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Next Generation Neutrino Oscillation Experiments





Outline of the talk

Introduction

- The physics case of Neutrino Oscillations
- What happened in the recent past

Next generation experiments (with a focus on INFN activities)

- JUNO
- KM3NeT
- Hyper-Kamiokande
- DUNE

Sterile Neutrinos

• ICARUS

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Neutrino Physics in the past 20 years

2004 2024 θ_{12} SOLARS+KAMLAND SOLARS+KAMLAND θ_{12} δm_{12}^2 SOLARS+KAMLAND SOLARS+KAMLAND δm_{12}^2 $\sin^2(\theta_{12}) = 0.303 \pm -0.012$ $\delta m_{12}^2 = (7.41 + 0.2) 10^{-5} eV^2$ $\delta m_{12}^2 = (7 + -1) 10^5 \text{eV}^2$ $0.2 < \sin^2(\theta_{12}) < 0.5$ Addressed by a Long Baseline experiment Addressed by a SuperBeam/Nufact experimen LBL+ATMOSPHERICS LBL+ATMOSPHERICS ATMOSPHERICS ATMOSPHERICS θ_{23} δm_{23}^2 θ_{23} δm_{23}^2 $\sin^2(\theta_{23}) = 0.572 \pm 0.02$ $\delta m_{22}^2 = (2.51 \pm 0.03) 10^{-3} eV^2$ $\delta m_{23}^2 = (2.0 \pm 0.4) 10^3 \text{ eV}^2$ $0.9 < \sin^2(\theta_{23}) < 1$ REACTORS+LBL CHOOZ LIMIT $\theta_{13} = 8.54^{\circ} + / -0.11$ θ_{13} () θ_{13} $\theta_{13} < 14^0$ δ_{CP} Mass hierarchy δ_{CP} Mass hierarchy BETA DECAY END POINT BETA DECAY END POINT Σm_{μ} Σm_{y} \bigcirc $\Sigma m_{\rm H} < 0.8 \, {\rm eV}$ (90%CL) $\Sigma m_{y} < 6.6 \text{ eV}$ Dirac/Majorana Dirac/Majorana \square

Apparently not a great record (but have a look to the greatly increased precision). So why several thousands of physicists are joining next generation long baseline experiments, which are among the priorities in hep in many countries (Italy included)? Let's have a closer look to the achievements of neutrino oscillations physics

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Major achievements in neutrino oscillations

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See also wikipedia page: Oscillazione dei neutrini

Before 90's: detection of Solar Neutrinos (**Homestake**) and detection of SuperNova neutrinos (**Kamiokande**), awarded with the **2002 Nobel Prize** to Ray Davis and Masatoshi Koshiba "for pioneering contributions to astrophysics, in particular for the detection of cosmic neutrinos "

Low energy neutrino astronomy remains a pillar of the physics case of the far detectors of Long Baseline neutrino experiments

At the same conference, **Chooz** reported no evidence of reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance while **MACRO** reported a ~2.5 σ signal of atmospheric neutrino oscillation **1998**: **Super-Kamiokande** discoveries neutrino oscillations by studying atmospheric neutrinos. Awarded with the **2015 Nobel Prize** to Takaaki Kajita "*for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass*"

2002: **SNO** provides a model independent signature of solar neutrinos oscillations. Art McDonald shares the 2015 Nobel prize.

Gallex/GNO at LNGS had provided a model dependent evidence of solar neutrino disappearance

T2K and then **Double Chooz** reported early indications of non-zero θ_{13} values

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2012: the reactor experiments **Daya Bay** and **RENO** provide the first observation of a non-zero value of θ_{13} . Awarded with the EPS-HEP prize in 2023. For a longer discussion of the θ_{13} saga you can read the long citation of the prize. SK, SNO, Kamland, Daya Bay and T2K awarded with the Breakthrough prize 2016



M. Koshiba at Neutrino Telescopes 1988

... from the photo album.



Ray Davis with Milla Baldo Ceolin at Neutrino Telescopes 1990



Why neutrino oscillations matter



• The only parameter measurable both by hep and cosmology

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A crucial test of consistency



What v oscillations still have to say about v masses

Neutrino oscillations cannot measure absolute neutrino masses, but can determine their pattern by measuring neutrino mass ordering (NMO) and the octant of θ_{23} (which decides if v_3 is mostly v_{μ} or v_{τ})





Neutrino mass ordering: normal (NO) or inverted (IO), measurable by Long Baseline experiments (the 1-2 ordering already decided by solar oscillations)



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Why θ_{13} matters

No way to decide the next generation LBL strategy without knowing the θ_{13} value: **A "small"** θ_{13} value (÷2) would have made conventional neutrino superbeams (the same neutrino beams of the '70s + brute force) useless: need for new concepts as neutrino factories or beta beams. Neutrino mass ordering searches would have been almost impossible.

As measured via $\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance by reactor experiments it breaks any θ_{13} - δ_{CP} degeneracy in LBL experiments and greatly improves their sensitivity



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The Jarlskog invariant in neutrino oscillations:

 $J_{\nu} = \sin \theta_{13} \cos^2 \theta_{13} \sin \theta_{12} \cos \theta_{12} \sin \theta_{23} \cos \theta_{23} \sin \delta_{CP}$

has a maximum value about three orders of magnitude bigger than the invariant in the quark sector $J_v(max) = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$

 $J_{quark} = 3.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$

opening the possibility of a role of neutrino oscillations in explaining the **matter-antimatter asymmetry** in the Universe through Leptogenesis.

This enhances a lot the interest in measuring the CP phase δ_{CP}

Three generations of Long Baseline Experiments

Long baseline experiments produce intense $v_{\mu}(\bar{\nu}_{\mu})$ beams and detect them at the maximum of atmospheric oscillations.

Leading process are $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$ oscillations, and so ν_{μ} disappearance, allowing to measure the atmospheric parameters θ_{23} and Δm^2_{23}

Subleading process are $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ oscillations, sensitive to θ_{13} and δ_{CP}

Disappearance formula

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{\mu}) \simeq 1 - 4\cos^{2}\theta_{13}\sin^{2}\theta_{23}[1 - \cos^{2}\theta_{13}\sin^{2}\theta_{23}]\sin^{2}\frac{\Delta m_{23}^{2}L}{4E}$$

First Generation: K2K in Japan, aimed to confirm the Super-Kamiokande results with accelerator neutrinos by detecting v_{μ} disappearance.

Second Generation: Minos in the States (v_{μ} disappearance) and Opera at CNGS (v_{τ} appearance), aimed to improve the Super-Kamiokande results.

Third Generation: T2K in Japan and NOvA in the States. Sensitive to subleading processes, aimed to measure θ_{13} and constrain CP violation in the leptonic sector.

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Subleading ve appearance formula

$$\begin{split} p(\overrightarrow{\nu}_{\mu} \to \overrightarrow{\nu}_{e}) &= 4c_{13}^{2}s_{13}^{2}s_{23}^{2}\sin^{2}\frac{\Delta m_{13}^{2}L}{4E} \times \left[1 \pm \frac{2a}{\Delta m_{13}^{2}}(1 - 2s_{13}^{2})\right] \qquad \theta_{13} \text{ driven} \\ &+ 8c_{13}^{2}s_{12}s_{13}s_{23}(c_{12}c_{23}cos\delta - s_{12}s_{13}s_{23})\cos\frac{\Delta m_{23}^{2}L}{4E}\sin\frac{\Delta m_{13}^{2}L}{4E}\sin\frac{\Delta m_{12}^{2}L}{4E} \text{ CPeven} \\ &\mp 8c_{13}^{2}c_{12}c_{23}s_{12}s_{13}s_{23}\sin\delta\sin\frac{\Delta m_{23}^{2}L}{4E}\sin\frac{\Delta m_{13}^{2}L}{4E}\sin\frac{\Delta m_{12}^{2}L}{4E} \quad \text{CPodd} \\ &+ 4s_{12}^{2}c_{13}^{2}\{c_{13}^{2}c_{23}^{2} + s_{12}^{2}s_{23}^{2}s_{13}^{2} - 2c_{12}c_{23}s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}cos\delta\}\sin\frac{\Delta m_{12}^{2}L}{4E} \quad \text{solar driven} \\ &\mp 8c_{12}^{2}s_{13}^{2}s_{23}^{2}\cos\frac{\Delta m_{23}^{2}L}{4E}\sin\frac{\Delta m_{13}^{2}L}{4E}\frac{aL}{4E}(1 - 2s_{13}^{2}) \quad \text{matter effect (CP odd)} \end{split}$$



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Furthermore wonderful results by Borexino

Observation of Geo Neutrinos





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Main goals of next gen experiments

CP violation: 5σ sensitivity for the widest possible range ($\geq 50\%$) of δ_{CP} values

Mass Ordering: decide between Normal and Inverted Ordering at 5σ

Precision physics/Exotics (next slide)

Astrophysics: the gigantic far detectors are excellent observatories for rare decays and astrophysical measurements



Precision physics → new physics

For instance by studying non-unitary leptonic mixing matrixes (LMM)



Current and future fit to atmospheric and CP oscillation variables, assuming as true value the best fit of present data. From *Phys.Rev.D* 102 (2020) 11, 115027.

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Other exotic searches

- Non Standard neutrino Interactions
- Neutrino decays
- Heavy neutrino decays
- Lorentz and CPT violations
- Sterile neutrinos

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The JUNO experiment



Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory, China, \bar{v}_{e} disappearance at reactors, 53 km baseline.

Liquid Scintillator Detectors

	Target mass	Energy resolution (ơ)
Daya Bay	20 ton	8%/√E
Borexino	300 ton	5%/√E
KamLAND	1000 ton	6%/√E
JUNO	20 000 ton	3%/ √ E

74 institutes (8 INFN) 17 countries/regions ~700 collaborators

Signal rates

Neutrino source	Expected signal		
Reactor	45 evts / day		
Supernova burst	10 ⁴ evts at 10 kpc		
Diffuse supernova background	2-4 evts/ year		
Sun ⁸ B (⁷ Be)	16 (490) / day		
Cosmic rays	100+ / year		
Earth crust & mantle	400 / year		
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JUNO far and close detectors

Far Detector



Taishan Antineutrino Observatory (TAO): a high energy resolution LS detector at **30m** from the core. To measure the fine structure of the reactor neutrino spectrum, and eliminate the model dependence of JUNO NMO determination.

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JUNO data taking time [days]

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Detect for the first time solar and atmospheric oscillation modes simultaneously





INFN contributions to JUNO I

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Distillation (for heavy impurities) and **stripping** (for gaseous impurities) plants for liquid scintillator purification designed on the basis of the **Borexino** experience – built in Italy and now installed commissioned and ready for operation at the JUNO site





Global control units GCU for read-out electronics All 7000 boards already produced, tested and assembled in the Under Water Boxes (submarine electronics) – 35% of them already mounted in the detector





1000 read-out boards for

the TOP Tracker (retrieved from **OPERA**) electronics already produced tested and delivered to the JUNO site – installation foreseen in the Fall – last item to be installed -In addition, **80 concentrator boards** to collect their signals

Trigger units for the global trigger generation – produced, tested delivered and already assembled in the JUNO electronic room

INFN contributions to JUNO II

Other JUNO involvements -Radioactivity control and screening of materials -Nuclear Activation Analysis of the liquid scintillator -Computing (also CNAF) and realization of the DCI Distributed Computing Interface

- Geological modeling for geoneutrino signal -Laboratory

measurements for liquid scintillator properties characterization -Study of reactor antineutrino spectra -Increasing effort for MC and analysis in view of data taking Moreover for the JUNO_TAO near detector

-Selection and contribution to

purchase and testing of the read-out **SiPM - 4000 units in total** -Design of the



Front-end boards and ADC boards of the related read-out electronics

-**Prototyping done** and ready for mass production

Sezioni INFN in the Collaboration : Catania, Ferrara, Frascati, Milano, Milano Bicocca, Padova, Perugia, Roma Tre



KM3NeT

2016 and 2020 ESFRI Roadmap KM3NeT4RR: KM3NeT for Next Generation EU (PNRR) 14 countries, 47 institutions (8 INFN), ~ 300 collaborators











An example about the many different ways to look for new physics with oscillations at Neutrino Telescopes



Q.Liu et al., arXiv:2312.07649 This representation was first introduced by Fogli, Lisi et al., Phys.Rev.D 52 (1995) 5334

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- Cosmic sources produce neutrinos with a well defined flavor composition
- Oscillations randomize the flavor composition in their travel, but not completely.
- If something happens different from oscillations, it will modify the composition at earth:signature for new physics
- Present precision is far from enough for these studies, but in the future, also combining several experiments, it will be possible to look for new physics signatures in this plane.
- The role of KM3NeT/ARCA could be crucial



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Hyper-Kamiokande

~600 collaborators 106 Institutes 22 Countries (INFN: 6 sezioni ~ 10% of the collaboration)



Inflation

10⁻³⁸ seconds



Hyper-K detector configuration

Inner Detector (ID)

- 64.8m diameter, 65.8m height
- 40k PMTs, 50 cm, will be installed
- 800 Multi-PMT modules will be integrated as hybrid configuration

• Outer Detector (OD)

- 1m (barrel) or 2m (top/bottom) thick
- 3-inch PMT + WLS plate
- Walls are covered with high reflectivity Tyvek sheets









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CP violation sensitivity

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It's important to stress that efficiencies, backgrounds, systematic errors come from more than 10 years of T2K analysis efforts



By combining beam neutrinos and atmospherics

- For maximal CP violation (δ_{CP} =- $\pi/2$) 5 σ sensitivity is reached in 3 years.
- In 10 years, CP conservation excluded at 5 σ for 60% of δ_{CP} values.

INFN contributions in Hyper-K





HV and LV 2 ID front-end boar





2 OD front-end boards



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Multi-PMT

300 mPMTs by INFN (**project leader**), 808 mPMTs total. Derived from KM3NeT DOMs.

Electronics

20' PMTs Front-end digitizer, **project leader**, INFN design chosen vs Japan and France.

Timing distribution

Computing

~25% computing power of Hyper-K 2022-26 at CNAF, collaborative tools, analysis tools

High Angle TPCs

Just installed: two new TPCs for the near detector upgrade of T2K (will be part of the near detector of Hyper-K)











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Systematic Errors

T2K overall systematic errors for the $\nu_{\rm e}$ appearance channel are 4.7% (initial goal was 5%).

Without the close detectors they are about 13%.

Aim to reduce them to around 2% (full simulation undergoing):

- ND280 redesigned and optimized to better constrain systematic errors (already fully in place)
- A new Intermediate (0.75 km) Water Cherenkov Close Detector (IWCD) to further constrain systematic errors (ready for Hyper-K)
- More statistics (20x T2K) will allow close detectors to constrain v-nucleus interaction models better (no assumptions on better models)
- Gadolinium doping can enhance efficiency and purity of antineutrinos' detection (will not be added on day one)
- Dedicated experiments like Enubet could reduce (anti-) ν_{e} cross section uncertainty further.

Total percentage error on sample event rates:						
	μ -like		<i>e</i> -like			
Error model	ν -mode	$\bar{\nu}$ -mode	u-mode	$ar{ u}$ -mode	ν -mode	$\nu/\bar{ u}$ modes
			0 d.e.	0 d.e.	1 d.e.	0 d.e.
T2K 2020	3.0%	4.0%	4.7%	5.9%	14.1%	4.6%
Improved	1.2%	1.1%	2.1%	2.2%	5.2%	2.0%

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HK Expected event rate @10 years vs T2K today

 $v: \bar{v} = 1:3$ (T2K is 1:0.7), @ $\delta_{CP} = 0$

	НК	T2K
ν -mode, 1 ring μ -like	~8800	318
$\bar{\nu}$ -mode, 1 ring μ -like	~12000	137
v-mode, 1 ring e-like	~2100	94
$\bar{\nu}$ -mode, 1 ring e-like	~1800	16
v-mode, 1 ring e-like, 1 decay e-	~300	14

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Near detector (ND280) upgrade

Almost in place now for T2K, will be re-used by Hyper-K

More (and more granular) mass for the neutrino interactions: **SFGD** More angular acceptance: **High Angle TPCs** → **INFN responsibility** Better veto for external tracks: **Time-of-flight**

Significant lower energy threshold for protons and much better neutron detection efficiency.

Inside the former UA1 and Nomad magnet: original contribution of INFN at the beginning of T2K







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3D plastic scintillator ~ 2 million 1.0 cm³ cubes

SFGD:





Rare decays and astrophysics in HK

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DEEP UNDERGROUND NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT



- High precision measurements of neutrino mixing in a single experiment.
- Determination of the neutrino mass ordering in the first few years.
- Observation and measurement of CP Violation in the neutrino sector.
- Test of the 3-neutrino paradigm (PMNS unitarity).
- Observatory for astrophysical neutrino sources (solar, atmospheric, supernova).
- Search for BSM physics.

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- 1450 collaborators
- 215 Institutes (11 INFN)
- 35 Countries
- On-axis, with a baseline of 1300 km
- Sensitive to first and second oscillation maxima
- Part of the spectrum above the tau creation threshold (~3.5 GeV)





Current status and future plans in a nutshell

- LBNF is being delivered in its entirety.
- DUNE Phase I:
 - FD (approved): 2 x 17 kt (total) LAr TPCs: one Horizontal Drift (ready in 2029), one Vertical Drift (ready in 2030).
 - ND (baseline TBC and approved by 2025): NDLAr with TMS; DUNE-PRISM; SAND on-axis.
- PIP II: ongoing construction, first beam in 2031, reaching 1.2 MW by end 2032.
- Phase 2, as submitted to P5 (report due in early December):
 - DUNE ND plan: More Capable Near Detector (HPGAr TPC, magnet, calorimeter).
 - DUNE FD plan: FD3, FD4.
 - Fermilab plan: ACE: MIRT, Booster Replacement. Can provide up to 2.1 MW at DUNE start.

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P5 recommendations

"DUNE will comprehensively explore the quantum realm of neutrinos, potentially unearthing new physics beyond current theoretical frameworks. Early implementation of the accelerator upgrade ACE-MIRT advances the **DUNE** program significantly, hastening the definite discovery of the neutrino mass ordering. This upgrade in conjunction with the deployment of the third far detector and a more capable near detector are indispensable components of the re-envisioned next phase of **DUNE**."

1) As the highest priority independent of the budget scenario (7 recommendations, 2 of which are about neutrinos, the other are running experiments NOvA, SBN and T2K)

"The first phase of DUNE and PIP-II to determine the mass ordering among neutrinos, a fundamental property and a crucial input to cosmology and nuclear science"

2) Construct a portfolio of major projects that collectively study nearly all fundamental constituents of our universe (5 projects, 2 of which are about neutrinos, the other one is Ice Cube Gen2)

"Re-envisioned second phase of DUNE with an early implementation of an enhanced 2.1 MW beam—ACE-MIRT—a third far detector, and an upgraded near-detector complex as the definitive long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiment of its kind"

Less Favorable Budget Scenario

"DUNE Third Far Detector (FD3), but defer ACE-MIRT and the More Capable Near Detector (MCND)."

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CP Violation and neutrino mass ordering



Determining Mass Ordering with DUNE Phase I, 4 yrs, using v_e and anti- v_e spectra.





Far Detectors

2 (max 4) LAr TPCs, 17 kt Argon total (10 kt fiducial) each one:

Horizontal Drift



- APA : based on a wire chamber technology
- Drift length ~ 350 cm -> ~ 180 KV on cathode
- ~ 9800 m³ = ~ 13'661 tons of active LAr



- CRP: based on perforated PCB technology
- Drift length ~ 640 cm \rightarrow 300 kV on cathode
- Photon detectors on the cathode at 300 kV
- ~ 10180 m³ = 14190 tons of active LAr



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ND System and SAND overview

ND measurements shall be of sufficient precision to ensure that when extrapolated to FD to **predict the FD event spectra**, the associated systematic error must not dominate the measurement precision.

SAND: on-axis magnetized neutrino detector, multipurpose detector with a high-performant ECAL, light-targeted tracker, a thin LAR "lens", all of them in a magnetic field, mostly recovered by **KLOE** (LNF), in-kind contribution to DUNE from INFN, with new TRACKER and the thin LAr "lens





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Recent news on GRAIN

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Granular Argon for Interaction of Neutrinos, 1t liquid argon cryostat inside SAND magnetic volume with imaging devices on the inner walls to take pictures of neutrino interactions



INFN-Torino started the design of a new ASIC 1024 channels. Expected dynamics of photon arrival on SiPMs Is used to choose optimized frontend architecture



Test degassing and permeability of different samples of Carbon Fiber composites in INFN-FrascaA (next weeks)



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The Photon Detection System of DUNE (X-ARAPUCA)

The t_0 for the LAr TPCs is provided by scintillation light.

The wavelength of scintillation light in LAr doesn't match the sensitivity range of photodetectors.

The 'X-ARAPUCA' technique, developed by INFN, is available in two types for the first (FD1-HD) and the second module (FD2-VD).

INFN plays a leading role in the Consortium, which has been further strengthened with the signing of the MoU for Vertical Drift





Horizontal Drift: 1500 rectangular 'modules' (2m x 20 cm²),each with four channels, containing 48 SiPM (288000 SiPM in total)

Vertical Drift: 672 square tiles (60 x 60 cm2), each with two channels containing 80 SiPMs (107000 SiPM in total)



Half of SiPMs by FBK and half by Hamamatsu.





... The race for neutrino mass ordering (aka hierarchy)

NMO can only be +/-1, so sensitivity means wrong ordering rejection



About the complementarity of Hyper-K and DUNE

Discussed the first time by the ICFA Neutrino Panel: arXiv:1501.03918

To make the most of complementarity, it would be necessary to form and support a joint working group. After the very positive experience of the T2K-NOvA combined analysis.

- Same L/E but the baselines, L, and energies, E, differ by almost a factor of 5.
- Hyper-K is off-axis, with a narrow neutrino spectrum optimized to the first oscillation maximum
- DUNE is on-axis with a wide spectrum that can cover the second oscillation maximum and with a tail above the tau production threshold
- The differing degree to which the matter effect modifies the oscillation probabilities at Hyper-K and DUNE may be exploited to break parameter degeneracies
- To fully understand the mechanisms of supernova explosion requires accurate measurements of the v_e and \bar{v}_e fluxes, along with some neutral current data (which is sensitive to the flux of $v_{\mu,\tau}$). These measurements can not be made with Hyper-K or DUNE alone (and also JUNO contribution is important).



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ICARUS at LNGS: Sterile Neutrinos





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- SBN program should clarify the question of sterile neutrinos exploiting the BNB beam and comparing the v_e and v_{μ} interactions at different distances from target by ICARUS and SBND LAr-TPCs installed at 600 and 110 m from target.
- In addition: Beyond Standard Model/Dark Matter searches, high-stat. v-Ar cross-section measurement and event identification/reconstruction tools in the region of interest of DUNE:
 - > ~10⁶ events/y in SBND < 1 GeV from Booster
 - > ~10⁵ events/y in ICARUS > 1 GeV from off-axis NuMI beam.

ICARUS: 12 INFN groups, 12 US institutions, CERN, 1 Mexican institution, 1 Indian Institution PT Lecce, 14 giugno 2024, Mauro Mezzetto
Spokesperson: C. Rubbia



SBN Program: sterile neutrino sensitivity, 3 years (6.6 x10²⁰ pot)

• Combined analysis of events collected far by ICARUS at far site and by SBND at near using the same LAr-TPC event imaging technology greatly reduces the expected systematics:



- Exciting new result from Neutrino-4 experiment at nuclear reactor, which could change all the sterile neutrino story, investigated by ICARUS before the joint operation with SBND:
 - Oscillations should produce disapp. pattern of vµ in BNB and of ve in NuMI in the same L/E ~1-3 m/MeV but events collected at ~100 times energy





Expected measured v oscillation pattern (red) for Neutrino-4 best fit: $\Delta m_{14}^2 = 7.25 eV^{2}$, $sin^2 2\theta_{14} = 0.26$



ICARUS detector status and data taking

- ICARUS is successfully taking data since June 2021 exposed to Booster and NuMI v beams with remarkable stability/performance of all detector components, collecting high quality neutrino events in RUN1, 2: BNB (2.5 10²⁰ PoT) and NuMI (3.5 10²⁰ PoT).
- Significant investments by the ICARUS Collaboration devoted to achieve better performance following the initial detector operation. Several detector improvements took place during 2022, '23 beam summer shutdowns and before the delayed restart of FNAL accelerator complex on mid March 2024:
 - Higher liquid argon purity increases ionization e- signal detected on TPC wires;
 - > Reduction of the electronic noise of the TPC increases track reconstruction efficiency;
 - New PMT external cabling increases/better defines scintillation light signals;
 - > Improved trigger system increases event detection efficiency at low energy;
 - > Improved Cosmic Ray Tagger exploitation.
- RUN3 officially started on March 15th taking data with BNB & NuMI extending to July 12th;
- Expected ICARUS RUN3 beam exposure: 1.5 10²⁰ (BNB), and 1.9 10²⁰ (NuMI) PoT;
- Data taking is supposed to restart in the fall, still depending on FNAL, extending to 31/12/2027.







Conclusions



DUNE

The outstanding achievements of neutrino physics in the past 25 years will allow exciting new neutrino physics for the next 25 (at minimum)

Both guaranteed signals and new physics searches will be performed

With a great complementarity between JUNO, ORCA, DUNE and Hyper-K

The gigantic 3-liquids far detectors are the ultimate observatories for low-energy neutrino astronomy

INFN always played a leading role in neutrino oscillations, and significantly invested in new experiments. In 2024, 246 FTE are involved in these experiments, in 2014 we were 136!

If you like to hear about neutrinos at Lecce don't miss NOW 2024, September 2-8, Otranto



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Accelerators: v_e events > 0 Reactors: \overline{v}_e (meas/expected) <1

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Timeline of θ_{13} (dates from arXiv, citations from iNSPIRE at 11/3/23)

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14/06/11	Τ2K , "Indication of", 2.5 σ, 1737 citations
29/07/11	MINOS, "Improved search", 89%CL, 898
29/11/11	 Double Chooz, "Indication for", 1.3 σ, 1567 citations, Phys.Rev.Lett. 108 (2012) 131801
08/03/12	Daya Bay , "Observation of", 5.2 σ, 2759 citations,
03/04/12	 Phys. Rev. Lett. 108 (2012) 171803 Reno, "Observation of", 4.9 σ, 2398 citations, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108 (2012) 191802
27/07/12	Double Chooz , "Reactor electron antineutrino disappearance", 2.8 σ , 575 citations.
14/06/13	Τ2K , "Observation of", 7.2 σ, 696 citations
	First paper with more than 3 σ
29/01/19	Double Chooz , <i>Nature Phys.</i> 16 (2020) 5, 7.5 σ , 138 citations, "The establishment of θ_{13} awaited the Daya Bay experiment's observation in 2012 [10]; confirmed soon after by the RENO experiment [11]."
000 14 sin	Breakthrough prize 2016 : Daya Bay (China); KamLAND (Japan); K2K / T2K (Japan); Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (Canada); and Super-Kamiokande (Japan) Panofsky prize 2014 : "For their leadership of the Daya Bay experiment, which produced the first definitive measurement of θ_{13} angle of the neutrino mixing matrix." Pantosene prize 2016 : Daya Bay, Pana, T2K
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From the long citation of the EPS-HEP prize

... Indications of non-zero values of θ_{13} were provided in the year 2011 by global fits to atmospheric and solar neutrino oscillations, initial results on electron neutrino appearance by the accelerator long-baseline T2K experiment, and by the reactor neutrino experiment Double Chooz. T2K could not improve its results due to the catastrophic earthquake of 2011 in Japan, which caused a one year shutdown, while Double Chooz, a pioneer of the new generation of short baseline experiments at reactors, was unable to improve its sensitivity due to logistical problems with the construction of its near detector.

The first observations of non-zero values of θ_{13} were reported in 2012 by the reactor neutrino experiments Daya Bay and RENO, detecting short baseline electron antineutrino disappearance with a significance of 5.2 and 4.9 standard deviations, respectively. The Daya Bay experiment, based in China, consisted of eight identical antineutrino detectors, each containing 20 tons of gadolinium-doped liquid scintillator. Four of them acted as close detectors at about 360 m from the Daya Bay and Ling Ao nuclear power plants, which have a total nuclear power of 17.4 GW, while 4 detectors were located at 1.8 km from the reactor cores. Daya Bay had been designed to achieve the smallest possible systematic errors (down to 0.2%) and for precision measurements of θ_{13} . The RENO experiment was based in South Korea and consisted of two identical detectors, containing 16.5 tons of gadolinium-doped liquid scintillator, placed at 294 m and 1383 m from the Yoinggwang (now Hanbit) nuclear power plant, which delivers 16.4 GW nuclear power.

At present the best determination of θ_{13} is $\sin^2(\theta_{13}) = 0.0220 + -0.0007$, setting a large enough amplitude of the processes leading to CP violation to allow sensitive searches by long-baseline neutrino experiments with conventional accelerator neutrino beams ...



The NOvA experiment







Most of the neutrino beam line upgrades already in place



T2K will run until 2027 and profit of the J-PARC power upgrades





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Gadolinium loading



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Super-K so far has loaded the water with a 0.03% fraction of Gadolinium (in a sulphate salt)

While HK will not contain gadolinium on Day 1, it is assumed that gadolinium will very likely be added to the new detector eventually, such that all proposed HK detector components and materials must be certified to be compatible with extended immersion in Gd-loaded water.

- Detect for the first time Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB)
- Improvement of supernova direction pointing accuracy and allowing pre-supernova neutrino detection (early warning for SN).
- Enhance ν and $\bar{\nu}$ identification in atmospheric and beam oscillation analyses
- Reduce background in nucleon decay searches





Mass Ordering and θ_{23} octant sensitivity

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Sensitivity to mass ordering comes from matter effects: the "short" baseline of Hyper-K prevents good sensitivity, that is partially compensated by atmospheric events (a combined T2K + Super-K analysis has just been released).



High Angle TPCs

- In addition to the 3 longitudinal TPCs already underway
- Optimized field cage with a design that minimizes the dead space and maximizes the tracking volume (INFN).
- Use of resistive micromegas (ERAM) instead of the standard bulk micromegas
- Prototype mounted and tested at LNL
- Cameras mounted at CERN and tested at CERN and DESY
- Both TPCs now ready at ND280





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Multi PMTs (mPMTs)

- Original design, derived from KM3NeT
- Proposed by INFN, which leads the project (with Poland, Canada, Mexico, Czech rep.)
- HK INFN R&D since 2015 (~200k€)
- Flagship of the Italian participation to the far detector, together with the front-end electronics
- 19 3" PMTs per mPMT
- 800 mPMT in the Inner Detector
- They will also equip the IWCD (400 units)
- Provide complementary information to the 20" PMTs.
- Reduce calibration and energy scale systematics
- Electronics also designed by INFN









		20" B&L PMT	mPMT (19 x 3" PMT)
	Photo-cathode area	2000 cm ²	870 cm ²
*	Photon detection	~6 hits/MeV/20k B&L	~1 hits/MeV/5k mPMT
	Timing resolution (TTS)	2.7 ns	1.3 ns
	Dark rate	4 kHz	200-300 Hz x 19 PMTs
	Remarks	 Performance confirmed High photon detection efficiency 	GranularityDirectionalityBetter timing resolution

Tendering process started in Italy and Poland Production chain: tested at INFN-Na Tests of mPMTs in water at CERN: April this year Mass production: 2024-25 Installation in Hyper-K: 2026



Hyper-K Electronics

- 3 competing designs originally proposed by INFN, Japan and France
- INFN discrete components design selected: performance, flexibility & fast prototyping cycle
- Measuring Charge, Timing and ToT (Time over Threshold), allowing detection of the pre or late pulses of the PMT.

Front-end electronics placed in underwater vessels Two types of underwater electronics vessels

- Inner detector vessels: 24 ID channels read out by two PCBs
- Hybrid outer + inner detector vessels: 20 ID + 12 OD channels







2 OD front-end boards



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Photomultiplier test station in Poland, Canada and Czech

Preparation for testing station and procedures for testing during mass production ongoing Test station during construction planned in



Electronics test station in Italy

Preparation for testing station and procedures for testing during mass production ongoing



Test station during construction planned in Italy



Vessel in Czech



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mPMT Packaging and Transportation Tests in Mexico

Studies on packaging

- Design consider mPMT cable and opening for in-box testing of the mPMT
- Optimization studies ongoing for cost reduction

Studies for transportation

- Compression test to evaluate that the box is capable of withstanding the stowage
- Shock (drops) test
- Vibration tests: frequency based on transport frequencies
- Inclined impact test
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First packing prototype built!

20" PMTs Frontend Electronics

- 3 competing designs originally proposed by INFN, Japan and France
- INFN discrete components design selected: performance, flexibility & fast prototyping cycle
- Measuring Charge, Timing and ToT (Time over Threshold), allowing detection of the pre or late pulses of the PMT.
- Self triggering at max 2MHz (charge) at 1/6 pe
- Dynamic range up to 1250 pe
- Power consumption is 4.7W/12ch, 390mW/ch
- Collaboration with Japan on the onboard calibration card

Critical components reviewed and procurement and tendering started in 2023

Final prototype early 2024

The tender for the board production will start early 2024

Start mass production by the end of 2024



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Hyper-K timetable

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PIP-II

- New proton source for Fermilab : 800 MeV H⁻ SRF linac.
- 1.2 MW protons, upgradable to multi-MW, CW-compatible.
- Linac to Booster transfer line.
- Accelerator Complex upgrades.





Beam Schedule: Fermilab beams stop end 2026 Beam commissioning: 2029-30 Beam to DUNE: Fall 2031, ~ 1 MW 1.2 MW by end 2032

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SAND Tracker

Two options: STT (Straw Tube Tracker) DC (Drift chambers)

Truly international involvement: US, Georgia, India, Kazakistan, INFN

Prototyping and test undergoing

XZ (top) ZY (side) 10 μsec spill of v_{μ} beam 250 24000 24000 25000 26000 ZY (side) XZ (top) 250 2000 -500 1500 -1000 1000 -1500 500 -2000 -2500 -500 -3000E -1000 -3500 -1500 -4000 -2000 -4500 -2500 22000 23000 24000 25000 23000 24000 25000 22000 26000 [mm] 26000 To here

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