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Atmospheric Neutrino

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Atmospheric Neutrinos







- Decay products of secondaries by cosmic ray interactions with atmosphere. (v_µ: v_e ~ 2 : 1)
- Energy spectrum: power-law like (~E^{-3.7}), ranges from sub-GeV to ~100 TeV
- Cutoff by geomagnetic field below 1 GeV.
- Path length: distributed in O(10)km ~ 13,000km
 depending on zenith angle



GeV < E < TeV:

E > TeV:

Oscillation physics

- Mass hierarchy
- Tau appearance
- Sterile search

Test of SM in TeV

- Neutrino cross section
- Inelasticity
- Glashow resonance

Many physics opportunities

Neutrino Oscillation Physics

PMNS matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Atmospheric, LBL} \\ \Delta m_{32}^2 \simeq 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2 \\ \sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.4 \sim 0.6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{c} \text{Reactor, LBL} \\ \sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.4 \sim 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$$



Matter Effect and Mass Hierarchy



- Neutrino propagating in matter affected by additional potential of forward scattering with electron
- Effective mixing angle changes
- Resonance takes place in multi-GeV energy
- Only for neutrino for normal hierarchy

Effective mixing angle in matter:

$$\sin 2\theta_{13}^{M} = \frac{\sin 2\theta_{13}}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{A}{\Delta m_{32}^{2}} - \cos 2\theta_{13}\right)^{2} + \sin^{2} 2\theta_{13}}}$$
$$A = \pm 2\sqrt{2}G_{F}E_{\nu}n_{e}$$

Resonance condition:

 $A\sim \Delta m^2_{32}\cos 2\theta_{13} \quad \rightarrow \quad \theta^M_{13} \gg \theta_{13}$

Matter Effect and Mass Hierarchy



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- Only for anti-neutrino for inverted hierarchy

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Super-Kamiokande Detector





- Water Cherenkov imaging detector
- 1000 m underground in Kamioka mine
- 50 kton volume (fiducial 22.5 kton)
- ~11100 20" PMTs in inner detector (ID) for Cherenkov ring imaging
- ~1800 8" PMTs for outer detector (OD)

Phase	Period	# of PMTs	
SK-I	1996.4 ~ 2001.7	11146 (40%)	
SK-II	2002.10 ~ 2005.10	5182 (20%)	
SK-III	2006.7 ~ 2008.8		
SK-IV	2008.9 ~ 2018.5	11129 (40%)	
SK-V	2019.4 ~		

Oscillation fit with reactor and T2K model

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- Full 3-flavor fit performed with reactor θ_{13} and T2K constraints
- T2K data gives stronger constrain on Δm^2 and θ_{23} , improving mass hierarchy sensitivity
- Normal hierarchy is preferred: $\Delta \chi^2 = \chi^2_{NH} - \chi^2_{IH} = -5.27$
- p-value of true IH is 0.023

	Δm ² 32	sin²(θ23)	δср
NH	2.5x10 ⁻³	0.550	4.88
IH	2.4x10 ⁻³	0.550	4.54

Recent Improvements in SK





- Improved event reconstruction (vertex, energy, PID, etc) by new algorithm
- Fiducial volume extension (Dwall=2m 0.5m) : +30% increase in event rate
 - Resulting better sensitivities in mass hierarchy

Result with New Reconstruction



- SK-IV data only (3118.5 days of livetime) with reactor constraint
- Still normal hierarchy is preferred: $\Delta \chi^2 = \chi^2_{NH} - \chi^2_{IH} = -2.45$
- p-value for IH is 0.025 0.072
 depending on true sin²(θ₂₃)=0.4-0.6

	Δm ² 32	sin²(θ23)	δcp
NH	2.53x10 ⁻³	0.425	3.14
IH	2.53x10 ⁻³	0.425	4.89

Tau Appearance in SK



- In the standard 3-flavor oscillation, v_{μ} disappearance is explained by $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau}$ oscillation
- Direct detection of oscillated v_{τ} is critical for verifying neutrino SM
- Aim to detect hadronic decay (branching ratio: 65%)
- Detection in SK is difficult: low signal rate (~1 event / kton year)
- Large backgrounds (v_eCC , $v_{\mu}CC$, NC)

Tau Appearance in SK



- Utilize neural network (NN) to discriminate tau signal using kinematical variables
- Expected to be appeared in upward direction
- Clear excess seen in final sample (4.6 σ)



- Estimated cross section is 1.47 times larger compared to prediction
- Still consistent with SM within 1.5σ

Future Plan in SK





Use tau NN for oscillation analysis

- v_{τ} events could be background for mass hierarchy v_e signal
- v_{τ} cross section has 25% uncertainty
- Apply tau NN to mass hierarchy sample to isolate v_{τ} background

Neutron tagging in SK-Gd

- 0.2% Gd will be dissolved in Super-K to enhance neutron detection (eff. ~ 80%)
- More statistical v_e / \overline{v}_e separation becomes possible, improving MH and δ_{CP} sensitivities

IceCube Experiment





cascade-like (CC v_e , NC)

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IceCube Oscillation Results

- Three years of DeepCore data in 5.6~56 GeV
- Δm² shifted to larger due to energy scale and calibration error
- Tau appearance with 3.2σ significance
- Measure smaller normalization compared to other experiments but still consistent with SM

Sterile Neutrino Search

Sterile neutrino will produces several effects:

- Additional energy-independent deficit in vµ disappearance because of rapid sterile oscillation
- 2. Matter oscillation in 10 GeV is modified due to different matter potential from active neutrino
- Large sterile mass (Δm²~1eV²) would produce matter resonance in TeV, resulting distinct signature in energy spectrum

Sterile Neutrino Search

Neutrino cross section in TeV

Nature, Vol551 596 (2017) PRL 122, 041101 (2019)

- Neutrinos propagating in the Earth is attenuated above 40 TeV
- Transmission probability depends on energy and zenith angle
- Increase of cross section will moderate above 10 TeV due to finite W[±]/Z⁰ mass
- Some BSM models (extra dimension., leptoquark) predict increase of cross section

Neutrino cross section in TeV

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- IceCube measured cross section in 6.3 980 TeV
- Data is compared with averaged v+⊽ prediction with normalization factor
- Measured 1.3 times larger than prediction, but still consistent

- Analysis extended recently for cascade events up to 2 PeV
- Differential cross section agrees with predicted softer-than-linear dependence

Inelasticity Measurement

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- Inelasticity: energy fraction transferred to hadrons
- So far measured up to 250 GeV by NuTeV
- Estimate with muon track energy and cascade energy around vertex
- Reconstructed visible inelasticity (*y_{vis}*) compared to expectation with charm contribution
- Measurement agrees with SM in 1~100 TeV

Glashow Resonance

- \overline{v}_{e} cross section with electron in matter increased at W boson mass (~6.3 PeV)
 - channel: $\overline{v}_e + e^- \rightarrow W^- \rightarrow \overline{v}_X + X^-$
- Resonance rate will exceed at corresponding energy
- So far one candidate observed, but not yet conclusive

IceCube Upgrade

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Schedule

 10% accuracy of tau normalization expected in 1yr observation

0.50

 $sin^2(\theta_{23})$

0.55

0.60

0.65

0.70

0.45

NOvA 2019 (90%)

SuperK 2018 (90%)

MINOS 2016 (90%)

DeepCore 3 yr 2018 (90%)

IceCube Upgrade 3 yr sensitivity (90%)

T2K 2018 (90%)

IceCube Work in Progress

0.40

0.35

0.0032

0.0030

0.0028

0.0026

0.0024

0.0022

0.0020

0.30

 Comparable precision in oscillation parameters with other experiments **Future Projects**

Hyper-K & DUNE

Hyper-Kamiokande

- Water Cherenkov detector
- ~10 times of Super-K in fiducial volume
- 40,000 PMT (~40% coverage) of improved photo-detection efficiency(x2 compared to SK PMT)

DUNE

- Liquid Argon detector based time projection chamber technique (TPC)
- 4 caverns x 10 kton (40 kton in total)
- high resolution imaging would offer possibilities to discriminate v and \overline{v}

Hyper-K & DUNE sensitivities

- >3σ sensitivity for both MH cases for sin²θ₂₃>0.45 with 10yr data (2.6Mtonyr)
- Possible to discriminate θ_{23} octant at >3 σ for $|\theta_{23}-45|$ >4deg
- Comparable sensitivity for DUNE

PINGU and ORCA

IceCube / PINGU:

- Inner detector configuration of IceCube/DeepCore at South pole
 - 6 Mton effective mass
- Lower threshold (~GeV) with 22 m spacing of string
- ~60,000 atm. v / year expected

KM3NET / ORCA:

- Low energy branch of KM3NeT in Mediterranean Sea
- Dense array of multi-PMT digital optical modules (DOMs)

PINGU / ORCA Sensitivities

Mass Hierarchy

 θ_{23} Octant

 v_{τ} Appearance

Summary

- Atmospheric neutrino measurement is a kind of particle physics utilized by natural beam
- Wide energy range from sub-GeV to ~100 TeV providing many physics opportunities
- Oscillation physics can be performed below 100 GeV
 - Normal hierarchy is preferred
 - tau appearance confirmed by Super-K and IceCube
 - No sterile signal
- IceCube/DeepCore observation provides unprecedented test of SM in TeV energies
- More studies are expected in future projects: SK-Gd, IceCube upgrade, Hyper-K, DUNE, PINGU, ORCA, ...

Stay Tuned !

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