

India-Based Neutrino Observatory (INO)







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2mX2m RPC Test Stand at TIFR



Kolar Gold Fields Underground Laboratory

- India had a long tradition of carrying out experiments deep underground.
- KGF laboratory was the deepest underground laboratory during the period 1951-1992.
- First atmospheric neutrino was detected at KGF at a depth of 2.3km way back in 1965 by the TIFR-Osaka-Durham group.
- During late 70s & early 80s dedicated detectors were setup at KGF by TIFR-Osaka collaboration to look for proton decay.
- KGF mines closed its operation in 1992.

Atmospheric neutrino detection in 1965



Atmospheric neutrino detector at Kolar Gold Field –1965

DETECTION OF MUONS PRODUCED BY COSMIC RAY NEUTRINO DEEP UNDERGROUND

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Nucleon Decay Experiments at KGF during 80s





INO : Salient Features

- Underground laboratory with ~1 km all-round rock cover accessed through a 2 km long tunnel. A large and several smaller caverns to facilitate many experimental programmes.
- Frontline neutrino issues e.g., mass parameters and other properties, will be explored in a manner complementary to ongoing efforts worldwide.
- The ICAL detector, with its charge identification ability, will be able to address questions about the neutrino mass ordering.
- Distance from CERN (Switzerland) and JPARC (Japan) ~ 7000 km, close to "magic baseline" for experiments with neutrino beams in a few decade from now
- Will support several other experiments when operational. Neutrino-less Double Beta Decay and Dark Matter Search experiments foreseen in the immediate future.
- INO facility will be available for international community for setting up experiments.

Projects approved by Indian funding agencies

- Construction of an underground laboratory and surface facilities near Pottipuram village in Theni district of Tamil Nadu.
- Construction of the 50 kton magnetised Iron calorimeter (ICAL) detector to study properties of neutrinos.
- Construction of the INO centre- The National Centre for High Energy Physics (NCHEP) at Madurai.
- Human Resource Development (INO Graduate Training Program)
- Detector R & D

INO site at Pottipuram







Underground Laboratory Layout



INO-ICAL Experiment

A large mass detector with charge identification capability

Physics goal:

- Improved measurement of oscillation parameters.
- Search for potential matter effect in neutrino oscillation.
- Determining the sign of Δm^2_{23} using matter effect
- Measuring deviation from maximal mixing for θ_{23}
- Probing CP and CPT violation.
- Constraining long range leptonic forces.
- Ultra high energy neutrinos and muons.

Disappearance of v_{μ} Vs. L/E



Neutrino mass ordering sensitivity of INO



Blennow & Schwetz 2012

INO Mass ordering sensitivity (combined with NOvA & T2K)



Blennow & Schwetz 2012

beam **Proton Driver** 0.8 SPL Storage T2HK Fraction of δ_{CP} 6.0 Ring WBB Hg Target NF Capture BB Drift μ^+ Buncher <u>~</u>μ+ 0.2 Bunch Rotation GLoBES 2006 Cooling FFAG μ 0 10^{-3} 10⁻⁵ 10^{-4} 10^{-2} 10^{-1} Acceleration Linac True value of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ 10-20 GeV 0.2 - 1.5 GeV 0.8 SPL T2HK Fraction of δ_{CP} 6.0 WBB FFAG NF beam -10 GeV BB 7000 KM Dogbone Acceleration 0.2 1.5 - 5.0 GeV GLoBES 2006 0 10^{-4} 10^{-5} 10^{-3} 10^{-2} 10^{-1} True value of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

Beyond Superbeam - Neutrino Factory

INO-ICAL Detector



Construction of the ICAL detector













Largest Basic Science Project in India

No of modules	3
Module dimension	16 m X 16 m X 12 m
Detector dimension	48 m X 16 m X 12 m
No of layers	140
Iron plate thickness	6 cm
Gap for RPC trays	2.5 cm
Magnetic field	1.5 Tesla
RPC unit dimension	2 m X 2 m
Readout strip width	2 cm
No. of RPCs/Road/Layer	8
No. of Roads/Layer/Module	8
No. of RPC units/Layer	192
Total no of RPC units	27000
No of Electronic channels	3.6 X 10 ⁶

Fabrication of 1m x 1m RPCs













Making of 2m x 2m RPCs











RPC fabrication at Asahi Float Glass Co.









Prototype Glass RPC Stack at TIFR tracking Muons









VME BASED DAQ SETUP



Some interesting cosmic ray tracks











Study of RPC performance using cosmic muons



Strip Multiplicity due to crossing muons



Track residue in mm



Strip noise rate vs time



Image of a RPC using muons

Muon flux measurement at sea level & at lower latitude (18



Directionality Distribution



For a constant time resolution of 1.5 ns for all layers, 1σ for time fit slope for a vertical track is ~0.3.

Data gives 1σ = 0.326 for ndf>2. <u>This says</u> <u>misidentification</u> <u>in directionality</u> <u>is ~0.3% within</u> <u>5σ limit</u>

Prototype Magnet & RPC setup at VECC, Kolkata





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2m x 2m glass RPC test stand





Gas optimisation studies

Gas flow for five RPCs (2m×2m) in new lab is reduced to 0.29 SCCM (1 volume change per 19 days).

Long-term performance studies on these RPCs is in progress.

At present, gas flow for the RPC (1mx1m) stack in C217 lab is 2.25 SCCM (1.6 volume change per day) i.e. 1 volume change per 0.62 days.



Closed loop gas system



Schematic of Closed Loop Recirculation System

ICAL front-end electronics scheme



ICAL Front End Electronics







Schematic of the DAQ card in RPC



Simulation Framework



ICAL Trigger Scheme



- > Trigger criteria based on event topology alone.
- > Distributed and hierarchical architecture.
- > Detector module segmented to generate local trigger.
- > Combination of local triggers produces global trigger.
- > Global trigger latches event data.



Simulation Results



➢ 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.

 \succ 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



Magnet simulation



Surface plot of |B|

Human Resource development & Training

INO Training School:

- We have already started INO graduate training program from August 2008.
- Affiliated to HBNI.
- At present INO students are being trained for one year at TIFR, Mumbai in both experimental techniques and theory.
- Being attached to Ph.D. guides at various collaborating institutions for a Ph. D. degree after completion of coursework





Current status

- RPC development -
 - Full size RPCs (2m X 2m) are now being fabricated not only in our lab but also by the Industry.
- Electronics-
 - First batch of ASIC front end designed by the INO electronics team and fabricated by Euro Practice IC Services being tested in the lab using RPC pulses.
- Magnet-
 - Prototype magnet at VECC/SINP, Kolkata is running. 2nd Engineering module will be fabricated during next 2 years.
- Human Resource-
 - Graduate Training Programme for the last three years within HBNI
- INO Site-
 - Environment & Forest clearances obtained.
 - 26 Hectares of land at Pottipuram provided by TN Govt. free of cost.
 - 12 Hectares at Madurai will be provided by TN Govt. against payment.

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	Civil work at Pottipuram																								
1	Land acquisition and pre-project work	•	•																						
2	Architectural and Engineering consultancy	•	-																						
3	Tendering and award of contracts			◀	•																				
4	Mining of access portal				•	◀	•																		
5	Excavation of tunnel						•	•			_		►												
6	Excavation of caverns													╉		_			♦						
7	Installation of services, cranes, lifts etc.																	◀		♦					
8	Civil work for magnet support bed																			Ţ	•				
9	Surface facilities					←	-				_					♦									
	Magnet																								
10	Procurement of steel plates									◀				•											
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12	Transportation of machined plates at site																	-	♦	•					
13	Procurement of copper coils																┥			♦					
14	Assembly/erection of magnet (3 modules)																				┥		\rightarrow	►	
	RPC																								
15	Finalization of all design details, tendering	◀																							
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17	Fabrication and assembly of 30000 pcs						◀								_				►						
18	Transportation to site and tests																←					►			
19	Procurement of electronics, gas handling								•							►						\square			
20	Installation and commissioning																					\blacksquare	\dashv	7	►

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