The Fermilab Short-Baseline Neutrino (SBN) Program

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The SBN Program and Heidelberg



- Built up over time in different phases
- Utilized by many different users
- Long history of physics

Where I hope we ultimately differ



- Hopefully SBN will be destroyed fewer times by the French
- Hopefully SBN will be struck by lightning fewer times
- Hopefully more neutrino interactions will be seen at the SBN

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The story of the Short-Baseline Neutrino Program can best be understood through the history of the physics that we've been following

Hints of new physics?



- LSND ran in a low energy $\overline{\nu}_{\!\mu}$ beam from a decay-at-rest source
- Detected a 3.8 σ excess in the appearance of $\overline{\nu}_{\rm e}$
 - The result was interpreted from within the neutrino
 oscillation model as an additional mixing





Could this excess be evidence for sterile neutrinos?

Following up on LSND



Booster Neutrino Beam



- Booster Neutrino Beam (BNE has been operating for a decade!
 - A very well understood and characterized beam
 - Low (< 0.5%) contamination from intrinsic $\nu_{\rm e}$
- Neutrino beam created from 8 GeV protons colliding on a beryllium target and having sign selected pions focused by a magnetic horn



More hints of new physics?



- MiniBooNE ran at a similar L/E (utilizing decay in flight neutrino source) and sees a low energy excess in $\overline{\nu_{\mu}} \rightarrow \overline{\nu_{e}}$ and $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$ appearance search
 - Excess can also be interpreted as an additional mixing
- However, MiniBooNE (Cherenkov detector) has a difficult time determining the composition of the excess
 - Electron like?

Photon like?

What you would like is an experiment that **sees the same beam** as MiniBooNE, at (nearly) the same distance as MiniBooNE but with superior electron/photon separation ability

The beginning of the SBN Program



MicroBooNE is the first LArTPC detector on the short-baseline and kicks off the SBN program

<u>LArTPC's</u>

Time Projection Chamber



<u>MicroBooNE</u>

MicroBooNE will utilize the electron / photon discrimination power of LArTPC's to determine if the MiniBooNE excess is electron like (from v_e appearance) or photon like (unaccounted for background)



MicroBooNE TPC



ArgoNeuT Data Photon Candidate

By analyzing the topology and the dE/dX of the electromagnetic shower, disentangling the MiniBooNE low energy excess becomes possible

MicroBooNE





- MicroBooNE is the largest LArTPC ever built in the U.S.
 - 89 Tons of active mass



about this big

- MicroBooNE also has a rich physics program planned
 - Determining the nature of the MiniBooNE low energy excess
 - Neutrino cross-sections
 - Studying nuclear final state interactions
 - Exploring the capabilities for LArTPC to look at astroparticle and exotic phenomenon

MicroBooNE: Current Status

- MicroBooNE is fully installed and starting the O2 purge and cool down process
- 24 hour commissioning shifts have begun
 - Exercising our full readout and monitoring systems
- We expect to be full of LAr and taking data this summer
 - Neutrino data run to start when the beam comes back this fall





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What do I need to add to the existing program (top notch neutrino beam + world class neutrino detectors) to make a definitive search eV scale for sterile neutrinos?

- → Normalization of the unoscillated neutrino beam (Near detector)
- \rightarrow High statistics in the appearance channel (large mass far detector)
- → Look for complimentary muon disappearance (near/far comparisoh)

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The Short-Baseline Near Detector (SBND) will be a 112 ton LArTPC located 110 meters from the target

- Characterize the beam before oscillation
- Cancel many dominant systematic





Short Baseline Near Detector (SBND)

Process		No.
2		Events
	ν_{μ} Events (By Final State Topology)	
CC Inclusive		5,212,690
CC 0 π	$\nu_{\mu}N \rightarrow \mu + Np$	$3,\!551,\!830$
	$\cdot \ \nu_{\mu}N \rightarrow \mu + 0p$	793,153
	$\cdot \ \nu_{\mu}N \rightarrow \mu + 1p$	2,027,830
	$\cdot \ \nu_{\mu}N \rightarrow \mu + 2p$	359,496
	$\cdot \ \nu_{\mu}N \rightarrow \mu + \geq 3p$	371,347
CC 1 π^{\pm}	$\nu_{\mu}N \rightarrow \mu + \text{nucleons} + 1\pi^{\pm}$	1,161,610
$CC \ge 2\pi^{\pm}$	$\nu_{\mu}N \to \mu + \text{nucleons} + \ge 2\pi^{\pm}$	97,929
$CC \ge 1\pi^0$	$\nu_{\mu}N \to \mu + \text{nucleons} + \ge 1\pi^0$	497,963
NC Inclusive		1,988,110
NC 0 π	$\nu_{\mu}N \rightarrow \text{nucleons}$	1,371,070
NC 1 π^{\pm}	$\nu_{\mu}N \rightarrow \text{nucleons} + 1\pi^{\pm}$	260,924
$NC \ge 2\pi^{\pm}$	$\nu_{\mu}N \rightarrow \text{nucleons} + \geq 2\pi^{\pm}$	31,940
$NC \ge 1\pi^0$	$\nu_{\mu}N \rightarrow \text{nucleons} + \ge 1\pi^0$	358,443
	$\nu_e \ Events$	
CC Inclusive		36798
NC Inclusive		14351
Total ν_{μ} and ν_{e} Events		7,251,948

 Provides an unoscillated spectrum for the electron neutrino appearance search

- SBND will collect millions of neutrino interactions
 - High statistics, precision neutrino cross-sections measurements



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The ICARUS detector is the largest LArTPC ever built

• Adding the large mass allows for precision oscillation search

ICARUS T600



Experiments at the Gran Sasso National Laboratory are housed in and around three huge halls carved deep inside the mountain, where they are shielded from cosmic rays by 1,400 metres of rock.







- ICARUS was the first large scale LArTPC to run in a neutrino beam line
 - Ran in the CNGS beam from CERN to Gran Sasso
 Labrotory from 2010 – 2013
- After completing a successful neutrino run demonstrating the power of the LArTPC technology in an underground laboratory the detector has been moved from Gran Sasso to CERN

ICARUS T600



- The ICARUS detector is at CERN for refurbishment before it is shipped to Fermilab
 - The first module is expected to be finished in 2015
- This large mass detector will provide increased sensitivity to the electron neutrino appearance search





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- The three detector configuration also allows you to search for the muon neutrino disappearance channel as well
 - Complimentary to the electron neutrino appearance search ²¹

Conclusions

- Fermilab stands at the dawn of the next generation of precision neutrino experiments
- The MicroBooNE experiment will begin to take data this summer
 - This turns the key on the launch of the short-baseline experiment at Fermilab
- Ground breaking on the buildings for the near and far detector will occur this summer
 - Planning and design work on the near detector is moving ahead at full speed
 - The refurbishment of the ICARUS detector is ongoing at CERN and is expected to be complete in 2016

Thank you for your attention

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Backups

Muon Neutrino Disappearance



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<u>MicroBooNE</u>

- MicroBooNE is a 170 ton (total volume) LArTPC
- TPC Dimensions:
 - 10.3 m long x 2.3 m tall x 2.5 m wide (drift distance)
 - 89 ton active mass
- 8256 wire channels
 - 3456 Collection channels
 - Wires oriented w.r.t. the vertical
 - 4800 Induction channels
 - Wires oriented +/- 60°
- 32 8" cryogenic PMT's
 - Provides event t_0 as well as cosmic ray removal
- UV Laser Calibration System



Current Status of SBN



SBND will serve as the near detector and





Short Baseline Near Detector (SBND)

- SBND is a 210 ton (total volume) LArTPC
- TPC Dimensions:
 - 5 m long x 4 m tall x 4 m wide (drift distance)
 - 112 ton active mass
- 11,264 wire channels
 - ???? Collection channels
 - Wires oriented w.r.t. the vertical
 - ???? Induction channels
 - Wires oriented +/- 60°
- Finalizing the Light Detection System Desing
 - Provides event t_0 as well as cosmic ray removal
- UV Laser Calibration System





Opening windows on new areas





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