#### The neutrino oscillation industry

# Solar Neutrinos

SuperK : Solar neutrino-gram



•Light from the solar core takes a million years to reach the surface

- Fusion processes generate electron neutrinos which take
   2s to leave
- Solar neutrinos are a direct probe of the solar core
- Roughly 4.0 x  $10^{10}$  solar  $v_e^{}$  per cm<sup>2</sup> per second on earth

#### Solar neutrino generation



#### Solar Neutrino Flux



As predicted by Bahcall's Solar model

# The Solar Neutrino Problem -Homestake



10<sup>36</sup> atoms per second

Homestake sensitive to <sup>8</sup>B and <sup>7</sup>Be *electron neutrinos* 

 $E_{v} > 800 \text{ keV}$ 

Observe 1/3 of the expected number of solar neutrinos

Something wrong with the experiment? the SSM? the neutrinos?

# (Super)Kamiokande

1987 – Kamiokande : 1000 phototubes, 5000 tons of water 1997 – SuperKamiokande : 11000 PMT, 50000 tons of water



SuperK can only observe the <sup>8</sup>B flux (> 5 MeV)

 $\frac{Data}{SSM} = 0.451 \pm 0.017$ 

Confirmation that it wasn't just Homestake

SuperK only sensitive to  $v_e$ 

#### Experimental summary

#### Total Rates: Standard Model vs. Experiment Bahcall-Pinsonneault 2000



# **Atmospheric Neutrinos**

Neutrinos produced from cosmic rays interactions in the atmosphere



Flux modelled using
Measured primary flux
Cross sections from accelerators
Includes
geomagnetic effects
Absolute flux only known to 20-30%

$$\delta(R) = \delta\left(\frac{\nu_{\mu} + \overline{\nu_{\mu}}}{\nu_{e} + \overline{\nu_{e}}}\right) \sim 5\%$$

# **Atmospheric Neutrino Problem**



Study of atmospheric neutrinos started in the early 1980's

Background for proton decay experiments.

"Today's background is tomorrow's signal"

#### **Neutrino Flavour Oscillations**

# Mixing

CKM  
Mechanism 
$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d' \end{pmatrix}_{L}, \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s' \end{pmatrix}_{L}, \quad d' = d\cos\theta_{c} + s\sin\theta_{c}$$
  
 $s' = -d\sin\theta_{c} + s\cos\theta_{c}$ 

In the quark sector, the flavour eigenstates (those states which couple to the W/Z) are not identical to the mass eigenstates (those states which are solutions of the Dirac equation)

Weak  
states 
$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.97 & 0.23 & 0.003 \\ 0.23 & 0.97 & 0.04 \\ 0.008 & 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow Mass$$
states

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## **Neutrino Oscillations**



$$Amp(\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}) \propto \sum_{i} U_{\alpha i}^{*} \operatorname{Prop}(\nu_{i}) U_{\beta i}$$

If we can't resolve the individual mass states then the amplitude involves a <u>coherent</u> superposition of  $v_i$  states

$$Prob(\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4\sum_{i>j} \Re(U_{\alpha i}^{*}U_{\beta i}U_{\alpha j}U_{\beta j}^{*})\sin^{2}(\Delta m_{ij}^{2}\frac{L}{4E}) + 2\sum_{i>j} \Im(U_{\alpha i}^{*}U_{\beta i}U_{\alpha j}U_{\beta j}^{*})\sin(\Delta m_{ij}^{2}\frac{L}{2E})$$

•If  $\Delta m_{ii}^2 = 0$  then neutrinos don't oscillate

•Oscillation depends on  $|\Delta m^2|$  - absolute masses, or mass patterns cannot be determined.

If there is no mixing (If  $U_{\alpha i} = 0$ ) neutrinos don't oscillate

•One can detect flavour change in 2 ways : start with  $v_{\alpha}$ and look for  $v_{\beta}$  (appearance) or start with  $v_{\alpha}$  and see if any disappears (disappearance)

•Flavour change oscillates with L/E. L and E are chosen by the experimenter to maximise sensitivity to a given  $\Delta m^2$ 

 Flavour change doesn't alter total neutrino flux – it just redistributes it amongst different flavours (unitarity)

## Two flavour oscillations

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\alpha} \\ \nu_{\beta} \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{1} \\ \nu_{2} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(v_{\alpha} \rightarrow v_{\beta}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{i>j} U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j} \sin^{2}(\Delta m_{ij}^{2} \frac{L}{4E})$$

 $P(v_{\alpha} \rightarrow v_{\beta})$ : Appearance Probability  $P(v_{\alpha} \rightarrow v_{\alpha})$ : Survival Probability

$$P(v_{\alpha} \rightarrow v_{\beta}) = -4(U_{\alpha 1}U_{\beta 1}U_{\alpha 2}U_{\beta 2})\sin^{2}(\Delta m_{ij}^{2}\frac{L}{4E})$$
  
$$.=\sin^{2}(2\theta)\sin^{2}(1.27\Delta m^{2}(eV^{2})\frac{L(km)}{E(GeV)})$$

(changing to useful units)

$$P(\nu_{\alpha}(0) \to \nu_{\alpha}(x)) = 1 - \sin^{2}(2\theta) \sin^{2}(1.27\Delta m^{2} \frac{(L/km)}{(E/GeV)})$$



# Sensitivity

	$E_{\nu}$ (MeV)	L (m)	$\Delta m^2 (eV^2)$
Supernovae	<100	>1019	<b>10</b> <sup>-19</sup> <b>- 10</b> <sup>-20</sup>
Solar	<14	1011	10-10
Atmospheric	>100	104 -107	10-4
Reactor	<10	<106	10-5
Accelerator with short baseline	>100	10 <sup>3</sup>	10-1
Accelerator with long baseline	>100	<106	10-3

# Oscillations in Matter (MSW Effect)

Electrons exist in standard matter –  $\mu/\tau$  do not. Electron neutrinos travelling in matter can experience an extra charged current interaction that other flavours cannot.



Oscillation probabilites are now function of  $\theta_{M}^{2}$ ,  $\Delta m_{M}^{2}$ 

$$\Delta m_M^2 = \Delta m_V^2 \sqrt{\sin^2(2\theta) + (\cos 2\theta - \zeta)^2}$$
$$\sin^2 2\theta_M = \frac{\sin^2 2\theta}{\sin^2 2\theta + (\cos 2\theta - \zeta)^2}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E}{\Delta m_V^2}$$

# Implications

$$\sin^2 2\theta_M = \frac{\sin^2 2\theta}{\sin^2 2\theta + (\cos 2\theta - \zeta)^2} \qquad \zeta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E}{\Delta m_{Vac}^2}$$

•If  $\Delta m^2_{Vac} = 0$  or matter is very dense,  $\zeta = \infty$  and  $\theta_m = 0$ •Similarly, if  $\theta = 0$ , then  $\theta_M = 0$ 

If there is no matter, then  $\zeta=0$  and we have vacuum mixing

•At a particular electron density, dependent on  $\Delta m^2$ ,

$$\zeta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E}{\Delta m^2} = \cos 2\theta \implies \sin^2 2\theta_M = 1$$

Even if the vacuum mixing angle is tiny, there is a density for which the matter mixing is large

#### Mass heirarchy

$$\sin^2 2\theta_M = \frac{\sin^2 2\theta}{\sin^2 2\theta + (\cos 2\theta - \zeta)^2} \qquad \zeta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E}{\Delta m_V^2}$$

If mass of  $v_1 < mass of v_2$ ,  $\Delta m^2 = m_1^2 - m_2^2 < 0$ 

$$\zeta = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E}{\left|\Delta m^2\right|} \rightarrow \sin^2 2\theta_M = \frac{\sin^2 2\theta}{\sin^2 2\theta + (\cos 2\theta + \zeta)^2}$$

Positive definite – no resonance

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#### **Three Flavour Oscillation**

The three flavour case is more complicated, but no different

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{e} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{1} \\ \mathbf{v}_{2} \\ \mathbf{v}_{3} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix}$$

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#### **Oscillation parameters**

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Three angles

$$Prob\left(\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}\right) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4\sum_{i>j} \Re\left(U_{\alpha i}^{*}U_{\beta i}U_{\alpha j}U_{\beta j}^{*}\right)\sin^{2}\left(\Delta m_{ij}^{2}\frac{L}{4E}\right) + 2\sum_{i>j}\Im\left(U_{\alpha i}^{*}U_{\beta i}U_{\alpha j}U_{\beta j}^{*}\right)\sin\left(\Delta m_{ij}^{2}\frac{L}{2E}\right)$$

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CP violating phase

$$Prob\left(\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}\right) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4\sum_{i>j} \Re\left(U_{\alpha i}^{*}U_{\beta i}U_{\alpha j}U_{\beta j}^{*}\right) \sin^{2}\left(\Delta m_{i j}^{2}\frac{L}{4E}\right) + 2\sum_{i>j} \Im\left(U_{\alpha i}^{*}U_{\beta i}U_{\alpha j}U_{\beta j}^{*}\right) \sin\left(\Delta m_{i j}^{2}\frac{L}{2E}\right)$$

## Explaining the solar data

# Testing oscillation hypothesis

Solar neutrino problem

 $n_{e}$  from sun would change to  $n_{\mu}$  or  $n_{\tau}$ . However these have too little energy to interact via the charged current, and all the detectors are only sensitive to charge current interactions.

Non-n component would effectively disappear, reducing the apparent n flux.

# **Proof : Neutral current event rate shouldn't change.**

# Sudbury Neutrino Observatory





1000 tonnes of  $D_{2}0$ 

6500 tons of H<sub>2</sub>0

Viewed by 10,000 PMTS

In a salt mine 2km underground in Sudbury, Canada

# SNO

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-Q = 1.445 MeV

- good measurement of  $v_e$  energy spectrum
- some directional info  $\propto (1 1/3 \cos \theta)$

 $-v_only$ 

NC 
$$\nu_x + d \rightarrow p + n + \nu_x$$

-Q = 2.22 MeV

- measures total <sup>8</sup>B v flux from the Sun

- equal cross section for all v types

n captures on deuteron  ${}^{2}H(n, \gamma){}^{3}H$ Observe 6.25 MeV  $\gamma$  $v_{a} + v_{\mu} + v_{r}$ 

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$$\underbrace{\mathsf{ES}}_{v_x} + \mathrm{e}^- \to v_x + \mathrm{e}^-$$

- low statistics
- mainly sensitive to  $v_e$ , some  $v_{\mu}$  and  $v_{\tau}$
- strong directional sensitivity

Produces Cherenkov Light Cone in D<sub>2</sub>O

$$v_{e}$$
+0.15\*( $v_{\mu}$ + $v_{\tau}$ )

#### **SNO** Results



5.3  $\sigma$  appearance of  $v_{_{\mu\tau}}$  in a  $v_{_{e}}$  beam Roughly 70% of  $v_{_{\mu}}$  oscillates away

# Adding SNO to the mix

The data shows that the solar oscillations come mostly from the MSW effect.

The neutrinos have oscillated before they get to the solar surface.



#### KamLAND



KamLAND uses the entire Japanese nuclear power industry as a long-baseline source

#### **KamLAND** @ Kamioka

750

1000

#### KamLAND



## An oscillation!



# Mixing matrix

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{el} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$
  
Solar sector  
$$\theta_{e\mu} = 32.5^{\circ} \pm 2.4^{\circ} \\ \Delta m_{12}^{2} = +7.9 \times 10^{-5} eV^{2}$$

# Explaining the atmospheric data

#### **Cosmic Labs**


# **Survival Probability**



## Super-Kamiokande

SuperK has both energy and direction information



Sees disappearance of  $v_{\mu}$  but NOT into  $v_{e}^{}$  – almost total  $v_{\mu}^{} \rightarrow v_{\tau}^{}$  oscillations?

## **MINOS** verification





 $\frac{\# events observed}{\# events expected} = P(v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\mu}) = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2(\Delta m^2 L 4 E)$ 

$$\Delta m^2 = 2.35^{+0.11}_{-0.08} \times 10^{-3} eV^2$$
  
sin<sup>2</sup>(20)>0.91(@90 CL)

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 $\theta_{e\mu} = 32.5^{\circ} \pm 2.4^{\circ}$   
 $\Delta m_{12}^{2} = +7.9 \times 10^{-5} eV^{2}$ 
$$Atmospheric sector$$
 $n_{\mu} \rightarrow n_{\tau}$   
 $\theta_{\mu\tau} = 45.0^{\circ} \pm 2.4^{\circ}$   
 $\Delta m_{23}^{2} = |2.35 \times 10^{-3}| eV^{2}$ 

# Mixing matrix

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And this sector?

## Probabilities

For Atmospheric L/E and  $\delta = 0$ 

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}) = \cos^{4} \theta_{13} \sin^{2} 2 \theta_{23} \sin^{2} (1.27 \Delta m_{23}^{2} \frac{L}{E})$$

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) = \sin^{2} 2 \theta_{13} \sin^{2} \theta_{23} \sin^{2} (1.27 \Delta m_{23}^{2} \frac{L}{E})$$

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For Solar L/E and  $\delta$  = 0

$$P(v_e \to v_{\mu,\tau}) = \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 (1.27 \Delta m_{12}^2 \frac{L}{E}) + 0.5 \sin^2 \theta_{13}$$

If 
$$\theta_{13} = 0$$

For Atmospheric L/E and  $\delta = 0$ 

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 $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{_{13}}$  couples the atmospheric and solar sectors. So what is it?

# How do we get to $\theta_{13}$ ?

 $\nu_{_{\rm II}} \rightarrow \nu_{_{\rm O}}$  oscillations with atmospheric L/E

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 $\nu_{e} \rightarrow \nu_{x}$  disappearance oscillations with atmospheric L/E

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## CHOOZ Experiment Ardennes, France



### Baseline ~ 1 km $\Delta m^2$ ~ 2 x 10<sup>-3</sup> eV<sup>2</sup>

$$R = \frac{N_{observed}}{N_{expected}} = 1.01 \pm 2.8 \% (stat) \pm 2.7 \% (sys)$$

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# This is what we know...



## This is what we want to know...



Better estimates of the oscillation parameters using accelerators

Is the atmospheric mixing angle maximal?

# The next 20 years

Measurement	Method	Experiments	Why?	When
$ \Delta m_{23}^{2} $	$v_{\mu}^{}$ Disapp.	MINOS	More precise Estimates	Now
$\theta_{23}$ $\theta_{13}$	$v_{\mu}^{}$ Disapp. $v_{e}^{}$ Appear.	T2K, NovA T2K, NovA	Is it maximal? Equal to 0? Can't measure $\delta_{CP}$ if it is	2012 2012
	Anti-v <sub>e</sub> Disapp.	Reactor		2012
Sgn( $\Delta m_{23}^{2}$ ) $\delta_{CP}$	$v_e$ / anti- $v_e$	T2KK, neutrino Factory, ???	Unification, GUT Lepton asymmetry	2025?

# A spanner in the works

The LSND experiment was the first accelerator experiment to report a positive appearance signal



# LSND Result (1997)

87.9 ± 22.4 ± 6 excess events from  $\overline{n}_{\mu} \rightarrow \overline{n}_{\rho}$ 

 $3.3 \sigma$  evidence for oscillations



## LSND Result

 $87.9 \pm 22.4 \pm 6$  excess events



# MiniBooNE

## Currently running since 2002 at Fermilab



•Average neutrino energy  $\approx 1 \text{ GeV}$ 

L/E the same as LSND

Same technology as LSND

•Different energy = different event types = different systematics

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• Looks for \nu_{_{\mu}} \! \to \! \nu_{_{e}} oscillations \begin{array}{c} = \nu_{_{e}} \! \to \! \nu_{_{\mu}} \end{array} if CPT symmetry holds
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But there is a possible signal for antineutrino running

But only about 1.3  $\sigma$  significance

Very small excess below 475 MeV



# Summary

• LSND reports a 3  $\sigma$  excess of antineutrino events probing a  $\Delta m^2 \approx 1.0 \text{ eV}^2$ 

• miniBooNE reports a 1.5  $\sigma$  excess of antineutrino events probing a  $\Delta m^2 \approx 1.0 \text{ eV}^2$ 

• miniBooNE reports a 3  $\sigma$  excess of neutrino events probing a  $\Delta m^2 \approx 0.3 \text{ eV}^2$ 

- Antineutrino result suggests the existence of at least one sterile (remember the Z<sup>0</sup> result - we know that there are 3 active light neutrinos) neutrino taking part in the oscillation process
- Neutrino result can only be modeled (badly) by an extra two sterile neutrinos plus significant CP violation

*Decaying sterile neutrinos?* 

**CPT** Violation?



Lorentz violation?

### Extra dimensions?

## No bleedin' idea

Wait for more data





## $\theta_{13}$ determines the next 15-30 years or so of the field

# How large is it?

Fogli et al arXiv:0905.3549



 $\sin^{2}(\theta_{13}) = 0.02 \pm 0.01 \Rightarrow \theta_{13} = 8^{\circ} \pm 3^{\circ}$  CHOOZ limit :  $\theta_{13} < 10^{\circ}$ 

Real or accidental? Need more data...

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## The experiment







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# The T2K (Tokai-2-Kamioka) Experiment





### ~500 members, 61 Institutes, 12 countries

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## What can T2K do?




# n<sub>e</sub> Appearance



			МС		Acc. BG (12µs window)
T2K-SK events		Data	No oscillation	With oscillation and $\theta_{13}$ =0	
	Fully-Contained	33	54.5	24.6	0.0094
	Fiducial Volume, E <sub>vis</sub> > 30MeV	23	36.8	16.7	0.0011
	Single-ring e-like P <sub>e</sub> >100MeV/c	2	1.5±0.7	1.3±0.6	-

 $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.5 @ 90 CL$ 

$$\Delta m_{23}^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} eV^2$$

We have 4 times the amount of data released in the can which should push the limit down to about 0.1.

Expect release of this data by summer.



### Earthquake



- Subsidence at the LINAC building
- But the near detector seems to be superficially OK

•The accelerator magnets may need realignment but the ring seems to be also OK

 Japanese build for earthquakes





#### Ash River

#### Fermilab

#### United States

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Only NOvA can measure matter effect to get the mass heirarchy. Probably need a combination of NOvA, T2K and the reactors to fully disentangle the parameter space.

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CERN Council Strategy Document dixit, July 2006 ..... be in position to define the optimal neutrino program ..... in around 2012

Including Neutrino Factory International Design Study



#### SuperBeams



- Conventional neutrino beam with a MW proton beam (T2K has the most intense beam - 750 kW)
- Challenge to proton source (so-called proton driver)
- Challenge to the targetry MW pulse would vaporise the target

### **CP** Violation redux



Could study CPV using a superbeam and an experiment sensitive to both maxima using only a neutrino beam.

# Future VLBL Experiments

High power beam and very large detectors at the second maxi

	current	plan	under discussion	
	~0.05MW	0.75 MW	4MW	
J-PARC/KEK	Τ2Κ (θ <sub>13</sub> )		JPARC-to-somewhere (CPV, hierarchy, $\theta_{13}$ )	
	22.5ktor	n W.C. (SK)	540kton W.C. or 100kton LArTPC	
	~0.3MW	0.7 MW	~2MW (Project-X)	
FNAL	NuMI/MINOS (v <sub>μ</sub> disapp.)	NOvA (θ <sub>13</sub> , hierarchy)	FNAL-to-DUSEL (CPV, hierarchy, $\theta_{13}$ )	
		14kton Liquid Scint.	~300kton W.C. and/or ~50kton LArTPC	
	~0.3MW	0.4MW	2MW(HP-PS2) ~ 4MW(HP-SPL)	
CERN	CNGS/OPERA (v <sub>τ</sub> app.)		130~2300km site (CPV, hierarchy, $\theta_{13}$ )	
			~500kton W.C. or ~100kton LArTPC or ~50kton LiquidScint.	

#### OA Beam L = 660 km 500 MeV @ $2^{nd}$ Max





•v only run

•Can detect CP Violation at 3 sigma significance if  $sin^{2}(2\theta_{13}) > 0.02$ 

# SuperBeam Summary

- Future Superbeam facilities will look for CPV and mass heirarchy measurements using Very Long Baseline experiments
- Could be built now upgrade of the existing beams (J-PARC, NUMI) and new main detector
- Competitive CPV discovery potential down to  $\theta_{13} > 2$  degrees
- a lot of R&D already done. Detector is on the cutting edge, but could be build soon with more work.
- Cost on the order of £4 million.
- What we'll go for if  $\theta_{13}$  is large.

### **Neutrino Factories**

In a conventional beam the neutrinos from pion decay In a neutrino factory the neutrinos come from muon decay



$$\mu^{-} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} \overline{\nu_{e}} e^{-}$$
$$\mu^{+} \rightarrow \overline{\nu_{\mu}} \nu_{e} e^{+}$$

Beam is very clean 50%  $n_{\mu}$ ,  $n_{e}$ Extremely high flux Precise and predictable energy spectrum

# **Neutrino Factory Oscillation**



Golden channel

#### •No background from other neutrino flavours

 But this requires the charge of the final state lepton to be known

•Need to magnetise the far detector





Neutrino Factory outperforms other options:

- Larger discovery reach
- Competitors (large θ<sub>13</sub>):
  - Beta beam:

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- But requires large Ne flux, high-γ, and/or 4-ions
- Low energy Neutrino Factory:
  - See later, but, reduced redundancy/flexibility

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### Targetry – MERIT Experiment





# Targetry – MERIT Experiment



Other ideas out there : supercooled tungsten ring tungsten powder jet



### Muon Cooling



# MICE



Muon Ionisation Cooling Experiment @ Rutherford Labs in Ox

#### Detectors

Physics sensitivity prefers two 50 kton (mass of the Titanic) detectors around 4000 km from the beam, and around 7500 km from the beam



Arlit:	3636
Baskan:	3366
Boulby:	229
Carlsbad:	7293
Essen:	565
Gaspe:	4264
GranSasso:	1514
Homestake:	6655
Kamioka:	8621
KingsMountain:	6095
Lucenac:	1002
Norsaq:	2788
Soudan:	5925
Sudbury:	5548



# Neutrino Factory Summary

- Best discovery potential and sensitivity from all options
- Couldn't be built now. If we decided to build one it, and it's detectors, wouldn't be ready until 2025 or so.
- Only choice if  $\theta_{_{13}} < 1^{\circ}$
- Design study underway and the problems are being
  addressed by demonstrator experiments
- Cost on the order of £3 billion (LHC cost £3 billion; 2008 bank bailout was £ 50 billion, although that wasn't cash in hand)
- Can we do this now? No.
- Wait for next  $\theta_{13}$  measurement

# **Concluding Remarks**

We have gone through a lot but I can easily fill another 15 hours of lectures.

The neutrino is : light, neutral, left-handed (chiral) and almost left-handed (helicity). It is generated purely in weak interactions (which is why it is chiral). It is generated by many sources : the Big Bang, astrophysical events, supernova, the sun, cosmic rays, radioactive decays, and countless other sources. We can generate them in reactors and accelerators. Their cross sections are tiny and we need big detectors to look at them. They mix and oscillate.

They may be the reason that we are here at all.

But...what is their mass? Why is it so small? Why are the mixing parameters so odd? Still lots of questions remain. We have a 20 year plan for trying to deal with them.

The first thing we need to do is determine the size of  $\theta_{13}$ .

#### In words

Because  $v_e$  can suffer an extra interaction it picks up an effective mass that is slightly different from its vacuum mass. From another point of view, the extra interaction gives the  $v_e$  an apparent inertia with respect to the other neutrinos.

Think of this in much the same way as phonons in crystals which have "effective" masses arising from interactions with the crystal lattice

Matter presents an effective refractive index for  $\boldsymbol{v}_{\text{p}}$ 

This inertia is felt by some linear combination of the mass eigenstates, and hence passed to the other flavours. Oscillations still happen, but now with a different effective mass splitting