LONG BASELINE NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS WITH Z AND DUCE

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Neutrino oscillations



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NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS
$$\begin{pmatrix} L/E \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \approx \Delta m_{atm}^{2}$$

$$P_{\mu \to x} \approx 1 - \left(\cos^{4} \theta_{13} \cdot \sin^{2} 2\theta_{23} + \sin^{2} \theta_{23} \cdot \sin^{2} 2\theta_{13} \right) \sin^{2} \left(\frac{\Delta m^{2} L}{4E_{\nu}} \right)$$

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) = 4c_{13}^{-2} s_{13}^{-2} s_{23}^{-2} \sin^{2} \Delta_{31} \text{ Leading-term}$$

$$+ 8c_{13}^{-2} s_{12} s_{13} s_{23} (c_{12} c_{23} \cos \delta - s_{12} s_{13} s_{23}) \cos \Delta_{32} \sin \Delta_{31} \sin \Delta_{21}$$

$$- 8c_{13}^{-2} c_{12} c_{23} s_{12} s_{13} s_{23} \sin \delta \sin \Delta_{32} \sin \Delta_{31} \sin \Delta_{21}$$

$$+ 4s_{12}^{-2} c_{13}^{-2} (c_{12}^{-2} c_{23}^{-2} + s_{12}^{-2} s_{23}^{-2} s_{13}^{-2} - 2c_{12} c_{23} s_{13} \cos \delta) \sin^{2} \Delta_{21}$$

$$Solar$$

$$c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}, s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$$

$$\Delta_{ij} = \Delta m_{ij}^{2} \frac{L}{4E_{\nu}}$$

$$\text{Replace } \delta \text{ by } -\delta \text{ for } P(\overline{\nu_{\mu}} \to \overline{\nu_{e}})$$

$$C_{ij} = C_{ij} + C$$

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NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS

$$\left(\frac{L}{E}\right)^{-1} \approx \Delta m_{atm}^2$$

Start with pure ν_{μ} beam and then look for:

 ν_{μ} Disappearance: $P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu})$

- Sensitivity to $|\Delta m^2_{32}|$ and θ_{23} .
- Is $\theta_{23} = 45^{\circ}$? If not, what octant?
 - Maximal mixing might indicate underlying symmetry.
- Test CPT invariance: $P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}) \neq P(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\mu})$?

 ν_e Appearance $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$

- Sensitivity to θ_{13} , δ_{CP} , θ_{23} octant and mass hierarchy through matter effect.
- If δ_{CP} not 0 or π , CP symmetry is **violated** in lepton sector.
- $P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e})$ enhanced if hierarchy is normal or $\delta_{CP} \sim -\pi/2$
- $P(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{e})$ enhanced if hierarchy is inverted or $\delta_{CP} \sim \pi/2$
- Matter effect is \propto E. Better sensitivity with higher E and longer L.

THE TOKAI-TO-KAMIOKA EXPERIMENT

- Long baseline neutrino experiment located in Japan, running since 2010.
- First observation of electron-neutrino appearance in a muon-neutrino beam in 2013
 - Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 061802 (2014).
- World-leading precision on θ_{23} , Δm^2_{32} and most stringent constraint on leptonic CP violation.

NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS AT T2K

- Relatively short baseline of 295 km enhances effect of CP violation relative to matter effect.
- Detectors are placed 2.5° away from the beam centre.
 - Narrow neutrino flux peaked at oscillation maximum.

T2K BEAMLINE

- Protons are extracted from the J-PARC 30 GeV Main Ring onto a graphite target via the superconducting primary beamline.
- π^{\pm} focused by three magnetic horns and allowed to decay into μ^{\pm} and $u_{\mu}(ar{
 u}_{\mu})$
 - Horn polarity determines charge of the focused π^\pm and helicity of neutrinos in the Earth frame.
- Muon detectors downstream of beam dump monitor beamline stability.

- Very low $v_e(\bar{v}_e)$ contamination. Less than 1% near oscillation maximum.
 - Irreducible background to $v_e(\bar{v}_e)$ appearance.
- Wrong-sign contamination more significant in antineutrino mode.

FAR DETECTOR $\nu_{\mu}(\bar{\nu}_{\mu})$ FLUX UNCERTAINTIES

SK: Neutrino Mode, v_{μ}

SK: Antineutrino Mode, \overline{v}_{μ}

- Flux uncertainties dominated by hadron interaction in the target.
 - Constrained by external measurements at NA61/SHINE.
 - Prior to T2K near detector constraint, absolute flux uncertainties are $\sim 10\%$.
 - Significant improvements expected from using full replica target at NA61 / SHINE.
 - Currently "thin" target data is used.
 - Significant cancellation in near-to-far oscillation analysis extrapolation.

T2K NEAR DETECTOR COMPLEX

INGRID: on axis

- Plastic scintillator and iron neutrino detectors arranged in a grid perpendicular to beam axis.
- Beam stability monitoring with direction and rate measurements.

Near detector complex, 280 m away from target.

ND280: 2.5° off-axis

- Detectors in 0.2 T field generated by repurposed UA1/NOMAD magnet.
 - Identify μ^-/μ^+ from $\nu/\bar{\nu}$ interactions.
- Dedicated π^0 detector.

UA1 Magnet Yoke

 Tracker composed of two plastic scintillator fine-grained detectors (FGDs) and three time projection chambers (TPCs).

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• Plastic and water targets. July 30 2019

SUPER-KAMIOKANDE

- 50 kiloton water-Cherenkov detector.
- Optically separated outer detector for tagging entering/escaping particles.
- ~11000 20" photomultiplier tubes (PMTs) facing the inner detector giving a photocathode coverage of 40%.
- \sim 2000 8" PMTs in the outer detector.
- Measure momentum and direction of particles above Cherenkov threshold.
 - Excellent μ^{\pm}/e^{\pm} separation.
 - No charge selection.

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SUPER-K EVENT RECONSTRUCTION

- New event **reconstruction** algorithm for Super-K.
- Previously used only for neutral current π^0 background rejection.
- Maximum-likelihood estimation using all the information in an event, including **unhit** PMTs.
- Likelihood ratios used to compare event hypotheses.
- Improved particle **identification**, ring-counting, momentum, vertex and direction **resolutions**.

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• Neutral current rejection criteria chosen for optimal sensitivity to oscillation parameters by running simplified oscillation analysis.

FIDUCIAL VOLUME OPTIMIZATION

- In previous T2K results vertices were required to be > 2 m away from the nearest wall.
- For new event selection, fiducial volume defined as a function of:
 - wall: reduces background due to particles entering the detector;
 - towall: ensures adequate number of PMTs sample the ring, improving reconstruction quality.
- Both wall and towall are optimized in a fit to Super-K atmospheric neutrino data, taking into account statistical gains and systematic uncertainties.

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FIDUCIAL VOLUME OPTIMIZATION

• Optimize figure of merit that enhances events that change significantly under oscillations:

$$FOM = \frac{\left(\frac{\partial \hat{N}}{\partial \theta}\right)^2}{\hat{N} + \sigma_{syst}^2}, \text{ with } \theta = \delta_{CP}, \theta_{23}$$

• Cut points are optimized for each of the five analysis samples separately.

IMPROVEMENTS FROM NEW SELECTION

		New selection		Old selection	
	Sample	Candidates	Purity	Candidates	Purity
ν	μ -like, \leq 1 decay-e	261.6	79.7 %	268.7	68.1%
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- *e*-like, 1 decay-e sample: improvement in **purity** from better particle identification and increased **efficiency** from fiducial volume expansion.

- Antineutrino mode data set ~doubled in run 9.
- Neutrino mode data set ~doubled in run 8.
- Up to May 2018 a total of 3.16×10^{21} protons on target (POT) have been collected.
 - Split ~equally between neutrino and antineutrino mode. C. Vilela

OSCILLATION ANALYSIS STRATEGY

NEAR DETECTOR SAMPLES

- Fourteen near detector samples are used to constrain flux and cross-section model.
 - In ν -mode: charged current with: 0 π s; 1 π ⁺; or other particles.
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RELIMINARY

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NEAR DETECTOR FIT

- After fit to near detector samples, flux and cross-section uncertainties at far detector reduced from ~15% to ~5%.
- Good fit to the data.

RELIMINARY

NEAR DETECTOR CONSTRAINTS

- Either propagate to far detector fits with covariance matrix;
- Or fit same model with near and far detector data simultaneously.
- Get nearly identical results.

FAR DETECTOR DATA

	% Errors on predicted event rate at Super-K					
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• Largest uncertainties are the Super-K detector modelling and π interaction modelling, both for the *e*-like events with one decay electron.

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• No precise measurement of $\nu_e(\bar{\nu}_e)$ interactions in the near detector.

• Theoretically motivated uncertainty based on Phys.Rev. D86 (2012) 053003. C. Vilela
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• No near detector constraint on neutral current modes.

• Uncertainty based on modelling and external data.

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• Binding energy range based on A. Bodek (arXiv:1801.07975), motivated by electron scattering data.

• Size of effect estimated by running oscillation analyses on simulated data.

ATMOSPHERIC PARAMETER CONSTRAINTS

- Fit under normal and inverted hierarchy assumptions separately.
- Apply constraint on θ_{13} from reactor experiments.
- T2K data consistent with maximal mixing.

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 v_e and \bar{v}_e appearance

APPEARANCE PARAMETERS

- Closed contours at 90% CL in δ_{CP} for fit without external θ_{13} constraints.
- T2K best fit consistent with PDG 2016.
 - T2K: $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0268^{+0.0055}_{-0.0043}$ (NH)
 - PDG 2018: $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0212 \pm 0.0008$

CONSTRAINT ON δ_{CP}

Best-fit point: -1.89 radians in δ_{CP}
 Normal Hierarchy

• CP conserving values are outside of the 2σ CL intervals.

	NH	IH
90% CL	[-2.80, -0.84]	Ø
2σ CL	[-2.97, -0.63]	[-1.80, -0.98]

θ_{23} octant and mass hierarchy

- Look at posterior probability from Bayesian analysis to infer T2K data preference for θ_{23} octant and mass hierarchy.
- Equal prior probability given to all hypotheses.

	$sin^2 \theta_{23} < 0.5$	$sin^2 \theta_{23} > 0.5$	Sum
NH ($\Delta m_{32} > 0$)	0.184	0.705	0.889
IH ($\Delta m_{32} < 0$)	0.021	0.090	0.111
Sum	0.205	0.795	

• Data shows weak preference for **normal** hierarchy and **upper** octant.

T2K FUTURE PROSPECTS

- Increase statistics by including multi-ring far detector samples targeting resonant pion production interactions, benefitting from improved reconstruction algorithm.
- Near detector upgrade to replace existing π^0 detector with Super-FGD.
 - Scintillator tracker made of 1 cm³ cubes with 3 x 2D views will have lower proton tracking threshold and better highangle acceptance.
- Addition of gadolinium sulphate to Super-K water will greatly increase neutron tagging efficiency.
 - Might help long baseline program with $\nu/\bar{\nu}$ separation and background rejection, but interaction systematics will be challenging!
 - Opportunity to measure neutron multiplicity in neutrino interactions.
- Extend T2K run beyond nominal plan to benefit from J-PARC proton beam upgrade and achieve 3σ sensitivity to maximal CP violation.
 T2K-II Protons-On-Target Request

DEEP UNDERGROUND NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT

- T2K/Hyper-K use a narrow-band beam tuned to the oscillation maximum and a relatively short baseline.
 - δ_{CP} effect much larger than mass ordering sensitivity more due to event rate than oscillation shape.
- **DUNE** uses a wide-band beam, longer baseline and higher energy neutrinos.
 - Large effects from both δ_{CP} and mass ordering.
 - Disambiguate using oscillation shape over wide energy range.
 - Benefit from larger neutrino-nucleus cross-section at higher energies
 - More sensitivity to non-standard interactions.
- Unlike T2K, interactions at DUNE are not dominated by CCQE, but rather a mix including resonant pion production and DIS.
 - Kinematic energy reconstruction not so useful.
- Use liquid argon time projection chamber (LArTPC) technology to get both precise tracking and calorimetric energy reconstruction.

LONG BASELINE NEUTRINO FACILITY

- Dense medium provides massive target for neutrino interactions.
- 3D reconstruction from 2D charge read-out + projection of the drift time.
- Two technologies considered:
 - Single-phase with horizontal drift.
 - Dual phase with vertical drift and charge amplification in the gas phase.
- Very successful single-phase large scale prototype run in CERN charged particle beam last year.

LIQUID ARGON TIME PROJECTION CHAMBERS

Run 3493 Event 41075, October 23rd, 2015

DUNE FAR DETECTOR

- 4 x 10 kton (fiducial) detector modules 1.5 km underground at SURF.
 - Staged construction: first module will be single-phase.
 - 2 cathode planes per module with 500 V/cm drift field.

EVENT SELECTION AT THE FAR DETECTOR

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NEAR DETECTOR: AN ESSENTIAL PART OF DUNE

- Demonstrate risk of not having an adequate near detector by running the oscillation analysis using an alternative generator to produce a mock data set.
 - Analysis strategy similar to T2K, using GENIE as the nominal MC generator.
- Reweight existing DUNE MC to an alternative generator, NuWro, which makes predictions that are compatible with current world data.
 - Use multidimensional reweighting technique based on a boosted decision tree algorithm.
 - Nominal MC mimics NuWro in 18-dimensional true kinematics space.
- Near detector fit to mock data is of bad quality (several thousands of χ^2 units) and fit to far detector results in significantly biased measurements!
- Use this technique to assess impact of near detector components on physics output.

A NEAR DETECTOR FOR DUNE

- Precise neutrino oscillation measurements require precise knowledge of both the (unoscillated) flux and the cross-section.
 - Need a high statistics sample of neutrino interactions on argon, ideally taken with a detector with similar response to far detector: LArTPC
 - Plenty of opportunities to induce bias by mis-modelling neutrino-nucleus interaction final states. Use high-pressure gaseous argon TPC to get "zoomedin" events on same target as far detector.
 - Resolve flux/cross-section ambiguities by taking data at different off-axis angles.
 - Monitor flux with fast highly segmented **plastic scintillator** detector.
 - Prospects of measuring neutron kinematics in neutrino-carbon interactions.

CROSS-SECTION AMBIGUITIES

- Neutrino flux is different in far detector compared to near detector: neutrinos oscillate!
- This presents an additional difficulty in constraining neutrino interaction models as we only ever measure a combination of flux and cross-section.
- Demonstrate this effect with mock data bias study:
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DUNE-PRISM

- Sample different fluxes with the near detector by **moving** the detector in a direction transverse to the beam axis, changing the off-axis angle.
- Data-driven oscillation analysis possible, largely bypassing interaction model.

NEAR DETECTOR CONCEPT

3DST-S

- Finely segmented plastic scintillator.
- Permanently on-axis for flux monitoring.
- Help validate interaction models with neutron measurements on carbon.

HPGArTPC

- High pressure gaseous argon TPC in magnetic field.
- Constrain neutrino-argon interaction model with low tracking threshold.
- Muon spectrometer for ArgonCube.
- Moves off-axis.

ArgonCube

- Modular LAr TPC with optically separated volumes to disambiguate pile up with scintillation light read out.
- Detector response very close to that of far detector.
- Very high statistics expected.
- Pixelated charge read out.
- Moves off-axis.

Axis

δ_{CP} and mass ordering sensitivity

• DUNE will unambiguously measure the mass ordering and has 5σ CP violation discovery potential for a large fraction of the true parameter space.

• Updated sensitivities with complete far detector simulation, reconstruction and sophisticated oscillation analysis including detailed interaction model systematics will be released August 2nd.

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SUMMARY

- Long baseline neutrino oscillation measurements address some of the key questions in neutrino physics.
- Measurements of electron neutrino appearance in a muon neutrino beam at T2K are now starting to constrain the leptonic CP violating phase.
 - This might be an indication that leptonic CP violation is large!
- DUNE will determine the neutrino mass ordering and discover CP violation, as long as it's not too close to 0 or π .
 - Maybe there will be some (good) surprises along the way...
- Systematic uncertainties from interaction modelling and other sources present a significant challenge that is mitigated with sophisticated near detector designs.

SUPPLEMENTARY

MEASURING NEUTRINO ENERGY USING LEPTON KINEMATICS ONLY

- Model assumptions play important role in inferring neutrino energy from detected neutrino-nucleus interaction products.
- For example, in Super-K charged lepton kinematics are measured and CCQE dynamics are assumed.
 - Multi-nucleon contributions to CCQE cross-section can bias E_v significantly.
 - Large uncertainties from final state and secondary interaction models.
- Calorimetric measurements suffer from similar model dependence.
 - For example, through uncertainties in the multiplicity of (undetected) neutrons.

FLUX/CROSS-SECTION AMBIGUITY AN EXAMPLE FROM WATER-CHERENKOV

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- This presents an additional difficulty in constraining neutrino interaction models.
- We only ever measure a combination of flux and cross-section.
- Multi-nucleon effects can smear reconstructed neutrino energy into oscillation **dip** at far detector, biasing the measurement.
 - But this is obscured by the flux **peak** at the near detector!
- Similar effects in calorimetric energy reconstruction, for example, due to modelling of final state neutrons.

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NEUTRAL CURRENT REJECTION

- Optimize selection criterium to reject neutral current π^+ events in $u_\mu(\bar{\nu}_\mu)$ samples.
 - Large uncertainty on cross section degrades precision on disappearance measurements.
- Run simplified oscillation analysis framework, including systematic uncertainties.
- Choose cut point in $\log {\binom{L_{\pi^+}}{L_{\mu}}}$ vs p_{μ} that maximizes precision on $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ measurement.
 - Optimal cut point is different for equivalent study with statistical uncertainty only.
- Same procedure for neutral current π^0 rejection cut optimization for appearance samples.

SIMULATED DATA STUDIES FOR E_B

- Generate 2D templates of μ momentum shifts in E_{ν} vs θ_{μ} .
 - For each ν species and for carbon and oxygen targets.
 - Carbon: 25⁺¹⁸₋₉ MeV
 - Oxygen: 27⁺¹⁸₋₉ MeV
 - Shifts are applied to 1p1h events.
- Produce simulated data sets using E_B templates and run oscillation analysis fit.
- Setting both C and O E_B to the maximum value considered gives:
 - At the near detector: slight decrease in CCQE cross-section parameters; increased 2p2h contribution.
 - At far detector: significant bias in Δm^2_{32} estimation; small impact on $\theta_{13}, \delta_{CP}.$
- Setting E_B to maximum for ν and minimum for $\bar{\nu}$ gives similar results.

δ_{CP} sensitivity

- Data constraint on δ_{CP} is stronger than the average sensitivity.
- Run toy experiments with normal hierarchy and $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$.
- Data constraint falls within range for 95.54% of experiments for most δ_{CP} points.
- 30% of experiments exclude $\delta_{CP} = 0$ at 2σ .
- 25% of experiments exclude $\delta_{CP} = \pi$ at 2σ .

FLUX FITS FOR DUNE

- Can reproduce both dips with linear combinations.
 - Even without access to fluxes peaking at higher energies than unoscillated FD flux.
- Beam uncertainties have a small effect on the linear combinations.
- Linear combinations tend to diverge at the low energy end of the spectrum.
 - Solvable by improving fitting method and regularization work in progress.
- Difficult to fit high energy bump completely.
 - Region close to the dip is well reproduced most important to control feed-down effects.

