Neutrino Oscillation Experiments: Latest Results & Future Roadmap

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Big News: Discovery of θ_{13}



WHEPP 2013 is very crucial & memorable

Exciting results from all the three frontiers

The Energy Frontier: Discovery of Higgs at LHC

The Intensity Frontier: Discovery of θ_{13}

The Cosmic Frontier: High Precision Planck measurements

Discovery of moderately large value of θ_{13} has crucial consequences for future theoretical and experimental efforts

Non-zero θ_{13} is the gateway to discover leptonic CP violation & to measure δ_{CP}

Neutrino Physics: An Exercise in Patience

Three most fundamental questions were being asked in the past century...

1. How tiny is the neutrino mass? (Pauli, Fermi, '30s) Planck + BAO + WMAP polarization data: upper limit of 0.23 eV for the sum of v masses! Planck Collaboration, arXiv:1303.5076 [astro-ph.CO]

2. Can a neutrino turn into its own antiparticle? (Majorana, '30s) Hunt for v-less Double- β decay (Z,A \rightarrow Z+2, A) is still on, demands lepton number violation! Nice Review by Avignone, Elliott, Engel, Rev.Mod.Phys. 80 (2008) 481-516

3. Do different v flavors 'oscillate' into one another? (Pontecorvo, Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata, '60s) B. Pontecorvo, Sov. Phys. JETP 26, 984 (1968) [Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 53, 1717 (1967)]

Last question positively answered only in recent years. Now an established fact that **neutrinos are massive** and leptonic flavors are not **symmetries of Nature**!

Recent measurement of θ_{13} , a clear first order picture of the 3-flavor lepton mixing matrix has emerged, signifies a major breakthrough in v physics!

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Pontecorvo, a great tribute to him!

Neutrino Oscillations in 3 Flavors

It happens because flavor (weak) eigenstates do not coincide with mass eigenstates

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{e} \\ \nu_{\mu} \\ \nu_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{1} \\ \nu_{2} \\ \nu_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\frac{\theta_{23} : P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}) \text{ by }}{\text{Atoms. v and v beam}} \quad \theta_{13} : P(\nu_{e} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) \text{ by Reactor v } \\ \theta_{13} \& 5 : P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) \text{ by v beam} \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta_{12} : P(\nu_{e} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) \text{ by } \text{Reactor and solar v}$$
$$\text{Three mixing angles:} \quad (\theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{12}) \text{ and one CP violating (Dirac) phase } \delta_{CP}$$
$$\frac{\tan^{2} \theta_{12} \equiv \frac{|U_{e2}|^{2}}{|U_{e1}|^{2}}; \quad \tan^{2} \theta_{23} \equiv \frac{|U_{\mu3}|^{2}}{|U_{\tau3}|^{2}}; \quad U_{e3} \equiv \sin \theta_{13}e^{-i\delta}$$
$$\text{3 mixing angles simply related to flavor components of 3 mass eigenstates}$$

Over a distance L, changes in the relative phases of the mass states may induce flavor change!

$$P(\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \operatorname{Re}[U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta i} U_{\beta j}^*] \sin^2 \Delta_{ij} - 2 \sum_{i>j} \operatorname{Im}[U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta i} U_{\beta j}^*] \sin 2\Delta_{ij},$$

2 independent mass splittings Δm_{21}^2 and Δm_{32}^2 , for anti-neutrinos replace δ_{CP} by $-\delta_{CP}$

 $\Delta_{ij} = \Delta m_{ij}^2 L/4E_{\nu}$ $\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$

Neutrino Oscillations in Matter

 ν_e Neutrino propagation through matter modify the oscillations significantly Coherent forward elastic scattering of neutrinos with matter particles W^{\pm} Charged current interaction of v_e with electrons creates an extra potential for v_e ν_e $A(eV^2) = 0.76 \times 10^{-4} \rho \ (g/cc) E(GeV)$ $A = \pm 2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E$ Wolfenstein matter term: or N_e = electron number density, + (-) for neutrinos (anti-neutrinos), ρ = matter density in Earth Matter term changes sign when we switch from neutrino mode to anti-neutrino mode even if $\delta_{CP} = 0$, causes fake CP asymmetry $(\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}) - P(\bar{\nu}_{\alpha} \to \bar{\nu}_{\beta}) \neq 0$ Matter term modifies oscillation probability differently depending on the sign of Δm^2 $E_{\rm res}^{\rm Earth} = 6 - 8 \, {\rm GeV}$ $\Delta m^2 \simeq A$ **Resonant conversion – Matter effect** ν **Resonance occurs for neutrinos (anti-neutrinos)** $\Delta m^2 > 0$ MSW if Δm^2 is positive (negative) $\Delta m^2 < 0$ MSW

Short Baseline Reactor Neutrino Oscillation



 θ_{13} measured by seeing the deficit of reactor anti-neutrinos at $\sim 2~km$

θ_{13} governs overall size of electron anti-neutrino deficit

Effective mass-squared difference $|\Delta m_{ee}^2|$ determines deficit dependence on L/E

$$P_{\bar{\nu_e} \to \bar{\nu_e}} = 1 - \frac{\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \left(\Delta m_{ee}^2 \frac{L}{4E}\right)}{\text{Short Baseline}} - \frac{\sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^4 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \left(\Delta m_{21}^2 \frac{L}{4E}\right)}{\text{Long Baseline}} + \frac{\sin^2 (\Delta m_{ee}^2 \frac{L}{4E})}{\sin^2 (\Delta m_{ee}^2 \frac{L}{4E})} = \frac{\cos^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 (\Delta m_{31}^2 \frac{L}{4E})}{+ \sin^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 (\Delta m_{32}^2 \frac{L}{4E})}$$

 $\left|\Delta m_{ee}^2\right| \simeq \left|\Delta m_{32}^2\right| \pm 5.21 \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2 \qquad \stackrel{\text{+: Normal Hierarchy}}{\text{-: Inverted Hierarchy}}$

Hierarchy discrimination requires $\sim 2\%$ precision on both Δm^2_{ee} and $\Delta m^2_{\mu\mu}$

Currently Running Reactor θ_{13} Experiments



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Key Features of three Reactor Experiments

Experiment	Double Chooz	Daya Bay	RENO
# of reactors (total power)	2 (9.4 GW)	3 (17.4 GW)	6 (16.8 GW)
Reactor configuration	2	3	6 inline
Detector configuration	1 near + 1 far	2 near + 1 far	1 near + 1 far
Baseline [m]	(400, 1050)	(364, 480, 1912)	(290, 1380)
Overburden [m.w.e.]	(120, 300)	(280, 300, 880)	(120, 450)
Target mass [ton]	(8.3, 8.3)	(40, 40, 80)	(16, 16)
Detector geometry	Cylindrical detector (Gd-LS, γ-catcher, buffer)		
Outer shield	0.5m of LS & 0.15 m of steel	2.5m water	1.5m of water
Muon veto system	LS & Scinti-Strip	Water Cerenkov & RPC	Water Cerenkov
Designed sensitivity (90% C.L.)	~0.03	~0.01	~0.02

Daya Bay Strategy: Go strong, big and deep!

Latest Results from Daya Bay

Rate + Spectra Oscillation Results [arXiv:1310.6732]



Strong confirmation of oscillation-interpretation of observed $\bar{\nu_e}$ deficit

	Normal MH Δm_{32}^2 [10 ⁻³ eV ²]	Inverted MH Δm_{32}^2 [10 ⁻³ eV ²]
From Daya Bay Δm_{ee}^2	$2.54_{-0.20}^{+0.19}$	$-2.64^{+0.19}_{-0.20}$
From MINOS $\Delta m_{\mu\mu}^2$	$2.37^{+0.09}_{-0.09}$	$-2.41^{+0.12}_{-0.09}$

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The θ_{13} Revolution



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Present Understanding of the 2-3 Mixing Angle

Information on θ_{23} comes from: a) atmospheric neutrinos and b) accelerator neutrinos

In two-flavor scenario:
$$P_{\mu\mu} = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{\text{eff}} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{\text{eff}}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

For accelerator neutrinos: relate effective 2-flavor parameters with 3-flavor parameters:

$$\Delta m_{\text{eff}}^2 = \Delta m_{31}^2 - \Delta m_{21}^2 (\cos^2 \theta_{12} - \cos \delta_{\text{CP}} \sin \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \tan \theta_{23})$$
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{\text{eff}} = 4\cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23} \left(1 - \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{23}\right) \quad \text{where} \quad \frac{|U_{\mu 3}|^2}{|U_{\tau 3}|^2} = \tan^2 \theta_{23}$$

Nunokawa etal, hep-ph/0503283; A. de Gouvea etal, hep-ph/0503079

Combining beam and atmospheric data in MINOS, we have:

MINOS Collaboration: arXiv:1304.6335v2 [hep-ex]

 $\sin^2 2\theta_{\text{eff}} = 0.95^{+0.035}_{-0.036} (10.71 \times 10^{21} \text{ p.o.t})$

$$\sin^2 2\bar{\theta}_{\text{eff}} = 0.97^{+0.03}_{-0.08} (3.36 \times 10^{21} \text{ p.o.t})$$

Atmospheric data, dominated by Super-Kamiokande, still prefers maximal value of sin²2θ_{eff} = 1 (≥ 0.94 (90% C.L.))

Talk by Y. Itow in Neutrino 2012 conference, Kyoto, Japan

Bounds on θ_{23} from the global fits

In v_{μ} survival probability, the dominant term mainly sensitive to $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$! If $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$ differs from 1 (as indicated by recent data), we get two solutions for θ_{23} : one in lower octant (LO: $\theta_{23} < 45$ degree), other in higher octant (HO: $\theta_{23} > 45$ degree)

In other words, if $(0.5 - \sin^2 \theta_{23})$ is +ve (-ve) then θ_{23} belongs to LO (HO)

This is known as the octant ambiguity of θ_{23} !

Fogli and Lisi, hep-ph/9604415

Conferences	After Neutrino 2012	After NeuTel 2013	After TAUP 2013
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.41^{+0.037}_{-0.025} \oplus 0.59^{+0.021}_{-0.022}$	$0.437^{+0.061}_{-0.031}$	$0.446^{+0.007}_{-0.007} \oplus 0.587^{+0.032}_{-0.037}$
3σ range	0.34 ightarrow 0.67	$0.357 \rightarrow 0.654$	$0.366 \rightarrow 0.663$
1σ precision (relative)	13.4%	11.3%	11.1%

Based on Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Salvado, Schwetz, http://www.nu-fit.org

Global fit disfavors maximal 2-3 mixing at 1.4σ confidence level (mostly driven by MINOS)

 v_{μ} to v_{e} oscillation data can break this degeneracy!

The preferred value would depend on the choice of the neutrino mass hierarchy!

Present Status of Neutrino Parameters

		bfp $\pm 1\sigma$	3σ range	Relative
	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.306\substack{+0.012\\-0.012}$	$0.271 \rightarrow 0.346$	16 Precision
	$\theta_{12}/^{\circ}$	$33.57\substack{+0.77\\-0.75}$	$31.38 \rightarrow 36.01$	4%
($\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.446^{+0.007}_{-0.007} \oplus 0.587^{+0.032}_{-0.037}$	0.366 ightarrow 0.663	440/
	$\theta_{23}/^{\circ}$	$41.9^{+0.4}_{-0.4} \oplus 50.0^{+1.9}_{-2.2}$	$37.2 \rightarrow 54.5$	11%
($\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.0229^{+0.0020}_{-0.0019}$	$0.0170 \rightarrow 0.0288$	8 70/
	$\theta_{13}/^{\circ}$	$8.71_{-0.38}^{+0.37}$	7.50 ightarrow 9.78	0.770
	$\delta_{\mathrm{CP}}/^{\circ}$	265^{+56}_{-61}	$0 \rightarrow 360$	(Not Known)
	$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5} \ {\rm eV}^2}$	$7.45\substack{+0.19 \\ -0.16}$	$6.98 \rightarrow 8.05$	2.4%
	$\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{10^{-3} \ {\rm eV}^2} \ ({\rm N})$	$+2.417^{+0.013}_{-0.013}$	$+2.247 \rightarrow +2.623$	2.5%
	$\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2}{10^{-3} \ {\rm eV}^2} \ {\rm (I)}$	$-2.410^{+0.062}_{-0.062}$	$-2.602 \rightarrow -2.226$	

Based on the data available after TAUP 2013 conference

Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Salvado, Schwetz, http://www.nu-fit.org

The Two Fundamental Questions



Why are neutrinos so light? The origin of Neutrino Mass!

	Neutrinos (PMNS)	Quarks (CKM)
θ_{12}	35°	13°
θ_{32}	43°	2°
θ_{13}	9°	0.2°
δ	unknown	68°

Why are lepton mixings so different from quark mixings?

The Flavor Puzzle!

Latest Results on θ_{13} : What happened to Mass models?



Survey of 63 v mass models in June 2006 by Carl H. Albright and Mu-Chun Chen!

Future high precision measurements of mixing angles, new information on neutrino mass ordering and CP phase will severely constrain these presently allowed models!

Fundamental Unknowns in Neutrino Sector

<u>1. What is the hierarchy of the neutrino mass spectrum, normal or inverted?</u></u>



- The sign of $\Delta m_{31}^2 = m_3^2 m_1^2$ is not known!
- Currently do not know which neutrino is the heaviest?
- Only have a lower bound on the mass of the heaviest v!

 $\sqrt{2.5 \cdot 10^{-3} {\rm eV^2}} \sim 0.05 \; {\rm eV}$

2. What is the octant of the 2-3 mixing angle, lower ($\theta_{23} < 45^\circ$) or higher ($\theta_{23} > 45^\circ$)?

Measure θ_{23} *precisely, Establish deviation from maximality at higher C.L. Then look for Octant*

<u>2. Is there CP violation in the leptonic sector, as in the quark sector</u>?

Mixing can cause CP violation in the leptonic sector (if δ_{CP} *differs from* 0° *and* 180°)! *Need to measure the CP-odd asymmetries:* $\Delta P_{\alpha\beta} \equiv P(\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}; L) - P(\bar{\nu}_{\alpha} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\beta}; L) \ (\alpha \neq \beta)$

With current knowledge of θ_{13} , resolving these unknowns fall within our reach! Sub-leading 3 flavor effects are extremely crucial in current & future oscillation expts!

Superbeams



Traditional approach: Neutrino beam from pion decay

Current Generation Experiments:

Detailed discussion by S. Prakash, S. Raut in WGV

Tokai to Kamioka (T2K) : 295 km (2.5° off-axis, 1st Osc. Max = 0.6 GeV) J-PARC Beam: 0.75 MW, Total 7.8 × 10²¹ protons on target, 5 years v run Detector: Super-Kamiokande (22.5 kton fiducial volume)

FNAL to Ash River (NOvA) : 810 km (0.8° off-axis, 1st Osc. Max = 1.7 GeV) NuMI Beam: 0.7 MW, Total 3.6×10^{21} protons on target, 3 yrs v + 3 yrs anti-v Detector: 14 kton Totally Active Scintillator Detector (TASD)

Three Flavor Effects in $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillation probability

The appearance probability $(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e})$ in matter, upto second order in the small parameters $\alpha \equiv \Delta m_{21}^2 / \Delta m_{31}^2$ and $\sin 2\theta_{13}$, $\frac{\sin^2 2\theta_{13}}{(1-\hat{A})^2} \stackrel{\sin^2[(1-\hat{A})\Delta]}{\longrightarrow} \theta_{13} \text{ Driven}$ 0.09 $\alpha \sin 2\theta_{13} \xi \sin \delta_{CP} \sin(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}} \frac{\sin[(1-\hat{A})\Delta]}{(1-\hat{A})} \Longrightarrow CP \text{ odd}$ Resolves 0.009 octant + $\alpha \sin 2\theta_{13} \xi \cos \delta_{CP} \cos(\Delta) \frac{\sin(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}} \frac{\sin[(1-\hat{A})\Delta]}{(1-\hat{A})} \Longrightarrow CP \text{ even}$ + $\alpha^2 \cos^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \frac{\sin^2(\hat{A}\Delta)}{\hat{A}^2}$; \implies Solar Term where $\Delta \equiv \Delta m_{31}^2 L/(4E)$, $\xi \equiv \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{21} \sin 2\theta_{23}$, and $\hat{A} \equiv \pm (2\sqrt{2}G_F n_e E)/\Delta m_{31}^2$ Cervera etal., hep-ph/0002108 Freund etal., hep-ph/0105071 changes sign with sgn(Δm_{31}^2) changes sign with polarity See also, Agarwalla etal., arXiv:1302.6773 [hep-ph] key to resolve hierarchy! causes fake CP asymmetry!

This channel suffers from: (Hierarchy – δ_{CP}) & (Octant – δ_{CP}) degeneracy! How can we break them?

Hierarchy – δ_{CP} degeneracy in $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillation channel



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Octant – δ_{CP} degeneracy in $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillation channel



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Agarwalla, Prakash, Sankar, arXiv:1301.2574 [hep-ph]

<u>v vs. anti-v events for various octant-hierarchy combinations, ellipses due to varying $\delta_{CP}!$ </u>

If $\delta_{CP} = -90^{\circ}$ (90°), the asymmetry between v and anti-v events is largest for NH (IH)

Hierarchy discovery: data from two experiments with widely different baselines mandatory! Octant discovery: balanced v & anti-v runs needed in each experiment!

Mass Hierarchy & CP Violation Discovery with T2K and NOvA



Agarwalla, Prakash, Raut, Sankar, JHEP 1212, 075 (2012)

For large θ_{13} , NOvA has reoptimized its event selection criteria. Relaxing the cuts, they now allow more events in both signal and background. Additional NC backgrounds are reconstructed at lower energies and can be managed by a kinematical cut.

Adding data from T2K and NOvA is useful to kill the intrinsic degeneracies

CP asymmetry $\infty 1/\sin 2\theta_{13}$, large θ_{13} increases statistics but reduces asymmetry, Systematics are important

Resolving Octant of θ_{23} with T2K and NOvA



Agarwalla, Prakash, Sankar, arXiv:1301.2574 [hep-ph] See also, Chatterjee, Ghoshal, Goswami, Raut, arXiv:1302.1370 [hep-ph]

If $\theta_{23} < 41^{\circ}$ or $\theta_{23} > 50^{\circ}$, we can resolve the octant issue at 2σ irrespective of δ_{CP} If $\theta_{23} < 39^{\circ}$ or $\theta_{23} > 52^{\circ}$, we can resolve the octant issue at 3σ irrespective of δ_{CP} **Important message: T2K must run in anti-neutrino mode in future!** **Future Facilities for Long Baseline Neutrino Experiments**

LBNE: FNAL to Homestake : 1300 km (1st Osc. Max = 2.52 GeV) Beam: 120 GeV, 0.7 MW, 6×10^{20} POT/yr, 5 yrs v + 5 yrs anti-v Detector: 10 kton LArTPC (Phase1), 35 kton LArTPC (Phase2) **LBNO:** CERN to Phyasalmi : 2300 km (1^{st} Osc. Max = 4.54 GeV) Beam: 400 GeV, 0.77 MW, 1.5×10^{20} POT/yr, 5 yrs v + 5 yrs anti-v Detector: 20 kton LArTPC (Phase1), 100 kton LArTPC (Phase2) **T2HK:** J-PARC to Kamioka : 295 km $(1^{st} Osc. Max = 0.6 GeV)$ Beam: 30 GeV, 1.66 MW, 5×10^{21} POT/yr, 1.5 yrs v + 3.5 yrs v Detector: 560 kton Water Cherenkov (Hyper-Kamiokande)

Future Superbeam Expts with LAr Detector: LBNE & LBNO



Agarwalla, Prakash, Sankar, arXiv:1304.3251 [hep-ph]

Wide Band Beam \rightarrow Higher statistics \rightarrow cover several L/E values \rightarrow kill clone solutions

LAr Detector → Excellent Detection efficiency at 1st & 2nd Osc. maxima, good background rejection

High $L \rightarrow$ High $E \rightarrow$ High cross-section \rightarrow Less uncertainties in cross-section at high E

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Hierarchy Discovery with LBNE and LBNO

Agarwalla, Prakash, Sankar, arXiv:1304.3251 [hep-ph]

LBNO w/ 10 kt detector > 7σ hierarchy discovery potential for all θ_{23} - δ_{CP} -hierarchy combinations LBNE w/ 10 kt detector + T2K + NOvA > 3σ hierarchy discovery potential for any parameter choice Projected data from T2K and NOvA will play a crucial role in the first phases of LBNE and LBNO Interesting synergy between off-axis and on-axis experiments

Octant Discovery with LBNE and LBNO

Agarwalla, Prakash, Sankar, arXiv:1304.3251 [hep-ph]

If $\sin^2\theta_{23} \le 0.44$ or $\sin^2\theta_{23} \ge 0.58$, octant can be resolved at 3σ irrespective of δ_{CP}

CP violation Discovery with LBNE and LBNO

Assuming maximal mixing as true choice

Setups	Fraction of $\delta_{\rm CP}({\rm true})$		
Setups	2σ confidence level	3σ confidence level	
LBNE10 (10 kt)	0.51	0.03	
$LBNE10 + T2K + NO\nu A$	0.63	0.43	
LBNO (20 kt)	0.51	0.23	
$LBNO + T2K + NO\nu A$	0.69	0.46	

Agarwalla, Prakash, Sankar, arXiv:1304.3251 [hep-ph]

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CPV Discovery in T2HK Setup (w/ Mass Hierarchy known)

Hyper-Kamiokande, Letter of Intent, arXiv:1109.3262 [hep-ex]

T2HK: Mass Hierarchy Discovery combining Atmospheric v

 3σ hierarchy discrimination for $\sin^2\theta_{23} > 0.42$ in case of normal hierarchy

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India-Based Neutrino Observatory

- A multi-institutional attempt to build a world-class underground facility to study fundamental issues in science with special emphasis on neutrinos
- With ~1 km all-round rock cover accessed through a 2 km long tunnel. A large and several smaller caverns to pursue many experimental programs
- Complementary to ongoing efforts worldwide to explore neutrino properties
- A mega-science project (~250 M\$) in India, jointly funded (50:50) by the Department of Atomic Energy and the Department of Science and Technology
- INO project was discussed and approved by the Atomic Energy Commission on 17th August, 2013 at New Delhi
- *Regarding Final approval: Clearance from the Cabinet expected soon*
- International Community is welcome to participate in ICAL@INO as well as the INO facility is available to the entire community for setting up experiments like Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay, Direct Dark Matter searches

Location of INO & Unique Features

> Transport:

Flat terrain with good access from major roads

Geotechnical Issues:

Environmental Issues:

Weather :

Good rock quality, Cavern set in massive Charnockite rock under the 1589 m peak, Vertical cover approx. 1289 m, Tunnel length 1.91 km

Portal set outside the Reserved Forest boundary, no disturbance. Surface facilities not on Forest Land. No clearing of forest

Warm, low rainfall area, low humidity throughout the year

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Approved projects under INO

- Come up with an underground lab & surface facilities near Pottipuram village in Theni district of Tamil Nadu
- Build massive 50 kt magnetized Iron calorimeter (ICAL) detector to study properties of neutrinos
- Construction of INO centre at Madurai: Inter-Institutional Centre for High Energy Physics (IICHEP)
- Human Resource Development (INO Graduate Training Program)
- Completely in-house Detector R&D with substantial INO-Industry interface
- *Time Frame for 1st module: 2018*

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Physics Issues with ICAL-INO in Phase 1

Study Atmospheric neutrinos w/ a wide range of Baselines & Energies

Recent discovery of large θ_{13} : A great news for ICAL-INO

What do we want to achieve?

- **Reconfirm neutrino oscillations using neutrinos and anti-neutrinos separately**
- ***** *Improved precision of atmospheric oscillation parameters*
- ***** Determine neutrino mass hierarchy using matter effects via charge discrimination
- ***** Measure the deviation of 2-3 mixing angle from its maximal value and its octant
- ***** Test bed for various new physics like NSI, CPT violation, long range forces
- ***** Detect Ultra High Energy Neutrinos, Cosmic Muons, Indirect searches of DM

Specifications of the ICAL Detector

No. of modules	3
Module dimensions	16m×16m×14.5m
Detector dimensions	48.4m × 16m × 14.5m
No. of layers	150
Iron plate thickness	56mm
Gap for RPC trays	40mm
Magnetic field	1.3Tesla
RPC dimensions	1,950mm × 1,840mm × 24mm
Readout strip pitch	3 omm
No. of RPCs/Road/Layer	8
No. of Roads/Layer/Module	8
No. of RPC units/Layer	192
No. of RPC units	28,800 (97,505m2)
No. of readout strips	3,686,400

Rapid progress in all fronts 2011-2013: A productive phase for INO! Several milestones achieved

Mass Ordering with ICAL-INO

All systematic uncertainties are included!

Ghosh, Thakore, Choubey, JHEP 1304 (2013) 009

Events generated with NUANCE! Two Dimensional Muon analysis with ICAL resolutions! $E_{\mu} = 20$ energy bins in the range 1 GeV to 11 GeV, $\cos\theta_{\mu} = 80$ angular bins in the range -1 to +1

For $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$ & $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.5$, Only ICAL with 500 kt-years exposure: **2.5** σ MH discovery ICAL + T2K + NOvA + Double Chooz + RENO + Daya Bay: **3.4** σ MH discovery

Information on MH from ICAL can increase CP violation reach for LBL experiments Ghosh, Ghosal, Goswami, Raut, arXiv:1306.2500

Precision of Atmospheric Oscillation Parameters

3D Analysis including information on Hadrons

Concluding Remarks

Recent discovery of θ_{13} signifies an important breakthrough in establishing the standard three flavor oscillation picture of neutrinos

It has opened up exciting possibilities for current & future oscillation experiments

At present, we have:

	$(0.799 \rightarrow 0.844)$	0.515 ightarrow 0.581	$0.129 ightarrow 0.173$ \
$ U _{\text{LEP}(3\sigma)} =$	0.212 ightarrow 0.527	0.426 ightarrow 0.707	0.598 ightarrow 0.805
	0.233 ightarrow 0.538	$0.450 \rightarrow 0.722$	0.573 ightarrow 0.787

Satisfactory progress in last 15 years but still very far from the 'dream' precision:

	(0.97427 ± 0.00015)	0.22534 ± 0.0065	$(3.51 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-3}$
$ V _{\rm CKM} =$	0.2252 ± 0.00065	0.97344 ± 0.00016	$(41.2^{+1.1}_{-5}) \times 10^{-3}$
	$(8.67^{+0.29}_{-0.31}) imes 10^{-3}$	$(40.4^{+1.1}_{-0.5}) imes10^{-3}$	$0.999146^{+0.000021}_{-0.000046}$ /

!! Let us work together and achieve it **!!**

Thank you!

Backup Slides

The New Minimal Standard Model

- Minimal Extensions to give Mass to the Neutrino:
 - * Introduce ν_R AND impose L conservation \Rightarrow Dirac $\nu \neq \nu^c$: $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} - M_{\nu} \overline{\nu_L} \nu_R + h.c.$
 - * NOT impose L conservation \Rightarrow Majorana $\nu = \nu^c$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} - \frac{1}{2}M_{\nu}\overline{\nu_L}\nu_L^C + h.c.$$

• The charged current interactions of leptons are not diagonal (same as quarks)

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Neutrino Mass Scale

Single β decay : Dirac or Majorana ν mass modify spectrum endpoint

$$m_{\nu_e}^2 = \sum m_j^2 |U_{ej}|^2 = c_{13}^2 c_{12}^2 m_1^2 + c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 m_2^2 + s_{13}^2 m_3^2$$

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Backup Slides (Neutrinoless double beta decay)

Experimental Limits

Isotope	0vββ half life	Experiment	<m> eV</m>
⁴⁸ Ca	> 1.4*10 ²² (90%CL)	ELEGANT-VI	< 7 - 44
⁷⁶ Ge	> 1.9*10 ²⁵ (90%CL)	Heidelberg-Moscow	< 0.35
⁷⁶ Ge	2230+440 ₋₃₁₀ (90%CL)	Subset of HM coll.	0.32 +/- 0.03
⁷⁶ Ge	> 2.1*10 ²⁵ (90%CL)	GERDA [†]	< 0.2 - 0.4
⁸² Se	> 2.1*10 ²³ (90%CL)	NEMO-3	<1.2 - 3.2
¹⁰⁰ Mo	> 5.8*10 ²³ (90%CL)	NEMO-3	< 0.6 - 2.7
¹¹⁶ Cd	> 1.7*10 ²³ (90%CL)	Solotvino	< 1.7
¹³⁰ Te	> 2.8*10 ²⁴ (90%CL)	Cuoricino	< 0.41 - 0.98
¹³⁶ Xe	> 1.9*10 ²⁵ (90%CL)	KamLAND-Zen ^{††}	< 0.12 - 0.25
¹³⁶ Xe	> 1.6×10 ²⁵ (90%CL)	EXO-200 ^{†††}	< 0.14 - 0.38
¹⁵⁰ Nd	> 1.8*10 ²² (90%CL)	NEMO-3	

Courtesy to Liang Yang

[F. Avignone, S. Elliot, J. Engel, arXiv:0708: 1033v2 (2007)]

† [GERDA Collaboration, arXiv:1307.4720 (2013]

†† [KamLAND-Zen Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 062502(2013)]

††† [EXO Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett.109, 0322505 (2012)]

New results within the last year!

Backup Slides (Neutrino Mass)

Experimental Sensitivity to Neutrino Mass

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Backup Slides (See-Saw & Neutrino Mass)

Mass matrix for one family of ordinary and heavy r.h. neutrinos

$$(\overline{\nu}_L, \overline{N}_R) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & m_D \\ m_D & \mathbf{M} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ N_R \end{pmatrix}$$

Diagonalization

$$(\overline{\nu}_L, \overline{N}_R) \begin{pmatrix} m_D^2/M & 0\\ 0 & M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L\\ N_R \end{pmatrix}$$

One light and one heavy Majorana neutrino

Courtesy to George Raffelt