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**What Is Known Known?**

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- $\theta_{23}$ ---- almost maximal
- $\theta_{13}$ is large ---- $(90^0 \pm 10^0)$ ---- MH determination to be easier
- Possibility of measuring CPV in the lepton sector opens up

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What Is Known Unknown?

- Neutrino Mass Ordering is Unknown
- Certain hints of $\theta_{23}$ being non-maximal
- If $\theta_{23}$ is non-maximal, which octant it occupies?
- Whether CPV exists in the lepton sector?

- What Atmospheric Neutrinos can do?
  - It can probe 1 and 2+3 above.

Preliminary results from INO-ICAL simulation on its capabilities to resolve Neutrino Mass Ordering will be presented
India-based Neutrino Observatory

Salient Features

- Underground laboratory at Theni (9° 58’ N, 77° 16’E) with ~1 km all-round rock cover accessed through a 2 km long tunnel. One large and several smaller caverns to facilitate many experimental programs.
- Important neutrino issues, especially – mass parameters and other properties, will be explored in a manner complementary to on-going efforts in different parts of the world.
- The ICAL detector, with its charge identification ability, will be able to address questions about neutrino mass ordering.
- Distance from CERN, JPARC & RAL, close to “magic baseline”. CERN-INO ~7300km, JPARC-INO ~6500km, RAL-INO ~7600km.
- Once operational, in addition to ICAL, will support several other experiments, such as Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay and Dark Matter search experiments. Foreseen in near future.
- INO facility - available to “International Community” for setting up experiments. You are MOST स्वागतम WELCOME
Project approved by the Indian funding agencies

- For INO Site - Environment and forest clearance obtained. 26 hectares of land at Pottipuram provided free of cost by the Tamil Nadu Govt. Construction of an underground laboratory and surface facilities near Pottipuram village in Theni district of Tamil Nadu.

- Construction of a 50kT magnetized Iron Calorimeter (ICAL) detector to study properties of neutrinos.

- Construction of INO center (a Detector R&D center) at Madurai. Land to be given against payment.

- Human resource development (INO graduate training program).

- Detector R & D.
INO Site at Pottipuram
Salient Features of the Site

- All major components to be located underground. Flat terrain with good access from major roads.

- Rock quality is good. Cavern set in massive charnockite under the 1589 m peak. Vertical cover ~1289 meters. Tunnel length 1.97 km to reach the laboratory caverns from portal.

- Portal set outside the reserve forest boundary, hence no disturbance to forest. Tunnel and cavern under forest on the surface. Surface facilities not on forest land so no clearing of forest.

- Warm, low rainfall area and low humidity throughout the year. Unusual wind speeds during certain seasons.
Layout of the Underground Laboratory

Cavern 1 can accommodate two 50 kT ICAL like modules

- Cavern 1
- Cavern 2
- Cavern 3
- Cavern 4

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INO-ICAL Experiment

A 50 kT magnetized Fe-RPC detector with charge identification

**Physics Goals:**
- ✓ Measure atmospheric neutrino parameters from distortion in L/E
- ✓ Determine the sign of $|\Delta m^2_{31}|$ using matter effect
- ✓ Measure the deviation of $\theta_{23}$ from 45° and its octant
- ✓ Other Physics:
  - Probe CP and CPT violation
  - Constrain long range leptonic forces
  - Study ultra high energy neutrinos and muons
INOCAL Experiment

- **Neutrino Source**
  - Need to cover a large L/E range
    - Large L range (20 km – 12500 km)
    - Large $E_\nu$ range (~2 GeV – 30 GeV (contained events))
  - Use atmospheric neutrino as source

- **Detector Choice**
  - Should have large target mass (50 -100 kT)
  - Good tracking and energy resolution (tracking calorimeter)
  - Good directionality ($\approx 1$ nsec time resolution)
  - Charge identification for $\nu_\mu$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ separation
  - Ease of construction
  - Modularity
  - Complementary to other existing and proposed detectors

- Use magnetized iron as target mass and RPC as active detector
- Iron Calorimeter (ICAL)

- Negatives – Poor electron sensitivity, relatively high threshold
Current Status of INO-ICAL

- **RPC Development for ICAL**
  - R & D almost complete
  - Full size RPCs (2m X 2m) are being fabricated not just in the INO labs but also by the industry
  - RPC production at large scale to be done by the industry

- **Electronics for ICAL**
  - First batch of ASIC front end designed by the INO electronics team & fabricated by Euro Practice IC Services being tested in the RPC lab

- **Magnet for ICAL**
  - Prototype magnet at VECC/SINP, Kolkata running. 2nd engineering module will be fabricated in next two years.

- **Simulation Studies in Progress**
  - Preliminary results to be presented today.
  - White paper will be available shortly.

- **Human Resource Development**
  - Graduate Training Program since 2008.
Ahmadabad: Physical Research Lab.
Aliagarh: Aligarh Muslim University
Allahabad: HRI
Calicut: University of Calicut
Chandigarh: Panjab University
Chennai:
  - IIT, Madras
  - IMSc
Delhi: University of Delhi
Guwahati: IIT, Guwahati
Hawaii (USA): University of Hawaii
Indore: IIT, Indore
Jammu: University of Jammu

Kalpakkam: IGCAR
Kolkata:
  - Ramakrishna Mission
  - Vivekananda University
  - SINP
  - VECC and
  - University of Calcutta
Lucknow: Lucknow University
Madurai: American College
Mumbai: BARC
Mumbai:
  - IIT, Bombay
  - TIFR
Mysore: University of Mysore
Sambalpur: Sambalpur University;
Srinagar: University of Kashmir
Varanasi: Banaras Hindu University
INO-ICAL Detector
## Detector Features

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Location of INO within India

51.9m Tall w/33K sculptures

MADURAI City – 2500 Yrs Old
Muon Pulse in RPC

RPC timing resolution

RPC Pulse ht. resolution

1.4 ns
Fabrication of 2m X 2m Glass RPC
2m X 2m Glass RPC Test Stand
Some Interesting Cosmic Ray Tracks

Shows the tracking capability of INO RPC system
RPC Performance With Cosmic Rays

Strip Multiplicity due to crossing muons

Track residue in mm

Strip noise rate vs time

Image of a RPC using muons
SINP and VECC groups in Kolkata are involved in developing Bakelite RPCs operating in streamer mode. The inner surface of the Bakelite are coated with PDMS (silicone) to make the surface smooth. Efficiency plateau over 96% obtained with reduced noise rate and long term stability. INO-ICAL experiment being modular, can use both glass as well as Bakelite RPCs.
Magnetic Field Study

|B| ≥ 1 T

16m x 16m full plate Single layer slot centred at 4m four sets of coils 60kA-turns

| B|, Tesla

Counts

Entries 103042
Mean 1.201
RMS 0.2828
Simulation Framework

**NUANCE**

Neutrino Event Generation

\[ \nu_a + X \rightarrow A + B + \ldots \]

Generates particles that result from a random interaction of a neutrino with matter using theoretical models.

**GEANT4**

Event Simulation

\[ A + B + \ldots \text{ through RPCs + Mag.Field} \]

Simulate propagation of particles through the detector (RPCs + Magnetic Field)

Event Digitisation

\[ (x,y,z,t) \text{ of } A + B + \ldots + \text{noise + detector efficiency} \]

Add detector efficiency and noise to the hits

Event Reconstruction

\[ (E,p) \text{ of } \nu + X = (E,p) \text{ of } A + B + \ldots \]

Fit the tracks of A + B + ... to get their energy and momentum.

**Output:**

1) Reaction Channel
2) Vertex Information
3) Energy & Momentum of all Particles

**Output:**

1) \( x,y,z,t \) of the particles at their interaction point in detector
2) Energy deposited
3) Momentum information

**Output:**

1) Digitised output of the previous stage (simulation)
2) Energy & Momentum of the initial neutrino
Detector Performance

- Inhomogeneous magnetic field mapping implemented into the ICAL code
- Effect of Iron thickness on efficiencies and charge id under study for optimization
- Resolution function for hadrons also obtained but not used in results shown here
Muon events and neutrino events are generated with event vertices randomly distributed over the fiducial volume of the detector.

Events are simulated using the INO-ICAL simulation code and the Digitization output is used to determine the trigger efficiency.

- Analysis algorithm complies with the architecture of the trigger system.
- Trigger efficiency is determined for:
  - Segment size 4m x 4m x 4m.
  - Trigger criteria:
    - 1x5/8
    - 2x4/8
    - 3x3/8
    - 4x2/8
INO-ICAL Physics Reach

- Matter effect fluctuates rapidly with Energy and $\cos \theta_{\text{Zenith}}$
- ICAL has good Energy and $\cos \theta_{\text{Zenith}}$ resolution
- Matter effect will be opposite for $\nu \mu$ and $\bar{\nu} \mu$. INO-ICAL charge identification capability to resolves $\mu^+$ and $\mu^-$. 
Atmospheric Parameters with INO-ICAL

- Precision not competitive with LBL experiments, but complementary
- Use priors on $|\Delta m^2_{\text{atm}}|$, $\theta_{23}$, $\theta_{13}$ from LBL + reactors projected reach
Mass Hierarchy with INO-ICAL

Events generated using Nuance & ICAL resolution in $E$ and $\cos \theta_{\text{zenith}}$

$\sim 2\sigma$ sensitivity for $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.5$, $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$ by 2022 (5 yrs)

$\sim 2.7\sigma$ sensitivity for $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.5$, $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$ by 2027 (10 yrs)
Data generated at $\delta_{CP} = 0$ and fitted at non-zero $\delta_{CP}$
INO will give Mass Hierarchy sensitivity almost independent of $\delta_{CP}$
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Work on INO laboratory to begin soon.

Detector R&D for INO-ICAL almost complete.

Large scale detector fabrication to begin with the help of industry.

Large $\theta_{13}$ is positive news for resolving neutrino MH.

INO-ICAL will play an important role in resolving MH.

INO should be able to resolve MH at $\sim 2\sigma$ by 2022 (250 kT-yr) and $\sim 2.7\sigma$ by 2027 (500kT-yr).

Thanks to Naba Mondal and Sandhya Choubey for providing the latest INO simulation results
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