v_e or not v_e ...that is the Question!



Janet Conrad MIT Three mysteries about observing (or not observing) electron neutrino interactions...

- Chapter 1: Setting the stage...
- Chapter 2: Presenting the mysteries...
- Chapter 3: Speculating on how the plot may unfold (with a *new and improved* potential ending!)

The Standard Model



We've known about neutrinos since the 1930's

The electron flavor was the first predicted and first observed! Neutrinos interact via

Only the Weak Interaction





There are 3 types, which form "weak doublets" with the charged leptons



Actually, with a modification in the quark sector:

MIXING: quark mass eigenstates ≠ quark weak eigenstates





Handedness (or chirality) is the Lorentz-invariant counterpart Identical to helicity for massless particles (standard model v's)

Experimental observation of Parity Violation Neutrinos are LH (and antineutrinos RH) ... always



How do you enforce the law of left-handedness?

Well... what couples left-handed particles to right?

A Dirac mass term in the SM Lagrangian:

 $m(\overline{\nu}_L\nu_R+\overline{\nu}_R\nu_L)$

If you want to build parity violation into "the law" you want keep this term out of the Lagrangian... a simple solution is: m=0

in the Standard Model, neutrinos are massless

The problem is...

apparently that's wrong!

It has long been known that neutrinos can, in principle, oscillate...

If we postulate:

- Neutrinos have (different) masses
- The Weak Eigenstate is a mixture of Mass Eigenstates:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then a pure ν_{μ} beam at t = 0, may evolve a ν_e component with time!

The Probability for Oscillations... $P_{osc} = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2(1.27\Delta m^2 L/E)$

$$P_{Osc} = \sin^2 2\theta \, \sin^2 \left(1.27 \Delta m^2 L / E \right)$$

... Depends Upon Two Experimental Parameters:

- L The distance from the ν source to detector (km)
- E The energy of the neutrinos (GeV)

...And Two Fundamental Parameters:

•
$$\Delta m^2 = m_1^2 - m_2^2$$
 (eV^2)
• $\sin^2 2\theta$



A mystery that I will only touch on... High Δm^2





The result from the Kamland reactor experiment also shows the L/E dependence one expects from oscillations!



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We have a fully self-consistent model for how neutrinos behave...

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

"mixing" between neutrinos is parameterized by three "mixing angles" $\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{23}$ This model is predictive!

Allowed region for solar neutrino oscillation measurements,



if this is due to $v_e \rightarrow v_{other}$

Then $\overline{\nu}_{e} \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_{other}$ should be observable with the same wavelength

fit by Gonzalez-Garcia

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Allowed region for the Kamland reactor $\overline{\nu}_{e} \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_{other}$ Experiment!



fits by Gonzalez-Garcia, an old plot, but illustrative!

Three mysteries about the



Our Model
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normal hierarchy

Writing that mixing matrix more explicitly...



The lepton mixing matrix is NOT like the quark matrix! *(WHY???)*



Large entries on diagnonal small off diagonal



Moderately large entries except for one, which might be zero! The Frenzy to Find θ_{13} is ON!!!!



How θ_{13} reactor experiments are designed:





Reactor Experiments are disappearance experiments



You can also search with appearance experiments



But appearance is more complicated because of mysteries 2 and 3!

Mystery 2: Is there CP Violation in the Mixing Matrix Too?



If so, is it like the quark sector? or not? (*Why*???)

In the quark sector, CP violation can show up as a difference in rates of decay for particles vs. antiparticles.

The effect shows up when you have 2 paths to the same outcome...



You will get an interference term in the decay probability...

Now consider the D^0



There are still 2 paths to the outcome.

Compared to the D⁰ the interference term changes sign!

e.g. D^0 and D^0 decays can have different decay rates if δ is nonzero!

Nonzero δ has been seen in the quark mixing matrix, but it is a relatively small effect

But what about the lepton sector??? In a model where...

- 1. Neutrinos are Majorana particles
- 2. With GUT scale partners
- 3. And there is CP violation...

Then...

CP violation in the neutrino sector may explain the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the universe!

Before the electroweak phase transition...



The interference terms will have opposite sign!

Are neutrínos the reason we exíst?



It's a big question and it turns out to be very hard to answer!

A first step would be observation of CP violation in the light neutrinos How would CP violation manifest itself?

In oscillation of muon-flavor to electron-flavor at the atmospheric Δm^2

... it's all about the v_e events again!

Recall the
2v osc formula:
$$P_{Osc} = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 (1.27\Delta m^2 L/E)$$

For 3 v oscillations, in a vacuum, with CP Violation...

 $P = (\sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{13}) (\sin^2 \Delta_{31})$ $\mp \underline{\sin \delta} (\sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{12}) (\sin^2 \Delta_{31} \sin \Delta_{21})$ $+ \underline{\cos \delta} (\sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{12}) (\sin \Delta_{31} \cos \Delta_{31} \sin \Delta_{21})$ $+ (\cos^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{12}) (\sin^2 \Delta_{21}).$ We want to see

if δ is nonzero

terms depending on mixing angles terms depending on mass splittings

 $\Delta_{ij} = \Delta m_{ij}^2 L / 4E_{\nu}$



Seeing CP violation is all about interference.

in a vacuum...

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We want to see if δ is nonzero

The δ -dependent terms arise from interference between the Δm_{13}^2 and Δm_{12}^2 oscillations $(m_2)^2$

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 $(\Delta m^2)_{atm}$

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Our equation flips sign between $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e} \& \overline{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_{e}$

in a vacuum...

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what we want to measure

The matter and antimatter oscillation probabilities will be different!

The classic idea for how to see CP violation:




Except for that pesky θ_{13} !

We will end up having to quote our sensitivity as allowed regions in both θ_{13} and δ

This design requires a long baseline!





E.g., LBNE -- starting in 2021

Beam from Fermilab

Shoots to detectors in South Dakota 1300 km





And there is **lots and lots** of matter along a 1300 km path!

also true for LAGUNA and HyperK designs

Mystery 3: Is the small v_e content up here?



The ground is made of <u>matter</u> (electrons) not <u>antimatter</u> (positrons)

Forward scattering affects neutrinos differently than antineutrinos.



We actually don't know which direction...











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So now matters become very convoluted.

If I ask: How well can I unravel these mysteries?



But don't forget the reactors!

They can work on one and only one mystery



And it seems that the reactors are looking at just the right place! New from appearance experiments this summer!



This still leaves us with:



And this is still messy

Is there another way to search for **CP** Violation, Not confused by the mass hierarchy?



 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Decay}\\ \textbf{At rest}\\ \textbf{Experiment}\\ \textbf{for } \delta_{cp} \text{ studies}\\ \textbf{At the}\\ \textbf{Laboratory for}\\ \textbf{Underground}\\ \textbf{Science} \end{array}$

- New v source for an ultralarge detector
- Enhanced neutrino oscillation program
- New experiments possible
- Complementary to the long baseline proposals
- Comparable measurements for osc parameters
- Much improved measurements by combining DAEδALUS and long-baseline!



The terms that depend on δ change the oscillation wave L dependence



At <u>low energy</u> and <u>short distances</u>, Modifications to this vacuum equation By the mass hierarchy are very small



So we need:

A multiple baseline (at least 3 points), Short baseline, Low energy, Experiment To isolate δ_{cp}







You need a lot of free protons!



Use the <u>same</u> ultra-large detector system as the long baseline

Water – MEMPHYS, LBNE Oil -- LENA





Luckily, there are other people who want low-energy, High-power proton sources!

Accelerator driven systems for thorium reactors



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Like the accelerators that we need (and unlike Project X, SNS, etc)

- ~800 MeV protons only Single energy, no upgrade path
- No fancy beam structure
- No stringent emittance requirements

Among all of the types of accelerators out there...



Approaches using cyclotrons:

The compact cyclotron with self-extraction



under development for DTRA at MIT

An H2+ accelerator



The stacked cyclotron:

7 cyclotrons in one flux return



Under dev. for ADS at TAMU

Measurement strategy:



Non-beam backgrounds Depends on the detector

In water Cerenkov Detectors:

Atmospheric $\overline{\nu}_{\mu}$ "Invisible muons": $\overline{\nu}_{\mu} + p \rightarrow \mu^{+} + n$ where μ^{+} is below Cherenkov threshold, stops and decays.





Looks just like



Not a background in scintillator!

Non-beam backgrounds, cont'd

• Atmospheric $\overline{\nu}_e$ IBD events: $\overline{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$



• Diffuse supernova neutrinos

Measure all of these during the beam off periods:



Beam-related Background

• Intrinsic \overline{v}_e in beam

From $\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^-$ events which failed to capture in the beam stop ~4×10⁻⁴ of v_e rate (low)

- Beam v_e in coincidence with random neutron capture signal Estimated to be very small from Super-K rates
- v_e -Oxygen CC scatters producing an electron+ n signal Subsequent n from nuclear de-excitation should be very small.

All fall as $1/r^2$ from the 3 accelerators, near accelerator provides a measurement To discuss how well we can do, I need to pick a model...

- Water Cerenkov
- "Homestake Accelerator Arrangement" -- 1.5, 8 and 20 km
- Gd doping of water so the neutron can be observed
- 300 kt (we are stats limited, so you can scale)







Compare signal to-background



So what will we learn about δ vs θ_{13} from DAE δ ALUS??



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If we succeeded in observing a signal, what would this plot look like?




How well do we do on a "jelly bean" plot?





By construction our capability is equal to LBNE, With same sized detector But our measurement has completely different issues!



What the Combined Experiments can do!

5yr Combined Running

10yr Combined Running



The fraction of " δ -space" where a measurement will be >3 σ



Better than a Project X ("superbeam") experiment!

I have used a US-based example, but this can be done anywhere you have

A detector with a lot of free protons (~100s of ktons).
A scintillator detector should work too.
→ This is enough to match the conventional beam designs

- 2. A conventional beam at a reasonable distance.
 - → This allows you to probe beyond the sensitivity of superbeams!

There is a big wide world of opportunities for this design!



Conclusions:

We have learned a lot in the last 10 years! But exciting questions remain open in the field of oscillations.

We are developing a strong set of experiments to go after these mysteries

Asking, in different ways...



... I hope DAE δ ALUS will be one of them!