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Experimental Neutrino Physics

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### Neutrino sources:



Sun: 65 billions/s/cm2 on the earth surface ~ MeV



Supernova explosion 99% of collapse energy in neutrinos 10-30 MeV



Earth radioactivity U, Th, K →Geoneutrinos 4<sup>E</sup>6 /(cm2 s) ~ MeV



Nuclear reactors: 1 GW → 2<sup>E</sup>20 anti-nue/s ~ few MeV



Cosmic rays ~ GeV ~ 1 / (cm2 minute)



Big Bang Relic neutrinos 330/cm3 1.95 K



Particle accelerators ~few GeV



20 mg of K 40 340 millions/day

Human body

Extragalactic: Active galactic nuclei Gamma ray bursts ~PeV



At this school you had already very nice theoretical introductions on neutrinos, I do not have to convince you that neutrinos are very interesting particles:

### > Cosmology:

They played an important role during the Big Bang, they could explain the asymmetry among matter and anti-matter, they are the most abundant form of matter in the universe

#### > Astrophysics:

They are governing the life and death of stars

#### > Particle Physics:

They are a window on physics beyond the Standard Model: presently they represent the only experimental hint in that direction

Unfortunately neutrinos are also quite difficult to detect, requiring bright ideas on sources and detectors. This lecture concerns the "Experimental challenges" and also a little bit of history, many neutrino properties were totally unexpected coming out as experimental results:  $\rightarrow$  The history of neutrino physics is a real saga with an <u>extraordinary richness of</u> <u>experimental techniques</u> involved related to the various neutrino sources, There are still a lot of open questions in neutrino physics ...

Experiments with solar neutrinos Experiments with atmospheric neutrinos Experiments with reactor neutrinos Experiments with accelerator neutrinos short/long baseline Direct neutrino mass measurements Searches for neutrinoless double beta decay Cosmological measurements Etc ...

### It is impossible to cover all that In one hour !

This lecture will be partial and biased on some aspects more related to the study of neutrino oscillations at accelerators

### How to detect neutrinos by producing them in a nuclear explosion:



#### Figure 1. Detecting Neutrinos from a Nuclear Explosion

Antineutrinos from the fireball of a nuclear device would impinge on a liquid scintillation detector suspended in the hole dug below ground at a distance of about 40 meters from the 30-meter-high tower. In the original scheme of Reines and Cowan, the antineutrinos would induce inverse beta decay, and the detector would record the positrons produced in that process. This figure was redrawn courtesy of Smithsonian Institution.

 « El Monstro »
 Reines and Cowan 1951-1952
 Approved after discussing with Fermi and Bethe who were convinced that this was the most promising (anti)neutrino source

- ✓ Intense
- Short flash (less environmental background)

but then abandoned in favor of the detection at a nuclear reactor:

Bomb: flux  $\sim 10^{E}4$  times larger than with a reactor

Background from neutrons and gammas similar to reactor

→ But a new idea on how to reduce the background and detect neutrinos over a long time scale with the low reactor flux 1956 (anti)neutrino detection at the Savannah River reactor, still via inverse beta decay

flux ~10<sup>E</sup>13 neutrino / (cm2 s)

the idea to reduce the background: detect also the delayed neutron capture signal after the positron  $\rightarrow$ 



#### Reines:

« We are happy to inform you (Pauli) that we have definitely detected the neutrino ! »



Detector 12 m underground and 11 m from reactor ~3 neutrinos detected/hour



First detection of solar neutrinos 1968: Homestake mine experiment (R. Davis) Depth equivalent to 4100 m of water

### $v + {}^{37}Cl \rightarrow \beta^- + {}^{37}Ar$ , ${}^{37}Ar \rightarrow {}^{37}Cl$ (34 days, K-capture) $e^- + {}^{37}Ar \rightarrow v_e + {}^{37}Cl$

E(neutrino)> 0.814 MeV

 $R(^{37}Cl) = 2.56 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.16$  SNU

 $R_{SSM} = 7.6^{+1.3}_{-1.1} SNU$ 

 $R_{\rm Donn\acute{e}es/SSM}~=~0.33\pm0.03$ 

~1.5 Ar atoms/day produced by solar neutrinos Extracted every 3 months with a flux of  $N_{\rm 2}$ 

Final state <sup>37</sup>Cl excited emitting Augier electrons e/o x rays

Results compared to the neutrino flux predicted by the Standard Solar Model (J. Bahcall)

ction

0.6

.2

1970

Tank with 390  $m^3$  of  $C_2Cl_4$ <sup>37</sup>Cl ~24% of natural Cl



Vear

#### Interpretations:

I [J.N. Bahcall] want to tell you an illustrative story about neutrino research ... One of the miners came over to our bench, said : "Hello, Dr. Davis. How is it going? You don't look too happy." And, Ray replied : "Well, I don't know ... I am capturing in my tank many fewer of those neutrinos than this young man says I should be capturing." The miner [...] finally said : "Never mind, Dr. Davis, it has been a very cloudy summer here in South Dakota."

### More seriously debated for long ... long time:

The trivial ones:

- The Homestake experiment, which is quite delicate, has some bias in the neutrino detection
- > The Standard Solar Model is not correct



The fascinating one by Pontecorvo:

the Davis experiment and the SSM are both correct it is new physics: neutrinos change their nature during their trip to the earth

#### $\rightarrow$ Neutrino oscillations

Electronic neutrinos from the sun become muonic neutrinos The energy of the muonic neutrinos is too low to allow for their charged current interactions  $\rightarrow$  neutrino disappearance

But neutrinos must be massive particles ...

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B.Pontecorvo

Pontecorvo was predictive: It took 30 years for the demonstration ! Neutral current reactions (Z exchange), do not distinguish neutrinos, no threshold



Elastic scattering neutrino-electron



Discovery of neutral currents 1973 (10 years before the discovery of the Z)



Bubble chamber experiment Gargamelle



Bubble chambers are a sort of reference in neutrino physics acting as homogeneous neutrino target and allowing for a precise imaging and measurement of final state particles

 $\rightarrow$  We will discuss in the next slides their modern versions

Water Cerenkov experiment (Kamiokande 1987-1994)



Particle detection by emission of Cerenkov light in water (680 tons)  $\rightarrow$  (electrons, muons)

### Built for proton decay search

Neutrinos produced by cosmic rays in the atmosphere are a background for cosmic rays

→ Studying this background people realize that it is different than expectations

 $\rightarrow$  Can look at solar neutrinos (high threshold > 5 MeV) by elastic scattering on electrons (emitted electron at 5 MeV stops in ~2 cm in water)

 $\rightarrow$  Deficit of solar neutrinos ~50%



# Atmospheric neutrinos anomaly



Let's write the atmospheric  $v_{\mu}$  deficit by  $(\mu/e)$  data/ $(\mu/e)$  MC



Unclear situation among different experiments (WC, Calorimeters) Interpretation in terms of neutrino oscillations (possible in terms of both  $\nu\mu \rightarrow \nu\epsilon$  and  $\nu\mu \rightarrow \nu\tau$ ) with  $\Delta m^2 \sim 10^{-2} \text{ eV}^2$ 

Some first hints of dependence on the zenith angle but not yet convincing

## Neutrino oscillation searches at the beginning of 90s

The long standing (since 1968) problem of the solar neutrino deficit opened by the Homestake measurements (+ Kamiokande since 1986)
 In 1992 first Gallex results confirm the deficit also for neutrinos from the pp cycle

### > Atmospheric neutrino anomaly still quite weak

The controlled observation of neutrino oscillations with an accelerator neutrino beam would have been a great discovery, where to search ?

Prejudice towards small mixing angles and large  $\Delta m^2$ 

- $\checkmark$  Take the MSW solution of the solar neutrino deficit:  $\Delta m_{\mu e}^2 \sim 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$
- ✓ Assume a strong hierarchy:  $m_{\nu e} \ll m_{\nu \mu} \ll m_{\nu \tau} \rightarrow m_{\nu \mu} \sim 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$

✓ Assume the See-Saw mechanism:  $m(v_i)=m^2(f_i)/M$ M=very large Majorana mass  $m(f_i)=e.g.$  quark masses

Then:  $m_{v\tau} \sim 30 \text{ eV}$  (Cosmological relevance)

«  $\nu$  are an important component of the dark matter » ~ a few 10 eV Harari PLB 1989



With  $m_{\nu\tau} \sim 30 \text{ eV}$  cosmological neutrinos important component of dark matter  $\Delta m_{\mu\tau}^2 O(100 \text{ eV}^2)$ 

Look for  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$  with short baseline experiments at accelerators, high energy beam



### The NOMAD/CHORUS experiments at the CERN West Area Neutrino Facility

Short-baseline search for  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau}$  and  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$  oscillations

Running in 1994-1998

The NOMAD experiment hosted in the UA1/NOMAD/T2K magnet

The CHORUS experiment



NOMAD: measurement of  $\tau$  decay kinematics:

Presence of neutrino(s) in the final state, missing  $P_t$ , visible decay daughters (tracking, calorimetry)  $\rightarrow$  main channel: electronic tau decay

 $\mu \overline{V}_{\mu} V_{\tau}$ 17.4% Exploit the small ve Collected samples: background (~1%):  $e \overline{V}_e V_\tau$ 17.8% τ decay 1.3 M vμ CC  $\tau$ ->e channel: electron id modes  $h(n\pi^0)v_{\tau}$ 0.4 M vμ NC 49.8% 13 K ve CC Go down to  $P\mu\tau \sim 10^{-4}$  $3h(n\pi^0)v_{\pi}$  15.2%

# The NOMAD detector



### Use of kinematics to extract a $v_{\tau}$ signal: (First proposed by Albrigth and Shrock P.L.B. 1979)

NOMAD: fully reconstruct 1.7 M neutrino interactions, with good resolution, at single particles level:



The  $\phi$ -  $\phi$  plot:



### Nomad typical events $\rightarrow$

Nomad:

500

400

2.00

200

- Modern bubble chamber version
- Very good for <u>electron</u> identification and kinematical measurements
- 3 ton detector, technology not exportable to the kton scale

V.CC

Visible energy (GeV)

 Still very good as near detector in a LBL experiment, Nomad-like detector considered for the next LBL experiment in the USA (DUNE)

 $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$  analysis:

5600  $v_e$  CC events

44% efficiency

98% purity



### The LSND experiment (1993-2001)



### LSND result: evidence for $\overline{v}_{\mu} - \overline{v}_{e}$ oscillations (1994)

Signal: Positrons with 20 < E < 200 MeV correlated in space and in time with the  $\gamma$  rays of 2.2 MeV expected from the neutron capture: Beam Exces 17.5 N( "beam-on") – N( "beam-off") =  $117.9 \pm 22.4$  events Beam Excess  $p(\bar{v}_{..} \rightarrow \bar{v}_{..} e^{\dagger})n$ 15 **Background due to**  $\mu$  **DAR** = 19.5 ± 3.9 nf⊽ e⁺)n 12.5 Background from  $\pi^-$  DIF + ( $\overline{\nu}_{\mu}$  + p  $\rightarrow \mu^+$  + n) = 10.5 \pm 4.6 10 7.5 Signal  $\overline{v}_e = 87.9 \pm 22.4 \pm 6.0$  events 3.8  $\sigma$  effect (stat.) (syst.) 2.5  $\mathscr{P}_{osc}(\overline{v}_{u} - \overline{v}_{e}) = (0.264 \pm 0.067 \pm 0.045) \times 10^{-2}$ 

0.6

0.4

0.8

1.2

L/E, (meters/MeV)

1.4

### $\Delta m^2$ in the eV<sup>2</sup> region

LSND not really confirmed by the dedicated experiment MINIBOONE (2001-2008)

However several ~3 sigma anomalies (LSND, MINIBOONE low energy, Reactor, Cr source) not completely coherent among themselves) are still floating around in the field, feeding theoretical models and additional experimental activity. These results require more than 3 neutrino flavors to be explained  $\rightarrow$  sterile neutrinos

Very intensive now at FERMILAB with the short-baseline program + experiments at nuclear reactors and with radioactive sources)

#### **SBN Program Layout**



Microboone: already built 300 tons Liquid argon detector at the Miniboone position to clarify the MiniBoone low energy anomaly

 $\rightarrow$  Start data taking this fall

Completion of the program with a near detector SBND and a far detector (ICARUS) put at the optimal length for the oscillations maximum

→ Start data-taking in 2018

→ This program should provide a final answer to the LSND anomaly
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In parallel searches for sterile neutrinos: large activity of detectors at reactors and combination of existing neutrino detectors with intense radioactive sources trying to clarify the reactor anomaly in terms of neutrino oscillations  $\rightarrow$  detect a disappearance oscillation pattern at short distance, first data in 2016

#### The reactor neutrinos anomaly, new flux in 2011 6.5% deficit, 3 $\sigma$





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### A single outlier point in a plot ... The triumph of Davis, Bahcall, Pontecorvo



### CHOOZ (the first long baseline experiment) 1997-1998



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Signal ~ 25 events/day, background (reactors off) ~ 1.2 events/day

Energy spectrum of the positrons compared with the predicted one (no oscillations)  $E(\overline{v_e}) = E(e^+) + 1.8 \text{ MeV}$ 

Ratio measured/expected

Integrated ratio =  $1.01 \pm 0.028 \pm 0.027$ 

CHOOZ did not observe a significative deficit of  $v_e$  \_\_\_\_\_ NO « monumental »  $\overline{v_e} \rightarrow \overline{v_{\mu}}$  conversion

This result was published in 1998 <u>before</u> the Super-Kamiokande results and excluded the atmospheric neutrino anomaly interpretation in terms of  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$  oscillations







~11000 20" PMTs Inner Detector (ID) (40% coverage)

Proton decay, solar neutrinos, atmospheric neutrinos, supernovae neutrinos + accelerator neutrinos (K2K, T2K) The Super-Kamiokande detector



 >50 Kton Water Cherenkov detector (fiducial volume 22.5 Kton)
 > Operation since April 1996 (accident in 2001 recovered in 2006)
 > Dead-time less DAQ system (2008~)

> Detector performance well-matched to sub-GeV neutrinos: Excellent performance for single particle events Good e-like(shower ring) /  $\mu$ -like separation Quasi-elastic scattering dominant in sub-GeV region. ve signal:  $v_e + n \rightarrow e + p$ 

proton not detected (below Cerenkov threshold)

particle	p (threshold)
е	660keV
μ	137MeV
$\pi^{\pm}$	175MeV
К	650MeV
р	1300MeV

Cerenkov radiation emitted if v>c/n → threshold velocity  $\beta_t = 1/n$ 

- For water n(280-580nm)~1.33
  - Threshold Angle: 42°

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$$\cos \theta_C = \frac{1}{n\beta}$$
 with  $n = n(\lambda) \ge 1$ 

Muons: Clean rings

Electrons: Showers  $\rightarrow$  fuzzy rings

→ Electron muon separation at ~1% level with the ring shape

- Direction from the ring,
- Interaction vertex position from arrival time of light on the photomultipliers
- Energy measurement for contained events



# Neutrino 98 Conference in Takayama (June 1998)

First results from Super-Kamiokande on atmospheric neutrinos, evidence of a zenith angle dependence of  $v_{\mu}$  disappearance,  $v_{e}$  in agreement with expectations



SK: Atmospheric neutrinos anomaly intervetable in terms of  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau}$ oscillations with a  $\Delta m^2 \sim a$  few 10<sup>-3</sup> eV<sup>2</sup>



Neutrino oscillations start to be taken seriously as explanation of the atmospheric neutrinos anomaly Opens a campaign for a new generation of long baseline experiments to provide a final proof

(ERN 4/7/2000

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE

NEUTRINO 2000 CONFERENCE

SUDBURY JUNE 16-21 2000



D. AUTIERO CERN/EP SNO and Kamland at the close horizon LBL experiments K2K, MINOS launched

### CONCLUSIONS

ARE WE GOING TO SEE IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS A CLARIFICATION OF NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS SCENARIOS?

SOLAR NEUTRINOS: 3+5 YEARS SNO, SUPERK, KAMLAND, BORE XINO + ... LONG BASELINE: IF Dm<sup>2</sup>~ 3.40<sup>-3</sup> • 4 YEARS K2K @ 44 • FROM 2005 CNGS T APPEARANCE • FROM END 2003 MINOS: OSCILLATION PATTERN

MEASUREMENT OF THE PARAMETERS

• W THE ABAN TIME SUPERN CONTINUES WITH ATMOSPHERIC VS

· LSND · MINIBOONE 3 YEARS Wrong!

- MEASURE AENTS ON BB (FUTURE SENSITIVITIES ~ 10-2 eV)
  - COSAOLOGY CBR MAP, PLANCE
     BIG REVOLUTION, ALREADY FROM
     BOOMERANG AND MAXIMA + LARGE
     SCALE STRUCTURES => INDEPENDENT
     CONFIRMATION OF SLA

#### Even better!

PLANCK MAY DETERAINE Smy ~ 0.4 eV A simple but extremely successful research line ...

 $\rightarrow$  the very good historical record of the detectors at Kamioka:

Kamiokande 1987: Observation of SN1987a

✓ Kamiokande: Solar neutrino deficit (B neutrinos) and first measurements of atmospheric neutrinos

✓ Super-K 1998: Solid evidence for atmospheric neutrinos deficit (zenith angle)

Super-K 2000: Measurements on solar neutrinos favoring LMA solution

Kamland (recycling of Kamiokande with liquid scint.) 2002 solar neutrino oscillations with far reactors

 $\checkmark$  Super-K (K2K) 2004 first long-baseline accelerator experiment, evidence for  $\nu\mu$  disappearance

 $\checkmark$  Super-K (T2K) 2011 first indication of  $v_e$  appearance,  $\theta_{13}$  just below CHOOZ limit, the most favorable situation

D.A. CERN seminar on 4/7/2000: "Highlights of the Neutrino 2000 conference"

Wondering about future results from K2K and Kamland:

"are the Japanese people going to continue with an unprecedented sequence of results"

Answer in 2015: definitively yes, even more than expected !

Another (big) advantage: the analysis of Super-K, software and event selection criteria are stable and very well understood since > 13 years

### The final proof for solar neutrinos:

2001: SNO 1000 tons of heavy water, sensitive to neutral current reactions  $\rightarrow$  measure the total neutrino flux independently from their flavor (NC) v+ d $\rightarrow$ v+ p + n

The total neutrino flux agrees with the SSM ! Electron neutrinos change into other neutrinos



2002: Kamland reactor experiment 1000 ton liquid scintillator reproduces the solar neutrino oscillations on earth using antineutrinos from far reactors (on average 180 km)





# Typical Theorists' View 1990

- Solar neutrino solution *must* be small angle MSW solution because it's cute Most likely wrong!
- Natural scale for Δm<sup>2</sup><sub>23</sub> ~ 10–100 eV<sup>2</sup> because it is cosmologically interesting *Wrong*!
- Angle  $\theta_{23}$  must be of the order of  $V_{cb}$  Wrong!
- Atmospheric neutrino anomaly must go away because it needs a large angle *Wrong!*

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### **Cern Neutrinos** to Gran Sasso

- > Unambiguous evidence for  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau}$  oscillations in the region of atmospheric neutrinos by looking for  $v_{\tau}$  appearance in a pure  $v_{\mu}$  beam
- > Search for subleading  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$  oscillations
- Beam: CNGS (1999)
- $\mathbf{v}_{\tau}$  appearance experiments at LNGS
- No near detectors needed in appearance mode



(2002)







After efficiencies, 8 tau decays are expected, with <1 background events

### OPERA basic unit: the « Brick »

Based on the concept of the Emulsion Cloud Chamber :

- 57 emulsion films + 56 Pb plates
- interface to electronic detectors: removable box with 2 films
- (Changeable Sheets)

→ High space resolution in a large mass detectors with a completely modular scheme



### Bricks are complete stand-alone detectors:

- ✓ Neutrino interaction vertex and kink topology reconstruction
- ✓ Measurement of hadrons momenta by multiple Coulomb scattering
- ✓ <u>dE/dx:</u> pion/muon separation at low energy (at end of range)
- Electron identification and measurement of the energy of electrons and gammas (<u>electromagnetic calorimetry</u>)



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First OPERA  $\nu_\tau$  candidate (single hadronic prong  $\tau$  decay)

#### http://arxiv.org/abs/1006.1623 Physics Letters B (PLB-D-10-00744)



Visible tau decay topology with kink and two gammas Standard 3 v framework (ignoring LSND, Miniboone anomaly, Reactors anomaly, Cr source anomaly ...)





Most of the 3 angles and 2  ${\rm \Delta}m^2$  parameters are known by global fits with <5% accuracy

# Neutrinos: a window beyond the S.M. $\rightarrow$ G.U.T.

Fundamental questions related to a deeper description of physics and to the evolution of the universe



normal hierarchy

 $m^2 = 0$ 

 $m_{\rm lightest}^2 =$ 

inverted hierarchy

CP violation in the neutrino sector can explain the matter/antimatter asymmetry in the universe

An experimental program for the next 30 years (like for CP in quark sector):



# 2012: the turning point, $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillations and $\theta_{13}$

T2K off-axis beam (tuned for osc. max.)  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$  appearance First result on  $\theta_{13}$  (June 2011): 6 events observed, 1.5 events bck.  $\rightarrow$  2.5  $\sigma$ 

March 8th 2012: Daya Bay reactor anti-neutrinos  $v_e \rightarrow v_{\mu}$  ( $v_e$  disappearance)



Number of events /(250 MeV)

3

2

1000

+ Data

MC w/ sin<sup>2</sup>2013 = 0.1)

2000

Reconstructed v energy (MeV)

Osc. v. CC

V\_+V\_CC

6 events surviving

3000

 $(N^{exp} = 1.5 \pm 0.3 \text{ at } sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0)$ 

V, CC NC

The search for  $\theta$ 13: The T2K (Tokai to Kamioka) experiment





- Baseline 295km, 2.5° off-axis beam tuned to oscillation maximum, <E>  $\sim$  0.6 GeV
- Search for/measure neutrino oscillations:  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$

$$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$$

- Measurement of  $\theta_{13}$  in appearance mode
- Disappearance mode: improve measurement of  $\theta_{23}$ ,  $\Delta m_{23}^2 \rightarrow is \theta_{23}$  maximal?



 $\Theta_{23}$  measurement further improved in 2015 ... 0.1 GeV — Data Best fit Events No oscillation Ratio to no oscillation — Data **Best Fit** 



- Most precise measurement of  $\theta_{23}(11\%)$
- Phys.Rev.Lett.112,181801 (2014)

### The off-axis neutrino beam:

A very brigth idea to produce a tunable intense and narrow-band beam at low energy Far Detector (Super-K)



Given the pion decay kinematics at off-axis the relation between the pion momentum and the neutrino energy saturates

The flux at low energy is narrow-band and higher than the on-axis flux at the same energy

The energy can be tuned to the first oscillation maximum E~0.6 GeV for 2.5°

 $\rightarrow$  Most of the beam oscillates, very few  $\nu\mu$  CC recorded: max disappearance





#### $\rightarrow$ max S/B ratio for v<sub>e</sub> search

Important to keep the beam direction stable to have the peak energy stable



 $\rightarrow$ Near detector has a fundamental role in assessing this ratio

## Matter effects and CP violation effects degeneracy

Matter effects mimic CP violation

→ They have to be accurately <u>measured</u> and subtracted in order to look for CP



Larger CP asymmetry at second maximum, matter asymmetry dominating around the first maximum, A lot of information is contained in the shape around the first and second maximum
 Direct measurement of the energy dependence (L/E behavior) induced by matter effects and CP-phase terms, independently for v and anti-v, by direct measurement of event spectrum

#### Addressing mass hierarchy with non accelerator experiments:

Matter effects in atmospheric neutrinos: Study upward going neutrino flux in bins of energy and  $cos(\theta)$ 

→ Different patterns at low energy



Oscillations probabilities for NH and IH are similar for neutrinos and antineutrinos  $\rightarrow$  if the charge of the muons is not measured the effect is diluted

However there are differences in fluxes and cross sections for neutrinos and antineutrinos and a few % effects can be still measured

Adaptation of the high energy neutrino observatories Icecube and Antares at low energy → Pingu, Orca, higher density of photomultiplier strings

Difficult measurement for flux modelling and detector response to reach  $\sim$ 3 $\sigma$  significance



solar oscillations wavelength  $\Delta m_{12}^2 + \theta_{12}$  (JUNO – RENO50)



## JUNO, expected start in 2020





Study of anti-nue disappearance exploiting the interference between the atmospheric and solar terms

 $\rightarrow$  Shifted patterns in measured neutrino energy spectrum

Requiring exceptional resolution and linearity (<1% precision) to reach  $\sim$ 3 $\sigma$  significance

Comparing T2K apperance results, as a function of  $\delta$  CP with disappearance at reactors (insensitive to CP)

→ Some hint in the direction of  $\delta \sim -1/2\pi$  (aka 3/2 $\pi$ ) Current T2K running in anti-neutrino mode

NOVA 14 kton finely segmented liquid scintillator experiment (65% active mass) at 810 km from Fermilab, off-axis 0.84° Run with neutrinos and anti-neutrinos ~2 GeV

Some complementarities to T2K: Detector systematics: liquid scintillator vs WC Larger matter effects and different interplay among parameters







sin<sup>2</sup>20<sub>13</sub>

 $\Delta m_{2}^{2} > 0$ 

68% CL 90% CL

NOVA first results compatible with reactors, better agreement with NH The combination of reactors+T2K+NOVA in the next years may yield CP significance at the level of 2-3  $\sigma$ 

### The Water Cerenkov approach (extrapolation ~x25 of SK):

- ✓ Large water Cerenkov detector O(0.5 Mton), 140k 12" PMT
- ✓ Low energy narrow beam (0.1-1 GeV)  $\rightarrow$  just lepton reconstruction in QE events
- ✓ Short baseline (100-300 km) → no mass hierarchy determination (needs an external input (atm. neutrinos, other experiments)
- ✓ New beam needed ~1.2 MW
- $\rightarrow$  Counting only experiment on neutrinos-antineutrinos asymmetry
- HyperKamiokande project in Japan
  0.56 Mton, 99k PMT 20", new beam from JPARC (295 km)
   Beam neutrinos, Supernovae neutrinos, Search for proton decay

 $\rightarrow$  Seeking for approval in 2016-2017, with expected start in ~2025



#### Hyper-K Overview Total Volume 0.99 Megaton Inner Volume 0.74 Mton Fiducial Volume 0.56 Mton (0.056 Mton × 10 compartments) Outer Volume 0.2 Megaton Photo-sensors 99.000 20" PMTs for Inner Det. er Purificatio (20% photo-coverage) 25,000 8" PMTs for Outer Det. Electrical Machinery Boom arXiv:1109.3262 [hep-ex] arXiv:1309.0184 [hep-ex] arXiv:1412.4673 [hep-ex]

76% (58%) CP coverage  $3\sigma$  ( $5\sigma$ ) if MH know With 7.5 MW x  $10^{E7}$  s exposure

#### Hyperk:

- Continuation of • measurements in sub-GeV region
- Mostly « counting , 0 high statistics experiment »
- MH to be known to • avoid a systematic bias
- Systematic uncertainties based on:
- T2K experience
- WC ND  $\checkmark$
- study of atmospheric neutrinos control sample in FD



 $\rightarrow$  total 3.3% uncertainty on nue rate



## HyperK 10 years at 750 kW

	Signal (vµ→ve CC)	Wrong sign appearance	νμ/νμ CC	beam Ve/Ve contamination	NC
ν	3,016	28		523	172
v	2,110	396	9	618	265

νμ

2.7

5.0

5.0

7.6

## The Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (C. Rubbia 1977)

- Homogeneous massive target and ionization detector → electronic bubble chamber
- 3D event reconstruction with ~1 mm resolution, surface readout
- High resolution calorimetry (electromagnetic and hadronic showers)
- Primary ionization in LAr: 1 m.i.p ~ 20000 e- on 3 mm
- Detection of UV scintillation light in Argon (5000 photons/mm @128 nm) to provide t = 0 signal of the event

Ideal detector for neutrino oscillations, supernovae neutrinos and proton decay



Non-destructive multiple readout with induction planes

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Focussing optics.



z = drift time Drift Field: 0.5-1 kV/cm Drift time: 1.5ms/3m @1 kV/cm

 $\rightarrow$  drift requiring < 0.1 ppb O<sub>2</sub> equiv. impurities

## The LAr TPC as an electronic bubble chamber

- Large mass, homogeneous detector, low thresholds, exclusive final states
- Tracking + calorimetry (0.02 X0 sampling)
- Electron identification,  $\pi 0$  rejection, particles identification with dE/dx

→ Neutrino physics (electron identification, reconstruction of event kinematics, identification of exclusive states, excellent E resolution from sub GeV to multi GeV)
 → Supernovae neutrinos

→ Proton decay search (large mass, particles identification)









**ICARUS T600** 

## Double-phase readout:

Long drift, high S/N: extraction of electrons from the liquid and multiplication with avalanches in pure argon with micro-pattern detectors like LEM (Large Electron Multipliers) Tunable gain (~20 minimum), two symmetric collection views, coupling to cold electronics





Double-phase prototypes measuring real data events since 6 years with active volumes from 3 to 250 liters:

> 15 millions of cosmic events collected in stable conditions S/N~100 for m.i.p. achieved starting from gain ~15

- 3x1x1 m<sup>3</sup> setup at CERN starting operations at the end of 2015
- WA105 6x6x6 m<sup>3</sup> setup will start data taking in 2018



gain ~200

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## LAGUNA-LBNO: (2 EU programs 2008-2014)

A very long baseline neutrino experiment:

- Determination of neutrino mass hierarchy
- Search for CP violation
- Proton decay
- Atmospheric and supernovae neutrinos

L/E shape, 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> max, v/anti-v asymmetry
 Complementary approach to HK:
 CP measurable already with neutrinos

Staged search for CP violation:

LBNO Phase I: 20 kton double phase LAr TPC, SPS beam 750 kW, 1.5E20 pot/year 75% nu, 25% antinu

- → unambiguous mass hierarchy determination (>5<sub>0</sub>) (median in 2 years, guaranteed in 5 years)
- → 71% (20%) CP coverage at 90% (3σ), <10 years</p>

LBNO Phase II: 20+50 kton detectors, 2MW HP-PS





#### LBNO 50 kton

- Drift 20 m
- Cathode span 47 m
- 573444 channels
- Active mass 51.3 kton



#### Advantages of double-phase design:

- Anode with 2 collection (X, Y) views (no induction views), no ambiguities
- Readout strips pitch 3.125 mm, 3 m length
- Tunable gain in gas phase (20-100), high S/N ratio for m.i.p. > 100, <100 KeV threshold, min. purity requirement 3ms → operative margins vs purity, noise
- Long drift projective geometry: reduced number of readout channels
- No materials in the active volume
- Accessible and replaceable cryogenic FE electronics, high bandwidth low cost external uTCA digital electronics

#### The LBNO-DEMO/WA105 experiment at CERN





#### $\rightarrow$ 1/20 of 20 kton LBNO detector

6x6x6m<sup>3</sup> active volume, 300 ton , 7680 readout channels, LAr TPC (double phase+2-D collection anode): DLAr Exposure to charged hadrons, muons and electrons beams (0.5-20(10) GeV/c)

#### Full-scale demonstrator of all innovative LAGUNA-LBNO technologies for a large LAr detector:

- LNG tank construction technique (with non evacuated vessel)
- Purification system
- Long drift
- HV system 300-600 KV, large hanging field cage
- Large area double-phase charge readout
- Accessible FE and cheap readout electronics
- Long term stability of UV light readout

Assess performance in reconstructing hadronic showers (most demanding task in neutrino interactions):

- Measurements in hadronic and electromagnetic calorimetry and PID performance
- Full-scale software development, simulation and reconstruction to be validated and improved

Installation in the CERN NA EHN1 extension, data taking in 2018 → Fundamental step for the construction of a large LAr detector



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### The Liquid Argon approach:

- Main option in LAGUNA-LBNO:
- ✓ Liquid argon TPC O(20kton)
- ✓ High energy (>1 GeV) beam, all final states accessible
- → L/E pattern and second oscillation maximum
- ✓ Long baseline (>1000 km) → mass hierarchy measurement (2300km for LBNO)
- LBNE project in USA

→ First phase 2022 (~900 M\$):
 700 kW beam from FNAL to Homestake,
 1300 km → limited matter effects
 10 kton LAr far detector on surface
 no near detector

 $(\rightarrow \text{ marginal outcome of Phase I})$ 

- Sensitivity from only first oscillation max.
- Needs very small syst. errors.

Further stages: underground far detector 35 kton, 2.3 MW beam (Project X)



Can resolve MH with  $\geq 5/4\sigma$  for 50%/all  $\delta_{cp}$  combined Can resolve CPV with  $\geq 3\sigma$  for 45%  $\delta_{cp}$  combined

# LBNO physics strategy

- Select a very long baseline (2300km and optimized site for installation) to explore the L/E pattern predicted by the 3 flavor mixing mechanism over the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> max.
- Staged experiment adjusting the beam and detector mass on the bases of the findings of the first phase, most efficient use of resources:
- Phase I (LBNO20)
  - 24 kton DLAR + SPS beam (700 kW, 400 GeV/c), 15E20 pot, 25% antinu Guaranteed  $5\sigma$  MH determination + 46% CP coverage at  $3\sigma$  + proton decay + astroparticle physics
- Phase II (LBNO70)
  - 70 kton DLAR + HPPS beam (2 MW, 50 GeV/c) 30E21 pot, 25% antinu or Protvino beam, 80% (65%) CP coverage at  $3\sigma$  ( $5\sigma$ ) + proton decay + astroparticle physics
- Complementarity to HyperK (numu vs anti-numu at first max, 300 km) → L/E dependence at 2300 km, 25% antinumu. matter effects
- L/E pattern measurement releases requirements on systematic errors related to the rate normalization at the first maximum
- $\rightarrow$  Guarantee MH at 5 $\sigma$  and incremental CP coverage satisfying the P5 requirements

Unambiguous mass hierarchy determination

L/E shape + nu/nubar

## →unique worldwide sensitivity







With additional constraint on tau production rate



# **CERN-Pyhäsalmi: spectral information** $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$





MH determination:

- Median 5σ C.L. (p=0.5) reached within 2 years of SPS operation at 750kW.
- Guaranteed 5σ C.L. (p=1) reached within 5 years of SPS operation at 750kW.

#### Beam optimization for CP violation → best CP coverage obtained for: SPS "GLB" and HPPS "LEOPT"





Illustrative example: cut at 2.5 GeV removes 17% (5%) of events for the HPPS (SPS) beam with a dramatic loss of sensitivity:

Median coverage					
	F <sub>3</sub>	$F_{5\sigma}$			
24 kton	69% <b>→</b> 41%	43% → 0%			

Parameter	Value	Error
Signal normalization (f <sub>sig</sub> )	1	3 %
Beam electron contamination normalization ( $f_{ve}$ )	Ĩ	5 %
Tau normalization ( $f_{v \tau}$ )	1	20 %
υ NC and υμ CC background (f <sub>NC</sub> )	1	10 %









# Merging on LBNO and LBNE in an international LBL program hosted in the USA based on the "LHC model"

- 40 kton LAr target at 1300 km from FNAL at the Homestake mine (LBNO experience on double-phase to achieve large mass), high precision near detector
- 1.2 MW (upgradeable to 2.4 MW) and neutrino beam with second max optimization à la LBNO
  → Start of beam operations expected in 2026



- four identical cryostats deep underground
- staged approach to four independent 10 kt LAr detector modules
- Single-phase and double-phase readout under consideration

# DUNE 40-kton Far Detector Underground Layout



Approval of final underground cavern design (CD3a) late 2015/early 2016. Excavation starts in 2017.

A large R&D and engineering supporting program, the first 10 kton module has to start installation on a very tight schedule on 2021 and it will be in single-phase.

Double-phase technology important to support the achievement of 40 kton mass



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RPCs-

NOMAD-like near detector, control of systematics, high precision neutrino physics measurements 0(100 M) neutrino interactions

# Optimized beam focusing design based on a genetic algorithm à la LBNO to define the all parameters of the horns geometry






Effect of beam optimization: exposure time to reach a certain significance

## Bands for different values of:

- MH probability to reach a certain significance
- Fraction of CP coverage

→ Optimisation process being further pursued in DUNE

Oscillation signals Exposure: 150 kT.MW.yr (equal  $\nu/\bar{\nu}$ ) 1MW.yr = 1 × 10<sup>21</sup> p.o.t at 120

GeV.  $(\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.084, \ \sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.45, \ \delta m_{31}^2 = 2.47 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2)$ 





CP sensitivity: > 3 (5)  $\sigma$  for 75% (50%) of delta values

CP coverage at 50%: 810 kton\*MW\*yr (reference beam)  $\rightarrow$  8.4 years with 40 kton at 2.4 MW

550 kton\*MW\*yr exposure (optimised beam)  $\rightarrow$  5.7 years with 40 kton at 2.4 MW

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Physics milestone	Exposure kt · MW · year (reference beam)	Exposure kt · MW · year (optimized beam)
$1^{\circ} \theta_{23}$ resolution ( $\theta_{23} = 42^{\circ}$ )	70	45
CPV at $3\sigma$ ( $\delta_{\rm CP} = +\pi/2$ )	70	60
CPV at $3\sigma$ ( $\delta_{ m CP}=-\pi/2$ )	160	100
CPV at $5\sigma$ ( $\delta_{\rm CP} = +\pi/2$ )	280	210
MH at $5\sigma$ (worst point)	400	230
$10^{\circ}$ resolution ( $\delta_{\rm CP} = 0$ )	450	290
CPV at $5\sigma$ ( $\delta_{\rm CP} = -\pi/2$ )	525	320
CPV at $5\sigma$ 50% of $\delta_{\rm CP}$	810	550
Reactor $\theta_{13}$ resolution	1200	850
$(\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.084 \pm 0.003)$		
CPV at $3\sigma$ 75% of $\delta_{ m CP}$	1320	850

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## Conclusions:

- The study of neutrinos provides fundamental information in particle physics, astrophysics and cosmology. They are a window on the physics beyond the SM. Unfortunately there are a lot of things I did not have time to mention in this lecture
- Experimental neutrino physics is a challenging field with a large variety of techniques requiring a lot of imagination at the level of the detectors and neutrino sources
- The history since the start of the Davis experiment in 1968 has shown many surprises. New ones may still be possible and there are still anomalies and aspects to be clarified
- The study of CP violation in the neutrino sector is now accessible and it is at the core of an unprecedented international effort among Europe and USA
- A last « anthropic-like » consideration ;-)

Although neutrino measurements are not easy Nature has been kind to us so far: somehow we have been lucky that the  $\Delta m^2$  among the 3 mass states are such that the related solar and atmospheric oscillations are accessible with experimental means on earth ! We have been lucky that the large mixing angle solution is the one for solar neutrinos and again that  $\theta_{13}$  is large and just below the CHOOZ limit. Maybe this will happen again with CP violation ....