# Multiple Personality Neutrinos from the Sun

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## Outline

- - Fundamental Forces of Nature
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- Summary and Conclusion



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#### Where and How !?! Everybody in Physics at CUPC: • Fun – Curious – Passion Applied or Pure Experimental or Theoretical **Underground Science**: • Neutrinos – Dark Matter New Opportunities with SNOLAB Institutions: Carleton, Guelph, Laurentian, Queen's, TRIUMF, UBC, and Université de Montréal. High Energy Physics: BaBar - ATLAS - ZEUS – NLC - v Factory CERN-SLAC-Cornell-DESY-FNAL-BNL-KEK • • Institute of Particle Physics (IPP)

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#### **The First Piece:**

- Fundamental Forces
- Standard Model
- Particle Detectors



#### **Fundamental Forces**

**Gravity:** Gravity governs the attraction between two massive objects. It is negligible at the subatomic scale.

Electromagnetic: Most of us are familiar with electric and magnetic phenomena.

**Strong:** In the Standard Model, hadrons (neutrons & protons) are considered to be made of quarks bound together by the strong force.

**Weak:** The weak interaction is more subtle! It is responsible for the instability of some nuclei via  $\beta$ -decay (*e.g.* n -> p e v).



| Interaction | Particle Range (m) |                          | Coupling                |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| EM          | photon             | infinity                 | <b>10</b> <sup>-2</sup> |
| Strong      | gluon              | <b>10</b> <sup>-15</sup> | 1                       |
| Weak        | W & Z              | <b>10</b> <sup>-18</sup> | <b>10</b> <sup>-6</sup> |

### **Elementary Particles**

| Fermions              |   | Bosons            |                            |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Leptons and<br>Quarks | Spin = $\frac{1}{2}$                                    | Spin = 1*         | Force Carrier<br>Particles |
| Baryons (qqq)         | Spin = $\frac{1}{2}$ ,<br>$\frac{3}{2}$ , $\frac{5}{2}$ | Spin = 0,<br>1, 2 | Mesons (qq̃)               |



#### **Standard Model**

The Standard Model provides a general description of the physics currently accessible with modern particle accelerators. The minimal Standard Model postulates that matter is composed of fundamental spin-1/2 quarks and spin-1/2 leptons interacting via spin-1 bosons.



Quarks and leptons can be sub-divided into familieswhich interact via the exchange of weak vector bosonsQuark SectorLepton Sector

+2/3 
$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

Q =

Q =

$$\begin{pmatrix} e \\ V_e \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ V_\mu \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tau \\ V_\tau \end{pmatrix} \qquad Q = -1$$
$$Q = 0$$

 $\frac{\text{Electroweak Lagrangian:}}{L = L(weak NC) + L (em NC) + L(weak CC)}$  $L(em NC) = e J_{\mu}^{em} A^{\mu}$  $L(weak NC) = \frac{g}{\cos\theta_{W}} (J_{\mu}^{0} + \sin^{2}\theta_{W} J_{\mu}^{em}) Z^{\mu} \qquad L(weak CC) = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (J_{\mu}^{+} W^{\mu-} + J_{\mu}^{-} W^{\mu+})$ 

**Open Questions in Particle Physics** 

In the theoretical framework of the Standard Model, there are presently two fundamental open questions at the forefront of particle physics

1) The first inquires about the origin of mass generated in the electroweak sector via the <u>Higgs mechanism</u>.

2) The other deals with the origin of <u>quark</u> <u>& neutrino mixing</u>, and CP violation.



## Tools to study subatomic particles $\Delta x \Delta p \approx \hbar$

1) Multipurpose detectors operating at high energy accelerators *e.g.* BaBar - ATLAS



#### 2) Underground laboratories: e.g. Sudbury





The Second Piece:

#### **Electroweak Reactions**



#### **Electroweak Interactions**



## Electroweak Reactions $n \rightarrow p e^{-} \overline{v_e}$



1) The neutron (charge = 0) is made of up, down, down quarks.

2) One of the down quarks is transformed into an up type quark....

Since the down quark has a charge of -1/3 and and the up quark has a charge of 2/3, it follows that this process is mediated by a **virtual** W<sup>-</sup> particle. 3) The new up quark rebounds away from the emitted W<sup>-</sup>. The neutron now has become a proton.



In this decay the W<sup>-</sup> particle, which carries away a (-1) charge; thus charge is conserved!

4) An electron and antineutrino emerge from the virtual W- boson.5) The proton, electron, and the antineutrino move away from one another.

## Quark Mixing (CKM)

- Define a quark mixing matrix which relates the mass and weak eigenstates
- In the minimal Standard Model CP violation in the quark sector is built in the CKM matrix since the elements of V are complex

#### Quark Mixing Matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} d'\\ s'\\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub}\\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb}\\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d\\ s\\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## **Neutrino Mixing**

- Just as in the quark sector, it is possible to define a neutrino mixing matrix which relates the mass and weak eigenstates
- In the minimal Standard Model there is no mixing...

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_e \\ v_\mu \\ v_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$$



### **Neutrino Oscillations**



**Time Evolution**  $i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} V_e \\ V_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} T \begin{pmatrix} V_e \\ V_\mu \end{pmatrix}$   $T = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \cos 2\theta & \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \sin^2 \theta \\ \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \sin^2 \theta & \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_e \\ V_\mu \end{pmatrix}$   $T = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \cos 2\theta & \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \sin^2 \theta \\ \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \sin^2 \theta & \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix}$  Neutrino Oscillations:

$$\Delta m^2 = \left| m_2^2 - m_1^2 \right|$$

 $P_{ee} \sim sin^2(2\theta) sin^2(1.27 \Delta m^2 L / E)$ 

- Physics:
  Δm<sup>2</sup> & sin(2θ)
- Experiment: Distance (L) & Energy (E)



$$\begin{pmatrix} v_e \\ v_\mu \\ v_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The state evolve with time or distance



Arranging the Pieces:

#### Solar Neutrino Physics





#### **The Nobel Prize in Physics 2002**

"for pioneering contributions to astrophysics, in particular for the detection of cosmic neutrinos"





Raymond Davis Jr.

Masatoshi Koshiba

"for pioneering contributions to astrophysics, which have led to the discovery of cosmic X-ray sources"



**Riccardo Giacconi** 

The work of Davis and Koshiba has led to unexpected discoveries and a new, intensive field of research, *neutrino-astronomy*. Giacconi constructed the first X-ray telescopes, which have provided us with completely new – and sharp – images of the universe.

#### Neutrino Production in the Sun



#### Neutrino from the Sun

- Our sun emits around 2 x 10<sup>+38</sup> neutrinos per second.
- The earth receives more than 100 billions neutrinos per second and cm<sup>2</sup>. This huge raining is undetected by the five senses of the homo sapiens.

### **Neutrino Detectors**

 Underground, undersea or under ice, the experimental apparatus detect either the Cerenkov light emitted when a neutrino interact with the water or the transformation of atoms under neutrino interaction.

## Strategy

- Deep and clean = low background.
- HUGE = Neutrino have small probability of interacting!

#### Using solar vs' to probe the Sun

1946 Pontecorvo, 1949 Alvarez

 $^{37}Cl + v_e \rightarrow ^{37}Ar + e^{-1}$ 

1960's Ray Davis, builds Chlorine detector

John Bahcall, generates SSM & v flux predictions

"...to see into the interior of a star and thus verify directly the hypothesis of nuclear energy generation in stars..."





## Gallium Measurements $^{71}Ga + v_e \rightarrow ^{71}Ge + e^{-}$

Two independent experiments SAGE Data/SSM =  $0.55 \pm 0.05$ GALLEX Data/SSM =  $0.57 \pm 0.05$ 

#### Latest SAGE results (astro-ph/0204245)



Both Expts Performed v source tests

$$^{51}\text{Cr} + e^- \rightarrow ~^{51}\text{V} + v_e$$

SAGE Source Test R( $\sigma_{mea}/\sigma_{th}$ )=0.95±.12±.03





∫ v flux <u>~ 6</u>.5 • 10<sup>10</sup>/cm²/s



Neutrino Energy (MeV)

| Experiment             | Year          | Detection Reaction   | Ratio Exp/BP2000                  |
|------------------------|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Chlorine<br>(127 t)    | 1970-<br>1995 | $^{37}\text{Cl} + \nu_e \rightarrow \ ^{37}\text{Ar} + e^{-1}$ | $0.34\pm0.03$                     |
| Kamiokande<br>(680t)   | 1986-<br>1995 | $v_{\mathbf{X}} + e^{-} \rightarrow v_{\mathbf{X}} + e^{-}$    | $0.54\pm0.08$                     |
| SAGE (23 t)            | 1990-         | $^{71}\text{Ga} + \nu_e \rightarrow ^{71}\text{Ge} + e^{-1}$   | $0.55\pm0.05$                     |
| Gallex + GNO<br>(12 t) | 1991-         | $^{71}\text{Ga} + \nu_e \rightarrow \ ^{71}\text{Ge} + e^{-1}$ | $0.57\pm0.05$                     |
| SuperK (22kt)          | 1996-         | $\nu_{x} + e^{-} \rightarrow \nu_{x} + e^{-}$                  | 0.451 <sup>+0.017</sup><br>_0.015 |

#### Astrophysical Solutions?



#### The data are incompatible with the Standard Solar Model !!!

Look at  $\Delta m^2$  versus sin<sup>2</sup>2 $\theta$ 

Data give a dramatic extension of oscillation sensitivity to very large values of  $\Delta m^2$ 

Solar v data are not consistent with vacuum oscillations between the sun and the earth! But only circumstantial evidence

- Need definitive proof
- Appearance measurement
- Independent of SSM



#### Beyond the Standard Model - v mass & mixing

#### Vacuum Oscillations

If neutrinos have mass then the lepton mixing matrix (MNSP) is expressed as

 $\begin{pmatrix} v_e \\ v_\mu \\ v_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$ 

and flavor eigenstates are a mixture of mass eigenstates.

Then

 $v_e = U_{e1}v_1 + U_{e2}v_2 + U_{e3}v_3$ 

and the state evolves with time or distance

 $v_e = U_{e1}e^{-iE_1t}v_1 + U_{e2}e^{-iE_2t}v_2 + U_{e3}e^{-iE_3t}v_3$ 

where  $E_i^2 = p^2 + m_i^2$ 

(See B. Kayser hep-ph/0104147 for a nice introduction)

Matter Enhanced Oscillations (MSW)

Neutrinos in matter can acquire an effective mass through scattering.

Normal matter contains many electrons, but no muons or taus, so  $v_e$  can undergo both CC and NC scattering.

MSW Oscillations are dependent on the v energy and the density of the material, hence one can observe spectral energy distortions.

## Matter-Enhanced Neutrino Oscillations in the Sun

Neutrinos produced in weak state  $\nu_{e}$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  Superposition of mass states  $v_{1, 2, 3}$ 



→ Superposition of mass states changes through the MSW resonance effect → Solar neutrino flux detected on Earth consists of  $v_e + v_{\mu,\tau}$ 

## Sensitivity to v oscillations Vacuum Oscillations MS

 Different types of experiments sensitive to different aspects of oscillation space

#### **MSW Oscillations**

 For v's in matter can acquire an effective mass through scattering, enhancing oscillations.



## Somewhere in the Depths of Canada...

### Sudbury Neutrino Observatory

2092 m to Surface (6010 m w.e.)

PMT Support Structure, 17.8 m 9456 20 cm PMTs ~55% coverage within 7 m

Acrylic Vessel, 12 m diameter

1000 tonnes D<sub>2</sub>O 1700 tonnes H<sub>2</sub>O, Inner Shield

5300 tonnes H<sub>2</sub>O, Outer Shield Urylon Liner and Radon Seal



#### Solar Neutrino Events in SNO



#### SNO Heavy Water Cherenkov Detector

#### **Cherenkov Light**

When a particle travels through a medium such that its velocity *v* is greater that the velocity of light in the medium *c/n*, radiation is emitted. The radiation is confined to a **CONE** around the direction of the incident particle.



## The SNO detector observes the following interactions:




## $\nu$ Reactions in SNO

$$(cc) v_e + d \Rightarrow p + p + e^{-1}$$

-Good measurement of  $\nu_e$  energy spectrum -Weak directional sensitivity  $\propto$  1-1/3cos( $\theta$ ) -  $\nu_e$  only.

NC 
$$v_x + d \Rightarrow p + n + v_x$$

- Measure total <sup>8</sup>B  $\nu$  flux from the sun.

- Equal cross section for all  $\nu$  types

Danger !

A 2.2 MeV photon can break the deuterium and mimic a NC event

-Low Statistics -Mainly sensitive to  $\nu_{e,}$ , some sensitivity to  $\nu_{\mu}$  and  $\nu_{\tau}$  -Strong directional sensitivity





## An Ultraclean Environment

 Highly sensitive to any γ above neutral current (2.2 MeV) threshold.

2.615 MeV  $\gamma$ 

 Sensitive to <sup>238</sup>U and <sup>232</sup>Th decay chains



## **Measuring U/Th Content**

#### **Purification System**

- Clean D<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>2</sub>O to pristine condition
- Monitor the water on-line

**Background Measurement** 

- Ion exchange (<sup>224</sup>Ra, <sup>226</sup>Ra)
- Membrane Degassing (<sup>222</sup>Rn)

 $\begin{array}{c|c} D_2O & H_2O/AV \\ \hline Neutron \\ Events & 44^{+8}_{-9} & 27^{+8}_{-8} \end{array}$ 





## The SNO Detector during Construction





# SNO observables - event by event PMT Information: Positions, Charges, Times



**Event Reconstruction** Vertex, Direction, Energy, Isotropy



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NC 
$$v_x + d \Rightarrow p + n + v_y$$

- Measure total <sup>8</sup>B  $\nu$  flux from the sun.

- Equal cross section for all v types
- 2.2 MeV Threshold, Integrated E > E<sub>th</sub>

Produces Cherenkov Light Cone in D<sub>2</sub>O

#### D<sub>2</sub>O Only Phase

n captures on deuteron  ${}^{2}$ H(n,  $\gamma$ ) ${}^{3}$ H Observe 6.25 MeV  $\gamma$ 

ES  $\overline{v_x} + e^- \implies v_x + e^-$ 

Produces Cherenkov Light Cone in D<sub>2</sub>O

- -Low Statistics
- -Mainly sensitive to  $v_{e}$ , some sensitivity to  $v_{\mu}$  and  $v_{\tau}$
- -Strong directional sensitivity

## Extraction of CC, ES, NC Signals

To extract the CC, ES, NC signal SNO performs a Maxlikelihood statistical separation of these signals based on distributions of the SNO observables.

Data Analysis:

Mutivariate Likelihood Fit





Global View: SNO Results



#### **Shape Constrained Signal Extraction Results**



**Shape Constrained Neutrino Fluxes** Signal Extraction in  $\Phi_{CC}$ ,  $\Phi_{NC}$ ,  $\Phi_{ES}$ .  $E_{Theshold} > 5 MeV$  $\Phi_{cc}(v_e) = 1.76^{+0.06}_{-0.05} (stat.)^{+0.09}_{-0.09} (syst.) x10^6 cm^{-2}s^{-1}$  $\Phi_{es}(v_x) = 2.39^{+0.24}_{-0.23}$  (stat.)  $^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$  (syst.) x10<sup>6</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>  $\Phi_{nc}(v_x) = 5.09^{+0.44}_{-0.43} (stat.)^{+0.46}_{-0.43} (syst.) x10^6 cm^{-2}s^{-1}$ Signal Extraction in  $\Phi_{e}, \Phi_{u\tau}$ .  $\Phi_{e} = 1.76^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$  (stat.)  $^{+0.09}_{-0.09}$  (syst.) x10<sup>6</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>  $\Phi_{\mu\tau} = 3.41^{+0.45}_{-0.45}$  (stat.)  $^{+0.48}_{-0.45}$  (syst.) x10<sup>6</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>

The Solar Neutrino Problem



SNO CC vs NC implies flavor change, which can then explain other experimental results.



## SNO NC in D<sub>2</sub>O Conclusions

## ~ 2/3 of initial solar $v_e$ are observed at SNO to be $v_{\mu,\tau}$



## **Physics Interpretation** v Oscillations

**Combining All Experimental** and Solar Model information





## **SNO - Current Status and Future Plans**

# The Salt PhaseNeutral Current Detectors $n + {}^{35}Cl \rightarrow {}^{36}Cl + \Sigma\gamma \dots \rightarrow e^-$ ( $E_{\Sigma\gamma} = 8.6$ MeV) $n + {}^{3}He \rightarrow p + t$

- Higher n-capture efficiency
- Higher event light output
- Event isotropy differs from e<sup>-</sup>
- Running since June 2001
- Opportunities for graduate studies and coop projects

#### Event by event separation





Future Prospects for SNOLAB CFI International Venture: 39 millions for new cavern at the 6800 ft level !!! Sudbury, Canada Going



Going Underground... • Search for DARK MATTER

 SNO' with wavelength shifters to measure to B<sup>8</sup> spectrum (LMA vs LOW)

New neutrino experiments

Intensive field of research



## **SNO** Conclusions

- First NC Flux measurements yield clear evidence that the majority of  $\nu_e$  produced in the Sun are transformed to  $\nu_\mu$  and/or  $\nu_\tau$ 

- Null hypothesis "No Weak Flavor Mixing" ruled out at 5.3  $\sigma$
- Lowest Detection threshold yet for a real-time solar  $\boldsymbol{\nu}$  detector
- Total <sup>8</sup>B flux measurement agrees well with Solar Models
- Data in good agreement with previous SNO SK CC/ES results

Enhanced NC measurement, with NaCl underway since June 2001

Need to confirmed solar neutrino oscillation with salt data (underway)

Measure the energy spectrum of  $v_e$  and possible energy distortion

Rule out LOW and study day/night asymmetry and season variation

NOT OVER: SNOLAB provides new opportunities for underground science and particle astrophysics in Canada



http://www.physics.carleton.ca/~alainb/ http://www.ocip.carleton.ca





## **Broader Implications**

Solar neutrinos and Atmospheric neutrinos demonstrate that neutrinos have mass and the Standard Model of Nuclear and Particle Physics is incomplete.

- Unlike the Quark Sector where the CKM mixing angles are small, the lepton sector exhibits large mixing
- The v masses and mixing may play significant roles in determining structure formation in the early universe as well as supernovae dynamics and the creation of the elements

The coming decade should be an exciting time for neutrino physics helping delineate the "New" Standard Model that will include neutrino masses and mixing.

- Precision measurements of the leptonic mixing matrix
- Determination of Neutrino mass
- Investigation of lepton sector CP and CPT properties





## Sources of Calibration

- Use detailed Monte Carlo to simulate events
- Check simulation with large number of calibrations:

| Calibration            | Simulates                                   |
|------------------------|---|
| Pulsed Laser           | 337-620 nm optics                           |
| <sup>16</sup> N        | 6.13 MeV γ's                                |
| <sup>3</sup> H(p,γ)⁴He | 19.8 MeV γ's                                |
| <sup>8</sup> Li        | <13.0 MeV β's                               |
| <sup>252</sup> Cf      | neutrons                                    |
| U/Th                   | <sup>214</sup> Bi & <sup>208</sup> Tl β-γ's |
|                        |   |



## **Energy Calibration**

- Track energy response both in position and throughout the livetime of the detector
- Use <sup>16</sup>N , <sup>8</sup>Li, and (p,t) sources to calibrate across different energies and positions across the detector
- Energy uncertainty: ±1.21%

#### Data vs Monte Carlo



# Cherenkov Background

Fit to Cherenkov backgrounds above 4.5 MeV outside fiducial volume

 $\rightarrow$  Extrapolate into fiducial volume





## What About Neutrino Mass?



