# Rassegna sperimentale oscillazioni di neutrino

## Passato, Presente e Futuro

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# The Golden Age of Neutrino oscillation from 1998 to 2006: **the PDG Indicator**

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CP Violation in K <sub>s</sub> -> 3pi	(1 page)
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V(ud), V(us), Cabibbo Angle, and CKM Unitarity (New)	(11 pages)
Determination of V(cb) and V(ub) (New)	(39 pages)

# The importance of pursuing neutrino oscillation studies

- Neutrino oscillations are the sole body of experimental evidence for physics beyond the Standard Model
- The observed tiny mass and the large flavour mixing are believed to be consequences of phenomena occurred at the Bing Bang
  - Neutrino oscillation physics is complementary to high-energy collider physics
- The precision measurement of the oscillation parameters and the discovery of LCPV will have important consequences on astrophysics and cosmology
- Furthermore, if the presence of massive sterile neutrinos is proved, it will contribute to clarify the Dark Matter problem
- For a detailed discussion of these topics we refer to arXiv: 0710.4947 and references therein (The ISS Working Group); hepph/0606054 A. Strumia and F. Vissani

# Notation

- Mixing parameters:  $U = U(\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{23}, \delta)$  as for CKM matrix
- Mass-gap parameters:  $M^2 = \Delta m_{12}^2$ ,  $\pm \Delta m_{23}^2$



The absolute neutrino mass scale should be set by direct mass measurements:

- β-decay
- $0\nu 2\beta$ -decay
- "W-MAP"

# Outline

## Past: recent results

- Borexino, MINOS and SNO
- Global fit

## Present: on-going experiments

- MINOS, OPERA, T2K, Reactor experiments
- Future: European (with a focus on Italian) perspectives



Borexino, MINOS and SNO Globaf fit results

## Borexino



### Goals of the experiment:

• First real time observation of the sub-MeV solar neutrinos (mainly from <sup>7</sup>Be)



• Low threshold observation of <sup>8</sup>B neutrinos

•Test of the matter-vacuum transition of the neutrino oscillations with <sup>7</sup>Be, <sup>8</sup>B and possibly pep neutrinos



- Study of solar spettroscopy: test of the solar metallicity
- First evidence of geo-neutrinos at  $3\sigma$

## Direct measurement of <sup>7</sup>Be neutrinos (PRL 101, 091302 (2008))



The NO oscillation hypothesis is rejected at  $4\sigma$  level! No clue on the metallicity problem due to the large errors

# <sup>8</sup>B solar neutrinos

First observation of <sup>8</sup>B neutrinos with a threshold at 2.8 MeV



Very recently the SNO Collaboration published the total <sup>8</sup>B flux with a low threshold (3.5 MeV) analysis.

1. Model-independent measure of the <sup>8</sup>B flux:

**P**<sub>NC</sub> = 5.140 +4.0 -3.8 %

2. Measure of the  $^{8}B$  flux assuming unitarity:

𝗛<sub>8B</sub> = 5.046 +3.8 -3.9 %



$$P_{ee}$$
 (<sup>7</sup>Be) /  $P_{ee}$  (<sup>8</sup>B) ≠1 @ 1.8 σ

Borexino confirms @  $1.8 \sigma$  the presence of the transition zone between the low energy vacuumdriven and high-energy matter-driven solar neutrino oscillations predicted by the MSW-LMA.

## Geoneutrinos

#### Inverse beta decay reaction. Correlated in space and time pair of signals.

geo-neutrinos

reacto

neutrinos



1) Prompt signal: Positron + 2 y from annihilation with e, E, =0.511 MeV

After t~250µs

E<sub>th</sub>=1.806 MeV

2) Delayed signal: Neutron capture on Hydrogen - y of E,=2.2 MeV

The expected anti-v signal comes mainly from the reactors and from the  $\beta$  decays of long-lived radioactive isotopes (238U, 232Th) naturally present in the Earth's interior (geo-neutrinos).

### **Detection technique** à la Reines&Cowan

Table 3: Comparison the Borexino measurement of  $geo-\bar{\nu}_e$ with predictions. See text for details.

Source	Geo– $\bar{\nu}_e$ Rate
	$[\text{events}/(100  \text{ton} \cdot \text{yr})]$
Borexino	$3.9^{+1.6}_{-1.3}$
BSE [16]	$2.5^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$
BSE [30]	$2.5{\pm}0.2$
BSE[5]	3.6
Max. Radiogenic Earth	3.9
Min. Radiogenic Earth	1.6

Events/(MeV x 300tons x 1yr) 12 10 10 10 10 10 ŧĒ 2 nergy, MeV Prompt F 1.5-2.6 1 - 1.52.6 - 10Geo <sup>232</sup>Th 1.2 0 0 Geo <sup>238</sup>U 21 23 0 Reactor 0.5 33 85 3.8 Total 5.6 85 Random 0.3 0.2 0.0 Expected in 300 t in 1 year



The #evts detected by Borexino is 9.9<sub>-34</sub><sup>+4.1</sup>(<sub>-82</sub><sup>+14.6</sup>) at 68.3% (99.73%) The null hypothesis is rejected at 99.997% C.L.

# The MINOS Experiment

\* Far Detector \*"5:4 kT

735 km from target

Sounda

Fermilab Chicago

## Both detectors are magnetized

\* 1.04 km from farget

age 2008 TerraMetrice calorimeters.

Near Detector

\* 0.98 kT

## Precision measurement of $\Delta m^2$ and $\sin^2 2\theta$



- \* FD energy spectrum is only looked at after performing:
  - \* low-level data quality checks
  - \* procedural checks
- ★ 848 events observed in the FD
- ★ 1065 ± 60 expected with no oscillations



- \* Constrained fit:
  - $* \Delta m^2 = (2.43 \pm 0.13) x$

10<sup>-3</sup> eV<sup>2</sup> (68% CL)

- \* sin<sup>2</sup>(20) > 0.90 (90% CL)
- \*  $\chi^2$ /ndof = 90/97

## Search for $v_e$ appearance





Given the detector granularity signal to noise discrimination is very difficult

Important the neutrino beam understanding →Analysis of the near detector data Large discrepancy seen!



## Results



35 events have been observed with an expectation of 25±5±2 events

There is an excess at 1.5 $\sigma$ ;  $\theta_{13}$ =0 is included at 92% C.L.

# Constraints from a global 3v analysis M. C. Gonzalez-Garcia, M. Maltoni and J. Salvado, ``Updated global fit to three neutrino mixing: status of the hints of theta13 > 0,'' arXiv:1001.4524 [hep-ph].

High-Z $GS98$ with Gallium cross-section from [17]	Low-Z and SAGE meas.	AGSS09 with mo Gallium cross-sec	dified tion [13]
$\Delta m^2_{21} = 7.59 \pm 0.20 \ \left( ^{+0.61}_{-0.69} \right) \times 10^{-5} \ {\rm eV^2}$		Same	(<10%)
$\Delta m_{31}^2 = \begin{cases} -2.40 \pm 0.11 \ \binom{+0.37}{-0.39} \times 10^{-3} \ \mathrm{eV}^2 \\ +2.51 \pm 0.12 \ \binom{+0.39}{-0.36} \times 10^{-3} \ \mathrm{eV}^2 \end{cases}$	(inverted) (normal)	Same	(~15%)
$\theta_{12} = 34.4 \pm 1.0 \ \begin{pmatrix} +3.2\\ -2.9 \end{pmatrix}$		$34.5 \pm 1.0 \ \binom{+3.2}{-2.8}$	(~10%)
$\theta_{23} = 42.3 \substack{+5.3 \\ -2.8} \begin{pmatrix}+11.4 \\ -7.1\end{pmatrix}$		Same	(~30%)
$ heta_{13} = 6.8  {}^{+2.6}_{-3.6}  (\leq 13.2)   { m e}_{13}$ at 1.9 $\sigma$	θ <sub>13</sub> ≠0 at 1.5α	$5.7^{+3.0}_{-3.9} \ (\le 12.7)$	
$\left[\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.014 {}^{+0.013}_{-0.011} (\le 0.052)\right]$		$\left[0.010^{+0.013}_{-0.009}\right] (\leq 0.$	049)]
$\delta_{\rm CP} \in [0, 360]$		Same	

# Why $\theta_{13}$ is important?



If  $\theta_{13}$  is vanishing or too small the possibility to observe CP violation in the leptonic sector vanishes!!!





### $N_i^{\pm}(\bar{\theta}_{13}, \bar{\delta}; \bar{s}_{atm}, \bar{s}_{oct}) = N_i^{\pm}(\theta_{13}, \delta; s_{atm}, s_{oct})$

One has to solve ALL the following systems of equations:

intrinsic ambiguity

 $N_i^{\pm}(\bar{\theta}_{13}, \bar{\delta}; \bar{s}_{atm}, \bar{s}_{oct}) = N_i^{\pm}(\theta_{13}, \delta; s_{atm} = \bar{s}_{atm}, s_{oct} = \bar{s}_{oct})$ 

sign ambiguity (± $\Delta m_{23}^2$ )  $N_i^{\pm}(\bar{\theta}_{13}, \bar{\delta}; \bar{s}_{atm}, \bar{s}_{oct}) = N_i^{\pm}(\theta_{13}, \delta; s_{atm} = -\bar{s}_{atm}, s_{oct} = \bar{s}_{oct})$ 

octant ambiguity  $[\theta_{23},\pi/2-\theta_{23}]$ 

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Lorentz Violation Katori, Kostelecky, & Tayloe, Phys. Rev. D74 (2006) 105009

CPT Violation 3+1 Model Barger, Marfatia, & Whisnant, Phys. Lett. B576 (2003) 303

VSBL Electron Neutrino Disappearance Giunti and Laveder arXiv:0902.1992

New Gauge Boson with Sterile Neutrinos Ann E. Nelson & Jonathan Walsh, arXiv:0711.1363 MicroBooNE @FNAL on the BooNE and NUMI beams, DoubleLAr recently proposed to run on a refurbished PS neutrino beam. OscSNS will exploit the SNS neutrino beam with a oil– scintillator detector to check the LSND signal

## Comments

- The size of  $\theta_{13}$  is crucial to assess CP violation in the leptonic sector
- None of currently running facilities will be able to extract (even in the most optimistic case of a  $\theta_{13}$  close to the CHOOZ limit) full information
- On the other hand it is very difficult to plan the future not knowing this parameter
- So far there is no evidence for neutrino oscillations in the "appearance" channel. LSND, Karmen and MiniBoone exploited the appearance but the results are rather controversial...

# Present: on-going experiments

MINOS OPERA T2K Reactor experiments

## **MINOS** perspectives



Twice of the statistics is on tape and is being analyzed (the results are going to be presented at FNAL today).

In the best case (the excess is confirmed) a null value of  $\theta_{13}$  is disfavoured at  $2\sigma$ 

## The OPERA hybrid detector



• 3050 m<sup>2</sup>, ~1.3 cm res.

• rate 20 Hz/pixel @1 p.e.

## CNGS beam performance: Physics runs 2008-2009



## $\mathbf{v}_{\mu}$ CC events : quantities measured in the ED

Muon reconstruction and hadronic showers behaviour in reasonable agreement data/MC for  $v_{\mu}$  CC events



## Reconstructed tracks and momenta in bricks

Reconstructed tracks at the primary vertex for  $v_u CC$  events



MCS measurement of soft muons (p<6 GeV) in order to validate the technique for kinematical measurements and compare to momenta reconstructed with ED



## Decay search

### Scanning activities (till fall 2009) were focused on vertex location

 $\rightarrow$  A systematic DECAY SEARCH was started on 2008 and 2009 data in order to find all possible decay topologies

1) improvement of the vertex definition and IP distribution

2) detection of possible kink topologies (on tracks attached to primary vertex)

3) search for extra tracks from decays not attached to primary vertex

20 charm candidates were found so far (in good part with the scan-back and vertex location procedures). Charm events are the control sample for decay search  $\rightarrow$  completion of systematic decay search for final evaluation





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### Events location summary for 2008 run

	0mu	1mu	All
Events predicted by the electronic detector	406	1292	1698
Found in CS	271	1045	1316
Vertices located in bricks	151	792	943
Vertices located in dead materials	6	38	44
Interactions in the upstream brick	6	33	39

Events location summary for 2009 run (in progress)					
	0mu	1mu	All		
Events predicted by the electronic detector	865	2297	3162		
Extracted CS	829	2211	3040		
CS Scanned	666	1802	2468		
Found in CS	376	1139	1515		
Vertices located in bricks	67	371	438		
Vertices located in dead materials	2	11	13		
Interactions in the upstream brick	3	36	39		

About 1400 neutrino interaction vertices localized

Topological identification and kinematical confirmation of a charm event

A  $D^0$  4 prongs decay candidate:

All units are in microns !



## Electrons and photons reconstruction







- OPERA has taken data in 2008 and 2009 for 5.3E19 pot, proving the full chain of events handling/analysis
- Electronic detectors performance reliable and well understood
- A systematic decay search was started on all 2008 (and then 2009) events in order to find all possible decay topologies
- Several charm events found as expected
- Global analysis well in progress, ongoing studies on events kinematics and hadronic interactions background
- The 2010 run will start on the 29<sup>th</sup> April  $\rightarrow$  hoping to achieve this year the nominal CNGS performance
- No tau signal seen yet, stay tuned !

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## T2K 1st neutrino event in SK

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# Reactor experiments

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DB near detectors to start mid-2010, far mid-2011

Daya Bay power plant complex, China

Power	L	$L_{Far}$	$M_{_{\text{target}}}$	S <sub>stat</sub>	S <sub>syst</sub>	sin²2 <i>0</i> <sub>13</sub> >
[GW <sub>th</sub> ]	[m]	[m]	[t]	[%]	[%]	(90 % CL)
8.6	400	1050	8.3	0.5	0.6	0.03
17.3	290	1380	16	0.3	0.5	0.02
17.4	360 (500)	1990 (1620)	80	0.2	0.4	0.01

Daya Bay

Double Chooz

Reno

• Far detector closing imminent

- · Electronics installation ongoing
- · Awaiting fluid delivery
- Commissioning run ~ May
- In parallel: closing of steel shield and outer veto installation
- Near laboratory construction starting
  - Fully funded
- Design approved by EDF
- To be finished till end 2010

![](_page_33_Picture_17.jpeg)

![](_page_33_Picture_18.jpeg)

Acrylics integration, 10/2009

![](_page_33_Picture_20.jpeg)

Side view of near lab planning sketch

Top veto PMT installation, 1/2010

![](_page_33_Picture_23.jpeg)

### Reno expects to start mid-2010

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# Future plans

How to discover CP violation and perform PMNS precision measurements

# What approach in Europe?

## Many ideas have been put on the market

- Different accelerator technologies (SuperBeam, NuFact, BB)
- Different baselines
- Different detector technologies
- We think that Phase II in Europe should be part of a common effort of the Elementary Particle community
  - Exploit as much as possible technologies common to other fields (e.g. LHC upgrades, EURISOL)
  - Exploit already existing infrastructure (e.g. LNGS halls)
  - ♦ Costs reduction!

## For an extensive review

e-Print: arXiv:0912.3372, to be published on La Rivista del Nuovo Cimento

### European facilities for accelerator neutrino physics: perspectives for the decade to come

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#### Abstract

Very soon a new generation of reactor and accelerator neutrino oscillation experiments – Double Chooz, Daya Bay, Reno and T2K - will seek for oscillation signals generated by the mixing parameter  $\theta_{13}$ . The knowledge of this angle is a fundamental milestone to optimize further experiments aimed at detecting CP violation in the neutrino sector. Leptonic CP violation is a key phenomenon that has profound implications in particle physics and cosmology but it is clearly out of reach for the aforementioned experiments. Since late 90's, a world-wide activity is in progress to design facilities that can access CP violation in neutrino oscillation and perform high precision measurements of the lepton counterpart of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix. In this paper the status of these studies will be summarized, focusing on the options that are best suited to exploit existing European facilities (firstly CERN and the INFN Gran Sasso Laboratories) or technologies where Europe has a world leadership. Similar considerations will be developed in more exotic scenarios - beyond the standard framework of flavor oscillation among three active neutrinos - that might appear plausible in the occurrence of anomalous results from post-MiniBooNE experiments or the CNGS.

θ <sub>13</sub> ≥8° (Sin²2θ <sub>13</sub> ≥0.08 )						
Source	Detector technology in Hall C	Detector technology in an extended site at LNGS	Schedule	Competitors		
Conventional Beam	OPERA: prolongation of the run with an upgraded CNGS	LAr technology Mass 20 kton	>2012	T2K and Nova		
	θ <sub>13</sub> >~2° (\$	Sin²2θ <sub>13</sub> >~0.005)				
Conventional beam				Mton Water Cerenkov in Japan and/or USA		
BetaBeam high-Q	Magnetized iron calorimeter Mass 40 kton	LAr technology Mass 100 kton	<b>~</b> 2020			
Neutrino Factory based at RAL	Magnetized iron calorimeter Mass 40 kton	LAr technology+Spectrometer Mass 100 kton	<b>~</b> 2020	Wordwide (INO, NuFact in USA)		
Neutrino Factory based at CERN	Detector à la OPERA Mass 5-10 kton LAr technology+Spectrometer Mass 5-10 kton		<b>~</b> 2020	Wordwide (INO, NuFact in USA)		
θ <sub>13</sub> ~<2° (Sin²2θ <sub>13</sub> ~<0.005)						

In this scenario the options that could be exploited are: Neutrino Factory, High-Q BetaBeam

Outside the standard framework there is room for low mass LAr detectors to clarify the miniBooNE low energy excess and check the still alive LSN oscillation signal: MicroBooNE @FNAL on the BooNE and NUMI beams, DoubleLAr recently proposed to run on a refurbished PS neutrino

beam. OscSNS will exploit the SNS neutrino beam with a oil-scintillator detector to check the LSND signal

# Conclusion

- The last decade has established the occurrence of neutrino oscillations and seen enormous progresses in the measurement of the PMNS matrix. Next round of experiments is rather challenging and demands for huge investments and worldwide collaborations
- Present: INFN has
  - the leadership in the solar sector studies with Borexino;
  - the opportunity to announce with OPERA the first evidence of neutrino oscillation in the appearance channel;
  - unfortunately the contribution to  $\theta_{13}$  quest is marginal
- Future: although the time-scale is rather long (≈2020), INFN has the detector technologies, the skill and the infrastructures to play a leading role
- E. Fermi "invented" the neutrino and B. Pontecorvo the neutrino oscillations phenomenon. It is a must for Italian Physics Community to play a major role in future neutrino experiments