OVERVIEW ON SOLAR, GEO, AND REACTOR NEUTRINO EXPERIMENTS

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OUTLINE

1. Neutrino physics

- ✓ Introduction
- ✓ Opened questions

2. Solar neutrinos

- ✓ Motivation
- ✓ Latest results from Borexino and SuperKamiokande

3. Geoneutrinos

- ✓ Motivation
- ✓ Latest results from Borexino and KamLAND

4. Reactor neutrino experiments

- \checkmark What to measure at different baselines
 - KamLAND oscillation results
 - o Theta13-experiments (Daya Bay, Double Chooz, RENO)
 - Very short baseline experiments and sterile neutrino
 - o JUNO and mass hierarchy



NEUTRINOS ARE SPECIAL

Only weak interactions

- ✓ Difficult to detect
 - Large detectors
 - Underground laboratories
 - Extreme radio-purity
- ✓ Bring unperturbed information about the source

Opened questions in neutrino physics

- ✓ Absolute mass-scale
- Origin of neutrino mass (Dirac vs Majorana)
- Mass Hierarchy (Normal vs Inverted)
- ✓ CP-violating phase
- ✓ Octant of θ_{23} mixing angle
- ✓ Existence of sterile neutrino







NEUTRINO MIXING AND OSCILLATIONS

$$\alpha = e, \mu, \tau$$

Flavour eigenstates
INTERACTIONS

$$|\nu_{\alpha}
angle = \sum_{i=1}^{3} U_{\alpha i} |\nu_{i}
angle$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha_1/2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha_2/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Atmospheric Reactor Solar Majorana



- **3 mixing angles** θ_{ii} :
 - $\theta_{23} \approx 45^{\circ}$ (which quadrant?)
 - $\theta_{13} \approx 9^{\circ}$ (non-0 value confirmed in 2012)

$$\circ \theta_{12} \approx 33^{\circ}$$

• Majorana phases $\alpha 1$, $\alpha 2$ and CPviolating phase δ unknown

Neutrino oscillations

- Non-0 rest mass (Nobel prize 2015)
- Survival probability of certain flavour = $f(baseline L, E_v)$
- Different combination (L, E_v) => sensitivity to different (θ_{ij} , Δm_{ij}^2)
- Appearance/disappearance experiments
- Oscillations in matter -> effective (θ_{ij}, Δm_{ij}²) parameters = f(e⁻ density N_e, E_v)

See review talk of M. Tortola on Thursday!



NEUTRINO SOURCES





MeV NEUTRINO AND ANTINEUTRINO DETECTION

Neutrino detection: SINGLES

- elastic scattering off electrons
- Liquid scintillator detectors
- Water-Cherenkov detectors

Ve e⁻ Ve,μ,τ Ve,μ,τ ve,μ,τ e⁻ e⁻ e⁻



Antineutrino detection: Coincidences (BGR suppression)

- Inverse beta decay (IBD)
- Liquid scintillator detectors



$$E_{prompt} = E_{visible}$$
$$= T_{e^+} + 2 \times 511 \text{ keV}$$
$$= E_{antinu} - 0.784 \text{ MeV}$$



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SOLAR NEUTRINOS





SOLAR NEUTRINOS AND WHY TO STUDY THEM



Neutrino energy (MeV)

4p + 2e⁻ -> ⁴He + 2e⁺ + 2 v_e + 26.7 MeV

Solar and stellar physics

- Direct probe of nuclear fusion
- Testing thermodynamical stability of the Sun
- Standard Solar Models
 - ✓ Helioseimology
 - ✓ High-Z and Low-Z models (different ϕ_{v} prediction)
 - ✓ Metallicity problem

Neutrino physics

- Survival probability as $f(E_v)$ and its upturn
- Matter effects

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- Testing LMA-MSW predictions
- Searches for Non-standard Neutrino Interactions
- Solar mixing angle θ_{12} and global fits of oscillation parameters

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BOREXINO DETECTOR

Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso, Italy



- the world's radio-purest LS detector < 9 × 10⁻¹⁹ g(Th)/g , < 8 × 10⁻²⁰ g(U)/g
- 550 hit PMTs / MeV
- energy reco: 5 keV (5%) @ 1 MeV
- position reco: 10 cm @ 1 MeV
- pulse shape identification (α/β , e⁺/e⁻)



Operating since 2007



BOREXINO MILESTONE RESULTS



- Geoneutrinos (2010, 2013, 2015)
- Search for solar, astro anti-v (2011)
- Test of electric charge conservation (2015)
- Limit on v-magnetic moment (2017)
- Search for solar axions (2008, 2012)
- Search for coincidence with GRB's (2016)
- Search for coincidence with GRB's (2016)
- Search for coincidence with GW's (2017)



Courtesy A. Pocar, PIC 2018

LATEST BOREXINO RESULTS

Spectroscopy of all pp-cycle neutrinos at once Low Energy Region (LER) 0.19 – 2.93 MeV: *pp* (9.5%), ⁷Be (2.7%), *pep* (>5σ) High Energy Region (HER) 3.2 – 16 MeV: ⁸B (3 MeV threshold, 8%)

- First Borexino limit on hep neutrinos
- Limit on CNO cycle neutrinos
- Neutrino and photon luminosity in agreement

Nature Oct 25th 2018

Comprehensive measurement of *pp*-chain solar neutrinos



The Borexino Collaboration*

- Indication towards HZ Standard Solar Models
- $BR(pp_{II}/pp_{I}) = <^{3}He + ^{4}He > / <^{3}He + ^{3}He > = 0.18 + 0.03$
- Survival probabilities at different energies in both vacuum and matter domains
- Vacuum-LMA model excluded at 98.2% CL



LOW ENERGY REGION (LER): MULTIVARIATE SPECTRAL FIT

Results on *pp*, ⁷Be, *pep*, and limit on CNO solar neutrinos





$\mathcal{L}(\vec{\theta}) = \mathcal{L}_{sub}^{TFC}(\vec{\theta}) \cdot \mathcal{L}_{tag}^{TFC}(\vec{\theta}) \cdot \mathcal{L}_{PS}(\vec{\theta}) \cdot \mathcal{L}_{Rad}(\vec{\theta})$

- 1291.51 days of Borexino Phase II
- Selection cuts in 71.3 ton FV

2 energy spectra

TFC-subtracted:

64% of exposure, 8% of ¹¹C TFC-tagged:

46% of exposure, 92% of ¹¹C

Pulse-shape distribution

¹¹C(e+)/e- discrimination Constraining ¹¹C in the TFC-subtracted spectrum

Radial distribution:

To better disentangle external background from internal signal

MC-based and analytical fit of the energy spectra

- Complementarity
- Thousands of fits
- Differences included in sys error

HIGH ENERGY REGION (HER) ANALYSIS

Results on 8B solar neutrinos



Backgrounds after selection cuts (neutron, cosmogenics, TFC(¹⁰C), ²¹⁴Bi-²¹⁴Po, random coincidence)

HER1

- ✓ cosmogenic ¹¹Be
- ✓ ²⁰⁸TI (bulk , emanation and vessel surface)
- \checkmark γ 's from n-captures

HER2 ✓ cosmogenic ¹¹Be ✓ γ's from n-captures

No use of energy spectra is a choice: no assumptions on the $P_{ee}(E_v)$ shape



- Almost all scintillator volume used in the analysis.
- Factor 2 improvement wrt PRD 82 (2010) 033006.



BOREXINO QUEST FOR CNO SOLAR NEUTRINOS



SUPERKAMIOKANDE DETECTOR



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The world largest Water Cherenkov detector

- 50 (FV 22,5) kton ultra-pure water
- directionality
- Kamioka mine in Japan
- 2700 m water equivalent
- 11,100 20-inch PMTs
- ~6 hit PMTs / MeV (ΔE/E ~ 14%, 55cm, 23 deg @ 10 MeV)

(8 MeV)

Refurbishment in 2018, currently refill with water, 2019-pure water run, 2020-Gd-SK (IBDs with Gd tag – DSNB, SN)

courtesy M.Smy (NNN2018)

SUPERKAMIOKANDE AND SOLAR NEUTRINOS



- ⁸B neutrinos via elastic scattering
- **2000:** solar mixing angle θ_{12} is large
- 2001: discovery of solar neutrino flavour transformation with SNO
- 2013: first direct indication of day-night asymmetry due to the matter effects in Earth Next Solar Neutrino Goals:
- finalizing low-threshold SK-IV data
- observation of day-night asymmetry
- observation of the P_{ee} upturn
- search for Non-standard Neutrino Interactions



total <mark>5695</mark> days

energy)



The SK recoil electron spectrum is consistent within ~1 σ with the MSW upturn for the solar global best fit parameters and shows 20 tension with the MSW upturn for the solar+KamLAND best fit parameters



GEONEUTRINOS





GEONEUTRINOS AND WHY TO STUDY THEM



DETECTING GEONEUTRINOS (IBD with LS-detectors)

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1 TNU = 1 event / 10³² target protons / year Cca 1 event /1 kton /1 year, 100% detection efficiency

The signal is small, we need big detectors!

MANTLE = Bulk Silicate Earth model - CRUST

Only 2 experiments have measured geoneutrinos:

- Borexino in Gran Sasso, Italy (280 ton LS)
 ✓ CONTINENTAL CRUST
- KamLAND in Kamioka, Japan (1000 ton LS) ✓ Border between OCEANIC / CONTINENTAL CRUST



BACKGROUNDS

B) Non-antineutrino background

1) Cosmogenic background

⁹Li and ⁸He (T_{1/2} = 119/178 ms)
•decay: β(prompt) + neutron (delayed);
• fast neutrons

scattered protons (prompt)

Estimated by studying coincidences detected AFTER muons.

2) Accidental coincidences; Estimated from OFF-time coincidences.

3) Due to the internal radioactivity:

(α , n) reactions: ${}^{13}C(\alpha, n){}^{16}O$ Prompt: scattered proton, ${}^{12}C(4.4 \text{ MeV}) \& {}^{16}O(6.1 \text{ MeV})$ Estimated from ${}^{210}Po(\alpha)$ and ${}^{13}C$ contaminations, cross section.

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A) Reactor antineutrino background



LATEST GEO-v RESULTS

Borexino 2015: (PRD 92 (2015) 031101 (R))

23.7 $^{+6.5}_{-5.7}$ (stat) $^{+0.9}_{-0.6}$ (sys) geonu's Error: 27% dominated by statistics **5** Exposure: 5.5 x 10³¹ target-proton year

 $\textbf{5.9}\sigma \text{ evidence}$



Non-antineutrino background almost invisible!

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KamLAND 2016: International Workshop: Neutrino Research and Thermal Evolution of the Earth

164^{+28}_{-25} geonu's

$\textbf{7.9}\sigma \text{ evidence}$

Error: 17% dominated by systematics Exposure: $6.4 \ge 10^{32}$ target-proton year



FIRST GEOLOGICAL INTERPRETATIONS

- Measured geoneutrino signal is in agreement with expectations, but we cannot distinguish among various geological models: Borexino: $S_{geo} = 43.5 + 11.8 - 10.4 (stat) + 2.7 - 2.4 (sys) TNU$ KamLAND: $S_{geo} = 34.9 + 6.0 - 5.4 TNU$
- U/Th ratio is compatible with chondritic ratio, but the errors are too big: KamLAND: Th/U = 4.1^{+5.5}-3.3
- First indications of the measured non-zero mantle signal Borexino 2015: S_{mantle} = 20.1^{+15.1}_{-10.3} TNU
- Idea of Herndon about the active geo-reactor in the Earth core excluded Borexino 2010 < 3TW @95% CL KamLAND 2011 < 5.2 TW @ 90% CL





REACTOR NEUTRINO the strongest human-made v-source





TYPICAL REACTOR ANTINU SPECTRUM AND FUEL CYCLE





REACTOR NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS



- 1950: Savannah River: discovery of (anti)neutrino
- 1980+90s: ILL, Bugey... Reactor neutrino flux measurements
- 2000s: KamLAND: 1^{st} evidence for Δm_{12}^2 driven oscillations
- 2012: Daya Bay, Double Chooz, RENO – non-zero θ₁₃ mixing angle
- 2014: Double Chooz, Daya Bay,
 RENO "5 MeV bump" in energy spectrum
- Since 2014: Stereo, NEOS, DANS, PROSPECT, Double Chooz, Daya Bay, RENO···· – reactor anomaly and sterile neutrinos
- Since 2017: Daya Bay, RENO fuel vs spectral time evolution
- DAQ start in 2021: JUNO mass hierarchy, precision θ_{12} , Δm^2_{ee} , astroparticle goals



KamLAND OSCILLATION RESULT







QUEST FOR THETA13 MIXING ANGLE - I



1.3 FD / ND Data No oscillation 1.2 Best fit on sin ${}^{2}2\theta_{13}$ = 0.103 \pm 0.017 Multi Detector 1 σ Variance Far / Near 1.1 χ^2_{min} / DoF = 28 / 37 1 0.9 Double Chooz IV Far (818 days) + Near (258 days) 0.8^L 2 3 6 7 Visible Energy (MeV)

Double Chooz (France)

Data/data

RENO (South Korea)



- Concept of near & far detector to cancel several systematic errors.
- Ton-scale Gd-loaded LS detectors.
- Gd: to increase the neutron (from IBD) capture cross-section.

	Power	GdLS mass	Distance	Overburden	Running
	[GW _{th}]	Near/Far [t]	Near/Far [m]	[mwe]	until
Daya Bay	17.4	2×2×20 4×20	365, 490 1650	250 860	2020
Double	16.8	8	400	120	Dec 2017
Chooz		8	1050	300	(Finished)
RENO	8.5	16 16	290 1380	120 450	2020-2021

QUEST FOR THETA13 MIXING ANGLE - II





 CP-violation in lepton sector and interpretation of dedicated experiments

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Mass hierarchy determination with reactor \checkmark antineutrinos (JUNO)

ISSUES WITH REACTOR ANTINU FLUX AND SPECTRUM



This anomaly could be interpreted due to

- 1. existence of **light sterile neutrino** ($\Delta m^2 \ge 1 eV^2$)
- 2. incorrect reactor flux prediction



1. Confirmed by RENO, Double Chooz, NEOS, but not seen at Bugey, DANSS

2. Scales with the reactor power



FUEL TIME EVOLUTION AND IBD YIELDS



• Daya Bay (2017):

- ✓ Detailed information about the core composition time evolution: ²³⁵U, ²³⁹Pu, ²³⁸U, ²⁴¹Pu,
- Observation of the changes of the spectral shape
- ✓ IBD yield of ²³⁵U in disagreement with Hueber overestimated by 7.8%
- RENO claims similar results at NEUTRINO 2018
- Is it the solution to the reactor anomaly?



PLETHORA OF VERY SHORT BASELINE EXPERIMENTS

Experiment	Reactor Power/Fu	Overburden el (mwe)	Detection Material	Segmentation	Optical Readout	Particle ID Capability
DANSS (Russia)	3000 MW	/ ~50	Inhomogeneous PS & Gd sheets	2D, ~5mm	WLS fibers.	Topology only
NEOS (South Korea)	2800 MW LEU fuel	/ ~20	Homogeneous Gd-doped LS	none	Direct double ended PMT	recoil PSD only
nuLat (USA)	40 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	few	Homogeneous ⁶ Li doped PS	Quasi-3D, 5cm, 3-axis Opt. Latt	Direct PMT	Topology, recoil & capture PSD
Neutrino4 (Russia)	100 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	~10	Homogeneous Gd-doped LS	2D, ~10cm	Direct single ended PMT	Topology only
PROSPECT (USA)	85 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	few	⁶ Li-doped LS	2D, 15cm	Direct double ended PMT	Topology, recoil & capture PSD
SoLid (UK Fr Bel US)	72 MW 235 U fuel	~10	Inhomogeneous ⁶ LiZnS & PS	Quasi-3D, 5cm multiplex	WLS fibers	topology, capture PSD
Chandler (USA)	72 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	~10	Inhomogeneous ⁶ LiZnS & PS	Quasi-3D, 5cm, 2-axis Opt. Latt	Direct PMT/ WLS Scint.	topology, capture PSD
Stereo (France)	57 MW ²³⁵ U fuel	~15	Homogeneous Gd-doped LS Page 32	1D, 25cm	Direct single ended PMT	recoil PSD

VERY SHORT BASELINE EXPERIMENTS



JUNO IN CHINA: THE FIRST MULTI-KTON LS DETECTOR





- ✓ Mass hierarchy to 3-4 σ in 6 years
- ✓ 53 km baseline at solar oscillation minimum
- ✓ 20 kton target
- ✓ Challenge: 3%@1 MeV energy resolution
- ✓ precision θ_{12} , Δm^2_{ee}
- ✓ astro-particle goals: DSNB, SN, solars, geoneutrinos..



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SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

Solar neutrinos:

- Borexino: comprehensive spectroscopy of pp-chain neutrinos and quest for CNO
- Super-K: ⁸B precision spectroscopy, solar mixing angle and quest for P_{ee} upturn and observation of daynight asymmetry
- Future experiments: SNO+ in Sudbury (⁸B), JUNO and Jinping in China

Geoneutrinos:

- Borexino and KamLAND observed geoneutrinos and provided first geological insights
- Borexino preparing an update with ~20% precision, KamLAND update expected soon
- More statistics needed for firm geological interpretations
- Future experiments: JUNO, SNO+, Jinping
- HanoHano (oceanic crust): the best option to measure mantle contribution: funding needed!

Reactor antineutrinos:

- Daya Bay, Double Chooz, RENO: precision measurement of θ_{13} and "5 MeV bump"
- Daya Bay, RENO: fuel evolution, ²³⁵U IBD yield in disagreement with Huber model
- Reactor anomaly and plethora of short baseline experiments: sterile neutrino?
- JUNO in 2021: mass hierarchy and precision θ_{12} , Δm_{ee}^2











Back up slides



BOREXINO 2018 SOLAR NEUTRINO RESULTS

<u>Solar v</u>	Rate [cpd/100 t]	Flux – non-oscillated [cm ⁻² s ⁻¹]	Flux – e-equivalent $[cm^{-2} s^{-1}]$
pp 13	134 \pm 10 ⁺⁶ ₋₁₀	$(6.1 \pm 0.5^{+0.3}_{-0.5}) \times 10^{10}$	$(4.2 \pm 0.3^{+0.2}_{-0.3}) \times 10^{10}$
⁷ Be 1.	48.3 $\pm 1.1^{+0.4}_{-0.7}$	$(4.99 \pm 0.11^{+0.06}_{-0.08}) \times 10^{9}$	$(3.15 \pm 0.07^{+0.03}_{-0.05}) \times 10^{9}$
<i>pep</i> (HZ)	$2.43 \pm 0.36^{+0.15}_{-0.22}$	$(1.27 \pm 0.19^{+0.08}_{-0.12}) \times 10^8$	$(0.78 \pm 0.12^{+0.05}_{-0.07}) \times 10^{8}$
<i>pep</i> (LZ)	$2.65 \pm 0.36^{+0.15}_{-0.24}$	$(1.39 \pm 0.19^{+0.08}_{-0.13}) \times 10^{8}$	$(0.85 \pm 0.12^{+0.05}_{-0.08}) \times 10^{8}$
${}^{8}\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{HE-I}}$	$0.136\substack{+0.013+0.003\\-0.013-0.003}$	$(5.77^{+0.56+0.15}_{-0.56-0.15}) \times 10^{6}$	$(2.66^{+0.25+0.06}_{-0.25-0.06}) \times 10^{6}$
${}^{8}\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{HE-II}}$	$0.087\substack{+0.080+0.005\\-0.010-0.005}$	$(5.56^{+0.52+0.33}_{-0.64-0.33}) \times 10^{6}$	$(2.44^{+0.22+0.14}_{-0.28-0.14}) \times 10^{6}$
⁸ B _{HE} 72	$+ 0.223^{+0.015+0.006}_{-0.016-0.006}$	$(5.68^{+0.39+0.03}_{-0.41-0.03}) \times 10^{6}$	$(2.57^{+0.17+0.07}_{-0.18-0.07}) \times 10^{6}$



Implication of the results: probe solar fusion with R

$$R = \frac{Rate({}^{3}He + {}^{3}He)}{Rate({}^{3}He + {}^{4}He)}$$



$$R = \frac{2 \Phi(^7Be)}{\Phi(pp) - \Phi(^7Be)}$$

Expected values: (C. Pena Garay, private comm,)

$$R = 0.180 \pm 0.011 \quad HZ$$
$$R = 0.161 \pm 0.010 \quad LZ$$

Measured value:

R(BRX)=0.178^{+0.027}-0.023

5 σ evidence of pep solar v (including systematics uncertainties)

Likelihood profile resulting from the multivariate fit





Upper limit on the CNO flux



- Very well know in the solar model
- Include oscillations LMA-MSW
- Toy MC study of the sensitivity : the median 95% CL is 9 cpd/100t for LZ 10 cpd/100t for HZ

95% C.L. limit on the CNO n rate 8.1 cpd/100t including systematics errors

Previous limit (set by Borexino Phase I): 7.9 cpd/100t



	Borexino result	Expected HZ	Expected LZ
CNO ν	< 8.1 95%C.L	4.91 +-0.56	3.62 +- 0.37
	cpd/100t	cpd/100t	cpd/100t

BOREXINO SENSITIVITY STUDIES





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SYSTEMATIC ERRORS IN LER

Systematic errors in the LER analysis						
	<i>pp</i> neutrinos		7Be neutrinos		<i>pep</i> neutrinos	
Source of uncertainty	-%	+%	-%	+%	-%	+%
Fit models	-4.5	+0.5	-1.0	+0.2	-6.8	+2.8
Fit method (analytical/MC)	-1.2	+1.2	-0.2	+0.2	-4.0	+4.0
Choice of the energy estimator	-2.5	+2.5	-0.1	+0.1	-2.4	+2.4
Pile-up modeling	-2.5	+0.5	0	0	0	0
Fit range and binning	-3.0	+3.0	-0.1	+0.1	-1.0	+1.0
Inclusion of the 85Kr constraint	-2.2	+2.2	0	+0.4	-3.2	0
Live Time	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05
Scintillator Density	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05
Fiducial Volume	-1.1	+0.6	-1.1	+0.6	-1.1	+0.6
Total systematics (%)	-7.1	+4.7	-1.5	+0.8	-9.0	+5.6

Fit models:

the shapes of fit functions are varied within the uncertainties allowed by the calibration data.

Fit methods:

analytical approach versus Monte Carlo shapes of the spectral components.

Energy estimators

#triggered PMTs in a fixed time window, #of hits, #photoelectrons.

Pile-up modelling:

Synthetic pile-up vs convolution with with random data spectrum.

85Kr constraint:

Constrained based on the 85 Kr -> 85m Rb fast coincidence (BR = 0.43%).

Fiducial Volume:

Position reconstruction precision based on calibration data.





TFC-subtracted (64% of exposure, 8% of ¹¹C)



ELECTRON-POSITRON PULSE SHAPE DISCRIMINATION

Critical for pep and CNO neutrinos

in ~50% of the cases, e⁺ annihilation is delayed by ortho-positronium formation (τ ~3ns);



 e^+ e^+

Pulse shape estimator:

normalized likelihood of the position reconstruction algorithm that uses light emission profiles for electrons.

Used to pin-down the remaining ¹¹C(e⁺) in the TFC-subtracted spectrum.



Single ortho-positronium event, in which annihilation occurs in 10 ns after o-Po formation

RESULTS AND SYSTEMATIC ERRORS IN HER

Systematic errors in the HER analysis (8B neutrinos)						
	HER-I		HER-II		HER (tot)	
Source of uncertainty	-%	+%	-%	+%	-%	+%
Target Mass	-2.0	+2.0	-2.0	+2.0	-2.0	+2.0
Energy scale	-0.5	+0.5	-4.9	+4.9	-1.7	+1.7
z-cut	-0.7	+0.7	0	0	-0.4	+0.4
Live time	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05
Scintillator density	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05	-0.05	+0.05
Total systematics (%)	-2.2	+2.2	-5.3	+5.3	-2.7	+2.7

Additionally studied:

- PDF's radial distortion +3%.
- Emanation vessel shift +1%.
- Distortion of the emanation PDF's.
- Binning dependence.

SuperKamiokande	2.345 ±0.014 ±0.036 x 10 ⁶ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹
BX 2010	2.4 ±0.4 x10 ⁶ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹
This measurement	2.55 ±0.18 ±0.07 x 10 ⁶ cm ⁻² s ⁻¹



HIGH ENERGY REGION (HER) ANALYSIS

Results on ⁸B solar neutrinos



Backgrounds after selection cuts (neutron, cosmogenics, TFC(¹⁰C), ²¹⁴Bi-²¹⁴Po, random coincidence)

HER1

- ✓ cosmogenic ¹¹Be
- ✓ ²⁰⁸TI (bulk , emanation and vessel surface)
- \checkmark y's from n-captures
- HER2 ✓ cosmogenic ¹¹Be ✓ γ's from n-captures

- Almost all scintillator volume used in the analysis.
- Factor 2 improvement wrt PRD 82 (2010) 033006.
- 5x lower internal ²⁰⁸Tl background estimated from ²¹²Bi-²¹²Po coincidences within 3 m radius.
- Two components of the external ²⁰⁸Tl background: pure surface and due to ²²⁰Rn emanation.
- Identified new source of background: γ's from neutrons captured on materials different than H,C. The source of neutrons are (α,n) reactions and fissions from U and Th chains.
- New estimation of the ¹¹Be background compatible with 0.



SUPER-KAMIOKANDE DAY-NIGHT ASYMMETRY



SK-I/II/III/IV Combine Day/Night Asymmetry





BOREXINO GEONEUTRINO RESULTS AND ANALYSIS



- Unbinned maximum likelihood fit of 77 candidates.
- Non-antineutrino background almost negligible (< 1 event) and constrained in the fit.
- Reactor background left free in the fit: results compatible with expectations.
- 2 kinds of fit:
 - ✓ U/Th left free;
 - ✓ U/Th constrained to chondritic value.
- Statistical error largely dominates systematic uncertainty (reactor spectra, uncertainty of backgrounds, and detector response).

New update with ~20% precision under preparation.

First geologically significant results available but more statistics needed!

Important new tool for future experiments



Expected "known and big" crustal signal



The signal is small, we need big detectors!

1 TNU = 1 event / 10³² target protons / year Cca 1 event /1 kton /1 year, 100% detection efficiency

Expected mantle signal: hypothesis of heterogeneous composition

Motivated by the observed Large Shear Velocity Provinces at the mantle base

(from: C. Jaupart: remnants of a basal layer, now thinned and deformed by convection?)



To measure mantle signal is even more challenging!

Ondřej Šrámek, William F. McDonough, Edwin S. Kite, Vedran Lekić, Steve Dye, Shijie Zhong "Geophysical and geochemical constraints on geoneutrino fluxes from Earths mantle", Earth Planet. Sci. Lett., 361 (2013) 356-366)

GEONEUTRINOS ENERGY SPECTRA



Geological implications

Borexino KamLAND

2. U/Th ratio, when left as a free fit parameter, is compatible with the chondritic U/Th ratio. The error on the measured ratio is still large.





Geological implications

Borexino

KamLAND

3. Radiogenic heat: the first geoneutrino-based measures of the Earth radiogenic heat available





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