Introduction to Super-K and Hyper-K

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First Things First

- Super-Kamiokande has been operating for 20 years
- It is a large experiment, with many physics topics
 - Atmospheric neutrino oscillations
 - Exotic neutrino oscillations
 - Solar neutrino flux and oscillation measurements
 - Relic supernova neutrino searches
 - Proton decay searches
 - Indirect dark matter searches
 - Astrophysical neutrino search
 - Searches for exotic particles (fractionally charged, Q-balls, monopoles, etc.)
 - etc. etc. etc.
 - Masters student projects are similarly varied
 - Analysis, calibration, and detector development projects

A Look At Recent Master Thesis on Super-K

- スーパーカミオカンデ装置におけるレイリー散乱測定^{NEW}
 T. Nakajima, Master Thesis, Univ. of Tokyo, Jan. 2015 (PDF 3.2MB)
- 大気ニュートリノにおける東西効果及び太陽活動が大気ニュートリノのフラックスに与える
 NEW
 影響に関する研究 I. Kametani, Master Thesis, Univ. of Tokyo, Jan. 2014 (PDF 7MB)
- スーパーカミオカンデにおける中性子信号を用いた陽子崩壊探索 NEW
 Y. Haga, Master Thesis, Univ. of Tokyo, Jan. 2014 (PDF 7MB)
- スーパーカミオカンデ検出器におけるラドン濃度測定と 超新星爆発ニュートリノ バースト探索 Y. Nakano, Master Thesis, Univ. of Tokyo, Jan. 2013 (PDF 8.35MB)
- スーパーカミオカンデ実験における太陽フレアニュート リノの探索 NEW
 M. Miyake, Master Thesis, Univ. of Nagoya, Jan. 2012 (PDF 18MB)
- T2K 長基線ニュートリノ実験のための後置検出器スーパーカミオカンデの較正
 K. Iyogi, Master Thesis, Univ. of Tokyo, Jan. 2011 (PDF 10.8MB)
- 超级神冈实验中弱作用重粒子的直接寻找研究(A Direct Search for Weakly Interacting Massive Particles in the Super-Kamiokande Experiment)
 Y. Heng Master Thesis, Tsinghua University, Jun. 2010 (PDF 40MB)
- T2K長基線ニュートリノ振動実験の後置検出器スーパーカミオカンデのアップグレード
 Y. Kouzuma Master Thesis, Univ. of Tokyo, Feb. 2010 (PDF 5.2MB)
- Suide 4 ーカミオカンデにおける検出器較正と超新星爆発ニュートリノバーストの探索
 T. Yokozawa Master Thesis, Univ. of Tokyo, Jan. 2010 (PDF 7.4MB)

Super-Kamiokande: Introduction



Four Run Periods: SK-I (1996-2001) SK-II (2003-2005) SK-III (2005-2008) SK-IV (2008-Present)

- 22.5 kton fiducial volume
- Optically separated into
- Inner Detector 11,146 20" PMTs
- Outer Detector 1885 8" PMTs
- No net electric or magnetic fields
- Neutrino direction and energy are unknown
- Hard to reconstruct directly
- Excellent PID between showering (e-like) and non-showering (m-like)
 - ~ 1% MIS ID at 1 GeV
 - As of Today: 4972 days of data
 - 51,000 Events
 - Multipurpose machine
 - Solar and Supernova Neutrinos
 - Atmospheric Neutrinos
 - Nucleon Decay
 - Far detector for T2K

A Big Year for Neutrinos And Their Oscillations









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 Neutrino Oscillation Discovery at Super-Kamiokande recognized with 2015 Nobel Prize
 Both the Super-Kamiokande and T2K collaborations have been awarded the Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics, 2016 ... time to take <u>the next step!</u>



Atmospheric Neutrinos

Atmospheric Neutrino Generation



Cosmic rays strike air nuclei and the decay of the out-going hadrons gives neutrinos

$$P + A \rightarrow N + \pi + + x$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu^{+} + \nu_{\mu} \rightarrow e^{+} + \nu_{e} + \overline{\nu_{\mu}}$$

- Primary cosmic rays Isotropic about Earth
- vs travel 10 10,000 km before detection
- Both neutrinos and antineutrinos in the flux
 - ~ 30% of final analysis samples are antineutrinos
- Flux spans many decades in energy ~100 MeV – 100TeV+
- Excellent tool for broad studies of neutrino oscillations
 - Access to sub-leading effects with high statistics

Atmospheric v Flux Measurement (2015) [E.Richards Thesis]



- Measurement of ve (E < 100 GeV) and $v\mu$ (E< 1 TeV) fluxes
- Good agreement with current models (Honda et. al 2011 shown)
- Dipole asymmetry now confirmed at seen at 6.0 σ (μ -like) and 8.0 σ (e-like)

Super-K Atmospheric v Analysis Samples



Searching for Three-Flavor Effects: Oscillation probabilities ~100 km **Cosine Zenith Angle Cosine Zenith Angle** $P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu})$ $P(v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e})$ 0.9 0.6 0.8 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.7 0.6 0.4 **T2K** T2K 0 0.5 0.3 0.4 0.3 0.2 -0.5 -0.5 0.2 0.1 0.1 10² 10² 10 10 ~10,000 km¹ Energy [GeV] Energy [GeV] "Multi-Ge "Sub-GeV" **Key Points**

- No $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$ Appearance above ~20 GeV,
- Resonant oscillations between 2-10 GeV (for v or \overline{v} depending upon MH)
- No oscillations above 200 GeV
- No oscillations from downward-going neutrinos above ~5 GeV
- Expect effects in most analysis samples, largest in upward-going v_{p}
- Sensitive to most of the MNS mixing parameters

θ_{13} Fixed Analysis (NH+IH) SK Only [S. Hirota]



- Offset in these curves shows the difference in the hierarchies
 Normal hierarchy favored at: $\chi^2_{NH} \chi^2_{H} = -3.0$, not significant
 - Preference for matter over vacuum oscillations at ~1 σ (82% C.L.)
- T2K's measurements of atmospheric mixing parameters are more precise
- Both experiments favor large values of δcp
 - What if we **combine** the two experiments?

Preliminary



Model and fit T2K beam spectrum using atmospheric neutrino MC

 $\chi^2_{\rm NH} - \chi^2_{\rm IH} = -3.2$ (-3.0 SK only)

- **CP** Conservation (sin δ_{co} = 0) allowed at (at least) 90% C.L. for both hierarchies
- Combined measurement shows promise

Next Step: Officially combine the two experiments for the best possible precision [M. Jiang (Kou)]

Challenges for a combined analysis of SK and T2K

Lots of work to do (a working group is needed)

- Interaction model unification
- Application of T2K near detector constraint to SK Atmospheric MC
- What kind of constraints can T2K make on higher energy MC
- Unify systematic error estimation
 - Shared estimation with atmospheric neutrinos
 - Bottom-up detector error parameterization?
- Unify systematic error response treatment between T2K and Super-K
 - Systematic error response is very different in T2K (nearly event-by-event, correlations) and Super-K (bin-by-bin, uncorrelated)
- Which analysis samples
 - T2K is moving towards improved reconstruction algorithm (fiTQun), but Super-K is focused on older reconstruction, which has a wider range of application currently

Recent Exotic Searches

Because the standard PMNs oscillation parameters are now known very well, its possible to use atmospheric neutrinos to search for other exotic processes



Exotic Oscillation Results (2015)



Indirect Dark Matter Searches

Future of These Measurements

- Several analysis improvements are planned to increase Super-K's sensitivity to the open questions in neutrino physics
- Many of these analyses are predominantly statistics limited, so accumulating more data is essential

Looking Towards the Future





Reject muon backgrounds in hierarchysensitive sample by adding time likelihod to reconstruction

Expanded fiducial volume

PID Improvement with advanced reconstruction methods [S.Hirota]

- Reject CCvµ and NC backgrounds in e-like samples
- Constrain τ background with NN (see previous talk)
 - Main background to hierarchy search
 - Meausurement of cross section normalization
- n-H / n-Gd neutron tagging
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Looking Towards the Future CC vt Events



Mass Hierarchy Sensitive v_{a} Events

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2.2 MeV γ Selection	
Efficiency	20.5%
Background / Event	0.018

....More Data is key!

Nucleon Decay Physics

- In the Standard Model the proton is stable and there is (almost) no other type of baryon number violation
- However baryon number violation is needed at some level to explain the current matter dominant universe
- At the same time GUT models, which explain deficiencies in the Standard Model and unify the four forces, predict proton (nucleon) decay
- Nucleon decay searches are an essential piece of searches for new physics!



Proton Decay: $p \rightarrow e+\pi 0$



- So far no evidence for proton decay so Super-K has the world's strongest limits:
- $p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$: $\tau > 1.7 \times 10^{34}$ years
- Just now entering the range of predictions of modern SUSY GUT Models!



Proton Decay: $p \rightarrow \mu^{+}\pi^{0}$



Background

Recently two events found in the $\mu^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$ channel

- Consistent with background expectation at p ~ 18%
- $p \rightarrow \mu^+ \pi^0 : \tau > 7.8 \times 10^{33}$ years



Proton Decay Analysis



- Nucleon decay analyses require special event selections not used in regular atmospheric neutrino analysis
- Construction of new reconstruction algorithms is often helpful: For instance to correctly identify two charged kaons separated in space
- Multivariate analysis (Neural Networks, Boosted Decison trees) used to reduce backgrounds
- Background reduction is critical!
- Neutron tagging for SK-IV now in use

Current Limits:



Still many modes to be studies (not all shown here)

Every mode can potentially be improved with improved reconstruction algorithms

Background suppression is key

Low Energy and the Near Future of SK

SK-Gd : A Gadolinium Doped Super-Kamiokande





- Super-Kamiokande is planning on dissolving 0.2% Gd into the detector water
 - Project is called **SK-Gd**, time scale is roughly 2018
 - ~ 90% efficient free neutron tagging

SK-Gd : Many Physics Targets



SK-Gd : A Gadolinium Doped Super-Kamiokande

- In many ways SK-Gd will be a new detector
- In the near future there will be a lot of effort needed to understand the gd-loaded detector
- Refurbish and Upgrade the SK detector (hardware work)
- Estimate systematic errors for SK-Gd
- Update analyses to take advantage of the Gd neutron tagging
 - Proton decay background reduction
 - Neutrino antineutrino separation
 - For T2K and Super-K
 - etc.

Hyper-Kamiokande





Hyper-Kamiokande: Introduction



186 (\times 2) kton fiducial volume (2 \times 8.3 \times SK)

- Optically separated into
- Inner Detector 40,000 (×2) PMTs (2×4×SK)
 - 40% Coverage (same as SK)
- Outer Detector 12,000 (×2) PMTs (2×6×SK)
- ID Photosensors will be high QE
- Single photon detection : 24% (2 × SK)
- Receive 1.3 MW beam from J-PARC
- Accumulate 2.7 \times 10 22 POT (3 \times T2K)
- Multipurpose machine
 - All of the physics of Super-K and T2K
 - Plus more! Geophysics
 - Accessible only with very large detectors
- Not just a larger version of Super-K
- Improved performance: photosensors, tank materials

Combination of Beam and Atmospheric Neutrinos

- Beam neutrinos provide tight constraints on mixing parameters that weaken the sensitivity of the (statistics limited) atmospheric neutrino sample to the mass hierarchy for instance
- Sensitivity of the two samples to the CP parameter is largely complementary, such that combined measurement yields better precision.





Combination with Beam Neutrinos : Hierarchy and Octant



- For the optimal (worst) set of parameters the combined measurement can determine the mass hierarchy with ~1.5 (4.0) years of data
- Here the beam exposure after 10 years is assumed to be 2.7x10²² POT, divided in a 1:3 ratio between neutrinos and antineutrinos
 - POT have been scaled evenly for shorter run periods
- 3 σ Octant determination possible if $|\theta_{23} 45^\circ| > 3^\circ$

Proton Decay Discovery Potential at Hyper-K: 3σ



- If proton lifetime is near the current Super-K limit of **1.7x10³⁴** years Hyper-K will observe a positive signal at **8.9σ** in 10 years
- 3 σ discovery is possible after 20 years if τ < 10³⁵ yr Only possible with Hyper-K!

Hyper-Kamiokande Notional Timeline



Hyper-Kamiokande

- Because of its size, Hyper-K will be able to do all of the physics that Super-K does, but with better than an order of magnitude precison
- In addition, it can do some measurements that Super-K cannot do
 - Lepton universality in neutrino oscillations
 - ντ cross section measurements
 - Measure the chemical composition of the Earth's core (Geophysics)
 - etc. etc.



- Photosensor devolpment and testing (Y.Suda)
- Photosensor amplifier development (M.Jiang (Kou))
- Simulation studies (Y.Okajima)
- These students then go on to do Ph.D. thesis work on Super-K or T2K





Supplements

Super-K Atmospheric v Event Topologies

Fully Contained (FC)



Partially Contained (PC)



Upward-going Muons (Up-µ)





Proton Decay: $p \rightarrow e+\pi 0$

Hyper-K Selection	2 or 3 e-like rings No decay-e 85 <mπ<sup>0<185 MeV/c² (3ring) 800<m<sub>P<1050 MeV/c² Ptot<250MeV/c</m<sub></mπ<sup>		$p \rightarrow e^{+}\pi^{0}$ MC
	Hyper-K	LAr	
Signal ε	~39%	45%	
BG / Mton yr	0.7	~1	
10yr. Sens. 90%	1.0 x 10³⁵ yr	~10 ³⁴	

- Efficiency and background rates are similar for Hyper-K and LAr detector
- This is basically true for other lepton + π modes as well
- Smaller size of LAr detector makes it less competitive, generally nuclear effects are expected to be larger
- Hyper-K is the only effective way to probe this decay beyond existing limits
 - A 40 kton LAr detector would provide supporting evidence if τ ~10³⁴ years







- Signal efficiencies and background rates as well as systematic uncertainties have been taken from extensions of SK analyses
- Background reduction for HD Tank is based on 70% efficient neutron tagging

Proton Decay Signal at Hyper-K: $p \rightarrow e+\pi 0$



If proton lifetime is at the current Super-K limit, **1.7x10**³⁴ years, Hyper-K will observed a very clean signal peak in the reconstructed invariant mass

Negligible backgrounds in the free proton decay enhanced bin

Excellent sensitivity to even small signals (long lifetimes)

All cuts except the invariant mass cut have been applied

Physics with SK-Gd





Hyper-K Sensitivity 10 Years, Staging Scenario

- Expect better than ~3σ sensitivity to the mass hierarchy using atmospheric neutrinos alone
- 3σ Octant determination possible if $|\theta_{23} 45^\circ| > 4^\circ$

Combination with Beam Neutrinos : δcp Atm v Beam v



- True Point δ_{cp} [°] Sensitivity to δ_{cp} is largely complimentary between the beam and atmospheric neutrino samples
- Constraint on δ_{co} improves with their combination
- Atmospheric v sensitivity is limited by flux and cross section uncertainties

Oscillation-induced v_{τ} measurements

Zenith Distribution



per/ 100 kton yr.	Hyper-K	LAr
Signal CC ντ	40.2	28.5
Background	448.7	44.8
S / $\!\sqrt{B}$, 10 years	9.6	8.5

- HK Numbers are upward-going event rate
- LAr numbers based on PRD82, 093012



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Incorporate t NN information into oscillation analysis

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Geophysics: Chemical composition of Earth's Outer Core



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 - Outer core is thoughts to be made of Fe+Ni and some other light element (unknown)
- Chemical composition of the Earth's core (Z/A ratio) is essential to understanding the formation of the Earth and its magnetic field
- Hyper-K can begin making measurements in this as yet unopened field
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Hyper-Kamiokande: Development Efforts



Various R&D groups are actively working for further improvement.

- Aiming to build a *better* detector than predecessors
- Not just something bigger!
- Build from Super-K / T2K experiences while developing independent tools for Hyper-K
- Development efforts across the board (too many to discuss today!)