# Attualita' e prospettive delle ricerche sperimentali in fisica del neutrino

Focus alle energie dei MeV



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Stato dell'arte ed attivita' future della ricerca del Decadimento Doppio Beta senza emissione di neutrini ( $0\nu\beta\beta$  o 0nDBD)

La fisica di precisione nei futuri esperimenti

- Reattore
- Acceleratore

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# Dal 1967 al ~ 2000: Gli esperimenti sui neutrini solari e atmosferici danno evidenza del fenomeno di oscillazione fra gli autostati di massa dei neutrini



	Measured	Expected	
Cl experiment	$2.56 \pm 0.23$ SNU	8.2 SNU	
Ga exp. (GALLEX,GNO,SAGE)	68.1 $\pm$ 3.75 SNU	129 <sup>+9</sup> <sub>-7</sub> SNU	
Kamiokande (1 kton, water Cerenkov, electron Scattering)	(2.8 ± 0.19 ± 0.33) x 10 <sup>+6</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>		
SuperKamiokande (12 kton water Cerenkov, electron scattering $v_x$ + e <sup>-</sup> $\rightarrow$ $v_x$ + e <sup>-</sup> (ES))	$(2.32 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.08)$ x 10 <sup>+6</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	(5.82 ± 1.34) × 10 <sup>+6</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	

#### The $v_{atm}$ sector: Kamiokande and Super-K find the deficit

12 kton water Cerenkov Located at Kamioka mine



• (quasi-)elastic scattering,  $v N \rightarrow l N'$ ,

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# Kamiokande and Super-K find the $v_{atm}$ deficit



Atmospheric neutrino experiments measure two quantities :

- 1. the ratio of  $\nu_{\mu}$  to  $\nu_{e}$  observed in the flux
- 2. zenith angle distribution of the neutrinos (that is, the path length distribution).

To help interpret the results and to cancel systematic uncertainties most experiments report a double ratio

Found Significant U/D asym R was found < 1

- $R = \frac{(N_{\mu}/N_e)_{DATA}}{(N_{\mu}/N_e)_{SIM}}$
- Too many ν<sub>e</sub>?
  Too few ν<sub>µ</sub>?
  Both?





## Super- Kamiokande results (2005)

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Dalla fine anni '90 entra in funzione SNO: dal 2001 indica che il deficit di v dal Sole e' causato dalle fenomeno delle oscillazioni



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1kton  $D_2O$  Cerenkov in a water shielding buffer



#### SNO first (2001) scientific results Phys. Rev. Lett. 87, 071301 – Published 25 July 2001



Using the integrated rates above the kinetic energy threshold  $T_{\rm eff} = 6.75$  MeV, the measured <sup>8</sup>B neutrino fluxes assuming no oscillations are:

$$\begin{split} \phi_{\rm SNO}^{\rm CC}(\nu_e) &= 1.75 \pm 0.07 \; ({\rm stat.})^{+0.12}_{-0.11} \; ({\rm sys.}) \pm 0.05 \; ({\rm theor.}) \\ &\times 10^6 \; {\rm cm}^{-2} {\rm s}^{-1} \\ \phi_{\rm SNO}^{\rm ES}(\nu_x) &= 2.39 \pm 0.34 ({\rm stat.})^{+0.16}_{-0.14} \; ({\rm sys.}) \times 10^6 \; {\rm cm}^{-2} {\rm s}^{-1} \end{split}$$

$$\phi_{\rm SK}^{\rm ES}(\nu_x) = 2.32 \pm 0.03 \; ({\rm stat.})^{+0.08}_{-0.07} \; ({\rm sys.}) \times 10^6 \; {\rm cm}^{-2} {\rm s}^{-1}$$

The difference between the flux  $\phi^{\text{ES}}(\nu_x)$  measured by Super-Kamiokande via the ES reaction and the  $\phi^{\text{CC}}(\nu_e)$ flux measured by SNO via the CC reaction is  $0.57 \pm 0.17 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ , or  $3.3\sigma$  [8]. The probability that the SNO measurement is not a downward fluctuation from the Super-Kamiokande measurement is 99.96%. For reference, the ratio of the SNO CC <sup>8</sup>B flux to that of the BP2001 solar model [7] is  $0.347\pm0.029$ , where all uncertainties are added in quadrature.

In summary, the results presented here are the first direct indication of a non-electron flavor component in the solar neutrino flux, and enable the first determination of the total flux of <sup>8</sup>B neutrinos generated by the Sun.

# **Three Phases of SNO: 3 NC reactions**



# Risultato di SNO – diluizione di NaCl per catturare il n e cosi'migliorare



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$$\begin{split} \Phi_{\rm CC} &= 1.59^{+0.08}_{-0.07} ({\rm statistical})^{+0.06}_{-0.08} ({\rm systematic}) \\ \Phi_{\rm NC} &= 5.21 \pm 0.27 ({\rm stat}) \pm 0.38 ({\rm syst}) \\ \Phi_{\rm ES} &= 2.21^{+0.31}_{-0.26} ({\rm stat}) \pm 0.10 ({\rm syst}) \end{split}$$

- 1. about 2/3 of the  $\nu_e$  have changed their flavor to other active neutrino types.
- 2. the observed total flux of active v is in excellent agreement with the flux of <sup>8</sup>B v obtained from solar models:  $\Phi^{B}_{SSM} = 5.82 \times (1 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

→ Null hypothesis of no flavor change for  $v_e$  rejected at  $7\sigma$ 

$$P_m(\nu_e \to \nu_\mu) = \sin^2(2\theta_m) \sin^2(1.27\Delta m_m^2 \frac{L}{E})$$

# Neutrino oscillation

The primary candidate to explain the observed solar and atmospheric neutrino deficit, was neutrino oscillation.

Such oscillation can occur if flavor eigenstates for the three active neutrino types ( $I = e, \mu, \tau$ ) are related to mass eigenstates (*i*) via the PMNS (Pontecorvo-Maka-Nakagawi-Sakata) mixing matrix  $U_{li}$ :

 $|v_l\rangle = \sum U_{li} |v_i\rangle$ 

For non-degenerate mass eigenstates, and for small  $\theta_{13}$ ,

- Oscillations of solar neutrinos are dominated by the first sub-matrix involving  $\theta_{12}$ .
- The second sub-matrix dominates the oscillation of atmospheric neutrinos,
- The third sub-matrix involves the CP violating angle  $\delta$  and
- the fourth sub-matrix is tested by reactor and accelerator neutrino measurements
- The fifth sub-matrix determines the existance of DBD

 $\begin{aligned} & \text{Solar Osc} \quad \text{Atm Osc.} \quad \text{CP violating} \quad \text{Reactor \& Accel} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Majorana Phases} \\ \text{Double $\beta$ decay only} \\ & \text{Duli} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i\delta} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\alpha_2/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i\alpha_3/2+i\delta} \end{pmatrix} \\ & \text{where } c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}, \text{ and } s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij} \\ \text{Pisa, 10/09/20244-90 yrs of Permi Theory} \end{aligned}$ 

#### The atmosferic and solar and neutrino deficit can be explained by $\nu$ oscillation

Two neutrino oscillation case:

- θ = mixing angle: it defines how much one flavour state differs from each mass state.
- $\theta = 0$  they coincide  $\rightarrow$  no mixing.
- $\theta = p/4$  maximal mixing  $\rightarrow$  at some point of the travel  $v_{\alpha}$  will be fully converted in  $v_{\beta}$
- $\Delta m^2 = m_1^2 m_2^2$  = difference between two mass eigenstates  $\rightarrow$  for oscillation to happen at least one of the them must be non 0!!!  $\Delta m^2$  allows the two states to get out of phase!

For terrestrial experiment we can choose L/E

If L/E is fixed for us by Nature as in solar or atmospheric experiments, we can only probe limited range of  $(\Delta m^2, \theta)$ 

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# The Matter Enhanced Flavour Oscillation: the MSW effect

- Electron neutrinos can forward scatter on electrons by charged current interactions, and other neutrino flavors cannot.
- Under favorable circumstances a resonance enhancement of the oscillation amplitude, the so-called Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein (MSW) effect (Wolfenstein 1979, 1980) and (Mikheyev and Smirnov 1986a, 1986b), can take place

$$P_m(\nu_e \to \nu_\mu) = \sin^2(2\theta_m)\sin^2(1.27\Delta m_m^2 \frac{L}{E})$$
$$\sin 2\theta_m = \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\sqrt{(\Delta V/\Delta m^2 - \cos 2\theta)^2 + \sin^2 2\theta}}$$
$$\Delta m_m^2 = m_{1m}^2 - m_{2m}^2 = \Delta m^2 \sqrt{(\Delta V/\Delta m^2 - \cos 2\theta)^2 + \sin^2 2\theta}$$
$$V_\alpha - V_\beta = 2\sqrt{2}G_F E N_e$$

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# 2004: L'analisi globale dei dati sperimentali (Cl, Ga, SK, SNO) individua i parametri di mixing che li descrivono nell'ipotesi di oscillazione



# **2002** KamLAND determines reactor $\overline{v_e}$ oscillations that fully explain the missing solar $v_e$ : the first oscillation evidence with man made v



- 1 kton of ultrapure liquid scintillator (LS) in a 13 m-diameter transparent nylon-based balloon suspended in nonscintillating oil. At Kamioka Mine close to SK
- 50 power reactor reactors; average distance  $L_{ave} \simeq 180$  km
- The balloon is surrounded by 1879 photomultiplier tubes (PMTs) mounted on the inner surface of an 18-m-diameter steel vessel
- Electron antineutrinos (E<sub>ave</sub>~5 MeV) are detected via inverse decay (IBD)

$$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n; \qquad E_{thrs} = 1.8 \, MeV$$

- The prompt scintillation light from the  $e^+$  gives an estimate of the incident energy,
- $E_{\overline{\nu}_e} = E_{prompt} + E_n + 0.8 \, MeV;$
- $n + H \rightarrow D + \gamma$  (E<sub> $\gamma$ </sub> = 2.2 MeV delayed (~200µsec))
- E<sub>prompt</sub> is the prompt event energy including the positron kinetic energy and the annihilation energy
- $E_n$  is the average metatron recoil energy, which is small

#### 2005: KamLAND results

The solar  $v_e$  flavor oscillation through the Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein matter effect has a direct correspondance with  $\bar{v}_e$  oscillation in vacuum





In 2015 M. Koshiba shares the Noble Prize with A. Mc Donald for discovery of neutrino oscillations

## La milestone di Kamland:

• Find positive evidence of  $v_e$  disappearance for a set of parameters very close to the LMA

 $\rightarrow \theta_{13}$  very small! The  $v_e$  survival probability observed by KL is almost driven by  $sin^2\theta_{12}$  as for solar neutrinos

 $\rightarrow$  KL allows important restriction of LMA parameter space



#### 2 v solar + KL analysis (SNO final paper 2020)



## 3 v solar + global analysis (SNO final paper 2020)



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# Borexino (May- 2007- July 2021)

- 278 ton of organic liquid scintillator contained within a sphere of 4.25 m diameter, viewed by 2200 photomultipliers and shielded against the external radioactivity
- Neutrino detected by ES on electron :

 $\nu_e + e \rightarrow \nu_e + e$ 

- Unprecedented low levels of background achieved after several years of research and efforts.
- Phase I:
- Phase II: From 2010→6 cycles of closed-loop water extraction allowed to achieve

<sup>238</sup>U < 9.4 10<sup>-20</sup> g/g (95% C.L.),
<sup>232</sup>Th < 5.7 10<sup>-19</sup> g/g (95% C.L.),
<sup>85</sup>Kr and <sup>210</sup>Bi reduced of factors 4.6 and
2.3 w.r.t. Phase I

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in agreement with the luminosity calculated using the well measured photon output

$$L = (3.846 \pm 0.015) \times 10^{33} \operatorname{erg} \operatorname{s}^{-1}.$$

### 2018 Borexino: Comprehensive measurement of pp-chain solar

Table 1   Rates of residual backgr	ounds		
Background LER	Rate (Bq per 100 t)	_	$10 \qquad -14C \qquad -11C \\ -210Po \qquad $
<sup>14</sup> C(0.156 MeV, β <sup>-</sup> )	$[40.0 \pm 2.0]$	>	Z <sup>10</sup> Bi External background
Background LER	Rate (counts per day per 100 t)	4-	— Total fit: P = 0.7
<sup>85</sup> Kr (0.687 MeV, $\beta^-$ ) (internal)	$6.8\pm1.8$	962	× 10 <sup>-1</sup> CNO pep <sup>8</sup> B
$^{210}$ Bi (1.16 MeV, $\beta^-$ ) (internal)	$17.5\pm1.9$	0-0	
$^{11}\mathrm{C}$ (1.02–1.98 MeV, $\beta^+$ ) (internal)	$26.8\pm0.2$	-01	
<sup>210</sup> Po (5.3 MeV, α) (internal)	$260.0 \pm 3.0$		10-3
<sup>40</sup> K (1.460 MeV, γ) (external)	$1.0 \pm 0.6$	15	
<sup>214</sup> Bi (<1.764 MeV, γ) (external)	$1.9\pm0.3$	20 <sup>.</sup> /s4	Energy (keV)
<sup>208</sup> TI (2.614 MeV, <sub>7</sub> ) (external)	$3.3\pm0.1$	38/	
Background HER-I	Rate (counts per day per 227.8 t)	51 10	Neutron capture <sup>8</sup> B
μ, cosmogenics, <sup>214</sup> Bi (internal)	$[6.1^{+8.7}_{-3.1}  imes 10^{-3}]$	10.	× 10 <sup>2</sup> = <sup>208</sup> TI: bulk t 10 <sup>2</sup> = <sup>208</sup> TI: emanation
(a, n) (external)	$0.224 \pm 0.078$	50 rg/	× L 208TI: surface
<sup>208</sup> TI(5.0 MeV, $\beta^-$ , $\gamma$ ) (internal)	$[0.042 \pm 0.008]$	<b>62</b> , i.o	
<sup>208</sup> TI(5.0 MeV, $\beta^-$ , $\gamma$ ) (emanated)	$0.469 \pm 0.063$	9 <b>5</b>	
<sup>208</sup> TI(5.0 MeV, $\beta^-$ , $\gamma$ ) (surface)	$1.090 \pm 0.046$	ure s://	
Background HER-II	Rate (counts per day per 266.0 t)	<i>Vat</i> nttp	
$\mu$ , cosmogenics (internal)	$[3.8^{+14.6}_{-0.1}  imes 10^{-3}]$	$< \bot$	$     \begin{array}{c}                                     $
(α, n) (external)	$0.239 \pm 0.022$		Radius (m)

Residual background is due to  $\beta^-$  (electrons),  $\beta^+$  (positrons),  $\gamma$  (gammas),  $\mu$  (muons),  $\alpha$  (alpha particles) and n (neutrons). The background rates are obtained by the fit to the energy spectrum provide the energy regions used in this study (LER, HER-I and HER-II). We control to the energy regions used in this study (LER, HER-I and HER-II). We control to the energy regions used in this study (LER, HER-I and HER-II). We control to the energy regions used in this study (LER, HER-I and HER-II). We control to the energy regions used in the background. The rates in square



#### 2018 Borexino: Comprehensive measurement of pp-chain solar

Table 2 | Borexino experimental solar-neutrino results

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Solar neutrino	Rate (counts per day per 100 t)	Flux (cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Flux–SSM predictions (cm <sup>-2</sup> s	-1)
рр	$134\!\pm\!10^{+6}_{-10}$	$(6.1\!\pm\!0.5^{+0.3}_{-0.5})\times10^{10}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.98(1.0\pm0.006)\times10^{10}\\ 6.03(1.0\pm0.005)\times10^{10} \end{array}$	(HZ) (LZ)
<sup>7</sup> Be	$48.3\!\pm\!1.1_{-0.7}^{+0.4}$	$(4.99 {\pm} 0.11 \substack{+0.06 \\ -0.08}) \times 10^9$	$\begin{array}{l} 4.93(1.0\!\pm\!0.06)\!\times10^9 \\ 4.50(1.0\!\pm\!0.06)\!\times10^9 \end{array}$	(HZ) (LZ)
pep (HZ)	$2.43 {\pm} 0.36 {}^{+0.15}_{-0.22}$	$(1.27\!\pm\!0.19^{+0.08}_{-0.12})\times10^8$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.44(1.0\!\pm\!0.01)\!\times\!10^8 \\ 1.46(1.0\!\pm\!0.009)\!\times\!10^8 \end{array}$	(HZ) (LZ)
pep (LZ)	$2.65 {\pm} 0.36 {}^{+0.15}_{-0.24}$	$(1.39 {\pm} 0.19 {}^{+0.08}_{-0.13}) \times 10^8$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.44(1.0\!\pm\!0.01)\!\times\!10^8 \\ 1.46(1.0\!\pm\!0.009)\!\times\!10^8 \end{array}$	(HZ) (LZ)
<sup>8</sup> B <sub>HER-I</sub>	$0.136\substack{+0.013+0.003\\-0.013-0.003}$	$(5.77^{+0.56}_{-0.56}{}^{+0.15}_{-0.15})\times10^6$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.46(1.0\!\pm\!0.12)\!\times10^6 \\ 4.50(1.0\!\pm\!0.12)\!\times10^6 \end{array}$	(HZ) (LZ)
<sup>8</sup> B <sub>HER-II</sub>	$0.087\substack{+0.080+0.005\\-0.010-0.005}$	$(5.56^{+0.52}_{-0.64}{}^{+0.33}_{-0.33})\times10^{6}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.46(1.0\!\pm\!0.12)\!\times10^6 \\ 4.50(1.0\!\pm\!0.12)\!\times10^6 \end{array}$	(HZ) (LZ)
<sup>8</sup> B <sub>HER</sub>	$0.223\substack{+0.015+0.006\\-0.016-0.006}$	$(5.68^{+0.39}_{-0.41}{}^{+0.03}_{-0.03})\times10^{6}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.46(1.0\pm0.12)\times10^{6}\\ 4.50(1.0\pm0.12)\times10^{6}\end{array}$	(HZ) (LZ)
CNO	<8.1 (95% C.L.)	$<7.9 \times 10^{8}$ (95% C.L.)	$\begin{array}{c} 4.88(1.0\pm0.11)\times10^8\\ 3.51(1.0\pm0.10)\times10^8\end{array}$	(HZ) (LZ)
hep	<0.002 (90% C.L.)	${<}2.2 \times 10^{5}$ (90% C.L.)	$\begin{array}{c} 7.98(1.0\!\pm\!0.30)\!\times10^3\\ 8.25(1.0\!\pm\!0.12)\!\times10^3\end{array}$	(HZ) (LZ)

Measured neutrino rates (second column): for *pp*, <sup>7</sup>Be, *pep* and CNO neutrinos we quote the total counts without any threshold; for <sup>8</sup>B and hep neutrinos we quote the counts above the corresponding nanalysis threshold. Neutrino fluxes (third column) are obtained from the measured rates assuming the MSW-LMA oscillation parameters<sup>19</sup>, standard neutrino-electron cross-sections<sup>27</sup> and a density of electrons in the scintillator of (3.307±0.003) × 10<sup>81</sup> electrons per 100 t. All fluxes are integral values without any threshold. The result for *pep* neutrinos depends on whether we assume HZ or LZ SSM predictions to constrain the CNO neutrino flux. The last column shows the fluxes predicted by the SSM for the HZ or LZ hypotheses<sup>18</sup>.



#### Allowed contours in the $\Phi_{Be}\text{-}$ $\Phi_{B}$ space:

- Borexino alone: <sup>7</sup>Be and <sup>8</sup>B fluxes.
- Global analysis (all solar+Kamland)
- High Metallicity Standard Solar model (theo)
- Low Metallicity Standard Solar model (theo)

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Ratio of the ratio of the measured/expected fluxes of the v solar flux for each subcomponent as measured by Borexino:

- Expected P<sub>ee</sub> energy dependence for Vacuum LMA oscillation
- Expected P<sub>ee</sub> energy dependence for MSW-LMA (matter effects)

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# Comparison of Oscillation analysis of All Solars & KamLAND

Combined Solar for GS98 (full regions), and AGSS09 (dashed contours) models Tension between KL & Solar reduced thanks to reduced SK D/N asymmetry of the full SK4 data set

 $A_{D/N}$ ,SK4 (2970 days) = (-2:1 +/- 1:1)%



# Third genertion of Reactor Experiments : assessing $\theta_{13}$

Before 2001: CHOOZ & Palo Verde (second generation) set limit for  $\theta_{13} < 0.15$ 

#### After 2011:

- third generation experiments measure positive value of  $\theta_{13}$
- Far Detector & Near Detector to cancel the systematics related to the reactor flux uncertainties
- Multidetector approach to reduce systematics
- Double Chooz (France), Daya Bay (Brazil), Reno (US), T2K (Japan)
- Baseline too short to observe the first oscillation dip, observed by Kamland





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Le oscillazioni di neutrino avevano mostrato la "prima evidenza di fisica oltre il modello standard" (neutrino massivi) senza però realmente scardinare il modello standard stesso

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**MINOS** Preliminary

MINOS best fit

Super-K 90%



### Il primo fit combinato "stile LHC" (Febbraio 2024)



- Mass Ordering preference remains inconclusive.
  - Small preference for the Inverted Ordering in the joint fit whereas individual experiments prefer Normal Ordering.
  - Reverts to a weak preference for Normal ordering on adding simultaneous constraint on  $|\Delta m_{32}^2|$  and  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  from Daya Bay.
- $\delta_{CP} = \pi/2$  lies outside 3-sigma credible interval for both mass ordering.
- Normal ordering permits a wide range of permissible δ<sub>CP</sub>, while CP conserving values for the Inverted Ordering fall outside the 3-sigma range.

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# Neutrino Oscillations: results from global fit (2024)

Normal Ordering (best fit) Inverted Ordering  $(\Delta \chi^2 = 2.3)$ bfp  $\pm 1\sigma$ bfp  $\pm 1\sigma$  $3\sigma$  range  $3\sigma$  range  $0.307^{+0.012}_{-0.011}$  $0.307^{+0.012}_{-0.011}$  $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$  $0.275 \rightarrow 0.344$  $0.275 \rightarrow 0.344$ atmospheric data  $33.66_{-0.70}^{+0.73}$  $33.67^{+0.73}_{-0.71}$  $\theta_{12}/^{\circ}$  $31.60 \rightarrow 35.94$  $31.61 \rightarrow 35.94$  $0.572^{+0.018}_{-0.023}$  $0.578^{+0.016}_{-0.021}$  $sin^2 \theta_{23}$  $0.407 \rightarrow 0.620$  $0.412 \rightarrow 0.623$  $49.1^{+1.0}_{-1.3}$  $49.5^{+0.9}_{-1.2}$  $\theta_{23}/^{\circ}$  $39.6 \rightarrow 51.9$  $39.9 \rightarrow 52.1$  $0.02203^{+0.00056}_{-0.00058}$  $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$  $0.02219^{+0.00059}_{-0.00057}$  $0.02029 \rightarrow 0.02391$  $0.02047 \rightarrow 0.02390$ without SK  $8.54^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$  $8.57^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$  $8.23 \rightarrow 8.90$  $\theta_{13}/^{\circ}$  $8.19 \rightarrow 8.89$  $\delta_{CP}/^{\circ}$  $197^{+41}_{-25}$  $286^{+27}_{-32}$  $108 \rightarrow 404$  $192 \rightarrow 360$  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  $7.41^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$  $7.41_{-0.20}^{+0.21}$  $6.81 \rightarrow 8.03$  $6.81 \rightarrow 8.03$  $10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$  $\Delta m_{3\ell}^2$  $+2.511^{+0.027}_{-0.027}$  $-2.498^{+0.032}_{-0.024}$  $+2.428 \rightarrow +2.597$  $-2.581 \rightarrow -2.409$  $10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ 

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## Alcune domande rimaste aperte:

- Gerarchia di massa dei neutrino
- Violazione di CP
- Violazione del numero leptonico
- Quale possibilità ha la fisica del neutrino di produrre un profondo cambiamento nel paradigma della fisica delle particelle elementari (il Modello Standard) e della cosmologia (il paradigma ACDM)?



Sono i punti aperti che impattano sulla strategia INFN nel settore, sui programmi di fisica dei laboratori tradizionalmente legati ai collider - CERN, Fermilab e KEK – e quelli underground (il Gran Sasso).

#### The birth of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

- in 1897 J.J. Thomson discovers the electron, later (1911-1919) E. Rutherford discovers the atom and the proton.
- this model goes into crisis (among mass inconsistencies) with the observation of the continuous spectrum of beta decay;
- in 1930 Pauli to overcome this problem proposes the a new particle the **neutron**, but it is E. Fermi that in 1932 after the discovery of neutron by J. Chadwick calls the Pauli particle neutrino;
- in 1937 E. Majorana propose a description of neutral ½ spin particles (e.g neutrinos) where particle and anti-particle are identical.
- as a consequence in 1939 H. Furry suggests that 0vββ decay can be observed Majorana Phases

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#### $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay and the $\nu$ mass

It allows to assess the yet unknown neutrino properties: hierarchy, the  $m_{\beta\beta}$  absolute mass and the two Majorana phases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ not measurable in the oscillation experiments

Observation of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay will assess:

- 1. neutrino has Majorana nature
- 2. lepton number is violated ( $\Delta L = 2$ )
- determination of v absolute mass (nuclear model dependent)

The half life of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  in case of light Majorana neutrino exchange:

 $\left(T_{1/2}^{0\nu}\right)^{-1} = G_{0\nu} \times |M_{0\nu}|^2 \times \left(\frac{m_{\beta\beta}}{m_e}\right)^2$ 

- Phase Space Integral: well known quantity
- Nuclear Matrix Element: most critical ingredient, produces uncertainty in the determination of  $m_{\beta\beta}$  (quenching problem)
- Neutrino Effective Mass: estimated by measuring T<sub>1/2</sub>



#### **Experimental aspects**

 $(A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+2) + 2e^{-}$ 

- Experimental signature
  - One daughter ionized isotope + 2 e-
  - e<sup>-</sup> summed kinetic energy = monochromatic line at  $Q_{\beta\beta}$  (~2-3 MeV)

#### Irreducible background

#### $(\mathsf{A},\mathsf{Z}) \rightarrow (\mathsf{A},\mathsf{Z}{+}2) + 2\mathsf{e}{}{+} 2\overline{\mathsf{v}}$



- 2<sup>nd</sup> order weak process in SM
- measured at a few % precision
- ▶ T<sup>2v</sup><sub>1/2</sub> >10<sup>18</sup> yr



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### **Experimental aspects**

- Experiment Sensitivity (S): it is a computed value
- Half-life  $(T^{0\nu}_{1/2})$  of the  $0\nu\beta\beta \rightarrow m_{\beta\beta}$  is derived
- Half-life  $(T^{2\nu}_{1/2})$  of the  $2\nu\beta\beta$
- Beyond SM/exotic physics

Results depend on achieved performances:

- Exposure (M·T) units [kg·yr]: it expresses the "observed" (mass of isotope) x the "observation time"
- **Background Index (B or BI)** in units of [cts/(keV·kg·y)] i.e. intensity of the residual background in the ROI
- Energy resolution (ΔE) [keV]: how well the system can resolve peaks in the energy spectra over the exposure time




### **Ονββ: Experimental techniques (over the last 70 years)**



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#### Present and future $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments: relevant parameters



#### **KamLAND-ZEN**

754 kg 90% enr. 136Xe diluted in liquid scintillator deployed in in KamLAND detector

 $\Delta E @ Q_{\beta\beta} (2457 \text{ keV}) \sim 250 \text{ keV} (10\%)$ 





## LEGEND-200: apparato



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• wavelength shifting reflector

- rivelatori Ge e Liquid Argon Veto
- schermo in Cu
- criostato
- water tank
- PMT per µ-veto Cerenkov ad acqua

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#### THE LEGEND -200 EXPERIMENT AT LNGS



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#### THE LEGEND-200: Performances

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#### THE LEGEND-200: Performances

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triplet lifetime [Ls] 1.1 1 1

2023-03

- Improved light yield compared to GERDA (×3)
- Stable argon properties

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2023-07

2023-05

- Monitoring through LLAMA instrumentation
- Characterized with special calibration runs
  - ~1 photoelectron per 10 keV deposited in argon

LEGEND-200 LAr Stability (LLAMA)

Stable

2023-09

- Strong suppression of background above 2vββ
  - ββ decay signal acceptance of ~93%





2023-11

2024-01

#### DATA AFTER PULSE SHAPE DISCRIMINATION AND ARGON ANTI-COINCIDE



- Strong anti-correlation of argon and PSD cuts
- Overall  $0\nu\beta\beta$  survival fraction of  ${\sim}60\%$
- "Pure"  $2\nu\beta\beta$  distribution, few events surviving at  $Q_{\beta\beta}$

#### LEGEND200- DATA IN THE REGION OF INTEREST — AFTER UNBLINDING



#### History of <sup>76</sup>Ge experiments: lessons learned



- Lessons learned
  - Increase the mass
  - Increase radiopurity
  - Decrease Z of shielding materials surrounding the Ge detectors (GERDA technology)
  - Improve PSD

#### CUORE

- Larger bolometric detector ever built
- 988 <sup>nat</sup>TeO<sub>2</sub> crystals operated at 10 mk
- 742 kg of TeO<sub>2</sub>, 206 kg <sup>130</sup>Te



 Continuous physics data taking with high duty cycle and stable performances since 2019



Collected <sup>130</sup>Te exposure ~750 kg · yr



CUORE

#### Future $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay experiments: CUPID

- Builds on CUORE and CUPID0/CUPID-Mo success
- Re-use CUORE infrastructure + 1600 Li<sub>2</sub><sup>100</sup>MoO<sub>4</sub> (240 kg <sup>100</sup>Mo)



#### arXiv:1907.09376



#### Future $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay experiments: KamLAND2-ZEN

• A major upgrade: larger source x 5 brighter  $\rightarrow$  x 2 better  $\Delta$ E



Ultimate bkgd: 8B solar v elastic scattering

In 10 yr  $T^{ov}_{1/2} \sim 10^{27}$  yr, m<sub>\beta\beta</sub>: [17-71] meV

- 1000 kg of enriched Xe
- 100% photo coverage: Winston cone (x 1.8) new PMT (x1.9) new LS (x 1.4)
  - improve energy resolution
    ΔE<sub>FWHM</sub> @Q<sub>ββ</sub>: 120 keV



- Pen scintillation balloon film
  - identify BiPo events in the balloon tagging a with scintillator film
- Improve tagging for long lived isotopes (new electronics)

Aggressive time schedule: start data taking in 2027

#### Future $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay experiments: LEGEND1000

1Ton HPGe detectors, ~90% enr <sup>76</sup>Ge in underground LAr in new infrastructure



bkgd goal: 10<sup>-5</sup> ckky In 10 yr  $T_{0v_{1/2}} \sim 10^{28}$  yr  $m_{\beta\beta}$ : [9-21] meV

#### Sensitivita' della presente/prossima generazione di $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments



#### Future $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay experiments: Sensitive BI vs Exposure



## Verso la risoluzione del puzzle della gerarchia di massa: JUNO



## Gli esperimenti long-baseline di nuova generazione



Sono progetti globali di durata multi-decennale con ampie collaborazioni internazionali. Uno standard insolito per la fisica del neutrino ma comune nella fisica dei collider.

#### Obiettivi generali:

- Stabilire in modo certo la violazione di CP nel settore leptonico
- Determinare la gerarchia di massa dei neutrino e la massimalità del mixing 2-3
- Effettuare misure di precision su tutti gli angoli di mixing e la fase di Dirac a livello di 5-10°
- Studiare sorgenti astrofisiche come i neutrini da supernova, neutrino solari e atmosferici
- Investigare deviazioni dal Modello Standard dovuti a neutrino sterili, decadimento del protone, candidati dark matter (boosted dark matter di orgine cosmica o dark sector prodotto dal fascio di Pisa, neutrino) <sup>9</sup> 90 yrs of Fermi Theory

#### La Long Baseline Neutrino Facility e SURF

A differenza di HyperK, DUNE utilizza due nuove facilities pensate per sostenere il programma di fisica delle particelle americano per i prossimi decenni: un fascio broad band da  $1.2 \rightarrow 2.4$  MW power e il laboratorio SURF in South Dakota. E', perciò, il progetto flagship del Fermilab e della fisica underground USA. L'INFN è fortemente coinvolta sia per gli stretti legami col Fermilab sia perché la tecnologia del Far Detector è basata su una tecnologia INFN: le TPC ad Argon Liquido proposta da C. Rubbia e sviluppata da ICARUS.



#### DUNE in a nutshell

Massa: il Far Detector di DUNE è composto da 4 moduli di liquid argon per una **mass fiduciale totale di 40 kton** (full mass **70 kton**).

Risoluzione: DUNE è basata sulla migliore tecnica di **particle imaging** disponibile alla scala del kton: la Liquid Argon TPC (C. Rubbia, 1977)



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Precisione: DUNE utilizza un **near detector complex** per la caratterizzazione dle fascio basato su un sistema movibile (NDLAr, TMS/NDGar) + un rivelatore on-axis (SAND+GRAIN) detector.







- . 5 discovery potential for CP violation over >50% of  $\delta_{CP}$  values
- 7-16° resolution to δ<sub>CP</sub>, with external input for only solar parameters.
  M. Bishai, Talk at Neutrino2022



## L'anello mancante: "the lightest mass eigenstate"

Le oscillazioni ricostruiscono il settore di Yukawa eccetto che per l'autostato più leggero. Ma la cosmologia osservativa dipende dalla somma di tutti gli autostati  $m_1+m_2+m_3$  Per la prima volta, i fisici del neutrino hanno necessità di credere nel  $\Lambda$ CDM. O di testarlo....



Nei prossimi 10-20 anni, le nostre misure impatteranno direttamente sulle osservabili e le misure di laboratoric dovranno confrntarsi con la cosmologia osservativa. Visto che il Modello Standard e il ACDM sono disconnessi andra' tutto liscio?

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## Conclusioni

#### Cosa possiamo aspettarci nel lungo termine dalla fisica del neutrino?

#### Una descrizione completa e precisa del settore di Yukawa leptonico del Modello Standard

Fa eccezione l'autostato più leggero di massa che potrà essere accessibile solo a mezzo di avanzamenti sostanziali nelle misure assolute di massa o grazie alla scoperta del doppio beta

## Un potente strumento di caratterizzazione delle sorgenti astronomiche

Un tema che non coperto in questa review dove protagonist sono I progetti **KM3NET e IceCUBE** 

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# Un link diretto tra il Modello Standard e il $\Lambda$ CDM della cosmologia







## Un salto di qualità

Affinchè questi progetti abbiano successo, la fisica del neutrino deve liberarsi di una sua debolezza storica: **la conoscenza delle sorgenti e dei processi SM deve essere portata agli standard della fisica dei collider**. Abbiamo già pagato a sufficienza lo scotto per questo tipo di «dimenticanze»



L. Munteanu, Talk at Nuphys 2023 (Dec 2023, London) 15

## Due casi esemplari: (I) ICARUS e il programma SBN al Fermilab

Grazie alla tecnologia delle TPC ad argon liquido, il Fermilab ha realizzato un programma completo di verifica delle anomalie di LSND e MiniBoone e questo sforzo sta dando i suoi frutti



#### ICARUS al Fermilab 2022-in corso



#### MicroBooNE 2016-23





## Oscillazioni, cosmologia e neutrini di Majorana

Dal 2012, m  $_{\beta\beta}$  è ben costretto dalle oscillazioni e dalla cosmologia osservativa. Sappiamo finalmente dove dobbiamo guardare



Stiamo sviluppando tecnologie che testano vite-medie al livello di 10<sup>26</sup> y e che sono scalabili a livello di 10<sup>28</sup> y.

L'INFN e i Laboratori del Gran Sasso hanno un ruolo centrale e hanno scelto come tecnica di elezione i Pisa, 10/09/2024- 90 yrs of Fermi Theory rivelatori ad alta risoluzione energetica

#### Neutrino Mass Observable



Assuming  $g_A$  = 1.27 and NME ranging ~ 2.8 ÷6.0



## Perché "rivoluzione"?

A partire dal 2012, la fisica del neutrino ha potuto tracciare **quantitativamente** la sua strada per rispondere a domande estremamente ambiziose:

Come è fatto il settore di Yukawa del Modello Standard?

Qual'è la natura del neutrino?

#### I neutrini nell'universo si comportano come previsto dal paradigma LCDM?

I neutrini violano la simmetria di CP?

Qual'è il pattern di massa dei neutrini? (mass ordering)

Il mixing massimale ( $\theta_{23}$ ) è davvero massimale?

La matrice di mixing è unitaria?



Sono in grado di originare l'asimmetria materiaantimateria? Danno origine alle perturbazioni

primordiali effettivamente osservate?

Quali sono le sorgenti astrofisiche dei neutrini energetici?

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## After Fermi's V-A theory neutrinos theory developed

- The success of Fermi's theory (1934) in describing the observed β-decay rates and spectra convinced the scientific community of the existence of the v and triggered its experimental search.
- Wick (1934) exploited Fermi's theory to explain  $\beta$ + decay and electron capture, Wang (1942) proposed to measure the e<sup>-</sup> capture nuclear recoil to indirectly detect the neutrino.
- Between the late '30s and the early '50s, several measurements demonstrated that β decay and ecapture are subject not only to missing energy, but also to an apparent momentum nonconservation, thus pointing to the existence of the neutrino.
- The final confirmation arrived in 1956, with the detection of neutrinos in "appearance mode" through inverse  $\beta$ + decay  $\bar{v}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$ ;  $E_{thrs} = 1.8 MeV$  (Cowan et al., 1956; Reines and Cowan,1953), another process predicted by Fermi's theory.
- Wu et al. (1957) observed parity-violation in β decays. Soon after, Landau (1957), Lee and Yang (1957), and Salam (1957) independently came to the conclusion that, if the neutrino produced by weak interactions was massless, it would have a fixed and opposite helicity compared to the antineutrino, and parity violation in weak interactions would be maxima.

Prsa, (Goldhaben etsal. F1958) Experimental evidence inclavous of the neutrino's fixed helicity

#### La rivoluzione del 2012. Un incredibile colpo di fortuna 😳

Nel settore di Yukawa leptonico del modello standard:

- Tutti gli angoli di mixing sono grandi. Il più piccolo ( $\theta_{13}$ ) è circa grande quanto l'angolo di Cabibbo!!
- Il valore assoluto degli autostati di massa non è attualmente noto ma sappiamo che è piccolo mentre le differenze di massa sono abbastanza grandi da permettere oscillazioni di neutrini "da acceleratori" (1 GeV) per distanze di alcune centinaia di chilometri

In linea di principio, un esperimento di neutrino agli acceleratori "sufficientemente potente" Pisa, 10/**sarebe**in grado di ricostruire tutto il settore di Yukawa del Modello Standard per i leptoni

# Third genertion of Reactor Experiments : assessing the IBD cross section

After 2011:

- third generation experiments measure positive value of  $\theta_{13}$
- Far Detector & Near Detector to cancel the systematics related to the reactor flux uncertainties
- Multidetector approach to cancel
- Double Chooz (France), Daya Bay (Brazil), Reno (US), T2K (Japan)
- Evidence of reactor neutrino anomaly (now much reduced)



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## HyperKamiokande

Hyper!!

Mt. Ikeno-Yama 1,360 m

Super-Kamiokande









