

Neutrinos at the Spallation Neutron Source



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The Neutrino

The electrons from beta decay were observed to have a continuous spectrum

Pauli in 1930 proposed that to conserve Energy and Momentum another particle, with little or no interaction was required – The neutrino

 $n \rightarrow p + e + v_e$

"I am embarrassed that I have proposed a particle that can never be seen"



- Neutrinos have VERY small masses
- Only left handed neutrinos interact -- very weakly
 - 3-generations of neutrinos – Lepton number is conserved

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What about the Neutrino?

• Neutrinos – Dirac, Majorana?

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- What are the neutrino masses ?
- What is the neutrino mass hierarchy ?
- Is CP violated in the neutrino sector ?
- Are there additional neutrino types, e.g. sterile and non-SM neutrinos?
- What are the mixing angles (in particular θ_{13})?
- How do neutrinos affect the evolution of our universe?



How do neutrinos affect the evolution of our universe?

In Contradiction to Newton's Concept of the "Fixed Stars" our Universe has, and now is, EVOLVING

Neutrinos and the weak interaction are believed to be crucial in the Core-collapse Type II Supernovae – How does this happen?

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SUPERNOVA

- Dominant contributor to Galactic nucleosynthesis
- Occurs in the collapse of the iron core of a massive star - 8-10 Solar mass
- Extremely energetic explosion
 - 10⁵³ ergs of energy released
 - 99% in neutrino emission
 - A few per century in our Galaxy (last SN 400 yrs ago)





Convective Model and Neutrino Heating



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Neutrino reactions and nucleosynthesis

v-nucleus cross sections are important for understanding the supernova explosion mechanism and for nucleosynthesis •Neutrino reactions with nuclei ahead of the shock alter the entropy & composition of the infall [Bruenn & Haxton (1991)].

•Neutrino reactions alter the elemental distribution in the ejected material - Cross sections are important for interpreting observations in metal-poor stars [Fröhlich et al., astro-ph/0410208 (2005)].

•Neutrino energy transport reheats the shock. The model has a hot dense core of neutrons surrounded by a shell of alpha and neutrons surrounded by a shell of Fe and Ni, surrounded by consecutive shells of lighter elements. Explosion ejects outer shells.[Ann Rev 27(77)167]

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Electron capture and Core collapse

Electron capture and the charged-current υ_e reaction are governed by the same nuclear matrix element. Electron capture changes protons into neutrons

 $e^{-} + A(Z,N) \leftrightarrow A(Z-1,N+1) + v_{e}$

- To Calculate rates we need
 - Gamow-Teller strength distributions
 - First-forbidden contribution
 - g_A/g_V modifications by nuclear medium, etc
- New calculations using a hybrid model of
 Shell Model Monte Carlo (SMMC) and
 RPA predict significantly higher rates for
 N>40 and supernovae shock starts deeper
 and weaker

The weak interaction plays a crucial role in establishing the dynamics of the supernova shock wave

Iron core mass and neutronization depend on e⁻ capture and beta decay rates for A<65

Electron capture producing \mathbf{U}_{e} on heavy nuclei remains important throughout collapse.

Neutrino Transports energy from the core to the outer shell

Supernovae and Nucleosynthesis



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Input

• masses

- weak decay properties
- neutrino interactions
- thermal properties

A convolution of nuclear structure, nuclear astrophysics, weak interactions

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A Simulation of Neutrino Nucleosynthesis

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Neutrino-nuclear cross-sections

- Both cross sections are needed for supernova modeling a few % accuracy is required
- Radiative corrections and in-mediun effects (rescaling g_a/g_v , correlations, etc) are required for CC
- Only the CC cross section in C is reasonably well-measured (10%).
- Coherent NC-nuclear has not been observed
- Needed for the calibration of astrophysical neutrino detectors (Low Energy)







Neutral current:

 l, v_l

$$\binom{\nu}{\overline{\nu}} + (Z, A) \rightarrow \binom{Z+1, A}{Z-1, A} + \binom{l^{-}}{l^{+}}$$
$$\nu + (Z, A) \rightarrow (Z, A^{*}) + \nu$$

All reactions are possible as long as they obey selection rules







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Neutrino-Fe CC Cross section



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Neutral Current Reactions Coherent Scattering from Nuclei



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The Oak Ridge Spallation Neutron Source

Linac Tunnel

Central Helium Liquefaction Building

Radio-Frequency Facility

> Support Buildings

Target

Ring

Future Target Building

Central Laboratory

Front-End Building

Klystron Building

Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences

Joint Institute for Neutron Sciences

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SNS Parameters

- •Primary proton beam energy 1.3 GeV
- •Intensity 9.6 \cdot 10¹⁵ protons/sec
- •Number of protons on the target 0.687x10¹⁶ s⁻¹ (1.1 ma)
- Pulse duration 380ns(FWHM)
- •Repetition rate 60Hz
- •Total power 1.4 MW
- •Liquid Mercury target

0.13 neutrinos of each flavor produced by one proton (9 x 10¹⁴ s⁻¹)
Number of neutrinos produced ~ 1.9.10²²/year
There is a larger flux of ~MeV anti-neutrinos from radioactive decay from the target



Stopped pion decay

Produces us with the same energy range as supernovae



LSND at Los Alamos ¹²C [Auerbach et al. (2001)] v+Iodine (40%) [Distel et al. (2003)] KARMEN at ISIS (RAL) 65 tons of liquid Scintillator 100 events/year $\upsilon + C$, $\sigma = (8\pm1) \times 10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2$ $\upsilon + \text{Fe} (\sim 40\%)$

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Comparison of SNS with other stopped pion facilities

Facility	LANSCE	ISIS	SNS	SNS Advantage
Beam energy	0.8 GeV	0.8 GeV	1.3 GeV	1.7
Beam current	1.0 mA (0.8MW)	0.2 mA (0.16MW)	1.1 mA (1.4 MW)	1.75
Coulomb delivered per year to the target	6500 (LSND)	2370 (KARMEN)	22000	3
Beam structure	Continuous	Two 200 nsec bunches separated by 300 nsec repetition rate - 50 Hz	380 nsec FWHM pulses at 60 Hz	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Separation} \\ \nu_{\mu} \text{ from } \nu_{e}, \\ \text{ better BG} \\ \text{ suppression} \end{array}$
Target	Various	Water cooled Tantalum	Mercury	Source compactness



υ-SNS Coverage of the (N,Z) Plane





Neutrino Proposals at the SNS Require 2 Detector types

Charged Current Neutrino-Nucleus Reactions ບ-SNS

Coherent Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering (CLEAR – Coherent Low Energy Atomic Recoil)

As an example;

 $V_e + {}^{56}Fe \rightarrow e + {}^{56}Co$

Uncertainty in this cross section is due to distribution of the nuclear strength and renormalization of the axial-vector coupling (GT limit when $q \rightarrow 0$)

υ + C, σ = (8±1) x 10-42 cm2 υ+Fe (~40%) Cross section about 10 times higher and all flavors participate. In principle cross section can be calculated in SM

No previous observation Important for energy transport in S

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Charged Current Reactions



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Number of straw cells hit for a Segmented

Fe Target





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An Example of Tracking a Problem

υ + ⁵⁶Fe \rightarrow e + ⁵⁶Co*



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A Schematic Data Acquisition System



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Expected Total Cross Sections

Reaction

Integrated Cross Section



0.297.10⁻⁴³ cm² 0.050.10⁻⁴³ cm² 0.92.10⁻⁴¹ cm² 0.45.10⁻⁴¹ cm² 0.27.10⁻⁴¹ cm² ~2.5.10⁻⁴⁰ cm²

SNS will deliver ~ 1.9·10²² neutrinos per year

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Properties of Liquid Noble Gases

Element	Density (g/cc)	Boiling Pt (K)	Mobility (cm2/Vs)	Scint. (nm)	Photon #/MeV	Isotopes	Lifetime Triplet (us)
LHe 2/4	0.145	4.2	(low)	80	19k	2	13 x10 ⁶
LNe 10/20	1.2	27.1	(low)	78	30k	3	15
LAr 18/40	1.4	87.3	400	125	40k	3	1.6
LKr 36/84	2.4	120	1200	150	25k	6	0.09
LXe 54/132	3.0	165	2200	175	42k	9	0.03

2-Phase LXe Detector





Takes Advantage of high e mobility to produce 2 signals S1 and S2

- (S1) 16 keV nuclear recoil: \approx 200 photons (quenched)
- (S2) ionization signal \approx 7-20 electrons (proportional) (assumes high field 8 kV/cm)

Also provides 2-D (3-D with timing) position information





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Response of LNe to Nuclear and Gamma Ionization

Scintillation Time Dependence in LNe



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Quenching of Ionization from Nuclear Recoil





Recoil - Electron/gamma Discrimination







The LXe Detector Flask



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Water Tank Shield



Xe Recoil for Coherent Scattering by SNS Neutrinos



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Recoil Energy for Various Incident Neutrino Energies



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Signal vs Background



Neutron Background



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Timing

 Time structure crucial t > 1 μs cuts most neutron background $\cdot \delta t > 1 \mu s \rightarrow lose \nu_{\mu} but$ retains most ve

Time cut (μs)	v efficiency (%)
2-10.0	43
1.5-10.0	37
1.8-10.0	34
2.0-10.0	30



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- Hermetic veto efficiency of 99% -> 30 fast neutrons/day
- Expected number of untagged neutron events is a few per day
- Extra discrimination is expected from detector PID



Cosmic Veto

• CC Detection

4 layers of plastic scintillator Cosmic muons not an issue Neutrons are difficult 10⁶ suppression required

Neutral Current Detection

Water Cerenkov in the water tank

Not studied in detail but appears not to present a problem









neutrinos, neutrons, muons





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s NS s	Estim	ated 1 CC Rea	ted 1 year Yield C Reaction		
Target	Assumed Cross Section (10 ⁻⁴⁰ cm ²)	# Target Nuclei	Raw Counts	Assumed Efficiency	Statistical Significanc
Segmented I	Detector (10 ton fid	ucial mass)	2 200	250/	2.00/
Lead	41.0 [20]	2.9×10 ²⁸	3,200 14,000	35%	<1.4%
Aluminum	1.12 [21]	2.2×10 ²⁹	3,100	35%	3.0%
Homogeneor	<u>ıs Detector (15.5 m</u>	1 ³ fiducial vo	<u>)lume)</u>		
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Carbon	0.144 [17]	5.6×10 ²⁹	1,000	40%	5.0%

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Estimated 1 year Yield NC Coherent

NC Coherent events/Yr from LXe --- 200

Measurement of Neutrino Magnetic Moment --- 10⁻¹⁰ nm

Given the SM extraction of the neutron form factor will not be sufficiently precise to model sensitive

Provides a factor of 10 improvement in the discrimination of Non-standard Interactions

Provides a measure of Q_w^2 at Q = 0.04 GeV/c in a different channel ($\delta \sin^2(\theta_W) \approx 5\%$)

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Concluding Remarks

- **nN** reactions are important for supernovae
 - **Influence core collapse** •
 - Affect shock dynamics
 - Modify the distribution of A>56 elements
 - Affects r process nucleosynthesis
 - May be the dominant source of B, F, ¹³⁸La, ¹⁸⁰
- - ng constants
- conity to measure nN cross sections apernovae and nuclear structure
- ements on 2 targets to < 10% accuracy in 1
- on CL we a see in the second s ag collaboration of experimentalists and theorists but
- First measurement of a Coherent NC cross section





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Additional Slides

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SNS induced neutron flux



•High energy neutrons can be eliminated using time cut

•Low energy neutrons need shielding and neutron absorbers

•PID in detectors is also available

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N hits, + veto + de/dx + compactness + fidu +time

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Cross Sections



 $0.297 \cdot 10^{-43} \text{ cm}^2$ $0.050 \cdot 10^{-43} \text{ cm}^2$ $0.92 \cdot 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2$ $0.45 \cdot 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2$ $0.27 \cdot 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2$ ~2.5·10⁻⁴⁰ cm²

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Homogeneous detector

- 3.5m x 3.5m x 3.5m steel tank (43 m³)
- 600 PMT's (8" Hamamatsu R5912)
 - → Fiducial volume 15.5 m³ w/ 41% coverage
- 1260 events/yr $\upsilon_e^{+12}C \rightarrow^{12}N + e^{-12}$ (mineral oil)
- ~450 events/yr $\upsilon_e^{+16}O \rightarrow {}^{16}F^{+}e^{-}$ (water)
- Geant4 simulations
 dE/E ~ 6%; dx ~ 15-20 cm;
 dθ ~ 5° 7°
- Current R&D
 PMT arrangement
 Neutron discrimination
 Compact photosensors



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PM Performance







SNS Neutrons

Most dangerous B.G. is from SNS neutrons
Analysis is complicated because of many uncertainties
We know that neutron flux in the hall is small





Block Diagram of Readout Electronics



~30,000 Straw Anodes
Charge Division
Multiplexed
Amplitude and Time

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Let me now show some calculated σ for several cases of practical interest (ICARUS). These could be, therefore, used as <u>both</u> tests of calculations and basis for detector design etc.





υ-SNS facility overview

- Total volume = 130 m³ 4.5m x 4.5m x 6.5m (high)
- heavily shielded facility (fast neutrons)
 - 60 m³ steel ~ 470 tons
 - 1 m thick on top
 - 0.5 m thick on sides
- Active veto detector for cosmic rays
- ~70 m³ Active
- Configured to allow 2 simultaneously operating detectors

BL18 ARCS υ-SNS

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- Monte Carlo Inputs (stated here for the record, won't discuss in detail)
 - Assume threshold for full discrimination 16 keVr
 - Liquid Xe (3 regions)
 - LXe Fiducial (after any x-y-z position cuts) majority of inner Xe / LXe Inner (surrounded by Teflon wall - low Kr content) / LXe Veto (Xe outer layer, 5 cm simulated)
 - Nuclear/Electron Recoil Quenching Factor Primary Light (QF_{primary})
 - Zero Field (Conservative) QF_p = 20%
 - High Field (5 keV/cm) $QF_p = 50\%$
 - Electron recoil primary light yield reduced to 38-36%@ 1-5 kV/cm, (vs zero field) due to ionization component no longer recombining

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- Nuclear recoil primary light yield ~90%@5 kV/cm (vs zero field)
- **Background Discrimination**
 - Electron Recoil assumed (1 in 200) above threshold of 8 keVee/16 **keVr**
 - Monte Carlo results focus en rates for region 8-16 keVee (16-32 keVr)
- Feb 25, 2008 External 5 cm LXe veto (Assumed 50 ke)/ee threshold)



CC Cross Section for ²⁰⁸Pb



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Examples of Modern Neutrino Experiments

Three Underground Experiments



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Results from Super-K I and II, two flavour and three flavour analyses

> Search for v_{τ} appearance

Search for sterile neutrinos

Test of Mass Varying neutrino models

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>Charge separated (ν_{μ} and $\overline{\nu}_{\mu}$) results from contained vertex events (poster) and neutrino induced incoming μ events



Neutrino induced incoming μ events

















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Experiment and Theory for CC Total Cross section agree for ¹²C

Exp.results (in 10⁻⁴²cm²):

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9.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.8 (KARMEN U_e, 98, DAR)
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8.9 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.9 (LSND U<sub>e</sub>, 01, DAR)
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56. \pm 8 \pm 10 (LSND U_{\mu}, 02, DIF)
10.8 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.8 (KARMEN, NC, DAR )
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Calculations:

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9.3 , 63, 10.5 (CRPA 96)
8.8 , 60.4, 9.8 (shell model, 78)
9.2 , 62.9, 9.9 (EPT , 88)
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CC cross section on Pb

- Lead based detectors are one of the υ-SNS Targets
- No experimental data _____ detector design relies on calculated cross sections.
- Shell model treatment is not possible so various forms of RPA and other approximations are used

				1000 E.C. K
For DAR: K	olbe & Lang	janke, [01]	36 (10 -40)	cm^2)
Suzuki & Sagawa, [03] 32				1200
For FD:				
T=6 MeV	8 MeV	10 MeV	,	1.15
14	25	35	Volpe [02]	
11	25	45	Kolbe [01]	
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