#### Neutrino Physics and Astrophysics

#### Oscillations revisited

| Oscillation parameter   | CE                      | entral value                            | 99% CL range                             |  |  |  |
|---|-------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| solar mass splitting  | $\Delta m_{12}^2 =$     | $(8.0 \pm 0.3)  10^{-5}  \mathrm{eV}^2$ | $(7.2 \div 8.9)  10^{-5}  \mathrm{eV}^2$ |  |  |  |
| atmospheric mass splitting  | $ \Delta m_{23}^2  =$   | $(2.5 \pm 0.2)  10^{-3}  \mathrm{eV}^2$ | $(2.1 \div 3.1)  10^{-3}  \mathrm{eV}^2$ |  |  |  |
| solar mixing angle  | $\tan^2 \theta_{12} =$  | $0.45 \pm 0.05$                         | $30^{\circ} < \theta_{12} < 38^{\circ}$  |  |  |  |
| atmospheric mixing angle  | $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} =$ | $1.02 \pm 0.04$                         | $36^{\circ} < \theta_{23} < 54^{\circ}$  |  |  |  |
| 'CHOOZ' mixing angle  | $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} =$ | $0 \pm 0.05$                            | $\theta_{13} < 10^{\circ}$               |  |  |  |
| $ \begin{array}{c} m^2 \\ \uparrow \text{Normal} \\ \hline v_{\mu} \\ \hline v_{\tau} \end{array}  \text{Inv} $ | erted f                 |   | $V_3$                                    |  |  |  |



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# The neutrino mixing matrix



If  $\delta \neq 0, \pi, 2\pi$ ...then weak interactions violate CP symmetry in the lepton sector (as in the quark sector)



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# What more do we want to know?

- Absolute mass scale
- Mass hierarchy
- Measure  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{_{13}}$
- CP violation ?
- Majorana or Dirac neutrinos?
  - Future experiments

# Double $\beta$ decay

So far $\rightarrow$ treatment of nuclear beta decay  $\rightarrow$ first order perturbation theory to G

Second-order effects in  $G \rightarrow$  very small in nuclear  $\beta$  decay

Exception  $\rightarrow$  first-order  $\beta$  decay is energetically forbidden



Triplet of isobaric nuclei  $\rightarrow$ daughter decay product is  $(odd, odd) \rightarrow unstable.$  Grand daughter is (even, even),  $\rightarrow$ 

<sup>82</sup>Se, <sup>76</sup>Ge, <sup>100</sup>Mo...

VERY LONG lifetimes...

#### <sup>100</sup>Mo $\beta\beta 2\nu$ Results

Nemo-3 Phase 1 Feb. 2003 - Dec. 2004



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# Neutrinoless double- $\beta$ decay

•double- $\beta$  decay  $\rightarrow$ very small decay rate

 large suppression of the phase-space factor (the small energy release must be shared by four leptons)

One could ask whether double- $\beta$  decay would be possible without emission of neutrinos (neutrinoless double beta decay)

Its existence would imply that

•Neutrino and antineutrino are not distinct particles

Lepton number is not exactly conserved

# Majorana neutrinos and neutrinoless double $\beta$ decay

If neutrinos have a small mass and they are Majorana neutrinoless double  $\beta$ decay becomes possible. It requires:

Helicity flip

Change a neutrino into an antineutrino: violate lepton number

L=N(leptons) - N(antileptons)



With respect to normal double  $\beta$  decay

- A helicity supression  $O(m_v/E_v)^2$

# Neutrinoless double $\beta$ decay and neutrino mass

Neutrinoless double  $\beta$  decay is sensitive to neutrino masses and to the nature of the neutrino (Dirac or Majorana).



The two effects balance each other for  $m_v O(eV)$ 

### Sensitive to Mass hierarchy

#### Neutrinoless double beta decay



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#### ββ0nu & neutrino masses



from: F. Feruglio, A. Strumia, F. Vissani ('02)

#### Experimental signature



 $\beta\beta 0nu$ : Spike at the end-point of decay nucleus, convoluted with experimental resolution

 $\beta\beta$ Onu: Continuous spectrum. Separation from bbOnu depends on detector resolution

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#### Radioactive Natural Chains



### Non ßß2nu backgrounds



If <sup>214</sup>Bi et <sup>208</sup>Tl are present in the environment

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\gamma interacts with the source \longrightarrow e^- + e^- (double Compton,
or Compton + Möller)
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"External Background"

In addition a neutron produced around the detector can thermalize in a hydrogen-rich material and produce phtons by radioactive capture. Neutrons are dangerous. Produced by fission but also from muon spallation. Muon flux at lab and its influence in neutron background must be well understood. 17/10/07 Muriel.Vander.Donckt@cern.ch

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### Experiments



# Experimental approaches: Source = Detector (SED)





Bolometers (Cuore, Cuoricino) and the "classical" Ge semiconductor detectors.

<u>Advantages:</u> Excellent energy resolution, excellent efficiency, compact.

<u>Disadvantages</u>: No pattern signature (2e- not observed, but only total energy deposited), difficulty to reject non  $\beta\beta$  background, limited to a single isotope per experiment.

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# Experimental approaches: Track-Calo (TC)

#### **Source foils + tracker+ calorimeter**



First practical example: Nemo detector

<u>Advantages:</u> Pattern signature observed, particle ID allows rejection of external backgrounds, several sources (or optimal source) in the same detector

<u>Disadvantages:</u> Modest energy resolution due to calorimeter resolution and energy losses in source

### Towards discovery?





Both approaches are valid and not really in competition: They are rather complementary approaches to maximize the possibility of discovery.

Dominating background for TC is bb2nu while for SED is external backgrounds.

Uncertainties in nuclear matrix elements. One would like no to place all eggs in the same basket.

Think discovery, not exclusion plot!

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# A very controversial claim

- Heidelberg Moscow experiment on <sup>76</sup>Ge
- Part of the collaboration claims m\_=0.2-0.6eV



### IGEX

Also <sup>76</sup>Ge give upper bound on mn between
 0.33 and 1.35 eV depending on nuclear matrix element model (partially exclude HM)

 $T_{1/2}(0\nu) > 1.57 \times 10^{25} \text{ yr} (90\% \text{ C.L.})$ 

#### NEMO 3: Neutrino Ettore Majorana Observatory

(France, UK, Spain, Russia, USA, Japan, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Finland)

Tracking detector: drift chamber (6180 Geiger cell)  $\sigma_{+} = 5 \text{ mm}, \sigma_{-} = 1 \text{ cm}$  (vertex)

Calorimeter (1940 plastic scintillators- Low radioactive PMTs) Energy Resolution FWHM=14% (1 MeV)

Shieldings against gammas and neutrons Magnetic field for charge identification High radiopurity materials

**Identification**  $e^{-}$ ,  $e^{+}$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\alpha$ 

Efficiency: 8% in the 2.7 - 3.2 windows energy region

Running at Modane underground laboratory since 2003

 $\beta\beta$  sources (thickness ~ 60 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>)  $^{116}$ Cd (0,40kg)  $^{30}$ Te (0,45 kg)  $\beta\beta(2\nu)$ <sup>150</sup>Nd (36,5 g) 09  $^{96}$ Zr (9.43 g) Cur  $^{48}Ca(6,99g)$ 10 <sup>nat</sup>Te (0,61 kg) <sup>6</sup> Cd Bckg Cu (0,62 kg) <sup>82</sup>Se (0,93 kg)  $^{100}$ Mo (6,9 kg)



Unique feature: measurement of all kinematic parameters: individual energies and angular distribution



Multi-source detector

#### Nemo results

- m<0.7-2.8eV for <sup>100</sup>Mo (7kg)
- m<1.7-4.9eV for <sup>82</sup>Se (2kg)
- Proof of principle does not exclude H-M
- Waiting for super-Nemo

#### Reactors

• Double CHOOZ: 2 identical detectors near and far to measure  $\theta_{13}$  with low systematics



 $P(\overline{v}_e \text{ Disappearance}) =$ 

 $= \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 [1.27\Delta m_{atm}^2 (eV^2)L(km)/E(GeV)]$ 





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# $Sin^2 2\theta_B$ future reach



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# Just Starting

Provide evidence for  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau}$ oscillations in the region of atmospheric neutrinos by looking for  $v_{\tau}$  appearance in a pure  $v_{\mu}$  beam







Base line 762km

# Opera







Expect a few signal events per year, depending on mixing parameters. With negligible backgrounds. A very challenging experiment!

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# Sensitivity to hierarchy?

- Matter effects : enhance mixing for  $v_e$  and suppress it for anti- $v_e$  mass if the hierarchy is normal.
- Assymetry not from CP... but need to resolve ambiguity  $\frac{P(v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e})}{P(\overline{v}_{\mu} \rightarrow \overline{v}_{e})} \cong \frac{1 + S(E/6 \, GeV)}{1 - S(E/6 \, GeV)}$

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# Future Long baselines:

In the range of energies ( $E \sim 0.5 \div 4$  GeV) and length ( $L \sim 200 \div 1000$  Km), of interest, the oscillation probability for  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$ , in 3-neutrino mixing case, is given by:

$$P(\bar{P}) \simeq s_{23}^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left(\frac{\Delta_{13}}{A \mp \Delta_{13}}\right)^2 \sin^2 \frac{(A \mp \Delta_{13})L}{2} + \tilde{J} \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \frac{\Delta_{13}}{A \mp \Delta_{13}} \sin \frac{AL}{2} \sin \frac{(A \mp \Delta_{13})L}{2} \cos \left(\mp \delta + \frac{\Delta_{13}L}{2}\right) + c_{23}^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \left(\frac{\Delta_{12}}{A}\right)^2 \sin^2 \frac{AL}{2}$$

with  $\tilde{J} \equiv c_{13} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{12}$  and  $\Delta_{13} \equiv \Delta m_{31}^2/(2E)$ .  $A \equiv \sqrt{2}G_F \bar{n}_e$ .

• Measure in nu and anti-nu at different energies and different distances

# T2K

- Off axis search for  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$ and  $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{e}$
- Less  $v_e$  contamination
- Narrow band beam tuned to expected oscillation maximum: 0.8GeV



#### Sensitivities in first phase(5yrs)



### $\beta$ -beams

- Create pure  $v_e$  or  $\overline{v}_e$  beams by accelerating radioactive nuclei and letting decay in flight.
- R&D on how to produce such beams going
- No contamination from  $v_{\mu}$ .
- Would allow measurement of  $\delta_{13}$  and  $\theta_{13}$

6He, 6Li



Figure 7. Anti-neutrino fluxes from low energy beta-beams. The curves correspond to  $\gamma = 7$  (dotted line),  $\gamma = 10$  (broken line) and  $\gamma = 12$  (dash-dotted line) for the boosted helium-6 ions. Similar curves are obtained for neutrinos from neon-18 ions. The detector is located at 10 m from a small devoted storage ring (see Section III) (Balantekin *et al* 2006a).

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### CP and mass hierarchy reach



Figure 5. Comparison of the  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}$  and the  $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\mu}$  appearance oscillation probability, as a function of the baseline distance L between the source and the detector, evaluated at the first atmospheric oscillation maximum  $E/L = |\Delta m_{23}^2|/2\pi$ . From about L = O(1000) km, matter effects become significant and can be exploited to extract the sign of  $\Delta m_{23}^2$ . The solid and dashed curves show the true  $C\mathcal{P}$  violation effects for  $\delta = 0^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$ .

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## Neutrino Factories

- $v_{_{\mu}}$  and anti- $v_{_e}$
- XOR anti- $v_{\mu}$  and  $v_{e}$
- Contamination-free for appearance and disappearance experiments.
- Collimated beams



3000km baselines



# Neutrino and Astrophysics

- Neutrinos are produced in stars, supernovae explosions
- They interact only weakly, not deflected by magnetic fields (as far as we know)
- Good probe candidate for distant objects

# Cosmic Ray Flux



- dN/dE∝E<sup>-2</sup>
- E>10<sup>18</sup>eV ?
- Where do they come from?
- Acceleration mechanisms ?
- How do they reach the earth without interacting ?

# Cosmic Ray Sources



- Supernovae can explain rays up to 10<sup>15</sup>eV
- Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN) (M>10<sup>6</sup>M<sub>o</sub> BH in galactic centre) are suspected to produce UHECR

### Acceleration Mechanisms



- Fermi Mechanism (1949)
- Particles collide stochastically with magnetic clouds in the interstellar medium. Those particles involved in head-on collisions will gain energy and those involved in tail-end collisions will lose energy. On average, however, head-on collisions are more probable

# Predicted Neutrino fluxes

 $dN/dE_v \sim 5 \cdot 10^{-8} E_v^{-2} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$ 

- Need large target volumes
- Water/Ice Čerenkov are the only reasonable solution costwise
- Aim to instrument km<sup>3</sup> of ice/water



• If CR originate from accelerated hadrons expect  $\sqrt[4]{\phi}_{v}$  otherwise expect no HE neutrinos

### Amanda detector

- South Pole ice cap: 2.5km of clear ice
- 19 photomultiplier strings
- Muon neutrino CC gives
   Cerenkov cone





#### Amanda results



- 2000-2003 limit for muon neutrinos for E<sup>-2</sup> spectrum  $_{7.4\,\times\,10^{-8}~GeV~cm^{-2}~s^{-1}~sr^{-1}}$  for 16 TeV to 2.5 PeV

### Limits and production models



FIG. 9: Astrophysical neutrino models and upper limits established with this analysis. The Barr et al. and Honda et al. atmospheric neutrino models are shown as thin lines with maximum uncertainties assumed by this analysis represented by the band. Other models that were tested included the SDSS AGN core model [7, 8], the MPR upper bounds for AGN jets and optically thin sources [6], and a starburst galaxy model [9].

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### Search for point sources



FIG. 6: Sky map of the significance obtained by scanning of the northern sky to search for event clusters. The significance is positive for excesses and negative for deficits of events compared to the expected background.

|                 |      |             |     |               |             |            | $\gamma = 2$    |                  |  | $\gamma = 3$ |                 |                  |  |
|-----------------|------|-------------|-----|---------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|--|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| Candidate       | δ    | $\alpha$    | r   | $n_{\rm obs}$ | $n_{\rm b}$ | $\mu_{90}$ | $s_{\nu_{\mu}}$ | $s_{\nu_{\tau}}$ | $\Phi^{0}_{\nu_{\mu}} + \Phi^{0}_{\nu_{\tau}}$ | $\mu_{90}$   | $s_{\nu_{\mu}}$ | $s_{\nu_{\tau}}$ | $\Phi^{0}_{\nu_{\mu}} + \Phi^{0}_{\nu_{\tau}}$ |
|                 |      |             |     |               |             | TeV b      | lazar           | s                |  |              |                 |                  |  |
| Markarian 421   | 38.2 | $11.1 \ 3.$ | .25 | 6             | 7.4         | 4.1        | 0.97            | 0.15             | 7.4  | 4.1          | 0.15            | 0.01             | 51   |
| Markarian 501   | 39.8 | $16.9 \ 3.$ | .00 | 8             | 6.4         | 7.9        | 0.93            | 0.14             | 14.7   | 8.3          | 0.15            | 0.01             | 102  |
| 1ES 1426 + 428  | 42.7 | $14.5\ 2$   | .75 | 5             | 5.5         | 4.8        | 0.90            | 0.13             | 9.4  | 4.8          | 0.16            | 0.01             | 58   |
| 1ES 2344 + 514  | 51.7 | $23.8\ 2$   | .50 | <b>4</b>      | 6.2         | 3.1        | 0.89            | 0.15             | 5.9  | 3.1          | 0.19            | 0.01             | 29   |
| 1 ES 1959 + 650 | 65.1 | 20.0 2      | .25 | <b>5</b>      | 4.8         | 5.6        | 0.71            | 0.11             | 13.5   | 5.6          | 0.21            | 0.02             | 48   |
|                 |      |             |     |               |             | GeV b      | lazar           | 8                |  |              |                 |                  |  |
| 3C 273          | 2.1  | $12.5 \ 3.$ | .75 | 8             | 4.7         | 9.6        | 0.96            | 0.10             | 18.0   | 9.8          | 0.04            | $\sim 0$         | 427  |
| QSO 0528 + 134  | 13.4 | $5.5\ 3.$   | .50 | 4             | 6.1         | 3.2        | 1.06            | 0.14             | 5.3  | 3.2          | 0.08            | 0.01             | 72   |
| QSO 0235 + 164  | 16.6 | 2.6 3       | .50 | 7             | 6.1         | 6.7        | 1.03            | 0.14             | 11.4   | 7.1          | 0.09            | 0.01             | 145  |
| QSO 1611 + 343  | 34.4 | $16.2 \ 3.$ | .25 | 6             | 7.0         | 4.5        | 0.95            | 0.15             | 8.3  | 4.8          | 0.14            | 0.01             | 65   |
| QSO 1633 + 382  | 38.2 | $16.6 \ 3.$ | .25 | 9             | 7.4         | 8.1        | 0.97            | 0.15             | 14.6   | 8.3          | 0.15            | 0.01             | 103  |
| QSO 0219 + 428  | 42.9 | $2.4\ 2.$   | .75 | <b>5</b>      | 5.5         | 4.9        | 0.89            | 0.13             | 9.6  | 4.8          | 0.16            | 0.01             | 58   |
| QSO 0954 + 556  | 55.0 | 9.9 2.      | .50 | $^{2}$        | 6.7         | 1.4        | 0.91            | 0.15             | 2.7  | 1.4          | 0.20            | 0.01             | 12   |
| QSO 0716+714    | 71.3 | $7.4\ 2$    | .25 | 1             | 4.0         | 1.2        | 0.70            | 0.13             | 3.0  | 1.2          | 0.20            | 0.02             | 11   |
|                 |      |             |     |               | (           | Other .    | AGN             | s                |  |              |                 |                  |  |
| M 87            | 12.4 | $12.5 \ 3.$ | .50 | 6             | 6.1         | 5.3        | 1.07            | 0.14             | 8.7  | 5.7          | 0.08            | 0.01             | 134  |
| NGC 1275        | 41.5 | 3.3 3.      | .00 | 4             | 6.8         | 2.7        | 0.95            | 0.14             | 5.0  | 2.8          | 0.16            | 0.01             | 31   |

No observed point source emitter

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### Limits on fluxes from GRB

- Looking for events at the direction and time of satellite detected Gamma-Ray Bursts
- No observed correlation



Fig. 9.— AMANDA flux upper limits (solid lines) for muon neutrino energy spectra predicted by the Waxman-Bahcall spectrum (Waxman 2003) (thick clashed line), the Razzacque et al. spectrum (Razzacque et al. 2003a) (dot-dashed line) and the Murase-Nagataki spectrum (Murase & Nagataki 2006a) (thin dotted line). The central 90% of the expected flux for each model is shown. For the Waxman-Bahcall model we include both long- and shortduration bursts; for the other spectra, only long-duration bursts are included. Including short-duration bursts would improve the flux upper limits by approximately 13%. While our analysis was restricted to bursts located in the Northern Hemisphere ( $2\pi$  sr), all flux upper limits are for the entire sky ( $4\pi$  sr).

# GeoPhysics with neutrinos



- The temperature of the earth increases as we go deeper
- Due to energy release in radioactive decays.
- Studying the neutrinos can help us understand the earth content

# Measuring the Earth Power...





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