# Theoretical aspects of LBL experiments and LBNO

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## Outline

## I. Theoretical implications of the mass ordering and CPV:

- The origin of neutrino masses and mixing
- Leptogenesis and the baryon asymmetry

## 2. LBL oscillation experiments physics goals:

- Mass ordering
- Leptonic CP-violation
- Precision measurement of parameters
- (Testing the 3-neutrino mixing scenario)

#### **3. Conclusions**

#### **Open window on Physics beyond the SM**

Neutrino masses are evidence of physics BSM.

I. Origin of masses



Why neutrinos have mass? Why are they so much lighter? Why their hierarchy is at most mild? 2. Problem of flavour

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sim 1 & \lambda & \lambda^{3} \\ \lambda & \sim 1 & \lambda^{2} \\ \lambda^{3} & \lambda^{2} & \sim 1 \end{pmatrix} \lambda \sim 0.2$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.5 & 0.16 \\ -0.4 & 0.5 & -0.7 \\ -0.4 & 0.5 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Why leptonic mixing is so different from quark mixing?

This points towards a different origin of neutrino masses and mixing from the ones of quarks: a different window on the physics BSM.

## Why should we search for the mass ordering and leptonic CP-violation (and the precise values of the mixing angles)?

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The theoretical implications of the values of masses and mixing angles

Two necessary ingredients for testing flavour models:

Precision
 measurements of the
 oscillation parameters
 at future experiments
 (including the delta
 phase!).

• The determination of the mass ordering and of the neutrino mass spectrum.

Reference		Hierarchy	$\sin^2 2\theta_{23}$	$\tan^2 \theta_{12}$	$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$
Anarchy Model					
dGM	[18]	Either			$\geq 0.011$ @ $2\sigma$
$\mathbf{L_e} - \mathbf{L}_{\mu}$	$-\mathbf{L}_{ au}$	Models:			
BM	[35]	Inverted			0.00029
BCM	[36]	Inverted			0.00063
GMN1	[37]	Inverted		$\geq 0.52$	$\leq 0.01$
$\operatorname{GL}$	[38]	Inverted			0
$\mathbf{PR}$	[39]	Inverted		$\leq 0.58$	$\geq 0.007$
$S_3$ and	$S_4 N$	Iodels:			
$\operatorname{CFM}$	[40]	Normal			0.00006 - 0.001
HLM	[41]	Normal	1.0	0.43	0.0044
		Normal	1.0	0.44	0.0034
KMM	[42]	Inverted	1.0		0.000012
MN	[43]	Normal			0.0024
MNY	[44]	Normal			0.000004 - 0.000036
MPR	[45]	Normal			0.006 - 0.01
$\mathbf{RS}$	[46]	Inverted	$\theta_{23} \geq 45^\circ$		$\leq 0.02$
		Normal	$\theta_{23} \le 45^{\circ}$		0
TY	[47]	Inverted	0.93	0.43	0.0025
Т	[48]	Normal			0.0016 - 0.0036
A <sub>4</sub> Tet	A <sub>4</sub> Tetrahedral Models:				
ABGMF	<b>P</b> [49]	Normal	0.997 - 1.0	0.365 - 0.438	0.00069 - 0.0037
AKKL	[50]	Normal			0.006 - 0.04
Ma	[51]	Normal	1.0	0.45	0
${f SO(3)}$ I	SO(3) Models:				
М	[52]	Normal	0.87 - 1.0	0.46	0.00005
Texture Zero Models:					
CPP	[53]	Normal			0.007 - 0.008
		Inverted			$\geq 0.00005$
		Inverted			$\geq 0.032$
WY	[54]	Either			0.0006 - 0.003
		Either			0.002 - 0.02
		Either			0.02 - 0.15
		1		1	

Albright, Chen, PRD 74

#### Leptonic flavour structure

The mixing angles have special values:  $\theta_{23} \simeq 45^{\circ}, \theta_{13} \ll \pi/4$ This can suggest an underlying pattern. See Everett's talk

Example: Tribimaximal mixing

$$\mathcal{U}_{0} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0\\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{O}(0.001) & -\mathcal{O}(0.01) & \mathcal{O}(0.1)\\ \mathcal{O}(0.1) & \mathcal{O}(0.05) & -\mathcal{O}(0.01)\\ -\mathcal{O}(0.1) & -\mathcal{O}(0.05) & \mathcal{O}(0.01) \end{pmatrix}$$
  
Harrison, Perkins, Scott Harrison, Perkins, Scott

Other possibilities: bimaximal mixing  $(\theta_{12}|_0 = 45^{\circ})$ , golden ratio  $(\tan \theta_{12}|_0 = \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{5}})$ , and hexagonal  $(\theta_{12}|_0 = 30^{\circ})$ .

#### **These basic patterns can emerge from specific flavour Symmetries.** M.-C. Chen and Mahanthappa; Girardi et al.; Petcov; Alonso, Gavela, Isidori, Maiani; Ding et al.; Ma; Hernandez, Smirnov; Feruglio et al.; Mohapatra, Nishi; Holthausen, Lindner, Schmidt; see also studies by Altarelli, Alonso, Ballett, Bazzocchi, Brahmachari, Branco, M.-C. Chen, Ding, Felipe, Ferreira, Feruglio, Fonseca, Frigerio, Gavela, Ge, Grimus, Gupta, Hagedorn, Hanlon, Hernandez, Holthausen, Hu, King, Joaquim, Joshipura, Ishimori, Lam, Lavoura, C.-C. Li, Lindner, Luhn, Ludl, B.-Q. Ma, E. Ma, Marzocca, Merle, Merlo, Meroni, Mohapatra, Morisi, Nishi, Ohlsson, Pascoli, Patel, H. Qu, Rebelo, Repko, Rigolin, Romanino, Roy, Schmidt, Sevilla, Silva-Marcos, Smirnov, Stamou, Stuart, Tanimoto, Valle, Villanova del Moral, Vitale, Zhang, Zhou, Ziegler...



P. Ballett et al., 1410.7573

I. Girardi, S. Petcov, A. Titov, 1410.8056

Measuring the oscillation parameters precisely would allow to distinguish between different models.

## Why should we search for the mass ordering and leptonic CP-violation (and the precise values of the mixing angles)?

#### 2: The theoretical implications of CPV for the baryon asymmetry

#### **CPV** and the Baryon asymmetry

#### There is evidence of the baryon asymmetry:

$$\eta_B \equiv \frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_{\gamma}} = (6.14 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-10}$$
 Planck, I 303.5076

In order to generate dynamically a baryon asymmetry, the Sakharov's conditions need to be satisfied:



#### An example of a connection between low energy CPV and leptogenesis



For  $T < 10^{12}$  GeV, flavour effects are important.

#### Is there a connection between low energy CPV and the baryon asymmetry?

#### The general picture (see-saw type I)

## $\epsilon$ depends on the CPV phases in $Y_{\nu}$ $\epsilon \propto \sum_{j} \Im(Y_{\nu}Y_{\nu}^{\dagger})_{1j}^2 \frac{M_j}{M_1}$

and in the U mixing matrix via the see-saw formula.

$$m_{\nu} = U^* m_i U^{\dagger} = -Y_{\nu}^T M_R^{-1} Y_{\nu} v^2$$

Let's consider see-saw type I with 3 NRs.

High energy			Low energy		
$M_R$ $Y_{\nu}$	$\frac{3}{9}$	0 6	${m_i \atop U}$	$\frac{3}{3}$	$0 \\ 3$

3 phases missing!

#### Specific flavour models

In understanding the origin of the flavour structure, the see-saw models have a reduced number of parameters.

It may be possible to predict the baryon asymmetry from the Dirac and Majorana phases.



#### Does observing low energy CPV imply a baryon asymmetry?

It has been shown that, thanks to flavour effects, the low energy phases enter directly the baryon asymmetry.

Example in see-saw type I, with NH (mI << m2 << m3), MI << M2 << M3, MI  $\sim$  5 10^11 GeV:



Large theta I 3 implies that delta can give an important (even dominant) contribution to the baryon asymmetry. Large CPV is needed and a NH spectrum.

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## - Long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiments

- Reactor neutrinos

- Atmospheric neutrinos

- Neutrinoless double beta decay

#### See Noah's talk



Phase I:

T. Patzak @Neutrino2014

- 24 kton LAr + SPS beam (750 kW) Phase II:
- 70 kton LAr + HPPS beam (2 MW) or Protvino beam



## Mass ordering in LBNO

## Long-baseline neutrino oscillations and the ordering

• When neutrinos travel through a medium, they interact with the background of electron, proton and neutrons and acquire an effective mass.



• Typically the background is CP and CPT violating, e.g. the Earth and the Sun contain only electrons, protons and neutrons, and the resulting oscillations are CP and CPT violating.

#### See also Gandhi's talk

The oscillation probability becomes (for constant density)

$$P_{\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}} = \sin^{2} \theta_{23} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{13}^{m} \sin^{2} \frac{\Delta_{13}^{m} L}{2}$$

The mixing angle in matter is

$$\sin^{2}(2\theta_{m}) = \frac{\left(\frac{\Delta m^{2}}{2E}\sin(2\theta)\right)^{2}}{\left(\frac{\Delta m^{2}}{2E}\cos(2\theta) - \sqrt{2}G_{F}N_{e}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\Delta m^{2}}{2E}\sin(2\theta)\right)^{2}}$$
  
• If  $\sqrt{2}G_{F}N_{e} = \frac{\Delta m^{2}}{2E}\cos 2\theta$  resonance  $\theta_{m} = \pi/4$ 

The resonance condition can be satisfied for

- neutrinos if  $\Delta m^2 > 0$  antineutrinos if  $\Delta m^2 < 0$

Matter effects modify the oscillation probability in LBL experiments.



Matter effects are stronger at high energies and at longer baselines.

Statistical issues for the mass hierarchy

Typical statements are: "LBNO will determine the mass ordering at x sigma".

> What is the "experiment"? What does "determination" mean? What is the meaning of "x sigma"?

From a statistics point of view, we are testing two alternative hypothesis: NO (true) vs IO (false) or viceversa.

Two errors:

I. reject NO when true (lst kind),

2. accept IO when wrong (2nd kind).

## One needs to quantify this using a test statistic T.

- $\alpha = \int_{T_c}^{\infty} p(T|NO) dT$
- prob. of rejecting NO when true  $1 \alpha$  confidence level

$$\beta = \int_{-\infty}^{T_c} p(T|IO) dT$$

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prob. of accepting IO when wrong  $1 - \beta$  power of the test

In the case of a simulated experiment:

$$T(\theta_0) = \min_{\theta_{IO}} \sum_{i} \frac{\left(\mu_i^{NO}(\theta_0) - \mu_i^{IO}(\theta)\right)^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

#### No statistical fluctuations: "average" experiment.

See M. Blennow et al., 1311.1822; X. Qian et al., 1210.3651, F. Capozzi, et al., 1309.1638; E. Ciuffoli, et al., 1305.5150; S.-F. Ge et al., 1210.8141.

The median sensitivity is the sensitivity with beta=50%: an experiment will reject the wrong mass ordering at x sigma with probability 50%.



One can choose the beta at which one is confident in the predictions. But comparisons between experiments need to be consistent.



M. Blennow et al., 1311.1822

	Long baseline beam (e. g. LBNE)	Atmospheric (e. g. PINGU)	Reactor long baseline	_	
Benefit	Robust, clean signal	Predictable timescale/cost	Independent technology	From W. Winter's	
Risk (osc. params.)	$\delta_{CP},  \theta_{23}$	$\theta_{23}$	-	talk at Neutrino	
Challenges	Timescale	Energy res., directional res., particle ID	Energy resolution!!!	2014	



CPV in LBNO



## **CP-violation in LBL experiments**

CP-violation will manifest itself in neutrino oscillations, due to the delta phase. The CP-asymmetry:

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_e; t) - P(\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \to \bar{\nu}_e; t) =$$

$$=4s_{12}c_{12}s_{13}c_{13}^{2}s_{23}c_{23}\sin\delta\left[\sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^{2}L}{2E}\right)+\sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{23}^{2}L}{2E}\right)+\sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^{2}L}{2E}\right)\right]$$

- CP-violation requires all angles to be nonzero.
- It is proportional to the sine of the delta phase.

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• Effective 2-neutrino probabilities are CP-symmetric. CPV needs to be searched for in LBL experiments which have access to 3-neutrino oscillations.

$$\begin{split} P_{\mu e} \simeq & 4c_{2}^{2} (s_{13}^{2}) \frac{1}{(1-r_{A})^{2}} \sin^{2} \frac{(1-r_{A})\Delta_{31}L}{4E} & \text{A. Cervera et al., hep-ph/0002108;} \\ & \text{K. Asano, H. Minakata, 1103.4387;} \\ & \text{S. K. Agarwalla et al., 1302.6773...} \\ & +\sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{2} (s_{13}) \frac{\Delta_{21}L}{2E} \sin \frac{(1-r_{A})\Delta_{31}L}{4E} \cos \left(\delta - \frac{\Delta_{31}L}{4E}\right) \\ & +s_{23}^{2} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{12} \frac{\Delta_{21}^{2}L^{2}}{16E^{2}} - 4c_{23}^{2}s_{13}^{4} \sin^{2} \frac{(1-r_{A})\Delta_{31}L}{4E} \end{split}$$

• The CP asymmetry peaks for sin^2 2 theta 13 ~0.001. Large theta 13 makes its searches possible but not ideal.

- Impact of an unknown mass ordering.
- CPV effects are morepronounced at low LE (km/GeV)



#### Sensitivity for LBNO



and theoretical assumptions.







Comparisons should be made with great care as they critically depend on:

- setup assumed: detector and its performance, beam...
- values of oscillation parameters and their errors;
- treatment of backgrounds and systematic errors.

## Precision values of oscillation parameters in LBNO

#### **Precision measurements**

An important goal will be the determination of the precise values of the parameters: theta23 and delta.

 $\Delta\delta \propto \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + \cos 2\delta}}$ 

In vacuum, for neutrinos + antineutrinos, at 1st oscillation maximum

Matter effects modify this relation and information at different energies increases the precision achievable. Disappearance channel helps in improving the precision.



## Crucial information in order to discriminate between different flavour models.



WG Report: Neutrinos, de Gouvea (Convener) et al., 1310.4340; see also, Coloma et al., JHEP 1206; Minakata, Parke, PRD87; D. Meloni, PLB728

#### Precision on theta23

Degeneracies in the appearance and disappearance channels limit the precision on theta23 and delta. By combining the two channels and exploiting information at different L/E these degeneracies can be addressed.



P. Coloma, H. Minakata, S. Parke, 1406.2551. See also Minakata, Parke, 1303.6178.

#### Tests of flavour models



## Conclusions

• LBL experiments can search for the mass ordering, CPV, precise values of the oscillation parameters and can provide tests of the 3-neutrino scenario.

• There is a strong synergy with non-accelerator searches (e.g. neutrinoless double beta decay, supernova neutrinos, cosmology,...).

• Precise information on the values of the masses, mixing angles and CPV phase is crucial to understand the origin of masses and mixing.

• The observation of L violation and of CPV in the lepton sector would be a strong indication (even if not a proof) of leptogenesis as the origin of the baryon asymmetry.

## Leptogenesis

• At T>M, the right-handed neutrinos N are in equilibrium thanks to the processes which produce and destroy them:

 $N \leftrightarrow \ell H$ 

• When T<M, N drops out of equilibrium

 $N \to \ell H \qquad \qquad N \to \ell^c H^c$ 

• A lepton asymmetry can be generated if

## $\Gamma(N \to \ell H) \neq \Gamma(N \to \ell^c H^c)$

Sphalerons convert it into a baryon asymmetry.

41 Fukugita, Yanagida, PLB 174; Covi, Roulet, Vissani; Buchmuller, Plumacher; Abada et al., ...

In order to compute the baryon asymmetry:

#### I. evaluate the CP-asymmetry

$$\epsilon \equiv \frac{\Gamma(N \to \ell H) - \Gamma(N^c \to \ell^c H^c)}{\Gamma(N \to \ell H) + \Gamma(N^c \to \ell^c H^c)}$$

2. solve the Boltzmann equations to take into account the wash-out of the asymmetry

$$Y_L = k\epsilon$$

3. convert the lepton asymmetry into the baryon one

$$Y_B = \frac{k}{g^*} c_s \epsilon \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-4} \epsilon$$

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