### **Exploring Coherent Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering** with NU-CLEUS

- Weak neutral current process
- Flavour insensitive
- No energy threshold

Potential: high cross-section

Challenge: tiny recoil energies



$$\sigma \approx \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} E_v^2 N^2$$

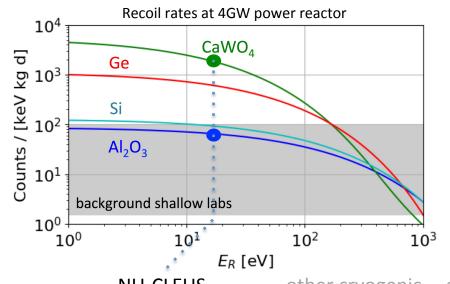
recoiling nucleus

50-1000 in

signal/background

1 count/day/10g

Miniaturization of neutrino detectors



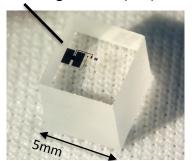
conventional

**Energy thresholds:** 

other cryogenic **NU-CLEUS** 

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transition-edge-sensor (TES)



0.5g Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> prototype

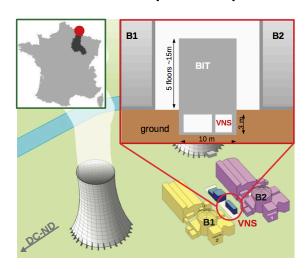
#### **Gram-Scale Cryogenic Calorimeters**

Demonstrated technology: R. Strauss et al., Phys. Rev. D 96, 022009 (2017)

- World-best energy threshold for nuclear recoils,  $E_{th} = (19.7 \pm 0.8) \text{ eV}$
- Suitable for above-ground operation
- Calorimetric measurement precise knowledge of energy scale
- → Explore neutrino physics at unprecedentedly low energies!

#### The Very-Near-Site at the Chooz nuclear power plant

- Suitable site in between the 4.25GW reactor cores (70m and 100m)
- Established relation of the CEA group to the reactor company
- Background characterization ongoing
- Neutron and muon measurements performed on-site (CEA+TUM+MPP)
- Full MC simulation campaign in preparation



## NU-CLEUS opens the door to ....

- Neutrino physics at the low-energy and precision frontier
- Miniaturization of neutrino detectors