Sterile neutrinos and Coherent Neutrino Nucleus Scattering (CNNS)

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CNNS - A neutral current process



- Neutral current process \Rightarrow CNNS independent of ν -flavor
- For low transferred momenta: Z⁰ wave length comparable to radius of nuclei
- $\Rightarrow~\nu$ scatters coherently off all nucleons

CNNS - Cross Section

$$\frac{d\sigma(E_{\nu}, E_{rec})}{dE_{rec}} = \frac{G_F^2}{8\pi} \left[Z \left(4\sin^2\theta_W - 1 \right) + N \right]^2 M \left(2 - \frac{E_{rec}M}{E_{\nu}^2} \right)$$
$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} \left[Z \left(4\sin^2\theta_W - 1 \right) + N \right]^2 E_{\nu}^2$$

with neutrino energy E_{ν} , recoil energy E_{rec} , Fermi constant G_F , Weinberg angle θ_W , mass of traget nucleus M, proton number Z and neutron number N.

$$\sin^2 heta_W=0.23 \Rightarrow \sigma_{tot}\sim rac{G_F^2}{4\pi} N^2 E_
u^2$$

Expected spectrum for reactor neutrinos



- Flux of $1.0\cdot10^{13}\frac{1}{\text{cm}^2\text{s}}$
- Germanium as absorber
- $\rightarrow\,$ For an energy threshold of 0.1 keV: 72.5 events per kg-day

Sensitivity for sterile neutrinos





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Current status of detector development



- Germanium absorber
- Mass of 3.2 g
- Ir/Au film as TES



- Spectrum of an ⁵⁵Fe source
- Energy threshold of ${\sim}1~{\rm keV}$