DUNE The Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment

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Big Questions in Neutrino Physics



- Do neutrinos have large matter antimatter asymmetry?
- What's the neutrino mass hierarchy?
- Are neutrino Dirac or Majorana particles?
- What is the neutrino mass?
- Are there sterile neutrinos?



Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment



- Neutrino oscillation
 - search for leptonic CP violation
 - determine the mass ordering
 - resolve the octant ambiguity
 - test the unitarity of PMNS matrix with accelerator, atmospheric, and solar neutrinos

- Measurements with supernova neutrinos
- Search for new physics beyond the Standard Model such as
 - proton decay
 - sterile neutrino



DUNE Collaboration



 About 1,500 collaborators from more than 200 institutions in over 30 countries



September 2023 Collaboration Meeting in Colombia

$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$ Oscillation





• Oscillation pattern is very sensitive to the δ_{CP} and mass hierarchy

• Matter effect: coherent forward charged-current (anti)- v_e scattering on atomic electrons

Long Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF)



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- Neutrino beam
 - Proton Improvement Plan-II (PIP-II)
 - 1.2 MW, upgradeable to 2.4 MW, 60-120 GeV protons pitching down at 5.8° before striking a graphite target
 - 0.5-5 GeV (anti)neutrinos
- Near Detector Hall close to the Fermilab site boundary



LBNF @ Sanford Underground Research Facility



- In the Homestake gold mine, Lead, S. Dakota
- LBNF: Four caverns for detectors and 1 utility hall at 4850-ft below ground (1.5 km, 4300 mwe)





Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LArTPC)

SiPM

• Position resolution of ~mm with multiple 1D wire readouts



Drift velocity: 1.6 m/ms \rightarrow several ms drift time

• Particle identification (PID) with energy depositions and topologies



LArTPC: Excellent capability in identifying v_e

- Separation of e/γ
 - Gap Identification
 - -1 MIP vs. 2 MIP dE/dx
- Comparison of P_{MCS} and P_{Range} to separate low-energy e/μ for v_e charge-current interaction

Stopped Muon in MicroBooNE (U-view)

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Module 1: 17-kT Horizontal-Drift LArTPC





Module 2: 17-kT Vertical-Drift LArTPC





Charge readout



Light readout



- **320 PCB-based Charge Readout** Unit, each with 1536 channels (3 views with 5-7 mm pitch)
- **672 X-ARAPUCA** Light Readout with 2 channels each (160 SiPMs)

Precision $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$ **Oscillation** Measurement

• Data points show

Normal Mass Ordering (MO), CP phase $\delta_{CP} = 0$, Octant $\sin^2\theta_{23} = 0.5$

• 685 kt-MW-years exposure



DUNE v_e charged-current simulation







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Neutrino-Argon Interaction Cross Sections



• Charged-current v-Ar interaction, allowing to tag neutrino flavor, is critical to oscillation measurement

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• Lack of a first-principle description of nuclear effects in neutrino-nucleus interaction



Near Detectors (ND)

- Near Detector Liquid Argon TPC (ND-LAr) + Muon Spectrometer (TMS) measure
 - v interactions in 7 \times 5 optically isolated liquid argon TPC modules with pixelated readout
 - TMS measures muons that exit ND-LAr
- System for on-Axis Neutrino Detection (SAND) measures neutrino interactions with various target materials (e.g. Hydrogen) and monitors the neutrino beam stability



DUNE-PRISM





- Build a FD prediction directly from ND data by going off-axis
- Linearly combine many **ND fluxes** to **match the FD oscillated flux**
- Unknown or poorly modelled cross section effects **directly measured**
- Cancellation between ND and FD flux uncertainties

Neutrino Mass Ordering (MO)





- With a 1300-km baseline, the matter effect is very large
- Determination of the MO over **3** σ in 3 years, over 5 σ in 5 years since start of data taking, independent of external inputs (e.g. θ_{13}) and δ_{CP} value

Search for Leptonic CP Violation (CPV)



- Determination of CPV from the value of $sin\delta_{CP}$
- Obtain sensitivity with Asimov data set
- ACE: Accelerator Complex Evolution
 - Deliver higher beam power early
 - Increase Main Injector ramp rate
 - Increase proton intensity and ramp rate of booster
- FD 3/4: Far Detector 3 & 4
- MCND: Improved systematics with Near Detector

Unitarity & Search for Sterile Neutrino







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Octant Determination



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• Critical input for v mass & model building $\sin^2 \theta_{23} > 0.5 \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} > \nu_{\tau} \text{ in } \nu_3$ $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.5 \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} = \nu_{\tau} \text{ in } \nu_3$ $\sin^2 \theta_{23} < 0.5 \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} < \nu_{\tau} \text{ in } \nu_3$



• Also, measure with tau neutrinos

Supernova Neutrino





¹Super-Kamiokande, *Astropart. Phys.* **81** 39-48 (2016) ²Lu, Li, and Zhou, *Phys Rev. D* **94** 023006 (2016) • Time (and energy) profile of the v flux shed light on supernova physics

- Flux contains v_e and \overline{v}_e as well as a component of the other flavors (v_x)
 - DUNE has unique sensitivity to v_e component
- O(100)s events per Far Detector module for galactic supernova burst
 - Reach extended outside the Milky Way

Solar Neutrinos

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- Despite large neutron background below ~10 MeV, DUNE can measure ⁸B solar flux and observe hep flux
 - Precision θ_{12} and Δm^2_{21} measurements with solar neutrinos
- JUNO will have by far the best precision in $\theta^{}_{12}$ and $\Delta m^2^{}_{21}$
- DUNE-JUNO comparison is sensitive to new physics



DUNE Preliminary

⁸Bv_eCC

Searches for Proton Decay & $n - \overline{n}$ Oscillation Different



0.5 bkg events for 400 kt-yr, 30% signal efficiency Sensitivity (no signal): $\tau/B > 1.3 \times 10^{34}$ yr (90% C.L.)



Free-neutron-equivalent sensitivity: $\tau_{\rm free,osc} > 5.5 \times 10^8 \, {\rm s} \, (90\% \, {\rm C.L.})$

Dark matter at DUNE ND & FD





- ND-LAr is sensitive to DM produced in beamline, off-axis data helps to control SM backgrounds
- FD is sensitive to inelastic dark matter of cosmic origin

Far-Site Excavation: ~80%

North Cavern

South Cavern

Central Utility Cavern

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Beamline and Near Detector site (*a*) **FNAL**

• Conventional facilities for the neutrino beamline and the Near Detector underground site have completed their designs

Decay

Pipe

Absorber

Beamline Complex: Upstream end view of Primary Beamline, Target Hall, Decay Pipe, and Absorber

Prototyping: Horizontal Drift

- LArTPC 3.6 m horizontal drift + photon detection
- Exposed to test beams at CERN, momentum-dependent beam composition contains $e, p, \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}, \mu$ in 2018 & cosmic data in 2018 2020
- Under installation for this year's running

Prototyping: Vertical Drift

- Data taking @ CERN expected end 2023
- 8 charge readout units (3.4 m drift distance)
- 8 x-Arapuca photon detectors @ cathode and another 8 x-Arapuca photon detectors @ membrane

Prototyping: Near Detectors

- Four ND-LAr prototype modules operated successfully at Bern with O(100) millions cosmic rays recorded, preparing 2 × 2 configuration for neutrino beam test at FNAL
- SAND: KLOE magnet extraction, LAr target design, staw tube tracker construction underway
- Also, progress in DUNE-PRISM and TMS

Schedule and Staging

- Phase I: FD start @ 2028; ND & Beam start @ 2031
 - Full near + far facility and infrastructure
 - Upgradeable 1.2 MW neutrino beam
 - Two 17-kT LArTPC modules
 - Movable ND-LAr with TMS
 - SAND
- Phase II (in 2030s):
 - Two additional Far Detector modules
 - Beam upgrade to > 2 MW (with ACE)
 - More capable Near Detector

DUNE Phase II Opportunity

 Future far detector modules could extend the physics reach to lower energies and/or lower backgrounds (e.g. Vertical Drift technology with enhanced light collection)

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Jun 26 – 28, 2023 Stony Brook University Ph US/Eastern timezone	vsics Building		Enter your search term	۹
Overview	The mini-workshop will discuss ongo resources and interests, and make p	bing and future R&D items fi lans toward a first prototype	or DUNE FD3, identify available e. The event will be hybrid (in per	son +
Contribution List Registration	virtual). In-person attendance and di event.	scussions are encouraged.	There is no registration fee for th	is

• **BSM searches** enabled by Phase 2 ND will include: Neutrino Tridents, Heavy Neutral Leptons, Light Dark Matter, Heavy Axions, Tau Neutrinos

Summary

- DUNE is a best-in-class long-baseline neutrino-oscillation experiment, neutrino observatory, and new-physics search machine
- We are on track to deliver Phase I:
 - ProtoDUNE has successfully demonstrated the required LArTPC technology
 - Far-site civil construction is proceeding well, near site is fully designed, and beamline design is progressing well
 - Additional FD and ND prototyping is going well, with initial FD construction set to begin soon
- DUNE Phase-II is essential to complete and extend DUNE physics program
- Stay tune for an exciting time of DUNE!