Discovery Channel at a Neutrino Factory

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1. Introduction

1.1 ν oscillation

Mass eigenstates

$$i\frac{d}{dt}\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{v}_1\\\mathbf{v}_2\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{E}_1 & \mathbf{0}\\\mathbf{0} & \mathbf{E}_2\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{v}_1\\\mathbf{v}_2\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathsf{E}_{j} \equiv \sqrt{\vec{p}^{2} + m_{j}^{2}}$$

Flavor eigenstates

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{U} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{1} \\ \mathbf{v}_{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U \equiv \begin{pmatrix} U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} \end{pmatrix}$$

MNS matrix

Probability of flavor conversion

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}) = sin^{2}2\theta sin^{2} \left(\frac{\Delta E L}{2}\right)$$

$$\Delta E = E_2 - E_1 \cong \frac{m_2^2 - m_1^2}{2E} = \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E}$$

1.2 Framework of 3 flavor v oscillation

Mixing matrix
$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{e} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{1} \\ \mathbf{v}_{2} \\ \mathbf{v}_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Functions of mixing angles $\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{13}$ and CP phase δ

1.3 Information we have obtained so far

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \cong \begin{pmatrix} C_{12} & S_{12} & \varepsilon \\ -S_{12}/\sqrt{2} & C_{12}/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ S_{12}/\sqrt{2} & -C_{12}/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Next task is to measure θ_{13} , sign(Δm_{31}^2) and δ .





1.4 Future long baseline experiments

Ongoing & Near future experiments

Accelerator $\Rightarrow \theta_{13}$, sgn (Δm_{32}^2) ?, δ ? \rightarrow Stanco's talk

'06~ MINOS (FNAL→Soudan) L=730km, E ~10GeV

'08 ~ OPERA-ICARUS (CERN→GrandSasso) L=730km, E ~20GeV

'14 (?) ~ NOvA (FNAL→Ash River) L=810km, E ~1GeV (0.7MW,15kt) Reactor $\Rightarrow \theta_{13}$

 $09 \sim \text{Double CHOOZ} \rightarrow \text{talks by Novella & Kawasaki}$

'10~ **RENO**

'11 (?)**∼ Daya Bay**

Far future experiments

Accelerator
$$\Rightarrow \theta_{13}$$
, sgn (Δm_{32}^2) , δ

'xx~ T2K(K) (JAERI→HK(+Korea)) L=295km(+1050km), E ~1GeV phase2 (4MW,500kt)

'yy∼ v factory (?→?) L ~ 4000km+7500km, E ~20GeV ↓talks by Bross & Mondal



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NF roadmap: key decision points

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Neutrino Factory roadmap															
International scoping study (ISS)															
NuFact06	•														
International design study (IDS)							• •	• • • •	••						
Neutrino Factory consortium formation															
Build															
Physics															
Key decision points															
Seek to instigate IDS	•														
Seek to host FP7 DS and/or I3 bids	•														
IDS mandate at Nufact06	•														
Submit FP7 bids		•													
Form Neutrino Factory consorium						•									
Initiate build phase							•								

Ambitious, science-driven schedule

- Issue now is to establish vibrant R&D programme
- Vision for International Design Study phase:
 - International collaboration; coordinated effort:
 - Concept development full system
 - Accelerator R&D
 - Detector R&D

Nagashima: ISS 3rd plenary ('06) @ RAL

1.6 Motivation for research on New Physics and τ detection at ν factory

- Just like at B factories, high precision measurements of v oscillation at v factory will allow us to probe physics beyond SM by looking at deviation from SM+massive v.
- If θ₁₃ turns out to be large, conventional super-beam experiments (T2K etc) may be sufficient.
- → Search for new physics and test of unitarity would be even more important subjects at ∨ factory. (cf. sin²θ₁₃=0.02±0.01@1σ, Fogli et al, arXiv:0905.3549 [hep-ph])

If 3 flavor unitarity is guaranteed, then roughly speaking, we could guess (discovery) from (golden) + (disappearance) at V factory from 3 flavor unitarity:

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) + P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}) + P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}) = 1$$

disappearance
channel discovery
channel
$$V_{e} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}$$

Probability of the time reversal process could
be obtained if we can guess the CP phase.

 Intuitively, therefore, τ detection is supposed to be important to test New Physics which violates unitarity.
 → Quantitative estimate is necessary to draw conclusions.

New physics which can be probed at a neutrino factory includes:

- Non standard interactions in propagation
- Non standard interactions at production / detection
- Violation of unitarity due to heavy particles
- Schemes with light sterile neutrinos

	$\sum_{\beta=e,\mu,\tau} P(v_{\alpha} \to v_{\beta}) = 1$
Scenarios	3 flavor unitarity
NSI in propagation	
NSI at production / detection	×
Violation of unitarity due to heavy particles	×
Light sterile neutrinos	×

Scenarios	Phenomenological bound on deviation of unitarity					
NSI at production / detection	O(1%)					
Violation of unitarity due to heavy particles	O(0.1%)					
Light sterile neutrinos	O(10%)					

Light sterile neutrinos could be phenomenologically more promising than others!

1.7 Light sterile neutrinos

accelerator v anomaly LSND



Recent status of LSND: Check by MiniBooNE

Karagiorgi et al, Phys.Rev.D80:073001,2009



• Neither MiniBooNE ($_{V}$ or $\bar{_{V}}$) nor disappearance results (CDHSW+Bugey+atm) excludes LSND at 4_{σ} .



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2. Sterile neutrinos at \nu factory

There are two view points:

(3+1)-scheme w/ LSND: the situation is unclear, so it's worth checking it

(3+1)-scheme w/o LSND: still a possible scenario, provided that the mixing angles satisfy all the constraints of the negative results



$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \\ \nu_s \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \\ \nu_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} & U_{e4} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} & U_{\mu 4} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} & U_{\tau 4} \\ U_{s1} & U_{s2} & U_{s3} & U_{s4} \end{pmatrix}$$

v factory at L=4000km+7500km has sensitivity to sterile neutrino mixings through various channels:

golden
$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = 4 \operatorname{Re} \left[U_{e3} U_{\mu3}^* (U_{e3}^* U_{\mu3} + U_{e4}^* U_{\mu4}) \right] \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \right) + \cdots$$
silver $P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\tau) = 4 \operatorname{Re} \left[U_{e3} U_{\tau3}^* (U_{e3}^* U_{\tau3} + U_{e4}^* U_{\tau4}) \right] \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \right) + \cdots$ disappear
ance $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = 1 - 4 |U_{\mu3}|^2 (1 - |U_{\mu3}|^2 - [U_{\mu4}]^2) \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \right) + \cdots$ discovery $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau) = 4 \operatorname{Re} \left[U_{\mu3} U_{\tau3}^* (U_{\mu3}^* U_{\tau3} + U_{\mu4}^* U_{\tau4}) \right] \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \right) + \cdots$ setup $5 \times 10^{20} \ \mu^- + \mu^+ \cdot s/yr \times 4 \ yrs, E_\mu = 20 \operatorname{GeV},$
L= 4000+7500 km,
50 kton Magnetized Iron ν Detector +
4kton Magnetized Emulsion Cloud
Chamber18

Results

Donini, Fuki, Lopez-Pavon, Meloni, OY, JHEP 0908:041,2009

(1) Sensitivity to mixing angles

Sensitivity to the 4vmixings with v_e is very good compared to the present bound. \rightarrow It could serve as a severe test of LSND/MiniBooNE.







(2) Sensitivity to CP violation

Donini, Fuki, Lopez-Pavon, Meloni, OY, JHEP 0908:041,2009

Potentially the largest CP violation occurs in μ - τ channel: CP violation due to the new CP phase



Discovery channel is crucial to measure the new CP phase 20

3. Violation of unitarity w/o light v_s

Antusch, Biggio, Fernandez-Martinez, Gavela, Lopez-Pavon, JHEP0610,084, '06

In generic see-saw models, after integrating out v_R , the kinetic term gets modified, and unitarity is expected to be violated.

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \left(i \overline{v_{\alpha}} \partial K_{\alpha\beta} v_{\beta} - \overline{v}^{c} {}_{\alpha} M_{\alpha\beta} v_{\beta} \right) - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \left(W_{\mu}^{+} \overline{l}_{\alpha} \gamma^{\mu} P_{L} v_{\alpha} + h.c. \right) + \dots$$
rescaling v
$$L = \frac{1}{2} \left(i \overline{v_{i}} \partial v_{i} - \overline{v}^{c} {}_{i} m_{ii} v_{i} \right) - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \left(W_{\mu}^{+} \overline{l}_{\alpha} \gamma^{\mu} P_{L} N_{\alpha i} v_{i} \right) + \dots$$
N: non-unitary

Some see-saw models (e.g., inverse see-saw) do have two scales, one to produce small neutrino mass and another which may not be extremely different from M_W . \rightarrow Magnitude of violation may not be extremely small. \rightarrow Unitarity of the lepton sector is worth checking.

Oscillation
probability
$$P(\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \beta) = \left| \left[H\tilde{U} \exp\left\{ -i \operatorname{diag}(\tilde{E}_{j})L \right\} \tilde{U}^{-1}H \right]_{\beta\alpha} \right|^{2}$$
$$U \operatorname{diag}(E_{j}) U^{-1} + H\mathcal{A}_{0}H = \tilde{U} \operatorname{diag}(\tilde{E}_{j}) \tilde{U}^{-1}$$
$$\mathcal{N} \equiv \mathcal{H} \mathcal{U} \quad \mathcal{H}: \text{ close to identity}$$
$$\mathcal{N} \mathcal{N}^{\dagger} - 1 = \mathcal{H}^{2} - 1: \text{ deviation from unitarity}$$

Constraints from weak decays are more stringent than ν oscillation:

 $|(NN^{\dagger})_{\alpha\beta} - \delta_{\alpha\beta}| < \begin{pmatrix} 6 \times 10^{-3} & 7.1 \times 10^{-5} & 1.6 \times 10^{-2} \\ 7.1 \times 10^{-5} & 5 \times 10^{-3} & 1.0 \times 10^{-2} \\ 1.6 \times 10^{-2} & 1.0 \times 10^{-2} & 5 \times 10^{-3} \end{pmatrix}$ Antusch et al, JHEP0610,084, '06

Assuming the origin comes from d=6 operator, constraints become even more stringent:

$$|(NN^{\dagger})_{\alpha\beta} - \delta_{\alpha\beta}| < \begin{pmatrix} 4.0 \times 10^{-3} & 1.8 \times 10^{-3} & 3.2 \times 10^{-3} \\ 1.8 \times 10^{-3} & 1.6 \times 10^{-3} & 2.1 \times 10^{-3} \\ 3.2 \times 10^{-3} & 2.1 \times 10^{-3} & 5.3 \times 10^{-3} \end{pmatrix}$$
Antus Fernal Nucl.

Antusch, Baumann, Fernandez-Martinez, Nucl.Phys.B810:369, 2009

Sensitivity at ν factory

4kt OPERA-like near detector @100 m

Antusch et al, JHEP0610,084, 2006

$$\frac{\mathbf{V}_{e} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}_{\tau}}{\mathbf{V}_{\mu} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}_{\tau}}$$

$$\left| \sum_{i} N_{ei} N_{\tau i}^{*} \right| < 2.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (present : 0.016)}$$

$$\left| \sum_{i} N_{\mu i} N_{\tau i}^{*} \right| < 2.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (present : 0.013)}$$

5kt OPERA-like far detector @130 km



4. Summary

- v factory can search for new physics which violates 3 flavor unitarity, such as sterile v mixings and unitarity violation due to heavy fields, etc.
- In absence of 3 flavor unitarity, τ detectors in principle give us important information on New Physics.
- v factory can offer a powerful test of LSND/MiniBooNE.
- To measure the new CP phase due to sterile v mixings or unitarity violation due to heavy fields, discovery channel is important.

Backup slides

(3+1)-scheme

$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{(3+1)-scheme} \\ \hline P(\bar{\nu}_{e} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{e}) &= 1 - 4|U_{e4}|^{2}(1 - |U_{e4}|^{2})\sin^{2}(\Delta m_{41}^{2}L/4E) \\ P(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{e}) &= 1 - 4|U_{\mu4}|^{2}(1 - |U_{\mu4}|^{2})\sin^{2}(\Delta m_{41}^{2}L/4E) \\ \hline P(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{e}) &= 4|U_{e4}|^{2}|U_{\mu4}|^{2}\sin^{2}(\Delta m_{41}^{2}L/4E) \\ \hline sin^{2}2\theta_{Bugey} > 4|U_{e4}|^{2}(1 - |U_{e4}|^{2}) \cong 4|U_{e4}|^{2} \\ \hline sin^{2}2\theta_{CDHSW} > 4|U_{\mu4}|^{2}(1 - |U_{\mu4}|^{2}) \cong 4|U_{\mu4}|^{2} \\ \hline sin^{2}2\theta_{LSND} &= 4|U_{e4}|^{2}|U_{\mu4}|^{2} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$\sin^2 2\theta_{\rm LSND}(\Delta m^2) < \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\theta_{\rm Bugey}(\Delta m^2) \sin^2 2\theta_{\rm CDHSW}(\Delta m^2)$$

must be satisfied (Okada-OY Int.J.Mod.Phys.A12:3669,1997)

But there is no overlap between LSND and left side of Bugey+CDHSW

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 $U = R_{34}(\theta_{34}, 0) R_{24}(\theta_{24}, 0) R_{23}(\theta_{23}, \delta_3) R_{14}(\theta_{14}, 0) R_{13}(\theta_{13}, \delta_2) R_{12}(\theta_{12}, \delta_1)$

 U_{e3} U_{e4}

 $\begin{array}{ccc} U_{\mu3} & U_{\mu4} \\ U_{\tau3} & U_{\tau4} \end{array}$

 $U_{s3} \quad U_{s4}$



 θ_{14} : mixing angle in $v_{reactor}$ at L=O(10m)

Constraints on (3+1)-scheme from ν_{atm} and SBL

Donini-Maltoni-Meloni-Migliozzi-Terranova, JHEP 0712:013,'07



Sensitivity to θ_{14} , θ_{24} , θ_{34} at ν factory with far detectors

Donini, Fuki, Lopez-Pavon, Meloni, OY, JHEP 0908:041,2009

$5 \times 10^{20} \mu^{-} + \mu^{+}$'s/yr × 4 yrs (E_µ/GeV, L/km)= (50,3000+7500) or (20, 4000+7500) 50kton MIND + 4kton MECC

statistical errors + systematic errors + BG

efficiency \sim 0.7 for $_{\mu},$ \sim 0.65 for $_{\tau}$

NB. Magnetized Emulsion Cloud Chamber (MECC) active target: iron $\tau \rightarrow \mu$ decay + $\tau \rightarrow$ e decay + $\tau \rightarrow$ hadron decay are used

golden + silver

Donini, Fuki, Lopez-Pavon, Meloni, OY, JHEP 0908:041,2009

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Donini, Fuki, Lopez-Pavon, Meloni, OY, JHEP 0908:041,2009

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---- current --- disappearance --- discovery --- combined

$$4|U_{\mu4}|^2 > 7.6 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$4|U_{\mu4}U_{\tau4}|^2 > 1.9 \times 10^{-3}$$