only so far
... but will eventually hit the floor...
sometimes there are
interesting things to see
if you look down...



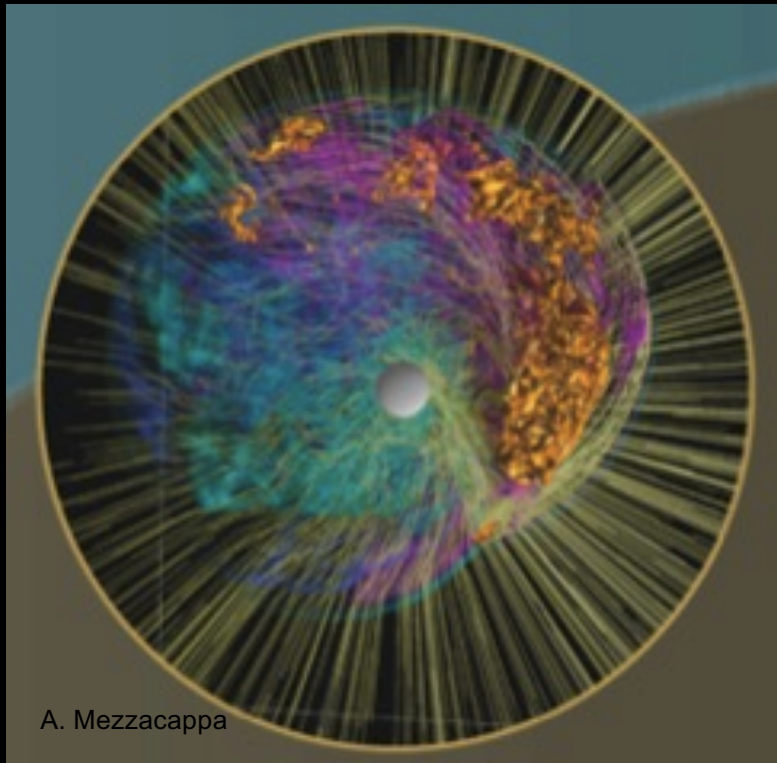
Neutrinos from core-collapse supernovae

When a star's core collapses, $\sim 99\%$ of the gravitational binding energy of the proto-nstar goes into ν 's of ***all flavors*** with \sim tens-of-MeV energies

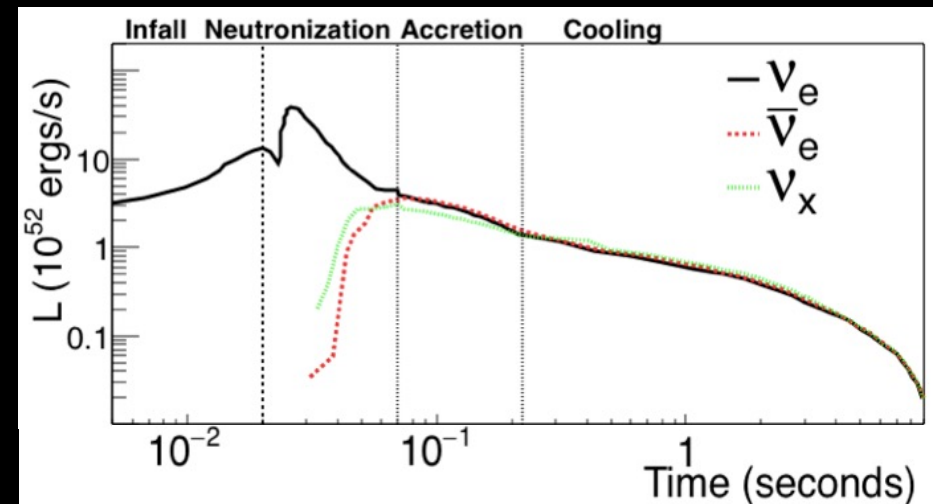
(Energy *can* escape via ν 's)

Mostly ν - $\bar{\nu}$ pairs from proto-nstar cooling

Timescale: *prompt*
after core collapse,
overall $\Delta t \sim 10$'s
of seconds

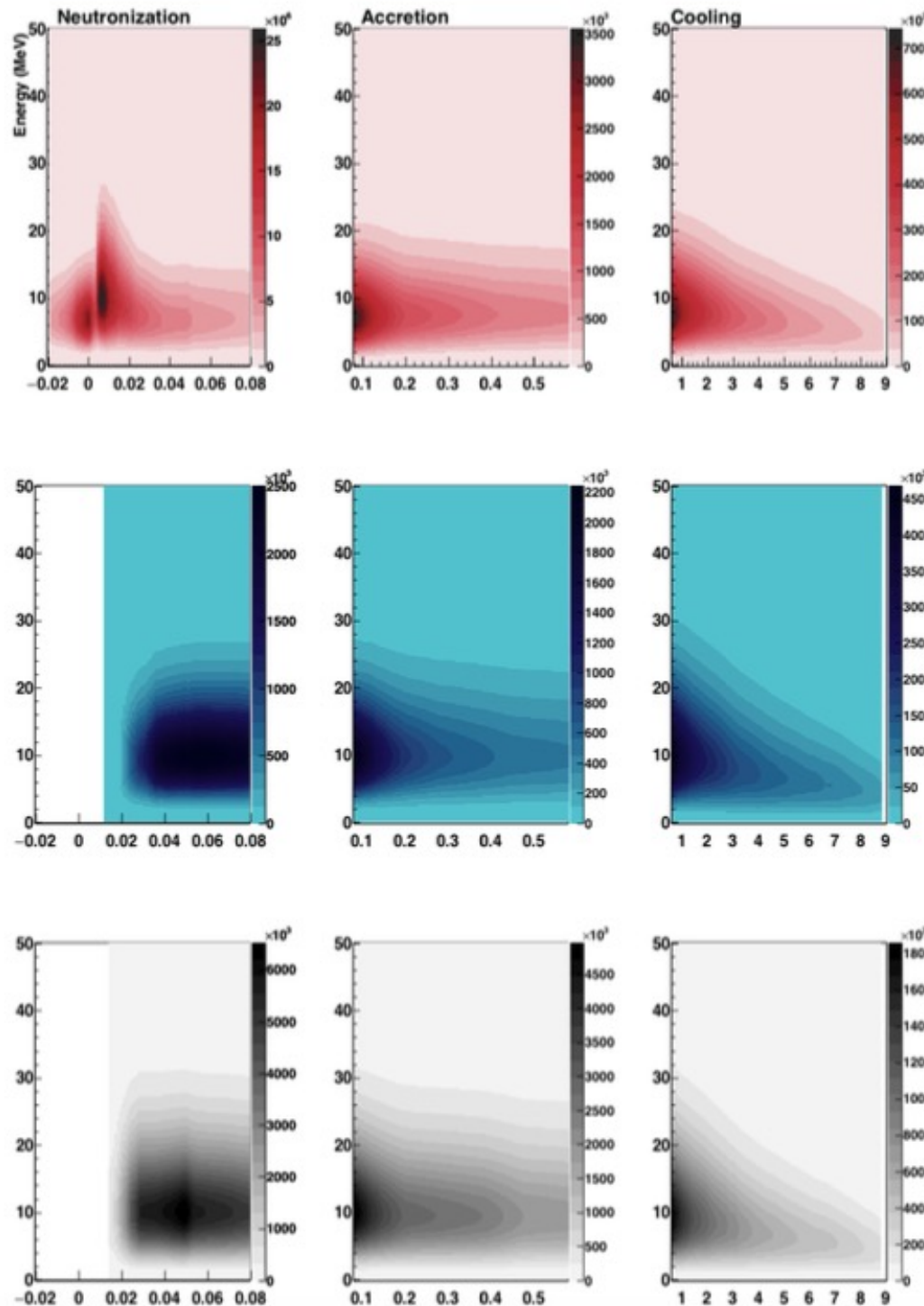


A. Mezzacappa



Fluxes as a function of time and energy

Energy (MeV)



ν_e

$\bar{\nu}_e$

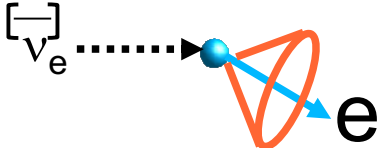
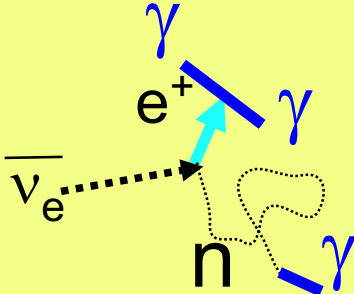
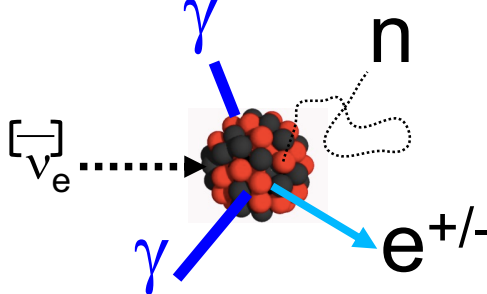
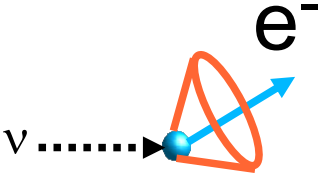
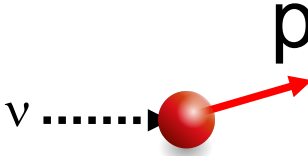
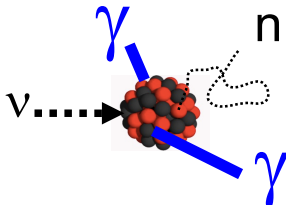
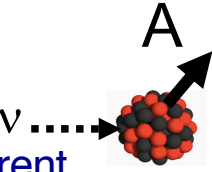
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Time (s)

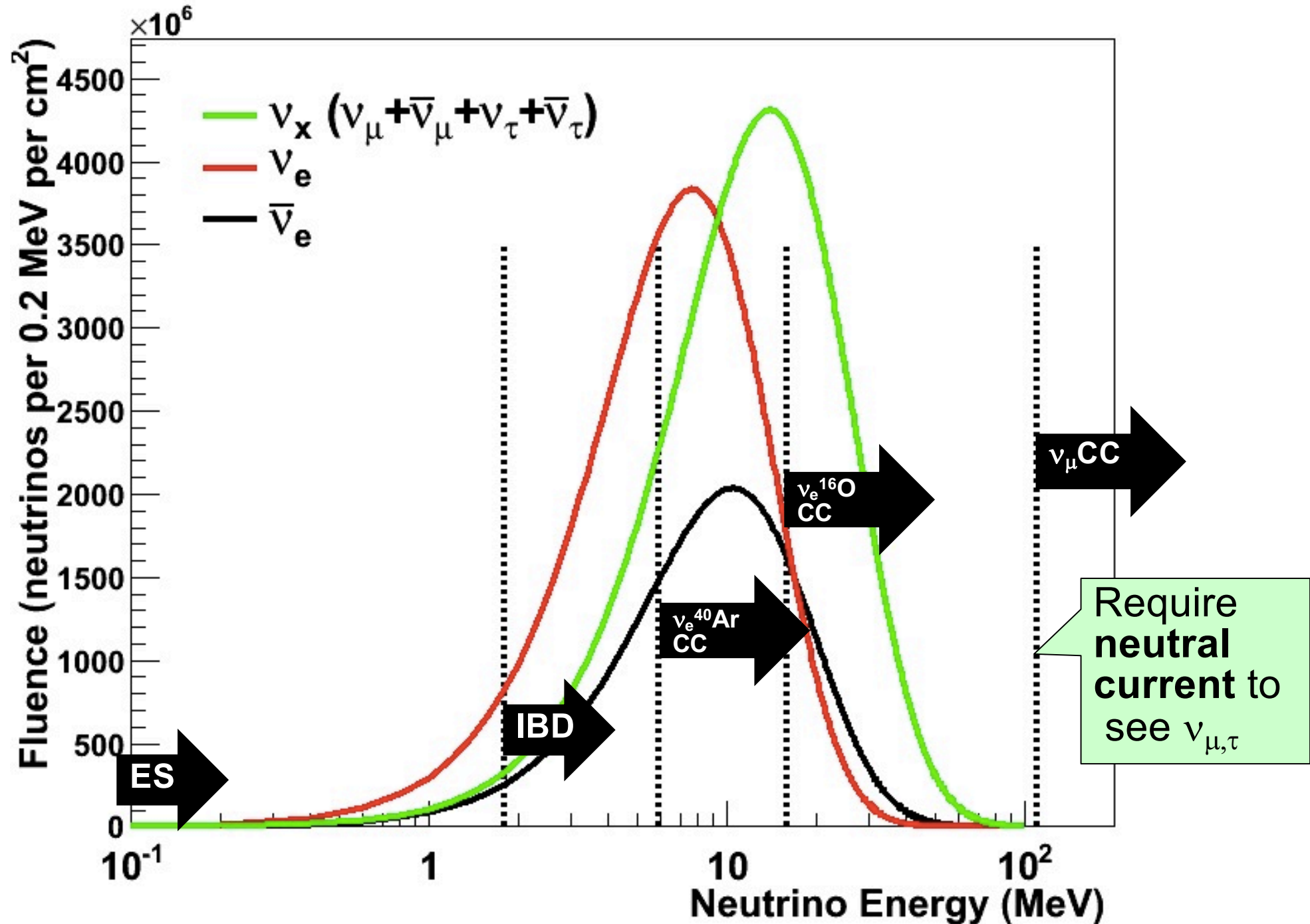
"Garching model",
L. Huedepohl et al.

Supernova-relevant neutrino interactions

	Electrons	Protons	Nuclei
Charged current	<p>Elastic scattering</p> $\nu + e^- \rightarrow \nu + e^-$ 	<p>Inverse beta decay</p> $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$ 	$\nu_e + (N, Z) \rightarrow e^- + (N - 1, Z + 1)$ $\bar{\nu}_e + (N, Z) \rightarrow e^+ + (N + 1, Z - 1)$  <div data-bbox="1766 760 2039 1003"> <p>Various possible ejecta and deexcitation products</p> </div>
Neutral current	 <p>Useful for pointing</p>	<p>Elastic scattering</p>  <p>very low energy recoils</p>	$\nu + A \rightarrow \nu + A^*$  $\nu + A \rightarrow \nu + A$  <p>Coherent elastic (CEvNS)</p>

IBD (electron *antineutrinos*) dominates for current detectors

Neutrino interaction thresholds



Supernova neutrino detector types

Water



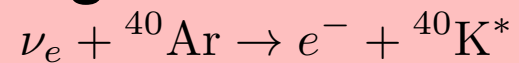
$\bar{\nu}_e$

Water, long-string



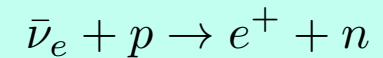
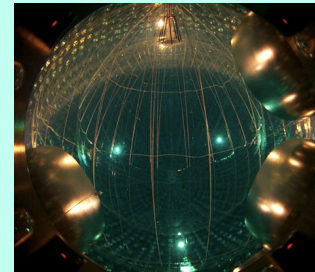
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Argon



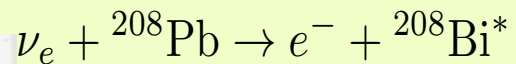
ν_e

Scintillator



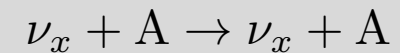
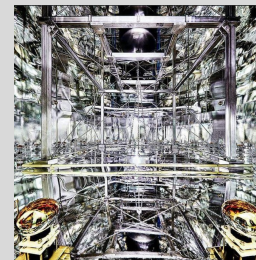
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Lead



ν_e

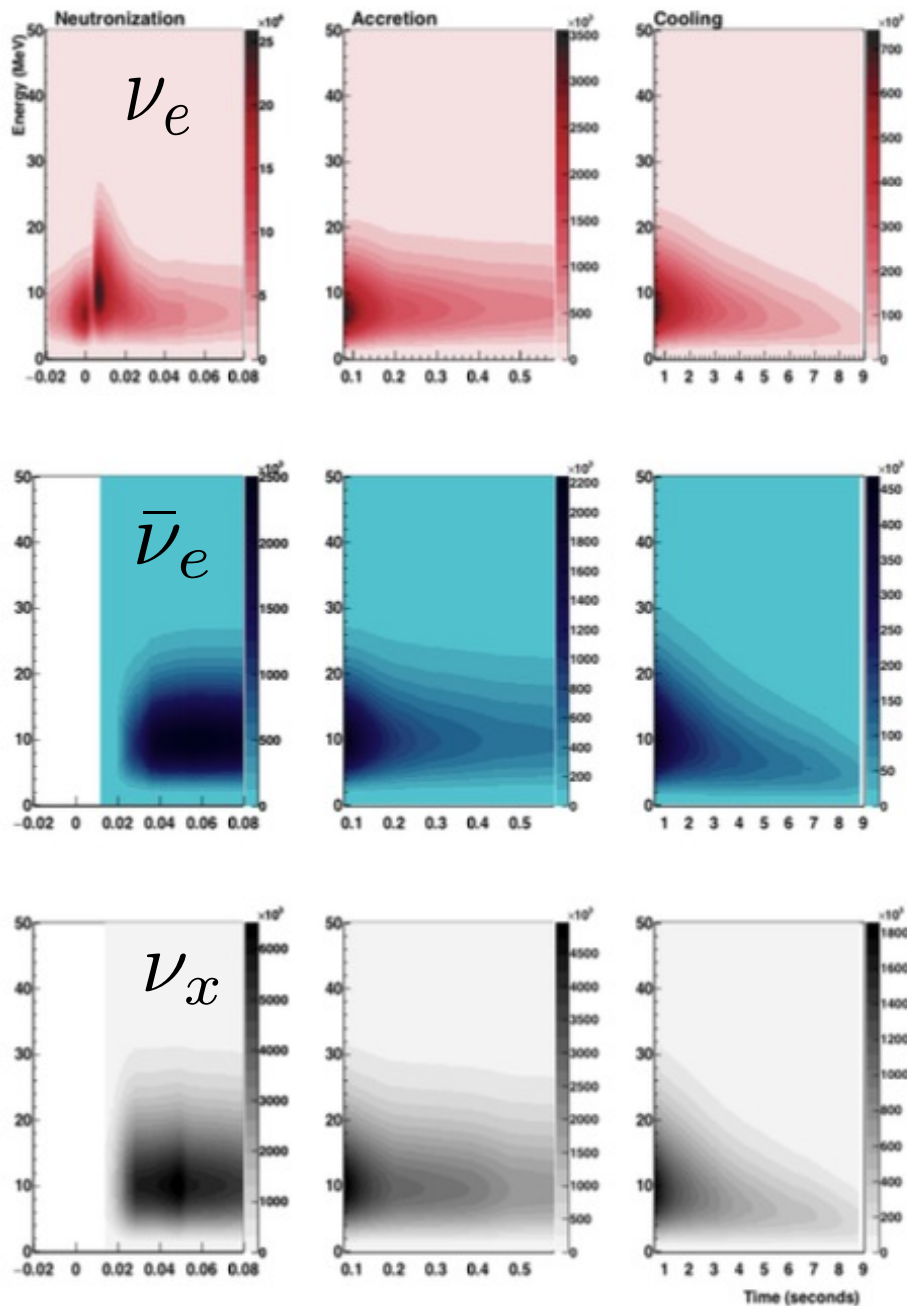
DM (Noble liquid)



ν_x

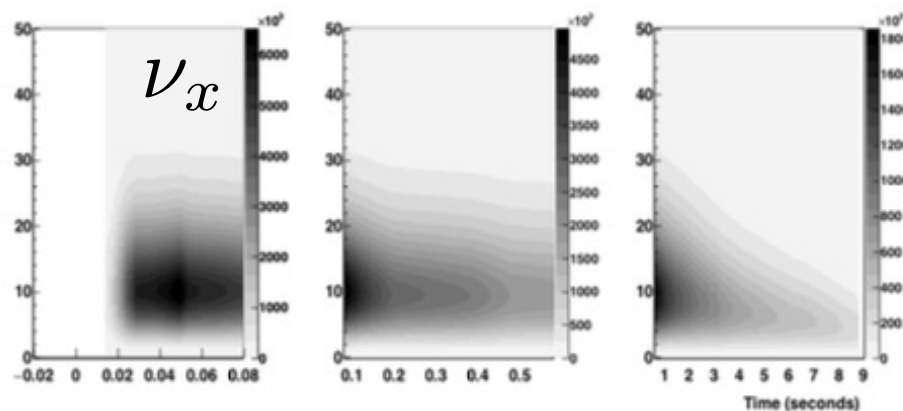
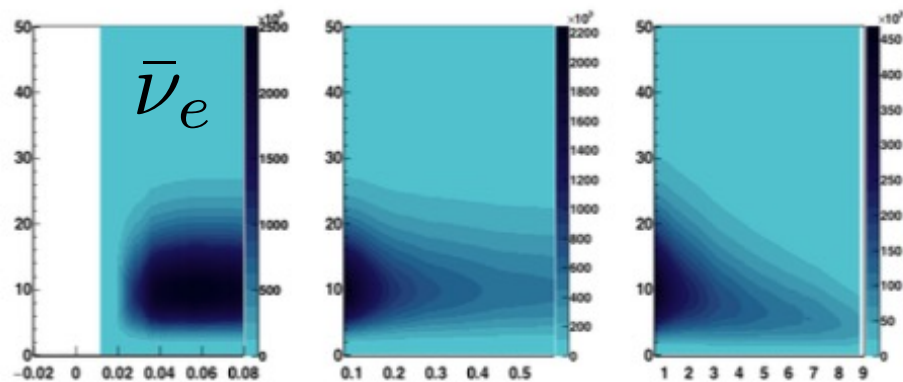
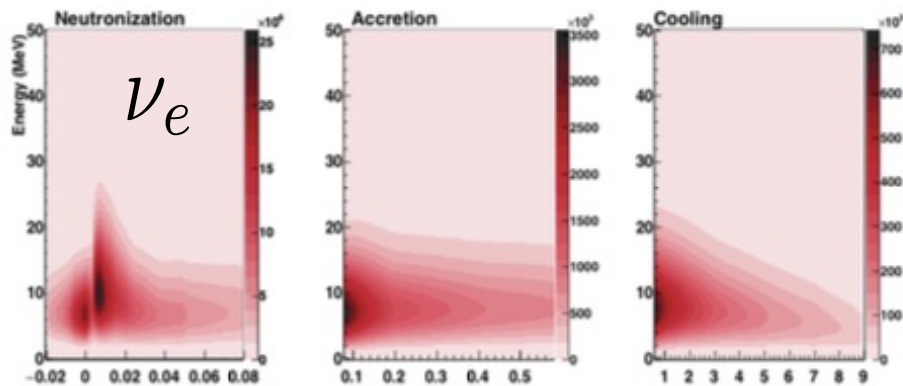
What we *want* to measure

Neutrino fluxes vs E, t



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What we *can* measure

Event rates in different interaction channels vs E, t
(with imperfect tagging & resolution)

$\nu_e \text{ CC}$

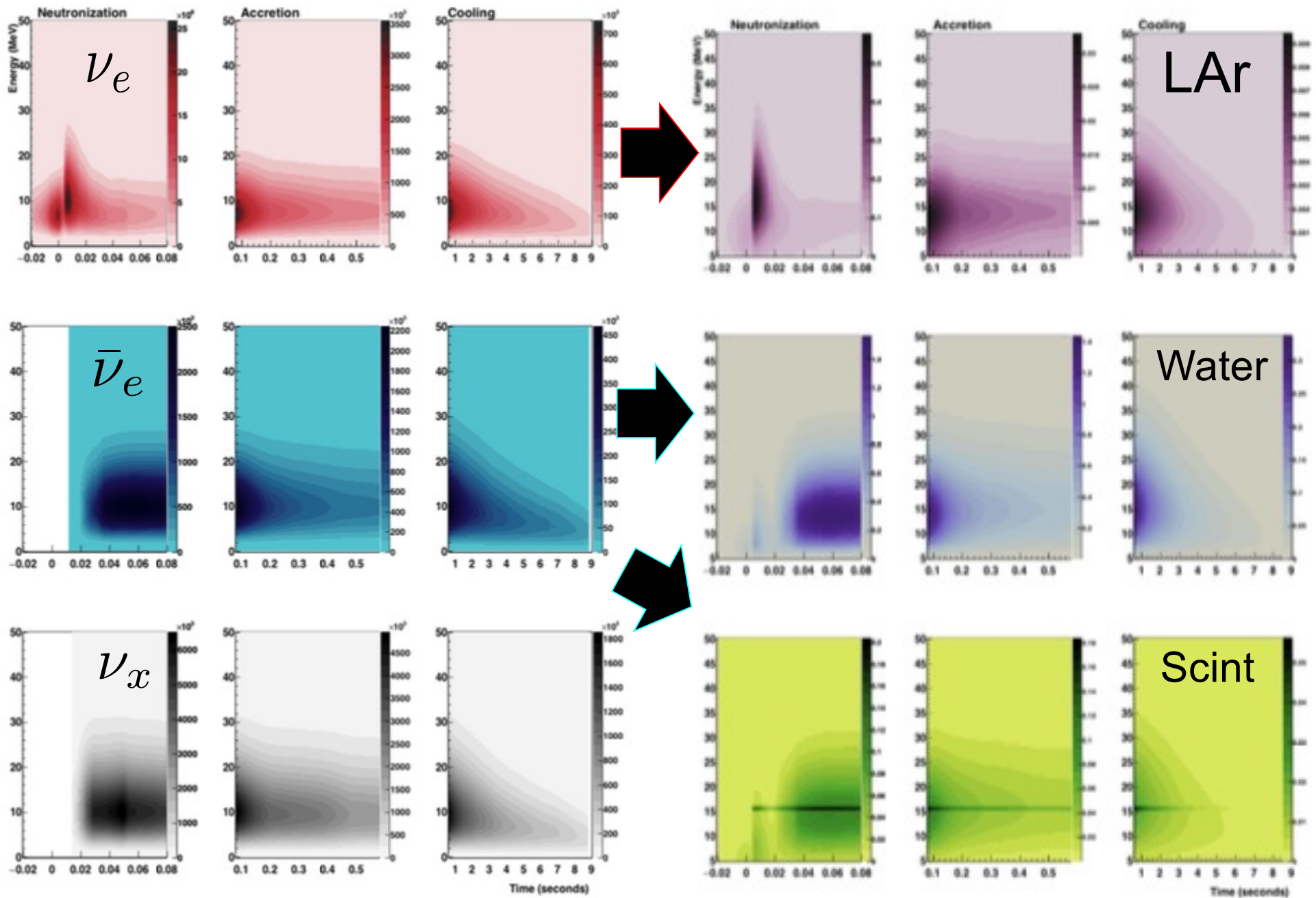
$\bar{\nu}_e \text{ CC}$

NC

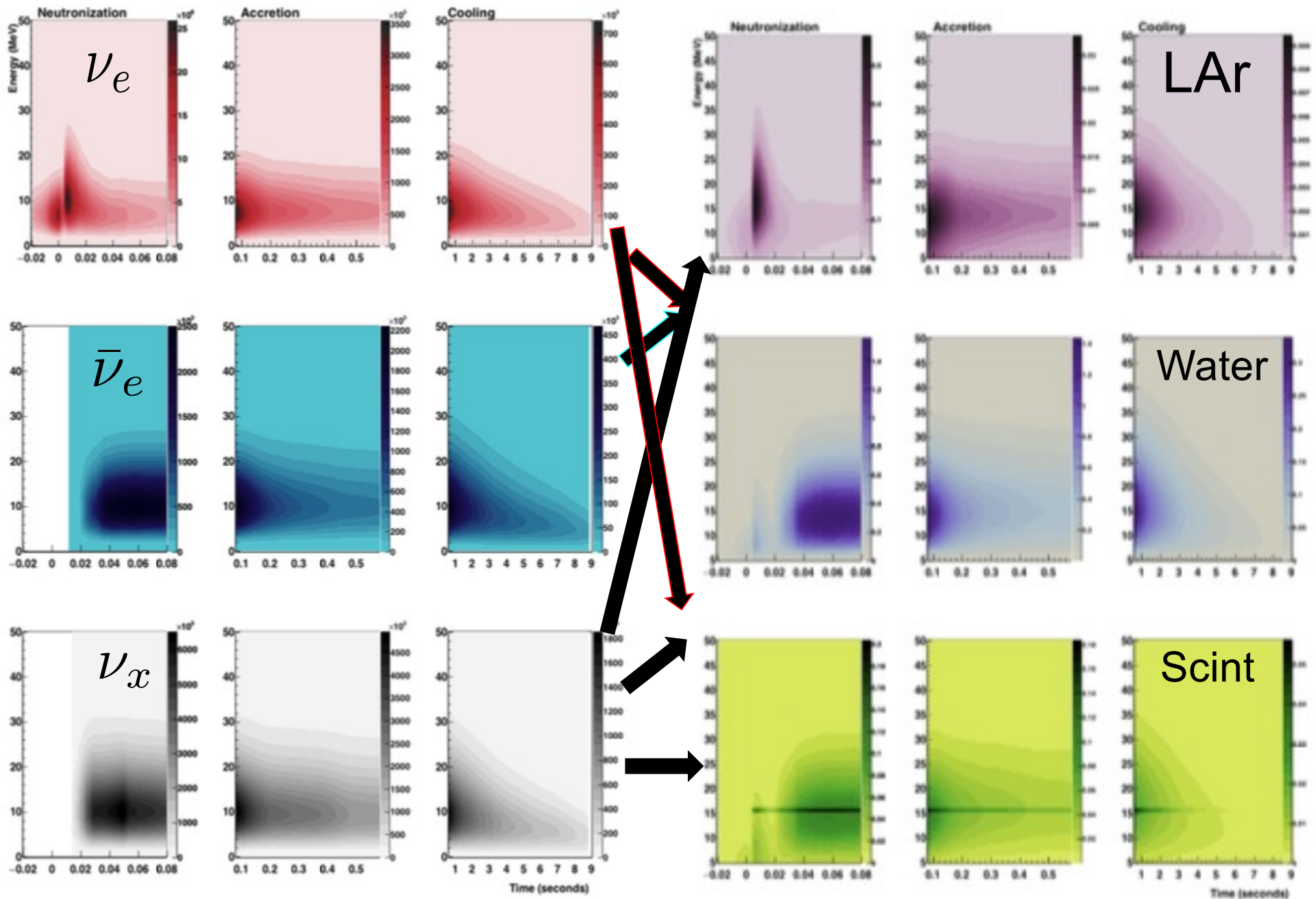
Neutrino fluxes vs E, t

Dominant channels

Event rates vs E, t



Subdominant channels are in the mix too,
and not always easily taggable... may be hard to disentangle!

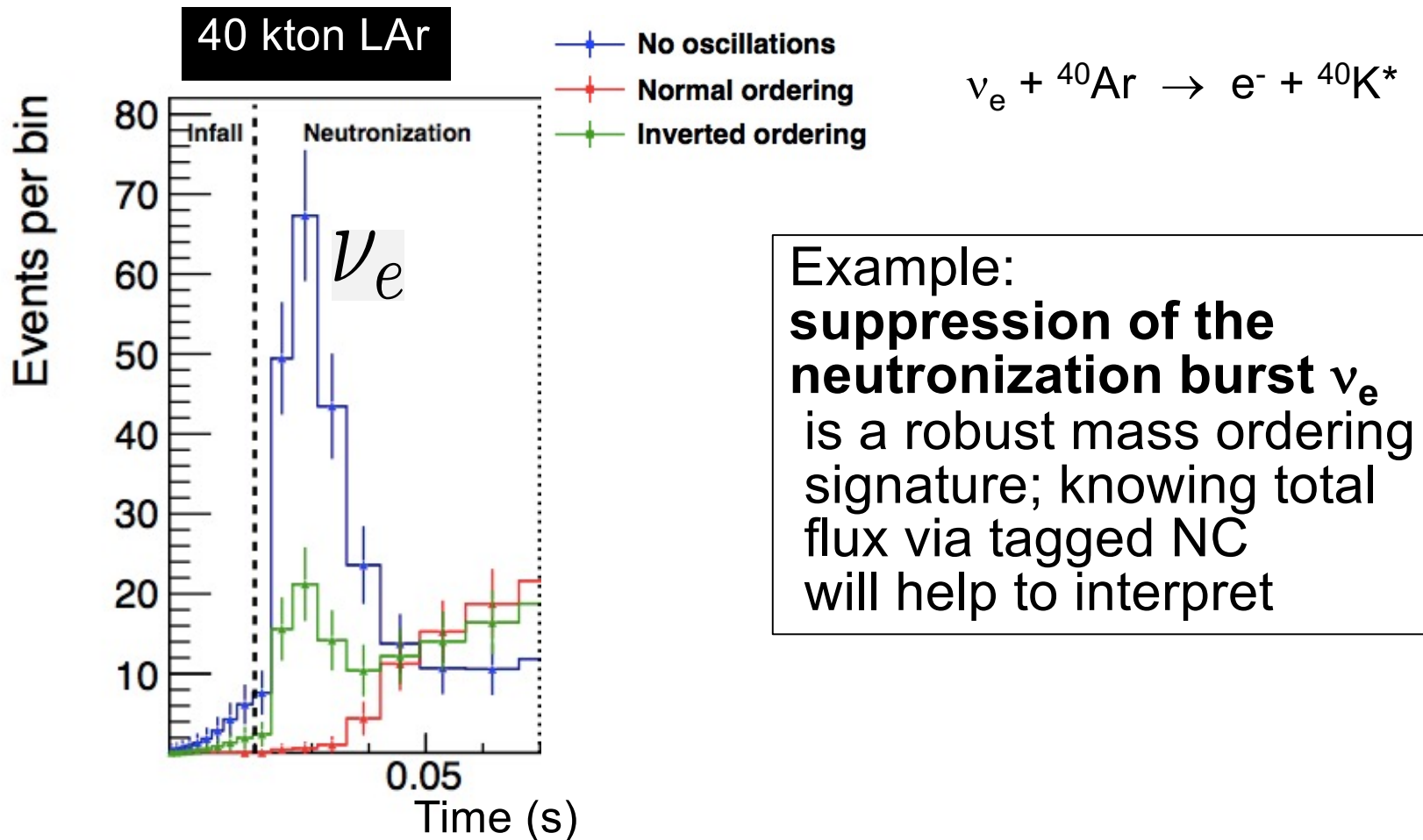


Neutral-current SN events are especially valuable...

- Measure **total flux, all flavors**
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CEvNS in the supernova itself

Progress of Theoretical Physics, Vol. 54, No. 5, November 1975

Supernova Explosion and Neutral Currents of Weak Interaction

Katsuhiko SATO

Research Institute for Fundamental Physics
Kyoto University, Kyoto

(Received May 12, 1975)

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THE WEAK NEUTRAL CURRENT AND ITS EFFECTS IN STELLAR COLLAPSE

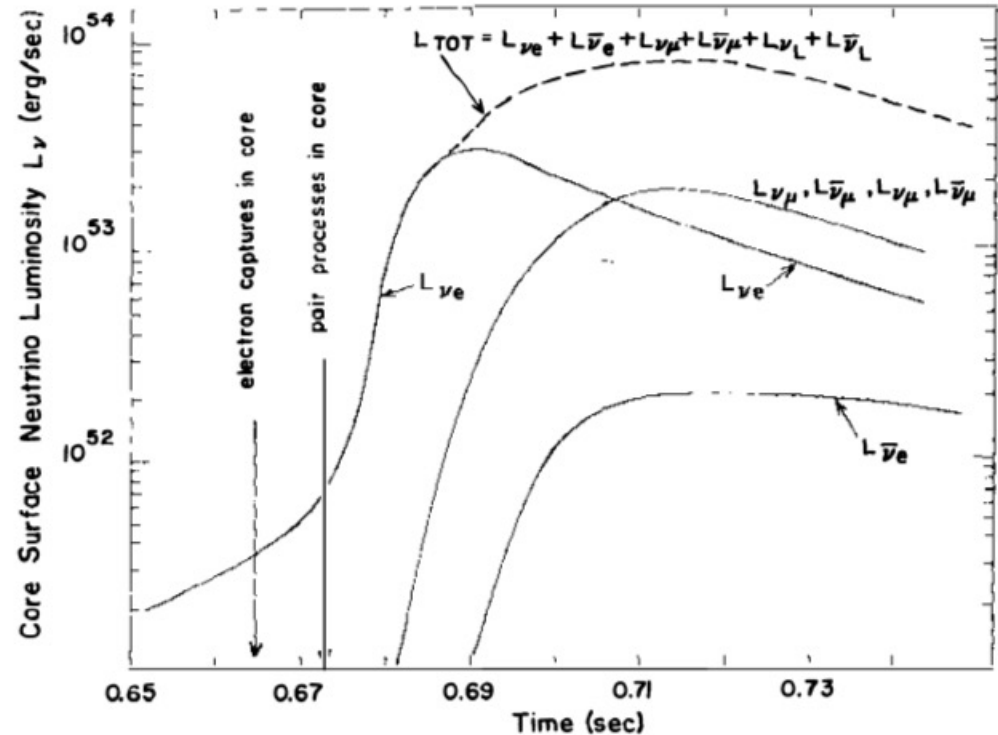
Daniel Z. Freedman

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Enrico Fermi Institute (LASR), University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60637

Recognized early
as a key process in
the core collapse and
explosion



First suggestion for **supernova detection via CEvNS:**

PHYSICAL REVIEW D

VOLUME 30, NUMBER 11

1 DECEMBER 1984

Principles and applications of a neutral-current detector for neutrino physics and astronomy

A. Drukier and L. Stodolsky

*Max-Planck-Institut für Physik und Astrophysik, Werner-Heisenberg-Institut für Physik,
Munich, Federal Republic of Germany*

(Received 21 November 1983)

First exploration in modern context:

PHYSICAL REVIEW D **68**, 023005 (2003)

Supernova observation via neutrino-nucleus elastic scattering in the CLEAN detector

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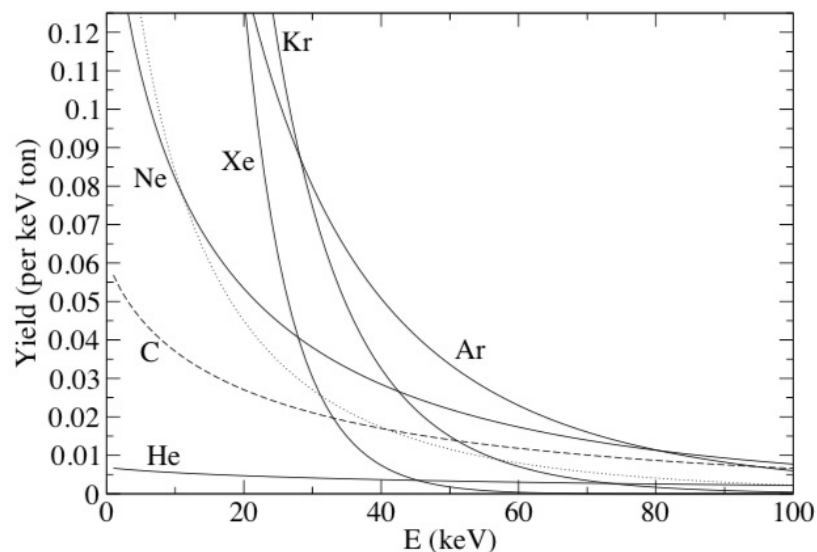
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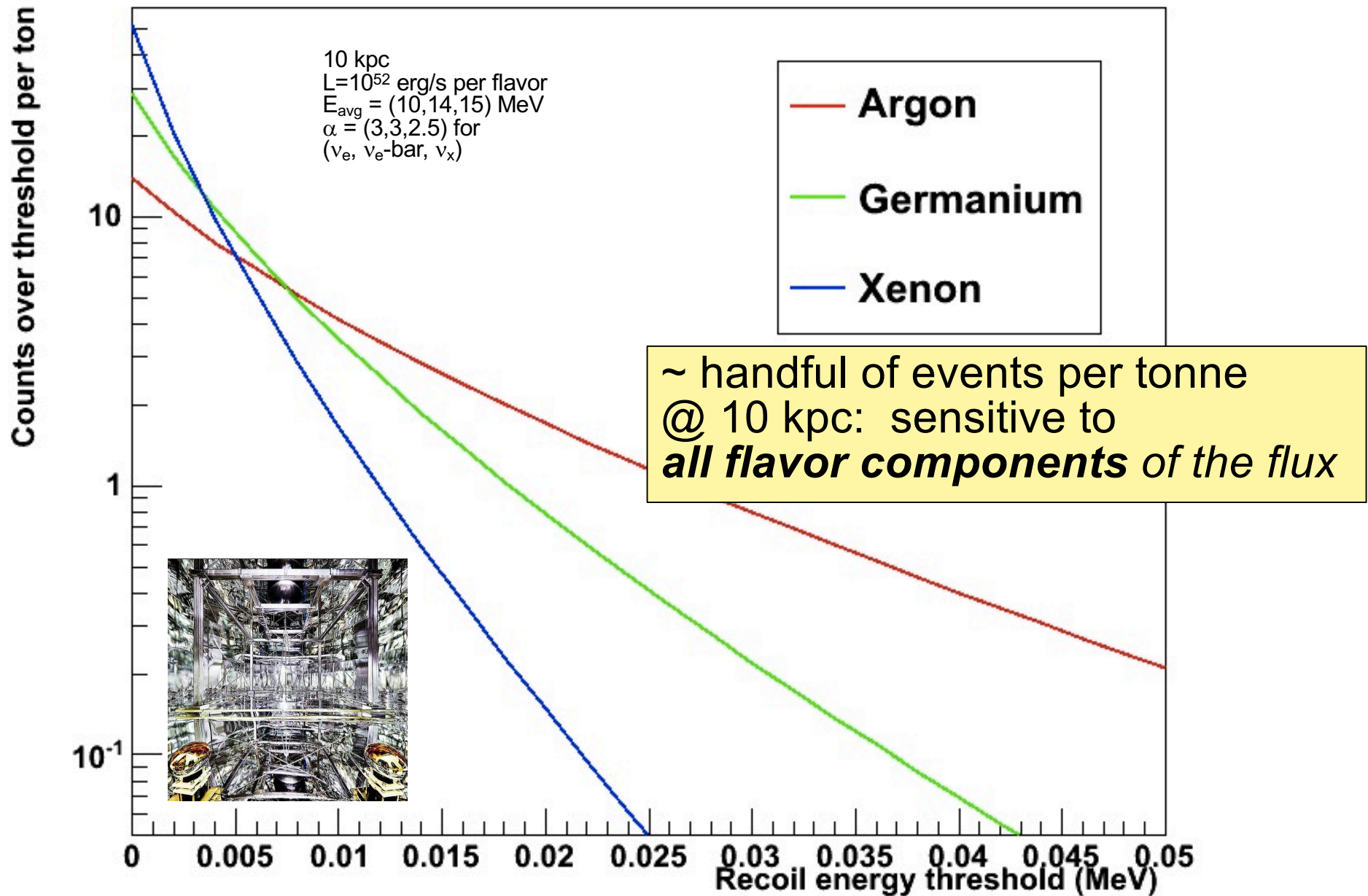
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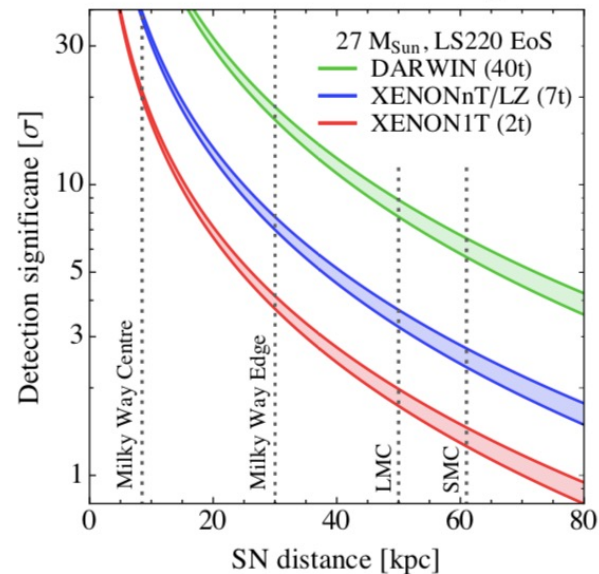
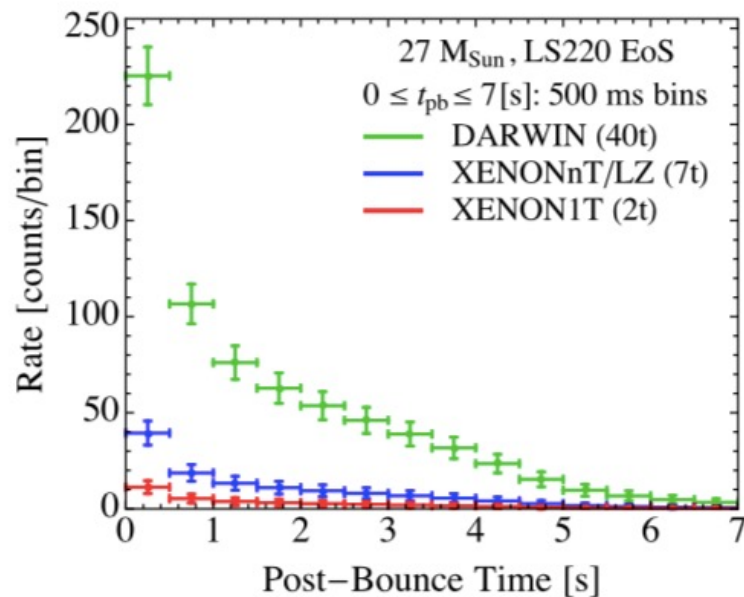
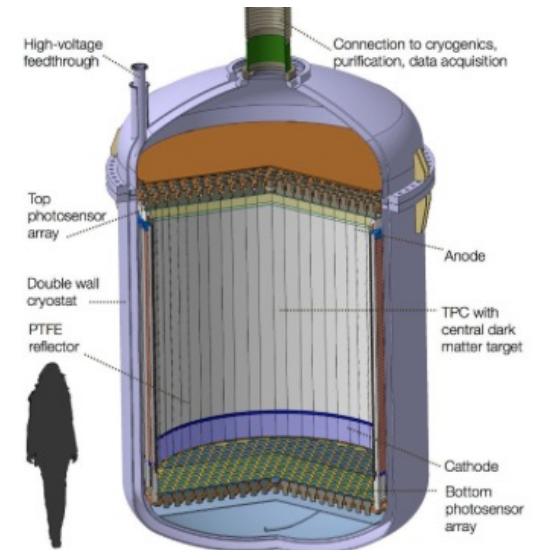
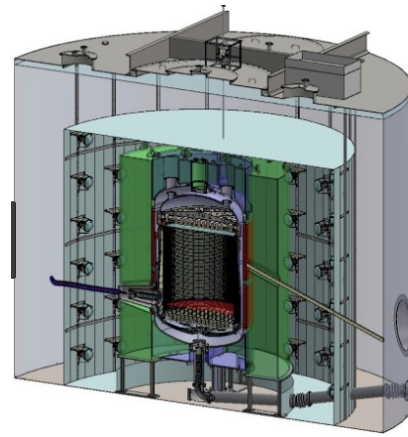
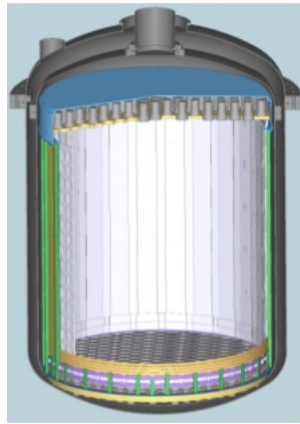
- WIMP DM detectors tend to be low background, low threshold (10's of keV or less)
- Scalability to large mass is desirable

Supernova neutrinos in tonne-scale DM detectors



Detector example: **XENON/LZ/DARWIN**

- dual-phase xenon time projection chambers



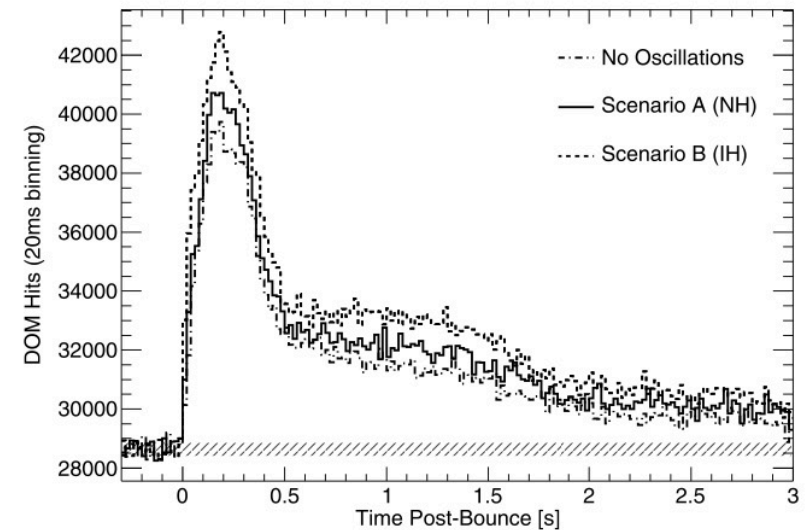
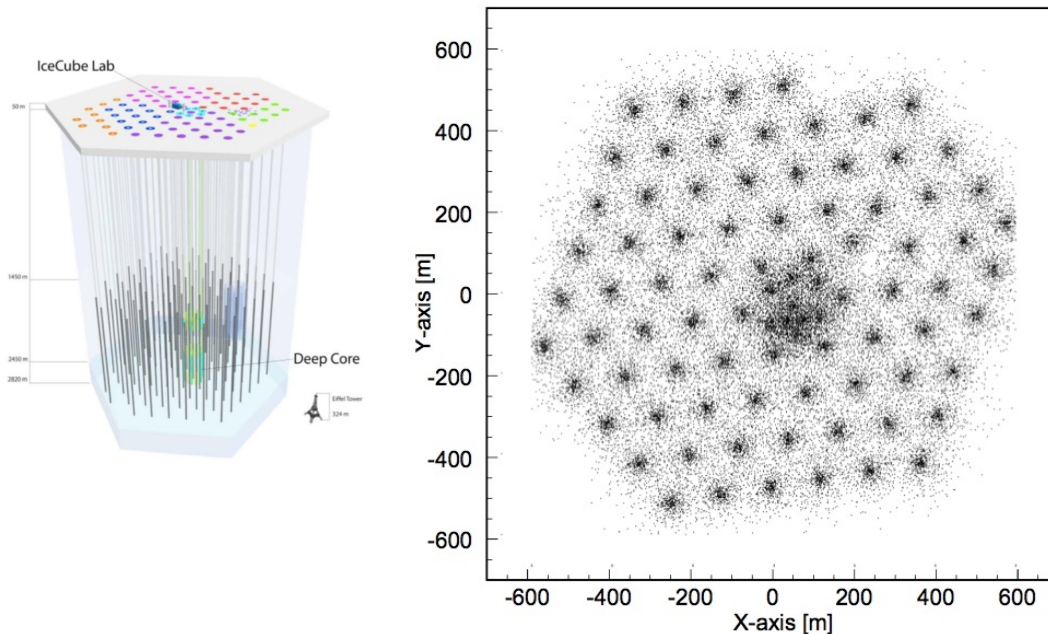
Lang et al.(2016). *Physical Review D*, 94(10), 103009. <http://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.94.103009>

Also: DarkSide-20K, ARGO, RES-NOvA,...

“CEvNS Glow” in large, high-threshold neutrino detectors

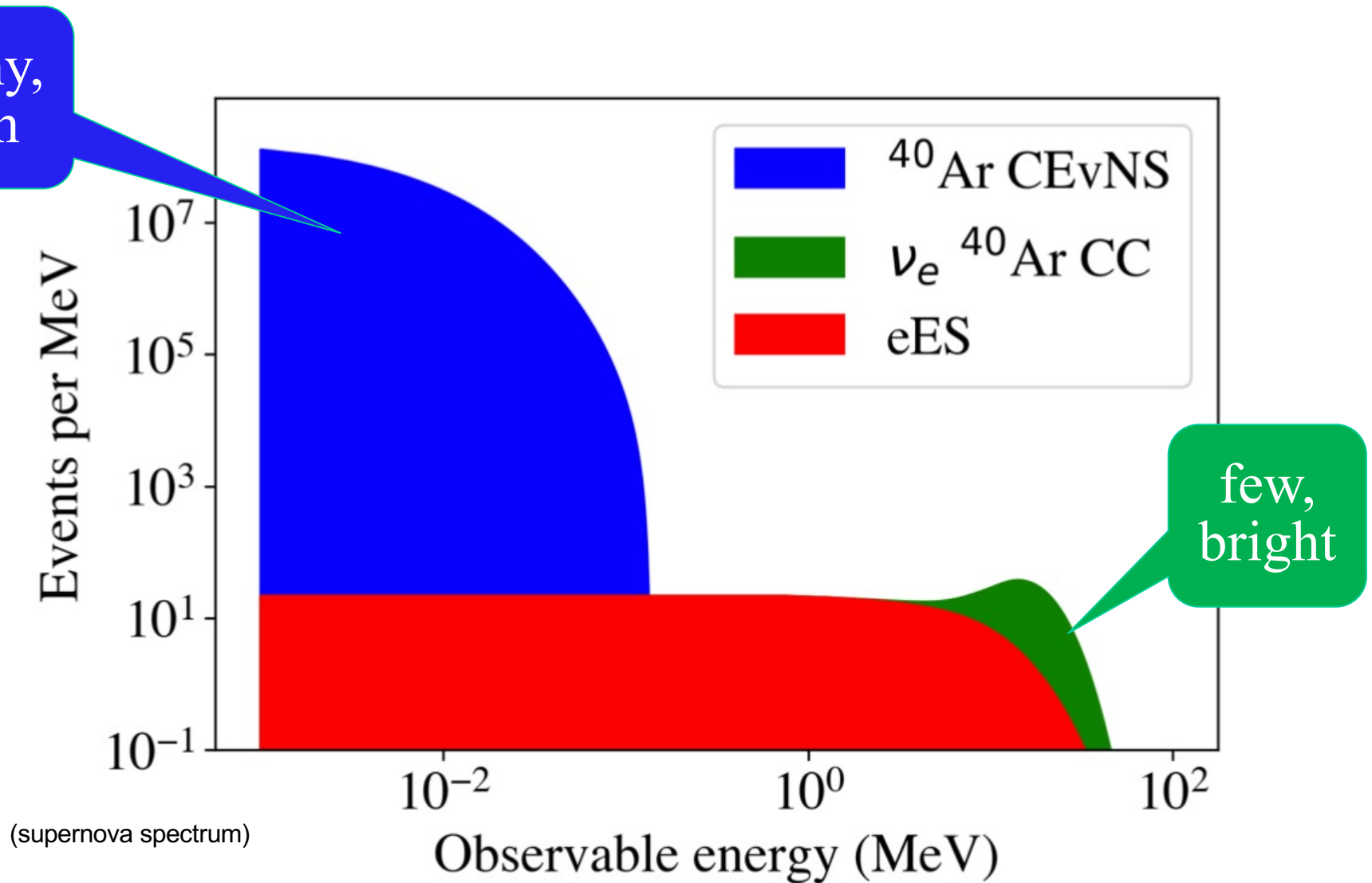
Adryanna Major and Gleb Sinev @ Duke

“IceCube-style” supernova detection:
Cherenkov photons in ice observed as
time-dependent single- (and double-) hit glow over ~ 10 sec



IceCube collaboration, A&A 535, A109 (2011)

Observable energy in argon



Back-of-the-envelope:

CEvNS signal vs Inelastic (CC/NC) signal:

e.g., $\nu_x + A \rightarrow \nu_x + A$ vs $\nu_e + {}^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{40}\text{K}^*$ in argon, or IBD in scint

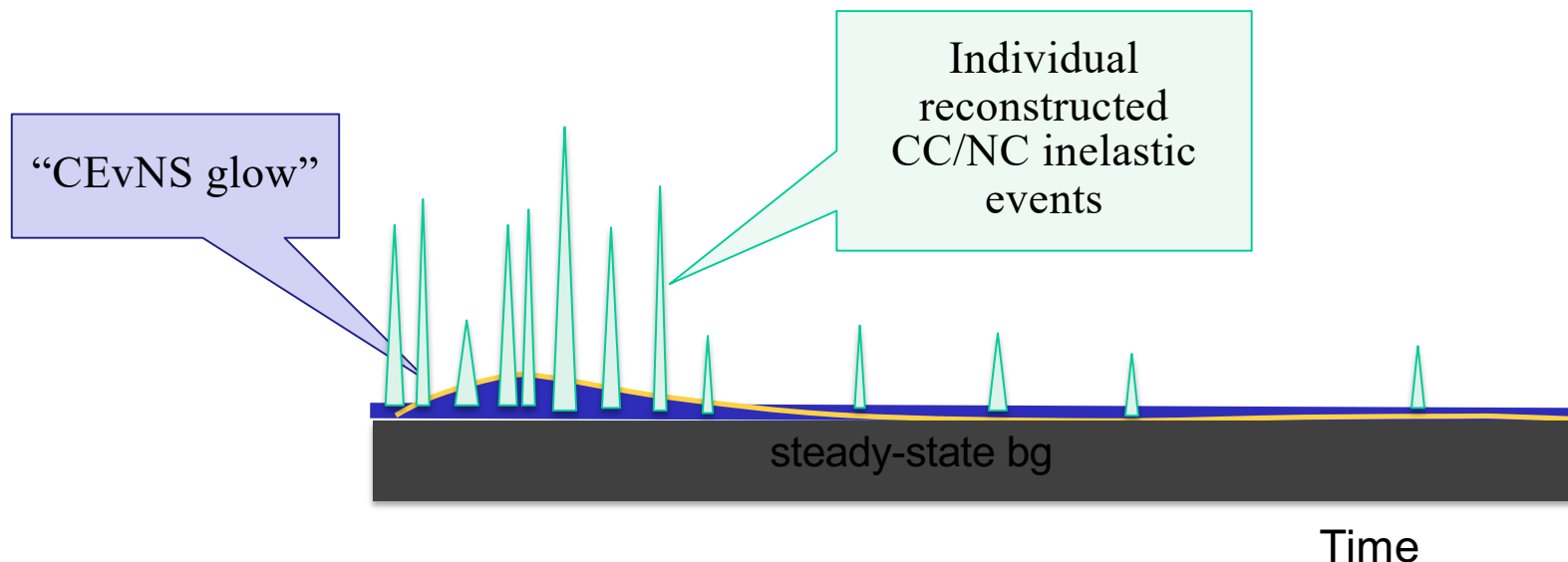
$\sim 10^2$ more CEvNS events per target wrt CC

$\sim 10^{-3}$ less energy deposited per event for CEvNS wrt CC

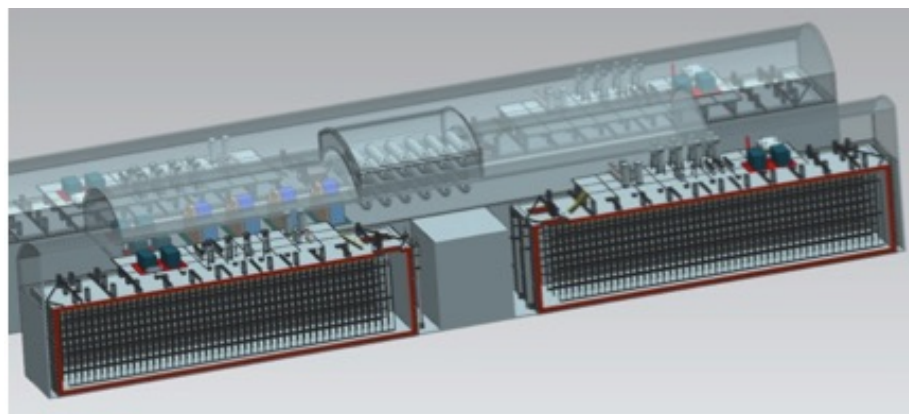
~ 6 due to sensitivity to all flavors

~ 0.001 - 0.2 quenching factor (photons wrt e/ γ energy deposit) for nuclear recoil wrt CC

➔ **Total CEvNS photons are ~few-10% of CC-generated photons,**
but, **diffused over the burst** rather than in individual event spikes
Issue is whether they exceed $\text{Sqrt}[\text{background}]$
(and triggering may be challengin!)

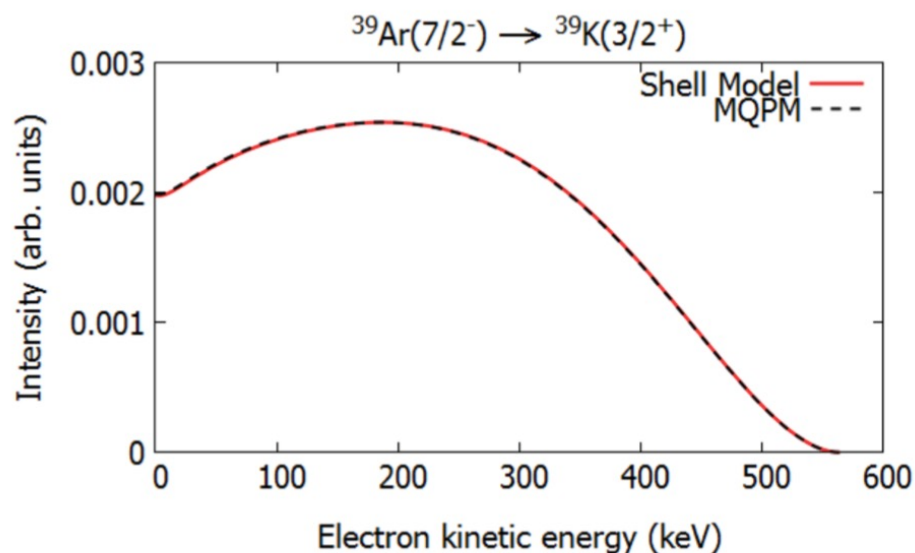


For **DUNE**: 40 kt LAr,
~24,000 photons/MeV
TPC + photon detectors



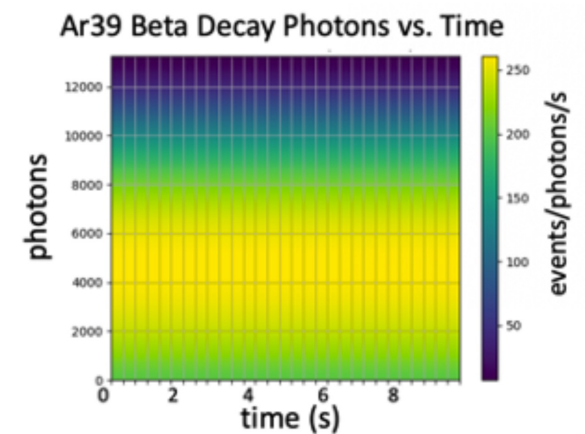
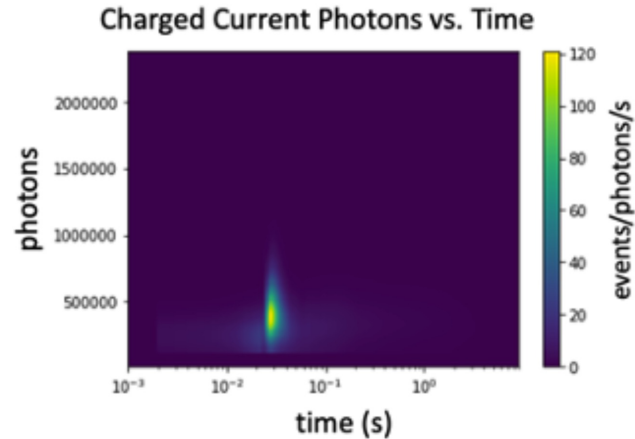
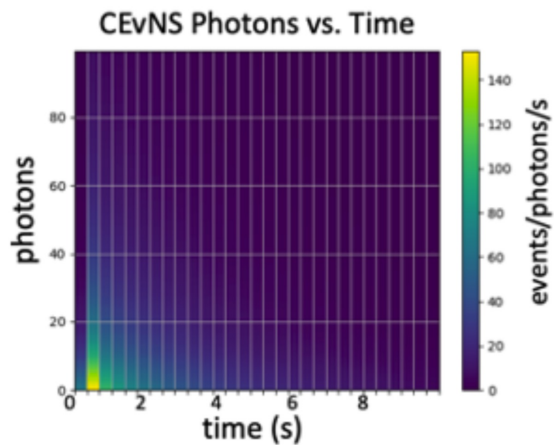
Most pernicious
issue for CEvNS glow:
 ^{39}Ar β decays
(dominant radiological)

- 1 Bq/kg
- 260-yr half-life
- in principle can be mitigated w/underground argon (but 40 kton of it a challenge...)



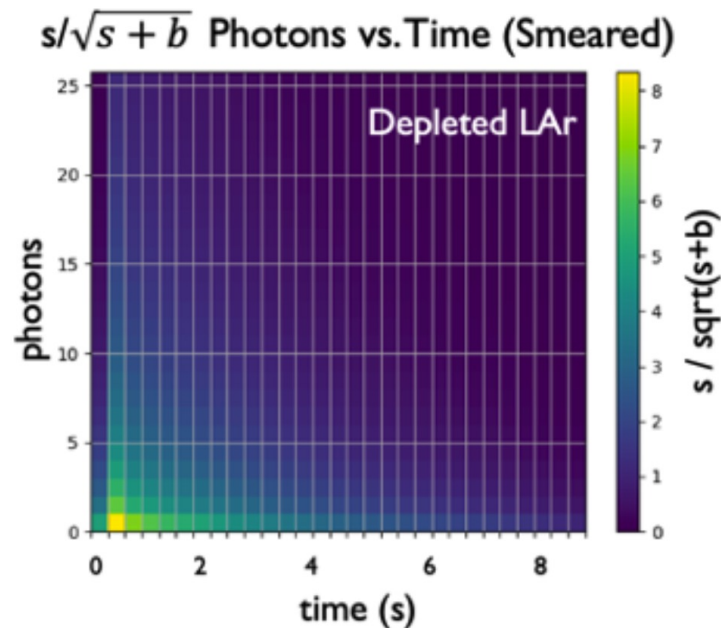
J. Kostensalo et al. (2017) arXiv:1705.05726

CEvNS Glow Photons in LAr: calculation by A. Major, Duke



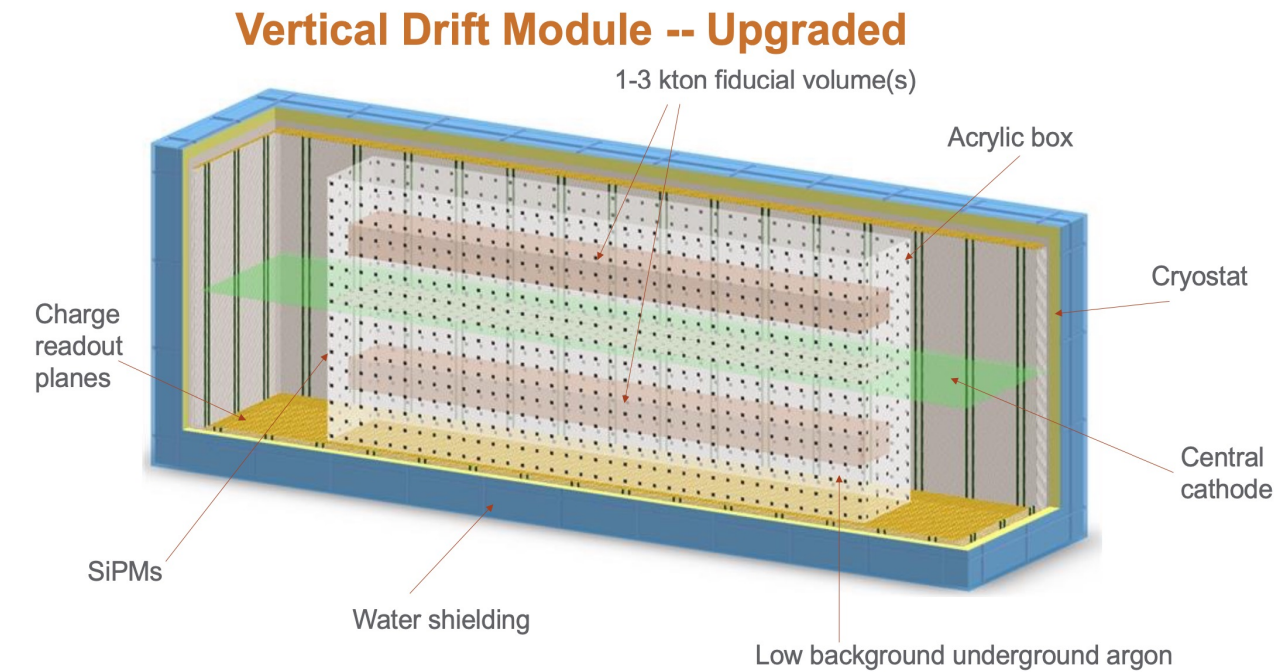
“Garching” supernova model, 10 kt, 10 kpc

Detected photons in simplified detector with ^{39}Ar x 0.001



information
in time,
detected photon
multiplicity
spectrum

Approximate features matched by G4 sim of DUNE low-bg module



E. Church
LIDINE 2021

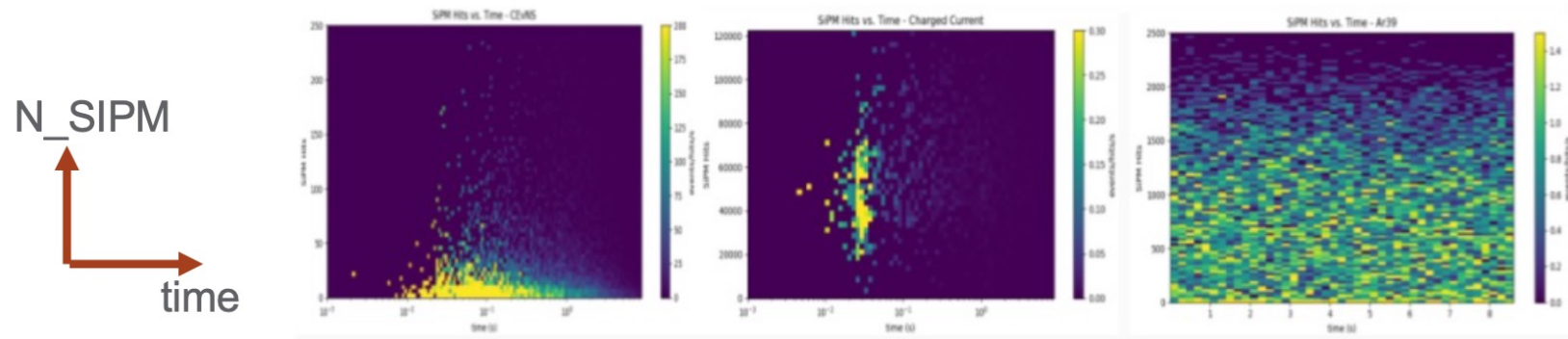


Figure 6: Figures from Carmelo Ortiz, DUNE low energy physics working group meeting, <https://indico.fnal.gov/event/50302/>
Carmelo Ortiz, Duke

❖ CEvNS:

- ❖ large cross section, but tiny recoils, $\propto N^2$
- ❖ accessible w/low-energy threshold detectors, plus extra oomph of stopped- π ν 's
- ❖ CsI & Ar measurements by COHERENT, more soon!

❖ HEAVEN: supernova neutrinos

- ❖ vast information in flavor-energy-time profile
- ❖ **NC info is especially valuable!** total energy, all-flavor profile

❖ CEvNS Heaven: SN ν 's & CEvNS

- ❖ CEvNS is an important process inside the SN
- ❖ CEvNS is a **supernova neutrino burst detection channel** w/ NC spectral info, tonne-scale DM detectors can exploit
- ❖ Maybe even in large detectors!

