Search for new physics with accelerator neutrino experiments

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#### Simulation of accelerator neutrino oscillations





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Survey of high-power accelerators around the world



- High-power proton accelerators are scarce resources and very expensive to construct.
- Should benefit as more as possible research fields
- Hundred-kW beams mostly available now, energy range from 0.5 to 450 GeV
- MW beams:
  - two in 1-1.5 MW in operation (PSI, SNS)
  - one to reach the design goal 1-MW (J-PARC/RCS)
  - one 5 MW under construction (ESS)
  - one to start construction soon (CiADS, 2.5 MW)
  - two to upgrade: 2.4 MW (FNAL/PIP-II), 1.3 MW (J-PARC/MR)

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# (Muon-decay MEdium baseline NeuTrino beam facility)

 MOMENT: the proposal is still in an early stage ; the details have not been completely fixed.

•Peak energy: 200 MeV Neutrino energy range: 100MeV—800MeV

> •The lower beam energy at ~ 300 MeV: free from pi0 background

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•Baseline: L=150 km
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In the MOMENT: the neutrino flux peak at low energies require a very massive detector to compensate the low interaction cross section





## Updates of CPV sensitivity



- Neutrino fluxes and detector info inherited from Miao He& Jiashu Lu
- Loss of CPV by a factor of 2 after including both systematic and statistic uncertainties
- All backgrounds highly suppressed, especially atmospheric bckgs!



- First physics study performed by Pilar, Matthias and Erique in arXiv:1511.02859
- NC-NSIs in matter considered by Pouya and Yasaman in arXiv: 1602.07099



# New physics beyond SM: new particles, new couplings, new phenomenon...

- Flavor violating interactions with neutrinos:  $\nu_{\alpha}f \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}f, l_{\alpha}^{-} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}e^{-}\bar{\nu}_{e}\cdots$
- 4-fermion vertices:  $L_{\text{eff}} = 2\sqrt{2} G_F \left(\epsilon^{L/R}\right)^{\alpha\gamma}_{\beta\delta} \left(\bar{\nu}^{\beta}\gamma^{\rho} P_L \nu_{\alpha}\right) \left(\bar{\ell}^{\delta}\gamma^{\rho} P_{L/R} \ell_{\gamma}\right)$



NSI happens to neutrino propagation in matter



NSI at neutrino productions

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#### Numerical tests of oscillation probabilities and events at MOMENT



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#### Impacts on precision measurements by CC-NSIs





**Degeneracy shows up after an introduction of CC-NSIs at some parameter space.** 

#### Constraints of CC-NSIs with a far detector at MOMENT



- Colorful regions are allowed after running a far detector at MOMENT.
- The e-mu sector of NSI are the best constrained.
- Almost all NSI-induced CP phases change the exclusion limits severely except the e-mu sector.
- Limits from other sectors are not as good as those from the e-mu sector of NSI.



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## Tests of unitarity violation



• Light sterile neutrino anomaly (eV scale)

 Heavy sterile neutrinos from see-saw model (GeV scale)

Dark matter candidate (keV scale)

 IUV (indirect unitary violation) by heavy sterile neutrinos

• DUV (direct unitary violation) by light sterile neutrinos: oscillation with active ones



- Simplifying the mixing matrix to deal with DUV and IUV, Phys. Lett., B718:1447-1453, 2013
- Pertubation study of oscillation probabilities for DUV and IUV, Phys. Rev., D93(3):033008

#### Exclusion limits on mixing parameters with non-unitarity





The limits to new parametters induced by the DUV and IUV effects

#### Impacts on precision measurements

• IUV can only induce rate correlations to the three neutrino oscillation, but DUV contributes both rate and spectrum signatures to the experimental measurements.

• The DUV generally does not cause degeneracies for theta23.

• The IUV effects would cause degeneracies for theta23 in DUNE and T2HK. Thus we can turn to the most powerful experiment LENF to solve this problem;



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#### Neutrino-nucleus coherent scatterings

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- Progress of low-threshold DM detectors made it come true.
- What else can we do with CEvNS?



### Neutrino Activation Analysis



$$\frac{d\sigma(E_{\nu}, E_{r})}{dE_{r}} = \frac{G_{F}^{2}[N - (1 - 4\sin^{2}\theta_{w})Z]^{2}F^{2}(Q^{2})M^{2}}{4\pi} \times \frac{1}{M} \left(1 - \frac{E_{r}}{E_{max}}\right)$$

- **CEvNS** is proportional to the number of neutrons in the nucleus.
- Nuclear effects are factorized in the form factor: **a transformation of the density distribution**  $F(Q^2) = \frac{1}{Q_w} \int \left[\rho_n(r) - (1 - 4\sin^2\theta_w)\rho_p(r)\right] \frac{\sin(Qr)}{Qr} r^2 dr$
- Lots of proton accelerators around the world.
- Use CEvNS to measure the nuclear structure while it is complementary to CC-scatterings?
- Which kind of detector can do the job?
- What are requirements to measure the nuclear structure?



## LAr and LXe TPC



#### • Learn from DM detection experiments: LAr and LXe TPC.



- Threshold is the key
- Beam-related backgrounds: timing structures
- Cosmic-induced backgrounds: passive and active vetos

- A ton-scale detector reaches the sub-percent precision of the neutron radius in the nucleus.
  - LXe TPC is doing better given the same fiducial mass.
- Good to distinguish nuclear physics models.

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- Lots of physics to be done with accelerator neutrinos.
- CC-NSI study at MOMENT.
- Probe of the direct and indirect unitarity violations at future accelerator neutrino facilities.
- Neutrino activation analysis to probe the nuclear structure.
- Welcome to work together on new physics searches.

#### **Thanks for your attention!**

### SPPC proton driver for neutrino physics





Very powerful injector beams to support rich physics programs including neutrino physics

- Three proton beams in MW level: 1.2 GeV, 10 GeV, 180 GeV