## **Exploring New Physics and Nuclear Structure** through Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus **Measurements**



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## **Neutrino properties & neutrino as a probe**

#### Neutrino interactions over a range of energies



## **Neutrino floor as ultimate background**

#### ➢ **Natural Neutrino Sources are the ultimate background in the Dark Matter Direct Detection experiment**



➢ **However, it will become a future neutrino detector, very soon!**

#### **Part A: Some History**

## **Discovery of NC Interactions in 1973**

- ➢ **Alternating neutral currents:**
- ➢ **Two neutrino experiments were running: (A) Gargamelle at the CERN Proton Synchrotron (B) HPWF (Harvard, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Fermilab) counter at Fermi**
- ➢ **To measure the NC & CC Interactions with muon neutrinos:**



- ➢ **The result from Fermi lab was published in 1974.**
- ➢ **W&Z at CERN were discovered in 1983.**



Fig. 1. The Gargamelle heavy-liquid bubble chamber, installed into the magnet coils, at CERN in 1970

# **First Prediction in 1974**



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VOLUME 9, NUMBER 5

1 MARCH 1974

#### Coherent effects of a weak neutral current

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Our suggestion may be an act of hubris, because the inevitable constraints of interaction rate, resolution, and background pose grave experimental difficulties for elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering. We will discuss these problems at the end of this note, but first we wish to present the theoretical ideas relevant to the experiments.



**In analogy to the coherent behavior of electron-nucleus scattering**

#### **First idea on the detection?**

#### **First idea on how to detect the neutrino coherent scattering process:**

#### **Superconducting-grain detector for (10-1000 eV) recoiled energies**

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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)

We study detection of MeV-range neutrinos through elastic scattering on nuclei and identification of the recoil energy. The very large value of the neutral-current cross section due to coherence indicates a detector would be relatively light and suggests the possibility of a true "neutrino observatory." The recoil energy which must be detected is very small  $(10-10^3 \text{ eV})$ , however. We examine a realization in terms of the superconducting-grain idea, which appears, in principle, to be feasible through extension and extrapolation of currently known techniques. Such a detector could permit determination of the neutrino energy spectrum and should be insensitive to neutrino oscillations since it detects all neutrino types. Various applications and tests are discussed, including spallation sources, reactors, supernovas, and solar and terrestrial neutrinos. A preliminary estimate of the most difficult backgrounds is attempted.

## **Direct detection of dark matter**

PHYSICAL REVIEW D

**VOLUME 31, NUMBER 12** 

15 JUNE 1985

#### Detectability of certain dark-matter candidates

Mark W. Goodman and Edward Witten Joseph Henry Laboratories, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey 08544 (Received 7 January 1985)

We consider the possibility that the neutral-current neutrino detector recently proposed by Drukier and Stodolsky could be used to detect some possible candidates for the dark matter in galac-

tic halos. This may be feasible if the galactic halos are made of particles with coherent weak interactions and masses  $1-10^6$  GeV; particles with spin-dependent interactions of typical weak strength and masses  $1-10^2$  GeV; or strongly interacting particles of masses  $1-10^{13}$  GeV.

#### PHYSICAL REVIEW D PARTICLES AND FIELDS

THIRD SERIES, VOLUME 33, NUMBER 8

15 APRIL 1986

#### Possibility of detecting heavy neutral fermions in the Galaxy

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It is shown that heavy neutral fermions in the galactic halo could produce numerous detectable low-energy events in a "thermal" neutrino detector if the heavy-fermion-nucleon vector coupling is comparable in strength to the vector weak interaction. The conditions under which a detectable event rate could arise for fermions with purely axial-vector couplings are also discussed. In a silicon detector heavy-fermion events would be concentrated at low energies, and could be distinguished

# **First direct detection in 2017**

# Observation of coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering

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#### Science

**2017 BREAKTHROUGH OF THE YEAR** 

**Cosmic convergence** 

#### **RUNNERS-UP**

Life at the atomic level A tiny detector for the shiest particles Deeper roots for Homo sapiens Pinpoint gene editing **Biology preprints take off** A cancer drug's broad swipe A new great ape species Earth's atmosphere 2.7 million years ago Gene therapy triumph

#### A tiny detector for the shiest particles



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A prototype of a detector that spotted coherent neutrino scattering for the first time. (JEAN LACHAT/UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO)

This year, physicists spotted the most elusive subatomic particles, neutrinos, pinging off atomic nuclei in a new way. The achievement fulfilled a 4-decade-long quest, and it didn't require the massive hardware usually used to detect neutrinos. Instead, the researchers pulled off the feat with a portable detector that weighs about as much as a microwave oven.



### **Part B: Brief Introduction**

## **Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering**

- $\triangleright$  CE<sub>V</sub>NS: pronounced "sevens"
- ▶ Weak Neutral-Current (NC) interaction:

 $\nu_{\alpha} + \mathcal{N}(A, Z) \rightarrow \nu_{\alpha} + \mathcal{N}(A, Z)$ 



The nucleus  $\mathcal{N}(A, Z)$  recoils as a whole!

So what?



## **The CEVNS kinematics**

## $|\vec{q}| R \lesssim 1$

- Heavy target nucleus  $\mathcal{N}(A, Z)$ :  $A \sim 100$   $M \sim 100$  GeV  $R \approx 1.2 A^{1/3}$  fm  $\approx 5$  fm ► CE $\nu$ NS for  $|\vec{q}| \lesssim 40$  MeV
	- Non-Relativistic nuclear recoil:
		- $|\vec{q}| \simeq \sqrt{2MT}$



Outgoing neutrino

Observable nuclear recoil kinetic energy:

$$
\mathcal{T} \simeq \frac{|\vec{q}|^2}{2\,M} \lesssim 10 \, \text{keV} \ \ \, \leftarrow \ \ \, \text{Very Small!}
$$





## **The CEVNS Cross Section**

Standard Model: 
$$
\frac{d\sigma_{CEVNS}}{dT}(E_{\nu}, T) = \frac{G_{F}^{2}M}{4\pi} \left(1 - \frac{MT}{2E_{\nu}^{2}}\right) \left[Q_{W}(Q^{2})\right]^{2}
$$
  
\nWeak charge of the nucleus N: 
$$
\boxed{|\vec{q}| = \sqrt{2MT}}
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$$
Q_{W}(Q^{2}) = g_{V}^{n} N F_{N}(|\vec{q}|) + g_{V}^{p} Z F_{Z}(|\vec{q}|)
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$$
g_{V}^{n} = -\frac{1}{2} \qquad g_{V}^{p} = \frac{1}{2} - 2 \sin^{2} \vartheta_{W}(Q^{2} \simeq 0) = 0.0227 \pm 0.0002
$$
  
\nThe neutron contribution is dominant! 
$$
\frac{d\sigma_{CEVNS}}{dT} \propto N^{2}
$$
  
\n[Freedman, PRD 9 (1974) 1389; Drukier, Stodolsky, PRD 30 (1984) 2295; Barranco, Miranda, Rashba, hep-ph/0508299]  
\nThe coherent nuclear recoil gives a big cross section enhancement for heavy nuclei:  $\sigma_{NC}^{\text{incoherent}} \propto N \Rightarrow \sigma_{CEVNS}/\sigma_{NC}^{\text{incoherent}} \propto N$   
\nThe nuclear form factors  $F_{N}(|\vec{q}|)$  and  $F_{Z}(|\vec{q}|)$  describe the loss of coherence for  $|\vec{q}|R \gtrsim 1$ . [Patron et al, arXiv:1207.0693; Bednyakov, Naumov, arXiv:1806.08768; Papoulias

et al, arXiv:1903.03722; Ciuffoli et al, arXiv:1801.02166; Canas et al, arXiv:1911.09831; Van Dessel et al, arXiv:2007.03658]

### **The CEVNS Cross Section**

Big cross section enhancement for heavy nuclei  $\mathcal{N}(A, Z)$  with many nucleons  $N_i$ :



[Papoulias, Kosmas, Kuno, arXiv:1911.00916]

## **Partial Coherence**

In the COHERENT experiment the scattering is not completely coherent





### **Neutron Form Factor**



▶ Partial coherency is described by the nuclear neutron form factor  $F_N(|\vec{q}|)$ 

► Fourier transform of the neutron distribution in the nucleus  $\rho_N(r)$ :  $F_N(|\vec{q}|) = \int e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} \rho_N(r) d^3r$ 

Measurable parameter: the radius  $R_n$  of the nuclear neutron distribution

#### **Neutron Form Factor**

Helm form factor:  $F_N^{\text{Helm}}(|\vec{q}|^2) = 3 \frac{j_1(|\vec{q}|R_0)}{|\vec{q}|R_0} e^{-|\vec{q}|^2 s^2/2}$ Spherical Bessel function of order one:  $j_1(x) = \sin(x)/x^2 - \cos(x)/x$ Obtained from the convolution of a sphere with constant density with radius  $R_0$  and a gaussian density with standard deviation s Rms radius:  $R^2 = \langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{5} R_0^2 + 3s^2$ Surface thickness:  $s \simeq 0.9$  fm 0.0012 ಼  $s = 0.9$  fm  $R = 4$  fm 0.0010  $\frac{8}{2}$  $R = 5$  fm  $R = 6$  fm 0.0008 8.0  $F^2(q^2)$ 0.0006 उँ  $R_0$ 0.0004 ွိ 0.0002  $R = 5$  fm  $s = 0.9$  fm 0.0000 8 R 20 0 60 80 100 40 2 6 8 4 10  $[MeV]$ q  $[fm]$ r

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### **Part C: Observation and Implications**

# **The COHERENT experiment**

- ➢ **14.6 kg CsI scintillating crystal and 24 kg LAr detector.**
- Prompt monochromatic  $v_\mu$  from stopped pion decays:

 $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$ 

 $\triangleright$  Delayed  $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$  and  $\nu_e$  from the subsequent muon decays:

 $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \bar{\nu}_{\mu} + \nu_e$ 

➢ **The COHERENT energy and time information allow us**   ${\bf t}$ o distinguish the interactions of  $\nu_e$ ,  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\bar\nu_\mu$ 





# **First observation of CEvNS at CsI (2017)**





Akimov et al. Science Vol 357, Issue 6356 15 September 2017

- Data are beam coincident and anti-coincident residuals during SNS operation, "On", and during SNS shutdown periods, "Off".
- Excess in light yield and timing distributions only for Beam on.

 $^{133}_{55}Cs_{78}$  and  $^{127}_{53}I_{74}$ Heavy nuclei well suited for  $CE\nu NS$ 

## **Neutron Distributions of Cs & I**

Fit of the 2017 COHERENT Csl data to get  $R_n({}^{133}Cs) \simeq R_n({}^{127}I)$ :



First determination of  $R_n$  with neutrino-nucleus scattering:

$$
R_n(\text{CsI}) = 5.5^{+0.9}_{-1.1} \text{ fm}
$$

[Cadeddu, Giunti, Li, Zhang, arXiv:1710.02730]

With new 2020 COHERENT Csl data:

[Pershey @ Magnificent CE<sub>V</sub>NS 2020]

 $R_n(Csl) = 5.55 \pm 0.44$  fm

[Cadeddu et al, arXiv:2102.06153]

### **Neutron Distributions of Cs & I**

- ➢ **Neutron form factor is the Fourier transform of the neutron distribution**
- ➢ **First measurement of neutron radius with neutrinos, pure weak NC measurement!**
- ➢ **neutron skin** → **the nuclear Equation of State (EOS)**→ **neutron star radius**

 $R_n(Csl) = 5.55 \pm 0.44$  fm

- $\blacktriangleright$  The uncertainty is large, but it can be improved in future.
- $R_n(\text{CsI}) \approx 4.9 5.1 \text{ fm}$ Predictions of nuclear models:
- A large  $R_n$  has important implications for:
	- ▶ Nuclear physics: a larger pressure of neutrons
	- Astrophysics: a larger size of neutron stars



## **BSM Neutrino Interactions in CEvNS**



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## **Neutrino Electromagnetic Interactions**

• Effective electromagnetic vertex:

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$$
\nu_{i}(p_{i})
$$
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$$
\langle \nu_{f}(p_{f})|j_{\mu}^{(\nu)}(0)|\nu_{i}(p_{i})\rangle = \overline{u_{f}}(p_{f})\Lambda_{\mu}^{\hat{n}}(q)u_{i}(p_{i})
$$
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$$
q = p_{i} - p_{f}
$$
\n• Vertex function:

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$$
\Lambda_{\mu}(q) = (\gamma_{\mu} - q_{\mu}q/q^{2}) \left[ F_{Q}(q^{2}) + F_{A}(q^{2})q^{2}\gamma_{5} \right] - i\sigma_{\mu\nu}q^{\nu} \left[ F_{M}(q^{2}) + iF_{E}(q^{2})\gamma_{5} \right]
$$
\nLorentz-invariant form factors:

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$$
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$$

 $\mathcal{H}^{(\nu)}_{em}(x) = j^{(\nu)}_{\mu}(x) A^{\mu}(x) = \sum_{\mu,\nu} \overline{\nu_k}(x) \Lambda^{kj}_{\mu} \nu_j(x) A^{\mu}(x)$ 

Effective Hamiltonian:

## **Diagonal charge radii**



a Corrected by a factor of two due to a different convention.

**b** Corrected in Hirsch, Nardi, Restrepo, hep-ph/0210137.

[Previous CEvNS results: Papoulias et al, arXiv:1711.09773, arXiv:1907.11644, arXiv:2003.12050; Khan and Rodejohann, arXiv:1907.12444; Cadeddu et al, arXiv:1810.05606, arXiv:1908.06045, arXiv:2005.01645]

## **Magnetic dipole moment**



[See also: Liao et al, arXiv:2202.10622; Aristizabal Sierra et al, arXiv:2203.02414; Khan, arXiv:2203.08892]

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[Future prospects: Miranda et al, arXiv:1905.03750]

## **Light mediators**











## **CONUS**

Analysis of RUN-1 (2018) & RUN-2 (2019/2020) data  $\rightarrow$  best UL on CEvNS with Ge ! п



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## **CONNIE**



## **Dresden-II: Suggestive evidence**

#### PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 129, 211802 (2022)

#### **Measurement of Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering** from Reactor Antineutrinos

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# **Part D: Concluding Remarks**

## **Summary of CEvNS experimental searches**

### **Summary of CEVNS Results**



## **Exp. Program worldwide**

Proliferation of experimental efforts worldwide !



## **Implications: What can we do with CE<sub>V</sub>NS ?**



# **EXTRAS**

## **Natural sources of low-energy neutrinos**



# **Artificial sources of low-energy neutrinos**



## **New observation with CsI (2020)**

### **Expected CEvNS in Csl**





 $\square$  Implemented many analysis improvements since first observation - see talk by A. Konovalov

- Developed blind analysis to avoid biasing
- $\Box$  Perform 2D likelihood fit in PE and t<sub>rec</sub>
- □ Beam-unrelated steady-state background measured in-situ with beam out-of-time data

□ Beam-related neutron backgrounds small

#### **Expected events**

Pershey@@Mag7s(2020)



## **New observation with CsI (2020)**

- Continued data collection up to June 2019  $\rightarrow$  increased statistics by a factor > 2 п
- Refinements in the SSB characterization and beam power determination п
- Big work on re-measuring and understanding the QF  $\blacksquare$

 $\rightarrow$  Unc. reduced to 3.6% in the new analysis !

Updated measurement of CEvNS on CsI with new unc. budget !







+ various searches of BSM physics...

See D. Pershey's talk

**From M. Vivier summary talk @Mag7s(2020)**

# **Single-Phase Liquid Argon**

#### **Single-Phase Liquid Argon**

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





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

## **COHERENT 2020: Argon (Ar)**



## **Electromagnetic Vertex Function**



- ▶ Hermitian form factors:  $F_Q = F_Q^{\dagger}$ ,  $F_A = F_A^{\dagger}$ ,  $F_M = F_M^{\dagger}$ ,  $F_E = F_F^{\dagger}$
- ▶ Majorana neutrinos:  $F_Q = -F_Q^T$ ,  $F_A = F_A^T$ ,  $F_M = -F_M^T$ ,  $F_E = -F_E^T$ no diagonal charges and electric and magnetic moments in the mass basis
- ► For left-handed ultrarelativistic neutrinos  $\gamma_5 \rightarrow -1 \Rightarrow$  The phenomenology of the charge and anapole are similar and the phenomenology of the magnetic and electric moments are similar.
- $\blacktriangleright$  For ultrarelativistic neutrinos the charge and anapole terms conserve helicity, whereas the magnetic and electric terms invert helicity.