

# Constraints on light vector mediators through COHERENT data

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# Coherent Elastic Neutrino Nucleus Scattering

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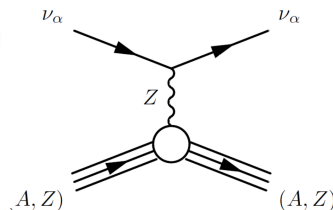
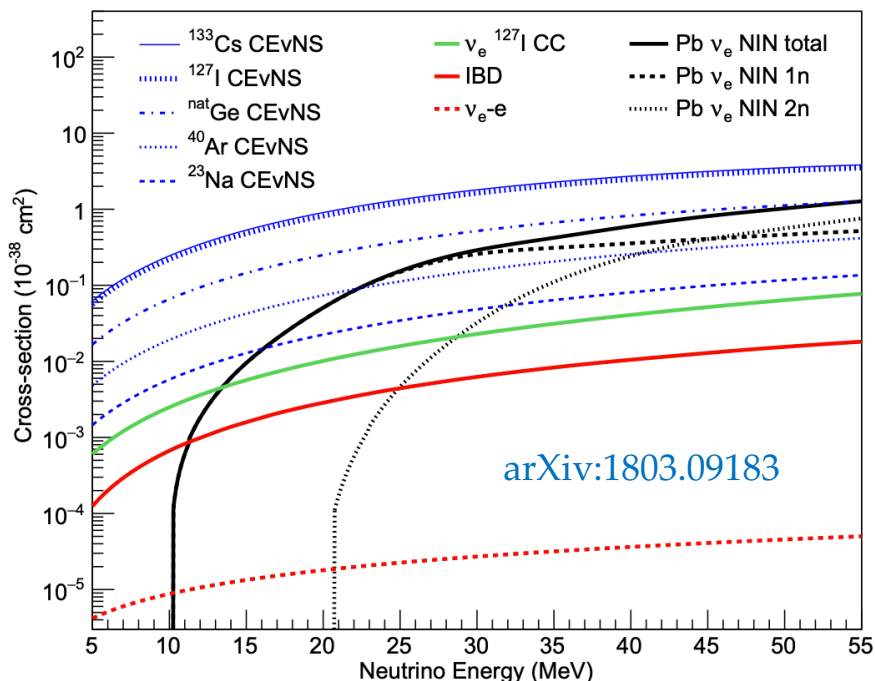
## Coherent effects of a weak neutral current

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Kinematic condition for CEvNS

$$|\vec{q}| \cdot R_N \ll 1$$

**VERY CHALLENGING DETECTION!**

Small momentum transfer => small **recoil energy**:  
MeV-neutrinos produce recoil energy around O(1-10) keV.

**E = 30 MeV**      **CsI: 14 keV**      **Ar: 48 keV**

## Standard Model cross section for CEvNS

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\nu\ell-N}}{dT_{nr}}(E, T_{nr}) = \frac{G_F^2 M}{\pi} \left(1 - \frac{MT_{nr}}{2E^2}\right) [g_V^p Z F_Z(|\vec{q}|^2) + g_V^n N F_N(|\vec{q}|^2)]^2$$

# How to compare model with COHERENT data

The expected CEvNS signal is given by:

See also Y. Zhang parallel talk

$$N_i^{\text{CE}\nu\text{NS}} = N(X) \int_{T_{\text{nr}}^i}^{T_{\text{nr}}^{i+1}} dT_{\text{nr}} A(T_{\text{nr}}) \int_{E_{\text{min}}}^{E_{\text{max}}} dE \sum_{\nu=\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu} \frac{dN_\nu}{dE} \frac{d\sigma_{\nu-N}}{dT_{\text{nr}}}(E, T_{\text{nr}})$$

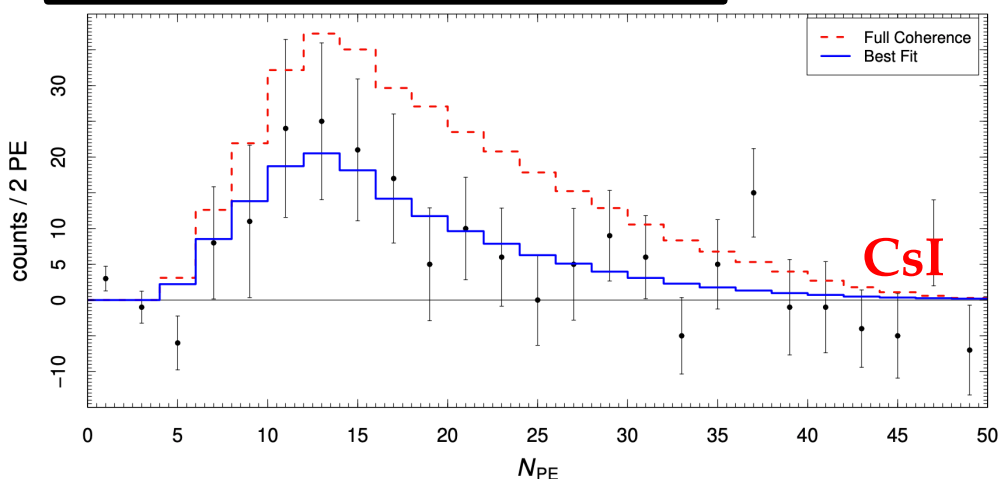
$N(X)$  : Number of nuclei in the active volume of the detector

$A(T_{\text{nr}})$  : Acceptance of the detector

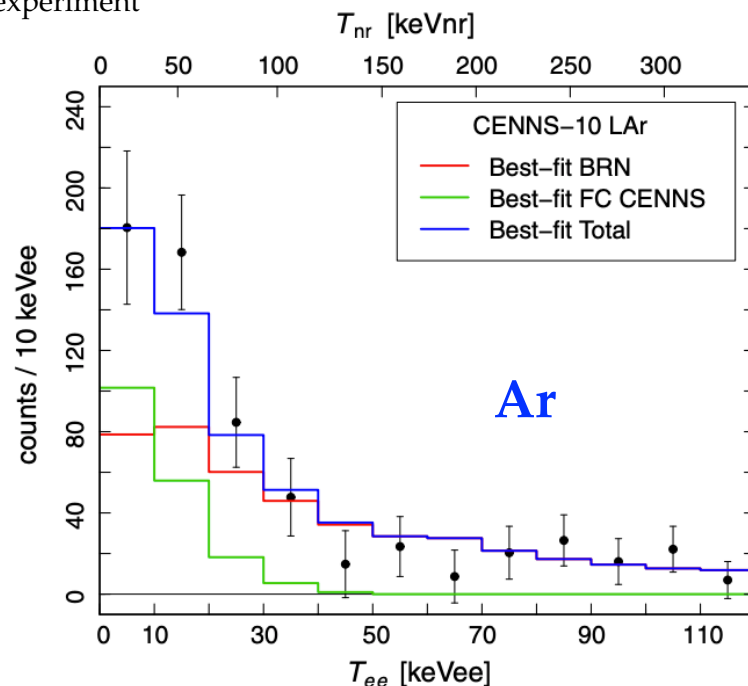
$dN_\nu/dE$  : Neutrino fluxes at SNS

$d\sigma/dT_{\text{nr}}$  : CEvNS cross section

\*The conversion between nuclear recoil and the measured observable includes the presence of **quenching factor**, a very challenging quantity to be measured, that for both CsI and Ar detectors is one of the parameter that affects the sensitivity of the experiment



M. Cadeddu et al. - Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020) 3, 033004



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For the very latest analysis with 2020 CsI data see: arXiv: 2102.06153

# Non Standard Interactions

The general vector neutral-current neutrino non standard interactions described by the effective four-fermion Lagrangian is:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}}^{\text{NC}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \sum_{\alpha,\beta=e,\mu,\tau} (\bar{\nu}_{\alpha L} \gamma^\rho \nu_{\beta L}) \sum_{f=u,d} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fV} (\bar{f} \gamma_\rho f)$$

**SM electroweak vector contribution**

$$Q_\alpha^2 = [g_V^p Z F_Z(|\vec{q}|^2) + g_V^n N F_N(|\vec{q}|^2)]^2$$

## General NSI electroweak vector contribution

$$Q_\alpha^2 = [(g_V^p + 2\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{uV} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{dV}) Z F_Z(|\vec{q}|^2) + (g_V^n + \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{uV} + 2\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{dV}) N F_N(|\vec{q}|^2)]^2 + \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} |(2\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{uV} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{dV}) Z F_Z(|\vec{q}|^2) + (\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{uV} + 2\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{dV}) N F_N(|\vec{q}|^2)|^2,$$

C. Giunti - Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020) 3, 035039

Assuming that neutrinos don't change flavor and only electron and muon neutrinos are involved in the process (as the case of COHERENT experiment):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}}^{\text{NC}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \sum_{\ell=e,\mu} (\bar{\nu}_{\ell L} \gamma^\rho \nu_{\ell L}) \sum_{f=u,d} \varepsilon_{\ell\ell}^{fV} (\bar{f} \gamma_\rho f)$$

## No flavor changing NSI electroweak vector contribution

$$Q_\ell^2 = [(g_V^p(\nu_\ell) + 2\varepsilon_{\ell\ell}^{uV} + \varepsilon_{\ell\ell}^{dV}) Z F_Z(|\vec{q}|^2) + (g_V^n + \varepsilon_{\ell\ell}^{uV} + 2\varepsilon_{\ell\ell}^{dV}) N F_N(|\vec{q}|^2)]^2$$

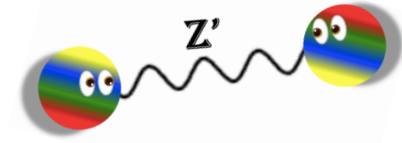
\*In principle we should also consider an axial contribution but in experiments looking for coherent scattering the axial contribution is negligible



# Interactions mediated by non standard bosons

What if neutrino NSI are induced by a gauge  $Z'$ -boson with mass  $M_{Z'}$  and coupling  $g_{Z'}$  associated with a new  $U(1)'$  symmetry?

$$\varepsilon_{\ell\ell}^{fV} = \frac{g_{Z'}^2 Q'_\ell Q'_f}{\sqrt{2}G_F(|\vec{q}|^2 + M_{Z'}^2)}$$



Depending on how the **new light vector mediator** couples to the SM, so assuming a value for  $Q_\ell$  and  $Q_f$  it is possible to explore several models, for instance:

## Universal model

J. Liao and D. Marfatia - *Phys.Lett.B* 775 (2017)

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT_{\text{nr}}}\right)_{\text{univ}}^{v_\ell\text{-}\mathcal{N}}(E, T_{\text{nr}}) = \frac{G_F^2 M}{\pi} \left(1 - \frac{MT_{\text{nr}}}{2E^2}\right) \cdot \left[Q_{\ell, \text{SM}} + \frac{3(g_{Z'})^2 ZF_Z(|\vec{q}|^2) + NF_N(|\vec{q}|^2)}{\sqrt{2}G_F(|\vec{q}|^2 + M_{Z'}^2)}\right]^2$$

## B-L model

T. Han, J. Liao, H. Liu and D. Marfatia - *JHEP* 11 (2019) 028  
J. Billard, J. Johnston and B.J. Kavanagh - *JCAP* 11 (2018) 016

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT_{\text{nr}}}\right)_{\text{B-L}}^{v_\ell\text{-}\mathcal{N}}(E, T_{\text{nr}}) = \frac{G_F^2 M}{\pi} \left(1 - \frac{MT_{\text{nr}}}{2E^2}\right) \cdot \left[Q_{\ell, \text{SM}} - \frac{(g_{Z'})^2 ZF_Z(|\vec{q}|^2) + NF_N(|\vec{q}|^2)}{\sqrt{2}G_F(|\vec{q}|^2 + M_{Z'}^2)}\right]^2$$

## $L_\mu$ - $L_\tau$ model

W. Altmannshofer et al. - *Phys. Rev. D* 100 (2019) 115029

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT_{\text{nr}}}\right)_{L_\mu-L_\tau}^{v_\ell\text{-}\mathcal{N}}(E, T_{\text{nr}}) = \frac{G_F^2 M}{\pi} \left(1 - \frac{MT_{\text{nr}}}{2E^2}\right) \cdot \left\{ \left[ g_V^p(v_\ell) - \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} (g_{Z'})^2}{3\sqrt{2}\pi G_F} \log\left(\frac{m_\tau^2}{m_\mu^2}\right) \frac{1}{|\vec{q}|^2 + M_{Z'}^2} \right] ZF_Z(|\vec{q}|^2) + g_V^n NF_N(|\vec{q}|^2) \right\}^2$$

# Interactions mediated by non standard bosons

How does the COHERENT theoretical rate of events change with  $Z'$  contributions?

Universal model

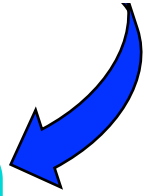


**Low energy:**  
Enhancement of the rate

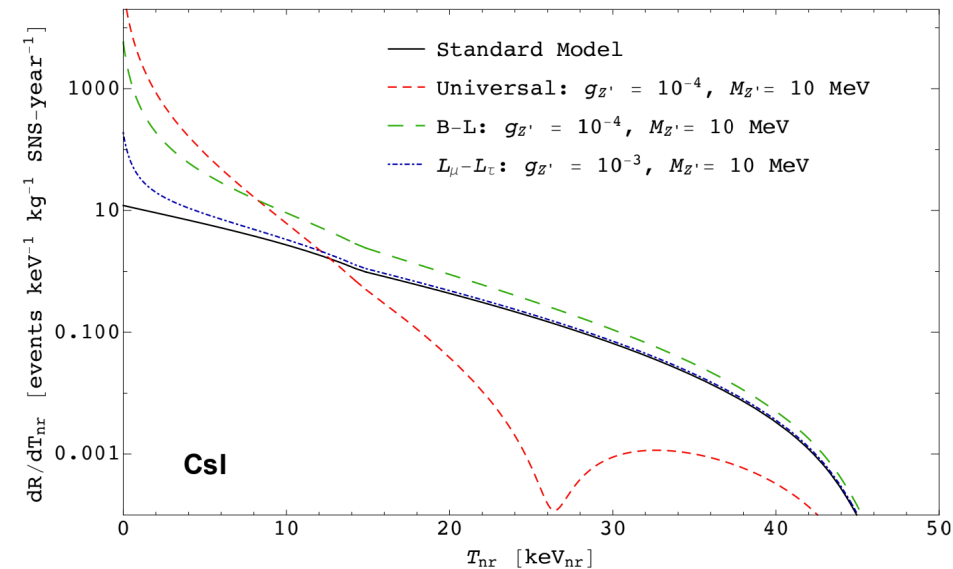
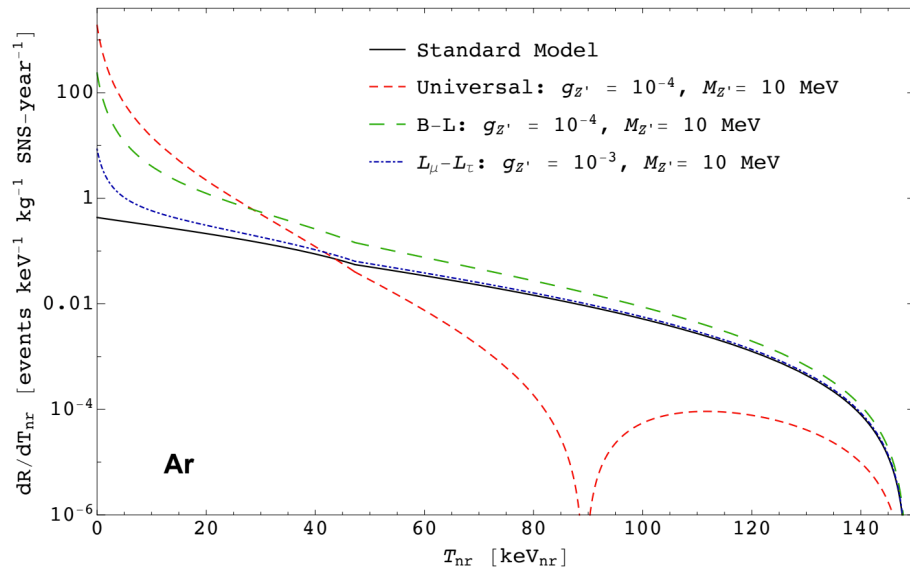
**High energy:**  
Drop of the rate due the  
cancellation of the cross section

B-L model

$L_\mu-L_\tau$  model



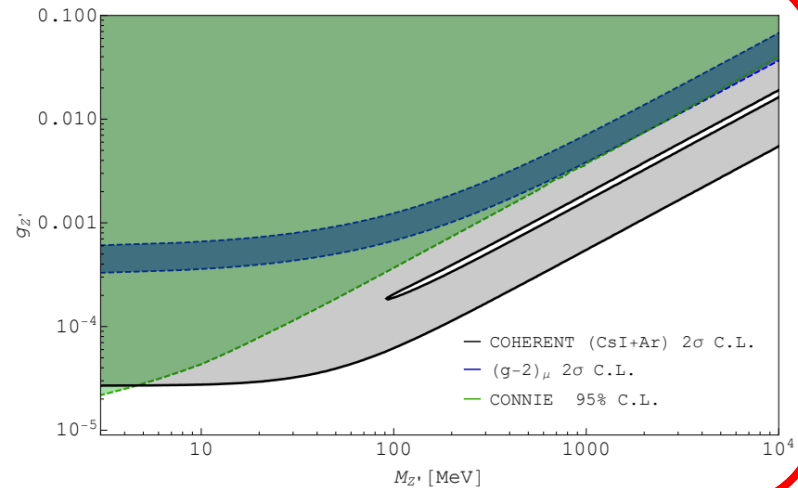
Overall  
enhancement of  
the event rate



# Constraints on the 3 models using COHERENT data

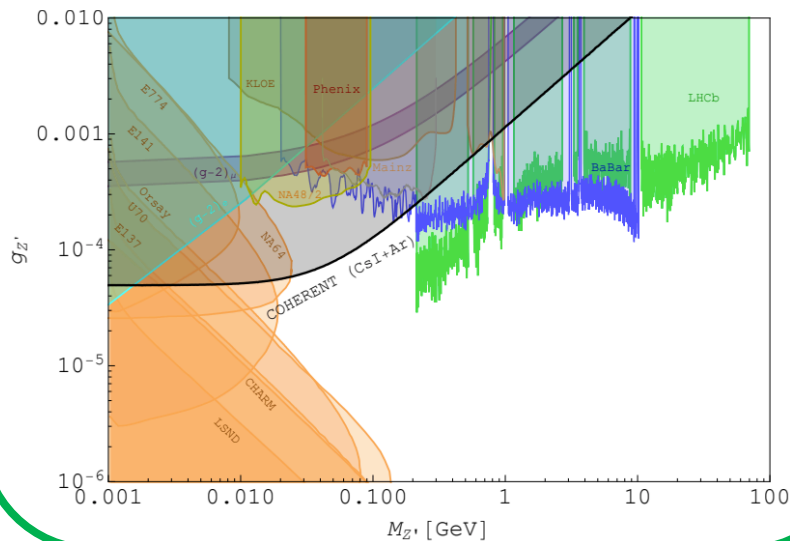
## Universal model

- Improved limits for  $M_{Z'}$  > 4 MeV
- Degeneracy line related to the cancellation in the event rate



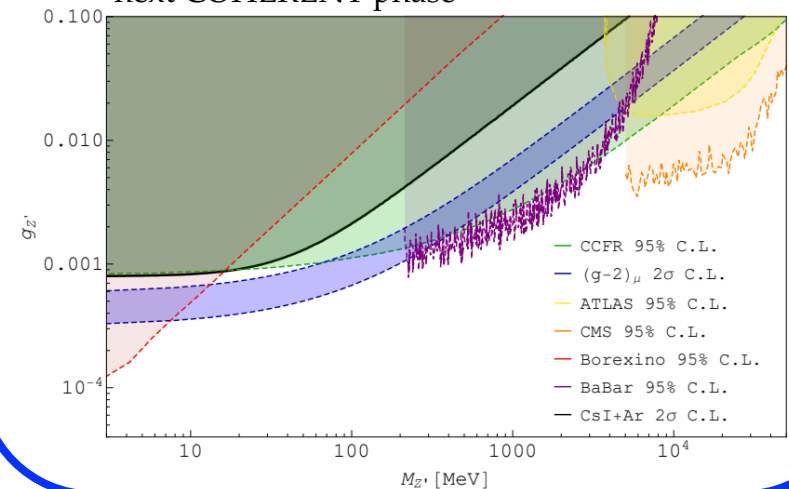
## B-L

Improved limits for 20 MeV <  $M_{Z'}$  < 200 MeV



## $L_\mu - L_\tau$

- Confirmation of already set limits.
- Promising opportunity to improve limits with next COHERENT phase





Thanks for the attention

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