Наблюдение эффекта осцилляций в эксперименте Нейтрино-4 по поиску стерильного нейтрино – - продолжение А.П. Серебров, ПИЯФ

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Reactor antineutrino anomaly

Observed/predicted averaged event ratio: R=0.927±0.023 (3.0 σ)



SM-3 research reactor

- 100 MW thermal power
- Compact core 42x42x35cm
- Highly enriched ²³⁵U fuel
- Separated rooms for experimental setup
- The laboratory is poorly protected from cosmic rays





Due to some peculiar characteristics of its construction, reactor SM-3 provides the most favorable conditions to search for neutrino oscillations at short distances. However, SM-3 reactor, as well as other research reactors, is located on the Earth's surface, hence, cosmic background is the major difficulty in considered experiment.

The full-scale detector with liquid scintillator volume of 3 m³ (5x10 sections) have been prepared in NRC "KI" PNPI, Gatchina, Russia











Movable and spectrum sensitive antineutrino detector at SM-3 reactor



Range of measurements is 6 – 12 meters

Liquid scintillator detector 50 sections 0.235x0.235x0.85м³

 $\overline{\nu}_{e} + p \rightarrow e^{+} + n$

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Passive shielding - 60 tons

Energy calibration of the full-scale detector

The source 22Na is installed above the detector at distance about 0.8 meters and irradiate about 16 sections at once. PMTs were normalized to one scale by energy selecting voltage on them. Simultaneous calibration of several sections is required. For all detector only 6 positions of the source were used.

Overlapping of the irradiated sections unifies the calibration.



The neutron Pu-Be source irradiated all sections at once. This method has advantage relatively to using of internal sources. The difficulty of calibration at energy 8MeV is that quanta from neutron capture by gadolinium can't be absorbed in the same row. Therefore the detector calibration should he conducted on a diffuse edge of spectrum.

Energy calibration of the full-scale detector



In the left - ranges of sources. In the right - the calibration of gamma quanta scale. Registration of positrons includes inevitable loss of a part of energy of 511keV gamma-quanta. Because of the threshold of registration in the adjacent section we have to increase errors up to ± 250 keV. It is the calibration which needs to be used at data processing.

Energy calibration of the full-scale detector



Gamma background in passive shielding does not depend neither on the power of the reactor nor on distance from the reactor



The background of fast neutrons in passive shielding **does not** depend neither on the power of the reactor nor on distance from the reactor



The background of fast neutrons in passive shielding is 10 times less than outside. The background of fast neutrons outside of passive shielding is defined by cosmic rays and practically does not depend on reactor power. Absence of noticeable dependence of the background on both distance and reactor power was observed. As a result, we consider that difference in reactor ON/OFF signals appears mostly due to antineutrino flux from operating reactor.



Measurements with the detector have started in June 2016. Measurements with the reactor ON were carried out for 480 days, and with the reactor OFF- for 278 days. In total, the reactor was switched on and off 58 times.





There is problems with energy spectrum therefore we proposed the spectrum independent method of the experimental data analysis



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Expected - Monte -Carlo simulation with neutrino spectrum of ²³⁵U, as the SM-3 reactor works on highly enriched uranium.

$$\begin{array}{l}
\begin{array}{c}
N(E_i, L_k)\\
Number of\\antineutrino\\events\end{array} \quad P(\tilde{v}_e \rightarrow \tilde{v}_e) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{14} \sin^2(1.27 \frac{\Delta m_{14}^2 [eV^2]L[m]}{E_{\tilde{v}}[MeV]}) \quad (1) \\
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\end{array} \quad The spectrum independent method of experimental data analysis \\
R_{i,k}^{exp} = \frac{N(E_i, L_k)L_k^2}{K^{-1}\sum\limits_{k}^{K} N(E_i, L_k)L_k^2} = \frac{[1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{14} \sin^2(1.27 \Delta m_{14}^2 L_k / E_i)]}{K^{-1}\sum\limits_{k}^{K} [1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{14} \sin^2(1.27 \Delta m_{14}^2 L_k / E_i)]} = R_{i,k}^{th} \quad (2)
\end{array}$$

The method of the analysis of experimental data should not rely on precise knowledge of spectrum. One can carry out model independent analysis using equation (2), where numerator is the rate of antineutrino events with correction to geometric factor $1/L^2$ and denominator is its value averaged over all distances.

$$\sum_{i,k} \left[(R_{i,k}^{\exp} - R_{i,k}^{th})^2 / (\Delta R_{i,k}^{\exp})^2 \right] = \chi^2 (\sin^2 2\theta_{14}, \Delta m_{14}^2)$$

The results of the analysis of optimal parameters Δm_{14}^2 and $\sin^2 2\theta_{14}$ using χ^2 method

We observed the oscillation effect at C.L. 99.7% (3σ) in vicinity of :

$$\Delta m_{14}^2 \approx 7 eV^2$$
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{14} \approx 0.4$$



Результаты анализа на оптимальные параметры Δm_{14}^2 и $\sin^2 2\theta_{14}$ методом χ^2



область вокруг центральных значений в линейном масштабе и с большим увеличением

центральная область с ещё большим увеличением

The results of the analysis of optimal parameters Δm_{14}^2 and $\sin^2 2\theta_{14}$ using χ^2 method



Area around central values in linear scale and significantly magnified

Central part even further magnified

It seems that the effect predicted in gallium and reactor experiments is confirmed, but at sufficiently large values

$$\Delta m_{14}^2 \approx 7.39B^2$$
 $\sin^2 2\theta_{14} = 0.39 \pm 0.12$

The mixing parameter appears to be large enough in comparison with existing limitations from the Daya Bay and Bugey-3 experiments, but the difference between the results is 0.19 ± 0.18 , i.e. one standard deviation. Therefore, there is no clear contradiction.

The method of coherent addition of results of measurements allows us to directly observe the effect of oscillations



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(2)

The expected effect at the different interval for distance and for energy (right part of equation 2)



The expected effect for the different energy resolution



The first observation of oscillation of reactor antineutrino in sterile neutrino



Analysis of possible systematic effects

To carry out analysis of possible systematic effects one should turn off antineutrino flux (reactor) and perform the same analysis of background data



The spectrum for neutrino signal and background signal are similar therefore test for systematic effect have to be adequate .



Test of systematic effects

To carry out analysis of possible systematic effects one should turn off antineutrino flux (reactor) and perform the same analysis of obtained data



data analysis using coherent summation method

analysis of the results on oscillation parameters plane

Thus no instrumental systematic errors were observed.

Additional dispersion of measurement result which appears due to fluctuations of cosmic background



That distribution has the form of normal distribution, but its width exceeds unit by $\sim 7\%$.

Sensitivity of other experiments NEOS, DANSS, STEREO and PROSPECT together with Neutrino-4



Experiment Neutrino-4 has some advantages in sensitivity to big values of Δm_{14}^2 owing to a compact reactor core, close minimal detector distance from the reactor and wide range of detector movements. Next highest sensitivity to large values of Δm_{14}^2 belongs to PROSPECT experiment. Currently its sensitivity is two times lower than Neutrino-4 sensitivity, but it recently has started data collection so it possibly can confirm or refute our result.

Some advantages of experiment Neutrino-4

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New measurements

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ON – OFF fluctuation distribution

Deviation from statistic distribution 6.3+_ 3.2 %





Analysis of experimental data with two sterile neutrino

$$P(\bar{v}_{e} \rightarrow \bar{v}_{e}) \approx 1 - \sin^{2} 2\theta_{14} \sin^{2} \frac{1.27\Delta m_{14}^{2} [eV^{2}]L[m]}{E_{\bar{v}_{e}}[MeV]}$$
$$-\sin^{2} 2\theta_{15} \sin^{2} \frac{1.27\Delta m_{15}^{2} [eV^{2}]L[m]}{E_{\bar{v}_{e}}[MeV]}$$

$$\Delta m_{14}^2 = 7.26, \sin^2 2\theta_{14} = 0.23, \Delta m_{15}^2 = 1.23, \sin^2 2\theta_{15} = 0.11$$

Analysis of experimental data with two sterile neutrino



Background -- Space and time distribution

Different part of spectrum at the different distance


Distance dependence of intensity in different parts of neutrino prototype detector spectrum (larger scale)



The effects of atmospheric temperature and pressure on cosmic rays



First run 2017 -2018

All data 2017 -2019



Here is twice statistic. Effect of neutrino oscillation still live.

All data 2017 -2019 + background 20119









All data 2017 -2019 + background 2019



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All data 2017 -2019 + background 2019







First run 2017 -2018 2.9 sigma

All data 2017 -2019 + background 2019 3.5 sigma





Future: Neutrino-6 experiment

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Neutrino-6 experiment location



Detector's design. Transport system



Detector's case Transparent plex tank Detector's design. Models Detector fully assembled Calibration holes Scintillator filling hole

Detector's design. Transport system



Platforms

Inner cavities





Detector's design. Transparent tank





Detector's design. Case







High Voltage Distribution System HVDS3200 and active voltage-dividers







High Voltage Distribution System HVDS3200





- Voltage adjustment 0...1500 V; 0.1%
- Maximum current 0.5 mA
- Current monitoring 0.1%
- Voltage monitoring 0.1%
- Stability (during 1 day) 0.1%



Active shielding



- Polysterene based scintillator
- Optical fibers with SiPM are used
- "Spectral" or "logical" operating modes



Expecting improvements of statistical accuracy for Neutrino-6

Method	Consequence	Increasing accuracy factor
4 detectors	3x larger volume	1.6
Gd concentration	4x less accidental background	1.5
PSD	4x less correlated background	1.3
Total		3.1

Проблемы финансирования

Закупка ФЭУ 220 шт - 250 тыс. долларов

Закупка сцинтилятора 10 тонн – 650 тыс. долларов

Possible conformation of our results

First of all there is no large contradiction with Reactor Antineutrino Anomaly and Gallium Anomaly

There is no large contradiction with Reactor Antineutrino Anomaly

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Where our result can be confirmed or refuted ?

PROSPECT, STEREO, SoLiD - can be because small size of reactor core.
 DANSS --it is difficult because big size (3.7m) of reactor core.
 NEOS - it is very difficult because big size of reactor core and distance 24 m.
 BEST - new measurements is going right now.
 KATRIN, Troisk

The period of oscillation for $\Delta m_{14}^2 \approx 7.33B^2$ and neutrino energy 4 MeV is 1.4 m



DABSS

Detector of the reactor AntiNeutrino based on Solid-state Scintillator



Best Fit:



Significance of the best regions



MC simulation of experiment DANSS and analysis of experimental data DANSS with two sterile neutrino









FIG. 7. Allowed regions of oscillation parameters, built on the basis of new data, in the case of combining the results of SAGE + GALLEX with the result of BEST for two sources (⁵¹Cr and ⁶⁵Zn), which corresponds to the best fit point.

Experiment KATRIN and sterile neutrino from Neutrino-4

$$\Delta m_{14}^{2} = 7.26 eV^{2}, \qquad Sin^{2} 2 \mathcal{G}_{14} = 0.38$$

$$m_{\beta} = \sqrt{\sum_{i} m_{i}^{2} / U_{ei} /^{2}} \qquad \begin{vmatrix} Sin^{2} 2 \mathcal{G}_{14} = 4 / U_{14} /^{2} (1 - / U_{14} /^{2}) \\ / U_{14} /^{2} \ll 1 \\ / U_{14} /^{2} \approx \frac{1}{4} Sin^{2} 2 \mathcal{G}_{14} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$m_{\beta} \approx \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{7.3 \cdot 0.38} \approx 0.87 eV$$

1. There is no contradiction with restriction from experiment KATRIN - $m_{\beta} \leq 1 eV$

2. If effect of Neutrino-4 is correct then prediction for neutrino mass is

$$m_{\beta} \approx 0.87 eV$$

Brave Ideas

Standard neutrino

Sterile neutrino



Two problems of fundamental interaction – baryon asymmetry of the universe and dark matter (left-right asymmetry in nature)

Sterile neutrino it is mirror neutrino – candidate for dark matter particle






Best regards from Gatchina

Thank you for attention









Best regards from Dimitrovgrad

Энергетическая калибровка на модели одной секции

Мы используем эффект полного внутреннего отражения света на границе сцинтиллятор - воздух при малых углах падения, чтобы улучшить сбор света с разных расстояний. Поэтому калибровка может быть сделана, используя источники, расположенные снаружи – над детектором.



Energy calibration of the full-scale detector







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24 central and 16 side cells for full-scale detector

central cell	side cell	angular cell	in all cells
42 %	29%	19%	37%

Calculated percentage of multi-start events

The test with a source of fast neutrons



Experimental average percentage of multi-start events for full-scale detector

 $(37 \pm 4)\%$





Independence of identification of effect of oscillations of a form of a neutrino spectrum 3 different ranges were chosen : 1) U-235, 2) Expetiment, 3) Monte-Carlo



Apparently there is no difference. It also should not be because spectra are strictly canceled in formula (2)

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(2)

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Analysis of possible difference in efficiency of rows of the detector, using the background of fast neutrons which is given rise into the building from cosmic muons.



The background of fast neutrons is asymmetric because of structure of the building.





The dispersion on a background when moving the detector is within the same 8%.



We use only 8 internal rows, the first and tenth are protective.

Averaging of detector rows efficiencies due to movements (above estimation)

6.402526.637536.87254	2 3 2 3	4		
6.6375 3 6.8725 4	2 3 2 3	4		
6.8725 4	2 3 2 3	4		
	3 2 3	4		
7.1075 5	2 3	4		
7.3425 6	3	5		
7.5775 7	4	5		
7.8125 8	4	6	2	
8.0475 9	5	7	3	
8.2825 6	2	8	4	
8.5175 7	3	9	5	
8.7525 8	4	6	2	
8.9875 9	5	7	3	
9.2225 6	2	8	4	
9.4575 7	3	9	5	
9.6925 8	4	6	2	
9.9275 9	5	7	3	
10.1625 6	2	8	4	
10.3975 7	3	9	5	2
10.6325 8	4	6	3	
10.8675 9	5	7	4	
11.1025 6	8	5		
11.3375 7	9	6		
11.5725 8	7			
11.8075 9	8			



Average efficiency at various distances

Test of stability of the effect by means of removal of extreme positions



Accidental background practically does not depend on reactor, but it is rather big at low energies.









Signal of correlated events



Theory of Neutrino Masses



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Neutrino mass

3 complementary methods to measure:

Method	Observable	curr. [eV]	near/far [eV]	pro	con		
Kurie	$\sqrt{\sum U_{ei} ^2 m_i^2}$	2.3	0.2/0.1	model-indep.; theo. clean	final?; weakest		
Cosmo.	$\sum m_i$	0.7	0.3/0.05	best; NH/IH	systemat.; model-dep.		
0 uetaeta	$\left \sum U_{ei}^2 m_i\right $	0.3	0.1/0.05	fundament.; NH/IH	model-dep.; theo. dirty		
$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}$ with $m_u \simeq m_d$ versus $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}$ with $m_\nu \simeq 10^{-6} m_e$ why so tiny?							

