Coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering (CEvNS): Overview

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Neutrino interactions across all energies



Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering (CEvNS)



Neutral current interaction; Due to Standard Model couplings coherent enhancement due to neutrons

Total scattering amplitude sum of that on constituent nucleons

Small momentum transfer relative to target size implies coherent enhancement

Low energy recoil distribution implies difficult to detect

Coherent effects of a weak neutral current

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Brice et al, 1311.5958

Complementarity in CEvNS

















Scientific impact of COHERENT results



Nuclear structure

Measurement of the neutron distribution in the nucleus [Cadeddu, Dordei, Giunti, Li, Zhang, 2019; Aristizibal-Sierra, Liao, Marfatia, 2019; Hoferichter, Menendez, Schwenk 2020]

Radiative corrections

Tomalak, Machado, Pandey, Plestid 2021]

0.5 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.5 0.0 0.5 1.0 E_{ee}^{dV}

XENON collaboration, PRL 126 (2021) 091301: 2012.02846 [hep-ex]

CEvNS at nuclear reactors





Exploring $CE\nu NS$ with NUCLEUS at the Chooz Nuclear Power Plant

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Coherent Neutrino Scattering with Low Temperature Bolometers at Chooz Reactor Complex

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Research program towards observation of neutrino-nucleus coherent scattering

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Background Studies for the MINER Coherent Neutrino Scattering Reactor Experiment

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New physics searches with reactors and accelerators



LSND, Mini-Boone results may be interpreted as \sim eV sterile neutrinos

Gallium, reactor data also may be interpreted as sterile neutrinos

However, some data not consistent with this interpretation (MINOS/IceCube)

COHERENT should be sensitive to sterile neutrinos with several years of data

Sterile neutrinos: Anderson et al. 2012; Dutta et al. 2016; Blanco, Machado, Hooper 2019; Miranda et al. 2020

Weak mixing angle: Fernandez-Moroni et al. 2021

Direct detection of weak-scale dark matter







SNOWMASS 2013

Astrophysical neutrinos and dark matter



Search for Coherent Elastic Scattering of Solar ⁸B Neutrinos in the XENON1T Dark Matter Experiment

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Next generation dark matter and neutrino detection



Solar neutrinos

Borexino has performed a multi-component analysis of the Solar neutrino spectrum using neutrino-electron elastic scattering [Borexino Collaboration, Phys.Rev.D 100 (2019) 8, 082004 1707.09279]

Discovery of the the CNO component of the Solar neutrino flux [Borexino collaboration, Nature 587 (2020) 577-582 2006.15115]

Borexino + solar neutrino data still unable to distinguish between low and high metallicity Solar neutrino models

Measurement of neutral current component of the 8B spectrum with CEvNS in a DM detector would directly measure the Solar metallicity

New bound on NSI [Dutta, Liao, Strigari, Walker 2017] and Sterile neutrinos [Billard, LS, Figueroa-Feliciano 2014]



Atmospheric neutrinos





Detection with CEvNS would be the measurement of the lowest energy atmospheric neutrinos

Flux sensitive to Solar modulation, geomagnetic effects

Sensitivity to NSI [Dutta, Lang, Liao, Strigari, Sinha, Thompson JCAP 2020]

Next generation dark matter and neutrino detection



Newstead, Lang, Strigari 2020

Dark side of the Solar neutrino parameter space



Oscillation data still allow for large NSI couplings and MSW LMA *dark side* solution [Miranda, Valle, Tortola, 2006]

Changes octant of solar angle and sign of mass ordering

Non-oscillation experiments (e.g. coherent scattering) required to lift existing degeneracy



Coloma, Denton, Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni 2017; Denton, Farzan, Shoemaker 2018; Denton & Gehrlein 2020

CEvNS with directional detectors



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Directional dark matter and neutrino detection:

Mayet et al. Phys. Reports 2016 Grothaus, Fairbairn, Monroe, PRD 2014; O'Hare, Billard, Figueroa-Feliciano, Green, Strigari 2015

CEvNS with directional detectors



Aristizabal-Sierra, Dutta, Kim, Snowden-Ifft, Strigari, 2021: 2103.10857

Summary: CEvNS detections and future prospects



Figure: Kate Scholberg

CEvNS in the coming decade+



Figure: Phil Barbeau

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Two community SNOWMASS white papers: CEvNS Theory + Experiment (Strigari/Barbeau/Strauss); G3 dark matter detection (Rafael Lang et al.)