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Fig. I.1.1: (Figure from Reference 5). In the upper part, a detail of the Gran Sasso project presented by A. Zichichi in the Public Work Committee of the Italian Senate. In the lower part the reproduction of page 13 of the original project  $[6^a]$ .

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# *History*

- 1983 Digging of the underground halls begins
- 1987 End of the civil engineering. First experiments are commissioned
- 1989 First large experiment (MACRO) running

1990 Parliament approves the third law, appropriating a bill for the construction of

two new halls and a dedicated access tunnel





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### **Preparing the next phase**

Space has been made available for the next phase. Many new ideas and experimental proposals from the community



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### The forces

The Standard Theory has been tested with extreme precision with accelerators & colliders But only at very low energies, compared to the unification and to the Planck scale We are approaching the limits of accelerator physics

energy, luminosity, costs, size of collaborations, time to results, etc For one of the basic forces, gravity, we <u>don't have yet a quantum theory</u> Look for extremely violent events? (merging n stars, supermassive BH's,....)



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# The Standard Model of Cosmology

Matter is only a fraction of the total

80% of matter is non baryonic

90% of baryonic matter is dark

contrib. of neutrinos to dark matter is (very) small



The standard cosmological model is based on:

>A dark matter we don't see

A dark energy we don't understand

>A fraction of baryons we can't find

Cosmologic theories cannot be experimentally proven Prove is consistency not reproducibility

#### Standard Cosmology gives us clear guidelines on what to search for new elementary particles new elementary vacuum

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### New neutrino physics

#### Two independent pieces of evidence for Physics beyond the Standard Model Both from experiments in <u>underground laboratories</u> on

1. electron neutrino from the Sun

2. muon neutrinos from the atmosphere

have shown the. oscillation phenomena at different square mass differences

 $m^2$  ("atmospheric")

 $m^2$  ("solar")

#### Implications

•  $v_e$ ,  $v_{\mu}$  and  $v_{\tau}$  are not mass eigenstates ( $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ ) but superpositions of these If eigenstates are orthogonal, need to measure

•three "mixing angles"  $\theta_{12}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$ 

•three phases (one if Dirac)

•CP violation

- $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in \mathbf{v}_3$  have  $m_1, m_2$  and  $m_3 = 0$
- leptionic charges are not conserved



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#### Neutrino masses

Spectrum is a doublet plus a singlet. Define: Doublet =  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$  with  $m_2 > m_1$  and  $\delta m^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2$ Singlet =  $m_3$  and  $\Delta m^2 = m_3^2 - m_2^2$ 



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#### Flavour conversion in vacuum

Transitions between different flavour pairs take place in a three-state system (neutrinos). Transition probabilities formulas more complicated than for two-state For L/E close to maximal (1/ $m^2$ ) one oscillation dominates

$$P_{\nu\mu \ \nu\tau} = \sin^2(2\theta_{23})\cos^4(\theta_{13})\sin^2 1.27 \ m^2(eV^2)\frac{L(km)}{E(GeV)}$$
$$P_{\nu\mu \ \nu e} = \sin^2(\theta_{23})\sin^2(2\theta_{13})\sin^2 1.27 \ m^2(eV^2)\frac{L(km)}{E(GeV)}$$

Oscillations period depends on absolute value of the squared mass difference Oscillation amplitudes are not equal to  $\sin^2 2\theta$ Oscillation amplitude is different for different oscillations "Mixing angles" ranges are  $0 - \pi/2$  not  $0 - \pi/4$ Talking of "electron neutrino mass" is misleading Variables like  $\theta_{\mu\tau}$  are misleading (may lead to wrong conclusions) Beware mistakes of PDG

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### Flavour conversion in matter

#### The MSW effect

In matter  $_{e}$  interact with the electrons via CC, (refraction index)  $v_1, v_1, v_3$  are not the mass eigenstates Gives complementary information w.r.t. oscillation experiments Level crossing possible @ critical value of density\*energy



Important in Sun, in Earth, in a Supernova

If matter effects, "effective mixing angle" range is  $0 - \pi/2$ , even for two neutrino flavours

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#### Meson decay spectrum

Only two neutrinos for simplicity:  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , with masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$   $v_{\mu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v_1 + v_2)$ Suppose  $\nu_{\mu}$  and  $\nu_{\tau}$  were maximum mixings of  $\nu_{1}$  and  $\nu_{2}$  $v_{\tau} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v_1 - v_2)$ М Consider the decay of a meson of mass M into a  $\mu$  and a  $\nu_{\mu}$  $\nu_{\mu}$ μ To determine neutrino masses measure muon energy and get **p.** *E*.. neutrino energy  $E_{v}$ dN dE. We should find a dichromatic spectrum corresponding to the two masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ We can then tag a sample of  $v_1$  for example  $v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( v_{\mu} + v_{\tau} \right)$ Ev2  $E_{v1}$ Е,

Neutrinos of this sample, hitting a nucleus will produce both  $\mu$ 's and  $\tau$ 's with equal probabilities **Absurd**??

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### How much energy resolution?



Need enough energy resolution to measure  $E_{v2} - E_{v1} = \frac{m^2}{4E_v}$ Neutrino beam is a dichromatic wave with periods  $T_1 = 1/E_{v1}$ and  $T_2 = 1/E_{v2}$ Count the crests in time interval  $\tau$ , large enough to see the difference

 $\cos(\omega_1 t) \qquad N_1 = \tau / T_1 = \tau E_{\nu_1} \text{ and } N_2 = \tau / T_2 = \tau E_{\nu_2}$ Condition to resolve:  $N_2 - N_1 \quad O(1)$ 

 $\tau (E_{v2} - E_{v1}) > 1$  Uncertainty relation

$$\tau > \frac{1}{E_{\nu 2} - E_{\nu 1}} - \frac{E_{\nu}}{m^2}$$

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 $N_2$ 

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 $\cos(\omega_2 t)$ 

### Counting the crests of the wave function

In practice we cannot count the crests of the wave functions  $N_2$  and  $N_1$ , but we do have a way to count the difference  $N_2 - N_1$  by beating the two waves (it happens naturally)

Take  $\tau$  \_\_\_\_\_\_ (minimum) \_\_\_\_\_\_ in which, say  $N_2 - N_1 = 1/2$ At this time the two waves, initially in phase, are in phase opposition. If their amplitudes are equal (maximum mixing) the resulting amplitude vanishes.



$$P_{\nu\alpha \ \nu\beta} = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 1.27 \ m^2 (eV^2) \frac{L(km)}{E(GeV)}$$

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#### Neutrino masses from beta decay

"Mass" is a property of a stationary state:  $_{e}$ , or  $_{\mu}$ , or  $_{\tau}$  "mass" is improper Its meaning depends on what and how one measures Example: Tritium decay  $^{3}H$   $^{3}He + e^{-} + \frac{1}{e}$  **K**(**E**) In practice (even in principle) the different "steps" are not resolved (blue curve)  $< m_{Ve}^{2} > = |U_{e1}|^{2} m_{1}^{2} + |U_{e2}|^{2} m_{2}^{2} + |U_{e3}|^{2} m_{3}^{2}$ From solar oscill. & CHOOZ  $< m_{Ve}^{2} > (0.7 - 0.5)m_{1}^{2} + (0.3 - 0.5)m_{2}^{2}$   $< m_{Ve} > < 2.2$  eV from Mainz experiment Troitsk experiment has similar limit, but with a non understood systematic effect  $= m_{u}^{2} - m_{u}$ 

#### **FUTURE: KATRIN**

**New spectrometer** for tritium  $\beta$  decay, planned to push the limit to  $\langle m_{ve} \rangle > 300$  meV

# Beta decay experiments do not look capable to reach the ultimate neutrino mass scale

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# Majorana masses of electron neutrinos

SM neutrinos are massless, described by a 2-component (left) spinor If lepton number is not conserved and if neutrinos are massive (chirality is frame dependent)



**Cancellations are possible** 

Best limits:  $M_{ee}^M < 270 h$  meV (Heidelberg-Moscow at LNGS) and similar from IGEX  $h = M_o / M$  uncertainty in nuclear matrix element: factor 2-3

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### How to improve limits



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### Towards (absolute) neutrino mass

There is not an absolute lower limit for  $M^{M}_{ee} < 270 h$  but expected signal @ a few tens meV in many scenarios

#### Experiments have progressed enormously in the past decades



# LNGS programme

The struggle for background reduction

#### Heidelberg-Moscow

Technique: Enriched <sup>76</sup>Ge detect.  $b = 0.17 \pm 0.01$  ev/(kg keV y) without pulse shape analysis Limit:  $M_{ee}$  <270 meV (best) Exposure: 46.5 kg kg y

**GENIUS-TF** <u>Test facility for GENIUS</u> With the present HM Ge and  $b = 6 \ge 10^{-3} ev/(kg \text{ keV } y)$   $M_{ee} < 100 \text{ meV}$  in 6 years **Status. Approved** 

**GENIUS** Naked enriched Ge crystals in  $LN_2$  $b = 3x10^{-4} ev/(kg keV yr))$ Sensitive mass: 1000 kg <sup>76</sup>Ge  $M_{ee} < 20-30 meV$ Status. Experimental tests requested (GENIUS-TF) MIBETA (Milan) Technique:natural TeO<sub>2</sub> bolometers (<sup>130</sup>Te = 34%) <sup>130</sup>Te mass = 2.3 kg b = 0.5 ev/(kg keV yr) Limit:  $M_{ee} < 2$  eV (2<sup>nd</sup> best)

CUORICINO (expected) Sensitive <sup>130</sup>Te mass = 14.3 kg b = 0.02-0.05 ev/(kg keV yr)Limit:  $M_{ee} < 200-400 \text{ meV}$ Status. Approved

CUORE propos. (expected  $^{130}$ Te mass = 250 kg  $b = 2x10^{-3}$  ev/(kg keV yr) Limit:  $M_{ee}$  < 50 meV



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### Neutrino masses from cosmology

The number densities of the three neutrino states are independent on their masses Limits on neutrino mass density gives a limit on the sum of neutrino masses New data from WMAP on CMB anisotropy of unprecedented statistical accuracy (not on angular resolution)

Combining with other measurements (astro-ph/0302209, astro-ph/0302217`) **Present best limit**  $\sum m_i < 690 \text{ meV} \Rightarrow m_1, m_2, m_3 < 230 \text{ meV}$ 



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### Neutrino masses from cosmology

Next step (?): accurate measurement of large scale (but smaller than CMB) spectrum (LSS) Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) expected to measure the spectrum at **1%** accuracy. During matter domination neutrinos suppress amplitude fluctuations at smaller scales Comparison of amplitude fluctuations in LSS and CMB gives information on neutrino density Combine with other precision measurements. Mainly CMB

Get limit (or evidence) on neutrino masses (Hu, Eisenstein and Tegmark, Phys. Rev. Lett. **80** (1998) 5255) N.B. Variations of other cosmological parameters give effect similar to neutrino masses



high:  $_{\rm m}$ =1, h = 0.5; low:  $_{\rm m}$ =0.2, h = 0.65 27-02-2003 A. Bettini. INFN

**Discovery limit** @  $2 \sigma = \sum m_i = 300 \text{ meV}$ 

50% uncertainty due to poor knowledge of other parameters

Standard Cosmology is becoming a sound Theory

Not very far from lower limit  $\sum m_i = 60$ meV from atmospheric + solar oscillation lower bound

# LUNA scientific program





# Solar electron-neutrino spectrum

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### BOREXINO

Real time neutrino (all flavours) detector Threshold E > 0.4 MeV Measure mono-energetic (0.86 MeV) <sup>7</sup>Be neutrino flux Very sensitive to  $\delta m^2$  and  $\theta_{12}$ 40 ev/d if SSM Physics run in 2003



300 t liquid scintillator (PC + PPO) in a nylon bag
Innermost 100 t: fiducial volume
S/S sphere, 13.7 m diam. Supports the PMs & optical concentrators
Space inside the sphere contains purified PC
Second nylon bag (11 m diam.) to block radon
Purified water outside the S/S sphere (18 m diam., 16.9 m height)

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# The SS Sphere

Scintillator purification $(H_2O \text{ extraction and Si-gel column})$ Requirements (g/g)Achieved (g/g)Cd(g/g)

Cd	3.10-8	$< 8 . 10^{-15}$
In	3.10-11	< 1.10 <sup>-13</sup>
La	1.10-11	< 4 . 10 <sup>-16</sup>
Lu	4.10-14	< 4 . 10 <sup>-16</sup>
K	8.10-14	< 6 . 10 <sup>-12</sup>
Rb	3.10-13	< 1.10 <sup>-13</sup>
Th	2.10-15	< 2.10 <sup>-16</sup>
U	1.10-16	< 1 . 10 <sup>-17</sup>



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Expected background in 100 t fiducial<br/>volume in the 7Be region = 0.4 counts/d.Signal is 50 counts/day if SSM<br/>ScheduleStart of fillingAutumn 2002<br/>Start of data taking<br/>January 2003

**Delayed by wrong manoeuvres resulted in PC spill in the environment** 



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### **BOREXINO** and Solar solutions



In the LMA sensitive to mixing angle (complementary to KamLAND) Even if we know now that the solar neutrino oscillation solution is LMA, we still need a direct measurement of the flux below 5 MeV, 99.99 % of the total (John Bahcall).

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# LENS proposal

Both pp and Be fluxes should be measured to complete the picture "Perhaps higher (>5MeV) data have not yet revealed the full richness of the weak interaction phenomena" J. Bahcall

LENS program: Prove oscillations with a single experiment Determine solution with a single experiment sensitivity to the low energy (pp) neutrinos in real time flavour sensitivity source sensitivity (pp. <sup>7</sup>Be,<sup>8</sup>B)

#### Techniques have been developed at LNG:

Than LENS returned to In

R&D is necessary on liquid scintillator stability radio purity calibration sources etc.



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### CNGS. CERN to Gran Sasso Neutrino Project

Beam energy p 400 GeV  $CCv_{\mu}$  inter/kt\*yr 2630  $v_{\tau}$  inter/kt\*yr 15 @ full mixing and  $m^2 = 2.500 \text{ meV}^2$ Further optimisation (> 1.5) possible Ready in spring 2006

Produce  $\tau$ 's via CC interactions

$$v_{\tau} + N = \tau^{-} + X$$

Detect $\tau^-$ through its			
charged decay products			
$\mu^- \nu_{\tau} \nu_{\tau}$	18%		
$h^-$ ν <sub>τ</sub> $n\pi^0$	50%		
$e^- v_{\tau} v_e$	18%		
$\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ n\pi^0$	14%		

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Beam and experiments optimised for  $\tau$  appearance

Complementary to K2K and NUMI+MINOS



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### Identify $\tau$ 's by decay topology

v\_oscillation → massive target
 v\_decay topology → micrometer resolution
 Lead – nuclear emulsion sandwich"Emulsion Cloud Chamber" (ECC)





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# ICARUS T3000 proposal



First half of T600 module successfully operated in Pavia Power dissipation problems being tackled Risk analysis under way Expect to install T600 early 2003 T3000 detector proposed as a series of five T600 modules Proposed to be operational by summer 2005 •Wide physics program

- •\_ and <sub>e</sub> appearance on CNGS
- atmospheric neutrinos
- supernova neutrinos
- solar neutrinos
- proton decay

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### **ICARUS T3000 on CNGS**

Tau detected mainly through electronic channel, selected mainly on the basis of visible energy



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Discriminate signal from background using likelihood function based on kinematical variables Strong reduction of background

 $m^{2} = 2500 \text{ meV}^{2}$ Maximum mixing
Exposure = 15 kt\*y
(5 x 600 t modules x 5 years)
After kinematic cuts  $\tau \Rightarrow e \quad 9 \text{ events}$   $\tau \Rightarrow h \quad 3 \text{ events}$ Backgr 0.7 events

If no signal of  $_{e}$  appearance with 20 kt\*yr (8 years) exposure push CHOOZ limit on  $|U_{e3}^{2}|$  $\theta_{13}^{2}$ \_\_\_\_5

# A V<sup>0</sup> candidate from T600



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#### Three coordinate read-out of T600 Run 909 Event 21 Collection view





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# Core collapse Supernovae

- Evolution of massive stars, which have lost Hydrogen may lead to the collapse of the core.
- Neutrino signal detectable only for SN in our Galaxy or Magellanic Clouds
  - -2 4 events/century expected in our Galaxy. Plan for multidecennial observations

#### •Neutrinos of all flavours are produced in the core

•  $v_e < E >$  about 12 MeV.  $v_{\mu}$  and  $v_{\tau} < E >$  about 20 MeV, with large uncertainties

#### •Change flavour in the mantle via MSW mechanism

#### •depending on mixing and mass-spectrum

Flavour conversions not important for SN physics (matter potential too small)

•Early warning of neutrino burst important for astronomical observations with different messengers (light curve, Gravitational Waves)

#### •SNEWS = Supernova Early Warning System

•LVD, SNO, SuperK , in future: Kamland, BOREXINO

#### •No information on neutrino masses

Mass eigenstates  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  (not  $v_e$ ,  $v_\mu e v$ ) propagate from SN in vacuum •The flux of a flavour measured on Earth may be very different from that produced in the Supernova core Detection of a delay for neutrinos of a flavour does not give a limit on the "mass" of that

Detection of a delay for neutrinos of a flavour does not give a limit on the "mass" of that flavour (as still claimed by some experimental proposal)

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Mainly sensitive to  $\overline{v_e}$ Expected counts for a collapse in the centre of Galaxy (8.5 kpc)

 $\overline{v}_e + p$   $n + e^+$  300- 600 evts

Measurement of electron neutrino and antineutrino spectra may give information on mixing angles, mainly  $\theta_{13}$ 

Depending on the size  $\theta_{13}$ , flavour conversions (MSW) in SN may make harder e or e spectrum depending on sign of  $\Delta m^2$ 

$$\overline{v_{e}} + {}^{12}C \qquad e^{+} + {}^{12}B \qquad E_{thresh} = 14.4 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^{12}B \qquad {}^{12}C + e^{-} + \overline{v_{e}} \qquad \Phi(v_{e})/\Phi(\overline{v_{e}}) \text{ determines sign of } \Delta m^{2}$$

$$v_{e} + {}^{12}C \qquad e^{-} + {}^{12}N \qquad E_{thresh} = 17.3 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^{12}N \qquad {}^{12}C + e^{+} + v_{e}$$

$$v_{x} + {}^{12}C \qquad v_{x} + {}^{12}C^{*} \qquad E_{thresh} = 15.1 \text{ MeV}$$

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### **Conclusions**

•The first stage (not completed yet) of new neutrino physics (beyond the Standard Model) with solar and atmospheric neutrino experiments

•Next steps will aim to

+Verify  $\nu_{\tau}$  appearance with artificial  $\nu_{\mu}$  beam

-Understand the nature of neutrinos (Majorana or Dirac) through  $0\nu2\beta$  decay experiments

•Measuring absolute neutrino masses ( $0\nu 2\beta$  decay, cosmology,...)

•Sign of doublet-singlet mass difference (SN neutrinos, next generation magnetic detectors for atmospheric neutrinos, high luminosity neutrino sources,...)

•Precision determination of mixing angles (solar neutrinos, high luminosity neutrino sources,...)

•Phases and CP violation mechanism (2nd generation high luminosity neutrino sources,  $0v2\beta$  decay, ...)

•Neutrino masses are much smaller than quark masses, pointing to lepton number violation scale close to the unification scale

•Elementary particle physics community should invest more (not only financially) in neutrino sector

•and in the search for cold dark matter 27-02-2003 A. Be

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# The JHF to Kamioka neutrino project

Adapted from hep-ex/0106019



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