

Report from the Neutrino Group

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Brief Introduction

- **The Physics associated with Neutrino mass**
Neutrino oscillation (CP violation, Mass ordering, Steriles) and astrophysical neutrinos
- **We split the Neutrino Science with “*Explore the Unknown*” session (Nature and Mass of neutrinos)**

- **We covered:**


Oscillation physics with accelerators 50'

Speaker: Andrzej Szelc

Material: [Slides](#) 

Near detectors for oscillation experiments 35'


Speaker: Mr. Hirohisa Tanaka (University of Toronto/Institute of Particle Physics/TRIUMF)

Material: [Slides](#) 

Coffee Break 30' (Dabney Hall & Gardens)

Oscillation physics with radioactive sources and reactors 35'

Speaker: Karsten Heeger


Material: [Slides](#) 

Cosmology and neutrinos 25'

Speaker: Joaquin Vieira

Astrophysics with neutrinos 35'

Speaker: Kael Hanson

Material: [Slides](#) 

Findings (I)

- Large effort with Liquid Argon detectors for the Short-Baseline program at FNAL and long-baseline DUNE project
 - ▶ Great physics potential (oscillation and interactions)
 - ▶ Several technical challenges
- Continued effort on Water Cherenkov detectors with HyperK
 - ▶ Established technology
 - ▶ Crucial complementarity to DUNE
- Near Detectors options are now being explored seriously
 - ▶ DUNE/HyperK are looking at many options (segmented and tracking detectors, LAr modules, HPG TPC, tunable energy detectors)
 - ▶ Serious investigations of the exact needs
 - ▶ Identifying the physics needs is the main concern over technological challenges

Findings (II)

- Reactor experiments
 - ▶ Searches for sterile neutrinos and of reactor spectrum models
 - ▶ Many different efforts with different technologies

- Cosmology has a completely different handle on neutrino property measurements
 - ▶ Highly complementary to HEP experiments
 - ▶ Technology in place for large deployment

- Astrophysical neutrinos
 - ▶ Large energy span requires adapted technologies
 - ▶ Existing technologies can be used if cost is reduced
 - ▶ Diverse scientific potential

Comments

- Diverse experimental landscape offering essential scientific complementary
- Significant ongoing R&D for the LAr neutrino experiments, but some challenges remain:
 - ▶ Robust and reliable High voltage systems
 - ▶ Light detection system
 - ▶ Complex event reconstruction
- Experiments are being designed with “no scientific contingency”, putting high pressure on the experimental community
- We did not discuss R&D for neutrino “beams”

Identification of Risks and Opportunities

■ Risks:

- ▶ Communication/collaboration between the LAr efforts is crucial
- ▶ Designing experiment that only reach the “minimum desired science reach” puts a lot of pressure on the community
- ▶ Lack of future R&D in neutrino beams could hurt us later

■ Opportunities:

- ▶ Exploiting the combination of scintillation light to the charge collection could be very powerful to expand the scientific reach of LAr detectors
- ▶ Many technical challenges common to other fields (e.g. photon detectors, HV, ...)
- ▶ Staged approach of large projects allows ongoing R&D

Recommendations

- Continue to take the LAr technical challenges seriously
 - ▶ High voltage (delivery system and operation stability)
 - ▶ Cold electronics
 - ▶ Event reconstruction techniques
 - ▶ Consider magnetisation
- Continue to push the R&D in light/charge detection in LAr detectors to enhance the physics capabilities
- Ensure complementary scientific approaches (i.e DUNE/HyperK or/and SBL accelerator/reactor)
- Continue exploration of cost reduction for large photodetectors
- Take advantage of synergies between fields and projects
- Keep investigating alternatives for neutrino beams

Possible Grand Challenge Ideas

- Overlap with Instrumentation sessions and Neutrino Physics encloses many existing challenges (photo sensors, trigger and DAQ)
- Globally, many projects are reaching the limits of the detector scalabilities (HyperK, DUNE, IceCube, JUNO), we need strategies for the further future
- We must be ready to react to new discoveries! (e.g. Sterile neutrinos, large CP violation and need for precision measurements)