

COHERENT elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering

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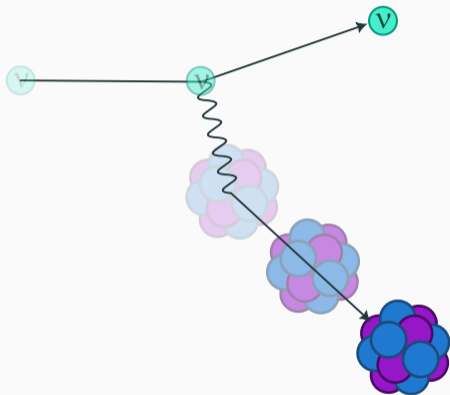


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Introduction

What is CEvNS?



Coherent
Elastic
 ν (neutrino)
Nucleus
Scattering

A journey of 43 years

Predicted

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1 MARCH 1974

Coherent effects of a weak neutral current

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(Received 15 October 1973; revised manuscript received 19 November 1973)

First detected

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NEUTRINO PHYSICS

Observation of coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering

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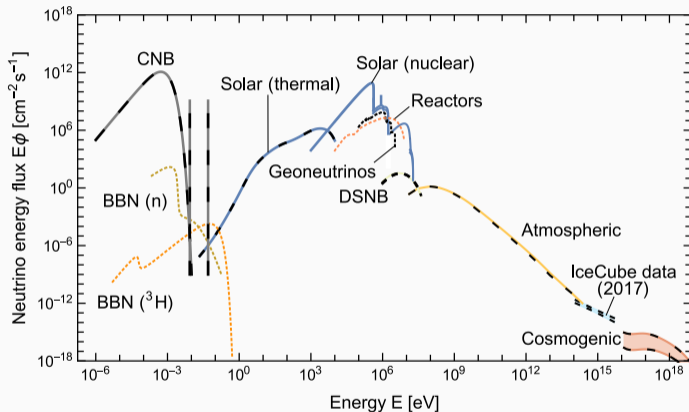
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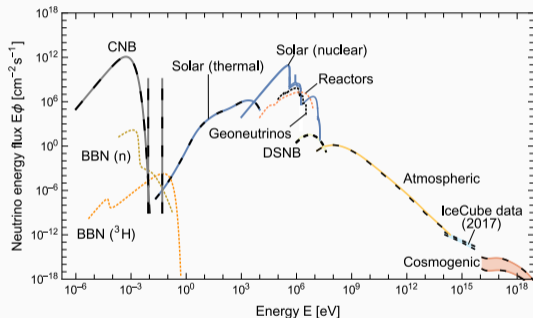
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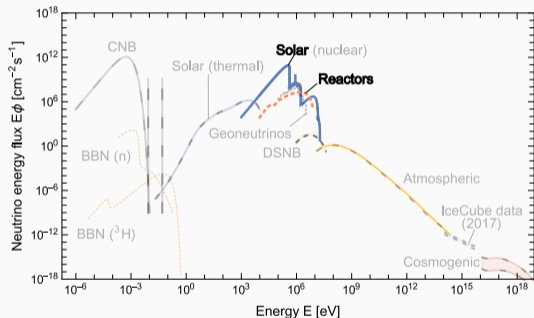
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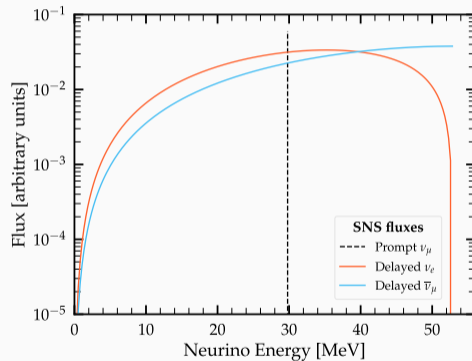
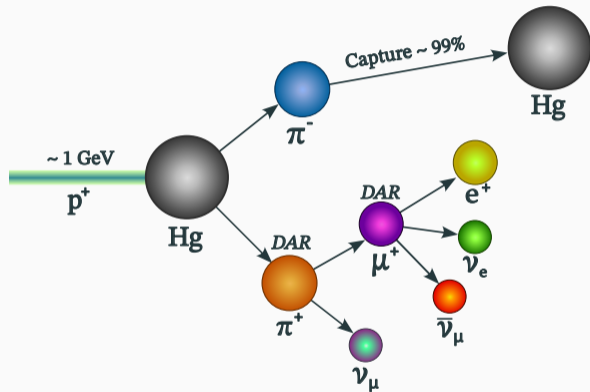
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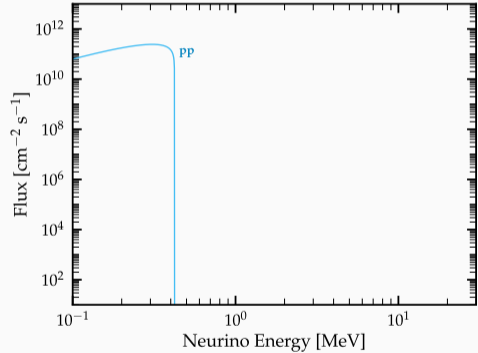
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Neutrinos produced at the spallation neutron source (SNS)



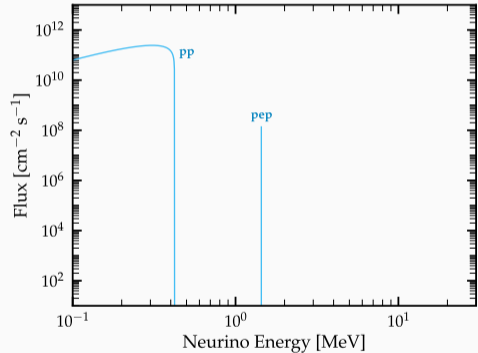
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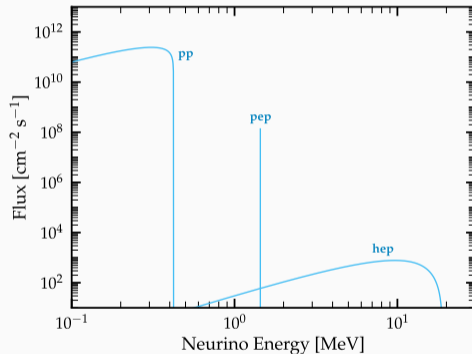
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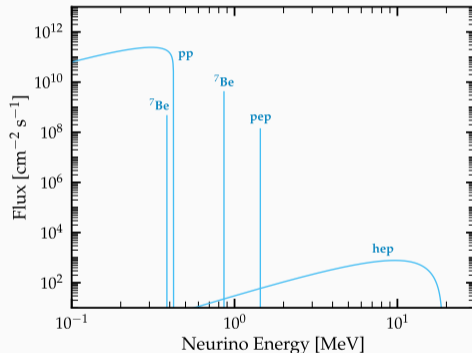
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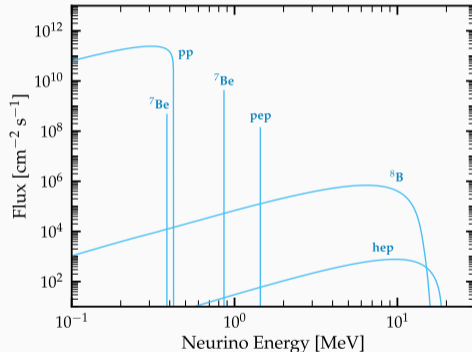
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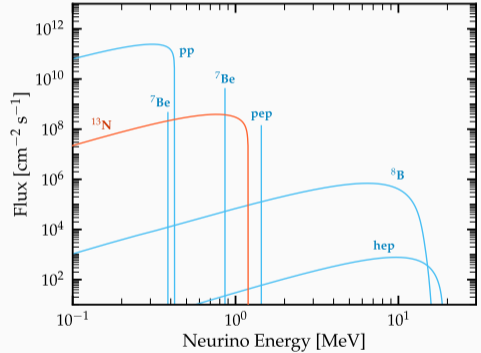
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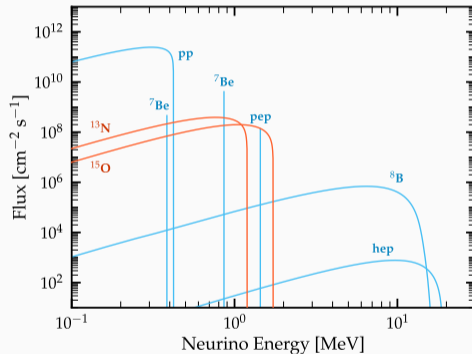
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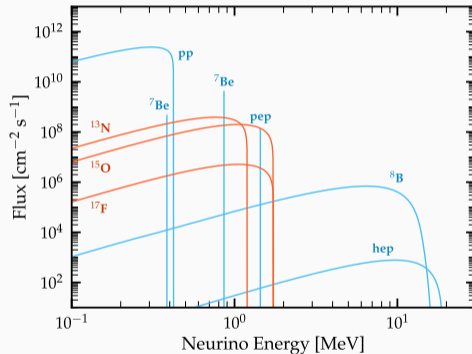
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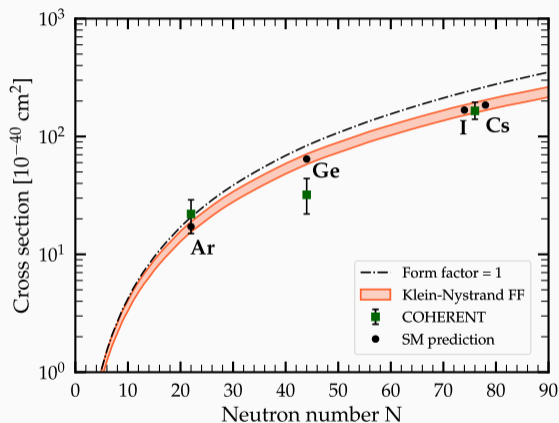
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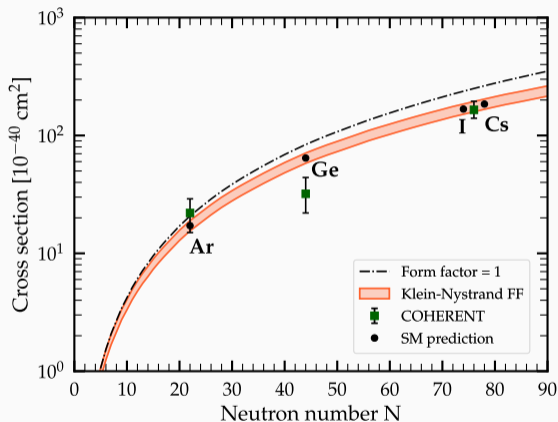


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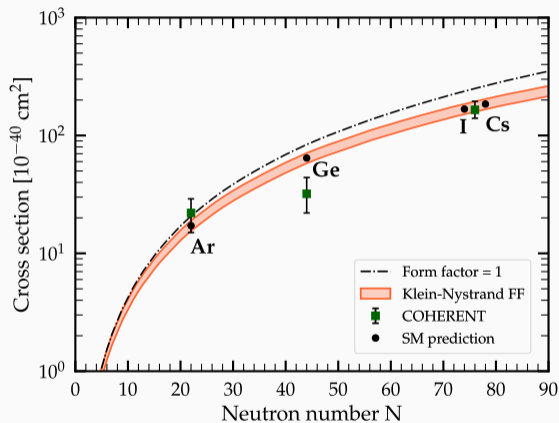
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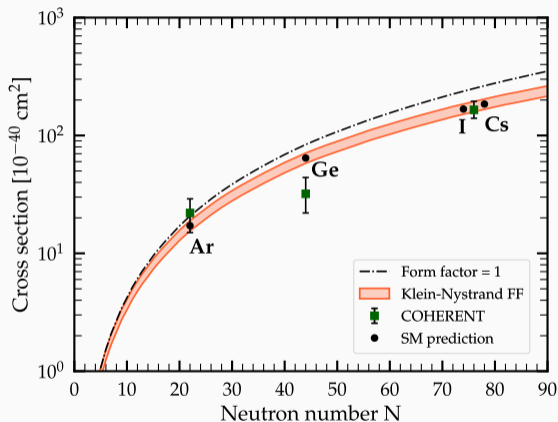
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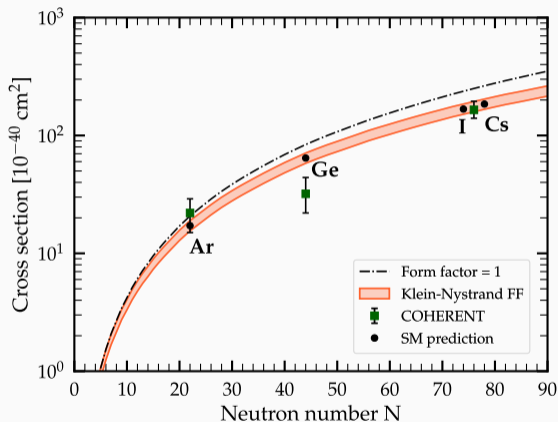
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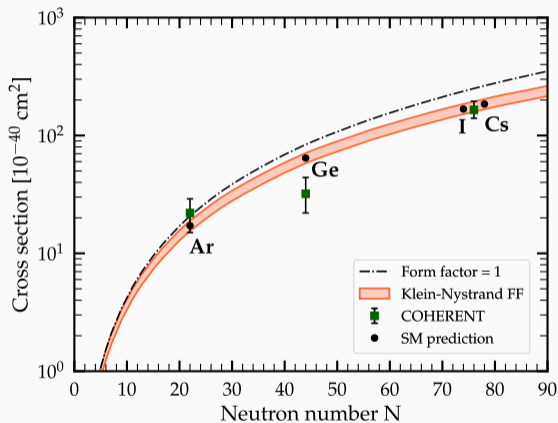
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Form factor $F(|\mathbf{q}|)$

Momentum transfer $\mathbf{q} \approx \sqrt{2MT}$

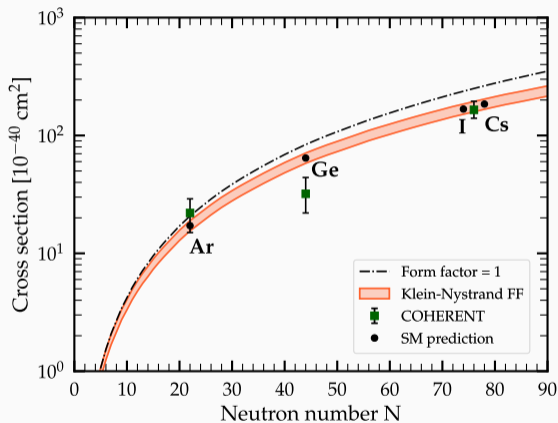
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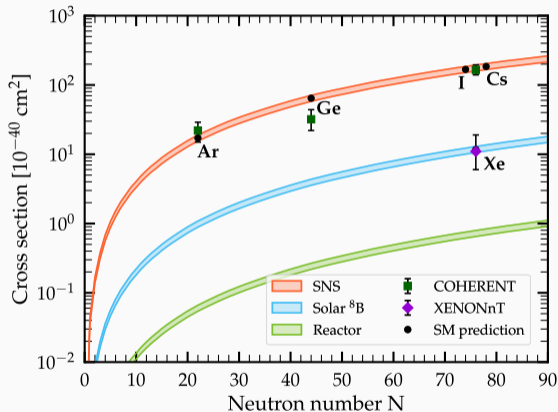
Weak charge

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

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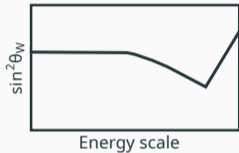
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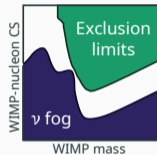
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CEvNS has applications in the SM and beyond it

Weak mixing angle



Neutrino fog



Nuclear properties



Sterile neutrinos



and **many** more

(e.g. new dark sector particles)

Experiments

COHERENT detectors were the first ones...



LAr detector
(COHERENT collaboration)



CsI detector
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...and a new era began



LZ detector
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XENONnT detector
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The are many more!

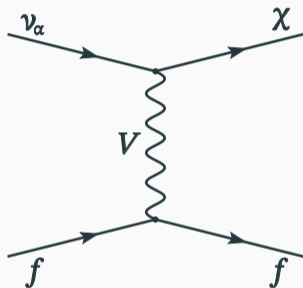
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Our phenomenological scenario

We propose a new vector mediator. The sterile fermion is produced via up-scattering



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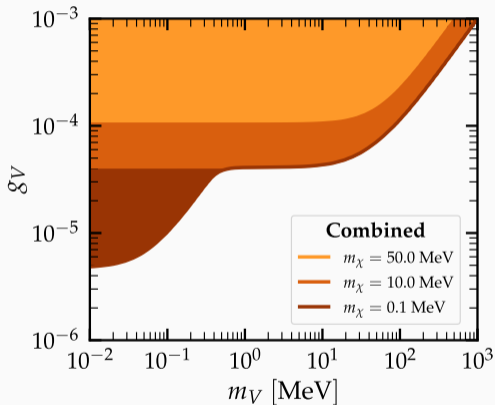
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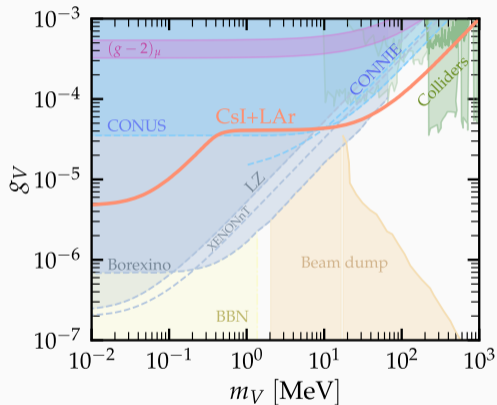
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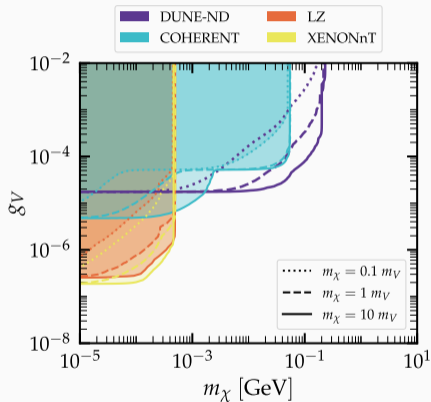


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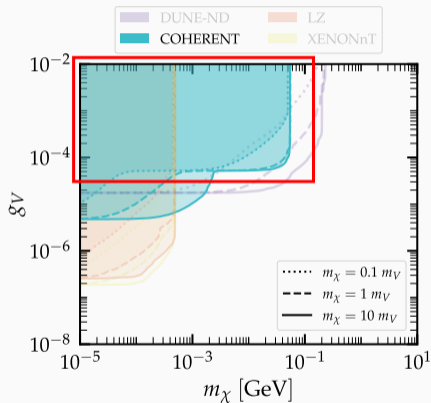
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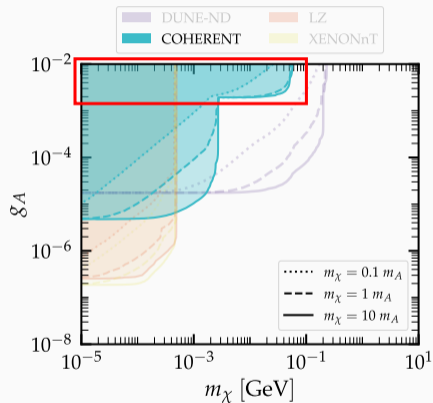


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The axial contribution to the CEvNS is suppressed in comparison to the vector one



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Thank you!



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$$\Gamma^a = \{I, i\gamma^5, \gamma^\mu, \gamma^\mu \gamma^5, \sigma^{\mu\nu}\}$$

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- $\sigma_4 = 5\%$ nuclear radius
 $R_A = 1.23A^{1/3}(1 + \alpha_4)$
- $\sigma_5 = 3.8\%$ QF
- α_6 beam timing no prior
- α_7 CEvNS efficiency

$$\chi_{\text{LAR}}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{12} \sum_{j=1}^{10} \left(\frac{N_{ij}^{\text{th}} - N_{ij}^{\text{exp}}}{\sigma_{ij}} \right)^2 + \sum_{k=0,3,4,8} \left(\frac{\beta_k}{\sigma_k} \right)^2 + \sum_{k=1,2,5,6,7} (\beta_k)^2,$$

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Normalization uncertainties:

- $\sigma_0 = 13\%$ CEvNS
- $\sigma_3 = 0.79\%$ SS
- $\sigma_4 = 32\%$ prompt BRN
- $\sigma_8 = 100\%$ delayed BRN

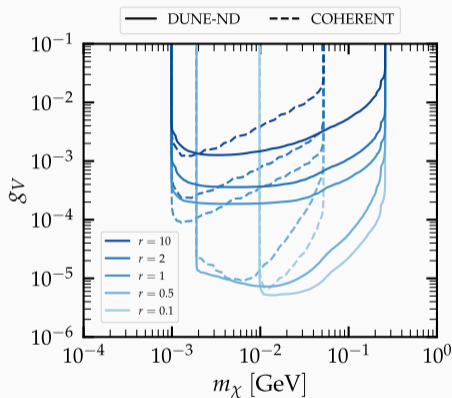
Shape uncertainties:

- β_1 and β_2 CEvNS
- β_5, β_6 and β_7 prompt BRN

Possible decay channels

Tree-level decays:

- If $m_\chi > m_V$,
then $m_\chi \rightarrow V\nu_e$
- If $m_\chi < m_V$,
then $m_\chi \rightarrow \nu_e f \bar{f}$



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