



# Status and prospects on CEvNS

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#### Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucle

# Coherent elastic vN scattering

- In the Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering (CEvNS) interaction, the neutrino scatters off the nucleus as a whole.
- Neutral-current interaction, all neutrino flavours.
- Predicted by two groups in 1974.
- Discovered by COHERENT in 2017.

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# Colphysics ent elastic vN scattering





- The total cross-section is proportional to *N*<sup>2</sup>.
- Nuclear form-factor is  $\approx 1$  in the coherence limit  $(q^2 \rightarrow 0)$ .
- CEvNS is the dominant interaction at low energies.

# Coherent elastic vN scattering

• Coherent enhancement of the scattering cross-section at low energies:  $E_{\nu} < 50$  MeV.



Recoils can vary between 0 and 
$$\frac{2E_{v}^{2}}{M_{n}+2E_{v}}$$

 $E_{nr} = \frac{q^2}{2M_n} = E_v - E_{v'}$ 

 $10^{-9}$ 

- Despite the large cross-section, the nuclear recoils are very small,  $\leq$  keV.
  - New technological developments in low-threshold detection.
  - Low backgrounds.
- Ionisation signals are a fraction of recoils.
  - Quenching factor measurements are crucial.



# Physics with $CE_{\nu}NS$

- EW precision tests
  - Weak mixing angle
- New neutrino interactions
  - Nonstandard interactions
  - Generalised interactions
  - New mediators
- Neutrino properties
  - Neutrino charge radius
  - Neutrino magnetic moments
- Nuclear physics
  - Nuclear form factors
  - Neutron radius and skin
- Supernovae
- Solar neutrinos
- Sterile neutrinos
- Dark matter

#### Slide from Valentina de Romeri, Magnificent CEvNS 2023

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# Physics with $CE_VNS$



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# Physics with $CE_VNS$

 CEvNS from solar, atmospheric and diffuse supernova neutrinos forms an irreducible background to direct Dark Matter searches.



C. O'Hare, PRL 127 (2021) 25, 251802

Ciaran O'Hare, Magnificent CEvNS 2024

### Neutrino sources

• Required: sources of low-energy neutrinos ( $E_{\nu} < 50$  MeV) with a high flux.



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#### Enectali Figueroa, Magnificent CEvNS 223

### Neutrino sources

- Required: sources of low-energy neutrinos ( $E_{\nu} < 50$  MeV) with a high flux.
- Reactors.
  - High fluxes of  $2^*10^{20}$  s<sup>-1</sup> per GW reactor power.
  - Reactor-off periods crucial for background measurement.
  - Energy range (0–10) MeV means full coherence.



TEXONO collab., Phys.Rev. D75, 012001 (2007)

### Neutrino sources

- Required: sources of low-energy neutrinos ( $E_{\nu} < 50$  MeV) with a high flux.
- Pion decay at rest ( $\pi$ -DAR).
  - Pulsed source of electron neutrinos and muon (anti)neutrinos.
  - Timing information crucial for background suppression.
  - Higher energy (10–50) MeV means partial coherence, but higher recoils.
- Several facilities with experiments.
  - Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (USA).
  - Lujan center at Los Alamos Neutron Science Center LANSCE (USA).
  - China Spallation Neutron Source CSNS (China).
  - European Spallation Source (ESS) under construction (Sweden).



# CEvNS experiments



Updated from C. Bonifazi, Neutrino 2022

# CEvNS experiments

Experiment	Detector	Mass	Threshold	Reactor/	Distance	Thermal	Neutrino	Location
				source	to source	power	flux v/cm²/s	
COHERENT	Csl, <mark>Ar</mark> , Ge, Nal	15-185 kg	6.5-20 keVnr	πDAR	19-28 m		4.3*10 <sup>7</sup>	USA
nuESS*	Csl, Ge, <mark>Xe</mark> , Ar			πDAR				Sweden
CICENNS*	Csl(Na)	300 kg	2 keVnr	πDAR	10.5 m		2*10 <sup>7</sup>	China
Atucha-II	Si CCDs	2.5 g	40 eVee	Atucha-II	12 m	2 GW <sub>th</sub>	<b>2*10</b> <sup>13</sup>	Argentina
BULLKID*	Si/Ge cryogenic	20 g	160 eV					Italy
CONNIE	Si CCDs	0.5 g	15 eVee	Angra-II	30 m	3.9 GW <sub>th</sub>	7.8*10 <sup>12</sup>	Brazil
CONUS	HPGe	3.74 kg	210 eVee	Brokdorf	17 m	3.9 GW <sub>th</sub>	<b>2*10</b> <sup>13</sup>	Germany
CONUS+	HPGe	3.74 kg	150 eVee	Leibstadt	20.7 m	3.6 GW <sub>th</sub>	1.45*10 <sup>13</sup>	Switzerland
MINER*	Ge, Si, Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1 kg	100 eVnr	TRIGA /	2-10 m	1 MW <sub>th</sub>	~1*10 <sup>12</sup>	USA
	cryogenic			HFIR*				
NCC-1701	HPGe	3 kg	200 eVee	Dresden-II	8 m	2.96 GW <sub>th</sub>	8.1*10 <sup>13</sup>	USA
NEON	Nal(TI)	16.7 kg	200 eVee	Hanbit	23.7 m	2.815 GW <sub>th</sub>	~1*10 <sup>13</sup>	Korea
NEWS-G3*	Ar+2%CH4			tbc				Canada
NUCLEUS*	CaWO <sub>4</sub> , Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10 g	20 eVnr	Chooz	77 m,	2x2.45 GW <sub>th</sub>	1.7*10 <sup>12</sup>	France
	cryogenic				102 m			
NUXE*	LXe	10 kg		tbc				
nuGEN	HPGe	1.4 kg	200 eVee	Kalinin	11-12 m	3.1 GW <sub>th</sub>	5.4*10 <sup>13</sup>	Russia
RED-100	LXe, Lar*	200 kg		Kalinin	19 m	3.1 GW <sub>th</sub>	1.35*10 <sup>13</sup>	Russia
RECODE*	HPGe	1-2,10 kg	160 eVee	Sanmen	11, 22 m	3.4 GW <sub>th</sub>	Up to	China
							5.6*10 <sup>13</sup>	
RELICS*	LXe	50 kg	1 keVnr	Sanmen	22 m	3.4 GW <sub>th</sub>	1.4*10 <sup>13</sup>	China
Ricochet*	Ge, Zn, Al, Sn	680 g	160 eVee,	ILL-H7	8.8 m	58 MW <sub>th</sub>	1.6*10 <sup>12</sup>	France
	cryogenic		300 eVnr					
SBC*	Ar	10 kg	100 eVee	tbc				USA
TEXONO	HPGe	1.43 kg	200 eVee	Kuo-Sheng	28 m	2.9 GW <sub>th</sub>	6.4*10 <sup>12</sup>	Taiwan

\* in preparation

Germanium Silicon Noble gases Cryogenic Scintillator

(the list may be incomplete)

### CEvNS at $\pi$ DAR sources

# COHERENT

- Pulsed neutrino beam from pion decay at rest at Spallation Treatron Source (SNS).
- Csl[Na] detector was the world's smallest working neutrino detector.
  - 14.6 kg mass, 6.5 keV<sub>nr</sub> threshold.
  - 19.3 m from the source.
  - Basement with 20+ m of gravel and concrete.
  - Muon vetoes and lead, water and plastic passive shielding.
  - Different neutrino flavours resolved using timing.



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# COHERENT Csl measurement

- First observation of CEvNS with the CsI[Na] detector in 2017.
- Full Csl[Na] dataset 2.2 times bigger, before decommissioning in 2019.
  - Updated scintillator response model, improved systematic uncertainties.
- Measurement of the CEvNS cross-section.
  - Compatible with the Standard Model prediction and most precise to date.
  - Limits on BSM physics.





- CENNS-10 Liquid Argon single-phase (scintillation) detector. •
  - 24.4 kg mass, 20 keV $_{nr}$  threshold.
  - CEvNS excess with  $3.5\sigma$  significance.



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### CEvNS at reactors

# CONUS





t 17 m from the  $3.95 \text{ GW}_{\text{th}}$  Brokdorf reactor in Germany.

Ge (88K)

E. = (790 ± 11) keV

= (644 ± 4) keV = (490 ± 3) keV

E. = (249 ± 2) keV

nuclear recoil energy (keV\_)

---- 90% C.L.

High-Purity Germanium detectors. veto and passive shielding. 1 300 eV<sub>ee</sub>. erisation.

Lindhard model, k = 0.162 ± 0.004

Correlated systematic uncertainties

3 factor for Ge.





Lindhard theory  $k = 0.162 \pm 0.004$ 

Janina Hakenmüller, Magnificent CEvNS 2024

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# CONUS





# CONUS+



- CONUS moved to 20.7 m from the 3.95 GW<sub>th</sub> Leibstadt reactor in Switzerland.
  - Flux 1.45 x  $10^{13} \bar{\nu}s^{-1}cm^{-2}$ .
  - Started running in Nov 2023. First reactor-off data in May 2024.
- Detector, shielding and DAQ upgrade.
  - Threshold reduced to 150 eV<sub>ee</sub>.
- Environmental background characterised.
- Working on full background modeling.
- Expect 10x larger signals than CONUS: 580  $\nu$ /det/y.







# nuGeN



- Reactor neutrino experiment at 11 m from the 3.1 GW<sub>th</sub> Kalinin reactor in Russia.
  - Flux up to 4.4 x  $10^{13} \bar{\nu}s^{-1}cm^{-2}$ .
  - Distance to reactor can be varied 11-12.5 m.
- 1.5-kg p-type point contact High-Purity Germanium detector.
  - 50 m.w.e. overburden, muon vetoes, antivibration platform.
- Preliminary limits on  $CE_{\nu}NS$  with 2022-2023 data.
  - Taking data with improved conditions since 2022.
  - Implementing modifications to reduce background at low energy.
  - Limits at 5x SM (if CONUS QF) or 2x SM (if Dresden QF).
  - Analysing 1500+ kd-days of data.
  - Plans to improve sensitivity: background model, threshold, DAQ.



CONUS QF (Lindhard k=0.162) Dresden QF (FeF, modified Linhard k=0.157)

Alexey Konovalov, Magnificent CEvNS 2024

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Csl(TI)

31.2 cm



- Reactor neutrino experiment at 28 m from the 2.9 GW<sub>th</sub> Kuo-Sheng reactor in Taiwan.
  - Flux 6 x  $10^{12} \bar{\nu} s^{-1} cm^{-2}$ .
  - 24 m.w.e overburden, muon v
- Six p-type point contact High-F
  - Took data since ~2003.
  - 1.43 kg electro-cooled detect
  - Threshold 200 eV<sub>ee</sub>.
- Working on completing the ana
  - <sup>135</sup>Xe reactor-on background
  - Preliminary limit at 4.2x SM for Lingnarg  $\widetilde{QF} \kappa = 0.157$ .
- Long reactor-off period till 2025. 500/800+ kg-days of on/off data.



40 cm

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# Sanmen reactor neutrino lab

- A new reactor neutrino lab at the 3.4 GW<sub>th</sub> Sanmen reactor in China.
  - Positions at 22 m / 11 m / 7 m.
  - Flux over 1.4 x  $10^{13} \bar{\nu}s^{-1}cm^{-2}$ .
  - Possibility for near/far joint analysis.
  - Background measurements ongoing.
- **RECODE** experiment: PPCGe.

Anode

4π LXe

Cathod

- LN cooling (FS), electric cooling (NS/VNS).
- 1/10 kg based on CDEX-1/10, 160 eV<sub>ee</sub>.
- First data in 2
- Plans to mea
- 32 kg fiducial

Pre-

on PMT array

Copper field shaping-rings

Bottom PMT

array

Hamamat R8520-40

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- Plastic scintillator muon veto
- 32kg fiducial volume TPC
- <sup> $\mu$ -Veto</sup> 5 cm BPE10 cm Pb Two 64 one-inch PMT array
- <sup>5 cm Cu</sup> High E-field for high efficiency
- Low-background materials



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Litao Yang, Magnificent CEvNS 2024

# CONNIE



- Reactor neutrino experiment at 30 m from the 3.95 GW<sub>th</sub> Angra 2 reactor in Brazil.
  - Flux 7.8 x  $10^{12} \bar{\nu} s^{-1} cm^{-2}$ .
- Thick scientific silicon Skipper-CCD detectors.
  - Multiple non-destructive measurements of pixel charge.
  - 2 sensors of 0.5 g total mass.
  - Took data in 2021-2023.
  - Lower background and 15 eV<sub>ee</sub> threshold.



# CONNIE



CEvNS limit at 76x SM with 18.4 g-days. Limit on light vector mediator. \_ Limit on DM direct detection by diurnal modulation. \_ World leading limit on millicharged particle production joint analysis with the Atucha-II experiment. ON-OFF [kdru] Multi-chip-module installed in May 2024, 32x more mass. 0.010 0.005 0.001 ్ర. × 10ే స CONNIE 3×10<sup>-6</sup> 1.×10<sup>--</sup> CONNIE skipper Atucha-II 5.×10<sup>-€</sup> CONNIE 1x1 CONNIE & Atucha-II COHERENT CONUS

Searches for CEvNS and BSM physics:



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- Reactor neutrino experiment at 19 m from the 3.1 GW<sub>th</sub> Kalinin reactor in Russia.
  - Flux 1.35 x  $10^{13} \, \bar{\nu} \text{s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$ .
  - 65 m.w.e. overburden.
- 200-kg liquid Xenon two-phase emission detector.
  - Sensitive to single ionisation electrons SE.
- Data analysis will be completed soon.
  - Background characterisation and detector calibration.
  - Investigating background excess, threshold 4.5 SE.
  - Sensitivity depends strongly on charge fluctuation model.
- Plans to substitute LXe for LAr, higher recoil energies.





ANSS

Titanium crvostat

Тор РМТ

array

# Ricochet



- Reactor neutrino experiment at 8.8 m from the 58 MW<sub>th</sub> ILL reactor in France.
  - Flux 1.6 x  $10^{12} \bar{\nu}s^{-1}cm^{-2}$ .
  - 15 m.w.e. overburden.
- Two types of cryogenic calorimeter detectors.
  - CryoCube: Ge crystals with ionisation and heat readout.
  - Particle ID based on ionization/heat ratio.
  - Q-Array: Superconducting crystals with TES, R&D.
- Started commissioning run at the ILL reactor in 2024.
  - Expect to start neutrino run in spring 2025 with 680 g.
  - Predicted S/B = 1 and 7 on-off cycles nominal exposure. Enertal Figueroa-Feliciano \ Nulrit São Paulo





# NUCLEUS



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• Reactor neutrino experiment at 72, 102 m from the 2x4.5 GW<sub>th</sub> Chooz reactors in France.

- Flux 1.7 x  $10^{12} \bar{\nu}$ s<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-2</sup> in a basement room in Very Near Site.
- Two types of cryogenic calorimeter detectors with TES readout.
  - $Al_2O_3$  for background,  $CaWO_4$  for CEvNS, 10 g, from 20 eV.
  - Silicon wafers with TES inner veto, HPGe outer veto, muon veto
  - External shielding (Pb, PE, B<sub>4</sub>C) commissioned, inner ongoing.
- Ongoing target + vates commissioning at TUM.
  - Full background model in simulations, low-energy calibrati
  - Double TES readout and PSD for low-energy backgr
  - Move to Chooz for engineering run in 2025.
  - Predict S/B = 1 and  $5\sigma$  in 150 days.





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External shielding fully commissioned and in place Full thermalisation of internal shielding (~50 kg of PE, Pb, Cu, CMV) achieved within 11 days.

Giorgio Del Castello, poster #432

# New technologies

#### MINER:

0nm excitation, AmBe neutrons

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IMINARY .5×10<sup>6</sup> n cm<sup>-2</sup>

n restart 5

> Counts/(e) 10-

- Based on iZIP cryogenic detector . for SuperCDMS: Si, Ge, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.
- New hybrid HV detectors for ER/NR detection, 100 eV thr.
- Background from stress relaxation.
- Possible deployment in HFIR.

S2-B1

20

80

100

15

Neutrino Physics (eV)

7.5

2 5

25

Saturation

120

#### Scintillating Bubble Chamber:

- 10 kg LAr Bubble Chamber.
- Calibrations, 100 eV<sub>nr</sub> threshold.
- Insensitive to ER.
- Possible deployment in ININ or Laguna Verde reactors.

#### Paleoccene:

- Colour centre passive detectors.
- Identification in LiF using light sheet microscope.



# Summary

- CEvNS is a very active field, with many developments and new/improved techniques.
  - Lower thresholds.
  - Lower backgrounds.
  - Higher fluxes.
  - Higher masses.
- COHERENT is leading the field of CEvNS measurements.
- Reactor experiments are getting closer to detection.
  - Expect some definitive measurements soon.
  - Quenching factor measurements are crucial for interpreting the data.
- We can look forward to exciting results.