Neutrino Experiments

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Neutrinos: what we know

(see E. Lisi's lectures)



Interact only weakly

- •No color, no electric charge
- •Three light (<m_z/2) neutrino states
 - $\bullet\nu_{e},\,\nu_{\mu},\,\nu_{\tau}$ flavors



 Neutrino number density in Universe only outnumbered by photons

•n(ν + $\overline{\nu}$) \approx 100 cm⁻³ per flavor



From neutrino oscillations:

- Lightest known fermions, but massive
- Large flavor mixing

Neutrino flavor oscillations

(see E. Lisi's lectures)

- •Neutrinos *change flavor* as they propagate through space!
- •Flavor change follows oscillatory pattern depending on neutrino baseline L and energy E
- •Neutrino oscillation implies massive neutrinos ($\Delta m^2 \neq 0$) and neutrino mixing ($9 \neq 0$)
- •2-neutrino mixing example, for v_{μ} beam with energy E:





Knowledge on 3-neutrino oscillation parameters

(see E. Lisi's lectures)

Mass splittings and mixing angles measured with 10% precision or better*



Outstanding Questions in Neutrino Physics

(see E. Lisi's lectures)



Neutrino question 1: Identity

Dirac or Majorana fermion?



	Helicity	Conserved Lepton Number	Lepton production rate	Anti-lepton production rate
$\vee \longrightarrow$	-1/2	+1	1	0
	+1/2	+1	(m/E) ² <<1	0
\overline{v}	-1/2	-1	0	(m/E) ² <<1
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Neutrino question 2: Mass scale

We know it is non-zero, but...

What is the neutrino mass value?

Neutrino mass could be anywhere between 0 and ~1 eV

→ how different from quarks and charged leptons?



Neutrino question 3:

Mass ordering



If v₁ taken as most electron-rich state, m₁ < m₂ from solar neutrinos
Normal mass ordering: m_{light} = m₁ ⇒ similar to quarks and charged leptons
Inverted mass ordering: m_{light} = m₃ ⇒ "opposite" to quarks and charged leptons

Neutrino question 4: Mixing



Is CP symmetry violated in the neutrino sector?

Possible source of CP violation in neutrino sector that can be measured with oscillations: Dirac CP-odd phase δ

 $\delta \neq 0, \pi \Leftrightarrow$ oscillation probabilities violate CP invariance: different probabilities for neutrinos and antineutrinos!



Neutrino question 5:



•LEP: three neutrino flavors participating in the weak interactions and with mass $< m_Z/2$. But...

... are there light "sterile" neutrino states, in addition to the three "active" ones?

•Hinted by anomalous results at short baselines:

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Gallium	2	1	Ve→Vs	2.8
Reactor	20	5	ve→vs	2.9



How to experimentally address neutrino questions

(topic of these lectures)



A wealth of neutrino experiments!

Abstracts about neutrino experiments submitted to ICHEP 2014 Conference

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Plan for these lectures

Today: neutrino oscillation experiments

- How to measure neutrino oscillation parameters
- Neutrino sources
- Neutrino interactions with matter
- Neutrino detector technologies
- •A selection of current and future experiments

Tomorrow: other neutrino experiments

- •Neutrinoless double beta decay experiments
- Direct neutrino mass measurements
- Neutrino cosmology

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•Bottom line: optimize (L, E) for each oscillation search, and maximize number of events!



Facts of life for the neutrino experimenter...

$$N_{\rm obs} = \left[\int \mathcal{F}(E_{\nu})\sigma(E_{\nu},...)\epsilon(E_{\nu},...)dE_{\nu}d... \right] \frac{M}{A m_{N}}T \\ \stackrel{N_{obs} : number of neutrino events recorded}{\mathcal{F} : Flux of neutrinos (\#/cm^{2}/s)} \\ \sigma : neutrino cross section per nucleon $\simeq 0.7 \frac{E_{\nu}}{[{\rm GeV}]} \times 10^{-38} {\rm cm}^{2} \\ \stackrel{\mathcal{F}}{\mathcal{F}} = 1/({\rm cm}^{2} {\rm s})) \\ \epsilon : detection efficiency \\ typical "superbeam" flux at 1000 km m : total detector mass T : exposure time \\ N_{\rm obs} = \left[\frac{\mathcal{F}}{{\rm cm}^{2} {\rm s}} \right] \left[0.7 \times 10^{-38} \frac{E_{\nu}}{{\rm GeV}} {\rm cm}^{2} \right] [\epsilon] [1 {\rm GeV}] \left[\frac{M}{20 \cdot 1.67 \times 10^{-27} {\rm kg}} \right] [2 \times 10^{7} {\rm s}] \\ \hline N_{\rm obs} = 4 \times 10^{-6} \cdot \mathcal{F}[({\rm cm}^{2} {\rm \cdot s})^{-1}] \cdot E_{\nu}[{\rm GeV}] \cdot \varepsilon \cdot {\rm M}[{\rm kg}]$$$

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Dual- or multi-baseline experiments

Example for accelerator-based experiment, similar for reactor experiments



Neutrino oscillation experiments

Neutrino sources

Neutrinos are everywhere!



We have directly detected neutrinos from all these sources, except Big Bang neutrinos

Reactor neutrinos

Flavors: \overline{v}_e

 $E_{\nu} \sim 1\text{--}10~MeV$

- •Source used for neutrino discovery!
- •Electron antineutrinos emitted from β^- decays of neutron-rich fission fragments
- •Four main sources: ²³⁵U, ²³⁹Pu, ²⁴¹Pu and ²³⁸U
- •About 6 antineutrinos per fission cycle
- •Since each fission cycle produces 200 MeV thermal energy, one can convert power to neutrino flux:

1 GW (thermal) ~ 1.8×10²⁰ $\overline{\nu}_e$ / second





Solar neutrinos

Flavors: v_e E_v ~ 0.1-10 MeV

- •Source providing first hint for neutrino oscillations!
- •Nuclear fusion processes in the Sun produce neutrinos:

 $4p + 2e^{-} \rightarrow He + 2v_e + 26.7 \text{ MeV}$



•More detailed (pp chain, also sub-dominant CNO cycle):





Accelerator neutrinos

Flavors: v_{μ} , \overline{v}_{μ} , v_{e} , \overline{v}_{e} E_v ~ 0.1-100 GeV

•First source providing high-energy neutrinos, and of muon flavor type!





Steinberger, Schwartz, Lederman



•Neutrinos from decay-in-flight of magnetically focused mesons. Can choose polarity!

- •Mesons produced through hadronic interactions of primary protons with thick target
- •Energy of on-axis neutrinos ~ 0.1 proton energy, less for off-axis neutrinos
- Dedicated hadron production experiments to understand neutrino flux

Accelerator neutrinos

Parameters from modern-day beamlines

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	Booster (Fermilab)	Main Injector (Fermilab)	SPS (CERN)	Main Ring (JPARC)	Main Injector (Fermilab)
Date	2002	2005	2006	2009	2013
Proton kinetic energy (GeV)	8	120	400	30 (50)	120
Beam power (kW)	12	350	510	240 (750)	700
Target material	beryllium	graphite	graphite	graphite	graphite
Target length (cm)	71	95	1000	91	120
Secondary focusing	1 horn WBB	2 horn WBB	2 horn WBB	3 horn off-axis	2 horn off-axis
Decay region length (m)	50	675	130	96	675
Typical neutrino energy (GeV)	1	3-20	17	0.6	2
Experiments	MiniBooNE, SciBooNE, MicroBooNE	MINOS, MINERvA	OPERA, ICARUS	T2K	NOvA, MINERvA, MINOS+



Radioactive source neutrinos

•Three types of (1st order) nuclear transitions producing neutrinos or antineutrinos:

• β^{-} decay: (Z,A) \rightarrow (Z+1,A) + e^{-} + $\overline{\nu}_{e}$

•
$$\beta^+$$
 decay: (Z,A) \rightarrow (Z-1,A) + e⁺ + ν_e

•Electron Capture (EC): (Z,A) + $e^- \rightarrow$ (Z-1,A) + v_e

•Very intense radioactive sources have been used to calibrate solar neutrino detectors

•Have also been proposed for oscillometry experiments to study short-baseline neutrino anomalies

•Possible sources: electron capture of ⁵¹Cr, β ⁻ decay of ¹⁴⁴Ce

•GALLEX: 1.7 MCi ⁵¹Cr source! Emitted ~300 W of heat!







High-energy cosmic neutrinos!



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Flavors: all? $E_v \sim 10-1000 \text{ TeV}$

Recently observed by IceCube!

•Applications: mostly neutrino astronomy, also neutrino oscillations

•Ultra-high energy cosmic rays (protons, etc.) from cosmic accelerators

- •Gamma-Ray Bursts (GRBs)
- •Active Galactic Nuclei (AGNs)

•Neutrinos produced from decay of unstable mesons, as in atmosphere

•At even higher energies: cosmogenic GZK neutrinos from the interactions of UHE cosmic rays with CMB photons

•Expect $v_e:v_\mu:v_\tau = 1:1:1$ flavor composition on Earth from oscillations



Neutrino oscillation experiments Neutrino interactions with matter

Why study neutrino interactions?

Measure final state lepton and/or hadron(s)



Why study neutrino interactions?

•Infer electroweak, nuclear, neutrino properties



Neutrino interactions and oscillations

- Neutrinos interact only via the weak interaction
 - •Either neutral- or charged-current



- •We identify the neutrino flavor via the CC interaction
 - •CC interactions used for oscillation measurements
 - •NC interactions are not affected by oscillations, but can be background to CC signals!
- •In CC interactions, nearly all the neutrino energy is deposited in the detector
 - Not so for NC interactions

Neutrino interaction signatures



- •Experiments can typically distinguish the following neutrino interaction products:
 - •Electrons and electron showers
 - Muon tracks
 - •Hadrons and hadronic showers
 - •Tau decay products



Some important neutrino interactions

Examples for few-GeV muon neutrino interactions



Current knowledge of neutrino interactions

- •1-100 MeV energy: $\overline{v}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$ known with ±0.5% accuracy!
 - •If scattering not off free protons, more uncertain because of nuclear effects
- •0.1-20 GeV energy: many processes, insufficient knowledge (10-20% level)
- •20-300 GeV energy: DIS interactions off quarks, known with few % accuracy

Muon neutrino cross sections

•Note: divided by neutrino energy! (to 1st order: σ proportional to E_{ν})



Neutrino scattering measurements

•Accurate knowledge of neutrino interactions (both signal and background processes) is essential for sensitive neutrino oscillation searches!

- •Need of dedicated neutrino scattering experiments. Example: MINERvA experiment
- •Neutrino interaction studies also with "near detectors" at oscillation experiments





Neutrino oscillation experiments Neutrino detector technologies

Cherenkov detectors



• If speed of charged particle exceeds speed of light in detector medium (eg, water), Cherenkov radiation produced

herenkov effect

$$\cos \theta_C = \frac{1}{\beta n}, \beta > \frac{1}{n}$$

PMTs charge and time information can reconstruct:
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- •energy of tracks
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IceCube detector



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Liquid scintillator detectors

- Large volume of liquid scintillator viewed by PMTs
- Larger light collection than water Cherenkov, lower energy threshold (~1 MeV)
- •Key factor at low energies is radioactive background suppression ("onion-shell" designs)
- •Scintillation light emitted isotropically \rightarrow lose directionality information
- •As antineutrino detector, background suppression by requiring (e⁺,n) double coincidence following $\overline{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$ signal



Segmented tracking calorimeters

- •Stack of scintillator planes (plastic or liquid), each made of bars providing xz or yz view
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CARUS T600 detector

- Charged particles deposit energy in LAr via ionization and scintillation
 Ionization electrons collected by establishing drift field between cathode and readout planes
- •TPC detection principle: full 3D imaging from 2D image on readout planes (wires, pads) as a function of electron drift time (3rd dimension)
- Scintillation light provides fast trigger signal and absolute event timing

<u>Advantages</u>:

- •Excellent imaging from mm-scale resolution
- •Accurate calorimetry from fully active volume and large ionization signal (1 electron / 24 eV deposited energy)
- Particle identification from dE/dx information

Disadvantage: technically challenging! (Argon purity, cryogenics, HHV)

What is going on in this event?



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Neutrino oscillation experiments A selection of current and future experiments

SOX Starting in 2015?





- •Unmistakable spatial wave pattern in case of oscillations into sterile neutrinos
- •Sensitive to reactor anomaly

•SOX: short distance neutrino oscillations with Borexino liquid scintillator detector

•Chromium and Cerium sources to be deployed under the experiment (phases A and B)



MicroBooNE

Starting in 2014



•170 ton LAr TPC in Booster Neutrino Beamline at Fermilab

Physics goals:

MiniBooNE low-energy excess: electrons (oscillation signal) or gammas (background)?

Neutrino cross sections on argon



•R&D goals:

- Long drift (2.5 m)
- Cold electronics (preamplifiers in liquid)
- Purity without evacuation







- •Advanced neutrino beam from stored μ^{\pm} : $\mu^{+} \rightarrow e^{+} V_{\mu} V_{e}$, $\mu^{-} \rightarrow e^{-} V_{\mu} V_{e}$
- •Would be **FIRST** facility of this type ever built
- •Baseline detector: magnetized iron calorimeter



Goals:

- Sterile neutrino searches (up to 8 channels)
- Percent-level $\nu_{e,\mu}$ interaction measurements
- Muon accelerator technology test bed: first step toward a multi-TeV $\mu^+\mu^-$ collider!

$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \overline{\nu}_{\mu} \nu_e$	$\mu \rightarrow e \nu_{\mu} \overline{\nu}_{e}$
$\overline{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_{\mu}$	$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}$
ν _μ →ν _e	vµ→ve
ve→ve	ve→ve
ν _e →ν _μ	ν _e →ν _μ

Prospects to discover light sterile neutrinos

•Source-based (and reactor-based) proposals sensitive to reactor+gallium anomaly

 Accelerator-based proposals sensitive to LSND+MiniBooNE anomaly

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 Liquid scintillators measuring reactor electron antineutrino disappearance over km-long baselines

•Most precise measurement of $sin^2 29_{13}$ to date

Consistent results from Reno and Double Chooz

•JUNO: proposal to measure neutrino mass hierarchy with reactor neutrinos





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Detector



Super-Kamiokande atmospheric Started in 1996



- •Water Cherenkov detector measuring atmospheric neutrinos (both ν_{μ} and ν_{e})
- First conclusive evidence for oscillations, from zenith angle-dependent deficit of ν_{μ} 's!







PINGU atmospheric Starting in 2020?

SOUTH POLE NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY

•Huge atmospheric neutrino Cherenkov detector with few GeV energy threshold

●Survival probability of oscillating muon neutrinos affected by Earth matter effects →sensitive to neutrino mass hierarchy!



T2K Started in 2010



J-PARC Accelerator and Near Detectors (ND280, INGRID)





Super-K Detector





- •Super-K also sees JPARC off-axis neutrino beam
- •T2K has conclusively shown that ν_{μ} transform into $\nu_{\rm e}$
 - •Non-zero 9_{13} mixing angle at 7.5 σ significance
 - •T2K + reactor data prefers maximal CP violation!
- \bullet Data until 2020, up to 2.5 σ significance to CP violation

NOvA Started in 2014

- •With T2K, other current-generation long-baseline experiment in off-axis configuration
- •Separately measure $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$ and $\overline{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_{e}$ to extract CP violation and mass hierarchy
- •Compared to T2K:
 - •Longer baseline (735 km), better for hierarchy
 - Segmented tracker rather than water Cherenkov







Hyper-Kamiokande Starting in 2025?



•Same concept as T2K (and NOvA): separately measure $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$ and $\overline{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_{e}$ in an off-axis beam to extract CP violation and mass hierarchy, but...

- •more powerful beam: 1.7 MW!
- •more massive detector: 1 Mton!
- ●Mostly "counting" experiment at low (< 1 GeV) energies → water Cherenkov detector

Mass hierarchy from atmospheric neutrinos



 Underground detector proton decay, supernov

Other next-generation long-baseline oscillation experiment

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•<u>On-axis</u> 1-6 GeV ν be maximum to disentangle

•Requires detector for energy resolution \rightarrow LA

 ν_{μ} CC spectrum at 130 1000 1st max 600 - 1 st max 600 - 400 - 7 * 200 - 7 2nd max 1s 200





 v_e spectrum (IH)



Prospects to measure the neutrino mass ordering





- •Current-generation accelerator experiments: T2K, NOvA
- •Next-generation accelerator experiments: LBNE, LBNO, Hyper-K
- •Other techniques: atmospheric and reactor neutrino oscillations, cosmology

Prospects to measure leptonic CP violating phase δ_{CP}



- •Current-generation conventional ν beams: T2K, NO ν A
- •Next-generation conventional ν beams: LBNO, Hyper-K, LBNE, ESS ν SB
- •Future advanced ν beams: Neutrino Factory (IDS-NF, NuMAX)

Lecture 1 End