Daya Bay II: A multi-purpose LS-based experiment

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What is next after θ₁₃ determined ?

Neutrino oscillation

- ⇒ What is the neutrino mass hierarchy ?
- ⇒ Are there CPV in neutrinos ?
- \Rightarrow Is the neutrino mixing angle θ_{23} maximized ?
- ⇒ Is the neutrino mixing matrix unitary ?
- What are the absolute mass of neutrinos ?
- Are neutrinos their anti-particles ?
- Are there sterile neutrinos ?
- Are there fourth generation neutrinos ?
- How to detect relic neutrinos ?

Idea of the Daya Bay-II Experiment



- 20 kton LS detector
- **3% energy resolution**
- **Rich physics possibilities**
 - ⇒ Mass hierarchy
 - ⇒ Precision measurement of 4 mixing parameters
 - ⇒ Supernovae neutrinos
 - ⇒ Geoneutrinos
 - ⇒ Sterile neutrinos
 - ⇒ Atmospheric neutrinos
 - ⇒ Exotic searches

Talk by Y.F. Wang at ICFA seminar 2008, Neutel 2011; by J. Cao at Nutel 2009, NuTurn 2012; Paper by L. Zhan, Y.F. Wang, J. Cao, L.J. Wen, PRD78:111103,2008; PRD79:073007,2009

The plan: a large LS detector

LS volume: × 20→ for more mass & statistics
 light(PE) × 5→ for resolution





Fourier transformation:

Thanks to a large θ_{13}





Detector size: 20kt Energy resolution: 3%/√E Thermal power: 36 GW Baseline 58 km

Taking into account △M²₂₃

• A χ^2 method by taking into account ΔM^2_{23} from T2K and Nova in the future:



If $\Delta M^2_{\mu\mu}$ at 1.5% precision, mass hierarchy can be determined to ~4.5\sigma in 6 years

If $\Delta M^2_{\mu\mu}$ at 1% precision, mass hierarchy can be determine to ~5 σ in 6 years

Optimum baseline

- Optimum at the oscillation maximum of θ_{12}
- Multiple reactors may cancel the oscillation structure
 - \Rightarrow Baseline difference should be controlled to be less than 500 m



Precision measurement of mixing parameters

- Fundamental to the Standard Model and beyond
- Probing the unitarity of U_{PMNS} to ~1% level !
 - Uncertainty from other oscillation parameters and systematic errors, mainly energy scale, are included

| | Current | Daya Bay II |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|
| Δm_{12}^2 | 3% | 0.6% |
| Δm_{23}^2 | 5% | 0.6% |
| $\sin^2\theta_{12}$ | 6% | 0.7% |
| $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ | 20% | N/A |
| $\sin^2\theta_{13}$ | 14% → 4% | ~ 15% |

Will be more precise than CKM matrix elements !

Supernova neutrinos

Less than 20 events observed so far

Assumptions:

- ⇒ Distance: 10 kpc (our Galaxy center)
- ⇒ Energy: 3×10⁵³ erg
- \Rightarrow L_v the same for all types
- $\Rightarrow \text{ Tem. \& energy } T(\underline{v}_e) = 3.5 \text{ MeV}, \langle E(\underline{v}_e) \rangle = 11 \text{ MeV}$ $T(v_e) = 5 \text{ MeV}, \quad \langle E(v_e) \rangle = 16 \text{ MeV}$ $T(v_x) = 8 \text{ MeV}, \quad \langle E(v_x) \rangle = 25 \text{ MeV}$

Many types of events:

- $\Rightarrow \quad \overline{v_e} + p \rightarrow n + e^+, \sim 3000 \text{ correlated events}$
- \Rightarrow $\overline{v_e} + {}^{12}C \rightarrow {}^{12}B^* + e^+$, ~ 10-100 correlated events
- \Rightarrow v_e + ¹²C \rightarrow ¹²N* + e⁻, ~ 10-100 correlated events
- \Rightarrow $v_x + {}^{12}C \rightarrow v_x + {}^{12}C^*, \sim 600$ correlated events
- Water Cerenkov detectors can not see these correlated events

- $\Rightarrow v_{x} + p \rightarrow v_{x} + p, \text{ single events}$
- $\Rightarrow v_e + e^- \rightarrow v_e + e^-, \text{ single events}$
- $\Rightarrow v_{x} + e^{-} \rightarrow v_{x} + e^{-}, \text{ single events}$

Energy spectra & fluxes of all types of neutrinos

<u>Geoneutrinos</u>

Current results:

- ⇒ KamLAND: 40.0±10.5±11.5 TNU
- $\Rightarrow \quad \text{Borexino:} \\ 64 \pm 25 \pm 2 \text{ TNU} \\ \end{cases}$
- Desire to reach an error of 3 TNU: statistically dominant
- Daya Bay II: >×10 statistics, but difficult on systematics
- Background to reactor neutrinos



Challenges

- ♦ Large detector: 20 kt LS → \$\$\$\$ ~ 38m
- ◆ Energy resolution: < 3%/√E → 1200 p.e./MeV
 ⇒ To generate more light
 ⇒ To detect more light

| | KamLAND | Daya Bay II |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| LS mass | ~1 kt | 20 kt |
| Energy Resolution | <mark>6%/</mark> √E | <mark>3%/</mark> √E |
| Light yield | 250 p.e./MeV | 1200 p.e./MeV |

More photons, how and how many ?

| • | Highly transparent LS: | |
|---|--|--|
| | ⇒ Attenuation length/D: 15m/16m - | ≥ 30m/34m ×0.9 |
| • | High light yield LS: | |
| | ⇒ KamLAND: 1.5g/l PPO → 5g/l Pl | ?0 |
| | Light Yield: 30%→ 45%; | × 1.5 |
| • | Photocathode coverage : | |
| | ⇒ KamLAND: 34% → ~ 80% | × 2.3 |
| • | High QE "PMT": | |
| | ⇒ 20" SBA PMT QE: 25% → 35% | × 1.4 |
| | or New PMT QE: $25\% \rightarrow 40\%$ | × 1.6 |
| | Both: $25\% \rightarrow 50\%$ | × 2.0 |
| | | $4.3 - 5.0 \rightarrow (3.0 - 2.5)\% / \sqrt{E}$ |

Other contributions: 0.5% constant term & 0.5% neutron recoil uncertainty

More Photoelectrons-- PMT





No clearance: coverage 86.5% 1cm clearance: coverage: 83%



20" + 8" PMT 8" PMT for better timing(vertex)

A new type of PMT: higher photon detection eff.





Top: transmitted photocathode

- Bottom: reflective photocathode additional QE: ~ 80%*40%
- MCP to replace Dynodes no blocking of photons
 - ~ ×2 improvement

Low cost MCP by accepting the following:

- 1. asymmetric surface; 👡
- 2. Blind channels;
- 3. Non-uniform gains -
- 4. Flashing channels













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More Photoelectrons-- LS

Longer attenuation length

- Improve raw materials (using Dodecane instead of MO for LAB production)
- \Rightarrow Improve the production process
- ➡ Purification

Higher light yield

- ⇒ Lower temperature
- ⇒ fluor concentration optimization
- ⇒ Wave length shifter



| Linear Alky Benzene | Atte. Length @ 430 nm |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| RAW | 14.2 m |
| Vacuum distillation | 19.5 m |
| SiO ₂ coloum | 18.6 m |
| Al ₂ O ₃ coloum | 22.3 m |



MC example: Energy Resolution

(%) $\overline{(E_{rec}(MeV))}^{+0.9)\%}$ •AD1 Resolution OAD2 **DYBII MC**, based on **DYB MC** (tuned to data), excep **DYBII** Geometry and 80% photocathode coverage Ge n H-capture **SBA PMT: maxQE from 25% -> 35%** (spallation) Lower detector temperature to 4 degree (+13% light) Co LS attenuation length (1m-tube measurement@430nm n Gd-capture from 15m = absoption 24m + Raylay scattering 40 m \checkmark (AmC, IBD, spallation) to 20 m = absorption 40 m + Raylay scattering 40m 2 3 5 8 6 Erec (MeV) Profile of totalPE versus r^3 Mean 1870





<u>IBD Signal</u>

• Signal:

 $\overline{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$ $\mathbf{n} + \mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{d} + \gamma (2.2 \text{ MeV}) \qquad \tau \sim 200 \ \mu \text{s}$

LS without Gd-loading for

- \Rightarrow Better attenuation length \rightarrow resolution
- Lower irreducible accidental backgrounds from LS, important for a larger detector:
 - ✓ With Gd: ~ 10^{-12} g/g
 - ✓ Without Gd: ~ 10^{-16} g/g
- \Rightarrow Less risk
- Longer capture time & lower energy the capture signal
 — more accidental backgrounds

Backgrounds Summary

Assumptions

- → Overburden is 700m
 - $\checkmark~~E_{\mu}$ ~ 211 GeV, R_{μ} ~ 3.8 Hz
- Single rates from LS and PMT are 5Hz, respectively
- ➡ Good muon tracking
- ⇒ Similar muon efficiency as DYB

| | Daya Bay | Daya Bay II |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Mass (ton) | 20 | 20,000 |
| E _µ (GeV) | ~57 | ~211 |
| L_{μ} (m) | ~1.3 | ~ 23 |
| \mathbf{R}_{μ} (Hz) | ~21 | ~3.8 |
| R _{singles} (Hz) | ~50 | ~10 |

| | B/S @ DYB EH1 | B/S @ DYB II | Techniques used for DYB II detector |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---|
| Accidentals | ~1.4% | ~10% | Low PMT radioactivity; LS purification; prompt-delayed distance cut |
| Fast neutron | ~0.1% | ~0.4% | High muon detection efficiency (similar as DYB) |
| ⁹ Li∕ ⁸ He | ~0.4% | ~0.8% | Muon tracking; If good track, distance to muon track cut (<5m) and veto 2s; If shower muon, full volume veto 2s |

Detector design

- Extremely difficult to build both the stainless steel tank and the acrylic tank
- Options:
 - No steel tank, only acrylic tank
 - Steel tank +
 - Acrylic box/wall
 - Balloon
 - nothing



Option 1: no steel tank

- No more interference
 "Easy" for PMT holding
 Water buffer → cheap
- Difficulties:
 - Larger pressure difference for the acrylic tank

15% density difference leads to a maximum pressure of ~6m in air → A normal aquarium → Not a major problem





Actively Participate in International Competition with the Top Products

- Stress calculation shows that a 12cm thick acrylic tank is feasible but in really...

SNO 1kt: a 10-person team for two years
20kt ???



A variation: acrylic wall

- Mature technology
- Quick installation
- Good for PMT explosion protection
- But
 - ➡ Light loss, 5% ?
 - ⇒ Sealing, compatibility, ..







Option 2: Acrylic box

connect to other

modules

- Mineral oil in optical modules.
- Pipes for MO filling and cabling
- Concerns
 - ➡ Leakage through cables



Option 3: Balloon

- "Cheap" for construction & quick for installation
- Experience from Borexino (0.5kt) & KamLAND (1kt)
- Need to consider film materials(mechanics, transparency, compatibility, welding technique, radon permeability, ...), cleanness, leak check, deployment, backup plan if fails, ...



Option 4: Steel tank only

- No problem for construction
- A fall back plan of the balloon option
- But
 - → PMT protection
 - → Trigger rate by backgrounds
 - Resolution affected by pile-up of background events

If the PMT glass is the same as Daya Bay, radioactivity will be 44 Bq/PMT, or 3.3 MHz in total

If better glass is used, it may be reduced to 0.5-1 MHz





Online background suppression

ratio_max:gen_pos_r

- Divide PMTs to 1476 regions
- Look at the charge ratio Q_i/Q_{total}
 (i: the region ID)
 - \Rightarrow Cut charge ratio < 0.16
 - \Rightarrow Cut N_{p.e.} > 500(~0.4 MeV)
- Event rates can be reduced to 0.6kHz



Resolution is affected:

| Energy(MeV) | No Background | | Mix Background(1MHz, 500ns) | |
|-------------|--------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| | (vertex corrected) | | (vertex corrected) | |
| | sigma | mean | sigma | mean |
| 2*0.511 | 0.030 | 1 | 0.035 | 0.94 |
| 2.22 | 0.024 | 1 | 0.027 | 0.97 |
| 1.173+1.333 | 0.021 | 1 | 0.024 | 0.97 |
| 6.13 | 0.016 | 1 | 0.017 | 0.99 |

Prototyping plan

- One or a few of the following:
 - > Φ2m acrylic ball
 - > Φ2m steel ball
 - > Φ35m balloon
 - > Acrylic box
- To understand the following:
 - > Design and manufacturing technologies
 - > Assembly and installation issues
 - > Background suppression capabilities



• Water

- A MC simulation show that ~ 2m water, 1500 20" PMT is good enough
- Top VETO
 - ➡ Fully or partially covered
 - ➡ Options:
 - ✓ **RPC**
 - ✓ Plastic scintillator
 - ✓ Liquid scintillator



New site: Kaiping county, Jiangmen city

| | Daya Bay | Huizhou | Lufeng | Yangjiang | Taishan |
|----------|----------|--|--|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Status | running | planned | approved | Construction | construction |
| power/GW | 17.4 | 17.4 | 17.4 | 17.4 | 18.4 |
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Site selection

- Experimental hall selected
- Preliminary geological survey:
 - ➡ Review held on Dec. 17, 2012
 - ⇒ No show-stoppers
- Detailed geological survey to be started this month





Construction plans

Two options considered

- \Rightarrow Rails(40%, 1100m) + vertical shaft(600m)
- \Rightarrow Rails(40%, 1100m) + horizontal tunnel(6600m)

Conceptual design completed. Review held on Dec.17, 2012.

- ⇒ Rails+vertical shaft is chosen for cost and schedule reasons
- \Rightarrow No show-stoppers



Experimental hall



Preliminary study shows that:
 Stability of the hall is not a problem
 Total time needed for the civil construction is 3 years

Brief schedule

- Civil preparation: 2013-2014
- Civil construction: 2014-2017
- Detector R&D: 2013-2016
- Detector component production: 2016-2017
- PMT production: 2016-2019
- Detector assembly & installation: 2018-2019
- Filling & data taking: 2020

After a number of reviews, we are approved by the CAS(~ CD1)



- "Daya Bay II" is a project with a very rich and interesting physics program
- Although challenging, initial study shows that it is not impossible
- A few R&D efforts already started, more will come
- Detector design and civil design has been started
- Good support from the local government & the Chinese funding agencies

Welcome collaborators