BACK FROM THE DEAD

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NEUTRINO CROSS SECTIONS

1931-1986

WARWICK

A Drama in Three Acts

I. Neutrino Oscillations (exposition...)

- current status of knowledge
- future goals
- II. Neutrino Interactions (plot development)
 - implications for future oscillation studies
- III. Future Scattering Experiments (denouement)
 - SciBoone
 - MINERvA

Neutrinos

•Spin ¹⁄₂ neutral partners to the charged leptons

• 50 meV < mass < 3 eV

•Flavours mix, and oscillate during propagation

•Only interact (hence only generated or detected) through the weak interaction

• $\sigma \sim 10^{-4}$ fb @ 1 MeV

•Come with energies ranging from 3 meV up to 10^{16} eV



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v Oscillations

A QM effect whereby neutrino mass states are non-diagonal linear combinations of neutrino weak states.

Or to put it another way, an effect whereby neutrinos of one flavour can oscillate to other flavours in flight.



This can only happen if neutrinos have mass

v Oscillations



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Two independent mass splittings – each with a sign $P(\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}) = \sin^{2}(2\theta)\sin^{2}(1.27\Delta m_{ij}^{2})\frac{L}{F})$

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A CP violating term $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}; s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$

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What do we know?







Better measurements of known parameters
Is θ₂₃ = 45°?
Value of θ₁₃?
Value of δ_{CP}?
Mass heirarchy?
Absolute mass scale
Dirac vs Majorana



$$U_{MNSP} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.5 & \epsilon \\ 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.7 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow U_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.975 & 0.222 & 0.004 \\ 0.221 & 0.97 & 0.04 \\ 0.01 & 0.04 & 0.999 \end{pmatrix}$$



The Master Plan



 $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{_{13}}$ determines the next 15–30 years or so of the field

How to get to θ_{13} ?

For 1 GeV beam



One component – Long Baseline Experiments



 $P(v_{\mu} - v_{e})$ at new off-axis Superbeam

An appearance experiment



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Uncertainties in σ cancel, right?

Um....no, actually

Event Samples are different Near to far, so Uncertainties In cross sections Won't cancel



If signal is small, worry about background prediction (v_e flux and NC xsection) If signal is big, worry about signal cross sections













The Effect of Ignorance

Toy MC Analysis of v_e appearance experiment assuming θ_{13} just below current limit

Process	Event s	QE	RES	СОН	DIS	on 0.014 Current σ Errors
δσ/σ		20%	40%	100%	20%	 0.012 - ····· σ Errors after MINERνA 5 - E 5 - C 0.1 - Statistical (ED) to Eval
Signal v _e sin²20 13=0.1	175	5 5%	35%	n/i	10%	
NC	15.4	0	50%	20%	30%	0.004
$\nu_{\mu}CC$	3.6	0	65%	n/i	35%	0.002
Beam ν_e	19.1	50%	40%	n/i	10%	0 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.04 0.05 0.06 0.07 0.08 0.09 0.
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						-wawa Systematic Error

from Cross sections

Statistical Errors

Come on – 20%, 50,%, 100%? The cross sections can't be *that* poorly understood, can they?

What is in the sims now?



Most present knowledge comes from the old bubble chamber data (FNAL, CERN, ANL, BNL, Serpukhov)
Low neutrino fluxes, low statistics
Data sometimes conflicting
Very important in constraining MC







CC Quasielastics





•2 body interaction allows neutrino energy reconstruction

15-20% uncertainty
Less well-known in threshold region
Low E data mostly on D₂

CC 1π production



 $\nu_{\mu} \boldsymbol{p} \rightarrow \mu^{-} \pi^{+} \boldsymbol{p}(\Delta^{++})$ $v_{\mu} n \rightarrow \mu n \pi^+$



Background to QE signal

v_{e} appearance in T2K



Detection Principle



NC 1 π^0 Production

$\nu N \rightarrow \nu \Delta \rightarrow \nu N \pi^0$

Major background to $v_{e}^{}$ appearance search in T2K










NC 1 π^0 Resonance





2 Measurements at 2 GeV

Total world data < 500 events

NC 1 π^0 Coherent





Coherent production off nucleus, keeping nucleus intact Forward emitted π low Q²

~ 20% of resonant rate

but look at the errors....

Can it get any worse?

World Data for Antineutrinos



Nuclear Effects

Neutrinos typically interact with a **bound** nucleon



Simplest and most common model is basic Fermi gas

•Fermi momentum model •Pauli blocking

Modifies the scattering angle and momentum spectra of outgoing final state.

Nuclear effects largest at low E_v, low Q²

Nuclear Effects



Fermi surface modelling Pion absorption/rescattering Final state mass effects Nucleon rescattering



Nuclear effects studied in charged lepton scattering.

But, there are signs in the data that nuclear effects for neutrinos are different than for charged lepton interactions.



Good Grief! Something must be done!

APS Joint Study on Neutrino Physics – 2006

 NEW HIGH-PRECISION CROSS-SECTION EXPERIMENTS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN.

cancel some of the uncertainty in cross sections, the better and more precise solution is to actually measure the cross sections better than currently known once and for all! We encourage that the experiments necessary for this be carried out.

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Physics Motivation



CHANNEL	ν		Anti-v
CCQE		39k	7.5k
$\text{CC1}\pi^+$		24k	2k
$NC1\pi^0$		9k	1.3k
NC Coherent		0.8k	0.3k

More data than the current global dataset on anti-neutrinos

Detector Technology



Scintillator-WLS fibre technology



Schedule



SciBooNE already running!
2 years from formation of collaboration to first data!

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and Theoretical physicists from 23 Institutions













Detector design

- Active core is segmented solid scintillator
 - Tracking (including low momentum recoil protons)
 - Particle identification by energy deposition (dE/dx)
 - 3 ns (RMS) per hit timing (track direction, identify stopped K^{\pm})
- Core surrounded by electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters
 - Photon (π⁰) & hadron energy measurement
- Upstream region has simultaneous
 C, Fe, Pb, He targets to study nuclear effects
- MINOS Near
 Detector
 as muon catcher



Detector Design 2



Position

Installed in front of the MINOS Near Detector at FNAL





NuMI Neutrino Beam



Detection Technology

Blue emitting extruded triangular scintillator bars
Wavelength shifting fibre glued into central hole





•Clear fiber in light tight cables takes light to PMT



Why this technology?

Nature of neutrino physics requires massive target
Need to detect short tracks → active target
Tried and tested

•dE/dx in scintillator can be used for particle ID •Reasonable hit resolution (3 mm) using charge weighted position from triangle doublets.

V



Event Rates

Fiducial Mass : 3 ton CH, 0.6 ton C, 1 ton Fe, 1 ton Pb

<u>Total Event rate</u>		<u>Physics Event rate in CH</u>		
Target	CC v Rate	Process	Rate	
СН	8.6 M	QE	0.8 M	
С	1.4 M	1 pion	1.6 M	
Fe	2.9 M	Transition	2.0 M	
Ph	2.9 M	DIS	4 M	

* For one beam scenario

CCQE Cross section



High efficiency and purity (~ 77% and ~ 74% resp.) Nuclear Effects can be studied in nuclear targets Deviation from dipole form factors can be studied

Coherent pion cross section



MINERvA Schedule

- 2008:
 - Build and test 20-frame prototype above ground
 - Start building full detector (108 frames)
 - Build Test beam detector, run in the fall
- 2009:
 - Finish building full detector
 - Install as early as possible
 - End of 2009: take data with MINOS
- 2010:
 - Low Energy Neutrino Data taking
- 2011 and beyond:
 - Medium Energy Neutrino data with NOvA(???)



Theoretical work



Conclusion

	NOW	FUTURE
CCQE	15-20%	5%
NC π0	25-40%	<10%
$CC \pi +$	25-40%	5%
CC π0	25-40%	5%
Coherent π	100%	5-10%
Inclusive	>10%	5-10%

Conclusion



There are known knowns. There are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns. That is to say, We know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns. The ones we don't know we don't know.

D. Rumsfeld, American Poet

QE Cross section

QE cross section can be written in terms of nucleon FF

$$\langle N'| J_{\mu} | N \rangle = \overline{u}(N') \left[\gamma_{\mu} F_{\nu}(q^2) + \frac{i\sigma_{\mu\nu} q^{\nu} \xi F_{\nu}^2(q^2)}{2M} + \gamma_5 \gamma_{\mu} F_A(q^2) \right] u(N)$$

Form factors describe the nuclear structure.

 $F_v(q^2)$ is the vector form factor. It's related to the electric charge distribution of the nucleon and is measured well in electron scattering.



Historically represented by the dipole form

But known not to be

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 $F_A(q^2)$ is the axial-vector form factor. It's related to the helicity structure of the nucleon and not known well at all. It can only be measured in neutrino interactions.

$$F_A(q^2) \sim \frac{g_A}{1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_A^2}}$$

Function of a single parameter called the "axial mass" (M_A)

Measurement of M_{Δ}

Argonne (1969) Argonne (1973) **CERN (1977)** Argonne (1977) **CERN (1979)** BNL (1980) BNL (1981) Argonne (1982) Fermilab (1983) BNL (1986) BNL (1987) BNL (1990) Average 0.85



Parameter must be measured
Simulation use average derived using a deuterium target
Is this right when using an iron target?

World Average : $M_A = 1.03 \pm 0.02$



Form factor shape (MINERvA)

QE scattering, ν_{μ} , $F_A(Q^2)/dipole$, $M_A=1.014~GeV$



Nuclear Effects



Nuclear effects change as a function of A

 Presence of axial current affects shadowing

•NUTeV sees smaller nuclear effects at high-x than charged lepton scattering

•Different nuclear effects for valence and sea (F_2, xF_3)
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Ambiguities



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Yes. Yes, it can.





 $v_{\mu} \mathbf{n} \rightarrow v_{\mu} \mathbf{n} \pi^{0}$