# The latest results from the Super-Kamiokande experiment

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### p. 3 Super-Kamiokande collaboration



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# Super-Kamiokande (SK)

- Detector
- Located at Kamioka Japan.
- 50 kton of ultra pure water tank.
  - 20-inch PMTs, 11,129 for ID (since SK-III).
  - 22.5 kton for analysis fiducial volume.
- Water Cherenkov light technique.
- Many physics targets: neutrino, proton decay...

### History of SK

- Long term operation since 1996 (~22 years).
- Refurbishment works toward SK-Gd have started since May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.





\* Photo coverage [%], \*\* Recoil electron kinetic energy [MeV].

# **Recent publications from SK**

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#### Atmospheric neutrino

- 3-fravor oscillation analysis: Phys. Rev. D 97, 072001 (2018).
- Tau neutrino cross section: *arXiv:1711.0943 [hep-ex]*.
- Atmospheric neutrino flux: Phys. Rev. D 94, 052001 (2016).

### Solar neutrino

- Flux & energy spectrum measurement: Phys. Rev. D 94, 052010 (2016).
- Day/night flux asymmetry: *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 112, 091805 (2014).

#### Proton decay (nucleon decay)

- Anti-lepton plus meson: Phys. Rev. D 96, 012003 (2017).
- *p*→*e*<sup>+</sup> $\pi^{0}$  and *p*→ $\mu^{+}\pi^{0}$ : *Phys. Rev. D* 95, 012004 (2017).
- Invisible particle & charged lepton: Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 121803 (2015).
- Dinucleon decay into π: *Phys. Rev. D* 91, 072009 (2015).

### Others (Dark matter search, Sterile v and Lorentz invariance...)

More detail: http://www-sk.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp/sk/publications/index.html

### **Atmospheric neutrino in SK**

- Oscillation probability and sub-leading effects
  - SK has sensitivity to all PMNS parameters.
    - $\rightarrow$  Atmospheric v oscillation is dominated by  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau} (\Delta m_{23}^2, \theta_{23})$ .
  - Sub-leading effects are expected in v<sub>e</sub> sample.
    - $\rightarrow$  Resonant oscillation due to matter effect in the Earth.
    - $\rightarrow$  Sensitive to mass hierarchy,  $\theta_{23}$  octant and CP phase.



# Neutrino oscillation analysis

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#### Oscillation analysis (Only SK data)

- Data set: SK-IV 2519 days  $\rightarrow$  SK-I~IV: 5326 days (328 kton  $\cdot$  year).
- Scan  $\chi^2$  for ,  $\sin^2\theta_{23}$ ,  $\Delta m^2 \rightarrow \Delta \chi^2 = \chi^2_{NH} \chi^2_{IH} = -4.33$  (SK only).



## Neutrino oscillation analysis

- Oscillation analysis with external constraint
  - Introduce constraint from T2K public data and reactor results.
  - Normal hierarchy is slightly preferred,  $\Delta \chi^2 = \chi^2_{NH} \chi^2_{IH} = -5.2$ .



 $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0219 \pm 0.0012$  (fix)

Mass hierarchy	$\chi^2$	$\left  \Delta m^2_{32,31} \right  [ imes 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2]$	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$\delta_{ ext{CP}}$
Normal	639.43	$\mathbf{2.50^{+0.05}_{-0.12}}$	$0.550\substack{+0.039\\-0.057}$	$4.88^{+0.81}_{-1.48}$
Inverted	644.70	$2.40_{-0.06}^{+0.13}$	$0.550\substack{+0.035\\-0.051}$	$4.54_{-0.97}^{+1.05}$

# Tau neutrino appearance

- Tau neutrino in atmospheric sample
- Detection of  $\nu_{\tau}$  is critical for verifying 3-flavor mixing scheme.
  - $\rightarrow$  Search for hadronic decay of  $\tau$  lepton.
- More than 3.5 GeV, Up-going sample has a chance.
- Hard to identify event by event but can be statistically seen.



# Signal and cross section

### Analysis and its results

- Event selection is performed using Neural Network.
  - → Discriminate tau signal from background: Efficiency 76%.
- 2D fit with signal scale parameter is evaluated.

 $Data = PDF_{BG} + \alpha \times PDF_{\tau-like} + \sum \varepsilon_i PDF_i$ 

 $\alpha = 0$ : no  $\tau$  contribution  $\alpha = 1$ : MC expected

-  $\alpha$  = 1.47±0.32 (stat.+syst.)  $\rightarrow$  4.6 $\sigma$  from 0 (NH assumed).



### p. 11 Solar neutrino measurement in SK

### Physics targets

- (1) Solar neutrino flux measurement
  - Test any correlation with solar activity (sun spot number).
- (2) Spectrum distortion (Up-turn, MSW effect)
  - Test the transition of solar v oscillation btw vacuum and matter.
- (3) Day-night flux asymmetry (update is in progress)
  - Observe the regeneration of  $v_e$  due to the matter in the Earth.



# <sup>8</sup>B solar neutrino flux

#### Flux measurements

- Elastic scattering:  $v_X + e^- \rightarrow v_X + e^-$  (directional information).
  - → Clear excess of <sup>8</sup>B solar v event over the background level. SK flux/SNO NC flux =  $0.4432\pm0.0084$  (stat.+syst.).

#### Correlation of the flux with the solar activity

- Solar activity is strongly correlated with sunspot numbers.
- No correlation with the 11-years solar activity is observed.



### p. 13 Constraint on $\sin^2\theta_{12}$ , $\Delta m^2_{21}$ (solar vs. KamLAND)



### p. 14 Allowed survival probability

#### Comparison among solar neutrino experiments

- Super-K's spectrum is consistent with solar  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  within 1.2 $\sigma$ , while it disfavors KamLAND  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  by 2.0 $\sigma$ .
- Strongest constraint on Pee shape when combining SK+SNO.



# Future prospects (SK-Gd)

- Supernova relic neutrino (SRN)
- SRN is generated from past supernova bursts.
- Further background reduction is required to search for SRN.
- Search for  $\overline{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$  using delayed coincidence technique.
- → Tagging neutron by adding Gadolinium into Super-Kamiokande.

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### p. 16 Time table for SK-Gd project

### Tank refurbish work and future plan

- Refurbish work has started since May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- → For water leakage fixing & replacement of broken PMTs
- Dissolving Gd into SK is expected in late 2019 (earliest case).

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### p. 17 Current status of refurbish work

Draining pure water

### p. 18 Current status of refurbish work

### PMT replacement

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■ Water leakage fixing Sealant materials are used to fix water leakage from welding point.

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### Summary

- Super-Kamiokande is the multi-purpose detector.
  - $\rightarrow$  Many physics targets, such as neutrino, proton decay and so on.
- Atmospheric neutrino
  - → Mass hierarchy: Preference to Normal hierarchy
    - $\Delta \chi^2 = \chi^2_{NH} \chi^2_{IH} = -5.2$  (SK+T2K).
  - $\rightarrow$  Tau neutrino appearance: Significance of signal 4.6 $\sigma$ .
- Solar neutrino
  - $\rightarrow$  No significant correlation with the solar activity.
  - $\rightarrow 2\sigma$  tensition in  $\Delta m^2_{21}$  between the solar global and KamLAND.
- Future prospect
  - Refurbish work toward SK-Gd is on-going.
  - Resume data taking in early 2019.

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# Back up slides

### P. 21 History of Super-Kamiokande

- Brief history and current status
- SK-I started on 1996 April and SK-IV ended on 2018 May.
- Total live time is more than 5,500 days.
- Refurbishment works toward SK-Gd have started since May 31<sup>st</sup>.

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\* Photo coverage [%], \*\* Recoil electron kinetic energy [MeV].

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# **Physics targets in SK**

- Neutrinos
  - Astrophysical neutrinos
    - → Solar neutrino
    - → Supernova (relic) neutrino
  - Atmospheric neutrino
  - Accelerator (Long baseline)
- Other physics
  - Proton decays
  - Dark matter search
    - → From galactic center, Sun, Earth
  - Other exotic models

Solar ν < ~20 MeV Supernova ν ~20-~100 MeV

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### <sup>p. 23</sup> 3-flavor neutrino oscillation

#### Neutrino oscillation

- Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (PMNS) matrix.
- Mixing parameters (angles, mass splitting) has been measured by many neutrino experiments.

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#### Unknown things

- CP violation phase (δ) in the lepton sector.
- Mass hierarchy (Normal/Inverted).
- $\theta_{23}$  octant ( $\theta_{23} \lneq \pi/4$ ).

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# **Atmospheric neutrino**

- Feature of atmospheric neutrino
  - Primary cosmic-ray interacts with nuclei in atmosphere.
    - $\rightarrow \pi$ , *K* are produced and then  $\mu$ , *e* are produced with neutrinos.
  - Travel length: O(~10) km 13,000 km (zenith angle dependence).
  - Wide energy range : Sub-GeV to over TeV.

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### p. 25 Topologies of atmospheric v events

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# **Category of neutrino events**

**Partially contained (PC)** 

μ

ν

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#### Also μ, multi-ring (decay electron)

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# Tau signal discrimination

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### Solar neutrino

#### Production of solar neutrino

- Solar neutrinos are produced via nuclear fusions in the core.

 $4p \rightarrow \alpha + 2e^+ + 2\nu_e + 26.7 \mathrm{MeV} - E_{\nu}$ 

- Several processes makes electron-neutrino.
  - $\rightarrow$  pp, pep, <sup>7</sup>Be, <sup>8</sup>B, hep and CNO
- Standard solar model predicts their fluxes (SK can detect <sup>8</sup>B/hep).

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### p. 30 Motivations of solar neutrino

#### Goal of solar neutrino measurement in SK

- (1) Test the transition of solar v oscillation btw vacuum and matter.
  - → Lowering threshold & reducing BG to test MSW up-turn.
- (2) Day-night flux asymmetry
  - → Regeneration of  $v_e$  due to the Earth's matter effect is expected. (~2.5 $\sigma$  indication, update of this analysis is in progress).

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# <sup>8</sup>B solar neutrino measurement

#### <sup>8</sup>B solar neutrino signals

- Elastic scattering ( $v_X + e^- \rightarrow v_X + e^-$ ).
  - (1) Timing → Vertex position & real-time measurement
  - (2) Ring pattern  $\rightarrow$  **Direction** of the incoming neutrino
  - (3) # of hit PMTs → Energy (~6 p.e./MeV)

#### ~20 events/day in SK-IV (SK-I~IV 5695 days: ~93k events).

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# <sup>8</sup>B solar neutrino flux

#### Flux measurements

- SK has measured the <sup>8</sup>B solar neutrino flux for 22 years.
  - → Fluxes are consistent within uncertainties among all SK phases. SK flux/SNO NC flux =  $0.4432\pm0.0084$  (stat.+syst.).

#### Correlation of the flux with the solar activity

- Solar activity is strongly correlated with sunspot numbers.
- No correlation with the 11-years solar activity is observed.

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### p. 33 Recoil electron energy spectrum

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### **Combined** spectrum

### **Energy spectrum vs. MSW predictions**

- Introduce quadratic function to test the MSW prediction.
- Quadratic fit is consistent with solar  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  within 1.2 $\sigma$ , while it disfavors KamLAND  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  by 2.0 $\sigma$ .

SK I/II/III/IV LMA Spectrum

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### p. 35 Constraint on $\sin^2\theta_{12}$ , $\Delta m_{21}^2$ (SK vs. SNO)

- Oscillation parameters from SK and SNO
- SK result uniquely selects the LMA-MSW region by more than 3σ.
- SK (SNO) gives the best constrain on  $\Delta m^2_{21}$  (sin<sup>2</sup> $\theta$ ).

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# Periodic modulation analysis<sup>p. 36</sup>

- SK collaboration reported the time variation of 5-day long sample of the observed <sup>8</sup>B ν flux (Phys. Rev. D 68, 092002 (2003)).
- SK performed a periodic analysis using Lomb-Scargle (LS) method.

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### p. 37 Periodic modulation results

- Using the Generalized LS method, both SK-I and SK-IV are analyzed.
- 5-day long sample is made from SK-I data and SK-IV data.
  - SK-I: 1496 days data (4.5-19.5 MeVkin), Phys. Rev. D 68, 092002 (2003).
  - SK-IV: 1664 days data (4.5-19.5 MeVkin), Phys. Rev. D 94, 052010 (2016).
- Search region 5-15 year<sup>-1</sup>.
- Maximum peak at around 9.42 year<sup>-1</sup> is not found in SK-IV.

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### Survival probability & oscillation parameters

- Shape of energy spectrum
  - Energy spectrum shape is sensitive to the oscillation parameters.
  - SK uniquely selects MSW-LMA region by more than 3σ. (While SNO can selects LOW solution within 3σ)

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### **Reactor neutrino in SK-Gd**

- Anti-neutrino measurement
- Reactor neutrino can be measured in SK-Gd using neutron tag.
  - → SK has a chance to determine  $(\sin^2 \theta_{12}, \Delta m_{21}^2)$  of neutrino and anti-neutrino by one detector.
- Comparison with KamLAND's result is much important to check CPT violation between neutrino and anti-neutrino.

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### Day-night flux asymmetry Updated from Phys. Rev. Lett. 112 (2014) 091805.

#### Flux measurement

- Regeneration of  $v_e$  in night.
  - → Higher flux in night.

 $A_{\rm DN} = \frac{\Psi_{\rm day} - \Psi_{\rm night}}{(\Psi_{\rm day} + \Psi_{\rm night})/2}$ 

- Regeneration depends on oscillation parameters.
- Update is in progress.

SK-phase	Amplitude fit [%]	Straight calc. [%]
SK-I	-2.0 ± 1.8 ± 1.0	-2.1± 2.0 ± 1.3
SK-II	-4.3 ± 3.8 ± 1.0	$-5.5 \pm 4.2 \pm 3.7$
SK-III	$-4.2 \pm 2.7 \pm 0.7$	-5.9 ± 3.2 ± 1.3
SK-IV	$-3.6 \pm 1.6 \pm 0.6$	-4.9 ± 1.8 ± 1.4
Combined	$-3.3 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.5$ (3.0 $\sigma$ from zero)	-4.1 ± 1.2 ± 0.8 (2.8 σ from zero)

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### Future prospects (SK-Gd)

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- → **Tagging neutron** by adding **Gadolinium** into Super-Kamiokande.

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Phys. Rev. Lett. 93 (2014) 171101.

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**Figure 1.** 90% C.L. differential upper limits on  $\bar{\nu}$  flux of SRNs. The squares, circles and triangles are results for Super-Kamiokande (SK-I/II/III, Bays et al. 2012), Super-Kamiokande with a neutron-tagging (SK-IV, Zhang et al. 2015) and KamLAND (Gando et al. 2012). Dashed and dotted lines correspond to our theoretical models with maximum and minimum values of SRN event rate, respectively (see also Table 3).

Astrophys. J. 804 (2015) 75.

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# Why Gadolinium (Gd)

#### Neutron tagging

- Neutron tagging with hydrogen (free proton) is only ~18% in SK.
  - $\rightarrow$  Because of small energy of  $\gamma\text{-ray}$  (2.2 MeV).
- Gd has a large thermal-neutron cross section.
  - $\rightarrow$  Possible to identify  $\overline{\nu}_e$  interaction with delayed coincidence.
  - $\rightarrow$  Large background reduction is expected for  $\overline{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$ .

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## Water system for SK-Gd

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## Water system for SK-Gd

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# Tau neutrino appearance

### Strength

- Data is compared with the latest MC simulations.
- Uncertainties are dominated with statics.

Experiment (Channel)	$v_{\tau}$ normalization
IceCube analysis 1 (NC+CC)	0.59±0.31±0.25
IceCube analysis 2 (NC+CC)	0.73±0.31±0.24
Super-K (CC)	1.47±0.32
OPERA (CC)	<b>1.1</b> <sup>+0.5</sup> -0.4

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### **1.0 = MC expected**

Neutrino 2018 Poster presented by Philipp Eller, Feifei Huang and Michael Larson https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1304920

# Proton decay( $p \rightarrow e^+\pi^0$ , $p \rightarrow \mu^+\pi^0$ )

Super-Kamiokande IV

Run 999999 Sub 0 Event 90 6-08-14:18:22:43

D=350013313, -1sL=25214.0

MC

OD

#### $\blacksquare p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$

- e<sup>+</sup> and  $\pi^0$  is back-to-back (459 MeV/c).  $\pi 0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  (all particles are visible).
- No event, lifetime >  $1.6 \times 10^{34}$  years.

#### $\blacksquare p \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0$

- Michel-e from  $\mu$  and  $\gamma\gamma$  are searched.
- 2 events, lifetime >  $7.7 \times 10^{33}$  years.

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### p. 47 Proton decay (exotic modes)

 $10^{35}$ 

- Anti-lepton and meson
- Phys. Rev. D 96 (2017) 012003.
- Dinucleon/two proton decay  $p \rightarrow e^+ \eta$ - Phys. Rev. Lett. 115 (2015) 121803.  $p \rightarrow \mu^+ \eta$ - Under preparation.  $p \rightarrow e^+ \rho$

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