Recent Results from T2K



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Standard Three-Flavor Neutrino Picture





Charged and neutral current interactions

Flavor states related to mass states by a unitary mixing matrix



$$|\nu_f\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N U_{fi}^* |\nu_i\rangle$$

Parameterize mixing matrix U as



Consequence of this framework:

Flavor transitions as neutrinos propagate



For appropriate L/E (and U_{ij}), oscillations "decouple", and flavor change probability can be described by:

$$P(\nu_f \to \nu_g) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{1.27\Delta m^2 L}{E}\right)$$



We now know neutrinos change flavor!

In each case, first measurement with 'wild' v's was confirmed and improved with 'tame' ones

$$P(\nu_f \to \nu_g) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{1.27\Delta m^2 L}{E}\right)$$

SOLAR NEUTRINOS Electron neutrinos from the Sun are disappearing... $\nu_e \to \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau | \quad \bar{\nu}_e \to \nu_x$... now confirmed by a reactor v's **KamLAND** CI, Ga, SK, SNO, **Described by** θ_{12} , Δm_{12}^2 **Borexino ATMOSPHERIC NEUTRINOS** Muon neutrinos created in cosmic ray showers are *disappearing* on their way through the Earth $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$...now confirmed by beam experiments iMB, Kam, K2K, MINOS, Described by θ_{23} , Δm^2_{23} T2K, OPERA, Soudan, MACRO, SK, MINOS, IceCube Icarus

Now entering precision measurement era for two-flavor oscillations



After 15 years of oscillation measurements, remaining unknowns in the 3-flavor picture:



Masses





Measuring these parameters will constrain mass models, leptogenesis, etc.; but it's not just about measuring numbers

→ we need to test the 3-flavor paradigm in multiple ways ... new physics?

Strategies for determining θ_{13}

Beams

Reactors





Oscillation probability at 295 km



Look for appearance of ~GeV v_e in v_μ beam on ~300 km distance scale

K2K, MINOS, T2K, NOvA





Look for *disappearance* of ~few MeV \bar{v}_e on ~km distance scale

CHOOZ, Double Chooz, Daya Bay, RENO

We're closing in on the answer...



Getting at θ_{13} experimentally: look for disappearance of reactor \overline{v}_{a}

$$1 - P(\bar{\nu}_e \to \bar{\nu}_e) \sim \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{13}^2 L}{4E}\right) \left| \begin{array}{c} (\text{few MeV,} \\ \textbf{``km}) \end{array} \right|$$

Current best limits for θ_{13} from CHOOZ



$$\bar{\nu}_e \to \nu_x$$

⇒ disappearance amplitude < 5-10%</p>



Current generation of proposed experiments: improved reactor disappearance search

$$1 - P(\bar{\nu}_e \to \bar{\nu}_e) \sim \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{13}^2}{4E}\right)$$



The long-baseline beam approach:

θ_{13} signature: look for small $v_{\rm e}$ appearance in a $v_{\rm u}$ beam



Hard to measure... known from the CHOOZ reactor experiment that it's a *small* modulation! Need good statistics, clean sample

Current Long Baseline Beam Projects

Physics goals : precision 2-3 mixing, non-zero θ_{13} search

T2K: "Tokai to Kamioka"

NOvA at NuMi





Pre-existing detector: Super-K New beam from J-PARC (~750 kW) 295 km baseline Water Cherenkov detector Pre-existing beam: Fermilab NuMi upgrade 810 km baseline Scintillator tracking detector

How To Make a Neutrino Beam



Off-axis beams



2-body pion decay kinematics



Off-axis, ν energy becomes relatively independent of π energy



Get more sharply peaked ∨ energies, and more flux at the oscillation minimum → good for background reduction and oscillation fits



The T2K (Tokai to Kamioka) Experiment Super-K **J-PARC** Senda Super Kamiokande / 295km JAER 🖲 (Tokai) KEK Tokvo(≆) Kawasaki Magnya Kunt Vokáhama 🔪 Osaka (c) 2000 ESH < 420.0 mi / 675.8 km across

• second generation long baseline experiment (following K2K, MINOS)

• high-intensity (750 kW) 2.5° off-axis v_{μ} beam from J-PARC 295 km to Super-K, a large water Cherenkov detector

The T2K Collaboration

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T2K Experiment Overall Design



Near detector suite at 280 m for beam characterization → predict flux/spectrum at SK for oscillation measurement



Signature of non-zero θ_{13} at far detector



Near detectors at 280 m



INGRID on-axis neutrino beam monitoring ~10K interactions/day at full power Side view 120 100 v beam 80 Run32 Run32 χ^2 / ndf 10.4/4 χ² / ndf 8.148/4 Constant 1.03e+04 ± 61.16 Constant 1.064e+04 + 61.76 12000 -2.817 ± 2.918 -7.991±3.117 Mear 12000 Mear 439.2 ± 4.815 461.4 ± 5.393 Sign Sigm 10000 10000 measured

8000 6000 4000 2000 400 -200 0 200 400 distance from INGRID center[cm] 400 -200 0 200 400 distance from INGRID center[cm] -400 -200

8000

6000

4000

2000

-400 -200

beam profile; ~7 cm resolution

ND280 complex



- v_{μ} and v_{e} flux and spectrum for extrapolation to SK FGD, FC cross-sections for signal and ba
- CC cross-sections, for signal and bg
- π^0 production cross-sections \implies POD, FGD, ECAL



Sample ND280 event displays





Refurbished in 2008 with new electronics; now running as 'Super-K IV'

Neutrino beam properties



8 bunches (6 for first running period)

> Spills matched to events by GPS timing at Super-K

Beam peaked at ~600 MeV (optimized for oscillation physics)

T2K neutrino beam history



1.43x10²⁰ pot by March 11, 2011 (~2% of eventual goal)

Great East Japan Earthquake

- magnitude 9 on Richter scale, >6 at J-PARC
- tsunami did not reach J-PARC (thanks to barrier)
- no reported injuries to any J-PARC or T2K personnel
- no effect at all on SK



Neutrino beam dump



- damage to J-PARC infrastructure and accelerator has been repaired
- near detectors required only minor repairs, now complete
- first beam in late Dec 2011 (no horn)
- T2K run scheduled for ~4 months prior to summer 2012 shutdown

T2K Physics Results So Far

 v_e appearance: search for non-zero θ_{13}

 v_{μ} disappearance: (eventually) precision 2-3 parameters



ND280 off-axis analysis



 $R_{data/MC} = 1.036 \pm 0.028(stat.) + 0.044 - 0.037$ (det. syst.) ± 0.038 (phys. model)

- Only normalization is used in the present analysis
- More ND280 work in progress

$$N_{SK}^{exp} ~=~ R_{ND}^{\mu, ~Data} ~ imes ~~ rac{N_{SK}^{MC}}{R_{ND}^{\mu, ~MC}}$$

T2K Event Selection in SK

 ΔT_0 : relative event timing to the spill timing



T2K FC event selection in Super-K

- 1. Total energy deposit in the inner counter is >30 MeV
- 2. No outer counter activity or pre-activity
- 3. Time correlation with the neutrino beam

Final FC selected events:

33 events in Jan 2010 - Jun 2010

121 events in Jan 2010 - Mar 2011 (88 in FV)



(atmospheric bg: 0.003 events)

Number of Super-K events observed in the T2K, 1.431x10²⁰ POT

			MC		
		Data	No oscillation	2-flavor osc. $\Delta m^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} (eV^2)$ $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 1.0$	ΒG (12μs window)
	Fully-Contained	121	246	109	0.023
	Fiducial Volume, E _{vis} > 30MeV	88	166	74.1	0.0028
	Single-ring μ-like (P _μ >200MeV/c)	33 (33)	112 (111 ± 16)	32.0 (31.8 ± 5.3)	-
	Single-ring e-like (P _e >100MeV/c)	8 (7)	8.5 (6.8 ± 3.0)	6.7 (5.8 ± 2.2)	-
	Multi-ring	47	45.3	35.4	-

Event displays (single-ring µ-like events)



Pμ = 1061 MeV/c 1 decay-e

Pμ = 1025 MeV/c 1 decay-e
Vertex distributions for FC events

FV boundary



Backgrounds to electron neutrino appearance



Electron neutrino selection cuts (predefined cuts)

- 0. Fully contained in SK
- 1. In fiducial volume (200 cm from wall)
- 2. Single ring
- 3. e-like
- 4. Visible energy > 100 MeV
- 5. No decay electron
- Reconstructed invariant mass < 105 MeV/c² (specialized π⁰ fitter)
- 7. Reconstructed energy < 1250 MeV

	Data	$\nu_{\mu}CC$	$\nu_e CC$	NC	$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e CC$
(0) interaction in FV	n/a	67.2	3.1	71.0	6.2
(1) fully-contained \mathbf{FV}	88	52.4	2.9	18.3	6.0
(2) single ring	41	30.8	1.8	5.7	5.2
(3) e-like	8	1.0	1.8	3.7	5.2
(4) $E_{vis} > 100 \text{ MeV}$	7	0.7	1.8	3.2	5.1
(5) no delayed electron	6	0.1	1.5	2.8	4.6
(6) non- π^0 -like	6	0.04	1.1	0.8	4.2
(7) $E_{\nu}^{rec} < 1250~{\rm MeV}$	6	0.03	0.7	0.6	4.1



Events as a function of v_e selection cut



Distribution of v_e candidate times wrt beam bunch



Reconstructed energies after all v_e cuts



Results after ν_{e} selection cuts

	Jan. 2010 – Mar. 2011 1.43x10 ²⁰ POT	Data	Expected B.G.	
Si	ngle Ring e-like (before add. v_e cut)	7		
	Single Ring e-like (after add. v_e cut)	6	1.5 ± 0.3	
	Beam v_e Background		0.8	
	Neutral Current interactions		0.6	
	Oscillated v_{μ} - v_{e} with solar term		0.1	

Electron neutrino candidate(1)



Times (ns)

Electron neutrino candidate(2)



Times (ns)

Systematic uncertainty for v_e appearance search

Systematic uncertainty for number of background events at Super-Kamiokande in the ν_e appearance search

yst. error
$\pm 8.5\%$
$\pm 14.0\%$
$^{+5.6}_{-5.2}\%$
$\pm 14.7\%$
$\pm 2.7\%$
$^{+22.8}_{-22.7}\%$

 $sin^{2}2\theta_{13} = 0$

Allowed values of $sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ as a function of δ_{CP}

(assuming $\Delta m^2_{23}=2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$, $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}=1$) π $\Delta m_{23}^2 < 0$ $\Delta m_{23}^2 > 0$ $\pi/2$ $\pi/2$ δ_{CP} $\delta_{\rm CP}$ normal inverted 0 0 hierarchy hierarchy T2K Best fit to T2K data -π/2 $-\pi/2$ 1.43×10^{20} p.o.t. 68% CL 90% CL -π -π 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0 0.6 0 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

90% C.L. interval & Best fit point (assuming $\Delta m_{23}^2=2.4 \times 10^{-3} eV^2$, $\sin^2 2\theta_{23}=1$, $\delta_{CP}=0$) $0.03 < \sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.28$ $0.04 < \sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.34$ $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.11$ $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.14$

Vertex distribution of all v_e candidates



Many checks done:

- probability ~ few % (trials factor hard...)
- entering contamination should be negligible according to MC
- OD events look fine
- atmospheric neutrino vertices look fine

Vertex distribution of events with light in the OD



No anomalies...

Study of possible entering contamination



v_e appearance results from MINOS are consistent



First Double Chooz θ₁₃ **Results**



Summary of latest θ_{13} measurements



Assuming current best-fit values are the true ones, how well will we know θ_{13} by the end of 2012?



Daya Bay not included in this work

Machado et al. arXiv:1111.3330

Future T2K sensitivity in $sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ -CP δ space





Best fit: $|\Delta m^2_{32}| = 2.65 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 0.98$

Number of events

First post-earthquake neutrinos



Next on the list...



Summary

With 1.43 x 10²⁰ pot, observed 6 v_e candidates, expect 1.5 ± 0.3 background (2.5 σ)

The constraints on $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ are:

 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.11$ (best fit) and $0.03 < \sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.28$ (90% C.L.) for normal hierarchy, $\delta_{CP}=0$ $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.14$ (best fit) and $0.04 < \sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.34$ (90% C.L.) for inverted hierarchy, $\delta_{CP}=0$ $(\Delta m^2_{23}=2.4 \times 10^{-3} eV^2, \sin^2 2\theta_{23}=1.0)$

First off-axis beam v_{μ} disappearance result

Running has resumed: expect more by summer!

- **Fully Contained**
- **Fiducial Volume**
- Single Ring
- e-like

Number of events /(100 MeV)

3

2

0

0

- Evisible>100 MeV
- $N_{decay} = 0$
- $m_{\pi} < 105 \text{ MeV}$
- Data: 6 Events...

1000

Visible energy (MeV)

-+ Data

v CĆ

NC

2000

v_e Appearance



v_e appearance results from MINOS are consistent



And now: getting at **CP Violation**

Observed for quarks; how about leptons? ... helpful for understanding matter-antimatter asymmetry

nhood S in mixing matrix

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Compare transition probabilities for $u_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{e}$

But not simple to extract CP violating phase δ ... transition rates depend on all mixing matrix parameters, plus matter effects...

CP Violating Observables

$$\begin{split} P_{\nu_e\nu_\mu(\bar{\nu}_e\bar{\nu}_\mu)} &= s_{23}^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left(\frac{\Delta_{13}}{\tilde{B}_{\mp}}\right)^2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{\tilde{B}_{\mp}L}{2}\right) \text{ Non-CP terms} \\ \text{Changes sign for antineutrinos } &+ c_{23}^2 \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \left(\frac{\Delta_{12}}{A}\right)^2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{AL}{2}\right) \text{ breases of the terms} \\ \text{CP violating } &+ \tilde{J} \frac{\Delta_{12}}{A} \frac{\Delta_{13}}{\tilde{B}_{\mp}} \sin \left(\frac{AL}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{\tilde{B}_{\mp}L}{2}\right) \cos \left(\pm \delta - \frac{\Delta_{13}L}{2}\right) \\ \tilde{J} &\equiv c_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin 2\theta_{13} \qquad \Delta_{ij} \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2}{2E_{\nu}}, \ \tilde{B}_{\mp} \equiv |A \mp \Delta_{13}|, \ A = \sqrt{2}G_F N_e \\ \theta_{13}, \Delta_{12}L, \Delta_{12}/\Delta_{13} \text{ are small} \\ \text{A. Cervera et al., Nuclear Physics B 579 (2000)} \end{split}$$

More complicated...

effects (need long L)

Need precision measurements of parameters....

Multiple measurements (v's and \overline{v} 's) at different L, E needed to resolve intrinsic ambiguities

Neutrino beam line





Beam monitors

Optical Transition Radiation monitor just upstream of target, to monitor proton beam position



Muon/proton intensity



Muon monitor: stable within <1 mrad, intensity (normalized) stable within 1%

First Super-K event from the T2K beam



Event display (multi-ring µ-like event)



Next in the U.S.: NOvA



Future beam power



Atmospheric neutrino two-flavor parameter space



Y. Takeuchi, Nu2010

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7 selection cuts

- 1. T2K beam timing & Fully contained (FC) (synchronized with the beam timing, no activities in the OD)
- In fiducial volume (FV) (distance btw recon. vertex and wall > 200 cm)
- * Events too close to the wall are difficult to accurately reconstruct vertex
- * Reject events which are originated outside the ID
- * Define FV 22.5kton
- 3. Single electron (# of ring is one & e-like)



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Number of events /(15 MeV/c²)

6. Reconstructed invariant mass (M_{inv}) < 105 MeV/c²

* Suppress NC π⁰ background

Find 2nd e-like ring by forcing to fit light pattern under the 2 e-like rings assumption, and then reconstruct invariant mass of these 2 e-like rings

T2K MC







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- 7. Reconstructed energy $(E_{rec}) < 1250 \text{ MeV}$
 - * Reject intrinsic beam ve backgrounds at high energy
 - * Signal ($v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$) has a sharp peak at E~600MeV





rec =	m_n	$E_l - m_l^2/2 - (m_n^2 - m_p^2)/2$
		$m_n - E_l + p_l \cos heta_l$
		(with correcting nuclear potential

After all the selection criteria background rejection : 77 % for beam v_e, 99 % for NC signal efficiency : 66 % for the number of events in FV