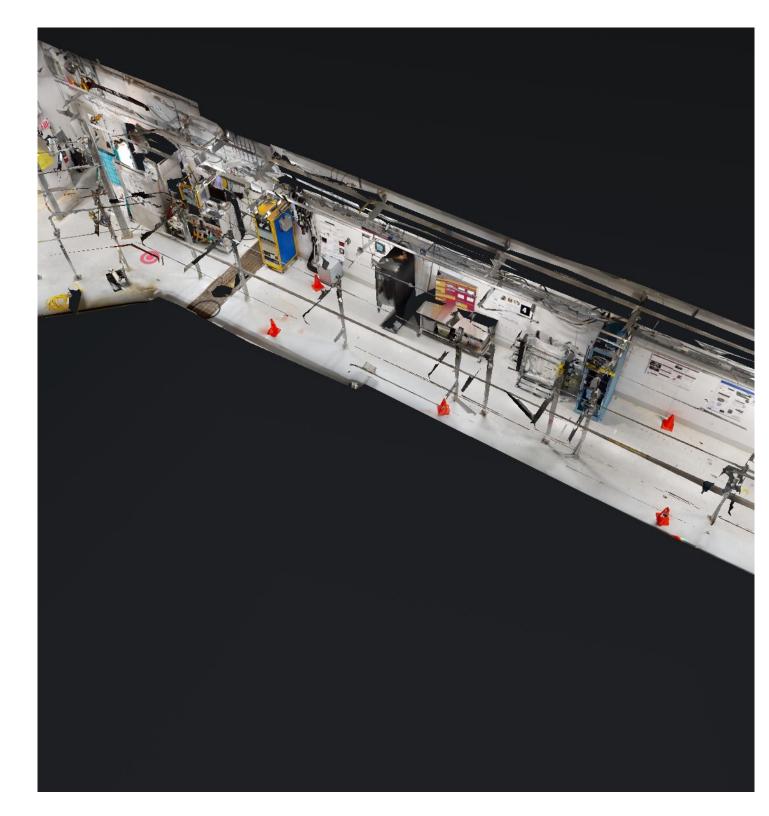
Coherent elastic neutrino nucleus scattering

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OUTLINE

- -Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering (CEvNS)
- Why measure it? Physics motivations (short and long term)
- How to measure CEvNS
- The COHERENT experiment at the SNS
 - First light with Csl[Na]
 - Second measurement in Ar

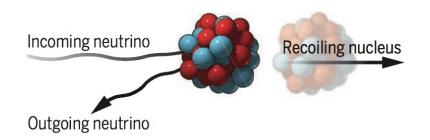


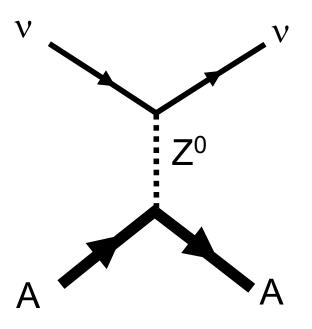
- And more data from CsI[Na]!
- Status and prospects for COHERENT
 - Opportunities at the STS
- Status and prospects for CEvNS worldwide

Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering (CEvNS)

$$v + A \rightarrow v + A$$

A neutrino smacks a nucleus via exchange of a Z, and the nucleus recoils as a whole; **coherent** up to $E_v \sim 50$ MeV

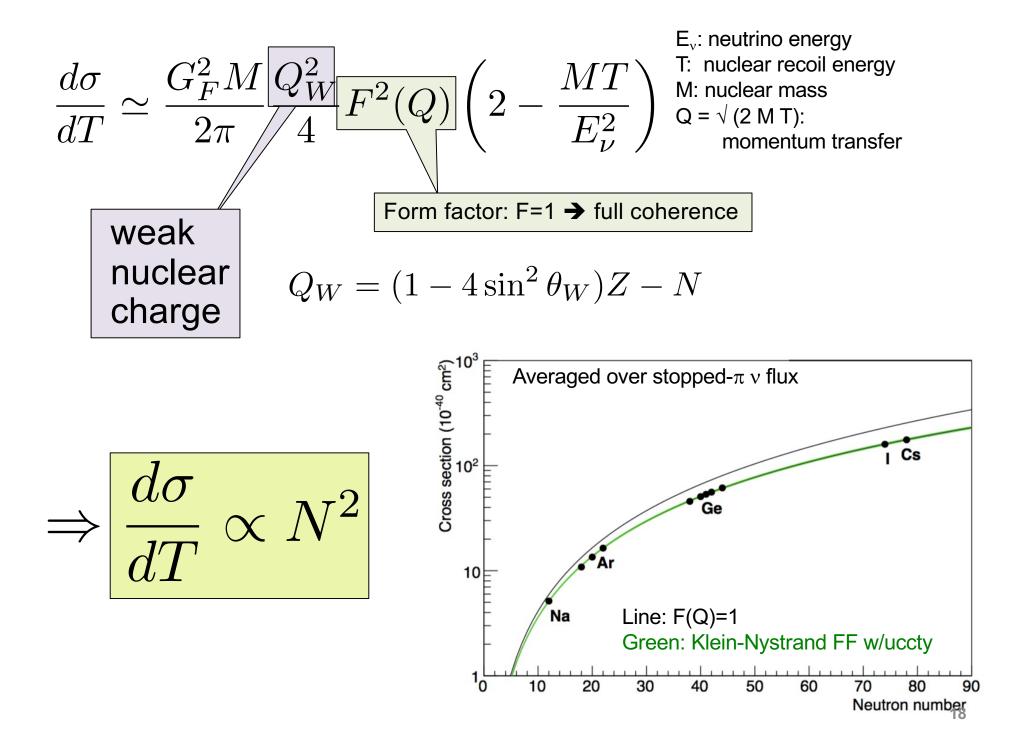


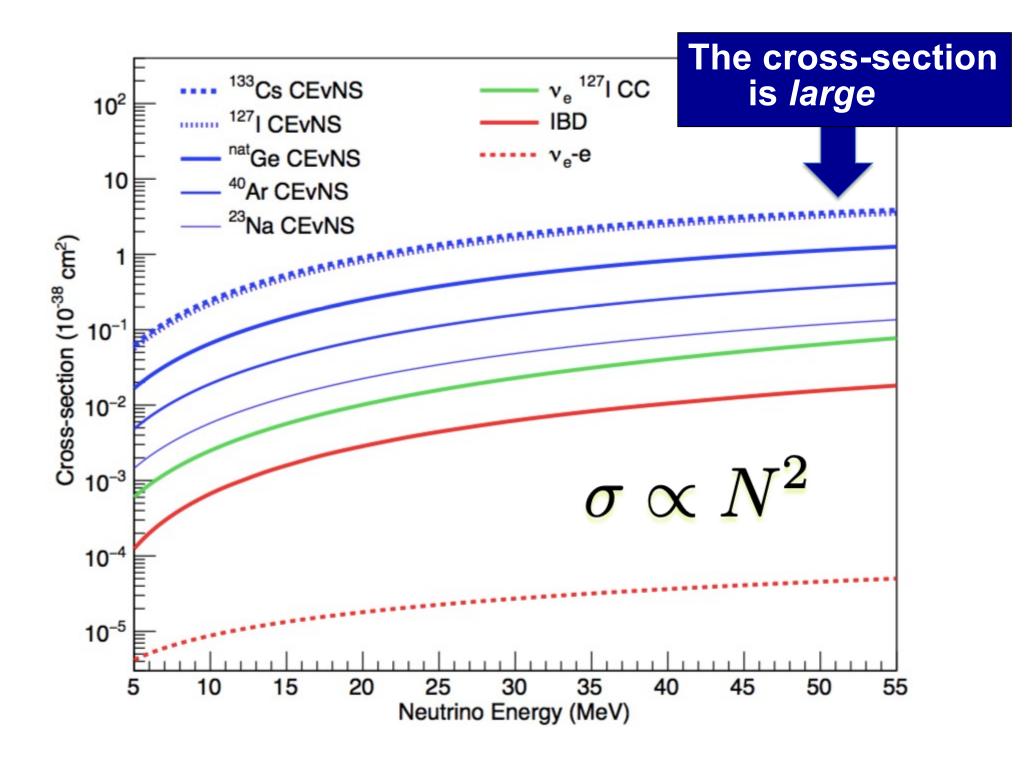


Nucleon wavefunctions in the target nucleus are **in phase with each other** at low momentum transfer

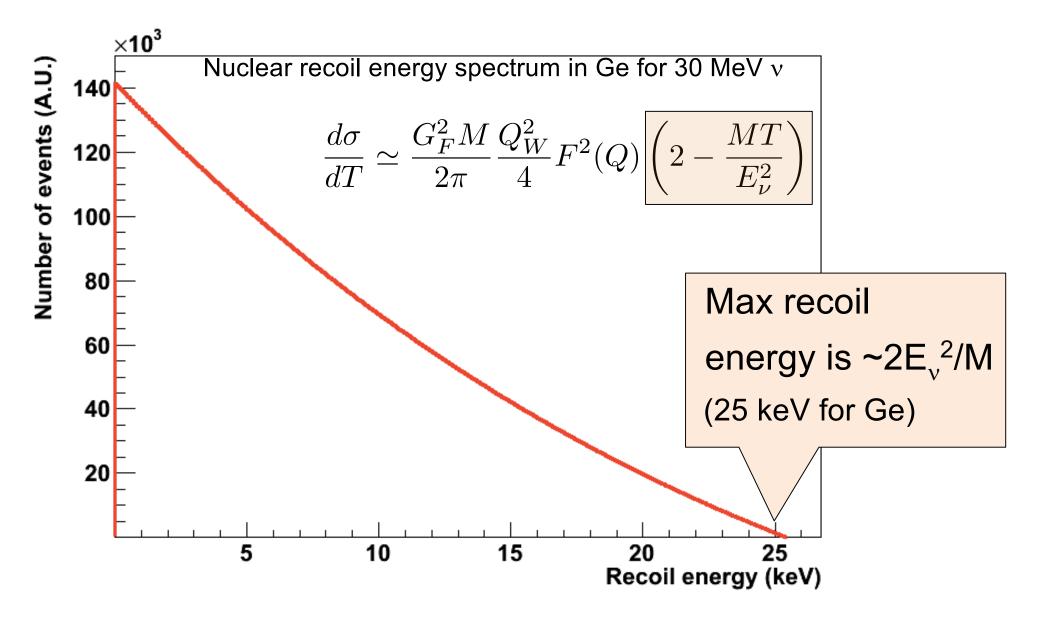
For $QR \ll 1$, [total xscn] ~ A² * [single constituent xscn]

A: no. of constituents



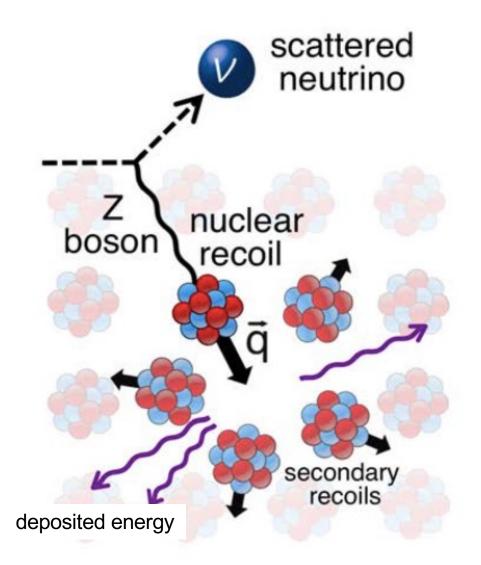


Large cross section (by neutrino standards) but hard to observe due to tiny nuclear recoil energies:



The only experimental signature:

tiny energy deposited by nuclear recoils in the target material



→ WIMP dark matter detectors developed over the last ~decade are sensitive to ~ keV to 10's of keV recoils

CEvNS: what's it good for?

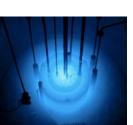
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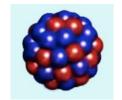
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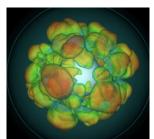


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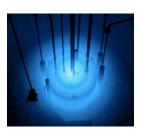
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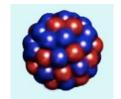
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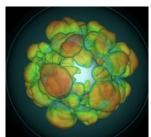
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Things







The cross section is cleanly predicted in the Standard Model

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dT} &= \frac{G_F^2 M}{\pi} F^2(Q) \left[(G_V + G_A)^2 + (G_V - G_A)^2 \left(1 - \frac{T}{E_\nu} \right)^2 - (G_V^2 - G_A^2) \frac{MT}{E_\nu^2} \right] \\ & \quad \text{E}_\nu: \text{neutrino energy} \\ & \quad \text{T: nuclear recoil energy} \\ & \quad \text{M: nuclear mass} \\ & \quad \text{Q} = \sqrt{(2 \text{ M T}): \text{ momentum transfer}} \end{aligned}$$

G_V , G_A : SM weak parameters

 $g_A^n = -0.5121.$

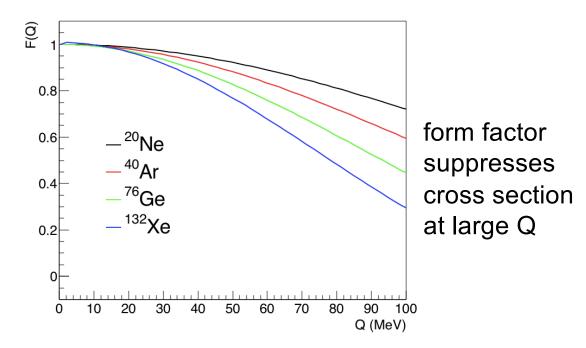
vector
$$G_V = g_V^p Z + g_V^n N$$
,
axial $G_A = g_A^p (Z_+ - Z_-) + g_A^n (N_+ - N_-)$
 $\begin{cases} g_V^p = 0.0298 \\ g_V^n = -0.5117 \\ g_A^p = 0.4955 \end{cases}$ small for most nuclei, zero for spin-zero

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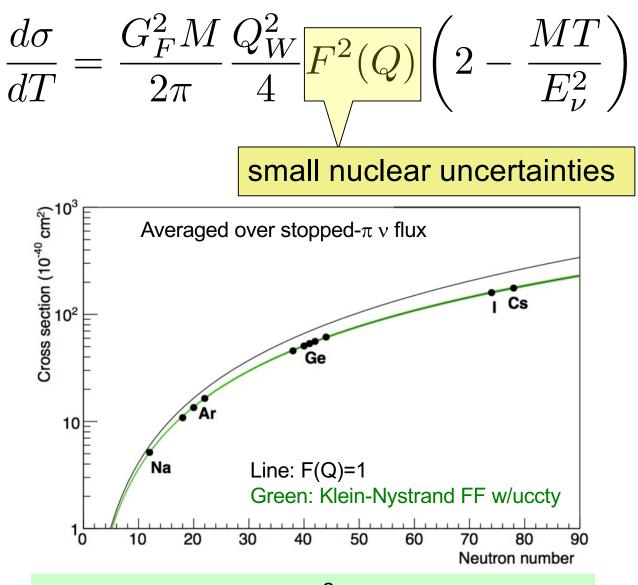
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E_v: neutrino energy
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Q = $\sqrt{(2 \text{ M T})}$: momentum transfer

F(Q): nuclear **form factor**, <~5% uncertainty on event rate



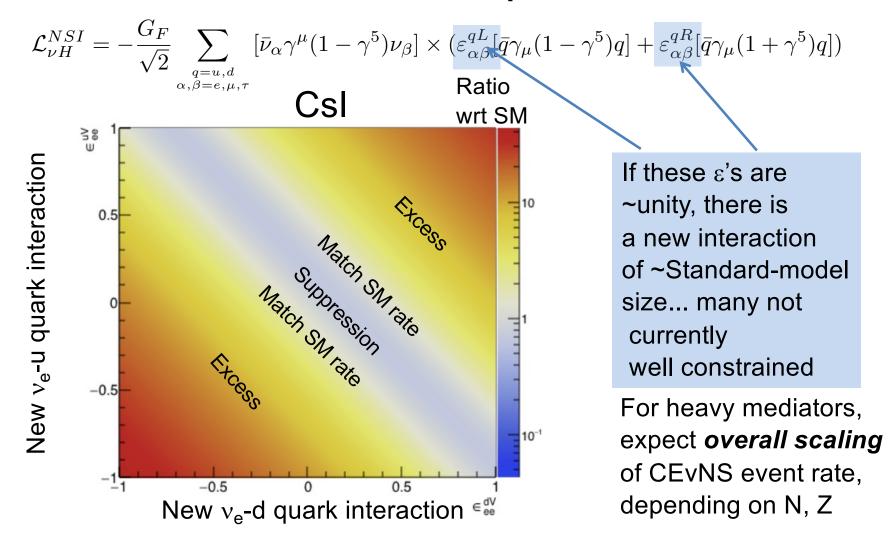
The CEvNS rate is a clean Standard Model prediction



A deviation from α N² prediction can be a signature of beyond-the-SM physics

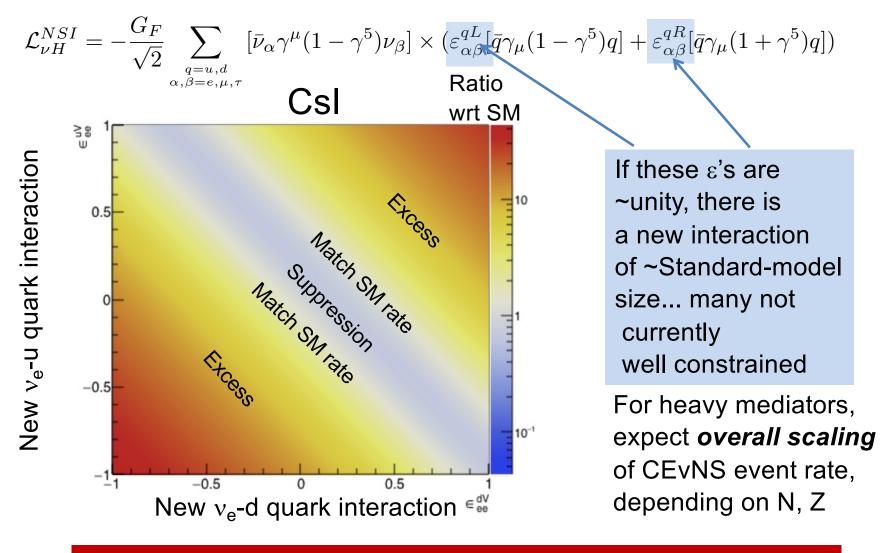
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Observe less or more CEvNS than expected? ...could be beyond-the-SM physics!

Other new physics results in a distortion of the recoil spectrum (Q dependence)

BSM Light Mediators

SM weak charge

Effective weak charge in presence of light vector mediator Z'

specific to neutrinos and guarks

e.g. arXiv:1708.04255

Neutrino (Anomalous) Magnetic Moment

e.g. arXiv:1505.03202, 1711.09773

energy

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT}\right)_m = \frac{\pi \alpha^2 \mu_\nu^2 Z^2}{m_e^2} \left(\frac{1 - T/E_\nu}{T} + \frac{T}{4E_\nu^2}\right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Specific ~1/T upturn} \\ \text{at low recoil energy} \end{array}$$

Sterile Neutrino Oscillations

$$P_{\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\alpha}}^{\text{SBL}}(E_{\nu}) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{\alpha\alpha} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E_{\nu}}\right)$$

"True" disappearance with baseline-dependent Q distortion

e.g. arXiv: 1511.02834, 1711.09773, 1901.08094

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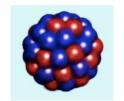
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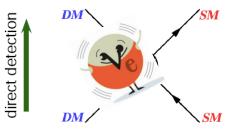
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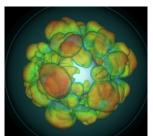


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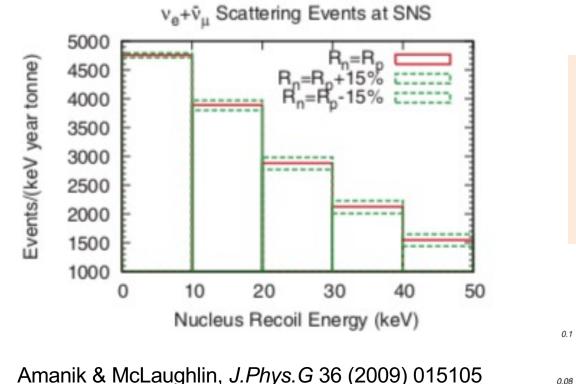




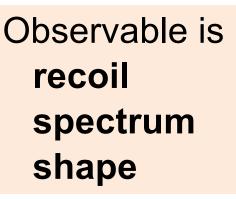


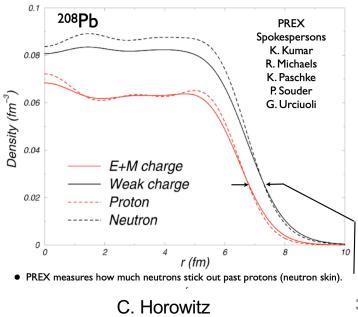


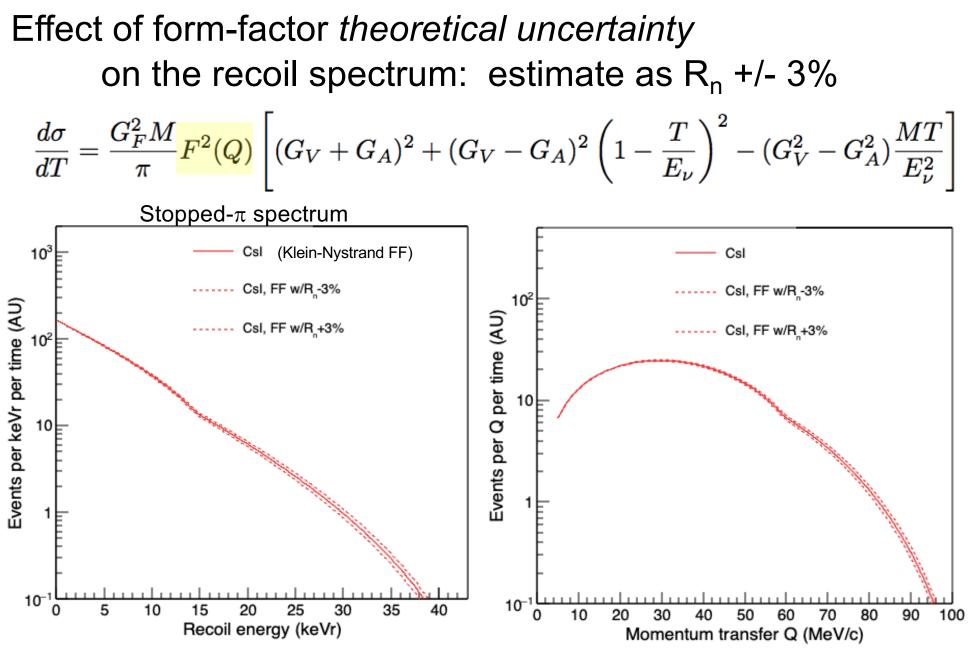
What can we learn about nuclear physics with CEvNS?



Neutron radius and skin (R_n-R_p) relevant for understanding of neutron stars, and more...







At current level of experimental precision, form factor uncertainty is small effect

So: if you are hunting for BSM physics as a distortion of the recoil spectrum ... uncertainties in the form factor are a nuisance!

There are degeneracies in the observables between "old" (but still magnificent and mysterious) physics





and "new" physics

Currently experimental uncertainty > form factor uncertainty ... but we will need to think carefully about how to disentangle these effects and understand uncertainties, for the longer term

[See e.g.: D. Aristizabal Sierra et al. arXiv:1902.07398]

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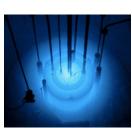
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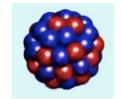
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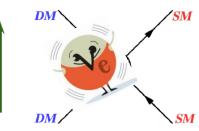


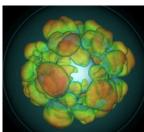
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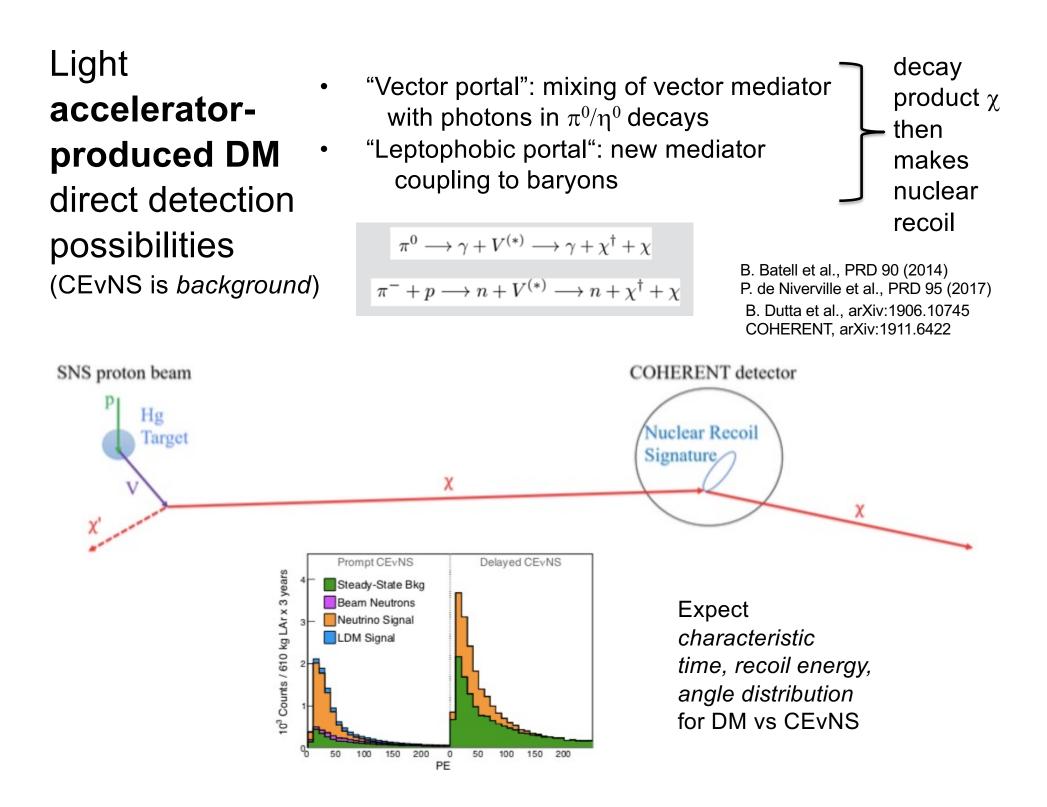
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Summary of what we can get at experimentally

Observables:

Event rate Recoil spectrum (T=Q²/2M) [In principle: scattering angle... hard]



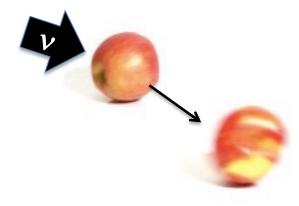
Knowable/controllable parameters:

Neutrino flavor, via source, and timing (reactor: v_e -bar, stopped- π : v_e , v_μ -bar, v_μ) N, Z via nuclear target type Baseline Direction with respect to source How to detect CEvNS?

You need a neutrino source and a detector

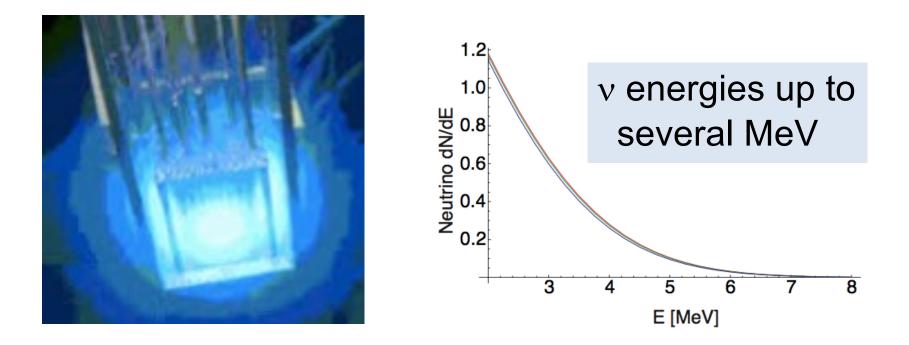
What do you want for your ν source?

- ✓ High flux
- ✓ Well understood spectrum
- ✓ Multiple flavors (physics sensitivity)
- ✓ Pulsed source if possible, for background rejection
- ✓ Ability to get close
- ✓ Practical things: access, control, ...



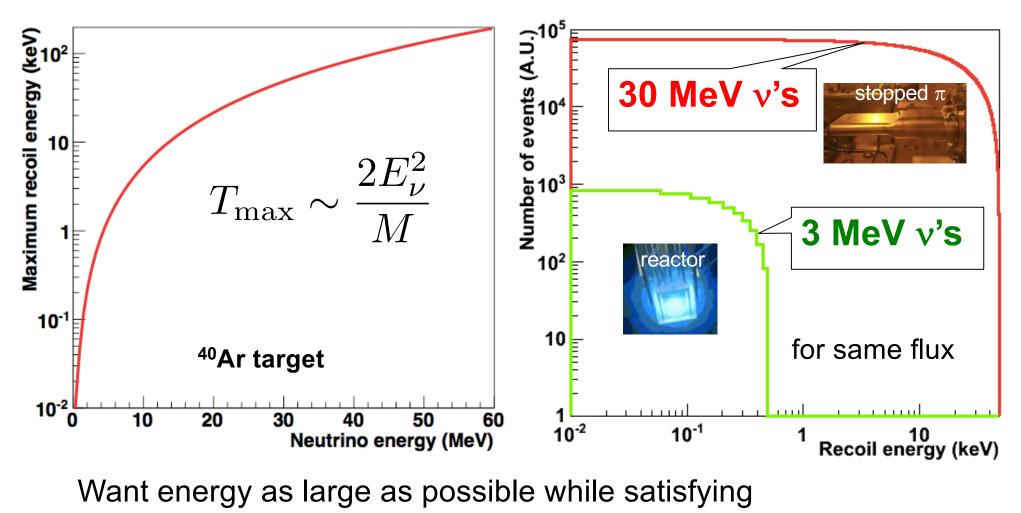


Neutrinos from nuclear reactors



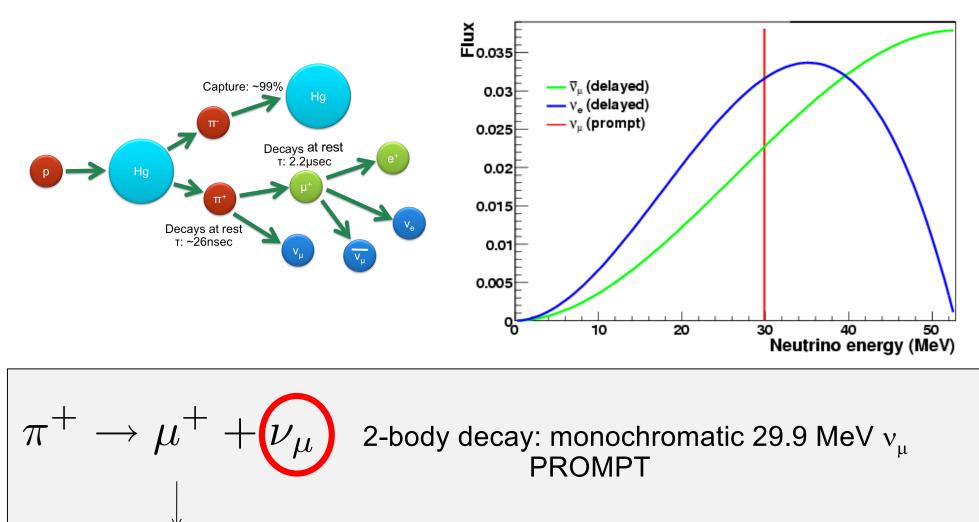
- v_e -bar produced in fission reactions (one flavor)
- huge fluxes possible: ~2x10²⁰ s⁻¹ per GW
- several CEvNS searches past, current and future at reactors, but recoil energies<keV and backgrounds make this very challenging

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



coherence condition: $Q \lesssim rac{1}{R}$ (<~ 50 MeV for medium A)

Stopped-Pion (π**DAR)** Neutrinos

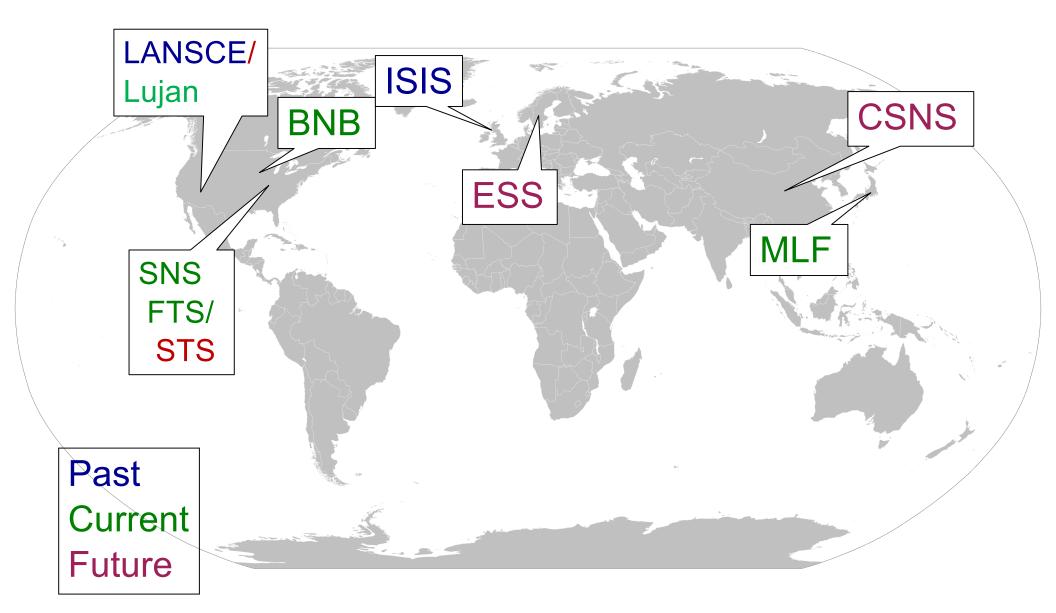


 ν_e

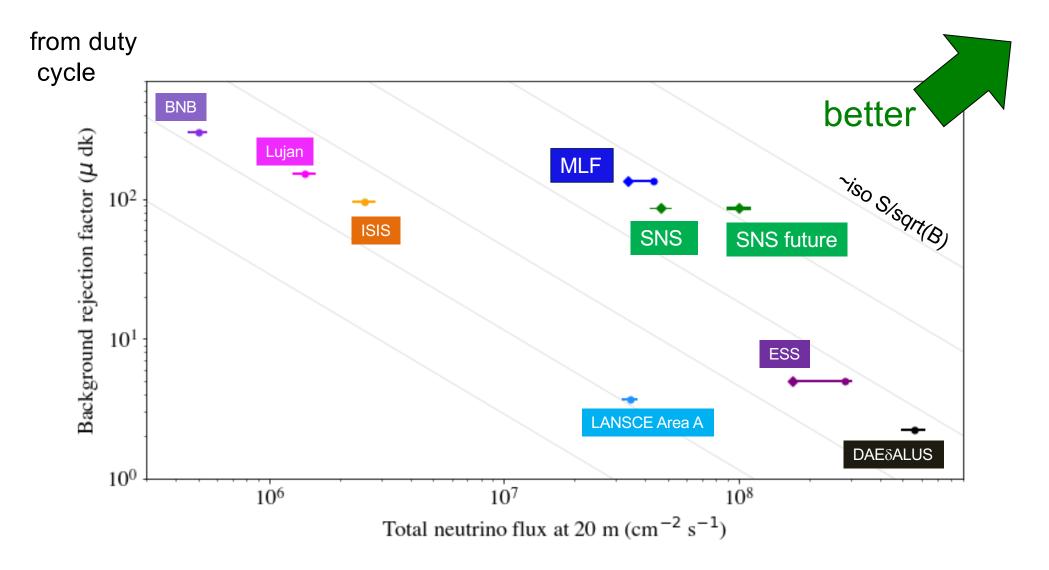
 $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^-$

3-body decay: range of energies between 0 and $m_{\mu}/2$ DELAYED (2.2 μ s)

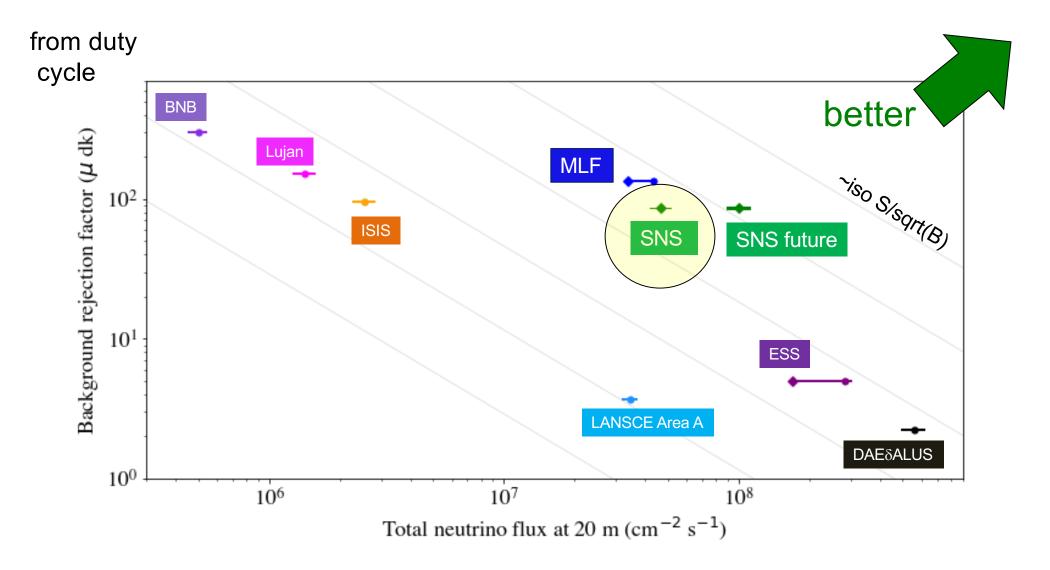
Stopped-Pion Neutrino Sources Worldwide



Comparison of pion decay-at-rest v sources

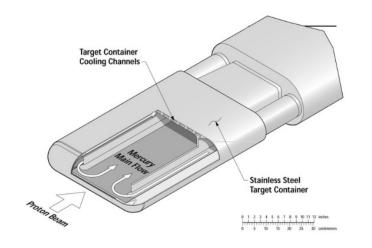


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Spallation Neutron Source

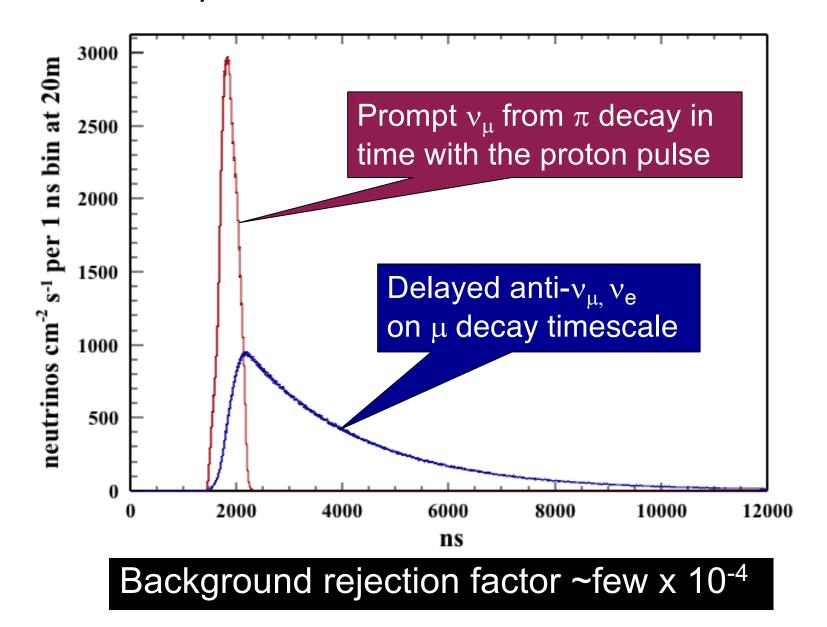
Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TN



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

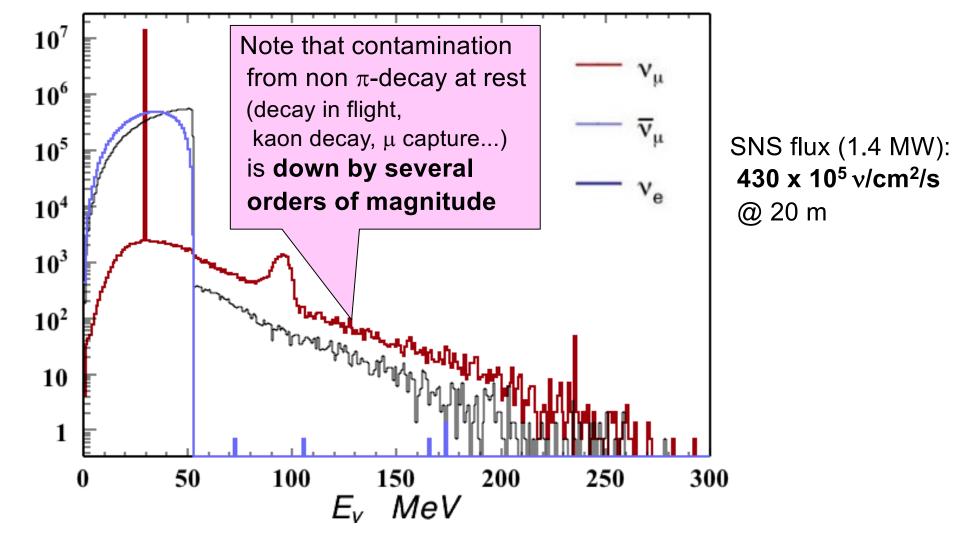
The neutrinos are free!

Time structure of the SNS source 60 Hz *pulsed* source



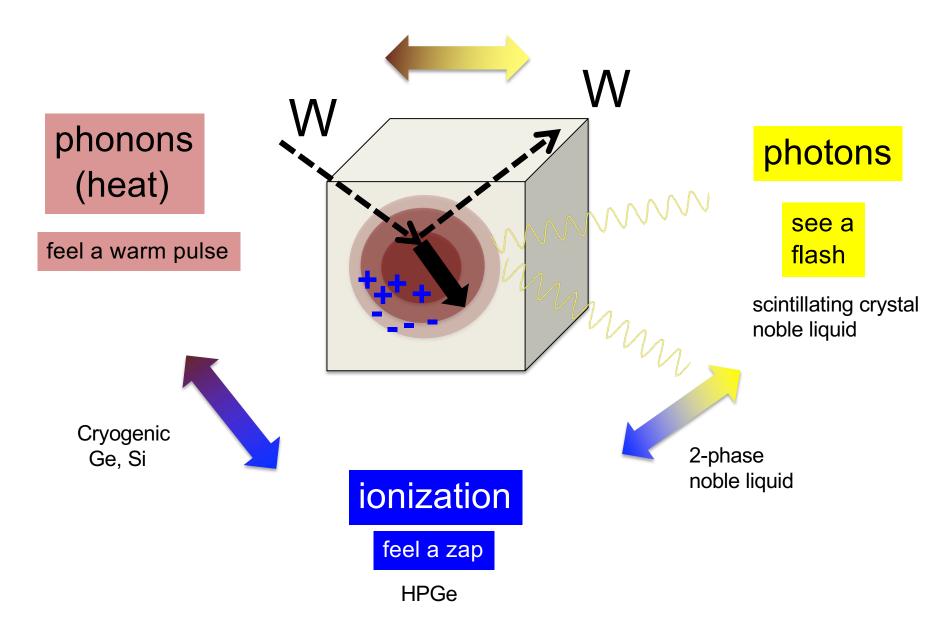
The SNS has large, extremely clean stopped-pion v flux

0.08 neutrinos per flavor per proton on target



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Low-energy nuclear recoil detection strategies



The COHERENT collaboration

http://sites.duke.edu/coherent

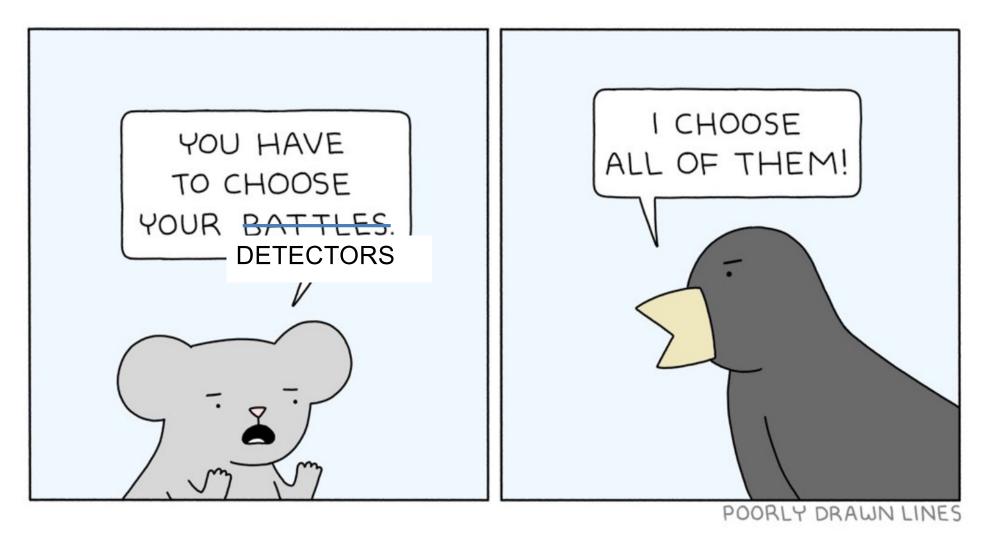
~90 members, 20 institutions 4 countries







The COHERENT Spirit (so far)







| Nuclear Target | Technology | | Mass (kg) | Distance from source (m) | Recoil threshold (keVr) |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Csl[Na] | Scintillating crystal | flash | 14.6 | 19.3 | 6.5 |
| Ge | HPGe PPC | zap | 19 | 22 | <few< th=""></few<> |
| LAr | Single-phase | flash | 24 | 27.5 | 20 |
| Nal[TI] | Scintillating crystal | flash | 185*/3338 | 25 | 13 |

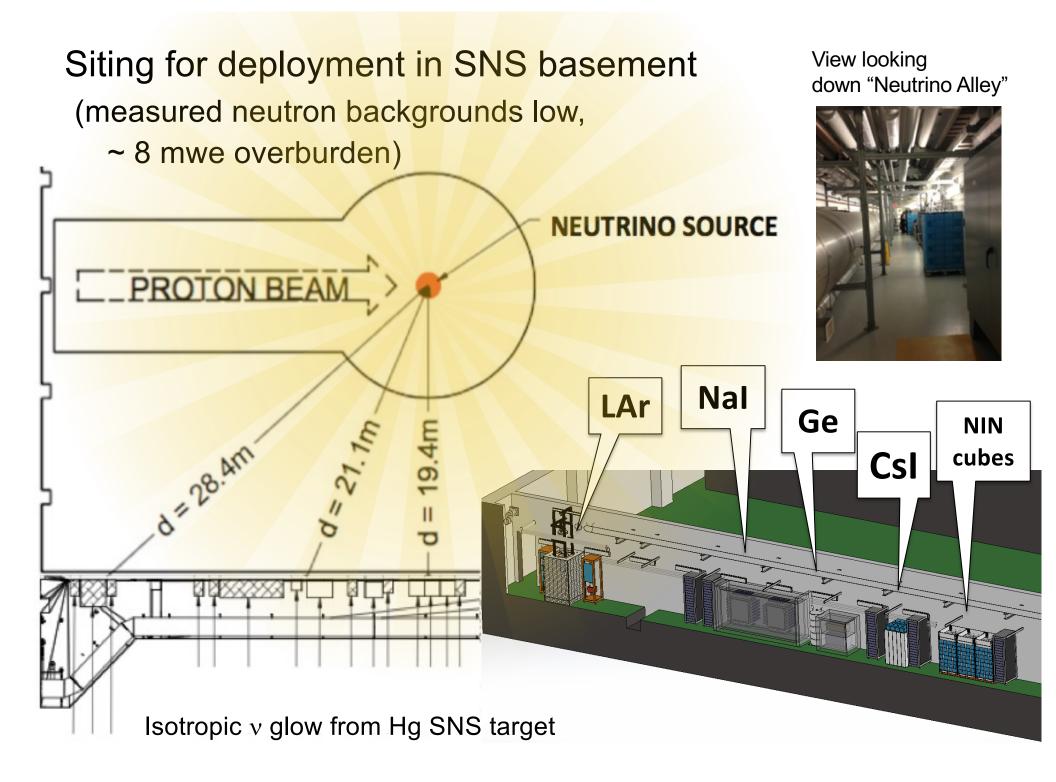
Multiple detectors for N² dependence of the cross section



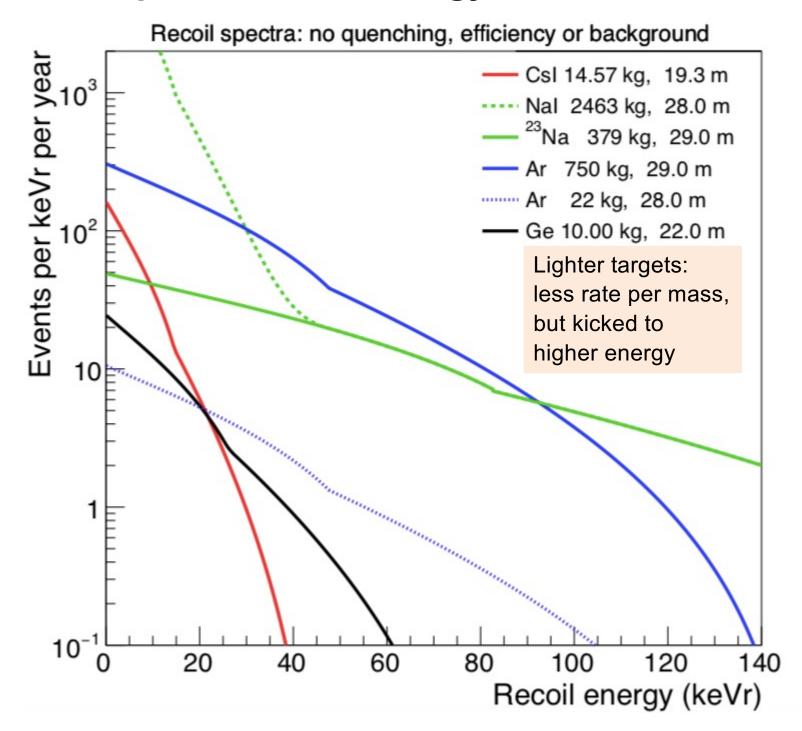








Expected recoil energy distribution

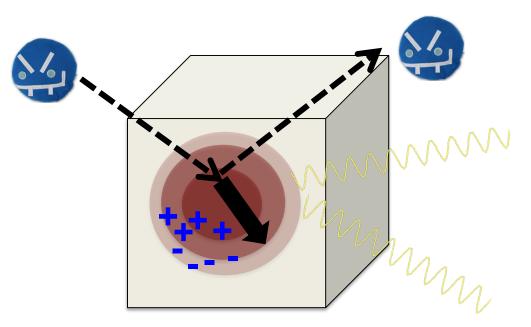


Backgrounds

Usual suspects:

- cosmogenics
- ambient and intrinsic radioactivity
- detector-specific noise and dark rate

Neutrons are especially not your friends*

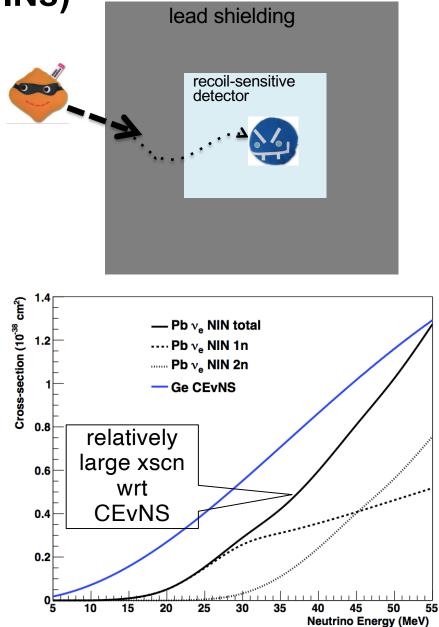


Steady-state backgrounds can be *measured* off-beam-pulse ... in-time backgrounds must be carefully characterized

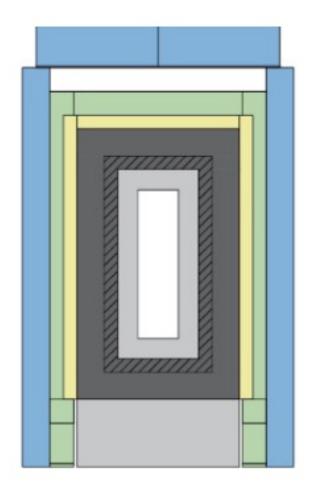
A "friendly fire" in-time background: Neutrino Induced Neutrons (NINs)

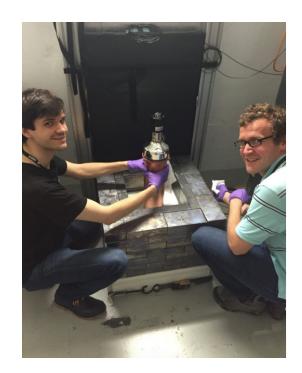
$$\begin{array}{c} \nu_{e} + {}^{208}\text{Pb} \rightarrow {}^{208}\text{Bi}^{*} + e^{-} \quad \text{CC} \\ & & & \\ 1n, \, 2n \ \text{emission} \\ \nu_{x} + {}^{208}\text{Pb} \rightarrow {}^{208}\text{Pb}^{*} + \nu_{x} \quad \text{NC} \\ & & \\ 1n, \, 2n, \, \gamma \ \text{emission} \end{array}$$

- potentially non-negligible background from shielding
- requires careful shielding design
- large uncertainties (factor of few) in xscn calculation
- [Also: a signal in itself, e.g, HALO SN detector]



The CsI Detector in Shielding in Neutrino Alley at the SNS





A hand-held detector!

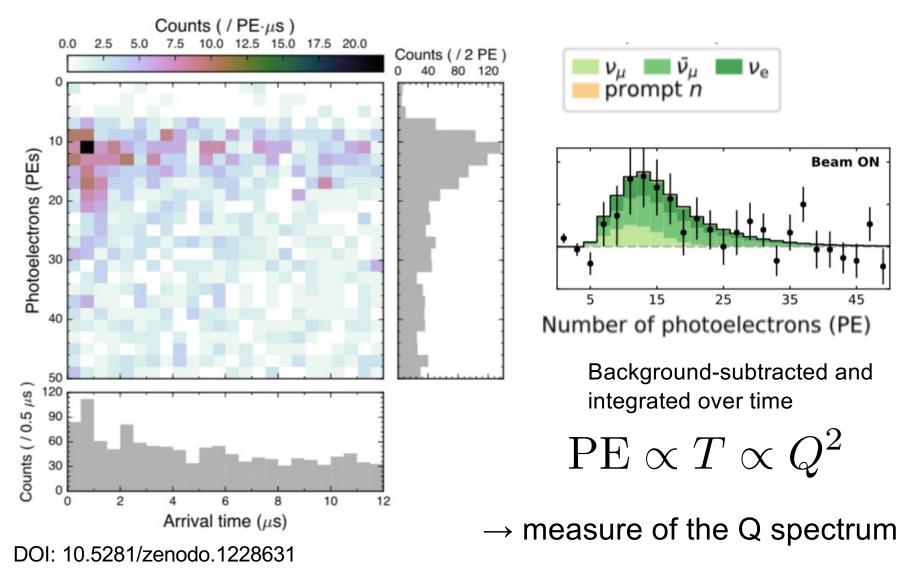


Almost wrapped up...

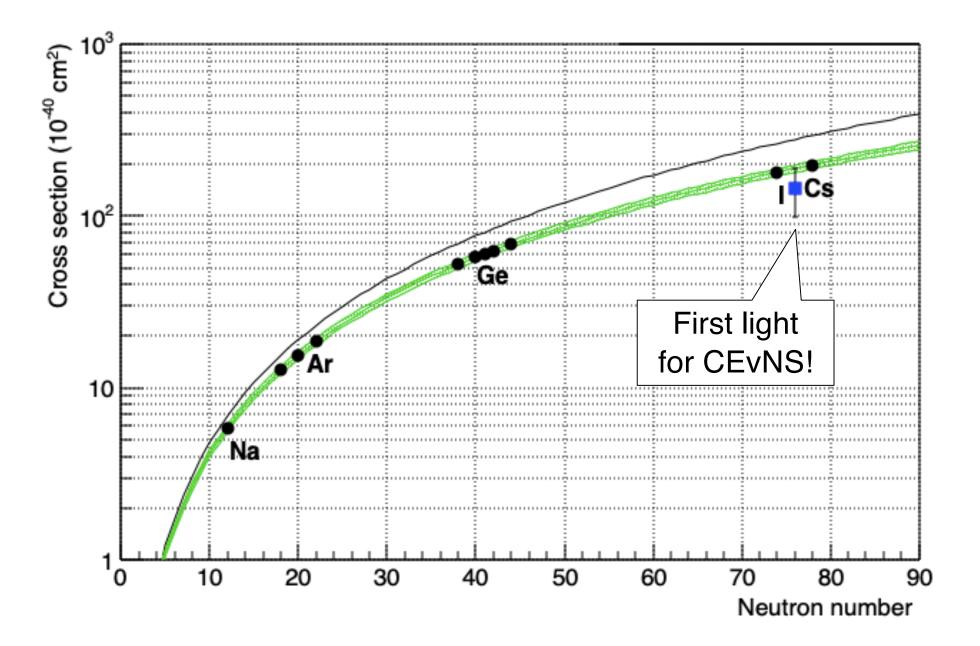
| Layer | HDPE* | Low backg. lead | Lead | Muon veto | Water |
|-----------|-------|-----------------|------|-----------|-------|
| Thickness | 3" | 2" | 4" | 2" | 4" |
| Colour | | /// | | | |



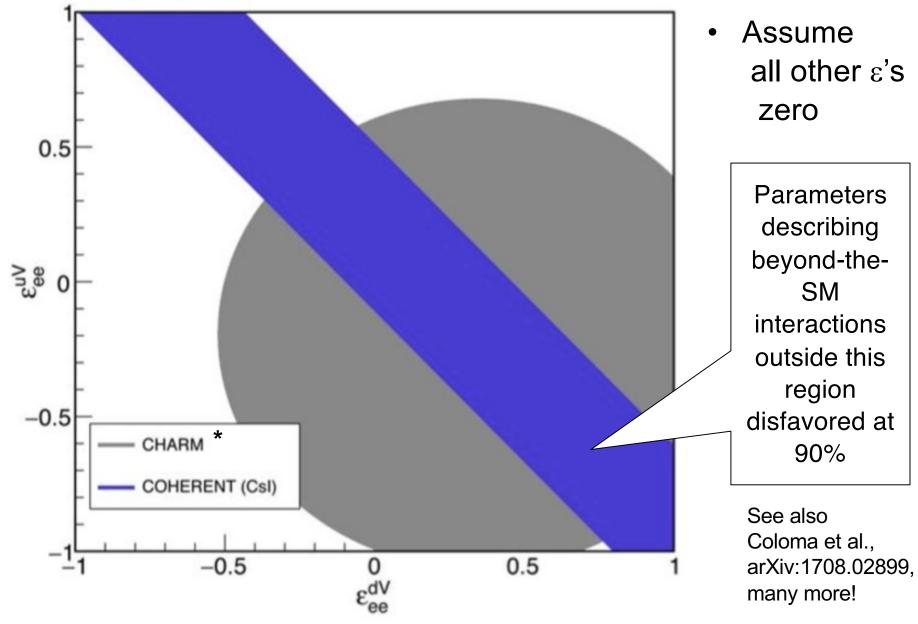
First light at the SNS (stopped-pion neutrinos) with 14.6-kg CsI[Na] detector



D. Akimov et al., *Science*, 2017 http://science.sciencemag.org/content/early/2017/08/02/science.aao0990



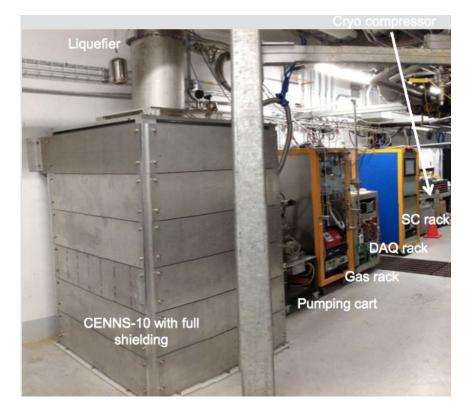
Neutrino non-standard interaction constraints for current CsI data set:

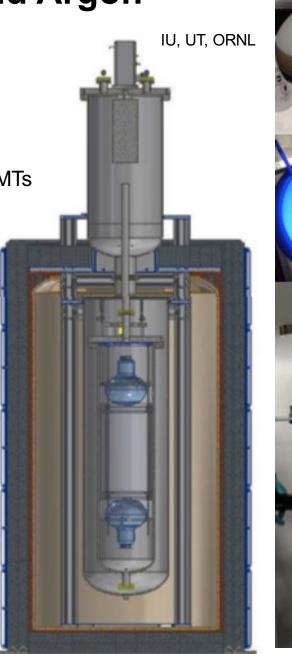


*CHARM constraints apply only to heavy mediators

Single-Phase Liquid Argon

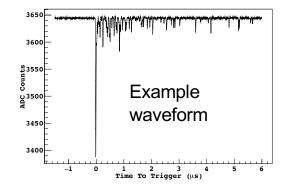
- ~24 kg active mass
- 2 x Hamamatsu 5912-02-MOD 8" PMTs
 - 8" borosilicate glass window
 - 14 dynodes
 - QE: 18%@ 400 nm
- Wavelength shifter: TPB-coated Teflon walls and PMTs
- Cryomech cryocooler 90 Wt
 - PT90 single-state pulse-tube cold head



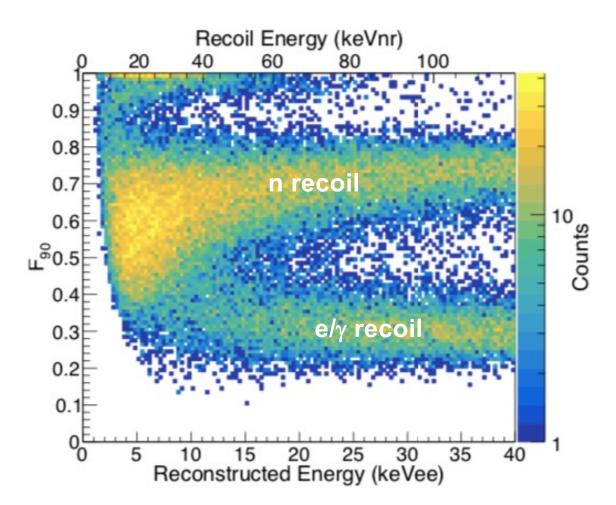


Detector from FNAL, previously built (Jonghee Yoo et al.) for CENNS@BNB (S. Brice, Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) no.7, 072004)

Use **pulse-shape discrimination** to select recoils

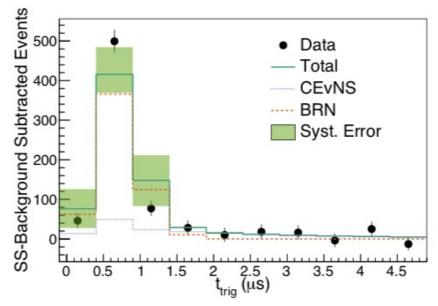


F90: fraction of light in first 90 ns

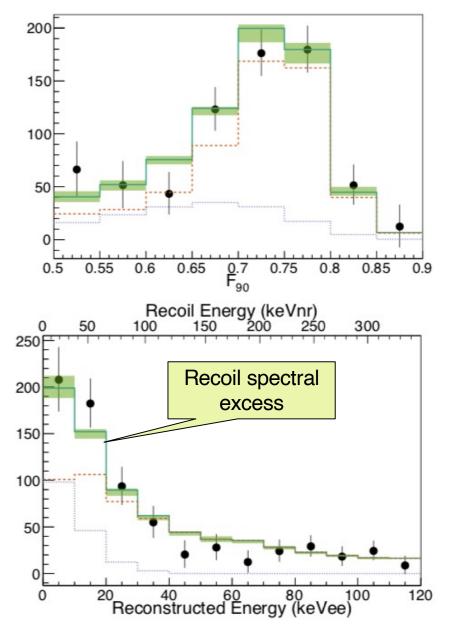


Likelihood fit in time, recoil energy, PSD parameter

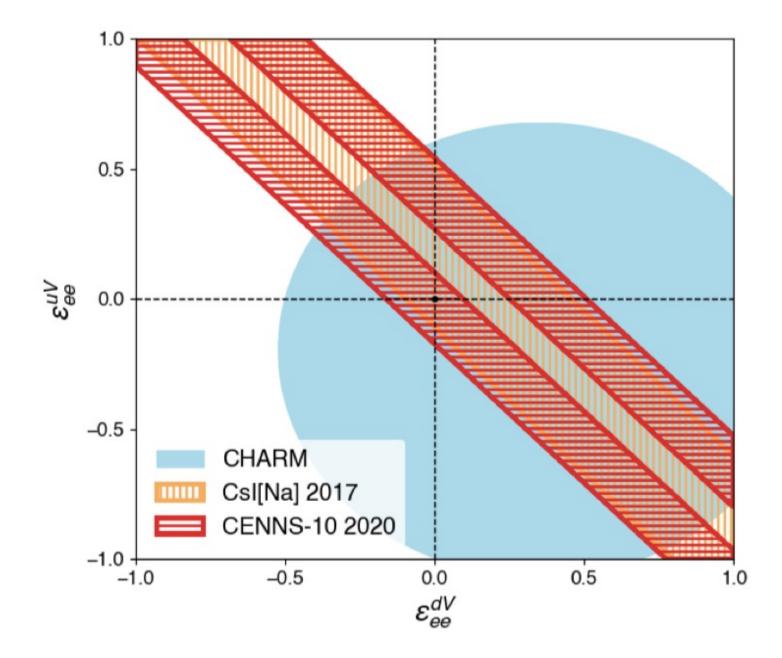
Beam-unrelated-background-subtracted projections of 3D likelihood fit



- Bands are systematic errors from 1D excursions
- 2 independent analyses w/separate cuts, similar results (this is the "A" analysis)



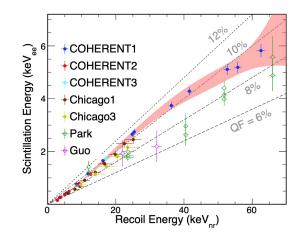
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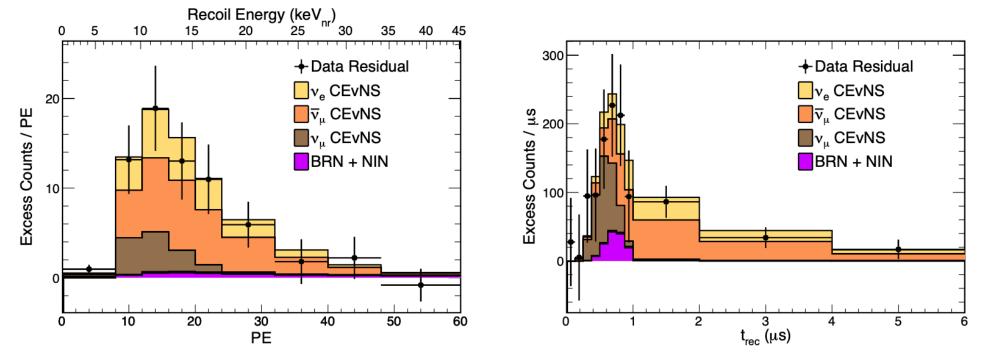


Full CsI Dataset Results

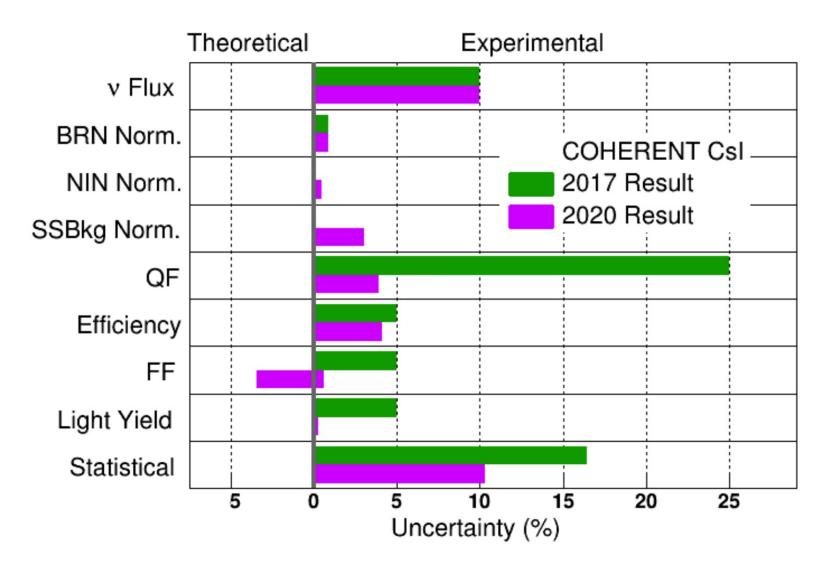
with >2 x statistics

- + improved detector response understanding
- + improved analysis

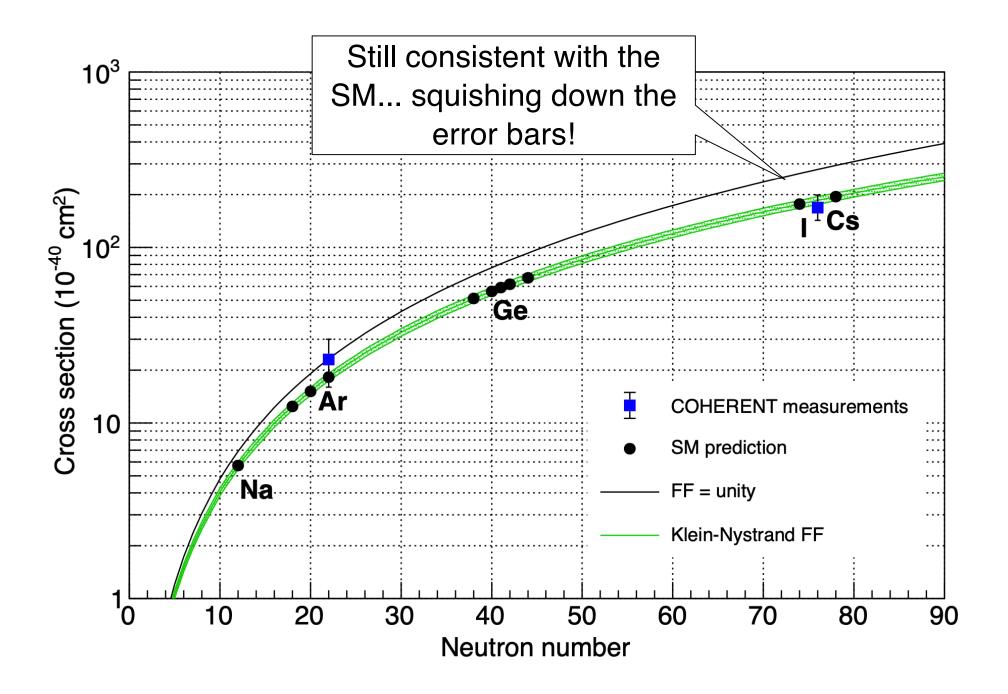




Quenching factor (detector response vs recoil energy): arXiv:2111.02477 Full CsI dataset: arXiv:2110.07730

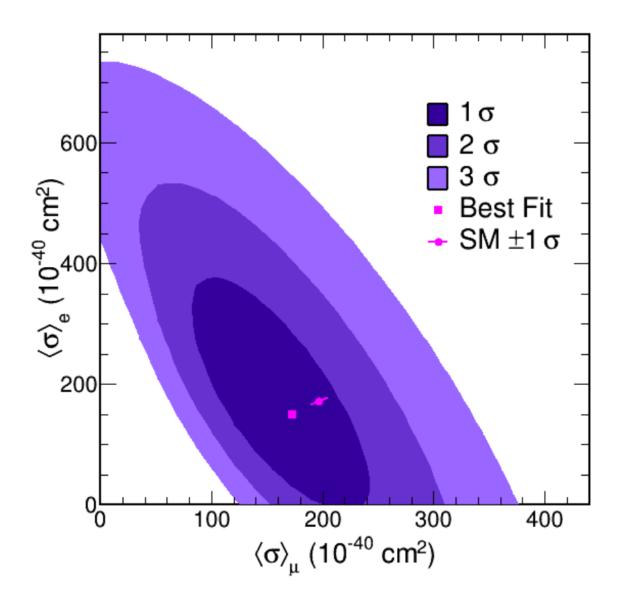


- overall uncertainty now about ~18% for Csl
- neither stat nor sys uncertainty dominates
- dominant systematic is flux normalization

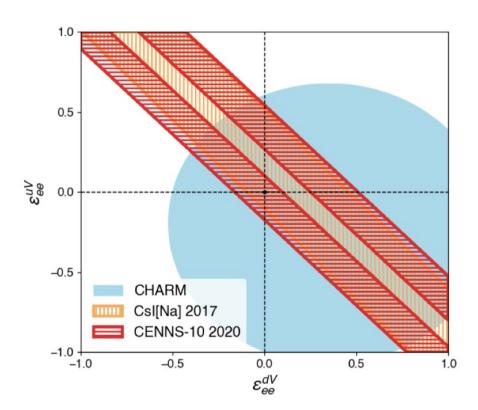


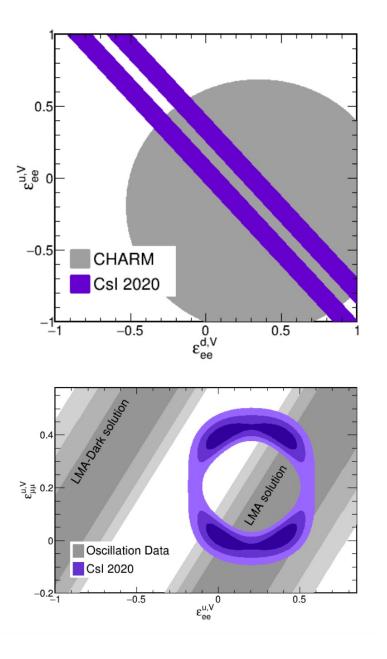
Flavored CEvNS cross sections

Separate electron and muon flavors by timing



And squeezing down the possibilities for new physics...

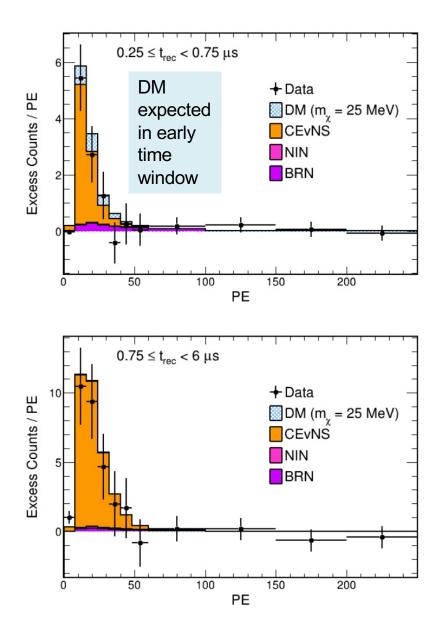


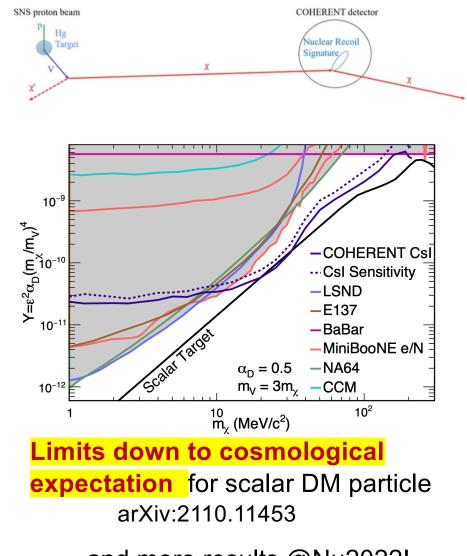




Accelerator-produced DM search

https://indico.phy.ornl.gov/event/126/ arXiv:2110.11453

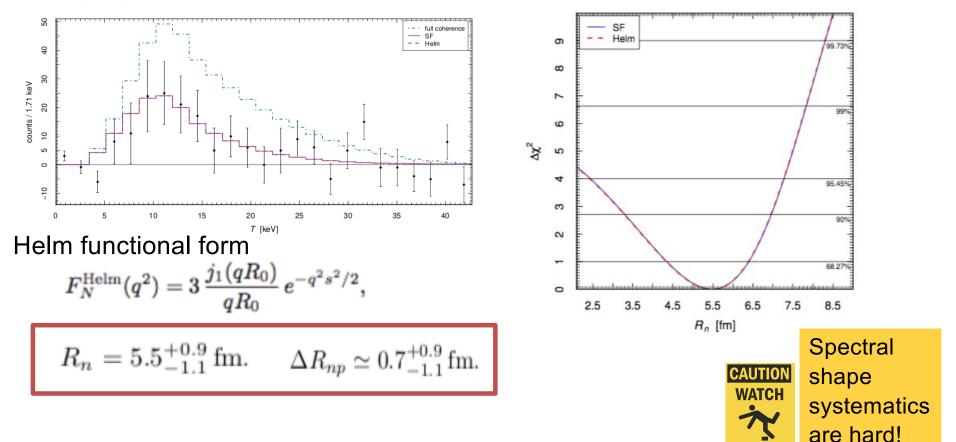




... and more results @Nu2022!

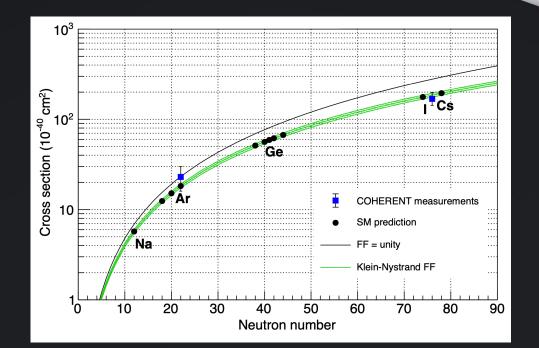
What can we learn about form factors?

M. Cadeddu, C. Giunti, Y. F. Li, and Y. Y. Zhang. "Average CsI neutron density distribution from COHERENT data." (2017). 1710.02730.



- Fit to neutron radius resulting in ~18% uncertainty, as well as neutron skin measurement
- We now have good quenching factor information w/uncertainties (arXiv:2111.02477)

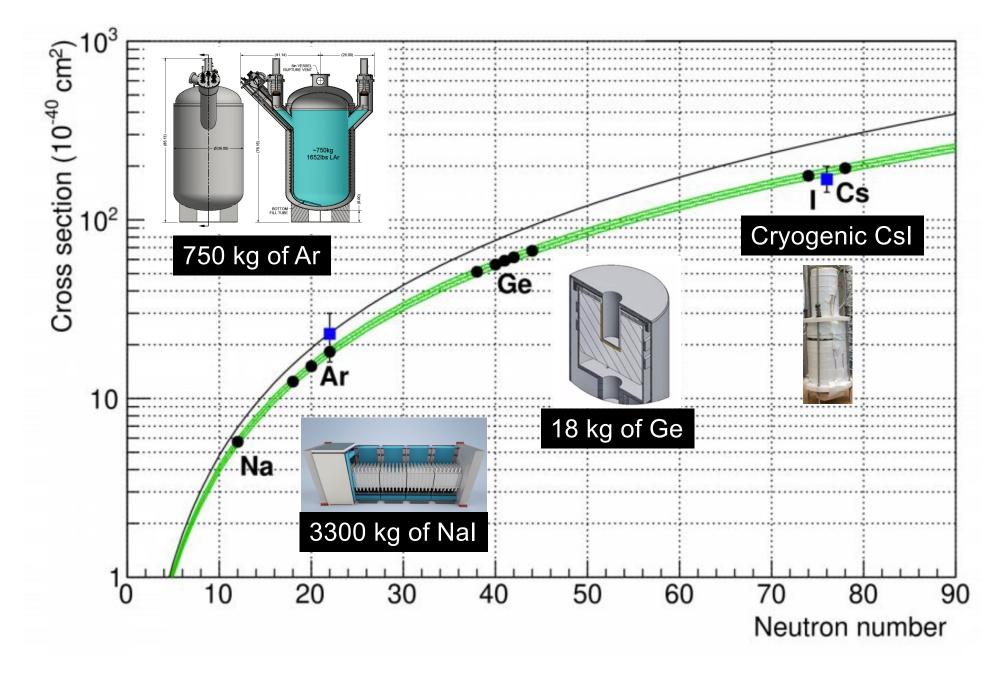
YOUR STEP



Two down! But still more to go!

What's Next for COHERENT?

COHERENT future deployments

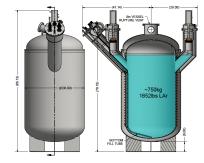


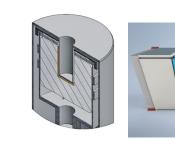
COHERENT CEvNS Detector Status and Farther Future

| Nuclear Target | Technology | Mass (kg) | Distance from source (m) | Recoil threshold (keVr) | Data-taking start date | Future |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Csl[Na] | Scintillating crystal | 14.6 | 19.3 | 6.5 | 9/2015 | Decommissioned |
| Ge | HPGe PPC | 18 | 22 | <few< th=""><th>2022</th><th>Funded by NSF MRI, in progress</th></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 |
| Nal[TI] | Scintillating crystal | 185*/ 3388 | 25 | 13 | 2022 *high-threshold deployment summer 2016 | Expansion to 3.3 tonne , up to 9 tonnes |

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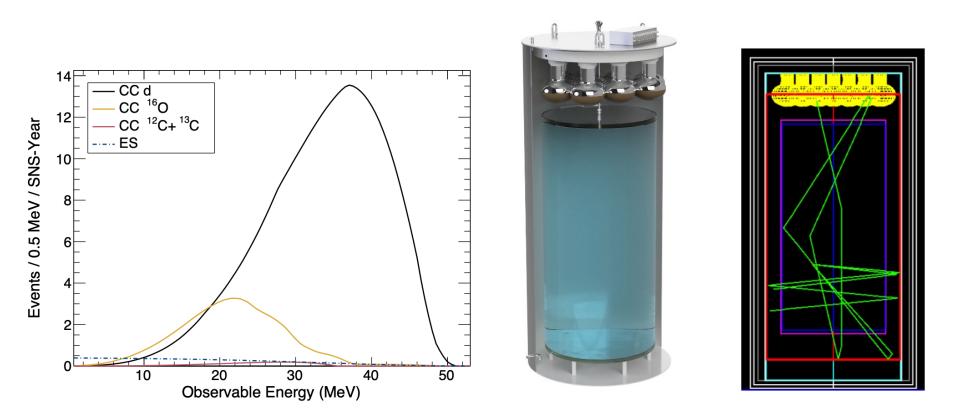
- +D₂O for flux
 - normalization
- + CryoCsI
- + thorium
- + LArTPC
- + concepts

for other targets...

Heavy water detector in Neutrino Alley

Dominant current uncertainty is ~10%, on neutrino flux from SNS

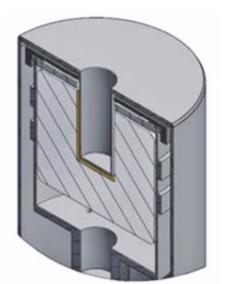
 $\nu_e + d \longrightarrow p + p + e^-$ cross section known to ~1-2%



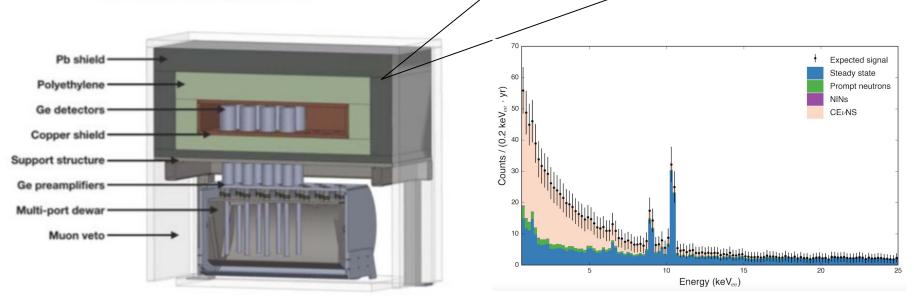
Measure electrons to determine flux normalization

High-Purity Germanium Detectors

P-type Point Contact



- Excellent low-energy resolution
- Well-measured quenching factor
- Reasonable timing
 - 8 Canberra/Mirion 2 kg detectors in multi-port dewar
 - Compact poly+Cu+Pb shield
 - Muon veto
 - Designed to enable additional detectors

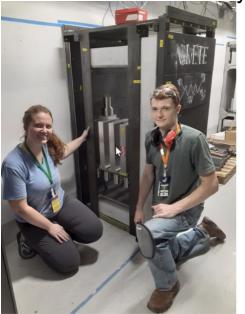


Sodium Iodide (NaI[TI]) Detectors

- up to 9 tons available,
 3.3 tons in hand
- QF measured
 - PMT base refurbishment (dual gain) to enable low threshold for CEvNS on Na measurement



yesterday in Neutrino Alley!



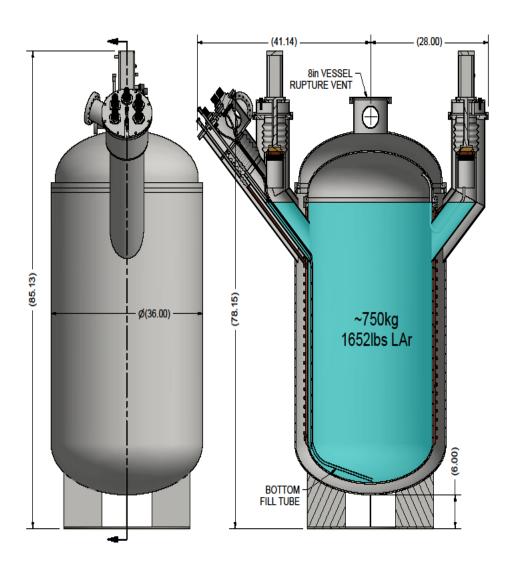
NalvE: 185 kg deployed at SNS to go after v_e CC on ¹²⁷I

| Isotope 1 | Reaction Channel | Source | Experiment | Measurement (10^{-42} cm^2) | Theory (10^{-42} cm^2) |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|--|---|
| ¹²⁷ I | $^{127}{ m I}(u_e,e^-)^{127}{ m Xe}$ | Stopped π/μ | LSND | $284\pm91(\mathrm{stat})\pm25(\mathrm{sys})$ | 210-310 [Quasi-particle] (Engel et al., 1994) |

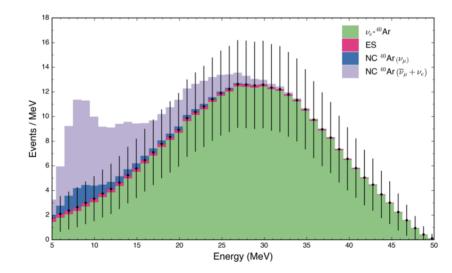
J.A. Formaggio and G. Zeller, RMP 84 (2012) 1307-1341

NaIVETE: 3.3 tonnes for CEvNS + v_e CC on ¹²⁷I (+ NuThor: 115 kg of 232-Th)

Tonne-scale LAr Detector



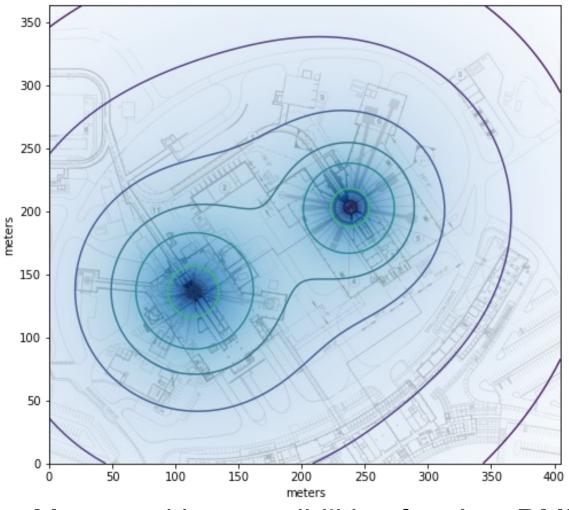
- 750-kg LAr will fit in the same place, will reuse part of existing infrastructure
- Could potentially use depleted argon



CC/NC **inelastic** in argon of interest for supernova neutrinos

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{CC} & \nu_e \texttt{+}^{40} \text{Ar} \rightarrow e^\texttt{-} \texttt{+}^{40} \text{K}^* \\ \text{NC} & \nu_x \texttt{+}^{40} \text{Ar} \rightarrow \nu_x \texttt{+}^{40} \text{Ar}^* \end{array}$

SNS power upgrade to 2 MW in 2023, Second Target Station upgrade to 2.8 MW ~2030



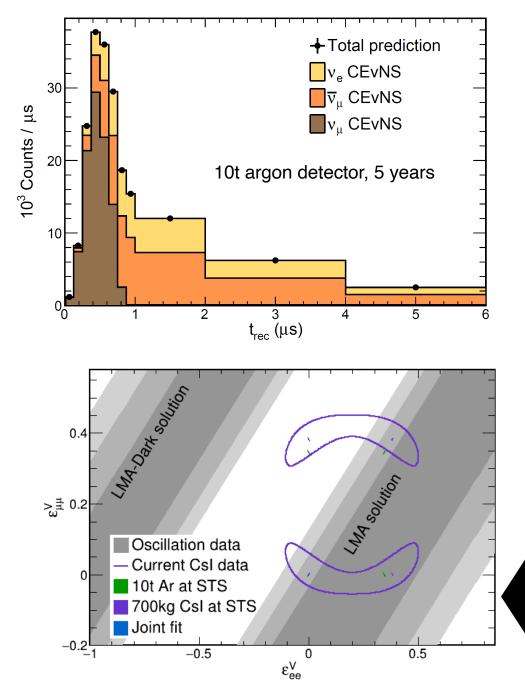
³⁄₄ bunches to FTS¹⁄₄ bunches to STS

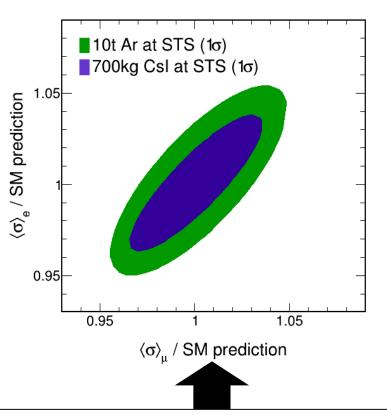
Promising new space available for ~10-tonne scale detectors

Many exciting possibilities for v's + DM!

See D. Pershey, APS April 2022 invited talk

Future flavored CEvNS cross section measurements



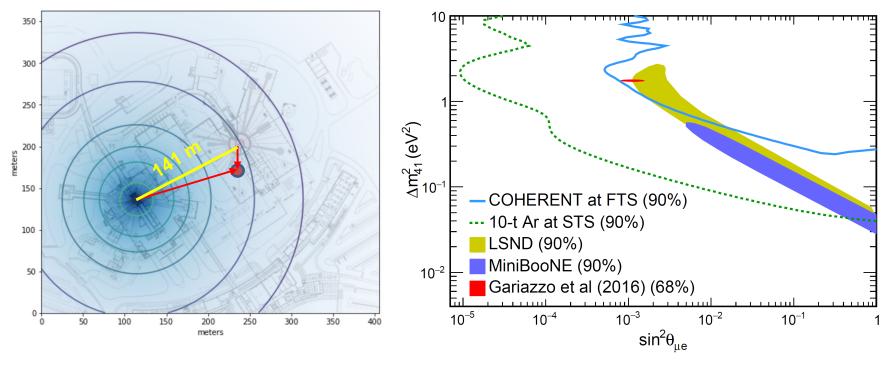


Sensitive to ~few % SM differences in μ - and *e*-flavor cross sections, testing lepton universality of CEvNS (at tree level)

Stringent NSI parameters constraints, resolving oscillation ambiguities

Sterile neutrino sensitivity

$$1 - P(\nu_e \to \nu_s) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{14} \cos^2 \theta_{24} \cos^2 \theta_{34} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E}$$
$$1 - P(\nu_\mu \to \nu_s) = 1 - \cos^4 \theta_{14} \sin^2 2\theta_{24} \cos^2 \theta_{34} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E}$$



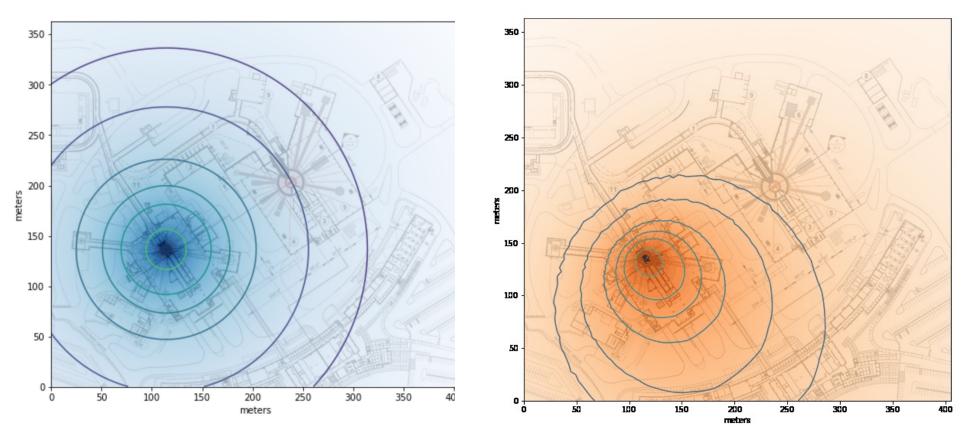
Cancel detector-related systematic uncertainties

w/ different baselines in one CEvNS detector seeing 2 sources Can also exploit flavor separation by timing Assume $L_{STS} = 20$ m and $L_{FTS} = 121$ m, 10-t argon CEvNS detector In 5 years, test ~entire parameter space allowed by LSND/MiniBooNE

Directionality of flux at the SNS

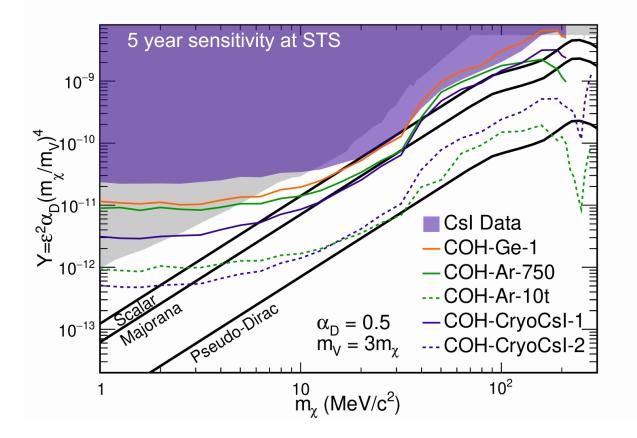


DM flux produced in-flight is **boosted forward**



Can test angular dependence of boosted DM flux

Future COHERENT sensitivity to dark matter



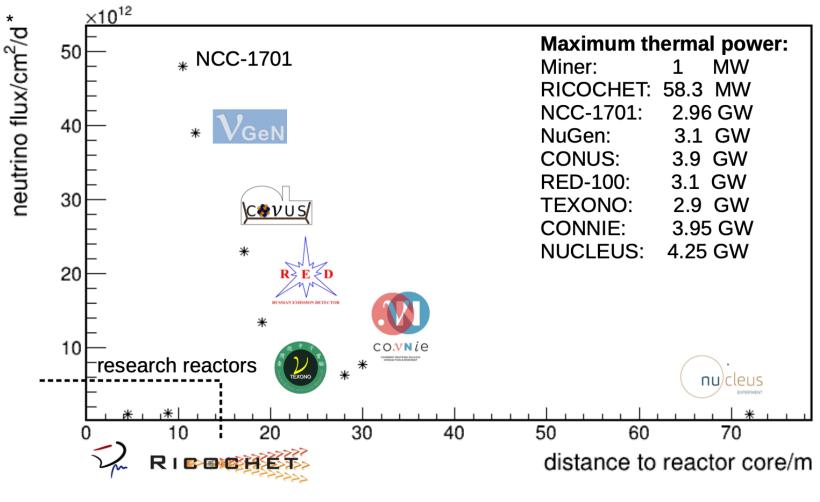
- Short term: Ge detector will explore scalar target at lower masses
- Medium term: large Ar, Csl detectors to lower DM flux sensitivity, probe of Majorana fermion target
- Longer term: large detectors placed forward at the STS (dashed lines) will test even pessimistic scenarios

Many CEvNS Efforts Worldwide [incomplete]

| Experiment | Technology | Location | Source | |
|------------|--|----------|---------|--------|
| COHERENT | Csl, Ar, Ge, Nal | USA | πDAR | |
| ССМ | Ar | USA | πDAR | |
| ESS | Csl, Si, Ge, Xe | Sweden | πDAR | |
| CONNIE | Si CCDs | Brazil | Reactor | |
| CONUS | HPGe | Germany | Reactor | |
| MINER | Ge/Si cryogenic | USA | Reactor | |
| NUCLEUS | Cryogenic CaWO ₄ , Al ₂ O ₃ calorimeter array | Europe | Reactor | |
| vGEN | Ge PPC | Russia | Reactor | |
| RED-100 | LXe dual phase | Russia | Reactor | |
| Ricochet | Ge, Zn bolometers | France | Reactor | 640 mm |
| SBC | Xe, Ar | USA? | Reactor | |
| TEXONO | p-PCGe | Taiwan | Reactor | |

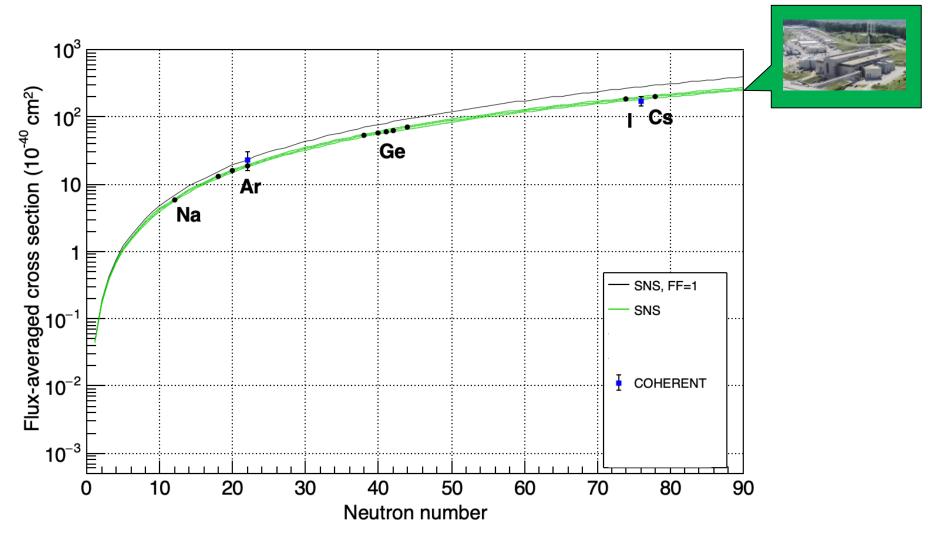
+ DM detectors, +directional detectors +more... many novel low-background, low-threshold technologies!!

CEvNS detection at reactor



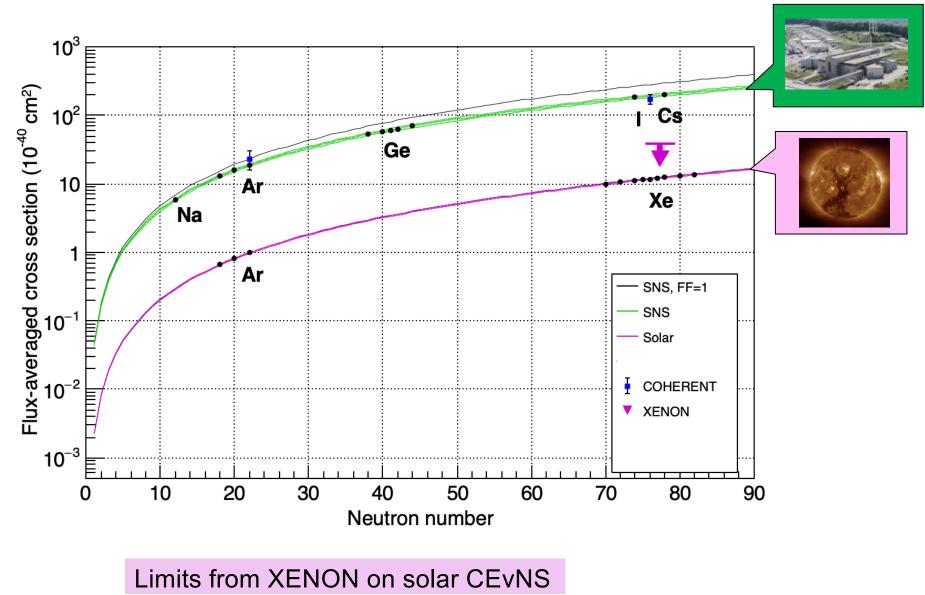
*values reported by experiments

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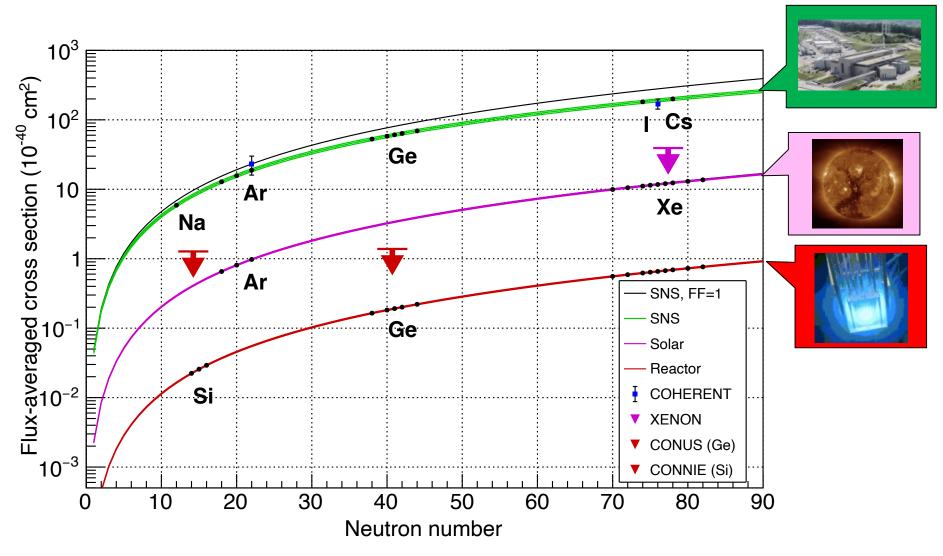


So far: measurements in CsI, Ar from COHERENT

Summary of CEvNS Results



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Limits on reactor CEvNS in Ge, Si... looking forward to more soon!

Comments on overall status and prospects

• Reactor neutrinos:

- Backgrounds and quenching factors are hard...
- But on the cusp! Will get there!
- F~1, great for BSM, but electron antineutrinos only
- Not great for nuclear structure understanding

• Stopped-pion neutrinos (up to 50 MeV):

- 15-20% ucty measurements now
- 5-10% ucty in next several years (+ more targets)
- few % ucty conceivable with tonne-scale @ ORNL STS

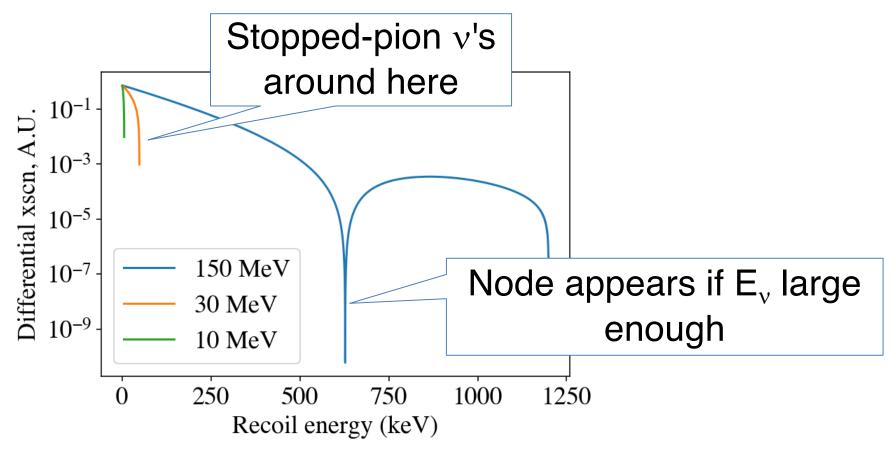
• Where do we want to get to?

- few % level tests SM flavor-dependent radiative corrections
- <few % w/Q dependence measures form factors

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Possible strategy: use higher energies and kill it with stats

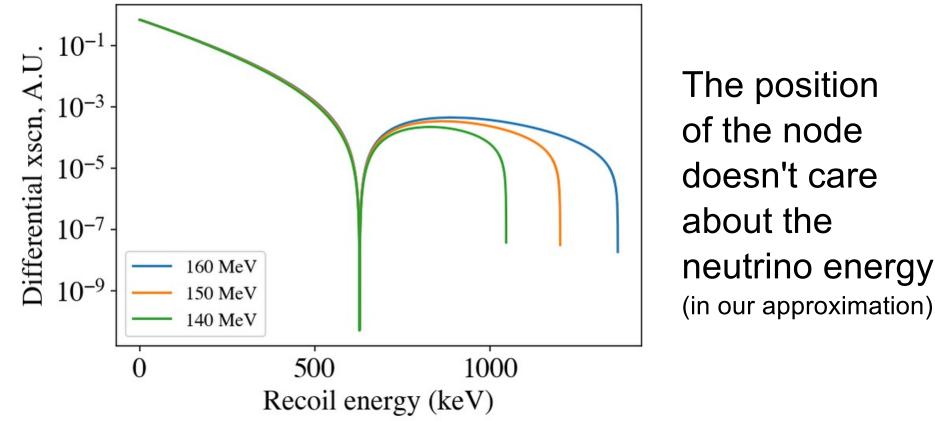
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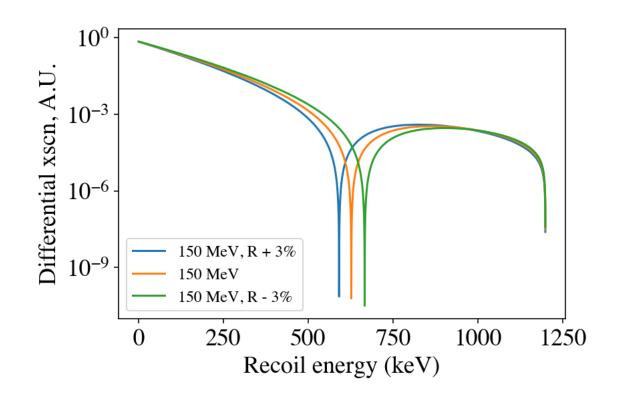
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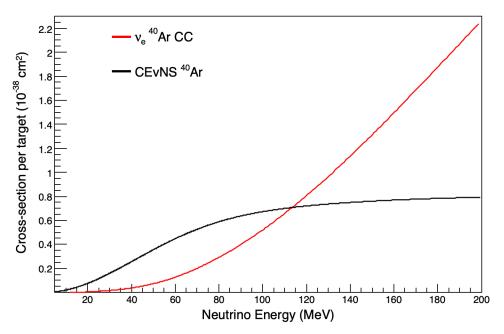
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The position of the node *does* care the neutron radius...

Insensitive to neutrino spectral shape uncertainties? Potential issue: inelastics start to dominate, i.e. scattering off nucleons, but these are quite experimentally distinct (bright)



- Can we find a source of ~100 MeV neutrinos?
 - Maybe... π/μ DIF? Muon capture?
- Detector/flux scale-up by ~10³?
 - Not insane...

(hmm, DUNE ND?

...0.5 MeV threshold hard but not impossible...)

• Need to do some quantitative studies....

Summary

- CEvNS:
 - large cross section, but tiny recoils, $\alpha~N^2$
 - accessible w/low-energy threshold detectors, plus extra oomph of stopped-pion neutrino source
- **First measurement** by COHERENT Csl[Na] at the SNS, now Ar!
- Meaningful bounds on beyond-the-SM physics



- It's still just the beginning.... more Ar data, Nal+Ge soon
- Multiple targets, upgrades and new ideas in the works!
- New exciting opportunities with more SNS power + STS!
- Other CEvNS experiments are joining the fun! (CCM, TEXONO, CONUS, CONNIE, MINER, RED, Ricochet, NUCLEUS, NEON, SBC...)