#### Lecture 3



#### The neutrino oscillation industry

## Solar Neutrinos



#### SuperK : Solar neutrino-gram



•Light from the solar core takes a million years to reach the surface

- Fusion processes generate
   electron neutrinos which take
   2s to leave
- Solar neutrinos are a direct probe of the solar core
- Roughly 4.0 x  $10^{10}$  solar  $v_e^{-10}$  per cm<sup>2</sup> per second on earth

## Solar neutrino – pp Cycle





## Solar Neutrino Flux





#### The Solar Neutrino Problem - Homestake





Homestake sensitive to <sup>8</sup>B and <sup>7</sup>Be *electron neutrinos* 

 $E_{v} > 800 \text{ keV}$ 

Observe 1/3 of the expected number of solar neutrinos

1 SNU = 1 interaction per $10^{36} \text{ atoms per second}$ 



#### Experimental summary

#### Total Rates: Standard Model vs. Experiment Bahcall-Pinsonneault 2000



## Atmospheric neutrinos



High energy cosmic rays interact in the upper atmosphere producing showers of mesons (mostly pions)



Neutrinos produced by

Expect  $\frac{N(v_{\mu} + \overline{v_{\mu}})}{N(v_{e} + \overline{v_{e}})} \approx 2$ 

At higher energies, the muons can reach the ground before decaying so ratio increases



The Atmospheric Neutrino Anomaly



## Neutrino Flavour Oscillations

MixingCKM  
Mechanism
$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d' \end{pmatrix}_L$$
 $\begin{pmatrix} c \\ s' \end{pmatrix}_L$  $d' = d \cos \theta_c + s \sin \theta_c$   
 $s' = -d \sin \theta_c + s \cos \theta_c$ 

In the quark sector, the flavour eigenstates (those states which couple to the W/Z) are not identical to the mass eigenstates (those states which are eigenstates of the Hamiltonian)

Weak 
$$(d')_{s'} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.97 & 0.23 & 0.003 \\ 0.23 & 0.97 & 0.04 \\ 0.008 & 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix} - Mass states$$

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#### **Neutrino Oscillations**



If we don't know which mass state was created then the the amplitude involves a <u>coherent</u> superposition of  $v_i$  states

$$Prob(v_{\alpha} \rightarrow v_{\beta}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4\sum_{i>j} \Re(U_{\alpha i}^{*}U_{\beta i}U_{\alpha j}U_{\beta j}^{*})\sin^{2}(\Delta m_{ij}^{2}\frac{L}{4E}) + 2\sum_{i>j} \Im(U_{\alpha i}^{*}U_{\beta i}U_{\alpha j}U_{\beta j}^{*})\sin(\Delta m_{ij}^{2}\frac{L}{2E})$$

#### $If \Delta m_{ii}^2 = 0$ then neutrinos don't oscillate

- Oscillation depends on |∆m<sup>2</sup>| absolute masses cannot be determined
- If there is no mixing (If U<sub>a</sub> = 0) neutrinos don't oscillate
- > One can detect flavour change in 2 ways : start with  $v_a$  and look for  $v_\beta$  (appearance) or start with  $v_a$  and see if any disappears (disappearance)
- Flavour change oscillates with L/E. L and E are chosen by the experimenter to maximise sensitivity to a given  $\Delta m^2$
- Flavour change doesn't alter total neutrino flux it just redistributes it amongst different flavours (unitarity)

## Two flavour oscillations



$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\alpha} \\ \nu_{\beta} \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{1} \\ \nu_{2} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

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 $P(v_{a} \rightarrow v_{\beta})$ : Appearance Probability  $P(v_{a} \rightarrow v_{\beta})$ : Survival Probability

$$P(v_{\alpha} \rightarrow v_{\beta}) = -4(U_{\alpha 1}U_{\beta 1}U_{\alpha 2}U_{\beta 2})\sin^{2}(\Delta m_{ij}^{2}\frac{L}{4E})$$
  
$$.=\sin^{2}(2\theta)\sin^{2}(1.27\Delta m^{2}(eV^{2})\frac{L(km)}{E(GeV)})$$

(changing to useful units)







#### Question : What would you observe if you were able to know what mass state propagated from source to detector?



## Three Flavour Oscillation

The three flavour case is more complicated, but no different

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{e} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{1} \\ \mathbf{v}_{2} \\ \mathbf{v}_{3} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix}$$

U is the Pontecorvo-Maskawa-Nakayama-Sakata (PMNS) matrix

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Three angles

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The extra Majorana matrix does not affect flavour oscillation processes.....so is usually dropped. However it will affect the interpretation of neutrinoless double beta decay results



## Explaining the solar data

# Testing the oscillation hypothesis



#### Solar neutrino problem

 $v_{\rm e}$  from sun would change to  $v_{\mu}$  or  $v_{\tau}$ . However these have too little energy to interact via the charged current, and all the detectors are only sensitive to charge current interactions.

Non- $v_{e}$  component would effectively disappear, reducing the apparent  $v_{e}$  flux.

#### **Proof : Neutral current event rate shouldn't change.**

#### Sudbury Neutrino Observatory







1000 tonnes of  $D_2^0$ 6500 tons of  $H_2^0$ Viewed by 10,000 PMTS In a salt mine 2km underground in Sudbury, Canada

# SNO



cc  $v_e + d \rightarrow p + p + e^-$ 

- -Q = 1.445 MeV
- good measurement of  $v_e$  energy spectrum
- some directional info  $\propto (1 1/3 \cos \theta)$
- Ve only

NC 
$$\nu_x + d \rightarrow p + n + \nu_x$$

-Q = 2.22 MeV

measures total <sup>8</sup>B v flux from the Sun
 equal cross section for all v types

$$v_x + e^- \to v_x + e^-$$

- low statistics
- mainly sensitive to  $v_e$ , some  $v_{\mu}$  and  $v_{\tau}$
- strong directional sensitivity

n captures on deuteron <sup>2</sup>H(n,  $\gamma$ )<sup>3</sup>H Observe 6.25 MeV  $\gamma$  $\nu_e + \nu_{\mu} + \nu_{\tau}$ 

Produces Cherenkov Light Cone in D<sub>2</sub>O

$$v_{e} + 0.15*(v_{\mu} + v_{\tau})$$

#### **SNO** Results





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Oscillations come from phase difference between mass states. In a vacuum the phase diff comes from free particle Hamiltonian. In a material there are interaction potentials as well

$$-i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = E\psi = \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial x^2} \rightarrow -i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = (E+V)\psi = \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial x^2}$$
$$E^2 - p^2 = m_{vac}^2 \rightarrow (E+V)^2 - p^2 = m_{mat}^2 \rightarrow m_{mat} \approx \sqrt{m_{vac}^2 + 2EV}$$

c.f. effective mass of an electron in a semiconductor or light in glass

## **Oscillations in Matter**



Electrons exist in standard matter –  $\mu/\tau$  do not. Electron neutrinos travelling in matter can experience an extra charged current interaction that other flavours cannot.



Implications  

$$sin^{2}2\theta_{M} = \frac{sin^{2}2\theta}{sin^{2}2\theta + (cos 2\theta - \zeta)^{2}} \qquad \zeta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}G_{F}N_{e}E}{\Delta m_{Vac}^{2}}$$

•If  $\Delta m^2_{Vac} = 0$  or matter is very dense,  $\zeta = \infty$  and  $\theta_m = 0$ •Similarly, if  $\theta_{vac} = 0$ , then  $\theta_M = 0 \Rightarrow$  need mixing in vacuum •If there is no matter, then  $\zeta = 0$  and we have vacuum mixing

•At a particular electron density, dependent on  $\Delta m^2$ ,

$$\zeta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E}{\Delta m^2} = \cos 2\theta \implies \sin^2 2\theta_M = 1$$

Even if the vacuum mixing angle is tiny, there is a density for which the matter mixing angle is maximal

Mass heirarchy  

$$\sin^{2}2 \theta_{M} = \frac{\sin^{2}2 \theta}{\sin^{2}2 \theta + (\cos 2 \theta - \zeta)^{2}} \qquad \zeta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}G_{F}N_{e}E}{\Delta m_{V}^{2}}$$
If mass of v<sub>1</sub> < mass of v<sub>2</sub>,  $\Delta m_{V}^{2} = m_{1}^{2} \cdot m_{2}^{2} < 0$ 

$$\zeta = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}G_{F}N_{e}E}{|\Delta m^{2}|} \Rightarrow \sin^{2}2 \theta_{M} = \frac{\sin^{2}2\theta}{\sin^{2}2\theta + (\cos 2\theta + |\zeta|)^{2}}$$
Positive definite - no resonance
If mass of v<sub>1</sub> > mass of v<sub>2</sub>,  $\Delta m^{2} = m_{1}^{2} \cdot m_{2}^{2} > 0$ 

$$\zeta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}G_{F}N_{e}E}{|\Delta m^{2}|} \Rightarrow \sin^{2}2 \theta_{M} = \frac{\sin^{2}2\theta}{\sin^{2}2\theta + (\cos 2\theta - |\zeta|)^{2}}$$

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The effect of matter on neutrino oscillations can be used to measure the mass hierarchy.

This is about the only way we know how to do this.



#### Mixing matrix

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Solar sector  
$$\theta_{e\mu} = 32.5^{\circ} \pm 2.4^{\circ}$$
$$\Delta m_{12}^{2} = +7.9 \times 10^{-5} eV^{2}$$



# Explaining the atmospheric data

## Cosmic Labs






# Atmospheric results







Prediction for v<sub>e</sub> rate agrees with data.
v<sub>μ</sub> disappear at large baseline consistent with v<sub>μ</sub> → v<sub>τ</sub>
Don't detect v<sub>τ</sub> as
below τ mass threshold
SuperK is awful at τ detection

$$\left|\Delta m_{atmos}^2\right| \approx 0.0025 \, eV^2$$
$$\sin^2(2\,\theta_{atmos}) \approx 1.0$$



# Accelerator Cross-check

#### $\Delta m_{atmos}^2 \approx 3 \times 10^{-3} eV^2 \rightarrow L/E \approx 400 \, km \, GeV^{-1}$

 $L=250 \, km \rightarrow E_{v} \approx 0.6 \, GeV$ 



# Beam events tagged using GPS at both near and far detector sites





Use Near Detector to measure  $\Phi_{i}$  (@ND)

# T2K and NOVA







Fermilab to Ash River, MN
 L = 810 km
 E<sub>v</sub> ~ 2.0 GeV
 Far Det : 14 kton of liquid scintillator (in bars)



# T2K Disappearance







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Solar sector :  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$   
 $\theta_{e\mu} = 33.7^{\circ} \pm 1.1^{\circ}$   
 $m_{12}^{2} = +(7.54 \pm 0.24) \times 10^{-5} eV^{2} \end{pmatrix}$   
Atmospheric sector  
 $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau}$   
 $\theta_{\mu\tau} = 42^{\circ} \pm 3.0^{\circ}$   
 $\Delta m_{23}^{2} = |(2.43 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-3}| eV^{2})$ 



 $v_{_{\mu}} \rightarrow v_{_{e}}$  oscillations with atmospheric L/E

$$P(v_{\mu} \to v_{e}) = \sin^{2} 2 \theta_{13} \sin^{2} \theta_{23} \sin^{2} (1.27\Delta m_{23}^{2} \frac{L}{E})$$

 $\nu_{_{e}}$  appearance in a  $\nu_{_{\mu}}$  beam – ideal for accelerator experiments

 $\overline{v}_{e} \rightarrow \overline{v}_{x}$  disappearance oscillations with atmospheric L/E

$$p(\overline{\mathbf{v}_{e}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbf{v}_{x}}) 1 - \sin^{2}(2\theta_{13}) \sin^{2}(1.27\Delta m_{23}^{2}\frac{L}{E})$$

 $\overline{v}_{e}$  disappearance – ideal for *reactor experiments* 





# **Global results**





## Summary of Current Knowledge $\theta_{13}$ : how much v is in v (3 $|\Delta m_{32}^2| \approx 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \,\mathrm{eV}^2$ μ $V_{2}$ $|\Delta m_{21}^2| \approx 8 \times 10^{-5} \,\mathrm{eV}^2$

$$U_{MNSP} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.5 & 0.15 \\ 0.4 & 0.5 & 0.6 \\ 0.4 & 0.5 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Some elements only known to 10-30%

Very very different from the quark CKM matrix

#### Comparison

### State of play : Yr 2000





## Lecture 4

#### To The Future and Beyond!

# The Quest





Better estimates of the oscillation parameters using accelerators
Is θ<sub>23</sub> maximal?
Is the neutrino Majorana?
What is the absolute mass?

#### Normal or Inverted mass heirarchy?



# **Current Experiments**







# Next generation



#### DUSEL Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE)

#### Hyper-Kamiokande





#### SK (to scale'ish)

# MW beamsmulti-kton far detectors



# DUNE in the USA





## **DUNE Far Detector**





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# Hyper-Kamiokande





Three detectors:
HK Far Detector
Upgraded Near detector
New "Intermediate" detector

FarDet complete : 2027
 Beam upgrades
 complete : 2028
 First data : 2028

Construction through to 2027'ish

Super-K: 25 kton water Hyper-K: 190 kton



# Dune / HK Comparison

	DUNE	Нурег-К	T2K
Beam Energy	3 GeV	0.7 GeV	0.7 GeV
Baseline (L)	800 km	295 km	295 km
Beam Power	1.2 MW	1.2 MW	0.5 MW
Type of Beam	Wideband	Off-axis	Off-axis
Mass of far detector	40 kton (P1) up to 80 kton (P2)	190 kton	22.5 kton
Technology	Liquid Ar TPC	Water Cerenkov	Water Cerenkov
Running from	2030'ish	2028'ish	Now



#### *CP violation and the Mass Hierarchy*

# CP violation and Mass Hierarchy



Measuring  $\delta_{CP}$  is the ultimate goal of neutrino oscillation experiments. How?

$$Prob(v_{\alpha} \rightarrow v_{\beta}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4\sum_{i>j} \Re (U_{\alpha i}^{*} U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^{*}) \sin^{2} (\Delta m_{ij}^{2} \frac{L}{4E})$$
$$+ 2\sum_{i>j} \Im (U_{\alpha i}^{*} U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^{*}) \sin (\Delta m_{ij}^{2} \frac{L}{2E})$$
$$= 0 \text{ if } a = \beta$$

CP violation can only take place in *appearance* experiments

Look for 
$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) \neq P(\overline{\nu_{\mu}} \rightarrow \overline{\nu_{e}})$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{l} \text{In all it's naked glory} \\ \hline P(\nu_{\mu}(\overline{\nu_{\mu}}) \rightarrow \nu_{e}(\overline{\nu_{e}})) = P_{1} + P_{2} + P_{3} + P_{4} \\ \hline P_{1} = \sin^{2}\theta_{23}\underline{\sin^{2}2\theta_{13}} \left(\frac{\Delta_{13}}{B_{-+}}\right)^{2} \sin^{2}(\frac{B_{+-}}{2}L) \\ \hline P_{2} = \cos^{2}\theta_{23}\sin^{2}2\theta_{12} \left(\frac{\Delta_{12}}{A}\right)^{2} \sin^{2}(\frac{A}{2}L) \\ \hline P_{3} = J\cos\delta\cos(\frac{\Delta_{23}}{2}L)(\frac{\Delta_{12}}{A}\frac{\Delta_{13}}{B_{-+}})\sin(\frac{A}{2}L)\sin(\frac{B_{++}}{2}L) \\ \hline P_{4} = \pm J\sin\delta\sin(\frac{\Delta_{23}}{2}L)(\frac{\Delta_{12}}{A}\frac{\Delta_{13}}{B_{-+}})\sin(\frac{A}{2}L)\sin(\frac{B_{-+}}{2}L) \\ \hline \Delta_{ij} = \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^{2}}{2E} \quad \begin{array}{c} A = \sqrt{2}G_{F}N_{e} \\ B_{-+} = |\Delta_{13} \mp A| \end{array} \\ \end{array} \right) \\ \end{array}$$

# Degeneracies



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# Mass Hierarchy measurements



As baseline grows, matter effects increase

At distances of around 1000 km we can unambiguously identify the mass hierarchy

Once we've done that we need to determine CP phase



# JUNO



**Neutrino source:** 26.6 GW<sub>th</sub> from nuclear reactors

Experiment location: Jiangmen, China Baseline: 53km

Main detector technology: Liquid

Scintillator

Current Status: Under construction



Largest liquid scintillator detector ever build

□ JUNO will measure  $\bar{v}_e$  from Yangjiang and Taishan power plants

#### ❑ Main goal: Neutrino Mass ordering

- Simultaneous measurement of  $\Delta m^2{}_{31}$  and  $\Delta m^2{}_{32}$
- Independent of **\delta**CP and octant of  $\theta_{23}$ 
  - 6 years operation to determine mass hierarchy at  $3\sigma$



Data taking to begin 23-24

# **CP** violation





If mass heirarchy is known then "all" we need to do is precisely measure the v appearance probability for neutrino and antineutrino beams and that will give us  $\delta_{CP}$ Do this at at least two independent L/E

# Hints : T2K & NOvA





Normal ordering weakly favoured

$$\delta_{CP} = 0$$
 disfavoured at  $3\sigma$ 

Best fit: Normal hierarchy favoured at 1.8 σ

δ<sub>CP</sub> = 1.21 π

Excludes  $\delta_{CP} = \pi / 2$  in the inverted hierarchy at > 3 σ





> 5  $\sigma$  reach after 7 years of running over entire  $\delta_{\rm CP}$  range

> 5  $\sigma$  reach after 10 years if  $\delta_{_{CP}}$  exists in ±[0.2-0.8] $\pi$ 

# HK $\delta_{CP}$ Sensitivity





# $\frac{m_2}{m_2} \qquad \qquad \text{decay}$



 $\mathsf{m}_1$ 

m

$$\Gamma_{0\nu\beta\beta} \propto m_{\nu_e}^2 = |m_1| U_{e1}|^2 + m_2 |U_{e2}|^2 + m_3 |U_{e3}|^2|^2$$

In the inverted hierarchy:  $m_3^2 < m_1^2 \approx m_2^2$ ,  $\Delta m_{13}^2 \approx \Delta m_{23}^2$ and  $m_3^2$  is the lightest mass state, so we can write

$$m_{v_e} = |U_{e1}|^2 \sqrt{m_3^2 + \Delta m_{23}^2} + |U_{e2}|^2 \sqrt{m_3^2 + \Delta m_{23}^2} + |U_{e3}|^2 m_3^2$$

Setting m<sub>3</sub> to zero (not a bad approximation) one can show that

$$m_{v_e} > \sqrt{\Delta m_{23}^2} \cos^2 \theta_{13}$$

i.e for the inverted hierarchy, the decay rate,  $\Gamma_{_{0v}}$ , would have a *lower limit at small m*<sub>3</sub>

# Mass hierarchy & 0νββ decay





Experimental limit needs to decrease by a factor of 10 Limit scales with mass and run time Experiments need to be 10 times bigger and run 10 times longer These are being built now.

# Mass Hierarchy Determination



A number of different experiments, both accelerator and Onbb decay focused, are now trying to determine the mass hierarchy.

**Timescale** : ~ 6 years from now for 4  $\sigma$  good indication from NOVA + T2K + JUNO

# Measurement of $\delta_{CP}$



Next generation of experiments are being planned to measure this

**Timescale** : 7-9 years from now (including 6 for construction) for  $3\sigma$  sensitivity to distinguish from no CP-violation scenario (if true  $\delta_{CP}$  is  $\pi/2$ ). 15-20 years for a measurement of  $\delta_{CP}$  to a

precision of 20° (if true  $\delta_{_{CP}}$  is  $\pi/2$ ).


### LSND



The LSND experiment was the first accelerator experiment to report a positive appearance signal



#### LSND Result (1997)



3.3  $\sigma$  evidence for

oscillations

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#### MiniBooNE



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I-I slope

Ran from 2002 to 2014 at Fermilab



•Average neutrino energy  $\approx 1 \text{ GeV}$ 

- •L/E the same as LSND
- Same technology as LSND

 Different energy = different event types = different systematics



#### miniBooNE Results



Excess at the level of 4.8  $\sigma$ 



**Neutrino + Anti-Neutrino Mode**  $(\Delta m^2, \sin^2 2\theta) = (0.043 \text{ eV}^2, 0.807)$  $\chi^2/ndf = 21.7/15.5 \text{ (prob = 12.3\%)}$ 

#### MicroBooNE





 170 ton LAr TPC
Operating in the same beam as LSND and miniBooNE
Capable of reconstructing electrons and photons





### Low Energy Excess



Reconstructed energy spectrum for inclusive  $\boldsymbol{\nu}_{_{e}}$  event sample

No sign of excess of low energy electrons or photons.

?????

LSND/MiniBoone are seeing something though. What?

Doesn't rule out steriles though.



We've discussed the Homestake experiment which studied the reaction

 $v_e + Cl^{37} \rightarrow Ar^{37} + e^{-1}$ 

A couple of experiments (SAGE and GALLEX) also studied

 $v_e + Ga \rightarrow Ge + e$ 

In early 2000's the response of GALLEX was being tested using MCi radioactive sources.

Sources emitted  $\nu_{\rm e}$  which were then observed using the standard Ge signature



 $L/E \approx 0.1 \, m/0.1 \, MeV \rightarrow \Delta m^2 \approx 1 \, eV^2$ 

(or is it our understanding of the low energy v-Ga cross section, or is it just bad luck?)



#### **Reactor Anomaly**



Deficit consistent with a sterile state with  $\Delta m^2 \sim 1.5 \text{ eV}^2$ Reactor antineutrino flux calculations are VERY hard to do It's almost certain that this is an issue with the calculation of the antineutrino flux NOT steriles.

## Reactor Experiments WARWICK



Installed on a moveable platform under a 3 GW reactor Large neutrino flux Variable source-distance distance using the same detector Down: 12.7 m from reactor Up : 10.7 m from reactor

Batio Bottom/Top 0.76 0.74 0.25 0 0.68 0.66 wiggles in the data???? 0.64 Positron energy, MeV

**DANSS 2018** 



#### **Reactor Experiments**



DANSS (2020) No visible effect Neutrino4 (2020) Claimed signal

Situation unclear : other experiments (Stereo, SoLiD, Prospect) don't see oscillations like this.

Decaying sterile neutrinos?

**CPT Violation?** 

3+1 sterile? 3+2 ? 3+n ?





#### *Lorentz violation?*

#### Extra dimensions?

Experimental problems?

No bleedin' idea

Wait for more data

### Summary of sterile hints



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Current "best model" is a 3+1 model but it doesn't fit very well

Issue has come off the boil over the last year or so...

#### SBND







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#### ve appearance

#### v<sub>µ</sub> disappearance



• SBN cover much of the parameters allowed by past anomalies at  $>5\sigma$  significance

Starts taking data soon



#### Neutrino Cross-sections

### Systematic Uncertainties







#### Neutrino Interactions



#### Xsec data pre 2007



#### The data was impressively imprecise



### World Data for Antineutrinos





#### It's slowly getting better

True p. (GeV)

0.6

True p (GeV)

1.2 1.4 True p (GeV)



CC  $0\pi$  differential Xsec from T2K arXiv:1602.03652



#### CC $\pi^0$ differential xsec from **MINERVA** Phys.Lett. B749 (2015) 130-136

Lot's of effort going into trying to understand neutrino interaction cross sections

### eg : Quasi-Elastic Scattering





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I. Very important for current oscillation experiments as it dominates the total cross section at a few GeV

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II. Energy reconstruction is unbiased assuming 2 body  $E_{\nu;rec} = \frac{2(m_N - E_B)E_\mu - (E_B^2 - 2m_N E_B + m_\mu^2)}{2(m_N - E_B - E_\mu + |p_\mu|\cos\theta_\mu)}$ kinematics



quasi-deuteron

Short-range correlations (SRC)

Meson Exchange Currents (MEC)

2p2h processes - medium to high  $Q^2$ 

**RPA effects** W polarisation changes strength of weak interaction



#### Effect of nuclear corrections WARWICK



Models change Q<sup>2</sup> shape in different regions Models add a new channel which increases the total cross section

# Effect on energy reconstruction





#### Final State Interactions

#### In the nuclear medium





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#### In the nuclear medium



Outgoing protons can
Scatter
Lose energy

Outgoing pions can
scatter
be absorbed

- create more pions
- charge exchange

We tend to categorise events by their final state content now rather than their theoretical "label"

### Lesson learned....



It's taken T2K more than 10 years to understand the simplest neutrino interaction – and we still don't really understand the hadronic side of any interaction.

We have managed to halve the systematic uncertainty from the model.

Any experiment at different energies or using different types of nuclei as targets will have similar problems.

I'm looking at you, DUNE

DUNE operates at 3 GeV – the region of resonance production which hasn't had anywhere near as much theoretical attention as QE at T2K energies has – and uses Argon.

DUNE does have the advantage that its Far Detector and Near Detector have the same target material (Ar) so the relative effects sort-of cancel.

### **Concluding Remarks**



The neutrino is : light, neutral, left-handed (chiral) and almost left-handed (helicity). It is generated purely in weak interactions (which is why it is chiral). Their cross sections are tiny and we need big detectors to look at them. They mix and can undergo flavour oscillations.

They may be the reason that we are here at all.

But...what is their mass? Why is it so small? Why are the mixing parameters so odd? Is there a 1 eV sterile state? Is it Majorana? If not – then how do you explain mass without the Higgs? What is the CP violating phase?

Still lots of questions remain – watch this space.....

#### **Neutrino Factories**



In a conventional beam the neutrinos from pion decay In a neutrino factory the neutrinos come from muon decay



$$\mu^{-} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} \overline{\nu_{e}} e^{-}$$
$$\mu^{+} \rightarrow \overline{\nu_{\mu}} \nu_{e} e^{+}$$

Beam is very clean 50%  $v_{\mu}$ ,  $v_{e}$ Extremely high flux Precise and predictable energy spectrum






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#### A neutrino can see.... •Very low $Q^2$ , $\lambda > r_p$ , and scattering $\nu$ is off a "point-like" particle

•Low Q<sup>2</sup>,  $\lambda \sim r_{p}$ , scattering is off an extended object

•High Q<sup>2</sup>,  $\lambda < r_p$ , can resolve quark in the nucleon

•Very High Q<sup>2</sup>,  $\lambda << r_p$ , can resolve sea of quarks and gluons in nucleon

### Neutrino-Nucleon Interactions



CC – W<sup>±</sup> exchange

Quasi-elastic Scattering Target changes but no breakup  $v_{\mu} + n \rightarrow \mu^{-} + p$ Coherent/Diffractive production Target unchanged  $q^2$  $v_{\mu}$ +n $\rightarrow$  $\mu^{-}$ +n+ $\pi^{+}$  Nuclear resonance production Target goes to excited state and decays  $v_{\mu} + n \rightarrow \mu^{-} + p + \pi^{0} (N^{*} \text{ or } \Delta)$  $n + \pi^{+}$ •Deep Inelastic Scattering Target breaks up  $v_{\mu}$  + quark  $\rightarrow \mu^{-}$  + quark'

NC – Z<sup>o</sup> exchange

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Elastic Scattering
    Target unchanged
    v_{\mu} + n \rightarrow v_{\mu} + n
Coherent/Diffractive production
    Target unchanged
    v_{\mu} + N \rightarrow v_{\mu} + N + \pi^{0}

    Nuclear resonance production

    Target goes to excited state
    and decays
    v_{\mu} + N \rightarrow v_{\mu} + N + \pi (N^* \text{ or } \Delta)
Deep Inelastic Scattering
    Target breaks up
    v_{\parallel} + quark \rightarrow v_{\parallel} + quark
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## Problems with QE



The CC QE process is the best known neutrino process occurring at a few GeV



## It's getting better





Note tension between low and high energy measurements

Both on carbon target

Y. Nakajima NuInt11

### Sort-of getting better





 Cross section for CC v interactions producing a single π exiting the nucleus
 Data from NOMAD, SciBooNE, T2K & K2K

also available or becoming available

#### **MiniBooNE**



In the past few years neutrino physics has gone from basic tree-level physics to an understanding that (i) nuclear effects are important (ii) we don't know enough about them and (iii) theorists and the electron scattering community can really help here.

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## Effect of Systematics



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## Summary



- We measure events = flux\*cross section
- We don't generally have a handle on the flux to better than 10% - there is a lot of work trying to deal with this.
- The other side of the coin, cross-sections, are even more poorly known.
- We need new, high-statistics, measurements of these cross sections on multiple target materials and at multiple energies.

#### OA Beam L = 660 km 500 MeV @ $2^{nd}$ Max





•v only run

•Can detect CP Violation at 3 sigma significance if  $sin^{2}(2\theta_{13}) > 0.02$ 

## Neutrino Factory





Golden channel

#### No background from other neutrino flavours

 But this requires the charge of the final state lepton to be known

•Need to magnetise the far detector





Neutrino Factory outperforms other options:

- Larger discovery reach
- Competitors (large θ<sub>13</sub>):
  - Beta beam:
    - But requires large Ne flux, high-γ, and/or 4-ions
  - Low energy Neutrino Factory:
    - See later, but, reduced redundancy/flexibility

EUROnu: 1005.3146v1



#### Targetry – MERIT Exneriment



Beam

Window







#### Other ideas out there : supercooled tungsten ring tungsten powder jet





## MICE





#### Muon Ionisation Cooling Experiment @ Rutherford Labs in Ox

#### Detectors

Physics sensitivity prefers two 50 kton (mass of the **Titanic**) detectors around 4000 km from the beam, and around 7500 km from the beam



3636
3366
229
7293
565
4264
1514
6655
8621
6095
1002
2788
5925
5548



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# Very low energy





- 8 GeV protons on 2  $\lambda_1$  Be target
- 3 GeV Racetrack ring (M. Popovic)
  - For now, injection is perfect
    - Not defined
- Tuned for  $\mu^-$  with KE = 3.000 GeV
  - 3 GeV chosen primarily for x-section meas.
  - δp/p ≈ 2%
- Detectors (scintillator)
  - Near: 200T @ 20 m
  - Far: 800T @ 600 1000 m





## **Concluding Remarks**



We have gone through a lot but I can easily fill another 15 hours of lectures.

The neutrino is : light, neutral, left-handed (chiral) and almost left-handed (helicity). It is generated purely in weak interactions (which is why it is chiral). It is generated by many sources : the Big Bang, astrophysical events, supernova, the sun, cosmic rays, radioactive decays, and countless other sources. We can generate them in reactors and accelerators. Their cross sections are tiny and we need big detectors to look at them. They mix and oscillate.

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But...what is their mass? Why is it so small? Why are the mixing parameters so odd? Still lots of questions remain. We have a 20 year plan for trying to deal with them.

#### In words



Because  $v_e$  can suffer an extra interaction it picks up an effective mass that is slightly different from its vacuum mass. From another point of view, the extra interaction gives the  $v_e$  an apparent inertia with respect to the other neutrinos.

Think of this in much the same way as phonons in crystals which have "effective" masses arising from interactions with the crystal lattice

Matter presents an effective refractive index for  $v_{\rho}$ 

This inertia is felt by some linear combination of the mass eigenstates, and hence passed to the other flavours. Oscillations still happen, but now with a different effective mass splitting



#### n Annearance





T2K-SK events			MC		
		Data	No oscillation	With oscillation and $\theta_{13}$ =0	Acc. BG (12µs window)
	Fully-Contained	33	54.5	24.6	0.0094
	Fiducial Volume, E <sub>vis</sub> > 30MeV	23	36.8	16.7	0.0011
	Single-ring e-like P <sub>e</sub> >100MeV/c	2	1.5±0.7	1.3±0.6	-

 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.5 @ 90 CL$ 

$$\Delta m_{23}^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} eV^2$$

We have 4 times the amount of data released in the can which should push the limit down to about 0.1.

Expect release of this data by summer.



### Earthquake





- Subsidence at the LINAC building
- But the near detector seems to be superficially OK

•The accelerator magnets may need realignment but the ring seems to be also OK

Japanese build for earthquakes

## Adding SNO to the



The data shows that the solar oscillations come mostly from the MSW effect.

The neutrinos have oscillated before they get to the solar surface.



#### KamLAND



WARWICK

KamLAND uses the entire Japanese nuclear power industry as a longbaseline source

#### **KamLAND** @ Kamioka



distance (km)

#### KamLAND



 $10^{5}$ 

 $10^{4}$ 

 $10^{3}$ 



#### CHOOZ Experiment Ardennes, France



## $\begin{array}{l} \text{Baseline} \sim 1 \text{ km} \\ \Delta m^2 \sim 2 \text{ x } 10^{\text{-3}} \text{ eV}^2 \end{array}$

$$R = \frac{N_{observed}}{N_{expected}} = 1.01 \pm 2.8 \% (stat) \pm 2.7 \% (scale)$$

$$Prediction$$

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$$Positron Energy/MeV$$

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$$sin^{2}(2 \theta_{13}) < 0.12 - 0.2 \Rightarrow \theta_{13} < 10 deg$$

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#### What do we know now?

12 (Solar) sector SNO,KamLAND,SuperK



$$\Delta m_{12}^2 = +(7.9 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-5} eV^2$$
$$\sin^2(2\theta_{12}) = (0.85 \pm 0.1)$$

23 (Atmos.) sector SuperK,K2K,MINOS

$$\left|\Delta m_{23}^{2}\right| = (2.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3} eV^{2}$$
  
 $\sin^{2}(2\theta_{23}) > 0.92(1.0?)$ 

13 (Atmos.) sector CHOOZ,KamLAND

No knowledge of 
$$\delta_{CF}$$
 or sign of  $\Delta m_{23}^{2}$ 

$$\left|\Delta m_{13}^2\right| = (2.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3} eV^2$$
  
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = (0.089 \pm 0.01)$ 

# **Exclusion Plots**





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#### CP Violation and Mass Heirarchy



CP violation implies that neutrinos and antineutrinos oscillate with different probabilities

...or if the Majorana issue haunts you, it implies that the probability of the left-chiral oscillation process

$$l_{\alpha}^{-}W^{+} \rightarrow l_{\beta}^{+}W^{-}$$

is different from the probability of the right-chiral oscillation process

$$l^+_{\alpha}W \rightarrow l^-_{\beta}W^+$$

So to search for it we need to look at oscillations in a neutrino beam and oscillations in an antineutrino beam and compare



#### But it's hard...



1. We are assuming that the initial target nucleon is just sitting still before interaction. Actually in the nucleus it has some initial momentum distribution.

The initial state model modifies the scattering angles and momentum spectra of the outgoing final state

2. The outgoing final state can interact with the target nucleus.

This nuclear re-interaction affects the outgoing nucleon momentum direction and charge (through charge exchange interactions)

Theoretical uncertainties are **large** 

•At least 15%

•If precise knowledge is needed for a particular target (e.g. Water, hydrocarbon) then measurements are needed



I. Something wrong with the experimental method. Either experiment is faulty or we the neutrinos we are seeing aren't coming from the sun.

- II. Something wrong with the solar model
- III. Something wrong with the neutrinos

### (Super)Kamiokande



1987 – Kamiokande : 1000 phototubes, 5000 tons of water 1997 – SuperKamiokande : 11000 PMT, 50000 tons of water



SuperK can only observe the <sup>8</sup>B flux (> 5 MeV)

$$\frac{Data}{SSM} = 0.451 \pm 0.017$$

Confirmation that it wasn't just the radio-Chemical experiments

SuperK only sensitive to  $v_{\mbox{\tiny P}}$ 

### Helioseismology





 $\Phi_{\rm v} \propto T - T^{25}$ 

Dependence of solar neutrino flux on temperature varies hugely with component

Sound speed depends on plasma density and therefore temperature.

## Why is DUNE using a WBB?

 $\nu_{_{\mu}} \! \rightarrow \! \nu_{_{e}}$  oscillation probability



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