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Neutrino physics at INFN An incomplete biased review

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State of the art in neutrino physics

- The 3 mixed massive- ν paradigm has been quite successful (modulo a few not understood "anomalies")
 - However, knowledge and understanding of neutrino sector is far from being complete:

$$PDG \qquad |\Delta m^{2}| = 2.49 \pm 0.04 \ 10^{-3} \ eV^{2} \ [1.4\%] \qquad \delta m^{2} = 7.73 \pm 0.18 \ 10^{-5} \ eV^{2} \ [2.2\%] \\ sin^{2}(\theta_{23}) = 0.54 \pm 0.2 \ [5\%] \qquad sin^{2}(\theta_{13}) = 2.20 \pm 0.07 \ 10^{-2} \ [3.2\%] \qquad sin^{2}(\theta_{12}) = 0.307 \pm 0.013 \ [4\%] \qquad UNKNOWN \\ Output the equation of the equat$$

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Fundamental Questions

Can ν mixing teach us something about flavour ? Are there underlying flavour symmetries ?



What is the origin of neutrino mass? Why are the neutrinos so light? Is lepton number conserved ?



Is leptogenesis playing a role in BB matterantimatter asymmetry ? Do protons decay ?



Are there light sterile neutrinos? Can non-unitary reveal new physics BSM ? Are there non standard neutrinos?





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Oscillations: experimental efforts





L ~10³-10⁴ km, E~10²-10⁴ MeV matter effects

- KM3NeT
- IceCube
- JUNO



L ~1 km or 10²-10³ km E~10³ MeV matter effects



 $L \sim I - I0^2 \text{ km}$ E~MeV

- **T2K**
- NOvA
- ICARUS, SBND
- DUNE, HyperK

- JUNO
- KamLAND
- RENO
- + short-baseline





Exploring different sectors, based on experimental design

Experiment	Dominant	Important
Solar Experiments	θ_{12}	$\Delta m^2_{21} \;, heta_{13}$
Reactor LBL (KamLAND)	Δm^2_{21}	$ heta_{12} \;, heta_{13}$
Reactor MBL (Daya-Bay, Reno, D-Chooz)	$\theta_{13}, \Delta m^2_{31,32} $	
Atmospheric Experiments (SK, IC-DC)		$ \theta_{23}, \Delta m^2_{31,32} , \theta_{13},\delta_{\rm CP} $
Accel LBL $\nu_{\mu}, \bar{\nu}_{\mu}$, Disapp (K2K, MINOS, T2K, NO ν A)	$ \Delta m^2_{31,32} , \theta_{23} $	
Accel LBL $\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$ App (MINOS, T2K, NO ν A)	$\delta_{ m CP}$	$ heta_{13} \;, heta_{23}$

S. Navas et al. (Particle Data Group), Phys. Rev. D 110, 030001 (2024)

Several experiments at a maturity stage, others set to begin or be upgraded



Why measuring δ_{CP} is important ?

- We do not understand the origin of matter-antimatter asymmetry in the Universe
 - To get it you need CP violation (and baryon number violation)
 - Is the CP violation required explained by Standard Model + PMNS ?
- CP violation is proportional to so called Jarlskog invariant

 $J = \sin \vartheta_{12} \cos \vartheta_{12} \sin \vartheta_{23} \cos \vartheta_{23} \sin \vartheta_{13} \cos^2 \vartheta_{13} \sin \delta_{CP} = J_{max} \sin \delta_{CP}$

 $J_{max}^{quarks} = (3.18 \pm 0.15) \cdot 10^{-5}$ $J_{max}^{leptons} = (3.3 \pm 0.06) \cdot 10^{-2}$

- Quarks are ruled out
- Leptons, not necessarily. They may play a role, possibly not unique.
- Be aware: you need, anyway, a baryon number violation mechanism, which cannot be related directly to lepton sector





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- $\delta_{_{CP}} \rightarrow$ a modulation in the spectrum of the appeared v
- The direction of the variation is opposite for v and anti-v beams \rightarrow use both
- ~ change in normalization: @ 2^{nd} maximum (at low E) \rightarrow more "shape" info.
- Sub-leading: crucial role of systematics and statistics



Courtesy: A. Longhin



Measuring CPV (2)

















ν /anti- ν asymmetry in MSW resonance thanks to matter effects (4-30 GeV):

oscillation probabilities for NO and IO are different due to ν path through the Earth matter.

Up-going muon ν : MSW resonance takes place according to sign($A/\Delta m_{3\ell}^2$), where $A = \nu$ -matter potential

$$P(\nu_{\rm e} \to \nu_{\rm e}) \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13}^{\rm m} \sin^2 \left[1.27 \left(\Delta m_{31}^2 \right)^{\rm m} \frac{L}{E_{\nu}} \right]$$
$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}^{\rm m} = \frac{\sin^2 2\theta_{13}}{\left(\cos 2\theta_{13} - A/\Delta m_{31}^2 \right)^2 + \sin^2 2\theta_{13}}.$$



ν:	<i>A</i> > 0	MSW if $\Delta m_{3\ell}^2 > 0$	NO
anti- ν :	A < 0	MSW if $\Delta m_{3\ell}^2 < 0$	Ю







Icecube Upgrade proposal



Conservative estimates predict world-leading results within 1 year of data-taking





KM3NeT is a research infrastructure in the Mediterranean Sea hosting two neutrino detectorsKM3NeT/ORCA: Study of the physical proper5es of the neutrino – neutrino mass orderingKM3NeT/ARCA: Discovery and observation of cosmic neutrino sources

Two different detectors with the same technology and operated by the same collaboration





Atmospheric ν : KM3NeT











- low preference for IO
- maximum mixing preferred

Measurement of neutrino oscillation parameters with the first six detection units of KM3NeT/ ORCA JHEP 10 (2024) 206





KM3NeT

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data taking period [year]

8

3 years



+ Normal Ordering

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8

6

NMO sensitivity [σ]



With full detector: $2.5-5\sigma$ determination of NMO possible in 3 years

S. Aiello et al. [KM3NeT], "Determining the neutrino mass ordering and oscillation parameters with KM3NeT/ORCA", Eur. Phys. J. C 82 (2022) no.1, 26, doi:10.1140/epic/s10052-021-09893-0 [arXiv:2103.09885 [hep-ex]].

S. Aiello et al. [KM3NeT and JUNO], "Combined sensitivity of JUNO and KM3NeT/ORCA to the neutrino mass ordering", JHEP 03 (2022), 055, doi:10.1007/JHEP03(2022)055 3 [arXiv:2108.06293 [hep-ex]].





The February 13 2023 an event with the highest energy ever seen has been detected with ARCA when it consisted of 21 Lines

• Huge amount of light detected 35% of the total number of PMTs were triggered



Nature 638, 376–382 (2025) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jgyZlBpkl8)









- With a very high energy
 - the muon energy is estimated by counting the number of PMTs participating at the triggering of the event



• Energy is measured from the amount of light:

 $E_{\mu} = 120^{+110}_{-60} \text{ PeV}$

(10 000 times the energy of the LHC)

• The neutrino Energy is higher:

 $E_{\nu} = 220^{+570}_{-100} \text{ PeV}$

Assuming a E-2 muon neutrino spectrum

• It is a horizontal event (0.6° above the horizon) traversing ~140km of rock&water







A wide L/E range to explore different oscillation features



$$\begin{split} \text{Medium baseline } (\theta_{12}, \Delta m_{21}^2) \\ P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) = & 1 - \cos^4(\theta_{13}) \sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \sin^2(\Delta_{21}) \\ & - \cos^2(\theta_{12}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta_{31}) \\ & - \sin^2(\theta_{12}) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2(\Delta_{32}) \\ \text{Short baseline } (\theta_{13}, \Delta m_{31}^2) \end{split}$$

$$\Delta_{kj} = 1.27 \Delta m_{kj}^2 [\text{eV}^2] \frac{L[\text{m}]}{E[\text{MeV}]}$$





A wide L/E range to explore different oscillation features





Reactor *v***: JUNO**





43.5 m

- Medum baseline, L = 52 km, E ~ MeV
- Largest liquid scintillator ever (20 kton), equipped with 17612 large PMTs + 25600 small PMTs to collect scintillation light
- Data taking started in December 2024

Water pool
 Liquid scint. (20kt)

Experiment	Daya Bay	Borexino	KamLAND	JUNO	
Target mass [kt]	0.16	~0.3	~1	~20	
Photo electrons / MeV	~160	~500	~250	~1600	
Energy resolution @MeV	~8.5%	~5%	~6%	~3%	
Photocathode coverage	12%	34%	34%	78%	
Energy cal. Uncert.	0.5%	1.0%	2.0%	<1%	

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1) Large statistics

→ huge scintillator mass, powerful nuclear reactors

2) Energy resolution: 2.95% @ 1MeV + 1% understanding of the intrinsically non-linear energy scale

→ LS optical properties + light collection + calibrations

3) Low background

→ underground + scintillator purification system + material screening + veto systems

4) Knowledge of reactor spectra at sub-% level

- → near detector: Taishan Antineutrino Observatory (TAO) at 44 m from Taishan reactor
- → reduce spectral shape systematics



First experiment to observe both fast $(\sin^2\theta_{13}, |\Delta m^2_{3\ell}|)$ and slow $(\sin^2\theta_{12}, \Delta m^2_{21})$ oscillations in vacuum

Reactor *v***: JUNO**

→ interference pattern depends on NMO ... no dependence on θ_{23} , δ_{CP} , small dependence on matter effects: **no degeneracies.**



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Chin. Phys. C46 (2022) 12, 123001

	Central Value	PDG2020	100 days	6 years	20 years
$\Delta m_{31}^2 \ (\times 10^{-3} \ {\rm eV}^2)$	2.5283	$\pm 0.034~(1.3\%)$	$\pm 0.021 \ (0.8\%)$	$\pm 0.0047 \ (0.2\%)$	$\pm 0.0029 \ (0.1\%)$
$\Delta m_{21}^2 \; (\times 10^{-5} \; {\rm eV}^2)$	7.53	$\pm 0.18~(2.4\%)$	$\pm 0.074~(1.0\%)$	$\pm 0.024~(0.3\%)$	$\pm 0.017~(0.2\%)$
$\sin^2 heta_{12}$	0.307	$\pm 0.013~(4.2\%)$	$\pm 0.0058~(1.9\%)$	$\pm 0.0016~(0.5\%)$	$\pm 0.0010~(0.3\%)$
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.0218	$\pm 0.0007 \ (3.2\%)$	± 0.010 (47.9%)	$\pm 0.0026 \ (12.1\%)$	± 0.0016 (7.3%)

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Long base line: No ν a and T2K





 $L = 295 \text{ km}, E_{\text{peak}} = 0.6 \text{ GeV}$

L = 810 km, $E_{peak} = 2$ GeV







- In many LBL neutrino oscillation experiments matter effect and CP violation are degenerate
 - Not for DUNE, which has a wide beam and long distance, allowing to separate the two effects







NOvA: lower E and shorter L reduces the matter effects \rightarrow less degenerate CPV values of δ_{CP}

T2K: higher E and longer L enhances the NMO dependent matter effects

→ impact on P(v μ → ve) and P(anti-v μ → anti-ve) differs for each experiment



Long base line: No ν a and T2K

Joint analysis lifts degeneracies of individual experiments.

Based on Eur. Phys. J. C (2023) 83: 782 and Phys. Rev. D 110, 012005

NMO:

- Joint analysis flips the preference for the IO: T2K and NOvA individually prefer NO
- Very weak preference for IO, Bayes factor 1.3

δCP:

- Degeneracy between δCP and MO
- NO: allows for a broad range of possible δCP
- IO: CP-conserving outside 3σ CIs
- Neither NMO points to $\delta CP \sim +\pi/2$ (outside $3\sigma CI$)













Global analyses disfavoured eV sterile neutrino oscillations already 20 years ago







Nuclear Physics B 643 (2002) 321-338

www.elsevier.com/locate/npe

Ruling out four-neutrino oscillation interpretations

of the LSND anomaly? We find that also (3 + 1) schemes are strongly disfavoured by the data. Depending on the LSND analysis we obtain a g.o.f. of 5.6×10^{-3} or 7.6×10^{-5} . This leads to the conclusion that all fourneutrino descriptions of the LSND anomaly, both in (2+2) as well as (3+1) realizations, are highly disfavoured. Our analysis brings the LSND hint to a more puzzling status.

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14 August 2002

Abstract

Prompted by recent solar and atmospheric data, we re-analyze the four-neutrino oscillation	
description of current neutrino data, including the LSND evidence for oscillations. The higher	
degree of rejection for non-active solar and atmospheric oscillation solutions implied by the SNO	
neutral current result as well as by the latest 1489-day Super-K atmospheric neutrino data allows	
us to rule out $(2+2)$ oscillation schemes proposed to reconcile LSND with the rest of current	
neutrino oscillation data. Using an improved goodness of fit (g.o.f.) method especially sensitive to	
the combination of data sets we obtain a g.o.f. of only 1.6×10^{-6} for $(2+2)$ schemes. Further, we	
re-evaluate the status of (3 + 1) oscillations using two different analyses of the LSND data sample.	_
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In 20 years...

- **reactor anomaly**: came and went away
- LSND/MiniBoone: (largely) unsolved
- Gallium anomaly: unsolved
- Strong tension with **cosmology**

Short Baseline Neutrino (SBN) at FNAL BNB and NuMi beams: a definitive answer to sterile neutrinos ?



Neutrino Energy: 700 MeV Dscillation Probability [%] $\Delta m_{41}^2 = 1.2 \text{ eV}^2$ $sin^{2}(2\theta) = 0.003$ **BNB** SBND 200 400 600 800 Length of Neutrino Flight [m]

1.0

1.5

2.0

2.5

3.0 Energy (GeV)

BNB

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- ICARUS and SBND LAr-TPC's are installed at 600 and 110 m from the Booster target, searching for sterile-v oscillations both in appearance and disappearance channels.
- In addition high-statistics v-Ar cross-section measurements and event identification/reconstruction studies in view of DUNE:
 - ~10⁶ events/y in SBND < 1 GeV from Booster</p>
 - ~10⁵ events/y in ICARUS > 1 GeV from off-axis NuMI beam.

ICARUS LAr-TPC at Fermilab

- ICARUS-T600 was overhauled at CERN in 2014-18 within the Neutrino Platform, introducing technology developments while maintaining the already achieved performance in view of the shallow depth operation at Fermilab:
- 2 modules, 2 TPCs per module with central cathode (1.5 m drift, E_D = 0.5 kV/cm);
- 3 readout wire planes per TPC, in total 54000 wires at 0, ± 60°, 3 mm pitch; new faster, higher-performance read-out electronics;
- Upgraded light collection system: 360 8" PMTs, TPB coated detecting scintillation light by particles in LAr;
- New cold vessels, purely passive insulation and refurbished cryogenics and purification equipment;
- Surrounded by ~4π Cosmic Ray Tagger system, protected by ~3 m thick concrete overburden.

Wires planes



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:
 - > High ve identification capability of LAr-TPCs rejecting NC event background;
 - > "Initial" BNB beam composition and spectrum provided by SBND detector.



 5σ coverage of the parameter area relevant to LSND anomaly

Probing the parameter area relevant to reactor and gallium anomalies.

Unique capability to study neutrino appearance and disappearance simultaneously



Hyper-Kamiokande

HK

190 kton fiducial mass (8.4 x SK) Sensitivity PMT (2x) J-PARC beam upgrade (x2.5, $0.5 \rightarrow 1.3$ MW) New Intermediate Water Cherenkov + upgraded T2K near detector @ 280 m





~440 collaborators, 93 inst. 19 countries

WAGASCI IWCD







Status of cavern excavation



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multi-PMT

HK

- Proposti dall'INFN che ne ha la leadership (Poland, Canada, Czech Rep., Mexico)
- HK INFN R&D dal 2015 (~200k€)
- Flagship della proposta italiana per il far detector, insieme al frontend dei PMTs 20"
- Informazioni uniche e complementari ai PMTs 20"
- Riduzione delle sistematiche sui parametri dell'acqua e sulla scala di energia







mPMT design review

Final prototypes, contracts & procurement

Mass production 2024-26

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DUNE: the ultimate proton-driven long-baseline experiment



- High precision measurements of ν mixing in a single experiment.
- Determination of the ν mass ordering in the first few years.
- Observation and measurement of **CPV** in the ν sector.
- Test of the $3-\nu$ paradigm (PMNS unitarity).
- Observatory for **astrophysical** ν **sources** (solar, atmospheric, SN).
- Search for physics Beyond Standard Model with and without νs





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DUNE and its Physics Program in one slide

Long- baseline wide-band neutrino beam

- Measurement of CP violation phase and determination of the neutrino mass ordering in a single experiment using spectral information
- Underground location \rightarrow access to astrophysical neutrinos
 - Supernova neutrino burst detection sensitive to the v_e component
 - Atmospheric neutrino capability of v_{τ} identification
 - Solar neutrinos potential for detection of hep flux
- Massive detectors with tracking and calorimetric information
 - -~ Search for baryon number violating processes p $\rightarrow \nu$ K+, n m
- Long baseline + higher energy neutrino beam
 - v_{τ} appearance, NSI searches
 - Capable Near Detector Complex
 - Precise neutrino physics (cross sections, nuclear effects)
 - BSM searches

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Experimental Strategy for oscillations

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) \simeq \sin^{2} \theta_{23} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{13} \left(\frac{\Delta m^{2}}{a - \Delta m^{2}}\right) \sin^{2} \left(\frac{a - \Delta m^{2}}{4E}L\right) + \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \left(\frac{\delta m^{2}}{a}\right) \left(\frac{\Delta m^{2}}{a - \Delta m^{2}}\right) \sin \left(\frac{aL}{4E}\right) \sin \left(\frac{a - \Delta m^{2}}{4E}L\right) \cos \left(\frac{\Delta m^{2}L}{4E}\right) \cos \delta + \frac{a \rightarrow -a}{\delta \rightarrow -\delta} + \cos^{2} \theta_{13} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{12} \left(\frac{\delta m^{2}}{a}\right)^{2} \sin^{2} \left(\frac{aL}{4E}\right) - \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \left(\frac{\delta m^{2}}{a}\right) \left(\frac{\Delta m^{2}}{a - \Delta m^{2}}\right) \sin \left(\frac{aL}{4E}\right) \sin \left(\frac{a - \Delta m^{2}}{4E}L\right) \cos \left(\frac{\Delta m^{2}L}{4E}\right) \sin \delta$$

Leading order approximation

$$\mathcal{A}_{cp}(E_{\nu}) = \left[\frac{\mathrm{P}(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) - \mathrm{P}(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \to \bar{\nu}_{e})}{\mathrm{P}(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) + \mathrm{P}(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \to \bar{\nu}_{e})}\right] \approx \frac{\cos\theta_{23}\sin2\theta_{12}\sin\delta_{CP}}{\sin\theta_{23}\sin\theta_{13}} \left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^{2}L}{4E_{\nu}}\right) + \text{ matter effects}$$

- Long baseline + wide-band beam: unfold CPV and matter effects using information from the first and second oscillation maxima
 - Baseline ~ 1300 km
 - 1st peak at ~ 2.6 GeV
 - 2nd peak at ~ 0.65 GeV





DUNE Oscillation physics

DUNE Collaboration, Eur. J. Phys. C80, 978 (2020)





In year 1 alone, DUNE will collect ~150 oscillated ν_e events. This is approx. the sum of T2K + NOvA

- assuming a beam ramp-up to 1.2 MW, 2 FDs, normal ordering, θ_{CP} =0

- expected range is 70-180 ν_e events in FHC, depending on true MO, CP
- a factor 1.75 more with ACE-MIRT





Sensitivity to CPV - Phase I

• DUNE Phase-I will:

unambiguously resolve the neutrino mass ordering at 3σ (5σ) level with a
 66 (100) kt · MW · yr exposure

measure CPV at 3σ level with a 100
 kt · MW · yr exposure for the maximally
 CP-violating values δ_{CP} = ± π/2





DUNE sensitivities at higher exposures (Phase II)

To achieve all P5 goals it is need : Detector Mass 40 kton (4 modules) + Beam power upgrade to 2.4MW + Improved Systematics (Near detector upgrade)



For 50% of δ_{CP} values 5 σ CPV in 12 years





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DUNE sensitive to v_e CC events by $v_e + {}^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{40}\text{K}^*$

exploiting the Ar target and to v ES on electrons thanks to its large mass



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Why mass is important: three ways, three "masses" !









β DECAY KINEMATICS

 $m_{\beta} = \sqrt{|U_{e1}|^2 m_1^2 + |U_{e2}|^2 m_2^2 + |U_{e3}|^2 m_3^2}$

0.45 eV @ 90% CL (KATRIN, arXiv 2406.13516)



0.028-0.122 eV @ 90% CL (KLDZ, arXiv 2406.11438) LEPTON NUMBER VIOLATION (0 $\nu\beta\beta$ DECAY) $m_{\beta\beta} = \left| U_{e1}^2 m_1 + U_{e2}^2 m_2 + U_{e3}^2 m_3 \right|$ Neutrino masses and cosmology



Cosmology provides tight constraints on the sum of neutrino masses Σ in Λ CDM model. Too tight?

DESI (April 2024) + CMB Planck + CMB Atacama Telescope:

- Best fit value: Σ = 0 , and Σ < 0.072 eV at 95% CL

- Relaxing the $\Sigma > 0$ prior, negative neutrino masses are favoured.

Long list of possible interpretations:

- Undetected systematics in DESI BAO data?
- Non-standard cosmology?
- New physics beyond the ACDM model?
- Exotic neutrino properties?

direct mass determinations crucial \Rightarrow KATRIN and beyond





Neutrino mass: a gap (?)



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KATRIN++





- KATRIN on way to achieve 1000 d measurement time (final sensitivity $m_{\beta} < 0.3 \text{ eV}$). Next m_{β} result : ~ 0.5 eV sensitivity
- We will be ready for TRISTAN-Operation at the end of 2025 (Search for keV sterile neutrinos)
- Ultimate neutrino mass experiment (Normal Ordering; sensitivity on m_β < 40 meV) requires differential detector principle und an atomic tritium source → R&D Plan for PoF-V</p>









S. Mertens et. al. (2019) https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6471/ab12fe

Challenges:

- scaling to focal plane array (>1000 pixels)
- electron spectroscopy
- difficult environment: UHV, magnetic fields, high voltage etc.

2025:

9 modules in replica of KATRIN detector section

2026:

- installation in KATRIN beam line
- start of sterile neutrino physics program (~1 year)

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- 6.5×10^{13} atom/det $\rightarrow A_{\rm EC}$ =300 c/s/det
- $\Delta E \approx 1 \text{ eV}$ and $\tau_{_R} \approx 1 \text{ }\mu\text{s}$
- 1000 TES microcalorimeters
 - → 16 × 64-pixel arrays with microwave multiplexed read-out
- 6.5×10^{16} ¹⁶³Ho nuclei $\rightarrow \approx 18 \ \mu g$
 - \rightarrow 3×10¹³ events in 3 years
 - $\rightarrow m_{\nu}$ statistical sensitivity $\approx 1 \text{ eV}$

B. Alpert et al., Eur. Phys. J. C, (2015) 75:112

realistic rescaled intermediate target • $A_{EC} \approx 1 \text{ c/s/det}$ • $\Delta E \approx 1 \text{ eV}$ and $\tau_{R} \approx 1 \text{ }\mu\text{s}$ • 64-pixel array

- \rightarrow 2×10⁹ events in 1 year
- $\rightarrow m_{\nu}$ statistical sensitivity O(10 eV)









1st neutrino mass measurement of HOLMES (submitted to PRL): <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/ 2503.19920</u>

Not competitive with KATRIN but

- •validates the approach implemented in recent years by HOLMES and ECHo
- •Can extract info on the neutrino mass using 163Ho even without knowing well the 163Ho spectral shape

 \rightarrow m(nu) < 27 eV at 90% C.L. with



- 48 detectors (microwave multiplexed readout)
- 2 months
- I5 Bq total activity = 107 decadimenti



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- Current unclear situation
- Good proof of principle in 2019: m<150 eV
- 163Ho spectra collected (E<2.5 keV for EC spectrum, E>3 keV for pileup) with a similar number of channels as HOLMES: no update on mass result

Towards ECHo-100K

ECHo-100k baseline: large arrays of MMCsNumber of detectors:12000Activity per pixel:10 Bq

Present status:

MMCs arrays:

High Purity ¹⁶³Ho source: Ion implantation system:



reliable fabrication of large MMC array succesfull characterization of arrays with ¹⁶³Ho available about 30 MBq demostrated co-deposition of Ag for larger activities ECHo-1k chip-Ag 34 pixel with implanted ¹⁶³Ho 6 background pixels average activity = 0.71 Bq total activity of 25.9 Bq

- ... working on improving to "EChO-100k"
- Latest news at Neutrino 2024
- But no plan to go beyond eV mass sensitivity



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Neutrinoless double beta decay

- It is a very rare nuclear process (if it exists) in which a nucleus makes a "double" beta decay **without the emission** of neutrinos
 - The decay with 2 neutrinos exists and has been observed
 - It does not contain new physics
 - That without neutrinos is super-interesting





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Why $0\nu\beta\beta$ is important ?

- The only known process that can distinguish between Majorana and Dirac mass terms
 - Other subdominant effects exist but much more difficult to measure

- i.e. $0\nu\beta\beta$ can happen only if neutrinos are their own anti-particle (truly neutral)
- i.e. lepton number is violated
- In all scenarios 0νββ implies new physics







Why $0\nu\beta\beta$ is important?

- The best process that can distinguish between Majorana and Dirac mass terms
 - i.e. $0\nu\beta\beta$ can happen only if neutrinos are their own anti-particle
 - i.e. lepton number is violated
 - In all scenarios $0\nu\beta\beta$ implies new physics ٠

$$\Gamma^{0\nu}/\ln(2) = (T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = G^{0\nu}(Q,Z)g_Z^4 |M^{0\nu}|^2 \frac{\langle m_{\beta\beta}, m_{\rho}^2 \rangle}{m_{\rho}^2}$$





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Neutrino-less

Effective Majorana Mass (assumes "standard" mechanism): $\langle m_{etaeta}
angle = \left|\sum |U_{ei}|^2 e^{i\phi_i}m_i
ight|$ $= \left| c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 m_1 + s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 m_2 e^{i\omega} + s_{13}^2 m_3 e^{i\beta} \right|$ α, β are unknown Majorana phases Not measurable in oscillation experiments

This is only one model -- other LNV physics also possible!

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Discovery Sensitivity

Bkg free operation mode $\rightarrow \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle \propto [T_{1/2}]^{-1} \rightarrow T_{1/2} \propto \epsilon m_{iso}^{FV} t$ (isotope-weighted exposure)



Experiments taking data currently (both at LNGS)

- CUORE:Ton·yr scale sensitivity now, but background dominated
- LEGEND-200: background-free mode, Ton scale sensitivity expected in few yrs

Future generation experiments designed to cover I.O. region fully (10 Ton·yr)





Fundamental parameters driving the sensitive background and exposure, and hence the sensitivity, of recent and future phases of existing experiments; see Eq. (38). Red bars are used for ⁷⁶Ge experiments, orange bars are used for ¹³⁶Xe, blue bars are used for ¹³⁰Te, green bars are used for ¹⁰⁰Mo, and sepia bars are used for ⁸²Se. Similar exposures are achieved with high mass but poorer energy resolution and efficiency using gas and liquid detectors, or with small mass but high resolution and efficiency by solid-state detectors. The sensitive exposure is computed for 1 yr of live time. Lighter shades indicate experiments that are either under construction or proposed.







WC



- ✓ Overall exposure so far ~ 80kg×yr over about 0.7 years of live time (~130 kg active HPGe)
- **Golden** "Golden" exposure for $0v2\beta$ search = 48.3 kg×yr
- Plus another about 30 kg yr of "silver" data for bkg characterisation
- About 1 year of maintenance and material screening to reduce background further towards target (²²⁸Th contribution higher than expected, but effectively reduced)
- Almost ready to resume data taking

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Additional about 35 kg of HPGe to be included



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LEGEND-200





G World best exclusion limit from Ge

(L200+Gerda+Majorana Demonstrator, L200 improves by 30%):

- Sensitivity T1/2 = $2.8 \times 10_{26}$ yr (90% CL)
- Observed T1/2 > $1.9 \times 10_{26}$ yr (90% CL)
- $\bullet BI = (5.3 \pm 2.2) \times 10_{-4} \text{ cts/(keV \cdot kg \cdot yr)}$
 - Very low thanks to PSD in HPGe and high efficiency of LAr vetoing

\blacksquare Overall resolution of 0.1% FWHM at $Q_{\beta\beta}$

- Energy scale stable over data taking with 0.3±0.2 keV bias at $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- ICPC show very good resolution even at higher masses → promising for LEGEND-1000









- Independent strings to allow production and independent installation of ~400 HPGe detectors
- Dedicated Underground Ar cryostat, contains HPGe and scintillation detectors, while (cosmogenic) neutron veto system in outer Atmospheric Ar volume
- Expect further improvements: larger ICPC, new electronics, radio-cleaner LAr detector fibers, cleaner Cu



• Expected start ~ 2030, but subject to HPGe procurement and international funding scenario



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CUORE

 \blacksquare $\Delta E_{FWHM} @ Q_{\beta\beta} = 2527 \text{ keV: } 7.3 \text{ keV}$

 Continuously monitoring detector stability (NTD resistance and Pulse Tubes)

Largest and coldest bolometer ever built
 19 towers of 52 independent TeO2 crystals, T=10 mK

Overall 742 kg total mass - 206 kg of 130Te
 Steadily increasing data set since 2019 has lead to exposure for 0v2β search = 2039 kg×yr worth of TeO2 (567 kg×yr of 130Te)















- Identify and suppress α radiation by conjugating scintillation capabilities and bolometer energy resolution \rightarrow leverages on experience and achievements of CUORE and CUPID0/CUPID-Mo
- Re-use CUORE infrastructure + 1600 Li₂₁₀₀MoO₄ (⇒240 kg 100Mo)



- Projected background in the ROI around $Q_{\beta\beta}(100MO) = 10-4 \text{ counts}/(\text{keV}\cdot\text{kg}\cdot\text{yr})$
- Expected sensitivity $T_{1/2} > 10_{27} \text{ yr} (10 \text{ yrs data taking}) \Rightarrow m_{\beta\beta}: [12-20] \text{ meV}$
- Re-use CUORE infrastructure at LNGS
- Expected start ~ 2030, but subject to crystal procurement and international funding scenario



Lively experimental programme!





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• A **huge** work in progress:

Apologies: not covered Solar neutrinos Geo-neutrinos Coherent scattering see other talks

- Neutrino mass ordering (NMO) and δ_{CP} likely to be measured relatively soon
 - JUNO and ORCA leading the effort on NMO
 - Better hints on δ_{CP} will come from T2K/NOvA, first measurement likely from HK, precision era with HK & DUNE (capable to measure both without degeneracies)
- A new generation of $0\nu\beta\beta$ (ton scale) is underway to cover IMO completely
- News on mass might come from cosmology and/or direct measurement
- Investigation on unitarity will come from precision measurements (JUNO) and search for short distance anomalous effects (SBN program at FNAL, reactors)
- Ready for surprises !