



MINOS+ and GLADE: Maximising the Physics from the NuMI Beam

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#### NuMI-MINOS Beam



Rock

- Focus secondary hadrons (pions and kaons) into decay pipe
- Neutrino beam arises from subsequent decay in flight
- 3.0 x 10<sup>13</sup> protons (120GeV) every 2.2s
- 350kW typical beam power







#### NuMI-NOvA Beam



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Details from Jim Hylen



#### NuMI-NOvA Beam

- After upgrade (and commissioning, etc.)
  - Power 375kW --> 750kW
  - <E> ~3GeV --> ~8GeV
- Primary purpose is off-axis beam to NOvA
- Bonus is high-intensity, highenergy beam aimed at the MINOS Far Detector







#### MINOS+: Old Detector New Physics

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- Concept
- Basic Concept
  - Fire beam of neutrinos through the Earth
  - Measure energy and flavour content of beam at Near Detector
  - Measure energy and flavour content of beam at Far Detector
  - Interpret differences in terms of neutrino mixing



# MINOS(+)**Physics Goals**

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 Measurements of "atmospheric" mixing parameters through muon neutrino disappearance (and tau appearance)

- Identify mass hierarchy and search for CP violation through measurements of subdominant oscillations of muon neutrinos to electron neutrinos
- Search for new physics in neutrino sector
  - Sterile neutrinos
  - Non-standard interactions
  - The unexpected
  - Statistical evidence of tau appearance

 $\boldsymbol{\nu}_3$ 



 $\Delta {\sf m}^2{}_{{\sf N}3}$ 

 $\Delta m^{2}_{32}$ 



# **MINOS** Detectors

- 980 ton Near Detector
- 5.4 kiloton Far Detector
- Magnetised steel-scintillator tracking calorimeter
  - Magnetised to 1.3T
  - 1 inch thick steel, 1cm thick scintillator
  - Similar design mitigates many systematic uncertainties
  - Event-by-event charge discrimination of muons





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#### Atmospheric Sector

- MINOS+ will incrementally improve on the precision of the "atmospheric" oscillation parameters
- Not the main motivation for MINOS+
  - But will continue to be a competitive measurement of the mass-splitting in the short term



## Sterile Neutrino Search

- Sterile mixing is a proxy for any new physics
- Shows up as a distortion to the (oscillated) CC and NC Far Detector spectra



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 $P(v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\mu})$ 

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

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# The MINOS+ vs LSND vs MiniBooNE Plot

- Can not have appearance without disappearance
- MINOS+ will (most likely) place limits on:

 $sin^2 2\theta_{24}$  (vs  $\Delta m_{41}^2$ )

 Bugey (and other reactor experiments) placed limits on:

 $sin^2 2\theta_{14}$  (vs  $\Delta m_{41}^2$ )

• LSND/MiniBoone measure:

 $\frac{\sin^2 2\theta_{\mu e}}{4} = 4 |U_{e_4}|^2 \times |U_{\mu 4}|^2 = 4 [\sin^2 \theta_{14}] \times [\cos^2 \theta_{14} \sin^2 \theta_{24}]$  $= \sin^2 2\theta_{14} \times \sin^2 \theta_{24}$ 

Combine Bugey&MINOS+







#### GLADE: New Detector Old Physics

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- Addition of GLADE provides some 90% sensitivity in the less favourable sectors



# Experimental Considerations

- Detector located inside the NOvA surface building at Ash River, 18mx18mx24m available
- Purity required for 5-10m drift lengths has been demonstrated in US and Europe
- Need total field of 1-2MV to achieve 1kV/cm drift, promising studies (arXiv:1009.4908)
- Dual phase or wire readout possible



#### Double phase charge readout principle: LEM and projective 2D anode

#### Readout principle

 ionization electrons are drifted to the liquid-gas interphase

 if the E-field is high enough (≈ 3 kV/cm) they can efficiently be extracted to the gas phase

3. in the holes of the LEM the E-field is high enough to trigger an electron avalanche

4. the multiplied charge is collected on a 2D readout



A. Badertscher, et al., NIM A 641 (2011) 48-57

#### LEM (THGEM): Large electron multiplier

Macroscopic Gas hole multiplier
 more robust than GEMS (cryogenics, discharges)
 manufactured with std. PCB techniques
 Large area coverable (1 m<sup>2</sup> size modules)



#### Projective 2D anode readout

Charge is equally collected on two sets of strips (views)
 induced signals have the same shape for both views
 readout independent of multiplication



#### Other Considerations

- The next generation of long-baseline experiments (LBNE,LBNO/ Laguna,T2HK) are 10-20 years away and expensive
- A smaller, cheaper, faster experiment would provide a fantastic engineering platform for future very large LAr TPC
- GLADE only makes sense if it is run concurrently with NOvA:
  - Would need, say University X to build the cryostat during the approval process
  - Maximising the use of existing worldwide expertise in LAr technology is essential to operate on a short timescale

#### Summary

- The NuMI beam is currently the Rolls Royce of longbaseline neutrino beams
  - Need detectors to maximise scientific exploitation
- MINOS+ will provide a precision test of the 3x3 mixing hypothesis, with an impressive sensitivity to sterile neutrinos
- GLADE is an opportunistic experiment, similar physics reach to doubling the NuMI beam power and invaluable engineering experience for the future.





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#### Backup Slides

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# T2K Beam Projections

Period	Integ. No. of Proton on Target	Beam Power (kW)
-Jun.2012	3.1E+20	170
-Jun.2013	7.8E+20	200
-Jun.2014	1.2E+21	250 *
-Jun.2015	1.8E+21	250
-Jun.2016	2.5E+21	300
-Jun.2017	3.2E+21	300
-Jun.2018	3.9E+21	300
-Jun.2019	5.5E+21	700 *
-Jun.2020	7.1E+21	700
-Jun.2021	8.8E+21	700

\*1 Completion time of MR upgrade (assumed to be 2018) is suject to change, depending on economical situation, readiness and so on.

\*2 LINAC upgrade completed

\* Beam Energy 30GeV



### **MINOS Event Topologies**



long μ track & hadronic activity at vertex short event, often diffuse Monte Carlo

v<sub>e</sub> CC Event



short, with typical EM shower profile

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# MINOS Detector Technology

- Magnetised steel-scintillator tracking calorimeters
  - 2.54cm steel planes
  - 1cm x 4.1cm scintillator strips
  - Hamamatsu multi-anode PMTs



## Detector Performance

 Careful monitor the stability of the detector using light injection and cosmic ray muons





