The Recent Results from Super-Kamiokande

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Super-Kamiokande Detector



Features of SK detector :

- Large water Cherenkov detector with 50kt ultra pure water.
- 22.5 kt fiducial volume.
- 1km under the Ikenoyama mountain in Japan. (2700 mwe)
- ~11,000 of 20" PMT for inner detector (ID)
 - 40% photo coverage
 - SK-II: Half PMT, photo coverage
- 1885 of 8" PMT for outer detector (OD)
- Reconstruction of energy, direction and PID is possible.

Super-Kamiokande Experiment

Start of Super-K

experiment

1996.

(Energy threshold 4.5 MeVkin for sol

From April of 1996, the Super-K accumulated **atm./solar** ν **events**, searched for **nucleon decay**, cooperated with ν **beam exp.** and made improvement over 20 years!



Atmospheric Neutrino



p, He..

π, Κ

- Cosmic rays interact with air nuclei and the decay of π , K and μ produce **neutrinos**.
- Neutrinos travel 10 (downgoing) - 13,000 (up-going) km before detection at SK.
- Both ν_{μ} and ν_{e} , both neutrinos and anti-neutrinos.
- Flux spans many decades in energy ~100 MeV – 100 TeV.
- Excellent tool for studies of neutrino oscillations.

Atmospheric ν Analysis Samples



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ν_{τ} Appearance Update



- $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$ is the leading channel of atm. ν_{μ} oscillation.
- We reported the evidence of ν_{τ} appearance at SK in 2013. PRL110 (2013) 181802
- Search for the hadronic τ decay events with neural network.
- 2D un-binned fit to the binned τ signal PDF and background PDF.

 $Data = BG PDF + \alpha \tau PDF + \Sigma \varepsilon_i PDF_i$

- α is the magnitude of τ signal.
- PDF_i is the i-th syst. error to shift by 1 σ . ε_i is its magnitude.

 $\alpha = 1.47 \pm 0.32$ (4.6 σ from 0) assuming NH. With nominal expectation ($\alpha = 1$): 3.3 σ from 0. (preliminary)

Atm. ν oscillation at SK



Oscillation Analysis Results, SK only



- Constraints: $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ (PDG2015), $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$ and Δm^2_{21} (Solar+KamLAND) • Free to fit : $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ Δm^2_{13} MH(IH/NH) δ_{13}
- Free to fit : $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$, Δm^2_{32} , MH(IH/NH), δ_{CP}
- Normal hierarchy favored : $\chi^2_{NH} \chi^2_{H} = -4.3$ (-3.1 of sensitivity expected for NH) Under IH hypothesis and toy MC, the probability to obtain $\Delta \chi^2$ of -4.3 or less is 0.031 (sin² θ_{23} =0.6) and 0.007 (sin² θ_{23} =0.4) Under NH, the probability is 0.446 (sin² θ_{23} =0.6).



• Normal hierarchy favored at : $\chi^2_{NH} - \chi^2_{IH} = -5.2$ (-3.8 was expected for SK best parameters, -3.1 for combined best) Under IH hypothesis, the probability to obtain $\Delta \chi^2$ of -5.2 or less is 0.024 (sin² θ_{23} =0.6) and 0.001 (sin² θ_{23} =0.4). Under NH hypothesis, the probability is 0.43(sin² θ_{23} =0.6).

Other Atm. Related Results, Updates

- Preliminary
 Matter effect on atmospheric ν
 ν from ann. WIMPs in the Earth
 Galactic WIMPs
 New reconstruction algorithm
- Future

 τ neural net to improve MH results Neutron tagging for ν /anti- ν Energy correction with tagged n Improvement of PID using timing info.



Solar Neutrino

pp-chain & ν Energy specturm

- The **Sun** is burning with nuclear fusion reactions, called pp-chain and CNOcycle, emitting neutrinos.
- Only neutrinos can bing out the information of "today's" status of solar center.
- Their fluxes are predicted by the standard solar model (SSM).
- Super-K is sensitive to B8 (and hep) neutrinos.
 ~20 events/day



Physics of Solar Neutrino

Spectrum distortion

Super-K can search for the spectral upturn expected by neutrino oscillation MSW effect. New physics beyond SM can exist. e.g. sterile ν , NSI

Day/Night flux asymmetry

Due to the earth matter effect, electron neutrino is regenerated.

The ⁸B flux during night is higher than that during day.

SK D/N paper : PRL 112 (2014) 091805.



Recent Updates of Solar ν

- SK-IV solar neutrino analysis result is published: PRD 94 (2016) 052010 (arXiv: 1606.07538, SK-IV 1664 days)
- In following updates, SK-IV 2365 days sample is used.
- Trigger threshold is lowered in May 2015.
 - Detection efficiency at 3.5-4.0 MeV_{kin} : ~84% \rightarrow 99%.
 - Energy spectrum and flux
 - Oscillation analysis with updated spectrum and flux
 - Systematic uncertainty on D/N analysis is under updating.



Observed solar ν signal



- Data/MC(unoscillated) = 0.4486±0.0062.
- Super-K solar rate measurements are fully consistent with a constant solar neutrino flux emitted by the Sun in all SK phases.



For the constant flux assumption, $\chi^2 = 15.52/19$ D.O.F. The probability is 68.9%. (preliminary) No significant correlation with the solar activity is seen.



Global oscillation analysis input

• SK

- SK-I 1496 days, Spectrum : 4.5-19.5MeV(kin.) + D/N : Ekin≧4.5MeV
- SK-II 791 days, Spectrum : 6.5-19.5MeV(kin.) + D/N : Ekin≧7.0MeV
- SK-III 548 days, Spectrum : 4.0-19.5MeV(kin.) + D/N : Ekin≧4.5MeV
- SK-IV 2365 days, Spectrum : 3.5-19.5MeV(kin.) + D/N (1664 days) : Ekin≧4.5MeV

arXiv: 1606.07538.

• SNO

Updated from PRL 112 (2014) 091805.

 Parameterized analysis (c0,c1,c2,a0,a1) of all SNO phased published in Phys. Rev. C88 (2013) 025501.
 The same method is applied to both SK and SNO with ao and a1 to LMA expectation.

Radiochemical (Ga, Cl)

- Ga rate 66.1±3.1 SNU (All Ga global), Phys. Rev. C80 (2009) 015807.
- Cl rate 2.56±0.23 SNU, Astrophys. J. 496 (1988) 505.

• Borexino

- ⁷Be flux, Phys. Rev. Lett. 107 (2011) 141302. **Does NOT include Borexino pp 2014.**

Nature 512 (2014) 383.

KamLAND reactor

- 3-flavor analysis , Phys. Rev. D88 (2013) 033001.

⁸B spectrum

- Winter 2006, Phys. Rev. C73 (2006) 025503.

Super-K vs. KamLAND



SK result uniquely selects the LMA solution by more than 3σ . SK significantly contributes to the measurement of $\sin^2\theta_{12}$.

Solar Global vs. KamLAND



The solar global result favor a lower Δm_{21}^2 value than KamLAND's by more than 2σ .

3-flavor oscillation analysis



Non-zero θ_{13} is obtained by 2σ level, from Solar global + KamLAND result. The result is consistent with that of reactor.

Day/Night asymmetry(A_{DN})



Other Related Results, Updates

- Recent publications Search for νs from GW events (arXiv:1608.08745, submitted to ApJ)
 Spallation measurement w/ n tagging-30° (PRD 93 (2016) 012004)
- Preliminary study and Future Intelligent trigger for lower energy.
 → Spectral upturn study with 2.5MeV_{kin} threshold.

Detector upgrade by 0.1% **Gd** loading. \rightarrow **SK-Gd** (aiming upgrade at 2018) \rightarrow Neutron tagging with Gd(n,g) reaction

 \rightarrow Significant BG reduction for supernova relic neutrino search, etc.



Reconstructed kinetic energy [MeV]

Nucleon Decay at Super-K

- Testing baryon number violation is an essential and high priority objective of particle physics.
 - Predicted by beyond-SM, like GUT.
- SK has the world's best sensitivity on nucleon lifetime.
 - No evidence so far.
 - We keep discovery potential and increase statistics.

Decay mode	∆(B-L)	Lifetime lower limit at 90% CL (years)	Paper (previous result)	S.Mine, TAUP 2015.
p →e⁺π ⁰	0	(*) 1.67 × 10 ³⁴	(<u>PRD 85, 112001 (2012))</u>	
p→vK⁺	0(v), 2(v)	6.61 × 10 ³³	(<u>PRD 90, 072005 (2014))</u>	
p→ μ⁺π ⁰	0	(*) 7.78 × 10 ³³	(<u>PRD 85, 112001 (2012))</u>	
p→e⁺/μ⁺(η,ρ,ω)	0	(0.04-4.2) × 10 ³³	PRD 85, 112001 (2012)	
p→µ⁺K⁰	0	1.6 × 10 ³³	PRD 86, 012006 (2012)	
$n \rightarrow \overline{\nu} \pi^0$, $p \rightarrow \overline{\nu} \pi^+$	0	1.1×10^{33} , 3.9×10^{32}	PRL 113, 121802 (2014)	
p→e⁺/µ⁺vv	0(⊽∨), 2(∨∨,⊽∨)	1.7/2.2 × 10 ³²	<u>PRL 113, 101801 (2014)</u>	
p→e⁺/µ⁺X	?	7.9/4.1 × 10 ³²	arXiv:1508.05530, accepted by PRL	
n→νγ	0(v), 2(v)	5.5 × 10 ³²	arXiv:1508.05530, accepted by PRL	
pp→K⁺K⁺	2	1.7 × 10 ³²	PRL 112, 131803 (2014)	
$pp \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+, pn \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0,$ $nn \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0$	2	$7.22 \times 10^{31}, 1,70 \times 10^{32}, 4.04 \times 10^{32}$	<u>PRD 91, 072009 (2015)</u>	
np→(e⁺,μ⁺, τ⁺)ν	0(v), 2(v)	(0.22-5.5) × 10 ³²	arXiv:1508.05530, accepted by PRL	0.4
n-n oscillation	2	1.9 × 10 ³²	PRD 91, 072006 (2015)	24

Summary

Atmospheric neutrino

- Tau neutrino appearance update: significance of signal 4.6σ .
- Mass hierarchy: stronger preference to NH.
- $\Delta \chi^2 = \chi^2_{NH} \chi^2_{HH} = -4.3$ (SK only, θ_{13} fix), -5.2 (SK+T2K, θ_{13} fix)
- $\delta_{\rm CP}$ and $\theta_{\rm 23}$ octant: slightly weaker constraints than before

Solar neutrino

- SK spectrum and D/N data favor a lower Δm_{21}^2 value than KamLAND's by more than 2σ and mostly determine this parameter in the solar ν oscillation fit.
- SK has started data taking at energy threshold of about 2.5 ${\rm MeV}_{\rm kin}$ and will continue to push into the transition region.

Nucleon decay

- No evidence of nucleon decay so far.
- We'll increase statistics and improve sensitivity by sophisticated reconstruction algorithm, reducing sys. errors.

Super-Kamiokande Collaboration



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Appendix

Allowed survival probability



- Neutrino energy spectrum was de-convoluted from the recoil energy spectrum.
- Super-K result is more stringent below 7,5 MeV, while SN is above 11.5 MeV.
- Super-K gives the world's strongest constraints on the shape of the survival probability in the transition region between vacuum oscillations and MSW resonance.

Recoil electron spectrum of each SK phase



Fitted systematic errors in tau analysis



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 oscillation in atm. V

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 $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ resonance in multi-GeV region



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$\theta_{\text{23}} \text{ and } \delta_{\text{CP}} \text{ effects } \text{Okumura, TAUP 2013.}$



Hierarchy Preference SK Only



Favors IH





More total and fiducial (x16 times) volume. New photo-sensors (QE×CE = \sim ×2). Higher sensitivity on each physics topics. ³⁷

Hyper-Kamiokande Proto-Collaboration



16 institutes from Japan

- Kamioka Observatory, ICRR, University of Tokyo, Japan
- Kavli IPMU, University of Tokyo, Japan
- KEK, Japan
- Kobe University, Japan
- Kyoto University, Japan
- Miyagi University of Education, Japan
- Nagoya University, Japan
- Okayama University, Japan
- Osaka City University, Japan
- Tohoku University, Japan
- Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan
- University of Tokyo, Japan

- 16 Institutes from USA
- 11 Institutes from UK
- 6 Institutes from **Canada**
- 6 Institutes from Korea
- 5 Institutes from **Italy**
- 4 Institutes from **Poland**
- 2 Institutes from **France**
- 2 Institutes from Brazil
- 1 Institute from **Russia**
- 1 Institute from Switzerland
- 1 Institute from Ecuador
- 1 Institute from Armenia
- 1 Institute from Spain

etc.

- 298 members
 - 73 institutes