



RICOCHET,
COHERENT, MINER
AND CONNIE
COMPARISON

Source, Distance, Power, Flux, Background, Purpose

COHERENT	MINER	CONNIE	Ricochet
<p>SNS Stopped Pions (Oak Ridge)</p> <p><20 meters</p> <p>Not compared, higher neutrino energies (do not compare neutrino flux from pion decay)</p> <p>Purpose: Search for coherent neutrino scattering</p>	<p>Reactor at Texas A&M</p> <p>2 meters</p> <p>1 MW</p> <p>$4 \times 10^{11} \nu's \text{ cm}^{-2} s^{-1}$</p> <p>$\sim 100 \text{ keV}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$ (Simulation)</p> <p>Purpose: to observe coherent neutrino scattering and search for sterile neutrinos</p>	<p>Reactor at Angra dos Reis</p> <p>30 meters</p> <p>3.8 GW</p> <p>$6 \times 10^{12} \nu's \text{ cm}^{-2} s^{-1}$</p> <p>$3000 \text{ keV}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$</p> <p>Purpose: Search for coherent neutrino scattering</p>	<p>Chooz Reactor</p> <p>~400 meters</p> <p>8.54 GW (comes from two reactors)</p> <p>$8 \times 10^{10} \nu's \text{ cm}^{-2} s^{-1}$</p> <p>$1.5 \text{ keV}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$ (From Chooz and EDELWEISS)</p> <p>Purpose: Search for sterile neutrino via coherent neutrino scattering</p>

Technology

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<p>Nal and CSI crystals</p> <p>Germanium Detectors</p> <p>Liquid Argon</p>	<p>CDMS (Cryogenic Dark Matter Search) style germanium detectors</p> <p>High density concrete, copper foil, steel</p>	<p>Array of charged coupled devices (CCDs)</p> <p>Prototype – four 8 Mpix CCDs, mass of ~1 g, area of 6cm by 3 cm</p>	<p>Multiple Bolometric devices</p> <p>Germanium semi-conductors</p> <p>Metallic zinc superconductors</p> <p>CaWO₄ crystals</p> <p>Using Helium3 to detect the background neutrons</p>

Ideally Suited For

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<p>Discovery of coherent neutrino scattering</p> <p>Core Collapse supernova neutrino detection</p> <p>Better understand the atmospheric and solar neutrinos energy ranges.</p>	<p>Searching for sterile neutrinos</p>	<p>Close-proximity nuclear monitoring</p> <p>Discovery of coherent neutrino scattering</p>	<p>Pushing low energy technology for neutrino physics and dark matter searches</p> <p>Nuclear reactor monitoring</p> <p>Possible extensions to new physics and sterile neutrino searches</p>

Advantages

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<p>Unique time signature (Difference from reactors) Higher recoil energies allow for detection with low threshold detectors</p> <p>Pulsation allows for a reduced background</p> <p>Uses established technology</p> <p>Operating for 2 years</p>	<p>Control over power cycle</p> <p>The movable distance makes MINER ideal for searching for sterile neutrinos</p>	<p>Very low thresholds achieved (25 eV)</p> <p>Compact footprint</p> <p>Distance to reactor is variable</p> <p>They have run a prototype on site</p>	<p>Utilizing multiple dark matter technologies, such as EDELWEISS, CRESST and superconducting metals</p> <p>Demonstrated low thresholds (<200 eV)</p> <p>No source correlated backgrounds (from low uranium and thorium contamination)</p> <p>Overburden (140 mwe) and large water shielding</p> <p>Utilizing existing Double Chooz infrastructure</p> <p>Strong international cooperation (US, France, Germany)</p> <p>Potential dark matter / dark forces sensitivity</p>

Disadvantages

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<p>Cannot successfully detect lower energy neutrinos (like those that come from reactors)</p> <p>There are backgrounds from neutrino induced events (Neutrino induced Neutrons {NIN})</p>	<p>There are a lot of beam-correlated backgrounds to account and correct for (neutrons, muons, gamma rays)</p>	<p>Small mass target mass (5-50 g)</p> <p>High background</p> <p>Only two of the four CCDs were high enough quality to detect background in the prototype</p>	<p>Difficult to decipher between neutrino events and backgrounds, such as neutron radiation</p> <p>Competitors detectors have more advanced timelines</p> <p>Backgrounds: need to reach backgrounds near levels of EDELWEISS (demonstrated, but always challenging)</p>

Sites used for information

- https://sites.duke.edu/coherent/files/2015/09/Coherent_PositionPaper.pdf
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