New physics and astrophysics with coherent neutrino scattering

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Neutrino-nucleus coherent scattering

Coherent effects of a weak neutral current

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If there is a weak neutral current, then the elastic scattering process $\nu + A \rightarrow \nu + A$ should have a sharp coherent forward peak just as $e + A \rightarrow e + A$ does. Experiments to observe this peak can give important information on the isospin structure of the neutral current. The

Before a few weeks ago, "...well known prediction of the Standard Model, but is yet to be detected...."



neutrino

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Observation of coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering

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A COHERENT enlightenment of the neutrino Dark Side

 $\epsilon^{f,V}_{\mu\tau}$

 $\epsilon^{f,V}_{e\tau}$

 $\epsilon^{f,V}_{\tau\tau}\!\!-\epsilon^{f,V}_{\mu\mu}$

 $\epsilon^{\text{f},\text{V}}_{e\mu}$

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Coherent Neutrino Scattering: Complementarity



Astrophysical sources





Accelerators



Coherent Neutrino Scattering: Complementarity



High-energy Physics

Searches for new physics

NSI

Magnetic moment

Sterile neutrinos







Gallium/Reactor anomaly

- Gallium calibration experiments check the capture cross section for two excited states not constrained by ⁷¹Ge lifetime
- Ratio of measured ⁷¹Ge relative to that expected from source strength indicates ~ 2sigma discrepancy

1.15

1.1

1.05

0.85

0.8

0.75

10¹

NoBs/(NEXP)pred, 0.92 0.9



 Combined with 'reactor anomaly', gallium results may hint at new physics, i.e. ~ eV sterile neutrino



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Distance to Reactor (m)

Mention et al. 2011

 10^{3}

Recent Daya Bay results

- Recent Daya Bay results show changes in the antineutrino flux and spectrum with the burn-up of the reactor fuel
- Theoretical systematics in antineutrino spectrum to consider (Hayes et al., 2017, Giunti et al. 2017)
- Future measurements of flux from reactors with different fuel compositions will help



Reactor/COHERENT sterile searches



Dutta et al. 1511.02834

 χ^2 Significance, 100Kg, 3yr, 5m, Unbinned, $E_R > 10 \text{ eV}$

 $P(\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\alpha}) = 4|U_{\alpha 4}|^2 (1 - |U_{\alpha 4}|^2) \sin^2(1.27\Delta m_{41}^2 L/E)$

Sterile neutrinos from Sun

Super-K, SNO CC, and Borexino may not be seeing the upturn in the MSW survival probability at intermediate energy

- DM experiments provide first measurement of the energy dependence of the survival probability
- Sensitive to oscillation to 4th generation sterile neutrino

Palazzo 2012



Billard, Strigari, Figueroa-Feliciano, PRD 1409.0050

Solar neutrino signals: Astrophysical goals for dark matter experiments

- First measurement of the 8B neutral current energy spectrum
- First direct measurement of the survival probably for low energy solar neutrinos
- Direct measurement of the CNO flux
- PP flux measurement to ~ few percent will provide most stringent measurement of the ``neutrino luminosity" of the Sun

Solar neutrinos: Status



Solar Neutrinos: Status and Prospects

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The program of solar neutrino studies envisioned by Davis and Bahcall has been only partially completed. Borexino has extended precision measurements to low-energy solar neutrinos, determining the flux of ⁷Be neutrinos to 5%, and thereby confirming the expected increase in the ν_e survival probability for neutrino energies in the vacuum-dominated region. First results on the pep neutrino

Solar neutrinos: Outstanding issue I

- Solar metallicity
 - 3D rotational hydrodynamical simulations suggest lower metallicity in Solar core (Asplund et al. 2009)
 - Low metallicity in conflict with heliosiesmology data
 - SNO Neutral Current measurement right in between predictions of low and high metallicity SSMs

High Low metallicity metallicity

ν flux	E_{ν}^{\max} (MeV)	GS98-SFII	AGSS09-SFII	Solar	units
$\mathrm{p+p}{\rightarrow}^{2}\mathrm{H+e^{+}}{+}\nu$	0.42	$5.98(1 \pm 0.006)$	$6.03(1 \pm 0.006)$	$6.05(1\substack{+0.003\\-0.011})$	$10^{10}/\mathrm{cm}^2\mathrm{s}$
$\rm p{+}e^{-}{+}p{\rightarrow}^{2}\rm H{+}\nu$	1.44	$1.44(1 \pm 0.012)$	$1.47(1 \pm 0.012)$	$1.46(1^{+0.010}_{-0.014})$	$10^8/\mathrm{cm}^2\mathrm{s}$
$^{7}\mathrm{Be}{+}\mathrm{e}^{-}{\rightarrow}^{7}\mathrm{Li}{+}\nu$	0.86 (90%)	$5.00(1 \pm 0.07)$	$4.56(1 \pm 0.07)$	$4.82(1^{+0.05}_{-0.04})$	$10^9/\mathrm{cm}^2\mathrm{s}$
	0.38 (10%)				
$^8\mathrm{B}{\rightarrow}^8\mathrm{Be}{+}\mathrm{e}^+{+}\nu$	15	$5.58(1 \pm 0.14)$	$4.59(1 \pm 0.14)$	$5.00(D\pm0.03)$	$10^6/\mathrm{cm}^2\mathrm{s}$
$^{3}\text{He+p}{\rightarrow}^{4}\text{He+e^+}{+}\nu$	1.7	$8.04(1 \pm 0.30)$	$8.31(1 \pm 0.30)$	_	$10^3/\mathrm{cm}^2\mathrm{s}$
$^{13}\mathrm{N}{\rightarrow}^{13}\mathrm{C}{+}\mathrm{e}^{+}{+}\nu$	1.20	$2.96(1 \pm 0.14)$	$2.17(1 \pm 0.14)$	≤ 6.7	$10^8/\mathrm{cm}^2\mathrm{s}$
$^{15}\mathrm{O}{\rightarrow}^{15}\mathrm{N}{+}$ + ν	1.73	$2.23(1 \pm 0.15)$	$1.56(1 \pm 0.15)$	≤ 3.2	$10^8/\mathrm{cm}^2\mathrm{s}$
$^{17}\mathbf{F}$ $7^{17}0 + \mathrm{e}^{+} + \nu$	1.74	$5.52(1 \pm 0.17)$	$3.40(1\pm 0.16)$	$\leq 59.$	$10^6/\mathrm{cm}^2\mathrm{s}$
$\chi^2/P^{ m agr}$		3.5/90%	3.4/90%		

Haxton et al. 2013

Solar neutrinos: Outstanding issue II

- Borexino, SNO, SK indicate the low energy ES data lower than MSW predicts
- More generally, upturn in MSW survival probability not been measure
- May indicate new physics (e.g. Holanda & Smirnov 2011)



Borexino Collaboration, 2010

Low energy solar neutrino survival probability



Neutrino Astrophysics: ultra-low thresholds



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G3 experiments at low threshold may be able to study the CNO Solar neutrino flux

Neutrino luminosity of the Sun

- Neutrinos can test the idea that the Sun shines because of nuclear fusion
 - · Compare the neutrino-inferred luminosity to the Solar luminosity
- Imposing the luminosity constraint gives the share of energy production between PP chain and CNO cycle,

$$\frac{L_{\rm pp-chain}}{L_{\odot}} = 0.991^{+0.005}_{-0.004} \begin{bmatrix} +0.008\\ -0.013 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \frac{L_{\rm CNO}}{L_{\odot}} = 0.009^{+0.004}_{-0.005} \begin{bmatrix} +0.013\\ -0.008 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Without the luminosity constraint,

$$\frac{L_{\odot}(\text{neutrino-inferred})}{L_{\odot}} = 1.04 \begin{bmatrix} +0.07\\ -0.08 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} +0.20\\ -0.18 \end{bmatrix}}$$
Bergstrom, Gonzalez-Garcia et al. JHEP 2016

 Direct pp measurement (e.g. Xenon) at few percent level can improve this constraint

New direction in neutrino physics?





Upward going Neutrinos Horizontal going Neutrinos Dwinward going Neu Flight length: 12800km Flight length: 500km Flight length: 15km Only a half of the expected Only 80% of the expected Consistent with the number (blue line) was observed. number was observed.

