WG7 Low energy neutrinos and proton decay

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Community in WG7

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- + LVD
- ✤ BOREXINO / CTF
- DOUBLE-CHOOZ
- ✦ ICARUS T600
- ✦ MEMPHYS R&D
- ✦ LENA R&D
- ◆ GLACIER R&D

Convergence

(Eventually possibly also OPERA and T2K-EU ?)
 "Almost" all questionnaires have been filled out

Meeting in Chambery, March 2nd

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- Status of several on-going projects
- Mostly discussions
 - Input to the roadmap, how to proceed, definition milestones
 - How to prepare input for ASPERA Amsterdam meeting
 - Focus on <u>large underground infrastructures</u> for next generation proton decay, low energy neutrinos, long baseline neutrino beams
- Discussion on LAGUNA DS proposal

Attendance in Chambery

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LVD-Gd

• LVD foresees an upgrade of the detector.



- Filling 1 out of 3 towers (about 300 tons) with Gd-doped liquid scintillator.
- Increase of detection efficiency for supernova events.

BOREXINO / CTF



BOREXINO: 100% filled & taking data !
First results soon
CTF : continue operation as a general facility for scintillator development

Double CHOOZ

- Under construction
- Installation of the far detector, to take data starting in 2008



- Installation of the near detector planned for 2009
- Data taking with both detectors until ≈ 2011

The ICARUS T600 detector

Built between years 1997 and 2001
Completely assembled on surface
Full scale demonstration test run on surface conditions of one half-module in summer 2001
Full unit assembly terminated in 2002
Results published
Transportation to LNGS in 12/2004
Planned T600 commissioning in 2007 ?
INFN contemplates construction of bigger modules in new nearby LNGS site (off-axis CNGS)
See arXiv:0704.1422 (April 2007)

NGS events

X (cm) 400

"rock" muon

100

-100

-200

-300

-400

-100

-200

-300

-400

-500

-300 E

-400

400

300 200 100 -100 -200

-300

-400 -500

-800

-800

-800

Y (cm)

X (cm)

neutrino interaction

in magnet slaps

Y (cm)

E.

-400

-400

-400

-400

600

-600

-600

-600

OPERA as a cosmic ray detector !

Tokai to Kamioka (T2K)

Far detector : Super Kamiokande

- Hadron Beam Facility Materials and Life Science Sendai **Experimental Facility** Nuclear Transmutation 295km Super Kamiokande JAER (Tokai) Neutrino to Super-Kamiokande KEK Tokyo Kawasaki **3 GeV Synchrotron** Nagoya 50 GeV Synchrotron Linac Yokehama (25 Hz, 1MW) (0.75 MW) (330 m) v beam : J-PARC facility 420.0 mi / 675.8 ki
- ⇒ 2009 Phase I : θ_{13} , θ_{23} , Δm^2_{23}
 - J-PARC : 0.75 MW @ 30 GeV
 - SK-III : 22.5 kT FV, full PMT coverage
- ⇒ 2015 Phase II : θ_{13} , δ_{CP} ?
 - J-PARC : 4MW @ 50 GeV (?)
 - HyperK : 1 MT scale

Currently 28/62 European institutes, $\sim 170/370$ European names

T2K Far detector: SK-III

• Rebuilt and operational

ND280 Near Detectors

- To be measured before oscillation: Beam flux, Beam ve contamination, non-QE background
- Near detector tasks :
 - SuperK ve background < 10%
 - $\nu\mu$ event normalisation < 5%
 - Energy scale <2%
 - Beam linear distortion < 20%
 - Width < 10%
 - non-QE/CCQE at 5-10%

ND280 Pit

UA1/NOMAD magnet B=0.2 T

3 TPC modules MicroMegas pads Position resolution < 0.8 mm Mom resolution to 1GeV <7-8%

2 Fine Grained 2x1.3t target detectors (FGD)

FGD1(C): X-Y plastic FGD2(H20): X-Y plastic+passive water target Tr 8k channels X-Y

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Tracker Calorimeter

X-Y fine grained Pb/Plastic Eres ~7.5%/√E 20K channels Side muon ranging

detector (SMRD)

Large underground infrastructures

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- Advances in low energy neutrino astronomy and direct investigation of Grand Unification require the construction of very large volume underground observatories.
- There is currently no such infrastructure in Europe able to host underground instruments of this size, although many national underground laboratories with high technical expertise are currently operated with leading-edge smaller-scale underground experiments.
- A pan-European infrastructure able to host underground instruments with volumes up to 1'000'000 m³ will provide new and unique scientific opportunities in low energy neutrino astronomy and Grand Unification physics.
- This field of research is at the forefront of particle and astro-particle physics and is the subject of intense investigation also in North America and Asia. Such an infrastructure in Europe would attract scientists from all over the world and ensure that Europe will continue to play a leading and innovative role in the field.

Worldwide roadmaps...

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A neutrino detector optimized for neutrino energies of the order of ~1 GeV and to search for proton decay

★ <u>Asia</u>: Super-K (50 kton WC) → Hyper-K (1 Mton WC) (T2K phase II / T2KK)

★ <u>US</u>: Report of the US long baseline neutrino experiment study "A well instrumented very large detector, in addition to its accelerator based neutrino program, could be sensitive to proton decay which is one of the top priorities in fundamental science... Indeed, there is such a natural marriage between the requirements to discover leptonic CP violation and see proton decay that it could be hard to imagine undertaking either effort without being able to do the other"

★ <u>EU</u>: ApPEC recommendation "We recommend that a new large European infrastructure is put forward as a future international multi-purpose facility on the 100 − 1000 ktons scale for improved studies of proton decay and of lowenergy neutrinos from astrophysical origin. The detection techniques ... should be evaluated in the context of a common design study, which should also address the underground infrastructure and the possibility of an eventual detection of future accelerator neutrino beams"

ApPEC Phase I Roadmap, January 2007

Proton decay and low energy neutrino astrophysics

Field/	Cost scale	Desirable	Remarks
Experiments	(M=)	construction	
Dark Matter Search: Low background experiments with 1-ton mass	60-100 M€	2011-2013	2 experiments (different nuclei, different techniques), e.g. 1 bolometric, 1 noble liquid; more than 2 worldwide.
Proton decay and low energy neutrino astronomy: Large infrastructure for p- decay and v astronomy on the 100kt-1Mton scale	400-800 M€	2011-2013	 multi-purpose 3 different techniques; large synergy between them. needs huge new excavation expenditures likely also after 2015 worldwide sharing
			 possibly also accelerator neutrinos in long baseline experiments
The high energy universe:			
<u>Gamma rays:</u> Cherenkov Telescope Array CTA	100 M€ (South) 50 M€ (North)	first site in 2010	Physics potential well defined by rich physics from present gamma experiments
<u>Charged Cosmic Rays:</u> Auger North	85 M€	2009	Confirmation of physics potential from Auger South results expected in 2007
<u>Neutrinos:</u> KM3NeT	300 M€	2011	FP6 design study. Confirmation of physics potential from IceCube and gamma ray telescopes expected in 2008-2010
Gravitational Waves: Third generation interferometer	250-300 M€	Civil engineering 2012	Conceived as underground laboratory

Worldwide context: very large volumes

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Europe enjoys today the most experience in underground science and sites, but lacks a coordinated plan for a possible future infrastructure of very large size

Instrumenting underground cavities

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Infrastructure	LNGS	LSM	LSC	IUS	BNO	CUPP
•	Gran Sasso	Fréjus	Canfranc	Boulby	Baksan	Pyhäsalmi
Year of completion	1987	1982	1986, 2005	1989	1977, 1987	1993 (2001)
Area (m ²)	13000	500	150 + 600	500+1000	550, 600	500-1000
Volume (m ³)	180000	3500	8000	3000	6400, 6500	100-10000
Access	Horizontal	Horizontal	Horizontal	Vertical	Horizontal	Slanted truck road
Depth (m.w.e.)	3700	4800	2450	2800	850, 4800	1050, 1444 up to 4060
Surface profile	Mountain	Mountain	Mountain	Flat	Mountain	Flat
Muon flux (m ⁻² day ⁻¹)	24	4	406	34	4320, 2.6	8.6 @ 4060m
Neutron flux (>1 MeV) (10 ⁻⁶ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹)	O (1)	O (1)	O (1)	O (1)	- , O (1)	?
Radon content (Bq/m ³)	O (100)	O (10)	O (100)	O (10)	O (100)	O (100)
Main past and present scientific activities	- DM - $\beta\beta$ - solar v - SN v - atmos. v - monopole - nuclear astrophysics - CRs (μ) - LBL v's	Eighties: - Proton decay - atmos.v Now: - DM (Edelweiss) - ββ (NEMO, TGV)	- DM (IGEX- DM, ROSEBUD, ANAIS) - ββ (IGEX)	- DM (Zeplin I,II, III, DRIFT)	BUST: - solar ν - SN ν - atmos. ν - CRs (μ) - monopo- les SAGE: - solar ν	- CRs (test set-up)
Number of visiting scientists	700	100	50	30	55	15

Volume does not necessarily correspond to "instrumentable" volume: e.g. LNGS Hall B ≈ O(20000) m³

Broad and rich physics programme

Direct evidence for Grand Unification (Proton decay)

Low energy neutrino astronomy (SN, solar, geo, atm)

Long baseline neutrino beam (CP)

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Sensitivity to proton decay

Higher dimension models (eg. 6D SO(10)) not included

Definitively not exhaustive.

Supernova type-II neutrinos

 \Rightarrow Access supernova and neutrino physics simultaneously

⇒Decouple supernova & neutrino properties via different detection channels

1. Supernova physics:

- Gravitational collapse mechanism
- Supernova evolution in time
- Burst detection
- Cooling of the proto-neutron star
- Shock wave propagation
- Black hole formation?

2. Neutrino properties

- Neutrino mass (time of flight delay)
- Oscillation parameters (flavor transformation in SN core and/or in Earth): Type of mass hierarchy and θ_{13} mixing angle

3. Early alert for astronomers

• Pointing to the supernova

Time (seconds)

Long baseline beams : CP-violation & matter effects

 Precision measurement of neutrino oscillations to determine missing elements in neutrino mixing matrix and possibly discover CP-violation in the leptonic sector

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free parameters

The MEMPHYS Project

Concept emerged considering new potential neutrino sources at CERN (low energy super Beam, Beta Beam). This requires construction of the new highintensity proton driver SPL and the EURISOL facility at CERN.

In addition, Nucleon Decay, Super Novae Neutrinos (burst & relic), Solar & Atmospheric Neutrinos like in the Japanese study

A new very large laboratory in Fréjus

Excavation engineering pre-study has been done for 5 shafts

- 1) the best site (rock quality) is found in the middle of the mountain, at a depth of 4800 mwe : a really good chance !
- 2) of the two considered shapes : "tunnel" and "shaft", the "shaft (= well) shape" is strongly preferred
- 3) Cylindrical shafts are feasible up to :

a diameter $\Phi = 65$ m and a full height h = 80 m ($\approx 250\ 000\ m^3$)

- 4) with "egg shape" or "intermediate shape" the volume of the shafts could be still increased
- 5) The estimated cost is $\approx 80 \text{ M} \in \text{X}$ Nb of shafts

Physics program with new CERN low energy beams

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MEMPHYS R&D

- R & D on large area photomultiplier production
- R&D on integrated photomultiplier electronics production
- Smaller scale prototypes (e.g. MEMPHYNO)

Low Energy Neutrino Astrophysics (LENA)

Design for a large (\sim 50 kton) liquid scintillator underground detector

30m Muon veto ~11000 PMT (50cm)

- non hazardous, flashpoint 145° C 🖚
- density 0.99
- high light yield
- low background level U, Th

Use technology developed for BOREXINO

Scintillator solvent: PXE ($C_{16}H_{18}$), ultrapure. Assumed attenuation length ≈ 12 m @430 nm

> Estimated light yield ~ 110 pe / MeV Total number of photomultiplier ~ 11000 (30% coverage)

easy handling

- high self shielding
- low energy events
- solar v, geo v, srn v

Supernova neutrino detection

Electron Antineutrino spectroscopy

• $\overline{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$ (Q=1.8 MeV) $n + p \rightarrow d + \gamma$; $E_{\gamma} = 2.2 \text{ MeV}$ ~8700 events • $\overline{\nu}_{e} + {}^{12}C \rightarrow {}^{12}B + e^{-}+ (Q=17.3 \text{ MeV})$ $^{12}B \rightarrow ^{12}C + e^+ + \overline{\nu}_e; \ \tau_{1/2} = 20.20 \text{ ms} \quad \sim 494 \text{ events}$ Electron neutrino • $\nu_{e} + {}^{12}C \rightarrow e^{-} + {}^{12}N$ (Q=13.4 MeV) spectroscopy $^{12}N \rightarrow ^{12}C + e^+ + \nu_e$; $\tau_{1/2} = 11.00 \text{ ms} \sim 85 \text{ events}$ **Neutral current interactions:** • $\nu_x + {}^{12}C \rightarrow {}^{12}C^* + \nu_x$ info on all flavours with ${}^{12}C^* \rightarrow {}^{12}C + \gamma$; $E_{\gamma} = 15.11 \text{ MeV} \sim 2925 \text{ events}$ • $\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$ (elastic scattering) ~ ~610 events • $\nu_x + p \rightarrow \nu_x + p$ (elastic scattering) Detector energy threshold: $E_{th} = 0.2 \text{ MeV} \sim 7370 \text{ events}$

Total ≈ 20000 events

Event rates for a SN type IIa in the galactic center (10 kpc)

LENA R&D

- Funded on a national scale in the "Center for excellence : origin and structure of the universe" and the "Sonderforschungsbereich- Transregio TR27: neutrinos and beyond" both at the Technische Universität München.
- The funding covers local expenses for the preparation of a full European design study.

A tracking calorimeter

 High granularity: readout pitch ≈3 mm, local energy deposition measurement, particle type identification

- Fully homogenous, full sampling calorimeter
 - Low energy electrons:
 - Electromagnetic shower:
 - ✦ Hadronic shower:

$$\frac{\sigma(E_e)}{E_e} = \frac{11\%}{\sqrt{E_e(MeV)}} \oplus 2.5\%$$
$$\frac{\sigma(E_{em})}{E_{em}} = \frac{3\%}{\sqrt{E_{em}(GeV)}} \oplus 1.5\%$$
$$\frac{\sigma(E_{had})}{E_{had}} \simeq \frac{30\%}{\sqrt{E_{had}(GeV)}} \oplus 10\%$$

Full imaging of interactions

- Fully active, homogeneous, highresolution device: high statistics neutrino interaction studies with bubble chamber accuracy.
- Reconstruction of low momentum hadrons (below Cerenkov threshold), especially recoiling protons: a proton of 1070 MeV/c (Cerenkov threshold in Water) travels 1 metre in LAr.
- Exclusive measurement of vNC events with clean π^0 identification and a very good e/ π^0 discrimination.

Real event in ICARUS

Gargamelle bubble chamber

High granularity: Sampling = $0.02 X_0$ "bubble" size $\approx 3 \times 3 \times 0.4 \text{ mm}^3$

bubble diameter ≈3mm

MC QE event. p momentum = 490 MeV/c

Scaling parameters for GLACIER

100 kton:

Dewar	$\phi \approx$ 70 m, height \approx 20 m, perlite insulated, heat input \approx 5 W/m ²
Argon storage	Boiling Argon, low pressure (<100 mbar overpressure)
Argon total volume	73000 m³, ratio area/volume ≈ 15%
Argon total mass	102000 tons
Hydrostatic pressure at bottom	3 atmospheres
Inner detector dimensions	Disc
Charge readout electronics	100000 channels, 100 racks on top of the dewar
Scintillation light readout	Yes (also for triggering), 1000 immersed 8" PMTs with WLS
Visible light readout	Yes (Cerenkov light), 27000 immersed 8" PMTs of 20% coverage, single γ counting capability

10 kton:

Dewar	♦ ≈ 30 m, height ≈10 m, perlite insulated, heat input ≈ 5 W/m ²
Argon storage	Boiling Argon, low pressure (<100 mbar overpressure)
Argon total volume	7000 m³, ratio area/volume ≈ 33%
Argon total mass	9900 tons
Hydrostatic pressure at bottom	1.5 atmospheres
Inner detector dimensions	Disc ϕ ≈30 m located in gas phase above liquid phase
Charge readout electronics	30000 channels, 30 racks on top of the dewar
Scintillation light readout	Yes (also for triggering), 300 immersed 8" PMTs with WLS

1% prototype: engineering detector, $\phi \approx 10m$, $h \approx 10m$, shallow depth?

l kton:

Scaling: three options to reach 40 kton

	1 unit of	2 units of	4 units of
Liquid Argon mass (per unit)	39.2 kton	19.6 kton	9.8 kton
Fiducial volume m ³ (per unit)	28000	14000	7000
Total liquid Argon mass	39.2 kton	39.2 kton	39.2 kton

First operation of a LAr TPC embedded in a B-field

First real events in B-field (B=0.55T):

New J. Phys. 7 (2005) 63 NIM A 555 (2005) 294

ArDM assembly @ CERN

First tests foreseen in 2007

dewar detector

(backup dewar)

Charge readout: Thick Large Electron Multiplier (LEM)

Shapes from Fe⁵⁵ radioactive source (5.8 keV, event rate about 1kHz) of the signals from doublestage LEM system have a very clean S/N ratio.

MIP signal in ICARUS T300

This technique solves the non-scalability of the traditional wire readout used in ICARUS E.g. MIP signal @ ≈2 MeV/cm has poor S/N !

Full imaging TPC with LEM to be tested in ArDM experiment

5 m drift with new readout: First tests foreseen in 2008

GLACIER R&D

- Funding in place for R&D
- I ton ArDM experiment under construction (2007)
- Cold readout electronics ASIC (2007)
- 5 m drift ArgonTube under construction (2008)
- I 50 ton in neutrino beam (T2K LOI submitted to JPARC PAC)

LAGUNA: a proposal for a "Design of a pan-european infrastructure for large apparatus studying Grand Unification and Neutrino Astrophysics"

3 detection techniques under considerations

Water Cherenkov ($\approx 0.5 \rightarrow 1$ Mton)

Towards a CDR around 2010

- The construction and operation of next generation large underground detectors clearly represents a difficult technological challenge and a significant investment on the scale of several hundred millions of Euros.
- It is intimately connected to the question of large underground infrastructures.
- The choice of the most appropriate technology, of the site and of the designs of such super-massive detectors should be carefully optimized taking into account the technical feasibility and predicted costs, the multiple physics goals, and also the possible existence of accelerator neutrino beams.
- The technical and economical feasibility of an underground observatory of this magnitude, perhaps ultimate in size, requires a strong coordinate and coherent European strategy and will be heavily reliant on the possibility to contain costs compared to today's state-of-the-art by a careful optimization of all elements involved in the project:
 - \star (1) the excavation and preparation of the underground space,
 - \star (2) the design and construction of the tank,
 - \star (3) the instrumentation and
 - \star (4) the safety aspects.

Bedrock conditions in Europe

The age of the bedrock in Finland varies between 2-3,5 billion years

GTK

CERN Proton economics (>2016)

CERN-AB-2007-013 PAF

	SPS cycle length		6 s		3 s
	Injection momentum	14 GeV/c		26 G	eV/c
	Beam sharing Max	0.45	0.85	0.45	0.85
	SPS intensity @ 400GeV [x10 ¹³]		×	1019	
Present injectors	4.8 – "Nominal CNGS"	5	9.4		
+ machines' improvement	5.7- "Max. SPS"	5.9	11.1		
Future injectors + SPS RF upgrade	7 – "Ultimate CNGS"			9	17.1
Future injectors + new SPS RF system + CNGS new equipment design	10 – "Max. PS2"			12.9	24.5

CERN LHC new injection chain can open new opportunities In JHEP 0611:032,2006 we assumed 3.3 x 10²⁰ pot/yr is rescale by factor 1.3 number of years (5 yrs is 6.7 yrs)

From LAGUNA WG to DS

- The WG was proposed & accepted in November 2005 at the ApPEC "Munich meeting"
- During 2006-2007, an effort has been made to consolidate LAGUNA ideas into a format compatible with a potential "design study".
- A series of working meeting were held
 - Munich, April 24th, 2006
 - Munich, June 2nd, 2006
 - **M** Paris, July 21st ,2006
 - Zurich, October 12th, 2006
 - 🗹 Paris, December 18th, 2006
 - Chambery, March 2nd, 2007
 - Verial Paris, March 29th, 2007
- Design study ("Collaborative Project FP7-Infrastructures-2007-1") has been submitted on May 2nd 2007.
- 24 participants: ETH Zürich, Bern, Jyväskylä, Oulu, Rockplan, CEA/DSM/ DAPNIA, IN2P3, MPG, TUM, Hamburg, IFJ PAN, IPJ, US, UWr, KGHM CUPRUM, IGSMiE PAN, LSC, Granada, Durham, Sheffield, Technodyne, ETL, Aarhus, AGT
- 9 countries

Work package list

Work package no.	Work package title	Type of activity	Lead participant no.	Person- months	Start month	End month
WP1	Management, coordination and assessment	MGT	ETHZ	52	1	36
WP2	Underground Infrastructures and Engineering	RTD	U-Oulu	221	1	35
WP3	Tank Infrastructure and Liquid Handling	RTD	TUM	249	1	35
WP4	Tank Instrumentation and Data Handling	RTD	IN2P3	439	1	35
WP5	Safety and environmental issues	RTD	U-Sheffield	65	1	35
WP6	Science Impact and Outreach	RTD	IFJ PAN	454	1	35
	TOTAL			1480		

WP interconnection

Underground infrastructure

Management WP1

Safety and environmental issues WP5

The main "deliverable"

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- The DS will lead to a "conceptual design report" for a new infrastructure, to allow policy makers and their advisors to prepare the relevant strategic decisions for the development of a new research infrastructure in Europe.
- The deliverables contain the elaboration of "decision factors" like
 (i) technical feasibility (cavern, access, safety, liquid procurement, ...)
 (ii) cost optimization of infrastructure (digging, safety, ...)
 (iii) physics performance (e.g. depth, baseline, ...)
 (iv)...

Outlook

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Several on-going projects. WG7 focus is towards very large volume underground infrastructures.

The direct evidence for Grand Unification would be one of the most fundamental discoveries in particle physics.

◆An extensive neutrino physics and astronomy programme will be accessible detecting supernova, atmospheric, possibly solar and geo-neutrinos, as well as artificial neutrinos from accelerators. These latter measurements could lead to the discovery of CP-violation in the leptonic sector.

The LAGUNA design study will provide the means to perform site feasibility studies and to develop mature conceptual design for large volume underground instruments including their infrastructures, with a credible cost estimate. The DS will provide the means to elaborate the scientific and objective information needed to make an optimized choice for site(s) for the pan-European Underground Infrastructure.

■ Not (yet) 100% overlap between WG7 & LAGUNA WG/DS