

New physics searches with MicroBooNE Neutrino 2024 - Milan, Italy - June 17th 2024

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MicroBooNE's Physics Program

Beyond the Standard Model physics searches





advancing LArTPC technology capabilities



 ν - Ar scattering





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See Afroditi Papadopoulou's talk on Friday!



MicroBooNE's LArTPC detector



















Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber

- millimeter spatial resolution
- excellent calorimetry & Particle ID

MicroBooNE's neutrinos: BNB & NuMI



- on-axis - 99.5% ν_{μ} / 0.5% ν_{e} - 0.1 - 1 GeV energy
- 470 meter baseline

NuMI:

- 8 degrees off-axis
- $-95\% \nu_{\mu}$ / 5% ν_{e}
- 50/50 $\nu/\bar{\nu}$

Booster Neutrino Beamline:



- Flux from target and absorber

O(500k) neutrino interactions collected



Five years of neutrino data!



and a great collaboration to analyze this data!



Longest continuously operating LArTPC Five years of data @ Fermilab '15 - '20 195 collaborators from 38 institutions MicroBooNE papers on iNSPIRE







MicroBooNE's BSM physics program





- Investigate the MiniBooNE "Low Energy Excess"
- Outstanding anomaly for > 10 years

- broad physics program
- Leverage BNB & NuMI beam lines
- search for feebly interacting BSM particles





Heavy Neutral Lepton searches



- Heavy Neutral Leptons tied to:
- origin of neutrino mass
- Baryon asymmetry
- Dark Matter

Improve on past uB results:

leading limits at low mass



Dark Tridents & Higgs Portal Scalars New Results!



Higgs Portal Scalar: "Higgs portal"

Can decay to e^+e^- final-state in TPC

"Dark Sector Searches with MicroBooNE" POSTER #634 [Friday]



"Low Energy Excess" search

Phys. Rev. D 103, 052002 MiniBooNE Collab.



Expanding on MicroBooNE's '21 results:

- new e^+e^- BSM-focused analyses
- comprehensive single- γ searches
- expanded ν_{ρ} excess analysis





single- γ ?

"Low Energy Excess Searches" POSTER #628 [Tuesday]

PRL 128 (2022) 111801

PRL 128 (2022) 24, 241801







LEE Search: BSM e^+e^-

Dark Neutrinos decaying to $e^+e^$ pairs.

Based on:

Bertuzzo, Jana, Machado, Zukanovich Funchal PRL 121 (2018) 24, 241801

Ballet, Pascoli, Ross-Lonergan

PRD 99 (2019) 071701

Sensitive to MiniBooNE allowed region for these models at > 95% CL

More details at: <u>MICROBOONE-NOTE-1124-PUB</u>



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MicroBooNE sensitivities

LEE Search: single photons



Past MicroBooNE results focused on NC $\Delta \rightarrow 1\gamma$ SM background



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Now casting a wide net on γ -channel no matter the origin.

NC π^0 rich sidebands for these analyses

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LEE Search: electron neutrinos

pionless ν_{ρ} LEE analysis

- same topology as MiniBooNE LEE
- update of PRD 105 (2022) 11, 112004



First analysis using data from all five runs of MicroBooNE (2016-2020) $6.8 \times 10^{20} \rightarrow 11.1 \times 10^{20}$ POT of BNB data

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LEE Search: ν_{ρ} sideband constraint



match hadronic final states of ν_{ρ} signal channel



Updated ν_{μ} sidebands to better constrain intrinsic ν_{e} and background π^{0}

constrain dominant π^0 background

LEE Search: ν_e signal model(s)

Complementary excess hypotheses expand analysis reach and help solidify conclusions.

LEE Search: ν_{ρ} results

Test MB excess under hypothesis of a neutrino energy dependent ν_{ρ} rate scaling.

- Same model tested in first round of analysis.
- Data in overall agreement with intrinsic ν_{ρ} flux prediction.
- Rule out ν_{ρ} excess model @ 99.5% CL in Np & 0p combined channels.

LEE Search: ν_{ρ} results

LEE Search: ν_e

Expanded investigation of electron excess hypothesis:

- 6.86e20 —> 11.1e20 POT of data
- new constraint of intrinsic ν_e and π^0 backgrounds
- complementary signal hypotheses: E_{ν} , E_{elec} , and θ_{elec}

<u>Results</u>:

- data compatible with background-only prediction
- data inconsistent with ν_e -like excess at > 99% CL
- results consistent across kinematic variables tested.

More details in MICROBOONE-NOTE-1127-PUB

"Low Energy Excess Searches" POSTER #628 [Tuesday]

3+1 sterile neutrino search with BNB

MicroBooNE's first 3+1 sterile neutrino search ('22)

Sensitivity *not* statistics limited!

inclusive ν_{ρ} analysis. performed with BNB data.

3+1 sterile neutrino search: degeneracy

3+1 degeneracy: ν_e appearance cancels out ν_e disappearance

Degeneracy depends on intrinsic rate of ν_e vs. ν_{μ} in the beam. For BNB $\frac{N_{\nu_{\mu}}}{N_{\nu_{e}}} \sim 200.$

3+1 sterile neutrino search: NuMI

For the same mixing angles, impact on NuMI ν_e spectrum is large due to the different $\frac{N_{\nu_{\mu}}}{N_{\nu_e}} \sim 25$

NuMI beam allows us to break the degeneracy

Updated NuMI flux @ MicroBooNE

MicroBooNE sits highly off-axis (~8 degrees) to the NuMI beam:

- flux dominated by hadron re-interactions with detector hall material
- phase space for hadron production not fully covered by world data
- flux simulation upgrade: beam line geometry, Geant4 version, systematics.

Updated NuMI flux at MicroBooNE More details in <u>MICROBOONE-NOTE-1129-PUB</u>

Updated NuMI flux @ MicroBooNE

by BNB ν_{μ} which largely cancels out cross section and detector systematics.

3+1 sterile neutrino search: new sensitivities

"one detector, two beams"

Joint 3+1 analyst with BNB + NuMI allows significant enhancement to sensitivity!

Stay tuned for upcoming results from MicroBooNE!

more details in MICROBOONE-NOTE-1132-PUB

Sterile Neutrino Search @ MicroBooNE POSTER #144 [Tuesday] 25

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Novel Tools & Techniques for LArTPC detectors

nanosecond timing in LArTPCs Enhance BSM long-lived particle searches

PRD109 (2024) 052007

candidate α New capabilities for ~0.1 MeV **Off-Beam Data** LArTPC detectors! 0.1-1 MeV n-nbar LArTPC demonstration 412 µs POSTER #189, Friday possible γ -induced depositions candidate ß ML & Deep Learning Reconstruction ~1 MeV POSTER #398, Tuesday wires-MICROBOONE-NOTE-23-PUB **MeV scale physics** capabilities LArTPC astrophysics & more!

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POSTER #186, Tuesday

Conclusions

MicroBooNE has an active physics program:

- World-leading limits on low-mass BSM particles
- New ν_e Low Energy Excess and upcoming results in single- γ and e^+e^- channels.
- Novel "one detector two beams" 3+1 sterile search
 - Leverage BNB + NuMI beams
- Many new LArTPCs developments and more to come with full 5-year dataset!

More from MicroBooNE @ Neutrino '24

Backup

BNB & NuMI At MicroBooNE

Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber

MicroBooNE detector paper: JINST 12 (2017) 02, P02017

Image neutrino interactions leveraging:

Ionization electrons:

- 30:1-50:1 signal-to-noise
- millimeter spatial resolution
- %-level calorimetry

Scintillation photons:

nanosecond timing resolution

Particle Identification in MicroBooNE

MicroBooNE papers

2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

- Published and submitted articles on iNSPIRE
- MicroBooNE website (https://microboone.fnal.gov)
 - Public Notes webpage.
 - MicroBooNE public datasets <u>webpage</u>.
- MicroBooNE on social media: twitter & Facebook

First double-differential cross section measurement of neutral-current π⁰ production in neutrino-argon scattering in the MicroBooNE detector Measurement of the differential cross section for neutral pion production in charged-current muon neutrino interactions on argon with the MicroBooNE detector Measurement of double-differential cross sections for measonless charged-current muon neutrino interactions on argon with final-state protons using the MicroBooNE detector First simultaneous measurement of differential muon-neutrino charged-current cross sections on argon for final states with and without protons using MicroBooNE data First search for dark-trident processes using the MicroBooNE detector Search for heavy neutral leptons in electron-positron and neutral-pion final states with the MicroBooNE detector Measurement of nuclear effects in neutrino-argon interactions using generalised kinetic imbalance variables with the MicroBooNE detector First demonstration for a LArTPC-based search for intranuclear neutron-antineutron transitions and annihilation in ⁴⁰Ar using the MicroBooNE detector Measurement of triple-differential inclusive muon-neutrino charged-current cross section on argon with the MicroBooNE detector Measurement of ambient radon daughter decay rates and energy spectra in liquid argon using the MicroBooNE detector First measurement of η production in neutrino interactions on argon with MicroBooNE First demonstration of O(1 ns) timing resolution in the MicroBooNE liquid argon time projection chamber Multi-differential cross section measurements of muon-neutrino-argon guasielastic-like reactions with the MicroBooNE detector First double-differential measurement of kinematic imbalance in neutrino interactions with the MicroBooNE detector First measurement of quasi-elastic A baryon production in muon antineutrino interactions in the MicroBooNE detector First measurement of differential cross sections for muon neutrino charged current interactions on argon with a two-proton final state in the MicroBooNE detector. First constraints on light sterile neutrino oscillations from combined appearance and disappearance searches with the MicroBooNE detector Differential cross section measurements of charged current ve interactions without final-state pions in MicroBooNE Search for long-lived heavy neutral leptons and Higgs portal scalars decaying in the MicroBooNE detector Measurement of neutral current single π^0 production on argon with the MicroBooNE detector Observation of radon mitigation in MicroBooNE by a liquid argon filtration system Cosmic ray muon clustering for the MicroBooNE liquid argon time projection chamber using sMask-RCNN Novel approach for evaluating detector-related uncertainties in a LArTPC using MicroBooNE data First measurement of energy-dependent inclusive muon neutrino charged-current cross sections on argon with the MicroBooNE detector Search for an anomalous excess of inclusive charged-current ve interactions without pions in the final state with the MicroBooNE experiment Search for an anomalous excess of charged-current quasi-elastic ve interactions with the MicroBooNE experiment using deep-learning-based reconstruction New theory-driven GENIE tune for MicroBooNE Search for an anomalous excess of inclusive charged-current ve interactions in the MicroBooNE experiment using Wire-Cell reconstruction Search for an excess of electron neutrino interactions in MicroBooNE using multiple final state topologies Wire-Cell 3D pattern recognition techniques for neutrino event reconstruction in large LArTPCs Electromagnetic shower reconstruction and energy validation with Michel electrons and π^0 samples for the deep-learning-based analyses in MicroBooNE Search for neutrino-induced NC A radiative decay in MicroBooNE and a first test of the MiniBooNE low-energy excess under a single-photon hypothesis First measurement of inclusive electron-neutrino and antineutrino charged current differential cross sections in charged lepton energy on argon in MicroBooNE Calorimetric classification of track-like signatures in liquid argon TPCs using MicroBooNE data Search for a Higgs Portal Scalar Decaying to Electron-Positron Pairs in the MicroBooNE Detector Measurement of the Longitudinal Diffusion of Ionization Electrons in the Detector Cosmic Ray Background Rejection with Wire-Cell LAr TPC Event Reconstruction in the MicroBooNE Detector Measurement of the Flux-Averaged Inclusive Charged Current Electron Neutrino and Antineutrino Cross Section on Argon using the NuMI Beam in MicroBooNE. Measurement of the Atmospheric Muon Rate with the MicroBooNE Liquid Argon TPC Semantic Segmentation with a Sparse Convolutional Neural Network for Event Reconstruction in MicroBooNE High-performance Generic Neutrino Detection in a LAr TPC near the Earth's Surface with the MicroBooNE Detector Neutrino Event Selection in the MicroBooNE LAr TPC using Wire-Cell 3D Imaging, Clustering, and Charge-Light Matching A Convolutional Neural Network for Multiple Particle Identification in the MicroBooNE Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber Vertex-Finding and Reconstruction of Contained Two-track Neutrino Events in the MicroBooNE Detector The Continuous Readout Stream of the MicroBooNE Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber for Detection of Supernova Burst Neutrinos

Measurement of Differential Cross Sections for Muon Neutrino CC Interactions on Argon with Protons and No Pions in the Final State Measurement of Space Charge Effects in the MicroBooNE LAr TPC Using Cosmic Muons First Measurement of Differential Charged Current Quasi-Elastic-Like Muon Neutrino Argon Scattering Cross Sections with the MicroBooNE Detector Search for heavy neutral leptons decaying into muon-pion pairs in the MicroBooNE detector Reconstruction and Measurement of O(100) MeV Electromagnetic Activity from Neutral Pion to Gamma Gamma Decays in the MicroBooNE LArTPC A Method to Determine the Electric Field of Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers Using a UV Laser System and its Application in MicroBooNE Calibration of the Charge and Energy Response of the MicroBooNE Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber Using Muons and Protons First Measurement of Inclusive Muon Neutrino Charged Current Differential Cross Sections on Argon at Enu ~0.8 GeV with the MicroBooNE Detector Design and Construction of the MicroBooNE Cosmic Ray Tagger System

Rejecting Cosmic Background for Exclusive Neutrino Interaction Studies with Liquid Argon TPCs: A Case Study with the MicroBooNE Detector First Measurement of Muon Neutrino Charged Current Neutral Pion Production on Argon with the MicroBooNE detector A Deep Neural Network for Pixel-Level Electromagnetic Particle Identification in the MicroBooNE Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber Comparison of Muon-Neutrino-Argon Multiplicity Distributions Observed by MicroBooNE to GENIE Model Predictions Ionization Electron Signal Processing in Single Phase LArTPCs II: Data/Simulation Comparison and Performance in MicroBooNE Ionization Electron Signal Processing in Single Phase LArTPCs I: Algorithm Description and Quantitative Evaluation with MicroBooNE Simulat The Pandora Multi-Algorithm Approach to Automated Pattern Recognition of Cosmic Ray Muon and Neutrino Events in the MicroBooNE Detector Measurement of Cosmic Ray Reconstruction Efficiencies in the MicroBooNE LAr TPC Using a Small External Cosmic Ray Counter Noise Characterization and Filtering in the MicroBooNE Liquid Argon TPC Michel Electron Reconstruction Using Cosmic Ray Data from the MicroBooNE LAr TPC Determination of Muon Momentum in the MicroBooNE LAr TPC Using an Improved Model of Multiple Coulomb Scattering Convolutional Neural Networks Applied to Neutrino Events in a Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber Design and Construction of the MicroBooNE Detector Ionization Electron Signal Processing in Single Phase LArTPCs I: Algorithm Description and Quantitative Evaluation with MicroBooNE Simulation

ν_e LEE models and results

[model #2]

[model #1]

Results in Np / 0p channels separately and combined

3+1 parametrization

Full 3+1 search $\longrightarrow P_{\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}}$ $P_{\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}}$

$\sin^2 2\theta_{ee}$	$=\sin^2 2\theta_{14}$
$\sin^2 2 heta_{\mu\mu}$	$= 4\cos^2\theta_{14}\sin^2\theta_{24}(1$
$\sin^2 2\theta_{\mu e}$	$=\sin^2 2\theta_{14} \sin^2 \theta_{24}$
$\sin^2 2\theta_{es}$	$=\sin^2 2\theta_{14}\cos^2 \theta_{24}\cos^2 \theta_{24}$
$\sin^2 2\theta_{\mu s}$	$=\cos^4 heta_{14}\sin^22 heta_{24}\cos^2\theta_{24}$

$$\begin{split} _{v_{e}} &= 1 - 4(1 - |U_{e4}|^{2})|U_{e4}|^{2} \sin^{2}\Delta_{41}, \\ _{v_{\mu}} &= 1 - 4(1 - |U_{\mu4}|^{2})|U_{\mu4}|^{2} \sin^{2}\Delta_{41}, \\ _{v_{e}} &= 4|U_{\mu4}|^{2}|U_{e4}|^{2} \sin^{2}\Delta_{41}. \end{split}$$

$$= 4(1 - |U_{e4}|^2)|U_{e4}|^2$$

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$$= 4|U_{\mu4}|^2|U_{e4}|^2$$

$$= 4|U_{e4}|^2|U_{s4}|^2$$

$$= 4|U_{\mu4}|^2|U_{s4}|^2$$

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NuMI ν_{μ} data-simulation comparison

BNB and NuMI data/MC comparison side-by-side. Refers to both channels combined, with full correlation across the two channels.

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3+1 sensitivities

BNB + NuMI 3+1 MicroBooNE sensitivities