## vACA's Local Workshop on Hyper-Kamiokande Physics

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# **The Hyper-Kamiokande Project**

A long-base-line neutrino experiment A neutrino telescope A nucleon decay experiment

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Testing mass production of Hyper-Kamiokande's high QE, high resolution PMT Hamamatsu R12860 June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023





# **Neutrino detectors at J-PARC**

T. Nakaya @ US - J Symposium 20230522

Critical components to precisely understand J-PARC beam and neutrino interactions.



On-axis detector: Measure beam direction and event rate

- Off-axis magnetized tracker: Measure primary (anti)neutrino interaction rates, spectrum and properties. Charge separation to measure wrong-sign background
  - → Upgrade by T2K experiment and Intensive discussion for further upgrade in HK-era is on-going.
- Intermediate WC detector: H<sub>2</sub>O target with off-axis angle spanning orientation.
- → Detector site investigation and conceptual facility design is on-going.

## Three Generations of Voichi Asaoka @ NNN22 Water Cherenkov Detector in Kamioka



Kamiokande (1983-1996) *Birth of neutrino astrophysics* 

M<sub>tank</sub> = 3kt, M<sub>eff</sub> = ~1kt #PMTs = 948



Super-Kamiokande (1996 - ongoing) Discovery of neutrino oscillations

M<sub>tank</sub> = 50kt, M<sub>eff</sub> = 22.5kt #PMTs = 11,146



Hyper-Kamiokande (start operation in 2027) *Explore new physics* 

M<sub>tank</sub> = 260kt, M<sub>eff</sub> = 188kt #PMTs = 40,000

- 1. Area vs volume: effective scale up as long as water transparency allows.
- 2. Optimization of the detector configuration based on experience.

#### The 3 Kamiokande,s



#### neutrino spectrum at Earth: Sources and spectral components

E.Vitagliano, I. Tamborra. G. Raffelt; REVIEWS OF MODERN PHYSICS, VOLUME 92, OCTOBER–DECEMBER 2020



neutrino flux  $\phi$  as a function of energy at Earth, integrated over directions and summed over flavors.

Solid lines displayed are for neutrinos, dashed or dotted lines are displayed for antineutrinos, and superimposed dashed and solid lines are displayed for sources of both vand  $\nu$ . The fluxes from BBN, Earth. reactors and encompass only antineutrinos and the Sun emits only whereas all other neutrinos. components include both.

The CNB is shown for a minimal mass spectrum of  $m_1 = 0$ ,  $m_2 = 8.6$ , and  $m_3$  = 50 meV, producing a blackbody spectrum plus two monochromatic lines of nonrelativistic neutrinos with energies corresponding to  $m_2 \& m_3$ . Line sources are in units of  $cm^{-2} s^{-1}$ .

DSNB: diffuse supernova neutrino background

spans almost 10 order of magnitude in E.

HK officially started construction on 2020 and will start operations on 2027

## The Hyper-Kamiokande project is a third generation within the Japanese Neutrino Program: a truly scientific success

- uses Water-Cherenkov: unique technique to achieve huge amount of instrument matter
- precise rec. of particle's energy, position, direction, type ...
  - maximizes available resources  $\rightarrow$  minimizes time, useless efforts ...
  - maximizes experience & know-how  $\rightarrow$  minimizes risks, delays, failure

#### <sup>(2)</sup>H<sub>2</sub>O-Cherenkov experimental technique // their origin: search for proton decay

In the Standard Model the proton is stable, however, given the physics-mathematics *This is one of the* structure of the SM, the realistic theoretical approaches for its evolution, the current *most important* knowledge about the creation and development of the Universe...

→ there is the "conviction" (however it is just intuition) of the non-stability of the proton

Triggered by the unambiguously prediction of a decaying proton decay in a SU(5) Grand Unification [Georgi, Glashow, Physical Review Letters 32 (8): 438 1974] experimental techniques aiming to observe huge amounts of protons were developed Kanadokando was a pioneering experiment

✓ the <sup>(2)</sup>H<sub>2</sub>O-Cherenkov experiments allows to instrument huge amounts of matter (i.e of protons)



no candidate sofar  $\Rightarrow \tau_p > 1.4 \times 10^{34}$  year Super-Kamiokande, PHYSICAL REVIEW D 102, 112011 (2020)

of Humanity.

But those huge amounts of instrumented matter also detect surrounding neutrinos; even though their **extremely low interaction cross section**, the extremely large amount of mass results in interactions that are detected (they are background for p-decay searches)



Measurements of per nucleon  $v_{\mu}$  and  $v_{\mu}$  CC inclusive scattering cross sections divided by neutrino energy as a function of neutrino energy. Note the transition between logarithmic and linear scales occurring at 100 GeV.

Improve Rn background with water purification, add an OD, improve timing of electronics
→ Kandokande II, a wonderful multipurpose proton decay and neutrino (also low energy) experiment

# Nature itself came to guide us: made us discover that this type of detectors are **extraordinary neutrino telescopes**

Kamiokande; Phys. Rev. Lett. 58 (1987) 1490 IMB; Phys. Rev. Lett. 58 (1987) 1494



Supernova SN1987A @ Large Magellanic Cloud

flux and E spectrum of v,s measured by Kamiokande II (precursor of SK) ((pre-precursor of HK))

If more mass, and even better photosensors precise **fundamental neutrino physics** can be made



## Interlude (this time for illustration purposes)

 $v_e$ ,  $v_\mu$  fluxes vs. incidence angle (azimuth):  $\phi$  symmetry does not totally hold because of earth magnetic field affecting the parent cosmic rays [E – W effect]





subselection of e-like and  $\mu$ -like events, from the SK-I – SK-IV data (points with statistical error) and MC simulations (boxes with systematic error).

subselection is optimized for higest significance:  $0.4 \text{ GeV} < E(\mathbf{v}) < 3 \text{ GeV}$  $|\cos \theta| < 0.6$ 

→ 
Φ (azimuth) symmetry is as expected / well described





Huge statistics, extremely powerful data if systematics controlled to the same level of significance

Pontecorvo, B., J. Exp. Theor. Phys. 33, 549 (1957) [Sov. Phys. JETP 6, 429 (1958)] Pontecorvo, B., J. Exp. Theor. Phys. 34, 247 (1958) [Sov. Phys. JETP 7, 172 (1958)] Maki, Z., Nakagava, M. and Sakata, S., Prog. Theor. Phys. 28, 870 (1962)

#### ínterlude:

#### **The Leptonic Mixing Matrix** (the PMNS matrix)



 $s_{12} \equiv \sin \theta_{12}$ ;  $c_{12} \equiv \cos \theta_{12}$  etc.;  $\delta_{CP}$ : CP violation phase;

The whole process ought to be checked thoroughly / the birth of the Long-Base-Line v beam experiments

Fully man-made v oscillation experiment:  $v_{\mu}$  disappearance in a  $v_{\mu}$  beam



#### K2K (from KEK-to-Kamioka)



PRL 94, 081802 (2005) PHYSICAL REVIEW D 74, 072003 (2006)

#### Abstract (PRD74,072003-2006)

We present measurements of  $v_{\mu}$  disappearance in K2K, the KEK to Kamioka long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiment. 112 beam-originated neutrino events are observed in the fiducial volume of Super-Kamiokande with an expectation of  $158^{+9.2}_{-8.6}$  events without oscillation. A distortion of the energy spectrum is also seen in 58 single-ring  $\mu$ -like events with reconstructed energies. The probability that the observations are explained by the expectation for no neutrino oscillation is 0.0015% (4.3  $\sigma$ ). In a 2-flavor oscillation scenario, the allowed  $\Delta m^2$  region at  $\sin^2 2\theta = 1$  is between 1.9 and  $3.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$  at the 90% C.L. with a best-fit value of  $2.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ 

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{1.27\Delta m^2 \text{ (eV}^2)L \text{ (km)}}{E_{\nu} \text{ (GeV)}}\right)$$

*Success* ! next is the whole PMNS matrix, ... and to seeking for a door to CPV



like sample. The solid line is the best fit spectrum and the dashed line is the expectation without oscillation.

# T2K

Profit of the planned J-PARC nuclear laboratory (JAEA – KEK) to include a new powerful, custom, v beam pointing to Kamioka

 $v_{\mu}$  and  $\bar{v}_{\mu}$  disappearance in a  $v_{\mu}$  and  $\bar{v}_{\mu}$  beams  $\rightarrow \theta_{23}$ ,  $\Delta m^{2}_{23}$  $v_{e}/\bar{v}_{e}$  appearance in a  $v_{\mu}/\bar{v}_{\mu}$  beam  $\rightarrow \theta_{13}$ ,  $\delta_{CP}$ 





#### T2K measurements of $v_{\mu}$ and $\overline{v}_{\mu}$ disappearance



#### electron neutrino appearance in a muon neutrino beam

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FIG. 35 (color online). The  $(p_e, \theta_e)$  distribution of the  $\nu_e$  events (dots) (top) overlaid with the prediction. The prediction includes the rate tuning determined from the fit to near detector information and a signal assuming the best-fit value of  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.088$ . The angular distribution (middle) of the  $\nu_e$  events in data overlaid with prediction, and the momentum distribution (bottom) with the same convention as above.

observed 11 candidate  $v_e$  events at the SK detector when 3.3 ± 0.4 (sys) background events are expected; the background-only hypothesis is rejected with a p value of 0.0009, equivalent to a 3.1  $\sigma$  significance.

The excess of events at SK corresponds to a best-fit value of  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.088^{+0.049}_{-0.039}$  at 68% C.L., assuming  $\delta_{CP} = 0$ ,  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} = 1$  and normal hierarchy

Success ! The door for CPV has been found ! next is to search for CPV itself



#### Search for Electron Antineutrino Appearance in a Long-Baseline Muon Antineutrino Beam

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 124, 161802 (2020)

Electron antineutrino appearance is measured by the T2K experiment in an accelerator-produced antineutrino beam. It is observed 15 candidate electron antineutrino events with a background expectation of 9.3 events. Including information from the kinematic distribution of observed events, the hypothesis of no electron antineutrino appearance is dis-favored with a significance of 2.4  $\sigma$  and no discrepancy between data and PMNS predictions is found.

Success ! next is to search for differences in electron neutrino/ Antineutrino appearance



FIG. 1. Predicted  $\bar{\nu}$  mode single-ring *e*-like spectrum (coloured histogram) compared against T2K data (white/blue points). The distribution is a function of both the reconstructed neutrino energy and the reconstructed angle between the outgoing lepton and the neutrino direction.



#### **Constraint on the matter–antimatter symmetry-violating phase** in neutrino oscillations

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Background	13.8	6.4	1.5
Total predicted	73.2	16.9	6.9
Systematic uncertainty	8.8%	7.1%	18.4%
Data	75	15	15

Observed  $\mathbf{v}_{e}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_{e}$  candidate events at SK. **a**, **b**, The reconstructed  $\mathbf{v}$  energy spectra for the SK samples containing e-like events in neutrino-mode (a) or antineutrino-mode (b) beam running. **c**, The predicted number of events for  $\delta_{CP} = -\pi/2$  and the measured number of events in the three electron-like samples at SK. NO is assumed, and  $\sin 2\theta_{23}$  and  $\Delta m^2_{32}$  are at their best-fit values.  $\sin^2\theta_{13}$ ,  $\sin^2\theta_{12}$  and  $\Delta m^2_{21}$ take the values indicated by external world average meas.



**Fig. 4** | **Constraints on PMNS oscillation parameters. a**, Two-dimensional confidence intervals at the 68.27% confidence level for  $\delta_{CP}$  versus  $\sin^2\theta_{13}$  in the preferred normal ordering. The intervals labelled T2K only indicate the measurement obtained without using the external constraint on  $\sin^2\theta_{13}$ , whereas the T2K + reactor intervals do use the external constraint. The star shows the best-fit point of the T2K + reactors fit in the preferred normal mass ordering. **b**, Two-dimensional confidence intervals at the 68.27% and 99.73% confidence level for  $\delta_{CP}$  versus  $\sin^2\theta_{23}$  from the T2K + reactors fit in the normal ordering, with the colour scale representing the value of negative two times the logarithm of the likelihood for each parameter value. **c**, One-dimensional confidence intervals on  $\delta_{CP}$  from the T2K + reactors fit in both the normal and inverted orderings. The vertical line in the shaded box shows the best-fit value of  $\delta_{CP}$ , the shaded box itself shows the 68.27% confidence interval, and the error bar shows the 99.73% confidence interval. We note that there are no values in the inverted ordering inside the 68.27% interval.

<sup>10</sup> The 3σ confidence interval for δ<sub>CP</sub>, which is cyclic and repeats
 every 2π, is [-3.41, -0.03] for the so-called normal mass ordering and [-2.54, -0.32] for the inverted mass ordering. Our
 <sup>6</sup> results indicate CP violation in leptons and our method enables
 sensitive searches for matter– antimatter asymmetry in neutrino oscillations using accelerator-produced neutrino beams.

Success ! CPV seems to occur !

**next** is to confirm and measure it precisely

## The Japanese Neutrino Program



## **Kamiokande**, ~ 1983 → 1996

- search for proton decay
- first v astronomy, SN1987A



### Super-Kamiokande, KEK, T2K ~1996 $\rightarrow$

- vs are massive,
- Solar vs
- What's going on with proton decay
- SN relic neutrino discovery?
- The road to CPV is opened



With the <u>super-Kamiokande's</u> very large mass, and with JPARC T2K's powerful v beam, we are approaching a realistic exploration of leptonic CP violation\*!

To achieve it we "only" need

- A more powerful beam,
- a better understanding of it
- and more massive detector

→ i.e. the Hyper-Kam(okande project; it provides the above by starting / upgrading / improving the current / running experimental setup / suite

extremely difficult / expensive if started from scratch ! (f.i. DUNE)

(\*) CP violation in neutrino oscillations would generically ensure a non vanishing baryon asymmetry through leptogenesis

Fukugita, Yanagida; Phys. Lett. B174, 45 (1986) Pascoli, Petcov, Riotto; Phys. Rev. D75, 083511 (2007) Pascoli, Petcov, Riotto; Nucl. Phys. B774 (2007) 1

See P. Casado's talk for the expectations

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### next: Hyper-Kamiokande, ~ 2027 →

- Origin of  $\mathbf{v}$  mass, matter anti-matter asymmetry
- $\mathbf{v}$  astrophysics and cosmology: Supernovae physics, DSNB energy flux, other sources
- proton decay, Grand Unification



The Hyper-Kamiokande Far Detector The Hyper-Kamiokande Neutrino Telescope and Nucleon Decay experiment



## Neutron tagging in water-cherenkov detectors



- Pure WC detectors lack of the ability to distinguish the charge of the measured particle
   → Very little information about the particle/antiparticle nature of the incoming neutrino
- Also / due-in-part-to lack of capacity of directly measuring neutrals, neutrons in particular
- A new break-through by Super-Kamiokande is to upgrade the detector to be able to identify neutrons with a high efficiency and purity (> 70%): dissolve Gd [ Gd<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> ] in its water

Gd: largest **n** absorption cross section in nature + emission of an 8 MeV cascade of  $\gamma$ s that is detected by SK

One illustration of its impact: the probably most important outcome reaction is inverse **B** process



- . e⁺ is detected
- 2. *n* wanders around for  $\sim 12 \mu s$  until thermalises
- 3. ~ <mark>20μ</mark>s [50cm] until **Gd**-capture
  - 8 MeV γ,s cascade
    - $e^-$  are Compton-scat. off the  $\gamma$  and detected
    - $\overline{v}_e$  is identified from coincidence [ $e^+$ , delayed  $e^-$ ]



## Very low v energy detection: $(S \ltimes S) W$ ide Intelligent T rigger

#### Summary

- To study neutrino oscillations we need to lower the energy threshold at SuperK.

- SuperK front-end electronics are capable of reading out every single hit.

- Traditional strategy has been to save events above a given hit threshold.
- WIT attempts to do a better job by selecting good hits and looking for a good event vertex within the detector fiducial volume.

#### Efficiency

- Throughout the history of SuperK several hit-thresholds have been used. The two last ones being 34 and 31 (current)



#### <sup>8</sup>B neutrinos are well suited for this analysis and SuperK studies them.

#### $\rightarrow$ To fill the gap at the transition energy we need to push towards lower energies





Hyper-

- SU(5) **nd** was the physics-to-search behind the invention of the  $H_2O$ -Cherenkov exp. technique
- What a boat net ion decay?
- it was Kamiokande's primary goal but failed, it was/is one of SK's primary goals but failed (?).

## What is going on with the Grand Unification hypothesis?

## WORLD-LEADING PROTON DECAY SEARCHES

- High mass (190kton for HK)
  - To advance  $p \rightarrow e^+\pi^0$  (>10<sup>35</sup> years), vK<sup>+</sup>(>3×10<sup>34</sup> years),
  - and others beyond Super-K
- Free-p (<sup>1</sup>H) available
  - No Fermi motion, nuclear effect
  - High efficiency & good S/N separation
- Excellent & well-proven detector performance
  - Good ring-imaging capability at sub-GeV
  - Excellent particle ID (e or  $\mu$ ) capability > 99% (single-ring)
  - Energy resolution ~3%









M. Shiozawa @ 7<sup>th</sup> HKFF 20230607



A primary goal of the very massive Hyper-Kamiokande: shed key light on nucleon decay (at least improve life-time limits by more than one order of magnitude)



#### Proton decay: $3\sigma$ discovery potential



v,s from the next Galactic Supernova
 an extraordinary physics laboratory by itself
 ~10<sup>5</sup> events if SN at 10 Kpc

*M. Nakahata;* Solar and Supernova Neutrinos at Super-Kamiokande, UAM seminar 20121114

- unravel the explosion mechanism,
- probe the properties of the nascent neutron star,
- study neutrino interaction / oscillations that occur at extreme conditions
- understand the origin of many heavy elements, and
- look for signs of physics beyond the Standard Model



#### **Expectations for measuring Supernova with Hyper-Kamiokande**



Figure 2. Left: expected number of events as a function of supernova distance. Right: true energy spectra of prompt events in the full inner detector for a supernova at 10 kpc; for reference, the energy threshold used in this analysis (see Section 3.4) is indicated by a dashed gray line. Both panels assume the supernova model by Totani et al. (1998). Solid (dashed) lines correspond to normal (inverted) mass ordering, while different colors correspond to the interaction channels inverse beta decay (black),  $\nu e$ -scattering (red),  $\nu_e + {}^{16}O$  CC (purple), and  $\bar{\nu}_e + {}^{16}O$  CC (light blue).



#### Supernova Model Discrimination with Hyper-Kamiokande





H<sub>0</sub>: Hubble constant, z: redshift, R<sub>SN</sub>(z,s): redshift-dependent SN rate, F<sub>i</sub>: SN neutrino emission spectrum for a given flavor I, index s: the different possible classes of SN associated with specific neutrino emission spectra. Last factor accounts for the Universe expansion;  $\Omega_M / \Omega_\Lambda$ : dark matter / energy contributions to the energy density of the Universe

#### **Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB)**



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Expectations for Hyper-Kamiokande

### **Solar Neutrinos**

0.3

0.2

0.1

0\_1

Events/day/kton/bin

#### Published Super-Kamiokande IV Solar v,s

Super-Kamiokande; PRD 94, 052010 (2016)

0.6

signal extracted from directional correlation of recoiling  $e^-$  with incident  $\mathbf{v}$  at  $\mathbf{v} - e^-$  scattering

 $\theta_{z}$ 

 $\theta_{sun}$  rec

-0.5

Ζ

0

 $\cos\theta_{sun}$ 

Sun



3.49 MeV < E<sub>kin</sub>< 3.99 MeV





# Hyper-Kamiokande collaboration

Univ. of Tokyo and KEK host the project

- ~560 people from 21 countries, 101 institutions
  - 25% Japanese / 75% non-Japanese
- Recently approved as a recognized experiment (RE45) at CERN







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## Additional materials (randomly chosen)

#### $\mathbf{v_e}$ , $\mathbf{v_{\mu}}$ fluxes: full azimuth [ $m{\phi}$ ] and zenith [ $m{ heta}$ ] space

Super-Kamiokande; Phys. Rev. D 94, 052001 (2016)



SKI – SKIV data (points with statistical error) & MC simulations (boxes with systematic error) Huge statistics, extremely powerful data if systematics controlled to the same level of significance





- improve pointing accuracy for Supernova
- Supernova early warning from Si burning vs
- high precision solar- v<sub>s</sub> elements from reactor v<sub>s</sub> (if available)

# **Neutrino Astrophysics**

- Observation of a few~10MeV neutrinos with time, energy and direction information
  - Unique role in multi-messenger observation
- Solar neutrinos: up-turn at vacuum-MSW transition, Day/Night asymmetry, hep neutrino observation
- Supernova burst neutrinos: explosion mechanism, BH/NS formation, alert with ~1° pointing
- Supernova Relic Neutrinos (SRN): stellar collapse, nucleosynthesis and history of the universe



#### Solar v,s reconstruction by Super-Kamiokande

Solar and Supernova Neutrinos at SK; M. Nakahata; UAM seminar 20121114







rather interesting but difficult to reconstruct



- at decay  $p(K^+)=340 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $K^+$  ch-light threshold: 749 MeV  $\rightarrow [K^+ \rightarrow \nu \mu^+ (64\%), K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0 (21\%)]$
- 2-body decays  $\rightarrow$  monochromatic particles:  $p(\mu^+)= 236$  MeV,  $p(\pi^+)= p(\pi^0)= 205$  MeV
- $\tau(K^+) \approx 12 \text{ ns} \rightarrow \text{possible to observe prompt 6 MeV}\gamma$  from <sup>16</sup>O de-excitation



## $p \rightarrow e^+\pi^0$ some of the benefits from increased photon yield

- neutron tagging (veto):
  - p decay: no neutrons // atmospheric v background: yes neutrons
  - neutrons at (pure) water: 2.2 MeV  $\gamma$  from n (p, d)  $\gamma$

