

# MicroBooNE Results

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# **Short-Baseline Neutrino Anomalies**

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LSND

### A. Aguilar et al., Phys. Rev. D 64, 112007,





MiniBooNE Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 161801 (2013) Combined analysis: 240.3 +/- 62.9 3.8σ



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All of this *could* be explained by a  $4^{th}$  "sterile" neutrino ~1 eV^2.

## If real, 4 neutrinos are required, however



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#### normal hierarchy (NH)



#### Phys. Rept. 427, 257 (2006)

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Figure 1.13: Measurements of the hadron production cross-section around the Z resonance. The curves indicate the predicted cross-section for two, three and four neutrino species with SM couplings and negligible mass.

## ... and the 4<sup>th</sup> one must be "sterile"

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# **US Particle Physics Prioritization Report**

**Recommendation 12: In collaboration with international** partners, develop a coherent short- and long-baseline neutrino program hosted at Fermilab.

P5 Report, May 2014

<u>Recommendation 15</u>: Select and perform in the short term a set of small-scale short-baseline experiments that can conclusively address experimental hints of physics beyond the three-neutrino paradigm. Some of these experiments should use liquid argon to advance the technology and build the international community for LBNF at Fermilab.

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**Building for Discovery** Plan for U.S. Particle Physics in the Glo



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# Parameter space significantly reduced



... but global best fit is at 1.75 eV^2 w.  $\Delta\chi^2/ndf \simeq 12$ 

Shown In the "3+1" model which allows to compare

LSND/MiniBooNE to

muon neutrino disappearance results

Ice Cube has new results that similarly cast serious doubt on the sterile neutrino explanation Of LSND/miniBooNE results.



## **Topic at hand: Why LArTPCs?**





- Charged particles ionize the medium through which they pass
  - If you can keep atoms from re-combining and drift them to an anode via application of a not-so-unreasonably large electric field you might hope to capture a (projection of) their 3-dimensional track.
    - With sufficient such projections (2) you can reconstruct the 3d track.
  - Further, can do calorimetry and particle ID if dE/dx is distinct by particle species
    - Can hope to distinguish between  $e^{-s}$  and  $\gamma s$
    - And between muons and electrons and protons and maybe kaons. Pions look just like muons, sadly.
  - Further still, photons may be liberated and can be detected to aid in t<sub>0</sub> and PID

## Liquid nobles have above properties.

- They are not so hard to cool to liquid state
- Argon, in particular, is "cheap" -- \$1k/tonne
- Its radiation length is 14cm, its hadronic interaction length is 90cm.

# LArTPC detector working mechanics







#### **US-based LArTPC Program Pacific Northwest** NATIONAL LABORATORY Proudly Operated by Battelle Since 1965 ArgoNeuT MicroBooNE Yale TPC Bo SBN @ FNAL DUNE "SBND" Location: Fermilab Location: Homestake Location: Fermilab Location: Yale University Location: Fermilab Location Fermilab Active volume: 0.1 kton A tive volume: 0.05 + 0.6 kton Active volume: 35 kton Active volume: 0.002 ton Active volume: 0.02 ton Active volume:0.3 ton operational: 2008 operational: 2007 operational 2008 Operational: 2014 onstruction start: 2017 Construction start 202? First neutrinos: June 2009 LBNE 35 Ton proto LArIAT Luke LAPD DUNE 3,501 m IDI mm Concrete

Location: Fermilab Purpose: materials test st Purpose: LAr purity demo Operational: since 2008

Location:Fermilab

**Operational: 2011** 

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Location: LANL

Operational:2014

Purpose: LArTPC calibration

Location:Fermilab

Purpose:LArTPC calibration

Operational:2014 (phase 1)

Location: Fermilab

Operational: 2013

Purpose: purity demo

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2018

770 ton

## **MicroBooNE** in a slide





The First large liquid argon time projection chamber (LArTPC) in the US

- 89 tonnes LAr
- One TPC: 2.3mx2.5mx10.4m
  - 8192 wires
    - ♦ 3 planes
    - ♦ 3mm separation of wires, 3mm between planes
  - 32 PMTs + 4 scintillator bars + PMTs
- Sits in Fermilab's Booster Neutrino Beam
- Short baseline: 470m from beam target/horn







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## **MicroBooNE In assembly hall**









# October 15, 2015: First MicroBooNE neutrinos





## **Arrival time – neutrinos!**







This excess in the 1.6 musec BNB beam spill window can only be due to neutrinos.

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# **First Neutrino Events!**





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Events selected by automatic reconstruction! -- a big deal





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## **Electron Lifetime**



http://www-microboone.fnal.gov/publications/publicnotes/MICROBOONE-NOTE-1003-PUB.pdf



## Noise removal from raw signals

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http://www-microboone.fnal.gov/publications/publicnotes/MICROBOONE-NOTE-1016-PUB.pdf



### "U" plane shown for one event.

TABLE 3. Summary of the observed TPC noise in MicroBooNE. The estimated contribution to the total ENC for the longest wires in each plane is presented in the 4th column.

Noise	Frequency range	Plane Impacted <sup>a</sup>	ENC in e- (Plane)	Possible Source
Burst	$\sim 900 \text{ kHz}$	U , V, Y	negligible <sup>b</sup> at 2 $\mu$ s	Field pick-up
			shaping time	on wires (?)
Single frequency	$\sim 36 \text{ kHz}$	U , V	920 (U), 380 (V), 0 (Y)	HV Supply
Single frequency	$\sim 108 \text{ kHz}$	U	750 (U), 0 (V), 0 (Y)	HV Supply
ASIC saturation	< 20  Hz	U, V, Y	unknown <sup>c</sup>	Wire motion (?)
Regulator	< 50  kHz	U, V, Y	1030 (U), 1300 (V), 550 (Y)	LV regulators
Cold ASIC			430(U), 420 (V), 330 (Y)	Design spec
Total			1600 (U), 1400 (V), 660 (Y)	

<sup>a</sup>Bad channels identified in Sec. 2.5 are excluded from noise studies.

<sup>b</sup>As described in Sec. [2.2] this noise is largely suppressed after choosing  $2\mu$ s shaping time. The bursts of this noise are intermittent (non-stationary) with amplitude varying in time

<sup>c</sup>It is hard to quantify ENC associated with ASIC saturation without studying effect of microphonics in details which is beyond the scope of this document.

# Spacecharge: distortion of track end points

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http://www-microboone.fnal.gov/publications/publicnotes/MICROBOONE-NOTE-1018-PUB.pdf



Distortion of drift field due to an accumulation of positive ions at the cathode from continuous exposure to cosmics.

# Stopped cosmic muons: measured Michel spectrum



http://www-microboone.fnal.gov/publications/publicnotes/MICROBOONE-NOTE-1008-PUB.pdf



Figure 13: Reconstructed Energy spectrum from cosmic data (blue data points) overlayed on the energy spectrum reconstructed from Monte Carlo (red bands) following the same procedure as for the data. Each curve is area normalized to one. Error bars represent statistical uncertainties only.

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## **Two papers in JINST imminently**





### Design and Construction of the MicroBooNE Detector

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### Convolutional Neural Networks Applied to Neutrino Events in a Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber

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#### Deep Learning is a particularly active area at PNNL

## Coming: Cosmic Ray Tagger commissioning in next half-year





The CRT will greatly reduce MicroBooNE's most pernicious background: beam unrelated cosmics



Actual detector hall CRT wall



## Conclusions



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# LArTPCs offer unparalleled event fidelity as well as calorimetry and particle ID

- They will be used in the SBN program to go after the would-be sterile neutrino
  - MicroBooNE running now
    - Detector understood
    - Producing physics results
      - www-microboone.fnal.gov/publications/publicnotes

### MicroBooNE is a key DUNE technology demonstrator



 Certainly much more to come from MicroBooNE: cross-sections and the flagship neutrino oscillation results. Stay tuned

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## Backup





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## **Past LArTPCs**

- Icarus at LNGS, Italy!
  - **NOT** U.S.!, but we owe a large debt to this program
  - 600 tonnes, proved the LArTPC technology
- ArgoNeuT at FNAL in the NuMI beam
  - 0.2 tonne
  - A program of cross-section measurements
- Other small demonstrators at FNAL (not in a v beam)
  - LUKE at Yale
  - TallBo
  - Liquid Ar Purity Demonstrator

# US-Based LArTPCs: early proof of principle

Unparalleled fidelity: image resolution and calorimetry.



ArgoNeuT (Collection Plane)

Likely:  $v_{\mu}$ -> $\mu p \pi^0 \pi^0$ 

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The red indicates higher energy deposition, as from a proton, or an EM shower.



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- The Short Baseline Program at FNAL, 2018-2021
  - MicroBooNE
  - SBND
  - Icarus!
    - What?! That is so 2008.
    - Yes, it's being transported to FNAL next year and resuscitated!
- The Long Baseline Program at FNAL and Sanford (South Dakota) 2023-?
  - The FNAL Near Detector
    - Likely, the province of the Indian government
    - May not in fact be a LArTPC
  - And Far Detector, DUNE, at Sanford lab in SD
    - US-INFN-UK, others combo
  - ~\$1.3 billion USD

## **Neutrino Masses and Mixing**



**PMNS** matrix

## **Neutrino Masses and Mixing**



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Parameterize in a form analogous to the CKM matrix for quarks and factorized by Battelle Since 1965

3 mixing angles and 1 CP-violating phase

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{e} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta_{23} & \sin\theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin\theta_{23} & \cos\theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{13} & 0 & \sin\theta_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_{13}e^{-i\delta} & 0 & \cos\theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{12} & \sin\theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_{12} & \cos\theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{1} \\ \mathbf{v}_{2} \\ \mathbf{v}_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$
  
Atmospheric accel DUNE Reactor, accelerator, DUNE solar

Atmospheric, accel, DUNE

2-neutrino mixing:

$$P(\mathbf{v}_{\alpha} \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_{\beta}) = \sin^2 2\theta_{ij} * \sin^2 \left(1.27\Delta m_{ij}^2 \frac{L}{E}\right)$$

$$\theta$$
 = mixing angle  
 $\Delta m_{ij}^2 \equiv m_j^2 - m_i^2$   
 $L$  = neutrino path length  
 $E$  = neutrino energy

## **A Really Beautiful Experimental History**

### Mass Found in Elusive Particle; Universe May Never Be the Same

By MALCOLM W. BROWNE Published: June 5, 1998 Atmospheric neutrinos at Super-Kamiokande

NY Times

link

**TAKAYAMA, Japan, Friday, June 5**— In what colleagues hailed as a historic landmark, 120 physicists from 23 research institutions in Japan and the United States announced today that they had found the existence of mass in a notoriously elusive subatomic particle called the neutrino.

The neutrino, a particle that carries no electric charge, is so light that it was assumed for many years to have no mass at all. After today's announcement, cosmologists will have to confront the possibility that a

significant part of the mass of the universe might be in the form of neutrinos. The discovery will also compel scientists to revise a highly successful theory of the composition of matter, the Standard Model.





## A Really Beautiful Experimental History



## **The Three-Detector SBN Program**

