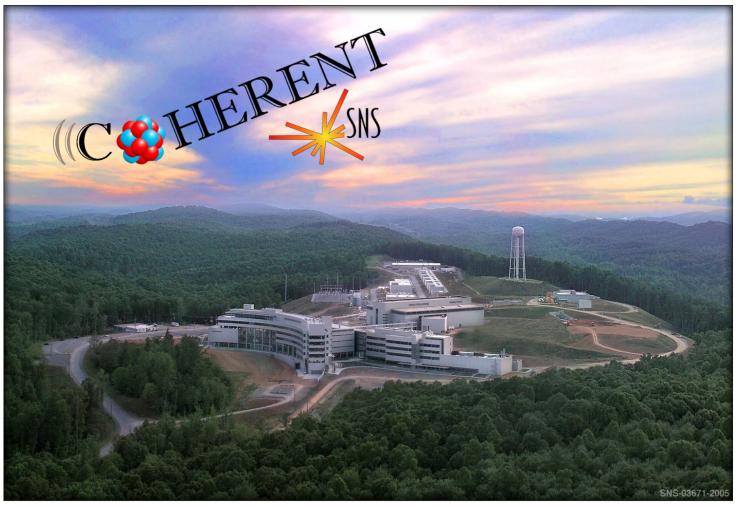
#### Observation of

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



Kate Scholberg, Duke University BNL Seminar October 26, 2017

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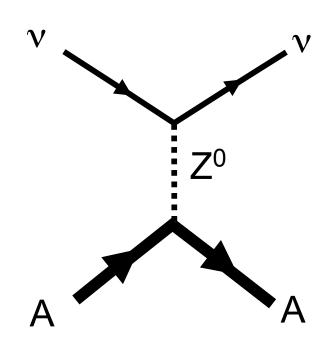
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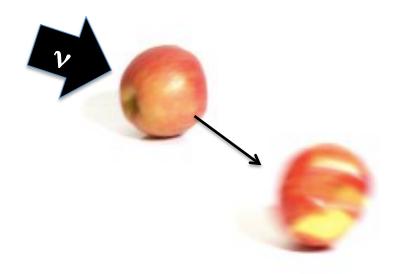
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# Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering (CEvNS)



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

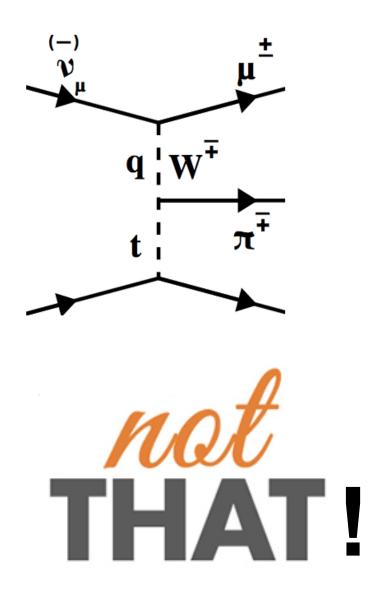
at low momentum transfer

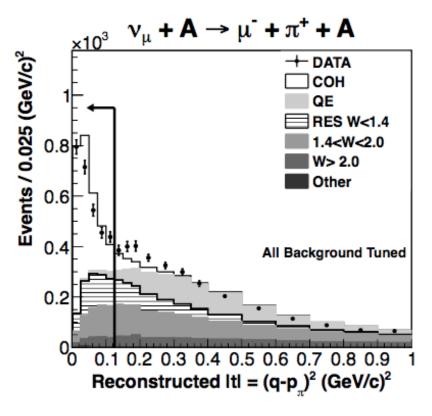
$$rac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \sim A^2 |f(\mathbf{k'},\mathbf{k})|^2$$
 Momentum transfer  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{k'} - \mathbf{k}$ 

For QR << 1 ,

[total xscn]  $\sim A^2 *$  [single constituent xscn]

# This is *not* coherent pion production, a strong interaction process *(inelastic)*





A. Higuera et. al, MINERvA collaboration, PRL 2014 113 (26) 2477

#### **\begin{aside}**

Literature has CNS, CNNS, CENNS, ...

- I prefer including "E" for "elastic"... otherwise it gets frequently confused with coherent pion production at ~GeV neutrino energies
- I'm told "NN" means "nucleon-nucleon" to nuclear types
- CEvNS is a possibility but those internal Greek letters are annoying
  - → CEVNS, pronounced "sevens"... spread the meme!

\end{aside}

#### First proposed 43 years ago!

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#### Coherent effects of a weak neutral current

#### Daniel Z. Freedmant

National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia, Illinois 60510 and Institute for Theoretical Physics, State University of New York, Stony Brook, New York 11790 (Received 15 October 1973; revised manuscript received 19 November 1973)

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.



Also: D. Z. Freedman et al., "The Weak Neutral Current and Its Effect in Stellar Collapse", Ann. Rev. Nucl. Sci. 1977. 27:167-207

## The cross section is cleanly predicted in the Standard Model

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT} = \frac{G_F^2 M}{\pi} F^2(Q) \left[ (G_V + G_A)^2 + (G_V - G_A)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{T}{E_\nu} \right)^2 - (G_V^2 - G_A^2) \frac{MT}{E_\nu^2} \right]$$

E<sub>ν</sub>: neutrino energy

T: nuclear recoil energy

M: nuclear mass

 $Q = \sqrt{(2 M T)}$ : momentum transfer

#### G<sub>V</sub>, G<sub>A</sub>: SM weak parameters

vector 
$$G_V = g_V^p Z + g_V^n N,$$



axial  $G_A = g_A^p(Z_+ - Z_-) + g_A^n(N_+ + N_-)$ 

$$g_V^p = 0.0298$$
  $g_V^n = -0.5117$   $g_A^p = \pm 0.4955 \; (- \; {
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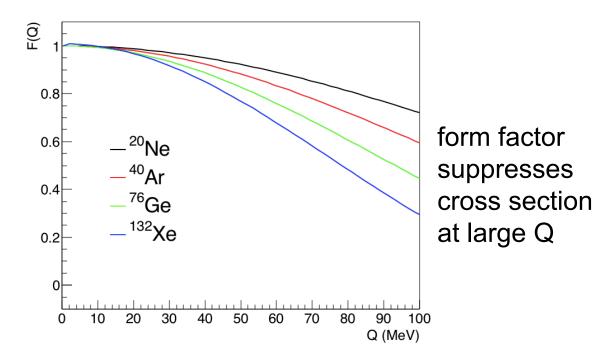
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### F(Q): nuclear form factor, <~5% uncertainty on event rate



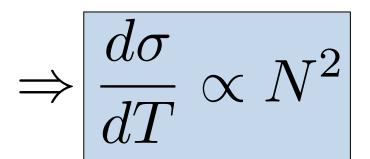
#### For $T << E_v$ , neglecting axial terms:

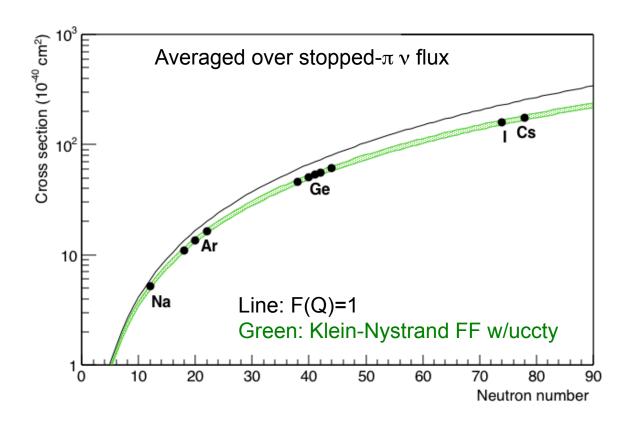
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT} = \frac{G_F^2 M}{2\pi} \frac{Q_W^2}{4} F^2(Q) \left(2 - \frac{MT}{E_\nu^2}\right)$$

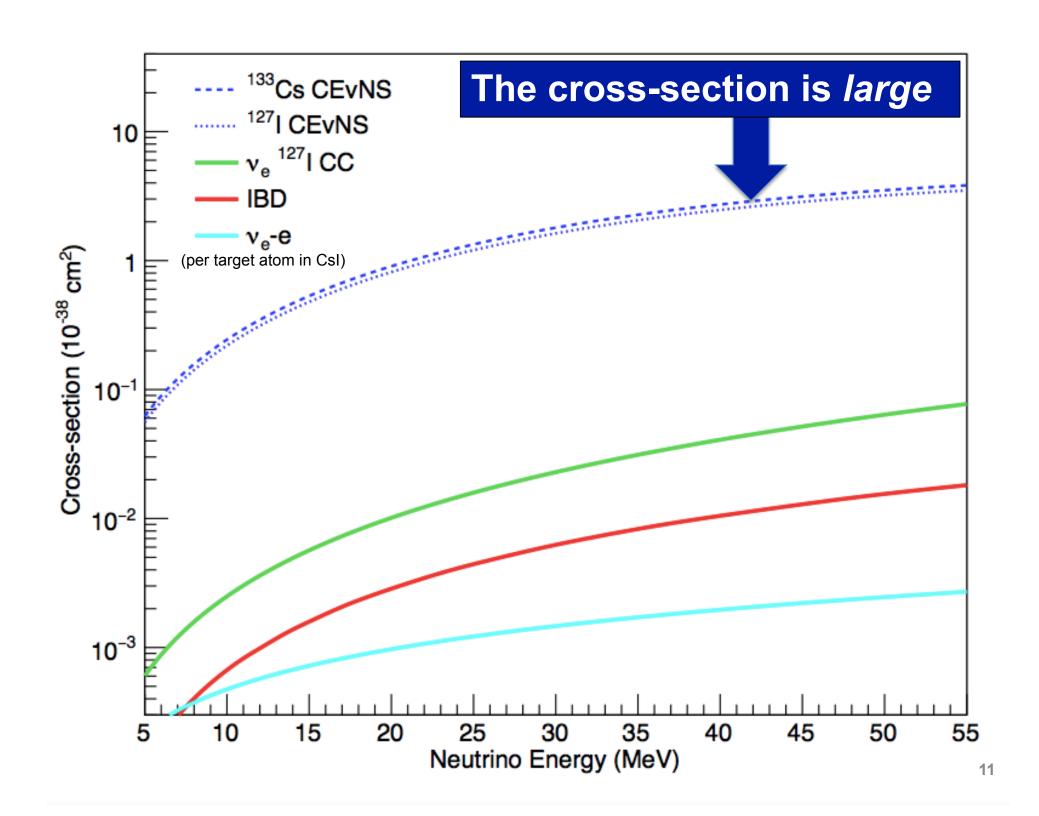
$$Q_W = N - (1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W)Z$$

: weak nuclear charge

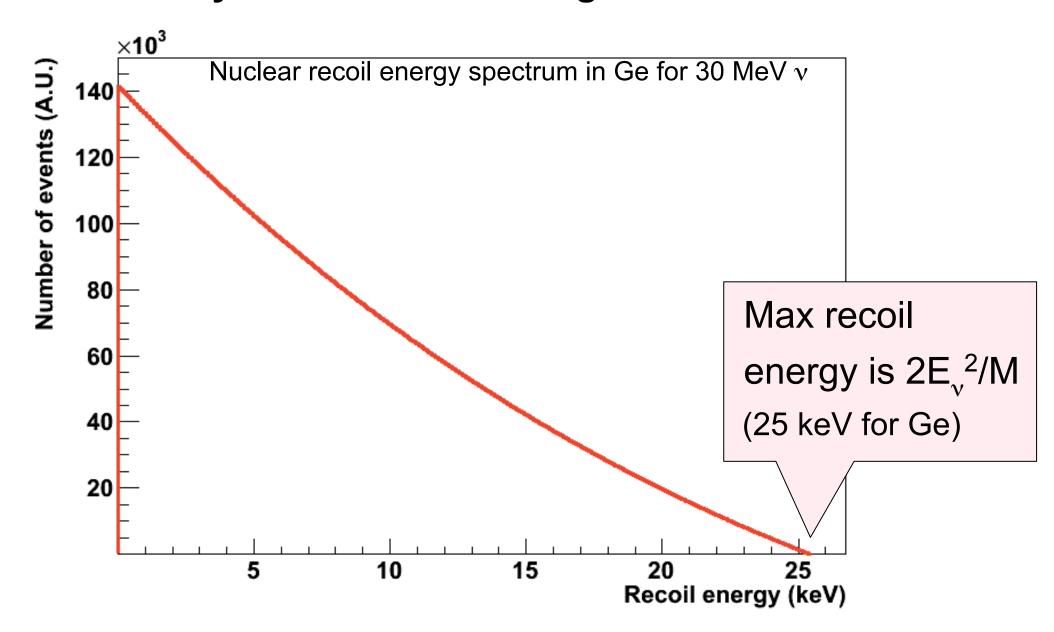
$$\sin^2\theta_W=0.231$$
 , so protons unimportant





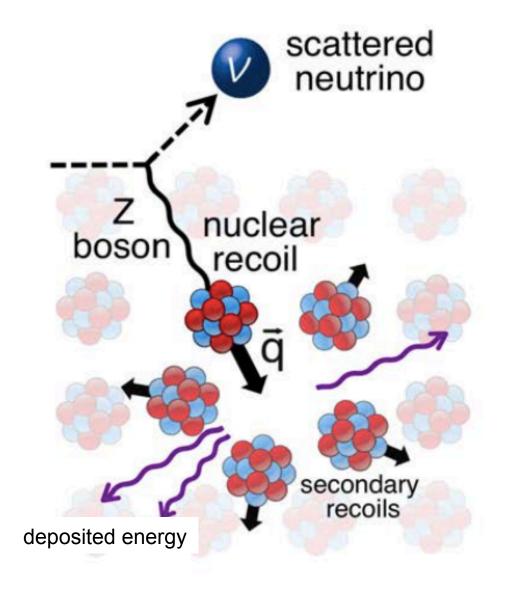


## Large cross section (by neutrino standards) but hard to observe due to tiny nuclear recoil energies:



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

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### **CEvNS:** what's it good for?

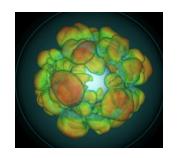


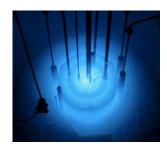
(not a complete list!)

- DM direct-detection expt bg/signal
- Well-calculable cross-section in SM:
  - $\sin^2\theta_{\text{Weff}}$  at low Q
  - Probe of Beyond-the-SM physics
    - Non-standard interactions of neutrinos
    - New NC mediators
    - Neutrino magnetic moment
- New tool for sterile neutrino oscillations
- Astrophysical signals (solar & SN)
- Supernova processes
- Nuclear physics:
  - Neutron form factors
  - g<sub>A</sub> quenching
- Possible applications (reactor monitoring)

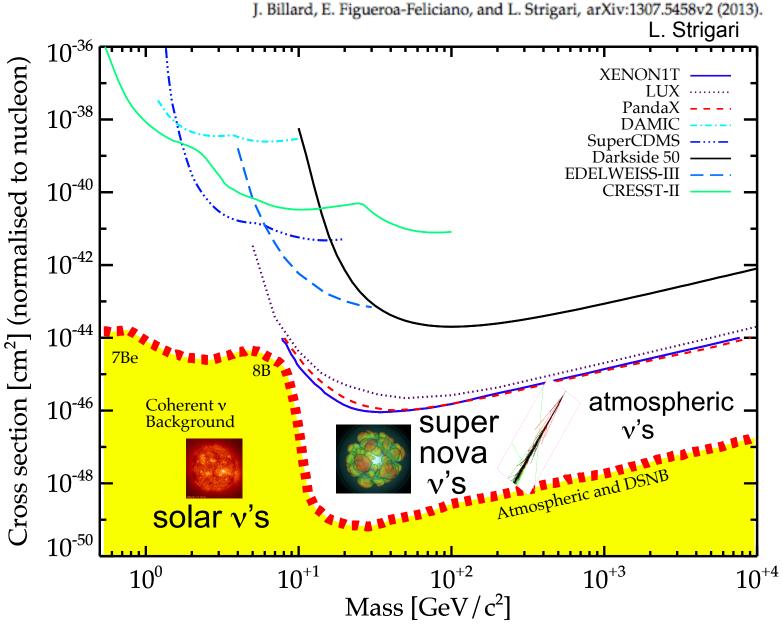








#### The so-called "neutrino floor" (signal!) for DM experiments

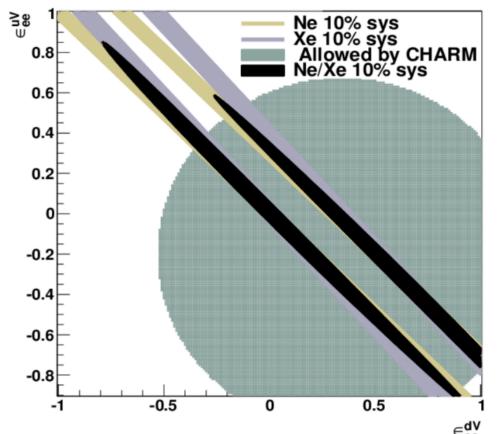


Measure CEvNS to understand nature of background/astro signal (& detector response, DM interaction)

#### **Non-Standard Interactions of Neutrinos:**

new interaction specific to v's

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu H}^{NSI} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\substack{q=u,d\\\alpha,\beta=e,\mu,\tau}} \left[ \bar{\nu}_{\alpha} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma^5) \nu_{\beta} \right] \times \left( \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{qL} \left[ \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma^5) q \right] + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{qR} \left[ \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} (1 + \gamma^5) q \right] \right)$$

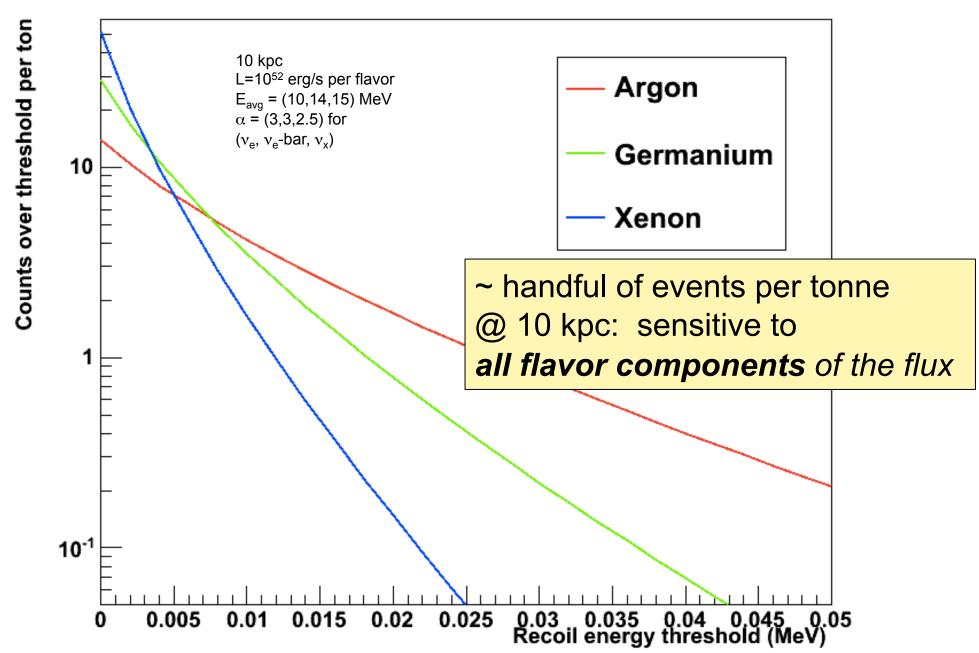


If these ε's are ~unity, there is a new interaction of ~Standard-model size... many not currently well constrained

J. Barranco et al., JHEP 0512 (2005), K. Scholberg, PRD73, 033005 (2006), 021

Can improve ~order of magnitude beyond CHARM limits with a first-generation experiment (for best sensitivity, want *multiple targets*)

#### Supernova neutrinos in tonne-scale DM detectors

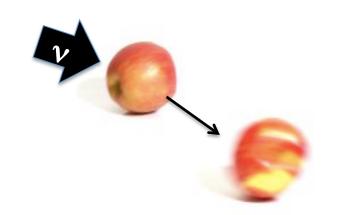


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#### **How to detect CEvNS?**

You need a neutrino source and a detector

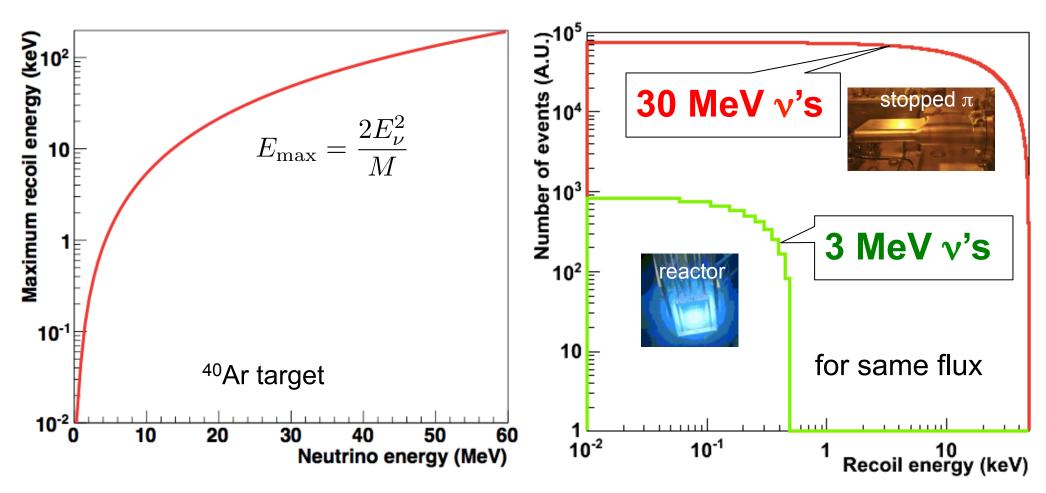


#### What do you want for your v source?

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

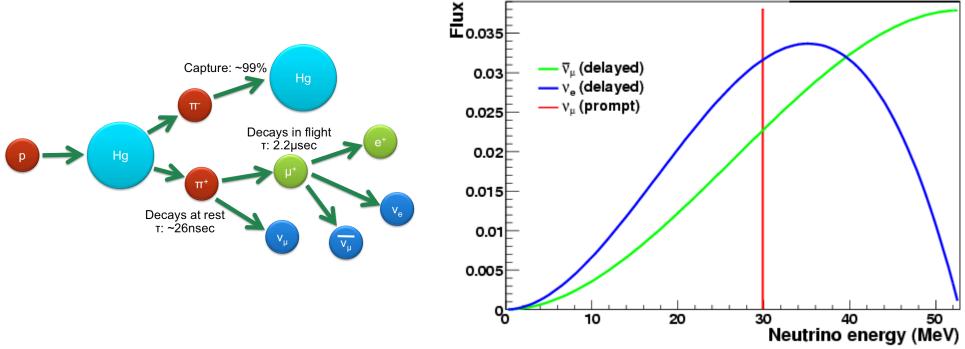


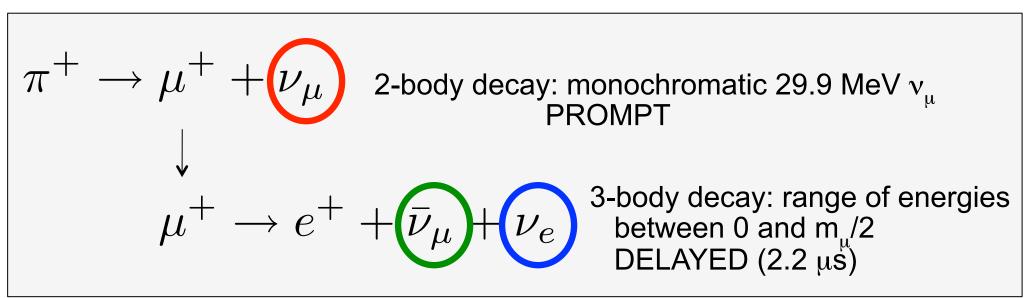
## Both cross-section and maximum recoil energy increase with neutrino energy:



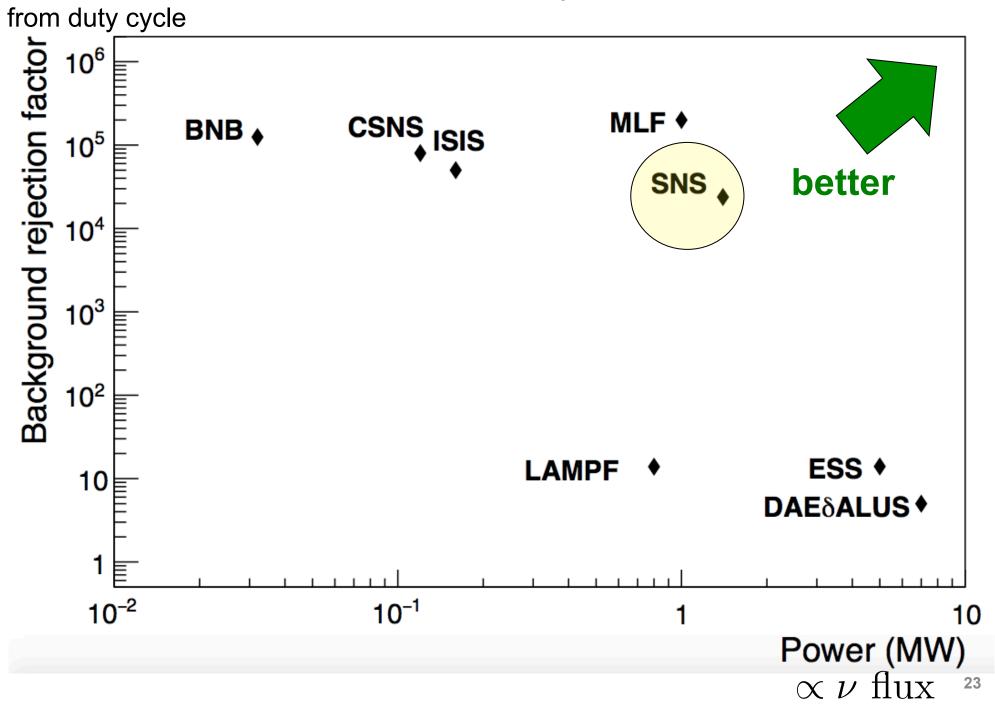
Want energy as large as possible while satisfying coherence condition:  $Q \lesssim \frac{1}{R}$  (<~ 50 MeV for medium A)

### Stopped-Pion (πDAR) Neutrinos

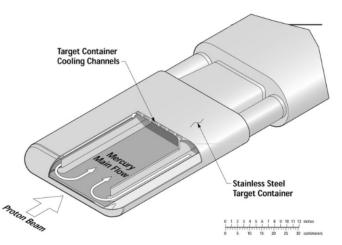




#### Comparison of pion decay-at-rest v sources







Proton beam energy: 0.9-1.3 GeV

Total power: 0.9-1.4 MW

Pulse duration: 380 ns FWHM

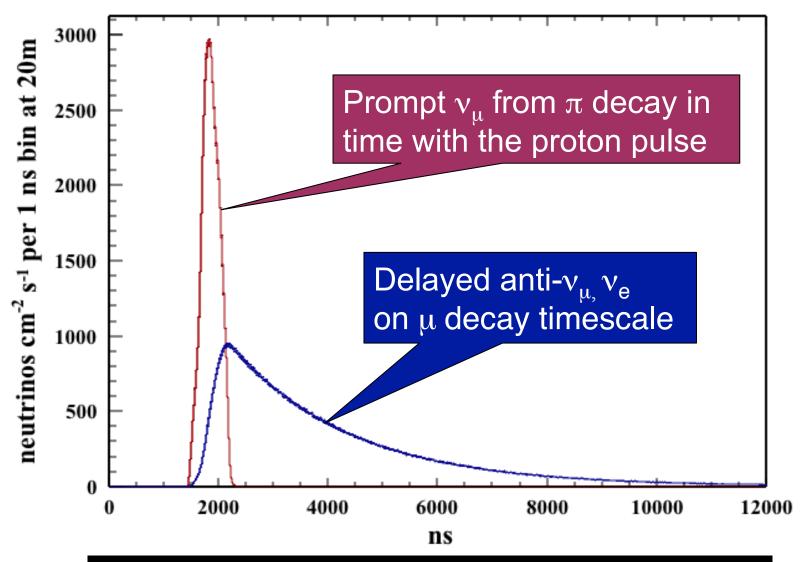
Repetition rate: 60 Hz

Liquid mercury target

The neutrinos are free!

#### Time structure of the SNS source

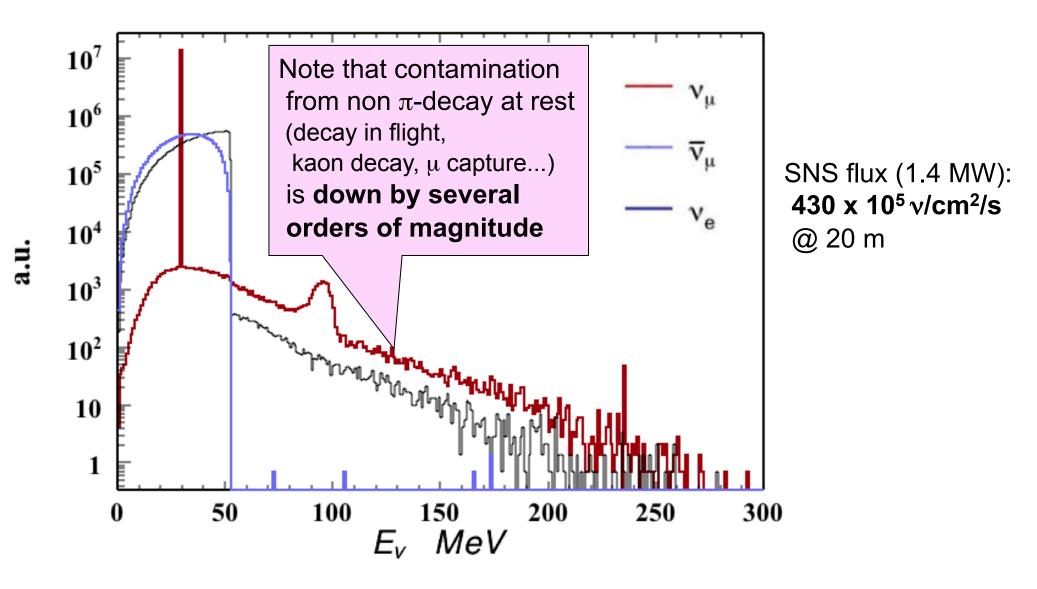
60 Hz pulsed source



Background rejection factor ~few x 10<sup>-4</sup>

#### The SNS has large, extremely clean DAR v flux

0.08 neutrinos per flavor per proton on target

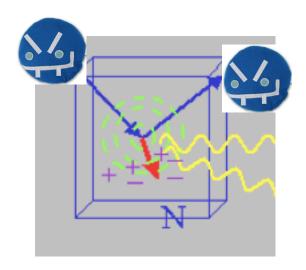


#### **Backgrounds**

Usual suspects:

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

Neutrons are especially not your friends\*



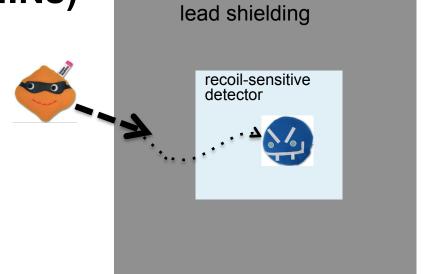
Steady-state backgrounds can be *measured* off-beam-pulse ... in-time backgrounds must be carefully characterized

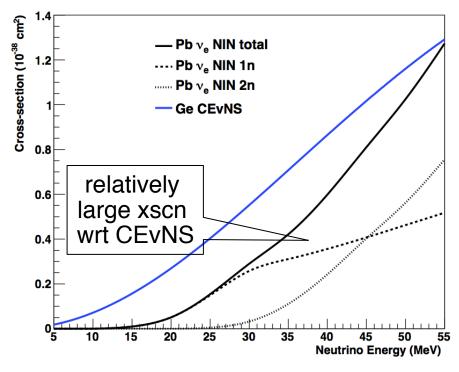
#### A "friendly fire" in-time background:

**Neutrino Induced Neutrons (NINs)** 

$$v_e$$
 +  $^{208}\text{Pb} \rightarrow ^{208}\text{Bi*} + e^- \text{ CC}$ 
 $1n, 2n \text{ emission}$ 
 $v_x$  +  $^{208}\text{Pb} \rightarrow ^{208}\text{Pb*} + v_x \text{ NC}$ 
 $1n, 2n, \gamma \text{ emission}$ 

- 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]





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#### The COHERENT collaboration

http://sites.duke.edu/coherent









~80 members, 19 institutions 4 countries

arXiv:1509.08702



























#### **COHERENT CEVNS Detectors**

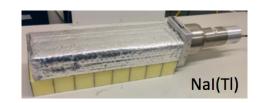
Nuclear Target	Technology		Mass (kg)	Distance from source (m)	Recoil threshold (keVr)
Csl[Na]	Scintillating crystal	flash	14.6	19.3	6.5
Ge	HPGe PPC	zap	10	22	5
LAr	Single-phase	flash	22	29	20
Nal[TI]	Scintillating crystal	flash	185*/ 2000	28	13

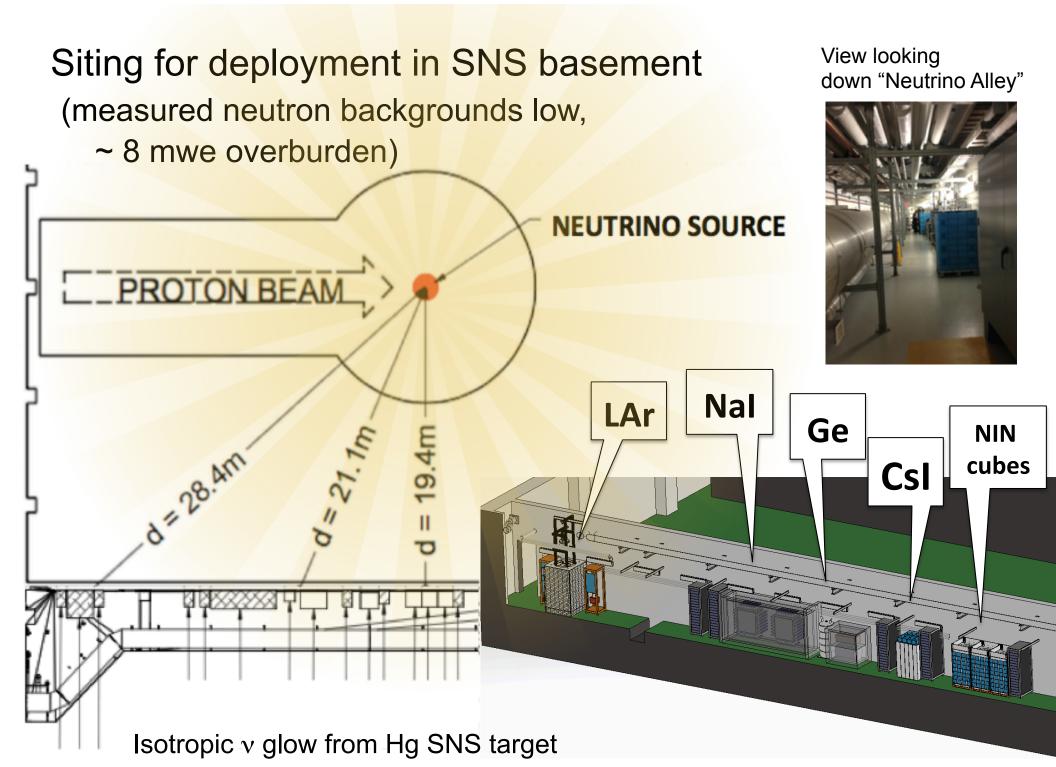
Multiple detectors for N<sup>2</sup> dependence of the cross section



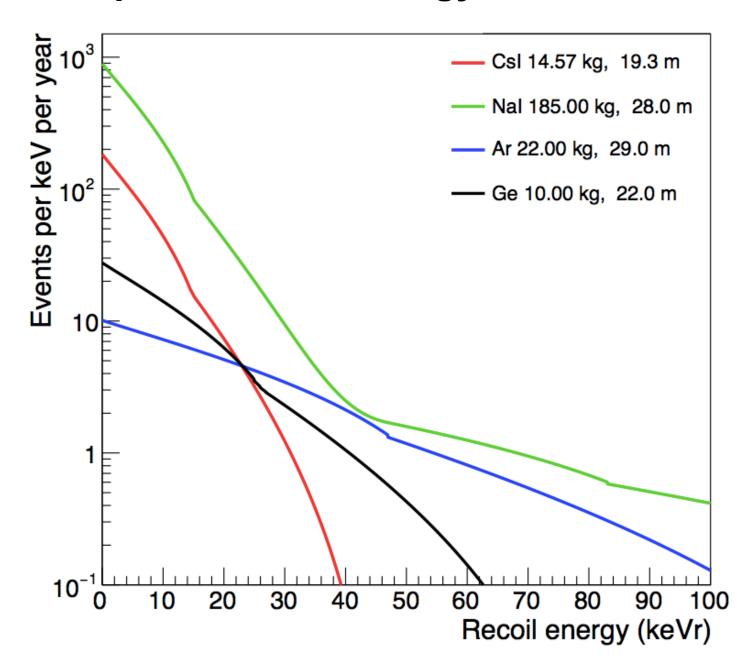








#### **Expected recoil energy distribution**

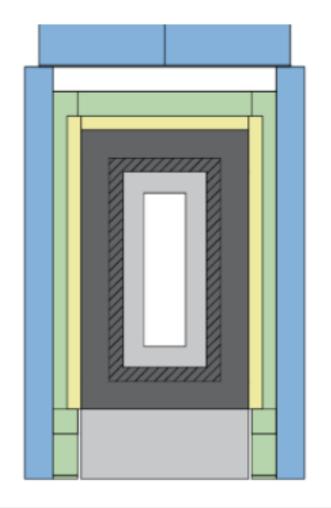


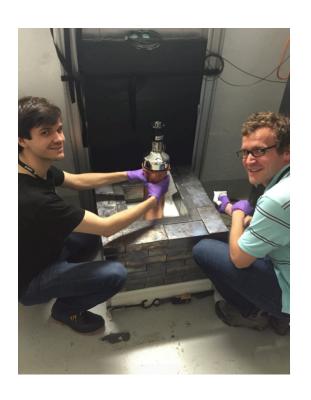
Includes prompt and delayed, all flavors, first 6000 ns

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### The CsI Detector in Shielding in Neutrino Alley at the SNS





A hand-held detector!

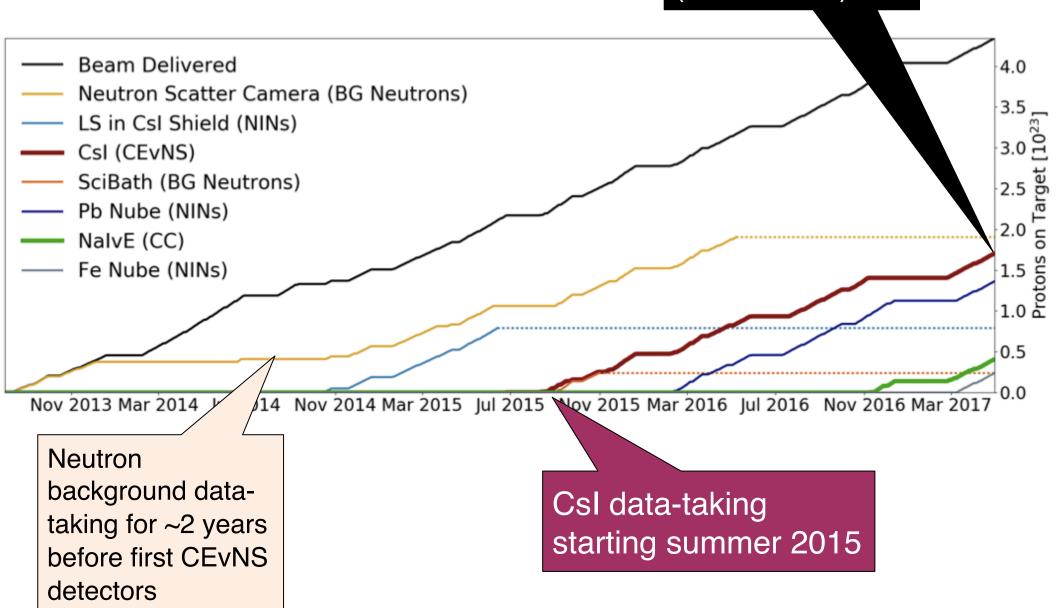


Almost wrapped up...

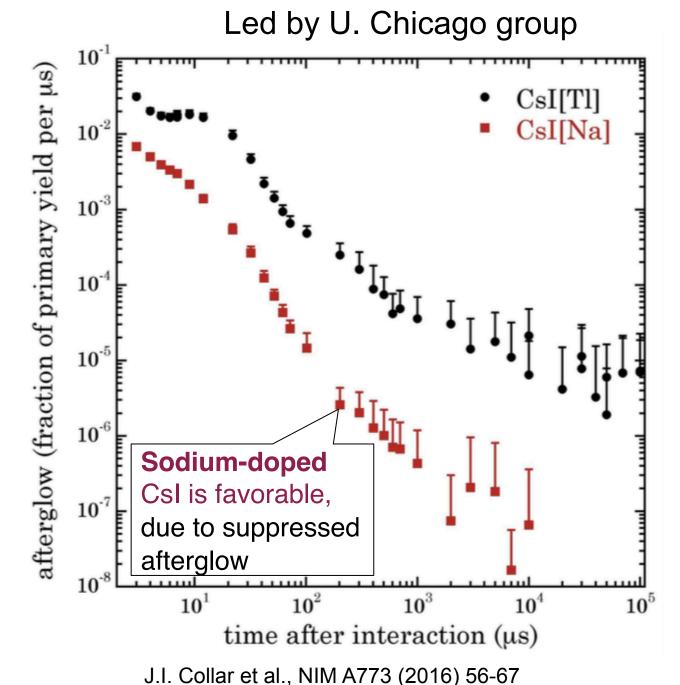
Layer	HDPE*	Low backg. lead	Lead	Muon veto	Water
Thickness	3"	2"	4"	2"	4"
Colour					

### **COHERENT** data taking

1.76 x10<sup>23</sup> POT delivered to CsI (7.48 GWhr)



## The First COHERENT Result: Csl[Na]



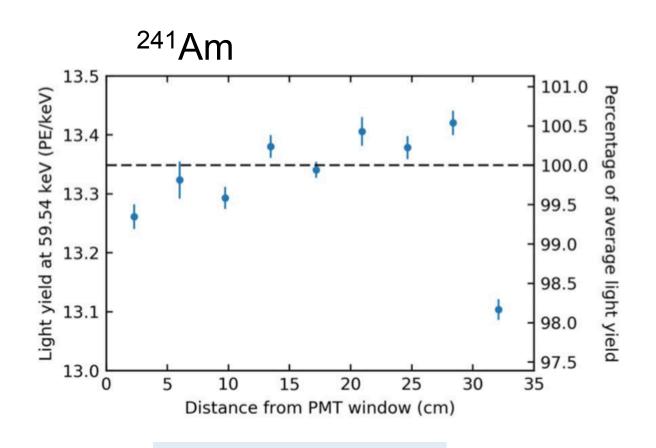
# Scintillating crystal

- high light yield
- low intrinsic bg
- rugged and stable
- room temperature
- inexpensive

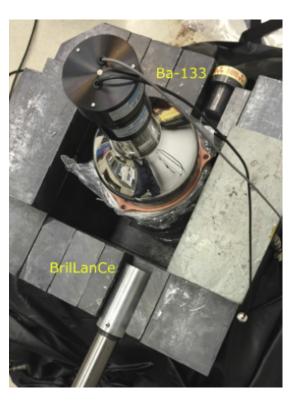


2 kg test crystal@U. Chicago.Amcrys-H, Ukraine

### Calibration of 14.6-kg detector at U. Chicago (241Am, 133Ba)



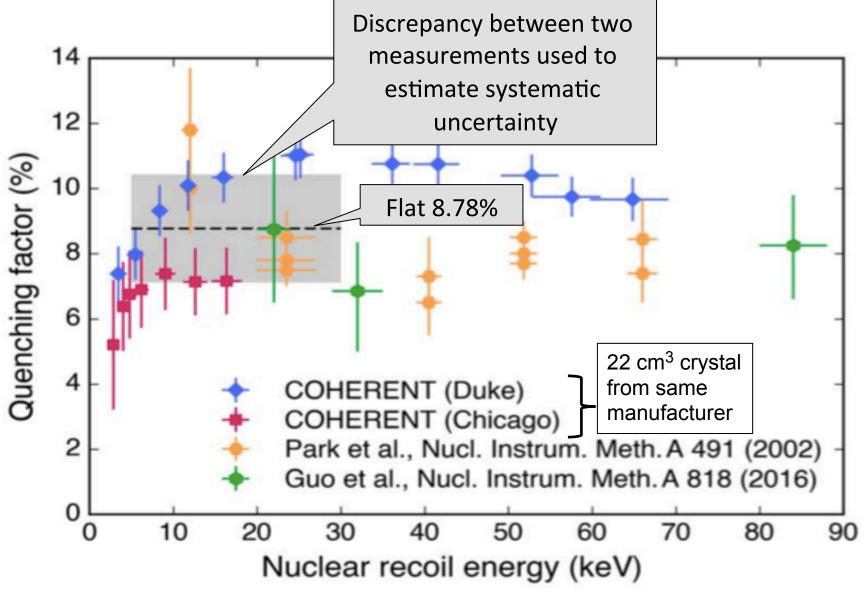
<sup>133</sup>Ba



Light yield: 13.35 pe/keVee, uniform within ~2%

Used to determine event selection efficiency

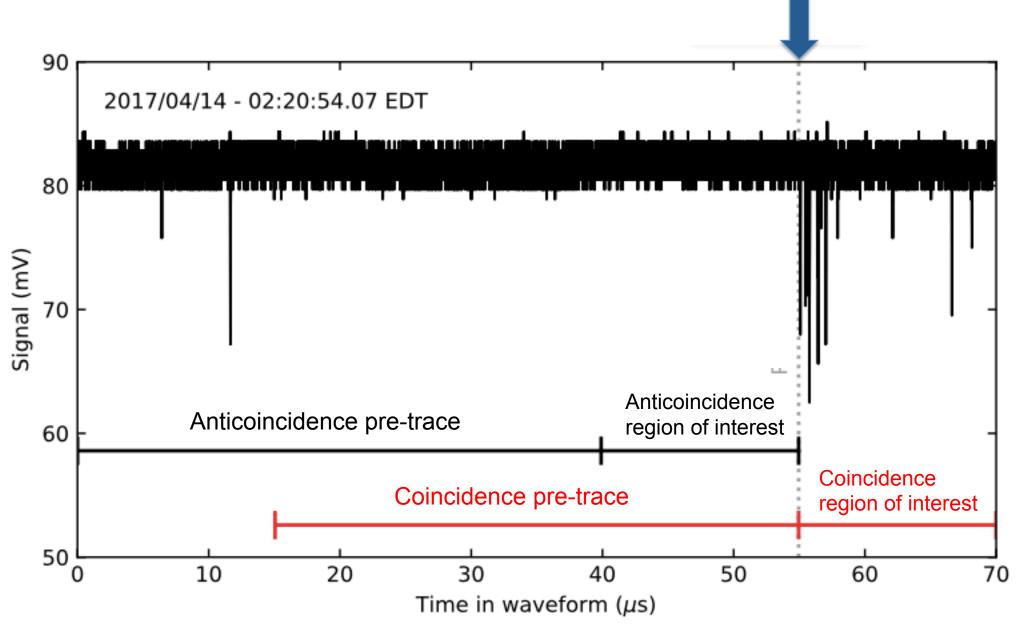
#### CsI quenching factor measurements at TUNL w/ neutrons



13.348 pe/keVee \* 0.0878 keVee/keVr = **1.2 pe/keVr**ee light yield QF

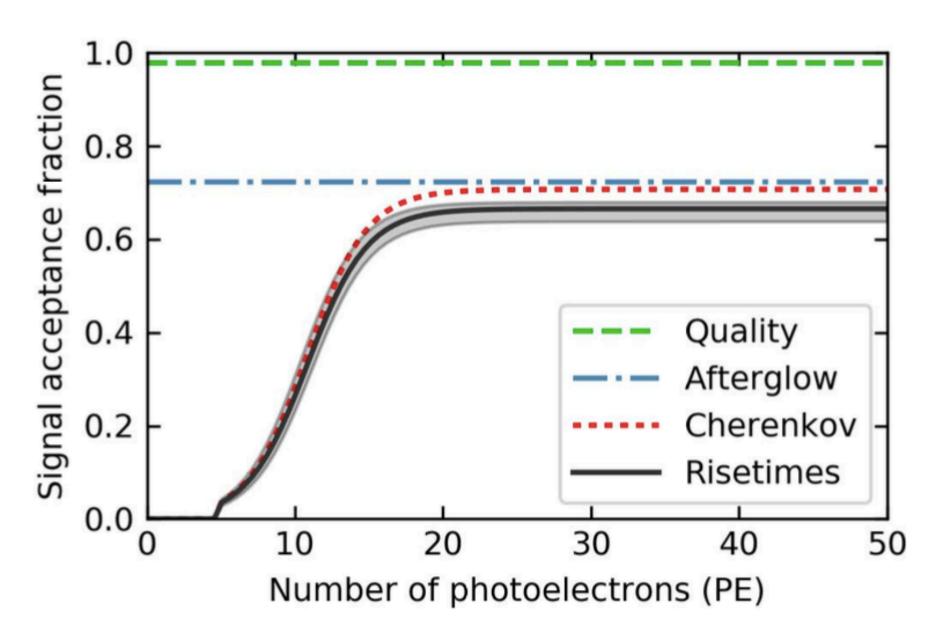
### **Example Csl waveform**

#### Protons on target



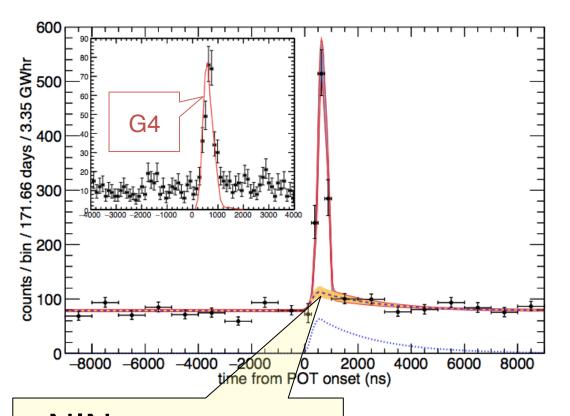
- (C ROI) (AC ROI) = CEvNS + Beam-on bg
- Pretraces used for afterglow background removal

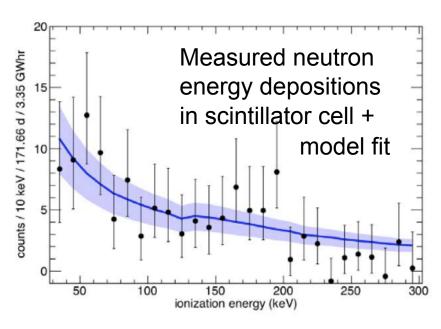
#### **Event selection cut efficiencies**



### **Neutron backgrounds**

- Evaluated using EJ-301 liquid scintillator cell deployed inside CsI shielding before CsI deployment
- Consistent with Geant4 simulation for SNS production & shielding





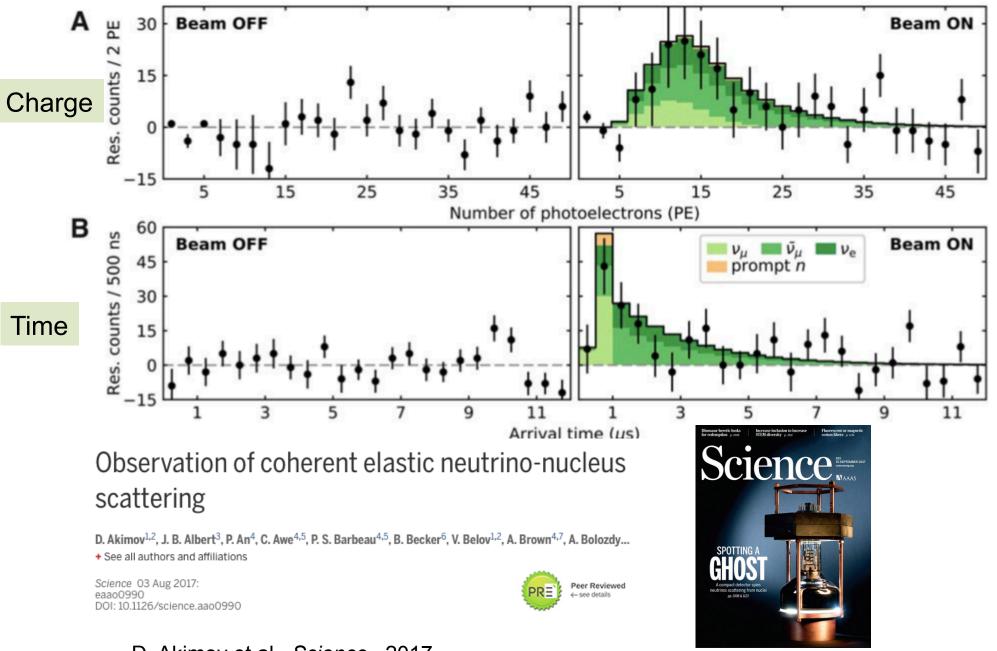
(consistent w/other measurements)

NINs: non-zero component at 2.9σ (factor ~1.7 lower than prediction)

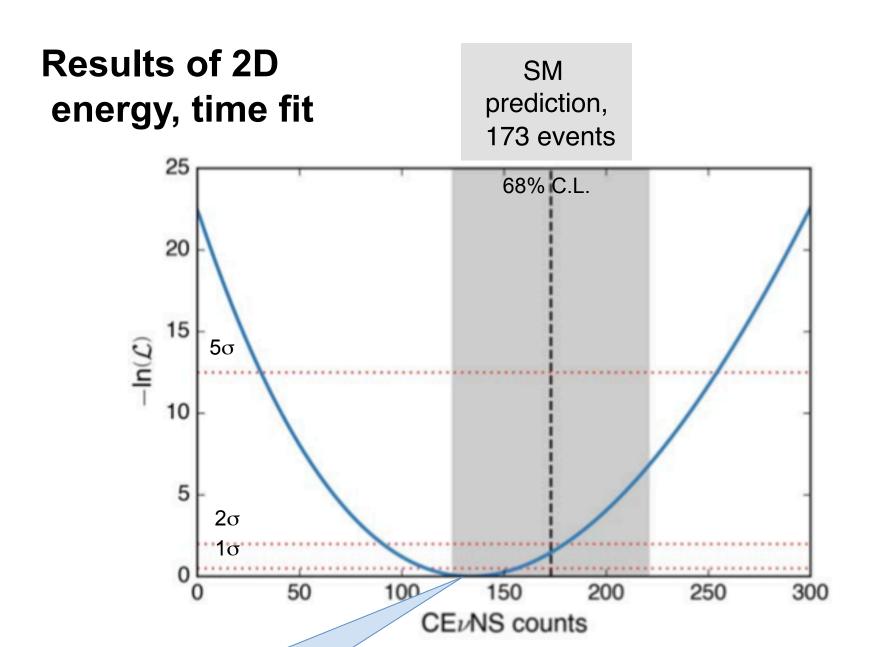
Expect: 0.93 ± 0.23 beam n events/GWhr 0.54 ± 0.18 NIN events/GWhr (neglected)

<~11 neutron events in CsI dataset

### First light at the SNS with 14.6-kg CsI[Na] detector



D. Akimov et al., *Science*, 2017 <a href="http://science.sciencemag.org/content/early/2017/08/02/science.aao0990">http://science.sciencemag.org/content/early/2017/08/02/science.aao0990</a>



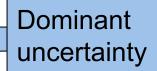
Best fit: **134 ± 22** observed events

No CEvNS rejected at  $6.7\sigma$ , consistent w/SM within  $1\sigma$ 

# Signal, background, and uncertainty summary numbers $6 \le PE \le 30$ , $0 \le t \le 6000$ ns

Beam ON coincidence window	547 counts
Anticoincidence window	405 counts
Beam-on bg: prompt beam neutrons	6.9 ± 1.7
Beam-on bg: NINs (neglected)	4.0 ± 1.3
Signal counts, single-bin counting	136 ± 31
Signal counts, 2D likelihood fit	134 ± 22
Predicted SM signal counts	173 ± 48

Uncertainties on signal and background predictions				
Event selection	5%			
Flux	10%			
Quenching factor	25%			
Form factor	5%			
Total uncertainty on signal	28%			
Beam-on neutron background	25%			





#### What constraints do these data make on new interactions?

A first example: simple counting to constrain **non-standard interactions (NSI)** of neutrinos with quarks

Davidson et al., JHEP 0303:011 (2004) Barranco et al., JHEP 0512:021 (2005)

#### "Model-independent" parameterization

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu H}^{NSI} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\substack{q=u,d\\ \alpha,\beta=e,\mu,\tau}} \left[ \bar{\nu}_{\alpha} \gamma^{\mu} (1-\gamma^5) \nu_{\beta} \right] \times \left( \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{qL} \left[ \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} (1-\gamma^5) q \right] + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{qR} \left[ \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} (1+\gamma^5) q \right] \right)$$

ε's parameterize new interactions

"Non-Universal":  $\epsilon_{\rm ee}$ ,  $\epsilon_{\mu\mu}$ ,  $\epsilon_{\tau\tau}$ 

Flavor-changing:  $\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}$ , where  $\alpha \neq \beta$ 

⇒ some are quite poorly constrained (~unity allowed)

#### **Cross-section for CEvNS including NSI terms**

For flavor  $\alpha$ , *spin zero* nucleus, and E<<k,M:

$$\begin{split} &\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE}\right)_{\nu N} = \frac{G_F^2 M}{\pi} F^2(2MT) \left[1 - \frac{MT}{2E_\nu^2}\right] \times \\ &\left\{ \left[Z(g_V^p + 2\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{uV} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{dV}) + N(g_V^n + \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{uV} + 2\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{dV})\right]^2 \quad \text{non-universal} \right. \\ &\left. + \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \left[Z(2\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{uV} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{dV}) + N(\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{uV} + 2\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{dV})\right]^2 \right\} \quad \text{flavor-changing} \end{split}$$

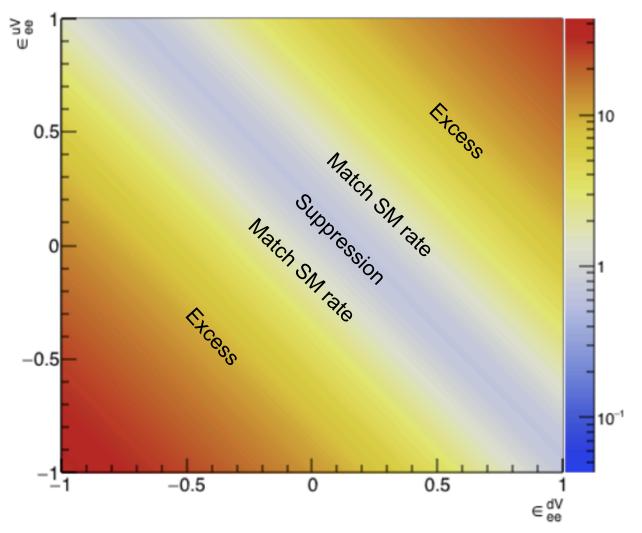
$$g_V^p = (\frac{1}{2} - 2\sin^2\theta_W), \quad g_V^n = -\frac{1}{2}$$
 SM parameters 
$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{qV} = \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{qL} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{qR}$$

- NSI with these assumptions affect total cross-section, not differential shape of recoil spectrum
- size of effect depends on N, Z
   (different for different elements)
- ε's can be negative and parameters can cancel

#### Ratio of rate with NSI to SM rate (all flavors in stopped-pion beam)

 $\epsilon_{ee}^{~~uV}~vs~~\epsilon_{ee}^{~~dV}~parameters~\mbox{(assume others zero)}$ 

#### Csl



#### Note that for

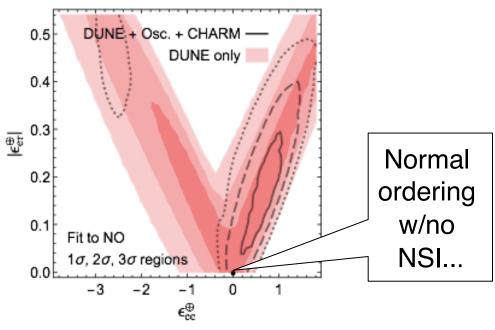
$$Z(g_V^p + 2\varepsilon_{ee}^{uV} + \varepsilon_{ee}^{dV}) + N(g_V^n + \varepsilon_{ee}^{uV} + 2\varepsilon_{ee}^{dV})$$
  
=  $\pm (Zg_V^p + Ng_V^n)$ ,

the rate is the same as for the SM, so parameters will be allowed

Get slightly different slope for different targets

#### Generalized mass ordering degeneracy in neutrino oscillation experiments

Pilar Coloma<sup>1</sup> and Thomas Schwetz<sup>2</sup>



3σ regions

0.5

0.4

0.2

0.1

0.0

-2

-3



ordering

w/NSI

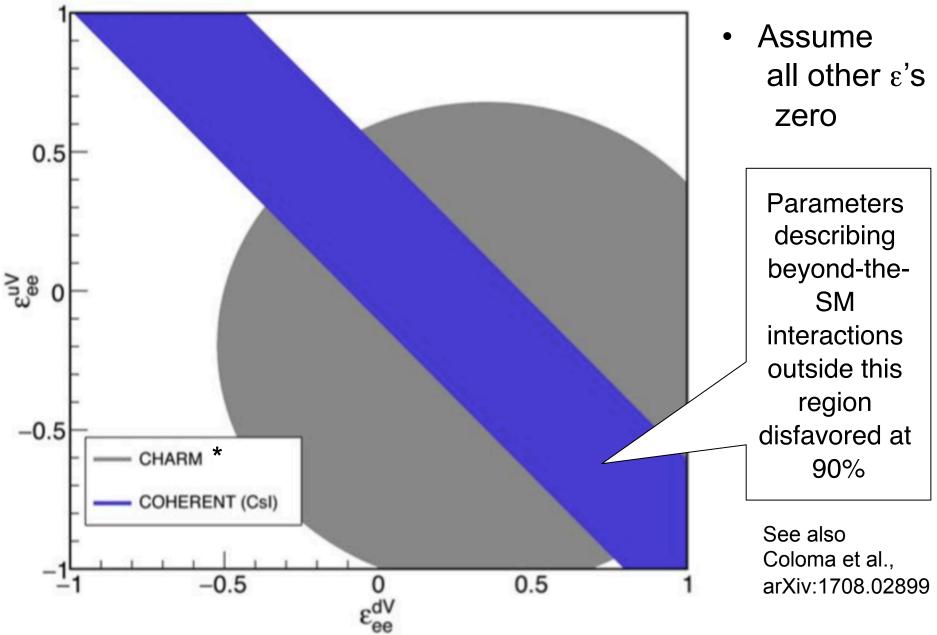
Phys.Rev. D94 (2016) no.5, 055005, Erratum: Phys.Rev. D95 (2017) no.7, 079903 Also: P. Coloma et al., JHEP 1704 (2017) 116

If you allow for NSI to exist, you can't tell the neutrino mass ordering in long-baseline experiments

... NC scattering can constrain NSI...

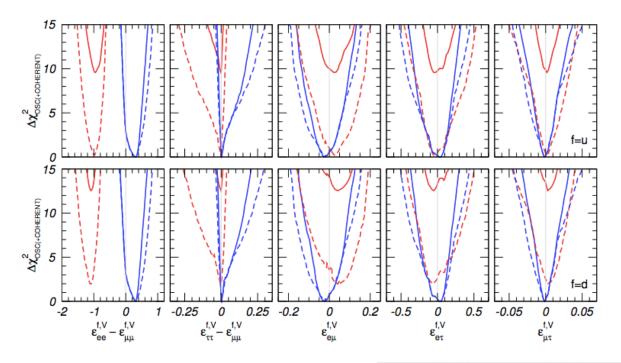
→ DUNE may need this...

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



#### A COHERENT enlightenment of the neutrino Dark Side

Pilar Coloma, <sup>1, \*</sup> M. C. Gonzalez-Garcia, <sup>2,3,4,†</sup> Michele Maltoni, <sup>5,‡</sup> and Thomas Schwetz<sup>6,§</sup>



# Global fits to COHERENT + oscillation experiments

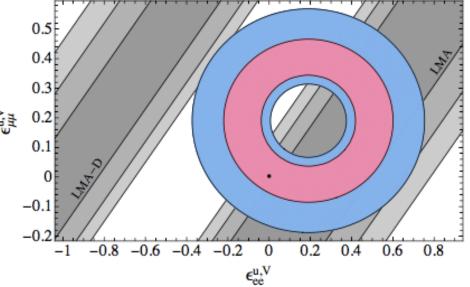
Solid: COHERENT

Dashed: COHERENT + osc

Blue: LMA  $(\theta_{12} < \pi/4)$ Red: LMA-D  $(\theta_{12} > \pi/4)$ 

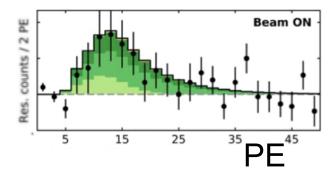
("dark side", still allowed with NSI)

1 $\sigma$ , 2 $\sigma$  allowed regions projected in  $(\epsilon_{ee}^{\ uV}, \ \epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{\ uV})$  plane



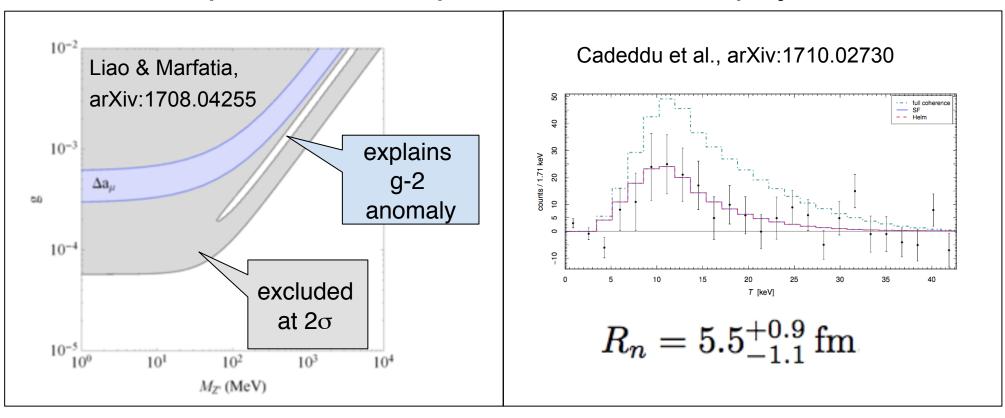
Already meaningful constraints!

This is the first measurement of low-energy NC neutrino-hadron interaction with event-by-event spectral information



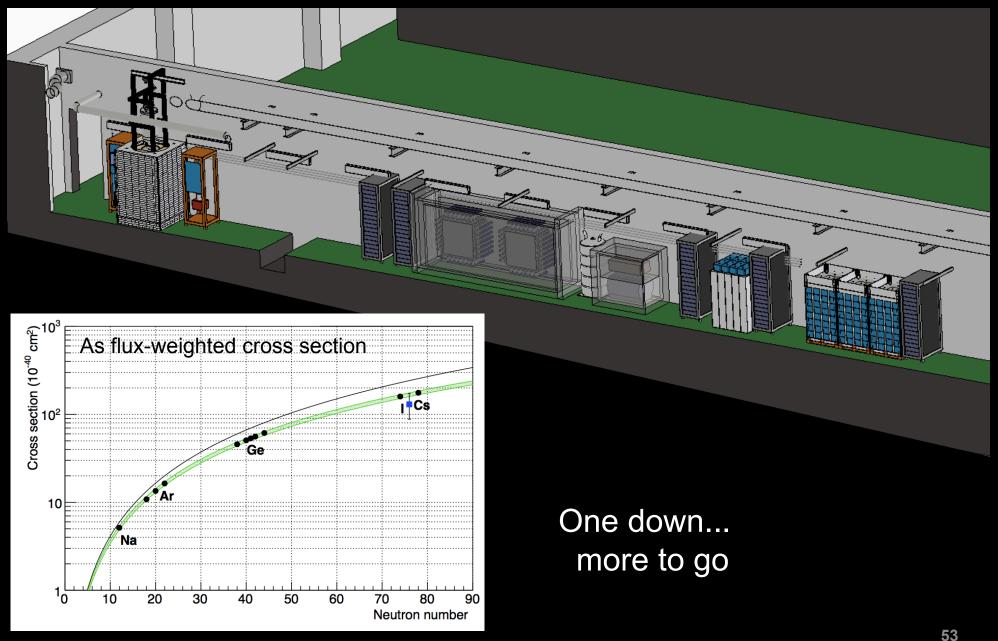
Some NC on d, <sup>12</sup>C, and a few CC in this energy range, but no final-state energies J.A. Formaggio and G. Zeller, RMP 84 (2012) 1307-1341

#### Recent interpretations for particle & nuclear physics



More soon from COHERENT, w/spectral uncertainties

## **What's Next for COHERENT?**



#### **Deployments so far in Neutrino Alley Hg TARGET** PROTON BEAM SHIELDING MONOLITH d = 28.4m CONCRETE AND GRAVEL Csl **NIN Cubes SANDIA** CENNS-10 Nal-SCIBATH **CAMERA** (LAr) CEVNS Neutrino $v_{\rm e} CC$ on <sup>127</sup>I induced Neutron

Neutron

backgrounds

**CEVNS** 

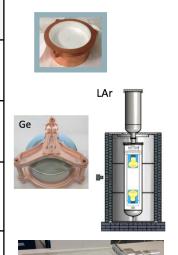
backgrounds

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neutrons

#### COHERENT CEVNS Detector Status and Near Future

Nuclear Target	Technology	Mass (kg)	Distance from source (m)	Recoil threshold (keVr)	Data-taking start date
Csl[Na]	Scintillating crystal	14.6	20	6.5	9/2015
Ge	HPGe PPC	10	22	5	2017
LAr	Single- phase	22	29	20	12/2016, upgraded summer 2017
Nal[TI]	Scintillating crystal	185*/ 2000	28	13	*high-threshold deployment summer 2016

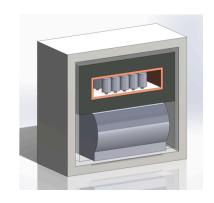


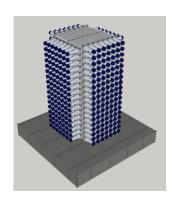
- Csl will continue running
- 185 kg of Nal installed in July 2016
  - taking data in high-threshold mode for CC on <sup>127</sup>I
  - PMT base modifications to enable low-threshold CEvNS running
- LAr single-phase detector installed in December 2016
  - upgraded w/TPB coating of PMT & Teflon, running since May 2017
- First Ge detectors to be installed late 2017

#### COHERENT CEVNS Detector Status and Farther Future

Nuclear Target	Technology	Mass (kg)	Distance from source (m)	Recoil threshold (keVr)	Data-taking start date	Possible Future
Csl[Na]	Scintillating crystal	14.6	20	6.5	9/2015	Finish data-taking
Ge	HPGe PPC	10	22	5	2017	Additional detectors, 2.5-kg detectors
LAr	Single- phase	22	29	20	12/2016, upgraded summer 2017	Expansion to ~1 tonne scale
Nal[TI]	Scintillating crystal	185*/ 2000	28	13	*high-threshold deployment summer 2016	Expansion to 2 tonne, up to 9 tonnes



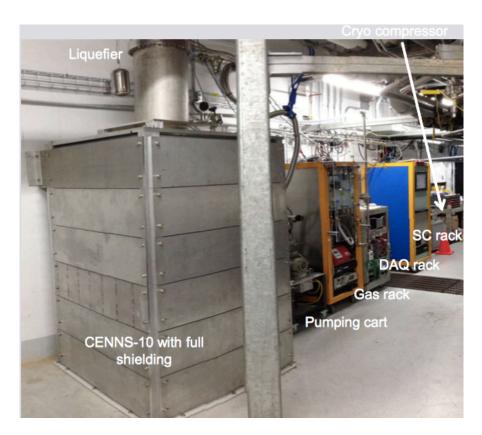


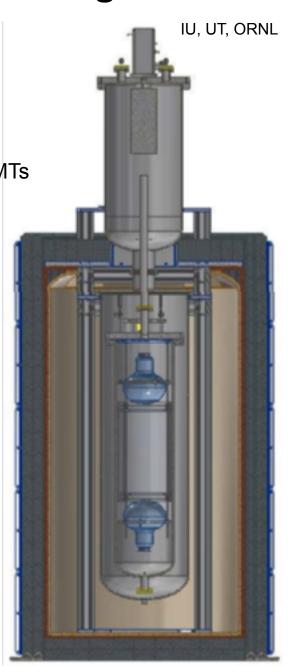


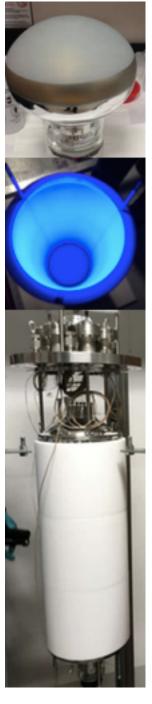
+ concepts for other targets

### Single-Phase Liquid Argon

- ~22 kg fiducial mass
- 2 x Hamamatsu 5912-02-MOD 8" PMTs
  - 8" borosilicate glass windown
  - 14 dynodes
  - QE: 18%@ 400 nm
- Wavelength shifter: TB-coated teflon walls and PMTs
- Cryomech cryocooler 90 Wt
  - PT90 single-state pulse-tube cold head



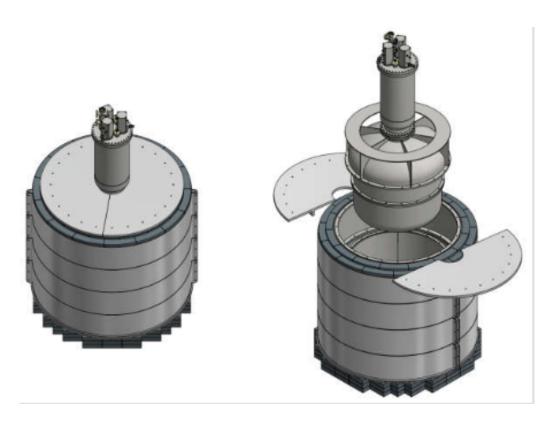


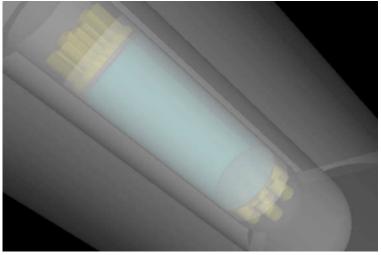


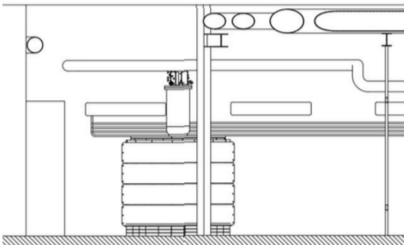
Detector from FNAL, previously built (J. Yoo et al.) for CENNS@BNB (S. Brice, Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) no.7, 072004)

### **Future LAr concepts**

- 1-tonne scale feasible in Neutrino Alley
- Considering depleted argon to reduce <sup>39</sup>Ar background
- Considering SiPMs

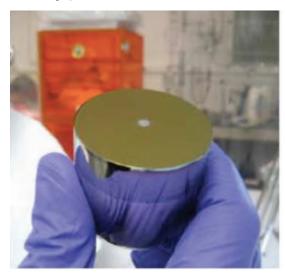




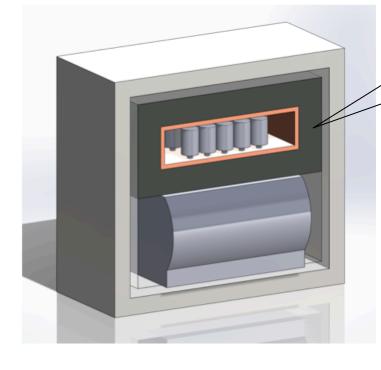


## **High-Purity Germanium Detectors**

#### P-type Point Contact



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

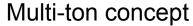


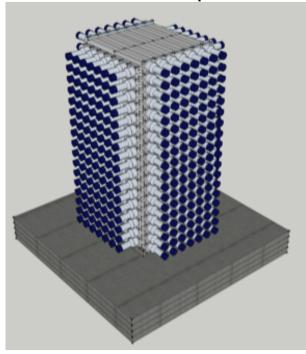
- 10 kg of detectors available (MAJORANA unenriched prototypes)
- Under refurbishment/test at NCSU, Duke and LANL
- Dewar fabrication nearly complete
- Future: additional 2.5 kg detectors (UChicago, NCSU)

## Sodium Iodide (NaI[TI]) Detectors (NaIvE)

- up to 9 tons available,2 tons in hand
- QF measured
- require PMT base refurbishment (dual gain) to enable low threshold for CEvNS on Na measurement
- development and instrumentation tests underway at UW, Duke







In the meantime: 185 kg deployed at SNS to go after  $v_e$ CC on <sup>127</sup>I

Isotope	Reaction Channel	Source	Experiment	Measurement $(10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2)$	Theory $(10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2)$
$^{127}I$	$^{127}{ m I}( u_e,e^-)^{127}{ m Xe}$	Stopped $\pi/\mu$	LSND	$284 \pm 91 \mathrm{(stat)} \pm 25 \mathrm{(sys)}$	210-310 [Quasi-particle] (Engel et al., 1994)

## **COHERENT Non-CEVNS Detectors ("In-COHERENT")**

Sandia Neutron Scatter Camera	Multiplane liquid scintillator	Neutron background	Deployed 2014-2016
SciBath	WLS fiber + liquid scintillator	Neutron background	Deployed 2015
Nal[TI]	Scintillating crystal	ν <sub>e</sub> CC	High-threshold deployment summer 2016
Lead Nube	Pb + liquid scintillator	NINs in lead	Deployed 2016
Iron Nube	Fe + liquid scintillator	NINs in iron	Deployed 2017
MARS	Plastic scintillator and Gd sandwich	Neutron background	Under deployment
Mini-HALO	Pb + NCDs	NINs in lead	In design

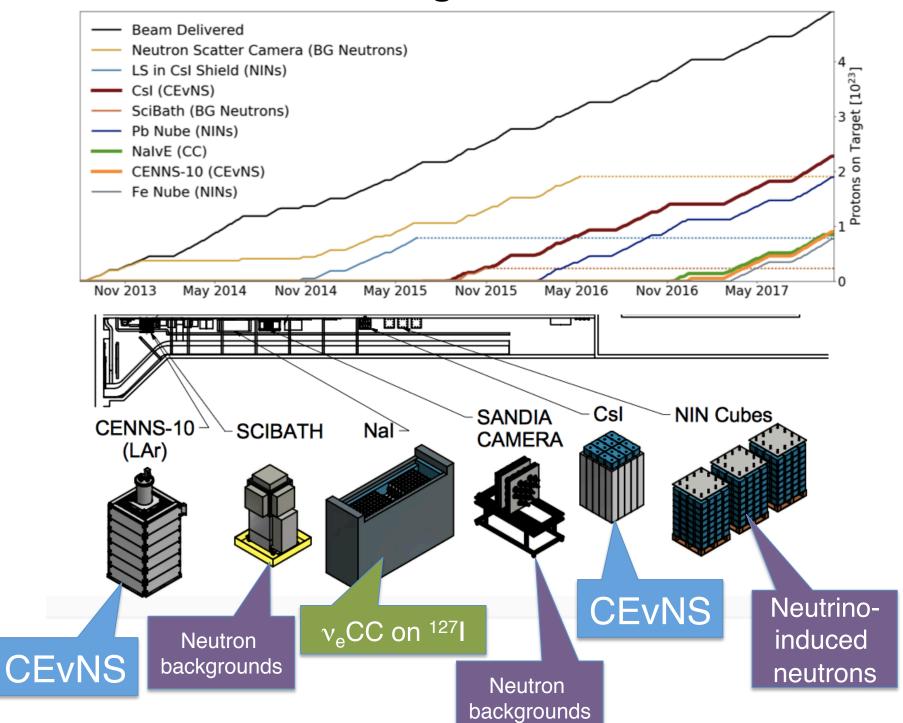


And many more ideas and activities for Neutrino Alley and beyond...

- Inelastic CC and NC in Ar, Pb, ...
- Other crystal or scint deployments in CsI shield
- Flux normalization using D<sub>2</sub>O (well known xscn)
- Ancillary measurements: QF
- Directional detectors

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#### Protons on target delivered so far



# **Summary**

#### CEVNS:

- large cross section, but tiny recoils,  $\alpha$  N<sup>2</sup>
- accessible w/low-energy threshold detectors, plus extra oomph of stopped-pion neutrino source
- DM bg, SM test, astrophysics, nuclear physics, ...
- First measurement by COHERENT CsI[Na] at the SNS
- Low-hanging fruit:

meaningful bounds on v Non-Standard Interactions



- It's just the beginning....
- Multiple targets, upgrades and new ideas in the works!
- Other CEvNS experiments will soon join the fun (CONNIE, CONUS, MINER, RED, Ricochet, Nu-cleus...)

# Extras/backups

#### Supernova burst neutrinos

 $v_x (v_\mu + \overline{v}_\mu + v_\tau + \overline{v}_\tau)$ 를 2000

Every ~30 years in the Galaxy,~few 10's of sec burst, all flavors

### Supernova relic neutrinos

 $dN/dE_e$  [(22.5 kton) yr MeV]<sup>-1</sup> Reactor v

Atmospheric

Supernova  $\bar{\nu}_{e}$ (DSNB)

15 20 25 Measured E<sub>e</sub> [MeV]

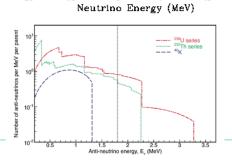
All flavors, low flux

#### **Atmospheric** neutrinos

Some component at low energy

Solar neutrinos Most flux below 1 MeV

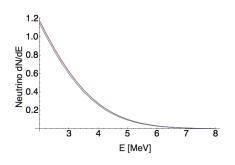
Geoneutrinos



Very low energy

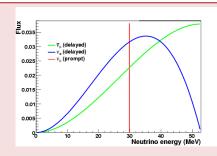
**CEVNS** eventually seen in DM expts

#### Reactors



Low energy, but very high fluxes possible; ~continuous source, good bg rejection needed

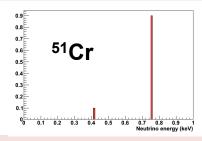
# Stopped pions (decay at rest)



High energy, pulsed beam possible for good background rejection; possible neutron backgrounds

# Radioactive sources

(electron capture)



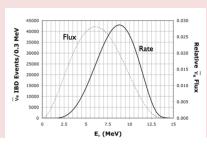
baseline, monochromatic

Low energy challenging

Portable; can get very short

# **Beam-induced** radioactive sources (IsoDAR)

Low-energy beta beams



20 30 40 50 60 70 80

 $\gamma$ =10 boosted  $^{18}$ Ne  $m v_e$ 

Relatively compact, higher energy than reactor; time structure not sharp

Does not exist yet

Tunable energy, but not pulsed

Does not exist yet

# Reactor vs stopped-pion for CEvNS

Source	Flux/ v's per s	Flavor	Energy	Pros	Cons
Reactor	2e20 per GW	nuebar	few MeV	• huge flux	<ul><li>lower xscn</li><li>require very low threshold</li><li>CW</li></ul>
Stopped pion	1e15	numu/ nue/ nuebar	0-50 MeV	<ul> <li>higher xscn</li> <li>higher energy recoils</li> <li>pulsed beam for bg rejection</li> <li>multiple flavors</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>lower flux</li> <li>potential fast neutron in-time bg</li> </ul>

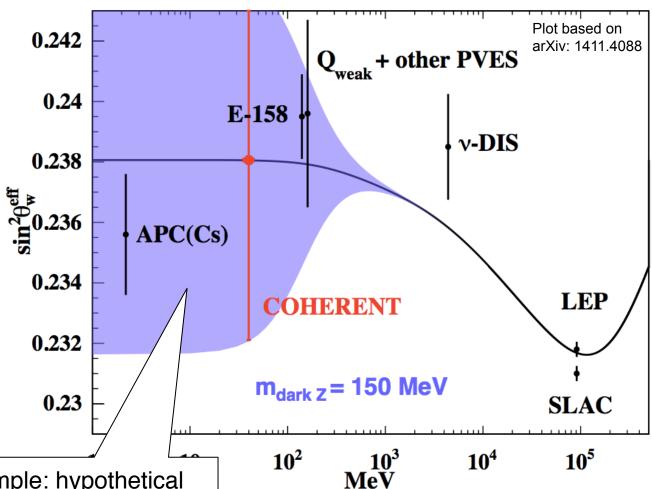
## **Proposed Reactor CEvNS Experiments**

Experiment	Technology	Location	
CONUS	HPGe	Germany	AA1 AA1 AA1 AA1
Ricochet	Ge, Zn bolometers	France	
CONNIE	Si CCDs	Brazil	
RED	LXe dual phase	Russia	2 2 3 4 5
Nu-Cleus	Cryogenic CaWO <sub>4</sub> , Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> calorimeter array	Europe	640 mm
MINER	Ge iZIP detectors	USA	

Novel low-background, low-threshold technologies

Clean SM prediction for the rate  $\rightarrow$  measure  $\sin^2\theta_W$ eff;

 $\sigma \sim rac{G_f^2 E^2}{4\pi} (N - (1 - 4 rac{\sin^2 heta_W}{W}) Z)^2$  deviation probes new physics



Example: hypothetical dark Z mediator (explanation for g-2 anomaly)

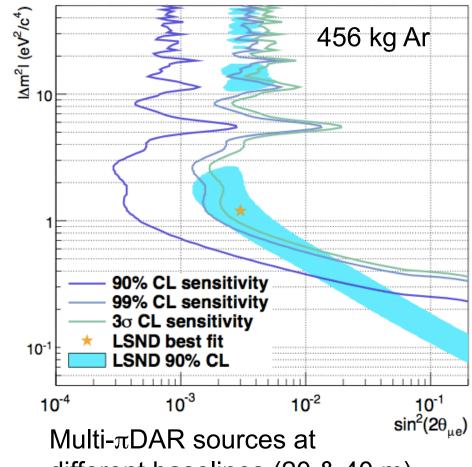
CEvNS sensitivity is @ low Q; need sub-percent precision to compete w/ electron scattering & APV, but **new channel** 69

#### Oscillations to sterile neutrinos w/CEvNS

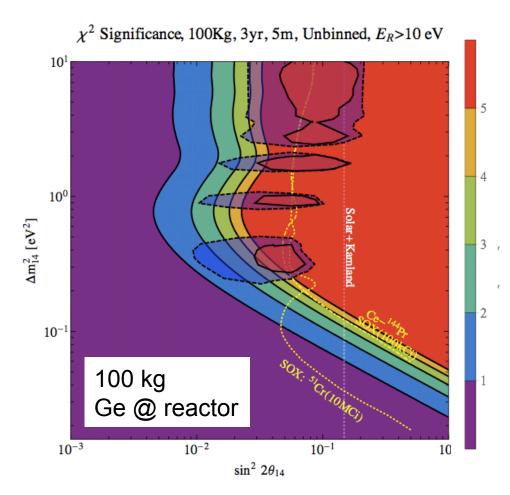
(NC is flavor-blind): a potential new tool;

## look for deficit and spectral distortion vs L,E

#### **Examples:**



different baselines (20 & 40 m)

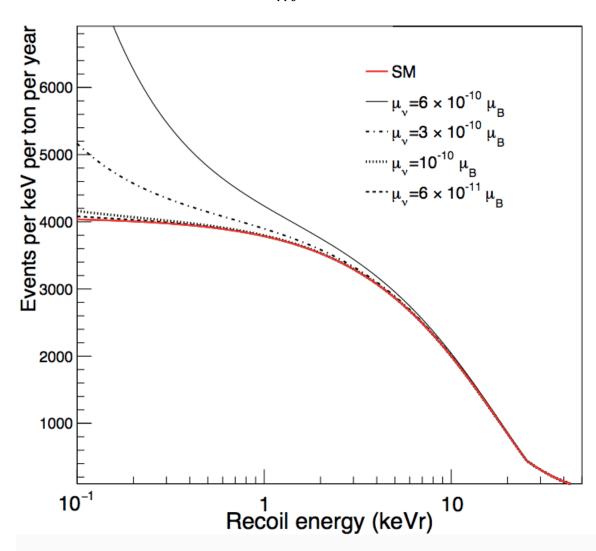


B. Dutta et al, arXiv:1511.02834

#### **Neutrino magnetic moment**

#### Signature is distortion at low recoil energy E

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT}\right)_m = \frac{\pi\alpha^2\mu_\nu^2 Z^2}{m_e^2} \left(\frac{1 - T/E_\nu}{T} + \frac{T}{4E_\nu^2}\right)$$



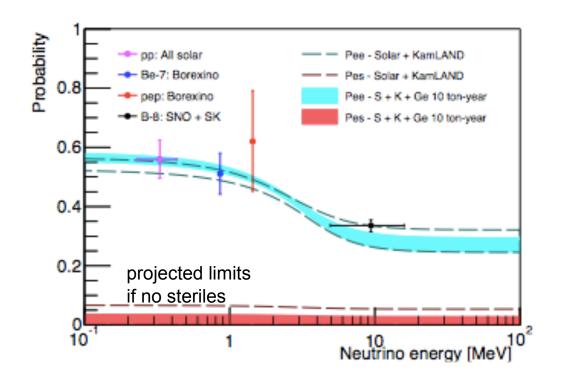
→ requires very low energy threshold

See also Kosmas et al., arXiv:1505.03202

# Also note: tonne-scale low-threshold underground can look at astrophysical neutrinos

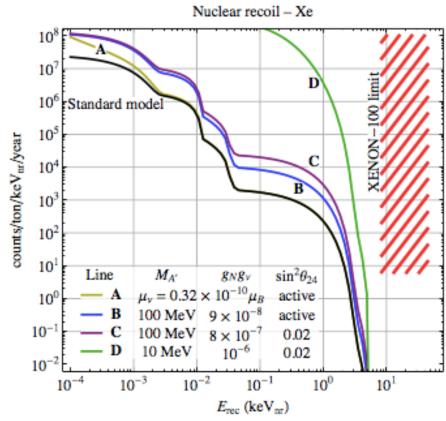
#### Solar neutrinos

J. Billard et al., Phys.Rev. D91 (2015) no.9, 095023



Rule out sterile oscillations using CEvNS (NC), 10 ton-year of Ge

R. Harnik et al., JCAP 1207 (2012) 026



Effect of new physics on CEvNS recoil spectrum

### **Nuclear physics with CEvNS**

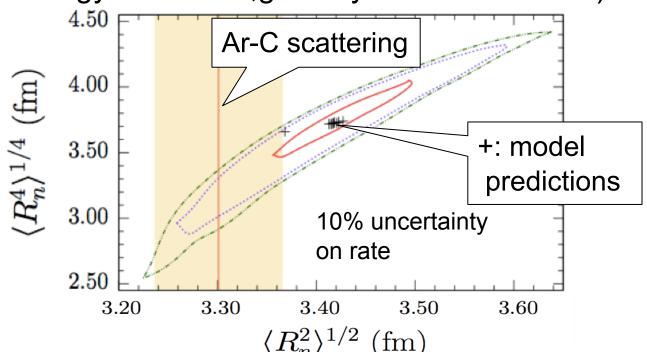
If systematics can be reduced to ~ few % level, we can start to explore nuclear form factors

P. S. Amanik and G. C. McLaughlin, J. Phys. G 36:015105

K. Patton et al., PRC86 (2012) 024612 
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT} = \frac{G_F^2 M}{2\pi} \frac{Q_W^2}{4} F^2(Q) \left(2 - \frac{MT}{E_\nu^2}\right)$$
 Form factor: encodes information about nuclear (primarily neutron) distributions

Fit recoil *spectral shape* to determine the F<sup>2</sup>(Q) moments (requires very good energy resolution, good systematics control)

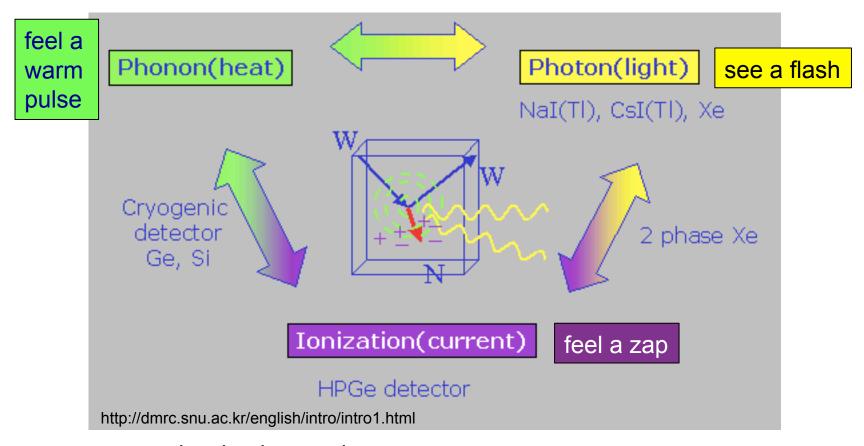
Example: tonne-scale experiment at πDAR source



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### Now, *detecting* the tiny kick of the neutrino...

This is just like the tiny thump of a WIMP; we benefit from the last few decades of low-energy nuclear recoil detectors



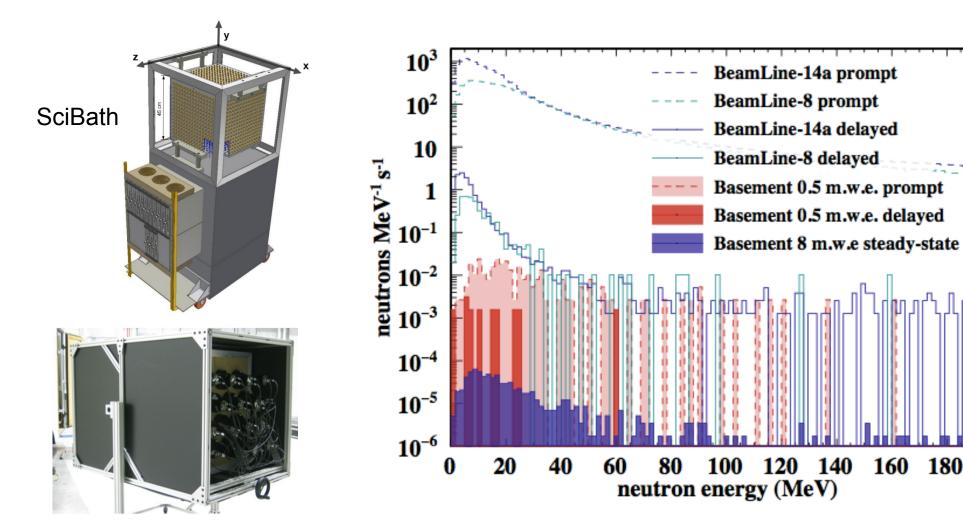
- **IOW background** (although for beam, requirements less stringent than for WIMPs)
- low energy threshold
- energy resolution
- fast timing
- nuclear recoil discrimination
- well-known (and large if possible) quenching factor (fraction of observable energy, keVr = QF\* keVee)



Wish List!

### **Neutron Backgrounds**

Several background measurement campaigns have shown that Neutrino Alley in the basement is neutron-quiet



Sandia scatter cam

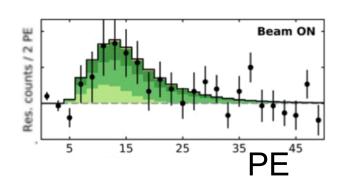
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### **OUTLINE**

- Neutrinos and neutrino interactions
- 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 CsI[TI]
- Status and prospects for COHERENT

This is the first measurement of low-energy NC neutrino-hadron interaction with event-by-event *spectral information* 



### Low energy (<~100 MeV) NC measurements so far:

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

<sup>12</sup>C excitation

### 15-MeV gamma observed

Isotope	Reaction Channel	Source	Experiment	Measurement $(10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2)$	Theory $(10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2)$
	10 10	Stopped $\pi/\mu$ Stopped $\pi/\mu$		, , , , , ,	2.8 [CRPA] (Kolbe <i>et al.</i> , 1999b) 10.5 [CRPA] (Kolbe <i>et al.</i> , 1999b)

### Deuterium breakup

### $d(ar{ u}_e,ar{ u}_e)pn$ neutron counting

Experiment	Measurement	$\sigma_{\rm fission} \ (10^{-44} \ {\rm cm}^2/{\rm fission})$	$\sigma_{ m exp}/\sigma_{ m theory}$
Savannah River (Pasierb et al., 1979)	$ar{ u}_e  ext{NC}$	$3.8 \pm 0.9$	$0.8 \pm 0.2$
ROVNO (Vershinsky et al., 1991)	$\bar{ u}_e  ext{NC}$	$2.71 \pm 0.47$	$0.92 \pm 0.18$
Krasnoyarsk (Kozlov et al., 2000)	$\bar{ u}_e  ext{NC}$	$3.09 \pm 0.30$	$0.95 \pm 0.33$
Bugey (Riley et al., 1999)	$ar{ u}_e  ext{NC}$	$3.15 \pm 0.40$	$1.01 \pm 0.13$

That's it... (not many CC measurements in this range either)

#### COHERENT constraints on

# Another phenomenological analysis, making use of spectral fit:

nonstandard neutrino interactions

Jiajun Liao and Danny Marfatia

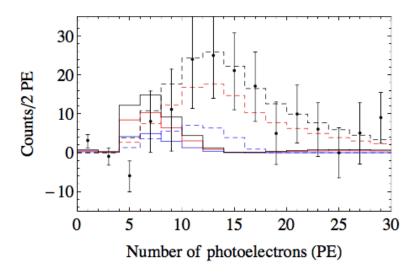
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### SM weak charge

Effective weak charge in presence of light vector mediator Z'

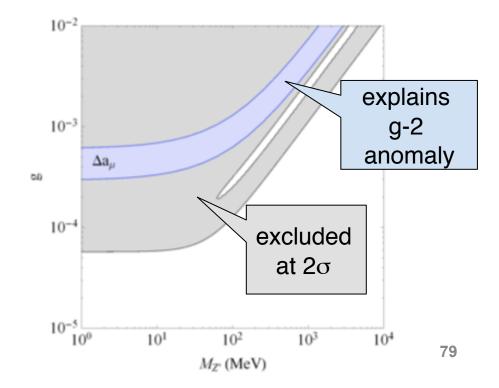
$$Q_{\alpha,\mathrm{SM}}^2 = \left(Zg_p^V + Ng_n^V\right)^2 \qquad \qquad Q_{\alpha,\mathrm{NSI}}^2 = \left[Z\left(g_p^V + \frac{3g^2}{2\sqrt{2}G_F(Q^2 + M_{Z'}^2)}\right) + N\left(g_n^V + \frac{3g^2}{2\sqrt{2}G_F(Q^2 + M_{Z'}^2)}\right)\right]^2$$

- Q²-dependence → affects recoil spectrum
- 2 parameters: g, M<sub>Z</sub><sup>'</sup>



Dashed: SM Solid: NSI w/  $M_z$  = 10 MeV, g=10<sup>-4</sup>

Blue:  $v_{\mu}$ Red:  $v_{\mu} + v_{\mu}$ bar Black:  $v_{\mu} + v_{\mu}$ bar +  $v_{\mu}$ 



# Light DM direct detection possibilities

#### Light new physics in coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering experiments

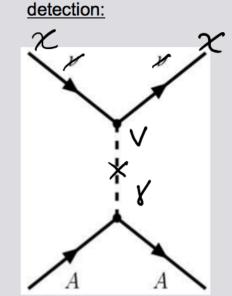
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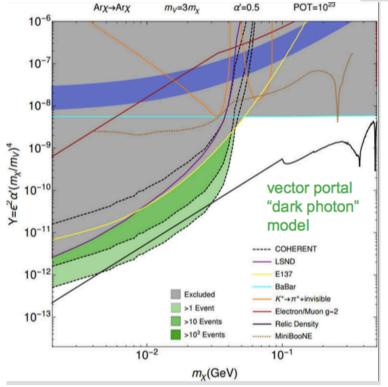
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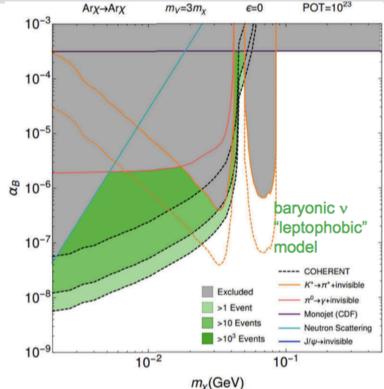
#### production:

$$\pi^0 \longrightarrow \gamma + V^{(*)} \longrightarrow \gamma + \chi^{\dagger} + \chi$$

$$\pi^- + p \longrightarrow n + V^{(*)} \longrightarrow n + \chi^{\dagger} + \chi$$





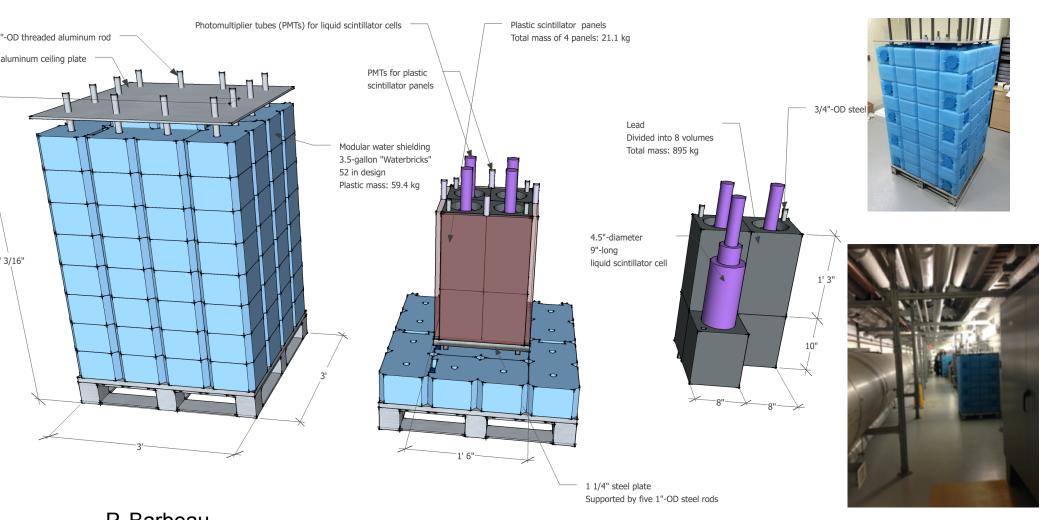


1 ton LAr E<sub>rec</sub>>20keVnr 10<sup>23</sup> POT

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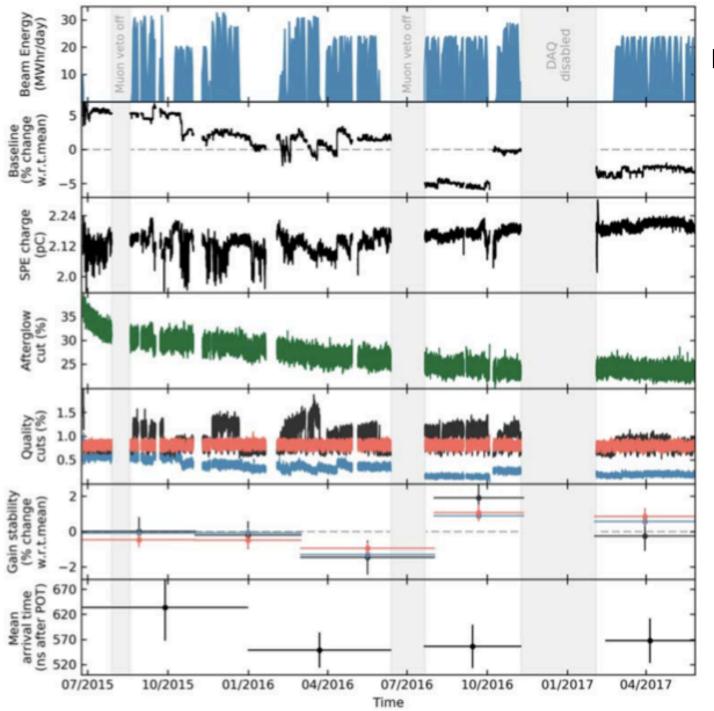
### NIN measurement in SNS basement with Nubes

Liquid scintillator surrounded by Pb, Fe (swappable for other NIN targets) inside water shield



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### Data quality and stability: fluctuations small and understood



Energy to SNS target

CsI channel baseline

PMT SPE mean charge, used for gain fluctuation correction

Afterglow event removal fraction

Muon veto cut
Linear gate cut
DAQ overflow cut

Gain from internal crystal backgrounds

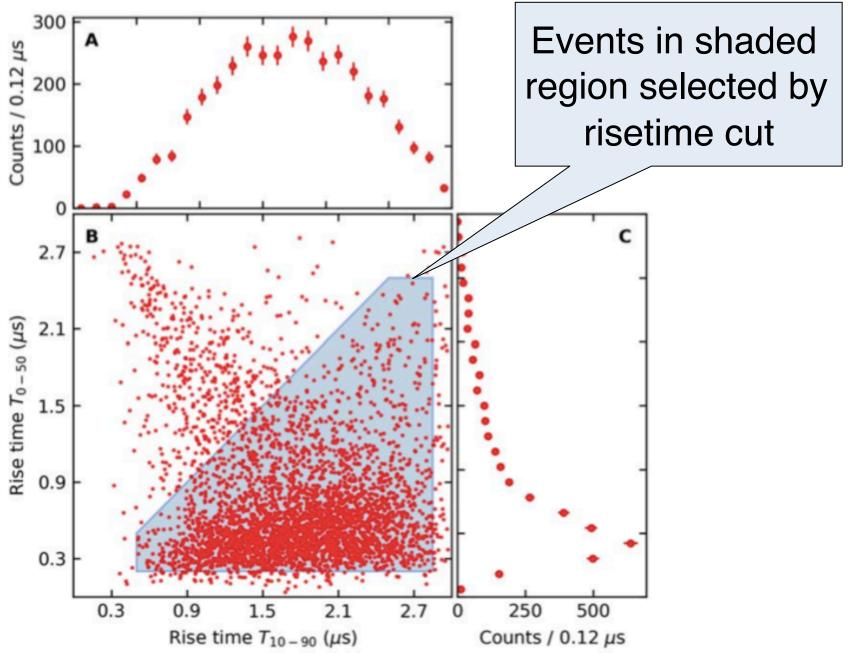
POT signal delay from muon panel neutron coincidences

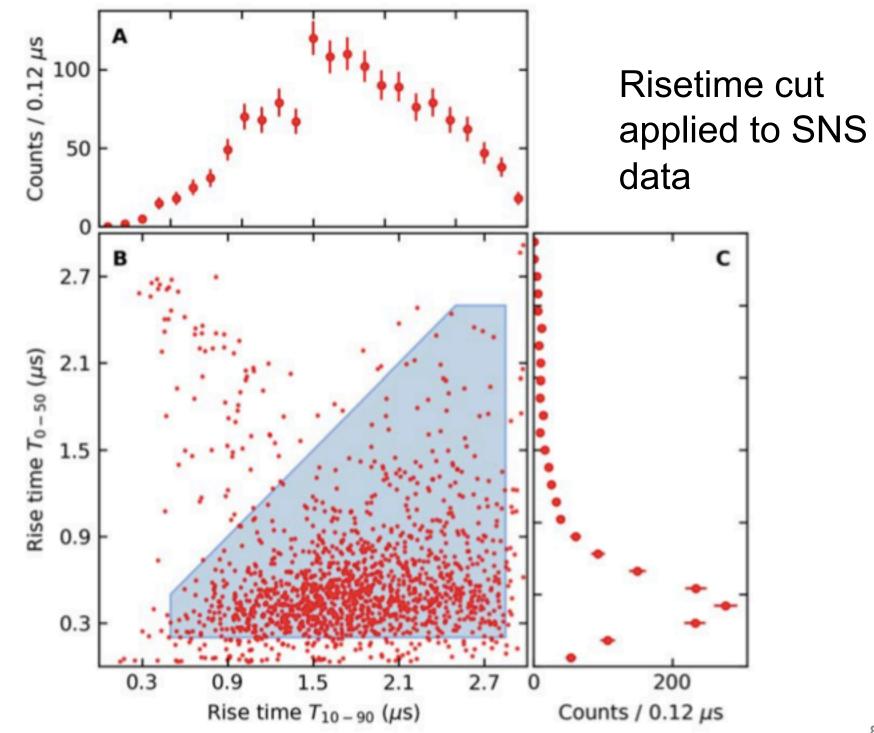
### **Event Selection Cuts**

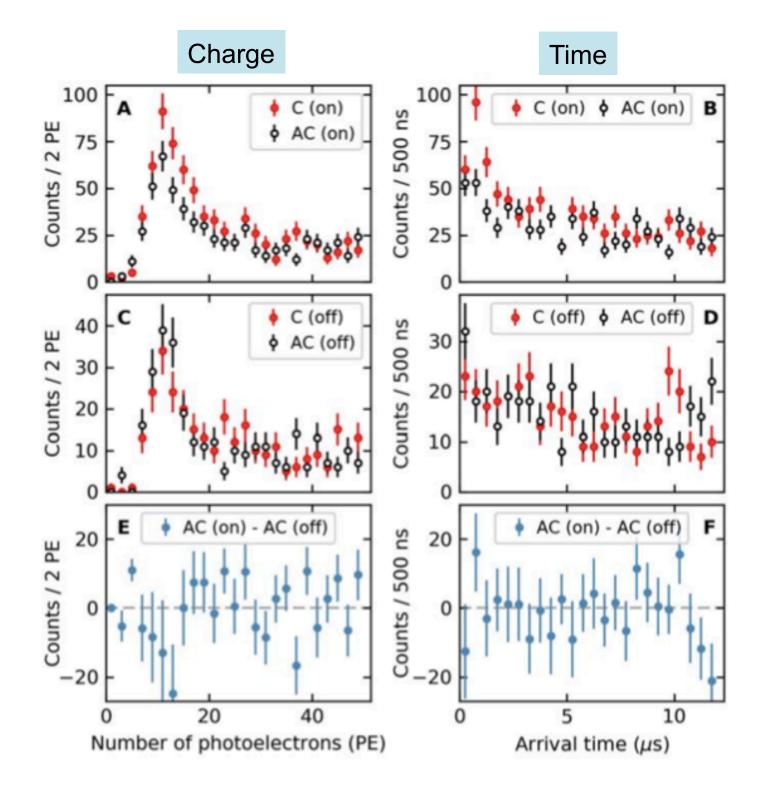
Quality	Remove coincidences in muon veto, deadtime from PMT saturation blocking, digitizer range overflow	Select recoil-like low-energy pulses, reject muons
Afterglow	Reject signals with >=4 peaks (~spe) in pretrace	Remove afterglow (phosphorescence) contamination
"Cherenkov"	Require minimum number of peaks in the scintillation signal	Remove accidental coincidences between Cherenkov emission in PMT window and dark counts/ afterglow
Risetime	Pulse-shape based  Remove misidentified scintillator onset, accident groupings of dark courtetc.	

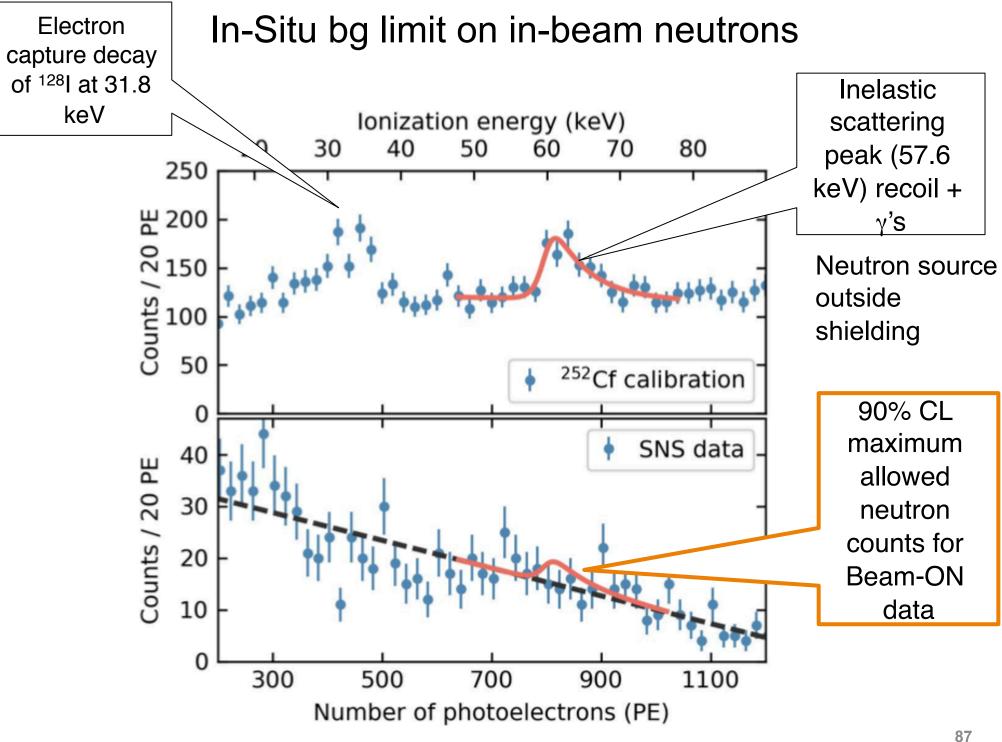
- 2 independent analyses with slightly different cut optimization yield consistent results
- "Analysis I" presented here

### Evaluation of 14.6-kg detector risetime-cut efficiency w/ <sup>133</sup>Ba data

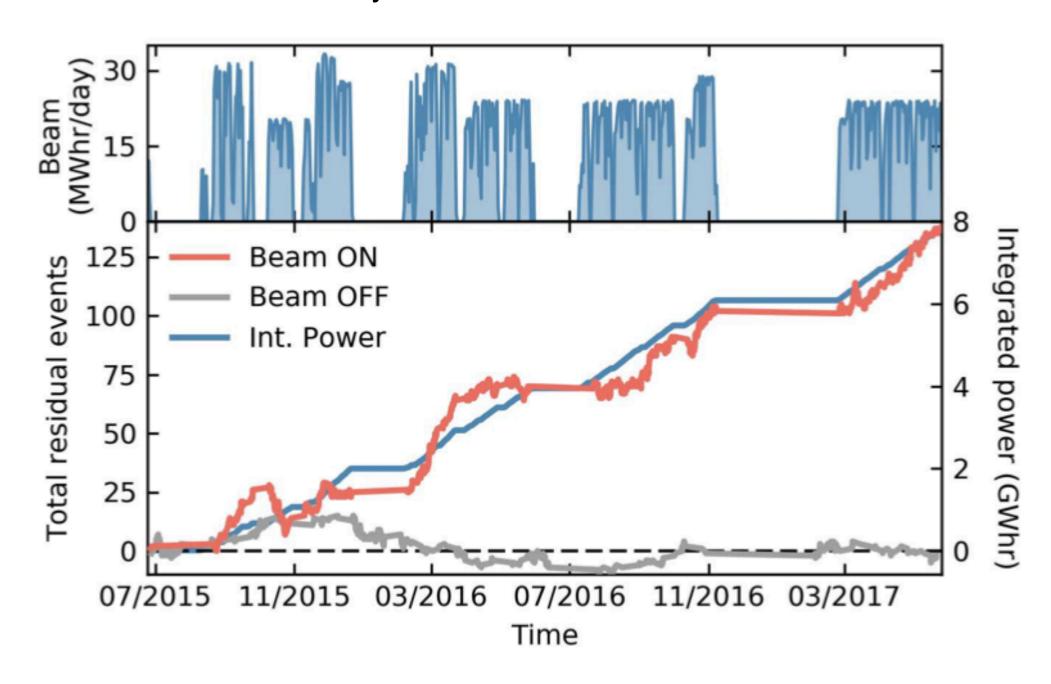




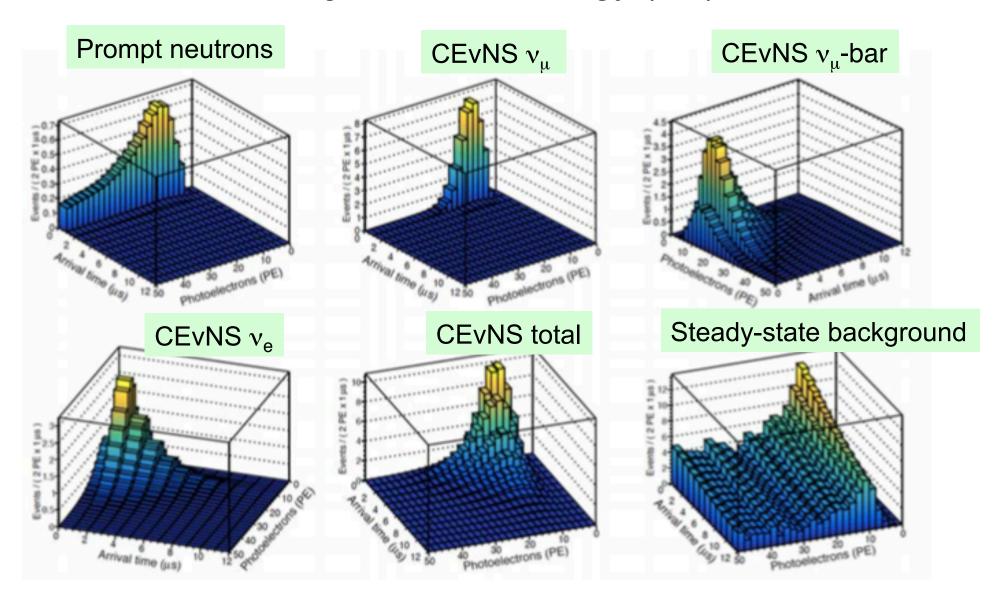




## Total residual counts vs time consistent w/ entirely beam-induced events



### Likelihood analysis: 2D in energy (PE) and time



 $6 \le PE \le 30, 0 \le t \le 6000 \text{ ns}$ 

**Scholberg** 

# $\chi^2$ with pull for our situation, including background (simple one-bin analysis)

$$\chi^2 = \frac{\left(N_{\rm meas} - N_{NSI}(\varepsilon_{ee}^{uV}, \varepsilon_{ee}^{dV})[1+\alpha] - B_{\rm on}[1+\beta]\right)^2}{\sigma_{\rm stat}^2} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\sigma_\alpha}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\beta}{\sigma_\beta}\right)^2.$$

 $N_{
m meas}$  steady-state background-subtracted counts

$$N_{\mathrm{NSI}}(\varepsilon_{ee}^{uV}, \varepsilon_{ee}^{dV})$$
 expected signal with NSI

 $B_{
m ss}$  expected steady-state background

 $B_{
m on}$  expected beam-on background

$$\sigma_{\rm stat} = \sqrt{N_{\rm meas} + 2B_{\rm SS} + B_{\rm on}}$$

 $\sigma_{
m sys,SS}=0$  expected systematic on steady-state bg (assume zero because well measured)

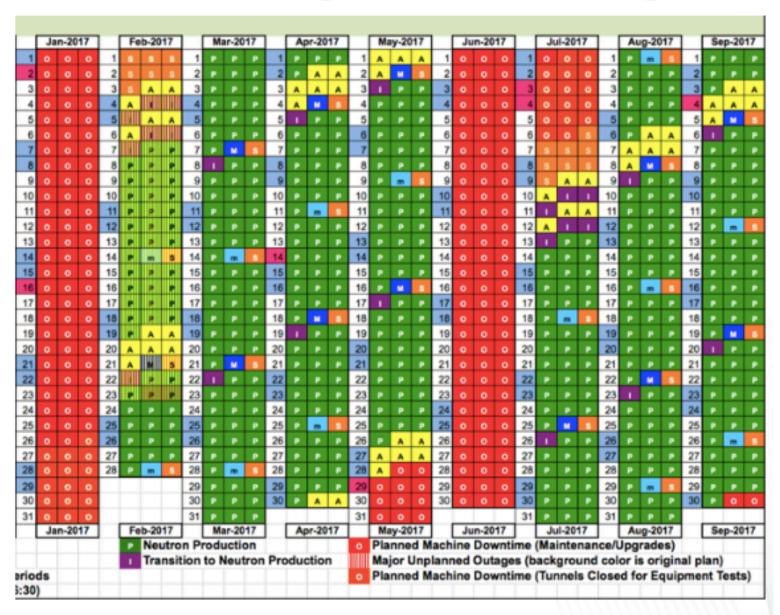
α: for signal normalization systematic uncertainty

β: for beam-on background normalization uncertainty

### **SNS Beam Schedule**

2100 hours @ 1 MW

1600 hours @ 1.2 MW



### **SNS Beam Schedule**

1100 hours @ 1.4 MW

5 month outage

