Neutrino experiments -- 30 years at Kamioka --

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Kamiokande-I detector(1983-1984)



Fiducial volume: 880 ton (2m from the wall)

1000 20-inch PMTs were used

Photo-coverage: 20%

Original purpose: Search for proton decay

Inner detector only. Readout of charge information only (i.e. no timing information).



Competitor: IMB experiment

IMB (Irvine-Michigan-BNL collaboration)





Fiducial volume: ~3400 ton (x4 of Kamioande)

2048 5-inch PMTs

Photo-coverage: 1.3%

Already started from 1982

Purpose of Kamiokande



Particle identification(PID) of e/µ for proton decay



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Upgrade to Kamiokande-II (1984-1985)

Thanks to large photo-coverage, it was found that the detector is sensitive to low energy events.

So, the detector was upgraded for solar neutrinos in 1984-1985.



SN1987A: a supernova at LMC (Feb.23rd, 1987)

It happened when the Kamiokande detector was almost ready for solar neutrino measurement.



Total energy released by \overline{v}_{e} was measured to be ~5x10⁵² erg. It was consistent with core-collapse scenario of supernova.

1988: First observation of solar neutrinos

Based on 450 days' Kamiokande data taken from Jan.1987 to May 1988



Observed number of solar neutrinos was about 50. It was almost half of the expectation from the Standard Solar Model (SSM) and confirmed the solar neutrino problem. K.S.Hirata et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 63(1989) 16

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1988: Atmospheric neutrino anomaly at Kamiokande



Super-Kamiokande detector (1996 –)

In order to solve the problems of solar and atmospheric ν and detect more supernova ν .



- 50,000 t water tank
 (42m high, 40m diameter)
- 32,000 t photo-sensitive volume
- 22,000 t fiducial volume
- 11,146 20-inch PMTs
- Photo-coverage: 40%
 (x2 of Kamiokande in order to lower energy threshold)
- 1000m underground in Kamioka mine

X 25 fiducial volume than Kamiokande



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1998: Evidence for atmospheric neutrino oscillation



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2001: Evidence for solar neutrino oscillation



2002: Reactor neutrino oscillation by KamLAND



Built at old Kamiokande site

1000 ton liquid scintillator.

Run by Tohoku University.



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<u>1999–2004 : K2K (KEK to Kamioka)</u>



The first artificial neutrino beam experiment in the world.

Results from K2K experiment



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From 2009: T2K (Tokai to Kamioka)



- J-PARC produces high intensity neutrino beam.
- SK detects neutrinos at 295km.
- Off-axis beam technique was adopted to make narrow band neutrino beam.

History of double beta decay at Kamioka



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Recent Highlights from SK (including T2K results)

SK atmospheric v: v_τ appearance

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SK atmospheric v analysis (with T2K constraint)



• SK+T2K (θ_{13} fixed): $\Delta \chi^2 = \chi^2_{NH} - \chi^2_{IH} = -5.2$

(-3.8 exp. for SK best, -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). ^{2016/11/8} Nakahata: Neutrino experiments - 30 years at Kamioka

SK solar v: day/night effect



<u>eneci</u>	$A_{DN} = \frac{1}{(Day + Night)/2}$	
	D/N asymmetry (A _{DN})	
	Δm^2_{21} =4.84x10 ⁻⁵ eV ²	
SK-I	$-2.0 \pm 1.8 \pm 1.0\%$	
SK-II	$-4.4 \pm 3.8 \pm 1.0\%$	
SK-III	$-4.2\pm2.7\pm0.7\%$	
SK-IV	$-3.6 \pm 1.6 \pm 0.6\%$	
combined	$-3.3 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.5\%$	
non-zero significance	3.0σ	
	Direct indication of matter effect	

(Day - Night)

Solar global analysis



SK solar v: spectrum



Latest results from T2K





- v_e appearance for the study of θ_{13} and δCP
- v_{μ} disappearance for the study of θ_{23} & Δm^{2}_{23}

Until May 2016 15 x 10²⁰ POT (~20% of the planned total) Neutrino mode 7.57x10²⁰ POT Anti-Neutrino mode 7.53x10²⁰ POT (POT: Proton On Target)



<u>T2K: v_{μ} disappearance and v_{e} appearance data</u>



<u>T2K: results from $v_{\mu} + \overline{v}_{\mu}$ disappearance</u>

 ν_{μ} 7.57x10^{20} POT, $\overline{\nu}_{\mu}$ 7.53x10^{20} POT data

Oscillation parameters of $sin^2\theta_{23}$ and Δm^2_{32} compared with others



T2K has given the most previse measurement. T2K favors maximal mixing $(\sin^2\theta_{23}=0.5)$ but NOvA disfavors. Need more data to conclude.



The best fit points lie near the maximally CP violating value δ CP=-0.5 π . The CP conserving values (δ CP=0 and δ CP= π) lying outside of the T2K 90% confidence level interval.

Interesting to proceed. Towards T2K-II

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Future of Super-K, and Hyper-K project

SK-Gd project

Identify $\overline{v_e} p$ events by neutron tagging with Gadolinium.

Gadolinium has large neutron capture cross section and emit 8MeV gamma cascade.





Physics with SK-Gd





Kamiokande 880 ton fiducial / 3000 ton total water Cherenkov detector



Super-Kamiokande 22,500 ton fiducial / 50,000 total water Cherenkov detector

X~20 times

Hyper-Kamiokande 190,000x2 ton fiducial / 260,000x2 total water Cherenkov detector





Japanese saying: 3度目の正直.

The third time's the charm.

<u>My translation</u> Proton decay will be observed in the third generation experiment.

Future++

(my personal view)



- A larger volume detector(Hyper-K) would start ~10years from now.
- (Hope to) Observe SRN at SK within ~10 years from now.
- What physics SK-site (50,000m³) can do after that?
- Are neutrinos Majorana particles?
- Double Beta Decay (DBD) is the unique method to verify that.
- So, DBD is very important.
 - Yanagida-san said DBD is more important than proton decay.
- As I presented, SK atmospheric v indicates normal hierarchy.
- Initial indications have been always true so far at Kamioka (unfortunately).
- So, let's think about very big DBD detector to reach normal hierarchy.

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- What is $\tau_{1/2}$ of $0\nu\beta\beta$ for 2.5 meV?
 - $\tau_{1/2} = 1.8 \times 10^{29}$ years for ¹³⁶Xe (QRPA-B, g_A=1.269)
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- (Many thanks to T.Iida-san and I.Shimizu-san for various information)
- How much weight is necessary to detect one $0\nu\beta\beta$ event/year?
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Solar Neutrino background



~0.1 8B solar neutrino events/year for 10keV window for 59 tons' Xe

Today's signal is tomorrow's background.



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- So, good energy resolution is necessary. Also, for separating from $2\nu\beta\beta$.
- Let's think about possible techniques (high resolution, tracking, tagging $\beta\beta$ decay products....)

Conclusions

- More than 30 years have passed since we started experiments at Kamioka.
- Neutrino oscillations have been established in the last 30 years.
- There are still many important unknowns in neutrino physics.
- Future developments are expected.

Let's enjoy neutrino physics!