

DC Collaboration



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$\Theta_{_{13}}$ – current knowledge

- global: $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) < 0.13 (90\%)$
 - $-\sin^2(\theta_{13}) < 0.035 (90\%)$
- Dominated by Chooz [M.Apollonio et al, Eur. Phys. J. C27 (2003) 331]





Reactor Θ_{13} Experiments

- Disappearance of anti-neutrinos (independent of $\delta_{_{CP}}$ and sign of $\Delta m_{_{31}}$, weak dependence of $\Delta m_{_{21}}$)
- ~MeV signals, short distances (no matter effects)
- But, limited knowledge of processes inside reactor



Concept



- 2 'identical' detectors - **Near**
 - 410 m
 - 115 m.w.e
 - ~500 ν/day
 - Far
 - 1050 m
 - 300 m.w.e
 - ~70 v/day
- Systematics on reactor power, neutrino spectrum, cross-section insignificant for a relative measurement





Improvements on Chooz

Chooz : R = 1.01 ± 2.8% (stat) ± 2.7% (syst)

- Statistical
 - Larger Volume 5.55m³ -> 10.3m³
 - Run Time ~months -> 3-5 yrs
 - Number of Events 2700 -> 60,000 (far detector in 3 yrs)

- Systematic
 - Reactor
 - Detector
 - Analysis
- × <0.6%



- First phase just far detector
 - (start early 2010)
- Second phase both detectors
 - 2012
- Target sensitivity $\sin^2(2\theta_{13})$ of 0.03



Neutrino Signal



- Detect anti-neutrinos via inverse beta decay
 - $p + \overline{\nu} \rightarrow n + e^+$
- In Gd- loaded scintillator
 - e⁺ signal 1-8MeV
 - $e^+ e^-$ annihilation(2 x 511 keV)

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$$E_{vis} = E_v - (M_n - M_p) + m_e$$

- Delayed neutron capture on
 - Gd ~30 µs ~ 8 MeV (>80%)
 - H 2.2 MeV

The Laboratories





Construction of Far Detector





Lab for the original Chooz experiment

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PMT Installation (in progress)



Japanese groups currently at Chooz and working hard!







- July August Acrylics
- September
- October
- November
- January

Closing of detector

Electronics

Detector Filling

Commissioning Starts

Shielding completed

Outer Muon Veto

- Glove Box
 - Detector completed



April

March



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