# Neutrino Physics in Taiwan – Overview

#### [Apologies - impossible to be unbiased and complete ]

- Global Landscape
- (Selected) Theory Mentions
- DayaBay & JUNO [credits: DB+JUNO team, c/o Hu Bai-Zhen]
- LEGEND [credits: Chiu Pin-Jung]
- TEXONO (+CDEX)
  - Outlook





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## The Future is Flavourful



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## Milestones of $\nu$ History





A Dark Matter/Missing Energy Problem !



#### Neutrino Masses are Finite !

#### Three Families of Neutrino "Flavor-Mass" Mixing



## $\nu$ in the 2020's and beyond

Neutrino oscillation: precision, MO, CPV

 $\square$  # of neutrinos: sterile v

 $\Box$  Abs. mass of v: KATRIN, Ptolemy, etc.

 $\Box$  Dirac vs. Majorana:  $0\nu\beta\beta$ 

Neutrino interaction: CEvNS

Astrophysical v: solar, Supernova, extra galactic v etc.

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+ CNB Relic v

**TW Theory Scenes on Neutrinos (Selected & Biased):** Lin GL (NYCU) : neutrino and dark matter astroparticle physics phenomenology Wu MR (AS) : supernova neutrinos Anatolia F (AS) : cosmic-rays & astrophysical neutrinos interactions ♂ Member of IceCube Martin S (NTHU) : relic neutrinos Cheung KM (NTHU) : BSM with LHC high energy neutrino "Forward Facility" beam Li HN (AS) : Origin of neutrino masses Chen JW (NTU) & Liu CP (NDHU) : low energy neutrino/dark matter/ALP interactions Almost ALL : phenomenology involving neutrino properties & data

#### TEXONO Theory Program [AS, NTU, NDHU, UCSB, DEU, SCU ......]

# Connecting the Dots: ☆ TEXONO & CDEX detector frontiers in low (sub-keV) energy → atomic physics range ☆ Studies of EW/BSM physics ☆ understanding of the detection many-body physics ☆ state-of-the-art techniques in atomic, nuclear & QCD physics. ☆ *i.e.* v(\(\chi\),\(\alpha\)) A instead of v(\(\chi\),\(\alpha\)) N or v(\(\chi\),\(\alpha\)) e



## **Selected Highlights:**

Identified Pole structures, Cross-section enhancement, Smoking-gun signatures in (CP Liu, JW Chen ...):

- > milli-charged v interactions:  $v(\delta_Q) + A$  [PRD 14]
- > DM-v (NR) transition- $\mu_v$  interactions:  $v_{DM} + A \rightarrow v_{SM} + A^+ + e^-$  [PRD15]
- > DM-ALP (NR) Inverse Primikoff scattering:  $a_{DM} + A \rightarrow \gamma + A^+ + e^-$  [PRD23]

 Time-of-Flight as Signature of Boosted Dark Matter by Supernova Neutrinos (MR Wu ...) [PRL23, PRD23]
 First case of using Time (other than interactions) as DM signature



#### Taiwan Groups @ Daya Bay [ B. Hsiung @ NTU, G.L. Lin @ NCTU, C.H Wang @ NUU ]

## **Contributions:**

All 8 inner (3m) acrylic vessels to contain the "target", GdLS, are built in Taiwan.
DAQ/Trigger and Control R&D
PMT gain calibration and monitoring
Calibration Database update and validation
Data Quality Check











# <sup>10</sup> First Results from Daya Bay Final Dataset

The world's:

3158 days results: PRL 130, 161802 (2023)

- largest sample of reactor antineutrinos to date 5.5 million IBD
- **most precise** determination of  $sin^2 2\theta_{13}$  with  $> 5\sigma$

 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.0851^{+0.0024}_{-0.0024}$ 

Normal hierarchy:  $\Delta m_{32}^2 = + (2.466^{+0.060}_{-0.060}) \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$ Inverted hierarchy:  $\Delta m_{32}^2 = - (2.571^{+0.060}_{-0.060}) \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$ 



# Global Landscape

#### Consistent results are obtained by all experiments:



2.8% precision in  $sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ 

The reactor measurement of  $\theta_{13}$  will likely remain the most precise for a long time!

#### • Reactor experiments also have excellent sensitivity to $\Delta m_{32}^2$ :

#### Great agreement with accelerator experiments!



Others from DYB

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## Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory



#### **Main Detector**

Experimental hall

Top Tracker for very precise muon tracking

- 3-layers of plastic scintillators
- Reuse of OPERA's Target Tracker

#### Water Cherenkov muon veto

- 35 ktons of ultrapure water
- 2,000 20-inch PMTs
- Muon detection efficiency > 95%
- Radon control  $\rightarrow$  less than 0.2 Bq/m^3

#### Central detector :

- Acrylic sphere filled with 20 ktons of LS
- PMTs immerged in water buffer and fixed on a stainless steel truss:
  - 17,612 20-inch PMTs
  - 25,600 3-inch PMTs → TW involved
- 78% photocoverage

#### **Compensation coils**

- Earth's magnetic field <10%
- Necessary for 20"PMTs

Main Goal: Determine neutrino mass hierarchy(MH) 2<sup>nd</sup> Goal: Precision measurement of mass and mixing

**JUNO-Tao** @40m from Taishan (Taishan Antineutrino Observatory)

To measure the reactor neutrino spectrum to guarantee that MH measurement will not be affected by fine structures of the spectrum



#### Taiwan's contributions:

- R&D on central detector design and supporting nodes, mechanical simulation
   HZC 3" PMTs testing and final acceptance tests
- Simulation of photon propagation with GPU, etc.

# JUNO: a neutrino observatory

Reactor anti-v



<sup>8</sup>B: ~50/day ~60 / day Several / day CNO: ~1000/day 7Be: ~10000/day Reactor  $\bar{\nu}_{e}$  signal IBD event number (×10<sup>5</sup>) 0.0 0.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 6 JUNO Simulation Preliminary 5σ 5 4σ  $\sqrt{|\Delta \chi^2_{min}|}$ 4 3σ 3 NO: stat. only NO: stat.+all syst. JUNO+TAO 2 IO: stat. only IO: stat.+all syst. 1 0 2 16 18 20 10 12 14 JUNO exposure [years  $\times 26.6 \text{ GW}_{\text{th}}$ ]

Reactor neutrino oscillation Chin.Phys.C 46 (2022) 12, 123001 Solar neutrino oscillation Chin.Phys.C 45 (2021) 2, 023004 Atmospheric neutrino flux Eur.Phys.J.C 81 (2021) 10 Diffuse supernova neutrinos JCAP 10 (2022) 033 Proton Decay arXiv: 2212.08502 and others

In 6 years:
 > Determine neutrino mass ordering at 3σ
 > Precision of sin<sup>2</sup>θ<sub>12</sub>, Δm<sup>2</sup><sub>31</sub>, Δm<sup>2</sup><sub>21</sub> < 0.5%</li>





# **Current Status**

- JUNO is motivated to measure the Neutrino Mass Ordering
- Rich physics program. World-leading studies on
  - Precision measurement of oscillation parameters, Supernova v, DSNB, Geo-v, solar v, proton decay, …
  - Future JUNO-0vββ
- JUNO construction has entered its final stage.
- Data taking is expected in 2024!



Coming Generation of Big Neutrino Oscillation Experiments :





Liquid Argon



#### Water Cherenkov



Cheap material, proven at very large scale

# Excellent particle reconstruction

Wire coerdrete (4 m)

#### Liquid Scintillator





# Low energy threshold



JUNO has great potentials on the physics topics below, although except for CP phases,  $\theta_{23}$  Octant

Exp.	Time	Mass ordering	CP phases	Precision Meas.	CCSN burst @ 10 kpc	DSNB	Geo-v	Solar	<b>Proton Decay</b> (sensitivity@10 y)
JUNO (20 kt)	2024	<mark>3-4 σ</mark> 6 y	—	$\sin^2  heta_{12}$ (0.5%), $\Delta m^2_{21}$ (0.3%), $\Delta m^2_{31}$ (0.2%), 6 y	all-flavor v (IBD, eES, pES)	<mark>Зо</mark> , 3 у	~400/y	<sup>7</sup> Be, pep, CNO, <sup>8</sup> B	> 9.6x10 <sup>33</sup> y (⊽ <i>K</i> <sup>+</sup> )
DUNE (17 kt*4)	2030	<b>&gt;5 σ</b> 1-3 y	5σ (50%) <i>10 y</i>	Δ $m^2_{32}$ ~0.4%, sin² $ heta_{23}$ ~1.1% *, 15 y	<sup>40</sup> Ar CC & NC, eES	<sup>40</sup> Ar CC	—	<sup>8</sup> B, hep	$\frac{>8.7 \times 10^{33} \text{ y (} \text{e}^{+} \pi^{0} \text{ )}}{>1.3 \times 10^{34} \text{ y } (\bar{\nu}K^{+})}$
HyperK (260 kt)	2027	<b>3-5 σ</b> 10 y	<b>5σ (60%)</b> 10 y	Δm <sup>2</sup> <sub>32</sub> ~0.6%, sin <sup>2</sup> θ <sub>23</sub> ~1.6% *, 10 y	eES, IBD	<u>3σ, 6 y</u>	—	<sup>8</sup> B, hep	>7.8x10 <sup>34</sup> y (e <sup>+</sup> π <sup>0</sup> ) >3.2x10 <sup>34</sup> y (ν̄K <sup>+</sup> )
ORCA (7 Mt)	Un- known	<b>2-4 σ</b> 3 y	—	$\Delta m^2_{32}$ ~2% , 3 y	rate excess			—	
IceCube Upgrade	2026	<b>2-4 σ</b> 7 y	—	$\Delta m^2_{32}$ ~1.3% , 3 y	rate excess			_	

\* Upper octant assumption

eES: v-electron scattering, pES: v-proton scattering, IBD: inverse beta decay

### **Double-beta decays**

Double-beta decays are observed in even-even nuclei when single-beta decays are energetically forbidden  $e^-$ 

#### 2νββ

#### $2n \to 2p^+ + 2e^- + 2\bar{\nu}_e$





- Nature provides 35 double-beta-decay isotopes, e.g., <sup>48</sup>Ca, <sup>70</sup>Zn, <sup>76</sup>Ge, <sup>82</sup>Se, <sup>100</sup>Mo, <sup>116</sup>Cd, <sup>128</sup>Te, <sup>130</sup>Te, <sup>136</sup>Xe
- A hypothetical process called "neutrinoless double-beta decay" was suggested

 $0 \nu \beta \beta$   $2n \rightarrow 2p^{-1}$ 



If observed, this informs

- Lepton number violation
- Information about matter-antimatter imbalance of the Universe (leptogenesis)
- Neutrinos have a Majorana mass
- Hints on neutrino mass scale and mass ordering

Searches of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  (like m<sub>v</sub>) ....

- ✓ Definite BSM Predicted Scales are within Experimental Reach (unlike proton decays, DM-searches .... etc)
   ✓ Discovery Potentials !!
  - RDERING Excluded by KamLAND-Zen, GERDA, EXO-200, CUORE 0.1 [eV] INVERTED <sup>θ</sup>θ 0.01 Sensitivity goal of next generation KATRIN sensiti NORMAL vity Planck 0.001 bound 0.00001 0.0001 0.001 0.01 0.1 [eV] m MIN



- Located 1.4 km (3500 m.w.e.) underground at the Gran Sasso National Laboratory (LNGS), Italy
- Two-phased experiment  $\rightarrow$  Phase-I: LEGEND-200; Phase-II: LEGEND-1000
- Immerse <sup>76</sup>Ge-enriched high-purity germanium (HPGe) detectors in liquid argon (LAr)



Large Enriched

Germanium Experiment for Neutrinoless BB Decar

	CONTRACTOR STATES	
Phase	I (LEGEND-200)	II (LEGEND-1000)
HPGe detectors (kg)	200	1000
LAr (tonne)	90 (At*)	350 (At+ <b>UG*</b> )
Live time (yr)	5	10
Background requirement (counts/(keV·kg·yr))	$\sim 2 \times 10^{-4}$	< 10 <sup>-5</sup>
Discovery sensitivity of $T_{1/2}$ (yr)	> 10 <sup>27</sup>	> 10 <sup>28</sup>
m <sub>ββ</sub> (meV)	33–71	Fully cover $m_{\beta\beta}$ inverted ordering regime
Status	Science run started in spring 2023	R&D ongoing; planned staged commissioning in 2030

#### **Projected Sensitivities**





Energy depositions in LAr induce VUV scintillation light (128 nm), which is used to veto background events

Large Enriched

Germanium Experiment for Neutrinoless BB Deca

- Wavelength shifters (e.g., traphenyl butadiene; TPB) improve the light-detection efficiency of optical sensors
- TPB-coated fibers surround HPGe detectors, whose light is detected by silicon photomultipliers on both ends of the fibers
- TPB-coated Tetratex® (TTX) serves as a reflector, which encircles the detector array and further enhances the light-detection efficiency of the fibers



Ref.: G. R. Araujo et al., EPJC 82, 442 (2022)

#### Liquid argon facility at NTU for LEGEND-1000 and beyond

- Construct a LAr facility as a support for LEGEND-1000 to
  - Investigate next-generation large-scale wavelength-shifting materials
  - Test optical sensors for LAr light detections
  - Devise an independent LAr calibration mechanism
  - Serve as a test stand for future HPGe detector studies
- LAr is also used in other fields, e.g.,

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- Time projection chambers for neutrino-oscillation observations and dark-matter searches
- Positron emission tomography with liquid argon in medical physics studies
- Other LAr-property studies, e.g.,
  - Scintillation light velocity, refractive index, and Rayleigh scattering length
  - Argon depletion techniques to remove unwanted background argon isotopes



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AS, KSNPS, NTU, NDHU, IHEP, CIAE, THU, SCU, BHU, CUSB, GLAU, HNBGU, METU, DEU.....

#### **TEXONO Program** [since 1997]:

 Low Energy Neutrino (SM+EM) physics at Kuo-Sheng Neutrino Laboratory (KSNL), 28 m from 2.9 GW<sub>th</sub> reactor core
 Founding partner of CDEX@CJPL Dark Matter Experiment [since 2008]
 Theory Program [since 2010]















#### **Coherency in Neutrino-Nucleus Elastic Scattering [PRD16, PRD21]**

- **Quantify transitions between QM Coherency & Decoherency**
- Universal Characterization between different Sources & Target

 $vA_{el}$  with Reactor Neutrinos:

**\square** Different kinematics regimes :  $q^2 \rightarrow 0$ ; FF( $q^2$ )=1

**✓** Full QM Coherency [DAR- *v*N @~0.6 - 0.7 ]

☑ BSM/NSI Searches → no degeneracy with nuclear physics FF uncertainties



(a)

(b)  $T (\text{keV}_{nr})$ 

T(keV<sub>nr</sub>)

 $\frac{2}{q^2} \frac{2.1}{(\times 10^3 \,\mathrm{MeV}^2)} \frac{2.3}{2.3} \frac{2$ 

CsI

Data

Theory ---

0.8

0.6

0.2

0.8

α 0.4  $\begin{array}{c} T \ (\text{keV}_{nr}) \\ 10 \ 15 \ 20 \ 25 \ 30 \ 35 \end{array}$ 

 $q^2$  (× 10<sup>3</sup> MeV<sup>2</sup>)

#### **Electro-cooled PCGe**



	Generation	Mass (g)	Pulsar FWHM (eV <sub>ee</sub> )	Threshold (eV <sub>ee</sub> )
LN <sub>2</sub>	G1	500	130	500
ļ	G2	900	100	300
ſ	<b>C3</b>	500	70	200
	65	900	70	~230
Electro- cool	G3 <sup>+</sup>	1430	~60	~160
	G3++	1430	70	200
l	G4	900	<70	<200

This Analysis

 ✓ Novel Technology with Negative Feedback Synchronized Pumping
 ✓ Typical G3 (500g) Spectrum ⇒
 ✓ With Anti-Compton & Cosmic-Ray & Surface Events Vetos
 ✓ Near Threshold Data Analysis In Progress.



#### Sub-keV Ge Detector Techniques : Hardware/Software Development [AP13, NIMA 16, NIMA18]

**X** Quenching Factors -- nuclear recoils' **Ionization Yields \*** Energy Definition & Calibration **X** Trigger Efficiencies near threshold **Solution** Selection – algorithms & efficiencies **\*** Physics Vs Noise Pulse-Shape Selection -algorithms & efficiencies

#### **Sensitivity Limits on TEXONO Data**





This Data [TAUP2023] Reactor ON – 65 kg-days Reactor OFF – 438 kg-days

<sup>†</sup>AC<sup>-</sup> $\otimes$ CR<sup>-</sup> $\otimes$ B<sub>r</sub> $\rightarrow$ Anti-Compton veto  $\otimes$  Cosmic Ray veto  $\otimes$  Bulk Events

#### **Sensitivity Limits on TEXONO Data**





*Φ* : ratio of measured to SM cross-sections
 **3σ allowed for** *k* from QF measurement data
 **TEXONO** [with 200 eV threshold]

★ @90%CL Upper Limit :

*ρ* < 4.2 @ Lindhard SM *k*=0.157

<b>Reactor Ge Experiment</b>	TEXONO	DRESDEN	v-GEN	CONUS
Flux (10 <sup>12</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	6.36	48	39	23
Distance (m)	28	10.39	11.83	17.1
Power (GW)	2.9	2.96	3.1	3.9
Overburden (m.w.e)	30	6	50	24
Exposure (kg-days) ON[OFF]	65[438]	282[73]	133[66]	248.7[58.8]
Pulsar FWHM (eV)	70	161	101.6	69 (C1)
Threshold (eV)	200	200	300	~300
Background ON @ Threshold (counts.kg <sup>-1</sup> keV <sup>-1</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> )	62	3095	134	100
σ <sub>Residual</sub> @ Threshold (counts.kg <sup>-1</sup> keV <sup>-1</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> )	15.8	510	17.3	27.9

- **DRESDEN:**[*PRD* 104,072003 (2021); *PRL* 129, 211802 (2022)]
- <u>vGEN:</u>[ICPPA 2022, A. Lubashevskiy; PRD 106, L051101 (2022)]
- <u>CONUS</u>:[*PRL 126, 041804 (2021); EPJC 81:267 (2021)*]







#### **Prospects:**

**⊠ KSNL (2.9GW, 28m)**:

- G3 (200-eV) Data ON/OFF ~ >500 / >800 kg-days
- > v Decommissioned : 2023, Access till at least end of 2025
- **R&D:** G4 & PSD at threshold
- **Explore new site now that G4@150 eV secured at KSNL** 
  - CDEX new development:

Sanmen (三門) Reactor (3.4GW) @ Zhejiang (浙江)

Exploring Site, possibility at 12-13m !









- Merits: 2400+ m rock overburden ; drivein road tunnel access ; superb supporting infrastructures
- Second Se
- CJPL-II (2018+) : [ 4X(14X14X130 m) Halls ] + Pits

















#### CDEX-I Dark Matter Program

 ✓ Evolved from TEXONO Reactor Neutrinos Experiments @ KSNL
 ✓ Based on sub-keV Ge detectors

#### CDEX-10

- As Ge-Array -- important stage towards large-scale
   Ge experiment
- Novel -- Directly immersed into liquid nitrogen for cooling
- **May well evolve back to** *neutrino physics*  $(0\nu\beta\beta)$





#### CDEX-1 Annual Modulation Analysis on SI $\sigma_{\gamma N}$ SI [PRL19]



Schematic Diagram Illustrating the Physics Basis of WIMP Annual Modulation

#### Merits:

- ✓ All positive results in DM searches are from AM
- ✓ Long Time Level-Arm (4.2 yr)
- **✓** Low Threshold (250 eVee)
- **☑** Stable (Simple) Detector
- Decoupled from Residual Seasonal Cosmic Effects

**✓** Less (or No) Astrophysical Model Dependences







**Exclusion Plot from AM Analysis** 

## Migdal (& Bremsstrahlung) Effects – Higher Order Inelastic Scattering [PRL19]



- Atomic electrons do not follow instantaneously the motion of recoiling nucleus in DM+N scattering
- ✓ Finite time necessary for electrons to "catch up", resulting in possible ionization and excitation in that atom ⇒ inelastic processes
- ✓ Energy loss E<sub>EM</sub> with electromagnetic signatures, in addition to E<sub>NR</sub> for nuclear recoil.
- Small probability but enhance total energy loss to above detector threshold for light DM
- $\mathbf{V}$  Energy boost esp. significant for  $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{ER}}$  with quenched signals.

## **CDEX "Novel" Analysis Results:** $σ_{\chi N}$ SI AM [PRL19] σ<sub>γN</sub> Migdal [PRL19] Dark Photon Searches [PRL20] Axion-Like-Particles (ALP) & Bosonic Vector DM [prd17,prd20] **χ-N Effective Field Theory Constraints** [SCPMA21] Earth Shielding Effects [PRD22] **Boosted Dark Matter by Cosmic-Rays** [PRD22] χ-e scattering [PRL22] Exotic BSM Models on DM [PRL22] **BDM from Evaporating Black Holes** [PRD23] BDM by Sun [PRL24]

📑 CDEX

Team (+knowhow, connections) are Matured Enough to "Compete" on Novel Theoretical Ideas .... !!

#### CJPL-II

## ✓ ~500 m west to CJPL-I

✓ Four 14m\*14m\*130m Main Halls ; Total space: ~300K m<sup>3</sup>
 ✓ Two Pits: (1) 18(φ)X18(H)m ; (2) 27(L)X16(w)X14(D)m
 ✓ Commissioned for users Dec 2023





Future Prospects @ CJPL-II : Ge1T Project > Next: 300-kg  $0\nu\beta\beta$  (towards IH) ; 50-kg DM (@  $0\nu\beta\beta$  bkg spec) (2028) > Visions: Ge-1T (2033)  $\rightarrow$  Ge-10T (2040)  $0\nu\beta\beta$  (towards NH)



#### Mastering Key Technologies towards Ge-1T











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**Enriched Ge Production** (world leading now !)

- Ge purification and crystal growth;
- ✓ HPGe detector fabrication;
- ✓ Ultra-low background VFE and FADC;
- ✓ Ultra-pure Cu for structure and cables;
- ✓ Large-volume cooling tank "cryostat"

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## Summary & Outlook



- Neutrinos are strange & "intellectually" rich -- objects history of v physics full of surprises !
- Saga on the "Discovery of massive v's & finite mixings", still continuing to complete PMNS matrix
  - Taiwan's contributions via participation in DayaBay & JUNO
- The Taiwan-based TEXONO program has contributed to LE-ν studies, opened sub-keV detection window, catalyzed realization of CJPL and CDEX-DM, with eye on NG-0vββ.
- Future: Explore Roles of Neutrinos in Dark Matter Problem, Astrophysics and Cosmology .....
  - **Young new members are bringing in fresh air and new skills/directions**