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Prospects for Exploring Non-Standard Neutrino Properties with Argon-Based CEvNS Experiments

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Coherent elastic neutrino–nucleus scattering (CEvNS) provides a powerful framework for testing the Standard Model (SM) and searching for new physics at low energies. In this work, we examine the prospects for argon-based CEvNS experiments at stopped-pion sources to perform precision measurements of weak interactions and probe non-standard neutrino properties. Our study focused on the CENNS-10 and CENNS-750 detectors at the Spallation Neutron Source at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Coherent Captain Mills (CCM) detector at Los Alamos National Laboratory, and the proposed PIP2-BD detector at Fermilabs Facility for Dark Matter Discovery (F2D2). Using realistic neutrino fluxes and detector configurations corresponding to these facilities, we evaluate event rates and sensitivities to a range of observables. Within the SM, argon-based CEvNS detectors enable precision tests of electroweak parameters, including the weak mixing angle, at momentum transfers well below the electroweak scale. We also investigate the sensitivity of these experiments to neutrino electromagnetic properties, such as the magnetic moment and effective charge radius, as well as to possible non-standard neutrino interactions with quarks. Together, these studies highlight the potential of argon-based CEvNS experiments as a clean and versatile platform for precision exploration of non-standard neutrino properties.

I. INTRODUCTION

The study of neutrino interactions with nuclei has long served as a critical avenue for advancing both particle physics and astrophysics [1, 2]. Among these processes, coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering (CEvNS) occupies a special place. First predicted in the mid-1970s as a direct consequence of the Standard Model (SM) [3, 4], CEvNS arises when a neutrino scatters coherently off an entire nucleus, leading to an enhanced cross section that scales approximately with the square of the neutron number. Despite its relatively large predicted cross section compared to other low-energy neutrino processes, the detection of CEvNS proved elusive for more than four decades due to the tiny nuclear recoil energies, typically of order tens of keV, that must be measured [5].

This challenge was overcome in 2017, when the COHERENT collaboration reported the first observation of CEvNS using a CsI detector at the Spallation Neutron Source [6]. Subsequent measurements with additional detector technologies [7–11], including liquid argon [12], have strengthened this discovery and expanded the physics reach of CEvNS. The achievement represented not only a milestone in confirming a long-standing SM prediction, but also the opening of a new experimental frontier for precision neutrino physics at low energies.

The physics potential of CEvNS stems from its unique sensitivity to both SM parameters and possible signatures of new physics. On the SM side, CEvNS enables measurements of the weak mixing angle at low momentum transfer [13–23], tests of nuclear form factors, and

probes of nuclear structure [24–32]. At the same time, CEvNS provides an avenue to explore beyond the Standard Model (BSM) scenarios [5, 13, 33–35]. Deviations in recoil spectra or total rates could reveal the presence of non-standard neutrino interactions (NSIs) [5, 13, 33, 35–41], new mediators [34, 42–48], sterile neutrinos [13, 49–52], or neutrino electromagnetic properties [16, 53–56] such as a magnetic moment or a finite charge radius. In this way, CEvNS serves as both a precision laboratory for weak interactions and a discovery channel for new physics at the MeV scale.

Experimentally, stopped-pion neutrino sources are especially well suited for CEvNS studies [6–11]. These sources produce fluxes of neutrinos in the tens-of-MeV energy range, where the CEvNS cross section is sizable and the recoils remain within the reach of modern low-threshold detectors. The compactness of such detectors allows them to be deployed close to the source, further increasing event rates. As a result, spallation-based facilities have become central to the global CEvNS program. COHERENT at Oak Ridge [6, 9, 11], Coherent Captain Mills (CCM) at Los Alamos [7], and several proposed efforts [8, 10] worldwide are exploiting this opportunity, each with distinct detector technologies and target materials.

Among these, liquid argon (LAr) has emerged as a particularly attractive target. Argon is both abundant and scalable, allowing for the construction of multi-ton detectors, and its nuclear properties provide complementary information to heavier nuclei. Moreover, the development of large LAr detectors in neutrino oscillation experiments, notably the Short-Baseline Neutrino (SBN) program [57] and the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE) [58], has led to significant advances in argon detector technology that can be leveraged for CEvNS applications. Argon-based CEvNS measurements thus

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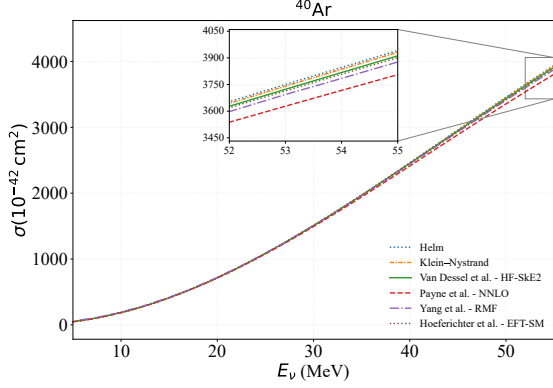


FIG. 1. Total CEvNS cross section for ^{40}Ar as a function of incident neutrino energy for different nuclear form factor models. The inset shows the relative variation among the models at higher energies.

offer a unique path to precision tests of weak interactions, while also serving as a proving ground for new physics searches. Looking ahead, the physics reach of CEvNS will be extended by upcoming facilities, including Fermilabs Facility for Dark Sector Discovery (F2D2) [59], which will operate in a beam-dump configuration to produce an intense source of stopped-pion neutrinos and offers the potential to host kiloton-scale experiments. These experiments, in conjunction with global efforts, are poised to deliver unprecedented statistics and precision, enabling detailed studies of SM parameters and strong sensitivity to a broad range of BSM scenarios. In this work, we focus on the prospects of argon-based CEvNS experiments. We present estimates of recoil event rates for current and future detectors, evaluate the sensitivity of these experiments to the weak mixing angle, and explore their reach in probing neutrino electromagnetic properties and NSIs.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we outline the formalism for the CEvNS cross section and summarize the different form factors used to characterize the weak structure of the argon nucleus. Sec. III outlines the argon-based experiments that form the basis of this analysis. In Sec. IV, we examine constraints on the weak mixing angle, the electromagnetic properties of neutrinos, including the magnetic moment and charge radius, as well as possible non-standard interaction parameters. Finally, the results and our conclusion is summarized in Sec. V

II. CEVNS CROSS SECTION AND FORM FACTORS

For an incoming neutrino with energy E_ν scattering off an Argon nucleus at rest with mass M_A , the differential

Form Factor	Events/year (N)	$ \Delta N _{\text{Helm}}$
Helm	5.131×10^6	—
Klein-Nystrand	5.117×10^6	0.28%
Van-Dessel <i>et al.</i>	5.098×10^6	0.65%
Payne <i>et al.</i>	4.991×10^6	2.73%
Yang <i>et al.</i>	5.055×10^6	1.48%
Hoferichter <i>et al.</i>	5.089×10^6	0.82%

TABLE I. Expected CEvNS events per year at PIP2-BD F2D2 for different nuclear form factor models. The last column shows the percentage difference relative to the Helm form factor prediction.

cross section for CEvNS in the SM is given by

$$\left[\frac{d\sigma(E_\nu)}{dT} \right]_{\text{SM}} = \frac{G_F^2 Q_W^2 M_A}{4\pi} \left(1 - \frac{T}{E_\nu} - \frac{M_A T}{2 E_\nu^2} \right) F_{\text{Weak}}^2(Q^2). \quad (1)$$

Where T is the nuclear recoil energy, G_F is the Fermi coupling constant, and Q_W is the weak nuclear charge at the tree-level given by,

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

with N, Z the number of neutrons and protons, and θ_W the weak mixing angle. In the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme, the low-momentum-transfer value is $\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.23857$ [60]. The weak nuclear form factor (F_{Weak}) characterizes the interaction with the nuclear vertex. Several parameterizations of the form factor have been proposed in the literature. The Helm [61] and Klein-Nystrand [62] form factors are most commonly used because of their analytic simplicity and reasonable agreement with experimental data. More microscopic nuclear theory approaches, such as Hartree-Fock (HF) [30], relativistic mean-field (RMF) [63], ab initio next-to-next-to-leading order (NNLO) [64], and chiral Effective Field Theory-Shell Model (EFT-SM) [65] descriptions are available in the literature. In this work, we adopt the Helm form factor as our baseline, defined as the convolution of uniform spherical density of radius R with a Gaussian surface of width s :

$$F_{\text{Helm}}(Q^2) = \frac{3 j_1(QR)}{QR} e^{-Q^2 s^2/2} \quad (3)$$

where j_1 is the spherical Bessel function of the first kind. The nuclear charge radius $R^2 = (1.23A^{1/3} - 0.6)^2 + 7/3\pi^2 r_0^2 - 5s^2$ with $r_0 = 0.52$ fm and $s = 0.9$ fm for argon nucleus [66].

In Fig. 1, we shows the total CEvNS cross section for ^{40}Ar as a function of neutrino energy using different form factor prescriptions. The relative differences between form factor models increase with energy. The impact on the predicted total event yield per year is summarized in Table I, where the relative deviation with respect to Helm baseline is shown for each model. This introduces a systematic uncertainty of less than 3%, which we include in the systematic budget considered in this work.

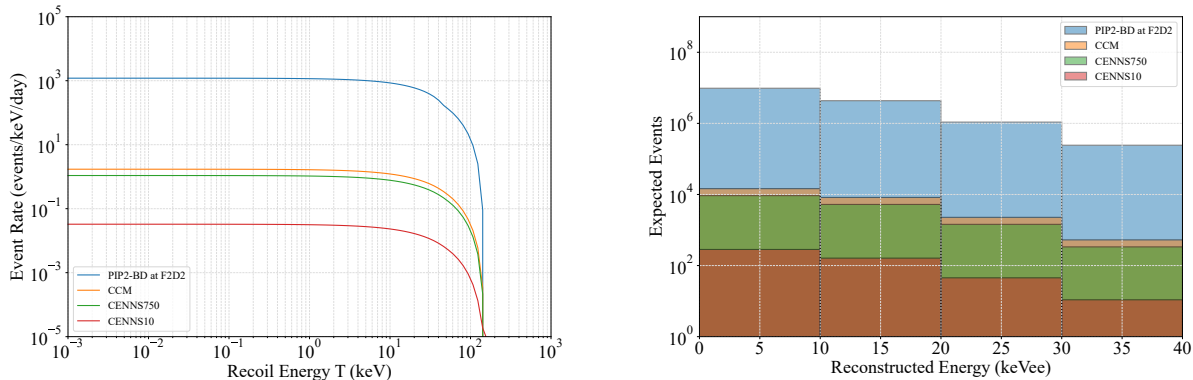


FIG. 2. CEvNS event rate per day as a function of the nuclear recoil energy (left) and expected reconstructed event rate accumulated over three years for different argon-based detectors and flux source (right).

Experiment	m_T (kg)	d (m)	POT (sec^{-1})	Ref.
PIP2-BD at FNAL	100,000	20.0	2.75×10^{16}	[59]
CENNS10 at ORNL	24	27.5	1.0×10^{16}	[12]
CENNS750 at ORNL	610	27.5	7.6×10^{15}	[67]
CCM at LANL	10,000	20.0	5.6×10^{14}	[7]

TABLE II. Key parameters for argon-based CEvNS experiments considered in this work. m_T is the fiducial target mass, d is the distance from the source, and POT is the proton-on-target rate.

III. ARGON-BASED CEVNS EXPERIMENTS

With the first observation of CEvNS by the COHERENT collaboration in 2017 [6], numerous experimental efforts have since been initiated, or are currently underway, to study CEvNS and possible BSM signatures using stopped-pion as well as reactor neutrino sources. The measurement by COHERENT collaboration, with an exposure of 14.6-308 kg-days, observed 134 ± 22 nuclear recoil events on CsI using a single photomultiplier tube. This result was consistent with the SM prediction of 178 ± 43 events and marked the first confirmation of CEvNS, thereby motivating a wide range of new proposals and experiments employing diverse detector technologies and physics goals. In this work, we focus on liquid argon based CEvNS experiments. In Table II, we list the experiments (and their configurations) involving argon targets that are currently operating [7, 12] and the upgrades proposed for these existing experiments [67] and a new proposed experiment [59].

CENNS10 and CENNS750 at ORNL: The Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) provides an intense, pulsed stopped-pion neutrino beam ideal for CEvNS studies [68]. The facility operates with a 1 GeV proton beam at 1.7 MW power [11] and, after further upgrades, the beam energy and power is expected to reach 1.3 GeV and 2 MW [69]. The First Target Station (FTS) directs 60 Hz, 400 ns proton pulses

onto a liquid mercury target, producing π^+ that decay at rest (π -DAR), yielding a prompt ν_μ flux followed by delayed ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ neutrinos extending to $\sim 8 \mu\text{s}$ due to the $2.2 \mu\text{s}$ μ^+ lifetime. This precise timing structure enables suppression of steady-state backgrounds. A second target station (STS) [70], now under construction, will increase total beam power to 2.8 MW, further improving sensitivity to rare processes.

The LAr detectors of interest for this work by the COHERENT collaboration at SNS are the CENNS10 and CENNS750 detectors [67]. The CENNS10 detector (28 kg LAr, ~ 24 kg active mass) observed CEvNS in 2017 [6], confirming the expected N^2 dependence. With a light yield of ~ 4.5 PE/keVee and a ~ 20 keVnr threshold, it provided key calibration data and demonstrated nuclear-electronic recoil discrimination through distinct scintillation time constants.

Building on this success, the larger CENNS750 detector (610 kg LAr) [67] is underway and employs an array of PMTs and wavelength-shifting panels that cover 61% of the volume, targeting similar ~ 20 keVnr thresholds. Its design features improved shielding, a cosmic-ray veto, and a continuous purification system to maintain high optical purity. Both detectors exploit the pulsed SNS beam to achieve excellent background rejection.

CCM at LANL: The Los Alamos Neutron Science Center (LANSC) at Los Alamos National Laboratory hosts the Lujan Center which is another prolific source of neutrinos from π -DAR, produced when an 800 MeV proton beam interacts with a tungsten target [7]. The proton beam is delivered at a rate of 20 Hz in a 280 ns triangular pulse from the LANSCE beamline.

The CCM experiment operates here, employing a 10 ton cylindrical LAr scintillation detector to study CEvNS and light dark sector interactions [71, 72]. The cylindrical cryostat, 2.58 m in diameter and 2.25 m high, is instrumented initially with 120 PMTs and then upgraded to 200 PMTs that provide ~ 10 keVnr threshold and precise timing resolution. Positioned 20-40 m from the tungsten target, the detector uses optimized steel and concrete

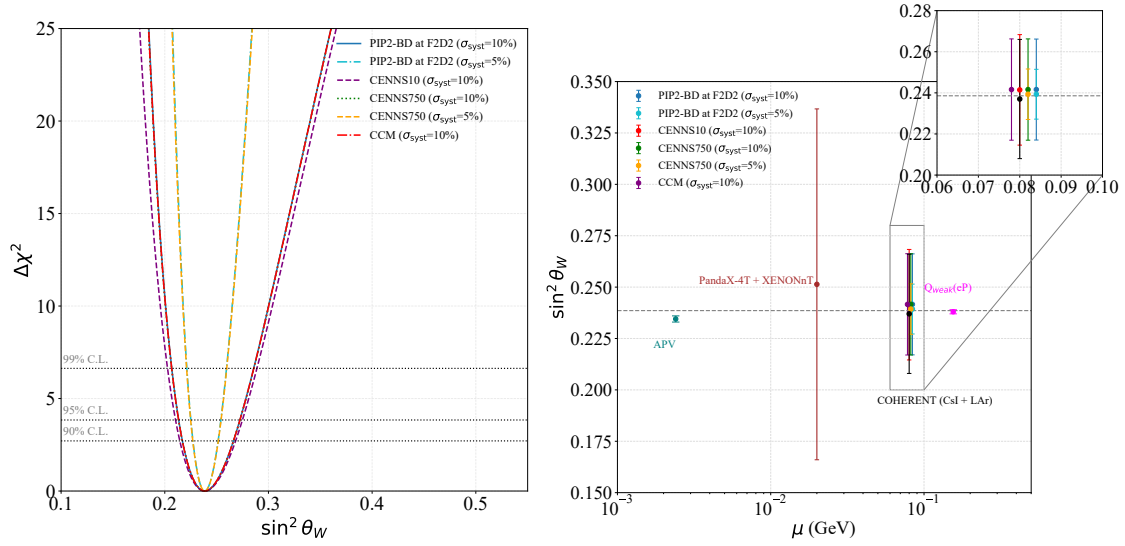


FIG. 3. (Left) Sensitivity on $\sin^2 \theta_W$ showing 90%, 95%, and 99% C.L. regions for different LAr experiments and systematic assumptions. (Right) Running of $\sin^2 \theta_W$ with energy scale μ shown with prediction for different LAr experiments and systematic assumptions considered in this work. The SM prediction is shown as dashed black line alongside existing experimental measurements from Atomic Parity Violation (APV) of Cs (teal), Q_{weak} from electron-proton scattering (pink), combined analysis of PandaX-4T with XENONnT (brown) and COHERENT - CsI + LAr (black). The inset provides a magnified view of θ_W and associated ranges from the different flux sources, with a small offset applied for readability.

Experiment (Syst. Unc.)	$\sin^2 \theta_W$
PIP2-BD at F2D2 (10%)	[0.2171, 0.2662]
PIP2-BD at F2D2 (5%)	[0.2272, 0.2515]
CENNS-10 (10%)	[0.2146, 0.2683]
CENNS-750 (10%)	[0.2170, 0.2663]
CENNS-750 (5%)	[0.2271, 0.2516]
CCM (10%)	[0.2170, 0.2663]

TABLE III. Estimated range of the weak mixing angle with respect to its central value of $\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.2386$ at 90% C.L. for different argon-based CEvNS experiments, assuming different levels of systematic uncertainty.

shielding to suppress beam-related neutron backgrounds. The 800 MeV proton beam produces π -DAR neutrinos in 280 ns pulses at 20 Hz, enabling time-correlated searches for rare events with excellent background rejection.

PIP2-BD at F2D2 at FNAL: The Proton Improvement Project-II Beam Dump (PIP2-BD) is a proposed experiment at Fermilabs Facility for Dark Matter Discovery (F2D2) [59, 73], optimized for high-energy physics applications, including CEvNS and dark sector studies. It will utilize the 800 MeV superconducting linac from PIP-II, the first phase of Fermilabs accelerator upgrade program supporting DUNE. The PIP-II Linac accelerates 0.55 ms pulses of H^- ions to 800 MeV at a 20 Hz repetition rate with a 2 mA peak current and 1.1% duty factor, corresponding to an available beam power of up to 1.6 MW. Unlike spallation neutron facilities optimized for neutron production, PIP2-BD is designed from the ground up for HEP applications, providing enhanced sensitivity and flexibility to host multiple $\mathcal{O}(100)$ ton detec-

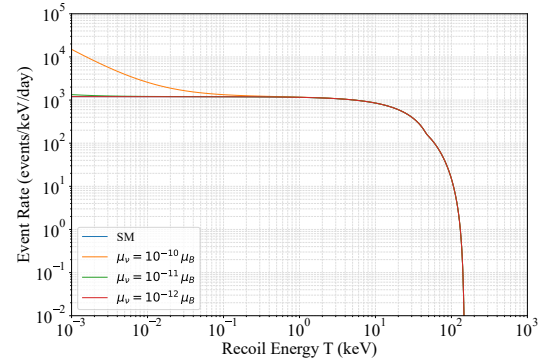


FIG. 4. CEvNS event rate per day (for PIP2-BD at F2D2) as a function of the nuclear recoil energy due to Neutrino Magnetic moment for three different values for the moment ($\mu_\nu = 10^{-10}$, 10^{-11} and $10^{-12} \mu_B$).

tors at varying baselines and angles relative to the beam dump.

The reference detector concept for PIP2-BD is a 100 ton cylindrical LAr scintillation detector (5 m height, 2.5 m radius) enclosed within a 6 m \times 6 m \times 6 m active veto cryostat. The inner LAr volume is lined with TPB coated Teflon panels and instrumented with 1,294 eight inch PMTs to achieve uniform light collection and keV scale energy sensitivity. This configuration offers a versatile platform for precision CEvNS measurements and dark sector searches, complementing the existing CEvNS program at SNS and LANSCE with comparable beam

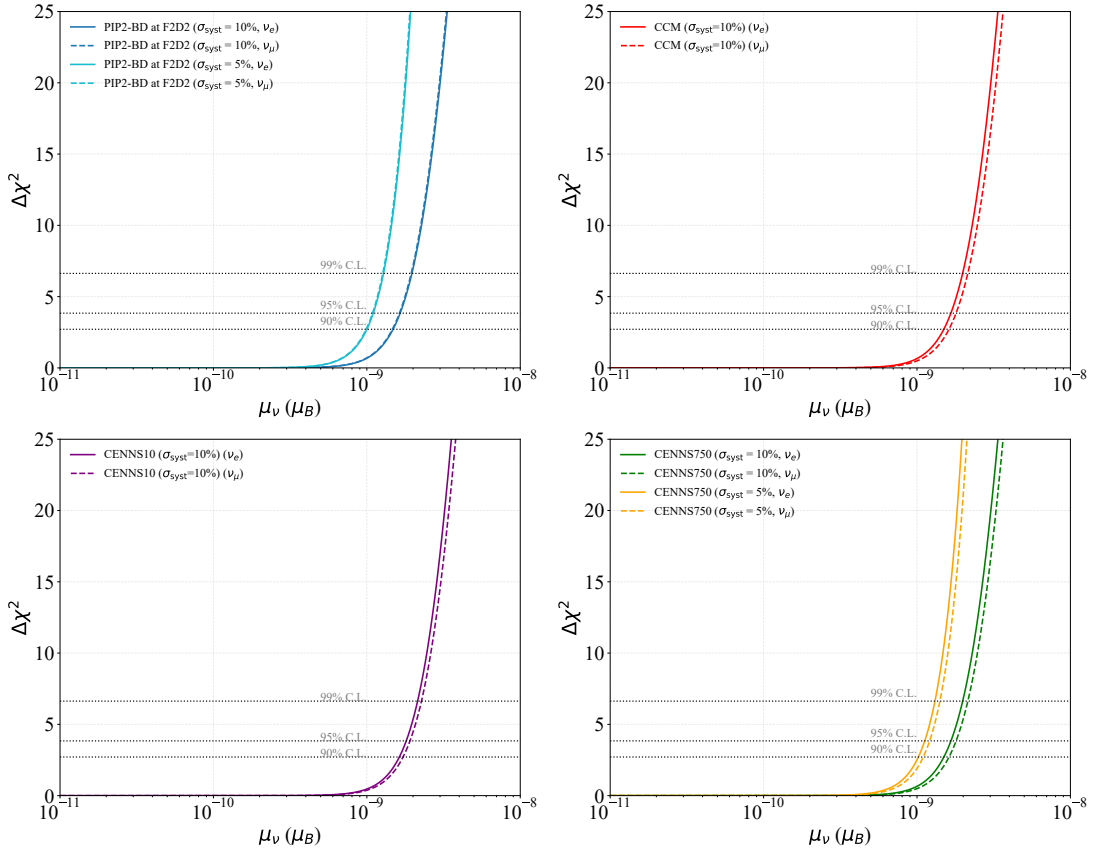


FIG. 5. Sensitivity ($\Delta\chi^2 = \chi^2 - \chi_{\min}^2$) on neutrino magnetic moment ($\mu_{\nu_e}, \mu_{\nu_\mu}$) for different experiments: PIP2-BD at F2D2 with $\sigma_{\text{syst}} = 10\%$ and 5% (top left), CCM with $\sigma_{\text{syst}} = 10\%$ (top right), CENNS10 with $\sigma_{\text{syst}} = 10\%$ (bottom left), and CENNS750 with $\sigma_{\text{syst}} = 10\%$ and 5% (bottom right).

power and optimized detector geometry.

IV. ANALYZING STANDARD AND BEYOND THE STANDARD MODEL SIGNALS

The precise measurement of CEvNS recoil spectra provides an opportunity to probe both the SM parameters and potential signatures of new physics. Deviations in the total event rates or recoil energy distributions can reveal the presence of new physics beyond the SM, such as electromagnetic properties of neutrinos or non-standard neutrino interactions. In this section, we present the framework used to simulate CEvNS signals for argon-based detectors and describe the statistical procedure employed to evaluate sensitivities to these effects.

The differential event rate as a function of nuclear recoil energy is given as,

$$\frac{dN}{dT} = \frac{f_{\nu/p} m_T}{A m_N} \sum_{i=\nu_\mu, \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_\mu} \int_{E_\nu^{\min}}^{m_\mu/2} dE_\nu \frac{d\phi_i}{dE_\nu} \left[\frac{d\sigma(E_\nu)}{dT} \right]_{\text{SM}} \quad (4)$$

where $f_{\nu/p}$ is the number of neutrinos produced per proton on target, m_T is the mass of the detector, A is

the atomic mass number and m_N is the nucleon mass. $d\phi_i/dE_\nu$ is the energy spectrum of the neutrino flavor i . The integration limits are set by the kinematics of pion decay at rest neutrino spectrum. The recoil spectra are computed using the fluxes and detector properties listed in Table II. The left panel of Fig. 2 shows the projected event rate per day for the different flux sources using Ar as the target. We follow a similar prescription as the COHERENT collaboration [12] which binned their data after including smearing effects as reconstructed electron-equivalent recoil energy (T_{rec}). Assuming a detector like CENNS10 for all flux sources, the total expected number of events in bin i , taking into account the detector efficiency ϵ , and the energy resolution (\mathcal{R}), is given by [74]:

$$N_i = \int_{T_{\text{rec},i}-\Delta T_{\text{rec}}/2}^{T_{\text{rec},i}+\Delta T_{\text{rec}}/2} dT_{\text{rec}} \epsilon(T_{\text{rec}}) \times \int_{T_{\min}}^{\infty} dT \frac{dN}{dT} \mathcal{R}(T_{\text{rec}}, T_I; \sigma_I), \quad (5)$$

where the energy resolution is modeled by a Gaussian distribution of width $\sigma_I = 0.58 \text{ keV} \sqrt{T_I/\text{keV}}$, and T_I

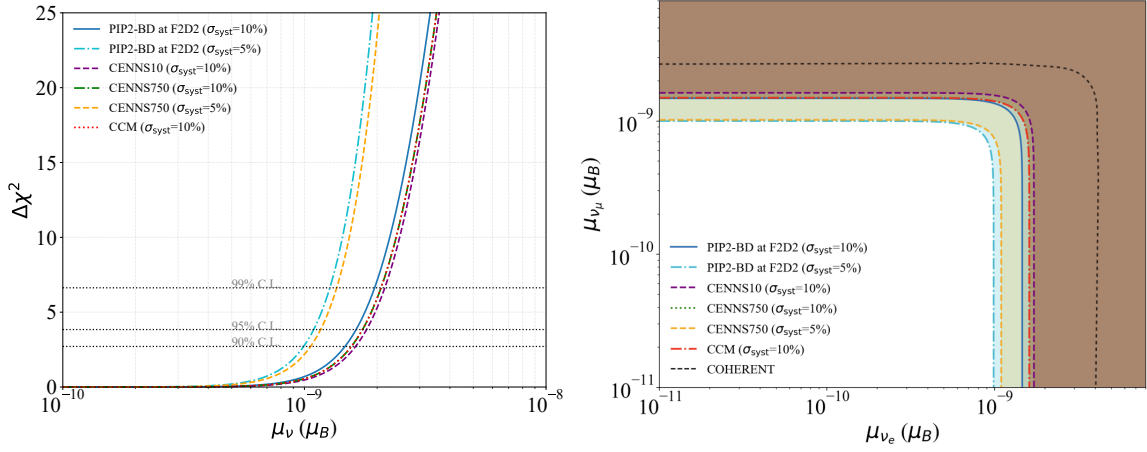


FIG. 6. (Left) Sensitivity ($\Delta\chi^2 = \chi^2 - \chi^2_{\min}$) on universal effective neutrino magnetic moment for the different experiments. (Right) 90% C.L. exclusion regions in the $(\mu_{\nu_e}, \mu_{\nu_\mu})$ parameter space for the different experiments with the respective systematics is shown in color. The black dotted line is the bound on these parameters from COHERENT measurements using LAr [12, 16].

denotes the true electron-equivalent recoil energy:

$$\mathcal{R}(T_{\text{rec}}, T_I; \sigma_I) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_I} e^{-\frac{(T_{\text{rec}} - T_I)^2}{2\sigma_I^2}}. \quad (6)$$

The true electron-equivalent recoil energy is quantified by the quenching factor ($Q_F = 0.246 + 0.00078 \text{ keV}^{-1}$) as, $T_I = Q_F(T)T$. The resulting reconstructed event distributions are shown in the right panel of Fig. 2 for three years of operation.

To evaluate sensitivity of a new physics model or the SM physics, characterized by parameters λ , we perform a statistical analysis of all experiments considered here. The analysis presented here is evaluated by considering a run time of 3 years with each year accounting for approximately 5000 hours of continual operation like that in SNS source for CENNS10 and CENNS750. Our primary aim is to explore key observables, such as the weak mixing angle $\sin^2 \theta_W$, as well as to impose constraints on potential new physics effects such as the magnetic moment and charge radius of neutrino and NSI parameters. To evaluate the experiment's sensitivity to the observables under investigation, we carried out a analysis, minimizing the simplest χ^2 function:

$$\chi^2(\{\lambda\}) = \min_\eta \left\{ \frac{[N_{\text{SM}} - N_{\text{Signal}}(\{\lambda\})(1 + \eta)]^2}{N_{\text{SM}}} + \left(\frac{\eta}{\sigma_\eta} \right)^2 \right\} \quad (7)$$

Where N_{SM} is the total number of events as a function of T_{rec} assuming no background and N_{Signal} , the total events including the parameters λ tested here.

For the analysis presented here the systematic uncertainty σ_η includes contributions from the neutrino flux normalization, quenching factor, detector efficiency, and nuclear form factor. As baseline, we assume a conservative overall systematic uncertainty of 10%, consistent

Experiment (Syst. Unc.)	μ_ν	μ_{ν_e}	μ_{ν_μ}
PIP2-BD at F2D2 (10%)	14.7	14.8	14.7
PIP2-BD at F2D2 (5%)	9.93	10.0	9.9
CENNS-10 (10%)	16.3	16.3	17.2
CENNS-750 (10%)	15.6	15.0	16.2
CENNS-750 (5%)	10.6	10.2	11.0
CCM (10%)	15.6	15.0	16.2

TABLE IV. Estimated values of the neutrino magnetic moment ($\times 10^{-10} \mu_B$) at 90% C.L. for different argon-based CEvNS experiments, assuming different levels of systematic uncertainty.

with current CEvNS measurements by COHERENT. A heavy-water Cherenkov detector has been proposed by the COHERENT collaboration as an in-situ neutrino flux monitor. Its implementation is expected to reduce the uncertainty in the absolute flux normalization – and consequently the overall systematic uncertainty – to about 5% [75]. A similar setup could be realized at F2D2. Accordingly, we include an optimistic 5% systematic uncertainty scenario for both CENNS-750 and PIP2-BD at F2D2, corresponding to the potential in-situ improvement achievable with such a dedicated flux-monitoring detector.

A. Precision Measurement of the Weak Mixing Angle

The weak mixing angle, θ_W , is a fundamental parameter of the electroweak theory that quantifies the mixing between the $SU(2)_L$ and $U(1)_Y$ gauge groups. It governs the relative strength of neutral- and charged-current weak interactions and can be expressed as $\sin^2 \theta_W = 1 - M_W^2/M_Z^2$ at tree level. While it has been measured with high precision at energies near the Z -peak (around

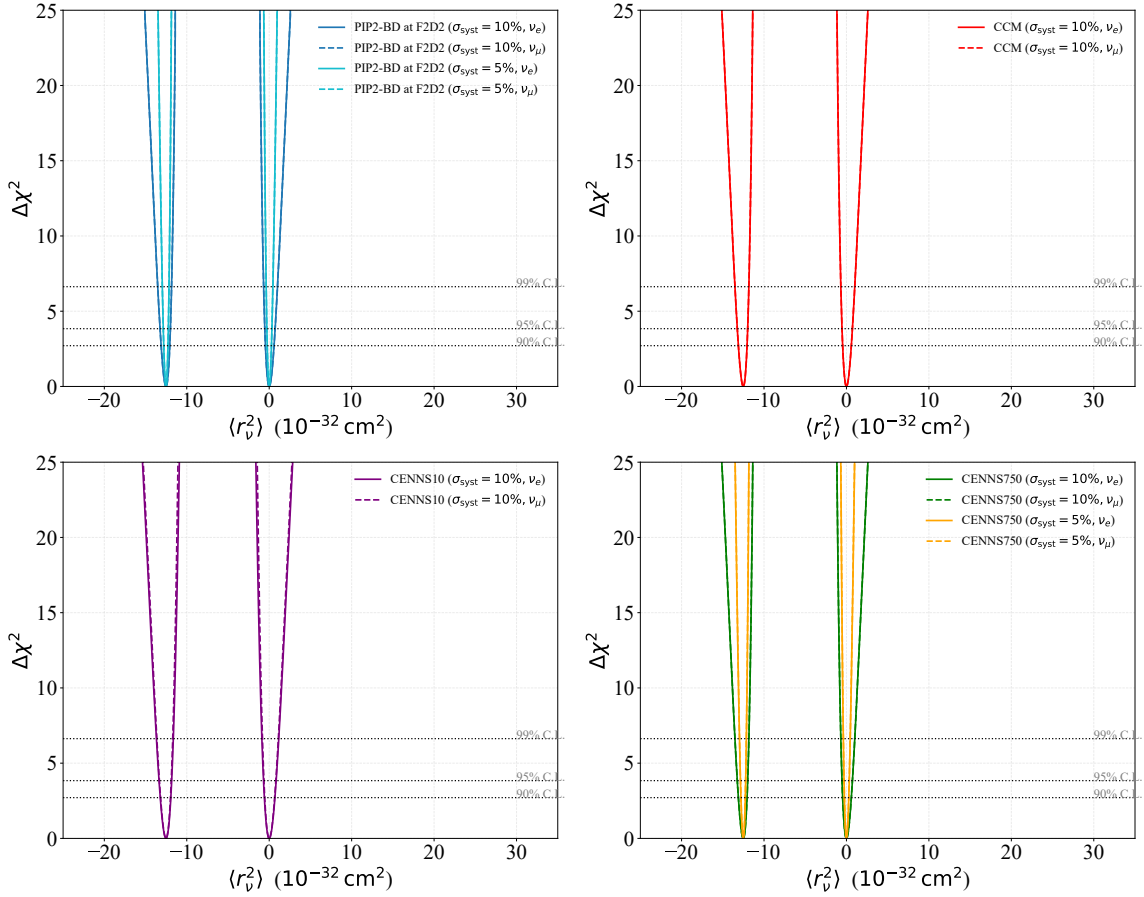


FIG. 7. Sensitivity ($\Delta\chi^2 = \chi^2 - \chi_{\min}^2$) on neutrino charge radius ($\langle r^2 \rangle_{\nu_e}$, $\langle r^2 \rangle_{\nu_\mu}$) for the different flux sources: PIP2-BD at F2D2 with $\sigma_{\text{syst}} = 10\%$ and 5% (top left), CCM with $\sigma_{\text{syst}} = 10\%$ (top right), CENNS10 with $\sigma_{\text{syst}} = 10\%$ (bottom left), and CENNS750 with $\sigma_{\text{syst}} = 10\%$ and 5% (bottom right).

Experiment (Syst. Unc.)	$\langle r^2 \rangle_\nu$	$\langle r^2 \rangle_{\nu_e}$	$\langle r^2 \rangle_{\nu_\mu}$
PIP2-BD at F2D2 (10%)	$[-13.10, -12.06] \cup [-0.44, 0.58]$	$[-13.08, -12.08] \cup [-0.44, 0.56]$	$[-13.08, -12.08] \cup [-0.44, 0.56]$
PIP2-BD at F2D2 (5%)	$[-12.78, -12.28] \cup [-0.24, 0.26]$	$[-12.76, -12.28] \cup [-0.24, 0.24]$	$[-12.76, -12.28] \cup [-0.24, 0.24]$
CENNS-10 (10%)	$[-13.14, -12.02] \cup [-0.50, 0.62]$	$[-13.16, -12.00] \cup [-0.52, 0.64]$	$[-13.16, -12.00] \cup [-0.52, 0.64]$
CENNS-750 (10%)	$[-13.10, -12.06] \cup [-0.46, 0.58]$	$[-13.08, -12.08] \cup [-0.44, 0.56]$	$[-13.08, -12.08] \cup [-0.44, 0.56]$
CENNS-750 (5%)	$[-12.78, -12.28] \cup [-0.24, 0.26]$	$[-12.80, -12.28] \cup [-0.24, 0.28]$	$[-12.76, -12.28] \cup [-0.24, 0.24]$
CCM (10%)	$[-13.10, -12.06] \cup [-0.46, 0.58]$	$[-13.08, -12.08] \cup [-0.44, 0.56]$	$[-13.08, -12.08] \cup [-0.44, 0.56]$

TABLE V. Estimated two possible range of the neutrino charge radius - $\langle r^2 \rangle_\nu$, $\langle r^2 \rangle_{\nu_e}$, $\langle r^2 \rangle_{\nu_\mu}$ ($\times 10^{-32}\text{cm}^2$) at 90% C.L. for various CEvNS flux sources and detector configurations, assuming different levels of systematic uncertainty.

100 GeV), its determination at low momentum transfer remains significantly less precise [60]. A precise low-energy measurement provides a stringent test of the running of $\sin^2 \theta_W(Q^2)$ predicted by the Standard Model (SM) and serves as a sensitive probe for new physics that may alter this running. It is useful in determining a number of observable quantities, such as the ratio of the weak gauge boson masses, certain weak-interaction cross sections, and parity-violating effects. The CEvNS process offers an especially clean method for measuring $\sin^2 \theta_W$ at low Q^2 . Since the CEvNS cross section and thus the event rate depends on the weak mixing angle (see Eqs. 1

and 4), the observed CEvNS event counts can be used to extract information about θ_W . Any shift in θ_W will lead to a corresponding change in the event rate and therefore could be a clear indication of new physics.

In Fig. 3 (left), we show the sensitivity of $\sin^2 \theta_W$ using simulated CEvNS event rates for different LAr experiments and for different systematic uncertainty assumptions. The right panel of Fig. 3 illustrates the evolution (or “running”) of $\sin^2 \theta_W(Q^2)$ with momentum transfer μ (in GeV), comparing our projections with existing experimental data from COHERENT (CsI + LAr) [76], PandaX-4T + XENONnT [77]. The resulting constraint

on the weak mixing angle shows a notable improvement over previous measurements. Our results indicate that the PIP2-BD at F2D2 with reduced systematic uncertainty of 5%, could determine the weak mixing angle with a precision competitive with or better than current low-energy determinations. CENNS-750 and CCM are also expected to reach comparable precision, enabling cross-checks across independent facilities with distinct systematics. Our best estimate for the weak mixing angle for the different experiments is listed in Table III. In the broader context, precision CEvNS measurements on these LAr experiments complement ongoing efforts in parity-violating electron scattering and neutrino-electron scattering experiments. Together, these will map the running of $\sin^2 \theta_W$ over several orders of magnitude in μ , providing one of the most stringent low-energy tests of the electroweak theory to date. Any observed deviation from the SM expectation could point to new phenomena beyond the Standard Model.

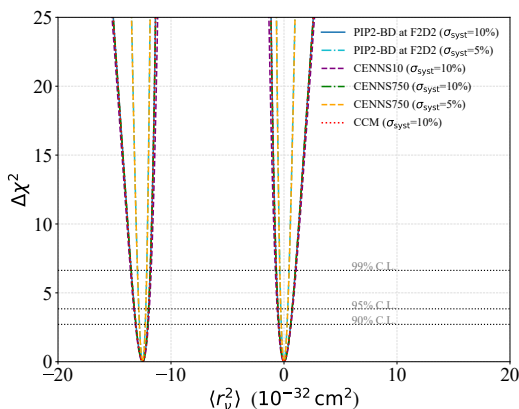


FIG. 8. Sensitivity ($\Delta\chi^2 = \chi^2 - \chi^2_{\min}$) on universal effective neutrino charge radius for the different flux source.

B. Probing Neutrino Electromagnetic Properties

While in the SM neutrinos are massless and have interactions only in the weak sector, the discovery of neutrino oscillations confirms that at least two neutrino mass eigenstates are nonzero. The extensions of the SM to accommodate the non-zero neutrino masses can, in some scenarios, also lead to neutrinos acquiring electromagnetic properties through quantum loop effects [78]. The observation of a neutrino mass would point to a new physical scale (Λ) if the neutrinos were Majorana in nature and therefore requiring the detection of neutrinoless double beta decay. But unlike the probe of mass, the presence of neutrino interactions in the EM sector would clearly point to the existence of new physics at a higher scale. In this regime, CEvNS is particularly sensitive to such effects because the EM contribution enhances the scattering cross section at low recoil energies, leading to

a distinct distortion of the nuclear recoil spectrum relative to the SM prediction.

For energies well below the electroweak scale ($\mathcal{O}(\text{MeV})$ for CEvNS), the interaction of neutrinos with photons can be described by a sum of higher-dimensional operators [38, 79] up to dimension-6 as

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EM}} \supset \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \frac{\mathcal{C}_{\text{M}, \alpha\beta}^{(5)}}{\Lambda} \frac{e}{8\pi^2} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_L \nu_\beta) F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\mathcal{C}_{\text{A}, \alpha\beta}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \nu_\beta) \partial^\nu F_{\mu\nu} + \dots \quad (8)$$

where $\alpha, \beta = e, \mu, \tau$ are the neutrino flavors, $\mathcal{C}_{\text{M}, \alpha\beta}^{(5)}, \mathcal{C}_{\text{A}, \alpha\beta}^{(6)}$ are the dimensionless Wilson coefficients which together with the new-physics scale describe magnetic and anapole (charge-radius) moments, respectively. In the following subsections, we examine the sensitivity of these experiments to two key electromagnetic observables: the neutrino magnetic moment and the charge radius. We quantify how each affects the CEvNS cross section and evaluate the resulting bounds achievable with current and forthcoming argon-based detectors.

1. Neutrino Magnetic Moment

For a Dirac neutrino, with the inclusion of a right-handed counterpart in the SM, the mass term and the magnetic moment operator (first term in Eq. 8) have the same chiral structure. This results in the magnetic moment being proportional to the Dirac mass term (m_ν) with the value given in terms of Bohr Magneton (μ_B) as [81],

$$\mu_\nu = 3 \times 10^{-19} \mu_B \left(\frac{m_\nu}{\text{eV}} \right).$$

In contrast, for Majorana neutrinos, the (transition) magnetic moment [82] is three orders of magnitude smaller than that of Dirac neutrinos. These values of magnetic moment for neutrino mass of $\mathcal{O}(\text{eV})$, are many orders of magnitude smaller than the current experimental limits. The neutrino magnetic moment can be significantly enhanced, to varying degrees, in theories involving new physics at the TeV scale. Some models, such as the left-right symmetric model and supersymmetric extensions of the SM [78], require fine-tuning of parameters to obtain a realistic value for the neutrino mass. However, even with such enhancements, the predicted magnetic moment typically remains below current experimental sensitivity. Larger enhancements, approaching the experimental limits, can be achieved by extending left-right symmetric models with an $\text{SU}(2)_L$ singlet charged scalar [83–85]. These scenarios also involve enhancement in the neutrino mass beyond acceptable limits unless the models are very precisely fine-tuned. The suppression of the neutrino mass alongside an enhanced magnetic moment can be achieved through the *Voloshin mechanism* [86].

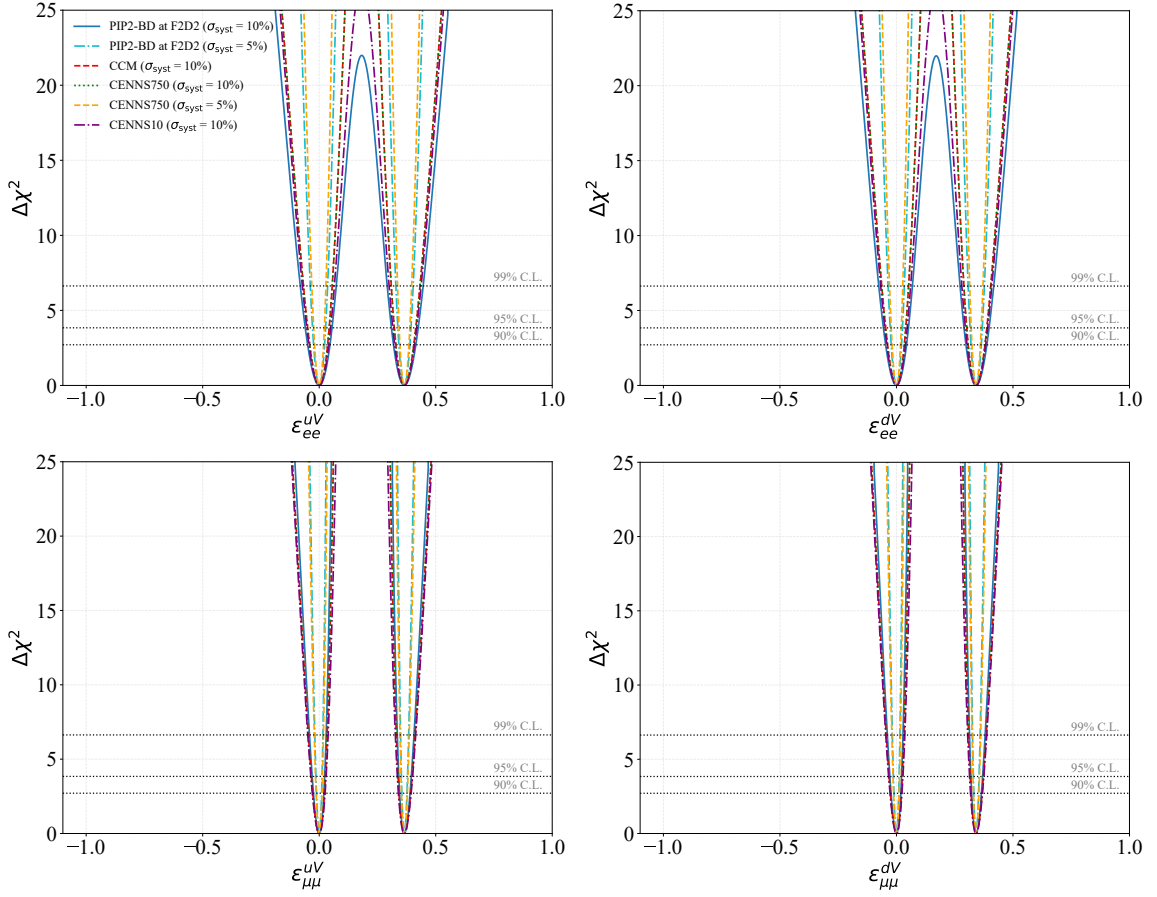


FIG. 9. Sensitivity ($\Delta\chi^2 = \chi^2 - \chi_{\min}^2$) on flavor diagonal NSI parameters: ε_{ee}^{uV} (top left), ε_{ee}^{dV} (top right), $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{uV}$ (bottom left), and $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{dV}$ (bottom right).

By exploiting the distinct Lorentz structures of the mass and magnetic moment operators, a new symmetry such as $SU(2)_H$ [87] can be introduced to nullify the mass term while permitting a magnetic moment of the order of current experimental limits.

In the presence of the neutrino magnetic moment, the differential cross section due to it given as,

$$\left[\frac{d\sigma(E_\nu)}{dT} \right]_{\text{MM}} = \frac{\pi (\alpha_{\text{EM}} \mu_\nu Z)^2}{m_e^2} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{E_\nu} + \frac{T}{4E_\nu^2} \right) F_{\text{ch}}^2(Q^2) \quad (9)$$

adds incoherently without interference (due to chirality flipping nature of the EM contribution) to the SM cross section in Eq. 1. Where m_e , α_{EM} and F_{ch} are the electron mass, fine-structure constant and the charge form factor of the nucleus respectively. The change in the shape of the nuclear recoil events for the PIP2-BD at F2D2 is shown in Fig. 4. Because the electromagnetic component scales as $1/T$, it produces an enhancement at low recoil energies, leading to a distinct spectral distortion that can be experimentally separated from the SM expectation. This characteristic feature makes CEvNS particularly sensitive to magnetic-moment effects in detectors with low thresholds and excellent background

control. The current best limits on the neutrino magnetic moment come from solar and astrophysical neutrinos [60]. The strongest (indirect) constraint (at 90% CL $\mu_\nu < 4.5 \times 10^{-12} \mu_B$) comes from observations of the globular cluster M5 [88]. Neutrino-electron scattering provides the strongest (direct) constraint (at 90% CL $\mu_\nu < 6.4 \times 10^{-12} \mu_B$) based on the electronic recoil data from XENONnT [89].

In Fig. 5 and the left panel of Fig. 6 we show the sensitivity of the flavor dependent (μ_{ν_e} , μ_{ν_μ}) and universal effective neutrino magnetic moment using the simulated CEvNS event rates for the various flux sources. Our best estimate for the magnetic moment for the different flux sources is listed in Table IV. For the proposed PIP2-BD configuration with a 5% flux uncertainty, the expected upper limit on the neutrino magnetic moment reaches improves upon current CEvNS bounds by nearly an order of magnitude. This sensitivity is competitive with recent limits and approaches the region predicted by several BSM scenarios.

In the right panel of Fig. 6, for ν_e , ν_μ we show the excluded region at 90% CL for the different flux sources under consideration with the respective systematic uncertainty. The sensitivity for μ_{ν_μ} is stronger than the

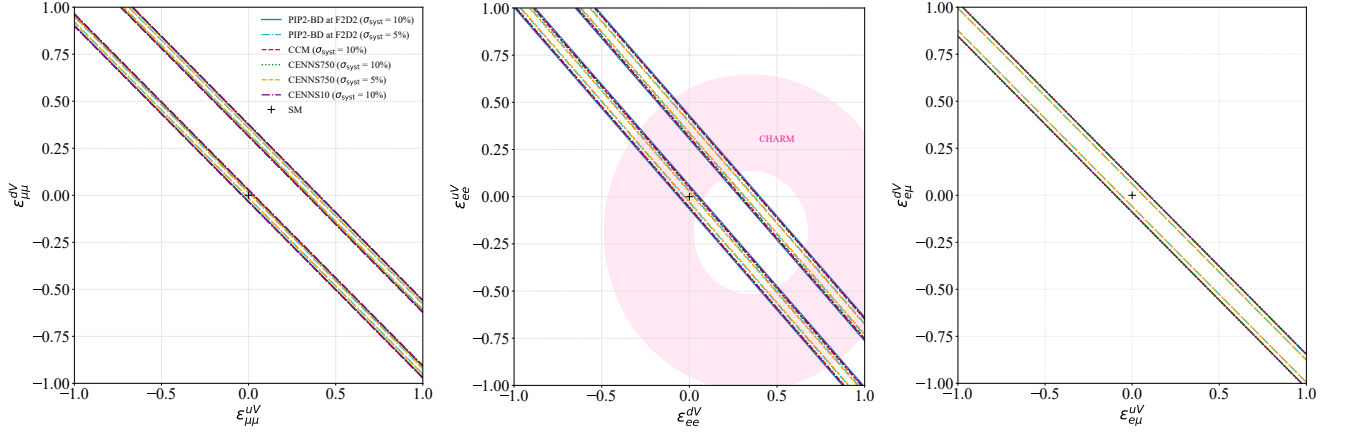


FIG. 10. 90% CL allowed regions for flavor-conserving NSI parameters: $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{dV}$ vs $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{uV}$ (left) and ε_{ee}^{dV} vs ε_{ee}^{uV} (middle). The results from different sources are compared with the CHARM [80] 90% CL constraints. (Right) 90% CL allowed regions for flavor-changing NSI with (u,d) quarks - electron and muon.

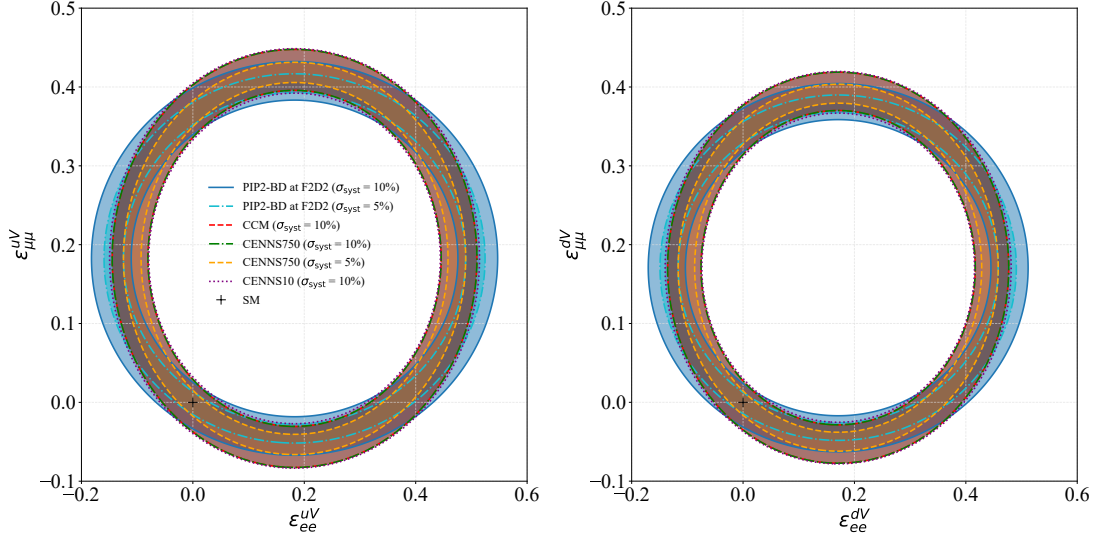


FIG. 11. 90% CL allowed regions for flavor diagonal NSI parameters: (left) ε_{ee}^{uV} vs $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{uV}$ and (right) ε_{ee}^{dV} vs $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{dV}$.

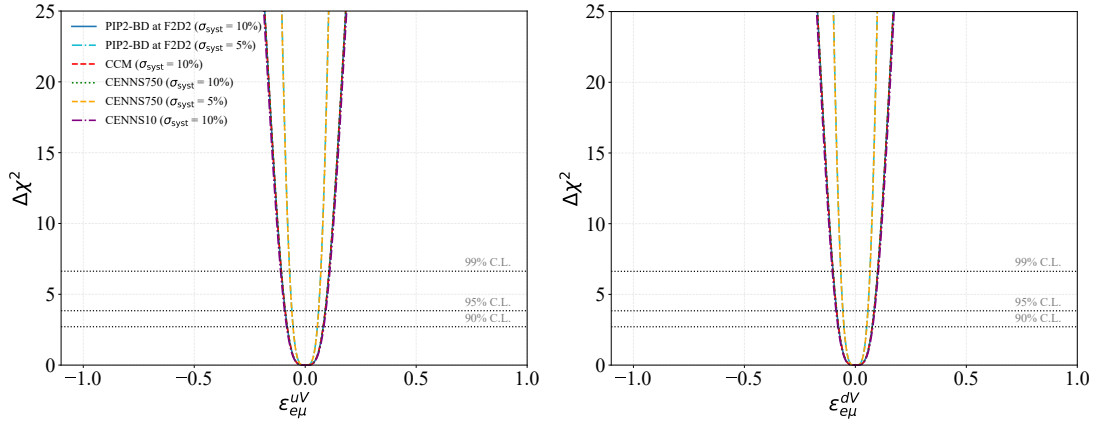


FIG. 12. Sensitivity ($\Delta\chi^2 = \chi^2 - \chi_{\min}^2$) on flavor off-diagonal NSI parameters: (left) $\varepsilon_{e\mu}^{uV}$ and (right) $\varepsilon_{e\mu}^{dV}$.

COHERENT measurement [12] and the joint fit with Dresden-II [8] (where the scattering off electron is included as well). But for μ_{ν_e} it is weaker than the joint fit while better in comparison to COHERENT alone.

2. Neutrino Charge Radius

In addition to the magnetic moment, massive neutrinos may also possess an effective charge radius, $\langle r^2 \rangle_\nu$, which encapsulates loop-induced effects to the neutrino-photon vertex. The effective charge radius modifies the neutral-current coupling of neutrinos to quarks and electrons and thus provides another sensitive probe of new physics. Neutrino-photon couplings are captured by an effective electromagnetic vertex given by

$$\langle \nu_f | J_\mu^{\text{EM}} | \nu_i \rangle = \bar{u}_f [F_1(q^2) \gamma_\mu + \dots] u_i \quad (10)$$

where F_1 is the electric form factor (here we have ignored the other form factors for the convenience of our discussion here). Even if the electric charge is zero, that is, $F_1(0) = 0$, the neutrino charge radius squared is then defined as [78],

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_\nu = 6F_1'(q^2) \Big|_{q^2=0} \quad (11)$$

The origin of the neutrino charge radius can also be understood through the dimension-6 anapole moment operator (second term in Eq. 8). Although the anapole moment originally proposed by Zeldovich [90] has a distinct physical interpretation as a parity-violating interaction, it is phenomenologically equivalent to the charge radius in the ultra-relativistic limit of the neutrino.

The presence of the neutrino charge radius results in the shift of the weak mixing angle as [91, 92],

$$\sin^2 \theta_W \rightarrow \sin^2 \theta_W \left(1 + \frac{m_W^2 \langle r^2 \rangle_{\nu\alpha}}{3} \right) \quad (12)$$

where, m_W is the mass of W boson. A positive (negative) value of $\langle r^2 \rangle_\nu$ effectively increases (decreases) the weak charge Q_W defined in Eq. (2), resulting in a corresponding change in both the normalization and shape of the recoil spectrum. This provides an experimentally distinguishable signature similar to that produced by variations in $\sin^2 \theta_W$, though with a different dependence on recoil energy. The strongest limit on the charge radius $([-2.1, 3.3] \times 10^{-32} \text{cm}^2)$ is obtained from neutrino-electron scattering by the TEXONO [93]. The best limit for coherent scattering on CsI based on data from COHERENT collaboration was obtained to be $[-27.5, 3.0] \times 10^{-32} \text{cm}^2$ [55]. We evaluate the sensitivity to $\langle r^2 \rangle_\nu$ for the argon-based CEvNS experiments using the same χ^2 framework outlined before and assuming a three-year exposure. In Figs. 7 and 8 we show the sensitivity of the flavor-dependent and universal effective neutrino charge radius using the simulated CEvNS

event rates for the various flux sources. Because the 90% C.L. constraints yield two disjoint intervals, the best estimates listed in Table V are given as the union of those two ranges.

The projected bounds indicate that future CEvNS measurements with large liquid-argon detectors can reach sensitivities to the neutrino charge radius at the level of $\mathcal{O}(10^{-32}) \text{cm}^2$, comparable to or slightly better than the current limits. Such precision represents an important step toward probing loop-induced electromagnetic effects in the neutrino sector. In addition, these measurements provide an independent cross-check of electroweak couplings and complement ongoing low-energy precision programs, helping to close the gap between laboratory and astrophysical probes of neutrino electromagnetic properties.

C. Sensitivity to Neutrino Non-Standard Interactions

CEvNS provides an excellent laboratory to test for non-standard neutrino interactions (NSIs) with quarks and leptons. Such interactions naturally arise in a wide class of theories extending the SM. For energies ($\mathcal{O}(\text{MeV})$) relevant to CEvNS experiments that is well below the electroweak scale (agnostic to the nature of new physics), neutrino interaction with nucleus can be effectively described by [38, 94] dimension-6 operators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}} \supset & \sum_{\alpha, \beta, f, P} \frac{\mathcal{C}_{\text{NC}, \alpha\beta}^{(6),f}}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\beta) (\bar{f} \gamma_\mu P f) \\ & + \frac{\mathcal{C}_{\text{CC}, \alpha\beta}^{(6),f}}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L l_\beta) (\bar{f}' \gamma_\mu P f), \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where $\alpha, \beta = e, \mu, \tau$ are the neutrino flavors, $f = u, d$ are the first generation quarks, $l = e, \mu, \tau$ are the charged leptons $P = P_L, P_R$ are left- and right-handed projection operators. $\mathcal{C}_{\text{NC}, \alpha\beta}^{(6),f}, \mathcal{C}_{\text{CC}, \alpha\beta}^{(6),f}$ are the dimensionless Wilson coefficients that describe the strength of neutral-current (NC) and charged-current (CC) NSIs as,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathcal{C}_{\text{NC}, \alpha\beta}^{(6),f}}{\Lambda^2} &= 2\sqrt{2} G_F \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fV} \\ \frac{\mathcal{C}_{\text{CC}, \alpha\beta}^{(6),f}}{\Lambda^2} &= 2\sqrt{2} G_F V_{ff'} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{ff'V}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}$ are the NSI parameters and $V_{ff'}$ is the CKM matrix element. The CC NSI is strongly constrained from processes such as loop-induced muon decay and meson decay [95]. Therefore, in this work here we only consider the vector type (axial type is negligible) flavor conserving ($\alpha = \beta$) NC NSI and the flavor changing ($\alpha \neq \beta$) NC NSI. In the presence of NSI, the weak charge Q_W in

Experiments (Syst. Unc.)	ϵ_{ee}^{uV}	ϵ_{ee}^{dV}
PIP2-BD at F2D2 (10%)	$[-0.048, 0.046] \cup [0.320, 0.414]$	$[-0.046, 0.042] \cup [0.300, 0.386]$
PIP2-BD at F2D2 (5%)	$[-0.024, 0.022] \cup [0.342, 0.388]$	$[-0.022, 0.020] \cup [0.320, 0.364]$
CENNS-10 (10%)	$[-0.044, 0.040] \cup [0.324, 0.408]$	$[-0.040, 0.038] \cup [0.304, 0.382]$
CENNS-750 (10%)	$[-0.040, 0.036] \cup [0.330, 0.406]$	$[-0.038, 0.032] \cup [0.308, 0.378]$
CENNS-750 (5%)	$[-0.018, 0.018] \cup [0.348, 0.384]$	$[-0.018, 0.016] \cup [0.326, 0.360]$
CCM (10%)	$[-0.040, 0.036] \cup [0.330, 0.406]$	$[-0.038, 0.032] \cup [0.308, 0.378]$

TABLE VI. Estimated two possible range for the NSI parameters ϵ_{ee}^{uV} and ϵ_{ee}^{dV} at 90% C.L. for different argon-based CEvNS experiments, assuming different levels of systematic uncertainty.

Experiments (Syst. Unc.)	$\epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{uV}$	$\epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{dV}$
PIP2-BD at F2D2 (10%)	$[-0.024, 0.020] \cup [0.346, 0.388]$	$[-0.022, 0.018] \cup [0.324, 0.364]$
PIP2-BD at F2D2 (5%)	$[-0.010, 0.010] \cup [0.356, 0.376]$	$[-0.010, 0.008] \cup [0.332, 0.352]$
CENNS-10 (10%)	$[-0.028, 0.024] \cup [0.340, 0.394]$	$[-0.026, 0.022] \cup [0.318, 0.368]$
CENNS-750 (10%)	$[-0.026, 0.022] \cup [0.344, 0.392]$	$[-0.024, 0.020] \cup [0.322, 0.366]$
CENNS-750 (5%)	$[-0.012, 0.012] \cup [0.354, 0.378]$	$[-0.012, 0.010] \cup [0.332, 0.352]$
CCM (10%)	$[-0.026, 0.022] \cup [0.344, 0.392]$	$[-0.024, 0.020] \cup [0.322, 0.366]$

TABLE VII. Estimated two possible range for the NSI parameters $\epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{uV}$ and $\epsilon_{\mu\mu}^{dV}$ at 90% CL for different argon-based CEvNS experiments, assuming different levels of systematic uncertainty.

Eq. 2, is modified as [33]

$$Q_{W,NSI}^2 = [(g_n^V + 2\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{uV} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{dV})N + (g_p^V + \varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{uV} + 2\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{dV})Z]^2 + \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} [(\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{uV} + 2\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{dV})N + (2\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{uV} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{dV})Z]^2 \quad (14)$$

The presence of NSIs leads to both rate and spectral distortions in CEvNS events. Because the deviation from the SM prediction depends on the combination of Z and N weighted by these coefficients, measurements with different target nuclei or at different neutrino energies can break degeneracies and constrain the allowed parameter space. This complementarity makes CEvNS an essential component of the global NSI search program, together with oscillation and neutrino-electron scattering experiments.

Here we study the sensitivity of CEvNS for different LAr experiments due to the following flavor diagonal NSI parameters: ε_{ee}^{uV} , ε_{ee}^{dV} , $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{uV}$, and $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{dV}$. The following flavor off-diagonal parameters: $\varepsilon_{e\mu}^{uV}$ and $\varepsilon_{e\mu}^{dV}$ are also studied here. As in the previous analyses, we assume a three-year exposure for each configuration, and consider 5% and 10% systematic uncertainty scenarios. The sensitivity of the flavor diagonal NSI parameters one at a time are shown in Fig. 9. Since the 90% C.L. constraints yield two disjoint intervals, the best estimates in Tables VI and VII are listed as the union of those intervals. The region allowed at 90% CL for the flavor conserving NSI parameters: ε_{ee}^{uV} , ε_{ee}^{dV} is shown in Fig. 10. On the same figure the allowed region for CHARM experiment from $\nu - N$ inelastic scattering is shown. Similar comparison for the flavor conserving NSI parameters: $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{uV}$, $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{dV}$ is shown in Fig. 10. The flavor diagonal comparison between ε_{ee}^{uV} , $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{uV}$ and ε_{ee}^{dV} , $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{dV}$ are shown in Fig. 11. The sensitivity of the flavor off-diagonal NSI parameters one at a time are shown in Fig. 12 and the best estimate for these

Experiments (Syst. Unc.)	$\epsilon_{e\mu}^{uV}$	$\epsilon_{e\mu}^{dV}$
PIP2-BD at F2D2 (10%)	$[-0.080, 0.080]$	$[-0.074, 0.074]$
PIP2-BD at F2D2 (5%)	$[-0.054, 0.054]$	$[-0.050, 0.050]$
CENNS-10 (10%)	$[-0.084, 0.084]$	$[-0.078, 0.078]$
CENNS-750 (10%)	$[-0.080, 0.080]$	$[-0.074, 0.074]$
CENNS-750 (5%)	$[-0.054, 0.054]$	$[-0.050, 0.050]$
CCM (10%)	$[-0.080, 0.080]$	$[-0.074, 0.074]$

TABLE VIII. Estimated range for the off-diagonal NSI parameters $\epsilon_{e\mu}^{uV}$ and $\epsilon_{e\mu}^{dV}$ at 90% C.L. for different argon-based CEvNS experiments, assuming different levels of systematic uncertainty.

parameters within 90% CL is listed in Table VIII. The combined allowed region for these parameters: $\varepsilon_{e\mu}^{uV}$, $\varepsilon_{e\mu}^{dV}$ is shown in Fig. 10. The sensitivity on the different parameters listed here for flux source CENNS10 is consistent with previous studies [13, 16, 36, 96]. For the larger detectors such as the PIP2-BD, CENNS750 and CCM, the sensitivity on the parameters are improved in comparison to these previous analysis. The projected sensitivities demonstrate that these detectors can probe competitive NSI couplings benefiting from both their larger target mass and reduced systematic uncertainties. Such precision will allow detailed tests of flavor-conserving and flavor-diagonal NSI scenarios and, when combined other NSI probes, help resolve parameter degeneracies.

V. CONCLUSIONS

Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering (CEvNS) has become a key experimental avenue for testing the SM and probing physics beyond it. In this work, we have investigated the prospects for argon-based CEvNS experiments to explore non-standard neutrino properties

using stopped-pion neutrino sources at existing and future facilities. Our study focused on the CENNS-10 and CENNS-750 detectors at the Spallation Neutron Source at Oak Ridge Lab, the Coherent Captain Mills (CCM) detector at Los Alamos Lab, and the PIP2-BD detector at Fermilabs Facility for Dark Matter Discovery (F2D2).

Our analysis shows that argon detectors can achieve significant sensitivity to several low-energy electroweak parameters. For the weak mixing angle, we find that large-mass detectors such as CENNS-750 and especially PIP2-BD can achieve a precision competitive with or better than current low-energy determinations. The expected sensitivity would enable a meaningful test of the running of the weak mixing angle at low momentum transfers. In addition, we examined the capability of these experiments to probe the electromagnetic properties of neutrinos, including their magnetic moments and charge radii. The projected bounds improve upon or complement current limits from CEvNS and neutrino-electron scattering, highlighting the discovery potential of future high-statistics datasets in particular from CENNS-750 and PIP2-BD.

We also studied the reach of argon-based CEvNS detectors to constrain non-standard neutrino interactions

(NSIs) with quarks. The expected sensitivities at PIP2-BD and CENNS-750 are competitive with, and in some cases surpass, those from existing experiments. They would provide critical input to global fits that combine CEvNS and other probes to help resolve parameter degeneracies. Together, these results demonstrate that forthcoming argon-based CEvNS measurements will play a pivotal role in precision neutrino physics, offering a clean and coherent probe of weak interactions and an incisive window into new physics at the MeV scale.

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