

Solar Neutrino Detection via Charged Current Interactions at the Kilotonne Scale

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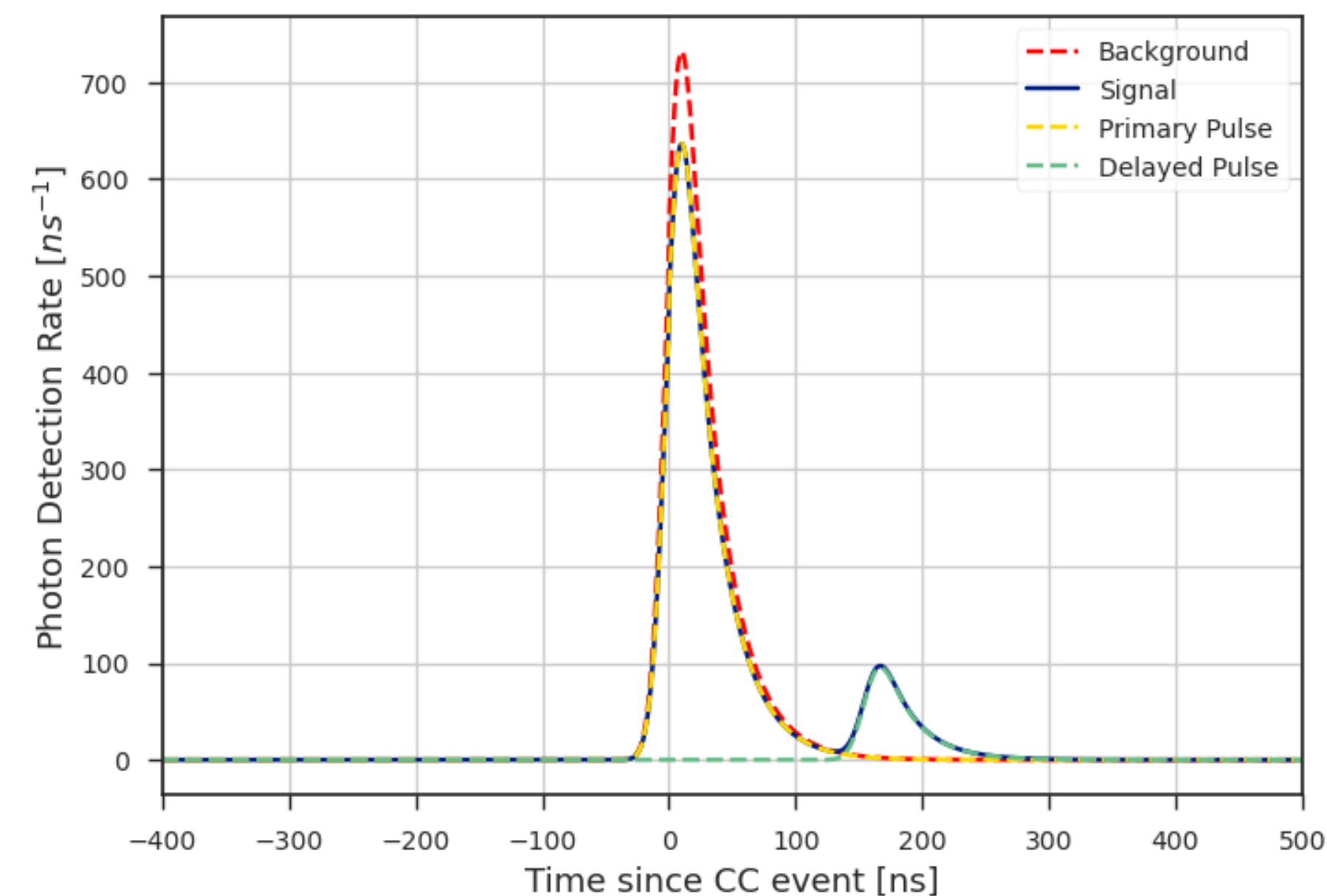
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Charge Current (CC) Interactions

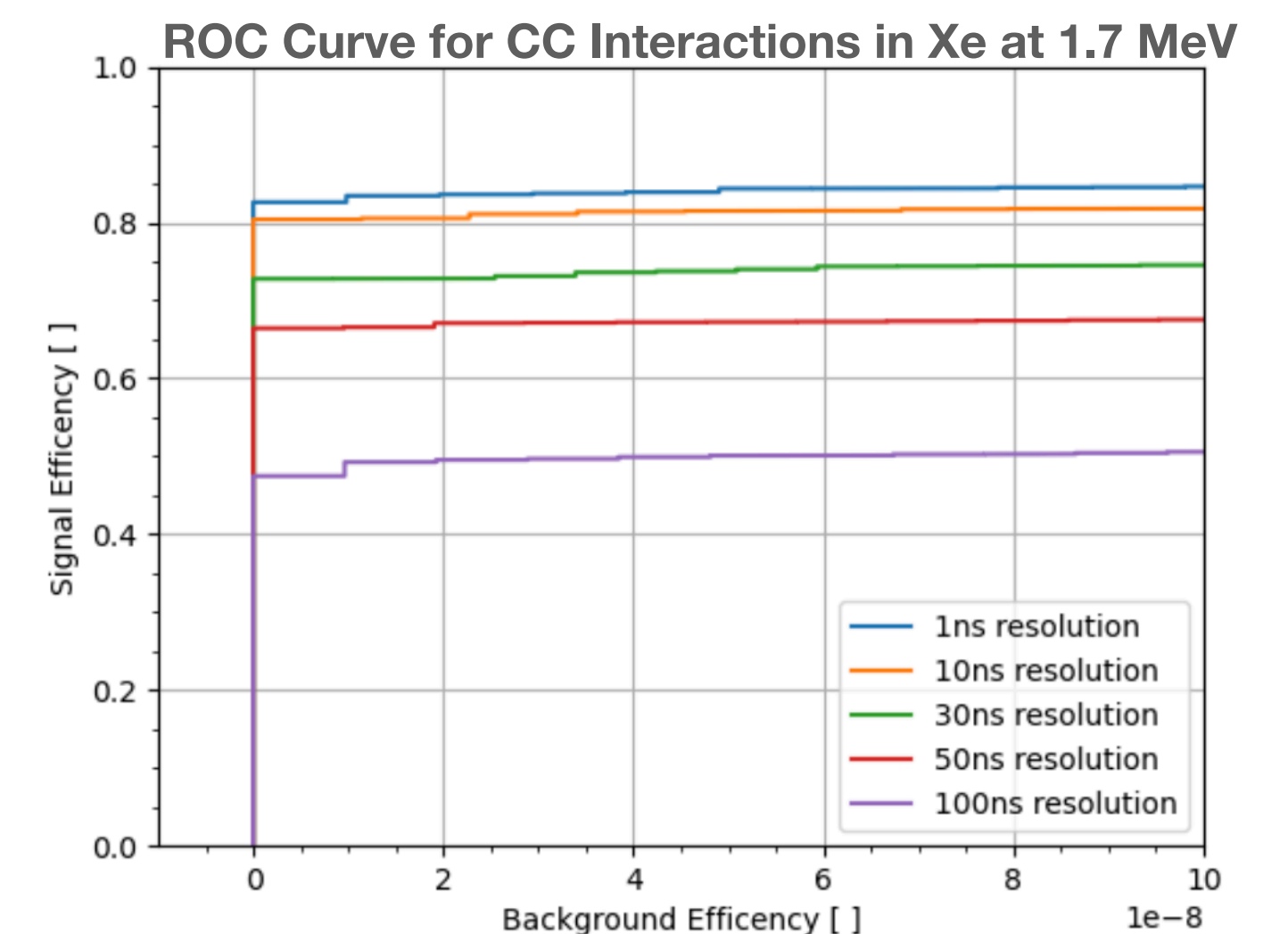
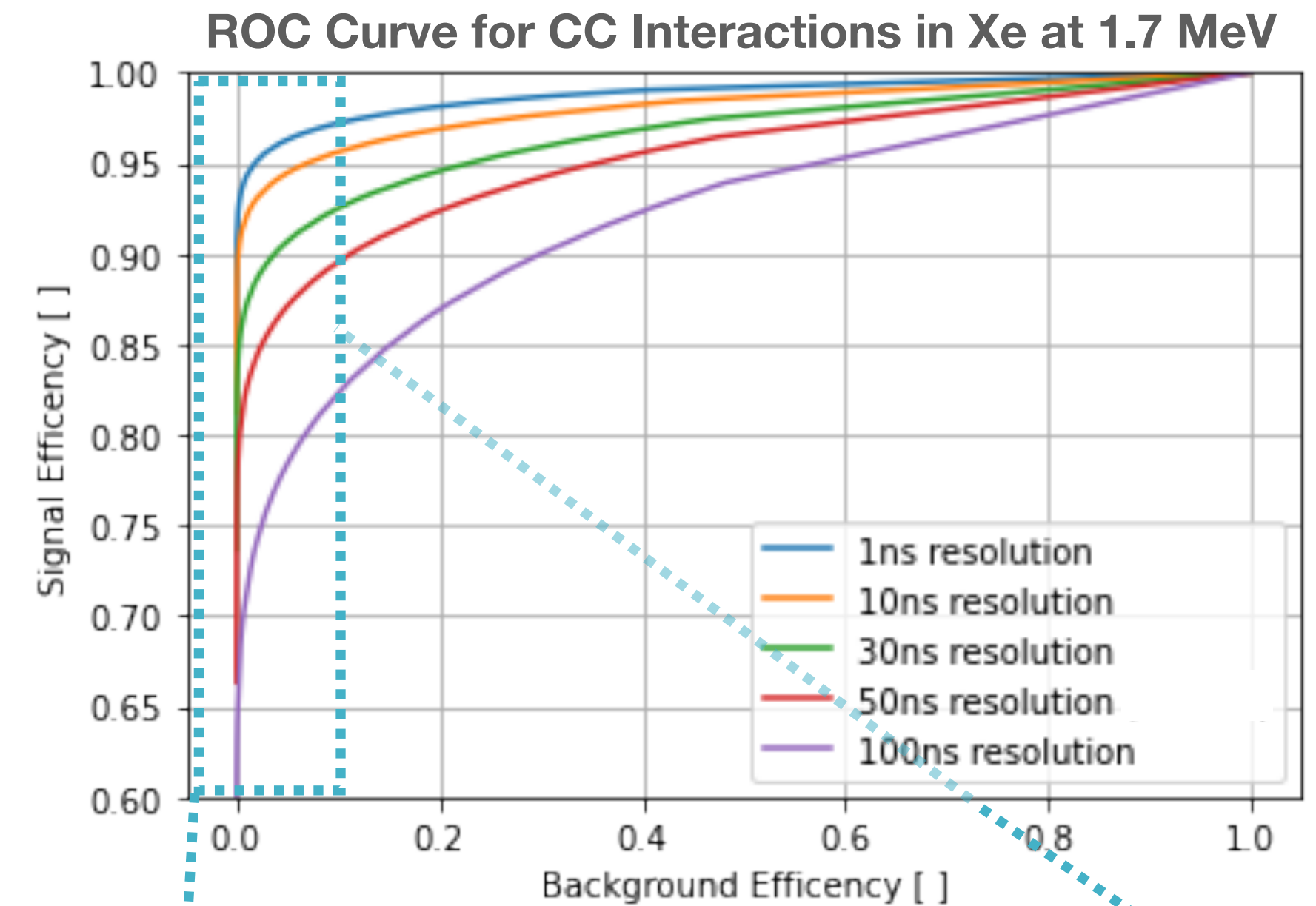
- $\nu_e + {}^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow {}^{136}\text{Cs}^* + e^-$ provide an exciting method for solar neutrino detection in xenon detectors
- Displays aspects of both traditional radiochemical and liquid scintillator detectors
 - Time delayed coincident signal gives exceptional background rejection
 - Ionization and scintillation of Xe allows for direct energy spectrum measurements

Simulated CC Signal in Light Channel



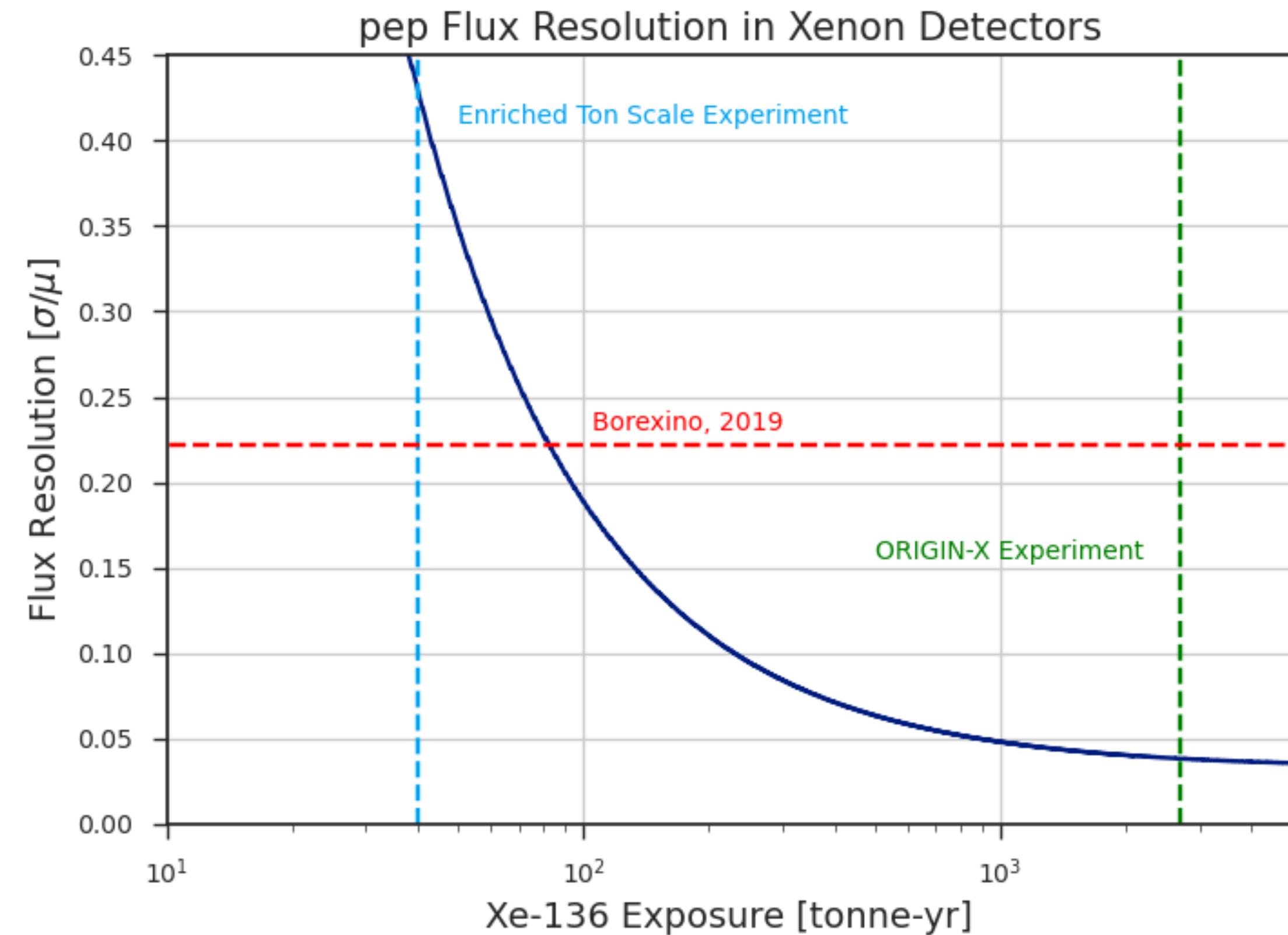
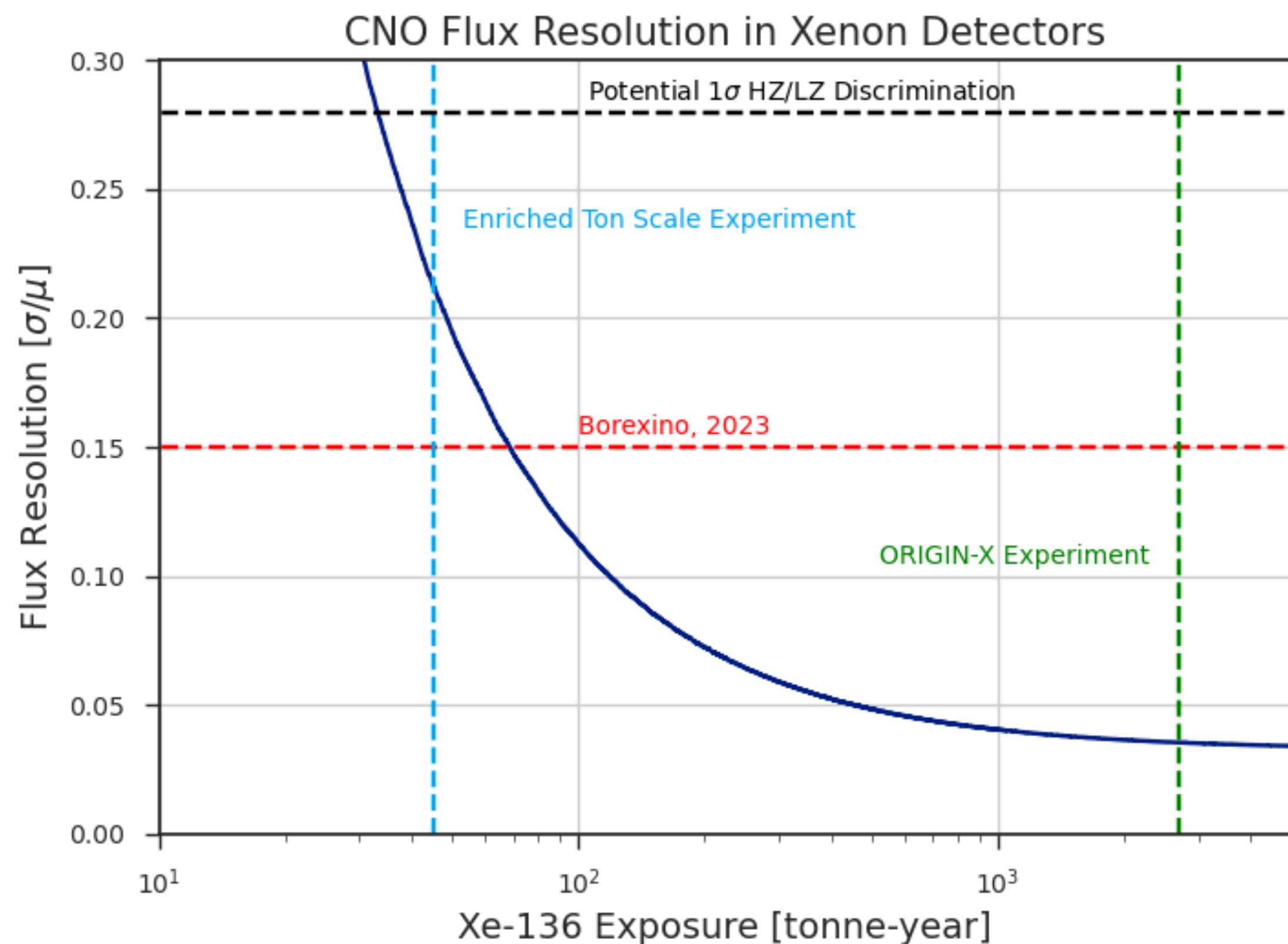
Signal and Background Efficiency

- Ability to discriminate between initial and final pulse depends on timing resolution of detector
- Precise ROC curves for a specific detector will depend on unique detector characteristics
 - Photon travel time, external crosstalk, etc.
- Next generation kilotonne scale experiments might expect for CC solar neutrino studies:
 - Background discrimination $\sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-8})$
 - Signal efficiencies $\sim \mathcal{O}(0.7)$
- Will most likely be at or close to background free



Flux Measurements

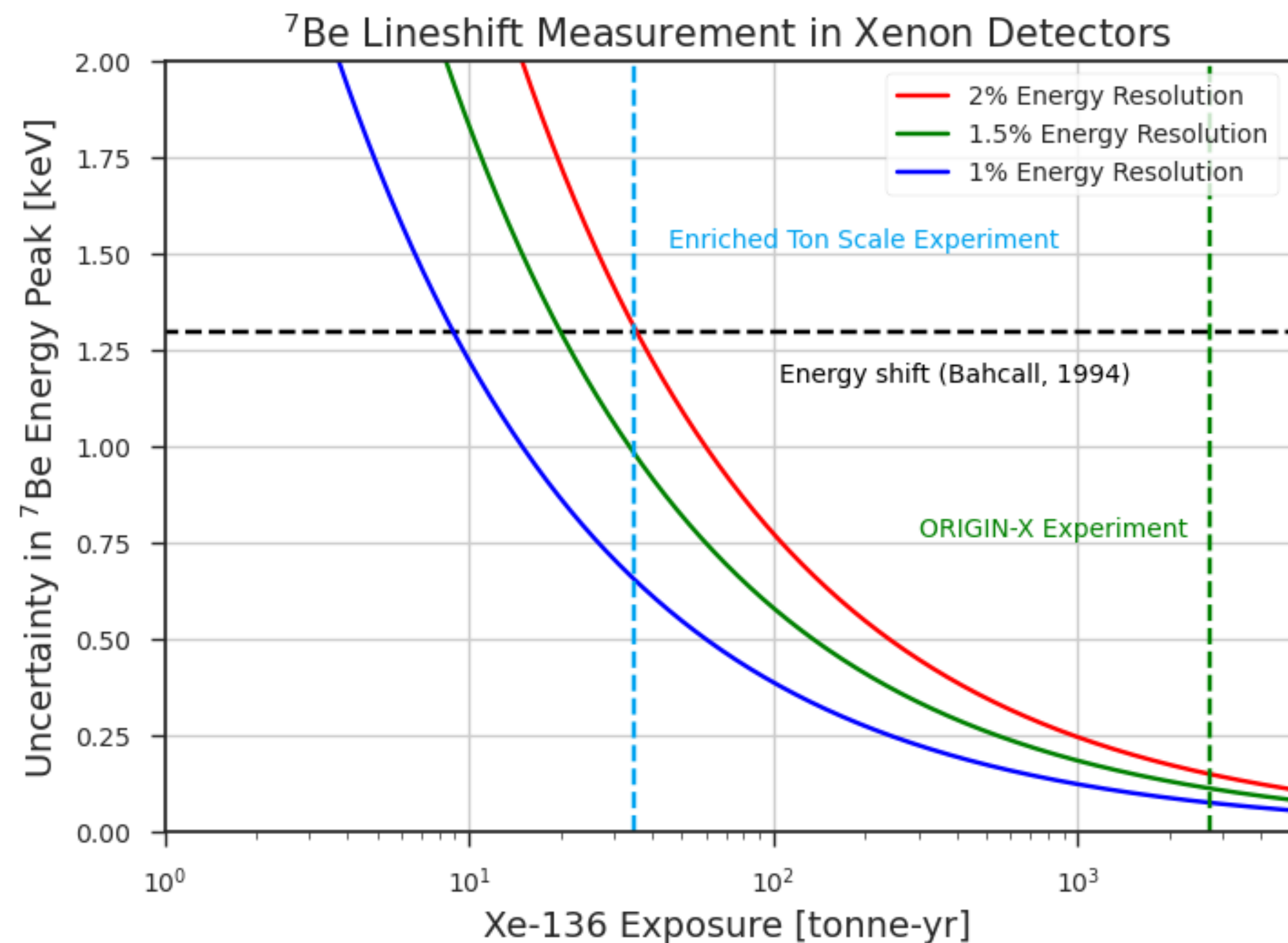
- An ORIGIN-X Experiment could make most the precise measurements of low energy solar neutrino fluxes yet



- $<5\%$ resolution after 10 years of data taking for both CNO and pep
- Could potentially provide high significance answer to the so-called Solar Metallicity problem

^7Be Lineshift Measurements

- Solar ^7Be is predicted to have a shifted (~ 1.2 keV) and distorted neutrino energy spectrum compared to lab ^7Be
- Because of their relatively unique energy resolution capabilities large scale xenon detectors might provide an opportunity to measure this shift
- Could make significant improvement over current measurement



Potential 8B Measurements

- CC interactions can also provide a new channel for measuring 8B solar neutrinos in large scale xenon detectors
 - In addition to standard $CE\nu NS$ channel
- Flavor dependent and flavor agnostic detection method in the same detector
- Requires separate analysis method since higher energy neutrinos may not necessarily pass through delayed Cs states
 - *See Sam Hedge's talk (next) for information about CC interactions at high energy scales*

Summary

- CC interactions provide an interesting and exciting method for solar neutrino detection in large scale xenon experiments
 - Combining the background discrimination power of radiochemical experiments with the energy measurements of liquid scintillator detectors
- Capable of making $\sim 3\%$ resolution measurements of CNO and pep solar neutrino fluxes
 - Could help answer the solar metallicity problem
- Could improve ${}^7\text{Be}$ lineshift measurements by several orders of magnitude
- Still potential for many other additional studies as well

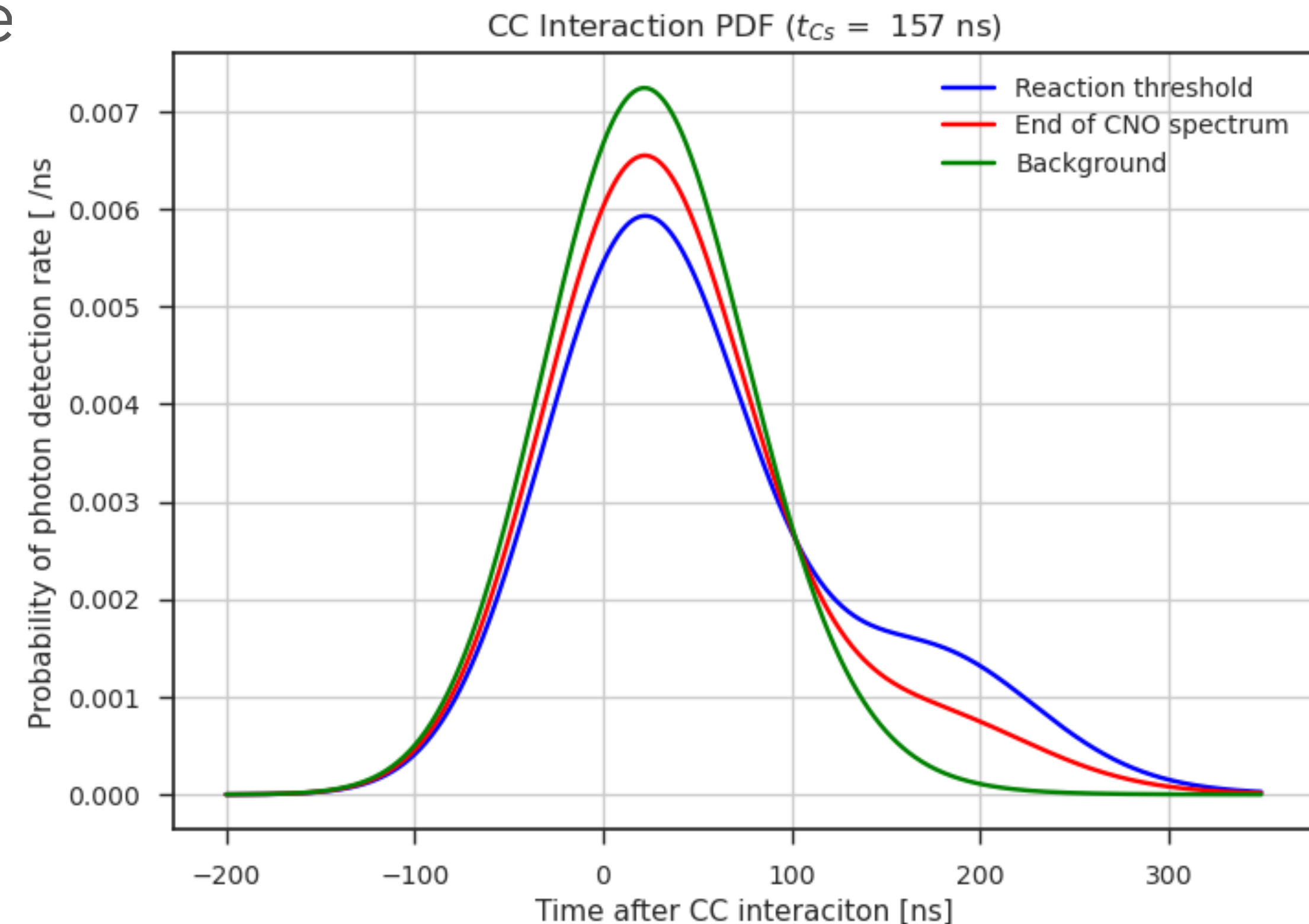


Thank you!

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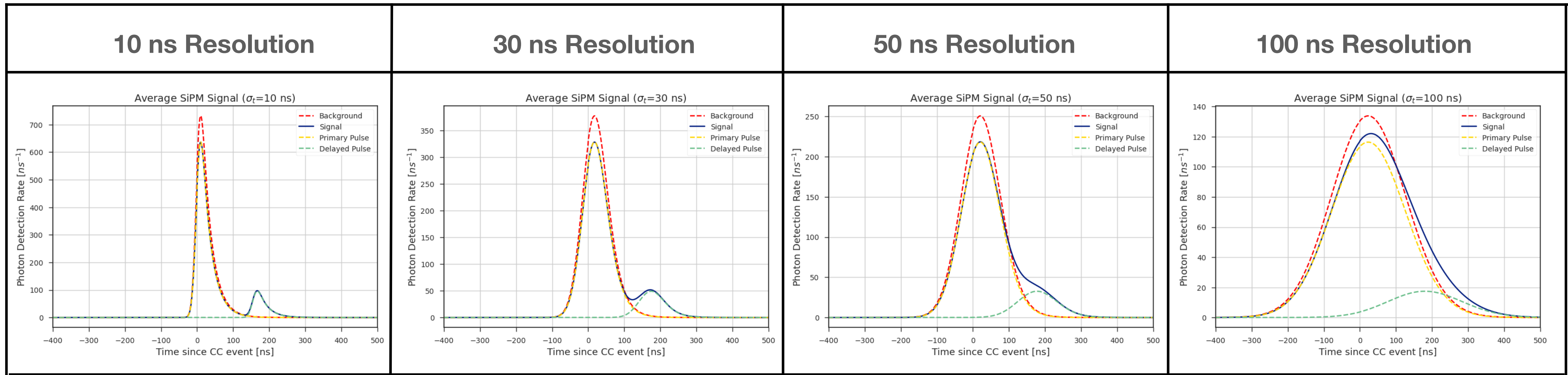
Low energy signals

- At lower neutrino energies the initial CC pulse will become of comparable size to the delayed transition pulse
- This makes it easier to discern the secondary pulse hidden within the tail of the prompt pulse
- Overall, this means signal efficiencies scale inversely with neutron energy
- Though this will depend on specific detector characteristics



Effect of Timing Resolution on Signals

$$\tau_{Cs} = 157 \text{ ns (Average Signal)}$$



- Detector timing resolution affects our ability to separate the pulses
- Can strongly affect background rejection