Accelerator-based Neutrino Physics



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4.1 Remaining question in neutrino oscillation physics

What have we learned so far?

- More than 50 years of neutrino experiments have established a "standard model" for neutrinos
 - Neutrino oscillations have been established
 - Neutrinos have mass: so far only measured the Δm_{ii}^2
 - We have established neutrino mixing and the parameters of the Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (PMNS) matrix:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$, and $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$

- We would like to achieve similar level of precision to the quark sector (CKM matrix) on the mixing parameters
- We also want to determine CP violation and the phase δ

What have we learned so far?



Neutrino oscillations in vacuum

• Oscillations of three neutrino families, if: $|\Delta m_{12}^2| << |\Delta m_{23}^2|$, $|\Delta m_{13}^2| \approx |\Delta m_{23}^2|$

$$P_{v_{e^{v}\mu}(\bar{v}_{e}\bar{v}_{\mu})}(x) = s_{23}^{2}\sin^{2}2\theta_{13}\sin^{2}\left[\frac{\Delta m_{13}^{2}}{4E}x\right]$$
$$P_{v_{e^{v}\tau}(\bar{v}_{e}\bar{v}_{\tau})}(x) = c_{23}^{2}\sin^{2}2\theta_{13}\sin^{2}\left[\frac{\Delta m_{13}^{2}}{4E}x\right]$$
$$P_{v_{\mu^{v}\tau}(\bar{v}_{\mu}\bar{v}_{\tau})}(x) = c_{13}^{4}\sin^{2}2\theta_{23}\sin^{2}\left[\frac{\Delta m_{13}^{2}}{4E}x\right]$$

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with $\begin{aligned} s_{ij} &= \sin \theta_{ij} \\ c_{ij} &= \cos \theta_{ij} \end{aligned}$

• Oscillations, if $\left|\Delta m_{12}^2\right|$ not negligible:

$$\begin{split} P_{\nu_{e}\nu_{\mu}(\overline{\nu_{e}}\overline{\nu_{\mu}})}(x) &= s_{23}^{2}\sin^{2}2\theta_{13}\sin^{2}\left[\frac{\Delta m_{13}^{2}}{4E}x\right] + c_{23}^{2}\sin^{2}2\theta_{12}\sin^{2}\left[\frac{\Delta m_{12}^{2}}{4E}x\right] + \\ &+ \widetilde{J}\cos\left[\pm\delta-\frac{\Delta m_{13}^{2}}{4E}x\right]\left(\frac{\Delta m_{12}^{2}}{4E}x\right)\sin\left[\frac{\Delta m_{13}^{2}}{4E}x\right] \begin{array}{c} \text{where } \pm \text{ is for } \nu,\overline{\nu} \\ \widetilde{J} &\equiv c_{13}\sin2\theta_{12}\sin2\theta_{23}\sin2\theta_{13} \\ \text{ (Jarlskog coefficient for CP violation)} \end{array}$$

Oscillations in matter (MSW effect)

- Matter oscillations for two neutrinos (MSW effect):
 - In vacuum:

$$P_{v_{e^{v_{\mu}}}}(x) = \left| \left\langle v_{\mu} \left| v_{e}(x) \right\rangle \right|^{2} = \sin^{2} 2\theta_{12} \sin^{2} \left[\frac{\Delta m_{12}^{2}}{4E} x \right] = \sin^{2} 2\theta_{12} \sin^{2} \left[\pi \frac{x}{L_{12}} \right]$$

• In matter:

$$P_{v_e v_\mu}(x) = \left| \left\langle v_\mu \left| v_e(x) \right\rangle \right|^2 = \sin^2 2\theta_M \sin^2 \left[\frac{\Delta \tilde{m}_{12}^2}{4E} x \right] = \sin^2 2\theta_M \sin^2 \left[\pi \frac{x}{L_M} \right]$$

Due to CC interactions of v_e with electrons in matter: $A = 2E\sqrt{2}G_F n_e$

A new effective mixing angle in matter arises: $\tan 2\theta_M = \frac{\Delta m_{12}^2 \sin 2\theta_{12}}{\Delta m_{12}^2 \cos 2\theta_{12} - A}$ with new effective mass eigenstates:

$$\tilde{m}_{1,2}^{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(m_{1}^{2} + m_{2}^{2} + A \right) \mp \sqrt{\left(\Delta m_{12}^{2} \cos 2\theta_{12} - A \right)^{2} + \Delta m_{12}^{4} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{12}} \right)$$
At resonance $A = \Delta m_{12}^{2} \cos 2\theta_{12}$ mixing can be maximal: $\theta_{M} = \pi/4$
Oscillation length: $L_{M} = L_{12} \frac{\Delta m_{12}^{2}}{\sqrt{\left(\Delta m_{12}^{2} \cos 2\theta_{12} - A \right)^{2} + \Delta m_{12}^{4} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{12}}} \approx \frac{L_{12}}{\sin 2\theta_{12}}$
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4.2 Conventional accelerator-based Super Beam experiments

Super beams

- Super beams are defined as conventional neutrino beams but with target powers that exceed 1 MW
- The EUROnu project studied and compared the performance of three types of future neutrino facilities
 - A Super Beam from CERN to a water Cherenkov detector established in the Frejus tunnel in France
 - A Beta Beam facility at CERN, also pointing to Frejus
 - A Neutrino Factory facility
- The EUROnu project studied the CERN to Frejus facility Phys.Rev. STAB 16, 021002 (2013)

CERN-Frejus Super Beam

- Based on CERN Superconducting Proton Linac (SPL) design: 4-5 GeV protons, with 4 MW power
- Split power into four 1 MW Ti pebble bed target stations with 4 horns

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MEMPHYS

- The detector proposed in Frejus is a Megaton Mass Physics (MEMPHYS) water Cherenkov detector: two modules 103 m depth, 65 m diameter – 572 kton
- 120,000 12" PMTs per module
- Coverage of δ_{CP} :





Hyper-Kamiokande



Hyper-Kamiokande

Tokai to Hyper-Kamiokande: 295 km baseline at 2.5° off-axis

- Measure $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillations:



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Mass hierarchy and θ_{23} octant with >3 σ Accelerator-based Neutrinos, Paul Soler

- Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment (LBNE): Fermilab-Sanford Lab, SD (formerly Homestake or DUSEL)
 - CD0 approval Jan 2010 1300 km



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- Wide band beam: multiple oscillation maxima ν_{e} appearance
- Far detect: 34 kton Liquid Argon TPC
- Fine grained near detector







- For cost reasons, needs to be staged: 10 kton Liquid Argon
- Measure $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillations: goal is mass hierarchy and CP

10 kt:	Signal Events	Background Events				
	ν_e	$ u_{\mu} \text{ NC} $	ν_{μ} CC	ν_e Beam	$ u_{ au}$ CC	Total
Neutrino Normal Hierarchy	222	19	24	42	14	99
Neutrino Inverted Hierarchy	98	19	23	44	15	100
Anti-neutrino Normal Hierarchy	54	11	11	23	9	54
Anti-neutrino Inverted Hierarchy	80	11	11	23	9	54

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LBNO in Europe

- Similar to LBNE, with 20-100 kton Liquid Argon and Magnetised Iron Neutrino Detector (MIND) for muon catcher
- CERN-Pyhasalmi (Finland): 2300 km
- Near detector: high pressure gas LAr TPC





LBNO in Europe

Mass hierarchy and CP violation sensitivity of LBNO



4.2 Beta Beam experiments: beams from the decay of radioactive isotopes

Beta beam

 Beta beam: beta decay of accelerated radioactive nuclei (P. Zucchelli, Phys. Lett. B, 532 (2002), 166-172.)

- He-6 for antineutrino production: $\gamma \sim 100 \ {}_{2}^{6}He \rightarrow {}_{3}^{6}Li + e^{-} + \overline{v}_{e} \quad \overline{v}_{e} \leftrightarrow \overline{v}_{\mu}$

 $^{18}_{10}Ne \rightarrow ^{18}_{9}F + e^+ + v_e \qquad v_e \leftrightarrow v_\mu$

- Ne-18 for neutrino production: $\gamma \sim 60$



Beta beam

New beta beam study during EUROnu study

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Beta beam

- Use the 572 kton MEMPHYS water Cherenkov at Frejus
- Coverage of δ_{CP} :



Performance improves by comlementing with Super Beam data: neutrino factory (LENF) has best sensitivity
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4.4 nuSTORM: neutrinos from stored muons

- First mini-Neutrino Factory could be nuSTORM (Neutrinos from Stored Muons) 3.8 GeV muons
- Physics goals: sterile neutrino search, cross-section measurement and R&D for Neutrino Factory, facility where a 6D ionization cooling experiment could be carried out for muon collider
- Letter of Intent and Proposal to Fermilab, Expression of Interest to CERN – received first stage approval in June



- Magnetised iron (Super BIND) far detector
- Scintillator-iron calorimeter
- Far detector: 1.3 kton at 2 km
- Near detector: 200 ton
- Magnetic field: 1.5-2.6 T
- Current = 240 kA by STL





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(b)Disappearance efficiencies



4.5 Neutrino Factory: the ultimate neutrino facility

Neutrino Factory

- Neutrino Factories produce neutrinos from muon decays in a storage ring.
- Rate calculable by kinematics of decay (Michel spectrum)

$$\mu^{+} \rightarrow e^{+} + \overline{\nu}_{\mu} + \nu_{e}$$
$$\mu^{-} \rightarrow e^{-} + \nu_{\mu} + \overline{\nu}_{e}$$

• For example, if μ^+ accelerated to 25 GeV:



- Defines detector requirements:
 - Since muon and electron neutrino and anti-neutrino species are produced simultaneously we need to determine the charge and lepton identity to separate from background → Magnetic detectors.

International Design Study

- International Design Study for a Neutrino Factory (IDS-NF)
 - Principal objective: deliver Reference Design Report by 2013
 - Physics performance of the Neutrino Factory
 - Specification of each of the accelerator, diagnostic, and detector systems that make up the facility
 - Schedule and cost of the Neutrino Factory accelerator, diagnostics, and detector systems.
 - Co-sponsored by EU through EUROnu 🔣



- Web site: https://www.ids-nf.org/wiki/FrontPage
- Interim Design Report: IDS-NF-020 arXiv:1112.2853 delivered 2011
- Reference Design Report that itemises facility, accelerator and detector performance and physics reach will be published by the end of the year

Neutrino Factory

- Before θ₁₃ discovery, baseline design for a Neutrino Factory had two storage rings and energy was 25 GeV
- Two different detectors at two different baselines to reduce ambiguities in θ_{13} vs δ fits
- One baseline was ~3000 km and the other was ~7500 km (magic baseline).



Neutrino Factory Baseline



Baseline reviewed last year: from 25 GeV to 10 GeV muons and only one storage ring with detector at ~2000 km, due to large θ_{13} results

Magnetised Iron Neutrino
 Detector (MIND):

100 kton at ~2000 km



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For large θ_{13} : Energy 10 GeV, Baseline ~2000 km

Neutrino Factory Baseline

- Proton driver
 - Proton beam ~8 GeV on target
- Target, capture and decay
 - Create π , decay into μ (MERIT)
- Bunching and phase rotation
 - Reduce ΔE of bunch
- Cooling
 - Reduce transverse emittance (MICE)
- Acceleration
 - 120 MeV→ 10 GeV with RLAs or additional FFAG (EMMA)
- Decay ring
 - Store for ~100 turns
 - Long straight sections



Optimum energy proton driver

- Optimum beam energy Adopted $10 \pm 5 \, GeV$
 - Depends on choice of target
 - Optimum energy for high-Z targets around 8 GeV
 - Results validated by HARP hadron production experiment



Target R&D: MERIT

MERIT experiment tested Hg jet in 15-T solenoid

- 24 GeV proton beam from CERN PS
 - Ran Autumn 2007







15-T solenoid during tests at MIT

MERIT experiment showed proof-ofprinciple of Hg jet system in magnetic field – rated up to 8 MW

MERIT and Target

Results MERIT:

Hg jet target operated at 8 MW in 15 T magnetic field with v=15 m/s



Had to increase radiation shielding in solenoid surrounding



Muon Front End

- Adiabatic B-field taper from Hg target to longitudinal drift
- Drift in ~1.5 T, ~100 m solenoid
- Adiabatically bring on RF voltage to bunch beam
- Phase rotation using variable frequencies
 - High energy front sees -ve E-field
 - Low energy tail sees +ve E-field
 - End up with smaller energy spread
- Ionisation Cooling
 - Try to reduce transverse beam size
 - Prototyped by MICE





design, engineer, and build a section of cooling channel

- measure performance under different beam conditions
- show that design tools (simulation codes) agree with experiment
- demonstrate operation LH₂ close to high gradient RF in high B fields
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Acceleration

Redefined baseline after moving to 10 GeV (IDR: 25 GeV)

One possibility: Recirculating Linear Accelerators (RLA) up to 10 GeV
 0.8 GeV



 Another possibility, Fixed Field Alternating Gradient (FFAG): LINAC up to 1.2 GeV, RLA up to 5.0 GeV and FFAG from 5.0 –10.0 GeV



EMMA: first demonstation of non-scaling FFAG with electrons



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Decay Ring Geometry

- Racetrack geometry (469 m straight)
- Decay electron energy used to measure muon polarization -





ICHEP12, Melbourne: 7 July 2012

Detector concept and analysis

 Far detector searches for "wrong-sign" muons at Magnetised Iron Neutrino Detector (MIND)
 Hadron decay



• Efficiency 50-70%, background rejection $\sim 10^3$:



Performance 10 GeV Neutrino Factory

 Optimisation for 10 GeV Neutrino Factory with 100 kton MIND at 2000 km gives best sensitivity to CP violation, even at latest value of sin²20₁₃~0.09
 arXiv:1203.5651



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Conclusions

- Neutrino oscillations so far explains all the atmospheric, solar and long baseline neutrino data
- After discovery of θ_{13} , the mass hierarchy, the θ_{23} octant and CP violation remain the main unanswered questions in neutrino oscillation experiments
- This opens up the possibility of new long baseline experiments that may discover CP violation
- Next generation accelerator experiments: T2K, NOvA
- Future proposals: LBNE, Hyperkamiokande, Beta Beam, Neutrino Factory?
- Short baseline data is still in conflict: LSND and MiniBoone results not clarified yet
- nuSTORM offers best prospects for light sterile neutrino search