# **Broad Overview of Neutrino Physics**

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## What is Neutrino?



elementary particles = fundamental constituent of matter

# Neutrino Hypothesis

Neutrino is light neutral particle suggested by W. Pauli in 1930 to explain the continuous energy spectrum of emitted electron in  $\beta$ -decay



Neutrinos slip out of the detector because of the weak interaction

### **Neutrino Detection**

Neutrinos react so seldom with matter (high permeability)

 $\bar{\nu}_{\rm e} + {\rm p} \rightarrow {\rm e}^+ + {\rm n}$ 

need thickness of 20 light-year in water to react



In those days, people thought the neutrino detection is experimentally impossible ...



Intense production of neutrinos by nuclear reactor and development of detection technique

In 1953, neutrinos are detected by Reines and Cowan finally!

## Neutrino in Standard Model

- Mass of neutrino is zero
- 3 flavor lepton number (e, ν<sub>e</sub>) (μ, ν<sub>μ</sub>) (τ, ν<sub>τ</sub>) is conserved
- All neutrinos are left-handed, and all anti-neutrinos are right-handed
- Neutrino and anti-neutrino can be distinguished

### **2** component neutrino model



## Neutrino Oscillation

Assuming

- 1. Neutrinos have tiny masses (beyond Standard Model)
- 2. Flavor (weak) states are superpositions of mass states

 $|\nu_{\alpha}\rangle = \sum_{i} U_{\alpha i} |\nu_{i}\rangle$ flavor  $i \uparrow \text{mass}$ no diagonal unitary matrix MNS (Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata) Matrix  $U_{MNS} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix}$ 



### Where are neutrinos coming from?



### Man-made Neutrino

### Accelerator

### Reactor





$$\pi^{+} \rightarrow \mu^{+} + \nu_{\mu} \qquad ^{235}\text{U} + \text{n} \rightarrow \text{X} + \text{Y} + 6.1\text{e}^{-} + 6.1\bar{\nu}_{\text{e}} + 2.5\text{n} + 202 \text{ MeV}$$
  
etc. 
$$\overset{\text{also } ^{239}\text{Pu}, \ ^{238}\text{U}, \ ^{241}\text{Pu} \qquad \text{no charge}$$
  
expensive!

Well-controlled man-made sources are more appropriate for a precise investigation of the neutrino property



high light yield

### 1,325 17 inch + 554 20 inch PMTs

### **Reactor Neutrino**



strong evidence of neutrino oscillation

If mass of neutrino is zero, this quantum interference is not allowed

Neutrino oscillation experiments require 3 different mass states

Neutrino has nonzero mass

### **Neutrino Oscillation Experiments**



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## Light Neutrino Mass



The mass of heavy neutrino can be as heavy as 10<sup>23</sup> eV! (10<sup>10</sup> times of energy attained by world's largest accelerator)
Heavy neutrino (just below GUT scale) naturally explains
"finite but light neutrino mass"

## Matter Dominated Universe



### - significant **asymmetry** between matter and anti-matter



 neutrinos and photons are the most abundant particle
 neutrinos / nucleon ~ 10<sup>9</sup>

#### Neutrinos may play a key role to explain matter/anti-matter asymmetry

### Matter Production



#### **Three Sakharov conditions**

Violation of B–L. Guaranteed if neutrinos are Majorana particles.

• C and CP violation. Guaranteed if the neutrino Yukawa couplings contain physical phases.

• Departure from thermal equilibrium. Guaranteed, due to the expansion of the Universe. A. Ibarra, Leptogenesis, INSS 2012

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## Neutrinoless Double-Beta Decay



Require the neutrino Majorana nature

Heavy neutrino naturally explains "finite but light neutrino mass"

 CP violating decay of heavy neutrino explains "matter dominance in the universe" (Leptogenesis theory)

# Light Majorana Neutrino Exchange



Possible contributions also from Majoron, SUSY, right-handed current, ...

#### Effective neutrino mass <m<sub>ββ</sub>>

 $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \left| U_{e1} \right|^2 m_1 + \left| U_{e2} \right|^2 e^{i\alpha_1} m_2 + \left| U_{e3} \right|^2 e^{i\alpha_1} m_3 \right|$ 

- Unknown parameters :  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ , m<sub>min</sub>
- Mass hierarchy is not determined
- Cancellations due to CP phases ( $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ )

How to measure 
$$< m_{\beta\beta} > ?$$



determine the decay rate using large number of BB-decay nuclei

#### Kamioka Liquid Scintillator Anti-Neutrino Detector Zero Neutrino Double Beta

#### KamLAND-Zen

#### A $\diamond$ 0 0 $\Delta$ Inner Balloon Xe-LS 🖌 (3.08 m diameter) 320 kg Xe loaded **Outer-LS** l kton

Xenon loaded LS (Xe-LS)		
decane	<b>82%</b>	
pseudo-cumene 18%		
PPO	2.7 g/liter	
xenon	2.44 wt%	

 $\sigma_{E}(2.5 \text{MeV}) = 4\%$ 

#### Advantage of KamLAND

- running detector : start quickly with relatively low cost
- big and pure : no BG from external gamma-rays
- purification of LS, replacement of mini-balloon are possible
  - high scalability (a few ton of Xe)



target  $\langle m_{\beta\beta}\rangle$  ~ 60 meV / 5 year

# Nylon Film with Low Radioactivities



Specially made 25 µm nylon film for low radioactivities in U/Th/K

#### effect of ultrasonic cleaning

U	•	150	$\rightarrow$	$2x10^{-12}g/g$
Th	•	59	$\rightarrow$	$3x10^{-12}g/g$
<sup>40</sup> K	•	140	$\rightarrow$	2x10 <sup>-12</sup> g/g





### Data-taking restarted in September 2011

## KamLAND-Zen Phase-II (2016)



KamLAND-Zen Phase-II search after Xe-LS purification found no significant  $0\nu\beta\beta$  signal obtain lower limit on half-life Half-life limit at 90% C.L.  $T^{0v}_{1/2} > 1.9 \times 10^{25} \text{ yr}$ Phase-I  $T^{0v}_{1/2} > 9.2 \times 10^{25} \text{ yr}$ Phase-II Combined  $T^{0v}_{1/2} > 1.07 \times 10^{26} \text{ yr}$ 

### Limits on Neutrino Mass



First search below 100 meV ~ near IH region

## Prospects of KamLAND-Zen



increase decay target nuclei by pressurized Xe

### KamLAND2-Zen

#### **General-purpose**

larger crane strengthen floor enlarge opening

accommodate various devices CaF<sub>2</sub>, CdWO<sub>4</sub>, NaI, ...

### 1000 kg enriched Xe



### **High performance**

### Winstone Cone



### High Q.E. PMT



17" $\Phi \rightarrow 20$ " $\Phi$ ,  $\epsilon = 22\% \rightarrow 30\%$ 

Photo-coverage > X2 x1.9 Light Collection Eff. > X1.8

### **New Liquid Scintillator**

x1.4

KamLAND liquid scintillator 8,000 photon/MeV typical liquid scintillator 12,000 photon/MeV

naive calc. < 2%

target  $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle$  ~ 20 meV / 5 year

# **Open Questions**

- CP phase (δ) v oscillation
   Is phase δ violating CP symmetry non-zero?
- Mass hierarchy v oscillation, 0vββ decay

 $v_1 < v_2 << v_3, v_3 < v_1 << v_2, v_1 \sim v_2 \sim v_3$ ?

### • Sterile neutrino v oscillation, cosmology

Is there 4th sterile neutrino?

- Absolute mass scale β-decay, 0vββ decay, cosmology What is the absolute neutrino mass scale?
- Dirac or Majorana Ονββ decay
   Is neutrino Dirac particle or Majorana particle?

#### **Current & Future experiments**

#### v oscillation

KamLAND, Borexino, Super-K, SNO, T2K, MINOS, NOVA, LBNE, OPERA, Double-Chooz, Daya Bay, RENO, Nucifer, Stereo, CeLAND, SOX, Sage2, LENS, IsoDAR, MicroBooNE, ICARUS, ...

#### Ονββ decay

KamLAND-Zen, EXO, GERDA, CUORE, SuperNEMO, SNO+, CANDLES, MOON, DCBA, Majorana, Lucifer, AMORE, COBRA, NEXT, ...

#### β decay

**KATRIN, Project 8** 

### Many experiments to answer the open questions!



### **Neutrino Astrophysics**



### **Relic Supernova Neutrino**



## Neutrino Radiography



# Summary

- Neutrinos have been played a key role to develop particle physics so far.
- Discovery of the neutrino mass and mixing from the studies for the last few decades is a revolution.
- Future prospects of neutrino physics are very exciting!
- Furthermore, neutrinos will be essential to reveal the history of the Universe and the Earth.

Let's pay great attention to the next geo neutrino talk!