Title: The Era of Three Generations: Possible hints from neutrinos in elucidating the matter/antimatter asymmetry of the Universe

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Abstract: <span>Despite being one of the most abundant constituents of the Universe and more than a half a century of study, some of the most fundamental properties of the neutrino have only been recently uncovered, and others still remain unresolved. I will discuss important developments in the phenomenon of neutrino oscillations, a transmutation process that allows neutrinos to change between three types as they propagate in time. In particular, recent discoveries have opened up the possibility of CP violation in neutrino oscillations, asymmetries in the behavior of neutrinos and their anti-matter counterparts. CP violation, along with other unresolved properties of the neutrino, may play a central role in how the universe came to a matter-dominated state. I will also discuss a new generation of experiments that may allow us to establish whether CP violation does indeed occur in neutrino oscillations.

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Hints from neutrinos on elucidating the matter/antimatter asymmetry of the Universe

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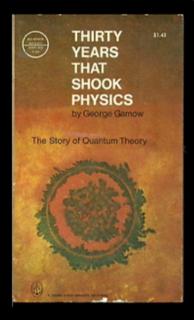
#### Japanese Neutrino Finding Could Explain Why There Is Matter in the Universe

A new kind of oscillation could be the key to life, the universe, and everything By Clay Dillow Posted 06.15.2011 at 11:49 am 6 Comments

• In this talk, I will try to explain some of the claims that are being made about recent developments in neutrino physics

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## Particle Physics c. 1930



- In the tumultuous era that gave birth to:
  - · special/general relativity
  - · quantum mechanics

an exceedingly simple picture emerged regarding "particle" physics:





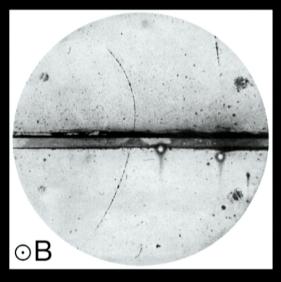


 atoms are some number of protons bound together in the nucleus, with an equal number of electrons bound to them electromagnetically

A few developments then completely disrupted this simple picture

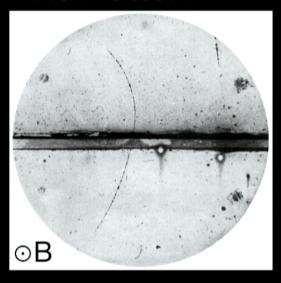
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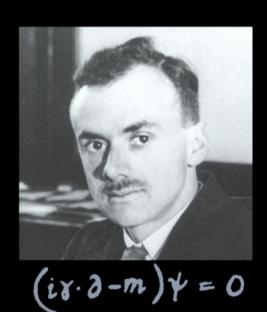
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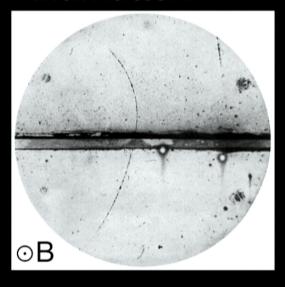
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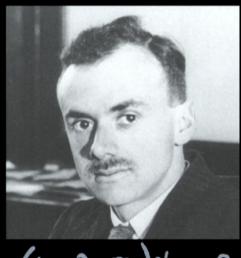




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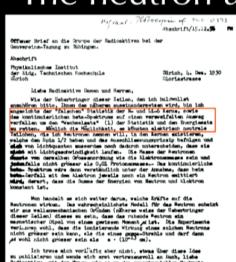


$$(ix\cdot\partial-m)\psi=0$$

- Marriage of SR with QM leads to the prediction of antimatter
- A positively charged particle, which appears otherwise identical to electron, is observed in cosmic rays

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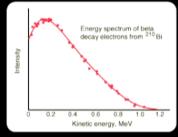
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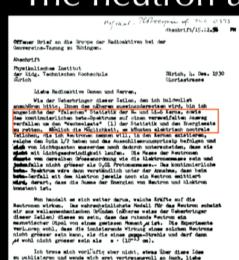




- Leftover issues:
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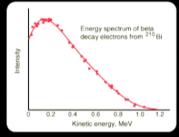
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## The pion and muon



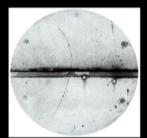
- What holds the nucleus together?
  - a new force must bind the protons (and neutrons)
- Yukawa predicts a new particle: the "pion"
  - like the photon, it is responsible for a "force"
  - infer the mass of the particle from the size of the nucleus



and the multiplicative constants. The potential of force between the neutron and the proton should, however, not be of Coulomb type, but decrease more rapidly with distance. It can be expressed, for example, by

$$+ \text{ or } -g^2 \frac{e^{-\lambda r}}{r}, \tag{2}$$

#### Who ordered that?

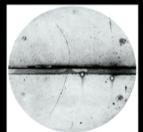




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- Willis Lamb (1955): "the finder of a new elementary particle used to be rewarded by a Nobel Prize, but such a discovery now ought to be **punished by a \$10,000 fine.**"



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- u c t
- d s b
- e- μ- τ-
- 1970s: "Mendeleevian+Newtonian" synthesis:
  - all known "matter" composed of six quarks and six leptons in three "generations"
  - Add in gauge field theories + SSB:

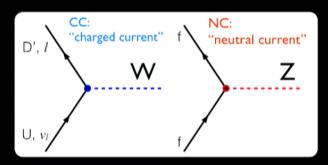


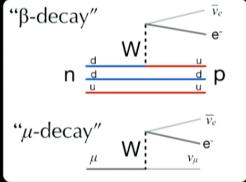
- $\bar{d}$   $\bar{s}$   $\bar{b}$
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and we ~have the "Standard Model"

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#### Weak Interactions





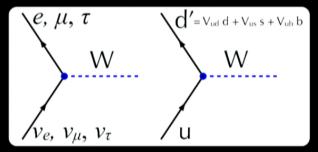
- d s b

- Charged current (CC):
  - interaction between top/bottom rows
  - exchange of "W" boson
- Neutral current (CC)
  - interaction that maintains identity of particles
  - very much like EM interaction through photon
- N.B.: The quarks are labeled as mass eigenstates
  - historical artifact from era of massless neutrinos

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## Flavor eigenstates:

- Cross generational CC transitions also possible
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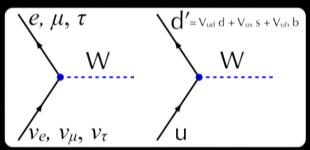




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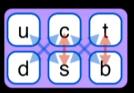
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$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

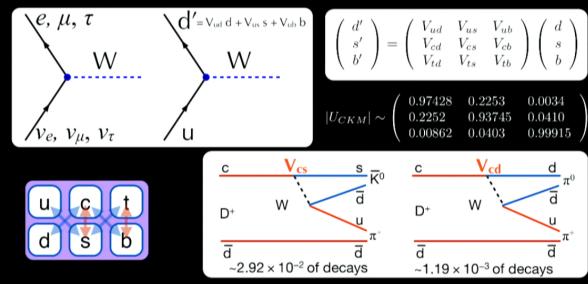
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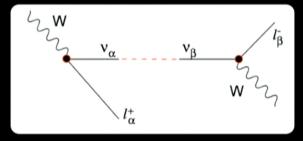


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#### **Neutrino Oscillations**

 Neutrinos produced in weak decays are linear combinations of mass/energy eigenstates

$$|\nu_{\alpha}\rangle = \sum_{i} U_{\alpha i}^{*} |\nu_{i}\rangle$$



• Time evolution: component of another flavor may be acquired

$$P(\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

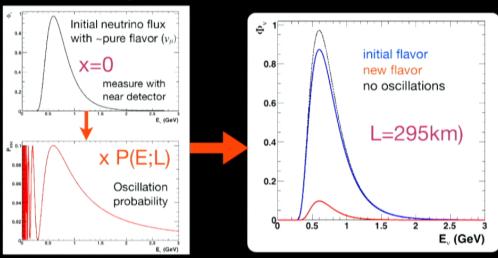
$$-4\Sigma_{i>j} \Re(U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*) \sin^2[1.27 \Delta m_{ij}^2 (L/E)]$$

$$+2\Sigma_{i>j} \Im(U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*) \sin[2.54 \Delta m_{ij}^2 (L/E)]$$

- Flavor composition varies sinusoidally as neutrino traverse space/time
  - "neutrino oscillations" with L/E as "phase"
- Amplitudes determined by mixing matrix Uij
- Wavelengths determined by mass² differences Δm²<sub>ij</sub>

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# Measuring Oscillations



- Magnitude of disappearance/appearance
  - $ightharpoonup heta_{ij}$ : mixing angles governing amplitudes
- Energy of maximum oscillation probability
  - $ightharpoonup \Delta m^2_{ij}$ : measures the first maximum in L/E

Simple two flavor model

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## Current Knowledge

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{e} \\ \nu_{\mu} \\ \nu_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{1} \\ \nu_{2} \\ \nu_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{\frac{1}{10}} \\ -s_{13}e^{\frac{1}{10}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha_{1}/2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha_{2}/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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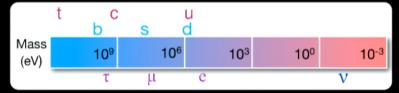
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- $\theta_{12}$  large but not maximal (33.6±1°)
- $\theta_{13} \neq 0 \ (9.1 \pm 0.6^{\circ}, \ 2011)$
- $\theta_{23}$  large, possibly maximal (45±6°)
- $\Delta m_{21}^2 \sim 7.6 x 10^{-5} \, eV^2 \sim 2x 10^4 \, km/GeV$
- $\bullet \ \Delta m_{32}{}^2{\sim}2.4x10^{-3}\ eV^2 \quad {\sim}500\ km/GeV$

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- What determines the pattern of:
  - mixing in quarks and leptons?
  - masses in quarks and leptons?
- For neutrino oscillations:
  - precise measure of parameters
  - determine the mass hierarchy
  - search for CP violation . .

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#### How to make a matter universe

- Baryon number violation
  - current universe reflects a state of baryon number asymmetry. Baryon number violation is needed to depart from B=0
- C-symmetry and CP-symmetry violation
  - process and its CP conjugate (anti-matter counterpart) differ in rate.

$$\Gamma(i \to f) \neq \Gamma(\bar{i} \to \bar{f})$$

- Departure from thermal equilibrium.
  - prevent asymmetry from being washed out by reverse process (chemical equilibrium)



Andrei Sakharov Physicist and Dissident (Nobel Peace Prize 1975)

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#### (Anti)-matter in the universe



- We know more about the matterantimatter asymmetry of the universe
  - matter/anti-matter were created and annihilated equally to 1 part in  $\sim 10^{10}$
  - What remained from this tiny imbalance is the matter in the universe as we know it.
- The challenge is to quantitatively explain this imbalance

"Amid perfect cosmic symmetry, there's us."

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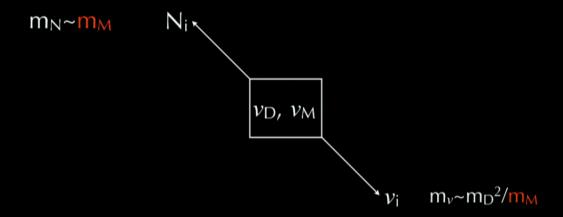
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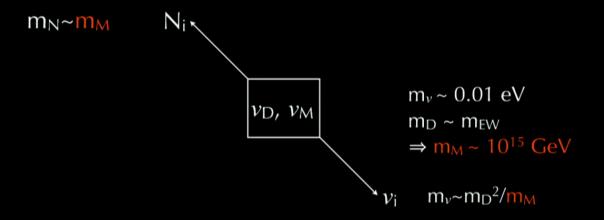
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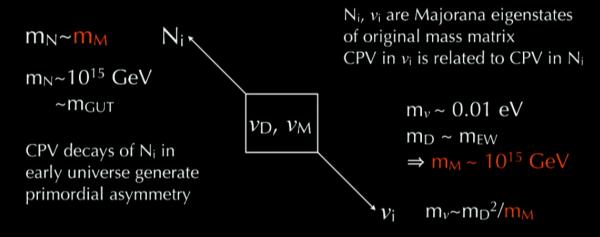
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# Neutrino oscillations in the three flavor era

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#### Two-Flavors:

- In a past era (i.e. ~last year), we could work with the following:
- "ν<sub>μ</sub> disappearance"
  - $P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}) \sim 1 \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \Delta m^2_{32} (L/4E)$
- "ve appearance"
  - $P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) \sim \sin^{2}\theta_{23} \sin^{2}2\theta_{13} \sin^{2}\Delta m^{2}_{32}(L/4E)$
- Now with:
  - with increasing precision in all oscillation parameters
  - knowledge of  $\theta_{13}$  is not zero (and not very small)
- we need to work with more precise formulas
  - these formulas involve more oscillation parameters
    - including matter effects on neutrino oscillations
  - two-flavor model → three flavor model

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## $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillations

$$\begin{array}{lll} P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) \sim & \sin^{2}2\theta_{13} & \times \sin^{2}\theta_{23} \frac{\sin^{2}[(1-x)\Delta]}{(1-x)^{2}} & (\equiv P_{0}) \\ & -\alpha\sin2\theta_{13} & \times \sin\delta\sin2\theta_{12}\sin2\theta_{23}\sin\Delta\frac{\sin(x\Delta)}{x} \frac{\sin((1-x)\Delta)}{(1-x)} & (\equiv P_{1}) \\ & +\alpha\sin2\theta_{13} & \times\cos\delta\sin2\theta_{12}\sin2\theta_{23}\cos\Delta\frac{\sin(x\Delta)}{x} \frac{\sin[(1-x)\Delta]}{(1-x)} & (\equiv P_{2}) \\ & +\alpha^{2} & \times \cos^{2}\theta_{23}\sin^{2}2\theta_{12} \frac{\sin^{2}(x\Delta)}{x^{2}} & (\equiv P_{3}) \\ \\ \text{M. Freund, Phys.Rev. D64 (2001) 053003} & \alpha \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{21}^{2}}{\Delta m_{31}^{2}} \sim \frac{1}{30} \quad \Delta \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{31}^{2}L}{4E} \quad x \equiv \frac{2\sqrt{2}G_{F}N_{e}E}{\Delta m_{31}^{2}} \end{array}$$

- $\bullet$  dependence on  $\delta$  in second order terms
  - allows us to measure  $\delta$ , study CP-odd term to detect CP violation
  - appears in combination with  $\sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23}$
- dependence on *x* in all the terms
  - switches sign with mass hierarchy and  $v/\overline{v}$
  - allows us to measure matter effects, determine the mass hierarchy
- dependence of first order term on  $\sin^2\theta_{23}$  (not  $\sin^22\theta_{23}$ )
  - allows us to determine the "octant degeneracy": is  $\theta_{23} > \text{or} < \pi/4$ ?

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## "Disappearance" Measurements

•  $v_{\mu}$  disappearance (atmospheric/accelerator experiments)

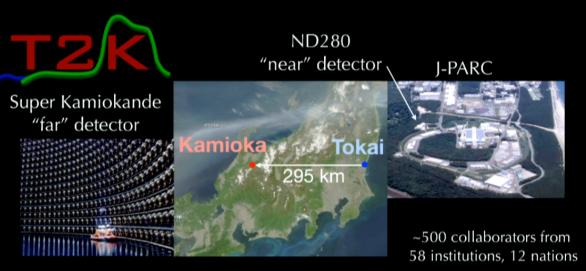
$$P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{\mu}) = 1 - \left(\cos^4 2\theta_{13}\sin^2 2\theta_{23} + \sin^2 2\theta_{13}\sin^2 \theta_{23}\right)\sin^2 \Delta m_{31}^2 \frac{L}{4E}$$

- in the past, this was taken to be a measurement of  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$
- due to increasing precision, we must consider higher order terms
  - $\theta_{13}$  dependence ( $\theta_{13}$  is not so small)
  - note "octant" dependence from  $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ : different for  $\theta_{23} > < p4$
- *v<sub>e</sub>* disappearance (reactor anti-neutrinos)

$$P(\nu_e \to \nu_e) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \Delta m_{ee}^2 \frac{L}{4E} - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^4 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \Delta m_{21}^2 \frac{L}{4E}$$

- "solar" Δm<sup>2</sup><sub>21</sub> term studied by KamLAND (L/E ~20 km/MeV)
- $\Delta m^2_{ee} \sim \Delta m^2_{31}$  term by recent reactor experiments (L/E~0.5 km/MeV)
  - clean measurement of  $\theta_{13}$  without interference from other parameters

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Intense ~600 MeV  $v_{\mu}$  beam for neutrino oscillation studies

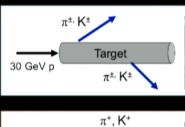
- $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$  oscillations to probe  $\theta_{13}$
- Precision measurement of  $\theta_{23}$ ,  $\Delta m^2_{32}$

see "T2K Experiment" arXiv:1106.1238 submitted to NIM A



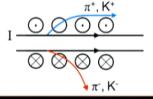
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### Neutrino Beam





Proton-Carbon interactions produce secondary particles, in particular pions, kaons





250 kA pulse in 3 "horns" produces toroidal magnetic field to focus positive particles

$$\pi^{+} \to \mu^{+} + \nu_{\mu} 
K^{+} \to \mu^{+} + \nu_{\mu} 
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\mu^{+} \to \nu_{\mu} + e^{+} + \nu_{e} 
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Particles enter a 100 m decay region where they produce neutrinos. Absorber terminates particles other than neutrinos

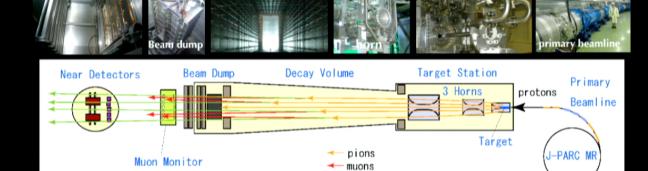
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He decay volume



horn/target assembly

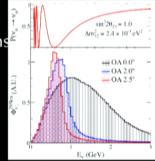


neutrinos

- 30 GeV protons extracted from J-PARC MR a target
  - ullet secondary  $\pi^+$  focussed by three electromagnetic horns
  - primarily  $v_{\mu}$  beam from  $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + v_{\mu}$ 
    - Also:  $v_e$  from  $\mu$  decay, high energy  $v_{\mu}/v_e$  from K decay
  - spectrum peaked at 600 MeV

Muon monitors

• expected oscillation "maximum" for L=295 km



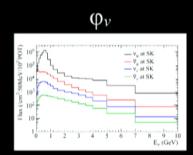
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Far  $(\theta_{ij}, \Delta m^2_{ij})$   $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_e (\theta_{23}, \theta_{13})$   $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\mu/\tau} (\theta_{23}, \Delta m^2_{32})$  $v_{\mu}, v_e$  backgrounds

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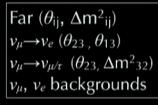
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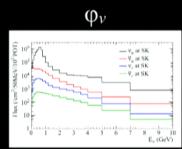


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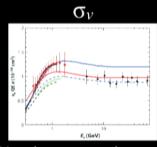
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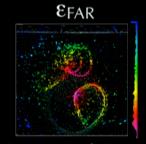
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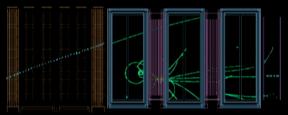


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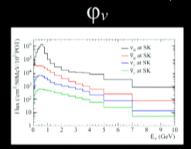
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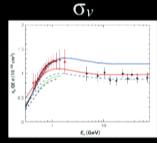


Near detector observes the same neutrinos prior to neutrino oscillations

 $\phi_{\nu} \cdot \sigma_{\nu} \cdot \epsilon_{NEAR}$ 



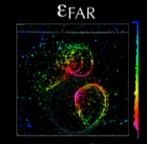
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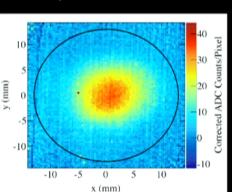


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    - 1 GeV photon: conversion length ~1 cm
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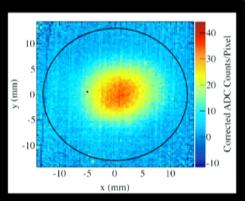


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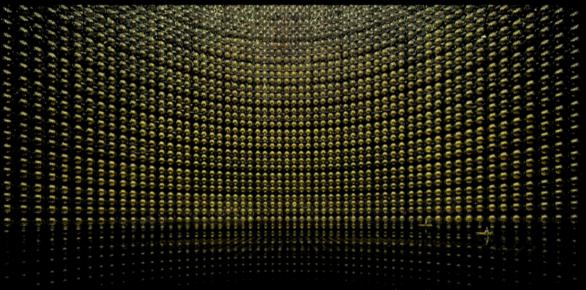




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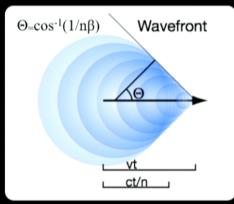
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Super-Kamiokande:

- 50 (22.5 FV) kT water C detector
- 40 m diameter x 40 m height
- 11146 20" photomultiplier tubes

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## Cherenkov Radiation





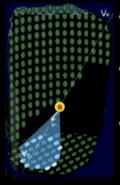
EM radiation emitted in when a charged particle exceeds velocity of light in a dielectric medium

- optical analog of "sonic boom"
  - blue-shifted optical light  $(1/\lambda^2)$
- For water, n ~ 1.33
  - "threshold" for Č radiation is 0.75 c
  - $\Theta \sim 42^{\circ}$  for  $v \sim c$



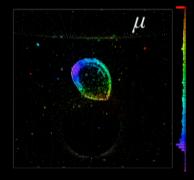
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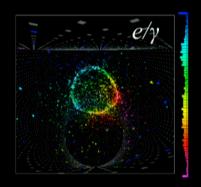
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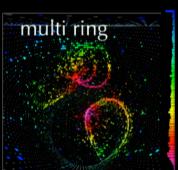


- Minimum-ionizing particles (e.g.  $\mu$ ) travel along a ~straight line, emitting a cone of  $\check{\mathbf{C}}$  light
- $e/\gamma$ : shower produces  $e^+/e^-$  producing Č light.
  - $\bullet$  e/ $\gamma$  are effectively indistinguishable
- Multiple particles detected by finding their rings





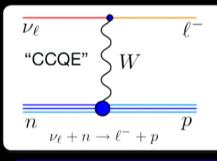


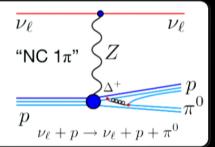


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### **Neutrino Interactions**







$$\nu_{\ell} + n \rightarrow \ell^{-} + p$$

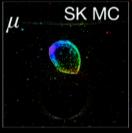
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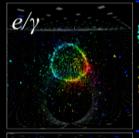
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  - assumes CCQE kinematics

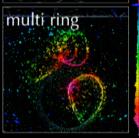
$$\nu_{\ell} + (n/p) \to \nu_{\ell} + (n/p) + \pi^{0}$$
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**Backgrounds** 

- $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$ : ring counting, 2-ring reconstruction
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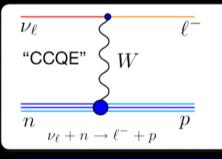


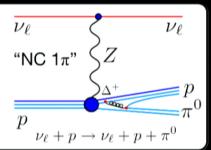




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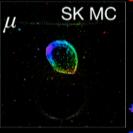
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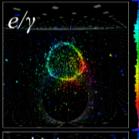
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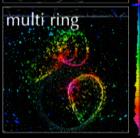
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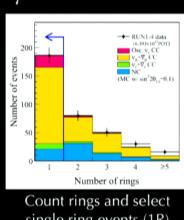
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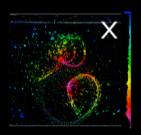


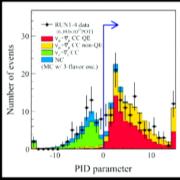


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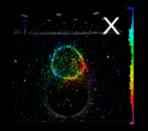


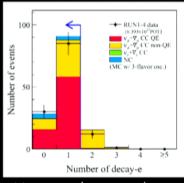
single ring events (1R)



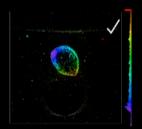


Use ring sharpness to select  $\mu$ -like rings





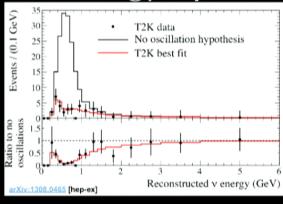
No more than one decay electron from  $(\pi) \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e$ 

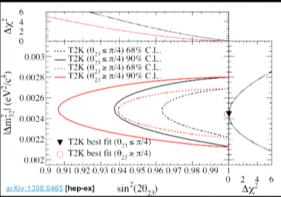


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## $v_{\mu}$ Energy Spectrum and fit





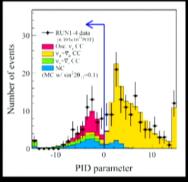


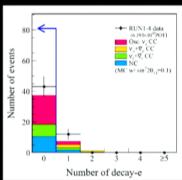
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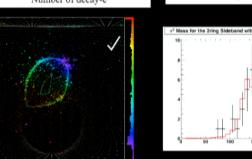
- Higher precision means we must consider higher order terms
  - $\theta_{13}$ : now known to be not so small!  $\sin^2\theta_{13} \sim 0.03$
  - $\theta_{23}$ : sensitive to "octant": is  $\theta_{23}$  less/greater than 45°
    - maximal  $v_{\mu}$  disappearance is not at  $\theta_{23} = 45^{\circ}$
- ullet One of the strongest experimental constraints on  $heta_{23}$  to date
  - will continue to significantly improve with more T2K data

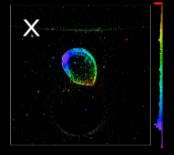
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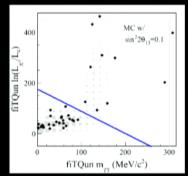


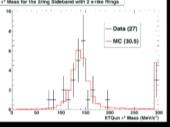




select single e-like rings with no decay electrons

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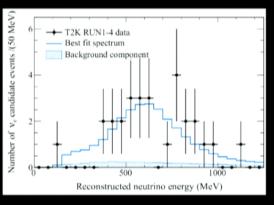
additional  $\pi^0$  rejection with 2 ring reconstruction

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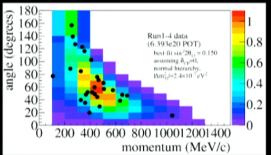
# Refining ve selection



	sin²2 <i>θ</i> <sub>13</sub> =0	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$
$v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$	0.38	16.42
$v_e$ bkg.	3.17	2.93
$ u_{\mu}$ bkg	0.89	0.89
$\overline{v}_{\mu}$ , $\overline{v}_{e}$ , bkg	0.20	0.19
Total (%err)	4.6 (11.1%)	20.4 (8.8%)

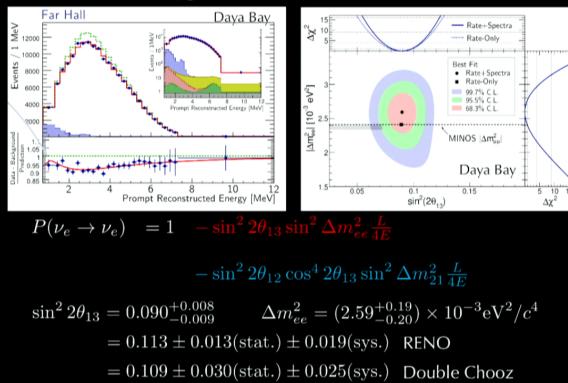


- 28 v<sub>e</sub> candidates observed
  - 7.4  $\sigma$  excess of  $v_e$  candidates consistent with  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_e$  oscillations
  - first definitive observation of new neutrino flavor explicitly detected in a beam initially of a different flavor



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## Reactor $\theta_{13}$ measurements



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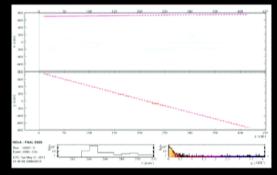
## NOvA



- "Similar" long baseline experiment to T2K
  - 832 km baseline, 2 GeV neutrino energy
  - enhanced matter effects relative to T2K
    - $x \sim 0.2$  compared to 0.05 for T2K
  - Long extruded scintillator cells provide 3D tracking.
     Detector partially operational
  - FNAL beam operations starting after major upgrade







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- T2K/NOvA  $v_{\mu}$  disappearance will measure  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$  precisely (~1%)
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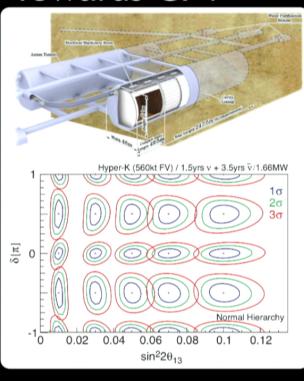
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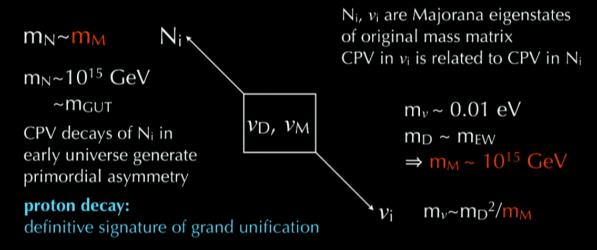
### Towards CPV



- Hyper-Kamiokande
  - 1 Megaton of water with ~100k photosensors
    - ~20x upgrade of SK
  - upgrade to J-PARC neutrino beam also proposed
    - $700 \text{ kW} \rightarrow 1.66 \text{ MW}$
  - situated near the current SK site in the T2K beam
- Preparing major contribution in Canada as a continuation of T2K

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## Beyond Neutrino Oscillations:



- In addition to a leap in CPV sensitivity and precision in neutrino oscillation mixing parameters
  - an order of magnitude in gain sensitivity for proton decay
  - can detect neutrinos from supernovae as far away as M31

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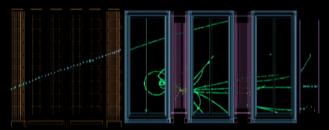
## Conclusions and Outlook

A new kind of oscillation could be the key to life, the universe, and everything

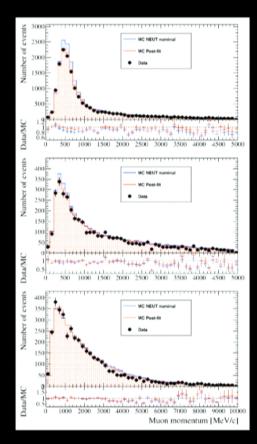
- T2K has definitively observed  $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$  oscillations
  - a necessary ingredient for CPV in neutrino oscillations
  - If found, such CPV **MAY** be related to that which created the primordial matter/anti-matter asymmetry of the universe
- Neutrino oscillations are now in the era of "3 flavor mixing"

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## Near Detector $v_{\mu}$



- $v_u$  CC selected in ND280 tracker with
  - negative  $\mu$  track in downstream TPC
  - vertex in FGD1, no upstream TPC track
- CC0 $\pi$ /CC1 $\pi$ /CCN $\pi$  categories
  - additional track(s) in TPC
  - decay electron in FGD1  $(\pi \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e)$
- Yields in  $p/\theta$  bins input into fit to constrain flux/neutrino interaction systematic error
  - error on extrapolated far detector rate reduced from 28.1% to 8.8%



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