Beyond^{*} [Long Baseline] Neutrino Oscillations with Scintillator-based Detectors

- Opportunity with LBNF and scintillator detector
- Physics motivations and possible program
- Path Forward

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Scintillator Workshop at FNAL

International representation from: Daya Bay, RENO, BOREXINO, JUNO, SNO/SNO+, KamLAND/KamLAND-Zen Super-K, NOvA, Double CHOOZ, NuPrism, ANNIE, WATCHMAN, Prospect, LENA,THEIA

Countries:

Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, UK, US



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Beyond LBL Oscillations

Critical Physics of and with Neutrinos

- Majorana vs. Dirac
- Solar neutrinos
- Sterile Neutrinos
- (Nucleon Decay)
- Non-standard interactions
- Mixing angles and mass differences in (1,2) sector
- Geoneutrinos
- Supernova burst neutrinos
- Diffuse supernova (anti)neutrino background

(Clearly this list is not exhaustive)

LBNF will be a world resource hosted in the US---Investment happening now makes future broad program possible. Depth is crucial.

Broadening the Program

But requirements for various physics goals are in tension:

Physics	Size	Cherenkov Priority	Scintillation Priority	Cleanliness Priority
0νββ	~few ktonne	Medium	Very high	Very High
Low E Solar vs (< IMeV)	~10 ktonne	High	Very high	Very High
High E Solar vs (> 1 MeV)	>50 ktonne	High	Low	High
Geo/reactor anti-vs	~10 ktonne	Low	High	Medium
DSNB anti-ns	>50 ktonne	Low	High	Medium
Long-baseline vs	> 50 ktonne	Very high	Low	Low
Nucleon decay (K+ anti-v)	> 100 ktonne	High	High	Low

- Low-energy physics wants a clean detector with a lot of light
- High-energy physics wants a big detector with direction reconstruction

Reference Detector "Theia"



Reference Design:

- 50-100 ktonnes WbLS
- Cylindrical geometry
- Up to 80% coverage with photon sensors
- 4800 mwe underground
- Loading of various isotopes (Gd, Li, Te, Xe)
- Ability to deploy inner "bag"

"Forward-looking infrastructure" would allow long-term, phased program to accomplish complete program.



Majorana vs. Dirac

A simple conceptual model



So maybe we only have two states after all:

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_L \quad \boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_R$$

Which basically means

$$\mathcal{V} = \overline{\mathcal{V}}$$
 "Majorana neutrinos"

So what?

Majorana vs. Dirac

If neutrinos are Majorana, then:

- I. We need a new mass-generating mechanism
 - Simplest term is dimension-5 and not renormalizable!
- 2. We likely have observed low-energy consequences of very high E scale physics
- 3. We may have an explanation for the matter/antimatter asymmetry
 - "Leptogenesis"
 - Requires Majorana CP phases

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta_{23} & \sin\theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin\theta_{23} & \cos\theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{13} & 0 & e^{-i\delta_{CP}}\sin\theta_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -e^{i\delta_{CP}}\sin\theta_{13} & 0 & \cos\theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{12} & \sin\theta_{12} & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_{12} & \cos\theta_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\alpha/2} \end{pmatrix}_{i\beta}$$

If neutrinos are Dirac, then:

- I. Matter and antimatter are *fundamentally* different things
- 2. We have states that don't really do much

$0\nu\beta\beta$ with Liquid Scintillator



SNO+



Phase I: 260 kg ¹³⁰Te (fiducial)

Phase II: 1500 kg ¹³⁰Te (fiducial)



$0\nu\beta\beta$ at THEIA

Going further....

With 1000 pe/MeV (green) or more, can get 90% CL at 2.5 meV!



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Solar Neutrinos

- Broadband and mono-energetic, background-free $v_{\rm e}$ beam
- Flux in some cases measured as precisely as ~3%
- Flux in some cases predicted as precisely as 1%
- Matter effects are crucial and observable
- Source itself is interesting---and beam operations fits within FY2025



Six Things We Should Measure

(in no particular order)

- I. Vacuum/matter transition region
- 2. Precision ⁸B Day/Night asymmetry
- 3. Exclusive, precision measurement of pep flux
- 4. Exclusive, precision measurement of CNO flux
- 5. Exclusive, precision measurement of pp flux
- 6. Observation of solar hep neutrinos

Physics Drivers:

- Exploit the discovery of neutrino mass
- Search for the unknown

Observing MSW Phenomenology





Day/Night v_e Asymmetry



'High' energy (>5MeV):
Matter-dominated conversion;
depends only on θ₁₂

Interferometry on top of interferometry...

Anything that distinguishes flavor or mass states changes position and width of transition region 13

Observing MSW Phenomenology



Other Models



Bonventre, LaTorre, *et al*, Phys. Rev. D 88 (2013) 053010

> Best fit for mass-varying neutrinos

> > $\Delta \chi^2 = 3.3$ C.L. = 0.81





KamLAND prediction

Sensitivity non-standard effects entirely driven by lack of precision ⁸B data in transition region— Need low threshold, high statistics! =Big scintillation detector.

pp/pep and the Sun

Are all energy generation/loss mechanisms accounted for?



But without constraint: L_v/L_{\odot} known only to 20-40%

`Unitarity' test that integrates over a lot of new physics



CNO and the Sun The solar `metallicity problem'



the ar. Only neutrinos, with their extremely small interaction cross sections, can enable us to see into the interior of a star and thus verify directly the hypothesis of nuclear energy generation in stars. ---John Bahcall, PR, (1964)

- Helioseismology convinced `everyone' that SSM was correct
- Modern measurements of surface metallicity are lower than before
- Which makes SSM helioseismologic predictions wrong

But! CNO neutrinos tell us metallicity of solar core Flux may differ by factor of 2 between old/new metallicity

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(Maybe Jupiter and Saturn `stole' metals from solar photosphere? ---Haxton and Serenelli, Astrophys.J. 687 (2008)

pp Measurements

BOREXINO spectacularly clean...first exclusive pp measurement!



But far from what is needed for precision luminosity test.

Precision comparable to inclusive Ga experiments



Without mixing correction, this is a history of the Solar Neutrino Problem



The (Very) Recent History of the Solar Core

A. LaTorre

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Correcting for mixing angles, this is the stability of solar energy production over the past 45+ years.



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Solar vs in Liquid Scintillator

"Salty water Cherenkov detectors" W.C. Haxton PRL 76 (1996) 10

Loading with (e.g.) ⁷Li provides CC Makes models easy to distinguish cross section with narrow $d\sigma/dE$. Events / MeV Predicted new physics (FCNC) ---- Li — Electron ES Ga 10^{3} Cl ---- Muon / tau ES Standard prediction dσ/dE_e (10⁻⁴⁴ cm2) Li ← CC Ga 10^{2} 10 10 $E_{\nu} = 3 MeV$ Neutrino Energy (MeV) 10 2.5 0.5 1.5 2 Electron Kinetic Energy / MeV G. D. Orebi Gann (Berkeley) 0.5 ື້ 0.40 ຕູ້ $\epsilon_1 = 0.0 + 0.0i, \epsilon_2 = 0.0$ =0.0+0.0i, $\epsilon_2=0.5$ -0.5 + 0.0i, $\epsilon_2 = 0.0$ -0.5 + 0.0i, $\epsilon_2 = -0.5$ 21 -0.5 + 0.5i, $\epsilon_2 = 0.0$

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 E_{ν} (MeV)

Solar vs in Water-based Liquid Scintillator

Low-energy solar vs also now possible via CC and ES:



 10^{2}

10

1

10-1

 10^{-2} 10-1

¹Detected kinetic energy of recoil electron / MeV

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CC+ES also yields total flux via NC component of ES

Solar vs at THEIA

CC spectral sensitivity might also allow shape separation of CNO components



What about *pp*? About 5x10⁶ events/year in 50 ktonne!

Diffuse Supernova (Anti)Neutrino Background



"Relics" from all supernovas since Big Bang are detectable.

About 1 event/10kt/year.

Why wait for a supernova burst?



M. Wurm

Diffuse Supernova (Anti)Neutrino Background



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Geoneutrinos

Electron antineutrinos from U, Th, K decay in the Earth



Assay the Earth by looking at the "antineutrino glow"

Current total geo-v exposure < 10 kt-yr (KamLAND+BOREXINO)



Geoneutrinos are contained in the low energy part of the spectrum.





Image: S. Enomoto

Nucleon Decay with THEIA

Scintillation light allows observation of K+, as well as de-excitation γ s from "invisible" decay modes.



For $p \rightarrow e^+\pi^0$ mode, not likely to be competitive with Super-K/Hyper-K unless THEIA can be made > 200 ktonne

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Large-scale photon detector (H₂O, WbLS, LS) would



100 kt far-detector with WCD-like performance in LBNF beam yields similar sensitivity to 40-kt DUNE LAr TPC. Or EO kt H O=20 kt LAr

Or 50 kt $H_2O=20$ kt LAr

Getting to the Full Program

Physics program covers 5 orders of magnitude in E_v .

Detector must be:

- Ultra-clean from start
- Able to contain varied targets
 - H₂O
 - Water-based LS
 - LS
 - Li-loaded, Te-loaded, ...
- Able to include inner balloon
- Able to upgrade photon detectors



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A possible phased program:

- I. Water-based LS+20% photon coverage
 - High-E solar, long-baseline vs, supernova burst
- II. Richer scintillator mix, 80% fast photon coverage, Li-loaded
 - Low E solar, MSW transition, DSNB, geo-v
- III. Inner balloon, Te or Xe-loaded liquid scintillator
 - $0\nu\beta\beta$ with sensitivity toward normal hierarchy regime

Getting to the Full Program

Critical questions:

• How well can Cherenkov/Scintillation separation be done?



- What photon sensors to use? (LAPPDs, PMTs, hybrid-PMTs...?)
- How good is direction reconstruction and particle ID?
- Can very large clean bag be built for $0\nu\beta\beta$?
- Where should it go?
- Cost?

Path Forward Toward THEIA

THEIA "Interest Group" formed with concept paper:

Advanced Scintillator Detector Concept (ASDC):

arXiv:1409.5864

A Concept Paper on the Physics Potential of Water-Based Liquid Scintillator

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Proto-collaboration meeting in Germany being discussed for Fall 2016³²

Conclusions

- Long-baseline Neutrino Facility is a great opportunity
- Broad program of physics possible with new scintillator technology
- Phased program could cover 5 orders of magnitude in energy
- (And could significantly enhance long-baseline oscillation program)

P5:

"...the U.S. to host a large water Cherenkov neutrino detector, as one of three additional highpriority activities, to complement the LBNF liquid argon detector, unifying the global long-baseline neutrino community to take full advantage of the world's highest intensity neutrino beam. The placement of the water and liquid argon detectors would be optimized for complementarity. This approach would be an excellent example of global cooperation and planning" – P5 (Scenario C)

Liquid Scintillator or Water-based Liquid Scintillator satisfies these goals but with an even broader program.

Backups

Broadening the Program



New Technologies----

- Scintillator cocktails (including water-based)
- Fast photon detector timing
- High-efficiency photon detection
- Advanced reconstruction methods
 Allow a rich low-energy program of neutrino physics
 (+ complement the high-energy program)



Water-based Liquid Scintillator

Cherenkov/Scintillation Separation

- Long extinction length means detector can be large
- About 1/2 of Cherenkov light absorbed or scattered
- But separation of two components still possible



Cherenkov ID scales like

$$R_{s/c} \sim \frac{\gamma_C}{\gamma_S} \frac{t_{jitt}}{\tau_{scint}} \rho(\cos \alpha_C) R(\lambda)$$

 $\begin{array}{l} t_{jitt} = \mbox{transit time spread of PD} \\ \tau_{scint} = \mbox{scintillation time constant} \\ \gamma_C = \mbox{number of Cherenkov photons} \\ \gamma_S = \mbox{number of scintillation photons} \\ \rho(\mbox{cos}\alpha_c) = \mbox{angular weighting function} \\ R(\lambda) = \mbox{spectral response function} \end{array}$

So for a 4% scintillation fraction, standard PMTs, no use of angular information, and equal spectral response for C and S, $R_{s/c} \sim 0.25$

Water-based Liquid Scintillator

Improved Photon Sensors

Large Area Picosecond Photodetectors (LAPPDs)

- Large, flat-panel MCP-based photosensors
- 50-100 ps time resolution (<1cm spatial)
- working readout system





Water-based Liquid Scintillator

Improved Photon Sensors

Good for scintillation and water Cherenkov detectors also.



Solar v Technological Challenges

Physics	Threshold	Size	Resolution	CC/ES	Cleanliness
pp/luminosity constraint	100 keV	>10 tonnes	Moderate	Either	Extremely high
CNO vs	500 keV	> I ktonne	Very good	СС	Extremely high
рер	I MeV	> I ktonne	Good	Either	High
MSW transition	I MeV	> 50 ktonnes	Excellent	СС	High
Day/Night	10 MeV	> 50 ktonnes	Good	Either	Moderate
hep vs	10 MeV	> 10 ktonnes	Excellent	СС	Moderate



Planned Demonstrations

Site	Scale	Target	Measurements	Timescale
UChicago	bench top		fast photodetectors	Exists
CHIPS	10 kton	H2O	electronics, readout, mechanical infrastructure	2019
EGADS	200 ton			Exists
ANNIE	30 ton	H2O+Gd	isotope loading, fast	2016
WATCHMAN	1 kton		photodetectors	2019
UCLA/MIT	1 ton	LS	fast photodetectors	2015
Penn	30 L		liebt vield, timine des die e	Exists
SNO+	780 ton	(VVD)LS	light yield, timing, loading	2016
LBNL	bench top		light yield, timing, cocktail optimization, loading, attenuation.	Early 2015
BNL	1 ton	WbLS		Summer 2015
WATCHMAN-II	1 kton		reconstruction	2020

Sterile νs with THEIA

If "reactor anomaly" persists....

- ISODAR uses ⁸Li with 13 MeV endpoint
- Could potentially resolve oscillation pattern within single ' detector
- Need 15% $\sigma_{\rm E}$ and 50 cm $\sigma_{\rm R}$





Solar Neutrinos Physics

Not really.

Important measurements still to make:

- Look for new physics in vacuum/matter transition region
- Understand solar system formation using...neutrinos?
- Look for new stellar energy generation/loss mechanisms
- Keep watching

Solar Neutrinos Vacuum/Matter Transition

Sterile Neutrinos

no steril

 $in^2\alpha = 2x10$

in 20=5x10

Non-standard interactions (flavour

changing NC)



Holanda & Smirnov PRD 83 (2011) 113011

neutrino energy (MeV)





M.C. Gonzalez-Garcia, M. Maltoni Phys Rept 460:1-129 (2008)

Interferometry on top of interferometry... Anything that distinguishes flavor or mass states changes position and width of transition region

A Tremendous Opportunity Evolution of LBNE into DUNE@LBNF is transformational:

A long-baseline beam aimed at a deep underground lab is a vision it has taken many decades to realize. (Pace NuMI+SOUDAN)

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FIG. 4. Approximate geography of the proposed experiment. The present ν beam at Fermilab is directed $38^{\circ}13'53''$ east of north as indicated roughly.

Neutrino oscillations and the number of neutrino types*

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A brief treatment of neutrino oscillations, generalized to an arbitrary number of neutrino types, is given as the basis for design of a feasible experiment to search for neutrino oscillations using the neutrino beam produced at a high-energy proton accelerator.



FIG. 1. Geometry of a feasible experiment. If the distance between detectors I and II is 1000 km, then α = 0.078 rad and Δ =19 km. R_E is the radius of the earth = 6.4×10^3 km.

$0\nu\beta\beta$ at THEIA



A. Mastbaum (Penn)

Directionality will allow reduction of dominant ⁸B background---size eliminates backgrounds from PMTs and walls.

A 1% loading of ^{nat}Te will achieve 15meV criterion

	ΔE	$f_{ m iso}$	$M_{\rm iso}$	b	$\widehat{T}_{1/2}^{0\nu}$	\widehat{m}_{etaeta}
	(%)	(%)	(tons)	$(cts/MeV \cdot ton \cdot y)$	$(10^{26} y)$	(meV)
SNO+4	4.5	0.3	0.16	775	0.85	75
SNO+	3.6	3.0	2.4	260	6.6	27
$\rm CUORE^5$	0.2	_	0.74	0.01	0.76	78
CUORE	0.2	_	0.74	0.001	2.4	44
WbLS	5.0	1.0	100	930	19.5	15
WbLS	5.0	3.0	300	850	35.5	11

CNO Measurements

BOREXINO has placed limits but no clear signal yet





Lot of work on this already done by LENA

Supernova Bursts

- ~12k events for 10kpc Supernova in 50 ktonne
- Scintillation light makes n tag easy for IBD
- Gd makes n tag even better (200 µs becomes 20µs)

Neutrino	Percentage of	Type of
Reaction	Total Events	Interaction
$\overline{\nu}_e + p \to n + e^+$	88%	Inverse Beta
$\nu_e + e^- \rightarrow \nu_e + e^-$	1.5%	Elastic Scattering
$\overline{\nu}_e + e^- \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_e + e^-$	$<\!\!1\%$	Elastic Scattering
$\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$	1%	Elastic Scattering
$\nu_e + {}^{16}O \to e^- + {}^{16}F$	2.5%	Charged Current
$\overline{\nu}_e + {}^{16}O \rightarrow e^+ + {}^{16}N$	1.5%	Charged Current
$\nu_x + {}^{16}O \rightarrow \nu_x + O^*/N^* + \gamma$	5%	Neutral Current

NC elastic scattering of p may also be visible by scintillation light.

Literally complementary to LAr (anti- v_e vs. v_e) Better resolution than Super-K, allows some discrimination of signals