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The NOvA ν_e Appearance Analysis MARCO COLO, William Mary Coll, NOVA COLLABORATION — Since neutrino oscillations were first detected, oscillation experiments have managed to measure most of the parameters that govern this phenomenon. Major unknowns remain: the mass ordering - whether ν_3 is the heaviest neutrino state, or the lightest; CP Violation - whether neutrino oscillation violate CP symmetry, and, if so, how big is the CP-violating phase δ_{CP} ; and, the θ_{23} octant - whether the value of θ_{23} resides in the lower octant ($\theta_{23} < 45^{\circ}$) or upper octant ($\theta_{23} > 45^{\circ}$) or is exactly maximal ($\theta_{23} = 45^{\circ}$). NOvA, with its 810 km baseline, the longest of any currently running experiment, and its capability to switch between a ν_{μ} source and a $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$ source, is extremely well positioned to address these questions. In this talk, I will discuss the ν_e appearance analysis in NOvA: I will illustrate the analysis method, discuss the results that we have obtained in the latest round of analysis, and talk about what we expect from future runs.

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