Neutrino Physics and the DUNE Experiment



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Lectures:

30/10 Lecture 1: Introduction to neutrino physics and neutrino oscillation searches

31/10 Lecture 2: The Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE) at LBNF (Long Baseline Neutrino Facility)



Neutrino sources:



Sun: $65 \text{ billions/(cm^2 s)}$ on the earth surface ~ MeV



Supernova explosion 99% of collapse energy in neutrinos 10-30 MeV



Nuclear reactors: $1 \text{ GW} \rightarrow 2 10^{20} \text{ anti-nue/s}$ ~ few MeV



Earth radioactivity U, Th, K \rightarrow Geoneutrinos $4 \, 10^6 \, / (\rm cm^2 \, s)$ ~ MeV



Big Bang Relic neutrinos 330/cm³ 1.95 K



Cosmic rays ~ GeV $\sim 1 / (cm^2 minute)$

Human body 20 mg of 40 K340 millions/day



Particle accelerators ~few GeV



Extragalactic: Active galactic nuclei Gamma ray bursts ~PeV



Why are neutrinos so interesting ?

Cosmology:

They played an important role during the Big Bang, they could explain the asymmetry among matter and anti-matter, they are the most abundant form of matter in the universe

Astrophysics:
 They are governing the life and death of stars

> Particle Physics:

They are a window on physics beyond the Standard Model: presently they represent the only experimental hint in that direction in particle physics

Unfortunately neutrinos are also quite difficult to detect ...

 \rightarrow requiring bright ideas on sources and detectors. This seminar concerns the "Experimental challenges" and also a little bit of history, many neutrino properties were totally unexpected coming out as experimental results

The history of neutrino physics is a real saga with an <u>extraordinary richness of</u> <u>experimental techniques</u> involved related to the various neutrino sources.

> There are still a lot of open questions in neutrino physics ...

How can we detect different neutrino flavors? \rightarrow charged current reactions



Neutral current reactions (Z exchange) \rightarrow do not distinguish neutrino flavors, no threshold



Elastic scattering neutrino-electron



Discovery of neutral currents 1973 (10 years before the discovery of the Z)



Bubble chamber experiment Gargamelle



The birth of the neutrino as a « desperate remedy » to solve apparent energy non-conservation in β decays (W. Pauli 1930)



 β^- Radioactivity: β - decay $^A_Z N \rightarrow ~^A_{Z+1} N' + e^- + \bar{\nu_e},$

Early 1900s: people thought they were dealing with a two body decay process:

 $(A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+1) + e^{-}$

 \rightarrow The energy spectrum of the electrons should be monochromatic:

First measurements of beta spectrum: 1911 Lise Meitner and Otto Hahn, 1914 Ellis and Chadwick \rightarrow the beta spectrum is continuous !

Meitner: electrons re-interact in the nuclei emitting gamma rays \rightarrow but no gamma rays detected. Bohr: energy is not conserved in Beta decay !!!





Mantie von dersalben Grossenbordzung wie die kleitronenesse sein und jedemfalls nicht grösser als 0,00 Protonensesso- Den kontinuistiche beka- Spektrum wäre dann warständlich unter der Amshme, dass beis beka-Zerfall mit dem kleitron jeweils noch ein Heitron emittiert wäred derart, dass die Summe der Energien von Meutron und klektron konstant ist.

From Pauli's letter of the 4th of December 1930

Dear Radioactive Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the bearer of these lines, to whom I graciously ask you to listen, will explain to you in more detail, how because of the "wrong" statistics of the N and Li⁶ nuclei and the continuous beta spectrum, I have hit upon a desperate remedy to save the "exchange theorem" of statistics and the law of conservation of energy. Namely, the possibility that there could exist in the nuclei electrically neutral particles, that I wish to call neutrons, which have spin 1/2 and obey the exclusion principle and which further differ from light quanta in that they do not travel with the velocity of light. The mass of the neutrons should be of the same order of magnitude as the electron mass and in any event not larger than 0.01 proton masses. The continuous beta spectrum would then become understandable by the assumption that in beta decay a neutron is emitted in addition to the electron such that the sum of the energies of the neutron and the electron is constant... I agree that my remedy could seem incredible because one should have seen these neutrons much earlier if they really exist. But only the one who dare can win and the difficult situation, due to the continuous structure of the beta spectrum, is lighted by a remark of my honoured predecessor, Mr Debye, who told me recently in Bruxelles: "Oh, It's well better not to think about this at all, like new taxes". From now on, every solution to the issue must be discussed. Thus, dear radioactive people, look and judge. Unfortunately, I cannot appear in Tubingen personally since I am indispensable here in Zurich because of a ball on the night of 6/7 December. With my best regards to you, and also to Mr Back. Your humble servant,

W. Pauli

Today I have done something which no theoretical physicist should ever do in his life: I have predicted something which shall never be detected experimentally 1932 The neutron (as we known today) was discovered, by J. Chadwick, two years after Pauli's proposal

Solves nuclear spin problem of Li and N nuclei measured to have integer spin: A= Z(protons)+N(neutrons)

But the mass of the neutron is similar to the proton mass \rightarrow cannot be the Paulis's particle

Fermi, 1933: coherent theory

of beta decay

 G_F



"Abstract speculations too far from physical reality to be of any interest to the readers" Nature, rejecting the paper!

E. Fermi, La Ricerca Scientifica 4 (II), (1933), 491-495; and Z.Physik, 88 (1934) 161

Pauli thought his proposal of the "neutron" was too speculative, he did not publish it in a scientific journal until 1934, by which time Fermi had already developed his theory of beta decay incorporating the neutrino.

Fermi 4-fermion contact interaction, Lagrangian of interaction (in analogy with electrodynamics):

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\overline{\phi}_p(x) \gamma^{\mu} \phi_n(x) \right] \left[\overline{\phi}_e(x) \gamma^{\mu} \phi_\nu(x) \right]$$

 $G_{\rm F}$ = Fermi coupling constant = (1.16637±0.00001) 10⁻⁵ GeV⁻²

> In 1934, at a seminar Fermi was asked whether the neutral particle emitted in the nuclear beta-decay was the same as Chadwick's neutron.

Fermi clarified that he was talking about a different particle which he referred to as neutrino ("little neutral one").

How to detect neutrinos by producing them in a nuclear explosion:



Figure 1. Detecting Neutrinos from a Nuclear Explosion

« El Monstro »

Reines and Cowan 1951-1952 Approved after discussing with Fermi and Bethe who were convinced that this was the most promising (anti)neutrino source

- ✓ Intense
- ✓ Short flash (less environmental background)

but then abandoned in favor of the detection at a nuclear reactor:

Bomb: flux ~10^E4 times larger than with a reactor

Background from neutrons and gammas similar to reactor \rightarrow But a new idea on how to reduce the background and detect

Antineutrinos from the fireball of a nuclear device would impinge on a liquid scintilla-Neutrinos over a long time scale tion detector suspended in the hole dug below ground at a distance of about with the low reactor flux 40 meters from the 30-meter-high tower. In the original scheme of Reines and Cowan, the antineutrinos would induce inverse beta decay, and the detector would record the positrons produced in that process. This figure was redrawn courtesy of Smithsonian 1956 (anti)neutrino detection at the Savannah River reactor, still via inverse beta decay

flux ~10^E13 neutrino / (cm² s)

the idea to reduce the background: detect also the delayed neutron capture signal after the positron \rightarrow



Reines:

« We are happy to inform you (Pauli) that we have definitely detected the neutrino ! »



Detector 12 m underground and 11 m from reactor ~3 neutrinos detected/hour



1962 Discovery of the muonic neutrino with the first neutrino beam produced with an accelerator (pion decays)

→Nobel 1988







1959 Pontecorvo raised the question whether ν from β-decay processes is identical with ν from pion decay (Sov. Phys. JETP 10 (1960) 1236)
 1960 Pontecorvo and Schwartz (PRL 4 (1960) 306) suggested to study neutrino reactions with high energy muons coming from proton accelerator (π→ μ+ν_μ K→ μ+ν_μ)





• The "two neutrinos experiment":

Muonic neutrino is different than electronic neutrino

→ Conservation of leptonic number







Since 2007 with the stop of the mine created the Sanford Underground laboratory <u>https://sanfordlab.org/</u> (the deepest undeground laboratory in USA), now hosting the DUNE experiment

First detection of solar neutrinos 1968: Homestake mine experiment (R. Davis, Nobel 2002) 1500 m depth equivalent to 4100 m of water



³⁷Cl ~24% of natural Cl

 $\nu + {}^{37}Cl \rightarrow \beta^- + {}^{37}Ar$, ${}^{37}Ar \rightarrow {}^{37}Cl$ (34 days, K-capture) $e^- + {}^{37}Ar \rightarrow \nu_e + {}^{37}Cl$ E(neutrino)> 0.814 MeV Tank with 390 m³ of C_2Cl_4

~1.5 Ar atoms/day produced by solar neutrinos Extracted every 3 months with a flux of $N_{\rm 2}$

Final state ³⁷Cl excited emitting Auger electrons e/o x rays

Results compared to the neutrino flux predicted by the Standard Solar Model (J. Bahcall)



 $\begin{array}{rcl} R(^{37}{\rm Cl}) &=& 2.56\pm 0.16\pm 0.16~{\rm SN}\\ R_{\rm SSM} &=& 7.6^{+1.3}_{-1.1}~{\rm SNU}\\ R_{\rm Données/SSM} &=& 0.33\pm 0.03 \end{array}$



1/3 of expected rate



Interpretations:

I [J.N. Bahcall] want to tell you an illustrative story about neutrino research ... One of the miners came over to our bench, said : "Hello, Dr. Davis. How is it going? You don't look too happy." And, Ray replied : "Well, I don't know ... I am capturing in my tank many fewer of those neutrinos than this young man says I should be capturing." The miner [...] finally said : "Never mind, Dr. Davis, it has been a very cloudy summer here in South Dakota."

More seriously debated for long ... long time:

The trivial ones:

- The Homestake experiment, which is quite delicate, has some bias in the neutrino detection
- > The Standard Solar Model is not correct (neutrino flux depending on T^{25} !)



The fascinating interpretation by Pontecorvo: the Davis experiment and the SSM are both correct it is new physics: neutrinos change their nature during their trip to the earth

\rightarrow Neutrino oscillations

Electronic neutrinos from the sun become muonic neutrinos The energy of the muonic neutrinos is too low to allow for their charged current interactions \rightarrow neutrino disappearance

But neutrinos must be massive particles ...

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Dear Prof. Bahcall,

Thank you very much for your letter and the abstract of the new Davis investigation the numerical results of which

I did not know. It starts to be really interesting! It would be nice if all this will end with something unexpected from the point of view of particle physics. Unfortunately, it will not be easy to demonstrate this, even if nature works that way.

I will attend the Balaton meeting on neutrinos and looking forward to see you there.

Yours sincerely,

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B.Pontecorvo

Pontecorvo was predictive: It took 30 years for the demonstration !

Neutrino oscillations

Neutrino mixing (Pontecorvo 1958; Maki, Nakagawa, Sakata 1962):

neutrinos are massive particles and they mix similarly to quarks; the flavour eigenstates v_e , v_{μ} , v_{τ} are not mass eigenstates but linear superpositions of the mass eigenstates v_1 , v_2 , v_3 with eigenvalues m_1 , m_2 , m_3 :

Simplified case: two neutrinos mixing

Only one mixing angle $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ is needed

$$|\nu_{\alpha}\rangle = \cos\theta |\nu_{1}\rangle + \sin\theta |\nu_{2}\rangle$$
$$|\nu_{\beta}\rangle = -\sin\theta |\nu_{1}\rangle + \cos\theta |\nu_{2}\rangle$$

Considering the time evolution of a flavour eigentstate v_{α} produced at t=0:

$$\left|\boldsymbol{\nu}(t)\right\rangle = e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{r}}\sum_{k}U_{\alpha k}e^{-iE_{k}t}\left|\boldsymbol{\nu}_{k}\right\rangle \quad E_{k} = \sqrt{p^{2}+m_{k}^{2}}$$

The phases: $e^{-iE_k t}$ will be different if $m_j \neq m_k$

Projecting v(t) on the flavor basis one can obtain the probability of finding other flavours:

• Appearance of the flavour $v_{\beta} \neq v_{\alpha}$ for t > 0

Probability of detecting v_{β} at the instant t if $v(0) = v_{\alpha}$:

 $\mathcal{G}_{\alpha\beta}(L) = \sin^2(2\theta)\sin^2(1.267\Delta m^2 \frac{L}{E})$ $\Delta m^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2 [eV^2]$ L [km] (distance among the neutrino source and the detector) E [GeV] (neutrino energy) $\Delta m_1^2 = 0.12 \text{ eV}^2$ $\Delta m_1^2 > \Delta m_2^2$ $\Delta m_{2}^{2} = 0.05 \text{ eV}^{2}$ $sin^2(2\theta)$ $\mathsf{P}_{\alpha\beta}$ 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 L/E (km/GeV) $L/E = 10 \text{ km/GeV} \rightarrow \text{same oscillation probability for:}$ 1 GeV neutrinos after 10 km 1 MeV neutrinos after 10 m

Detection of oscillations: appearance of new neutrino flavors as a function of distance or energy or disappearance of beam neutrinos as a function of distance and energy

Water Cerenkov experiment (Kamiokande 1987-1994)





M. Koshiba Nobel 2002 with R. Davis (detection of cosmic neutrinos)



Particles detection by emission of Cerenkov light in water (680 tons) \rightarrow (electrons, muons)



Built for proton decay search (GUT) Neutrinos produced by cosmic rays in the atmosphere are a background for proton decay (T. Kajita's thesis)

→ Studying the atmospheric neutrinos background they realize that it is different than expectations

→ Can look at solar neutrinos (high threshold > 5 MeV) by elastic scattering on electrons (CC+NC reactions) (emitted electron at 5 MeV stops in ~2 cm in water) $v+e^- \rightarrow v+e^-$ electron has still some correlation with neutrino direction

- \rightarrow Deficit of solar neutrinos ~50%
- \rightarrow Detection of neutrinos from supernova SN1987A !

Atmospheric neutrinos anomaly





 $sin^2 2\theta$

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- Unclear situation among different experiments (water Cerenkov, calorimeters)
- Interpretation in terms of neutrino oscillations (possible in terms of both $\nu\mu \rightarrow \nu e$ and $\nu\mu \rightarrow \nu \tau$) with $\Delta m^2 \sim 10^{-2} eV^2$
- Some first hints of dependence on the zenith angle but not yet convincing



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Standard Solar Model

Is there an energy dependence of the solar neutrino deficit?

The 3 experiments Homestake, Gallium and SuperK have different results (in particular Homestake) even considering neutrino oscillations as an explanation



A more complex mechanism MSW (Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein 1978-1986) which includes in the oscillations mechanism the effect of neutrino interactions with electrons in matter (ve additional charged current forward scattering)

 \rightarrow It changes the effective neutrino masses (analogy with refractive index for light) \rightarrow It can introduce an energy dependence which explains the 3 results

Neutrino oscillation searches at the beginning of 90s

- ➤ The long standing (since 1968) problem of the solar neutrino deficit opened by the Homestake measurements (+ Kamiokande since 1986) → in 1992 first Gallex results confirm the deficit also for neutrinos from the pp cycle
- > Atmospheric neutrino anomaly still quite weak

The controlled observation of neutrino oscillations with an accelerator neutrino beam would have been a great discovery, where to search?

ightarrow Prejudice towards small mixing angles and large Δm^2

✓ Take the MSW solution of the solar neutrino deficit: $\Delta m_{\mu e}^2 \sim 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$ ✓ Assume a strong hierarchy: $m_{\nu e} \ll m_{\nu \mu} \ll m_{\nu \tau} \rightarrow m_{\nu \mu} \sim 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$ ✓ Assume the See-Saw mechanism: $m(\nu_i)=m^2(f_i)/M$ M=very large Majorana mass $m(f_i)=e.g.$ quark masses

Then: $m_{v\tau} \sim 30 \text{ eV}$ (Cosmological relevance)

« v are an important component of the dark matter » ~ a few 10 eV Harari PLB 1989. Harari, J. Ellis

The NOMAD/CHORUS experiments at the CERN West Area Ne<u>utrino Facility</u>

Short-baseline search for $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau}$ and $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillations

Running in 1994-1998

The NOMAD experiment hosted in the UA1/NOMAD/T2K magnet

The CHORUS experiment



NOMAD: measurement of τ decay kinematics: Presence of neutrino(s) in the final state, missing P_t, visible decay daughters (tracking, calorimetry) \rightarrow main channel: electronic tau decay

Collected complex.		$\mu \overline{V}_{\mu} V_{\tau}$	17.4%	Exploit the small v e
$1.3 \text{ M v}_{\mu} CC$	τ deca y	$e \overline{V}_e V_\tau$	17.8%	background (~1%):
0.4 Μ νμ ΝC	modes	$h(n\pi^0)V_{\tau}$	49.8%	t-re channel, electron la
13 K v e CC		$3h(n\pi^0)v_{\tau}$	15.2%	Go down to Pµt~ 10 ⁻⁴

Nomad typical events \rightarrow

Nomad:

- Modern bubble chamber version
- Very good for <u>electron</u> identification and kinematical measurements
- 3 ton detector, technology not exportable to the kton scale
- Still very good as near detector in a LBL experiment, Nomad-like detector considered for the next LBL experiment in the USA (DUNE)





LSND result: evidence for $\overline{v}_{\mu} - \overline{v}_{e}$ oscillations (1994)

Signal: Positrons with 20 < E < 200 MeV correlated in space and in time with the γ rays of 2.2 MeV expected from the neutron capture:

N("beam-on") – N("beam-off") = 117. 9 ± 22.4 events
Background due to
$$\mu^{-}$$
 DAR = 19.5 ± 3.9
Background from π^{-} DIF + ($\overline{\nu}_{\mu}$ + p \rightarrow μ^{+} + n) = 10.5 ± 4.6
Signal $\overline{\nu}_{e}$ = 87. 9 ± 22.4 ± 6.0 events 3.8 σ effect

$$\mathscr{P}_{osc}(\overline{\nu}_{\mu} - \overline{\nu}_{e}) = (0.264 \pm 0.067 \pm 0.045) \times 10^{-2}$$

Δm^2 in the ~eV² region

LSND not really confirmed by the dedicated experiment MINIBOONE (2001-2008)

However several ~3 sigma anomalies (LSND, MINIBOONE low energy, Reactor anomaly, Cr source) not completely coherent among themselves) are still floating around in the field, feeding theoretical models and additional experimental activity. These results require more than 3 neutrino flavors to be explained \rightarrow sterile neutrinos but even models with additional sterile neutrinos do not fit data well

 \rightarrow Very intensive effort ongoing now at FERMILAB with the short-baseline program + experiments at nuclear reactors and with radioactive sources performed in last years)





L/E~1Km/GeV

0.01

Neutrino Energy, GeV



CHOOZ (the first long-baseline experiment) 1997-1998



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This result was published in 1998 <u>before</u> the Super-Kamiokande results and excluded the atmospheric neutrino anomaly interpretation in terms of $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillations

0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 gin²(2)

90% CL



~11000 20" PMTs Inner Detector (ID) (40% coverage)

Proton decay, solar neutrinos, atmospheric neutrinos, supernovae neutrinos + accelerator neutrinos (K2K, T2K) The Super-Kamiokande detector



50 Kton Water Cherenkov detector (fiducial volume 22.5 Kton)
Operation since April 1996 (accident in 2001 recovered in 2006)
Dead-time less DAQ system (since 2008~)

> Detector performance well-matched to sub-GeV neutrinos:

- Excellent performance for single particle events
- Good e-like(shower ring) / µ-like separation
- Quasi-elastic scattering dominant in sub-GeV region.

ve signal: $v_e + n \rightarrow e + p$

proton not detected (below Cerenkov threshold)



Electron-like and muon-like event at SK





as electron is ~1%



Neutrino 98 Conference in Takayama (June 1998)

First results from Super-Kamiokande on atmospheric neutrinos, evidence of a zenith angle dependence of v_{μ} disappearance, v_{e} in Nobel 2015 agreement with expectations



SK: Atmospheric neutrinos anomaly interpretable in terms of $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau}$ oscillations with a $\Delta m^2 \sim a$ few 10⁻³ eV²

CHOOZ: no $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillations, Θ_{13} <11°

Neutrino oscillations start to be taken seriously as explanation of the atmospheric neutrinos anomaly

 \rightarrow Opens the campaign for long baseline experiments to reproduce the phenomenon with accelerator neutrinos



CERN 4/7/2000 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE	SNO and Kamland at the close horizon LBL experiments K2K, MINOS launched
NEUTRINO 2000 CONFERENCE	CONCLUSIONS
SUDBURY JUNE 16-21 2000 Neutrino 2000	ARE WE GOING TO SEE IN THE NEXT 40 YEARS A CLARIFICATION OF NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS SCENARIOS? SOLAR NEUTRINOS: 3+5 YEARS SNO, SUPERK, HAMLAND, BOREXINO + LONG BASELINE: IF $\Delta m^2 \sim 3 \cdot 40^{-3} \cdot 4$ YEARS K2K @ 44 • FROM 2005 CNGS & APPEARANCE • FROM END 2003 MINOS: OSCILLATION PATTERN MEASUREMENT OF THE PARAMETERS • IN THE MEAN TIME SUPERM CONTINUES WITH ATMOSPHERIC VA
D. AUTIERO	· LSND · MINIBOONE 3 YEARS Wrong!
	 MEASURE AEDTS OV BB (FUTURE SENSITIVITIES ~ 10⁻²eV) OF my COS AOLOGY CBR MAP, PLANCH BIG REVOLUTION, ALREADY FROM BOOMERANG AND MAXIMA + LARGE
	Even better! PLANCK MAY DETERAINE SCALE STRUCTURES =D INDEPENDENT CONFIGMATION OF SUM PLANCK MAY DETERAINE Smy ~ 0.4 eV



The final proof for solar neutrinos:

2001: SNO Measurement of the total neutrino flux independently from their flavor

(NC) v+d→v+p+n

The total neutrino flux agrees with the SSM ! → Electron neutrinos change into other neutrino flavors



2002: Kamland reactor experiment 1000 ton liquid scintillator reproduces the solar neutrino oscillations on earth using antineutrinos from far reactors (on average 180 km)





Typical Theorists' View 1990

- Solar neutrino solution *must* be small angle MSW solution because it's cute Most likely wrong!
- Natural scale for Δm²₂₃ ~ 10–100 eV² because it is cosmologically interesting *Wrong*!
- Angle θ_{23} must be of the order of V_{cb} Wrong!
- Atmospheric neutrino anomaly must go away because it needs a large angle *Wrong!*

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Reconstructed v_{μ} Energy (GeV)





Cern Neutrinos to Gran Sasso

- > Unambiguous evidence for $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau}$ oscillations in the region of atmospheric neutrinos by looking for v_{τ} appearance in a pure v_{μ} beam
- > Search for subleading $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillations
- Beam: CNGS (1999)
- \mathbf{v}_{τ} appearance experiments at LNGS
- No near detectors needed in appearance mode



(2002)



OPER



OPERA basic unit: the « Brick »

Based on the concept of the Emulsion Cloud Chamber :

- 57 emulsion films + 56 Pb plates
- interface to electronic detectors: removable box with 2 films (Changeable Sheets)

→ High space resolution in a large mass detectors with a completely modular scheme

Tracks reconstruction accuracy in emulsions: $\Delta x \approx 0.3 \ \mu m \ \Delta \theta \approx 2 \ mrad$

Bricks are complete stand-alone detectors:

- Neutrino interaction vertex and kink topology reconstruction
- ✓ Measurement of hadrons momenta by multiple Coulomb scattering
- ✓ <u>dE/dx:</u> pion/muon separation at low energy (at end of range)
- ✓ Electron identification and measurement of the energy of electrons and gammas (<u>electromagnetic calorimetry</u>)



Emulsion Laver

First OPERA v_{τ} candidate (single hadronic prong τ decay)

http://arxiv.org/abs/1006.1623 Physics Letters B (PLB-D-10-00744)



$$\nu_{\tau} + \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \tau^{-} + \mathbf{X}$$

$$\stackrel{\rho^{-} + \nu_{\tau}}{\longrightarrow} \pi^{-} + \pi^{0} \xrightarrow{\gamma + \gamma}$$

Visible tau decay topology with kink and two gammas $_{42}$

Standard 3 v framework (ignoring LSND, Miniboone anomaly, Reactors anomaly, Cr source anomaly ...)



Key measurements of neutrino mixing via the study of $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillations:

Direct evidence for CP violation must be searched in with the sub-leading $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillation at the Δm^{2} of the atmospheric neutrinos ($\Delta m^{2} \sim 10^{-3}$ eV²)

The same oscillation channel provides infos on:

- θ₁₃
- Matter effects and mass hierarchy
- CP violation

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) \approx \sin^{2} \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^{2} 2\theta_{13}}{(\hat{A} - 1)^{2}} \sin^{2} (\hat{A} - 1)\Delta) \qquad \text{Leading term} \\ + \alpha \frac{8J_{CP}}{\hat{A}(1 - \hat{A})} \sin(\Delta) \sin((\hat{A}\Delta) \sin((1 - \hat{A})\Delta) \\ + \alpha \frac{8I_{CP}}{\hat{A}(1 - \hat{A})} \cos(\Delta) \sin(\hat{A}\Delta) \sin((1 - \hat{A})\Delta) \\ + \alpha^{2} \frac{\cos^{2} \theta_{23} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{12}}{\hat{A}^{2}} \sin^{2}(\hat{A}\Delta) \sin((1 - \hat{A})\Delta) \\ + \alpha^{2} \frac{\cos^{2} \theta_{23} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{12}}{\hat{A}^{2}} \sin^{2}(\hat{A}\Delta) \qquad \text{Solar term} \\ J_{CP} = 1/8 \cos \delta_{CP} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \\ I_{CP} = 1/8 \cos \delta_{CP} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \\ \alpha = \Delta m_{21}^{2}/\Delta m_{31}^{2}, \ \Delta = \Delta m_{3}^{2} L/4E \qquad E_{\nu} \text{ dependence} \\ \hat{A} = 2VE/\Delta m_{31}^{2} \approx (E_{\nu}/GeV)/11 \text{ For Earth's crust.}$$

Large $\theta_{13} \rightarrow$ next steps accessible with standard beams !

To study this channel it is crucial to use a detector capable of providing a very good measurement of electrons (electron identification, background rejection) and energy resolution

The search for θ_{13} : The T2K (Tokai to Kamioka) experiment





- Baseline 295km, 2.5° off-axis beam tuned to oscillation maximum, <E> ~ 0.6 GeV
- Search for/measure neutrino oscillations:

$$v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$$

 $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau}$

- Measurement of θ_{13} in appearance mode
- Disappearance mode: improve measurement of θ_{23} , $\Delta m_{23}^2 \rightarrow is \theta_{23}$ maximal?

 $\sin^2\theta_{23} = 0.514^{+0.0055}_{-0.0056}$ (N.H.) $\sin^2\theta_{23} = 0.511^{+0.0055}_{-0.0055}$ (I.H.)

 Θ_{23} measurement further improved in 2015 ...



- Most precise measurement of $\theta_{23}(11\%)$
- Phys.Rev.Lett.112,181801 (2014)

The off-axis neutrino beam:

A very brigth idea to produce a tunable intense and narrow-band beam at low energy Far Detector (Super-K)



Given the pion decay kinematics at off-axis the relation between the pion momentum and the neutrino energy saturates

The flux at low energy is narrow-band and higher than the on-axis flux at the same energy

The energy can be tuned to the first oscillation maximum E~0.6 GeV for 2.5°

 \rightarrow Most of the beam oscillates, very few $\nu\mu$ CC recorded: max disappearance

Small energy tail \rightarrow low background from NC and v_e 0.2% v_e contamination and π° BG



 \rightarrow max S/B ratio for $v_{\rm e}$ search

Important to keep the beam direction stable to have the peak energy stable



 \rightarrow Near detector has a fundamental role in assessing this ratio

2012: the turning point, $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$ oscillations and θ_{13}

T2K off-axis beam (tuned for osc. max.) $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$ appearance First result on θ_{13} (June 2011): 6 events observed, 1.5 events bck. $\rightarrow 2.5 \sigma$

March 8th 2012: Daya Bay reactor anti-neutrinos $v_e \rightarrow v_{\mu}$ (v_e disappearance)

 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.092 \pm 0.016(\text{stat}) \pm 0.005(\text{syst})$



5.2 σ for non-zero θ_{13}



In March 2012 we entered in a new era !!!

Neutrino oscillations are presently in particle physics the only evidence for BSM physics \rightarrow Neutrinos: a window beyond the S.M. to G.U.T.

Fundamental questions related to a deeper description of physics and to the evolution of the universe



 $m^2 = 0$

An experimental program for the next 20 years (like for CP in quark sector):

Comparing T2K apperance results, as a function of δ CP with disappearance at reactors (insensitive to CP)

→ Some hint in the direction of $\delta \sim -1/2\pi$ (aka 3/2 π) T2K running in anti-neutrino mode

NOVA 14 kton finely segmented liquid scintillator experiment (65% active mass) at 810 km from Fermilab, off-axis 0.84° Run with neutrinos and anti-neutrinos ~2 GeV

Some complementarities to T2K: Detector systematics: liquid scintillator vs WC Larger matter effects and different interplay among parameters









3v oscillations probed by many experiments in different flavor channels..



e→e (Solar)





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L/E (km/GeV)

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LBL = Long baseline (few x 100 km); SBL = short baseline (~1 km)

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(a) KamLAND reactor [plot]; (b) Borexino [plot], Homestake, Super-K, SAGE, GALLEX/GNO, SNO; (c) Super-K atmosph. [plot], DeepCore, MACRO, MINOS etc.; (d) T2K (plot), NOvA, MINOS, K2K LBL accel.; (e) Daya Bay [plot], RENO, Double Chooz SBL reactor; (f) T2K [plot], MINOS, NOvA LBL accel.; (g) OPERA [plot] LBL accel., Super-K and IC-CD atmospheric.

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µ→e (LBL Accel)



$\mu \rightarrow \tau$ (Opera, SK, DC)



Most of the 3 angles and 2 Δm^2 parameters are known by global fits with <5% accuracy



IO disfavored with respect to NO at ~2 σ level. (~3 σ level with SK) Largest mixing angle close to $\pi/4$, but octant undetermined : sin2 θ_{23} <0.5 disfavored at ~2.5 σ level including SK CPV delta ~217° favored , CP conservation still compatible within ~1.3 σ in NO (including SK)

NuFIT 5.2 (2022)

NO

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15

10

5

0 0

-NO 10

90

0.02

0.022

 $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$

180

δ

270

360

0.024

0.026



IO disfavored with respect to NO at $\sim 1.5\sigma$ level. ($\sim 2.5\sigma$ level with SK) Largest mixing angle close to $\pi/4$, but octant undetermined CPV delta ~232° favored , CP conservation 180° still compatible within ~20 in NO (including SK)

NuFIT 5.2 (2022)

×		Normal Ordering (best fit)		Inverted Ordering ($\Delta \chi^2 = 2.3$)	
		bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	3σ range	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	3σ range
	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.303\substack{+0.012\\-0.011}$	$0.270 \rightarrow 0.341$	$0.303^{+0.012}_{-0.011}$	$0.270 \rightarrow 0.341$
date	$\theta_{12}/^{\circ}$	$33.41^{+0.75}_{-0.72}$	$31.31 \rightarrow 35.74$	$33.41_{-0.72}^{+0.75}$	$31.31 \rightarrow 35.74$
teric	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.572^{+0.018}_{-0.023}$	$0.406 \rightarrow 0.620$	$0.578\substack{+0.016\\-0.021}$	$0.412 \rightarrow 0.623$
lqsoi	$\theta_{23}/^{\circ}$	$49.1^{+1.0}_{-1.3}$	$39.6 \rightarrow 51.9$	$49.5^{+0.9}_{-1.2}$	$39.9 \rightarrow 52.1$
atm	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.02203\substack{+0.00056\\-0.00059}$	$0.02029 \to 0.02391$	$0.02219\substack{+0.00060\\-0.00057}$	$0.02047 \to 0.02396$
t SK	$\theta_{13}/^{\circ}$	$8.54_{-0.12}^{+0.11}$	$8.19 \rightarrow 8.89$	$8.57\substack{+0.12\\-0.11}$	$8.23 \rightarrow 8.90$
ithou	$\delta_{\mathrm{CP}}/^{\circ}$	197^{+42}_{-25}	$108 \to 404$	286^{+27}_{-32}	$192 \to 360$
wi	$\frac{\Delta m^2_{21}}{10^{-5} \ {\rm eV}^2}$	$7.41\substack{+0.21 \\ -0.20}$	$6.82 \rightarrow 8.03$	$7.41^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	$6.82 \rightarrow 8.03$
	$\frac{\Delta m^2_{3\ell}}{10^{-3}~{\rm eV}^2}$	$+2.511\substack{+0.028\\-0.027}$	$+2.428 \rightarrow +2.597$	$-2.498\substack{+0.032\\-0.025}$	$-2.581 \rightarrow -2.408$
		Normal Ordering (best fit)		Inverted Ordering $(\Delta \chi^2 = 6.4)$	
			and (see m)		
		bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	3σ range	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	3σ range
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spheric data	$\frac{\sin^2 \theta_{12}}{\theta_{12}/^{\circ}}$ $\frac{\sin^2 \theta_{23}}{\theta_{23}/^{\circ}}$	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$ 0.303 ^{+0.012} 33.41 ^{+0.75} 0.451 ^{+0.019} 42.2 ^{+1.1} 42.2 ^{+1.1}	3σ range 0.270 → 0.341 31.31 → 35.74 0.408 → 0.603 39.7 → 51.0	bfp $\pm 1\sigma$ $0.303^{+0.012}_{-0.011}$ $33.41^{+0.75}_{-0.72}$ $0.569^{+0.016}_{-0.021}$ $49.0^{+1.0}_{-1.2}$	3σ range $0.270 \rightarrow 0.341$ $31.31 \rightarrow 35.74$ $0.412 \rightarrow 0.613$ $39.9 \rightarrow 51.5$
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CP asymmetry as a function of L/E

CP violation can be measured by comparing ν and anti- ν oscillation probabilities in an asymmetry variable



The amplitude of the pure CP term increases with $L/E \rightarrow$ this effect is stronger at the second oscillation maximum.

Measurements at the second oscillation maximum are very important and possible only with a detector with very good energy resolution

Matter effects and CP violation effects degeneracy

Matter effects on the oscillation probability at L = 2300 km for v and anti-vin the case of Normal (NH) or Inverted (IH) hierarchy

Since CP violation is also measured by comparing v and anti-v oscillation probabilities matter effects mimic CP violation if the mass hierarchy is not known

- It is needed to accurately measure and subtract the matter effects in order to look for CP
- Matter effects dominate around the first maximum



Effects on oscillation probabilities as a function of $\delta~$ CP

Once the mass hierarchy is determined, it is possible to study the CPviolation and determine the value of δ by measuring the v and anti-v oscillation probabilities

A lot of information is contained in the shape around the first and second maximum

→Direct measurement of the energy dependence (L/E behavior) induced by matter effects and CP-phase terms, independently for v and antiv, by measurement of events energy spectrum

CERN-Pyhäsalmi: spectral information $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$



Addressing mass hierarchy with non-accelerator experiments:

- Matter effects in atmospheric neutrinos: Study upward going neutrino flux in bins of energy and $\cos(\theta)$
- → Different patterns at low energy



Oscillations probabilities for NH and IH are similar for neutrinos and antineutrinos \rightarrow if the charge of the muons is not measured the effect is diluted

However there are differences in fluxes and cross sections for neutrinos and antineutrinos and a few % effects can be still measured

Adaptation of the high energy neutrino observatories Icecube and Antares at Iow energy \rightarrow Pingu, Orca, higher density of photomultiplier strings

Difficult measurement for flux modelling and detector response to reach ~3o significance



Reactor experiments tuned on solar oscillations wavelength $\Delta m_{12}^2 + \theta_{12}$ (JUNO –RENO50)



JUNO, expected start after 2021





Study of anti-nue disappearance exploiting the interference between the atmospheric and solar terms

→ Shifted patterns in measured neutrino energy spectrum

Requiring exceptional resolution and linearity (<1% precision) to reach \sim 3 σ significance

The Primary DUNE Scientific Goals



- > DUNE experiment: started in 2014/5 by an international *worldwide* collaboration including EU countries and CERN
- Strong french participation supported by a IR* program and 6 IN2P3 laboratories (APC, IJCLAB, IP2I, LAPP, LP2I, LPSC)

Infrastructure based in the USA:

- Neutrino Beam from Fermilab Chicago, Illinois
- Underground (1500m depth) far detector infrastructure in Lead, South Dakota, SURF laboratory (in former Homestake mine) at 1300 km from Fermilab
 - \rightarrow Needs sophisticated massive detectors O(10 kton) in order to study tiny effects :
 - Accurate identification of neutrino flavors via final state lepton (muon, electron, tau)
 - Precise measurement of neutrino energy
 - → Electronic version of **Bubble Chambers**: **The Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (TPC)**

Overall Experimental Layout



- Four liquid argon far detector modules of ~10 kton LAr mass each located in the mine at 1500m depth
- First two detector modules constructed by 2028

Neutrino Beam: 1.2 – 2.4 MW proton beam intensity on target

DEEP UNDERGROUND

~40 kton Far Detector mass

Typical neutrino interactions events in fine grained detectors

MINOS

(sandwich of 2.54 cm magnetized steel and 1 cm scintillator plates)



 Long muon track + hadronic activity at vertex

 v_{μ} CC event with π^{0} production







 Short showering event, often diffuse

 $\nu_{\mu}\,\text{NC}$ event with π^{0} production



 ν_e CC Event



 Short event with typical EM shower profile



ICARUS LAr TPC neutrino interactions from CNGS beam

The Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (C. Rubbia 1977)

Homogeneous massive target and ionization detector \rightarrow electronic bubble chamber

- 3D event reconstruction with ~1 mm resolution, surface readout
- High resolution calorimetry (electromagnetic and hadronic showers)
- Primary ionization in LAr: 1 m.i.p ~ 20000 e- on 3 mm
- Detection of UV scintillation light in Argon (5000 photons/mm) @128 nm) to provide t = 0 signal of the event

Ideal detector for neutrino oscillations, supernovae neutrinos and proton decay



Non-destructive multiple readout with induction planes



Focussing optics.

drifting electrons

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Distance along the drift dir. (mm) (z)

ionizing track

E = 1 KV/cm

z = drift time

Drift Field: 0.5-1 kV/cm Drift time: 1.5 ms/3 m @1 kV/cm

 \rightarrow drift requiring < 0.1 ppb O₂ equiv. impurities

ICARUS T600 prototype (2001) exploited at LNGS and now at FNAL for the short-baseline program



The liquid argon TPC as an electronic bubble chamber

- Large mass, homogeneous detector, low thresholds, exclusive final states
- Tracking + calorimetry (0.02 X0 sampling)
- Electron identification, π^0 rejection, particles identification with dE/dx
- → Neutrino physics (electron identification, reconstruction of event kinematics, identification of exclusive states, excellent energy resolution from sub GeV to multi GeV)
- → Supernovae neutrinos
- → Proton decay search (large mass, particles id.)





The liquid argon TPC as an electronic bubble chamber

Run 9927 Event 572: v_u-CC CNGS event



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\rightarrow Continuation in the second lecture tomorrow