KASKA (微) The Reactor θ_{13} Project in Japan



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Neutrino Mixings Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata Matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{v}_{e} \\ \boldsymbol{v}_{\mu} \\ \boldsymbol{v}_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{U}_{e1} & \boldsymbol{U}_{e2} & \boldsymbol{U}_{e3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{v}_{1} \\ \boldsymbol{v}_{1} \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{U}_{\mu 1} & \boldsymbol{U}_{\mu 2} & \boldsymbol{U}_{\mu 3} \\ \boldsymbol{U}_{\tau 1} & \boldsymbol{U}_{\tau 2} & \boldsymbol{U}_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{v}_{2} \\ \boldsymbol{v}_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

 v_e, v_μ, v_τ : flavor eigenstates. v_1, v_2, v_3 : mass eigenstates of $m = m_1, m_2, m_3$.

c.f. KM Matrix
$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & U_{us} & U_{ub} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ U_{cd} & U_{cs} & U_{cb} \\ U_{td} & U_{ts} & U_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

Neutrino Oscillation

If flavor eigen states and mass eigen states mix,

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_e \\ v_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The v_e state at t=0,

$$\phi(0) = v_e = \cos\theta |v_1\rangle + \sin\theta |v_2\rangle$$

Becomes, after time *t*,

$$\phi(t) = \cos\theta |v_1\rangle e^{-iE_1t} + \sin\theta |v_2\rangle e^{-iE_2t}$$

$$= \left(\cos^2 \theta e^{-iE_1 t} + \sin^2 \theta e^{-iE_2 t}\right) v_e \rangle + \sin \theta \cos \theta \left(e^{-iE_2 t} - e^{-iE_1 t}\right) v_\mu \rangle$$

(a little bit cheated)

Then the survival probability after traveling L is, $\int_{E}^{\infty} -E \int_{E}^{\infty} dt$

$$P_{\nu_e \to \nu_e} = \left| \left\langle \nu_e \left| \phi(t) \right\rangle \right|^2 = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \frac{(E_2 - E_1)t}{2}$$
$$\rightarrow 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E_{\nu}}$$

 $\Rightarrow \Delta m^2, \theta$ Measurement of Neutrino Oscillation



Currently Known MNS Matrix

Magnitudes of the MNS matrix elements have been roughly determined.

$$|U_{MNS}| \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.7 & < 0.2 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.7 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\sin \theta_{13} e^{i\delta_l}}{\delta_l}$$

$$\sin \theta_{13} < 0.2 ,$$

$$\delta_l: \text{ totally unknown}$$

The next important step is to measure finite θ_{13} value or to set stringent upper limit.

(δ_{l} measurement takes some more time)

Importance of θ_{13} measurement-I

- It is an elementary parameter.
- It is small compared to other mixing parameters. $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.2, \ \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sim 1, \ \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sim 1$

 $\Rightarrow \theta_{13}$ value may play a key role when building the unified theory.

Importance of θ_{13} measurement-II

 δ_1 detectability

 θ_{13} controls δ_1 detectability in future experiments and it provides a guideline when designing such experiments which cost \$B.

$$A_{CP} = \frac{P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) - P(\overline{\nu}_{\mu} \to \overline{\nu}_{e})}{P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) + P(\overline{\nu}_{\mu} \to \overline{\nu}_{e})}$$
$$\approx \frac{\Delta m_{12}^{2}}{\Delta m_{13}^{2}} \frac{\sin 2\theta_{12}}{\sin \theta_{13}} \sin \delta_{l} \sim \frac{0.04}{\sin \theta_{13}} \sin \delta_{l}$$

Too large $\theta_{13} =>$ small asymmetry Too small $\theta_{13} =>$ small statistics



Importance of θ_{13} measurement-III

Improvement of KamLAND θ_{12} Accuracy

Precise θ_{13} to measurement improves θ_{12} accuracy by KamLAND because KamLAND measurement is actually

$$P_{KL}(\overline{\nu}_e \to \overline{\nu}_{x\neq e}) = \cos^4 \theta_{13} \times \left(1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{12}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sim \sin^2 2\theta_{KL} - 0.8\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$$

 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.2(90\% CL) \rightarrow \delta \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sim 0.1$ Now $\delta \sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.02(90\% CL) \rightarrow \delta \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sim 0.01$

 $(\delta \sin^2 2\theta_{KL} \sim 0.1 \text{ in the future})$

How to measure θ_{13} by reactor neutrinos



Reactor Neutrino

Neutrino Spectra





~ $6 \times 10^{20} \overline{v}_e / s / reactor$

 $\sigma_{flux} \sim 2\%$



The KASKA Experiment



Baseline=1.3~1.8km Target Mass~8ton Overburden=350~450mwe Event rate=100~50/day



Protection Ceiling

Calibration Device

γ catcher scintillator

Accelerator θ_{13} Measurement (J-PARC)



$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) \sim \frac{1}{2} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{13}$$

Sensitivity: $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} > 0.006 \ @\Delta m^2 = 3 \times 10^{-3} eV$ However,

Ambiguity in $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ Determination-I $P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) = \sin^{2} 2\theta_{13} \sin^{2} \theta_{23} - \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\Delta m_{12}^{2} \sin 2\theta_{12}}{\Delta m_{23}^{2}} \sin 2\theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin \delta$ $\sim \frac{1}{2}\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left(1 \pm \frac{0.08}{\sin 2\theta_{13}} \sin \delta\right)$ $\sin\delta$ ambiguity Ĩ 0.07 0.06 $P(v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e})$ 0.05 0.04 0.03 0.02 0.01 0 0.02 0.04 0.06 0.08 0.1 0.12 0.14 0 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

in δ

Ambiguity in $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ Determination-II







Complementarity of Reactor-Accelerator Meas.

Reactor Measurement= Pure $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ measurement * Answer to Reactor-Accelerator combination θ_{23} degeneracy => <u>a lot of physics potential</u>



Solving Potential of θ_{23} degeneracy



H.Minakata, et. al. hep-ph/0211111

Detection Potential of non-0 δ_l



(modified from H.Minakata's presentation)

... And New Physics

 $P(v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_e)$ and $P(v_e \rightarrow v_e)$ are related based on the extended standard model.



CHOOZ Facts









2 near + 1 far detectors





KASKA1.3 if $\Delta m^2 \sim 2.5 * 10^{-3} eV^2$



KASKA1.8 if $\Delta m^2 \sim 2.0 \times 10^{-3} eV^2$





Acrylic Vessel



 $\times 1.6 = KASKA$

CHOOZ Vessel



FIG. 6. Effect of aging on Gd loaded scintillator. Top: ²²⁸Th Compton edge position at seven different longitudinal locations along a typical cell. The two curves are from calibrations taken a year apart. The curves are normalized at the location nearest to the PMT. Bottom: Effective attenuation lengths for all 66 cells from the two calibrations.

PaloVerde Hep-ex/0003022

Stability of Gd Loaded Liquid Scintialltor

PaloVerde Type: gadolinium 2-ethylhexanoate $Gd(CH_3(CH_2)_3CH(C_2H_5)CO_2)_3-xH_2O$ (Note CHOOZ LS = $Gd(NO_3)_3$)

 $\Delta \lambda = -0.4 m / year$

OK for 2~3 years

(R&D of better Gd-LS will take place)





Reduce this BKG significantly





Why we believe systematic error can be <1%

e⁺ signal selection



CHOOZ hep-ex/0301017v1





Why we believe systematic error can be <1%

n signal selection

(2) $E_{delayed} > 4MeV$

CHOOZ hep-ex/0301017v1



 $\epsilon > 97\%,$ $\delta \epsilon_{relative} < 0.5\%$

Why we believe systematic error can be <1%

Timing Correlation Cut

(3) $2\mu s < \Delta t_{prompt-delayed} < 500 \mu s$





Cut

Why we believe systematic error can be <1%

There is no fiducial cut.



Main Uncertainty <= Relative Mass Difference of Gd-LS Volume measurement => <0.5%





Uncertainties of Neutrino Flux

- (1) The correlated error cancels out regardless the baseline difference.
- (2) The uncorrelated error reduces to the factor of the standard deviation of the squared baseline difference ratio.

$$\frac{\delta f_{\nu}}{f_{\nu}} \sim \left(\frac{\delta P^{un-corr.}}{P}\right) \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{7} \sum_{r} \left(1 - \frac{R_{r}}{\langle R \rangle}\right)^{2}} < 0.2\%$$

P : the reactor operating power and $\delta P^{\text{un-corr}}$ is un-correlated error of *P* (<2%).

 R_r : the ratio of squared baseline between reactor and

near/far detectors.

$$R_r = \frac{L_{r,far}^2}{L_{r,near}^2}$$

BackGround-I

Accidental BKG

(E>0.7MeV)

Soil:	<1Hz	with >100cm oil+15cmFe
PMT:	~5Hz	with 80cm shield
Gd-LS	~1Hz	(CHOOZ Gd)
Acrylic	~1Hz	

Total <10Hz $(f_n <2*10^{-3}Hz)$

Accidental BKG<1%

& can precisely estimated by shifting coincidence window.

BackGround-II

Fast Neutron





BackGround-III

Spallation

 $\mu^{+12}C \rightarrow {}^{9}Li + X$ ${}^{9}Li \rightarrow {}^{8}Be + \beta(13MeV) + n$, ($\tau = 0.26s$, Br=48%)



KamLAND Data O.Tajima Thesis Estimation can be done by using event rate at 8MeV<E<11MeV & dt-dx distribution to the last muon.

> Error of estimation 50% ↓

Spallation BKG ~ $(0.4 \pm 0.2)\%$

(This BKG was too small to be seen by CHOOZ)

Errors

Statistic Error: 1.3km ==> 0.5%/2years 1.8km ==> 0.6%/3years

Systematic Error:Detector Associated <1%</th>Flux Associated~0.2%

Total <1%

Errors and Expected Sensitivity



σ_{sys} <1% (CHOOZ 2.7%) σ_{stat}~0.5% (CHOOZ 2.8%)

5~10 times better sensitivity than CHOOZ & Comparable to Accelerator θ_{13} sensitivity.

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Possible Extension??

(1) KASKA-II: 50ton @ Optimized Baseline to Look for non-0 δ_l with J-PARC??



(2) KASKA as a front detector for optimized θ_{12} detector??

Oscillation Max~70km

KASKA=front detector +KamLAND Scale Detector in Sado Gold Mine

 $\Rightarrow \delta \sin^2 2\theta_{12} < 0.04 (1\sigma)$

Status of the Project

- (1) Conceptual design of the experiment is almost complete. Asking for detector R&D money to some funding agencies.
- (2) Negotiation with Electric Company for site use has been very successful. Briefing to the local government was also successful.
- (4) We will host the Next International Workshop on the Reactor θ_{13} Experiment at <u>Niigata</u> in <u>March 20-22, 2004</u>. http://www.hep.sc.niigata-u.ac.jp/~neutrino/workshop/

Workshop Poster

Dedicated to Reactor θ_{13}

Kashiwazaki-Kariwa NPP Tour Takes Place.

Interested participants are welcome.

3rd Workshop on Future Low-Energy Neutrino Experiments

Date: March 20(Sat)-22(Mon), 2004 Place: Toki-Messe, Niigata, Japan

Reactor

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http://www.hep.sc.niigata-u.ac.jp/~neutrino/workshop/ws04.html



Possible Schedule (my hope)

2002: KASKA Group was formed
2003: Conceptual Design Investigation of Site Availability
2004: Detector R&D
2005: Detector R&D
2006: Start Construction
2007: Construction Continues
2008: Start Data Taking
2009: Initial Result
2010:
2011, or 2012: Final Result

World Activities



A New Nuclear Reactor v Experiment to Measure 013 January 2004

International Reactor 013 Working Group



White Paper (Jan. '04) p167

(http://www.hep.anl.gov/minos/reactor13/white.html)

International Reactor θ_{13} Working Group:

125 people, 40 Institutions, from Japan, USA, Europe, Russia, China, Brazil





Double CHOOZ (French)



P=8.4GW, L=1.1km, M=20ton



Kr2Det (Russia)

1000 m



115 m

Target: 46 t Rate: 4200/day S:B >>1

P=1.6GW, L=1km, M=50ton





Buffer light guid (mineral oil)

transparent film

- Veto zone

Diablo Canyon (USA)



P=6.2GW, L=0.9~2, M=50~100t



by K.Heeger



Angra dos Reis, Brazil

Reactor

- Primary 4.1 GW reactor
- Secondary 1.5 GW reactor
 (mostly off, may be decommisioned)

Far Detector

- 1.3 km baseline
- 200-250 m granite overburden (600-700mwe)

Near Detector

- 300-350 m baseline
- 20m granite overburden (~60 mwe)



Ref: D. Reyna, ANL theta13 white paper

by K.Heeger

Summary

- (1) Reactor measurement of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ is very important because;
- * It is pure $sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ measurement.
- * It is complimentary to accelerator experiments.

And there are many such project in the world.

(2) By using the most powerful nuclear power plant and 3 identical detectors, $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ sensitivity of ~0.02 (90%CL) is possible in 2~3 years operation, which is 5~10 times better than the CHOOZ limit.

(3) The KASKA project is realistic.

- * KamLAND+CHOOZ+PaloVerde technologies are enough.
- * The cost is not high if compared with accelerator based experiments.
- * It can go quickly once started and can catch up with accelerator experiment.

(4) We are lacking man-power.

Serious collaborators are welcome.