Neutrino Physics

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Lecture A: Neutrino's history and lepton family

Lecture B: Neutrino masses and flavor mixing

Lecture C: Neutrino oscillation phenomenology

Lecture D: Selected topics on cosmic neutrinos

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What is v-oscillation?

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Oscillation — a spontaneous periodic change from one neutrino flavor state to another, is a spectacular quantum phenomenon. It can occur as a natural consequence of neutrino mixing.

In a neutrino oscillation experiment, the neutrino beam is produced and detected via the weak charged-current interactions.



How to calculate?

Boris Kayser (hep-ph/0506165): This change of neutrino flavor is a quintessentially quantum-mechanical effect. Indeed, it entails some quantum-mechanical subtleties that are still debated to this day. However, there is little debate about the "bottom line" ------ the expression for the flavor-change probability.....

Typical References:

 Giunti, Kim, "Fundamentals of Neutrino Physics and Astrophysics" (2007)

Cohen, Glashow, Ligeti: "Disentangling Neutrino Oscillations" (0810.4602)

Akhmedov, Smirnov: "Paradoxes of Neutrino Oscillations" (0905.1903)

Our strategy: follow the simplest way (which is conceptually ill) to derive the "bottom line" of neutrino oscillations: the leading-order formula of neutrino oscillations in phenomenology.



Lecture C

Neutrino oscillation descriptions Neutrino oscillation experiments What are known and unknown?



Steven Weinberg (2003):

It is to forgive yourself for wasting time. In the real world, it's very hard to know which problems are important, and you never know whether at a given moment in history a problem is solvable.

If you want to be creative, then you will have to get used to spending most of your time not being creative.

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For simplicity, we consider two-flavor neutrino mixing and oscillation:



2-flavor oscillation (2) ⁶

The oscillation probability for appearance v experiments:

$$P\left(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}\right) = \left| \left\langle \nu_{e} | \nu_{\mu}(t) \right\rangle \right|^{2} = \left| \left(\cos \theta \left\langle \nu_{1} | + \sin \theta \left\langle \nu_{2} | \right) \left(-\sin \theta | \nu_{1} \right\rangle + \cos \theta e^{-i\Delta E t} | \nu_{2} \right\rangle \right) \right|^{2}$$
$$= \left| \sin \theta \cos \theta \left(1 - e^{-i\Delta E t} \right) \right|^{2} = 2 \left(\sin \theta \cos \theta \right)^{2} \left(1 - \cos \frac{\Delta m^{2} t}{2E} \right)$$
$$= \sin^{2} 2\theta \sin^{2} \frac{\Delta m^{2} L}{4E}$$

The conversion and survival probabilities in realistic units:

$$P\left(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}\right) = \sin^{2} 2\theta \sin^{2} \frac{1.27\Delta m^{2}L}{E}$$
$$P\left(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{\mu}\right) = 1 - \sin^{2} 2\theta \sin^{2} \frac{1.27\Delta m^{2}L}{E}$$

Due to the smallness of (1,3) mixing, both solar & atmospheric neutrino oscillations are roughly the 2-flavor oscillation.

 Δm^2 in unit of eV^2 , L in unit of km, E in unit of GeV

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Exercise: why 1.27 ?

		Natural units	Realistic units				
	Phase factors	$\exp\left(-iE_{1,2}t\right)$	$\exp\left(-i\frac{E_{1,2}}{\hbar}t\right)$				
	Energies and momentum	$E_{1,2} = \sqrt{p^2 + m_{1,2}^2}$	$E_{1,2} = \sqrt{p^2 c^2 + m_{1,2}^2 c^4}$				
	Energy difference	$\Delta E = \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E}$	$\Delta E = \frac{\Delta m^2 c^3}{2p} = \frac{\Delta m^2 c^4}{2E}$				
	Time and distance	t = L	$t = \frac{L}{c}$				
	Oscillation argument	$\frac{1}{2}\Delta Et = \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}$	$\frac{1}{2}\frac{\Delta E}{\hbar}t = \frac{c^3}{\hbar} \cdot \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}$				
с : ћ	$= 2.998 \times 10^{5} \text{ km s}^{-1}$ $= 6.582 \times 10^{-25} \text{ GeV s}$	$\frac{c^3}{4\hbar} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4\times 0.1}$	$\frac{1}{1973} = 1.267 \approx 1.27$				
$c = 1 \implies \hbar = 6.582 \times 10^{-25} \text{ GeV} \times 2.998 \times 10^5 \text{ km}$							
$=1.973 \times 10^{-19} \text{ GeV km} = 0.1973 \text{ eV}^2 \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ km}$							

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Production and detection of a neutrino beam by CC weak interactions:



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The formula of three-flavor oscillation probability with CP/T violation:

$$P\left(\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} \left|V_{\alpha i}^{*}V_{\beta i}\right|^{2} + 2\sum_{i < j}^{3} \operatorname{Re}\left(V_{\alpha i}^{*}V_{\beta i}V_{\alpha j}V_{\beta j}^{*}\right) \cos\frac{\Delta m_{j i}^{2}L}{2E} - 2\sum_{i < j}^{3} \operatorname{Im}\left(V_{\alpha i}^{*}V_{\beta i}V_{\alpha j}V_{\beta j}^{*}\right) \sin\frac{\Delta m_{j i}^{2}L}{2E} = \sum_{i=1}^{3} \left|V_{\alpha i}^{*}V_{\beta i}\right|^{2} + 2\sum_{i < j}^{3} \operatorname{Re}\left(V_{\alpha i}^{*}V_{\beta i}V_{\alpha j}V_{\beta j}^{*}\right) - 4\sum_{i < j}^{3} \operatorname{Re}\left(V_{\alpha i}^{*}V_{\beta i}V_{\alpha j}V_{\beta j}^{*}\right) \sin^{2}\frac{\Delta m_{j i}^{2}L}{4E} - 2\sum_{i < j}^{3} \operatorname{Im}\left(V_{\alpha i}^{*}V_{\beta i}V_{\alpha j}V_{\beta j}^{*}\right) \sin\frac{\Delta m_{j i}^{2}L}{2E} = \left|\sum_{i=1}^{3} V_{\alpha i}^{*}V_{\beta i}\right|^{2} - 4\sum_{i < j}^{3} \operatorname{Re}\left(V_{\alpha i}V_{\beta j}V_{\alpha j}^{*}V_{\beta i}^{*}\right) \sin^{2}\frac{\Delta m_{j i}^{2}L}{4E} + 2\sum_{i < j}^{3} \operatorname{Im}\left(V_{\alpha i}V_{\beta j}V_{\alpha j}^{*}V_{\beta i}^{*}\right) \sin\frac{\Delta m_{j i}^{2}L}{2E} \right|$$

$$= \left|\sum_{i=1}^{3} V_{\alpha i}^{*}V_{\beta i}\right|^{2} - 4\sum_{i < j}^{3} \operatorname{Re}\left(V_{\alpha i}V_{\beta j}V_{\alpha j}^{*}V_{\beta i}^{*}\right) \sin\frac{\Delta m_{j i}^{2}L}{2E} \right|$$

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$$= \left|\sum_{i=1}^{3} V_{\alpha i}^{*}V_{\beta i}\right|^{2} - 4\sum_{i < j}^{3} \operatorname{Im}\left(V_{\alpha i}V_{\beta j}V_{\alpha j}^{*}V_{\beta i}^{*}\right) \sin\frac{\Delta m_{j i}^{2}L}{2E} \right|$$

$$= \left|\sum_{i=1}^{3} V_{\alpha i}^{*}V_{\beta i}\right|^{2} = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\operatorname{Im}\left(V_{\alpha i}V_{\beta j}V_{\alpha j}^{*}V_{\beta i}^{*}\right) = \mathcal{J}\sum_{\gamma,k}\left(\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma}\epsilon_{ijk}\right) \right|$$

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The **final** formula of 3-flavor oscillation probabilities with CP violation:

$$P\left(\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}\right) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4\sum_{i$$

$$2\sum_{i

$$= +2\mathcal{J} \sum_{\gamma} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \left(\sin \frac{\Delta m_{21}^{2} L}{2E} - \sin \frac{\Delta m_{31}^{2} L}{2E} + \sin \frac{\Delta m_{32}^{2} L}{2E} \right)$$

$$= -2\mathcal{J} \sum_{\gamma} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \left(\sin \frac{\Delta m_{12}^{2} L}{2E} + \sin \frac{\Delta m_{23}^{2} L}{2E} + \sin \frac{\Delta m_{31}^{2} L}{2E} \right)$$

$$= +8\mathcal{J} \sum_{\gamma} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{12}^{2} L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{23}^{2} L}{4E} \sin \frac{\Delta m_{31}^{2} L}{4E}$$$$

NOTE: If you have seen a different sign in front of the CP-violating part in a lot of literature, it most likely means that a complex conjugation of \checkmark in the production point of neutrino beam was not properly taken into account.

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We discuss the possibility of CP or T violation in neutrino oscillation CP requires $v_{\mu} \leftrightarrow v_{e}$ and $\bar{v}_{\mu} \leftrightarrow \bar{v}_{e}$ oscillations to be equal Time reversal invariance requires the oscillation probability to be an even function of time Both conditions can be violated, even drastically, if more than two neutrinos exist



Tri-maximal neutrino mixing + maximal CP violation:

$$A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & a^* \\ 1 & a^* & a \end{pmatrix}, \quad a = \exp[2\pi 1/3]$$

CP and T violation

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Under CPT invariance, CP- and T-violating asymmetries are identical:

$$P\left(\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}\right) - P\left(\overline{\nu}_{\alpha} \to \overline{\nu}_{\beta}\right) = P\left(\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}\right) - P\left(\nu_{\beta} \to \nu_{\alpha}\right)$$
$$= 16\mathcal{J}\sum_{\gamma} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \sin\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \sin\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \sin\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E}$$

Comments: \star CP / T violation cannot show up in the disappearance neutrino oscillation experiments ($\alpha = \beta$);

CP / **T** violation is a small three-family flavor effect;

★ CP / T violation in normal lepton-number-conserving neutrino oscillations depends only upon the Dirac phase of V; hence such oscillation experiments cannot tell us whether neutrinos are Dirac or Majorana particles.

 $J = \sin\theta_{12} \cos\theta_{12} \sin\theta_{23} \cos\theta_{23} \sin\theta_{13} \cos^2\theta_{13} \sin\delta \le 1/6\sqrt{3} \approx 9.6\%$

What's matter effect?

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When light travels through a medium, it sees a refractive index due to coherent forward scattering from the constituents of the medium.

A similar phenomenon applies to neutrino flavor states as they travel through matter. All flavor states see a common refractive index from NC forward scattering, and the electron (anti) neutrino sees an extra refractive index due to CC forward scattering in matter.



Matter matters

In travelling a distance, each neutrino flavor state develops a "matter" phase due to the refractive index. The overall NC-induced phase is trivial, while the relative CC-induced phase may change the behaviors of neutrino oscillations: matter effects — L. Wolfenstein (1978)

$$v_e : \exp[ipx(n_{nc} + n_{cc} - 1)]$$

$$v_{\mu} : \exp[ipx(n_{nc} - 1)]$$

$$v_{\tau} : \exp[ipx(n_{nc} - 1)]$$

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Matter effect inside the Sun can enhance the solar neutrino oscillation (S.P. Mikheyev and A.Yu. Smirnov 1985 — MSW effect); matter effect inside the Earth may cause a day-night effect. Note that matter effect in long-baseline experiments might result in fake CP-violating effects.

MSW resonance

Neutrino oscillation in matter:



$$\begin{split} P(\nu_e \to \nu_\mu)_{\rm v} &= \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{1.27\Delta m^2 L}{E} \right) \\ P(\nu_e \to \nu_\mu)_{\rm m} &= \sin^2 2\tilde{\theta} \sin^2 \left(\frac{1.27\Delta \tilde{m}^2 L}{E} \right) \end{split}$$

The matter density changes for solar neutrinos to travel from the core to the surface

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$$\begin{pmatrix} |\nu_e\rangle\\ |\nu_{\mu}\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\tilde{\theta} & \sin\tilde{\theta}\\ -\sin\tilde{\theta} & \cos\tilde{\theta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |\tilde{\nu}_1\rangle\\ |\tilde{\nu}_2\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

1968: solar neutrinos 17





Ray Davis made the first observation of a solar neutrino shortfall (compared to John Bahcall's prediction for the v-flux) at the Homestake Mine in 1968.

The simplest solution to this problem is **neutrino oscillation!**

Energy spectrum

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MSW solution

In the two-flavor approximation:



Be-7 v's: $E \sim 0.862$ MeV. The vacuum term is dominant. The survival probability on the earth is (for theta_12 ~ 34°):

$$\begin{array}{rcl} P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) &\approx & 1-\frac{1}{2}\sin^2 2\theta_{12} \\ &\sim & 0.56 \end{array}$$

 $N_e(0) \approx 6 \times 10^{25} \ {\rm cm}^{-3}$

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B-8 v's: $E \sim 6$ to 7 MeV. The matter term is dominant. The produced v is roughly v_e ~ v_2 (for V>0). The v-propagation from the center to the outer edge of the Sun is approximately adiabatic. That is why it keeps to be v_2 on the way to the surface (for theta_12 ~ 34°):

 $|\nu_2\rangle \approx \sin \theta_{12} |\nu_e\rangle + \cos \theta_{12} |\nu_\mu\rangle$

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) = |\langle \nu_e | \nu_2 \rangle|^2 = \sin^2 \theta_{12} \approx 0.32$$

1998: atmospheric v's 20

Atmospheric muon neutrino deficit was firmly established at Super-Kamiokande (Y. Totsuka & T. Kajita 1998).











Zenith angle distributions



2001: solar neutrinos

The heavy water Cherenkov detector at SNO confirmed the solar neutrino flavor conversion (A.B. McDonald 2001)





The Salient features:

Boron-8 *e*-neutrinos

Flux and spectrum

Deuteron as target

3 types of processes

Model-independent

At Super-Kamiokande only elastic scattering can happen between solar neutrinos & the ordinary water.



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Nobel Prize in 2002



The Nobel Prize in Physics 2002

"for pioneering contributions to astrophysics, in particular for the detection of cosmic neutrinos"

55-88-92 A lesson? "for pioneering contributions to astrophysics, which have led to the discovery of cosmic X-ray sources"



Raymond Davis Jr.

● 1/4 of the prize USA



Masatoshi Koshiba

• 1/4 of the prize Japan



Riccardo Giacconi 0_1/2 of the

prize USA **M. Koshiba:** the first detection of Supernova neutrinos in 1987.



2002: KamLAND



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> Atsuto Suzuki Director General

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2003: K2K



2006: MINOS



2011: T2K

T2K (Tokai-to-Kamioka) experiment



arXiv:1106.2822 [hep-ex] 14 June 2011 Hint for unsuppressed theta(13) !

★ Discovery of $V_{\mu} \rightarrow V_{e}$ oscillation (V_{e} appearance)

\star Precision measurement of v_{μ} disappearance

T2K Main Goals:



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T. Nakaya (Neutrino 2012) Allowed Region (constant χ^2 method)

 $P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) = \sin^{2}\theta_{23}\sin^{2}2\theta_{13}\sin^{2}(1.27\Delta m_{32}^{2}L/E) + CPV + matter \ effect. + \dots$



 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.128 + 0.070 \otimes \delta_{CP} = 0$

 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.104 + 0.060 \otimes \delta_{CP} = 0$

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2012: Daya Bay



The Daya Bay Experiment



Daya Bay

Ling Ao I + II

6 commercial reactor cores with 17.4 GW_{th} total power.

6 Antineutrino Detectors (ADs) give 120 tons total target mass.

Via GPS and modern theodolites, relative detector-core positions known to 3 cm.



DYB: 2012.3.8



DYB: 2012.10.23

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Improved measurement of electron antineutrino disappearance at Daya Bay^{*}

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益川敏英教授本人在得知自己获得了诺贝尔奖之后强调,"拥有 一份主要由日本人经营的世界级的学术期刊,对于来自日本以外的关 于日本本土的学术研究的客观评价来说是极其重要的。"这句话对于 盲目追求论文发表率和 SCI 期刊影响因子的中国学术界而言,无疑是 值得深思的真知灼见。

Daya Bay: v oscillation



Where to go: half to anti- μ flavor, half to anti- τ flavor.

3-flavor global fit

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z-Garcia

M.C. Gonzalez-Garcia (Talk at TAUP 2013, September 2013).

Flavour Parameters: Present Status 1σ (3σ):

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.45 \pm 0.18 \ \binom{+0.60}{-0.46} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \quad \theta_{12} = 33.5^{\circ} \binom{+0.8}{-0.7} \ \binom{+2.5}{-2.1}$$

$$\Delta m_{31}^2(N) = 2.42^{+0.06}_{-0.06} \ \binom{+0.21}{-0.18} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \qquad \theta_{23} = \begin{cases} (N) \ 41.8^{\circ} \binom{+9.2^{\circ}}{-1.85^{\circ}} \ \binom{+12.8^{\circ}}{-4.8^{\circ}} \\ (I) \ 50.2^{\circ} \binom{+1.7^{\circ}}{-2.5^{\circ}} \ \binom{+4.3^{\circ}}{-12.6^{\circ}} \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta m_{32}^2|(I) = 2.42^{+0.07}_{-0.05} \ \binom{+0.19}{-0.18} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \qquad \theta_{13} = 8.7^{\circ} \binom{+0.47}{-0.36} \ \binom{+1.3^{\circ}}{-1.3^{\circ}} \end{cases}$$
Normal: m1 < m2 < m3 ?
$$\delta_{CP} = \begin{cases} (N) \ 315^{\circ} \binom{+36^{\circ}}{-34^{\circ}} \ \binom{+45^{\circ}}{-315^{\circ}} \\ (I) \ 270^{\circ} \binom{+50^{\circ}}{-68^{\circ}} \ \binom{+90^{\circ}}{-270^{\circ}} \end{cases}$$

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

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Flavor hierarchy + Flavor desert puzzles: 12 free (mass) parameters. In the quark sector, why is the up quark lighter than the down quark?

Flavor puzzles

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Two strategies

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Strategy (A): flavor mixing angles depend on mass ratios.

Texture zeros

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Example: 15 two-zero textures of the Majorana neutrino mass matrix.

Pattern	Texture of M_{ν}	The scales of neutrino masses	Frampton, Glashow, Marfatia:	
A ₁	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \end{pmatrix}$	$m_3\approx \sqrt{\Delta m^2}, \langle m\rangle_{ee}=0$	hep-ph/0201008	8
A_2	$ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \times \\ 0 \\ \times \\ 0 \\ \times \\ \end{pmatrix} $	$m_3\approx \sqrt{\Delta m^2}, \langle m\rangle_{ee}=0$	(02 Jan 2002) Phys. Lett. B 536	1251
В ₁	$\begin{pmatrix} \times & \times & 0 \\ \times & 0 & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times \end{pmatrix}$	$m_3 pprox \sqrt{rac{\Delta m^2}{1- an^4 heta_{23}}} \;, \;\; \langle m angle_{ee} pprox m_3 an^2 heta_{23}$	(2002) 79 30 May 2002	~250 citations
B_2	$\begin{pmatrix} \times & 0 & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & 0 \end{pmatrix}$		doing resea	rch is a fun
B_3	$\begin{pmatrix} \times & 0 & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \end{pmatrix}$	Co Jack	Xing: hep-ph/0201151	
B_4	$\begin{pmatrix} \times \times & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & 0 \end{pmatrix}$		(17 Jan 2002) Phys. Lett. B 530	
С	$\begin{pmatrix} \times & \times & \times \\ \times & 0 & \times \\ \times & \times & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	笑星	(2002) 159	K
	$(\times \times 0)$	Frampion	28 March 2002	~150 citations

Roman **v** mass ordering **Mythology** INO **Accelerator/atmospheric:** matter effects $\Delta m_{31}^2 - 2\sqrt{2}G_{\rm F}N_{\rho}E$ θ_{23} JUPITER 亲,我俩都姓朱耶! **Reactor (JUNO):** Optimum baseline at the valley of Δm_{21}^2 oscillations, corrected by the fine structure of Δm_{31}^2 oscillations. 60 km $\Delta_{ji} \equiv \Delta m_{ji}^2 L / (4E)$ 江门实验原理 **Daya Bay** JUNO 1.4 Near Site Arbitrary unit 0.6 ····· Non oscillation 1.2 Far Site $- \theta_{12}$ oscillation 0.5 Normal hierarchy 1.0 Inverted hierarchy Nobs/Nexp 0.8 0.4 ILL **Fine structure** Savannah River 0.6 Bugey 0.3 KamL $\Delta_* \equiv \Delta_{31} + \Delta_{32}$ Rovno 0.4 Goesgen 0.2 Krasnoyark 0.2 Palo Verde **KamLAND** Chooz 0.1 0.0 10^{3} 10^{4} 10^{5} 10^{1} 10^{2} 10 15 2025 30 L/E (km/MeV) Distance to Reactor (m)

 $P(\overline{\nu}_e \to \overline{\nu}_e) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 \Delta_{21} - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left[1 - \cos \Delta_* \cos \Delta_{21} + \cos 2\theta_{12} \sin \Delta_* \sin \Delta_{21}\right]$

An official paper





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Unambiguous determination of the neutrino mass hierarchy using reactor neutrinos

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Determination of the neutrino mass hierarchy in a reactor neutrino experiment at the medium baseline is discussed. Observation of the interference effects between the Δm_{31}^2 and Δm_{32}^2 oscillations enables a relative measurement independent of the knowledge of the absolute mass-squared difference. With a 20 kton liquid scintillator detector of the $3\%/\sqrt{E \text{ (MeV)}}$ energy resolution, the Daya Bay II experiment at a baseline of ~50 km from reactors of total thermal power 36 GW can determine the mass hierarchy at a confidence level of $\Delta \chi^2_{\text{MH}} \sim (10 \div 12) (3 \div 3.5\sigma)$ in six years after taking into account the real spatial distribution of reactor cores. We show that the unknown residual energy nonlinearity of the liquid scintillator detector has limited impact on the sensitivity due to the self-calibration of small oscillation peaks. Furthermore, an extra increase of $\Delta \chi^2_{\text{MH}} \simeq 4(9)$ can be obtained, by including the precise measurement of the effective mass-squared difference $\Delta m^2_{\mu\mu}$ of expected relative error 1.5% (1%) from ongoing long-baseline muon neutrino disappearance experiments. The sensitivities from the interference and from absolute measurements can be cross-checked. When combining these two, the mass hierarchy can be determined at a confidence level of $\Delta \chi^2_{\text{MH}} \simeq (15 \div 20) (4\sigma)$ in six years.

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	大亚湾	惠州	陆丰	阳江	台山
状态	运行	计划	计划	建设中	建设中
功率/GW	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	18.4



Mixing + CP violation

Lepton flavor mixing pattern: Approximate μ - τ symmetry?





To determine the deviation of theta(23) from $\pi/4$, and to measure the Dirac phase.

μ-τ:
$$\left| U_{\mu i} \right| = \left| U_{\tau i} \right|$$

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MOMENT: a new idea



To JUNO detector (150 km)

MOMENT: beam study

MOMENT: a muon-decay medium-baseline neutrino beam facility

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Abstract: Neutrino beam with about 300 MeV in energy, high-flux and medium baseline is considered a rational choice for measuring CP violation before the more powerful Neutrino Factory to be built. Following this concept, a unique neutrino beam facility based on muon-decayed neutrinos is proposed. The facility adopts a continuous-wave proton linac of 1.5 GeV and 10 mA as the proton driver, which can deliver an extremely high beam power of 15 MW. Instead of pion-decayed neutrinos, unprecedentedly intense muon-decayed neutrinos are used for better background discrimination. The schematic design for the facility is presented here, including the proton driver, the assembly of a mercury-jet target and capture superconducting solenoids, a pion/muon beam transport line, a long muon decay channel of about 600 m and the detector concept. The physics prospects and the technical challenges are also discussed.

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★ from Daya Bay to JUNO and MOMENT. ★ Martinus Veltman: We go on until we go wrong!



SM + neutrinos are left with CP-violating phases

